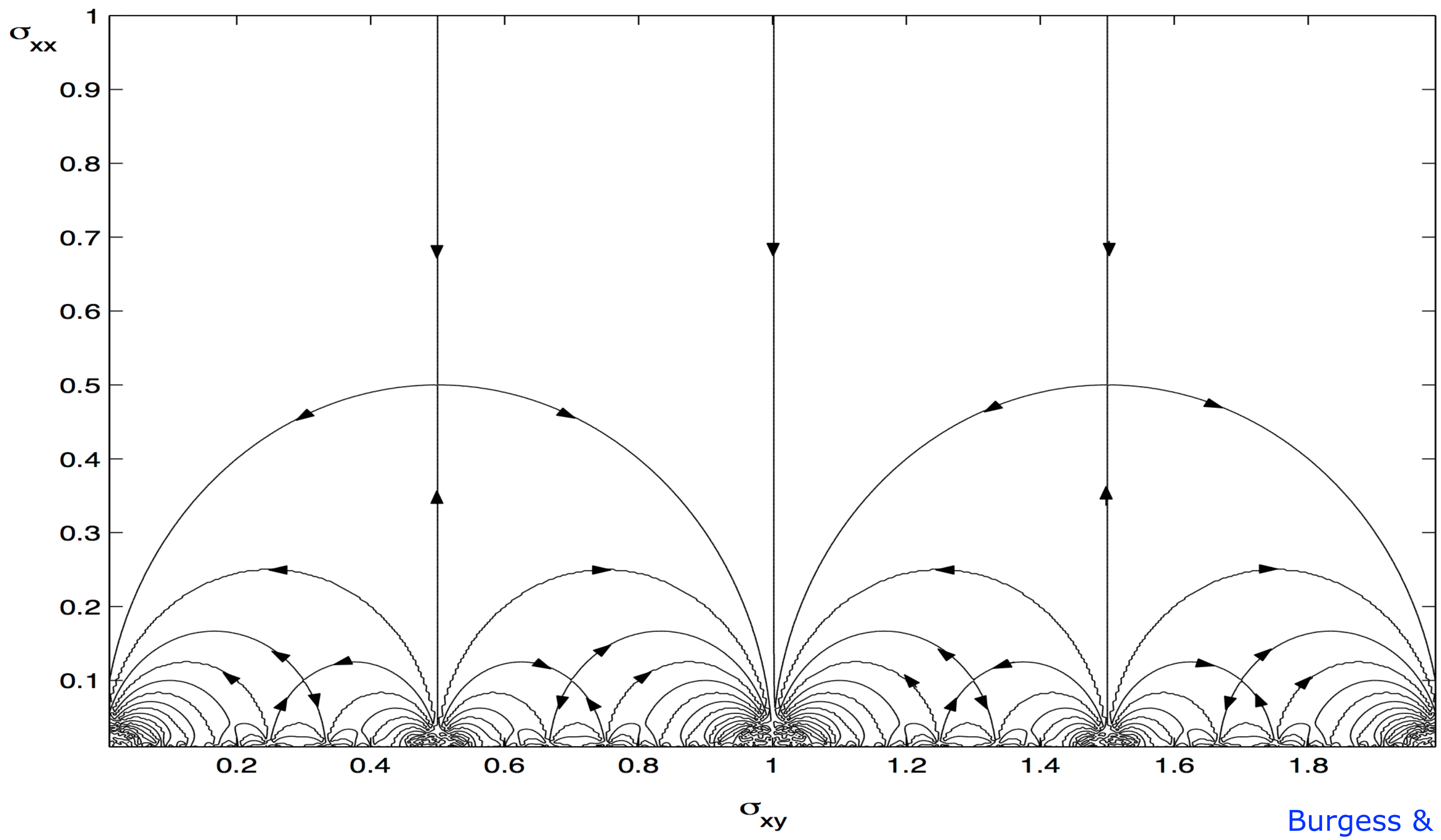
Superuniversality and non-abelian bosonization in 2+1 dimensions



Burgess & Dolan (2000)

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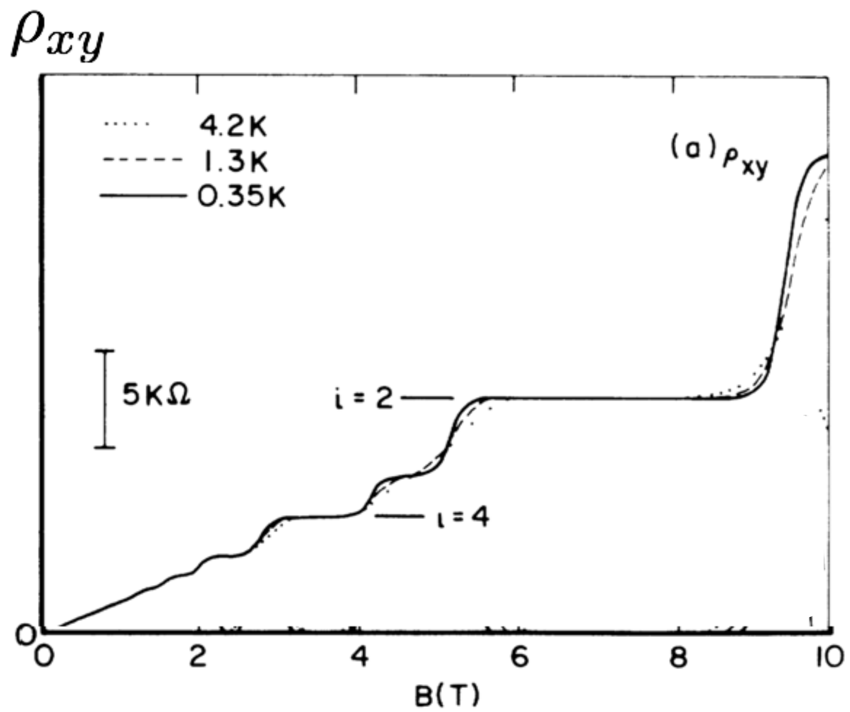
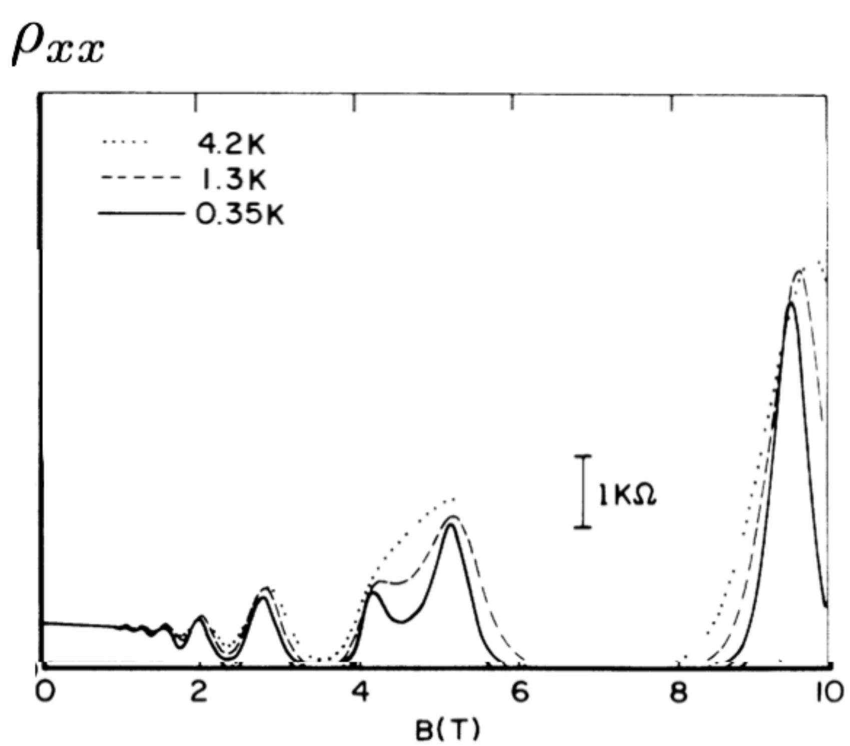
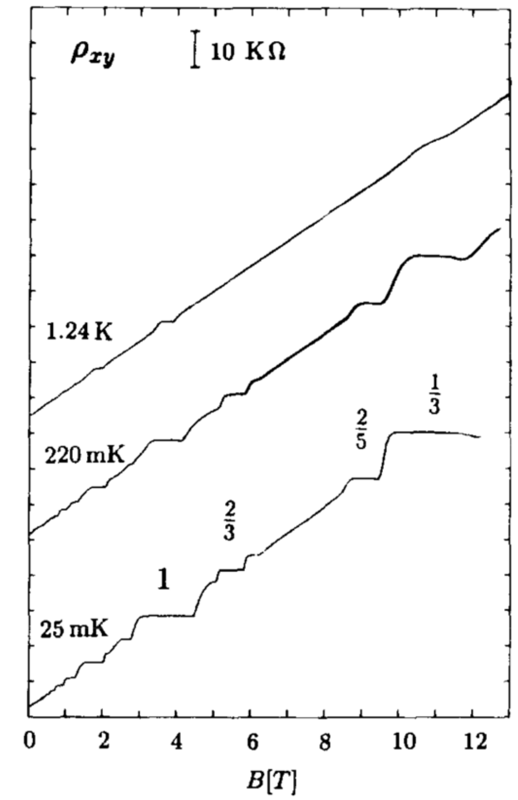
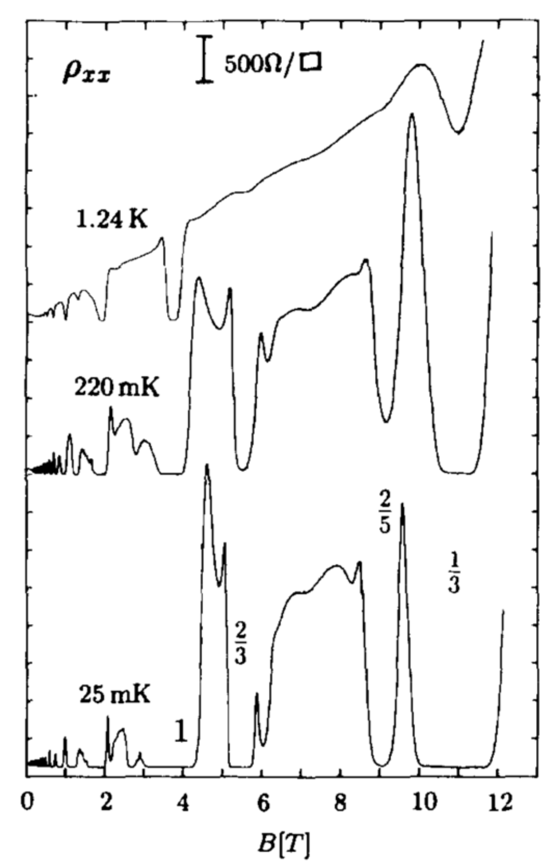
phase transitions between quantum Hall states represent some of the best examples of disordered quantum critical phenomena









