

# Homobilayers heterostructures: exciton-polaron spectroscopy of incompressible electronic states

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## Optical Signatures of Periodic Charge Distribution in a Mott-like Correlated Insulator State

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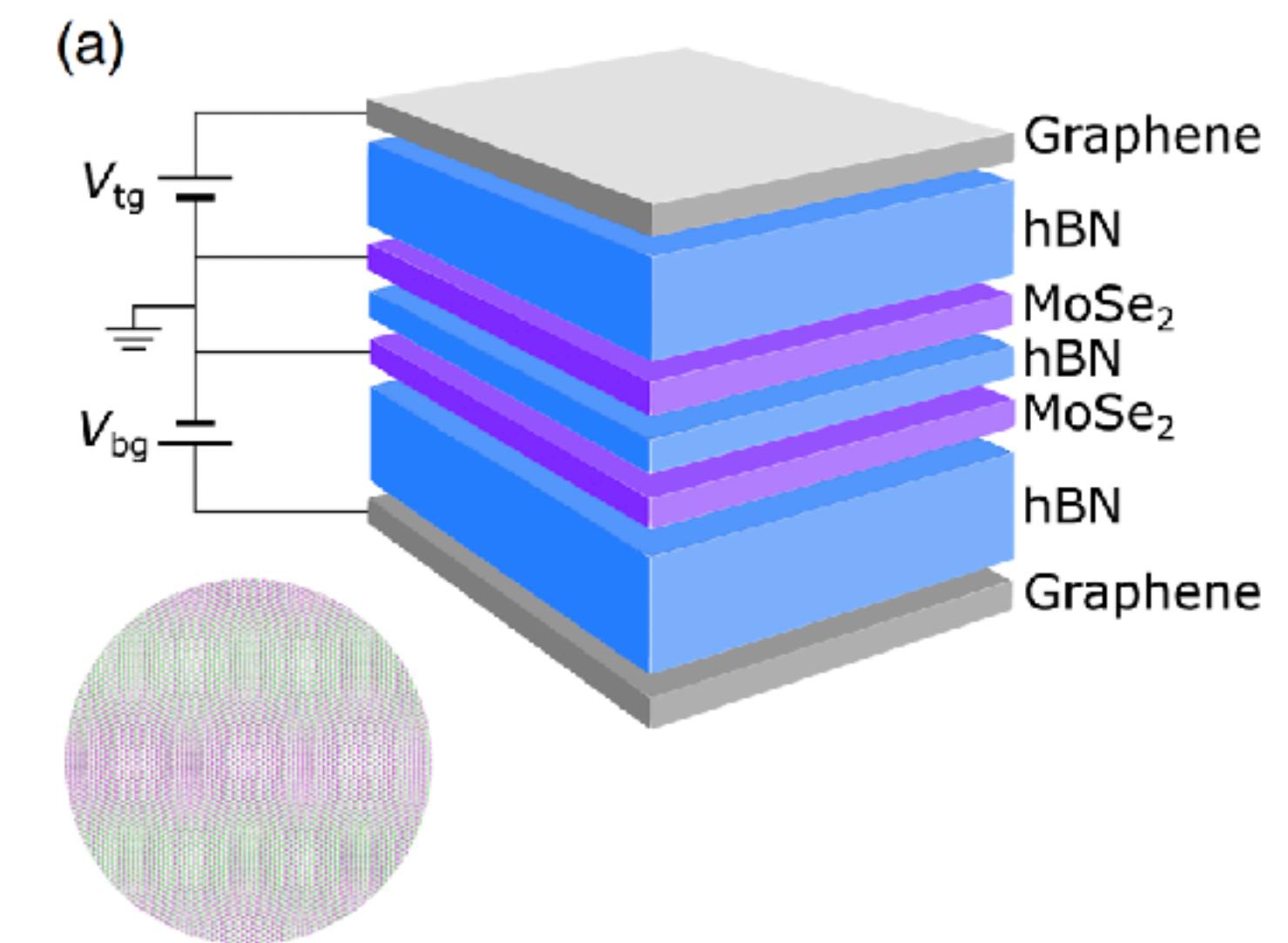
# Strongly correlated electrons and hybrid excitons in a moiré heterostructure

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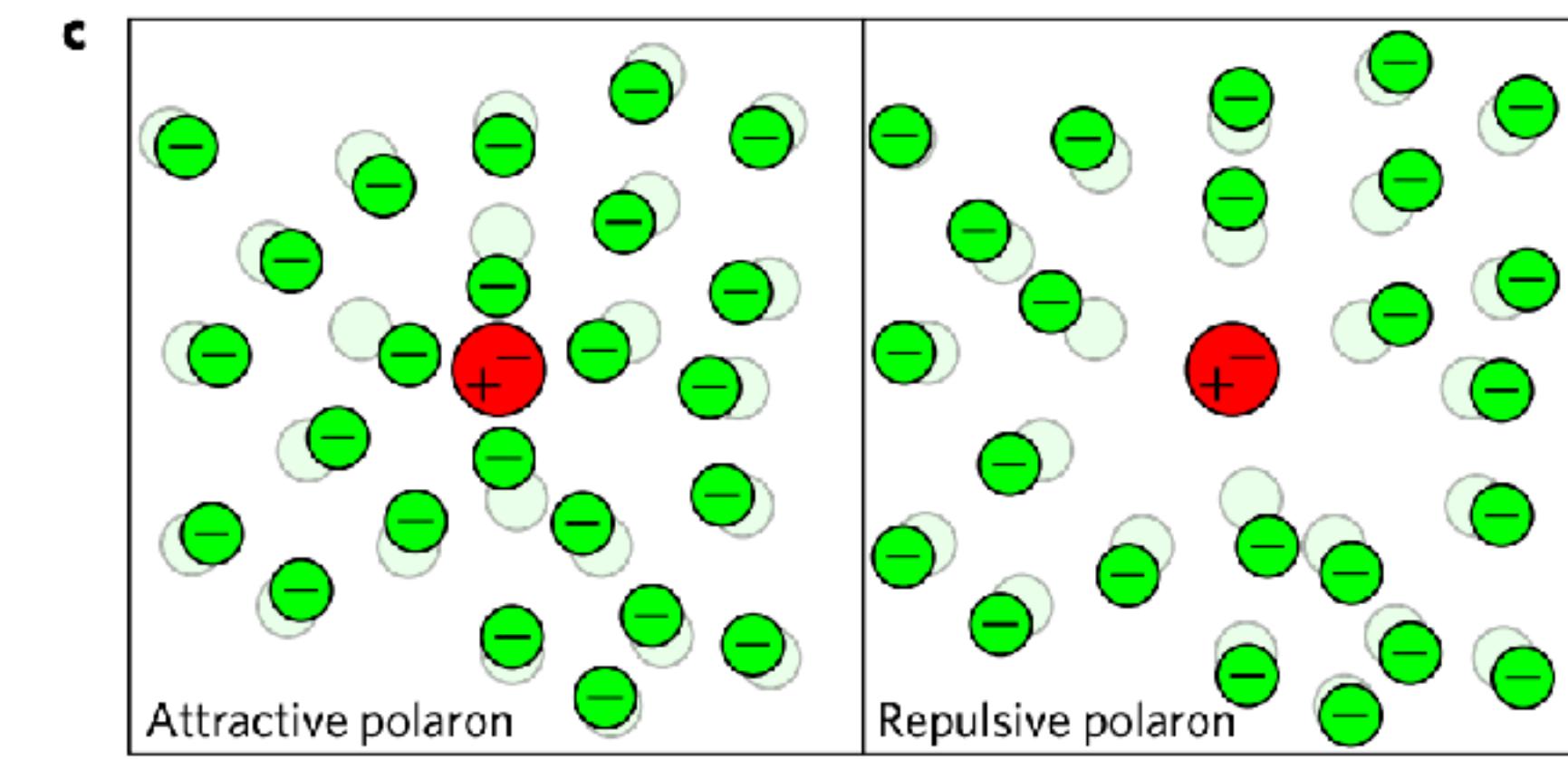
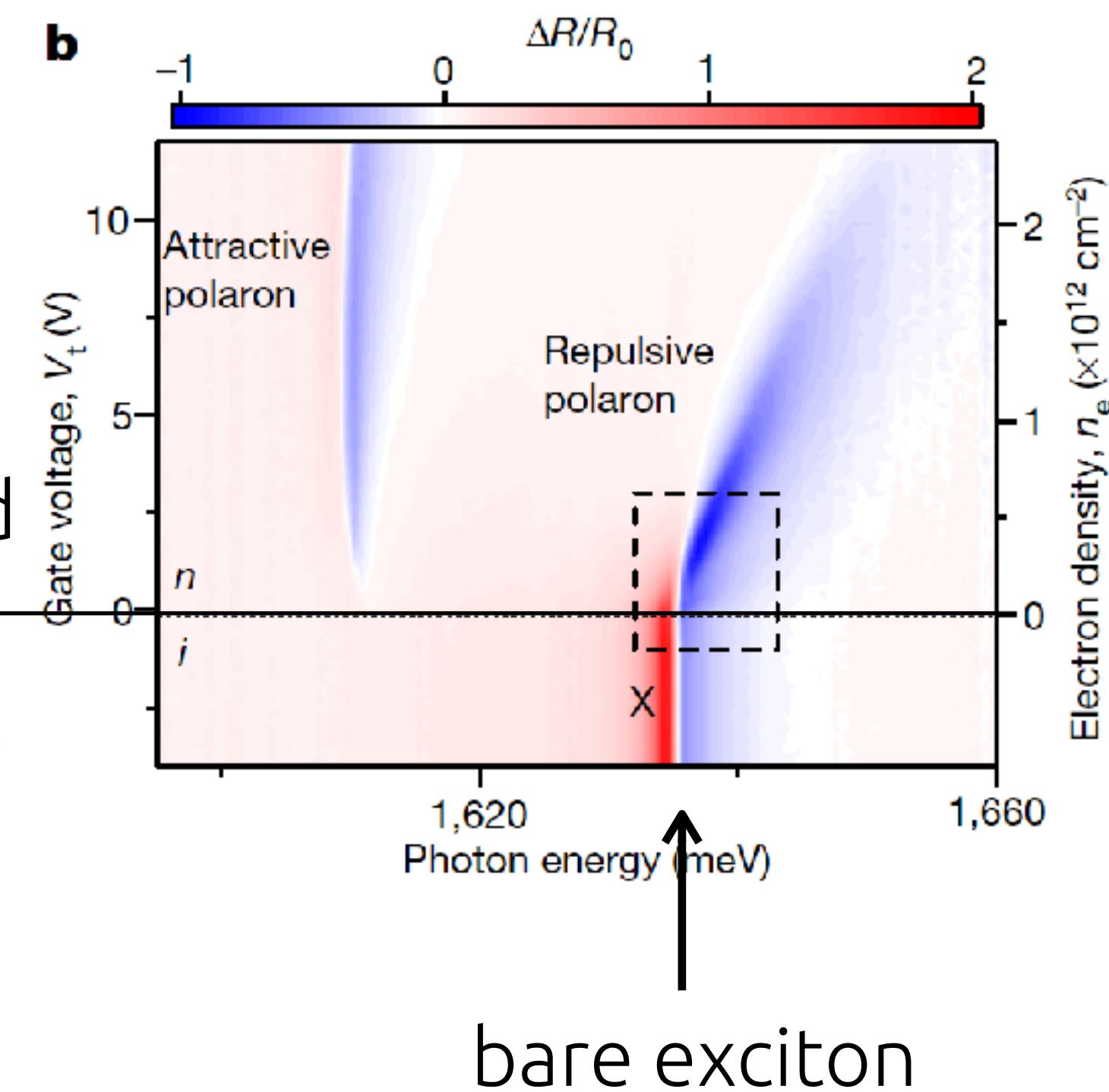
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- Exciton-polaron spectroscopy on homobilayers heterostructure MoSe<sub>2</sub>-hBN-MoSe<sub>2</sub>
- Incompressible (Mott-like) electronic states

