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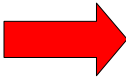
## NonAbelions, Quantum Computation, and Quantum Hall Effects

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+ General Discussions with A. Stern, E. Rezayi, B. Halperin,  
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## Non-Abelian Quantum Hall States



1. Non-Abelian Statistics for Beginners
2. What are the Candidate Quantum Hall States
3. Numerical “Experiments” (some results)
4. Musings about Quantum Computation

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Dictionary:

**Non-Abelian Quantum Hall State** = A *Quantum Hall State* Whose *Quasiparticle Excitations* are Non-Abelions

**Non-Abelion** = A Particle Obeying Non-Abelian Statistics

**Non-Abelian Statistics** = ?

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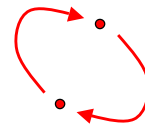
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Statistics in Brief:

Statistics:

What happens to a many-particle wavefunction under “exchange” of identical particles.



Dogma:

Exchanging twice should be identity

- Bosons  $\Psi(\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_2) = \Psi(\mathbf{r}_2, \mathbf{r}_1)$
- Fermions  $\Psi(\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_2) = -\Psi(\mathbf{r}_2, \mathbf{r}_1)$

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*In 2+1 Dimensions:* Two Exchanges  $\neq$  Identity

*In 3+1 Dimensions:* Two Exchanges = Identity

No Knots in World Lines in 3+1 D !

Statistics:


*In 3+1 D :*

- No Knots in World Lines
- Topologically Different Paths = Different Permutations
- Statistics are Rep of the Permutation Group
- Bosons or Fermions

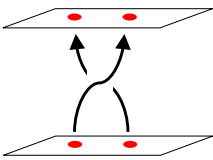
*In 2+1 D :*

- Knots in World Lines
- Topologically Different Paths = Different **Braids**
- Statistics are a Rep of the **Braid** Group
- More Possibilities (Anyons + Non-Abelions)

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Example: Anyons = Fractional Statistics



$W = \text{Topological}$   
Winding Number of Braid

$\Psi_f = e^{iW\alpha} \Psi_i$

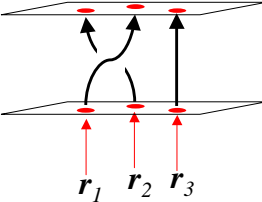
$\alpha = \text{“Statistical Angle”}$   
Bosons:  $\alpha=0$   
Fermions:  $\alpha=\pi$   
Anyons: other  $\alpha$

Quasiparticle Excitations of  
“Simple” Fractional Quantum  
Hall States Really Are Anyons!

Leinass+Myrheim, Wilczek  
Laughlin, Halperin, Haldane,  
Schrieffer+Arovas+Wilczek, ...

*No One Has Ever  
Measured This Cleanly!*

What if there is a multiply degenerate ground state?



Suppose 2 Degenerate  
Orthogonal States  $|\psi_1\rangle, |\psi_2\rangle$

Vector Represents State

$\Psi_i = a_1|\psi_1\rangle + a_2|\psi_2\rangle = \begin{pmatrix} a_1 \\ a_2 \end{pmatrix}$

$\Psi_f = \tilde{a}_1|\psi_1\rangle + \tilde{a}_2|\psi_2\rangle = \begin{pmatrix} \tilde{a}_1 \\ \tilde{a}_2 \end{pmatrix}$

$\begin{pmatrix} \tilde{a}_1 \\ \tilde{a}_2 \end{pmatrix} = U \begin{pmatrix} a_1 \\ a_2 \end{pmatrix}$

Unitary Matrix Represents  
(Topological) Braid Operation

Matrix Representation  
Of The Braid Group  
May Be Non-Abelian!  
J. Froelich  
Moore+Read

Braid Group is "Non-Abelian" = Non-Commutative

Statistics Are Matrix Representation of Braid Group:  
 + Matrices are Non-Abelian  $\rightarrow$   
**NonAbelian Statistics** (Froelich, Moore+Read)

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*Braid Group is Non-Abelian (Non-Commutative)*

$W = -1$        $W = +1$   
 $W = +1$        $W = -1$   
 $W_{\text{total}} = 0$        $W_{\text{total}} = 0$

- Winding Number is an Abelian Representation of Braid Group
- Fractional Statistics are Abelian

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*Non-Abelian Statistics :*

- Vector Represents State Within a Degenerate Space

$$|\psi_1\rangle, |\psi_2\rangle \quad \Psi_i = a_1|\psi_1\rangle + a_2|\psi_2\rangle = \begin{pmatrix} a_1 \\ a_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

- Unitary (Berry's) Matrix Represents an Adiabatic Braiding Operation

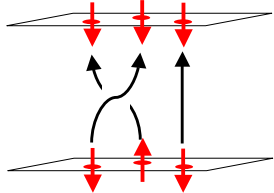
$$\Psi_f = U \Psi_i$$

- Usually:  
 Degenerate Space (Size of Vector/Matrix) is Exponentially Large in  
 Number of Particles

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*Cartoon Picture of Non-Abelian States:*




**Possibilities for Quantum Information/Computation !**  
 Kitaev, Freedman, et al  
 (More on computation later!)

$2^N$  Size Space  
 Rotation in spin space *only* from braiding

**Topologically Robust !**

Complications:  
 One degree of Freedom per m-particles.  
 Hard to Identify what Degrees of Freedom are.

