Strongly interacting lattice fermions with coherent state manipulation: from universal Hall response to Hall voltage measurement

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We report on the first quantum simulation of the Hall effect for strongly interacting fermions [1]. By performing direct measurements of current and charge polarization in an ultracold-atom simulator, we trace the buildup of the Hall response in a synthetic ladder pierced by a magnetic flux, going beyond stationary Hall voltage measurements in solid-state systems. We witness the onset of a clear interaction-dependent behavior, where the Hall response deviates significantly from that expected for a non-interacting electron gas, approaching a universal value [2]. Our system, able to reach hard to compute regimes also demonstrates the power of quantum simulation for strongly correlated topological states of matter.

As a further step, by implementing an additional potential gradient along the synthetic dimension, we have extended measurements of the Hall response to a study of the Hall voltage [3] in cold-atom systems. The observed dependence of the Hall voltage on the particle density will enable new benchmarks of recent theoretical predictions for the Hall effect in the strongly correlated regime.

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