



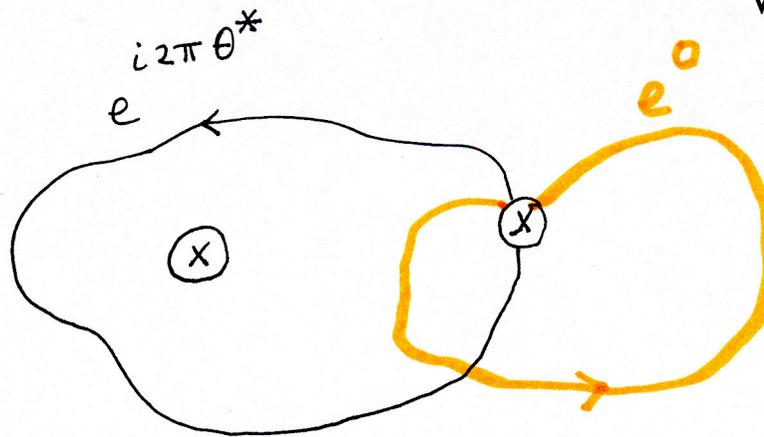
Microscopic tests of Abelian and non-Abelian braiding statistics in the fractional quantum Hall effect

Plan

- Abelian braiding statistics (Gun Sang Jeon, Kenneth Graham, JKJ)
- Non-Abelian statistics (Nicolas Regnault, Csaba Toke, JKJ)

braiding statistics

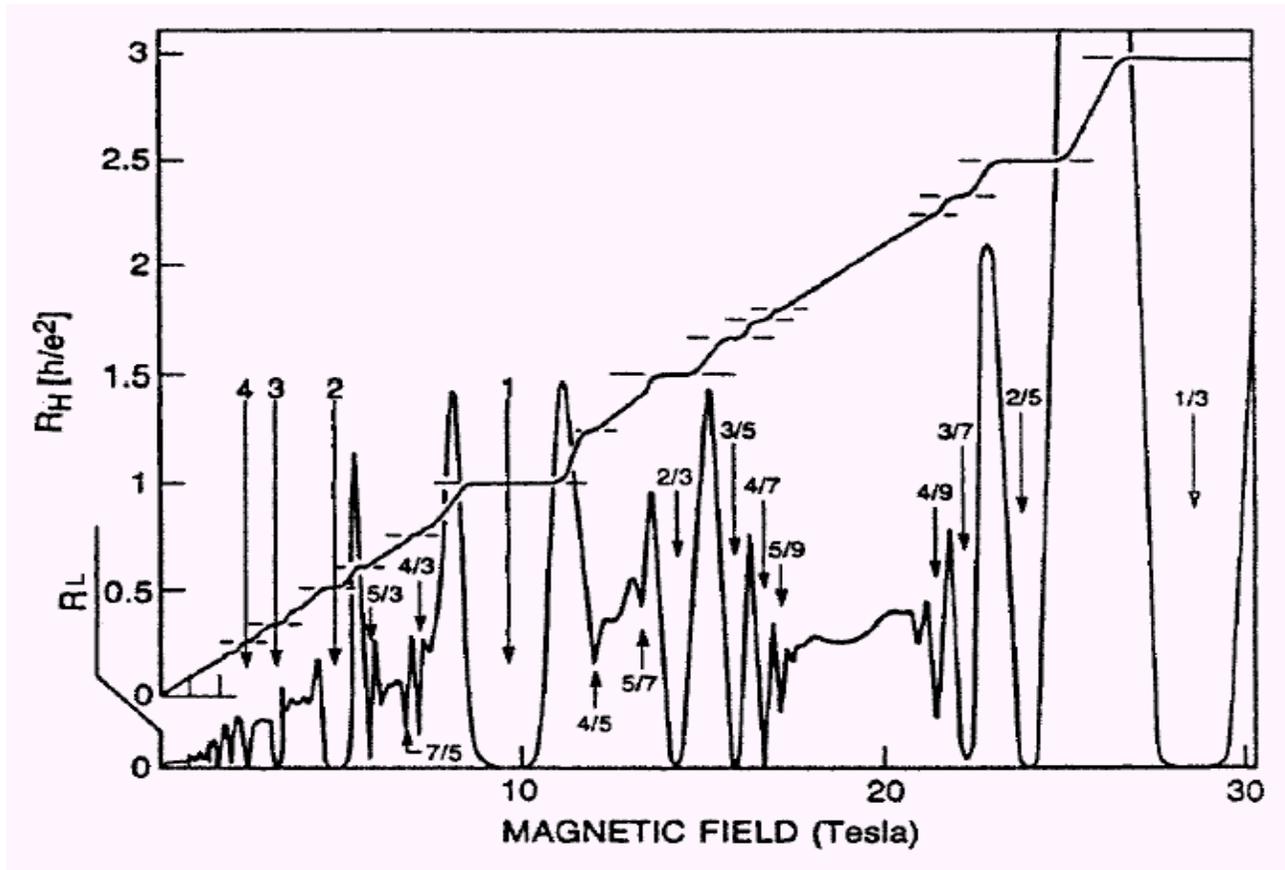
Leinaas, Myrheim (1977),
Wilczek (1982)



- Imagine particles that acquire non-trivial, path independent phases when they go around one another.
- Half a loop of a particle around another is equivalent to an exchange, which produces a phase factor $e^{i\pi\theta^*}$. Such particles are said to obey fractional “braiding statistics.”
- Fractional statistics can be defined only in two dimensions, for particles that have an infinite hard core repulsion. It is a topological concept.
- Anyons can be modeled as fermions (or bosons) with flux lines bound to them.

- Just because one can define fractional braiding statistics does not mean that it exists in nature.
- All particles in nature are either bosons or fermions. However, there is no principle that precludes certain emergent quasiparticles from possessing fractional braiding statistics.
- FQHE is currently the best (the only?) candidate for its physical realization.

FQHE: a new quantum fluid



Two-Dimensional Magnetotransport in the Extreme Quantum Limit

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1/3 plateau !

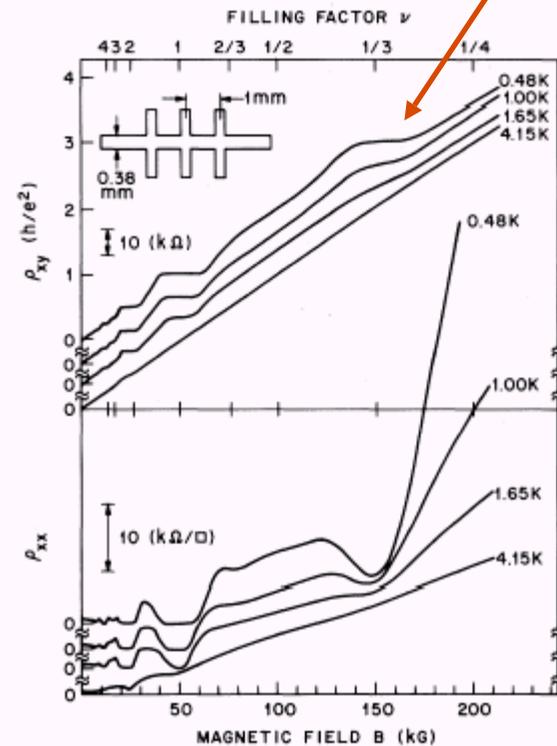


FIG. 1. ρ_{xy} and ρ_{xx} vs B , taken from a GaAs-Al_{0.3}-Ga_{0.7}As sample with $n = 1.23 \times 10^{11}/\text{cm}^2$, $\mu = 90\,000 \text{ cm}^2/\text{V sec}$, using $I = 1 \mu\text{A}$. The Landau level filling factor is defined by $\nu = n\hbar/eB$.

$$R_H = \frac{h}{\frac{1}{3}e^2}$$

Excitations

$$\left(\nu = \frac{1}{m}\right)$$

Laughlin,
1983

$$\Psi^{\text{ground}} = \prod_{j < k} (z_j - z_k)^m \exp\left[-\sum_i |z_i|^2 / 4\right]$$

$z = x - iy$

$$\Psi_{\eta}^{\text{quasihole}} = \prod_j (z_j - \eta) \Psi^{\text{ground}}$$

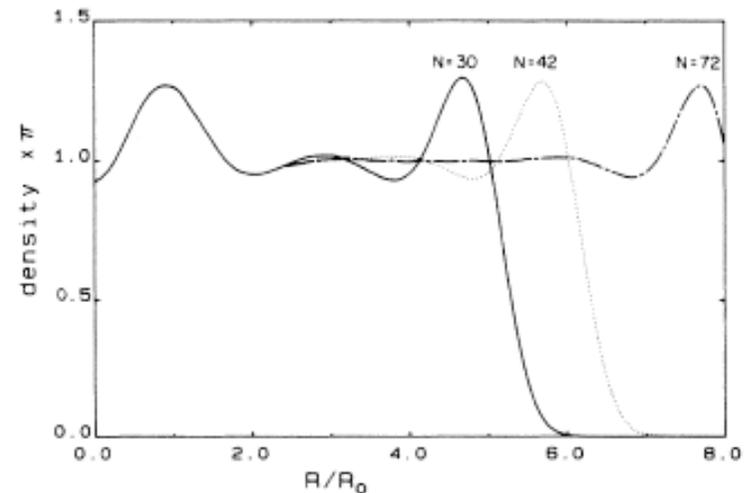
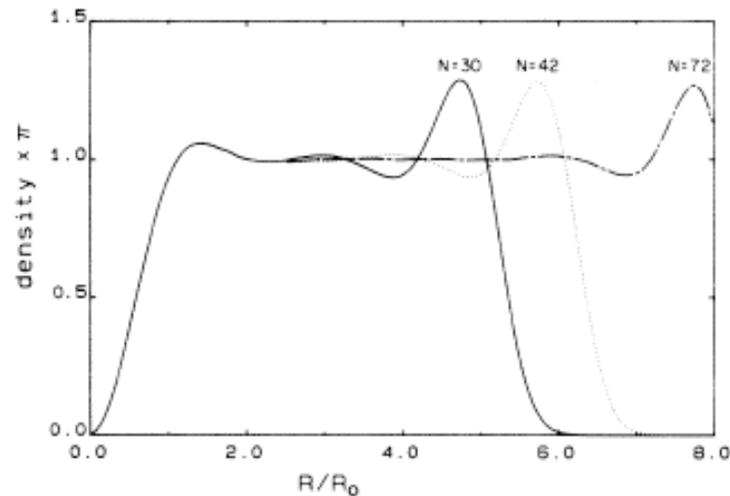
Quasihole at $1/m$ is modeled as a vortex.

$$\Psi_{\eta}^{\text{quasielectron}} = \exp\left[-\sum_j |z_j|^2 / 4\right] \prod_j \left(2 \frac{\partial}{\partial z_j} - \eta^*\right) \prod_{i < k} (z_i - z_k)^m$$

“Quasielectron” looks nothing like an electron.
The name “quasiparticle” is more appropriate.

Fractional charge

The charge excess or deficiency associated with a quasiparticle or a quasihole is precisely e/m . This can be confirmed by a direct integration of the charge density.



