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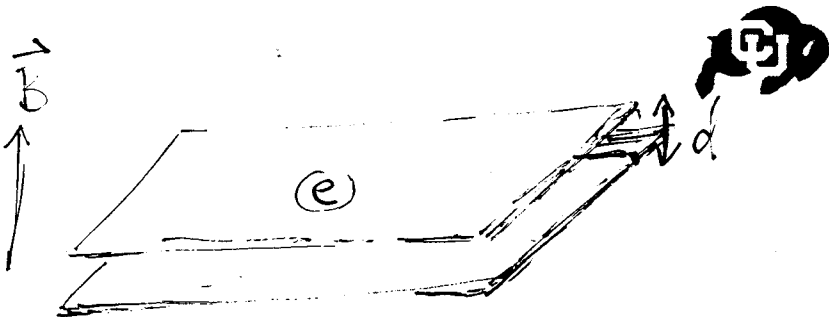
BILAYER QUANTUM HALL PSEUDO-FERROMAGNETS

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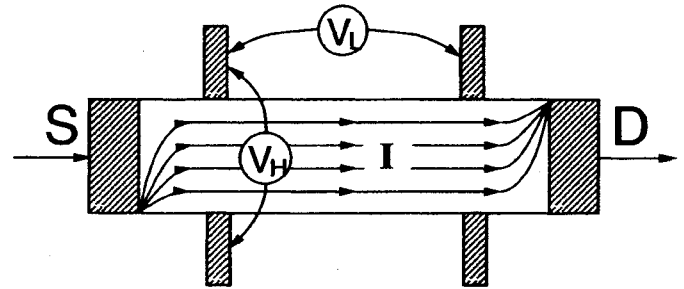
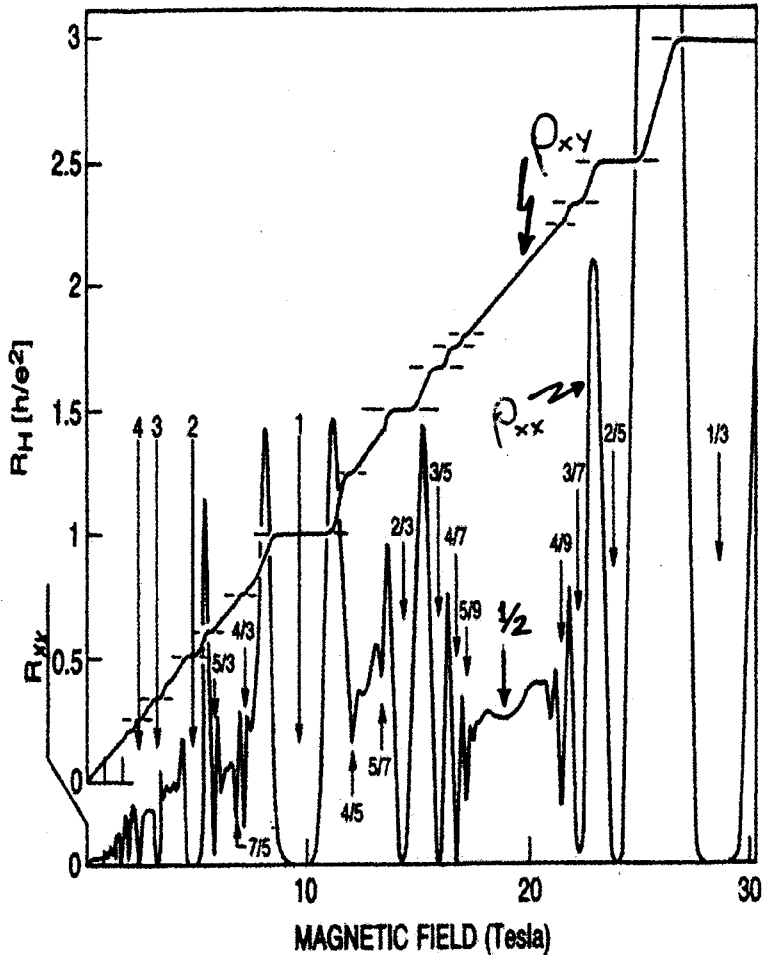
Outline

- Introduction to double-layer quantum Hall effect
- Eisenstein experiments
- Bilayer QH as ideal Stoner ferromagnet
- Broken symmetries
- Theory of interlayer phase coherence and tunneling
 - Model
 - Predictions
 - Computational highlights
- Open questions and conclusions



Single-layer QHE

• Experiment D. Tsui, '90



$$\rho_{xy} = \frac{V_H}{I}, \quad \rho_{xx} = \frac{V_L}{I}$$

• Phenomenology of the QHE

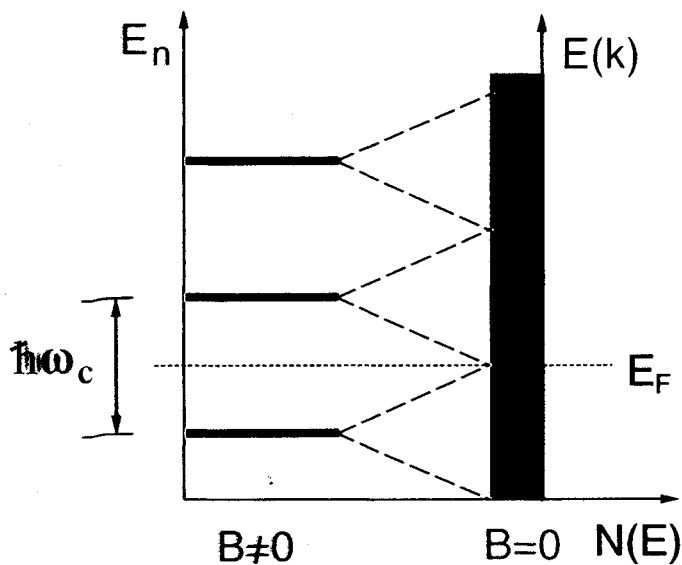
- $\sigma_{xx} = \rho_{xx} = 0$, dissipationless flow (cf. insulator and superconductor)
- $\sigma_{xy} = \nu e^2/h$, "quantized", with $\nu \in$ integers (IQHE) and simple fractions (FQHE) (cf. classical Hall effect: $\sigma_{xy}^{(class.)} = \frac{ne c}{B} = \frac{n}{n_B} \frac{e^2}{h}$)
- gapped state



Hints at the QHE

- **IQHE:** 2d *noninteracting* electron under strong B-field

$$\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \left(\vec{\nabla} - i \frac{2\pi}{\phi_0} \vec{A} \right)^2 \psi_{n,k} = E_n \psi_{n,k}$$



- Landau levels:
 $E_n = \hbar\omega_c(n + 1/2)$
- Macroscopic degeneracy:
 $N_B = BL^2/\phi_0$
- Spectrum suggests dissipationless flow when LL are full and E_F in a gap.

- **FQHE:** interactions are essential

- Laughlin's state: $\psi = \prod_{i < j}^N (z_i - z_j)^{1/\nu} e^{-\frac{1}{4} \sum_i^N |z_i|^2}$

(Jain)

- Composite fermions: FQHE \rightarrow IQHE

(Girvin + MacDonald)

- Composite bosons: FQHE \rightarrow superfluid



What about electron spin?

