


## Quantum Hall effects of exciton condensate in topological flat bands

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Tunable exciton condensates exhibit anomalous Hall transport owing to mutual Coulomb coupling and have been widely studied in two-dimensional electron gas systems under a strong magnetic field. Here, we explore another framework using topological flat band models in the absence of Landau levels for realizing the many-body exciton phases of two-component fermions under strong intercomponent interactions. By developing a new diagnosis based on the state-of-the-art density-matrix renormalization group and exact diagonalization, we show the theoretical discovery of the emergence of the Halperin (111) quantum Hall effect at a total filling factor  $\nu = 1$  in the lowest Chern band under strong Hubbard repulsion, which is classified by the unique ground state with bulk charge insulation and spin superfluidity. The topological nature is further characterized by one edge branch of chiral propagating Luttinger modes with level counting 1, 1, 2, 3, 5, 7, consistent with the conformal field theory description. Moreover, with nearest-neighbor repulsions, we propose the Halperin (333) fractional quantum Hall effect at a total filling factor  $\nu = 1/3$  in the lowest Chern band.

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### I. INTRODUCTION

As extensions of the Laughlin wave function, Halperin proposed the two-component quantum Hall effect, which is described by  $(mnm)$  wave functions [1] or, equivalently, captured by the  $\mathbf{K} = \begin{pmatrix} m & n \\ n & m \end{pmatrix}$  matrix within the framework of the field theory [2–6]. Two-component quantum Hall effects, where the phrase “two-component” represents a generic label for a spin or pseudospin (bilayer, double well, etc.) quantum number, can exhibit tremendously richer physics than single-component systems, attributable to intercomponent interaction in two-component systems. Experimentally, two-component integer and fractional quantum Hall states at  $\nu = 1$  and  $\nu = 1/2$  in the lowest Landau level have been confirmed [7,8], consistent with several theoretical proposals of Halperin’s (111) exciton superfluid [9–11] and (331) fractional quantum Hall state [12–15].

To gain a better understanding of the internal structure of multicomponent quantum Hall states, it is highly desirable to investigate the diagonal and off-diagonal elements of the  $\mathbf{K}$  matrix, which describe intracomponent and intercomponent Chern-Simons gauge-field couplings, respectively, and can be derived from the inverse of the Chern number matrix for gapped quantum Hall states [16–19]. Distinguished from the usual  $(mnm)$  states with  $m \neq n$ , a peculiar property of Halperin  $(mmm)$  quantum Hall states is that they host intercomponent tunneling and counterflow transport anomalies in Hall resistance measurements [20], due to the superfluidity of exciton condensates in which particles in one component are coupled to holes in the other component. Such coherent

exciton transport, which serves as a hallmark signature of the Halperin (111) quantum Hall effect, has inspired a series of motivating quantum Hall drag measurements in different setups [21–27]. The intercomponent Coulomb drag transport in most recent experiments also serves as a primary proof in searching for new types of correlated many-body topological states in two parallel graphene layers [28,29].

Recently the development of topological flat band models has fostered an exciting new platform for studying the quantum Hall effect without the conventional Landau level [30–35]. (See the recent reviews in Refs. [36] and [37] for extended discussion.) On the experimental side, realization of a topological Haldane-honeycomb band provides a highly tunable system to explore intercomponent correlated states of two-component quantum fermionic  $^{40}\text{K}$  gases with strong Hubbard repulsion [38], and two-component correlated charge pumping can be implemented using spin- and density-resolved microscopy [39]. Moreover, various types of topological bands have been proposed in multilayer heterostructures, such as moiré flat bands in twisted multilayer graphene [40–43] with tunable correlated ferromagnetism observed [44], and some fractionalized interacting phases in such topological bands, dubbed “fractional Chern insulators,” have been experimentally observed [45]. These related experimental advances, enabling the control and study of multilayered systems, could open up new relevant prospects across a broader class of two-component Halperin  $(mmm)$  quantum Hall effects for interacting fermions in topological lattice models, where compelling theoretical evidence of them is still lacking and demanding; this is the focus of our work.

