

# Extracting excitations from a fractional quantum Hall groundstate

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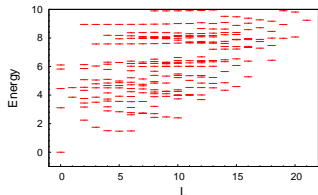
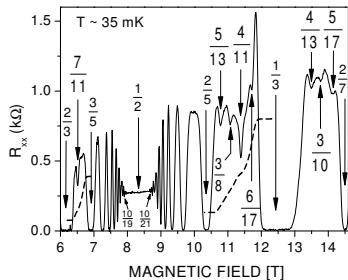


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# Motivations :

*nu=4/11 paper, Fig.1*



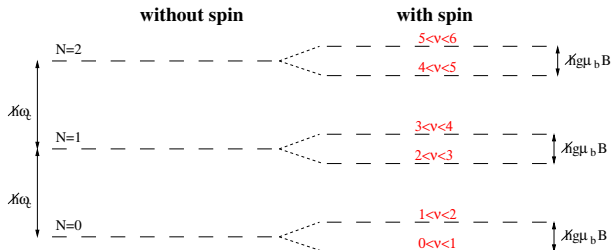
- testing candidate wavefunctions for a given fraction using numerical simulations
- overlap can be misleading. At least one known example where two different states have large overlaps : Abelian (Jain CF) vs non-abelian (Gaffnian).
- is the groundstate enough to characterize a FQH phase?
- new tools to probe the groundstate
- how deep are encoded the excitations within the groundstate?

## Outline :

- 1. Orbital entanglement spectrum
- 2. Conformal limit
- 3. From the edge to the bulk
- 4. Probing the non-universal part of the OES
- 5. Conclusion

Orbital entanglement spectrum

# Landau level



Filling factor :  $\nu = \frac{hn}{eB} = \frac{N}{N_\phi}$

Cyclotron frequency :  $\omega_c = \frac{eB}{m}$

Lowest Landau level ( $\nu < 1$ ) :  $z^m \exp(-|z|^2/4l^2)$

N-body wave function :  $\Psi = P(z_1, \dots, z_N) \exp(-\sum |z_i|^2/4)$

the Hamiltonian is just the (projected) interaction !

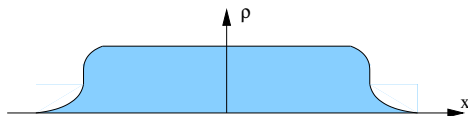
$$\mathcal{H} = \sum_{i < j} V(\vec{r}_i - \vec{r}_j)$$

(including screening effect, finite width, Landau level,...)

# The Laughlin wave function

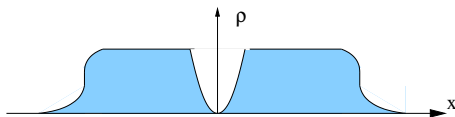
A (very) good approximation of the ground state at  $\nu = \frac{1}{3}$

$$\Psi_L(z_1, \dots, z_N) = \prod_{i < j} (z_i - z_j)^3 e^{-\sum_i \frac{|z_i|^2}{4l^2}}$$



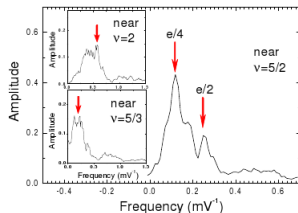
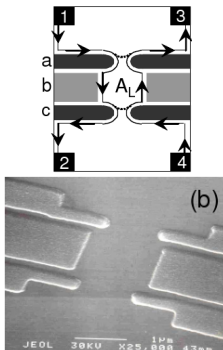
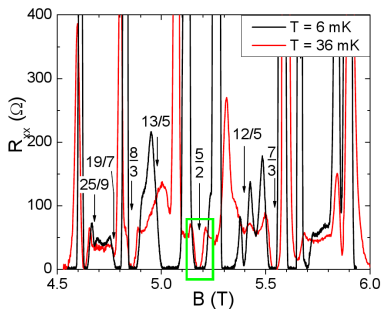
add one flux quantum at  $z_0$  = one quasi-hole

