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# Parton paradigm for the quantum Hall effect

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# Plan of the talk

- Lowest Landau level FQHE: composite fermion theory
- Second Landau level FQHE: parton framework
- Conclusion and outlook

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FQHE in the LLL predominantly occurs at  $\nu = n/(2pn \pm 1)$ 



J. P. Eisenstein and H. L. Stormer, Science 248, 4962, 1510-1516 (1990)

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# FQHE as IQHE of composite fermions

A composite fermion (CF) is a bound state of an electron and even number of vortices/flux quanta.



J. K. Jain, Composite Fermions, Cambridge University Press (2007)

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Composite fermions experience a reduced magnetic field



$$B^* = B - 2p\rho\phi_0, \quad \phi_0 - h/e$$
$$\nu = \frac{\rho\phi_0}{B}, \quad \nu^* = \frac{\rho\phi_0}{|B^*|}, \quad \nu = \frac{\nu^*}{2p\nu^* \pm 1}$$

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#### FQHE ground states are analogous to IQHE ones





FQHE ground state

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#### FQHE wave functions are analogous to IQHE ones

• Jain wave functions at  $\nu = n/(2pn \pm 1)$ :

$$\Psi_{\nu=\frac{n}{2\rho n\pm 1}}^{\rm CF}=\mathcal{P}_{\rm LLL}\Big(\Phi_{\pm n}\prod_{i< j}(z_i-z_j)^{2p}\Big).$$

(dropped Gaussian factor for ease of notation)

 $\Phi_n$  wave function of *n* filled LLs.

 $\mathcal{P}_{LLL}$  implements lowest Landau level projection.

- no adjustable parameters in these wave functions
- wave functions can be evaluated for large system sizes

J. K. Jain, Phys. Rev. Lett. 63, 199 (1989)

## Mystery of the $\nu = 1/2$ state



- composite fermions absorb all of the magnetic flux:  $B^* = 0$ Halperin, Lee and Read, Phys. Rev. B 47, 7312 (1993)
- In zero effective magnetic field CFs form a Fermi sea

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# Spherical geometry



$$\begin{split} I &= |Q|, |Q|+1, |Q|+2, \cdots \quad I_n = |Q|+n \quad m = -l, -l+1, \cdots, l-1, l \\ L \text{ and its $z$-component $L_z$ are good quantum numbers} \\ N_\phi &= 2Q = \nu^{-1} N - \mathcal{S}, \quad \mathcal{S} \to \text{shift, characterizes the state} \end{split}$$

F. D. M. Haldane, Phys. Rev. Lett. 51, 605 (1983)

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#### Haldane pseudopotentials parametrize the interaction



 $V_m$ : energy of two electrons in a state of relative angular momentum m fully spin-polarized electrons  $\rightarrow$  only odd pseudopotentials relevant

F. D. M. Haldane, Phys. Rev. Lett. 51, 605 (1983)

### Overlaps of CF states with LLL Coulomb ground states

#### overlaps obtained from direct projected states

ν	Ν	Hilbert space dimension	$ \langle \Psi^{0\mathrm{LL}} \Psi^{\mathrm{CF}} angle $
1/3	15	$2 imes 10^9$	0.9876 (Laughlin)
1/5	10	$4 imes 10^7$	0.9228 (Laughlin)
2/5	12	$3 imes 10^5$	0.9971
3/7	12	$6 imes 10^4$	0.9988
2/9	8	$1 imes 10^7$	0.9744

#### $|\Psi^{0\mathrm{LL}}\rangle$ is obtained by brute-force exact diagonalization

B. Kusmierz and A. Wójs, Phys. Rev. B 97, 245125 (2018)

Ajit C. Balram (unpublished)

CF theory is extremely accurate in the lowest Landau level energies obtained using Jain-Kamilla projected states



Ajit C. Balram, A. Wójs and J. K. Jain, Phys. Rev. B 88, 205312 (2013)

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#### Onward to the second Landau level

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#### FQH states in the second Landau level



- appearance of even denominator fractions
- 6/13 appears "out of order"

Kumar et al. Phys. Rev. Lett. 105, 246808 (2010)

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#### Landau levels differ in their Haldane pseudopotentials



 $V_m$  energy of two electrons in a state of relative angular momentum m stronger repulsion at shortest approach in the LLL