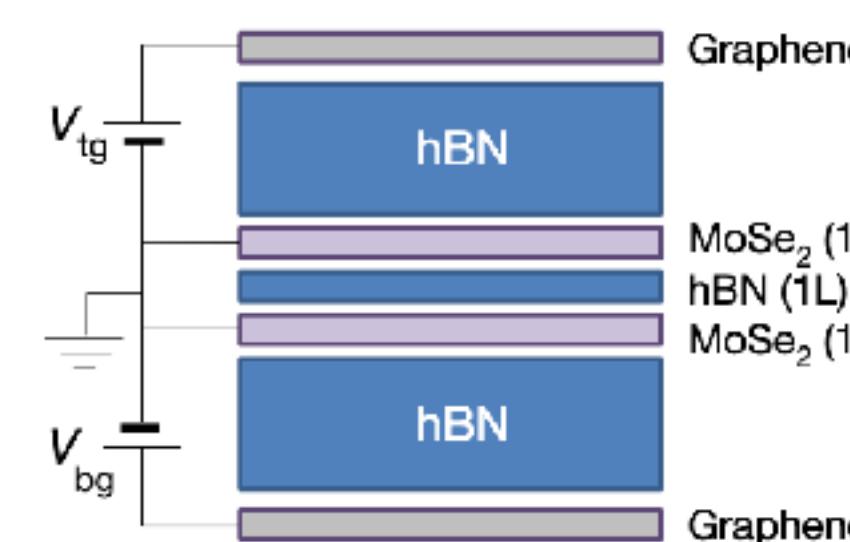
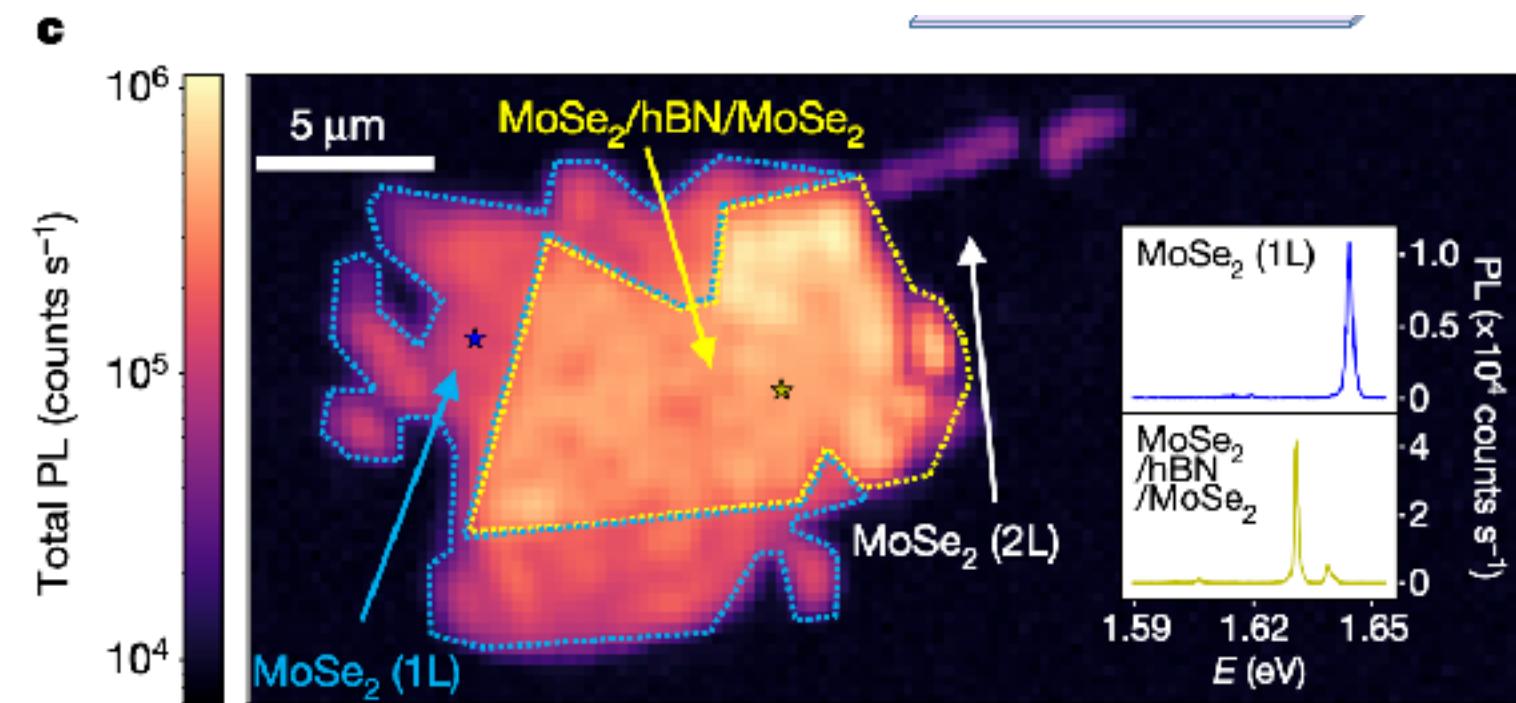
## exciton polarons

electron doped  
charge neutral



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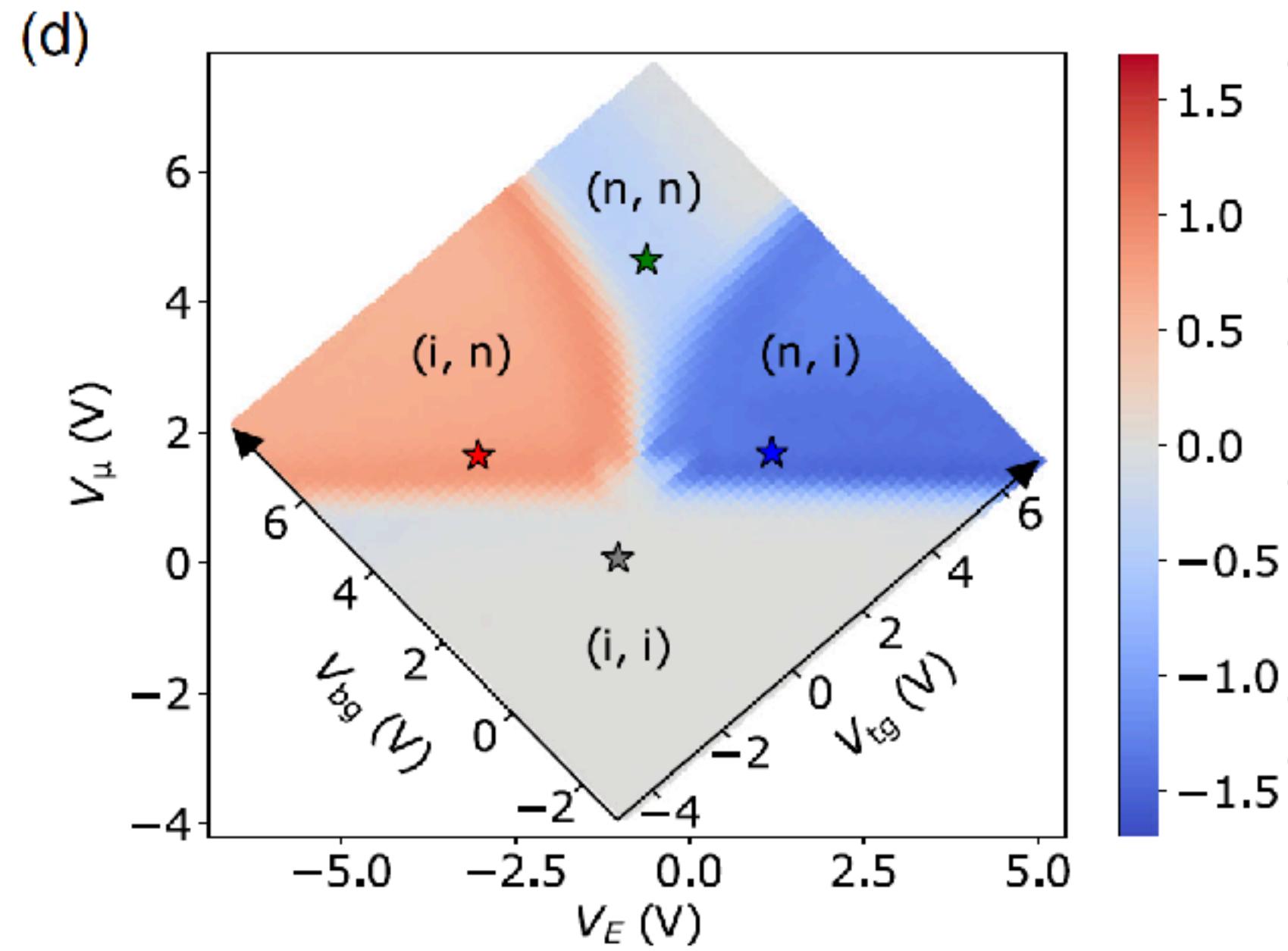
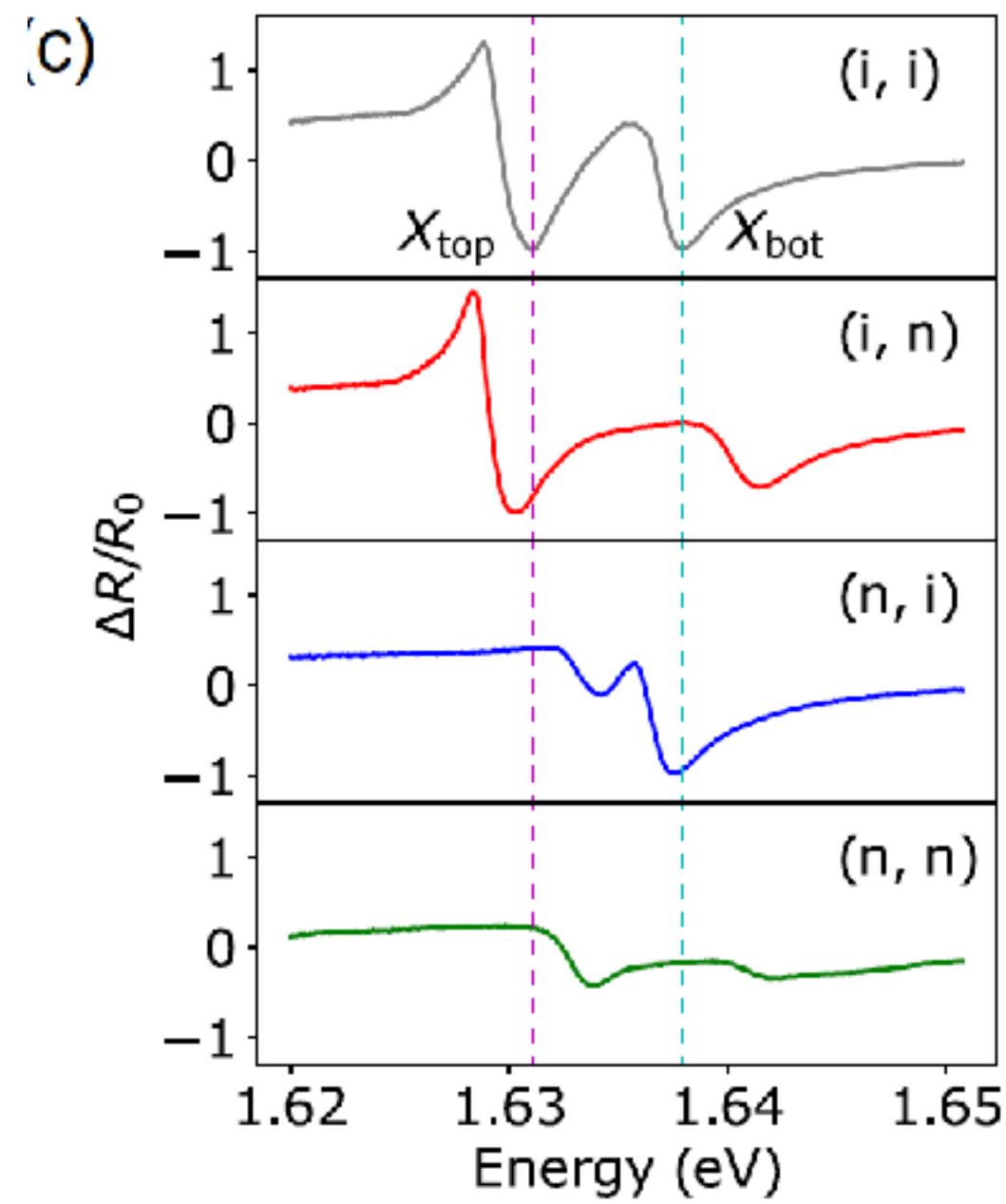
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○ double gate structure

