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- hidden geometry of the Laughlin state
- geometrodynamics of the FQHE
- geometry and entanglement

Laughlin state

- originally introduced as a “lowest Landau level wavefunction”

(I will explain why this is a misleading characterization)

$$\Psi_L^q(\{\mathbf{r}_i\}) = \prod_{i < j} (z_i - z_j)^q \prod_i e^{-\frac{1}{2} z_i^* z_i}$$

- usual interpretation of z is

$$z = \frac{x + iy}{\sqrt{2\ell_B^2}}$$

magnetic area: $2\pi\ell_B^2$
(contains one flux quantum h/e)

The most striking feature for theorists is that this is holomorphic!

- Laughlin explained that his wavefunction had a holomorphic factor because it was a lowest-Landau level wavefunction.
- I will explain why the holomorphic character has a quite different origin!
- This will explain why the Laughlin state can be found in systems unrelated to lowest Landau level systems
- It will also reveal the fundamental geometric degree of freedom of the FQHE state.

standard derivation

- non-relativistic Galileian-invariant Landau levels

$$H = \frac{|\vec{p} - e\vec{A}(\mathbf{r})|^2}{2m} = \frac{1}{2}\hbar\omega_c(a^\dagger a + aa^\dagger) \quad (\text{Note isotropic effective mass})$$

- Landau level ladder operators (in the “symmetric gauge”):

$$a = \frac{1}{2}z + \frac{\partial}{\partial z^*} \quad a^\dagger = \frac{1}{2}z^* - \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \quad [a, a^\dagger] = 1$$

lowest Landau level wavefunctions

$$a\psi(\mathbf{r}) = 0 \quad \longrightarrow$$

$$\psi(\mathbf{r}) = f(z)e^{-\frac{1}{2}z^*z}$$

holomorphic function \times Gaussian

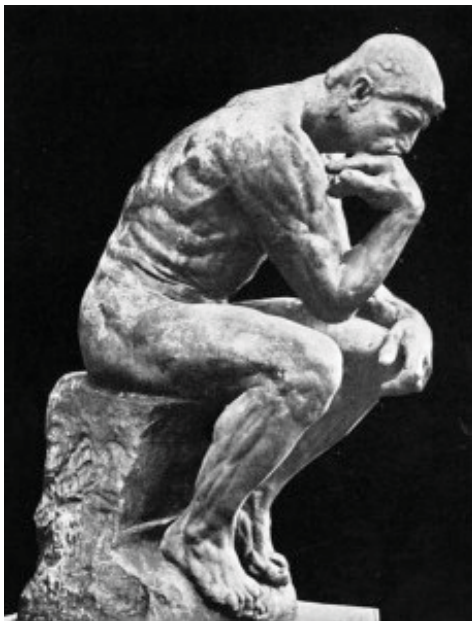
$$\Psi_L^q(\{\mathbf{r}_i\}) = \prod_{i < j} (z_i - z_j)^q \prod_i e^{-\frac{1}{2} z_i^* z_i}$$

- The $q = 3$ Laughlin state was confirmed (by numerical exact diagonalization studies) to be the essential description of the $1/3$ FQHE
- The holomorphic factor is incidentally noticed to be a cft correlator (conformal block) of the free boson cft with boson radius $R = \sqrt{2/q}$.

(why?)

- So it is known to work, but **why?** (In my opinion, this question was never satisfactorily answered)

a common rationalization:



“Laughlin’s wavefunction cleverly lowers the Coulomb correlation energy by placing its zeroes at the locations of the particles”

we will see that this is an empty statement

problems with this

- The “explanation” of why the Laughlin state is correct are vague rationalizations, without quantitative content.
- The relation to cft is an empirical observation, and remains unexplained
- The $1/3$ FQHE state also occurs in the second Landau level and is described by the same Laughlin state (but not the same “wavefunction”)
- It is recently also found on Chern-insulator lattice systems (by numerical diagonalization)

The physics of the FQHE in Landau levels is the physics of non-commuting “guiding centers” (quantum geometry) which cannot be described in terms of Schrodinger wavefunctions

$$\Psi \propto \prod_{i < j} (z_i - z_j)^q \prod_i e^{-\frac{1}{2} z_i^* z_i}$$

- $q = 1$ case is Slater determinant of filled lowest Landau level, uncorrelated, no topological order
- $q > 1$ case is highly correlated, topologically-ordered, related to a Jack polynomial

$$\prod_{i < j} (z_i - z_j)^q = \prod_{i < j} (z_i - z_j)^{q-1} J_{\lambda}^{\alpha}(z_1, \dots, z_N)$$

$\alpha = -2$ Jack parameter

$\lambda = \{q(N-1), q(N-2), \dots, q, 0\}$
padded partition of N parts

- Jack symmetric polynomials are:
- homogeneous and symmetric
- eigenfunctions of a Laplace-Beltrami operator

$$\alpha \sum_i (z_i \partial_{z_i})^2 J_\lambda^\alpha(z) + \sum_{i < j} (z_i - z_j)^{-1} (z_i \partial_{z_i} - z_j \partial_{z_j}) J_\lambda^\alpha(z) = E_\lambda(\alpha) J_\lambda^\alpha(z)$$

$\alpha = -2$ Laughlin (and quasi holes)

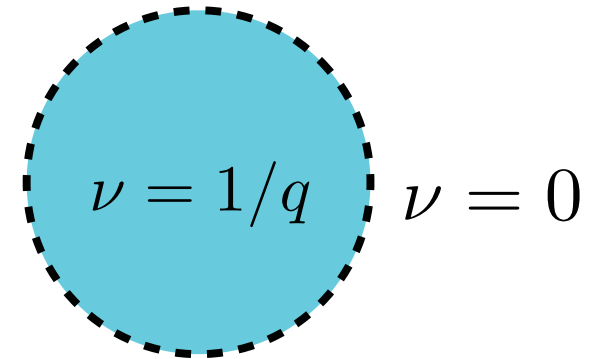
$\alpha = -3$ Moore-Read

$\alpha = -k, \quad k - 1 = 3, 4, 5 \dots$ Read-Rezayi Z_{k-1}
parafermion states

- single particle states $\psi_m \propto z^m e^{-\frac{1}{2} z^* z}$
- radially ordered

- “root partition” of Jack:

$$n_m(\lambda) = \sum_i \delta_{m, \lambda_i}$$



“Fermi point”

(fuzzy) boundary of circular droplet

111111111111111111|000000..., $q = 1$

10010010010010|000000..., $q = 3$

“not more than one particle in any group of q consecutive orbitals”
 exclusion statistics ($q > 1$)

- “squeezing property” of Jacks

$$(z_1 - z_2)^3 = (z_1^3 z_2^0 - z_1^0 z_2^3) - 3(z_1^2 z_2^1 - z_1^1 z_2^2)$$

$$10010|000 \dots \quad 01100|000 \dots$$

$$\begin{array}{l}
 10010|000 \dots \text{ root partition } \lambda \\
 \swarrow \quad \nwarrow \\
 01100|000 \dots \text{ partition } \mu \prec \lambda \\
 \text{a “squeeze”} \quad \text{dominated by root}
 \end{array}$$

- actual occupation of orbitals differs from root.

A Luttinger-type sum rule

$$N = \sum_m n_m^0 = \sum_m n_m$$

↑
root occupation
pattern

↑
true occupation
pattern after squeezing

- in thermodynamic limit (map to cylinder, with circumference L , then infinite plane) $k = \frac{2\pi m}{L}$

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dk (n(k) - n^0(k)) = 0 \quad \begin{cases} n^0(k) = 1/q & k < qk_F \\ n^0(k) = 0 & k > qk_F \end{cases}$$

