

Photocontrol of magnetic structure in an itinerant magnet

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We study the photoinduced magnetic transition in an itinerant magnet described by the double-exchange model, in which conduction electrons couple with localized spins through the ferromagnetic (FM) Hund coupling. It is shown that intense light applied to the FM ground state induces an antiferromagnetic (AFM) order, in contrast to the AFM-to-FM transition due to the photocarrier injection. In particular, we focus on the mechanism for instability of the FM structure by the light irradiation. The magnon spectrum in the Floquet state is formulated on the basis of the perturbative expansion of the Floquet Green's function. The magnon dispersion shows softening at momentum (π, π) in the square lattice with increasing the light amplitude, implying photoinduced AFM instability. This result is mainly attributed to a nonequilibrium electron distribution, which promotes low-energy Stoner excitations. The transient optical conductivity spectra characterized by interband excitations and Floquet sidepeaks are available to identify the photoinduced AFM state.

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Ultrafast optical control of magnetism has attracted much interest in the past two decades, accompanied by rapid progress in laser light technologies [1–3]. After the pioneering work on the ultrafast demagnetization due to the rapid spin-temperature increase [4], various strategies to control magnetism have been proposed and demonstrated. Among them, photoinduced phase transitions involved with magnetic phase transitions make it possible to control magnetism in picosecond or femtosecond timescales owing to the multiple degrees of freedom of electrons and strong correlation between them [5–7]. Another approach called the Floquet engineering is known as an efficient technique to control the electron-electron interaction directly and nonthermally using a time-periodic field [2,8–10]. Many proposals for novel Floquet states and related phenomena have been made along this direction [11–28].

One of the prototypical ferromagnetic (FM) interactions in metals is the double-exchange (DE) interaction. This was originally proposed by Zener and Anderson–Hasegawa for FM oxides in the 1950s [29–31]. An essential element of the DE interaction is a strong intra-atomic exchange interaction between mobile electrons and localized spins, which favors the FM configuration. Therefore, the electronic transport and the magnetism strongly correlate with each other in the DE systems. This correlation has been ubiquitously observed not only in the FM oxides but also in magnetic semiconductors [32,33], *f*-electron systems [34], and molecular magnets [35], and has described a number of phenomena such as the colossal magnetoresistance [36,37], the anomalous Hall effect [38–41], and skyrmion physics [42,43].

Photoinduced dynamics in the DE system has also been investigated experimentally [44–54] and theoretically [55–61], in particular, in perovskite manganites. Most of those studies have focused on the photoirradiation effects in insulating phases with an antiferromagnetic (AFM) long-range order, and showed formation of a metallic FM domain or an increase

in the FM correlation. These experimental observations are well interpreted by extension of the DE scenario; photojected carriers mediate the DE interaction even though the system is out of equilibrium.

In this paper, we study the photoinduced nonequilibrium dynamics in the DE model. In Ref. [62], the authors have numerically demonstrated that an initial FM metal state is changed to an almost perfect Néel state by photoirradiation, which is in sharp contrast to the naive DE scenario in equilibrium states. In order to elucidate the microscopic mechanism that drives the FM state into the AFM state, here we study the magnetic structure in a continuous-wave (cw) field by using the Floquet Green's function. We show that a magnon dispersion is softened and has a dip at momentum $\mathbf{q} = (\pi, \pi)$ by the photoirradiation, which indicates that the AFM instability develops at finite threshold intensity. It is revealed that a nonequilibrium electron distribution plays an essential role to induce the instability. We also calculate the transient optical conductivity spectra in a nonequilibrium state through the real-time simulation, and show that an interband-excitation peak and Floquet sidepeaks appear in the transient and steady states.

This paper is organized as follows. We describe our formulation including a model Hamiltonian and numerical methods in Sec. II. Section III consists of two parts: first we show the results of the real-time dynamics in Sec. III A, and then show the magnetic excitation spectra in the photoirradiated FM metal by using the Floquet Green's function in Sec. III B. Section IV is devoted to a summary.

II. FORMULATION

First, we introduce the model Hamiltonian and the Floquet Green's function method in Secs. II A and II B. Next, we derive expressions of the response function in Sec. II C, which is used in the real-time simulation given in Sec. II D to evaluate the transient optical conductivity.

A. Model

We adopt the DE model defined by the Hamiltonian

$$H = \sum_{ijs} h_{ij} c_{is}^\dagger c_{js} - \frac{J}{S} \sum_{iss'} \mathbf{S}_i \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma}_{ss'} c_{is}^\dagger c_{is'}, \quad (1)$$

where c_{is}^\dagger (c_{is}) is a creation (annihilation) operator of a conduction electron with spin s ($= \uparrow, \downarrow$) at site i , \mathbf{S}_i is a localized-spin operator with magnitude S , and σ^α ($\alpha = x, y, z$) are the Pauli matrices. The localized spins are treated as classical vectors in the calculations for the real-time dynamics, and the quantum operators in the Floquet Green's function method. The first term (H_0) represents the hopping of the conduction electrons with the transfer integral h_{ij} , and the second term (H') represents the Hund coupling between the conduction electrons and the localized spins with the coupling constant J (> 0). The total number of sites and that of electrons, and the electron density are denoted by N , N_e , and $n_e \equiv N_e/N$, respectively. Static and dynamical properties in equilibrium states in the DE model have been intensively studied to date, and the FM metallic phase is realized in a wide parameter range $J \gtrsim 4$ and $n_e \lesssim 0.8$ [63]. A vector potential \mathbf{A} of light is introduced as the Peierls phase as $h_{ij} \mapsto h_{ij} \exp[ie\mathbf{A}(t)(\mathbf{r}_i - \mathbf{r}_j)/\hbar]$, where t represents time, \mathbf{r}_i is a position vector at site i , and e (< 0) is the electron charge. We adopt the cw field for which the vector potential is given by $\mathbf{A}(t) = (\mathbf{F}_0/\Omega) \sin(\Omega t)$, where \mathbf{F}_0 and $\Omega \equiv 2\pi/T$ are amplitude and frequency of the electric field, respectively. In the real-time dynamics shown in Sec. III A, we turn on the cw field at $t = 0$. In the Floquet Green's function method based on the Keldysh formalism, the cw light is always applied to the system. The calculations for a pulse field are presented in Ref. [62]. We consider the two-dimensional square lattice with the lattice constant a . The transfer integral h_{ij} is given by $h_{ij} = -h$ (< 0) in the nearest-neighbor bonds and $h_{ij} = 0$ in the others. Energy and time are measured in units of h and \hbar/h , respectively. From now on, the nearest-neighbor hopping amplitude h , the reduced Planck constant \hbar , the electron charge e , and the lattice constant a are taken to be unity.

In order to carry out a perturbative expansion which will be introduced in Sec. II B, in which the localized spins are treated as the quantum spins, we rewrite the Hamiltonian by the Holstein-Primakoff transformation for the localized spin operators as

$$S_i^z = S - a_i^\dagger a_i, \quad S_i^\pm = (S_i^\mp)^\dagger = \sqrt{2S} \sqrt{1 - \frac{a_i^\dagger a_i}{2S}} a_i, \quad (2)$$

where a_i^\dagger (a_i) is a creation (annihilation) operator of a magnon at site i . Up to the leading order in $1/S$, the Hund coupling term of the Hamiltonian is written as

$$H' = -\frac{J}{S} \sum_i [(c_{i\uparrow}^\dagger c_{i\uparrow} - c_{i\downarrow}^\dagger c_{i\downarrow})(S - a_i^\dagger a_i) + \sqrt{2S}(c_{i\uparrow}^\dagger c_{i\downarrow} a_i^\dagger + c_{i\downarrow}^\dagger c_{i\uparrow} a_i)]. \quad (3)$$

By introducing the Fourier transformations for the electron and magnon operators,

$$c_{ks} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \sum_i e^{-ikr_i} c_{is}, \quad a_k = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \sum_i e^{-ikr_i} a_i, \quad (4)$$

we redefine H_0 as

$$H_0 = \sum_{ks} \varepsilon_{ks} c_{ks}^\dagger c_{ks}. \quad (5)$$

The electron band ε_{ks} is defined by $\varepsilon_{ks} = \varepsilon_k - J \text{sgn}(s) - \mu$ including the chemical potential μ , where ε_k and $\text{sgn}(s)$ are given by

$$\varepsilon_k = -2(\cos k_x + \cos k_y), \quad (6)$$

and

$$\text{sgn}(s = \uparrow) = +1, \quad \text{sgn}(s = \downarrow) = -1, \quad (7)$$

respectively. Equation (3) is also rewritten as

$$H' = \frac{J}{SN} \sum_{kk'qq's} \delta_{k+q, k'+q'} \text{sgn}(s) c_{ks}^\dagger c_{k's} c_{q'}^\dagger a_{q'} - J \sqrt{\frac{2}{SN}} \sum_{kq} (c_{k\uparrow}^\dagger c_{k+q\downarrow} a_q^\dagger + c_{k\downarrow}^\dagger c_{k-q\uparrow} a_q), \quad (8)$$

where the first and second terms, respectively, termed H'_1 and H'_2 , originate from the longitudinal term ($S^z \sigma^z$) and the transverse terms ($S^x \sigma^x + S^y \sigma^y$) in the Hund coupling.

The system before light irradiation is assumed to be a fully polarized FM state in which all of the conduction-electron spins and the localized spins are directed along the $+z$ direction. The initial state wave function is given by

$$|\Psi_0\rangle = \prod_k^{\varepsilon_{k\uparrow} < 0} c_{k\uparrow}^\dagger |0\rangle, \quad (9)$$

where $|0\rangle$ is a vacuum for the electrons and magnons.

B. Floquet Green's function and self-energy

In this section, we introduce the Floquet Green's function and derive a magnon self-energy using the perturbative expansion with respect to the Hund coupling. This method is based on the Keldysh formalism, which is briefly summarized in Appendices A and B.