Morf and Halperin

The charge of a vortex

Arovas, Schrieffer, Wilczek, 1984

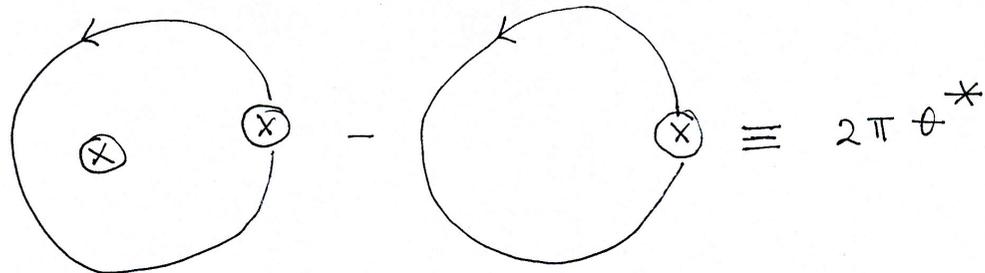
Take a vortex adiabatically in a closed loop. The Berry phase for a vortex simply counts the number of electrons enclosed in the loop:

$$\begin{aligned}\Phi_{\text{vortex}}^* &= 2\pi N_{\text{enc}} \\ &= 2\pi\rho A \\ &= 2\pi e^* \frac{BA}{hc}\end{aligned}$$

This implies: $e^* = \nu e$ ($\nu = \rho hc / eB$)

Braiding statistics

In FQHE, the Berry phase also gets a contribution from the ordinary Aharonov Bohm effect, which must be subtracted:



The braiding statistics can be evaluated with the knowledge of the many body wave function for the quasiparticles.

$$\theta^* = \oint_{\mathcal{C}} \frac{d\theta}{2\pi} \frac{\langle \Psi^{\eta, \eta'} | i \frac{d}{d\theta} \Psi^{\eta, \eta'} \rangle}{\langle \Psi^{\eta, \eta'} | \Psi^{\eta, \eta'} \rangle} - \oint_{\mathcal{C}} \frac{d\theta}{2\pi} \frac{\langle \Psi^{\eta} | i \frac{d}{d\theta} \Psi^{\eta} \rangle}{\langle \Psi^{\eta} | \Psi^{\eta} \rangle}$$

Braiding statistics for the vortices

The Berry phase for a vortex:

Halperin, 1984
Arovas, Schrieffer, Wilczek, 1984

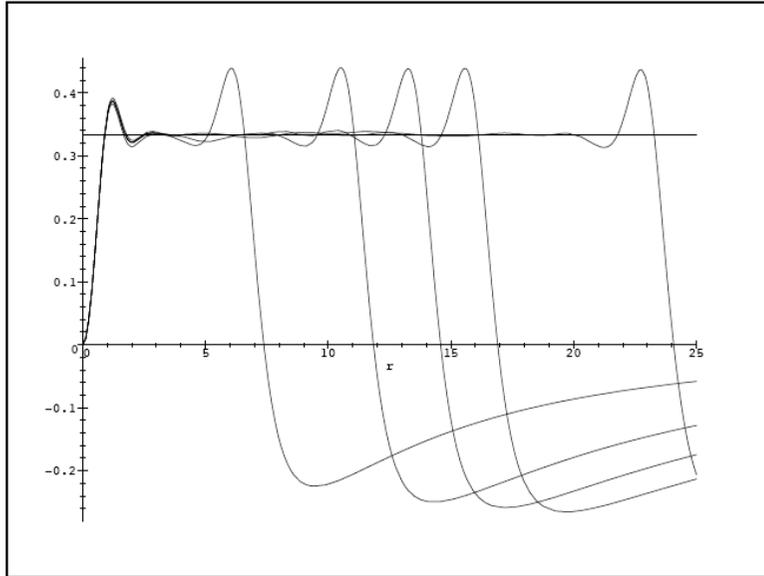
$$\Phi_{\text{vortex}}^* = 2\pi N_{\text{enc}}$$

The braiding statistics thus depends on the change in the number of electrons upon the insertion of an additional vortex inside the area enclosed by the loop:

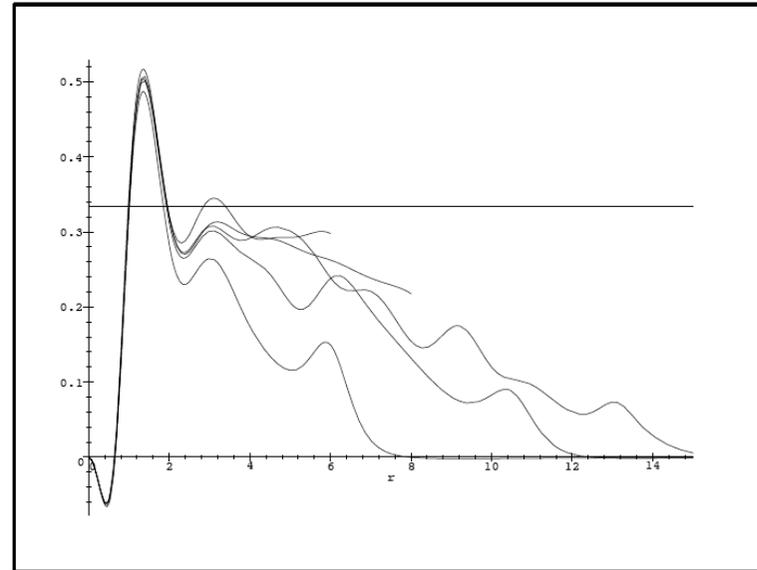
$$\Delta\Phi^* = 2\pi\theta^* = 2\pi\Delta N_{\text{enc}} = -2\pi\nu$$

The $1/m$ quasiholes happens to be a vortex, thus obeys fractional braiding statistics. This is closely related to fractional charge.

Problems



Kjonsberg and Myrheim (1998):
Braiding statistics of quasiholes at $1/3$
for $N=20, 50, 75, 100, 200$.



Kjonsberg and Myrheim (1998):
Braiding statistics of quasiparticles at
 $1/3$ for $N=20, 50, 75, 100, 200$.
Laughlin's wave function is used.

Braiding statistics is a subtle property.
It does not follow from fractional charge.

Quasiparticles / quasiholes of other FQHE states are
not vortices. How about their braiding statistics?

Composite fermion theory

Statement of the FQHE problem

- Find the solutions for the quantum mechanical problem of interacting electrons in a magnetic field.

$$H\Psi = E\Psi$$

$$H = \frac{1}{2m_b} \sum_j \left(\frac{\hbar}{i} \vec{\nabla}_j + \frac{e}{c} \vec{A}(\vec{r}_j) \right)^2 + \frac{e^2}{\epsilon} \sum_{j < k} \frac{1}{r_{jk}} + g\mu_B \vec{B} \cdot \vec{S}$$

- In the limit of $B \rightarrow \infty$ the kinetic and Zeeman energies are constant.

$$H = \sum_{j < k} \frac{1}{r_{jk}} \quad (\text{to be solved with the lowest LL restriction})$$

- **No small parameter.** Approximate strategies are doomed by the absence of a small parameter. Usually the interaction is treated as a perturbation. Here interaction is the only energy in the problem. Perturbation theory is not possible.
- **The FQHE problem has no normal state.**

the degeneracy problem

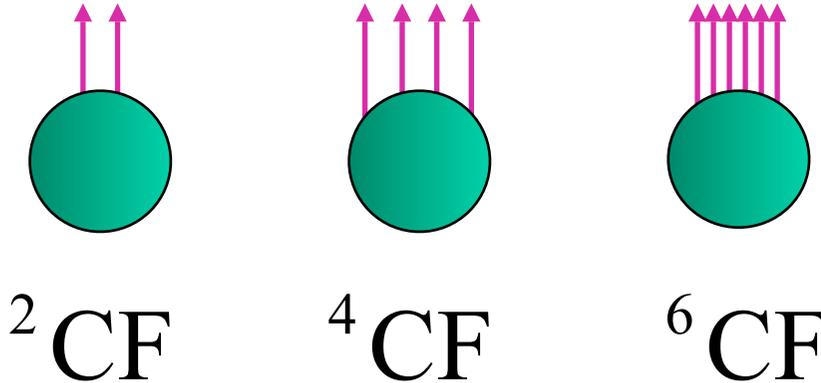
- If we “switch off” the interaction between electrons, all lowest Landau level configurations are degenerate.

$$\begin{aligned} N = 10^9 &\Rightarrow 10^{7 \times 10^8} \text{ states} \\ N = 100 &\Rightarrow 10^{72} \text{ states} \end{aligned} \quad (\nu = 0.4)$$

- The repulsive Coulomb interaction between electrons picks out one of these states as the ground state. Our goal is to find this state.
- On purely theoretical grounds, with no small parameter to guide us, we have no idea where to start. The problem appears hopelessly intractable.

Composite fermions

Jain, 1989



Composite fermion = electron + $2p$ quantized vortices

A quantized vortex is a topological object. Hence also is the composite fermion.

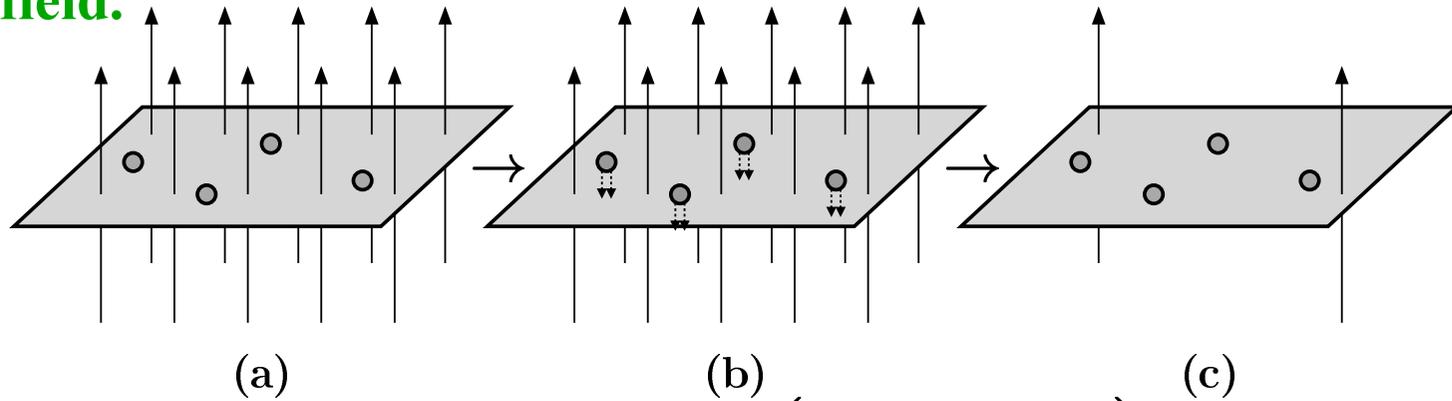
A vortex is often represented as a flux quantum. A composite fermion is often thought of (somewhat inaccurately) as:

Composite fermion = electron + $2p$ flux quanta

In general: electron + flux = anyon (Leinaas & Myrheim; Wilczek)

The CF theory in a nutshell

Electrons transform into composite fermions by capturing $2p$ quantized vortices. Composite fermions experience a much reduced effective magnetic field. The complex problem of strongly correlated electrons thus maps into a relatively simpler problem of weakly interacting fermions at an effective magnetic field.



$$B^* = B - 2p\rho\phi_0 \quad \left(\phi_0 = \frac{hc}{e} \right)$$

$$\nu^* = \frac{\nu}{2p\nu^* \pm 1}$$

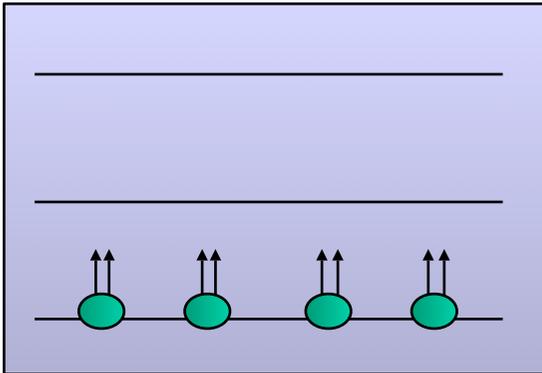
$$\Psi_\nu = \mathcal{P}_{LLL} \Phi_{\nu^*} \prod_{j < k} (z_j - z_k)^{2p}$$

FQHE = IQHE of composite fermions

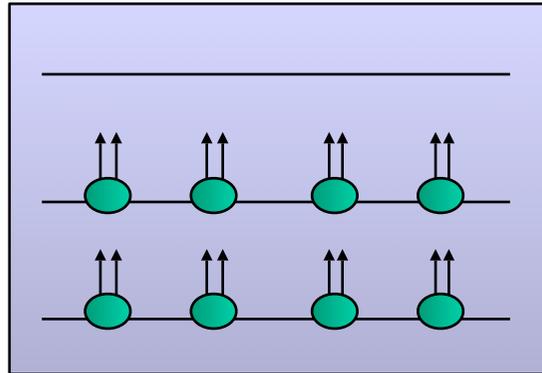
Consider composite fermions at $\nu^* = n$

