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Quantum Hall effects in graphene-based two-dimensional electron systems

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Abstract
In this article we review the quantum Hall physics of graphene-based two-dimensional electron systems, with a special focus on recent experimental and theoretical developments. We explain why graphene and bilayer graphene can be viewed respectively as \( J = 1 \) and 2 chiral two-dimensional electron gases (C2DEGs), and why this property frames their quantum Hall physics. The current status of experimental and theoretical work on the role of electron–electron interactions is reviewed at length with an emphasis on unresolved issues in the field, including the role of disorder in current experiments. Special attention is given to the interesting low magnetic field limit, and to the relationship between quantum Hall effects and the spontaneous anomalous Hall effects that might occur in bilayer graphene systems in the absence of a magnetic field.

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1. Introduction

The quantum Hall effect (QHE) is one of the most remarkable phenomena in condensed matter physics [1–4]. From a phenomenological point of view it is a transport anomaly that is reinforced by disorder induced localization of charged quasiparticles. It is observed in two-dimensional electron systems whenever a charge gap, i.e. a jump in the chemical potential, occurs at a density that is magnetic field dependent. The gap density’s magnetic field dependence can be directly related to Hall transport properties [5, 6], and to topological Chern indices that characterize the dependence of single electron wavefunctions on Bloch wavevectors [7] in the special case of periodic systems, and many electron wavefunctions on boundary condition angles in the general case [8, 9]. The Chern indices determine the values of the Hall conductivity [10, 11] which are quantized in units of the conductance quantum \( e^2/h \) in non-interacting electron systems.

The simplest quantum Hall gaps follow directly from the single particle physics of kinetic energy quantization and Landau level formation in two-dimensional systems, but interaction induced gaps are also common. Landau quantization gaps can occur only at integer values of the Landau level filling factor \( \nu \). Interaction induced gaps can occur at integer or fractional values of \( \nu \). In a system with no periodic potential, and therefore no length scale other than that defined by the magnetic flux quantum, gaps always occur at fixed \( \nu \) and have Hall conductance \( \nu e^2/h \). Some of the incompressible states associated with interaction induced gaps have exotic properties [3, 4, 10], including quasiparticles with fractional charge and fractional, or even non-Abelian, quantum statistics. The discovery of the quantum Hall effect in the 1980s was a watershed event in modern physics. The observation of perfectly quantized transport coefficients in a disordered system containing millions of electrons was not only a great example of Nature’s tendency to surprise, but also pointed the community to a new type of order—topological order—which can occur in condensed matter [12].

³ Known quantum Hall systems involve electrons near band edges that can be described using \( k \cdot p \) continuum models in which the lattice constant length scale plays no role.
Quantum Hall effects have been studied for several decades in the two-dimensional electron gases (2DEGs) found at interfaces between different semiconductors and at interfaces between a semiconductor and an insulator. These systems continue to be actively investigated [13] and to reveal surprises. Semiconductor heterojunction 2DEGs are not two-dimensional in the atomic sense since their electronic charge is typically spread over 30 or more atomic layers, but are in the electronic sense because their transverse coordinate degree-of-freedom is frozen out by finite-size quantization gaps. The recent isolation of graphene [14, 15], a two-dimensional honeycomb lattice of carbon atoms, has enabled exploration [16–18] of the quantum Hall effect, along with many other electronic properties, in a 2DEG that has a thickness of one atomic layer and is qualitatively distinct. Because one, two, and three layer graphene systems stacked in different ways have quite distinct electronic properties, graphene research has given rise to an entire family of 2DEG systems with a very rich set of behaviors. This review will focus for the most part on new questions that have arisen in experimental and theoretical studies of the quantum Hall effect in one and two layer graphene systems.

The article is organized as follows. In section 2 we briefly summarize some of the main properties of graphene-based 2DEGs. In section 3 we discuss the low-energy effective theories of graphene and bilayer graphene starting from the nearest neighbor tight-binding model. In the process we point out that the low-energy effective theories of single layer and bilayer graphene are particular cases of a broader class which we refer to as chiral 2DEG models. Other members of this class of Hamiltonians are approximately realized in thicker few layer graphene systems. In section 4 we analyze the properties of chiral 2DEGs in the presence of a magnetic field, with special focus on their unusual Landau quantization pattern. In section 5 we focus on interaction driven quantum Hall effects in graphene and bilayer graphene at integer filling factors, focusing on the unusual $\nu = 0$ QH plateau of both monolayer and bilayer graphene. In section 6 we address the recently discovered fractional quantum Hall (FQH) states in graphene and offer some thoughts on the physics that determines which fractional states are strongest. Finally we conclude in section 7 with some speculations on interesting directions for this rapidly evolving field.

There are already a number of excellent reviews [15, 19–21] on different aspects of the QHE in graphene, and there is bound to be some overlap of this review with others in the literature. The focus of this contribution is on the Landau quantization pattern of graphene and few layer graphene chiral 2DEG systems, and on the rich family of interaction dominated quantum Hall states to which it leads.

2. Graphene quantum Hall effect primer

Graphene can be viewed as a single layer of carbon atoms that has been isolated from a bulk graphite crystal. Its electronic structure [15] consists of $sp^2$ bonding and anti-bonding bands which are located far from the Fermi energy and irrelevant for transport, and two $\pi$ bands—one for each of the two $\pi$-orbitals per unit cell in the material’s bipartite honeycomb lattice. In a neutral graphene sheet the lower-energy $\pi$ valence band is full and the higher-energy $\pi$ conduction band is empty. The gap between conduction and valence bands vanishes at two points in the Brillouin zone, the inequivalent honeycomb lattice Brillouin-zone corners. Only states located at nearby momenta are relevant for transport. As described more fully in section 3, the quantum mechanics of these states can be accurately described over a remarkably wide energy window using a $k \cdot p$ envelope function Hamiltonian which has the form of a two-dimensional massless Dirac equation in which the role of spin is played by the two-valued ‘which sublattice’ degree-of-freedom. (Because there are two inequivalent momenta at which the gap vanishes, electrons also carry a two-valued valley degree-of-freedom when described using the continuum $k \cdot p$ theory in addition to their pseudospin and real spin degrees-of-freedom.) A number of interesting properties of $\pi$-electrons in graphene follow from this ultra-relativistic quantum mechanics, including the absence of a gap, linear dispersion at low energies, and momentum space Berry phases.

In graphene, Landau level formation leads to unusual Hall plateaus on which the Hall conductivity is quantized [22, 23] at half-odd-integer multiples (per valley and spin!) of $e^2/h$. The early [16, 17] observation of this property in graphene 2DEGs was an important demonstration that the experimental systems behaved nearly ideally as expected. When spin and valley degrees-of-freedom are included and Zeeman coupling is neglected, Landau level formation in graphene leads to quantized Hall conductivities with values $\sigma_{xy} = \nu e^2/h$, with $\nu = \pm 4(n + 1/2) = \pm 2, \pm 6, \pm 10, \ldots$. The strongest quantum Hall effects in graphene occur at filling factors. Linear band dispersion in the absence of a magnetic field leads to Landau levels with energies (measured from the band-crossing Dirac point) that are proportional to $\pm \sqrt{N}$ (see figure 1). For this reason the Landau levels close to the Dirac point are more widely spaced allowing the quantum Hall effect at $\nu = \pm 2$ to persist to room temperatures at very strong magnetic fields [24]. Because of the availability of graphene 2DEG systems, the quantum Hall effect is no longer solely a low-temperature physics topic! Similarly, the quantum Hall effect at $\nu = \pm 2$ has been observed at low temperatures at magnetic fields strengths well below 1 T.

As sample qualities improved experiments began to reveal a large number of additional Hall plateaus [18] not expected from Landau quantization alone; the plateaus associated with these gaps could only be induced by electron–electron interactions. Historically these gaps had been theoretically anticipated from two different directions. The take off point for one group of researchers [25–29] had been the tendency, already familiar from semiconductor 2DEG work, toward gaps at intermediate integer filling factors whenever a group of Landau levels are degenerate either accidentally or because of a Hamiltonian symmetry. The tendency for interactions in this case to generate mass terms in quasiparticle Hamiltonians that open gaps, breaking symmetries if necessary, can be understood in terms of the degeneracy of the Landau levels and the role of exchange
interactions [30]. A common example of this type of interaction induced gap is spontaneous spin polarization [31, 32] that is accompanied by a large exchange gap between Landau levels. (The Zeeman splitting is often very weak compared to the typical electron–electron interaction scale so that these gaps are essentially spontaneous.) For this reason the incompressible states associated with gaps that lift Landau level degeneracies are often referred to as quantum Hall ferromagnets, even when the gap in question is not a spin gap. Another group of researchers [33, 34] anticipated gaps at filling factor $\nu = 0$ in graphene sheets based on the idea, referred to as magnetic catalysis, that these spontaneous mass gaps nearly occur in the absence of a magnetic field and are then catalyzed by Dirac point Landau level degeneracies. Recent experiments seem to favor the quantum Hall ferromagnetism scenario [35–37] since interaction induced gaps have been observed at many integer filling factors, not only at $\nu = 0$, in both single layer and bilayer graphene. Interaction induced gaps were also anticipated at fractional Landau level filling factors, the fractional quantum Hall effect (FQHE), and have recently been revealed [35, 36] by transport measurements in suspended graphene samples and in graphene on hexagonal boron nitride [37] (h-BN) substrates.

Like single layer graphene (see figure 2 for the lattice structure), Bernal stacked bilayer graphene is a gapless semiconductor. (The most common structure of bulk graphite consists of stacked Bernal bilayers.) As shown in figure 3, Bernal bilayers are characterized by a relative displacement between adjacent honeycomb lattices, which places one of the sublattices in the top layer directly above the centers of the honeycombs of the layer below, whereas the other sublattice lies directly above a lower layer sublattice. Interlayer hopping between the closely spaced sites drives the energies of orbitals concentrated on the latter sites away from the Dirac point. The low-energy degrees-of-freedom are associated with the remaining sites, the ones without a near neighbor in the other layer. The low-energy effective theory of bilayer graphene consequently also has a two-valued low-energy ‘which sublattice’ degree-of-freedom, one which applies, however, only below the interlayer hopping energy scale $\sim 0.3$ eV. (The model of a bilayer as consisting of two coupled two-component 2D Dirac systems applies up to a much higher energy scale $\sim 3$ eV.) Since the two low-energy sublattices are localized in different layers, in the bilayer case the model’s pseudospin can also be viewed equally well as a ‘which layer’ degree-of-freedom that is readily coupled to an experimental probe simply by applying an electric field perpendicular to the bilayer surface.

The low-energy conduction and valence bands in bilayer graphene have parabolic dispersion [38] and a Berry phase of $2\pi$, twice the value of Dirac fermions. In a magnetic field, bilayer graphene’s Landau level quantization leads to another distinct integer quantum Hall effect (IQHE) [39, 38] with quantized Hall conductivities $\sigma_{xy} = \nu e^2/h$ at $\nu = \pm(4n + 1) = \pm4, \pm8, \pm12, \ldots$. The eight-fold degeneracy of the zero-energy $N = 0$ Landau level is due to the inclusion of both $n = 0$ and 1 orbital states among the zero-energy solutions of the Dirac equation. This additional degeneracy, along with valley and approximate spin degeneracy, leads to a set of eight nearly degenerate Landau levels which are rife for quantum Hall ferromagnetism, the $N = 0$ octet. Although investigations of electron–electron interaction effects in bilayer graphene are still in their infancy, recent experiments in high magnetic field have clearly demonstrated additional plateaus [40, 41] due to electron–electron interactions [42].

