

A bulk gap in the presence of edge states for a truncated Haldane pseudopotential

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Background: Haldane Pseudopotentials

Haldane pseudopotentials were originally introduced as Hamiltonian models for the fractional quantum Hall effect for $\nu = 1/(\rho + 2)$ with $\rho \geq 0$ odd.

- ▶ **Laughlin '83**: Ansatz for many-body ground state wave function Ψ_ρ .
- ▶ **Haldane '83**: Pseudopotential $W^\rho \geq 0$ obtained via projection onto lowest Landau level of repulsive, short-range, radially symmetric pair potential:

$$W^\rho = \sum_{i < j} P_{LLL} v_\rho(z_i - z_j) P_{LLL}, \quad v_\rho \propto \Delta^\rho \delta, \quad z = x + iy$$

Tailored so $\Psi_\rho \in \ker W^\rho$.

- ▶ **Haldane-Rezayi '85, Trugman-Kivelson '85, Lee-Papic-Thomale '17, ...**: More generalized study of various pseudopotentials on different 2D geometries.
- ▶ **Regnault-Jolicoeur '04, Cooper '08, ...**: Also model **rapidly rotating Bose gases (ρ even)**.
- ▶ **Lewin-Seiringer '09, Seiringer-Yngvason '20**: Haldane pseudopotentials realized as scaling limit.
- ▶ **Johri-Papic-Schmitteckert-Bhatt-Haldane '12**: Properties of pseudopotentials robust under change of geometry.

Properties and Conjectures:

Λ = physical space, N = number of particles, $\nu \approx \frac{N}{|\Lambda|}$ filling factor

1. **Ground States:** Zero energy states $\psi \in \mathcal{G}_\Lambda = \ker W_\Lambda^p \subset \oplus_N \mathcal{H}_\Lambda^N$ satisfy $\nu \leq \nu(p) := \frac{1}{p+2}$.

▶ E.g. Ψ_p has maximal filling $\nu(p)$.

2. **Spectral Rigidity:** For states with higher fillings $\nu > \nu(p)$:

$$E_0(\mathcal{H}_\Lambda^N) = \inf_{0 \neq \psi \in \mathcal{H}_\Lambda^N} \frac{\langle \psi | W_\Lambda^p \psi \rangle}{\|\psi\|^2} \propto |\Lambda| \times \text{increasing function of } \nu$$

▶ Determines Yrast line for Bose gases: [Viefers-Hansson-Reimann '00](#), [Regnault-Jolicoeur '04](#), [Lewin-Seiringer '09](#),...

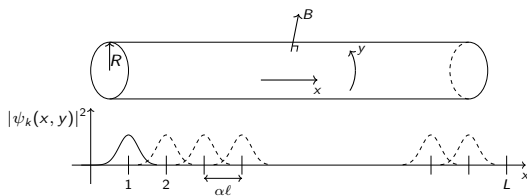
3. **Spectral Gap Conjecture:** [Haldane '83](#), [Haldane-Rezayi '85](#), [Rougerie '19](#),...

$$\gamma := \inf_\Lambda \text{gap}(W_\Lambda^p) > 0 \quad \text{where} \quad \text{gap}(W_\Lambda^p) = \inf_{\substack{0 \neq \psi \in \oplus_N \mathcal{H}_\Lambda^N \\ \psi \perp \mathcal{G}_\Lambda}} \frac{\langle \psi | W_\Lambda^p \psi \rangle}{\|\psi\|^2}$$

▶ The gap also implies the **incompressibility** of the FQH fluid as $E_0(\mathcal{H}_\Lambda^N) = 0$ for $\nu \leq \nu(p)$ and $E_0(\mathcal{H}_\Lambda^N) > \gamma$ for $\nu > \nu(p)$ (see, e.g. [Rougerie '19](#)).

4. **Anyonic Excitations with Fractional Charge** and their topological stability: [Hastings-Michalakis '15](#), [Haah '16](#), [Cha-Naaijken-Nachtergaele '20](#),...

The Haldane Pseudopotential



magnetic length: ℓ

ratio: $\alpha = \ell/R$

Figure: The Landau orbitals. A magnetic flux $2\pi\beta$ along the cylinder axis shifts the orbitals by $\beta\alpha\ell$ (not shown).