● $q = 1$

$n = 1$

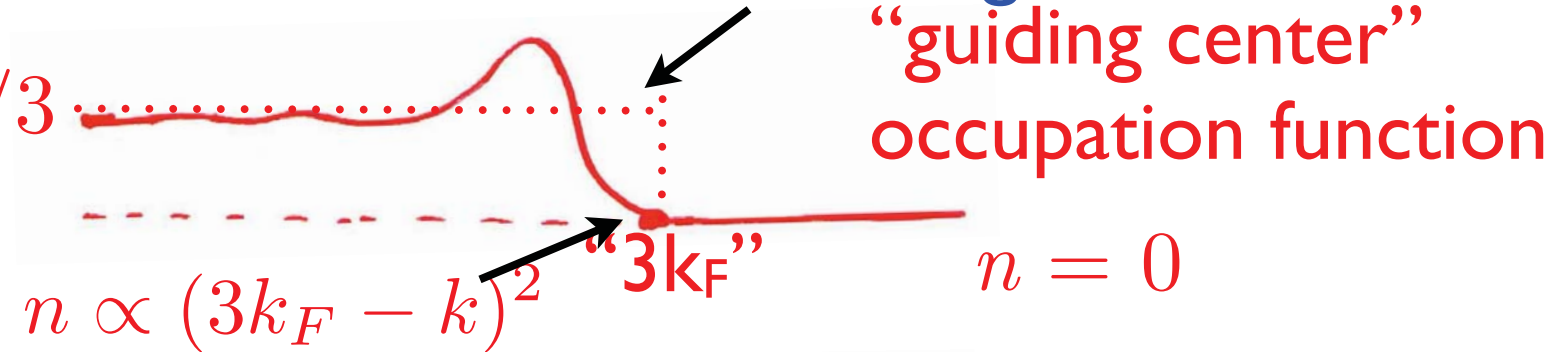


$\rho \rightarrow \frac{\nu}{2\pi\ell_B^2}$



● $q = 3$

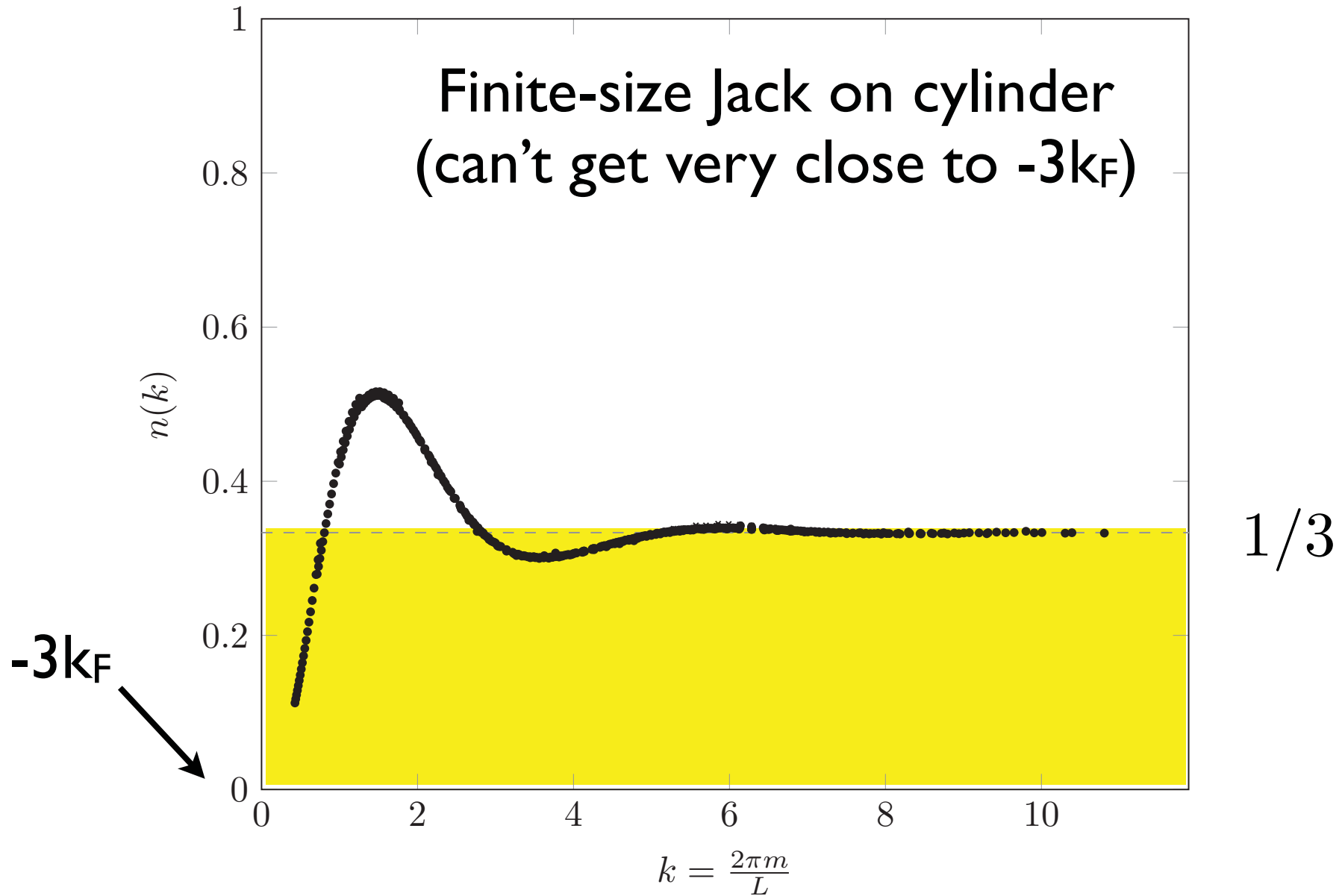
$n \rightarrow 1/3$



$\rho \rightarrow \frac{\nu}{2\pi\ell_B^2}$



1/3 Laughlin state occupation numbers



(cft shows small $k+3k_F$ behavior is quadratic)

- The occupation functions are highly structured, with generalized Fermi point singularities, and directly reflect the properties of the Jack polynomials, which are deeply related to conformal field theory.
- In contrast, the lowest-Landau electron densities derived from the interpretation of the Laughlin state as a Schrodinger wavefunction are rather smooth and featureless (WHY?)

In fact. all the non-trivial structure is present in the “guiding-center” degrees of freedom **without reference to Landau level structure.**

- The FQH is a correlated state of the non-commuting **GUIDING CENTERS** of quantized Landau orbits, obeying the algebra

$$[R^x, R^y] = -i\ell_B^2$$

- The classical coordinate of the electron combines this with the Landau orbit radius

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \mathbf{r} &= \mathbf{R} + \tilde{\mathbf{R}} \\ [\tilde{R}^x, \tilde{R}^y] &= i\ell_B^2 \\ [\tilde{R}^x, R^y] &= 0 \end{aligned} \right\} [\mathbf{r}^x, \mathbf{r}^y] = 0$$

- A Schroedinger wavefunction requires **both** degrees of freedom

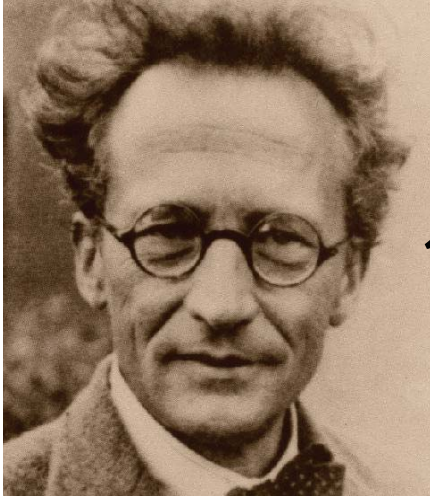
$$\Psi(\mathbf{r}) = \langle \mathbf{r} | \left[|\psi_{\mathbf{R}}\rangle \otimes |\tilde{\psi}_{\tilde{\mathbf{R}}}\rangle \right]$$

- The fundamental description of FQH states is a state $|\Psi_{\mathbf{R}_1, \dots, \mathbf{R}_N}\rangle$ in the many-guiding-center Hilbert space
- To make a wavefunction, with all particles in the same Landau level, we must “dress” it with a trivial state describing Landau orbits:

$$|\Psi_{\mathbf{R}_1, \dots, \mathbf{R}_N}\rangle \otimes \prod_{\otimes, i=1}^N |\psi_{\tilde{\mathbf{R}}_i}\rangle$$

- We can recover $|\Psi_{\mathbf{R}_1, \dots, \mathbf{R}_N}\rangle$ by “undressing” Laughlin’s wavefunction.

Schrödinger vs Heisenberg



$$\Psi(\mathbf{r})$$

wavefunction
in real space
(classical geometry)



$$|\Psi\rangle$$

state in
in Hilbert space

- resolution of conflict: the two formulations of QM are equivalent:

$$\Psi(\mathbf{r}) = \langle \mathbf{r} | \Psi \rangle$$

iff $\exists |\mathbf{r}\rangle$ s.t.

$$\langle \mathbf{r} | \mathbf{r}' \rangle = 0, \quad \mathbf{r} \neq \mathbf{r}'$$

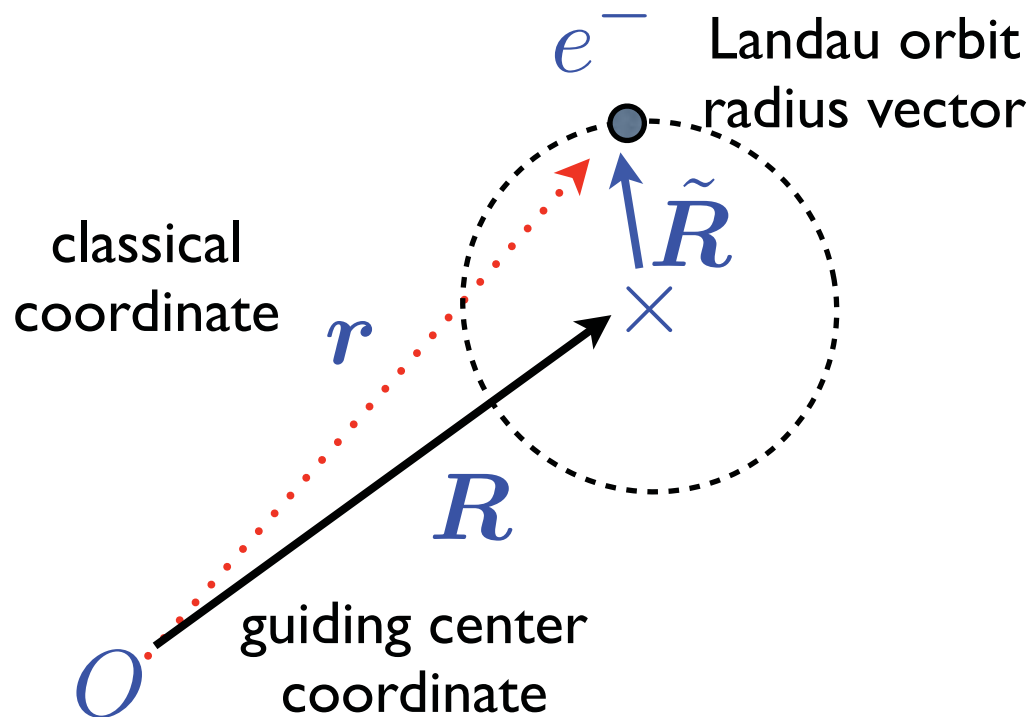
requires an
orthonormal basis in
real space **obeying**
classical locality

- classical locality (and Schrödinger-Heisenberg equivalence) fails after Landau quantization!

$$\mathbf{r} = \mathbf{R} + \tilde{\mathbf{R}}$$

$$\mathbf{r} = r^a \mathbf{e}_a$$

$$[r^a, r^b] = 0$$



non-commutative algebra

$$[\tilde{R}^a, \tilde{R}^b] = i\ell_B^2 \epsilon^{ab}$$

$$[R^a, R^b] = -i\ell_B^2 \epsilon^{ab}$$

$$[R^a, \tilde{R}^b] = 0$$

$$p_a - eA_a(\mathbf{r}) \equiv \epsilon_{ab} \hbar \tilde{R}^a / \ell_B^2$$

$$\ell_B^2 = \frac{\hbar}{eB} > 0$$

$$r = R + \cancel{\tilde{R}} \leftarrow \begin{array}{l} \text{eliminated} \\ \text{by Landau} \\ \text{quantization} \end{array}$$