Because its $N = 0$ states in different valleys are localized in different layers, bilayer graphene is partially analogous to double layer quantum Hall systems in semiconductors with two quantum wells. These systems have exhibited unusual transport anomalies due to excitonic superfluidity [43] at total filling factor $\nu_T = 1$. In the case of graphene bilayers excitonic
Figure 2. Honeycomb lattice of a single layer graphite flake with one sublattice in red (light-shaded) and the other sublattice in blue (dark-shaded). The lattice points form hexagonal plaquettes with the basis vectors indicated by a and b. In the continuum limit the sublattice degree-of-freedom may be regarded as a pseudospin. The reciprocal lattice Brillouin zone is also a hexagon with the Dirac points marked by K and K'. When momentum k is measured from the Dirac point at the K or K' Brillouin-zone corners, conduction and valence band eigenstates have their pseudospins oriented in the ±p direction. This property is often referred to as chirality. The angle \( \phi_p \) is the momentum dependent phase difference between wavefunction amplitudes on the two sublattices. In bilayer graphene the pseudospin orientation angle is 2\( \phi_p \).

Figure 3. Schematic illustration of the structure of bilayer graphene with two shifted honeycomb lattices. The direct hopping process between red (light-shaded) sites in the bottom and top layers is represented by the hopping parameter \( \gamma_1 \). At the Dirac points this terms creates bonding and anti-bonding band eigenstates that are concentrated on the A_1 and A_2 orbitals. The low-energy sites B_1 and B_2 are indicated in blue (dark-shaded). The gapless conduction and valence bands have quadratic dispersions and are concentrated on these lattice sites. Direct hopping between the low-energy sites (the \( \gamma_3 \) process) leads to trigonal warping of the band dispersions.

condensation is expected to be richer due to additional Landau level degree-of-freedom [44]. Exciton condensation, or equivalently spontaneous interlayer phase coherence, is likely to occur when any two Landau levels that are localized in different layers are degenerate. This type of order is sometimes referred to as quantum Hall superfluidity and is a special case of quantum Hall ferromagnetism. It should occur [44] in bilayer graphene at \( |\nu| = 1, 3 \) when the electric field between layers is very small.

A few layer graphene systems stacked in different ways give rise to distinct electronic properties at relevant energy scales; this introduces an entirely new class of 2DEG systems. Recent theoretical work has indicated that except for very weak fields multi-layer graphene [46, 45] systems can be classified as a new class of 2DEG systems from here on referred to as chiral 2DEGs (C2DEGs). C2DEG models provide an accurate description of the low-energy properties of few layer graphene systems with a variety of different stacking arrangements consistent with symmetries. Due to the unusual Landau quantization of the single particle Hamiltonian, the IQHEs in C2DEGs are expected to be remarkably different from those of semiconducting 2DEGs. Two examples of this, which have already been discussed, are single layer and bilayer graphene which exhibit unusual IQHEs described by Dirac continuum models. At low energies these systems represent the \( J = 1 \) and \( J = 2 \) instances of the C2DEG [45] model. Apart from these, very recently several groups have reported experimental studies on ABA and ABC stacked trilayer graphene [47]. ABC trilayer graphene systems are approximately described by a single \( J = 3 \) C2DEG model.

3. Low-energy theory of single and multi-layer graphene

Graphene is a two-dimensional material with carbon atoms arranged at the vertices of a honeycomb lattice. A simple \( \pi \)-orbital tight-binding model for its electronic structure [48] suggests correctly that graphene is a gapless semiconductor with linear dispersion about two nodal points [15, 49] located at the inequivalent corners of a hexagonal Brillouin zone (BZ) \( K \) and \( K' \). In an electrically neutral graphene sheet the nodal points coincide with the Fermi level. When carriers are present due to doping or gating, the nodal points lie at the center of nearly circular Fermi lines.

In the case of Bernal stacked bilayer graphene, the low-energy effective theory also yields nodal points at the BZ corners, but the dispersion is quadratic [38]. In this section we derive these low-energy theories for graphene and bilayer graphene, emphasizing that they are special examples of C2DEG models [45].

3.1. Low-energy theory of graphene

The honeycomb lattice is a textbook example of a non-Bravais lattice, i.e. a lattice with a basis of more than one atom.
hopping between sublattices A and B and are usually called Dirac points for reasons that will become clear toward the end of this section. The Dirac point positions are given explicitly by \( K = -2\pi/(3a)\hat{x} - 2\pi/(\sqrt{3}a)\hat{y} \) and \( K' = -K \). Expanding \( f(k) \) around the Dirac point \( K \) with \( k = K + \mathbf{p} \) gives

\[
\begin{align*}
\hbar^2 f(k) &= \frac{\hbar^2}{2m} (p_x - ip_y).
\end{align*}
\]

The effective Hamiltonian for states that are close to the nodal \( K \) point is therefore

\[
\hbar \sigma \cdot \hat{p}.
\]

where \( \sigma_j \) are Pauli matrices that act on the sublattice degree-of-freedom, \( \hat{p}_i = -ih\partial_i \) is an envelope function momentum operator. Here \( v_F = (\sqrt{3}/2)\gamma_0 \approx 1 \times 10^6 \text{ m s}^{-1} \) is graphene’s Fermi velocity which is approximately 1/300 times the speed of light. The sublattice representation for valley \( K' \) can be chosen so that the general Hamiltonian is

\[
\begin{align*}
\mathcal{H}(\mathbf{p}) &= \xi v_{FD} \sigma \cdot \mathbf{p} \\
&= \frac{\hbar^2}{2m} (p_x - ip_y).
\end{align*}
\]

The low-energy band model for graphene, described above, is equivalent to a model for two-dimensional massless Dirac fermions with a material specific speed of light. When the Fermi energy lies at the Dirac points the system is neutral. The Fermi energy lies above (below) the Dirac point for electron (hole) doped graphene. The eigenstates around valley \( K \) are

\[
|\pm, \mathbf{p}\rangle_K = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left( e^{-i\phi F/2} \pm e^{i\phi F/2} \right),
\]

where \( \phi_F = \tan^{-1}(p_y/p_x) \) and \( + \) labels the conduction (\( \pi^+ \)) band case and \( - \) the valence (\( \pi^\mp \)) band. Note that the eigenstates change sign if the phase \( \phi \) is rotated by 2\( \pi \). This is the \( \pi \) Berry phase mentioned earlier.

Chirality for pseudospin 1/2 objects is defined as the projection of the pseudospin operator in the direction of momentum [51]:

\[
\hat{\chi} = \frac{\hat{\mathbf{p}} \cdot \mathbf{\sigma}}{|\mathbf{p}|}.
\]

From this definition of the chirality operator it is easy to see that it commutes with the Hamiltonian (4), and that \( |\pm, \mathbf{p}\rangle_K \) and \( |\pm, \mathbf{p}\rangle_{K'} \) are also eigenstates of the chirality operator. Electrons (holes) have positive (negative) chirality for valley \( K (\xi = 1) \). Chirality is a good quantum number only as long as Hamiltonian (4) is valid, and therefore holds only as an asymptotic property that is precise when close to the Dirac points. The eigenstates around \( K \) and \( K' \) are related by time reversal symmetry leading to opposite chirality in the two valleys.

3.2. Low-energy theory of bilayer graphene

The stacking arrangement of the two graphene layers in Bernal bilayers is illustrated in figure 3. Like single layer graphene, Bernal stacked bilayer graphene has gaps that vanish at \( K \) and \( K' \) and a neutral system Fermi level that coincides with the nodal energies. In this section we start from the single layer graphene low-energy Hamiltonian which has four component spinors corresponding to the four carbon sites per unit cell in this 2D crystal. It is then possible to derive an effective two-component model which applies over a more limited energy range.

The key to the bilayer graphene electronic structure is the spatial structure described in figure 3. We label the sublattice sites as \( A_1 (B_1) \) and \( A_2 (B_2) \) in the bottom (top) layers respectively. Two of the four inequivalent atomic sites \( A_1 \) and \( A_2 \) are stacked on top of each other, while the others \( B_1 \) and \( B_2 \) do not have a near neighbor in the other layer. The \( A_1 - A_2 \) interlayer hopping amplitude, \( \gamma_{A_1 - A_2} \approx \gamma_1 \approx 0.4 \text{ eV} \), leads to the formation of a dimer state of the \( A_1 - A_2 \) orbitals. This process drives the energies of electrons on these sites away from the Fermi level, leaving one low-energy site per unit cell in each layer. An additional interlayer hopping process from \( B_1 \) to \( B_2 \), \( \gamma_{B_1 - B_2} \approx \gamma_2 \ll \gamma_1 \), leads to a trigonal warping of the band structure [38] at the lowest energies. We neglect this and other remote weak interlayer hopping processes for the moment and will argue later that they can be neglected in the large magnetic field limit.

We follow McCann and Falco [38] by starting from a continuum model bilayer band Hamiltonian which adds sublattice dependent interlayer hopping to decoupled 2D
Dirac bands:

\[
\hat{H}_{4\times 4} = \begin{pmatrix}
0 & v_D\hat{p}^\dagger & 0 & 0 \\
v_D\hat{p} & 0 & \gamma_1 & 0 \\
0 & \gamma_1 & 0 & v_D\hat{p}^\dagger \\
0 & 0 & v_D\hat{p} & 0 \\
\end{pmatrix},
\]

for valley \( \mathbf{K} \), where \( \hat{p} = \hat{p}_x + i\hat{p}_y \) and \( v_D \) is graphene’s Fermi velocity. The above Hamiltonian operates on a four-component envelope function spinor wavefunction: \( \Phi^\dagger = (\psi_{B_1,\mathbf{K}}, \psi_{A_1,\mathbf{K}}, \psi_{A_2,\mathbf{K}}, \psi_{B_2,\mathbf{K}}) \), where \( \psi \) denotes the envelope function on the corresponding atomic site. The energy spectrum \( \epsilon_s^\pm (\mathbf{p}) \) takes the form

\[
\epsilon_s^\pm (\mathbf{p}) = \gamma_1 \cos \left( \frac{\alpha \pi}{3} \right) \pm \sqrt{v_D^2|\mathbf{p}|^2 + \gamma_1^2 \cos^2 \left( \frac{\alpha \pi}{3} \right)},
\]

with \( \alpha = 1, 2 \). As expected from our earlier discussion, the first of the four bands have energies \( \epsilon_1^\pm (\mathbf{p}) \approx \gamma_1 \) and \( \epsilon_2^\pm (\mathbf{p}) \approx -\gamma_1 \) and are well separated from the Fermi level in systems with moderate carrier densities. The other two bands are degenerate at the Fermi level and exhibit quadratic dispersion for small \( \mathbf{p} \). Expanding the low-energy bands \( \epsilon_1^- (\mathbf{p}) \) and \( \epsilon_2^- (\mathbf{p}) \) for \( |\epsilon| \ll \gamma_1 \) gives

\[
\epsilon (\mathbf{p}) = \pm \frac{p^2}{2m},
\]

which for \( E \ll \gamma_1 \) gives

\[
\hat{H}_\text{eff}^{(2)} = -\frac{v_D^2}{\gamma_1} \begin{pmatrix}
0 & (\hat{p})^2 \\
(\hat{p})^2 & 0 \\
\end{pmatrix}.
\]

Here \( \hat{H}_\text{eff}^{(2)} \) acts on the spinor containing only the low-energy sites \( \Psi^\dagger = (\psi_{B_1,\mathbf{K}}, \psi_{B_2,\mathbf{K}}) \). Identifying \( m = \gamma_1/2v_D^2 \) gives the same quadratic dispersion as before. The eigenstates for (12) are obtained by substituting \( \phi_{\mathbf{p}} \rightarrow 2\phi_{\mathbf{p}} \) in equation (5).

