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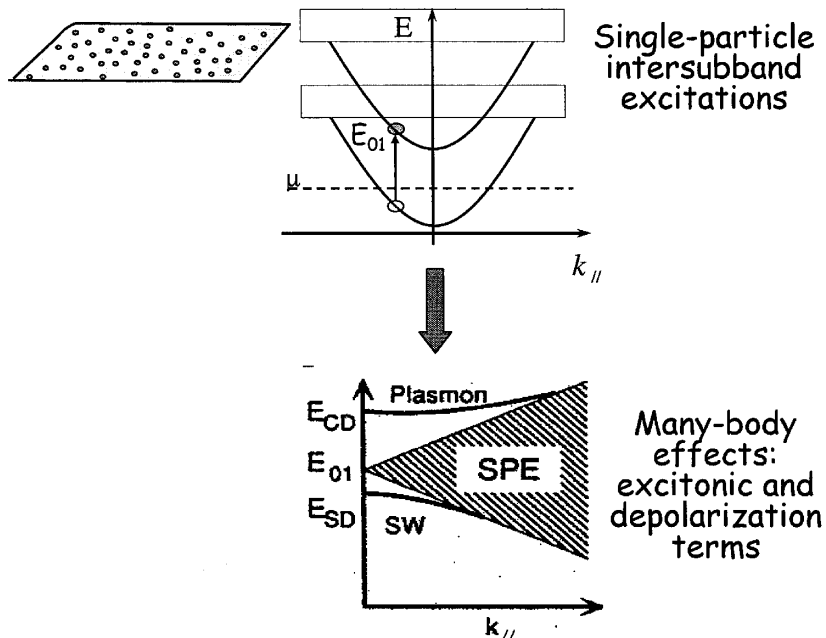
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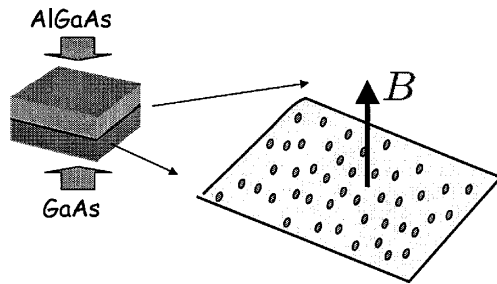
Outline

- Collective excitations in the 2DES
 - quantum Hall bilayers
- Inelastic light scattering
 - breakdown of wavevector conservation
- The bilayer system at $\nu=2$
 - Long-wavelength spin-excitation instability
- The bilayer system at $\nu=1$
 - Magneto-roton softening and sharpening

Intersubband excitations: $B=0$



Landau Levels and quantum Hall effects

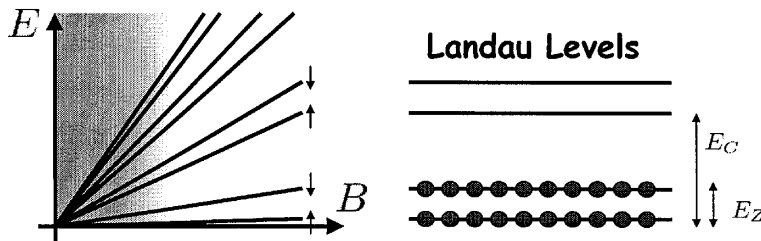


$$E_C = \hbar\omega_C = \frac{\hbar e B_{\perp}}{m^* c}$$

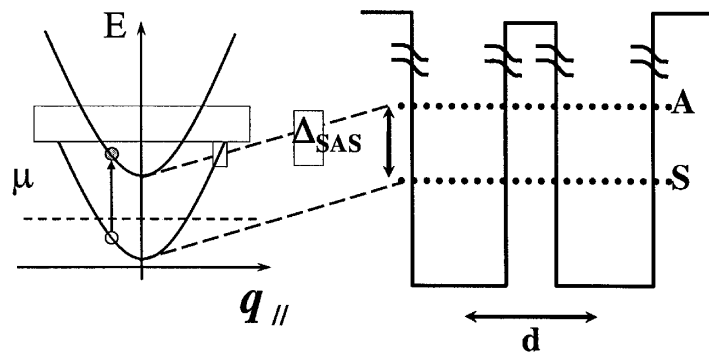
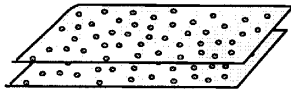
$$E_Z = -g^* \mu_B B$$