We define the full and bare contour-ordered Green's functions for the electrons as

$$G_{ks}(t, t') = -i \langle \mathcal{T}_C c_{ks}(t) c_{ks}^\dagger(t') \rangle, \quad (10)$$

$$\mathcal{G}_{ks}(t, t') = -i \langle \mathcal{T}_C c_{1ks}(t) c_{1ks}^\dagger(t') \rangle, \quad (11)$$

and those for the magnons as

$$D_q(t, t') = -i \langle \mathcal{T}_C a_q(t) a_q^\dagger(t') \rangle, \quad (12)$$

$$\mathcal{D}_q(t, t') = -i \langle \mathcal{T}_C a_{1q}(t) a_{1q}^\dagger(t') \rangle, \quad (13)$$

respectively, where $\langle \dots \rangle \equiv \langle \Psi_0 | \dots | \Psi_0 \rangle$ represents the expectation value with respect to the initial state in Eq. (9). The operator with the subscript "1" is the interaction-picture

operator, whose time evolution is governed by the noninteracting Hamiltonian H_0 . As mentioned in Sec. II A, the time-dependent vector potential $\mathbf{A}(t)$ is introduced in the transfer integral as the Peierls phase, which causes a momentum shift in the energy band: $\varepsilon_k \mapsto \varepsilon_{k-A(t)}$. The time periodicity of $\mathbf{A}(t)$ allows one to introduce the Floquet representation of the two-time Green's function, called the Floquet Green's function, as

$$G_{mn}(\omega) = \int_0^T \frac{dt_a}{T} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dt_r e^{i(\omega+m\Omega)t - i(\omega+n\Omega)t'} G(t, t'), \quad (14)$$

$$G(t, t') = \sum_n \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{d\omega}{2\pi} e^{-in\Omega t_a} e^{-i[\omega+(n/2)\Omega]t_r} G_{n,0}(\omega), \quad (15)$$

where $t_a = (t + t')/2$ and $t_r = t - t'$. Note that Eqs. (14) and (15) are applicable to any two-time function. The inverses of the bare Green's functions including a bath self-energy are given by

$$(\mathcal{G}_{ks}^{R,-1})_{mn}(\omega) = \delta_{mn}[\omega + n\Omega + J \operatorname{sgn}(s) + \mu + i\Gamma] - \bar{\varepsilon}_{mn,k}, \quad (16)$$

$$(\mathcal{G}_{ks}^{K,-1})_{mn}(\omega) = 2i\delta_{mn}[1 - 2f(\omega + n\Omega)]\Gamma, \quad (17)$$

for the retarded and Keldysh Green's functions of the electrons, respectively. Here we introduce coupling strength between the system and the bath, Γ (>0), and the Fermi-Dirac distribution function given by $f(\omega) = 1/(e^{\beta\omega} + 1)$ with inverse temperature β . We also define $\bar{\varepsilon}_{mn,k} = T^{-1} \int_0^T dt e^{i(m-n)\Omega t} \varepsilon_{k-A(t)}$, which is explicitly written as

$$\bar{\varepsilon}_{mn,k} = -2\mathcal{J}_{m-n}(F_0/\Omega)(\cos k_x + \cos k_y) \quad (18)$$

for $m - n = 0 \pmod 2$, and

$$\bar{\varepsilon}_{mn,k} = -2i\mathcal{J}_{m-n}(F_0/\Omega)(\sin k_x + \sin k_y) \quad (19)$$

for $m - n = 1 \pmod 2$, assuming linearly polarized light along the diagonal direction in the square lattice as $\mathbf{F}_0 = (F_0, F_0)$. The function \mathcal{J}_n is the n th-order Bessel function of the first kind.

First, we consider the longitudinal component of the Hund coupling, H'_1 , and derive the contour-ordered self-energy Σ_1 from the first-order expansion of the S matrix defined by

$$S_C = \mathcal{T}_C \exp \left[-i \int_C d\bar{t} H'_1(\bar{t}) \right], \quad (20)$$

where $H'_1(t) = H'_{11}(t) + H'_{12}(t)$ is the perturbation in the interacting picture. The result is obtained as

$$\Sigma_1(t, t') = \frac{-iJ}{SN} \sum_{ks} \operatorname{sgn}(s) \mathcal{G}_{ks}(t', t) \delta_C(t, t'^+), \quad (21)$$

where δ_C is the contour delta function, and t'^+ means the time that is infinitesimally later than t' on the contour. The corresponding diagram is shown in Fig. 1(a). We notice that Σ_1 is instantaneous and independent of the external momentum. The off-diagonal components, Σ_1^{12} and Σ_1^{21} , vanish because

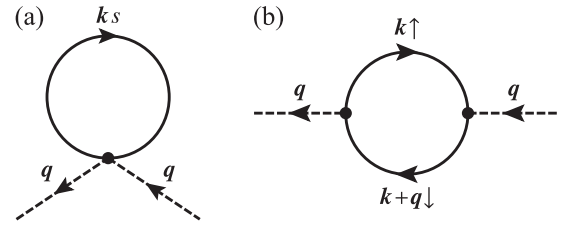


FIG. 1. The self-energy diagrams for (a) the longitudinal component $\Sigma_1(t, t')$ in Eq. (21) and (b) the transverse component $\Sigma_{2,q}(t, t')$ in Eq. (26). Solid and dashed lines represent the free propagators of the electron and magnon, respectively.

of $\delta_C(t, t'^+)$, while the diagonal components are given as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \Sigma_1^{11}(t, t') &= \frac{-iJ}{SN} \sum_{ks} \operatorname{sgn}(s) \mathcal{G}_{ks}^{11}(t', t) [\delta(t - t'^+)] \\ &= \delta(t - t') \frac{-iJ}{SN} \sum_{ks} \operatorname{sgn}(s) \mathcal{G}_{ks}^{12}(t, t), \end{aligned} \quad (22)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Sigma_1^{22}(t, t') &= \frac{-iJ}{SN} \sum_{ks} \operatorname{sgn}(s) \mathcal{G}_{ks}^{22}(t', t) [-\delta(t - t'^-)] \\ &= -\Sigma_1^{11}(t, t'), \end{aligned} \quad (23)$$

with $t'^{\pm} = t' \pm 0$. Thus, the retarded component of Σ_1 is given by

$$\begin{aligned} \Sigma_1^R(t, t') &= \frac{1}{2} (\Sigma_1^{11} - \Sigma_1^{22} + \Sigma_1^{21} - \Sigma_1^{12}) \\ &= \delta(t - t') \frac{-iJ}{SN} \sum_{ks} \operatorname{sgn}(s) \mathcal{G}_{ks}^<(t, t). \end{aligned} \quad (24)$$

The Floquet representation of the retarded self-energy, which is termed the Floquet self-energy, is obtained from Eqs. (14) and (15) as

$$(\Sigma_1^R)_{mn}(\omega) = \frac{-iJ}{SN} \sum_{ks} \operatorname{sgn}(s) \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{d\bar{\omega}}{2\pi} (\mathcal{G}_{ks}^<)_{m-n,0}(\bar{\omega}). \quad (25)$$

As for the transverse component of the Hund coupling, H'_2 , the contour-ordered self-energy Σ_2 is obtained from the second-order term in the S matrix as

$$\Sigma_{2,q}(t, t') = -\frac{2iJ^2}{SN} \sum_k \mathcal{G}_{k+q\downarrow}(t, t') \mathcal{G}_{k\uparrow}(t', t). \quad (26)$$

The corresponding diagram is shown in Fig. 1(b). In a similar way to Eq. (24), the retarded self-energy is given by

$$\begin{aligned} \Sigma_{2,q}^R(t, t') &= -\frac{iJ^2}{SN} \sum_k [\mathcal{G}_{k+q\downarrow}^R(t, t') \mathcal{G}_{k\uparrow}^K(t', t) \\ &\quad + \mathcal{G}_{k+q\downarrow}^K(t, t') \mathcal{G}_{k\uparrow}^A(t', t)], \end{aligned} \quad (27)$$

and the corresponding Floquet self-energy is obtained as

$$\begin{aligned} (\Sigma_{2,q}^R)_{mn}(\omega) &= -\frac{iJ^2}{SN} \sum_k \sum_l \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{d\bar{\omega}}{2\pi} \\ &\quad \times [(\mathcal{G}_{k+q\downarrow}^R)_{m,n+l}(\omega + \bar{\omega}) (\mathcal{G}_{k\uparrow}^K)_{l,0}(\bar{\omega}) \\ &\quad + (\mathcal{G}_{k+q\downarrow}^K)_{m,n+l}(\omega + \bar{\omega}) (\mathcal{G}_{k\uparrow}^A)_{l,0}(\bar{\omega})]. \end{aligned} \quad (28)$$

Finally, the total Floquet self-energy of the magnon is obtained as

$$(\Sigma_q^R)_{mn}(\omega) = (\Sigma_1^R)_{mn}(\omega) + (\Sigma_{2,q}^R)_{mn}(\omega). \quad (29)$$

The full magnon Green's function D_q^R is given by the Dyson equation:

$$(D_q^{R,-1})_{mn}(\omega) = (\mathcal{D}_q^{R,-1})_{mn}(\omega) - (\Sigma_q^R)_{mn}(\omega), \quad (30)$$

where the bare magnon Green's function is given by

$$(\mathcal{D}_q^{R,-1})_{mn}(\omega) = \delta_{mn}(\omega + n\Omega + i\Gamma). \quad (31)$$

In the numerical calculations, the dimension in the Floquet space is limited to $2N_p + 1$, and the Floquet indices run over $\{0, \pm 1, \dots, \pm N_p\}$.

