Viscoelastic response of quantum Hall fluids in a tilted field

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In this paper, we examine the viscoelastic properties of integer quantum Hall (IQH) states in a tilted magnetic field. In particular, we explore to what extent the tilted-field system behaves like a two-dimensional electron gas with anisotropic mass in the presence of strain deformations. We first review the Kubo formalism for viscosity in an external magnetic field, paying particular attention to the role of rotational symmetry and contact terms. Next, we compute the conductivity, stress, and viscosity tensors for IQH states in the presence of a tilted field and vertical confining potential. By comparing our results with the recently developed bimetric formalism, we show that, at the level of the contracted Hall viscosity tensor, the mapping between tilted field and effective mass anisotropy holds only if we simultaneously modify the background perpendicular magnetic field; in other words, a simultaneous measurement of the density, contracted Hall viscosity, and Hall conductivity at fixed particle number can distinguish between tilted field and effective mass anisotropy. Additionally, we show that in the presence of a tilted magnetic field, the stress tensor acquires an unusual anisotropic ground state average, leading to anomalous elastic response functions. We develop a formalism for projecting a three-dimensional Hamiltonian with confining potential and magnetic field to a two-dimensional Hamiltonian in order to further address the phenomenology of the tilted-field IQH fluid. We find that the projected fluid couples non-minimally to geometric deformations, indicating the presence of internal geometric degrees of freedom.

I. INTRODUCTION

One of the most striking features of topological phases of matter is the presence of quantized, nondissipative linear response coefficients. The paradigmatic example, the integer or fractional quantized Hall conductance in two dimensions, serves as the defining feature of the (integer or fractional) quantum Hall fluid. The Hall conductance, however, does not uniquely determine the topological properties of a quantum Hall state. Further information about the nature of a quantum Hall state can be determined from its response to geometric deformations: the Hall viscosity, defined as the non-dissipative response of the stress tensor of the quantum Hall fluid to a time-varying shear

\[ \eta^H = \frac{1}{4} \rho S, \]

and can be used to distinguish quantum Hall fluids with the same Hall conductance, such as the competing proposals for the $\nu = 5/2$ quantum Hall state.

While the Hall viscosity has served as an excellent analytical and numerical tool, experimental measurement is lacking. Most proposals for experiments involve either direct manipulation of the fluid which are hard to carry out for quantum Hall systems, or else rely on the connection between viscosity and conductivity present in Galilean invariant systems. In anisotropic systems, however, the connection between the viscosity and the conductivity can break down, and the Hall viscosity ceases to be quantized. The shift, however, still functions as a robust topological invariant (in the absence of translation symmetry breaking) and it, along with a new geometric invariant—the “anisospin” $\varsigma$—determine the Hall viscosity. The anisospin has recently been shown to influence the evolution of quantum Hall states after a geometric quench.

Previous work on anisotropic Hall viscosity has focused on systems with anisotropic kinetic energy or dielectric function, or quantum Hall states near a nematic transition. However, one experimentally tunable source of anisotropy comes from a tilted magnetic field. Because a quantum Hall fluid lives embedded in our three-dimensional space, it is more properly modeled as a three-dimensional system in a strong potential, which we can take to be a function of the $x_3 = z$ coordinate only. The quantum Hall fluid thus couples perturbatively to small in-plane (x and y) components of an applied magnetic field, which introduces an anisotropy to the fluid. This is commonly achieved by tilting the two-dimensional electron gas relative to a fixed external magnetic field. It is well understood that the wavefunctions for a quantum Hall system in an in-plane magnetic field map to those of a system with an anisotropic effective mass tensor. Because tilted-field and effective mass anisotropy have very different physical origins, however, it is not immediately clear which measurable quantities—and in particular which response functions—in the tilted-field system will map to those in a system with anisotropic effective mass. Knowing these mappings could be particularly relevant for understanding...
the various anisotropic phases near the $\nu = \frac{5}{2}$ quantum Hall plateau.\textsuperscript{21,22,23,24} Furthermore, recent work\textsuperscript{25} has explored the shortcomings of the mapping of the tilted field system to one with anisotropic mass, as they pertain to pseudopotential interactions. To complement this, we explore here the nature of the effective two-dimensional fluid of electrons in a tilted field, to see in what ways it differs from an ordinary (an)isotropic electron gas.

To address these questions, we focus in this work on momentum and current transport in a non-interacting integer quantum Hall system with a tilted magnetic field and harmonic confining potential. The exact solvability of this model will allow us to directly compute the stress tensor, conductivity tensor, and viscosity tensor, and compare the results with those for a system with only mass tensor anisotropy. Owing to the fact that an in-plane field and a mass tensor couple to geometric deformations in different ways, we will find several complications in the mapping between the tilted field and an anisotropic mass tensor. While the Hall conductivity is insensitive to anisotropy, we will see that the ground state average stress tensor can distinguish between different sources of rotational symmetry breaking. Going further, this leads to the appearance of exotic elastic moduli in the response of the tilted-field system to rotational strains. We will show also that the Hall viscosity of the tilted field system maps onto the Hall viscosity of a system with mass anisotropy, provided one allows the value of the perpendicular magnetic field to change in the mapping. Demanding that the perpendicular field have its experimentally tuned value, on the other hand, yields a description of a fluid with both mass anisotropy and a non-quantized coupling to bimetric geometry. Note that in contrast to Refs.\textsuperscript{18} 19 and\textsuperscript{25} here we use a classical background source of anisotropy, rather than the dynamical metric found in fractional quantum Hall systems. Finally, to tie these observations together we formalize a projection procedure for mapping the intrinsically three-dimensional confined quantum Hall fluid to an effective two-dimensional system. In doing so, we uncover the origin of the exotic couplings to background geometry that distinguish the tilted-field system from an ordinary anisotropic fluid of point particles.

The structure of this paper is as follows. In Section\textsuperscript{II} we review some salient features of the Kubo formalism for conductivity and viscosity, paying particular attention to the role of rotational symmetry in fixing the viscosity and elastic moduli. In doing so, we shall rederive the contact terms in the Kubo formula of Ref.\textsuperscript{5} in a new way, which sheds some light on their physical interpretation. Next, in Section\textsuperscript{III} we review the Hall conductivity, stress tensor, and viscosity tensor for an IQH system with an anisotropic mass tensor. This serves as a warm up and point of comparison for our corresponding analysis in Sec.\textsuperscript{IV} of the three-dimensional IQH system with perpendicular confining potential and an in-plane component of the magnetic field. We compute the Hall conductivity, average stress tensor, and Hall viscosity, expanding to leading order in the in-plane component of the field. These can be found in Eqs. (121), (130), and (135), respectively, and are a main result of this work. Finally, in Section\textsuperscript{V} we carry out a formal mapping from the three-dimensional tilted-field system to a two-dimensional system with an effective anisotropy tensor. We show in what cases it is valid to approximate the tilted-field system by a two-dimensional system with mass anisotropy. Furthermore, we find that the projected system corresponds to a fluid that couples non-minimally to the background geometry. The Hamiltonian, current operator, and stress tensor for the projected system are given in Eqs. (216), (221), and are our second main result. We conclude with a discussion of the theoretical outlook and experimental implications of our results. Along the way, we shall relegate the more technical details of our derivations to the appendix.

Before moving on, let us briefly comment on our notational conventions. We work in units where $\hbar = c = e = 1$. The electron has charge $-|e| = -1$. We use Roman indices $a, b = 1, 2$ to label directions in two-dimensional space, and we reserve Greek indices $\mu, \nu = 1, 2, 3, \ldots$ to denote directions in three-dimensional space, or when the number of dimensions is unspecified. Repeated indices are always summed over unless otherwise specified. We use $x_\mu$ and $p_\mu$ to denote the position and canonical momentum operators, and reserve $r_\mu$ for the coordinate and $\pi_\mu \equiv p_\mu + A_\mu$ for the physical momentum.

When we discuss three-dimensional systems with a confining potential, the confinement will always be in the $x_3 = z$-direction. Thus, the “perpendicular magnetic field” will always refer to $B_z = \vec{B} \cdot \hat{z}$, while in-plane or parallel field will always refer to the $x$ and $y$ components of the field. Finally, in both systems we consider, we look at response functions in the filling factor $\nu = 1$ ground state.

### II. LINEAR RESPONSE FUNCTIONS

Let us begin by reviewing the most pertinent results from linear response theory in the context of a time-reversal asymmetric fluid. We write down the general Kubo formula, with an eye towards features relevant to topological phases of matter. In particular, we will review the Kubo formula for the (Hall) conductivity, and re-derive the Kubo formulas for the (Hall) viscosity. We will focus especially on the role of rotational symmetry and the interpretation of “contact” (diamagnetic) terms in the response functions. Further background can be found in Refs.\textsuperscript{5, 39, 41}

#### A. Review of linear response theory

The typical linear response set-up\textsuperscript{42} starts with a system described by an unperturbed (time-independent) Hamiltonian $H_0$, an unperturbed density matrix $\rho_0$ that
commutes with $H_0$, and a perturbing Hamiltonian $\Delta H = f_n(t)B_n e^{\epsilon t}$. In this work, we will take $\rho_0$ to be the density matrix for the ground state of $H_0$. In the perturbing Hamiltonian, $f_n(t)$ is a set of tunable external fields (e.g., they could be electric or magnetic fields), $B_n$ are the operators to which they couple (e.g., they could be current or spin operators) and $e^{\epsilon t}$ ensures that the perturbations turn off adiabatically as $t \to -\infty$, which is necessary for regularization. We are interested in the evolution of the expectation values of a set of operators, $A_m$, in the presence of the perturbation.

The perturbed density matrix in the interaction picture takes the form $\rho(t) = \lim_{t_0 \to -\infty} U_I(t, t_0) \rho_0 U_I^\dagger(t, t_0)$ where $U_I(t, t_0) = T \exp \left(-i \int_{t_0}^{t} dt' H_I(t') \right)$ is the interaction picture evolution operator. Working to linear order in the external fields, one arrives at the principal result of linear response theory:

$$\delta \langle A_m \rangle(t) = \text{Tr} (A_m (\rho - \rho_0))$$

(2)

where the linear response function $\chi_{mn}(t-t')$ is given by the generalized Kubo formula

$$\chi_{mn}(t) = -i \Theta(t) \lim_{\epsilon \to 0^+} \langle [A_m(t), B_n(0)] \rangle_0 e^{-\epsilon t}.$$  

(4)

We emphasize that the time dependence of $A_m(t)$ in the above expression is evaluated in the interaction picture: $A_m(t) = e^{iH_0t} A_m(0) e^{-iH_0t}$. Note also the short hand $\langle O \rangle_0 = \text{Tr}(\rho_0 O)$.

In Eq. (2) we assumed that the perturbing fields $f_n(t)$ directly affect only the density matrix $\rho$; however, in many cases the observables themselves depend on the fields. If $A_m(f_n) = A_m^0 + A_m f_n(t) + O(f^2)$, then Eq. (2) still holds as long as the response function is modified to

$$\chi_{mn}(t) \to \chi_{mn}(t) + \langle A_m^1 \rangle_0 \delta(t).$$

(5)

Thus, the explicit dependence of the observables on the fields gives rise to “contact terms” in the response function (so named because of the delta function).

In the event that the perturbing Hamiltonian is described by local interactions and the observables $A_m$ are local operators, we may write

$$\delta \langle A_m \rangle (\vec{r}, t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dt' \int d^3r' \chi_{mn}(\vec{r}, \vec{r}', t-t') f_n(\vec{r}', t'),$$

(6)

where the intensive response function is given by

$$\chi_{mn}(\vec{r}, \vec{r}', t-t') = -i \Theta(t) \langle [A_m^0(\vec{r}, t), B_n(\vec{r}', 0)] \rangle_0 e^{-\epsilon t}$$

$$+ \langle A_m^1(\vec{r}) \rangle_0 \delta(\vec{r}-\vec{r}') \delta(t-t').$$

(7)

Because Eqs. (3) and (6) involve convolutions in time (and in space for if the system is translation invariant), it is often useful to work in the frequency and wavevector domain. From Eqs. (3), (4) and (5), we have

$$\delta \langle A_m \rangle(\omega) = \chi_{mn}(\omega) f_n(\omega)$$

(8)

$$\chi_{mn}(\omega) = -i \lim_{\epsilon \to 0^+} \int_0^\infty dt e^{i\omega t} \langle [A_m^0(t), B_n(0)] \rangle_0$$

$$+ \langle A_m^1(t) \rangle_0.$$  

(9)

From Eqs. (6) and (7), in the case of a homogeneous unperturbed state and uniform perturbation, we have

$$\delta \langle A_m \rangle (\vec{q}, \omega) = \frac{1}{V} \chi_{mn}(\vec{q}, -\vec{q}, \omega) f_n(\vec{q}, \omega)$$

(10)

$$\chi_{mn}(\vec{q}, \vec{q}', \omega) = -i \int_0^\infty dt e^{i\omega t} \langle [A_m^0(\vec{q}, t), B_n(\vec{q}', 0)] \rangle_0$$

$$+ \langle A_m^1(\vec{q}, t) \rangle_0.$$  

(11)

Here $V$ is the volume of the system. In order to carefully track the volume dependence of various quantities, we will be explicit that $\chi_{mn}(\vec{q}, \vec{q}', \omega)$ is a function of two wavevectors. To make contact with the standard linear response exposition, we also introduce:

$$\chi_{mn}(\vec{q}, \omega) = \frac{1}{V} \chi_{mn}(\vec{q}, \vec{q}, \omega).$$

(12)

If the system is homogeneous and the perturbation is uniform in space, then $\langle A_m \rangle (\vec{q} = 0, \omega) = V \langle A_m \rangle (\vec{r}, \omega)$ and $f_n(\vec{q} = 0, \omega) = V f_n(\vec{r}, \omega)$, where $\vec{r}$ is any point in the space. It follows from (10) that

$$\delta \langle A_m \rangle (\vec{r}, \omega) = \left( \frac{1}{V} \chi_{mn}(\vec{q} = 0, \vec{q}' = 0, \omega) \right) f_n(\vec{r}, \omega).$$

(13)

Thus, we identify $\chi_{mn}(\vec{r} = 0, \vec{q}' = 0, \omega)$ as the intensive response function at zero wavevector. Alternatively, the response function of the integrated observable,

$$\int d^3r \ A_m(\vec{r}) = A_m^0(\vec{q} = 0) + A_m^1(\vec{q} = 0) f_n(t)$$

(14)

given the perturbation

$$\Delta H = f_n(t) \int d^3r B_n(\vec{r}) = B_n(\vec{q}' = 0) f_n(t),$$

(15)

is then simply $\chi_{mn}(\vec{q} = 0, \vec{q}' = 0)$. Following accepted conventions, we will refer to local response functions with the suffix “-ity,” while we refer to extensive response functions with the suffix “-ance.” For a homogeneous system, Eq. (13) shows that the intensive response function (conductivity, viscosity) is equal to the extensive response function (conductance, viscosance) divided by the volume.

In this paper, we will be computing response functions for both two and three-dimensional systems. As is well understood, the intensive response functions for two and three-dimensional systems cannot be directly compared, since they have different units. In order to make a comparison, we can integrate a three-dimensional intensive...
response function, $\chi_{mn}^{2D}$, along one spatial direction to obtain an effective two-dimensional response function, $\chi_{mn}^{2D}$. In particular, for a three-dimensional system with length $L_x$, $L_y$ and $L_z$ in the $x$, $y$ and $z$ directions respectively, we can integrate over $z$ to obtain

$$\chi_{mn}^{2D} = \frac{1}{L_x L_y} \chi_{mn}.$$  \hfill (16)

We will make use of this in Secs. V and VI to compare the conductivity and viscosity for the tilted field system to that of a 2D system with mass anisotropy.

Before moving on to a discussion of specific linear response functions, we remark that we are primarily interested in the response of gapped (i.e. topological) phases. Because an energy gap precludes any dissipative response, the nonvanishing linear response functions we focus on at zero frequency will be antisymmetric, which we will refer to as “Hall coefficients.” For the Hall conductivity and Hall viscosity in particular to be nonzero, we must refer to as “Hall coefficients.” For the Hall conductivity, we define as $\chi_{\sigma \nu}$, and $\chi_{\sigma \nu}$ (where $\sigma$ and $\nu$ label different states within each eigenspace), we find

$$\sigma_{\mu \nu}^H = \frac{2N}{V} \sum_{\alpha \neq 0} \frac{\text{Im}(\langle \alpha = 0 | J_\mu^{(1)} | \alpha \rangle \langle \alpha | J_\nu^{(1)} | \alpha = 0 \rangle)}{(E_\alpha - E_0)^2}. \hfill (19)$$

Here $\text{Im}(\nu) = \frac{1}{2i} (v - v^*)$, and the superscript on $J_\mu^{(1)}$ emphasizes that it is the single particle current operator. We have suppressed the $\beta$ label in the states $| \alpha = 0, \beta \rangle$ and $| \alpha, \beta \rangle$ because by assumption the result is the same for any consistent choice of $\beta$.

C. Hall viscosity

We next define and derive a useful form for the Hall viscosity of a quantum mechanical system. The Hall viscosity is the antisymmetric component of the viscosity tensor, which characterizes how the stress tensor responds to a weak time-dependent strain. It has alternatively been referred to as “odd viscosity,” “Lorentz shear modulus,” or “anomalous viscosity.” While the majority of the following discussion can be found in Ref. 5, we repeat it here both to establish our notation, and to emphasize certain features of the Kubo formula relevant for anisotropic systems. Additionally, we present a physically motivated discussion of the contact terms in the Kubo formula.