In this work, we theoretically propose two-component Halperin  $(mmm)$  quantum Hall effects emerging in topological flat bands through state-of-the-art density-matrix

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renormalization-group (DMRG) and exact diagonalization (ED) simulations with strong interactions and elucidate the interaction controlling the topological exciton condensates of two-component systems. We have studied the characteristic topological degeneracy, excitation gap, topologically invariant Chern number, charge pumping, off-diagonal long-range order, and entanglement spectrum of the ground states, which depict the topological information from the  $\mathbf{K}$  matrix.

This paper is organized as follows. In Sec. II, we give a description of the model Hamiltonian of interacting two-component fermions in different topological lattice models, such as  $\pi$ -flux checkerboard and Haldane-honeycomb lattices. In Sec. III, we study the many-body ground states of these two-component fermions in the strongly interacting regime, presenting detailed numerical results of the Halperin (111) state at filling  $\nu = 1$  in Sec. III A and further discussing the topological signatures of the Halperin (333) state under nearest-neighbor repulsion at filling  $\nu = 1/3$  in Sec. III B. Finally, in Sec. IV, we summarize our results and discuss future directions for the investigation of topological exciton condensates in two-component systems.

## II. MODEL AND METHOD

Here, we start from the following Hamiltonian of interacting spinful fermions in two typical topological lattice models, the  $\pi$ -flux checkerboard (CB) lattice,

$$H_{\text{CB}} = \sum_{\sigma} \left[ -t \sum_{\langle\langle\mathbf{r},\mathbf{r}'\rangle\rangle} e^{i\phi_{\mathbf{r}'\mathbf{r}}} c_{\mathbf{r},\sigma}^{\dagger} c_{\mathbf{r},\sigma} - \sum_{\langle\langle\mathbf{r},\mathbf{r}'\rangle\rangle} t'_{\mathbf{r},\mathbf{r}'} c_{\mathbf{r},\sigma}^{\dagger} c_{\mathbf{r}',\sigma} - t'' \sum_{\langle\langle\mathbf{r},\mathbf{r}'\rangle\rangle} c_{\mathbf{r},\sigma}^{\dagger} c_{\mathbf{r}',\sigma} + \text{H.c.} \right] + V_{\text{int}}, \quad (1)$$

and the Haldane-honeycomb (HC) lattice,

$$H_{\text{HC}} = \sum_{\sigma} \left[ -t \sum_{\langle\mathbf{r},\mathbf{r}'\rangle} c_{\mathbf{r},\sigma}^{\dagger} c_{\mathbf{r},\sigma} - t' \sum_{\langle\langle\mathbf{r},\mathbf{r}'\rangle\rangle} e^{i\phi_{\mathbf{r}'\mathbf{r}}} c_{\mathbf{r},\sigma}^{\dagger} c_{\mathbf{r}',\sigma} - t'' \sum_{\langle\langle\mathbf{r},\mathbf{r}'\rangle\rangle} c_{\mathbf{r},\sigma}^{\dagger} c_{\mathbf{r}',\sigma} + \text{H.c.} \right] + V_{\text{int}}, \quad (2)$$

where  $c_{\mathbf{r},\sigma}^{\dagger}$  is the particle creation operator of spin  $\sigma = \uparrow, \downarrow$  at site  $\mathbf{r}$ , and  $\langle\mathbf{r},\mathbf{r}'\rangle$ ,  $\langle\langle\mathbf{r},\mathbf{r}'\rangle\rangle$ , and  $\langle\langle\langle\mathbf{r},\mathbf{r}'\rangle\rangle\rangle$  denote the nearest-neighbor, next-nearest-neighbor, and next-next-nearest-neighbor pairs of sites, respectively. The flat band limit is taken with the tunnel couplings  $t' = 0.3t$ ,  $t'' = -0.2t$ ,  $\phi = \pi/4$  for the checkerboard lattice [46] and  $t' = 0.6t$ ,  $t'' = -0.58t$ ,  $\phi = 2\pi/5$  for the honeycomb lattice [34]. We take the on-site and nearest-neighbor interactions with  $SU(2)$  symmetry,

$$V_{\text{int}} = U \sum_{\mathbf{r}} n_{\mathbf{r},\uparrow} n_{\mathbf{r},\downarrow} + V \sum_{\sigma,\sigma'} \sum_{\langle\mathbf{r},\mathbf{r}'\rangle} n_{\mathbf{r},\sigma} n_{\mathbf{r}',\sigma'}, \quad (3)$$

where  $n_{\mathbf{r},\sigma}$  is the particle number operator of spin  $\sigma$  at site  $\mathbf{r}$ . Here,  $U$  is the strength of the on-site interaction, while  $V$  is the strength of the nearest-neighbor interaction.

