

In search of topological states
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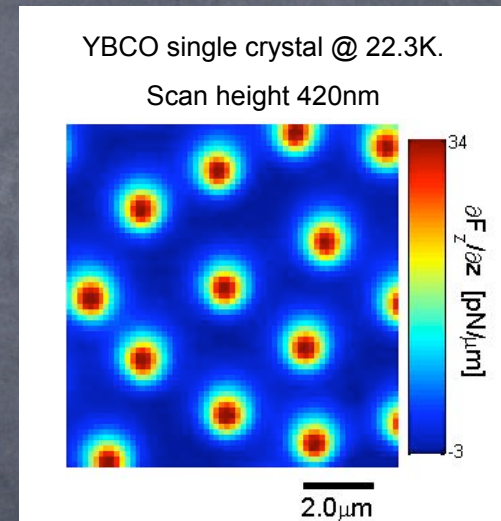
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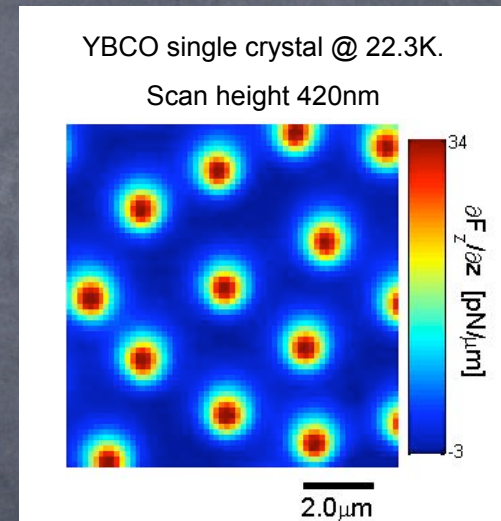
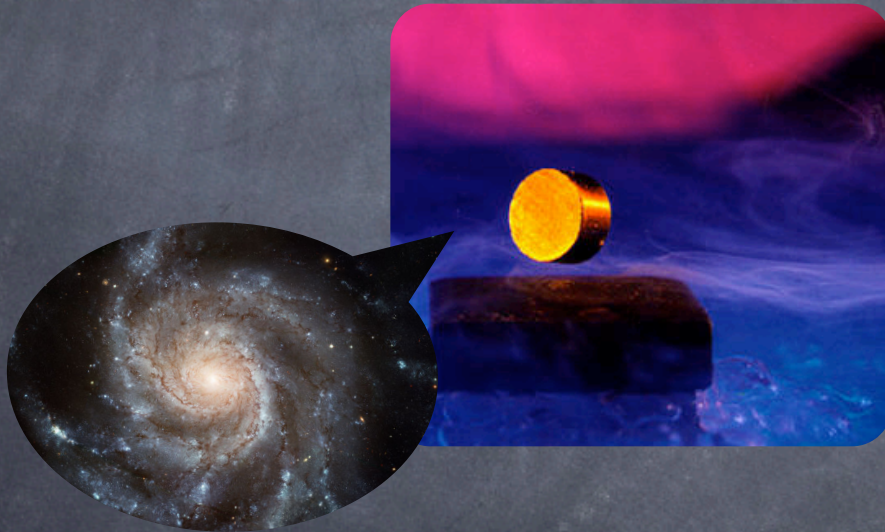
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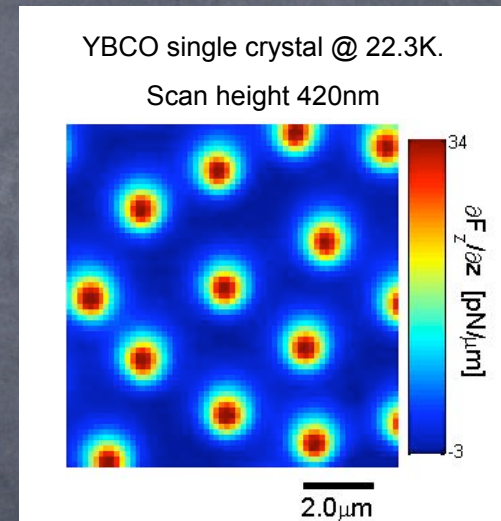
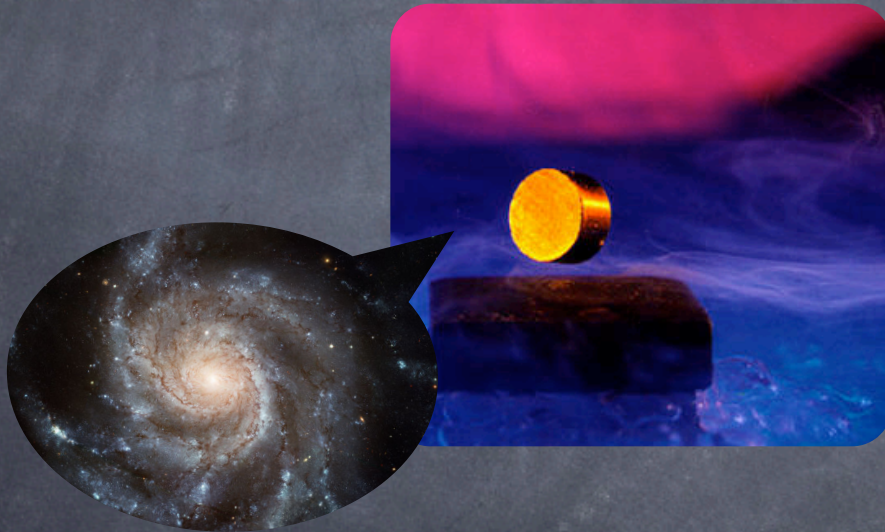
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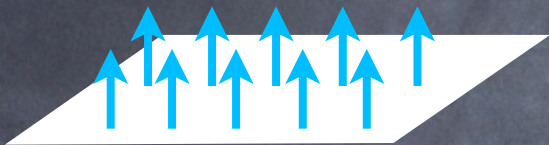
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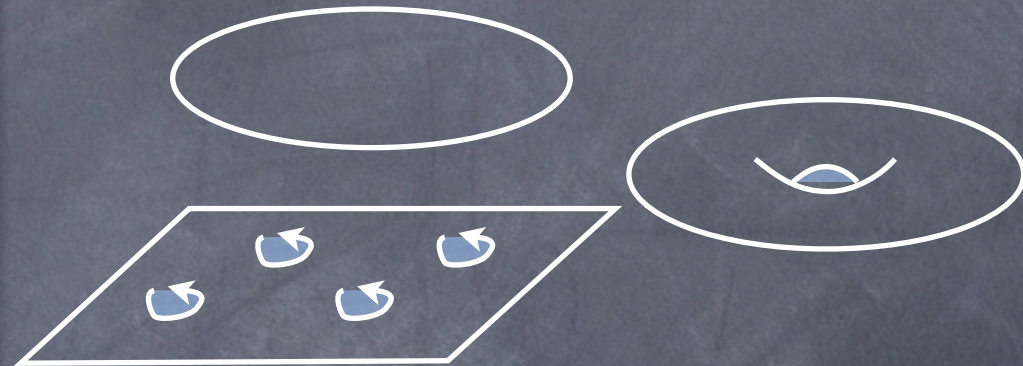
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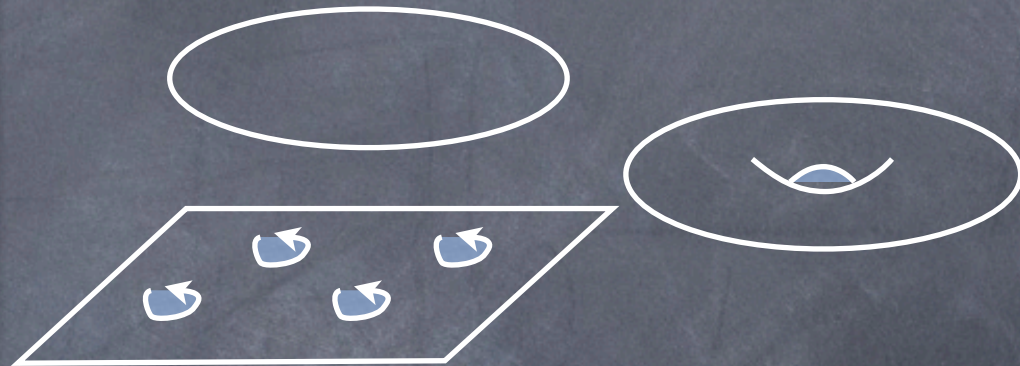
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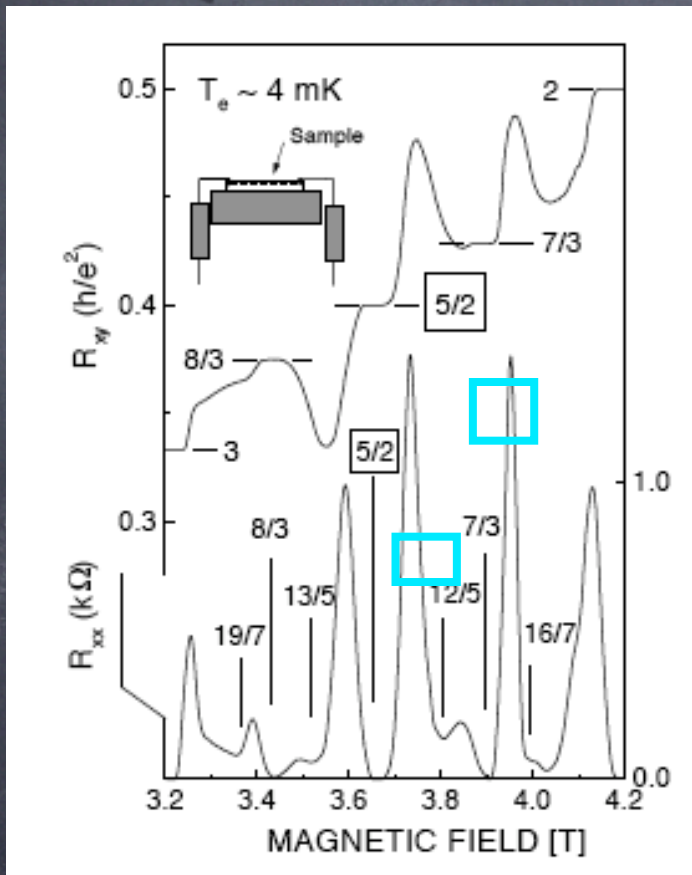
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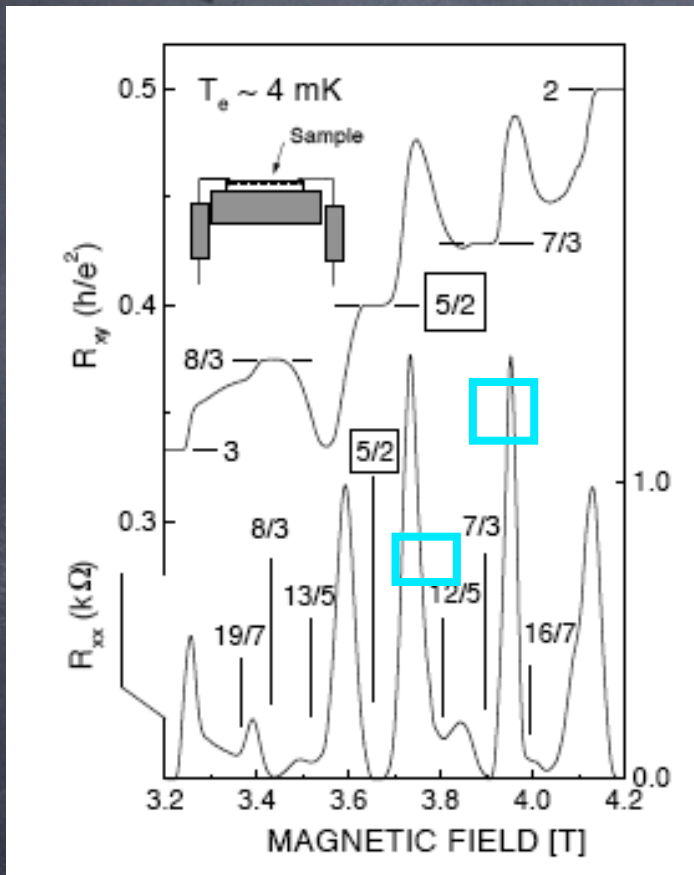