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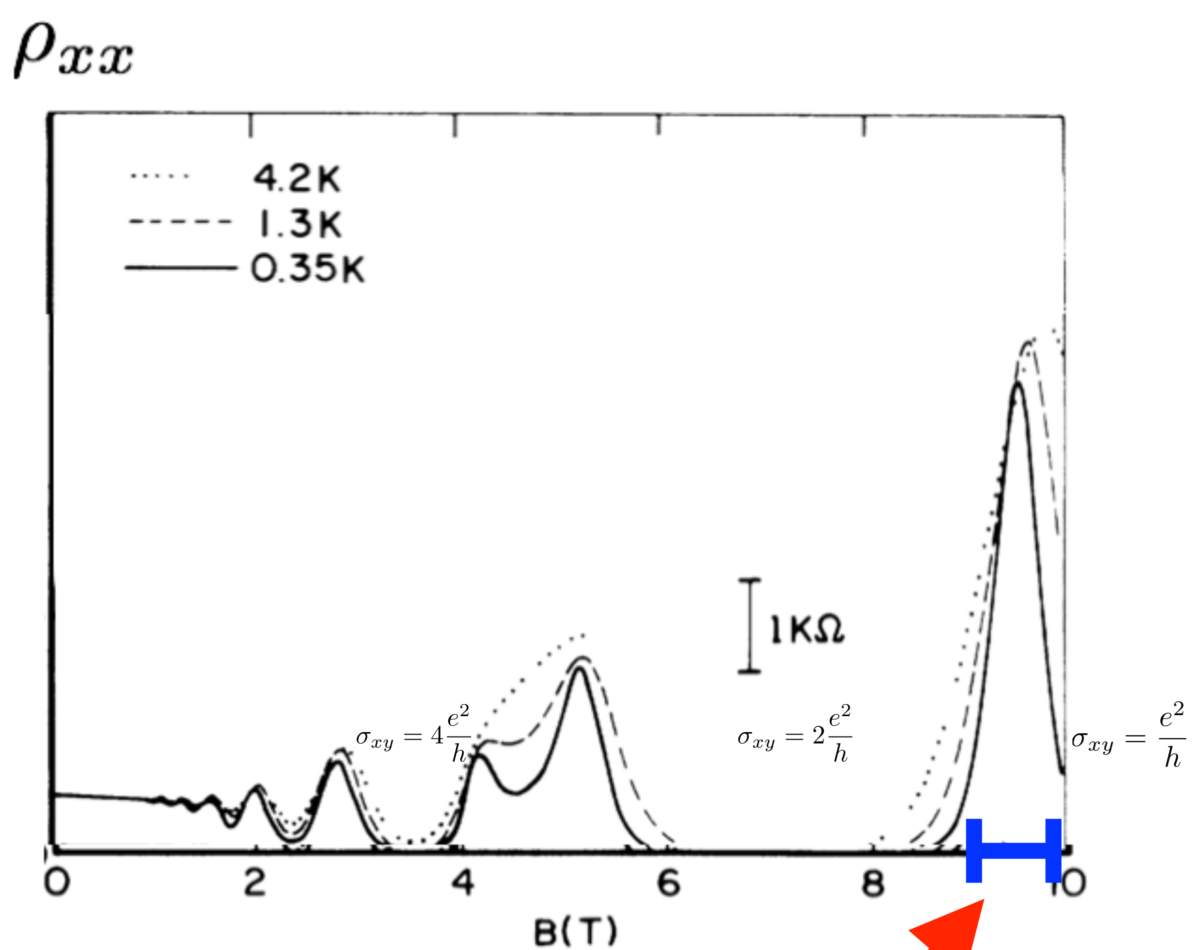
a puzzling feature of these phase transitions is their apparent similarity



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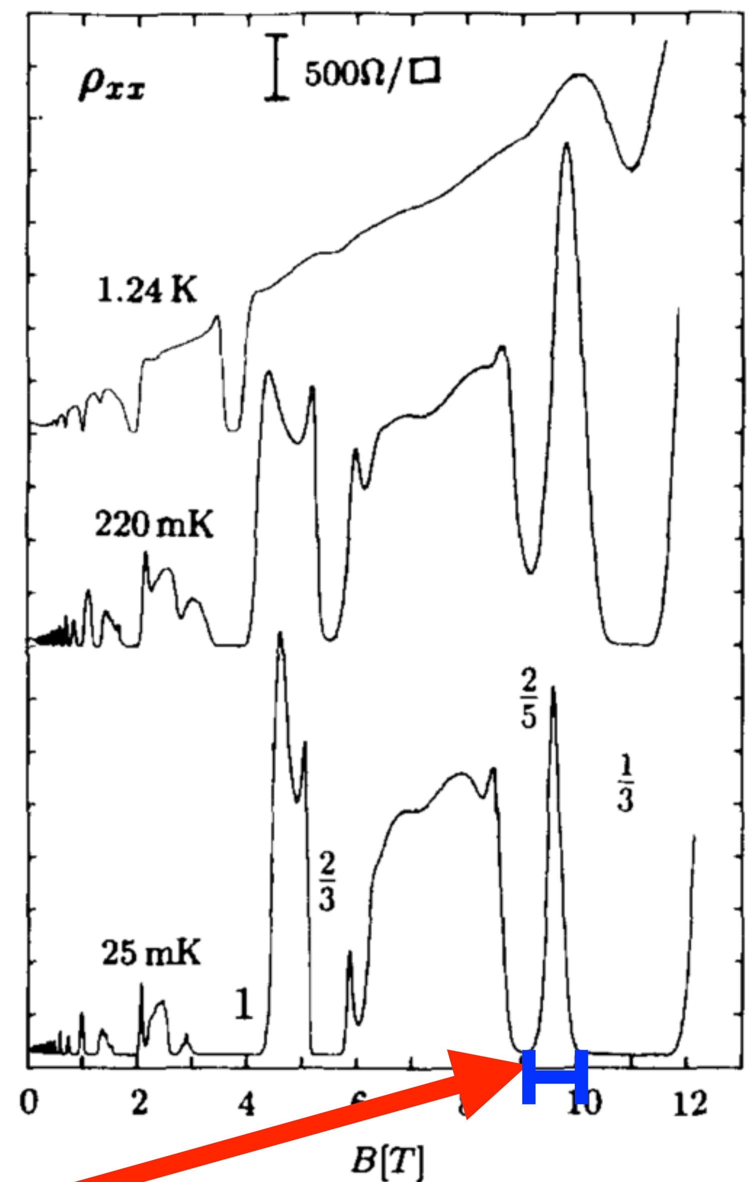