$$\Psi_{qh}(z_1, \dots, z_N) = \prod_i (z_0 - z_i) \Psi_L(z_1, \dots, z_N)$$



- Locally, create one quasi-hole with fractional charge  $\frac{\pm e}{3}$

# $\nu = 5/2$ : the Moore-Read state



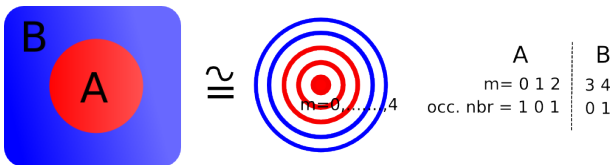
R.L. Willett, L.N. Pfeiffer, K.W. West  
(PNAS 0812599106)

$$\Psi_{pf}(z_1, \dots, z_N) = Pf \left( \frac{1}{z_i - z_j} \right) \prod_{i < j} (z_i - z_j)^2$$

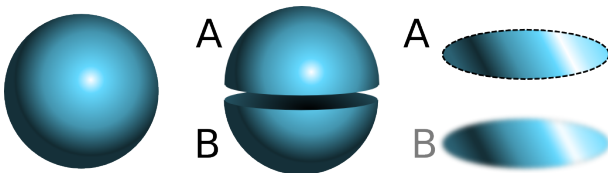
- add/remove one flux quanta  $\longrightarrow$  create a pair of quasi-holes / quasi-electrons ( $\pm e/4$ )
- **non Abelian statistics!**

# Entanglement entropy for the FQHE

- look at the ground state  $|\Psi\rangle$
- cut the system into two parts A and B in orbital space ( $\simeq$  real space, orbital partition)



- reduced density matrix  $\rho_A = \text{Tr}_B |\Psi\rangle \langle\Psi|$ , block-diagonal wrt  $N^A$  and  $L_z^A$
- compute the entanglement entropy  $S_A = -\text{Tr}_A (\rho_A \log \rho_A)$ .

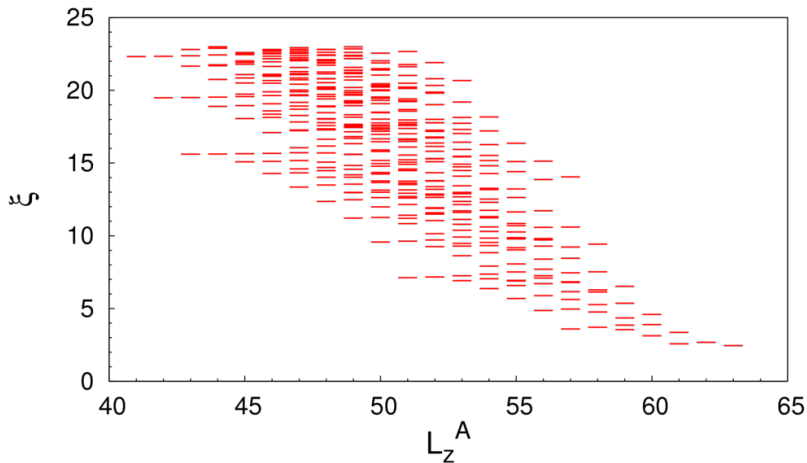


# Entanglement entropy for the FQHE

- calculation directly done at the level of the Fock decomposition
- **topological entanglement entropy** : extract the  $\gamma$  from  $S_A = cL - \gamma$  (Haque et al.). Only depends on the nature of the excitations.  
But : highly non-trivial
- looking at **the entanglement spectrum** : plot  $\xi = -\log \lambda_A$  vs  $L_Z^A$  for fixed cut and  $N^A$
- Schmidt decomposition  $|\Psi\rangle = \sum_p \exp(-\xi/2) |A, p\rangle \otimes |B, p\rangle$

key idea : think about  $\exp(-\xi)$  as a Boltzmann weight,  $\xi$  as “energies” of a fictitious Hamiltonian for  $N_A$  particles