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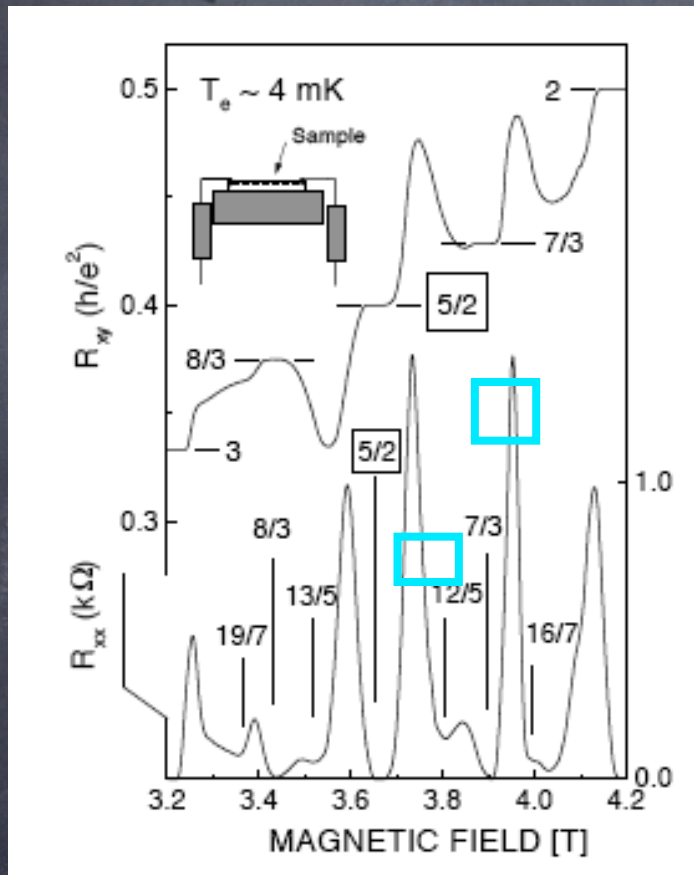
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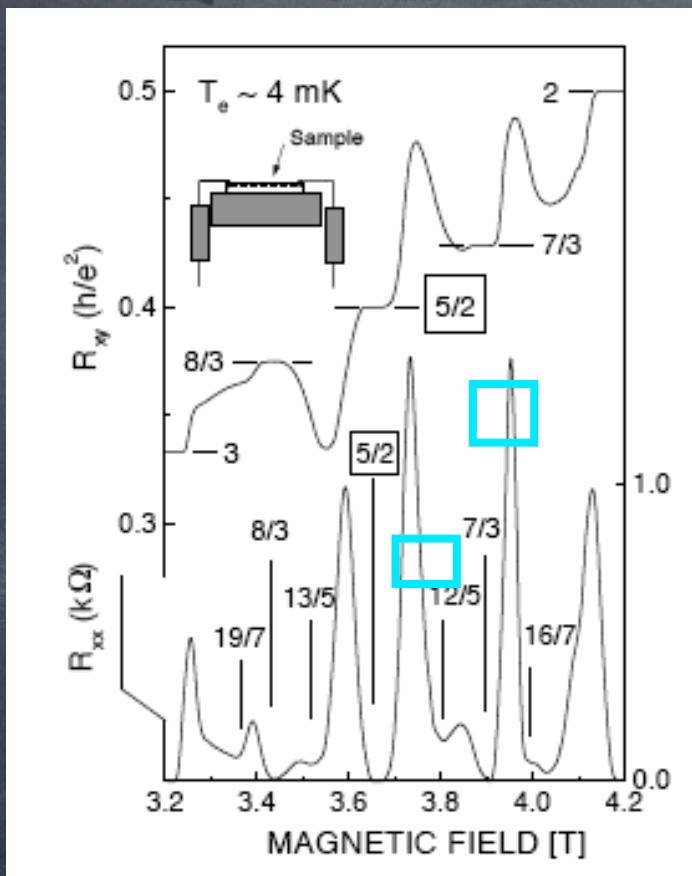
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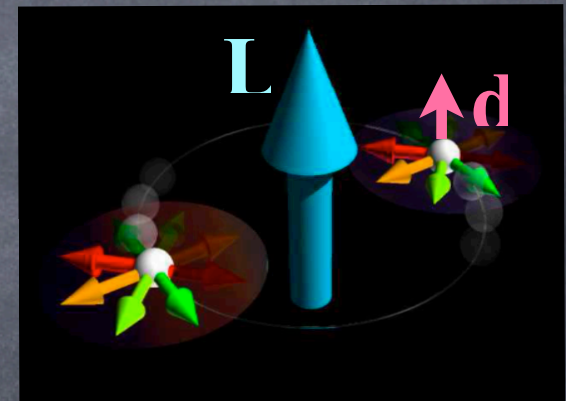
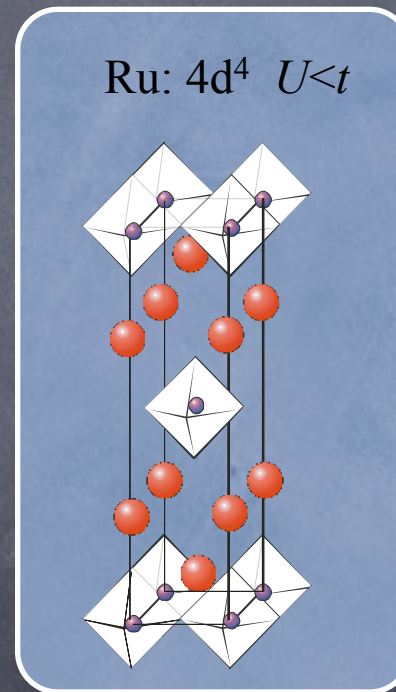
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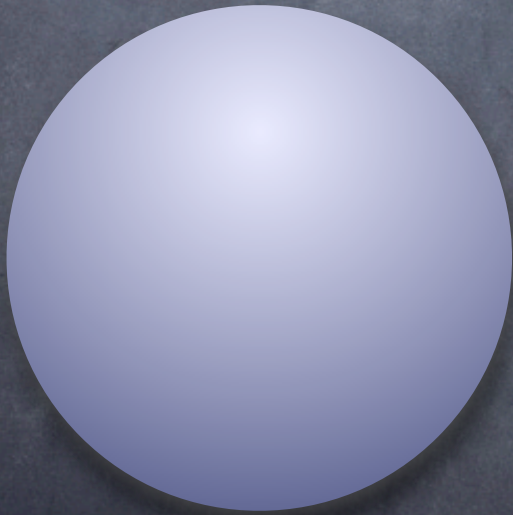
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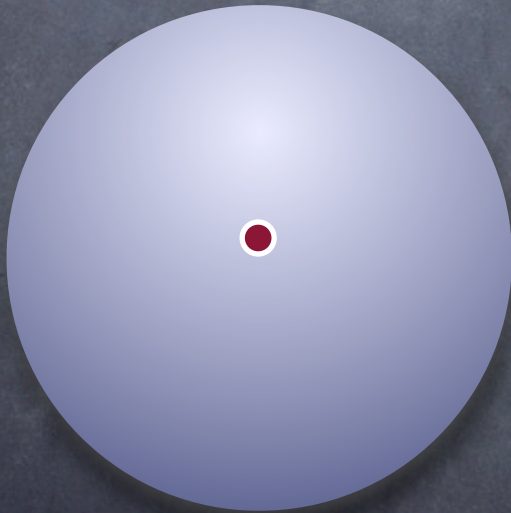
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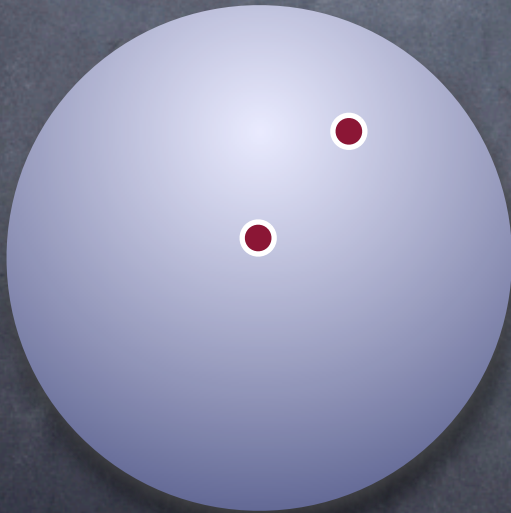
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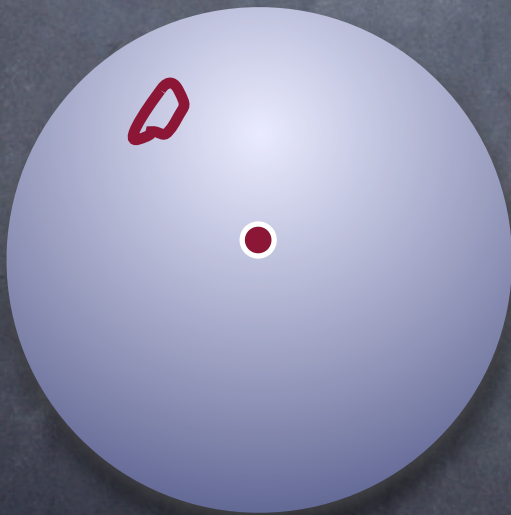
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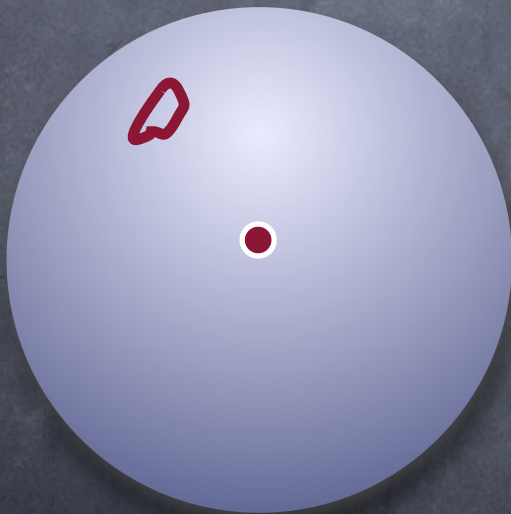
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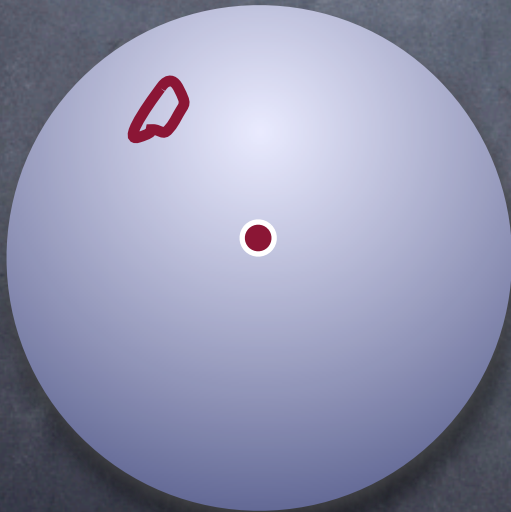
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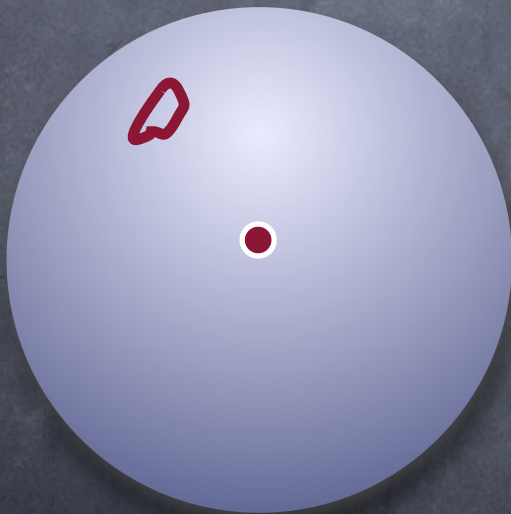
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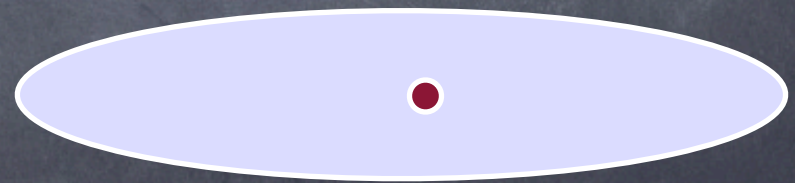
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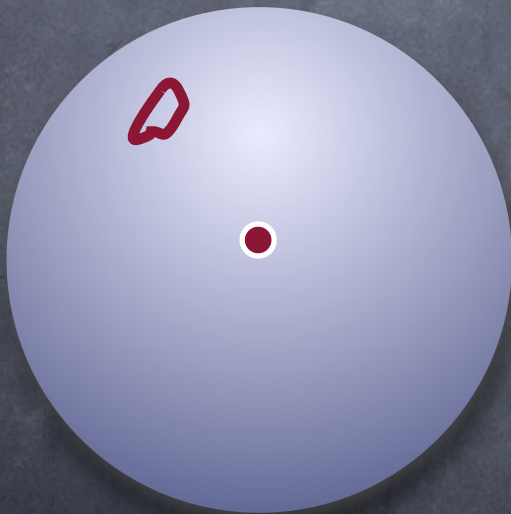
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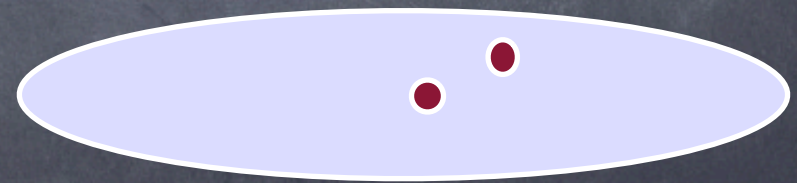
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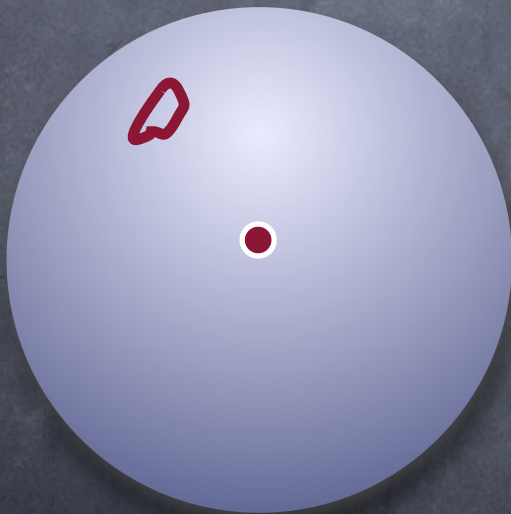
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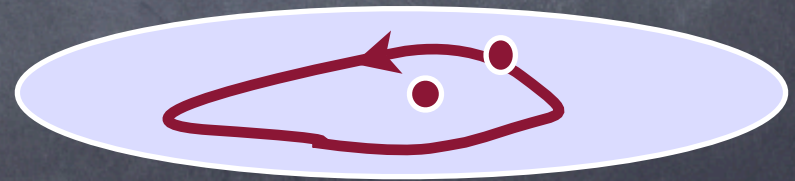
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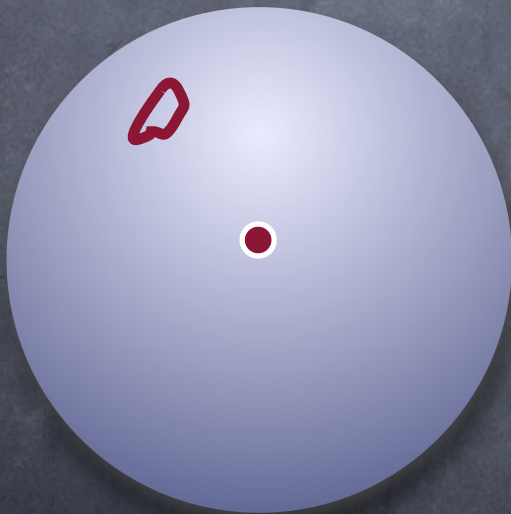
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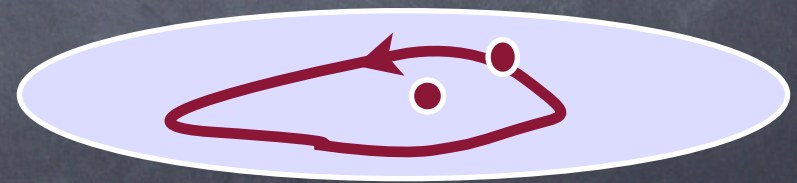
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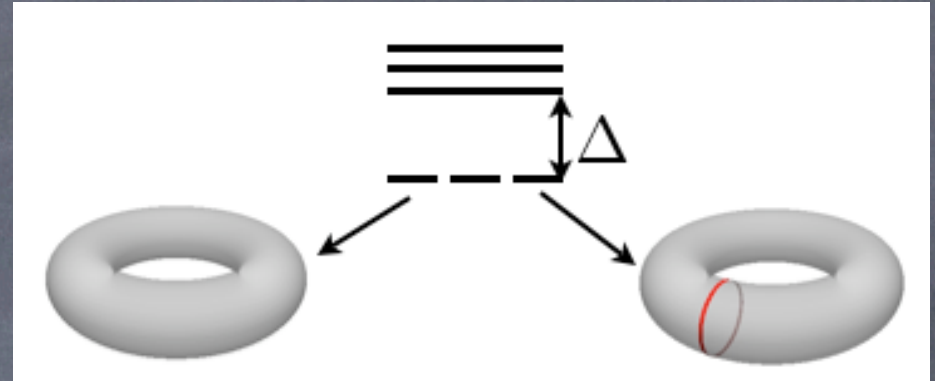
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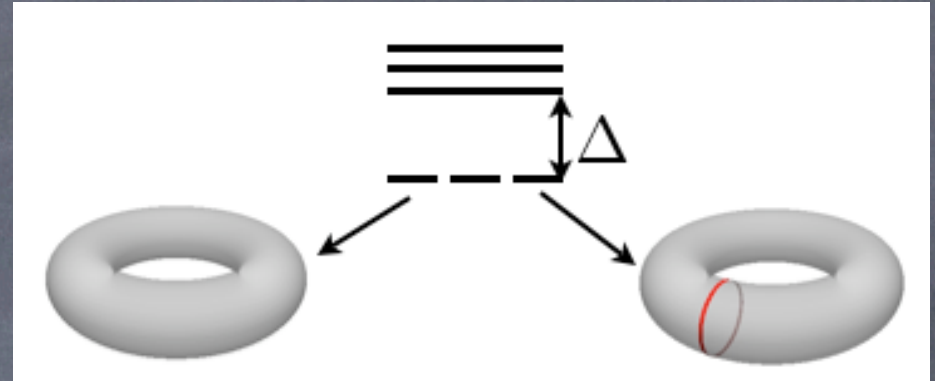
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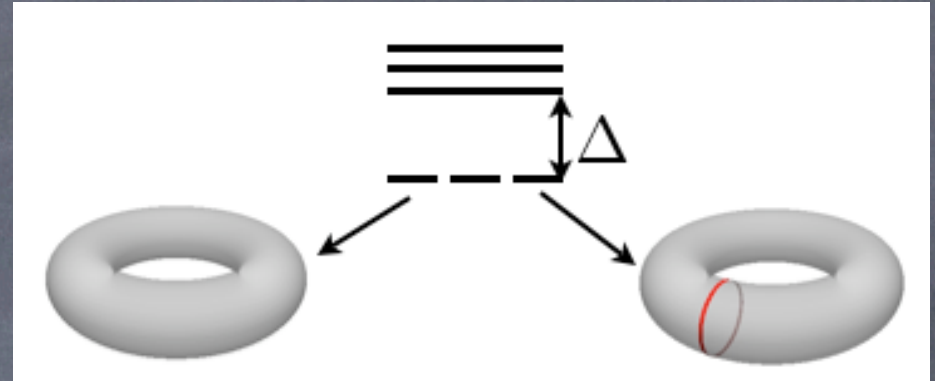


