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Electron dynamics at boundaries of quantum many-body systems

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Abstract

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Scattering processes of particles and waves at a boundary provide a common diagnostic method for investigating unknown properties of bulk matter. This fact has a much more profound meaning in quantum many-body physics, where electron correlation is often linked to the emergence of exotic particles. This talk discusses electron dynamics at the boundaries of various quantum many-body systems, mainly for the quantum Hall systems. Coupling and fractionalization of elementary excitations show up in scattering processes at the boundaries, highlighting the quantum and correlated nature of electrons in condensed matter.

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Boundary of a material

Measurement for bulk properties

Reaction from a boundary

Mismatch between systems forming the boundary

A boundary between a sample and a well-known system

Bulk property of the sample



Measurement for a quantum many-body system

An example:

Andreev reflection at a Normal metal/Superconductor junction

Mismatch between carrier charges

- Normal metal: single particles (well-known)
- ✓ Superconductor: Cooper pair



Quantum many-body systems

Superconductor

- Fractional quantum Hall state
- Tomonga-Luttinger liquid
- Kondo effect
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Some analogies appear in electron dynamics at boundaries

Quantum Hall system

Two-dimensional electron system (2DES) at a high magnetic field

Superconductor



Wikipedia



Feldman et al., Science 2012.

1D electron system



Wikipedia

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Two-dimensional topological systems

S. Oh, Science 2013.



Integer quantum Hall (IQH) effect

Klaus von Klitzing 1980.





Fractional quantum Hall (FQH) effect

Tsui, Stomer, Gossard 1982. Laughlin 1983.

Nobel prize 1998.



Quantum Hall effect

Integer quantum Hall (IQH) effect

von Klitzing 1980.

- ✓ Landau-level Filling factor : v = (integer)
 - Charge carrier: $e^* = e$
 - Quantum statistics: $\theta = \pi$ (Fermion)

Quantum many-body state

Fractional QH (FQH) effect

Tsui, Stomer, Gossard 1982.

- Laughlin state: v = 1/3, etc.
 - Charge carrier: $e^* = e/3$
 - Quantum statistics: $\theta = \pi/3$ (Abelian)
- ✓ Moore-Read Pfaffian state: v = 5/2
 - Charge carrier: $e^* = e/4$
 - Quantum statistics: Non-abelian (Ising)



R. Willett et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. **59**, 1776 (1987).

Fractional quasiparticles

FQH state

Bulk: incompressible (insulating) Edge: compressible (metallic)



> Laughlin state: v = 1/3, etc.

- ✓ Charge carrier: $e^* = e/3$
- ✓ Quantum statistics: $\theta = \pi/3$



Uniform electron density: Three flux quanta per an electron.

Elementary excitation (quasiparticle)



Minimal electrondensity modulation

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Fractional charge
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Integer quantum Hall edge: Chiral 1D channels

Fractional quantum Hall edge:

Chiral or helical 1D channels



Tomonaga-Luttinger liquid

Interacting 1D electron system



c.f. Fermi liquid



Luttinger-liquid nature of edge channels

Quantum many-body state

Fractional QH edge channel

Chiral Luttinger liquid (Short-range interaction)

✓ Power-law behaviors. –

Integer QH edge channel

Non-interacting 1D system (Short-range interaction)

Artificial Luttinger liquid

(Long-range interaction)

- Charge fractionalization
- Spin-charge separation

(Discussions later)



Power-law behavior Phys.Rev. Lett. **77**, 2538 (1996).

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Andreev-reflection-like scatterings

Electron dynamics at boundaries of quantum many-body systems

Electron scattering reflects the mismatch between systems forming the boundary.



1. Fractional-Integer quantum Hall junction

(Q Many-body) (Normal)

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2. A boundary of a Tomonaga-Luttinger liquid

Hashisaka et al., Nat. Phys. 13, 559 (2017).

Fractional-Integer QH junction

Andreev reflection of fractional quantum Hall quasiparticles

M. Hashisaka, T. Jonckheere, T. Akiho, S. Sasaki, J. Rech, T. Martin, K. Muraki Nature Communications, **12**, 2794 (2021).

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Fractional-Integer QH junction

My first thought:

Charge conservation at a FQH / normal metal interface.



Fractionally-charged carrier dynamics

Conventional Andreev reflection at a Metal/Superconductor interface

InjectionTransmissionReflectione (electron) = 2e (Cooper pair) - e (hole)

Similar scattering process at an FQH/Metal interface (?)

