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1 formula 1

system Hamiltonian:

$$H = H_L + H_R + H_{sd}. \quad (1)$$

Left lead is metallic

$$H_L = \sum_{k\sigma} (\varepsilon_{k\sigma} - \mu_\sigma) c_{k\sigma}^\dagger c_{k\sigma}, \quad (2)$$

right lead is insulating magnetic

$$H_R \approx \sum_q \hbar w_q a_q^\dagger a_q + \text{constant}. \quad (3)$$

The interfacial electron-magnon interaction is described by

$$H_{sd} = - \sum_{k,q} J_q \left[S_q^- c_{k\uparrow}^\dagger c_{k+q\downarrow} + S_q^+ c_{k+q\downarrow}^\dagger c_{k\uparrow} \right] \quad (4)$$

where $S_q^- \approx \sqrt{2S_0} a_q^\dagger$, $S_q^+ \approx \sqrt{2S_0} a_q$ are in the momentum space and J_q denotes the effective exchange coupling at the interface. The magnonic spin current can be obtained by

$$I_S = \frac{d}{dt} \langle \sum_q a_q^\dagger a_q \rangle. \quad (5)$$

Using the Heisenberg equation, we get

$$I_S = \frac{i}{\hbar} \langle [H_{sd}, \sum_q a_q^\dagger a_q] \rangle. \quad (6)$$

$$[H_{sd}, \sum_q a_q^\dagger a_q] = [-\sum_{k,q} J_q \left(S_q^- c_{k\uparrow}^\dagger c_{k+q\downarrow} + S_q^+ c_{k+q\downarrow}^\dagger c_{k\uparrow} \right), \sum_q a_q^\dagger a_q], \quad (7)$$

in which,

$$[a_q^\dagger, \sum_{q'} a_{q'}^\dagger a_{q'}] = \delta_{qq'} [a_q^\dagger, a_{q'}^\dagger a_{q'}] = [a_q^\dagger, a_q^\dagger a_q] = a_q^\dagger [a_q^\dagger, a_q] = -a_q^\dagger. \quad (8)$$

Similarly,

$$[a_q, \sum_{q'} a_{q'}^\dagger a_{q'}] = [a_q, a_q^\dagger a_q] = a_q. \quad (9)$$

So,

$$\begin{aligned} I_S &= \frac{i}{\hbar} \langle -\sum_{kq} J_q \left(-S_q^- c_{k\uparrow}^\dagger c_{k+q\downarrow} + S_q^+ c_{k+q\downarrow}^\dagger c_{k\uparrow} \right) \rangle \\ &= \frac{i}{\hbar} \sum_{kq} J_q \left(\langle S_q^- c_{k\uparrow}^\dagger c_{k+q\downarrow} \rangle - \langle S_q^+ c_{k+q\downarrow}^\dagger c_{k\uparrow} \rangle \right). \end{aligned} \quad (10)$$

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$$\frac{d}{dt} \langle S_q^+ c_{k+q\downarrow}^\dagger c_{k\uparrow} \rangle = \frac{i}{\hbar} \langle [H_L + H_{sd} + H_R, S_q^+ c_{k+q\downarrow}^\dagger c_{k\uparrow}] \rangle. \quad (11)$$

The rhs. of eq. (11) is decomposed into 3 terms. The first term reads

$$\begin{aligned} \langle [H_L, S_q^+ c_{k+q\downarrow}^\dagger c_{k\uparrow}] \rangle &= [\sum_{k'\sigma} (\varepsilon_{k'\sigma} - \mu_\sigma) c_{k'\sigma}^\dagger c_{k'\sigma}, S_q^+ c_{k+q\downarrow}^\dagger c_{k\uparrow}] \\ &= S_q^+ [\sum_{k'\sigma} (\varepsilon_{k'\sigma} - \mu_\sigma) c_{k'\sigma}^\dagger c_{k'\sigma}, c_{k+q\downarrow}^\dagger] c_{k\uparrow} \\ &\quad + S_q^+ c_{k+q\downarrow}^\dagger [\sum_{k'\sigma} (\varepsilon_{k'\sigma} - \mu_\sigma) c_{k'\sigma}^\dagger c_{k'\sigma}, c_{k\uparrow}] \end{aligned} \quad (12)$$

Note that,

$$[\sum_{k'\sigma} c_{k'\sigma}^\dagger c_{k'\sigma}, c_{k+q\downarrow}^\dagger] = \sum_{k'\sigma} c_{k'\sigma}^\dagger \delta_{k',k+q} \delta_{\sigma\downarrow} = c_{k+q\downarrow}^\dagger, \quad (13)$$

$$[\sum_{k'\sigma} c_{k'\sigma}^\dagger c_{k'\sigma}, c_{k\uparrow}] = -\sum_{k'\sigma} \{c_{k'\sigma}^\dagger, c_{k\uparrow}\} c_{k'\sigma} = -c_{k\uparrow}. \quad (14)$$

Eq. (13) (14) are derived using equity

$$\begin{aligned} [AB, C] &= A[B, C] + [A, C]B \\ &= A\{B, C\} - \{A, C\}B. \end{aligned} \quad (15)$$

So,

$$[H_L, S_q^+ c_{k+q\downarrow}^\dagger c_{k\uparrow}] = (\varepsilon_{k+q\downarrow} - \varepsilon_{k\uparrow} + \mu_\uparrow - \mu_\downarrow) S_q^+ c_{k+q\downarrow}^\dagger c_{k\uparrow}. \quad (16)$$

If $\mu_\uparrow = \mu_\downarrow$, then eq. (16) reduces to

$$\left[H_L, S_q^+ c_{k+q\downarrow}^\dagger c_{k\uparrow} \right] = (\varepsilon_{k+q\downarrow} - \varepsilon_{k\uparrow}) S_q^+ c_{k+q\downarrow}^\dagger c_{k\uparrow}. \quad (17)$$

The second term $H_R = \sum_q \hbar \omega_q a_q^\dagger a_q$, then using eq. (9), we get

$$\left[H_R, S_q^+ c_{k+q\downarrow}^\dagger c_{k\uparrow} \right] = -\hbar \omega_q S_q^+ c_{k+q\downarrow}^\dagger c_{k\uparrow}. \quad (18)$$

The third term in eq. (11) reads

$$\begin{aligned} \left[H_{sd}, S_q^+ c_{k+q\downarrow}^\dagger c_{k\uparrow} \right] &= -J_q \left[S_q^- c_{k\uparrow}^\dagger c_{k+q\downarrow}, S_q^+ c_{k+q\downarrow}^\dagger c_{k\uparrow} \right] \\ &= J_q \left[S_q^+ c_{k+q\downarrow}^\dagger c_{k\uparrow}, S_q^- c_{k\uparrow}^\dagger c_{k+q\downarrow} \right] \end{aligned} \quad (19)$$

Combine these three terms, we get

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dt} \left\langle S_q^+ c_{k+q\downarrow}^\dagger c_{k\uparrow} \right\rangle &= \frac{i}{\hbar} (\varepsilon_{k+q\downarrow} - \varepsilon_{k\uparrow} - \hbar \omega_q) \left\langle S_q^+ c_{k+q\downarrow}^\dagger c_{k\uparrow} \right\rangle \\ &\quad + \frac{i}{\hbar} J_q \left\langle \left[S_q^+ c_{k+q\downarrow}^\dagger c_{k\uparrow}, S_q^- c_{k\uparrow}^\dagger c_{k+q\downarrow} \right] \right\rangle \end{aligned} \quad (20)$$