

# Disorder Matters in the 5/2 Fractional Quantum Hall Effect

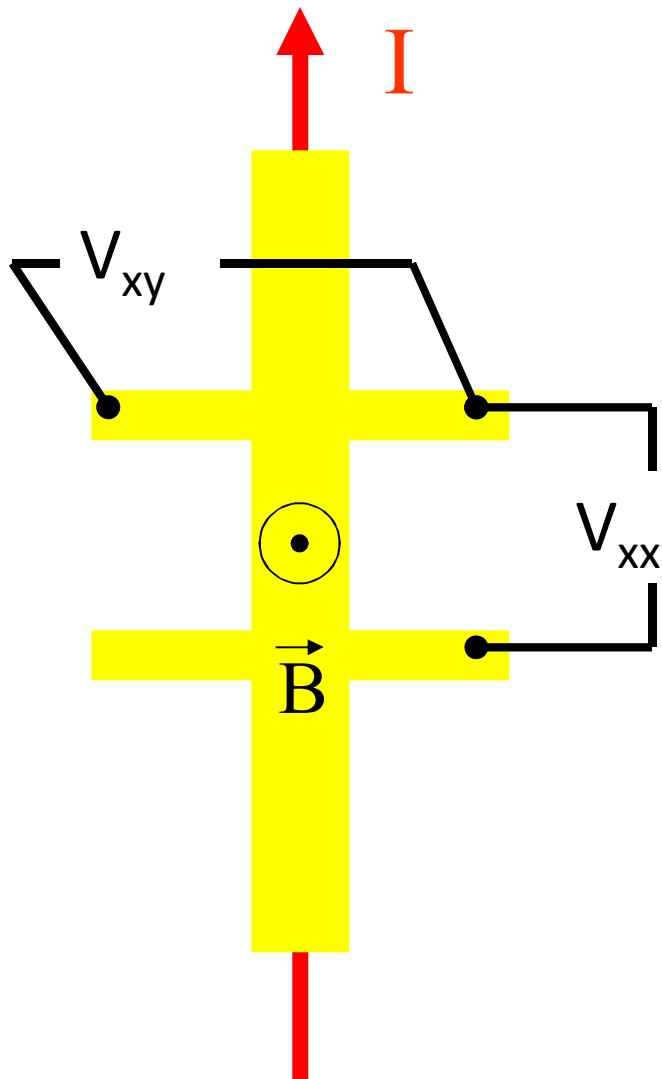
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# Outline:

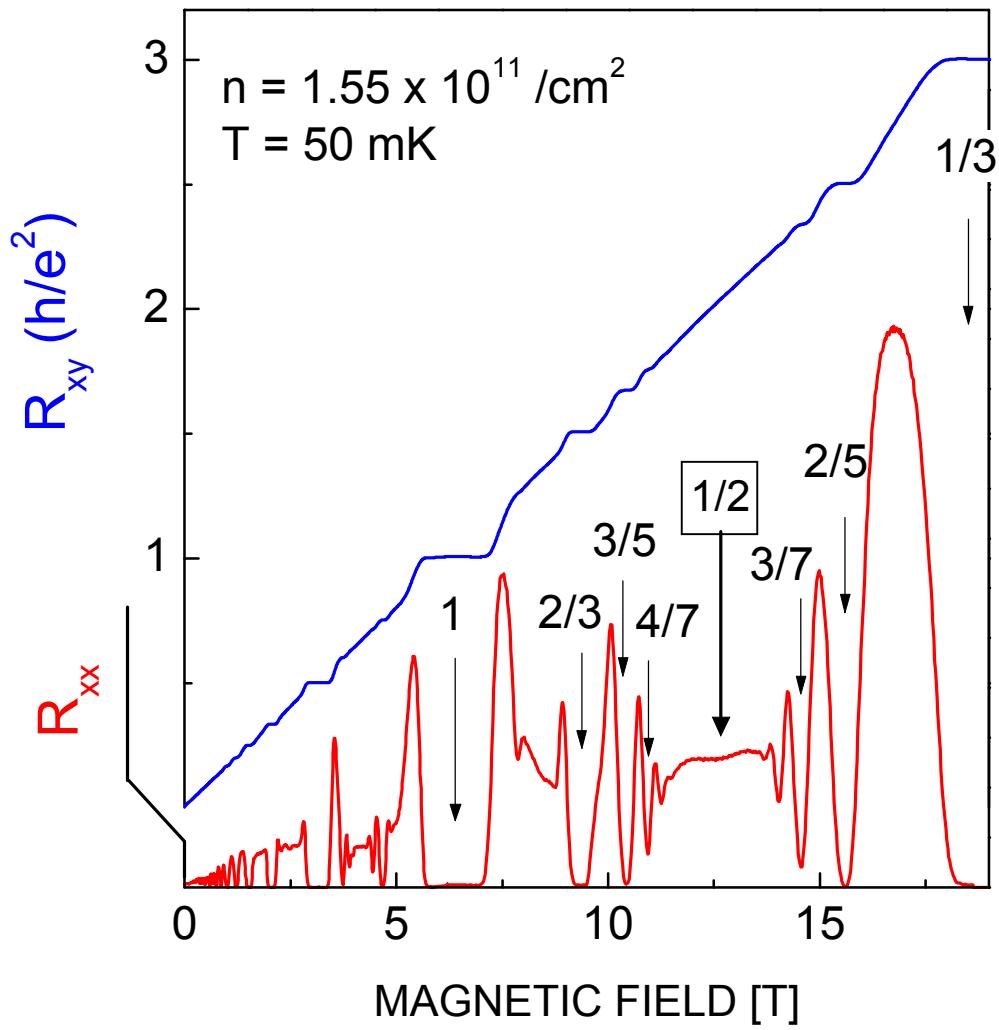
- Introduction
- Spin transition in the 5/2 fractional quantum Hall effect
- Impact of disorder in tilt induced 5/2 anisotropy
- Anisotropic 7/2 state in the low density limit



transport coefficients:

$$R_{xx} = V_{xx}/I; R_{xy} = V_{xy}/I$$

# More fractions



$$R_{xy} = (h/e^2)/v$$

$$v = 1/3, 2/5, 3/7 \dots$$
$$2/3, 3/5, 4/7 \dots$$

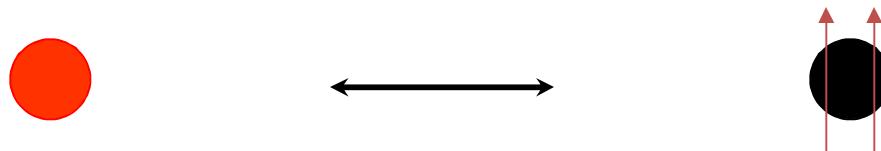
# Lots of Fractions Observed

# Composite Fermion (CF) Model

J.K. Jain, 1989

B.I. Halperin, P.A. Lee, and N.Read, 1993

one composite fermion = one electron + **2** flux quanta

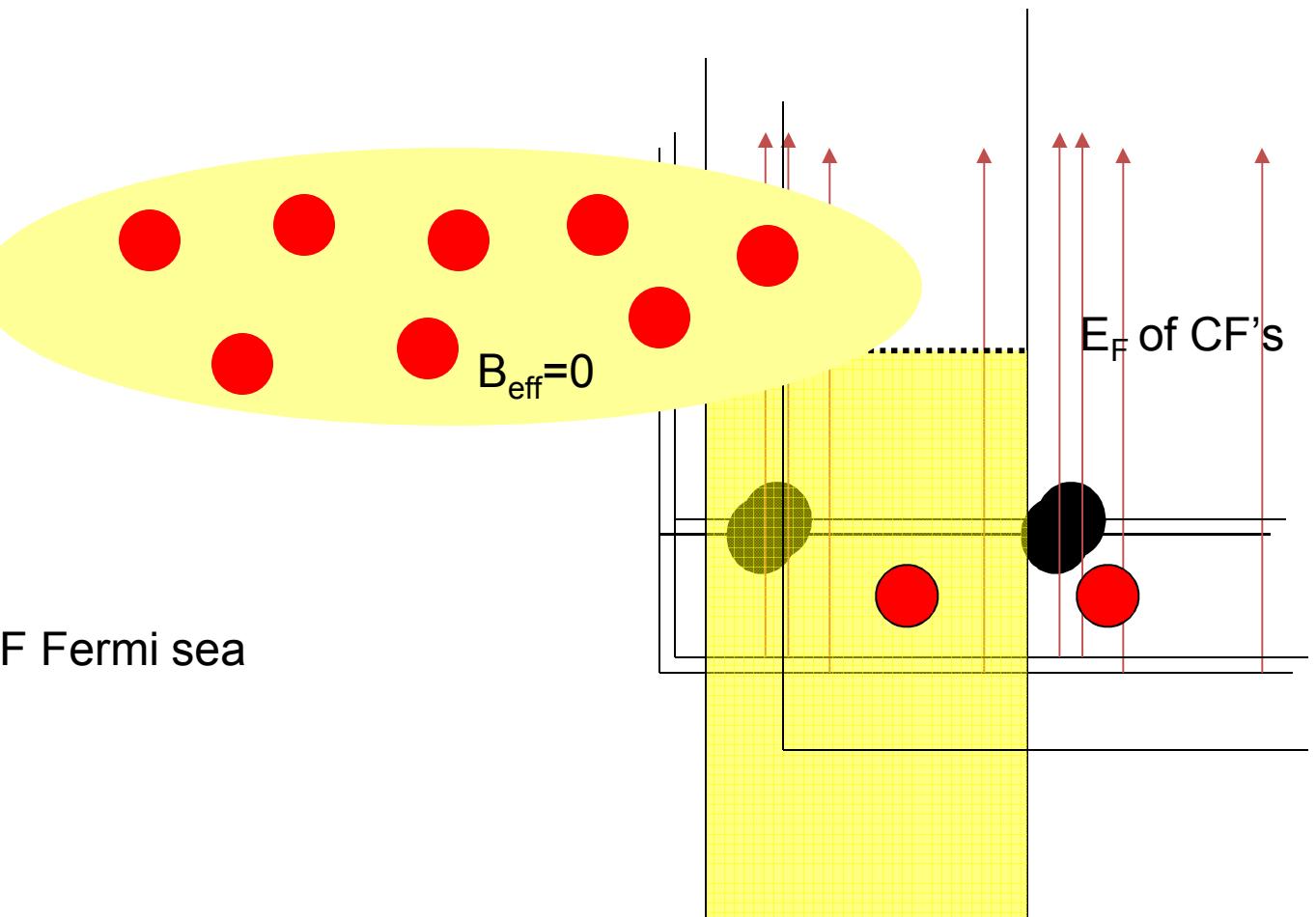


$$B_{\text{eff}} = B - 2\Phi_0 \times n = B - 2nh/e$$

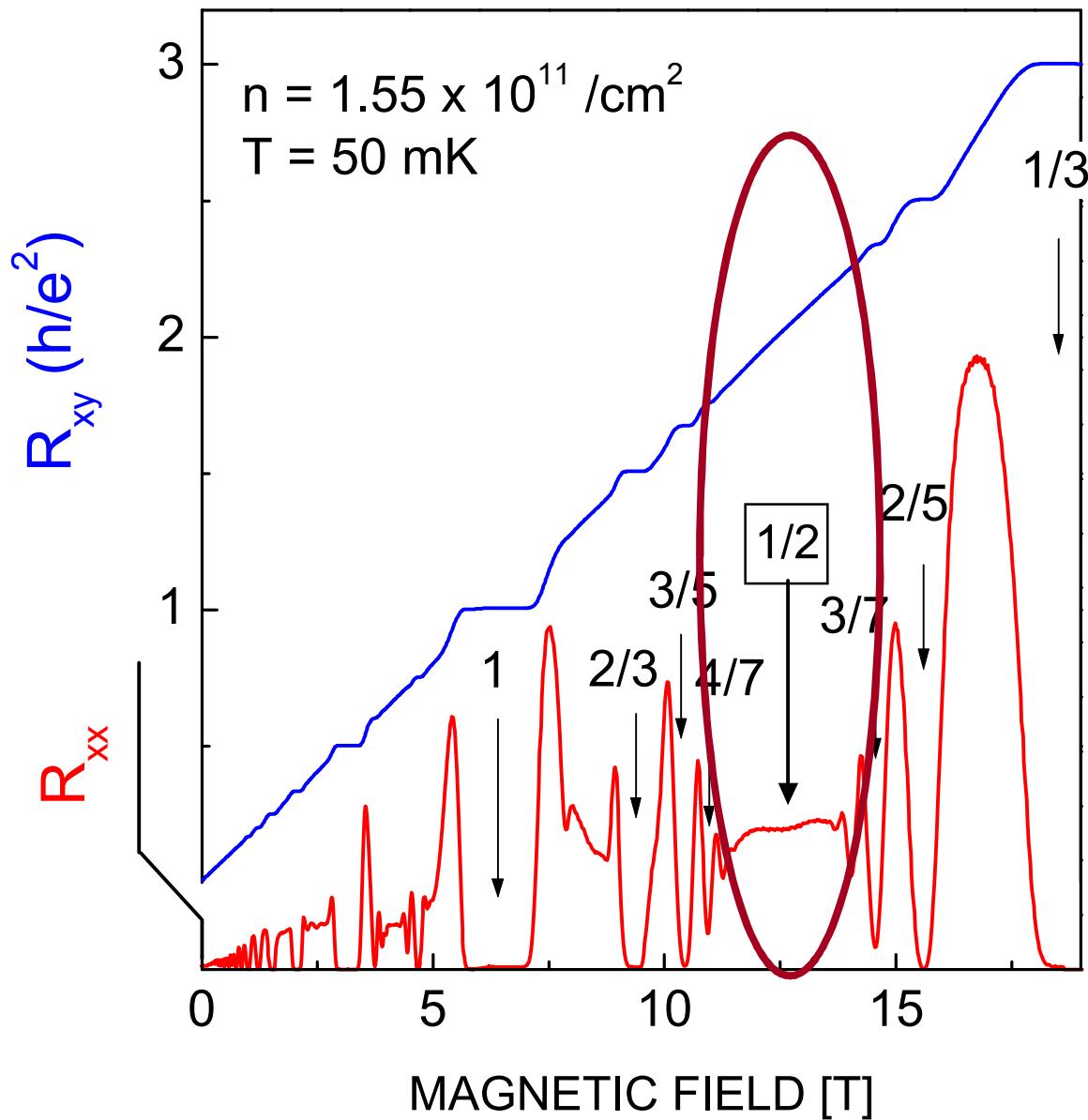
At  $\nu = 1/2$

- $B_{\text{eff}} = 0$
- CF's for

- CF Fermi sea

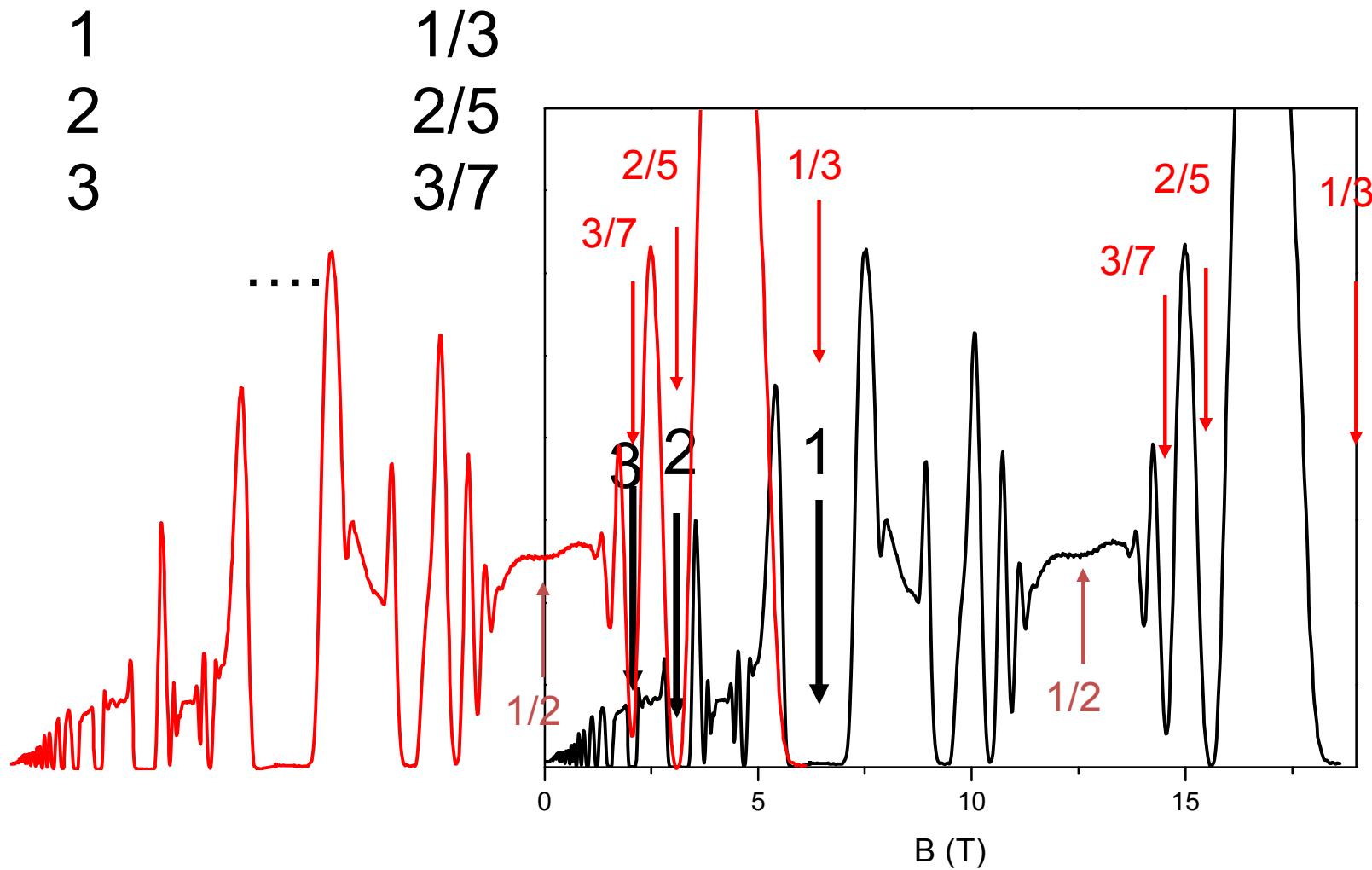


# Featureless transport around $\nu=1/2$ – Fermi sea state

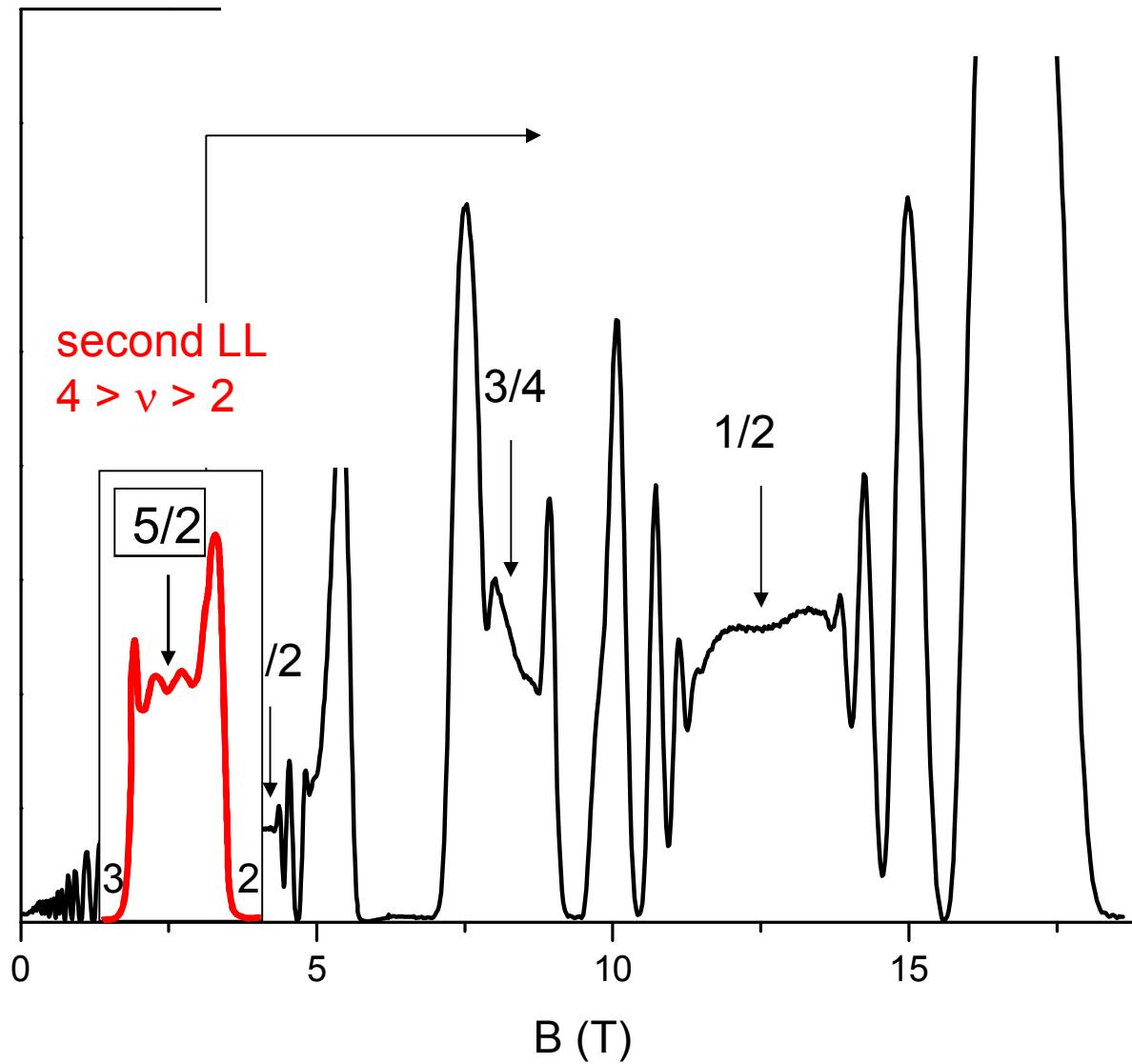


# IQHE of CF    FQHE of e<sup>-</sup>

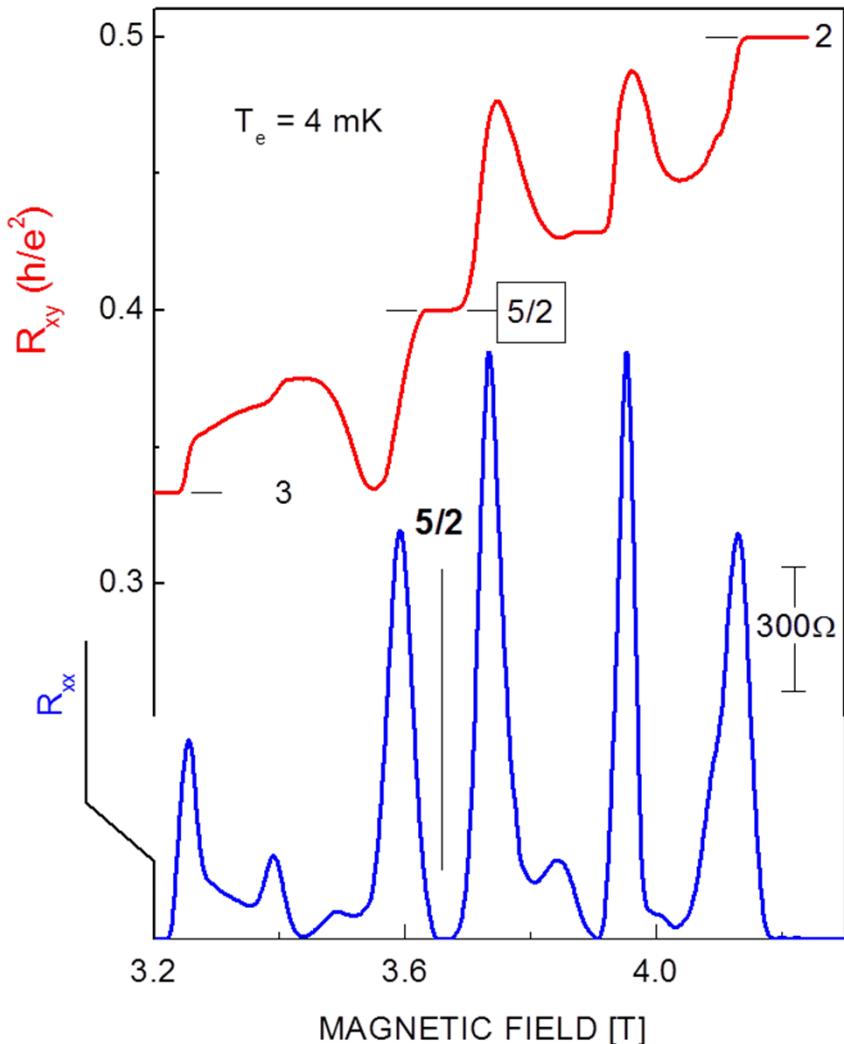
$$p \quad \nu = p/(2p+1)$$



in the lowest Landau level, the  
CF model applies to almost all the FQHE  
states and the even-denominator fractions



# True FQHE at $\nu=5/2$



electron mobility  
 $\mu \approx 17 \times 10^6 \text{ cm}^2/\text{Vs}$

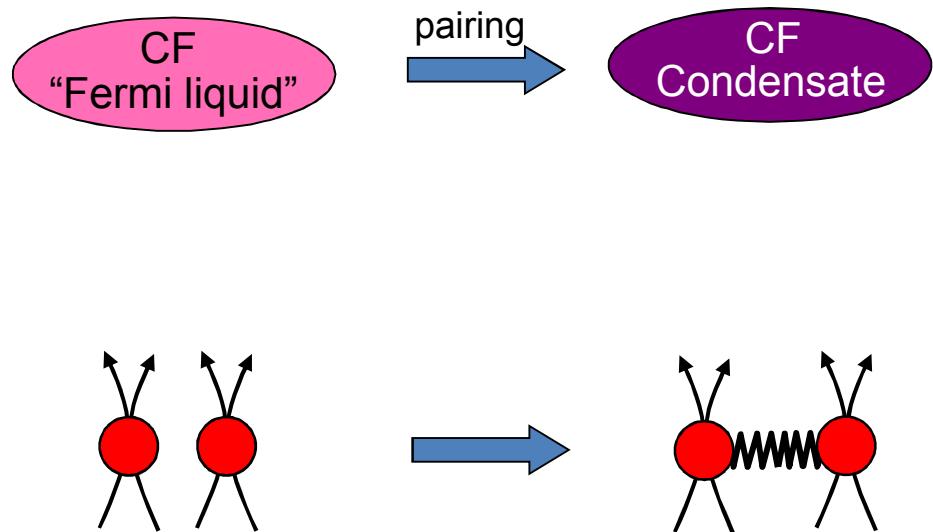
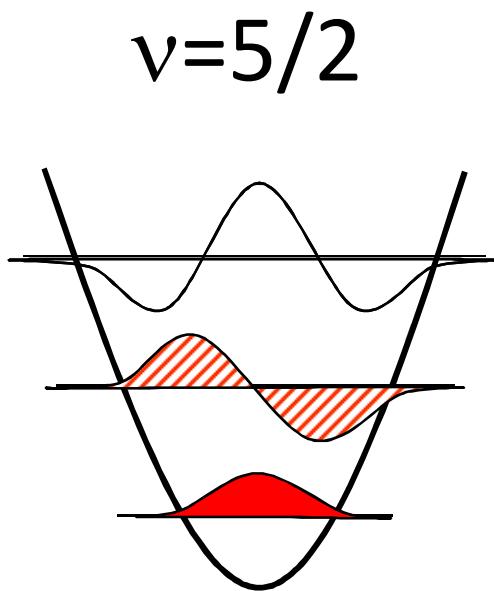
Pan, Xia, and et al, PRL (1999)