We first define the stress tensor and strain generators. Let us consider the Hamiltonian describing $N$ interacting electrons moving in an electromagnetic background, given by

$$H_0 = \frac{1}{2m} \sum_{i=1}^{N} \pi_i^m \pi_i^m + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i \neq j} V(\vec{x}_i - \vec{x}_j). \hfill (20)$$

Here, $\pi_i^m = p_i^m + A_\mu(\vec{x}_j)$ is the physical momentum of the $i$th electron, and has the commutation relations $[\pi_i^m, \pi_j^n] = i\delta_{mn}\delta_{ij}$ and $[\pi_i^m, \pi_j^n] = -i\delta_{ij}\epsilon_{mn}B_\nu(\vec{x}_j)$. In the presence of a time-varying uniform strain, the perturbed Hamiltonian takes the form

$$H_A(t) = \frac{1}{2m} g^{\mu \nu}(t) \sum_{i=1}^{N} \pi_i^\mu \pi_i^\nu + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i \neq j} V(\Lambda(T)(\vec{x}_i - \vec{x}_j)), \hfill (21)$$

where $\Lambda \in GL(d, \mathbb{R})$ is an invertible matrix, $g^{\mu \nu}(t) = \Lambda_{\alpha \mu}(t)\Lambda^{-1}_{\alpha \nu}(t)$; it is natural to also define its inverse $g_{\mu \nu}(t) = \Lambda_{\alpha \nu}(t)\Lambda^{-1}_{\alpha \mu}(t)$. Next, we introduce Hermitian strain generators $J_\mu$.

Given $\Lambda(t) = e^{\Lambda(t)}$, we require that the strain operators $S(t) \equiv e^{-\Lambda_{\nu \mu}(t)}J_{\mu \nu}$ satisfy

$$S(t)x_\nu s^{-1}(t) = \Lambda_{\nu \mu}(t)x_\nu, \hfill (22)$$

$$S(t)\pi_\mu s^{-1}(t) = \Lambda_{\mu \nu}(t)\pi_\nu, \hfill (23)$$

from which it follows that

$$S(t)H_0 s^{-1}(t) = H_A(t). \hfill (24)$$
Expanding the transformation rules \textsuperscript{22} and \textsuperscript{23} to linear order in \( \lambda_{\mu\nu}(t) \), we arrive at the commutation relations
\begin{align}
[x^i_{\mu}, J_{\nu}] &= -i \delta_{\mu\nu} x^i_{\nu}, \tag{25} \\
[\pi^i_{\mu}, J_{\nu}] &= i \delta_{\mu\nu} \pi^i_{\nu}. \tag{26}
\end{align}

Making use of the Jacobi identity, we also deduce the commutation relations between the strain generators,
\[ [J_{\mu\nu}, J_{\rho\sigma}] = i \delta_{\mu\rho} J_{\nu\sigma} - i \delta_{\mu\sigma} J_{\nu\rho}, \tag{27} \]
which define the Lie algebra \( \mathfrak{g}l(d, \mathbb{R}) \) of the general linear group. Specific forms of the strain generators will not be needed here, but can be found in Ref. \textsuperscript{5}.

We define the intensive stress tensor, \( \tau_{\mu\nu}(\vec{r}, t) \), via the continuity equation for the momentum density \( g_{\mu}(\vec{r}, t) \):
\[ 0 = \frac{\partial g_{\mu}(\vec{r}, t)}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial \tau_{\nu\mu}(\vec{r}, t)}{\partial \nu}, \tag{28} \]
where the momentum density is defined by
\[ g_{\mu}(\vec{r}, t) \equiv \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^{N} \{ \pi^i_{\mu}, \delta(\vec{r} - \vec{x}^i) \}. \tag{29} \]

Taking the spatial Fourier transform of the continuity equation, and expanding about the long-wavelength limit, we arrive at the stress-strain Ward identity
\[ T_{\mu\nu} = -\partial_\nu J_{\mu} = -i[H_0, J_{\mu\nu}], \tag{30} \]
where we have introduced a new symbol for the spatially integrated (extensive) stress tensor,
\[ T_{\mu\nu} \equiv \tau_{\mu\nu}(\vec{q} = 0) = \int d^d r \tau(\vec{r}). \tag{31} \]

From Eqs. \textsuperscript{24} and \textsuperscript{30}, we can deduce an alternative expression for the integrated stress tensor in the unstrained system:
\[ T_{\mu\nu} = -\frac{\partial H_\Lambda}{\partial \lambda_{\mu\nu}} \bigg|_{\lambda_{\mu\nu}=0}. \tag{32} \]

This form of the definition for the stress tensor is familiar from field theory, where the stress tensor is defined in terms of the variation of the action with respect to the vielbein. Note that for a system without rotational symmetry, the dependence of the Hamiltonian on \( \Lambda \) need not be through the metric \( g \), and so the stress tensor generally need not be symmetric.

Defining the stress tensor in the strained system is a matter of appropriately generalizing Eqs. \textsuperscript{30} and \textsuperscript{32}. It may seem natural to define the strained integrated stress tensor to be \( T^\Lambda_{\mu\nu} = -i[H_\Lambda, J_{\mu\nu}] = -\frac{\partial H_\Lambda}{\partial \lambda_{\mu\nu}}. \) However, it is better to define it to be
\[ T^\Lambda_{\mu\nu} \equiv -\lambda_{\mu \nu} \Lambda_{\nu \sigma} \frac{\partial H_\Lambda}{\partial \lambda_{\mu \sigma}}. \tag{33} \]

To motivate this definition of \( T^\Lambda_{\mu\nu} \), recall from our definition
\[ g_{\mu\nu} = (\Lambda \Lambda^T)_{\mu\nu} = \Lambda_{\mu \alpha} \Lambda_{\nu \sigma} \tag{34} \]
that the first and last index of \( \Lambda \) have very different meanings: the first \((\mu, \nu)\) index refers to a direction in ambient space, while the second \((\alpha)\) index refers to a direction in an auxiliary “internal” space; in other words, \( \Lambda_{\mu \alpha} \) is a spatial vielbein \( e^\alpha_{\mu} \) in the language of Refs. \textsuperscript{6, 46, and 47}.

The Kubo formalism for viscosity developed in Refs. \textsuperscript{5} and \textsuperscript{13} is given in a gauge-fixed form, where the internal and ambient basis directions are tied together. Disentangling the indices, we see that the strain generators and the stress tensor derived from Eq. \textsuperscript{30} have two spacetime indices, where the first index is coordinate like (an upper index), and the second index is momentum-like (a lower index) \textsuperscript{49}.

We can, alternatively, examine the stress tensor with different types of indices. To do so, we can repeat our derivation of the Ward identity using a strained configuration as our starting point. We seek the canonical transformation which implements the generalization of Eqs. \textsuperscript{22} and \textsuperscript{23} to an already strained background, i.e.
\begin{align}
S(t)\lambda_{\alpha\mu} x^\mu S^{-1}(t) &= \Lambda^{(2)}_{\mu\sigma} \Lambda_{\nu \alpha} x^\nu, \tag{35} \\
S(t)\lambda_{\mu \alpha} \pi^\mu S^{-1}(t) &= (\Lambda^{(2)}_{\mu \sigma})^{-1} \Lambda^{-1}_{\nu \alpha} \pi^\nu. \tag{36}
\end{align}

To avoid overburdening notation, we will continue in our fixed gauge for the internal indices. The generator of this transformation is, of course, the strain generator expressed in the “big \( X \)” variables \textsuperscript{43}
\[ X = \Lambda^T X, \tag{37} \]
\[ \Pi = \Lambda^{-1} \pi, \tag{38} \]
and the Ward identity in these variables yields the stress tensor \( T_{\mu\nu}^\Lambda \), of Eq. \textsuperscript{33}. This gives us a new interpretation of the canonical transformation employed above and in Ref. \textsuperscript{5} keeping track of the meaning of the various indices, we see then this is the stress tensor with \textit{two internal indices}. We can expect that using this stress tensor will simplify the form of contact terms in the Kubo formula, since the internal directions (in contrast to the ambient directions) do not deform under strain perturbations. Furthermore, the Ward identity associated with rotational symmetry naturally places constraints on this form of the stress tensor \textsuperscript{22}. Since our focus will be on the effects of rotational symmetry breaking, the “all-internal-index” \( T_{\mu\nu}^\Lambda \) serves as a natural starting point. Note that once we specialize to flat space \((\Lambda = 0)\) at the end of our calculations, the distinction between the indices is unobservable.

We have thus identified the linear response observables, \( T_{\mu\nu}^\Lambda \), and can now examine their dependence on strain. Expanding to linear order in the strain fields, we find
\begin{align}
T_{\mu\nu}^\Lambda &= T_{\mu\nu} + \lambda_{\mu \sigma} T_{\nu \sigma} - \lambda_{\mu \alpha} T_{\nu \alpha} \\
&\quad - i[J_{\mu\nu}, T_{\rho\sigma}] \lambda_{\rho \sigma} + O(\lambda^2). \tag{39}
\end{align}
Meanwhile, the perturbed Hamiltonian to leading order is
\[ H_\Lambda = H_0 - \lambda_{\mu\nu} T_{\mu\nu} + O(\lambda^2). \] (40)

Since our goal is to define Hall viscosity as a measure of a system’s response to a time varying strain, we treat \( \partial_t \lambda_{\mu\nu} \) as the perturbing fields. To do so, we must clarify what we mean when \( \partial_t \) acts on operators. Just as in section 11A, it is simplest to work in the interaction picture, so that the perturbing Hamiltonian is
\[ \Delta H_I = -\lambda_{\mu\nu}(t) T_{\mu\nu}(t) \]
and derivation of an operator means \( \partial_t O = i[H_0, O] \) for \( O = T_{\mu\nu} \) and \( O = J_{\mu\nu} \). Using \( T_{\mu\nu} = -\partial_t J_{\mu\nu} \), we rewrite the perturbing Hamiltonian as
\[ \Delta H_I = \partial_t (\lambda_{\mu\nu} J_{\mu\nu}) - J_{\mu\nu} \partial_t \lambda_{\mu\nu}. \] (41)

We can almost directly apply the formalism from section 11A, but must accommodate the total-derivative term appearing in the Hamiltonian. We begin by writing the evolution operator in the interaction picture:
\[ U_I(t) = 1 + i \int_{t_0}^{t} J_{\mu\nu} \partial_t \lambda_{\mu\nu} dt' \] (42)
\[ - i \int_{t_0}^{t} \partial_t' (\lambda_{\mu\nu} J_{\mu\nu}) dt' + O(\lambda^2), \]
where we leave the limit \( t_0 \to -\infty \) at the end implicit to avoid notational clutter. The first integral term is what generally appears in the derivation of the Kubo formula while the second term can be evaluated:
\[ - i \int_{t_0}^{t} \partial_t' (\lambda_{\mu\nu} J_{\mu\nu}) dt' = -i \lambda_{\mu\nu} J_{\mu\nu}. \] (43)

Carrying out the linear response calculation, we see that the total derivative term just contributes a fourth contact term to Eq. (39), while the remainder of the evolution operator yields the convolution term. Explicitly, we find
\[ \langle T^\Lambda_{\mu\nu} \rangle = \langle T_{\mu\nu} \rangle_0 + \langle T_{\rho\sigma} \rangle_0 \lambda_{\rho\sigma} - \langle T_{\mu\sigma} \rangle_0 \lambda_{\mu\sigma} - i \langle [J_{\mu\nu}, T_{\rho\sigma}] \rangle_0 \lambda_{\rho\sigma} + \langle [J_{\mu\nu}, J_{\rho\sigma}] \rangle_0 \lambda_{\rho\sigma} \]
\[ - \int_{-\infty}^{t} dt' X_{\mu\nu\rho\sigma}(t-t') \frac{\partial \lambda_{\rho\sigma}}{\partial t'} + O(\lambda^2), \] (44)
where the response function \( X_{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} \) is given by:
\[ X_{\mu\nu\rho\sigma}(\omega) = -i \int_0^\infty dt e^{i\omega t} \langle [T_{\mu\nu}(t), J_{\rho\sigma}(0)] \rangle_0. \] (45)

Though seemingly onerous, Eq. (44) simplifies considerably thanks to the Jacobi identity. Using \( T_{\mu\nu} = -i[H_0, J_{\mu\nu}] \) and Eq. (27), we deduce
\[ [T_{\rho\sigma}, J_{\mu\nu}] - [T_{\mu\nu}, J_{\rho\sigma}] = i(\delta_{\mu\rho} T_{\nu\sigma} - \delta_{\nu\sigma} T_{\mu\rho}). \] (46)

Therefore, Eq. (44) reduces to:
\[ \langle T^\Lambda_{\mu\nu} \rangle - \langle T_{\mu\nu} \rangle_0 = - \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dt' X_{\mu\nu\rho\sigma}(t-t') \frac{\partial \lambda_{\rho\sigma}}{\partial t'}. \] (47)

The expression for \( X_{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} \) given in Eq. (45) explicitly contains both the stress tensor and the strain generator. It is possible, using \( T_{\mu\nu} = -\partial_t J_{\mu\nu} \) and integration by parts, to put Eq. (45) in a stress-stress form:
\[ X_{\mu\nu\rho\sigma}(\omega) = \frac{1}{\omega^2} \langle [T_{\mu\nu}(0), J_{\rho\sigma}(0)] \rangle_0 \]
\[ + \frac{1}{\omega} \int_0^\infty dt e^{i\omega t} \langle [T_{\mu\nu}(t), J_{\rho\sigma}(0)] \rangle_0. \] (48)

It is similarly possible to write the response function in a strain-strain form but it is not useful to do so in this paper.

At last, having derived an explicit form for the linear response function between integrated stress and strain, we can define the viscosity tensor, \( \eta_{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} \). First, we recognize, through its dependence on \( T_{\mu\nu} \), that \( X_{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} \) is an extensive quantity. Viscosity, meanwhile, is conventionally defined in terms of local quantities. Thus, it proves useful to introduce a linear response function \( \chi_{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} \) that is analogous to \( X_{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} \) and captures the behavior of \( T_{\mu\nu} \), subject to a strain parametrized by \( \lambda_{\mu\nu} \). Assuming the system is homogeneous, so that \( \langle T_{\mu\nu}(r) \rangle = \langle T_{\mu\nu}(0) \rangle = \langle \tau_{\mu\nu} \rangle \), we take
\[ \langle \tau^\Lambda_{\mu\nu} \rangle - \langle \tau_{\mu\nu} \rangle_0 = - \int dt' X_{\mu\nu\rho\sigma}(t-t') \frac{\partial \lambda_{\rho\sigma}}{\partial t'}, \] (49)
as the definition of \( \chi_{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} \).

Although \( X_{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} \) and \( \chi_{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} \) are the response functions for quantities related by a multiple of the volume \( V \), the relation between \( X_{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} \) and \( \chi_{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} \) is not simply \( X_{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} = V \chi_{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} \) because the volume of the system is itself dependent on the perturbing strain. In particular
\[ \langle T^\Lambda_{\mu\nu} \rangle = V \delta_{\Lambda=t} \langle \tau^\Lambda_{\mu\nu} \rangle, \] (50)
and because \( \delta_{\Lambda=t} = 1 + \lambda_{\rho\rho} + O(\lambda^2) \), we deduce
\[ \frac{X_{\mu\nu\rho\sigma}}{V} = \chi_{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} + \frac{\langle \tau_{\mu\nu} \rangle_0}{\delta_{\rho\sigma}} \frac{\partial \lambda_{\rho\sigma}}{i\omega}. \] (51)

This guarantees that, for a homogeneous system, we can ultimately calculate the intensive viscosity \( \eta_{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} \) using the extensive response function \( X_{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} \), for which we have the convenient expression, Eq. (48). First, however, we need a relation between \( \chi_{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} \) and \( \eta_{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} \), which we deduce as follows.

We begin by expressing Eq. (49) in frequency space:
\[ \delta \langle \tau_{\mu\nu} \rangle (\omega) = -i\omega \chi_{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} (\omega) \lambda_{\rho\sigma} (\omega). \] (52)

We see that the stress tensor does not respond to static perturbations (corresponding to \( \omega = 0 \)) unless \( \chi_{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} (\omega) \) has a pole at \( \omega = 0 \), a consequence of our decision to use \( \partial_t \lambda_{\rho\sigma} \) rather than \( \lambda_{\rho\sigma} \) as the perturbing fields in Eq. (49). However, we know that the stress tensor does respond to static strains. For example, a static compression of a substance generally increases its pressure and a rigid rotation...
of an anisotropic substance can rotate one component of
the stress tensor into a different unequal component.\footnote{53}

Therefore, we must account for static strains and un-
derstand the poles of $\chi_{\mu\nu\rho\sigma}(\omega)$. Let us restrict ourselves
to incompressible fluids, which are gapped and have at
most a single pole in the response function. We write
the linear response function as

$$\chi_{\mu\nu\rho\sigma}(\omega) = -\eta_{\mu\nu\rho\sigma}(\omega) - \kappa_{\mu\nu\rho\sigma}^{1,0}/i\omega,$$

where the viscosity tensor $\eta_{\mu\nu\rho\sigma}$ is defined to be the ana-
lytic part of the Laurent-like expansion for $\chi_{\mu\nu\rho\sigma}$ about
$\omega = 0$, and the elastic modulus tensor $\kappa_{\mu\nu\rho\sigma}^{-1}$ is
defined to be the coefficient of the pole. By splitting the response
function in this way, we match our intuition that viscos-
ity measures the dynamic rather than static behavior of
the system.

Finally, we define the Hall viscosity tensor analogously
to the Hall conductivity; it is the antisymmetric com-
ponent of the viscosity in the $\omega \rightarrow 0$ limit:

$$\eta_{\mu\nu\rho\sigma}^{H} \equiv \frac{1}{2} \lim_{\omega \rightarrow 0} \left( \eta_{\mu\nu\rho\sigma}(\omega) - \eta_{\rho\sigma\mu\nu}(\omega) \right).$$

For completeness, let us also define the Hall elastic mod-
ulus:

$$\kappa_{\mu\nu\rho\sigma}^{-H} \equiv \frac{1}{2} \left( \kappa_{\mu\nu\rho\sigma}^{-1} - \kappa_{\rho\sigma\mu\nu}^{-1} \right).$$

As we will see shortly, for isotropic fluids $\kappa_{\mu\nu\rho\sigma}^{-H} = 0$,
which explains why it is not as commonly discussed as
the Hall viscosity.