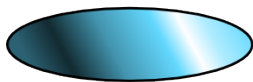
# Entanglement spectrum (Li and Haldane)



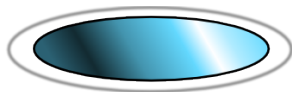
Laughlin  $N = 13$ ,  $l_A = 36$  (hemisphere cut),  $N_A = 6$   
 $L_z^A$  angular momentum of  $A$ ,  $\xi = -\log \lambda_A$ ,  $\lambda_A$ 's are  $\rho_A$  eigenvalues.

# Entanglement spectrum

- a way to look at the Fock space decomposition
- “banana” shaped spectrum for pure CFT state (not only Jack polynomials) with a given maximum  $L_Z^A$
- “low energy” part : a signature of the state (edge mode degeneracy).
- example Laughlin (1,1,2) :  $\Psi_L$ ,  $\Psi_L \times \sum_i z_i$ ,  $\Psi_L \times \sum_i z_i^2$  and  $\Psi_L \times \sum_{i < j} z_i z_j$



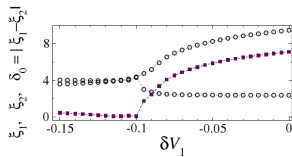
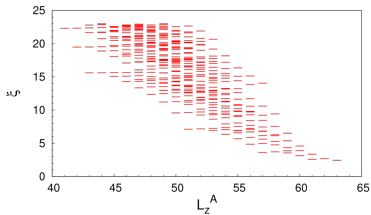
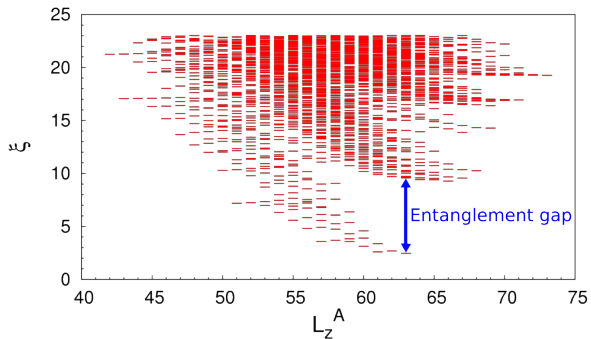
$$L_{Z \max}^A$$



$$L_{Z \max}^A - 1$$

Probing physics of the edge from the ground state on a closed surface

# Coulomb case and entanglement gap



## Entanglement spectrum for the FQHE : some results

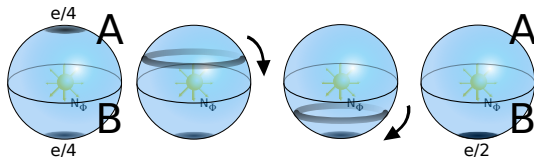
- probing non abelian statistics (**Li, Haldane 2008**)
- looking at (precursor of ) phase transition through closing entanglement gap (**Zozulya, Haque, NR, 2009**)
- differentiate states with large overlap but different excitations (from the ground state only!) (**NR, Bernervig, Haldane 2009**)
- non-trivial relation between ES and edge mode (**Bernervig, NR 2009**)
- when  $N \rightarrow \infty$  recover degenerate multiplets and linear (relativistic) dispersion relation for the edge mode (**Thomale, Stedyniak, NR, Bernervig 2010**)
- torus geometry, tower of edge modes (**Läuchli et al. 2010**)

# Entanglement spectrum : beyond FQHE

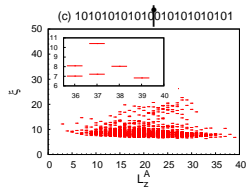
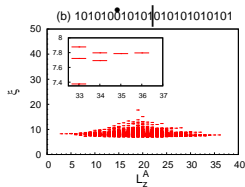
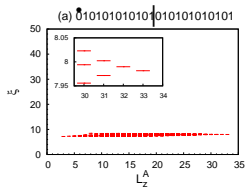
- quantum Hall bilayers
- quantum spin systems
- superconductor
- topological insulators
- Bose-Einstein condensates
- SUSY lattice models

# An application : probing statistics of excitations

Write wavefunctions for localized excitations and move them !

