Ultrafast Dynamics of High-Harmonic Generation in Terms of Complex Floquet Spectral Analysis

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Abstract: We studied the high-harmonic generation (HHG) of a two-level-system (TLS) driven by an intense monochromatic phase-locked laser based on complex spectral analysis with the Floquet method. In contrast with phenomenological approaches, this analysis deals with the whole process as a coherent quantum process based on microscopic dynamics. We have obtained the time-frequency resolved spectrum of spontaneous HHG single-photon emission from an excited TLS driven by a laser field. Characteristic spectral features of the HHG, such as the plateau and cutoff, are reproduced by the present model. Because the emitted high-harmonic photon is represented as a superposition of different frequencies, the Fano profile appears in the long-time spectrum as a result of the quantum interference of the emitted photon. We reveal that the condition of the quantum interference depends on the initial phase of the driving laser field. We have also clarified that the change in spectral features from the short-time regime to the long-time regime is attributed to the interference between the interference from the Floquet resonance states and the dressed radiation field.

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1. Introduction

The advent of ultrafast strong light sources has opened up a new era of optical science, called attosecond physics [1,2]. Recent advances in the manipulation techniques of a laser light pulse, such as carrier-envelope-phase (CEP) control, has enabled us to induce coherent electron motion with sub-femtosecond precision. The well-controlled coherent electron motion is a source of the high-harmonic pulse in the XUV region to the X-ray region [3–10]. These attosecond light pulses are now the most powerful tool to explore the real-time dynamics of electronic motions in atoms and molecules on the attosecond time scale [11–16].

Recently, HHG has been experimentally observed also from solids, such as in semiconductors [17–21], topological phase materials [22], low-dimensional materials [23], thin films [24], and amorphous solids [25]. Some have used two-color light beams, such as near infrared and far infrared, to clearly distinguish the different electronic excitations, which are sometimes called high-order sideband generation (HSG) [26–29]. Even though coherent electronic motion in solids is different from that of atoms and molecules, characteristic features of the HHG spectrum, such as the plateau and cutoff, are common to those from atoms and molecules. These experiments indicate that the fundamental mechanism of the HHG photon emission is the same, whether from atoms, molecules, or solids [30]. Therefore, it is essential to clarify the microscopic mechanism that determines how the quantum coherence of an electron induced by the driving field is transferred to a high-harmonic photon through nonlinear interaction between the electron and the driving field. Developing the microscopic theory of...
HHG, one has to keep in mind that HHG photon emission is a spontaneous photon emission because the radiation field with the high-harmonic frequency is initially in the quantum vacuum [31,32]. For a precise argument, it is necessary to include the entire HHG process as a coherent quantum process, including the free radiation field as an environment.

Most conventional theories, however, have employed phenomenological treatments that may terminate the quantum coherence in the HHG process: for example, the HHG emission spectrum is calculated classically based on Maxwell’s equation [2,6,33–35], or the Markov approximation is used in a master equation with a phenomenological parameter [18,27,30,36]. In fact, how to interpret the dissipative spontaneous photon emission within the framework of quantum mechanics has been a debate since the early days of the theory [37–40], as an irreversible decay process contradicts the time-reversible quantum dynamics. As a solution to the problem, a new formalism, i.e., complex spectral analysis, has been explored over the last two decades, so that the Hamiltonian can take complex eigenvalues by expanding the vector space to the extended Hilbert space [41–48].

In this contribution, we apply complex spectral analysis to study the HHG, using the Floquet method to take into account a non-perturbative interaction between the electron and the driving field. The total system under consideration consists of not only the strongly coupled matter and driving laser field, but also the free radiation field with a continuous spectrum. We solve the complex eigenvalue problem of the Floquet Hamiltonian of the total system in the extended Hilbert space. The time evolution of the quantum state is then described by the eigenstate expansion of the total system, and thereby the quantum coherence is retained. We study the HHG of a two-level system (TLS) driven by an intense monochromatic phase-locked laser and obtain the analytical expression for the time-frequency resolved spectral amplitude for a HHG single-photon observation.

We show that the calculated HHG spectrum exhibits the characteristic features of HHG from solids. We reveal that the quantum interference of the Floquet resonance states causes a Fano-type dip structure in the HHG spectrum. Moreover, we show that quantum interference between the Floquet resonance states and the dressed field states are responsible for the temporal change in the HHG spectrum from the adiabatic regime to the stationary regime. Because the superposition of the photon states with different frequencies depends on the initial phase of the driving laser, we can quantum mechanically control the HHG photon emission by changing the phase of the laser.

2. Model

We consider spontaneous emission from a TLS excited by a delta-function pulse. The excited TLS is driven by a monochromatic phase-locked laser field with amplitude $E_0$ and frequency $\omega/2$ with a phase $\theta$ relative to the excitation delta-pulse as shown in Figure 1. Starting from the minimal coupling Hamiltonian under the dipole approximation, the total Hamiltonian, composed of the electronic system and the radiation field, is represented by [31].

$$\hat{H}(t) = E_1 |1\rangle\langle 1| + (E_1 + \Delta_0) |2\rangle\langle 2| + \mathcal{E}(t) (|1\rangle\langle 2| + |2\rangle\langle 1|)$$

$$+ \int \omega_k \hat{a}_k^\dagger \hat{a}_k dk + \lambda \int C_k (|1\rangle\langle 2| + |2\rangle\langle 1|) (\hat{a}_k + \hat{a}_k^\dagger) dk,$$  

(1)
where |1⟩ and |2⟩ represent the ground and excited states with energies \( E_1 \) and \( E_2 \), respectively, and \( \Delta_0 \equiv E_2 - E_1 \). We classically describe the monochromatic phase-locked laser field as

\[
\mathcal{E}(t) = \mathcal{E}_0 \cos \left( \frac{\omega t + \theta}{2} \right) .
\]

Conversely, the scattered bosonic radiation field is dealt with quantum mechanically: \( \delta_k (\delta_k^\dagger) \) represents the free radiation field with energy \( \omega_k = c|k| \), and \( \lambda \) is a dimensionless coupling constant, where we consider \( c = 1 \). The coupling coefficient \( C_k \) is given by \( C_k = \sqrt{\omega_k} \) except for a constant factor \([31]\).