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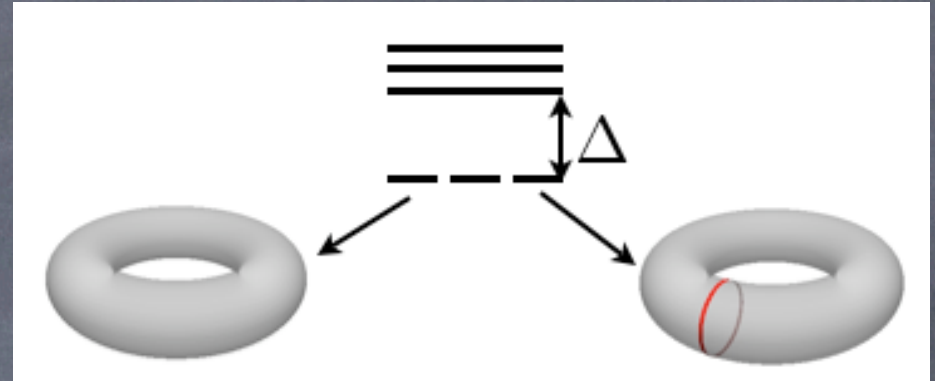
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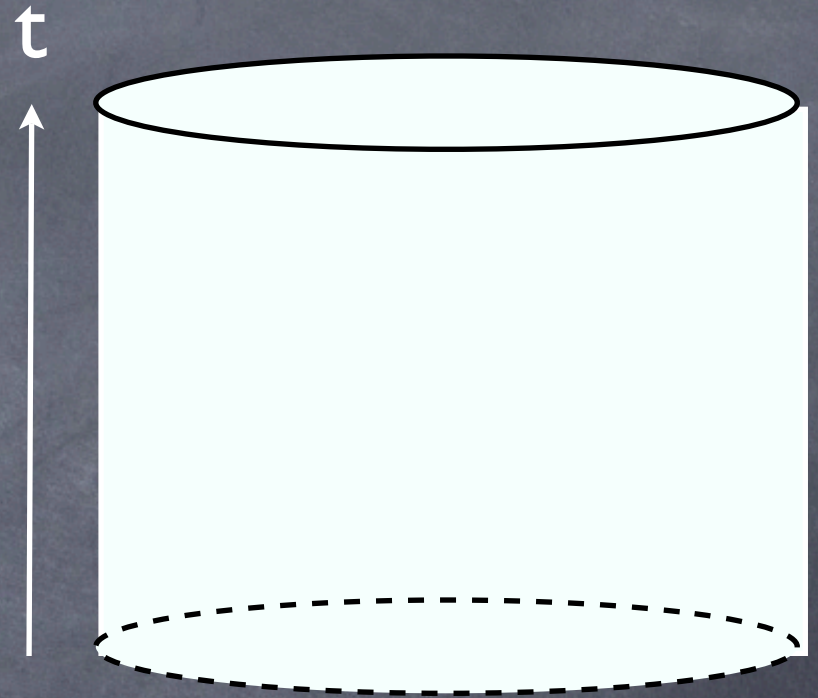
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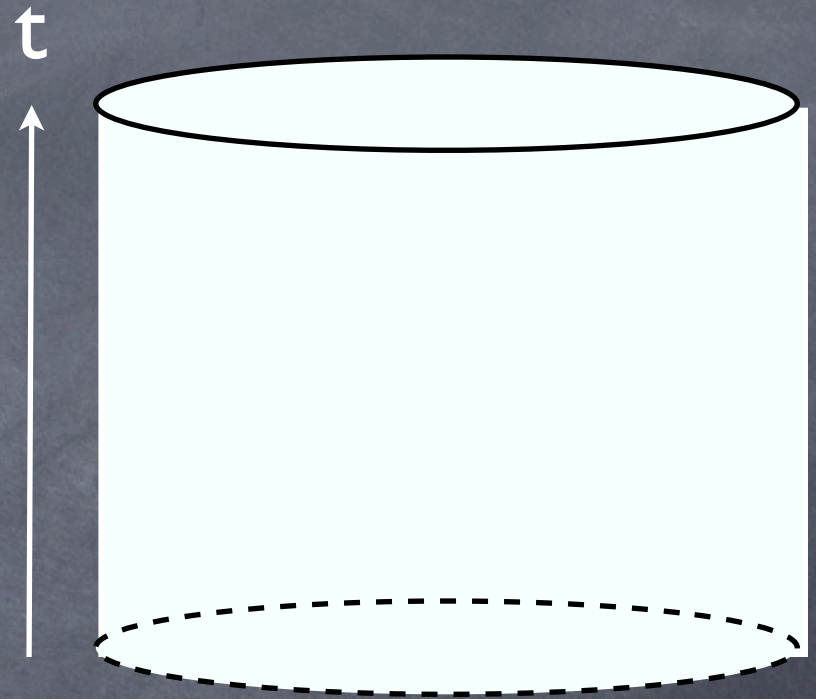
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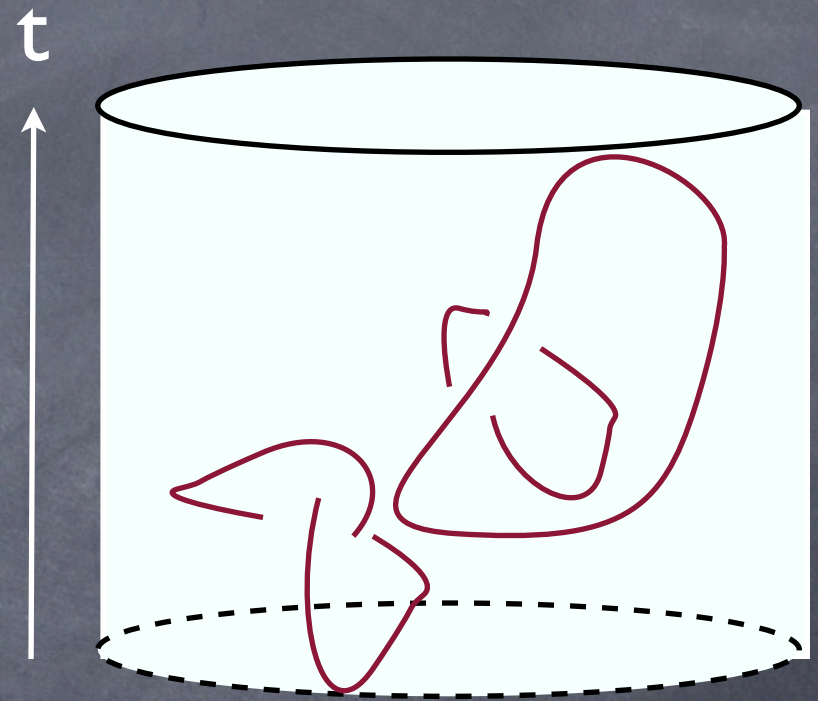
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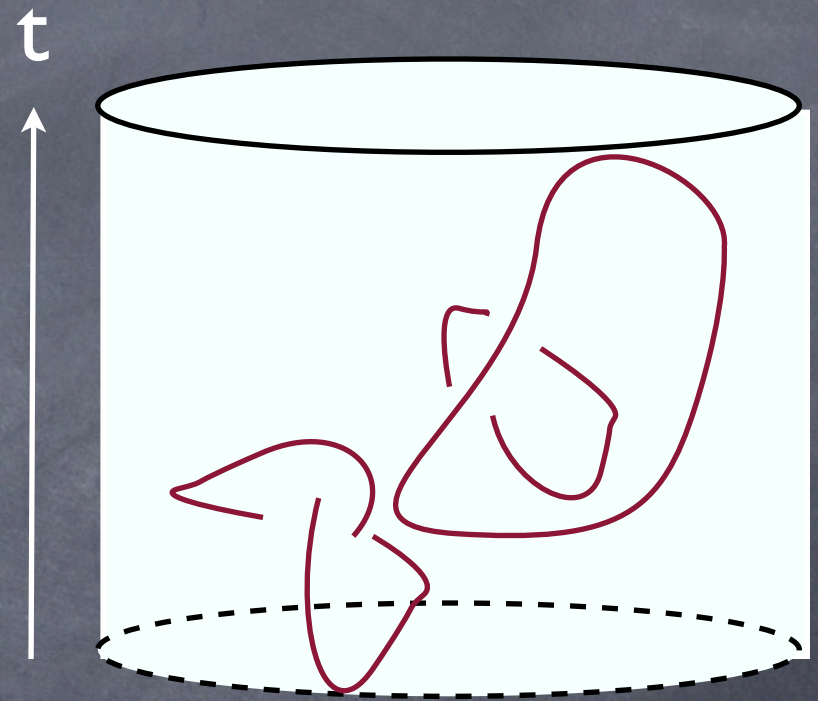
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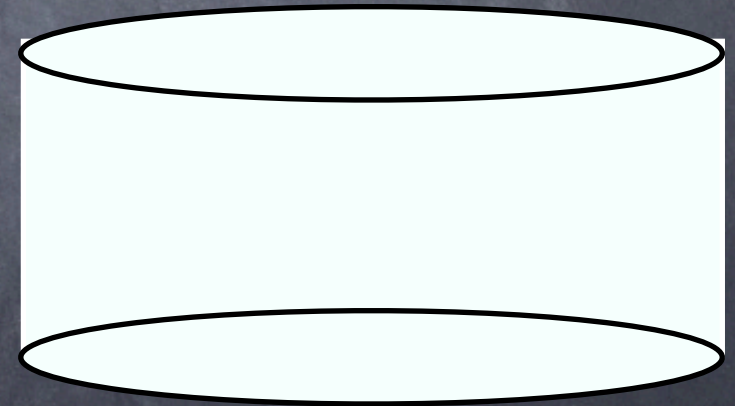
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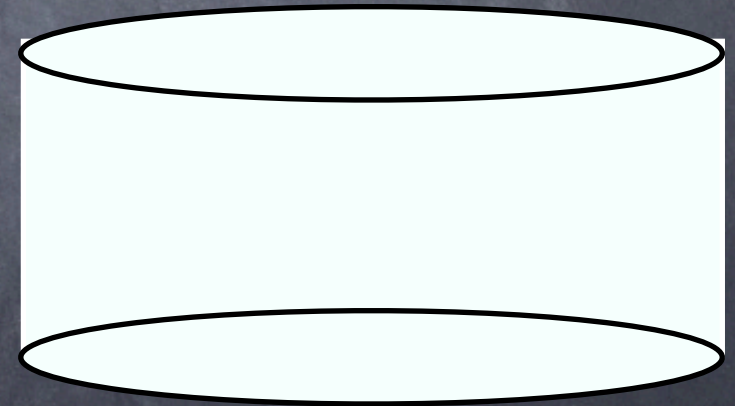
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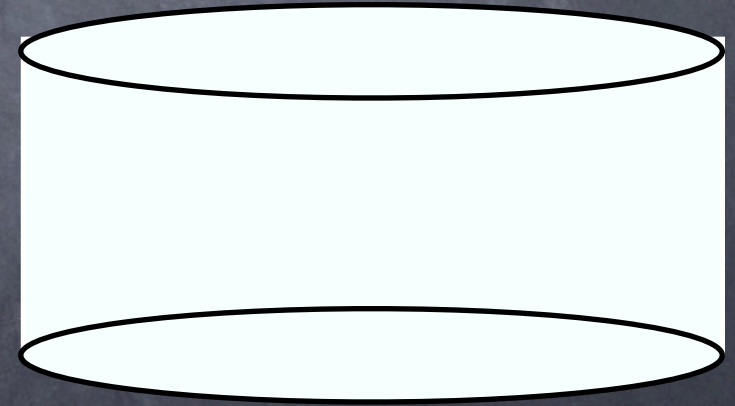
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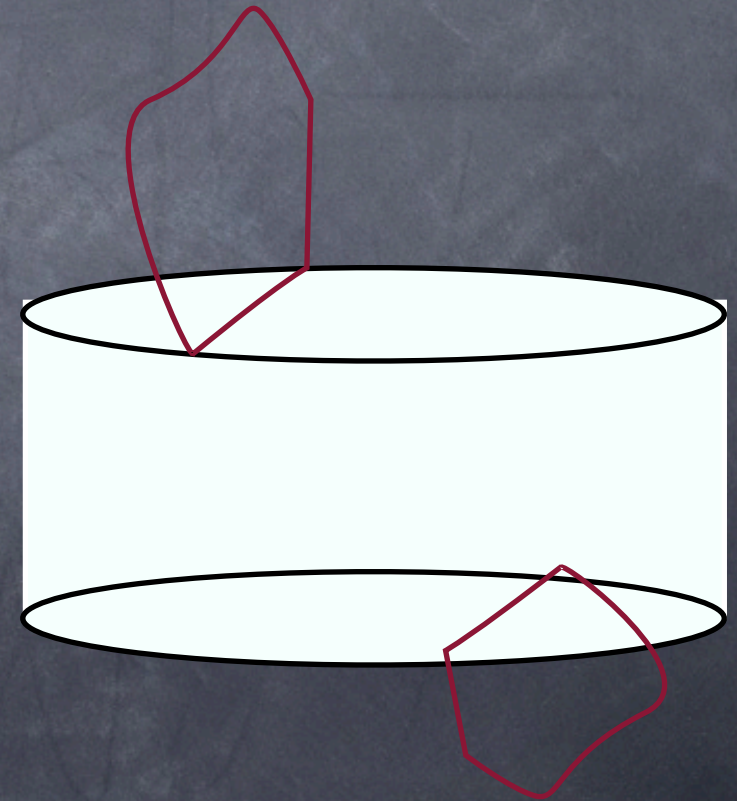