We show that the Floquet self-energy in Eq. (29) at $F_0 = 0$ and $\Gamma \rightarrow 0$ coincides with the equilibrium self-energy given in Ref. [64]. The bare Green's functions are obtained from Eqs. (16) and (17) as

$$(\mathcal{G}_{ks}^R)_{mn}(\omega) = \frac{\delta_{mn}}{\omega + n\Omega + i\eta - \varepsilon_{ks}} = (\mathcal{G}_{ks}^A)_{nm}(\omega)^*, \quad (32)$$

$$(\mathcal{G}_{ks}^K)_{mn}(\omega) = -2\pi i \delta_{mn} [1 - 2f(\omega + n\Omega)] \delta(\omega + n\Omega - \varepsilon_{ks}), \quad (33)$$

$$(\mathcal{G}_{ks}^<)_{mn}(\omega) = 2\pi i \delta_{mn} f(\omega + n\Omega) \delta(\omega + n\Omega - \varepsilon_{ks}), \quad (34)$$

where η is a positive infinitesimal. The retarded self-energy Σ_1^R in Eq. (25) is expressed as

$$\begin{aligned} \Sigma_1^R &= (\Sigma_1^R)_{nn}(\omega - n\Omega) \\ &= \frac{-iJ}{SN} \sum_{ks} \text{sgn}(s) \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{d\bar{\omega}}{2\pi} 2\pi i f(\bar{\omega}) \delta(\bar{\omega} - \varepsilon_{ks}) \\ &= \frac{J}{SN} \sum_k [f(\varepsilon_{k\uparrow}) - f(\varepsilon_{k\downarrow})]. \end{aligned} \quad (35)$$

As for the self-energy Σ_2^R in Eq. (28), the contour integral in the complex $\bar{\omega}$ plane gives the following expression:

$$\begin{aligned} \Sigma_{2,q}^R(\omega) &= (\Sigma_{2,q}^R)_{nn}(\omega - n\Omega) \\ &= \frac{2J^2}{SN} \sum_k \frac{f(\varepsilon_{k\uparrow}) - f(\varepsilon_{k+q\downarrow})}{\omega - (\varepsilon_{k+q\downarrow} - \varepsilon_{k\uparrow}) + 2i\eta}. \end{aligned} \quad (36)$$

Therefore, the retarded self-energy for the magnons takes the following form:

$$\begin{aligned} \Sigma_q^R(\omega) &= \Sigma_1^R + \Sigma_{2,q}^R(\omega) \\ &= \frac{J}{SN} \sum_k [f(\varepsilon_{k\uparrow}) - f(\varepsilon_{k+q\downarrow})] \\ &\quad \times \left[1 + \frac{2J}{\omega - (\varepsilon_{k+q\downarrow} - \varepsilon_{k\uparrow}) + 2i\eta} \right], \end{aligned} \quad (37)$$

which is in agreement with Eq. (6) in Ref. [64]. We note that $\text{Re } \Sigma_{q=0}^R(\omega = 0) = 0$, which ensures the presence of the gapless mode at $q = 0$ up to the leading order in $1/S$.

C. Response function

In this section, we derive general expressions of two-body response functions, following the formalism for the optical conductivity that was presented in Ref. [65]. Let us consider a response of a one-body operator defined by

$$O^\alpha(t) = \sum_{\mu\nu} O_{\mu\nu}^\alpha(t) \psi_\mu^\dagger \psi_\nu, \quad (38)$$

to an external field $f^\alpha(t)$. Here, ψ_μ^\dagger is a creation operator of a fermion with quantum number ν and α represents a physical index such as the Cartesian coordinate $\alpha = x, y, z$ and momentum transfer $\alpha = q$. The coupling Hamiltonian is given by

$$V_{\text{ext}}(t) = - \sum_{\mu\nu} \mathcal{F}_{\mu\nu}(t) \psi_\mu^\dagger \psi_\nu, \quad (39)$$

where \mathcal{F} is a functional of the external field f . A response function (susceptibility) is defined by a functional derivative:

$$\chi_{\alpha\beta}(t, t') = \frac{\delta \langle O^\alpha(t) \rangle}{\delta f^\beta(t')}. \quad (40)$$

The expectation value $\langle O^\alpha(t) \rangle$ is written in terms of the lesser Green's function $G_{\mu\nu}^<(t, t') = i \langle \psi_\nu^\dagger(t') \psi_\mu(t) \rangle$ for fermions as

$$\langle O^\alpha(t) \rangle = -i \sum_{\mu\nu} O_{\mu\nu}^\alpha(t) G_{\nu\mu}^<(t, t). \quad (41)$$

The derivative of Eq. (41) with respect to the external field $f^\beta(t')$ yields

$$\chi_{\alpha\beta}(t, t') = \chi_{\alpha\beta}^{\text{dia}}(t, t') + \chi_{\alpha\beta}^{\text{pm}}(t, t'), \quad (42)$$

$$\chi_{\alpha\beta}^{\text{dia}}(t, t') = -i \sum_{\mu\nu} \frac{\delta O_{\mu\nu}^\alpha(t)}{\delta f^\beta(t')} G_{\nu\mu}^<(t, t), \quad (43)$$

$$\chi_{\alpha\beta}^{\text{pm}}(t, t') = -i \sum_{\mu\nu} O_{\mu\nu}^\alpha(t) \frac{\delta G_{\nu\mu}^<(t, t)}{\delta f^\beta(t')}, \quad (44)$$

where χ^{dia} and χ^{pm} describe the ‘‘diamagnetic’’ and ‘‘paramagnetic’’ responses, respectively. We consider the full Green's function given by

$$\hat{G}_{\mu\nu}^{-1}(t, t') = \hat{G}_{\mu\nu}^{-1}(t, t') + \sigma^z \delta(t - t') \mathcal{F}_{\mu\nu}(t) - \hat{\Sigma}_{\mu\nu}(t, t') \quad (45)$$

with $\hat{G}_{\mu\nu}^{-1}(t, t') = \delta_{\mu\nu} \sigma^z \delta(t - t') (i\partial_t - \varepsilon_\nu)$ being the bare Green's function. The derivative in Eq. (44) is expressed as

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\delta G_{\nu\mu}^<(t, t)}{\delta f^\beta(t')} &= - \sum_{\kappa\lambda} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d\bar{t} \left[G_{\nu\kappa}^R(t, \bar{t}) \frac{\delta \mathcal{F}_{\kappa\lambda}(\bar{t})}{\delta f^\beta(t')} G_{\lambda\mu}^<(\bar{t}, t) \right. \\ &\quad \left. + G_{\nu\kappa}^<(t, \bar{t}) \frac{\delta \mathcal{F}_{\kappa\lambda}(\bar{t})}{\delta f^\beta(t')} G_{\lambda\mu}^A(\bar{t}, t) \right], \end{aligned} \quad (46)$$

where we take the variation of the Dyson equation [Eq. (A10)] with respect to f and neglect the vertex correction which arises from $\delta \Sigma / \delta f^\beta$ [65–70]. The explicit forms of $O_{\mu\nu}^\alpha$ and $\mathcal{F}_{\mu\nu}$ are required for further calculations. However, in most cases, the coupling $\mathcal{F}(\bar{t})$ depends only on the external field $f^\beta(t')$ at time $t' = \bar{t}$, i.e., $\delta \mathcal{F}(\bar{t}) / \delta f^\beta(t') \propto \delta(\bar{t} - t')$, which

leads to

$$\chi_{\alpha\beta}^{\text{pm}}(t, t') = i \text{Tr} \left[O^\alpha(t) G^{\text{R}}(t, t') \frac{\partial \mathcal{F}(t')}{\partial f^\beta(t')} G^<(t', t) + O^\alpha(t) G^<(t, t') \frac{\partial \mathcal{F}(t')}{\partial f^\beta(t')} G^{\text{A}}(t', t) \right], \quad (47)$$

where the indices for the quantum numbers are omitted and Tr denotes the trace over the quantum numbers. The retarded and advanced Green's functions in Eq. (47) guarantee the causality: $\chi^{\text{pm}}(t, t') \propto \theta(t - t')$.

We consider the optical conductivity for an example, which is defined by a response of the electric current density $\mathbf{j} = (j^x, j^y)$ to the electric field $\mathbf{F} = (F^x, F^y)$ as

$$\langle j^\alpha(t) \rangle = \sum_\beta \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d\bar{t} \sigma_{\alpha\beta}(t, \bar{t}) F^\beta(\bar{t}) \quad (48)$$

$$= \sum_\beta \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d\bar{t} \chi_{\alpha\beta}(t, \bar{t}) A^\beta(\bar{t}), \quad (49)$$

where χ is the current susceptibility, satisfying the relation

$$\sigma_{\alpha\beta}(t, t') = - \int_{t'}^{\infty} d\bar{t} \chi_{\alpha\beta}(t, \bar{t}). \quad (50)$$

The optical conductivity at time t_a , $\sigma_{\alpha\beta}(\omega, t_a)$, is obtained from the Fourier transformation of the two-time function $\sigma_{\alpha\beta}(t, t')$ in Eq. (50) as

$$\sigma_{\alpha\beta}(\omega, t_a) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dt_r e^{i\omega t_r} \sigma_{\alpha\beta}(t, t'). \quad (51)$$