As shown in Appendix A, under the condition of

\[
2 \frac{\mathcal{E}_0^2}{\omega} \gg \Delta_0 \gg |\mathcal{E}_0| ,
\]

the Hamiltonian \( \hat{H}(t) \) can be written in terms of the adiabatic basis of \( |g⟩ \) and \( |e⟩ \) given in Equation (A12). Under the rotating wave approximation, the Hamiltonian is given by

\[
\hat{H}_{ad}(t) = E_0 |g⟩⟨g| + (E_e + A \cos(\omega t + \theta)) |e⟩⟨e| + \int \omega_k \delta_k^\dagger \delta_k dk + \lambda \int C_k (|e⟩⟨g| + |g⟩⟨e|) dk ,
\]

where we have defined the renormalized amplitude as

\[
A \equiv \frac{2\mathcal{E}_0^2}{\Delta_0} .
\]

In this paper, we consider a one-dimensional system for simplicity, which does not influence our main results. Hereafter, we simply write \( \hat{H}_{ad}(t) \) as \( \hat{H}(t) \).

Because the number of elementary excitations does not change in \( \hat{H}(t) \), the evolution of the state is closed in a single-excitation subspace of the dressed atom states of \( |e⟩ \otimes |0_k⟩ \equiv |d⟩ \) and \( |g⟩ \otimes |1_k⟩ \equiv |k⟩ \)[49]. Then, the Hamiltonian \( \hat{H}(t) \) in this subspace is represented by

\[
\hat{H}(t) = (\Delta_0 + A \cos(\omega t + \theta)) |d⟩⟨d| + \int \omega_k |k⟩⟨k| dk + \lambda \int C_k (|d⟩⟨k| + |k⟩⟨d|) dk ,
\]

where the energy difference is defined by \( \Delta_0 \equiv E_e - E_0 \), and we take \( E_0 \) as the origin of energy. In terms of the renormalized amplitude, the intensity of the driving field is given by \( |A \cos(\omega t + \theta)|^2 \), so that the maximum intensity is \( A^2 \).

Because the Hamiltonian is time-periodic, \( \hat{H}(t + T) = \hat{H}(t) \) with \( T \equiv 2\pi / \omega \), the Floquet theorem may be applied: the wave vector can be written as

\[
|\Psi(t)⟩ = \sum_\xi c_\xi e^{-iz_\xi t} |\Phi_\xi(t)⟩ ,
\]

with a periodic Floquet eigenfunction \( |\Phi_\xi(t + T)⟩ = |\Phi_\xi(t)⟩ \) with the Floquet quasi-energy \( z_\xi \)[50–52]. The composite space \( \mathcal{F} \equiv \mathcal{R} \otimes \mathcal{T} \) is made up of the configuration space \( \mathcal{R} \) and the space \( \mathcal{T} \) of periodic functions in time with period \( T \)[50]. The conjugate basis set \( \{|\kappa_n⟩\} \) to the time basis set \( \{|t⟩\} \) is constructed as

\[
|\kappa_n⟩ \equiv \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T dt e^{i\kappa_n t} |t⟩ ,
\]
where \( \kappa_n \equiv n\omega = 2\pi n / T \quad (n = 0, 1, \cdots) \) [53]. It is well known that the Floquet eigenstate possesses mode-translational symmetry [50]

\[
|\Phi_{\xi}^{(n)}(t)\rangle = \exp[i\kappa_n t]|\Phi_{\xi}^{(0)}(t)\rangle, \quad z_{\xi}^{(n)} = z_{\xi}^{(0)} + n\omega ,
\]

where \( (n) \) denotes the Floquet mode index and \( \xi \) classifies a state within a Floquet mode space of \( (n) \).

In terms of the conjugate basis set, the Floquet Hamiltonian is represented by

\[
\hat{H}_F = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} (\Delta_0 + n\omega)|d, \kappa_n\rangle\langle d, \kappa_n| + \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{A}{2} \left[ e^{i\theta}|d, \kappa_{n+1}\rangle\langle d, \kappa_n| + e^{-i\theta}|d, \kappa_n\rangle\langle d, \kappa_{n+1}| \right]
\]

\[
+ \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \int (\omega_k + n\omega)|k, \kappa_n\rangle\langle k, \kappa_n|dk + \lambda \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \int C_k[|k, \kappa_n\rangle\langle d, \kappa_n| + |d, \kappa_n\rangle\langle k, \kappa_n|]dk ,
\]

where \( |\cdot\rangle \) denotes the vector in the composite space \( F \).

In Equation (10), the first two terms represent the strong coupling between the TLS and the driving field in the Floquet composite basis. We note that the first two terms can be diagonalized in terms of the Wannier-Stark basis [50] given by

\[
|\Phi_d^{(n)}\rangle = \sum_{m=-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-i(n-m)\theta}j_{m-n}(a)|d, \kappa_m\rangle ,
\]

where \( j_n(x) \) is the \( n \)-th order Bessel function of the first kind and \( a \equiv A/\omega \). Please note that the Stark state is represented as a coherent sum of the bare discrete states in terms of the Floquet modes. Then, the Floquet Hamiltonian \( \hat{H}_F \) can be rewritten as

\[
\hat{H}_F = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \left\{ (\Delta_0 + n\omega)|\Phi_d^{(n)}\rangle\langle \Phi_d^{(n)}| + \int (\omega_k + n\omega)|k, \kappa_n\rangle\langle k, \kappa_n|dk \right\}
\]

\[
+ \lambda \sum_{n,m=-\infty}^{\infty} \int C_k j_{m-n}(a) \left( e^{-i(m-n)\theta}|k, \kappa_n\rangle\langle \Phi_d^{(m)}| + e^{i(m-n)\theta}|\Phi_d^{(m)}\rangle\langle k, \kappa_m| \right)dk ,
\]

where the first and second terms represent the diagonal Floquet energies for the Stark states and the continuous states, respectively. The last term of Equation (12) shows that the TLS couples with the radiation field with different Floquet modes and the nonlinear interaction depends on the initial phase of the driving field. Please note that this coupling represented by the Bessel function is nonlinear in terms of the driving field amplitude \( a \).

