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Fragment-orbital-dependent spin fluctuations in the single-component molecular conductor [Ni(dmdt)₂]

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Motivated by recent nuclear magnetic resonance experiments, we calculated the spin susceptibility, Knight shift, and spin-lattice relaxation rate $(1/T_1T)$ of the single-component molecular conductor [Ni(dmdt)₂] using the random phase approximation in a multi-orbital Hubbard model describing the Dirac nodal line electronic system in this compound. This Hubbard model is composed of three fragment orbitals and on-site repulsive interactions obtained using ab initio many-body perturbation theory calculations. We found fragment-orbital-dependent spin fluctuations with the momentum $\mathbf{q=0}$ and an incommensurate value of the wavenumber $\mathbf{q=Q}$ at which a diagonal element of the spin susceptibility is maximum. The $\mathbf{q=0}$ and \mathbf{Q} responses become dominant at low and high temperatures, respectively, with the Fermi-pocket energy scale as the boundary. We show that $1/T_1T$ decreases with decreasing temperature but starts to increase at low temperature owing to the $\mathbf{q=0}$ spin fluctuations, while the Knight shift keeps monotonically decreasing. These properties are due to the intra-molecular antiferromagnetic fluctuations caused by the characteristic wave functions of this Dirac nodal line system, which is described by an *n*-band ($n \geq 3$) model. We show that the fragment orbitals play important roles in the magnetic properties of [Ni(dmdt)₂].

I. INTRODUCTION

Dirac electron systems in solids are of interest to many researchers because of not only their quantum transport phenomena¹⁻⁴ and large diamagnetism,^{5,6} but also their unusual effects induced by the Coulomb interaction.⁷⁻¹²

Dirac electron systems in molecular conductors, such as α -(BEDT-TTF)₂I₃, provide suitable platforms for studying the effect of interaction because the electron hopping integrals between neighboring molecules are smaller than the on-site repulsive interactions reflecting the weak inter-molecular coupling.^{13–19} At high pressure, α -(BEDT-TTF)₂I₃ is a massless Dirac electron system. However, at low pressure, a charge-ordered state appears presumably due to nearest-neighbor Coulomb repulsions,^{20–22} where anomalous spin-charge separation on spin gaps^{23,24} and transport phenomena occur.²⁵⁻²⁷ In addition, the long-range Coulomb interaction reshapes the Dirac cone because of a logarithmic velocity renormalization, which induces an anomalous magnetic response.^{28–30} Moreover, ferrimagnetism and spin-triplet excitonic fluctuations are observed.^{31,32}

The Dirac electron system in α -(BEDT-TTF)₂I₃ is two-dimensional¹⁹ because it is a layered molecular conductor and the hopping of electrons from one conducting layer to the neighboring one over the insulating anion layer is incoherent. By contrast, if the electron hopping perpendicular to the main conducting layer were coherent, the Dirac point would be connected and draw lines (rings) in the three-dimensional momentum space, which are called the Dirac nodal lines (rings).^{33–36}

Such kinds of Dirac nodal line (ring) systems have indeed been found in graphite,³⁷ transitionmetal monophosphates,³⁸ Cu₃N,³⁹ antiperovskites,⁴⁰ perovskite iridates,⁴¹ and hexagonal pnictides with the composition CaAgX (X = P, As),⁴² as well as in the single-component molecular conductors $[Pd(dddt)_2]$,^{43–50} $[Pt(dmdt)_2]$,^{51–55} and $[Ni(dmdt)_2]$.^{54,55}

The Dirac nodal line (ring) systems exhibit not only the properties in common with two-dimensional Dirac electron systems, *e.g.*, the in-plane conductivity⁵¹, but also the characteristic electronic properties such as non-dispersive Landau levels,⁵⁶ Kondo effect,⁵⁷ quasi-topological electromagnetic responses,⁵⁸ and edge magnetism⁵⁴ because of the three-dimensionality. However, the electron correlation effects on the Fermi surface in the Dirac nodal line systems have not yet been elucidated.

The prime focus of this study is such Dirac nodal line system in [M(dmdt)2] (M = Pt, Ni), which is a single-component molecular conductor that consists of the $M(dmdt)_2$ molecules, where the bracket $[\cdots]$ stand for a crystal. This material is a triclinic system, as shown in Fig. 1, and has space-inversion symmetry. One unit cell contains one $M(dmdt)_2$ molecule. In previous studies, the electronic properties of $[M(dmdt)_2]$ were studied using density functional theory (DFT), and tightbinding models were constructed on the basis of the extended Hückel method and DFT.^{51–54} These investigations showed that $[M(dmdt)_2]$ is a Dirac nodal line system. Furthermore, electronic resistivity measurements using conventional four-probe methods were performed and showed that the resistivity of $[M(dmdt)_2]$ hardly depends on the temperature (T), which is consistent with the property of the Dirac electron system.⁵¹ That is the universal conductivity.⁵⁹ In addition, we previously suggested that the nesting between the Fermi arcs localized at the edge and the electronic correlation induce a helical spin density wave (SDW) at the edge.⁵⁴

Recently, the spin-lattice relaxation rate 1/T1T, probing the low-energy spin dynamics, and the Knight shift, scaling to the spin susceptibility, of $[Ni(dmdt)_2]$ were observed in a ¹³C nuclear magnetic resonance (¹³C-NMR) experiment.⁶⁰ At high temperature, 1/T1T decreases with cooling and is almost proportional to T^2 .



FIG. 1: (Color online) (a) Crystal structure in the b-c plane of $[M(dmdt)_2]$. This material consists of $M(dmdt)_2$ molecules. (b) Crystal structure along to the *b*-axis. The red, blue, brown, and cyan balls represent Ni, S, C, and H atoms, respectively. The black frames represent the unit cell.

However, at low temperature, it starts to increase with decreasing temperature and exhibits a peak structure at approximately 30 K. Meanwhile, the Knight shift is almost proportional to T because of the linear energy dispersion and does not increase. The mechanism of this anomalous temperature dependence of the spin fluctuations has not been elucidated.

In the present study, we theoretically investigate the electron correlation using the Fermi surface in $[Ni(dmdt)_2]$ to elucidate the mechanism of this anomalous temperature dependence of the spin fluctuations. We calculate the spin susceptibility, Knight shift, and $1/T_1T$ using the random phase approximation (RPA) in a three-orbital Hubbard model describing $[Ni(dmdt)_2]$, which is obtained using ab initio many-body perturbation theory calculations.

The electronic state of a molecular conductor is described by the molecular orbitals, which are linear combinations of the atomic orbitals in a molecule. The molecular orbital that has the highest energy and is fully occupied by electrons is called the highest occupied molecular orbital (HOMO), whereas the one having the lowest energy with no electrons is called the lowest unoccupied molecular orbital (LUMO). HOMO and LUMO are also called frontier orbitals. The electronic states of singlecomponent molecular conductors, *e.g.*, $[M(tmdt)_2]$ (M = Ni, Au, Cu) and $[M(dmdt)_2]$ (M = Pt, Ni), are described by multiple molecular orbitals localized in a part of the molecule.^{53,54,61-63} These molecular orbitals are the energy eigenstates obtained using first-principles calculations and are called "fragment orbitals". The fragment orbitals are transformed into HOMO and LUMO by a high-symmetry unitary transform.

Based on the band parameters determined from firstprinciple calculations, Seo et al. have constructed a Hubbard model of [M(tmdt)₂](M=Ni, Au, Cu), which is described by the fragment orbitals.^{61,62} The on-site repulsion acts between the same fragment orbitals that have spins of opposite signs, which is similar to the case of the present study. They have investigated the ordered state by calculating the electron density and spin density using mean-field approximation. By contrast, in this study, we will investigate the spin fluctuations by calculating the spin susceptibility on the basis of RPA. Furthermore, we show that the idea of the fragment orbitals is important for the physical properties of the Dirac nodal line systems in the single-component molecular conductor. As the other previous study of the fragment orbitals, some charge-transfer complexes such as $(TTM-TTP)I_3$ are also modeled by fragment orbitals.^{63,64}

We found that the $\mathbf{q}=\mathbf{0}$ spin fluctuations is enhanced in two out of the three fragment orbitals, while an enhancement at an incommensurate wavenumber vector develops in the third orbital. Detailed analysis showed that these $\mathbf{q}=\mathbf{0}$ spin fluctuations do not correspond to a simple ferromagnetic correlation; rather, they are linked to an intra-molecular antiferromagnetic fluctuations. This implies that the spins of the fragment orbitals within the same molecule are inversely correlated. Further, $\mathbf{q}=\mathbf{0}$ implies a direct correlation of the spins between molecules. Using RPA, we determined that the $1/T_1T$ starts to increase at a low temperature by the $\mathbf{q}=\mathbf{0}$ spin fluctuations. By contrast, the Knight shift does not increase upon cooling because of the intra-molecular antiferromagnetic fluctuations.

At high temperature, an incommensurate spin correlation dominates the temperature dependence of $1/T_1T$. These magnetic responses are associated with the geometry of the Fermi surface and the characteristic wave functions of the *n*-orbital ($n \geq 3$) Dirac nodal line system. Thus, it is expected that other Dirac nodal line systems described by multiple-orbital models may have similar magnetic properties.

The remainder of this paper is organized as follows. In Section II, we introduce the spin susceptibility based on RPA and formulate $1/T_1T$ and the Knight shift. In Section III, we calculate the band structure, spin susceptibility, Knight shift, $1/T_1T$, and so on in the absence of interaction. In Section IV, we calculate the Stoner factor, Knight shift, and $1/T_1T$ in the presence of interaction by applying RPA to a Hubbard model. Section V draws conclusions.