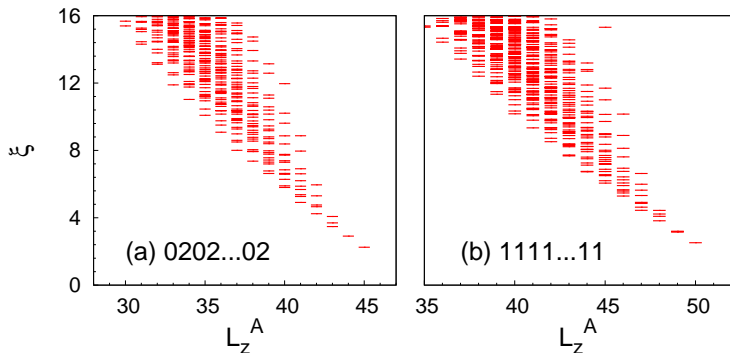


In the Laughlin case (abelian excitations), the counting stays the same (1,1,2,...)



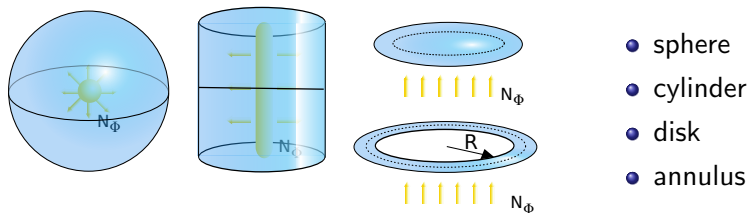
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In the Moore-Read case, the counting is able to detect if there is an even or odd number of excitations.



Conformal limit

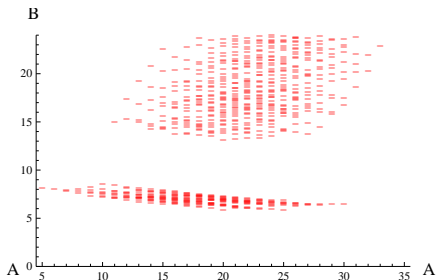
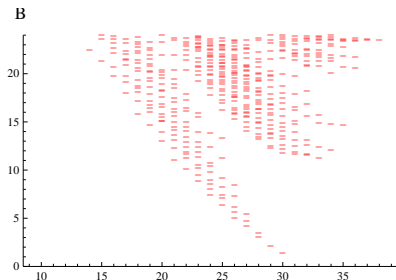
# Different geometries, similar ES



- $\Psi = \sum_\mu c_\mu s|_\mu$ ,  $c_\mu$  will differ by some geometrical factors
- different eigenvalues of  $\rho_A$  (shape of the ES) but the same number of non-zero eigenvalues (counting)
- **The counting IS the important feature.** For model states (CFT), exponentially lower than expected

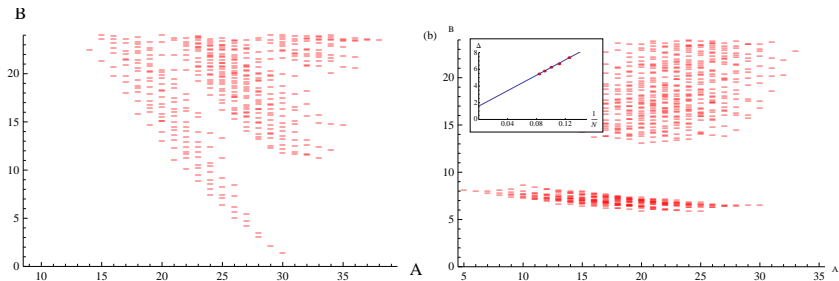
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# Entanglement adiabatically continuable states

from Moore-Read state to delta ground state  $N=14$  bosons,  $\nu = 1$

$$\mathcal{H}_\lambda = (1 - \lambda) \sum_{i < j < k} \delta(r_i - r_j) \delta(r_j - r_k) + \lambda \sum_{i < j} \delta(r_i - r_j)$$

No gap closing despite moderate square overlap (0.887)!