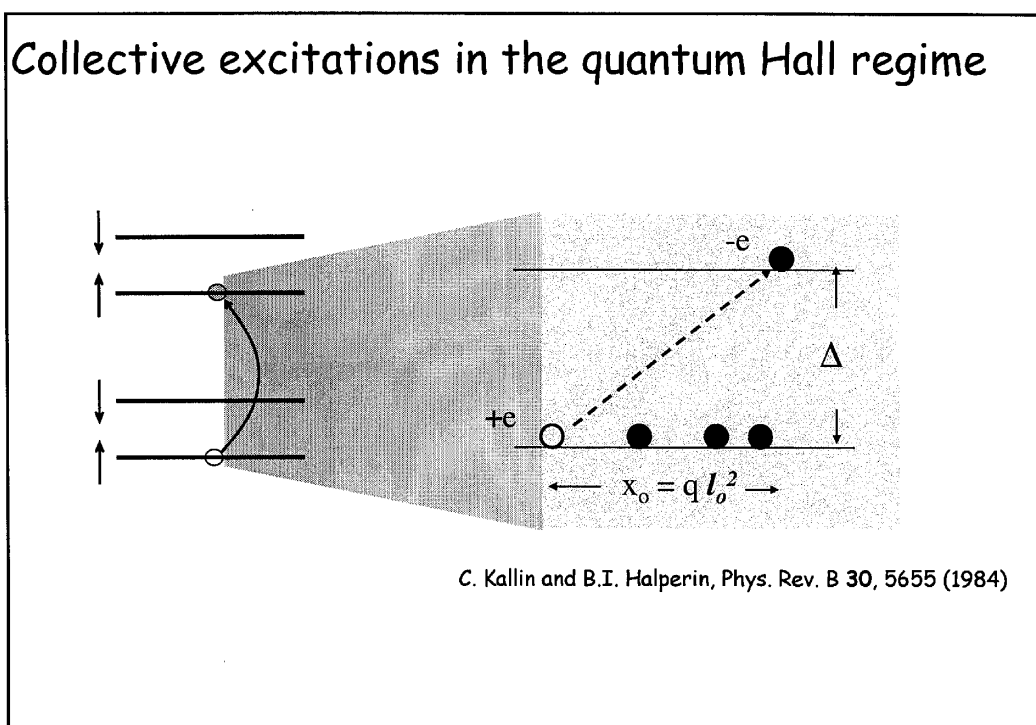
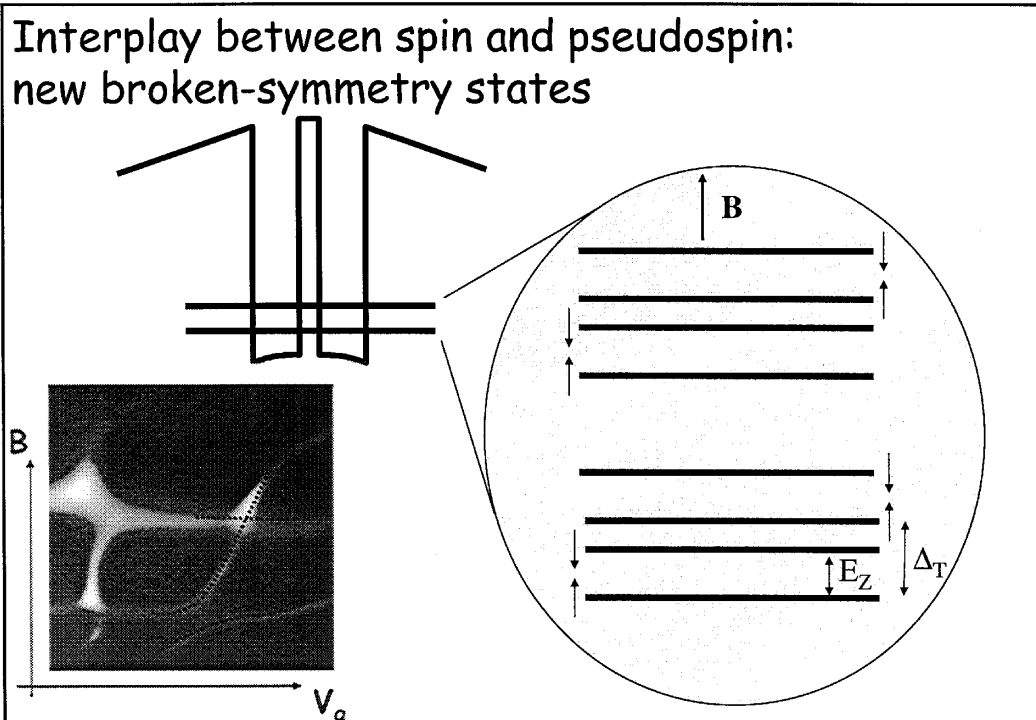
$$N = \frac{e B_{\perp}}{h}$$