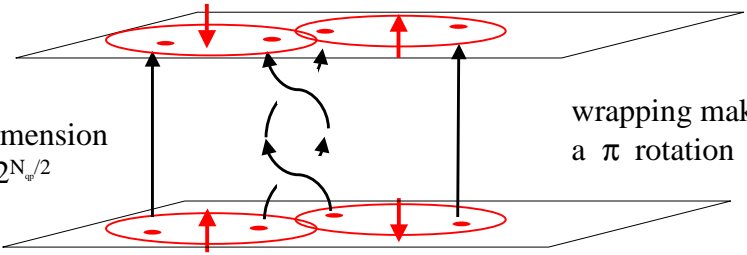
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*The Best Understood Case:*  
*The Moore-Read Pfaffian / Chiral p-wave 2D superconductor*

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1 Majorana (1/2 a Fermion) on Each Quasiparticle / Vortex




Dimension  $= 2^{N_q/2}$  wrapping makes a  $\pi$  rotation

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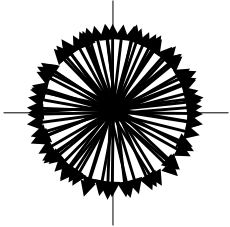
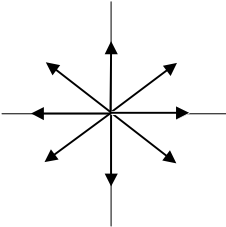


Can it Compute?


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Universal Q-Computation  $\Leftrightarrow$  Approximate any Unitary Transform

The Moore-Read Pfaffian Cannot Do This!  
Braid Group Representation is not “Dense”

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Simplest State that Quantum Computes :

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k=3 Parfermionic Read-Rezayi State  
(Big Brother of Moore-Read Pfaffian)

<p><b>Moore-Read Pfaffian</b> (AKA: k=2 parafermion state)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Exact Ground State of a Short Range 3-body interaction</li> <li>• Involves Pairing of Electrons</li> <li>• Majorana on each quasiparticle:</li> </ul> <p>QP-hilbert space dimension <math>= 2^{N_{qp}/2}</math></p>	<p><b>Read-Rezayi k=3 Parafermion</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Exact Ground State of a Short Range 4-body interaction</li> <li>• Involves 3-Electron clusters</li> <li>• <math>Z_3</math> parafermion on each qp?</li> </ul> <p>QP-hilbert space dimension <math>= \text{Fib}(N_{qp}-2)</math></p> <div style="text-align: right; margin-top: 5px;">  </div>
<p>Horrible “Non-locality”!</p>	



How were Non-Abelions “Discovered” ?

*Conformal Field Theory Approach - Moore and Read*

**CAUTION**

I am not going to explain this approach in detail

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- Wavefunctions can be written as correlators of a CFT, ex:

$$\text{Laughlin Wavefunction: } \Psi_{\text{Laughlin}} = \prod_{i < j} (z_i - z_j)^m$$

$$\text{Define a CFT: } \langle \phi(w) \phi(z) \rangle \sim -\log(z - w)$$

$$\Psi_{\text{Laughlin}} = \prod_{i < j} e^{-m \langle \phi(z_i) \phi(z_j) \rangle} = \left\langle \prod_i e^{i\sqrt{m} \phi(z_i)} \right\rangle$$

- More Complex CFT's generate more complex wavefunctions

Can demonstrate **Degeneracy** of Multi-Quasiparticle States  
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CFT can *Almost* Calculate Braiding Behavior

$\left\langle \prod_i e^{i\sqrt{m} \phi(z_i)} \right\rangle$

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The Missing Link

Quantum Hall Wavefunctions

Correlator of a Conformal Field Theory

Conformal Blocks Count Degeneracy



Conjecture: Quasihole Statistics are Given By Braiding Properties of Conformal Field Theory

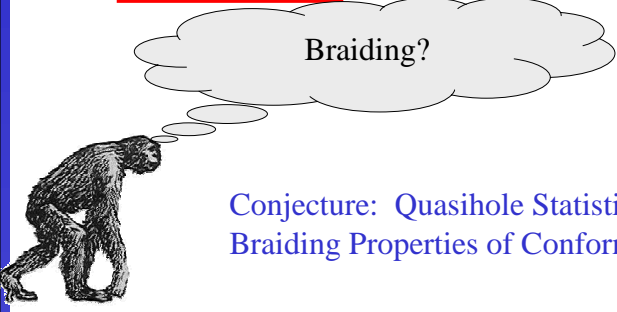
“Braiding Properties” of a CFT  
 Nonabelian Chern-Simons Field Theories  
 Knot Theory / Jones Polynomial / Jones Rep } Witten 1989



*The Missing Link*

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Braiding?



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**Research Direction #1:**  
**Want To Show Numerical Evidence of this Conjecture**  
**Find the Missing Link!**

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*Assuming the missing link:*

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$k=3$  Parfermionic Read-Rezayi State

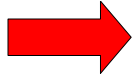
Related to  $SU(2)_k$  Chern-Simons Theory

Theorem by Freedman et al:

$SU(2)_k$  rep of the braid group can quantum compute  
Except  $k=1,2,4$

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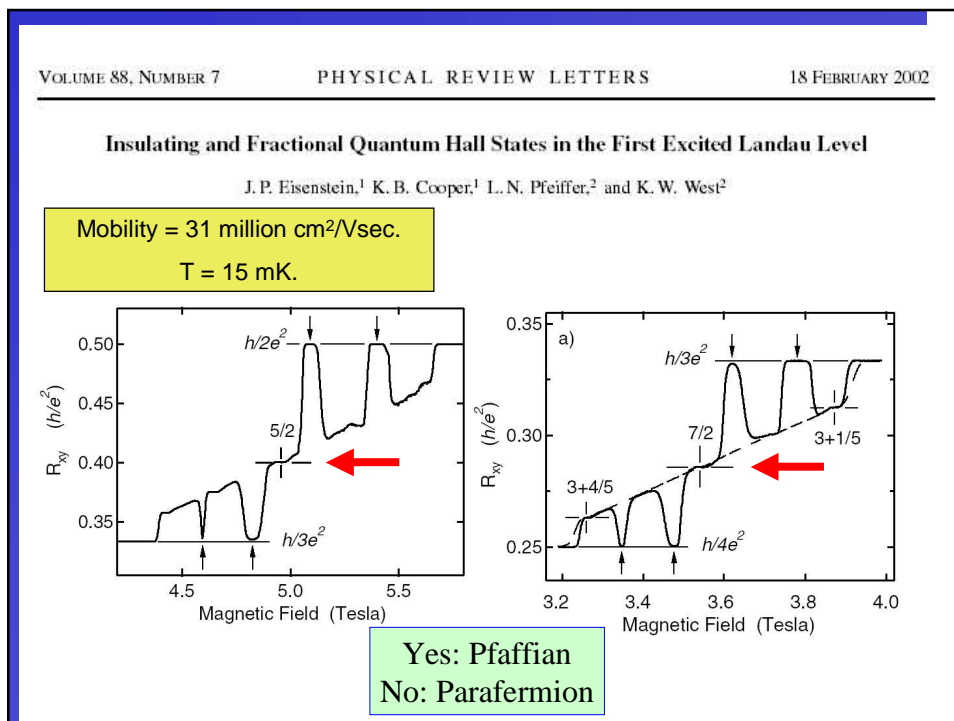
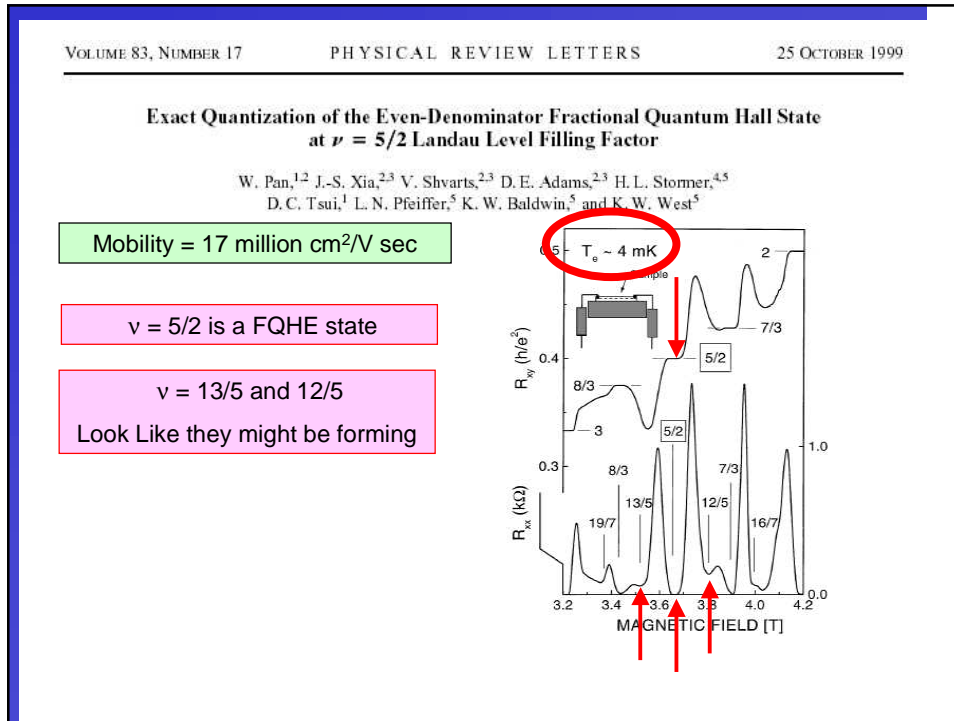
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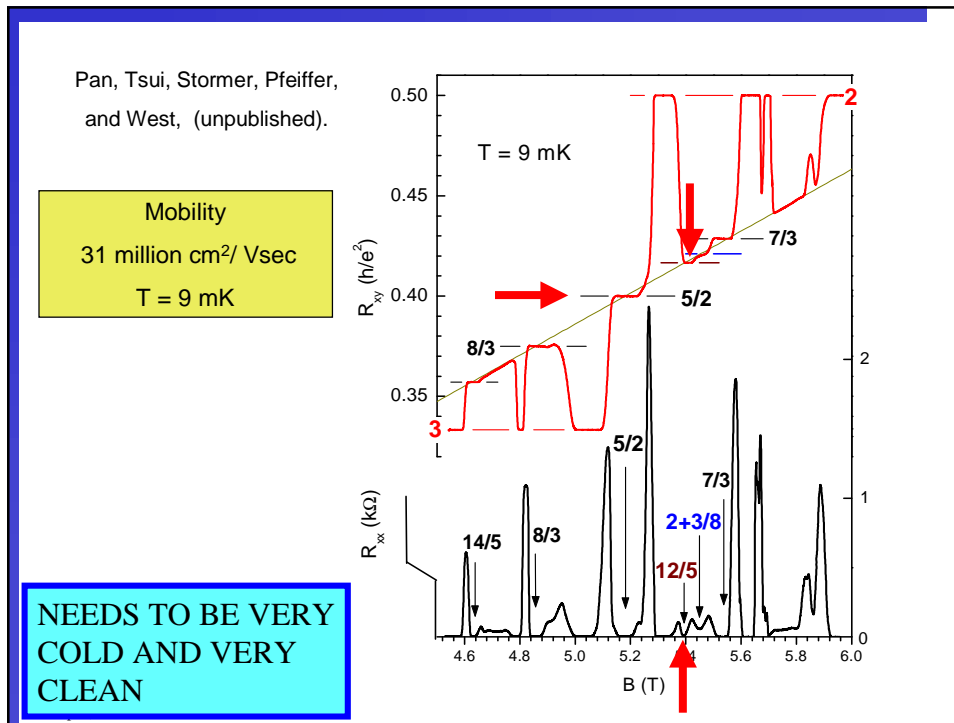


