

# Extended Fractional Chern Insulator Near Half Flux in Twisted Bilayer Graphene Above the Magic Angle

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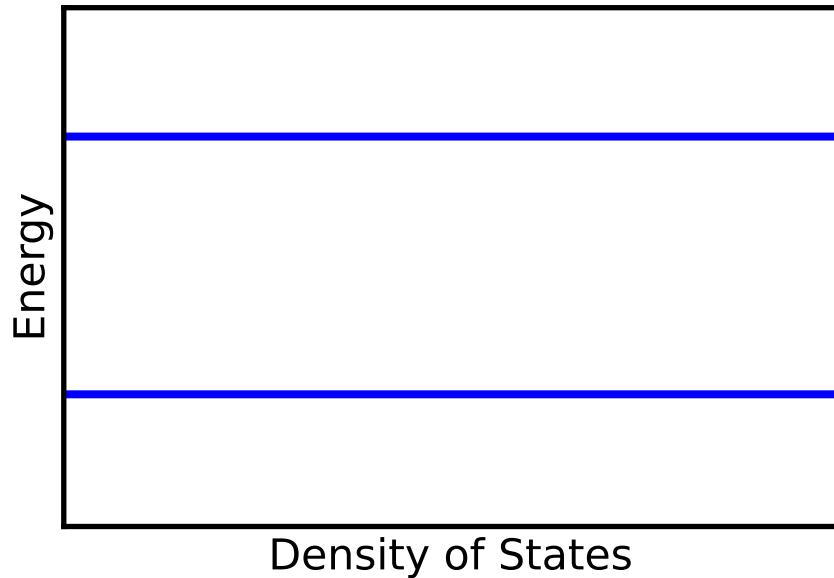
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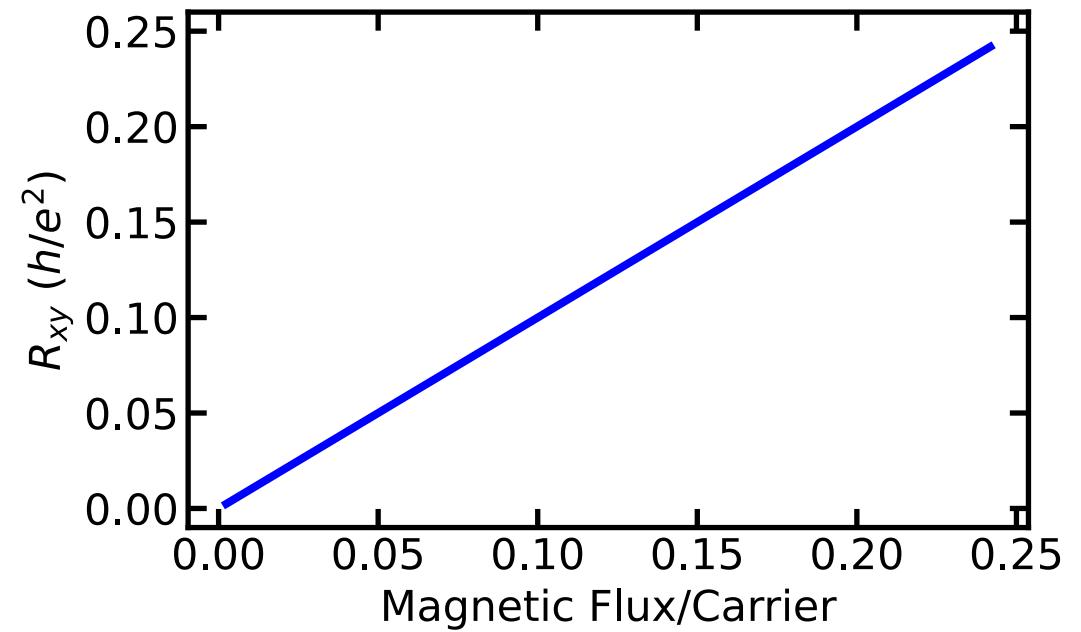
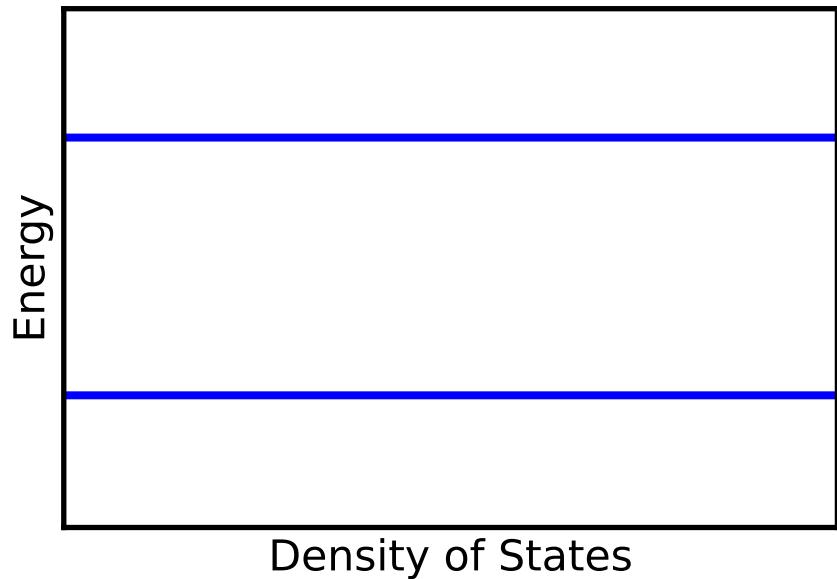
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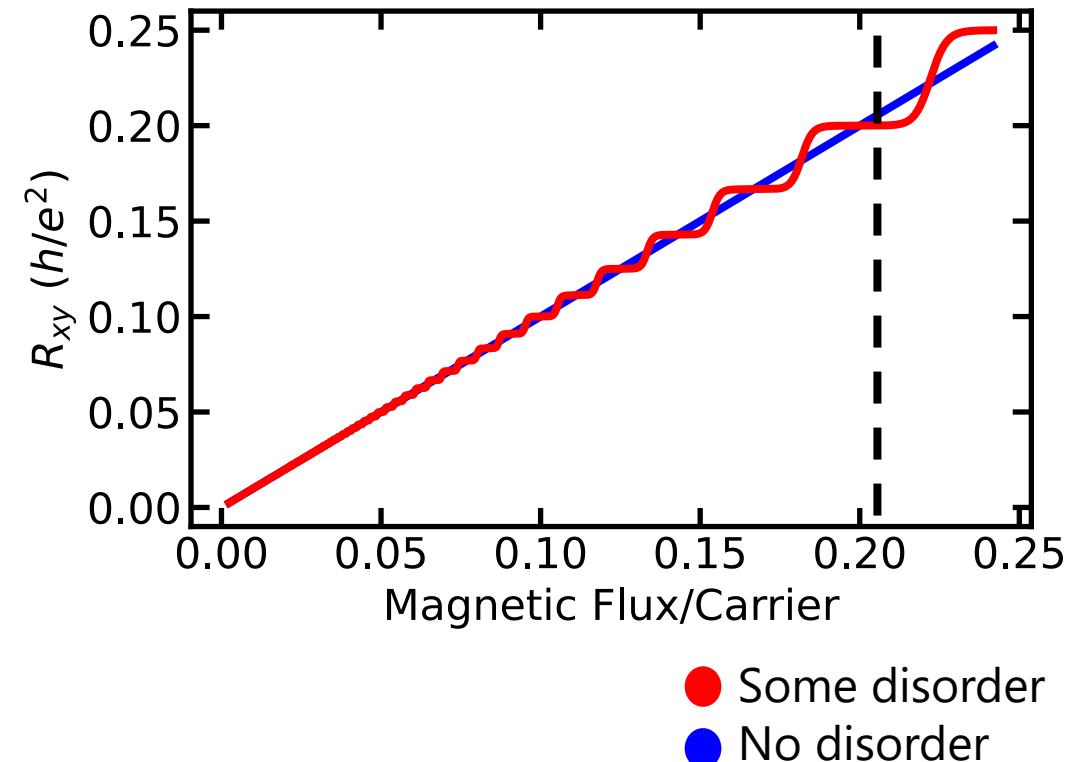
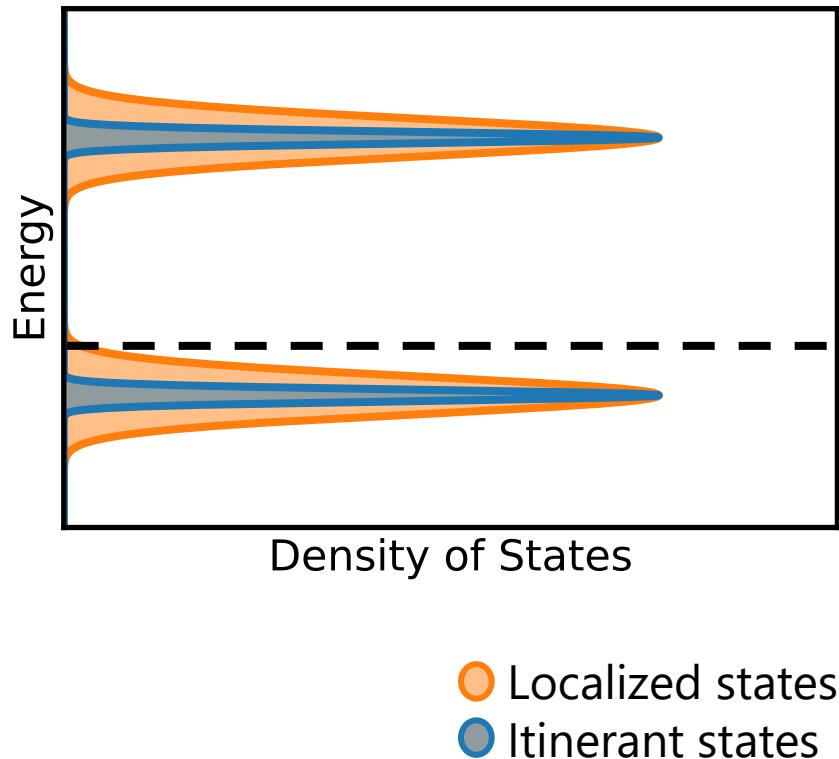
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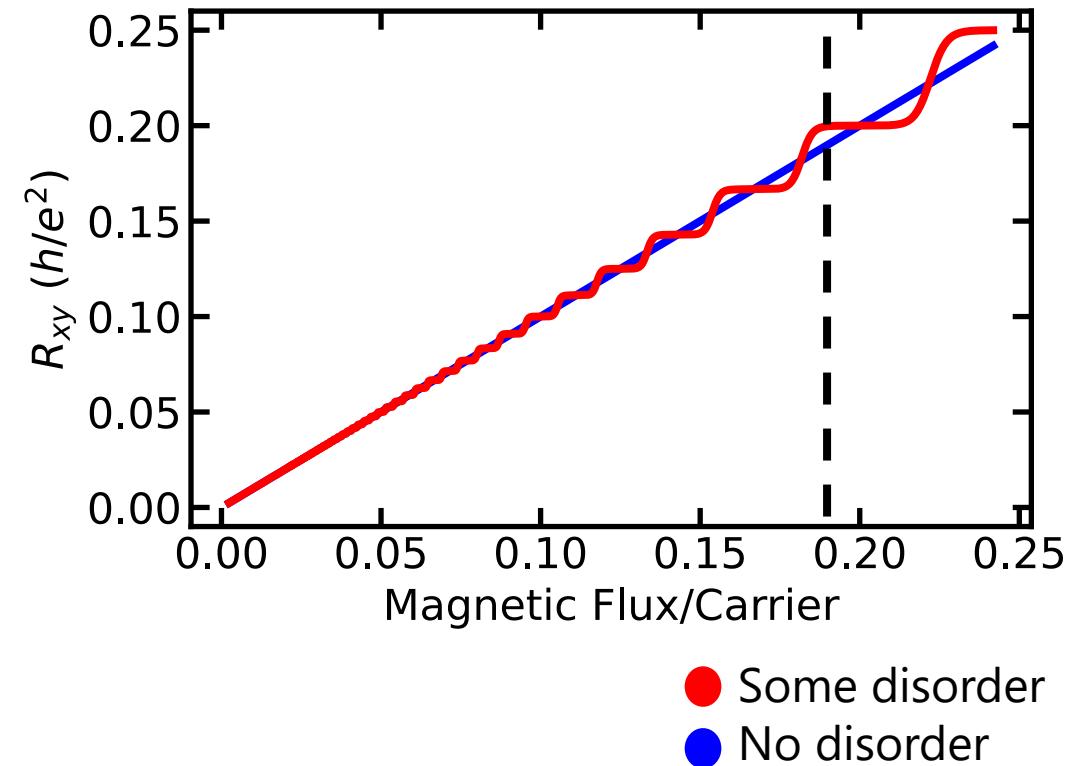
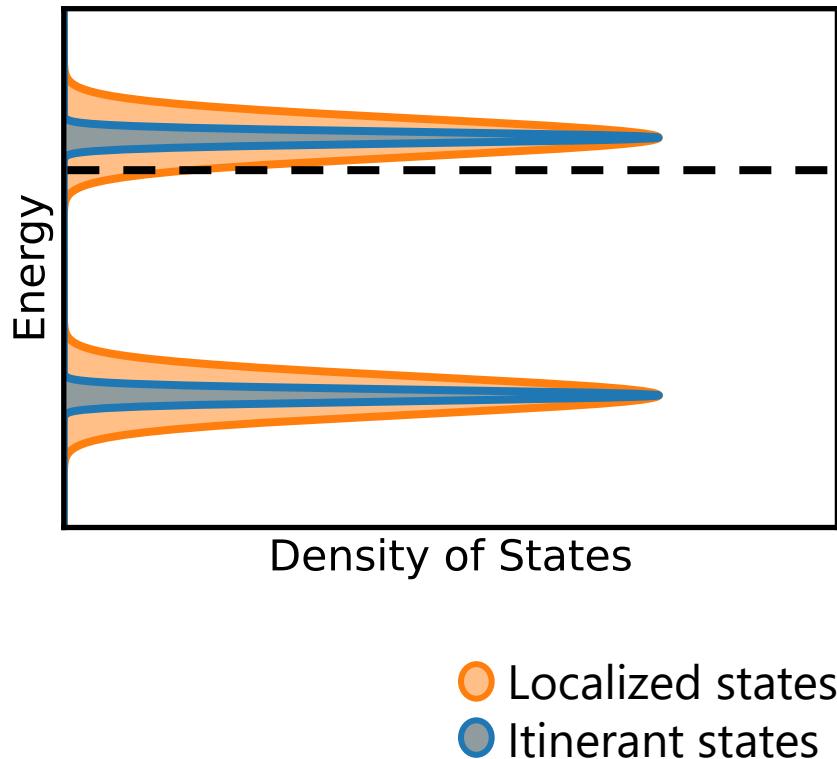
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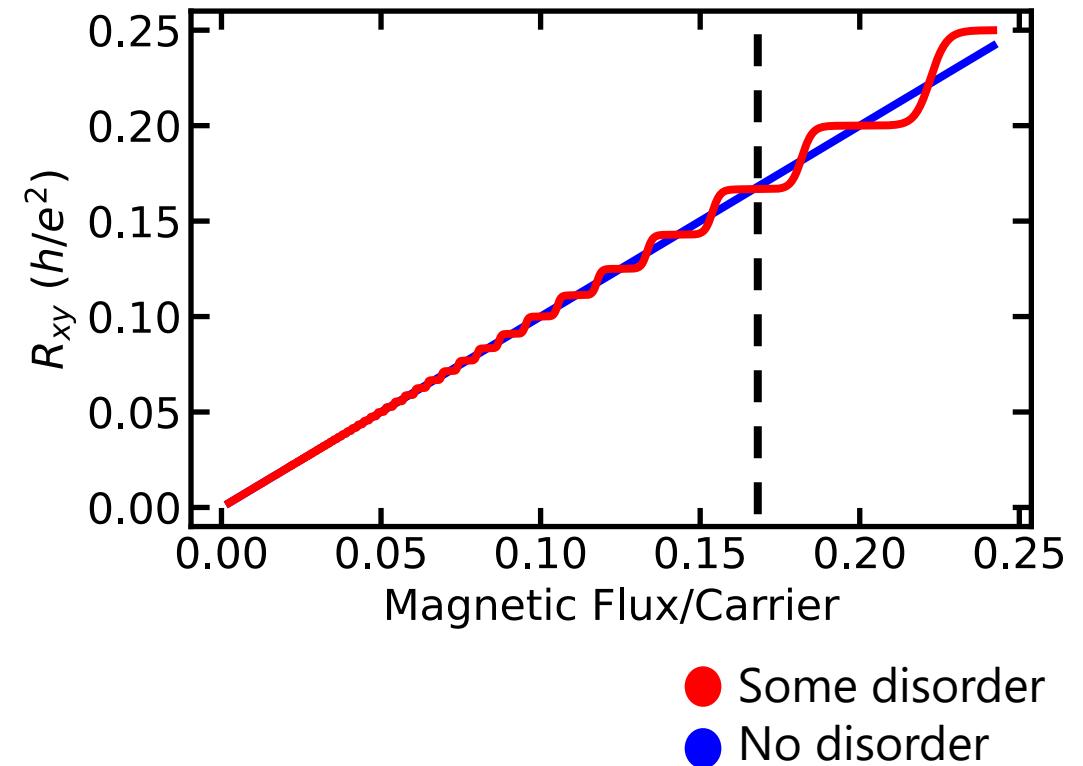
