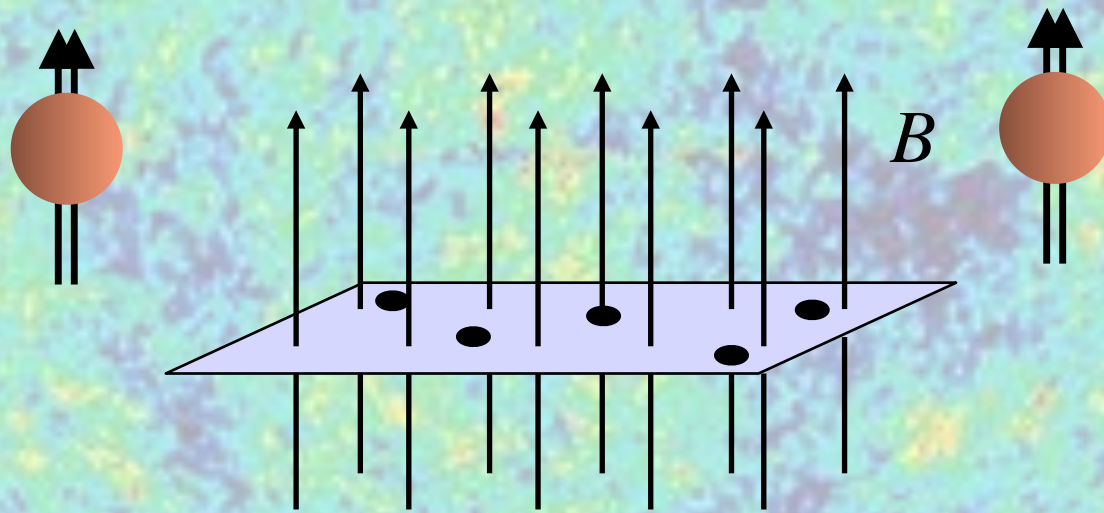


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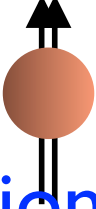
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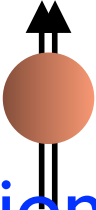
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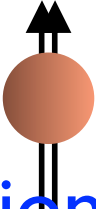
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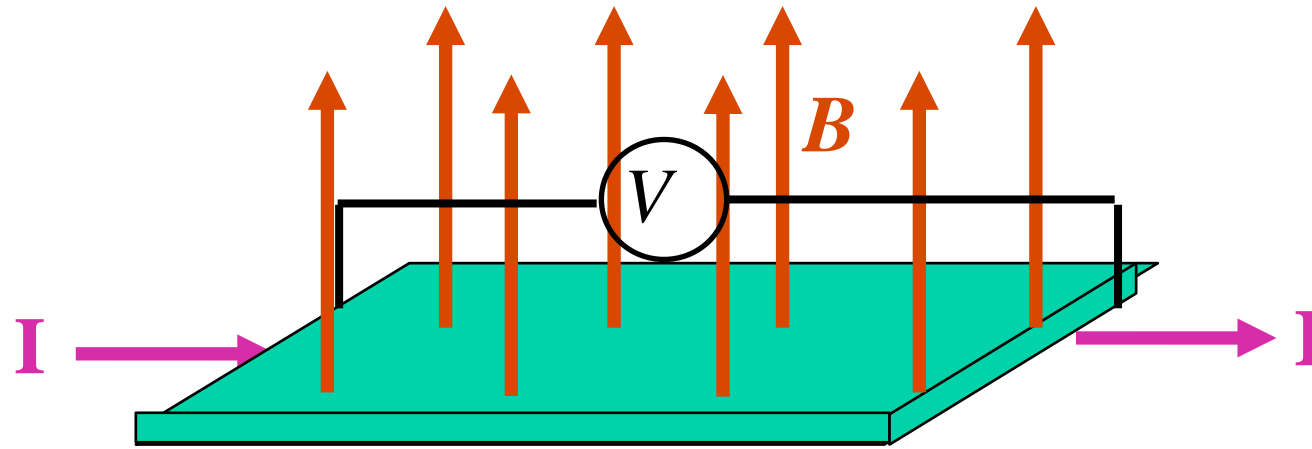
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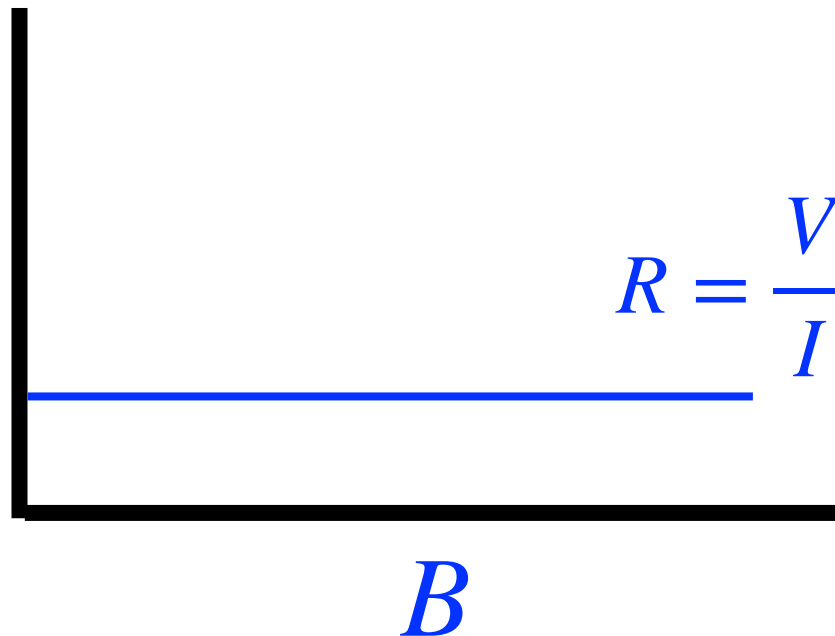
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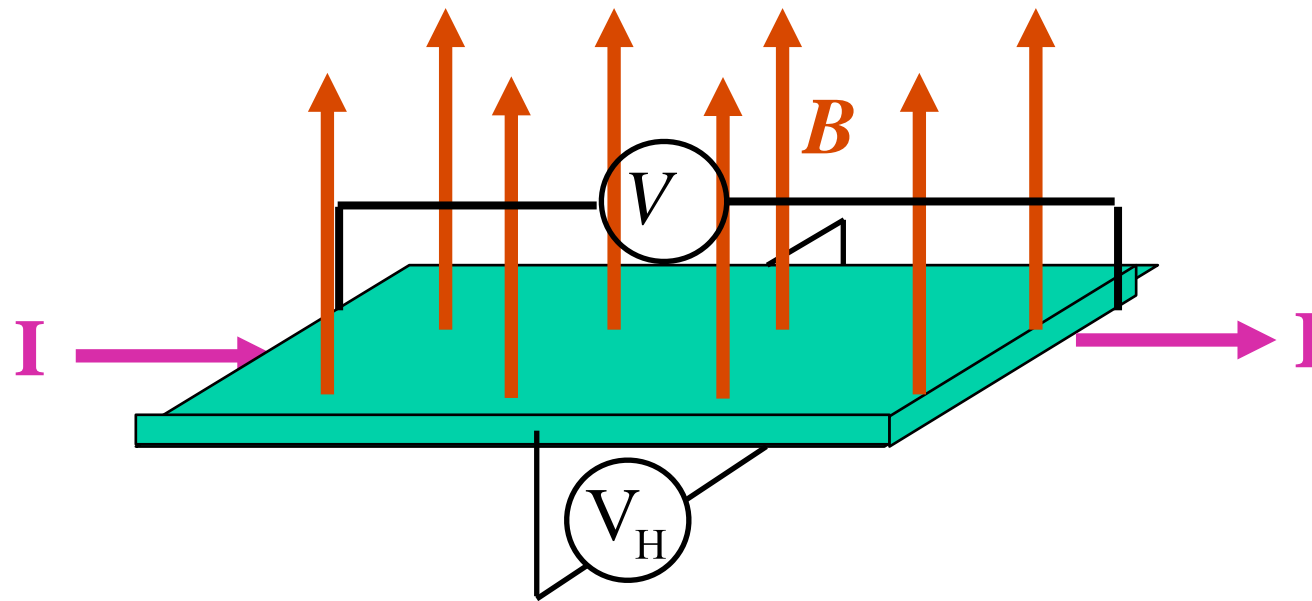
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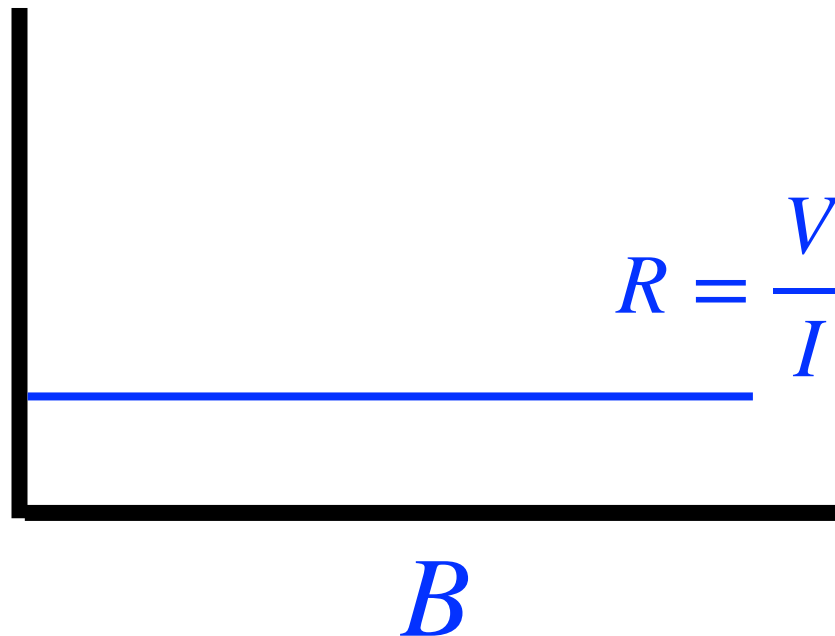
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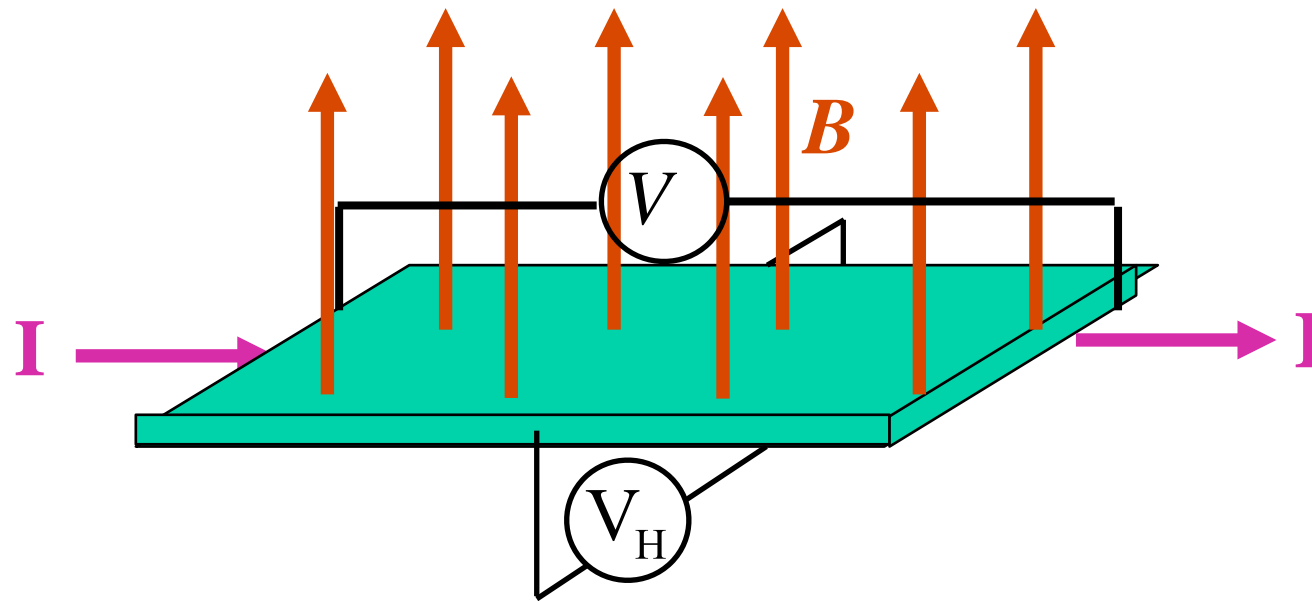
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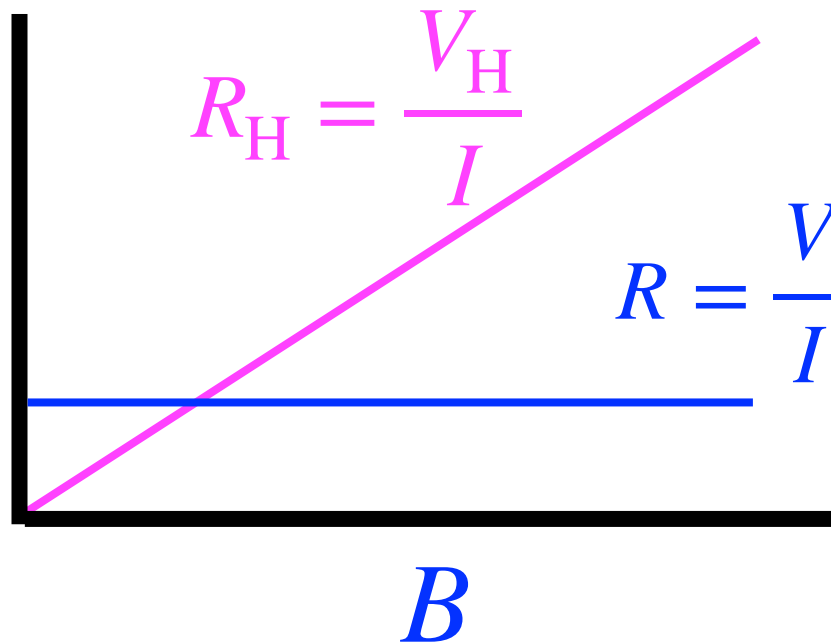
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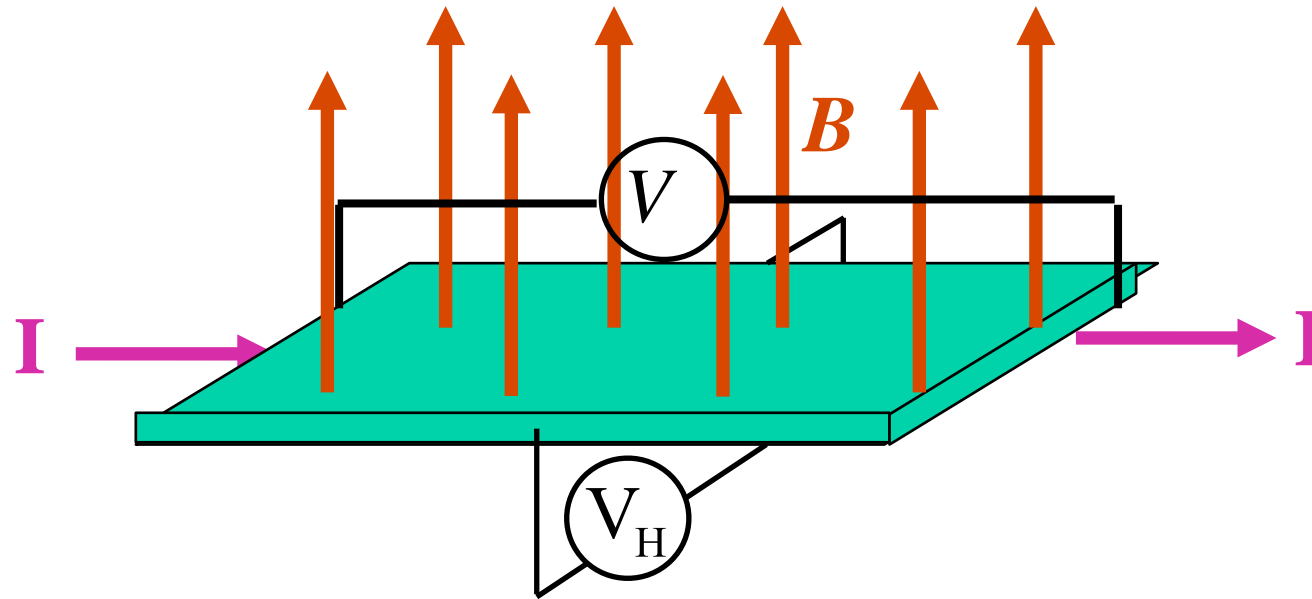
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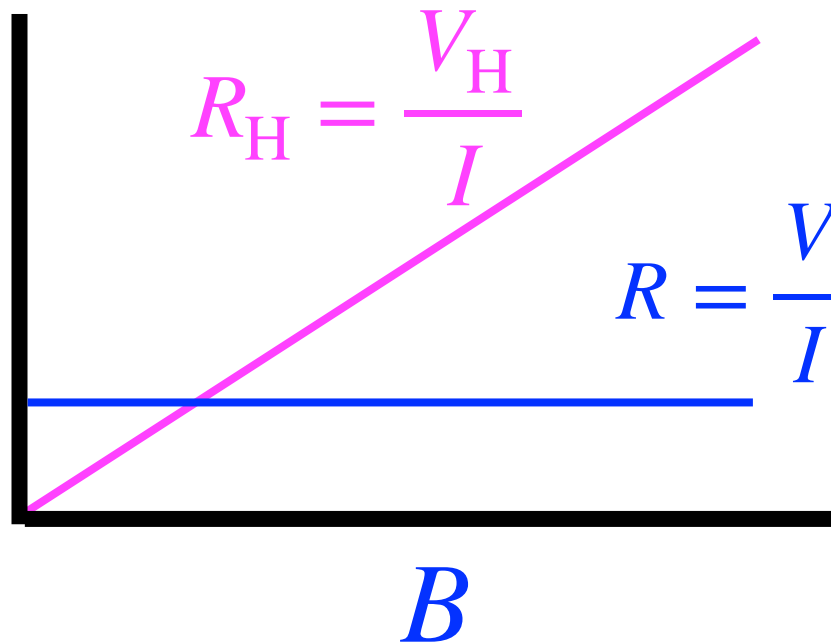
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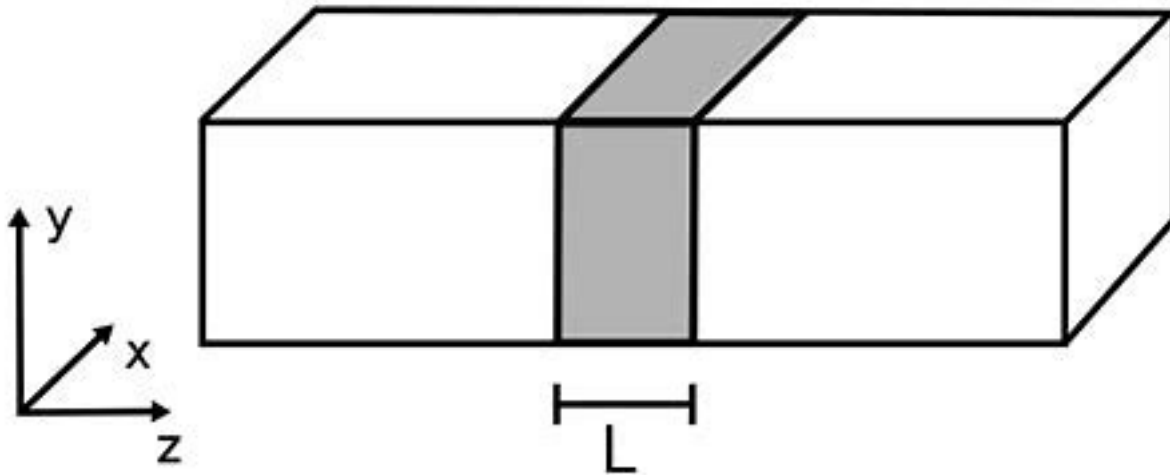
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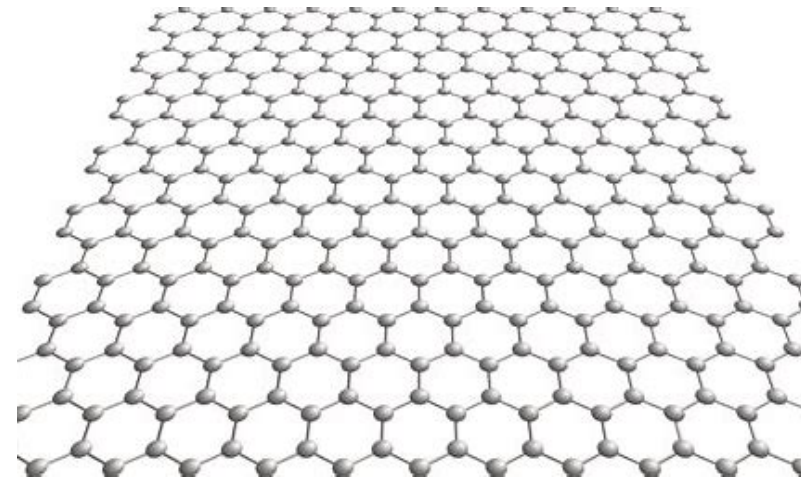
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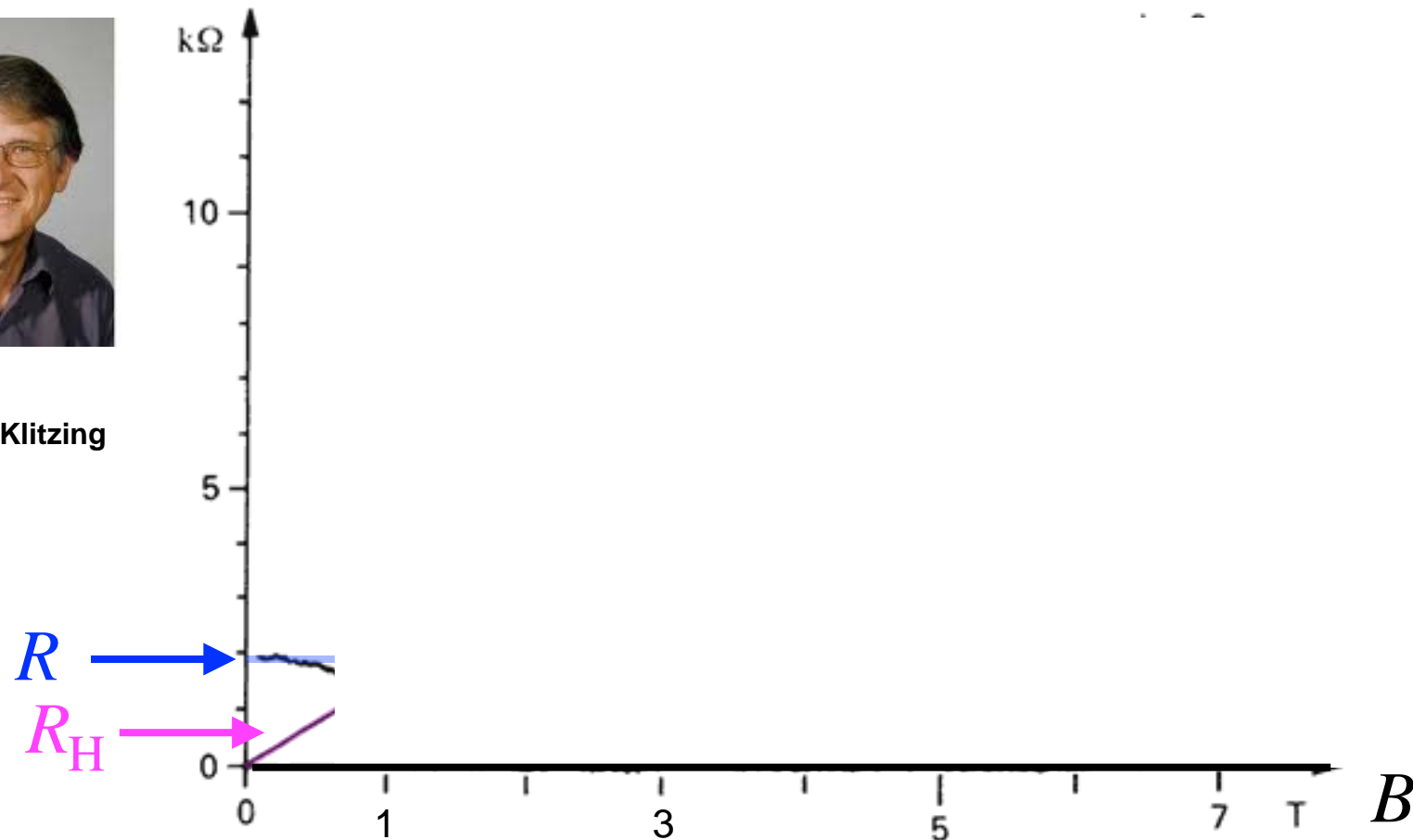
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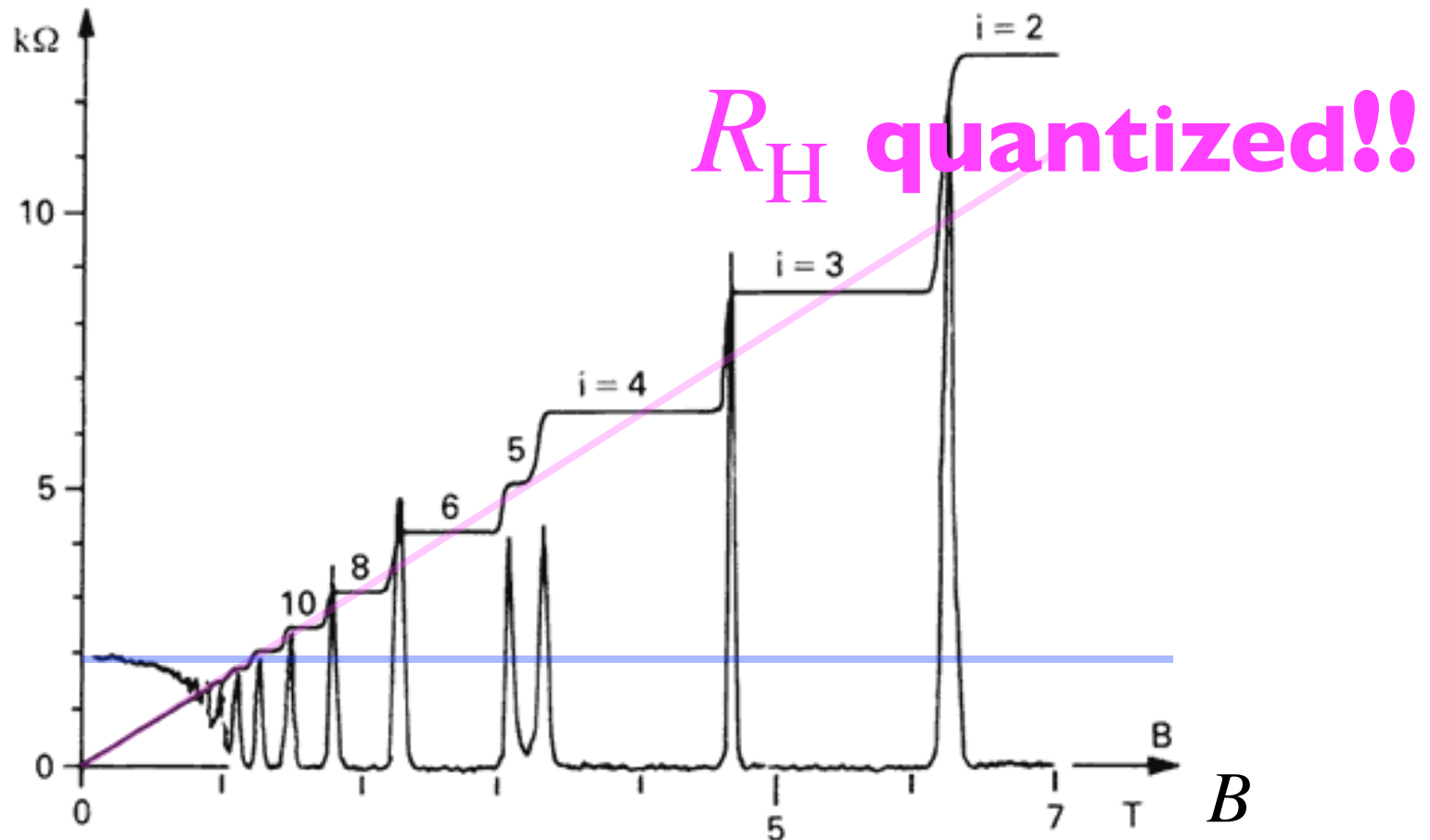
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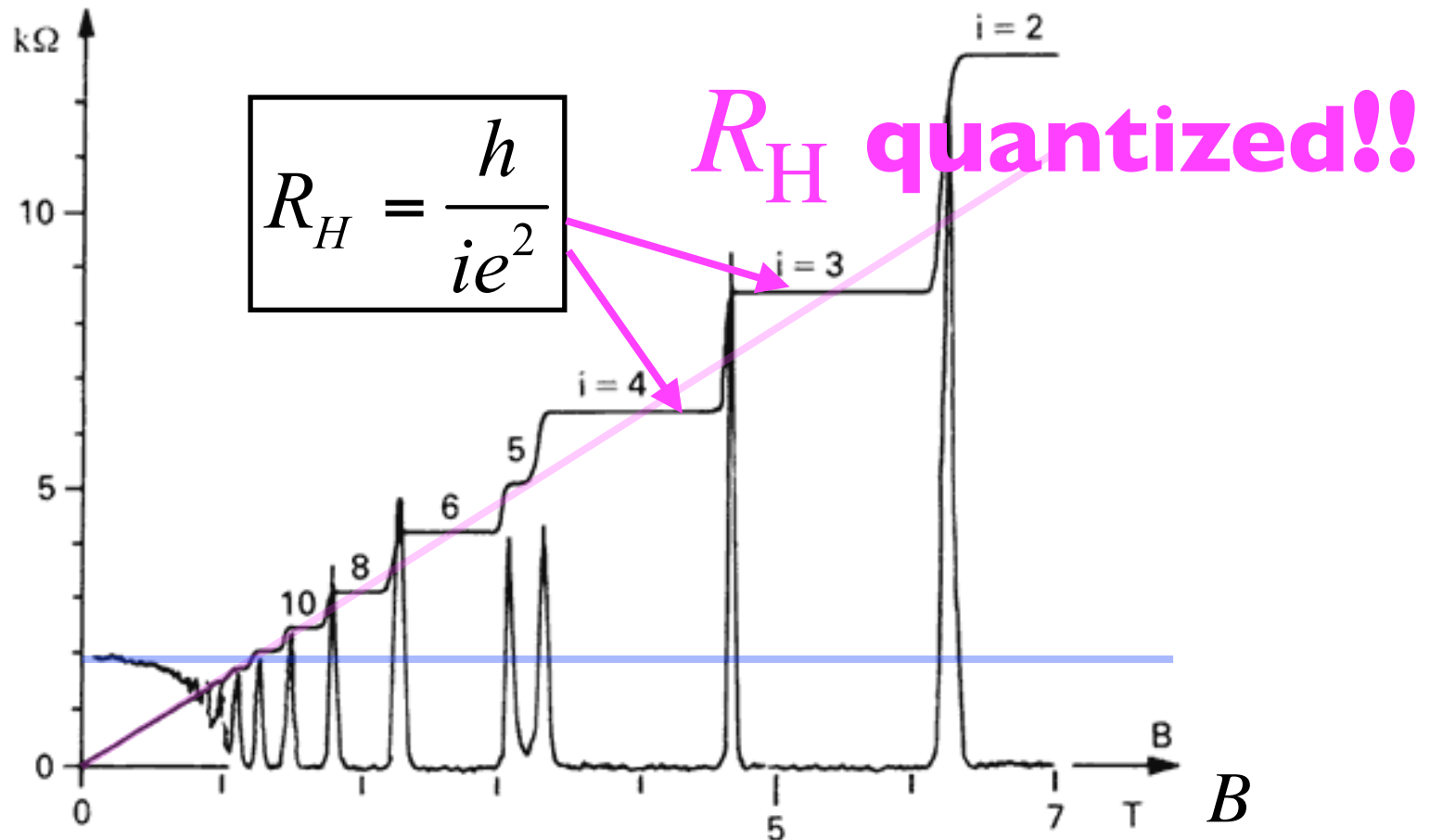
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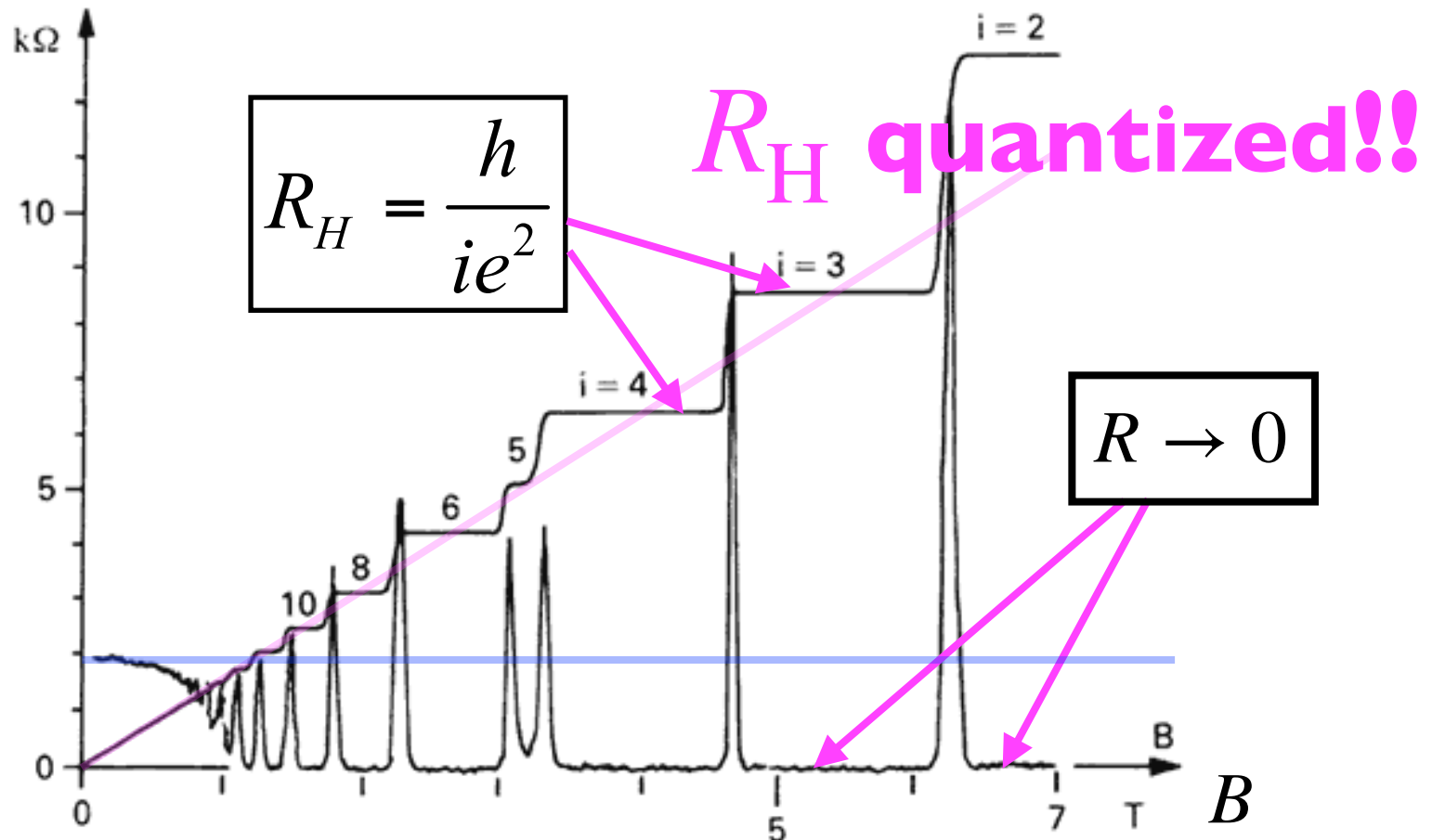
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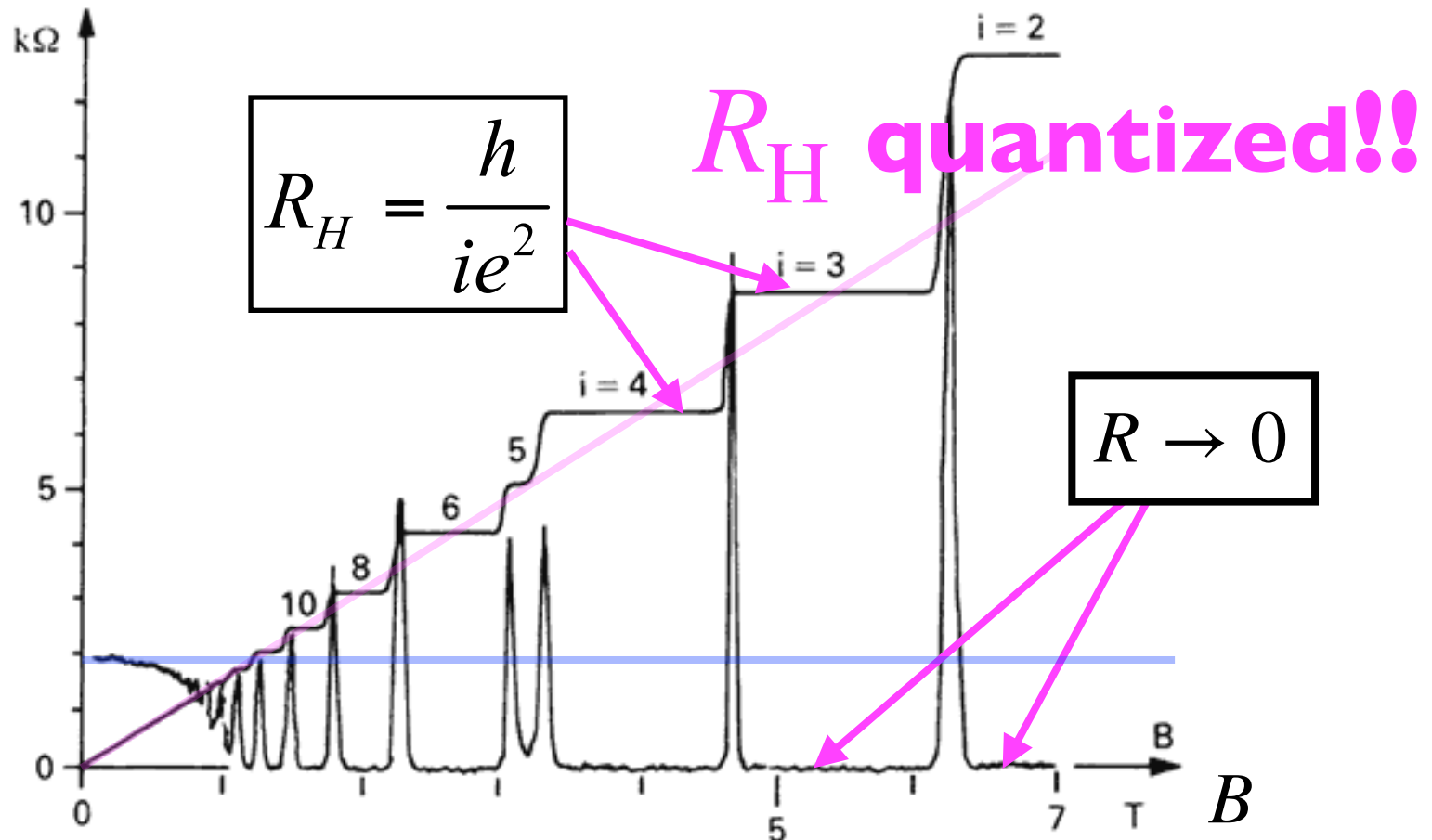
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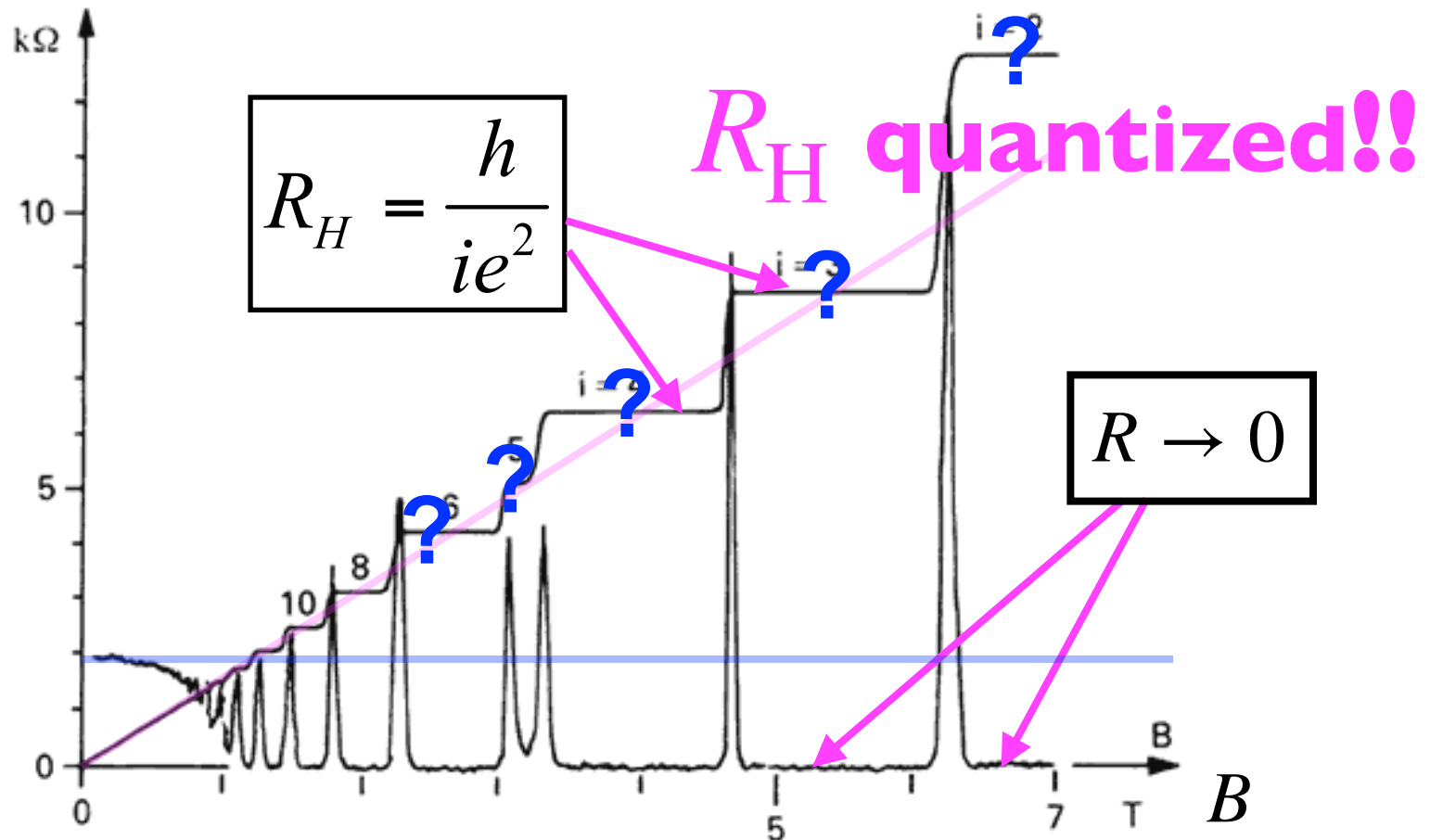
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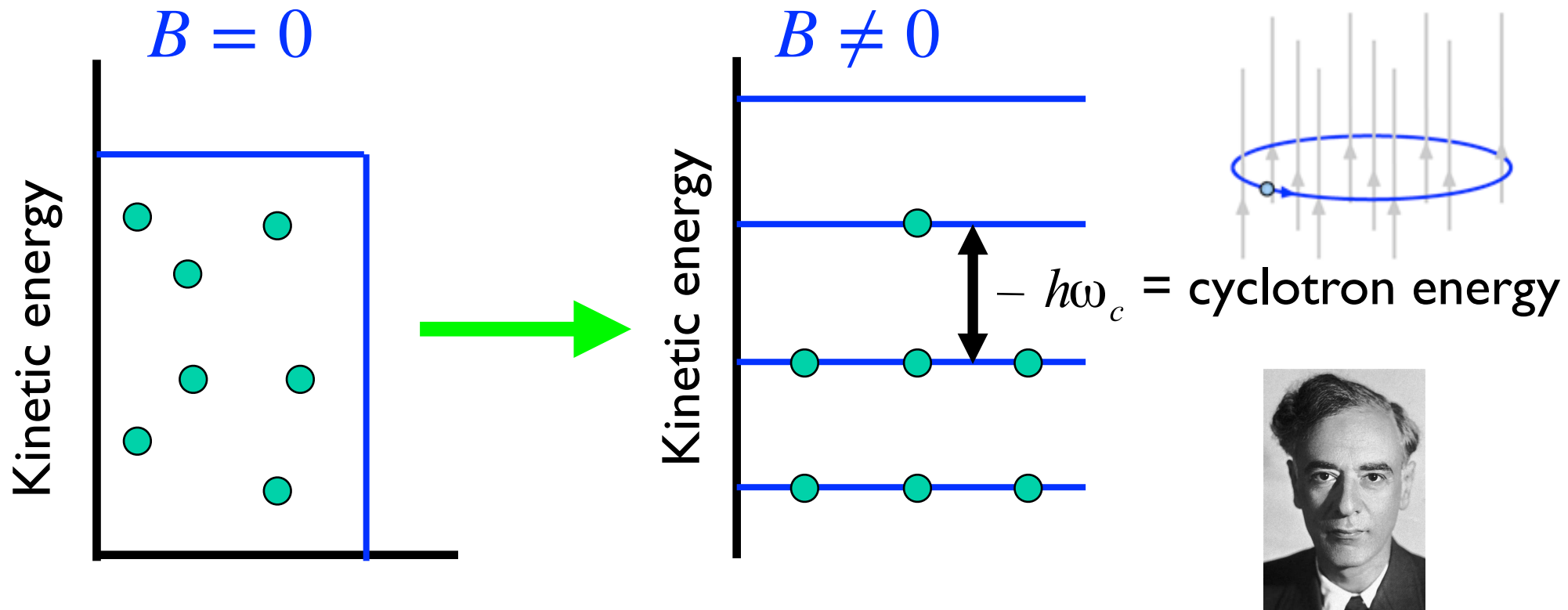
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Landau levels (2D)