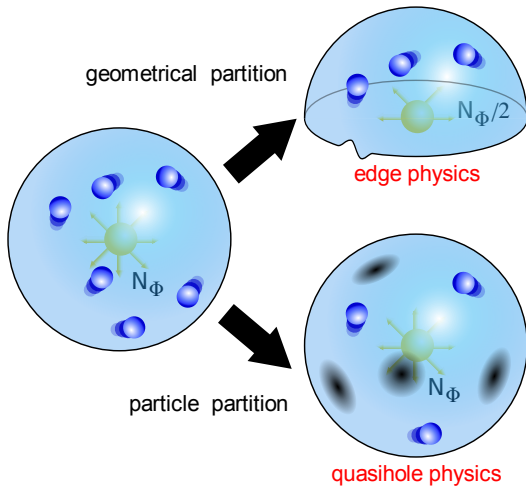
# What is encoded within the OES ?

- focus on the Laughlin state  $\prod_{i < j} (z_i - z_j)^m$
- **conjecture** (numerically checked) : **the full counting is given by the Haldane statistics**
- when finite size effects are nice :
  - thermodynamical limit : the counting is the same for any  $m$  ( $U(1)$  boson)
  - finite size : depends explicitly on  $m$ , give access to the boson compactification radius
- the entanglement gap protects the state statistical properties.

From the edge to the bulk

# From orbital to particle partition

Particle entanglement entropy in FQHE (Zozulya, Haque, Schoutens)

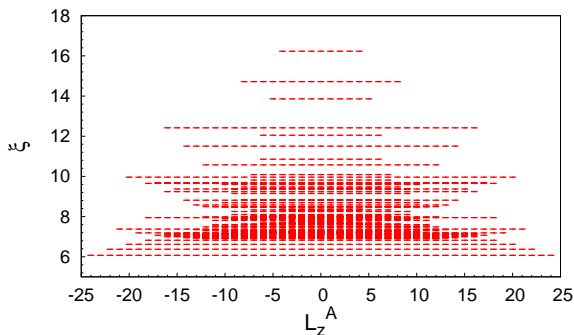


removing particles while  
keeping the same  
geometry  
 $\simeq$  smaller system with  
extra flux quanta

probing quasihole  
states !

# Particle entanglement spectrum

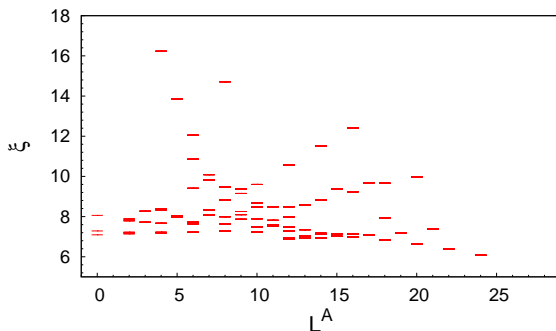
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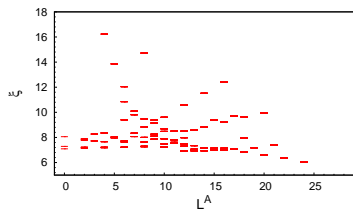
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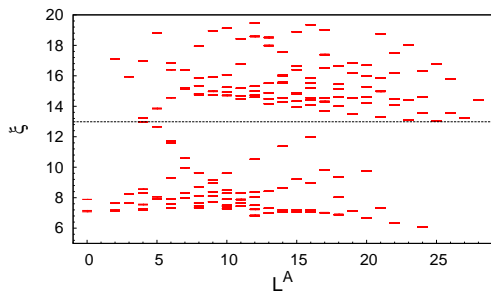
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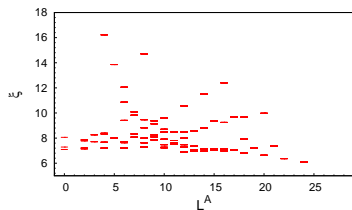
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- we are looking at the Laughlin state with 4 particles and 12 quasiholes!
- the counting per  $L^A$  sector **exactly** matches the counting of quasihole states
- the eigenstates of reduced density matrix also **exactly** match the quasihole states

