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# Semi-synthetic topological quantum matter

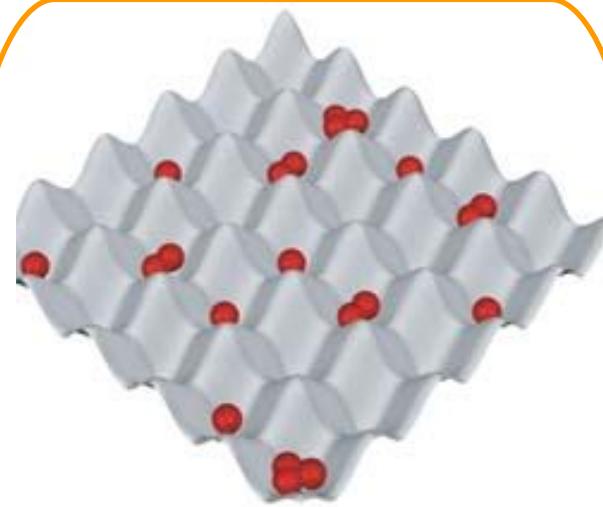
Tobias Grass (JQI)



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Enrich real matter with artificial features

- Floquet topological insulator:

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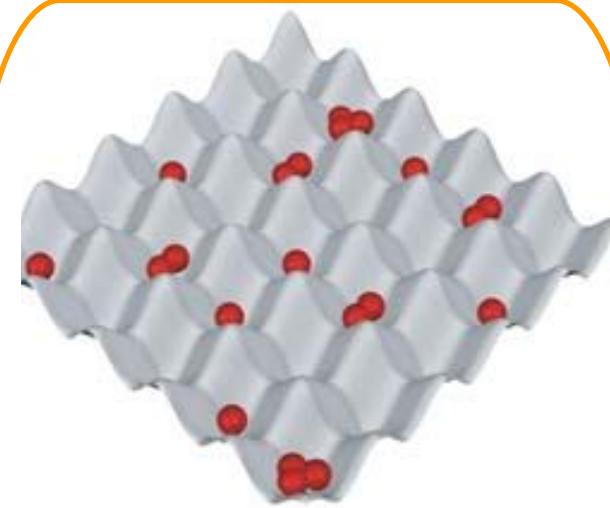
Photovoltaic Hall effect in graphene

Takashi Oka and Hideo Aoki

See also experiments at MIT [Gedik group]

- Light-induced superconductivity in cuprates [Cavalleri group]

- This talk:  
Light-induced quantum Hall phases in graphene



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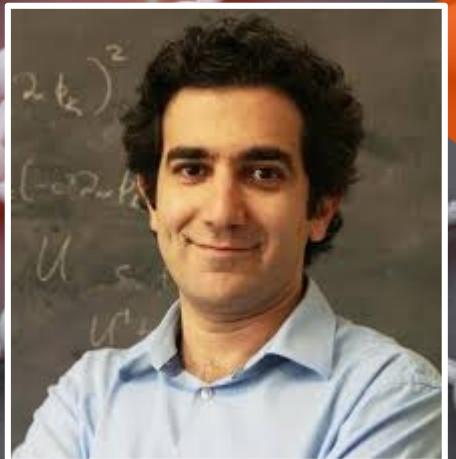
# Outline

**Intro:** Quantum Hall, Graphene,  
Light-matter coupling

**Part I:** Optical driving:  
Controlling FQH phases

**Part II:** Optical excitations:  
Flux pump and braiding

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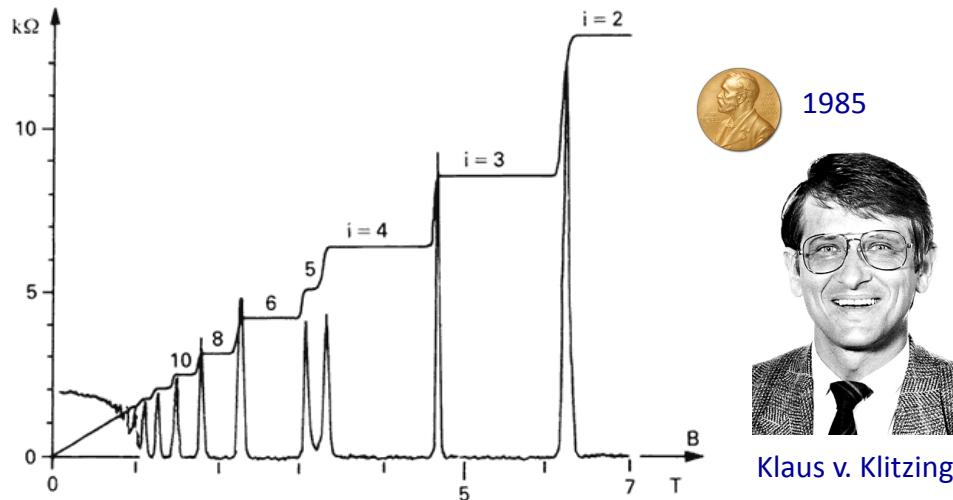
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# Quantum Hall Effect

As transport phenomenon: Quantized Hall Resistance

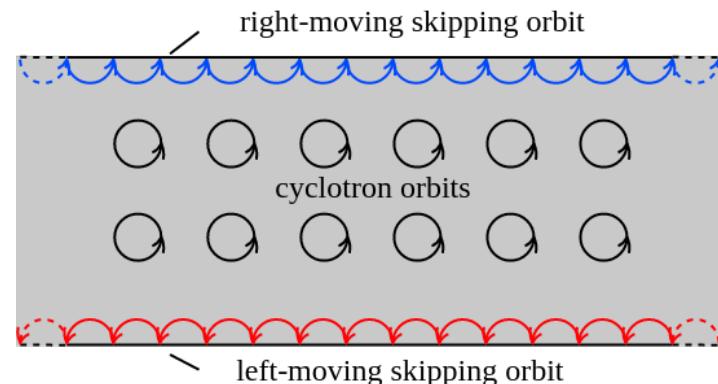


Explanation in terms of topology:  
Protected Edge States



2016

David Thouless



Fractional Quantum Hall Effect  
and Anyonic Quasiparticles

$$\Psi_{\text{Laughlin}} = \prod_{i < j} (z_i - z_j)^{1/\nu} e^{-\sum_i |z_i|^2/4}$$



1998



Robert B.  
Laughlin  
Prize share: 1/3

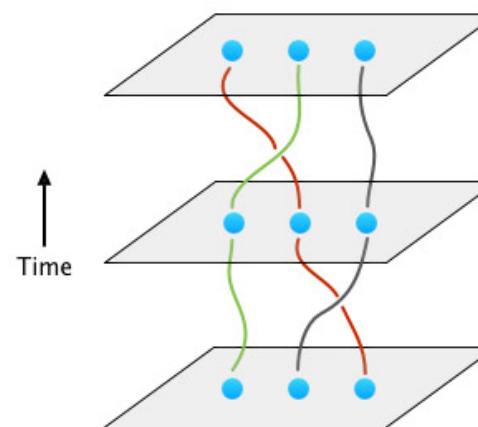


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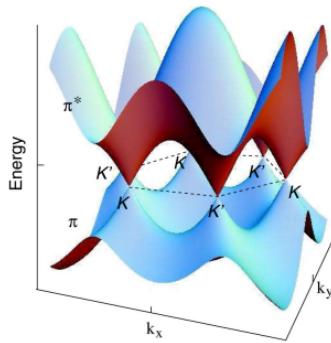
Non-Abelian Anyons and  
Topological Quantum Computing



Use non-Abelian anyons as robust quantum memory.  
Quantum information is processed by braiding these anyons.

NO NOBEL PRIZE YET!!

# Graphene in magnetic field: Landau levels



Effective Hamiltonian around Dirac point:

$$H_\xi = \xi v_F (p_x \sigma_x + p_y \sigma_y)$$

$$\xi = \pm \text{ for } K, K'$$

Pauli matrices represent sublattice structure!

