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II. 1 Quantum Partition Noise

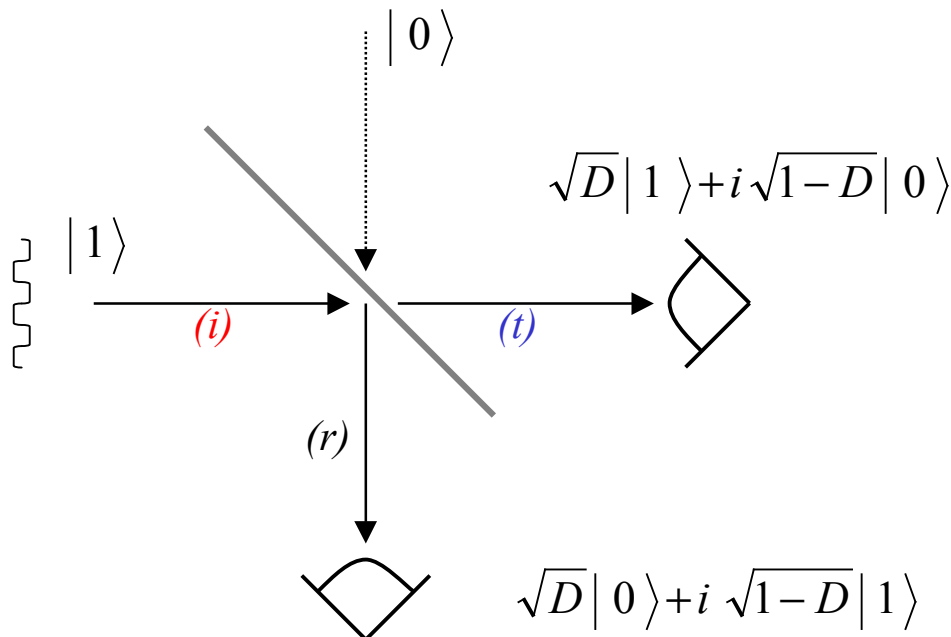
single -particle partitioning :

assume only **one** particle in a wave incident on a **scatter**

- scattering \Rightarrow the wave is **diffracted**
- diffraction+reservoirs \Rightarrow the particle is randomly **partitioned**

\Rightarrow quantum partition noise is *diffraction* (there is no classical analog) + particle-wave duality

(quantum noise exemplifies particle-wave duality)



$$n_i = 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, \dots$$

$$n_t = 1, 1, 0, 1, 0, 1, 0, 0, \dots$$

$$n_r = 0, 0, 1, 0, 1, 0, 1, 1, \dots$$

$$\overline{n_t} = D \quad \overline{n_r} = 1 - D$$

$$\overline{(\Delta n_t)^2} = \overline{n_t} (1 - \overline{n_t}) = D(1 - D) = \overline{(\Delta n_r)^2}$$

binomial = Poisson X reduction factor (1 - D)

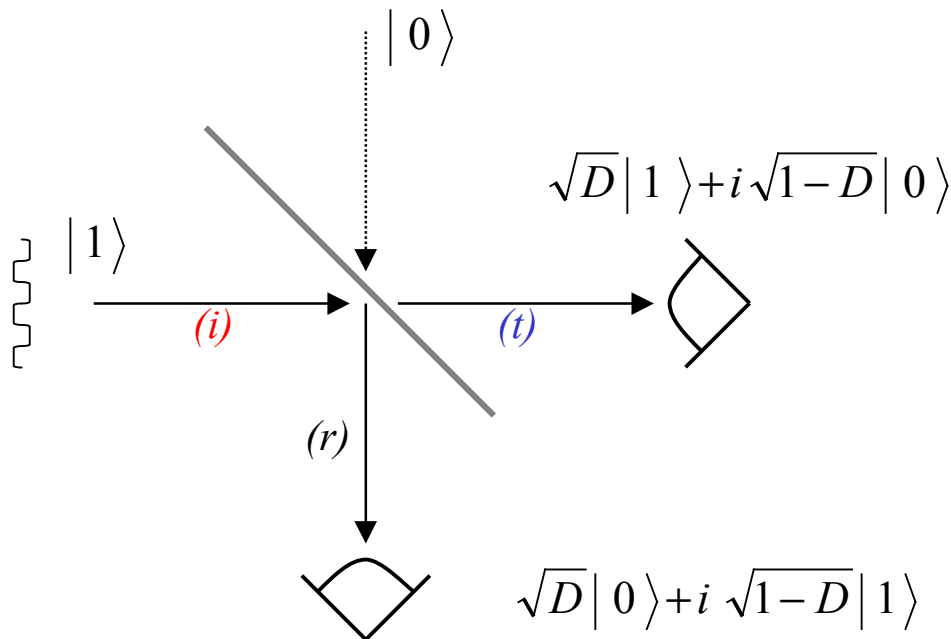
$$\overline{\Delta n_t \cdot \Delta n_r} = -D(1 - D)$$

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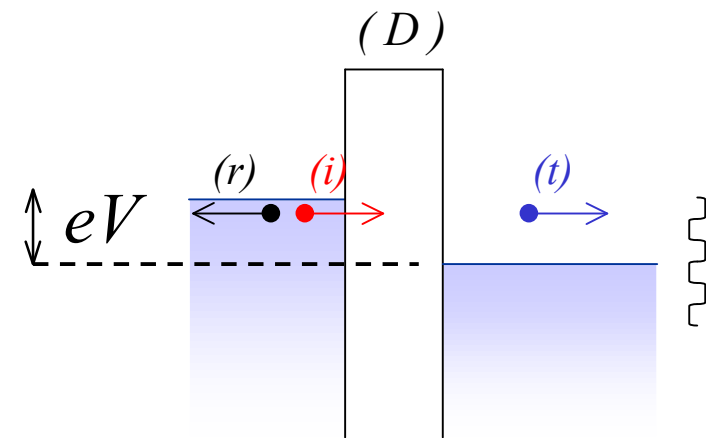
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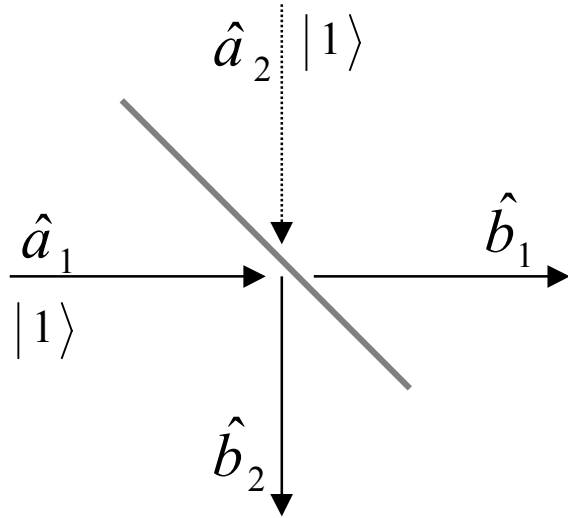


this applies also to electronic waves:



\Rightarrow responsible for current fluctuations or quantum shot noise

two-particle partitioning : difference between Bosons and Fermions



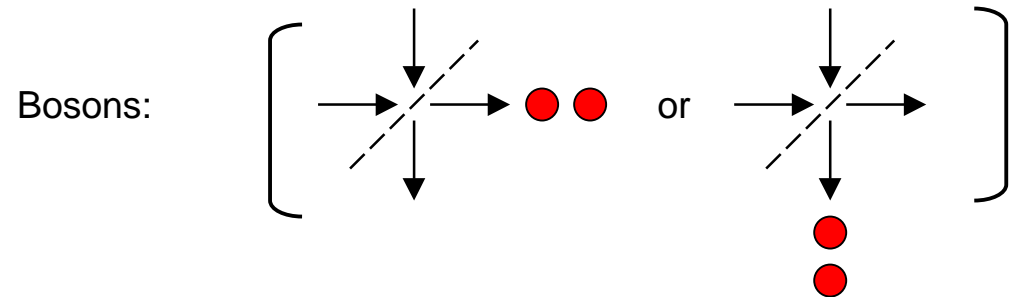
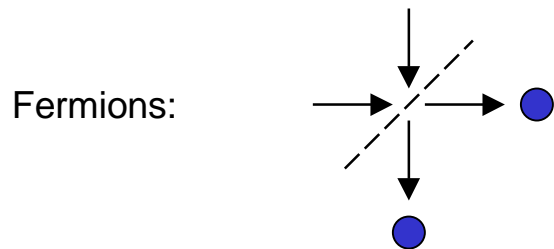
$$\begin{pmatrix} \hat{b}_1 \\ \hat{b}_2 \end{pmatrix} = S \begin{pmatrix} \hat{a}_1 \\ \hat{a}_2 \end{pmatrix} \quad S = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} \hat{a}_1^+ \\ \hat{a}_2^+ \end{pmatrix} = S \begin{pmatrix} \hat{b}_1^+ \\ \hat{b}_2^+ \end{pmatrix}, \quad \text{as } S^+ S = 1$$

initial state : $|i\rangle = \hat{a}_1^+ \hat{a}_2^+ |0\rangle_{in}$

final state: $|f\rangle = \frac{1}{2} (\hat{b}_1^+ \hat{b}_1^+ - \hat{b}_2^+ \hat{b}_2^+) + \frac{1}{2} (\hat{b}_1^+ \hat{b}_2^+ - \hat{b}_2^+ \hat{b}_1^+) |0\rangle_{out}$