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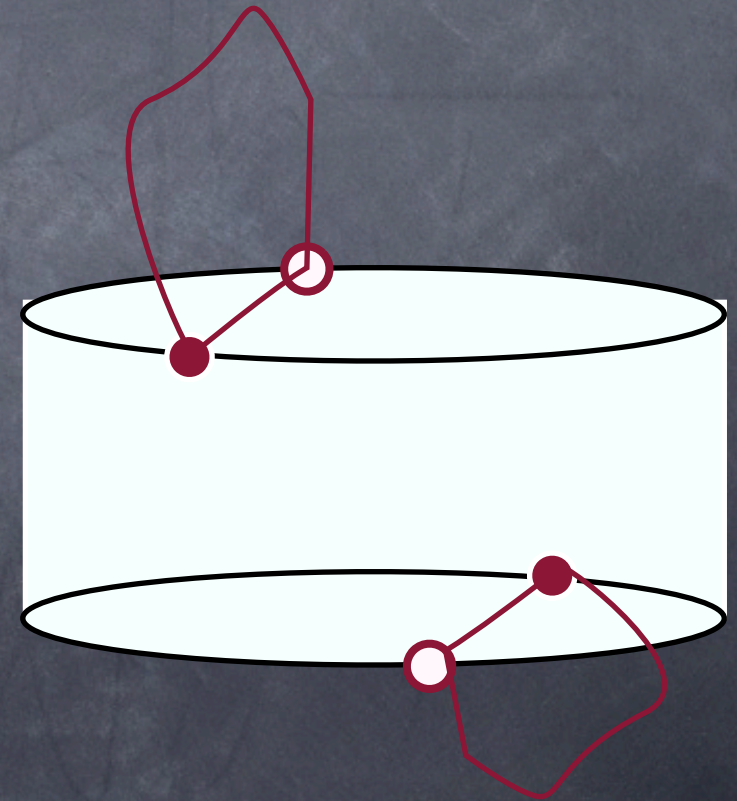
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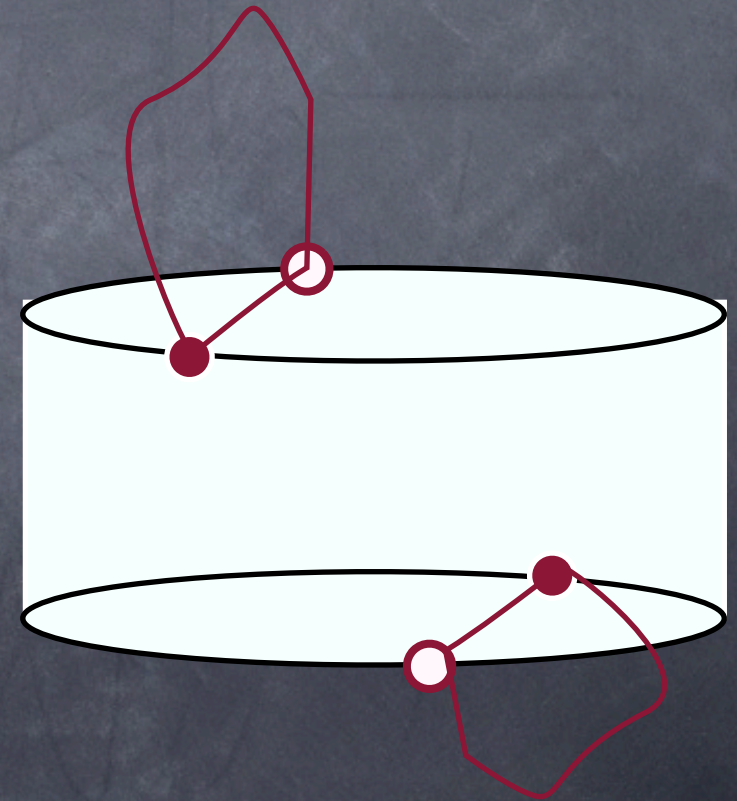
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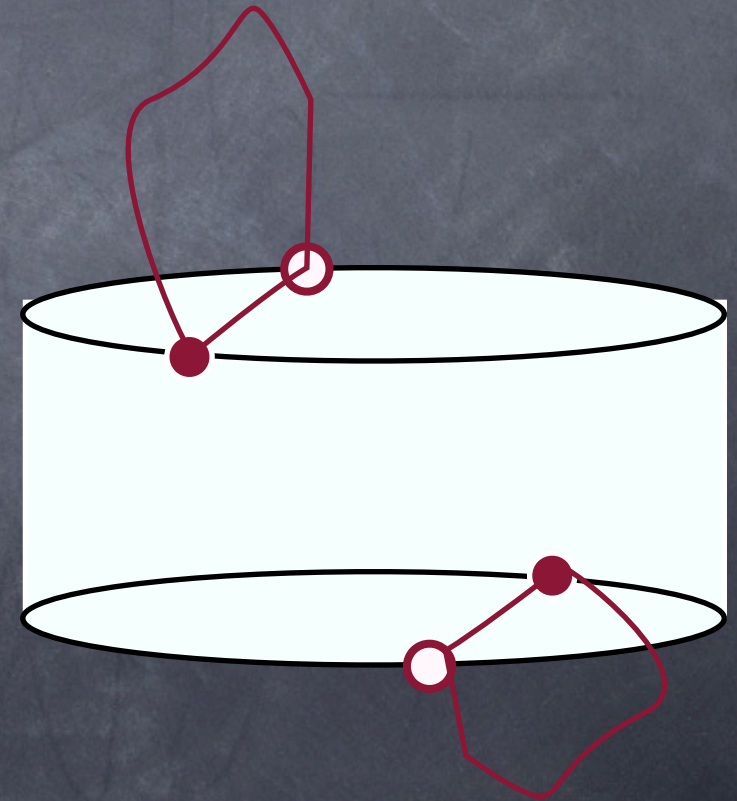
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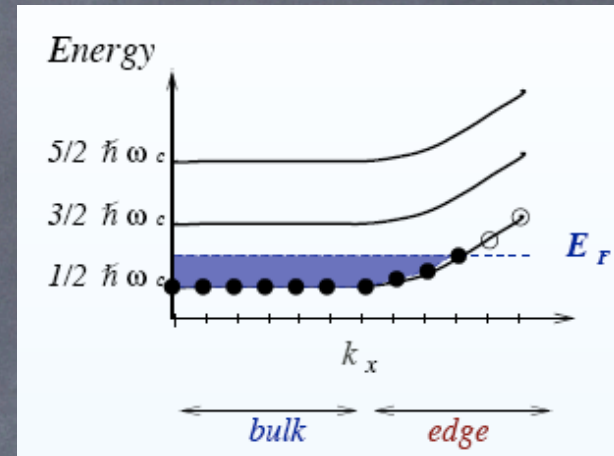
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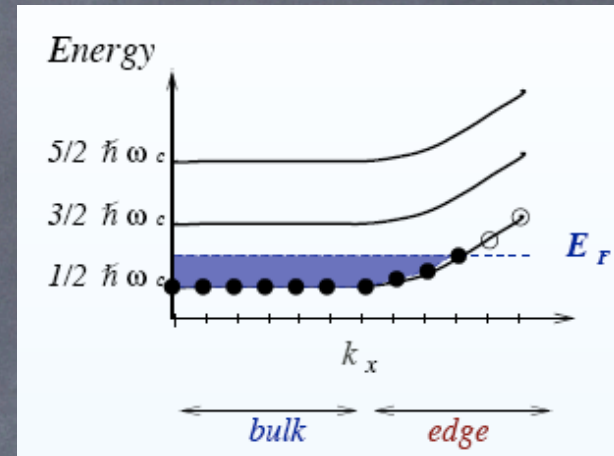
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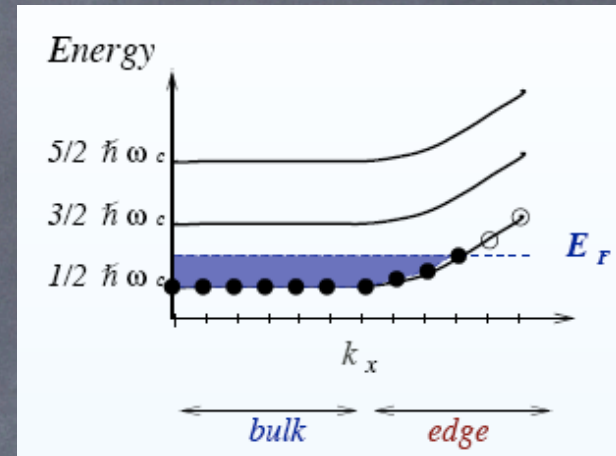
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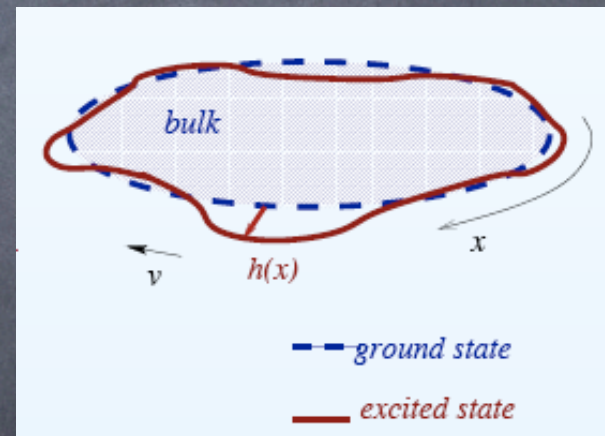
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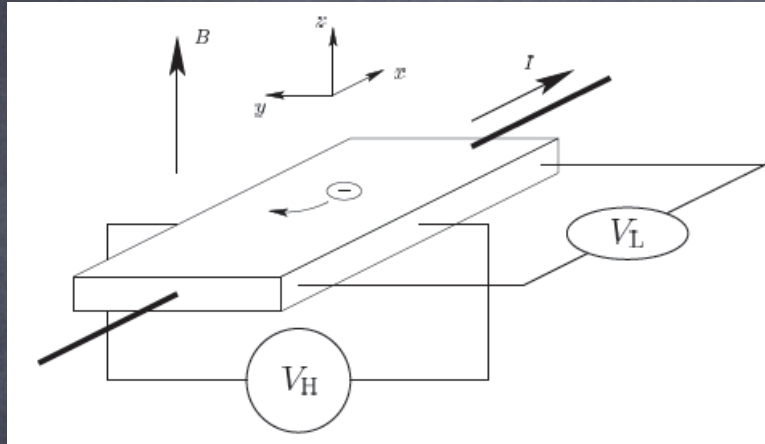
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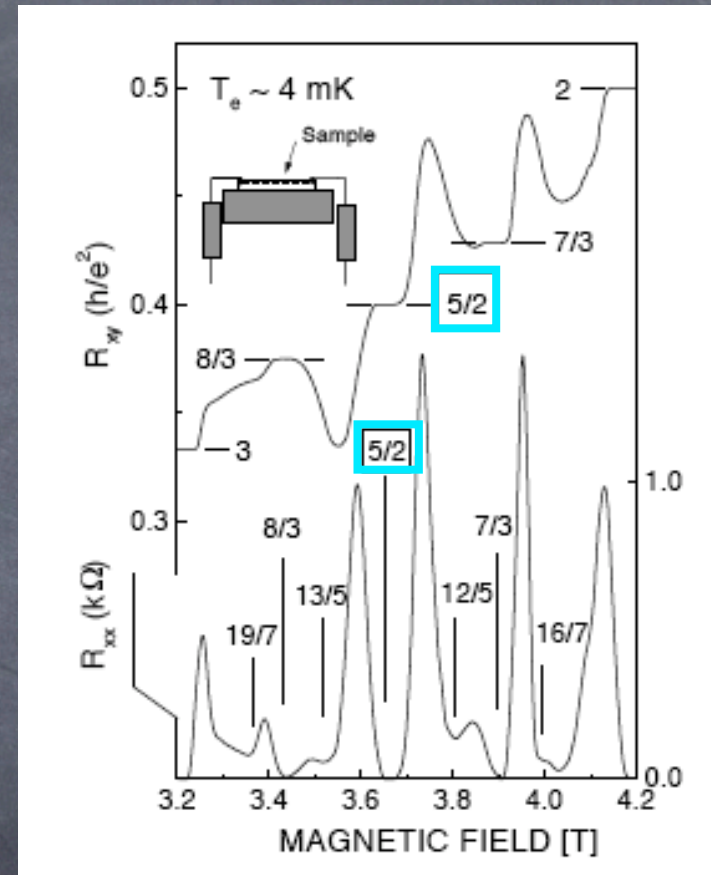
Real life?