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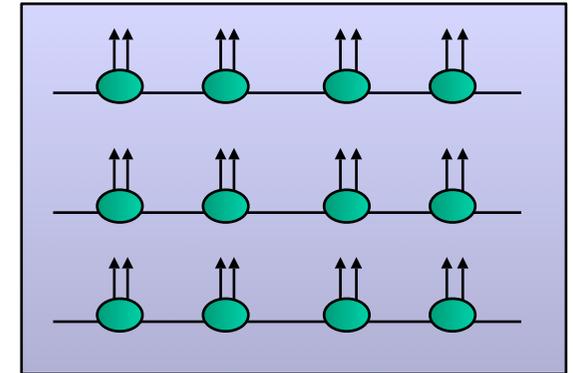
$$\nu = \frac{\nu^*}{2p\nu^* \pm 1} = \frac{n}{2pn \pm 1}$$



$$\frac{1}{3} \Leftrightarrow 1$$



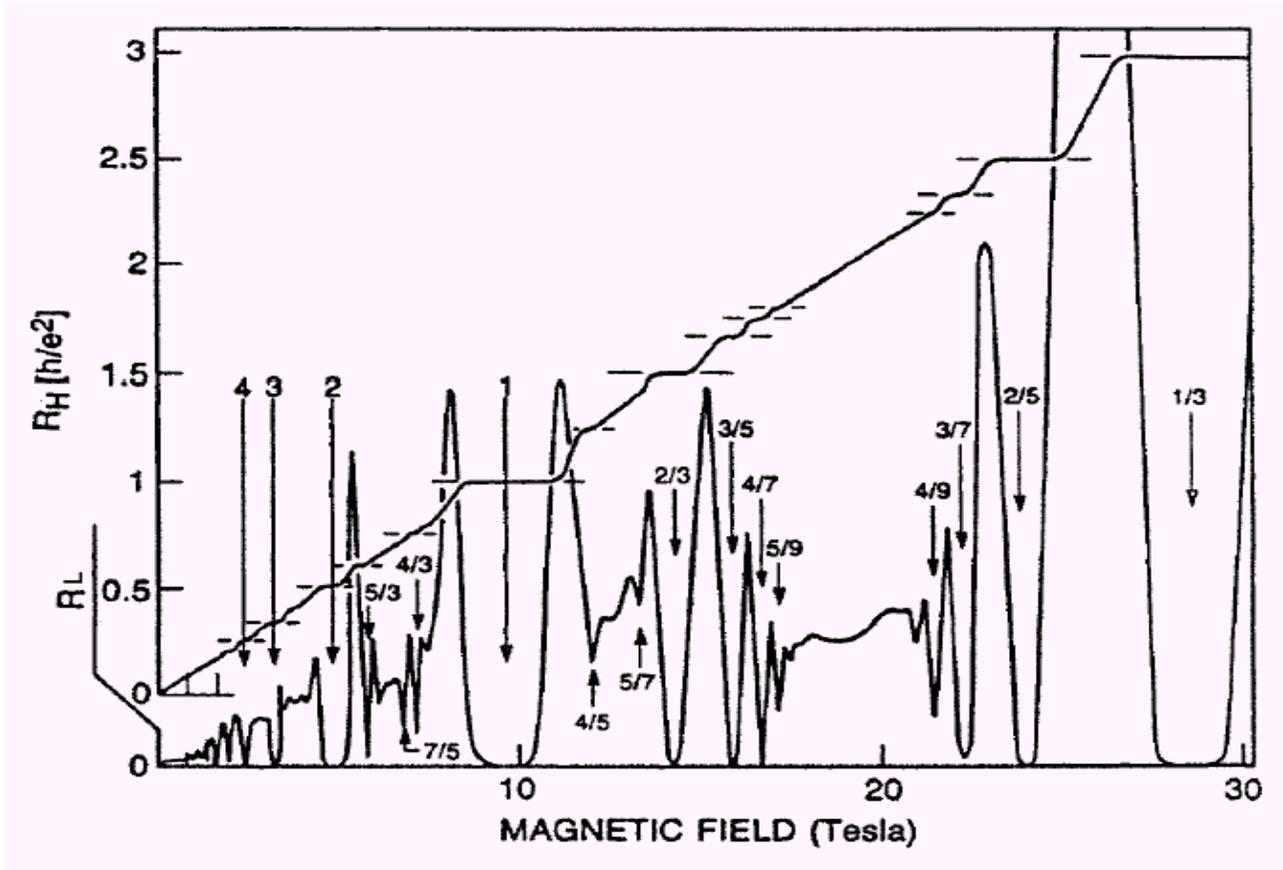
$$\frac{2}{5} \Leftrightarrow 2$$



$$\frac{3}{7} \Leftrightarrow 3$$

At these filling factors, when electrons transform into composite fermions, the enormous ambiguity of the electron problem completely disappears to produce a unique state with a gap.

$\nu = \frac{n}{2pn \pm 1}$ are precisely the observed fractions.



$$\nu = \frac{n}{2n+1} = \frac{1}{3}, \frac{2}{5}, \frac{3}{7}, \dots, \frac{10}{21}$$

$$\nu = \frac{n}{2n-1} = \frac{2}{3}, \frac{3}{5}, \frac{4}{7}, \dots, \frac{10}{19}$$

$$\nu = \frac{n}{4n+1} = \frac{1}{5}, \frac{2}{9}, \dots, \frac{6}{25}$$

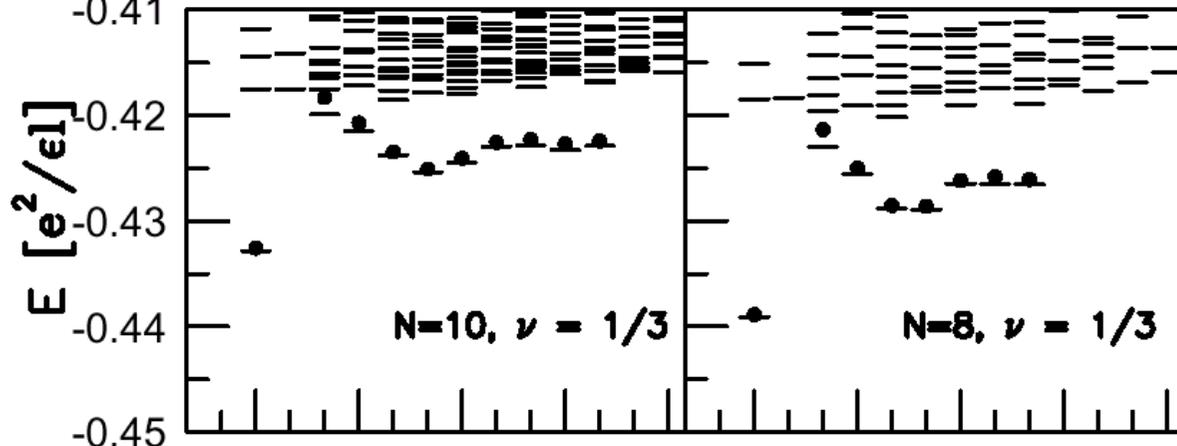
$$\nu = \frac{n}{4n-1} = \frac{2}{7}, \frac{3}{11}, \dots, \frac{6}{23}$$

$$\nu' = 1 - \nu$$

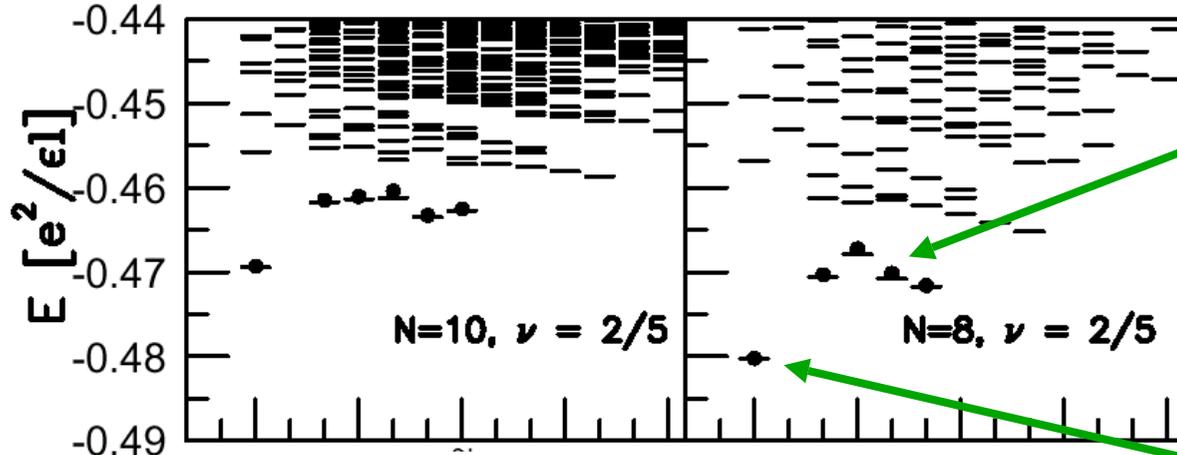
The CF theory predicts sequences of fractions.

The order of stability is correctly predicted.

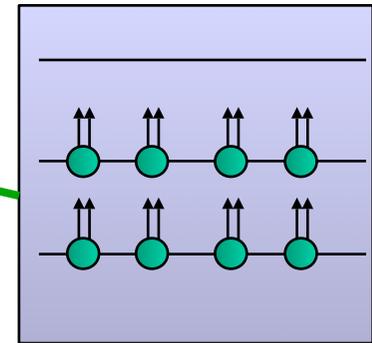
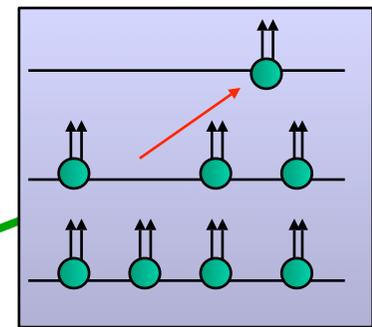
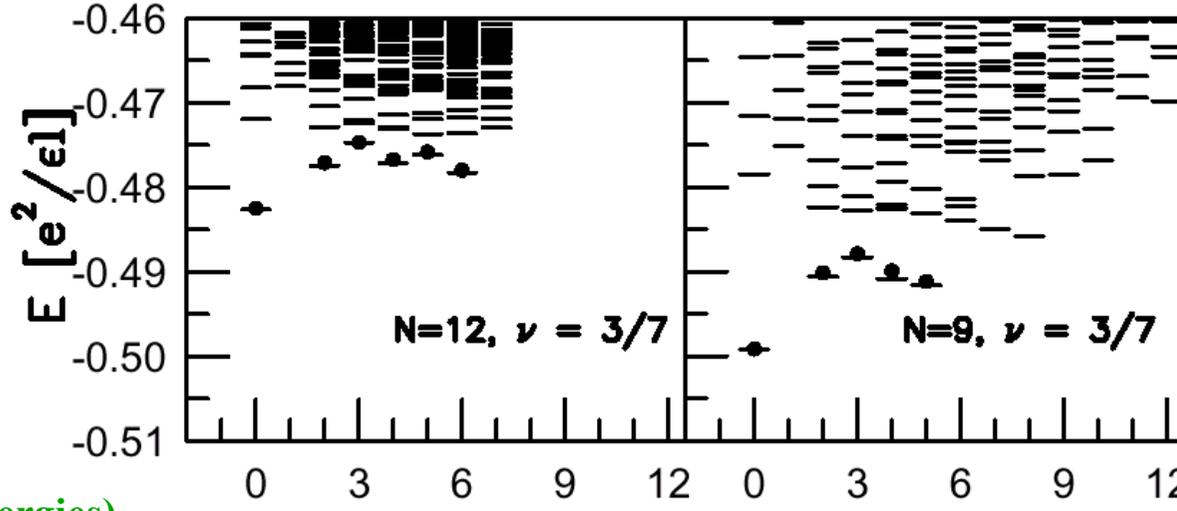
$$\nu = \frac{1}{3}$$



$$\nu = \frac{2}{5}$$



$$\nu = \frac{3}{7}$$



0.05% accuracy
with no
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parameters!