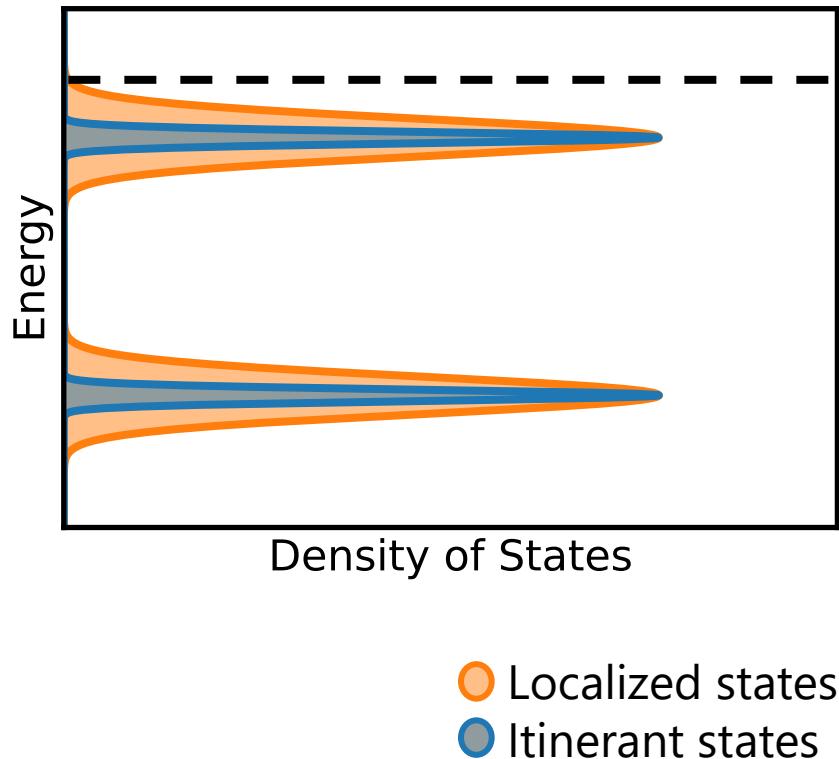
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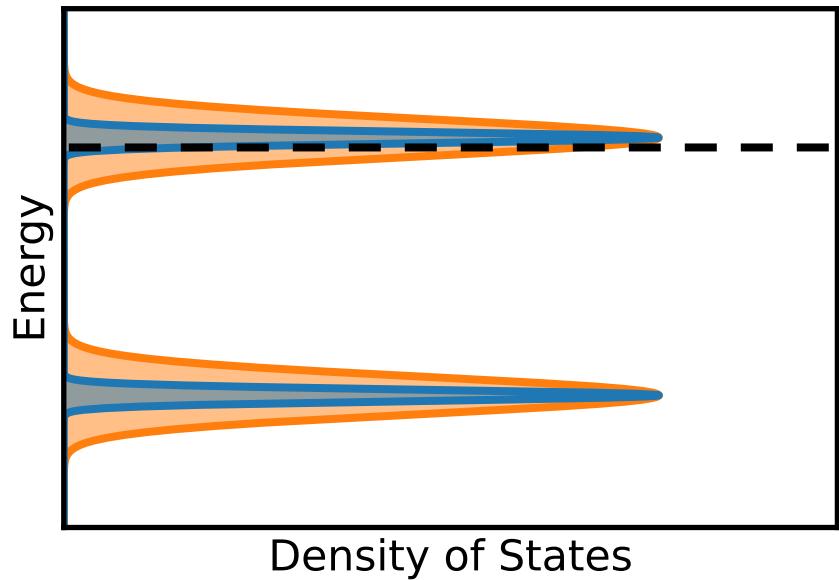
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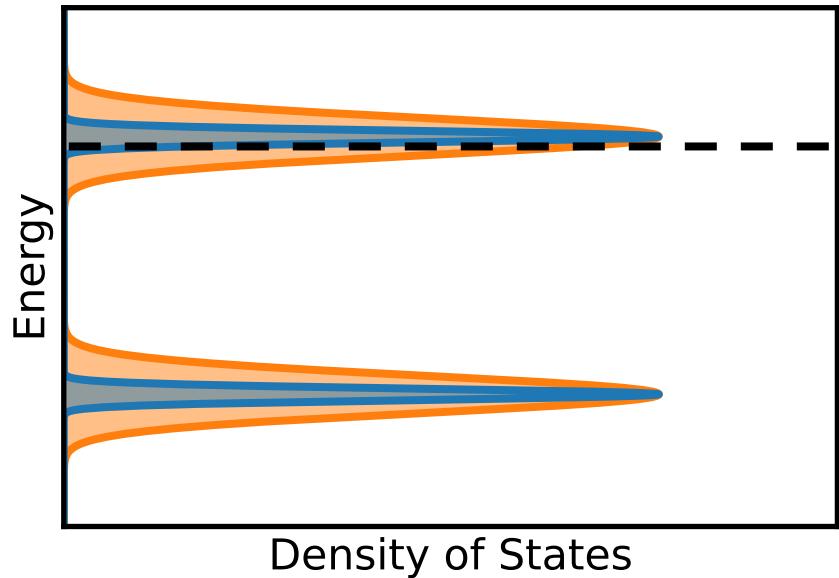
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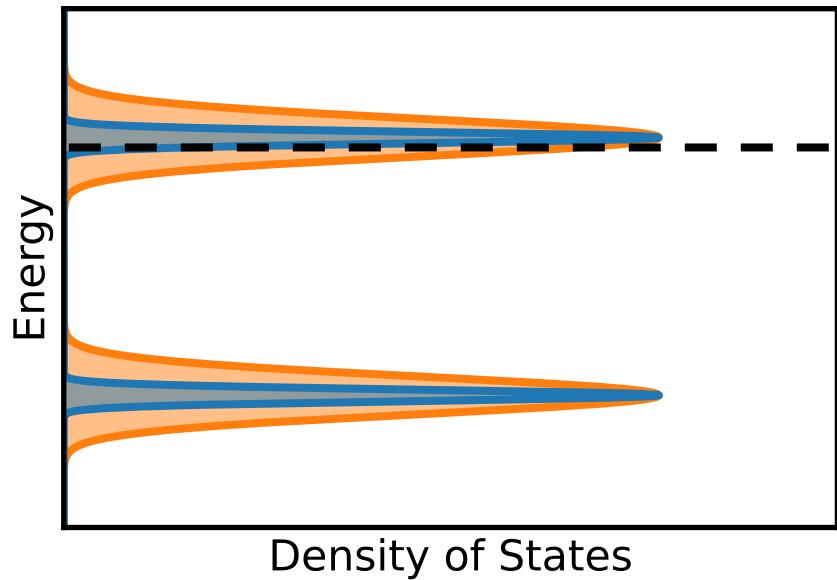
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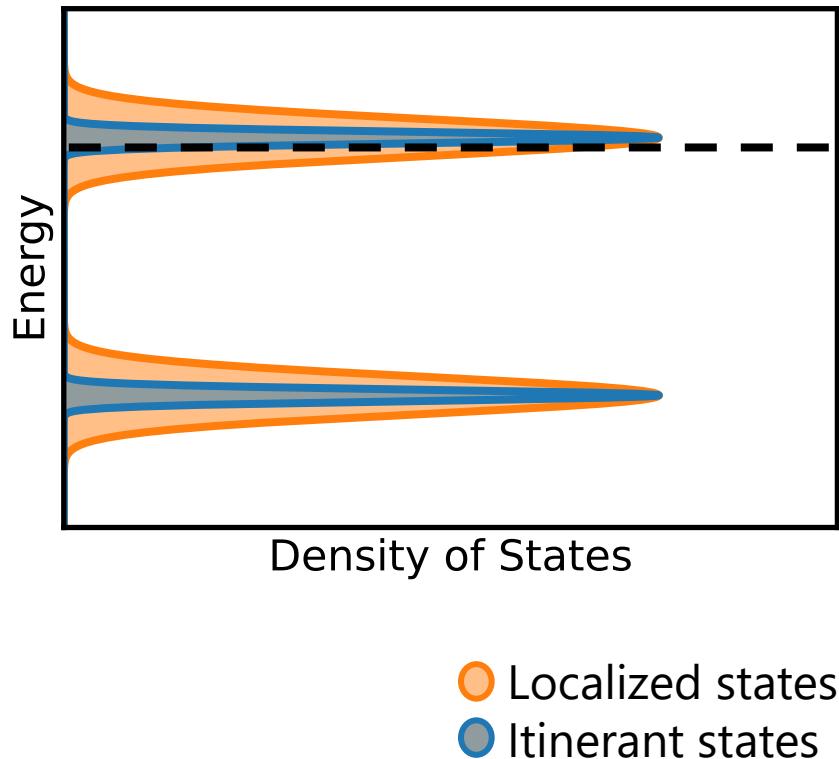
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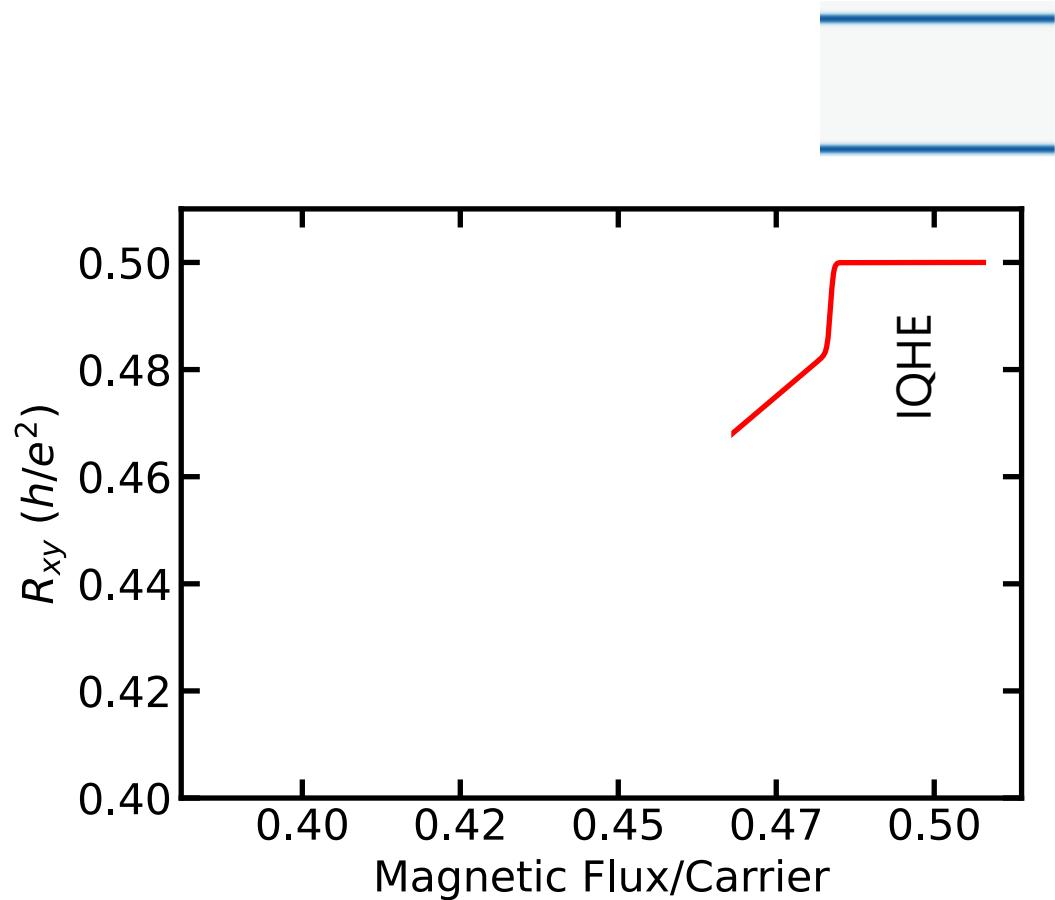
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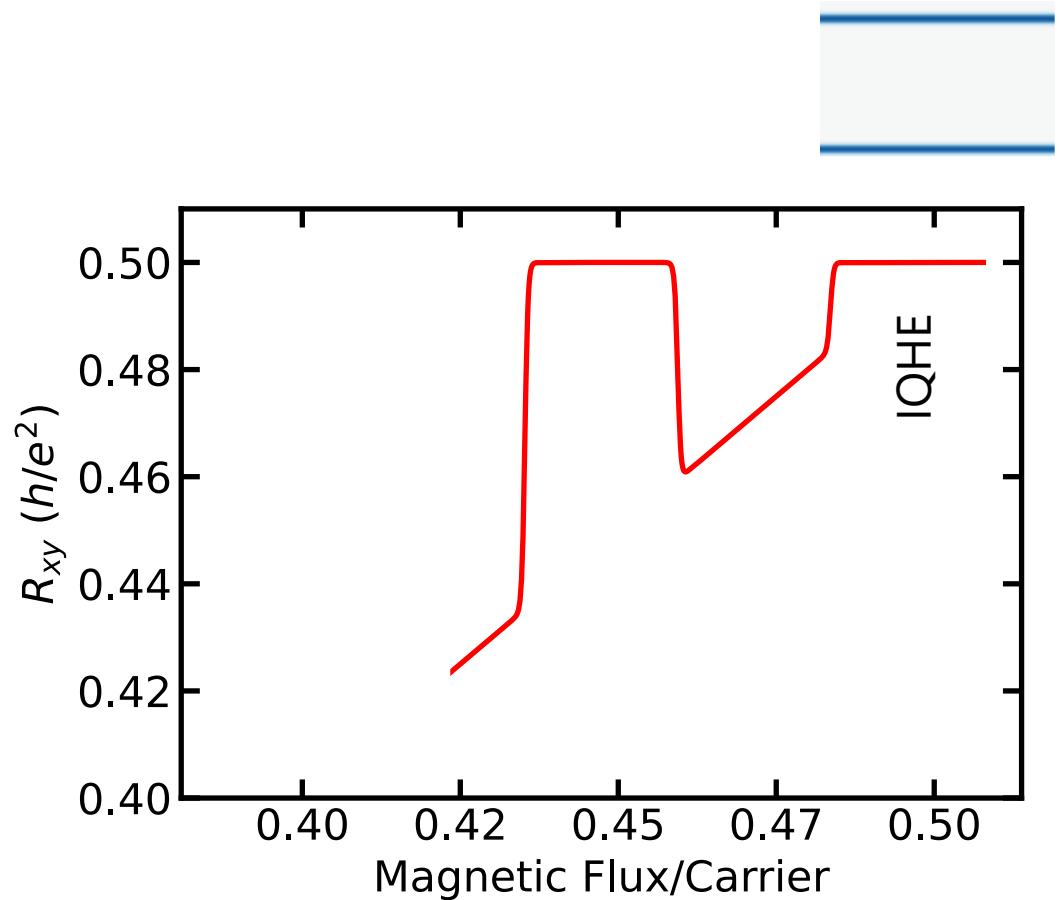
## Charge ordered state:

- Wigner crystal, stripes, bubbles
- Insulator
- Reentrant quantum Hall

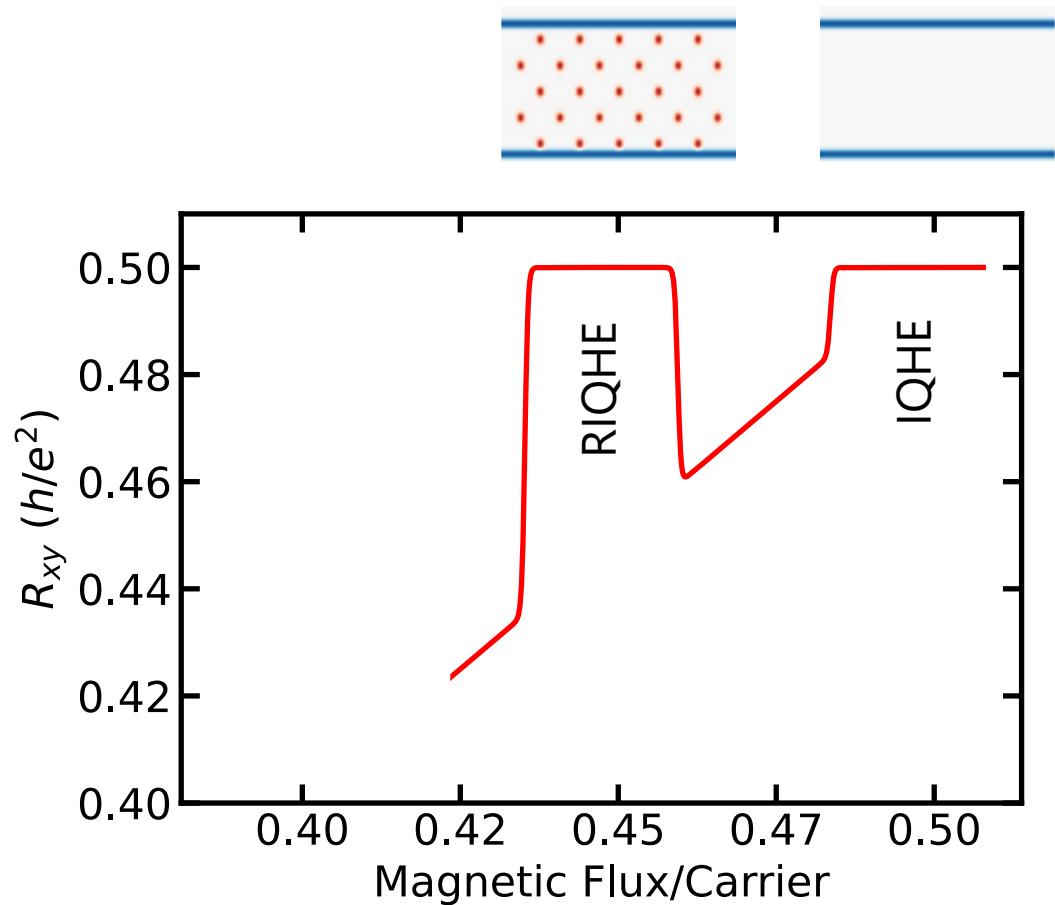
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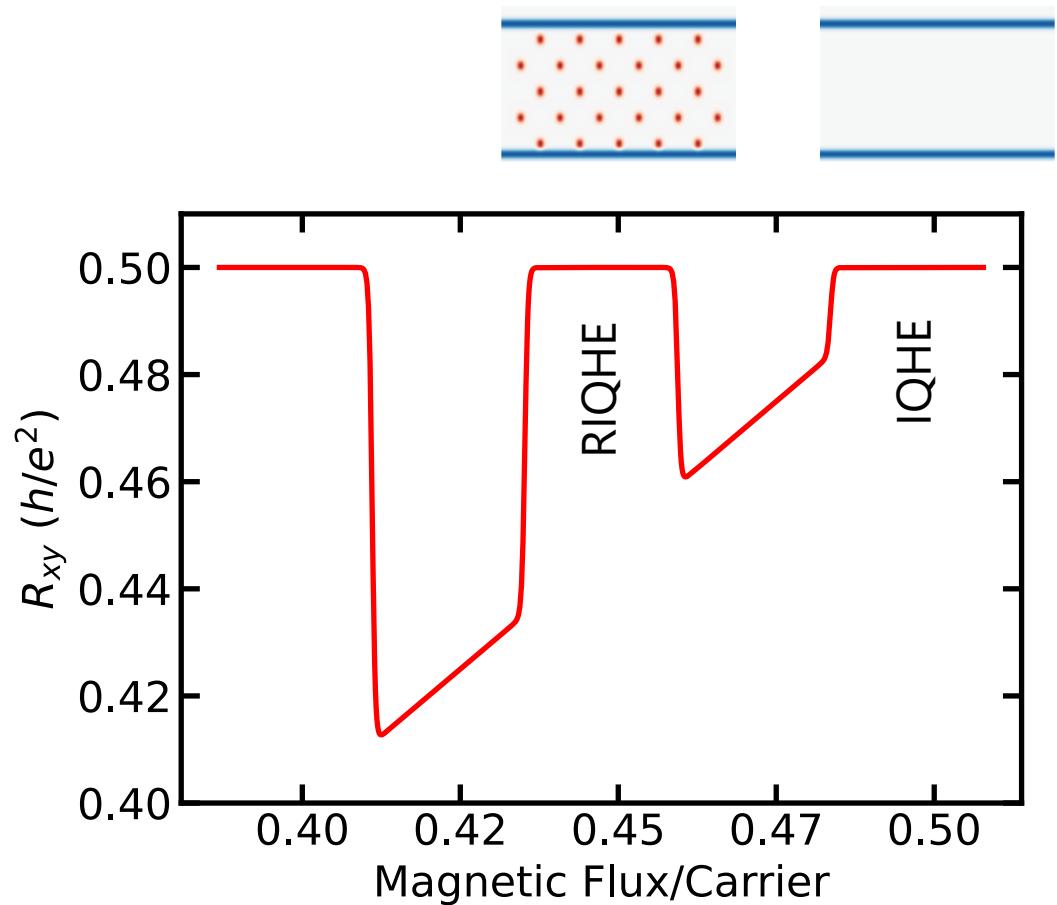
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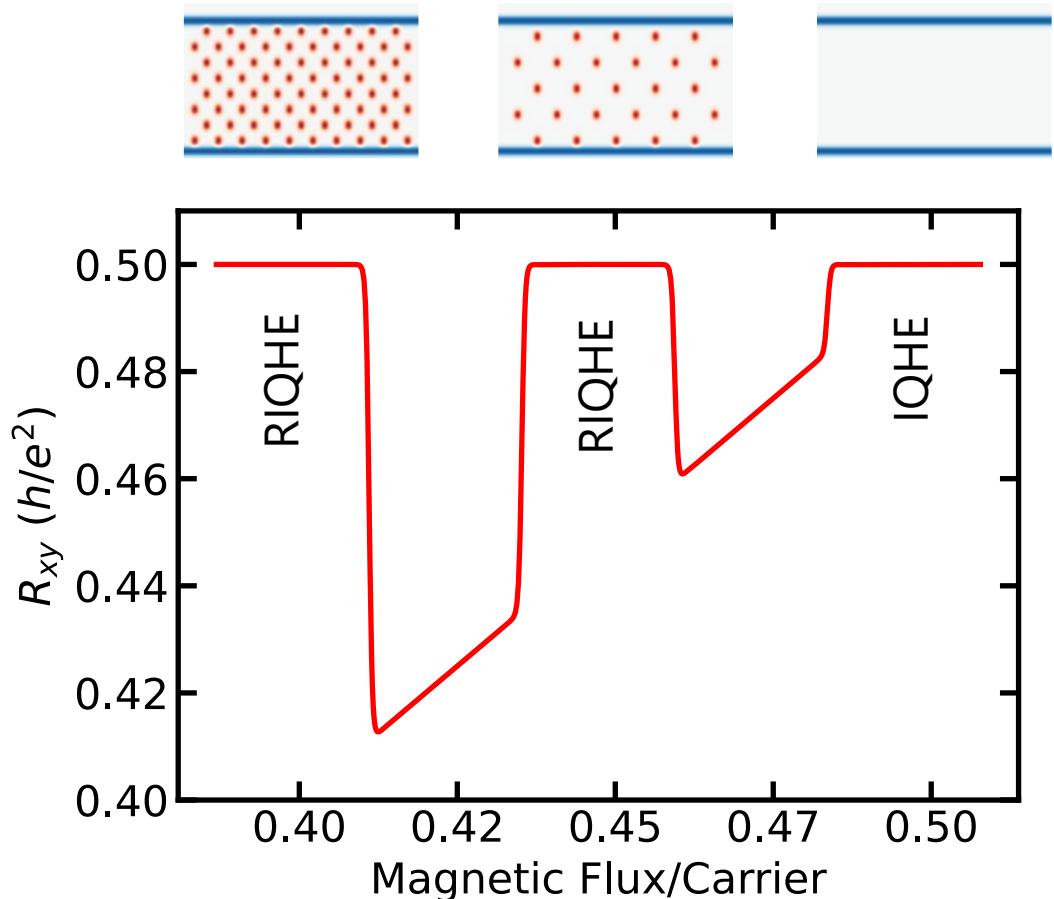
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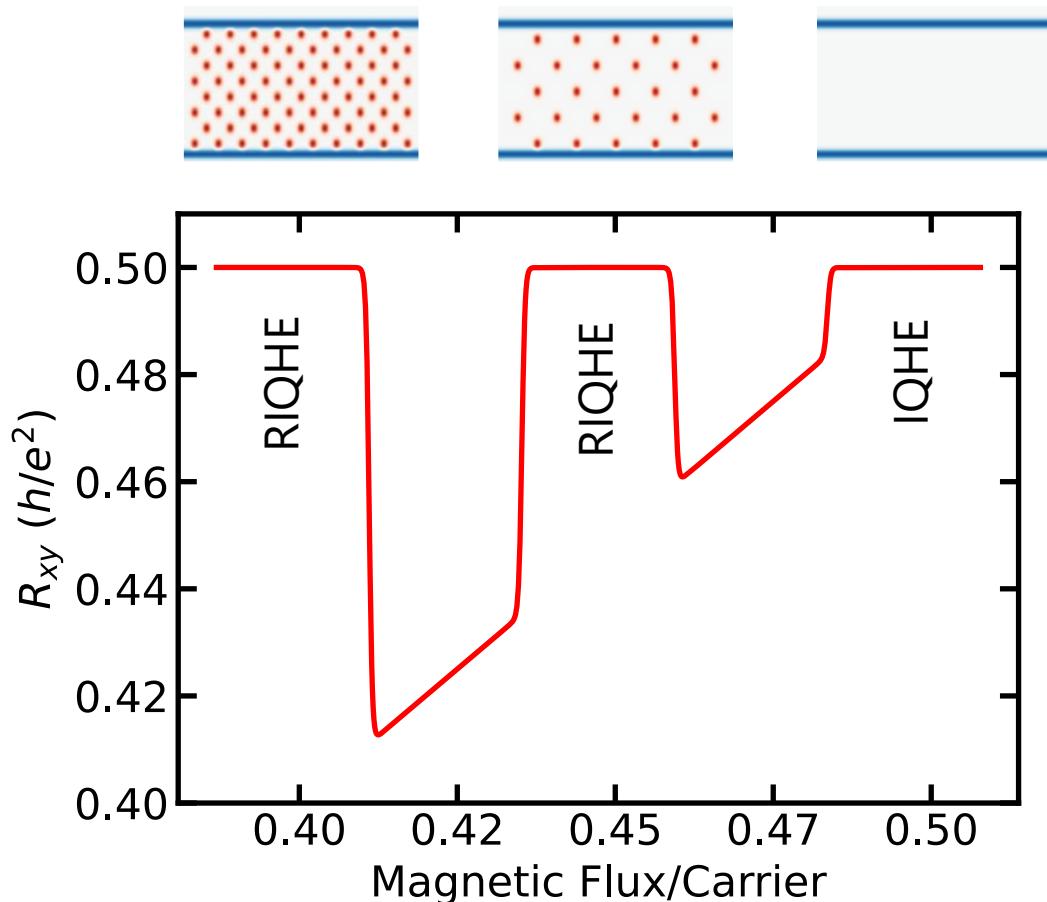
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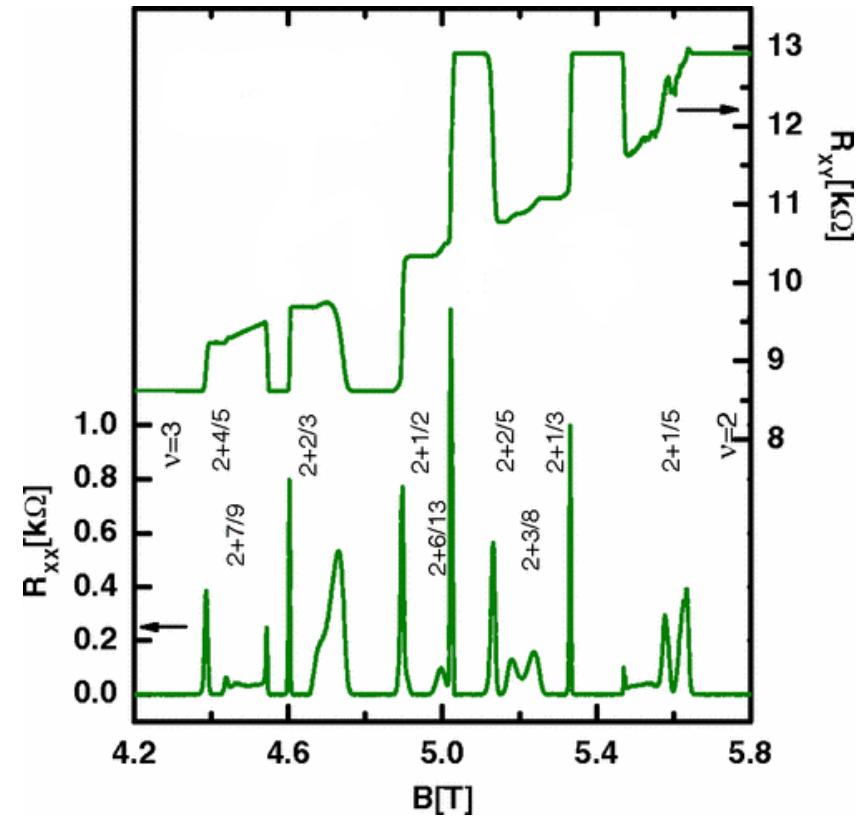
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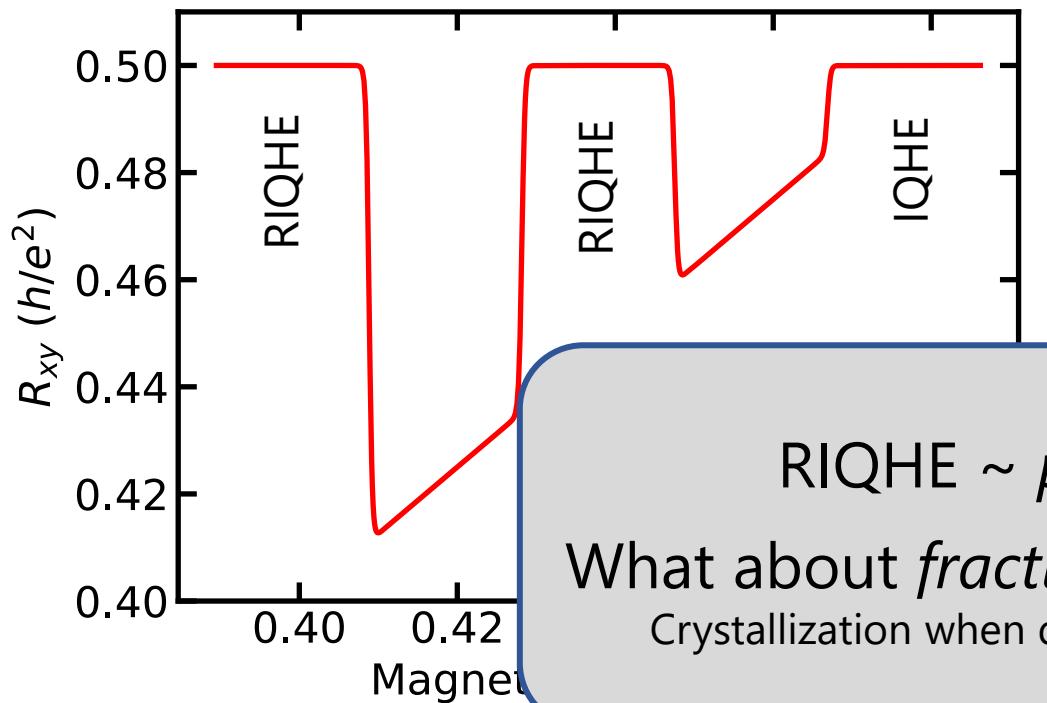
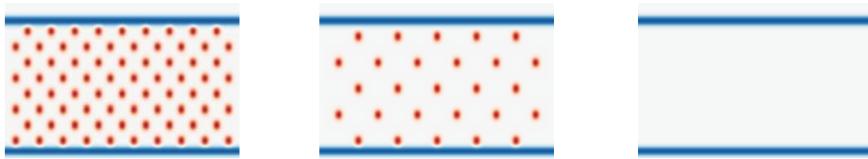
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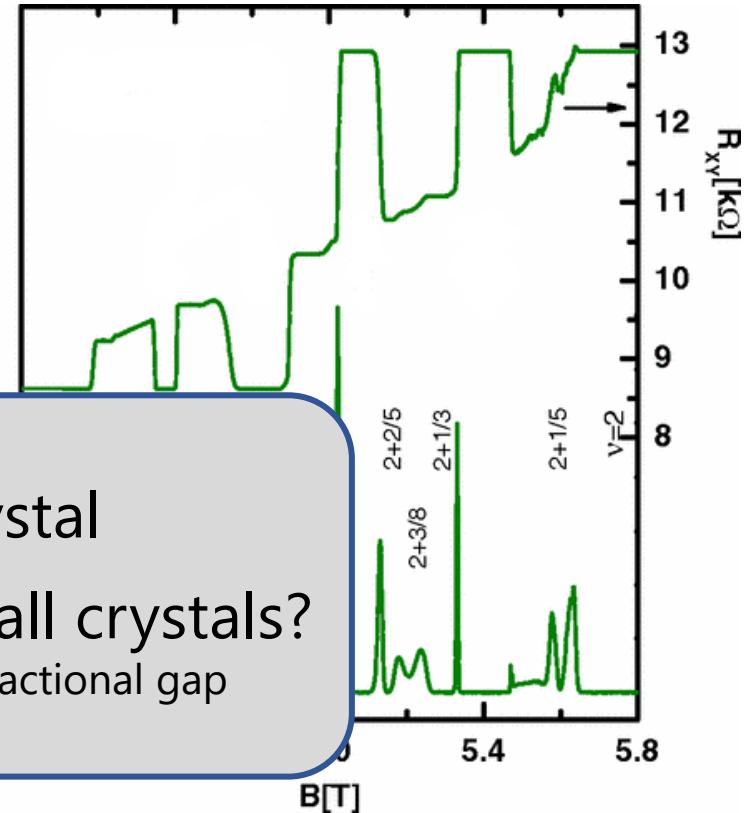


