#### Non-Abelian twist to integer quantum Hall states

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At a fixed magnetic filling fraction, fractional quantum Hall states may display a plethora of interaction-induced competing phases. Effective Chern-Simons theories have suggested the existence of multiple interaction-induced short-range entangled phases also at *integer* quantum Hall plateaus. Among these, a bosonic phase has been proposed with edge modes carrying representations based on the  $E_8$  exceptional Lie algebra. Through a theoretical coupled-wire construction, we provide an explicit microscopic model for this  $E_8$  Abelian quantum Hall state, at filling  $\nu=16$ , and discuss how it is intimately related to topological paramagnets in 3+1 dimensions. Still using coupled wires, we partition the  $E_8$  state into a pair of non-Abelian, long-range entangled states. These two states occur at filling  $\nu=8$ , demonstrating that *even* topological order may also exist at integer Hall plateaus. These phases are bosonic, carry chiral edge theories with either  $G_2$  or  $F_4$  internal symmetries, and host Fibonacci anyonic excitations in the bulk. This suggests that the  $\nu=8$  quantum Hall plateau may provide an unexpected platform to realize decoherence-free quantum computation by anyon braiding. We also find that these topological ordered phases are related by a notion of particle-hole conjugation based on the  $E_8$  state that exchanges the  $G_2$  and  $F_4$  Fibonacci states. We argue that these phases can be tracked down by their electric and thermal Hall transport satisfying a distinctive Wiedemann-Franz law  $(\kappa_{xy}/\sigma_{xy})/[(\pi^2 k_B^2 T)/3e^2] < 1$ , even at integer magnetic filling factors.

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#### I. INTRODUCTION

Quantum particles are generically classified by their exchange properties, typically bosonic or fermionic. In two dimensions, however, quantum many-body interference phenomena are brought to a new level of complexity as anyon statistics becomes a possibility [1–3]. In this case, the exchange of identical particles changes a system's wave function by a phase that may interpolate arbitrarily between the 0 (bosonic) and  $\pi$  (fermionic) limits. Fractional quantum Hall (FQH) fluids form the paradigmatic examples of anyonic systems. Here, topological order develops, with gapless charge and energy transporting edge modes and with bulk excitations displaying anyonic exchange behavior [4].

Due to the magnetically quenched kinetic energy of quantum Hall systems, interactions are known to drive a sensitive competition among topological phases in the FQH regime. The 5/2 plateau provides a standard example, where states such as the Pfaffian, anti-Pfaffian, and other composite-particle pictures appear as candidates to describe the FQH phase phenomenology [5,6]. Less diversity is discussed, however, for *integer* quantum Hall (IQH) fluids. Could interactions drive topological phase transitions in Hall fluids also at integral magnetic filling fractions? A suggestively positive answer to this query was first pointed out by Kitaev [7]. Phenomenologically quantum Hall phases conserve charge

and energy. These conservations imply well-defined electric and thermal Hall transport through gapless edges, which are determined by the *bulk* magnetic filling fraction  $\nu$  and the *edge* conformal field theory (CFT) central charge c [cf. Eq. (17) below]. This phenomenology is well accounted for by Chern-Simons theories, from which one can also connect  $\nu$  to the exchange statistics. Kitaev's finding was that for all short-range entangled (SRE) *bosonic* topological phases the chiral central charge c is determined by the magnetic filling fraction  $\nu$  only modulo 8:  $c = \nu \mod 8$  [7] (cf. also Appendix D and the Gauss-Milgram formula discussion). The IQH case corresponds to the limit of  $c = \nu$ , but phenomenology is not limited to this simplest scenario.

The developments regarding time-reversal-broken SRE bosonic topological phases have been further explored subsequently by Lu and Vishwanath [8] and Plamadeala, Mulligan, and Nayak [9]. Both collaborations have approached this problem via a phenomenological Chern-Simons perspective. Overall, a consensus points to the existence of a bosonic phase, with edges described by a Wess-Zumino-Witten (WZW) CFT based on the exceptional Lie algebra  $E_8$  at level 1. This is the prime candidate to describe SRE phases at integer  $\nu$  that are, nevertheless, distinct from simple copies of IQH states.

 $E_8$  corresponds to the largest exceptional Lie algebra, with 248 generators and representations arranged minimally in an

eight-dimensional lattice [10]. Despite this complexity, it has enjoyed attention in physical scenarios, including experimental verification in the quantum magnetism of the Ising model [11,12]. In the present context, the algebraic structure of the  $E_8$  WZW CFT fixes the thermal Hall transport with c=8. Just as in Kitaev's original argument, the effective Chern-Simons approach points to phases at arbitrary values of  $\nu$ , all differing from c by some nonzero integer multiple of 8.

The first goal of the present work is to propose a microscopic model for this phase. To do this, we turn to an approach based on a coupled-wire construction of quantum Hall phases, relying on a set of one-dimensional (1D) channels forming a two-dimensional (2D) array [13]. The 2D bulk is gapped by interactions among the channels, restoring isotropy and leaving behind gapless edges. A bulk-boundary correspondence relates excitations of these gapless 1D edges to anyonic excitations in the 2D topological bulks [6,7,14]. This method has previously succeeded in describing diverse FQH phases [13,15,16] and topological superconducting phases [17–19]. By including the features of exceptional Lie algebra embeddings, we successfully implement a coupled-wire construction for an  $E_8$  quantum Hall state where c = 8 and v = 16. A straightforward consequence of this discrepancy between v and c is that the  $E_8$  quantum Hall state can be distinguished from the regular IQH state (c = v = 16) via the ratio between electric and thermal Hall conductivities by the Wiedemann-Franz law [20].

While the  $E_8$  state competes with the  $\nu = 16$  IQH phase, it does not display a general non-Abelian topological order [21,22]. This prompts us to consider a more challenging scenario: could long-range topological order also develop inside an IOH plateau? Our inclusion of exceptional Lie algebras to the coupled-wire program proves to be a fruitful tool to answer this question. We take notice of the convenient existence of a CFT embedding of two other exceptional Lie algebras,  $(G_2)_1 \times (F_4)_1$ , into  $(E_8)_1$  [23]. These groups also have enjoyed recent attention in physics. Examples include the classification of particles in the standard model (see, e.g., Ref. [24], and note the relationship between  $G_2$  and the octonions algebra [19]) and, most importantly here, quantum information theory, where a connection between the  $G_2$  and  $F_4$ algebras and Fibonacci anyons is well established [18,19,25] (see also Appendix D). Fibonacci anyons are a "holy grail" particle in quantum information physics, offering a venue for universal (braiding-based) topological quantum computation [26]. Using our  $E_8$  construction as a parent, we build two distinct ( $G_2$  and  $F_4$ ) Fibonacci phases which compete with the SRE IQH phase at  $\nu = 8$ . These Fibonacci phases are long-range entangled, with fractional central charges  $c_{G_2}$  = 14/5 and  $c_{F_4} = 26/5$  [27–29], and may again be probed by nonstandard coefficients in the Wiedemann-Franz law. The practicality of searching for Fibonacci anyons at integer Hall plateaus should be contrasted with previous attempts at building models for Fibonacci topological order: these included the  $\nu = 12/5$  FQH phase of Read and Rezayi [30], a trench construction between  $\nu = 2/3$  FOH and superconducting states [18], and an interacting Majorana model in a tricritical Ising coset construction [19]. While our analysis does not provide, yet, the detailed interactions in an electronic fluid picture that would lead to the Fibonacci phase, it does prove the existence

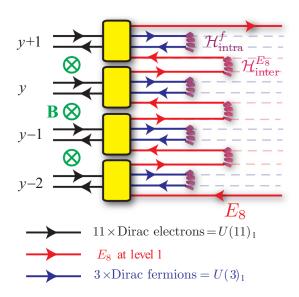


FIG. 1. Coupled-wire model of the  $E_8$  quantum Hall state at filling  $\nu=16$ . Black lines represent bundles with 11 electron wires, each carrying a counterpropagating pair of Dirac fermions, in the presence of a magnetic flux (green). Yellow boxes represent a unimodular basis transformation U (det(U) = 1) restructuring  $U(11)_1 \rightarrow U(3)_1 \times (E_8)_1$ . The spectator fermionic  $U(3)_1$  triplets and the bosonic ( $E_8$ )<sub>1</sub> are coupled through intrabundle and interbundle backscatterings  $\mathcal{H}_{intra}$  and  $\mathcal{H}_{inter}$  defined in Eqs. (13) and (14). The 2D bulk is fully gapped leaving just the chiral ( $E_8$ )<sub>1</sub> modes at the edges.

of the phase at a specific and achievable  $\nu = 8$ , bypassing FQH phases, heterostructures, and topological superconductivity ingredients.

As a final remark, our construction shows that the  $F_4$  and  $G_2$  Fibonacci phases are related by an unconventional particle-hole conjugation, based on a unifying description coming from the  $E_8$  parent phase. Fibonacci and "anti-Fibonacci" phases have also been identified in Ref. [19] and discerned by interferometric analysis. Here they can be distinguished solely by the Wiedemann-Franz law.