○ twist angle  $\theta \sim 0.8$   
 $a_M \sim 25$  nm

## charging diagram

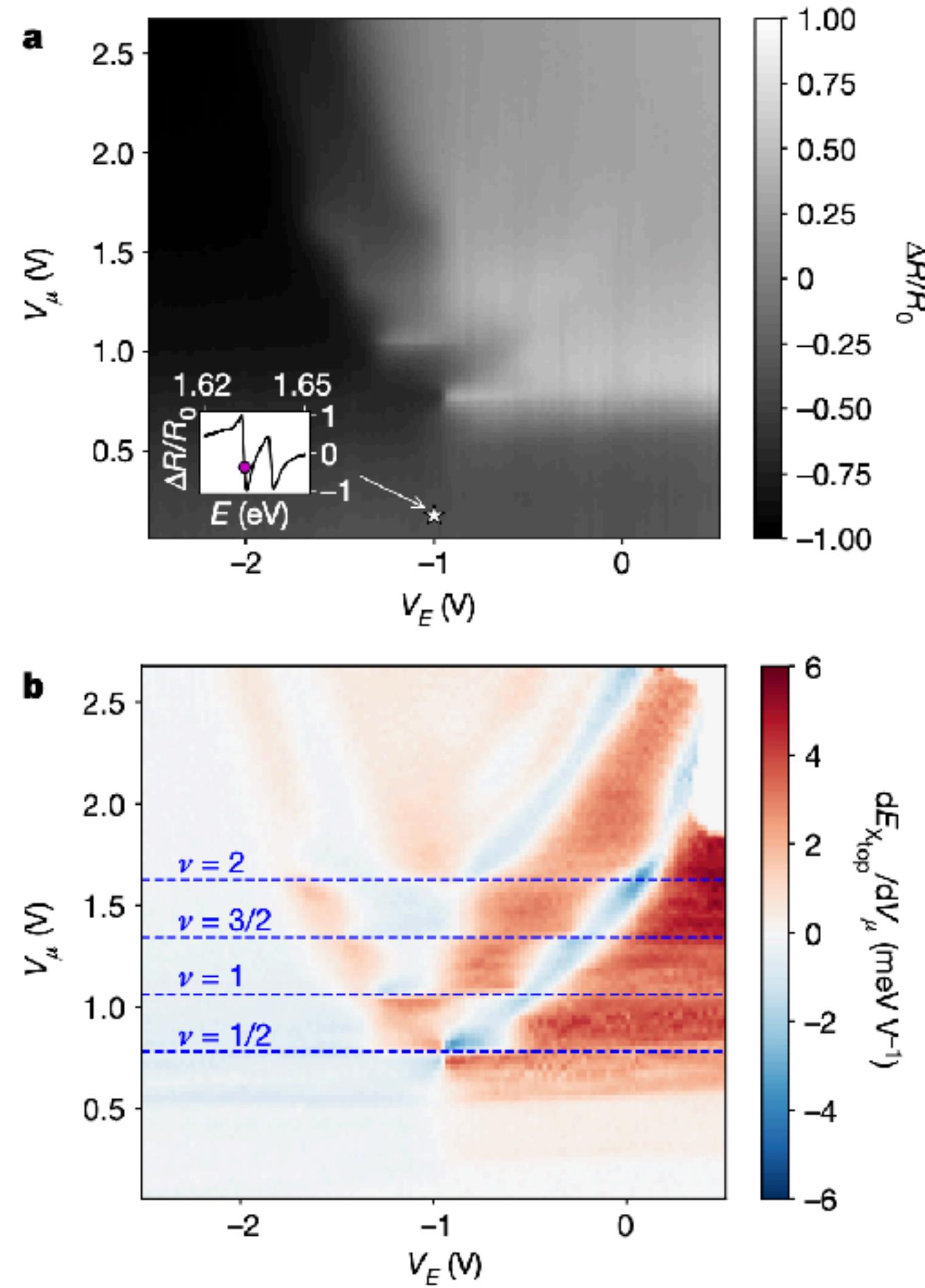


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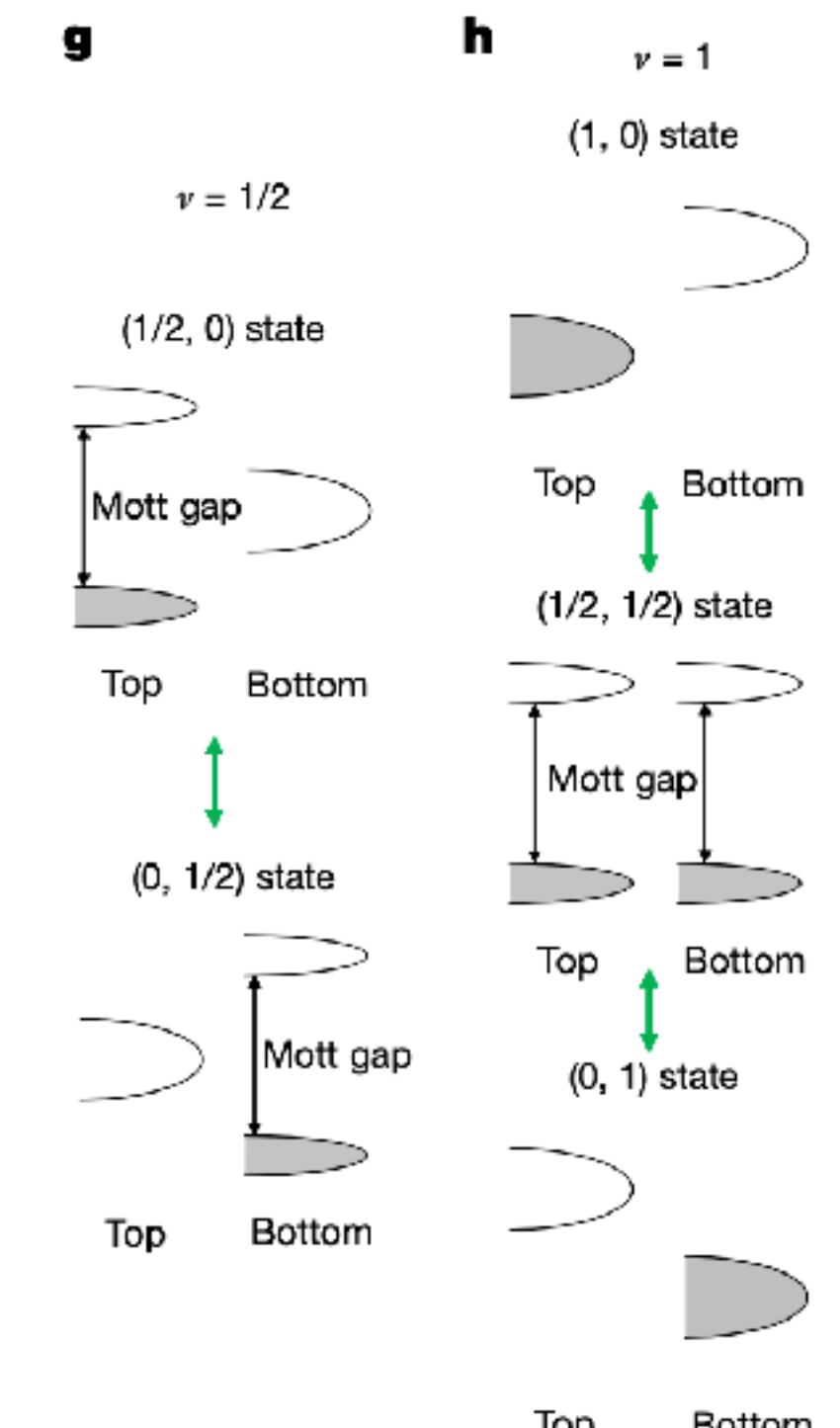
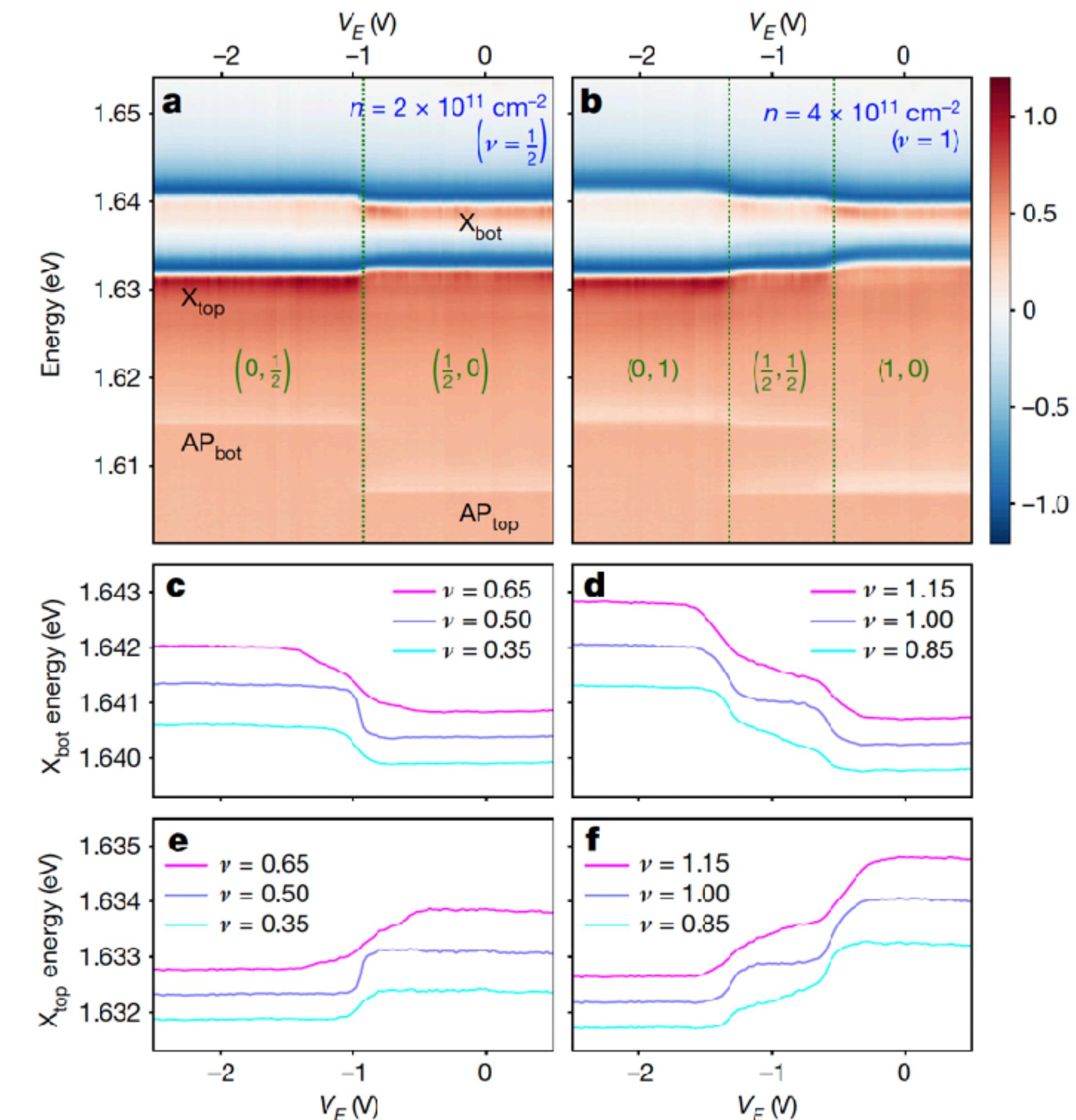
$$V_E = 0.5V_{\text{tg}} - 0.5V_{\text{bg}}$$

