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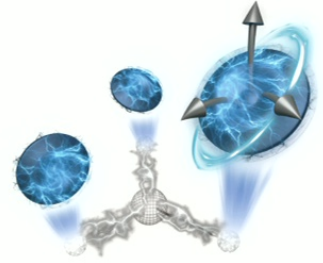
Abstract: The interplay between spontaneous symmetry breaking and topology can result in exotic quantum states of matter. A celebrated example is the quantum anomalous Hall (QAH) effect, which exhibits an integer quantum Hall effect at zero magnetic field due to topologically nontrivial bands and intrinsic magnetism. In the presence of strong electron-electron interactions, fractional-QAH (FQAH) effect at zero magnetic field can emerge, which is a lattice analog of fractional quantum Hall effect without Landau level formation. In this talk, I will present experimental observation of FQAH effect in twisted MoTe₂ bilayer, using combined magneto-optical and -transport measurements. In addition, we find an anomalous Hall state near the filling factor $-1/2$, whose behavior resembles that of the composite Fermi liquid phase in the half-filled lowest Landau level of a two-dimensional electron gas at high magnetic field. Direct observation of the FQAH and associated effects paves the way for researching charge fractionalization and anyonic statistics at zero magnetic field.

Reference 1. Observation of Fractionally Quantized Anomalous Hall Effect, Heonjoon Park et al., Nature, <https://www.nature.com/articles/s41586-023-06536-0> (2023);
2. Signatures of Fractional Quantum Anomalous Hall States in Twisted MoTe₂ Bilayer, Jiaqi Cai et al., Nature, <https://www.nature.com/articles/s41586-023-06289-w> (2023);
3. Programming Correlated Magnetic States via Gate Controlled Moiré Geometry, Eric Anderson et al., Science, <https://www.science.org/doi/full/10.1126/science.adg4268> (2023)

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Observation of Fractional Quantum Anomalous Hall Effect

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Discovery of transistor



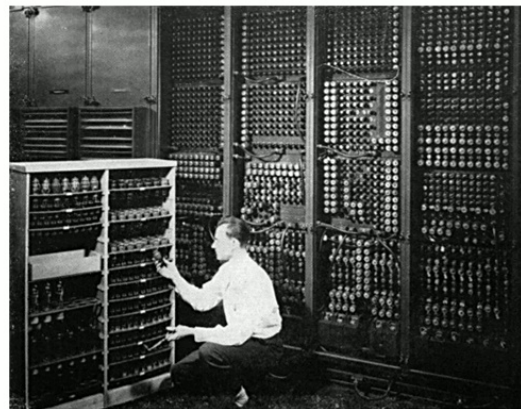
- Revolution of micro electronics



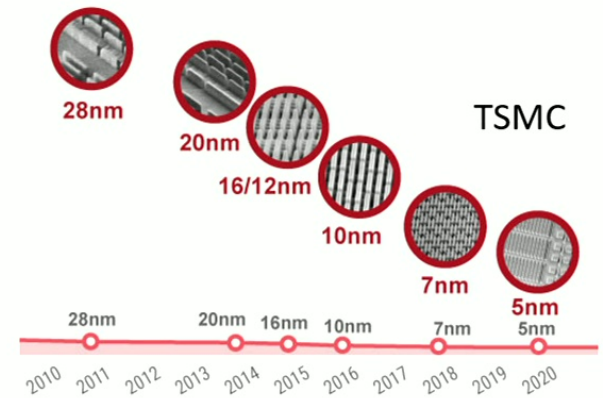
[John Bardeen](#), [William Shockley](#) and [Walter Brattain](#) at [Bell Labs](#), 1948

[Nobel Prize in Physics](#), 1956 "for their researches on semiconductors and their discovery of the transistor effect".

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/History_of_the_transistor



Replacing a bad tube meant checking among ENIAC's 19,000 possibilities.

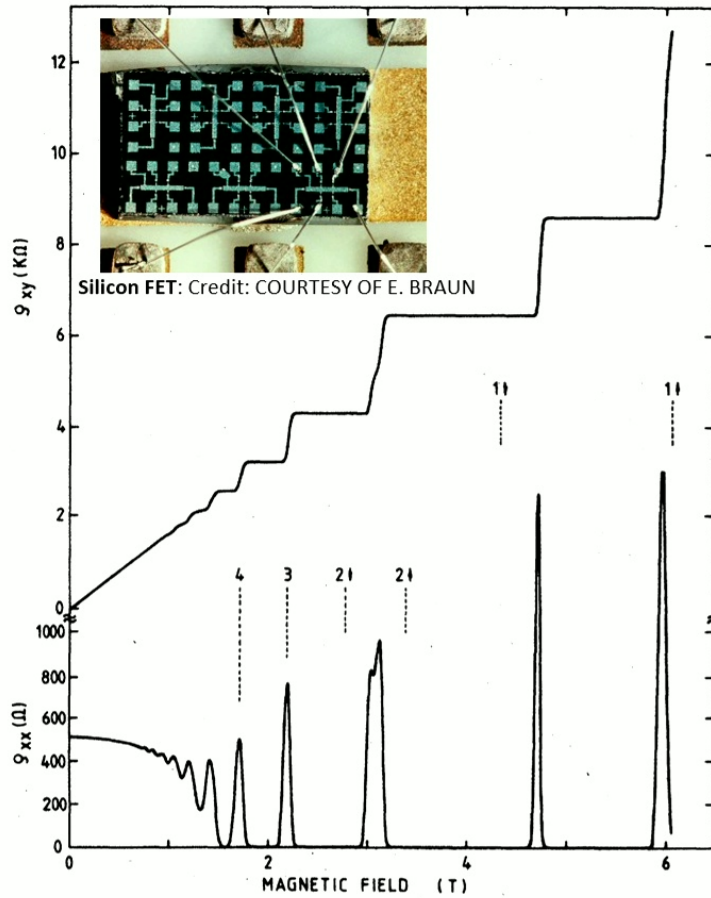


Apple Macintosh (1984)



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Integer quantum Hall effect



2D electron gas subject to strong magnetic field

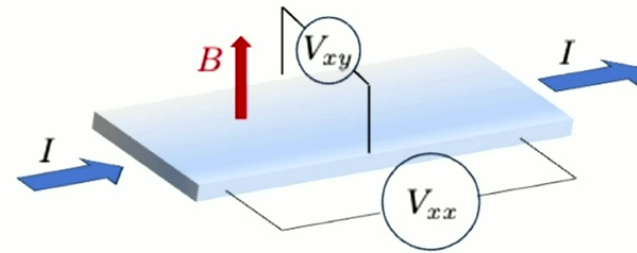


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Quantized Hall conductance

$$\sigma_{xy} = C \frac{e^2}{h}$$

K. v. Klitzing, G. Dorda, and M. Pepper PRL **45**, 494 (1980)

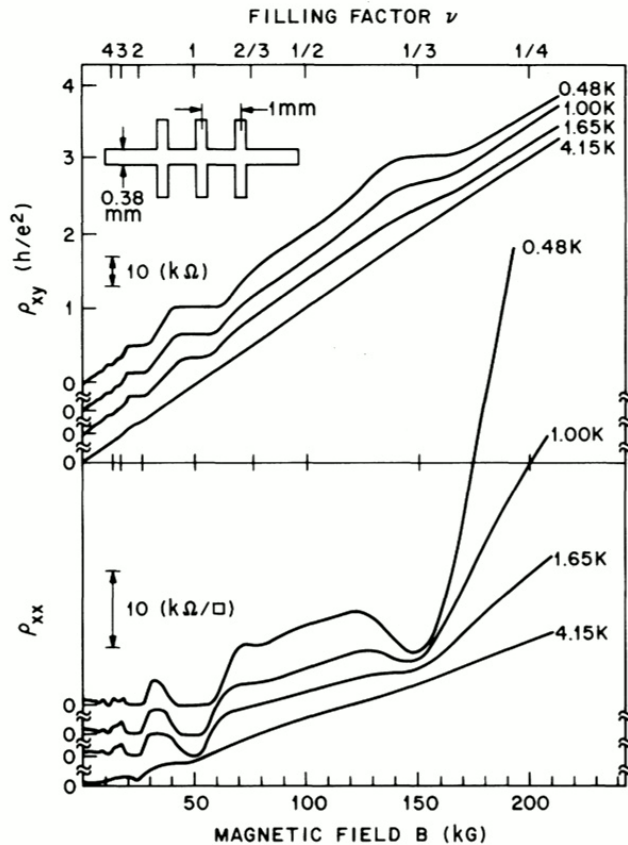
Nobel Prize 1985

Fractional quantum Hall effect – high mobility electron gas



Electron-electron interactions become important

Fractionally quantized Hall conductance



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Nobel Prize 1998

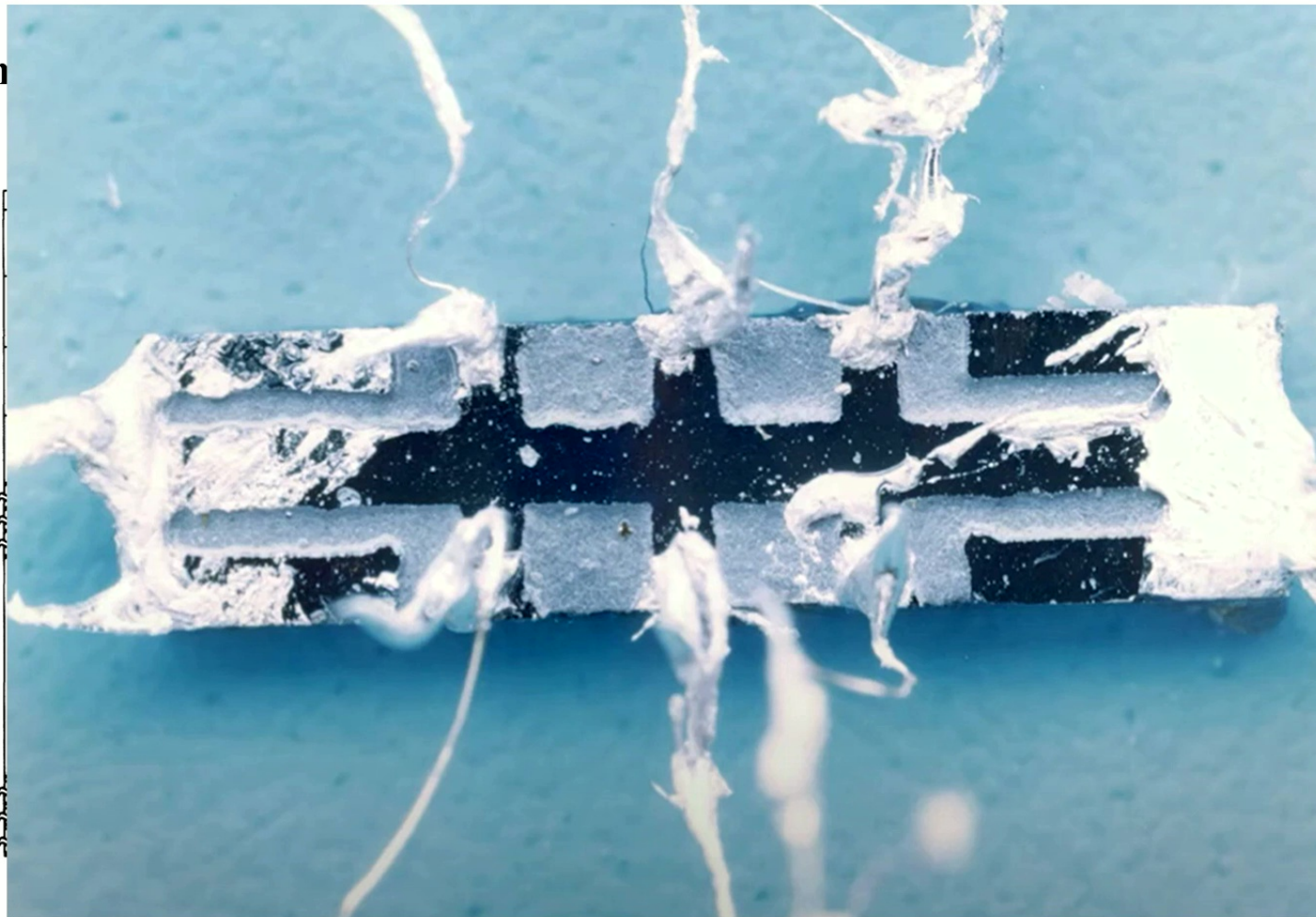
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Electron

ρ_{xy} (h/e^2)

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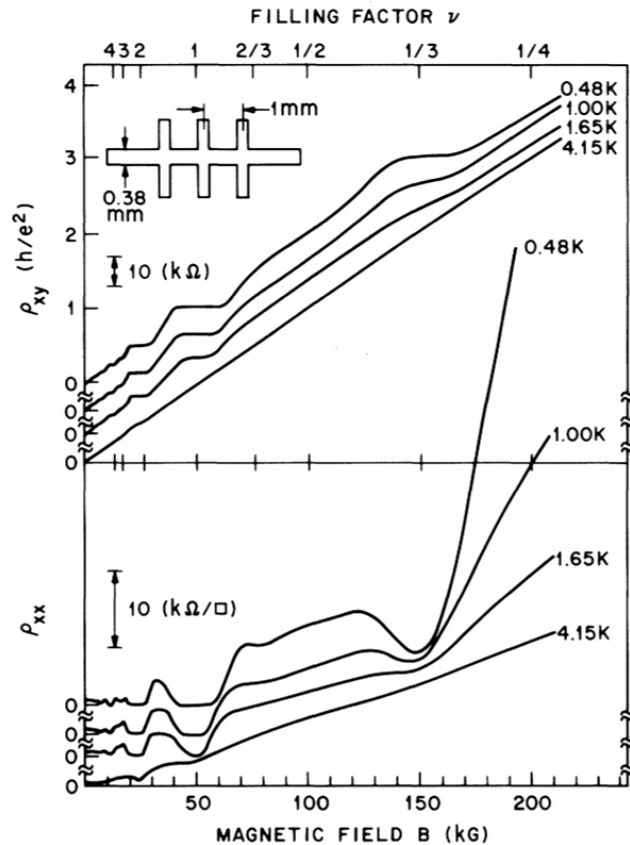
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Nobel Prize 1998

Quantized Hall Conductance in a Two-Dimensional Periodic Potential

D. J. Thouless, M. Kohmoto,^(a) M. P. Nightingale, and M. den Nijs

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(Received 30 April 1982)

The Hall conductance of a two-dimensional electron gas has been studied in a uniform magnetic field and a periodic substrate potential U . The Kubo formula is written in a form that makes apparent the quantization when the Fermi energy lies in a gap. Explicit expressions have been obtained for the Hall conductance for both large and small $U/\hbar\omega_c$.