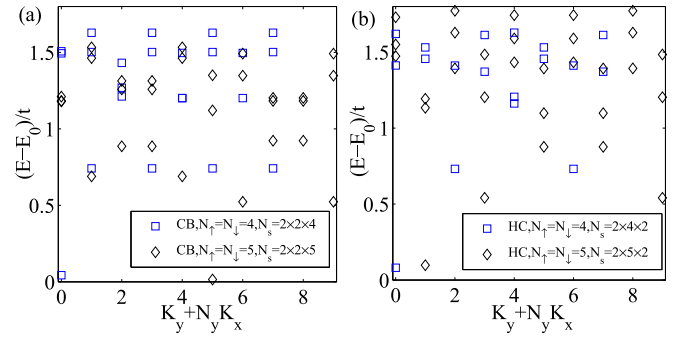


FIG. 1. Numerical ED results for the low-energy spectrum of two-component fermionic systems  $\nu = 1$  with  $U(1) \times U(1)$  symmetry in different topological lattices at  $U \gg t$ ,  $V = 0$  for (a) a  $\pi$ -flux checkerboard lattice and (b) a Haldane-honeycomb lattice.

We perform ED calculations on the many-body ground state of the model Hamiltonian, Eqs. (1) and (2), in a finite system of  $N_x \times N_y$  unit cells (the total number of sites is  $N_s = 2 \times N_x \times N_y$ ), up to  $N_s = 20$ . The total filling of the lowest Chern band is  $\nu = \nu_{\uparrow} + \nu_{\downarrow} = 2(N_{\uparrow} + N_{\downarrow})/N_s$ , where  $N_{\uparrow}$  and  $N_{\downarrow}$  are the particle numbers with  $U(1) \times U(1)$  symmetry. With translational symmetry, the energy states are labeled by the total momentum  $K = (K_x, K_y)$  in units of  $(2\pi/N_x, 2\pi/N_y)$  in the Brillouin zone. For larger systems, we exploit both the finite and the infinite DMRG on the cylindrical geometry. We keep the maximal bond dimension up to  $M = 8000$  in the infinite DMRG, which leads to excellent convergence for the results we report here. In the infinite DMRG, the geometry of cylinders is open boundary conditions in the  $x$  direction and periodic boundary conditions in the  $y$  direction. Our comprehensive DMRG and ED studies can access large system sizes to establish the emergence of quantum Hall states at filling factors  $\nu = 1/m$  for two-component fermions (odd  $m = 1, 3$ ).

## III. MANY-BODY GROUND STATES

In this section, we first systematically present results for the topological properties of many-body ground states at  $\nu = 1$ ,  $U \gg t$ ,  $V = 0$ , where an easy-plane ferromagnetic Halperin (111) state is most favored. Following this, we describe numerical studies of the Halperin (333) state at  $\nu = 1/3$ ,  $U, V \gg t$ .

### A. Halperin (111) state

For a Halperin quantum Hall state characterized by the  $\mathbf{K} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \\ & 1 \end{pmatrix}$  matrix, the charge channel remains insulating, and the system displays the quantized Hall effect, similar to the usual  $\nu = 1$  integer quantum Hall effect. However, the spin channel condenses and the system becomes a gapless superfluid [47]. First, we demonstrate the unique ground-state degeneracy on a periodic lattice under strong on-site Hubbard repulsion  $U \gg t$ ,  $V = 0$ . In Figs. 1(a) and 1(b), for different topological systems in a strongly interacting regime, we find that there exists a well-defined single ground state separated from higher energy levels by a robust gap. In spin notation, a variational ansatz describing the particle-hole pairs of the