Dev, Kamilla, Jain (CF energies)
He, Xie, Zhang (exact diagonalization)

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ν	n	N	overlap
$\frac{1}{3}$	1	7	0.9964
		8	0.9954
		9	0.9941
$\frac{2}{5}$	2	6	0.9998
		8	0.9996
$\frac{3}{7}$	3	9	0.9994
$\frac{2}{3}$	-2	6	0.9965
		8	0.9982
		10	0.9940

Fano, Ortolani, Colombo
Wu, Dev and Jain

Statistics

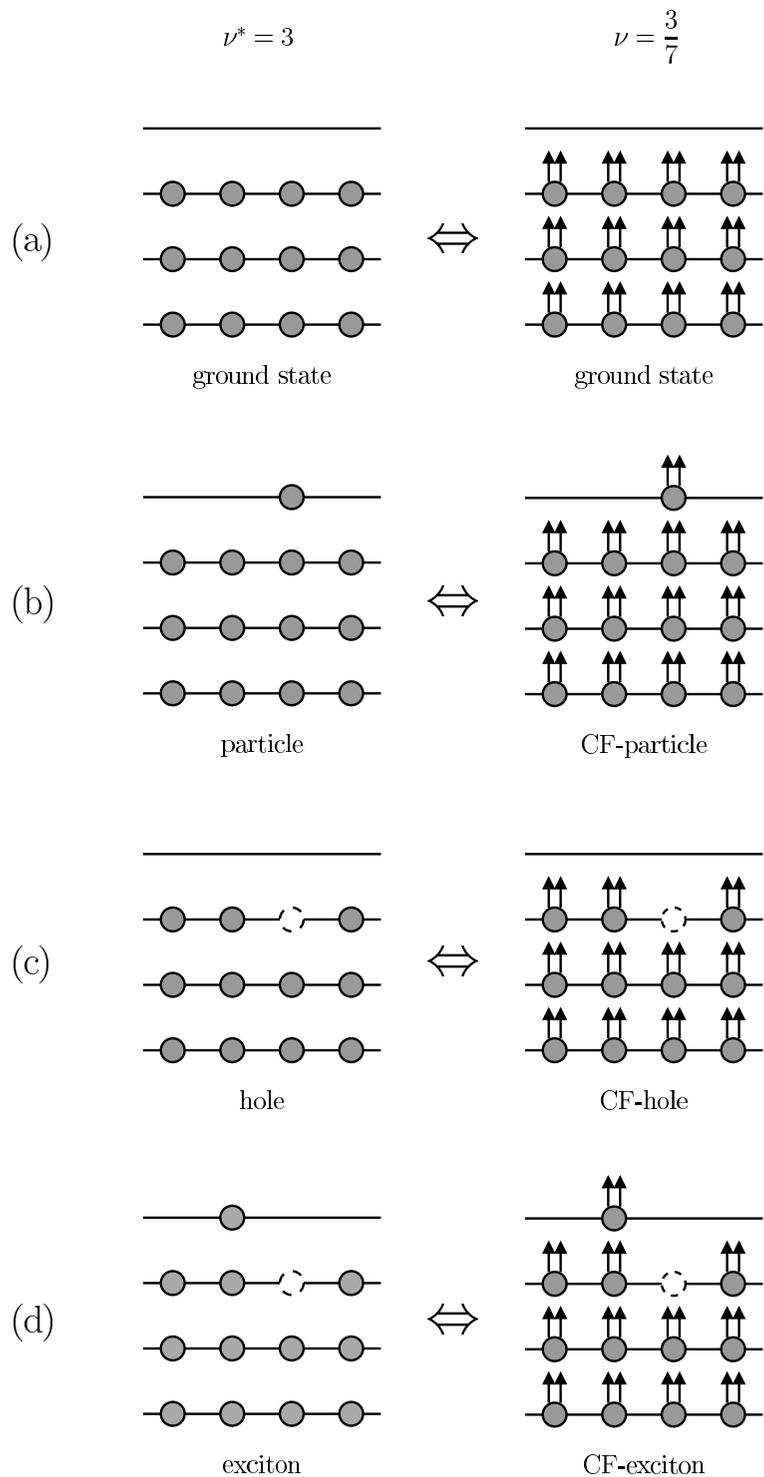
- The particle statistics has dramatic, testable consequences, both in condensed matter physics and quantum chemistry.
- Fermionic nature of electrons is crucial for explaining atomic physics (periodic table), Fermi sea, superconductivity.
- Bosonic nature of He-4 atoms is responsible for the phenomenon of superfluidity.

Statistics of composite fermions

The fermionic statistics of composite fermions is firmly established. Much of our understanding is based on that fact.

- FQHE: composite fermions fill CF-Landau levels
- prominent sequences of fractions
- Effective magnetic field
- CF Fermi sea
- Microscopic wave functions
- Excitations; energy level counting
- etc.

- The phenomenon of the FQHE and all related experimental observations, so far, can be understood, at an impressive level of qualitative and quantitative detail, as a consequence of composite fermions.
- Fractional braiding statistics is also a direct consequence of the formation of composite fermions.



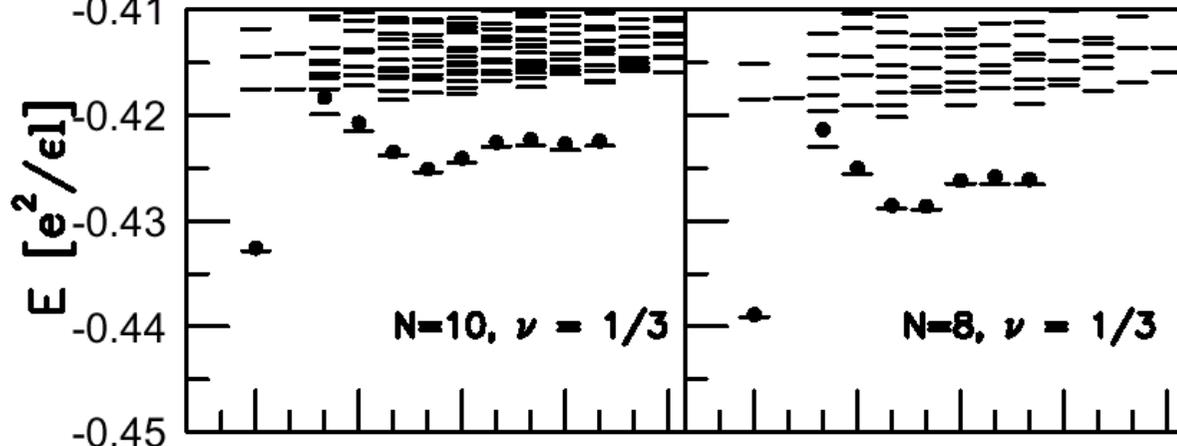
The law of corresponding states: The fundamental consequence of the CF theory is a one-to-one correspondence between the low energy states at ν and ν^* , which allows us to understand strongly interacting FQHE system by analogy to a weakly interacting system.

A “quasiparticle” is a composite fermion in an otherwise empty level, and a “quasihole” is a missing composite fermion from a full level.

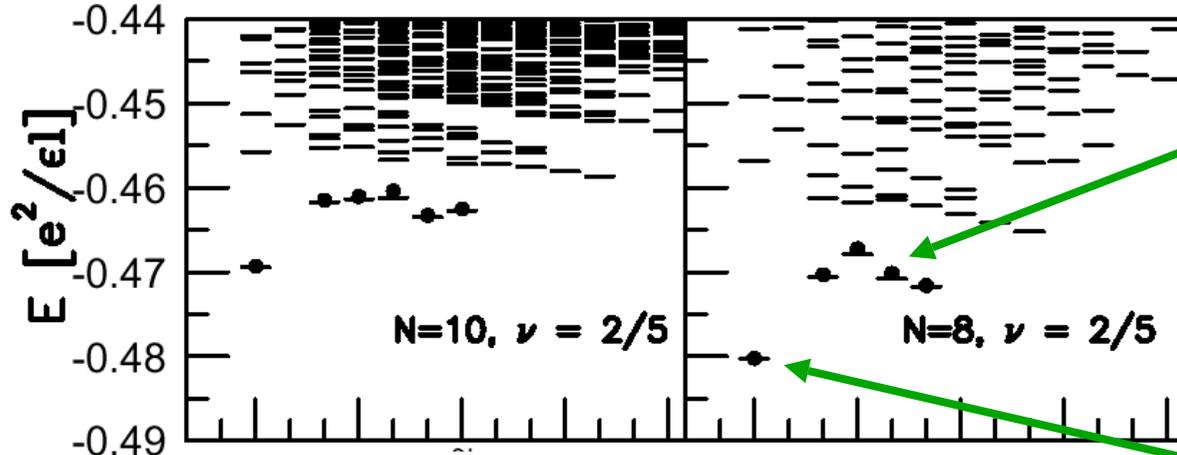
This gives us quasiparticles and quasiholes of all FQHE states at once.

The quasihole of $1/m$ happens to be a vortex. But that is an exception. Other quasiparticles or quasiholes are not vortices, but have a tremendously complicated structure.