We can derive explicit expressions for the Hall viscosity
and the Hall elastic moduli. Focusing first on the integral
term in Eq. (48), which we denote by $X_{\mu\nu\rho\sigma}^{f}(\omega)$, we can
insert a complete set of states to find (under a similar set of
assumptions as in Sec. II B)

$$\frac{1}{2} \lim_{\omega \rightarrow 0} \left( X_{\mu\nu\rho\sigma}^{f}(\omega) - X_{\rho\sigma\mu\nu}^{f}(\omega) \right)$$

$$= \frac{2N}{V} \sum_{\alpha \neq 0} \text{Im} \left( \langle 0 | T_{\mu\nu}^{(1)} | \alpha \rangle \langle \alpha | T_{\rho\sigma}^{(1)} | 0 \rangle \right)$$

$$= -\eta_{\mu\nu\rho\sigma}^{H}.$$

We see that the zero-frequency limit of the antisym-
metric part of the integral term is perfectly well-behaved
in a gapped system, and so can be identified with the
(negative of the) Hall viscosity. The Hall elastic modu-
lus is then given by the sum of the antisymmetric com-
ponents of the contact term in Eq. (48) and the second
term in Eq. (51):

$$\kappa_{\mu\nu\rho\sigma}^{-H} = -\langle \tau_{\rho\sigma} \rangle_0 \delta_{\mu\rho} + \langle \tau_{\mu\nu} \rangle_0 \delta_{\rho\sigma}$$

$$-\langle \tau_{\mu\rho} \rangle_0 \delta_{\nu\rho} + \langle \tau_{\nu\sigma} \rangle_0 \delta_{\rho\sigma}.$$  

(57)

We note that $\kappa_{\mu\nu\rho\sigma}^{-1}$ is symmetric under $\mu \leftrightarrow p$, but
antisymmetric under $\nu \leftrightarrow \sigma$. More importantly, when the
fluid is isotropic, $\langle \tau_{\mu\nu} \rangle_0 \propto \delta_{\mu\nu}$ and the Hall elastic moduli
vanish (unless the fluid is active). Eqs. (56) and (57)
is the main result of the present section.

It is evident from Eq. (56) that the Hall viscosity tensor
satisfies $\eta_{\mu\nu\rho\sigma}^{H} = -\eta_{\rho\sigma\mu\nu}^{H}$. Furthermore, if the stress
tensor is symmetric, then the Hall viscosity tensor also sat-
sifies $\eta_{\mu\nu\rho\sigma}^{H} = \eta_{\rho\sigma\mu\nu}^{H}$. Thus, in a two-dimensional
space with symmetric stress tensor, the Hall viscosity has
three independent components and it can be condensed
into a two-component symmetric tensor. This is done in
Ref. [16]. We follow their example and define the con-
tracted Hall viscosity to be

$$\eta_{ab}^{H} = \frac{1}{2} \varepsilon_{ac} \varepsilon_{bd} \varepsilon_{ef} \eta_{cefd}^{H}.$$  

(58)

Even when the stress tensor is not symmetric, it is useful
to examine the anisotropy via the contracted rather than
the full Hall viscosity. For instance, Ref. [17] outlines a
bimetric approach to characterizing anisotropy in the 2D
quantum Hall fluid, one which we will use to frame and
better understand our results; its point of contact with
the Hall viscosity is through $\eta_{ab}^{H}$. Additionally, we shall
see that for the system with an anisotropic mass tensor—
which does not have a symmetric stress tensor—both $\eta_{abcd}^{H}$
and $\eta_{ab}^{H}$ are dependent only on the mass tensor. Thus,
for both systems we examine $\eta_{ab}^{H}$ fully determines $\eta_{abcd}^{H}$

We have now derived the general expressions related to
the Hall viscosity that we will use to analyze the IQH sys-
tem with either mass anisotropy or tilted field anisotropy.
We will now move on to analyze these systems in detail
Since we will derive expressions for the stress tensors di-
rectly from the momentum density continuity equations,
we will not need the explicit expressions for $J_{\mu\nu}$.

III. 2D SYSTEM WITH MASS ANISOTROPY

Let us set the stage by analyzing the linear re-
response functions for a quantum Hall system with mass
anisotropy (sometimes called band mass anisotropy).\footnote{55}
The first-quantized $N$ particle Hamiltonian is given by

$$H_{AM} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^{N} \vec{\pi}_{a}^{i} \vec{\pi}_{b}^{i}, \quad \nabla \times \vec{A} = B \hat{z},$$

(59)

where the inverse mass tensor $\tilde{m}_{ab}$ is symmetric and in-
vertible. The results derived here provide context for the
results derived for the tilted field system. For simplicity,
we consider the single particle (i.e., $N = 1$) case, but it
is easy to subsequently determine the multiparticle re-
sults: because we neglect interactions and because the
relevant expectation values are all constant within the
highly degenerate lowest energy eigenspace, the ground
state observables we examine all scale linearly with the
number of electrons.

We begin by diagonalizing the single particle Hamilton-
ian, following Ref. [54]. The relevant commuta-
ators be-
between the position and the physical momenta are
\[ [x_{a}, \pi_{b}] = i\delta_{ab}, \]
\[ [\pi_{a}, \pi_{b}] = -iB_{e} \delta_{ab}. \]

(60)

(61)

We can decompose the mass tensor \( m_{ab} \) and its inverse \( \tilde{m}_{ab} \), satisfying \( m_{ab} \tilde{m}_{bc} = \tilde{m}_{ac} m_{bc} = \delta_{ac} \), in terms of complex vectors \( \vec{m} = (\mu, \nu) \), by writing \( m_{ab} = m(\mu^{a}_{m} \mu^{b}_{m} + \nu^{a}_{m} \nu^{b}_{m}) \) and \( \tilde{m}_{ab} = \frac{1}{m}(\nu^{a}_{m} \nu^{b}_{m} + \nu^{b}_{m} \nu^{a}_{m}) \). In terms of the components of \( m_{ab} \), \( \vec{m} \) and \( \vec{\nu} \) are given by
\[ (\mu_{x}, \mu_{y}) = \frac{e^{i\phi} \sqrt{2m}}{\sqrt{m_{11} \sqrt{m_{22}}} e^{i\varphi}}, \]
\[ (\nu_{x}, \nu_{y}) = \frac{e^{i\theta}}{2 \text{Im}(\mu_{x} \mu_{y}^{*})} (-\mu_{x}, \mu_{y}). \]

(62)

where \( \varphi = \arccos \frac{m_{12}}{\sqrt{m_{11} m_{22}}} \). The parameters \( m, \phi \) and \( \theta \) are redundancies in the description and we use the freedom to set \( \theta = \phi = 0 \) and \( m = \sqrt{\text{det}(m_{ab})} \), the latter of which ensures that the matrices \( \frac{1}{m} m_{ab} \) and \( \tilde{m}_{ab} \) are the mass and inverse mass tensors rescaled to have unit determinant. We can now write down some useful, interrelated identities:
\[ \text{Im}(\mu_{a} \mu_{b}^{*}) = \text{Im}(\nu_{a} \nu_{b}^{*}) = -\frac{1}{2} \epsilon_{ab}, \]
\[ \text{Re}(\mu_{a} \nu_{b}^{*}) = \frac{1}{2} \delta_{ab}, \]
\[ (\nu_{a}) = -i \epsilon_{ab} \nu_{b}, \]
\[ (\mu_{a}) = -i \epsilon_{ab} \mu_{b}, \]
\[ (\mu_{a} \nu_{a}^{*}) = -i \epsilon_{ab} \mu_{b} \nu_{b}, \]
\[ (\mu_{a} \nu_{a}^{*}) = i \epsilon_{ab} \mu_{b} \nu_{b}, \]
\[ (\mu_{a} \nu_{a}^{*}) = 1. \]

(63)

(64)

(65)

(66)

(67)

(68)

Next, we define \( b \equiv \frac{1}{\sqrt{B}} \nu_{a} \pi_{a} \) so that the Hamiltonian becomes
\[ H_{AM} = \frac{\omega_{0}}{2} (bb^{\dagger} + b^{\dagger}b), \]
\[ \text{where} \] \( \omega_{0} \equiv \frac{B}{m} \) is the cyclotron frequency. From Eqs. (61) and (63), we deduce \( [b, b^{\dagger}] = 1 \). The Hamiltonian is therefore diagonalized in terms of the raising/lowering operators \( (b^{\dagger}, b) \).

A second lowering operator is given by \( a = \sqrt{B} \mu_{a} R_{a} \), where \( R_{a} = x_{a} - \frac{\nu_{a}}{B} \pi_{a} \) is the guiding center coordinate. It satisfies \( [R_{a}, x_{b}] = \frac{1}{2} \epsilon_{ab}, \) \( [R_{a}, \pi_{b}] = 0 \) and \( [R_{a}, R_{b}] = \frac{1}{B} \epsilon_{ab} \), from which it follows that \( [a, a^{\dagger}] = 1 \) and \( [a, b] = [a, b^{\dagger}] = 0 \). The energy eigenstates are then given by
\[ |m, n\rangle = \frac{(a^{\dagger})^{m}(b^{\dagger})^{n}}{\sqrt{mn!}} |0\rangle, \]
\[ \text{where the ground state} |0\rangle \text{is annihilated by} a \text{and} b. \] The corresponding energies are \( E_{mn} = \frac{\omega_{0}}{2} (n + \frac{1}{2}) \).

(69)

(70)

The operators \( (b^{\dagger}, b) \) and \( (a^{\dagger}, a) \) have particularly simple time evolution, which is handy when working with equation (17). Specifically, solving \( \partial_{t} b(t) = i[H, b] = -i\omega_{0} b \) and \( \partial_{t} a(t) = i[H, a] = 0 \), we find
\[ a(t) = a(0), \]
\[ a^{\dagger}(t) = a^{\dagger}(0), \]
\[ b(t) = b(0) e^{-i\omega_{0} t}, \]
\[ b^{\dagger}(t) = b^{\dagger}(0) e^{i\omega_{0} t}. \]

(71)

(72)

Finally, from the definition of \( b \) and Eq. (64), we see that the momenta can be expressed simply in terms of the \( (b^{\dagger}, b) \) operators:
\[ \pi_{a} = \sqrt{B} (\mu_{a} b + \mu_{a}^{*} b^{\dagger}). \]

(73)

A. Hall conductivity

We next apply the linear response formalism to calculate the Hall conductivity for the mass anisotropic system. Given the integrated current \( J_{a} = -\dot{x}_{a} = -i[H_{AM}, x_{a}] = -\tilde{m}_{ab} \pi_{b} \), Eq. (17) yields
\[ \sigma_{ab}(\omega) = \frac{\tilde{m}_{ac} \tilde{m}_{bd}}{\omega L^{2}} \int_{0}^{\infty} dt e^{i\omega_{0} t} \langle [\pi_{c}(t), \pi_{d}(0)] \rangle_{0} \]
\[ = \frac{B \tilde{m}_{ac} \tilde{m}_{bd}}{\omega L^{2}} \int_{0}^{\infty} dt e^{i\omega_{0} t} \frac{1}{\omega^{+} + \omega_{0} - \omega^{+} - \omega_{0}} \text{h.c.} - \frac{B \tilde{m}_{ac} \tilde{m}_{bd}}{\omega L^{2}} \frac{1}{\omega^{+} + \omega_{0} - \omega^{+} - \omega_{0}} \right) . \]

(74)

And therefore the Hall conductivity takes the form
\[ \sigma_{ab}^{H}(\omega) = \frac{B}{iL^{2}} \tilde{m}_{ac} \tilde{m}_{bd} (\mu_{c} \mu_{d} - \mu_{c}^{*} \mu_{d}^{*}) \frac{1}{\omega^{+}} \frac{\omega^{+}}{(\omega^{+})^{2} - \omega_{0}^{2}} \]
\[ = - \frac{1}{B L^{2}} \tilde{m}_{ac} \tilde{m}_{bd} \langle \epsilon_{cd} \rangle \frac{1}{\omega_{0}^{2}} \frac{\omega_{0}^{2}}{(\omega_{0}^{2})^{2} - 1} \]
\[ = - \frac{1}{B L^{2}} \tilde{m}_{ac} \tilde{m}_{bd} \langle \epsilon_{cd} \rangle \frac{1}{\omega_{0}^{2}} \frac{\omega_{0}^{2}}{(\omega_{0}^{2})^{2} - 1} \]
\[ = - \frac{1}{B L^{2}} \tilde{m}_{ac} \tilde{m}_{bd} \langle \epsilon_{cd} \rangle \frac{1}{\omega_{0}^{2}} \frac{\omega_{0}^{2}}{(\omega_{0}^{2})^{2} - 1}. \]

(75)

In getting from the second to third line, we used the identity \( \epsilon_{a_{1}, a_{2}, a_{3}, a_{4}} M_{a_{1} b_{1}} M_{a_{2} b_{2}} M_{a_{3} b_{3}} M_{a_{4} b_{4}} = \det(M) \epsilon_{b_{1} b_{2} b_{3} b_{4}} \) for any matrix \( M \) and the fact that \( m \tilde{m}_{ab} \) by definition has unit determinant.

If we take the limit \( \omega^{+} \to 0 \), reinsert factors of \( e \) and include the contributions from all \( N \) electrons, we find that the zero-frequency Hall conductivity is given by
\[ \sigma_{ab}^{H} = -\frac{e \rho}{B} \epsilon_{ab}, \]
\[ \text{where} \] \( \rho \equiv \frac{N}{m} \) is the electron density. Using the fact that there is one electron state per quantum of magnetic flux per energy level, the ground state electron density, \( \rho = \frac{2e}{B L^{2}} \) at \( \nu = 1 \) filling, is independent of the anisotropy. Therefore, the conductivity in the ground state is independent of the anisotropy.

One can also directly compute the symmetric part of
the Hall conductivity:

\[ \sigma_{\langle ab \rangle}(\omega) = \frac{B \tilde{m}_{cd} \tilde{m}_{d} \mu_{\mu} + \mu_{\mu} \tilde{m}_{d}^{2}}{L^{2}} \times \frac{\omega_{0}}{i \omega^{+} - (\omega^{+})^{2} + \omega_{0}^{2}} \]

\[ + \frac{i \tilde{m}_{ab}}{\omega^{+} L^{2}} \]

\[ = \frac{\tilde{m}_{ab}}{L^{2}} \times \left( \frac{1}{1 - \frac{\omega_{0}^{2}}{\omega_{0}^{+}}} - 1 \right), \quad (77) \]

where we were careful to include the contact term from Eq. [17]. Taking the \( \omega^{+} \to 0 \) limit, we find \( \sigma_{\langle ab \rangle} = 0 \), as expected for a dissipative response function in a gapped system at zero frequency.

### B. Stress tensor and Hall viscosity

To calculate the Hall viscosity via Eq. [56], we seek an operator \( \tau_{ab} \) that in the Heisenberg picture obeys the momentum continuity equation:

\[ \frac{\partial \tilde{g}_{a}}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial \tau_{ba}}{\partial r_{b}} = f_{a}^{L}, \quad (78) \]

where the Lorentz force density is given by \( f_{a}^{L} = B \epsilon_{a} \tilde{b} \tilde{b}_{m} \tilde{b}_{c} \). After a few lines of simplifying commutation relations, we find

\[ \frac{\partial \tilde{g}_{a}(\tilde{r},t)}{\partial t} = i[H_{AM},g_{a}(\tilde{r},t)] = -B \tilde{m}_{bc} \epsilon_{ab} \tilde{b}_{c} = \frac{1}{\tilde{m}} \tilde{m}_{bc} \{ \{ \pi_{b}, \pi_{c} \}, \{ \pi_{a} \} \}. \]

It follows therefore that \( \tau_{ab} \) is given by

\[ \tau_{ab} = \frac{\tilde{m}_{ac}}{4} \{ \pi_{b}, \{ \pi_{c}, \delta(\tilde{r} - \tilde{x}) \} \}, \quad (80) \]

up to a term whose divergence is zero. Integrating over space, we arrive at

\[ T_{ab} = \frac{\tilde{m}_{ac}}{2} \{ \pi_{b}, \{ \pi_{c}, \delta(\tilde{r} - \tilde{x}) \} \}. \]

Using the equations of motion, we could alternatively express this in terms of the velocity \( v_{a} \) as \( T_{ab} = \{ v_{a}, \pi_{b} \} / 2 \).

The expectation value of the integrated stress tensor in the ground state is then

\[ \langle T_{ab} \rangle_{0} = \frac{\tilde{m}_{ac}}{2} \langle 0 | \{ \pi_{c}, \pi_{b} \} | 0 \rangle = \frac{\omega_{0}}{2} \delta_{ab}. \]

Reinserting factors of \( \hbar \), including the contribution of all \( N \) electrons, and dividing by the area to get the intensive stress tensor, we find

\[ \langle \tau_{ab} \rangle_{0} = \frac{\hbar \omega_{0} \rho}{2} \delta_{ab}. \]

This result is also independent of the anisotropy.