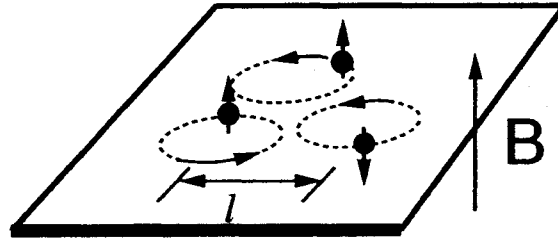
unimportant when $E_{Zeeman} = g\hbar\omega_c \gg \Delta_{QH}$

← but can be very small!
in semiconductors



Multi-component QH States

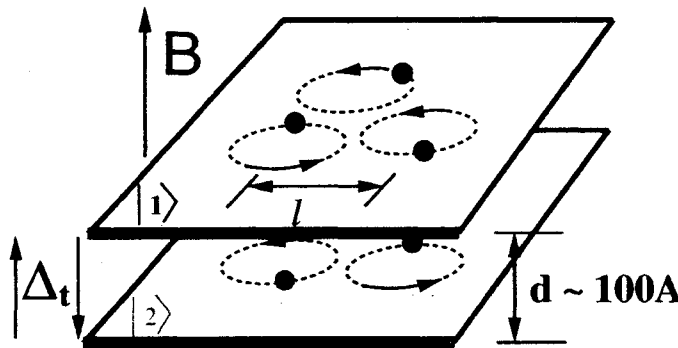
- **Spin degeneracy in single-layer**, when $g \rightarrow 0$ (Sondhi, et al. '93)



$$E_{\text{Zeeman}} = \mu B = g \hbar \omega_c \rightarrow 0$$

$\nu = 1$ QH
 Fermi magnet
 driven by
 Coulomb interactions
 " $\nu = 1$ is a fraction too"

- **Layer-index pseudo-spin degeneracy in double-layer**, when $\Delta_{\text{tunneling}} \rightarrow 0$ (Fertig '89, MacDonald, et al. '90, Wen and Zee '92, Ezawa and Iwazaki '92)



$$l = \sqrt{\frac{\phi_0}{2\pi B}}$$

$|1\rangle \Rightarrow |\uparrow\rangle$ } pseudo-
 $|2\rangle \Rightarrow |\downarrow\rangle$ } spin
 $\nu = 1$ QH
 pseudo-Fermi magnet

QH ground state as a special case of Halperin's lmn state:

$$\psi_{lmn} = \prod (z_i - z_j)^l \prod (w_i - w_j)^m \prod (z_i - w_j)^n$$

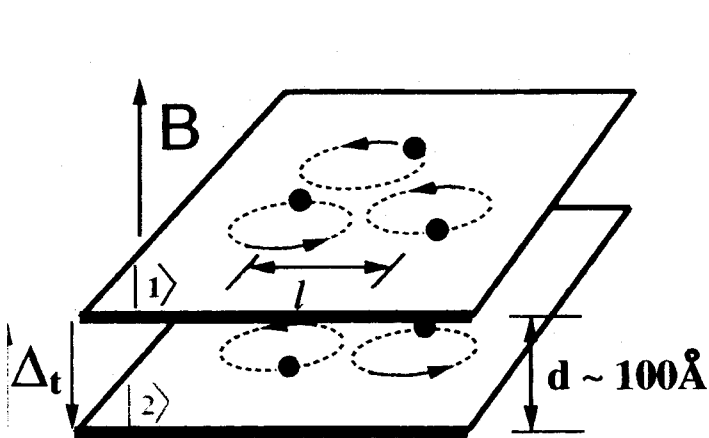
with $l = m = n$, i.e., the mmm QH state



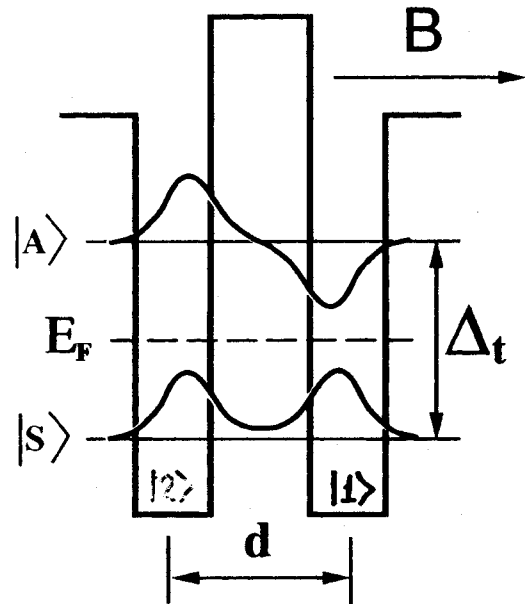
Noninteracting $\nu = 1$ Bilayer

$$\nu = \nu_1 + \nu_2 = 1,$$

$$H_{tunnel} = -\Delta_t(c_1^\dagger c_2 + c_2^\dagger c_1)$$



$$l = \sqrt{\frac{\phi_0}{2\pi B}}$$



- Single-particle quantum Hall gap = Δ_t
- Valid when $\Delta_t \gg E_{Coulomb} \sim \frac{e^2}{\epsilon d}$

Can the QH state survive in the limit $\Delta_t \rightarrow 0 \ll E_{Coulomb}$?

YES!

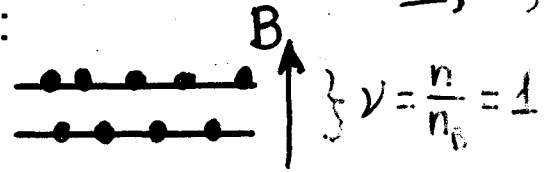
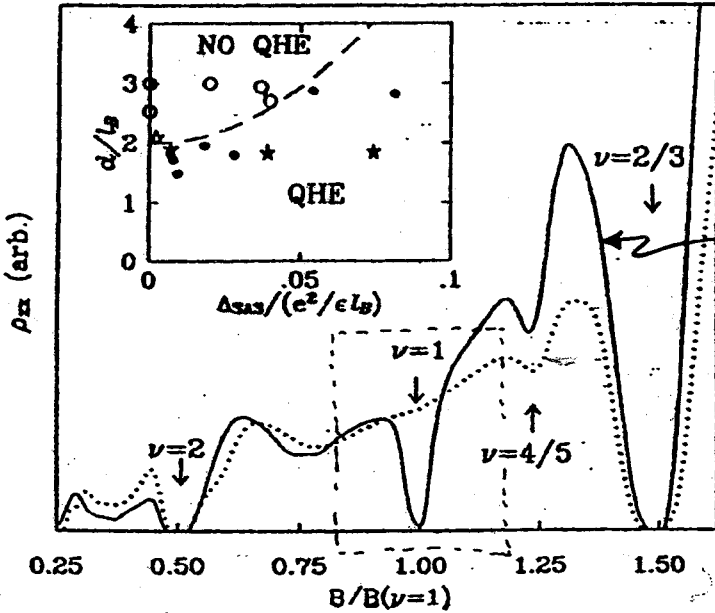
- $\psi_{111} = \prod(z_i - z_j) \prod(w_i - w_j) \prod(z_i - w_j)$ Halperin's 111 state
- exhibits a bulk massless $SU(2)$ mode related to $N_1 - N_2$ (Wen and Zee '92, Ezawa and Iwazaki '92)
- cf. single layer with spin (Sondhi, et al. '93) $|\downarrow\rangle \rightarrow |A\rangle$
 $\nu=1, E_{Zeeman} = g\mu_B \omega_c \rightarrow 0$ $|\uparrow\rangle \rightarrow |S\rangle$

Early Experimental Evidence

A. MacDonald, et al.
PRL 65, 775 (1990)

Murphy, et al., PRL
72, 728, '94

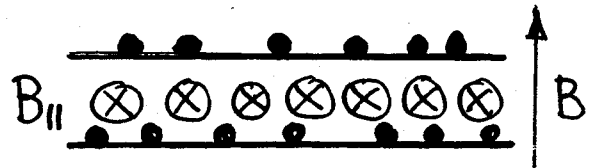
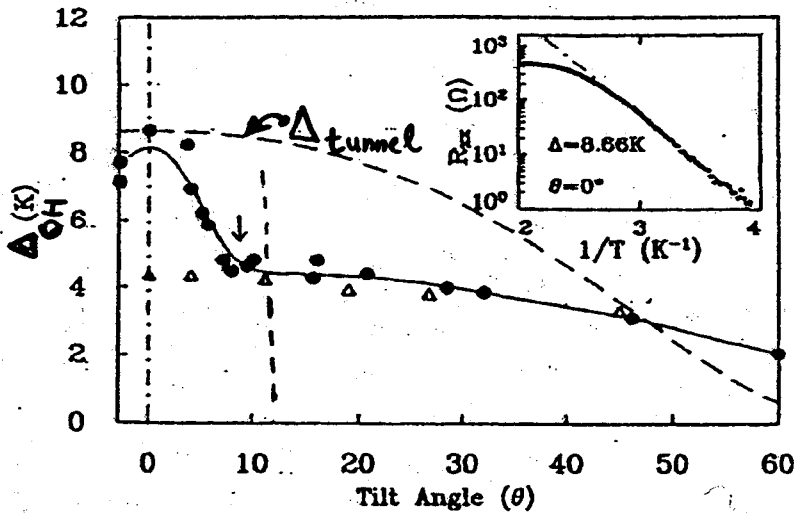
- Vanishing of ρ_{xx} at $\nu = 1$:



$\nu = 1$ bilayer QHE
for $d = 30 \text{ \AA}$, $N = 1.26 \times 10^{11} \text{ cm}^{-2}$

no $\nu=1$ bilayer QHE
for $d = 40 \text{ \AA}$, $N = 1.15 \times 10^{11} \text{ cm}^{-2}$
(larger spacing, higher density)

- $B_{||}$ -induced QH gap collapse:



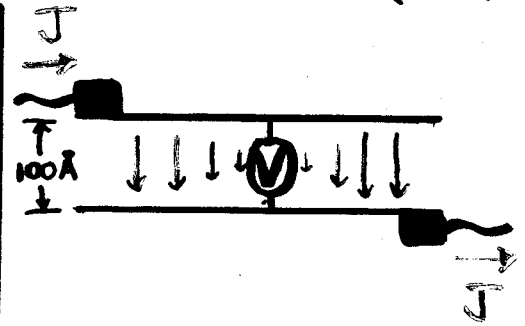
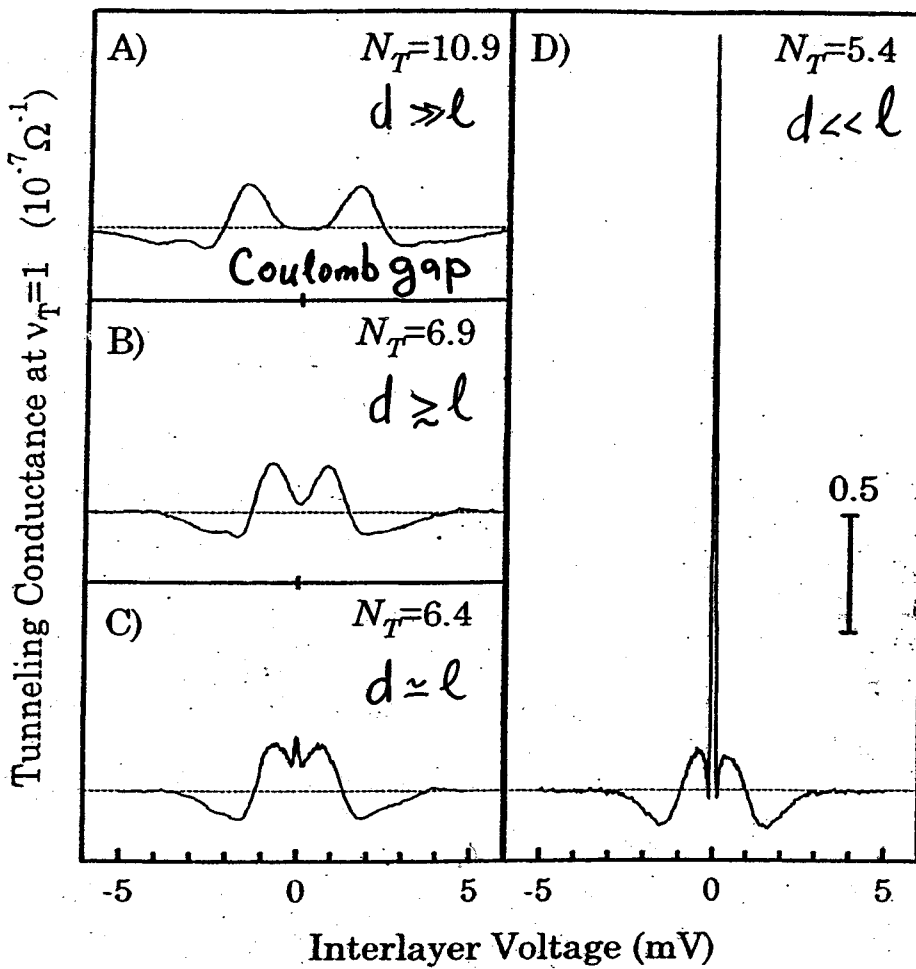
Commensurate Incommensurate
transition

K. Yang, et al, PRB 54, 11644 (1996)

Recent Tunneling Experiments

- Appearance of zero-bias peak for $l > d$:

[Spielman, et al., PRL 84, 5808
(2000)]



- $T = 40 \text{ mK}$
- $\nu = 1$
- $\rho_s = \frac{1}{2} \text{ K}$
- $\Delta_t = 0.1 \text{ mK}$
- $d = 100 \text{ \AA}$
- $\Delta_J = 0.07 \text{ K}$

- Go through transition by adjusting l relative to d keeping $\nu = 1$
- Quantum transition takes place when interlayer interaction e^2/d dominates over intralayer one e^2/l spontaneous interlayer coherence for $d < l$

Finite T_{KT} Transition

(Spielman, et al. 2000)