The current density and the coupling Hamiltonian between the vector potential and the electrons are given by

$$\mathbf{j}^\alpha(t) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{ks} v_{\mathbf{k}-\mathbf{A}(t),s}^\alpha c_{ks}^\dagger c_{ks}, \quad (52)$$

$$V_{\text{ext}}(t) = \sum_{ks} (\varepsilon_{\mathbf{k}-\mathbf{A}(t),s} - \varepsilon_{\mathbf{k},s}) c_{ks}^\dagger c_{ks}, \quad (53)$$

respectively, with $\mathbf{v}_{\mathbf{k}s} = \partial_{\mathbf{k}} \varepsilon_{\mathbf{k}s}$. Then, $O_{\mu\nu}^\alpha$ and $\mathcal{F}_{\mu\nu}^\alpha$ in Eqs. (38) and (39) are identified as

$$O_{\mathbf{k}s, \mathbf{k}'s'}^\alpha(t) = \delta_{\mathbf{k}\mathbf{k}'} \delta_{s's'} v_{\mathbf{k}-\mathbf{A}(t),s}^\alpha / N, \quad (54)$$

$$\mathcal{F}_{\mathbf{k}s, \mathbf{k}'s'}(t) = -\delta_{\mathbf{k}\mathbf{k}'} \delta_{s's'} (\varepsilon_{\mathbf{k}-\mathbf{A}(t),s} - \varepsilon_{\mathbf{k}s}), \quad (55)$$

respectively. The derivatives with respect to the vector potential are given by

$$\frac{\delta O_{\mathbf{k}s, \mathbf{k}'s'}^\alpha(t)}{\delta A^\beta(t')} = -\delta(t - t') \delta_{\mathbf{k}\mathbf{k}'} \delta_{s's'} \frac{1}{N} \frac{\partial^2 \varepsilon_{\mathbf{k}-\mathbf{A}(t),s}}{\partial k^\alpha \partial k^\beta}, \quad (56)$$

$$\frac{\delta \mathcal{F}_{\mathbf{k}s, \mathbf{k}'s'}(\bar{t})}{\delta A^\beta(t')} = \delta(\bar{t} - t') \delta_{\mathbf{k}\mathbf{k}'} \delta_{s's'} v_{\mathbf{k}-\mathbf{A}(t'),s}^\beta. \quad (57)$$

By substituting these equations into Eqs. (43) and (47), and using relations $G_{\mu\nu}^{\text{A}}(t', t)^* = G_{\nu\mu}^{\text{R}}(t, t')$ and $G_{\mu\nu}^<(t, t')^* = -G_{\nu\mu}^<(t', t)$, we obtain

$$\chi_{\alpha\beta}^{\text{dia}}(t, t') = \delta(t - t') \frac{i}{N} \sum_{ks} \frac{\partial^2 \varepsilon_{\mathbf{k}-\mathbf{A}(t),s}}{\partial k^\alpha \partial k^\beta} G_{\mathbf{k}s, \mathbf{k}s}^<(t, t) \quad (58)$$

and

$$\chi_{\alpha\beta}^{\text{pm}}(t, t') = -\frac{2}{N} \text{Im Tr}[v^\alpha(t) G^{\text{R}}(t, t') v^\beta(t') G^<(t', t)], \quad (59)$$

respectively, where the trace stands for summations over the momentum and spin variables. Note that Eqs. (58) and (59) hold even if the Green's function has off-diagonal components in the momentum and spin bases. Thus, these are straightforward extensions of the expressions in Ref. [65].

D. Real-time evolution

In this section, we present the numerical method to calculate the real-time dynamics. A part of this was introduced in Refs. [60–62]. We treat the localized spins as classical vectors, which is justified in the limit of large S . Let us suppose that the localized spin configuration $\{S_i\}$ is given at time t . Then, the Hamiltonian in Eq. (1) at time t is diagonalized as $H(t) = \sum_\nu \varepsilon_\nu(t) \phi_\nu^\dagger(t) \phi_\nu(t)$, where ϕ_ν^\dagger is a creation operator of the electron with the single-particle energy ε_ν . The wave function of the electrons at time t is described as a single Slater determinant given by $|\Psi(t)\rangle = \prod_{\nu=1}^{N_e} \psi_\nu^\dagger(t) |0\rangle$ since there is no many-body interaction. The creation operator ψ_ν^\dagger is represented by

$$\psi_\nu^\dagger(t) = \sum_{\mu=1}^{2N} \phi_\mu^\dagger(t) u_{\mu\nu}(t), \quad (60)$$

where the unitary matrix $u_{\mu\nu}(t) = \langle 0 | \phi_\mu(t) \psi_\nu^\dagger(t) | 0 \rangle$ satisfies the initial condition $u_{\mu\nu}(t=0) = \delta_{\mu\nu}$. Note that both $\phi_\nu(t)$ and $\psi_\nu(t)$ are the time-dependent operators in the Schrödinger picture, because the localized spin configuration $\{S_i(t)\}$ depends on time. When we assume that $\{S_i(t)\}$ is fixed during a short time interval $[t, t + \delta t]$, the unitary matrix $u_{\mu\nu}(t)$ is given recursively by

$$u_{\mu\nu}(t + \delta t) = \sum_{\lambda=1}^{2N} \langle \mu(t + \delta t) | \lambda(t) \rangle e^{i\varepsilon_\lambda(t)\delta t} u_{\lambda\nu}(t), \quad (61)$$

where $|\lambda(t)\rangle = \phi_\lambda^\dagger(t) |0\rangle$. The time step δt in the present numerical calculations is chosen to be much smaller than the timescales of \hbar , J , and Ω . The expectation value of a one-body operator $O(t) = \sum_{\mu\nu} O_{\mu\nu}(t) \phi_\mu^\dagger(t) \phi_\nu(t)$ is given by

$$\langle O(t) \rangle = \sum_{\lambda=1}^{N_e} \sum_{\mu=1}^{2N} \sum_{\nu=1}^{2N} u_{\mu\lambda}^*(t) O_{\mu\nu}(t) u_{\nu\lambda}(t). \quad (62)$$

The dynamics of the localized spins is described by the Landau-Lifshitz-Gilbert (LLG) equation,

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{S}_i}{\partial t} = \mathbf{h}_i^{\text{eff}} \times \mathbf{S}_i + \alpha \mathbf{S}_i \times \frac{\partial \mathbf{S}_i}{\partial t}, \quad (63)$$

where $\mathbf{h}_i^{\text{eff}}(t) = -\langle \partial H(t) / \partial \mathbf{S}_i \rangle = (J/S) \sum_{s's'} \langle \sigma_{s's'} c_{is}^\dagger c_{is'} \rangle$ is the effective field, and α is the damping constant. The local spin configuration at time $t + \delta t$ is calculated with the fixed effective field $\mathbf{h}_i^{\text{eff}}(t)$ for which the LLG equation is solved analytically [60].

In order to calculate the optical conductivity, we introduce the retarded and lesser Green's functions in this formalism as follows:

$$G_v^R(t_r, t_a) = -i\theta(t_r)e^{-i\varepsilon_v(t_a)t_r}, \quad (64)$$

$$G_v^<(t_r, t_a) = in_v(t_a)e^{-i\varepsilon_v(t_a)t_r}. \quad (65)$$

Here, we define $t_r = t - t'$ and $t_a = t$, rather than $t_a = (t + t')/2$, to reduce the computational cost, and $n_v(t_a) = \langle \phi_v^\dagger(t_a)\phi_v(t_a) \rangle$. The function $\theta(t)$ is the step function. These Green's functions are reduced to the equilibrium ones [Eqs. (A15) and (A17)] in the absence of the external field. The Green's function in the momentum space is given by

$$G_{k_s, k'_s}^X(t_r, t_a) \approx \sum_v \langle k_s | v(t_a) \rangle G_v^X(t_r, t_a) \langle v(t_a) | k'_s \rangle \quad (66)$$

for $X = R$ and $<$, where $|k_s\rangle = c_{k_s}^\dagger |0\rangle$. We assume that each single-particle level ε_v and its occupation n_v are independent of t_r , for simplicity. This function G_{k_s, k'_s} has the off-diagonal components in the momentum and spin bases, because of breakings of the translational symmetry in the real space and the rotational symmetry in the spin space. We obtain the optical conductivity $\sigma_{\alpha\beta}(\omega, t_a)$ by using Eqs. (51), (50), (58), and (59) with the Green's function in Eq. (66). The computational time scales as $\mathcal{O}(N^3)$, which is much faster in a nonequilibrium or inhomogeneous system described by a bilinear Hamiltonian than that of a direct evaluation of an extended Kubo formula [56–59].

III. RESULTS

A. Real-time dynamics

In this section, we show the real-time dynamics obtained by the method introduced in Sec. IID. We adopt the two-dimensional square lattice with $N = 16 \times 16$ sites, which is much larger than that in Ref. [62]. The periodic- and antiperiodic-boundary conditions are imposed along the x and y directions, respectively. The electron number density is set to $n_e = 0.5$ (quarter-filling), which provides a FM metallic state in the ground state at $J = 4$. The polarization of the cw field is taken to be the diagonal direction, i.e., $F_0^x = F_0^y = F_0$. The amplitude and frequency are set to $F_0 = 2$ and $\Omega = 1$, respectively. The magnitude of the localized spin is taken to be $|S_i| = S = 1$. We chose numerical values of the Gilbert damping constant $\alpha = 1$ and the time step $\delta t = 0.005$. We introduce initial fluctuations to the localized spins; the polar angles are uniformly distributed in $[0, \delta\theta]$ with $\delta\theta = 0.1$ rad in the initial state [60–62].

The real-time dynamics induced by the cw field is shown in Figs. 2(a)–2(d). We present the single-particle energy levels ε_v , their occupation numbers $n_v = \langle \phi_v^\dagger \phi_v \rangle$, the spin structure factor defined by $S(\mathbf{q}) = N^{-2} \sum_{ij} e^{iq(r_i - r_j)} \mathbf{S}_i \cdot \mathbf{S}_j$, the Drude weight $\text{Re } \sigma_{xx}(0)$, and the optical conductivity $\text{Re } \sigma_{xx}(\omega)$, as functions of time t . Figure 2(e) shows the optical conductivity averaged during $t = 900$ and 1000 .

In the initial state before light irradiation ($t < 0$), the FM metallic state is realized due to the strong Hund coupling. The lower (major-spin) and upper (minor-spin) bands are centered at $\pm J$, and the lower band is filled up to $\varepsilon_v = -J = -4$.