\uparrow
= 0 (Fermion)
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= 0 (Boson)



no bunching, no noise

bunching, binomial two-particle partition noise

electron sources versus photon source : reservoir

electrons

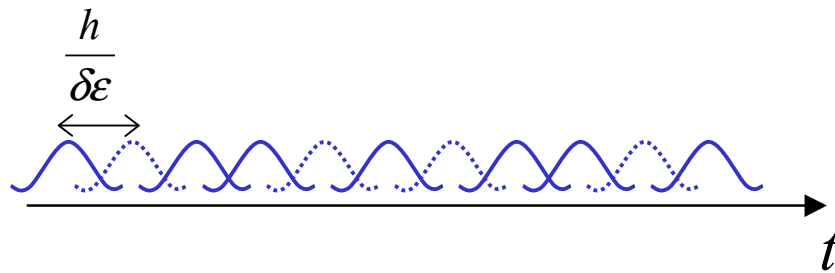
$$dI_{el.} = \frac{e}{h} f_{F.D.}(\varepsilon) d\varepsilon$$

$$\bar{N}_\tau = f_{F.D.}(\varepsilon) \frac{\delta\varepsilon}{h} \tau$$

$$\overline{(\Delta N)_\tau^2} = \overline{(N - \bar{N}_\tau)^2}_\tau$$

$$\overline{(\Delta N)_\tau^2} = f_{F.D.}(1 - f_{F.D.}) \frac{\delta\varepsilon}{h} \tau = \bar{N}_\tau (1 - f_{F.D.})$$

sub - poissonian
(anti-bunching)



in particular : noiseless Fermi sea at T=0

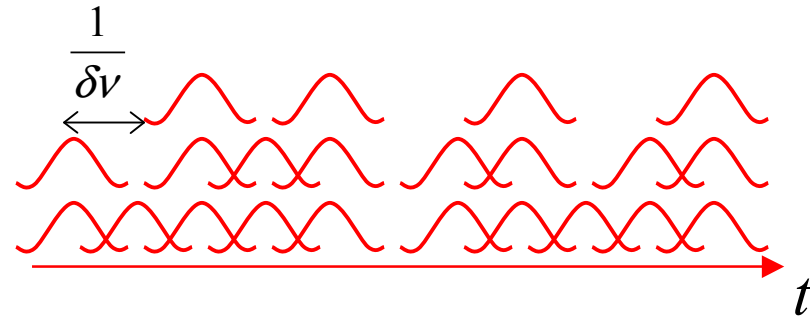
photons

$$dI_{ph.} = h\nu f_{B.E.}(h\nu) d\nu$$

$$\bar{N}_\tau = f_{B.E.}(\varepsilon) \delta\nu \tau$$

$$\overline{(\Delta N)_\tau^2} = f_{B.E.}(1 + f_{B.E.}) \delta\nu \tau = \bar{N}_\tau \left(1 + \frac{\bar{N}_\tau}{\delta\nu \tau}\right)$$

super - poissonian
(thermal photon bunching)



simple derivation of the electronic quantum shot noise for a single mode conductor

incoming current :

$$I_0 = e \left(eV / h \right)$$

(noiseless thanks to Fermi statistics)

transmitted current :

$$I = D I_0 = D \frac{e^2}{h} V$$

current noise in B.W. Δf :

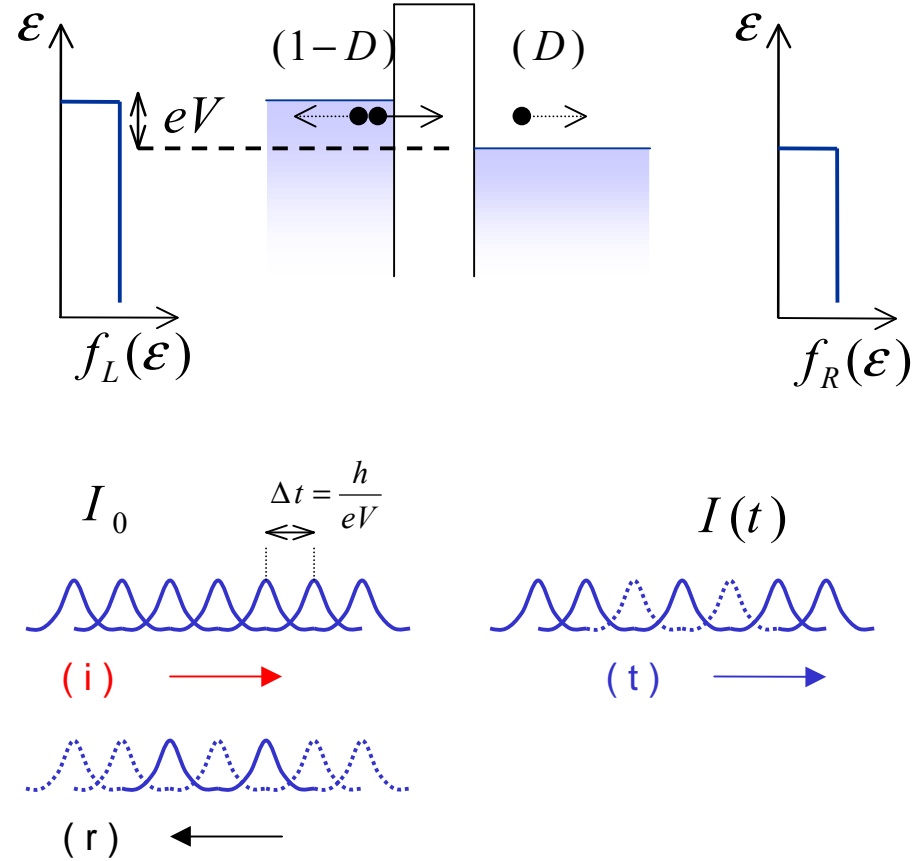
$$\langle (\Delta I)^2 \rangle = 2eI_0 \Delta f \cdot D(1-D)$$

Variance of partitioning binomial statistics

$$S_I = 2eI (1-D) = 2eI \cdot F$$

Poisson (Schottky)

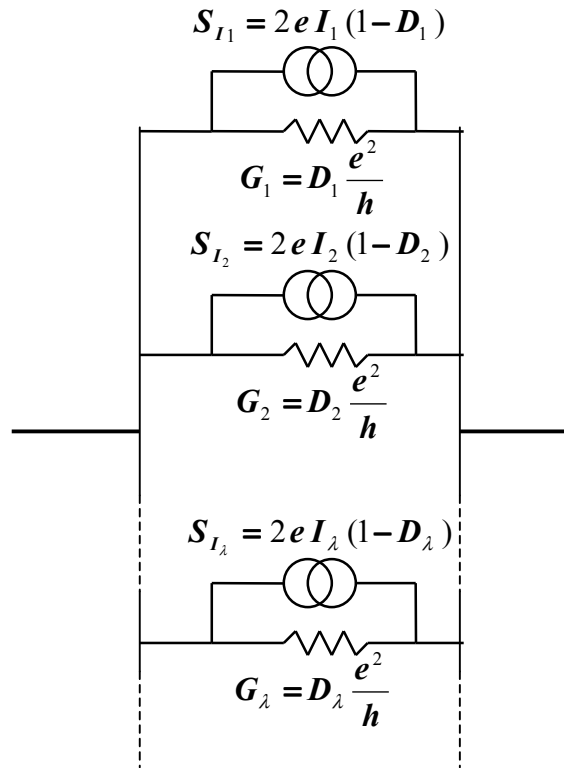
reduction factor (Fano)