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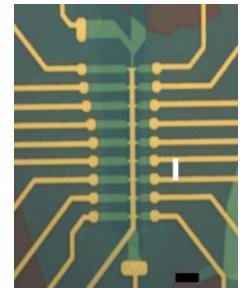


RIQHE  $\sim$  *partial* Hall crystal  
What about *fractional* partial Hall crystals?  
Crystallization when doping relative to a fractional gap

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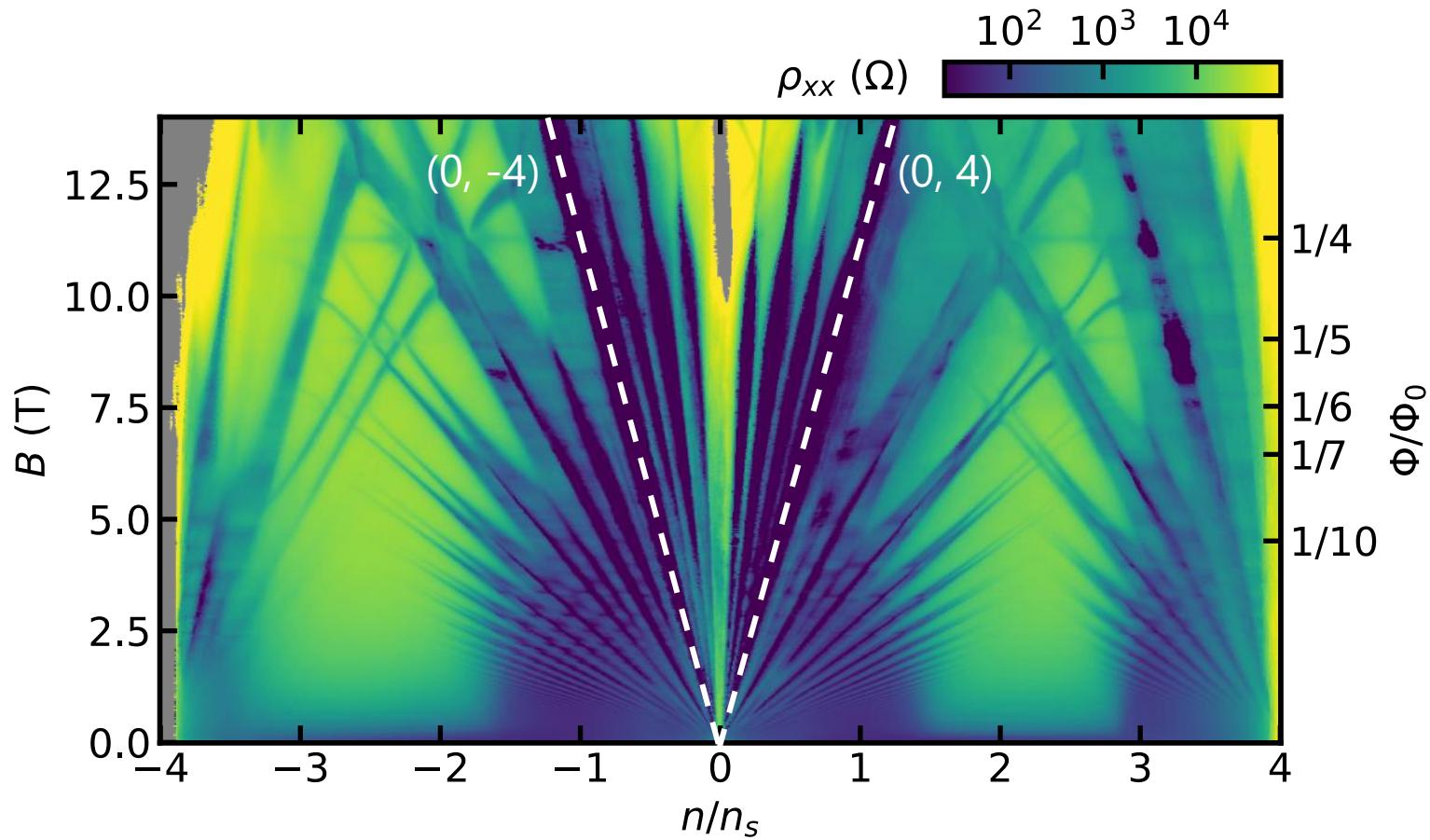
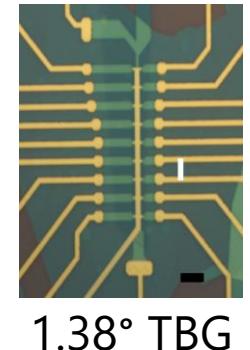


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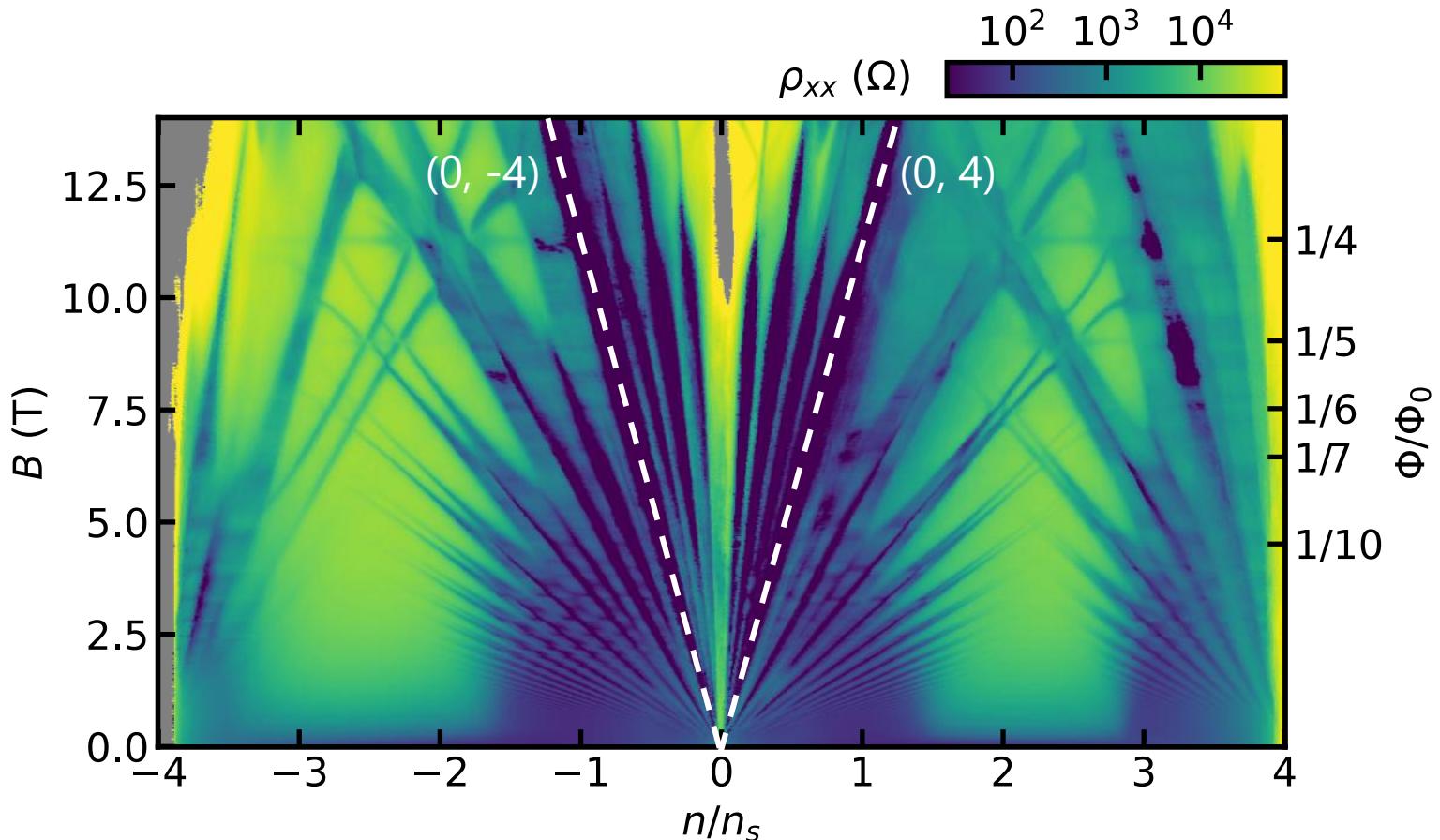
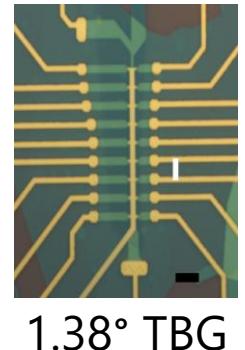