In magnetic field:

$$p_i \rightarrow \Pi_i = p_i - \frac{e}{c} A_i$$

$$\Pi_x = \frac{\hbar}{\sqrt{2}l_B} (a^\dagger + a) \quad \text{and} \quad \Pi_y = \frac{\hbar}{i\sqrt{2}l_B} (a^\dagger - a)$$

$$H_\xi = \xi \sqrt{2} \frac{\hbar v_F}{l_B} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & a \\ a^\dagger & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

"Standard" Landau level wave functions:

$$a^\dagger \varphi_{n,m} = \varphi_{n+1,m}$$

Graphene Landau level wave functions:

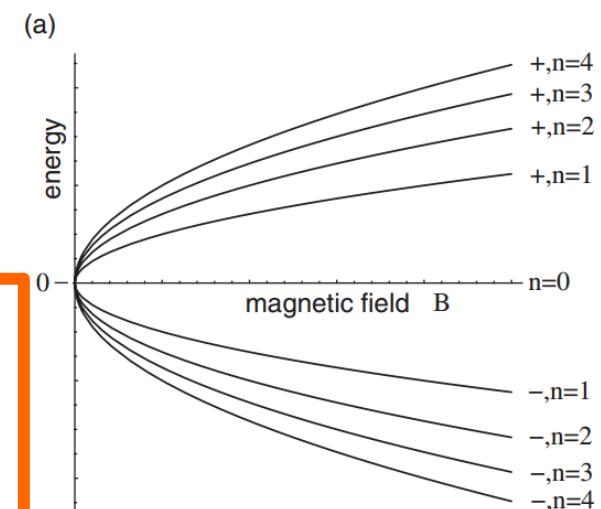
$$\Psi_{n=0,m} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \varphi_{0,m} \end{pmatrix} \text{ and } \Psi_{n \neq 0,m} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} \varphi_{|n|-1,m} \\ \xi \text{sign}(n) \varphi_{|n|,m} \end{pmatrix}$$

At energies

$$\epsilon_n = \text{sign}(n) \frac{\hbar v_F}{l_B} \sqrt{2|n|}$$

Features of relativistic Landau levels:

- Spinor wave function
- Spin and valley degeneracy:  
4 bands per energy level
- Particle-hole symmetry
- Non-equidistant energy levels!



# Interactions between light and Landau levels

Dirac Hamiltonian:

$$H = v_F(p_x\sigma_x + p_y\sigma_y)$$

Minimal coupling:

$$p_i \rightarrow \Pi_i = p_i - \frac{e}{c}A_i$$

Light-matter interaction:

$$H_{\text{int}} \sim \sigma_{\pm} A_{\pm}(x, y, t) + \text{h.c.}$$

Example. circularly polarized plane-wave in x-direction:

$$\mathbf{A}(x, y, t) \sim \exp[i(kx - \omega t)] \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ \pm i \end{pmatrix} + \text{h.c.}$$

rotating frame:  $(\langle \tilde{n} - 1, \tilde{m}|, \langle \tilde{n}, \tilde{m}|) H_{\text{int}} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ |0, m\rangle \end{pmatrix} \sim (\langle \tilde{n} - 1, \tilde{m}|, \langle \tilde{n}, \tilde{m}|) \exp[\pm ikx] \begin{pmatrix} |0, m\rangle \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$

The transition matrix element of non-relativistic Landau levels is given by:

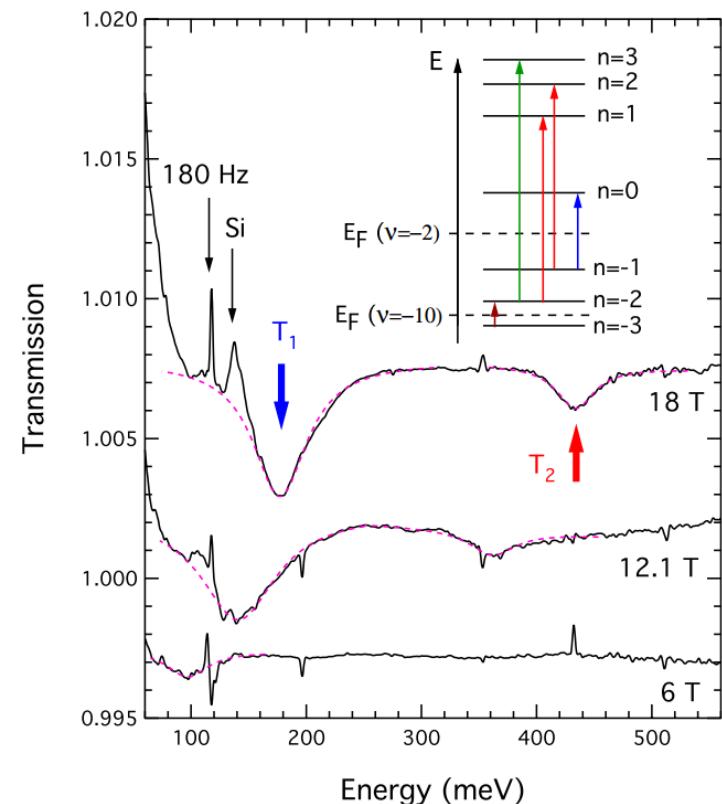
$$\int d^2z \varphi_{\tilde{n}, \tilde{m}}(z)^* \varphi_{n, m}(z) e^{\pm ikx} = \sqrt{\frac{n!m!}{\tilde{n}!\tilde{m}!}} (\pm ik)^{\tilde{n}-n} L_n^{\tilde{n}-n}(k^2) L_m^{\tilde{m}-m}(k^2)$$

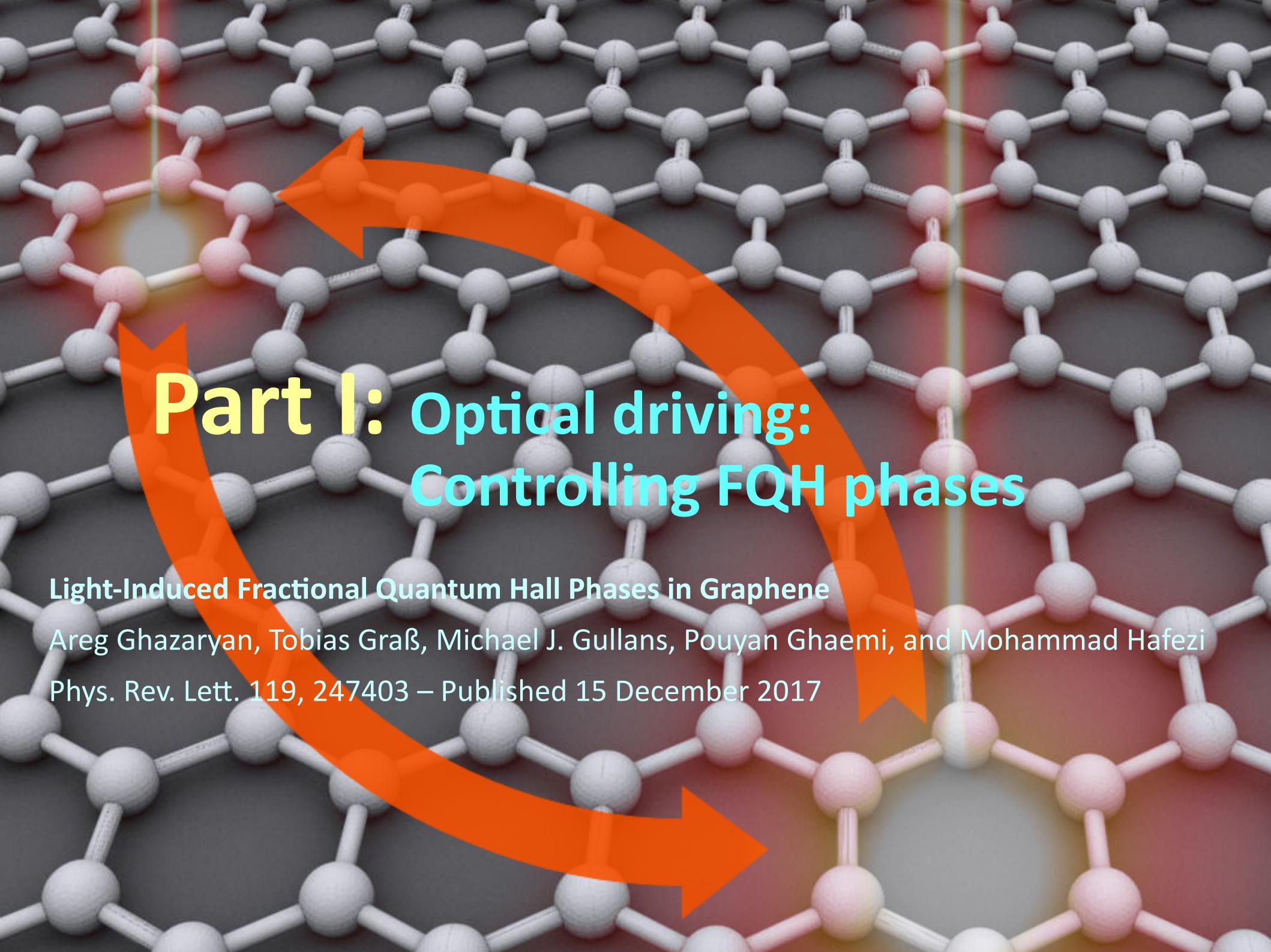
It is dominated by:  $\tilde{n} = n$  and  $\tilde{m} = m$

Thus, in terms of relativistic LL spinors, the optical selection rules are:

$$\tilde{n} = |n| \pm 1 \quad \text{and} \quad m = \tilde{m}$$

$m$ -selection rule can be modified by using light with OAM, cf.  
M. Gullans *et al.*, PRB 95, 235439 (2017).