- residual guiding center degrees of freedom are non-commutative

$$[R^a, R^b] = -i\ell_B^2 \epsilon^{ab}$$

- isomorphic to phase space, obeys uncertainty principle

guiding centers
cannot be localized
within an area less
than $2\pi\ell_B^2$

- The Hamiltonian governing the residual guiding-center degrees of freedom:

$$H = \int \frac{d^2 \mathbf{q} \ell_B^2}{2\pi} U(\mathbf{q}) \sum_{i < j} e^{i\mathbf{q} \cdot (\mathbf{R}_i - \mathbf{R}_j)}$$

$$U(\mathbf{q}) = \frac{\tilde{V}(\mathbf{q}) f(\mathbf{q}) f(-\mathbf{q})}{2\pi \ell_B^2}$$

$$\tilde{V}(q) = \int d^2 \mathbf{r}_{ij} V(\mathbf{r}_{ij}) e^{i\mathbf{q} \cdot \mathbf{r}_{ij}}$$

Fourier transformed Coulomb interaction

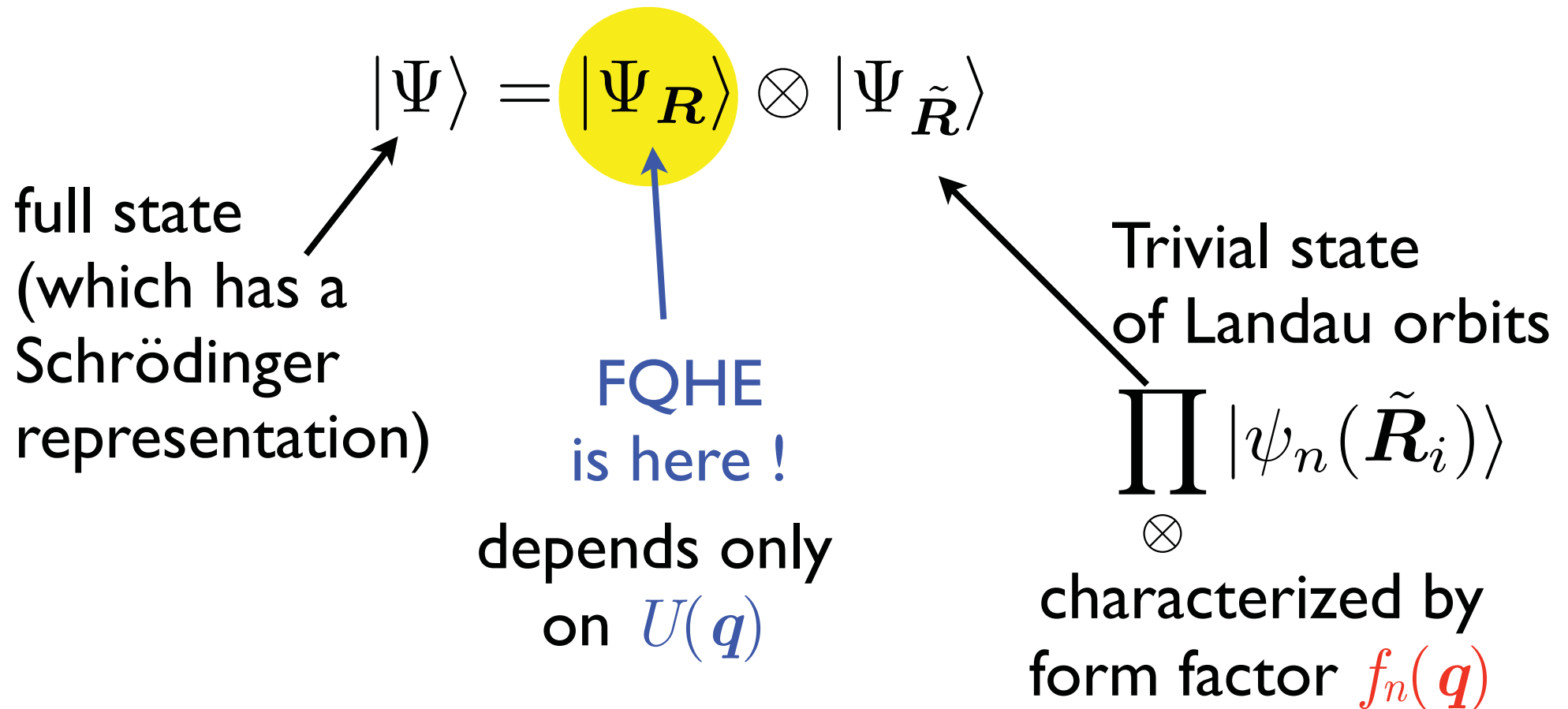
$$f_n(q) = \langle \psi_n | e^{i\mathbf{q} \cdot \tilde{\mathbf{R}}} | \psi_n \rangle = L_n(u) e^{\frac{1}{2}u}$$

$$u = \frac{1}{2} |\mathbf{q}|^2 \ell_B^2$$

Landau level form factor
($n = \text{Landau level index}$)

(depends on Landau orbit)

- in this limit, the state is an unentangled product of a non-trivial state of the guiding centers with a trivial state of the Landau orbits



- In what follows, I will regard the essential FQHE state as the purely-guiding center state defined by

$$H = \int \frac{d^2 \mathbf{q} \ell_B^2}{2\pi} U(\mathbf{q}) \sum_{i < j} e^{i\mathbf{q} \cdot (\mathbf{R}_i - \mathbf{R}_j)}$$

$$[R^a, R^b] = -i\ell_B^2 \epsilon^{ab}$$

“quantum geometry*”

$$\rho(\mathbf{q}) = \sum_i e^{i\mathbf{q} \cdot \mathbf{R}_i}$$

$$[\rho(\mathbf{q}), \rho(\mathbf{q}')] = 2i \sin\left(\frac{1}{2} \epsilon^{ab} q_a q_b \ell_B^2\right) \rho(\mathbf{q} + \mathbf{q}') \quad \text{GMP 1985}$$

* “triple” {algebra, representation, Hamiltonian} satisfies Connes’ definition

$$[R^a, R^b] = -i\ell_B^2 \epsilon^{ab}$$

- given a complex structure (Kähler form) one can define ladder operators

$$\omega_a^* \omega_b = \frac{1}{2} (g_{ab} - i\epsilon_{ab})$$

a Euclidean metric
det $g = 1$

2D antisymmetric
(Levi-Civita) symbol

$$\bar{a} = (\omega_a R^a) / \ell_B$$

$$[\bar{a}, \bar{a}^\dagger] = 1$$

- guiding-center “spin”:

$$[L, \bar{a}^\dagger] = a^\dagger$$

$$L(g) = g_{ab} \Lambda^{ab}$$

$$\Lambda^{ab} = \frac{\{R^a, R^b\}}{4\ell_B^2}$$

generators of area-preserving
linear deformations of the
guiding centers

- New insight: the choice of the Euclidean metric g_{ab} is (so far) **arbitrary** (previous work always chose it as $\text{diag}(1,1)$ to be congruent to the shape of the Landau orbits)
- The metric is a (hidden) variational parameter of the Laughlin **state**, and is the **fundamental physical degree of freedom** of FQHE states.

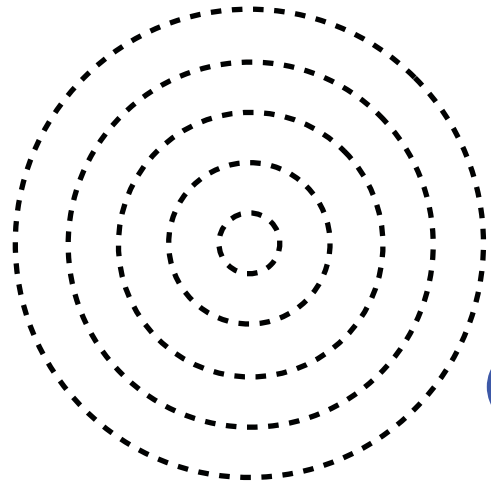
(the metric is fixed as $\text{diag}(1,1)$ in the “Laughlin wavefunction”)

- “symmetric gauge”
basis Landau level
states

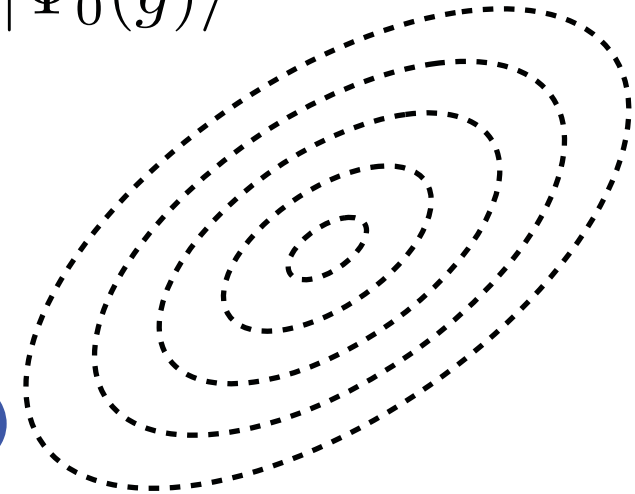
- basis of Landau level
states with general
metric

$$|\psi_m(g)\rangle = \frac{(\bar{a}^\dagger)^m}{\sqrt{m!}} |\Psi_0(g)\rangle$$

$$\bar{a}|\psi_0(g)\rangle = 0$$



(central coherent state)



wavefunctions in lowest Landau level:

$$\langle \mathbf{r} | \psi_0 \rangle \propto e^{-\frac{1}{2} z^* z}$$

$$\langle \mathbf{r} | \psi_0 \rangle \propto e^{\frac{1}{2} \gamma z^2} e^{-\frac{1}{2} z^* z}$$

$$|\gamma| < 1$$

- in the original Schroedinger/lowest Landau level language

$$a = \frac{1}{2}z + \frac{\partial}{\partial z^*}$$

$$a^\dagger = \frac{1}{2}z^* - \frac{\partial}{\partial z}$$

Landau levels

$$\bar{a} = \frac{1}{2}\bar{z} + \frac{\partial}{\partial \bar{z}^*}$$

$$\bar{a}^\dagger = \frac{1}{2}\bar{z}^* - \frac{\partial}{\partial \bar{z}}$$

Guiding centers

- general relation

$$\bar{z} = \alpha z^* + \beta z \quad (|\alpha|^2 - |\beta|^2 = 1)$$

- original (“Laughlin wavefunction”) relation

$$\bar{z} = z^* \longrightarrow$$

$$\bar{a} e^{-\frac{1}{2}z z^*} = a e^{-\frac{1}{2}z^* z} = 0$$

$$\bar{a}^\dagger f(z) e^{-\frac{1}{2}z^* z} = z f(z) e^{-\frac{1}{2}z^* z}$$

- one can now write the Heisenberg form of the Laughlin state, liberated from any dependence on the Landau orbit geometry

$$|\Psi_L^q(g)\rangle = \prod_{i < j} (\omega_a^* (R_i^a - R_j^a))^q |\Psi_0(g)\rangle$$

$$\omega_a R_i^a |\Psi_0(g)\rangle = 0 \quad \omega_a^* \omega_b = \frac{1}{2} (g_{ab} - i\epsilon_{ab})$$