$$V_\mu = 0.45V_{\text{tg}} + 0.55V_{\text{bg}}$$

layer-by-layer filling

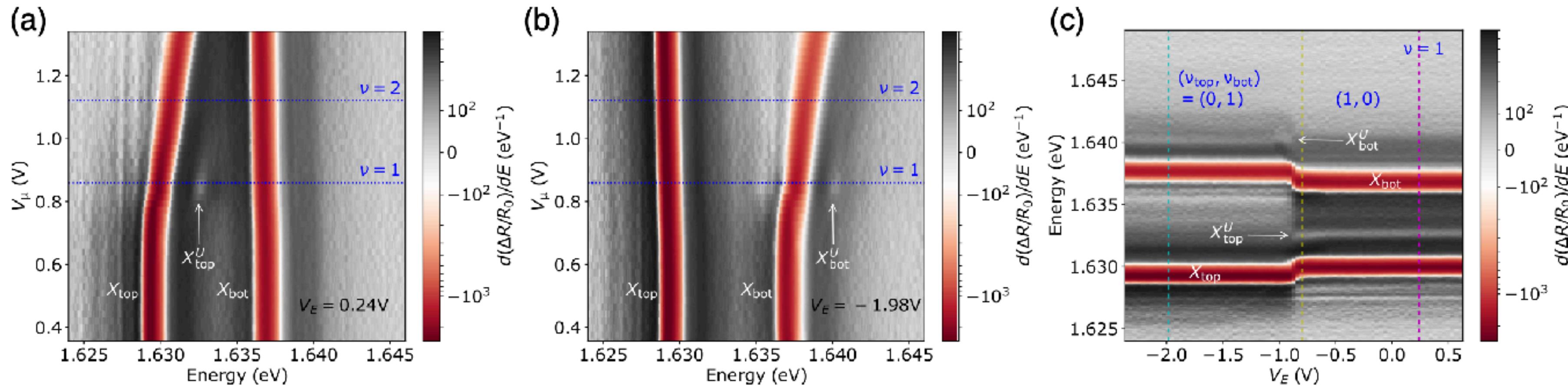


polarisation switching of incompressible electronic

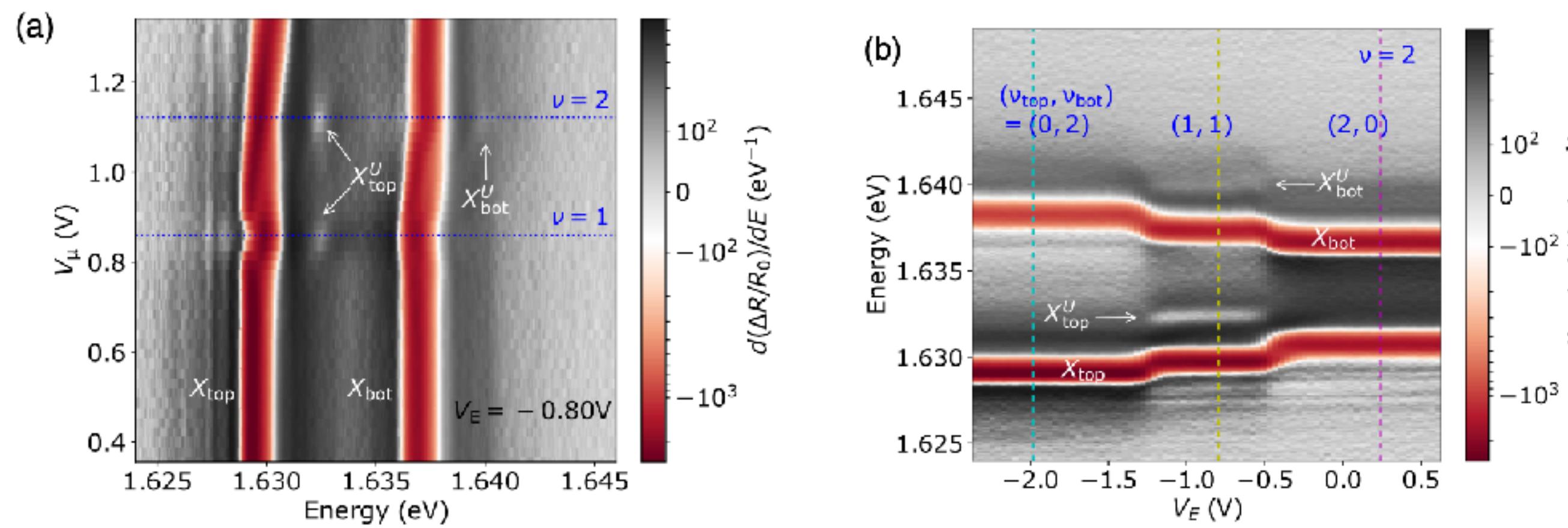


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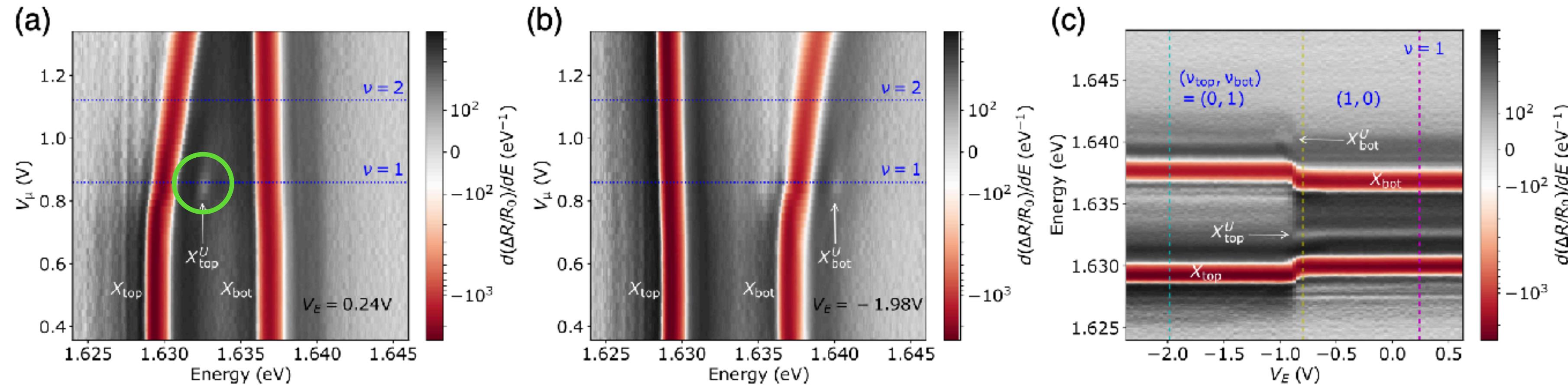