# Part I: Optical driving: Controlling FQH phases

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# Coupled Landau levels

$$H_0(t) = \sum_m \left[ \frac{\Delta E}{2} \left( c_{n+1,m}^\dagger c_{n+1,m} - c_{n,m}^\dagger c_{n,m} \right) + \hbar\Omega \left( c_{n+1,m}^\dagger c_{n,m} e^{-i(\Delta E - \delta)t} + \text{h.c.} \right) \right]$$

In rotating frame after rotating wave approximation

$$H_0 = \sum_m \left[ \hbar\delta c_{n+1,m}^\dagger c_{n+1,m} + \hbar\Omega c_{n+1,m}^\dagger c_{n,m} \right] + \text{h.c.}$$

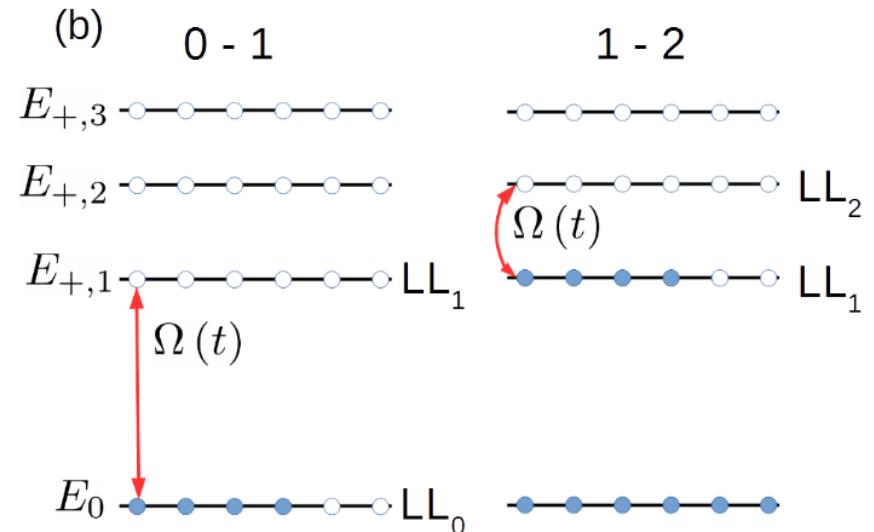
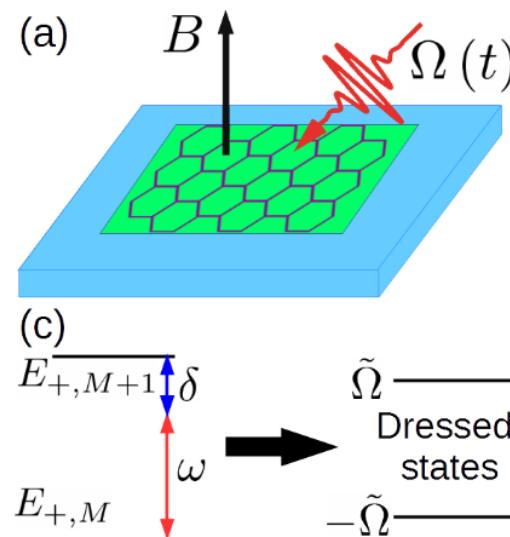
**Less is more!**

Strong coupling:

Lowest Landau level becomes dressed, but may not change much the physics.

Weak coupling:

Both Landau levels can be occupied: System becomes analogous to a bilayer.



# Interactions between coupled LLs

Fractional Quantum Hall Hamiltonian:  $H = H_0 + V^{(\text{RWA})}$

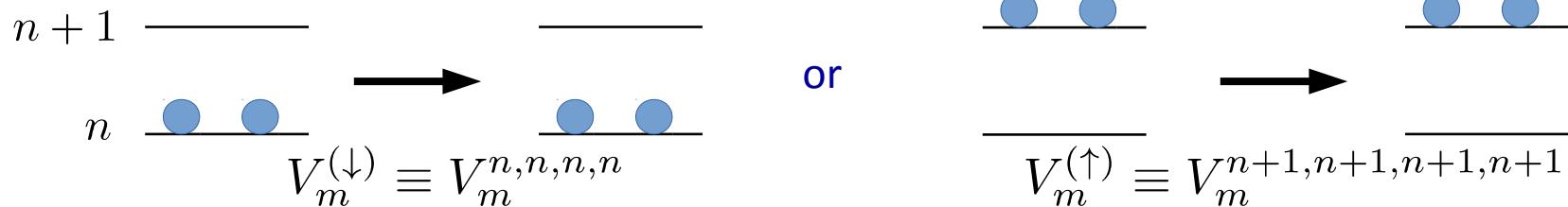
$$V_{m_1, m_2, m_3, m_4}^{n_1, n_2, n_3, n_4 (\text{RWA})} = \delta_{n_1 + n_2 - n_3 - n_4} V_{m_1, m_2, m_3, m_4}^{n_1, n_2, n_3, n_4}$$

Pseudopotential expansion:  $V_{m_1, m_2, m_3, m_4}^{n_1, n_2, n_3, n_4} = \sum_{m, M} V_m^{n_1, n_2, n_3, n_4} \langle m_1, m_2 | m, M \rangle \langle m, M | m_3, m_4 \rangle$

Different kinds of interaction processes:

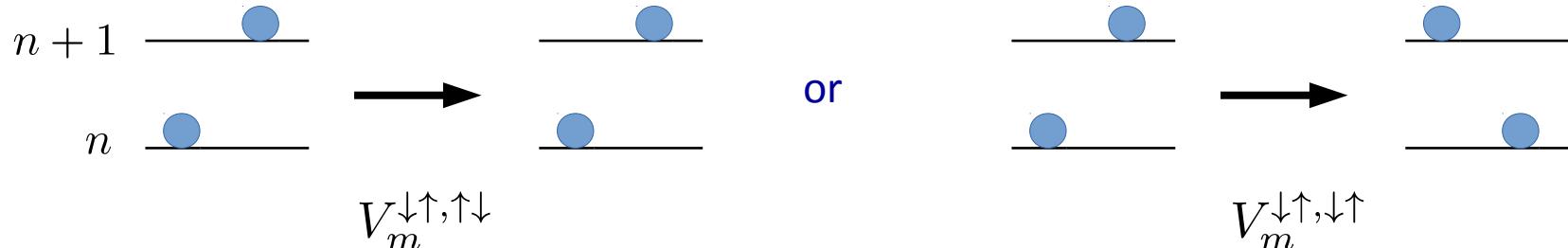
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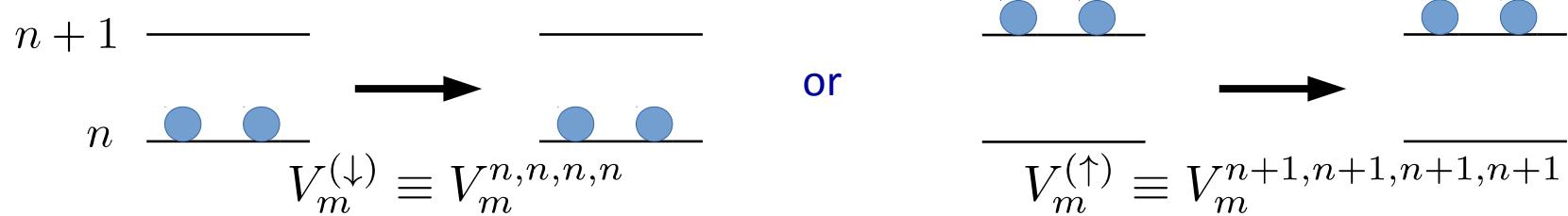
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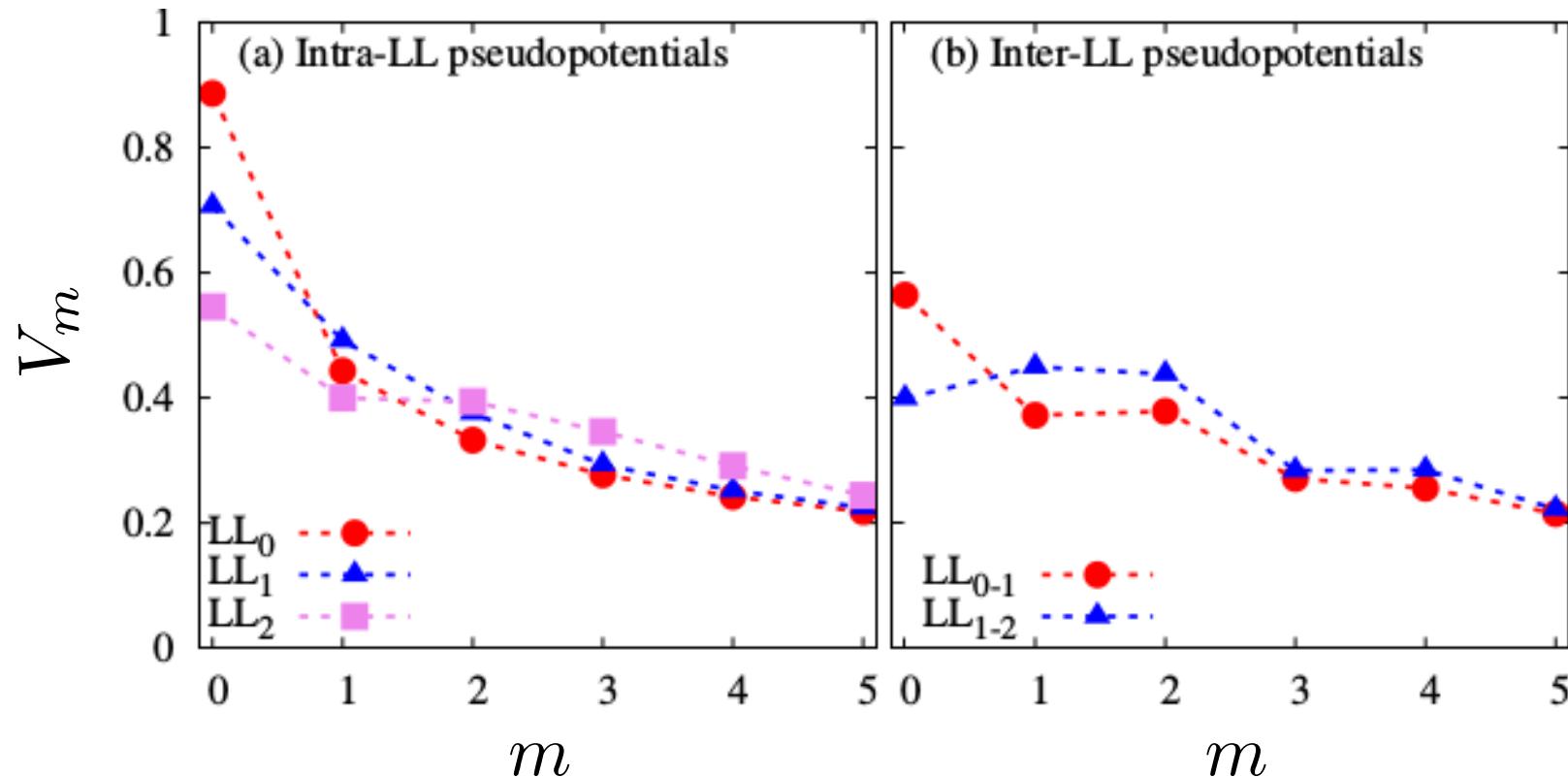


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$$V_m^{(\text{singlet})} \equiv \langle \uparrow\downarrow - \downarrow\uparrow | V_m | \uparrow\downarrow - \downarrow\uparrow \rangle = \frac{1}{2} (V_m^{\uparrow\downarrow, \downarrow\uparrow} - V_m^{\uparrow\downarrow, \uparrow\downarrow}) \quad \text{requires even } m$$

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(a) Intra-layer pseudopotentials  
for different graphene LLs

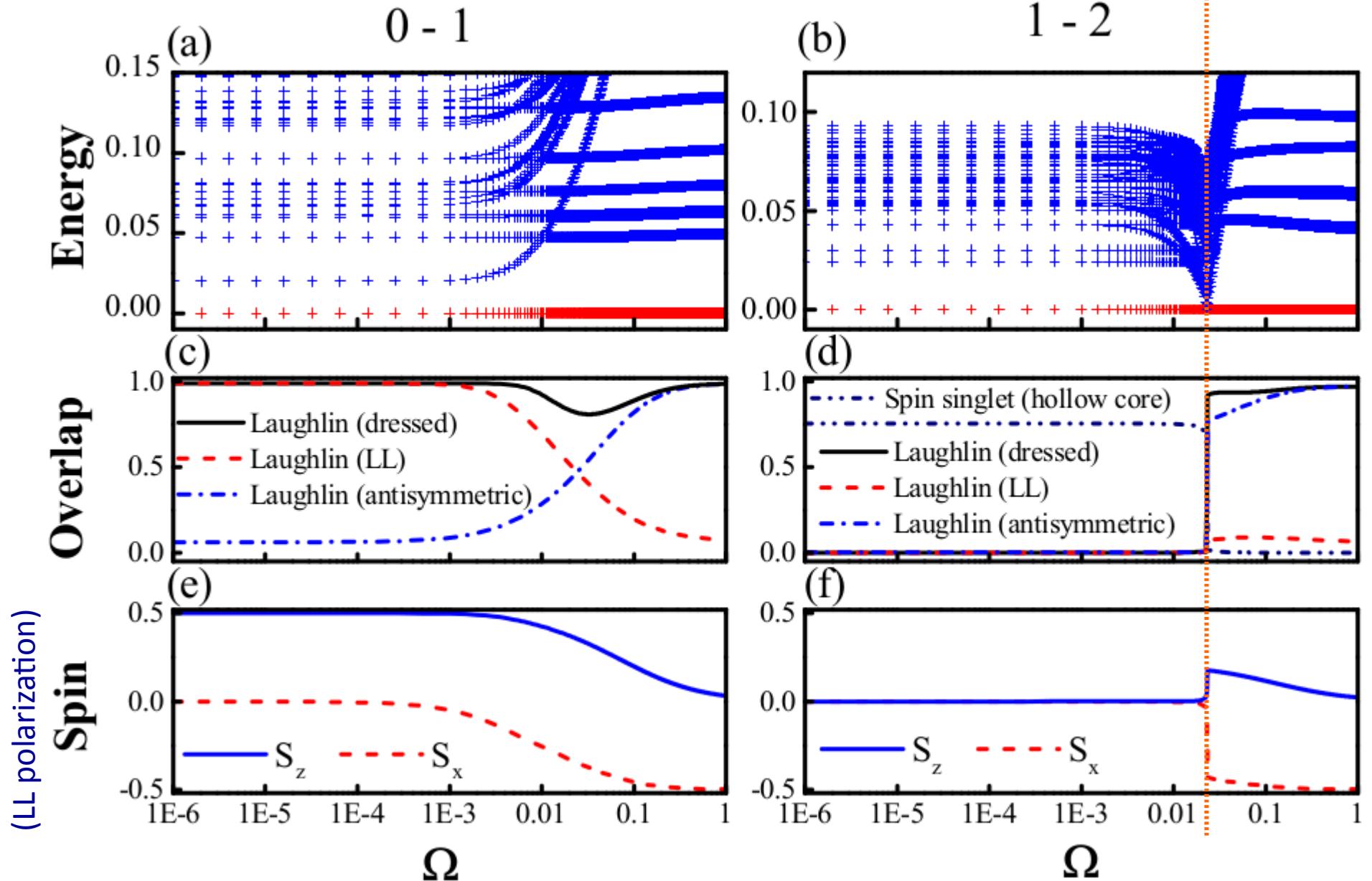
(b) Inter-layer pseudopotentials  
when  $n=0$  graphene LL is coupled  
to  $n=1$  (red), or  $n=1$  is coupled to  
 $n=2$  (blue).

