Magnetoresistance Peak in the $\nu = 2$ Bilayer Quantum Hall State under Tilted Magnetic Field

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The bilayer quantum Hall (QH) state is a fascinating system which is constructed by adding the layer degree of freedom, which is represented as "pseudospin", to the ordinal monolayer QH system. As a result of the combination of both spins and pseudospins, the $\nu = 2$ bilayer QH state has revealed a variety of quantum phases. Recently the magnetoresistance peak was found in the $\nu = 1$ bilayer QH state around the commensurate-incommensurate (C-IC) transition point. In this work we have carried out similar quantum magnetotransport experiments in the $\nu = 2$ bilayer QH state with an in-plane magnetic field applied. We have carefully examined the behavior of the magnetoresistance for a sweep of the magnetic field at a fixed total density. Although no anomalous behavior in magnetoresistance was found below the tilting angle $\theta_C = 61^\circ$, a peak has been observed above $\theta_C$. This structure resembles the peak reported in the $\nu = 1$ QH state, and we expect it to be a signal of a phase transition in the $\nu = 2$ QH state. We analyze this anomaly whether it results from the level crossing or the C-IC transition.

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