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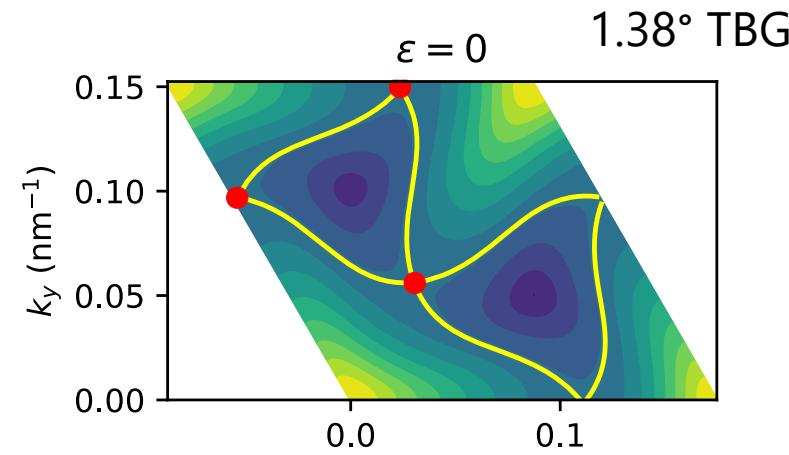
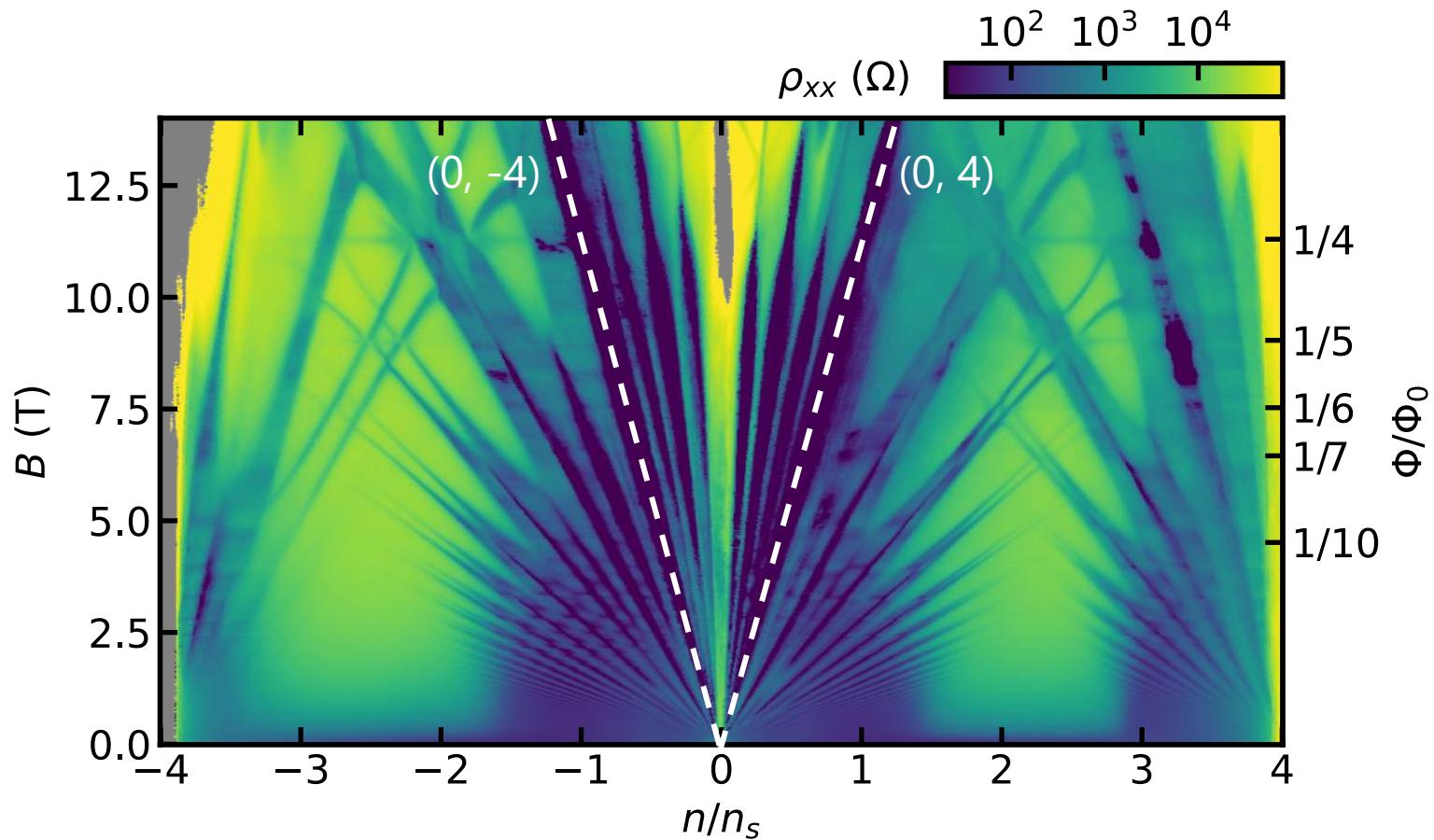
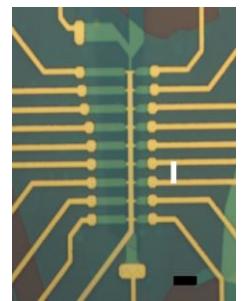
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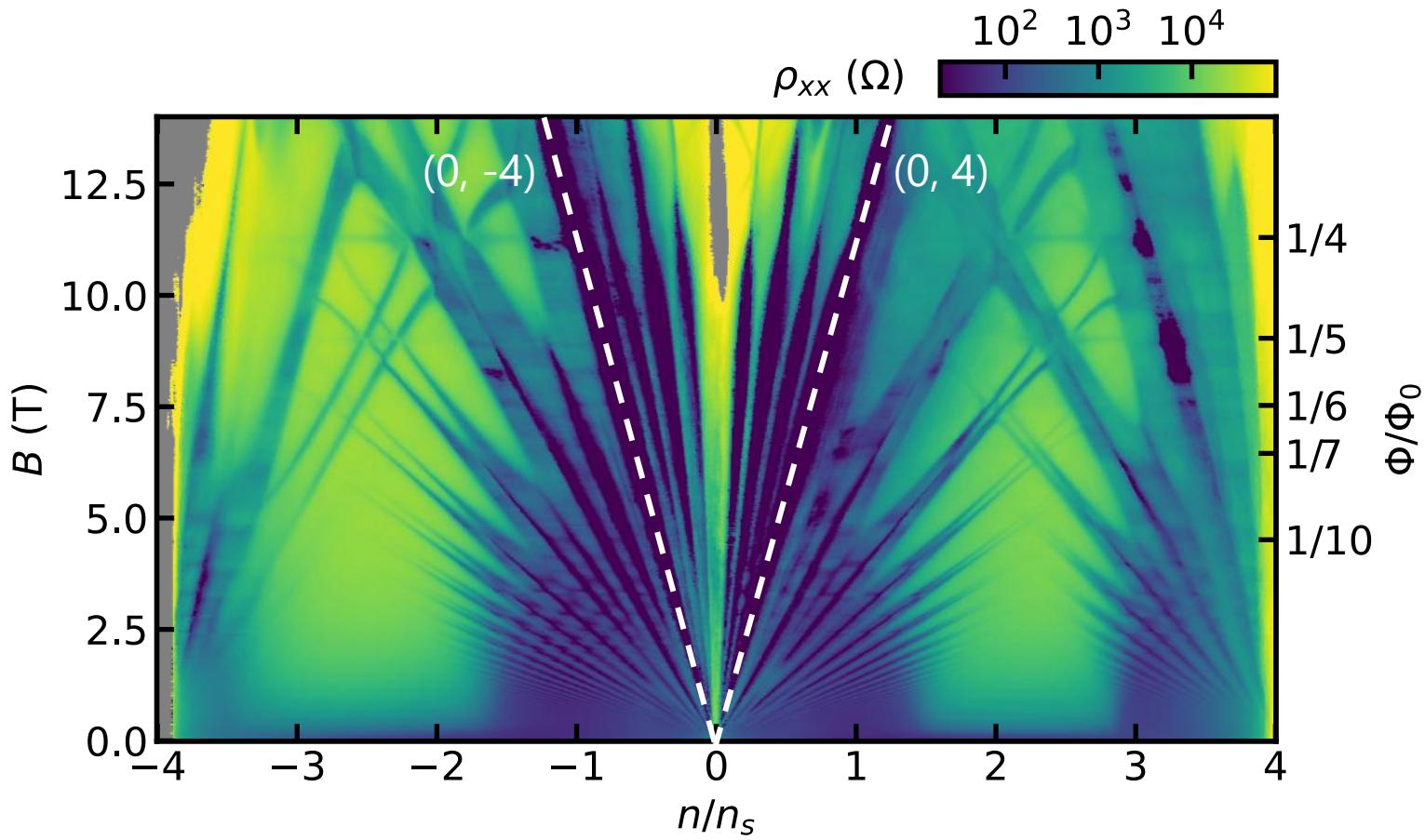
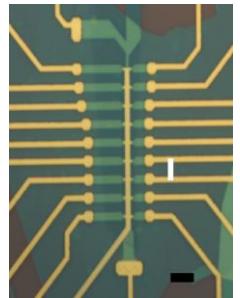
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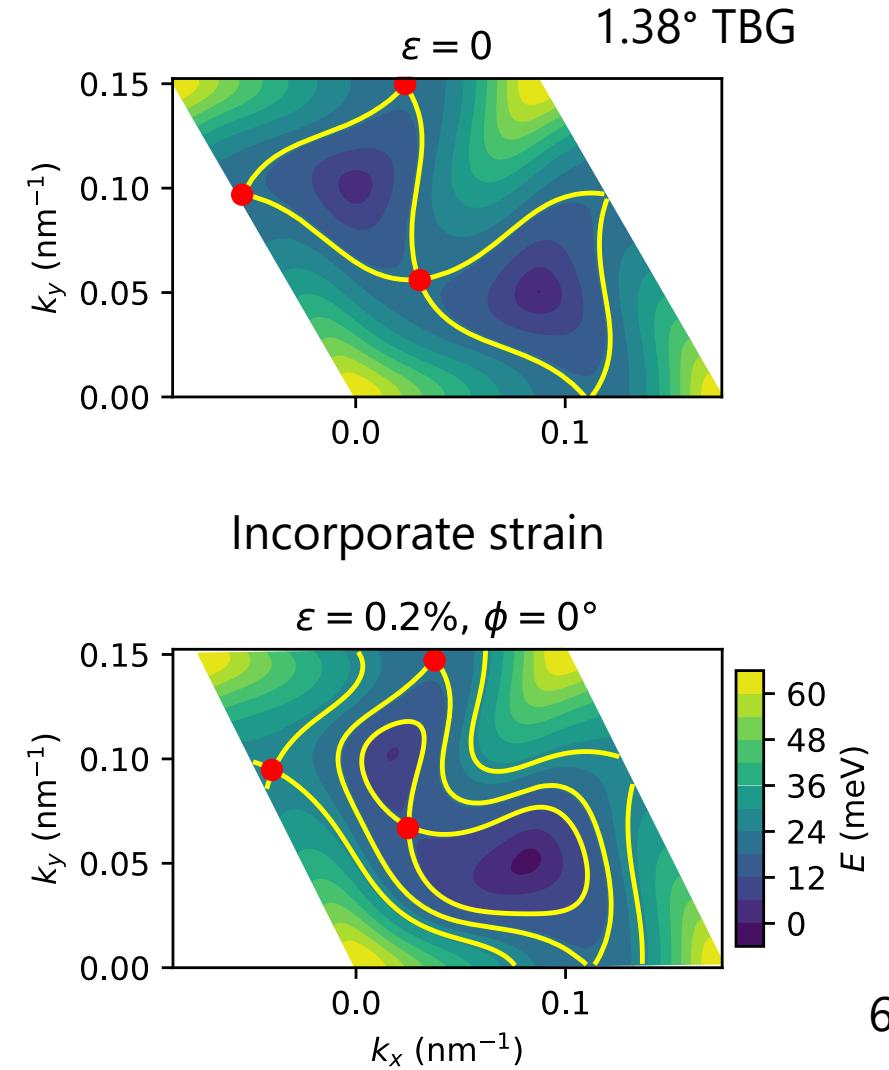
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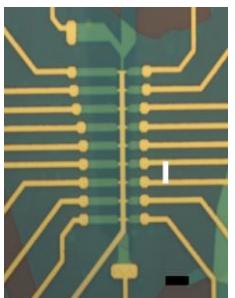
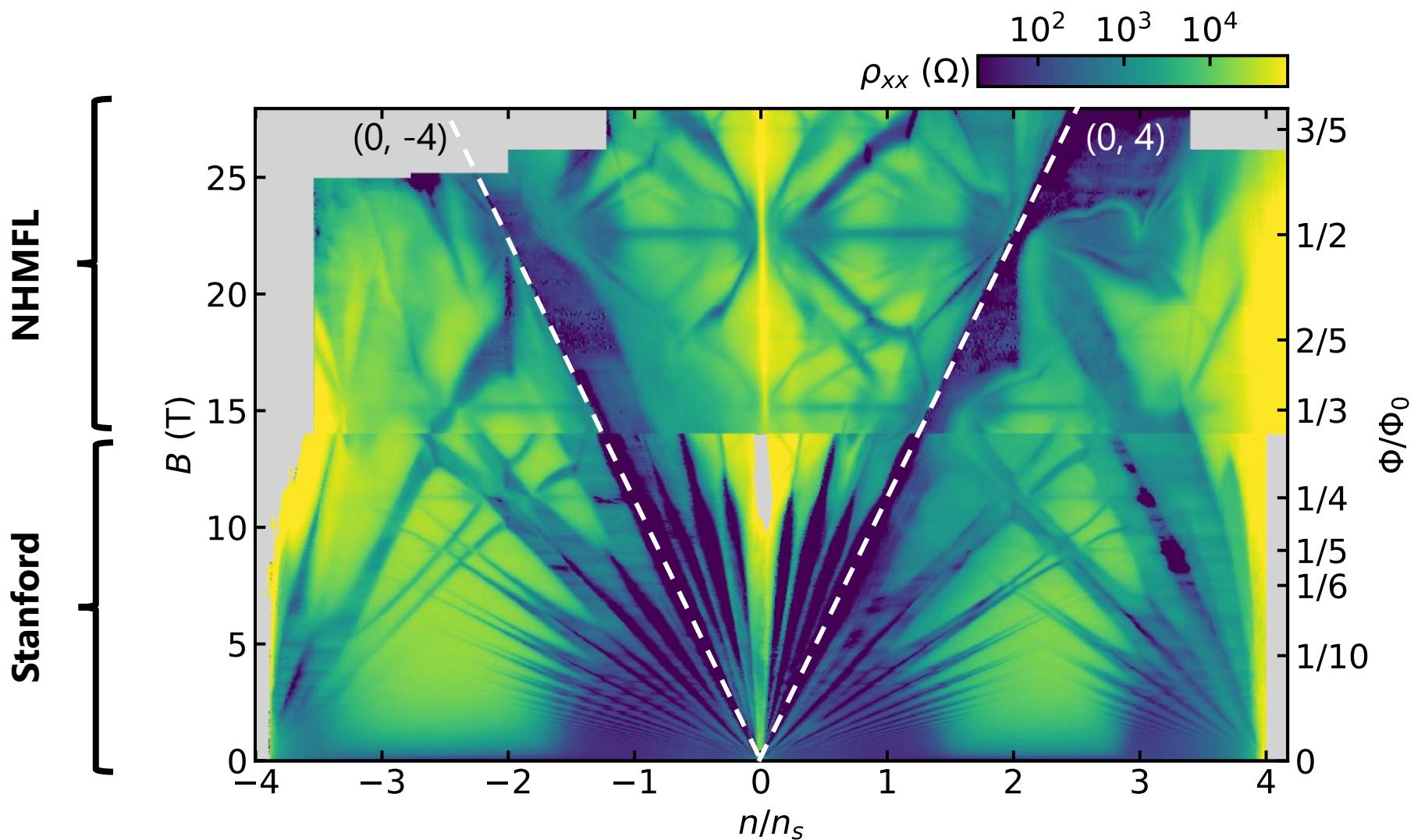


