Multi-layer Fractional Quantum Hall States

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Lattice Fractional Quantum Hall Effect

What are the FQH states that can form in lattice systems with bands of higher Chern numbers?

Examples: Fractional Chern Insulators, Hofstadter bands

e.g. X.-L. Qi, PRL. 107, 126803 (2011)

Wannier basis: A band with Chern number *C* can be mapped to *C* Landau levels in the continuum.



Lattice specific processes can change the nature of the state.

Example: umklapp scattering

Multi-component/pseudospin picture

LH, *G*. *Moller and S*. *H*. *Simon*, *PRL* **108**, 256809 (2012)

FQH in a C = 2 Hofstadter Band

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CFT Description – Review of MR state

Reminder: Single layer Moore-Read pfaffian state ...

Moore and Read, Nucl. Phys. B360 362 (1991)

$$\Psi_{gs} = Pf(\frac{1}{z_i - z_j}) \prod_{i < j=1}^{N} (z_i - z_j)$$

Ising CFT:
$$\{1, \sigma, \psi\}$$

Neutral part: topological properties

Electron operators

$$\psi_e(z) = \psi e^{i\phi_c}$$

$$\Psi_{gs}(\{z_i\}) = \left\langle \prod_{i=1}^N \psi_e(z_i) \right\rangle$$

$$\left[\mathrm{U}(1)_{4} : \left\{ 1, \ e^{i\phi_{c}}, e^{i\phi_{c}/2}, e^{-i\phi_{c}/2} \right\} \right]$$

Charged part

$$\psi_{qh}(\eta) = \sigma e^{\pm i\phi_c/2}$$

Smallest-charge $q_{qh} = e/2$ quasihole operator

$$\Psi_{qh}(\{z_i\},\{\eta_j\}) = \left\langle \prod_{i=1}^N \psi_e(z_i) \prod_{j=1}^n \psi_{qh}(\eta_j) \right\rangle$$

Not all 12 sectors of Ising x $U(1)_4$ lead to valid wavefunctions

Final topological theory: $SU(2)_2$

CFT Description – Coupled MR state

$$\Psi_{gs} = Pf(\frac{1}{z_i^{\uparrow} - z_j^{\uparrow}}) \prod_{i < j=1}^{N^{\uparrow}} (z_i^{\uparrow} - z_j^{\uparrow}) Pf(\frac{1}{z_i^{\downarrow} - z_j^{\downarrow}}) \prod_{i < j=1}^{N^{\downarrow}} (z_i^{\downarrow} - z_j^{\downarrow}) \prod_{i=1}^{N^{\downarrow}} \prod_{j=1}^{N^{\downarrow}} (z_i^{\uparrow} - z_j^{\downarrow})$$

Each layer is like a Moore-Read pfaffian state ...

2 copies of *Ising* CFT: $\{1, \sigma^{\uparrow}, \psi^{\uparrow}\} \times \{1, \sigma^{\downarrow}, \psi^{\downarrow}\}$

Neutral part: topological properties

 $\mathrm{U}(1)_{4}:\left\{1, e^{i\phi_{c}}, e^{i\phi_{c}/2}, e^{-i\phi_{c}/2}\right\}$

Charge

Electron operators

 $\psi_e^{\downarrow}(z^{\downarrow}) = \psi_{\downarrow} e^{i\phi_c}$

$$\psi_e^{\uparrow}(z^{\uparrow}) = \psi_{\uparrow} e^{i\phi_c}$$

Smallest-charge $q_{qh} = e/2$ quasihole operators with *valid* wavefunctions:

$$\psi_{qh}(\eta) = \sigma_{\uparrow} \sigma_{\downarrow} e^{\pm i\phi_c/2}$$

Excitation with σ or σ separated are not energetically favorable.

Sectors with odd numbers of σ or σ operators are *confined*.

Topological Properties – neutral part

Let us ignore the charge part and just focus on the neutral part.

Topological sectors of *Ising* x *Ising*:

Condensing $\psi \psi$



Bais and Slingerland, Phys. Rev. B 79, 045316 (2009)

Topological Bose Condensation

- Start with an anyon theory
- Primary fields of a CFT
- 1. Anyon labels: $\{1, a, b, c \dots\}$
- 2. Fusion rules: $a \ge b = c + ?$
- 3. Braiding rules: $e^{2\pi i(h_c h_a h_b)}$

Conformal dimensions of the primary fields of the CFT

- Identify a boson $\longrightarrow h_b = \text{integer}$
- Condense the boson $\longrightarrow b = 1$
- Identify the remaining sectors such that they form a new consistent anyon theory

Condensation of $(\psi \psi)$

$$0 \quad (1 \ 1) \quad \longrightarrow \quad (1 \ 1) = (\psi \ \psi)$$

1/16
$$(1 \sigma) \times (\psi \psi) = (\psi \sigma) \longrightarrow (1 \sigma), (\psi \sigma)$$
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9/16 $(\sigma \psi)$ $(\sigma \sigma)_2$

1/2 (**ψ**1)