II. FORMULATION

We calculate the spin susceptibility, which incorporates the electron correlation effect within perturbation theory to investigate the enhancement of spin fluctuations in $[Ni(dmdt)_2]$. Furthermore, we calculate the Knight shift and the spin-lattice relaxation rate $1/T_1T$, which are the physical quantities observed using NMR. We apply RPA to the Hubbard model to calculate the spin susceptibility in $[Ni(dmdt)_2]$. Although calculations incorporating the self-energy, *e.g.*, FLEX, are better approximations than RPA, RPA is more suitable for investigating spin fluctuations because the self-energy suppresses spin susceptibility.

The Hubbard Hamiltonian that we employ is given by

$$H = \sum_{\langle i,\alpha;j,\beta\rangle,\sigma} t_{i,\alpha;j,\beta} c^{\dagger}_{i,\alpha,\sigma} c_{j,\beta,\sigma} + \sum_{i,\alpha} U_{\alpha} n_{i,\alpha,\uparrow} n_{i,\alpha,\downarrow}, \quad (1)$$

where *i* and *j* are the unit-cell indices, and σ is the spin index. Here, $t_{i,\alpha;j,\beta}$ is a transfer integral defined between the orbital α in the unit cell *i* and the orbital β in the cell *j*, and U_{α} represents the on-site repulsive interaction on the orbital α , with α and β standing for one of the three fragment orbitals in the unit cell (A, B, and C in Fig. 2). The indices α and β represent the three fragment orbitals A, B, and C. $\sum_{\langle \dots \rangle}$ represents a summation that runs only for the hoppings that have a large energy scale than the cutoff (set to be 0.010 eV in this study).

The electronic states of $[Ni(dmdt)_2]$ near the Fermi energy E_F are described by three fragment-decomposed Wannier orbitals(fragment orbitals) dubbed orbitals A, B, and C as illustrated in Fig. 2. They are obtained using Wannier fitting to three isolated energy bands near E_F , which were previously obtained using first-principles calculations.⁵⁴

The Wannier fitting and first-principles calculations were performed using the programs RESPACK⁶⁵ and QUANTUM ESPRESSO⁶⁶, respectively.⁵⁴ RESPACK was also used for calculating the Coulomb interaction and other factors. Further, QUANTUM ESPRESSO was used for first-principles calculations based on the pseudopotential method. Figure 2(a) and (b) show a side and vertical-axis view, respectively, of the molecule. The orbital B in Fig. 2(a) may look like a d orbital, but is a p orbital of the S atoms, as is evident from Fig. 2(b). The d orbital of Ni is localized near the Ni atom, and its contribution to the orbital B is small. The orbitals A and C have *p*-orbital-like shapes and are equivalent because of space-inversion symmetry. In the present study, we assume that these three fragment orbitals sit in the same molecule and in the same unit cell.

By performing a Fourier transform, the Hamiltonian (Eq. 1) is rewritten as

$$H = \sum_{\mathbf{k},\alpha,\beta,\sigma} H^{0}_{\alpha\beta,\sigma}(\mathbf{k}) c^{\dagger}_{\mathbf{k},\alpha,\sigma} c_{,\mathbf{k},\beta,\sigma} + \frac{1}{N_{L}} \sum_{\mathbf{k},\mathbf{k}',\mathbf{q},\alpha} U_{\alpha\alpha} c^{\dagger}_{\mathbf{k}+\mathbf{q},\alpha,\uparrow} c^{\dagger}_{\mathbf{k}'-\mathbf{q},\alpha,\downarrow} c_{\mathbf{k}',\alpha,\downarrow} c_{\mathbf{k},\alpha,\uparrow},$$
(2)

where \mathbf{k}, \mathbf{k}' , and \mathbf{q} are the wavenumber vectors. N_L is the number of the unit cells in the system. The first



FIG. 2: (Color online) Schematic of a Ni(dmdt)₂ molecule and the fragment orbitals A, B, and C. The red, blue, brown, and cyan balls represent Ni, S, C, and H atoms, respectively. The red dots in orbitals A, B, and C indicate the location of the Ni atom as a guide to the eye. (a) Side view of the molecule. The black solid line represents the Ni(dmdt)₂ molecule. (b) Vertical-axis view of the molecule. The red dashed circles indicate C atoms, which are replaced with ¹³C in the ¹³C-NMR experiment.⁶⁰ These figures are plotted by VESTA. Different colors represent different signs of the wave functions. The cut-off of the normalized wave functions is 0.01.

term corresponds to the unperturbed Hamiltonian, and the second term is treated as a perturbed Hamiltonian. Here, $H^0_{\alpha\beta,\sigma}(\mathbf{k})$ is defined as

$$H^{0}_{\alpha\beta,\sigma}(\mathbf{k}) = \sum_{\langle \boldsymbol{\delta} \rangle} t_{\alpha\beta,\sigma,\boldsymbol{\delta}} e^{i\mathbf{k}\cdot\boldsymbol{\delta}}, \qquad (3)$$

where δ is a lattice vector connecting the neighbor unit cell. Further, $t_{\alpha\beta,\sigma,\delta}$ is the transfer integral between the fragment orbitals α and β , which are separated by the lattice vector $\boldsymbol{\delta}$ and have the spin σ . We allot $t_{\alpha\beta,\sigma,\boldsymbol{\delta}}$ to the transfer integrals $t_1, t_2, ..., t_{12}$ and the site potential Δ in Table I, where $\Delta \equiv t_{BB,\sigma,\mathbf{0}} - t_{AA,\sigma,\mathbf{0}}$. Note that these transfer integrals were obtained from the Wannier fitting. And we omit the small hoppings whose sizes are less than a cutoff energy of 0.010 eV to make the analysis simple (see Fig. 3 for the schematic illustration of such a hopping network). Note that t_1 connects the nearestneighbor fragment orbitals within a molecule, while t_2 , t_3, \ldots, t_8 connect those between molecules in the crystalline b-c plane, which corresponds to the k_b-k_c plane in momentum space, where Dirac cones exist. We point out that t_1, t_2 , and t_3 are the three essential transfer integrals that are needed to create the Dirac cones, while

 t_9 creates Fermi surfaces, and t_{10} , t_{11} , and t_{12} wind the Dirac nodal lines.

| transfer integrals (eV) | |
|---------------------------|---------|
| t_1 | -0.2372 |
| t_2 | -0.1840 |
| t_3 | -0.2080 |
| t_4 | 0.0302 |
| t_5 | 0.0326 |
| t_6 | -0.0389 |
| t_7 | 0.0103 |
| t_8 | -0.0144 |
| t_9 | -0.0140 |
| t_{10} | -0.0541 |
| t_{11} | -0.0534 |
| t_{12} | 0.0116 |
| site potential (eV) | |
| Δ | 0.0429 |

TABLE I: Transfer integrals and site potential of $[Ni(dmdt)_2]$.

Previously, we calculated some quantities of $[M(dmdt)_2]$ (M = Pt, Ni) considering the spinorbit interaction (SOI) as a parameter. There, we found that the SOI can reduce the Fermi surface in the bulk and induce helical edge modes.^{53,54} However, because the energy scale of SOI in this material (~ 0.0016 eV) seems to be considerably smaller than the energy scale of the Fermi surface (~ 0.01 eV),⁵⁴ in reality SOI should not be large enough to significantly reduce the size of the Fermi surface. Therefore, we will omit the influence of SOI on the Knight shift and $1/T_1T$.

From the definition in Eq. 3, $H^0_{\alpha\beta,\sigma}(\mathbf{k})$ are expressed by the following equations.

$$H^{0}_{AA,\sigma}(\mathbf{k}) = 2t_{9} \cos k_{a},$$

$$H^{0}_{AB,\sigma}(\mathbf{k}) = t_{12}e^{i(-k_{a}+k_{b}+k_{c})} + t_{1}$$

$$+ t_{5}e^{i(k_{b}+k_{c})} + t_{4}e^{ik_{c}},$$

$$H^{0}_{AC,\sigma}(\mathbf{k}) = t_{10}e^{i(-k_{a}+k_{b}+k_{c})} + t_{11}e^{i(k_{a}+k_{c})} + t_{6}$$

$$+ t_{3}e^{ik_{c}} + t_{2}e^{i(k_{b}+k_{c})},$$

$$H^{0}_{BB,\sigma}(\mathbf{k}) = \Delta + 2t_{7}\cos(k_{b}+k_{c}) + 2t_{8}\cos k_{c},$$

$$H^{0}_{BC,\sigma}(\mathbf{k}) = t_{12}e^{i(-k_{a}+k_{b}+k_{c})} + t_{1}$$
(4)

$$+ t_5 e^{i(k_b + k_c)} + t_4 e^{ik_c}$$
$$H^0_{CC,\sigma}(\mathbf{k}) = 2t_9 \cos k_a.$$

Here, for simplicity, we set all the lattice constants to be unity. Two of the three bands for which we performed Wannier fitting are occupied.⁵³ Thus, the tight-binding model obtained using the Wannier fitting is also 2/3 filling. The unperturbed Hamiltonian $\hat{H}^0_{\sigma}(\mathbf{k})$ satisfies the eigenvalue equation

$$\hat{H}^{0}_{\sigma}(\mathbf{k}) |\mathbf{k}, n, \sigma\rangle = E_{n,\sigma}(\mathbf{k}) |\mathbf{k}, n, \sigma\rangle, \qquad (5)$$