### Non-Abelian Quantum Hall State Candidates:

- $\nu = 5/2; 7/2$   
Probably **Moore-Read Pfaffian** State  
= BCS chiral p-wave paired composite fermions
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Maybe **Read-Rezayi Parafermionic** State ?

These States are thought to have Non-Abelian  
Quasiparticle Excitations!

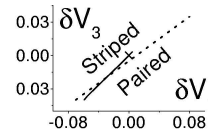




### Numerical Evidence from Small System Diagonalization

#### $5/2, 7/2$ (Rezayi and Haldane, Morf)

- Very Close to a transition from Moore-Read (Pfaffian) State to Stripe State
- Observation of quantization is very good evidence for Moore-Read (no other good candidate)



#### $12/5, 13/5$ (Read and Rezayi)

- Parafermion State seems favored compared to Hierarchy FQHE state

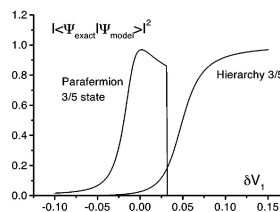


FIG. 3. Overlap squared of the two reference states, the  $\nu = 3/5$  parafermion state ( $N=15$ ) and the  $\nu = 3/5$  hierarchy state ( $N=12$ ), with the state obtained by diagonalizing the  $\Lambda^2=1$  Coulomb potential with an added  $\delta V_1$  component.



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Also discussion of  $\nu = 3/8, 4/11, \dots$

Also Good Candidates in Rotating "2D" Bose Condensates (Cooper, Wilkin, Gunn)

*Rotating Bose Condensates : (Overhead Stolen From Nigel Cooper)*

**Formulation of the Problem**

$$H = \sum_{i=1}^N \left[ \frac{p_i^2}{2m} + \frac{1}{2}m\omega_0^2|\vec{r}_i|^2 \right] + \eta \sum_{i<j} \delta(\vec{r}_i - \vec{r}_j)$$

Rotating Frame:  $H_\Omega = H - \vec{\Omega} \cdot \vec{L}$       $[\eta = \frac{4\pi\hbar^2 a_s}{m}]$

One-Body Terms

$$H_\Omega^{(1)} = \frac{|\vec{p}|^2}{2m} + \frac{1}{2}m\omega_0^2|\vec{r}|^2 - \vec{\Omega} \cdot \vec{r} \times \vec{p}$$

$$= \frac{|\vec{p} - m\vec{\Omega} \times \vec{r}|^2}{2m} + \frac{1}{2}m(\omega_\perp^2 - \Omega^2)(x^2 + y^2) + \frac{1}{2}m\omega_\parallel^2 z^2$$

$q^* \vec{B}^* = 2m\vec{\Omega}$

+ Weak Interactions     [Wilkin, Gunn & Smith (1998)]

$\eta\bar{n} \ll \hbar\omega_\perp, \hbar\omega_\parallel \Rightarrow$  lowest Landau level & 2D

Bosons in Trap ( $\omega_0$ ) w/ Short Range Interactions

In rotating frame:

(1) Rotation takes the place of magnetic field

(2) Confinement out of plane is much stronger than in plane (ie, 2D)

Maps to Bose-Quantum Hall System

### Theoretical Status for Rotating Bosons

1. If you tune to a Feshbach Resonance, you get (exactly) the Bose analogue of the Moore-Read Pfaffian (*Cooper*)
2. From Exact Diagonalizations, we *believe* an entire set of Read-Rezayi Non-Abelian Parafermionic states occur at filling fractions (*Cooper, Wilkin, Gunn*)

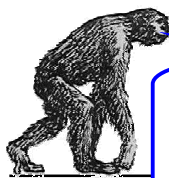
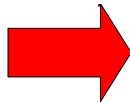
$$\nu = k/2 \quad \text{for } k = 2, 3, \dots, 11, 12$$

( $Z_k$  parafermionic theory)

3. **BUT** it is hard to extract convincing information from exact diag for Bose systems (Hilbert space is larger than for fermions).

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What Happens When You  
Braid Quasiparticles  
Around Each Other?