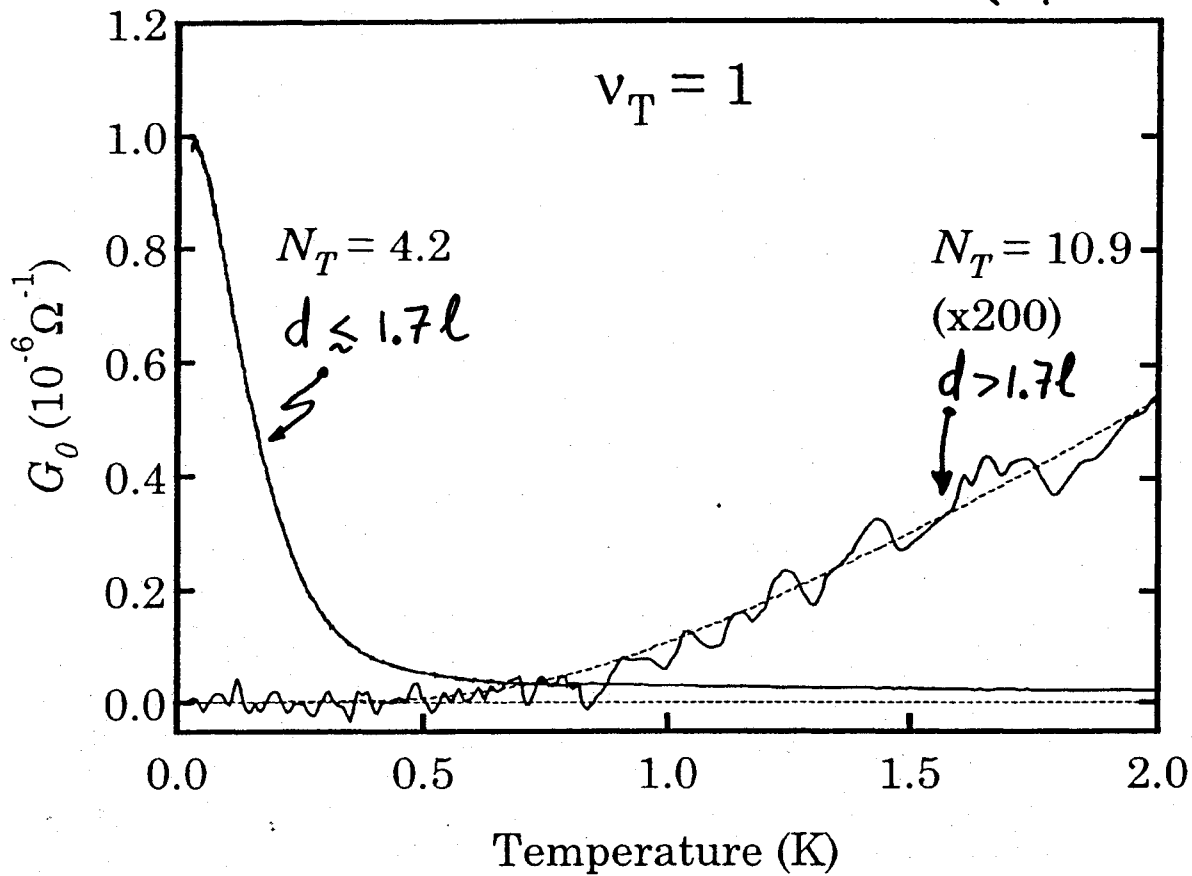


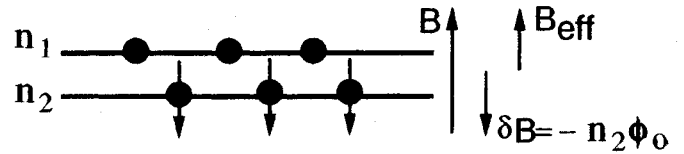
FIG. 3. Temperature dependence of the zero bias tunneling conductance at $\nu_T = 1$ at high and low densities. Note that the high density data has been magnified by a factor of 200.

Pictures of the Ground State

- BEC of composite bosons** (Wen and Zee '92)

e_1 sees e_2 carrying a unit of flux, leading to

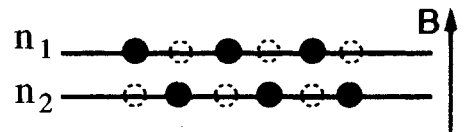
$$B_1^{eff} = B - n_2 \phi_0$$



$$\psi_{111} = \prod (z_i - z_j) \prod (w_i - w_j) \prod (z_i - w_j)$$

- BCS of interlayer excitons**

electrons in layer 1 pair with holes in layer 2 via BCS



$$|\psi\rangle = \prod_X \left(\cos \frac{\theta_x}{2} e^{i\phi_{x1}} c_{x1}^\dagger + \sin \frac{\theta_x}{2} e^{i\phi_{x2}} c_{x2}^\dagger \right) |0\rangle$$

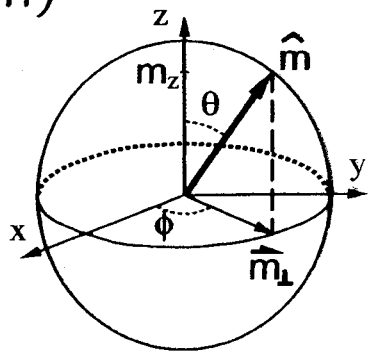
- Pseudo-FM in layer index** (K.Moon, et al.'95, K. Yang, et al.'96)

$|1\rangle \Rightarrow |\uparrow\rangle$
 $|2\rangle \Rightarrow |\downarrow\rangle$
} pseudo-spin

- o ideal itinerate Stoner pseudo-FM (cf. Hund's rule spin polarization)

- o $E_{Coul.}^{exch.} > E_{kinetic} = 0$

- o $\vec{m} = c_\alpha^\dagger \vec{\sigma}_{\alpha\beta} c_\beta = (\sin \theta \cos \phi, \sin \theta \sin \phi, \cos \theta)$



$$|\psi\rangle = \prod_{ij} (z_i - z_j) | \rightarrow \rightarrow \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow \rangle$$

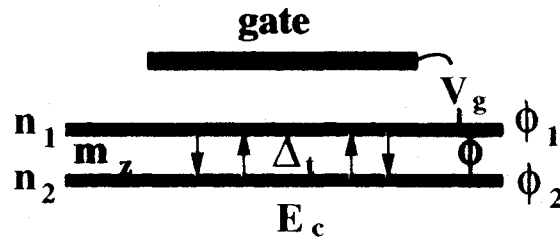
$$|\uparrow\rangle = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \frac{\theta}{2} \\ \sin \frac{\theta}{2} e^{i\phi} \end{pmatrix}$$

Goldstone Mode Hamiltonian

- $SU(2)$ invariance for $\Delta_t = E_c = 0$

$$\mathcal{H}_{SU(2)} = \frac{1}{2} J |\nabla \hat{m}|^2, \quad |\hat{m}| = 1$$

- Symmetry-breaking energies:



- Bilayer charging energy E_c

$$\begin{aligned} H_c &= \frac{1}{2} E_c (n_1 - n_2)^2 \\ &= \frac{1}{2} E_c m_z^2 \end{aligned}$$

easy-plane anisotropy,

breaking $SU(2) \rightarrow U(1)$

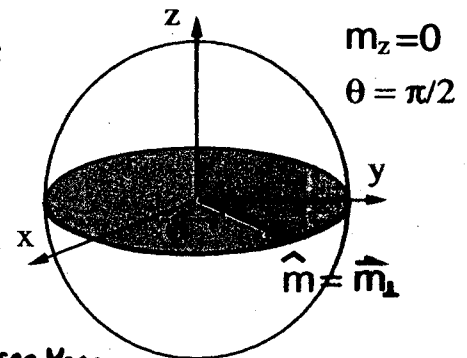
also long-range dipolar interaction (see Moon et al)

- Interlayer tunneling energy Δ_t

$$\begin{aligned} H_{tunnel} &= -\Delta_t (c_1^\dagger c_2 + c_2^\dagger c_1) \\ &= -\Delta_t m_x = -\Delta_t m_\perp \cos \phi \end{aligned}$$

pseudo-B field along x ,

breaking $U(1)$ (pseudo-spin) symmetry



- Gate V_g

$$\begin{aligned} H_{gate} &= -V_g (n_1 - n_2) \\ &= -V_g m_z \end{aligned}$$

pseudo-B field along z ,

breaking $U(1)$ (pseudo-spin) symmetry



• **Low energy modes:** (Moon, et al.'95)

- relative charge density and phase

$$\hat{m}_z = \hat{n}_1 - \hat{n}_2, \quad \hat{\phi} = \hat{\phi}_1 - \hat{\phi}_2$$

- canonical commutation relation

$$[\hat{m}_z, \hat{\phi}] = i$$

• **Continuum field-theory:**

- model Hamiltonian

$$\hat{H} = \int d^2r \left[\underbrace{\frac{\rho_s}{2} |\vec{\nabla} \hat{\phi}|^2}_{\text{exchange}} \underbrace{- \frac{\Delta_t}{2\pi\ell^2} \cos \hat{\phi}}_{\text{tunneling}} + \underbrace{\frac{E_c}{2\pi\ell^2} \hat{m}_z^2}_{\text{charging}} \right]$$

- coherent state Action

$$S = \int dt d^2r \left[\underbrace{\frac{\hbar}{\ell^2} m_z \partial_t \phi}_{\text{Berry's "pq" term}} - \frac{\rho_s}{2} |\vec{\nabla} \phi|^2 + \frac{\Delta_t}{2\pi\ell^2} \cos \phi - \frac{E_c}{2\pi\ell^2} m_z^2 \right]$$

Berry's "pq" term $\vec{A}[\hat{m}] \cdot \partial_t \hat{m} = (1 - \cos \theta) \partial_t \phi$,
encoding precessional FM dynamics

- charging energy E_c gaps out m_z , which can therefore be integrated out exactly (cf. free particle with $p\dot{q} - p^2/2m$ and superconductor with n, ϕ)

$$S = \int dt d^2r \left[\frac{\rho_s}{2} \left(\frac{1}{v^2} (\partial_t \phi)^2 - |\vec{\nabla} \phi|^2 \right) + \frac{\Delta_t}{2\pi\ell^2} \cos \phi \right]$$