- It is the exact zero-energy ground state of the “pseudopotential” model with

$$U(\mathbf{q}; g) = \sum_{m < q} V_m L_m(q_g^2 \ell_B^2) e^{-\frac{1}{2} q_g^2 \ell_B^2}$$

$$V_m > 0 \quad q_g^2 \equiv g^{ab} q_a q_b$$

- coherent state basis

$$\bar{a}|\bar{z}\rangle = \bar{z}|\bar{z}\rangle \quad |\bar{z}\rangle = e^{\bar{z}\bar{a}^\dagger - \bar{z}^*\bar{a}}|0\rangle$$

$$S(\bar{z}, \bar{z}^*; \bar{z}', \bar{z}'^*) = \langle \bar{z} | \bar{z}' \rangle = e^{\bar{z}^* \bar{z}' - \frac{1}{2}(\bar{z}'^* \bar{z}' + \bar{z}^* \bar{z})}$$

- non-null eigenstates of the overlap define an orthonormal basis

$$\int \frac{d\bar{z}' d\bar{z}'^*}{2\pi} S(\bar{z}, \bar{z}^*; \bar{z}', \bar{z}'^*) \psi(\bar{z}', \bar{z}'^*) = \lambda \psi(\bar{z}, \bar{z}^*)$$

- non-null eigenstates are degenerate with $\lambda = 1$

$$\psi(\bar{z}, \bar{z}^*) = f(\bar{z}^*) e^{-\frac{1}{2} \bar{z}^* \bar{z}}$$

holomorphic!

“accidentally” coincide with lowest-Landau level wavefunctions if $\bar{z} = z^*$!!!

- This is the true origin of holomorphic functions in the theory of the FQHE
- NOTHING to do with lowest Landau level states, derives from overlaps between states in a non-orthogonal overcomplete basis!
- Has obvious parallels in theory of flat-band Chern insulators, where the projected lattice-site basis is non-orthogonal and overcomplete

$$|\Psi_L^q\rangle = \prod_i \int \frac{d\bar{z}_i^* d\bar{z}_i}{2\pi} \prod_{i<j} (\bar{z}_i^* - \bar{z}_j^*)^q \prod_i e^{-\frac{1}{2}\bar{z}_i^* \bar{z}_i} |\bar{z}_1, \bar{z}_2, \dots, \bar{z}_N\rangle$$

“Laughlin wavefunction”

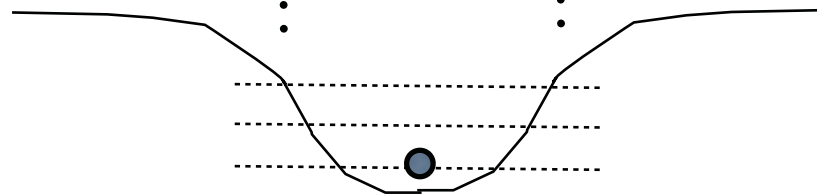
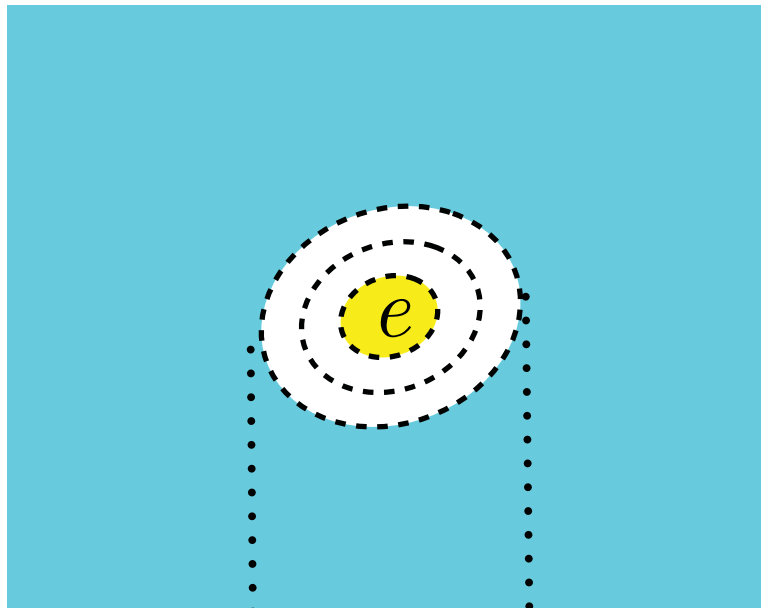
many-particle coherent state

$$\bar{a}_i |\bar{z}_1, \bar{z}_2, \dots, \bar{z}_N\rangle = \bar{z}_i |\bar{z}_1, \bar{z}_2, l \dots, \bar{z}_N\rangle$$

- The metric is a physical degree of freedom that characterizes the shape of the correlation hole surrounding a particle in the Laughlin state
- The $1/q$ Laughlin state can be characterized as describing a “condensate” of “composite bosons” formed by “attaching” q “flux quanta” (orbitals) to the particles.
- more generally, the composite boson is formed by attaching q “flux quanta” to p particles.

The metric describes the shape of the composite boson

1/3 Laughlin state



If the central orbital is filled,
the next two are empty

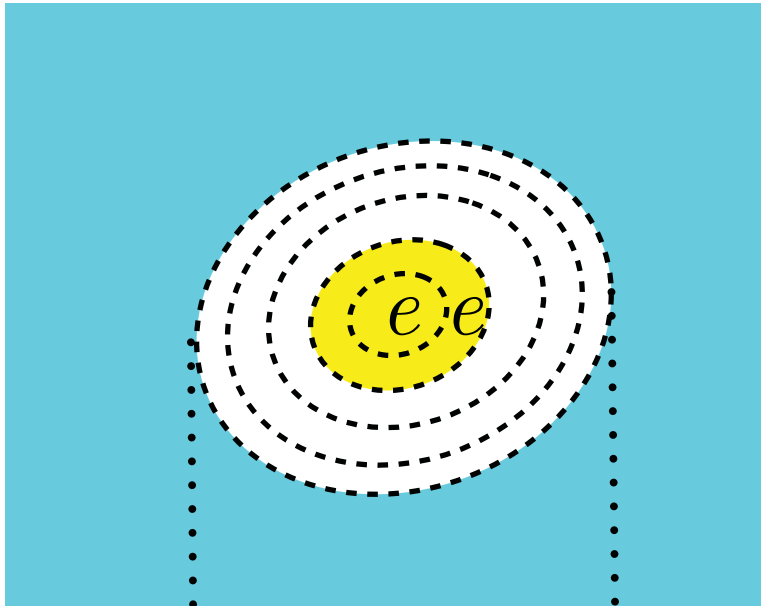
The composite boson
has inversion symmetry
about its center

It has a “spin”

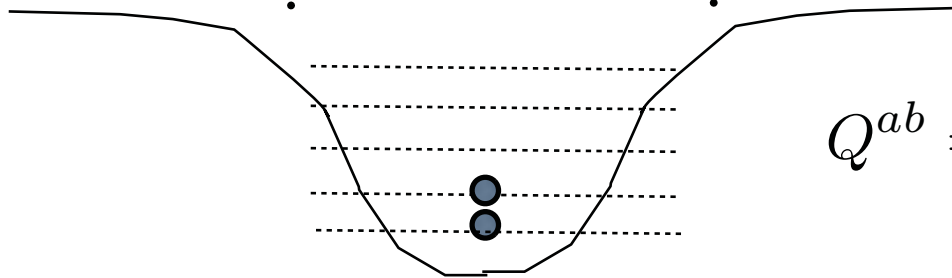
$$\begin{array}{r}
 \frac{1}{2} \quad \frac{3}{2} \quad \frac{5}{2} \\
 \boxed{1} \quad \boxed{0} \quad \boxed{0} \quad \dots \quad L = \frac{1}{2} \\
 - \quad \boxed{\frac{1}{3}} \quad \boxed{\frac{1}{3}} \quad \boxed{\frac{1}{3}} \quad \dots \quad - L = \frac{3}{2} \\
 \hline
 s = -1
 \end{array}$$

the electron excludes other particles from
a region containing 3 flux quanta, creating a
potential well in which it is bound