F. D. M. Haldane, Phys. Rev. Lett. 51, 605 (1983)

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## Candidate states for $\nu = 5/2$ : Pfaffian

$$\Psi_{\nu=1/2}^{\mathrm{MR}} = \mathrm{Pf}\left[\frac{1}{z_i - z_j}\right] \prod_{i < j} (z_i - z_j)^2$$

#### p-wave paired state of composite fermions

G. Moore and N. Read, Nucl. Phys. B 360, 362 (1991)

Ν	Hilbert space dimension	$ \langle \Psi^{ m 1LL} \Psi^{ m MR}_{ u=1/2} angle $
20	$4 imes 10^8$	0.6736

B. Kusmierz and A. Wójs, Phys. Rev. B 97, 245125 (2018)

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# Candidate states for $\nu = 5/2$ : anti-Pfaffian

anti-Pfaffian is the particle-hole conjugate of Pfaffian

$$\Psi^{\mathrm{aPf}}_{\nu=1/2} = \mathcal{P}_{ph}\left(\mathrm{Pf}\left[\frac{1}{z_i - z_j}\right] \prod_{i < j} (z_i - z_j)^2\right)$$

Levin et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. 99, 236806 (2007), Lee et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. 99, 236807 (2007)

- construction extremely difficult to implement numerically
- recent numerics suggest anti-Pfaffian is favored in the presence of LL mixing

E. H. Rezayi, Phys. Rev. Lett. 119, 026801 (2017)

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#### Candidate states for $\nu = 5/2$ : PH-Pfaffian

$$\Psi_{\nu=1/2}^{\rm PH-Pf,TJ} = \mathcal{P}_{\rm LLL} \left( \left\{ \Pr\left[\frac{1}{z_i - z_j}\right] \prod_{i < j} (z_i - z_j) \right\}^* \prod_{i < j} (z_i - z_j)^3 \right)$$

Th. Jolicoeur, Phys. Rev. Lett. 99, 036805 (2007)

$$\Psi_{\nu=1/2}^{\rm PH-Pf,ZF} = \mathcal{P}_{\rm LLL}\left(\left\{ {\rm Pf}\left[\frac{1}{z_i-z_j}\right]\right\}^* \prod_{i< j} (z_i-z_j)^2 \right)$$

P.T. Zucker and D.E. Feldman, Phys. Rev. Lett. 117, 096802 (2016)

#### state is particle-hole symmetric to a good extent

Ajit C. Balram, Maissam Barkeshli, and Mark. S. Rudner, Phys. Rev. B 98, 035127 (2018)

R. V. Mishmash et. al., Phys. Rev. B 98, 081107(R) (2018)

#### consistent with recent thermal Hall measurements

M. Banerjee et. al., Nature 559, 205-210 (2018)

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### Candidate states in the second Landau level

 1/3 and 2/3: dressed Laughlin or k = 4 Read-Rezayi (k-cluster states)

N. Read and E. H. Rezayi, Phys. Rev. B 59, 8084 (1999)

 2/5: particle-hole conjugate of k = 3 anti-Read-Rezayi or Bonderson-Slingerland state (Pfaffian times composite boson)

Parsa Bonderson and J. K. Slingerland, Phys. Rev. B 78, 125323 (2008)

- 3/8: Bonderson-Slingerland state
- 6/13: Levin-Halperin state

Levin and Halperin, Phys. Rev. B 79, 205301 (2009)

Can we find a unified description of the second LL FQHE?

Yes. In terms of "parton" states.

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#### Parton states: product of integer quantum Hall states

break each electron into fictitious partons, place partons into IQH states, fuse the partons back to recover the electron

$$\Psi_{\nu}^{\{n_{\alpha}\}} = \mathcal{P}_{\text{LLL}} \prod_{\alpha=1}^{k} \Phi_{n_{\alpha}}(\{z_{i}\})$$

k is odd for fermions

$$\nu^{-1} = \sum_{\alpha=1}^k n_\alpha^{-1}, \quad q_\alpha = (-e)\frac{\nu}{n_\alpha}$$

- Laughlin state is a "111 · · · " parton state
- Composite fermions states are "*n*11····" parton states