FIG. 3: (Color online) Hopping networks between fragment orbitals in tight-binding model of [Ni(dmdt)2]. (a) Schematic illustration of the 2D network of the transfer integrals (shown by double-headed arrows) in the crystalline bc-plane. The dashed square stands for the unit cell. (b) Schematic illustration of the 3D hopping network including the transfer integrals along the *a*-direction. The black chain lines and vertical bold lines in (b) are guides to the eyes: The former lines are parallel to the *a*-direction, while the latter lines connect the molecules in the same bcplane.

$$|\mathbf{k}, n, \sigma\rangle = \begin{pmatrix} d_{A,n,\sigma}(\mathbf{k}) \\ d_{B,n,\sigma}(\mathbf{k}) \\ d_{C,n,\sigma}(\mathbf{k}), \end{pmatrix}.$$
 (6)

where $E_{n,\sigma}(\mathbf{k})$ is the eigenvalue and $|\mathbf{k}, n, \sigma\rangle$ is the eigenvector; n is the band index; and $d_{\alpha,n,\sigma}(\mathbf{k})$ denotes the wave functions. $\hat{H}^0_{\sigma}(\mathbf{k})$ in Eq. 5 consists of the matrix elements $H^0_{\alpha\beta,\sigma}(\mathbf{k})$ in Eqs. 2 and 4. Reflecting the 2/3-filling, the chemical potential μ is determined by

$$\frac{1}{N_L} \sum_{\mathbf{k},n,\sigma} f_{\mathbf{k},n,\sigma} = 4, \tag{7}$$

$$\epsilon_{\mathbf{k},n,\sigma}(\mathbf{k}) \equiv E_{n,\sigma}(\mathbf{k}) - \mu, \qquad (8)$$

 $f_{\mathbf{k},n,\sigma}=1/\left[1+\exp\left(\epsilon_{\mathbf{k},n,\sigma}/T\right)\right]$ is the Fermi distribution function, and we have $\mu=E_F$ at T=0.

As to the second term in the Hamiltonian Eq. 2, we introduce the on-site repulsive interaction $U_{\alpha\alpha}$ defined on the fragment orbital α , which is defined as the diagonal element of the interaction matrix as follows

$$\hat{U} = \begin{pmatrix} U_{AA} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & U_{BB} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & U_{CC} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} \lambda U & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & U & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \lambda U \end{pmatrix},$$
(9)

Here, because of the inversion symmetry, we have $U_{AA}=U_{CC}$, and we use the relative size of U_{AA} to U_{BB} , $\lambda=U_{AA}/U_{BB}$, as a control parameter of this model. According to RESPACK, we found U=6.72 eV and $\lambda=0.79$ in the unscreened case, and U=2.68 eV and $\lambda=0.95$ in the screened case. In this study, we set $\lambda=0.95$ and use a value of U less than 2.68 eV because \hat{U} tends to be overestimated in RPA.

The longitudinal and transverse spin susceptibilities are defined as follows 67 :

$$\hat{\chi}^{zz}(\mathbf{q}, i\omega_l) \equiv \frac{1}{2} \int_0^{1/T} d\tau e^{i\omega_l \tau} \left\langle T_\tau \hat{S}^z_{\mathbf{q}}(\tau) \hat{S}^z_{-\mathbf{q}}(0) \right\rangle, (10)$$

$$\hat{S}_{\mathbf{q}}^{z} = \frac{1}{N_{L}} \sum_{\mathbf{k}} \left(\hat{c}_{\mathbf{k}+\mathbf{q},\uparrow}^{\dagger} \hat{c}_{\mathbf{k},\uparrow} - \hat{c}_{\mathbf{k}+\mathbf{q},\downarrow}^{\dagger} \hat{c}_{\mathbf{k},\downarrow} \right), \quad (11)$$

$$\hat{\chi}^{\pm}(\mathbf{q}, i\omega_l) \equiv \int_0^{1/T} d\tau e^{i\omega_l \tau} \left\langle T_{\tau} \hat{S}^+_{\mathbf{q}}(\tau) \hat{S}^-_{-\mathbf{q}}(0) \right\rangle, \quad (12)$$

$$\hat{S}_{\mathbf{q}}^{+} = \frac{1}{N_L} \sum_{\mathbf{k}} \hat{c}_{\mathbf{k},\uparrow}^{\dagger} \hat{c}_{\mathbf{k}+\mathbf{q},\downarrow}, \qquad (13)$$

$$\hat{S}^{-}_{-\mathbf{q}} = \frac{1}{N_L} \sum_{\mathbf{k}} \hat{c}^{\dagger}_{\mathbf{k}+\mathbf{q},\downarrow} \hat{c}_{\mathbf{k},\uparrow}.$$
 (14)

Here, $i\omega_l = (2l+1)i\pi T$ $(l \in \mathbf{N})$ is the Matsubara frequency and τ is the imaginary time. $\hat{S}_{\mathbf{q}}^{zz}$, $\hat{S}_{\mathbf{q}}^+$, and $\hat{S}_{\mathbf{q}}^-$ are the spin operators. $\hat{S}_{\mathbf{q}}^{zz}(\tau)$, $\hat{S}_{\mathbf{q}}^+(\tau)$, and $\hat{S}_{\mathbf{q}}^-(\tau)$ are described in the Heisenberg picture. The spin susceptibility is the proportionality coefficient of the magnetization to the infinitesimal magnetic field. It represents the degree of the "spin fluctuations", because spins in the system sensitively respond to the infinitesimal magnetic field when spin susceptibility is large.

By performing a perturbation expansion of Eqs. 10 and 12, we obtain the non-interacting longitudinal spin susceptibility $\hat{\chi}^{zz,0}(\mathbf{q}, i\omega_l)$ and non-interacting transverse spin susceptibility $\hat{\chi}^{\pm,0}(\mathbf{q}, i\omega_l)$ as the zeroth-order perturbation terms. In this study, SU(2) symmetry is protected. Therefore, we define $\hat{\chi}^{zz,0}(\mathbf{q}, i\omega_l) = \hat{\chi}^{\pm,0}(\mathbf{q}, i\omega_l) \equiv \hat{\chi}^0(\mathbf{q}, i\omega_l)$. Its matrix elements are written as

$$\chi^{0}_{\alpha\beta}(\mathbf{q}, i\omega_{l}) = -\frac{T}{N_{L}} \sum_{\mathbf{k}, m} G^{0}_{\alpha\beta}(\mathbf{k} + \mathbf{q}, i\omega_{m+l}) G^{0}_{\beta\alpha}(\mathbf{k}, i\omega_{m}), \qquad (15)$$

$$G^{0}_{\alpha\beta,\sigma}(\mathbf{k},i\omega_l) = \sum_{n} d_{\alpha,n,\sigma}(\mathbf{k}) d^*_{\beta,n,\sigma}(\mathbf{k}) \frac{1}{i\omega_l - \epsilon_{\mathbf{k},n,\sigma}}.$$
(16)

Eq. 16 expresses the matrix elements of the noninteracting Green's function. The spin index σ is omitted in Eq. 15 because we have $\epsilon_{\mathbf{k},n,\uparrow} = \epsilon_{\mathbf{k},n,\downarrow}$ in Eq. 16. The longitudinal and transverse spin susceptibilities in RPA are represented by the Feynman diagrams shown in Fig. 4. The first terms in the right-hand



FIG. 4: (Color online) (A) Feynman diagram of $\hat{\chi}^{zz,s}(\mathbf{q}, i\omega_l)$. (B) Feynman diagram of $\hat{\chi}^{\pm,s}(\mathbf{q}, i\omega_l)$. The solid lines represent the non-interaction Green's functions, which describe the quasi-particles. The dashed lines represent the interactions. The open circles are the vertexes connecting the non-interaction Green's functions and the interaction. The black dots represent the spin operators.

sides of diagrams (A) and (B) correspond to the terms $\hat{\chi}^{zz,0}(\mathbf{q},i\omega_l)=\hat{\chi}^{\pm,0}(\mathbf{q},i\omega_l)=\hat{\chi}^0(\mathbf{q},i\omega_l)$ (Eq. 15). Because the interacting longitudinal and transverse spin susceptibilities are represented by summations of the series of $\hat{U}\hat{\chi}^0(\mathbf{q},i\omega_l)$ in RPA, they are written as

$$\hat{\chi}^{zz,s}(\mathbf{q},i\omega_l) = \hat{\chi}^{\pm,s}(\mathbf{q},i\omega_l) \equiv \hat{\chi}^s(\mathbf{q},i\omega_l) \qquad (17)$$
$$= \hat{\chi}^0(\mathbf{q},i\omega_l)[\hat{I} - \hat{U}\hat{\chi}^0(\mathbf{q},i\omega_l)]^{-1}$$

where \hat{I} is the unit matrix.

Here we introduce the Stoner factor $\xi_s(\mathbf{q})$ representing the degree of enhancement of the spin fluctuations. The Stoner factor $\xi_s(\mathbf{q})$ is defined as the maximum eigenvalue of $\hat{U}\hat{\chi}^0(\mathbf{q},0)$. The relation between $\xi_s(\mathbf{q})$ and $\hat{\chi}^s(\mathbf{q},0)$ in the three-orbital model is given by

$$\hat{\chi}^{s}(\mathbf{q},0) = \frac{1}{(1-\xi_{s}(\mathbf{q}))} \frac{\hat{\chi}^{0}(\mathbf{q},0)\hat{P}(\mathbf{q})}{(1-\phi_{1}(\mathbf{q}))(1-\phi_{2}(\mathbf{q}))}, \quad (18)$$

where $\xi_s(\mathbf{q})$, $\phi_1(\mathbf{q})$, and $\phi_2(\mathbf{q})$ are the maximum and other eigenvalues of $\hat{U}\hat{\chi}^0(\mathbf{q},0)$. $\hat{P}(\mathbf{q})$ is the adjugate matrix of $\hat{I} - \hat{U}\hat{\chi}^0(\mathbf{q},0)$. The eigenvalues of $\hat{U}\hat{\chi}^0(\mathbf{q},0)$ is smaller than 1 in the paramagnetic regime. When $\xi_s(\mathbf{q}) \to 1$, the spin susceptibility $\hat{\chi}^s(\mathbf{q}, 0)$ diverges and induces a magnetic order, corresponding to the wavenumber \mathbf{q} .

