Geometry and dynamics in the fractional quantum Hall effect: from graviton oscillation to quantum many-body scars

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A: Pretty much anything that extends beyond TQFT or strictly ground state properties:



• Why is there a (neutral) gap?

• What is the Lagrangian of a FQH system?

• Bulk dynamics of FQH systems?

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Electrons in a Landau level





Effective theory (Chern-Simons)

Theoretical approach to FQHE



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Incompressible electron fluids with fractionalization of charge and statistics

Electrons "bind" magnetic fluxes, i.e., surround themselves with correlation holes. The composite objects condense into **incompressible quantum fluids**.

[Laughlin '83, Jain '89, Read/Moore '91,...]



These defects have "topological" interactions that leave an imprint on the spectrum around an impurity, which could be seen in STM [see Ali Yazdani's talk on Wednesday]

What is the role of rotational invariance?

[F D. M. Haldane in *Prange/Girvin*; PRL **107**, 116801 (2011)]

The reader will note that the rotational invariance of the system has been extensively invoked in the preceding discussion. However, strict rotational invariance is not fundamental to the FQHE. For example, it survives impurities, which break both translational and rotational invariance. Rotational invariance alone is removed if the effective mass tensor is anisotropic.







AlAs under strain [Gokmen et al., Nat. Phys. **6**, 621 (2010)]

Why care?

Tilted magnetic field



[C.R. Dean et al., PRL **101**, 186806 (2008); J. Xia et al, PRL **105**, 176807 (2010); Liu et al., PRB **88**, 035307 (2013)]

Nematic quantum Hall



[N. Samkharadze et al., Nat. Phys. 12, 191 (2016)]



[Zhao Liu, R. N. Bhatt, and Nicolas Regnault, PRB 91, 045126 (2015)]

[Zhao Liu's talk on Thursday]

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Motivation: Study "graviton" dynamics



Can we excite the graviton by quench? How will it move? Not obvious as it is in the continuum...

Accurate microscopic wavefunctions exist for the entire excitation branch [Bo Yang, ZP, Hu, Haldane, '12]

Main result: Harmonic motion of the graviton



5

 $|\mathbf{k}|$

0

10

15

[B. Yang, Z. Hu, CH Lee, ZP, PRL **118**, 146403 (2017)]

Bimetric theory interpretation and open questions



Open questions:

- Dynamics of higher spin excitations
- Dynamics of **multicomponent/non-Abelian** states with a richer spectrum of collective modes?
- Experimental realizations





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Why is this interesting?

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Constrained Many-Body Dynamics in a Quantum Simulator

Probing many-body dynamics on a 51-atom quantum simulator

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[also, the 53-qubit simulator with trapped ions: J. Zhang *et al.*, Nature **551**, 601 (2017)]

Even more striking is the coherent and persistent oscillation of the crystalline order after the quantum quench. With respect to the quenched Hamiltonian ($\Delta = 0$), the energy density of our \mathbb{Z}_2 -ordered state corresponds to that of an infinite-temperature ensemble within the manifold constrained by Rydberg blockade. Also, our Hamiltonian does not have any explicitly conserved quantities other than total energy. Nevertheless, the oscillations persist well beyond the natural timescale of local relaxation ($1/\Omega$) and the fastest timescale ($1/V_{i,i+1}$).

Constrained Many-Body Dynamics in a Quantum Simulator

Effective model: Fibonacci chain

A puzzle: persistent oscillations in a thermalizing system

The model is **not integrable**:

Yet the wavefunction **revives in a quench**:

The key to revivals is the existence of special eigenstates

- Special states are atypical: low-entangled, and equally spaced throughout the spectrum
- Weak violation of Eigenstate Thermalization Hypothesis
- 0 10 t 20 30 Can be understood using "forward scattering" approximation [C. J. Turner, A. A. Michailidis, D. A. Abanin, M. Serbyn, Z. Papic, Nature Physics 14, 745 (2018)]

Ernst Chladni

Quantum scars

Scarred wavefunction

Unstable classical

periodic orbit

Eric Heller

• Concentration of many-body eigenstates in parts of Hilbert space

 Periodic "orbits" and revivals from certain simple initial states

[W. W. Ho et al, arXiv:1807.01815]

Where do scars come from?

• Integrability and "perfect" scars?

[Choi *et al.*, arXiv:1812.05561; C.-J. Lin and O. I. Motrunich, arXiv:1810.00888 (2018); see also Khemani, Laumann, Chandran, arXiv:1807.02108]

• Supersymmetry? [Fendley, Schoutens '05] $H = \{Q, Q^{\dagger}\} \qquad Q^2 = (Q^{\dagger})^2 = 0$ $H_{SUSY} = \sum_{i} P_{j-1} c_j^{\dagger} c_{j+1} P_{j+2} + h.c. + \text{diag}$

$$PXP \simeq \sqrt{H_{\rm SUSY}}$$
 ?

• Eigenstate "embedding"?

$$H = \sum_{k} \alpha_k P_k \qquad P_k |\psi\rangle = 0$$

[N. Shiraishi and T. Mori, PRL **119**, 030601 (2017); Seulgi Ok *et al.*, arXiv:1901.01260 (2019)]

[Titus Neupert's talk on Friday]

Conclusions

- Two examples of coherent many-body dynamics inspired by FQH systems
- Geometric quench: a tool to study "graviton" oscillations in gapped FQH states
- Allows to test predictions of bimetric theory and reveals new phenomena beyond that theory
- Dynamical response of non-Abelian states, nematic phases, CFL, FCIs ?

- Constrained Hilbert space facilitates a formation of quantum many-body scars
- Analog of periodic orbits in single-particle chaotic systems, manifested also by the presence of special non-ergodic eigenstates throughout the spectrum
- Other scarred models? Full classification of periodic orbits? Applications?

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