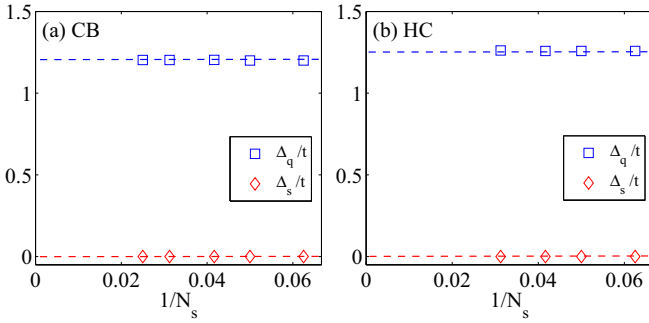


FIG. 2. Numerical results for the charge-hole gap  $\Delta_q$  and spin excitation gap  $\Delta_s$  of two-component fermionic systems  $\nu = 1$  at  $U \gg t$ ,  $V = 0$  for (a) a  $\pi$ -flux checkerboard lattice and (b) a Haldane-honeycomb lattice. Results are obtained using ED for  $N_s = 16$  and  $20$ , and results are obtained using the DMRG for  $N_s = 24, 32$ , and  $40$ .

Halperin (111) state can be written as

$$|\psi\rangle = \prod_{\mathbf{k}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (\chi_{\mathbf{k},\uparrow}^\dagger + e^{i\varphi} \chi_{\mathbf{k},\downarrow}^\dagger) |0\rangle, \quad (4)$$

where  $\chi_{\mathbf{k},\sigma}^\dagger$  creates a Bloch fermion of spin  $\sigma$  and momentum  $\mathbf{k}$  in the lowest Chern band and  $\varphi$  is the phase for particle-hole pairs, which can take a certain value without any energy cost. For strong Hubbard repulsion  $U \gg t$ , each of the single-particle orbitals in the lowest Chern band is occupied with only one particle at  $\nu = 1$  and the total momentum  $K = (\sum_{i=1}^N k_x^i, \sum_{i=1}^N k_y^i)$  of the ground state can be easily determined, consistent with the ED results in Figs. 1(a) and 1(b). Meanwhile, we calculate the charge-hole gap in the charge channel,  $\Delta_q = (E_0(N_\uparrow + 1, N_\downarrow) + E_0(N_\uparrow - 1, N_\downarrow) - 2E_0(N_\uparrow, N_\downarrow))/2$ , and the magnon spin gap in the spin channel,  $\Delta_s = E_0(N_\uparrow + 1, N_\downarrow - 1) - E_0(N_\uparrow, N_\downarrow)$ , for different system sizes. As shown in Figs. 2(a) and 2(b), the finite-size scaling of  $\Delta_q$  remains a large finite value for different system sizes, which serves as a primary signature of an incompressible charge Hall phase, while the finite-size scaling of  $\Delta_s$  goes to a vanishing small value in the thermodynamic limit, signaling a compressible spin superfluid.

Next we extract the Chern number matrix  $\mathbf{C} = \begin{pmatrix} C_{\uparrow\uparrow} & C_{\uparrow\downarrow} \\ C_{\downarrow\uparrow} & C_{\downarrow\downarrow} \end{pmatrix}$  for a two-component system, related to the Hall conductance [48–50]. With twisted boundary conditions  $\psi(\mathbf{r}_\sigma + N_\alpha) = \psi(\mathbf{r}_\sigma) \exp(i\theta_\alpha^\sigma)$ , where  $\theta_\alpha^\sigma$  is the twisted angle for spin- $\sigma$  particles in the  $\alpha$  direction, the Chern number of the many-body ground-state wave function  $\psi$  is defined in the parameter plane  $(\theta_\sigma^x, \theta_\sigma^y)$  as

$$C_{\sigma,\sigma'} = \int \int \frac{d\theta_\sigma^x d\theta_\sigma^y}{2\pi} F^{xy}(\theta_\sigma^x, \theta_\sigma^y),$$