3. Complex Eigenvalue Problem of the Floquet Hamiltonian

The original time-dependent problem now becomes a time-independent eigenvalue problem, where we may employ the established method to solve the complex eigenvalue problem of the Hamiltonian. The difficulty arises, however, when we try to solve the eigenvalue problem by keeping the unstable discrete states in the spectrum in ordinary Hilbert space in the composite space because of the resonance singularity in the interaction between the TLS and the free radiation field [54].

To solve the problem of the resonance singularity, we extend the eigenvector subspace to the extended Hilbert space, where the norm of the eigenvector vanishes [41,42,44,46–48,55]. The complex eigenvalue problems of \( \hat{H}_F \) read

\[
\hat{H}_F|\Phi_{\xi}^{(n)}\rangle = z_{\xi}^{(n)}|\Phi_{\xi}^{(n)}\rangle , \quad \langle \Phi_{\xi}^{(n)}|\hat{H}_F = z_{\xi}^{(n)}\langle \Phi_{\xi}^{(n)}| ,
\]

where the right-eigenstate \( |\Phi_{\xi}^{(n)}\rangle \) and left-eigenstate \( \langle \Phi_{\xi}^{(n)}| \) have the same complex eigenvalue \( z_{\xi}^{(n)} \).
The complex eigenbasis of $|\Phi_{\xi}^{(n)}\rangle$ and $\langle \tilde{\Phi}_{\xi}^{(n)}|$ satisfy the bi-completeness and bi-orthonormal relation $[41,46,53]$:

\[
\sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \sum_{\xi} |\Phi_{\xi}^{(n)}\rangle \langle \tilde{\Phi}_{\xi}^{(n)}| = I, \\
\langle \tilde{\Phi}_{\xi}^{(n')}| \Phi_{\xi}^{(n')}\rangle = \delta_{\xi,\xi'} \delta_{n,n'},
\]

where $\delta_{ij}$ is the Kronecker delta.

The eigenvalue problem of the Floquet Hamiltonian was solved in terms of the Brillouin–Wigner–Feshbach projection method, as shown in Appendix B $[46–48,53]$.

In the weak coupling case $\lambda \ll 1$, the right-resonance eigenstate is given by

\[
|\Phi_{d}^{(n)}\rangle = \langle \Phi_{d}^{(n)}| \Phi_{d}^{(n)}\rangle \left\{ |\phi_{d}^{(n)}\rangle + \lambda \sum_{m} \int dk C_{\xi} j_{n-m}(a) e^{-i(n-m)\theta} |k,\kappa_{m}\rangle \right\},
\]

where the $+$ sign in the denominator of Equation (16) indicates the analytic continuation of $z$ from the upper half of the complex energy plane $[41]$. The second term of the curl bracket shows that the resonance states are given by the superposition of the discrete Stark state $|\phi_{d}^{(n)}\rangle$ and the free radiation field $|k,\kappa_{m}\rangle$ belonging to the different Floquet modes with the laser phase-dependent weighted sum of the Bessel function. The left-resonance eigenstates are also obtained by first taking the Hermitian conjugate, and then the same analytic continuation with the $+$ index instead of the opposite analytic continuation $[41,46,53]$. The complex eigenvalue of the resonance state is obtained by solving the nonlinear dispersion equation

\[
z_{d}^{(n)} = \chi_{n,m}^{+}(z_{d}^{(n)}) = \Delta_0 + n\omega + \lambda^2 \sum_{m=-\infty}^{+\infty} \sigma^{+}(z_{d}^{(n)} - m\omega) \int_{\xi} d\epsilon \chi_{n,m,D}(\epsilon)\chi_{n,m}(\epsilon),
\]

where the dynamical self-energy $\chi_{n,m}^{+}(z_{d}^{(n)})$ is defined by Equation (A17) and the scalar self-energy function is given by Equation (A18). Of special importance is the fact that the self-energy in the right-hand-side depends on the eigenvalues, which originate in the nonlinearity of the eigenvalue problem of the effective Hamiltonian, as shown in Equation (A19). It should be emphasized that only if we take into account this nonlinearity will the eigenvalues of the non-Hermitian effective Hamiltonian coincide with the Hermitian total Hamiltonian $[41]$. We have solved this dispersion equation iteratively to obtain the complex eigenvalues of the Floquet Hamiltonian, and we have thereby considered the nonlinearity of the eigenvalue problem of the effective Hamiltonian, as shown in Equation (A14). The resonance state decays exponentially, with the decay rate given by the imaginary part of $z_{d}^{(n)}$.

