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# Aharonov-Bohm Oscillations in Bilayer Graphene Quantum Hall Edge State Fabry-Pérot Interferometers

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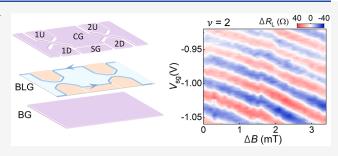
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**ABSTRACT:** Bernal-stacked bilayer graphene exhibits a wealth of interaction-driven phenomena, including robust even-denominator fractional quantum Hall states. We construct Fabry–Pérot interferometers using a split-gate design and present measurements of the Aharonov–Bohm oscillations. The edge state velocity is found to be approximately  $6\times 10^4$  m/s at filling factor  $\nu=2$  and decreases with increasing filling factor. The dc bias and temperature dependence of the interference point to electron–electron interaction induced decoherence mechanisms. These results pave the way for the quest of fractional and non-Abelian braiding statistics in this promising device platform.



KEYWORDS: Quantum Hall effect, Bernal-stacked bilayer graphene, Fabry—Perot interferometer, Aharonov—Bohm interference

The fractional quantum Hall (FQH) effect of a twodimensional system supports a plethora of many-body phenomena accompanied by exotic low-energy collective excitations. FQH states with an odd-denominator host fractionally charged particles that obey fractional (anyonic) statistics, instead of the conventional fermionic or bosonic statistics.<sup>2-5</sup> Even-denominator FQH states are predicted to host Majorana zero modes, the non-Abelian exchange statistic of which is the foundation of fault-tolerant quantum computing.4-7 The charge and statistics of a quasiparticle have distinct signatures in an interferometry setup, 8-11 which have motivated numerous experiments in high-quality GaAs 2D systems.<sup>2,12-19</sup> Using a growth sequence designed to reduce the charging energy of an interferometer, recent experiments in GaAs have obtained evidence of fractional charge and fractional statistics.<sup>2,19</sup> Dual-gated graphene quantum Hall interferometers incorporating thin hexagonal boron nitride (h-BN) dielectric layers have two natural advantages. The first is a small charging energy due to the nearby screening gates. The second is a relatively sharp edge confinement potential that reduces the effect of edge reconstruction and neutral modes. 20-27 Indeed, Aharonov— Bohm oscillations at integer quantum Hall (IQH) states were observed recently in two monolayer graphene-based interferometers.<sup>28,29</sup> However, because monolayer graphene lacks a native band gap, the construction of quantum confinement in an interferometer utilizes the many-body insulating state at filling factor  $\nu = 0$ , 30,31 which harbors low-energy excitations that may cause decoherence.<sup>32</sup> Bernal-stacked bilayer graphene (BLG), on the other hand, has an electric-field-induced band gap<sup>33,34</sup> and exhibits the strongest even-denominator FQH states with gap energies of a few kelvins,<sup>35–38</sup> as well as the possibility of several other non-Abelian states.<sup>37,39</sup> The development of BLG-based quantum Hall interferometry will be instrumental to the explorations of these fascinating many-body phenomena.

In this work, we report on the design and fabrication of a bilayer graphene Fabry–Pérot interferometer (FPI). Using a dual-split top gate design with tightly controlled lithographic dimensions, we created a sharply varying edge confinement potential while preserving the high quality of the 2D system. The carrier density inside and outside the interferometer is tuned with a single top gate to ensure a density uniformity. Aharonov–Bohm (AB) oscillations are observed at filling factors  $\nu=2$ , 3, 4, 8. We determine the velocity of the edge states and examine decoherence mechanisms using the temperature and dc-bias dependence of the oscillations. Our work opens the door to the studies of fractional and non-Abelian braiding statistics in bilayer graphene.

Our FPI devices are built on high-quality h-BN/BLG/h-BN stacks made by dry transfer and encapsulated by top and bottom graphite gates. Figures 1a,b shows an optical micrograph of device 804 and a 3D schematic of the interferometer structure, respectively. The device consists of eight gates. The bottom gate (BG) covers the entire interferometer area except for regions near the contacts,

