Coherent Motion of Fluxons in Stacked Intrinsic Josephson Junctions of Bi₂Sr₂CaCu₂O_{8+x} Single Crystals

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We have observed c-axis tunneling IV characteristics resulting from the microwave- and external-field-induced fluxon motion in HgI₂-Intercalated and underdoped Bi₂Sr₂CaCu₂O_{8+x} Josephson stacks, respectively, in a long-junction limit. Self-field of a microwave acts as an effective magnetic field. With irradiation of high-power microwave above the junction plasma frequency the supercurrent branch becomes resistive and splits into sub-branches. Dynamics of field-induced fluxons also causes sub-branch splitting in the IV characteristics. Each sub-branch represents a specific mode of the collective motion of Josephson fluxons. The cutoff voltage of each sub-branch well fits the theoretical prediction in terms of fluxon motion for slow modes. In a relatively high magnetic field above 3 T a cusp-like feature appears in the IV characteristics, which may correspond to the fluxon configurations of different degrees of spatial disorder. The high-bias region beyond the voltage value of the second cusp may correspond to the "super-radiant" fluxon state which has been proposed theoretically.