#### II. THE $E_8$ QUANTUM HALL STATE

Our construction begins with an array of electron wires in bundles (Fig. 1, black lines) with vertical positions y = dy, d being their displacement and y an integer label. Each bundle contains N wires carrying, at the Fermi level, left- (L) and right-moving (R) fermions whose annihilation operators admit a bosonized representation

$$c_{ya}^{\sigma}(\mathbf{X}) \sim \exp\left[i\left(\Phi_{ya}^{\sigma}(\mathbf{X}) + k_{ya}^{\sigma}\mathbf{X}\right)\right],$$
 (1)

forming a  $U(N)_1$  WZW theory. Here,  $a=1,\ldots,N$  labels the wires,  $\mathbf{X}$  is the coordinate along them,  $\sigma=R, L=+,-$  is the propagation direction, and  $k_{ya}^{\sigma}$  is the Fermi momentum of each channel. The bosonic variables obey the commutation relations

$$\left[\partial_{\mathbf{X}}\Phi^{\sigma}_{ya}(\mathbf{X}),\,\Phi^{\sigma'}_{y'a'}(\mathbf{X}')\right] = 2\pi i\sigma \delta^{\sigma\sigma'}\delta_{aa'}\delta_{yy'}\delta(\mathbf{X}-\mathbf{X}'). \tag{2}$$

To couple the fermions of different bundles and introduce a finite excitation energy gap, while leaving behind gapless chiral  $(E_8)_1$  edges, two ingredients are necessary: (i) a basis transformation that extracts the  $(E_8)_1$  degrees of freedom from  $U(N)_1$  (Fig. 1, yellow boxes) and (ii) backscattering interactions between L and R movers of different bundles to gap out all low-energy channels throughout the bulk (Fig. 1, dashed arcs).

For ingredient (i), the bosonization approach provides a convenient solution. Out of the 240  $E_8$  off-diagonal current operators, it suffices to generate the eight simple roots, the basis of the  $E_8$  root lattice. These assume, under bosonization, the general form [27]

$$\left[E_{E_8}\right]_{var}^{\sigma} \sim \exp\left[i\left(\tilde{\Phi}_{vI}^{\sigma}(\mathbf{X}) + \tilde{k}_{vI}^{\sigma}\mathbf{X}\right)\right], \quad I = 1, \dots, 8.$$
 (3)

Here  $\alpha_I$  is a simple root vector of  $E_8$  so that

$$\left[\partial_{\mathbf{x}}\tilde{\Phi}_{\mathbf{v}'}^{\sigma}(\mathbf{x}),\,\tilde{\Phi}_{\mathbf{v}'I'}^{\sigma'}(\mathbf{x}')\right] = 2\pi i\sigma \delta^{\sigma\sigma'} K_{II'}^{E_8} \delta_{\mathbf{v}\mathbf{v}'} \delta(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}'),\qquad(4)$$

and  $K_{II'}^{E_8} = \boldsymbol{\alpha}_I \cdot \boldsymbol{\alpha}_{I'}$  is the  $E_8$  Cartan matrix

$$K^{E_8} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 & & & & & & \\ -1 & 2 & -1 & & & & & & \\ & -1 & 2 & -1 & & & & & \\ & & -1 & 2 & -1 & & & & \\ & & & -1 & 2 & -1 & & & -1 \\ & & & & & -1 & 2 & -1 & & \\ & & & & & -1 & 2 & \\ & & & & & -1 & 2 & \\ \end{pmatrix}.$$
(5)

The challenge now is to represent the  $E_8$  roots as products of electron operators, so that their bosonized variables are related to the electronic ones by an integer-valued transformation  $\tilde{\Phi}_{yI}^{\sigma} = U_{Ia}^{\sigma\sigma'}\Phi_{ya}^{\sigma'}$ . As a consistency condition from Eqs. (2) and (4),  $\sigma''U_{Ia}^{\sigma\sigma''}U_{I'a}^{\sigma'\sigma''} = \sigma\delta^{\sigma\sigma'}K_{II}^{E_8}$ . From Eq. (1), the  $E_8$  roots momenta and charges are related to the fermionic ones,

$$\tilde{k}_{vl}^{\sigma} = U_{la}^{\sigma\sigma'} k_{va}^{\sigma'} \tag{6}$$

and

$$\tilde{q}_I^{\sigma} = U_{Ia}^{\sigma\sigma'} q_a^{\sigma'},\tag{7}$$

respectively. Such a basis transformation exists, but is not unique, and requires, in particular, N > 8 wires. To fix a solution, we demand the extra modes to correspond to a trivial fermionic sector. This way, a possible construction contains N = 11 wires [31], decomposing into an  $E_8$  and three U(1) sectors [22]. In practice, we write

$$U = \begin{pmatrix} U^{++} & U^{+-} \\ U^{-+} & U^{--} \end{pmatrix} \tag{8}$$

as a unimodular matrix, decomposing  $U\eta U^T = K^{E_8} \oplus \mathbb{1}_3 \oplus (-K^{E_8}) \oplus (-\mathbb{1}_3)$ , where  $\eta^{\sigma\sigma'} = \sigma \delta^{\sigma\sigma'}$ . For our particular construction,

where the rows and columns of  $U^{\sigma\sigma'}$  are respectively labeled by I, a = 1, ..., 11. Rows I = 1 to 8 associate to the simple roots of  $E_8$ . Substituting the unit electric charge  $q_a^{\sigma} = 1$  for all electronic channels in Eq. (7), we find the electric charge assignments

$$\tilde{\mathbf{q}}^{\sigma} = (-4, 2, 0, 0, -2, 2, 0, 2) \tag{10}$$

carried by the eight  $E_8$  simple roots of each chiral sector; these may be conveniently organized in the corresponding Dynkin diagram as in Fig. 2. Rows 9–11 correspond to Dirac

fermions (spin |h|=1/2)  $f_{yn}^{\sigma}\sim\exp\left[iU_{I=8+n,a}^{\sigma\sigma'}(\Phi_{ya}^{\sigma'}+k_{ya}^{\sigma'}\mathbf{x})\right]$ , for n=1,2,3, that generate  $U(3)_1$ . They are also integral products of the original electrons and carry odd electric charges  $(\tilde{q}_{n=1,\dots,3})=(3,1,1)$ , calculated using the same steps that lead to Eq. (10).

Returning now to ingredient (ii), electron backscattering interactions generally require momentum commensurability to stabilize oscillatory factors [32]. To tune these phases, and break time reversal as necessary in a quantum Hall fluid, we introduce a magnetic field perpendicular to the system (Fig. 1, green crosses). The Fermi momenta of the electron channels

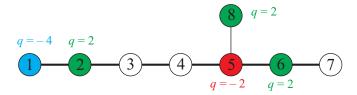


FIG. 2. The Dynkin diagram of  $E_8$  and the charge assignment q (in units of e) of the simple roots  $(E_{E_8})^{\sigma}_{y\alpha_I}$ , for  $I=1,\ldots,8$ . Uncolored entries are electrically neutral.

become spatially dependent as

$$k_{ya}^{\sigma} = \frac{eB}{\hbar c} \mathbf{y} + \sigma k_{F,a}. \tag{11}$$

We choose the Lorenz gauge where  $A_x = -By$  and label the bare Fermi momenta in the absence of field as  $k_{F,a}$ . The associated magnetic filling fraction can be expressed as

$$v = \frac{\frac{1}{2\pi} \sum_{a} 2k_{F,a}}{Bd/\phi_0} = \frac{\hbar c}{eBd} \sum_{a} 2k_{F,a},$$
 (12)

where  $\phi_0 = hc/e$  is the magnetic flux quantum.

At this point, we introduce the wire-coupling interactions

$$\mathcal{H}_{\text{intra}}^{y,f} = u_{\text{intra}} \sum_{n=1}^{3} f_{yn}^{R^{\dagger}} f_{yn}^{L} + \text{H.c.},$$
 (13)

$$\mathcal{H}_{\text{inter}}^{y+1/2, E_8} = u_{\text{inter}} \sum_{I=1}^{8} \left[ E_{E_8} \right]_{y, \alpha_I}^{R} {}^{\dagger} \left[ E_{E_8} \right]_{y+1, \alpha_I}^{L} + \text{H.c.}$$
 (14)

From Eq. (3), and the corresponding bosonization of  $f_{yn}^{\sigma}$ , Eqs. (13) and (14) carry momentum-dependent oscillating factors  $e^{ikx}$  which average to zero in the thermodynamic limit. Demanding the absence of these oscillations, i.e., requiring the backscattering interactions to conserve momentum, leads to the set of equations

$$(U_{I,a}^{++} - U_{I,a}^{+-}) (k_{ya}^R - k_{y+1a}^L) = 0, \quad I = 1, ..., 8$$
  

$$(U_{I,a}^{++} - U_{I,a}^{+-}) (k_{ya}^R - k_{ya}^L) = 0, \quad I = 9, 10, 11, (15)$$

whose solution fixes the ratios between the bare  $k_{F,a}$  uniquely and, most remarkably, also fixes uniquely  $\nu = 16$ . The values of these momenta are listed in Appendix A.

It is worth noting that the charge vector of Eq. (10) allows a consistency checking of the  $\nu = 16$  magnetic filling fraction. According to the effective Chern-Simons field theory approach, the filling fraction is uniquely determined by the K-matrix and quasiparticle charges by

$$\nu = \tilde{\mathbf{q}}^T (K^{E_8})^{-1} \tilde{\mathbf{q}}, \tag{16}$$

where a single chiral sector is used (we omit the label), and where  $K^{E_8}$  is the  $E_8$  Cartan matrix. The filling fraction  $\nu=16$  comes from this equation and the momentum commensurability condition has, again, a unique solution (up to a single free Fermi-momentum parameter  $k_F$ ).