Quantized Hall conductance as a topological invariant

Qian Niu, D. J. Thouless,* and Yong-Shi Wu[†]

Department of Physics FM-15, University of Washington, Seattle, Washington 98195

(Received 21 September 1984)

Whenever the Fermi level lies in a gap (or mobility gap) the bulk Hall conductance can be expressed in a topologically invariant form showing the quantization explicitly. The new formulation generalizes the earlier result by Thouless, Kohmoto, Nightingale, and den Nijs to the situation where many-body interaction and substrate disorder are also present. When applying to the fractional quantized Hall effect, we draw the conclusion that there must be a symmetry breaking in the many-body ground state. The possibility of writing the fractionally quantized Hall conductance as a topological invariant is also discussed.

Quantized Hall conductance

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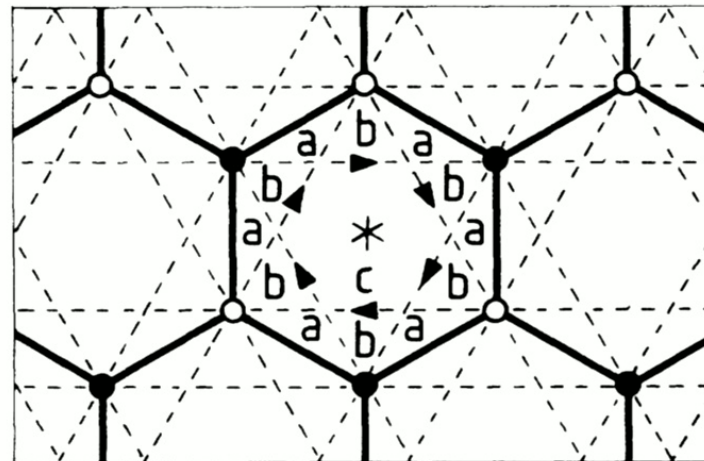
$$C = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_S \mathcal{B} ds$$

Model for a Quantum Hall Effect without Landau Levels: Condensed-Matter Realization of the “Parity Anomaly”

F. D. M. Haldane

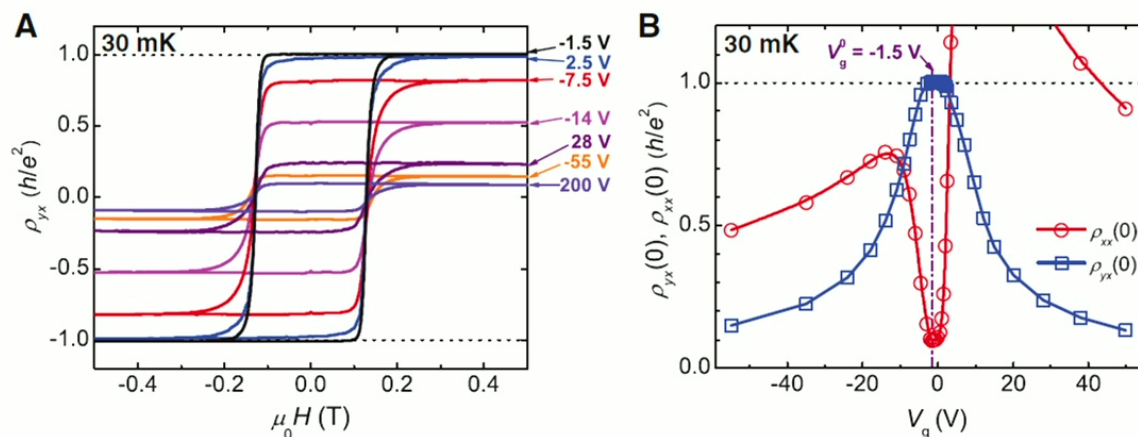
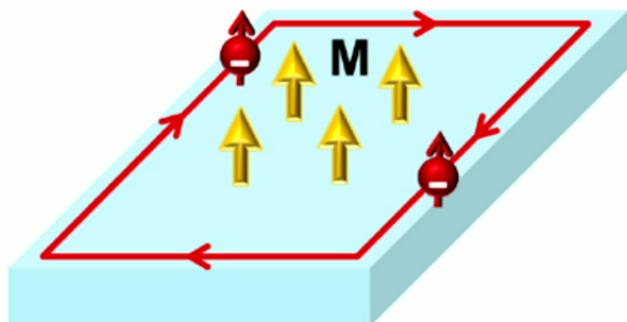
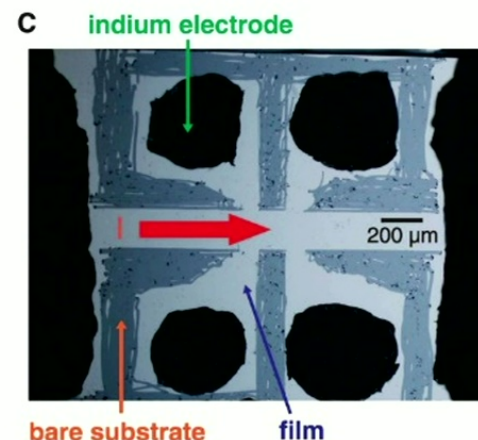
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Experimental Observation of the Quantum Anomalous Hall Effect in a Magnetic Topological Insulator

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FQHE + Spin lattice

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Theory of the spin liquid state of the Heisenberg antiferromagnet

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FQHE + Lattice

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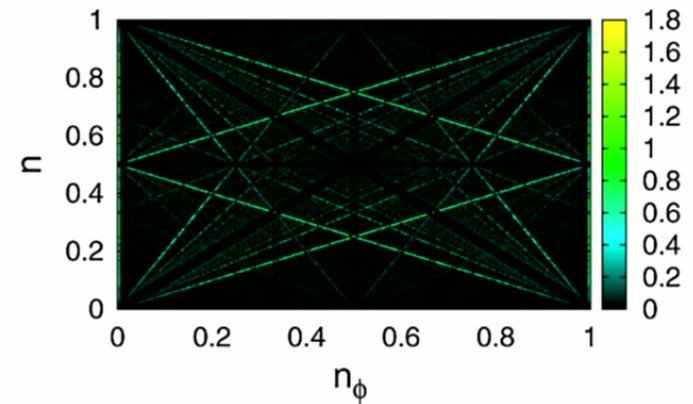
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Fractional quantum Hall effect in a periodic potential

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(Received 28 May 1993)

FQHE + optical lattices (cold atoms)



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Theory - zero-magnetic field fractional quantum Hall effect



PRL **106**, 236802 (2011) Selected for a Viewpoint in *Physics*
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High-Temperature Fractional Quantum Hall States

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Nearly Flatbands

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Interface engineering of quantum Hall effects in digital transition metal oxide heterostructures

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Fractional Quantum Hall States at Zero Magnetic Field

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Key: Flat Chern band!

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Quantum Hall effect in the absence
of Landau levels

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Fractional Chern Insulator

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Experimental evidence of high-temperature zero-field integer ($C = -1$) and fractional Chern ($C = -2/3, -3/5, -4/7$) insulator states.

Gate tunable ferromagnetism:

Science [DOI: 10.1126/science.adg4268](https://doi.org/10.1126/science.adg4268) (2023)

Trion sensing of FQAHE:

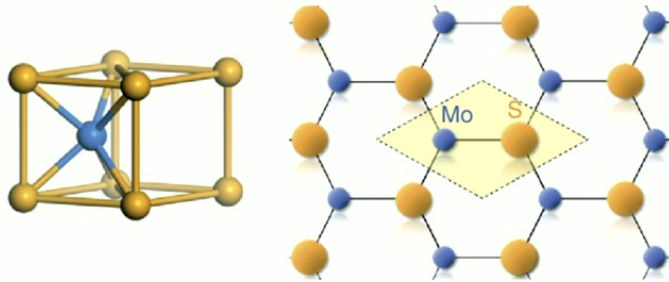
Nature, www.nature.com/articles/s41586-023-06289-w (2023)

Transport measurements of FQAHE,

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FQAHE in pentalayer graphene moire superlattices, Z. Lu, L. Ju et al, *Nature* (2024).

Monolayer transition metal dichalcogenides



Monolayer

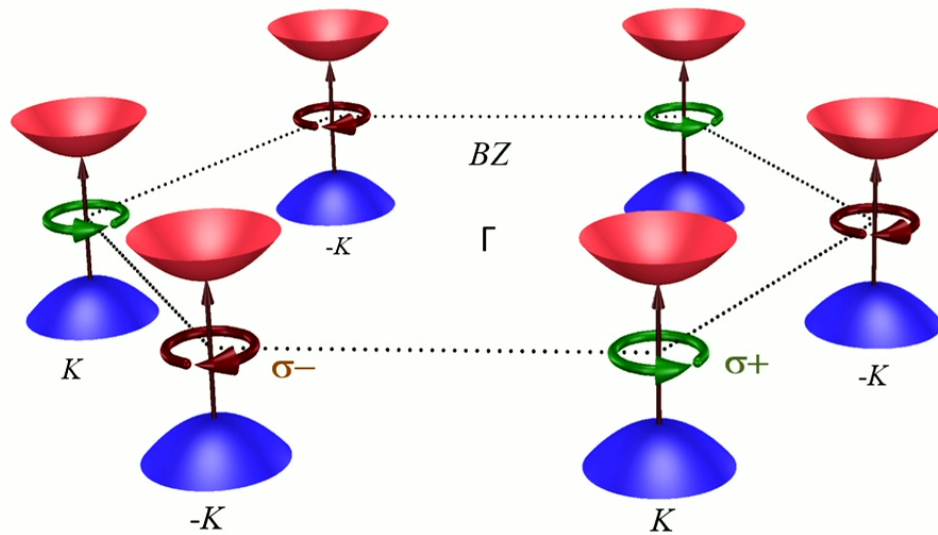
$$D_{3h}^1$$

without
inversion

symmetry

$$\Omega(\mathbf{k}) \neq 0 \quad m(\mathbf{k}) \neq 0$$

Xiao, Xu, Yao *et al*, PRL 108, 196802 (2012)



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Topological Insulators in Twisted Transition Metal Dichalcogenide Homobilayers

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We show that moiré bands of twisted homobilayers can be topologically nontrivial, and illustrate the tendency by studying valence band states in $\pm K$ valleys of twisted bilayer transition metal dichalcogenides, in particular, bilayer MoTe₂. Because of the large spin-orbit splitting at the monolayer valence band maxima, the low energy valence states of the twisted bilayer MoTe₂ at the $+K$ ($-K$) valley can be described using a two-band model with a layer-pseudospin magnetic field $\Delta(\mathbf{r})$ that has the moiré period. We show that $\Delta(\mathbf{r})$ has a topologically nontrivial skyrmion lattice texture in real space, and that the topmost moiré valence bands provide a realization of the Kane-Mele quantum spin-Hall model, i.e., the two-dimensional time-reversal-invariant topological insulator. Because the bands narrow at small twist angles, a rich set of broken symmetry insulating states can occur at integer numbers of electrons per moiré cell.

DOI: 10.1103/PhysRevLett.122.086402

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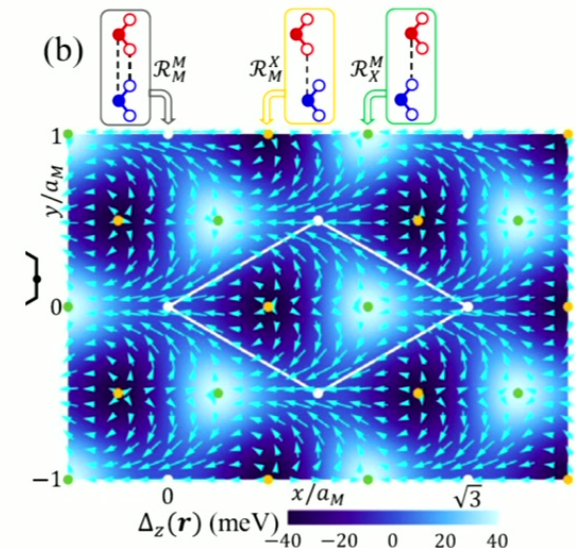
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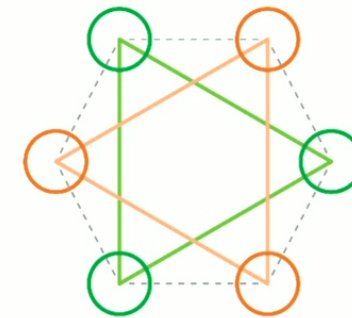
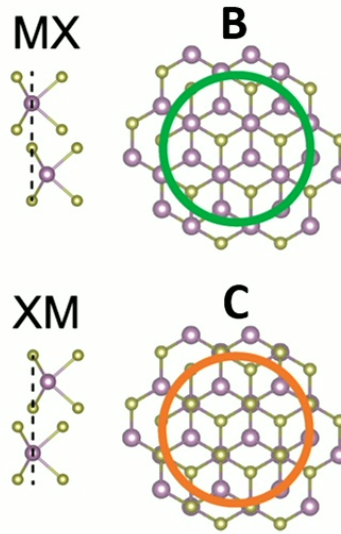
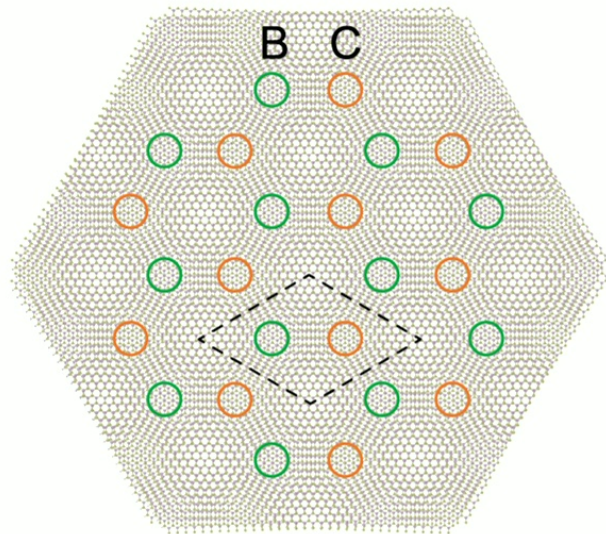
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Valentin Crépel and Liang Fu, Phys. Rev. B 107, 201109 (2023)

Layer Pseudospin skyrmion



Twisted bilayer TMD in rhombohedral stacking



Honeycomb

Flat bands: M. H. Naik, M. Jain, *Phys. Rev. Lett.* **121**, 266401 (2018).