2/5 state



$$\begin{array}{cccccc}
 & \frac{1}{2} & \frac{3}{2} & \frac{5}{2} & & \\
 \boxed{1} & \boxed{1} & \boxed{0} & \boxed{0} & \boxed{0} & \dots \quad L = 2 \\
 - \quad \boxed{\frac{2}{5}} & \boxed{\frac{2}{5}} & \boxed{\frac{2}{5}} & \boxed{\frac{2}{5}} & \boxed{\frac{2}{5}} & \dots \quad -L = 5 \\
 & & & & & \hline
 & & & & & s = -3
 \end{array}$$



$$L = \frac{g_{ab}}{2\ell_B^2} \sum_i R_i^a R_i^b$$

$$Q^{ab} = \int d^2r r^a r^b \delta\rho(r) = s\ell_B^2 g^{ab}$$

second moment of neutral
composite boson
charge distribution

- The composite boson behaves as a neutral particle because the Berry phase (from the disturbance of the the other particles as its “exclusion zone” moves with it) cancels the Bohm-Aharonov phase
- It behaves as a boson provided its statistical spin cancels the particle exchange factor when two composite bosons are exchanged

p particles	$(-1)^{pq} = (-1)^p$	fermions
q orbitals	$(-1)^{pq} = 1$	bosons

- The shape of the composite boson is determined by minimizing the sum of the correlation energy and the background potential energy.
- If there is no background potential, the metric is flat and the charge density is uniform
- If there is a background potential $g_{ab}(\mathbf{r})$ varies with position to give a charge density fluctuation

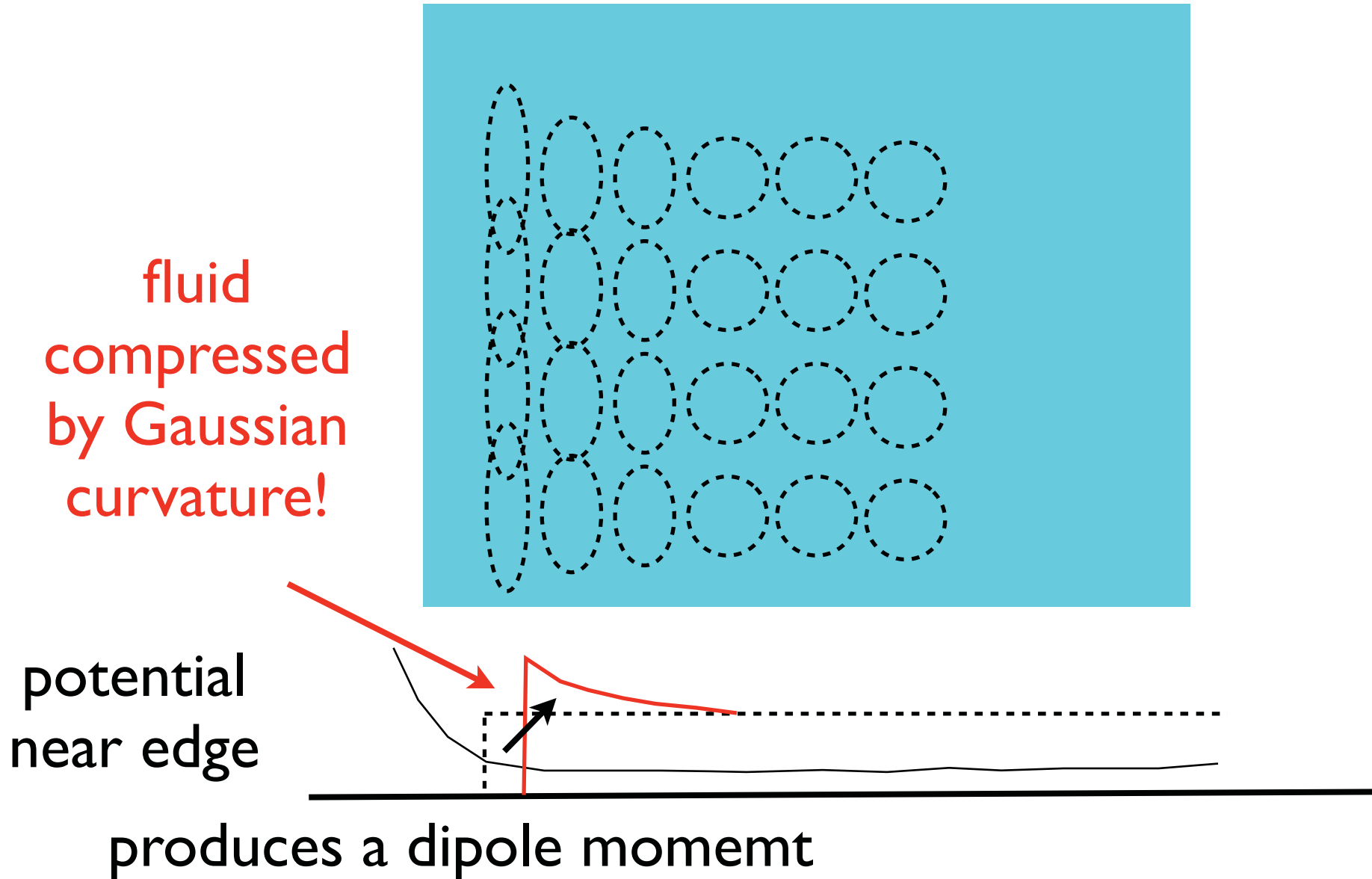
$$\delta\rho(\mathbf{r}) = esK(\mathbf{r})$$

↑
 “spin”

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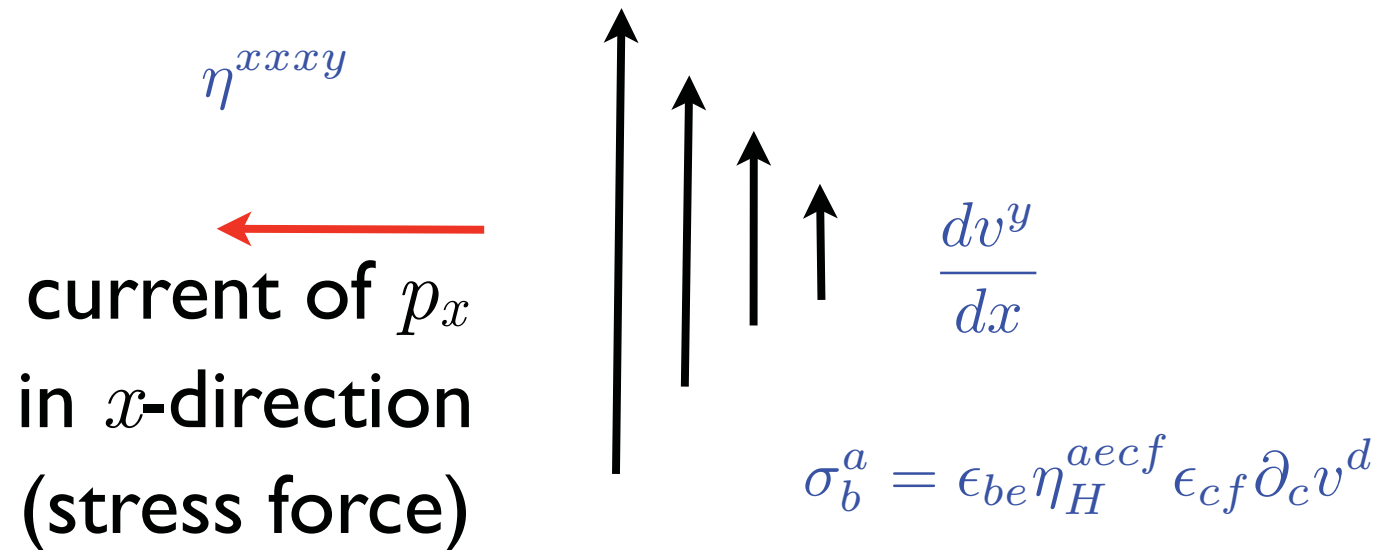
Gaussian curvature of metric
 $K(r) = \underbrace{\frac{1}{2}\partial_a\partial_b g^{ab}}_{\text{from variation of second moment of charge distribution}} + \underbrace{\frac{1}{8}g_{ab}\epsilon_{cd}\epsilon^{ef}\partial_e g^{ac}\partial_f g^{bd}}_{\text{from Berry phase associated with shape change}}$

- metric deforms (preserving $\det g = 1$) in presence of non-uniform electric field



- Hall viscosity $\eta^{abcd} = \frac{eBs}{4\pi q} \frac{1}{2} (g^{ac}\epsilon^{bd} + g^{bd}\epsilon^{ac} + a \leftrightarrow b)$

(plus a similar term from the Landau orbit degrees of freedom (Avron et al))



Hall viscosity determines a dipole moment per unit length at the edge of the fluid

- Total guiding center angular momentum of a fluid disk of N elementary droplets

$$L_{gc} = \frac{1}{2\ell_B^2} g_{ab} \sum_i R^a R_i^b = \frac{1}{2} p q \bar{N}^2 + s_{gc} \bar{N}$$

statistical
(conformal) spin

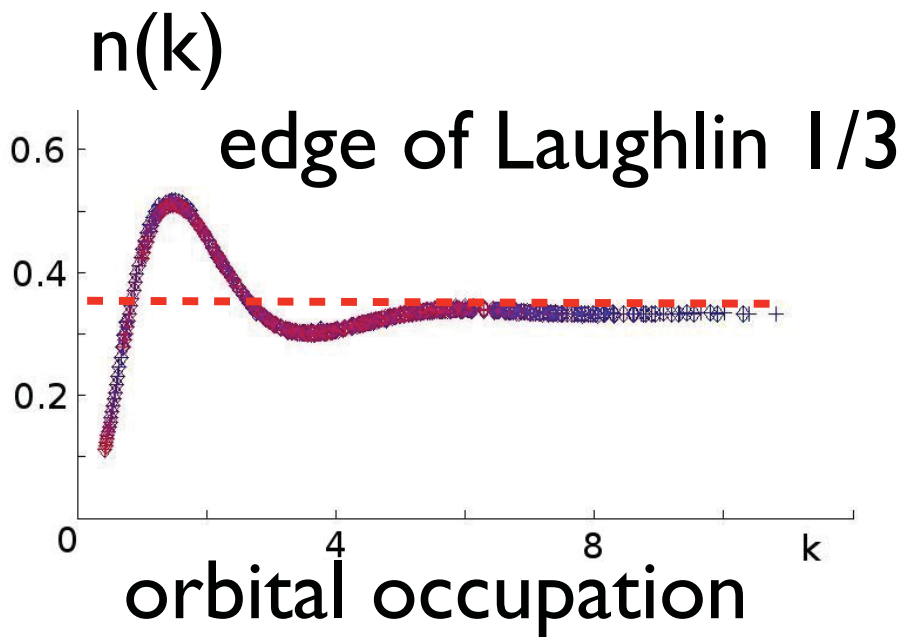
geometric
(guiding-center)
spin

(dipole at edge)