anti-correlation of transmitted and reflected current fluctuations

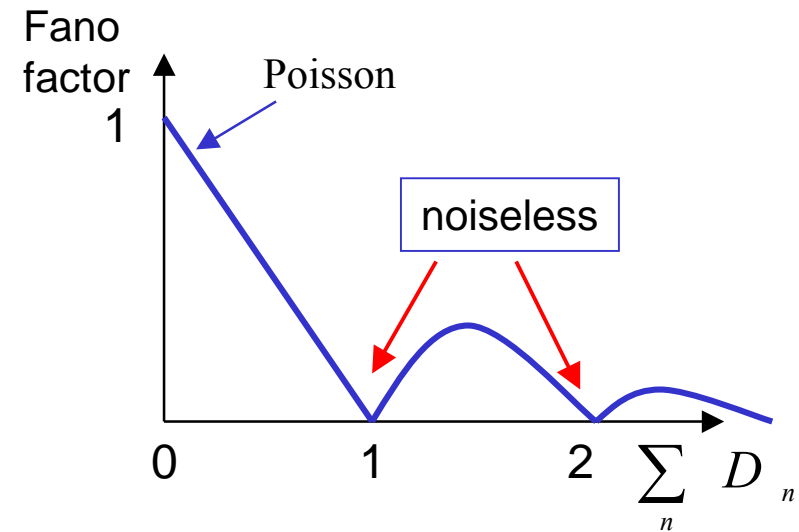
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electronic shot noise for a multi-mode conductor



$$S_I = 2eI \frac{\sum_n D_n (1-D_n)}{\sum_n D_n} = 2eI.F$$

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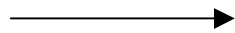
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II. 2 Scattering derivation of quantum shot noise

some classical definitions to start:

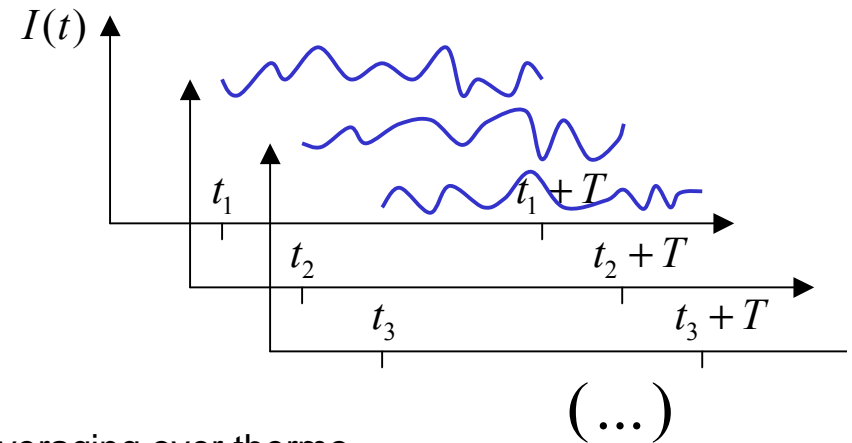
$$I(t) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{+\infty} x_n e^{-i2\pi n \frac{t}{T}} \quad ; \quad T \rightarrow \infty \quad ; \quad x_n^* = x_{-n}$$

$$\overline{I(t)} = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{+\infty} \overline{x_n} e^{-i2\pi n \frac{t}{T}} \quad \text{and} \quad \overline{I} = \overline{x_0}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \overline{I^2(t)} &= \sum_n \sum_m \overline{x_n x_m} e^{-i2\pi \frac{(n+m)t}{T}} \\ &= \overline{x_0^2} + 2 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \overline{x_n x_n^*} \end{aligned}$$

$$\overline{\Delta I^2(t)} = \overline{(I - \overline{I})^2} = 2 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \overline{x_n x_n^*}$$

$$S_I(\nu) = \lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} 2 \cdot T \cdot \overline{x_n x_n^*}^2$$



(ensemble averaging over thermodynamically equivalent realizations)

$$\overline{x_n x_m} = 0 \quad \text{if} \quad m \neq -n \quad \text{(stationary condition)}$$

$$\overline{\Delta I^2} = \int_0^{\infty} S_I(\nu) d\nu \quad \text{with} \quad \nu \equiv \frac{n}{T} \quad \text{and} \quad d\nu \equiv \frac{1}{T}$$

spectral density of the current

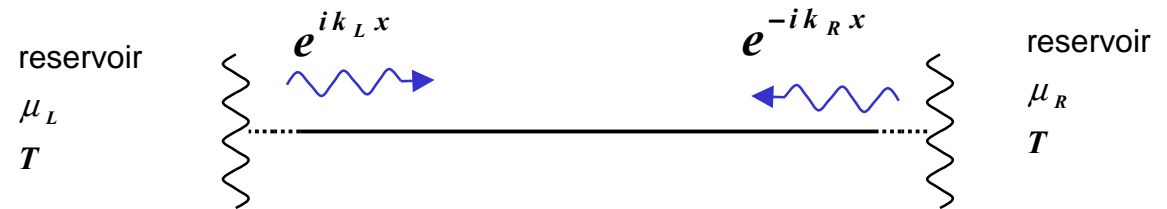
$$\overline{I(t)I(t+\tau)} = \sum_n \sum_m \overline{x_n x_m} e^{-i2\pi \frac{(n+m)t}{T}} e^{-i2\pi \frac{n\tau}{T}} \quad \overline{x_n x_m} = 0 \text{ if } m \neq -n$$

$$= 2 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \overline{x_n x_n^*} \cos 2\pi \frac{n\tau}{T} = \int_0^{\infty} d\nu S_I(\nu) \cos 2\pi \nu \tau$$

$$S_I(\nu) = 2 \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d\tau \overline{I(t)I(t+\tau)} e^{i2\pi \nu \tau}$$


 this classical expression will be used to define the quantum noise spectral density

II. 2.a. quantum noise of an ideal one mode wire



- *no scattering* (no shot noise, here *only reservoir noise* is considered)
- *useful* to point out some specific and general properties of quantum noise

- first consider the noise contribution coming from the left reservoir : $\hat{\psi}_L(x,t) = \frac{e}{h} \int d\varepsilon \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\hbar v_L(\varepsilon)}} \hat{a}_L(\varepsilon) e^{i(k_L x - \varepsilon t)}$

$$\hat{I}_L(x,t) = \frac{e}{h} \int d\varepsilon d\varepsilon' \frac{v_L(\varepsilon') + v_L(\varepsilon)}{2\sqrt{v_L(\varepsilon')v_L(\varepsilon)}} \hat{a}_L^+(\varepsilon') \hat{a}_L(\varepsilon) e^{i(k_L(\varepsilon) - k_L(\varepsilon'))x} e^{-i(\varepsilon - \varepsilon')t}$$

$$\langle I_L \rangle = \frac{e}{h} \int d\varepsilon f_L(\varepsilon) \quad \langle \hat{a}_L^+(\varepsilon') \hat{a}_L(\varepsilon) \rangle = f_L(\varepsilon) \delta(\varepsilon' - \varepsilon)$$

we want to compute :

$$S_I(\nu) = 2 \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d\tau \langle \hat{I}(0) \hat{I}(\tau) \rangle e^{i2\pi\nu\tau}$$

$$\langle \hat{I}(x_L, 0) \hat{I}(x_L, \tau) \rangle = \left(\frac{e}{h} \right)^2 \int d\varepsilon''' d\varepsilon'' d\varepsilon' d\varepsilon \frac{v_L(\varepsilon''') + v_L(\varepsilon'')}{2\sqrt{v_L(\varepsilon''')v_L(\varepsilon'')}} \frac{v_L(\varepsilon') + v_L(\varepsilon)}{2\sqrt{v_L(\varepsilon')v_L(\varepsilon)}} e^{i(k_L(\varepsilon''') - k_L(\varepsilon''))x} e^{i(k_L(\varepsilon) - k_L(\varepsilon'))x} \dots$$

$$\dots \langle \hat{a}_L^+(\varepsilon''') \hat{a}_L(\varepsilon'') \hat{a}_L^+(\varepsilon') \hat{a}_L(\varepsilon) \rangle e^{-i(\varepsilon - \varepsilon')\tau}$$

normal pairing : $\varepsilon''' = \varepsilon''$ and $\varepsilon' = \varepsilon$

gives the contribution: $\langle \hat{I}(x_L, 0) \rangle \langle \hat{I}(x_L, \tau) \rangle = \langle I_L \rangle^2$

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only come from the

exchange pairing term : $\varepsilon''' = \varepsilon$ and $\varepsilon' = \varepsilon''$

$$\langle \hat{a}_L^+(\varepsilon''') \hat{a}_L(\varepsilon'') \hat{a}_L^+(\varepsilon') \hat{a}_L(\varepsilon) \rangle_{\text{exchange}} \equiv f_L(\varepsilon) \delta(\varepsilon''' - \varepsilon) (1 - f_L(\varepsilon')) \delta(\varepsilon'' - \varepsilon')$$

$$\langle \hat{I}(x_L, 0) \hat{I}(x_L, \tau) \rangle = \left(\frac{e}{h} \right)^2 \int d\varepsilon' d\varepsilon \frac{(v_L(\varepsilon') + v_L(\varepsilon))^2}{4v_L(\varepsilon')v_L(\varepsilon)} f_L(\varepsilon)(1 - f_L(\varepsilon')) e^{i2(k_L(\varepsilon) - k_L(\varepsilon'))x} e^{-i(\varepsilon - \varepsilon')\tau/\hbar}$$