Z. Zhang et al., *Nature Physics* **16**, 1093–1096 (2020).

Electron's equations of motion

$$\dot{\mathbf{R}} = \frac{\partial E}{\partial \mathbf{k}} - \dot{\mathbf{k}} \times \boldsymbol{\Omega}^k$$

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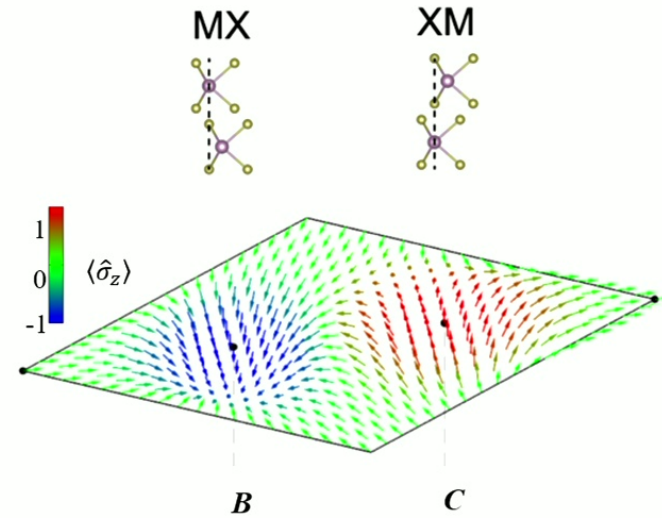
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Berry curvature from real space texture: emergent magnetic field

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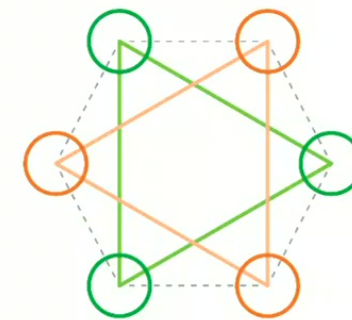
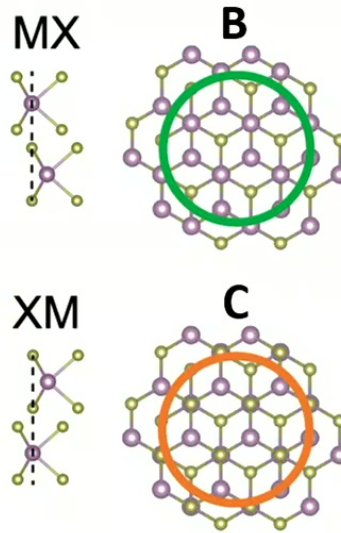
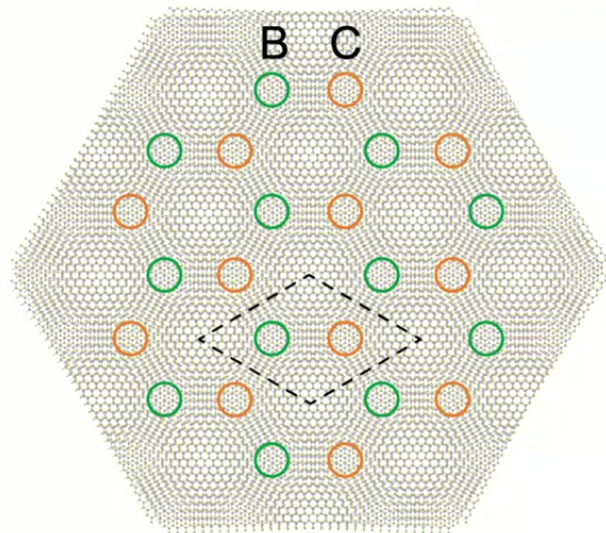
Moire Atomic texture:

Layer-pseudospin texture $|u(\mathbf{R})\rangle$

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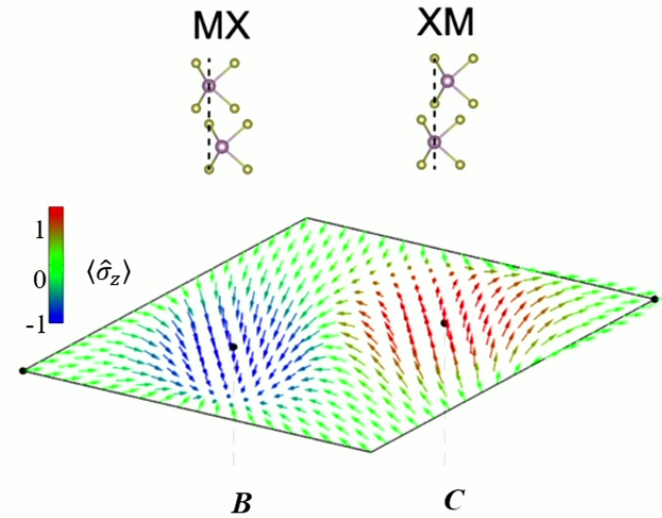
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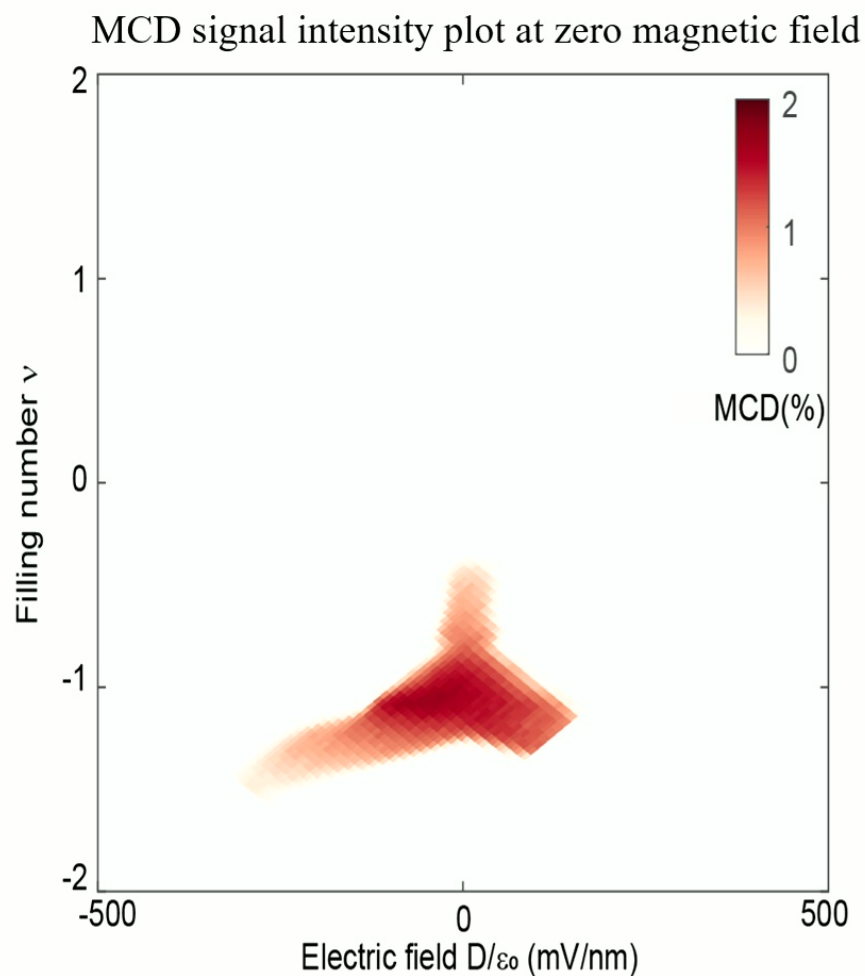
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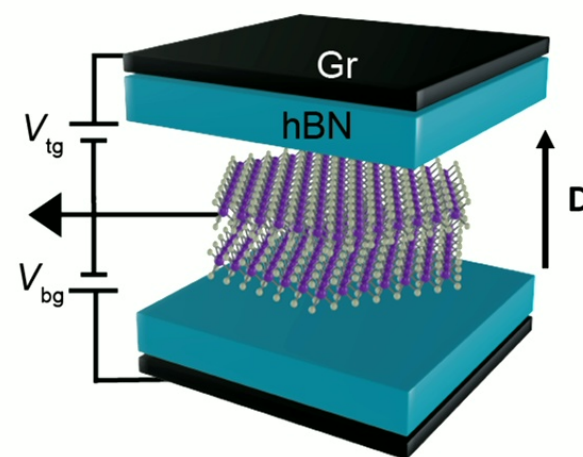
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MCD measurements of 3.9-degree twisted MoTe₂ bilayer

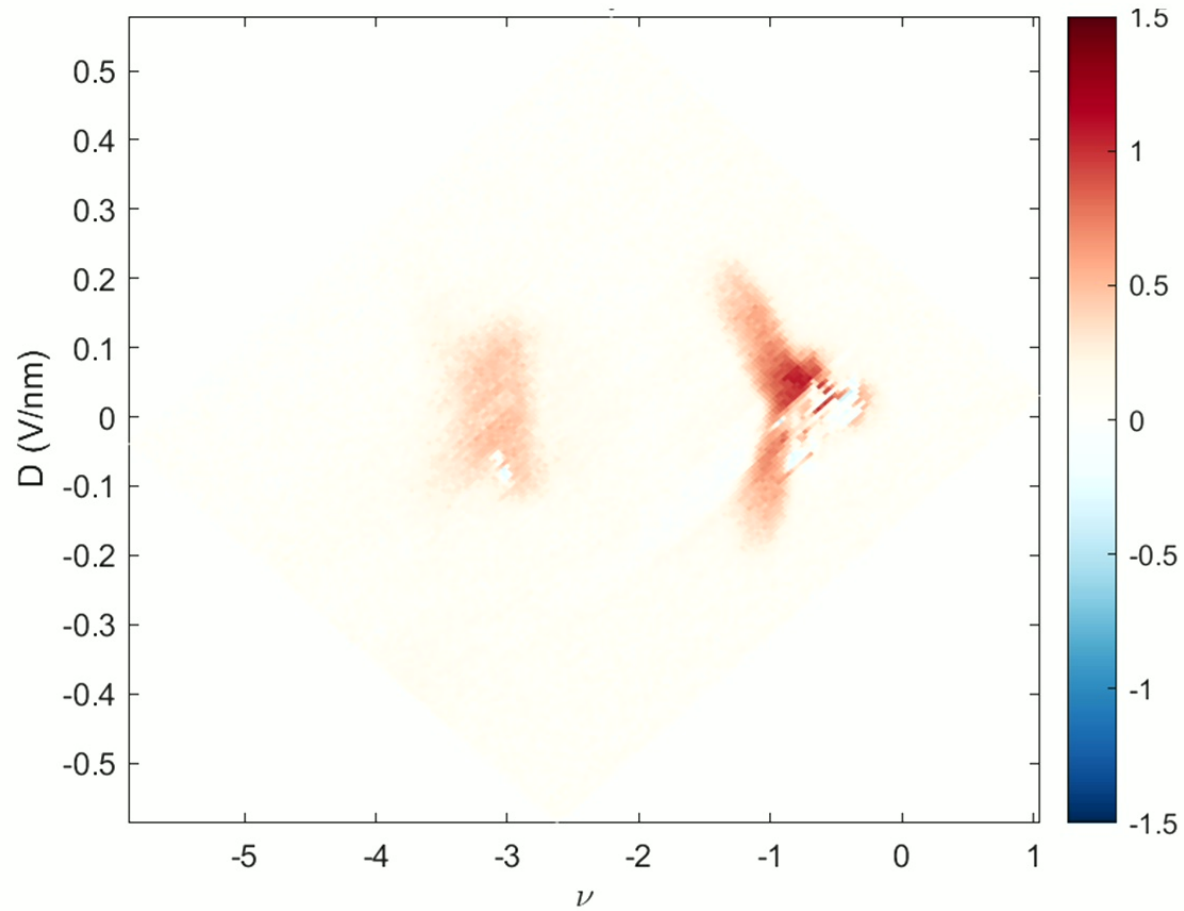


Magnetic circular dichroism (MCD): optical absorption difference between left and right circular polarized light ----> measurement of Hall conductivity at optical frequency