Engel, Wei, Tsui, & Shayegan

$$\Delta B \sim T^{1/\nu z} \text{ where } \nu z \sim 7/3$$

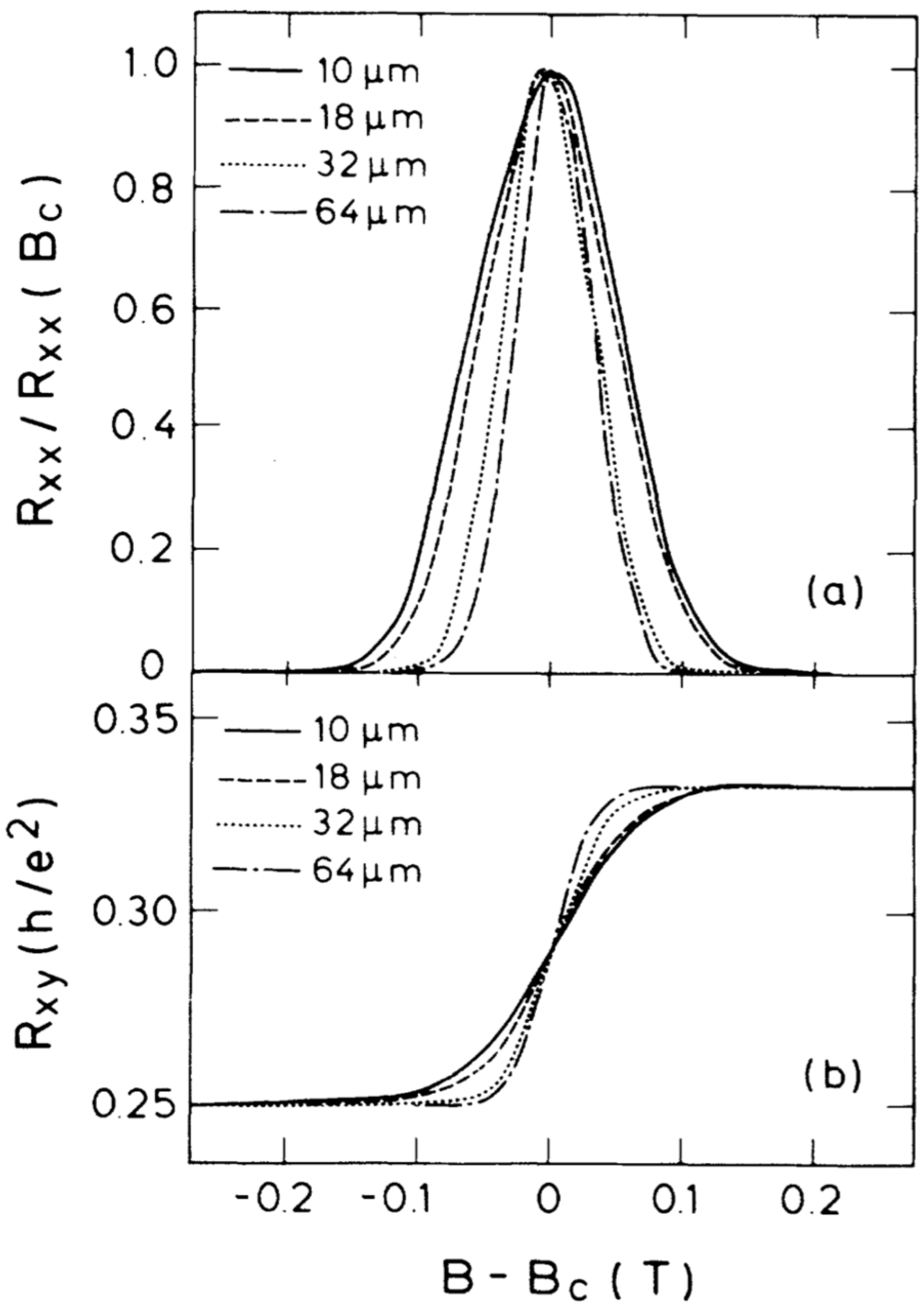
ν is the correlation length exponent: $\xi \sim (B - B_c)^{-\nu}$

z is the dynamical critical exponent: $\tau \sim \xi^z$

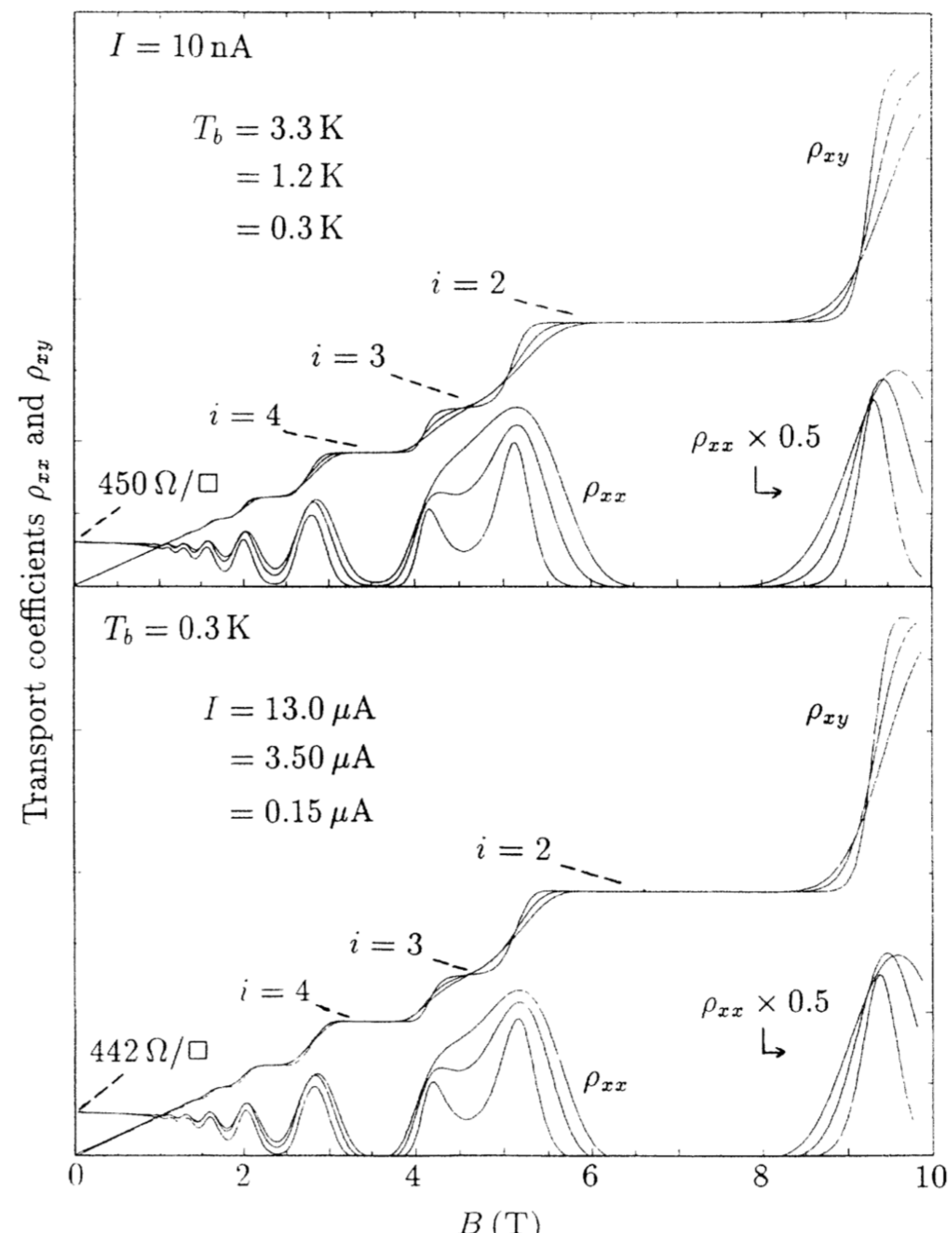
at integer quantum Hall plateau transitions, the product can be factorized

$$\nu \sim 7/3$$

$$z \sim 1$$



Koch, Haug, von Klitzing, & Ploog



Wei, Engel, & Tsui

$$\Delta B \sim L^{-1/\nu}$$

$$\Delta B \sim E^{1/\nu(z+1)}$$

scaling of the dc resistivity at these (apparently) continuous quantum phase transitions implies:

Sondhi, Girvin, Carini, & Shahar

$$\rho_{xx} = \frac{h}{e^2} f_{(a)} \left(\frac{B - B_c^{(a)}}{T^{1/\nu z}}, \frac{B - B_c^{(a)}}{E^{1/\nu(z+1)}} \right)$$

$$\rho_{xy} = \frac{h}{e^2} g_{(a)} \left(\frac{B - B_c^{(a)}}{T^{1/\nu z}}, \frac{B - B_c^{(a)}}{E^{1/\nu(z+1)}} \right)$$

(a) labels the particular phase transition, e.g., $1 \to 0$ or $1/3 \to 2/5$

In this talk, I will assume these measurements imply ν and z are the same at *all* phase transitions between quantum Hall states of spin-polarized electrons

Critical states are only distinguished by their critical resistivities,i.e., $f_{(a)}(0)$ and $g_{(a)}(0)$