In **second quantization** the $\nu = 1/3$ Haldane pseudopotential acts on the fermionic Fock space $\mathcal{F} = \bigoplus_{N \geq 0} S_-(\mathcal{H}_{LLL}^{\otimes N})$ generated by the lowest Landau level. **In the cylinder geometry:**

$$\mathcal{H}_{LLL} = \text{span} \left\{ \psi_k \propto \exp\left(ik \frac{\alpha y}{\ell}\right) \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2} \left[\frac{x}{\ell} - k\alpha\right]^2\right) : k \in \mathbb{Z} \right\}.$$

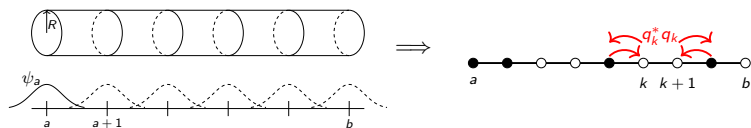
For $\nu = 1/3$ (i.e. $p = 1$):

$$W^{(1)} = \sum_{s \in \mathbb{Z}/2} B_s^* B_s, \quad B_s = \sum_{k \in s + \mathbb{Z}} k e^{-(\alpha k)^2} c_{s-k} c_{s+k}.$$

We consider the model given from truncating B_s to $|k| \leq 3/2$ [Jansen '11](#), [Nakamura-Wang-Bergholtz '12](#). Depending on s , this produces **electrostatic** and **dipole hopping** terms:

$$s \in \mathbb{Z} : \tilde{B}_s = 2e^{-\alpha^2} c_{s-1} c_{s+1}, \quad s \in \mathbb{Z} + \frac{1}{2} : \tilde{B}_s = e^{-\frac{\alpha^2}{4}} \left(c_{s-\frac{1}{2}} c_{s+\frac{1}{2}} + 3e^{-2\alpha^2} c_{s-\frac{3}{2}} c_{s+\frac{3}{2}} \right)$$

The Finite-Volume Truncated 1/3-Model



Truncated Hamiltonian (with OBC): Fix $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$ and $\kappa > 0$. For any $\Lambda = [a, b] \subseteq \mathbb{Z}$

$$H_\Lambda = \sum_{k=a}^{b-2} n_k n_{k+2} + \kappa \sum_{k=a+1}^{b-2} q_k^* q_k$$

$$n_k = c_k^* c_k, \quad q_k = c_k c_{k+1} - \lambda c_{k-1} c_{k+2}$$

$$\mathcal{H}_\Lambda = \text{span} \{ |\mu_a, \dots, \mu_b\rangle : \mu_k \in \{0, 1\} \}, \quad \mu_k = \text{occupation of } \psi_k$$

Symmetries:

$$\text{Particle number: } N_\Lambda = \sum_{k=a}^b n_k, \quad \text{Center of mass: } M_\Lambda = \sum_{k=a}^b k n_k$$

Physical regime: $\kappa = e^{3\alpha^2/2}/4$ and $\lambda = -3e^{-2\alpha^2}$ where $\alpha = \frac{\ell}{R}$.

Tao-Thouless limit: $\lambda \rightarrow 0$ and $\kappa = \mathcal{O}(1)$ as $R \rightarrow 0$.

Uniform ground state gap: The model is uniformly gapped if there is $L > 0$ so that

$$\gamma := \inf_{\substack{\Lambda=[a,b], \\ |\Lambda| \geq L}} \text{gap}(H_\Lambda) > 0, \quad \text{gap}(H_\Lambda) = E_1(\mathcal{H}_\Lambda) - E_0(\mathcal{H}_\Lambda) = E_1(\mathcal{H}_\Lambda) > 0$$

Uniform Spectral Gap

$$\gamma(\kappa, \lambda) := \inf_{|\Lambda| \geq L} \text{gap}(H_\Lambda).$$

Nachtergaele-Warzel-Y. '21 (OBC Gap) There is a constant $C(\lambda, \kappa) = \mathcal{O}(1)$ so that for all $0 < |\lambda| < 5.3$ and $L \geq 11$

$$\text{gap}(H_{[1,L]}) \geq C(\lambda, \kappa) \min_{k=7,8,9} \text{gap}(H_{[1,k]}) \propto |\lambda|^2$$

For $\lambda = 0$: $\text{gap}(H_\Lambda) = \min\{1, \kappa\}$.

Example Edge Mode for $0 < |\lambda| \ll 1$: Lowest eigenvalue of H_Λ in invariant subspace $\text{span}\{|1100100 \dots 0\rangle, |1011000 \dots 0\rangle\}$ is $\frac{\kappa}{\kappa+1}|\lambda|^2 + \mathcal{O}(|\lambda|^4)$.

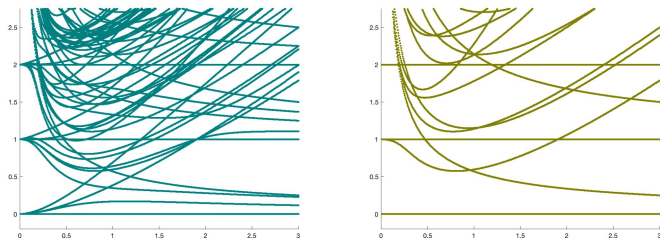


Figure: Plot $(\lambda, E(\lambda))$ of $\text{spec } H_{[1,9]}(\lambda)$ and $\text{spec } H_{[1,9]}^{\text{per}}(\lambda)$ for $\kappa = (3^{3/4}/4)\lambda^{-3/4}$.