Filling number ν :
number of
carriers/moiré unit cell



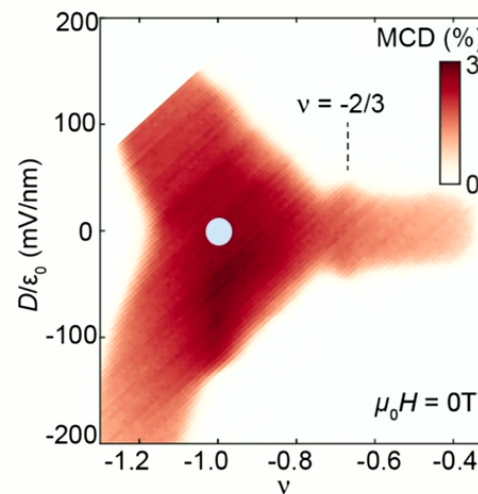
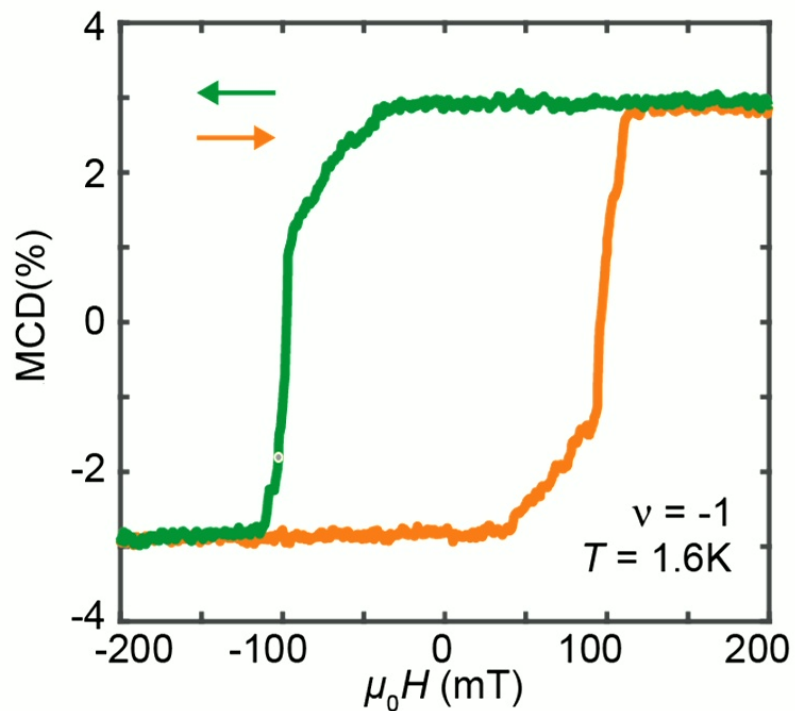
Magnetic circular dichroism of a **2.7** degree twisted at $B=0$ ($T=1.6\text{K}$)



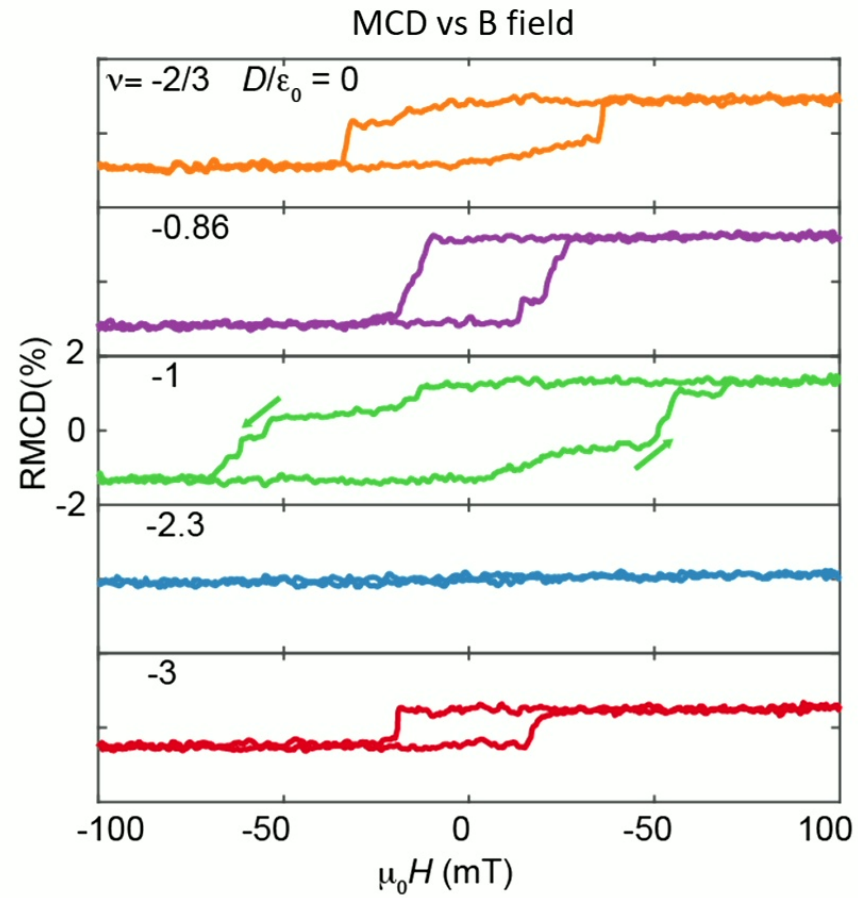
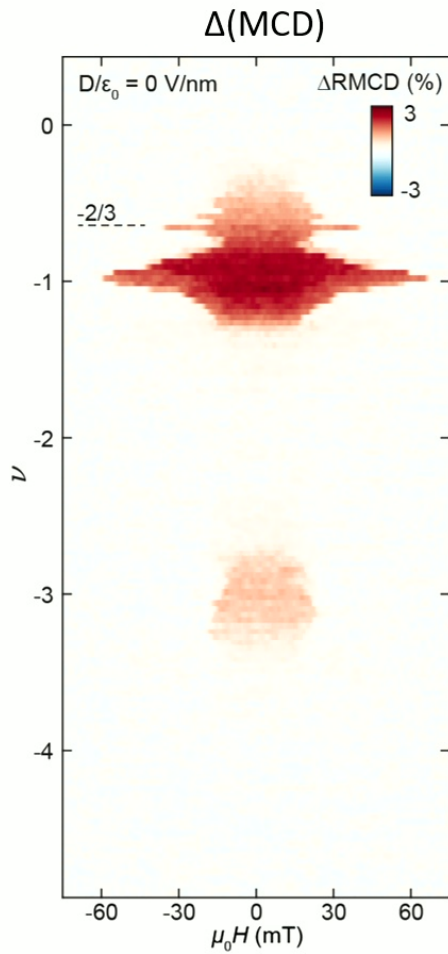
Observation of interaction induced ferromagnetic state at $\nu=-1$



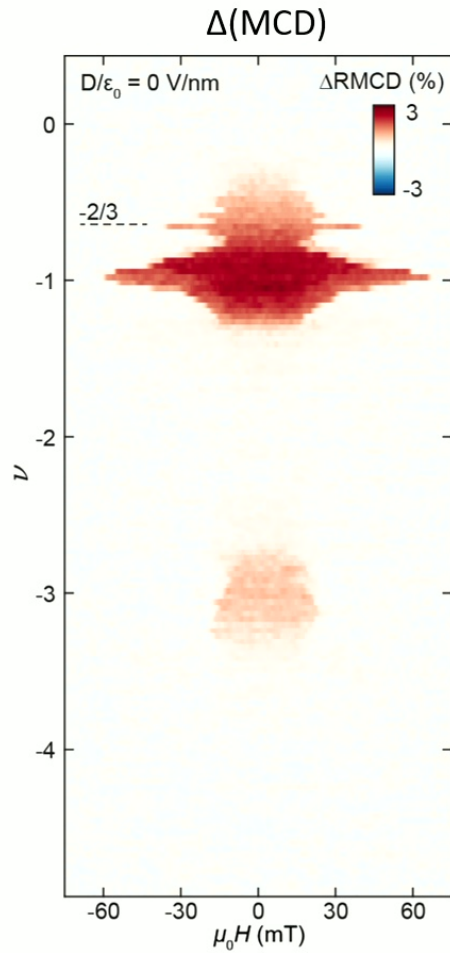
$\nu=-1, D=0$ V/nm, $T=1.6$ K



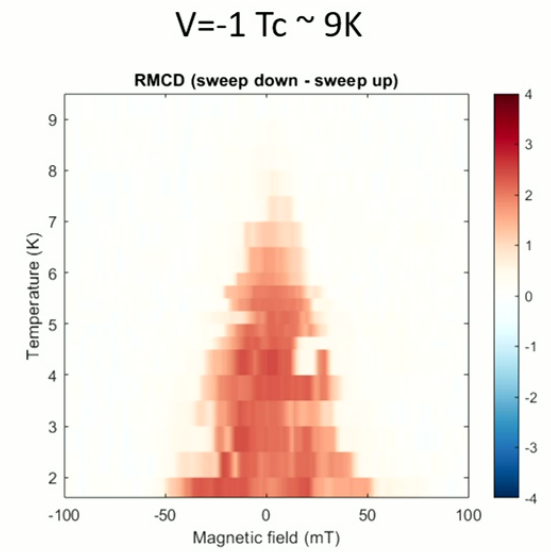
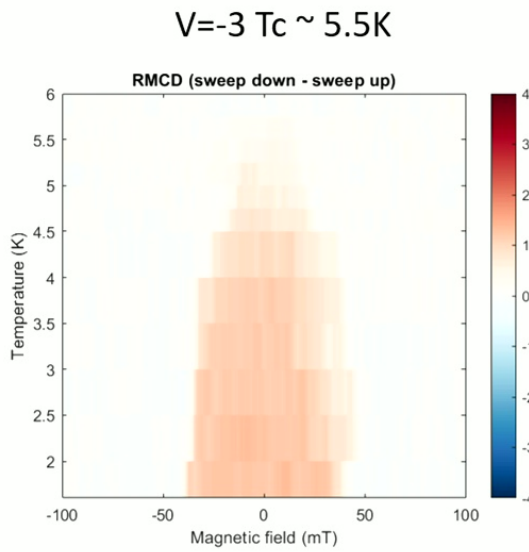
Ferromagnetic phase diagram of a 2.7-degree twisted MoTe2 bilayer



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Temperature dependent $\Delta(\text{MCD})$

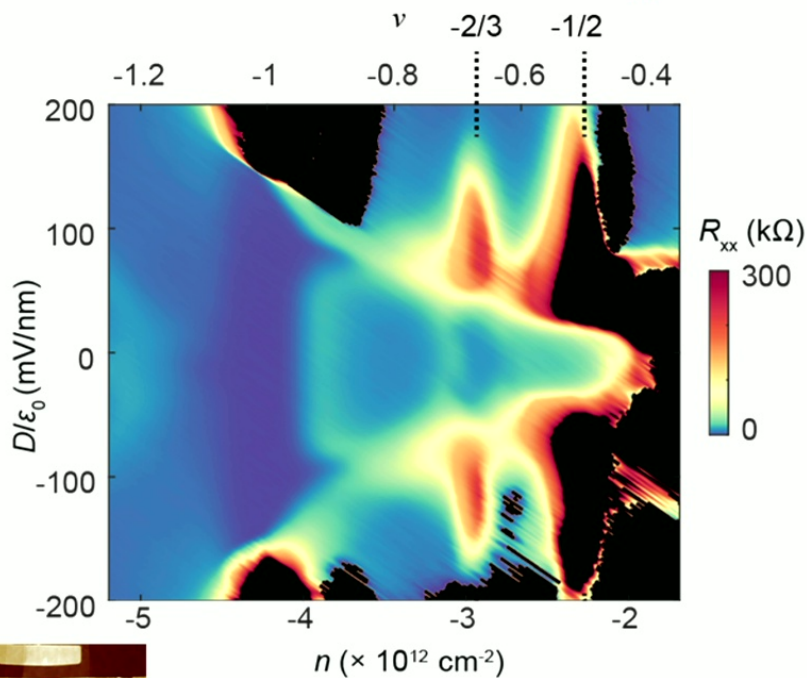


Transport measurements of zero-field fractional Chern Insulator

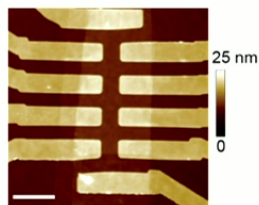
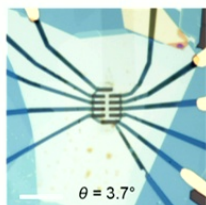
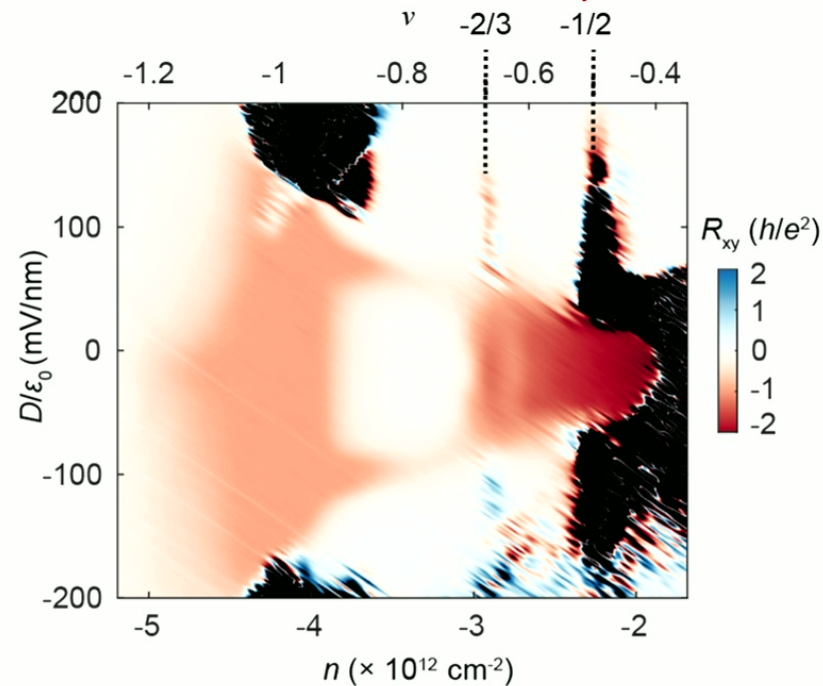