Under the conditions above, and in a periodic geometry with  $N_l$  bundles, the intra- and interbundle backscattering Hamiltonians introduce  $11 \times N_l$  independent sine-Gordon terms satisfying the Haldane nullity condition [33]. These interactions are generically irrelevant in the renormalization

group sense, although this may change in the presence of forward scattering and velocity terms. At strong coupling, however, they lead to a finite energy excitation gap in the coupled-wire model. Also, these interactions are favored over several other simpler interaction terms due to the momentum commensurability conditions.

The  $E_8$  quantum Hall phase carries distinctive phenomenology. Opening the periodic boundary conditions leaves behind, at low energies, eight chiral  $E_8$  boundary modes along the top and bottom edges, as illustrated in Fig. 1. As a consequence of the discrepancy between the magnetic filling factor and the number of  $E_8$  edge modes, we predict an unconventional Wiedemann-Franz law [20] for the  $E_8$  quantum Hall phase: a general set of gapless edge modes, as in regular IQH states, carries the differential thermal and electric conductances (or, equivalently, Hall conductances) [7,34–37]

$$\kappa_{xy} = c \frac{\pi^2 k_B^2}{3h} T, \quad \sigma_{xy} = \nu \frac{e^2}{h}, \tag{17}$$

where e is the electric charge, h is Planck's constant,  $k_B$  is the Boltzmann constant, c is the chiral central charge, and T is the temperature. For a standard IQH state, c = v, identical to the number of chiral Dirac electron edge channels. A deviation away from c/v = 1 indicates the onset of a strongly correlated many-body phase. Here, the  $E_8$  quantum Hall phase carries eight chiral edge bosons and therefore  $c_{E_8} = 8$ , while v = 16 is necessary to stabilize the phase. This leads to a modified Wiedemann-Franz law, where  $c_{E_8}/v = 1/2$ .

We note in passing that the  $E_8$  state is topologically related to a thin slab of a three-dimensional (3D)  $e_f m_f$  topological paramagnet with time-reversal symmetry-breaking top and bottom surfaces [38,39]. Like a topological insulator, hosting a 1D chiral Dirac channel with  $(c, v) = \pm (1, 1)$  along a magnetic surface domain wall, the  $e_f m_f$  topological paramagnet supports a neutral chiral  $E_8$  interface with  $(c, v) = \pm (8, 0)$ between adjacent time-reversal breaking surface domains with opposite magnetic orientations [40–43]. Comparing (c, v) =(8, 16) = (16, 16) - (8, 0), the charged edge modes of the  $E_8$  quantum Hall state are therefore equivalent to the neutral  $E_8$  topological paramagnet surface interface up to 16 chiral Dirac channels, which exists on the edge of the conventional  $\nu = 16$  IQH state. In fact, the matrices  $K^{E_8}$  and  $\mathbb{1}_{16} \oplus (-K^{E_8})$ are related by a charge-preserving stable equivalence [44]. Finally, the unimodularity of the  $E_8$  lattice entails that all primary fields of the edge  $E_8$  CFT are integral products of the simple roots (3), which are even products of electron operators. Hence, ignoring any edge reconstruction, the edge modes of the  $E_8$  state support only evenly charged bosonic gapless excitations.

#### III. THE FIBONACCI STATES

The  $E_8$  state construction above serves as a stepping stone for building coupled-wire models of other phases based on exceptional Lie algebras. Here, we focus on demonstrating the existence of phases carrying  $(G_2)_1$  or  $(F_4)_1$  WZW CFTs at the edges, again at integer magnetic filling fractions. Remarkably, these phases correspond to Fibonacci topological order (cf. Appendix D). To build these models, we proceed with a conformal embedding of  $G_2 \times F_4$  into  $E_8$ . The existence of

such embedding is signaled by the relationship among central charges  $c_{E_8} = 8 = 14/5 + 26/5 = c_{G_2} + c_{F_4}$ ; a rigorous proof of its existence is possible and can be found in Ref. [23]. Conversely, the  $G_2$  or  $F_4$  Fibonacci phases can be thought of as arising from a partition or fractionalization of the  $E_8$  parent state. In what follows, we start by displaying an explicit construction of the conformal embedding. We then follow with the coupled-wire construction and finish with an analysis of a particle-hole relation between the two Fibonacci states.

#### A. A $G_2 \times F_4$ conformal embedding into $E_8$

The conformal embedding is carried out by an explicit choice of the generators of  $F_4$  and  $G_2$ , denoted by  $[E_{F_4}]_{\nu,\alpha}^{\sigma}$ and  $[E_{G_2}]_{v,\alpha}^{\sigma}$ , where  $\alpha$  are vectors in the  $F_4$  or  $G_2$  root lattices  $\Delta_{F_4}$  or  $\Delta_{G_2}$ , respectively. This process is not unique. Intuitively, it can be understood as follows: algebraically,  $G_2 \subseteq$  $SO(7) \subseteq SO(16) \subseteq E_8$ , i.e.,  $G_2$  is "slightly smaller" and fits inside SO(7). Conversely,  $SO(9) \subseteq F_4 \subseteq E_8$ . Altogether, one has  $SO(7) \times SO(9) \subseteq SO(16) \subseteq E_8$ . The path to follow becomes then salient: first we refermionize the  $E_8$  generators of Eq. (3) into bilinear products of eight nonlocal Dirac fermions  $d_I$ . Decomposing these into Majorana components as  $d_I =$  $(\psi_{2I-1} + i\psi_{2I})/\sqrt{2}$ ,  $I = 1, \dots, 8$ , we obtain a representation of  $SO(16)_1$ . These are the degrees of freedom that we need and we can then easily accommodate a specific choice splitting  $SO(16)_1 = SO(7)_1 \times SO(9)_1$ , and then embedding  $G_2$ into SO(7) and extending SO(9) into  $F_4$ . Let us follow this step by step.

From  $E_8$  to SO(16). The  $E_8$  current algebra is fixed by its eight mutually commuting Cartan operators and its  $E_8$  240-dimensional root lattice denoted by  $\Delta_{E_8}$ . The roots act as raising and lowering operators of the "spin" (weights) eigenvalues. Let us relate the bosonized description of the  $E_8$  WZW current algebra at level 1 based on the eight aforementioned simple roots in Eq. (3) to the desired SO(16) embedding.

We begin by *fermionizing* the eight simple roots operators. This expresses each  $E_8$  root as either a pair or a half-integral combination of a set of eight *nonlocal* Dirac fermions  $d_{yI}^{\sigma} \sim \exp\left[i(\phi_{yI}^{\sigma}(\mathbf{x}) + k_{yI}^{\sigma}\mathbf{x})\right]$ . The bosonized variables and momenta are related to those of the eight simple roots by

$$\tilde{\Phi}_{\nu I}^{\sigma} = R_I^{I'} \phi_{\nu I'}^{\sigma}, \quad \tilde{k}_{\nu I}^{\sigma} = R_I^{I'} k_{\nu I'}^{\sigma}, \tag{18}$$

where the  $8 \times 8 R$  matrix is

$$R = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 & & & & & \\ & 1 & -1 & & & & & \\ & & 1 & -1 & & & & \\ & & & 1 & -1 & & & \\ & & & 1 & -1 & & & \\ & & & & 1 & -1 & & \\ -\frac{1}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} \\ & & & & 1 & -1 & \end{pmatrix}.$$

$$(19)$$

The lines of the R matrix form a set of primitive basis vectors that are commonly adopted to generate the  $E_8$  root lattice in  $\mathbb{R}^8$ .

The *R* matrix decomposes the Cartan matrix  $K^{E_8}$  of  $E_8$  as  $K^{E_8} = RR^T$ . Consequently, under the transformation (18), the

equal-time commutation relation (4) becomes

$$\left[\partial_{\mathbf{x}}\phi_{\mathbf{v}I}^{\sigma}(\mathbf{x}),\phi_{\mathbf{v}'I'}^{\sigma'}(\mathbf{x}')\right] = 2\pi i\sigma \delta^{\sigma\sigma'}\delta_{II'}\delta_{\mathbf{v}\mathbf{v}'}\delta(\mathbf{x}-\mathbf{x}'). \tag{20}$$

This ensures the vertex operators  $d_{yI}^{\sigma} \sim \exp\left[i(\phi_{yI}^{\sigma}(\mathbf{x}) + k_{yI}^{\sigma}\mathbf{x})\right]$  represent complex Dirac fermions. As we argue next, these fermions do not associate to natural excitations in the bulk or the edge of the quantum Hall states. Inverting matrix (19) and multiplying by the original unimodular transformation (8), one sees that all  $\phi_{yI}^{\sigma}$  expressed in terms of the original electronic bosonized variables  $\Phi_{ya}^{\sigma}$  involve half-integral coefficients. This nonlocality is also revealed by their even charge assignments  $q=0,\pm 2$ . The pair creation of such nonlocal Dirac fermions requires a linearly divergent energy in the coupled-wire model and, as a result, these fermions do not arise as deconfined bulk excitations or gapless edge primary fields. They should only be treated as artificial fields introduced to describe the WZW current algebra.

