Floquet physics

Periodic driving, formalism, and spetroscopy

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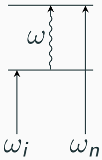
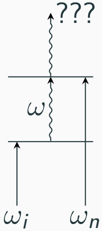
Introduction

Time-dependent perturbation theory, $\cancel{\omega_{eg} + \omega}$
$\Rightarrow$ Fermi golden rule (finite T or not)



What happens when we consider high order perturbations?



Inherently non-equilibrium The state of photons is a coherent state: $|\Psi\rangle$ far from any eigenstate!

Overview

- From Schrodinger equation to Floquet effective Hamiltonian
- Relation with time-dependent perturbation theory and rotating wave approximation (RWA)?
- Floquet correction to electron band

The Floquet formalism

Quasi-stationary states and quasienergies

Periodically driven Hamiltonian: quasi-eigensystem

Floquet theory $H(t) = H(t+T) \Rightarrow$ for every $|\psi(t)\rangle$,

$$|\psi(t)\rangle = \sum_n |\psi_n(t)\rangle\,, \quad |\psi_n(t)\rangle = \mathrm{e}^{-\mathrm{i}\,\varepsilon_n t/\hbar}\,\underbrace{|\Phi_n(t)\rangle}_{\text{period } T},$$

$$|\Phi_n(t)\rangle = \underbrace{\sum_m \mathrm{e}^{-\mathrm{i}\,m\omega t}\,|\phi_n^{(m)}\rangle}_{\text{discrete Fourier series}}, \quad \omega = 2\pi/T.$$

Highlights

- $\mathcal{H} \otimes \{m = \ldots, -1, 0, 1, \ldots\}$: **extended Hilbert space**
- $\{\Phi_n(t)\}$: **quasi-stationary states**
- $\{\varepsilon_n\}$: **quasienergies**

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ε_n, $(\cdots, |\phi_n^{(-1)}\rangle, |\phi_n^{(0)}\rangle, |\phi_n^{(1)}\rangle, \cdots)$ are obtained by diagonalizing

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m=-2 \\
m=-1 \\
m=0 \\
m=1 \\
\\
\end{array}
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\quad & m'=-2 & m'=-1 & m'=0 & m'=1 & \quad
\end{array} \\
\begin{pmatrix}
 & & \vdots & \vdots & & \\
 & H^{(0)}+2\hbar\omega & H^{(-1)} & H^{(-2)} & H^{(-3)} & \\
\dots & H^{(1)} & H^{(0)}+\hbar\omega & H^{(-1)} & H^{(-2)} & \dots \\
\dots & H^{(2)} & H^{(1)} & H^{(0)} & H^{(-1)} & \dots \\
 & H^{(3)} & H^{(2)} & H^{(1)} & H^{(0)}-\hbar\omega & \\
 & & \vdots & \vdots & &
\end{pmatrix}
\end{array}
$$

- Each "element" is a Hamiltonian on $\mathcal{H}$
- The hole H^{Floquet} is on the extended Hilbert space

Floquet Brillouin zone

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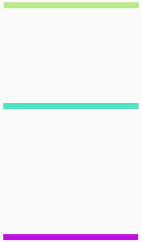

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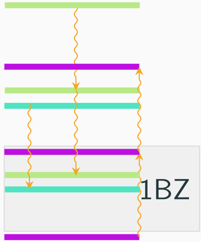

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Floquet formalism in hierarchy of approximations

Other ways to describe periodic driving

- Time-dependent perturbation theory (TD-PT)
- Rotating wave approximation (RWA)

$$\begin{tikzcd}
\text{Keldysh, etc.} \arrow[r, "T=0"] & \text{TD-PT} \arrow[r, "\text{periodic, no cutoff}"] \arrow[dl] \arrow[d] \arrow[rr, bend right] & \text{Floquet} \arrow[r, "\text{small } \Omega, \Delta"] & \text{RWA} \\
& \text{various cutoff schemes} & &
\end{tikzcd}$$

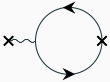
Floquet formalism in eyes of other formalisms

“full” Floquet theory, perturbation theory, and RWA

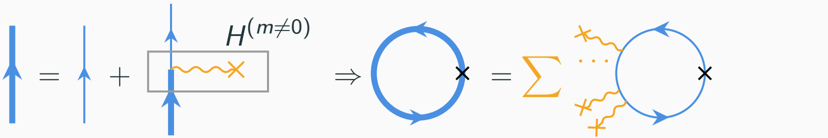
Response from time-dependent perturbation theory = response from $T = 0$ Feynman diagrams.