The dressed continuous right-eigenstates are also obtained in Appendix B.2 as

\[
|\Phi_{k}^{(n)}\rangle = |k,\kappa_{n}\rangle + \lambda C_{k} \sum_{m} \frac{j_{m-n}(a)e^{i(m-n)\theta}}{\omega_k + n\omega + i0^+ - \chi_{m,m,n,D}^{+}(\omega_k + n\omega)} \\
\times \left\{ |\phi_{d}^{(m)}\rangle + \lambda \sum_{m'} \int \frac{C_{k'} j_{m-m'}(a)e^{-i(m-m')\theta}}{\omega_k - \omega_{k'} + (n-m')\omega + i0^+} |k',\kappa_{m'}\rangle dk' \right\},
\]

where $\chi_{n,m,n,D}^{+}(\epsilon)$ is the dynamical self-energy, defined by Equation (A17), with the delayed analytic continuation from the upper half plane $[41,46]$. The continuous left-eigenstate has been similarly obtained without taking the delayed analytic continuation. The dressed continuous right-eigenstate $|\Phi_{k}^{(n)}\rangle$ and the left-eigenstate $\langle \tilde{\Phi}_{k}^{(n)}|$ have the same real eigenvalues of $z_{k}^{(n)} = \omega_k + n\omega$ that is
equivalent to unperturbed energy. The right- and left-eigenstates of the resonance states and
dressed continuous states satisfy the bi-completeness relation in the composite space \( \mathcal{F} \)
as

\[
\hat{I}_\mathcal{F} = \sum_n \left\{ |\Phi_{d}^{(n)}(t)\rangle \langle \Phi_{d}^{(n)}| + \int dk |\Phi_{k}^{(n)}\rangle \langle \Phi_{k}^{(n)}| \right\}.
\]

(19)

This decomposition of the identity makes it possible to represent any state vector of the total
system in terms of the complex spectral expansion.

Using Equation (14), the state vector at time \( t \) in the \( \mathcal{R} \) space is given by the Floquet eigenstates
as [50]

\[
|\Psi(t)\rangle = \sum_{\zeta} \sum_{n} e^{-iz_{\zeta}^{(0)} t} |\Phi_{d}^{(n)}(t)\rangle \langle \Phi_{d}^{(n)}(0)|\Psi(0)\rangle
\]

(20)

\[
= \sum_{\zeta} \sum_{n} e^{-iz_{\zeta}^{(0)} t + im\omega_{n} t} e^{i\omega_{n} t} |\Phi_{\zeta}^{(0)}(t)\rangle \langle \Phi_{\zeta}^{(n)}(0)|\Psi(0)\rangle
\]

(21)

\[
= \sum_{\zeta} \sum_{n} e^{-iz_{\zeta}^{(0)} t} |\Phi_{\zeta}^{(0)}(t)\rangle \langle \Phi_{\zeta}^{(0)}(0)|\Psi(0)\rangle ,
\]

(22)

where we have used the Floquet mode-translational symmetry Equation (9). Using Equation (19),
the state vector is given by

\[
|\Psi(t)\rangle = e^{-iz_{\zeta}^{(0)} t} |\Phi_{d}^{(0)}(t)\rangle \langle \Phi_{d}^{(0)}(0)|\Psi(0)\rangle + \int dk e^{-i\omega_{k} t} |\Phi_{k}^{(0)}(t)\rangle \langle \Phi_{k}^{(0)}(0)|\Psi(0)\rangle .
\]

(23)

It should be noted that the wave function of the emitted single photon is described as the
superposition of the single photon states with different frequencies, as shown in the second term of
Equation (23).

4. HHG Spectrum

In this work, the HHG spectrum is studied in the case where the TLS is excited from \(|\gamma\rangle \) to \(|e\rangle \) at
\( t = 0 \) by a single-photon pulse. In this case, the spontaneous HHG single-photon emission spectrum,
declared as the probability of detecting an emitted photon with frequency \( \omega_{k} \) during the observation
interval \( t \), is obtained by

\[
S(\omega_{k}, t) = \langle a_{k}^{\dagger} a_{k} \rangle_{t} = |\langle k|\Psi(t)\rangle|^{2} ,
\]

(24)

with \(|\Psi(0)\rangle = |d\rangle \) [31,56,57]. Substituting the right- and left-eigenstates of \( \hat{H}_{F} \) in Equation (23),
the analytical expression for the spectral amplitude is obtained as

\[
\langle k|\Psi(t)\rangle = -\lambda \mathcal{C} \sum_{m=-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-i\omega_{m} t} \int_{\mathcal{I}} d\omega' \rho(\omega') \sum_{m=-\infty}^{\infty} \omega_{k} + i\theta' - \chi_{m,m}(\omega_{k})
\]

\[
+ \frac{i}{2\pi} \lambda \mathcal{C} \int_{\mathcal{I}} d\omega' \rho(\omega') \sum_{m=-\infty}^{\infty} \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} f_{m-n}(\omega') \frac{C_{m}^{2} f_{m}^{2}(\omega') e^{-i(\omega' - m\omega) t}}{\omega' \chi_{m}^{2}(\omega') \omega' + i\theta' - (\omega_{k} + m\omega)}
\]

\[
\times \frac{1}{\omega' \chi_{m}^{2}(\omega') \omega' + i\theta' - (\omega_{k} + m\omega)}
\]

\[
\equiv s_{R}(k, t) + s_{C}(k, t) + s_{BR}(k, t) ,
\]

(25)

where \( \rho(\omega) \) is the density of states of the free radiation field, and \( C_{m}^{2} d\omega = C_{m}^{2}(\omega) \rho(\omega) d\omega \) with \( \omega = c|k| \).

Equation (25) is the principal result of this paper: the contributions of the resonance state and
the dressed continuous states are analytically decomposed in the first \((s_{R})\) and second \((s_{C})\) terms,
respectively. While the first term decays exponentially with time, the second term does not decay over time, giving a stationary HHG spectrum. The third term \( \langle s_{BR} \rangle \) represents the branch point effect \([41,44]\), where the contour of the integral denoted by \( \Gamma \) is taken in the different Riemann sheets at the branch point. This term represents the non-Markovian effect, only contributing to the very short time known as Zeno time, or the very long time known as the long-time tale \([44]\). The contribution of the third term is very small in the present case, with a large amplitude of the driving laser field.