$$N_\phi = \frac{BA}{\phi_0} = \text{number of available spaces in each LL (one per } \phi_0 \text{)}$$

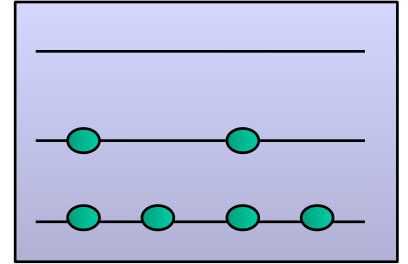
"flux quantum" $\phi_0 = \frac{hc}{e}$, $\rho = \frac{N}{A} = \text{density}$,

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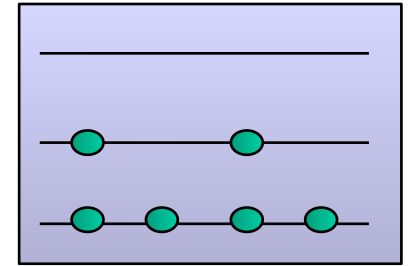
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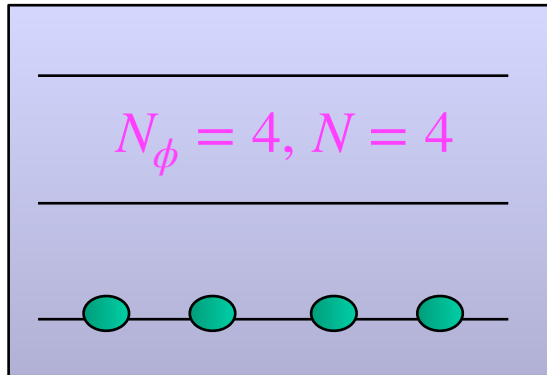


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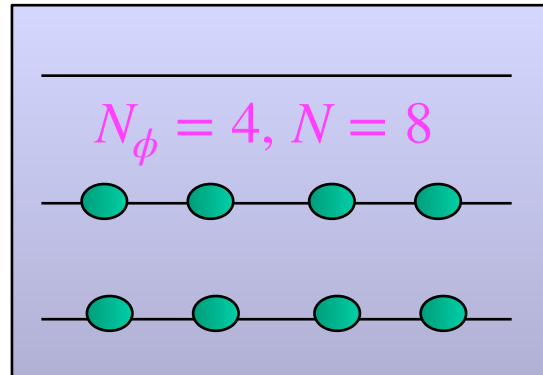
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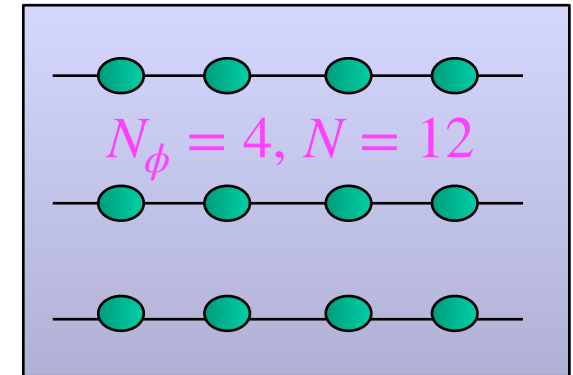
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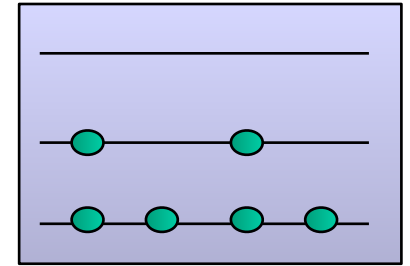
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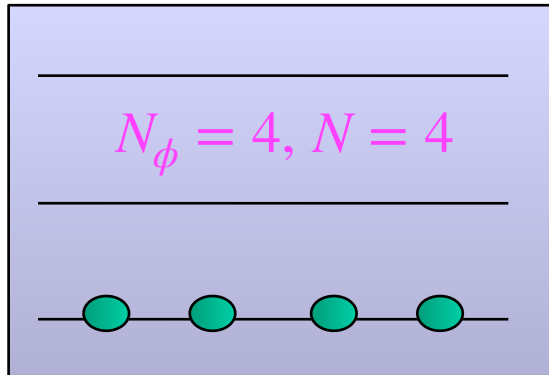
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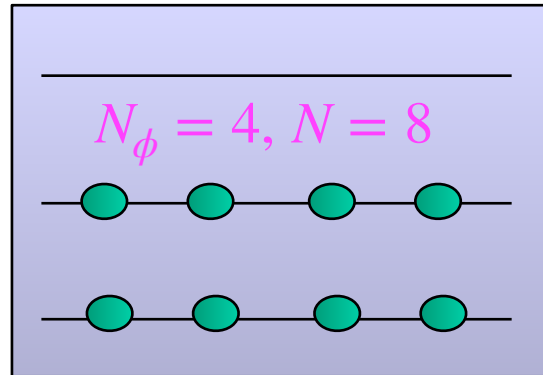


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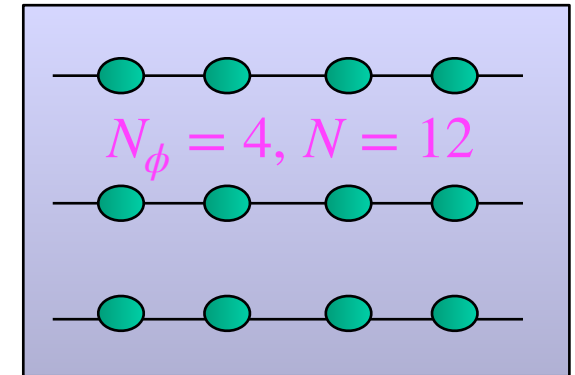
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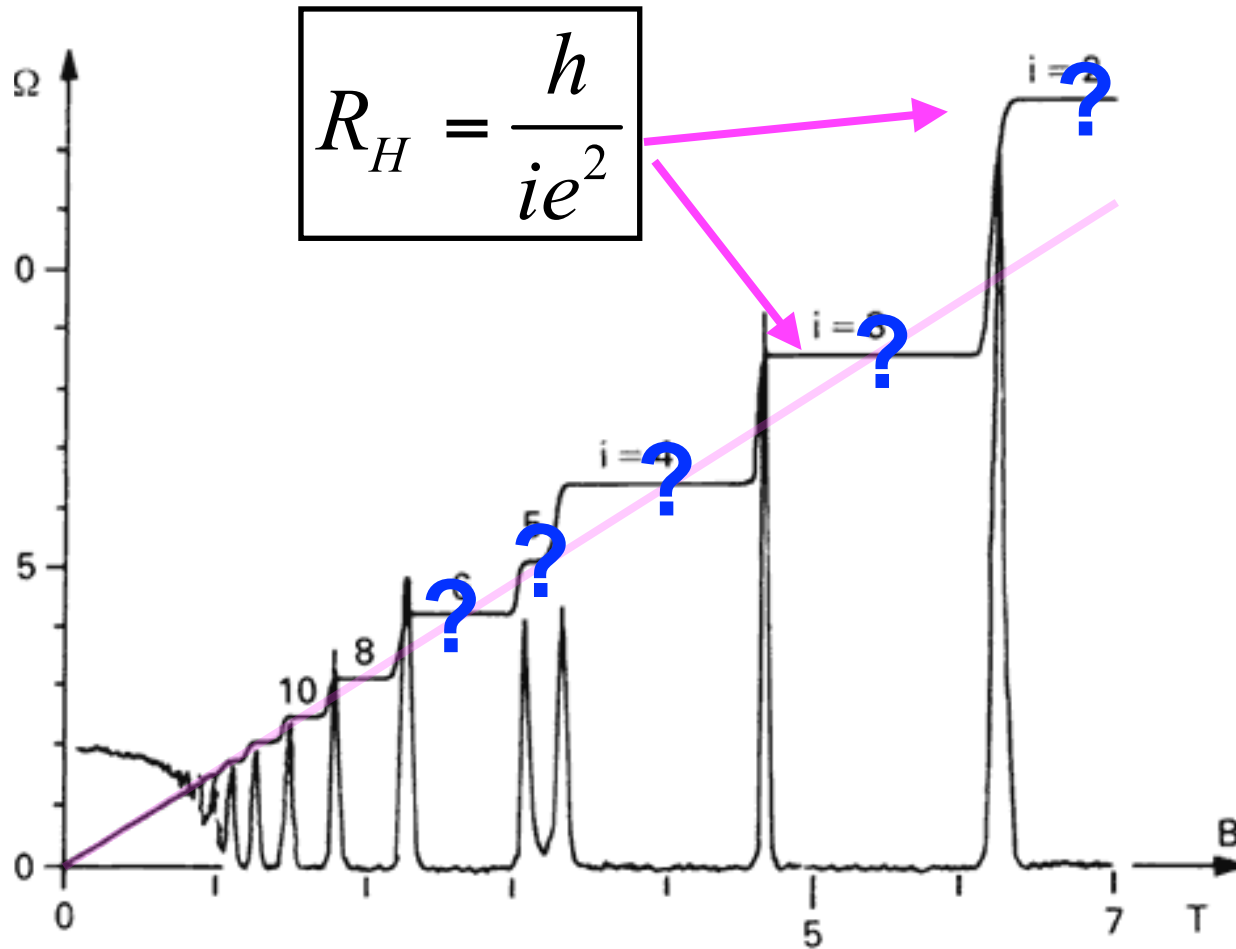


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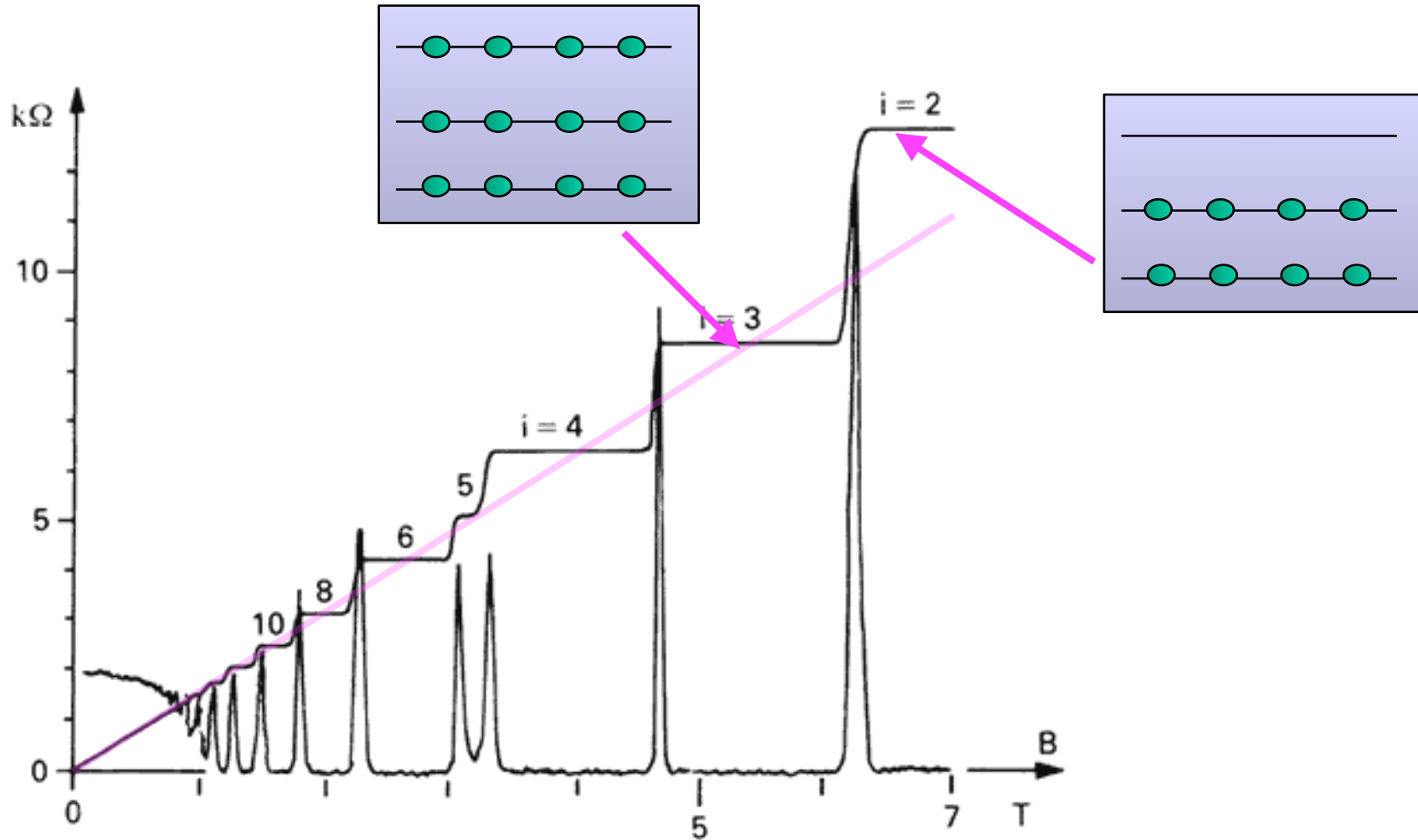
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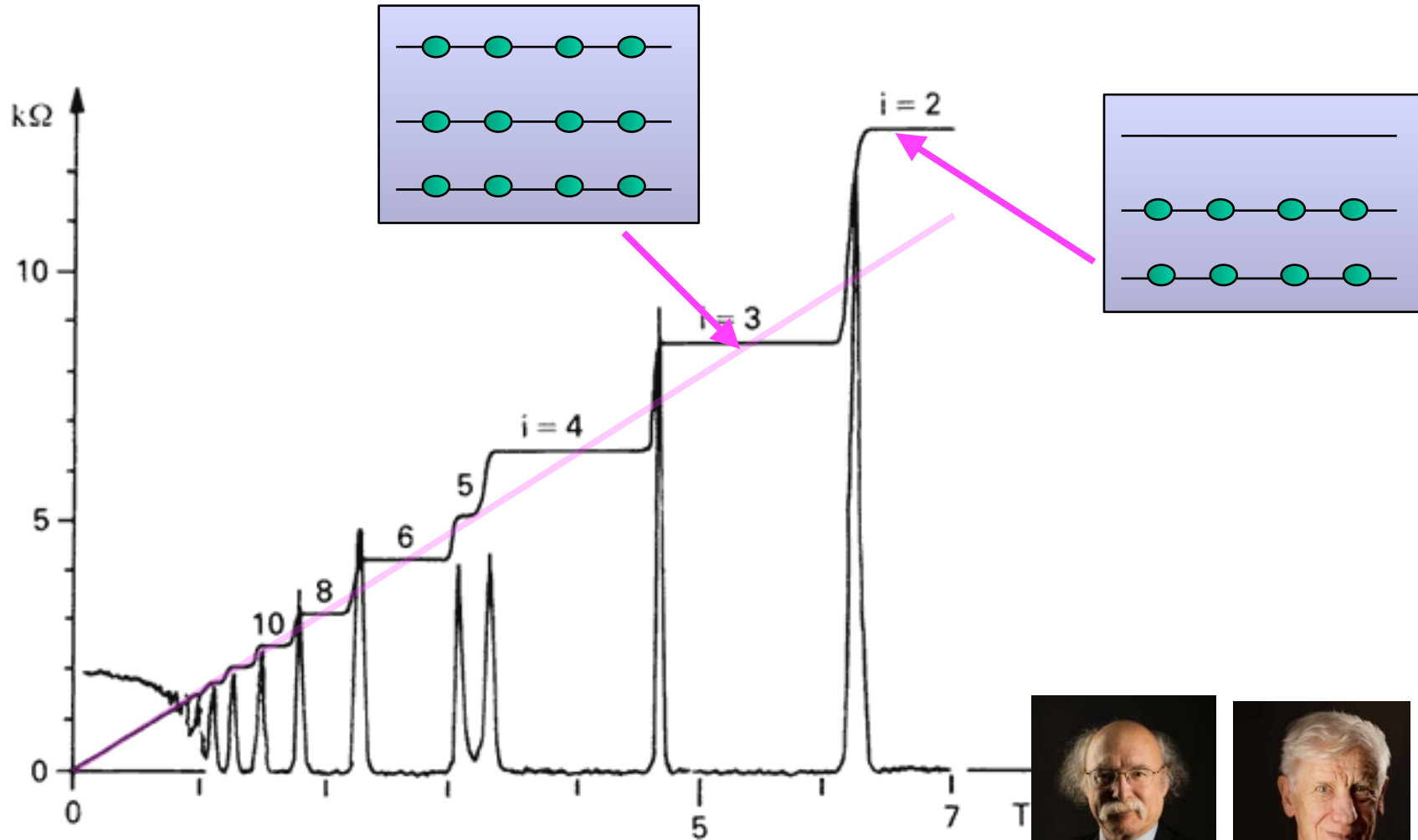
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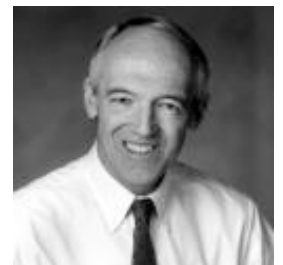
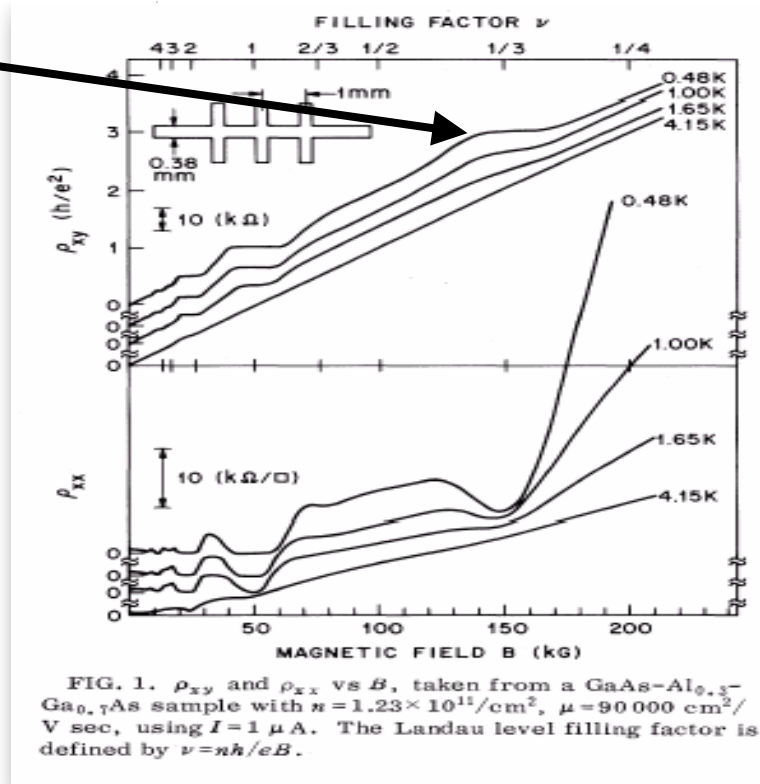
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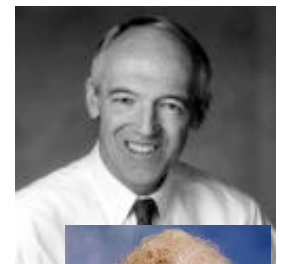
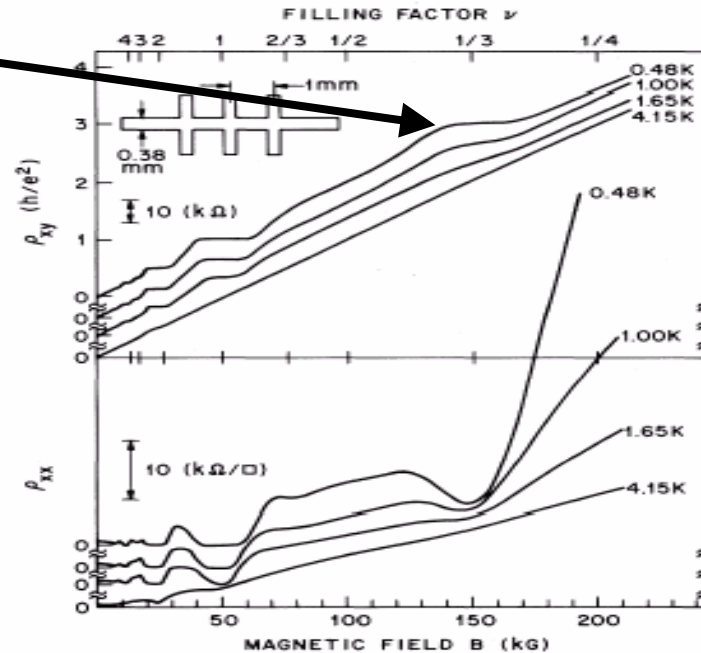
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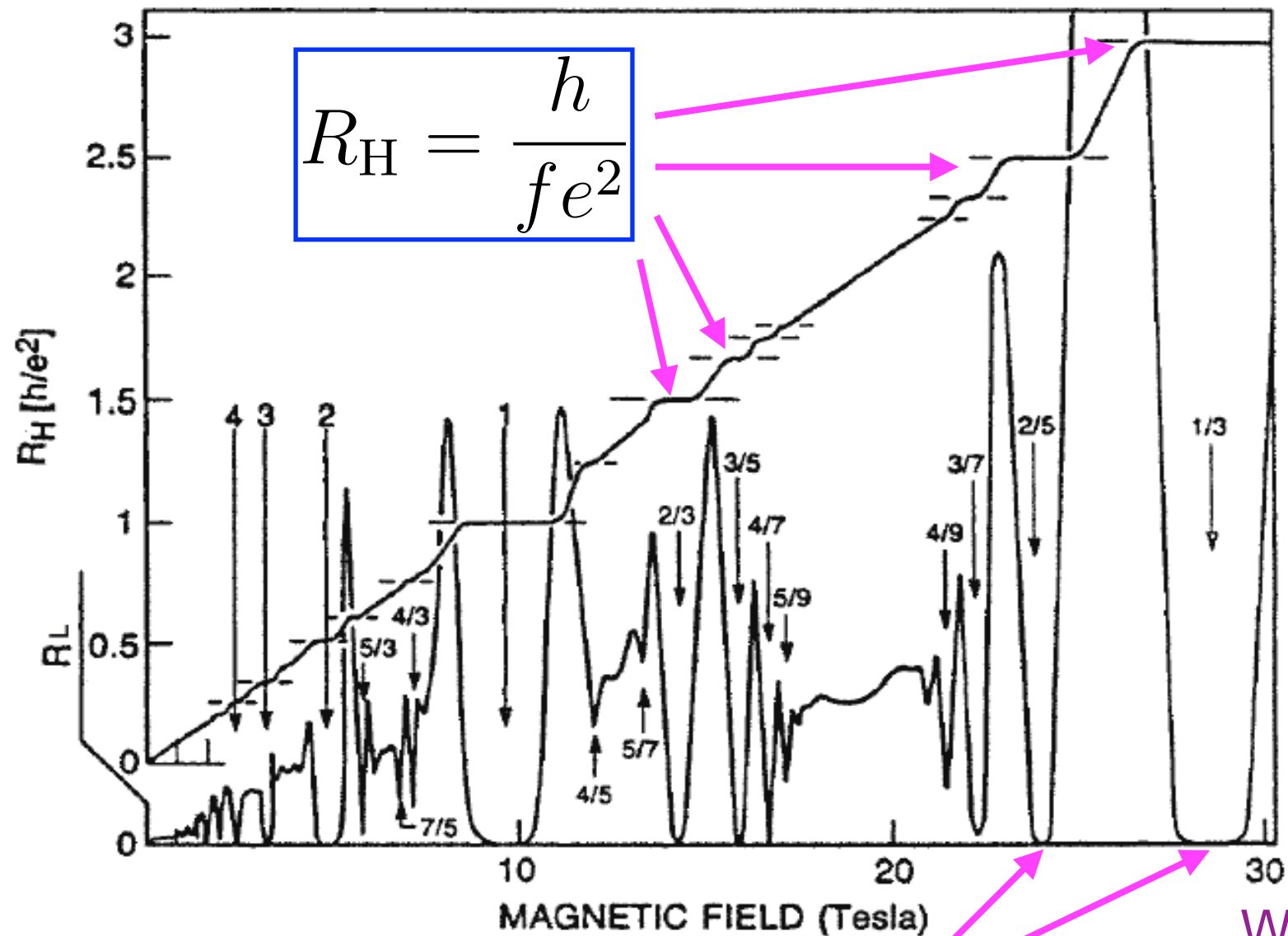
$$\Psi_{1/3} = \prod_{j < k} (z_j - z_k)^3 e^{-\sum_j |z_j|^2/4} \quad z_j = x_j - iy_j$$

Not over yet!

This was still only the beginning!

Improved experiments revealed an incredibly rich structure.