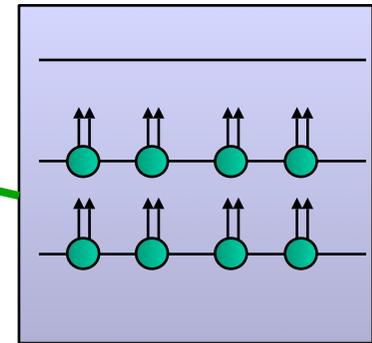
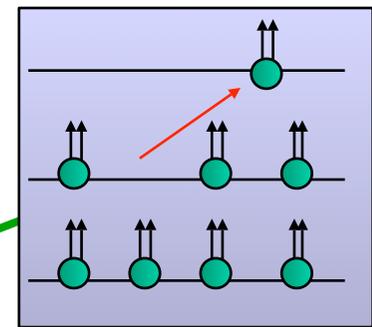
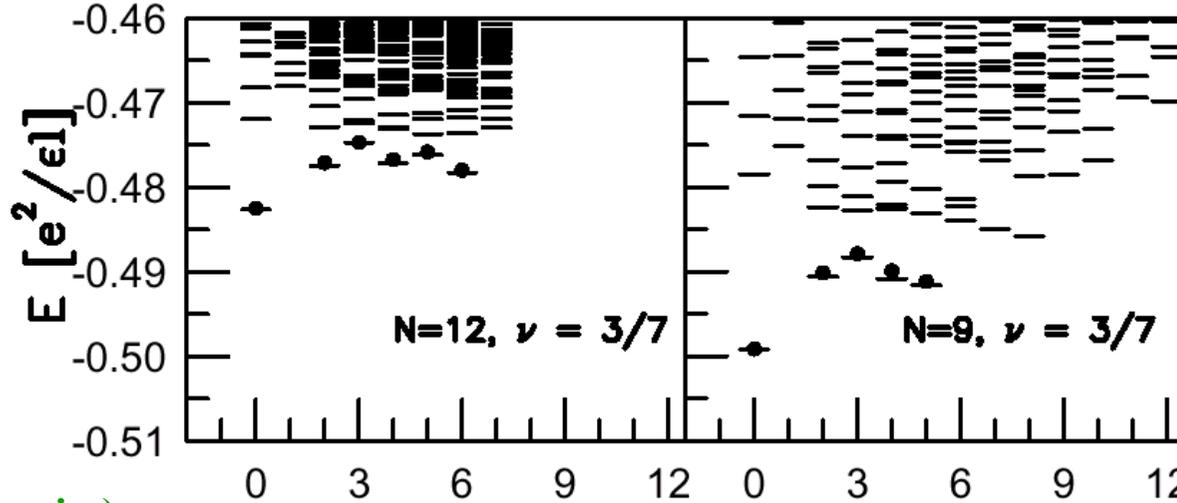
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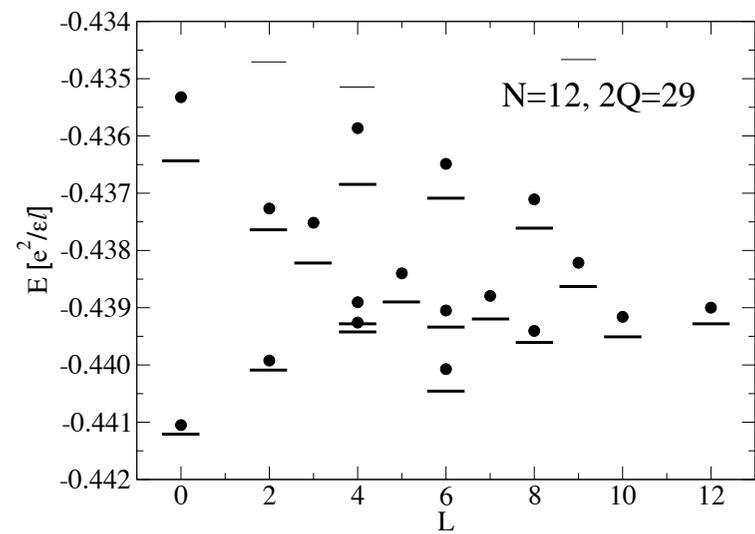
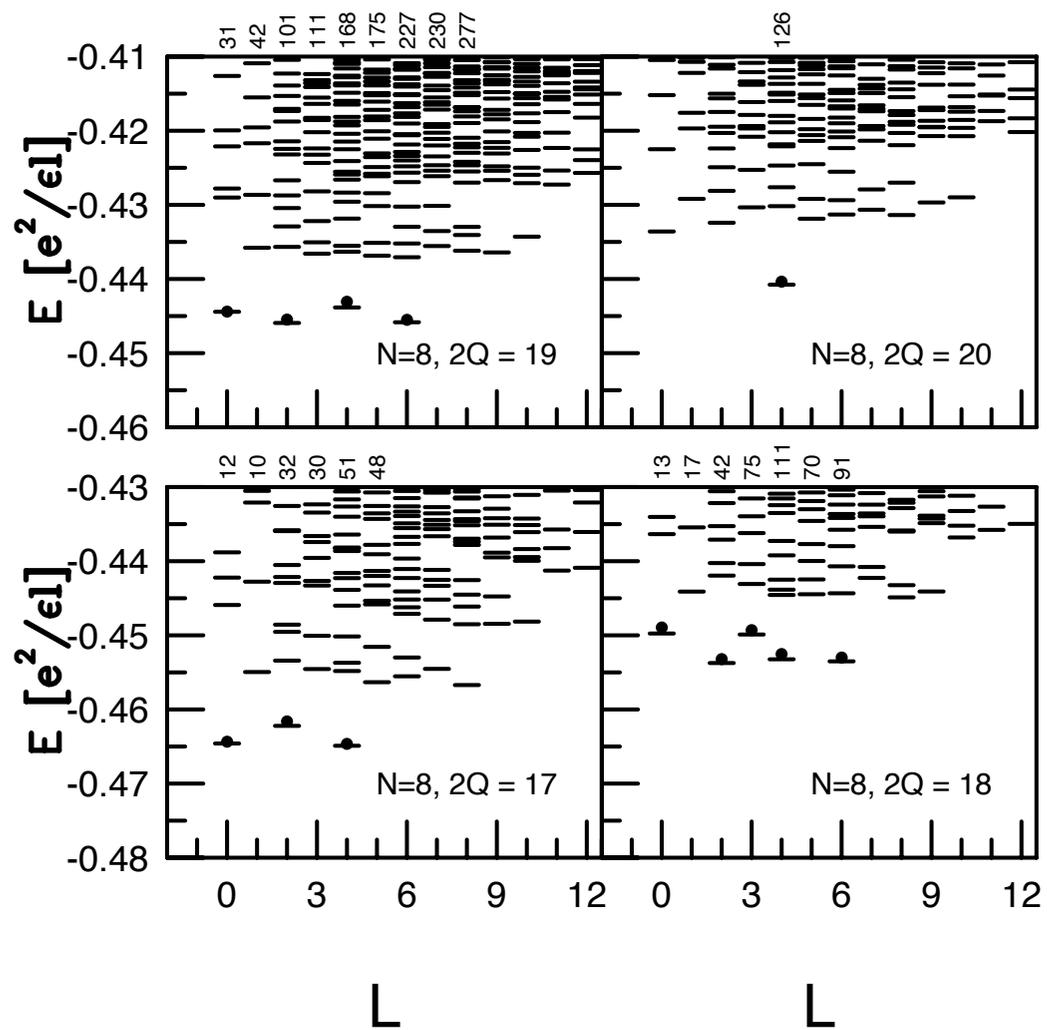


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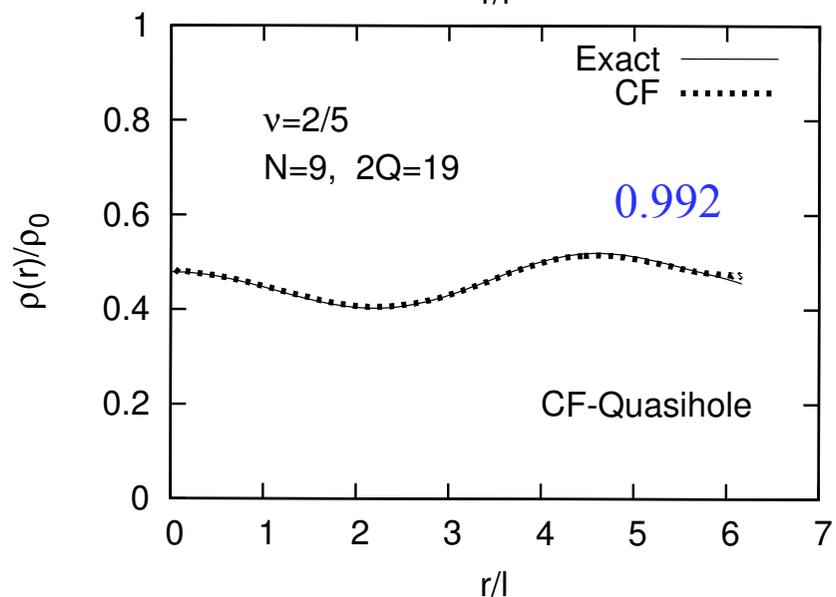
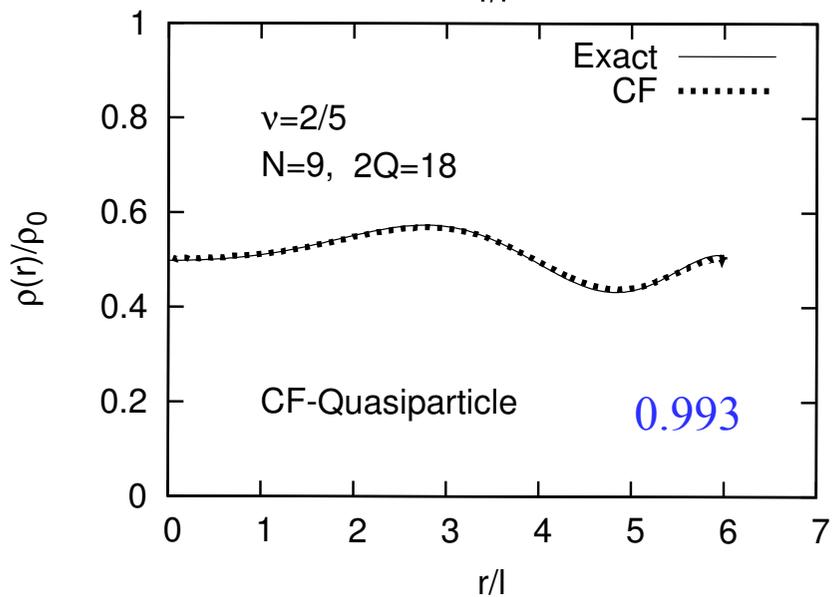
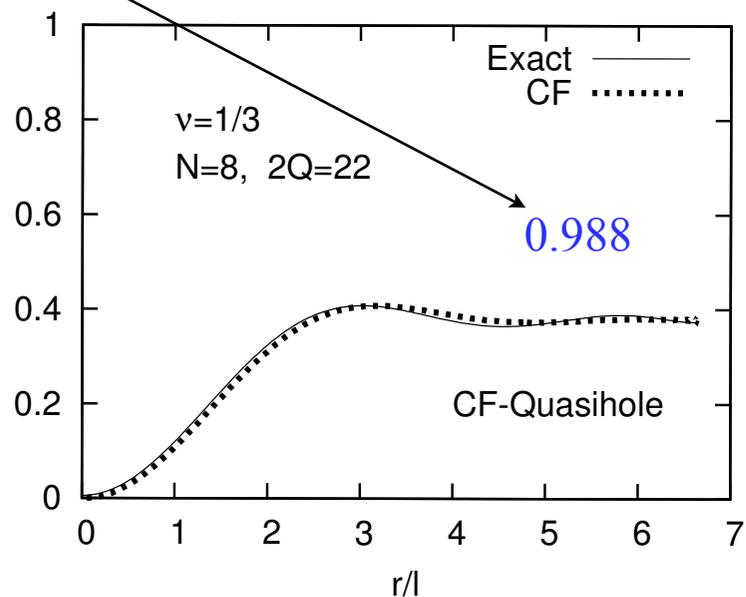
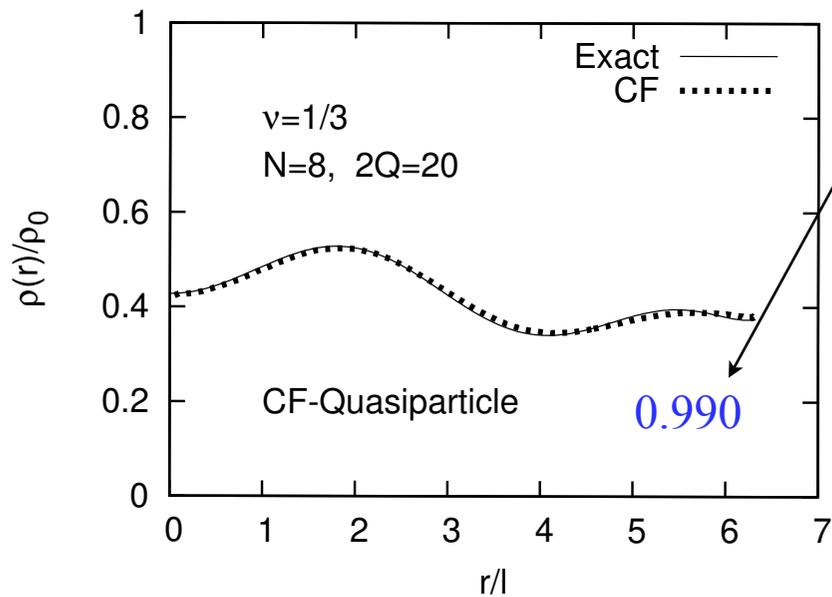
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CF quasiparticle / CF quasihole are essentially exact.

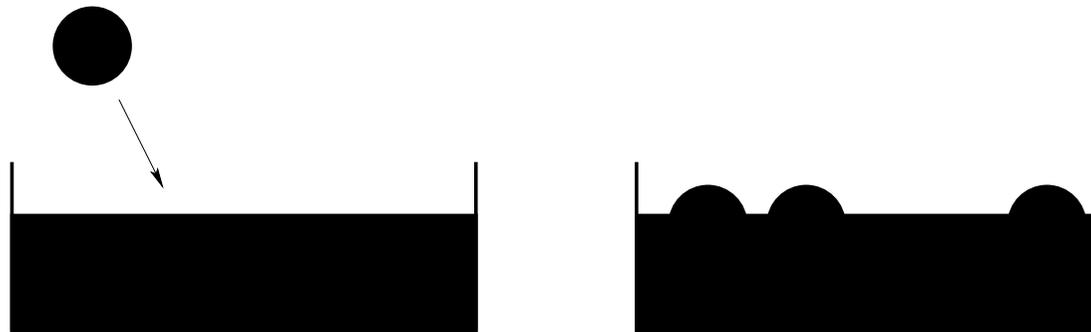
overlaps



excess charge

- The charge excess associated with a CF-quasiparticle is equal to the charge of an electron + the charge of $2p$ vortices (which produce a correlation hole around it).
- It has a precise fractional value. Fractional charge.

$$\text{For } \nu = \frac{n}{2pn + 1}, \quad e^* = -1 + 2p \frac{n}{2pn + 1} = -\frac{1}{2pn + 1}$$



CF-quasiparticles and CF-quasiholes obey fractional braiding statistics.