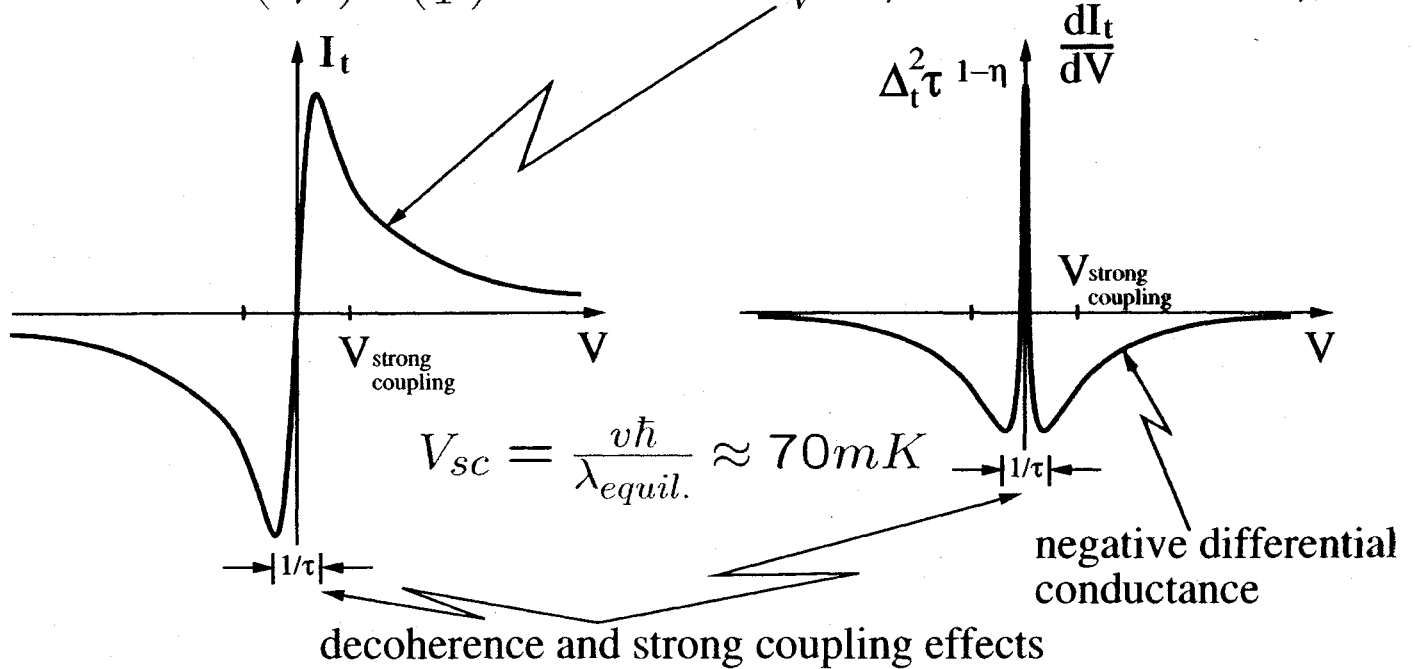
$$v = 4\pi^{\frac{1}{2}} \frac{\ell}{\hbar} \sqrt{E_c \rho_s} \approx \Delta_J \lambda / \hbar \approx 10^4 \text{ m/sec}$$

Perturbative IV Predictions

- Clean bilayer**

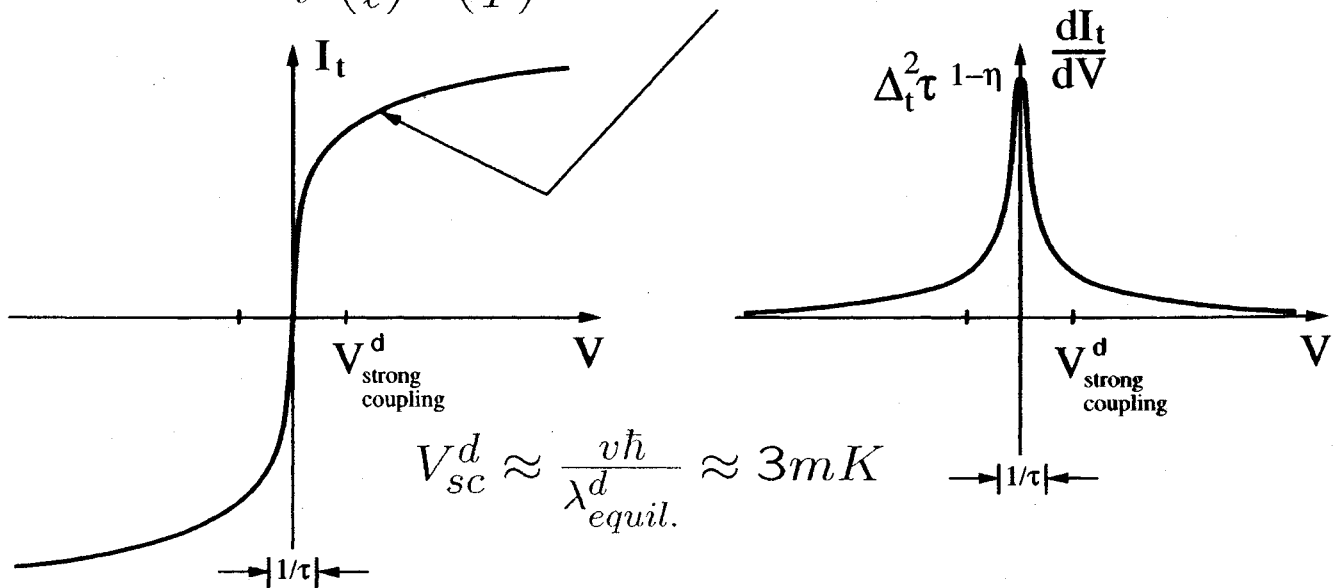
 L. Balents, L.R., PRL 86, 1825 (2001)
 (also see: A. Stern, et al.; M. Fogler, et al. PRL)

$$J_t \sim \left(\frac{\Delta_t}{V}\right)^2 \left(\frac{V}{T}\right)^\eta \text{sgn}(V) \sim \frac{1}{V^{2-\eta}} \quad \eta(T) = \frac{k_B T}{2\pi\rho_s}$$



- Dirty bilayer**

$$J_t \sim \Delta_t^2 \left(\frac{\xi}{\ell}\right)^2 \left(\frac{V}{T}\right)^\eta \text{sgn}(V) \sim V^\eta$$

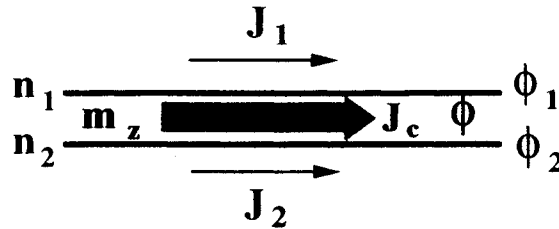


Phenomenology

- QHE in charge (symmetric) channel:

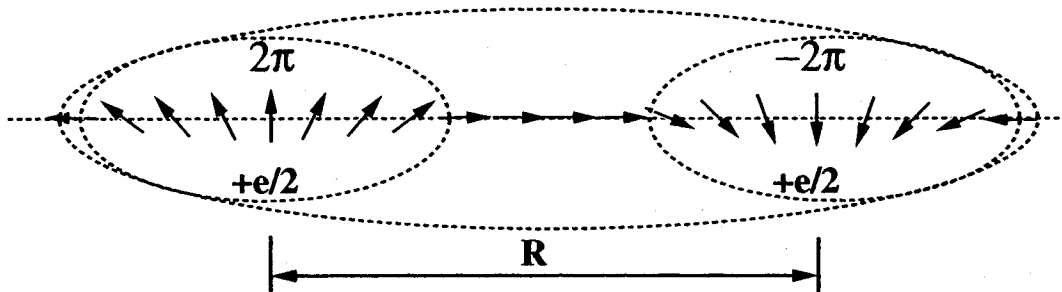
$$\vec{J}_c = \vec{J}_1 + \vec{J}_2$$

carried by edge states in clean sample



- Quasi-particle excitation gapped by Δ_{QH} : meron-antimeron pair with EM charge density

$$\delta n(\mathbf{r}) = -\frac{e}{8\pi} \epsilon_{\mu\nu} \hat{m} \cdot (\partial_\mu \hat{m} \times \partial_\nu \hat{m})$$