where  $F^{xy} = \mathbf{Im}(\langle \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial \theta_\sigma^x} | \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial \theta_\sigma^y} \rangle - \langle \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial \theta_\sigma^y} | \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial \theta_\sigma^x} \rangle)$  is the Berry curvature and the off-diagonal part  $C_{\uparrow\downarrow}$  is related to the drag Hall conductance between spin  $\uparrow$  and spin  $\downarrow$ . With  $\theta_\uparrow^x = \theta_\downarrow^x = \theta^x$  and  $\theta_\uparrow^y = \theta_\downarrow^y = \theta^y$ , the charge Chern number, related to the charge Hall conductance, reads  $C_q = \sum_{\sigma,\sigma'} C_{\sigma,\sigma'} = \nu$ . Similarly, with  $\theta_\uparrow^x = -\theta_\downarrow^x = \theta^x$  and  $\theta_\uparrow^y = -\theta_\downarrow^y = \theta^y$ , we can also define the spin Chern number of the many-body ground-state

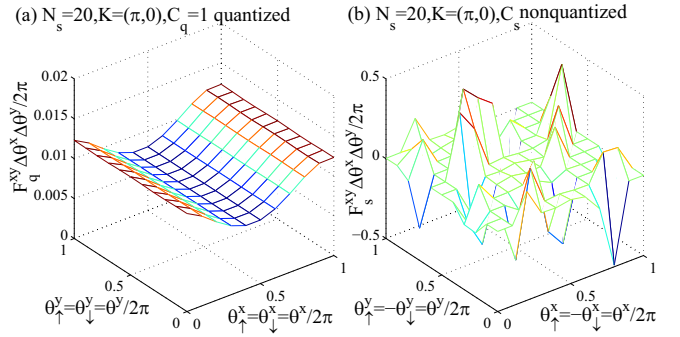


FIG. 3. Numerical ED results for Berry curvatures  $F_q^{xy} \Delta\theta_\sigma^x \Delta\theta_\sigma^y / 2\pi$  of the  $K = (\pi, 0)$  ground state of the two-component fermionic systems  $N_\uparrow = N_\downarrow = 5$  and  $N_s = 2 \times 2 \times N_\uparrow$  at  $U \gg t$ ,  $V = 0$  on a checkerboard lattice in the parameter plane: (a)  $(\theta_\uparrow^x = \theta_\downarrow^x = \theta^x, \theta_\uparrow^y = \theta_\downarrow^y = \theta^y)$  and (b)  $(\theta_\uparrow^x = -\theta_\downarrow^x = \theta^x, \theta_\uparrow^y = -\theta_\downarrow^y = \theta^y)$ .

wave function, related to the spin Hall conductance, as  $C_s = C_{\uparrow,\uparrow} + C_{\downarrow,\downarrow} - C_{\uparrow,\downarrow} - C_{\downarrow,\uparrow}$ .

For the single ground state of two-component fermions, by numerically calculating the Berry curvatures using  $m \times m$  mesh squares in the boundary phase space with  $m \geq 10$  we obtain the quantized topological invariant  $C_q = 1$  with a well-defined smooth Berry curvature and the nonquantized topological invariant  $C_s$  with a strongly fluctuating Berry curvature, as indicated in Figs. 3(a) and 3(b), respectively, consistent with the gapped charge insulation and gapless spin superfluidity of the bulk.

For larger system sizes, we further calculate the charge pumping under the insertion of a flux quantum on infinite cylinder systems in connection with the quantized Hall conductance using the DMRG [51]. For the Halperin (111) state, it is expected that a quantized charge will be pumped from the right side to the left side by inserting a charge flux  $\theta_\uparrow^y = \theta_\downarrow^y = \theta$  from  $\theta = 0$  to  $\theta = 2\pi$ . The net transfer of the total charge from the right side to the left side of the cylinder is encoded by  $Q(\theta) = N_\uparrow^L + N_\downarrow^L = \text{tr}[\widehat{\rho}_L(\theta)\widehat{Q}]$  ( $\widehat{\rho}_L$  is the reduced density matrix of the left part). In order to quantify the spin Hall conductance, we also define the spin transfer  $\Delta S$  by  $S(\theta) = 0.5 \times (N_\uparrow^L - N_\downarrow^L) = \text{tr}[\widehat{\rho}_L(\theta)\widehat{S}]$ , in analogy with the charge transfer. As shown in Fig. 4(a), a unit charge  $\Delta Q = Q(2\pi) - Q(0) \simeq C_q = 1$  is pumped without spin pumping,  $\Delta S = 0$ , upon the threading of one flux quantum  $\theta_\uparrow^y = \theta_\downarrow^y = \theta$  for two-component fermions, verifying the robustness of the quantized charge Hall effect at  $\nu = 1$ .