- The phase associated with a complete loop of a CF-quasiparticle is given by:

$$\Phi^* = -2\pi \frac{BA}{\phi_0} + 2\pi 2p N_{\text{enc}} \quad (\text{gives } B^*)$$

- Berry phase difference: $\Delta\Phi^* = 2\pi 2p \Delta N_{\text{enc}} = 2\pi \frac{2p}{2pn + 1} \equiv 2\pi\theta^*$

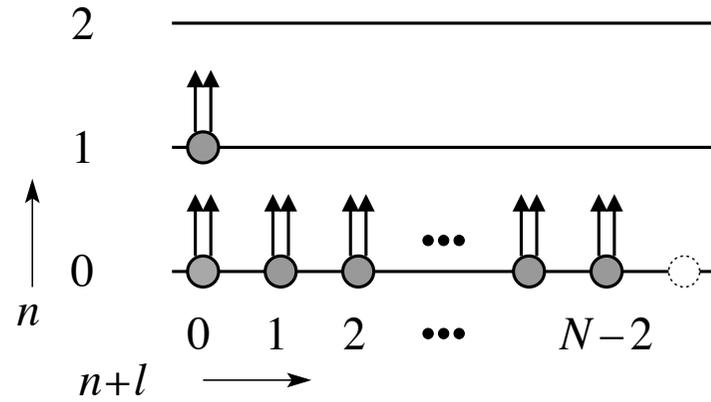
- Fractional statistics

$$\theta^* = \frac{2p}{2pn + 1}$$

The fractional statistics is thus a statement about the change in the effective magnetic field due to order one changes in the density.

Does the heuristic result hold up in a microscopic calculation?

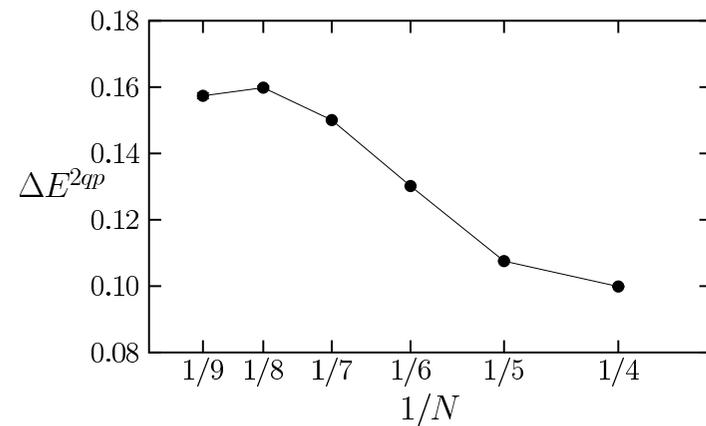
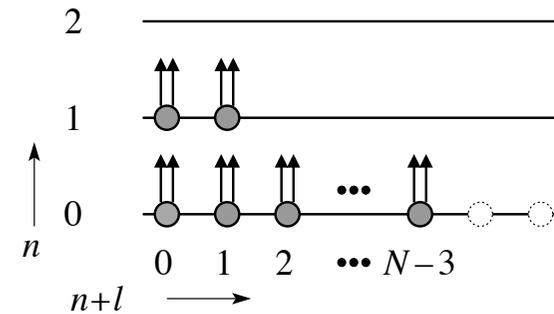
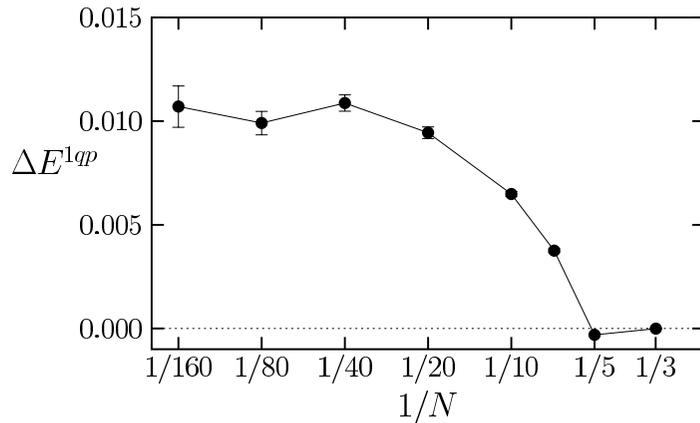
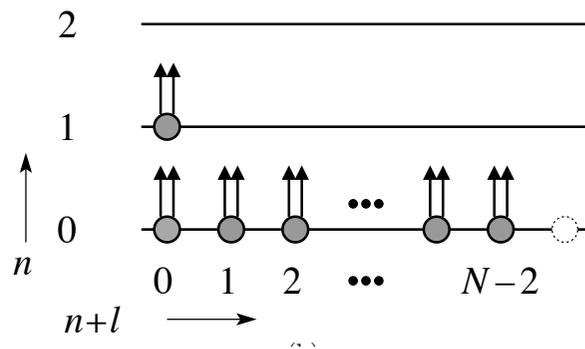
CF quasiparticle at 1/3



$$\Psi_{CF}^{1qp} = \mathcal{P} \prod_{j < k} (z_j - z_k)^2 \begin{vmatrix} z_1^* & z_2^* & \dots \\ 1 & 1 & \dots \\ z_1 & z_2 & \dots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \dots \\ z_1^{N-2} & z_2^{N-2} & \dots \end{vmatrix} = \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{6 \sum'_k (z_i - z_k)^{-1}}{\prod'_j (z_j - z_i)} \Psi^{GS}$$

The form of the wave function is different from Laughlin's, and more complicated.

Comparing the two trial wave functions



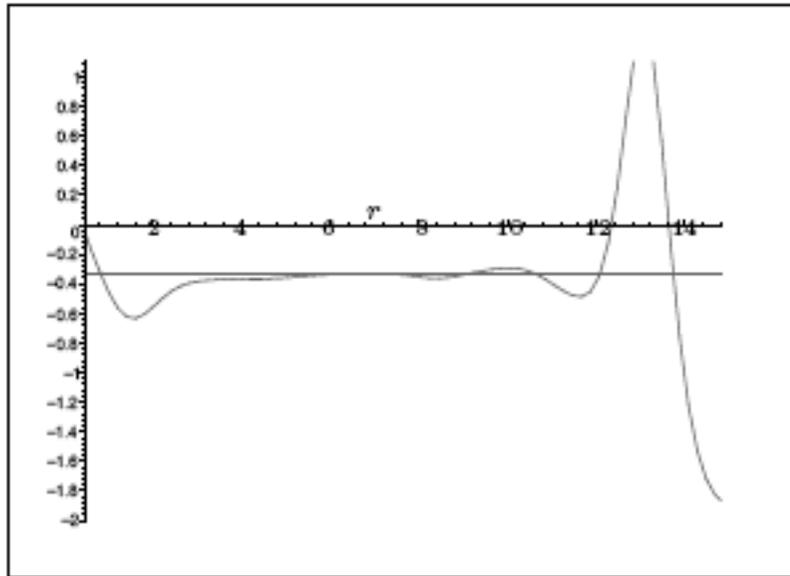
N	D	CF	Laughlin
3	3	1	1
4	11	0.9969	0.9987
5	46	0.9930	0.9967
6	217	0.9941	0.9885
7	1069	0.9828	0.9651
8	5529	0.9671	0.9365

Jeon and Jain, 2003

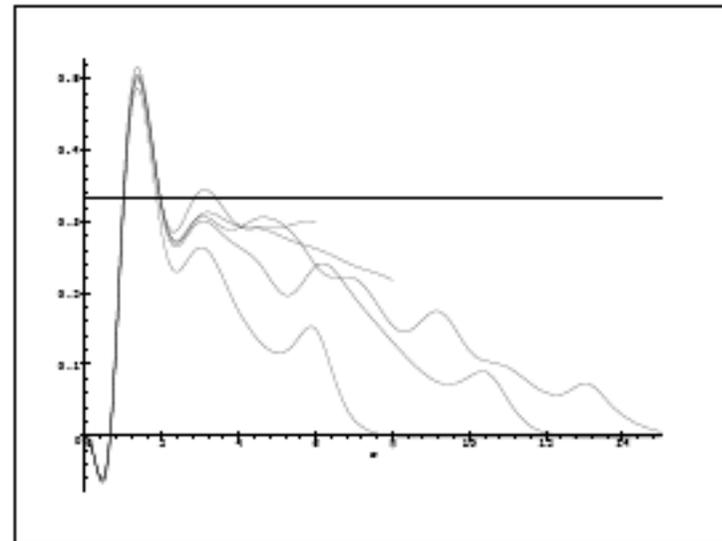
Kasner and Apel, 1993

Girlich and Hellmund, 1994

Bonesteel and Melik-Alaverdian, 1998



CF quasiparticle



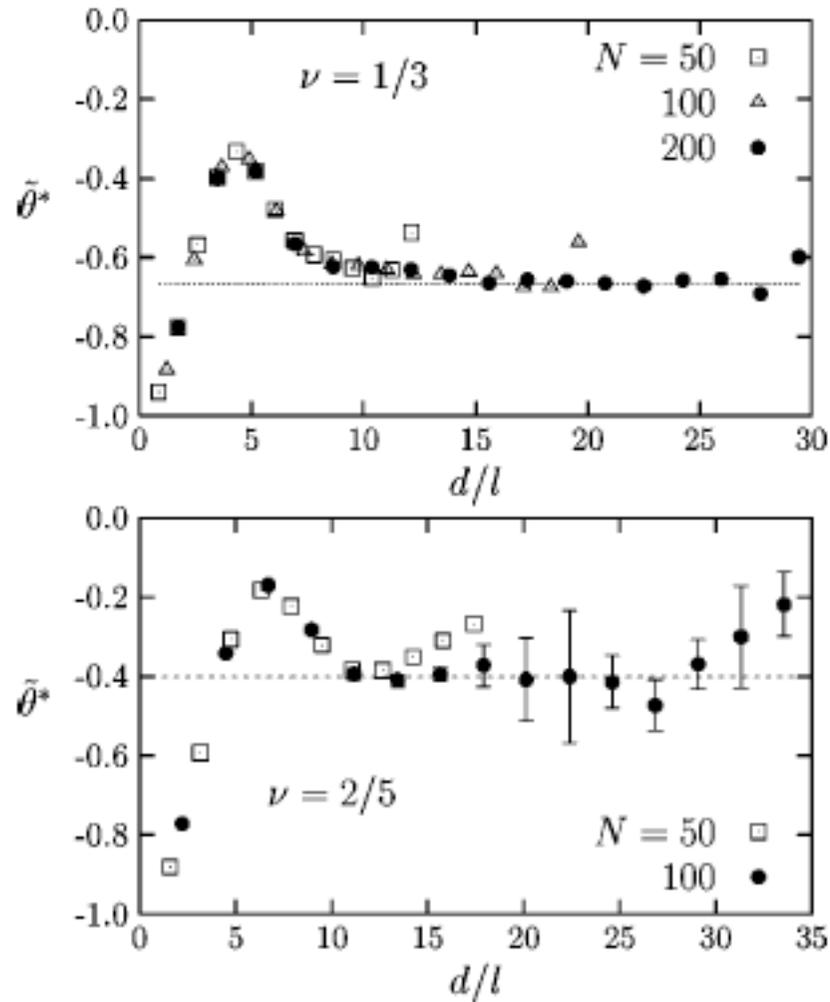
Laughlin

[Kjonsberg and Leinaas \(1999\)](#): Braiding statistics of CF quasiparticles at $1/3$ is meaningful.

$$\Psi_{1/(2p+1)}^{\eta, \eta'} = \mathcal{P}_{LLL} \begin{vmatrix} \phi_{\eta}^{(1)}(r_1) & \phi_{\eta}^{(1)}(r_2) & \dots \\ \phi_{\eta'}^{(1)}(r_1) & \phi_{\eta'}^{(1)}(r_2) & \dots \\ 1 & 1 & \dots \\ z_1 & z_2 & \dots \\ \cdot & \cdot & \dots \\ \cdot & \cdot & \dots \\ z_1^{N-3} & z_2^{N-3} & \dots \end{vmatrix} \\ \times \prod_{i < k=1}^N (z_i - z_k)^{2p} \exp\left(-\sum_j |z_j|^2 / 4l^2\right).$$

$$\Psi_{2/5}^{\eta, \eta'} = \mathcal{P}_{LLL} \begin{vmatrix} \phi_{\eta}^{(2)}(r_1) & \phi_{\eta}^{(2)}(r_2) & \dots \\ \phi_{\eta'}^{(2)}(r_1) & \phi_{\eta'}^{(2)}(r_2) & \dots \\ \bar{z}_1 & \bar{z}_2 & \dots \\ \bar{z}_1 z_1 & \bar{z}_2 z_2 & \dots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \dots \\ \bar{z}_1 z_1^{N/2-3} & \bar{z}_2 z_2^{N/2-3} & \dots \\ 1 & 1 & \dots \\ z_1 & z_2 & \dots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \dots \\ z_1^{N/2-1} & z_2^{N/2-1} & \dots \end{vmatrix} \\ \times \prod_{i < k=1}^N (z_i - z_k)^2 \exp\left(-\sum_j |z_j|^2 / 4l^2\right).$$

$$\bar{\phi}_{\eta}^{(n)}(r) = (z - \bar{\eta})^n \exp\left[\frac{\bar{\eta}z}{2l^{*2}} - \frac{|\eta|^2}{4l^{*2}} - \frac{1}{4l^{*2}}|z|^2\right].$$



The CF-quasiparticles obey well defined braiding statistics provided they are separated by >10 magnetic lengths.