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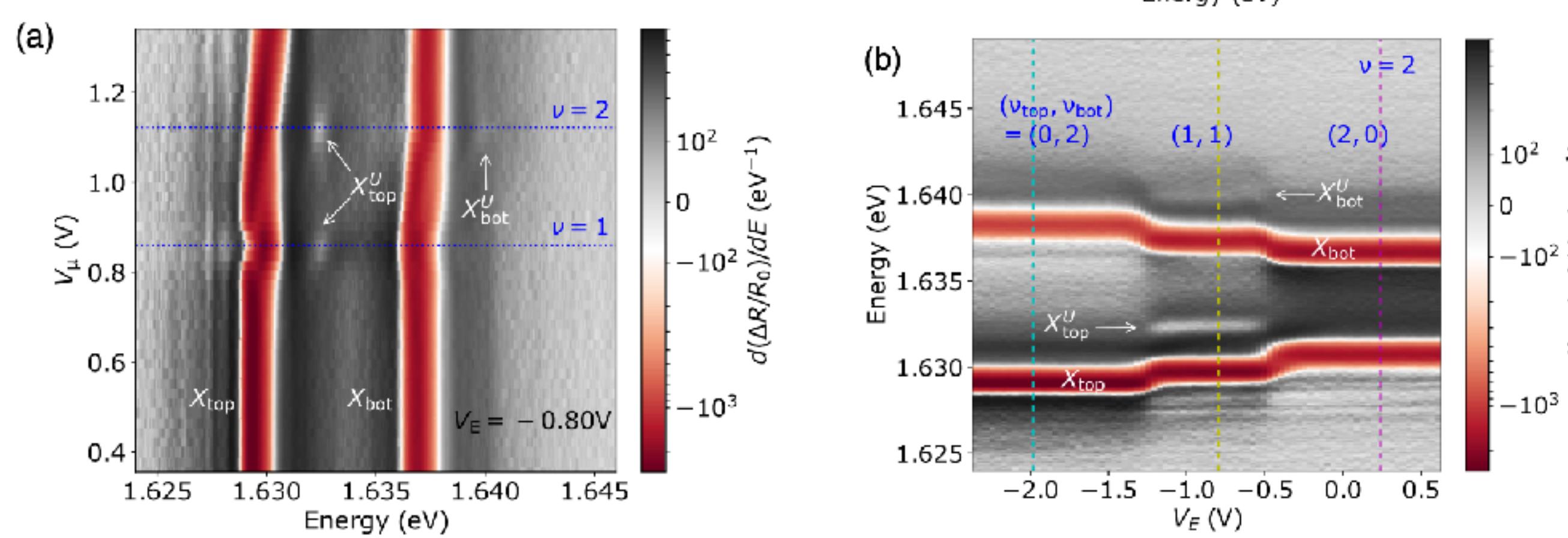


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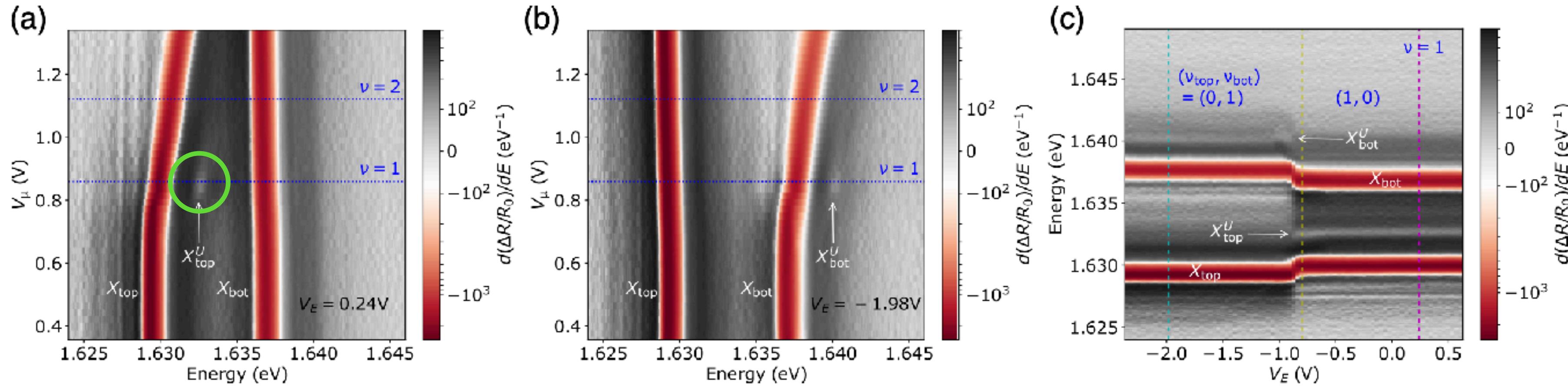


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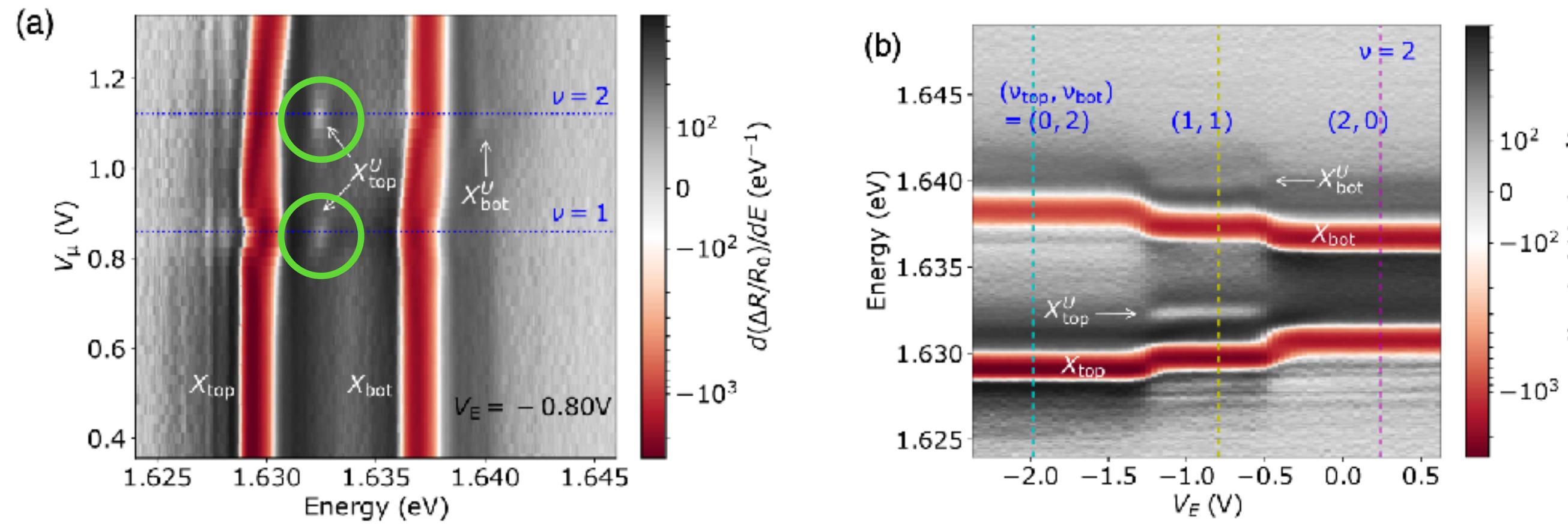