Device 3.7° twist, T=100 mK

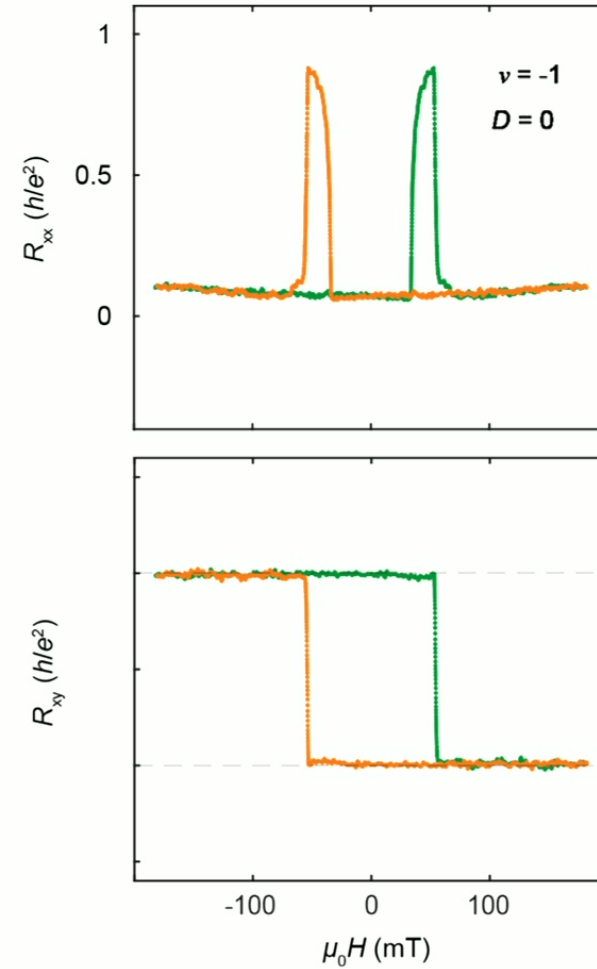
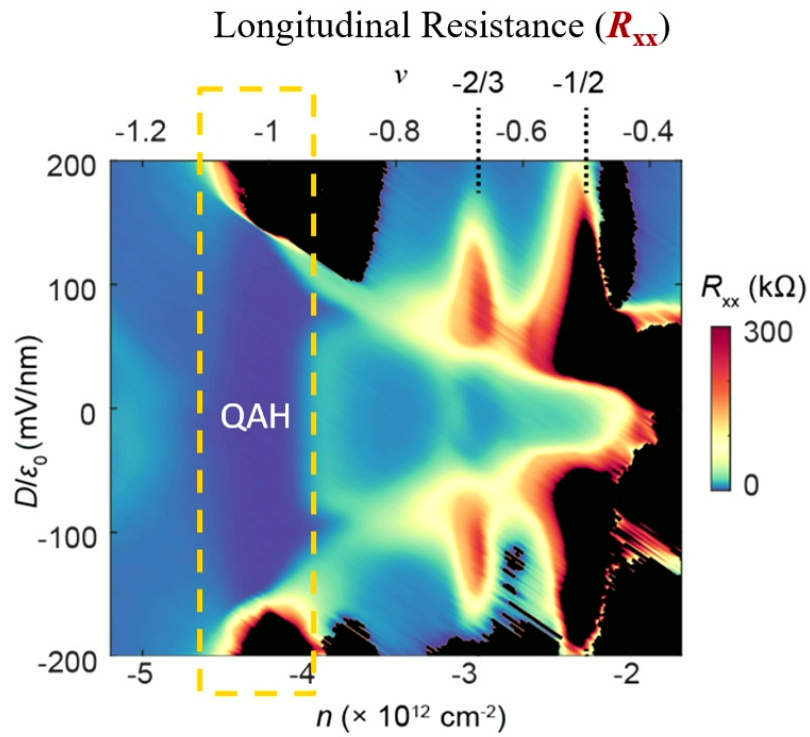
Longitudinal Resistance (R_{xx})



Hall Resistance (R_{xy})

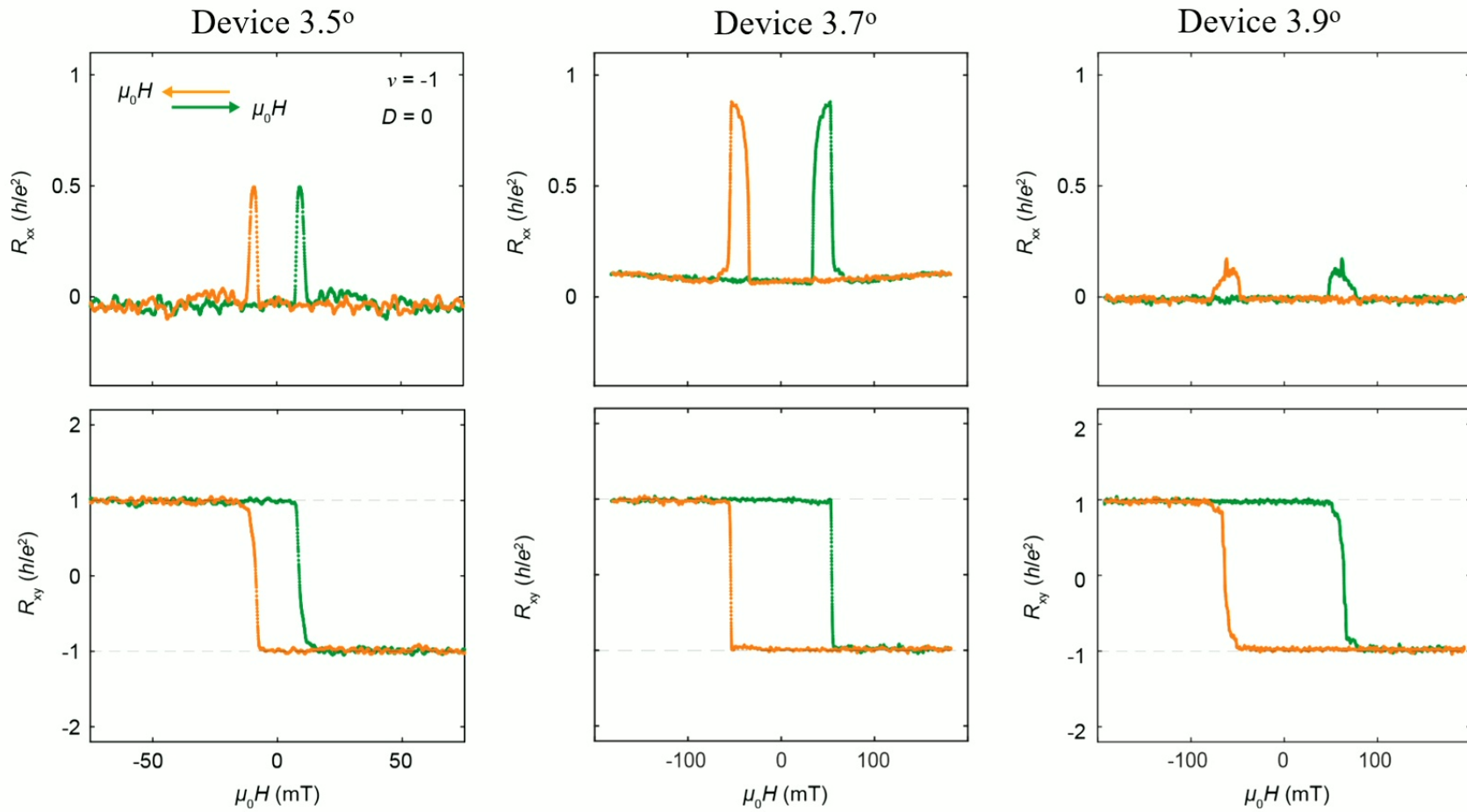


Quantized anomalous Hall effect at $\nu=-1$

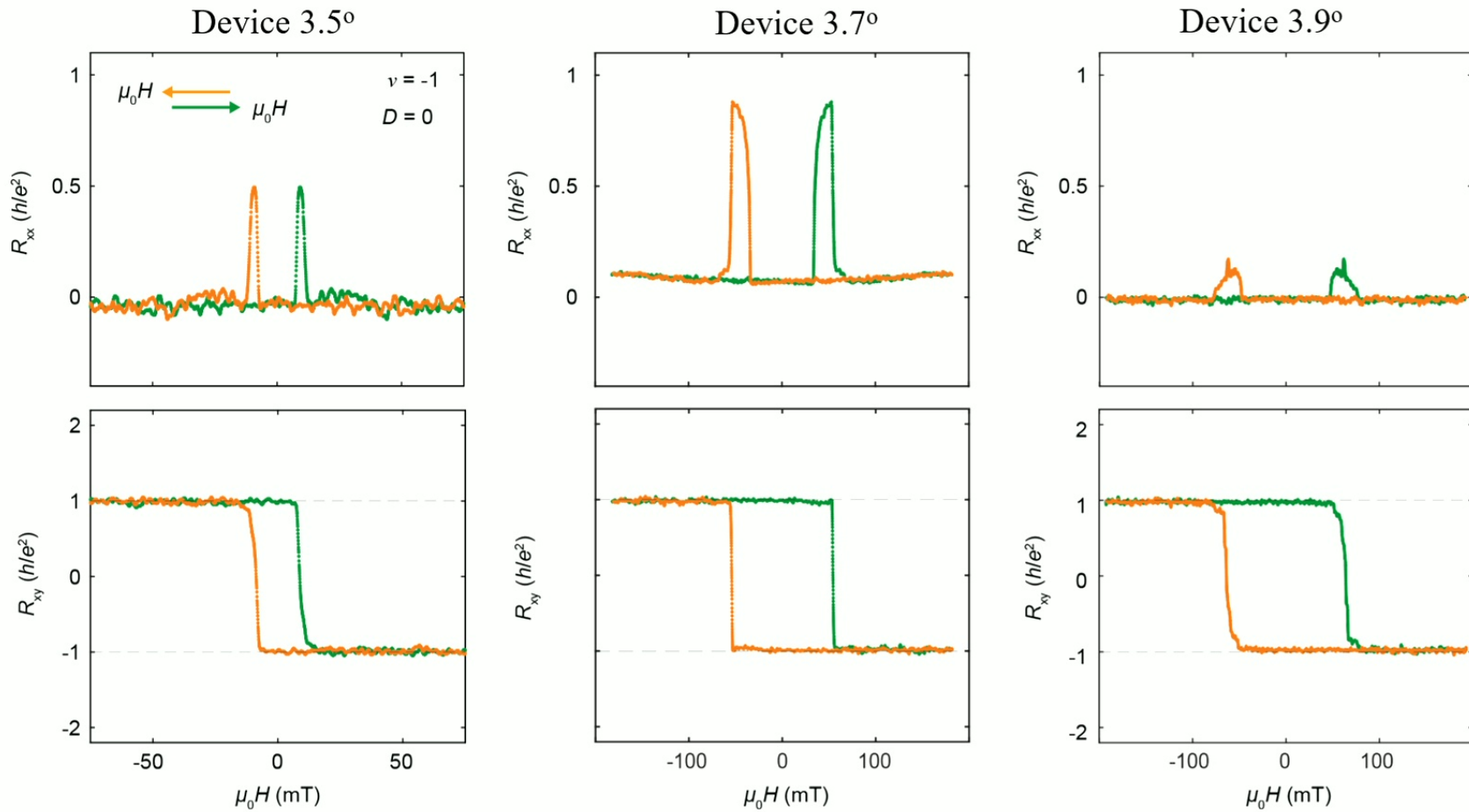


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Reproducible quantized anomalous Hall effect in a broad range of twist angles