Coupling 1-2 favors singlets at  $m=0$  over triplets at  $m=1$ . We thus expect a tendency towards singlet ground states, maybe phases described by a hollow-core model?

# LL 0-1 coupling vs. LL 1-2 coupling

Exact diagonalization results for  $N=8$  electrons  
on a torus at filling  $\nu=2/3$ :

Phase transition:  
Polarized vs. singlet phase



## LL 1-2 coupling: Singlet vs. polarized phase

Singlet  
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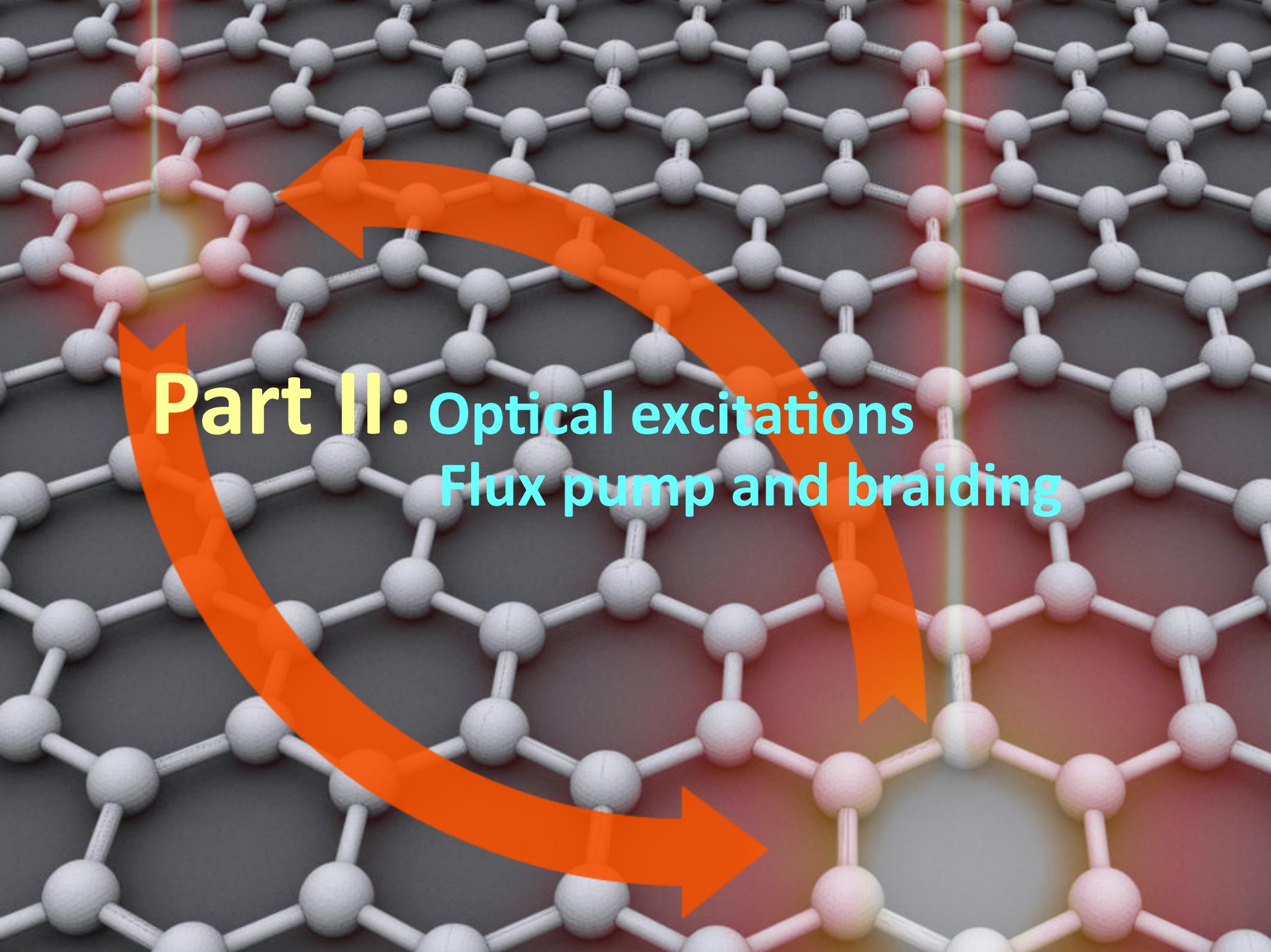
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## Part II: Optical excitations Flux pump and braiding

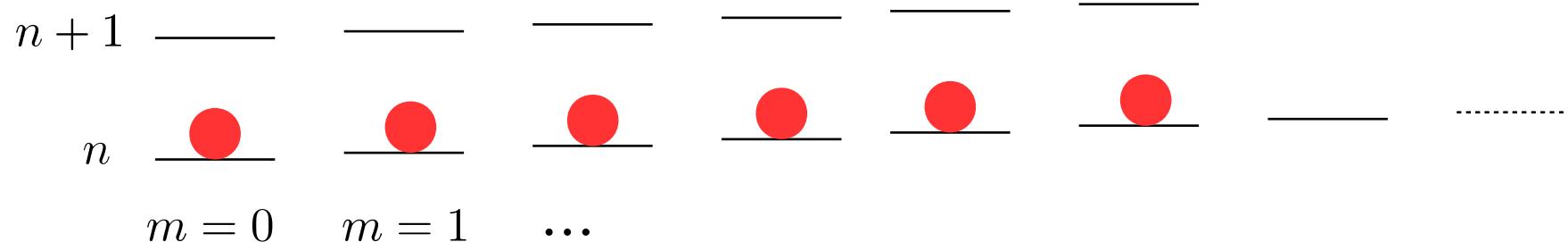
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Action onto an IQH phase:



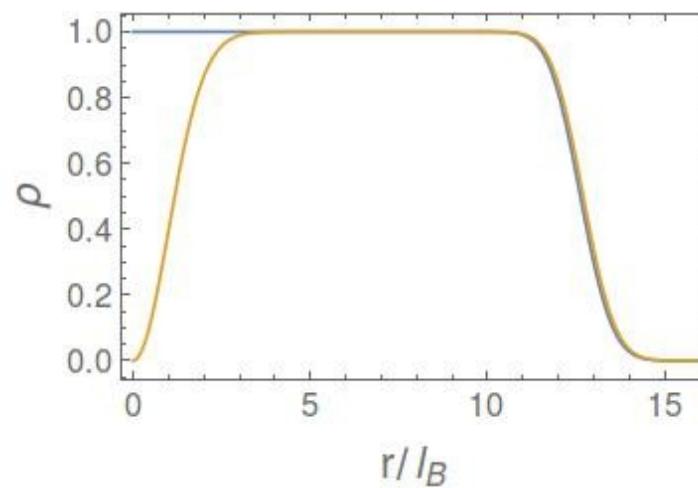
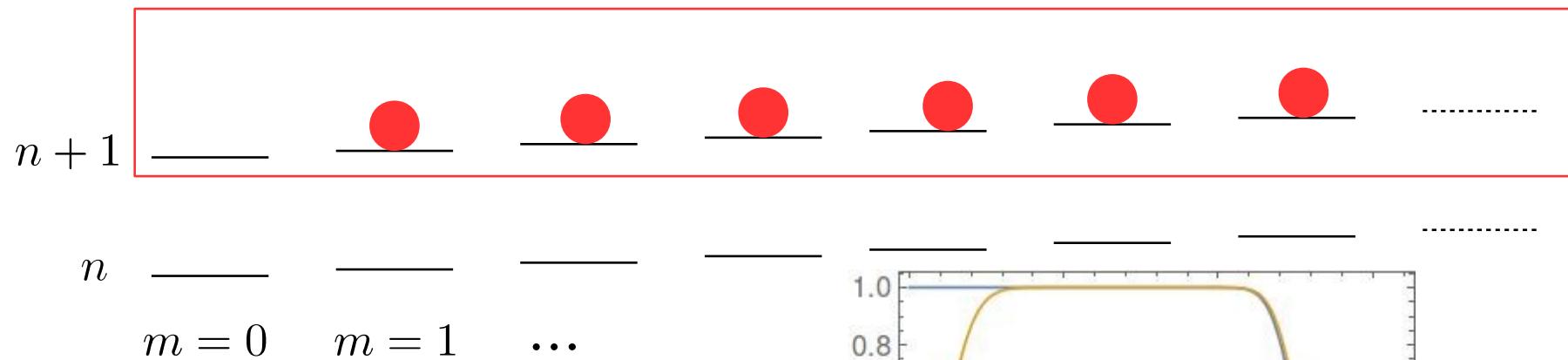
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IQH with hole in the center