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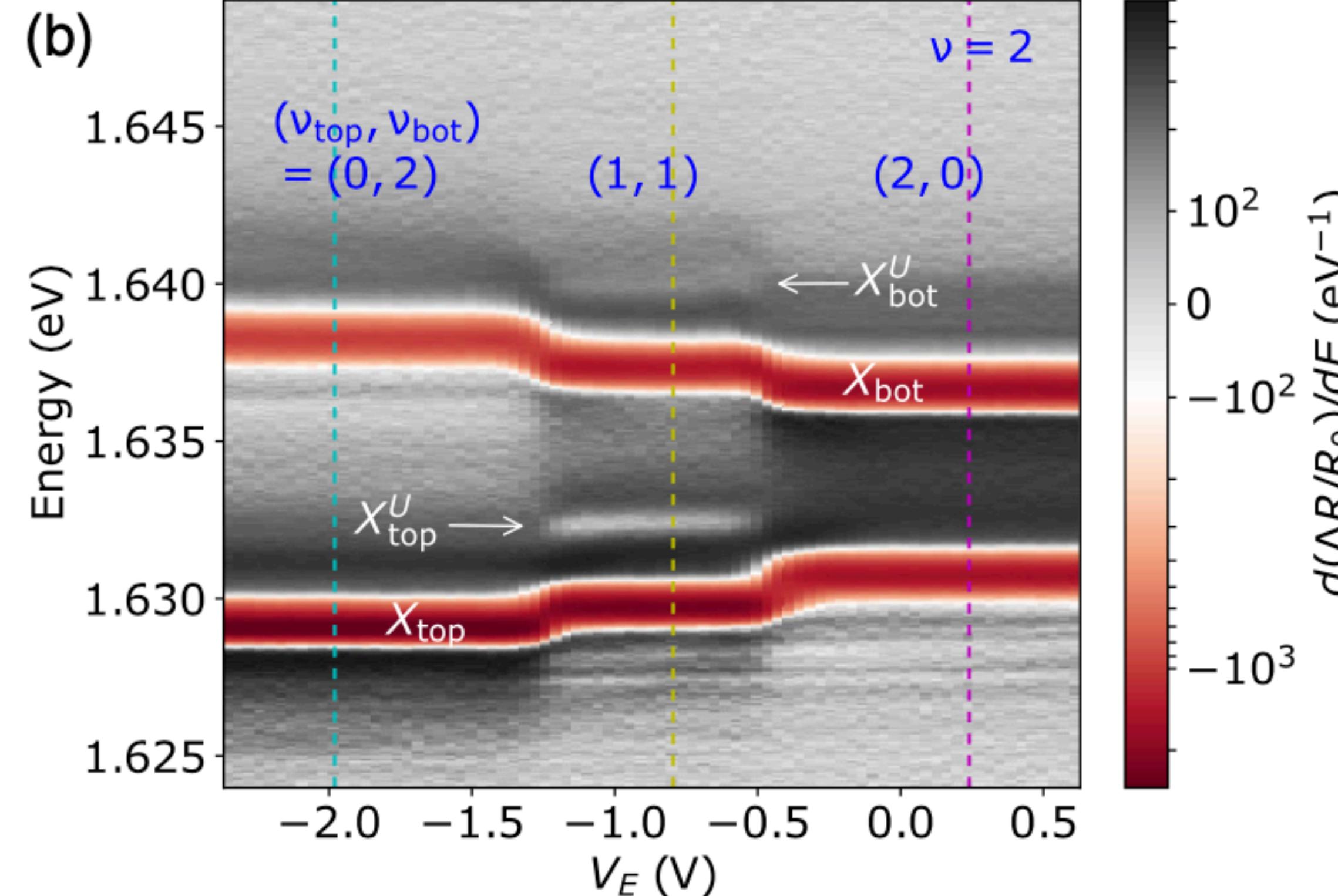
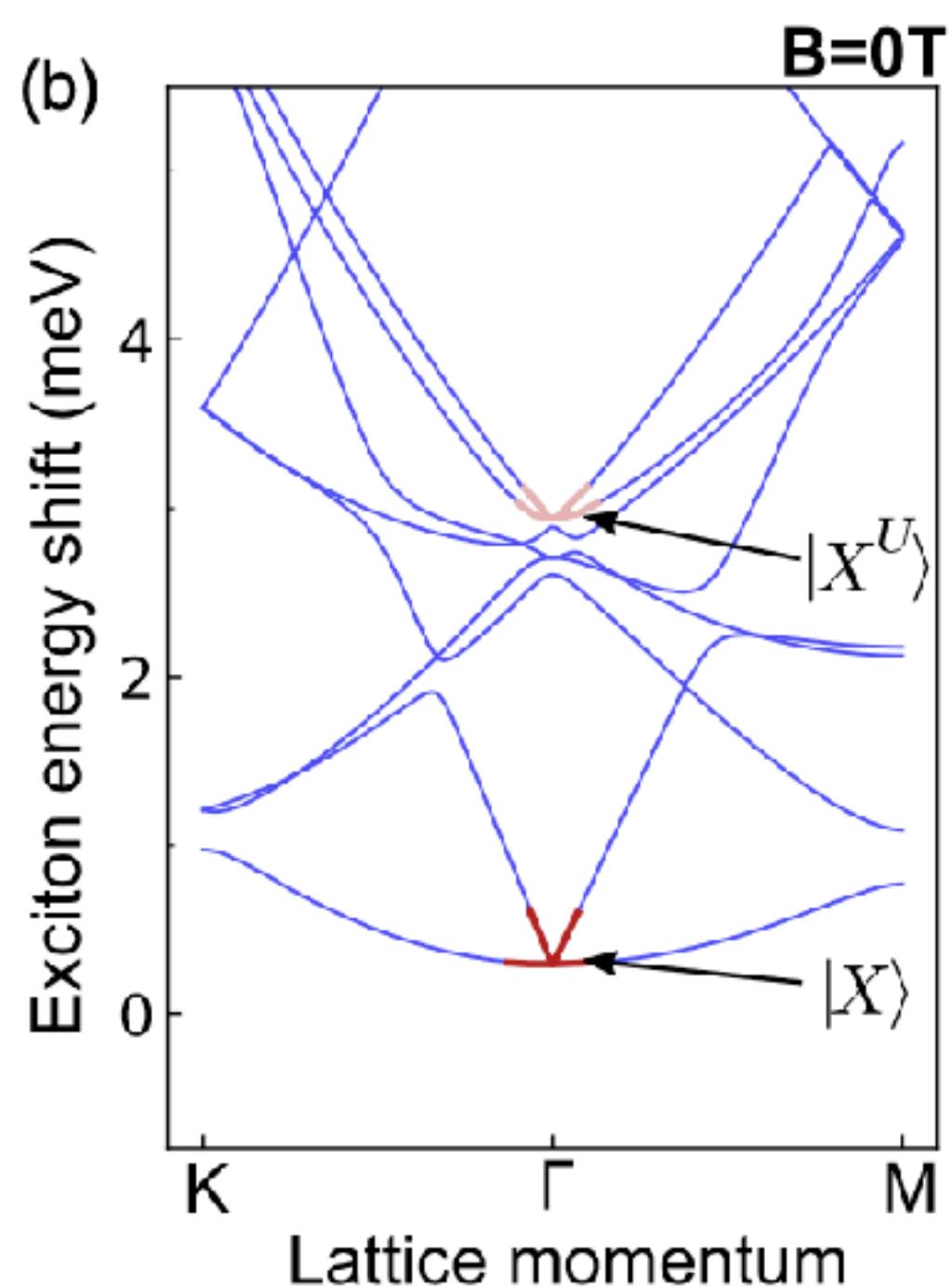
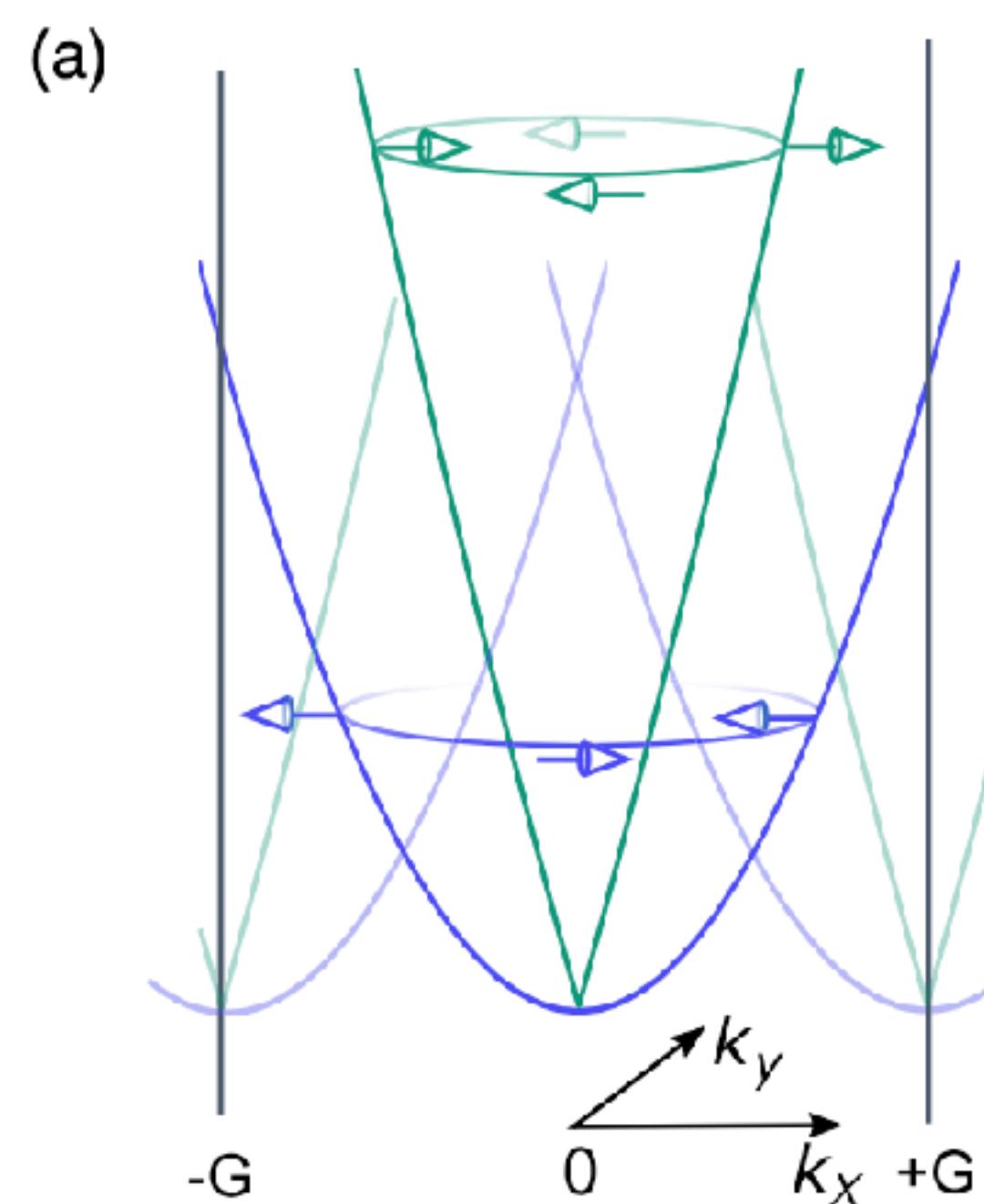


