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▣ localization in Quantum quasi-particle boson
Hall systems
(or magnon)

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- Finally, I like to talk about effect of disorders in topological quasi-particle boson systems.
- I want to address myself to the following questions.
- Firstly, the charge conservation is the fundamental symmetry in QHE, which plays vital role in the quantization of Hall conductance.
- If the QH system has an anomalous term (θ_{ij}), the two terminal electric conductance along the chiral edge mode is no longer quantized.

because electron can locally diminish by $\textcircled{3}^{-2}$ this term.

- Therefore, the Hall conductance obtained from the edge transport will not be quantized anymore.
- From this, we can see that the charge conservation is the vital symmetry, which enables the topological distinction between integer QH states with different topological integers.
- On the one hand, topological quasi-particle boson systems I have described so far usually have no explicit $U(1)$ symmetry at all.
- In the case of magnon, for example, the $U(1)$ symmetry corresponds to a continuous spin rotational symmetry around the ferromagnetic moment.

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• In the presence of spin-orbital locking interaction, however, there is no continuous spin rotational symmetry.

• Thus, the key question I should ask to myself is,

① whether topological quasi-particle boson systems with different topological integers can be still distinguishable or not in the presence of generic disorders, which breaks the explicit $U(1)$ symmetry of the quadratic boson Hamiltonian.

② Or equivalently, whether they can be still distinguished from conventional localized regime or not.

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crossover

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Quantum Magnon Hall at the clean limit

conventional Anderson localized regime

generic disorder strength g

two-terminal magnon conductance along the chiral edges is always zero once $g \neq 0$.

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Quantum magnon Hall regime
clean limit

conventional localized regime
generic disorder strength

Quantum phase transition

two-terminal Magnon conductance along the chiral edge mode is quantized to be non-zero integer

2-terminal magnon conductance is zero.

bulk wavefunction is delocalized

From numerical simulations in this paper, we found that the latter is the case.

• The reason is as follows.

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• First of all, the quadratic Hamiltonian with disorder always has the generic particle-hole symmetry:

$$\hat{\sigma}_1 \cdot \hat{H} \cdot \hat{\sigma}_1 = \hat{H}^* \quad - (c) - 1$$

• Thus, an eigenstate of \hat{H} which corresponds to the chiral edge mode ($|\phi\rangle$) always has its hole - counter part eigenstate ($|\sigma_1 \phi\rangle^*$)

$$\begin{cases} \hat{H} |\phi\rangle = \epsilon |\phi\rangle \\ \hat{H} (|\sigma_1 \phi\rangle^*) = \epsilon (|\sigma_1 \phi\rangle^*) \end{cases} \quad - (c) - 2$$

• Since both $|\phi\rangle$ and $|\sigma_1 \phi\rangle^*$ are localized at the same side of the system's boundary, there is a finite matrix element of generic disorder potential (H_{disorder}) between these two!

$$\langle \phi_h | \underbrace{H_{\text{disorder}}}_{\substack{\uparrow \\ \text{spatially local, but contains } b_i^\dagger b_i}} | \phi_p \rangle \neq 0. \quad - (c) - 3$$

- However, these two states correspond to different number states of the same single particle state (with finite energy E):

$$\begin{cases} |\phi\rangle = |n+1\rangle & \text{particle-type state} \\ \sigma_1 |\phi\rangle^* = |n-1\rangle & \text{hole-counterpart} \end{cases}$$

- Therefore, the scattering between these two is always accompanied by an energy absorption or emission of $2E$, where E is an energy of the single-particle state.

$$P_{\phi \rightarrow \sigma_1 \phi^*} = |\langle \phi | H' | \sigma_1 \phi^* \rangle|^2 \delta(\omega - 2E)$$

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- In other words, there is no elastic scattering between chiral edge modes and their hole-counterpart states, provided that their energies are finite.