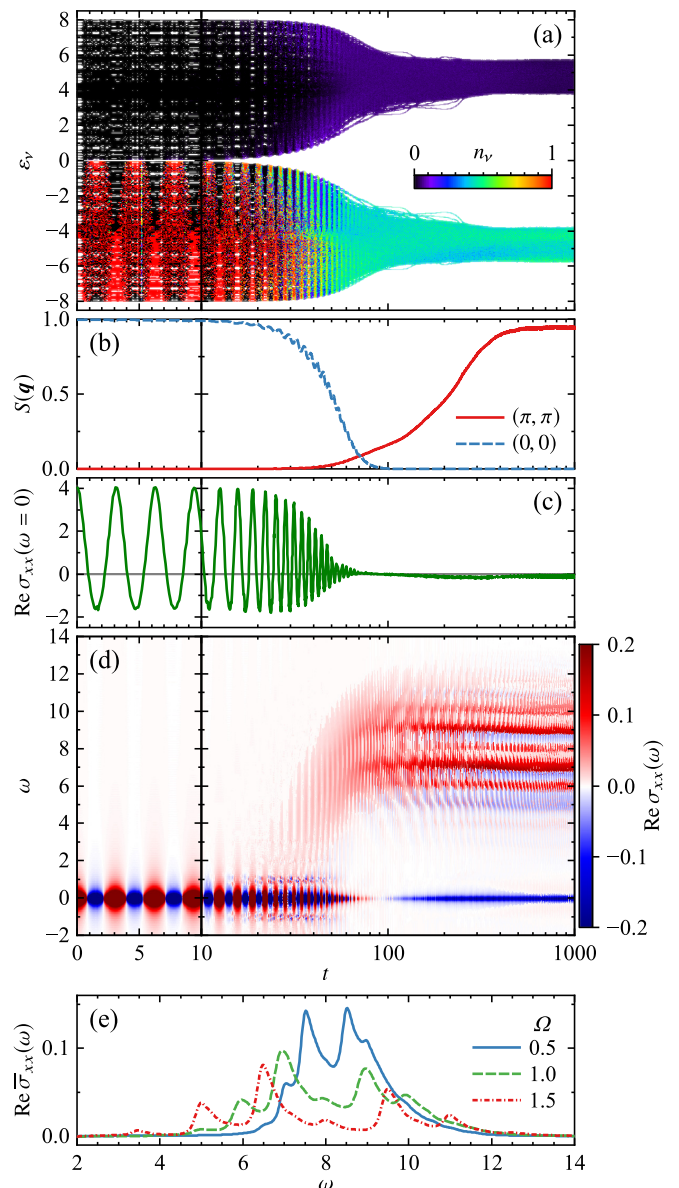


FIG. 2. (a)–(d) Time profiles of several physical quantities in the real-time dynamics. (a) The single-particle energy levels ε_v and the occupation numbers n_v . (b) The spin structure factor $S(\mathbf{q})$ at $\mathbf{q} = (0, 0)$ and (π, π) . (c) The static component of the optical conductivity, $\sigma_{xx}(\omega = 0, t)$. (d) The optical conductivity spectrum $\sigma_{xx}(\omega, t)$. The amplitude and frequency of the cw field are set to $F_0 = 2$ and $\Omega = 1$, respectively. (e) The time-averaged optical conductivity. The spectra $\sigma_{xx}(\omega, t)$ for $\Omega = 0.5, 1.0$, and 1.5 are averaged during $t = 900$ and 1000 . We chose $F_0/\Omega = 2$ and $J = 4$.

In an early stage after turning on the cw field, $0 < t \lesssim 30$, the localized spin structure and the electron band structure remain unchanged. The electron momentum distribution is shifted by $\mathbf{A}(t)$ in the momentum space, which results in coherent oscillations in n_v and $\text{Re } \sigma_{xx}(\omega = 0)$ with a period of $2\pi/(2\Omega) = 3.14$ [see Figs. 2(a) and 2(c)]. Then, the FM order characterized by $S(0, 0)$ is gradually weakened and the Drude weight diminishes in $30 \lesssim t \lesssim 100$. Subsequently, the AFM order characterized by $S(\pi, \pi)$ develops until $t \approx 400$. The detail of transient spin structure is discussed in Ref. [71].

Finally, the system reaches the AFM steady state, where the electrons almost uniformly fill the lower band as shown in Fig. 2(a). In the optical conductivity shown in Figs. 2(d) and 2(e), the interband transition peak and its Floquet sidepeaks appear at $\omega = 2J$ and $\omega = 2J \pm n\Omega$ ($n = 1, 2$), respectively.

The emergence of the AFM steady state is understood in terms of the energetics of the FM and AFM states; when we assume the ideal FM or AFM spin configuration and the uniform electron distribution in the lower band, the AFM state has a lower energy than the FM state in a wide range of J and n_e . Details are presented in Ref. [62]. A microscopic mechanism of the FM-to-AFM transition and the origin of the polarization dependence [see Figs. 2(d)–2(f) in Ref. [62]] are addressed in the following section on the basis of the Floquet Green's function method.

B. Magnon spectra in photoirradiated FM metal

In this section, we study the magnetic and electronic excitations in the photoirradiated FM metallic state. We show the time-averaged spectral functions of the magnons and electrons, which are obtained from the Floquet Green's function method as follows. First, we define the inverse of the bare electron Green's functions $(\mathcal{G}_{ks}^{X,-1})_{mn}(\omega)$ in Eqs. (16) and (17), and compute $(\mathcal{G}_{ks}^X)_{mn}(\omega)$. Then, we solve the Dyson equation in Eq. (30) for the magnon Green's function $(D_q^R)_{mn}(\omega)$ with the retarded self-energy $(\Sigma_q^R)_{mn}(\omega)$. The dimension of the Floquet space is set to $N_p = 8-16$, for which we have numerically confirmed the convergence. The positive constant Γ and the inverse temperature β introduced

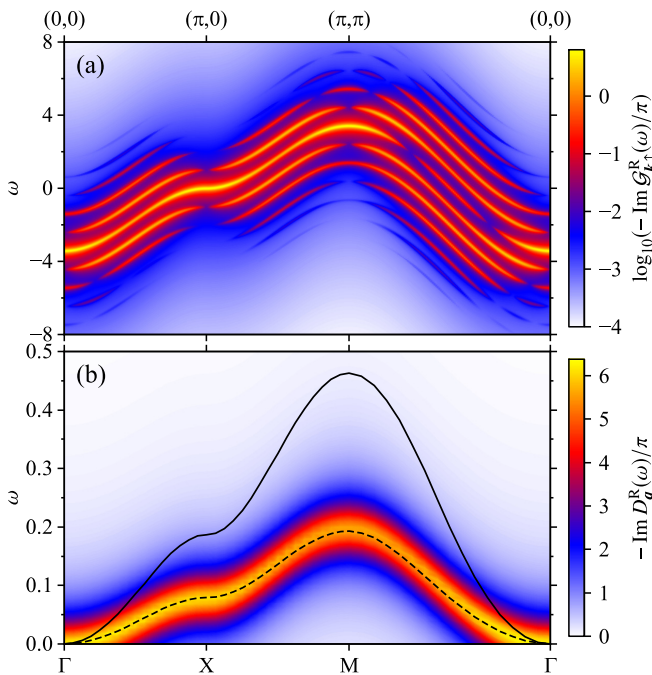


FIG. 3. The time-averaged spectral functions of (a) the spin-up electrons and (b) the magnons in the cw field with $F_0 = 0.8$ and $\Omega = 1$. Solid and dashed curves in (b) show the low-energy magnon dispersions obtained from Eq. (67) in the absence and presence of the field, respectively. The Hund coupling is set to $J = 5$. The number of sites is $N = 256 \times 256$ in (a) and $N = 32 \times 32$ in (b).

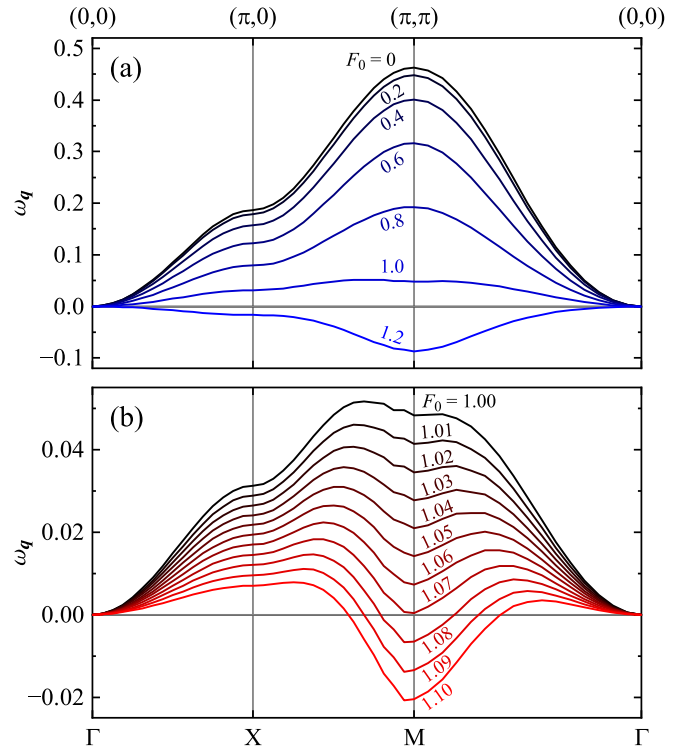


FIG. 4. The magnon dispersion for (a) $F_0 = 0.0-1.2$ and (b) $F_0 = 1.0-1.1$. The other parameters are set to $\Omega = 1$ and $J = 5$.

in Eqs. (16), (17), and (31) are set to $\Gamma = 0.05$ and $\beta \rightarrow \infty$, respectively. The chemical potential is chosen to be $\mu = -J$, which keeps the system quarter-filled, i.e., $n_e = 0.5$. The number of sites is taken as $N = 32 \times 32$ in most of the numerical calculations.