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Nachtergaele-Warzel-Y. '21 (Bulk Gap) There is a constant $C(\lambda, \kappa) = \mathcal{O}(1)$ so that for all $0 < |\lambda| < 5.3$ and $L \geq 11$

$$\text{gap}(H_{[1,L]}^{\text{per}}) \geq C(\lambda, \kappa) \left(\min_{k=7,8,9} \text{gap}(H_{[1,k]}) - \frac{1}{L} \right) \propto |\lambda|^2$$

Moreover, for $\lambda = 0$: $\text{gap}(H_\Lambda) = \min\{1, \kappa\}$.

Edge Modes for $0 < |\lambda| \ll 1$: Lowest eigenvalue of H_Λ is $\frac{\kappa}{\kappa+1}|\lambda|^2 + \mathcal{O}(|\lambda|^4)$ in invariant subspace $\text{span}\{|110010 \dots 0\rangle, |101100 \dots 0\rangle\}$.

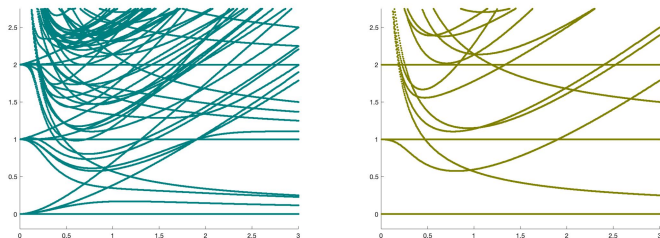
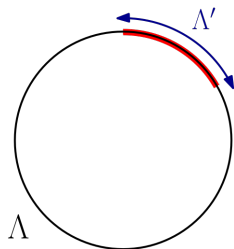


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Edge States vs. Uniform Bulk Gaps Estimates

It is an interesting question in its own right to consider a bulk spectral gap in the presence of edge states, e.g. for studying **topological insulators** Loring '19, Hege-Moscolari-Teufel '22.

The main difficulty in producing uniform estimates on the bulk gap comes from the general approach based on localizing excitations:



$$\Rightarrow \sup_{|\Lambda| \gg |\Lambda'|} \text{gap}(H_{\Lambda}^{\text{per}}) \geq C \cdot \text{gap}(H_{\Lambda'})$$

Main Result: Bulk Spectral Gap

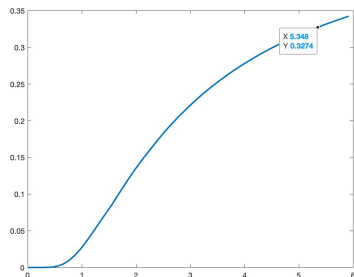


Figure: Plot of $(\lambda, f(|\lambda|^2))$.

Bulk Gap Result: Warzel-Y. '22 For all $\lambda \neq 0$ with $f(|\lambda|^2) < 1/3$ (i.e. $|\lambda| < 5.3\dots$)

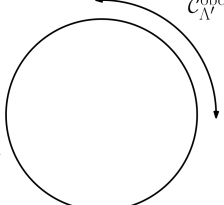
$$\liminf_{|\Lambda| \rightarrow \infty} \text{gap}(H_\Lambda^{\text{per}}) \geq \min \left\{ \gamma^{\text{per}}, \frac{\kappa}{6(1+2|\lambda|^2)} \left(1 - \sqrt{3f(|\lambda|^2)} \right)^2 \right\}$$

$$\gamma^{\text{per}} = \frac{1}{3} \min \left\{ 1, \frac{\kappa}{\kappa+1}, \frac{\kappa}{2+2\kappa|\lambda|^2} \right\}$$

Remarks:

- ▶ Bulk gap stays open despite edge states for OBC.
- ▶ Analogous result for the $\nu = 1/2$ (bosonic) truncated model Warzel-Y. '22.

Block-Diagonalization Strategy

$$H_{\Lambda}^{\#} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathcal{C}_{\Lambda}^{\#} & & 0 \\ & \mathcal{G}_{\Lambda}^{\#} & \\ 0 & & (\mathcal{C}_{\Lambda}^{\#})^{\perp} \\ & & & \mathcal{E}_{\Lambda'}^{\text{obc}} \end{bmatrix}$$


For both $\# \in \{\text{obc}, \text{per}\}$ decompose $\mathcal{H}_{\Lambda} = \mathcal{C}_{\Lambda}^{\#} \oplus (\mathcal{C}_{\Lambda}^{\#})^{\perp}$ so that:

- ▶ Invariant under $H_{\Lambda}^{\#}$: $H_{\Lambda}^{\#} \mathcal{C}_{\Lambda}^{\#} \subseteq \mathcal{C}_{\Lambda}^{\#}$
- ▶ Contains ground state space: $\mathcal{G}_{\Lambda}^{\#} := \ker(H_{\Lambda}^{\#}) \subseteq \mathcal{C}_{\Lambda}^{\#}$
- ▶ Separates edge states: Edge states satisfy $\mathcal{E}_{\Lambda'}^{\text{obc}} \subseteq (\mathcal{C}_{\Lambda}^{\text{obc}})^{\perp} \subseteq (\mathcal{C}_{\Lambda}^{\text{per}})^{\perp}$ for all $\Lambda' \subseteq \Lambda$.