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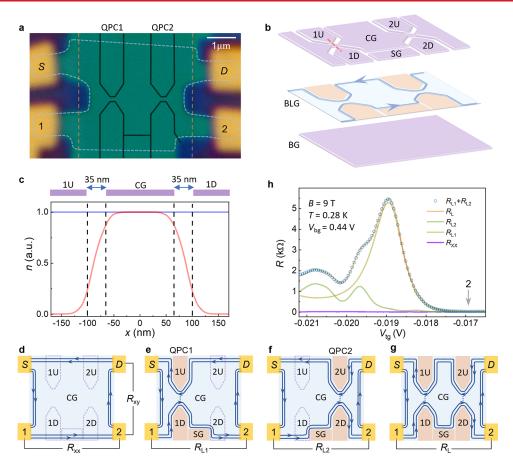


Figure 1. A bilayer graphene Fabry–Pérot interferometer. (a, b) Optical micrograph of device 804 and a 3D schematic of the device structure, respectively. The blue and yellow dashed lines in (a) outline the edges of the BLG sheet and the bottom graphite gate, respectively. The etched trenches in the top gate, shown as black solid lines in (a), are approximately 35 nm in width. The QPC opening, defined as the shortest distance between the midlines of the trenches, is 165 nm in device 804 and 135 nm in device 801. (c) Simulated carrier density profile along the red dashed line in (b). (d–g) Measurement setup and gating configurations used to obtain transport through the bulk BLG, the individual QPCs, and the entire interferometer, respectively. The shaded areas are depleted. (h) Measured  $R_{xx}$ ,  $R_{L1}$ ,  $R_{L2}$ , and  $R_L$  as a function of  $V_{tg}$  and the calculated sum of  $R_{L1} + R_{L2}$  near  $\nu = 2$ . The excellent agreement between  $R_L$  and  $R_{L1} + R_{L2}$  indicates weak backscattering of the edge states.  $V_{bg} = 0.44$  V produces a D-field of 150 mV/nm in the dual gated regions. From device 804.

which are doped by the Si back gate to ensure good contacts.<sup>40</sup> The top gating structure, which consists of four split gates (1U, 1D, 2U, and 2D), a center gate, and a side gate, is constructed from one contiguous graphite sheet through reactive ion etching, with a trench width of approximately 35 nm. Device fabrication details are given in Methods. More device images are given in Section 1 of the Supporting Information. The FPI consists of two QPCs, each with an opening of d = 165 nm. We define the QPC by opening a band gap of 20-30 meV in the four dual-gated regions and place the Fermi level at mid gap. In this large displacement field regime, the BLG is a trivial band insulator theoretically and experimentally. 41,42 This design is different from monolayer-graphene interferometers reported in refs 28 and 29, where a correlated antiferromagnetic insulator at  $\nu = 0$  is used to form the confinement. This state is expected to support gapless magnon excitations, which raises potential concerns for edge state decoherence. 32,43 Using band-gapped BLG to form QPCs eliminates this possibility. The dual-split design shown in Figure 1 enables us to use a contiguous center gate (CG) to control the filling factor  $\nu$  in the entire device and maintain screening in the opening of the QPC. Our finite element simulations shown in Figure 1c and measurements shown in Figure 2a verify that a uniform carrier density distribution inside and outside the FPI is achieved

while the edge states are confined to the trench region and the interferometer loop is as shown in Figure 1g. We control the edge state backscattering amplitude by adjusting the size of the QPC opening d in the device design. The side gate (SG) adjusts the area A of the interferometer in two ways. When the filling factor underneath the gate  $u_{\mathrm{sg}}$  is smaller than that of the bulk, A increases gradually with the increase of  $V_{\rm sg}$ . When  $\nu_{\rm sg} \ge$  $\nu$ , the entire SG area is added to the interferometer loop, resulting in a step increase of A. We estimate the lithographically defined FPI area in device 804 to be  $A = 3.6 \mu m^2$ 3.1  $\mu$ m<sup>2</sup> with or without the SG area. We follow established practices 41,44,45 to characterize the gates. The top/bottom h-BN thickness is 23 nm/18 nm, which gives rise to gating efficiencies of  $7.25 \times 10^{11} \text{ cm}^{-1} \text{ V}^{-1}/9.26 \times 10^{11} \text{ cm}^{-1} \text{ V}^{-1}$ respectively. The Coulomb charging energy  $E_c$  is estimated to be ~10  $\mu$ eV for  $A = 3.1 \ \mu$ m<sup>2</sup>. The small  $E_{c}$  which is in part due to the two nearby screening graphite gates, is a natural advantage of graphene interferometers. <sup>28,29</sup> It facilitates the observation of Aharonov-Bohm oscillations by suppressing the effect of Coulomb charging that has plagued many prior studies in GaAs.  $^{13-17}$  An  $E_{\rm c}$  of similar magnitude has only been achieved in GaAs devices recently using screening wells embedded in the molecular beam epitaxy growth; 2,19 it played