Moreover, we calculate the off-diagonal long-range order  $\langle c_{0,\uparrow}^\dagger c_{0,\downarrow} c_{r,\downarrow}^\dagger c_{r,\uparrow} \rangle$ , describing an exciton condensate as a fermion of spin  $\uparrow$  bound to a hole of spin  $\downarrow$ , forming an exciton pair. The nonvanishing finite value of  $\langle c_{0,\uparrow}^\dagger c_{0,\downarrow} c_{r,\downarrow}^\dagger c_{r,\uparrow} \rangle$  in the long-distance  $r \gg 1$  is the hallmark signature of the emergence of Bose-Einstein condensation of excitons with a symmetry-broken order parameter  $\langle \psi | c_{r,\uparrow}^\dagger c_{r,\downarrow} | \psi \rangle$  from the variational wave function in Eq. (4), as indicated in Fig. 4(b). Alternatively, in terms of the transverse spin-flip operator  $S_r^+ \propto c_{r,\uparrow}^\dagger c_{r,\downarrow}$ , it indeed describes the long-range order of quantum Hall ferromagnetism in the XY easy plane. At fractional fillings, another distinct Ising type of quantum Hall

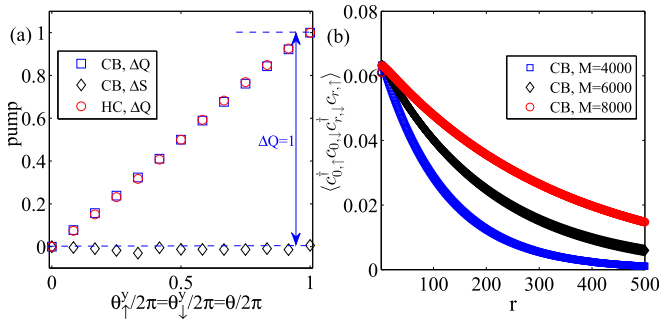


FIG. 4. (a) Charge and spin transfers for two-component fermions on an  $N_y = 4$  cylinder at  $\nu = 1$ ,  $U \gg t$ ,  $V = 0$  with inserting flux  $\theta_\uparrow^y = \theta_\downarrow^y = \theta$  for both topological checkerboard and honeycomb lattices. (b) Off-diagonal long-range order of the particle-hole pair  $\langle c_{0,\uparrow}^\dagger c_{0,\downarrow} c_{r,\downarrow}^\dagger c_{r,\uparrow} \rangle$  versus the lattice distance  $r$  along the  $x$  direction. As the maximal bond dimension is increased,  $\langle c_{0,\uparrow}^\dagger c_{0,\downarrow} c_{r,\downarrow}^\dagger c_{r,\uparrow} \rangle$  tends to a finite large value for  $r \gg 1$  when the DMRG results are more and more converged.

ferromagnets is discussed for Chern bands with a high Chern number [52].

Another ‘‘fingerprint’’ of the Halperin (111) state is the characteristic chiral edge mode, which can be revealed through a low-lying entanglement spectrum in the bulk [53]. Differently from the usual two-component ( $mmn$ ) quantum Hall states with  $m \neq n$ , one of the eigenvalues of  $\mathbf{K} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$  is positive while the other is 0, that is, the Halperin (111) state hosts only one chiral branch of the edge mode [47,54]. Here we examine the structure of the momentum-resolved entanglement spectrum for different cylinder widths,  $N_y = 4$  and 6. On the  $N_y = 4$  cylinder, we observe only one forward-moving branch of the low-lying bulk entanglement spectrum with the level counting 1, 1, 2, 3 for different charge and spin sectors. Similarly, as shown in Figs. 5(a) and 5(b), only one forward-moving branch of the low-lying bulk entanglement spectrum with the level counting 1, 1, 2, 3, 5, 7 is obtained for