5/2-state is a true FQHE state with even-denominator

- $R_{xx}$  is vanishingly small
- quantized Hall plateau

- Can't be explained by Laughlin's theory
- Can't be explained by hierarchical model
- Doesn't belong to any CF sequences
- Due to pairing of CF's

# Origin of 5/2-state: BCS pairing of CF's



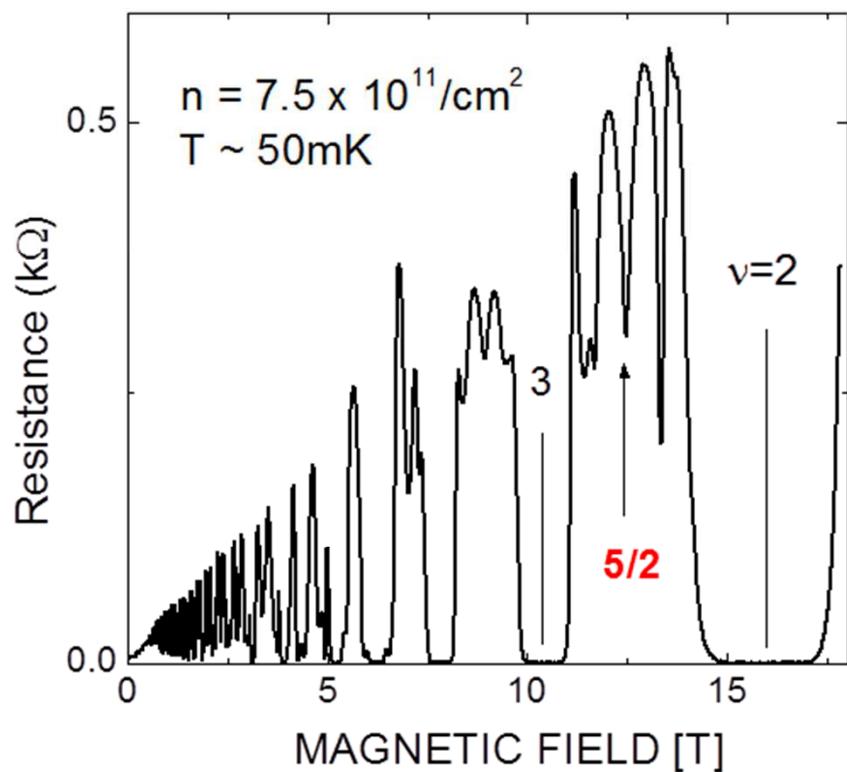
# Spin Polarization of the 5/2 Fractional Quantum Hall Effect

Non-abelian quantum Hall state



Spin polarized

# 5/2 state at very high magnetic field



At high  $B$ ,  
 $E_z = g\mu_B B \sim 4\text{K} \gg \Delta_{5/2}$

Spin-singlet state  
should no longer exist

5/2-state probably is  
spin-polarized

# Density dependence of the 5/2 energy gap

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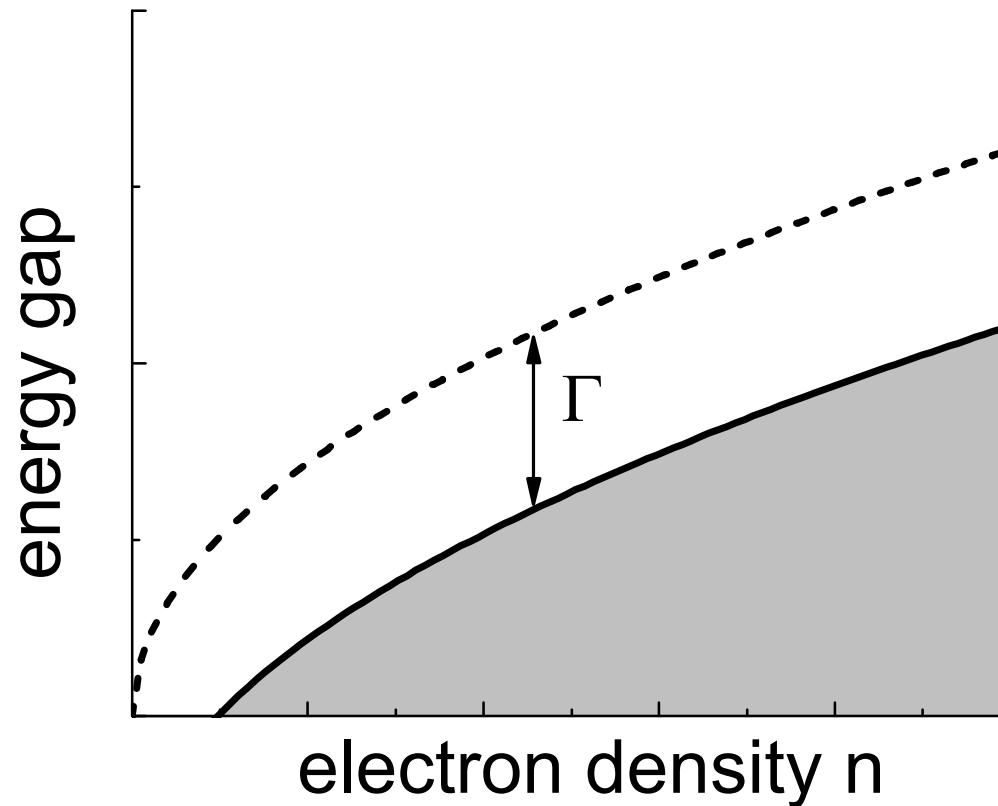
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NHMFL in  
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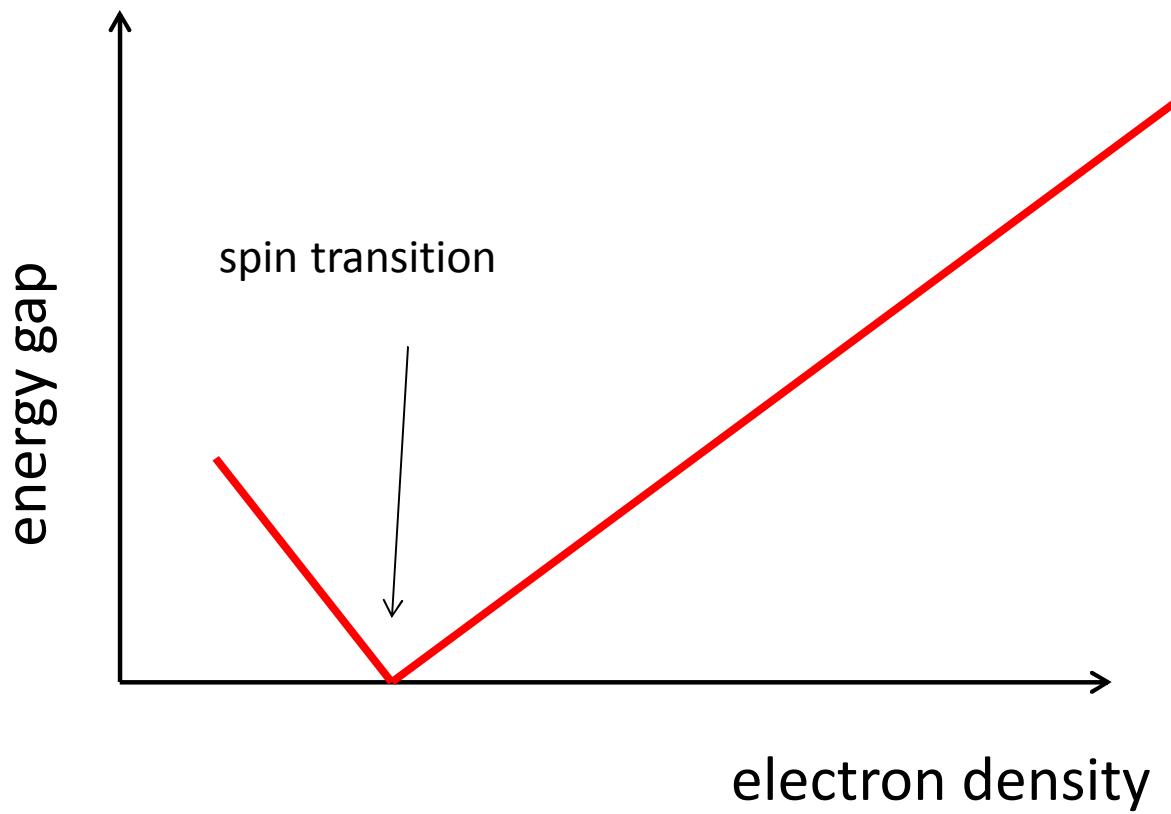
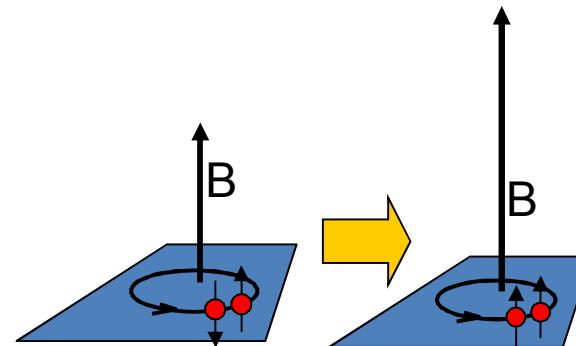
$$\Delta \propto E_c \text{ (Coulomb energy)} = e^2/\epsilon r \propto n^{1/2}$$