Because the ground state expectation value of the stress tensor is rotationally invariant, the Hall elastic modulus is zero. Meanwhile, we compute the Hall viscosity from Eq. [56]. After some straightforward computation, we find

\[ \eta^{H}_{ab} = -\frac{\tilde{m}_{ac} \tilde{m}_{d} f}{2L^{2}} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \text{Im} \left( \langle 0 | \{ \pi_{b}, \pi_{c} \} | n \rangle \{ n | \{ \pi_{d}, \pi_{f} \} | 0 \rangle \right) \]

\[ = -\frac{1}{L^{2}} \text{Im} (\nu_{a} \nu_{b} \nu_{c} \nu_{d}). \]

By using the diagonalizability of \( \tilde{m}_{ab} \), we can put Eq. [84] in a more familiar form. Assuming, without loss of generality, that \( \tilde{m}_{ab} = m \delta_{ab} \), \( \tilde{m}_{bc} = 0 \), in which case \( \tilde{\mu} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left( \sqrt{\alpha}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{\alpha}} \right) \) and \( \tilde{\nu} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{\alpha}}, \sqrt{\alpha} \right) \), we find

\[ \nu_{a} \nu_{b} = \left( \frac{1}{i} \delta_{ab} - \frac{i\alpha}{1} \right) = \frac{1}{2} (\delta_{ab} - i \epsilon_{ac} \{ \tilde{m}_{bc} \}). \]

Therefore, including factors of \( \hbar \) and the contributions from all \( N \) electrons, we find

\[ \eta^{H}_{ab} = \frac{\hbar \rho}{4} \left( \frac{1}{m} m_{ab} \right). \]

Notice that the determinant of \( \eta^{H}_{ab} \) determines the electron density.

### IV. 3D SYSTEM WITH TILTED FIELD ANISOTROPY

Now that we have seen how the conductivity, stress tensor, and viscosity emerge with mass anisotropy, we are ready to tackle our main objective: characterizing the quantum Hall system in a tilted magnetic field. The physical system we consider is that of an electron moving in a confining potential \( V(x,y,z) = \frac{1}{2} m \omega_{0}^{2} z^{2} \) and a background magnetic field \( \tilde{B} = B_{x} \hat{x} + B_{z} \hat{z} \). The \( N \) particle Hamiltonian is given by

\[ H_{TF} = \frac{1}{2m} \sum_{i}^{N} \pi_{\mu}^{i} \pi_{\mu}^{i} + \frac{1}{2} m \omega_{0}^{2} (z^{i})^{2}, \]

\[ \nabla \times \hat{A} = B_{x} \hat{x} + B_{z} \hat{z} \].

Note, because the system is fully three-dimensional, \( \mu \) takes the values 1, 2, 3. Additionally, as in the mass anisotropic system, we let \( N = 1 \) to simplify calculations and include the multiple electron contributions to the response functions at the end. We show the setup schematically in Fig. 1.
It is convenient to introduce the cyclotron frequencies \( \omega_x \equiv B_x \frac{\hbar}{m} \) and \( \omega_z \equiv B_z \frac{\hbar}{m} \). Furthermore, since we are interested in the regime of weak tilt and strong confinement, we take \( \omega_x \ll \omega_z \ll \omega_0 \). We will thus expand many of our results in powers of \( \ell \equiv \frac{\omega_z}{\omega_0} \) and \( k \equiv \frac{\omega_x}{\omega_z} \). (89)

We will see that it is convenient to keep only terms of order \( k^2 \ell^2 \) and lower. Assuming \( k \) and \( \ell \) to be small in an experimental setting is reasonable. First, the angle of the magnetic field can relative to the sample can be tuned to make \( k \) small. Second, the typical depth of a GaAs quantum well is on the order of \( \sim 100 \text{meV} \), and the magnetic field necessary to generate a cyclotron frequency of the same magnitude is on the order of \( \sim 100T \), well above the fields needed to observe the quantum Hall effect even in the lowest Landau level (90). Typical experiments will thus have \( \ell \ll 10^{-2} \).

Our first order of business is to diagonalize the tilted field Hamiltonian. The relevant commutators between the position operators and physical momenta are:

\[
[x_\mu, \pi_\nu] = i \delta_{\mu \nu}, \quad (90)
\]
\[
[\pi_\mu, \pi_\nu] = -i \epsilon_{\mu \nu \rho} B_\rho. \quad (91)
\]

Once the Hamiltonian is diagonalized, we proceed to calculating the Hall conductivity, stress tensor and Hall viscosity, just as in the anisotropic mass case.

**A. Diagonalizing the Hamiltonian with gauge-invariant ladder operators**

We will diagonalize the tilted field Hamiltonian using manifestly gauge invariant operators. Our discussion will closely follow that of Ref. [37] which, since it is central to the narrative of our work, we recapitulate here. We will use this review to establish notation, and to make some additional remarks which will prove important moving forward.

![Diagram](image.png)

**FIG. 1.** Setup for the tilted-field system. We consider electrons (black circles) in a quantum well (blue region) moving in the background of a perpendicular magnetic field \( B_z \), along with an in-plane field \( B_x \). The electrons are confined to the quantum well by a harmonic potential \( V = 1/2 m \omega_0^2 \mathbf{x}^2 \), depicted on the left.

We begin by writing the Hamiltonian as

\[
H_{TF} = \frac{1}{2m} (\pi_x^2 + \pi_y^2 + \pi_z^2 + (m \omega_0 z)^2)
\]
\[
= \omega_z^2 (a^\dagger a + \frac{\omega_0}{2} b^\dagger b + b b^\dagger), \quad (92)
\]

In the second line, we have introduced the lowering operators

\[
a = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2 \omega_z}} (\pi_x - i \pi_y), \quad (93)
\]
\[
b = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2 \omega_z}} (\pi_z - i m \omega_0 z). \quad (94)
\]

They obey \([a, a^\dagger]\) = \([b, b^\dagger]\) = 1 and \([a, b]\) = \([a, b^\dagger]\) = \(-\frac{1}{2} \frac{\omega_z}{\sqrt{2 \omega_z \omega_0}} (b - b^\dagger)\), (95) which satisfies \([a, a^\dagger]\) = 1 and \([a, b]\) = \([a, b^\dagger]\) = 0. The cost of working with \( \alpha \) instead of \( a \) is that the Hamiltonian is not diagonal in terms of \( \alpha \) and \( b \):

\[
H_{TF} = \frac{\omega_z}{2} \{\alpha, \alpha^\dagger\} + \frac{1}{2} (\omega_0 + \frac{\omega_z^2}{2 \omega_0}) \{b, b^\dagger\}
\]
\[
- \frac{\omega_z^2}{4 \omega_0} (b^2 + \text{h.c.}) + \frac{\omega_z}{2 \omega_0} (\alpha b^\dagger - \alpha^\dagger b + \text{h.c.}). \quad (96)
\]

To diagonalize the Hamiltonian, we use the Bogoliubov transformation

\[
[b^\dagger, a^\dagger, b, a]^T = U[X^\dagger, Y^\dagger, X, Y]^T, \quad (97)
\]

which is effected by the matrix

\[
U = \frac{1}{2 \sqrt{\omega_0^2 - \omega_z^2}} \left( \begin{array}{cc}
U_1^T & -U_2^T \\
U_2 & U_1^T
\end{array} \right), \quad (98)
\]

\[
U^{-1} = \frac{1}{2 \sqrt{\omega_z^2 - \omega_0^2}} \left( \begin{array}{cc}
U_1 & U_2 \\
U_2^T & U_1^T
\end{array} \right), \quad (99)
\]

where the sub-matrices \(U_1\) and \(U_2\) are

\[
U_1 = \left( \begin{array}{cc}
i(\omega_z + \omega_0) \sqrt{\omega_z - \omega_0} & (i(\omega_z + \omega_1) \sqrt{\omega_z - \omega_1} \\
(i(\omega_z + \omega_1) \sqrt{\omega_z - \omega_0} & -(i(\omega_z + \omega_2) \sqrt{\omega_z - \omega_2})
\end{array} \right), \quad (100)
\]

\[
U_2 = \left( \begin{array}{cc}
i(\omega_2 - \omega_z) \sqrt{\omega_0 - \omega_z} & (i(\omega_2 - \omega_1) \sqrt{\omega_0 - \omega_1} \\
-(i(\omega_2 - \omega_1) \sqrt{\omega_0 - \omega_0} & (i(\omega_2 - \omega_2) \sqrt{\omega_0 - \omega_2})
\end{array} \right). \quad (101)
\]

In terms of the newly introduced gauge invariant ladder operators \(X, Y\), which satisfy the usual ladder commutation relations \([X, X^\dagger]\) = \([Y, Y^\dagger]\) = 1, \([X, Y]\) = \([X, Y^\dagger]\) = 0, the Hamiltonian takes the desired form:

\[
H_{TF} = \frac{\omega_1}{2} (X^\dagger X + XX^\dagger) + \frac{\omega_2}{2} (Y^\dagger Y + YY^\dagger). \quad (102)
\]
We have introduced the tilted field eigenfrequencies,
\[
\omega_1^2 = \frac{1}{2} \left( \epsilon_1 - \sqrt{\epsilon_1^2 - \omega_2^2} \right), \quad \omega_2^2 = \frac{1}{2} \left( \epsilon_1 + \sqrt{\epsilon_1^2 - \omega_2^2} \right),
\]
where \( \epsilon_1 = \omega_1^2 + \omega_0^2 + \omega_2^2, \epsilon_2 = 2\omega_0\omega_2. \) We note that when \( k, \ell \ll 1, \omega_1 \approx \omega_z \left( 1 - \frac{k^2\ell^2}{2} \right) \) and \( \omega_2 \approx \omega_0 \left( 1 + \frac{\ell^2k^2}{2} \right). \) In the regime we are primarily interested in, therefore, \( X^\dagger \) and \( X \) have the interpretation of being the raising and lowering operators in the plane, while \( Y^\dagger \) and \( Y \) have the interpretation of being the raising and lowering operators along the \( z \)-axis. We confirm this interpretation by writing \( X \) and \( Y \) in terms of \( \pi_x, \pi_y, \pi_z \) and \( z \); the explicit expressions can be found in Appendix A. Although \( X \) has contributions from \( \pi_z \) and \( z \), they vanish as \( k \to 0 \). Likewise, \( Y \) has contributions from \( \pi_x \) and \( \pi_y \), which also vanish as \( k \to 0 \). In later sections, we will focus on the planar limit of the tilted field results; viewing \( X \) as the in-plane ladder operator and \( Y \) as the out-of-plane ladder operator will prove useful.

Typically, the energy eigenstates of a scalar particle in three dimensions are labeled by three quantum numbers. Thus, we expect there to be a third lowering operator alongside \( X \) and \( Y \). Indeed, one is given by
\[
c = \omega^\dagger - i \sqrt{\frac{B^2_z}{2}} (x + iy). \tag{106}
\]
It obeys \([c, c^\dagger] = 1, [c, \alpha] = [c, \alpha^\dagger] = [c, b] = [c, b^\dagger] = 0\) and therefore also \([c, X] = [c, X^\dagger] = [c, Y] = [c, Y^\dagger] = 0\).

Letting \( |0\rangle \) be the state annihilated by \( X, Y \) and \( c \), the energy eigenstates of the tilted field Hamiltonian are given by
\[
|m, n, p\rangle = \frac{(X^\dagger)^m(Y^\dagger)^n(c^\dagger)^p}{\sqrt{m!n!p!}} |0\rangle, \tag{107}
\]
with corresponding energy eigenvalues \( E_{mnp} = \omega_1 \left( m + \frac{1}{2} \right) + \omega_2 \left( n + \frac{1}{2} \right) \).

Just as in the anisotropic mass case, the ladder operators have particularly simple time dependence, which simplifies subsequent calculations:
\[
c(t) = c(0), \quad c^\dagger(t) = c^\dagger(0), \tag{108}
\]
\[
X(t) = X(0)e^{-i\omega_1 t}, \quad X^\dagger(t) = X^\dagger(0)e^{i\omega_1 t}, \tag{109}
\]
\[
Y(t) = Y(0)e^{-i\omega_1 t}, \quad Y^\dagger(t) = Y^\dagger(0)e^{i\omega_1 t}. \tag{110}
\]

Furthermore, we will make frequent use of the expressions for the physical momenta in terms of the \((\alpha^\dagger, \alpha)\) and \((b^\dagger, b)\) operators or, more often, the \((X^\dagger, X)\) and \((Y^\dagger, Y)\) operators. From Eqs. (94)-(96), we find
\[
\left( \frac{\pi_x}{\sqrt{B^2_z}}, \frac{\pi_y}{\sqrt{B^2_z}}, \frac{\pi_z}{\sqrt{B^2_z}}, \sqrt{B^2_z} z \right)^T = V(b^\dagger, b, \alpha, \alpha^\dagger)^T, \tag{111}
\]
where
\[
V = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ ikt & -i & -ikt & i \\ \ell^\dagger & 0 & \ell & 0 \\ -i\ell & 0 & i\ell & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \tag{112}
\]
\[
V^{-1} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & \ell^\dagger & i\ell^\dagger \\ 1 & 0 & ik & 0 \\ 0 & \ell & -i\ell & -i\ell \\ 1 & -i & 0 & -ik \end{pmatrix}. \tag{113}
\]
We may therefore combine Eqs. (98) and (111) to relate the physical momenta and \( z \) to the \( X \) and \( Y \) operators. Namely,
\[
\left( \frac{\pi_x}{\sqrt{B^2_z}}, \frac{\pi_y}{\sqrt{B^2_z}}, \frac{\pi_z}{\sqrt{B^2_z}}, \sqrt{B^2_z} z \right)^T = W(X^\dagger, Y^\dagger, X, Y)^T, \tag{114}
\]
where we have introduced \( W \equiv UV \).

Before moving on, let us derive the Landau level degeneracy in the presence of a tilted field. Consider a system with periodic boundary conditions in the \( x- \) and \( y- \) directions, with length \( L_x \) and \( L_y \) respectively. Our strategy will be to identify a pair of unitary, non-commuting, spatially periodic magnetic translation operators \( W_x \) and \( W_y \), satisfying
\[
W_xW_y = e^{2\pi i/M}W_yW_x, \tag{115}
\]
\[
[H, W_x] = [H, W_y] = 0. \tag{116}
\]

Working in a basis of \( W_x \) eigenstates, we see that \( W_y \) multiplies the \( W_x \) eigenvalue by \( e^{2\pi i/M} \); we can do this \( M \) times before we return to the original state due to the periodicity of the exponential, and so we conclude that the degeneracy of each level is \( M^{609} \).

In our case, we can identify \( W_x \) and \( W_y \) with the exponentials of the magnetic translation generators constructed out of the \( c, c^\dagger \). These generators, denoted \( w_x \) and \( w_y \), can be written:
\[
w_x = \sqrt{\frac{B^2_z}{2}} (c + c^\dagger), \tag{117}
\]
\[
w_y = i\sqrt{\frac{B^2_z}{2}} (c^\dagger - c). \tag{118}
\]

The key observation is that these differ from the ordinary two-dimensional magnetic translation operators only by terms involving \( z \). This reflects the fact that the tilted field system still retains magnetic translation symmetry in the \( x-y \) plane. Note that \( w_x \) and \( w_y \) are, up to a factor of \( B_z \), the guiding center coordinates for the tilted field system. Imposing periodic boundary conditions, we see that \( w_x \) and \( w_y \) themselves are not well-defined operators on our system. However, we can define the manifestly periodic exponentiated translations \(61 \)
\[
W_x = e^{2\pi i w_x/(B_z L_y)}, \tag{119}
\]
\[
W_y = e^{2\pi i w_y/(B_z L_x)}, \tag{120}
\]
which ensure that translations across the entire system commute with all smaller translations. It follows from the commutation relations then that
\[ W_z W_y = W_y W_z e^{-4 i \pi / \Phi}, \]
where we have defined the flux \( \Phi = B_z L_x L_y \). We thus see from our previous argument that the tilted-field Landau level degeneracy is
\[ M = \frac{\Phi}{\Phi_0} = \frac{B_z L_x L_y}{2\pi}, \]
independent of \( B_z \), just as in the untitled case.

B. Hall conductivity

Having diagonalized the Hamiltonian, we may apply the linear response formalism to determine the Hall conductivity. In particular, we will be interested in computing the effective 2D conductivity obtained by integrating along the anisotropic z direction. As in the isotropic case, the current operator is given by \( J_\mu = -\dot{x}_\mu = -\frac{1}{m} \pi_\mu \). Using Eqs. (16), (19) and (114), we have
\[ \sigma_{\mu\nu}^H = \frac{2}{m^2 L_x L_y} \sum_{(n_x, n_y) \neq (0,0)} \text{Im} \left( \langle 0| \pi_\mu n_x, n_y \rangle \langle n_x, n_y | \pi_\nu 0 \rangle \right) \left( n_x \omega_1 + n_y \omega_2 \right)^2 \]
\[ = \frac{2B_z}{m^2 L^3} \left( \frac{W_{\mu 3} W_{\nu 1}}{\omega_1^2} + \frac{W_{\mu 4} W_{\nu 2}}{\omega_2^2} \right), \]
By manipulating the exact expressions for the components of \( W \) and \( \omega_1, \omega_2 \), we find that the Hall conductivity simplifies greatly. Inserting factors of \( e \) and including the contributions of all \( N \) electrons, we find
\[ \sigma_{\mu\nu}^H = \frac{e \rho}{B_z} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \]
where \( \rho = \frac{N}{L_x L_y} \). This is an exact result, valid for any tilt angle. Evidently, the Hall conductivity does not depend on the tilted component of the magnetic field, \( B_z \), nor on the confining potential, \( \omega_0 \). And, as we determined in Eq. (122), \( \rho = B_z / \Phi_0 \) at \( \nu = 1 \) filling, so the \( \nu = 1 \) ground state Hall conductivity does not depend on the perpendicular magnetic field strength either, which is the usual result. Note also that \( \sigma_{\mu\nu} = 0 \) at zero frequency because the tilted field system is gapped; hence \( \sigma_{\mu\nu} = \sigma_{\mu\nu}^H \).