As a consequence:

$$\text{gap}(H_{\Lambda}^{\#}) = \min \left\{ E_1(\mathcal{C}_{\Lambda}^{\#}), E_0((\mathcal{C}_{\Lambda}^{\#})^{\perp}) \right\} \quad \text{where}$$

$$E_1(\mathcal{C}_{\Lambda}^{\#}) := \inf_{\psi \in \mathcal{C}_{\Lambda}^{\#} \cap (\mathcal{G}_{\Lambda}^{\#})^{\perp}} \frac{\langle \psi | H_{\Lambda}^{\#} \psi \rangle}{\|\psi\|^2}, \quad E_0((\mathcal{C}_{\Lambda}^{\#})^{\perp}) := \inf_{\varphi \in (\mathcal{C}_{\Lambda}^{\#})^{\perp}} \frac{\langle \varphi | H_{\Lambda}^{\#} \varphi \rangle}{\|\varphi\|^2}.$$

Constructing Invariant Subspaces with Ground States

Since the interaction terms are all nonnegative:

$$\ker(H_\Lambda) = \bigcap_{k=a}^{b-2} \ker(n_k n_{k+2}) \cap \bigcap_{k=a+1}^{b-2} \ker(q_k).$$

Observations:

- $|\mu\rangle$ is a ground state of the electrostatic terms iff $\mu_k \mu_{k+2} = 0$ for all k .
- $q_k = c_k c_{k+1} - \lambda c_{k-1} c_{k+2}$ acts nontrivially on the sites $[k-1, k+2]$:

$$q_k (|1001\rangle + \lambda|0110\rangle) = 0$$

Moreover, $\text{span}\{|1001\rangle, |0110\rangle\}$ is invariant under the hopping term $q_k^* q_k$.

Starting from $|100100\dots\rangle$, can construct a set of occupation states that span an invariant subspace of H_Λ by replacing '1001' with '0110':

1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0
0	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0
1	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0
1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0
0	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0

$$\psi_\Lambda(R) = \sum_{T \leftrightarrow R} \lambda^{d(T)} |T\rangle$$

Jansen-Lieb-Seiler '08, Jansen '11,
Nakamura-Wang-Bergholtz '12

BVMD Tiling Spaces (OBC)

More generally, an invariant subspace of H_Λ is generated by any root tiling R of Λ consisting of **void**, **monomer**, and **boundary tiles**:

0
 1 0 0
 Left: 1 1 0 0 0
 Right: 1
1 0
0 1 1

Example:

1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	
1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	
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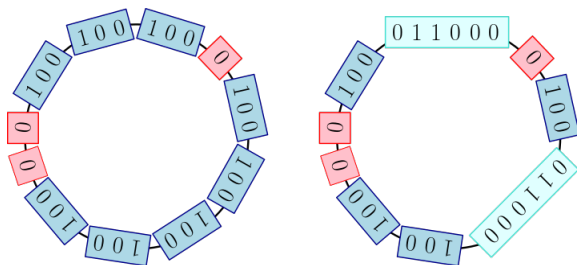
The **Boundary-Void-Monomer-Dimer (BVMD) space** generated by a root tiling R is

$$\mathcal{C}_\Lambda(R) = \text{span}\{|T\rangle : T \leftrightarrow R\}.$$

Lemma: Nachtergaele-Warzel-Y. '21 $\mathcal{C}_\Lambda^{\text{obc}} \subseteq \mathcal{C}_\Lambda^{\text{obc}} := \bigoplus_R \mathcal{C}_\Lambda(R)$. BVMD spaces generated by different roots are orthogonal, and each contains a unique ground state:

$$\psi_\Lambda(R) = \sum_{T \leftrightarrow R} \lambda^{d(T)} |T\rangle.$$

VMD Tiling Spaces (PBC)



Analogous construction in the case of **periodic boundary conditions**:

$$\mathcal{G}_\Lambda^{\text{per}} \subseteq \mathcal{C}_\Lambda^{\text{per}} := \bigoplus_R \mathcal{C}_\Lambda^{\text{per}}(R), \quad \psi_\Lambda^{\text{per}} = \sum_{T \leftrightarrow R} \lambda^{d(T)} |T\rangle,$$

