Generalized Landau-level representation: effect of static screening in quantum Hall effect in graphene

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