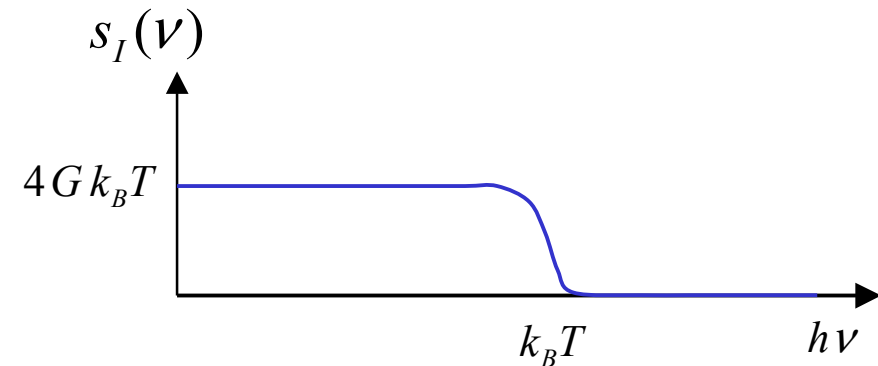
spectral density of the current fluctuations:

$$S_I(\nu) = 2 \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d\tau \langle \hat{I}(0) \hat{I}(\tau) \rangle e^{i2\pi\nu\tau}$$

$$S_{I_L}(\nu) \cong 2 \frac{e^2}{h} \int d\varepsilon f_L(\varepsilon)(1 - f_L(\varepsilon - \hbar\omega)) \quad (\hbar\omega \ll E_F \text{ and } v_F / \omega \gg L)$$

adding contribution of right the reservoir:

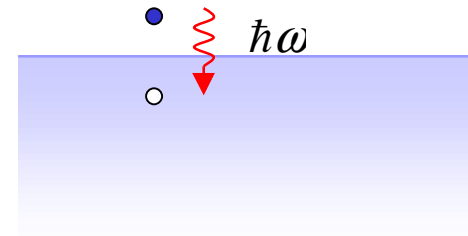
$$\begin{aligned} S_I(\nu) &= 4 \frac{e^2}{h} \int d\varepsilon f_L(\varepsilon)(1 - f_L(\varepsilon - \hbar\omega)) \\ &= 4 \frac{e^2}{h} \frac{\hbar\omega}{e^{\frac{\hbar\omega}{k_B T}} - 1} \\ &= 4 \frac{e^2}{h} \hbar\omega N(\omega) \end{aligned}$$



no (detectable) reservoir noise at zero temperature

$$\begin{aligned}
S_I(\nu) &= 4 \frac{e^2}{h} \int d\varepsilon f_L(\varepsilon)(1 - f_L(\varepsilon - \hbar\omega)) \\
&= 4 \frac{e^2}{h} \frac{\hbar\omega}{e^{k_B T} - 1} \\
&= 4 \frac{e^2}{h} h\nu N(\nu)
\end{aligned}$$

(‘spontaneous’ fluctuations)



only fluctuations corresponding to electronic transitions *down in energy* are considered in this definition of S_I

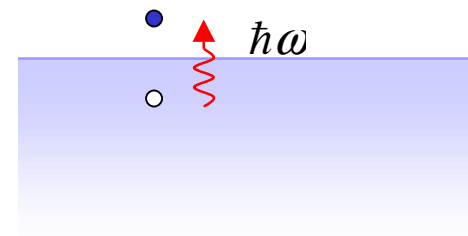
$$S_I(\nu) = 2 \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d\tau \langle \hat{I}(0) \hat{I}(\tau) \rangle e^{i2\pi\nu\tau}$$

does not commute

$$S'_I(\nu) = S_I(-\nu) = 2 \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d\tau \langle \hat{I}(0) \hat{I}(\tau) \rangle e^{-i2\pi\nu\tau} = 2 \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d\tau \langle \hat{I}(\tau) \hat{I}(0) \rangle e^{+i2\pi\nu\tau}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
S'_I(\nu) &= 4 \frac{e^2}{h} \int d\varepsilon f_L(\varepsilon)(1 - f_L(\varepsilon + \hbar\omega)) \\
&= 4 \frac{e^2}{h} h\nu (N(\nu) + 1)
\end{aligned}$$

(‘stimulated’ fluctuations)

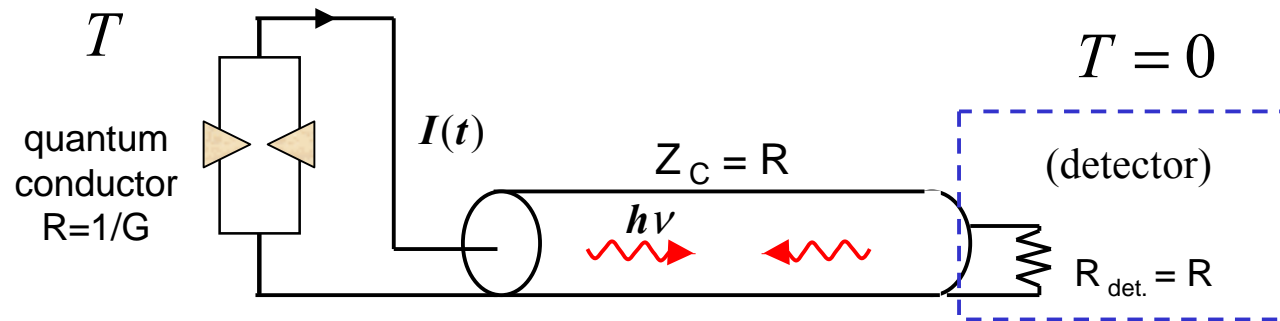


transitions up in energy: these fluctuations are revealed when connecting to an ‘active’ detector able to excite the Fermi sea

-fluctuation -dissipation (here calculated in the frame of the scattering approach)

$$S_I(-\nu) - S_I(\nu) = 2 G h \nu \quad (\text{Kubo})$$

- meaning of $S_I(\nu)$:



$$P = R S_I(\nu) d\nu \quad (\text{noise detectable with detector in ground state}) \quad (\text{also Nyquist 1928})$$

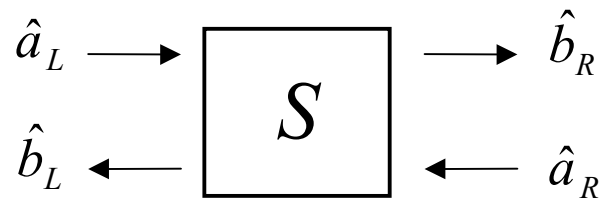
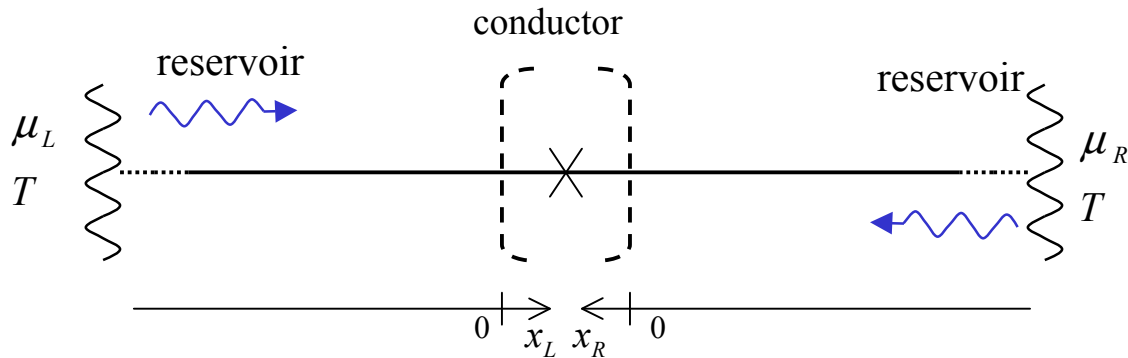
(see more in last part of the talk, if time permits)

For a detector at finite temperature

$$P \propto S_I(\nu) \cdot (N_{\text{Det.}} + 1) - S_I(-\nu) \cdot N_{\text{Det.}}$$