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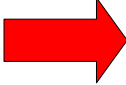


**SKIP THE  
NUMERICAL  
WORK**  
(insert numerical story at  
end, if there is time)


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Topological



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*More on Quantum Computation: Issues:*

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1. Representing qubits
2. Initializing
3. Computation (Braiding )
4. Reading out
5. Decoherence

This is an Engineering Problem  
There are Tradeoffs


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## Representing a qubit

### For k=3 Read-Rezayi Parafermionic State

Hilbert space grows as

$$\text{Fib}(N_{\text{qp}} - 2) \sim (2 + \text{Sqrt}(5))^{N_{\text{qp}}/3} \sim (1.6)^{N_{\text{qp}}} < 2^{N_{\text{qp}}}$$

Need at least 2 qps to make a qubit (But, might represent 2 qubits w/ 3 qps)

- 2 qps can make a qubit, but:  
Cannot move it around easily (Only nearest neighbor operations)  
Need to “borrow” other qps to do operations on qubit ( $B_2$  is trivial)
- With 3,4 qps reps of qubit :  
can move qubits around freely(4 qps can “looks like the qp-vacuum” to outsiders)  
can do single qubit operations easily. ( $B_3$  and  $B_4$  are sufficiently nontrivial)

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*Initialization:*

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Locality Principle: Local operations are undetectable far away unless already entangled with far away quasiparticles.

- Create States that have same quantum numbers as the qp-vacuum:
  1. Adiabatic flux insertion (Laughlin creation of quasiholes) creates  $k (=3)$  quasiparticles
  2. Pulling qh-qp pair from the qp-vacuum
- If you are very good at measuring your state, you can generate random qubits locally until you find one in the initial state you like.

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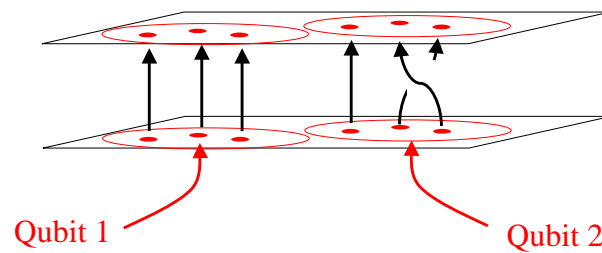
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Computation by Braiding (Ex:  $k=3$  parafermions)

Operation on qubit 2 only



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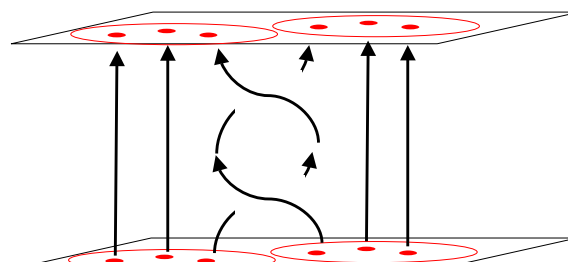
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Computation by Braiding (Ex:  $k=3$  parafermions)

A two qubit gate:



**Note:** It may take *Many Braid Operations* to approximate even something simple like a single qubit rotation or a CNOT gate.

*Kitaev-Solovay Approximation Theorem* assures us it only gets log harder to approximate answer more closely (but prefactor can be big)

Computation by Braiding

*There is no escaping the need to move around quasiparticles in complicated ways.*

- (1) Rotating Bose : perhaps easier?
- (2) Quantum Hall : the edge of what is conceivable

*How much more insane than other Q-computation proposals?*

Note: You can work with Blobs of Quasiparticles, so long as you can move them without dropping any

“Blobological” quantum computation

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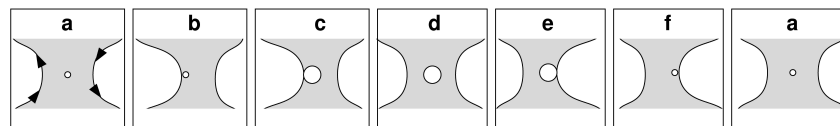
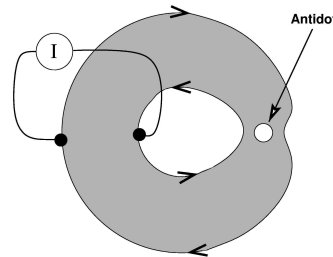
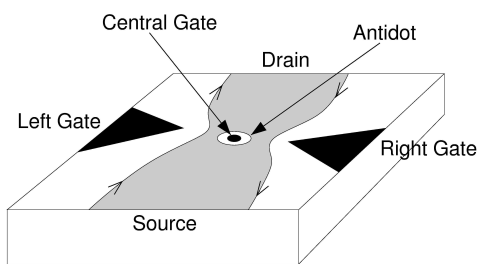
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Preliminary Experiment to Manipulate Quasiparticles (Simon '99)

Quantum Hall Quasiparticle Pump



Experiment Currently Being Pursued by Marcus et al

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Measurements on NonAbelian States 1

When 2 qp's are moved close together, the degenerate states will split. Details of splitting depend on state of the qubit

Example: Pfaffian w/ Majorana Quasiparticles



Energy splits: ex:  
Spin up increases in energy  
Spin down "decreases"

In Principle, could Measure force between Quasiparticles.  
In practice this is almost inconceivably hard.

### Measurements on NonAbelian States 2

Mutual Annihilation: Only groups of particles with the same quantum numbers as the qp-vacuum can annihilate.

Inverse of state initialization problem:

- try to annihilate qp-qh pairs
- try inverse Laughlin flux insertion

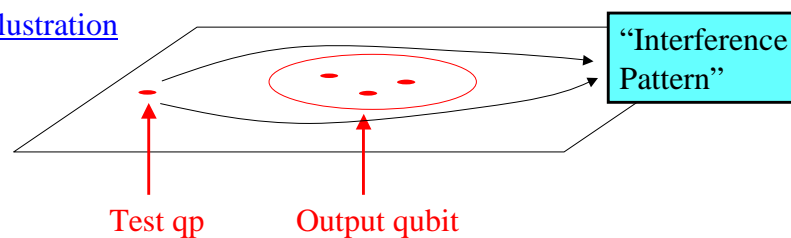
“Failed Attempts” to Annihilate qps leave neutral bound states (charge density distribution and excitation spectrum different from the qp-vacuum).

