Physics in Flatland: Searching for New Quantum Materials for Emerging Technologies

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Creating 2-dimensional Electronic Systems

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Molecular Beam Epitaxy (MBE)



Atomically controllable semiconducting layered structures:

GaAs/AlGaAs, Si/SiGe, HgTe/CdTe,



MBE grown semiconductor heterostructures

Rise of 2D van der Waals Systems



- Semiconducting materials: WSe₂, MoSe₂, MoS₂, ...
- Complex-metallic compounds : TaSe₂, TaS₂, ...
- Magnetic materials: Fe-TaS₂, CrI₃, CrGeTe₃,...
- Superconducting: NbSe₂, WTe₂, Bi₂Sr₂CaCu₂O_{8-x}, ZrNCl,...



Pick-up Technique and Edge Contacts for Multilayer vdW Stacking



Anyons in 2-Dimension



2-Dimension is special!

For non-degenerate ground state

$$\psi_{(r_1,r_2)} \to e^{i\theta} \cdot \psi_{(r_2,r_1)}$$



 $\theta = \pm \pi/m$

 $m = 1, 2, 3 \dots$

If the ground state is degenerated,

$$\vec{\psi}_{(r_1,r_2)} \rightarrow U_{12}\vec{\psi}_{(r_2,r_1)}$$

 U_{12} : unitary operator

F. Wilczek, Phys. Rev. Lett. 49, 957 (1982).

Anyons in Fractional Quantum Hall



Quasiparticle excitation in FQH states are anyons!

• Abelian anyons: Most of odd denominator fractions



Non-Abelian Anions For Topologically Protected Qubit

Non-abelian anyons

 $\vec{\psi}_{(r_1,r_2)} \rightarrow U_{12}\vec{\psi}_{(r_2,r_1)}$

 $U_{12} U_{21} \neq U_{21} U_{12}$

By braiding the anyons one can create non-local entangled qubits



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Topologically Protected Qubits from a Possible Non-Abelian Fractional Quantum Hall State

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Aharonov-Bohm (AB) effect

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Significance of Electromagnetic Potentials in the Quantum Theory

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FIG. 2. Schematic experiment to demonstrate interference with time-independent vector potential.

suggests that the associated phase shift of the electron wave function ought to be

$$\Delta S/\hbar = -\frac{e}{c\hbar} \oint \mathbf{A} \cdot d\mathbf{x},$$

where $\oint \mathbf{A} \cdot d\mathbf{x} = \int \mathbf{H} \cdot d\mathbf{s} = \phi$ (the total magnetic flux inside the circuit).

wave packets, the period of the cycle being $\Phi_0 = h/e$. This interference should be reflected in the transport properties of the ring as described by Landauer's formula.²⁻⁴ In this Letter, we describe the first experimental observation of the oscillations periodic with respect to Φ_0 in the magnetoresistance of a normalmetal ring.

Interference effects involving the flux h/e have been previously observed in a two-slit interference experiment involving coherent beams of electrons.⁵ Magnetoresistance oscillations in single-crystal whiskers of bismuth periodic in h/e have been reported at low fields for the case where the extremum of the Fermi surface is cut off by the sample diameter.⁶ Resistance oscillations of period h/2e (flux quantization) have been seen in superconducting cylinders.⁷ Four years ago, magnetoresistance oscillations of period reason, it is believed that samples much longer than L_{ϕ} physically incorporate the ensemble averaging.^{4,13} Each section (longer than L_{ϕ}) of a macroscopic sample is quantum-mechanically independent because the electron states are randomized between the sections. The single mesoscopic ring (diameter $< L_{\phi}$) does not average in this way because the entire sample is quantum-mechanically coherent.^{4,13}

There exists a further complication in normal metals; the magnetic flux penetrates the wires composing the device. Stone¹⁴ has shown that the flux in the wire leads to an *aperiodic* fluctuation in the magnetoresistance. This fluctuation was the main complication in interpreting the earlier experiments¹⁵ where the diameter of the ring was not much larger than the widths of the wires. On the basis of the analysis, a prediction was made that, in a ring having an area much larger





Flux quanta

FIG. 1. (a) Magnetoresistance of the ring measured at T = 0.01 K. (b) Fourier power spectrum in arbitrary units containing peaks at h/e and h/2e. The inset is a photograph

of the larger ring. The inside diameter of the rings (average diameters 825 and 245 nm) and a lone nm, and the width of the wires is 41 nm. wire (length 300 nm). The samples were cooled in the

¹⁵ rings (average diameters 825 and 245 nm) and a lone wire (length 300 nm). The samples were cooled in the mixing chamber of a dilution refrigerator, and the resistance was measured with a four-probe bridge

Quantum Hall Interferometer

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An electronic Mach–Zehnder interferometer

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Braiding Abelian Anyons (2020)

Anyon Fabry-Perot interferometer

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Direct observation of anyonic braiding statistics

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Anyon Hong-Ou-Mandel Experiment

RESEARCH

Bartolomei et al., Science 368, 173-177 (2020) 10 April 2020

MESOSCOPIC PHYSICS

Fractional statistics in anyon collisions

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High Quality Graphene Channel in hBN vdW Structures

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L. Wang et al, Science (2013)