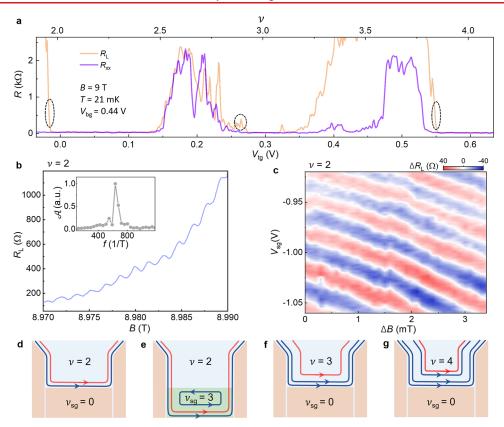


Figure 2. Aharonov—Bohm interference at IQH states. (a) Overview of  $R_{xx}$  and  $R_L$  for  $2 < \nu < 4$ . Dashed circles mark locations where Aharonov—Bohm oscillations are studied. They correspond to  $\nu = 2-$ , 3-, and 4-, respectively. (b)  $R_L-B$  oscillations at  $\nu = 2$ . The inset shows the FFT of the trace, from which we obtain  $\Delta B = 1.57$  mT and thus an interferometer area of  $A = 2.6 \ \mu\text{m}^2$ . (c) False color map of  $R_L$  (B, B, B) at B0, where B0 = 8.9786 T. (d-g) Edge state flow with the bulk and the SG area positioned at different filling factors. Only the innermost edge state (red arrowed curve in each figure) experiences weak backscattering and thus interference. From device 804.

a critical role in the observations of the fractional statistics at  $\nu = 1/3$ .

Figure 1d-g show schematically the four gating configurations we used to characterize the bulk BLG and the edge state backscattering rate at QPCs 1 and 2. The Integer quantum Hall states are well developed, and the FQH state at  $\nu = 8/3$  is partially developed. The 8/3 state fully develops at higher magnetic field (Figure S2 in the Supporting Information). In Figure 1d, all six top gates are swept together to measure the magnetotransport through the entire BLG. In Figure 1e, QPC 1 is activated using 1U, 1D, and SG. Figure 1f,g shows the activation of QPC 2 and of both QPCs, respectively. Figure 1h compares the  $R_{xx}$ ,  $R_{L1}$ ,  $R_{L2}$ , and  $R_{L}$ traces obtained using the four gating configurations, respectively, at  $\nu$  slightly less than 2: i.e.,  $\nu$  = 2-. While  $R_{xx}$ remains zero,  $R_{L1,2}$  shows finite resistance due to backscattering at the QPC. We determine the backscattering rate  $r_i$  of each QPC through  $R_{Li} = \frac{r_i}{1 - r_i} R_{xy}$ . When both QPCs are activated, the resistance through the entire FPI is expected to be

$$R_{\rm L} = \frac{R_{\rm L1}}{1 - r_2} + \frac{R_{\rm L2}}{1 - r_1} - \frac{R_{\rm L1} \cdot R_{\rm L2}}{R_{xy}} \text{ or } R_{\rm L} \approx R_{\rm L1} + R_{\rm L2}$$
(1)

when the backscattering rates are low. As Figure 1h shows, the measured  $R_{\rm L}$  obeys eq 1 extremely well. We focus our measurements in this weak backscattering regime, where r varies from  $\sim 0.3\%$  to  $\sim 10\%$  at different filling factors (see

Figure S2 for a plot similar to that in Figure 1h for other filling factors). In this regime, we assume that only the innermost edge state corresponding to the highest filling factor is partially backscattered and participates in the interference phenomenon, while the outer edge states are fully transmitted. Our observation of a single magnetic field period in the AB oscillations supports this scenario.