In Bernal stacked bilayer graphene the eigenstates exhibit a Berry phase of \( 2\pi \) while the conduction and valence bands exhibit gapless parabolic dispersion. This 2DEG system is qualitatively distinct from both single layer graphene and normal semiconducting 2DEGs. In section 4 we introduce effective Hamiltonians for C2DEGs, which include the low-energy effective Hamiltonians of graphene and bilayer graphene as specific examples. C2DEG models can be distinguished by a chirality index \( J \). Graphene and Bernal stacked bilayer graphene are members of this class with chirality indices \( J = 1 \) and \( J = 2 \) respectively. In (12) above the subscript 2 can refer either to the order of perturbation theory or to the chirality index \( J = 2 \).

Including the remote interlayer hopping \( \gamma_3 \) process and allowing for the possibility of an on-site energy difference between layers \( \Delta V \) gives additional contributions to the effective Hamiltonian [38]:

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\hat{H}_\text{eff}^{(2)} \rightarrow \hat{H}_\text{eff}^{(2)} + h_w + h_\Delta,
\]

where

\[
h_w + h_\Delta = \nu_3 \begin{pmatrix}
0 & \hat{p}^\dagger & 0 \\
\hat{p} & 0 & 0 \\
0 & 0 & -\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2mV}\hat{p}\hat{p}^\dagger \\
\end{pmatrix},
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\end{pmatrix},
\]

where \( \nu_3 = (\sqrt{3}/2)\gamma_3a \). \( \gamma_3 \) leads to a distortion of the band structure that is invariant under \( 120^\circ \) rotations, trigonal warping, which does not play an essential role in the high magnetic field limit. The external potential difference \( \Delta V \) between layers opens a gap in the spectrum and modifies the shape of the conduction and valence bands. The modified dispersion has a Mexican hat shape [52] in which the band extrema occur along circular lines.

The effect of interactions on undoped bilayer graphene’s unusual band structure, which we have neglected up to this point, is particularly interesting. Due to the absence of a Fermi surface, interaction effects at the charge neutrality point can lead to non-Fermi liquid behavior with ill defined quasiparticle excitations and a log squared behavior of the self-energy [53]. It has also been suggested that interactions can lead to the formation of gapped [54, 55] or gapless [56] broken symmetry ground states. Recent experiments on suspended dual gated bilayer graphene samples do indicate anomalies near zero carrier density in bilayer graphene in the absence of a magnetic field [57–60] which we discuss further below.
3.3. Two-dimensional chiral fermions

Graphene and Bernal stacked bilayer graphene are unique and distinct two-dimensional materials whose low-energy electronic properties are well described by chiral fermion models [45]. The single particle chiral Hamiltonian with a chirality index \( J \) is

\[
\hat{H}_J = \alpha_J \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \xi^J \phi \cd J \xi \cd J \phi \cr \xi^J \phi \cd J \bar{\xi} & 0 \end{pmatrix},
\]

(14)

where \( \alpha_J \) has the dimensionality of \( \epsilon/|p| \), \( \hat{p} = \hat{p}_x + i\hat{p}_y \) is the momentum measured from nodal points in the Brillouin zone (BZ), and \( \xi = \pm 1 \) labels the two nodal points \( K \) and \( K' \) in the BZ. The pseudospin doublets in the respective valleys \( K(\xi = +1) \) and \( K'(\xi = -1) \) are defined as \( \Phi_{\xi=\pm 1} = (\phi_\uparrow^J, \phi_\downarrow^J) \) and \( \Phi_{\xi=-1} = (\phi_\downarrow^J, \phi_\uparrow^J) \). From the analyses of the earlier sections we can see that graphene and Bernal stacked bilayer graphenes’ effective Hamiltonians belong to this class with chirality indices \( J = 1 \) and \( J = 2 \) respectively. The higher \( J \) models apply approximately to ABC stacked \( J \)-layer systems, although the relative importance of corrections to the model increases with \( J \) and the energy range over which it applies approximately tends to decrease with \( J \). For general \( N \)-layer graphene systems, the Hamiltonian can be approximately decomposed at low energies into a set of decoupled 2DEG models with \( \sum J_i = N \) and individual \( J_i \) that depend on the detailed stacking sequence [45]. The energy dispersion of equation (14) is \( \epsilon_j(p) = \pm \alpha_J p^\xi \) with chiral band eigenstates:

\[
|\pm, p\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} e^{i\phi_\uparrow^{J/2}} \\ e^{i\phi_\downarrow^{J/2}} \end{pmatrix}.
\]

(15)

Just as before the pseudospin spinors in the different valleys have opposite chirality.

These systems can be identified as different classes of zero-gap semiconductors. In each case the positive (negative) energies are identified with the conduction (valence) bands. The energy bands exhibit degenerate points \( K \) and \( K' \) in momentum space which are defined as the points where the conduction and valence bands meet. In neutral structures (i.e. undoped with holes or electrons) the Fermi energy lies at the these degenerate points.

Chiral Hamiltonians satisfy time reversal and inversion symmetries. The presence of two valleys is crucial for the zero-gap semiconductors. In each case the positive (negative) and Bernal stacked bilayer graphene remain the primary focus of this review, although some important properties have systematic \( J \) dependences which we shall mention next.

4. The integer quantum Hall effect of chiral fermions

In this section we evaluate the spectra of chiral fermion models in the presence of a magnetic field, and discuss the unusual IQHEs which follow from these spectra. We also review transport experiments which verify the applicability of these models to single layer and bilayer graphene.

4.1. Chiral fermions in a magnetic field

In the presence of a uniform magnetic field applied in the direction perpendicular to the plane of the C2DEG (\( B = B\hat{z} \)), the momentum operator in (14) is modified to \( \hat{\pi} = \hat{p} + (e/c)A \), where \( A = A_x + iA_y \), and \( A \) is the vector potential with \( B = \nabla \times A \). We define the usual Landau level raising and lowering operators: \( \hat{a}^\dagger \) and \( \hat{a} \) with \( \hat{a}^\dagger = (\hbar/\sqrt{2\pi})\hat{\pi} \), where \( \hbar = (hc/eB)^{1/2} = 25.6/(\sqrt{B(T)}) \) nm is the magnetic length. Equation (14) for \( \xi = +1 \) then becomes

\[
\hat{H}_J = \alpha_J \left( \frac{\sqrt{2\hbar}}{l_B} \right)^J \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \hat{a}^\dagger \\ \hat{a} & 0 \end{pmatrix}.
\]

(16)

One immediate property of this Hamiltonian is the appearance of zero-energy eigenstates of the form \( |\phi_n\rangle \) for \( n = 0, \ldots, J - 1 \). Here the \( \phi_n \) is the \( n \)th Landau level wavefunction for an ordinary 2DEG which is annihilated by \( a^k \) for any \( k > n \). Note that these zero-energy eigenstates are localized on the \( \uparrow \) (\( \downarrow \)) pseudospin in the \( K(\vec{K}) \) valley, which for graphene corresponds to localization of these Landau levels on sublattice A (B) and for bilayer graphene to localization on the top (bottom) layer. This property leads to a \( 2J \)-fold degenerate (including valley and spin) zero-energy Landau level. This degeneracy is, of course, on top of the normal Landau level one-state-per-flux-quantum degeneracy.

The presence of wavefunctions with spatial structures that appear at different energies in the ordinary non-relativistic 2DEG model in the same degenerate manifold can create some terminological confusion. We will refer to the wavefunctions \( \phi_n \) as Landau level \( n \) orbitals and (as already anticipated) use upper case letter \( N \) to distinguish levels with different Landau-quantized band energies in the C2DEG model in a magnetic field. Thus the \( N = 0 \) Landau level eigenstates of a C2DEG model include states with orbital Landau level indices from \( n = 0 \) to \( J - 1 \).

The energies of higher \( N \) Landau levels are given by

\[
\epsilon_{N,J} = \alpha_J \left( \frac{\sqrt{2\hbar}}{l_B} \right)^J \sqrt{N(N - 1) \cdots (N - J + 1)},
\]

(17)

where \( s = \pm \) distinguishes positive energy conduction band (\( s = +1 \)) and negative energy valence band (\( s = -1 \)) Landau levels. The corresponding eigenstates are

\[
\Phi_{\xi=1} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} \phi_{n-s-J} \\ \phi_n \end{pmatrix},
\]

(18)

for valley \( K \). The eigenstates of these Landau levels are a linear superposition of 2DEG Landau level orbitals \( n \) on one sublattice and \( n - J \) on the other sublattice.
The energy spectrum of a chiral system in a magnetic field is remarkably different from that of a normal 2DEG in which the Landau levels are equally spaced with the gap between adjacent levels equal to \( \hbar \omega_c = eB/(mc) \), and no zero-energy eigenstates. For a chirality \( J \) system the level spacing energy scale varies with field as \( B^{1/2} \). The spacings are larger near the Dirac point for \( J = 1 \) and smaller near the Dirac point for \( J > 2 \). The unusual Landau level structure of single layer and bilayer graphene has been directly measured in scanning tunneling microscopy experiments on graphite subjected to a perpendicular magnetic field [61, 62]. The Landau level spectrum for chiral fermions leads to a family of anomalous IQHEs which have now been verified experimentally in single layer, bilayer, and trilayer graphene. In section 4.2 we discuss the unusual IQHE of chiral fermions explicitly.

4.2. The integer quantum Hall effect

As explained in section 1, the quantum Hall effect is a transport anomaly which signals a jump in the chemical potential, a charge gap, at a magnetic field dependent density. In translationally invariant continuum models the only length (and hence density) scale is the magnetic length, which measures the area that encloses one quantum of magnetic flux. It follows that charge gaps in uniform 2DEG systems can occur only at fixed values of the filling factor \( \nu \), which is defined as the number of electrons per flux quantum. (In graphene systems the electron density is measured relative to the density of a neutral sheet.) A charge gap at filling factor \( \nu \), when combined with incompressible state quasiparticle localization, leads to plateaus along which the longitudinal conductivity \( \sigma_{xx} \rightarrow 0 \) and the Hall conductivity \( \sigma_{xy} \rightarrow \nu e^2/h \). The use of the word plateau emphasizes that because of charged excitation localization in the limit \( T \rightarrow 0 \) these values apply over a finite range of magnetic field, carrier density, or any other experimentally controllable parameter on which the 2DEG Hamiltonian depends. The relationship of the Hall conductivity to Chern numbers can be used to show that the quantum Hall effect can occur only at integer values of \( \nu \) in the absence of electron–electron interactions.

Gaps at rational fractional values of \( \nu \) (usually ones with odd denominators [10]) have been studied for decades in ordinary 2DEGs and are now starting to be studied in graphene systems. They can be produced only by many-body electron–electron interaction effects. Incompressibility at a magnetic field dependent density always leads to gapless excitations localized at the edges of the system, the smoking gun signature of the QHE [11].