momentum

$$P_b = B \epsilon_{ab} p^b$$

electric dipole



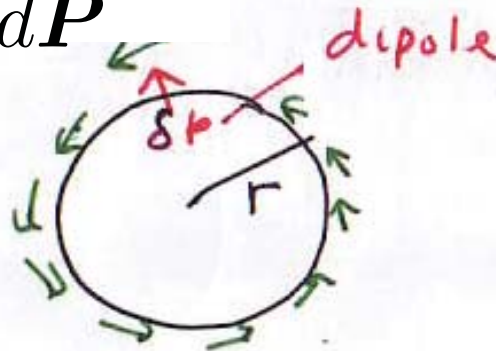
The dipole at a segment of the edge has a momentum

$$dP_a = \frac{\hbar}{el_B^2} \epsilon_{ab} dp^b$$

momentum

dipole

momentum dP



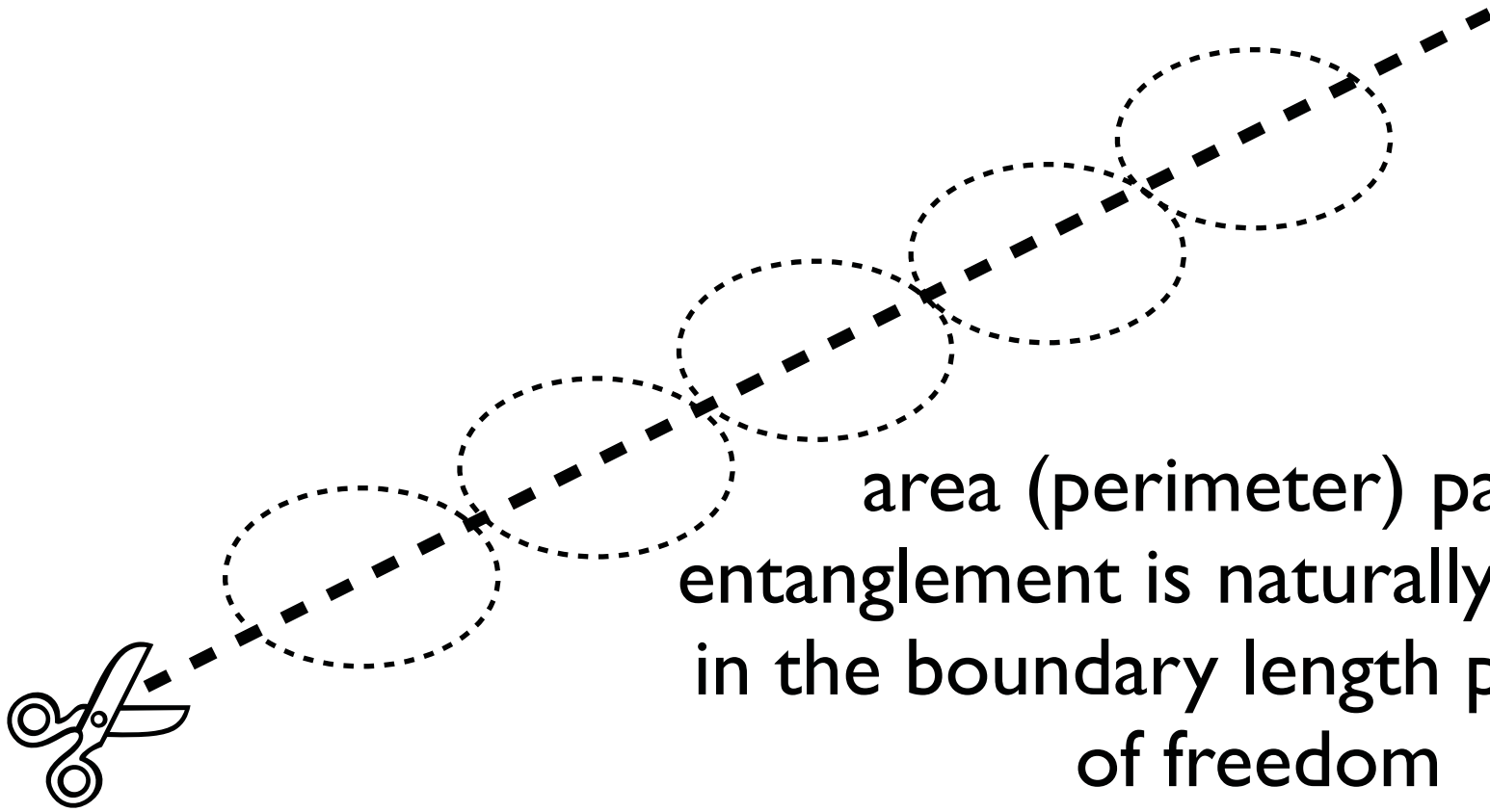
doesn't contribute
to total momentum:

$$\oint dP_a = 0$$

circular droplet

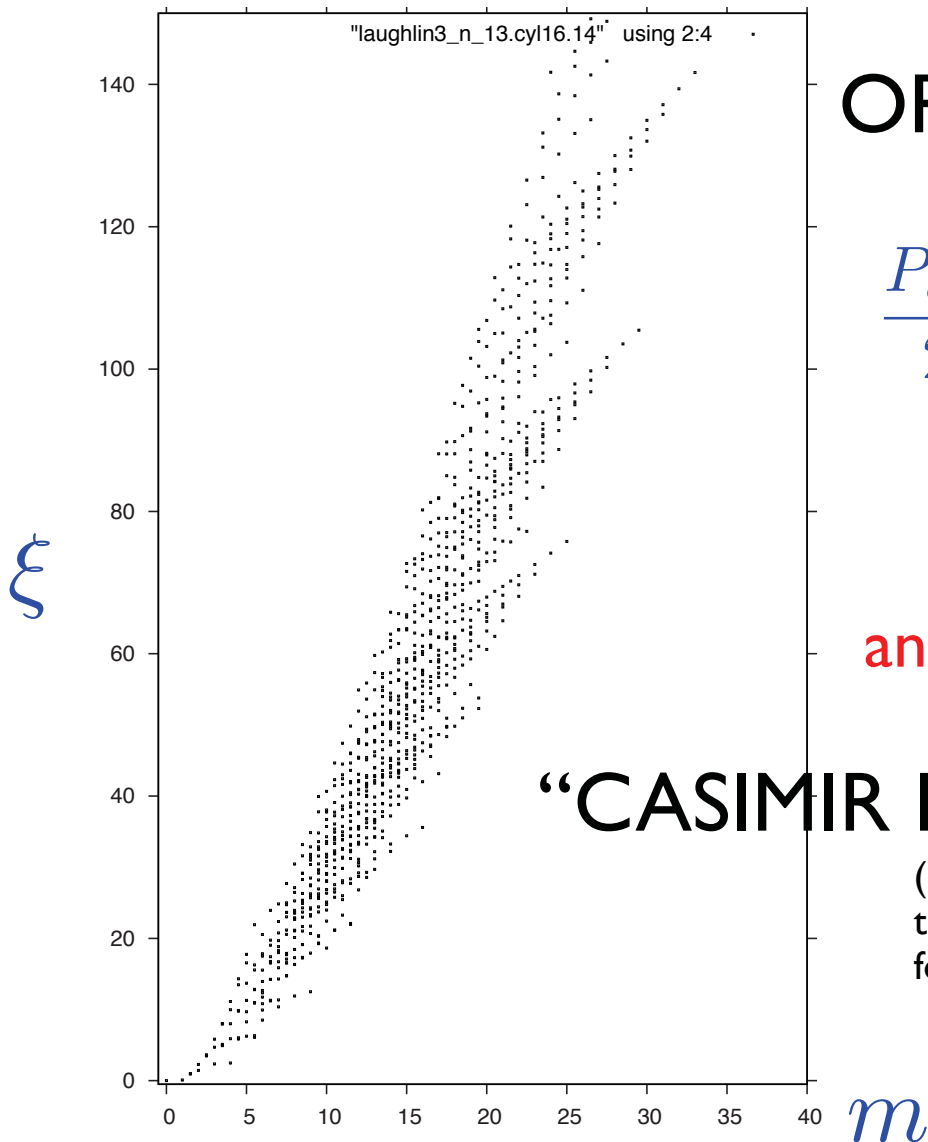
it does contribute an extra term to
total angular momentum:

$$\Delta L^z(\mathbf{g}) = \hbar \oint \epsilon^{ab} g_{bc} r^c dP_a \neq 0$$



area (perimeter) part of
entanglement is naturally measured
in the boundary length per degree
of freedom

measured in diameters of composite bosons



ORBITAL CUT

$$\frac{P_a L^a}{2\pi} = \frac{\sum_{\alpha} m_{\alpha} e^{-\xi_{\alpha}}}{\sum_{\alpha} e^{-\xi_{\alpha}}} = \eta_H^{cd} \epsilon_{ac} \epsilon_{bd} \frac{L^a L^b}{2\pi \ell_B^2}$$

$$+ \frac{1}{24} (\tilde{c} - \nu) - h$$

signed conformal
anomaly (chiral stress-
energy anomaly)