In Figure 2, we show the calculated results of the long-time HHG spectrum \( S_\infty(\omega_k) \equiv \lim_{t \to \infty} S(\omega_k, t) \) for the following parameters: \( \Delta_0 = 20, a = 10, \lambda = 0.06, \) and \( \theta = 0 \) in (a) and \( \theta = -\pi/2 \) in (b). We take these parameters to approximately represent the experiments of WSe\(_2\), such as the driving laser field frequency \( 2\pi/\omega \sim 20 \) THz, the band gap between the valence and the conduction bands \( \Delta_0 \approx 400 \) THz \([27]\). The driving laser amplitude \( a \equiv A/\omega \) is determined so as to agree with the cutoff energy of the experiments \( n_{\text{cutoff}}/\hbar \omega \sim 10 \).

![Figure 2](image-url)

**Figure 2.** Stationary HHG spectrum \( S_\infty(\omega_k) \) for \( \Delta_0 = 20, a = 10, \lambda = 0.06. \) (a) \( \theta = 0 \) and (b) \( \theta = -\pi/2 \). The fundamental spontaneous emission spectrum at \( \omega_k = 20 \) is shown by the dashed lines. The red marks indicate the absolute value of the Bessel function \( |J_m(a)|^2 \).

The intensity of the \( m\)-th-order high-harmonics of the long-time HHG spectrum is mostly determined by the absolute values of the Bessel function \( |J_m(a)|^2 \), as shown by the red marks in the figures. The characteristic features of the HHG spectrum, such as the plateau and cutoff, are explained by the behavior of the Bessel functions. Because the ratio of the successive order of the Bessel function is evaluated as \( |J_m(a)/J_{m-1}(a)|^2 \approx (a/2m)^2 \) for \( m \gtrsim a \), the intensity of the high-harmonics sharply drops at \( m \sim a \). Consequently, the cutoff energy is determined by the amplitude of the laser field \( a \), and not by the intensity \( a^2 \), underlining the typical feature of the HHG spectrum from solids \([17–19,21]\).

The cross terms of the different Floquet modes in \( S_\infty(\omega_k) \) represent the quantum interferences of the photon emissions from them. Because of this interference effect, Fano-type dip structures appear in the plateau region, as shown in Figure 2. Because the coefficients in the summation in Equation (25) include the initial phase of the laser, the spectral profile of the stationary HHG spectrum is also affected, as shown in Figure 2a,b. Hence, it is possible to quantum mechanically control the HHG photon emission by changing the initial phase of the driving laser field.

Within the decay time of an excited state, the resonance state components crucially contribute to the temporal profile of the HHG spectrum. As seen from Equation (25) the first and second terms have opposite signs; hence, the spectral amplitude cancels out at \( t = 0 \), except for the small branch point effect. As the resonance component decays exponentially with time, the spectral cancellation weakens, approaching the stationary HHG spectrum. In Figure 3, the temporal change of the HHG spectrum is shown, where the components of the resonance and dressed-continuous states are separately depicted. Although spectral cancellation of the resonance and dressed field states has been studied in configurational space for a simple spontaneous emission system \([44]\), the present result demonstrates spectral cancellation in the frequency domain under a strong driving field.
Figure 3. The temporal spectral profile of HHG $S(\omega_k, t)$ (black line) for $\omega t = \pi/4$ (a), $\pi/2$ (b), $\pi$ (c), and $2\pi$ (d), where the same parameters of Figure 2a are used. The resonance state $|s_R(k, t)|^2$ and the dressed continuous state $(-1)|s_C(k, t)|^2$ components are depicted by blue and red lines, respectively. The excited state energies $E_e(t) = \Delta_0 + A \cos(\omega t + \theta)$ are indicated by the arrows.

The resonance state components of the HHG not only reduce its intensity in time, but also change its spectral shape as a result of the interference of the Floquet resonance modes, as shown by the blue curves in Figure 3, while the dressed-continuous state components retain their spectral shape. Because of the interference of the Floquet resonance states, the peak position of the HHG spectrum adiabatically follows the temporal excited state energy $E_e(t) = \Delta_0 + A \cos(\omega t + \theta)$, as shown in Figure 4. In time, the adiabatic behavior of the transient HHG asymptotically approaches the stationary HHG spectrum.

Figure 4. The transient HHG spectrum for $\theta = 0$ (a,c), and $\theta = -\pi/2$ (b,d). The parameters are the same as in Figure 2. The red curves in the contour maps (c,d) indicate $E_e(t)$. 
5. Concluding Remarks

We have studied the HHG from a TLS driven by a monochromatic phase-locked laser field in terms of complex spectral analysis for the total system, including the free radiation field, where we have treated the spontaneous HHG photon emission as a coherent quantum process. We have obtained the complex eigenstates of the Floquet Hamiltonian in the extended Hilbert space with the use of the Wannier–Stark basis, going far beyond the ordinary perturbation method. The decomposition of the identity in the extended Hilbert space is represented by the exponentially decaying Floquet resonance states, with complex eigenvalues, and the stable dressed radiation field, with real eigenvalues. These eigenstates are written as a superposition of the different Floquet mode states. The time evolution of the quantum state is then described by the eigenstate expansion of the total system; thereby, the quantum coherence is retained.

We have obtained the analytical expression of the time-frequency resolved spectral amplitude for a HHG single-photon observation. The amplitude is decomposed into the Floquet resonance states and the dressed radiation field, where the former and the latter give the transient and the long-time HHG spectra, respectively. The calculated long-time spectrum shows a typical HHG spectral feature with the plateau and the cutoff, where the spectral cutoff is not proportional to the driving field intensity but the amplitude, as seen in the HHG from solids [17–21]. It is interesting to see that the simple TLS system captures the characteristics of the HHG from solids that possess various electronic excitations. It is likely that the two-level state excitation corresponds to the optically allowed excitation at the Γ point from a valence band to a conduction band [58,59].