In C2DEGs, as in any other system, incompressibility at a magnetic field dependent density implies Hall quantization. The filling factors at which gaps are produced by Landau level formation alone differ however. When the Zeeman energy and \( \Delta \nu \) are set to 0, gaps appear at the following set of integer filling factors (as indicated in figure 4):

\[
\nu = \pm 4 \left( N + \frac{J}{2} \right), \quad N = 0, 1, 2, \ldots
\]

Figure 4. (Adapted from [16] (see also [39]).) The Hall conductivity \( \sigma_{xy} \) and the longitudinal resistivity \( \rho_{xx} \) of monolayer graphene as a function of carrier density at \( B = 14 \) T and \( T = 4 \) K. These data demonstrate the half-integer QHE with chiral index \( J = 1 \) (graphene). The inset shows the Hall conductivity \( \sigma_{xy} \) in bilayer graphene with a chirality index \( J = 2 \). Reprinted with permission from the Nature Publishing Group.

Note in particular that there is no gap at zero carrier density, \( \nu = 0 \). The above quantization condition follows directly from the energy levels of chiral fermions in the presence of a perpendicular magnetic field discussed above.

To understand the edge state implications of this unusual quantization condition let us first review the IQHE in a normal 2DEG in which Landau level quantization leads to the energies \( \epsilon_n = (n + 1/2) \hbar \omega_c \). The Landau levels are equally spaced with spacing equal to the cyclotron energy \( \hbar \omega_c \). In the presence of disorder the Landau levels get broadened. When the Fermi energy lies in a gap between the Landau levels, the only states at the Fermi energy when the disorder is weak are chiral edge states which can carry current without dissipation, causing the longitudinal resistance to fall to zero [5]. When \( n \) Landau levels are filled, each Landau level gives rise to a gapless edge state branch. Because these \( n \) channels carry current in parallel, \( \sigma_{xy} = ne^2/h \). Each time the chemical potential crosses a Landau level there is an extra contribution from a new gapless edge state channel and the Hall conductivity jumps by \( e^2/h \).

The unusual edge state structure and edge transport unique to chiral fermions can be understood from the Landau level spectrum and, in particular, from the presence of zero-energy eigenstates [63]. We can identify the Landau levels of a chirality \( J \) C2DEG as electron-like for \( N > 0 \) and hole-like for \( N < 0 \), as indicated in figure 5 for graphene (\( J = 1 \)). The \( 4J \)-fold degenerate \( N = 0 \) zero-energy state is neither electron-like nor hole-like. Given the spectrum of Landau levels for chiral fermions, the Hall conductance \( \sigma_{xy} \) must jump by \( 4Je^2/h \) when the chemical potential crosses the \( N = 0 \) Landau level. The \( 4 \times J/2 \) term in equation (19) accounts for the presence of \( 4J \) zero-energy Landau levels which give rise to \( 4J \) edge state branches. The unusual property of the
Hall states have been discovered which are driven by interactions; i.e. incompressibilities develop at filling factors \( \nu \) at which the band Hamiltonian does not have a gap. From a fundamental physics point of view the most important of these are the ones that appear when a Landau level is fractionally filled, since they lead to fractionally charged excitations with fractional (and in some cases non-Abelian) statistics. Another important class of examples in semiconductor 2DEGs is the gaps which appear at odd integer filling factors. These are often found experimentally to be much larger than the Zeeman energy gap of the single particle Hamiltonian. In fact gaps do appear at odd integer values of \( \nu \) even when the Zeeman energy vanishes [67]. The experimentally measured gaps are usually essentially pure exchange gaps due to electron–electron interactions and spontaneous spin polarization, i.e. due to what is often referred to as quantum Hall ferromagnetism. The notion of quantum Hall ferromagnetism has been generalized to other broken symmetry induced gaps in the quantum Hall regime [30]. A particularly interesting aspect of quantum Hall ferromagnetism in semiconductors is the presence of skyrmion topological spin textures that carry electrical charge [31, 43].

Band-energy quantization for C2DEGs in the presence of magnetic field leads to a quantum Hall sequence with \( \nu = \pm 4(N + J/2) \), with \( \nu = \pm 2, \pm 6, \pm 10, \ldots \) for single layer and \( \nu = \pm 4, \pm 8, \pm 12, \ldots \) for bilayer graphene. The four-fold degeneracy evident in the measured Hall conductivity of graphene is due to spin and valley degeneracy [22, 23, 16, 17]. Bilayers exhibit an eight-fold degeneracy for \( N = 0 \) only which is due to the additional orbital degeneracy between orbitals with \( n = 0 \) and 1 character [38, 39]. When the spin Zeeman effect is included gaps appear at all even integer filling factors for single layer and bilayer graphene, except in the bilayer case for \( \nu = \pm 2 \). It was predicted theoretically that gaps would appear at all integer filling factors in samples with disorder energy scales that are weaker than electron–electron interaction scales in both single layer [25] and bilayer [42] graphene. This prediction has now been verified for single layer graphene [18, 64, 37] and also in bilayer graphene [40, 41]. In this section we discuss the physics of interaction driven integer quantum Hall states in graphene and in bilayer graphene.

Single layer graphene gaps for \( \nu \neq \pm 4(N + 1/2) \) can be due either to explicit symmetry breaking by one-body terms not included in our earlier analysis (that are usually enhanced by interaction dressing), or to purely spontaneous symmetry breaking by interactions. Interaction driven additional integer quantum Hall states have been anticipated by quantum Hall ferromagnetism [25–29] (QHF) theories which focus on interactions between states in the same Landau level, and by magnetic catalysis [33, 34, 65, 66] (MC) theories which focus on the \( \nu = 0 \) case and assume that Landau level mixing plays an essential role. These theories can be further distinguished by their experimental predictions. While QHF theories predict that charge gaps and hence quantum Hall effects should be present at all integer filling factors, MC theories predict that extra charge gaps should appear at \( \nu = 0 \). The recent experimental observation of QH plateaus at all integer filling

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**Figure 5.** Schematic representation of the energy dispersion of the edge states of a graphene strip in a magnetic field within the continuum model. The electron-like (hole-like) band dispersions are indicated in blue dashed lines (red). The \( |N| > 0 \) electron- and hole-like bands are four-fold degenerate (spin and valley), whereas the \( N = 0 \) bands are two-fold spin degenerate. \( x_L \) and \( x_R \) represent the respective left and right sample edges. Reprinted with permission from the Nature Publishing Group [16].

\( N = 0 \) Landau level is that, as what one might guess on the basis of particle–hole symmetry, half of its edge branches appear at energies above the bulk Landau level and half at energies below. The Hall conductivity on each plateau is therefore equal to the number of edge state branches in the corresponding gap.

Soon after the isolation and identification of graphene this unusual IQHE was measured in Hall conductivity experiments in both single layer [16, 17] and bilayer graphene [39]. Figure 4 shows the experimentally measured Hall conductivities for monolayer and Bernal bilayer graphene [39]. For single layer graphene the gap between the Hall conductivities for monolayer and Bernal bilayer graphene [39]. Figure 4 shows the experimentally measured gaps which appear at odd integer filling factors for single layer and bilayer graphene, except in the bilayer case for \( \nu = \pm 2 \). It was predicted theoretically that gaps would appear at all integer filling factors in samples with disorder energy scales that are weaker than electron–electron interaction scales in both single layer [25] and bilayer [42] graphene. This prediction has now been verified for single layer graphene [18, 64, 37] and also in bilayer graphene [40, 41]. In this section we discuss the physics of interaction driven integer quantum Hall states in graphene and in bilayer graphene.

5. Interaction induced integer quantum Hall states

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factors [37] for graphene on h-BN seems to support QHF theories.

Bilayer graphene also exhibits spontaneously broken symmetry states due to the presence of electron–electron interactions. In bilayer graphene QHF theories also predict ordered states which exhibit incompressibilities at all integer plateaus. The \( N \neq 0 \) broken symmetry states are expected to be characterized by spontaneous spin and/or valley polarization. Because the \( N = 0 \) Landau level includes an extra degree-of-freedom associated with the \( n = 0 \) and 1 orbital degree-of-freedom [38] the physics associated with its polarization, which is expected at odd total filling factors, is more interesting. These orbitally broken symmetry states have unusual Goldstone collective modes [42] associated with the dipoles induced by inter-orbital coherence. Apart from this the parabolic dispersion of bilayer graphene already makes it susceptible to interaction induced symmetry breaking even at zero breaking magnetic field [54–56]. Experiments on doubly gated suspended bilayer graphene samples indicate that incompressibilities exist for vanishing magnetic fields [57], although the nature of the associated broken symmetry has not been unequivocally [59, 60] established as of yet.

5.1. Interaction induced integer QH states in single layer graphene

5.1.1. Quantum Hall ferromagnetism in graphene. Soon after the initial verification of the unusual IQHE of graphene, experiments [18] at higher fields (\( B > 20 \) T) revealed further plateaus \( \nu = 0, \pm 1 \) and \( \pm 4 \) that do not belong to the IQH sequence of graphene. These additional states suggest that the four-fold spin and valley degeneracy is lifted in a variety of filling factor dependent broken symmetry states. Early tilted field experiments appeared to suggest that the states at \( \nu = 0, \pm 4 \) are spin polarized, implying that spin degeneracy is broken at these filling factors, whereas the \( \nu = \pm 1 \) states depend only on the perpendicular component of the magnetic field, indicating that their gap is not spin related and corresponds instead to broken valley degeneracy [64]. However, more recent experiments indicate that the \( \nu = 0 \) gap is not spin polarized and that the \( \nu = \pm 1 \) gap increases with in-plane field [68]. Temperature dependent activated measurements indicate that the gaps at \( \nu = 0, \pm 4 \) are larger than those expected from Zeeman splitting alone. If these gaps are spin splittings, they are apparently strongly enhanced by many-body effects. Recent studies of graphene on h-BN substrates, which are much more ordered than SiO\(_2\) substrates, appear to indicate that a number of the gaps in higher Landau levels involve both spin and valley degrees-of-freedom [68].

Theories of quantum Hall ferromagnetism focus on interactions within a Landau level and the broken symmetry states they can induce. The discussion in the following paragraphs follows this line of thought and neglects Landau level mixing effects. In these theories it is therefore convenient to introduce a reduced filling factor for each Landau level \( \nu \):

\[
\nu_N = \frac{N_e}{N_\sigma} \leq 4,
\]

where \( N_e \) is the number of electrons in the \( N \)th Landau level and \( N_\sigma \) is the number of flux quanta enclosed in the system. In the continuum theory of graphene the spin and valley degrees-of-freedom are equivalent flavor labels. When Zeeman coupling and other weak perturbations are neglected, the Hamiltonian is \( SU(4) \) invariant. At integer filling factors quantum Hall ferromagnet ground states spontaneously break the \( SU(4) \) symmetry, ensuring good exchange energy for flavor indices within a Landau level and inducing a charge gap for excitations.