If there were no confining potential, the Hall conductivity would be that of an isotropic system, suitably rotated about the y-axis. Namely:
\[ \sigma_{\mu\nu}^H(\omega_0 = 0) = \frac{e \rho}{B_x^2 + B_z^2} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -B_z & 0 \\ B_z & 0 & B_x \\ 0 & -B_x & 0 \end{pmatrix}. \]
Comparing (124) and (125), we see that the Hall conductivity tensor is discontinuous at \( \omega_0 = 0 \) (except when \( B_z = 0 \)), which makes Eq. (124) at first glance a somewhat surprising result.

Nonetheless, we can present a qualitative argument why \( \sigma_{\mu\nu}^H \) and \( \sigma_{\mu\nu}^H \) should be zero in the presence of the confining potential, no matter how weak it is. These components of the conductivity tensor capture the current in the \( z \)-direction in response to an applied electric field in the \( x \) or \( y \) direction. In order for a state to carry current in the \( z \) direction, it must be extended in that direction (or more precisely, there must exist a gauge in which it is extended). However, it is not possible for a state with finite energy to be extended in a quadratic well, regardless of the well’s shallowness. Consider the simple case of the one-dimensional quantum harmonic oscillator. The average energy of a state \( |\psi\rangle \) is then \( \langle E \rangle \sim \langle x^2 \rangle / 2 + \langle y^2 \rangle / 2 \). Since \( \Delta^2 = \langle x^2 \rangle - \langle x \rangle^2 \) is the variance of the position of the particle, we see that if the variance is infinite then the average energy is as well.

The discontinuity of the Hall conductivity at \( \omega_0 = 0 \) also reflects the fact that the energy gap above the ground state closes as \( \omega_0 \to 0 \). The number of states available to the ground state electrons is fixed while the gap is open and increases dramatically when the gap closes; only when the number of states increases does the conductivity change. It is simple to explicitly check that \( \omega_1 \to 0 \) as \( \omega_0 \to 0 \).

C. Stress tensor

In order to discuss the Hall viscosity, we next derive an expression for the integrated stress tensor, again via the continuity equation for the momentum density. This time it is given by
\[ \frac{\partial g_{\mu\nu}}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial \tau_{\mu\nu}}{\partial r_{\nu}} = f_{\mu}^L + f_{\mu}^C, \]
where the Lorentz force density is \( f_{\mu}^L = e \mu_\nu \rho \dot{B}_\nu \) and the confining force density is \( f_{\mu}^C = -m \omega_0^2 z \delta_{\mu 3} \delta(\vec{r} - \vec{x}) \). Using the Heisenberg equation of motion, we find
\[ \frac{\partial g_{\mu}(\vec{r}, t)}{\partial t} = i \left[ H_{TF}, g_{\mu}(\vec{r}, t) \right] \]
\[ = -\frac{\partial}{\partial r_{\nu}} \left( \frac{1}{4m} \{ \pi_{\nu}, \delta(\vec{r} - \vec{x}) \}, \pi_{\mu} \right) \]
\[ - \frac{1}{m} \epsilon_{\mu \nu \rho \delta}(\vec{r}, t) B_\rho - m \omega_0^2 z \delta_{\mu 3} \delta(\vec{r} - \vec{x}). \]
We recognize the latter two terms as the Lorentz force and the confining force. Therefore, up to a term whose divergence is zero, the intensive stress tensor is given by
\[ \tau_{\mu\nu} = \frac{1}{4m} \{ \pi_{\mu}, \delta(\vec{r} - \vec{x}) \}, \pi_{\nu} \}. \]
Integrating over space gives the integrated stress tensor
\[ T_{\mu\nu} = \frac{1}{2m} \{ \pi_\mu, \pi_\nu \}. \]
(129)

This is the same result as for an isotropic three-dimensional system.

Using Eq. (114), we can determine the ground state expectation value for the integrated stress tensor. If we reinsert factors of \( \hbar \) and include contributions from all \( N \) electrons, we find that the in-plane components of the ground state stress tensor are given by
\[
\langle T_{xx}\rangle_0 = N \hbar \omega_z \left(1 - \frac{k^2 \ell^2}{2} \right),
\]
(130)
\[
\langle T_{yy}\rangle_0 = 0,
\]
(131)
\[
\langle T_{yy}\rangle_0 = N \hbar \omega_z \left(1 + k^2 \ell - \frac{3}{2} k^2 \ell^2 \right).
\]
(132)

Although we do not say much about them in the present paper, we also give the leading order expressions for \( \langle T_{xz}\rangle \) \( \langle T_{yz}\rangle \) and \( \langle T_{zz}\rangle \) in Appendix A. These out-of-plane components of the stress tensor may be interesting subjects for future work.

Let us make a few observations about the in-plane components of the stress tensor. Firstly, restricting to the quasi-two-dimensional (as revealed from the Hall conductivity) \( x - y \) plane, we see that the ground state expectation value of the stress tensor is evidently not that of an isotropic fluid: \( \langle T_{xx}\rangle_0 \neq \langle T_{yy}\rangle_0 \). This differentiates the in-plane behavior of the tilted field stress tensor from the stress tensor in the system with mass anisotropy. Secondly, the sub-leading correction to \( \langle T_{yy}\rangle_0 \) is of order \( k^2 \ell^2 \). Unlike \( k^2 \ell^2 \), it depends on the strength of the perpendicular magnetic field. Because the term is unusual, it is worth exploring its origin in detail. We will revisit this in Sec. [V.B.2]

D. Hall viscosity

Having determined the stress tensor of the tilted field system in Eq. (129), we can apply Eqs. (10) and (56) to determine the effective 2D Hall viscosity (integrating over the z direction). We find
\[
-L_z L_y \eta^{H}_{\mu\nu,\sigma} = \sum_{(n_x,n_y)\neq(0,0)} \text{Im} \left( \langle 0 | \{ \pi_\mu, \pi_\nu \} | n_x, n_y \rangle \langle n_x, n_y | \{ \pi_\rho, \pi_\sigma \} | 0 \rangle \right) \frac{2m^2(n_x \omega_1 + n_y \omega_2)^2}{2m^2(n_x \omega_1 + n_y \omega_2)^2} = \frac{2\hbar}{m^2} \text{Im} \left[ \left( W_{\mu 3}W_{\nu 4} + W_{\mu 4}W_{\nu 3} \right) \left( W_{\rho 1}W_{\sigma 2} + W_{\rho 2}W_{\sigma 1} \right) \right]
= \frac{W_{\mu 3}W_{\nu 4}W_{\rho 1}W_{\sigma 2} + W_{\mu 4}W_{\nu 3}W_{\rho 2}W_{\sigma 1}}{\omega_1 + \omega_2} + \frac{W_{\mu 3}W_{\nu 4}W_{\rho 1}W_{\sigma 2}}{2 \omega_1^2} + \frac{W_{\mu 4}W_{\nu 3}W_{\rho 2}W_{\sigma 1}}{2 \omega_2^2}.
\]
(133)

Unlike the Hall conductivity, the Hall viscosity does not reduce to a particularly nice exact form. Instead, we look at the leading order expansion in \( k \) and \( \ell \). We are particularly interested in the in-plane components of the Hall viscosity tensor. With factors of \( \hbar \) and the contributions from all \( N \) electrons included, the in plane components are given by
\[
\eta^{H}_{122} = 0,
\]
(134)
\[
\eta^{H}_{112} = \frac{\hbar \rho}{4} \left( 1 - \frac{1}{2} k^2 \ell^2 \right),
\]
(135)
\[
\eta^{H}_{122} = \frac{\hbar \rho}{4} \left( 1 - \frac{3}{2} k^2 \ell^2 \right).
\]
(136)

At \( \nu = 1 \) filling, the perpendicular component of the magnetic field determines the magnitude of the Hall viscosity through \( \rho \), while the strength of the parallel component of the magnetic field relative to the confining potential determines the deviation of the Hall viscosity from the isotropic form (because, recall, \( k^2 \ell^2 = \omega_3^2/\omega_0^2 \)). Meanwhile, the contracted form of the in-plane Hall viscosity tensor is
\[
\eta^{H}_{111} = \frac{\hbar \rho}{4} \left( 1 - \frac{3}{2} k^2 \ell^2 \right) \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \ell - \frac{1}{2} k^2 \ell^2 \end{pmatrix}.
\]
(137)

Finally, because the stress tensor in the ground state is not isotropic, the Hall elastic modulus given in Eq. (57) is non-zero. The in-plane component is
\[
k^{H}_{1221} = \langle \tau_{yy}\rangle_0 - \langle \tau_{xx}\rangle_0 = \frac{\hbar \omega_z \rho}{2} k^2 \ell (1 - \ell).
\]
(138)

Note that this Hall elastic modulus can alternatively be derived by considering the change in \( \langle \tau_{\mu\nu} \rangle \) in response to a static rotation, and so is the susceptibility that directly probes the anisotropy of the stress tensor. The non-zero Hall elastic modulus is a noteworthy result with experimental implications; fortunately, the Hall elastic modulus is proportional to \( k^2 \ell \) rather than \( k^2 \ell^2 \), which, given \( \ell \sim 10^{-2} \) in a lab, makes it significantly larger than other anisotropic corrections to the Hall viscosity. Experimental verification of the Hall elastic modulus would provide physical confirmation of the anisotropy of the stress tensor in the ground state, and hence of the unusual constant term \( \hbar \omega_z \rho \omega_1^2/\omega_0^2 \) appearing in \( \langle T_{yy}\rangle_0 \) in Eq. (132). Perhaps most importantly, the Hall elastic modulus represents a directly measurable property that differentiates the tilted field system from the system with mass anisotropy.

Finally, for completeness we also include the leading order behavior of the out-of-plane components of the Hall viscosity in Appendix A. Three-dimensional contributions to the Hall viscosity analogous to these have recently appeared in the study of topological semimetals. [243]

V. EFFECTIVE ANISOTROPY OF THE TILTED FIELD SYSTEM

Now that we have computed the current and stress response functions for the tilted field system, we will
attempt to view the system, in the limit of small tilt and strong confinement, as a two-dimensional fluid. The natural question arises, is there an intrinsically two-dimensional system that recreates the behavior of the strongly confined tilted field system?

We answer this question in two steps. First, we try to find a mass tensor that captures the effect of the tilted field anisotropy on the stress and viscosity tensors. We will do this by comparing the tilted field viscosity tensor to the predictions of the recently developed bimetric theory of quadrupolar anisotropy of Ref. 17. Second, we develop a method to directly project a quantum system from three dimensions to two dimensions using the ladder operators and apply it to the tilted field system.

With regards to the first step, we find that the tilted field system can be mapped to a two-dimensional system with mass anisotropy in such a way that the Hall conductivity and contracted Hall viscosity are reproduced. Other observables, like the electron density, the stress tensor, the antisymmetric components of the Hall viscosity, and the Hall elastic modulus, however, are not. By contrast, the Hamiltonian we derive from our projection method reproduces all the in-plane properties of the tilted field system that we looked at, but does so at the cost of requiring a coupling to the metric that is exotic for point particles.

A. Effective mass anisotropy from Hall viscosity

In order to better understand the 2D behavior of the linear response functions of the tilted field system, we turn to a bimetric framework for understanding anisotropy in the quantum Hall effect, which was developed in Ref. 17 for a general 2D system. We begin by briefly summarizing the key ideas of the bimetric approach. Given that anisotropy often takes the form of a symmetric tensor, like an effective mass tensor, a dielectric tensor, or a quadrupolar interaction tensor, it seems natural to distill the cumulative effect of multiple weak anisotropies into a single symmetric two-component tensor, or a quadrupolar interaction tensor, it seems symmetric tensor, like an effective mass tensor, a dielectric tensor.

There are three equations—corresponding to the three independent components of $\eta^{H}_{ab}$—but four unknowns—corresponding to $\xi$, $s - \varsigma$, and the two independent components of $v_{ab}$. We get rid of the additional degree of freedom by setting $s = 0$. There is a simple physical interpretation for this choice, as is explained in Ref. 17. Given a Hamiltonian with anisotropy in both the effective mass tensor $\tilde{m}_{ab}$ and the interaction tensor $\varepsilon_{ab}$, e.g.,

$$H = \frac{1}{2} \tilde{m}_{ab} \pi_a \pi_b + \sum_{i \neq j} V(|x_i - x_j|; \varepsilon_{ab}),$$

it is possible to move the anisotropy entirely into the kinetic term or entirely into the potential term via suitable canonical transformations. Such canonical transformations also shift the values of $s$ and $\varsigma$; in particular, $s = 0$ when all the anisotropy is moved to the kinetic term. Thus, by fixing $s = 0$ (which leads to $\varsigma = \frac{1}{2}$ for the $\nu = 1$ ground state), we pose the question: is there an effective mass tensor which replicates the contracted Hall viscosity determined for the tilted field system?

We find to leading order in $k$ and $\ell$ that the anisotropy tensor takes the form

$$v_{ab} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \pm \sqrt{2k\ell} & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \mp \sqrt{2k\ell} \end{pmatrix},$$

and that $\xi$ is given by

$$\xi = -\frac{1}{4} \mp \frac{k\ell}{8\sqrt{2}}.$$

The $\pm/\mp$ in Eqs. (141) and (142) indicates the existence of two anisotropy tensors corresponding to the tilted field system.

Note that this anisotropy tensor depends on $k\ell = \frac{\omega}{c_0}$ rather than on $k^2\ell^2 = \frac{\omega^2}{c_0^2}$. Indeed, we explicitly dropped terms quadratic in $k\ell$ for $\nu$ and $\xi$ because they depend on cubic and higher order terms in $r_{ab}^H$. The fact that $v_{ab}$ and $\xi$ depend on $k\ell$ rather than $k^2\ell^2$ at the leading order is suggestive, because it means the effective anisotropy depends not just on the magnitude of the in-plane component of the magnetic field, but also on its sign. This indicates that perhaps an anisotropy vector may be more successful at capturing the behavior of the tilted field system than an anisotropy tensor. We leave the development of a theory of vector anisotropy to future work (though we note that some relevant results in this direction were given in Ref. 63).

Note additionally that $\xi$ is perturbatively large for small values of the anisotropy (this presents no contradiction since $v_{ac}v_{bc} - \delta_{ab} \rightarrow 0$ as the anisotropy vanishes). Gromov et al.17,38 emphasize that $\xi$ cannot be discarded on the basis of effective field theory. Although $\xi = 0$ for the case of an integer quantum Hall fluid with mass anisotropy, there is numerical evidence of fractional quantum Hall states with effective mass anisotropy that yield a Hall viscosity corresponding to slightly non-zero $\xi$.

For instance, the $\nu = 1/3$ state yields $\xi = -0.06$, whose
deviation from 0, though small, is statistically significant. We have found that the tilted field system presents a second example of an anisotropic system for which $\xi$ can be taken to be non-zero.

In comparing Eq. (139) to (137) to extract an effective anisotropy tensor for the tilted field system, we implicitly assume that the electron surface density in the tilted field system is the same as the electron density in the effective two-dimensional system for which we identified the anisotropy tensor. It can prove enlightening, however, to allow the electron density in the effective 2D system to be different from the electron surface density in the tilted field system. In particular, if we allow the effective two-dimensional system for which we identified the anisotropy tensor for the tilted field system, we implicitly assume that the electron surface density in the tilted field system takes a non-zero.

To summarize, we find that a 2D quantum Hall system with magnetic field $B_2 = (1 - k^2 \ell^2)B_z$ and effective mass tensor given in Eq. (144) has a $\nu = 1$ filled ground state whose Hall conductivity and contracted Hall viscosity match those of the tilted field system in the $\nu = 1$ ground state in the regime of strong confinement and weak tilt. Thus, two readily observable properties of the tilted field system can be reproduced by the simpler two-dimensional system. The trade-off, however, is that two other readily observable properties, the magnetic field and the electron density, differ for the two systems. More importantly, perhaps, the system with an effective mass anisotropy fails to reproduce the subtlety of the tilted field stress tensor. This includes its constant term, its anisotropy, and its symmetry, which are responsible for the non-zero Hall elastic modulus and an absence of rotational contributions to the Hall viscosity, respectively.

B. Projection of the tilted field system to an effective two-dimensional system

To address the shortcomings of the previous analysis, we now utilize the ladder operators $X, Y$ and $c$ from section IV A to project the states, operators, and response functions of the tilted field system into two dimensions. We first develop the projection procedure in generality, and then push as far as possible the resulting correspondence between the tilted field system and an effective 2D system.

Our main result of this section is that the tilted field conductivity, stress tensor, and viscoelastic response functions are captured by the effective single-particle Hamiltonian

$$H_{\perp,\perp'} = \frac{1}{2} \tilde{m}_{ab} \tilde{\pi}_a \tilde{\pi}_b + T_{ab} \lambda_{ab} + J_a^\perp \delta A_a + \frac{\omega_2}{2},$$

where $\tilde{\pi}_a$ and $\tilde{\pi}_a$ are the kinetic momentum and position, respectively, and $\tilde{m}_{ab}$ is the inverse of the mass tensor we found in Eq. (144), with the mass $m$ replaced by a shifted mass $m^* = (1 + k^2 \ell^2)/2m$. We also have $[\tilde{\pi}_a, \tilde{\pi}_b] = -iB_2 \epsilon_{ab}$, with no rescaling of the magnetic field. While the current $J_a^{\perp}$ takes the usual minimal coupling form in terms of the $\tilde{\pi}_a$, the price we pay is that the stress tensor $T_{ab}^{\perp}$ couples nonminimally to metric perturbations $\lambda$. In particular, we find that as a single particle operator,

$$T_{xy}^{\perp} = T_{yx}^{\perp} = \frac{1}{2m^*} \left( 1 - \frac{k^2 \ell^2}{2} \right) \{\tilde{\pi}_x, \tilde{\pi}_y\}.$$
is symmetric, while \( T^\perp_{xx} \) and \( T^\perp_{yy} \) have different scaling with \( k\ell \) and take the form
\[
T^\perp_{xx} = \left( 1 + \frac{k^2 \ell^2}{2} \right) \frac{\tilde{m}^2}{m^*} \omega_2^2, \\
T^\perp_{yy} = \left( 1 - \frac{3k^2 \ell^2}{2} \right) \frac{\tilde{m}^2}{m^*} + \omega_2^2 \frac{\omega_y^2}{2\omega_0}.
\]

In addition, \( T^\perp_{yy} \) contains a c-number contribution, which we can interpret as a strain-dependence of the zero-point energy \( \omega_2/2 \). These features of the stress tensor conspire to reproduce all of the 2D response functions of the tilted field system discussed in Sec. [IV] the non-minimal coupling and exotic form of the stress tensor combine with the anisotropic mass \( \tilde{m}_{ab} \) to give the Hall elastic modulus and full Hall viscosity tensor of the tilted field system without a rescaling of the magnetic field \( B_z \). Taken together, our results suggest that the projection of the tilted field system is best thought of as a fluid of composite particles. We summarize the results of this projection in Fig. 2.