Shahar, Tsui, Shayegan, Bhatt, & Cunningham

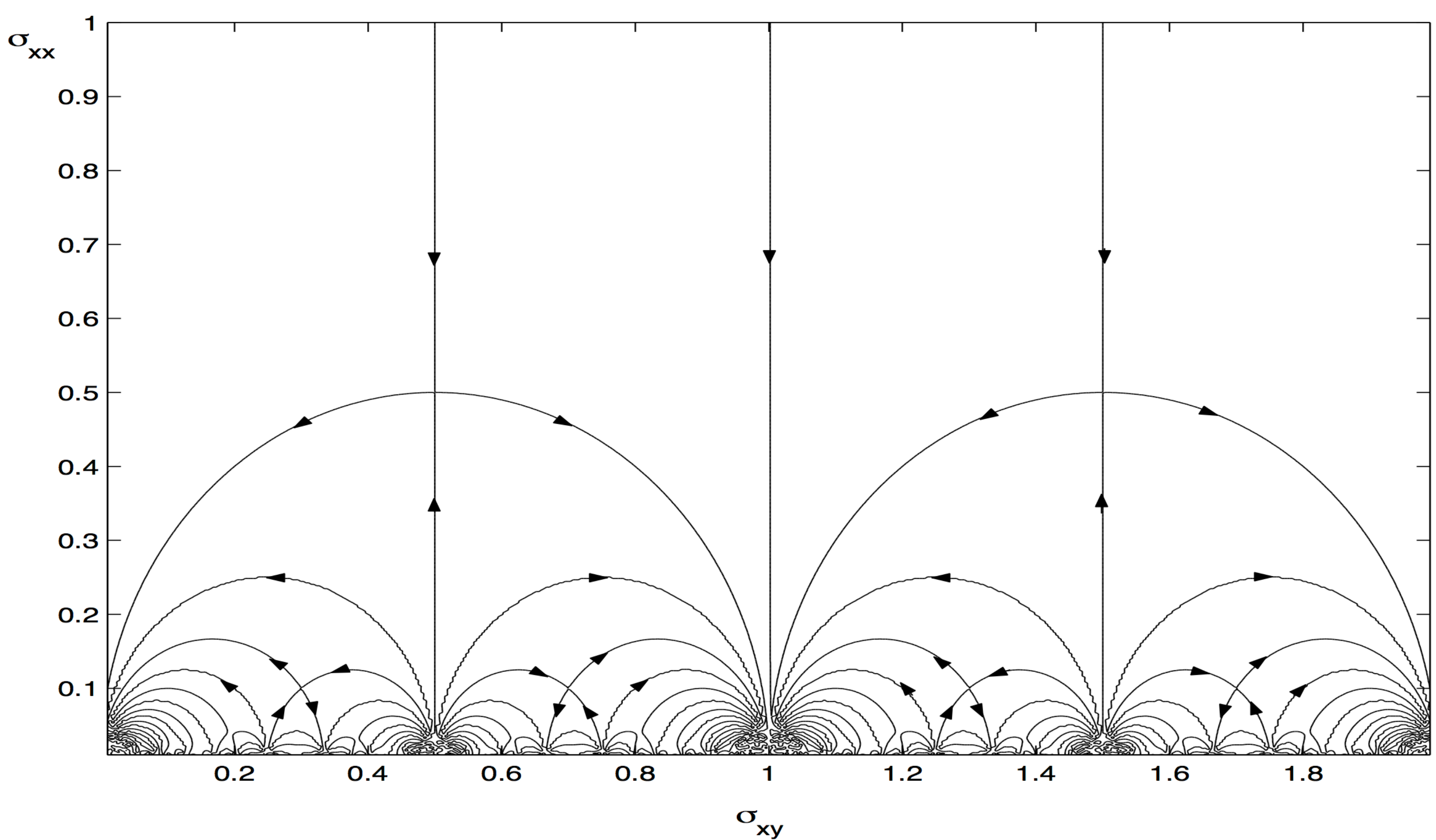
superuniversality is the sharing of critical indices among distinct critical points

Kivelson, Lee, & Zhang; Lutken & Ross; Fradkin & Kivelson; Shimshoni, Sondhi, & Shahar; Burgess & Dolan

such behavior is surprising:

(i) “conventional” symmetry-breaking phase transitions are NOT superuniversal (below their critical dimensionality)

(ii) the basic theoretical framework for the integer and fractional quantum Hall effects are different: interactions are crucial to lifting the degeneracy of a partially filled Landau level



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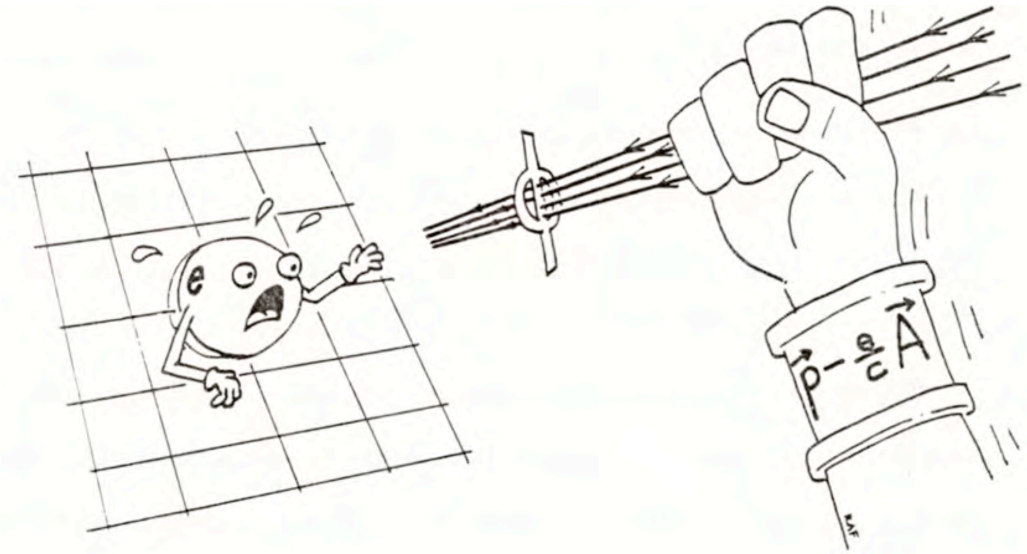

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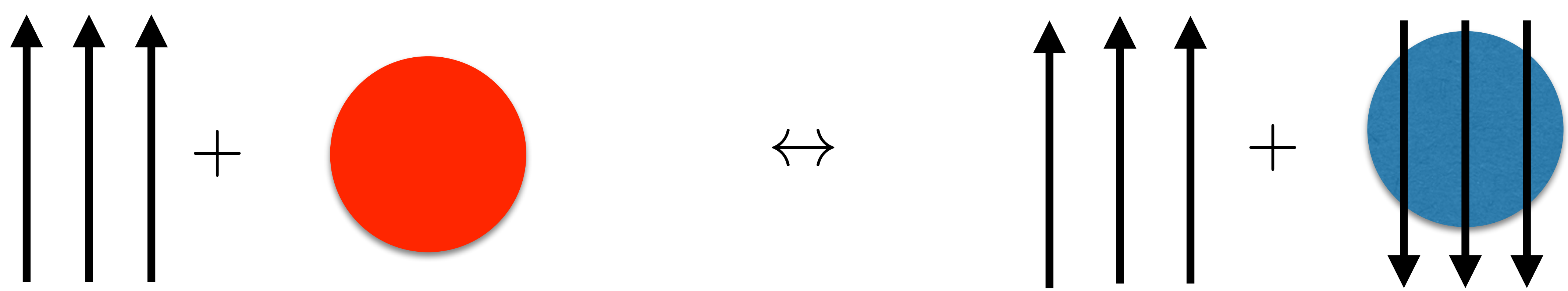

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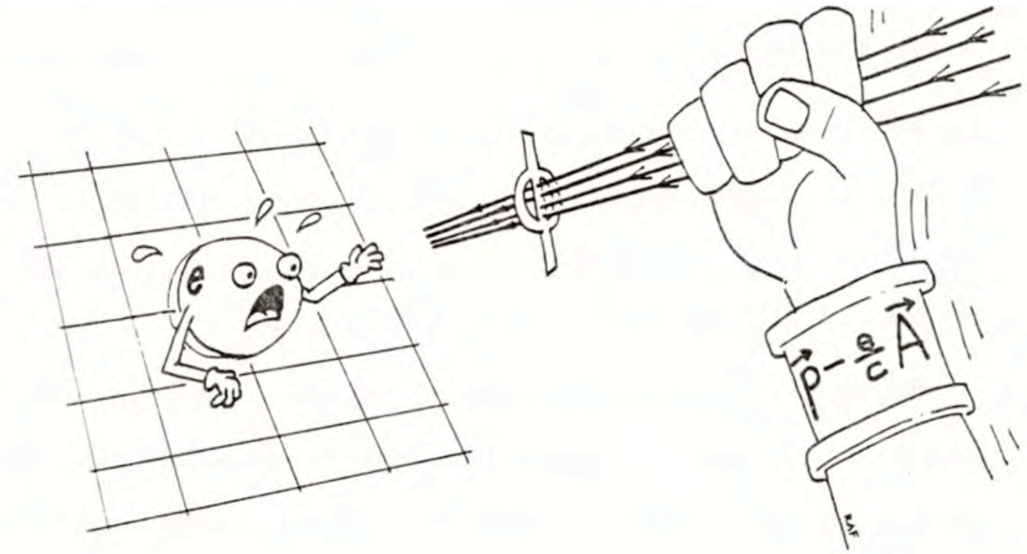