In practice this is very very hard.

### Measurements on NonAbelian States 3

Interference Experiments (Mach-Zehnder)

Illustration



Horrible Complication:

- Want to send more than 1 test qp
- Test qp braiding around output qubit can change the state of the system
- Next test qp gives a different result!

*unless qubit has quantum numbers of the qp-vacuum*



Measurements on NonAbelian States 3

Interference Experiments (Mach-Zehnder)

Propose:

- One of the output states is the qubit in the vacuum state (does not change after the test particle goes around it) Should show clear and robust interference pattern
- Other output state of qubit?

*unless qubit has quantum numbers of the qp-vacuum*

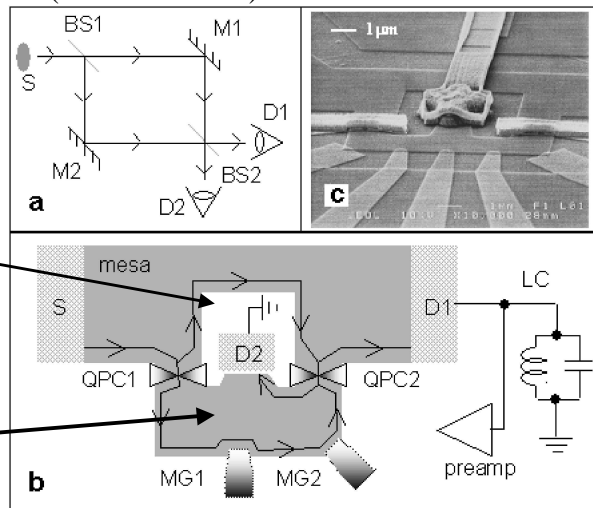
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Interference Experiments (Mach-Zehnder): Heiblum et al Nature 2003

Integer QHE interferometer: FQHE has been more difficult

Can put arbitrary qps inside this region

Cannot put arbitrary qps inside this partially isolated region




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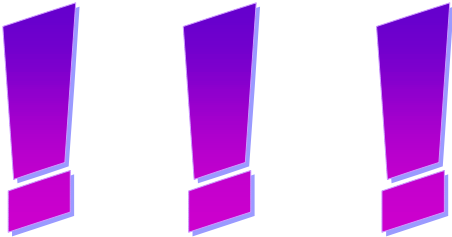
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Decoherence 1


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Process #1 Stray Braids:

- An additional braid occurs that you didn't intend  
Can make this arbitrarily small (keep qps far apart)



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## Decoherence 2

Process #2 Local Perturbations (Phonons, Photons, etc)

Do not “Directly” Decohere !!!

.. .but can Make unwanted qp-qh pairs:

- So long as qp-qh pair re-annihilates *without wrapping around any other quasiparticles* this does not decohere
- Free wandering qps are deadly (also kill QHE)

Need to keep system much much colder than the qp-qh gap!

Moore-Read Gap ~ 100 mK

Parafermion 12/5 state ~  $\ll$  100mK

Maybe not so hard?

## Decoherence 3

Problem #3: Slight Nondegeneracy of Hilbert Space:

- For any finite distance between qp’s there is some tunneling (hence splitting) between the states of the degenerate space

[ Ex: Hopping of majoranas for the Moore-Read state ]

*How small is tunneling as a function of the the distance?*

- Nonabelian Statistics becomes an approximation valid only over time scales short compared to this tunneling.


May Need to do computation in a limited time !

Need to keep qp’s far apart! *Even stray trapped qps*




*Rotating Bose?*


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(THE MISSING LINK)



What Happens When You  
Braid Quasiparticles  
Around Each Other?

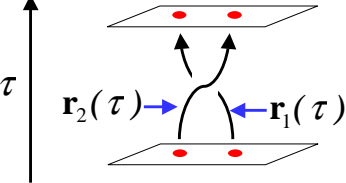




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### How To Demonstrate Braiding Behavior (Statistics) Theoretically?

Example: Fractional Statistics for Simple Fractional Hall States



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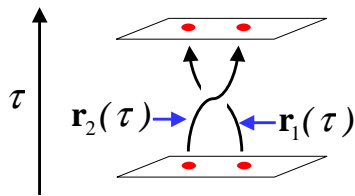
$\alpha = \text{“Statistical Angle”}$

Adiabatically drag one quasiparticle around the other,  
and calculate the accumulated (Berry's) phase

$$\text{Phase} = \oint d\tau \left\langle \Psi[\mathbf{r}_1(\tau), \mathbf{r}_2(\tau), \dots] \left| \frac{i\partial}{\partial \tau} \right| \Psi[\mathbf{r}_1(\tau), \mathbf{r}_2(\tau), \dots] \right\rangle$$

Where does Berry's Phase Come From? (correction to Born-Opp)

Given a Family of Hamiltonians  $H_\tau$  with (zero energy) Eigenstates  $\Psi_\tau$



$$\Phi_\tau = e^{i\theta} \Psi_\tau$$

Solve Time Dependent Schroedinger Eq.

$$i\partial_t \Phi = H \Phi = 0$$

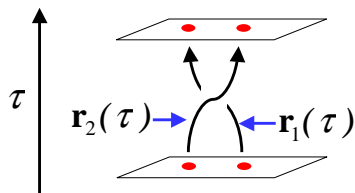
$$(i\partial_t \theta) \Psi + i\partial_t \Psi = 0$$

$$\partial_t \theta = \langle \Psi | i\partial_t | \Psi \rangle$$

$$Phase = \oint d\tau \langle \Psi[\mathbf{r}_1(\tau), \mathbf{r}_2(\tau), \dots] | \frac{i\partial}{\partial \tau} | \Psi[\mathbf{r}_1(\tau), \mathbf{r}_2(\tau), \dots] \rangle$$