spin polarized ground state:  $\Delta = \alpha \sqrt{n} - \Gamma$

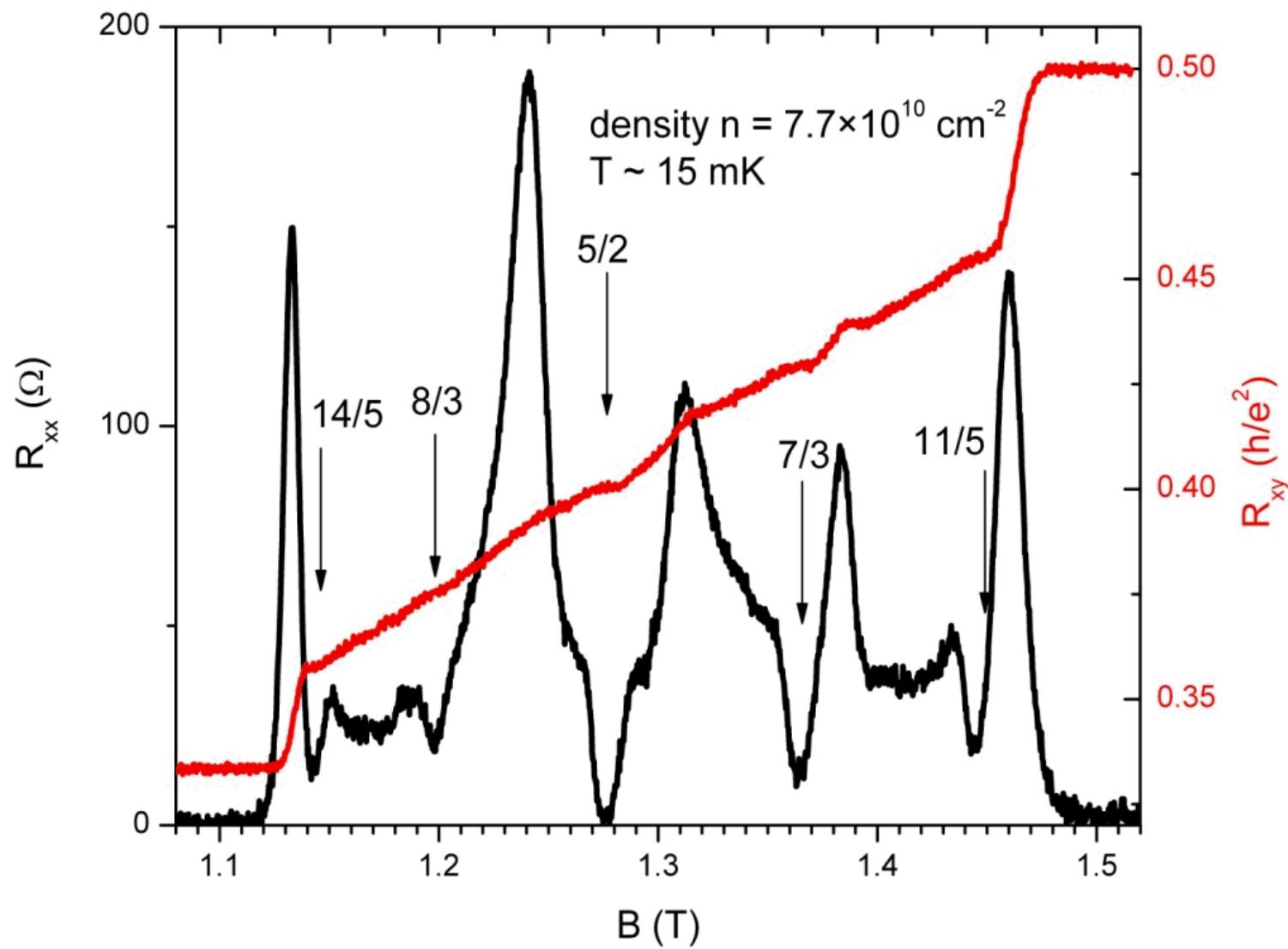


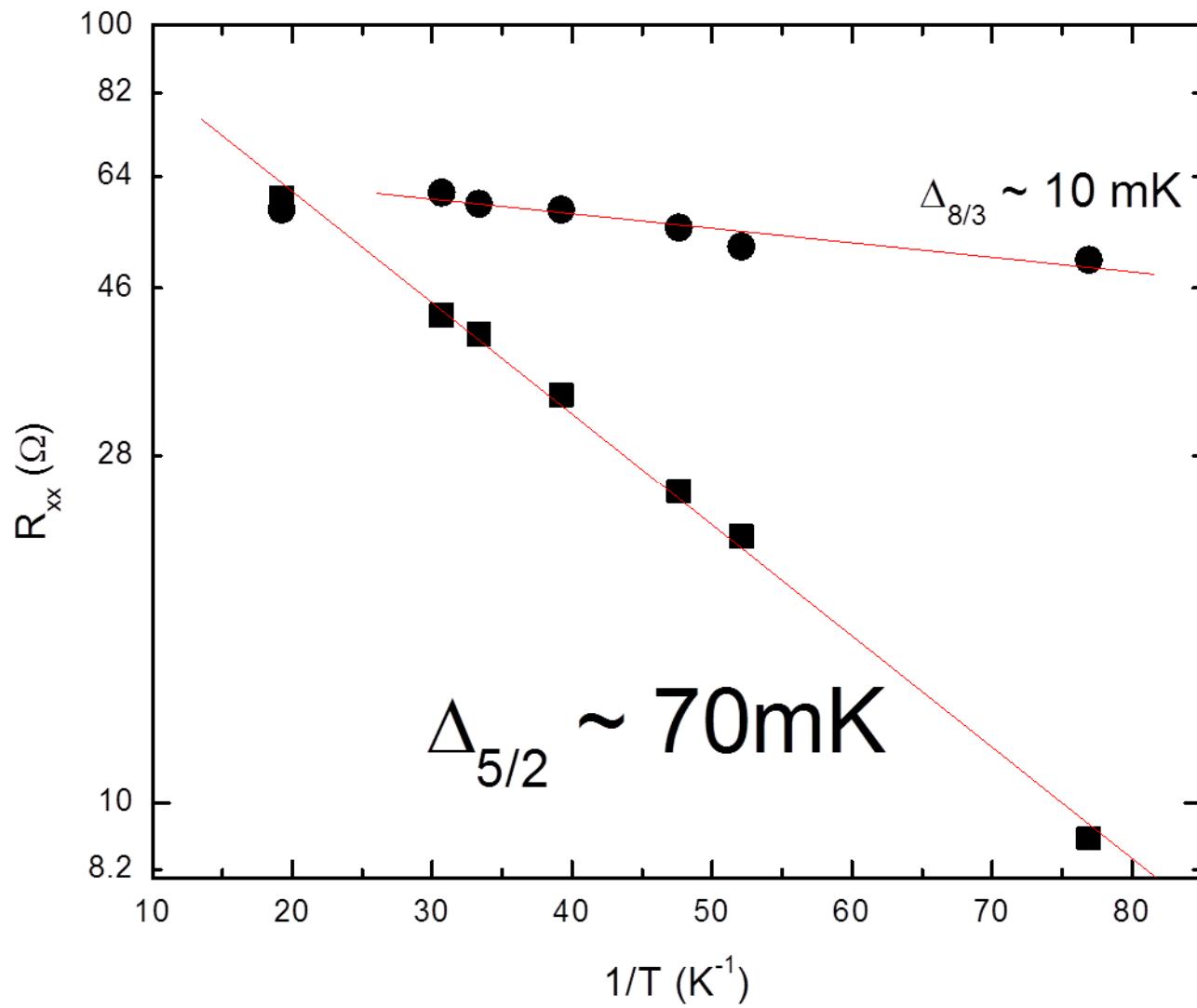
$$E_c \propto n^{1/2}, \quad E_z(\text{Zeeman energy}) \propto n$$

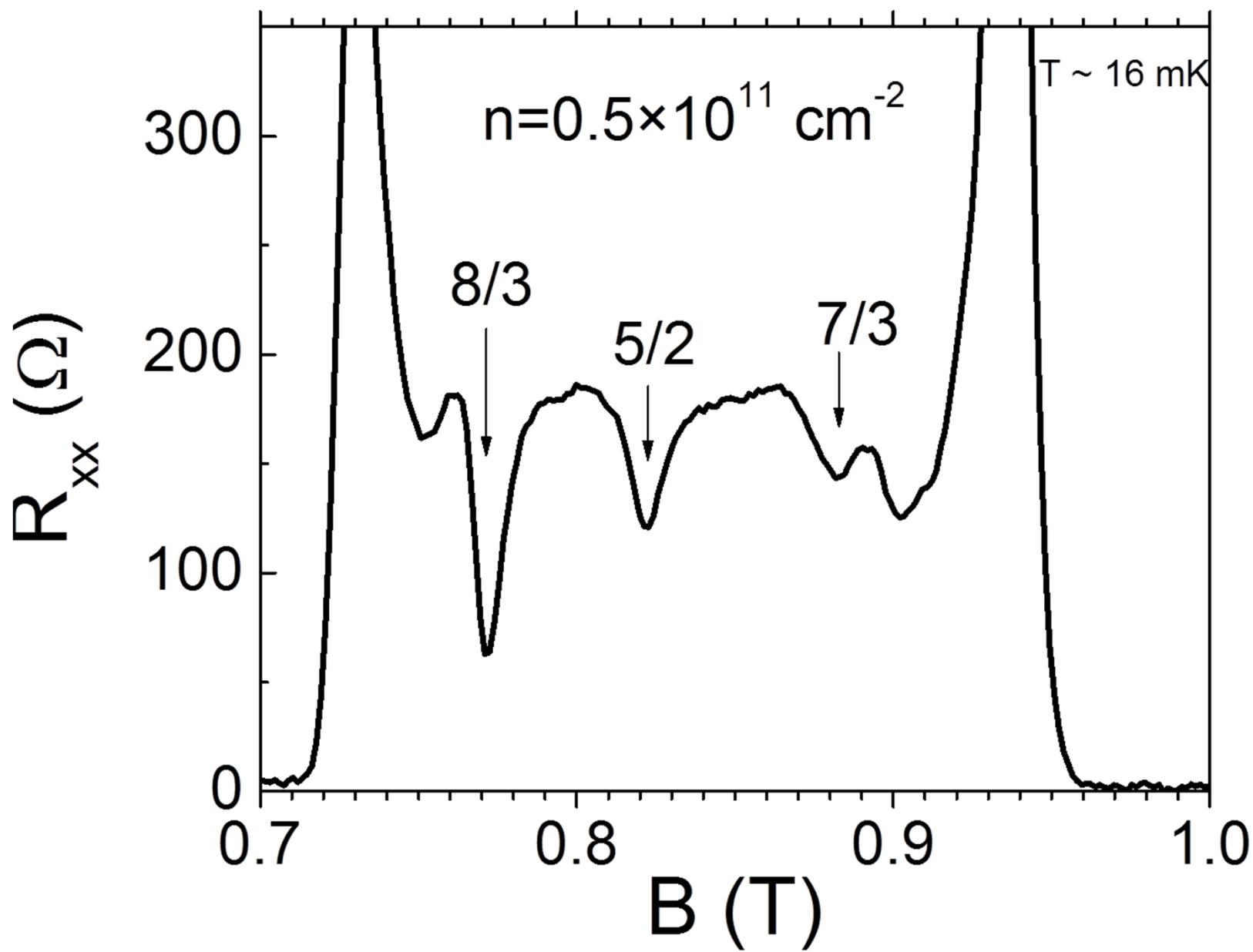
spin unpolarized ground state:  $\Delta = \alpha\sqrt{n} - \beta n - \Gamma$



samples	well width (nm)	density ( $10^{11}$ cm $^{-2}$ )	mobility ( $10^6$ /V s)	$l_B$ at $v=5/2$ (nm)	$W/l_B$
A	65	0.41	10	31.1	2.1
B	60	0.5	10	28.2	2.1
C	56	0.77	13	22.7	2.4
D	45	1.15	13.8	18.6	2.4
E	33	2.1	23	13.8	2.4
F	30	2.6	24	12.4	2.4
G	30	3.1	31	11.3	2.6

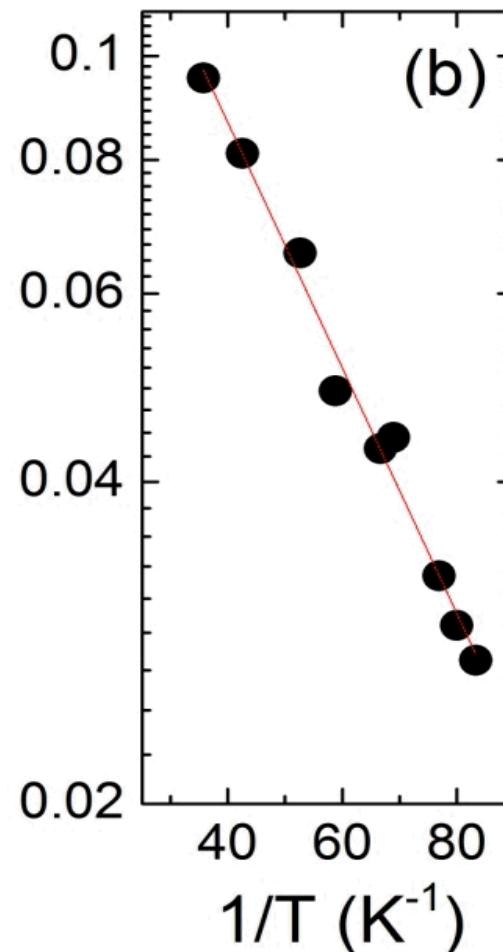
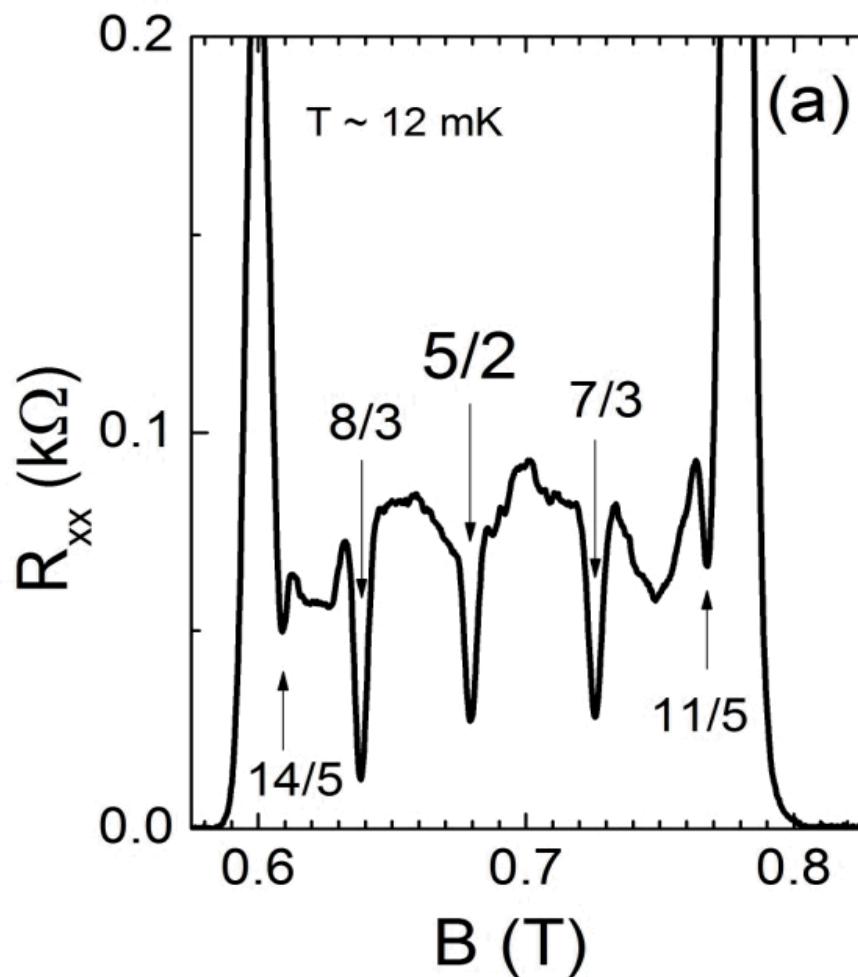