The integer filling factor ground state of the \( SU(4) \) invariant Hamiltonian is known exactly. For filling factor \( \nu_N \)

\[
|\Psi_0\rangle = \prod_{1 \leq \sigma \leq N} \prod_k c_{k,\sigma}^\dagger |0\rangle
\]

is an exact eigenstate of any \( SU(4) \) invariant electron–electron interaction Hamiltonian. In (21) \( c_{k,\sigma}^\dagger \) is the electron creation operator for intra-Landau-level orbital index \( k \) and flavor (valley/spin) label \( \sigma \). \( |0\rangle \) corresponds to the vacuum state in which Landau level \( N \) is completely empty and all lower Landau levels are completely filled. The wavefunction \( |\Psi_0\rangle \) has lower energy because it puts many electrons into the same pseudospin state, minimizing their exchange energy to the maximum degree allowed by the Pauli exclusion principle at filling factor \( \nu_N \).

These states are exact eigenstates of \( SU(4) \) invariant Hamiltonians at the integer partial filling factors \( \nu_N = 0–3 \), but are they the ground states? Quantum Hall ferromagnetism theories are based on the notion that they normally are. Whether or not this idea is correct likely depends to some degree on the character of the Hamiltonian, with Hamiltonians that are more strongly repulsive at short distances most likely to support these ground states. In the case of \( SU(2) \) (spin flavor only), it seems clear from finite-size exact diagonalization calculations [69] that they are ground states for small \( N \) Landau levels. Exact diagonalization calculations for the graphene \( SU(4) \) case also support the quantum Hall ferromagnetism ansatz for small \( N \) in graphene. Although it is not possible to prove rigorously that the integer \( \nu_N \) ground states have this form, even when Landau level mixing is neglected, the case for quantum Hall ferromagnetism at small \( |N| \) appears to be quite strong. Its neglect of Landau level mixing effects also appears to be soundly based although this approximation does not become better, as it does in ordinary 2DEGs, as the field strength is increased.

When the quantum Hall ferromagnetism ansatz is correct, an electron that is added to an integer partial filling factor state will have to occupy a flavor Landau level that is empty, losing exchange energy in the process. The charge gap is due to this loss of exchange energy. This incompressibility at a fixed filling factor leads to an integer quantized Hall conductivity and to vanishing longitudinal conductivity, in accord with well-established quantum Hall phenomenology.

Since \( SU(4) \) is a continuous symmetry, when it is broken spontaneously the systems must support gapless collective modes. These neutral, spin-wave-like modes have been studied [27, 28], and their full spectra have been determined exactly [28]. Because the symmetry group is larger than in the
SU(2) case [43], the number of spin-wave-like modes is larger than one. The number of modes is given by \( v_N(4 - v_N) - four modes for v_N = 2 \) and three modes for \( v_N = 1, 3 \) [28]. Perhaps more interesting is the appearance of topological solitons in the order parameter called skyrmions as low-energy charged excitations of the systems [31, 43]. Again due to the larger symmetry, skyrmions come in more species in the SU(4) quantum Hall ferromagnet [28] case compared to the SU(2) quantum Hall ferromagnets studied earlier [31, 43].

There is an important quantitative difference compared to the ordinary 2DEG case in the spatial structure of the electron–electron interactions that is due to the Dirac nature of graphene’s charge carriers. In a magnetic field, the two sublattice components of graphene’s Dirac model eigenspinors have different orbital Landau level wavefunctions [25] (see also section 4.1). As a result, the form factor which determines the effective electron–electron interaction in a given Landau level is quite different for Dirac fermions [25, 26]. One of the consequences of this is that skyrmions are the lowest-energy charged excitations not only in the lowest Landau level (which is the only stable skyrmion case for non-relativistic electrons [70]), but also in some of the higher Landau levels [27, 28]; more specifically they are lowest-energy charge excitations for \(|N| \leq 3\) [28]. These high Landau level skyrmions have been observed in recent numerical work [71].

Because states in different valleys are certain to be on different sublattices in the \( N = 0 \) case, the valley and sublattice (layer in the bilayer case) labels are equivalent when Landau level mixing is neglected. This situation changes when mixing becomes important. The role of Landau level mixing can be increased in the single layer case by increasing the strength of the carrier–carrier interactions, i.e. by decreasing the dielectric screening. (This contrasts with the bilayer case in which Landau level mixing can be enhanced simply by decreasing the magnetic field strength.) When mixing is important there is a qualitative difference between the sublattice and valley labels because the sublattice is not a good quantum number. When the valence Landau level breaks symmetry by establishing a condensate which favors sublattice polarization, the wavefunctions of Landau levels far from the Fermi surface are altered in a way which reinforces the condensate. In the language of the 2D Dirac equation, a sublattice polarization term is a mass term, as discussed further below. Depending on the relative signs of the masses for different spins and valleys, sublattice symmetry breaking leads to various kinds [72] of density wave states and to gaps at a variety of integer filling factors that persist to weak fields. Quantum Hall ferromagnet states in which the broken symmetry condensate produces a mean field term which favors occupation of one sublattice over another plays the role of this mass in the 2D Dirac equation. For a total Landau level filling factor of \( v = 0 \) this subset of quantum Hall ferromagnet broken symmetry states is related to the idea of magnetic catalysis. Indeed there is a subset of quantum Hall ferromagnet states which, when stable, tend to remain robust at weaker magnetic fields. There is some evidence that the \( v = 0 \) state in both single layer and bilayer graphene may have the type of order anticipated by the magnetic catalysis scenario.

5.1.2. Explicit SU(4) breaking interactions. A number of small perturbations that explicitly break SU(4) symmetry are present in graphene. They can fix the orientation of the SU(4) order parameter, i.e. select specific preferred flavor orbitals to occupy at a particular partial filling factor, and will also open small gap(s) in some of the collective mode dispersions. In the following we discuss some of these perturbations.

Zeeman splitting. This is probably the most obvious explicit symmetry breaking interaction. It lifts the spin degeneracy without affecting the valley degeneracy; formally it reduces the SU(4) symmetry to a (valley) SU(2) \( \otimes U(1) \) symmetry. Its influence is particularly important when \( v_N = 2 \), in which case it uniquely selects a single ground state which is a valley singlet but has spins in the valence Landau level fully polarized along the field direction. In the absence of interactions the charge gap associated with this state is precisely the Zeeman splitting, and in some theories (to be discussed later) this is thought to be the sole source of the gap at \( v = \pm 4 \), when the \( N = 1 \) Landau level is half-filled. Quantitatively, the Zeeman splitting is of order 10 K at 10 T, compared to the electron–electron interaction scale \( e^2/\epsilon \ell \sim 500 \text{ K} \) (\( \ell = \sqrt{\hbar c/eB} \) is the magnetic length); it thus qualifies as a small symmetry breaking perturbation.

Lattice effects. SU(4) symmetry is exact in the continuum limit \( a \ll \ell \), where \( a \) is the lattice spacing. Lattice effects break SU(2) symmetry within the valley subspace [26, 27]. The strength of this symmetry breaking is proportional to \( a/\ell \). For the lowest Landau level (\( N = 0 \)), lattice effects introduce an Ising anisotropy in the valley SU(2) space [27], while for \( |N| > 0 \) an easy plane (or XY) anisotropy is introduced [26, 27]. Lattice Hartree–Fock calculations [73] point to one important role of the lattice. In a continuum model electrons do not change their valley indices when they scatter off other electrons. As a consequence exchange interactions occur only within valleys. Although the neglected interlayer exchange interactions are weak, they do favor sublattice polarization states in which the sense of layer polarization is the same for both valleys. This inter-valley exchange effect can be important in determining the character of \( v = 0 \) quantum Hall states as we discuss further below.

Disorder. Although disorder potentials that are smooth on atomic length scales do not break any symmetry, they do lift the Landau level degeneracy. Disorder favors SU(4) singlet ground states because more electrons can be placed where the disorder potential is lowest when the four valley degrees-of-freedom are exploited symmetrically. In [25], in which the notion of QHF was first introduced in the graphene context, a Stoner-like criterion was derived for the competition between interactions and disorder in quantum Hall ferromagnetism. The situation was also analyzed in [27], in which the authors came to the conclusion that the samples available at that time might not be clean enough for QHF, and the systems under study at that time, and perhaps now, might
actually be $SU(4)$ paramagnets. They then argued that the combination of Zeeman and symmetry breaking interactions can give rise to new QH states in the paramagnetic regime.

On the other hand, Abanin et al [29] pointed out an interesting symmetry breaking effect of the disorder potential, which may favor ordering: a random potential produced by strain in the graphene lattice locally breaks the valley degeneracy in a random manner; it thus acts like a random field along the $\vec{z}$ direction in the valley subspace. This could force the valley $SU(2)$ order parameter into the $XY$ plane, and allows for algebraic long-range order at finite temperature and a Kosterlitz–Thouless transition.

5.1.3. Magnetic catalysis. One set of theories [33, 65, 66, 74, 34] related to interaction induced gaps in graphene’s quantum Hall regime focuses on interaction induced mass terms in the two-dimensional Dirac equation that describes graphene electrons. Interaction induced masses in the absence of a magnetic field are partly analogous to interaction induced masses in elementary particle physics. Magnetic catalysis refers to the reduction in the interaction strength necessary for the spontaneous mass that occurs when a magnetic field is present.

Since a Dirac equation mass correspondsto a $\sigma_\tau$ term in the sublattice pseudospin mean field Hamiltonian, it is always generated in states that have $A$–$B$ sublattice polarization within each valley. The broken symmetry states anticipated in magnetic catalysis theories are ones in which the same sense of sublattice polarization occurs in each valley. From a physical point of view these are therefore density wave states in which the honeycomb lattice symmetry is reduced. Spontaneous mass generation in monolayer graphene was in fact discussed as a theoretical possibility even before the experimental realization of the material [75]. The excitonic gap imagined in this early work was attributed to an instability toward electron–hole pairing in the presence of a constant magnetic field in $(2 + 1)$D-QED. Magnetic catalysis theories are distinguished phenomenologically from QHF theories by their prediction that spontaneously generated gaps should appear in the $N = 0$ Landau level only. Induced mass type order opens gaps between the conduction and valence bands, when opening them within all Landau levels. When Zeeman splitting is included, these theories predict plateaus in the Hall conductivity $\sigma_{xy}$ at $v = 0, \pm 1$, and $v = \pm 2k$ for $k = 1, 2, 3, \ldots$. In [34], it was argued that the ordering that generates the mass could be either a charge-density wave (CDW) or a spin-density wave (SDW), depending on the relative strengths of on-site and nearest neighbor electron–electron repulsion. SDW states have the opposite sense to sublattice polarization for opposite spins.

Earlier experimental results [18] appeared to be consistent with the magnetic catalysis scenario since the first odd integer QH states to be observed appeared at $v = \pm 1$ in the $N = 0$ Landau level. (Assuming that spins are maximally polarized because of the Zeeman field, gaps at $v = \pm 1$ require that the valley or sublattice symmetry be broken, consistent with the magnetic catalysis scenario.) However the recent observation of integer QH states at $v = 3$ in suspended graphene samples and at all integer filling factors for graphene on h-BN substrate seems to indicate that the QHF scenario better describes the physics which takes place in graphene sheets. In fact magnetic catalysis should be viewed as a special case of quantum Hall ferromagnetism in which the broken symmetry state is a charge-density wave or spin-density wave state.