By decomposing the 8 Dirac fermions into 16 Majorana fermions as  $d_I=(\psi_{2I-1}+i\psi_{2I})/\sqrt{2}$  (henceforth, where it leads to no confusion, we are suppressing the  $\sigma$ , y indices for conciseness). The  $E_8$  WZW current algebra can be related to an  $SO(16)_1$  WZW current algebra. In terms of root systems,  $\Delta_{E_8}$  is shown to be an extension of  $\Delta_{SO(16)}$ , as follows. The root lattice of  $SO(16)_1$ ,  $\Delta_{SO(16)}$ , contains  $2^2\times C_2^8=112$  elements, with  $C_n^k$  being the binomial coefficient. The elements are given by bosonic spin-1 fermion pairs  $d_I^\pm d_I^\pm \sim e^{i(\pm\phi_I\pm\phi_I)}$ , where  $1\leqslant I< I'\leqslant 8$ . Besides the root system of  $SO(16)_1$ , to generate the root system of  $\Delta_{E_8}$  we include the  $128=2^7$  even SO(16) spinors. The even spinors can be represented by bosonic spin-1 half-integral combinations  $d_I^{\epsilon I/2} \sim e^{i\epsilon^I\phi_I/2}$ , where  $\epsilon^I=\pm 1$  and  $\prod_{I=1}^8 \epsilon^I=+1$ . By combining with the even spinors of the root lattice of SO(16), the 112+128=240 roots of  $E_8$  can be represented by the vertex operators

$$[E_{E_8}]_{y\alpha}^{\sigma} \sim \exp\left[i\alpha^I \left(\phi_{yI}^{\sigma}(\mathbf{x}) + k_{yI}^{\sigma}\mathbf{x}\right)\right]$$

$$= \exp\left[i\alpha^I (R^{-1})_I^I U_{I'a}^{\sigma\sigma'} \left(\Phi_{ya}^{\sigma'}(\mathbf{x}) + k_{ya}^{\sigma'}\mathbf{x}\right)\right], \quad (21)$$

where the root vectors  $\boldsymbol{\alpha} = (\alpha^1, \dots, \alpha^8)$  are

$$\Delta_{E_8} = \{ \boldsymbol{\alpha} \in \mathbb{Z}^8 : |\boldsymbol{\alpha}|^2 = 2 \} \cup \left\{ \boldsymbol{\alpha} = \frac{\boldsymbol{\epsilon}}{2} : \boldsymbol{\epsilon}^I = \pm 1, \prod_{I=1}^8 \boldsymbol{\epsilon}^I = 1 \right\}.$$
(22)

Each root vector  $\alpha$  can be expressed as a linear combination  $\alpha^J = a^I R_I^J$ , with the R matrix given in Eq. (19) and  $a^I$  integer coefficients, which are the entries of the root vectors in the Chevalley basis. This integer combination ensures that every  $E_8$  root operator in Eq. (22) is an integral combination of local electrons (1). Since each of these vertex operators is a spin-1 boson, it must be an even product of electron operators and therefore must carry even electric charge.

The fermionization of the  $E_8$  presented above allows us to represent all the  $E_8$  roots using a vertex operator  $[E_{E_8}]_{y\alpha}^{\sigma} \sim \exp\left[i\alpha^I(\phi_{yI}^{\sigma} + k_{yI}^{\sigma}\mathbf{x})\right]$  [see Eq. (21)], where  $d_{yI}^{\sigma} \sim \exp\left[i(\phi_{yI}^{\sigma} + k_{yI}^{\sigma}\mathbf{x})\right]$  are eight nonlocal Dirac fermions and  $\alpha$  are Cartan-Weyl root vectors in  $\Delta_{E_8}$  [recall Eqs. (18) and (22)]. To complete the algebra structure, the eight Cartan generators of  $E_8$ , which are identical to the Cartan generators of SO(16), are given by the number density operators  $[H_{E_8}]_{yI}^{\sigma} \sim i\partial\phi_{yI}^{\sigma} \sim$ 

 $(d_{yI}^{\sigma})^{\dagger}d_{yI}^{\sigma}$ . This also allows an explicit conformal embedding of the  $G_2$  and  $F_4$  WZW CFTs in the  $E_8$  theory at level 1.

From SO(16) to  $G_2 \times F_4$ . We are ready to analyze the  $G_2$  and  $F_4$  constructions. First, since  $G_2 \subseteq SO(7)$ , the  $(G_2)_1$  current operators have free field representations using  $\psi_1, \ldots, \psi_7$ , which generate  $SO(7)_1$ . Second,  $SO(9) \subseteq F_4$ . The work is a little more involved in this case: the root system of  $F_4$  is composed of (i) 24 (long) roots, (ii) 8 vectors, and (iii) 16 (even and odd) spinors of SO(8), all of which may act on  $\psi_9, \ldots, \psi_{16}$ . As we see below, accompanying the SO(8) vectors with the remaining Majorana  $\psi_8$  in SO(9) and with two special emergent fermions, we are able to embed the  $F_4$  currents in  $E_8$  in a way that is fully decoupled from  $G_2$ . To abridge,  $G_2$  is a "bit smaller" than SO(7) while  $F_4$  is a "bit bigger" than SO(9), and the two WZW algebras at level 1 completely decompose  $(E_8)_1$ .

To construct the embedding explicitly, we start by representing the SO(7) Kac-Moody currents with Majorana fermions as  $J_{SO(7)}^a = -i : \psi_i \Lambda_{ij}^a \psi_j : /2$ , where  $\Lambda^a$  are generators of the SO(7) Lie algebra. We introduce the complex fermion combinations and bosonized representations,  $c_j = (\psi_{2i-1} + i\psi_{2i})/\sqrt{2} = e^{i\phi^j}$ , where the bosons obey

$$\langle \phi^j(z)\phi^{j'}(w)\rangle = -\delta^{jj'}\log(z-w) + \frac{i\pi}{2}\operatorname{sgn}(j-j'),$$
 (23)

with the sign function accounting for mutual fermionic exchange statistics (Klein factors). We then follow Ref. [45] to embed  $G_2$  generators into SO(7). The resulting Cartan generators  $H_{G_2}^{1,2}$  of  $G_2$  are

$$H_{G_2}^1(z) = i\sqrt{\frac{1}{6}}(-2\partial\phi^1 + \partial\phi^2 + \partial\phi^3),$$

$$H_{G_2}^2(z) = i\sqrt{\frac{1}{2}}(\partial\phi^2 - \partial\phi^3),$$
(24)

while the positive long roots are

$$E_{G_2}^1(z) = -e^{i(\phi_2 - \phi_3)},$$

$$E_{G_2}^2(z) = -e^{i(\phi_3 - \phi_1)},$$

$$E_{G_2}^3(z) = -e^{i(\phi_2 - \phi_1)}.$$
(25)

To bosonize the positive short roots, we need to include the fermion  $\psi_7=(e^{i\phi_4}+e^{-i\phi_4})/\sqrt{2}$ , yielding

$$E_{G_2}^4(z) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \left[ -e^{-i(\phi_1 + \phi_2)} - i(e^{i(\phi_3 + \phi_4)} - e^{i(\phi_3 - \phi_4)}) \right],$$

$$E_{G_2}^5(z) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \left[ -e^{-i(\phi_1 + \phi_3)} + i(e^{i(\phi_2 + \phi_4)} - e^{i(\phi_2 - \phi_4)}) \right],$$

$$E_{G_2}^6(z) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \left[ -e^{i(\phi_2 + \phi_3)} - i(e^{-i(\phi_1 - \phi_4)} - e^{-i(\phi_1 + \phi_4)}) \right]. \quad (26)$$

The negative roots can be obtained by Hermitian conjugation.

Now we move on to  $F_4$ . Our goal is to define the  $F_4$  currents in terms of SO(16) degrees of freedom in a way that the operators decoupled from  $G_2$ , in the operator product expansion (OPE) sense. Since we used the SO(7) part, generated by fermions  $\psi_{1,\dots,7}$  to define the  $G_2$  operators, we may facilitate the decoupling of the currents by using the remaining SO(8) subalgebra, generated by  $\psi_{9,\dots,16}$ . This is achieved by carefully

sewing  $F_4$  into the full degrees of freedom of SO(16). The Cartan generators can be chosen to be the ones in the SO(8) subalgebra

$$H_{E_4}^a(z) = i\partial\phi_{4+a}, \ a = 1, \dots, 4.$$
 (27)

The group  $F_4$  has 48 roots, 24 short and 24 long. The 24 long roots are identical to those of SO(8) and may be written in bosonized form as

$$E_{E_i}^{\alpha}(z) = e^{i\alpha \cdot \phi}, \tag{28}$$

where  $\alpha_1 = \cdots = \alpha_4 = 0$  and  $(\alpha_5, \ldots, \alpha_8) \in \mathbb{Z}^4 | |(\alpha_5, \ldots, \alpha_8)|^2 = 2$ . The 24 short roots of  $F_4$  correspond to 8 vector and 16 spinor representations of SO(8). To write the 8 vector roots, we increment the vertex operators with the fermion  $\psi_8$ , obtaining

$$E_{F_4}^{\pm a} \sim \psi_8 e^{\pm i\phi_{4+a}} \sim \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (e^{i(\phi_4 \pm \phi_{4+a})} + e^{i(-\phi_4 \pm \phi_{4+a})}).$$
 (29)