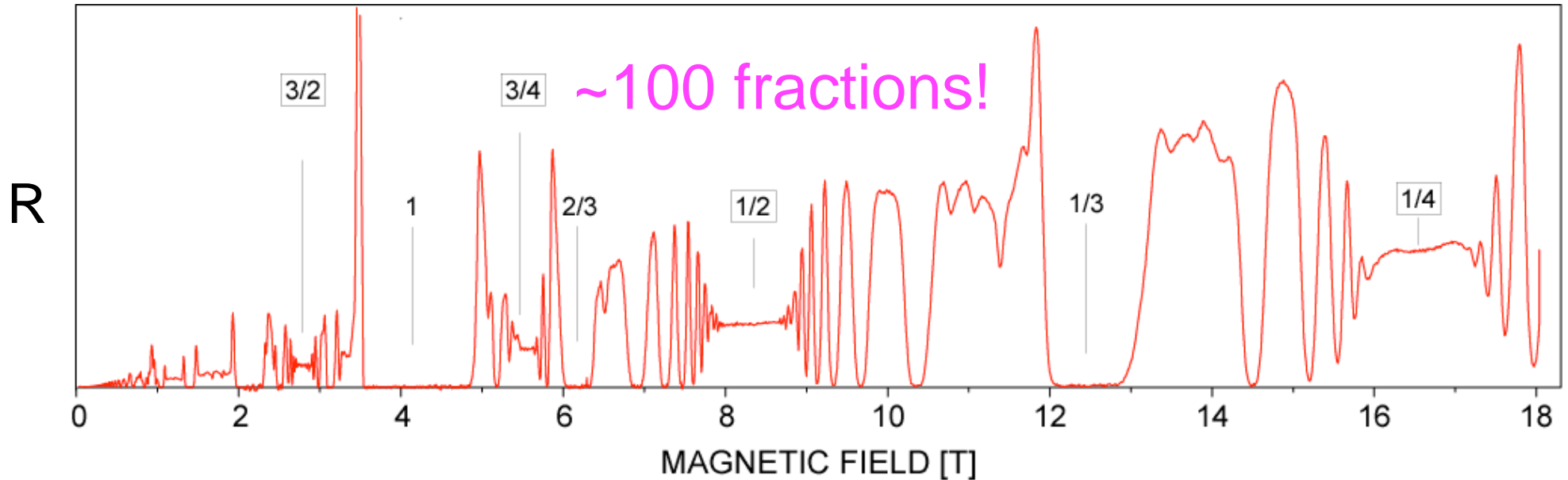
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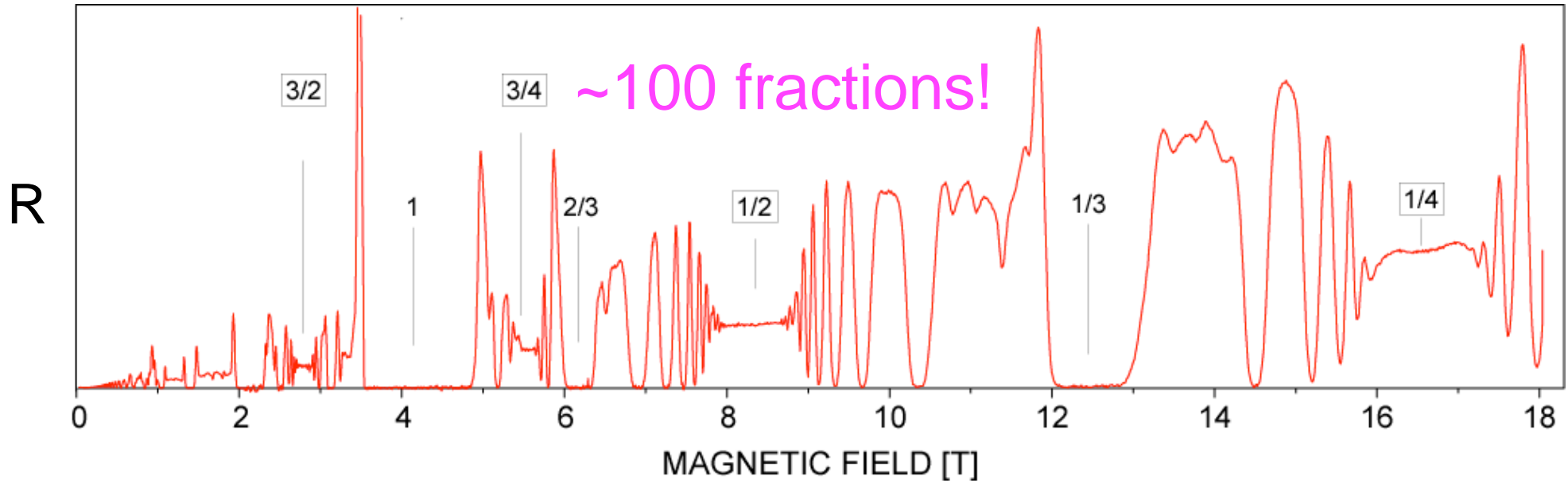


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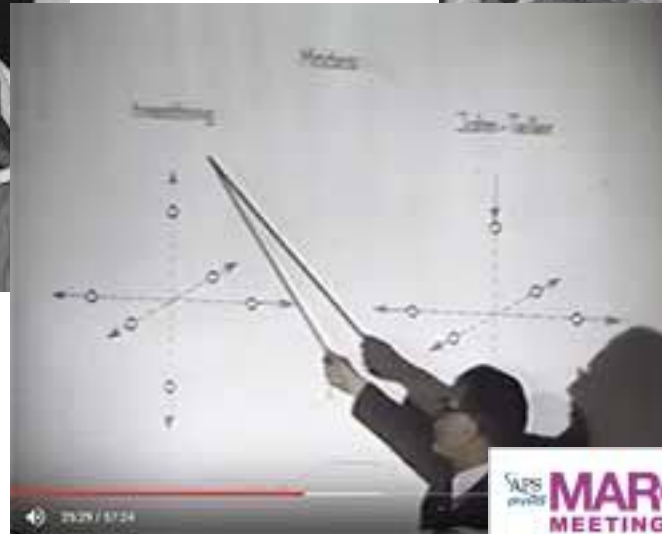
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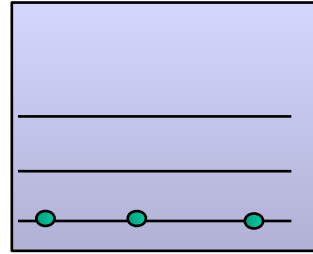
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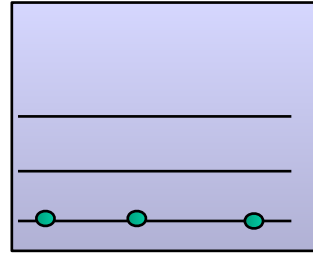
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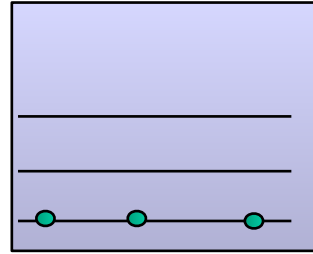
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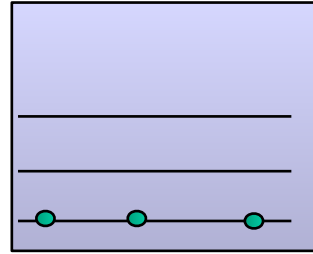
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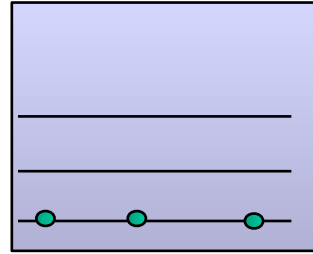
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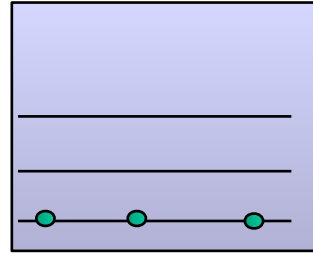
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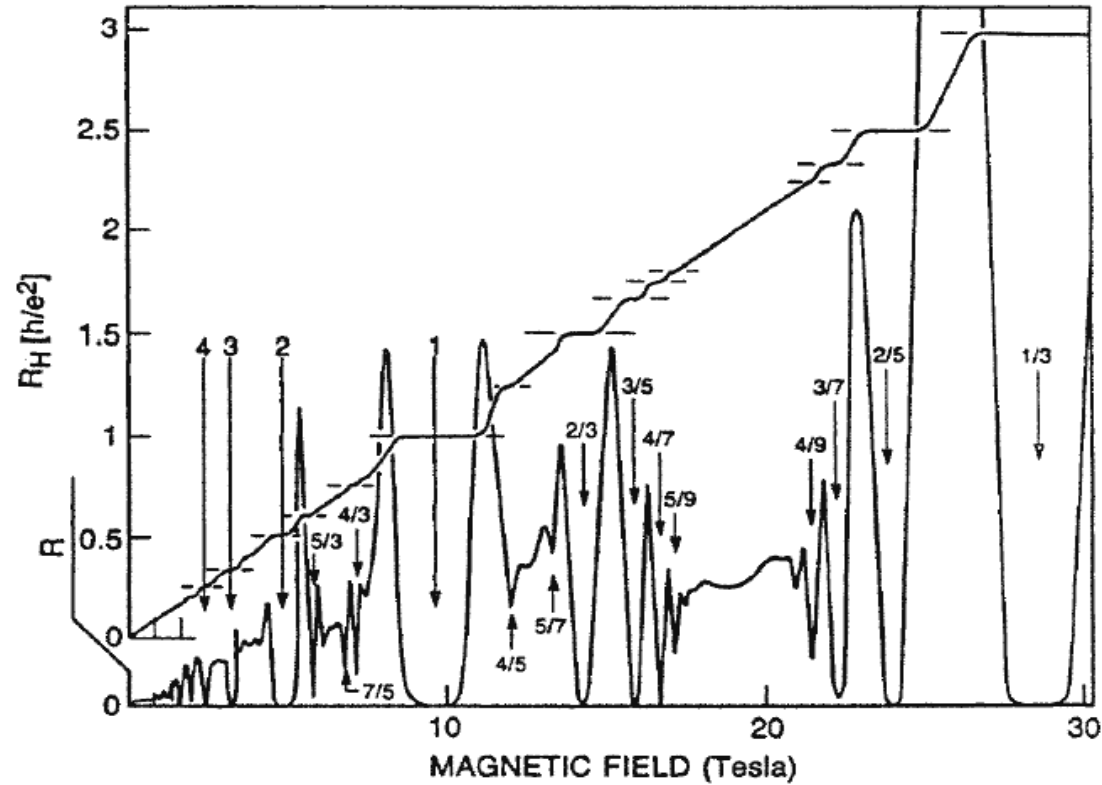
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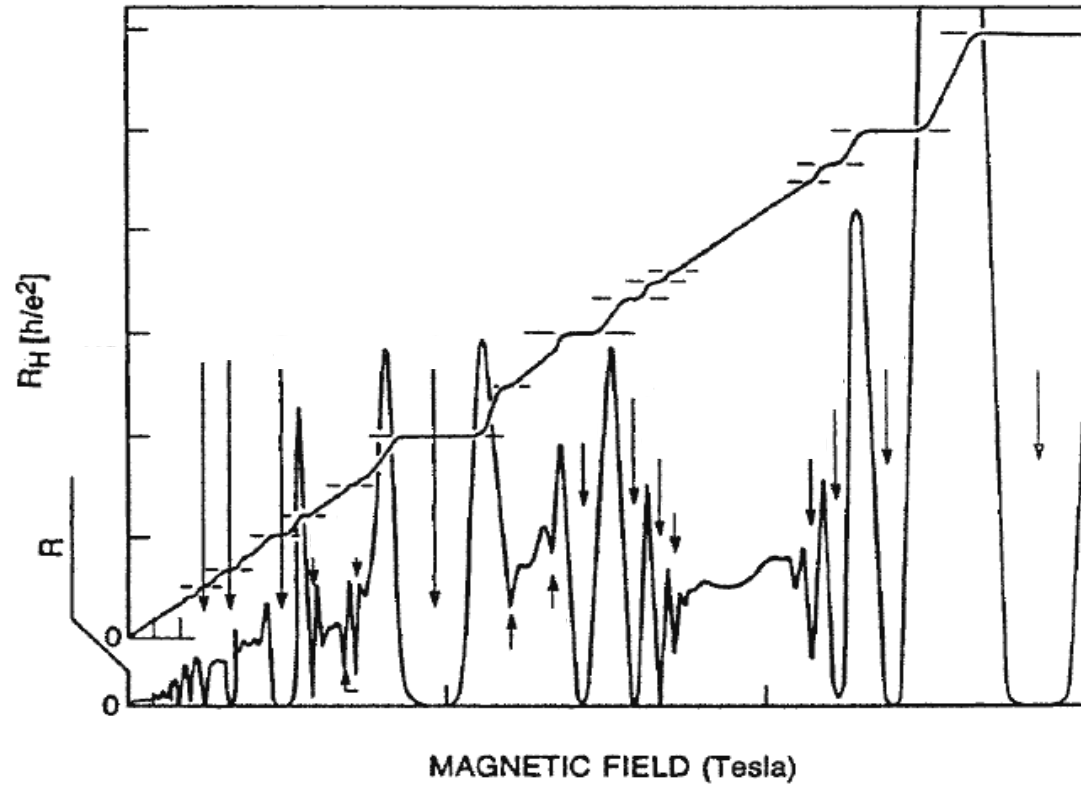
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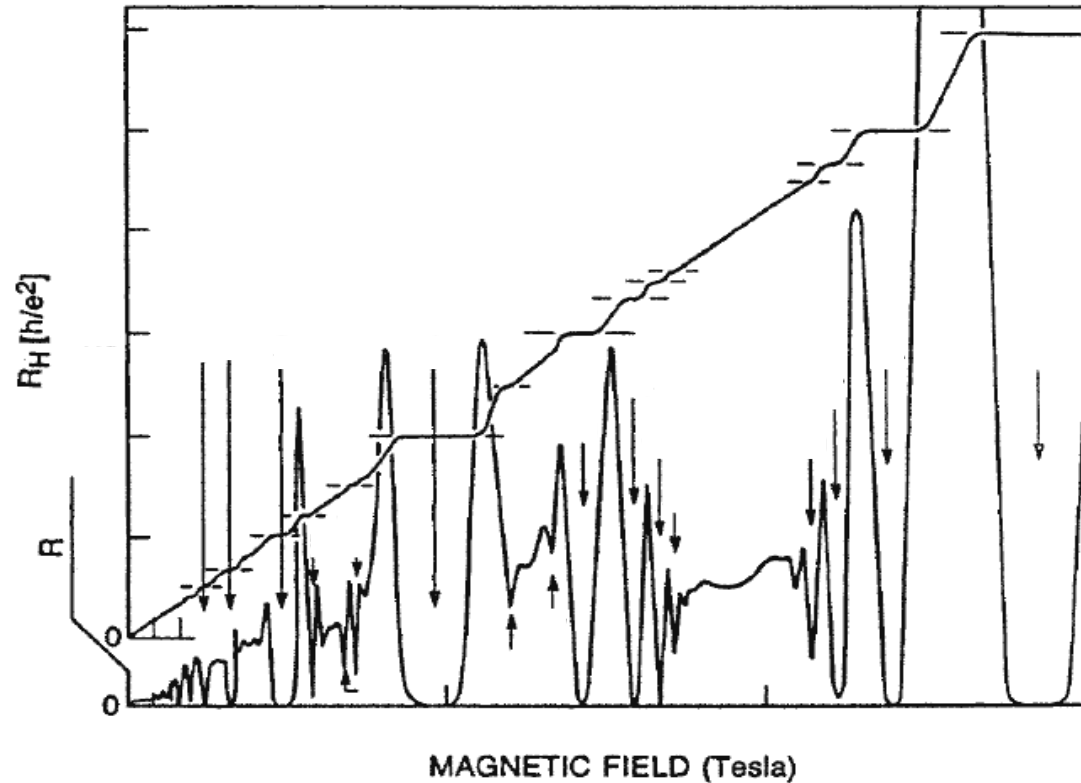
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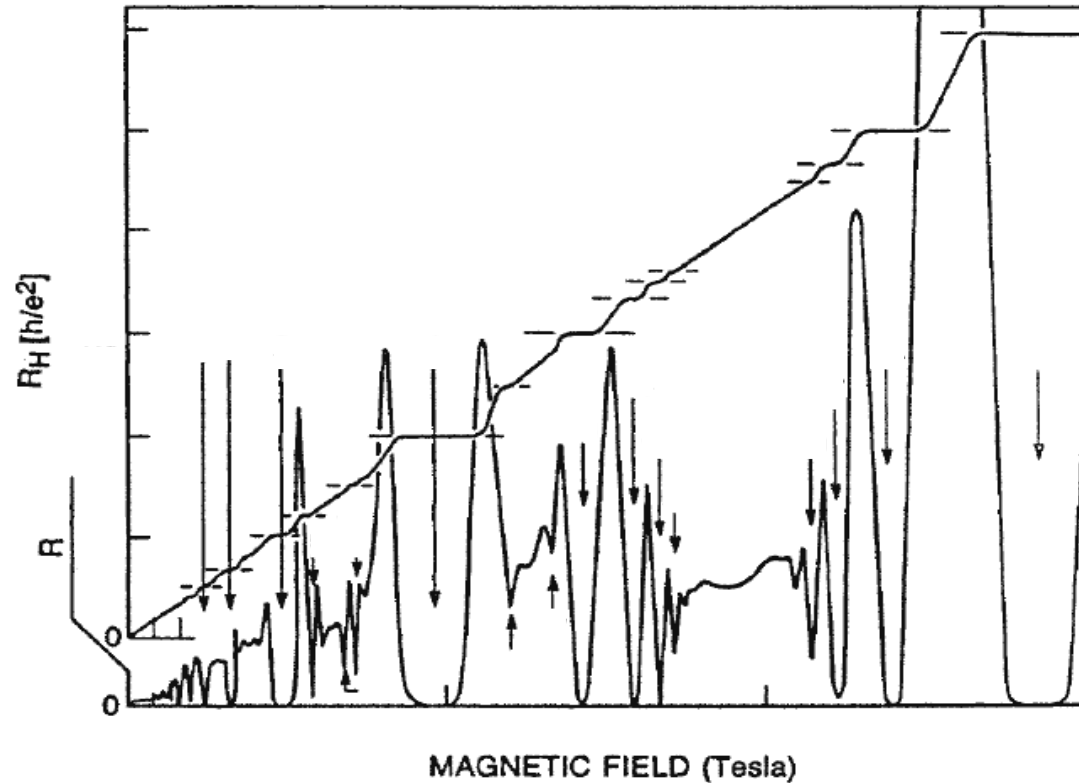


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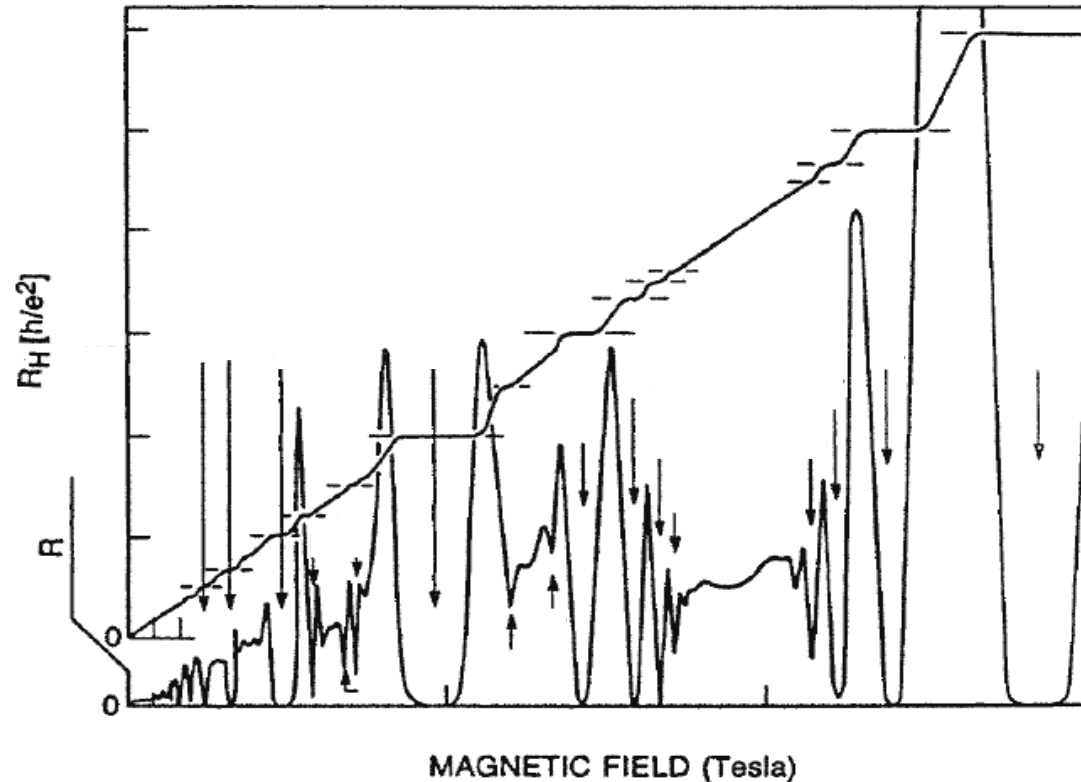
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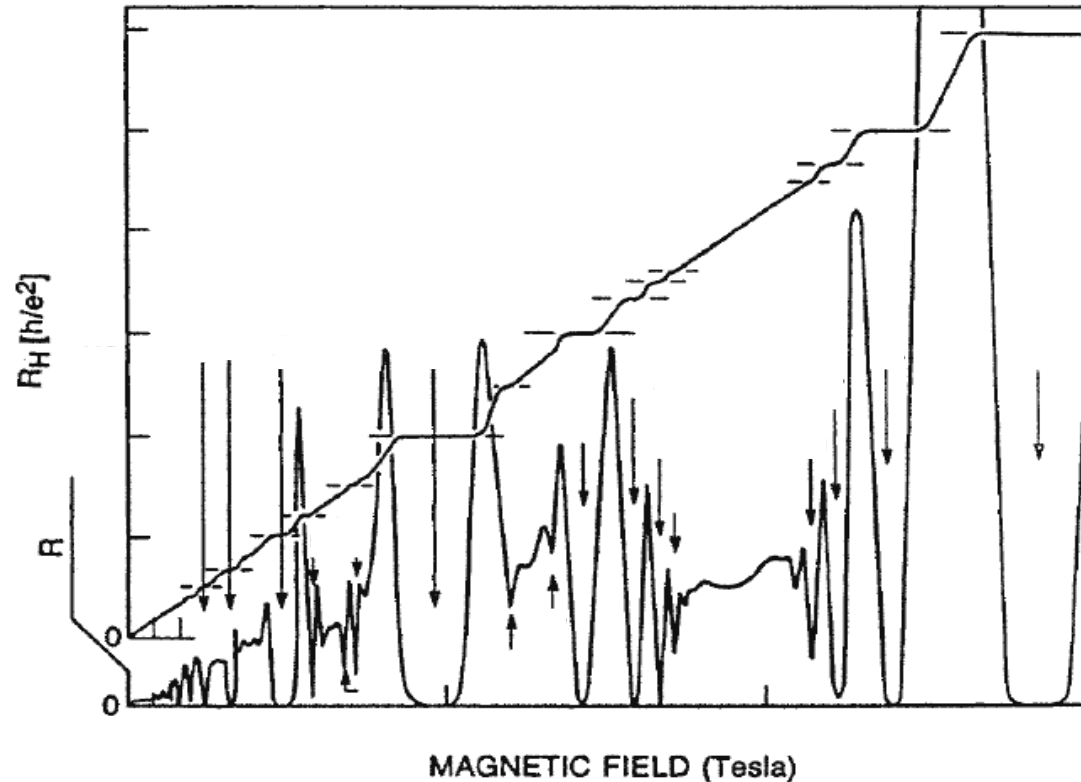
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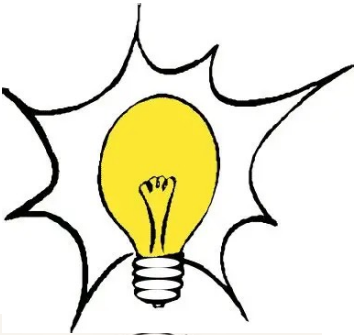
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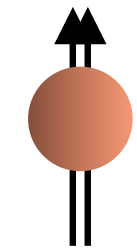
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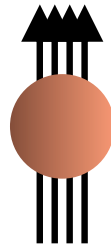
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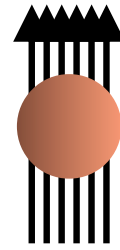
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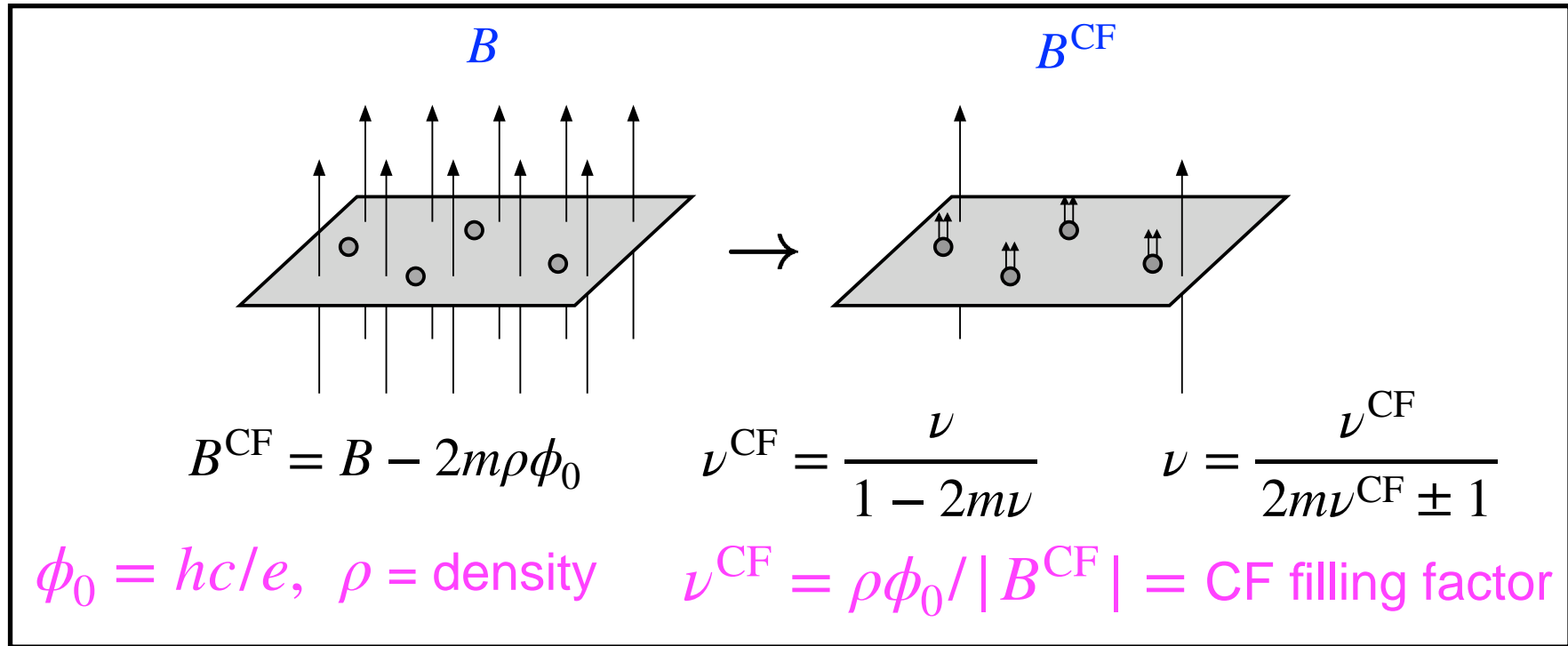
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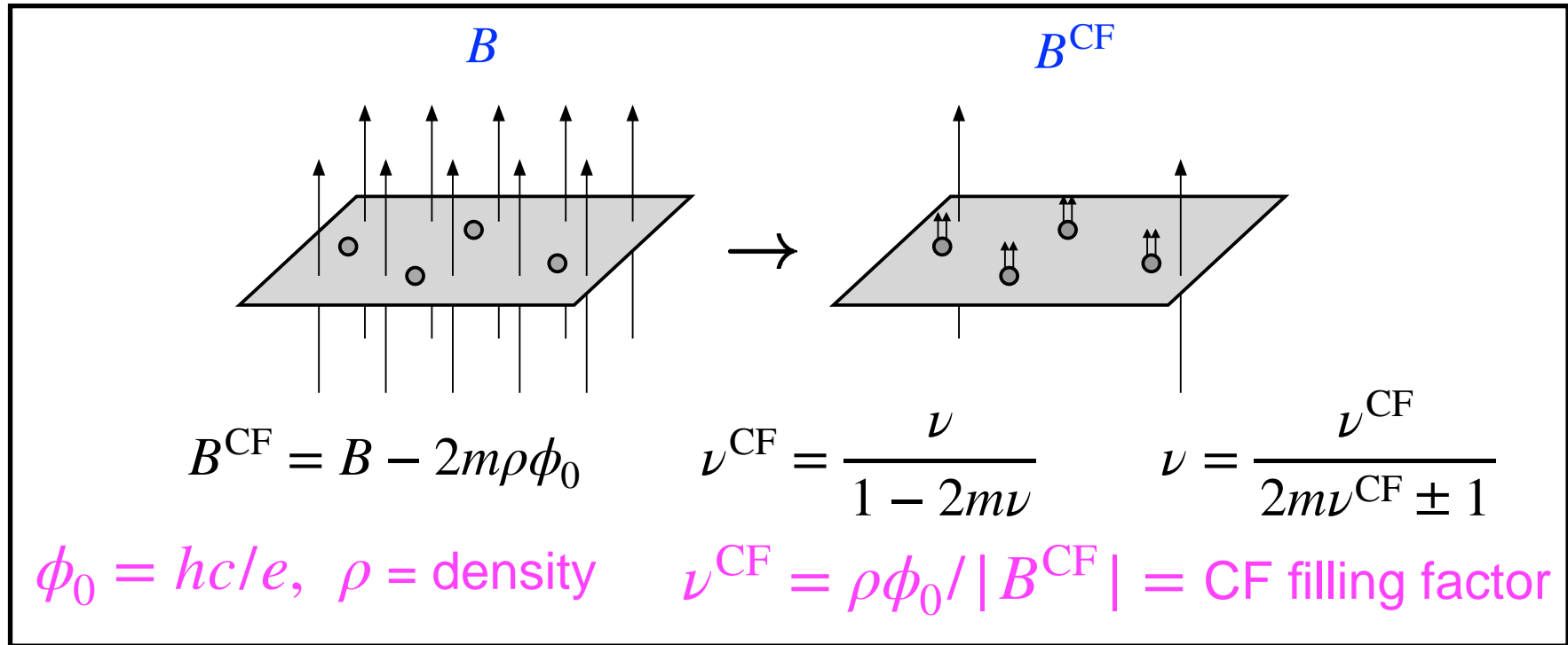
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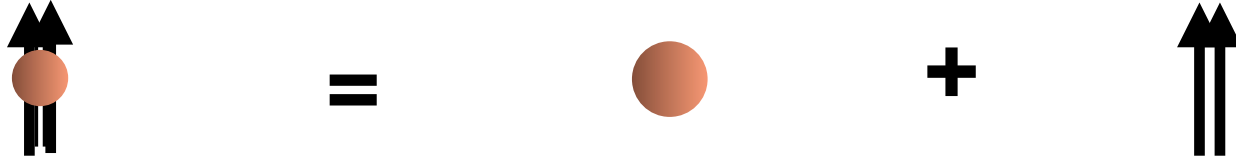
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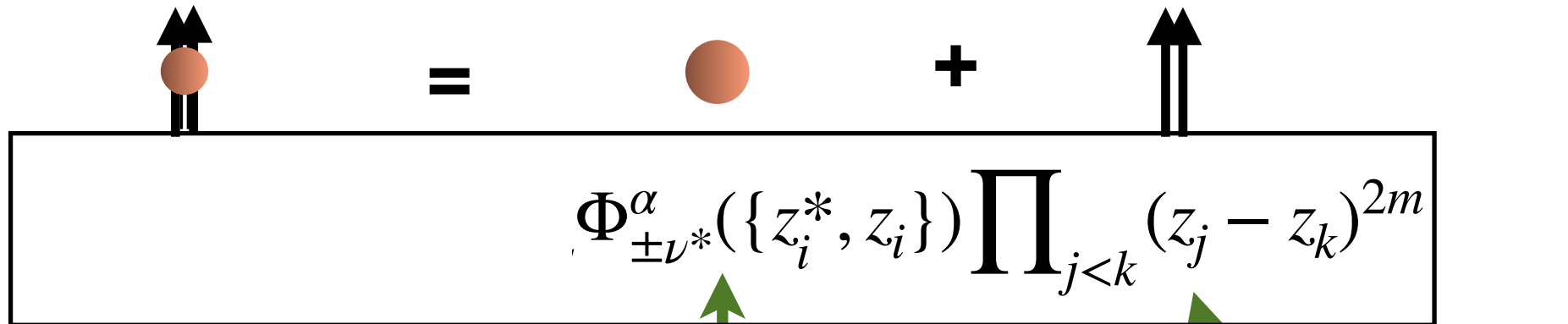
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The diagram shows the equation $\uparrow \uparrow = \bullet + \uparrow \uparrow$. On the left, two black arrows pointing upwards are positioned one above the other, with a solid red circle centered between them. This is followed by an equals sign. To the right of the equals sign is a single solid red circle, followed by a plus sign, and then another pair of two black arrows pointing upwards, one above the other.

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 \hline
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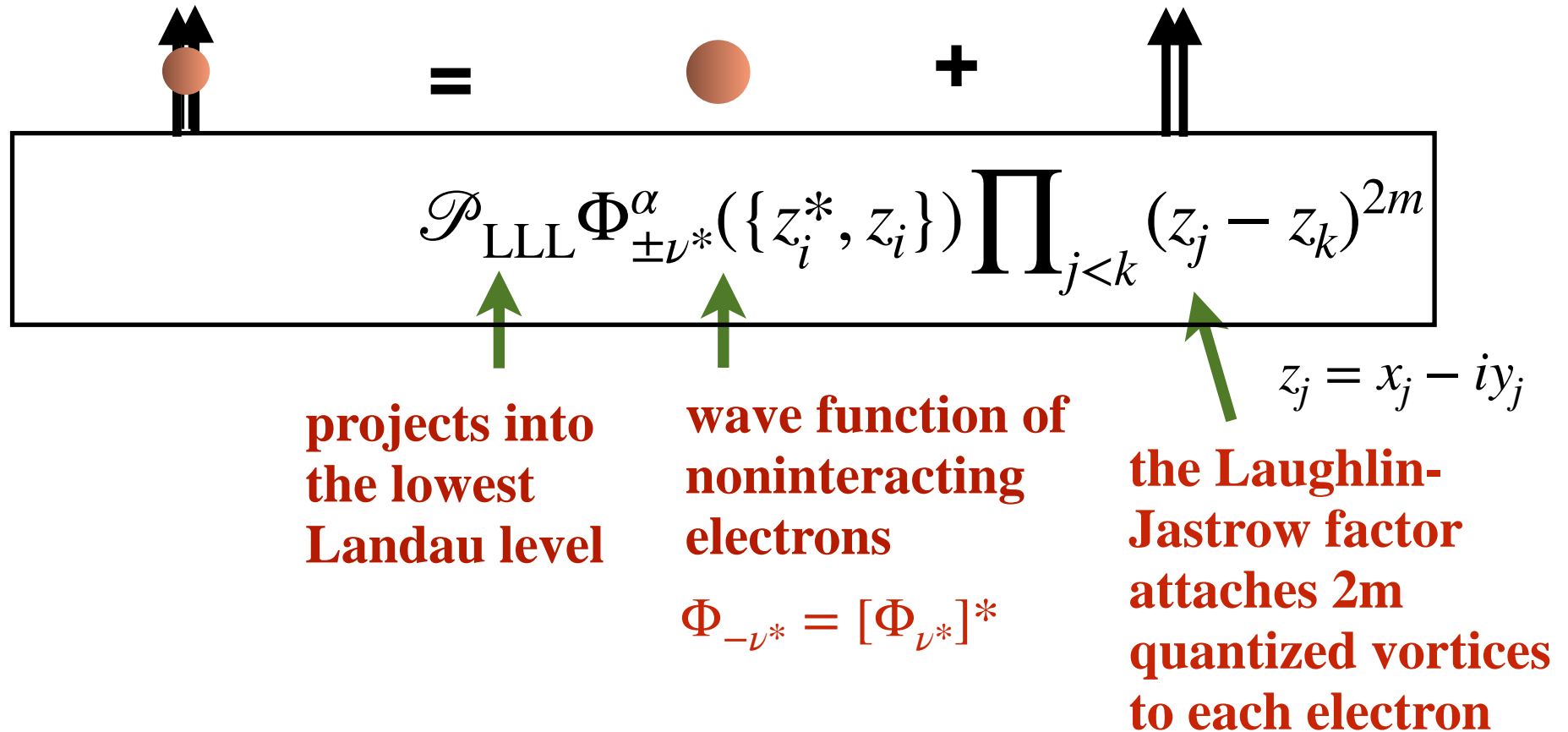
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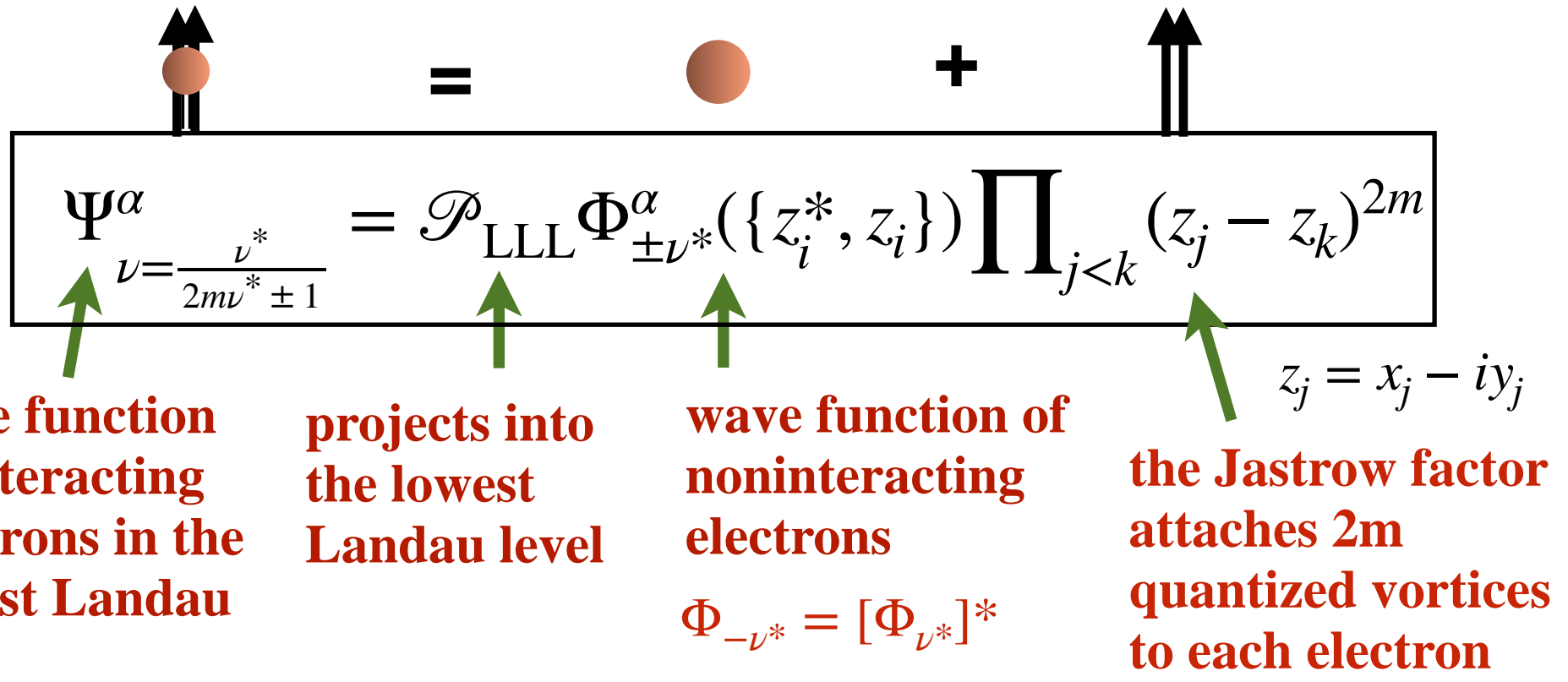
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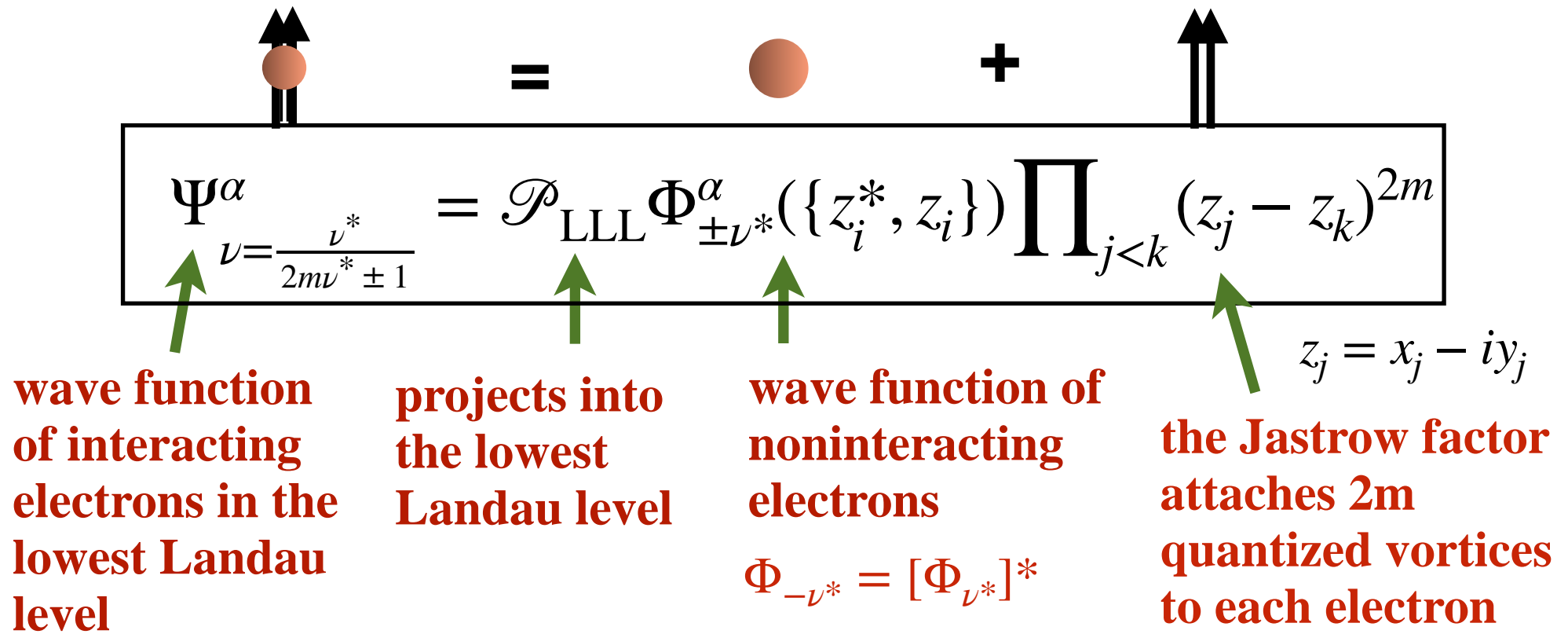
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Effective (Chern-Simons) field theory of CFs

Zero temperature
partition function

$$\mathcal{Z} = \int \mathcal{D}\psi \mathcal{D}\psi^* \mathcal{D}\vec{a} \exp \left(\frac{i}{\hbar} \mathcal{S} \right)$$

$$\mathcal{S} = \int d^2\vec{r} \int dt \mathcal{L}$$

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$$\mathcal{L} = \psi^* (i\partial_t - a_0) \psi + \frac{1}{2m_b} \left| \left(-i\hbar \vec{\nabla} + \frac{e}{c} \vec{A} - \frac{e}{c} \vec{a} \right) \psi \right|^2 + \frac{1}{2p\phi_0} a_0 \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{a} + \int d^2\vec{r}' \rho(\vec{r}) V(\vec{r} - \vec{r}') \rho(\vec{r}')$$

The action is written in terms of Grassmann variables. The flux attachment is introduced through a Lagrange multiplier, which can be integrated to produce

$$\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{a}(\vec{r}) = 2p\phi_0 \rho(\vec{r}) = 2p\phi_0 \psi^*(\vec{r}) \psi(\vec{r})$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{CS} \sim \epsilon^{\mu\nu\lambda} A_\mu F_{\nu\lambda} = 2\epsilon^{\mu\nu\lambda} A_\mu \partial_\nu A_\lambda \quad F_{\mu\nu} = \partial_\mu A_\nu - \partial_\nu A_\mu$$

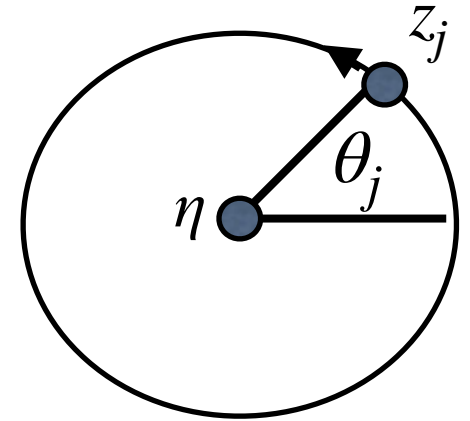
$a_0 \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{a}$ is precisely the CS Lagrangian in the Coulomb gauge.