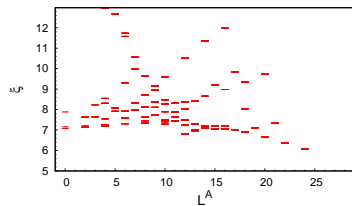
# Particle entanglement spectrum : Coulomb interaction



Coulomb  $\nu = 1/3$ ,  $N = 8$  and  
 $N_A = 4$



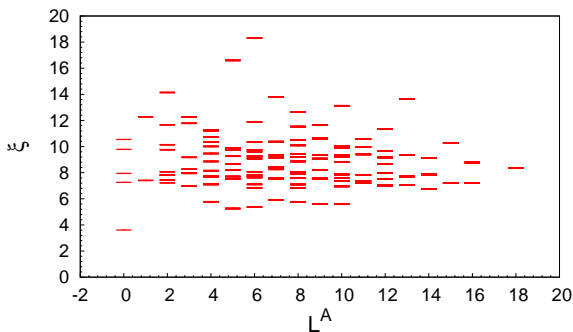
Laughlin



Coulomb (zoom)

# Particle entanglement spectrum : Moore-Read state

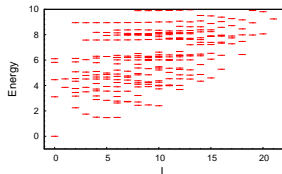
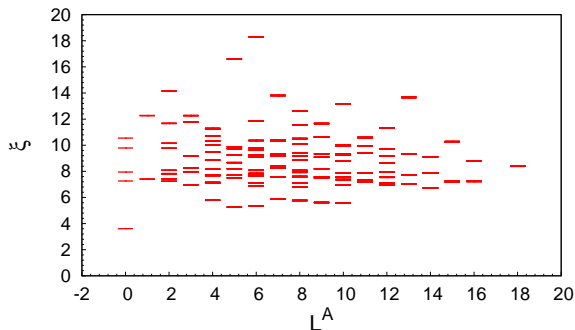
candidate for  $\nu = 5/2$ , exhibits non-abelian excitations  
the PES has the same features!



Moore-Read state  $N = 12$ ,  $N_A = 6$  (bosons)

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At half cut, looks like the spectrum of an incompressible state.  
PES “groundstate” close to the Laughlin state...

## Particle entanglement spectrum : other states

Is there anything special about the Laughlin and Moore-Read state?

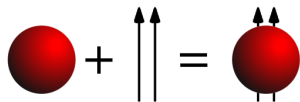
- 1. completely defined through an exact local Hamiltonian
- 2. single Jack polynomials

Actually, PES features hold true for

- Haffnian state (satisfies 1 but not 2)
- other single Jack polynomial with no known exact Hamiltonian like the clustered state ( $k = 3, r = 4$ ),...
- the Jain's states (neither 1 nor 2!)

# Composite fermions

Jain's model :



Map FQHE into an **integer quantum Hall effect** for these composite fermions.