- Bulk gapless Goldstone mode ($\Delta_t \rightarrow 0$):

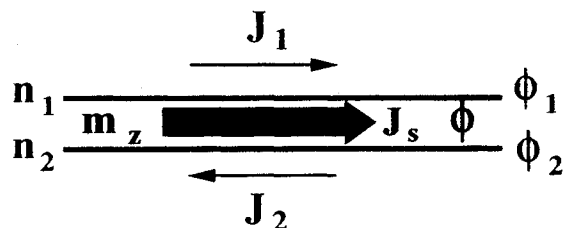
$$\phi = \phi_1 - \phi_2$$

symmetry breaking of pseudo-spin $U(1)$

associated with $N_1 - N_2$ charge conservation

- Persistent pseudo-spin (antisymmetric) currents:

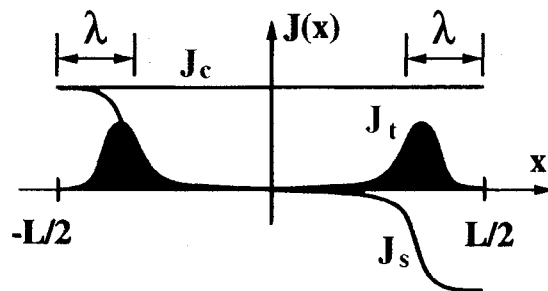
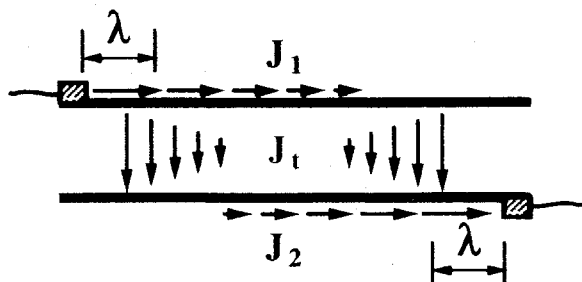
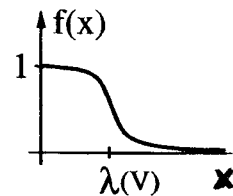
$$\vec{J}_s = \vec{J}_1 - \vec{J}_2 = \frac{e\rho_s}{\hbar} \vec{\nabla} \phi$$



Strong Coupling and Screening

• **Current "Meissner" effect:** $J(x, V) = J(V)f(x/\lambda)$

- due to *explicit* breaking of staggered $U(1)$ by tunneling
- nonextensive staggered and tunneling currents confined to sample edges



• **Screening lengths**

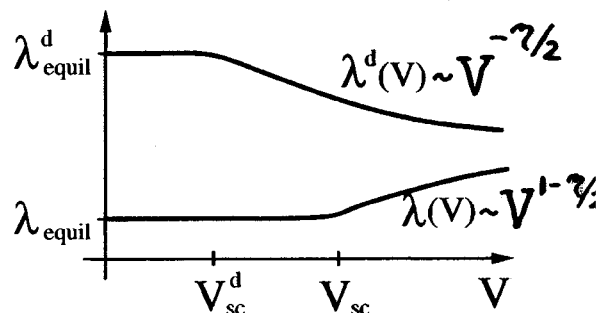
- clean limit:

cut off by V $\lambda(V) = \lambda_{equil.} \begin{cases} \left(\frac{\lambda_0}{\xi_T}\right)^{\frac{\eta}{4-\eta}} \left(\frac{\lambda_0}{\xi_V}\right) \left(\frac{T}{V}\right)^{\eta/2}, & V > V_{sc} \\ 1, & V < V_{sc} \end{cases}$

$\hbar, k_B T$ renorm. $\lambda_{equil.} = \lambda_0 \left(\frac{\lambda_0}{\xi_T}\right)^{\frac{\eta}{4-\eta}} \approx 150\ell \approx 4\mu m$

strong coupling $\lambda_0 = \ell \sqrt{2\pi\rho_s/\Delta_t} \approx 4\mu m$

$$\mathcal{H} = \frac{1}{2}\rho_s |\vec{\nabla}\phi|^2 - \frac{\Delta_t}{2\pi\ell^2} \cos\phi$$



- dirty limit:

$\lambda_d(V)$ same as $\lambda(V)$ with $\xi_V \equiv \frac{\hbar v}{V} \rightarrow \xi_d$

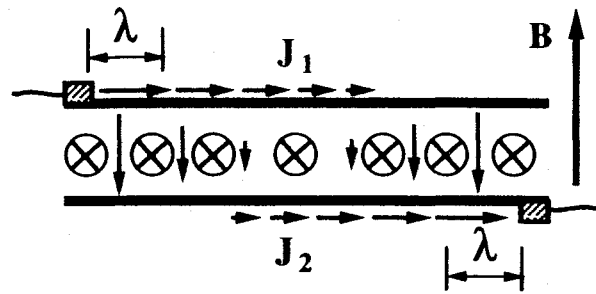
$\lambda_{equil.}^d = \lambda_0 \left(\frac{\lambda_0}{\xi_d}\right)^{\frac{2}{2-\eta}} \left(\frac{\lambda_0}{\xi_T}\right)^{\frac{\eta}{2-\eta}} \approx 25\lambda_{equil.} \approx 100\mu m$

• **Other important scales**

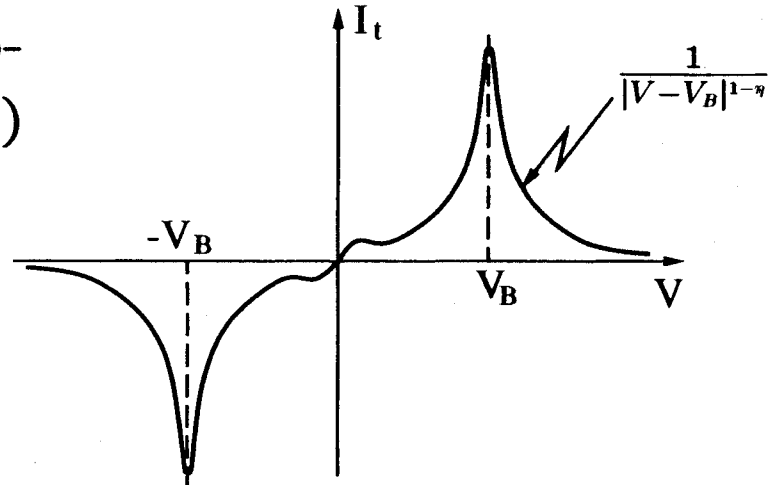
- disorder correlation length: $\xi_d \approx 12\ell \approx 0.2\mu m$
- thermal length: $\xi_T = \hbar v/T = \lambda_0 \frac{\Delta_t}{T} \approx 10^3\ell \approx 20\mu m$
- sample size: $L \approx 250\mu m$
- tunneling energy: $\Delta_t \approx 0.1mK \approx 0.01\mu eV$
- Josephson plasma energy: $\Delta_J \approx 70mK \approx 7\mu eV = \frac{\hbar v}{\lambda_0}$
- exchange stiffness: $\rho_s \approx 0.5K \approx 0.05meV$

$\Rightarrow I_t(V) \approx L_y \lambda(V) J_t(V) \sim \begin{cases} \frac{1}{V^{1-\eta/2}}, & \text{clean} \\ V^{\eta/2}, & \text{dirty} \end{cases}, \text{ for } L_x > \lambda(V), V > V_{sc}$