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For Quantum Hall Effect You Know  $\Psi$  (Ex, Laughlin)  
So You Can Calculate The Berry's Phase  
and Hence the Statistics. (Arovas, Schrieffer, Wilczek, 1984)

Even if you know the  $\Psi$  you still need to  
Integrate over all of the many electron positions to find  $\langle \ \rangle$

*It is a "scandal" that we have not done something  
like this for the Pfaffian – Wilczek 2002*

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•Wavefunction is a Scalar (Abelian Statistics):

$$\Psi_f = U \Psi_i$$

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"gauge field"

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• Wavefunction is a Vector in a Degenerate subspace (Non-Abelian):

Berry's Matrix  $\Psi_i = a_1 |\psi_1\rangle + a_2 |\psi_2\rangle = \begin{pmatrix} a_1 \\ a_2 \end{pmatrix}$  Path Ordered

$$\Psi_f = U \Psi_i \qquad U = P \exp(-i \oint d\tau A(\tau))$$

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NonAbelian Gauge Field Wilczek and Zee, 1984

Want To Calculate This

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For the Parafermion States:

(a) Know Less About Braiding Behavior (Slingerland+Bais) antisym

(b) Have expressions for trial wavefunctions:  $\psi_\alpha = A [ F(z_1, \dots, z_N) ]$  


$\psi_\alpha$  CANNOT be evaluated efficiently numerically : Time  $\sim N_e$  !

Want To Calculate This

↓

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Trick to calculate gauge field  $A_{\alpha\beta}(\tau)$  while avoiding  $\psi_\alpha$

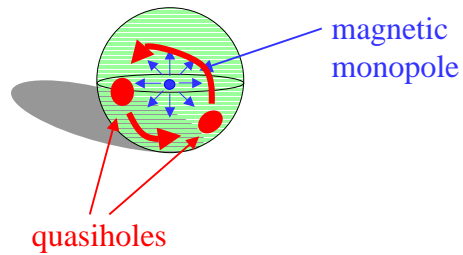
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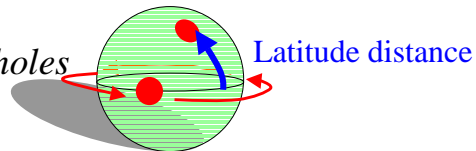
Our Numerical Experiments (w/ Tserkovnyak):

- (a) Consider Pfaffian State (and simple Laughlin States) :  
up to 64 electrons, up to 6 quasi-holes
- (b) Calculations done on a sphere : Bigger  $N_e \Rightarrow$  Bigger Sphere

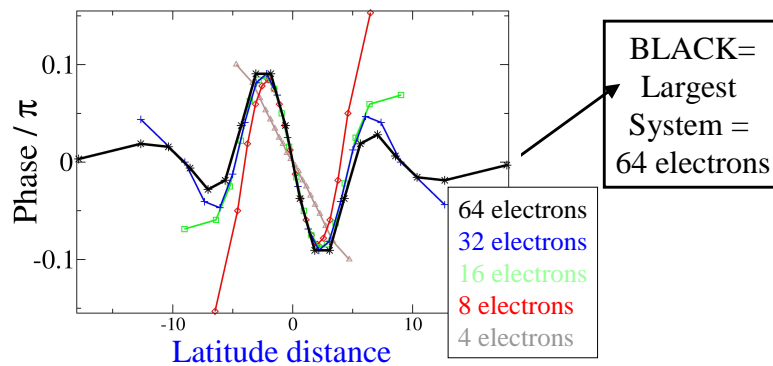


- (c) Use quantum monte carlo to find out what happens to  $\Psi$

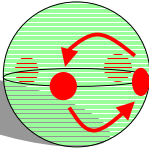
Example: Pfaffian w/2 Quasiholes



- (1) Laughlin  $\nu=1/3$  State : Phase =  $\pm \pi / 3$  (Confirms old prediction)
- (2) Pfaffian :  
Non-Degenerate Ground State for 2 quasiholes (Abelian Statistics)  
CFT Calculation : Phase = 0 (Moore+Read, Nayak+Gurarie).



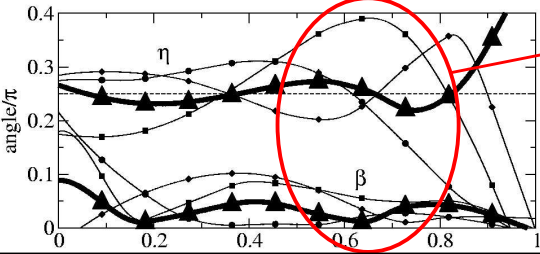
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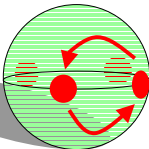
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$$U_1 = U_3 = \frac{1}{2}[(1+i) + (1-i)\sigma_z]$$

$$U_2 = U_4 = \frac{1}{2}[(1-i) + (-1-i)\sigma_x]$$
- Parameterize
 
$$U_1 = e^{i\chi} \begin{pmatrix} e^{i\eta} \cos \beta / 2 & ie^{-i\epsilon / 2} \sin \beta / 2 \\ ie^{i\epsilon} \sin \beta / 2 & e^{-i\eta} \cos \beta / 2 \end{pmatrix}$$
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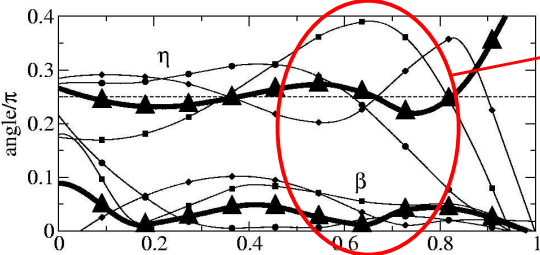
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**In Agreement With Prior CFT  
at least for the Pfaffian.  
Parafermions Coming Soon!**