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The composite fermion is inherently quantum



$$\Psi_{\text{vortex}}(\eta) = \prod_{j=1}^N (z_j - \eta) = \prod_{j=1}^N |z_j - \eta| e^{i\theta_j}$$



- A vortex is an inherently quantum mechanical (carries quantum mechanical phases), topological, and collective entity.
- Hence the CF is also a quantum mechanical, topological, and collective particle. The Berry phases due to the vortices partly cancel the AB phase from the external magnetic field to produce B^{CF} .

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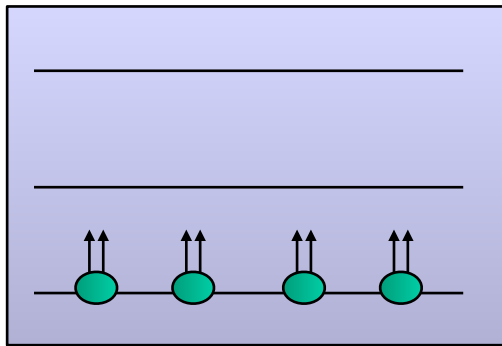
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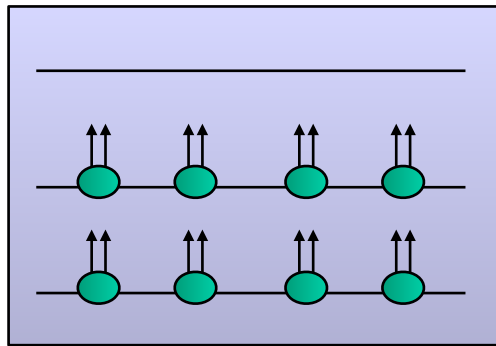
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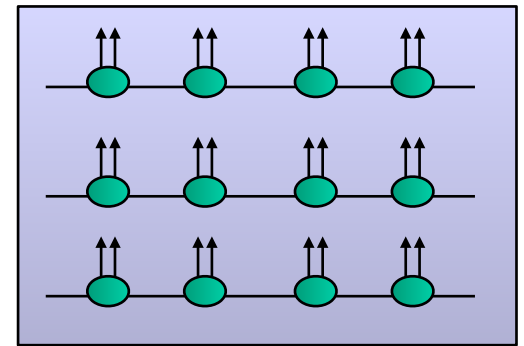
At these filling factors, the infinite choices of the electron problem disappear when we view the problem in terms of non-interacting composite fermions, and unique, gapped states are obtained !!



$$\nu = \frac{1}{3} \Rightarrow \nu^{\text{CF}} = 1$$



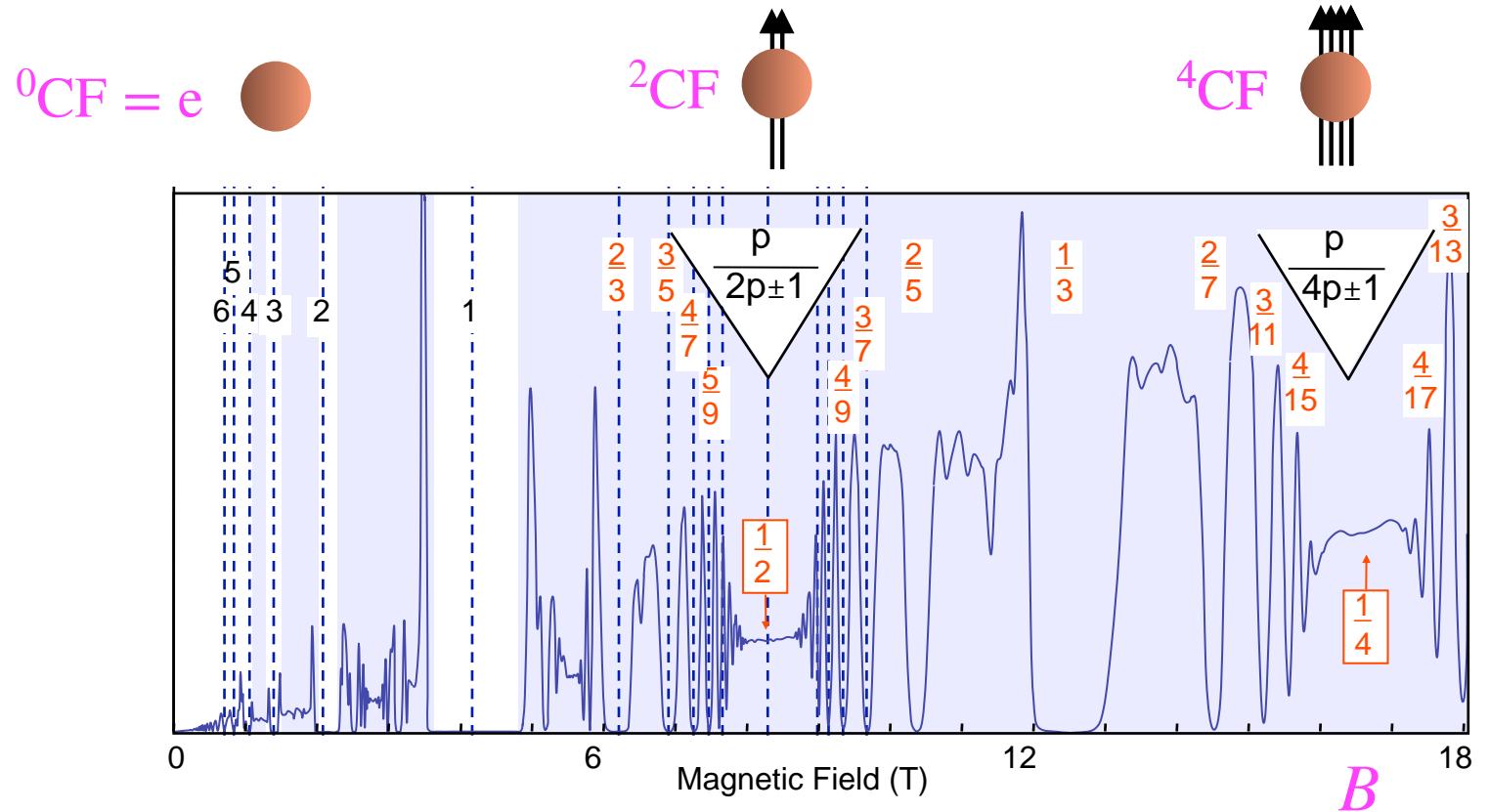
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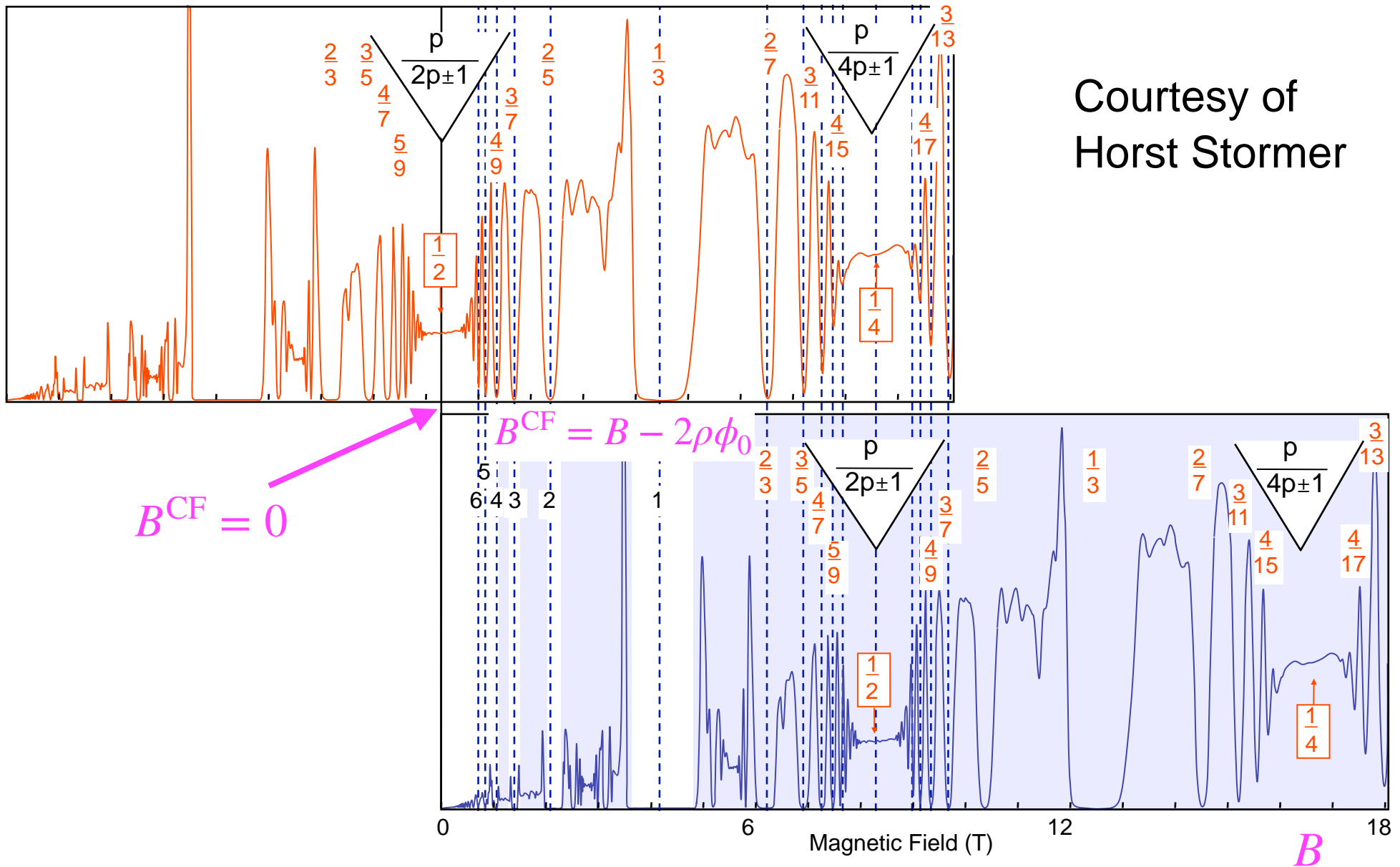
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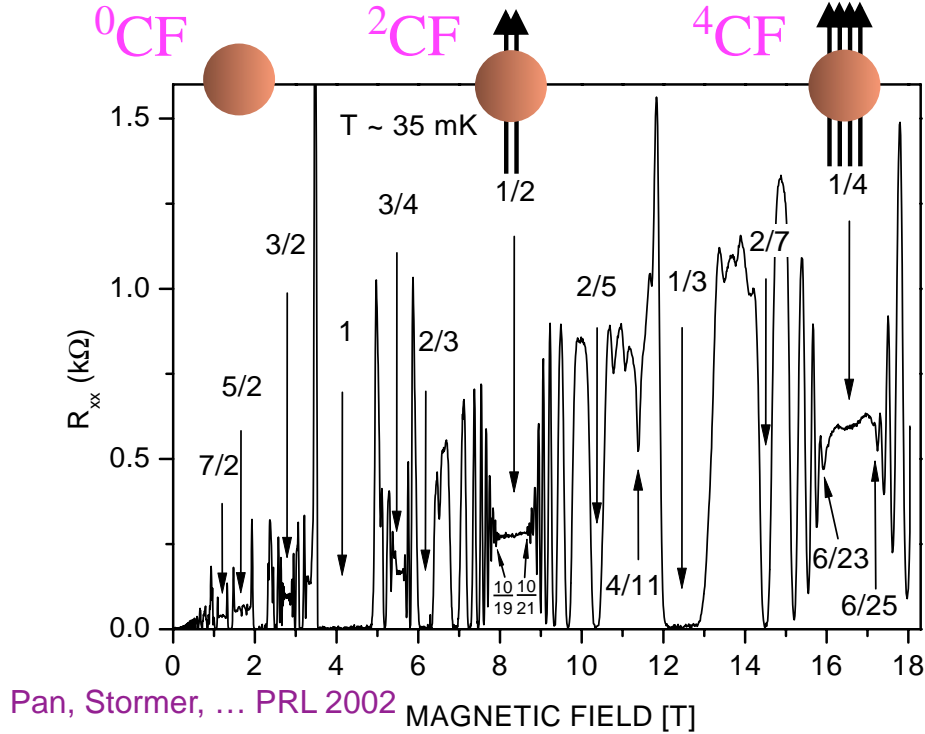
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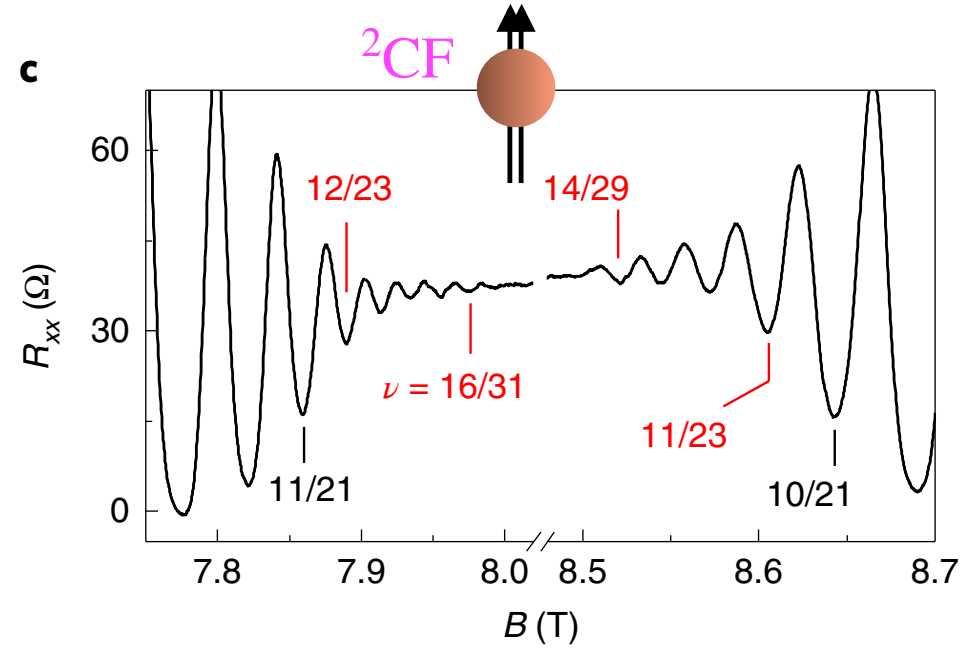
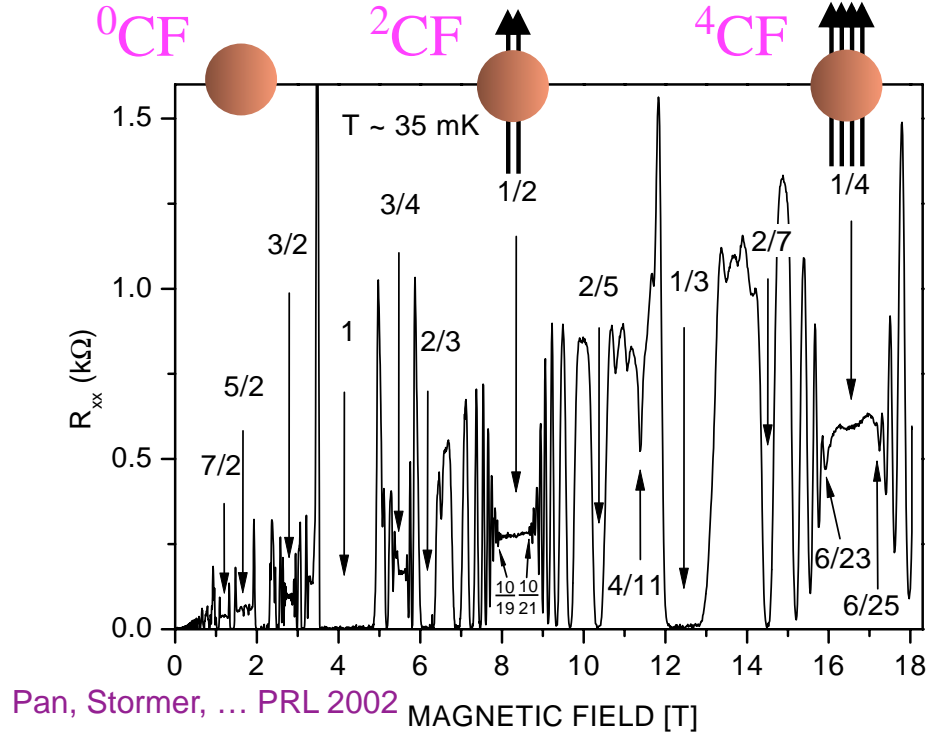
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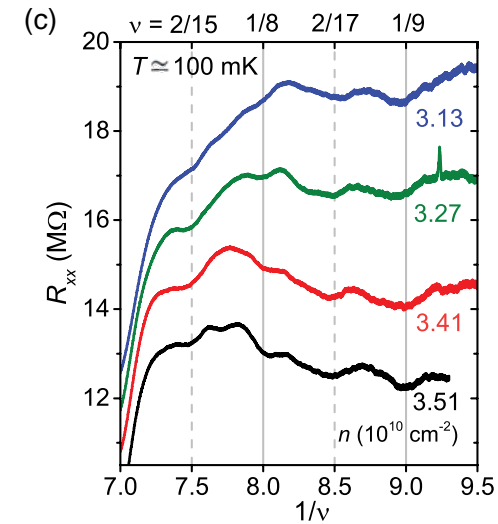
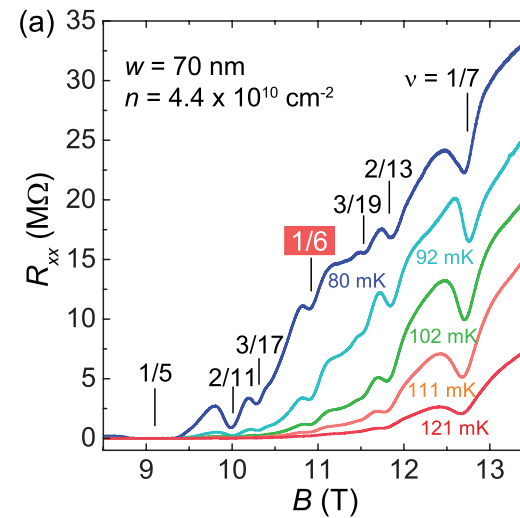
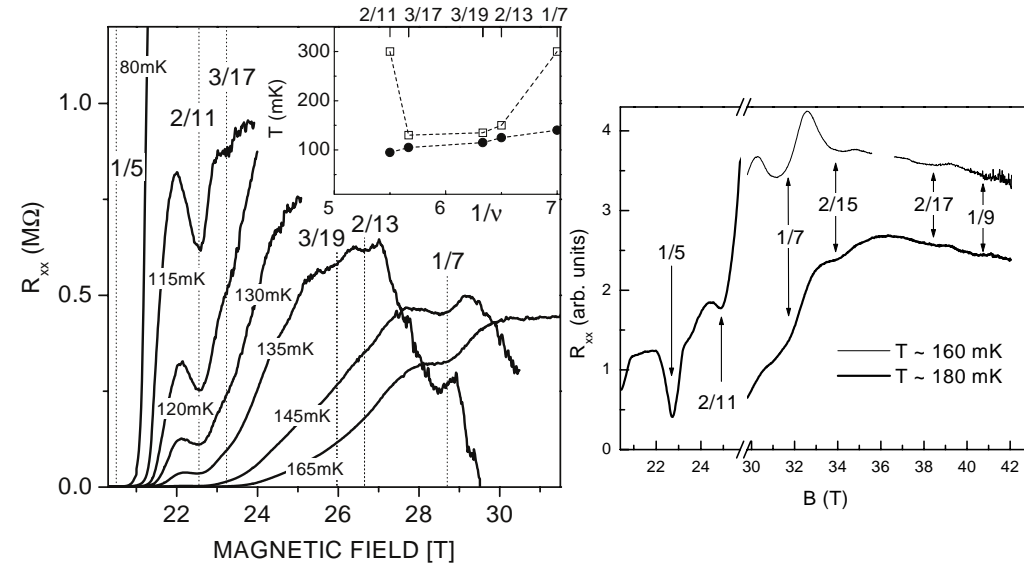
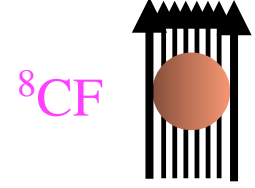
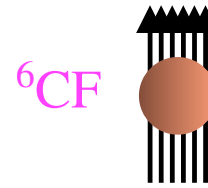
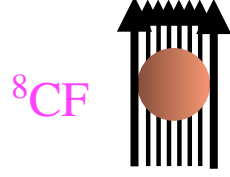
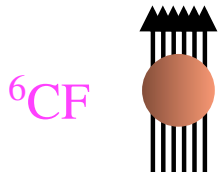
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^2CFs , ^4CFs , ^6CFs and ^8CFs observed



Wang, ... Shayegan, PRL 2025

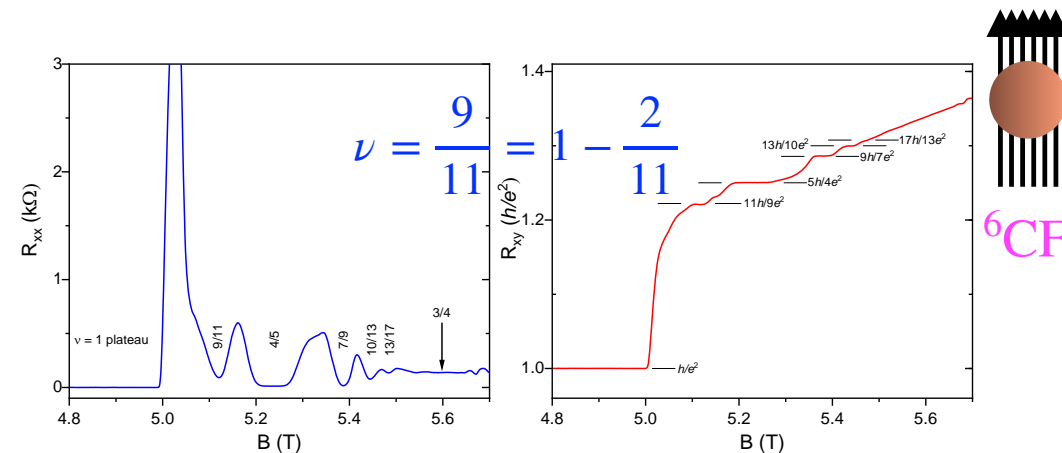
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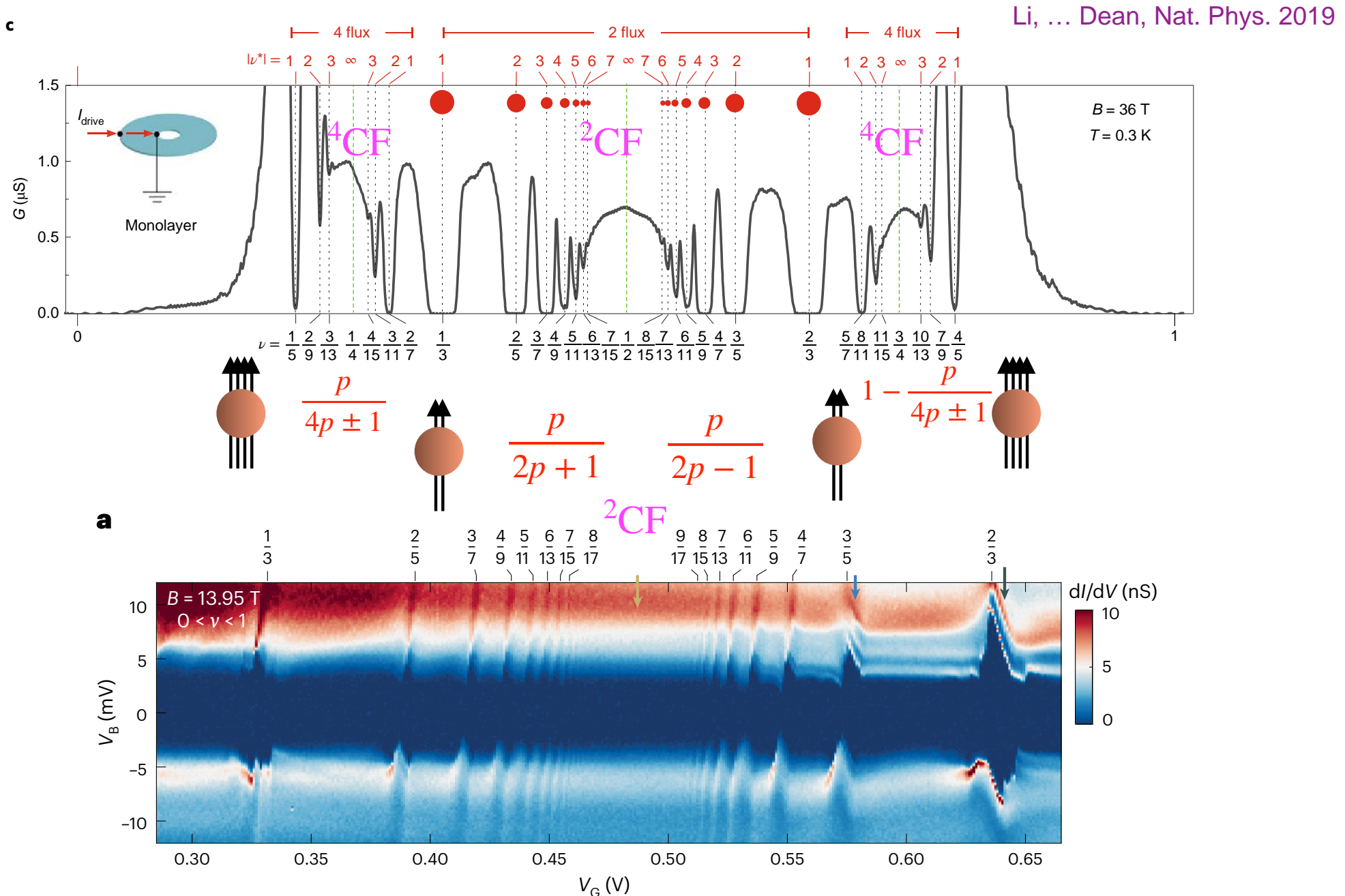
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Huang, ... Csathy, Nat. Comm. 2024

CFs in monolayer and bilayer graphene



High resolution tunneling spectroscopy of bilayer graphene, Hu, ... Yazdani, Nature 2025

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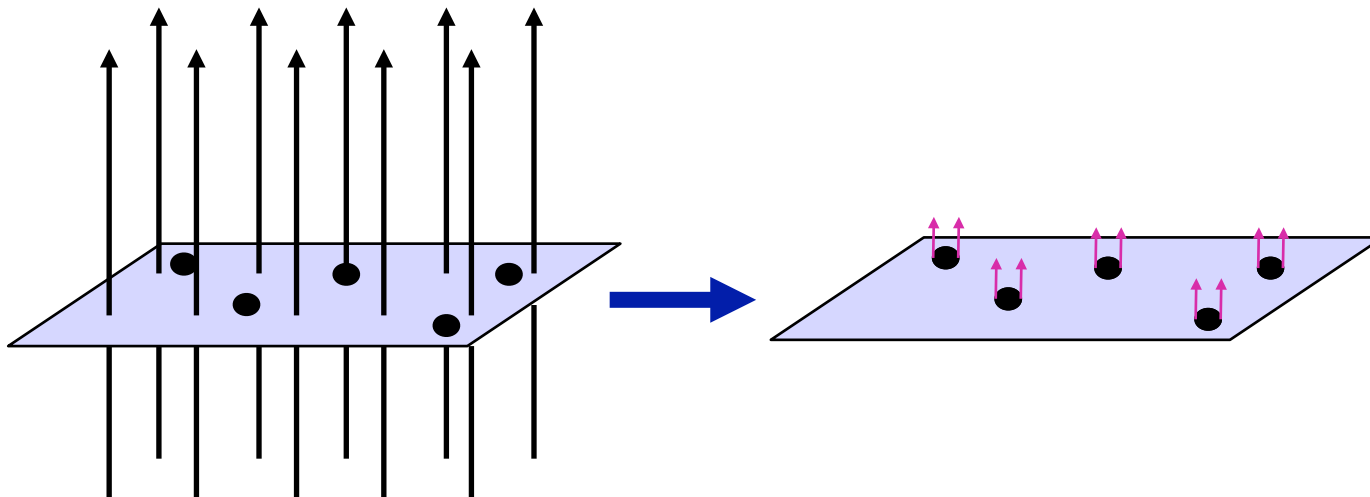
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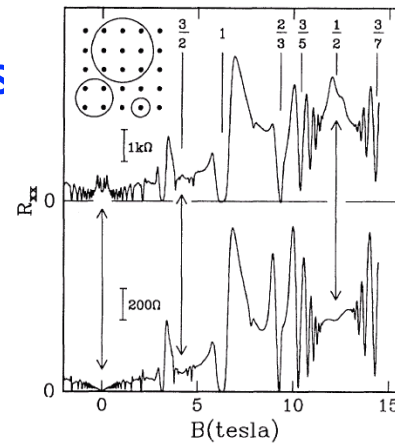
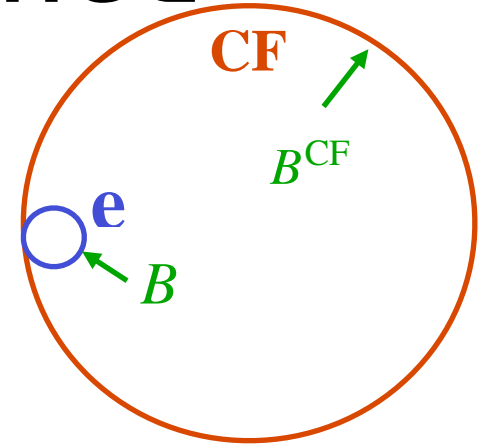
CF metal is fully confirmed

- No gap \Rightarrow no FQHE.
- Shubnikov-de Haas oscillations.
- Fermi wave vector k_F .
- Semiclassical cyclotron orbits
Direct measurement of B^{CF} ,
which can be negative.
- Luttinger area rule.
- Commensurability /
Weiss oscillations.
- Spin polarization
- Mass anisotropy

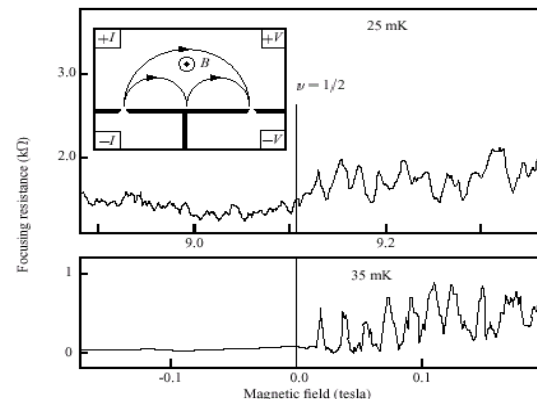
CF Cyclotron radius

$$R^{\text{CF}} = \frac{\hbar k_F}{eB^{\text{CF}}}$$

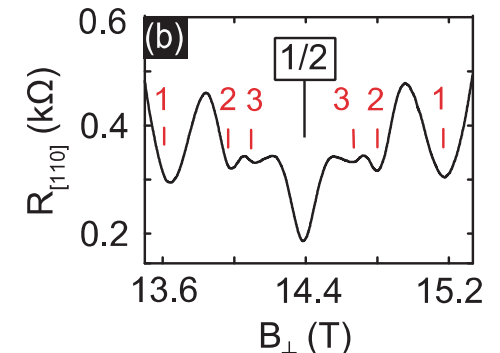
$$k_F = \sqrt{4\pi\rho}$$



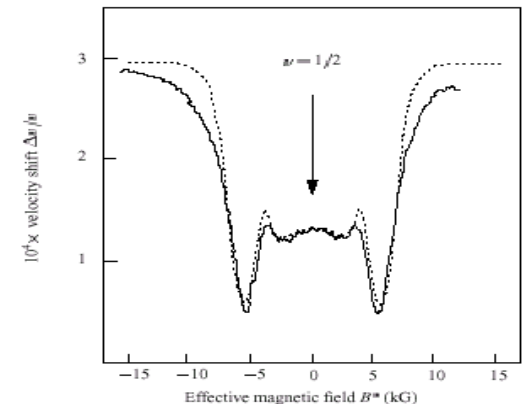
antidot resonances (Kang)



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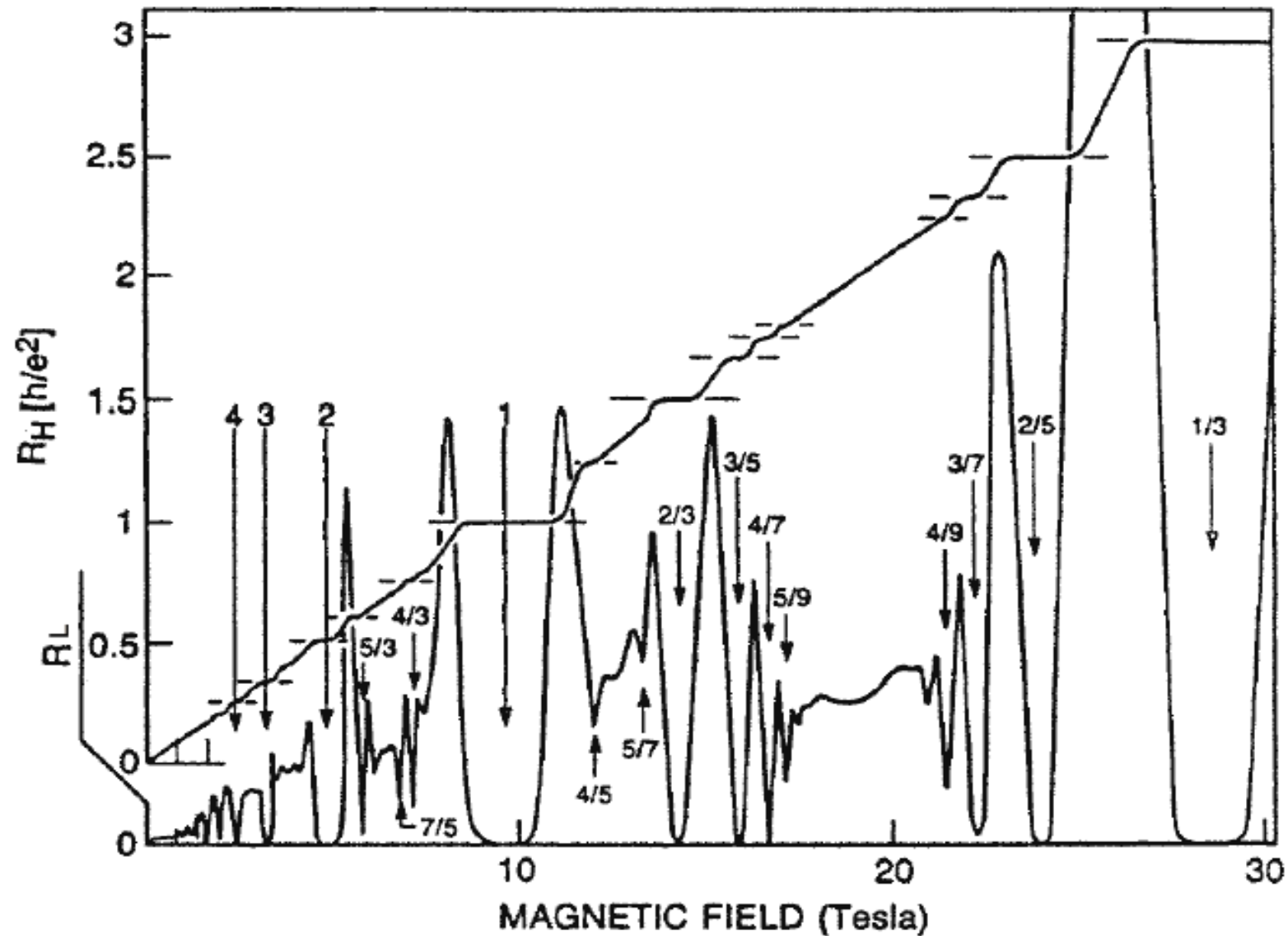


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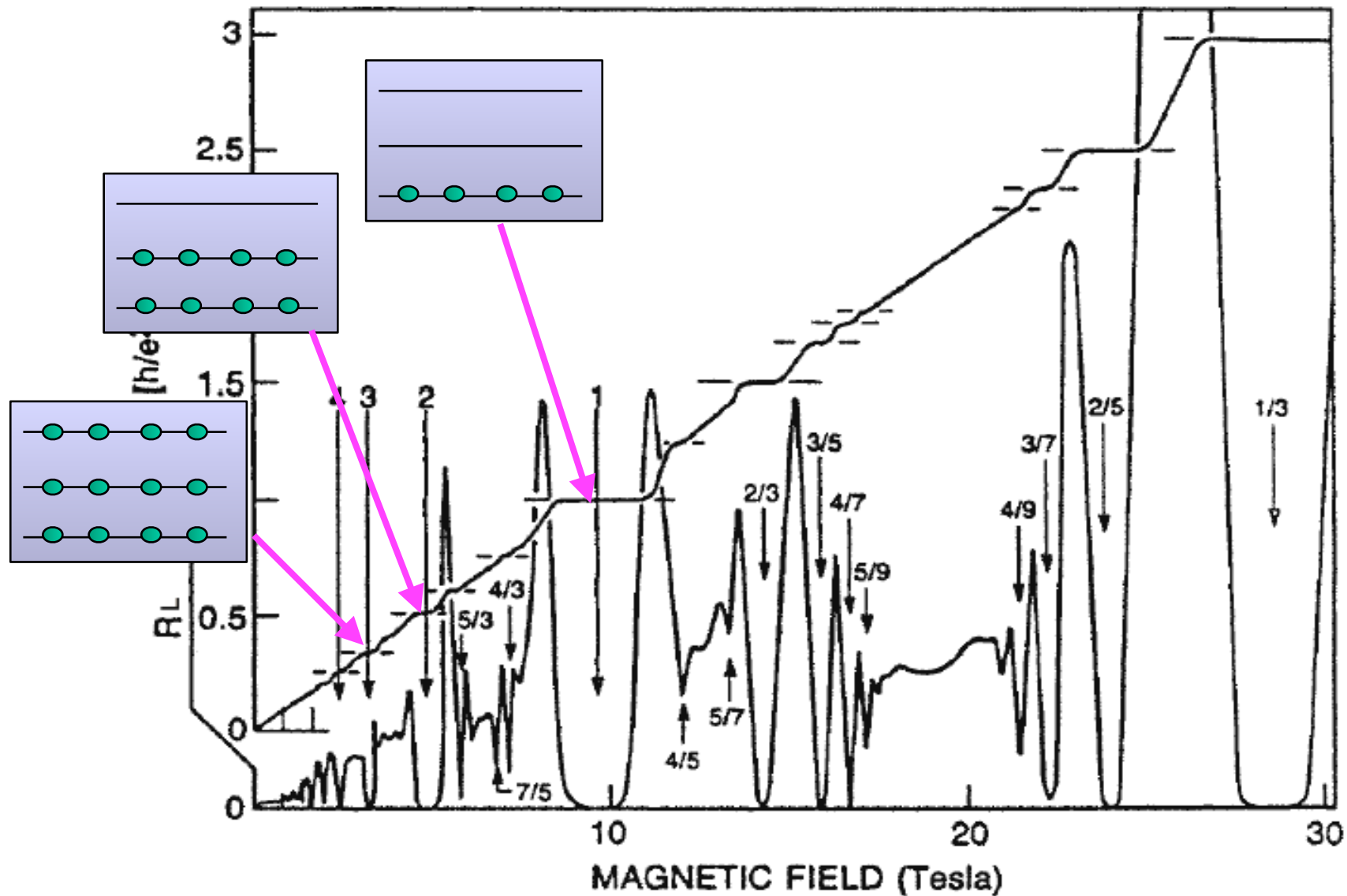
Just as electrons exist even without QHE, CFs exist even without their QHE.