IV with In-plane B_{\parallel} Field

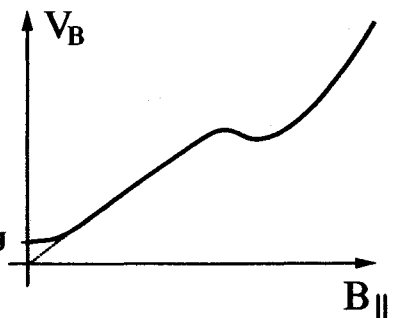


- B_{\parallel} splits the zero-bias peak to $\pm V_B(B_{\parallel})$



- $eV_B(B_{\parallel}) = \hbar\omega(2\pi dB_{\parallel}/\phi_0)$ maps out the Goldstone mode dispersion $\hbar\omega(Q)$

$$V_{sc} \approx 7\mu\text{eV} \sim \Delta_J$$



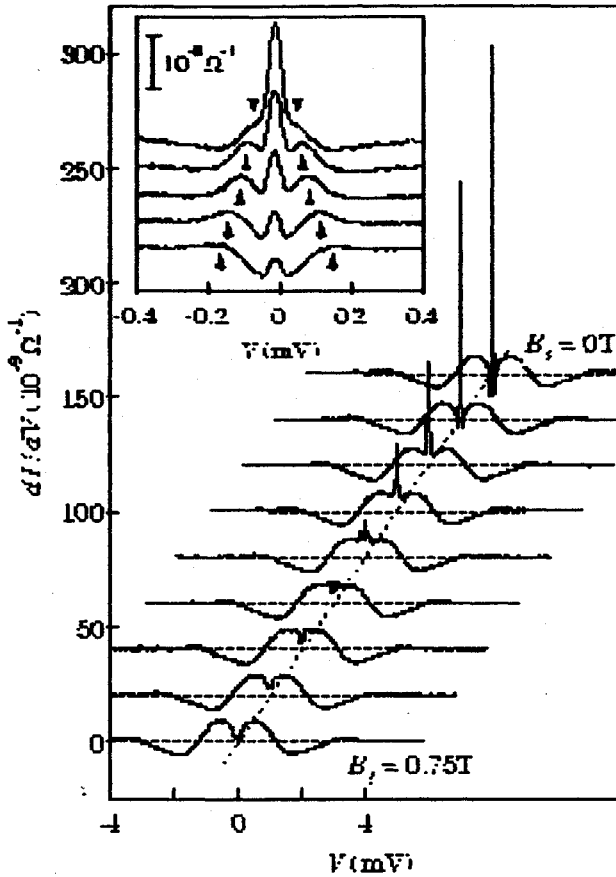
- These are consequence of:

- single low energy mode ϕ dominating tunneling (cf. Fermi-liquid \rightarrow Fermi-liquid tunneling: $I(V) = 2e |\Delta_d|^2 N_R N_L \int_{-eV}^0 d\varepsilon \ll V$)
- B_{\parallel} imposing an in-plane momentum $Q = 2\pi dB_{\parallel}/\phi_0$
- 2d energy and momentum conservation

Experimental IV's with $B_{||}$

I. Spielman, et al. condmat/0012094

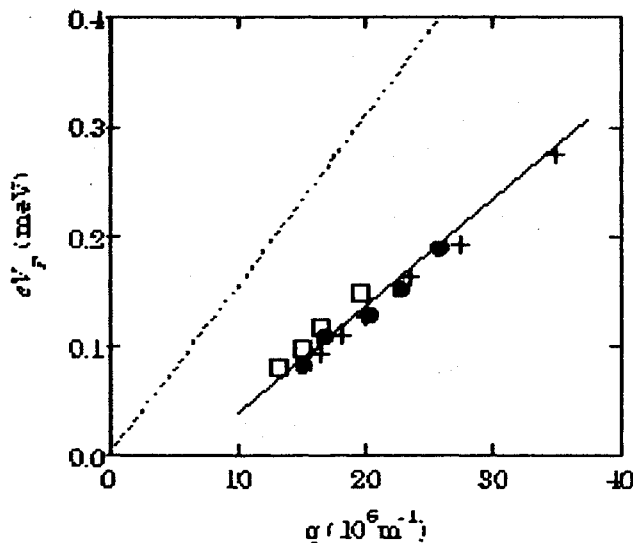
- Split of IV peak with $B_{||}$: $\lesssim \frac{1}{2}$ Tesla



Note: central peak persists

Direct measure of Goldstone mode (ϕ) spectral fnc.

- Dispersion of the peak:



$$v \approx 1.5 \times 10^4 \text{ m/s}$$

Calculational Highlights

• Effective Action:

$$S_E = \int_{\tau, r} \left\{ \frac{\rho_s}{2} \left(\frac{1}{v^2} (\partial_t \phi)^2 + |\vec{\nabla} \phi|^2 \right) - \frac{\Delta_t}{2\pi\ell^2} \cos[\phi - Qx - \Omega t] \right\}$$

$$Q = B_{\parallel} \frac{2\pi d}{\phi_0}, \quad \Omega = eV/\hbar$$

• Calculational details:

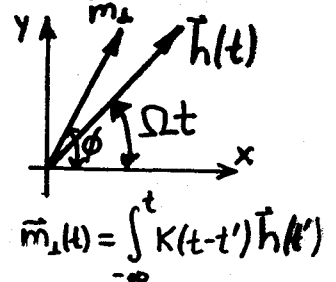
◦ Tunneling current: $I_t = e \langle \hat{N}_1 \rangle = \frac{-ie}{\hbar} \langle [\hat{N}_1, \hat{H}] \rangle$

$$\Rightarrow J_t(V, B_{\parallel}) = \frac{e\Delta_t}{2\pi\ell^2\hbar} \langle \sin \hat{\phi} \rangle = \left\langle \frac{e}{2\pi\ell^2\hbar} (\hat{z} \times \vec{m}_{\perp}(t)) \cdot \vec{h}(t) \right\rangle$$

◦ Perturbation theory in Δ_t :

$$J_t(V, B_{\parallel}) = J_0 \frac{\Delta_t}{2\pi\ell^2\hbar} \text{Re} [C(\mathbf{r}, t)]_{Q\hat{x}, \Omega}$$

$$C(\mathbf{r}, t) = \theta(t) \langle [e^{i\hat{\phi}(\mathbf{r}, t)}, e^{-i\hat{\phi}(0,0)}] \rangle_0$$



- *Equilibrium* screening and crossover to strong coupling: $\lambda_{equil.} = \lambda_0 \left(\frac{\lambda_0}{\xi_T} \right)^{\frac{\eta}{4-\eta}}$, for $\beta_S \gg \Delta_t$
 fluctuations at short time/length scales suppress effective tunneling, as can be studied via RG and matching onto strong coupling description

Additional Details

- Physics of *nonequilibrium* screening: $\lambda(V) > \lambda_{\text{equil}}$.

Steady state current conservation:

f. Superconductor.
 $\vec{v} \times \vec{B} = \vec{j}$

$$\frac{e}{\hbar} \rho_s \nabla^2 \phi = -J_t(V) \implies \lambda(V) = \sqrt{\frac{e \rho_s}{\hbar J_t(V)}}$$

- Perturbative IR divergences are softened but *not* eliminated by V even for $V > V_{sc}$
- Quenched disorder:

- random phase shifts $\delta(\mathbf{r})$:

$$\Delta_t \sin \phi(\mathbf{r}, t) \rightarrow \Delta_t \sin[\phi(\mathbf{r}, t) - \delta(\mathbf{r})]$$

- random vector potential $\vec{a}(\mathbf{r})$: dominant

$$\vec{\nabla} \phi \rightarrow \vec{\nabla} \phi - \vec{a}(\mathbf{r})$$

with $\vec{a}(\mathbf{r}) = \delta V_-(\mathbf{r}) \hat{z} \times \vec{\nabla} V_+(\mathbf{r})$ (Stern, et al.)

same qualitative physics for weak disorder and quantum gauge glass for strong

$$\xi_{\parallel} \sim T^{-\nu} \quad \xi_{\parallel}/\sigma \ll \tau_{\parallel} \sim e \frac{1}{T^{\alpha}}$$

- Crossover to classical hydrodynamics:

$$\partial_t m_z = -\sigma_t m_z + D \nabla^2 m_z$$

$$J_t(V, \Delta_t) = b^{-\eta/2} J_t(Vb, \Delta_t b^{2-\eta/2})$$

$$\sim \Delta_t^2 V^{-(2-\eta)}, \text{ for } eV \gg \Delta_t$$

$$\sim \Delta_t^{\frac{2}{4-\eta}} V, \text{ for } eV \ll \Delta_t$$

$$\implies \sigma_t(\Delta_t) \sim \Delta_t^{\frac{2}{4-\eta}} \gg \Delta_t$$

Open Questions

- **width and height of the tunneling peak**

\hbar/τ $\tau^{1-\nu} \Delta^{\nu}$
 dominant source of dissipation: vortices, leads, ... ?

