

# Composite particles

Girvin + MacDonald 1987  
N.R. 1989  
Zhang et al "  
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Lack of kinetic energy makes it easy for pkle (e.g. electron) and vortex (quasihole) to bind:



Sim a pkle and Q vortices.

Adiabatic calculation only used average density of fluid, not details of its correlations. So we find at filling  $\nu$ :

- pkle + Q vortices experiences net effective  $eB$  of  $1 - Q\nu$  in uniform state

- Q vortices exchanged with Q gives statistical phase  $e^{i\pi Q^2 \nu}$ .

So pkle + Q vortices has stats  $e^{i\theta}$ , where

$$\frac{\theta}{\pi} \equiv \begin{cases} (1 + Q^2 \nu) & (\text{mod } 2) & (\text{fermion}) \\ Q^2 \nu & (\text{mod } 2) & (\text{boson}) \end{cases}$$

Hence at  $\nu = \frac{1}{Q}$

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1) net  $eB$  is zero; states for composite can be lin. combs of plane waves, wavevector  $k$

2) composites are bosons if  $Q$  odd, fermions if  $Q$  is even, ~~inverse~~  
if particles are fermions (electrons); reverse if picles are bosons

Expect some effective kinetic energy  $\propto k^2$  at small  $k$  (details omitted)

[ Sim. for  $P$  picles,  $Q$  vortices,  $\nu = \frac{P}{Q}$ . ]

Now suppose we build ground state by such composites/bound states one by one, with small  $k$ .

## Composite bosons

As bosons, can place all in  $\underline{k}=0$  - Bose-Einstein condensate.

If  $\psi^+(z)$  = creation op for plele at  $z$  in LLL,  
 and  $U(z)^2 = \prod_i (z_i - z)^Q e^{-\frac{1}{4}|z|^2}$  (in first quantization)  
 - creates  $Q$  holes at  $z$

then  $b_{\underline{k}=0}^+ = \int d^2z \psi^+(z) U(z)^2$  is " $\underline{k}=0$ " comp. boson creation

$(b_{\underline{k}=0}^+)^N |0\rangle$  is BEC, and is exactly the Laughlin state  
 (N.R. 1989)

- long-range off-diagonal order in  $\psi^+(z) U(z)^2$  - order parameter

- couples to gauge potential ~~with~~  $\underline{a} - \underline{A}$ ,  $\nabla \times (\underline{a} - \underline{A}) = 2\pi Q \langle n \rangle - 1$

Quasiparticles are vortices in order parameter, flux/vorticity quantization ( $\neq$  finite energy)  
 implies they carry charge (number) in multiples of

$$\pm 1/Q$$

(Girvin/MacDonald  
1987)

and have fractional statistics - Chern-Simons-Landau-Ginsburg Hy  
 - non-zero energy  $\Rightarrow$  Meissner effect for composite, incompressible

## Composite fermions

e.g. if ptles are fermions (electrons), at  $\nu = \frac{1}{Q}$ ,  $Q$  even.

Two possibilities:

1) comp. fermions form Fermi sea,  $|\underline{k}| < k_F$  occupied:

— absence of a BEC implies there is no Meissner effect (for  $\underline{a}-\underline{A}$ )  
state is compressible + gapless (Halperin, Lee, Read 1993)

2) If comp. fermions form Cooper pairs, pairs are bosons,  
can condense à la BCS (Moore + NR 1991)

— state is incompressible once again

As we treated spin as absent or polarized, pairing must be  
odd angular momentum, e.g. p-wave.

Possible excitations will be:

a) vortices with charge  $\pm \frac{1}{2Q}$  due to pairing;

b) fermions from breaking pairs — BCS quasiparticles

# BCS Theory of $p \pm ip$ paired states

(NR + Green 2000) (19)  
 - completed at IHP in 1999!

Spinless fermions in  $2D$ , zero magnetic field.

Solve effective mean-field Hamiltonian

$$\{c_{\underline{u}}, c_{\underline{u}'}^{\dagger}\} = \delta_{\underline{u}, \underline{u}'}$$

$$K_{\text{eff}} = \sum_{\underline{u}} \left[ \xi_{\underline{u}} c_{\underline{u}}^{\dagger} c_{\underline{u}} + \frac{1}{2} (\bar{\Delta}_{\underline{u}} c_{-\underline{u}} c_{\underline{u}} + \Delta_{\underline{u}} c_{\underline{u}}^{\dagger} c_{-\underline{u}}^{\dagger}) \right]$$

$$\xi_{\underline{u}} = \frac{\hbar^2 k^2}{2m^*} - \mu, \quad \Delta_{\underline{u}} = \text{gap function. Assume here } \Delta_{\underline{u}} \text{ is ang. mom } l=-1,$$

$$\Delta_{\underline{u}} \approx \hat{\Delta} (k_x - i k_y) \text{ at small } \underline{k} \text{ ("p-ip" form)}$$

( $\hat{\Delta} = \text{const}$ )