$$\nu = \frac{n}{N}$$

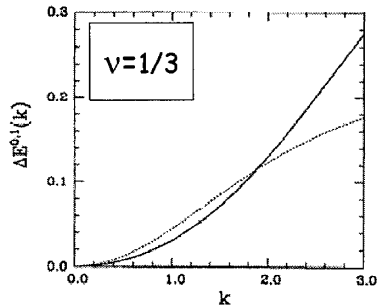


Intersubband excitations in bilayers

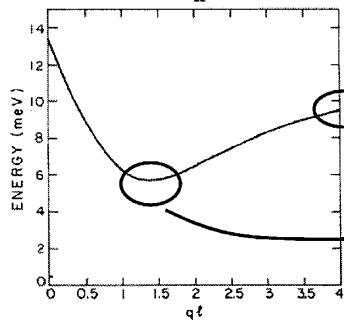




Dispersive spin and charge modes

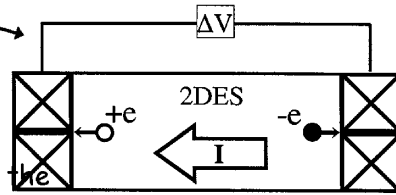


Spin waves across the Zeeman gap

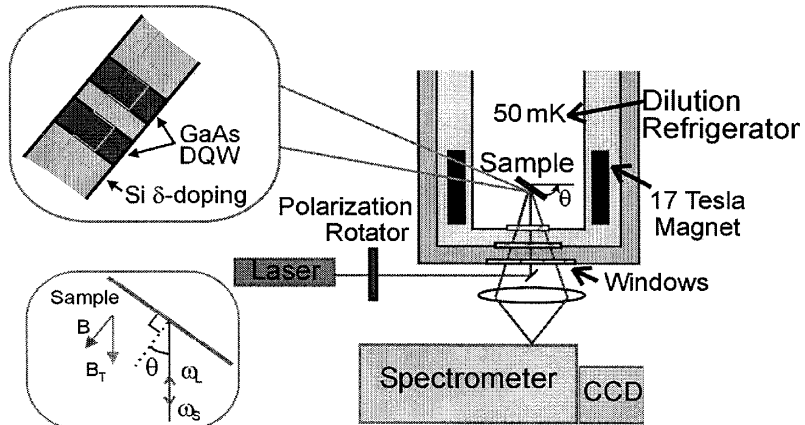


Charge-density excitations

Stability of the electron liquid Transport probe neutral particle-hole pair at $q \sim \infty$



Inelastic light scattering

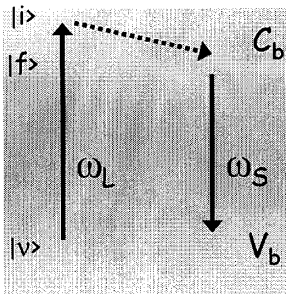


Conservation laws:

$$\omega_L - \omega_S = \omega(q) \quad q = |\mathbf{k}_{//}|$$

Translational invariance $\Rightarrow \mathbf{k}_{//} = \mathbf{k}_{L//} - \mathbf{k}_{S//} = (k_L - k_S) \sin \theta < \sim 10^5 \text{ cm}^{-1}$

Light-scattering matrix elements and selection rules



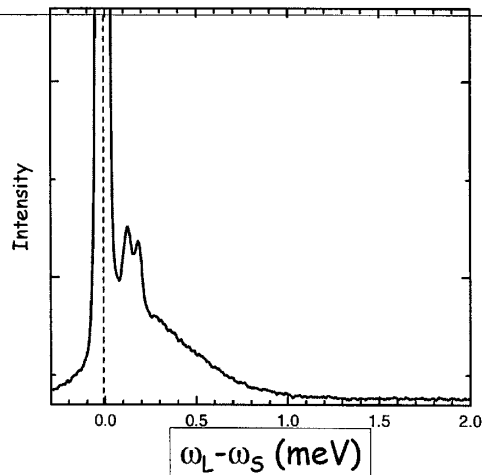
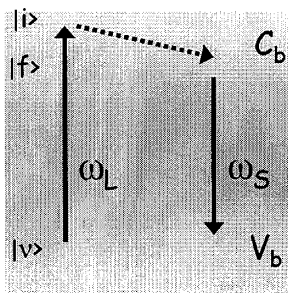
$$M \sim \frac{\langle f | \mathbf{p} \cdot \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_S | v \rangle H_{if} \langle v | \mathbf{p} \cdot \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_L | i \rangle}{(E_{iv} - \omega_L)(E_{fv} - \omega_S)}$$

Charge-density modes (CDE)
Polarized spectra

Spin-density modes (SDE)
Depolarized spectra

SDEs light-scattering cross sections are mediated by exchange coulomb interactions with virtual photocreated excitons that are intermediate states in the processes.

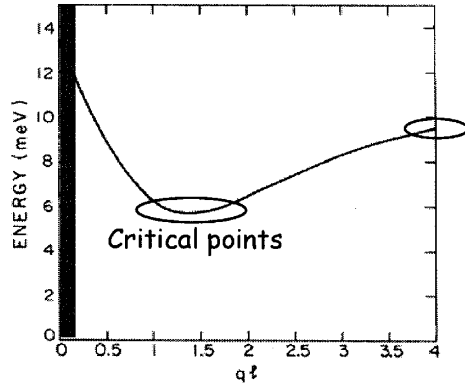
Light-scattering matrix elements and selection rules



Breakdown of wavevector conservation

magneto-roton
minimum located at
wavevector $\sim l_B^{-1}$
 $\sim 10^6 \text{cm}^{-1} \gg \sim 10^5 \text{cm}^{-1}$

Quantum Hall ground state



Conservation laws:

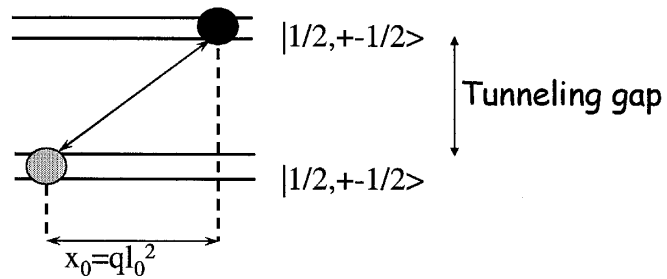
$$\omega_L - \omega_S = \omega(q) \quad q = |\mathbf{k}_{//}|$$

~~Translational invariance~~ \Rightarrow ~~$\mathbf{k}_{//} = \mathbf{k}_{//} - \mathbf{k}_{S//} = (\mathbf{k}_T - \mathbf{k}_S) \sin \theta \ll \sim 10^5 \text{cm}^{-1}$~~

Bilayers at $\nu=2$

- VP, A. Pinczuk et al., *Phys. Rev. Lett.* (1997)
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Neutral particle-hole excitations



STATES

SINGLET

$$J=0$$

$$J_z=0$$

CHARGE-DENSITY
EXCITATIONS (CDE)

$$\chi_{\text{CDE}}(\mathbf{q}) = (\chi_{\text{SP}} + \chi_x)^2 + \chi_d(\mathbf{q}) - \chi_b^2(\mathbf{q})$$

TRIPLET

$$J=1$$

$$J_z=-1, 0, +1$$

SPIN-DENSITY
EXCITATIONS (SDE) AND
SPIN-FLIP (SF) MODES

$$\chi_{\text{SDE}}(\mathbf{q}) = (\chi_{\text{SP}} + \chi_x)^2 - \chi_b^2(\mathbf{q})$$

$\nu=2$

$$\chi_{\text{SDE}}(\mathbf{q}) = (\chi_{\text{SP}} + \chi_x)^2 - \chi_b^2(\mathbf{q})$$

$$\omega_{\text{SF}} = \omega_{\text{SDE}} \pm E_z$$

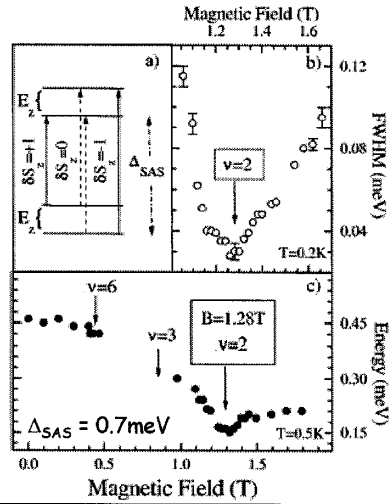
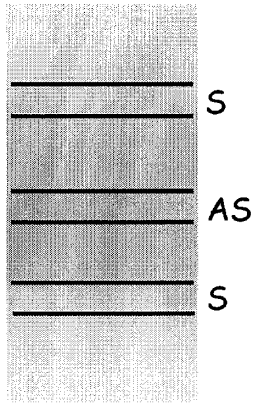
$$J_z = \pm 1$$

$$J_z = 0$$

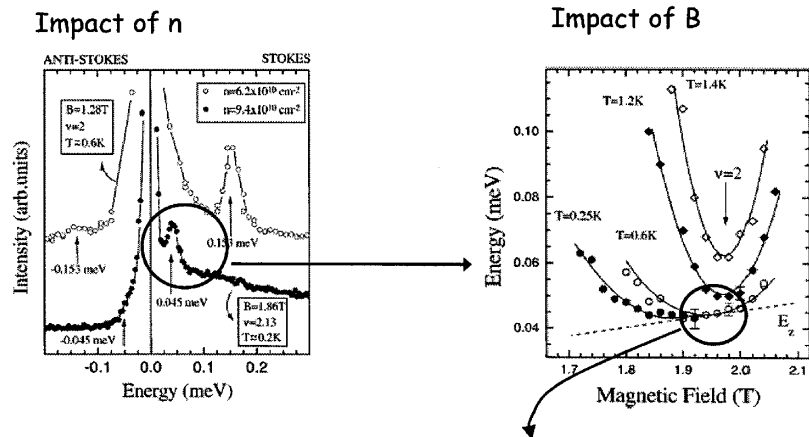
The impact of excitonic shift

$$\omega_{SDE}(\mathbf{q}) = (\omega_{SP} + \omega_x)^2 - \omega_b^2(\mathbf{q})$$