Recent experiments have observed multiple plateau structures in the HHG spectrum from solids as a consequence of the quantum interference of the different electronic excitations in solids [18,19]. In this work, we have revealed the other type of quantum interference in the HHG process: the Fano interference between the different Floquet modes, i.e., different high-order harmonics. This quantum interference is caused when a single emitted photon with different frequencies interferes via a common free radiation field, similar to the quantum interference involving different energy states of a single quanta of light [60,61]. This type of interference might be smeared out under a phenomenological assumption.

Within the decay time, the Floquet resonance states contribute to the transient behavior of the HHG spectrum. The transient HHG spectrum changes as if a photon emission occurs from the driven excited state, and the emitted photon energy adiabatically follows the temporal change of the excitation energy. We have shown that this temporal behavior of HHG is understood as a result of the quantum interference between the Floquet resonance states and the dressed field states. Our calculation also shows that the spectrum asymptotically approaches the long-time HHG spectrum, as the resonance state contribution decays exponentially over time.

In the present method, the decay process of the excited state is consistently described with the HHG process because the whole process is treated as a coherent quantum process. We find that the decay rate increases with the amplitude of the driving field, as shown in Figure A1. This is because more Floquet resonance is involved in the decaying process as the amplitude of the driving field increases. In our calculation of the HHG spectrum, we have used the decay rate $2|\text{Im} z_j^{(a)}(a = 10)| \simeq 0.2885$, which corresponds to the lifetime of the excited state of 22 fs. (Please note that the radiative lifetime is considered to be much longer than this value [62]). This is much shorter than the pulse width of the driving laser used in the experiments (≈100 fs) [27]. As long as the pulse width of the driving field is longer than the lifetime of the excited state, the HHG spectrum does not depend on its pulse width.

The conventional theories of the HHG are attempting to solve the time-dependent coupled Schrödinger equation of the electron and the radiation field as an initial value problem [31,37,57]. The problem with these theories is the validity of the Markovian approximation in deriving the kinetic equation of the electron, as its applicability remains uncertain for the far-from-equilibrium situation caused by the driving field [63]. Conversely, the present method attempts to solve the stationary eigenvalue problem in the Floquet space, independent of the initial condition [46,53], where the...
irreversible time-symmetry breaking is not derived as a result of the Markov approximation for the
equation but as a rigorous result of the dynamics caused by the resonance singularity [41,42,44,55].
The present method is an extension of the complex eigenvalue problem of the total Hamiltonian to
the Floquet space. Because we have dealt with the HHG photon emission as a coherent quantum
process including the radiation field, we may study the time evolution of the quantum coherence of a
single photon with different modes $\langle \hat{a}_q \hat{a}_k \rangle_t$, in terms of which we analyze the creation of the quantum
coherece through the nonlinear interaction of the electron and the driving field.

In this work, we have assumed the delta-pulse for the excitation pump pulse, which equally
excites all the Floquet modes by white excitation. In a real situation, the excitation pulse has a finite
pulse width that is as long as $10 - 100$ fs. It will be interesting to study the effect of a finite pulse width
of the excitation, whereby the frequency correlation between the excitation light and the HHG photon
can be clarified. Another interesting subject is the competition between the Raman scattering process
and the luminescence process in coherent resonant scattering spectroscopy under an intense driving
laser field [64–67]. A study of the effect of the excitation pulse width on the HHG is now underway.

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The following abbreviations are used in this manuscript:

- HHG  High-Harmonic Generation
- TLS Two-Level System
- CEP Carrier-Envelope-Phase

**Appendix A. Hamiltonian of the Driven TLS**

In this section, we shall derive the driven TLS Hamiltonian Equation (4) starting from an
off-diagonal coupling of the TLS with the radiation field.

We consider spontaneous photon emission from a driven two-level system (TLS) consisting of the
ground state $|1\rangle$ and an excited state $|2\rangle$ with the excitation energy $\Delta_0 \equiv E_2 - E_1$. The TLS is driven
ergetically by a monochromatic phase-locked laser field, as shown in Figure 1. The TLS is excited
from the ground state to the excited state at $t = 0$ by a delta-function pulse, followed by spontaneous
emission under the energy driving. The Hamiltonian is given by Equation (1):

$$\hat{H}(t) = \hat{H}_{\text{TLS}}(t) + \hat{H}_{\text{R}} + \hat{H}_{\text{TLS,R}}$$

$$= E_1 |1\rangle\langle 1| + (E_1 + \Delta_0) |2\rangle\langle 2| + \mathcal{E}(t) |1\rangle\langle 2| + |2\rangle\langle 1| + \int \omega_k \hat{a}_k^\dagger \hat{a}_k dk + \lambda \int C_k (|1\rangle\langle 2| + |2\rangle\langle 1|) (\hat{a}_k + \hat{a}_k^\dagger) dk$$

(A1)

We solve the adiabatic eigenvalue problem of the driven TLS:

$$\hat{H}_{\text{TLS}}(t)|\phi_j(t)\rangle = \lambda_j(t)|\phi_j(t)\rangle, \ (j = \pm).$$

(A3)
The adiabatic eigenvalues are given by
\[
\lambda_{\pm}(t) = \frac{\Delta_0}{2} \pm \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{\Delta_0^2 + 4\varepsilon^2(t)} ,
\] (A4)
and the corresponding eigenstates are
\[
|\varphi_{\pm}(t)\rangle = \cos\varphi(t)|1\rangle + \sin\varphi(t)|2\rangle , \quad |
|\varphi_{\mp}(t)\rangle = -\sin\varphi(t)|1\rangle + \cos\varphi(t)|2\rangle ,
\] (A5)
where
\[
\tan\varphi(t) = -\frac{\varepsilon(t)}{\Delta_0}.
\] (A6)