Lesovik and Loosen, *JETP. Lett.* 65, 295 (1997)
 Y. Gavish, Y. Imry and Y. Levinson, *Phys.Rev.B.*
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II . 2.b. quantum shot noise for a single mode



$$S = \begin{pmatrix} S_{LL} & S_{LR} \\ S_{RL} & S_{RR} \end{pmatrix} \equiv \begin{pmatrix} r & it \\ it & r \end{pmatrix}$$

$$S S^+ = S^+ S = 1$$

scattering states in the reservoirs:

$$\hat{\psi}(x_L) = \frac{e}{h} \int d\varepsilon \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\hbar v_L(\varepsilon)}} \left(\hat{a}_L(\varepsilon) e^{ik_L x_L} + \hat{b}_L(\varepsilon) e^{-ik_L x_L} \right)$$

$$\hat{\psi}(x_R) = \frac{e}{h} \int d\varepsilon \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\hbar v_R(\varepsilon)}} \left(\hat{a}_R(\varepsilon) e^{ik_R x_R} + \hat{b}_R(\varepsilon) e^{-ik_R x_R} \right)$$

$$t^2 = D = 1 - R$$

$$r^2 = R$$

Current fluctuations will be calculated in the left reservoir lead

$$\hat{\psi}(x_L, t) = \frac{e}{h} \int d\varepsilon \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\hbar v_L(\varepsilon)}} \left(\hat{a}_L(\varepsilon) e^{ik_L x_L} + \hat{b}_L(\varepsilon) e^{-ik_L x_L} \right) e^{-i\varepsilon t/\hbar}$$

$$\hat{b}_L = r \hat{a}_L + it \hat{a}_R$$

$$\hat{I}(x_L, t) = \frac{e}{h} \int d\varepsilon d\varepsilon' \left\{ \hat{a}_L^+(\varepsilon') \hat{a}_L(\varepsilon) - \hat{b}_L^+(\varepsilon') \hat{b}_L(\varepsilon) \right\} \frac{v_L(\varepsilon') + v_L(\varepsilon)}{2\sqrt{v_L(\varepsilon') v_L(\varepsilon)}} e^{i(k_L - k_L') x_L} e^{i(\varepsilon' - \varepsilon)t}$$

... plus a factor

$$\propto \frac{(v_L(\varepsilon') - v_L(\varepsilon))}{(v_L(\varepsilon') v_L(\varepsilon))^{1/2}} (a_L^+ b_L \dots b_L^+ a_L)$$

also : ~ 1
negligeable if $\varepsilon' - \varepsilon \sim \hbar v \ll E_F$

contribute to fluctuations within reservoirs

$$\hat{I}(x_L, t) = \frac{e}{h} \int d\varepsilon d\varepsilon' \left\{ \begin{aligned} &t^2 \left(\hat{a}_L^+(\varepsilon') \hat{a}_L(\varepsilon) - \hat{a}_R^+(\varepsilon') \hat{a}_R(\varepsilon) \right) - \dots \\ &\dots i r t \left(\hat{a}_L^+(\varepsilon') \hat{a}_R(\varepsilon) - \hat{a}_R^+(\varepsilon') \hat{a}_L(\varepsilon) \right) \end{aligned} \right\} e^{i(k_L - k_L') x_L} e^{i(\varepsilon' - \varepsilon)t}$$

contribute to fluctuations between reservoirs
(partitioning)

$$\hat{I}(0)\hat{I}(\tau) = \left(\frac{e}{h}\right)^2 \int d\varepsilon''' d\varepsilon'' d\varepsilon' d\varepsilon \left[t^2 (\hat{a}_L^+(\varepsilon''') \hat{a}_L(\varepsilon'') - \hat{a}_R^+(\varepsilon''') \hat{a}_R(\varepsilon'')) - i\tau t (\hat{a}_L^+(\varepsilon''') \hat{a}_R(\varepsilon'') - \hat{a}_R^+(\varepsilon''') \hat{a}_L(\varepsilon'')) \right] \dots$$

$$\dots \times \left[t^2 (\hat{a}_L^+(\varepsilon') \hat{a}_L(\varepsilon) - \hat{a}_R^+(\varepsilon') \hat{a}_R(\varepsilon)) - i\tau t (\hat{a}_L^+(\varepsilon') \hat{a}_R(\varepsilon) - \hat{a}_R^+(\varepsilon') \hat{a}_L(\varepsilon)) \right] e^{-i(\varepsilon - \varepsilon')\tau}$$

$$\langle \hat{I}(x_L, 0) \hat{I}(x_L, \tau) \rangle = ??$$

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again come from the *exchange* term : $\varepsilon''' = \varepsilon$ and $\varepsilon' = \varepsilon''$

first part:

$$\left[\begin{array}{l} D^2 \langle \hat{a}_L^+(\varepsilon''') \hat{a}_L(\varepsilon'') \hat{a}_L^+(\varepsilon') \hat{a}_L(\varepsilon) \rangle \equiv f_L(\varepsilon) (1 - f_L(\varepsilon')) \delta(\varepsilon''' - \varepsilon) \delta(\varepsilon'' - \varepsilon') \\ D^2 \langle \hat{a}_R^+(\varepsilon''') \hat{a}_R(\varepsilon'') \hat{a}_R^+(\varepsilon') \hat{a}_R(\varepsilon) \rangle \equiv f_R(\varepsilon) (1 - f_R(\varepsilon')) \delta(\varepsilon''' - \varepsilon) \delta(\varepsilon'' - \varepsilon') \end{array} \right.$$

= *emission noise* of each reservoir. the D^2 term indicates two-particle emitted by a reservoir and transmitted

$$\hat{I}(0)\hat{I}(\tau) = \left(\frac{e}{h}\right)^2 \int d\varepsilon''' d\varepsilon'' d\varepsilon' d\varepsilon \left[t^2 (\hat{a}_L^+(\varepsilon''') \hat{a}_L(\varepsilon'') - \hat{a}_R^+(\varepsilon''') \hat{a}_R(\varepsilon'')) - i\tau t (\hat{a}_L^+(\varepsilon''') \hat{a}_R(\varepsilon'') - \hat{a}_R^+(\varepsilon''') \hat{a}_L(\varepsilon'')) \right] \dots$$

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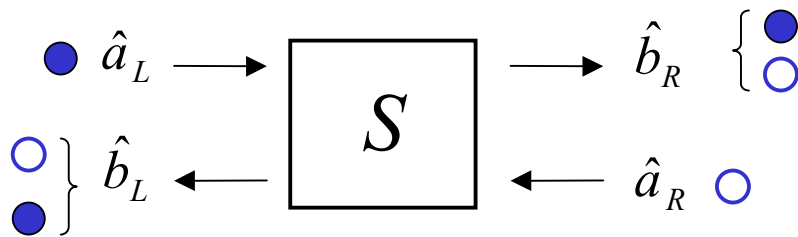
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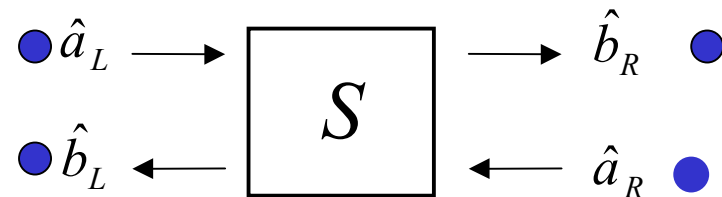
second part:

$$\left[\begin{aligned} & (-i\tau t)^2 \langle \hat{a}_L^+(\varepsilon''') \hat{a}_R(\varepsilon'') (-\hat{a}_R^+(\varepsilon') \hat{a}_L(\varepsilon)) + (-\hat{a}_R^+(\varepsilon''') \hat{a}_L(\varepsilon'')) \hat{a}_L^+(\varepsilon') \hat{a}_R(\varepsilon) \rangle \\ \Rightarrow & RD [f_L(\varepsilon) (1 - f_R(\varepsilon')) + f_R(\varepsilon) (1 - f_L(\varepsilon'))] \delta(\varepsilon''' - \varepsilon) \delta(\varepsilon'' - \varepsilon') \end{aligned} \right]$$

= partition shot noise..