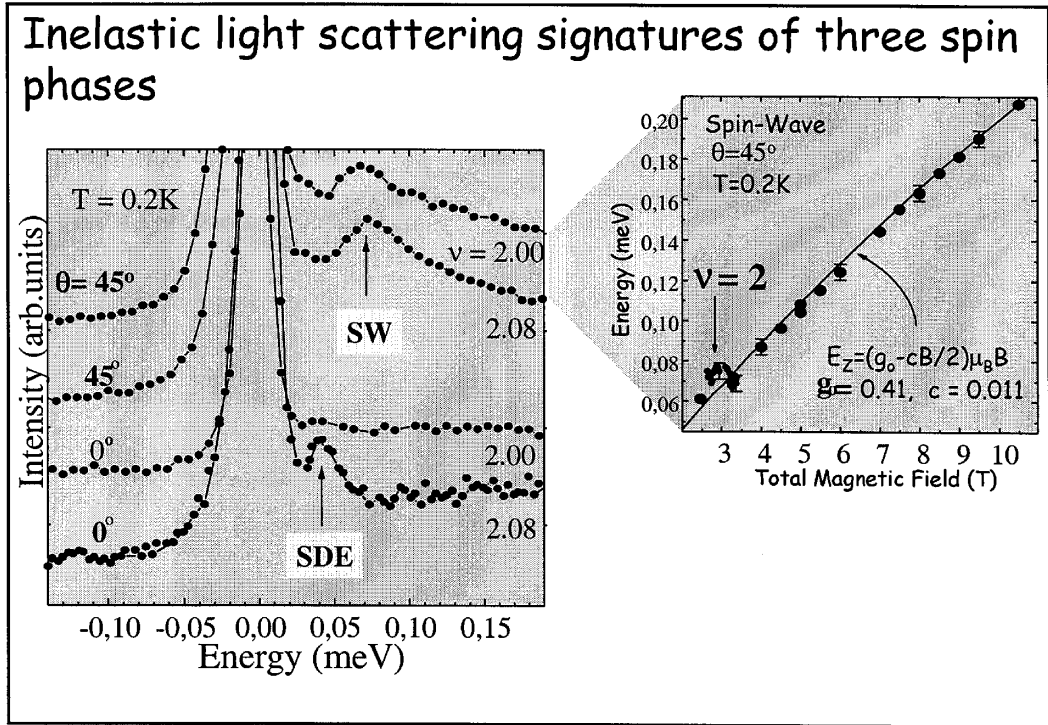
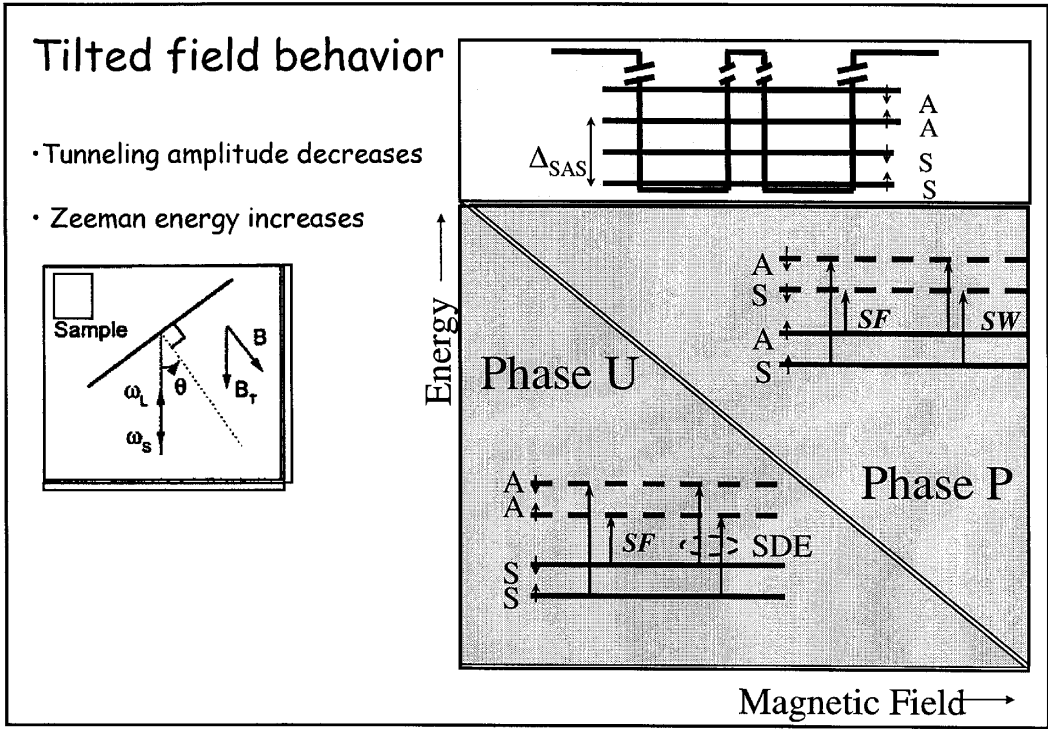
$$\text{Excitonic shift} \sim n_S - n_{AS} = n \cdot (v_S - v_{AS}) / v$$