We proceeded to investigate AB oscillations at IQH states  $\nu$ = 2-, 3-, 4-, and 8-. Figure 2a plots an overview of  $R_{xx}$  and  $R_{\rm L}$  respectively at T=21 mK and B=9 T, with regions of interest circled in the plot. Sweeping the magnetic field B slowly, we find R<sub>L</sub> oscillations periodic in B, an example of which is shown in Figure 2b at  $\nu$  =2-. The fast Fourier transform (FFT) of the trace yields a B-field period of  $\Delta B =$ 1.57 mT. An important criterion of AB oscillations examines the slope of the stripes in the so-called "pajama plot", which is a two-dimensional color map of  $R_{
m L}$   $(B,\,V_{
m sg})$  as a function of Band the side gate voltage  $V_{
m sg}$ . In an FPI, the side gate  $V_{
m sg}$  tunes the AB phase by changing the area of the interferometer,  $\delta \varphi$  =  $2\pi B\Delta A/\phi_0$ , where  $\phi_0=h/e$  is the flux quantum and A is the effective area of the interferometer. A more negative side gate  $V_{
m sg}$  decreases the area of our electron interferometer, i.e., dA/  $\mathrm{d}V_{\mathrm{sg}} > 0$ . Thus, a constant AB phase of  $\delta \varphi = 2\pi \frac{(B\Delta A + A\Delta B)}{\phi} = 0$  corresponds to  $\Delta V_{\mathrm{sg}}/\Delta B < 0$ : i.e.,

stripes of a negative slope on the pajama plot. In contrast to the AB effect, Coulomb-dominated oscillations are manifested as positive  $\Delta V_{\rm sg}/\Delta B$  stripes on the pajama plot. <sup>11</sup> Figure 2c

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shows an exemplary  $R_{\rm L}$  (B,  $V_{\rm sg}$ ) map at  $\nu=2-$ , the negative  $\Delta V_{\rm sg}/\Delta B$  slope of which confirms the AB origin. Similar  $R_{\rm L}$  (B,  $V_{\rm sg}$ ) maps showing the AB oscillations at  $\nu=3-$ , 4-, and 8- are given in Figure S3. The attainment of the AB regime is facilitated in our devices by the small charging energy  $E_{\rm c}$  due to the large area of the interferometer and the close proximity of the top and bottom graphite gates, which are approximately 20 nm away.

The observed AB oscillations appear at multiple integer fillings, in different magnetic fields, and over a range of band gap values used to define the QPCs. They are also robust upon thermal cycling. Using measurements and analysis similar to those shown in Figures 2b,c, we determine the *B*-field period of the oscillations  $\Delta B$  and the effective area of the interferometer  $A = \phi_0/\Delta B$ . Table 1 summarizes results obtained at filling

Table 1. Parameters of Aharonov-Bohm Oscillations in Device 804

	ν					
	2	$2 (\nu_{sg} = 3)$	3	3 ( $\nu_{\rm sg} = 4$ )	4	8
$\Delta B~(\mathrm{mT})$	1.57	1.36	2.25	1.80	2.43	1.80
$A (\mu m^2)$	2.6	3.0	1.8	2.3	1.7	2.3

factors  $\nu = 2-$ , 3-, 4-, and 8- in device 804 while a complete table including results from devices 804 and 801 at different *D*-and *B*-fields is given in Table S2. At  $\nu = 2-$ , we obtain an

effective interferometer area of  $A=2.6~\mu m^2$  when the region underneath the SG is set to  $\nu_{\rm sg}=0$ . Setting  $\nu_{\rm sg}=3$  enlarges the interferometer loop and increases A to 3.0  $\mu m^2$ . This situation is illustrated in Figure 2e,f. The measured interferometer area  $A=2.6/3.0~\mu m^2$  is 87% of the respective areas defined by the midline of the etched trenches in Figure 1a. The close match between the measured and lithographically defined dimensions gives us confidence in the trajectory traveled by the edge states and validates the relatively sharp edge confinement potential achieved in our devices (Figure 1c). This will be important in the explorations of the FQH regime, where prior studies have shown that edge state reconstruction occurring in soft confinement potentials produces neutral modes that contribute to the decoherence of the AB interference.  $^{20,21,46}$ 

Our results in Table 1 show that, from  $\nu=2$  to  $\nu=3$ , the effective interferometer area A decreases by ~30% while its change from  $\nu=3$  to  $\nu=4$  is negligible. This is consistent with the Landau level structure of BLG<sup>47</sup> and a simple guiding center picture of the edge states as illustrated in Figure 2 d–g. The gap of  $\nu=2$  in BLG is much larger than that of  $\nu=3$ , and an area decrease for the innermost edge is expected as  $\nu=3$  increases from 2 to 3. On the other hand, our experimentally obtained  $\lambda=3$  at  $\lambda=3$  is 35% larger than that at  $\lambda=3$ . This may be due to the expansion of the confinement potential caused by the much higher carrier density at  $\lambda=3$ . Different from the side gate used in GaAs, the SG in our devices can change the area of the interferometer significantly over a wide range of  $\lambda=3$ .