Finally, the 16 spinors read

$$E_{E_i}^{\mathbf{s}_{\pm}} \sim \psi_{\pm} e^{i\mathbf{s}_{\pm}\cdot\boldsymbol{\phi}/2},$$
 (30)

where the spinor labels are  $\mathbf{s}_{\pm} = (0, 0, 0, 0, s_5, s_6, s_7, s_8)$  with  $s_5 s_6 s_7 s_8 = \pm 1$ ; the critical step here lies in the inclusion of the Majorana fermions

$$\psi_{+} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (\omega_{+} e^{i(\phi_{1} + \phi_{2} + \phi_{3} + \phi_{4})/2} + \text{H.c.}),$$

$$\psi_{-} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (\omega_{-} e^{i(\phi_{1} + \phi_{2} + \phi_{3} - \phi_{4})/2} + \text{H.c.}),$$
(31)

where  $\omega_{\pm}$  are U(1) phases to be determined. Combining the vertices with the fermions,

$$E_{F_4}^{\mathbf{s}_+} \sim \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (\omega_+ e^{i(\phi_1 + \phi_2 + \phi_3 + \phi_4 + \mathbf{s}_+ \cdot \phi)/2} + \omega_+^* e^{i(-\phi_1 - \phi_2 - \phi_3 - \phi_4 + \mathbf{s}_+ \cdot \phi)/2}),$$

$$E_{F_4}^{\mathbf{s}_-} \sim \frac{i}{\sqrt{2}} (\omega_- e^{i(\phi_1 + \phi_2 + \phi_3 - \phi_4 + \mathbf{s}_- \cdot \phi)/2} - \omega_-^* e^{i(-\phi_1 - \phi_2 - \phi_3 + \phi_4 + \mathbf{s}_- \cdot \phi)/2}). \tag{32}$$

Our goal is to decouple the  $G_2$  and  $F_4$  currents in the SO(16) embedding. Computing the OPEs between all  $G_2$  and  $F_4$  operators, one recognizes that singular terms only arise between  $G_2$  short roots and  $F_4$  short roots from SO(8) spinors. These singular terms, however, can be made to vanish with an appropriate choice of  $\omega_{\pm}$  following

$$\omega_{+} + e^{-i\pi/4}\omega_{+}^{*} = \omega_{-} - e^{-i\pi/4}\omega_{-}^{*} = 0.$$
 (33)

Distinct solutions only differ by a sign, which can be absorbed in the Majorana fermion  $\psi_{\pm}$ . We pick

$$\omega_{+} = e^{i3\pi/8}, \quad \omega_{-} = e^{-i\pi/8}.$$
 (34)

This completes the proof that the  $G_2$  and  $F_4$  embeddings decouple and act on distinct Hilbert spaces.

Besides the OPE decomposition, as a nontrivial complementary check of the conformal embedding involves the computation of energy-momentum tensors, we see that the  $E_8$  tensor decouples identically into those of  $G_2$  and  $F_4$  under the construction above. The calculation is possible, albeit involved; the results are presented in Appendix B.

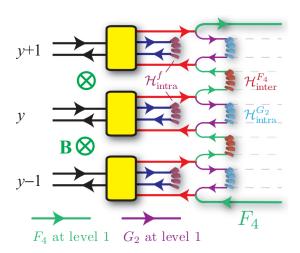


FIG. 3. The coupled wire model (36) for the  $F_4$  Fibonacci quantum Hall state at filling  $\nu = 8$ .

#### B. $G_2$ and $F_4$ Fibonacci topological order via coupled wires

We have all the structure necessary for the coupled-wire construction of the  $F_4$  and  $G_2$  phases. Similar to the  $E_8$  state, these quantum Hall phases are based on an array of 11-wire bundles. Figure 3 shows the schematics of the backscattering terms in the  $F_4$  quantum Hall Hamiltonian case. The  $G_2$  state can be described using a similar diagram by switching the roles of  $G_2$  and  $F_4$ . The models are written with the intrabundle backscattering (13), which leaves behind a counterpropagating pair of  $E_8$  modes per bundle. The  $\mathcal{G} = F_4$  or  $G_2$  currents are then dimerized within or between bundles according to

$$\mathcal{H}_{\text{intra}}^{y,\mathcal{G}} = u_{\text{intra}} \sum_{\boldsymbol{\alpha} \in \Delta_{\mathcal{G}}} [E_{\mathcal{G}}]_{y,\boldsymbol{\alpha}}^{R^{\dagger}} [E_{\mathcal{G}}]_{y,\boldsymbol{\alpha}}^{L} + \text{H.c.},$$

$$\mathcal{H}_{\text{inter}}^{y+1/2,\mathcal{G}} = u_{\text{inter}} \sum_{\boldsymbol{\alpha} \in \Delta_{\mathcal{G}}} [E_{\mathcal{G}}]_{y,\boldsymbol{\alpha}}^{R^{\dagger}} [E_{\mathcal{G}}]_{y+1,\boldsymbol{\alpha}}^{L} + \text{H.c.}$$
(35)

The  $F_4$  and  $G_2$  quantum Hall states consist, respectively, of the ground states of the following Hamiltonians:

$$\mathcal{H}[F_4] = \sum_{y=1}^{N_l} \left( \mathcal{H}_{\text{intra}}^{y,f} + \mathcal{H}_{\text{intra}}^{y,G_2} \right) + \sum_{y=1}^{N_l-1} \mathcal{H}_{\text{inter}}^{y+1/2,F_4}, \tag{36}$$

$$\mathcal{H}[G_2] = \sum_{y=1}^{N_i} \left( \mathcal{H}_{\text{intra}}^{y,f} + \mathcal{H}_{\text{intra}}^{y,F_4} \right) + \sum_{y=1}^{N_i - 1} \mathcal{H}_{\text{inter}}^{y+1/2,G_2}.$$
 (37)

The momentum-conservation conditions have to be reimplemented to the many-body interactions in either Eq. (36) or Eq. (37). Each phase is stabilized by its own distribution of electronic momenta  $k_{ya}^{\sigma}$  (cf. Appendix C), but both have the *same* integer magnetic filling  $\nu=8$ . At strong coupling,  $\mathcal{H}[F_4]$  ( $\mathcal{H}[G_2]$ ) gives rise to a finite excitation energy gap in the bulk, but leaves behind a gapless chiral  $F_4$  ( $G_2$ ) WZW CFT at level 1 at the boundary. As a consequence, the Wiedemann-Franz law is again unconventional in these phases, displaying  $c_{F_4}/\nu=13/20$  and  $c_{G_2}/\nu=7/20$ .

According to the bulk-boundary correspondence, the anyon content of the  $F_4$  and  $G_2$  phases can be read from their boundary theories. In Appendix D we present an

extensive discussion about the relationship of these phases with Fibonacci topological order; here we just describe the general facts. In addition to the vacuum 1, each edge carries a Fibonacci primary field  $\bar{\tau}$  for  $(F_4)_1$  and  $\tau$  for  $(\bar{G_2})_1$ , with conformal scaling dimensions 3/5 and 2/5, respectively. Each consists of a collection of operators, known as a superselection sector, that corresponds to the 26-dimensional (7-dimensional) fundamental representation of  $F_4$  ( $G_2$ ) that rotates under the WZW algebra. Our construction allows an explicit parafermionic representation of these fields (see Appendix D). Here, we notice that since the current operators  $[E_{F_4}]_{\alpha}$  are even combinations of electrons, the Fibonacci operators within a supersector differ from each other by pairs of electrons, and therefore correspond to the same anyon type. Moreover, they all have even electric charge and therefore the gapless chiral edge CFT only supports even-charge low-energy excitations. An analogous analysis follows for the  $G_2$  case.

#### C. Particle-hole conjugation and Fibonacci versus anti-Fibonacci phases

As our final comments, notice that the  $G_2$  and  $F_4$  Fibonacci states at v = 8 half-fill the  $E_8$  quantum Hall state, which has  $\nu = 16$ . Remarkably, they are related under a notion of particle-hole (PH) conjugation that is based on  $E_8$  bosons instead of electrons. A similar generalization of PH symmetry has been proposed for parton quantum Hall states [16]. The PH conjugation manifests in the edge CFT as the coset identities  $(G_2)_1 = (E_8)_1/(F_4)_1$  and  $(F_4)_1 = (E_8)_1/(G_2)_1$ , which reflect the equality  $T_{G_2} + T_{F_4} = T_{E_8}$  between energy-momentum tensors. The coset  $E_8/\mathcal{G}$  can be understood as the subtraction of the WZW subalgebra G from  $E_8$ . In other words, this is equivalent to the tensor product  $E_8 \otimes \overline{\mathcal{G}}$ , where the timereversal conjugate  $\overline{\mathcal{G}}$  pair annihilates with the WZW subalgebra  $\mathcal{G}$  in  $E_8$  by current-current backscattering interactions similar to Eqs. (35). The coset identities are direct consequences of the conformal embedding  $(G_2)_1 \times (F_4)_1 \subseteq (E_8)_1$ .