Example: first-order PT = Lindhard response function

$$\langle \mu^{(1)} \rangle = \mu_{\text{eg}} \underbrace{\Omega}_{\text{Rabi freq.}} \left(\frac{\Omega}{\omega_{\text{eg}} - \omega} \mathrm{e}^{-\mathrm{i}\omega t} + \frac{\Omega}{\omega_{\text{eg}} + \omega} \mathrm{e}^{\mathrm{i}\omega t} + \text{h.c.} \right) =$$



H^{Floquet} = **the non-equilibrium self-energy**



In the full H^{Floquet}, automatically all PT terms are considered!

Floquet formalism v.s. RWA

$H^{(0)} + \hbar\omega$ $\quad$ $H^{(-1)}$

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\begin{pmatrix}
\omega & & & \Omega & & \\
& \omega_{\mathrm{eg}} + \omega & \Omega & & & \\
& \Omega & 0 & & & \Omega \\
\Omega & & & \omega_{\mathrm{eg}} & \Omega & \\
& & & \Omega & -\omega & \\
& & \Omega & & & \omega_{\mathrm{eg}} - \omega
\end{pmatrix}
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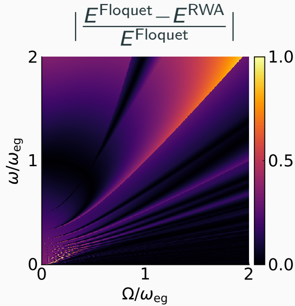
$H^{(0)} - \hbar\omega$



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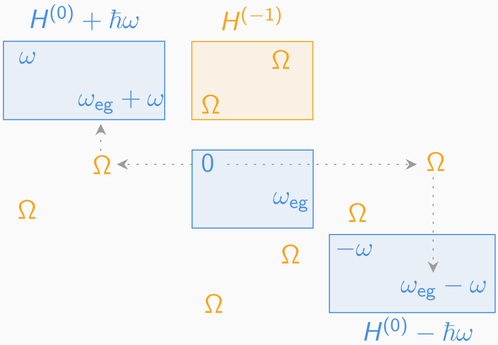

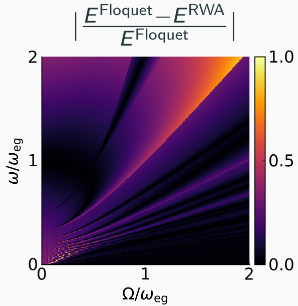

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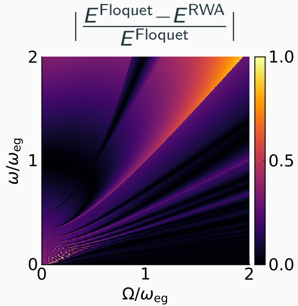

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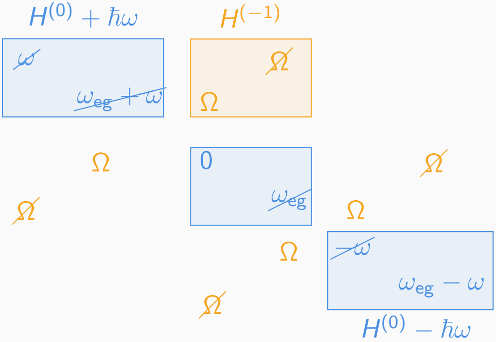

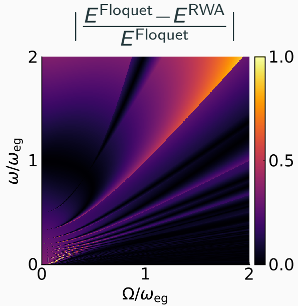

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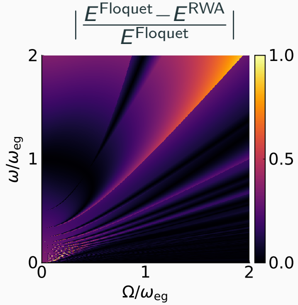
$$H^{\mathrm{RWA}} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \Omega \\ \Omega & \omega_{\mathrm{eg}} - \omega \end{pmatrix}.$$



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Indeed when $\Omega/\omega_{\mathrm{eg}} \lesssim 0.5$, $\omega/\omega_{\mathrm{eg}} \sim 1$, RWA works the best!