J. K. Jain, Phys. Rev. B 40, 8079 (1989)

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### An example of a non-composite fermion state



non-Abelian state like Pfaffian and anti-Pfaffian

X.-G. Wen, Phys. Rev. Lett. 66, 802 (1991)

- not a good variational state for  $\nu = 5/2$
- recent proposals to realize this state in graphene

Y.-H. Wu, T. Shi and J. K. Jain, Nano Lett. 17 (8), 4643 (2017)

Y. Kim et al., Nature Physics 15, 154-158 (2019)

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#### Central result of our work

Two parton sequences (and their particle-hole conjugates) capture almost all the observed FQH states in the second LL

$$\begin{array}{lll} \Psi_{\nu=2n/(5n-2)}^{\bar{n}\bar{2}111} &=& \mathcal{P}_{\mathrm{LLL}}[\Phi_n^*][\Phi_2^*]\Phi_1^3 \\ &\Psi_{\nu=n/(3n-1)}^{\bar{n}\bar{2}\bar{2}1111} &=& \mathcal{P}_{\mathrm{LLL}}[\Phi_n^*][\Phi_2^*][\Phi_2^*]\Phi_1^4 \end{array}$$

These parton states can be evaluated for very large systemsNew candidates for 6/13 and 3/8

Ajit C. Balram, Maissam Barkeshli, and Mark. S. Rudner, Phys. Rev. B **98**, 035127 (2018) Ajit C. Balram, Maissam Barkeshli, and Mark. S. Rudner, Phys. Rev. B **99**, 241108 (2019)

Ajit C. Balram et al. Phys. Rev. Lett. 121, 186601 (2018)

# The " $\overline{n}\overline{2}111$ " ansatz

$$\Psi_{\nu=2n/(5n-2)}^{\bar{n}\bar{2}111} = \mathcal{P}_{\rm LLL}[\Phi_n^*][\Phi_2^*]\Phi_1^3 \sim \frac{\Psi_{n/(2n-1)}^{\rm CF}\Psi_{2/3}^{\rm CF}}{\Phi_1}$$

n = 1 ⇒ ν = 2/3: standard composite fermion state
 n = 2 ⇒ ν = 1/2: parton state in the anti-Pfaffian phase
 n = 3 ⇒ ν = 6/13: a new candidate state
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## The " $\bar{2}\bar{2}111$ " ansatz $\sim$ anti-Pfaffian

$$\Psi_{\nu=1/2}^{\bar{2}\bar{2}111} = \mathcal{P}_{\rm LLL}[\Phi_2^*][\Phi_2^*]\Phi_1^3 \sim \frac{[\Psi_{2/3}^{\rm CF}]^2}{\Phi_1}$$

- state occurs at a shift  $\mathcal{S} = -1$ : same as the anti-Pfaffian shift
- slightly better than anti-Pfaffian for second LL Coulomb

N	$ \langle \Psi^{1\mathrm{LL}}_{1/2} \Psi^{\mathrm{aPf}}_{1/2} angle $	$ \Psi_{1/2}^{ar{2}ar{2}111} \Psi_{1/2}^{ ext{aPf}} angle $	$ \langle \Psi_{1/2}^{1 ext{LL}} \Psi_{1/2}^{ar{2}ar{2}111} angle $
10	0.8194	0.9397	0.8975

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### Entanglement spectrum

- Logarithm of the eigenvalues of the reduced density matrix
- Counting of low-lying entanglement levels: carries topological fingerprint of the state (Li-Haldane conjecture)
- can be evaluated from just the ground state wave function

related to edge excitations (bulk-edge correspondence)



H. Li and F. D. M. Haldane, Phys. Rev. Lett. 101, 010504 (2008)

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# Entanglement spectrum of the "22111" state



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# The " $[\bar{2}]^k 1^{k+1}$ " ansatz $\sim$ anti-Read-Rezayi

$$\Psi_{\nu=2/(k+2)}^{[\bar{2}]^{k}1^{k+1}} = \mathcal{P}_{\text{LLL}}[\Phi_{2}^{*}]^{k}\Phi_{1}^{k+1} \sim \frac{[\Psi_{2/3}^{\text{CF}}]^{k}}{\Phi_{1}^{k-1}}$$

k = 1 ⇒ v = 2/3: same as the composite fermion state
k = 2 ⇒ v = 1/2: parton state in the anti-Pfaffian phase
k = 3 ⇒ v = 2/5: this state lies in the same phase as the particle-hole conjugate of the Read-Rezayi k = 3 state