Ground state has form  $|\Omega\rangle = \prod_{\underline{u}} (u_{\underline{u}} + v_{\underline{u}} c_{\underline{u}}^{\dagger} c_{-\underline{u}}^{\dagger}) |0\rangle$

$$|u_{\underline{u}}|^2 + |v_{\underline{u}}|^2 = 1, \text{ all } \underline{u}.$$

↑ each  $(\underline{u}, -\underline{u})$  once

Bogoliubov transf<sup>n</sup>:  $\alpha_{\underline{u}} = u_{\underline{u}} c_{\underline{u}} - v_{\underline{u}} c_{-\underline{u}}^{\dagger}, \alpha_{\underline{u}}^{\dagger} = \bar{u}_{\underline{u}} c_{\underline{u}}^{\dagger} - \bar{v}_{\underline{u}} c_{-\underline{u}}$

and  $\alpha_{\underline{u}} |\Omega\rangle = 0$  all  $\underline{u}$ ; Ham becomes

$$K_{\text{eff}} = \sum_{\underline{u}} E_{\underline{u}} \alpha_{\underline{u}}^{\dagger} \alpha_{\underline{u}} + \text{const} \quad (E_{\underline{u}} \geq 0)$$

form of  
Bogoliubov  
-de Gennes  
eq

$$\begin{cases} E_{\underline{u}} u_{\underline{u}} = \xi_{\underline{u}} u_{\underline{u}} - \bar{\Delta}_{\underline{u}} v_{\underline{u}} \\ E_{\underline{u}} v_{\underline{u}} = -\xi_{\underline{u}} v_{\underline{u}} - \Delta_{\underline{u}} u_{\underline{u}} \end{cases}$$

$$\Rightarrow E_{\underline{u}} = \sqrt{\xi_{\underline{u}}^2 + |\Delta_{\underline{u}}|^2}, \quad |u_{\underline{u}}|^2 = \frac{1}{2} \left( 1 + \frac{\xi_{\underline{u}}}{E_{\underline{u}}} \right)$$

$$v_{\underline{u}}/u_{\underline{u}} = -\frac{(E_{\underline{u}} - \xi_{\underline{u}})}{\Delta_{\underline{u}}}$$

Ground state

$$|\Omega\rangle = \prod_{\underline{u}} |u_{\underline{u}}|^{1/2} \exp\left(\frac{1}{2} \sum_{\underline{u}} g_{\underline{u}} c_{\underline{u}}^+ c_{-\underline{u}}^+\right) |0\rangle, \quad g_{\underline{u}} = \frac{v_{\underline{u}}}{u_{\underline{u}}}$$

(because  $c_{\underline{u}}^{+2} = 0$ )

In position space, N pble part of ground state has wavefunction

$$\langle \underline{r}_1 \dots \underline{r}_N | \Omega \rangle = \bar{\Psi}(\underline{r}_1 \dots \underline{r}_N) = \frac{1}{2^{N/2} (N/2)!} \sum_P \text{sgn } P \prod_{i=1}^{N/2} g(\underline{r}_{P(2i-1)} - \underline{r}_{P(2i)})$$

with  $g(\underline{r}) = L^{-2} \sum_{\underline{u}} e^{i\mathbf{k} \cdot \underline{r}} g_{\underline{u}}$ . Right-hand side is the Pfaffian of antisymmetric matrix  $M_{ij} = g(\underline{r}_i - \underline{r}_j)$ ,

$$\text{Pf } M = \frac{1}{2^{N/2} (N/2)!} \sum_P \text{sgn } P \prod_{i=1}^{N/2} M_{P(2i-1), P(2i)} = M_{12} M_{34} M_{58} \dots$$

± distinct perms  
=  $\sqrt{\det M}$

For  $P \neq ip$ ,  $E_{\underline{u}} \sim \sqrt{\mu^2 + \hat{\Delta}^2 |\underline{k}|^2}$  at small  $\frac{\hbar \mu}{2m^*}$ , gap goes to zero at  $\mu = 0$ .

$\mu \geq 0$  corresponds to weak-coupling  $\mu \approx \frac{\hbar_F^2}{2m^*}$  - weak-pairing phase

$\mu < 0$  " " strongly attractive int,  $\mu \rightarrow -\infty$ , - strong-pairing phase

Strong-pairing phase: as  $\underline{k} \rightarrow 0$ ,  $E_{\underline{k}} \rightarrow |\mu|$ ,

$$g_{\underline{k}} = v_{\underline{k}}/u_{\underline{k}} \propto k_x - ik_y, \text{ analytic in } k_x, k_y.$$

so  $g(\Sigma) \sim e^{-r/3}$  at large  $r$ , as in s-wave case

Weak-pairing phase;

$$g_{\underline{k}} = \frac{v_{\underline{k}}}{u_{\underline{k}}} \propto \frac{1}{k_x + ik_y}, \quad \boxed{g(\Sigma) \propto \frac{1}{x + iy}} \quad \text{large } r$$

— long-range, responsible for non-trivial physics

$\mathbb{R}^2$   $\underline{k}$ -space topology:  $\underline{k} \mapsto (u_{\underline{k}}, v_{\underline{k}})$  (up to overall phase ~~of~~ change of  $u_{\underline{k}}$  and  $v_{\underline{k}}$ )  
is a map  $\mathbb{R}^2$  (or  $\mathbb{T}^2$ )  $\rightarrow S^2$ , sphere.