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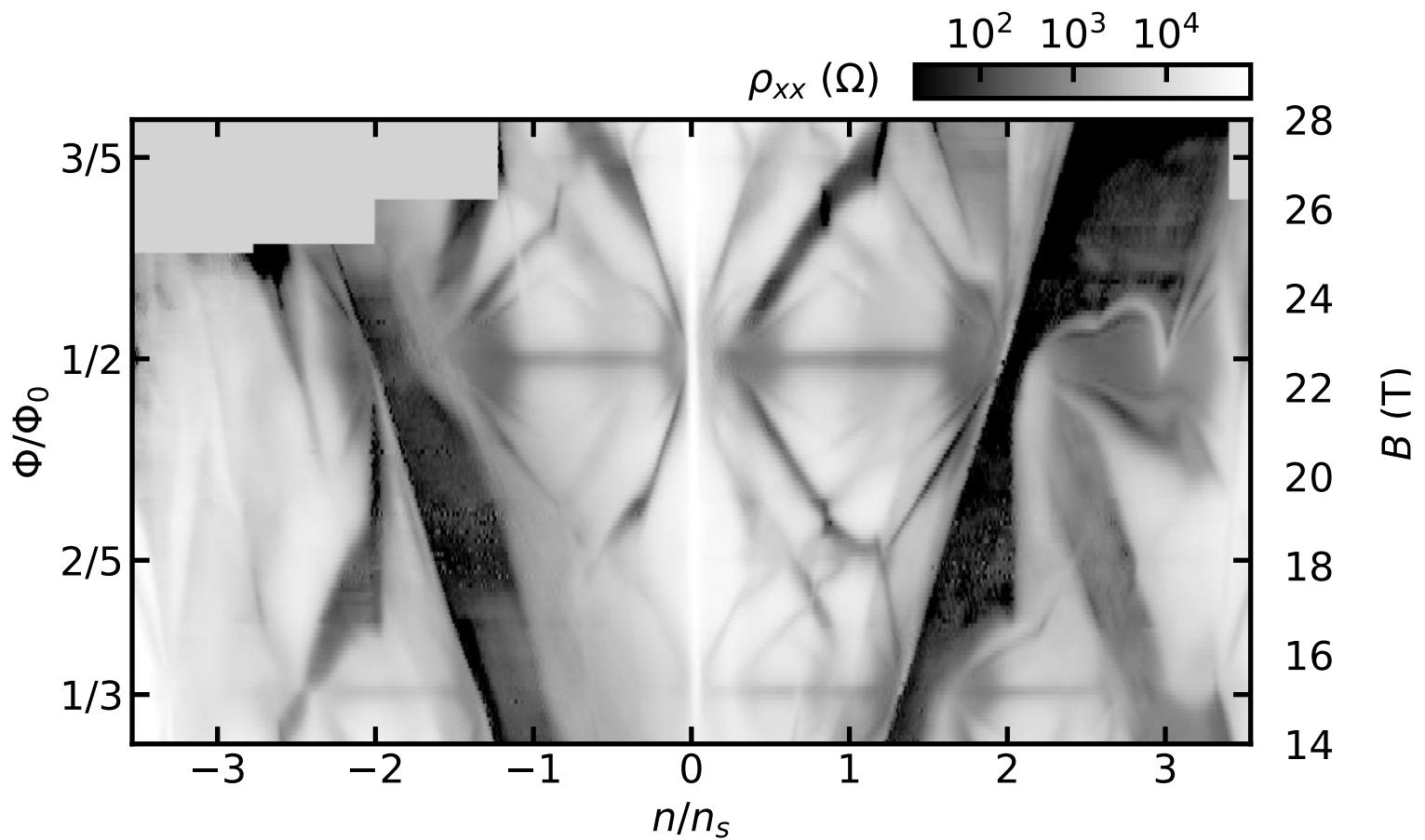
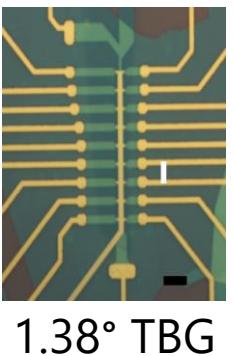


# Field induced correlation effects?



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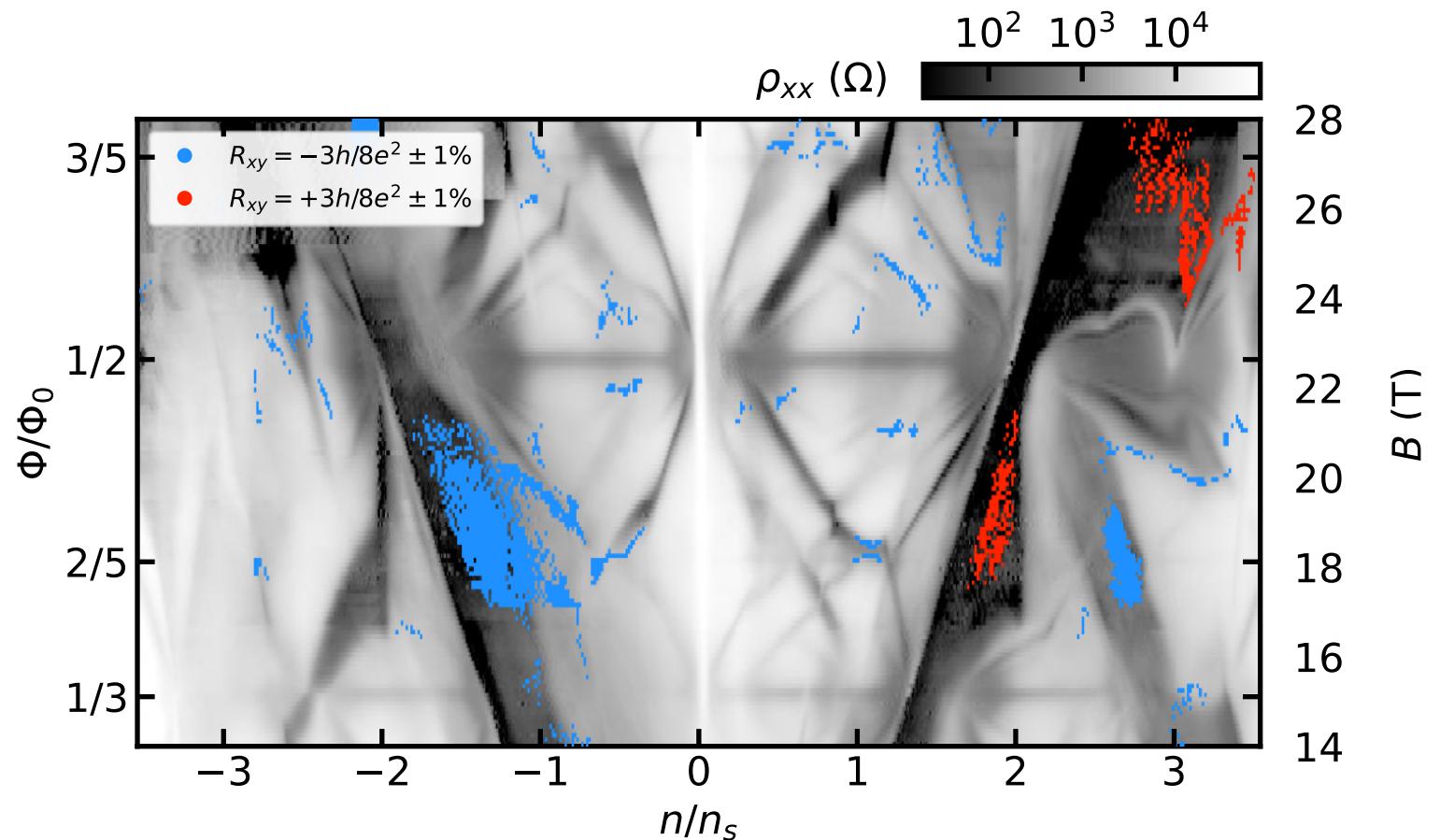
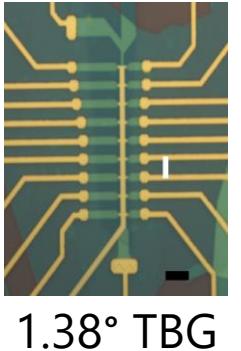


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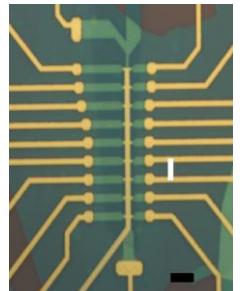
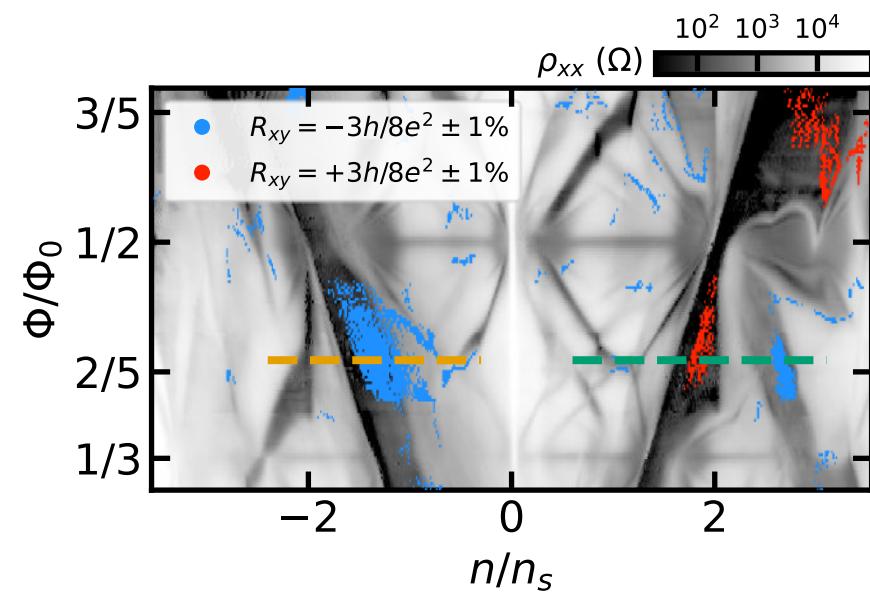
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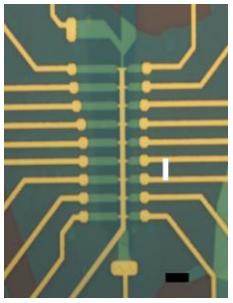
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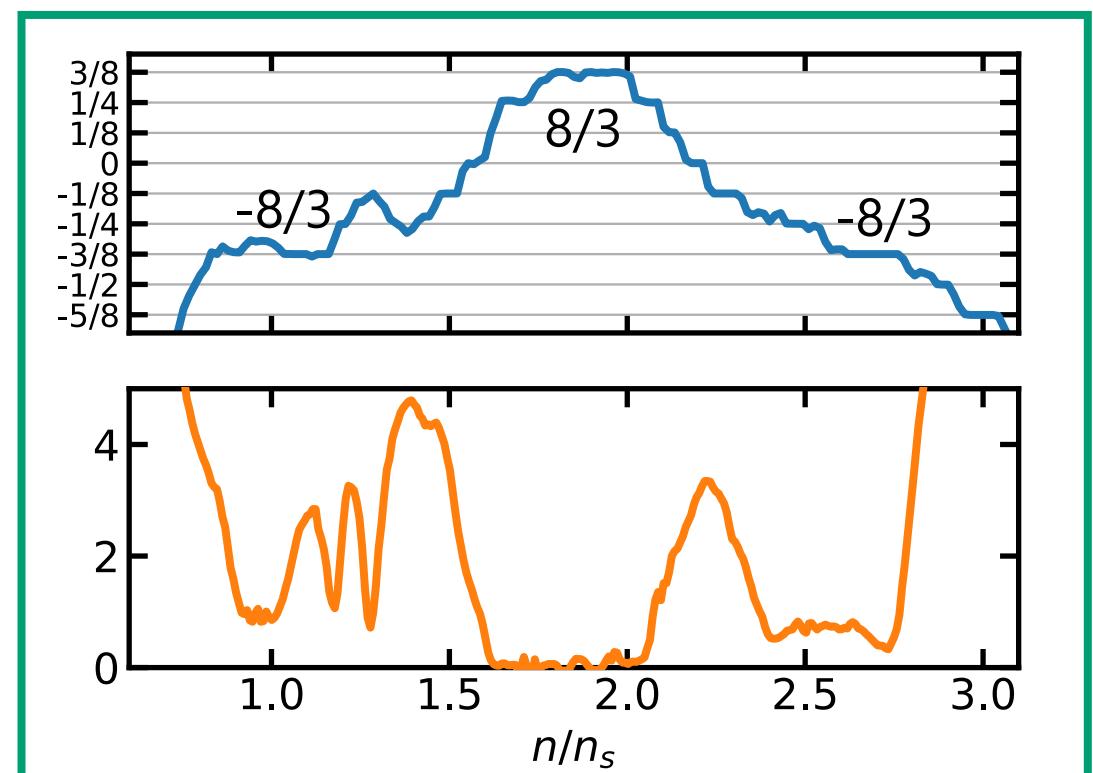
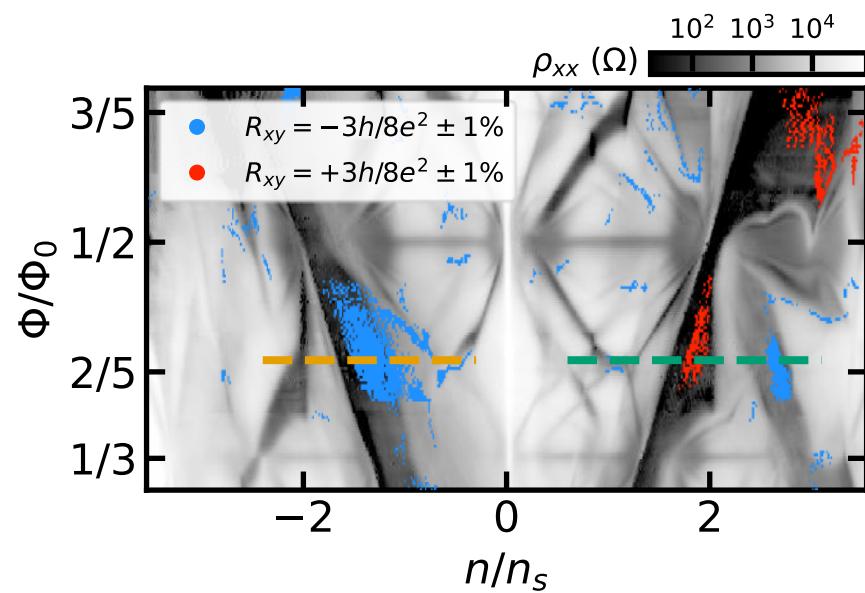