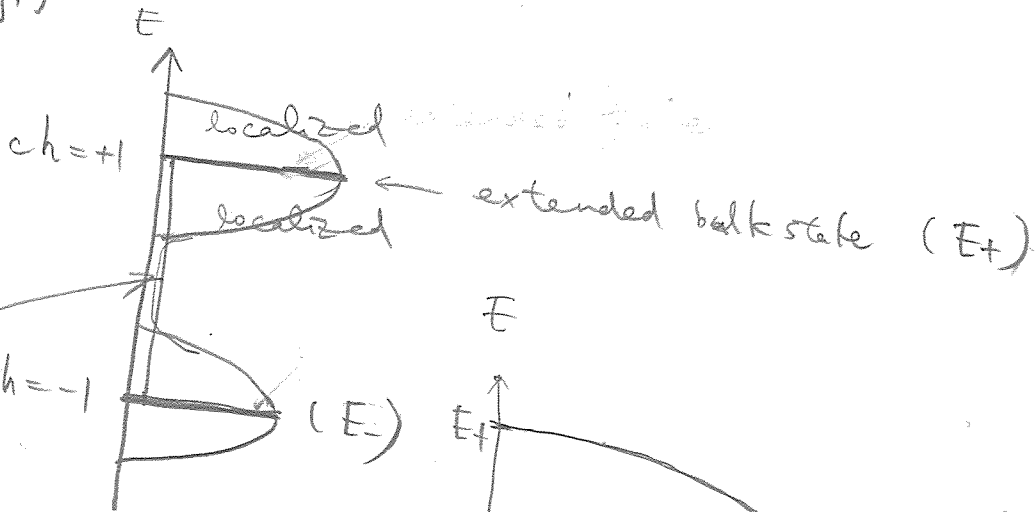
- As a result, the two-terminal magnon conductance along chiral edge modes remains quantized up to a certain disorder strength, even though the system has no explicit $U(1)$ symmetry.
- At the critical disorder strength, the bulk wavefunction become delocalized, which mediates a coupling between the edge mode at one side of the boundary and the edge mode at the other side.
- By this coupling, these two edge modes annihilate with each other.
- As a result, above this critical disorder strength, the two-terminal magnon conductance along the edge modes reduces to zero completely.

- This region is essentially connected to the conventional magnon localized regime

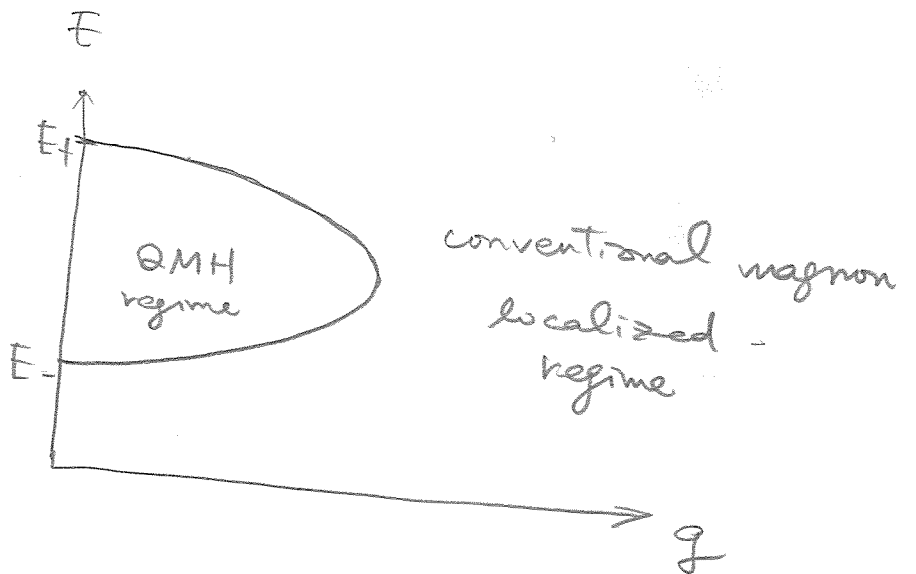
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- Our numerical simulation suggests that, all the bulk magnon wavefunctions except for extended states at the centers of those bulk bands with finite topological integer are localized.

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chiral edge mode is encompassed by the two extended bulk state.



- Based on this observation, I like to discuss the thermal Hall conductivity K_{xy} in disordered quantum (magnon quasi-particle boson) systems.

- For simplicity, let us consider K_{xy} in this two band model. (generalize later)

- For a given finite disorder strength, all these single particle states will contribute to K_{xy} at finite temperature (T).

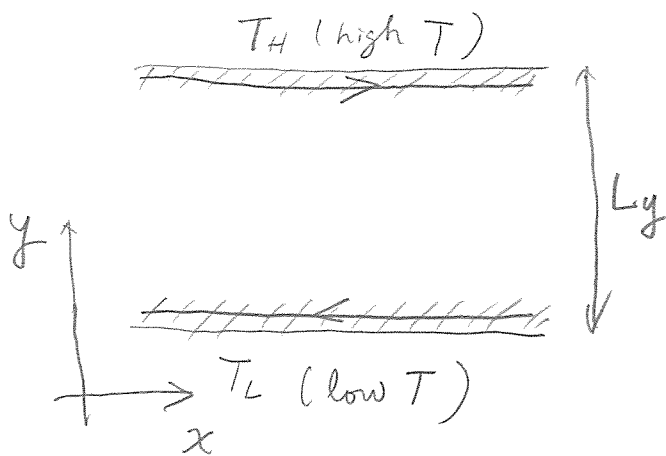
- However, all the bulk states except for the extended states at $E = E_+$ and at $E = E_-$ are spatially localized; they cannot carry heat and therefore do not contribute to K_{xy} .

- On the one hand, between $E = E_+$ and $E = E_-$, the system has a (sub)extensive number of chiral

edge modes which are delocalized along the 1D boundary of the system; they will contribute to K_{xy} . (3) - 10

- To evaluate this contribution, I introduce a temperature gradient along y -direction, and calculate an energy current carried by the edge modes along the x -direction.