The conventional PH symmetry of the half-filled Landau level has been studied in the coupled-wire context [46–49]. Here, the  $E_8$ -based PH conjugation has a microscopic description as well. It is represented by an antiunitary operator  $\mathcal C$  that relates the  $E_8$  bosonized variables between the two Fibonacci states

$$\mathcal{C}\tilde{\Phi}_{y,I}^{R}\mathcal{C}^{-1} = \tilde{\Phi}_{y,I}^{L} - q_{I}\mathbf{x}/2,$$

$$\mathcal{C}\tilde{\Phi}_{y,I}^{L}\mathcal{C}^{-1} = \tilde{\Phi}_{y-1,I}^{R} - q_{I}\mathbf{x}/2,$$
(38)

while leaving the recombined Dirac fermions unaltered,  $\mathcal{C}f_{yn}^{\sigma}\mathcal{C}^{-1}=f_{yn}^{\sigma}$ . Since the  $E_8$  root structure is unimodular the PH conjugation (38) is an integral action of the fundamental electrons,  $\mathcal{C}c_J\mathcal{C}^{-1}=\prod_{J'}(c_{J'})^{m_{J'}^J}$ , where  $m_{J'}^J$  are integers, J,J' are the collections of indices  $y,a,\sigma$ , and the product is finite and short ranged so that it only involves nearest-neighboring bundles  $|y-y'|\leqslant 1$ . The PH conjugation switches between intra- and interbundle interactions of the  $G_2$  and  $F_4$  currents, exchanging the two Fibonacci phases  $\mathcal{CH}[F_4]\mathcal{C}^{-1}=\mathcal{H}[G_2]$  and  $\mathcal{CH}[G_2]\mathcal{C}^{-1}=\mathcal{H}[F_4]$ . Finally, the coupled-wire description artificially causes the PH conjugation to be nonlocal. Similar to an antiferromagnetic symmetry,  $\mathcal{C}^2$  unitarily translates the  $E_8$  currents from y to y-1.

#### IV. CONCLUSIONS

We presented a coupled-wire construction based on exceptional Lie algebras of three distinct time-reversal broken topological phases carrying bosonic edge modes. The first one, the  $E_8$  quantum Hall state, displays short-ranged entanglement. The other two phases are long-range entangled, non-Abelian, and based on the  $G_2$  and  $F_4$  algebras. These latter two define Fibonacci topological ordered states. Crucially, all of these phases are predicted to exist within integer magnetic filling fractions,  $\nu=16$  for  $E_8$  and  $\nu=8$  for the  $G_2$  and  $F_4$ , suggesting that interactions inside integer quantum Hall plateaus may be used to stabilize these phases.

Our findings are allowed by technical advances we introduce regarding the representation of more complex current algebras in the coupled-wire program. This microscopic approach proves to go beyond the standard Chern-Simons effective field theory of topological phases, allowing us to settle on a concrete system where the  $E_8$  state may be pursued, namely, the  $\nu=16$  integer quantum Hall plateau. The method also allows the extra prediction of non-Abelian Fibonacci topological ordered phases in integer Hall plateaus, as well as the definition of a particle-hole operation that connects the Fibonacci and anti-Fibonacci phases. These results are of practical relevance, given the importance of Fibonacci anyons in topological quantum computation by anyons.

The most evident phenomenological distinction of the  $E_8$ ,  $G_2$ , and  $F_4$  states, as we argued, stems from modified Wiedemann-Franz laws, with distinct  $c/\nu$  ratios. The presence of these phases in low temperature at filling  $\nu=16$  or 8 could be verified by thermal Hall transport measurements. Similar thermal conductance observations have been recently performed for other fractional quantum Hall states [50,51]. Moreover, all three quantum Hall states here proposed carry bosonic edge modes that only support even-charge gapless quasiparticles. This gives rise to a distinct shot-noise signature across a point contact below the energy gap. The anyonic statistics of the Fibonacci excitations in the  $G_2$  and  $F_4$  states can be detected by Fabry-Pérot interferometry.

Another relevant question, which will be saved for future inquiries, regards pinpointing specific interactions leading to these phases at an actual quantum Hall electron fluid setting. We believe a variational wave-functional approach, similar to Laughlin's construction of his wave functions for fractional quantum Hall systems, might be a promising approach. Finally, due to thermal fluctuations and disorder, Hall plateaus as high as  $\nu=8$  or 16 are challenging, albeit not impossible, to probe experimentally. While nothing precludes such measurements this fundamentally, a promising future path of inquiry lies in also searching for other topological phase transitions in lower, and more stable, magnetic fillings. A guiding principle for this search involves searching phases where c and  $\nu$  are different modulo 8 [7].

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### APPENDIX A: E<sub>8</sub> QUANTUM HALL STATE MOMENTUM CONSERVATION

We present here the solution of the momentum commensurability conditions stated in the main text, Eq. (15). There are 11 vanishing (mod  $2\pi$ ) linear equations for the 11 unknown momenta, with coefficients that are also linear in the inverse of the filling fraction  $\nu$ . A nontrivial solution to  $k_{F,a}$  exists only for a vanishing determinant which fixes  $\nu$  as

$$\frac{\nu - 16}{\nu} = 0 \Rightarrow \nu = 16. \tag{A1}$$

Plugging back  $\nu=16$  into Eq. (15) and solving for the momenta returns

$$k_{y,1}^{\sigma} = k_{y,2}^{\sigma} = \frac{1}{2}yk_F, \quad k_{y,3}^{\sigma} = k_{y,7}^{\sigma} = \frac{1}{2}(y - \sigma)k_F,$$
 (A2)

$$k_{y,4}^{\sigma} = k_{y,5}^{\sigma} = k_{y,6}^{\sigma} = k_{y,8}^{\sigma} = k_{y,9}^{\sigma} = \frac{1}{2}(y + 2\sigma)k_F,$$
 (A3)

$$k_{v,10}^{\sigma} = \frac{1}{2}(y+3\sigma)k_F, \quad k_{v,11}^{\sigma} = \frac{1}{2}(y-3\sigma)k_F.$$
 (A4)

With these, the  $\sigma=L$  and R channels of any of the three recombined fermions  $f_{yn}^{\sigma}$ , for n=1,2,3, share the same momentum, and therefore the oscillatory terms in the intrabundle backscattering interactions of Eq. (13) cancel. Similarly, the interbundle terms in Eq. (14) also conserve momentum, as  $\tilde{k}_{v,I}^{R}=\tilde{k}_{v+1,I}^{L}$  for  $I=1,\ldots,8$ .

#### APPENDIX B: A $G_2 \times F_4$ ENERGY-MOMENTUM TENSOR

Here we compare the energy-momentum tensors of the  $E_8$ ,  $G_2$ , and  $F_4$  theories at level 1. The goal is to see that, through our embedding, an exact decomposition of the operators is obtained. By definition, WZW energy-momentum tensors at level 1 read [27]

$$T(z) = \frac{(\mathbf{J} \cdot \mathbf{J})(z)}{2(1+g)},\tag{B1}$$

with  $J^a$  the Sugawara current, g the dual Coxeter number, and the normal ordering defined as

$$(J^a J^a)(z) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_{z} \frac{dw}{w - z} J^a(w) J^a(z).$$
 (B2)

The contraction of the Sugawara currents can be written in the Cartan-Weyl basis

$$(\mathbf{J} \cdot \mathbf{J})(z) = \sum_{j} (H^{j} H^{j})(z) + \sum_{\alpha} (E^{-\alpha} E^{\alpha})(z), \quad (B3)$$

where the  $\alpha$  sum is over the full root lattice while j sums over the generators of the Cartan subalgebra. We have absorbed the normalization factors into the root operators.

We are then ready to verify the energy-momentum tensor decoupling via the conformal embedding. Under the SO(16) embedding, the  $E_8$  tensor reduces to

$$T_{E_8}(z) = -\frac{\partial \phi \cdot \partial \phi}{2},$$
 (B4)

which is, in fact, of the same form as the SO(16) energy-momentum tensor.

To fully verify the conformal embedding, one may compute the energy-momentum tensors of the  $G_2$  and  $F_4$  CFTs. This calculation requires lengthy but straightforward book-keeping, and is not presented in here. The operators  $T_{G_2}$  and  $T_{F_4}$  are found to be

$$T_{G_{2}}(z) = -\frac{1}{2} \left[ \left( \sum_{j=1}^{3} \partial \phi_{j} \partial \phi_{j} \right) (z) - \frac{1}{5} \left( \sum_{j=1}^{3} \partial \phi_{j} \right)^{2} (z) \right] - \frac{1}{5} (\partial \phi_{4} \partial \phi_{4}) (z)$$

$$+ \frac{2}{5} \left\{ \cos \left[ 2 \left( \frac{\pi}{8} - \phi_{+}(z) \right) \right] - \cos \left[ 2 \left( \frac{\pi}{8} - \phi_{-}(z) \right) \right] + \cos \left[ 2 \phi_{4}(z) \right] \right\}$$
(B5)

and

$$T_{F_4}(z) = -\frac{1}{2} \left[ \sum_{j=5}^{8} (\partial \phi_j \partial \phi_j)(z) + \frac{1}{5} \left( \sum_{j=1}^{3} \partial \phi_j \right)^2(z) \right] - \frac{3}{10} (\partial \phi_4 \partial \phi_4)(z) - \frac{2}{5} \left\{ \cos \left[ 2 \left( \frac{\pi}{8} - \phi_+(z) \right) \right] - \cos \left[ 2 \left( \frac{\pi}{8} - \phi_-(z) \right) \right] + \cos \left[ 2\phi_4(z) \right] \right\},$$
 (B6)

where  $\phi_{\pm} \equiv \phi_1 + \phi_2 + \phi_3 \pm \phi_4$ . The sum of these two expressions returns  $T_{E_8}$ , as it should, finishing the verification of the conformal embedding.