Within the framework of linear response theory, the Knight shift, K, and the spin-lattice relaxation rate, $(1/T_1T)$, for the orbital α are given by

$$K_{\alpha} \propto \sum_{\beta} \operatorname{Re}\left[\chi_{\alpha\beta}^{zz}(\mathbf{0},0)\right],$$
 (19)

$$(1/T_1T)_{\alpha} \propto \lim_{\omega \to +0} \left[\frac{1}{N_L} \sum_{\mathbf{q}} \frac{\mathrm{Im}\chi^{\pm}_{\alpha\alpha}(\mathbf{q},\omega)}{\omega} \right]$$
 (20)

Here, note that Eq. 17 is satisfied. According to Eqs. 18 and 20, all the **q** components for which $\xi_s(\mathbf{q})$ becomes close to unity make a dominant contribution to $1/T_1T$ because they lead to a large value in the spin susceptibility. By contrast, the Knight shift is solely affected by the **q=0** component that satisfies $\xi_s(\mathbf{q}) \sim 1$ (see Eq. 19).

Because the spin susceptibility in the real-frequency representation $\hat{\chi}^s(\mathbf{q},\omega)$ is necessary for $1/T_1T$, we obtain $\hat{\chi}^s(\mathbf{q},\omega)$ by performing an analytic continuation of Eqs. 17. In this way, we use the real-frequency representation depending on the physical quantities.

III. RESULT IN THE ABSENCE OF U

In this section, we calculate the electronic state, spin susceptibility, Knight shift, and $1/T_1T$ in the absence of the repulsive interaction U. Further, we find that the spin susceptibility in [Ni(dmdt)₂] greatly depends on the fragment orbitals and will explain the relationship between the spin susceptibilities and the wave functions.

A. Electronic state and spin susceptibility in the absence of U

We first calculate the energy dispersion of $[Ni(dmdt)_2]$ by diagonalizing the unperturbed Hamiltonian $\hat{H}^0_{\sigma}(\mathbf{k})$ in Eq. 5. The resulting energy bands are depicted in Fig. 5 (a), where the dispersion seen in the k_b-k_c plane at $k_a=-\pi/2$ is shown. Inside the 2D first Brillouin zone, two pairs of gapless Dirac cones appear between the first and second top bands near E_F (the Band 1 and 2 in Fig. 5 (a), where E_F is chosen as the energy origin) and between the second and third bands rather beneath E_F (the Bands 2 and 3), where these band-crossing points are protected by space-inversion symmetry.

Dirac points between bands 1 and 2 in the k_b-k_c plane draw the Dirac nodal lines in the k_a direction. The inset of Fig. 5 (b) shows the Dirac nodal line in the first Brillouin zone. Upon changing the momentum along the k_a direction, the positions of the Dirac points near E_F move in the k_b-k_c plane and eventually form a pair of so-called Dirac nodal lines in the 3D Brillouin zone [see the inset of Fig. 5 (b)]. The band-crossing points accordingly move up and down across E_F with changing the value of k_a as illustrated in Fig. 5 (c), which generates electron and hole pockets around these nodal lines [see Fig. 5 (b), where the electron and hole pockets are illustrated as thin magenta and green strips, respectively]. Figure 5(b) shows the Fermi surface in [Ni(dmdt)₂]. The energy scale of such Fermi pockets is approximately 0.010 eV.

The corresponding density of states (DOS), $D_{tot}(\omega)$, was also calculated, which is given by a sum of a fragment-orbital dependent DOS, $D_{\alpha}(\omega)$ [α =A(=C) and B], that is given by

$$D_{\alpha}(\omega) = -\frac{1}{\pi N_L} \sum_{\mathbf{k},\sigma} \operatorname{Im} G^{R,0}_{\alpha\alpha,\sigma}(\mathbf{k},\omega), \qquad (21)$$

$$G^{R,0}_{\alpha\beta,\sigma}(\mathbf{k},\omega) = \sum_{n} d_{\alpha,n,\sigma}(\mathbf{k}) d^*_{\beta,n,\sigma}(\mathbf{k}) \frac{1}{\omega - \epsilon_{\mathbf{k},n,\sigma} + i\eta}.$$
(22)

Here, $\hat{G}^{R,0}(\mathbf{k},\omega)$ is the non-interacting retarded Green's function, where η =+0. The resulting $D_{tot}(\omega)$ and $D_{\alpha}(\omega)$ are depicted in Fig. 6. Note that the DOS has linear ω dependence near E_F (corresponding to ω =0 in Fig. 6) because the energy dispersion of this system near E_F is close to that of a two-dimensional Dirac electron system, and the three-dimensional effect is only an addition of a small dispersion along a k_a direction. The finite DOS at E_F in this material is ascribed to the presence of the Fermi pockets induced by that k_a -axis dispersion.

Before moving to the analysis of the spin susceptibility, further comments are needed on the fragment-orbitaldependent characters of this system. Figure 7 shows the momentum dependence of the squared wave function for the orbital B projected onto the second top band [Band 2 in Fig. 5(a)], $|d_{B,2,\sigma}(\mathbf{k})|^2$, plotted as a function of k_b and k_c at $k_a = -\pi/2$. Notably, the line segments that connect the positions of these Dirac points (illustrated with black lines in Fig. 7) have a vanishing amplitude, $|d_{B,2,\sigma}(\mathbf{k})|^2=0$, which we call the "zero region" in this paper. By contrast, the wave functions of the orbitals A and C do not have such ZR. The presence of a similar ZR was previously found in other *n*-band ($n \geq 3$) Dirac electron systems, such as the organic conductors α -(BEDT-TTF)₂I₃ (n=4)³⁰.

Second, we calculate the non-interacting spin susceptibility $\hat{\chi}^0(\mathbf{q},\omega)$ to elucidate spin fluctuations, which can be enhanced in this material. Figure 8 (a), (b), (c), and (d) show the diagonal elements of the non-interacting spin susceptibility $\chi^0_{AA}(\mathbf{q},0), \chi^0_{BB}(\mathbf{q},0)$, $\mathrm{Im}[\chi^0_{AA}(\mathbf{q},\omega_0)]$, and $\mathrm{Im}[\chi^0_{BB}(\mathbf{q},\omega_0)]$, respectively, at T=0.003 eV. These quantities slightly increase with raising temperature for any $\mathbf{q}=\mathbf{0}$ values, while the magnitude relation $\chi^0_{AA}(\mathbf{q} \sim \mathbf{0},0) < \chi^0_{BB}(\mathbf{q} \sim \mathbf{Q},0)$ and $\mathrm{Im}[\chi^0_{AA}(\mathbf{q} \sim \mathbf{0},\omega_0)] > \mathrm{Im}[\chi^0_{BB}(\mathbf{q} \sim \mathbf{Q},\omega_0)]$ do not change with temperature. Here, $\chi^0_{\alpha\alpha}(\mathbf{q},0)$ is a real number. We set $\omega_0=0.001$ eV because the imaginary part of the spin susceptibility at the infinitesimal frequency is essential to solve Eq. 20. One of q_a, q_b , and q_c must



FIG. 5: (Color online) (a) Energy dispersion of $[Ni(dmdt)_2]$ in the k_b-k_c plane, where $k_a = -\pi/2$. Dirac cones exist between each pair of bands. Those between bands 1 and 2 draw the Dirac nodal line. (b) Fermi surface in the first Brillouin zone. The electron and hole pockets are drawn in magenta and green, respectively. The inset shows the Dirac nodal line in the first Brillouin zone. (c) Schematic of the relationship among the Dirac nodal line, Fermi surface, and wavenumber k_a . The red curved line shows the Dirac nodal line. The dotted transverse line shows E_F .

be fixed to show the spin susceptibilities in the threedimensional figures. We fix $q_a=0$ in Fig. 8 (a) and (c) and $q_a=0.2\pi$ in Fig. 8 (b) and (d) because $\chi^0_{AA}(\mathbf{q},0)$ and $\chi^0_{BB}(\mathbf{q},0)$ have the maximum value at the commensurate wavenumber $\mathbf{q}=\mathbf{0}$ and the incommensurate wavenumber $\mathbf{q}=\mathbf{Q}=(0.20\pi, 0.73\pi, 0.58\pi)$ at T=0.003 eV, respectively. We define \mathbf{Q} as the wavenumber at which $\chi^0_{BB}(\mathbf{q},0)$ has the maximum value. Further, \mathbf{Q} varies slightly with temperature. $\chi^0_{CC}(\mathbf{q},\omega)$ is equivalent to $\chi^0_{AA}(\mathbf{q},\omega)$ owing to space-inversion symmetry. In Fig. 8 (a) and (c), $\chi^0_{AA}(\mathbf{q},0)$ and $\mathrm{Im}[\chi^0_{AA}(\mathbf{q},\omega_0)]$ have their maximum value at $\mathbf{q}=\mathbf{0}$. In Fig. 8 (b) and (d), $\chi^0_{BB}(\mathbf{q},0)$



FIG. 6: (Color online) The local density of state $D_{\alpha}(\omega)$ for the fragment orbital α =A, B, and C in the unit cell of $[Ni(dmdt)_2]$. The red dotted and blue dashed lines show $D_A(\omega)(=D_C(\omega))$ and $D_B(\omega)$, respectively. The black solid line shows the total density of states $D_{tot}(\omega)=D_A(\omega) + D_B(\omega) + D_C(\omega)$. The integral value of $D_{tot}(\omega)$ orver ω is equal to 6 due to the three orbitals and the spins. Its unit is the number of electrons.