partition noise



'Pauli blocking' of partition noise

$$S_I(\nu) = 2 \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d\tau \overline{I(t)I(t+\tau)} e^{i2\pi\nu\tau}$$

complete finite frequency, finite temperature and voltage formula:

$$S_I(\nu) = 2 \frac{e^2}{h} \int d\varepsilon \left\{ D^2 [f_L(\varepsilon) (1 - f_L(\varepsilon - h\nu)) + f_R(\varepsilon) (1 - f_R(\varepsilon - h\nu))] + RD [f_L(\varepsilon) (1 - f_R(\varepsilon - h\nu)) + f_R(\varepsilon) (1 - f_L(\varepsilon - h\nu))] \right\}$$

reservoir emission noise

shot noise

EQUILIBRIUM : $(f_R = f_L = f)$

$$S_I(\nu) = 4D \frac{e^2}{h} \frac{\hbar\omega}{e^{k_B T} - 1} \quad G = D \frac{e^2}{h}$$

$$S_I(\nu) = 4G k_B T \quad h\nu \ll k_B T$$

$D = D^2 + D(1 - D)$

↑ thermal noise of reservoirs

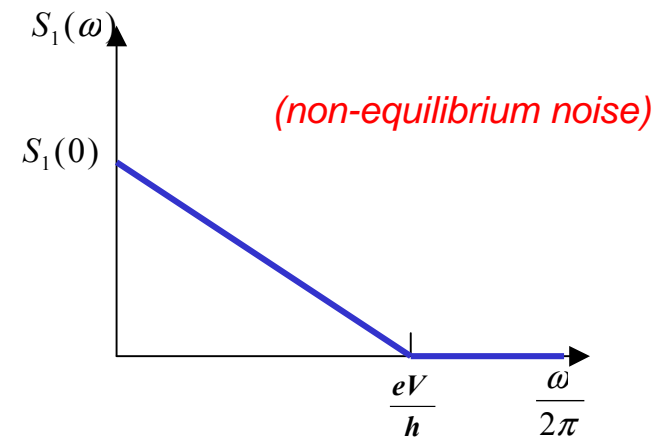
← partition noise of thermal electrons

equilibrium noise
= thermal noise
+ partition noise
(equal amount)

NON EQUILIBRIUM, and T=0 : $(\mu_L = \mu_R + eV)$

$$S_I(\nu) = 2.D(1 - D) \frac{e^2}{h} (eV - h\nu) \quad eV \geq h\nu$$

$$= 0 \quad eV < h\nu$$

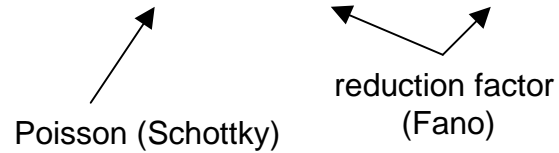


II. 2. C. zero frequency shot noise and multimode case

(one mode)

shot noise at low frequency and zero temperature

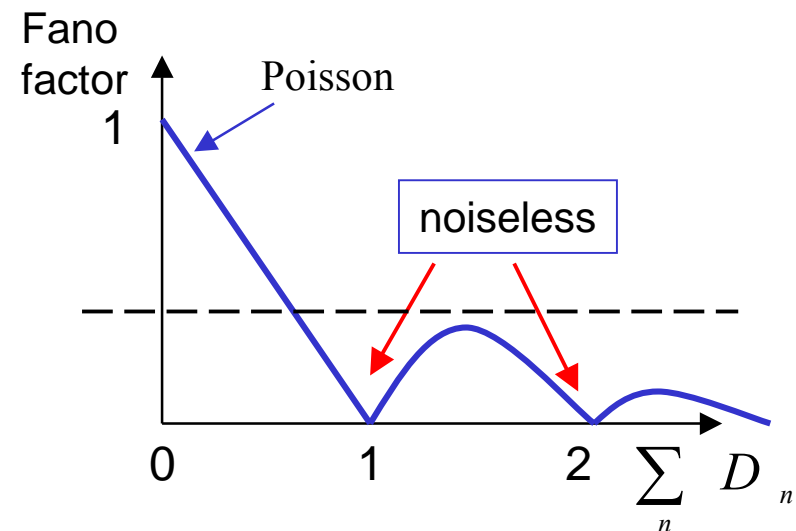
$$S_I = 2eI (1 - D) = 2eI \cdot F \quad \text{for } \nu \rightarrow 0$$



generalization to multiple modes:

$$\text{Tr} [S_{21} S_{21}^+ (1 - S_{21} S_{21}^+)]$$

$$S_I = 2eI \frac{\sum_n D_n (1 - D_n)}{\sum_n D_n} = 2eI \cdot F$$



G. B. Lesovik, Pis'ma Zh. Eksp. Teor. Fiz. 49 (1989) 513 [JETP Lett. 49 (1989) 592].

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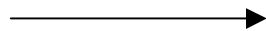
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EXPERIMENTAL EXAMPLES

numbers:

$$100\text{mK} \approx 10\mu\text{V}$$

$$\frac{2e^2}{h} \times 10\mu\text{V} \approx 0.8\text{ nA}$$

$$S_I = 2eI \approx 2.610^{-38} \text{ A}^2 / \text{Hz} = (16 \text{ fA} / \sqrt{\text{Hz}})^2$$

$$S_V = (200\text{pV} / \sqrt{\text{Hz}})$$

detection noise:

noise power added by
the amplifier referred
to resistor R:

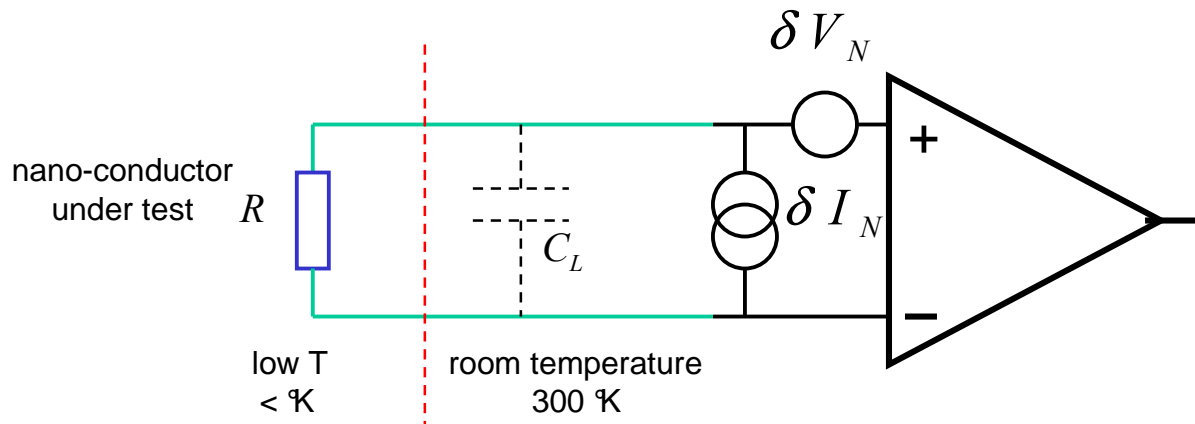
$$k_B T_N \Delta f = \frac{1}{4R} (\delta V_N)^2 + \frac{R}{4} (\delta I_N)^2$$

optimal resistor:

$$R_{opt.} = \frac{\sqrt{(\delta V_N)^2}}{\sqrt{(\delta I_N)^2}}$$

lowest T_N :

$$k_B T_N \Delta f = \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{(\delta V_N)^2} \sqrt{(\delta I_N)^2}$$



excellent room temperature commercial LNA (100kHz range) :

$$\sqrt{(\delta V_N)^2} \approx 1.3 \text{ nV}/\sqrt{\text{Hz}}$$

(LI75A from NF)

$$\sqrt{(\delta I_N)^2} \approx 13 \text{ fA}/\sqrt{\text{Hz}}$$

$$R_{opt.} \approx 100 \text{ kOhms}$$

$$T_N^{opt} \approx 700 \text{ mK}$$

well adapted to quantum point contacts, quantum dots, STM, etc, ... provided microphonic noise sources in the audio range are carefully eliminated

(one meter coax limits to $f < 16 \text{ kHz}$ for 100kOhm sample)

good room temperature commercial 80MHz range LNA:

$$\sqrt{(\delta V_N)^2} \approx 0.45 \text{ nV}/\sqrt{\text{Hz}}$$

(220 FS from NF)

$$\sqrt{(\delta I_N)^2} \approx 130 \text{ fA}/\sqrt{\text{Hz}}$$

$$R_{opt.} \approx \text{few kOhms}$$

$$T_N^{opt} \approx 2.5 \text{ K}$$

well adapted to diffusive wire in semi-conductors, superconducting/2DEG hybrid junctions, ... Higher frequency (up to **few MHz** without appreciable capacitive shunting)

microwave LNAs (GHz range):