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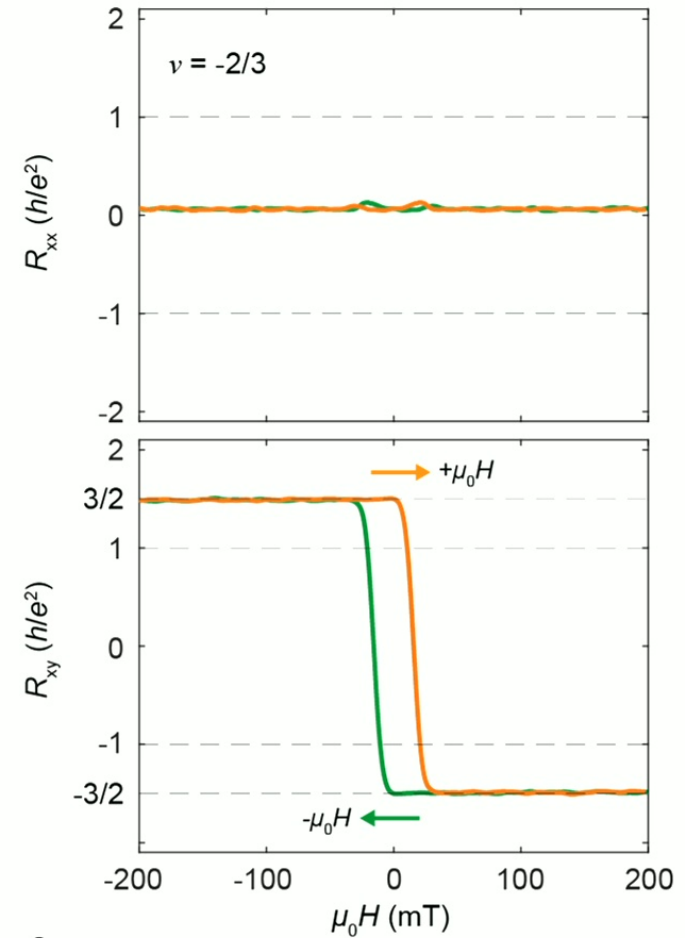
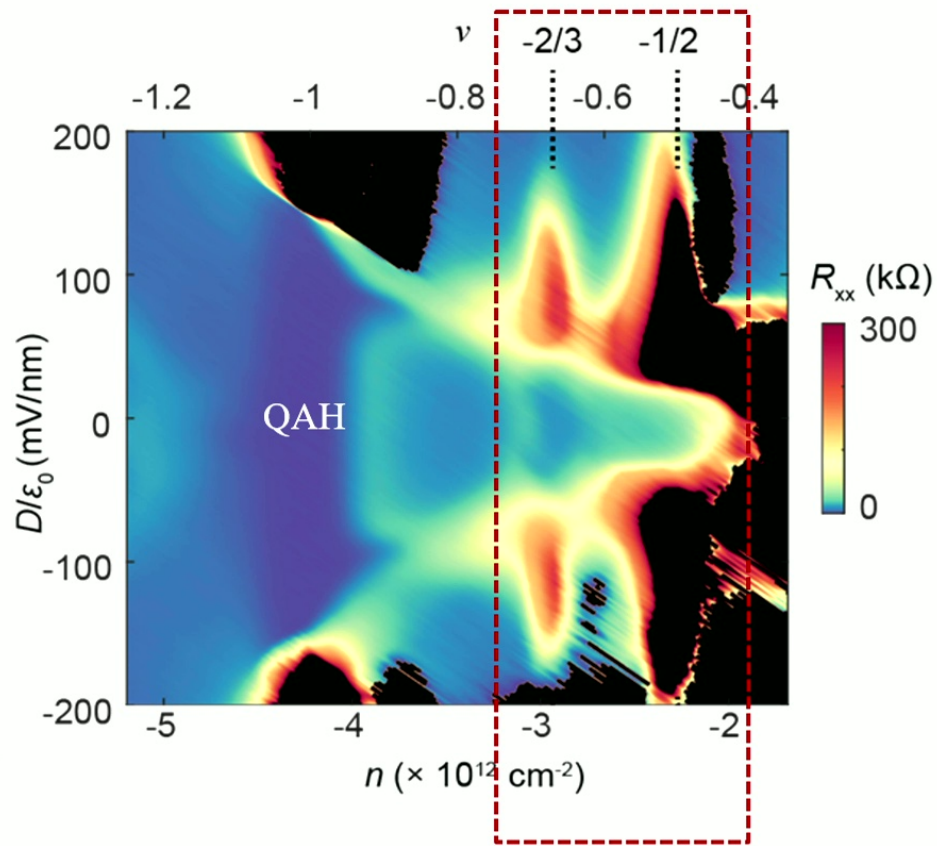


Fractional quantum anomalous Hall effect at fractional fillings



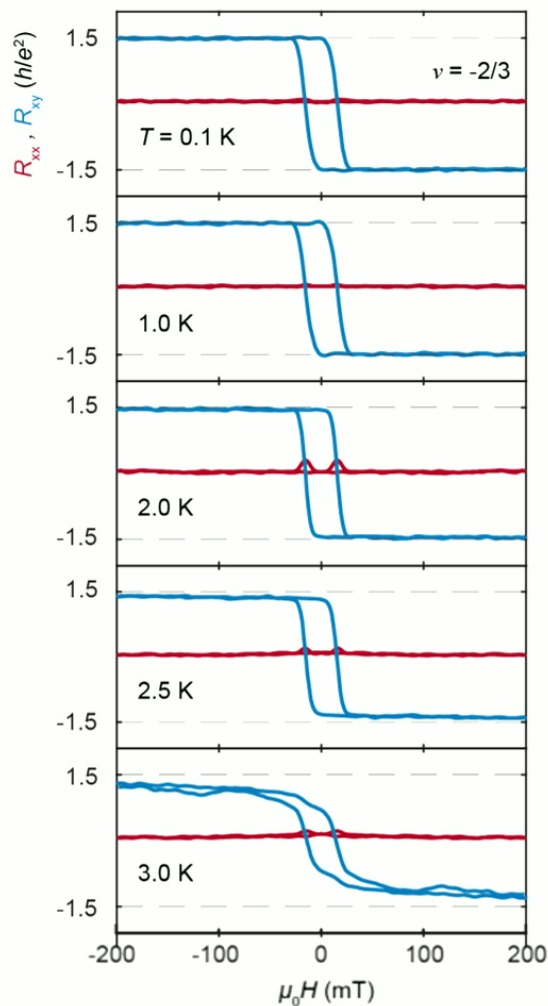
Device 3.7° twist

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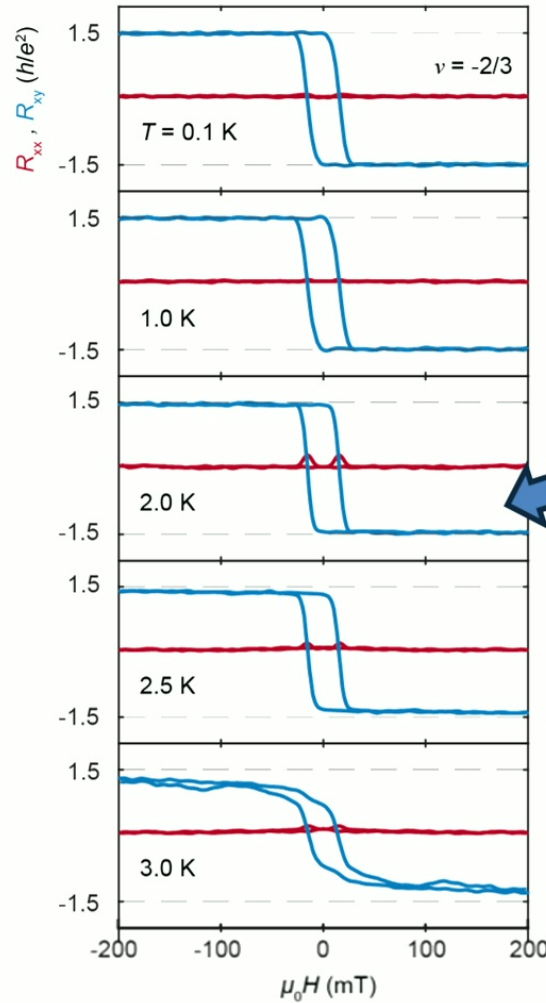
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High temperature fractional quantum anomalous Hall effect



Temperature dependence of -2/3 FCI state

High temperature fractional quantum anomalous Hall effect



Temperature dependence of $-2/3$ FCI state

R_{xy} is nearly quantized even at 2K!

Electric field tuning -2/3 FCI state

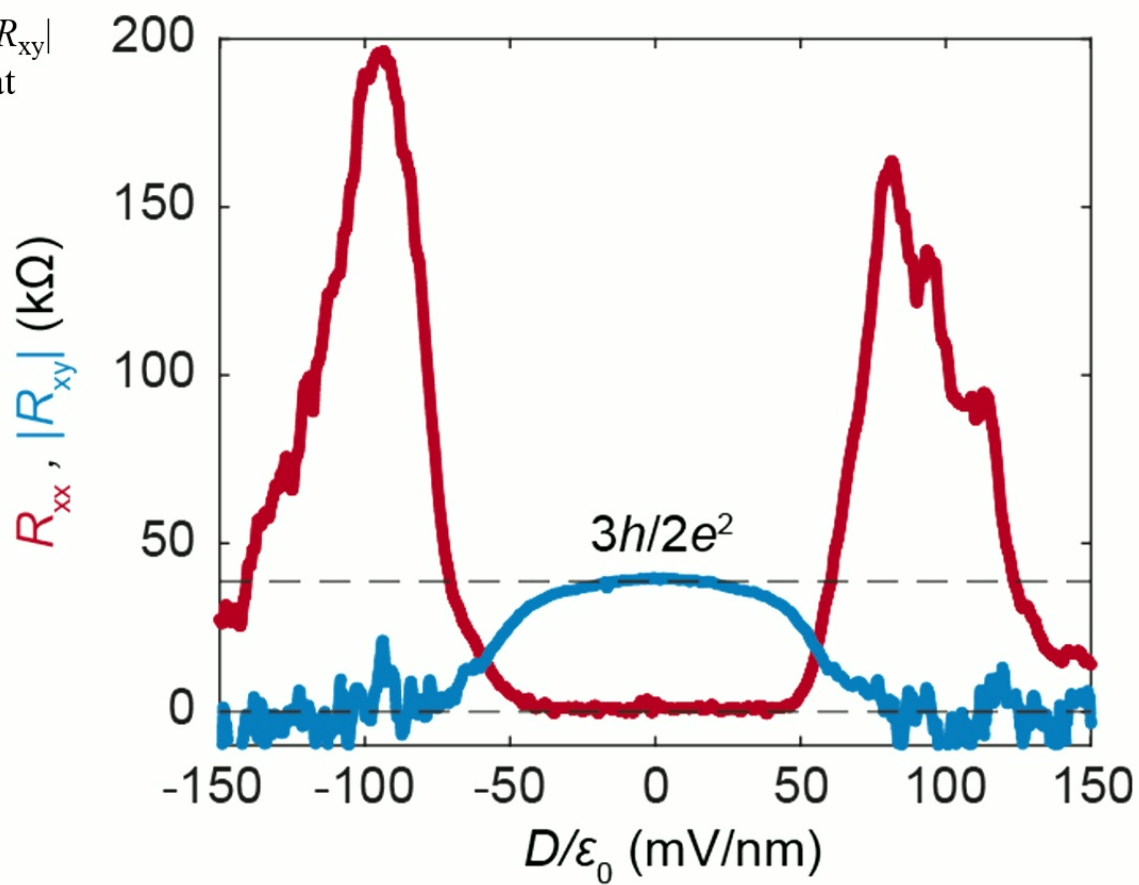


T=100 mK

antisymmetrized $|R_{xy}|$

symmetrized R_{xx} at

$|\mu_0 H| = 50$ mT



- Intrinsic property of FCI - Bulk-edge correspondence (insulating in the bulk but conducting at edge).
- Moiré disorder effect
- Nature of the electrical field tuned topological phase transition

Local probe of bulk state conductivity



Measurement

Device



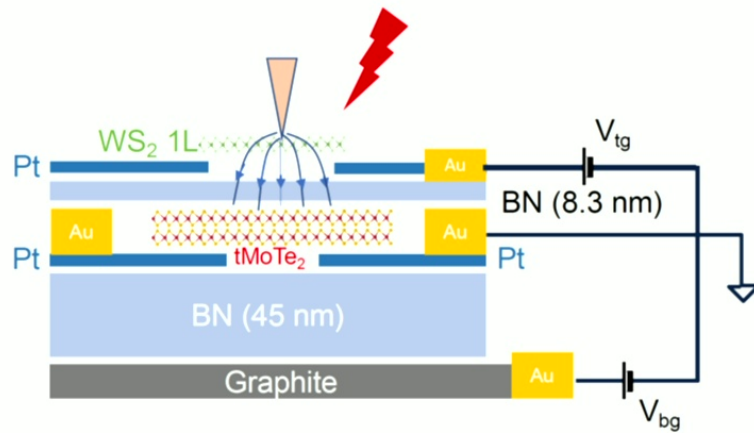
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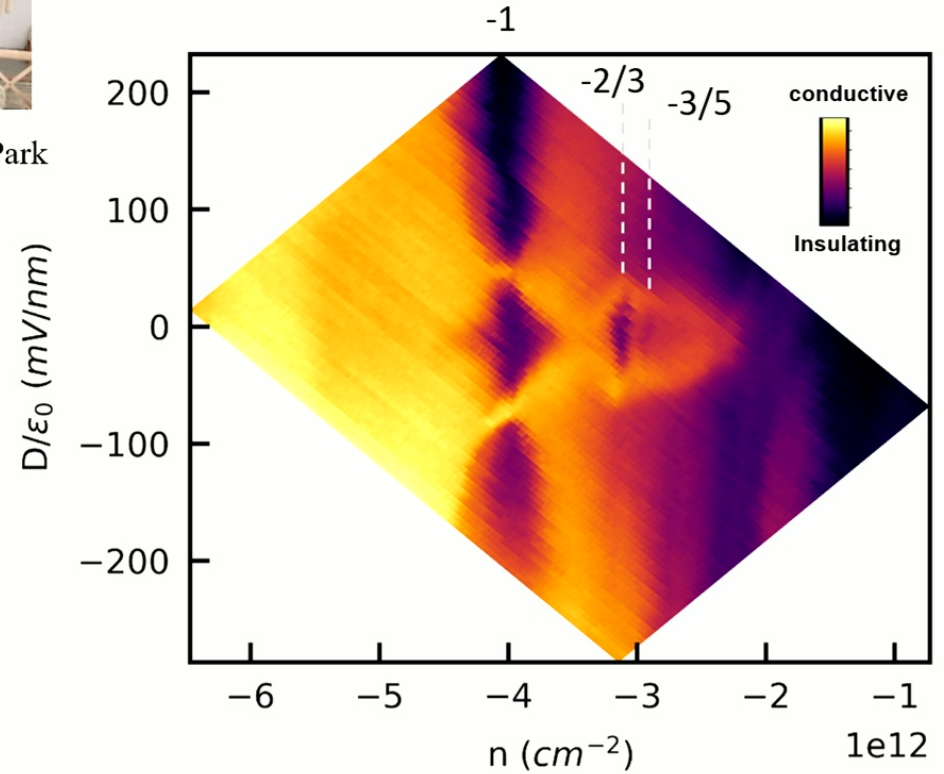
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Microwave impedance microscopy (MIM)