Transport measurements of QHE

Quantum Hall setting



Quantized magnetotransport



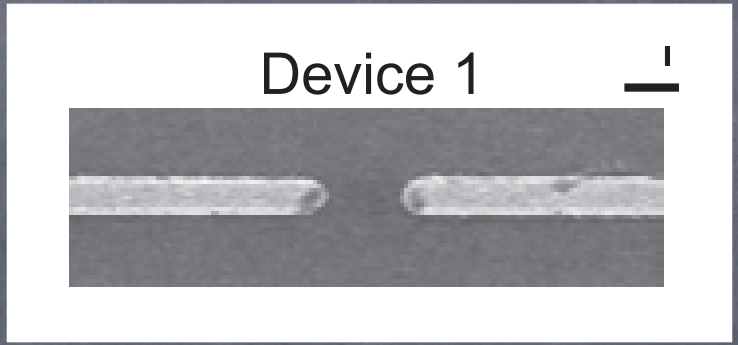
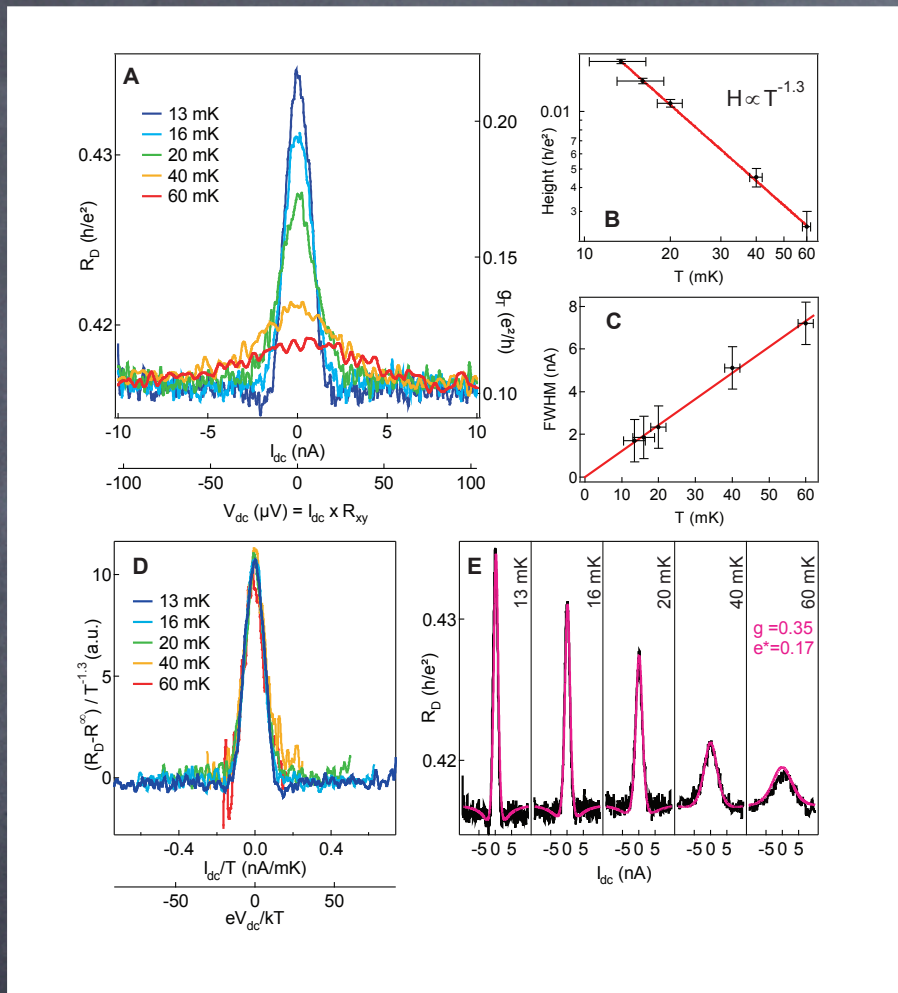
(from W. Pan et al, 1999)

-2D electron system

-low T, large magnetic field ~ 10 T

-Robust and precise quantization $R_H = h/ve^2$

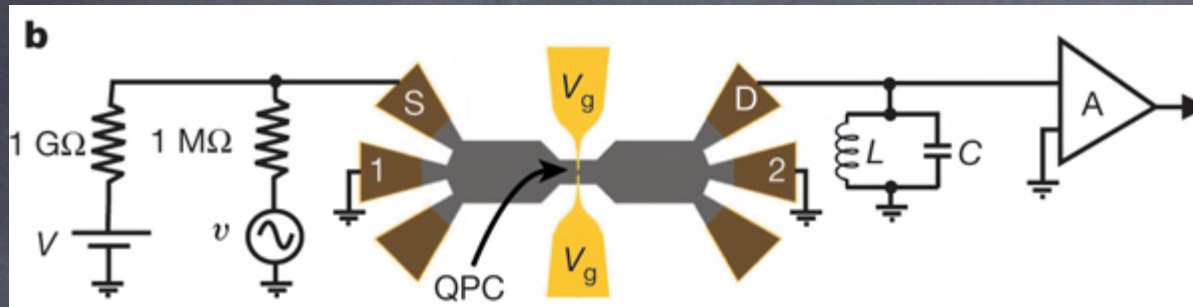
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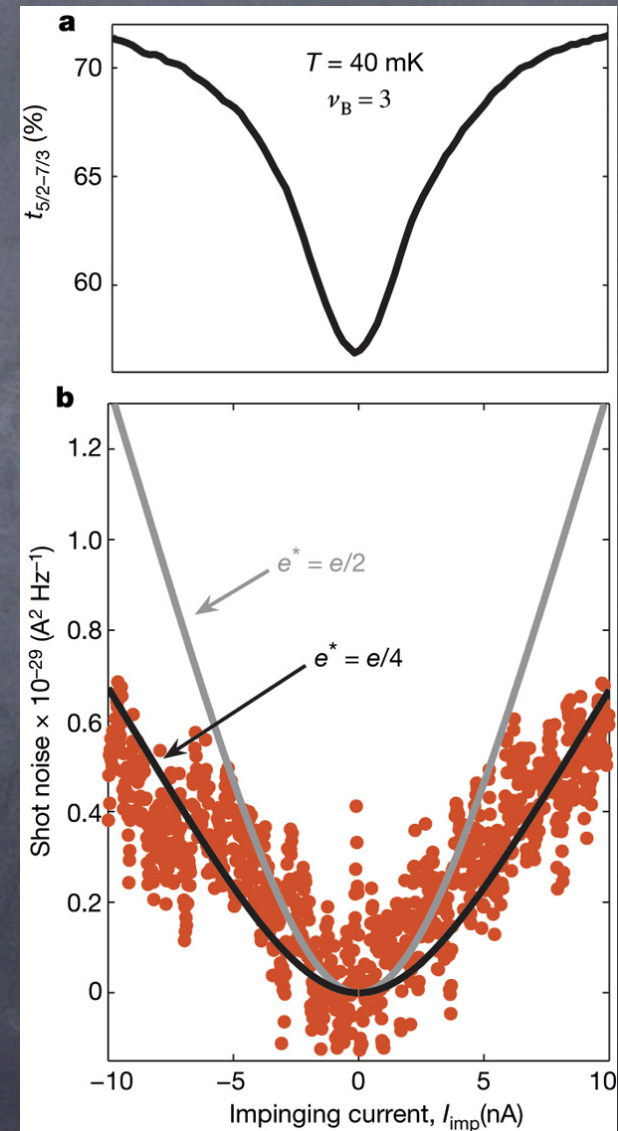
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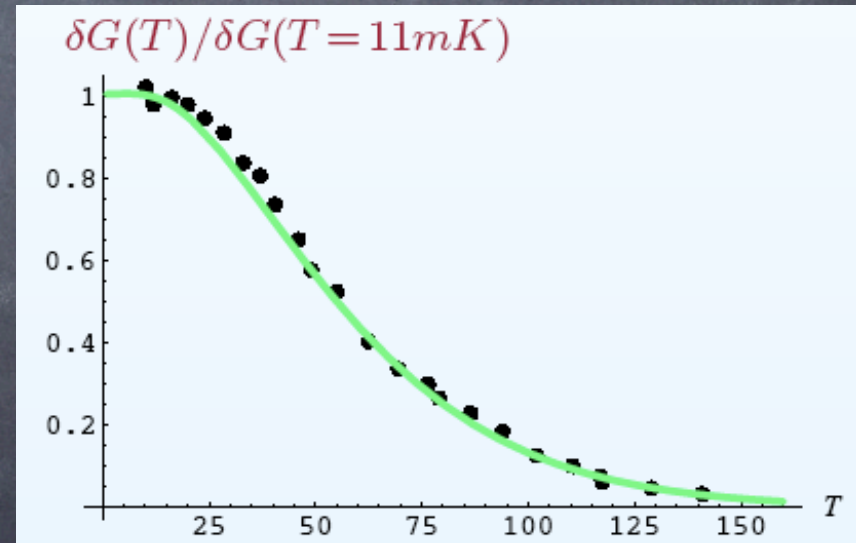
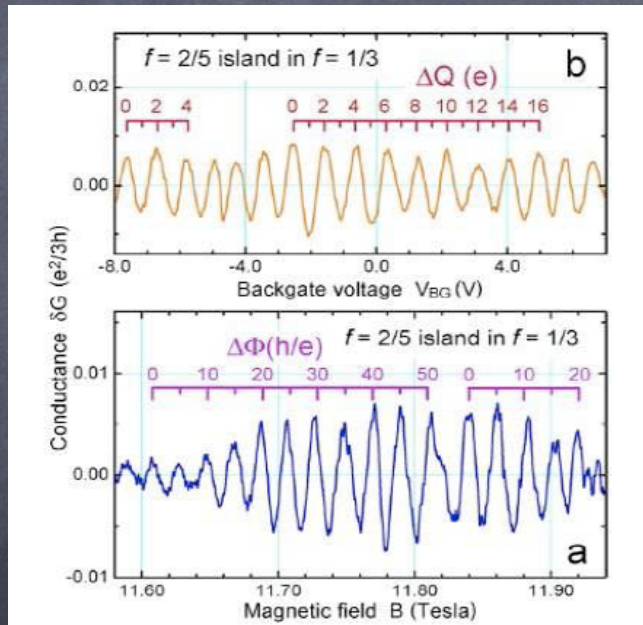
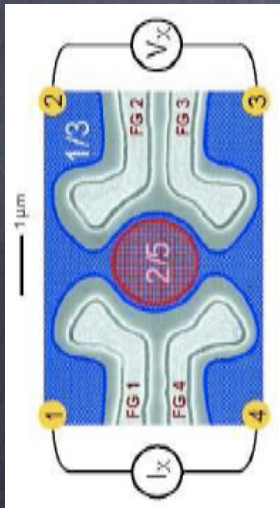
Double PC interferometer

Success in the abelian case $\nu = 1/3$

– V. Goldman (2005) – Theory (E.-A. Kim, 2006)