FIG. 7: (Color online) Wave function of orbital B in band 2, $|d_{B,2,\sigma}(\mathbf{k})|^2$, in the k_b-k_c plane, where $k_a=-\pi/2$. The up arrows indicate the corresponding positions of the Dirac points formed between the Bands 1 and 2 in Fig. 5 (a), while the down arrows indicate those between the Bands 2 and 3. The color bar represents the magnitude of $|d_{B,2,\sigma}(\mathbf{k})|^2$.

and $\operatorname{Im}[\chi^0_{BB}(\mathbf{q},\omega_0)]$ have their maximum value at $\mathbf{q}=\mathbf{Q}$. In addition, $\operatorname{Im}[\chi^0_{BB}(\mathbf{q},\omega_0)]$ has some peaks other than that at $\mathbf{q}=\mathbf{Q}$.

The difference between $\chi^0_{AA}(\mathbf{q}, 0)$ and $\chi^0_{BB}(\mathbf{q}, 0)$ implies that [Ni(dmdt)₂] has two candidates for magnetic order that can be induced in the bulk. They are the $\mathbf{q}=\mathbf{0}$ magnetic order and SDW. To explain the mechanism of the fragment-orbital-dependent spin susceptibility, we calculate the spectral weights on the Fermi surface. The spectral weight is given by

$$\rho_{\alpha}(\mathbf{k},\omega) = -\frac{1}{\pi} \mathrm{Im} G^{R,0}_{\alpha\alpha}(\mathbf{k},\omega).$$
(23)

The spin index σ is omitted in Eq. 23, and $\mathbf{k} = (k_a, k_b, k_c)$ is the wavenumber. Eq. 23 with $\omega = 0$ yields the spectral



FIG. 8: (Color online) The momentum dependences of the diagonal elements of the spin susceptibility in the absence of U. (a) $\chi^0_{AA}(\mathbf{q},0)$ in the q_b-q_c plane, where $q_a=0$. (b) $\chi^0_{BB}(\mathbf{q},0)$ in the q_b-q_c plane, where $q_a=0.2\pi$. (c) $\mathrm{Im}[\chi^0_{AA}(\mathbf{q},\omega_0)]$ in the q_b-q_c plane, where $q_a=0$. (d) $\mathrm{Im}[\chi^0_{BB}(\mathbf{q},\omega_0)]$ in the q_b-q_c plane, where $q_a=0.2\pi$. The temperature T=0.003 eV.

weight at E_F . The spectral weight shows the weights of the respective fragment orbitals for the energy ω and the wavenumber **k** because $G_{\alpha\alpha}^{R,0}(\mathbf{k},\omega)$ in Eq. 23 contains the absolute square of the wave function $|d_{\alpha,n}(\mathbf{k})|^2$. Furthermore, the relationship $\frac{1}{N_L} \sum_{\mathbf{k}} \rho_\alpha(\mathbf{k},\omega) = D_\alpha(\omega)$ is satisfied. Figure 9 (a) and (b) show the spectral weight on the cross-section where the Fermi surface in Fig. 5(b) is cut on the $k_a = \pi$ plane, which corresponds to the hole pocket. We set $k_a = \pi$ because the hole pockets are important for $\chi_{BB}^0(\mathbf{q}, 0)$, as we discuss below. Figure 9 (a) and (b), respectively, show $\rho_A(\mathbf{k}, 0)$ and $\rho_B(\mathbf{k}, 0)$ in the k_b-k_c plane. In both figures, $-0.65\pi < k_b < -0.50\pi$ and $0.20\pi < k_c < 0.30\pi$. The spectral weight of A is not zero on the Fermi surface, but that of B has the appearance of a crescent moon because of a ZR. This difference in spectral weights results in the fragment-orbitaldependent spin susceptibilities.

After performing summation over $i\omega_m$ in Eq. 15, the non-interacting spin susceptibility is written as

$$\chi^{0}_{\alpha,\beta}(\mathbf{q},i\omega_{l}) = -\frac{1}{N_{L}} \sum_{\mathbf{k},m,n} \frac{f_{\mathbf{k}+\mathbf{q},m} - f_{\mathbf{k},n}}{\epsilon_{\mathbf{k}+\mathbf{q},m} - \epsilon_{\mathbf{k},n} - i\omega_{l}} \qquad (24)$$
$$\times d_{\alpha,m}(\mathbf{k}+\mathbf{q}) d^{*}_{\beta,m}(\mathbf{k}+\mathbf{q}) d_{\beta,n}(\mathbf{k}) d^{*}_{\alpha,n}(\mathbf{k}),$$

where the spin index σ is omitted and $\eta = +0$. The terms in which the denominator is close to 0 and the numerator is close to 1 in Eq. 24 contribute to $\chi^0_{\alpha\beta}(\mathbf{q}, 0)$. Such terms are given by the wavenumber $\mathbf{k} + \mathbf{q}$ and \mathbf{k} near the Fermi surface. Thus, the vector \mathbf{q} connecting the Fermi surface is important for the spin susceptibility. This wavenumber is called the nesting vector. $\mathbf{q} = \mathbf{Q}$ in Fig. 8 corresponds



FIG. 9: (Color online) (a) Spectral weight $\rho_A(\mathbf{k}, 0)$. It is not zero on the Fermi surface. (b) Spectral weight $\rho_B(\mathbf{k}, 0)$. A part of it is zero because of a ZR. In the both figures, $k_a=\pi$, $-0.65\pi < k_b < -0.50\pi$, and $0.20\pi < k_c < 0.30\pi$. Color bars represent the magnitude of the spectral weight $\rho_\alpha(\pi, k_b, k_c, 0)$. The yellow region indicates that the spectral weight at E_F is high.

to the nesting vector \mathbf{Q} in Fig. 10. $\mathbf{q}=\mathbf{Q}$ connects the regions where the spectral weight of orbital B is high on the hole pockets. \mathbf{Q} is the wavenumber at which $\chi^0_{BB}(\mathbf{q},0)$ has the maximum value. The nesting between the electron pockets is relatively weaker than that between the hole pockets. Note that we solved Eq. 15 using a fast Fourier transform, instead of solving Eq. 24.



FIG. 10: (Color online) Nesting vector \mathbf{Q} in the momentum space. \mathbf{Q} connects the regions where the spectral weight of orbital B is high (in the right figure). Color bars represent the magnitude of the spectral weight $\rho_B(\pi, k_b, k_c, 0)$. The electron and hole pockets are drawn in magenta and green, respectively (in the left figure).

Next, we calculate the temperature dependence of the matrix elements of $\hat{\chi}^0(\mathbf{0},0)$ using Eq. 15 because it is essential to the following calculations. They are real numbers because $\mathbf{q}=0$ and $\omega=0$. $\chi^0_{AA}(\mathbf{0},0)=\chi^0_{CC}(\mathbf{0},0)$, $\chi^0_{AB}(\mathbf{0},0)=\chi^0_{BA}(\mathbf{0},0)=\chi^0_{BC}(\mathbf{0},0)=\chi^0_{CB}(\mathbf{0},0)$, and $\chi^0_{AC}(\mathbf{0},0)=\chi^0_{CA}(\mathbf{0},0)$ are satisfied owing to space-inversion symmetry and time-reversal symmetry. Figure 11 shows the temperature dependence of the matrix elements of $\hat{\chi}^0(\mathbf{0},0)$. The diagonal element $\chi^0_{AA}(\mathbf{0},0)$

is almost constant. Furthermore, $\chi^0_{BB}(\mathbf{0}, 0)$ decreases slowly with decreasing temperature. However, the offdiagonal elements $\chi^0_{AB}(\mathbf{0}, 0)$ and $\chi^0_{AC}(\mathbf{0}, 0)$ are negative and decrease as the temperature decreases. To show what determines the sign of $\chi^0_{AB}(\mathbf{0}, 0)$ and $\chi^0_{AC}(\mathbf{0}, 0)$, we define the band-dependent spin susceptibility as

$$\chi^{0}_{\alpha\beta,mn}(\mathbf{q},i\omega_{l}) = -\frac{T}{N_{L}} \sum_{\mathbf{k},l'} G^{0}_{\alpha\beta,m}(\mathbf{k}+\mathbf{q},i\omega_{l'+l}) G^{0}_{\beta\alpha,n}(\mathbf{k},i\omega_{l'}), \quad (25)$$

$$G^{0}_{\alpha\beta,m,\sigma}(\mathbf{k},i\omega_{l}) = d_{\alpha,m,\sigma}(\mathbf{k})d^{*}_{\beta,m,\sigma}(\mathbf{k})\frac{1}{i\omega_{l} - \epsilon_{\mathbf{k},m,\sigma}},$$
(26)

where *m* and *n* are the band indices. Eq. 25 satisfies $\sum_{m,n} \chi^0_{\alpha\beta,mn}(\mathbf{q},i\omega_l) = \chi^0_{\alpha\beta}(\mathbf{q},i\omega_l)$, where $\chi^0_{\alpha\beta}(\mathbf{q},i\omega_l)$ is given by Eq. 15. The inset of Fig. 11 shows the temperature dependence of $\chi^0_{AB,12}(\mathbf{0},0)$ and $\chi^0_{AC,12}(\mathbf{0},0)$. They are negative. Such terms render the off-diagonal elements of spin susceptibility, $\chi^0_{AB}(\mathbf{0},0)$ and $\chi^0_{AC}(\mathbf{0},0)$, negative.