InjectionTransmissionReflectione/3 (quasiparticle) = e (electron) - 2e/3 (quasihole)

Theoretical proposals

Conductance through the 1/3-1 junction: **tunneling between Luttinger liquids**.



Analytical result of the single-impurity case:

 $G = 1.5 \times e^2/3h$ (Strong coupling)

Safi & Schulz, PRB **52**, R17040 (1995). Chamon & Fradkin, PRB **56**, 20120(1997). Chklovskii & Halperin, PRB **57**, 3781 (1998). Sandler, Chamon & Fradlkin, PRB **59**, 12521 (1999).

Conductance exceeding $e^2/3h$:



Interpretation:

Andreev reflection of fractional quasiparticles.

Sandler, Chamon, Fradkin PRB 57, 12324 (1998).





No experimental demonstration since the the the the the the the the theoretical prediction in the 1990s.

Sample

1/3

πVs



Split-gate aperture: 300 nm 600 nm 900 nm **2DES in a GaAs quantum well** (with a back gate: $V_{\rm BG}$) Electron density ~ 1.8 x 10¹¹ cm⁻²

Magnetic field B = 9.0T(Bulk filling: $v = 1 @ V_{BG} = +1.29 V$) Electron temperature ~10 mK

Boundary of the FQH and IQH systems

Hashisaka et al., Phys. Rev. X 13, 031024 (2023).



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Tunneling between edge channels

Hashisaka et al., Phys. Rev. X **13**, 031024 (2023). Schematic of the **1/3-1** junction



Experimental result 1: Conductance oscillations with $G > e^2/3h$

Maximum conductance: ~ $1.2 \times e^2/3h$ (1.5 $e^2/3h$: strong coupling limit) Oscillation amplitude increases with decreasing the junction width.





Experimental result 2: Negative reflection signal

Negative output voltage of the reflected channel.

Similar oscillations are observed as a function of $V_{\rm S}$.





Conductance oscillations

Why does the conductance oscillate?

Multiple impurities

G oscillates between 0 and 1.5 x $e^2/3h$.

Theory:

Chamon, Fradlkin PRB **56**, 20120(1997). Ponomarenko et al., PRB **67**, 035314 (2003). Zülicke and Shimshoni, PRB **69**, 085307 (2004).

Our Experiment:

(GaAs 2DES) Hashisaka et al., Nat. Commun. 2021.

Single impurity

 $G = 1.5 \times e^2/3h$ (Strong coupling)

Recent Experiment:

(Graphene) Cohen et al., Science 2023.





Andreev-reflection-like scatterings at an FQH-IQH interface

Nature Communications, 12, 2794 (2021).

Theory: Safi & Schulz, PRB **52**, R17040 (1995). Chamon & Fradkin, PRB **56**, 20120(1997). Sandler, Chamon, Fradkin PRB **57**, 12324 (1998). Chklovskii & Halperin, PRB **57**, 3781 (1998). Sandler, Chamon & Fradlkin, PRB **59**, 12521 (1999).



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Cooper-pair splitting

Andreev reflection at a Y-shaped Metal-Superconductor junction

A promising device for generating pairwise entangled electrons in solids.

Experiments:

Das *et al.*, Nat. Commun. 2012. Deacon *et al.*, Nat. Commun. 2015. Rani *et al.*, Nat. Commun. 2021. Bordoloi *et al.*, Nature 2022. etc.





Hofstetter et al., Nature 2009.

Mode transformation at a boundary of a Tomonaga-Luttinger liquid

Electron fractionalization (Spin-Charge separation)

Hashisaka et al., Nat. Phys. 13, 559 (2017).

Artificial Luttinger liquid

Integer QH edge channel



S. Oh, Science 2013.

Low-energy charge dynamics

Quantum Hall system

- ✓ Bulk: (Energy gap) > ~100 GHz
- ✓ Edge: gapless

Edge magneto-plasmon (EMP)

- Change in the boundary shape
- Almost linear dispersion relation



2-dimensional electron system(2DES)



Inter-channel interaction

Circuit model of edge magnetoplasmons

- 1D continuity equation \Rightarrow
- Electron correlation
- Equation of motion

 $\frac{\partial I}{\partial x} = -\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t}$ $\rho = c_{ch} V$

$$\blacksquare \quad I(x,t) = \sigma_{xy} V(x,$$

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t)

Hashisaka et al., PRB 2012; PRB 2013.