MIM signal map (T=500 mK)

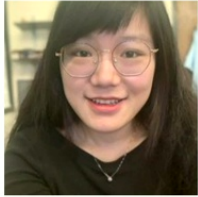


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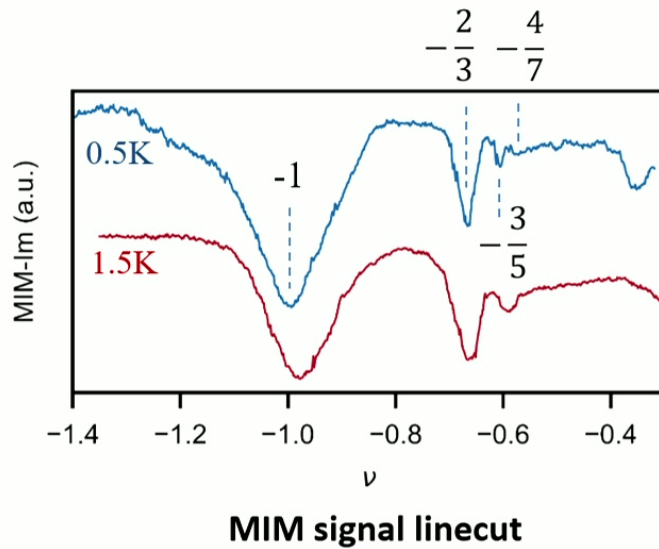


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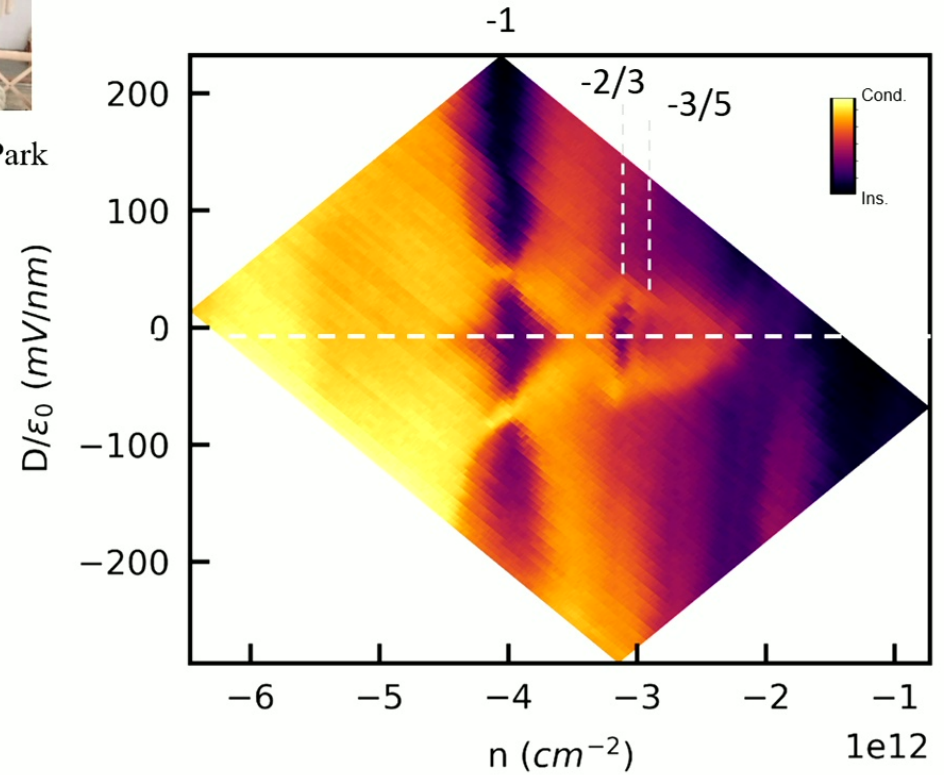
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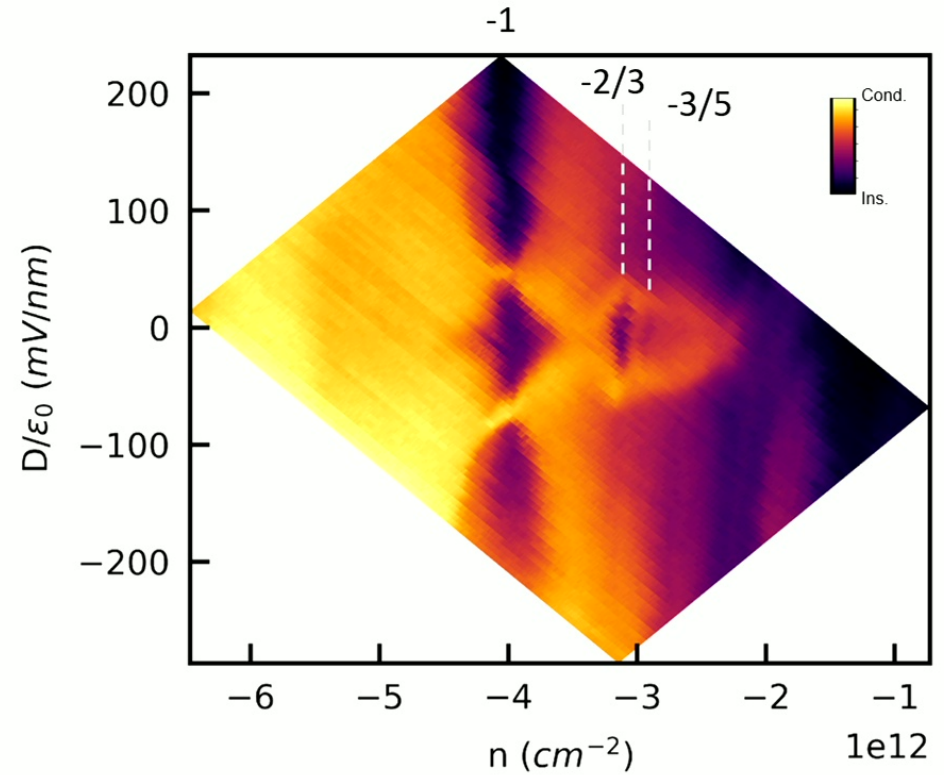
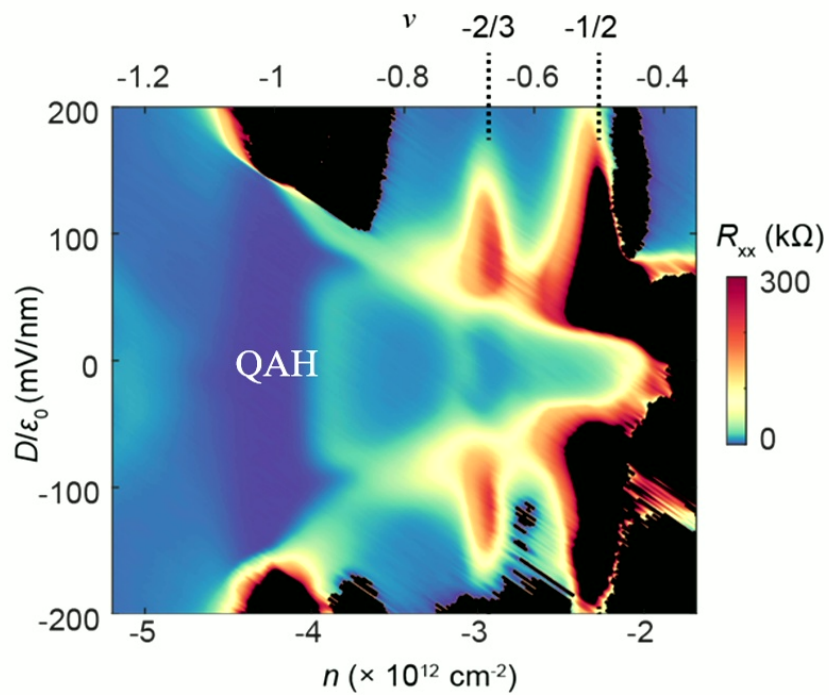
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Comparison between MIM and transport results



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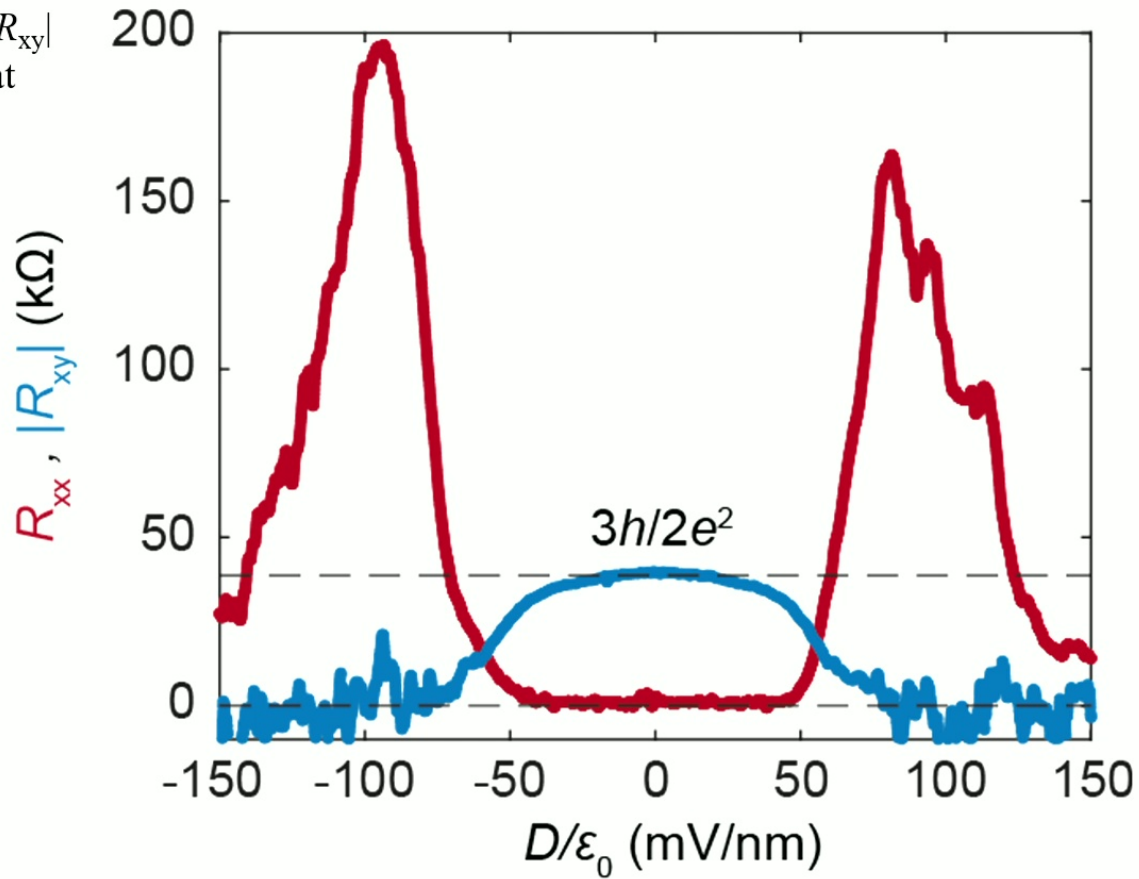


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Imaging quantum anomalous Hall edge conduction channel