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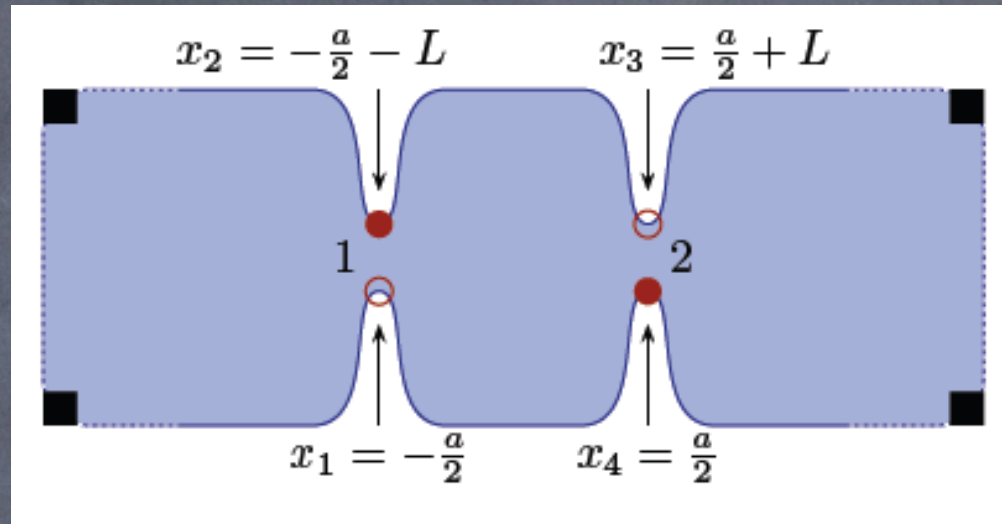
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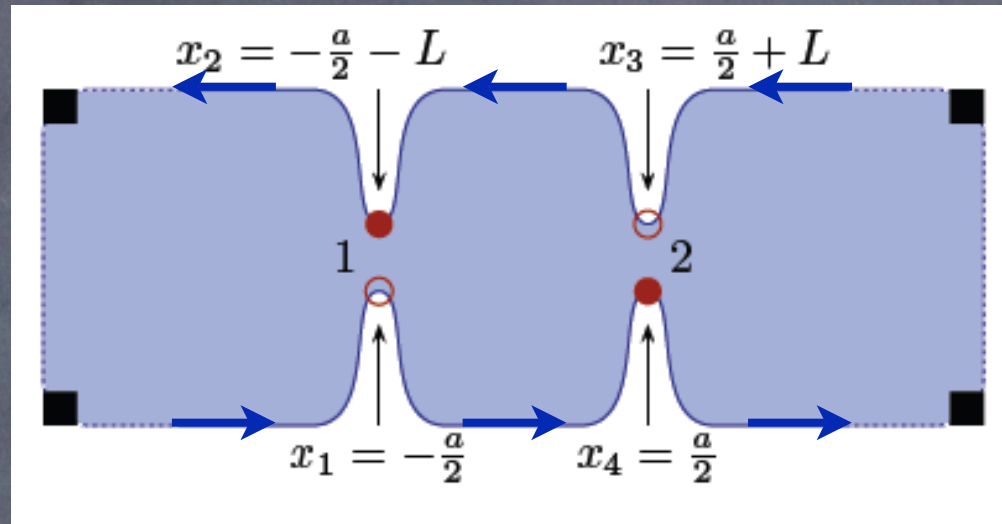
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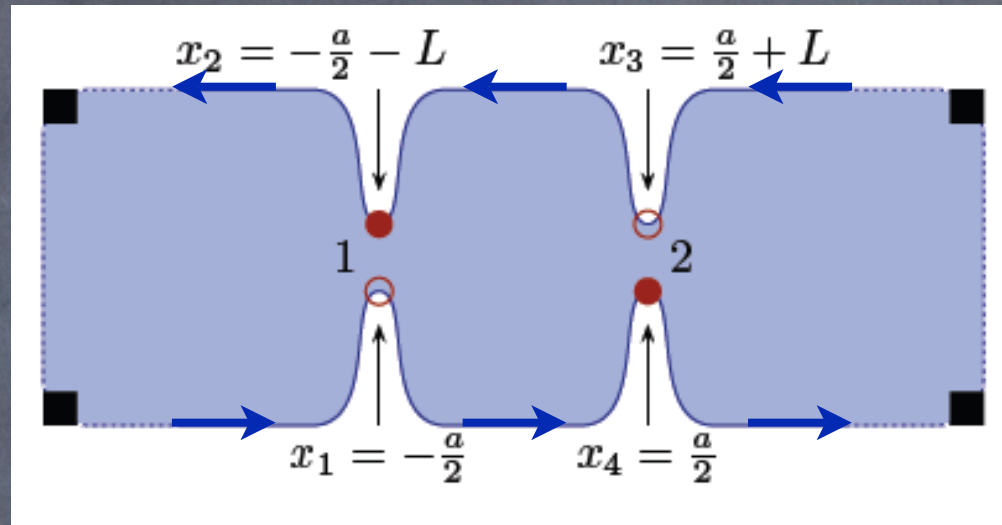
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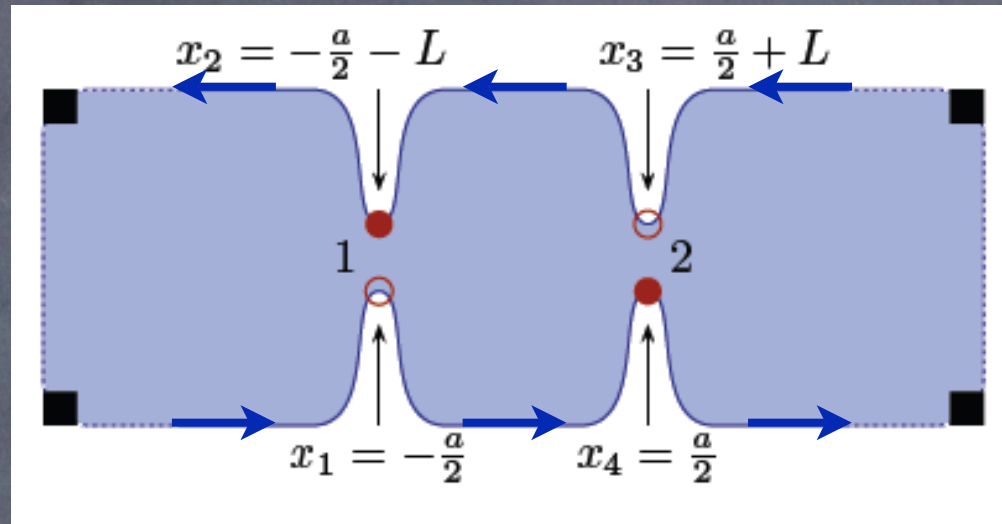
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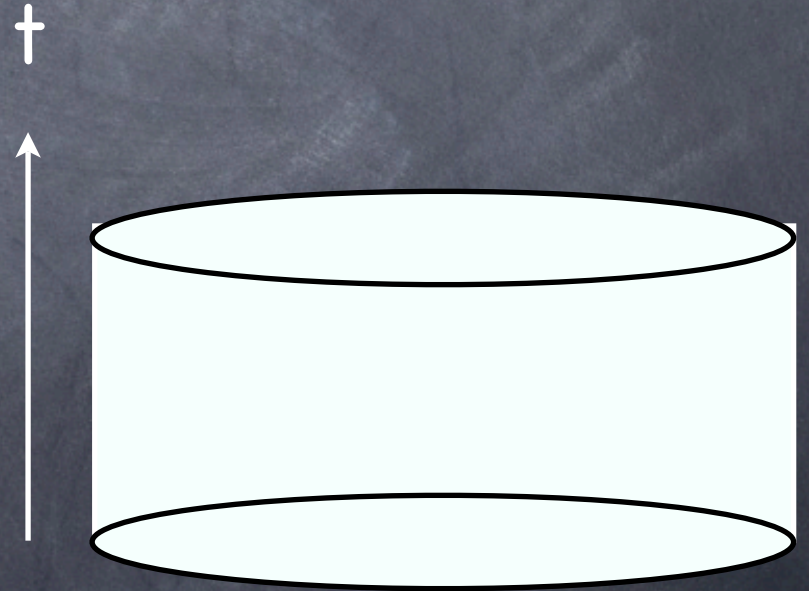
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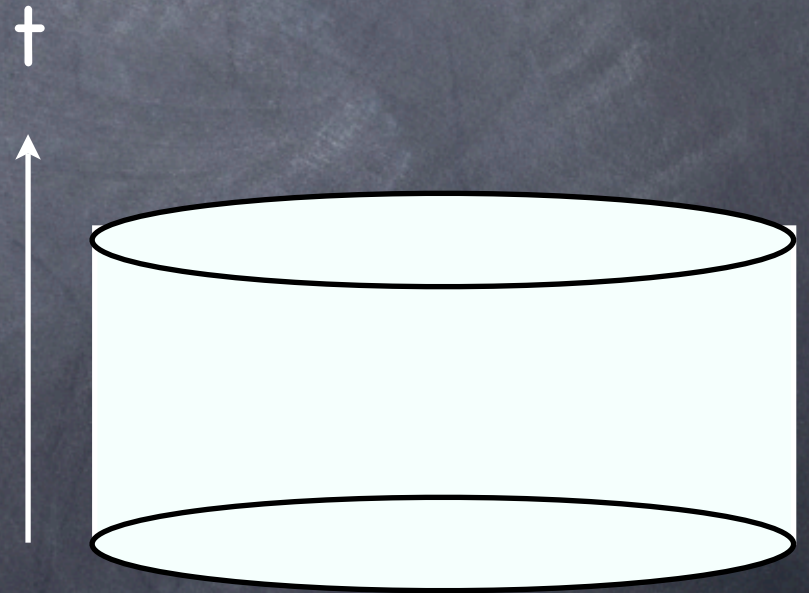
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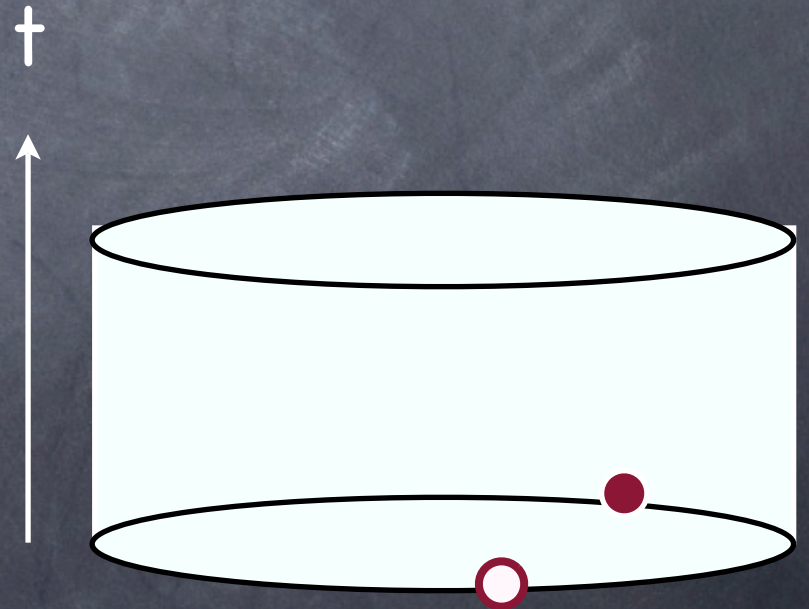
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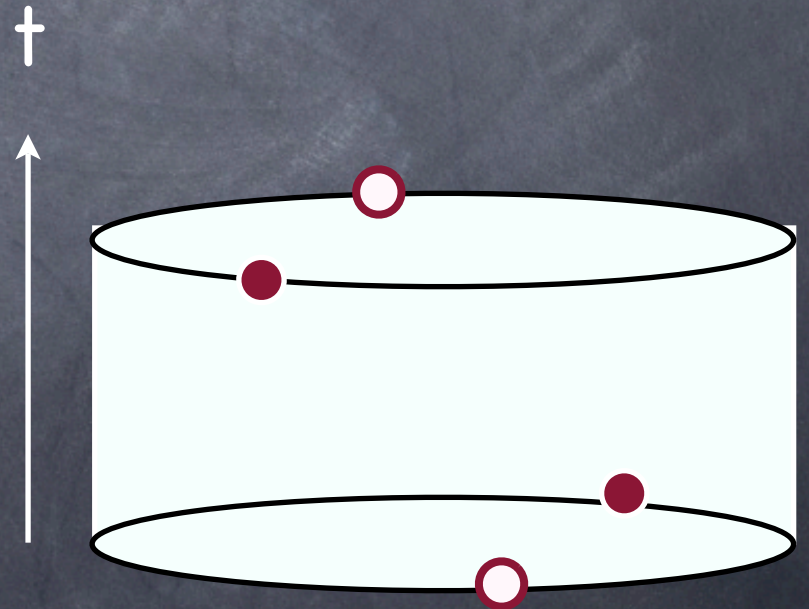
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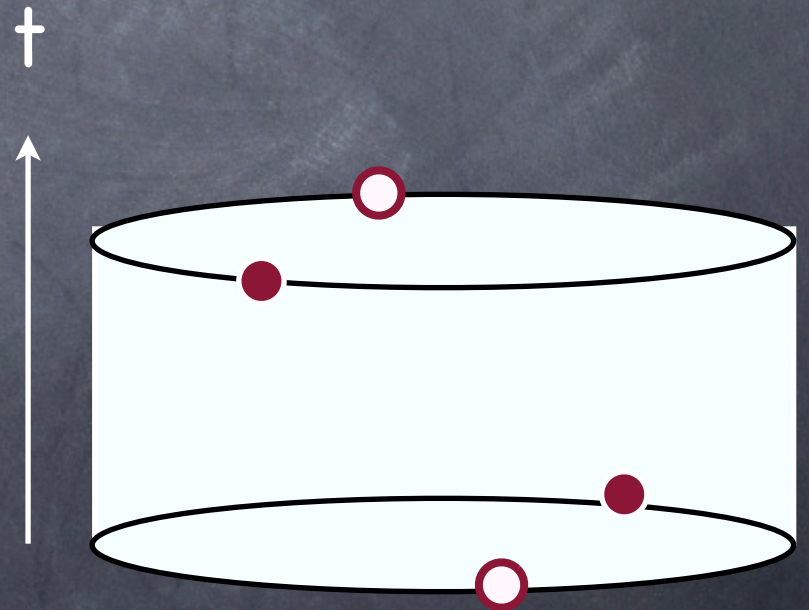
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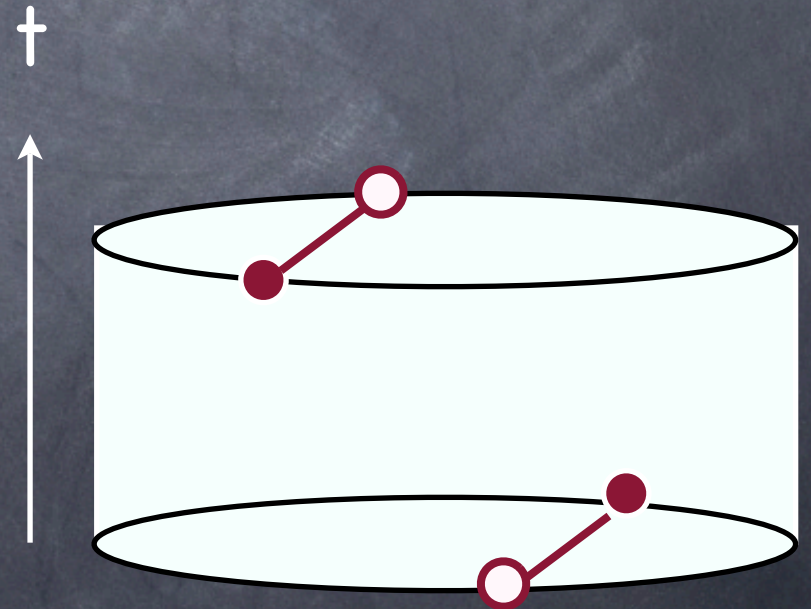
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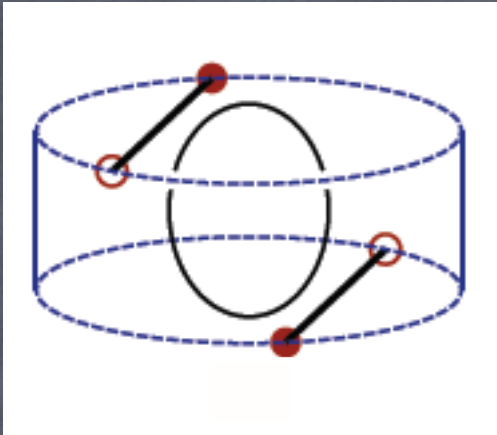
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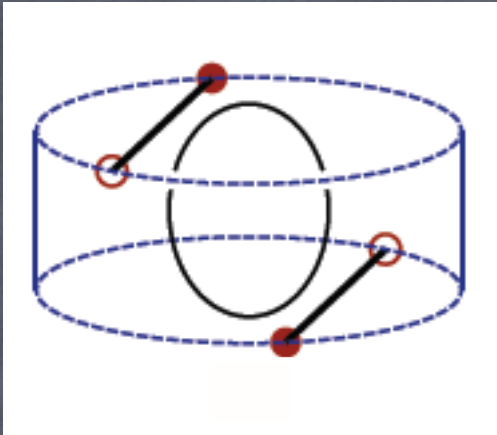
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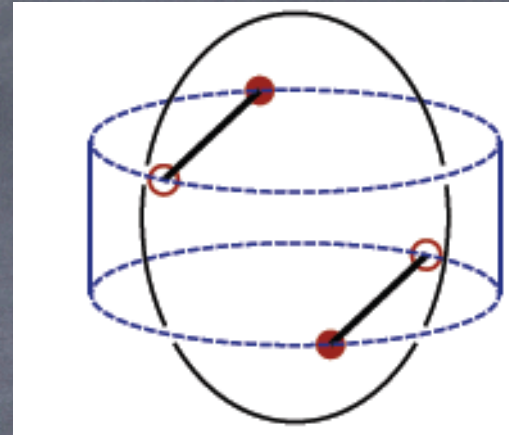
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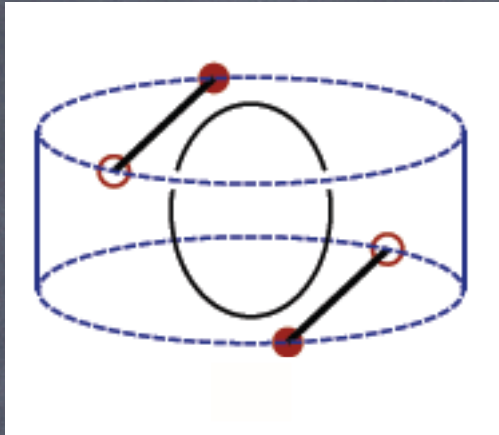
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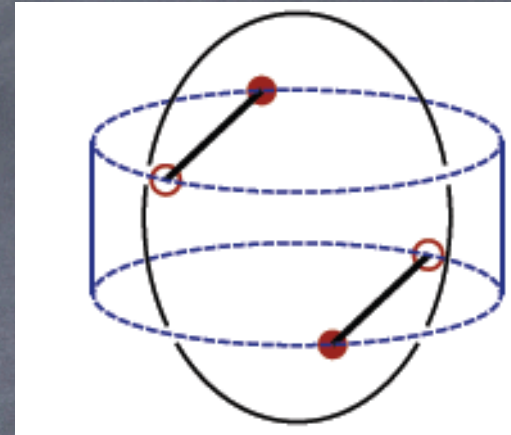
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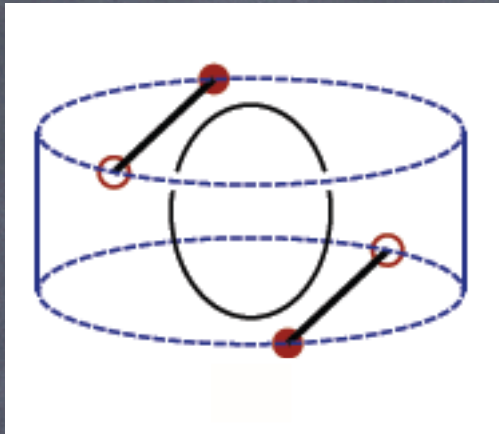


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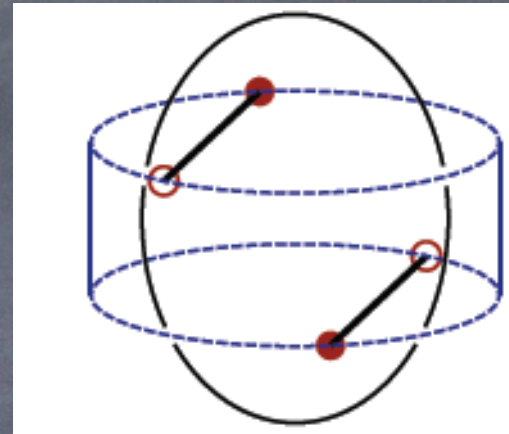
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Can these two possibilities
show up in measurable
quantities for the MR state ?