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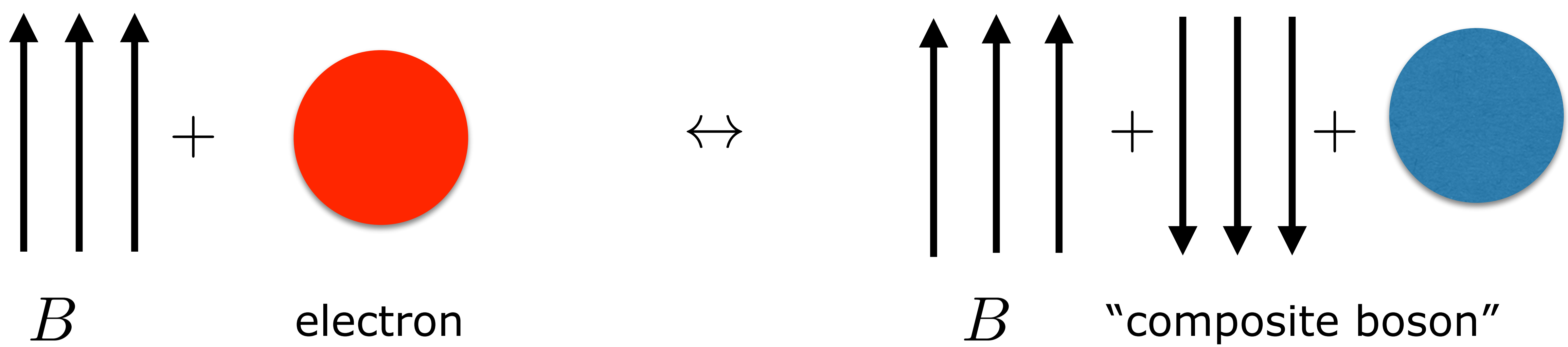

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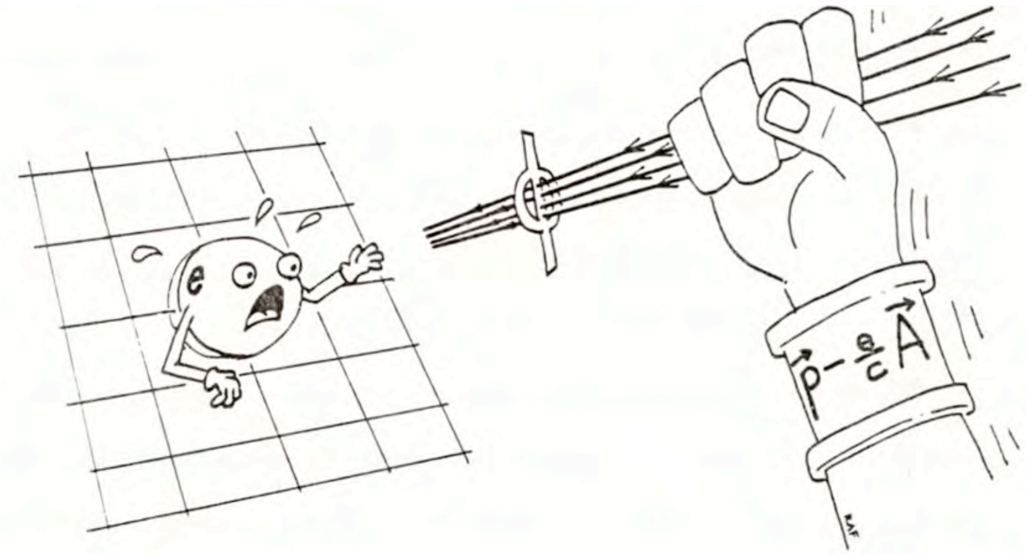

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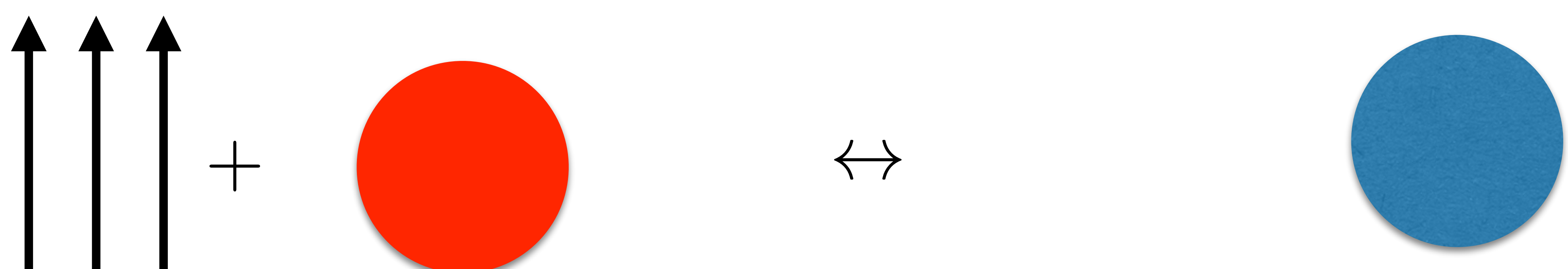

B electron “composite boson”

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"composite bosons" provide a useful theoretical picture that unites the integer and fractional quantum Hall phenomena

$$\mathcal{L}_{cb} = \varphi^* \Big(i(\partial_t - i(\alpha_t + A_t) + \frac{1}{2m_e}(\partial_j - i(\alpha_j + A_j))^2 \Big) \varphi - |\varphi|^4 + \frac{1}{n}\frac{1}{4\pi}\alpha d\alpha$$

$$\alpha d\alpha = \epsilon^{\mu\nu\rho}\alpha_\mu \partial_\nu \alpha_\rho$$

α : "statistical" gauge field

A : electromagnetic gauge field

n : number of flux quanta "attached" to φ

$n = 1$ gives IQHE;

$n = 3$ gives $1/3$ Laughlin state

quantum Hall transitions are mapped to field-tuned "superconductor" to "insulator" transition “composite bosons” provide a useful theoretical picture that unites the integer and fractional quantum Hall phenomena

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superuniversality obtains if exponents don’t depend on n

in mean-field theory, this occurs (obviously)

to go beyond mean-field theory, prior works have computed exponents when there are a large number of flavors, e.g.,

$$\nu = 1 - \frac{1}{N_f} F(n)$$

Wen & Wu; Chen, Fisher, & Wu

$$F(n) \sim \mathcal{O}(1) \text{ and depends strongly on } n$$

structure of the talk

I'll provide some theoretical optimism for superuniversality with new effective descriptions for a class of quantum Hall phase transitions between states whose quasiparticles have abelian statistics

these descriptions have an emergent U(N) with N > 1 gauge symmetry

1. I'll provide a description for an integer quantum Hall transition

2. I'll use this description to generate transitions between a class of abelian quantum Hall states

3. I'll show that the correlation length exponent at distinct quantum hall transitions is the same in the 't Hooft large N limit

4. I'll argue that these results hold away from the 't Hooft large N limit using non-abelian bosonization conjectures

Note: I will not get realistic critical exponents; additional physical ingredients are presumably necessary

the starting point

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{IQHT}}(A) = i\bar{\psi}\, \not{D}_a \psi - \frac{1}{2}\frac{1}{4\pi}\text{Tr}\left[ada - \frac{2}{3}ia^3\right] - \frac{1}{2\pi}\text{Tr}[a]db - \frac{N+1}{4\pi}bdb - \frac{1}{2\pi}bdA$$

N: an integer greater than 1

a: a $U(N)$ Chern-Simons gauge field

b: a $U(1)$ Chern-Simons gauge field

A: the electromagnetic gauge field

ψ: Dirac fermion with 2 spinor components in the fundamental rep of $U(N)$

quantization conditions

$$\mathcal{L}_{\rm IQHT}(A) = i\bar{\psi}\, \not{D}_a \psi - \frac{1}{2}\frac{1}{4\pi}\mathrm{Tr}\left[ada - \frac{2}{3}ia^3\right] - \frac{1}{2\pi}\mathrm{Tr}[a]db - \frac{N+1}{4\pi}bdb - \frac{1}{2\pi}bdA$$

in the absence of “matter fields,” like a Dirac fermion, only integral linear combinations of the terms below give well defined contributions to a 2+1D effective action

Deser, Jackiw, Templeton; Polychronakos

$$\frac{1}{4\pi}\mathrm{Tr}\left[ada - \frac{2}{3}ia^3\right],$$

$$\frac{1}{4\pi}\mathrm{Tr}[a]d\mathrm{Tr}[a],$$

$$\frac{1}{2\pi}\mathrm{Tr}[a]db,$$

$$\frac{1}{4\pi}bdb$$

the first two terms in $\mathcal{L}_{\rm IQHT}$ contribute well defined terms in the 1PI action

Niemi & Semenoff; Redlich; Witten

ultraviolet regularization: Yang-Mills term for a

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this means we augment,

$$\mathcal{L}_{\rm IQHT} \to \mathcal{L}_{\rm IQHT} - \frac{1}{4g^2}\mathrm{Tr}[F_a^2]$$

decomposing $U(N) \approx SU(N) \times U(1)$

the "classical" $SU(N)$ Chern-Simons level gets a one-loop exact shift:

Witten; Chen, Semenoff, & Wu

$$k_{SU(N)} = -\frac{1}{2} \mapsto -\frac{1}{2} - N$$

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$m_\psi < 0$: integer quantum Hall effect

$m_\psi > 0$: insulator

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rank/level duality

Naculich & Schnitzer;
Nakanishi & Tsuchiya;
Hsin & Seiberg

$$= \frac{N}{4\pi}bdb - \frac{N+1}{4\pi}bdb - \frac{1}{2\pi}$$

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$m_\psi > 0:$

$$\mathcal{L}_{\mathrm{eff}} = -\frac{1}{2\pi}\mathrm{Tr}[a]db - \frac{N+1}{4\pi}bdb - \frac{1}{2\pi}bdA$$