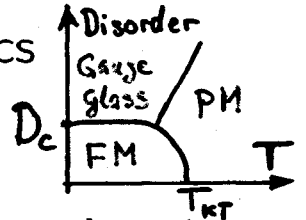
central ($V=0$) peak even for $B_{||} \neq 0$?

- **quantum gauge glass physics** $\frac{\hbar v_F}{v} \ll t \ll \tau_{gg} \sim e^{-\frac{1}{T}}$

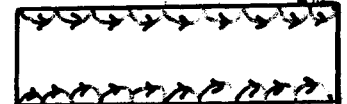
implications for tunneling and phason dynamics
 (see lectures I & II on pinned elastic media)

- **crossover to hydrodynamics**

generation of the effective dissipative $\gamma \partial_t \phi$ dynamics at long scales $\gamma(\Delta_t)$?



- **role and nature of edge states**



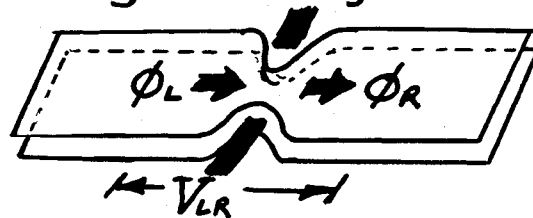
essential for geometry of Eisenstein experiments?

- **spontaneous interlayer phase coherence in the absence of Δ_{QH}**

pseudo-spin superfluid QH insulator?

- **Josephson junction geometry**

$I_s = I_{crit} \sin(\phi_L - \phi_R)$
 $\frac{d\phi_{L,R}}{dt} = eV_{LR}/\hbar$



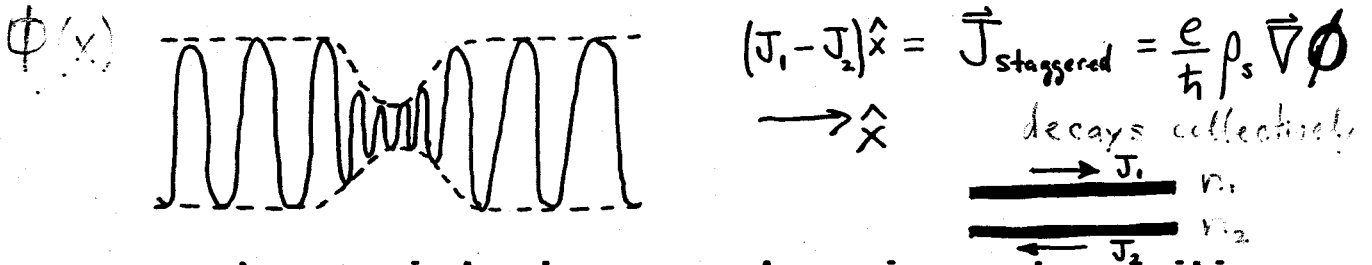
- **broader picture**

phase transitions out of the pseudo-FM and relation to decoupled HLR and other QH states?

see J. Schliemann, et al. condmat/0006309

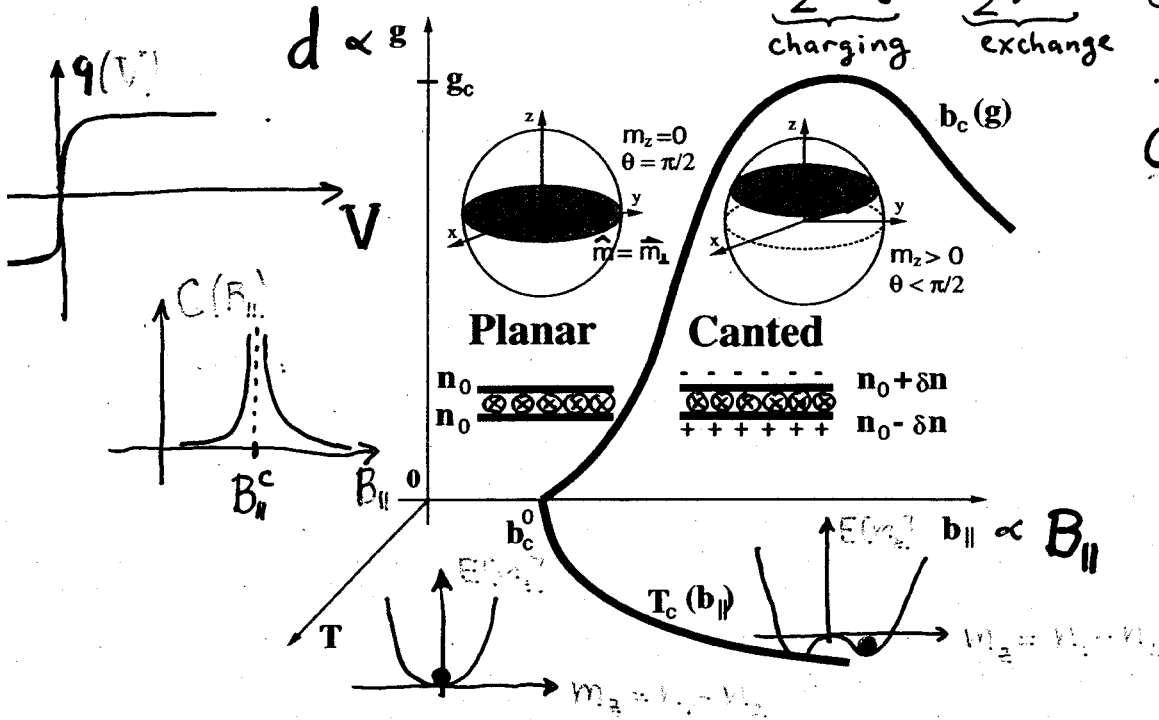
Work in Progress

- decay of persistent staggered currents via phase slips (with J. Kyriakidis, condmat/0010329)

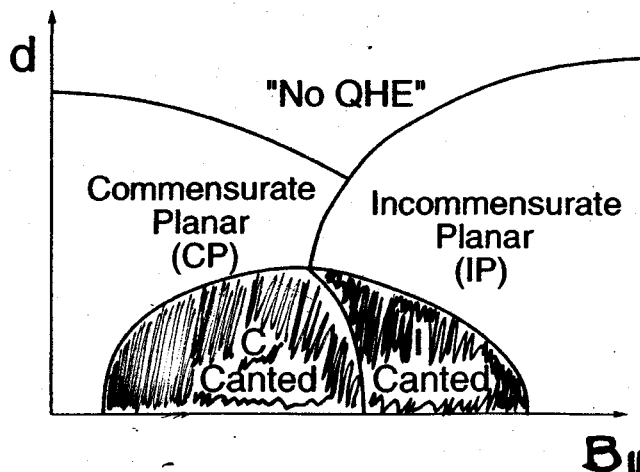


- quantum interlayer charging transition

(cond-mat/0104128) $H = \underbrace{\frac{\beta}{2} m_z^2}_{\text{charging}} + \underbrace{\frac{\rho_s}{2} |\nabla \phi|^2}_{\text{exchange}} - \underbrace{\tilde{\Delta} \cos(\phi - B_{\parallel} x)}_{\text{twists the phase } \phi}$



Competition of:
 Exchange Energy $\frac{1}{2} \rho_s \int |\nabla \phi|^2$
 &
 Charging Energy $\frac{1}{2} \beta \int m_z^2$



Also see HFA:
 Abolfath
 L.R.
 MacDonald