Inter-channel Coulomb interaction

1D wave equation:

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \begin{pmatrix} \rho_{\uparrow} \\ \rho_{\downarrow} \end{pmatrix} = - \begin{pmatrix} v_{\uparrow} & U_{X} \\ U_{X} & v_{\downarrow} \end{pmatrix} \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \begin{pmatrix} \rho_{\uparrow} \\ \rho_{\downarrow} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$v_{\uparrow} = \frac{\sigma_{xy}(c_{\downarrow} + c_{X})}{c_{\uparrow}c_{\downarrow} + c_{\uparrow}c_{X} + c_{\downarrow}c_{X}}, \quad v_{\downarrow} = ..., U_{X} = .$$

Hashisaka & Fujisawa, Rev. Phys. 2018.



Artificial Luttinger liquid

Interacting integer edge channels show Luttinger-liquid-like behaviors

Theory: Berg, Oreg, Kim, von Oppen, Phys. Rev. Lett. **102**, 236409 (2009).

Charge conservation: e = er + e(1 - r)electron Mode A + Mode B

Charge fractionalization



Kamata, Hashisaka, *et al.*, Nat. Nanotechnol. 2014. Hashisaka *et al.*, PRB 2012.

Spin-Charge separation



Waveforms of charge & spin excitations

Direct time-domain measurement of the spin-charge separation in a Tomonaga-Luttinger liquid.

Hashisaka et al., Nat. Phys. 13, 559 (2017).



Optical micrograph of the sample (v = 2 IQH system in a GaAs quantum well).

Hashisaka et al., Nat. Phys. 13, 559 (2017).

> Spin-up charge injection



Spin-charge separation

Hashisaka et al., Nat. Phys. 13, 559 (2017).

Spin-up charge injection



Spin-down charge injection





Summary of the second topic

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Mode transformations at boundaries



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Appendix

> Quantum many-body phase of interacting 1D channels

Hashisaka et al., Phys. Rev. X 13, 031024 (2023).

Edge-mode transformation

Coherent-Incoherent Crossover of Charge and Neutral Mode Transport as Evidence for the Disorder-Dominated Fractional Edge Phase

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Experiments



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Appendix: Coulomb interaction & Tunnel couplings

Example:

 ✓ 2D topological insulator (HgTe, etc.)

Quantized electrical conductance (?)

Equilibration in the coupled helical channels.



Phase diagram of the coupled helical channels (from renormalization group theory)

The 1D phase can be identified by the **Electrical and thermal transport meas.**

MacDonald, PRL 1990. Kane, Fisher, Polchinski, PRL 1994. Kane, Fisher, PRB 1995. Protopopov, Gefen, Mirlin, Ann. Phys. 2017.

Appendix: Coulomb interaction

Mechanism: How do the charge and charge-neutral modes emerge?

Wave equation: (Coulomb interaction only)

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \begin{pmatrix} \rho_1 \\ \rho_{1/3} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \nu_1 & U_X \\ -U_X & -\nu_{1/3} \end{pmatrix} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \begin{pmatrix} \rho_1 \\ \rho_{1/3} \end{pmatrix}$$

Hashisaka & Fujisawa, Rev. Phys. **3**, 32 (2018).

Coulomb interaction only

Right- and left-moving modes carrying finite charges.



Coulomb + Tunnel couplings

Downstream charge and upstream charge-neutral modes

Kane, Fisher, Polchinski 1994. Kane, Fisher 1995. Protopopov, Gefen, Mirlin 2017.





Disorder-dominated FQH edge phase



Right- and left-moving modes both carrying charges.

Kane, Fisher, Polchinski 1994. Kane, Fisher 1995. Protopopov, Gefen, Mirlin 2017.



Charge and neutral modes.



Appendix: Upstream heat transport

Experimental evidence (?) of the strong coupling phase

 ✓ Electrical conductance: 2e²/3h
 ✓ Upstream heat transport (Charge-neutral mode)

"Standard model" for fractional QH edge transport

- Downstream charge mode
- Upstream neutral mode

Banerjee *et al.*, Nature **545**, 75 (2017). Banerjee *et al.*, Nature **559**, 205 (2018). Nakamura *et al.*, Nat. Phys. **15**, 563 (2019). Dutta *et al.*, Science **375**, 193 (2022). Dutta *et al.*, Science **377**, 1198 (2022). etc.