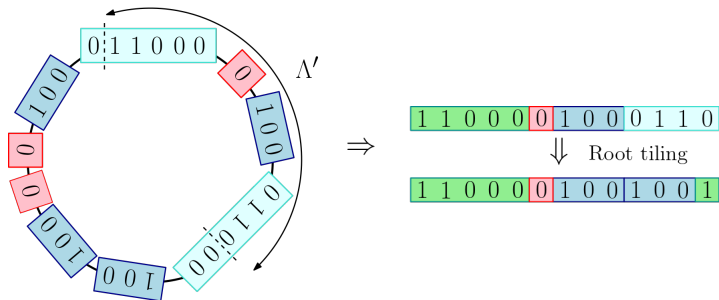
where root tilings of the ring only use monomers and voids. Note: $\mathcal{C}_\Lambda^{\text{per}} \subseteq \mathcal{C}_\Lambda^{\text{obc}}$

Properties: 1. $\dim \mathcal{G}_\Lambda^{\text{per}} \propto \left(\frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2}\right)^{|\Lambda|}$

2. Maximum filling: $N_\Lambda(R)/|\Lambda| \leq 1/3$

Isospectral relationship

If $\Lambda' \subset \Lambda$, then $T_\Lambda \upharpoonright_{\Lambda'} = T_{\Lambda'}$:



As a consequence, if $|\Lambda| \geq |\Lambda'| + 4$, then for either $\# \in \{\text{obc, per}\}$,

$$\text{spec}(H_{\Lambda'}^{\text{obc}} \upharpoonright_{C_\Lambda^\#}) = \text{spec}(H_{\Lambda'}^{\text{obc}} \upharpoonright_{C_{\Lambda'}^{\text{obc}}}).$$

This is the **key relationship** for successfully applying spectral gap techniques (martingale method and finite size criterion) in the tiling space.

Edge Tiling Spaces (OBC)

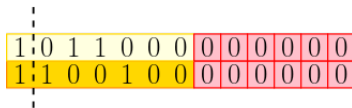
For open boundary conditions, every state with energy $\mathcal{O}(|\lambda|^2)$ belongs to an invariant subspace generated from a root tiling consisting of the BVMD-tiles

0 1 0 0 Left: 1 1 0 0 0 Right: 1 1 0 0 1 1

and at least one **edge boundary tile**:

Left: 1 1 0 0 1 0 0 Right: 1 0 0 1 1

The **edge tiling spaces** require several other new tiles and replacement rules. Regardless, these tilings only differ from BVMD tilings at the first and/or last site of Λ .

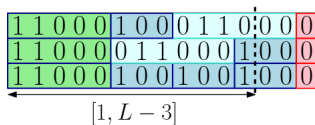


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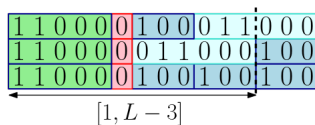
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$$\|G_{[L-8, L]}(\mathbb{1} - G_{[1, L]})G_{[1, L-3]}\|_{\mathcal{C}_{\Lambda_L}^{\text{obc}}} \leq \sup_{n \geq 4} f_n(|\lambda|^2) =: f(|\lambda|^2).$$

Case 1:



Case 2:



- ▶ Case 1: $(\mathbb{1} - G_{[1, L]})G_{[1, L-3]}\mathcal{C}_{\Lambda_L}(R) = \{0\}$
- ▶ Case 2 $(\mathbb{1} - G_{[1, L]})G_{[1, L-3]}\mathcal{C}_{\Lambda_L}(R) = \text{span}\{\eta_{\Lambda_L}(R)\}$.

The function

$$f_n(r) = r\alpha_n\alpha_{n-2} \left(\frac{[1 - \alpha_{n-1}(1+r)]}{1+2r} + \alpha_{n-3} \frac{r(1 - \alpha_{n-1})^2}{1+r} \right)$$

depends on $\alpha_m = \|\varphi_{m-1}\|^2 / \|\varphi_m\|^2$, where φ_m is the ground state on $3m$ sites associated generated by m -monomers.

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2. Lower bound on $E_1(\mathcal{C}_\Lambda^{\text{per}})$: Apply finite size criterion from Knabe '89 with isospectral relation.

$$\text{gap}(H_{[1, L]}^{\text{per}} \upharpoonright_{\mathcal{C}_\Lambda^{\text{per}}}) \geq C \left(\text{gap}(H_{[1, L/3]}^{\text{obc}} \upharpoonright_{\mathcal{C}_\Lambda^{\text{per}}}) - \frac{1}{L} \right) = C \left(E_1(\mathcal{C}_{[1, L/3]}^{\text{obc}}) - \frac{1}{L} \right)$$