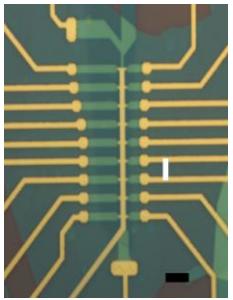
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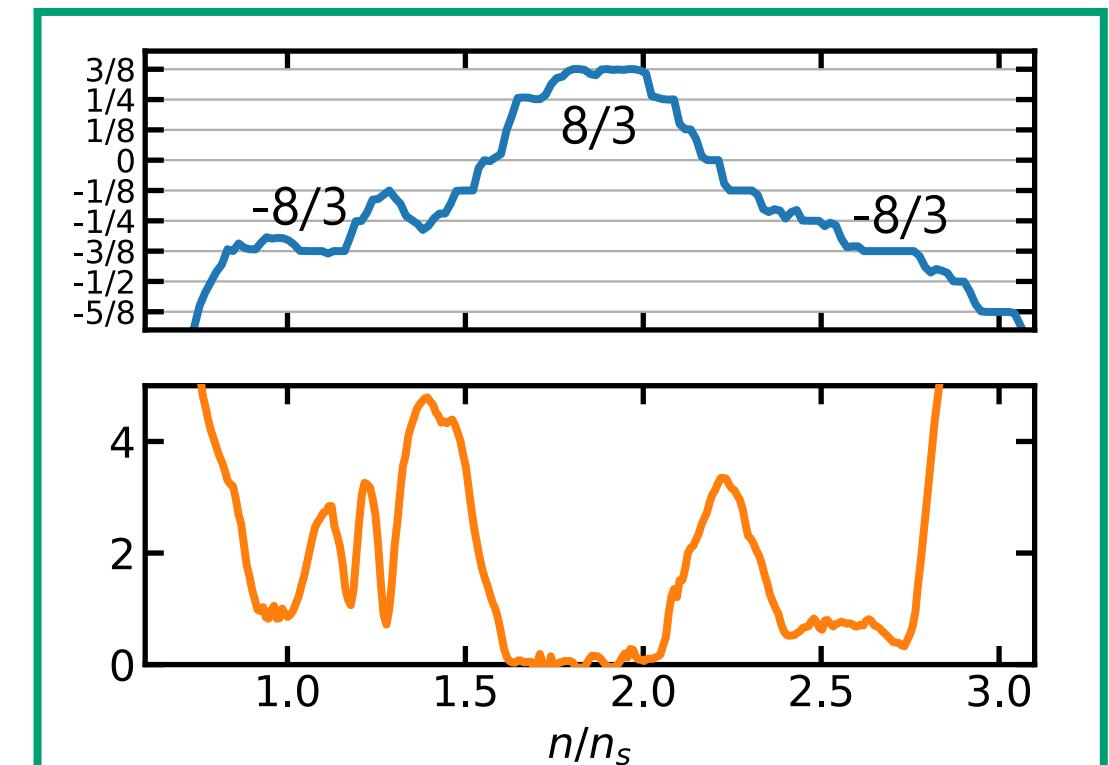
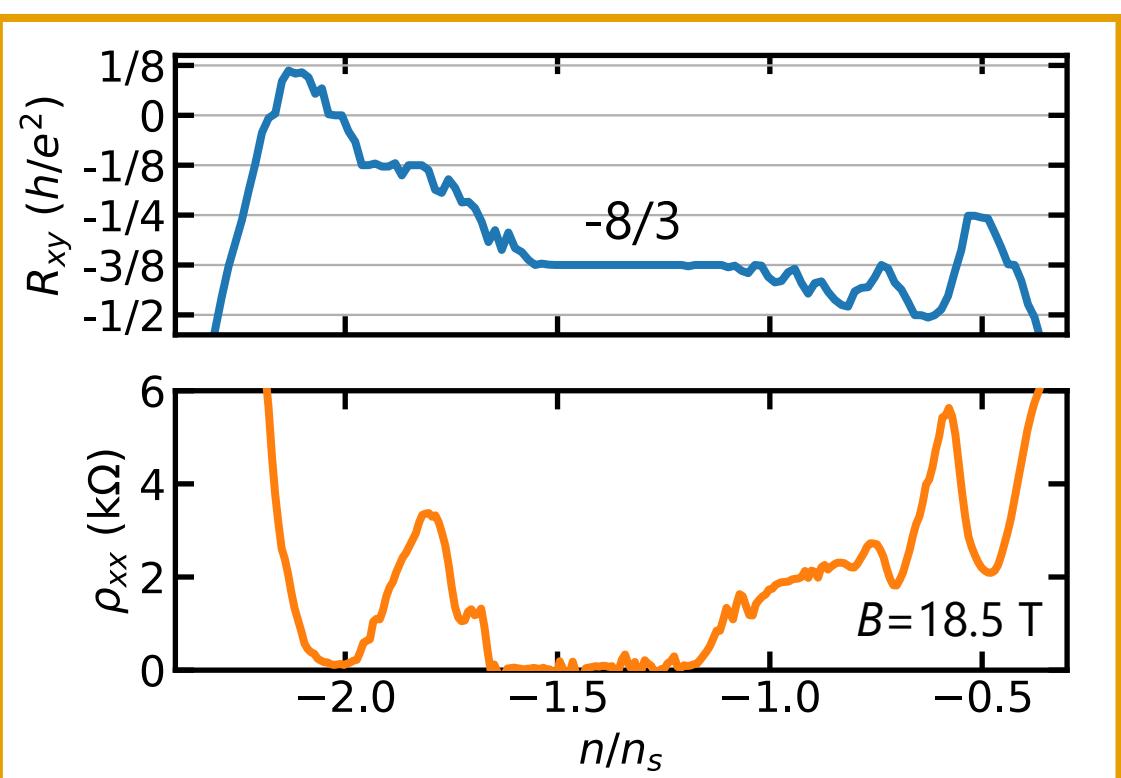
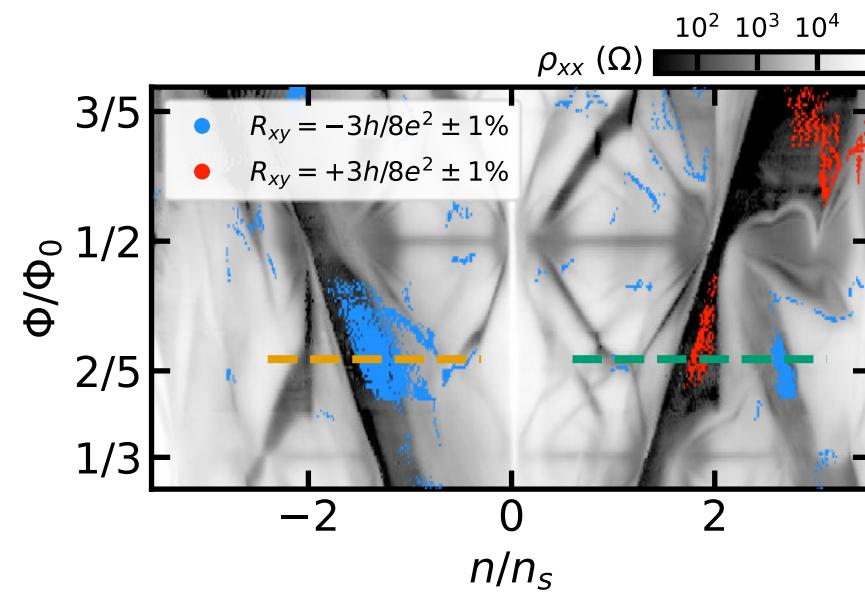


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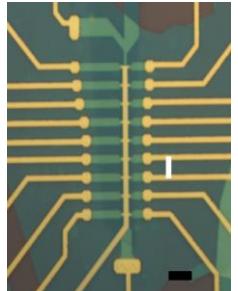