## APPENDIX C: $G_2$ AND $F_4$ QUANTUM HALL STATES MOMENTUM COMMENSURABILITY CONDITIONS

To stabilize the  $G_2$  and  $F_4$  Fibonacci phases, a process of fixing a distribution of Fermi momenta for the 11 electronic channels appearing in Eq. (1) is necessary. This procedure is analogous to the one used for the  $E_8$  quantum Hall state in Appendix A. Demanding commensurability conditions on the momenta for the  $F_4$  Fibonacci phase in Eq. (36) so that oscillatory terms cancel results in the unique nontrivial solution (up to the single free parameter  $k_F$ ) yields

$$k_{y,1}^{\sigma} = k_{y,2}^{\sigma} = k_{y,7}^{\sigma} = (y - \sigma)k_F, \quad k_{y,3}^{\sigma} = (y - 2\sigma)k_F,$$

$$k_{y,4}^{\sigma} = k_{y,5}^{\sigma} = k_{y,6}^{\sigma} = k_{y,8}^{\sigma} = k_{y,9}^{\sigma} = (y + 2\sigma)k_F,$$

$$k_{y,10}^{\sigma} = (y + 3\sigma)k_F, \quad k_{y,11}^{\sigma} = (y - 4\sigma)k_F, \quad \nu = 8. \quad (C1)$$

Similarly, demanding momentum commensurability in Eq. (37), one obtains the Fermi momentum distribution for the coupled-wire model for the  $G_2$  Fibonacci quantum Hall state,

$$k_{y,1}^{\sigma} = k_{y,2}^{\sigma} = k_{y,3}^{\sigma} = k_{y,11}^{\sigma} = (\sigma + y)k_{F},$$

$$k_{y,4}^{\sigma} = k_{y,5}^{\sigma} = k_{y,6}^{\sigma} = k_{y,7}^{\sigma} = k_{y,8}^{\sigma} = k_{y,9}^{\sigma} = k_{y,10}^{\sigma} = yk_{F},$$

$$v = 8.$$
(C2)

# APPENDIX D: FIBONACCI PRIMARY FIELD REPRESENTATIONS IN THE $G_2$ and $F_4$ WZW CFTs AT LEVEL 1

Our prime motivation for studying  $(G_2)_1$  and  $(F_4)_1$  WZW theories stems from the claim that both carry excitations in the form of Fibonacci anyons. Here we provide a short

demonstration of that, and then follow with a coset construction that allows us to profit from the embeddings discussed up to now to explicitly build the corresponding Fibonacci primary fields.

To see that the only excitations in  $(G_2)_1$  and  $(F_4)_1$  are Fibonacci anyons, we can start by noticing that at level 1, these theories contain only one nontrivial primary field besides the vacuum  $\mathbb{I}$ . We name these fields  $\tau$  for  $(G_2)_1$  and  $\bar{\tau}$  for  $(F_4)_1$ . Following, we invoke the Gauss-Milgram formula; this formula is a manifestation of the bulk-boundary correspondence as it connects quantities that point to the bulk anyon excitations of a topological phase to the CFT degrees of freedom that live at its boundary. Stating the formula explicitly,

$$\sum_{a} d_a^2 \theta_a = \mathcal{D} e^{i2\pi \frac{c}{8}},\tag{D1}$$

where  $\mathcal{D}^2 \equiv \sum_a d_a^2$  is the total quantum order expressed in terms of the quantum dimensions  $d_a$ , quantities that characterize the bulk anyons. The conformal spins are  $\theta_a = e^{i2\pi h_a}$ , determined by quantum dimensions  $h_a$ , and c is the chiral central charge. The latter two quantities characterize the CFT at the edge of the topological phase. The sum is over all primary fields of the CFT or, correspondingly, all anyons.

The conformal dimension of a primary field a of a WZW theory is completely determined by its Lie algebra content by  $h_a = \frac{C_a}{2(k+g)}$  [27], where k is the level, g is the dual Coxeter number, and  $C_a$  is the quadratic Casimir of the representation. Let us consider a simple example first: trivial topological order. In this case we just have the trivial identity anyon a=1 and  $\mathcal{D}=1$ . The Gauss-Milgram formula returns  $e^{i2\pi\frac{c}{8}}=1$ , enforcing that trivial anyon statistics implies that the central charge is defined only modulo 8, as discussed at the Introduction.

Moving forward, we consider the  $G_2$  and  $F_4$  cases. Collecting the dual Coxeter number and the quadratic Casimir, we

obtain  $h_{\tau} = 2/5$  and  $h_{\bar{\tau}} = 3/5$ . Furthermore,  $d_{\mathbb{I}} = 1$  and  $h_{\mathbb{I}} = 0$ , leaving a single unknown in the Gauss-Milgram formula (D1), namely,  $d_{\tau}$  or  $d_{\bar{\tau}}$  for  $G_2$  or  $F_4$ . Solving for these,

$$d_{\tau} = d_{\bar{\tau}} = \frac{1 + \sqrt{5}}{2},$$
 (D2)

which is the golden ratio expected for Fibonacci anyons. Since the quantum dimensions obey an algebraic version of the fusion rules, these follow immediately as  $\tau \times \tau = \mathbb{I} + \tau$ . Equivalently, the fusion rules can be explicitly determined by the modular  $(2 \times 2)$  *S* matrices of the theory using the Verlinde formula [27].

We thus established that the chiral  $(G_2)_1$  and  $(F_4)_1$  WZW edge CFTs contain primary fields that obey the Fibonacci fusion rules. They correspond to Fibonacci anyonic excitations in the 2D bulk, and thus we refer to them as Fibonacci primary fields. Let us now construct explicit expressions for them based on our conformal embedding here developed.

The nontrivial primary fields  $[\tau]$  and  $[\bar{\tau}]$  are associated with the fundamental irreducible representations of their respective exceptional Lie algebras. Each of them consists of a superselection sector of fields,  $[\tau] = \text{span}\{\tau_m\}_{m=1,\dots,7}$  and  $[\bar{\tau}] = \text{span}\{\bar{\tau}_l\}_{l=1,\dots,26}$ , that rotate into each other by the WZW algebraic actions

$$\begin{split} \left[ E_{G_2}(\mathbf{z}) \right]_{\gamma} \tau_m(\mathbf{w}) &= \frac{1}{\mathbf{z} - \mathbf{w}} \rho_{G_2}(\gamma)_m^{m'} \tau_{m'}(\mathbf{w}) + \cdots, \\ \left[ E_{F_4}(\mathbf{z}) \right]_{\beta} \bar{\tau}_l(\mathbf{w}) &= \frac{1}{\mathbf{z} - \mathbf{w}} \rho_{F_4}(\beta)_l^{l'} \bar{\tau}_{l'}(\mathbf{w}) + \cdots, \end{split} \tag{D3}$$

where z,  $w \sim e^{\tau + ix}$  are radially ordered holomorphic spacetime parameters,  $\gamma$  and  $\beta$  are the roots of  $G_2$  and  $F_4$ , and  $\rho_{G_2}$  and  $\rho_{F_4}$  are the 7- and 26-dimensional irreducible matrix representations of the  $G_2$  and  $F_4$  algebras. Here, we provide parafermionic representations of these fields that constitute the Fibonacci supersectors. Using the coset construction, each Fibonacci field  $\tau_m$ ,  $\bar{\tau}_l$  can be expressed as a product of two components: (1) a non-Abelian primary field of the  $\mathbb{Z}_3$  parafermion CFT or the tricritical Ising CFT, respectively, and (2) a vertex operator of bosonized variables.

The  $(G_2)_1$  WZW CFT can be decomposed into two decoupled sectors using its  $SU(3)_1$  subalgebra:

$$(G_2)_1 \simeq SU(3)_1 \times \frac{(G_2)_1}{SU(3)_1} = SU(3)_1 \times \mathbb{Z}_3$$
 parafermion. (D4)