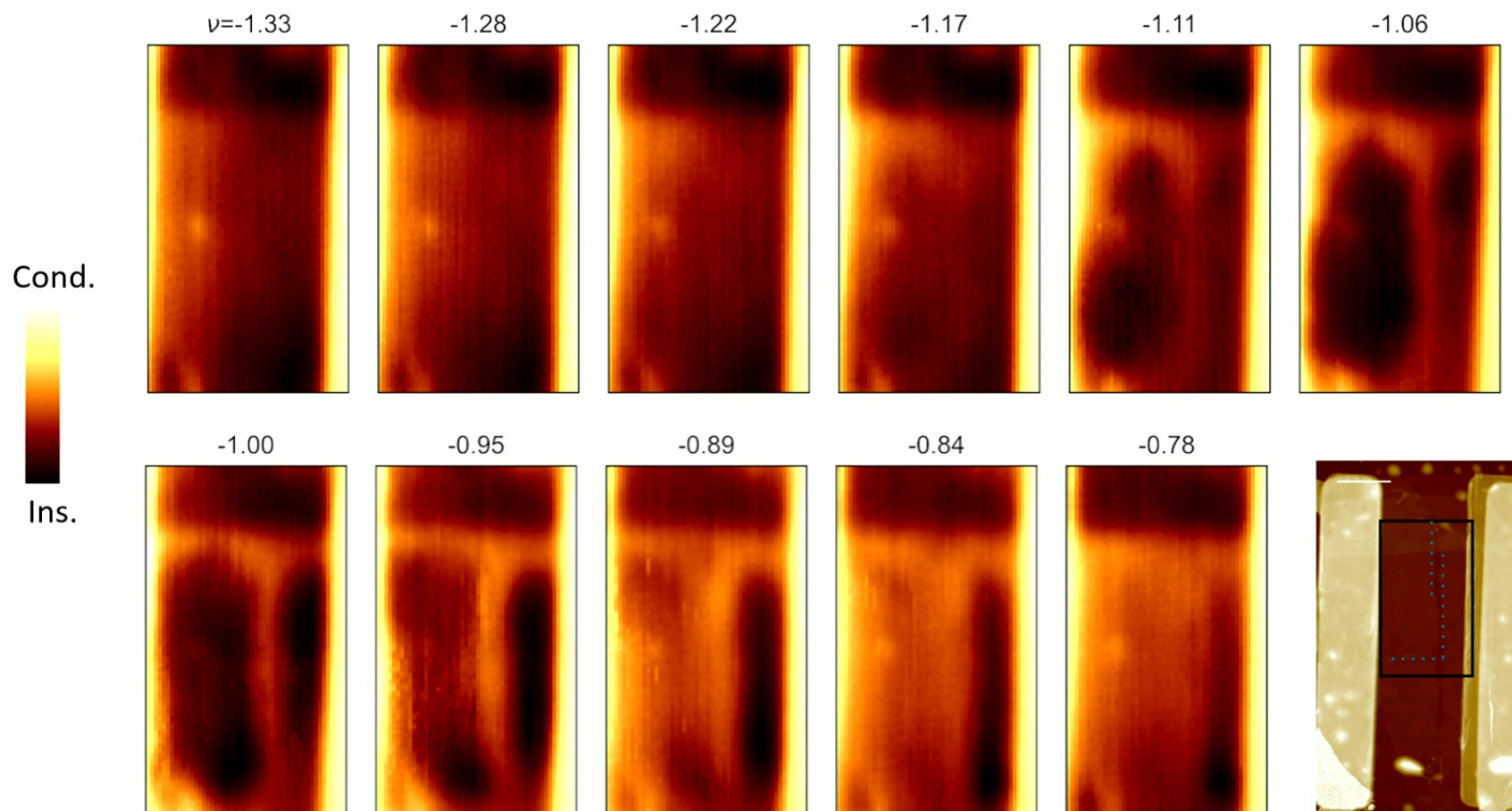
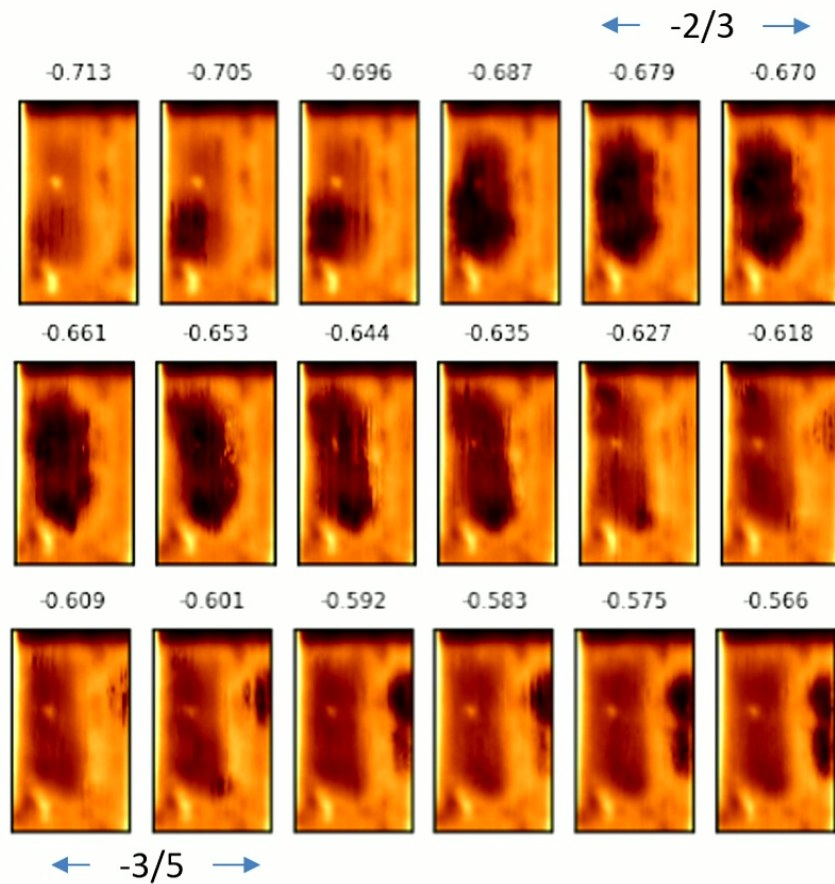
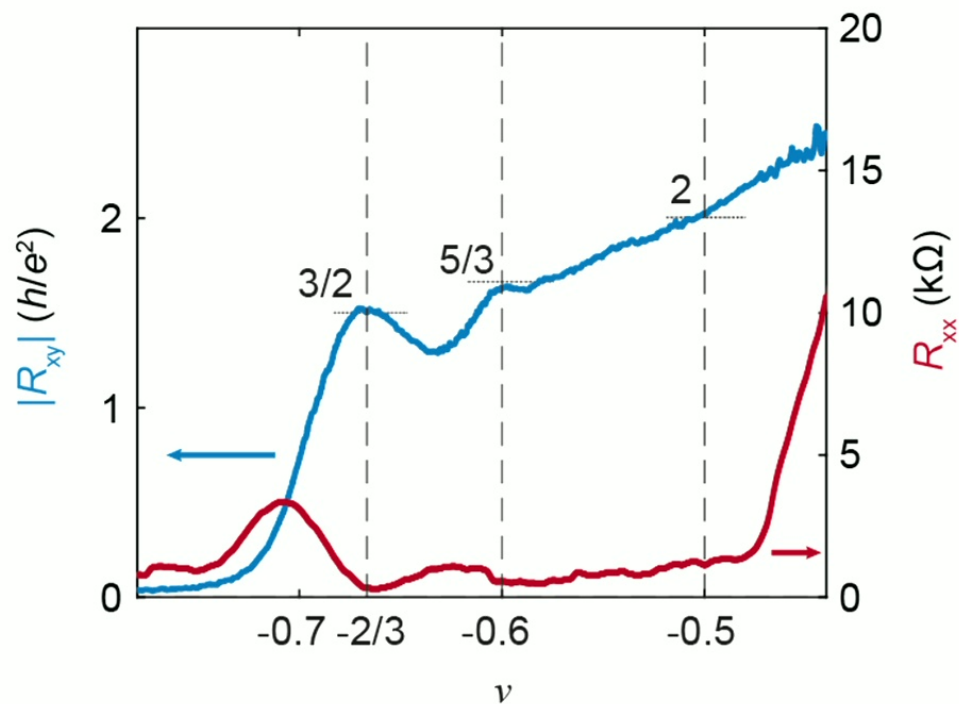
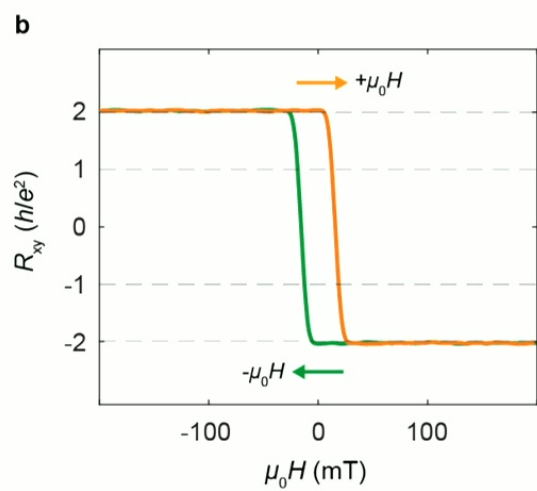
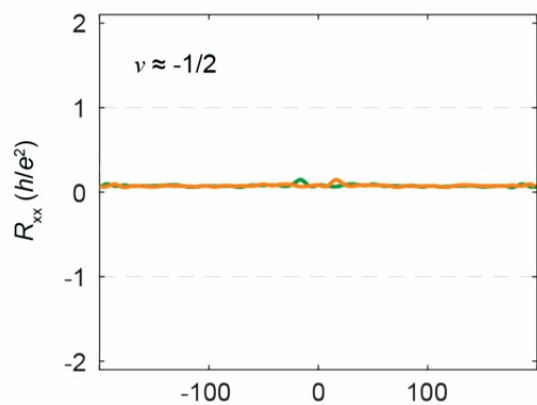


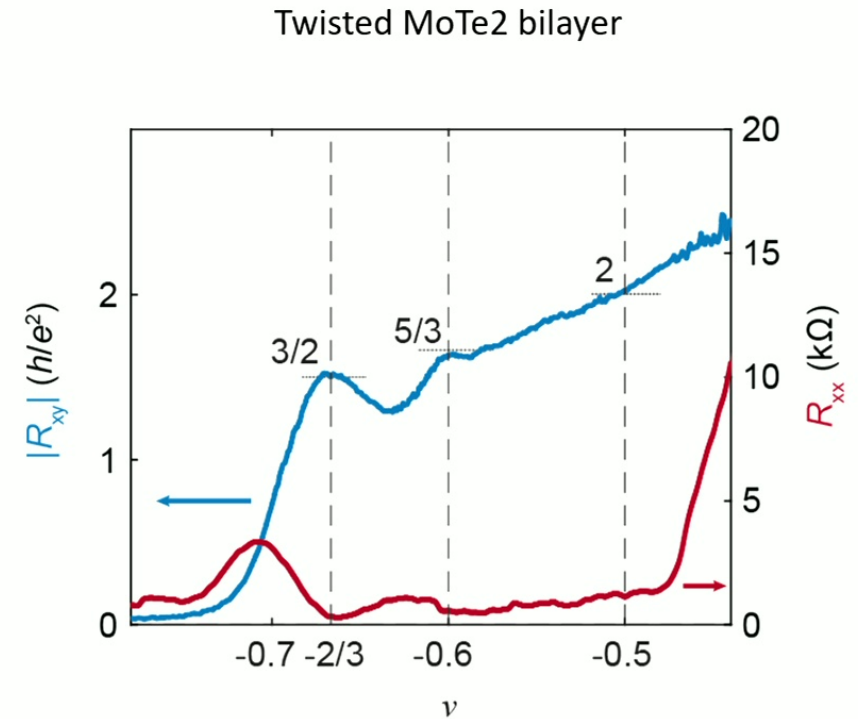
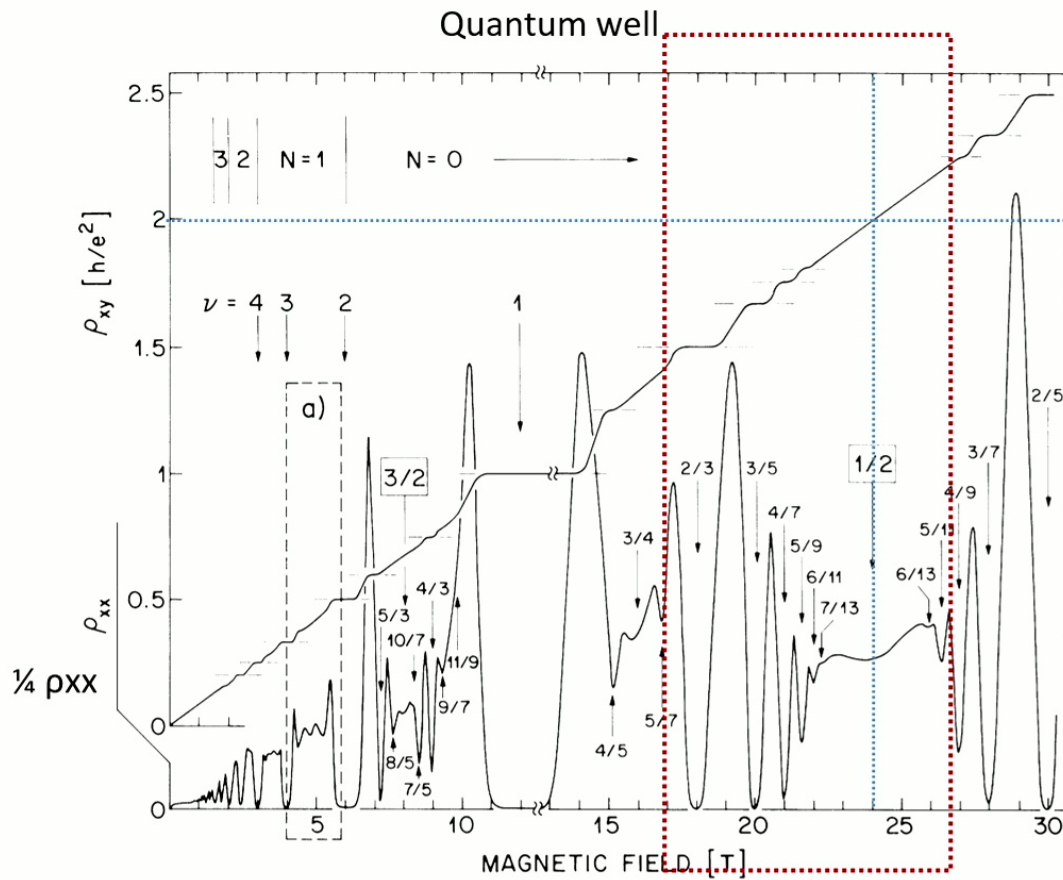
Image fractional quantum anomalous Hall edge conduction channel



Anomalous Hall effect at half filling



Comparison to $\frac{1}{2}$ quantum Hall state in 2D electron gas



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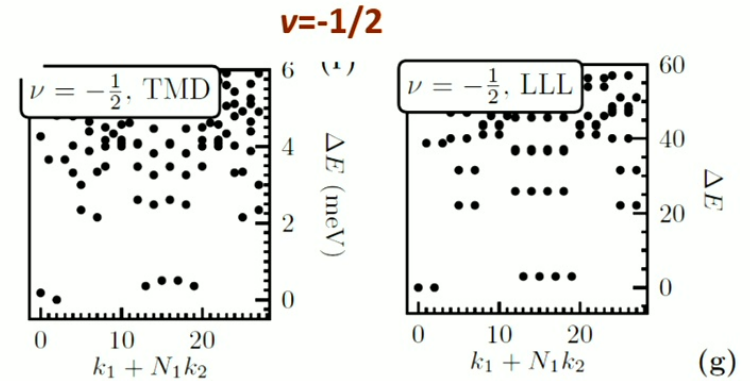
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