3. Lower bound on $E_0((\mathcal{C}_\Lambda^{\text{per}})^\perp)$: Electrostatic estimates via Cauchy-Schwarz. Does not use OBC Hamiltonian! Setting $e_\Lambda(\mu) = \sum_{k=a}^b \mu_k \mu_{k+2}$, we produce a bound of the form

$$\langle \psi | H_\Lambda^{\text{per}} \psi \rangle = \sum_{|\mu\rangle \notin \mathcal{C}_\Lambda^{\text{per}}} e_\Lambda(\mu) |\psi(\mu)|^2 + \sum_{\nu \in \{0,1\}^\Lambda} \sum_{k=a}^b \kappa |\langle \nu | q_k \psi \rangle|^2 \geq \gamma^{\text{per}} \sum_{|\mu\rangle \notin \mathcal{C}_\Lambda^{\text{per}}} |\psi(\mu)|^2.$$

where γ^{per} is independent of $\psi = \sum_{|\mu\rangle \notin \mathcal{C}_\Lambda^{\text{per}}} \psi(\mu) |\mu\rangle \in (\mathcal{C}_\Lambda^{\text{per}})^\perp$.

Conclusion:

Last remarks:

1. Improved spectral gap bounds from [Nachtergaele-Warzel-Y. '20](#) for the truncated $\nu = 1/3$ Haldane pseudopotential to avoid edge excitations.
2. Same approach works to prove bulk gap of truncated $\nu = 1/2$ pseudopotential (bosonic model).
3. Incompressibility is a consequence of the uniform spectral gap and maximal $\nu = 1/3$ filling of the ground state.
4. [Nachtergaele-Warzel-Y. '20](#) Modified tilings used to identify invariant subspaces we conjecture to contain first and second excited energy states for $|\lambda| \ll 1$.

Thank you for your attention!

Incompressibility

Recall that the truncated FQHE model is **particle preserving** and set

$$E_{\Lambda}^0(N) = \min \text{spec}(H_{\Lambda}^{\text{per}} \upharpoonright_{\mathcal{H}_{\Lambda}(N)}), \quad \mathcal{H}_{\Lambda}(N) = \{\psi : N_{\Lambda}\psi = N\psi\}$$

The maximal ground state filling satisfies $N_{\Lambda}^{\text{max}} \leq |\Lambda|/3$. Thus, given uniform spectral gap γ ,

$$E_{\Lambda}^0(N) \begin{cases} = 0, & N \leq N_{\Lambda}^{\text{max}} \\ > \gamma, & N > N_{\Lambda}^{\text{max}} \end{cases}$$

Thus, at zero temperature and critical filling, i.e. $N = N_{\Lambda}^{\text{max}}$, the **compressibility** $\kappa_{\Lambda}(N)$ vanishes as $|\Lambda| \rightarrow \infty$:

$$\kappa_{\Lambda}(N)^{-1} := |\Lambda| \cdot \frac{E_{\Lambda_+}^0(N) + E_{\Lambda_-}^0(N) - 2E_{\Lambda}^0(N)}{(2\pi\ell^2)^2} \geq \frac{\gamma|\Lambda|}{(2\pi\ell^2)^2}$$

where Λ_{\pm} is the volume obtained by increasing/decreasing Λ by a single site.

Tiling Spaces and Excited States

Invariant subspaces with **bulk excitations** can also be identified by adding new tiles and replacement rules. **Conjecture:** For $|\lambda|$ small, low-lying excitations belong to tiling spaces with 'quasi-hole/quasi-particle' roots:

1st Excited Root:

1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0
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2nd Excited Root:

1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0
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Energy Bounds: **Nachtergaele-Warzel-Y. '21** The minimal energy in these subspaces is approximated via:

- ▶ Upper bound: variational state calculation.
- ▶ Lower bound: applying finite volume Hamiltonian associated to region effected by quasi-hole/quasi-particle.

$$E_{\text{approx}}^{(1)} = 1 - \frac{2\kappa}{\kappa - 1} |\lambda|^2 + \mathcal{O}(|\lambda|^4)$$

$$E_{\text{approx}}^{(2)} = 1 - \frac{\kappa}{\kappa - 1} |\lambda|^2 + \mathcal{O}(|\lambda|^4)$$

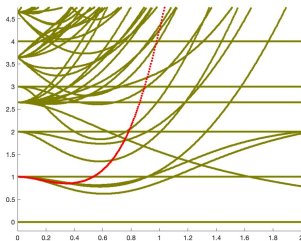


Figure: Plot of $(\lambda, \text{spec } H_{[1,12]}^{\text{per}})$ for $\kappa = 2.648$ with $E_{\text{approx}}^{(1)}$.

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2nd Excited Root:

1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0
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$$E_{\text{approx}}^{(1)} = 1 - \frac{2\kappa}{\kappa - 1} |\lambda|^2 + \mathcal{O}(|\lambda|^4)$$

$$E_{\text{approx}}^{(2)} = 1 - \frac{\kappa}{\kappa - 1} |\lambda|^2 + \mathcal{O}(|\lambda|^4)$$

Many-body Scars: Exact mid and high energy states with low Schmidt rank created using voids as domain walls. E.g.:

$$\psi = \left[\begin{array}{|c|c|c|c|c|c|} \hline \varphi_L & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \varphi_R \\ \hline \end{array} \right]$$

Figure: Exact energy state with $E = 1$.