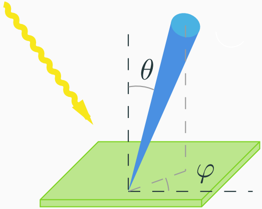
ARPES of Floquet systems

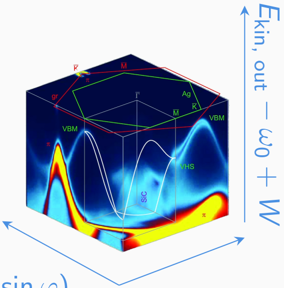
Are Floquet states "real"?

Angle-resolved photoemission spectroscopy (ARPES)

ARPES sheds *probe* beam to material (possibly *pumped* by another beam) and detects output electrons' $(\mathbf{k}, E)$[a]

[a]Figure from Rosenzweig et al. 2022.





$$\mathbf{k}_{\parallel} = k(\sin\theta\cos\varphi, \sin\theta\sin\varphi)$$

$$I(\mathbf{k},\omega) \propto \int \mathrm{d}t_1 \int \mathrm{d}t_2\, \mathrm{e}^{\mathrm{i}\,\omega(t_2-t_1)} \underbrace{G^{<}_{\mathbf{k}}(t_2,t_1)}_{\text{pumped (probe not considered)}} .$$

For Floquet-driven electron bands

$$I(\mathbf{k},\omega) \sim \sum_{n,m} \left|\phi_n^{(m)}\right|^2 \delta(\omega - \varepsilon_{n\mathbf{k}}).$$

ARPES for Floquet-driven electron bands

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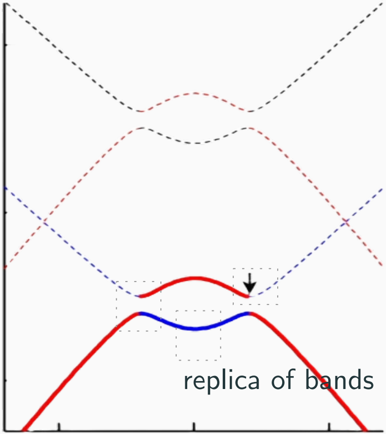

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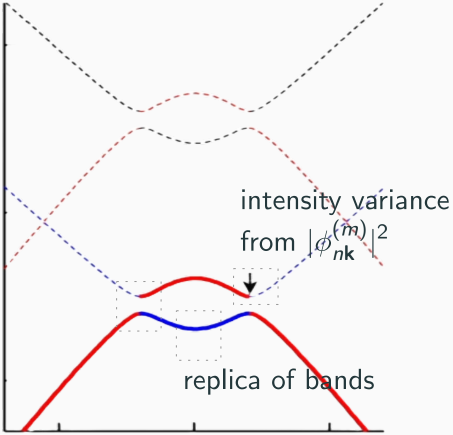

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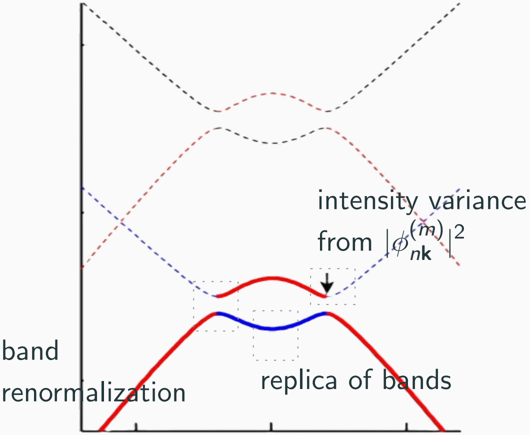

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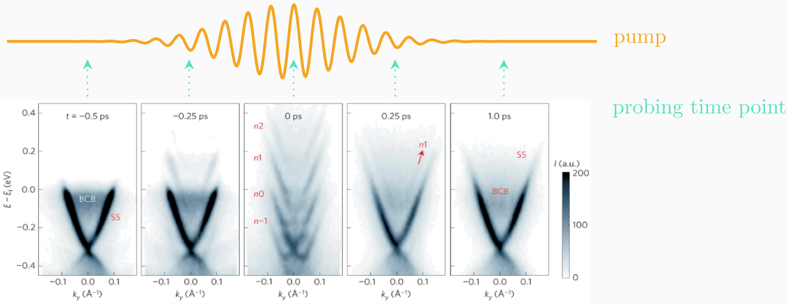