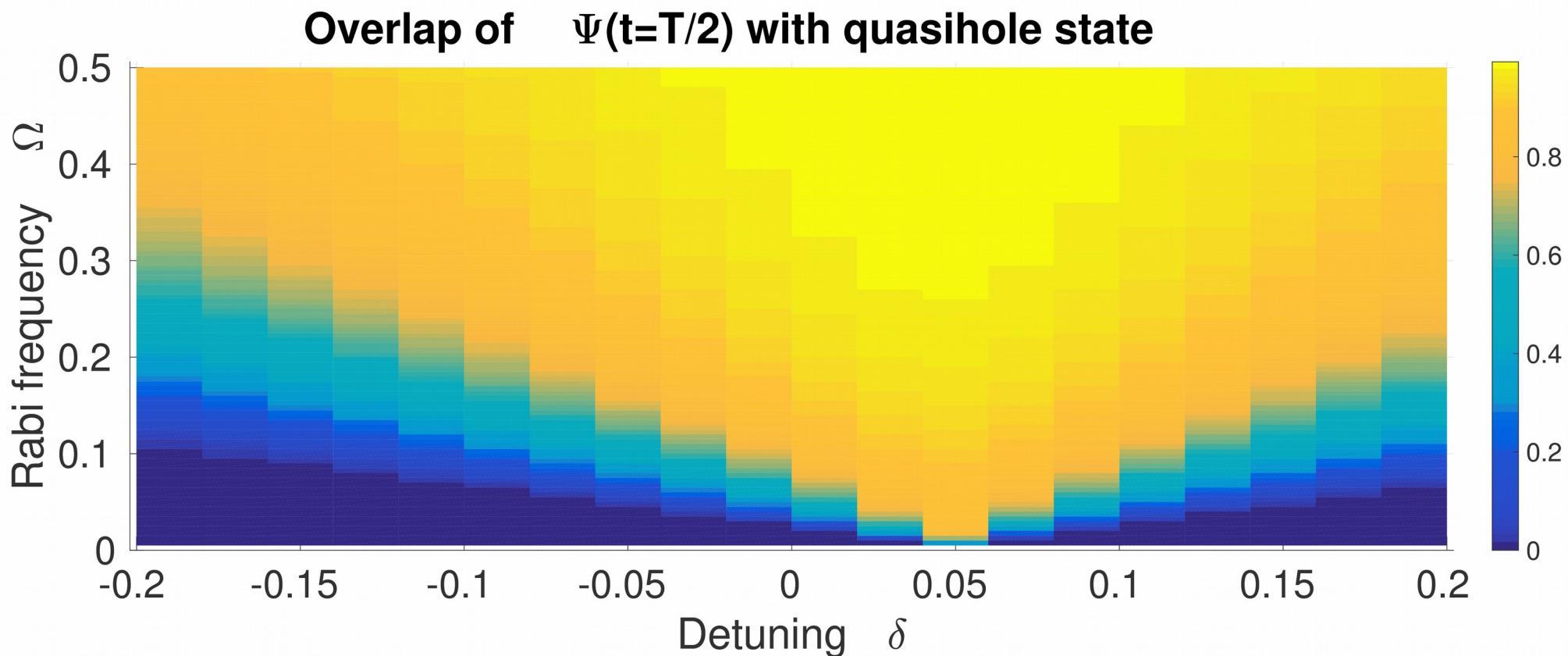
Density of IQH and hole, for  $N=100$  within  $n=0$  LL.

# $\pi$ -pulse: Many-body excitations

Action of a pulse on many-body wave function in the LLL:

$$\Psi \rightarrow \prod_{i=1}^N a_i^\dagger b_i^\dagger \Psi = \prod_{i=1}^N a_i^\dagger \left( \prod_{i=1}^N z_i \Psi \right)$$

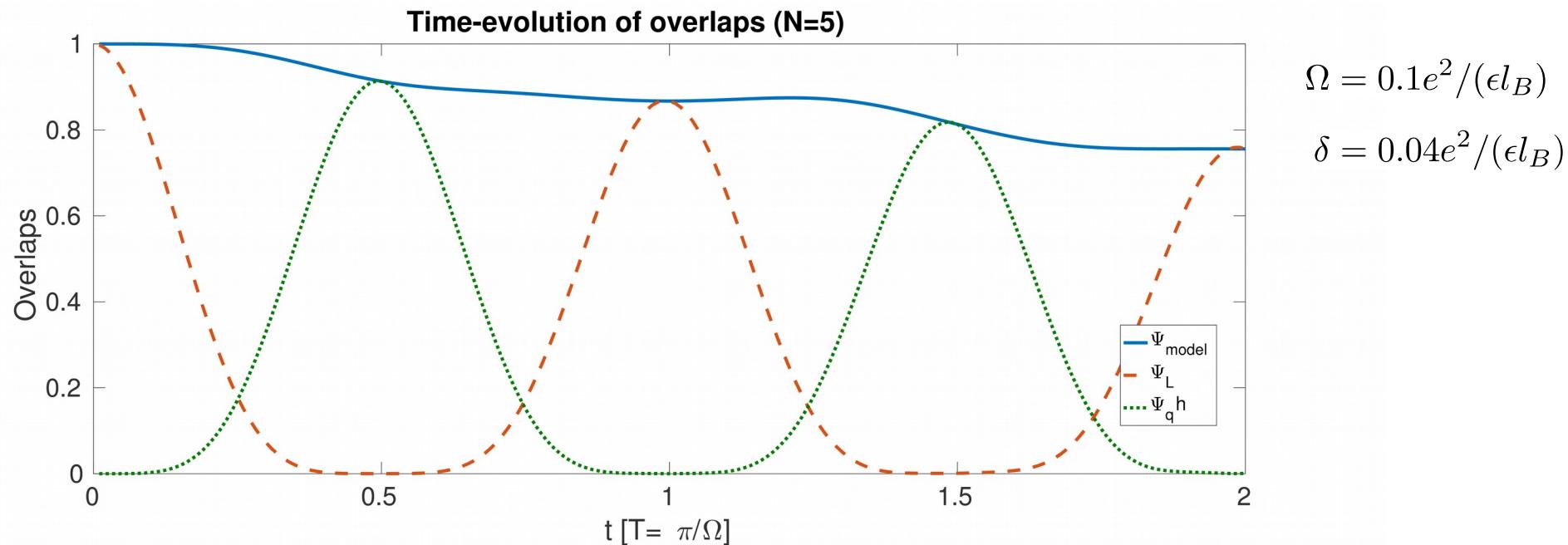
Fidelity of pi-pulse in the presence of Coulomb interactions ( $N=5$ ):



# Time evolution in the light field

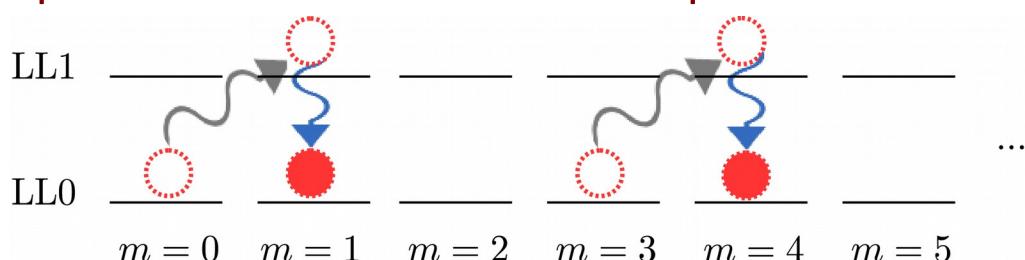
can be modeled as superposition of initial state, quasi-hole state, and edge-like excitations:

$$\Psi_{\text{model}}(t) = \sum_{s=0}^N \sqrt{\binom{N}{s}} \cos(\Omega t)^{N-s} \sin(\Omega t)^s \Psi^{(s)}, \quad \Psi^{(s)} \sim \sum_{\{k_1, \dots, k_s\}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{\binom{N}{s}}} \prod_{j=1}^s a_{k_j}^\dagger b_{k_j}^\dagger \Psi_L.$$



Orthogonality catastrophe:  
Fine tuning?