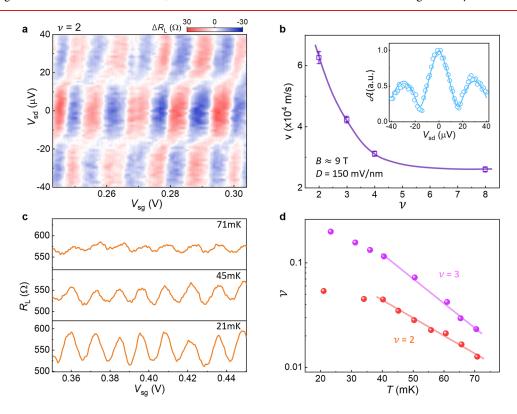


Figure 3. Edge state velocity and the decoherence of Aharonov-Bohm interference. (a) False-color map of  $R_{\rm L}$  ( $V_{\rm sd}$ )  $V_{\rm sg}$ ) for  $\nu=2$  at B=8.9812 T and T=21 mK. A checkerboard-like pattern is evident, together with a slight tilt of the constant phase stripes. A smooth background is subtracted from  $R_{\rm L}$ . The oscillations amplitude  $\mathcal{H}$  determined from  $R_{\rm L}-V_{\rm sg}$  line scans in (a) is plotted in the inset of (b). The solid line is a fit to eq 3, from which we obtain  $\Delta V_{\rm sd} \approx 64~\mu{\rm V}$ . (b) Edge state velocity at different filling factors in device 804. Here  $D=150~{\rm mV/nm}$ . The solid line is a guide to the eye. Velocities obtained at other D-fields differ slightly. See Table S2. (c)  $R_{\rm L}-V_{\rm sg}$  oscillations for  $\nu=2$  at selected temperatures. (d) Visibility  $\mathcal V$  obtained from traces shown in (d) and similar measurements for  $\nu=3$ . Solid lines are fits to  $\mathcal V \propto \exp\left(-\frac{T}{T_0}\right)$ , from which we obtain  $T_0\approx 26~(18)$  mK for  $\nu=2~(3)$ .  $T_0$  is inversely proportional to the path length L between the QPCs, which is approximately 4.0  $\mu{\rm m}$  in device 804.

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 $R_{\rm L}$   $(V_{\rm sg})$  exhibits oscillations of the period  $\Delta V_{\rm sg}$  as a function of  $\nu_{\rm sg}$ . As an example, Figure S4 shows the oscillations of  $R_{\rm L}$   $(V_{\rm sg})$  at  $\nu=3-$ , where  $\nu_{\rm sg}$  varies from -2 to 4.  $\Delta V_{\rm sg}$  generally decreases with increasing  $\nu_{\rm sg}$  and it is quite small when  $\nu_{\rm sg} \geq \nu$ . However, this trend is not monotonic. The gating of the SG is particularly efficient when  $\nu_{\rm sg}$  is an integer, suggesting that the screening effect of the BLG underneath the SG plays a role. More discussions on the effect of the SG are given in the Supporting Information.

The AB interference is a phase-coherent phenomenon subject to dephasing mechanisms that may be single electron in origin or arise from interactions with other electrons, impurities, and neutral excitations.  $^{46,48-51}$  Electrons injected into the edge states at energy  $\delta \varepsilon = eV_{\rm sd}$  above  $E_{\rm F}$  encloses a slightly different interferometer area A, which results in an additional phase

$$\delta\varphi = 2\pi \frac{2LeV_{\rm sd}}{hv} \tag{2}$$

that shifts the maximum/minumum of the AB oscillations.8 Here  $V_{\rm sd}$  is a dc bias applied between the source and drain contacts, L the length of the edge state path between the two QPCs, v the edge state group velocity, and h Planck's constant. eq 2 appears as a checkerboard-like pattern in a twodimensional plot of  $R_L$  ( $V_{\rm sd}$ ,  $V_{\rm sg}$ ). Indeed, this behavior is observed in our interferometers at all filling factors, an example of which is shown in Figure 3a for  $\nu = 2-$ . A slight tilt of the checkerboard pattern is attributed to the dc bias asymmetry across the interferometer. Equation 2 does not lead to a decay of the oscillation amplitude of  $R_{\rm L}$  with increasing  $V_{\rm sd}$ ; however, our measurements shown in the inset of Figure 3b show this behavior clearly, suggesting that electron-electron interaction induced decoherence plays an important role. 50 We extract the oscillation amplitude  ${\mathcal H}$  of the data in Figure 3a and plot its  $V_{
m sd}$ dependence in the inset of Figure 3b. Fits to