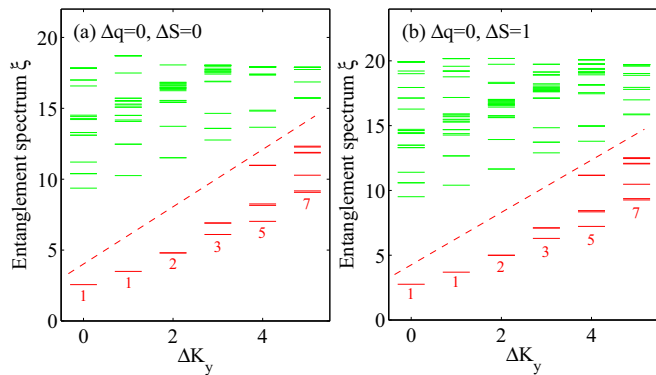


FIG. 5. Chiral edge mode identified from the momentum-resolved entanglement spectrum for two-component fermions on an  $N_y = 6$  cylinder at  $\nu = 1$ ,  $U \gg t$ ,  $V = 0$ . The horizontal axis shows the relative momentum  $\Delta K = K_y - K_y^0$  (in units of  $2\pi/N_y$ ). Numbers below the dashed red line label the nearly degenerate pattern with different momenta—1, 1, 2, 3, 5, 7, ...—for different charge and spin sectors: (a)  $\Delta q = 0$ ,  $\Delta S = 0$  and (b)  $\Delta q = 0$ ,  $\Delta S = 1$ .

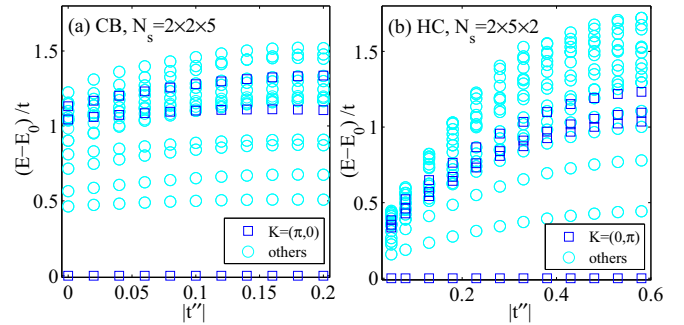


FIG. 6. Numerical ED results for the low-energy evolution of two-component fermionic systems as a function of  $t''$  in different topological lattices at  $\nu = 1$ ,  $U \gg t$ ,  $V = 0$  for (a) a  $\pi$ -flux checkerboard lattice and (b) a Haldane-honeycomb lattice.

different charge sectors on the  $N_y = 6$  cylinder. Nevertheless, this level counting is consistent with  $SU(2)_1$  Wess-Zumino-Witten conformal field theory with central charge  $c = 1$ , implying the gapless nature of chiral edge modes.

In view of the current Haldane-honeycomb experiment, where  $t''$  is negligible and the topological band becomes significantly dispersive [38], it is natural and important to take into account the effect of dispersive band structures controlled by the weak next-next-nearest-neighbor tunnel coupling  $t''$  on the stability of this exciton condensate under strong Hubbard repulsion. As shown in Figs. 6(a) and 6(b), when  $t''$  is tuned down away from the flat band limit, we observe that the unique ground state evolves smoothly and persists with a moderately large protecting energy gap, of the order of  $0.1t$ , even in the weakly tunneling regime  $|t''| \ll t$ ,  $t'$  at  $\nu = 1$ ,  $U \gg t$ . The robustness of the Halperin (111) state, regardless of the longer-range hopping or band dispersion in different topological lattices, makes it very promising and straightforward to detect in experiments through the Hall drag transport or the transverse drifting motion of the center of mass under an external longitudinal field gradient [55].