FIG. 11: (Color online) Temperature dependence of $\chi^0_{\alpha\beta}(\mathbf{0},0)$. The red dashed, blue solid, green dotted, and purple chain lines represent $\chi^0_{AA}(\mathbf{0},0)$, $\chi^0_{BB}(\mathbf{0},0)$, $\chi^0_{AB}(\mathbf{0},0)$, and $\chi^0_{AC}(\mathbf{0},0)$, respectively. The inset shows the band-dependent spin susceptibilities $\chi^0_{AB,12}(\mathbf{0},0)$ and $\chi^0_{AC,12}(\mathbf{0},0)$ by the green dotted and purple chain lines, respectively.

B. Knight shift and $1/T_1T$ in the absence of U

We calculate the Knight shift in the absence of U using Eq. 19. The fragment orbital components of the Knight shift can be given by $K_A = \chi^0_{AA}(\mathbf{0}, 0) + \chi^0_{AB}(\mathbf{0}, 0) + \chi^0_{AC}(\mathbf{0}, 0)$ and $K_B = \chi^0_{BB}(\mathbf{0}, 0) + 2\chi^0_{AB}(\mathbf{0}, 0)$ using the spin susceptibilities in Fig. 11 due to the space-inversion symmetry. Figure 12 shows the Knight shift for the fragment orbitals A(=C) and B in the absence of U. $T = T^* \sim 0.01 \text{eV}$ is the energy scale where the Fermi surface affects the Knight shift and $1/T_1T$. $T^* \sim 0.01 \text{eV}$ is

consistent with the energy scale of the Fermi surface. For temperatures higher than T^* , the Knight shift and $1/T_1T$ are affected by the linear energy dispersion. The Knight shift of the Dirac electron system in the absence of the interaction is given by $K_{\alpha} \simeq \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} D_{\alpha}(\omega) \left(-\frac{df(\omega)}{d\omega}\right) d\omega$.⁶⁷ $f(\omega)$ is the Fermi distribution function for the energy ω . Because $D_{\alpha}(\omega) \propto \omega$ near the Femi energy in Fig. 6, K_{α} is proportional to T for $T \gtrsim T^*$ in Fig. 12. In the twodimensional Dirac electron system, the Knight shift is proportional to T at low temperature and becomes zero at T=0 because DOS is zero at E_F . However, K_{α} in this material is not proportional to T for $T \lesssim T^*$ because $D_{\alpha}(0) \neq 0$ in Fig. 6. This is the effect of the Fermi surface. The magnitude relationship $K_B > K_A$ results from $D_B(\omega) > D_A(\omega)$ near the Fermi energy.



FIG. 12: (Color online) Temperature dependence of K_{α} in the absence of U. The red dotted and blue dashed lines show K_A and K_B , respectively. The black solid line shows the total Knight shift $K_{total} = K_A + K_B + K_C$. The dotted longitudinal line indicates $T = T^* \sim 0.01$ eV. The green thin line which is proportional to T is drawn for the eye guide.

Next, we calculate the spin-lattice relaxation rate $1/T_1T$ in the absence of U using Eq. 20. $1/T_1T$ is determined by $\sum_{\mathbf{q}} \text{Im}[\chi_{\alpha\alpha}^0(\mathbf{q},\omega_0)]$. $\text{Im}[\chi_{AA}^0(\mathbf{q},\omega_0)]$ and $\text{Im}[\chi_{BB}^0(\mathbf{q},\omega_0)]$ are shown in Fig. 8. Fig. 13 shows the temperature dependence of $1/T_1T$ in the absence of U. $(1/T_1T)_{\alpha}$ is proportional to T^2 for $T \gtrsim T^*$ in Fig. 12 because the $1/T_1T$ of the Dirac electron system is given by $(1/T_1T)_{\alpha} \simeq \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} [D_{\alpha}(\omega)]^2 \left(-\frac{df(\omega)}{d\omega}\right) d\omega$.⁶⁷ For $T \lesssim T^*$, $(1/T_1T)_{\alpha}$ is not proportional to T^2 , because of the Fermi surface.

IV. RESULT IN THE PRESENCE OF U

In this section, we calculate spin fluctuations, the Knight shift, and $1/T_1T$ in the presence of U. It is shown that electron correlation effects are important for explaining the observed temperature dependence of the Knight shift and $1/T_1T$ reported by ¹³C-NMR



FIG. 13: (Color online) Temperature dependence of $(1/T_1T)_{\alpha}$ in the absence of U. The red solid and blue dotted lines show $(1/T_1T)_A$ and $(1/T_1T)_B$, respectively. The dashed longitudinal line indicates $T=T^*\sim 0.01$ eV. The green thin line which is proportional to T^2 is drawn for the eye guide.

experiments.⁶⁰ According to Eq. 18, the Stoner factor $\xi_s(\mathbf{q})$ that has a value close to unity gives major contributions to the spin susceptibility and therefore to the Knight shift and $1/T_1T$. Namely, $\xi_s(\mathbf{q} = \mathbf{0}) \approx 1$ becomes predominant for the Knight shift (Eq. 19), whereas $\xi_s(\mathbf{q} = \mathbf{Q}) \approx 1$ contributes the most for $1/T_1T$ (Eq. 20).

A. Spin fluctuations

We calculate the temperature dependence of the Stoner factor $\xi_s(\mathbf{q})$ because $\xi_s(\mathbf{q})$ is an important measurement of spin fluctuations as discussed in Section II. Figure 14 shows the temperature dependence of $\xi_s(\mathbf{q})$, where U=0.802 and $\lambda=0.95$. $\lambda = 0.95$ was obtained in the calculation of the screened Coulomb interaction using RESPACK. In the case of $\lambda = 0.95$, $\xi_s(\mathbf{0})$ is maximum in the momentum space and increases as T decreases. The combination of $\lambda = 0.95$ and U = 0.802 yields $\xi_s(\mathbf{0}) = 0.999$ at T=0.003 eV. On the other hand, $\xi_s(\mathbf{Q})$ decreases slowly with decreasing T and is less than $\xi_s(\mathbf{0})$. **Q** is the wavenumber at which $\chi^0_{BB}(\mathbf{q},0)$ has the maximum value. $\chi^s_{BB}(\mathbf{q},0)$ also has the maximum value at $\mathbf{q}=\mathbf{Q}$. The magnitude relationship $\xi_s(\mathbf{0}) > \xi_s(\mathbf{Q})$ implies that the q=0 magnetic order is easier to induce than SDW at q=Q. At a low temperature of $T \leq 0.003 \text{eV}$, it is difficult for $\xi_s(\mathbf{q})$ to converge in the numerical calculation because enormous Matsubara frequencies and wavenumbers are required.

We explain why $\xi_s(\mathbf{0})$ increases at low temperature. In fact, $\xi_s(\mathbf{q})$ isn't directly determined by the DOS because the maximum eigenvalue of $\hat{U}\hat{\chi}^0(\mathbf{q},0)$ contains the products of the $\chi^0_{\alpha\beta}(\mathbf{q},0)$. It means that the electron correlation effect is important. We calculate the firstand second-order perturbation terms in Eq. (A) and (B)



FIG. 14: (Color online) Temperature dependence of the Stoner factors $\xi_s(\mathbf{0})$ and $\xi_s(\mathbf{Q})$. The red solid and blue dotted lines show $\xi_s(\mathbf{0})$ and $\xi_s(\mathbf{Q})$, respectively.

in Fig. 4. In this study, Eq. (A) and (B) in Fig. 4 are equivalent. Their matrix elements $\chi^{s,1st}_{\alpha\beta}(\mathbf{q},i\omega_l)$ and $\chi^{s,2nd}_{\alpha\beta}(\mathbf{q},i\omega_l)$ are written as

$$\chi_{\alpha\beta}^{s,1st}(\mathbf{q},i\omega_l) = \sum_{\gamma} \chi_{\alpha\gamma}^0(\mathbf{q},i\omega_l) U_{\gamma\gamma} \chi_{\gamma\beta}^0(\mathbf{q},i\omega_l), (27)$$

$$\chi_{\alpha\beta}^{s,2nd}(\mathbf{q},i\omega_l) = \sum_{\gamma,\gamma'} \chi_{\alpha\gamma}^0(\mathbf{q},i\omega_l) U_{\gamma\gamma} \chi_{\gamma\gamma'}^0(\mathbf{q},i\omega_l) (28) \\ \times U_{\gamma'\gamma'} \chi_{\gamma'\beta}^0(\mathbf{q},i\omega_l).$$

They are the first- and second-order perturbation terms in RPA and correspond to the second and third terms in Eq. (A) or (B) in Fig. 4, respectively. Figure 15 shows the temperature dependence of $\chi_{AA}^{s,1st}(\mathbf{0},0)$ and $\chi_{AA}^{s,2nd}(\mathbf{0},0)$. They increase as T decreases. Note that the zero-order perturbation term is identical to the red dashed line in Fig. 11. Since the off-diagonal elements of $\hat{\chi}^0(\mathbf{0},0)$ are negative and decrease as T decreases in Fig. 11, their absolute squares increase as T decreases. Thus, terms such as $\chi_{AB}^0(\mathbf{0},0)U_{BB}\chi_{BA}^0(\mathbf{0},0)$ in Eq. 27 and $\chi_{AC}^0(\mathbf{0},0)U_{CC}\chi_{CC}^0(\mathbf{0},0)U_{CC}\chi_{CA}^0(\mathbf{0},0)$ in Eq. 28 increase $\chi_{AA}^{s,1st}(\mathbf{0},0)$ and $\chi_{AA}^{s,2nd}(\mathbf{0},0)$ at low temperature. The other higher-order perturbation terms behave similarly. Therefore, $\xi_s(\mathbf{0})$ increases as T decreases.