With b.c.  $u_{\underline{k}} \rightarrow 0$  at  $\infty$ ,  $v_{\underline{k}} \rightarrow 0$  there. Maps  $S^2 \rightarrow S^2$  classified by  $\pi_2(S^2) = \mathbb{Z}$ .

Strong-pairing phase is top. trivial (like s-wave),

weak-pairing phase has winding no = 1.

# Edge, domain walls, vortices

At an edge, potential  $V(x)$  can be subsumed into  $-\mu + V(x) = -\mu(x)$ .  
 If bulk is weak pairing,  $\mu > 0$ , then as  $V(x) \rightarrow \infty$  outside edge,  $\mu(x) \rightarrow -\infty$  there.  
 Generically equiv to domain wall between weak and strong



In position space, BdG eq at small  $\hbar$  becomes

$$\begin{aligned} E u &= -\mu(x) u + i\hat{\Delta} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{d}{dx} & -i\frac{d}{dy} \end{pmatrix} v \\ E v &= \mu(x) u + i\hat{\Delta} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{d}{dx} & +i\frac{d}{dy} \end{pmatrix} u \end{aligned}$$

- a form of the Dirac eq,

Put  $y$ -dep  $\rightarrow e^{iky}$ . At  $k_y = 0$ , there is a bound state

$$-iv(x) = \boxed{u(x) \propto e^{-i\pi/4} \exp\left[-\frac{1}{\hat{\Delta}} \int^x \mu(x) dx\right]}$$

(Jackiw-Rebbi 1976) but with reality condition  $u(r,t) = v(r,t)$  makes it Majorana eq in 2+1

For  $k_y \neq 0$ , we have  $E = -\hat{\Delta}k_y$ , a chiral Majorana fermion mode.



# Vortices

minimal vortex in weak-pairing phase

$\hat{\Delta}(x) \rightarrow 0$  at vortex core, so  $\hat{h}$  model  $\hat{h}$  as circular domain wall.  
In addition, we should include  $\frac{hc}{2e}$  of magnetic flux. (as  $\delta$ -fn in center).

BIG :

$$\hat{\Delta} i e^{i\theta} \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial r} + \frac{i}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \right) v = \mu v$$

$$\hat{\Delta} i e^{-i\theta} \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial r} - \frac{i}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \right) u = -\mu v$$

for  $E=0$ ,  
gauge choice:  $A=0$   
and  $u(r, \theta) = -u(r, \theta + 2\pi)$   
 $v(r, \theta) = -v(r, \theta + 2\pi)$

and has a sol<sup>n</sup> with  $v = \bar{u}$ . This means the term in the field operators is a Majorana zero-mode operator  $\gamma = \gamma^\dagger$ .

No such exact zero mode in strong-pairing (or in s-wave)

For  $n$  vortices, well-separated, we obtain one such operator  $\gamma_i$  for each  $i=1 \dots n$ .  
The zero energies may be split by amounts  $\sim e^{-r_{ij}/\xi}$ ,  $\xi \sim \frac{\hat{\Delta}}{\mu}$

By forming complex ops  $f_i = \gamma_i + i\gamma_{i+1}$ ,  $f_i^\dagger = \gamma_i - i\gamma_{i+1}$ ,  $f_{i+1} = \gamma_{i+1} + i\gamma_{i+2}$ , ...  
with  $\{f_i, f_j^\dagger\} = \delta_{ij}$  ( $i=1, \dots, n/2$ ) we find that  $2^{n/2}$  states are needed (for  $n$  even;  $2^{(n+1)/2}$  for  $n$  odd).

Can argue that adiabatically exchanging the vortices gives a matrix operation on these degenerate states,

$$\propto 1 + \delta_{ij}$$


for exchanging  $i$  and  $j$  (enclosing no others)

— They possess non-Abelian statistics

Back to QH states: a trial state with  $p$ -ip form for composite fermions is "Pfaffian" state

$$\Psi_{MR} = \text{Pf} \left( \frac{1}{z_i - z_j} \right) \cdot \prod_{i < j} (z_i - z_j)^Q e^{-\frac{1}{4} \sum_i |z_i|^2}$$

(Moore + NR 1991)

Note it agrees with  $g(r) \propto \frac{1}{z}$  in  $p$ -ip. Here  $Q$  even for fermions, odd for bosons, and  $\nu = \frac{1}{Q}$ .

Physics is hybrid of  $p$ -ip and Laughlin states: quasiparticles of charge  $\pm \frac{1}{2Q}$  have non-Abelian stats.

MR state is exact for a short-range three-body int. special Hamiltonian (Greiter, Wen, Wilczek 1991)