Bid *et al.*, Nature **466**, 585 (2010). Venkatachalam *et al.*, Nat. Phys. **8**, 676 (2012). Altimiras *et al.*, PRL **109**, 026803 (2012). Inoue *et al.*, Nat. Commun. **5**, 4067 (2014). Sabo *et al.*, Nat. Commun. **5**, 4067 (2014). Kumar *et al.*, Nat. Phys. **13**, 491 (2017). Kumar *et al.*, Nat. Commun. **13**, 213 (2022). Melcer *et al.*, Nat. Commun. **13**, 376 (2022). Breton *et al.*, PRL **129**, 116803 (2022). Srivastav *et al.*, Nat. Commun. **13**, 5185 (2022). Nakamura *et al.*, PRL **130**, 076205 (2023). etc.

Appendix: Problems in experiments and theories

Non-interacting "leads" near ohmic contacts

Protopopov, Gefen, Mirlin, Ann. Phys. 385, 287 (2017).

"Strong" and "Weak" coupling phases have very similar electrical & thermal transport properties except for **the mesoscopic regime**.

 $l \ll \min(L_0, L_{\mathrm{T}}) \ll L \ll L_{\mathrm{in}}$





	Interaction	Strong $\Delta_r \simeq 1$	Weak ∆ _r > 3/2
short	Eigenmode	DS charge and US neutral modes	DS and US charged modes
	Coherent	$G_{E}^{(2)} = 4/3$ $G_{T}^{(2)} = 2$	$G_{E}^{(2)} = 4/3$ $G_{T}^{(2)} = 2$
	Mesoscopic	$\begin{array}{l} 1/3 \leq G_{\rm E}^{(2)} \leq 4/3 \\ ({\rm fluctuating}) \\ G_{\rm T}^{(2)} = 1 \end{array}$	$2/3 \le G_{E}^{(2)} \le 4/3$ (monotonic) $1.88 \le G_{T}^{(2)} \le 2$
	Incoherent	$G_{\rm E}^{(2)} = 2/3$ $G_{\rm T}^{(2)} \propto 1/L$	$G_{\rm E}^{(2)} = 2/3$ $G_{\rm T}^{(2)} \propto 1/L$

Appendix: Coherence in a disordered system

Previous experiments:

Protopopov, Gefen, Mirlin, Ann. Phys. 385, 287 (2017).

Long counter-propagating channels with inelastic scatterings.

Bid et al., Nature 2010, etc.

This study: crossover between long and short channel regimes. Short counter-propagating channels with only elastic scatterings.

Mesoscopic regime

 $L < L_{in}$

L: 1/3-1 channel length *L*_{in}: Inelastic scattering length

Cocurrence of

Electrical conductance fluctuations

✓ Quantized thermal conductance

c.f.

Cohen *et al.*, Nat. Commun. 2019. Kumar *et al.*, Nat. Commun. 2022. Melcer *et al.*, Nat. Commun. 2022.



Appendix: Half-quantized thermal conductance

Strong coupling phase

- ✓ Electrical conductance: $2e^2/3h$
- ✓ Upstream heat transport

Bid *et al*., Nature 2010. Inoue *et al*., Nat. Commun. 2014.

Experimental hallmark

$$G_Q = 0.5 \frac{\pi^2 k_B^2 T}{3h}$$

Half-quantized thermal conductance in the dissipationless transport regime.

Protopopov, Gefen, Mirlin 2017.





Appendix: Thermal conductance measurement

2DES in a GaAs quantum well







(Thermal conductance from top to bottom)

Half-quantized thermal conductance $G_Q/2$: **Evidence of the strong coupling phase**

Coulomb interaction + Tunneling

M. Hashisaka et al., PRX **13**, 031024 (2023).

Generalized quantum Hall (QH) edge system

Conventional v = 2/3 device



• Counter-propagating v = 1/3 and v = 1 edge channels



Bulk

Spin-polarized v = 2/3 state:

 $v_{\rm h} = 1/3$ fractional quantum Hall state

$$(v = 2/3 = 1 - 1/3)$$

Bulk-Edge correspondence

Edge

Counter-propagating 1/3 and 1 channels (MacDonald's model: 1-1/3 channels)

MacDonald, PRL **64**, 220 (1990). Johnson, MacDonald, PRL **67**, 2060 (1991). Meir, PRL **72**, 2624 (1994). Chamon, Wen, PRB **49**, 8227 (1994).

Experiment:

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Theory:

Transport in a disordered v = 2/3 fractional quantum Hall junction

I. V. Protopopov, Y. Gefen, A. D. Mirlin Annals of Physics **385**, 287 (2017).

Key background theory:

Neutral modes in fractional QH systems.

Kane, Fisher, Polchinski, PRL **72**, 4129 (1994). Kane, Fisher, PRB **51**, 13449 (1995).