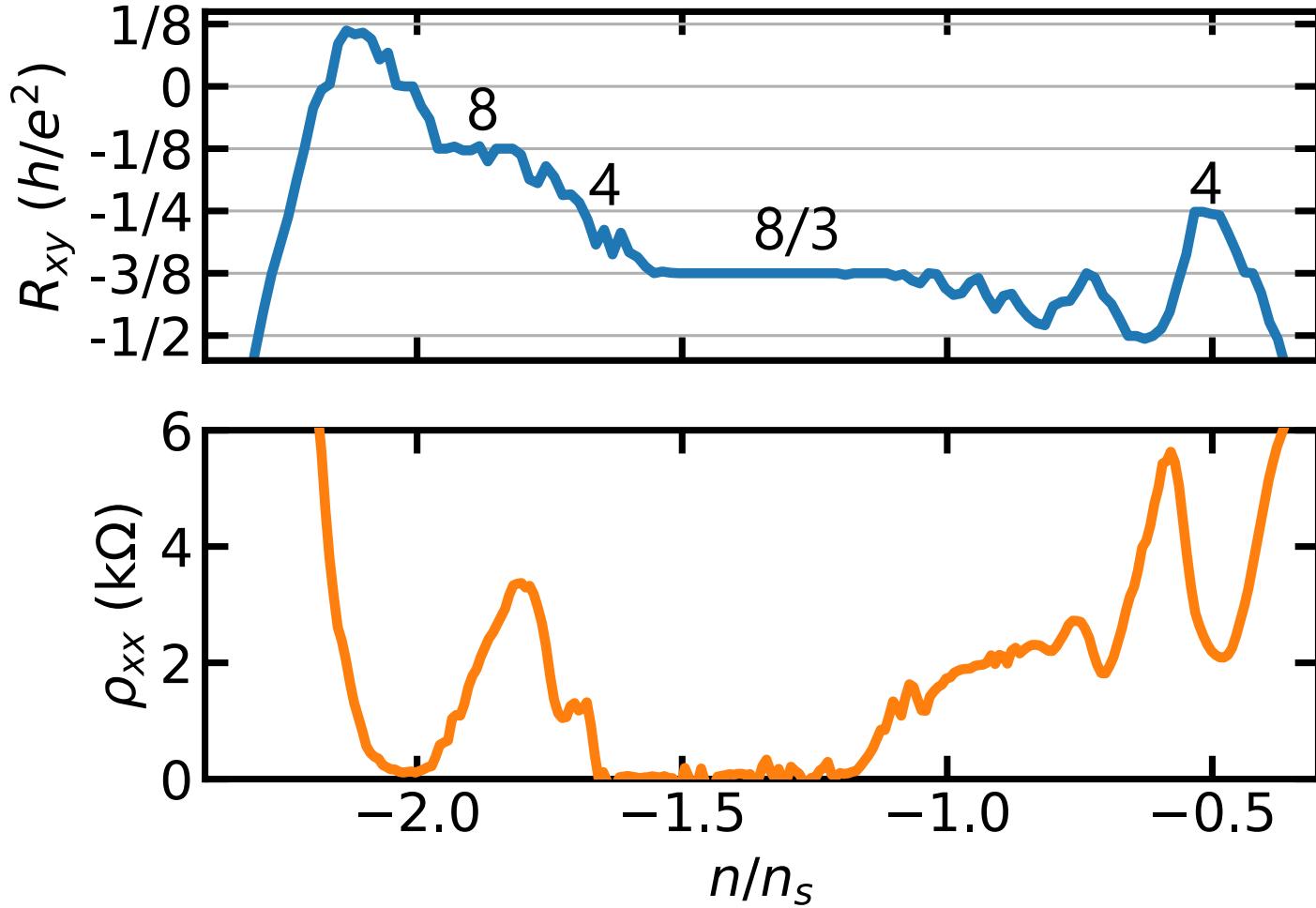
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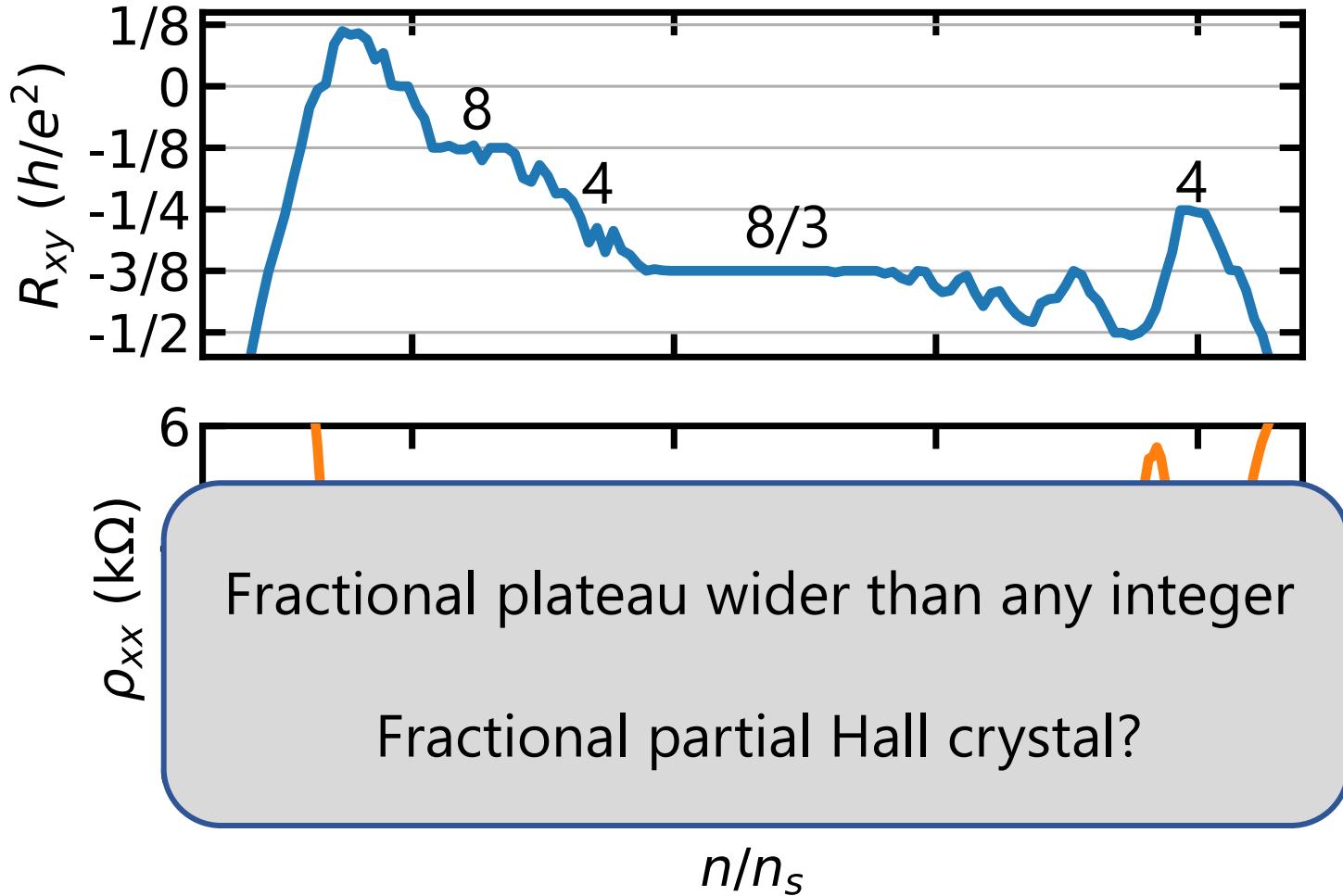
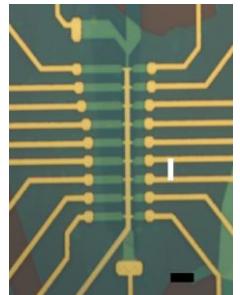
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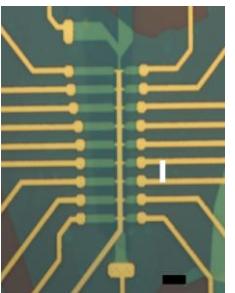
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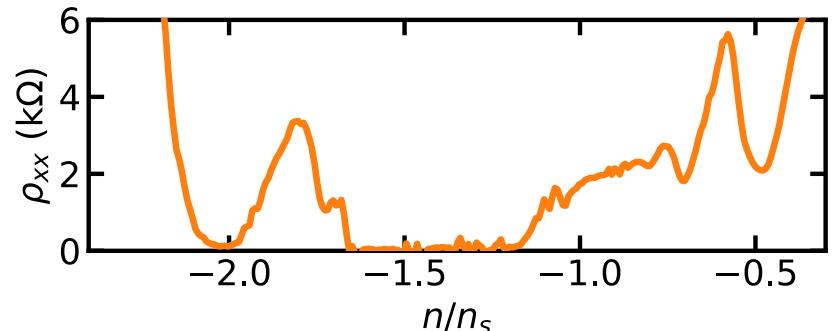
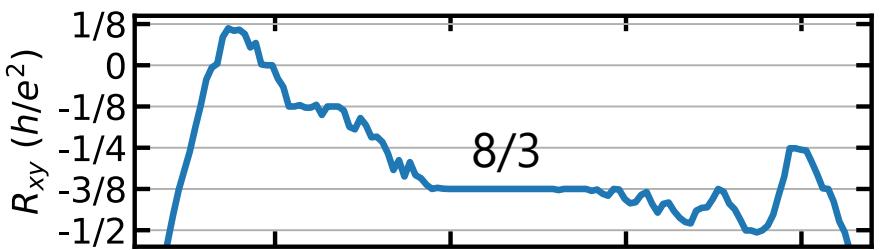
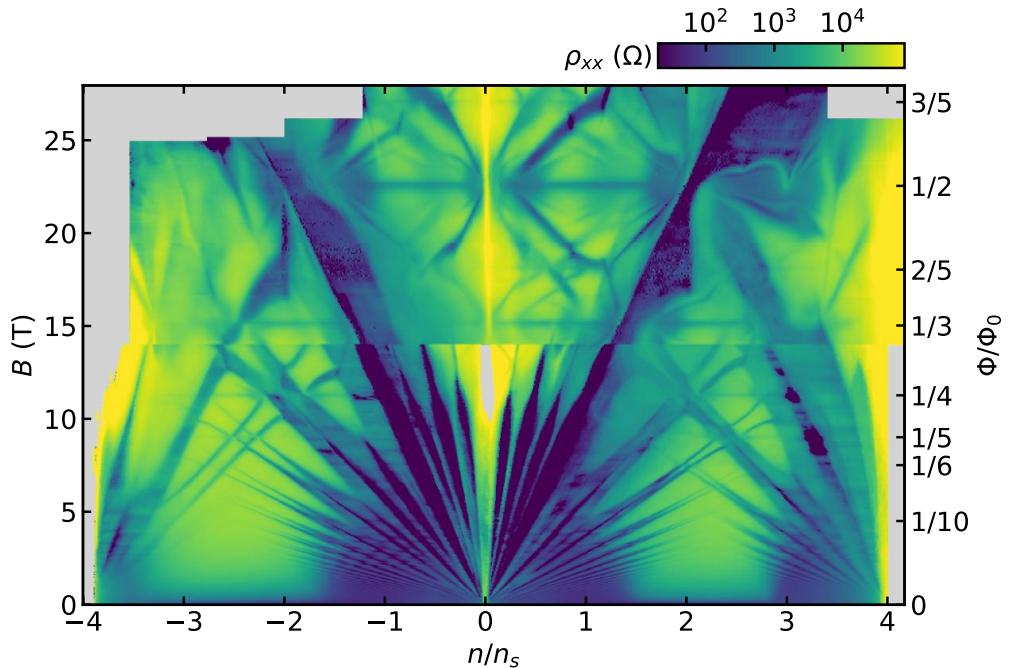
We still have much to learn about TBG!

**Extended fractional Chern insulator** near half flux!

Likely not extended because of **disorder**

**More robustly** quantized than any integer state

**Fractional partial Hall crystal?**



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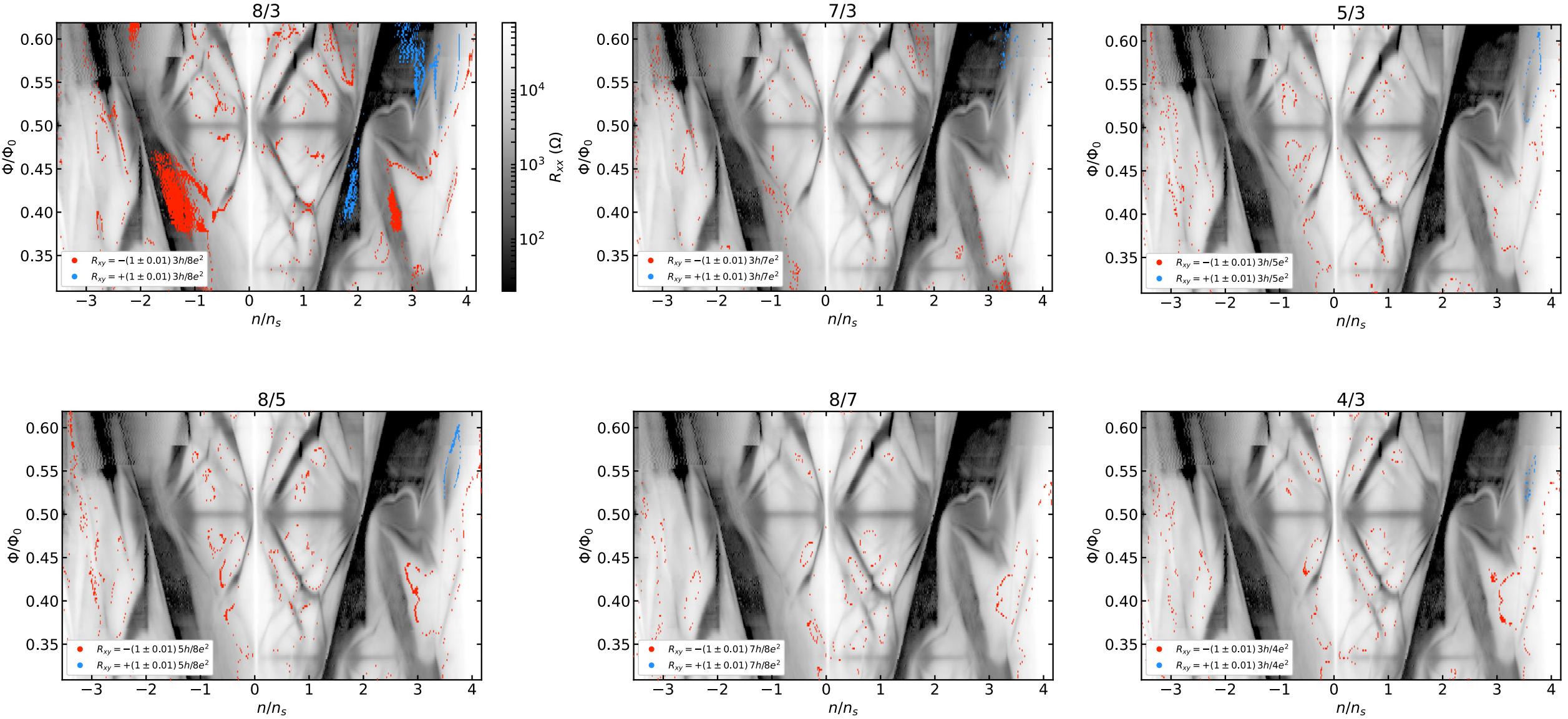
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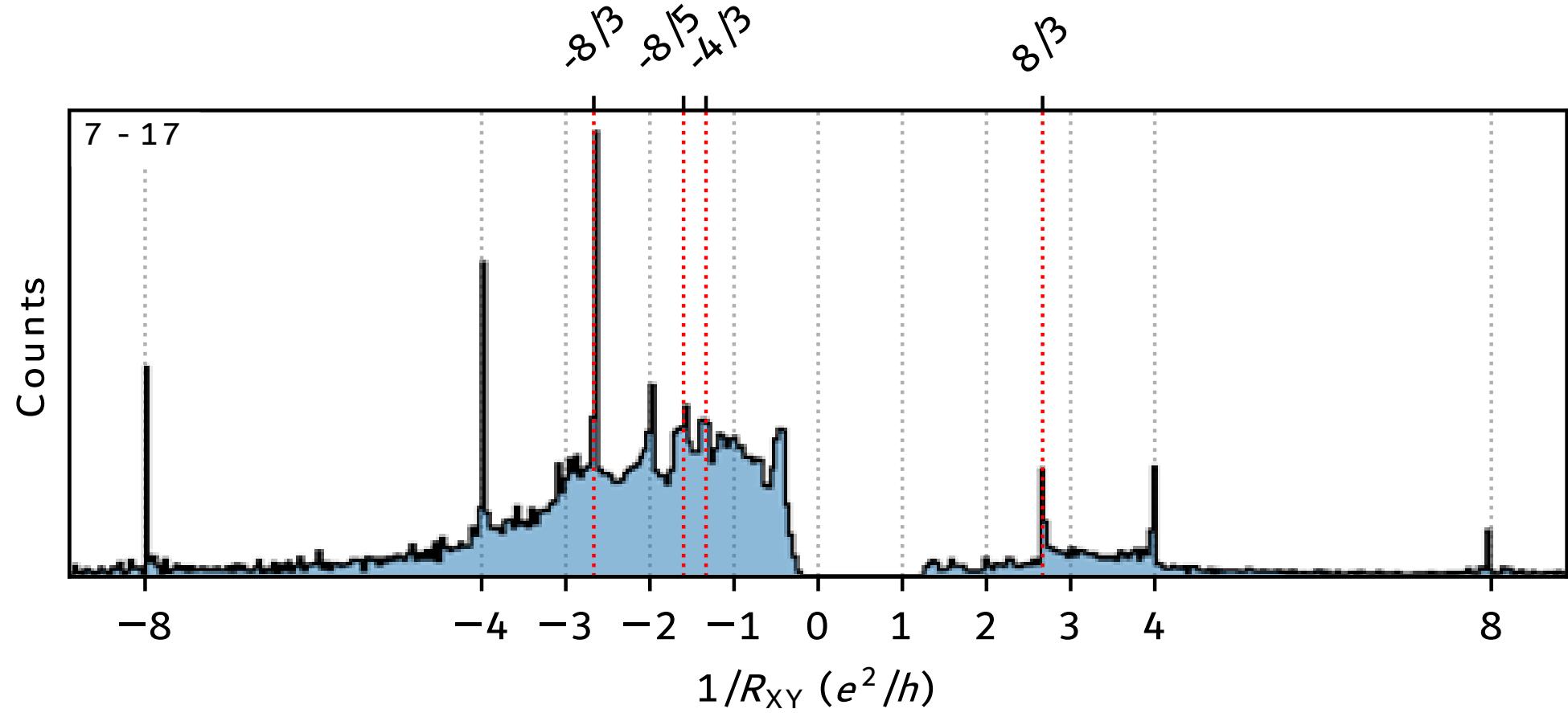
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# Correlated physics at high field