Figure 3 shows the imaginary parts of the time-averaged Green's functions, $\mathcal{G}_{k\uparrow}^R(\omega) \equiv (\mathcal{G}_{k\uparrow}^R)_{00}(\omega)$ and $D_q^R(\omega) \equiv (D_q^R)_{00}(\omega)$, in the cw field with $F_0 = 0.8$ and $\Omega = 1$. In Fig. 3(a) for the electronic band, it is shown that the bandwidth is reduced by a factor of $\mathcal{J}_0(F_0/\Omega) \approx 0.85$ and several Floquet sidebands spaced by the frequency Ω appear. Modulation of the spectral intensity results from the hybridization between these Floquet bands. Thus, the magnon spectral function shown in Fig. 3(b) shows softening in the whole range of q . As a comparison, we show the dispersion relation at $F_0 = 0$ by a solid curve.

We focus on the low-energy magnon dispersion ω_q , which is approximately given by the equation

$$\text{Re}(D_q^{R,-1})_{00}(\omega_q) = \omega_q - \text{Re}(\Sigma_q^R)_{00}(\omega_q) = 0. \quad (67)$$

As shown in Fig. 4, the magnon dispersion is softened with increasing the electric-field amplitude F_0 . In the case of weak irradiation, i.e., $F_0 < 1$ shown in Fig. 4(a), the dispersion is similar to that of $F_0 = 0$ and the bandwidth is reduced. However, when $F_0 \approx 1.0-1.1$ shown in Fig. 4(b), a dip appears at (π, π) and the magnon energy at $q = (\pi, \pi)$ reaches zero at $F_0 \approx 1.07$, which gives rise to instability of the FM state against the AFM one. This observation is consistent with the results in Ref. [62] and Sec. III A, where the FM-to-AFM transition was demonstrated by the numerical simulation of the real-time dynamics.

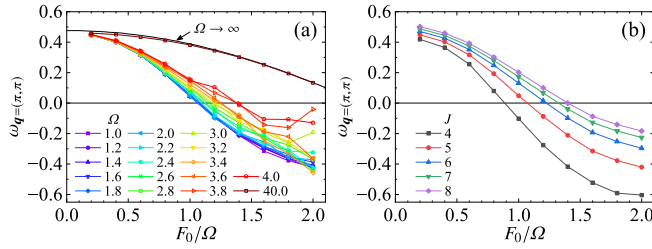


FIG. 5. The magnon energy at $\mathbf{q} = (\pi, \pi)$ as a function of the electric-field amplitude divided by the frequency, for different values of (a) the frequency at $J = 5$ and (b) the Hund coupling at $\Omega = 1$. A solid curve in (a) shows the magnon dispersion in the limit of $\Omega \rightarrow \infty$. The chemical potential is set to $\mu = -J$.

In Fig. 5, we show the cw frequency Ω and the Hund coupling J dependences of the magnon energy at the M point, $\omega_{q=(\pi,\pi)}$, as functions of F_0/Ω . In the high-frequency limit ($\Omega \rightarrow \infty$), the off-diagonal components in the Floquet space can be neglected, which simplifies the magnon self-energy in Eq. (29) to the following form:

$$\begin{aligned} & (\Sigma_q^R)_{00}(\omega) \\ &= \frac{J}{SN} \sum_k [f(\varepsilon_{k\uparrow}) - f(\varepsilon_{k+q\downarrow})] \\ & \times \left[1 + \frac{2J}{\omega - \mathcal{J}_0(F_0/\Omega)(\varepsilon_{k+q} - \varepsilon_k) - 2J + 2i\Gamma} \right] \end{aligned} \quad (68)$$

for the linearly polarized light with $\mathbf{F}_0 = (F_0, F_0)$. This expression is similar to the equilibrium self-energy in Eq. (37) except that the bandwidth is reduced by a factor of $\mathcal{J}_0(F_0/\Omega)$ due to the dynamical localization (DL) [72–77]. The magnon energy at $\mathbf{q} = (\pi, \pi)$ calculated from the self-energy in Eq. (68) is shown as a solid curve in Fig. 5(a), which fits the data for $\Omega = 40$ ($\gg J, h$) quite well. The self-energy is reduced to $\text{Re}(\Sigma_q^R)_{00}(\omega = 0) \approx 0$ at the zero points of the Bessel function, which means a flat dispersion: $\omega_q = 0$. Therefore, the dip structure as in Fig. 4(b) is not understood only in terms of DL. On the other hand, in the case where Ω is comparable to or smaller than J and h , the results for $\Omega \leq 4$ in Fig. 5(a) show deviations from the high-frequency curve. The origin of the deviations is ascribed not only to DL but also to nonequilibrium electron distributions. It is also found that the magnon energy is scaled to a single curve that crosses the zero energy at $F_0/\Omega \approx 1.1$ for $\Omega \lesssim 2$. This result is consistent with the fact that the characteristic timescale when the FM order is broken is scaled by F_0/Ω with finite threshold intensity [see Fig. 3(e) in Ref. [62]]. Figure 5(b) shows $\omega_{q=(\pi,\pi)}$ for different values of the Hund coupling, indicating that the larger Hund coupling makes the magnon energy higher and thus requires the larger F_0 to induce the instability.

The magnon self-energies and spectra in the equilibrium and steady states are shown in Fig. 6, where the high-energy continuum is seen around $\omega = 2J = 10$, in addition to the low-energy spin-wave excitations. These high-energy Stoner excitations originate from creations of an electron in the upper band and a hole in the lower band, as diagrammatically represented by Fig. 1(b). It is found in Fig. 6(f) that the high-energy continuum expands to the low-energy region

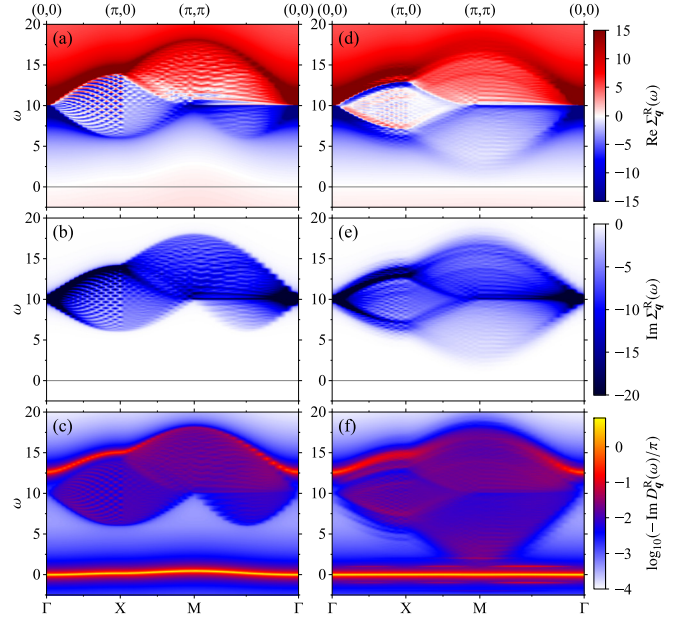


FIG. 6. Top: the real part of the self-energy. Middle: the imaginary part of the self-energy. Bottom: the magnon spectral function. (a)–(c) are for the equilibrium state ($F_0 = 0$), and (d)–(f) are for the steady state in the cw field ($F_0 = 1.07$). The other parameters are set to $\Omega = 1$ and $J = 5$.

especially at $\mathbf{q} = (\pi, \pi)$ with increasing F_0 . The energy range of the continuum excitations reflects the electron distribution and the electron joint density of states, since the imaginary part of the self-energy in the equilibrium state obtained from Eq. (37) is given by

$$\text{Im} \Sigma_q^R(\omega) \approx -\frac{2J^2}{SN} \sum_k f(\varepsilon_{k\uparrow}) \pi \delta[\omega - (\varepsilon_{k+q\downarrow} - \varepsilon_{k\uparrow})], \quad (69)$$

where $f(\varepsilon_{k+q\downarrow}) \approx 0$ is taken.

The mechanism of this magnon softening is ascribed to the electron distribution in the light-induced steady state and is understood on the basis of the equilibrium magnon self-energy in Eq. (37). The momentum distribution function of the spin-up electrons defined by

$$n_{k\uparrow} = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{d\omega}{2\pi} \text{Im} \mathcal{G}_{k\uparrow}^<(\omega) \quad (70)$$

is shown in Fig. 7(a), where the distribution is changed into a uniform distribution, $n_{k\uparrow} = n_e$, with increasing F_0 . Assuming that the expression of the equilibrium self-energy in Eq. (37) is valid in the steady states, we notice that the transverse component of the self-energy Σ_2 reduces the magnon energy as

$$\text{Re} \Sigma_{2,q}^R(\omega = 0) \approx -\frac{2J^2}{SN} \sum_k \frac{n_{k\uparrow}}{\varepsilon_{k+q} - \varepsilon_k + 2J} < 0. \quad (71)$$

Here, we replace the Fermi-Dirac function $f(\varepsilon_{k_s})$ by n_{k_s} , neglect $n_{k+q\downarrow}$, and assume that $2J$ is larger than the bandwidth ($= 8$ in the present model) [78]. In the perturbative process in Σ_2 representing the Stoner excitation, the change in the

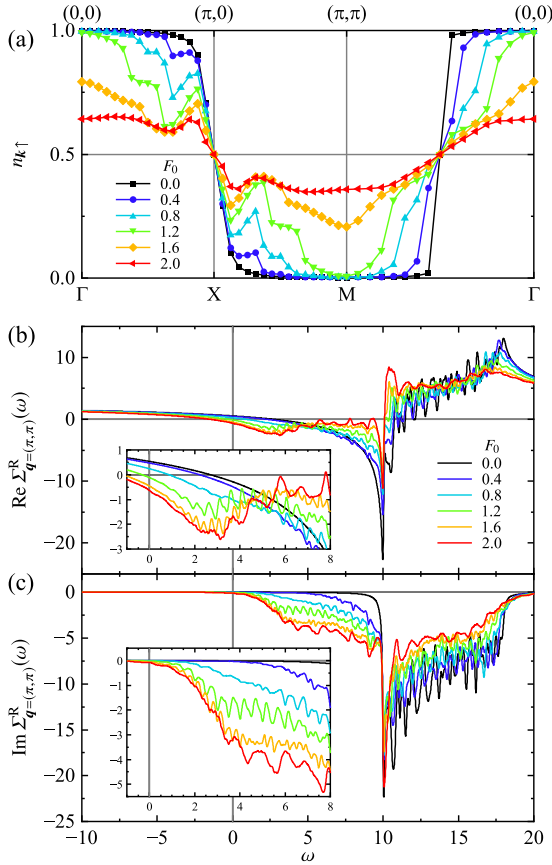


FIG. 7. (a) The momentum distribution of the spin-up electrons. (b) The real part and (c) the imaginary part of the time-averaged self-energy at $\mathbf{q} = (\pi, \pi)$. Insets of (b) and (c) are the extensions for the low-energy region. We chose $\Omega = 1$ and $J = 5$.