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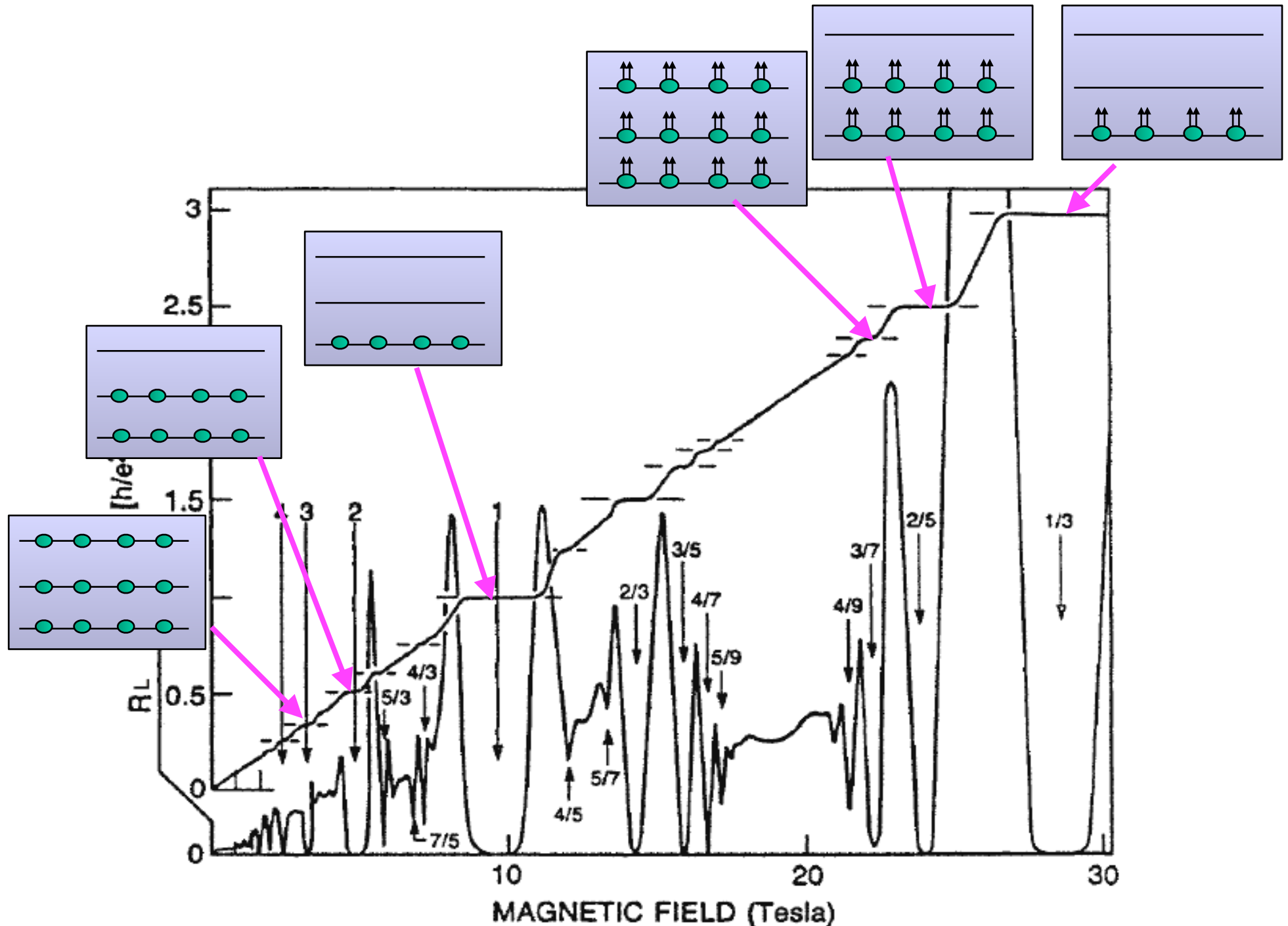
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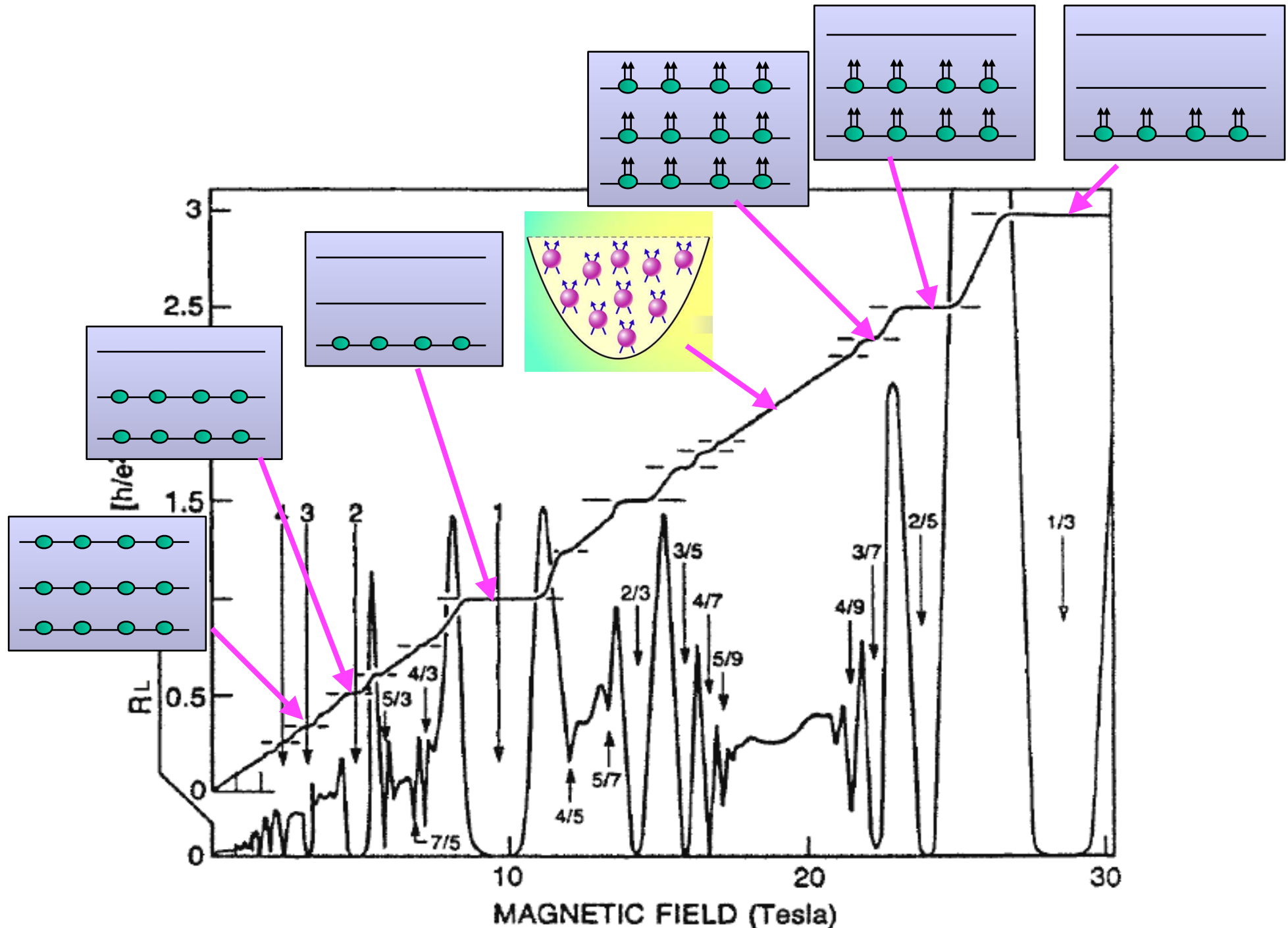
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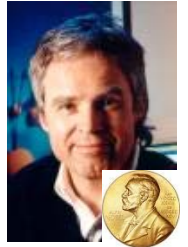
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AT&T Bell Laboratories, Murray Hill, New Jersey 07974

(Received 14 September 1993)



“Composite fermions are as real as Cooper pairs.”
-Horst Stormer



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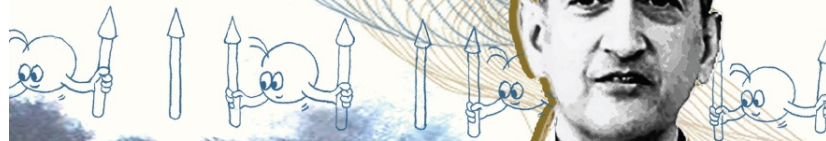
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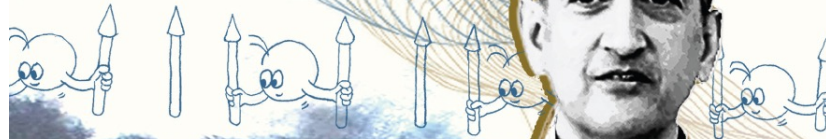
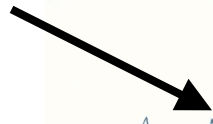
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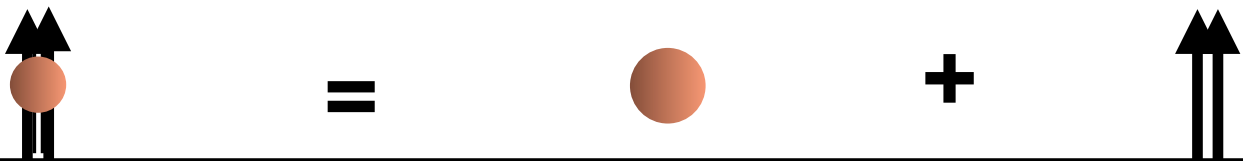
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Deep dive into the heart
of the FQHE:
Microscopic validation

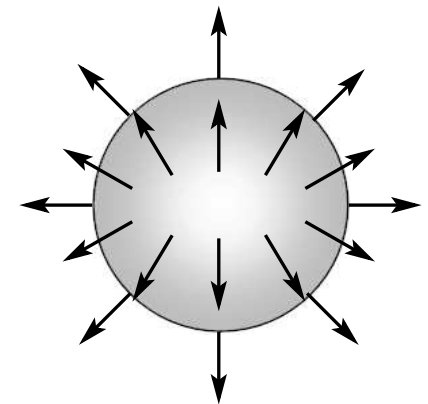
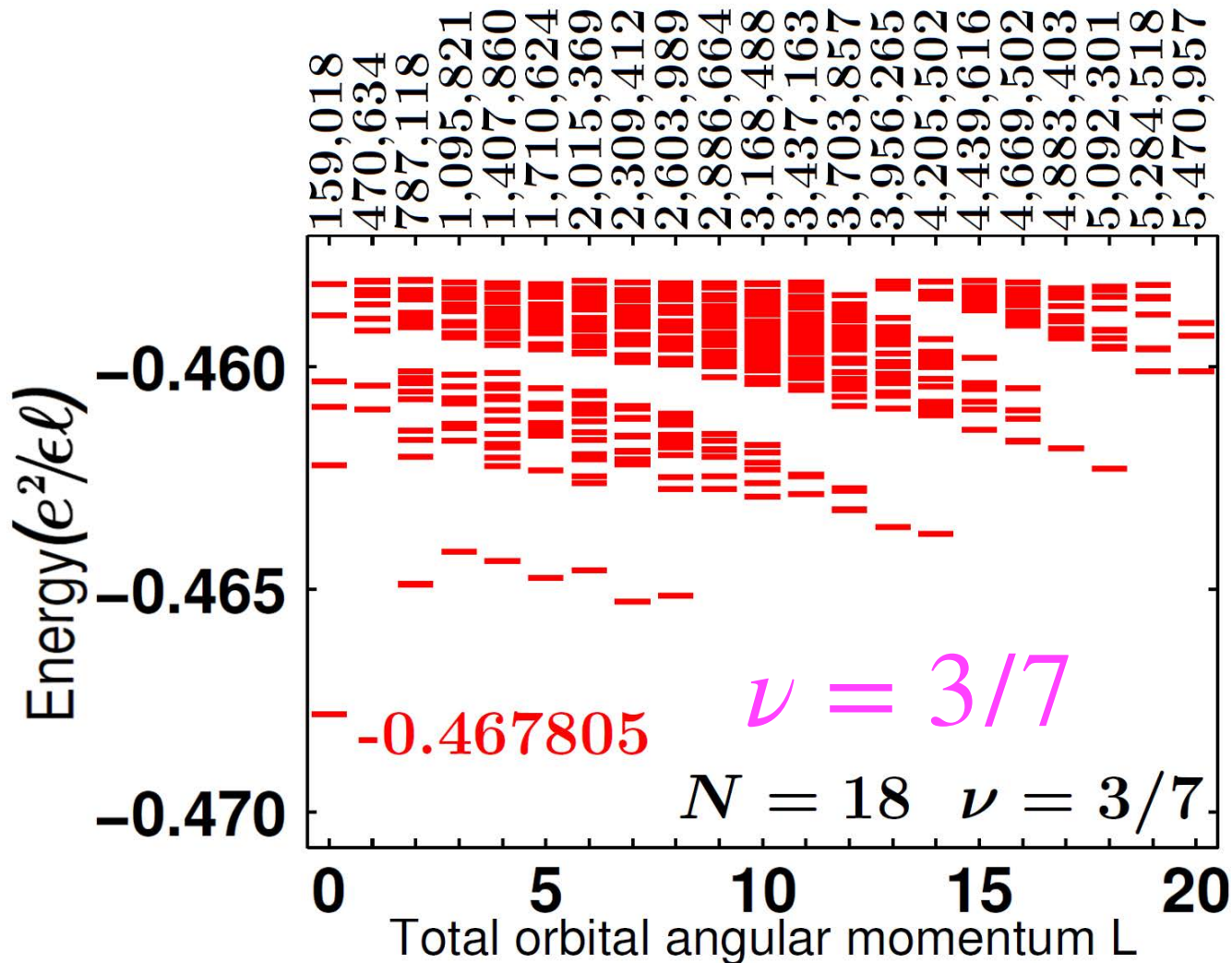
Rigorous, unbiased tests against exact results



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- Obtain the eigenstates / eigenenergies from the CF theory, without making any approximations.
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$\nu = 3/7$: An example



N electrons
2Q flux quanta

Haldane 1983

Fairly large system

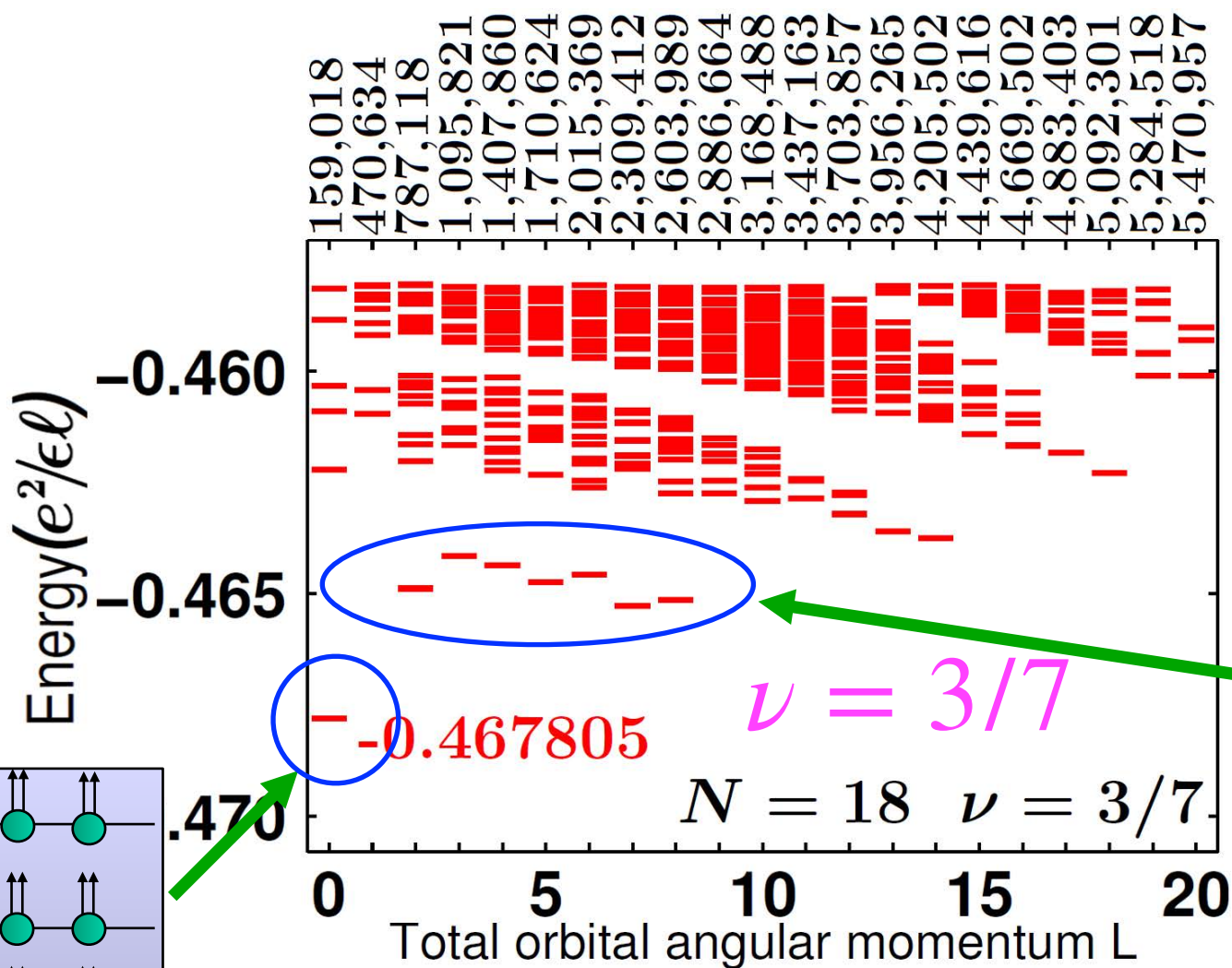
Only the very low-energy spectrum shown

All structure due to interaction

Huge amount of information

Balram, Wójs, Jain 2013

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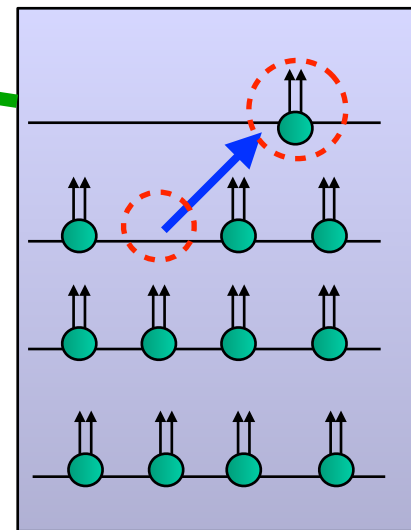
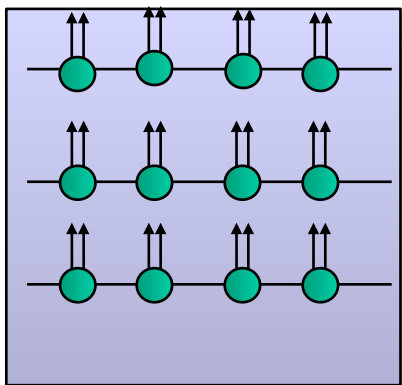
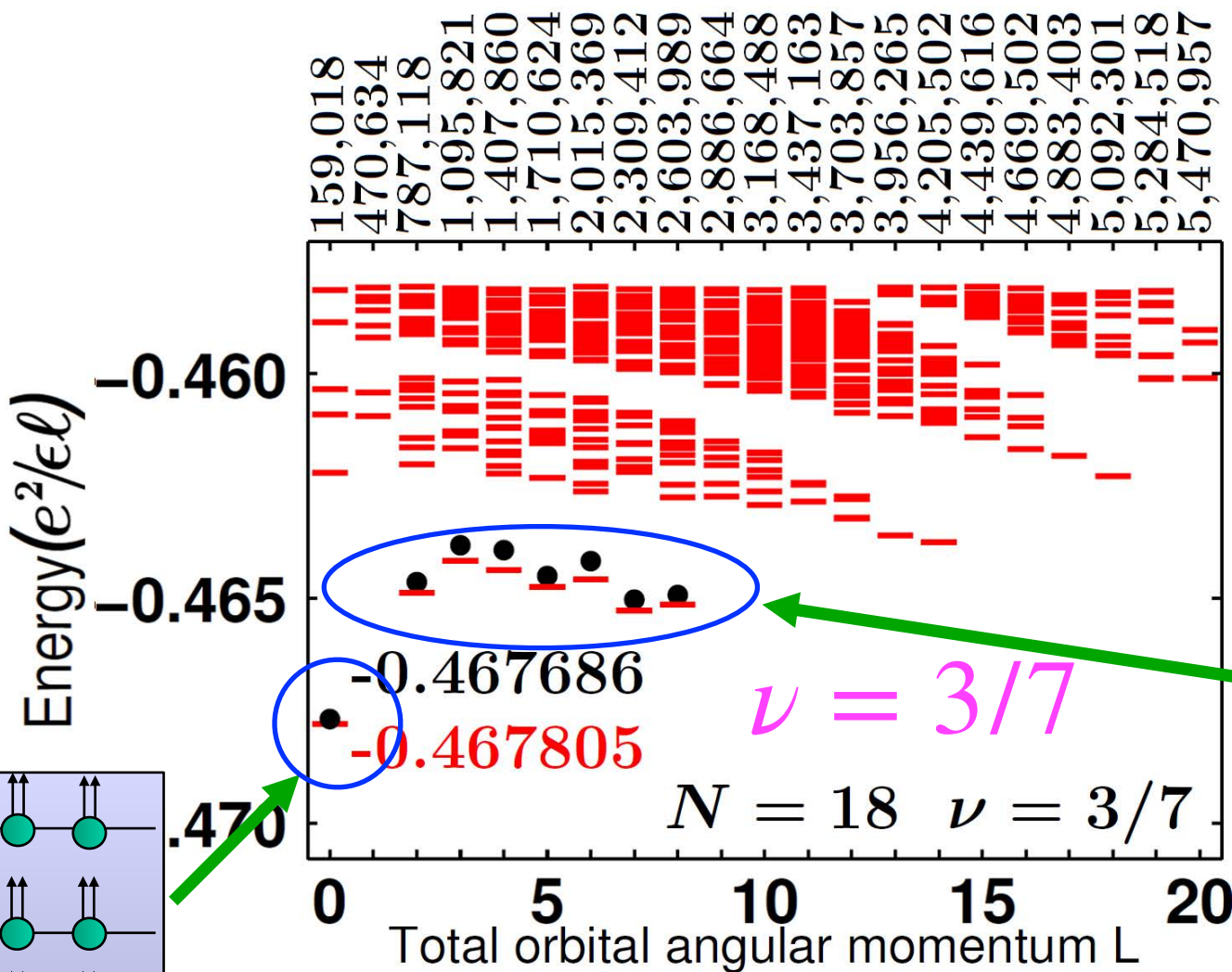


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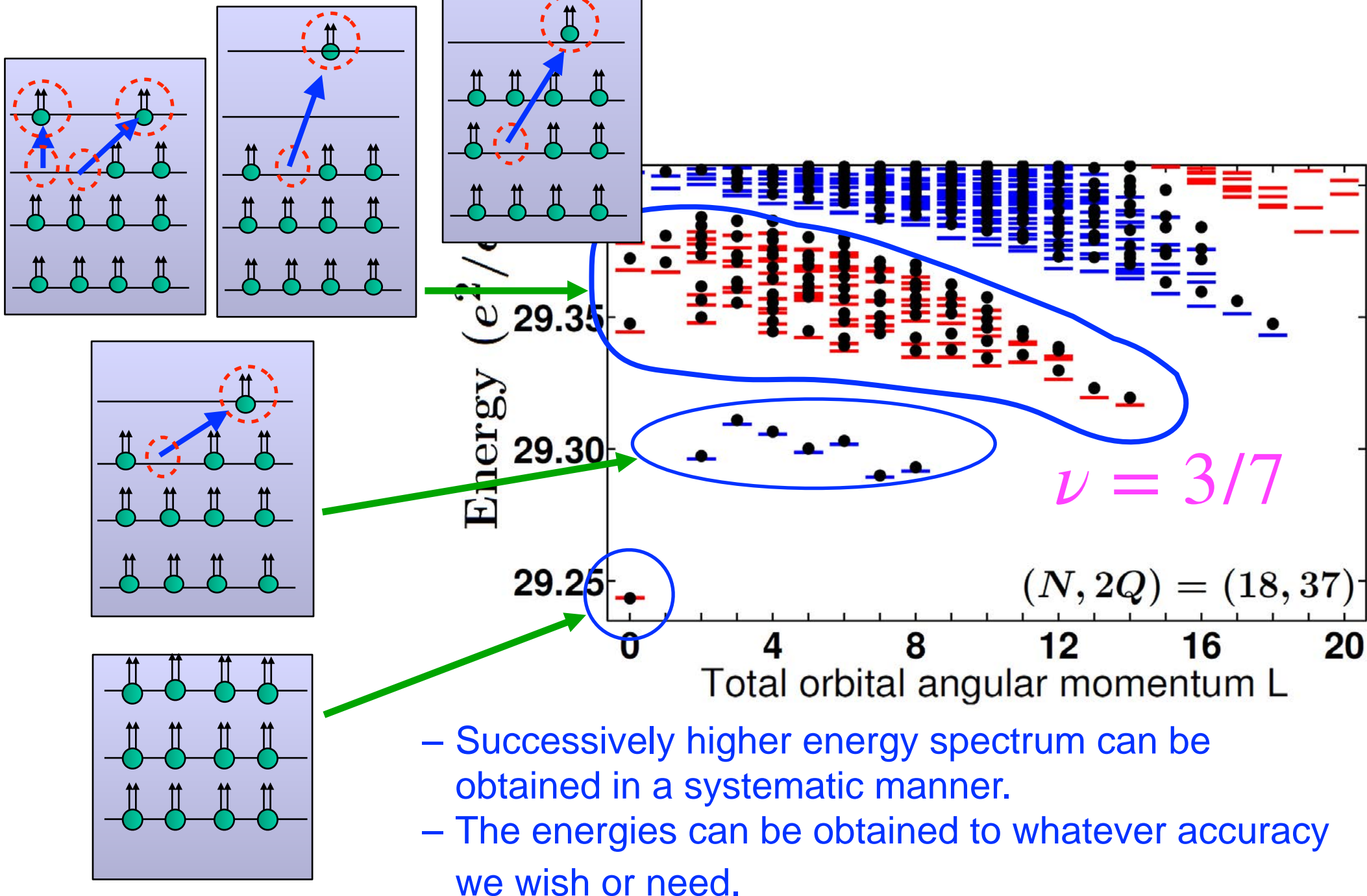


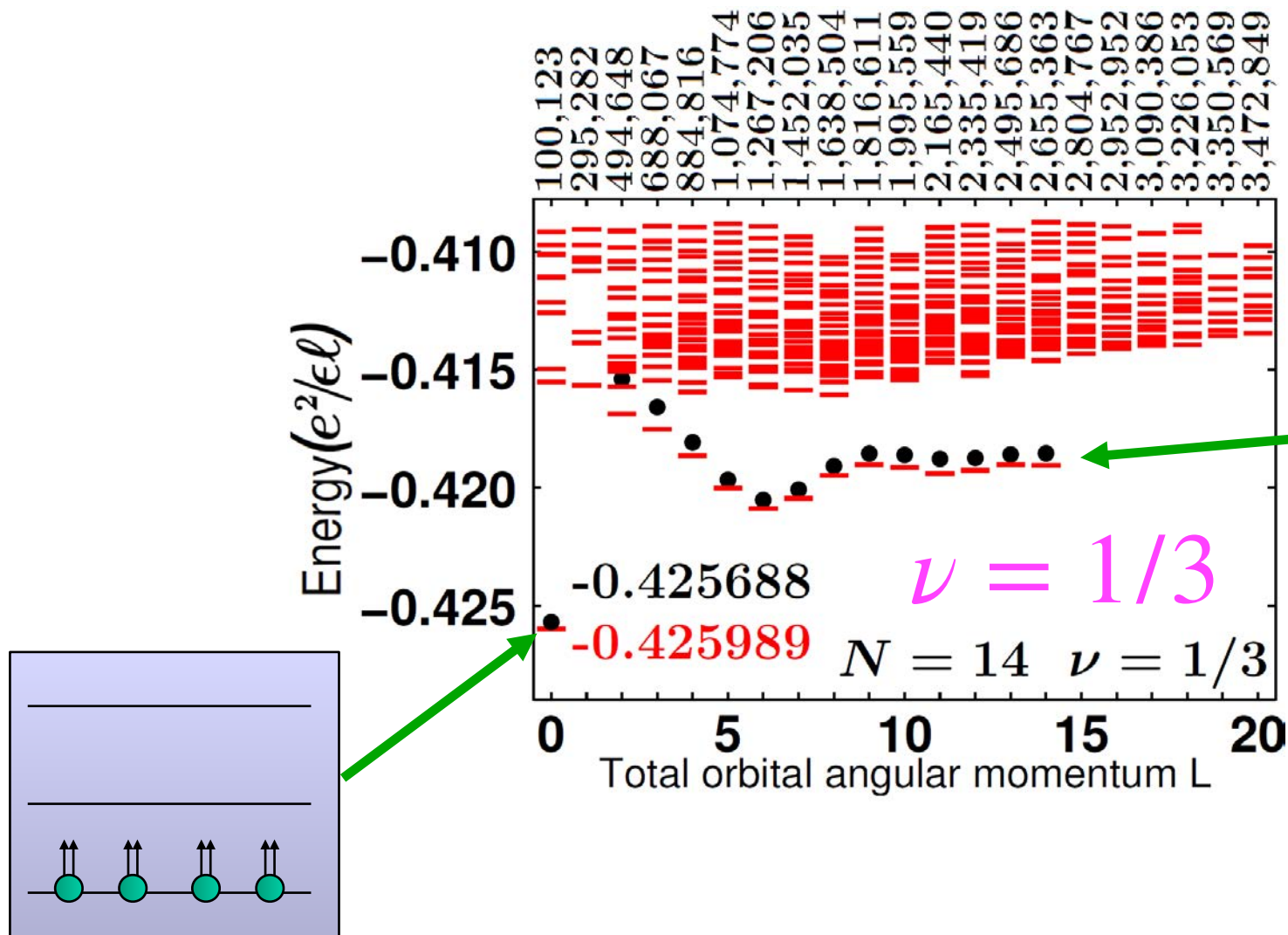
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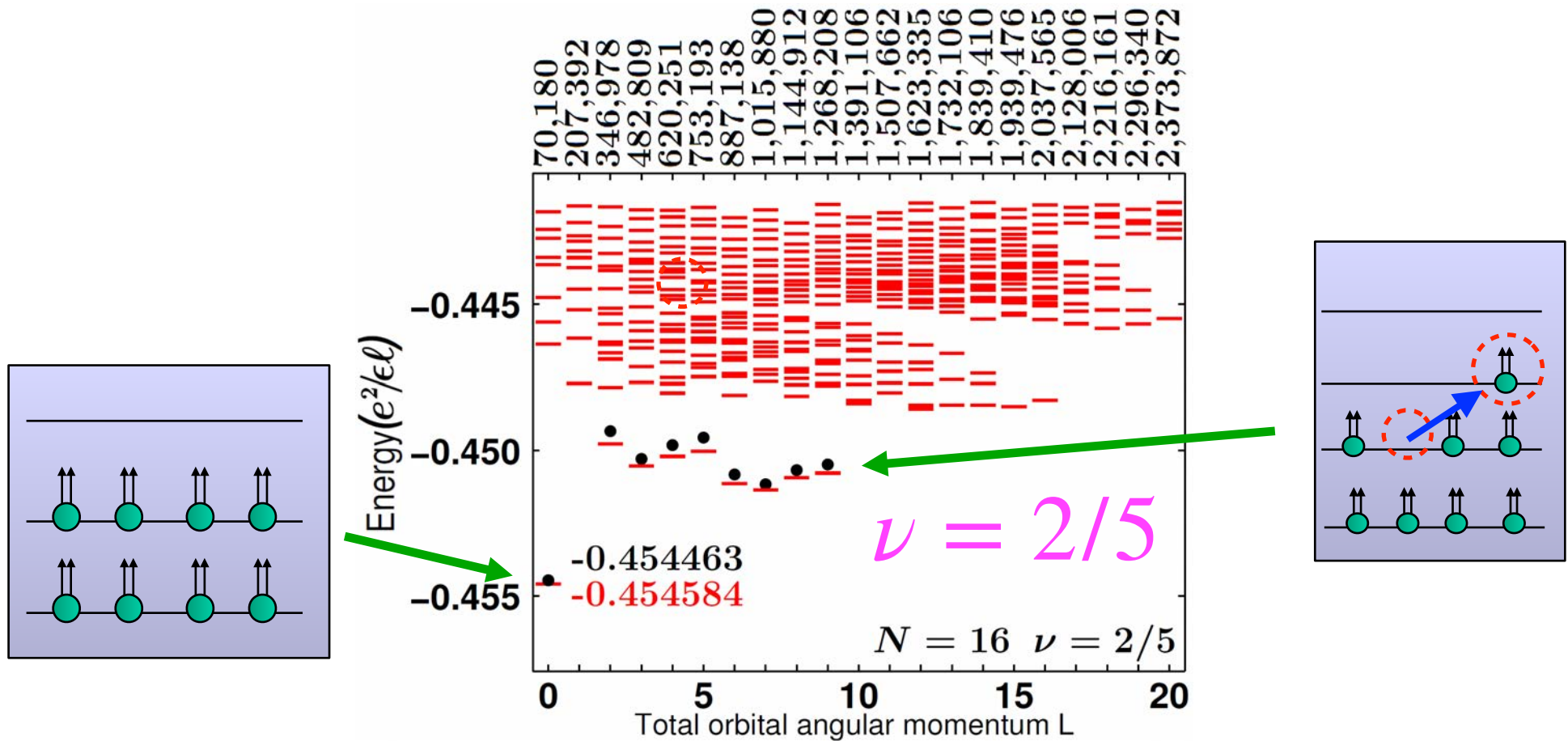
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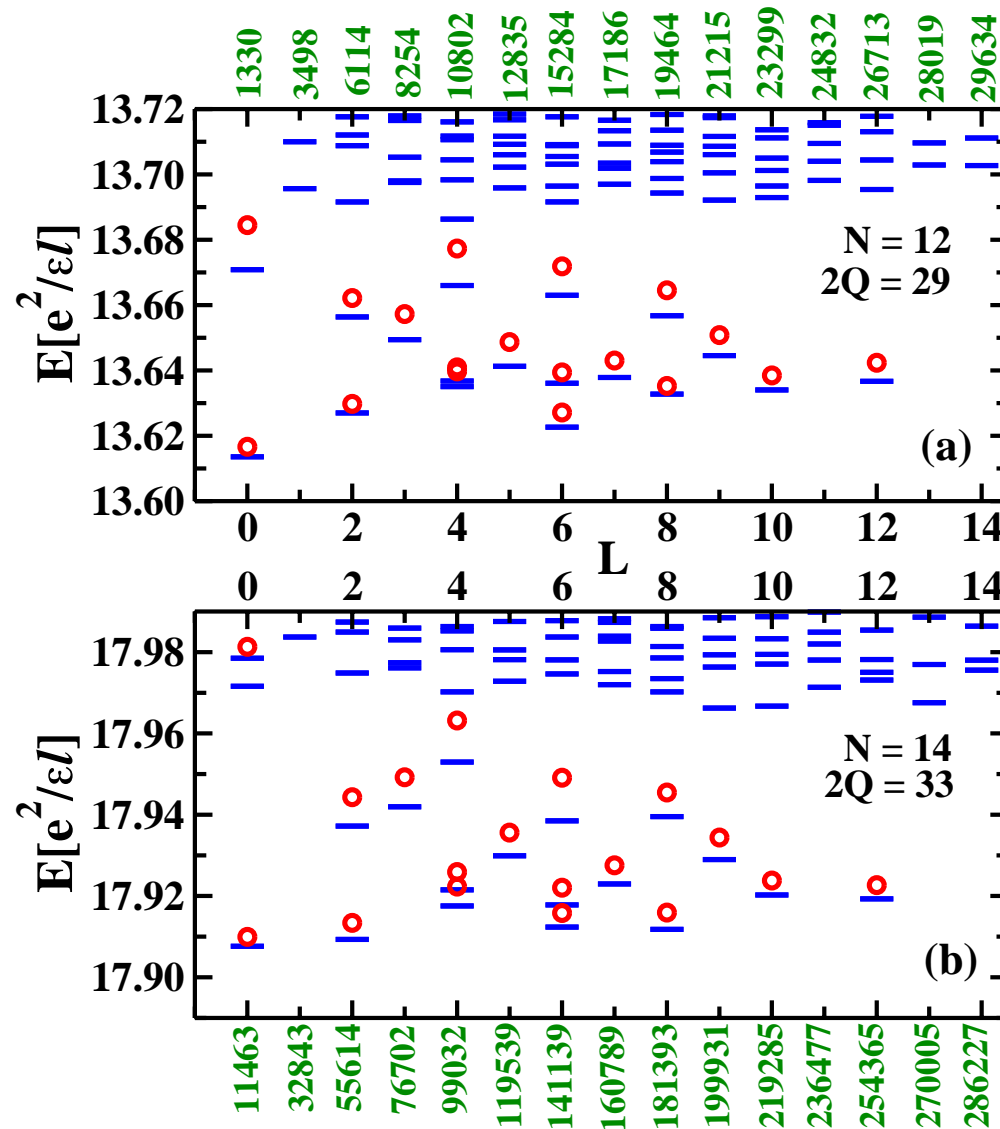