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# Quantities from "22111" ansatz for large system sizes



#### potentially enables numerical studies of braiding

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# Anyon with charge (-e)/5



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The "32111" ansatz

$$\Psi_{\nu=6/13}^{\bar{3}\bar{2}111} = \mathcal{P}_{\rm LLL}[\Phi_3^*][\Phi_2^*]\Phi_1^3 \sim \frac{[\Psi_{3/5}^{\rm CF}][\Psi_{2/3}^{\rm CF}]}{\Phi_1}$$

occurs at S = -2: topologically different from 6/13 CF state

energetically better than the 6/13 CF state in the second LL



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The " $\overline{32111}$ " ansatz gives a good description of 2 + 6/13



 $H_{\rm ZDS} 
ightarrow$  simulates finite width,  $H_2 
ightarrow$  stabilizes Pfaffian

- a good overlap with the second LL Coulomb ground state
- likely in the same universality class as the Levin-Halperin state

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### What makes our parton states special?

■ Composite fermion (*n*11···· parton) states capture the most prominent LLL plateaus

 $\rightarrow$  placing partons into  $\nu = 1$  states, i.e.,  $\Phi_1 = \prod_{i < j} (z_i - z_j)$  builds good correlations in the many-body state

- Simplest generalization  $\rightarrow nm11\cdots$  where m = 2 or m = -2
- Comes down to energetics: for the second LL interaction our sequence of parton states appear most plausible
- Open problem: for a given interaction which parton state(s) is likely to be stabilized

# Outlook

- Composite fermion theory explains almost all the fractional quantum Hall phenomena occurring in the lowest LL.
- Parton sequences:
  - **n** $\bar{n}2111$ , where n = 1, 2, 3 gives 2/3, 1/2, 6/13
  - $\overline{n}\overline{2}\overline{2}1111$ , where n = 1, 2, 3 gives 1/2, 2/5, 3/8

and their *particle-hole conjugates* contain most of the experimentally observed states in the second Landau level.

How well does the parton ansatz fare for excitations?
 Counting works out - overlaps needs to be looked into.

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### Thank you for your attention!

Most fractional quantum Hall states are products of integer quantum Hall states References:

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FQHE in the LLL that is not IQHE of CFs



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Incompressibility at  $\nu = 4/11$  and 5/13



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#### Read-Rezayi states: clustering of electrons

$$\Psi_{\nu=\frac{k}{k+2}}^{\text{RRk}} = \Phi_1 \mathbb{S}\left(\prod_{i_1 < j_1} (z_{i_1} - z_{j_1})^2 \prod_{i_2 < j_2} (z_{i_2} - z_{j_2})^2 \cdots \prod_{i_k < j_k} (z_{i_k} - z_{j_k})^2\right)$$

k = 1 ⇒ v = 1/3: same as Laughlin
 k = 2 ⇒ v = 1/2: same as Pfaffian follows from Cauchy identity
 k = 3 ⇒ v = 3/5: particle-hole conjugate candidate for 2/5 competes with the Bonderson-Slingerland state
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•  $k = 4 \implies \nu = 2/3$ : competitive with Laughlin

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■ 3/8 and 6/13 are not part of this sequence

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#### Bonderson-Slingerland states

Pfaffian times bosonic Jain

$$\Psi_{\nu=\frac{n}{(2p+1)n\pm 1}}^{\mathrm{BS}} = \mathcal{P}_{\mathsf{LLL}} \mathrm{Pf}\left[\frac{1}{z_i - z_j}\right] \left(\Phi_{\pm n} \prod_{i < j} (z_i - z_j)^{2p+1}\right).$$

- n = 1, p = 0 and + ⇒ v = 1/2: same as the Pfaffian
   n = 2, p = 0 and + ⇒ v = 2/3: different from Jain 2/3 second LL Coulomb ground state not uniform at this shift
- n = 2, p = 1 and ⇒ v = 2/5: different from Jain 2/5 competes with the particle-hole conjugate of the k = 3 Read-Rezayi Bonderson et al., Phys. Rev. B 108, 036806 (2012)
- n = 3, p = 1 and  $\implies \nu = 3/8$ : feasible in the second LL