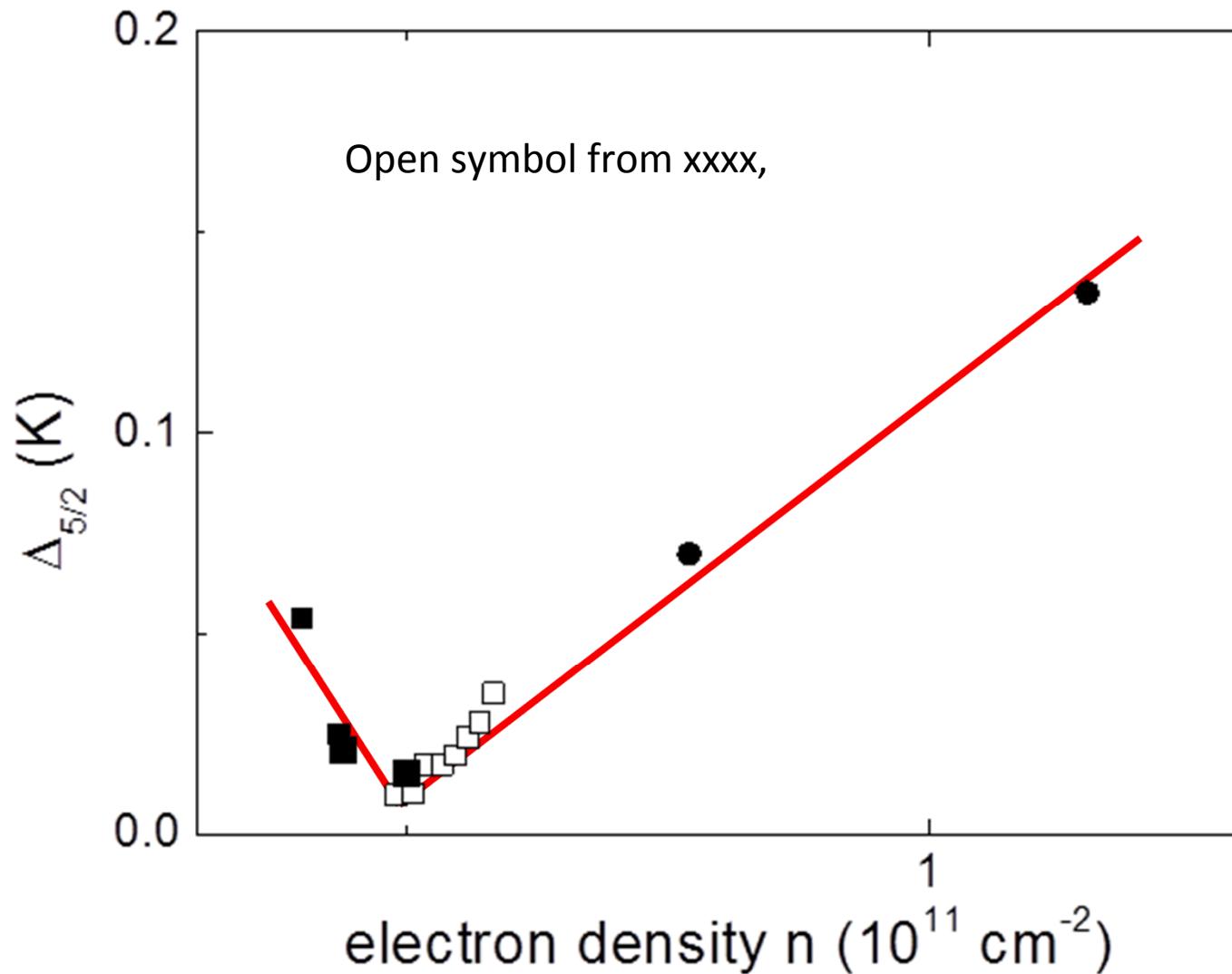
$$n = 0.41 \times 10^{11} \text{ cm}^{-2}$$

$$\Delta_{5/2} \sim 55 \text{ mK}$$



$$R_{xx} \propto \exp(-\Delta/2K_B T)$$

# Spin transition in the 5/2 state



The spin transition is

- a spin transition from an Abelian state to a non-Abelian state?
- a spin transition from a non-Abelian spin-singlet state to a non-Abelian spin-polarized state
- the Landau level mixing effect?

$$\kappa = e^2/\varepsilon l_B/\hbar\omega_c \sim 3 \text{ at } v=5/2 \text{ at } n=0.41 \times 10^{11} \text{ cm}^{-2}$$

Disorder matters in tilt magnetic field induced anisotropy at 5/2

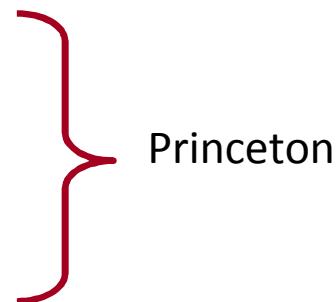
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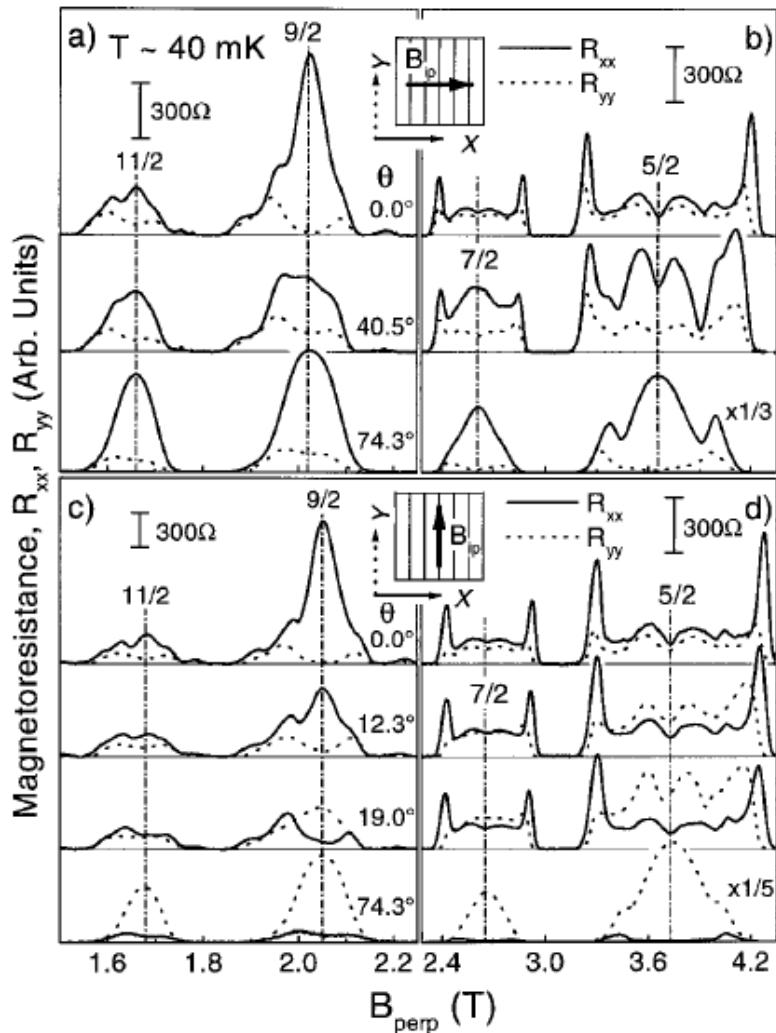
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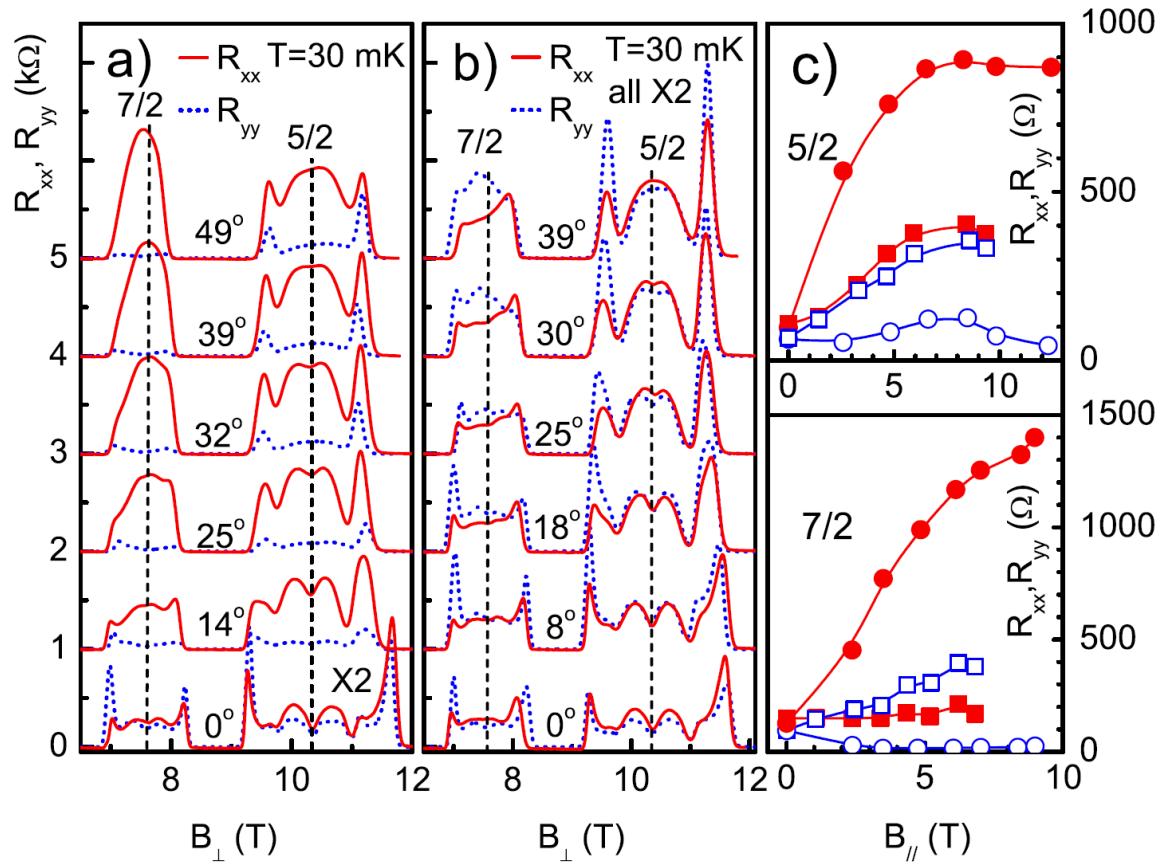
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# 5/2 under tilt



- **Isotropic without tilt**
- **Strong electrical anisotropy under tilt**
- **Hard (higher R) axis is always along in-plane B direction**
- $n = 2.2 \times 10^{11} \text{ cm}^{-2}$   $\mu = 1.7 \times 10^7 \text{ cm}^2/\text{Vs}$

# $B_{\parallel}$ along $[\bar{1}10]$ $B_{\parallel}$ along $[110]$



Question:

Is this anisotropy difference along crystalline directions due to disorders?

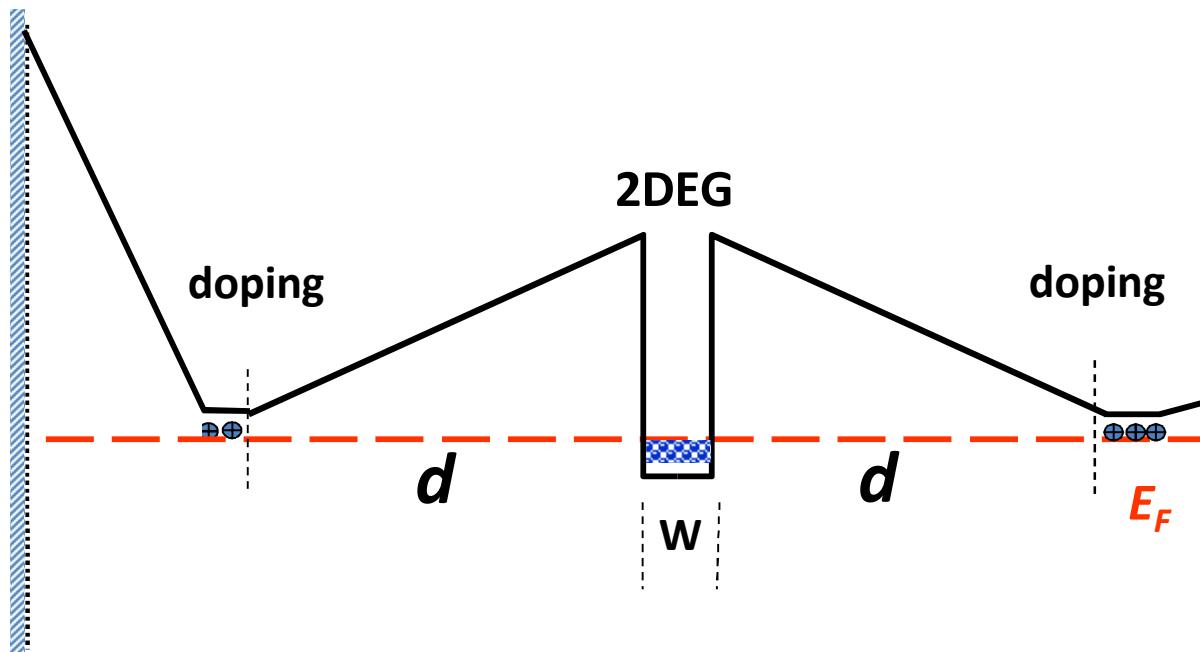
Zhang et al, PRL (2010)

High electron density sample:

- isotropic in one crystalline axis
- anisotropic in another axis
- $n = 6.3 \times 10^{11} \text{ cm}^{-2}$   $\mu = 1.0 \times 10^7 \text{ cm}^2/\text{Vs}$