Probe before the start of pump nothing happens to bands

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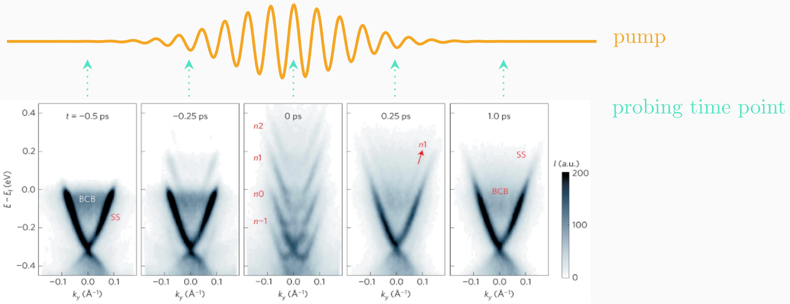

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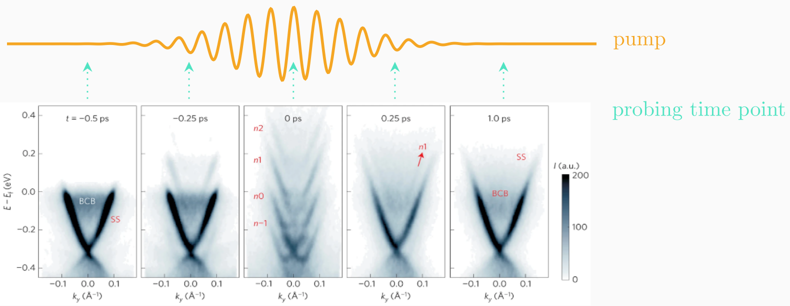

Probe at the middle of pump Floquet

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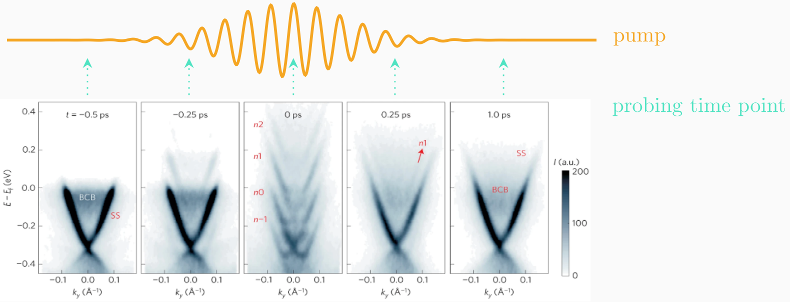

Probe at the tail of pump mild Floquet features, plus states excited to conduction bands

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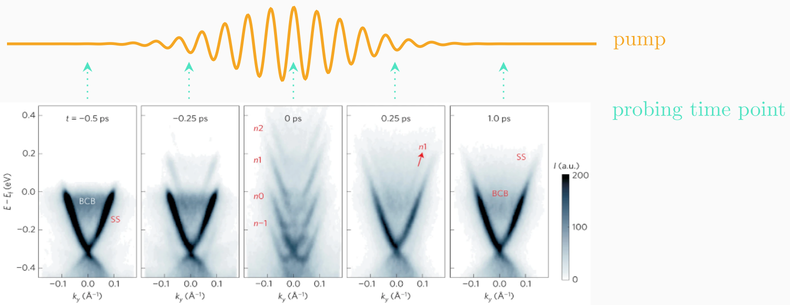
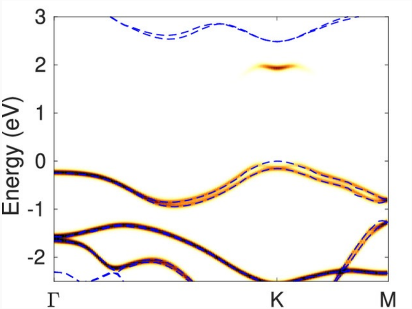


Probe after pump excited states

Self-driven Floquet effect

Even after pump ends we may still see Floquet effects. . .

Floquet by exciton excited by pump – self-driven Floquet effects (Chan et al. 2023)



Dotted line: band structure without pumping

Discussion

- Floquet quasienergies and quasi-stationary states
- They are “resummation” of external field’s perturbation
- They can be seen!

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