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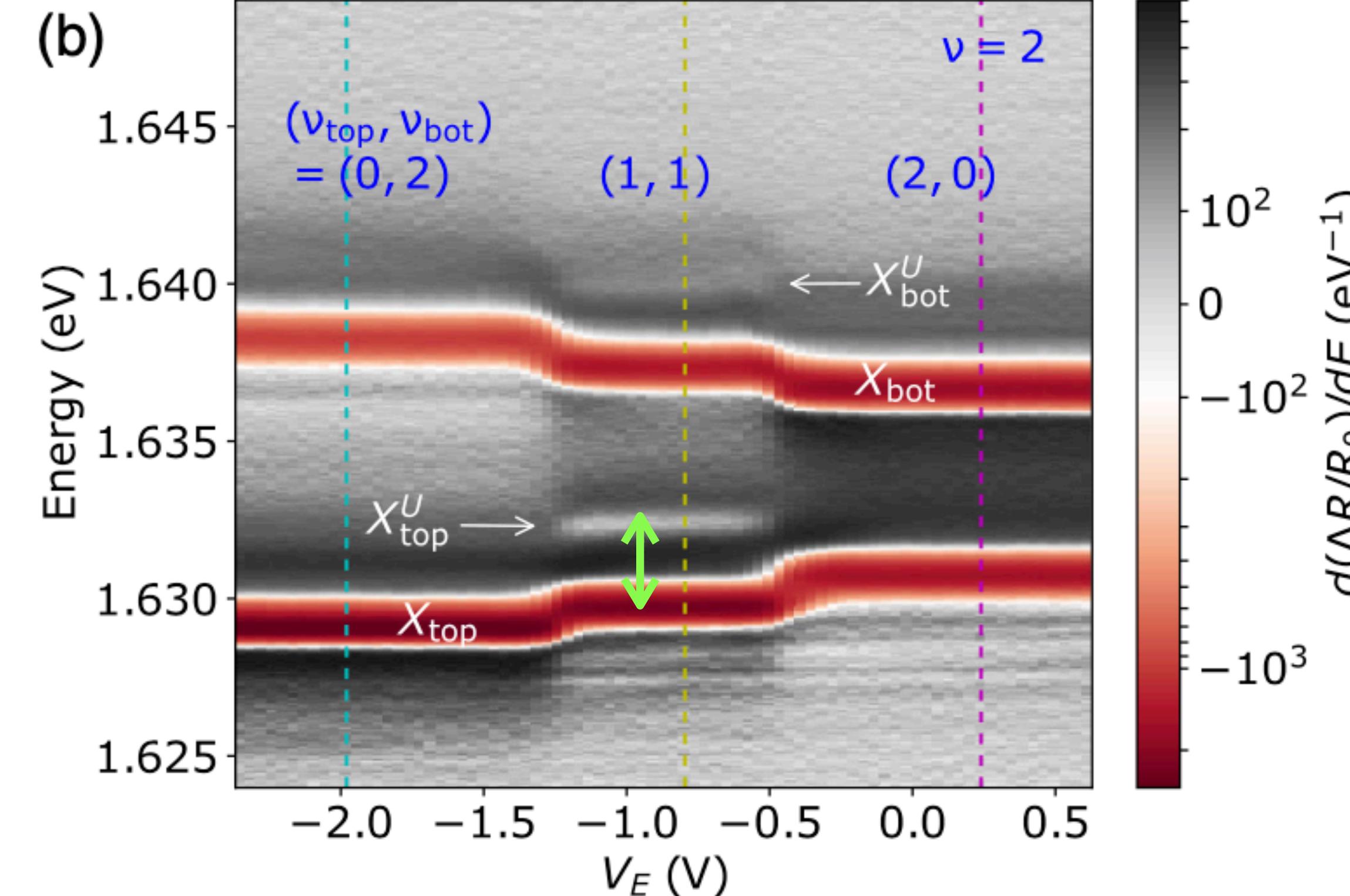
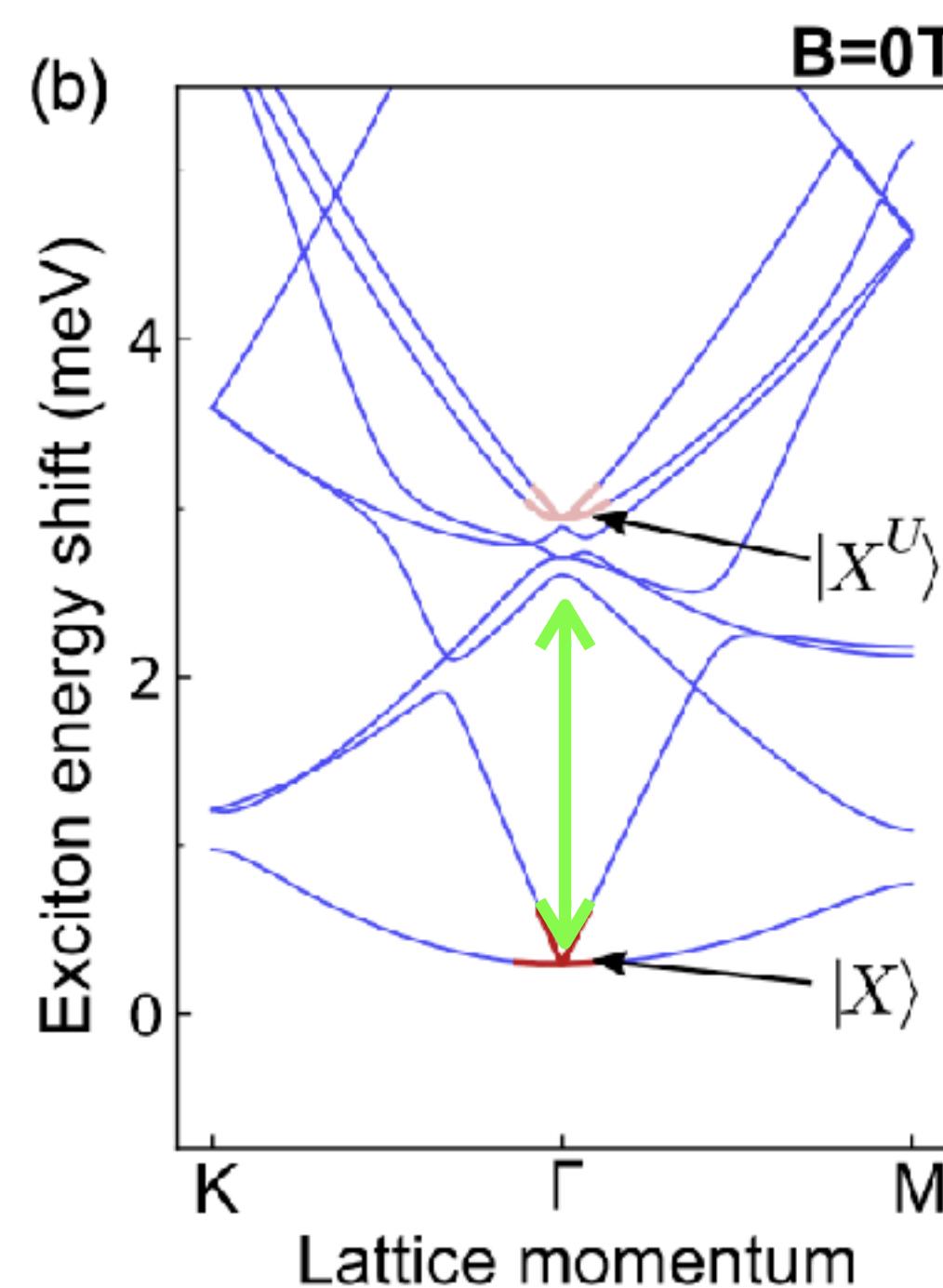
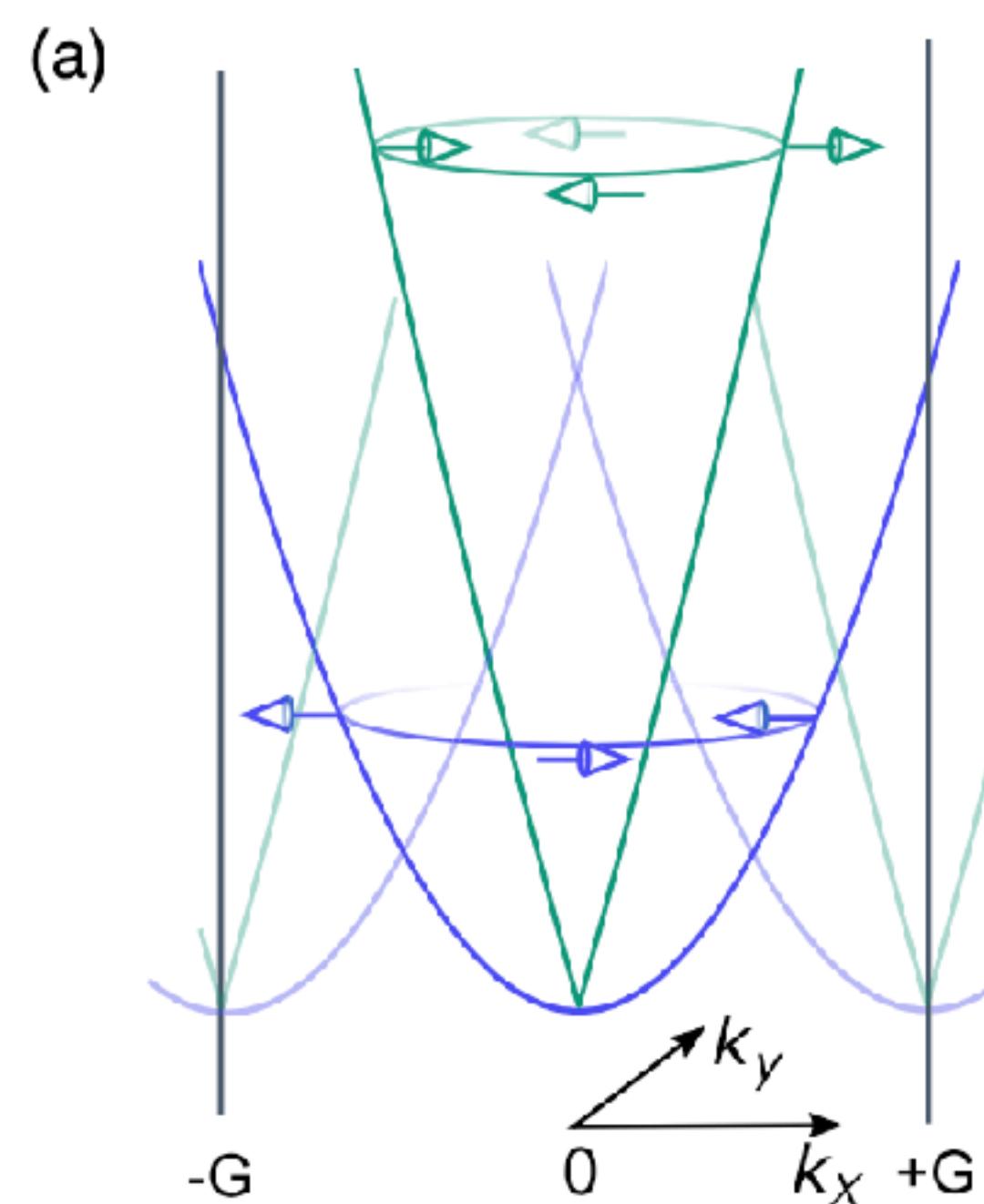
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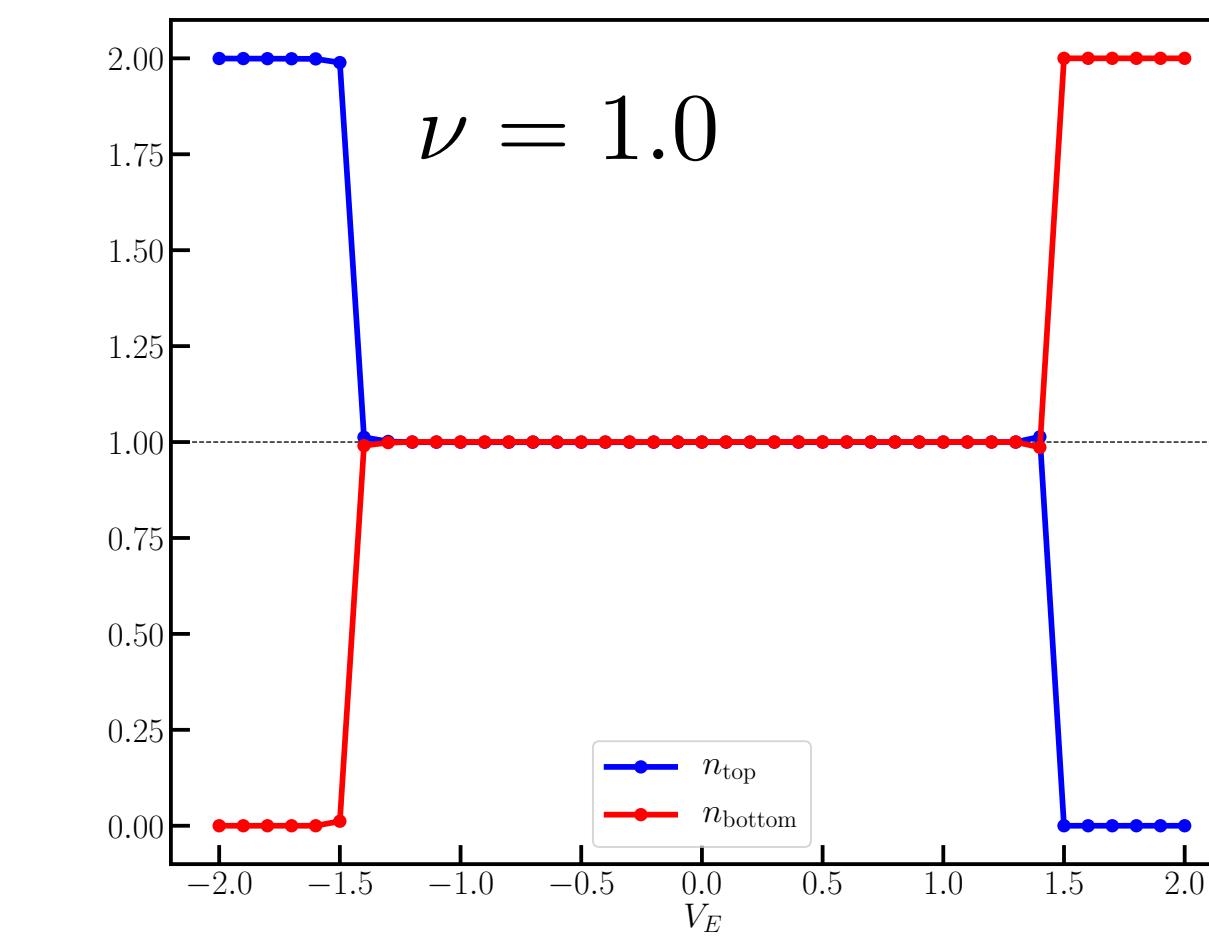
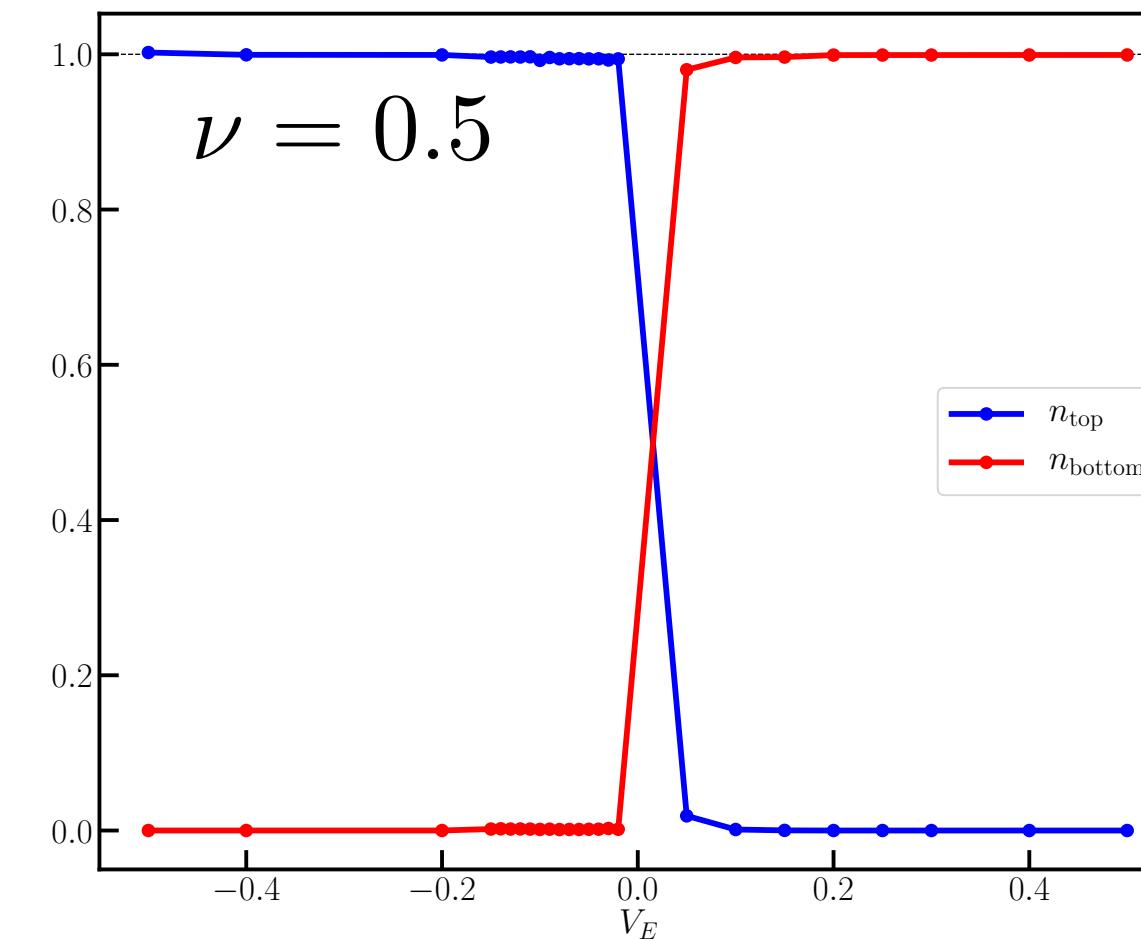
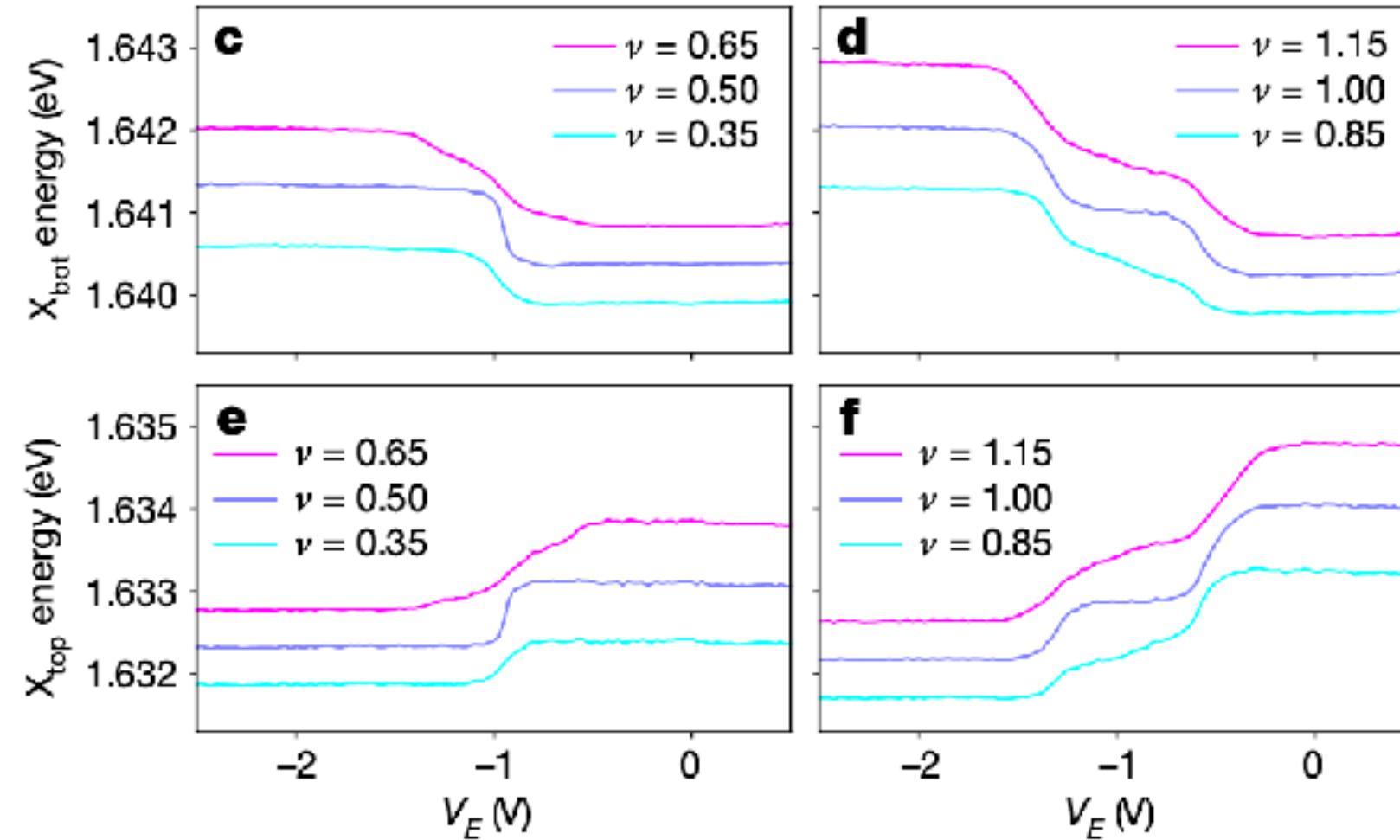