Collapse of spin excitations

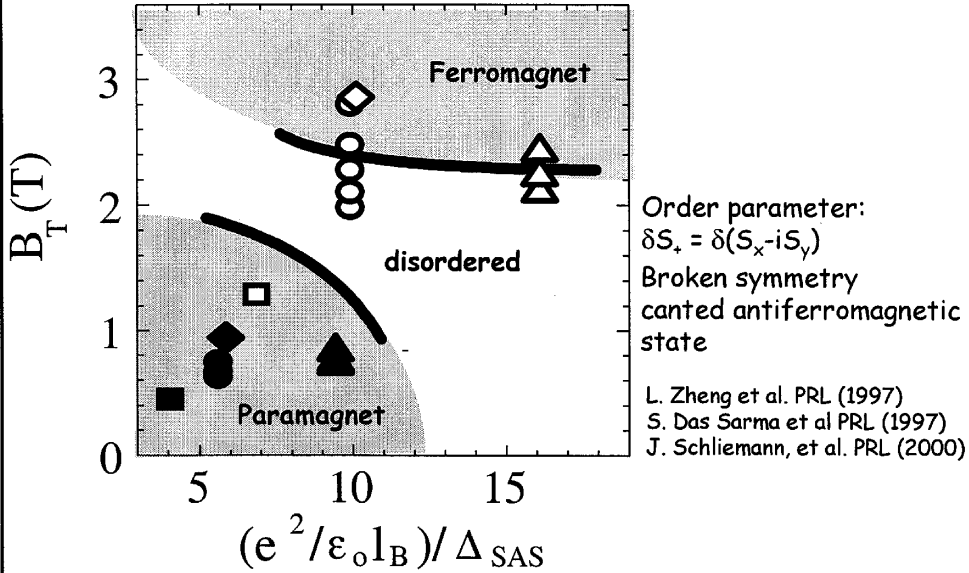


$$\omega_{SDE} \rightarrow E_z \rightarrow \omega_{SF}^- = \omega_{SDE} - E_z \rightarrow 0$$

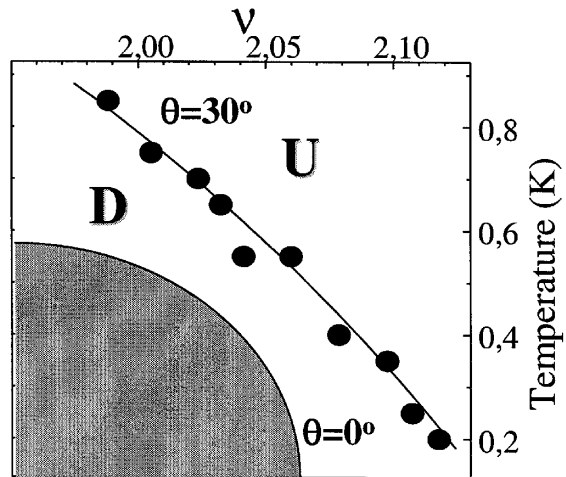
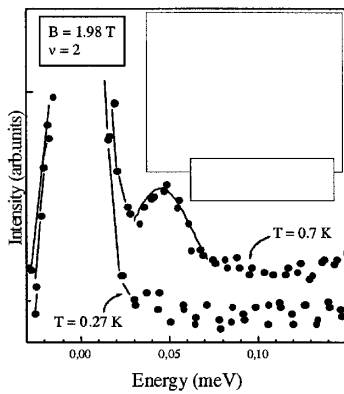


Phase diagram of coupled double quantum well at $\nu=2$

$\nu=2,6$



Finite temperature phase transition



S. Das Sarma, S. Sachdev, L. Zheng, PRL (1997)
 M. Troyer, S. Sachdev, PRL (1998)

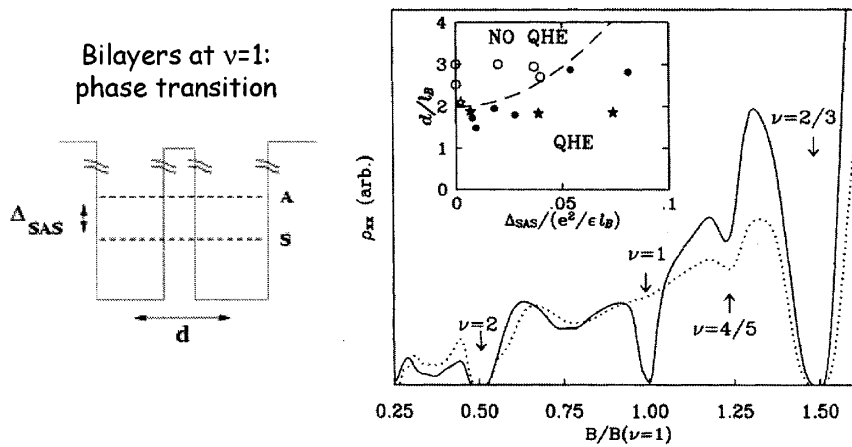
Conclusion $\nu=2$

- Collapse of the Spin-density excitations
- Excitonic instability
- Observation of an intermediate "disordered" phase
- The transition appears as a continuous QPT
- Finite-temperature phase transition

Bilayers at $\nu=1$

S. Luin, VP et al. *Phys. Rev. Lett.* (2003)
S. Luin, VP et al. *Physica E* (in press)
S. Luin, VP et al, *Solid State Communications* (2003)