chiral
anomaly

virasoro level
of sector

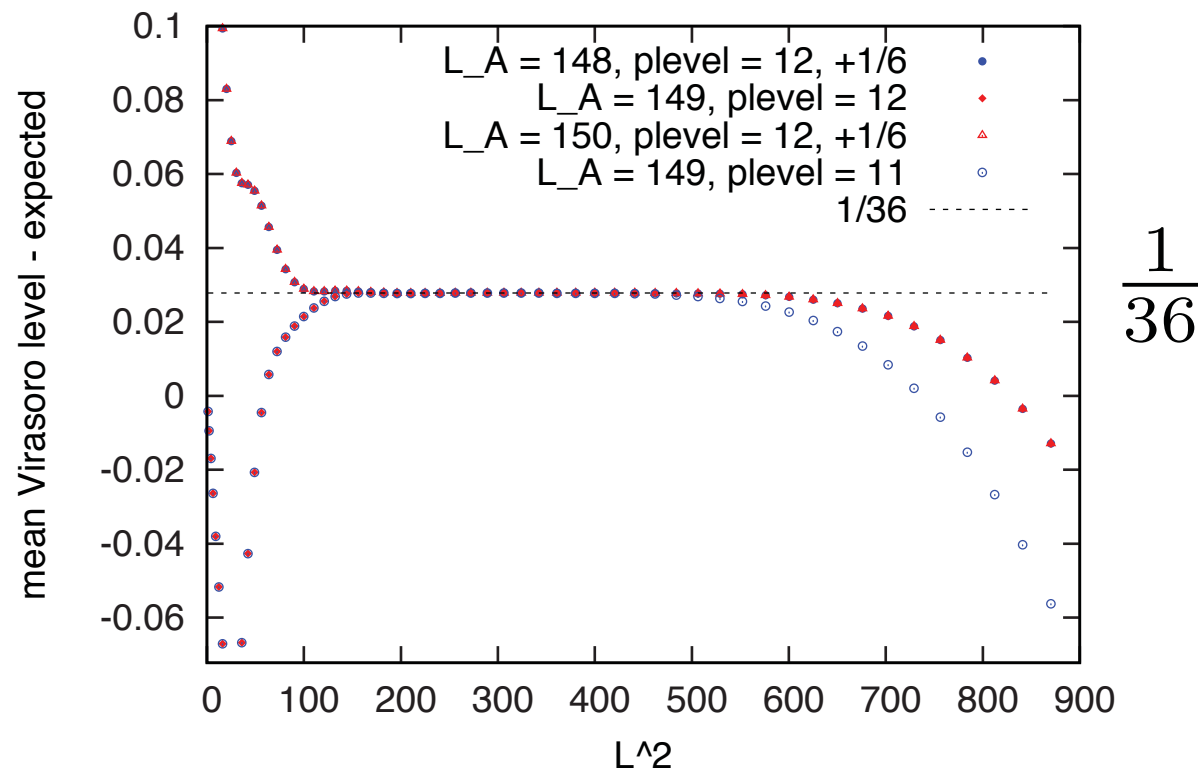
“CASIMIR MOMENTUM”

(NOT “real-space cut” which requires the Landau orbit degrees of freedom and their form factor to be included)

- Hall viscosity gives “thermally excited” momentum density on entanglement cut, relative to “vacuum”, at von Neumann temperature $T = 1$

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Laughlin $\nu=1/3$ state: topologically conserved “chiral central charge” is explicitly seen to be $\tilde{c} = 1$

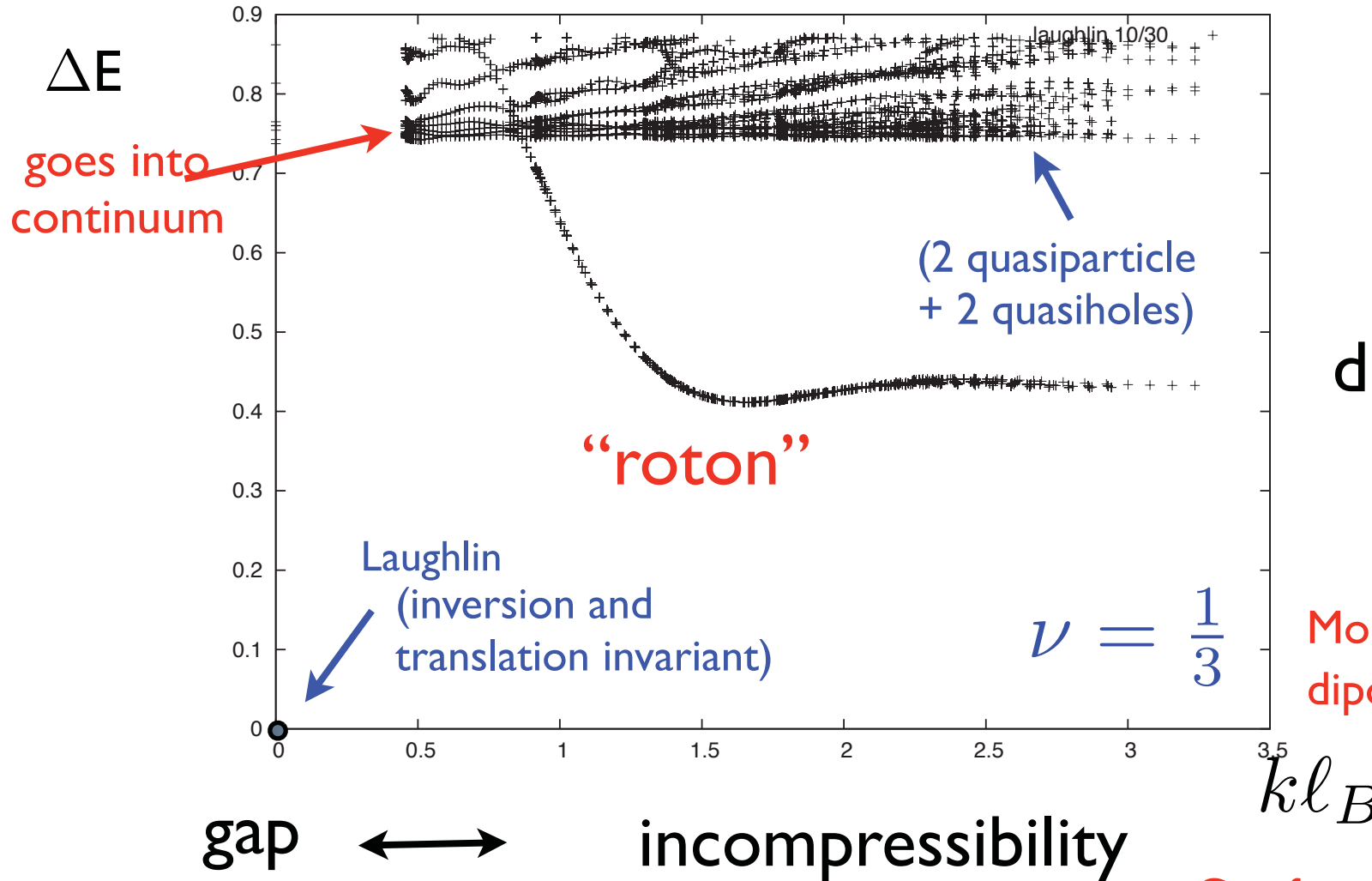


$$\frac{1}{24} (\tilde{c} - \nu) = \frac{1}{24} \left(1 - \frac{1}{3}\right) = \frac{1}{36}$$

MPS calculation: (“plevel” is Virasoro level at which auxiliary space is truncated, which causes errors at large L)

- other consequences of geometry
- long-wavelength of GMP mode is “graviton”
- q4 behavior of guiding-center structure factor is due to zero-point fluctuations of metric (components do not commute, determinant is Casimir)
- Conformal field theory has a fixed metric; geometrodynamics is like extension of special relativity to GR!

unfortunately, long-wavelength limit of “graviton”
collective mode is hidden in “two-roton continuum”



numerical
finite-size
diagonalization

Momentum \propto
dipole moment

Gap for tangential electric
polarization (no dielectric
screening)

single-mode approx. $E(\mathbf{q})s(\mathbf{q}) \leq \frac{1}{2}G^{abcd}q_aq_bq_cq_d\ell_B^2.$

- **Geometric action**

(after Chern-Simons fields are integrated over)

electromagnetic
gauge potentials

spin connection
of metric

$$S = \int d^3x \mathcal{L}_0 - \mathcal{H}_0$$

$$\mathcal{L}_0 = \frac{1}{4\pi pq\hbar} \epsilon^{\mu\nu\lambda} (peA_\mu - s\Omega_\mu^g) \partial_\nu (peA_\lambda - \hbar s\Omega_\lambda^g)$$

(reduces to electromagnetic Chern-Simons action when $s = 0$ (integer QHE))

$$\mathcal{H}_0 = J^0 U(J^0 g) \quad J^0 = \frac{1}{2\pi pq\hbar} (peB - \hbar s J_g^0)$$

Gaussian curvature

$$J_g^\mu = \epsilon^{\mu\nu\lambda} \partial_\nu \Omega_\lambda^g$$

correlation
energy density

composite-boson
density

energy
function

Geometric distortion energy

correlation
energy density

$$\mathcal{H}_0 = (\det G)^{1/2} U(G) = J^0 U(J^0 g)$$

geometric chemical potential
(of composite bosons)

$$\mu_g = U(G) + G_{ab} \frac{\partial U}{\partial G_{ab}}$$

shear-stress tensor
(traceless)

$$\sigma_b^a = 2G_{bc} \frac{\partial U}{\partial G_{ac}} - \delta_b^a G_{cd} \frac{\partial U}{\partial G_{cd}}$$

$$\sigma_a^a = 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma_c^a(x) \epsilon^{bc} &= \sigma^{bc}(x) \epsilon^{ac} \\ \sigma_c^a(x) g^{bc}(x) &= \sigma^{bc}(x) g^{ac}(x) \end{aligned} \quad \begin{array}{l} \leftarrow \\ \swarrow \end{array} \quad \text{both expressions are symmetric in } a \leftrightarrow b$$

Stress tensor is traceless because the gapped quantum incompressible fluid does not transmit pressure

(unlike incompressible limit of classical incompressible fluid, which has speed of sound $v_s \rightarrow \infty$)