Fragment orbitals A and C are sensitive to $\xi_s(\mathbf{0})$. On the other hand, fragment orbital B is insensitive to $\xi_s(\mathbf{0})$ but sensitive to $\xi_s(\mathbf{Q})$. We calculate the matrix elements of $\hat{\chi}^s(\mathbf{0},0)$ and $\hat{\chi}^s(\mathbf{Q},0)$ to exhibit this phenomenon using Eqs. 15 and 17. Figure 16(a) shows the temperature dependence of $\chi^s_{AA}(\mathbf{0},0)$, $\chi^s_{BB}(\mathbf{0},0)$, $\chi^s_{AB}(\mathbf{0},0)$, and $\chi^s_{AC}(\mathbf{0},0)$. They are real numbers because $\mathbf{q}=0$ and $\omega=0$. $\chi^s_{AA}(\mathbf{0},0)=\chi^s_{CC}(\mathbf{0},0)$, $\chi^s_{AB}(\mathbf{0},0)=\chi^s_{BA}(\mathbf{0},0)=\chi^s_{BC}(\mathbf{0},0)=\chi^s_{CB}(\mathbf{0},0)$, and $\chi^s_{AC}(\mathbf{0},0)=\chi^s_{CA}(\mathbf{0},0)$ are satisfied because of spaceinversion symmetry and time-reversal symmetry. The



FIG. 15: (Color online) First- and second-order perturbation terms of $\chi^s_{AA}(\mathbf{0},0)$ shown by the brown solid and magenta dotted line, respectively. The horizontal axis represents the temperature.

inset shows an enlarged view of the region around $\chi_{BB}^{s}(\mathbf{0},0)$ and $\chi_{AB}^{s}(\mathbf{0},0)$. $\chi_{BB}^{s}(\mathbf{0},0)$ and $\chi_{AB}^{s}(\mathbf{0},0)$ are difficult to increase at low temperature, whereas $\chi_{AA}^{s}(\mathbf{0},0)$ sharply increases. Moreover, $\chi_{AC}^{s}(\mathbf{0},0)$ is negative and sharply decreases as T decreases. $\xi_{s}(\mathbf{0})$ easily affects fragment orbitals A and C but not fragment orbital B. The situation of $\chi_{AC}^{s}(\mathbf{0},0) < 0$ in Fig. 16(a) implies intra-molecular antiferromagnetic fluctuations. The negative off-diagonal elements of the spin susceptibility are due to the characteristic wave function of the Dirac nodal line system.

Figure 16(b) shows the temperature dependence of Re $[\chi_{AA}^{s}(\mathbf{Q}, 0)]$, Re $[\chi_{BB}^{s}(\mathbf{Q}, 0)]$, Re $[\chi_{AB}^{s}(\mathbf{Q}, 0)]$, and Re $[\chi_{AC}^{s}(\mathbf{Q}, 0)]$. Re $[\hat{\chi}^{s}(\mathbf{Q}, 0)]$ reflects $\xi_{s}(\mathbf{Q})$ and slowly varies with temperature. At $\mathbf{q}=\mathbf{Q}$, Re $[\chi_{BB}^{s}(\mathbf{Q}, 0)]$ is the largest of all matrix elements and increases with temperature. Fragment orbital B is sensitive to $\xi_{s}(\mathbf{Q})$. Because Re $[\chi_{AB}^{s}(\mathbf{Q}, 0)] < 0$ and Re $[\chi_{AC}^{s}(\mathbf{Q}, 0)] > 0$, the spins of the fragment orbitals B and A(C) within a molecule are inversely correlated.

Figure 17 schematically illustrates the spin polarization pictures that we obtained from the calculated results in Fig. 16 for the paramagnetic regime. Figure 17(a) corresponds to the case in Fig. 16 (a), where we found intra-molecular antiferromagnetic spin fluctuations, which are commensurate $(\mathbf{q}=\mathbf{0})$ between molecules. The solid arrows in Fig. 17 (a) represents a tendency where an infinitesimally small downward local magnetic field at the orbital C(A) induces an upward spin polarization at the orbital A(C) by the linear response relation $M_{A(C)} = \chi^s_{AC(CA)} H_{C(A)}$, respectively [M is the magnetization and H is the infinitesimal magnetic field]. Figure 17(b), which is derived from Fig. 16(b), stand for the spin fluctuations within a molecule that are incommensurate (q=Q) between molecules. In this case, the spins at the orbitals A(=C) and B tend to be inversely correlated within a molecule.



FIG. 16: (Color online) (a) Temperature dependence of $\chi_{AA}^{s}(\mathbf{0},0), \chi_{BB}^{s}(\mathbf{0},0), \chi_{AB}^{s}(\mathbf{0},0)$, and $\chi_{AC}^{s}(\mathbf{0},0)$ shown by the red dashed, blue solid, green dotted, and purple chain lines, respectively. The inset shows an enlarged view of the region around $\chi_{BB}^{s}(\mathbf{0},0)$ and $\chi_{AB}^{s}(\mathbf{0},0)$. (b) Temperature dependence of Re $[\chi_{AA}^{s}(\mathbf{Q},0)]$, Re $[\chi_{BB}^{s}(\mathbf{Q},0)]$, Re $[\chi_{AB}^{s}(\mathbf{Q},0)]$, and Re $[\chi_{AC}^{s}(\mathbf{Q},0)]$. The combination of matrix elements and lines is the same as in (a).



FIG. 17: (Color online) Schematic illustrations of spin polarization. (a) intra-molecular antiferromagnetic spin fluctuations linked to the q=0 response shown in Fig. 16(a). (b) Spin correlations within a molecule given by the q=Q response in Fig. 16(b).

Next, we show the diagonal elements of the spin susceptibilities $\chi^s_{\alpha\alpha}(\mathbf{q},\omega)$ at T=0.003 eV. Figure 18 (a), (b), (c), and (d) show $\chi^s_{AA}(\mathbf{q},0)$, $\chi^s_{BB}(\mathbf{q},0)$, $\text{Im}[\chi^s_{AA}(\mathbf{q},\omega_0)]$, and $\text{Im}[\chi^s_{BB}(\mathbf{q},\omega_0)]$ in the $q_{b}-q_{c}$ plane, respectively. $\chi^s_{\alpha\alpha}(\mathbf{q},0)$ is a real number. We fix $q_a=0$ in Fig. 18 (a) and (c) and $q_a=0.2\pi$ in Fig. 18 (b) and (d). Furthermore, ω_0 is equal to 0.001 eV. $\text{Re}[\chi^s_{AA}(\mathbf{q},0)]$ and

Im $[\chi_{AA}^{s}(\mathbf{q},\omega_{0})]$ have very large values at $\mathbf{q}=\mathbf{0}$ because $\xi_{s}(\mathbf{0})=0.999$. However, the BB component is difficult to be affected by $\xi_{s}(\mathbf{0})$ but easily affected by $\xi_{s}(\mathbf{Q})$. \mathbf{Q} is the wavenumber at which $\chi_{BB}^{0}(\mathbf{q},0)$ and $\chi_{BB}^{s}(\mathbf{q},0)$ have the maximum values. $\chi_{AA}^{s}(\mathbf{0},0)$ and Im $[\chi_{AA}^{s}(\mathbf{0},\omega_{0})]$ are much larger than $\chi_{BB}^{s}(\mathbf{Q},0)$ and Im $[\chi_{BB}^{s}(\mathbf{Q},\omega_{0})]$ because $\xi_{s}(\mathbf{0}) > \xi_{s}(\mathbf{Q})$ and the spin susceptibility obtained using RPA is determined by $1/(1-\xi_{s}(\mathbf{q}))$. $\chi_{AA}^{s}(\mathbf{0},0)$ and Im $[\chi_{BB}^{s}(\mathbf{Q},\omega_{0})]$ in Fig. 18 (a) and (c) decrease with temperature. On the other hand, $\chi_{BB}^{s}(\mathbf{Q},0)$ and Im $[\chi_{BB}^{s}(\mathbf{Q},\omega_{0})]$ in Fig. 18 (b) and (d) slowly increase and the peaks become broad with temperature. These behavior result from temperature dependence of $\xi_{s}(\mathbf{q})$ in Fig. 14



FIG. 18: (Color online) The momentum dependences of the diagonal elements of the spin susceptibility in the presence of U (a) $\chi^s_{AA}(\mathbf{q}, 0)$ in the q_b-q_c plane, where $q_a=0.$ (b) $\chi^s_{BB}(\mathbf{q}, 0)$ in the q_b-q_c plane, where $q_a=0.2\pi$. (c) $\text{Im}[\chi^s_{AA}(\mathbf{q},\omega_0)]$ in the q_b-q_c plane, where $q_a=0.$ (d) $\text{Im}[\chi^s_{BB}(\mathbf{q},\omega_0)]$ in the q_b-q_c plane, where $q_a=0.2\pi$. The temperature T=0.003 eV.