Inspired by...experiments



G. S. Boebinger *et al.*, Phys. Rev. Lett. **64**, 1793 (1990)

S. Q. Murphy, J. P. Eisenstein, *et al.*, Phys. Rev. Lett. **72**, 728 (1994)

Inspired by...HF calculations

H. A. Fertig, Phys. Rev. B **40**, 1087 (1989).

H. MacDonald, P. M. Platzman, and G. S. Boebinger, Phys. Rev. Lett. **65**, 775 (1990)

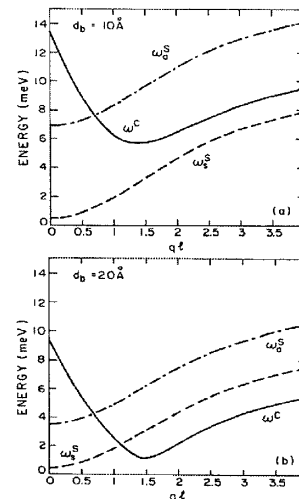
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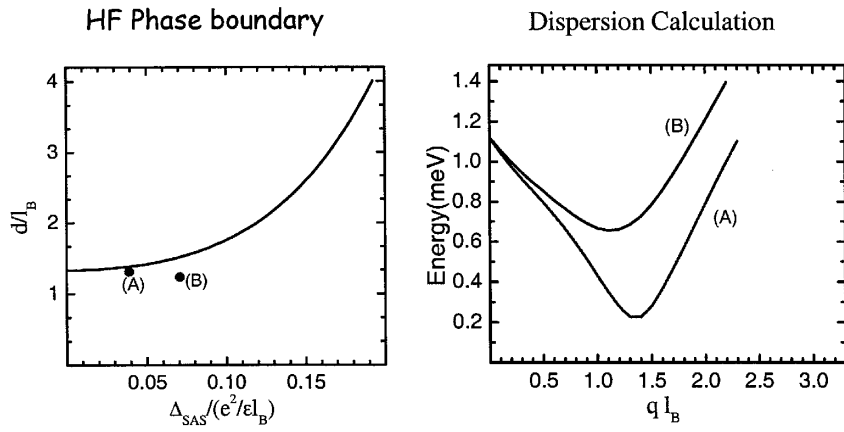
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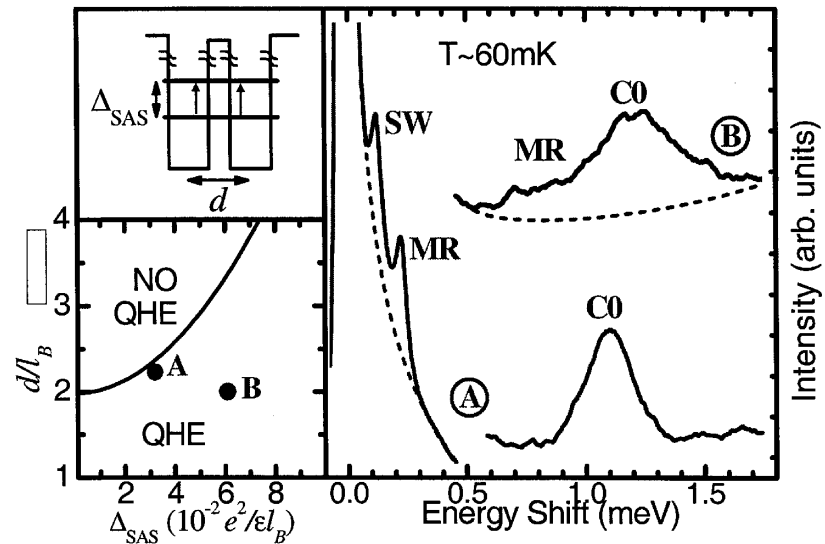
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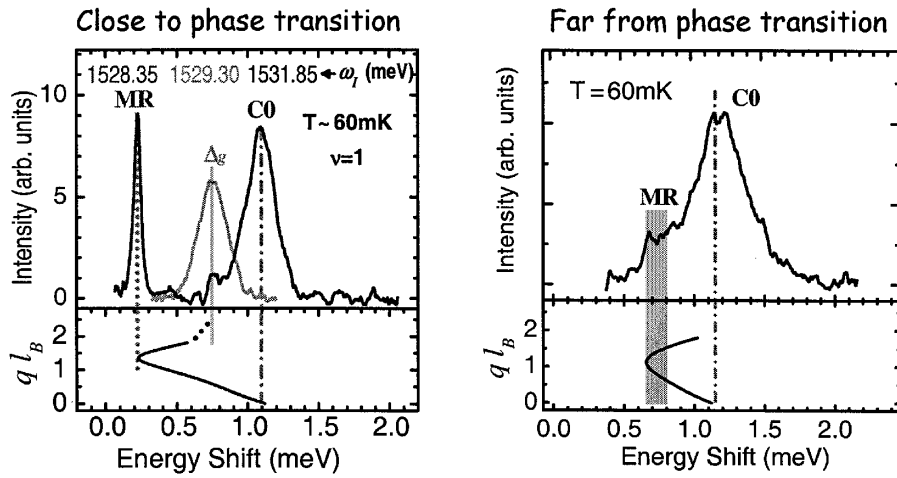
Time dependent Hartree-Fock Theory