$\Longrightarrow$

$b = 0$ and

$\mathcal{L}_{\mathrm{eff}} = 0$

fractional quantum Hall transitions via the modular group

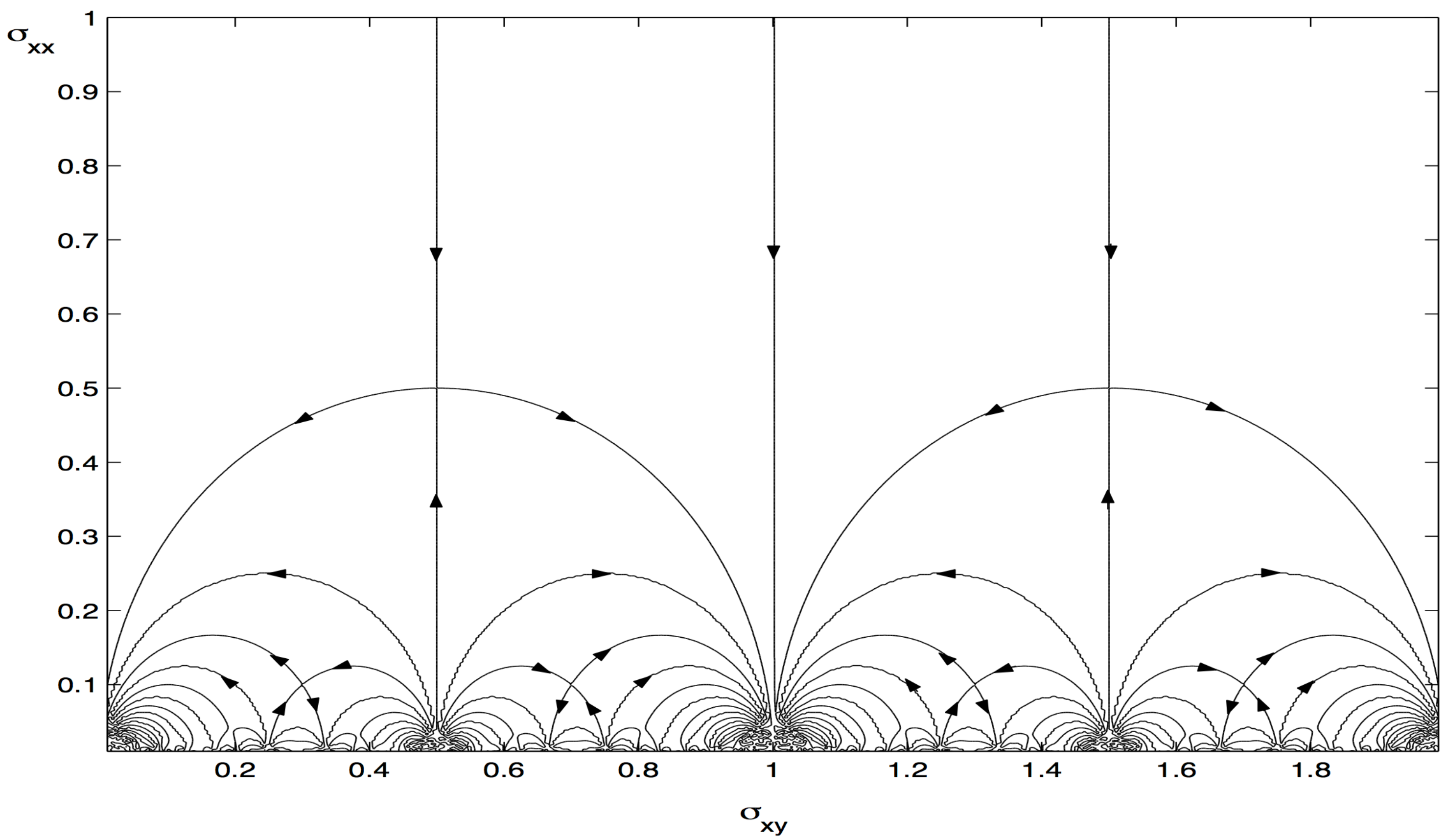
modular group, $PSL(2,\mathbb{Z})$: group of 2×2 matrices with integer entries and unit determinant

complexified zero-temperature dc conductivity

$$\sigma = \sigma_{xy} + i\sigma_{xx}$$

$$\sigma \mapsto \frac{p\sigma + q}{r\sigma + s}, \text{ for } \begin{pmatrix} p & q \\ r & s \end{pmatrix} \in PSL(2,\mathbb{Z})$$

Wikipedia



lifting the modular group to a Lagrangian $\mathcal{L}(\Phi, A)$

Witten; Leigh & Petkou

generators: $\mathcal{T} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ and $\mathcal{S} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$

$$\mathcal{T} : \mathcal{L}(\Phi, A) \mapsto \mathcal{L}(\Phi, A) + \frac{1}{4\pi} AdA,$$
$$\mathcal{S} : \mathcal{L}(\Phi, A) \mapsto \mathcal{L}(\Phi, c) - \frac{1}{2\pi} cdB$$

$$\mathcal{T} : \sigma \mapsto \sigma + 1$$
$$\mathcal{S} : \sigma \mapsto -1/\sigma$$

we can decompose the subset of modular transformations into two groups:

(i) addition of a Landau level: $\mathcal{T}$

and

(ii) attachment of n units of flux: $\mathcal{S}\mathcal{T}^{-n}\mathcal{S}$

e.g.,

$\sigma = 1 \to 0$ transition

some modular transformation → $\downarrow$

$\sigma = 1/(n+1) \to 0$ transition

via $\mathcal{S}\mathcal{T}^{-2}\mathcal{S}$

from a theory for the $\sigma = 1 \to 0$ transition

we can generate a class of fractional quantum Hall transitions,

e.g., $\sigma = 1/(n+1) \to 0$

$$\mathcal{L}_{\rm IQHT}(A)$$

some modular transformation → $\downarrow$

$$\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}_{\rm IQHT}(c) + \mathcal{L}_{\rm mod}(A)$$

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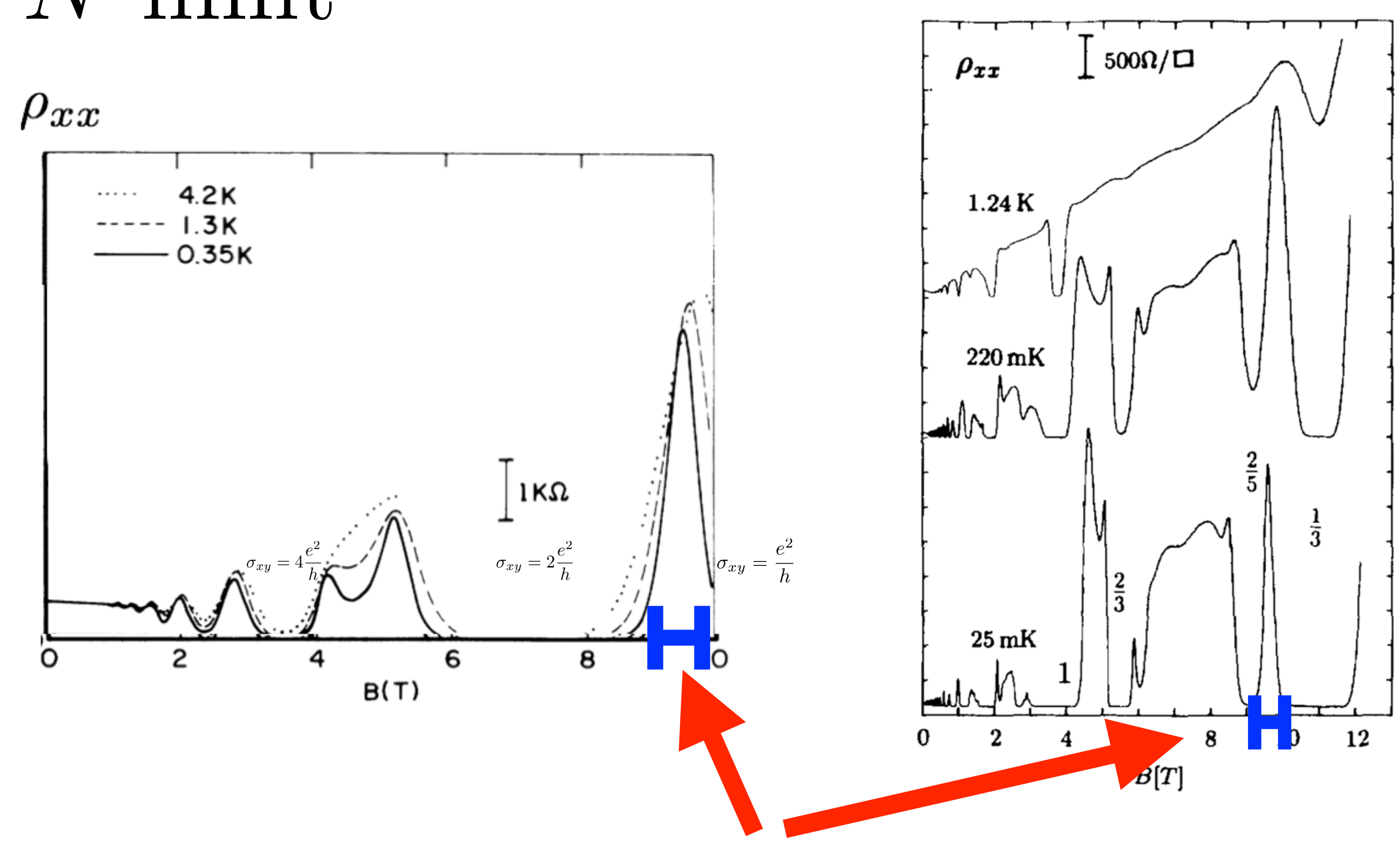
$$\mathcal{L}_{\rm mod}(A) = -\frac{1}{2\pi}cdg - \frac{n}{4\pi}gdg - \frac{1}{2\pi}gdA$$

focusing on the $\sigma = 1/(n+1) \to 0$ transition, we wish to calculate:

$\nu^{-1} = 1 - \gamma_{\bar{\psi}\psi}.$

$z = 1$, automatically, since theory is relativistic

I will argue that $\gamma_{\bar{\psi}\psi}$ is independent of n in the 't Hooft large N limit



$\Delta B \sim T^{1/\nu z}$

for this perturbative calculation, it's helpful to rewrite the Lagrangian in a less precise, but simpler form

$$\mathcal{L}_{\rm s} = i\bar{\psi}\, \not{D}_a \psi - \frac{1}{2}\frac{1}{4\pi}\mathrm{Tr}\Big[ada - \frac{2}{3}ia^3\Big] + \frac{1}{N+1+n}\frac{1}{4\pi}(\mathrm{Tr}[a] - A)d(\mathrm{Tr}[a] - A)$$

next, we decompose

$$a = \mathcal{A}_{SU(N)} + \mathcal{A}_{U(1)}\mathbb{I}$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{\rm s} = i\bar{\psi}\, \not{D}_a \psi + \frac{k_{SU(N)}}{4\pi}\mathrm{Tr}\Big[\mathcal{A}_{SU(N)} d\mathcal{A}_{SU(N)} - \frac{2}{3}i\mathcal{A}^3_{SU(N)}\Big] + \frac{k_{U(1)}}{4\pi}\mathcal{A}_{U(1)} d\mathcal{A}_{U(1)}$$

$$k_{SU(N)} = -\frac{1}{2} - N \text{ and } k_{U(1)} = \frac{-N^2 + N + Nn}{2(N+1+n)}$$

some intuition

$$\mathcal{L}_{\mathrm{s}} = i\bar{\psi}\, \not{D}_a \psi + \frac{k_{SU(N)}}{4\pi} \mathrm{Tr}\Big[\mathcal{A}_{SU(N)} d\mathcal{A}_{SU(N)} - \frac{2}{3} i \mathcal{A}^3_{SU(N)}\Big] + \frac{k_{U(1)}}{4\pi} \mathcal{A}_{U(1)} d\mathcal{A}_{U(1)}$$

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since $|k_{U(1)}| \propto N$ as $N \to \infty$

fluctuations of $\mathcal{A}_{U(1)}$ can be made arbitrarily weak,

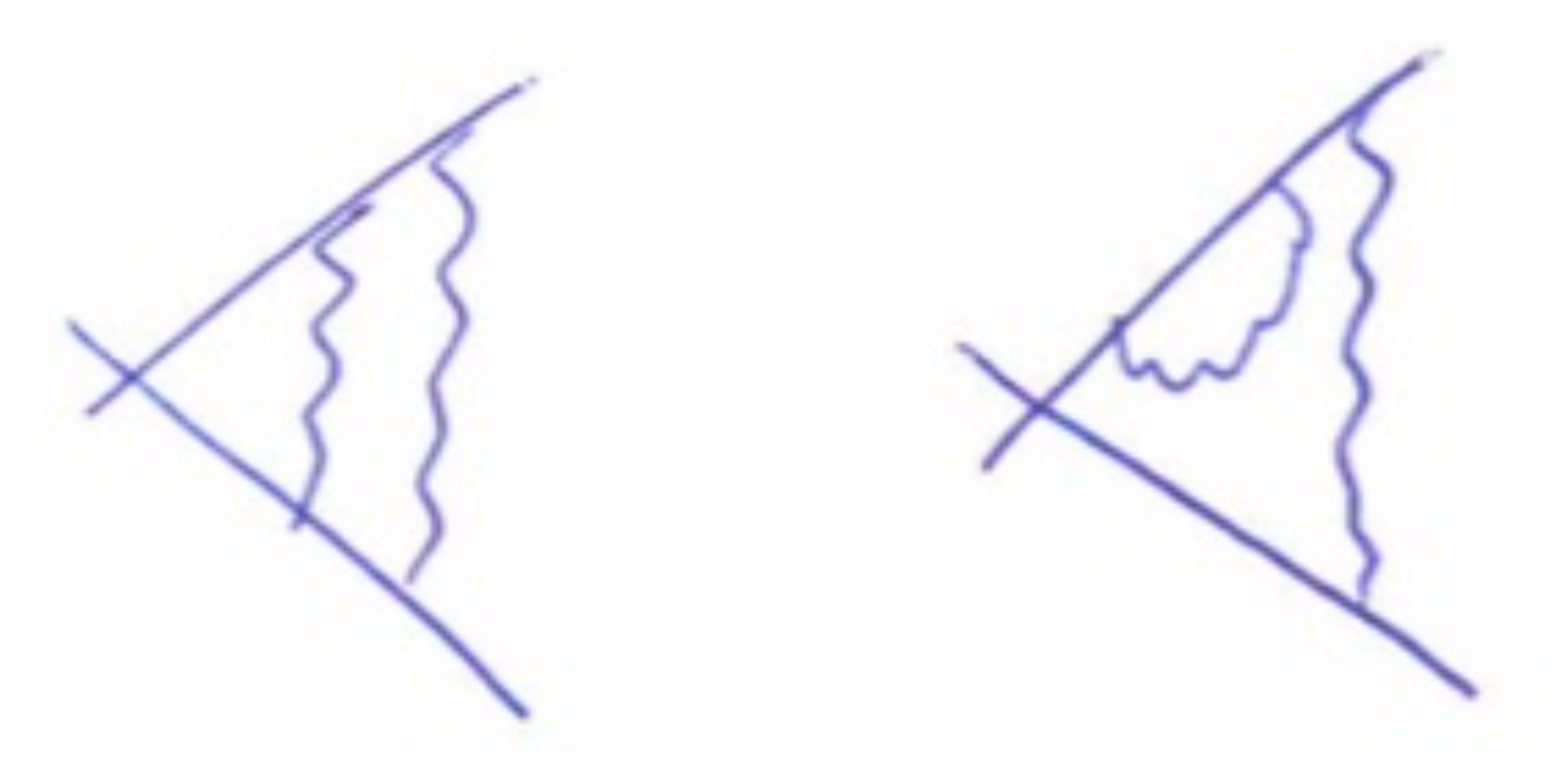
if $\mathcal{A}_{SU(N)}$ could be ignored 't Hooft large N limit

$$N \to \infty$$

$$\text{with}$$

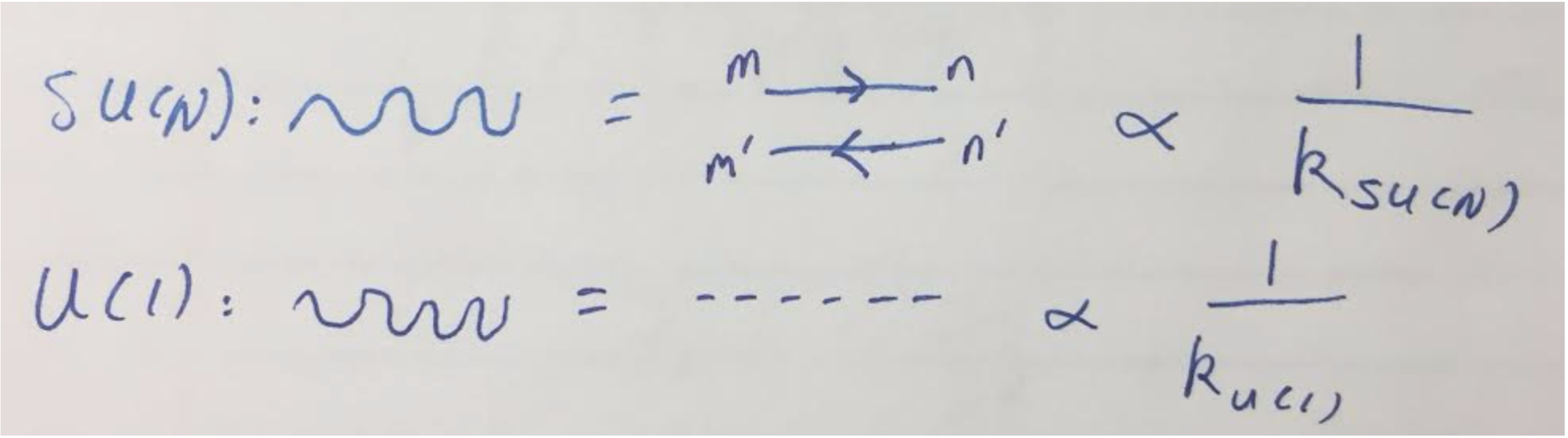
$$\frac{N}{k_{SU(N)}} \text{ and } \frac{N}{k_{U(1)}} \text{ finite}$$

