Bosons in Hofstadter Model: mesoscopic phenomenon and effective theory for superfluid

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A synthetic magnetic field for neutral atoms has been successfully realized through engineering an atomlight interaction. This technique can be applied to cold atom system in optical lattice straightforwardly. Here in this talk, I will present our study on boson systems in optical lattices with a uniform magnetic field (Hofstader Model). First, I shall present a theorem that shows the degeneracy of many-body states in this model depends on the total particle number and the flux filling ratio. Second, I will talk about the behavior of the ground state of mesoscopic boson system with flux filling ratio 1/3. Numerical simulation of the quantum ground states and theoretical understanding will be given. Also, I shall present an effective theory for superfluid in thermodynamic limit of this model, together with the mean-field study and analysis of low-energy excitation.