# Samples

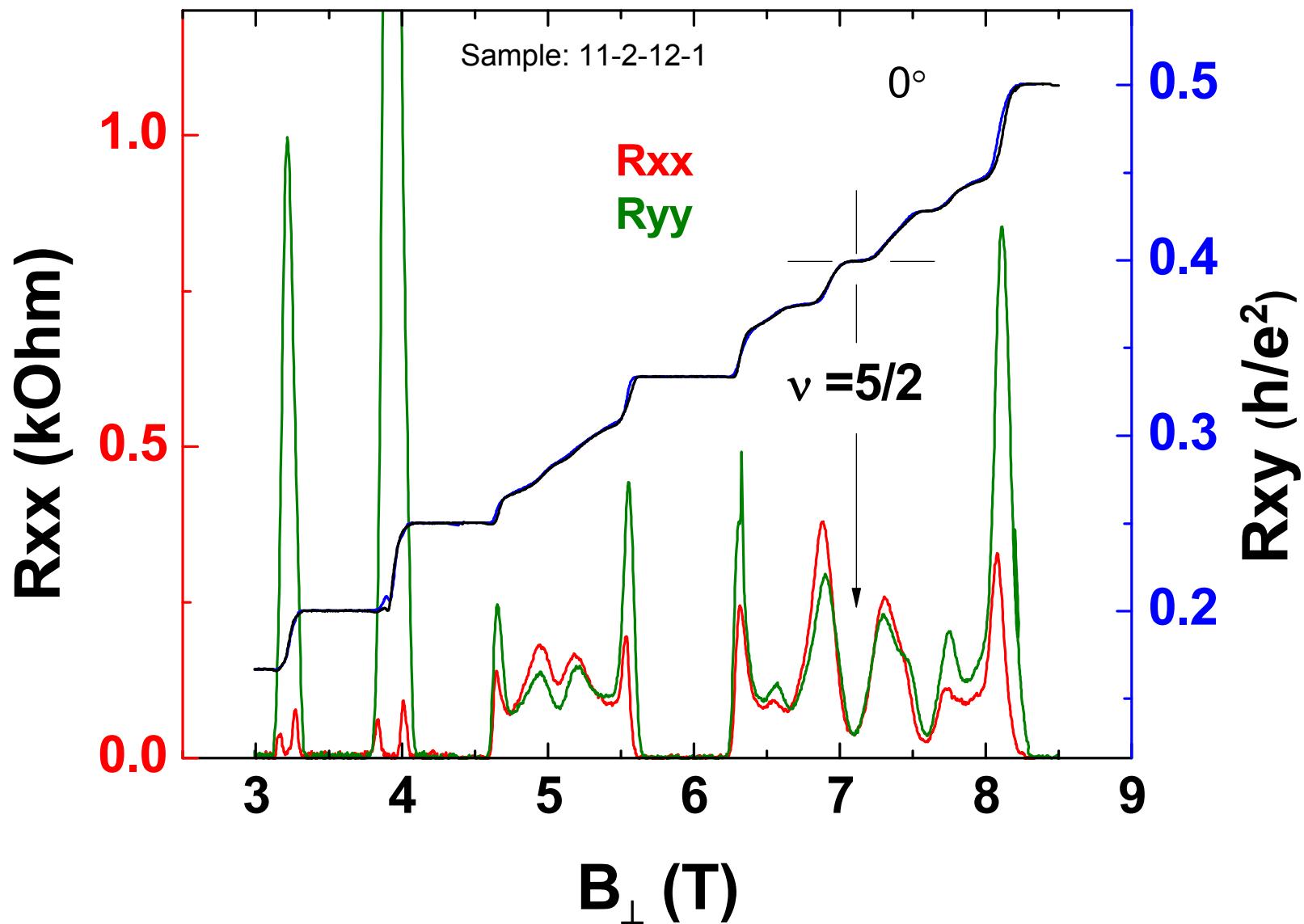
- Symmetrically doped  $\text{Al}_x\text{Ga}_{1-x}\text{As}/\text{GaAs}/\text{Al}_x\text{Ga}_{1-x}\text{As}$  quantum well
- Well width:  $w = 20 \text{ nm}$
- Fix dopant concentration
- Vary set-back distance:  $d = 29-260 \text{ nm}$
- 2DES density:  $n = 0.935-6.58 \times 10^{11} \text{ cm}^{-2}$
- Mobility:  $\mu = 3.2-12.2 \times 10^6 \text{ cm}^2/\text{Vs}$



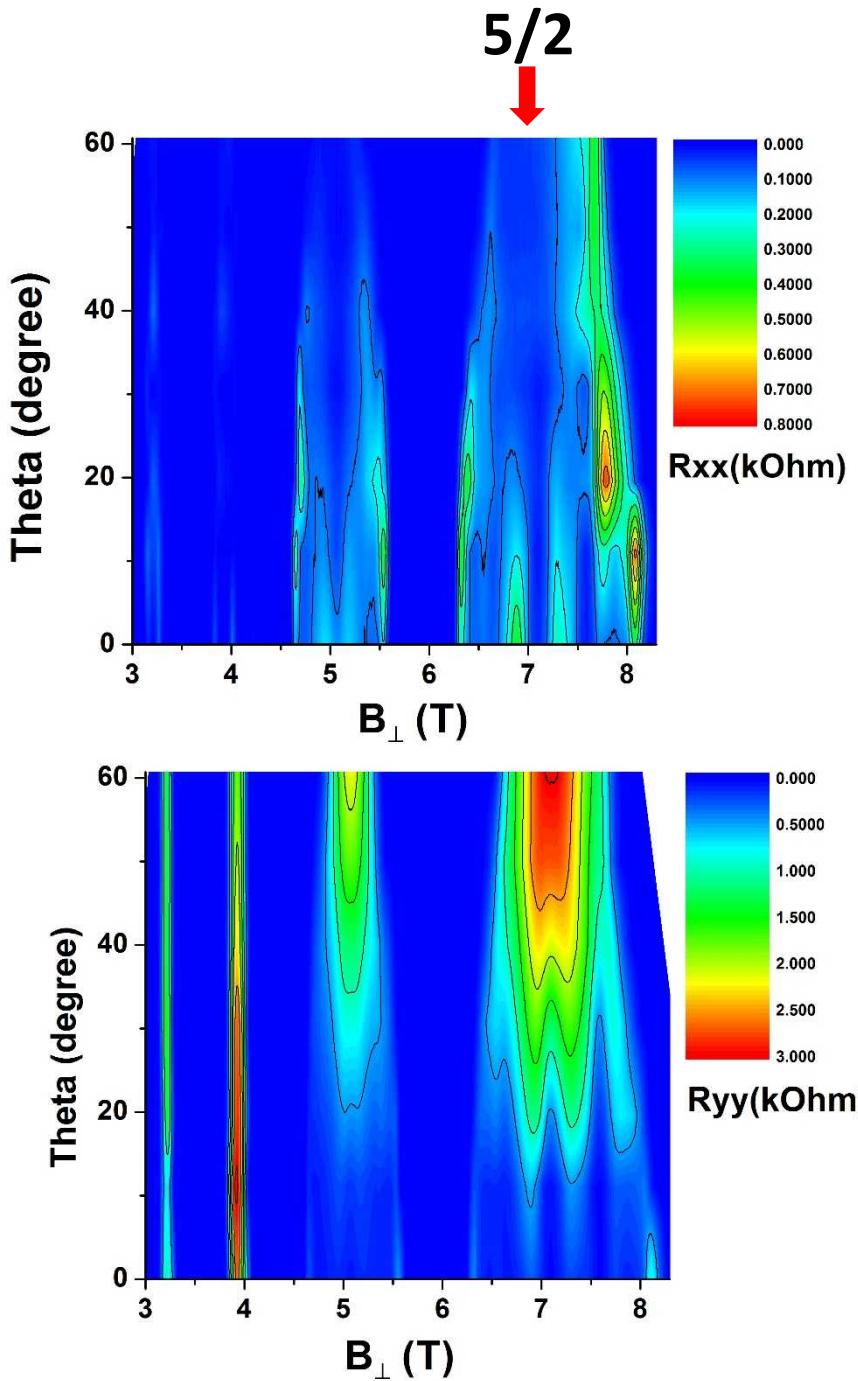
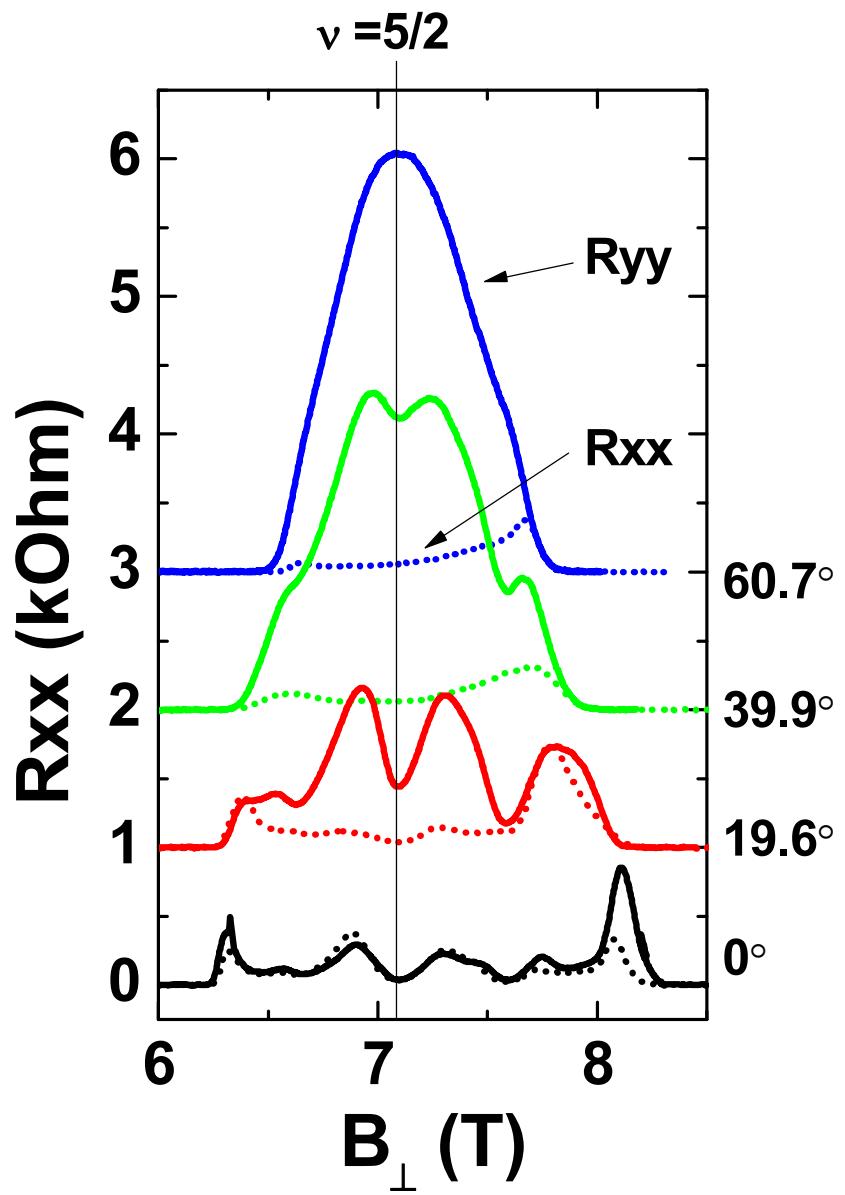
$n = 4.38 \times 10^{11} \text{ cm}^{-2}$

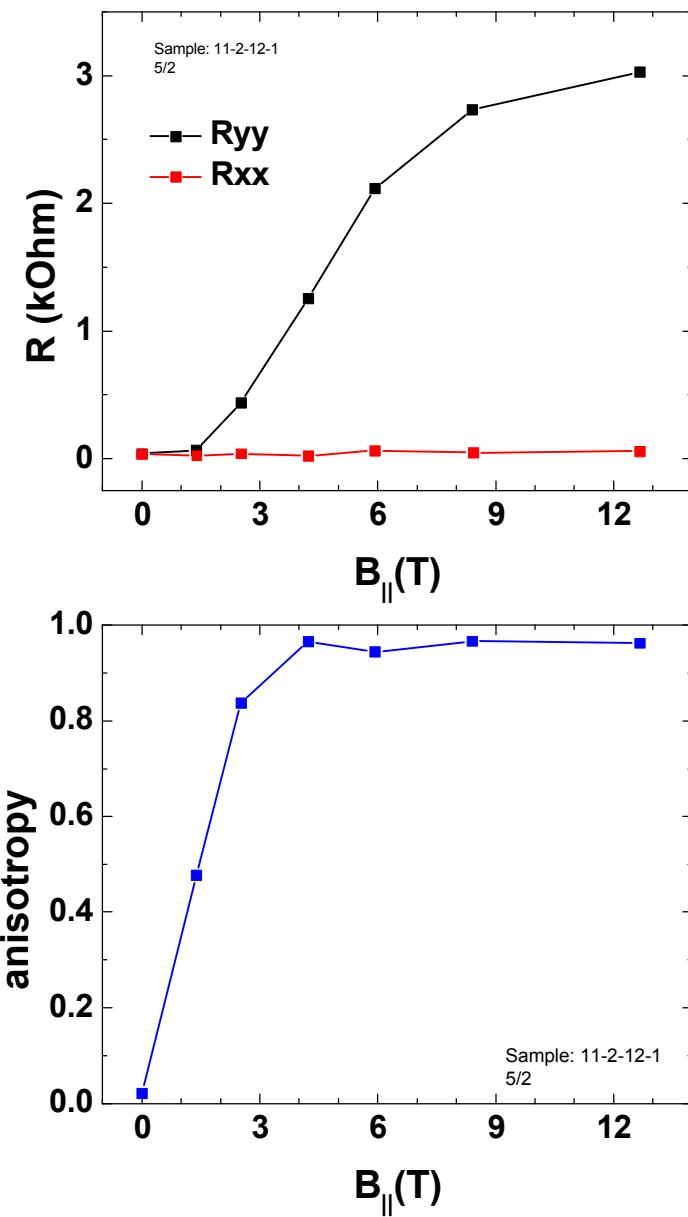
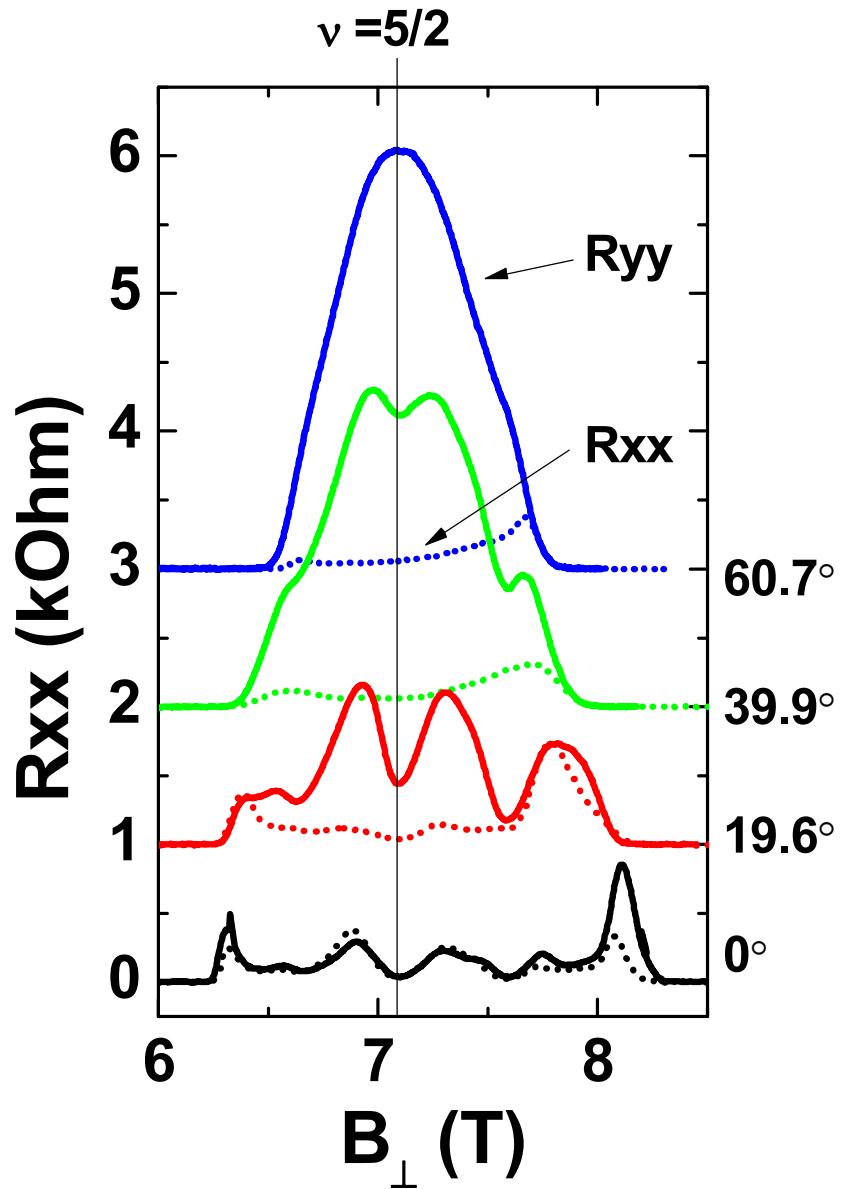
$\mu = 12.2 \times 10^6 \text{ cm}^2/\text{Vs}$