Observation of roton minimum at $\nu=1$



Magneto-roton softening

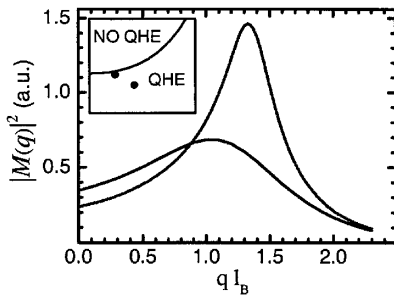


Magnetorotons soften and sharpen approaching the phase boundary

Sharpening of magneto-roton

Oscillator strength

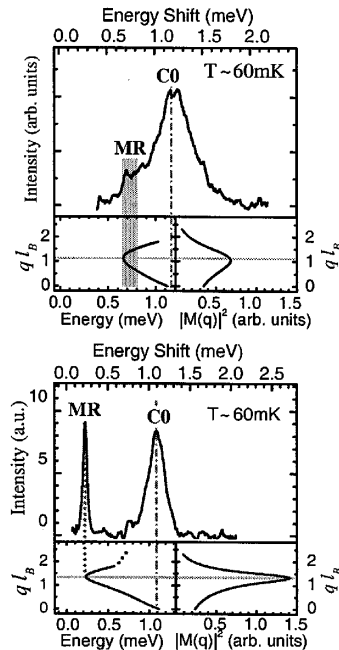
$$I(\omega) \leftarrow S(q, \omega) \propto |M(q)|^2 \frac{\omega_c(q) \omega \Gamma}{[\omega^2 - \omega_c^2(q)]^2 + \omega^2 \Gamma^2}$$



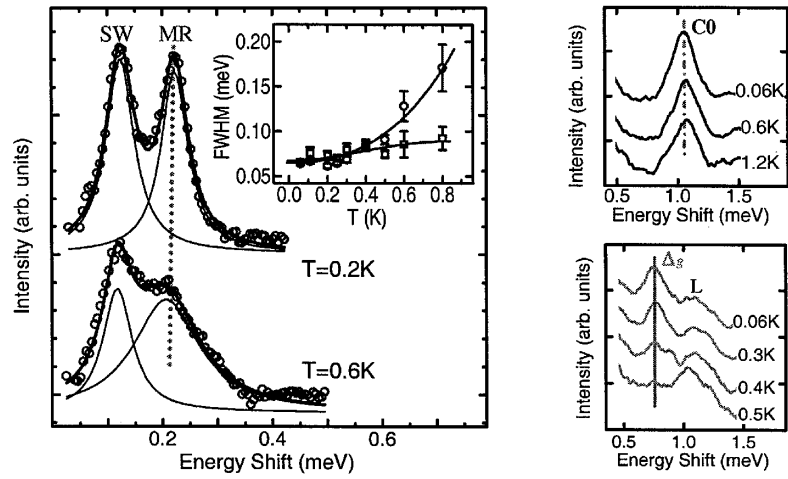
$$I(\omega) \sim \int S(q', \omega) f(q'; \alpha, q) dq'$$

I. K. Marmorkos and S. Das Sarma,
Phys. Rev. B 45, 13396 (1992)

$$G(r) \leftrightarrow \iint S(q, \omega) d\omega e^{-iqr} dq \sim \int |M(q)|^2 e^{-iqr} dq$$

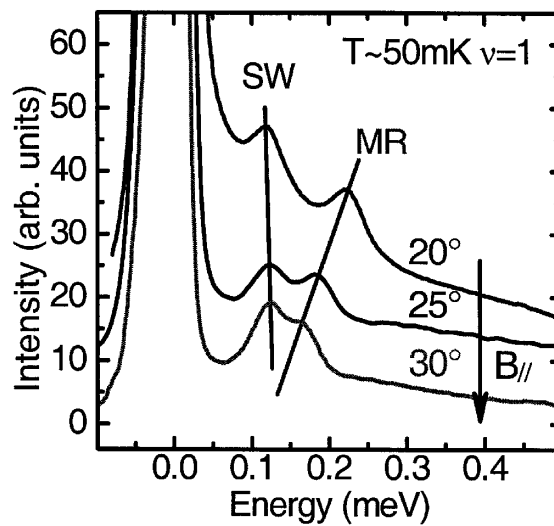


Temperature dependence



Temperature fluctuations destroy the structure in the QH liquid

Tilted fields: on-going work



Conclusion $\nu=1$

- Observation of magneto-rotons
- Softening and sharpening of rotons
- HF accounts semi-quantitatively for the experimental results
- Lineshapes and temperature-dependence suggest the role of correlations: evidence for a broken-symmetry state