Non-Abelian braiding statistics

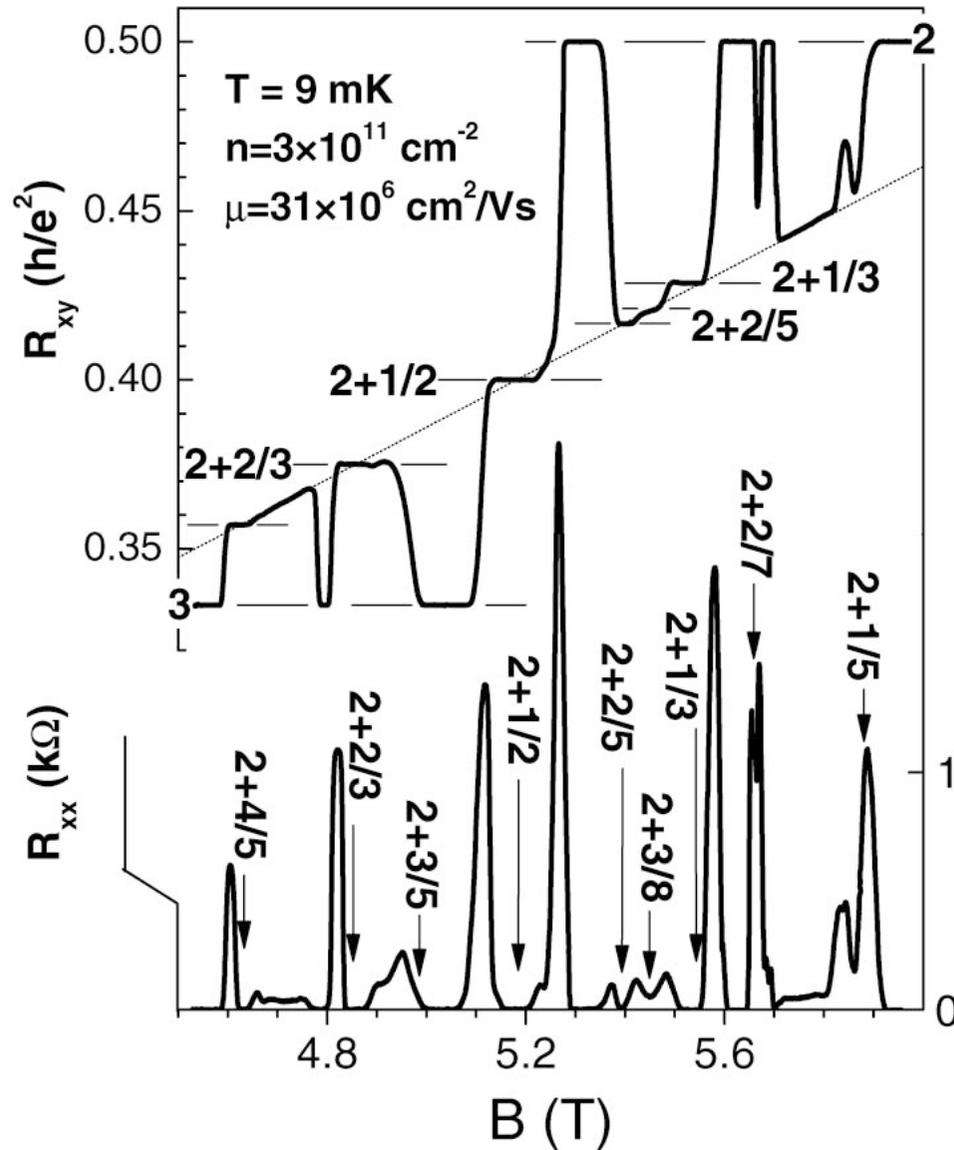
Proposal I: The quasiparticles of “paired CF states” obey non-abelian braiding statistics.

Moore and Read, 1991

Proposal II: These can be used for topological quantum computation.

Das Sarma, Nayak, Freedman, 2004
Stern and Halperin, 2005

5/2 FQHE



Willett et al.
Pan et al.
Xia et al.

Pfaffian wave function

- A CF Fermi sea is seen at 1/2, but a FQHE is seen at 5/2.
- It is proposed that the 5/2 CF Fermi sea is unstable to a BCS-like p-wave pairing of composite fermions, which opens a gap (Greiter, Wen, Wilczek).
- The paired state is described by a “Pfaffian” wave function (Moore and Read):

$$\Psi_{1/2}^{\text{Pf}} = \text{Pf} \left(\frac{1}{z_i - z_j} \right) \prod_{i < j} (z_i - z_j)^2 \exp \left[-\frac{1}{4} \sum_k |z_k|^2 \right]$$

$$\text{Pf } M_{ij} = A(M_{12}M_{34} \cdots M_{N-1,N})$$

Compare with:

$$\Psi_{\text{BCS}} = A[\phi_0(\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_2)\phi_0(\mathbf{r}_3, \mathbf{r}_4) \cdots \phi_0(\mathbf{r}_{N-1}, \mathbf{r}_N)]$$

comparison with the
exact 5/2 state:

N	8	10	14	16
overlap	0.87	0.84	0.69	0.78

Pfaffian quasiholes

vortex:
$$\prod_j (z_j - \eta) \Psi_{1/2}^{\text{Pf}} = \prod_j (z_j - \eta) \text{Pf} \left(\frac{1}{z_i - z_j} \right) \Phi_1^2 \quad (\text{charge } 1/2)$$

$$\Psi_{1/2}^{\text{Pf}}(\eta, \eta') = \text{Pf} (M_{ij}) \Phi_1^2$$

2 quasiholes:
$$M_{ij} = \frac{(z_i - \eta)(z_j - \eta') + (i \leftrightarrow j)}{(z_i - z_j)} \quad (\text{charge } 1/4 \text{ for each})$$

2n quasiholes:
$$M_{ij} = \frac{\prod_{\alpha=1}^n (z_i - \eta_\alpha)(z_j - \eta_{\alpha+n}) + (i \leftrightarrow j)}{(z_i - z_j)}$$

The wave function for 2n quasiholes is not fully specified by their positions. There are 2^{n-1} linearly independent wave functions for a given set of positions.

(Naively, one would have thought $(2n)!/[2(n!)^2]$.)

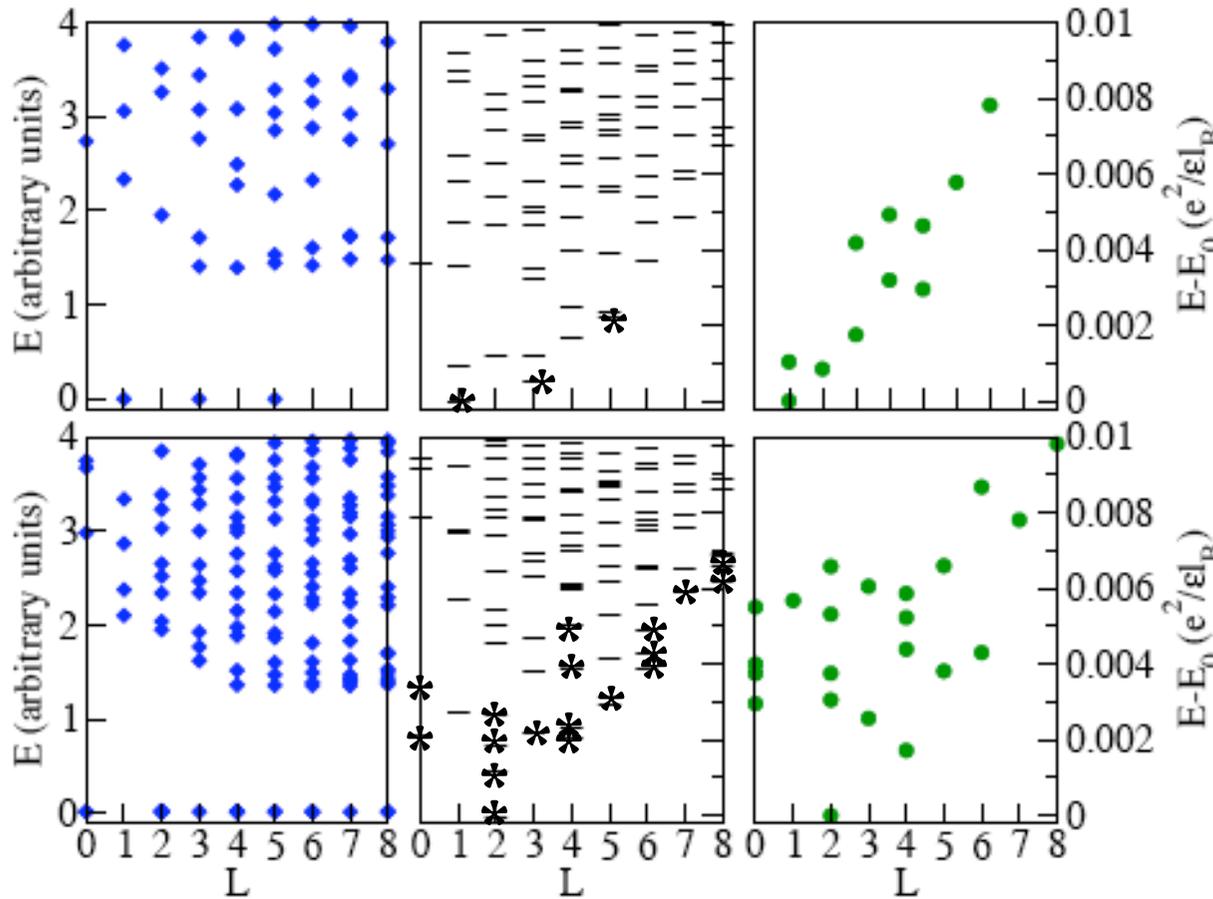
The origin of non-Abelian braiding statistics

- The initial $2n$ -quasihole wave function is a linear superposition of several linearly independent wave functions.
- After a braiding operation, the wave function ends up, in general, in a different linear superposition, which is related to the initial one by a Berry matrix.
- Consecutive braidings do not commute. Hence, non-Abelian braiding statistics.

- The Pfaffian wave function for the ground state and the quasiholes is exact for a model three-body interaction (V_3) that penalizes states in which three particles occupy the smallest angular momentum state.
- Non-Abelian statistics is on solid grounds for this interaction.
- Question: How well does it represent the solutions of the Coulomb interaction?

Testing the Pfaffian quasihole wave functions

N=10
2 quasiholes



$L = 1, 3, 5$

N=10
4 quasiholes

$$L = 0^2, 1^0, 2^4, 3^1, 4^4, 5^2, 6^3, 7^1, 8^2, 9^0, 10^1$$

No one-to-one correspondence between the solutions of the model and the Coulomb interactions. Lack of adiabatic connection.