Bounding $E_0((\mathcal{C}_\Lambda^{\text{per}})^\perp)$

Partition non-BVMD tiling configurations $\mathcal{S}_\Lambda = \{\mu : |\mu\rangle \notin \mathcal{C}_\Lambda^{\text{per}}\}$ as

$$\mathcal{S}_\Lambda = \mathcal{S}_E \dot{\cup} \mathcal{S}_D, \quad \mathcal{S}_E = \left\{ \mu \in \mathbb{N}_0^\Lambda : e_\Lambda(\mu) > 0 \right\}$$

where we introduce the electrostatic energy $e_\Lambda(\mu) = \sum_{k=a}^b \mu_k \mu_{k+2}$.

Goal: For any $\psi = \sum_{\mu \in \mathcal{S}_\Lambda} \psi(\mu) |\mu\rangle \in (\mathcal{C}_\Lambda^{\text{per}})^\perp$, bound

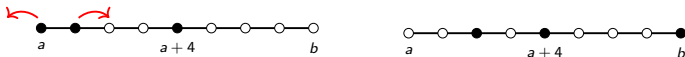
$$\langle \psi | H_\Lambda^{\text{per}} \psi \rangle = \sum_{\mu \in \mathcal{S}_E} e_\Lambda(\mu) |\psi(\mu)|^2 + \sum_{\nu \in \{0,1\}^\Lambda} \sum_{k=a}^b \kappa |\langle \nu | q_k \psi \rangle|^2 \geq \gamma^{\text{per}} \sum_{\mu \in \mathcal{S}_\Lambda} |\psi(\mu)|^2.$$

Strategy: Clearly, $\langle \psi | H_\Lambda^{\text{per}} \psi \rangle \geq \sum_{\mu \in \mathcal{S}_E} |\psi(\mu)|^2$ since $e_\Lambda(\mu) \geq 1$.

Choose individual (ν_μ, k_μ) for each $\mu \in \mathcal{S}_D$ and apply CS to show that a similar lower bound holds for sum over $\mu \in \mathcal{S}_D$. Combining the two estimates produces the desired result.

Bounding $E_0((\mathcal{C}_\Lambda^{\text{per}})^\perp)$

Example: $\mu = (11001000 \dots 0) \in \mathcal{S}_D$ (edge state configuration).



For PBC: Choosing $k_\mu = a$ with $\nu_\mu = (000010 \dots 0)$ produces:

$$|\langle \nu_\mu | \mathbf{q}_{k_\mu} \psi \rangle|^2 = |\psi(\mu) - \lambda \psi(\eta)|^2 \geq (1 - \delta) |\psi(\mu)|^2 - \frac{1 - \delta}{\delta} |\lambda|^2 |\psi(\eta)|^2$$

for any $0 < \delta < 1$ where $\eta = (001010 \dots 01)$. Picking $\delta = \frac{\kappa |\lambda|^2}{1 + \kappa |\lambda|^2}$ yields,

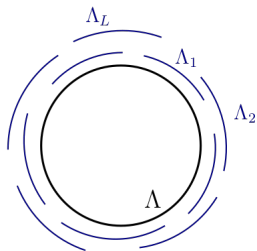
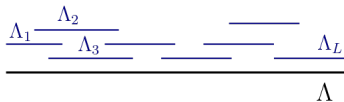
$$e_\Lambda(\eta) |\psi(\eta)|^2 + \kappa |\langle \nu_\mu | \mathbf{q}_{k_\mu} \psi \rangle|^2 \geq \frac{\kappa}{1 + \kappa |\lambda|^2} |\psi(\mu)|^2$$

Partitioning \mathcal{S}_D appropriately and similarly estimating shows:

$$2 \langle \psi | H_\Lambda^{\text{per}} \psi \rangle \geq \min \left\{ \frac{\kappa}{2 + 2\kappa |\lambda|^2}, \frac{\kappa}{\kappa + 1} \right\} \sum_{\mu \in \mathcal{S}_D} |\psi(\mu)|^2$$

from which the result follows.