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Many quasiparticles / quasiholes



$$1/3 < \nu < 2/5$$

4 quasiparticles
of $\nu = 1/3$

6 quasiparticles
of $\nu = 1/3$

No free parameters

Overlaps are close to perfect

$$\langle \Psi_{4/9} = P_{\text{LLL}} \Phi_4 \prod_{j < k} (z_j - z_k)^2 \mid \Psi_{4/9}^{\text{Exact-Coulomb}} \rangle = 0.9951 \quad (\nu = 4/9; N = 16)$$

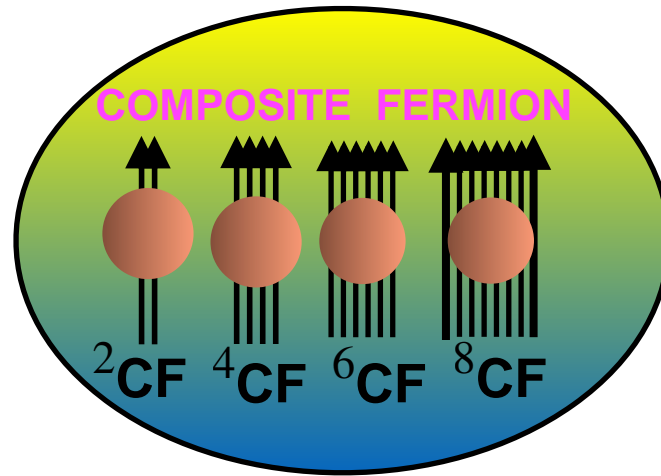
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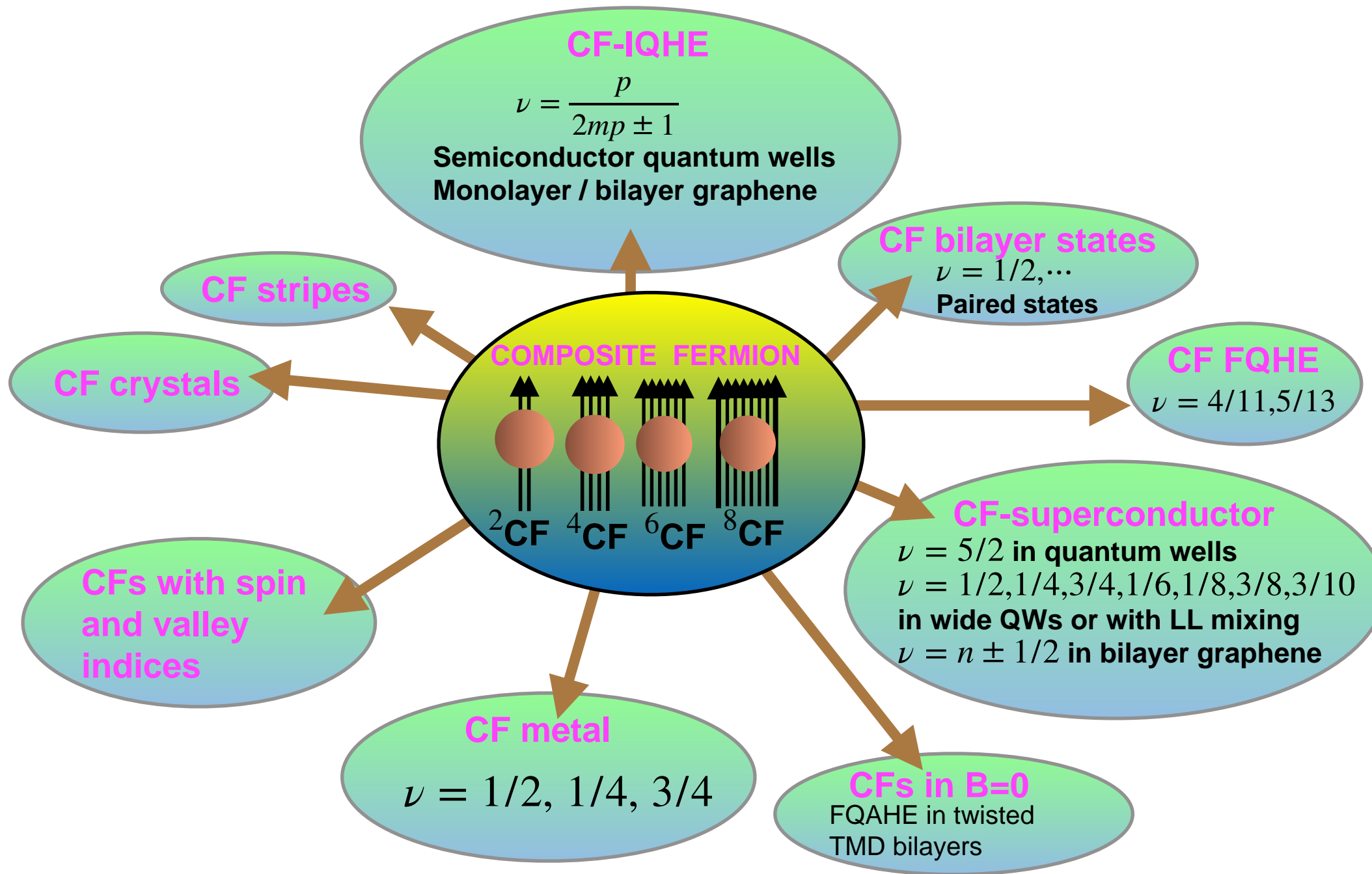
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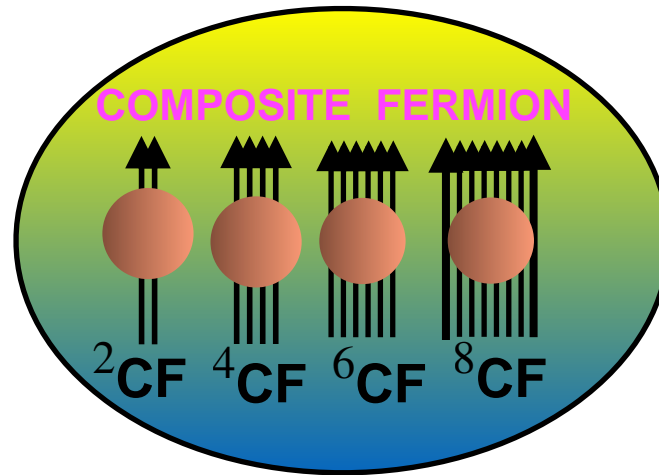


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The most recent twist:
Composite fermions
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CFs at zero B: fractional quantum anomalous Hall effect

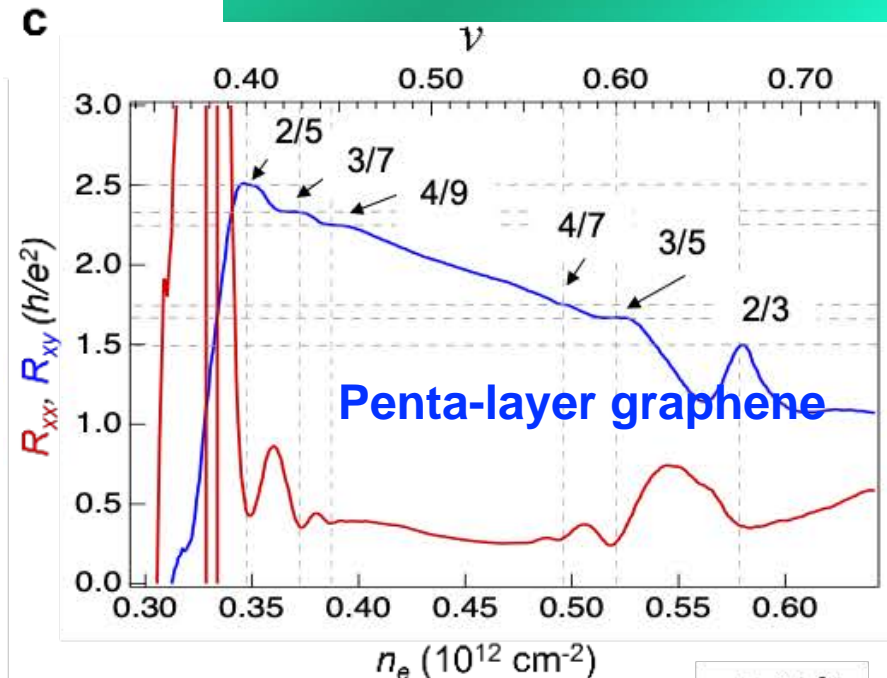
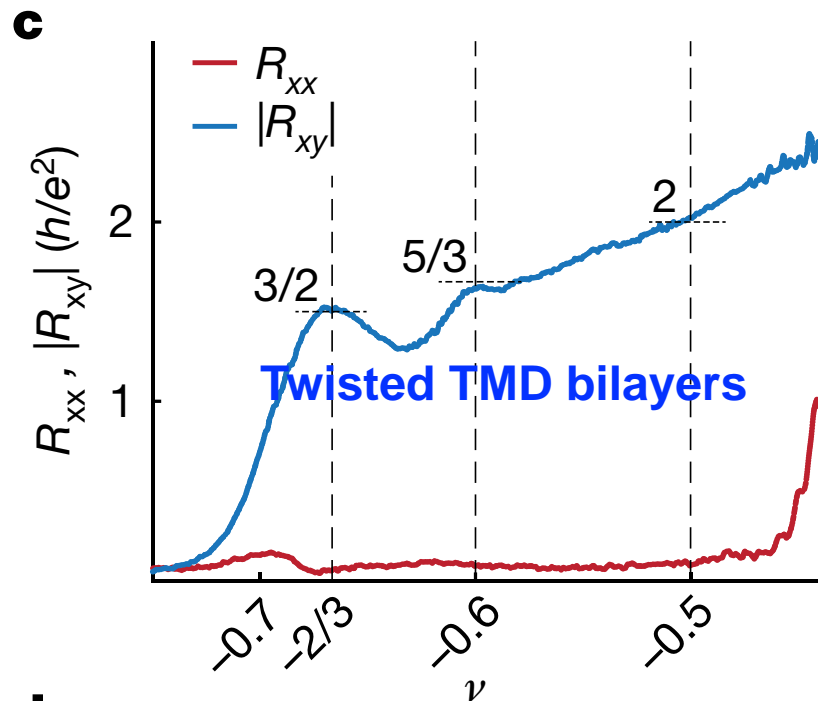
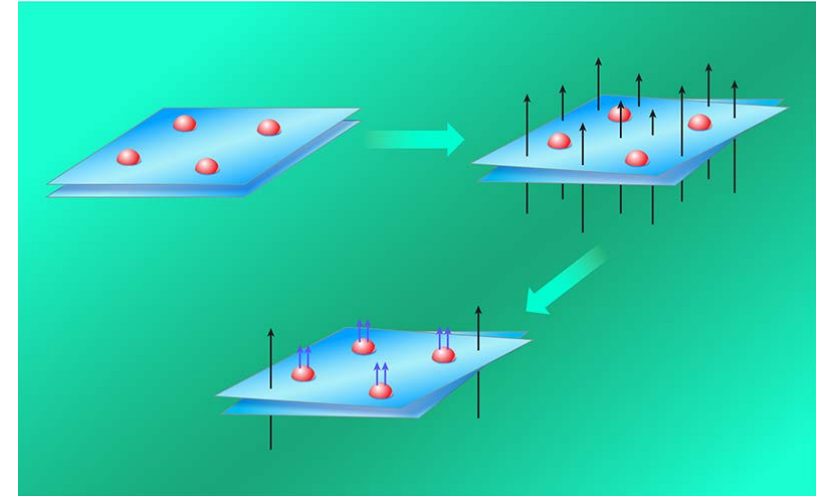
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“absolutely mindboggling! weirder than we ever thought.”

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The Real Heroes



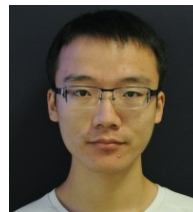
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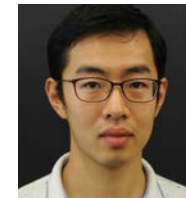
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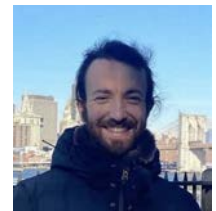
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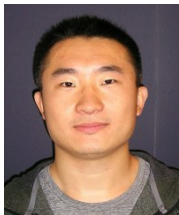
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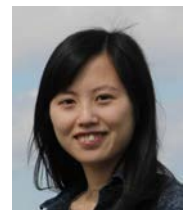
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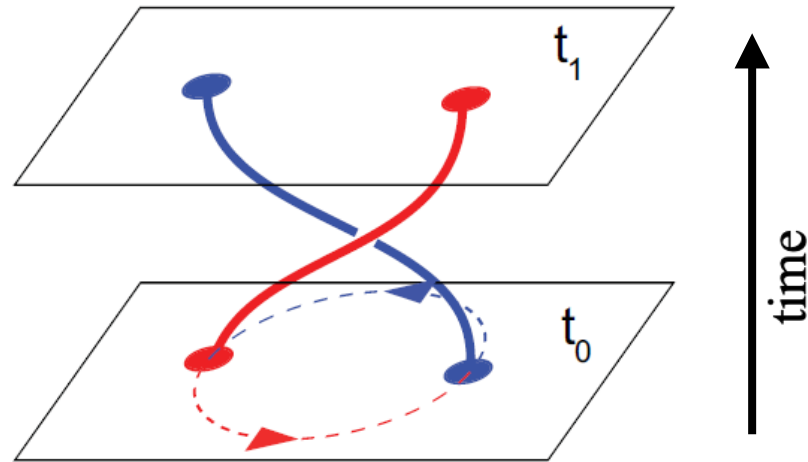


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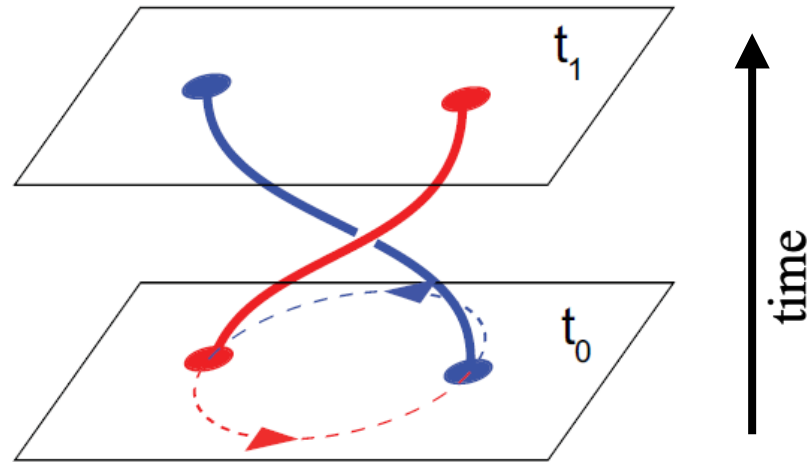
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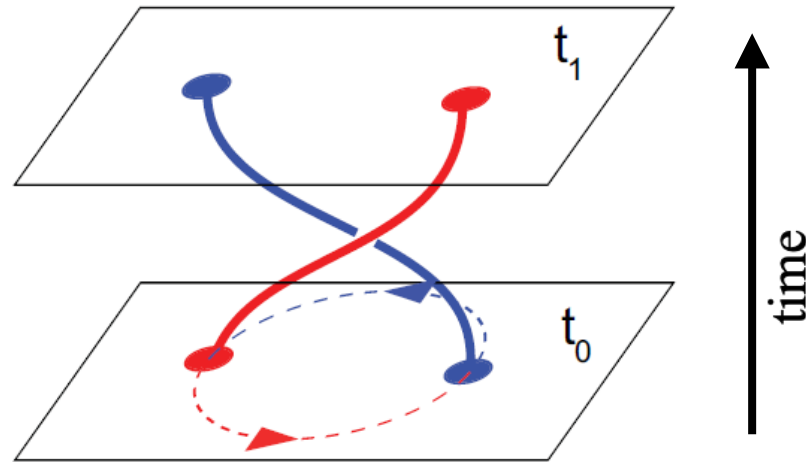
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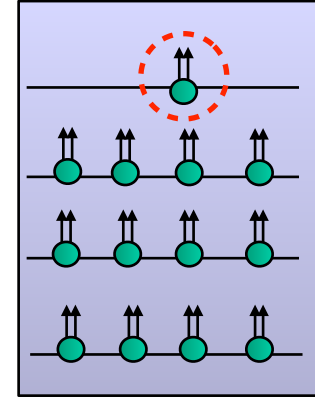
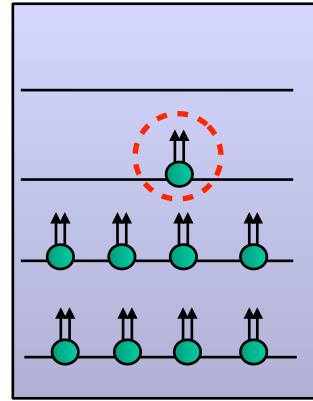
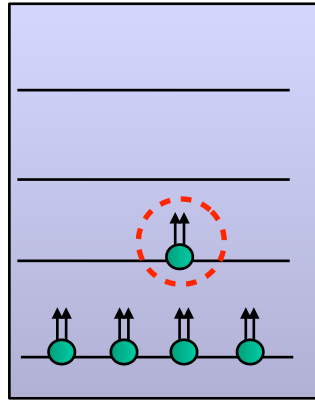
This follows from general topological arguments and has experimental support.

The CF theory gives an account of the FQHE without appealing to fractional charge and fractional statistics.

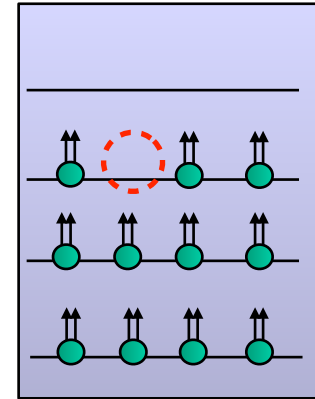
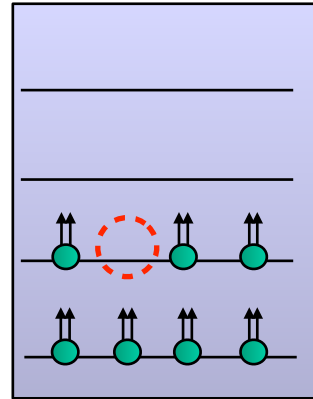
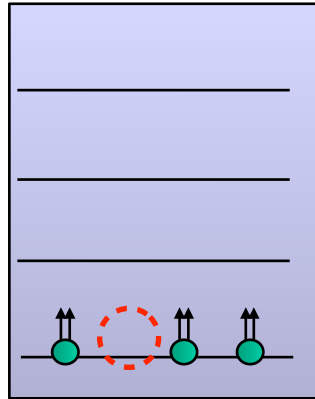
How about quasiparticles and quasiholes in the CF theory?

Quasiparticle = an isolated CF in a Λ level

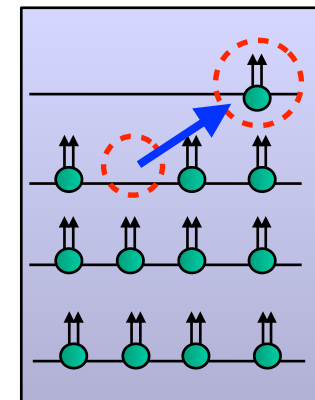
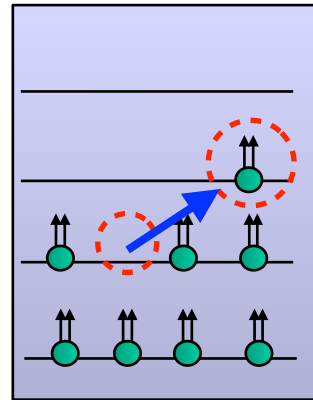
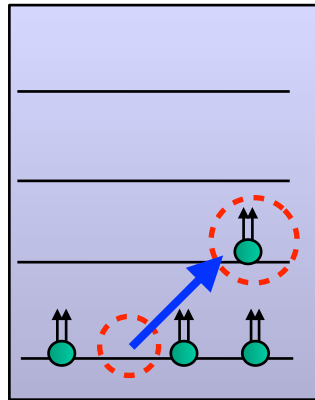
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quasihole
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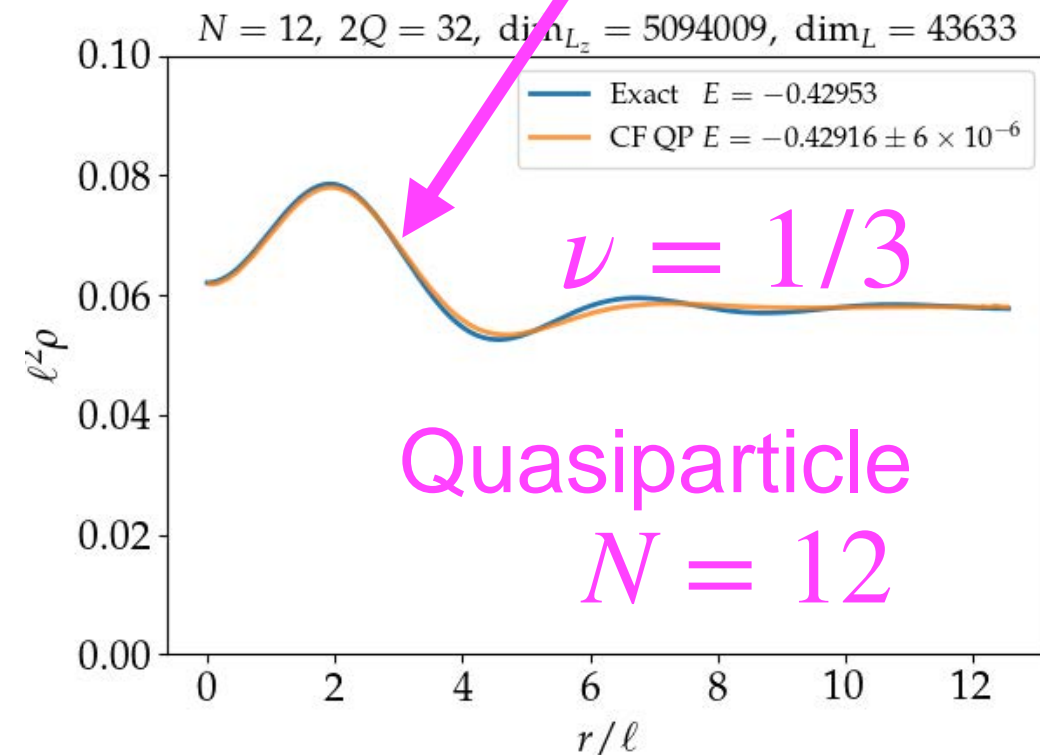
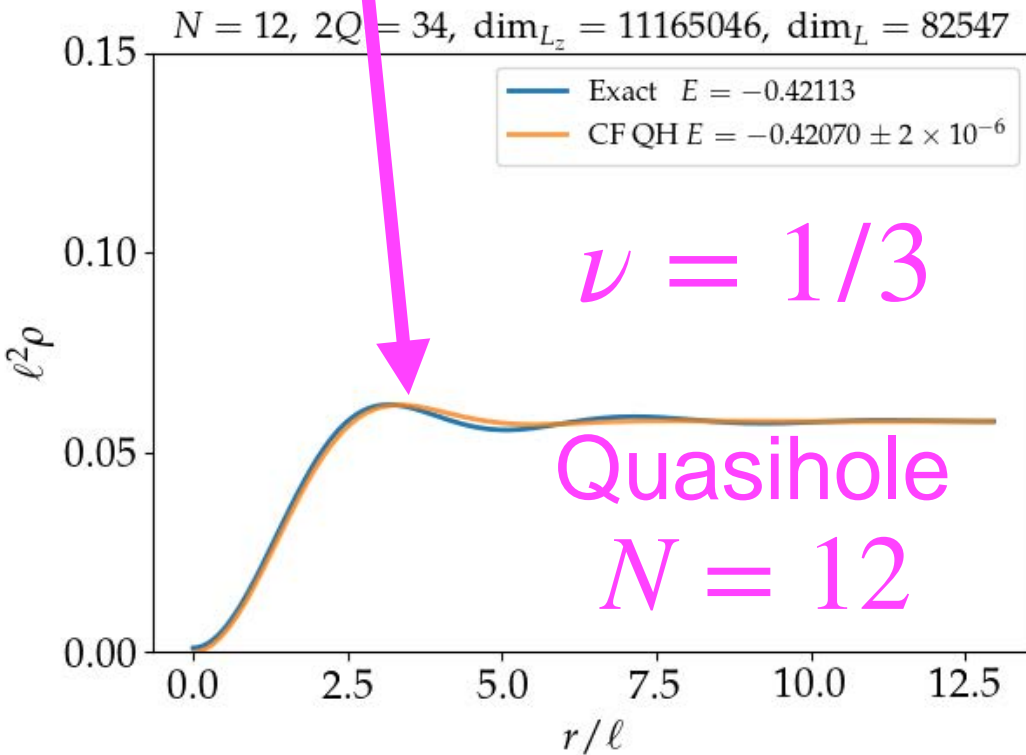
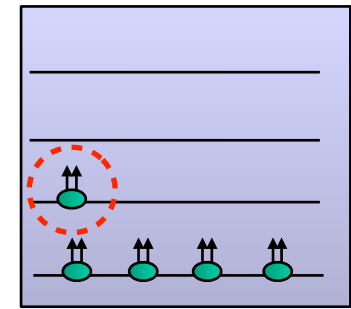
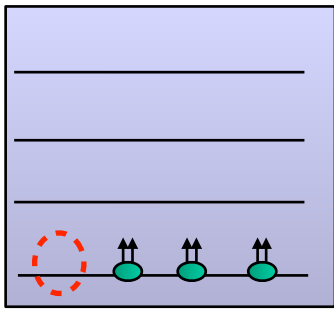


neutral excitation
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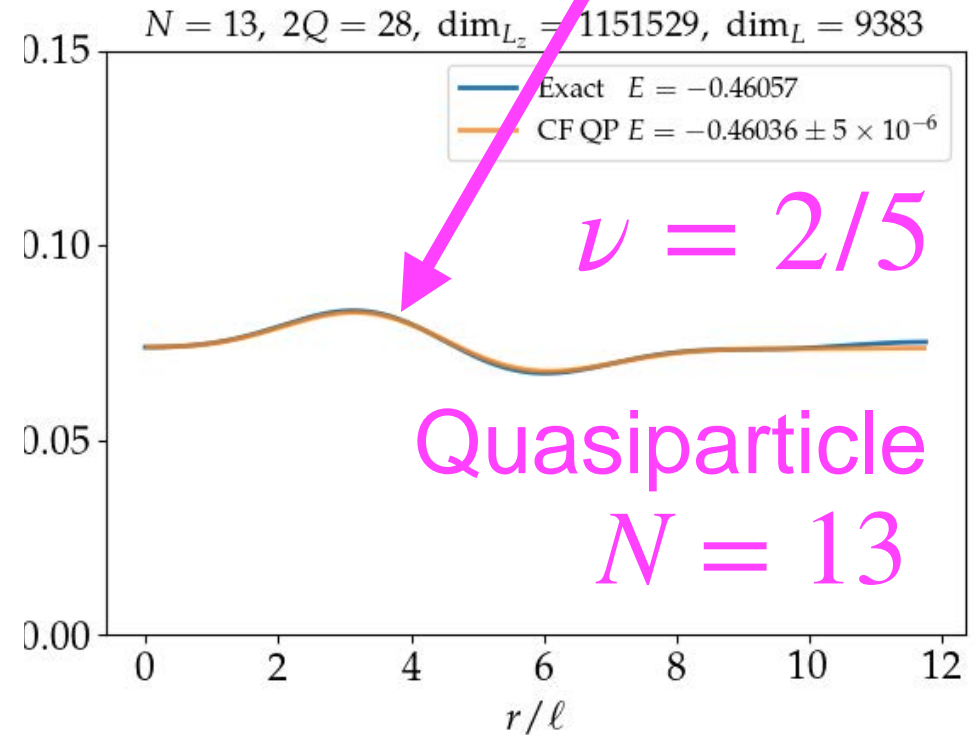
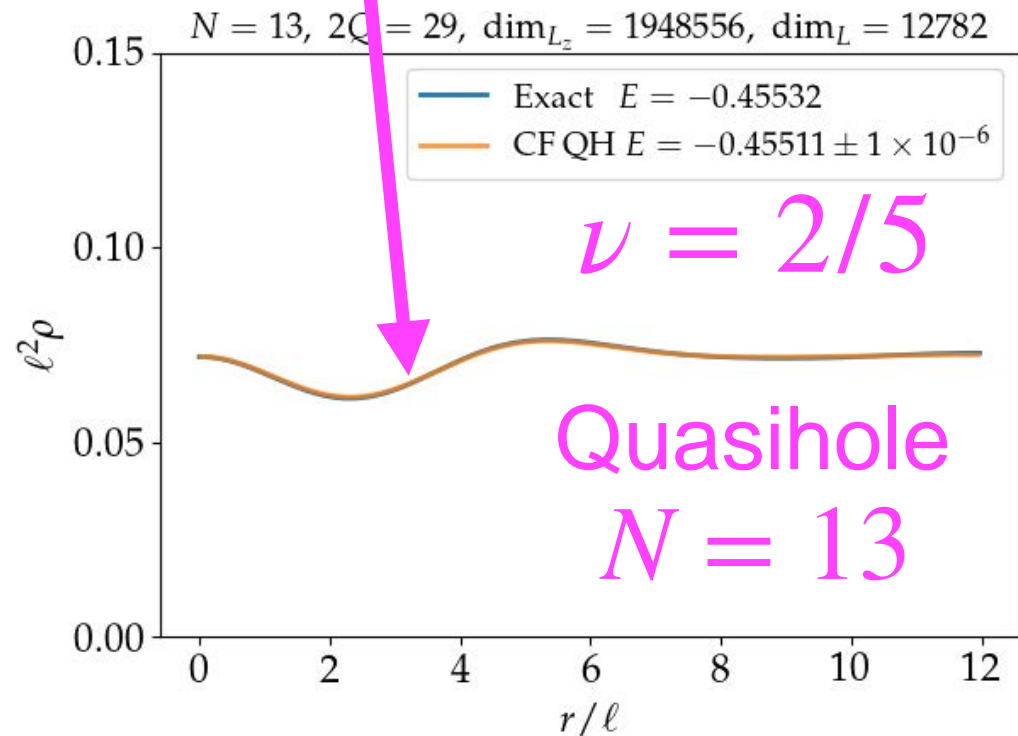
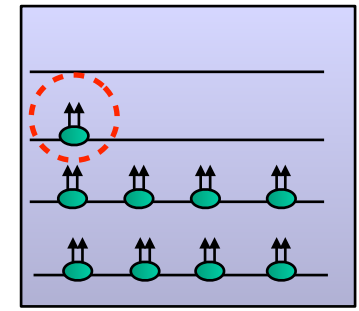
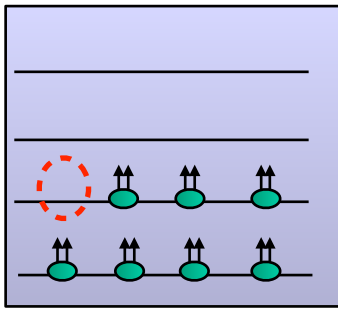
Unified description of all excitations

Quasihole/quasiparticle of $1/3$



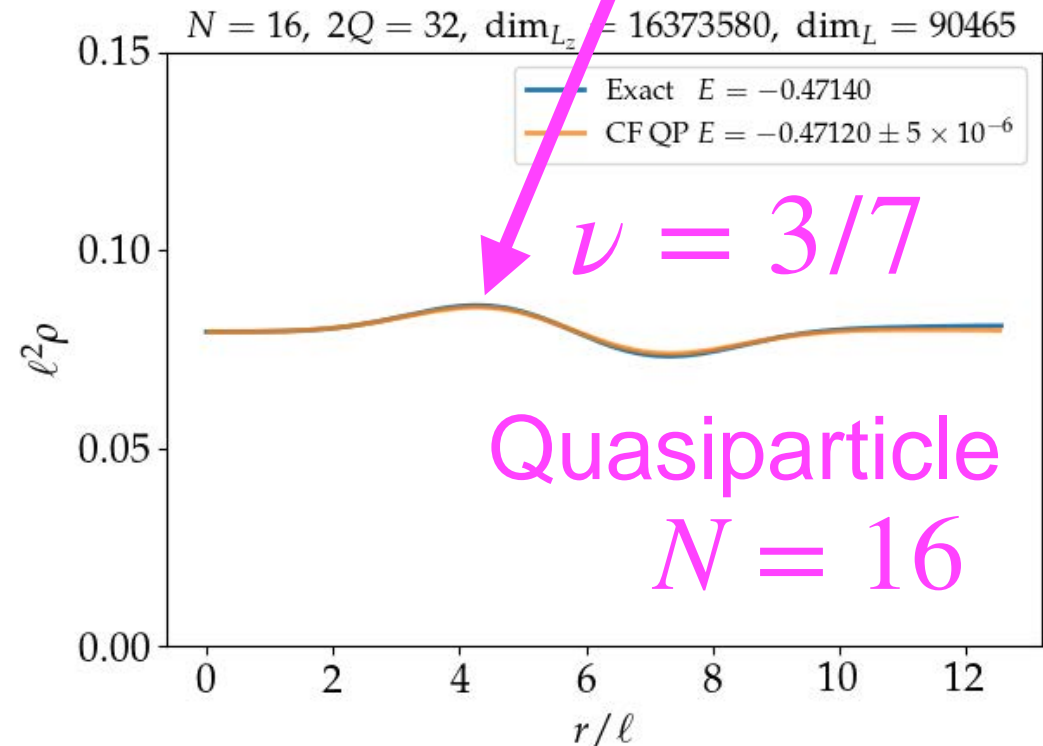
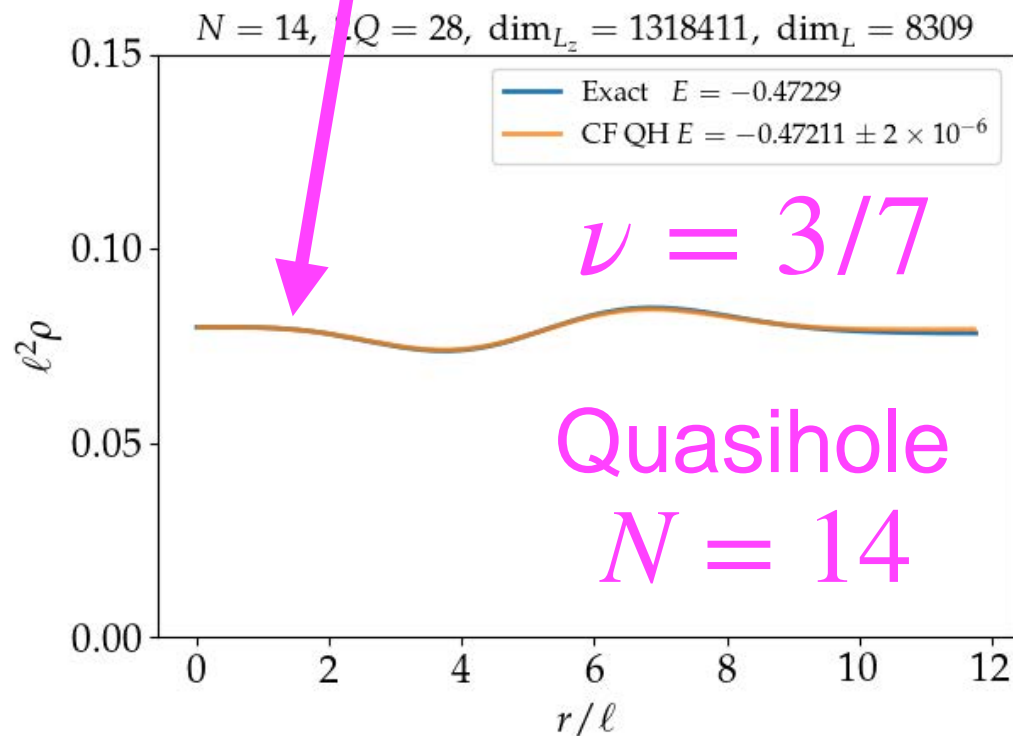
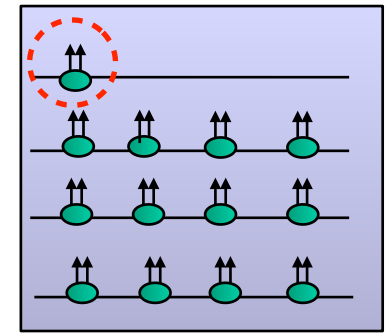
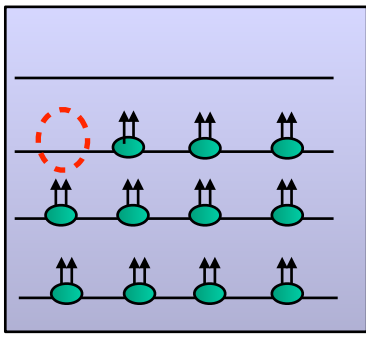
- There are ~ 6 electrons in a disk of radius 6.