1. Theory of projection from 3D to 2D

Let us begin with a Hilbert space \( \mathcal{H} \) and a diagonalized Hamiltonian
\[
H = \frac{\omega_X}{2} (X^\dagger X + XX^\dagger) + \frac{\omega_Y}{2} (Y^\dagger Y + YY^\dagger) + \frac{\omega_Z}{2} (Z^\dagger Z + ZZ^\dagger),
\]
where \( X, Y, \) and \( Z \) form a set of three independent ladder operators: \([X,X^\dagger] = [Y,Y^\dagger] = [Z,Z^\dagger] = 1\), with all other commutators being zero. Of course, the energy eigenstates are
\[
|m,n,p\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{mnp!}} (X^\dagger)^m (Y^\dagger)^n (Z^\dagger)^p |0\rangle,
\]
and the energies are \( E_{mnp} = \omega_X (m + \frac{1}{2}) + \omega_Y (n + \frac{1}{2}) + \omega_Z (p + \frac{1}{2}) \).

Let us assume that \( \omega_Y \gg \omega_X, \omega_Z \). Intuitively, this means that at low energies, the physics is dominated by the subspace
\[
\mathcal{H}^{\text{IR}} = \text{Span} \{|m,0,p\rangle : m,p \in \{0,1,2,\ldots\}\},
\]
where superscript IR stands for “infrared.” Clearly, the ground state is an element of \( \mathcal{H}^{\text{IR}} \).

To clarify what we mean by “the physics is dominated by \( \mathcal{H}^{\text{IR}}\),” it is convenient to define a versatile “projection function” \( \perp \) that can act on states in \( \mathcal{H} \), operators acting on \( \mathcal{H} \), expectation values, and linear response functions. Let us first introduce an operator \( P \) which projects onto the “low energy” eigenstates:
\[
P \equiv \sum_{m,p} |m,0,p\rangle \langle m,0,p|.
\]

The low-energy subspace of the full Hilbert space may then be denoted \( \mathcal{H}^{\text{IR}} = \mathcal{P} \mathcal{H} \). We can use \( P \) to project any state \( |\psi\rangle \in \mathcal{H} \) into \( \mathcal{H}^{\text{IR}} \) and any dual state \( \langle \psi| \in \mathcal{H}^* \) into \( \mathcal{H}^{\text{IR}*} \). This lets us define the action of \( \perp \) on states and dual states:
\[
\perp |\psi\rangle \equiv \mathcal{P} |\psi\rangle, \\
\perp \langle \psi| \equiv \langle \psi| \mathcal{P}.
\]

Because \( P = \mathcal{P}^\dagger \), we have \( \perp |\psi\rangle^\dagger = (\mathcal{P} |\psi\rangle)^\dagger = \langle \psi| \mathcal{P} = \perp \langle \psi| \rangle^\dagger \) and likewise \( \perp \langle \psi| \rangle^\dagger = \perp \langle \psi| \rangle \). Thus, acting with the projection function on a state commutes with taking the dual. Furthermore, projection of a state in \( \mathcal{H}^{\text{IR}} \) leaves the state unchanged: if \( |\psi\rangle \in \mathcal{H}^{\text{IR}} \), then \( \perp |\psi\rangle = |\psi\rangle \). Likewise, if \( \langle \psi| \in \mathcal{H}^{\text{IR}^*}, \) then \( \perp \langle \psi| = \langle \psi| \).

We next use \( P \) to define projection of an operator:
\[
\perp [O] \equiv \mathcal{P} O \mathcal{P}.
\]

Just as with the projection of states, applying the projection function to an operator commutes with taking the adjoint of the operator. Since
\[
X \sum_{m,p} |m,0,p\rangle \langle m,0,p| \\
= \sum_{m,p} \sqrt{m} |m-1,0,p\rangle \langle m,0,p| \\
= \sum_{m,p} |m,0,p\rangle \langle m+1,0,p| \sqrt{m+1} \\
= \sum_{m,p} |m,0,p\rangle \langle m,0,p| X,
\]
and analogously for \( Z \), we see that \( P \) commutes with the \( X \) and \( Z \) ladder operators. Furthermore, any operator \( O \) may be written as a series in normal ordered powers of \( Y \) and \( Y^\dagger \) with the coefficients being arbitrary functions of the \( X \) and \( Z \) ladder operators. Namely, we may write
\[
O = \sum_{m,n} A_{mn} (X,X^\dagger,Z,Z^\dagger)(Y^\dagger)^m Y^n.
\]
Since \( YP = 0 \) and \( PY^\dagger = 0 \), it follows that
\[
\perp [\mathcal{O}] = A_{00}(X, X^\dagger, Z, Z^\dagger)P. \tag{160}
\]
In other words, projecting an operator amounts to, first, putting the \( Y \) and \( Y^\dagger \) operators in normal order, second, dropping any term that still depends on \( Y \) or \( Y^\dagger \), and, third, multiplying by \( P \) on the right (or on the left, or somewhere in the middle; the position of \( P \) does not matter because it commutes with the other operators). Since \( P \) acts as the identity when we focus on matrix elements between states in \( \mathcal{H}^{\text{IR}} \), we will generally not write \( P \) when deriving expressions for projected forms of operators.

Next, having defined projection of a state and projection of an operator, there are three natural ways to define the projection of a matrix element:
\[
\perp [\langle \psi | \mathcal{O} | \phi \rangle] \equiv \langle \psi | \perp [\mathcal{O}] | \phi \rangle, \quad \text{or} \tag{161}
\]
\[
\perp [\langle \psi | \mathcal{O} | \phi \rangle] = \perp \{ [\psi] | \mathcal{O} \perp [\phi] \}, \quad \text{or} \tag{162}
\]
\[
\perp [\langle \psi | \mathcal{O} | \phi \rangle] \equiv \perp \{ [\psi] \perp [\mathcal{O}] \perp [\phi] \}. \tag{163}
\]
Because \( P = P^2 \), all three definitions are equivalent.

We can now state the main strength of the projection function, which is that it satisfies the following obvious but useful property:
\[
\perp [\langle \psi | \mathcal{O} | \phi \rangle] = \langle \psi | \mathcal{O} | \phi \rangle, \quad \text{if } [\psi], [\phi] \in \mathcal{H}^{\text{IR}}, \tag{164}
\]
Eq. \((164)\) means, for instance, that projection does not affect expectation values in the ground state. Thus, when determining the ground state expectation value of an operator \( \mathcal{O} \), we can work with \( \perp [\mathcal{O}] \) instead of with the full operator.

Let us finally define the projection of a tensor, \( T \). In the original system, let \( T \) have \( n \) indices \( a_1, \ldots, a_n \) which take the values 1, 2, or 3. We require that the projection of \( T \) yield a tensor with \( n \) indices \( a_1, \ldots, a_n \) which take the values 1 or 2. For simplicity, let us assume the dependence of the components of the projected tensor on the components of the original tensor is linear, so we may write
\[
\perp [T]_{a_1 \ldots a_n} = U_{a_1 \ldots a_n}^{\mu_1 \ldots \mu_n} T_{\mu_1 \ldots \mu_n}, \tag{165}
\]
for some higher-dimensional non-square matrix \( U \). We now face a decision. Different choices of \( U \) correspond to projection functions that act differently on a given tensor. In the event that the projection procedure has an obvious physical interpretation, then there may be a natural choice for \( U \). For the tilted field system, we saw in Sec. [IVA] that both the magnetic translation generators and the ground state degeneracy take a form which singles out the \( x - y \) plane. Additionally, the Hall conductivity tensor in Eq. \((124)\) reveals that any effective 2D quantum Hall system must reside in the \( x - y \) plane. Thus, we will take
\[
U_{a_1 \ldots a_n}^{\mu_1 \ldots \mu_n} = \begin{cases} 1 & \forall i, a_i = \mu_i \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \tag{166}
\]
This form of \( U \) corresponds physically to focusing only on the in-plane components of tensors.

We have now fully defined the projection function \( \perp \). Because the projection function acts linearly, it commutes with the action of taking the derivative with respect to an external parameter. Therefore, given an operator \( \mathcal{O}_n \) that is equal to the derivative of the Hamiltonian \( H(f_n) \) with respect to the external field \( f_n \), we can compute its projection directly or by taking the derivative of the projected Hamiltonian. Namely,
\[
\perp [\mathcal{O}_n] \equiv \perp \left( \frac{\partial H(f_n)}{\partial f_n} \right) = \frac{\partial}{\partial f_n} \perp [H(f_n)]. \tag{167}
\]
This means that we can compute the ground state expectation value of “variational operators,” like the current or stress tensor, from the projected form of the Hamiltonian. Provided we compute the projection of the couplings to \( f_n \), this will allow us to perform calculations with a system whose Hamiltonian is simpler and whose Hilbert space is smaller.

The projection function, however, also has its shortcomings, which is unsurprising given that it throws away some information. In particular, the projection of a product of operators is not equal to the product of the respective projections, (i.e., \( \perp [\mathcal{O}_1 \mathcal{O}_2] \neq \perp [\mathcal{O}_1] \perp [\mathcal{O}_2] \)); this is obvious for the case \( \mathcal{O}_1 = Y \) and \( \mathcal{O}_2 = Y^\dagger \); and therefore the projection of the commutator of operators is not equal to the commutator of the respective projections (i.e., \( \perp [\mathcal{O}_1, \mathcal{O}_2] \neq \perp [\mathcal{O}_1], \mathcal{O}_2 \perp [\mathcal{O}_2] \)). This property of the projection onto a subspace is familiar in the study of topological phases: as was first formalized in Ref. \([65]\), this mechanism is responsible for the emergence of geometric phases in quantum systems. For recall that a projection operator \( P(\lambda) \) onto a subspace of the full (and assumed topologically trivial) Hilbert space as a function of some parameter \( \lambda \in \mathcal{M} \) defines a vector bundle over \( \mathcal{M} \), which may be nontrivial. On the one hand, one can show using
\[
P(\lambda)^2 = P \tag{168}
\]
that
\[
P(\partial \lambda, P)P = 0. \tag{169}
\]
Identifying \( \partial \lambda, P \) with \( \mathcal{O}_i \) above, we see then that
\[
[P(\partial \lambda, P), P(\partial \lambda, P)] = 0. \tag{170}
\]
On the other hand, applying the projection after the commutator results in the Berry curvature
\[
\Omega_{ij} = P(\partial \lambda_i, P)[\partial \lambda_j, P]P. \tag{171}
\]
The failure of operator projection and operator commutation/product to commute has an important implication for the the projection of linear response functions. Let us consider the projection of a tensor linear response function \( \chi_{\mu \nu} \). If \( \chi_{\mu \nu} \) captures the response of \( A_{\mu} \) to perturbations of the form \( f_{\nu} A_{\nu} \) and \( U \) is given by Eq. \((166)\)
as applied to $\chi_{\mu\nu}$ and $A_\mu$, then the projection of the response function, $\downarrow [\chi]_{ab}$, just drops the components of the full response function $\chi_{\mu\nu}$ for which $\mu = 3$ or $\nu = 3$. Explicitly, we may write

$$\downarrow [\chi(\omega)]_{ab} \equiv -\frac{i}{\omega^+} \lim_{\epsilon \to 0^+} \int_0^\infty dt e^{\omega^+ t} \downarrow \big[\langle 0 | [e^{iHt} A_a e^{-iHt}, A_b] | 0 \rangle \big] (172)$$

$$= -\frac{i}{\omega^+} \lim_{\epsilon \to 0^+} \int_0^\infty dt e^{\omega^+ t} (0 | [e^{iHt} A_a e^{-iHt}, A_b] | 0 \rangle ) .$$

We see then that the projection $\downarrow \chi$ of a response function $\chi$ plays the analogous role of the Berry curvature in adiabatic transport (c.f. Ref. [4]).

There is, however, a second natural “projected” linear response function that we should examine. To differentiate it from the linear response one arrives at via the $\downarrow$ function, let us denote this second linear response function $\chi_{ab}^\perp$. We define it as follows: if we hand someone, call her Alice, the projected perturbed Hamiltonian $H^{\perp} = \{f_a\} \equiv \{H \{f_a\}\}$ and the projected Hilbert space $\mathcal{H}^{\perp}$, she can determine its unperturbed energy eigenstates, $|m, 0, p\rangle$, and compute the projected forms of the variational operators $A_a$. Alice then has all the necessary ingredients to do a linear response analysis. She can use Eq. (9) to compute what we define to be the second projected linear response function:

$$\chi_{ab}^\perp(\omega) \equiv \frac{1}{i\omega^+} \lim_{\epsilon \to 0^+} \int_0^\infty dt e^{\omega^+ t} (0 | [e^{iH^{\perp}t} A_a e^{-iH^{\perp}t}, A_b] | 0 \rangle ) . (173)$$

Note that Alice uses

$$H^{\perp} \equiv \frac{\omega X}{2} (X^\dagger X + X X^\dagger) + \frac{\omega Z}{2} (Z^\dagger Z + Z Z^\dagger) + \frac{\omega Y}{2} (174)$$

rather than the Hamiltonian given in Eq. (151), to compute the time dependence of the operator $\downarrow [A_a]$. Unsurprisingly, the projection of the Hamiltonian also yields a contribution from the zero point energy of the $Y$ ladder operators.

It is quite clear from Eqs. (172) and (173) that $\downarrow \chi_{ab} \neq \chi_{ab}^\perp$ because

$$\downarrow [e^{iHt} A_a e^{-iHt}, A_b] \neq [e^{iH^{\perp}t} \downarrow [A_a] e^{-iH^{\perp}t}, \downarrow [A_b] | 0 \rangle ) . (175)$$

This appears to be a limitation of the projection method: since $\downarrow \chi_{ab} \neq \chi_{ab}^\perp$, we cannot compute the in-plane components of the linear response functions from the projected Hamiltonian. We must instead evaluate the response functions in the full 3D system and focus on the in-plane components only at the end of the computation.

There is a simple argument, however, that the antisymmetric part of the response function may obey $\downarrow \chi_{H}^{\perp} \approx \chi_{ab}^\perp$ with small corrections. Using reasoning analogous to that leading from Eq. (18) to (19), we can deduce explicit results for $\downarrow \chi_{H}^{ab}$ and $\chi_{ab}^\perp$. We find:

$$\downarrow \chi_{ab}^H \equiv \frac{1}{2} \lim_{\omega^+ \to 0} (\chi_{ab}(\omega) - \chi_{ba}(\omega)) \equiv 2 \sum_{(m, n, p) \neq (0, 0, 0)} \frac{\text{Im}[\langle 0 | A_a | m, 0, p \rangle \langle m, 0, p | \downarrow [A_b] | 0 \rangle]}{(m \omega_X + n \omega_Y + p \omega_Z)^2}, (176)$$

and

$$\chi_{ab}^H \equiv \frac{1}{2} \lim_{\omega^+ \to 0} (\chi_{ab}^H(\omega) - \chi_{ba}^H(\omega)) \equiv 2 \sum_{(m, p) \neq (0, 0)} \frac{\text{Im}[\langle 0 | A_a | m, 0, p \rangle \langle m, 0, p | A_b | 0 \rangle]}{(m \omega_X + p \omega_Z)^2}, (177)$$

where to get from the second to third line above we used Eqs. (161) and (164). Therefore, we see

$$\downarrow \chi_{ab} - \chi_{ab}^\perp = \sum_{m, n, p} \lim_{\omega^+ \to 0} \frac{\text{Im}[\langle 0 | A_a | m, n, p \rangle \langle m, n, p | A_b | 0 \rangle]}{(m \omega_X + n \omega_Y + p \omega_Z)^2}, (178)$$

Clearly, the denominator is on the order of $\omega^2$. Furthermore, let us assume that can be written in the form $A_a = F_a(X, Z) + G_a(X, Y, Z)$ such that $G_a \sim \omega_Z (\omega_X)_{\alpha_a} (\omega_Y)_{\beta_a}$ with $\alpha_a, \beta_a > 0$ (we have included an overall factor of $\omega_X$ because we make the unrestricted assumption that $A_a$ has units of energy to make the response function dimensionless); we refer to such operators as planar. In that case, the difference between the two Hall linear response functions is of order $\omega_X^{2+\alpha_a+\alpha_b} (\omega_Z^{\beta_a+\beta_b})$. To summarize, certain plausible conditions being satisfied, the antisymmetric linear response function that Alice calculates differs from the the one directly projected from the fully 3D result by perturbatively small corrections. Moreover, because both the original and projected Hamiltonians are gapped, the symmetric components of $\downarrow \chi_{ab}$ and $\chi_{ab}^\perp$ are both zero.

