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Many-body dynamics and Floquet gap opening in interacting periodically driven systems. ERVAND KANDELAKI, MARK RUDNER, Niels Bohr Institute, Copenhagen — Periodically driven quantum systems have recently attracted a lot of interest due to peculiar phases they can host. In particular, driving by circularly polarized light was predicted to open a gap with non-trivial topological properties in graphene-like systems. We study the dynamics in such a system at transient times after the switch-on of the driving, taking into account electron-electron interactions self-consistently up to second order. We analyze the emergence and time-dependent renormalization of the Floquet gap. We investigate the time scales for the emergence of the Floquet-Bloch bands in the non-equilibrium correlation functions, accessible in ARPES experiments.

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