

A Higher-Spin Theory of the Magneto-Rotons

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Fractional quantum Hall liquids exhibit a rich set of excitations, the lowest-energy of which are the magneto-rotons with dispersion minima at finite momentum. We propose a theory of the magneto-rotons on the quantum Hall plateaux near half filling, namely, at filling fractions $\nu = N/(2N + 1)$ at large N . The theory involves an infinite number of bosonic fields arising from bosonizing the fluctuations of the shape of the composite Fermi surface. At zero momentum there are $O(N)$ neutral excitations, each carrying a well-defined spin that runs integer values 2, 3, ... The mixing of modes at nonzero momentum q leads to the characteristic bending down of the lowest excitation and the appearance of the magneto-roton minima. A purely algebraic argument show that the magneto-roton minima are located at $q\ell_B = z_i/(2N + 1)$, where ℓ_B is the magnetic length and z_i are the zeros of the Bessel function J_1 , independent of the microscopic details.

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