1 $(\psi \psi)$

Ising fusion rules: $\sigma \times \psi = \sigma$ $\psi \times \psi = 1$

 $\sigma \mathbf{x} \sigma = 1 + \psi$

Splitting of (*o*)

Before splitting

$$(\sigma \sigma) \times (\sigma \sigma) = (1 \ 1) + (1 \ \psi) + (\psi \ 1) + (\psi \ \psi)$$

$$(\sigma \sigma) < (\sigma \sigma)_1 \\ (\sigma \sigma)_2$$

 $(\sigma \sigma)_1 \times (\sigma \sigma)_1 = (\sigma \sigma)_2 \times (\sigma \sigma)_2 = (1 \psi) = (\psi 1)$

 $(\sigma \sigma)_1 \times (\sigma \sigma)_2 = (\sigma \sigma)_2 \times (\sigma \sigma)_1 = (\psi \psi) = (1 \ 1)$

→ After splitting, the $(\sigma \sigma)$ sectors become Abelian!

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Topological Order of the Coupled Pfaffian

Full theory: $U(1)_4 \times U(1)_4$

Electron operators:

Only those sectors of $U(1)_4 \times U(1)_4$ that are local with respect to these electron operators will lead to valid wavefunctions.

 \rightarrow The rest are confined.

Adding Charge – further reduction

Full theory: $U(1)_4 \times U(1)_4$



Excluding the confined sectors, we end up with these 8:

In this reduced subspace, only 4 sectors are topologically distinct.



 $U(1)_{2} \times U(1)_{2}$

1

Adding Charge – further reduction

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Charged sector $U(1)_4 \times U(1)_4$ Neutral sector

$$H(r,t) = \sum_{i,j=1}^{N} \delta(z_i - z_j) \sum_{s \neq s' = \uparrow,\downarrow} \left(|ss\rangle \langle ss| + r(|ss'\rangle \langle ss'| + |ss'\rangle \langle s's|) + t|ss\rangle \langle s's'| \right)_{ij}$$



Total Charge = fixed \rightarrow No V₄ operators can be added \rightarrow U(1)

No restriction on the neutral sector $\rightarrow V_4$ operators can be added $\rightarrow U(1)_4$

 \rightarrow Edge theory: U(1) x U(1)₄

Multi-layer Systems

For a *C* layer system, with the Hamiltonian:

$$H = \sum_{i,j=1}^{N} \delta(z_i - z_j) \sum_{s \neq s'=0}^{C-1} (|ss\rangle \langle ss| + |ss'\rangle \langle ss'| + |ss'\rangle \langle s's| + t|ss\rangle \langle s's'|)_{ij}$$

Chern number *C*
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The properties of the resulting state can be deduced from C Ising CFTs, coupled via a single U(1):

Neutral sector $Ising^1 \times Ising^2 \times ... \times Ising^C \times U(1)_4$

Charged sector

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16 distinct categories Kitaev, Ann. of Phys. 321, 2 (2006)

Neutral Sector: The 16-fold Way

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C: odd conf. dim. \rightarrow q. dim. \rightarrow	h = d =	1 0 1	σ C/16 $\sqrt{2}$	ψ 1/2 1		Ising-like	
<i>C</i> = 2 mod 4	h = d =	1 0 1	a C/16 1	a* C/16 1	ψ 1/2 1	U(1) ₄ -like	$SO(C)_1$
$C = 0 \mod 4$	h = d =	1 0 1	e C/16 1	m C/16 1	ψ 1/2 1	U(1) ₂ x U(1) ₂ - <i>like</i>	

Same structure 1D spin chains

Mansson, Lahtinen, Suorsa and Ardonne, PRB 88, 041403(R) (2013) Lahtinen, Mansson and Ardonne PRB 89, 014409 (2014)

Adding the Charge Sector: $U(1)_4$

SO(C)₁ Neutral sector SO(C)₁ × U(1) Probably visible in the edge spectrum

Full theory: $SO(C)_1 \times U(1)_4$

Independent sectors that result in valid wavefunctions correspond to *condensing* new $\psi\psi$ pairs between the charge and neutral sectors.

$$\begin{bmatrix} \psi \psi \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \longrightarrow 1$$

 $SO(C+2)_1$ final topological theory



- Two-body Hamiltonian + pair tunneling in a *C*-layer system
 - \rightarrow *Exact groundstate* at v = 1 is the Coupled Pfaffian State

$$\Psi = \sum_{\{N^s\}\in N} \alpha_{N^s} \prod_{s=1}^C Pf(\frac{1}{z_i^s - z_j^s}) \prod_{i< j=1}^{N^s} (z_i^s - z_j^s) \prod_{s,s'=1}^C \prod_{j=1}^{N-N^s} \prod_{i=1}^{N^s} (z_i^s - z_j^{s'})$$

• Edge spectrum: $SO(C)_1 \times U(1)$

C odd: Non-Abelian

C even: Abelian

- Final topological theory: $SO(C+2)_1 <$
- Topological phase transitions?