Quasihole/quasiparticle of $2/5$



- The radius is $\sim 7 - 8$ magnetic lengths. A single quasiparticle of $2/5$ spreads over approximately $7 - 9$ electrons.

Quasihole/quasiparticle of $3/7$



- Even a single quasiparticle / quasihole is a very complex collective state. For $3/7$, it has a radius $\sim 8\ell$ and spreads over a region containing 13 – 14 electrons.

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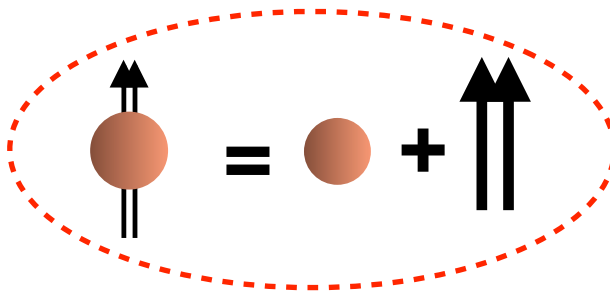
The fractional charge and braid statistics can be derived straightforwardly with the CF theory.

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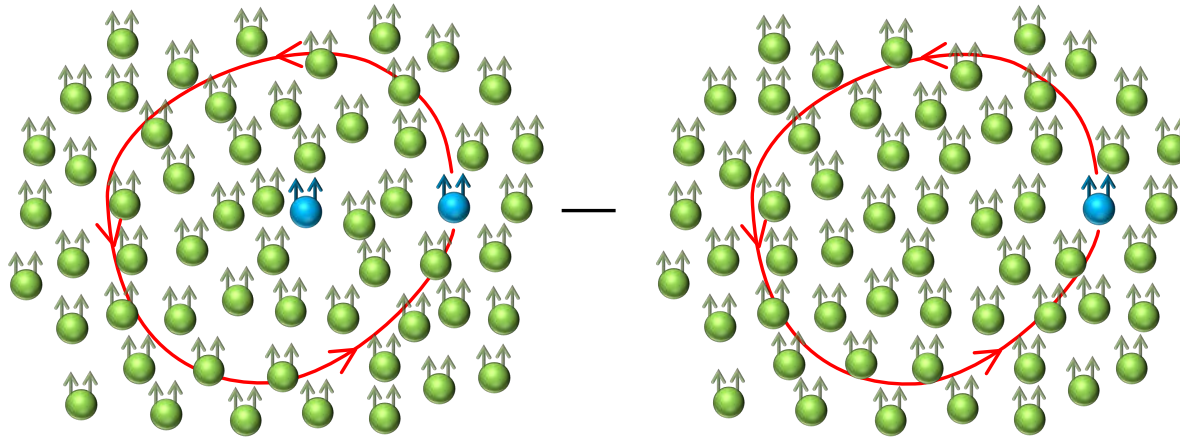
$$q^* = -1 + 2m\nu = -1 + 2m \frac{p}{2mp \pm 1} = \mp \frac{1}{2mp \pm 1}$$

Charge of an electron

Charge of $2m$ vortices

q^* can also be obtained by integrating the density.

Fractional statistics

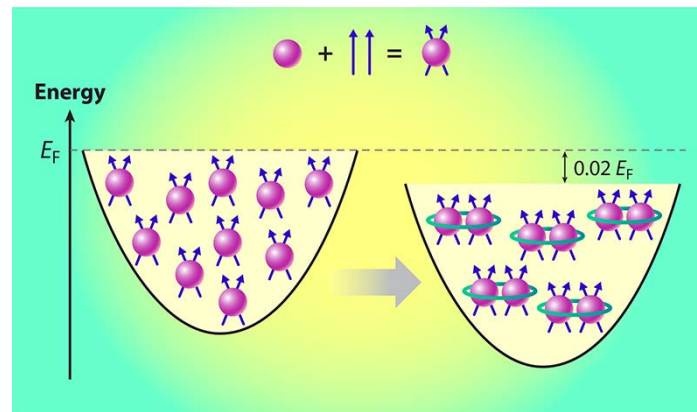


- Because of fractional charge, the excess flux associated with each quasiparticle is a fractional: $2mq^* = 2m/(2mp \pm 1)$ thereby producing fractional statistics .
- Berry phase for a closed loop of a CF: $\Phi^* = -2\pi \left(\frac{BA}{\phi_0} - 2mN_e \right)$
- The change in the Berry phase when another quasiparticle is inserted inside the loop (confirmed by direct evaluation):
- $\Delta\Phi^* = 2\pi \times 2m \times \Delta N_e = 2\pi \times 2m \times q^* = 2\pi \frac{2m}{2mp \pm 1} \equiv 2\pi\theta^*$

CF “superconductivity”:
Second mechanism of FQHE

CF pairing

- FQHE has been observed at many even-denominator fractions. These cannot be understood as IQHE of noninteracting CFs.
 $\nu = 5/2$ in quantum wells
- These FQHE states are understood in terms of pairing of CFs. This provides a second mechanism for FQHE.
- Pairing from purely repulsive interactions?!

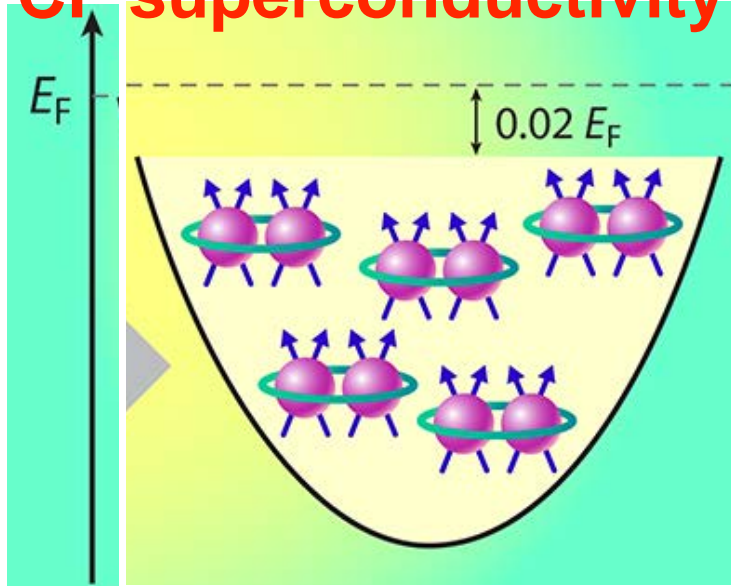


Majorana: non-Abelian
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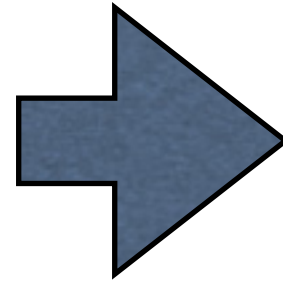
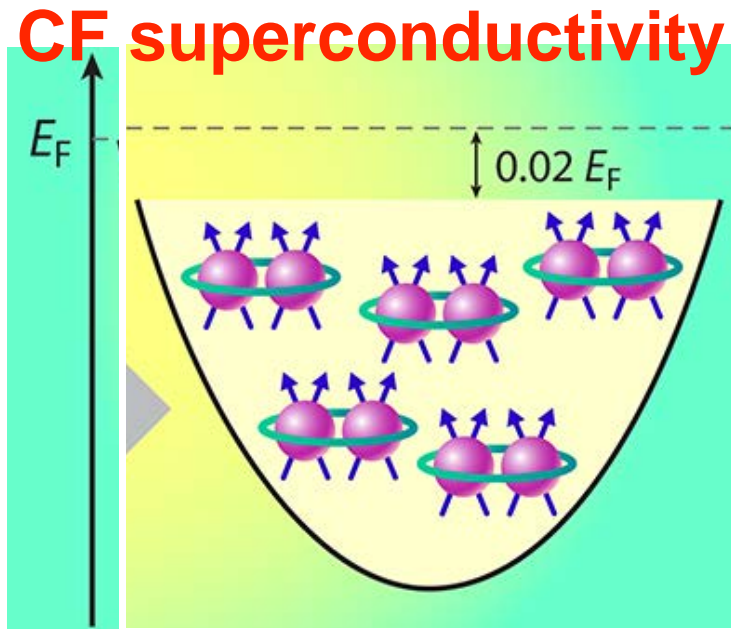
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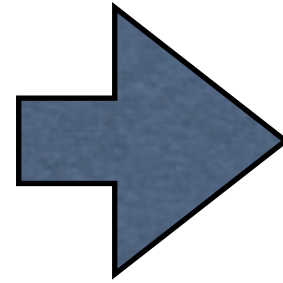
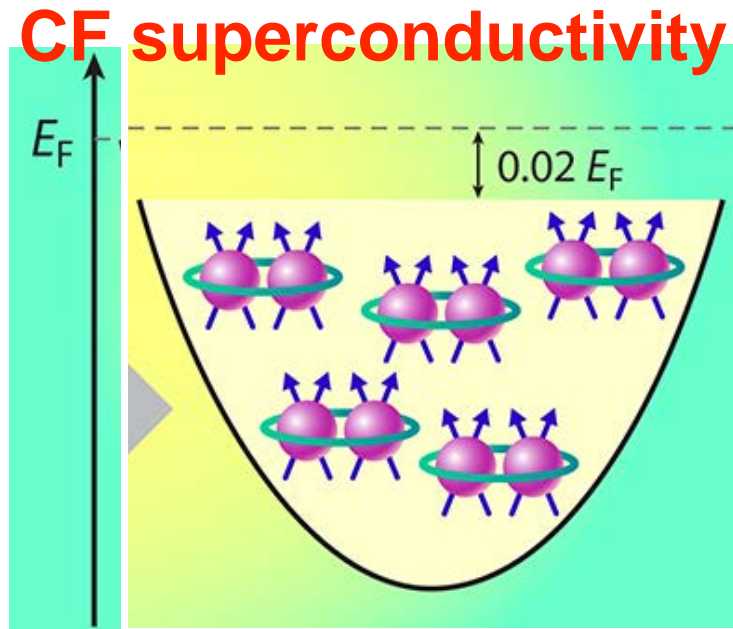


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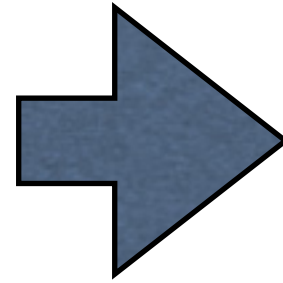
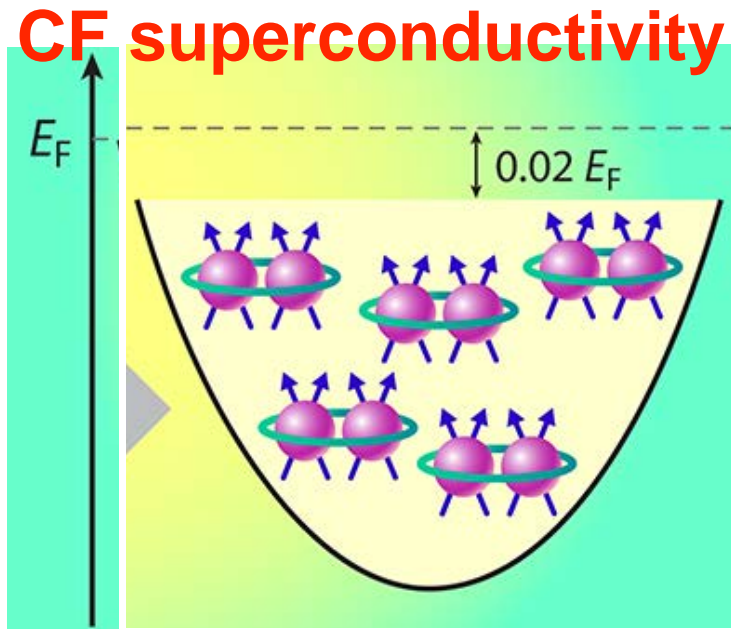
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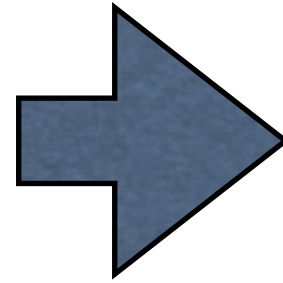
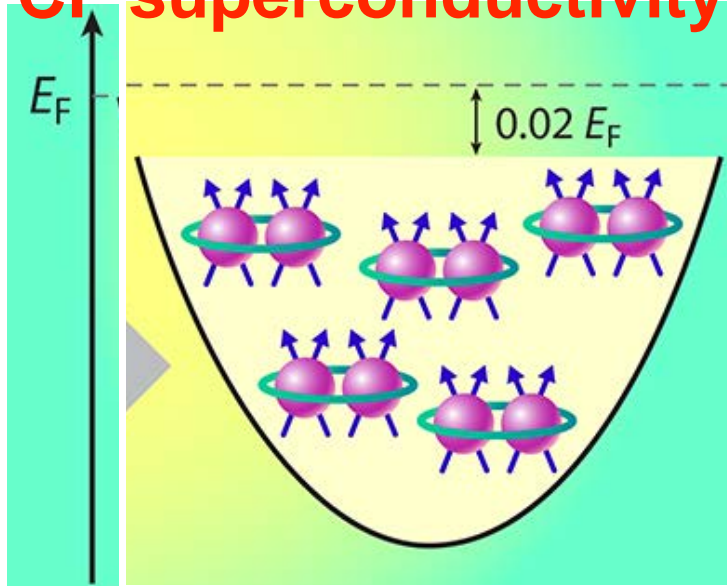
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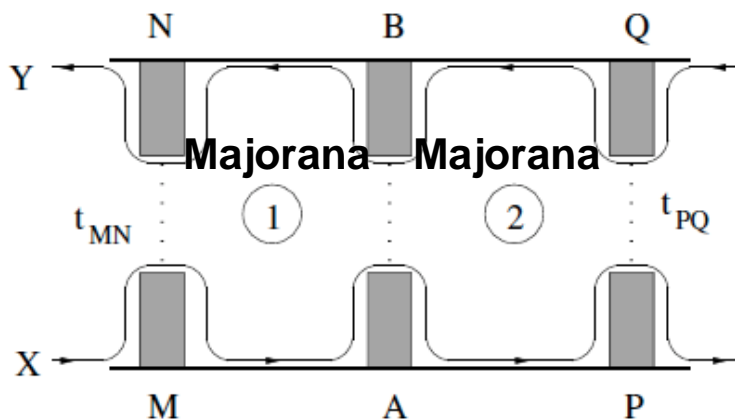
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A proposed future qubit
(quantum bit) for fault tolerant
quantum computation

*Moore Read

One can always dream!

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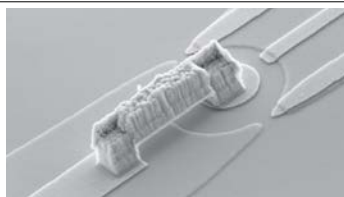
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Fractional computing

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We highlight how an abstract piece of condensed-matter physics – the fractional quantum Hall effect – may be ideally placed to implement quantum computers.

One of the few subfields of physics that routinely breaks through into public consciousness is quantum computing. Quantum computation offers either tan-



superconductor. The most prominent implementation of this are one-dimensional semiconductor nanowires that become super-

happens because electrons in the partially filled level can group themselves with the quanta of magnetic flux to create composite particles. This flux attachment mechanism gives states that fill the resulting Landau levels, providing an analogue of the integer filling. For example, when a level is one-third full of electrons, each electron can team up with three fluxes to account for all of the magnetic field and mimic a full level. The fractionalization of the electrons associated with these states indicates that the composite particles

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that is – at least to a large extent – unaffected by external perturbations and therefore free from errors. There are many potential platforms for doing this, but all require the presence of exotic entities known as anyons: emergent quasiparticles that are neither fermions nor bosons. Additionally, the anyons must also be non-Abelian, meaning that exchanging particles in a different order will result in a different ground state of the overall system. The existence of such quasiparticles may seem counterintuitive, but evidence suggests they exist.

In addition to proving the existence of these non-Abelian anyons, one must work out how to control them to carry out the basic computing operations. This means being able to create the anyons as required, implement protocols to do particle exchange – two such exchanges are called a braid – and bring them back together to measure them.

One option is to use Majorana modes associated with the edge states of a topological

material. It is not clear how to braid edge states of three-dimensional materials, and moving vortices around is difficult to scale to many qubits.

Enter the quantum Hall effect. This is one of the more abstract areas of condensed-matter physics, but on the positive side it is largely accepted that non-Abelian anyons exist in this setting¹ and that they can be braided² in interferometer devices like the one pictured³.

When a strong magnetic field is applied perpendicular to a two-dimensional system, the allowed energy states for the electrons or holes in that system are highly degenerate bands called Landau levels. When a Landau level is completely filled, current can only flow via the topological edge states (producing a transverse response) and the bulk of the sample is insulating, meaning that the longitudinal conductivity goes to zero. This is known as the integer quantum Hall effect.

When a Landau level is fractionally filled, a similar transport response can occur. This

is associated with implementing a topological qubit from fractional quantum Hall anyons, as there are with all of the platforms we have discussed. In particular, the fractional states are rather fragile (although perhaps less so in graphene than in semiconductors⁴) and the degree of control needed to isolate and manipulate them will require exquisitely engineered devices. So, perhaps another platform might win the race to perform the first topologically protected quantum computations, but for now we would not bet against the dark horse of quantum Hall systems getting there first.

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Open problems / Future prospects

- **Certain open problem / future directions:**
 - Puzzles remain regarding the nature of pairing of the $\nu = 5/2$ state. The nature of pairing of other even-denominator states also needs to be verified.
 - Need better understanding of composite fermions in FQAHE / periodic potentials.
 - Dream 1: Application to future technology?
 - Dream 2: The structures revealed in the study of CFs / FQHEs provide a clue for unraveling some other profound mysteries of nature.
 - More surprises??

Thank you!

The BCS wave function of CFs (fully polarized)

Sharma, Pu, Jain, PRB 2021

$$\Psi^{\text{el-BCS}}(\{\vec{r}_j\}) = A[g^{(l)}(\vec{r}_1 - \vec{r}_2)g^{(l)}(\vec{r}_3 - \vec{r}_4)\cdots]$$

$$\Psi_{1/2}^{\text{CF-BCS}} = P_{\text{LLL}} \Psi^{\text{el-BCS}}(\{\vec{r}_j\}) \prod_{j < k} (z_j - z_k)^2$$

$$g^{(l)}(\vec{r}_i - \vec{r}_j) = \sum_{|\vec{k}| \leq k_{\text{cutoff}}} g_{\vec{k}}^{(l)} e^{i\vec{k} \cdot (\vec{r}_i - \vec{r}_j)} \quad g_{\vec{k}}^{(l)} \equiv \frac{v_{\vec{k}}}{u_{\vec{k}}} = \frac{\epsilon_{\vec{k}} - \sqrt{\epsilon_{\vec{k}}^2 + |\Delta_{\vec{k}}^{(l)}|^2}}{\Delta_{\vec{k}}^{(l)*}} = -g_{-\vec{k}}^{(l)}$$

$$\Delta_{\vec{k}}^{(l)} = \Delta |\vec{k}|^l e^{-il\theta} \quad \begin{array}{l} l = 1: \text{p-wave} \\ l = 3: \text{f-wave} \end{array}$$

- Two variational parameters: Δ and $k_{\text{cutoff}} (\geq k_F)$.
- The CF-BCS wave function reduces to the CF Fermi sea for $\Delta = 0$ or $k_{\text{cutoff}} = k_F$.

Pairing from purely repulsive interaction?!

Empirically: The inter-CF interaction becomes attractive as the strength of the short range repulsion between the electrons is reduced. This may be done in three ways:

- By going to a higher LL
- By increasing the quantum well width / density
- By enhancing LL mixing

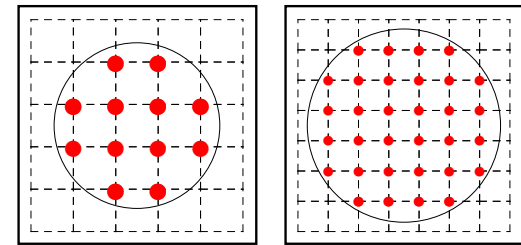
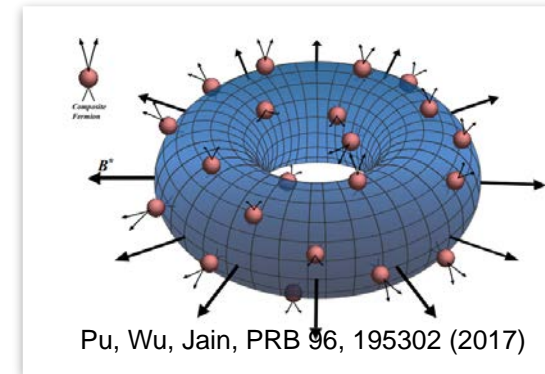
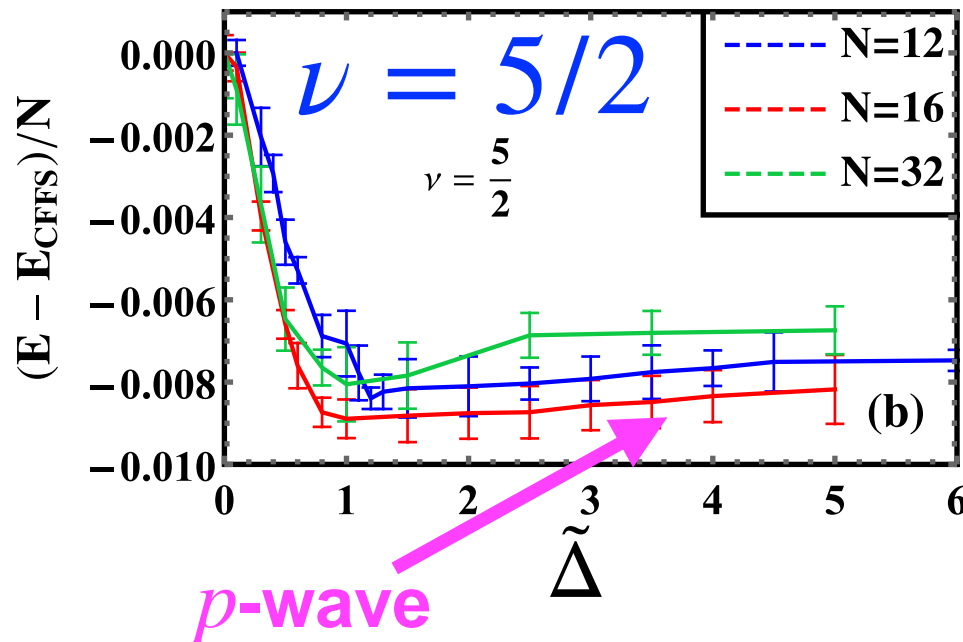
CF pairing at $\nu = 2 + 1/2 = 5/2$

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Bardeen-Cooper-Schrieffer pairing of composite fermions

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- A $p\text{-wave}$ pairing instability occurs at $\nu = 5/2$.
- No instability at $\nu = 1/2$.

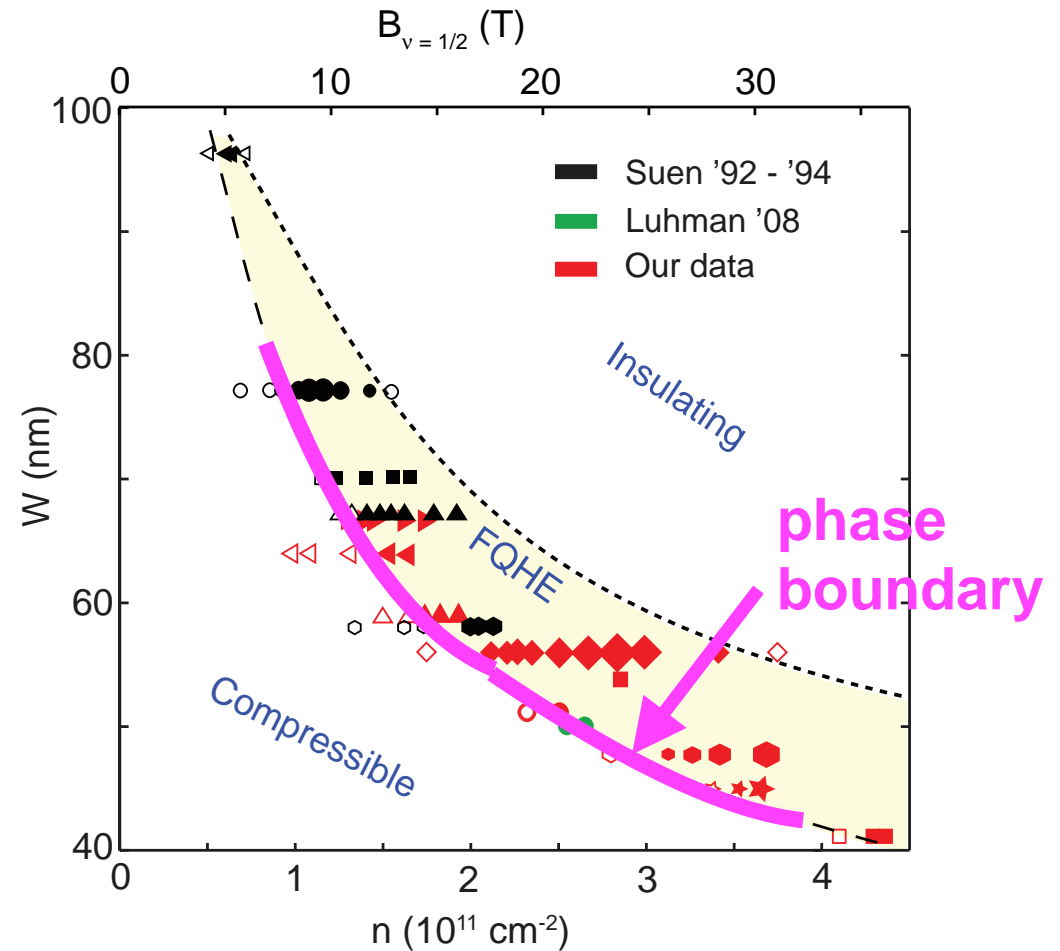
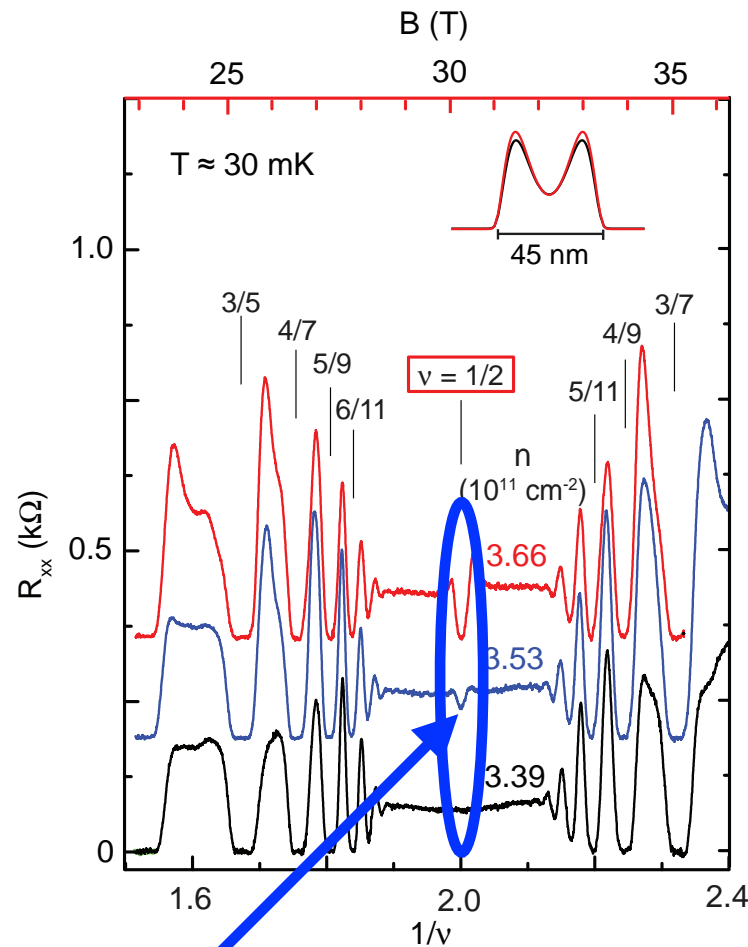
FQHE at $\nu = 1/2$ in wide quantum wells

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Phase diagrams for the stability of the $\nu = \frac{1}{2}$ fractional quantum Hall effect in electron systems confined to symmetric, wide GaAs quantum wells

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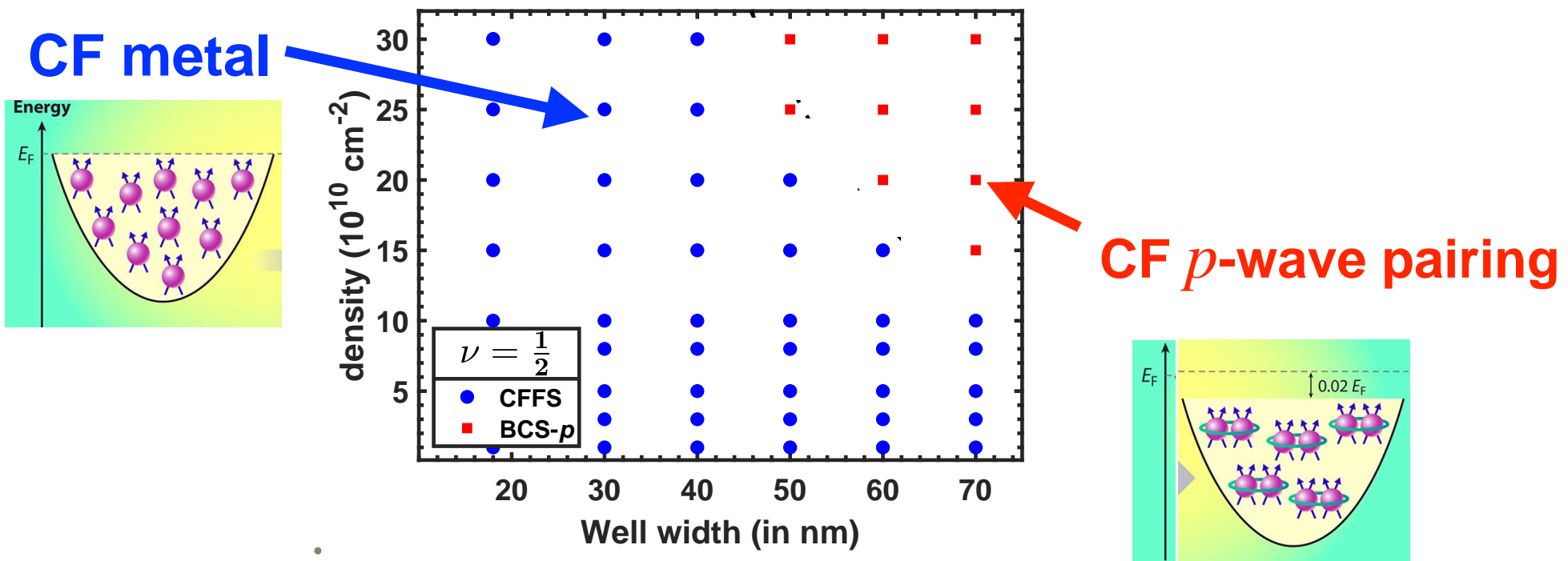
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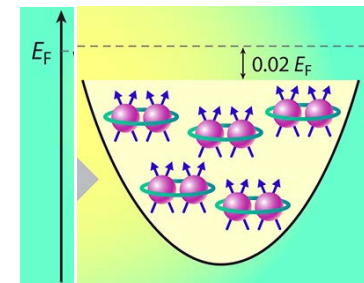
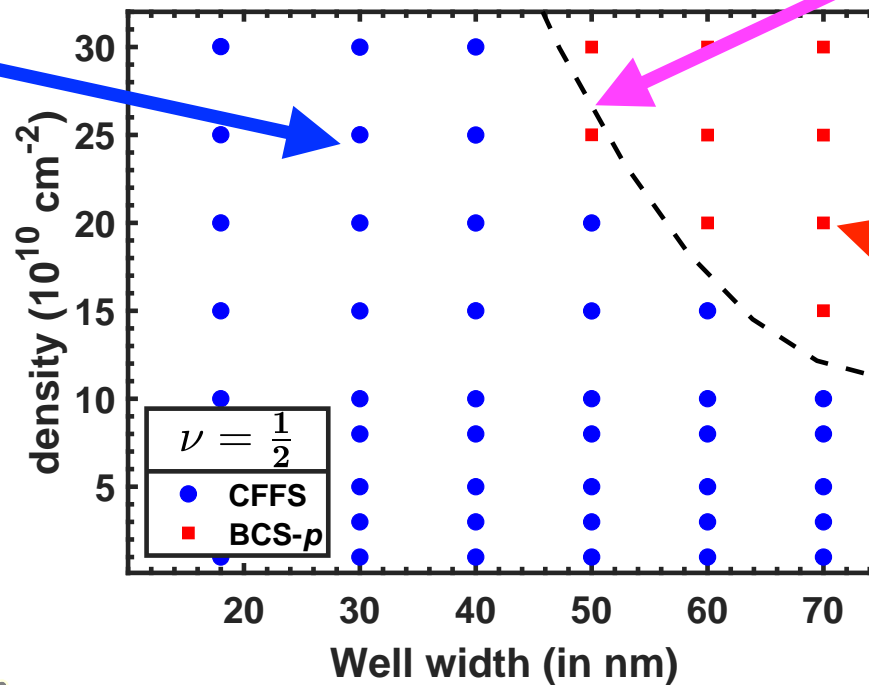
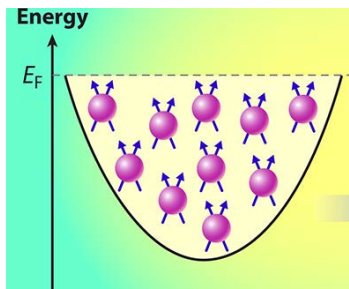
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CF superconductor
p-wave pairing