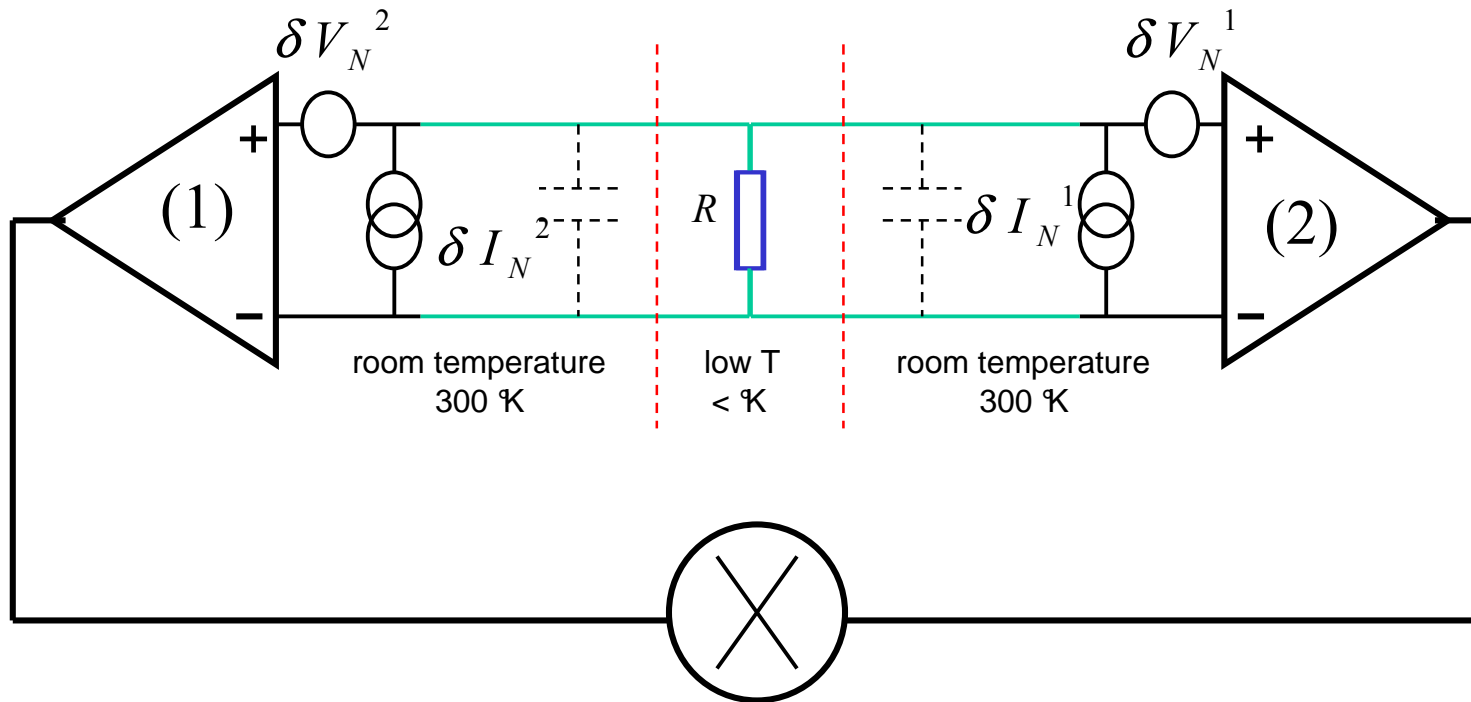
bad coupling : 50 Ohms versus 13kOhms
but **fast**:

$$\sqrt{(\delta V_N)^2} \approx 0.30 \text{ nV}/\sqrt{\text{Hz}} \quad (\text{room temperature}) \quad T_N = 30^\circ \text{K on } 50 \Omega$$

$$\sqrt{(\delta V_N)^2} \approx 100 - 80 \text{ pV}/\sqrt{\text{Hz}} \quad (\text{cooled } < 20 \text{ Kelvin}) \quad T_N = 3 - 2^\circ \text{K on } 50 \Omega$$

$$\delta I_N \equiv \frac{T_N}{\sqrt{\Delta f \cdot \tau}}$$

cross-correlations



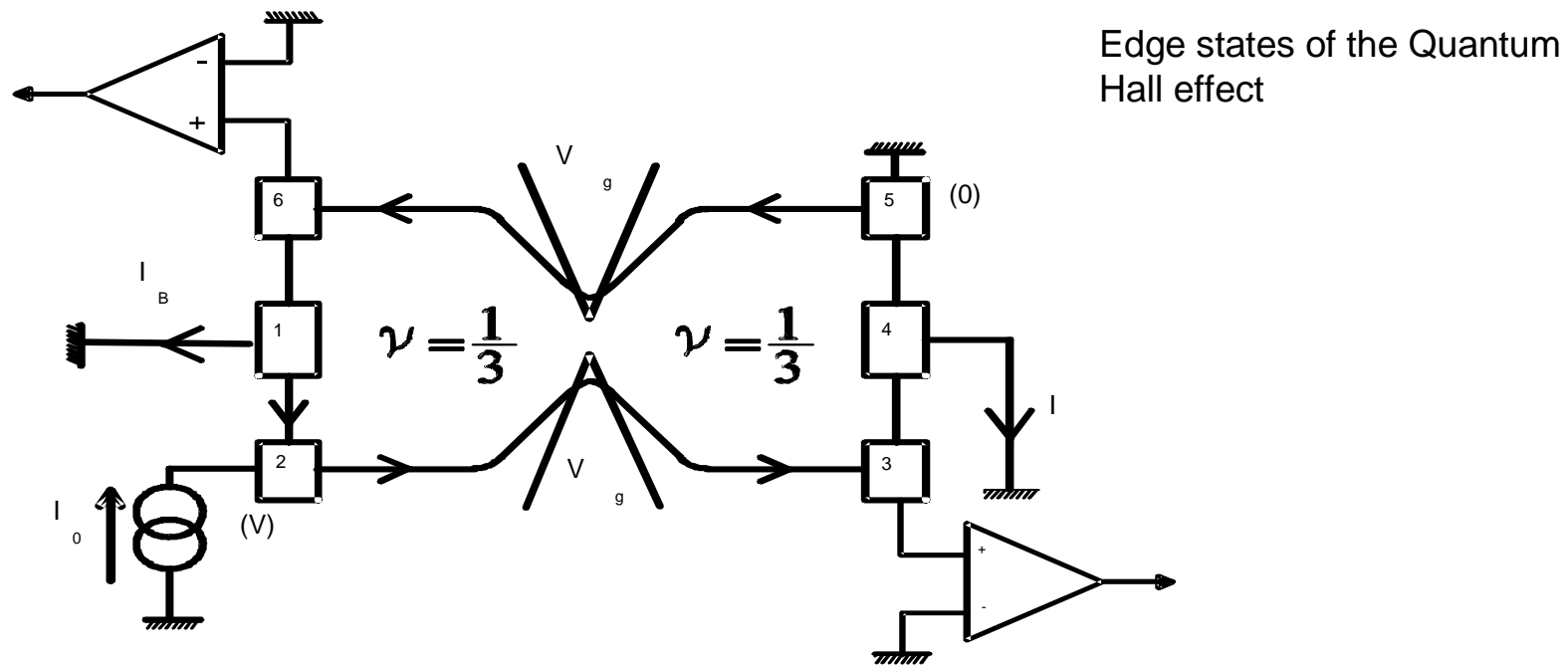
$$S_{V_1 V_2} \Delta f = R^2 \cdot \left(S_I \Delta f + (\delta I_N^1)^2 + (\delta I_N^2)^2 \right)$$

physical sample noise
to be measured

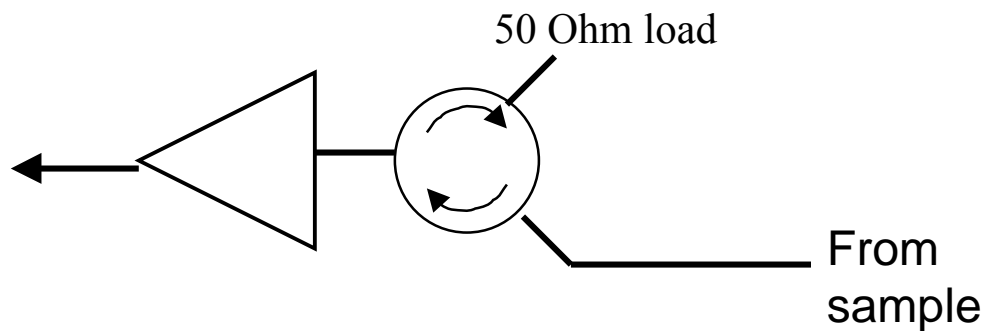
(white) current noise of
each amplifier added

eliminates uncorrelated amplifier voltage noise, thermal noise of leads, reduces microphonic noise.
(like four-point resistance measurements). **Improvement in reliability** (not noise sensitivity):

trick: make use of chirality, when possible to eliminate current noise of the amplifiers