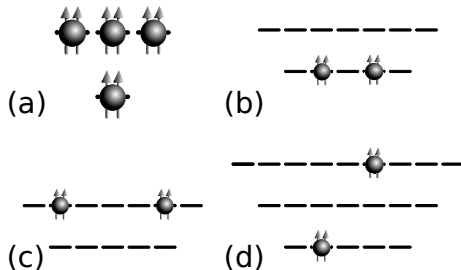
$$N_{\phi}^* = N_{\phi} - 2N$$
$$\nu^* = N/N_{\phi}^* = p \longrightarrow \nu = \frac{p}{2p+1}$$

More than a nice picture, we can build test wave functions !

$$\Psi_{CF} = \mathcal{P}_{LLL} \prod_{i < j} (z_i - z_j)^2 \Phi_p^{CF}$$

# Particle entanglement spectrum : Jain's states

How the particle partition translate into the CF picture? What does the PES tell us about the CF state?

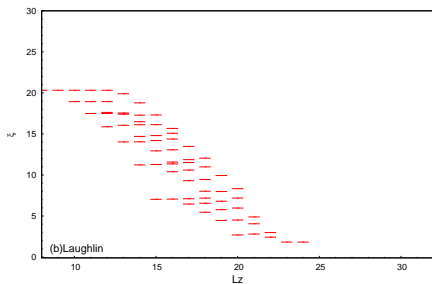


- 1. start with the CF groundstate (here  $\nu = 2/5$ )
- 2. removing two electrons  $\rightarrow$  removing two CFs plus adding 4 flux quanta
- 3. for the qh excitations, do not sort CF states with respect to their effective kinetic energy, only consider **all 2 Landau level excitations** (i.e. discard d, keep b and d).

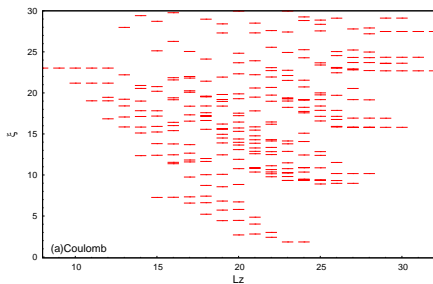
the  $\nu = \frac{p}{2p+1}$  CF state is inherently related to the  $p$  Landau level physics **even for the qh excitations**

Probing the non-universal part of the OES

# A deeper look at $\nu = 1/3$

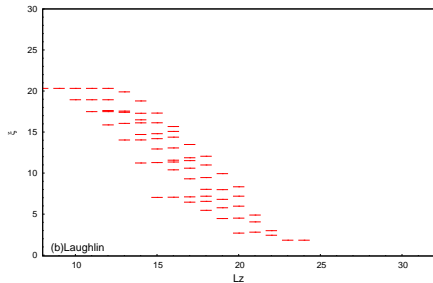


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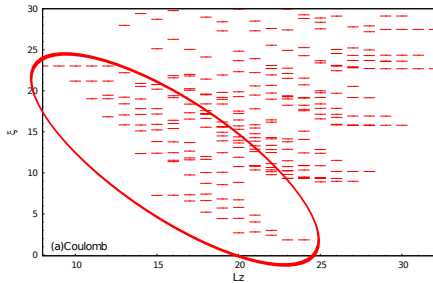


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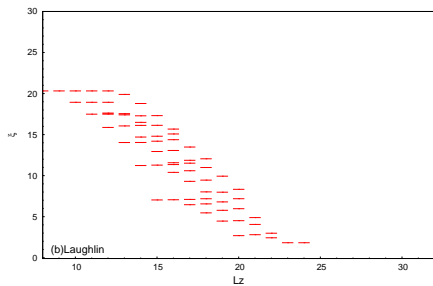
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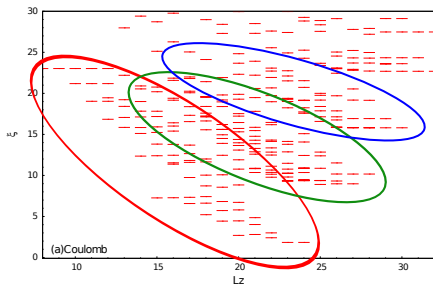
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"Low energy part" of the Coulomb OES  $\simeq$  Laughlin OES