Finally, we can concisely formulate the motivation behind introducing the $\downarrow$ projection function: it lets us define the projected Hamiltonian living in the projected Hilbert space, which is equipped with only two ladder operators rather than three and thus describes a two-dimensional system rather than a three-dimensional one. From the projected Hamiltonian, it is possible to calculate important properties of the original three-dimensional system, like (i) the ground state expectation values of the variational operators exactly and (ii) the antisymmetric linear response functions with small corrections dependent on the energy scale of the third dimension of the original system. It is in this sense that the projection operator $\downarrow$ allows us to identify an effective system capturing the two-dimensional behavior of the three-dimensional system.
2. Projecting the tilted field system

In the present section, we examine the 2D quantum mechanical system that results from projecting the tilted field system. We must first identify the projected Hamiltonian, including the manner in which it couples to the strain and electromagnetic fields. In the previous section, we assumed the Hamiltonian was diagonalized by ladder operators \(X, Y, Z\). In the tilted field system, we have the ladder operators \(IV\), in greater detail.

Let us examine the projected stress tensor, an indicator of the tilted field system. Before we do so, we must first identify the projected Hamiltonian with the linear order coupling to the strain and electromagnetic fields. In the present section, we examine the 2D quantum system as being approximated by an effective anisotropic mass. Examining the projection of the momentum density continuity equation sheds light on the origin of these features of \(T_{\mu\nu}\).

We begin with the continuity equation in \(x, y\) of the tilted field system. By working to leading order in the wavevector \(q_{\nu}\), we arrive at the following expression for the stress tensor:

\[
T_{\mu\nu} = \frac{1}{2} \partial_{\nu} \left( \{ \pi_{\nu}, x_{\mu} \} \right) + \frac{1}{2m} \epsilon_{\nu\rho\sigma} B_{\sigma} \{ \pi_{\rho}, x_{\mu} \} + m \omega_{0}^{2} x_{\mu} \delta_{\nu 3}.
\]  

(186)

In words, the stress tensor accounts for the evolution of the momentum density that is unaccounted for by the Lorentz force and the confining force. We are interested in the projection of the continuity equation, given by

\[
\perp [T_{\mu\nu}] = \frac{1}{2} \partial_{\nu} \perp \left( \{ \pi_{\nu}, x_{\mu} \} \right) + \frac{1}{2m} \perp \epsilon_{\nu\rho\sigma} B_{\sigma} \{ \pi_{\rho}, x_{\mu} \} + m \omega_{0}^{2} \perp x_{\mu} \delta_{\nu 3}.
\]  

(187)

where we have used the fact that \(P\) and \(H\) commute to exchange the order of \(\perp\) and \(\partial_{\nu}\). Setting \(\mu = a = 1, 2\) and \(\nu = b = 1, 2\), we see that the contribution from the confining potential drops out. Expressing \(\pi_{\nu}\) and \(x_{\mu}\) in terms of \(X, Y, Z\), and \(c\) makes both the projection and time evolution of the two remaining terms simple. See appendix \(A\) for the explicit projections of \(\{ x_{\mu}, \pi_{\nu} \}\).

Let us first focus on the projection of \(T_{yy}\):

\[
T_{yy} = \frac{1}{2} \partial_{t} \perp \left( \{ y, \pi_{y} \} \right) + \frac{1}{2m} \perp (B_{x} \{ \pi_{x}, y \} - B_{z} \{ \pi_{z}, y \} )
\]  

(188)

Unsurprisingly, if we use the expressions for the projections of \(\{ x_{\mu}, \pi_{\nu} \}\), we rederive Eq. (185). What is interesting, however, is that the projection of \(\{ \pi_{\nu}, x_{\mu} \}\) contains the constant term \(k\ell\) which yields the \(\frac{\omega_{z}^{2}}{\omega_{\pi}}\) term in \(T_{yy}\); thus, the exotic constant contribution to the stress tensor traces directly to the Lorentz-force in the momentum continuity equation and depends critically on \(B_{z}\) and \(\pi_{z}\) being non-zero. Examining Eq. (180), we see that we can interpret this as a strain-dependence of the zero point energy \(\omega_{2}/2\).

Next, let us consider the projection of \(T_{xx}, T_{yx}\) and \(T_{xy}\). We have

\[
T_{xx} = \frac{1}{2} \partial_{t} \perp \left( \{ \pi_{x}, x \} \right) + \frac{1}{2m} B_{x} \perp \left( \{ \pi_{x}, y \} \right),
\]  

(189)

\[
T_{yx} = \frac{1}{2} \partial_{t} \perp \left( \{ \pi_{y}, x \} \right) + \frac{1}{2m} B_{z} \perp \left( \{ \pi_{y}, y \} \right),
\]  

(190)

\[
T_{xy} = \frac{1}{2} \partial_{t} \perp \left( \{ \pi_{x}, y \} \right)
\]  

(191)

It is noteworthy that the projection of \(T_{xx}\) and \(T_{yx}\) look like bona fide two-dimensional calculations; there is no \(z, \pi_{z}, \) or \(B_{z} \) to be seen. The projection of \(T_{xy}\), on the
other hand, includes the term $B_z \perp \{\{\pi_z, x\}\}$, making the contribution to the stress from the perpendicular direction obvious. Indeed, we will demonstrate shortly that $T_{xy}^\perp$ and $T_{yx}^\perp$ are captured by an anisotropic mass tensor akin to the one in Eq. (144), while $T_{xy}^\parallel$ and $T_{yx}^\parallel$ are not. From the perspective of the continuity equation, therefore, projection of the tilting field system seems to yield an effective anisotropic mass system with additional physical effects arising from the parallel component of the magnetic field. The parallel magnetic field’s contribution to the Lorentz force is directly responsible not only for the magnetic field. The parallel magnetic field’s contribution to the stress from the perpendicular direction is obvious. Indeed, we will demonstrate shortly that the Hall conductivity derived from the projected perturbed Hamiltonian matches the exact result to all orders. Inserting factors introduced below Eq. (178), while the remaining terms have corrections of order $k^2\ell^3$ or smaller. Therefore, at the order in $k$ and $\ell$ that we have been working, we expect the Hall viscosity derived from the projected perturbed Hamiltonian to match the in-plane components of the three-dimensional result. And indeed, using Eq. (56), we have

$$\eta_{abcd} = -\frac{2}{L_x L_y} \sum_{n=1}^\infty \frac{\text{Im} \left( \langle 0 | T_{xy}^\parallel | n\rangle \langle n | T_{xy}^\parallel | 0 \rangle \right)}{(E_n - E_0)^2},$$

and for the particular components, with $\hbar$ and the contributions of $N$ electrons included, we find

$$\eta_{1112}^H = 0,$$
$$\eta_{1112}^H = \frac{\hbar \rho}{4} \left( 1 - \frac{k^2\ell^3}{2} \right),$$
$$\eta_{2222}^H = \frac{\hbar \rho}{4} \left( 1 - \frac{3k^2\ell^3}{2} \right).$$

At leading order. Comparing with Eqs. (134)-(136), we see that the Hall viscosity calculated from the projected Hamiltonian also matches the in-plane result for the tilted field system. Furthermore, from Eq. (57) and the fact that $\langle T_{ab}\rangle_0 = \langle T_{ab}\rangle_{0\rho}$, it is clear that the projected system exactly recreates the Hall elastic modulus of the tilted field system. Therefore, although the projection formalism that we developed in the previous section does not guarantee that the linear response functions derived via the projected Hamiltonian match the in-plane components of the fully three-dimensional linear response functions, we find for the case of the tilted field system that the Hall viscosity and Hall conductivity are correctly reproduced by the projected Hamiltonian at leading order. The Hall elastic modulus is recreated to all orders. For the Hall viscosity, we do not expect the agreement to be maintained at higher orders. Nonetheless, the agreement at the lowest non-trivial order is sufficient for our purposes.

To give the effective projected system more physical meaning, let us next equip it with coordinate and momentum operators, $\tilde{x}$, $\tilde{y}$, $\tilde{\pi}_x$ and $\tilde{\pi}_y$. We insist that these “bar” coordinates and momenta obey the commutation relations $\left[\tilde{x}_a, \tilde{\pi}_b\right] = i\delta_{ab}$, $\left[\tilde{\pi}_a, \tilde{\pi}_b\right] = -i\epsilon_{abc}\tilde{B}_c$ and $\left[\tilde{x}_a, \tilde{x}_b\right] = 0$. At present, $\tilde{B}_c$ is the unspecified strength
of the perpendicular magnetic field, but because we want the electron surface density for the projected system to match the electron surface density of the tilted field system at \( \nu = 1 \) filling, we require \( B^* = B_z \). There is still ambiguity in how we define \( \tilde{x}_a \) and \( \tilde{\pi}_a \), however; given one definition, we may always give another using \( \tilde{x}^a = \Xi_{ab} \tilde{x}_b \) and \( \tilde{\pi}^a = \Xi^{-1}_{ab} \tilde{\pi}_b \) for any matrix \( \Xi \) with unit determinant. Note that although the redefinition looks like tenor transformation, we do not simultaneously change \( \lambda_{ab} \).

Consequently, the form of the Hamiltonian, current and stress tensor looks different in different frames we choose to define. We may as well choose coordinates in which all look particularly simple. A natural first choice is

\[
\bar{\mathbf{x}} = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2B_z}} (X^1 + X) - \frac{i}{\sqrt{2B_z}} (c^1 - c), \\
\bar{\mathbf{y}} = -\frac{i}{\sqrt{2B_z}} (X^1 - X) + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2B_z}} (c^1 + c), \tag{203}
\]

\[
\bar{\pi}^x = -i\sqrt{\frac{B_z}{2}} (X^1 - X), \tag{204}
\]

\[
\bar{\pi}^y = -\sqrt{\frac{B_z}{2}} (X^1 + X). \tag{205}
\]

In terms of these operators, we have

\[
H^\perp,\lambda = \frac{1}{2m^*} \left( \bar{\pi}^2_x + \bar{\pi}^2_y \right) + T^\perp_{ab} \lambda_{ab} + J^\perp_a \delta A_a + \frac{\omega^2}{2}, \tag{207}
\]

where we have introduced the effective mass \( m^* = 1 + k^2 \ell^2 / 2m \) and where the projected current and stress tensor are given by

\[
J^\perp_x = \left( 1 + \frac{k^2 \ell^2}{4} \right) \frac{\bar{\pi}^x}{m^*}, \tag{208}
\]

\[
J^\perp_y = \left( 1 - \frac{k^2 \ell^2}{4} \right) \frac{\bar{\pi}^y}{m^*}, \tag{209}
\]

\[
T^\perp_{xx} = \frac{\bar{\pi}^2_x}{m^*}, \tag{210}
\]

\[
T^\perp_{xy} = \left( 1 - \frac{k^2 \ell^2}{2} \right) \frac{1}{2m^*} \{ \bar{\pi}^x, \bar{\pi}^y \}, \tag{211}
\]

\[
T^\perp_{yy} = \left( 1 - \frac{k^2 \ell^2}{2} \right) \frac{\bar{\pi}^2_y}{m^*} + \frac{\omega^2}{2 \omega_0}. \tag{212}
\]

Thus, the new position and momenta in the effective projected system give the unperturbed Hamiltonian the usual form for a point particle of mass \( m^* \) and charge \(-|e| = -1\) in a uniform magnetic field and Euclidean background.

However, since \( J^\perp_x \neq -\bar{\pi}^x \) and \( T^\perp_{ab} \neq \frac{1}{2m^*} \{ \bar{\pi}_a, \bar{\pi}_b \} \), the coupling of the Hamiltonian to perturbations in the electromagnetic field or the metric is not minimal. Alternatively stated, the particles of the projected fluid are not featureless point sources of charge and momentum in the bar frame; the conserved number and momentum densities associated with the Hamiltonian in Eq. \ref{eq:207} are not simple delta functions peaked at the positions of the particles.

A natural next step is to use the freedom given to us by the canonical transformations to try to define a frame in which the Hamiltonian couples minimally to the electromagnetic field, i.e. where the number density is a delta function peaked at each particle position. Therefore, let us introduce new “tilde” coordinates and momenta, given by

\[
\bar{x}_a = \Xi_{ab} \tilde{x}_b, \tag{213}
\]

\[
\tilde{\pi}_a = \Xi^{-1}_{ab} \bar{\pi}_b, \tag{214}
\]

where

\[
\Xi^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 - \frac{k^2 \ell^2}{4} & 0 \\ 0 & 1 + \frac{k^2 \ell^2}{4} \end{pmatrix}. \tag{215}
\]

In terms of these new operators, the perturbed Hamiltonian is

\[
H^\perp,\lambda = \frac{1}{2} \bar{m}_{ab} \tilde{\pi}_a \tilde{\pi}_b + T^\perp_{ab} \lambda_{ab} + J^\perp_a \delta A_a + \frac{\omega^2}{2}, \tag{216}
\]

where the inverse mass tensor is given by

\[
\bar{m}_{ab} = \frac{1}{m^*} \begin{pmatrix} 1 + \frac{k^2 \ell^2}{2} & 0 \\ 0 & 1 - \frac{k^2 \ell^2}{2} \end{pmatrix}, \tag{217}
\]

and where the stress tensor and current operator take the form

\[
J^\perp_a = \bar{m}_{ab} \bar{\pi}_b, \tag{218}
\]

\[
T^\perp_{xx} = \left( 1 + \frac{k^2 \ell^2}{2} \right) \frac{\bar{\pi}^2_x}{m^*}, \tag{219}
\]

\[
T^\perp_{xy} = \left( 1 - \frac{k^2 \ell^2}{2} \right) \frac{1}{2m^*} \{ \bar{\pi}^x, \bar{\pi}^y \}, \tag{220}
\]

\[
T^\perp_{yy} = \left( 1 - \frac{k^2 \ell^2}{2} \right) \frac{\bar{\pi}^2_y}{m^*} + \frac{\omega^2}{2 \omega_0}. \tag{221}
\]

This is the main result of this section.

This new coordinate system introduces an anisotropic mass tensor into the unperturbed Hamiltonian, but the payoff is that the electromagnetic field now couples minimally. Namely, we can define \( \tilde{\pi}_a \equiv \bar{\pi}_a + A_a \), where \( A = (A_x, A_y) \) satisfies \( \epsilon_{ab} \partial \delta A_a / \partial x_b = B_2 \), and vary \( A_a \rightarrow A_a + \delta A_a \) in the unperturbed Hamiltonian to derive \( J^\perp_a \):

\[
H^\perp \rightarrow H^\perp + \bar{m}_{ab} \bar{\pi}_b \delta A_a + O(A^2), \tag{222}
\]

\[
\rightarrow H^\perp + J^\perp_a \delta A_a + O(A^2). \tag{223}
\]

The coupling of the strain fields to the Hamiltonian is still not minimal, however. If the coupling were minimal, meaning that under a strain \( \Lambda = 1 + \lambda + O(\lambda^2) \) the position and momenta change according to \( \tilde{x}_a \rightarrow x_a + \lambda_a \tilde{x}_a \) and \( \tilde{\pi}_a \rightarrow \tilde{\pi}_a - \lambda_{ab} \tilde{\pi}_b \) at leading order, then we would find \( H^{\Lambda} = H^0 - \lambda_{ab} \frac{1}{\Xi} \bar{m}_{ab} \{ \bar{\pi}_a, \bar{\pi}_b \} \). However, from Eqs. \ref{eq:218} to \ref{eq:221}, it is clear that \( T^\perp_{ab} = \frac{1}{2} \bar{m}_{ab} \{ \bar{\pi}_a, \bar{\pi}_b \} \) holds for
\[ ab = xx, yx \] but not for \( ab = xy, yy \), which is precisely what the projection of the continuity equation in Eqs. \([188]-[191]\) suggested. Therefore, although we have succeeded in centering the charges on the positions \( \tilde{x}_i \) of the particles, the momentum distribution is still nonstandard.

Incidentally, one might ask why we choose to use the canonical transformations to make the fluid particles simple point charges rather than simple point sources of momentum. The first answer is primarily a pragmatic one: there does not appear to be a coordinate frame in which the coupling to the metric is minimal, in large part because of the constant term in \( T_{yy} \). The second answer is that \( U(1) \) gauge symmetry implies conservation of charge and therefore of number of electrons. The tilted field system conserves electron number and we’d like the projected system to do the same. Making the coupling of the projected Hamiltonian to the electromagnetic field minimal, and thus being able to write \( \pi_a = p_a + A_a \), gives us \( U(1) \) gauge symmetry and ensures that particle number in the projected and unperturbed system coincide. Alternative approaches to minimal coupling have been considered recently in Ref. [67] in an unrelated context.

Finally, we should address a simple but important question regarding the projected system defined in Eq. \((216)\): does it have strain generators whose commutators with the unperturbed Hamiltonian, \( H^\perp = 1/2 \hat{m}_{ab} \hat{\pi}_a \hat{\pi}_b \), yield the stress tensors? And if so, what do they look like? This question is especially important because our derivation of the Kubo formula for the Hall viscosity given in Eq. \((56)\) relied on the Ward identity \( T_{\mu \nu} = -\partial_\nu J_{\mu \nu} \). In other words, can Alice derive the correct form of the contact terms in the projected Kubo formula for viscosity?