CDW and SDW states are likely strong-interaction-limit broken symmetry states for honeycomb lattice models in the absence of a magnetic field. If these broken symmetries were incipient at $B = 0$, a weak magnetic field would in all likelihood push them over the edge—hence magnetic catalysis. If, on the other hand, $B = 0$ graphene systems are not close to instabilities, there is no reason to expect that CDW and SDW instabilities would dominate in the presence of a magnetic field. The experimental observation of QHEs at nearly all integer filling factors suggests that it is Landau level formation and interactions within groups of degenerate Landau levels, the quantum Hall ferromagnetism scenario, that plays the essential role in establishing these interaction induced gaps. If so, this piece of graphene phenomenology suggests that the $B = 0$ graphene system is not especially close to an interaction induced instability. However, in bilayer graphene it appears that the story is different. Some quantum Hall effects appear to persist to very weak magnetic fields [57–60], and sometimes to $B = 0$, with interactions playing an essential role. It appears likely that the neutral bilayer graphene band structure is unstable at $B = 0$ against weak interactions, as predicted theoretically [54–56] (see section 5.2).

5.1.4. $v = 0$ quantum Hall state transport properties. The $v = 0$ QH state in graphene has garnered particular interest since it does not have an analog in semiconducting 2DEGs with parabolic dispersion. The new physics is due to the relativistic Dirac dispersion for quasiparticles in graphene which leads to conduction and valence bands (see section 3.1) that are not separated by a gap. Initial experimental studies of this state indicated that the transport phenomenology on the $v = 0$ QH state is different from that of the other integers. This unusual behavior is evident both in $\rho_{xx}$ and $\rho_{xy}$, the diagonal and off-diagonal resistivities, respectively. The experimentally measured Hall resistivity did not display either a clear quantized plateau or a zero resistance state [76]; however, a step-like feature was evident in the off-diagonal conductivity at $\sigma_{xy} = 0$. The longitudinal resistivity did not exhibit a deep minimum normally characteristic of the conventional QHE. Later experiments on the $v = 0$ state reported a steeply divergent Dirac point resistance at low temperatures [77]. The authors argued that this insulating behavior followed Kosterlitz–Thouless (KT) type scaling with respect to the magnetic field and was interpreted as a quantum KT phase transition by assuming a valley-split $XY$ state. This field induced insulating behavior has also been observed in suspended graphene samples in a two terminal setup [35, 36].

The unconventional transport phenomenology of the $v = 0$ QH state has drawn interest from a number of theorists. Most work can be divided into two camps, one of which
been performed based on the Dirac equation continuum critical magnetic field X\textsubscript{c} triggers a bulk KT transition from the pseudospin state supports vortex and anti-vortex topological excitations. It was argued that in this case unbinding of the vortex–antivortex state supports vortex and anti-vortex topological excitations. It was pointed out in [81] that one way to distinguish between edge and bulk mechanisms of this apparent metal–insulator transition is to study samples with Corbino geometry, in which edge states play no role. Thus the same transition should be observed in Corbino samples as the magnetic field increases, if the transition occurs in the bulk. On the other hand, if the transition is only an edge phenomenon, then Corbino samples should only exhibit insulating behavior. The article [81] further discusses the possible role that disorder plays in a bulk transition: disorder induces inhomogeneous charge distribution, which results in puddles with different densities and thus different filling factors in the presence of a magnetic field; edge states separating different puddles may play an important role in bulk transport. Increasing the magnetic field suppresses such puddles by increasing the spacing between different Landau levels; this provides a possible bulk mechanism of the transition. This scenario appears consistent with the experimentally observed charge inhomogeneity in the presence of magnetic field [82].

5.2. Interaction induced integer QH states in bilayer graphene

The concept of QHF is quite general and applies whenever Landau levels with some internal flavor indices are degenerate. The N \neq 0 Landau levels of bilayer graphene have the same spin/valley four-fold degeneracy as single layer graphene and can be described by an approximate SU(4) invariant Hamiltonian. The ground states corresponding to the interaction induced plateaus are then captured by the variational wavefunction (21). Generally the physics associated with these states should be similar to that of the higher Landau levels in single layer graphene, with the same number of collective modes and the presence of skyrmions. However, there will be some important quantitative differences related to bilayer graphene’s orbital structure (see section 4.1, equation (18)). This is because the spatial structure of the electron–electron interactions is modified due to the J = 2 chiral nature of bilayer graphene’s charge carriers [25]. In particular, skyrmions are the lowest-energy charge excitation for |N| \leq 2 in bilayer graphene. One important difference between single and bilayer graphene is that in the bilayer case it is easy to generate a mass term (an energy difference between sublattices A\textsubscript{1} and A\textsubscript{2}) externally, simply by applying an electric field between the layers [57]. In the N \neq 0 Landau levels this should allow the study of transitions between the different broken symmetry states as a function of an external control parameter.
The most interesting aspects of bilayer graphene are associated with the interaction driven states that form between $\nu = -4$ and 4 QH plateaus [40, 41], many of which do not have a counterpart in either graphene or other semiconducting QH systems. The $N = 0$ Landau level manifold in bilayer graphene has an extra pseudospin corresponding to the $n = 0$ and 1 orbital degree-of-freedom [38]. The ordering and fluctuations of this pseudospin degree-of-freedom is unique to bilayer graphene and leads to unusual collective modes [42], anomalous exciton condensation [44], and spiral ordering [83]. It is this new aspect associated with the physics of bilayer graphene that will be the focus of the rest of this section.

The $N = 0$ Landau level of neutral bilayer graphene is the direct product of three $S = 1/2$ doublets: real spin, ‘which layer’ pseudospin as in semiconducting double well quantum Hall systems (DWQHS) and the Landau level pseudospin $n = 0$ and 1 which is responsible for the new physics. When the magnetic field is strong enough or the disorder is weak enough, interactions lead to quantum Hall plateaus at the octet’s intermediate integer filling factors both for suspended bilayers [40] and on SiO substrates [41, 84]. For neutral bilayers the octet filling, proceeding in integer increments starting from the filling $\nu = -4$, can be characterized by Hund’s rule behavior of the pseudospin: first maximize spin polarization, then maximize layer pseudospin to the greatest extent possible and finally maximize the Landau level pseudospin polarization to the extent allowed by the first two rules [42]. For balanced bilayers interactions favor states with spontaneous coherence between the valleys, and hence layers, since these broken symmetry states do not require charge transfer between the layers [85]. The Hund’s rule behavior indicates that all odd integer filling factors between $\nu = -4$ and 4 have the Landau level pseudospin polarized. This preference to polarize the $n = 0$ Landau level pseudospin is because of a larger gain in exchange energy over the $n = 1$ Landau level pseudospin and is related to the wavefunction profile of the $n = 0$ and 1 Landau level [42].

The octet state in bilayer graphene supports $v_N(8 - v_N)$ collective modes with $v_N$ defined similarly to that in section 5.1. The orbital fluctuations associated with the Landau level pseudospin are dominant at odd fillings of the octet. Exchange energy considerations at even integer fillings require that the Landau level pseudospin degree-of-freedom gets frozen out, hence the interaction driven states are more similar to the semiconducting DWQHSs. One particularly interesting and unusual collective mode associated with the balanced bilayer at the odd fillings is the intra-Landau-level mode [42]. This collective mode exhibits a gapless $\omega_q \sim q^{3/2}$ dependence in the long wavelength limit, a behavior that is due to the presence of long-range dipolar interactions associated with the Landau level pseudospin fluctuations. Fluctuating Landau level pseudospinors are a linear combination of $n = 0$ Landau level orbitals (even with respect to their cyclotron orbit center) and $n = 1$ orbitals (odd with respect the orbit center), and therefore carry an electric dipole proportional to the in-plane component of their pseudospin. Since the dipolar interactions are long ranged they play a dominant role at long wavelengths leading to the non-analytic long wavelength behavior [42]. The application of Kohn’s theorem within the projected lowest Landau level leads to a gapless mode due to a vanishing contribution from electron–electron interactions, hence this intra-Landau-level mode would acquire a gap in the presence of a single particle induced Landau level splitting. It was proposed in [42] that this mode could be observed in the cyclotron resonance signal by applying an external potential difference between the layers. The external potential leads to Landau level splitting which is positive ($n = 1$ above $n = 0$ orbital) in one valley and negative ($n = 1$ below $n = 0$ orbital) in the other [38].

The presence of the Landau level pseudospin also has important consequences on the properties of the exciton condensates at odd fillings, $\nu = -3, 1$. The superfluid density vanishes at these filling factors leading to a finite-temperature fluctuation induced first-order isotropic–smectic phase transition when the layer densities are not balanced. This vanishing superfluid stiffness leads to a quadratic rather than the expected linear [10] phonon collective mode. The transition to the smectic state is a consequence of the negative Landau level pseudospin gap in one of the valleys along with the zero superfluid stiffness; combined this leads to a long wavelength instability of the Brazovskii type [86, 87]. At other odd filling factors, $\nu = -1, 3$, due to a negative Landau level gap [38], the single particle Landau level splitting competes with the interaction induced Landau level exchange splitting which prefers $n = 0$ Landau level polarization. This leads to a sequence of transitions from (i) an interlayer coherent state, (ii) a mixed state with inter-orbital and interlayer coherence to (iii) an inter-orbital coherence state spiral Landau level pseudospin ordering [83]. The spiral state is due to the presence of Dzyaloshinskii–Moriya terms which are related to the inversion symmetry breaking of the QH ferromagnet. The presence of orbital coherence leads to a finite density of in-plane electric dipoles [88] which can be manipulated by in-plane electric fields.

Another interesting aspect associated with the broken symmetry $N = 0$ octet states in bilayer graphene is the possibility of new and interesting topological excitations not expected in graphene and semiconducting 2DEGs. It has been proposed that charge-2e skyrmions are the low-energy charged excitations near the filling factors $\nu = -2, 2$ [89]. As expected these charge-2e skyrmions have textures in both $n = 0$ and 1 Landau level orbitals. Interlayer charge-2e meron and skyrmion crystals with checkerboard patterns for balanced and unbalanced layers have subsequently been identified in numerical calculations [90]. These charge-2e objects also condense in a rich variety of crystal states at odd filling factors where these pseudoskyrmions are associated with the Landau level orbital degree-of-freedom. The orbital skyrmions exhibit an unusual vorticity and charge relationship exhibiting textures of in-plane electric dipoles and can be seen as an analog of spin skyrmions which carry magnetic textures. These textures would couple to an in-plane electric field and the modulation of the electronic density in the crystalline phases should be experimentally accessible through a scanning tunneling microscope measurement of their local density of states.
Just like monolayer graphene the \( v = 0 \) state in bilayer graphene has drawn special attention. In the quantum Hall regime the ordering seems to indicate either spin or valley polarization, or both [40, 41]. The interest in the \( v = 0 \) QH state of bilayer graphene is different from that in graphene though, as the parabolic dispersion of bilayer graphene makes it susceptible to interaction induced symmetry breaking even at zero magnetic field [54–56]. Incompressibilities for suspended bilayer graphene were seen to survive even in the \( B \to 0 \) limit [57, 60], where it was concluded that the incompressibility at the charge neutrality was consistent with either spontaneously broken time reversal symmetry or spontaneously broken rotational symmetry. The broken time reversal symmetry leads to an anomalous quantum Hall state where electrons in one layer occupy valley \( K \) whereas electrons in the other layer occupy valley \( K' \) [55]. This state supports topologically protected edge modes and would exhibit a finite conductance. The time reversal symmetric state is predicted to exhibit nematic order where the parabolic dispersion is expected to split into two Dirac cones. This would result in a lowering of the density of states at the charge neutrality point [56].

