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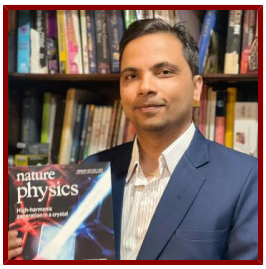

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BIO

Shambhu Ghimire is a Principal Investigator and a Group Leader at Stanford PULSE Institute. He teaches Ultrafast Quantum Dynamics in Applied physics and Physics Department at Stanford. Ghimire's research interests are in ultrafast AMO and Condensed Matter Physics, which includes the use of world's first X-ray free-electron laser, Linac Coherent Light Source (LCLS), as well as the table-top lasers and high-harmonics systems that his team has pioneered at SLAC. They observed high-harmonics from bulk crystals subjected to intense mid-infrared laser pulses for the first time in 2010. Since then, they have been investigating the underlying generation mechanism for their potential spectroscopic applications. The latest discoveries include the use of high-harmonics in ultrafast spectroscopy of two-dimensional crystals and topological insulators, which includes the capability to probe crystal symmetries and topological phase transitions in all-optical settings. Ghimire has been recognized as an Optica Fellow in 2024 for his pioneering contributions to strong-field and attosecond physics in condensed matter systems. Ghimire had received prestigious young investigator award from U. S. Department of Energy in 2014. Before joining Stanford, Ghimire did a post-doc work at University of Michigan, following a Ph.D degree in atomic, molecular and optical physics from Kansas State University in 2007.

CURRENT ROLE AT STANFORD

Principal Investigator in a DOE-funded research area: High-order Harmonic Generation (HHG)

INSTITUTE AFFILIATIONS

- Principal Investigator, Stanford PULSE Institute

HONORS AND AWARDS

- Early Career Award, U.S. Department of Energy (2014-2019)

EDUCATION AND CERTIFICATIONS

- Ph.D, Kansas State University , Physics (2007)
- Post-doctoral, University of Michigan , Ultrafast Science (2009)

LINKS

- Research Group Page: https://ultrafast.stanford.edu/Research/strong-field-physics
- Post-doc positions available: https://careers.slac.stanford.edu/sites/careers.slac.stanford.edu/files/Job_Listing_postdoc_HHG2020.pdf
- Full publication list: https://scholar.google.com/citations?user=u7__4foAAAAJ&hl=en

Professional

PROFESSIONAL INTERESTS

My research interests are in ultrafast condensed matter, atomic, molecular and optical physics. Currently, we are studying extremely non-linear optical response of quantum materials such as two-dimensional crystals, topological insulators and Weyl semi-metals. Here, the strength of laser field is often comparable to the binding strengths of the material, therefore the typical approximations of nonlinear optics breakdown spectacularly. In 2010, our group discovered that materials subjected to such strong fields produce high-order harmonics of driving laser. In the first experiment, we observed high-harmonics up to 25th orders from zinc oxide crystals subjected to intense mid-infrared laser. Since then there has been a lot of exciting work in the field, which includes understanding the microscopic mechanism of high-harmonic generation and using it to probe materials properties. Some of the properties this scheme can probe are valence charge distributions, electronic band structure, Berry curvature, and quantum mechanical phase transitions including topological phase transitions.

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