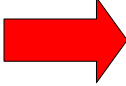
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**How Do We Know  $5/2$  is a Pfaffian?**

Need Predictions for Experimental Signatures  
(w/ Foster, Bonesteel)



### How To Calculate Properties of The Moore-Read Pfaffian?


Moore-Read State is a Chiral p-wave Superconductor  
Of Composite Fermions

Grieter, Wen, Wilczek  
Green+Read  
Ivanov  
VonOppen+Stern  
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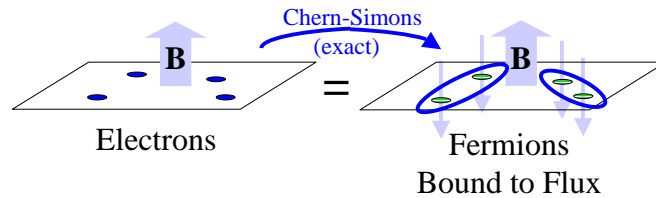
Another  
Way of  
Understanding  
NonAbelian  
Properties of  
Moore-Read

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The Moore-Read Pfaffian as a Superconductor of Composite Fermions:



- $\nu=1/2$  @ Mean field level = Fermions in zero magnetic field
- At high T forms a “Composite Fermion” Fermi Liquid (HLR,Jain)  
(Experiment by Willett et al)
- At low T becomes a (chiral p-wave) superconductor = Pfaffian

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Is the 5/2 State a “Superconductor” ?

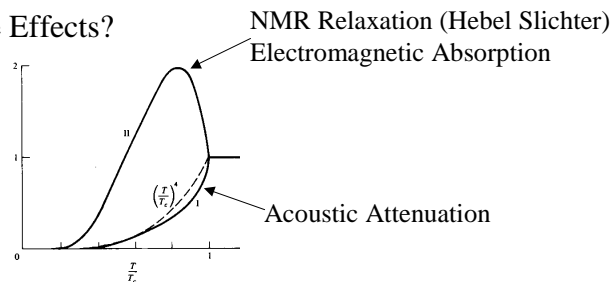
How do you tell any state is a superconductor ?

No Resistance = Quantized Hall State

Meissner Effect = Electromagnetic Response Function

⇒ Surface Acoustic Wave, Microwave, Raman Response

Coherence Effects?



Calculations :

Based on Superconducting Composite Fermion Picture  
 Calculate Electromagnetic Response Functions to Make  
 Predictions for ....

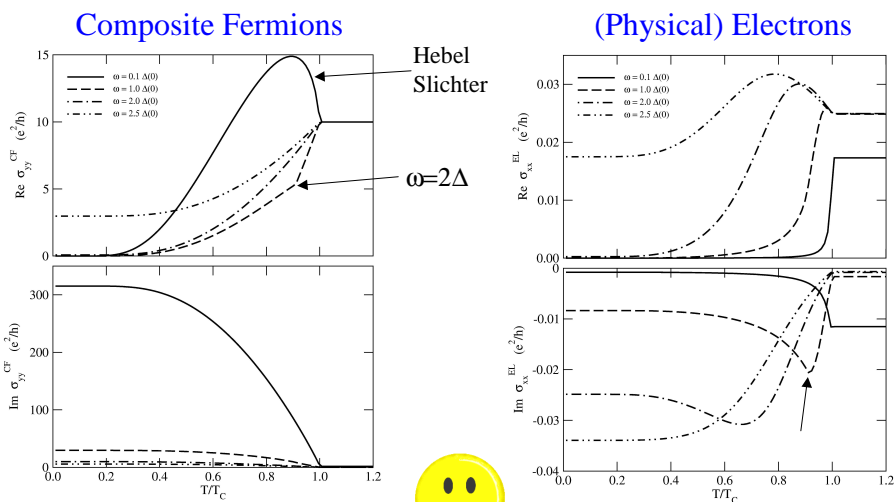
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- Step 1:  
 Calculate Response Function of Composite Fermions  
 “Standard” Superconductivity Calculation
- Step 2:  
 Convert Composite Fermion Response To Electron Response (RPA)

$$\sigma_{xx}^{el}(q_x, \omega) \sim \frac{1}{\sigma_{yy}^{CF}(q_x, \omega)}$$

In High B, Longitudinal and  
 Transverse Get Mixed and  
 Inverted

Results  $\sigma_{xx}(q=.1k_F; \Delta=.01 E_F)$   $\sigma_{xx}^{el} \sim 1/\sigma_{yy}^{CF}$



*Summary:*

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- Non-Abelian States are very exotic
- Very Powerful for Quantum Computation?
- Quantum Monte Carlo (*Numerical Expts*) :  
Confirms Conjectures from CFT for Pfaffian Parafermions Coming Soon (Hopefully) !
- Mapping to Superconducting Composite Fermions :  
Analysis of Response

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