Some authors [54, 91] have concluded that the \( B = 0 \) broken symmetry states have spin and valley dependent sublattice polarization. If this is true the states are associated with interesting momentum space Berry curvature [92], anomalous Hall and orbital magnetism effects. Among the states in this class with no overall layer polarization are [93] SDW states, usually called LAF states (layer antiferromagnet) in the bilayer case, QSH (quantum spin Hall) and QAH [91] (quantum anomalous Hall states). These three states have quantized Hall conductances with the values 0, 0, and \( \pm 4e^2/h \) for the LAF, QSH, and QAH states respectively. In each case the gaps associated with this order evolve smoothly into quantum Hall gaps with filling factors \( v = 0, 0, 4 \) respectively.

In a magnetic field the QAH state evolves into a bilayer state that is similar to the non-interacting \( v = 4 \) state. The QSH state evolves in field into a spin-polarized state with total filling factor \( v = 0 \) but a filling factor difference of 4 between majority and minority spins. The LAF state evolves into a state which appears at \( v = 0 \) and has no spin polarization. Given these properties, studies of the quantum Hall effect at weak magnetic fields can shed light on the character of the \( B = 0 \) broken symmetry states. For example if the QAH state is the \( B = 0 \) ground state [91] the \( v = 4 \) quantum Hall effect should persist to \( B = 0 \), whereas if the LAF state where the ground state it is the \( v = 0 \) quantum Hall state that would persist. Current experiments do not yet provide consistent results on these points, presumably because of small differences in the disorder potential. The possibility of observing quite different transport properties on quite similar samples suggests that the various potential ordered states of bilayers compete closely.

6. The fractional Hall effect in graphene

As explained earlier, electron–electron interactions in semiconducting 2DEGs can give rise to incompressibilities at fractional values of the Landau level filling factor \( v \). Interactions within a partially filled Landau level lead to the formation of strongly correlated states that exhibit fractionally charged excitations and fractional statistics [4] which in some cases are proposed to be non-Abelian [13]. Graphene is very similar to its semiconducting 2DEG cousin; in fact there are more similarities than differences as far as FQHEs are concerned. The two dimensionality, Landau level structure and the appearance of integer QH effects due to both Landau quantization and interaction induced gaps are good benchmarks indicating that incompressibilities at fractional fillings are likely to exist. While similarities do exist there are also differences, due to the added valley degeneracy and the possibility of tuning Coulomb interaction strengths by substrate manipulation. As a result of these features the FQHE in graphene is expected to be richer. Specifically the four-fold degeneracy in graphene can lead to spontaneously broken \( SU(4) \) symmetric FQH states with an ordering of internal indices that leads to a multitude of FQH states not observed or anticipated in semiconducting 2DEGs [28].

FQH physics is expected to dominate when the electron–electron interactions are stronger than the disorder potentials. At the time of writing it still appears to be true that this ratio has a larger value in some semiconducting quantum well systems than in the cleanest available graphene samples. Current theories of the FQHE in semiconducting systems rely heavily on the notion of the projection of interactions onto a single Landau level (i.e. in general cases the Landau level mixing is neglected). The appropriateness of the Landau level projection is not trivially obvious for the case of graphene. In semiconducting 2DEGs this is formally achieved in the limit of a large magnetic field \( B \to \infty \). This is justified because the interaction gaps \( V_{e-e} \sim e^2/\epsilon B \) scale as \( \sqrt{B} \) while the single particle Landau level gap \( h\omega_c \) scales as \( B \). So it can be argued there that for large magnetic fields interactions between electrons in the lowest partially filled Landau level cannot induce transitions to the higher Landau levels. The projection of the interactions onto the lowest partially filled Landau level is not as clearly justified in graphene because the single particle band gaps in graphene also scale as \( \sim \sqrt{B} \), which is the same as the interaction strength. However, the validity of Landau level projection in theories of the graphene FQHE can be justified by considering the large dielectric constant limit in the surrounding material. Most FQHE theory for graphene has nevertheless assumed that Landau level mixing is an inessential complication that can be ignored.

On the experimental side, the focus in graphene has shifted from the IQHE to the FQHE since higher mobilities have been achieved both by suspending samples and by using h-BN as a substrate. The FQHE was initially observed in high mobility multi-terminal graphene devices fabricated on a h-BN substrate [37]. The observed fractions are all thirds (i.e. of the form \( v = k/3 \)) and belong to the \( N = 0 \) and 1 graphene Landau levels. In the \( N = 0 \) Landau level, the observed fractions indicate multicomponent
FQH states with spontaneously broken $SU(4)$ symmetry, and possibly full symmetry broken states in the $N = 1$ Landau level. It is interesting to note that none of the fractions currently observed in the $N = 0$ Landau level of graphene have an analog in semiconducting GaAs; for example none of the observed fractions correspond to the celebrated Laughlin state at $v_N = 1/3$. The observed fractions are most likely multicomponent generalizations of the Laughlin state. Variational wavefunctions with an internal $SU(2)$ symmetry were introduced by Halperin by generalization of the Laughlin state to spin-1/2 particles. In the following we review the essential properties of the Laughlin state and provide the $SU(4)$ generalization of these states which are most likely related to the FQH states observed recently.

The FQHE is characterized by the condensation of electrons into special highly correlated states that minimize the Coulomb energy. Interactions play a crucial role in determining the nature of these correlated states. A fractionally filled Landau level of non-interacting electrons does not define a unique many-body state since electrons can be placed into any of the degenerate orbitals in an exponentially large number of ways subject only to the Pauli principle. Interactions lift this degeneracy by selecting a unique ground state from the vast space of degenerate states, in which electrons avoid each other as much as possible. At some specific filling factor $v_N$, the energy change upon adding one electron differs from the energy change for removing one electron by a finite charge gap. The resulting fluid is incompressible and often characterized by unusual topological order [12]. For fractional fillings of the form $v_N = 1/m$ the essence of this phenomenon is captured by Laughlin’s wavefunction,

$$
\psi_m[z_i] = \prod_{i<j} (z_i - z_j)^m \exp \left( -\frac{i}{4} \sum_i |z_i|^2 \right),
$$

(22)

where $z_i = x_i + iy_i$ denotes the two-dimensional positions of the electron in terms of a complex number, and we have set the magnetic length $l_B = 1$. Since this wavefunction lives in the lowest Landau level (for $N = 0$, corresponding wavefunctions exist for any $N$) the parameter $m$ must be an integer to satisfy wavefunction analyticity [94]. Furthermore, to satisfy the wavefunction antisymmetry requirement for fermions, $m$ must be odd. The Laughlin wavefunction has good correlations built into it since each electron sees $m$ zeros at the positions of all the other electrons. This helps to minimize the Coulomb interactions uniformly among all the electrons. The probability of two electrons approaching each other, which is given by the amplitude of the wavefunction, vanishes rapidly: $p(r_i - r_j) \sim |r_i - r_j|^{2m}$. Note that no pair of particles ever has relative angular momentum less than $m$, and therefore the Laughlin state is a zero-energy exact eigenstate of the model Hamiltonian initially introduced by Haldane in which electrons only interact if they have small relative angular momentum. In the following we briefly review this point of view on FQH physics for semiconducting 2DEGs and apply these ideas to describe wavefunctions for the $SU(4)$ FQHE in graphene.

In semiconducting 2DEGs the primary features of FQH states are captured by Haldane pseudopotentials $V_m^{(q)}$ which represent the interaction energy of two electrons with relative angular momentum $m$. Haldane’s pseudopotentials are essential for exact diagonalization calculation for small sized systems and can give insight into possible FQH states by looking at overlaps of trial wavefunctions with exact numerical solutions. Furthermore this procedure introduces model Hamiltonians for which exact eigenstates which exhibit incompressibility at fractional filling are available. An example of this is the hard-core model for which the zero-energy eigenstate is the celebrated Laughlin state. Any given interaction $V(|r_i - r_j|)$ can be projected onto a relative angular momentum basis $|m\rangle$,

$$
H = \sum_{i<j} \sum_{m'} V_{m'} P_{ij}^{m'},
$$

(23)

where

$$
V_{m'} = \frac{\langle m'|V|m\rangle}{\langle m'|m\rangle},
$$

(24)

are known as the Haldane pseudopotentials and $P_{ij}^{m'}$ is the projection operator which selects particles with relative angular momentum $m'$. The Laughlin state is the exact zero-energy eigenstate of the ‘hard-core’ potential with $V_{m'} = 0$ for $m' \geq m$. This simply follows from the fact that $P_{ij}^{m'} \langle m'|V|m\rangle = 0$ for any $m' < m$ since every pair has relative angular momentum of at least $m$. These models allow for a simple generalization to the case of multicomponent wavefunctions.

By mapping Hamiltonians projected onto different isolated Landau levels, Haldane pseudopotentials can be calculated for any value of $N$. In the $N = 0$ Landau level in graphene the wavefunctions are localized on sublattice A (B) for valley $k (\tilde{k})$ with orbital index $n = 0$, whereas for the $N \neq 0$ graphene Landau level the wavefunction is a coherent superposition of the $n$ and $n-1$ orbital wavefunctions of semiconducting 2DEGs localized on different sublattices. It follows that [25, 26] the $N = 0$ Landau level graphene pseudopotentials are identical to the lowest Landau level pseudopotentials in semiconducting 2DEGs; however, the $N \neq 0$ pseudopotentials are different and are given by

$$
V_m^{(N)} = \int \frac{d^2q}{(2\pi)^2} \psi_q e^{-|q|^2/2} L_m(q^2)
$$

$$
\times \left[ \frac{1}{2} [L_n(q^2/2) + L_{|N|-1}(q^2/2)]^2 \right],
$$

(25)

where $L_n(x)$ is the $n$th order Laguerre polynomial and $\psi_q$ is the Fourier transform of the interaction potential with $\nu_q = 2\pi e^2/(\epsilon q)$ for Coulomb interaction. The relative strength of the Haldane pseudopotential $V_m^{(q)}/V_3$ normally indicates the possibility of finding strongly correlated FQH states. Numerical investigations have shown that graphene should support FQH-like correlated states in the lowest Landau level [95].