$$\mathcal{A} \propto \exp\left(-2\pi\alpha \frac{e|V_{\rm sd}|}{E_{\rm TH}^{\rm dc}}\right)$$

$$\sqrt{\cos^2\left(2\pi \frac{eV_{\rm sd}}{E_{\rm TH}^{\rm dc}}\right) + 4x^2 \sin^2\left(2\pi \frac{eV_{\rm sd}}{E_{\rm TH}^{\rm dc}}\right)}$$
(3)

allow us to extract a ballistic Thouless energy  $E_{
m TH}^{
m dc} = e \Delta V_{
m sd} pprox$ 64  $\mu {\rm eV.}^{29}$  Here  $\Delta V_{\rm sd}$  represents one full period of the amplitude change.  $E_{\rm TH}^{\rm dc}$  is related to the edge state velocity  $\nu$ and inter-QPC path length L by  $E_{\text{TH}}^{\text{dc}} = \frac{h\nu}{L}$ , from which we obtain  $\nu \approx 6.3 \times 10^4$  m/s using  $L = 4.0 \ \mu \text{m}$  for  $\nu = 2$ . Similar measurements and analyses are performed for other filling factors, from which we determine  $E_{\text{TH}}^{\text{dc}}$ , the damping factor  $\alpha$ , and the asymmetry factor x. The data are shown in Figures S5 and S6, and the parameters are summarized in Table S2. Figure 3b plots the edge state velocity  $\nu$  for  $\nu$  = 2, 3, 4, and 8 in device 804. The values of  $\nu$  and the trend of decreasing  $\nu$  with increasing  $\nu$  are similar to what Nakamura et al. observed in GaAs devices incorporating the screening wells. 19 Compared to similar measurements in monolayer graphene, 28,29 velocity of the  $\nu = 2$  edge state in BLG is 2-3 times smaller, likely due to the different Landau level structures of the two 2D systems. The  $\nu$  = 2 gap in BLG is a broken-symmetry gap, while it is a primary Landau level gap in monolayer graphene.1,47

The increase in temperature leads to the suppression of the AB oscillations, as our data in Figure 3(c) show. Figure 3(d) plots the *T*-dependent visibility of the oscillations  $\mathcal{V}$ , defined as  $\mathcal{V} = \frac{R_{L_{\max}} - R_{L_{\min}}}{R_{L_{\max}} + R_{L_{\min}}}$ . Our data are consistent with an

exponential decay given by  $\exp\left(-\frac{T}{T_0}\right)^8$  the fits to which yield  $T_0\approx 26$  mK at  $\nu=2$  and  $T_0\approx 18$  mK at  $\nu=3$  and the corresponding thermal Thouless energy  $E_{\rm TH}^T=4\pi^2k_{\rm B}T_0=88$  and  $61~\mu{\rm eV}$ , respectively. Unlike the edge state velocity  $\nu$ , both  $E_{\rm TH}^T$  and  $E_{\rm TH}^{\rm dc}$  are inversely proportional to the total length of the interferometer such that a direct comparison among devices of different dimensions  $^{19,28,29}$  is not meaningful. The ratio  $E_{\rm TH}^T/E_{\rm TH}^{\rm dc}$ , however, is size independent and carries important insights regarding the decoherence sources.  $E_{\rm TH}^T/E_{\rm TH}^{\rm dc}$  is 1.3-1.4 in our devices;  $E_{\rm TH}^T/E_{\rm TH}^{\rm dc}$  close to 1 was also reported in monolayer-graphene interferometers.  $^{28,29}$  It is approximately 2.8 in GaAs devices used by Nakamura et al. in ref 19. Understanding the origin of the differences can further elucidate the nature of the decoherence mechanisms active in quantum Hall interferometers implemented in different materials.