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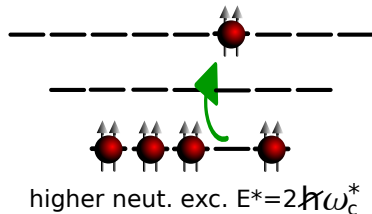
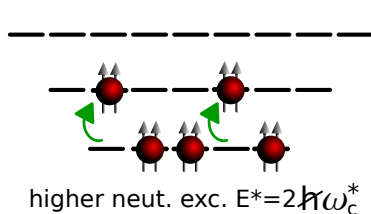
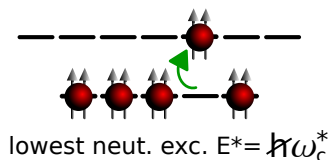
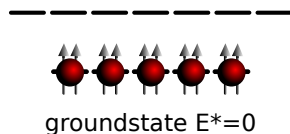
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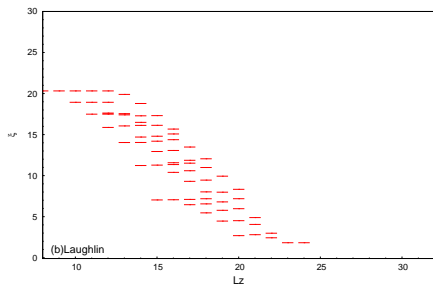
A hierarchical substructure also appears in the non-universal part of the Coulomb OES. Is there meaningful information here?

# Understanding the true spectrum using CF

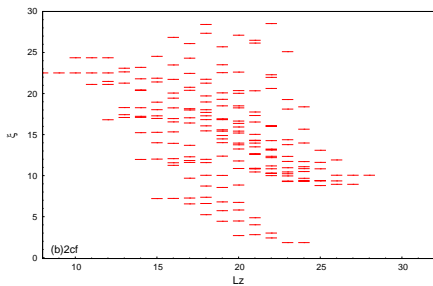


Effective energy hierarchy matches then one of the Coulomb spectrum.

# from Laughlin to Coulomb, using CF excitations

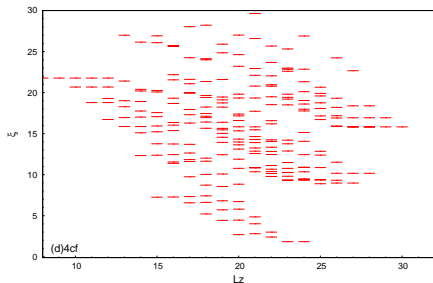


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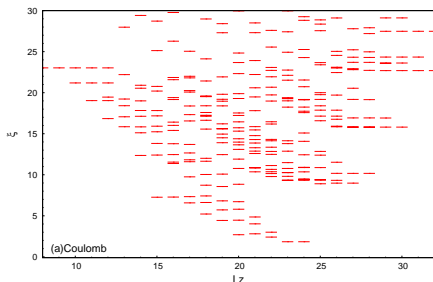


Laughlin + first CF correction

# from Laughlin to Coulomb, using CF excitations



Laughlin + up two second CF  
correction



Coulomb

- non-universal part contains information about neutral excitations.
- the ES “energy” structure mimics the true energy structure of the system.

# Conclusions

- numerical calculations are a powerful method to probe the FQHE but...
- more tools are needed to clearly identify phases
- entanglement spectra a way to investigate this problem
- extracting physics of the edge (orbital partition) and bulk (particle partition) from the ground state
- how much information is encoded within the groundstate of these phases?

## Future works :

- relation between OEM and PEM ?
- some mathematical proofs are missing !
- real space cut ?
- ES at finite temperature ? relation between ES gap and true gap
- what is specific about FQHE ? What about other topological phases ?

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- code available at <http://www.nick-ux.org/diagram>

- entanglement entropy database

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