(impose open boundary condition along y ,
periodic = x)



- Magnon conductance $\times dE$ counts number of those magnon at $[E, E+dE]$, which can transmit through the system

- Therefore, magnon conductance carried by m -number of chiral edge modes is given by $\frac{m}{h}$ (3-11)

- In the QMH regime of this 2-bands model, it is quantized to $\frac{1}{h}$ (in QMH regime)

- Therefore, heat current density carried by (energy)

the chiral edge mode at one side of the system at energy E is given by

$$\frac{EdE}{hL_y} \quad \text{--- (c) --- 4}$$

where L_y is a linear dimension of the system size along the y -direction.

- This is true for any edge states from $E = E_+$ to $E = E_-$

- Therefore, the energy current density carried by all the chiral edge mode at higher temperature side is given by

$$I_H^E = \frac{1}{hL_y} \int_{E_-}^{E_+} g(E, T_H) E dE \quad \text{--- (3) - 12}$$

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- Those energy current density carried by all the chiral modes at lower temperature side is given by

$$I_L^E = - \frac{1}{hL_y} \int_{E_-}^{E_+} g(E, T_L) E dE$$

- where $g(E, T) \equiv \frac{1}{e^{-\frac{E}{k_B T}} - 1}$

- Noting that $T_H - T_L = L_y \nabla_y T$, and regarding this temperature gradient is small enough, we have the total

energy current density carried by

edge states : as

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$$I_t^E = \frac{1}{hL_y} L_y (\nabla_y T) \int_{E_-}^{E_+} \frac{d}{dT} (g(E, T)) \cdot E dE$$

$$= - \frac{(\nabla_y T)}{hT} \int_{E_-}^{E_+} \frac{d}{dE} (g(E, T)) E^2 dE$$

$$\chi \equiv \frac{E}{k_B T} \quad \frac{Y}{h} - \frac{(\nabla_y T) k_B^2 T}{h} \int_{x_-}^{x_+} \frac{dg}{dx} x^2 dx$$

$$= - \frac{(\nabla_y T) k_B^2 T}{h} \int_{g_-}^{g_+} x^2 dg$$

$$= - \frac{k_B^2 T}{h} \cdot (C_2[g(E_+)] - C_2[g(E_-)]) \nabla_y T$$

K_{xy}

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$$C_2[g] \equiv \int_0^g \left[\ln \left(1 + \frac{1}{t} \right) \right]^2 dt$$

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This leads to

$$\kappa_{xy}^{\text{edge}} = -\frac{k_B T}{h} \left(C_2 [g(E_+)] - C_2 [g(E_-)] \right)$$

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- A realistic material may have more than 2 bands, which have non-zero quantized Chern integers.
- Our numerical simulation suggests that even small disorder makes all the bulk bands localized except for delocalized bulk states at respective band center.
- A pair of two delocalized bulk states bound a mobility gap, inside which a chiral edge mode lives.

• We can generalize the argument so far;

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$$K_{xy} = -\frac{k_B T}{h} \sum_j \left\{ c_2[g(\epsilon_j^+)] - c_2[g(\epsilon_j^-)] \right\}$$

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where the integer j counts chiral edge modes.

• ϵ_j^+ and ϵ_j^- stand for a pair of two energies.

by which the j -th chiral edge mode is bounded.

• We define $\epsilon_j^+ \gtrless \epsilon_j^-$ when the j -th mode is

(right)
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• This expression is qualitatively consistent with the thermal Hall conductivity in the clean limit.

$$K_{xy} = -\frac{k_B T}{h} \left(\sum_{n=1}^N \int \frac{d^2k}{2\pi} \Omega_{n,\mathbf{k}}^{xy} \left(c_2[g(\epsilon_{n,\mathbf{k}})] - \frac{\pi^2}{3} \right) \right)$$

↑
only over
particle bands

= 0
(due to the
sum rule)

- They are identical when the temperature is much larger than the bulk band width,
- In this limit, $\epsilon_{n,\mathbf{k}}$ in the right hand side can be replaced by its band center energy $\bar{\epsilon}_n$;

$$\begin{aligned}
 \lim_{\Delta \ll k_B T} \kappa_{xy} &= - \frac{k_B^2 T}{h} \sum_n \int \frac{d^2 \mathbf{k}}{2\pi} \Omega_n(\mathbf{k}) C_2 [g(\bar{\epsilon}_n)] \\
 &= - \frac{k_B^2 T}{h} \sum_n c_n C_2 [g(\bar{\epsilon}_n)] \\
 &= \text{eq. (C)-8}
 \end{aligned}$$

If we regard this band center energy as the energy for the extended bulk state, at which chiral edge mode is terminated, one can see that this is nothing but eq. (C)-8.

e.g.) In the two-band case.