CF metal



1/4 FQHE in wide quantum wells

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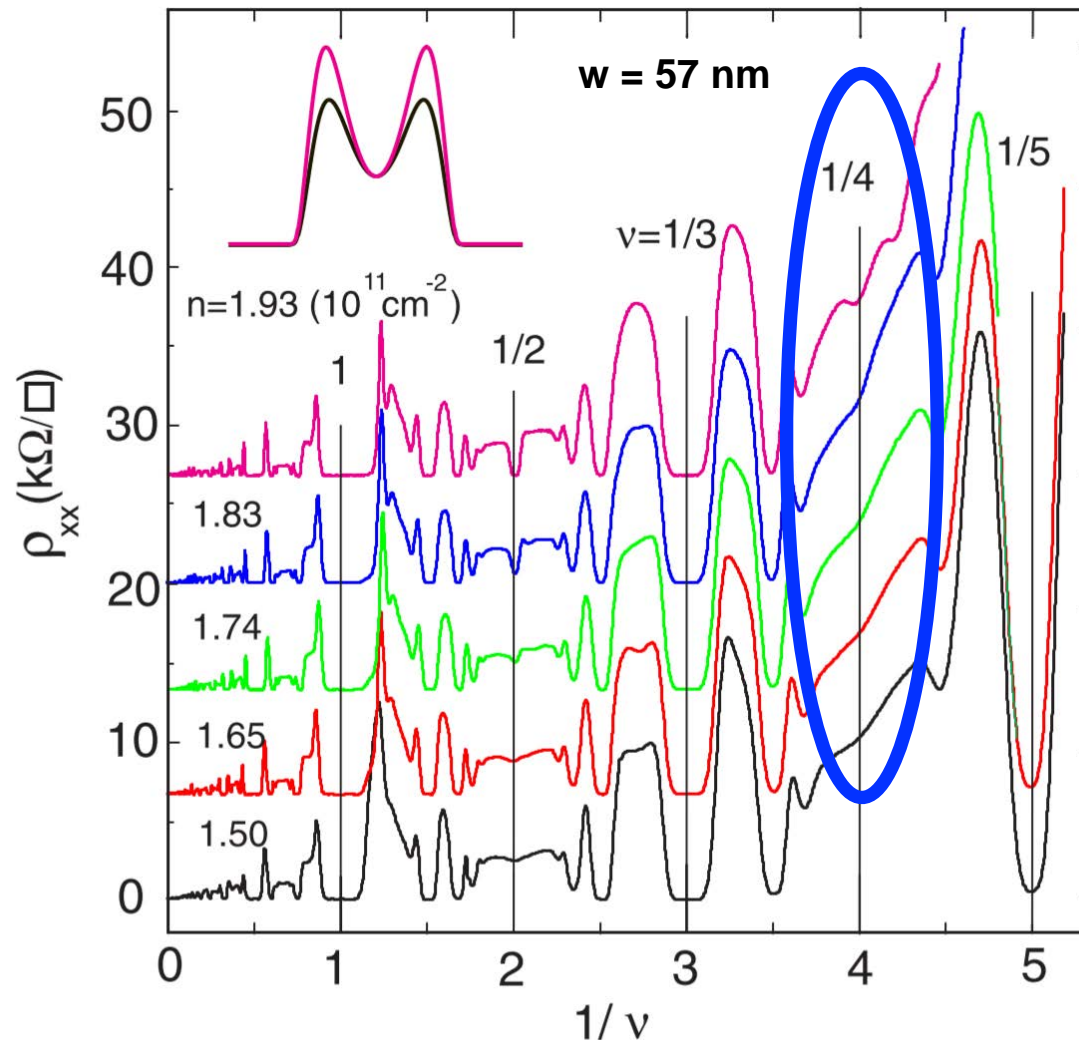
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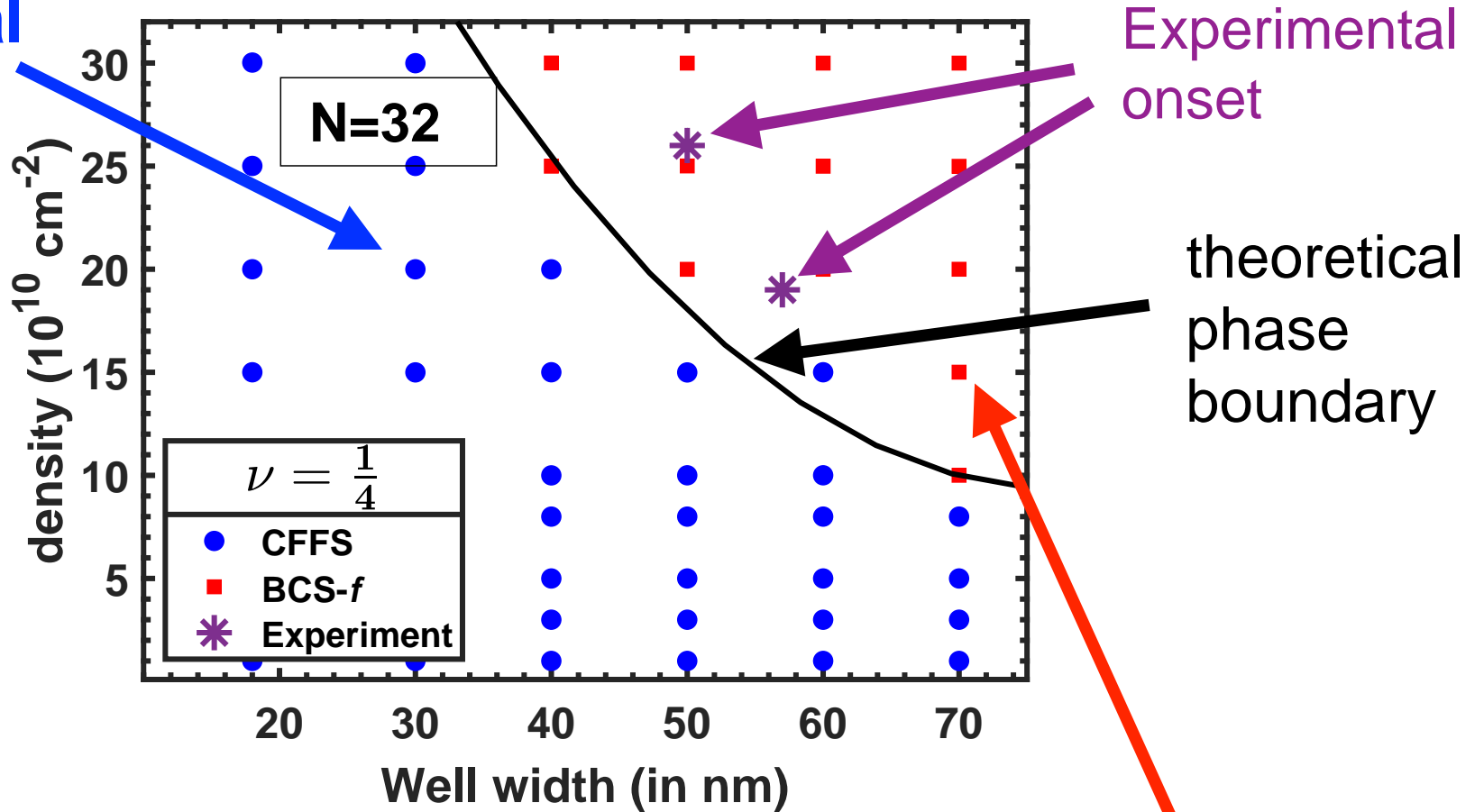
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CF pairing at $\nu = 1/4$ in wide quantum wells

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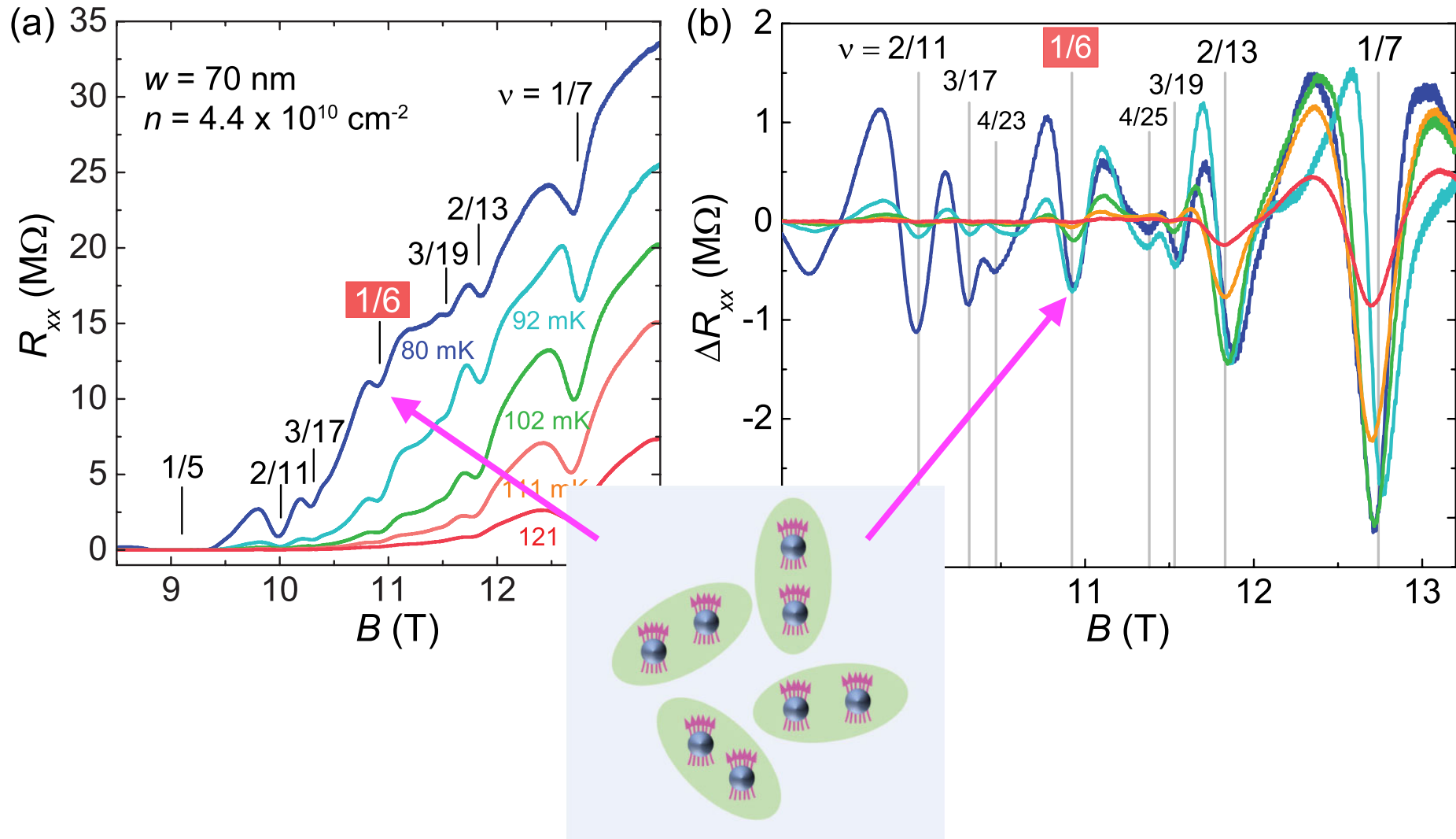
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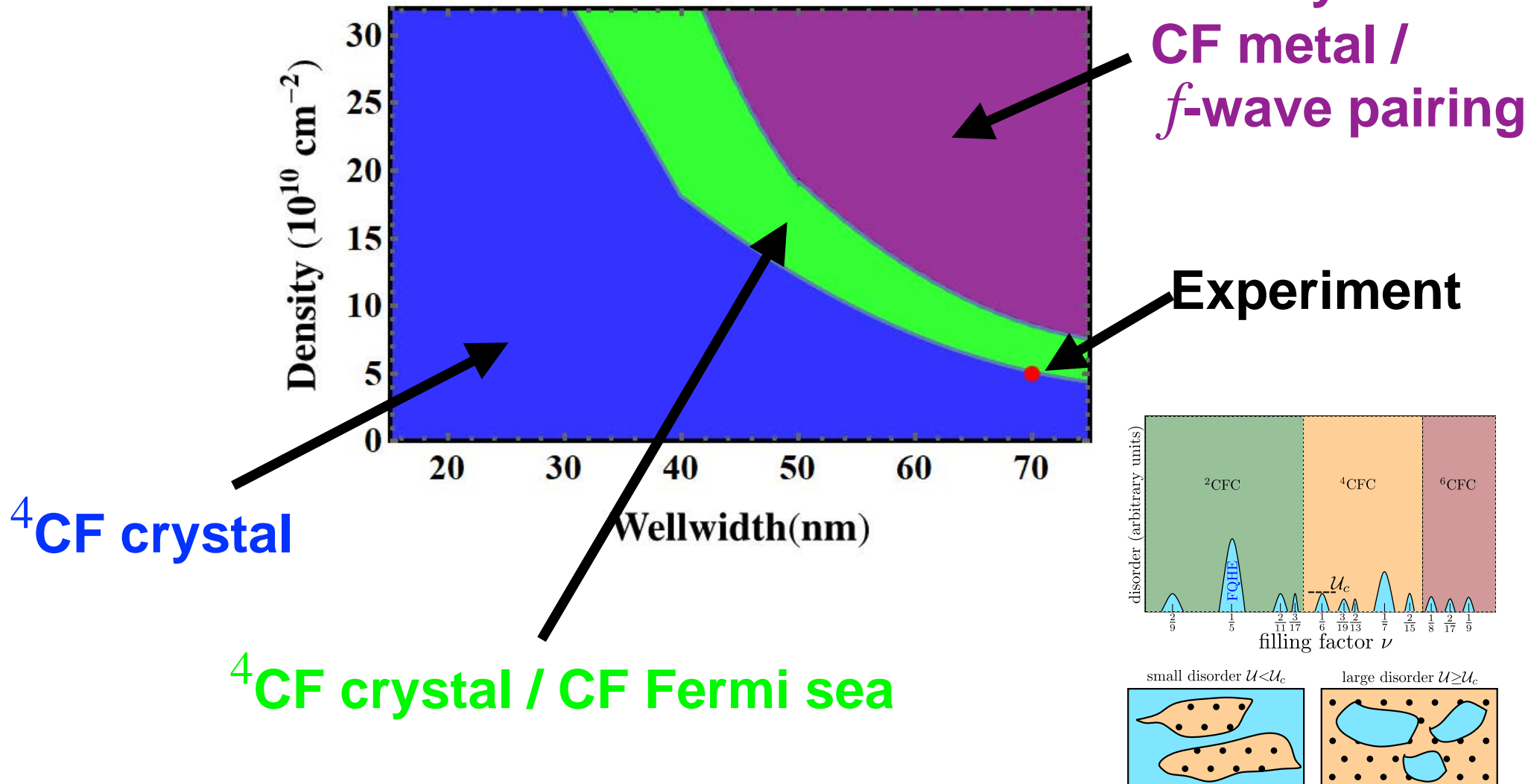


CF pairing at $\nu = 1/6$ in wide quantum wells

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Interplay of superconducting, metallic, and crystalline states of composite fermions at $\nu = \frac{1}{6}$ in wide quantum wells

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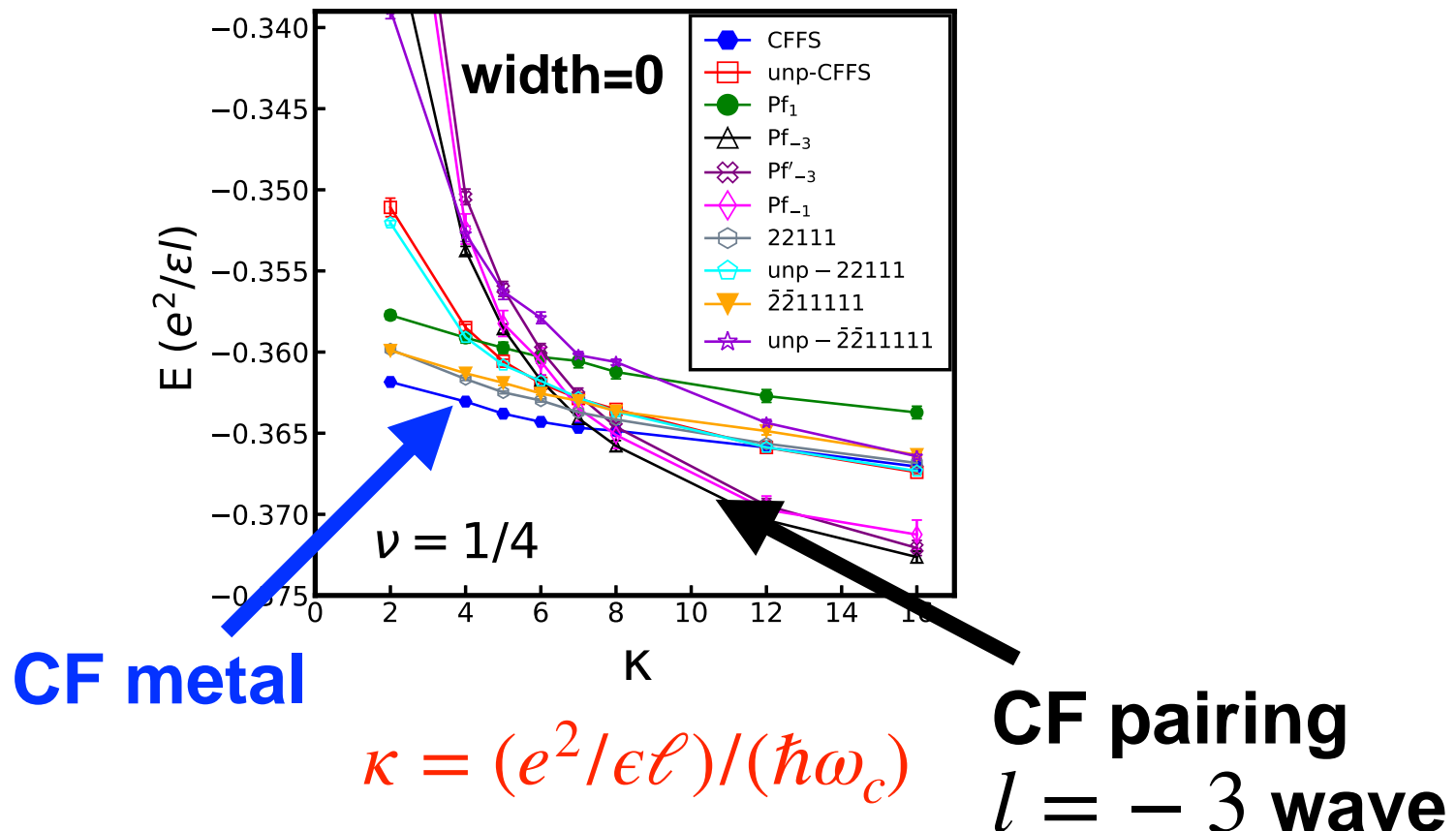
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Composite Fermion Pairing Induced by Landau Level Mixing

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(Fixed phase diffusion Monte Carlo)

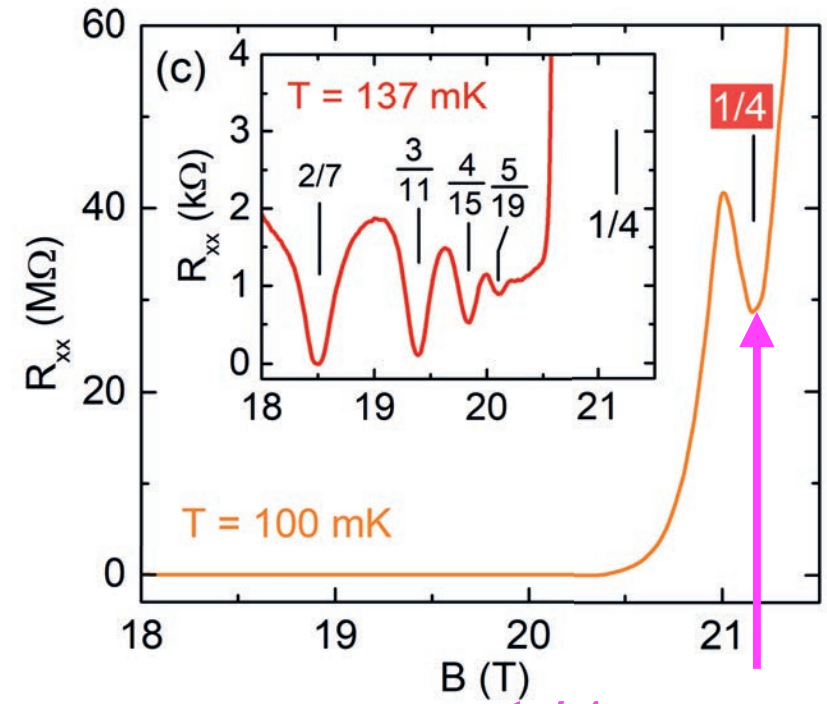
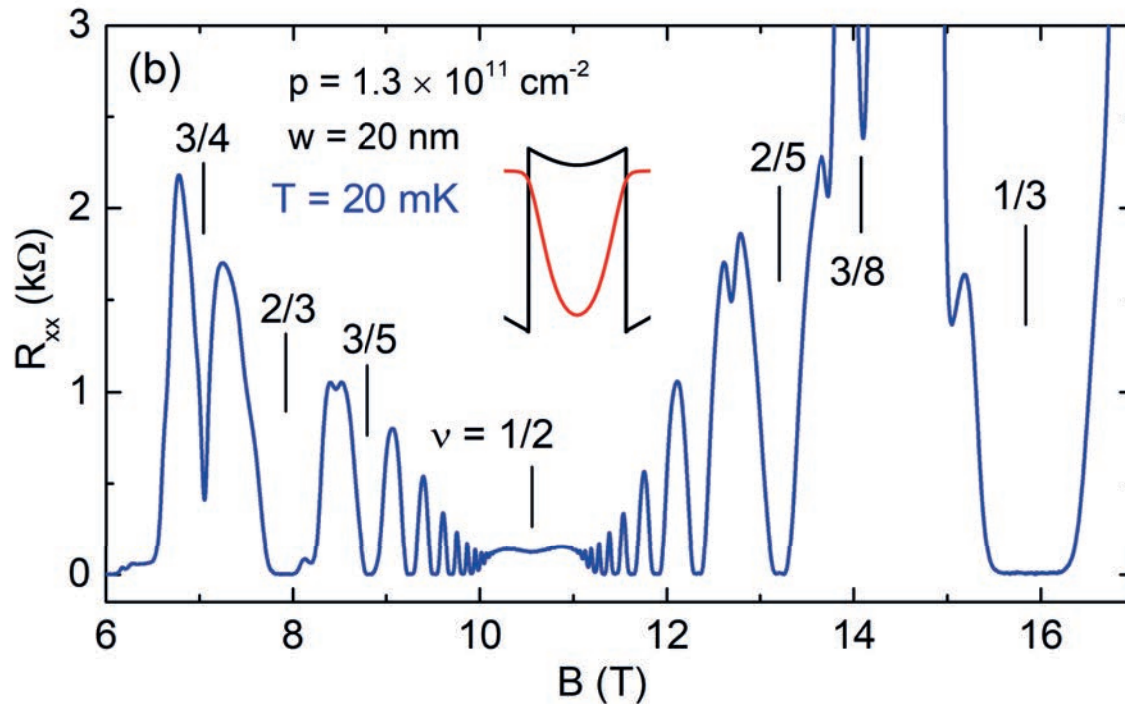


FQHE at $\nu = 1/4$ in high LL mixing

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Fractional Quantum Hall State at Filling Factor $\nu = 1/4$ in Ultra-High-Quality GaAs Two-Dimensional Hole Systems

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$w = 20 \text{ nm}, \rho = 1.3 \times 10^{11} \text{ cm}^{-2}$

1/4 FQHE

- Evidence for FQHE at $\nu = 1/4$ is seen in high quality hole-type samples with $\kappa = 3 - 6$, riding on an insulating background.

Predicted angular momenta of CF Cooper pairs

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The chiral central charge is given by $c = 1 + l/2$, which can be determined from thermal Hall conductance.

From fundamental physics to technology?

Majorana

- Composite-fermion superconductors are predicted to harbor “Majorana particles,” which are zero modes trapped inside the Abrikosov vortices. These are “non-Abelian anyons.”
- Majoranas may be useful for making topological fault-tolerant qubits.



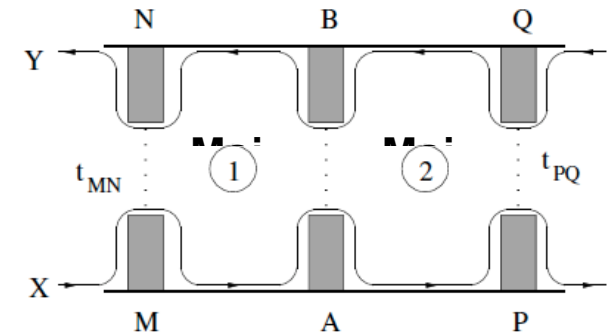
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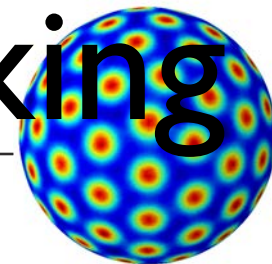
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Crystal / CF liquid phase diagram

Crystal induced by LL mixing

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LL mixing
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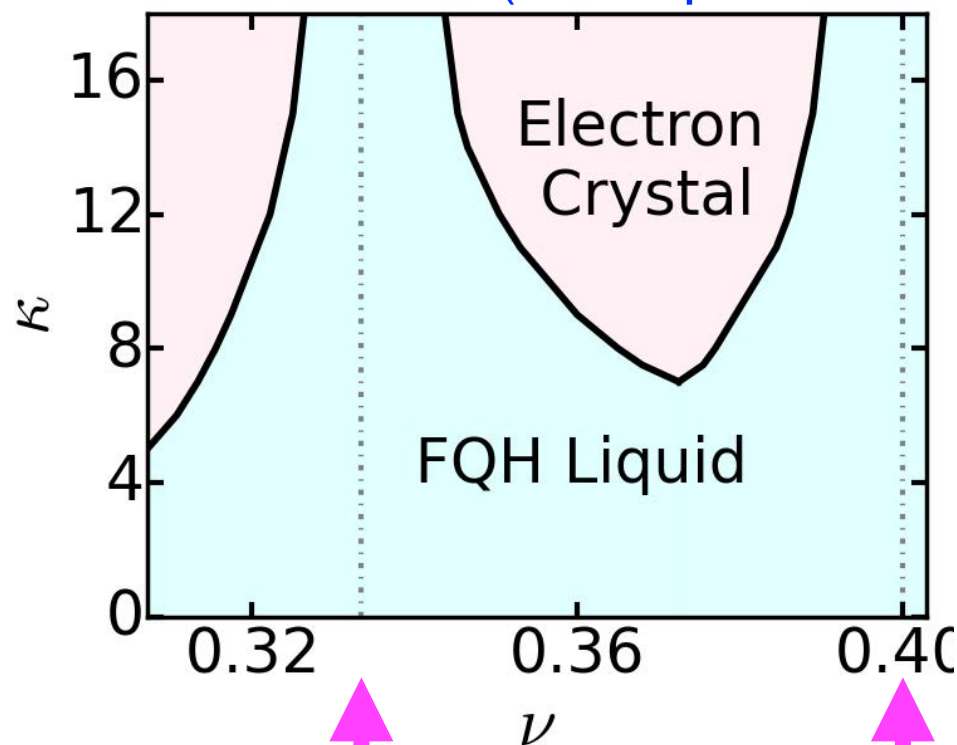
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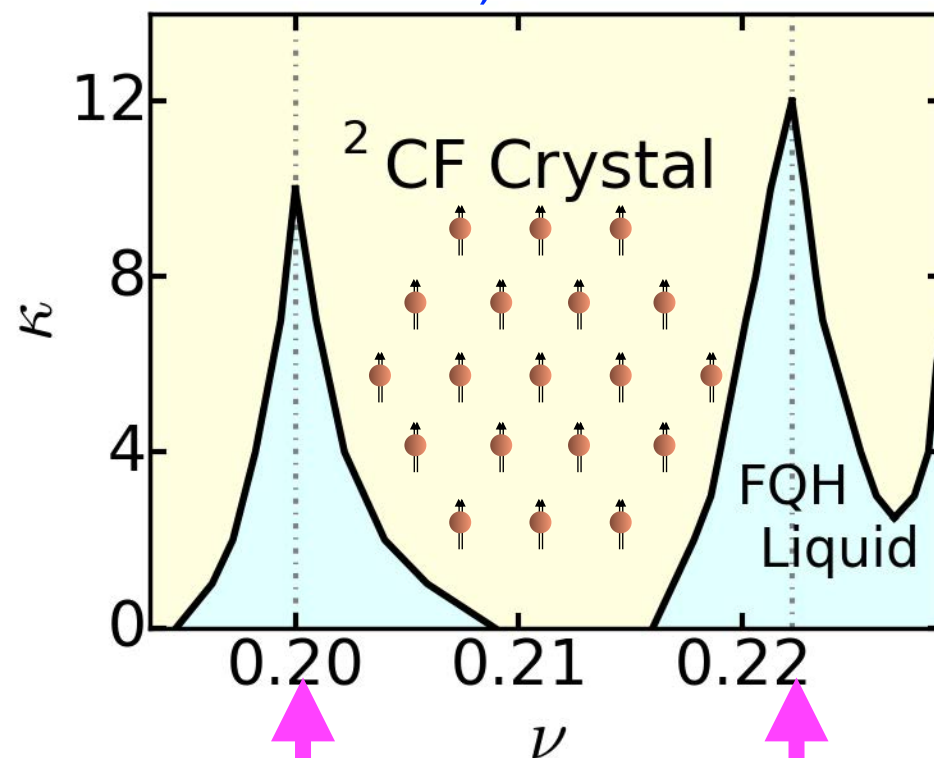
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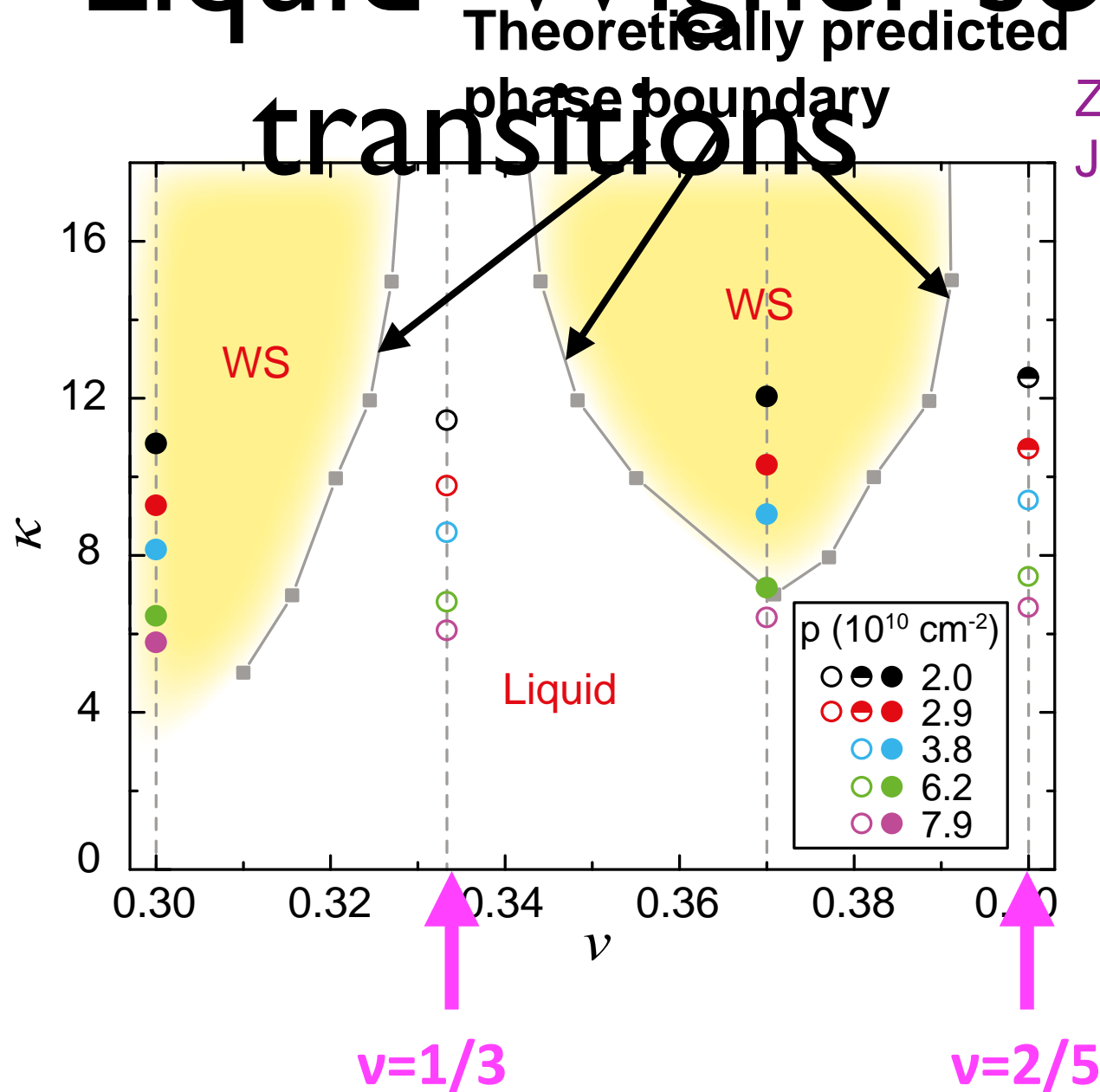
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$\nu = 2/9$

CF Liquid-Wigner solid

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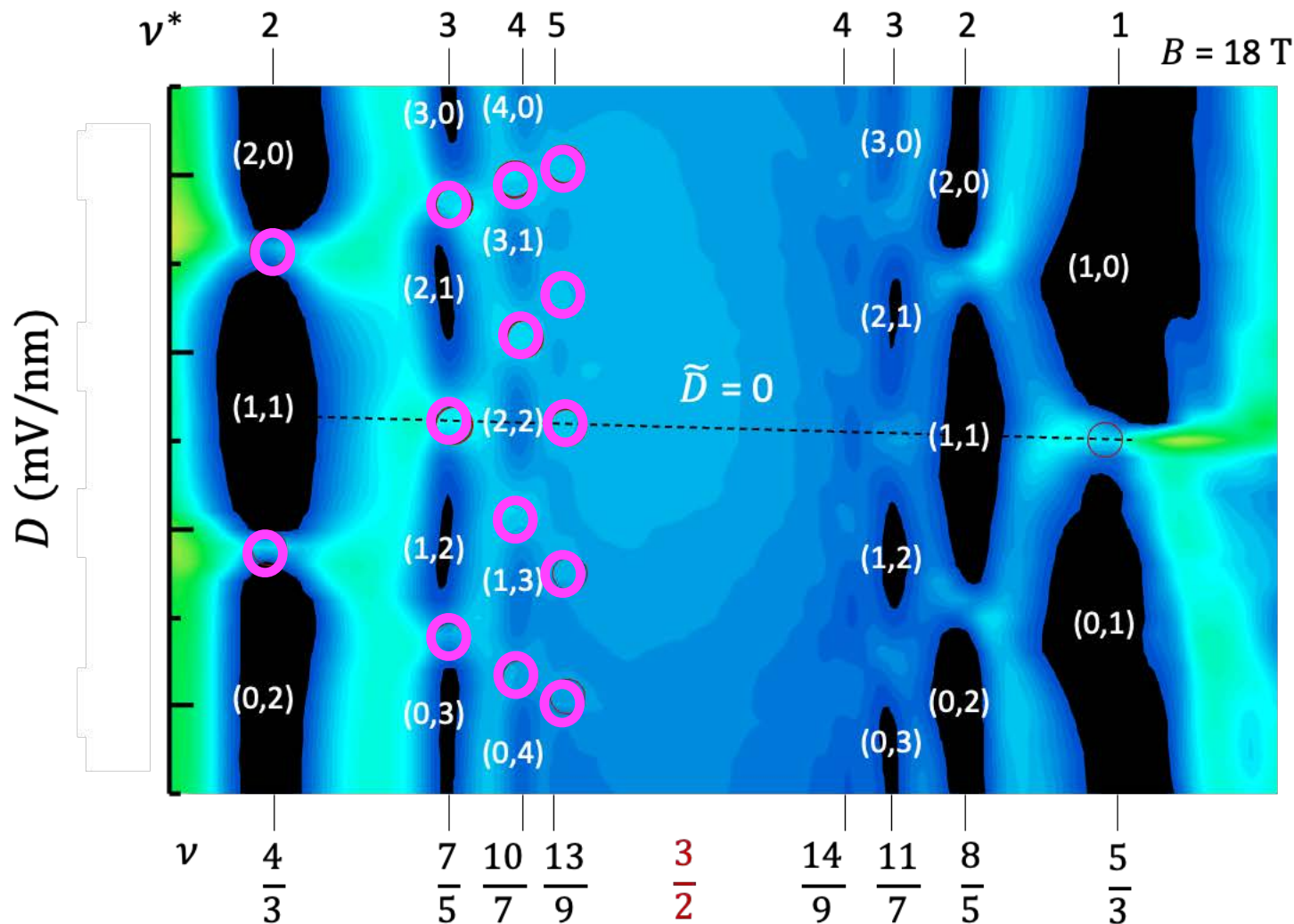
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Two component (spin /
valley) FQHE

Qualitative confirmation: valley polarization in BLG

Valley isospin polarizations of the $N=0$ Jain states in BLG

- Two valley isospin components: $|+0\rangle$ and $|-0\rangle$ behave like spin



- All predicted states seen.
- Excellent account of the phase diagram with a single fitting parameter: CF mass.
- Mass off by a factor of 4 from its zeroth order value.

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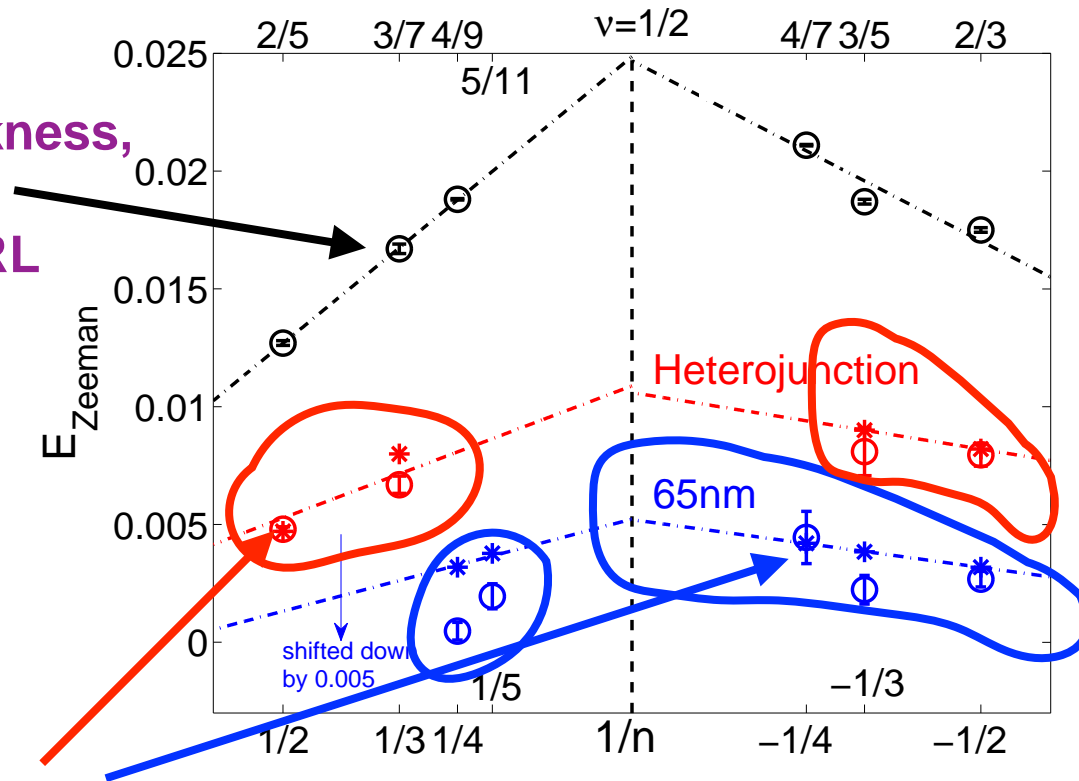
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Landau-Level Mixing and Particle-Hole Symmetry Breaking for Spin Transitions in the Fractional Quantum Hall Effect

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The CF theory obtains the $\sim 1\%$
Coulomb energy difference between the
competing states to within a few %.