We consider the situation where the energy gap between the ground state and the excited state is much larger than the amplitude of the driving field:
\[
\Delta_0 \gg |\varepsilon_0| ,
\] (A7)
and the amplitude is much larger than the energy quanta of the driving field,
\[
\varepsilon_0 \gg \omega .
\] (A8)

Under these conditions, we can rewrite \(\hat{H}(t)\) in terms of the adiabatic eigenstates as
\[
\hat{H}(t) = \frac{-2\varepsilon^2(t)}{\Delta_0} |\varphi_{\mp}(t)\rangle \langle \varphi_{\mp}(t)| + \left( \Delta_0 + \frac{2\varepsilon^2(t)}{\Delta_0} \right) |\varphi_{\pm}(t)\rangle \langle \varphi_{\pm}(t)|
+ \int \omega_k \hat{a}_k^\dagger \hat{a}_k dk + \lambda \int C_k \left( |\varphi_{\pm}(t)\rangle \langle \varphi_{\mp}(t)| + |\varphi_{\mp}(t)\rangle \langle \varphi_{\pm}(t)| \right) \left( \hat{a}_k + \hat{a}_k^\dagger \right) dk .
\] (A9)

Shifting the energy origin to \(-2\varepsilon^2(t)/\Delta_0\), we have
\[
\hat{H}(t) = \left( \Delta_0 + \frac{4\varepsilon^2}{\Delta_0} + \frac{2\varepsilon^2(t)}{\Delta_0} \cos(\omega t + \theta) \right) |\varphi_{\pm}(t)\rangle \langle \varphi_{\pm}(t)|
+ \int \omega_k \hat{a}_k^\dagger \hat{a}_k dk + \lambda \int C_k \left( |\varphi_{\pm}(t)\rangle \langle \varphi_{\mp}(t)| + |\varphi_{\mp}(t)\rangle \langle \varphi_{\pm}(t)| \right) \left( \hat{a}_k + \hat{a}_k^\dagger \right) dk .
\] (A10)

With the use of the rotating wave approximation for the TLS and the free radiation field and defining
\[
|e\rangle \equiv |\varphi_{\mp}(t)\rangle , \quad |g\rangle \equiv |\varphi_{\pm}(t)\rangle , \quad \frac{2\varepsilon^2}{\Delta_0} \equiv A ,
\] (A11)
we have
\[
\hat{H}_{ad}(t) = \varepsilon_0 |g\rangle \langle g| + (\varepsilon_e + A \cos(\omega t + \theta)) |e\rangle \langle e| + \int \omega_k \hat{a}_k^\dagger \hat{a}_k dk + \lambda \int C_k \left( |e\rangle \langle g| \hat{a}_k + |g\rangle \langle e| \hat{a}_k^\dagger \right) dk .
\] (A12)

With the definition of Equation (A11), the above conditions for Equations (A7) and (A8) reduce to Equation (3).
Appendix B. Complex Eigenvalue Problem of the Floquet Hamiltonian

Appendix B.1. Discrete Floquet Resonance State

To solve the complex eigenvalue problem for the atom in the \( \mathcal{F} \)-space, we use the Feshbach—Brilloiun–Wigner projection method with the projection operators

\[
\hat{P}_d = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} |\phi_d^{(n)}\rangle \langle \phi_d^{(n)}|,
\]

\[
\hat{Q}_d = 1 - \hat{P}_d = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |k, \kappa_n\rangle \langle k, \kappa_n| dk,
\]

where \( \hat{P}_d \) is the projection operators on the Stark basis set \( \{ |\phi_d^{(n)}\rangle \} \). Acting these projection operators on Equation (13), we have a closed form of the eigenvalue problem of the effective Hamiltonian in the \( P \)-subspace as

\[
\hat{H}_{\text{eff},d}(z|\alpha_a) \hat{P}_d |\Phi_a^{(n)}\rangle = z_a^{(n)} \hat{P}_d |\Phi_a^{(n)}\rangle,
\]

\[
\langle \Phi_a^{(n)}| \hat{P}_d \hat{H}_{\text{eff},d}(z|\alpha_a) = z_a^{(n)} \langle \Phi_a^{(n)}| \hat{P}_d,
\]

where the effective Hamiltonian \( \hat{H}_{\text{eff},d}(z) \) is given by

\[
\hat{H}_{\text{eff},d}(z) = \hat{P}_d \hat{H} \hat{P}_d + \hat{P}_d \hat{H} \hat{Q} \hat{P}_d \left( \frac{1}{z - \hat{Q} \hat{H} \hat{Q}} \right) \hat{Q} \hat{H} \hat{P}_d,
\]

\[
= \sum_{n, n'= -\infty}^{\infty} \chi_{n, n'}^+(z) |\phi_d^{(n')}\rangle \langle \phi_d^{(n')}|.
\]

The dynamical self-energy \( \chi_{n, n'}(z) \) is given by

\[
\chi_{n, n'}^+(z) \equiv (\Delta_0 + m\omega)\delta_{n, n'} + \lambda^2 \sum_m I_{n-m}(a) I_{n'-m}(a) \sigma^+(z - m\omega) e^{i(n-n')d},
\]

with the self-energy \( \sigma^+(z) \) represented as the Cauchy integral,

\[
\sigma^+(z) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{C_k^2}{z - \omega_k} \, dk.
\]

Because of the resonance singularity in the self-energy, the effective Hamiltonian becomes non-Hermitian with the complex eigenvalues. We would emphasize that the eigenvalue problem is nonlinear because the effective Hamiltonian depends on its own eigenvalue in the eigenvalue problem Equation (A19). When this nonlinearity is taken into account, the eigenvalues of the effective Hamiltonian are the same as those of the total Hamiltonian [41,47].