Configuration 1

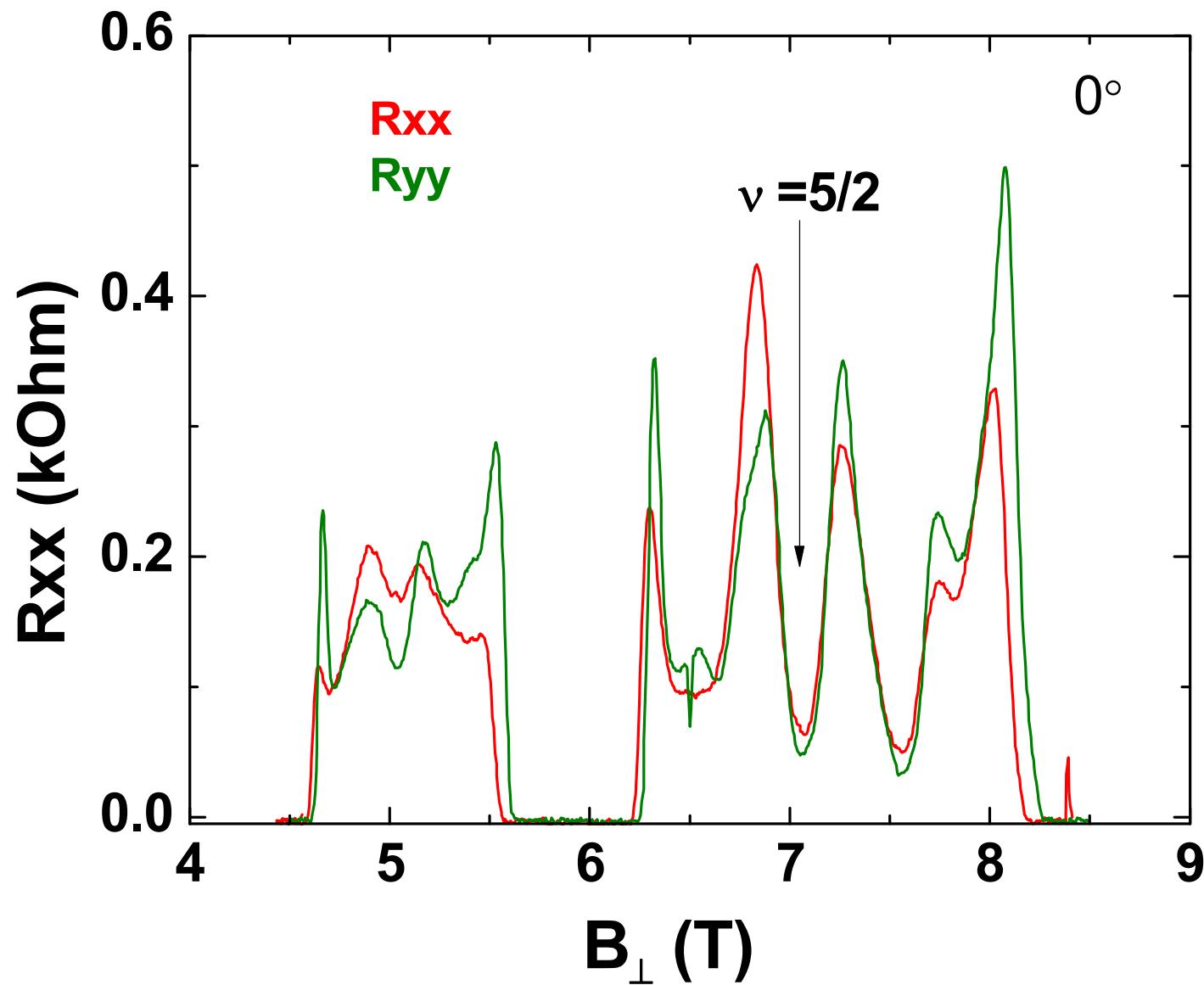


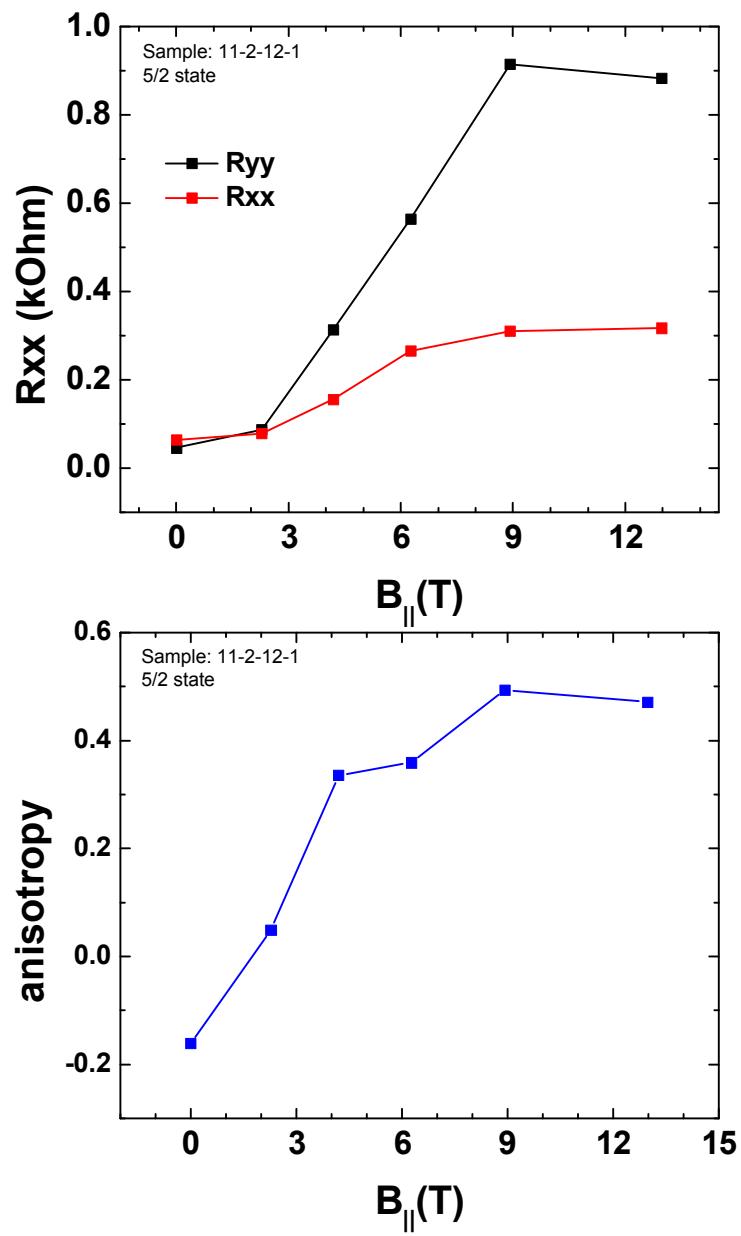
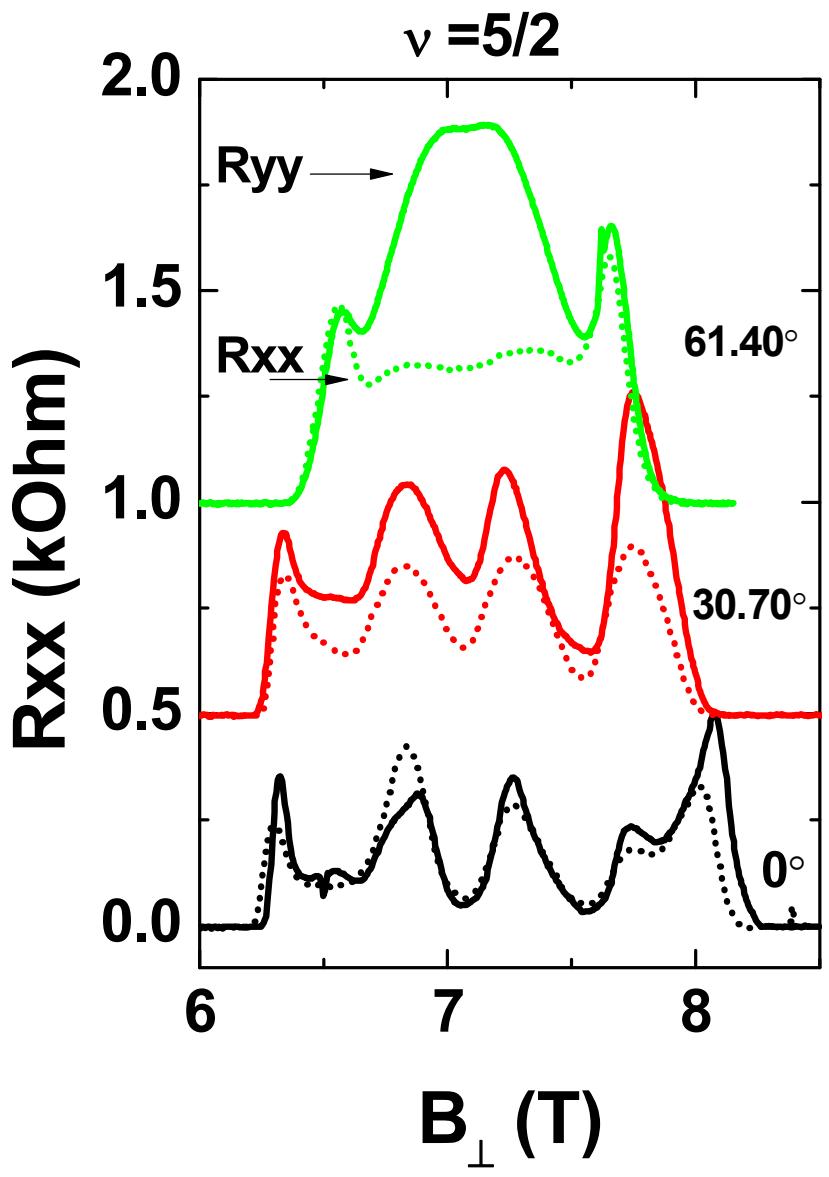
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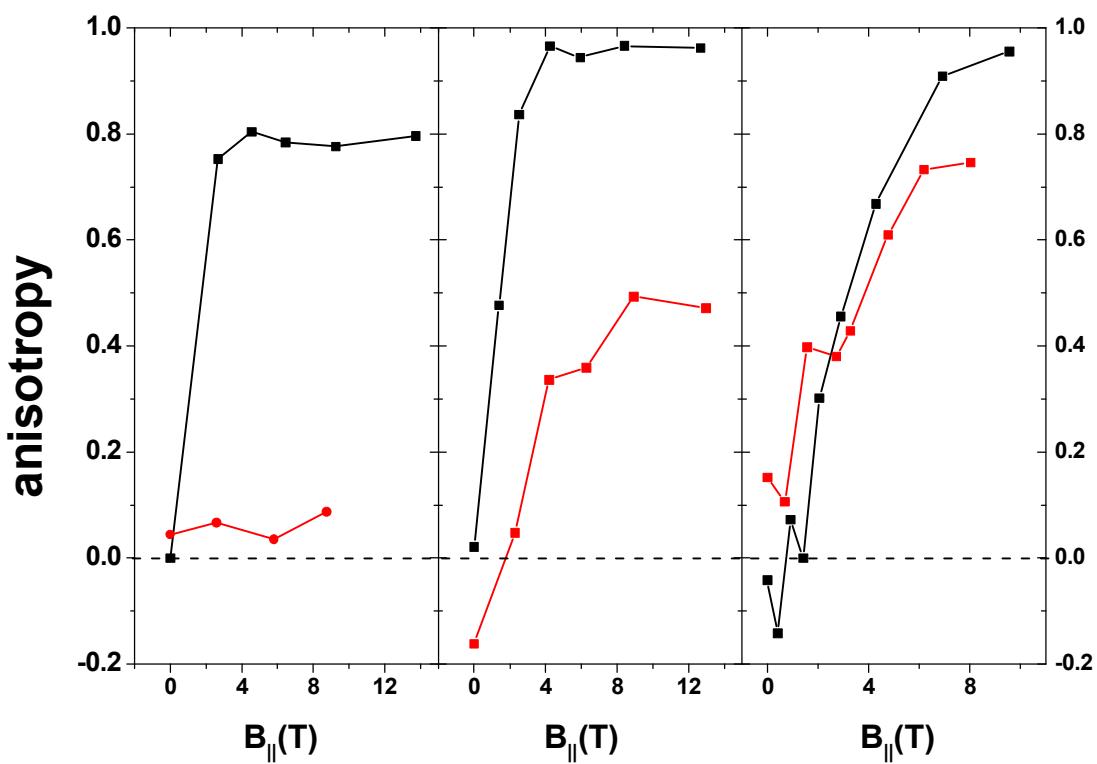