in this limit, leading non-zero contributions to anomalous dimension are

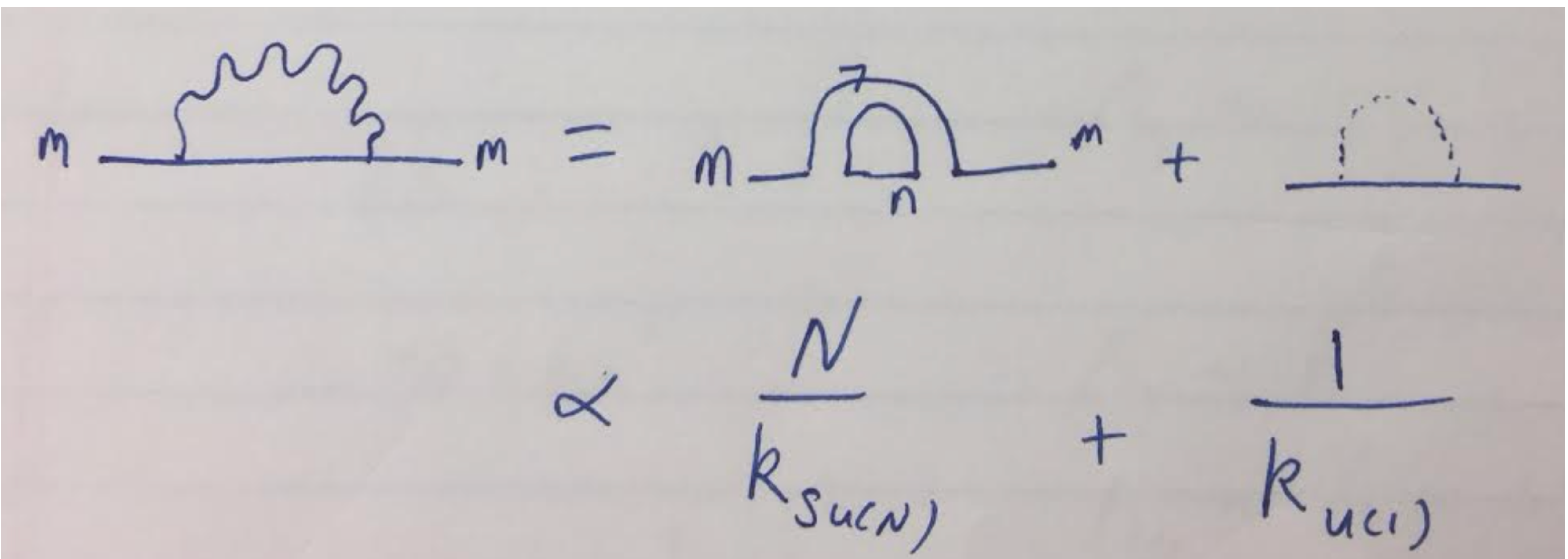


(1-loop vertex and 1- and 2-loop fermion self-energies are finite)

’t Hooft large N limit



example: fermion self-energy



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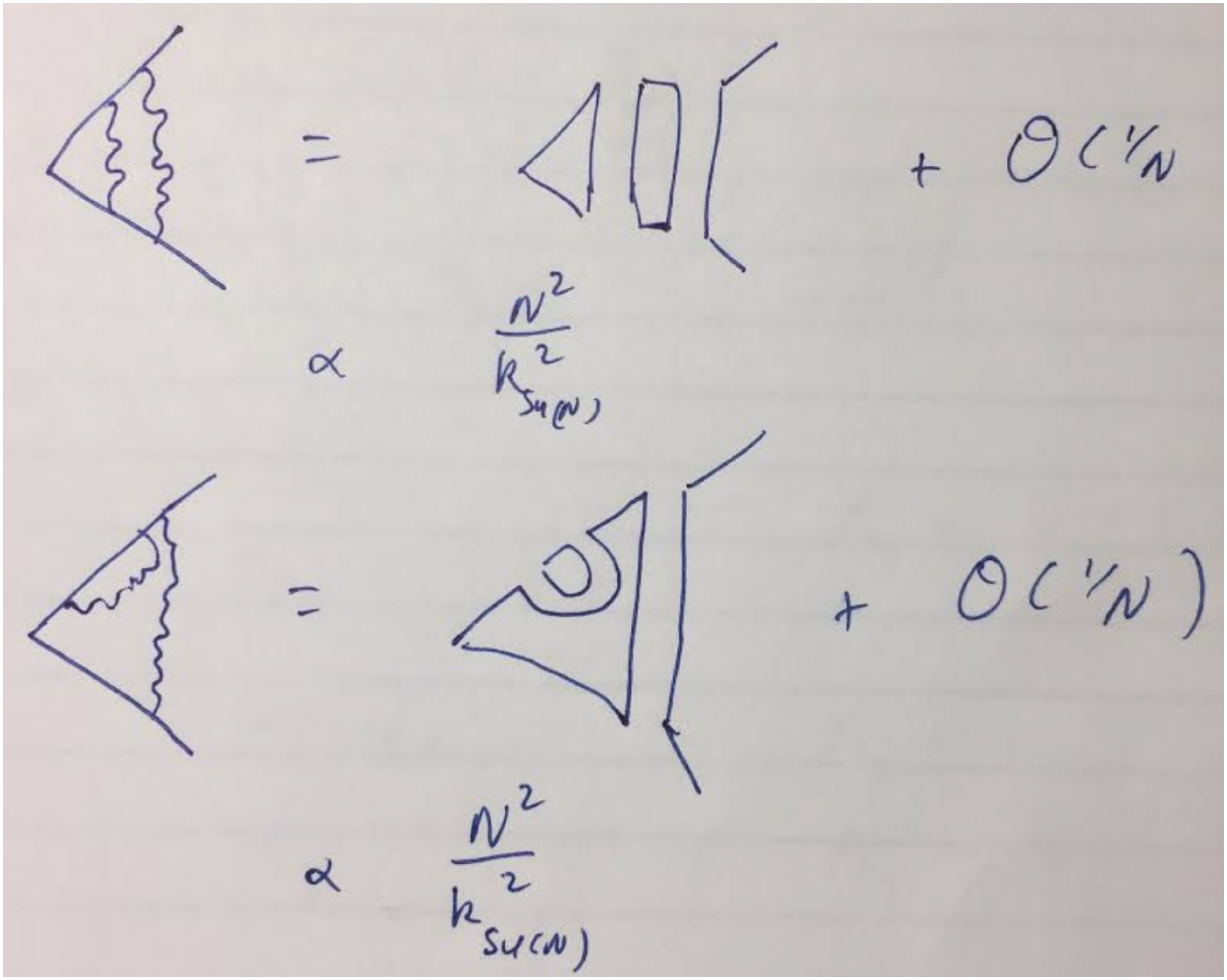

as long as $|k_{U(1)}| \sim N$

leading 't Hooft large N limits of $U(N)$ and $SU(N)$ are the same perturbatively

$$\gamma_{\bar{\psi}\psi} = c_1 \Big(\frac{N}{k_{SU(N)}} \Big)^2 + \mathcal{O}(1/N) f(n)$$

in perturbation theory, $\mathcal{A}_{U(1)}$ only first contributes at $\mathcal{O}(1/N)$

i.e., dependence on n in $1/(n+1) \to 0$ transition occurs at $\mathcal{O}(1/N)$

this is superuniversality in the 't Hooft large N limit!

we can quote prior work for the value of the 2-loop planar contribution to the mass anomalous dimension

$$\gamma_{\bar{\psi}\psi} = 0 + \mathcal{O}\Big((\frac{N}{k_{SU(N)}})^3 \Big)$$

Giombi, Minwalla, Prakash, Trivedi, Wadia, & Yin

or

$$\nu = 1$$

in perturbation theory, this result holds for all n

higher-order terms in perturbation theory may change the value for the anomalous dimension (or exponent), but will not invalidate the n independence

to what extent do these results hold away from the 't Hooft large N limit?

I will argue via consistency of various dualities that

$$\mathcal{L}_{\mathrm{IQHT}}(A) = i\bar{\psi}\,\not{D}_a\psi - \frac{1}{2}\frac{1}{4\pi}\mathrm{Tr}\left[ada - \frac{2}{3}ia^3\right] - \frac{1}{2\pi}\mathrm{Tr}[a]db - \frac{N+1}{4\pi}bdb - \frac{1}{2\pi}bdA$$

is in the same universality class as the theory of a free Dirac fermion:

$$i\bar{\Psi}\,\not{D}_A\Psi + \frac{1}{8\pi}AdA$$

FOR N=1:Son; Senthil & Wang; Metlitski & Vishwanath; Seiberg, Senthil, Wang, & Witten; Karch & Tong; Kachru, MM, Torroba, & Wang; Geraedts, Zaletel, Mong, Metlitski, Vishwanath, & Motrunich; Shankar & Murthy; Mross, Alicea, & Motrunich; Balram & Jain

this means at n = 0

$$\gamma_{\bar{\psi}\psi} = 0$$

furthermore, it implies an **independence** with respect to N and that within a formal perturbative expansion, the anomalous dimension, as captured by the planar term, vanishes when n >0 away from the 't Hooft large N limit!

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← from Huajia's talk, we know this is dual to a free fermion

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things to do:

we'd like to know about non-perturbative corrections
we'd like to calculate electrical and thermal conductivity
we'd like to add disorder and the Coulomb interaction