Euler equation

- action is minimized by Hall viscosity condition

$$J^0 \sigma_b^a(G) = \eta_{bd}^{ac}(G) \nabla_c^g J^d$$

composite boson current

Traceless stress-tensor

covariant spatial gradient of $J^a = J^0 v^a$

fluid flow-velocity

Hall viscosity

$$\eta_{bd}^{ac}(G) = \frac{1}{2} \hbar s \epsilon_{be} \epsilon_{df} J^0 \Gamma_H^{aecf}(g)$$

$$\Gamma_H^{abcd}(g) = \frac{1}{2} (\epsilon^{ac} g^{bd} + \epsilon^{ad} g^{bc} + \epsilon^{bc} g^{ad} + \epsilon^{bd} g^{ac})$$

$$\eta_{bd}^{ac} = -\eta_{db}^{ca}$$

dissipationless

$$\eta_{ac}^{ab} = \eta_{ca}^{ba} = 0 \quad \text{incompressible}$$

- composite boson current

$$J^0 = \frac{1}{2\pi pq\hbar} (\epsilon^{ab} peB - \hbar s J_g^0)$$

$$J^a = \frac{1}{2\pi pq\hbar} (\epsilon^{ab} (peE_b - \partial_b \mu_g) - \hbar s J_g^a)$$

Gaussian curvature
density and current

responds to gradient of geometric chemical
potential as well as electric field

$$peE_a J^a \neq 0$$

Energy flow from electromagnetic field to FQH fluid

$$pe(J^0 E_a + \epsilon_{ab} J^a B) \neq 0$$

tangential momentum flow from electromagnetic field to FQH fluid

- Action gives gapped spin-2 (graviton-like) collective mode that coincides at long wavelengths with the “single-mode approximation” of Girvin-MacDonald and Platzman.
- charge fluctuations relative to the background charge density fixed by the magnetic flux are given by the Gaussian curvature

$$J_g^0 = -\frac{1}{2} \partial_a \partial_b g^{ab} + \frac{1}{8} g_{ac} \epsilon_{bd} \epsilon^{ef} (\partial_e g^{ab}) (\partial_f g^{cd})$$

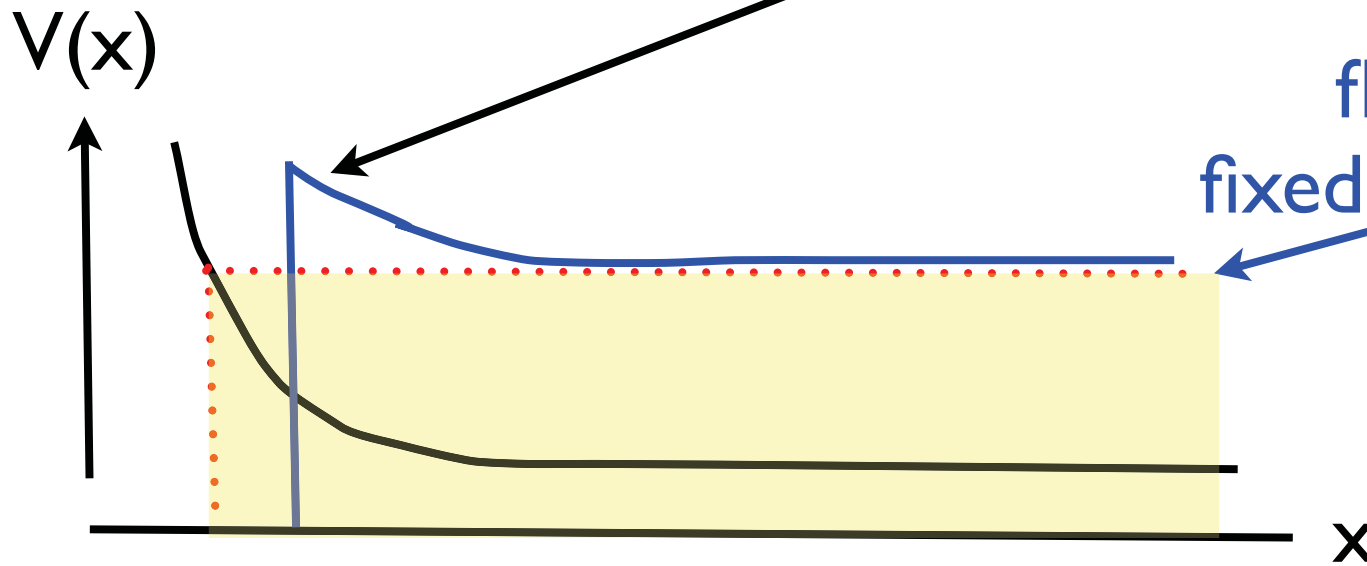
$$\delta J_e^0 = \frac{e^* s}{2\pi} J_g^0$$

second derivative of metric

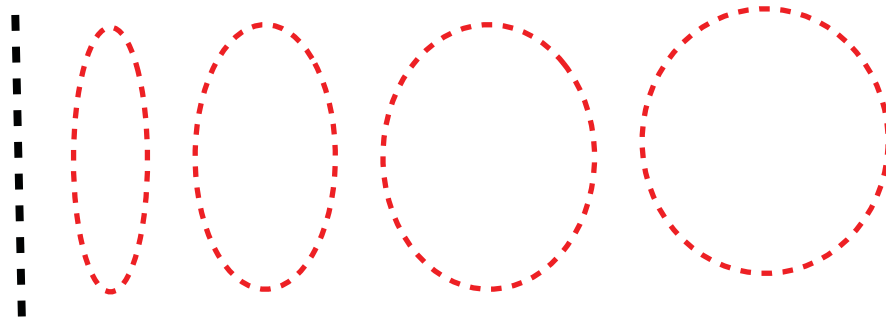
zero-point fluctuations of gaussian curvature
give quantitatively correct $O(q^4)$ structure factor

- near edges:

fluid is compressed at edges
by creating Gaussian curvature

$$\delta J_e^0 = \frac{e^* s}{2\pi} J_g^0$$


fluid density fixed by flux density

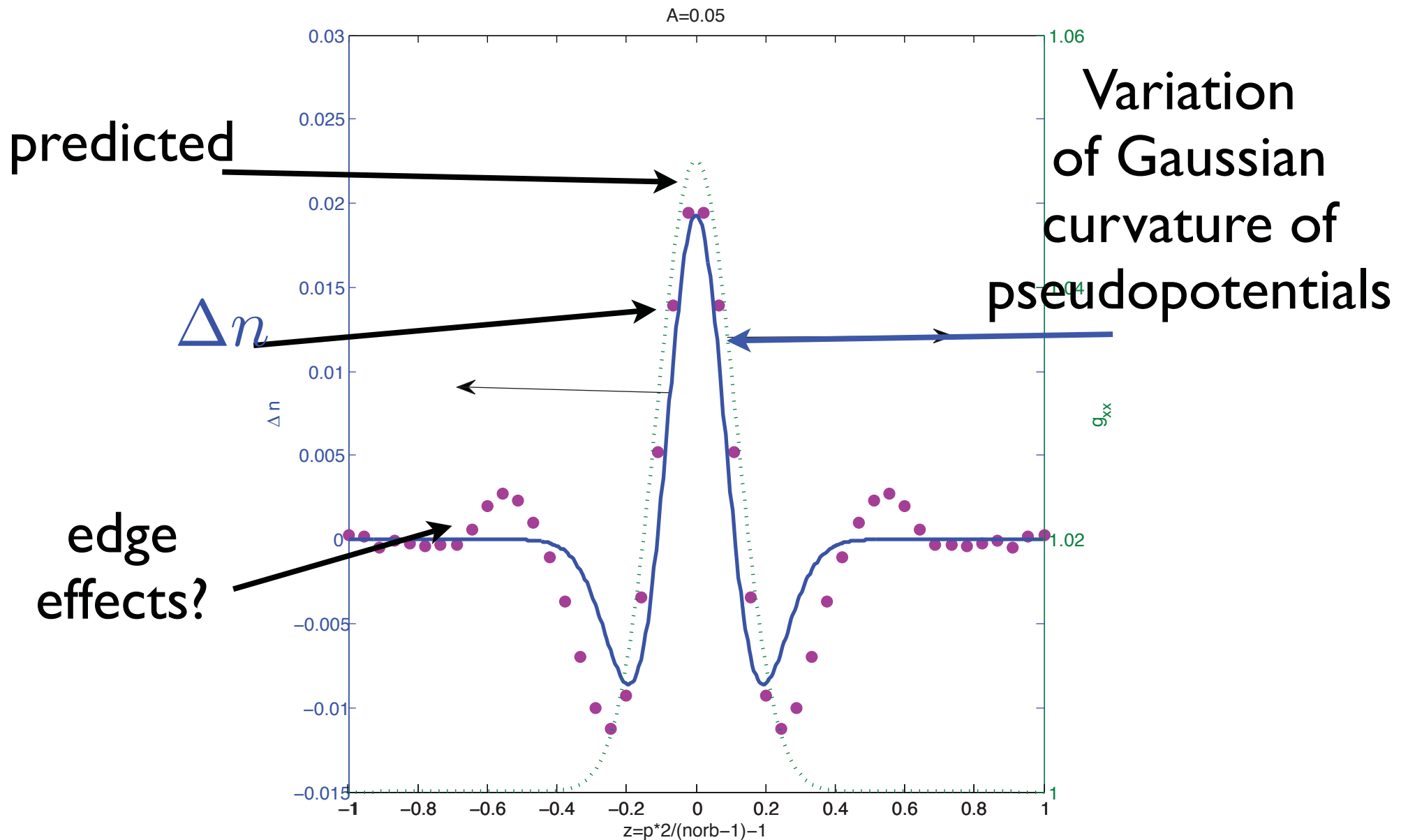


$$g = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha(x) & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{\alpha(x)} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$J_g^0 = -\frac{1}{2} \frac{d^2}{dx^2} \frac{1}{\alpha(x)}$$

For larger s , fluid becomes more compressible
(less distortion needed for a given density change)

initial numerical study of Laughlin 1/3 on cylinder with edges (with Zlatko Papić and Sonika Johri)



SUMMARY

- New collective geometric degree of freedom leads to a description of the origin of incompressibility in FQHE in a continuum “geometric field theory”
- many new relations: guiding-center spin characterizes coupling to Gaussian curvature of intrinsic metric, stress in fluid, guiding-center structure-factors, etc.

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Can be also be accessed through Princeton University Physics Dept home page
(look for Research:condensed matter theory)

also see arXiv (search for author=haldane)