For instance, the decomposition agrees with the partition of the energy-momentum tensors  $T_{\mathbb{Z}_3} = T_{(G_2)_1/SU(3)_1} \equiv T_{(G_2)_1} - T_{SU(3)_1}$  and central charges  $c((G_2)_1) = 14/5 = c(SU(3)_1) + c(\mathbb{Z}_3) = 2 + 4/5$ . First, we focus on the  $SU(3)_1$  subalgebra. Using the aforementioned fermionization of  $E_8$ , the six roots of SU(3) coincide with the long roots of  $G_2$ ,  $e^{\pm i(\phi_1 - \phi_2)}$ ,  $e^{\pm i(\phi_2 - \phi_3)}$ , and  $e^{\pm i(\phi_1 - \phi_3)}$ . The  $SU(3)_1$  WZW subalgebra has three primary fields,  $\mathbb{I}$ ,  $[\mathcal{E}]$ , and  $[\mathcal{E}^{-1}]$ , with conformal dimensions  $h_{\mathbb{I}} = 0$  and  $h_{\mathcal{E}} = h_{\mathcal{E}^{-1}} = 1/3$ .  $\mathbb{I}$  denotes the trivial vacuum, while  $[\mathcal{E}]$  and  $[\mathcal{E}^{-1}]$  are three-dimensional

superselection sectors of fields

$$[\mathcal{E}] = \operatorname{span}\{e^{i(\phi_1 + \phi_2 - 2\phi_3)/3}, e^{i(\phi_2 + \phi_3 - 2\phi_1)/3}, e^{i(\phi_3 + \phi_1 - 2\phi_2)/3}\},$$

$$[\mathcal{E}^{-1}] = \operatorname{span}\{e^{-i(\phi_1 + \phi_2 - 2\phi_3)/3}, e^{-i(\phi_2 + \phi_3 - 2\phi_1)/3},$$

$$\times e^{-i(\phi_3 + \phi_1 - 2\phi_2)/3}\}, \tag{D5}$$

that rotate according to the two fundamental representations of SU(3). For example, under the  $SU(3)_1$  roots,

$$e^{i[\phi_a(\mathbf{z}) - \phi_b(\mathbf{z})]} e^{i[\phi_b(\mathbf{w}) + \phi_c(\mathbf{w}) - 2\phi_a(\mathbf{w})]}$$

$$\sim e^{i[\phi_a(\mathbf{w}) + \phi_c(\mathbf{w}) - 2\phi_b(\mathbf{w})]} / (\mathbf{z} - \mathbf{w}) + \cdots$$
(D6)

The seven-dimensional fundamental representation of  $G_2$  decomposes into 1 + 3 + 3 under SU(3) and each component is associated to a distinct  $SU(3)_1$  primary field.

Next, we focus on the  $(G_2)_1/SU(3)_1$  coset, which is identical to the  $\mathbb{Z}_3$  parafermionic CFT. It supports three Abelian primary fields  $\mathbb{I}$ ,  $\Psi$ , and  $\Psi^{-1}$ , and three non-Abelian ones,  $\tau$ ,  $\varepsilon$ , and  $\varepsilon^{-1}$ . They have conformal dimensions  $h_{\mathbb{I}} = 0$ ,  $h_{\Psi} = h_{\Psi^{-1}} = 2/3$ ,  $h_{\tau} = 2/5$ , and  $h_{\varepsilon} = h_{\varepsilon^{-1}} = 1/15$ . They obey the fusion rules

$$\begin{split} \Psi \times \Psi &= \Psi^{-1}, \ \Psi \times \Psi^{-1} = \mathbb{I}, \ \tau \times \Psi = \varepsilon, \\ \tau \times \Psi^{-1} &= \varepsilon^{-1}, \ \tau \times \tau = \mathbb{I} + \tau. \end{split} \tag{D7}$$

The Fibonacci primary field of  $(G_2)_1$  is the seven-dimensional superselection sector

$$[\tau] = (\tau \otimes \mathbb{I}) \oplus (\varepsilon \otimes [\mathcal{E}]) \oplus (\varepsilon^{-1} \otimes [\mathcal{E}^{-1}])$$

$$= \operatorname{span} \left\{ \begin{cases} \tau, \varepsilon e^{i(\phi_1 + \phi_2 - 2\phi_3)/3}, \\ \varepsilon e^{i(\phi_2 + \phi_3 - 2\phi_1)/3}, \varepsilon e^{i(\phi_3 + \phi_1 - 2\phi_2)/3}, \\ \varepsilon^{-1} e^{-i(\phi_1 + \phi_2 - 2\phi_3)/3}, \varepsilon^{-1} e^{-i(\phi_2 + \phi_3 - 2\phi_1)/3}, \\ \varepsilon^{-1} e^{-i(\phi_3 + \phi_1 - 2\phi_2)/3} \end{cases} \right\}.$$

$$(D8)$$

All seven fields share the same conformal dimension  $h_{\tau} = 2/5$ . For example,  $h_{\varepsilon \otimes [\mathcal{E}]} = 1/15 + 1/3 = 2/5$ . The supersector splits into three components under SU(3). However, they rotate irreducibly into each other under  $G_2$ .

The Fibonacci primary field of  $(F_4)_1$  can be described in a similar manner. First, using the  $SO(9)_1$  subalgebra, the WZW CFT can be factored into two decoupled sectors:

$$(F_4)_1 \simeq SO(9)_1 \times \frac{(F_4)_1}{SO(9)_1} = SO(9)_1 \times \text{(tricritical Ising)}.$$
(D9)

Like the previous  $G_2$  coset decomposition, here the energy-momentum tensor and central charge also decompose accordingly:  $c((F_4)_1) = 26/5 = 9/2 + 7/10$ , where 9/2 and 7/10 are the central charges for  $SO(9)_1$  and the tricritical Ising CFTs. The Fibonacci superselection sector of  $(F_4)_1$  consists of fields which are linear combinations of products of primary fields in  $SO(9)_1$  and the tricritical Ising CFTs.

We first concentrate on  $SO(9)_1$ . It supports three primary fields  $\mathbb{I}$ ,  $[\psi]$ , and  $[\Sigma]$  with conformal dimensions  $h_{\mathbb{I}} = 0$ ,  $h_{\psi} = 1/2$ , and  $h_{\Sigma} = 9/16$  and respectively associate to the trivial, vector, and spinor representations of SO(9). Using the fermionization convention of  $E_8$ , the  $SO(9)_1$  theory is generated by the nine Majorana fermions  $\psi_8, \ldots, \psi_{16}$ , where the last eight Majorana fermions are paired into the four Dirac fermions  $d_I = (\psi_{2I-1} + i\psi_{2I})/\sqrt{2} \sim e^{i\phi_I}$ , for I = 5, 6, 7, 8.

The vector primary field consists of any linear combinations of these nine fermions  $[\psi] = \text{span}\{\psi_8, \dots, \psi_{16}\}$ . We arbitrarily single out the first Majorana fermion  $\psi_8$ , which is not paired with any of the others, and associate it to an Ising CFT. This further decomposes

$$SO(9)_1 = \text{Ising} \times SO(8)_1. \tag{D10}$$

The spinor primary field of  $SO(9)_1$  decomposes into a product between the Ising twist field  $\sigma$  and the  $SO(8)_1$  spinors:

$$[\Sigma] = \operatorname{span}\left\{\sigma \exp\left(\frac{i}{2} \sum_{l=5}^{8} \epsilon^{l} \phi_{l}\right) : \epsilon^{5}, \dots, \epsilon^{8} = \pm 1\right\}.$$
(D11)

The conformal dimension of  $\sigma$  is 1/16 and that of the  $SO(8)_1$  spinors is 1/2. Thus, they combine to the appropriate conformal dimension of  $h_{\Sigma} = 9/16$  for each field in the set. The dimension of the SO(9) spinor representation is  $2^4 = 16$ . The 26-dimensional fundamental representation of  $F_4$  decomposes into 1+9+16 under the SO(9) subalgebra, and each component is associated to a unique  $SO(9)_1$  primary field

We now focus on the  $(F_4)_1/SO(9)_1$  coset, which is identical to the tricritical Ising CFT or, equivalently, the minimal theory  $\mathcal{M}(5,4)$ . The theory has six primary fields arranged in the following conformal grid:

f	S	$\mathbb{I}$	=	$\Phi_{3,1}$	$\Phi_{2,1}$	$\Phi_{1,1}$	$\xrightarrow{\text{c.d.}}$	3/2	7/16	0	(D12)
$\bar{ au}$	sτ	$f\bar{\tau}$		$\Phi_{3,2}$	$\Phi_{2,2}$	$\Phi_{1,2}$		3/5	3/80	1/10	
$f\bar{\tau}$	sτ	$\bar{\tau}$		$\Phi_{1,2}$	$\Phi_{2,2}$	$\Phi_{3,2}$		1/10	3/80	3/5	
I	S	f		$\Phi_{1,1}$	$\Phi_{2,1}$	$\Phi_{3,1}$	]	0	7/16	3/2	

with c.d. standing for conformal dimension. They obey the fusion rules

$$f \times f = \mathbb{I}, \ s \times f = s, \ s \times s = 1 + f, f \times \bar{\tau} = f\bar{\tau}, \quad s \times \bar{\tau} = s\bar{\tau}, \ \bar{\tau} \times \bar{\tau} = \mathbb{I} + \bar{\tau}.$$
 (D13)

The Fibonacci primary field of  $(F_4)_1$  is the 26-dimensional superselection sector

$$[\bar{\tau}] = (\bar{\tau} \otimes \mathbb{I}) \oplus (f\bar{\tau} \otimes [\psi]) \oplus (s\bar{\tau} \otimes [\Sigma])$$

$$= \operatorname{span}\left\{\bar{\tau}, f\bar{\tau}\psi_j, s\bar{\tau}\sigma \exp\left(\frac{i}{2}\sum_{I=5}^8 \epsilon^I \phi_I\right) : j=8, \dots, 16 \atop \epsilon^5, \dots, \epsilon^8 = \pm 1\right\}. \tag{D14}$$

Each of these fields carries the identical conformal dimension  $h_{\bar{\tau}} = 3/5$ . For example, the second field  $f\bar{\tau}[\psi]$  has the combined conformal dimension 1/10 + 1/2 = 3/5, and the third  $s\bar{\tau}[\Sigma]$  has 3/80 + 9/16 = 3/5. Although the supersector splits into three under  $SO(9)_1$ , it is irreducible under  $(F_4)_1$ .

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