Graphene Based Quantum Hall Interferometer

Multiple vdW stacks for device fabrication



Ronen*, Werkmeister* et al., Nature Nano (2021), Similar results by C. Déprez et al., Nature Nano (2021); bilayer graphene result by Jun Zhu's group Fu et al., Nano Letters (2023)

AB Effect in QH Fabry-Perot Interferometer



Graphene Quantum Hall Point Contact as Charge Sensor

1st Gen

Local gate defined quantum dots and point contacts under magnetic fields





Ronen*, Werkmeister* et al., Nature Nano (2021)



Werkmeister et al., arXiv:2312.03150

Interger Quantum Edge Interference



Fractional Quantum Hall Effect Fabry-Perot Interferometer







49nm hBN

Monolayer graphene

27nm hBN graphite





Fabry-Pérot FQH interferometer: abelian anyons



Fractionalized Charge



θ : exchange phase

 $\theta = \pi$: electrons, $\nu = integer$ $\theta = \frac{\pi}{3}$: Laughlin state, $\nu = 1/3$



Nakamura et al., Nature Phys. (2020)

Telegraph Noise in FQH Interference



- Random telegraph noise with switching time ~ 10s sec
- Three different switching states: caused by fluctuations in localized anyon number *n*
- conductance can only take 3 discrete values depending on n mod 3

 $\delta G(n) \approx \beta \cos\left(2\pi\theta + (n \mod 3)\frac{2\pi}{3}\right)$

Telegraph Noise in FQH Interference

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Telegraph Noise and Fractional Statistics in the Quantum Hall Effect

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We study theoretically nonequilibrium noise in the fractional quantum Hall regime for an Aharonov-Bohm ring with a third contact in the middle of the ring. Because of their fractional statistics the tunneling of Laughlin quasiparticles between the inner and outer edges of the ring changes the effective Aharonov-Bohm flux experienced by quasiparticles going around the ring, leading to a change in the conductance across the ring. A small current in the middle contact, therefore, gives rise to fluctuations in the current flowing across the ring which resemble random telegraph noise. We analyze this noise using the chiral Luttinger liquid model. At low frequencies the telegraph noise varies inversely with the tunneling current and can be much larger than the shot noise. We propose that combining the Aharonov-Bohm effect with a noise measurement provides a direct method for observing fractional statistics.

Switching Noise as a Probe of Statistics in the Fractional Quantum Hall Effect

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Telegraph noise and the Fabry-Perot quantum Hall interferometer

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AB Oscillation of FQHE and Phase Shift



Exchange versus Braiding

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A perspective on anyonic braiding statistics

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This point, that the anyon statistics or statistical phase is not fully determined by a measurement of θ_a , has been somewhat ignored in numerous discussions and commentaries on the experimental result, including in the News and Views piece accompanying the publication [10]. We want to emphasize that, not only is a repeated elementary exchange a braid, but an elementary exchange is also a braid, according to the definition of braids (Artin's work dates originally from the 1920s [5]), and that the fundamental theoretical quantity of interest is θ (modulo 2π), the statistical phase for an elementary exchange, or equivalently $e^{i\theta}$ [3,4,6]; this determines the braiding statistics, while $e^{2i\theta}$ determines $e^{i\theta}$ only up to a factor ± 1 .

In conclusion, there is no suggestion that the experiment [1] did not correctly measure $e^{i\theta_a} = e^{2i\theta}$, demonstrating that the quasiparticles are anyons, but we do want to point out that it would be of great interest to design and perform an experiment to determine $e^{i\theta}$ uniquely, not only $e^{2i\theta}$.

e^{iθ}ex

Exchange



$$\theta_{any} = 2\theta_{ex}$$

[5] E. Artin, "Theory of Braids", Ann. Math. 48, 101 (1947).

Proposal for Probing Exchange Phase

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A modified interferometer to measure anyonic braiding statistics

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- In standard FP interferometer, only can measure $\theta_{braid} = 2\theta_{ex}$
- Additional dot provides a mechanism for a single exchange within the device, enabling direct observation of θ_{ex}

Very Preliminary Experimental Data



Phase Flipping Across the QAD Resonance



Experimentally, for RTN interferometer should see **180deg phase shift in triple helix across quantum dot resonance** (shift from direct to cooperative tunneling)

- Fabry-Perot Interference for Integer and Fractional Quantum Hall States.
- Phase slips related to the quasi-particle occupancy in the interferometers.

• Abelian anyon braiding phase has been identified.



Engineered quasiparticle occupancy: Anti-dot







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Switching Rate: Temperature Dependence



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Why Does Quasiparticles Hopping Occur?

Config. 1: bare sample- exposed to ~700mK radiation





switching @ ~0.1 Hz





Added RF antenna, new experiment to pump in ~30Ghz pulses



<u>20mK</u> Eccosorb + -3dB

<u>1K</u>

-20dB

<u>700mK</u> -10dB

Recent Anyon Braiding in GaAs



Inner Edge Fabry-Perot Interferometer





Inner and Outer Quantum Edge Interference



Improvement of Interferometer: QPC Control

1st Gen

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Inner Edge versus Outer Edge AB Oscillations



Phase slip lines of the outer edge interference is directly connected to the inner edge AB oscillation!

Switching Rate: Density Dependence



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Interference Measurements of Non-Abelian e/4 & Abelian e/2 Quasiparticle Braiding

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