B. Knight shift and $1/T_1T$ in the presence of U

In this subsection, we solve Eq. 19 and 20 to investigate the effects of the fluctuations on the Knight shift and $1/T_1T$.

Fig. 19 shows the temperature dependence of the Knight shift, where U=0.802 and $\lambda=0.95$. K_B in the presence of U is larger than that in the absence of U. However, K_A and K_C in the presence of U are smaller than those in the absence of U. In the case of U=0.802 and $\lambda=0.95$, K_A and K_C are negative, while K_B and $K_{tot}(=K_A+K_B+K_C)$ are positive. Similar behavior was previously observed in the organic conductor α -(BEDT-TTF)₂I₃.³⁰

 K_A and K_C don't increase at low temperature, although the Stoner factor $\xi_s(\mathbf{0})$ is almost 1 at T=0.003 eV. The behavior of the Knight shift is understood by considering the off-diagonal elements of $\hat{\chi}^s(\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{0})$. Because $\chi^s_{AA}(\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{0})$ and $\chi^s_{AC}(\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{0})$ have opposite signs in Fig. 16(a), their cancelation prevents the increase of the Knight shift in Eq. 19. In other words, the $\mathbf{q}=\mathbf{0}$ spin fluctuations is not observed in the Knight shift because of the intra-molecular antiferromagnetic fluctuations.



FIG. 19: (Color online) Temperature dependence of the Knight shift K_{α} for U=0.802 and $\lambda=0.95$. The red dashed and blue dotted lines show K_A and K_B , respectively. The black solid line shows the total Knight shift $K_{\text{tot}}=K_A+K_B+K_C$.

Next, we solve Eq. 20. The spin-lattice relaxation rate, $1/T_1T$, is determined by $\sum_{\mathbf{q}} \text{Im}[\chi_{\alpha\alpha}^s(\mathbf{q},\omega_0)]$. Im $[\chi_{AA}^s(\mathbf{q},\omega_0)]$ and Im $[\chi_{BB}^s(\mathbf{q},\omega_0)]$ are shown in Fig. 18. Figure 20 shows the temperature dependence of $1/T_1T$, where $\lambda=0.95$ and U=0.802. At high temperature, $1/T_1T$



FIG. 20: (Color online) Temperature dependence of $(1/T_1T)_{\alpha}$ for U=0.802 and $\lambda=0.95$. The red solid and blue dotted lines show $(1/T_1T)_A$ and $(1/T_1T)_B$, respectively.

values for all orbitals decrease with decreasing T. However, at low temperature, the $(1/T_1T)_A$ starts to increase because orbital A is easily affected by $\xi_s(\mathbf{0})$. The behavior of $(1/T_1T)_C$ is identical to that of $(1/T_1T)_A$ because of space-inversion symmetry. Although $(1/T_1T)_B$ is difficult to be affected by $\xi_s(\mathbf{0})$ in Fig. 20, $\xi_s(\mathbf{0}) \to 1$ makes $(1/T_1T)_B \to \infty$. This is because $\xi_s(\mathbf{0}) \to 1$ makes $1/(1 - \xi_s(\mathbf{0})) \to \infty$ and RPA imposes the factor $1/(1 - \xi_s(\mathbf{0}))$ on the spin susceptibility (Eq. 18). For $T\gtrsim 0.005 \text{ eV}, (1/T_1T)_B$ is more dominant than $(1/T_1T)_A$ and $(1/T_1T)_C$ because $\xi_s(\mathbf{Q})$ slowly increases with T and orbital B is easier to be affected by $\xi_s(\mathbf{Q})$. \mathbf{Q} is the wavenumber at which $\chi^0_{BB}(\mathbf{q}, 0)$ and $\chi^s_{BB}(\mathbf{q}, 0)$ have the maximum values.

In the case of a small λ , such as $\lambda = 0.79$, $\xi_s(\mathbf{Q})$ is larger than $\xi_s(\mathbf{0})$, and SDW can be induced. However, the incommensurate spin fluctuations in this material is suppressed at low temperature in Fig. 14. Similar behavior occurs in the case of a small λ . If U is sufficiently large, $\xi_s(\mathbf{Q})$ reaches 1 at low temperature. However, the magnetic transition to the SDW phase would have already been induced at a high temperature. Thus, it is difficult to explain the upturn of the $1/T_1T$ curve near 30 K, which is observed in the ¹³C-NMR experiment, by the incommensurate spin fluctuations. We calculate λ using the RESPACK program. Because $\lambda = 0.79$ is obtained as the ratio of diagonal elements with the unscreened on-site Coulomb interaction while $\lambda = 0.95$ is obtained as that with the screened on-site Coulomb interaction, we consider that $\lambda = 0.95$ is the more realistic ratio.

In this subsection, we showed that the Knight shift does not increase at low temperature because of the intra-molecular antiferromagnetic fluctuations. We also showed that the $(1/T_1T)_A$ and $(1/T_1T)_C$ start to increase at low temperature because of the behavior of $\xi_s(\mathbf{0})$. They are dominant in $T \leq 0.005$ eV, whereas $(1/T_1T)_B$ is dominant in $T \gtrsim 0.005$ eV because of the temperature dependence of $\xi_s(\mathbf{Q})$ and fragment-orbital-dependence of spin susceptibilities. Fig. 21 summarizes the fragmentorbital dependence of the Fermi surface, non-interacting spin susceptibilities, Stoner factors, and $1/T_1T$. Fig. 21 shows the important factors for orbitals A and B. $\xi_s(\mathbf{0})$ is the main contributor to orbital A and causes the upturn of the $(1/T_1T)_A$ curve at low temperature. However, the contribution of $\xi_s(\mathbf{0})$ to orbital B is small. Orbital B is sensitive to $\xi_s(\mathbf{Q})$, which dominantly contributes to $(1/T_1T)_B$ at high temperature but does not contribute to orbital A as much. These fragment-orbital-dependent magnetic properties are caused by the presence of ZR because ZR biases $\rho_B(\mathbf{k}, 0)$ in Eq. 9 to a part of the Fermi surface.

V. CONCLUSION

In this study, we found that multiple fragment orbitals play important roles in the magnetic properties of $[Ni(dmdt)_2]$. On orbitals A and C, which are unevenly distributed toward one side of a molecule, the **q=0** spin fluctuations is enhanced, whereas the incommensurate spin fluctuations is enhanced on orbital B, which is centered on the Ni atom. Because of the **q=0** spin fluctuations, the A and C components of $1/T_1T$ start to in-



FIG. 21: (Color online) Correspondence table between the fragment orbitals, shape of the Fermi surface, momenta at which the non-interacting spin susceptibilities have peaks, Stoner factors, and $1/T_1T$.

crease as T decreases at low temperature. However, the q=0 spin fluctuations does not affect the Knight shift, because it is an intra-molecular antiferromagnetic fluctuations. The reason why the q=0 spin fluctuations is enhanced is understood from the perturbation process and the off-diagonal elements of the non-interacting spin susceptibility. The incommensurate spin fluctuations dominantly contribute to the B component of $1/T_1T$ at high temperature. These fragment-orbital-dependent quantities result from the presence of ZR. If no ZR exists in the Brillouin zone, the BB components of the spin susceptibilities do not have the maximum value at the incommensurate wavenumber, because the spectral weight of fragment orbital B at E_F may be similar to those of A and C. Because ZR biases $\rho_B(\mathbf{k}, 0)$ in Eq. 9 to a part of the Fermi surface, the BB component of the spin susceptibility has a maximum value at the incommensurate wavenumber $\mathbf{q} = \mathbf{Q}$. Thus, the wavenumber dependence of the spin susceptibilities is different between the BB component and AA(CC) component. ZR is a characteristic of materials with a Dirac nodal line system described by an *n*-band model $(n \ge 3)$. Thus, it is expected that the fragment-orbital-dependent properties due to ZR will be found in other Dirac nodal line systems. Moreover, it is predicted that transition-metal substitution in the Ni(dmdt)₂ molecule controls spin fluctuations because it changes λ and U. In the two-dimensional Dirac electron system under the charge-neutral condition, the spin fluctuations are weak because the Fermi surface is identical to the Dirac points. On the other hand, the spin fluctuations are enhanced in $[Ni(dmdt)_2]$ by the Fermi surface. The Fermi surface arises from transfer integrals in the nodal line direction. This is the three-dimensionality of this material.

In the ¹³C-NMR experiment, $1/T_1T$ has a peak at $T \sim 30$ K. The experiment was performed for a sample in which C atoms were replaced with ¹³C. Fig. 2(b) shows a Ni(dmdt)₂ molecule, and the red dashed circles surround ¹³C atoms. Therefore, orbitals A and C mainly contribute to the physical quantities observed in the ¹³C-

NMR experiment. Thus, our calculation of $1/T_1T$ is almost consistent with the experiment. Furthermore, we expect that the B component of $1/T_1T$ can be observed by experiments using a sample in which ^{12}C atoms near the Ni atom are substituted by ¹³C. On the other hand, the A and C components of the Knight shift obtained in our calculation are negative, but the Knight shift observed in the ¹³C-NMR experiment is positive. Therefore, we consider the following possible electronic states at $T \leq 30$ K. The first is the **q=0** magnetic ordered state, which is the intra-molecular antiferromagnetism is realized at $T \leq 30$ K. In this case, it is considered that the Knight shift observed in the experiment is attributed to the sum of K_A and K_B , which is positive. In the second possible electronic state, U is not so large that K_A is negative. In this case, it is considered that another ordered state is induced at $T \lesssim 30$ K and that the $1/T_1T$ curve is upturned by the fluctuations corresponding to the order.

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