In summary, we designed a Fabry—Pérot interferometer in BLG and demonstrated its versatile and well-understood operations. Aharonov—Bohm oscillations are observed at multiple integer quantum Hall states. The dc bias and temperature dependence of the oscillations enable us to determine the ballistic and thermal Thouless energies, the ratio of which sheds light on the origin of the decoherence mechanisms. The demonstration of Aharonov—Bohm interference in a BLG quantum Hall interferometer is a significant step toward the studies of fractional and non-Abelian exchange statistics in this versatile device architecture. Our design can be generalized to make other types of high-quality quantum confinement structures in BLG to probe its correlated phenomena and collective excitations.

#### METHODS

**Device Fabrication.** BLG interferometer devices were fabricated by using the following procedure. We first made a h-BN/BLG/h-BN/bottom graphite gate stack and transferred the stack to a doped  $\mathrm{Si/SiO}_2$  substrate using conventional van der Waals dry transfer and a PPC stamp. The stack was then annealed under an Ar/O2 atmosphere at 450 °C for 3 h to remove polymer residue on the stack surface. We then exfoliated the top graphite gate onto a PPC stamp and transferred it to the h-BN/BLG/h-BN/BG stack. The van der Pauw device structure shown in Figure 1a of the main text was defined using e-beam lithography and reactive ion etching, RIE (CHF<sub>3</sub>/O<sub>2</sub> plasma). Next, we patterned and deposited Cr/Au (5/45 nm) side contacts. The above process is similar to what has been done in the literature and in our prior studies.<sup>37,41,47</sup> As the last step, we patterned and etched the top graphite sheet into six independent areas, i.e. 1U, 1D, 2U, 2D, CG, and SG in Figure 1b, separated by trenches that are approximately 35 nm wide (Figure S1c). To achieve a high spatial resolution for the trench, we used a mix of anisole and Zep520A in a volume ratio of 2:1 as the e-beam resist. The pattern was exposed with an e-beam dose of 360  $\mu$ C/cm<sup>2</sup> and developed at ~4 °C for 30 s in *n*-amyl acetate. Because the 35 nm trenches are too narrow to be seen during development, we patterned a 1  $\mu$ m wide trench on the Si/SiO2 substrate to monitor the development status. We then used reactive ion etching to etch the trench Nano Letters pubs.acs.org/NanoLett Letter

using an  $O_2$  plasma with a power of 14 W, a pressure of 20 mTorr, and an  $O_2$  flow of 25 sccm. A large area of the top graphite sheet on the  $Si/SiO_2$  substrate was simultaneously etched, and we used its color contrast to monitor the etching time. Once the graphite sheet in the large area was fully etched away, we added another 10 s to ensure that the trenches were clear. Devices 804 and 801 both have top graphite sheets of approximately 3 nm in thickness. The total etching time was  $\sim$ 40 s.

Measurement Setup. Finished devices were characterized in a Helium 3 system with a base temperature of 0.3 K and then loaded into a Bluefors cryogen-free dilution refrigerator (LD 250) equipped with low-pass RC and LC filters made by QDevil mounted on the mixing chamber plate. Thermally activated gap measurements of the fractional quantum Hall state at  $\nu = 12/7$  allowed us to estimate the base electron temperature of our devices, which was around 35 mK at 9 T. Both RF filtering and a low base electron temperature were critical to the observation of Aharonov-Bohm oscillations. Resistance measurements employed standard low-frequency (f = 4.777 Hz) lock-in techniques (SR860) and used a small ac excitation current of 1 nA, generated by using a load resistor of 100 M $\Omega$ . A differential voltage preamplifier (SP1004) was used in combination with SR860. Gate voltages were applied using either a Yokogawa GS200 or Keithley 2450 instrument. Biasdependent studies used a combination of ac + dc current using the internal dc voltage source of SR860. We calculated the dc voltage dropped on the device using  $\frac{V_{\rm sd}}{V_{\rm applied}} = \frac{R_{\rm H}}{100~{\rm M}\Omega}$ , where  $R_{\rm H}$ is the Hall resistance of the device at an integer quantum Hall state.

#### ASSOCIATED CONTENT

## Supporting Information

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Device characteristics and the operation of the interferometer, Aharonov–Bohm oscillations at integer fillings 2, 3, 4, and 8 (data supporting Table 1), tuning of the Aharonov–Bohm interference using the side gate, measurement and analysis of Aharonov–Bohm interference at finite dc bias, under different *D*- and *B*-fields, and in a second device (PDF)

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