electron distribution increases the available momentum phase space governed by $n_{k\uparrow}$ in the summation over \mathbf{k} , in Eq. (71). This means that, under the photoirradiation, the low-energy electron-hole excitations are allowed because of the change in $n_{k\uparrow}$ and generate a new scattering continuum in $\omega < 2J$. The energy gain by the Stoner processes takes its maximum at $\mathbf{q} = (\pi, \pi)$ in the present square lattice, since the energy denominator $\varepsilon_{\mathbf{k}+\mathbf{q}} - \varepsilon_{\mathbf{k}} + 2J = 2J - 2\varepsilon_{\mathbf{k}} > 0$ takes its minimum. Figures 7(b) and 7(c) show the time-averaged self-energy at $\mathbf{q} = (\pi, \pi)$ for different values of the cw amplitude. In the low-energy region around $\omega \approx 0$, the real part decreases with increasing F_0 and the imaginary part is almost zero for $F_0 \lesssim 1.2$. These results mean that the magnon at $\mathbf{q} = (\pi, \pi)$ remains well-defined and is softened by the photoirradiation.

Finally, we discuss the polarization dependence of the softening. The momentum distribution function and the magnon dispersion are shown in Fig. 8 for different amplitudes. We set the linearly polarized light along the x direction as $\mathbf{F}_0 = (\sqrt{2}F_0^x, 0)$. Equations (18) and (19) are changed to

$$\bar{\varepsilon}_{mn,\mathbf{k}} = -2\mathcal{J}_{m-n}(\sqrt{2}F_0^x/\Omega) \cos k_x - 2 \cos k_y \quad (72)$$

for $m - n = 0 \pmod{2}$, and

$$\bar{\varepsilon}_{mn,\mathbf{k}} = -2i\mathcal{J}_{m-n}(\sqrt{2}F_0^x/\Omega) \sin k_x - 2i \sin k_y \quad (73)$$

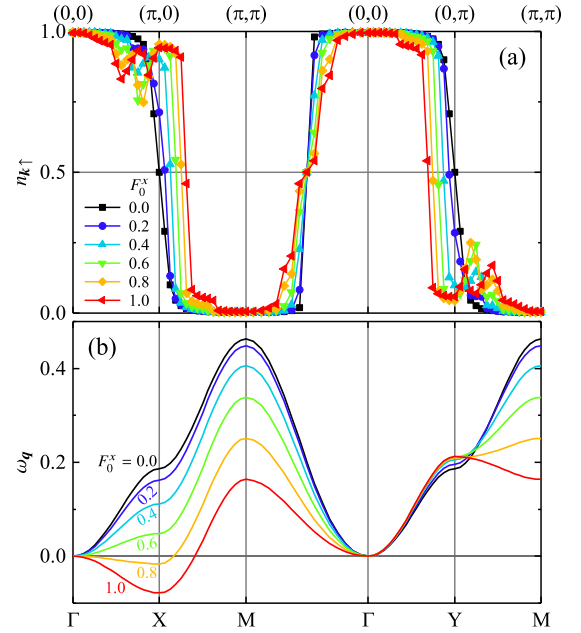


FIG. 8. (a) The momentum distribution $n_{k\uparrow}$ and (b) the magnon dispersion $\omega_{\mathbf{q}}$ with $\mathbf{F}_0 = (\sqrt{2}F_0^x, 0)$. Other parameter values are $\Omega = 1$ and $J = 5$.

for $m - n = 1 \pmod{2}$, respectively. It is shown that the momentum distribution decreases along the Γ - Y line and increases along the X - M line with increasing F_0^x . Thus, the magnon momentum that minimizes the energy denominator in Eq. (71) under the condition of $n_{k\uparrow} > 0$ is given by $\mathbf{q} \approx (\pi, 0)$. Consequently, the magnon at $\mathbf{q} = (\pi, 0)$ is softened rather than that at $\mathbf{q} = (\pi, \pi)$. This is consistent with the polarization dependence of the transient spin structure shown in Figs. 2(d)–2(f) in Ref. [62]. As for the circularly polarized light, no major differences from the case of $\mathbf{F}_0 = (F_0, F_0)$ are observed except for the dip structure seen in Fig. 4(b) (not shown). This is because the electric field does not couple directly to the electron spins in the present model, where the spin-orbit coupling is not taken into account.

IV. SUMMARY

We have studied the photoinduced dynamics in the itinerant magnet described by the DE model. It is found that the initial FM metallic state is changed to the AFM state by the cw field, which is in sharp contrast to the well-known AFM-to-FM transition due to the photocarrier injection. We presented formulation for the transient optical conductivity spectra by extending the formalism based on a nonequilibrium Green's function [65] to an inhomogeneous system, since the inhomogeneous (site-dependent) magnetic field originated from the localized spins acts on the conduction electrons in the transient state. It is found that, in the photoinduced AFM steady state, the interband excitation peak at $\omega = 2J$ and the Floquet sidepeaks at $\omega = 2J \pm n\Omega$ ($n = 1, 2, \dots$) appear. These are available to identify the FM-to-AFM transition proposed in the present paper.

We also investigated the magnetic excitation properties in the FM metal in the cw light by using the Floquet Green's

function method. The magnon Green's function is calculated in the perturbative expansion with respect to the Hund coupling, where the Hartree-type and bubble-type diagrams are taken into account. It is found that, with increasing the cw amplitude, the magnon dispersion is softened in the whole momentum range, and the dip structure appears at $\mathbf{q} = (\pi, \pi)$ in the square lattice for $F_0 \geq 1$. This implies that the FM state is unstable due to the photoirradiation and is transformed into the AFM state at the finite cw amplitude. In the low-frequency regime $\Omega \lesssim 2$, the magnon energy at $\mathbf{q} = (\pi, \pi)$ is scaled to the single curve and is lower than that in the high-frequency limit $\Omega \rightarrow \infty$. These observations based on the Floquet Green's function method are consistent with the results by the real-time simulation in Ref. [62], and indicate that the FM-to-AFM transition does not depend on the classical/quantum treatment of the localized spins. We propose the microscopic mechanism of the FM-to-AFM transition as follows. In the FM steady state, the electron momentum distribution is modulated by the cw field, which enhances the low-energy Stoner excitation and reduces the magnon energy. The nonequilibrium electron distribution induced by the cw field plays a crucial role in the softening of the magnons and the appearance of the dip structure in the magnon dispersion. This is beyond the DL effect that appears in the high-frequency limit and leads to the monotonic reduction of the magnon bandwidth.

We expect that the present theoretical results will be checked by the experiments. Candidate materials are the perovskite manganites $\text{La}_{1-x}\text{Sr}_x\text{MnO}_3$ and layered manganites. It has been already observed that the AFM insulator associated with the charge and orbital orders is changed into the transient FM metal by photoirradiation. We expect that the laser light applied to the FM metallic phase in manganites induces the AFM spin alignment in the nonequilibrium state. As discussed in Ref. [62], the intense pulse light is better than the cw light adopted in the present paper. The light frequency should be smaller than the Hund coupling to avoid the interband transition. An observation of the Brillouin-zone folding due to emergence of the AFM order by the angle-resolved photoemission spectroscopy is one possible measurement. Although relaxation effects are included in the present formulas as the Gilbert damping [Eq. (63)] and the heat bath [Eqs. (16) and (17)], more realistic treatments of the spin and energy relaxations are required to compare the theoretical calculations with the experiments.

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APPENDIX A: KELDYSH FORMALISM

We briefly introduce the Keldysh formalism and the contour-ordered Green's function (see, e.g., Refs. [67,79–85] for details). Let $|\Psi(-\infty)\rangle \equiv |\Psi_0\rangle$ be an initial state. The expectation value of an operator $O(t)$ at time t is represented

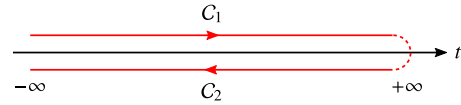


FIG. 9. The Schwinger-Keldysh contour: $\mathcal{C} = \mathcal{C}_1 + \mathcal{C}_2$.

as

$$\begin{aligned} \langle O(t) \rangle &\equiv \langle \Psi_0 | O(t) | \Psi_0 \rangle \\ &= \langle \Psi_0 | U^\dagger(t, -\infty) O U(t, -\infty) | \Psi_0 \rangle, \end{aligned} \quad (\text{A1})$$

where $O = O(-\infty)$, and the unitary operator U is given by

$$U(t, t') = \begin{cases} \mathcal{T}_{\mathcal{C}_1} \exp \left[-i \int_{t'}^t d\bar{t} H(\bar{t}) \right] & (t > t'), \\ \mathcal{T}_{\mathcal{C}_2} \exp \left[-i \int_{t'}^t d\bar{t} H(\bar{t}) \right] & (t < t'). \end{cases} \quad (\text{A2})$$

The symbol $\mathcal{T}_{\mathcal{C}_1}$ ($\mathcal{T}_{\mathcal{C}_2}$) represents a (anti-)time-ordered operator. Using $U(t, t')U(t', t'') = U(t, t'')$ and $U^\dagger(t, t') = U(t', t)$, the expectation value in Eq. (A1) is written as

$$\langle O(t) \rangle = \langle \Psi_0 | \mathcal{T}_{\mathcal{C}} \exp \left[-i \int_{\mathcal{C}} d\bar{t} H(\bar{t}) \right] O(t) | \Psi_0 \rangle, \quad (\text{A3})$$

where $\mathcal{T}_{\mathcal{C}}$ is the contour-ordered operator defined on the Schwinger-Keldysh contour \mathcal{C} depicted in Fig. 9.