Some careful thought reveals that Alice can indeed identify strain generators for the projected system. We know it is possible to define strain generators satisfying Eqs. \((25)\) and \((26)\) for a two-dimensional system with magnetic field \( \mathbb{B} \); let’s call these generators \( J_{2D}^{ab} \). It is easy to check that the commutator of the 2D strain generators with the unperturbed projected Hamiltonian is given by

\[ -i[H^\perp, J_{2D}^{ab}] = \frac{1}{2} \hat{m}_{ac} \{ \hat{\pi}_b, \hat{\pi}_c \}, \]  

which is, unsurprisingly, the expression for the stress tensor we arrived at in section \[III.B\] via the momentum density continuity equation. Therefore, we find

\[
\begin{align*}
T^\perp_{xx} &= -i[H^\perp, J_{2D}^{xy}], \\
T^\perp_{xy} &= -i[H^\perp, (1 - k^2 \ell^2) J_{2D}^{2D}], \\
T^\perp_{yx} &= -i[H^\perp, J_{2D}^{yx}], \\
T^\perp_{yy} &= -\frac{\omega_x^2}{2\omega_0} = -i[H^\perp, (1 - k^2 \ell^2) J_{2D}^{yy}],
\end{align*}
\]

and we can acceptably define three of the four strain generators of the projected system to be

\[
\begin{align*}
J^\perp_{xx} &= J_{2D}^{xy}, \\
J^\perp_{xy} &= (1 - k^2 \ell^2) J_{2D}^{xy}, \\
J^\perp_{yx} &= J_{2D}^{2D}, \\
J^\perp_{yy} &= (1 - k^2 \ell^2) J_{2D}^{yy} + \Delta.
\end{align*}
\]

Defining \( J^\perp_{yy} \) requires a little more care because of the \( \omega_x^2/2\omega_0 \) term. In particular, we must add a term, \( \Delta \), to \( (1 - k^2 \ell^2) J_{2D}^{xy} \) that satisfies \(-i[H^\perp, \Delta] = \omega_x^2 \omega_0 \). If \( \omega_x^2 \) and \( \omega_0 \) are taken to be c-numbers, such a \( \Delta \) is forbidden by Pauli’s theorem\([68]\) to be precise, if \( \omega_x^2/2\omega_0 \) is a c-number, then \( p_H = \frac{\omega_x}{\omega_0} \Delta \) is Hermitian and satisfies \([H, p_H] = i \), implying that \( U_H(E) = e^{-i p_H E} \) is an energy translation operator that can lower energy eigenstates ad infinitum, an unacceptable result given that the Hamiltonian is bounded below. The way to get around Pauli’s theorem is to promote \( \omega_x \) to an operator and introduce its conjugate, \( \Omega \), satisfying \([\omega_x, \Omega] = i \). We let \( \omega_x \) and \( \Omega \) commute with the \( X \) and \( c \) ladder operators. Since the projected Hamiltonian is now properly written \( H^\perp = 1 - \frac{\omega_x^2}{2\omega_0} \), we see that \( \Delta = \frac{1}{2} \omega_0 \left\{ \omega_x, \Omega \right\} \) has the desired commutator with \( H^\perp \); \( \Delta \) is admittedly not pretty, but it gets the job done. Note that the eigenvalues of \( X^1 X + XX^1 \) are the positive odd integers, justifying our use of its inverse. The fourth strain generator in the projected system is thus

\[
J^\perp_{yy} = (1 - k^2 \ell^2) J_{2D}^{yy} + \Delta.
\]

Since we can define the strain generators, we are justified in applying the Kubo formula for the Hall viscosity in the projected system. Note, however, that the strain generators above do not satisfy \( \mathfrak{g}(2, \mathbb{R}) \) commutation relations. Admittedly, there is a lot of freedom in the definition of the strain generators: we may add any term that commutes with the Hamiltonian to any of the strain generators and they will still satisfy \(-i[H^\perp, J_{ab}] = T^i_{ab}\). This freedom means, firstly, that there is not one but rather a large family of projected systems that behave to leading order like the strongly-confined tilted field system. Secondly, we can use the freedom to try to make the strain-generators nicer – for instance, we may try to identify strain generators obeying the Lie algebra of the general linear group and to make the effect of the strain on the system, manifested in the commutators \([J^\perp_{ab}, \tilde{x}_c]\) and \([J^\perp_{ab}, \tilde{\pi}_c]\), simpler.

It is not solely for aesthetic reasons we would like to find well-behaved strain generators. Since the derivation of Eq. \((57)\) depends on the commutators of the strain generators obeying the Lie algebra of the general linear group, our claim that the projected system recreates the Hall elastic modulus of the tilted field system is not entirely in good faith. To apply Eq. \((57)\), we should identify strain generators with the general linear commutation relations; it is unclear at present whether it is possible to
do so. These are interesting questions worth pursuing in future work.

VI. CONCLUSIONS

In this work, we have pushed mapping between magnetic field tilt and mass anisotropy quite far. We have shown that by appropriately redefining the effective area and perpendicular magnetic field, the tilted field system can be mapped perturbatively (to order $k^2\ell^2$) onto a system with an anisotropic effective mass tensor, as regards the Hall conductivity and contracted Hall viscosity tensors. Nevertheless, several differences between the two systems emerge when we look deeper. By developing a rigorous projection procedure, we have shown that the stress tensor and elastic response of the tilted field system (to order $k^2\ell^2$) display features that cannot be captured by a simple two-dimensional fluid of non-interacting point particles. We found that the projected fluid couples non-minimally to deformations of the systems. The stress tensor operator is symmetric (even though the mass is anisotropic), and that there is an anomalous “vacuum stress” $\langle T_{xx} - T_{yy}\rangle_0$ in the ground state. This leads to a nonvanishing and nondissipative Hall elastic modulus, which is uncharacteristic for a fluid of point particles.

This, along with the difficulties in mapping the projected strain generators to the algebra $\mathfrak{gl}(2,\mathbb{R})$, strongly suggest that our projected fluid is made up of composite objects. We saw that both odd features of the stress tensor in the previous paragraph arose due to the perturbative action of the Lorentz force due to the in-plane magnetic field. This suggests that our projected fluid is composed of particles with *quenched internal degrees of freedom*.

Indeed, we can look back at the Hamiltonian Eq. (103) and choose an interpretation where the $X$ and $c$ oscillators correspond to a 2D Landau level problem with cyclotron frequency $\omega_1$. In this point of view, the $Y$ oscillator corresponds to an internal, vibrational degree of freedom of each particle, with frequency $\omega_2$, as depicted in Fig. 2. For nonzero tilt angles, this internal vibrational motion has some component of displacement in the $x-y$ plane. In our projection procedure, we quench the internal degree of freedom to its ground state, leaving behind only the zero-point motion. The zero-point displacement, however, still couples to strains of the system, leading to anomalous stresses in the ground state. In particular, the zero-point energy of the oscillator is sensitive to strains, leading to a $c$-number contribution in the stress tensor. From this perspective, it is natural then to expect the projected system to be composed of non-point particles extended over a length proportional to the oscillator length of the $Y$ oscillator. Furthermore, our definition of the projected response functions allows for virtual transitions to excited internal states, and therefore the projected response functions capture the transfer of stress between internal and ambient motion. We have borne out this expectation quantitatively.

In order to make these points, it was sufficient for us to examine the effects of tilted-field and mass anisotropy in isolation. We note, however, that there is no fundamental obstacle to evaluating the linear response coefficients for a system with both forms of anisotropy, provided the anisotropy in the mass tensor is confined to the $x-y$ plane. Indeed, in this case the canonical transformation in Eq. (73) can be used to put the Hamiltonian in isotropic tilted-field form of Eq. (88), albeit with a rescaling of the in-plane component of the field.

Throughout this work, we have highlighted several points which warrant further investigation. First, we have highlighted a new non-dissipative susceptibility, the Hall elastic modulus, which could in principle be measured experimentally. Second, the role of the non-minimal coupling of field tilt to strain as it applies to tilt-induced nematicity and stripe phases is an interesting avenue for future research. Third, the form Eqs. (139-142) of the contracted Hall tensor suggests that it would be fruitful to investigate the Hall viscosity of systems with vector or pseudovector anisotropy. Finally, the failure of the naive projected strain generators of Eqs. (229-232) to obey $\mathfrak{gl}(2,\mathbb{R})$ commutation relations points towards the need for a generalization of the Kubo formalism for viscosity to extended objects with internal degrees of freedom which can couple to the metric. We are hopeful that this paper will lay the groundwork for some of these investigations.

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Appendix A: Leading order expansions for important results

In analyzing the tilted field system, many of our calculations reduce to expressing operators in terms of $X$, $Y$, and $c$ and then expanding in $k$ and $\ell$. The purpose of this appendix is to give explicit expressions for the most pertinent operators. These are the tilted field positions $\tilde{x}_\mu$ and momenta $\pi_\mu$; the tilted field stress tensor $T_{\mu\nu}$; the positions $\tilde{x}_\alpha$ and momenta $\tilde{\pi}_\alpha$ in the tilde frame of the projected system; and the projection of terms of the form $\{x_\mu, \pi_\nu\}$, which appear in the momentum continuity equation of the tilted field system.
In each of the expressions below, corrections satisfy one of the following: (i) they have at least two powers of \( k \) and two powers of \( \ell \) with the sum of the powers of \( k \) and \( \ell \) greater than or equal to five, (ii) they have at least 10 powers of \( \ell \), or (iii) they have at least 10 powers of \( k \). For instance, potential corrections include \( k^2\ell^3, k^3\ell^2, k\ell^{10}, k^{10} \), and exclude \( k\ell^3, k\ell^2, k^7 \). The choice of using 10 as a cutoff was rather arbitrary. However, it does guarantee that \( k^2\ell^2 \sim k^{10} \) in a lab setting where \( \ell \sim 10^{-2} \) and the tilt angle is \( 20^\circ \). Moreover, the expansions are not really sensitive to what cutoff we use.

In the expressions below, we frequently use the shorthand
\[
\Delta \equiv 1 + \ell^2 + \ell^4 + \ell^6 + \ell^8 + \ell^{10} \tag{A1}
\]

1. Physical momenta and coordinates of the tilted field system
\[
\pi_x = -i\sqrt{\frac{B_x}{2}} \left( 1 - \frac{k^2\ell^2}{4} \right) (X^\dagger - X)
- \sqrt{\frac{m\omega_0}{2}} \frac{k\ell^2}{2} \Delta(Y^\dagger + Y)
= -i\sqrt{\frac{B_x}{2}} \left( 1 - \frac{3}{4} k^2\ell^2 \right) (X^\dagger + X) + i\sqrt{\frac{m\omega_0}{2}} \frac{k\ell}{2} \Delta(Y^\dagger - Y) \tag{A2}
\]
\[
\pi_y = -\frac{B_y}{2} \left( 1 - \frac{3}{4} k^2\ell^2 \right) (X^\dagger + X) + i\sqrt{\frac{m\omega_0}{2}} \frac{k\ell}{2} \Delta(Y^\dagger - Y) \tag{A3}
\]
\[
\pi_z = -i\sqrt{\frac{B_z}{2}} \frac{k\ell^2}{2} \Delta(X^\dagger - X)
+ \sqrt{\frac{m\omega_0}{2}} \left( 1 + \frac{k^2\ell^2}{4} \right) (Y^\dagger + Y)
= -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2m\omega_0}} k\ell^{3/2} \Delta(X^\dagger + X)
- \frac{1}{\sqrt{2m\omega_0}} \left( 1 - \frac{4}{3} k^2\ell^2 \right) (Y^\dagger - Y) \tag{A4}
\]
\[
x = \frac{i}{\sqrt{2B_z}}(c - c^\dagger) - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2B_z}} \left( 1 + \frac{k^2\ell^2}{4} \right) (X^\dagger + X)
+ \frac{ik\ell/2}{\sqrt{2B_z}} \Delta(Y^\dagger - Y) \tag{A5}
\]
\[
y = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2B_z}}(c + c^\dagger) + \frac{i}{\sqrt{2B_z}} \left( 1 - \frac{k^2\ell^2}{4} \right) (X^\dagger - X)
+ \frac{k\ell/2}{\sqrt{2B_z}} \Delta(Y^\dagger + Y) \tag{A6}
\]

The leading order expansion of the current operators, \( J_\mu \), follows from \( J_\mu = -\frac{1}{m} \pi_\mu \) and Eqs. [A2]-[A4].

2. Stress tensor of the tilted field system
\[
T_{xx} = -\frac{\omega_z}{2} \left( 1 - \frac{k^2\ell^2}{2} \right) (X^\dagger - X)^2 + \frac{\omega_0}{2} k^2\ell^4(Y^\dagger + Y)^2
+ i\omega_z k\ell^{3/2} \Delta(X^\dagger - X)(Y^\dagger + Y) \tag{A8}
\]
\[
T_{xy} = \frac{i\omega_z}{2} (1 - k^2\ell^2) ((X^\dagger)^2 - X^2) - \frac{i\omega_z}{2} k^2\ell^2 ((Y^\dagger)^2 - Y^2)
+ \frac{\omega_0}{2} k\ell^{3/2} \Delta((1 + \ell)(X^\dagger Y^\dagger + XY^\dagger))
- (1 - \ell)(XY^\dagger + X^\dagger Y) \tag{A9}
\]
\[
T_{yy} = \frac{\omega_z}{2} \left( 1 - \frac{3k^2\ell^2}{2} \right) (X^\dagger + X)^2 - \frac{\omega_0}{2} k^2\ell^2(Y^\dagger - Y)^2
- i\omega_z k\ell^{3/2} \Delta(X^\dagger + X)(Y^\dagger - Y) \tag{A10}
\]
\[
T_{xz} = -\frac{\omega_z}{2} k\ell^2 \Delta(X^\dagger - X)^2 - \frac{\omega_0}{2} k\ell \Delta(Y^\dagger + Y)^2
- i\omega_z k\ell^{1/2} \Delta((X^\dagger)^2 - X^2)
- \frac{\omega_z}{2} \ell^{1/2} \left( 1 - \frac{k^2\ell^2}{2} \right) (X^\dagger + X)(Y^\dagger + Y) \tag{A11}
\]
\[
T_{yz} = -\frac{\omega_z}{2} k^2\ell^4(X^\dagger - X)^2 + \frac{\omega_0}{2} (1 + k^2\ell^2)(Y^\dagger + Y)^2
- i\omega_z k\ell^{3/2} \Delta(X^\dagger - X)(Y^\dagger + Y) \tag{A12}
\]

It follows that the projected forms for \( T_{xx}, T_{yz}, \) and \( T_{zz} \) are given by
\[
T_{xx}^\perp = -\frac{\omega_z}{2} k\ell^2(X^\dagger - X)^2 - \frac{\omega_z}{2} k\ell \tag{A13}
\]
\[
T_{yz}^\perp = \frac{i\omega_z}{2} k\ell^2((X^\dagger)^2 - X^2) \tag{A14}
\]
\[
T_{zz}^\perp = -\frac{\omega_z}{2} k^2\ell^4(X^\dagger - X)^2 + \frac{\omega_0}{2} \left( 1 + k^2\ell^2 \right) \tag{A15}
\]

The ground state expectation values for \( T_{xx}, T_{yz}, \) and \( T_{zz} \) are therefore
\[
\langle T_{xx} \rangle = -\frac{\omega_z}{2} k\ell(1 - \ell) \tag{A16}
\]
\[
\langle T_{xz} \rangle = 0 \tag{A17}
\]
\[
\langle T_{zz} \rangle = \frac{\omega_0}{2} \left( 1 + k^2\ell^2 \right) \tag{A18}
\]

3. Coordinates and momenta of the projected system
in the tilde frame
\[
\begin{align*}
\tilde{x} &= -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2B_z}} \left( 1 + \frac{k^2 \ell^2}{4} \right) \left[ (\pi^t + \pi) + ic^t \right] \\
\tilde{y} &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2B_z}} \left( 1 - \frac{k^2 \ell^2}{4} \right) \left[ i(\pi^t - \pi) + (c^t + c) \right] \\
\tilde{\pi}_x &= -i \frac{B_z}{2} \left( 1 - \frac{k^2 \ell^2}{4} \right) (\pi^t - \pi) \\
\tilde{\pi}_y &= -i \frac{B_z}{2} \left( 1 + \frac{k^2 \ell^2}{4} \right) (\pi^t + \pi)
\end{align*}
\] (A20)

4. Projection of \( \{x, \pi^t\} \) terms:
\[
\begin{align*}
\perp [\{\pi_x, x\}] &= \left( 1 - \frac{k^2 \ell^2}{4} \right) (\pi^t - \pi)(c - c^t) \\
&\quad + \frac{i}{2} \{X^t - X, X^t + X\} \\
\perp [\{\pi_y, y\}] &= -i \left( \frac{k^2 \ell^2}{4} \right) \left[ (\pi^t - \pi)(c + c^t) \\
&\quad + \left( 1 - \frac{k^2 \ell^2}{4} \right) (\pi^t - \pi)^2 \right] \\
\perp [\{\pi_x, z\}] &= \frac{ik\ell^2\Delta}{2} \{X^t - X, X^t + X\} \\
\perp [\{\pi_x, x\}] &= -i \left( \frac{3}{4} \right) \left[ (\pi^t - \pi)(c + c^t) \\
&\quad + \left( 1 - \frac{k^2 \ell^2}{4} \right) (\pi^t - \pi)^2 \right] \\
\perp [\{\pi_y, y\}] &= -i \left( \frac{3}{4} \right) \left[ (c^t - c)(\pi^t + \pi) \\
&\quad + \frac{i\ell^2\Delta}{2} \{X^t - X, X^t + X\} \right] \\
\perp [\{\pi_y, z\}] &= \frac{ik\ell^2\Delta}{2} \{X^t - X, X^t + X\} \\
\perp [\{\pi_z, x\}] &= \frac{ik\ell^2\Delta}{2} \{X^t - X, X^t + X\} \\
\perp [\{\pi_z, y\}] &= -i k\ell^2 \Delta (c + c^t) (\pi^t - \pi)^2 + k\ell \Delta \\
\perp [\{\pi_z, z\}] &= \frac{ik\ell^2\Delta^2}{2} \{X^t - X, X^t + X\}
\end{align*}
\] (A24)

5. Nonvanishing out-of-plane components of the Hall viscosity of the tilted field system:
\[
\begin{align*}
\eta_{1221}^H &= -\frac{1}{4} \frac{k\ell^2}{2}, & \eta_{1213}^H &= -\frac{k\ell^2}{4}, & \eta_{1323}^H &= \frac{\ell}{2} (1 - 2\ell), \\
\eta_{2223}^H &= -\frac{3k\ell^2}{4}, & \eta_{2333}^H &= -\frac{k\ell}{4}, & \eta_{1233}^H &= \frac{k^2 \ell^3}{4}
\end{align*}
\] (A33)