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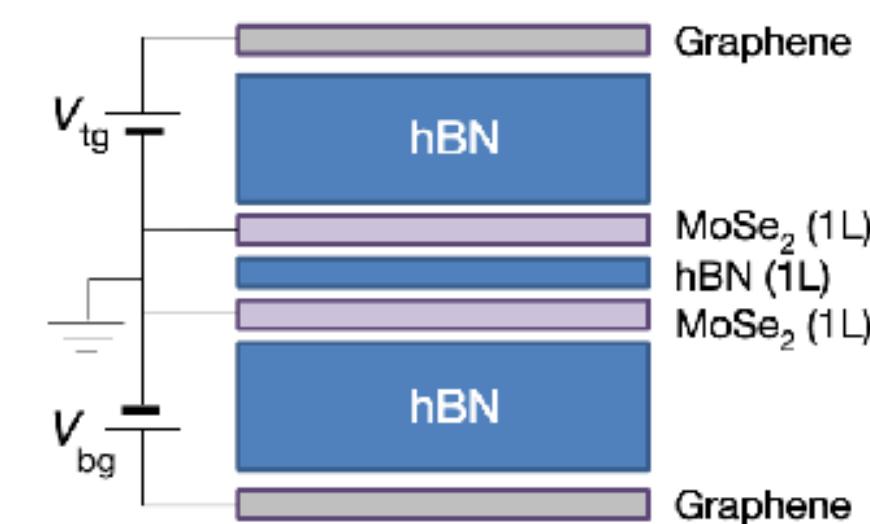
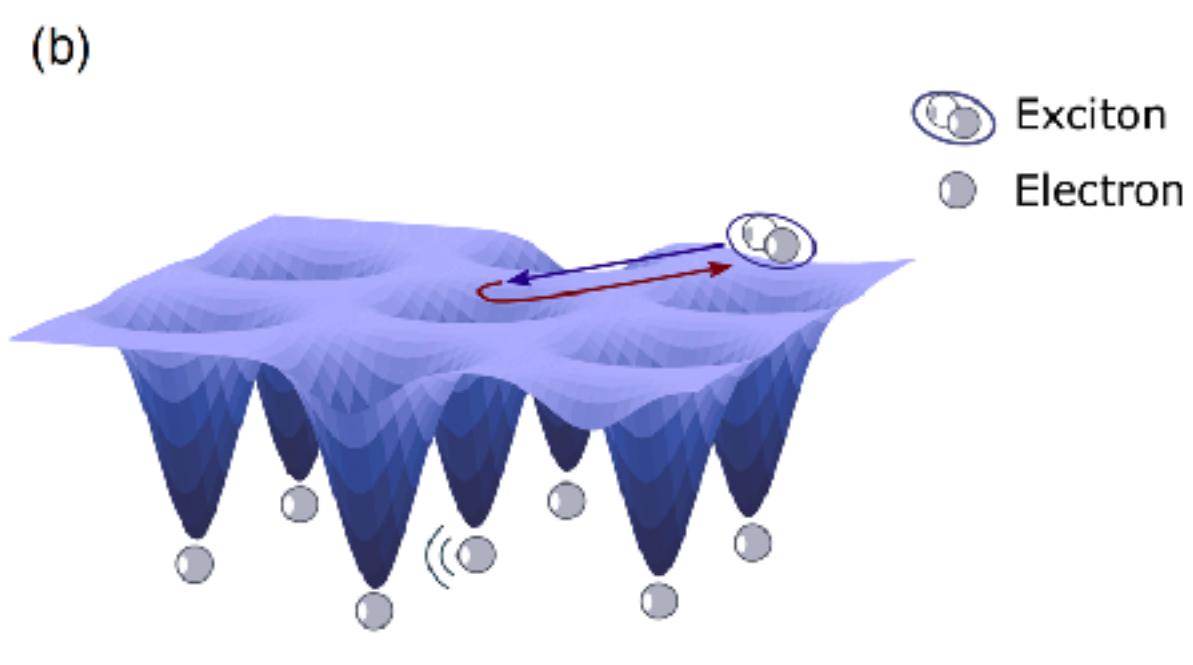
# What can we say about the Mott localised phase?

phenomenology of an effective “two-orbitals” Mott transition



GM et al (in prep)

## role of the moire potential?



~weak moire potential due to hBN layer?

~periodicity in the non-Mott localised phase?