The current v.s. the noise

- Current defined as a response

$$\langle \hat{I}(t) \rangle = -i \int_{-\infty}^t dt' \langle [\hat{I}(t), \hat{H}_{\text{tun}}(t')] \rangle$$

commutator

- Noise (fluctuation)

$$S(\omega) = \frac{1}{2} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dt' e^{i\omega t'} \langle \{\hat{I}(t), \hat{I}(t')\} \rangle$$

anti-commutator

Edge state theory

• The charge: chiral boson ϕ_c

$$\mathcal{L}_c = 1/(2\pi) \partial_x \varphi_c (\partial_t + v \partial_x) \varphi_c$$

• Non-Abelian statistics: Ising conformal field theory

– Primary fields $1, \psi, \sigma$

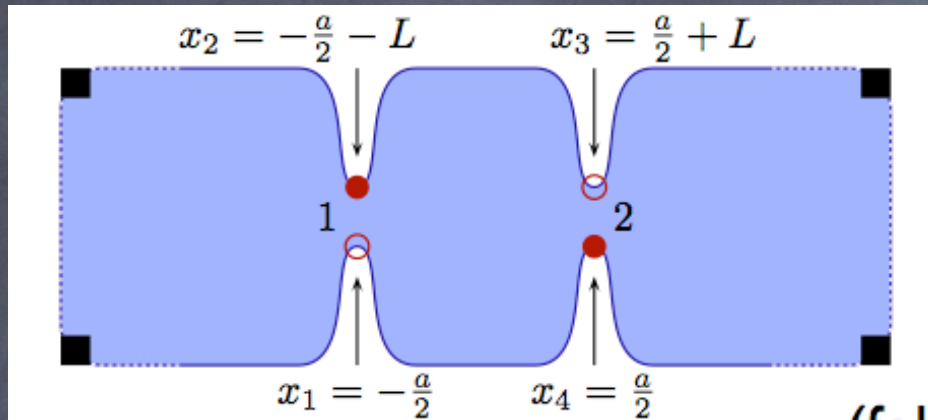
– Electron operator: $V_{\text{el}}(z) = \psi(z) e^{i\sqrt{2}\varphi_c(z)}$

– Quasi-particle operator: $V_{\text{qh}}(z) = \sigma(z) e^{i/\sqrt{8}\varphi_c(z)}$

, where

$$z = i(vt - x)$$

double PC calculation



(after C. Chamon et al.)

PC tunneling: instantaneous charge transfer

$$\hat{V}_1(t) = \sigma(x_1, t)\sigma(x_2, t)e^{i/\sqrt{8}\varphi_c(x_1, t)}e^{-i/\sqrt{8}\varphi_c(x_2, t)}$$

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Tunneling Hamiltonian

$$\hat{H}_{\text{tun}}(t) = \sum_j \Gamma_j(t)\hat{V}_j(t) + \text{h.c.} \quad \Gamma_j(t) = \Gamma_j e^{i\omega_0 t} \quad \omega_0 = \frac{e^*V}{\hbar}$$

current and noise

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Both require four- σ correlator

Ising CFT technology

👁 Fusion rule: a part of definition of CFT

$$\psi \times \psi = \mathbf{1}$$

$$\sigma \times \sigma = \mathbf{1} + \psi$$

$$\sigma \times \psi = \sigma$$

👁 four σ correlator:

simplest object displaying non-Abelian nature

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \sigma(z_1)\sigma(z_2)\sigma(z_3)\sigma(z_4) \rangle^{(p)} &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(z_1 - z_2)^{-\frac{1}{8}}(z_3 - z_4)^{-\frac{1}{8}}(1 - \xi)^{-1/8} \\ &\quad \times \sqrt{1 + (-1)^p \sqrt{1 - \xi}} \end{aligned} \quad \xi = \frac{(z_1 - z_2)(z_3 - z_4)}{(z_1 - z_4)(z_3 - z_2)}$$

👁 Two channels $p=0,1$: the key feature of non-Abelian statistics. (qubit)

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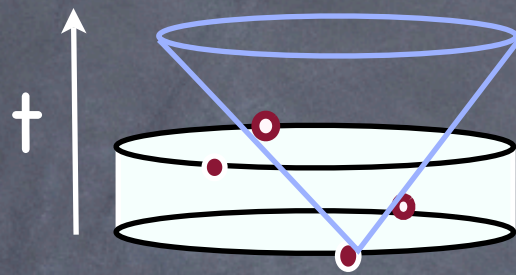
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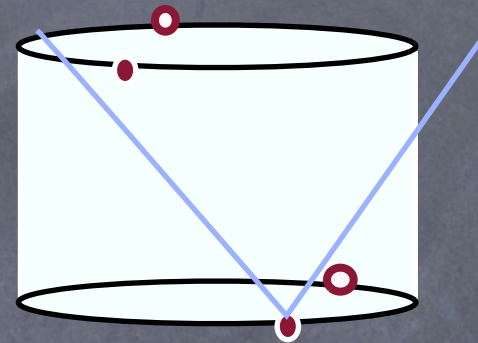
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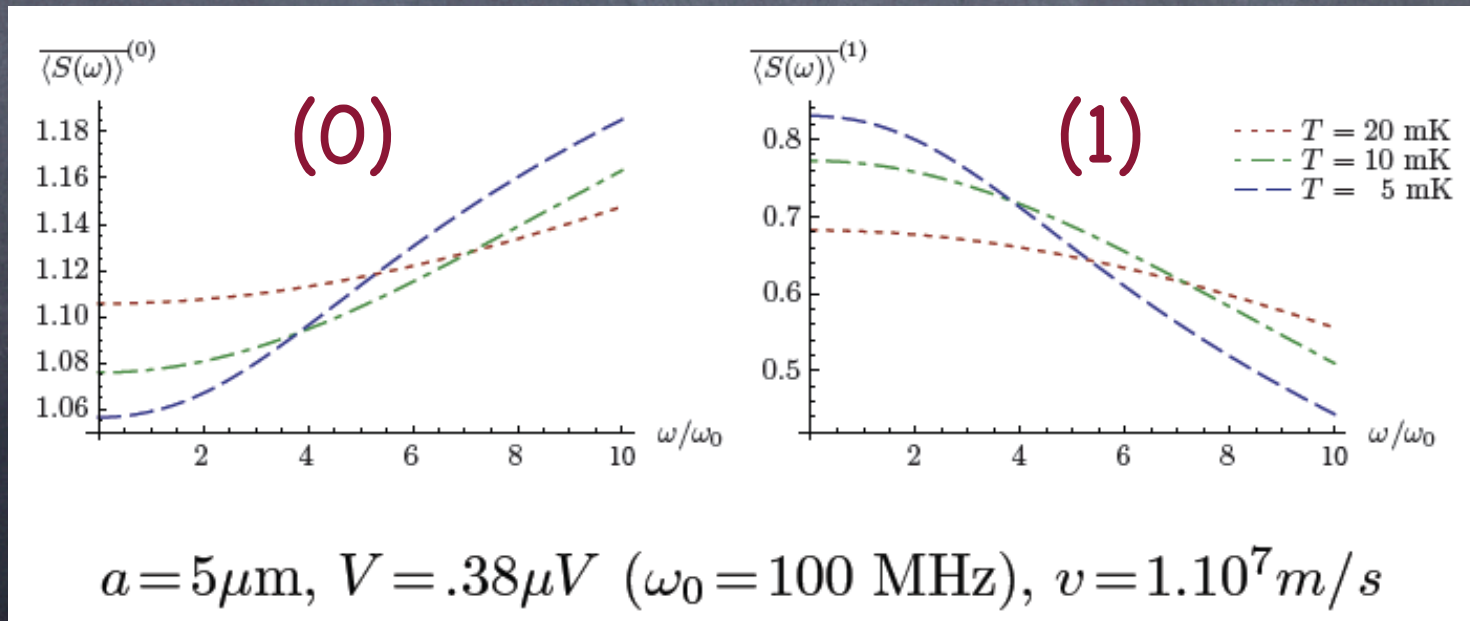


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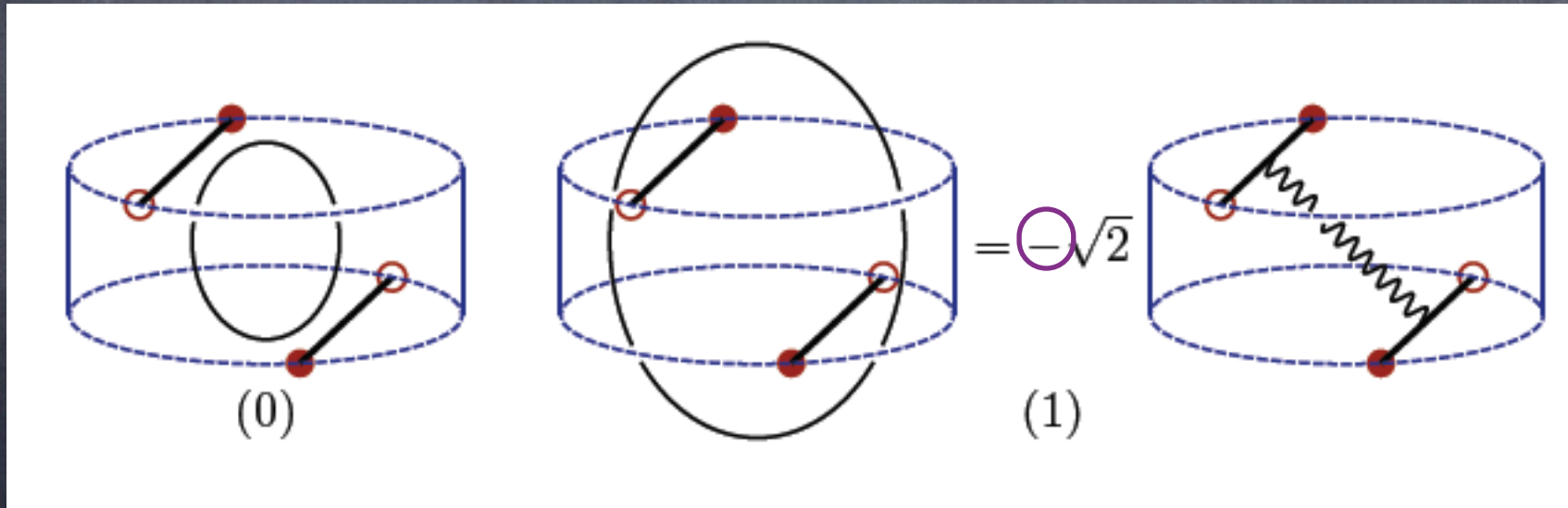
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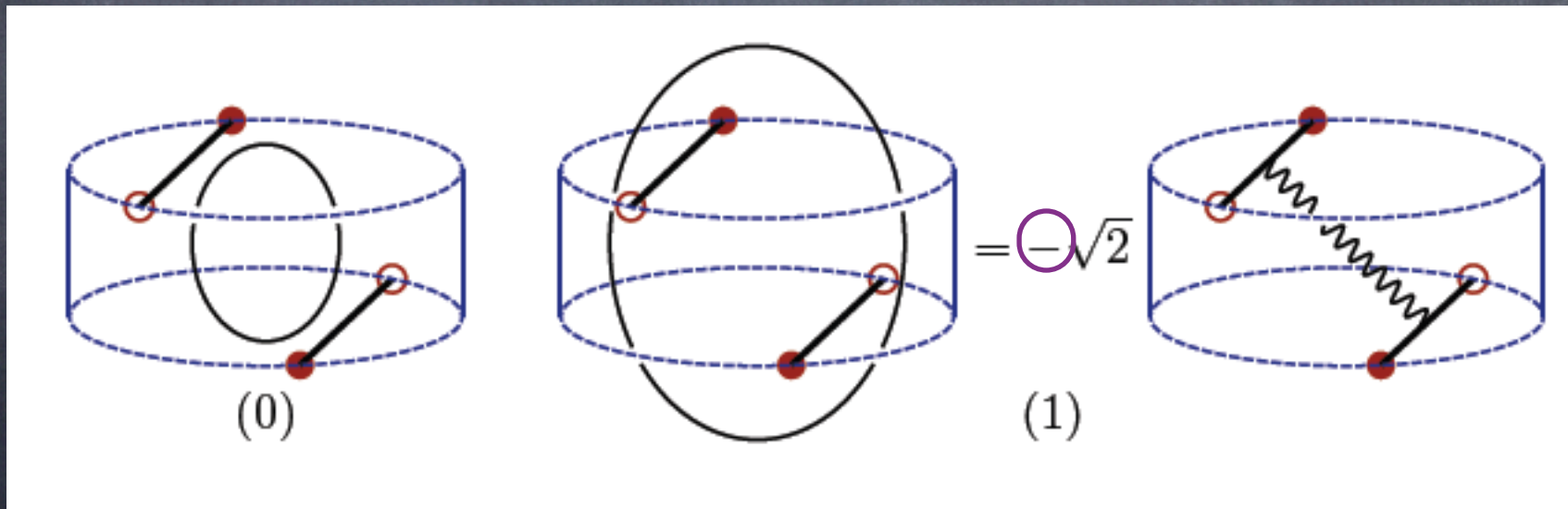


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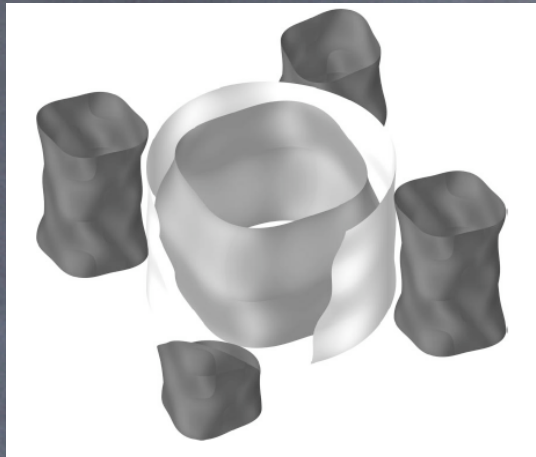
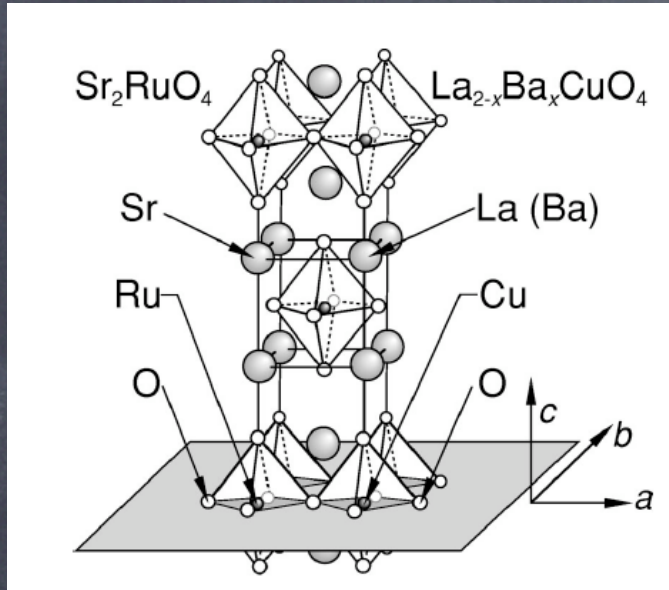
In search of topological states with fractionalized excitations.