Gap Methods for Quantum Spin Models



- ▶ For $\dim(\mathcal{H}_\Lambda) < \infty$ and frustration-free model: $\mathcal{G}_{\Lambda'} \equiv \ker(H_{\Lambda'} \otimes \mathbb{1}_{\Lambda \setminus \Lambda'}) \quad \forall \Lambda' \subseteq \Lambda$.
- ▶ Requires a covering of Λ by a sequence of smaller intervals with OBC.

$$\gamma = \inf_i \text{gap}(H_{\Lambda_i}), \quad \Gamma = \sup_i \|H_{\Lambda_i}\|, \quad \Lambda_{n,k} = \bigcup_{i=k}^{n-k+1} \Lambda_i$$

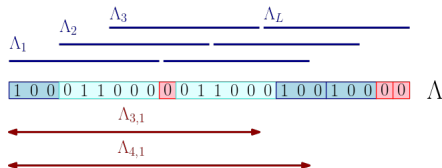
- **Martingale Method:** If $\epsilon := \sup_n \|G_{\Lambda_{n+1}}(\mathbb{1} - G_{\Lambda_{n+1,1}})G_{\Lambda_{n,1}}\| < 1/\sqrt{\ell}$, then

$$\text{gap}(H_\Lambda) \geq \frac{\gamma}{\ell} (1 - \epsilon\sqrt{\ell})^2.$$

- **Finite Size Criterion:** For any n such that $|\Lambda_{n,k}| < |\Lambda|$ for all k :

$$\text{gap}(H_\Lambda^{\text{per}}) \geq \frac{\gamma n}{\ell \Gamma (n-1)} \left[\inf_k \text{gap}(H_{\Lambda_{n,k}}) - \frac{\Gamma}{n} \right]$$

Bounding $E_1(\mathcal{C}_\Lambda^{\text{obc}})$



We apply the **martingale method** to the Hilbert space $\mathcal{C}_\Lambda^\infty$ and Hamiltonians

$$H_{\Lambda'}^{\text{BVMD}} := (H_{\Lambda'} \otimes \mathbb{1}_{\Lambda \setminus \Lambda'}) \upharpoonright_{\mathcal{C}_\Lambda^{\text{obc}}} \quad \forall \Lambda' \subseteq \Lambda$$

where the overlap intervals are chosen so that $\ell = 3$ and $|\Lambda_n| = 9$ for all n .

Calculations using **isospectrality** and **orthogonality** of the BVMD states/spaces gives

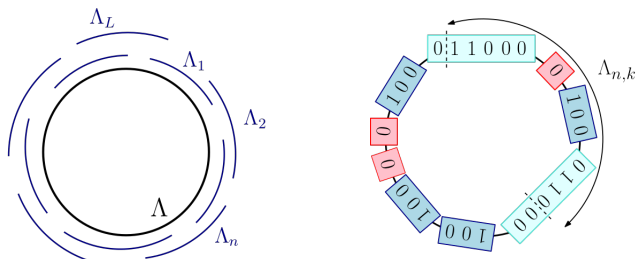
$$\gamma = \text{gap}(H_{[1,9]}^{\text{BVMD}}) = \text{gap}(H_{[1,9]} \upharpoonright_{\mathcal{C}_{[1,9]}^{\text{obc}}}) = \kappa$$

$$\epsilon = \sup_n \|G_{\Lambda_n}^{\text{BVMD}}(\mathbb{1} - G_{\Lambda_{n,1}}^{\text{BVMD}})G_{\Lambda_{n-1,1}}^{\text{BVMD}}\| \leq \sqrt{f(|\lambda|^2)}$$

where $\mathcal{G}_{\Lambda'}^{\text{BVMD}} = \ker(H_{\Lambda'}^{\text{BVMD}}) \subseteq \mathcal{C}_{\Lambda'}^{\text{obc}}$. This produces the final estimate:

$$E_1(\mathcal{C}_\Lambda^{\text{obc}}) \geq \frac{\kappa}{3} \left(1 - \sqrt{3f(|\lambda|^2)}\right)^2.$$

Bounding $E_1(\mathcal{C}_\Lambda^{\text{per}})$



We apply **Knabe's finite size criteria** to the Hilbert space $\mathcal{C}_\Lambda^{\text{per}}$ and Hamiltonians

$$H_\Lambda^{\text{per}} \upharpoonright_{\mathcal{C}_\Lambda^{\text{per}}} \quad \text{and} \quad H_{\Lambda_{n,k}} \upharpoonright_{\mathcal{C}_\Lambda^{\text{per}}}$$

where $\Lambda_{n,k} = \bigcup_{i=k}^{n+1-k} \Lambda_i$ chosen so $|\Lambda_i| = 5, 6$. Another **isospectral argument** shows

$$\|H_{\Lambda_i} \upharpoonright_{\mathcal{C}_\Lambda^{\text{per}}}\| = \kappa(1 + 2|\lambda|^2) \quad \text{and} \quad \text{gap}(H_{\Lambda_{n,k}} \upharpoonright_{\mathcal{C}_\Lambda^{\text{per}}}) = E_1(\mathcal{C}_{\Lambda_{n,k}}^{\text{obc}})$$

This yields:

$$E_1(\mathcal{C}_\Lambda^{\text{per}}) \geq \frac{n}{2(n-1)(1+2|\lambda|^2)} \left(E_1(\mathcal{C}_{\Lambda_{n,k}}^{\text{obc}}) - \frac{\kappa(1+2|\lambda|^2)}{n} \right)$$