In our previous work, we have solved the eigenvalue problem of the Floquet Hamiltonian using the continued fraction expansion [46]; here, the strong coupling with the driving field has been fully incorporated in the Stark basis. With the Floquet translational symmetry Equation (9), it is enough to consider the eigenstates for the principal mode \( n = 0 \). In the week coupling case \( \lambda \ll 1 \), we can neglect the off-diagonal component of \( \chi_{n, n'}(z) \) so that the eigenvalue problem of \( \hat{H}_{\text{eff},d}(z) \) has been solved as

\[
\hat{H}_{\text{eff},d}(z) |\phi_d^{(0)}\rangle = \frac{1}{z} |\phi_d^{(0)}\rangle,
\]

where the complex eigenvalue of the resonance state is obtained by iteratively solving the nonlinear dispersion equation.
\[ z_d^{(0)} = \lambda_{0,0}^{+}(z_d^{(0)}) = \Delta_0 + \lambda^2 \sum_{m=-\infty}^{+\infty} \sigma^+(z_d^{(0)} - m\omega) J_m^2(a). \] (A20)

The imaginary part of \( z_d^{(0)} \) is given by the decay rate of the excited state. It should be noted that the decay rate is given by the weighted sum of the self-energy with the Bessel function. In Figure A1, we show the calculated results of the decay rate as a function of \( a = A/\omega \). It can be shown that if the bandwidth of the free radiation field is on the same order as \( \omega \), such as for a photonic crystal, the decay rate may completely vanish as the coherent destruction tunneling from \( |e\rangle \) to \( |g\rangle \) [46].

![Figure A1. Im\(\left(z_d^{(0)}\right)\) as a function of the driving field amplitude for \( \lambda = 0.06, \Delta_0 = 20, \omega = 1 \).](image)

Now that we have solved the eigenvalue problem of \( \hat{H}_{\text{eff},d}(z) \) in the \( P \)-subspace, the eigenstate of the total Hamiltonian with the same eigenvalue is obtained by adding the \( Q \)-component.

\[
|\Phi_d^{(0)}\rangle = |\phi_d^{(0)}\rangle + \frac{1}{z_d^{(0)} - \hat{Q}_d \hat{H}_F \hat{P}_d |\phi_d^{(0)}\rangle} \]
\[
= \langle \phi_d^{(0)} | \Phi_d^{(0)} \rangle \left\{ |\phi_d^{(0)}\rangle + \lambda \sum_{m=-\infty}^{+\infty} \int dk \mathcal{C}_k \frac{J_m(a)e^{im\theta}}{z - (\omega_k + m\omega)} |k, \kappa_m\rangle \right\}, \quad \text{(A21)}
\]

where we take the analytic continuation toward these complex poles from the upper complex plane in the Cauchy integral [41]. The left resonance state is similarly obtained as

\[
\langle \Phi_d^{(0)} | \Phi_d^{(0)} \rangle = \langle \phi_d^{(0)} | + \langle \phi_d^{(0)} | \hat{P}_d \hat{H}_F \hat{P}_d |\phi_d^{(0)}\rangle \frac{1}{z_d^{(0)} - \hat{Q}_d \hat{H}_F \hat{Q}_d} \]
\[
= \langle \tilde{\phi}_d^{(0)} | \phi_d^{(0)} \rangle \left\{ |\phi_d^{(0)}\rangle + \lambda \sum_{m=-\infty}^{+\infty} \int dk \mathcal{C}_k \frac{J_m(a)e^{-im\theta}}{z - (\omega_k + m\omega)} |k, \kappa_m\rangle \right\}, \quad \text{(A22)}
\]

where it should be noted that we need to take the same direction in the analytic continuation of the Cauchy integral as with the right-resonance state to obtain the same complex eigenvalue. The normalization constants of \( \langle \phi_d^{(0)} | \Phi_d^{(0)} \rangle \) and \( \langle \tilde{\phi}_d^{(0)} | \phi_d^{(0)} \rangle \) are determined so as to satisfy the bi-normalization condition of

\[ \langle \Phi_d | \Phi_d \rangle = 1. \quad \text{(A23)} \]

With use of Equations (A17), (A21), and (A22), the bi-normalization condition reads
where Green’s function

\[ G^k_{m,l}(z) = \frac{1}{z - \chi_{m,l}'(z)} \left\{ \delta_{m,l} + \sum_{m'} \chi_{m,m'}(z) G^{k,dd}_{m',l}(z) \right\}. \]  

(A30)

In the weak coupling case, we may neglect the off-diagonal terms, approximating

\[ G_{m,l}^{k,dd}(z) \approx \frac{\delta_{m,l}}{z - \chi_{m,l}(z)}. \]  

(A31)

Therefore, we finally obtain
\[ \langle \Phi^{(n)}_k \rangle = \langle k, \kappa_n \rangle + \sum_i \frac{\lambda C_j J_i(a) e^{i(l-n)\theta}}{\omega_k + \omega_0 + i0^+ - \chi^{\pm}_{ij}(\omega_k + \omega_0)} \times \left| \phi^{(l)}_d \right|^2 \sum_{k' \neq k} \sum_m \frac{\lambda C_j J_i(a) e^{-i(l-n)\theta}}{\omega_k + \omega_0 + i0^- - \chi^{\pm}_{ij}(\omega_k + \omega_0)} \langle k', \kappa_m \rangle, \] (A32)

\[ \langle \Phi^{(n)}_k \rangle = \langle k, \kappa_n \rangle + \sum_i \frac{\lambda C_j J_i(a) e^{-i(l-n)\theta}}{\omega_k + \omega_0 + i0^- - \chi^{\pm}_{ij}(\omega_k + \omega_0)} \times \left| \phi^{(l)}_d \right|^2 \sum_{k' \neq k} \sum_m \frac{\lambda C_j J_i(a) e^{i(l-n)\theta}}{\omega_k + \omega_0 + i0^+ - \chi^{\pm}_{ij}(\omega_k + \omega_0)} \langle k', \kappa_m \rangle, \] (A33)

which give Equation (18).

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