- Topological order and fractionalization
- Poking at Fractional quantum Hall states
- Stability of $1/2$ -qv's in SrRuO
- Summary and outlook

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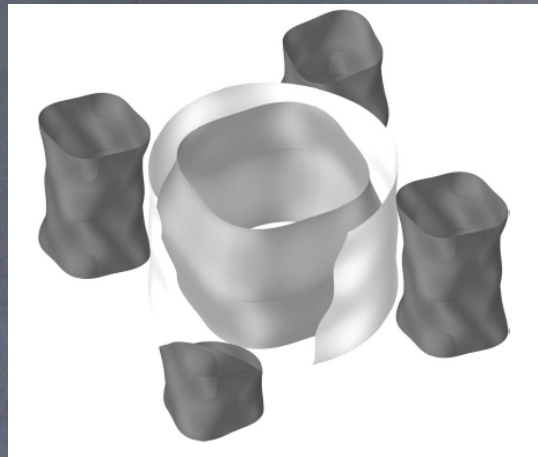
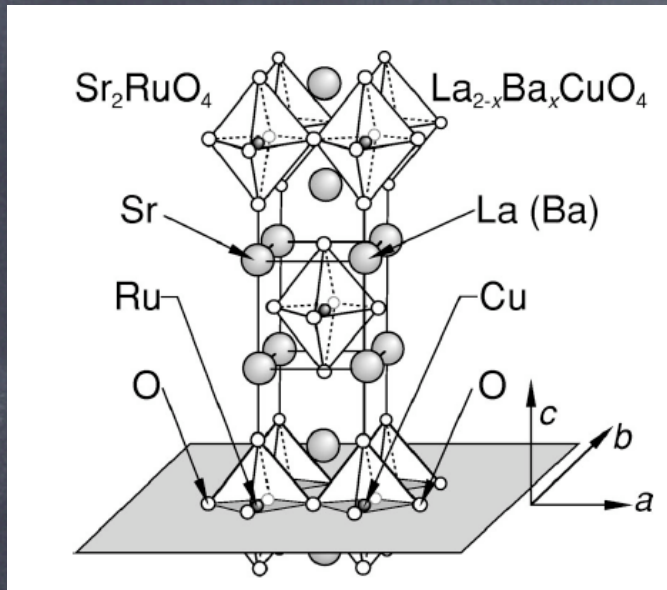
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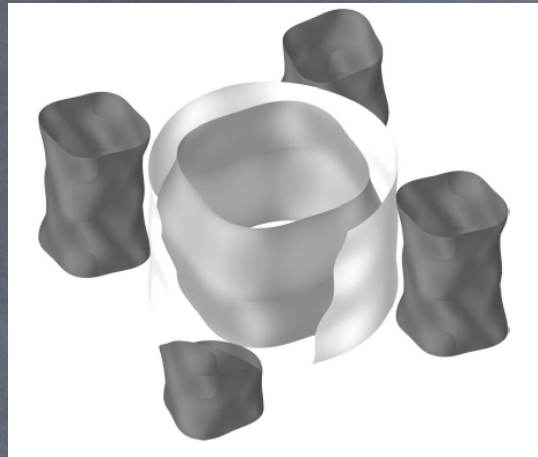
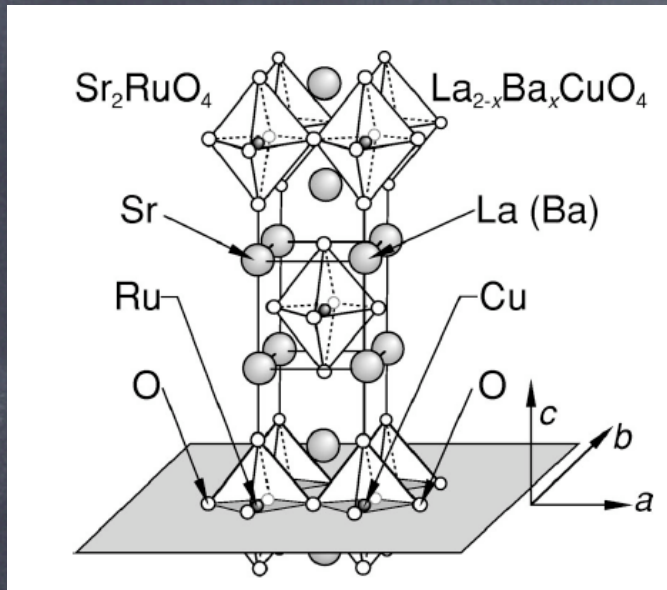


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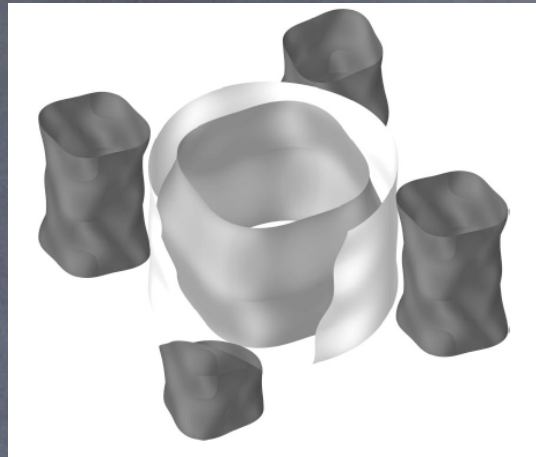
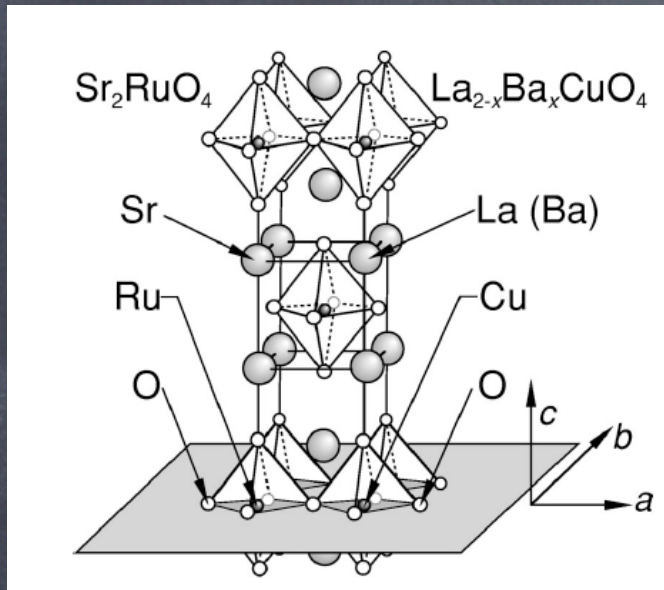
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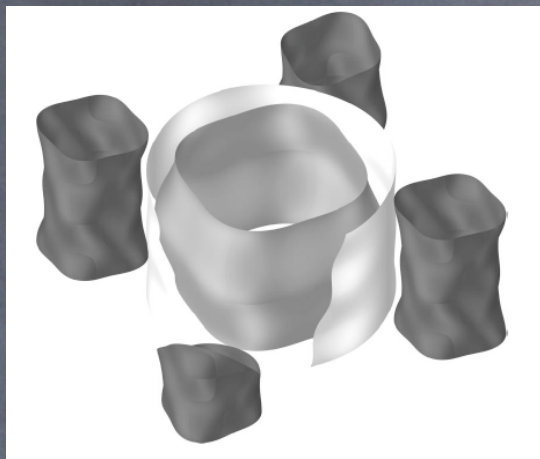
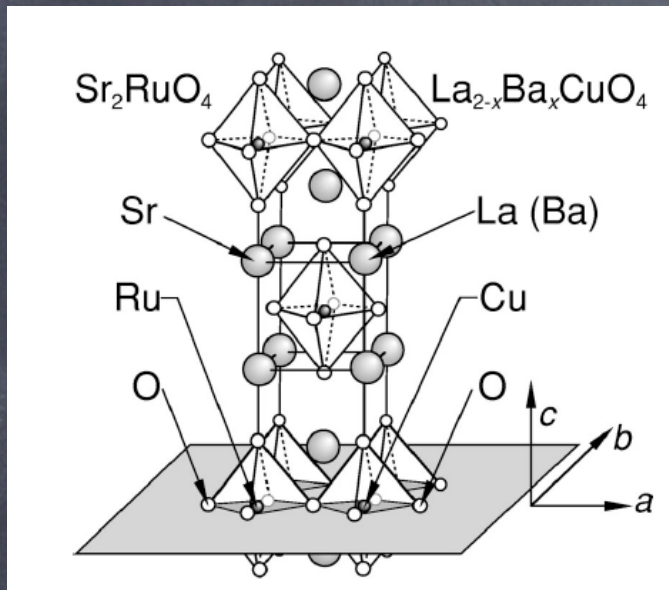
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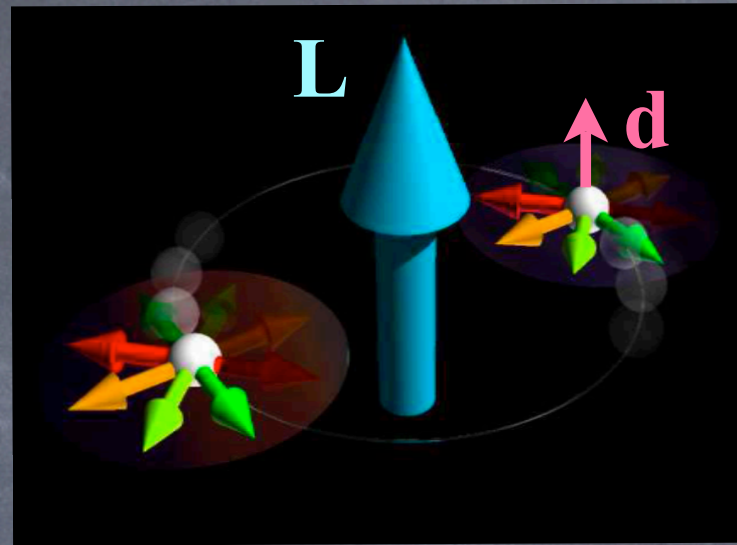
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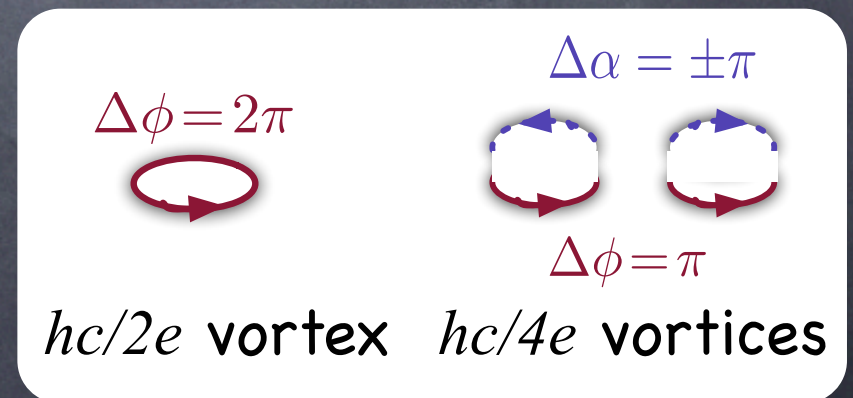
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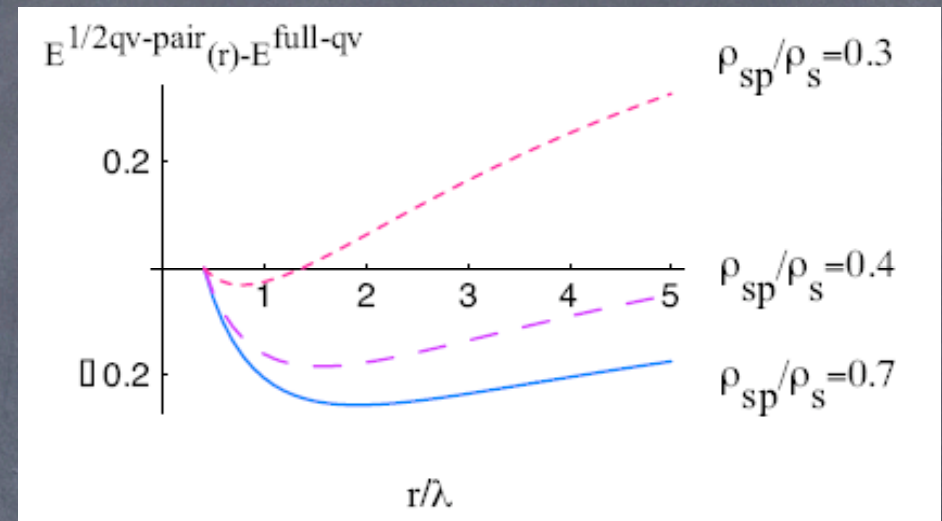
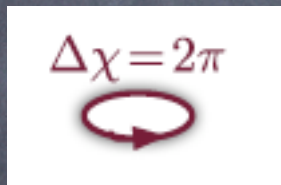
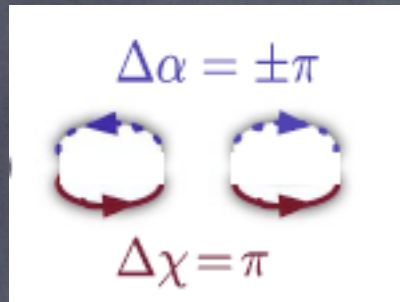
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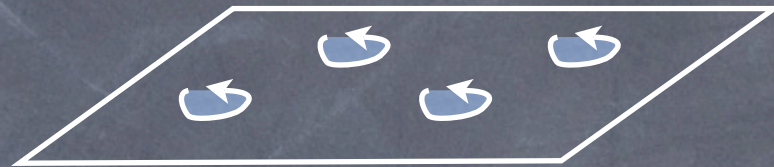
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