Motivated by Haldane pseudopotential considerations one can write a class of model Hamiltonians with exact
zero-energy eigenstates. Relevant to graphene are the SU(4) generalizations of the Halperin–Laughlin wavefunctions [96]

\[ \psi^{SU(4)} = \prod_{\alpha=1}^{4} \prod_{\nu \mu < \sigma \tau} (z^{\alpha \nu}_{\mu} - z^{\alpha \sigma}_{\tau})^{m_{\nu \mu}} \prod_{\alpha < \beta} \prod_{\nu \mu \beta \gamma} (z^{\alpha \nu}_{\mu} - z^{\beta \nu}_{\mu})^{m_{\alpha \beta}}, \]  

(26)

where we have omitted the ubiquitous Gaussian factor. In the above equation \( z^{\alpha \nu}_{\mu} \) denotes the position of the \( \nu \)th particle with a flavor index \( \nu \). It is easy to write the relevant model Hamiltonians for which these wavefunctions are the zero-energy eigenstates, we leave this as an exercise for the reader. Apart from the omitted exponential factor, the wavefunction must be a homogeneous polynomial of degree \( N^{4}_0 \) in \( z^{\alpha \nu}_{\mu} \), where \( N^{4}_0 \) is the degeneracy of the \( \alpha \) Landau level. Furthermore, the polynomial must be antisymmetric under exchange of \( z^{\alpha \nu}_{\mu} \) and \( z^{\alpha \sigma}_{\tau} \) for the same index \( \alpha \), which restricts the \( m_{\nu \mu} \)s to take odd integer values. Using the fact that every extended single particle orbital in the lowest Landau level involves a polynomial with a fixed density of zeros given by \( B/\Phi_0 \) (where \( \Phi_0 \equiv hc/e \) is the flux quantum), one can express the density \( \rho_{\alpha} \) of each \( \alpha \) component \( B/\Phi_0 = \rho_{\alpha} n_{\alpha \beta} + \sum_{\alpha \neq \beta} \rho_{\alpha} n_{\alpha \beta} \). The individual filling factors can be calculated using

\[ (v_1, v_2, v_3, v_4)^T = K^{-1} (1, 1, 1, 1)^T, \]  

(27)

by defining a symmetric \( K \) matrix with the diagonal elements \( k_{\alpha \alpha} = m_{\alpha} \) and the off-diagonal components \( k_{\alpha \beta} = n_{\alpha \beta} \). The total filling factor corresponding to \( K \) is given by \( v_{4N} = \sum v_i \).

Equation (27) only makes sense if the matrix \( K \) is invertible. One can classify the spin and valley polarizations of these states based on the rank of the corresponding \( K \) matrix and the filling factors. For example since a rank 4 matrix is invertible the individual spin and valley flavor filling factors \( v_i \) are uniquely determined, therefore the spin polarization in the \( z \)-direction is just given as \( S^z = N/2 \sum (v_{\nu,1} - v_{\nu,1}) \), with a similar expression for the valley polarization [21]. The single-component \( v = 1/m \) Laughlin-like states correspond to \( K \) matrices of rank 1 with all the exponents \( m_{\nu \mu} = n_{\nu \mu} = m \); such a state would be a fully polarized SU(4) ferromagnetic state. The consideration of spin and valley ordering is important in determining the ground state for a filling factor as quantum Hall ferromagnetic physics prefers states that exhibit ferromagnetic ordering. The \( K \)-matrix can be viewed as an SU(4) generalization of Wen’s \( K \)-matrix formulation of the FQH effect. This \( K \)-matrix also encodes the quasiparticle statistics and charge for a given state [97].

From the experimental results of magnetoresistance measurement of graphene on an h-BN substrate as shown in figure 7 it seems that these \( SU(4) \) states describe the observed fractional plateaus within the lowest Landau level in graphene. It seems that in the lowest Landau level the explicit symmetry breaking terms including valley and Zeeman splitting are sufficiently small that the Coulomb interactions intermix the four branches, allowing for mixed valley–spin FQH states [37]. One can argue this based on the pattern of the particle–hole symmetry of the observed FQH states; for example particle–hole conjugate FQH states must share similar gaps. The observation of the fractional states \( v = 1/3, 2/3 \) and 4/3 and their conjugate fractions seem to indicate that the external symmetry breaking terms are sufficiently small and an approximate SU(4) symmetry is preserved. The FQH states observed in the \( N = 1 \) Landau level do not follow this pattern, indicating that all degeneracies are lifted due to either explicit symmetry breaking terms or coupling with external fields. Initial investigation seem to reveal that the fractional states in the \( N = 1 \) Landau level are direct analogs of the Laughlin state observed in GaAs. The 1/3 states in the second Landau level are fairly robust, unlike the case of GaAs; this is to be expected as the relativistic form factors for \( N = 1 \) lead to a more stable state when compared with the lowest Landau level 1/3 state in graphene [98].

As the sample mobilities increase it is expected that additional plateaus associated with the hierarchical states will also appear. A more interesting aspect would be the appearance of some non-Abelian FQH states such as the Pfaffian or Read–Rezayi states [13]. Unlike semiconducting 2DEGs, modification of the interaction strength in graphene due to substrate manipulation could allow for tunability and hence stability of several FQH states. It has been proposed that modification of the dielectric environment could lead to stability of the Pfaffian and Laughlin states [99]. The chiral band structure of massive graphene and bilayer graphene also allows for the possibility of tunable quantum phase transitions between incompressible and compressible states along with subtle transitions between incompressible states characterized by different topological orders [100]. Furthermore, since a metallic gate is used to vary the doping concentration an image charge accompanies the electron leading to electric dipole–dipole interactions between the carriers which can be tuned by varying the distance of the gate from the graphene layer. This dipolar interaction will also have important consequences on the edge states in particular with regards to the edge reconstruction associated with FQH states of graphene [101]. The important issue of FQH edge reconstruction has been previously discussed in both the semiconductor 2DEG [102] and graphene [103] contexts.
7. Conclusions and outlook

By demonstrating that a Landau level is pinned to the carrier neutrality point, quantum Hall studies of graphene’s two-dimensional electron system have in a very direct way confirmed the massless Dirac character of its bands. Similar studies have already also confirmed the massive Dirac character of bilayer graphene bands and are making progress toward revealing the distinct bands of ABA and ABC trilayers [47]. Indeed the few layer family of graphene 2DEGs has impressive variety which can be accessed by varying the number of layers and how they are stacked. The electronic properties at low energies can depend on interlayer coupling details that are not necessarily predictable with sufficient accuracy using \textit{ab initio} electronic structure theory. We expect that sample characterization based on Shubnikov–de Haas oscillations and quantum Hall effects will continue to prove valuable in accurately characterizing the low-energy band structures. Although this practical aspect of quantum Hall measurements is still important, studies of regimes in which interactions play an essential role are potentially even more valuable because they may reveal interesting new physics.

Quantum Hall studies have been shedding light on the interaction physics of these systems in three different ways. First of all, the pattern of quantum Hall effects as the weak magnetic field limit is approached sheds light on the zero field ground state. This is particularly true of \( B = 0 \) states that have sublattice polarization and associated momentum space Berry curvatures that lead to quantized anomalous Hall effects with Hall conductivities (given in \( e^2/h \) units) \( \nu = 0, \pm 1 \) and \( \pm 2 \) in single layer graphene, and 0, \( \pm 2 \), and \( \pm 4 \) in bilayer graphene. When any of these states occur, the gap is expected to persist to finite fields and to occur at a Landau level filling factor equal to the total Hall conductance integer which characterizes the \( B = 0 \) state. As the field strengthens the transport phenomenology of the gapped state is expected to cross over to that of an ordinary Hall plateau. If the ground state of single layer graphene was a CDW state, a \( \nu = 0 \) quantum Hall effect would be expected at all field strengths. The experimental observation that the \( \nu = 0 \) graphene quantum Hall effect does not survive to \( B \to 0 \) seems to establish unequivocally that the \( B = 0 \) ground state is not a CDW. In bilayer graphene, on the other hand, many experimental hints are emerging that quantum Hall effects may survive to \( B = 0 \), although this question is just now in the midst of being clarified experimentally. Persistent \( \nu = \pm 4 \) quantum Hall effects at low fields suggest stable quantized anomalous Hall states, whereas persistent \( \nu = 0 \) states at low fields suggest antiferromagnetic states with opposite spin polarizations on opposite layers. The quantum Hall physics of graphene trilayers, which we have not reviewed extensively here, is still at an earlier stage of exploration. It is, nevertheless, clear that ordered electronic states are likely even at \( B = 0 \), especially in ABC trilayers, and that anomalously persistent weak field quantum Hall effects will, if present, play a valuable role in sorting out their character.

Interactions in C2DEGs also play a prominent role by generating additional integer quantum Hall plateaus that are not expected by Landau quantization alone but are unrelated to possible \( B = 0 \) spontaneous Hall states. Instead they can be understood by considering interactions among electrons that share the same well-resolved Landau level. Recent experiments on graphene samples on hBN substrates seem to suggest that interactions within the four-fold degenerate Landau levels lead to the formation of interaction induced gaps and hence additional quantum Hall effects. If these states spontaneously break the \( SU(4) \) symmetry then the possibility of observing exotic topological excitation associated with \( SU(4) \) skyrmions remains intriguing. Recent experimental studies indicate that the \( \nu = 0 \) QH plateau in graphene is an insulating state, indicating that it is most likely some sort of density wave ordered state. More unusual states are likely to be associated with Hall plateaus that appear within the \( N = 0 \) Landau levels of C2DEGs with a chirality index \( J \geq 2 \). In these cases the zero-energy Landau level supports multiple orbital degrees-of-freedom along with the four-fold degeneracy already present due to spin/valley. Speaking loosely, quantum states corresponding to cyclotron orbits with different radii, which would have different energies in an ordinary two-dimensional electron gas, are degenerate. Experiments have confirmed the role of interactions in bilayer graphene as additional integer quantum Hall plateaus due to interaction induced gaps within the eight-fold degenerate zero-energy Landau level have been observed by several groups. When the Landau level orbital degree-of-freedom is active (for example at odd integer filling factors in \( J = 2 \) bilayers) Landau level orbital ordering reveals exotic QH states, which in the pseudospin language are analogs of spiral and helical ferromagnets. Because the quantum Hall effects at odd integer filling factors are least strong and more easily altered by disorder, they have not yet been studied extensively. Transport experiments in separately contacted bilayer graphene and optical experiments are likely to yield many surprises in the future. Initial theoretical investigations in ABC stacked trilayer graphene, which at the relevant energy scale belongs to the class of \( J = 3 \) C2DEGs, also indicate that integer induced quantum Hall plateaus which support one-dimensional charge-density waves with broken translational symmetry appear at certain integer filling factors [104]. These types of charge-density wave states at integer filling factors have no direct analog in semiconducting 2DEGs and are a consequence of interactions between electrons in different Landau level orbitals. The study of quantum Hall ferromagnets in bilayers and trilayers is still in its infancy and appears capable of revealing new physics that has not yet been anticipated.

Finally, of course, interactions in graphene systems of sufficiently high quality are expected to give rise to quantum Hall effects at a large number of fractional filling factors. Recent improvements in graphene sample mobility have enabled the first observations of FQH states in graphene. The FQH states observed so far in the \( N = 0 \) Landau level are most likely multicomponent generalizations of the Laughlin states that are prominent in ordinary two-dimensional electron gases. The competition between incompressible states and disorder is certainly influenced by the difference in Landau
level degeneracy, and this could be important in explaining the fractions which have been observed to date. As expected, due to the orbital character of the graphene which influences the Haldane pseudopotentials, the FQH states in the $N = 1$ Landau level are more robust than the FQH states in the $N = 0$ Landau level [98, 100]. The $N = 1$ FQHE in graphene is different from $N = 0$, and also from $n = 1$ in an ordinary 2DEG, because of differences in the interaction form factors. An especially exciting possibility is the observation of non-Abelian FQH states in graphene, which could end up being more robust than they are in the ordinary 2DEG case because of differences in the interaction form factors. Both the filling factors at which incompressible states appear and the character of their wavefunctions can change as a direct result of the chiral nature of the charge carriers in graphene and bilayer graphene. The search for correlated FQH states in the $N = 0$ Landau level of bilayer graphene with its additional orbital degeneracy is quite possibly the most exciting avenue of non-Abelian FQH states in graphene, which could end up being more robust than they are in the ordinary 2DEG case due to the advantage of tunable interactions in C2DEGs, as suggested by recent theoretical studies [99, 100].

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