## Configuration 2





# Results: $d$ dependence



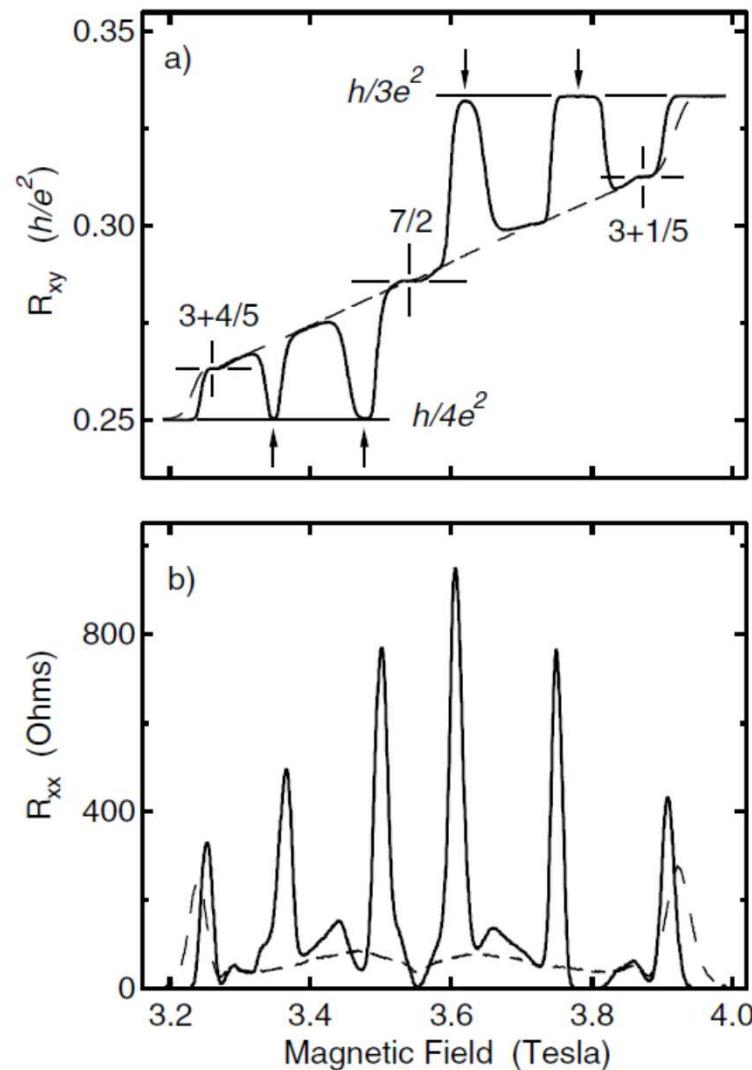
Increasing  $d$  (decreasing disorder)

- **highly disordered samples (small  $d$ ):** electronic transport is **anisotropic** in one crystallographic direction but remains more or less **isotropic** in the other direction
- **less-disordered samples (large  $d$ ):** electronic transport is **anisotropic** in both crystallographic directions

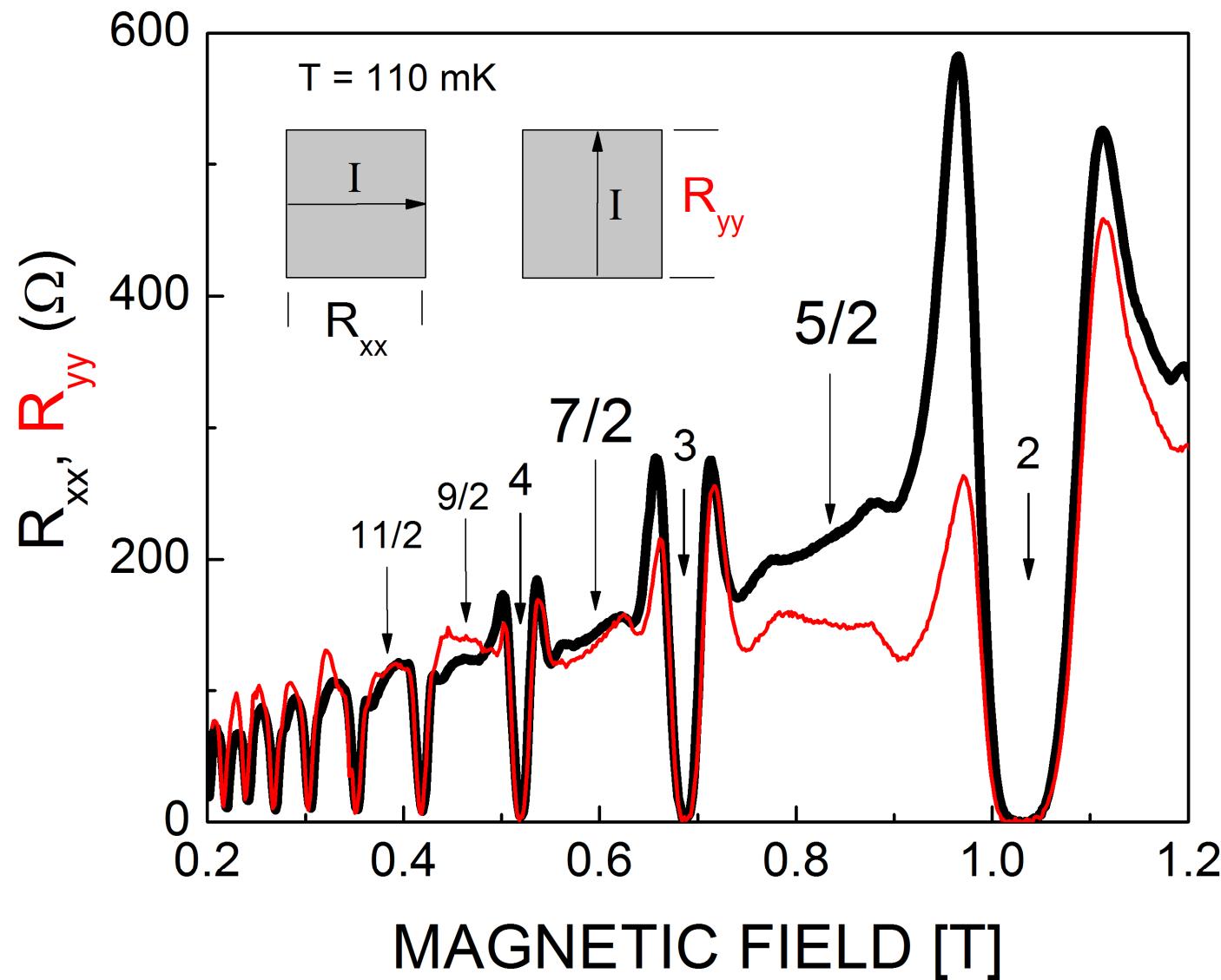
Anisotropic 7/2 state

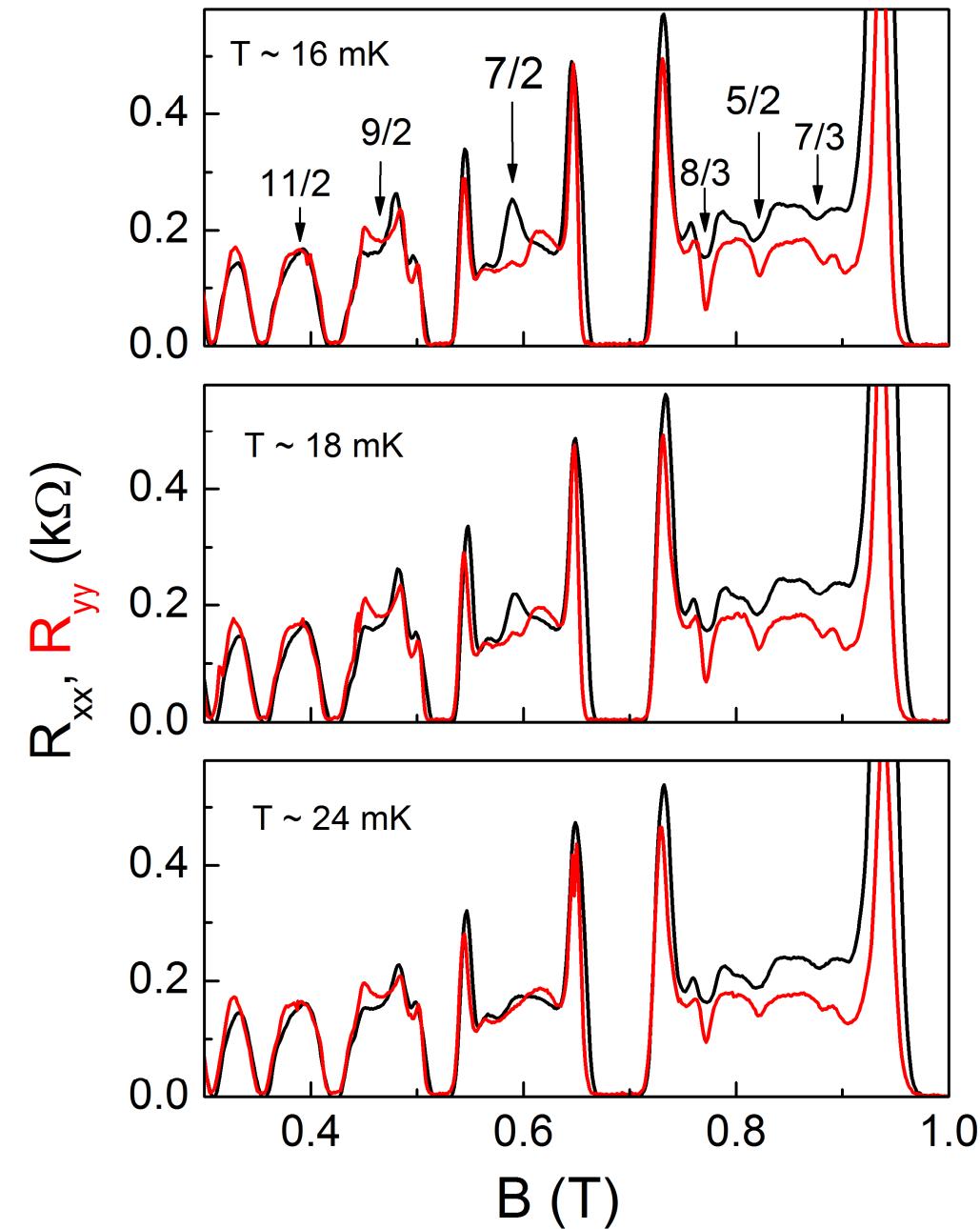
$7/2$  is a quantum Hall state at high densities

Particle hole conjugate state of the  $5/2$  state



In our low density sample, isotropic 7/2 state at high temperatures





7/2 is anisotropic at lower temperatures.

It becomes isotropic at 24mK!

More or less isotropic at 9/2, 11/2, 13/2, etc. in this sample

Landau level mixing effect?

Thank you for your attention!

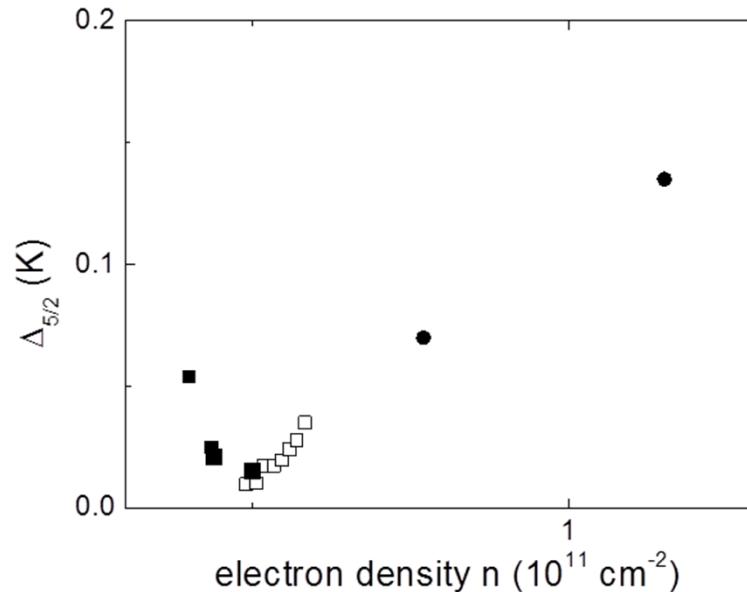
- wide quantum well, thicker 2DES, Coulomb repulsion weakened – favor spin-singlet state, or formation of Skyrmions. [Wojs et al, PRL (2010)].
- a phase transition from a partially-polarized to a fully spin-polarized ground driven by Zeeman energy. [Liu et al, PRL (2012)]

# Or due to rotation of spin polarization?

Quantum Hall ferrom

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The competition of couplings is studied for the direction of the magnetic field. It is found that these values can be explained by a combination about the wavefunctions and



in the fractional regime

(PRL,2008)

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haus spin-orbit couplings. A transition of the gap energy. We show that this provides information about the Laughlin state in the bath.

low-density



$P=1$

high-density



$P=1$