Overlaps

two quasiholes

L	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
$N = 8$	0.64	-	0.48	-	0.52	-	-	-
$N = 10$	-	0.05	-	0.56	-	0.61	-	-
$N = 12$	0.59	-	0.30	-	0.49	-	0.39	-
$N = 14$	-	0.39	-	0.13	-	0.39	-	0.27

four quasiholes

N	$L = 0$	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	12
8	0.78	0.54	0.65	0.47	0.36	0.45	-	0.21	-	-	-
10	0.67	0.48	0.49	0.47	0.21	0.34	0.26	0.32	-	0.02	-
12	0.42	0.32	0.27	0.32	0.17	0.28	0.21	0.23	0.23	0.24	0.07

$$\mathcal{O} = \sum_{i,j}^{\mathcal{N}} \left| \left\langle \Psi_{4-\text{qh},i}^{(3)} \middle| \Phi_{4-\text{qh},j}^{\text{C}} \right\rangle \right|^2 / \mathcal{N}$$

Regnault, Toke, and Jain, 2006

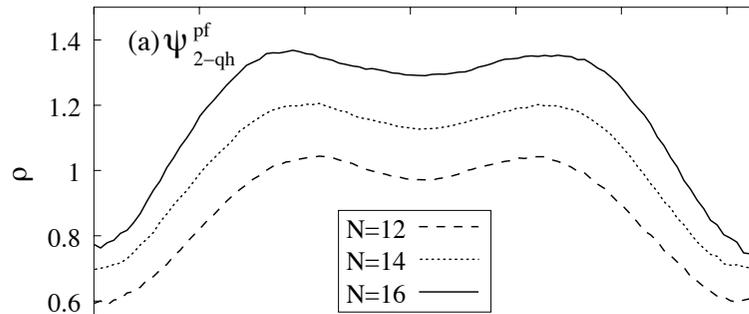
The overlaps are quite poor by FQHE standards.

effect of disorder

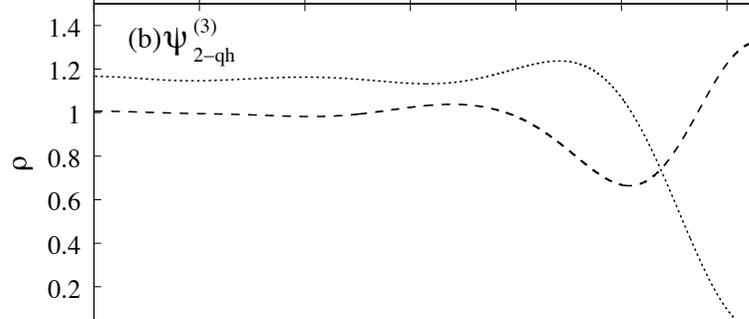
- We ask the question how quasiholes and quasiparticles are localized by disorder.
- For this purpose, we study the two quasihole / quasiparticle state in the presence of one and two delta function impurities.
- For $\sqrt{3}$ interaction, a single delta function binds both quasiholes, producing a vortex, but might produce two charge $1/4$ quasiholes for the Coulomb interaction.

two quasiholes in the presence of delta function impurities

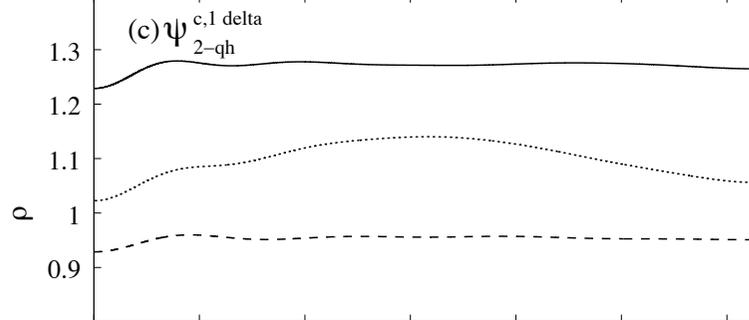
two delta functions:
Pfaffian w.f.



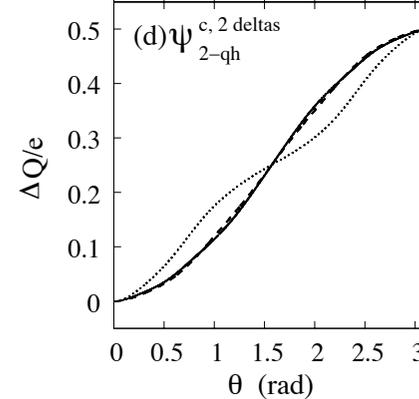
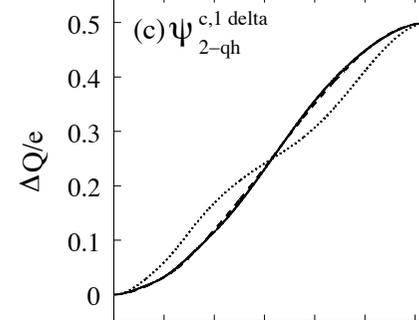
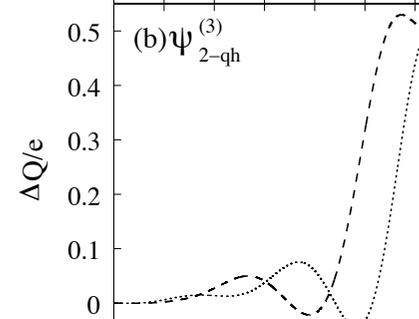
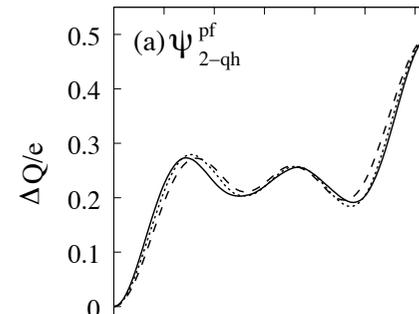
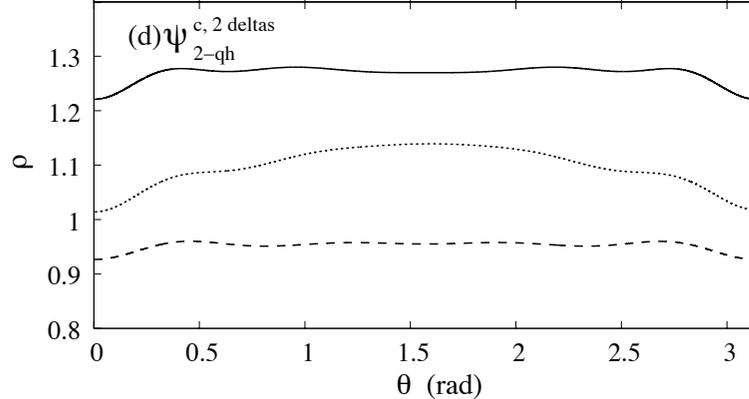
two delta functions:V3



single delta function:
Coulomb

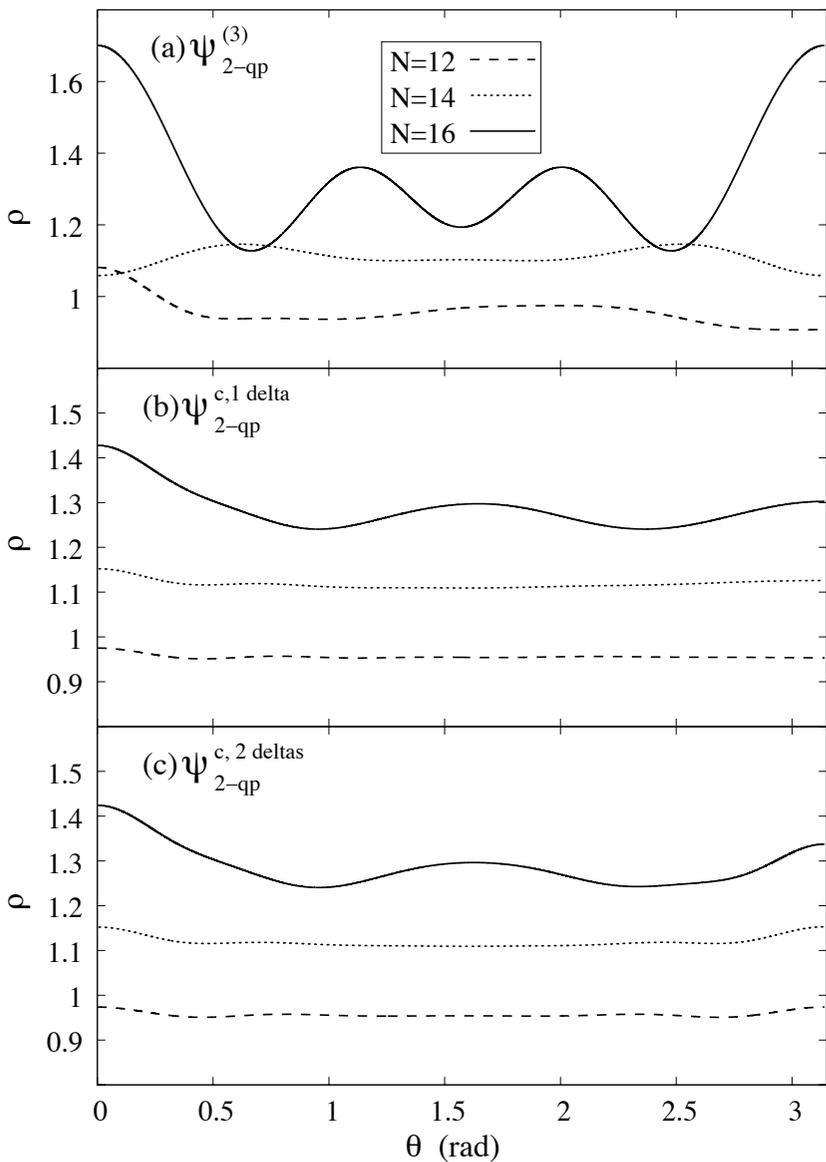


two delta functions:
Coulomb

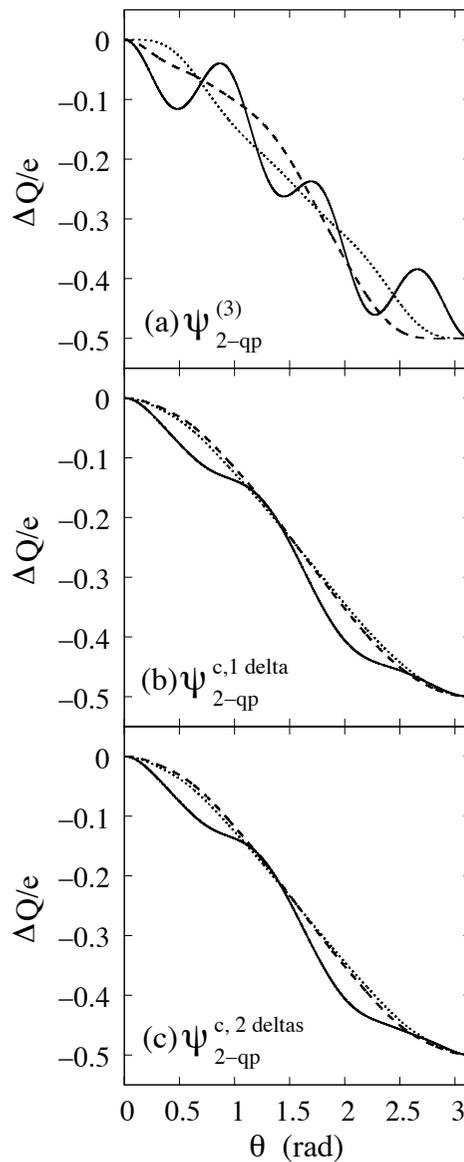


two quasiparticles in the presence of delta function impurities

two delta
functions: V3



single delta
function:
Coulomb



two delta
functions:
Coulomb

Conclusions

- The FQHE state is a candidate for the realization of abelian fractional statistics. CF quasiparticles exhibit (theoretically) well-defined fractional braiding statistics in the low-density limit, which may have measurable consequences.
- A difficulty in measuring the fractional braiding statistics is that the statistical phase sits atop a large Aharonov-Bohm phase.
- The validity of the Pfaffian (or $\nu=3$) model and the notion of non-Abelian braiding statistics for quasiholes and quasiparticles at $5/2$ remain unconfirmed for the actual Coulomb state.