Spontaneous emission: Raman pulses



# Trapping quasiholes with light

Potential from AC Stark shift of a Gaussian light beam:

$$V_{\text{opt}}^{(\xi, w)}(z) = \frac{I(z)}{\Delta} = \left(\frac{l_B}{w}\right)^2 V_{\text{opt},0} \exp[(z - \xi)^2/w^2]$$

Center of the beam

width of the beam  
~ microns

For AMO systems: magnetic length of the order of microns → delta-potential supports quasihole excitations

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## **$\frac{1}{2}$ -Anyons in Small Atomic Bose-Einstein Condensates**

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Fractional quantum Hall states of a few bosonic atoms in geometric gauge fields

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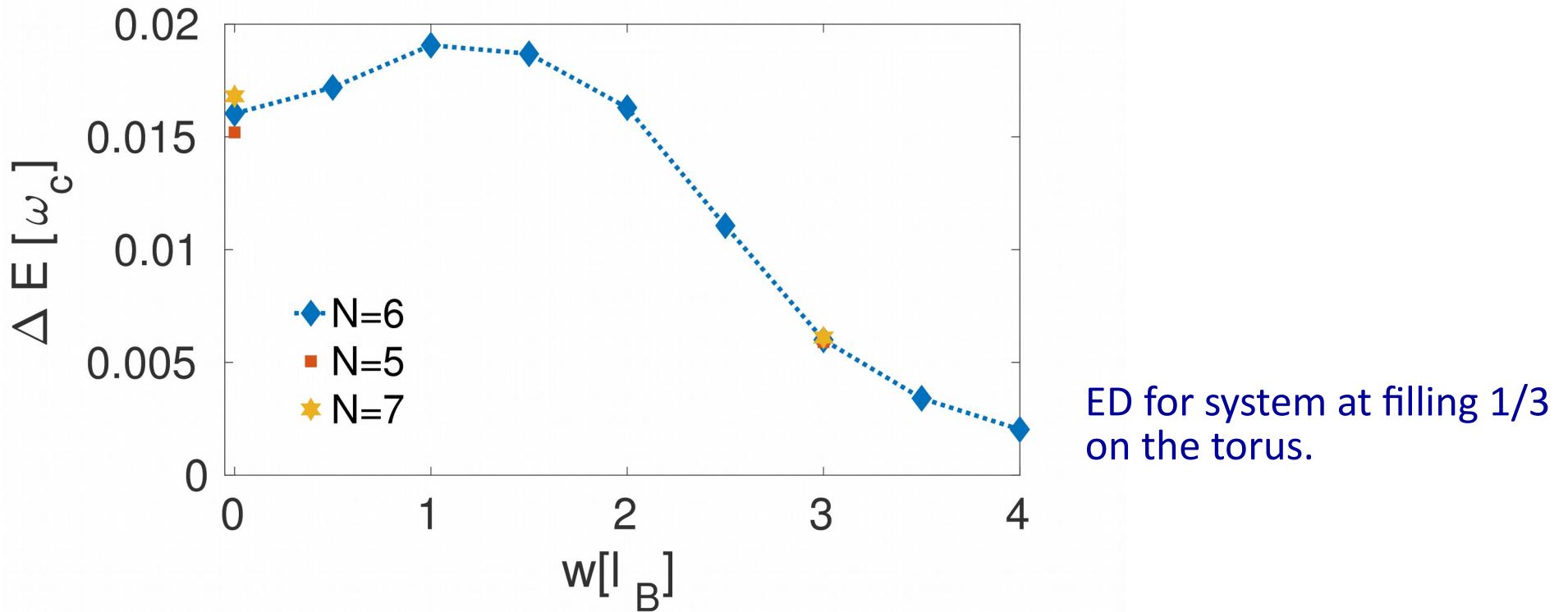
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Electronic systems:  $w \gg l_B = 26\text{nm}/\sqrt{B}[\text{ in T}]$

Can broad potentials still trap quasiholes?

# Trapping quasiholes with light

Even for broad potentials, the quasihole state is favored (high overlaps), but the energy gap to other states becomes small:

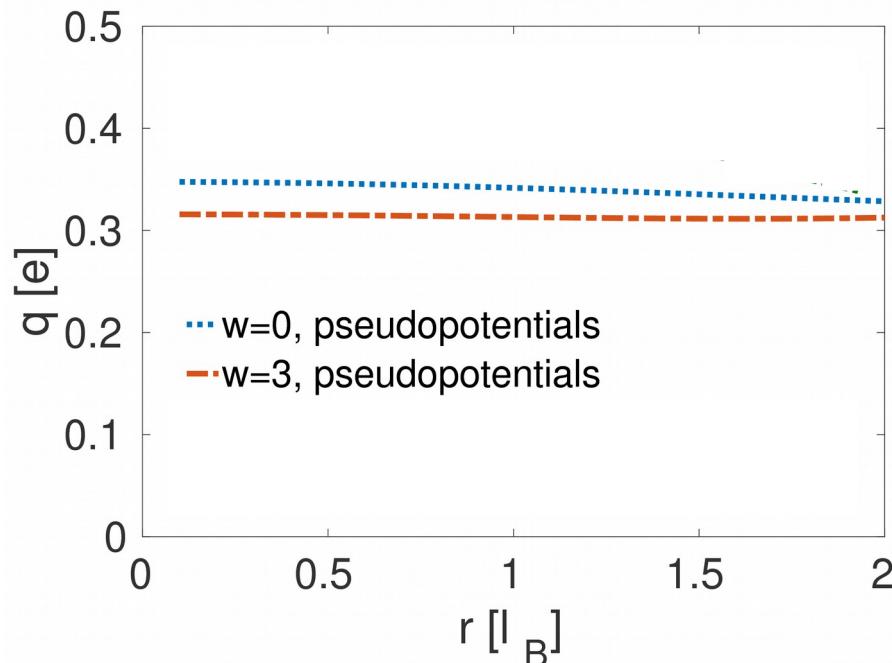


# Moving quasiholes with light

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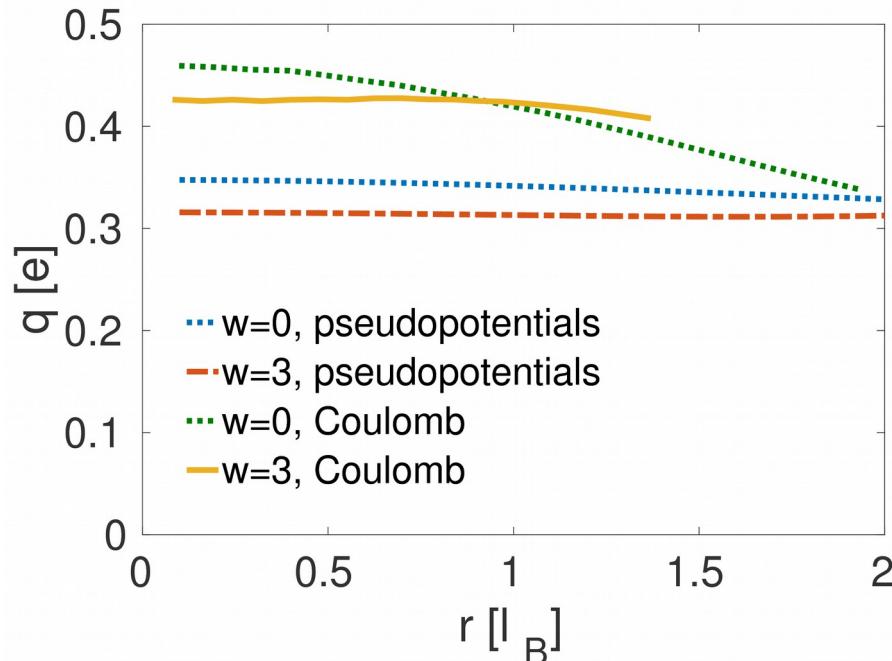
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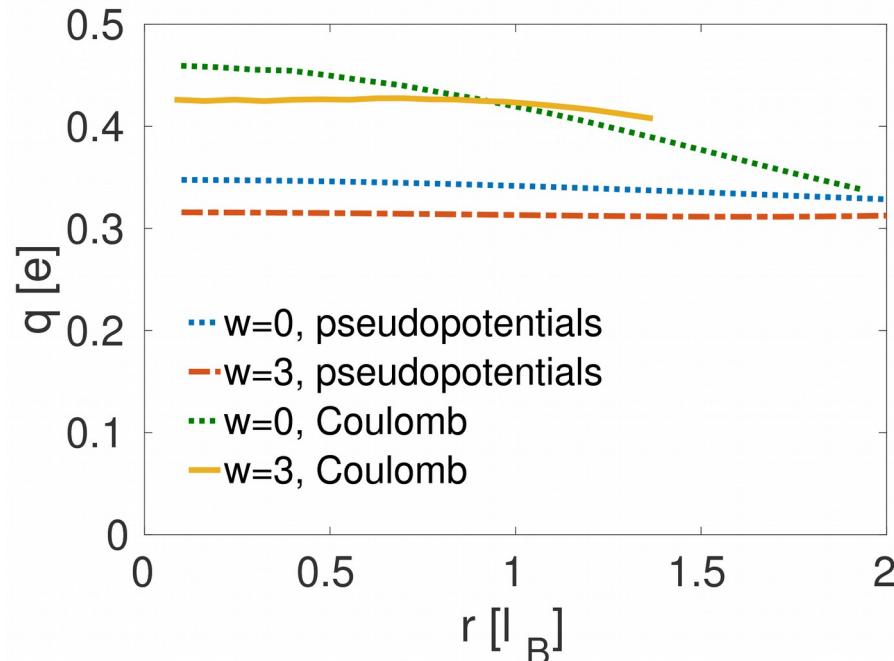
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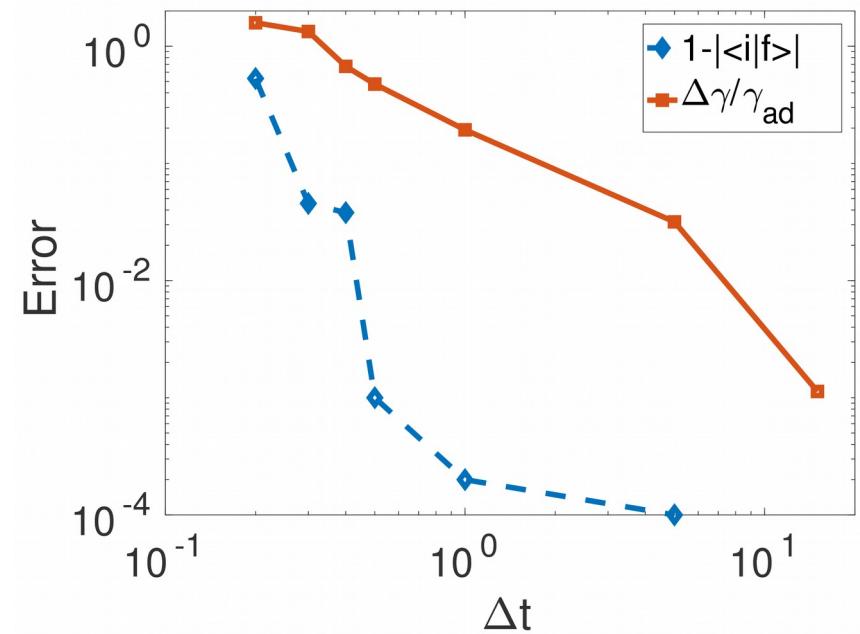
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Or we can extract Berry phase from time evolution while the potential moves:



Discretized in 200 step. Error as a function of step duration. Phase error (red curve) is large.

# Summary

## Part I: Optical driving.

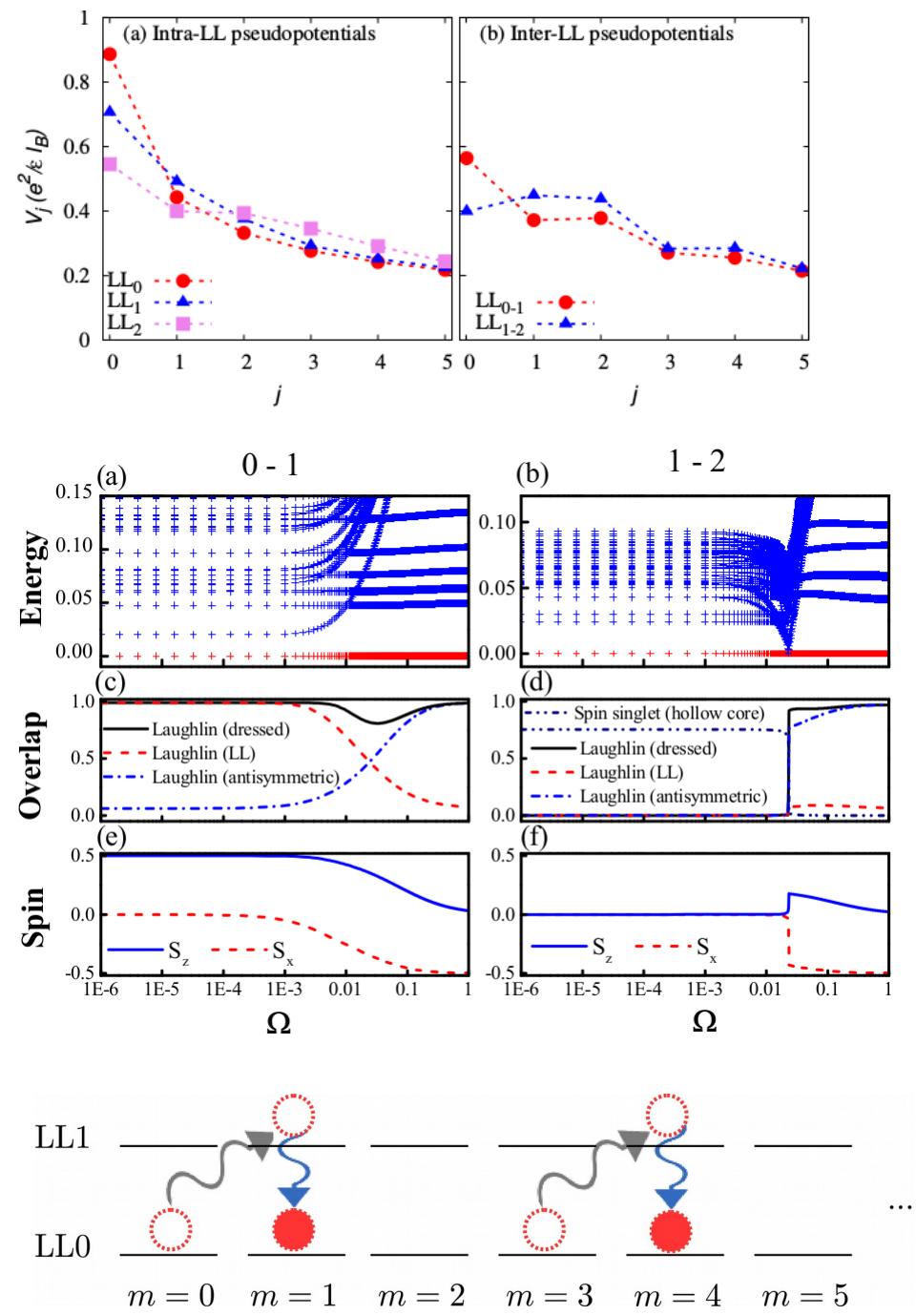
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- Synthetic bilayer:  
Interactions are potentially very different from interactions in real bilayers.
- Transition to exotic FQH phases:
  - non-Abelian Fibonacci phase at filling  $2/3$
  - Haldane-Rezayi phase at filling  $\frac{1}{2}$  ?

## Part II: Optical excitations.

to appear on arXiv soon

- Light pulse with OAM produces (quasi)holes.
- Despite their broadness, laser beams can pin quasiholes.



# Thank you!