## B. Halperin (333) state

We now analyze the possible emergence of a Halperin fractional quantum Hall state characterized by the  $\mathbf{K} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 3 \\ 3 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$  matrix at  $\nu = 1/3$  under both strong on-site and nearest-neighbor Hubbard repulsions  $U, V \gg t$ , hosting fractionalized quasiparticles in analogy with the Laughlin fractional quantum Hall state. For small finite system sizes,  $N_s = 12$  and 18, our ED calculations give threefold quasidegenerate ground states at the total momentum  $K_y + N_y K_x$  given by the generalized Pauli exclusion principle [35]; i.e., no more than one particle is allowed to occupy any consecutive three orbitals in the lowest Chern band, as indicated in Fig. 7(a). We numerically confirm that under the insertion of three flux quanta, the system returns to itself, and the ground state hosts a fractionally quantized Chern number  $C_q = 1/3$  in the parameter plane  $(\theta_\uparrow^x = \theta_\downarrow^x, \theta_\uparrow^y = \theta_\downarrow^y)$ , demonstrating its one-third fractional quantization of quasiparticles. For larger system sizes, as indicated in Fig. 7(b), our DMRG simulation of the total charge pumping under the insertion of the flux quantum  $\theta_\uparrow^y = \theta_\downarrow^y$  in infinite cylinder systems gives a well-quantized

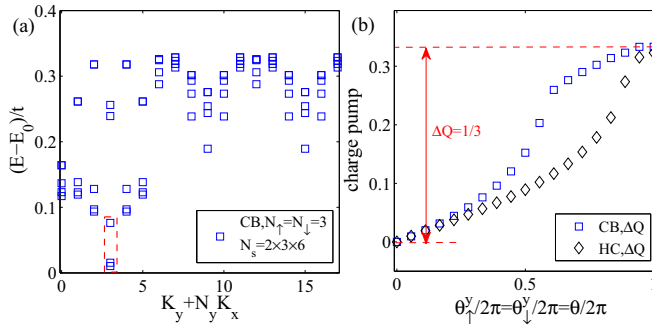


FIG. 7. (a) Numerical ED results for the low-energy spectrum of two-component fermionic systems in a topological checkerboard lattice at  $\nu = 1/3$ ,  $U, V \gg t$ . The dashed red box depicts threefold quasidegeneracy. (b) Charge transfer for two-component fermions on an  $N_y = 3$  cylinder at  $\nu = 1/3$ ,  $U, V \gg t$  with inserting flux  $\theta_\uparrow^y = \theta_\downarrow^y = \theta$  for both topological checkerboard and honeycomb lattices.

value,  $\Delta Q \simeq 1/3 = C_q$ , consistent with the analysis in the ED study.

#### IV. CONCLUSION

In summary, we have proved numerically that two-component fermions in topological lattice models can realize Halperin ( $mmm$ ) quantum Hall states at commensurate partial fillings  $\nu = 1/m$  (odd  $m = 1, 3$ ) in the lowest Chern band, with topological properties characterized by the  $\mathbf{K} = \begin{pmatrix} m & m \\ m & m \end{pmatrix}$  matrix. For the Halperin (111) state, we demonstrate that it is an intercomponent exciton condensate of particle and hole pairs bound by the effective attractive interaction between

particles and holes, when the on-site Hubbard interaction between intercomponent particles is repulsive, along with integer quantized Hall conductance and one chiral edge mode. For the Halperin (333) state, we qualitatively identify its fractionally quantized topological nature from the degenerate ground-state manifold and one-third quantized Hall conductance, similar to the Laughlin  $\nu = 1/3$  fractional quantum Hall effect. On the experimental side, our two-component flat band models are paradigmatic examples of a Hamiltonian featuring topological exciton condensation driven purely by local interaction, which is sufficiently feasible to be realized in current optical Haldane-honeycomb lattice experiments in cold atoms. We believe that this work could offer an alternative route for the study of exotic topological excitonic insulators on designed band structures [56,57] and inspire more extensive investigation of the fate of topological exciton condensates in many other topological band systems, such as the moiré exciton [58–60] in twisted multilayer graphene when a strong electronic correlation is introduced. The fractional quantum Hall state of excitons in two-component systems is another direction for future study [61,62].

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