When the Hamiltonian H is divided into the noninteracting part $H_0 = \sum_v \varepsilon_v \psi_v^\dagger \psi_v$ and the perturbative part H' as $H = H_0 + H'$, it is useful to introduce the interaction picture to perform a perturbative expansion. By introducing a time-evolution operator $U_0(t, t')$ as the noninteracting counterpart of Eq. (A2), in which H is replaced with H_0 , we define the S matrix as

$$S_{\mathcal{C}} = \mathcal{T}_{\mathcal{C}} \exp \left[-i \int_{\mathcal{C}} d\bar{t} H'_1(\bar{t}) \right], \quad (\text{A4})$$

where $H'_1(t) = U_0^\dagger(t, -\infty) H'(t) U_0(t, -\infty)$ is the perturbation in the interacting picture. The expectation value of $O(t)$ in Eq. (A3) is given by

$$\langle O(t) \rangle = \langle \Psi_0 | \mathcal{T}_{\mathcal{C}} S_{\mathcal{C}} O_1(t) | \Psi_0 \rangle, \quad (\text{A5})$$

with $O_1(t) = U_0^\dagger(t, -\infty) O U_0(t, -\infty)$.

We introduce the contour-ordered Green's function $G(t, t')$ as

$$iG_{\mu\nu}(t, t') = \langle \mathcal{T}_{\mathcal{C}} \psi_\mu(t) \psi_\nu^\dagger(t') \rangle = \langle \mathcal{T}_{\mathcal{C}} S_{\mathcal{C}} \psi_{1\mu}(t) \psi_{1\nu}^\dagger(t') \rangle, \quad (\text{A6})$$

where ψ_ν^\dagger is a creation operator of a boson or fermion with a quantum number ν . The contour-ordered Green's function is expressed in a matrix form as

$$\hat{G}_{\mu\nu}(t, t') = \begin{bmatrix} G_{\mu\nu}^{11}(t, t') & G_{\mu\nu}^{12}(t, t') \\ G_{\mu\nu}^{21}(t, t') & G_{\mu\nu}^{22}(t, t') \end{bmatrix}, \quad (\text{A7})$$

where the superscripts 1 and 2 denote the branch of the contour \mathcal{C} to which the time variables belong. Since the contour-ordered function G satisfies the equation $G^{11} + G^{22} = G^{12} + G^{21}$, the redundancy is eliminated by the Keldysh rotation given by

$$\hat{G} \mapsto \tilde{G} = L \sigma^z \hat{G} L^\dagger = \begin{bmatrix} G^R & G^K \\ 0 & G^A \end{bmatrix}, \quad (\text{A8})$$

where

$$L = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad (\text{A9})$$

is a unitary matrix and G^R , G^A , and G^K are the retarded, advanced, and Keldysh Green's functions, respectively. The lesser Green's function $G^< = G^{12}$ and the greater one $G^> = G^{21}$ are given by $G^< = (G^K - G^R + G^A)/2$ and $G^> = (G^K + G^R - G^A)/2$.

The equation of motion (Dyson equation) of the contour-ordered Green's function \hat{G} is given by

$$[\hat{G}^{-1} \circ \hat{G}](t, t') = \sigma^z \delta(t - t') + [\hat{\Sigma} \circ \hat{G}](t, t'), \quad (\text{A10})$$

where $\hat{G}_{\mu\nu}^{-1}(t, t') = \delta_{\mu\nu} \sigma^z \delta(t - t') (i\partial_t - \varepsilon_\nu)$ is the inverse of the bare Green's function and $\hat{\Sigma}$ is the self-energy. Here, we omit a summation over the quantum numbers. The symbol “ \circ ” in Eq. (A10) represents the convolution defined by

$$[\hat{A} \circ \hat{B}](t, t') = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d\bar{t} \hat{A}(t, \bar{t}) \sigma^z \hat{B}(\bar{t}, t') \quad (\text{A11})$$

for two-time functions \hat{A} and \hat{B} . The Keldysh rotation transforms Eq. (A10) into

$$[(\tilde{\mathcal{G}}^{-1} - \tilde{\Sigma}) \circ \tilde{\mathcal{G}}](t, t') = \delta(t - t'), \quad (\text{A12})$$

with

$$[\tilde{A} \circ \tilde{B}](t, t') = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d\bar{t} \tilde{A}(t, \bar{t}) \tilde{B}(\bar{t}, t'). \quad (\text{A13})$$

We identify $\tilde{\mathcal{G}}^{-1} - \tilde{\Sigma}$ in Eq. (A12) as the inverse of the full Green's function $\tilde{\mathcal{G}}^{-1}$. Finally, the Dyson equation is written as

$$\begin{bmatrix} G^R & G^K \\ 0 & G^A \end{bmatrix}^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathcal{G}^R & \mathcal{G}^K \\ 0 & \mathcal{G}^A \end{bmatrix}^{-1} - \begin{bmatrix} \Sigma^R & \Sigma^K \\ 0 & \Sigma^A \end{bmatrix}, \quad (\text{A14})$$

which is an integrodifferential equation with respect to time.

In the case of the noninteracting fermionic Hamiltonian given by $H_0 = \sum_\nu \varepsilon_\nu \psi_\nu^\dagger \psi_\nu$, the bare Green's functions are written as

$$\mathcal{G}_\nu^R(t, t') = -i\theta(t - t') e^{-i\varepsilon_\nu(t-t')} = \mathcal{G}_\nu^A(t', t)^*, \quad (\text{A15})$$

$$\mathcal{G}_\nu^K(t, t') = -i(1 - 2n_\nu^{(0)}) e^{-i\varepsilon_\nu(t-t')}, \quad (\text{A16})$$

$$\mathcal{G}_\nu^<(t, t') = in_\nu^{(0)} e^{-i\varepsilon_\nu(t-t')}, \quad (\text{A17})$$

where $n_\nu^{(0)} = \langle \psi_\nu^\dagger \psi_\nu \rangle$ is the initial distribution function.

APPENDIX B: FLOQUET GREEN'S FUNCTION

The Floquet Green's function method [66,67,86–92] describes efficiently the nonequilibrium steady states driven by a time-periodic external field, in which the Green's function

$G(t, t')$ satisfies the relation

$$G^X(t + T, t' + T) = G^X(t, t') \quad (X = R, A, K), \quad (\text{B1})$$

with a period of $T = 2\pi/\Omega$. Owing to the periodicity, we introduce the Floquet representation of a two-time function $A(t, t')$ and its inverse transformation as

$$A_{mn}(\omega) = \int_0^T \frac{dt_a}{T} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dt_r e^{i(\omega+m\Omega)t - i(\omega+n\Omega)t'} A(t, t'), \quad (\text{B2})$$

$$A(t, t') = \sum_n \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{d\omega}{2\pi} e^{-in\Omega t_a} e^{-i[\omega+(n/2)\Omega]t_r} A_{n,0}(\omega), \quad (\text{B3})$$

respectively. Here, the indices m and n are integer numbers, and $t_a = (t + t')/2$ and $t_r = t - t'$. Equation (B2) leads to the redundancy: $A_{mn}(\omega) = A_{m+l, n+l}(\omega - l\Omega)$. In the Floquet representation, the Dyson equation given in Eq. (A14) is simplified to a set of the algebraic equations; the retarded and Keldysh components of $\tilde{\mathcal{G}}$ are given by

$$(G^{R,-1})_{mn}(\omega) = (\mathcal{G}^{R,-1})_{mn}(\omega) - \Sigma_{mn}^R(\omega), \quad (\text{B4})$$

$$G_{mn}^K(\omega) = -[G^R(\mathcal{G}^{K,-1} - \Sigma^K)G^A]_{mn}(\omega), \quad (\text{B5})$$

respectively, where $(G^{X,-1})_{mn}$ is the inverse matrix of G_{mn}^X . Since the inverse of the bare Keldysh Green's function, $\mathcal{G}^{K,-1}$, is proportional to an infinitesimal constant, the full Keldysh Green's function in Eq. (B5) is given by $G_{mn}^K(\omega) = (G^R \Sigma^K G^A)_{mn}(\omega)$. To stabilize nonequilibrium steady states in an external field, we introduce a heat bath with constant density of states, which are incorporated via the following self-energies:

$$(\Sigma_{\text{bath}}^R)_{mn}(\omega) = -i\delta_{mn}\Gamma, \quad (\text{B6})$$

$$(\Sigma_{\text{bath}}^K)_{mn}(\omega) = -2i\delta_{mn}[1 - 2f(\omega + n\Omega)]\Gamma, \quad (\text{B7})$$

where $\Gamma (> 0)$ is the coupling strength between the system and the bath, and $f(\omega)$ is the Fermi-Dirac distribution function [66,67,88,89]. In this paper, we merge these bath self-energies into the bare Green's functions in Eqs. (16) and (17).

We define the Wigner representation as

$$A(\omega, t_a) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dt_r e^{i\omega t_r} A(t, t') \quad (\text{B8})$$

$$= \sum_n e^{-in\Omega t_a} A_{n,0} \left(\omega - \frac{n\Omega}{2} \right), \quad (\text{B9})$$

which is useful to investigate the dynamical properties in the nonequilibrium systems at time t_a . In particular, the time average of $A(\omega, t_a)$ is represented by

$$A(\omega) \equiv \int_0^T \frac{dt_a}{T} A(\omega, t_a) = A_{nn}(\omega - n\Omega), \quad (\text{B10})$$

where n is chosen such that $\omega - n\Omega \in (-\Omega/2, \Omega/2]$.

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