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# analytical argument relating "22111" state to anti-Pfaffian

• state  $\Phi_2^2$  has a central charge of c = 5/2

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 write bosonic Φ<sup>2</sup><sub>2</sub> as Φ<sub>1</sub>χ<sup>CF</sup><sub>l=3</sub> analogous to writing bosonic PfΦ<sub>1</sub> as Φ<sub>1</sub>χ<sup>CF</sup><sub>l=1</sub>

• 
$$[\Phi_2^2]^*$$
 is essentially  $[\Phi_1]^*\chi_{l=-3}^{CF}$ 

- $\Phi_1^3 [\Phi_2^2]^* \sim |\Phi_1^2| [\Phi_1]^2 \chi_{l=-3}^{CF} \sim \Phi_1^2 \chi_{l=-3}^{CF}$
- This state has central charge c = 1 3/2 = -1/2 which matches the anti-Pfaffian value analogous to  $Pf\Phi_1^2 \sim \Phi_1^2 \chi_{l=1}^{CF}$  which has c = 1 + 1/2 = 3/2 analogous to  $\Phi_2^2 \Phi_1 \sim \Phi_1^2 \chi_{l=3}^{CF}$  which has c = 1 + 3/2 = 5/2

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# The "*n*221111" ansatz

$$\Psi_{\nu=n/(3n-1)}^{\bar{n}\bar{2}\bar{2}1111} = \mathcal{P}_{\text{LLL}}[\Phi_n^*][\Phi_2^*]^2 \Phi_1^4 \sim \frac{\Psi_{n/(2n-1)}^{\text{CF}}[\Psi_{2/3}^{\text{CF}}]^2}{\Phi_1^2}$$

•  $n = 1 \implies \nu = 1/2$ : parton state in the anti-Pfaffian phase

- n = 2 ⇒ ν = 2/5: same phase as the particle-hole conjugate of the Read-Rezayi k = 3 state
- $n = 3 \implies \nu = 3/8$ : a new candidate state different from the Bonderson-Slingerland state

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### Projecting a state into the lowest Landau level (LLL)

- Direct or exact projection: limited to small sizes brute force way to retain the part that resides in the LLL bring all the  $\bar{z}$ 's to left ("normal ordering") and  $\bar{z} \rightarrow 2\partial_z$ S. M. Girvin and T. Jach, Phys. Rev. B 29, 5617 (1984)
- Jain-Kamilla projection: large systems are accessible

$$\prod_{i < j} (z_i - z_j)^{2p} = \prod_{i \neq j} (z_i - z_j)^p \equiv \prod_j \mathcal{J}_j^p$$
$$\mathcal{J}_j = \prod_k' (z_j - z_k) \quad ' \Longrightarrow j \neq k$$

Subsume  $\mathcal{J}_j$  into Slater determinant & project each element J. K. Jain and R. K. Kamilla, Phys. Rev. B **55**, R4895(R) (1997)

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221 parton state possibly realized in n = 3 LL of graphene

#### $\Psi_{1/2}^{221} = \mathcal{P}_{\text{LLL}} \Phi_2 \Phi_2 \Phi_1$



Fig. 2 | Hall plateaus at half filling of the n = 3 Landau levels. a, Data recorded on device D1 for B = 15 T. b, Same as in a, but for device D2 and B = 21.5 T. All data were acquired at a temperature of -30 mK.



Fig. 31 Overlaps and transport gaps at half Hilling of the n=3 Landau Neel. A Overlap for the Z2 practors state for N=12 bectoms seeing a flux of 2Q = 19 in the spherical geometry. Simulations were performed for a 1.4 stig of a parameter pairs. The which doe in the centre marks the exact Coulomb point in the n=3 argeinet Landau level, and AV, and AV, direct charges to the first two relevant Hadain spousobortuins. The most functional test of parameters are strateging to the test of the sector strateging the test of the sector strateging the test of the sector strateging test. The sector strateging test of the sector defined by the sector strateging test. The sector strateging test of the sector defined by the sector strateging test of the sector defined by the sector strateging test of the sector defined by the sector strateging test of the sector defined by the sector strateging test of the sector strateging test of the sector defined by the sector strateging test of the

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