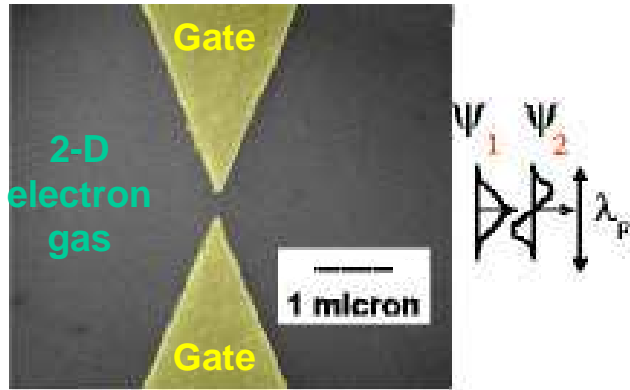


High frequency (microwaves): isolators (also called circulators)



in both cases
chirality helps!!

quantum point contact



$$\lambda_F \approx 70 \text{ nm}$$

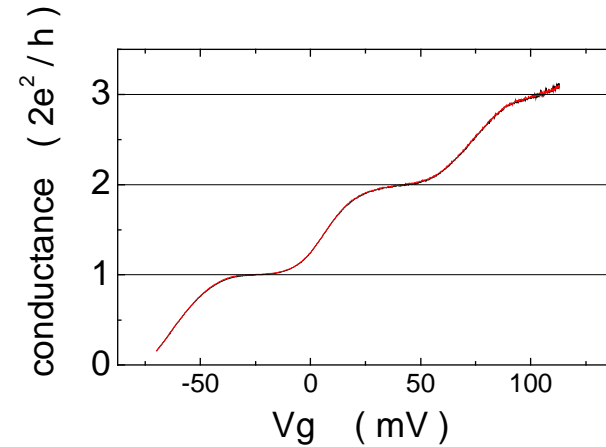
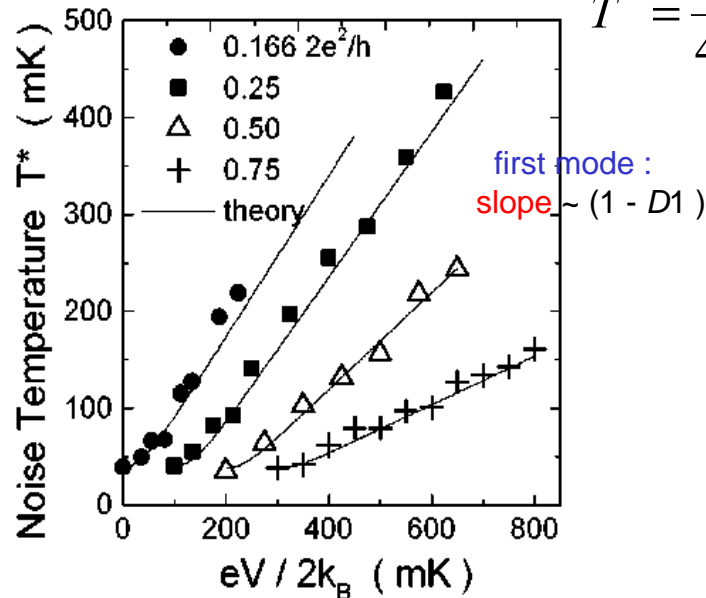
$$l_{\text{elast.}} \approx 10 - 20 \mu\text{m}$$

(ballistic conductor)

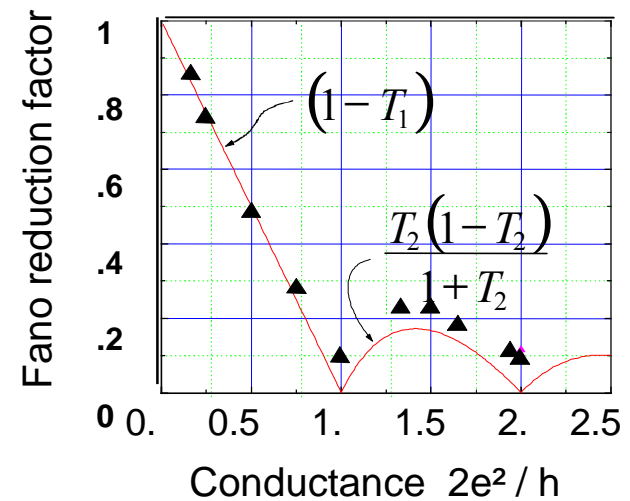
$$F = \frac{\sum_n D_n (1 - D_n)}{\sum_n D_n}$$

$$S_I = F \cdot 2eI$$

$$T^* = \frac{S_I}{4 G k_B}$$



$$G = \frac{2e^2}{h} \cdot \sum_n D_n$$



A. Kumar et al. Phys. Rev. Lett. 76 (1996) 2778.

M. I. Reznikov et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. 75 (1995) 3340.

Thermal to shot noise cross-over regime

$$S_I = 2 \frac{e^2}{h} k_B T \cdot \sum_n D_n^2 + 2 \frac{e^2}{h} eV \cdot \sum_n D_n (1 - D_n) \coth\left(\frac{eV}{2k_B T}\right)$$

↑
thermal emission
noise of reservoirs

↑
shot noise

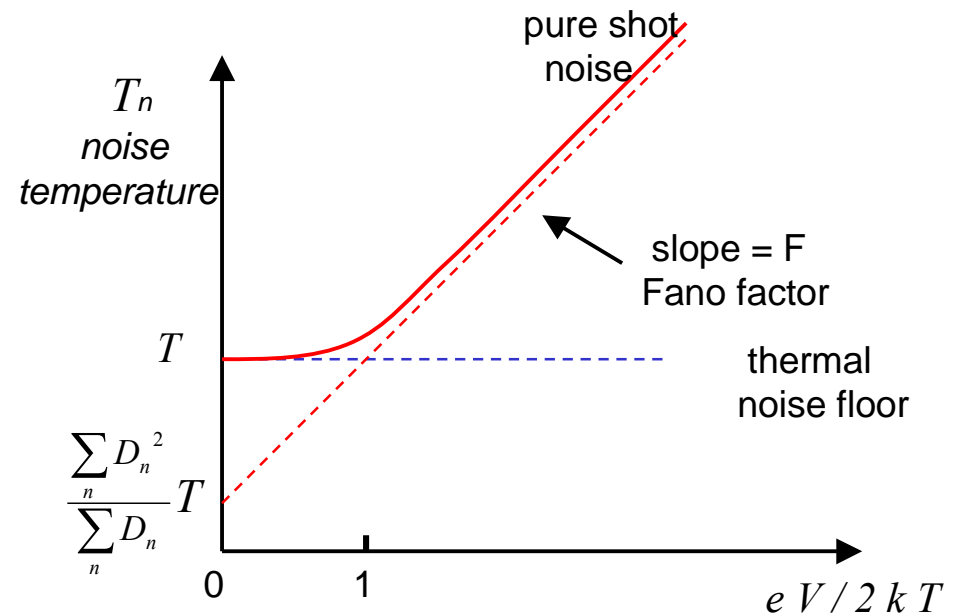
Johnson Nyquist noise at $V = 0$

$$S_I = 4 \frac{e^2}{h} k_B T \cdot \sum_n D_n = 4 G k_B T$$

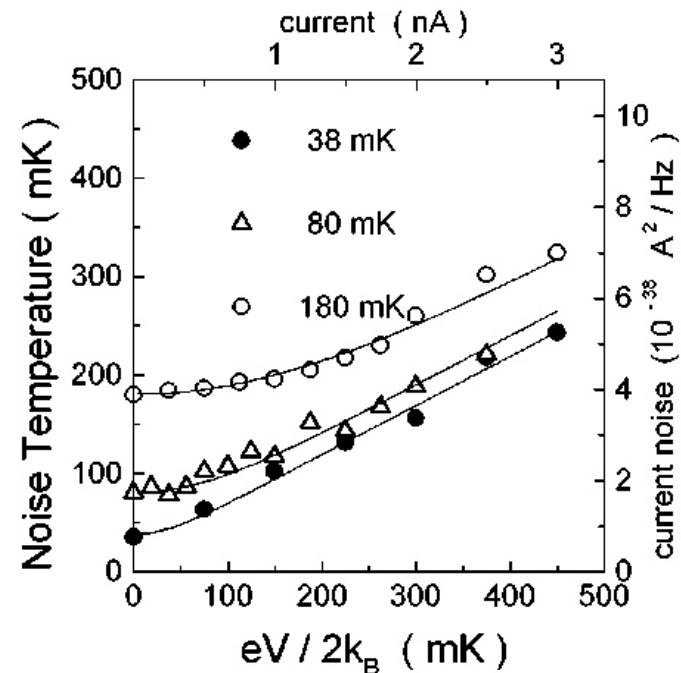
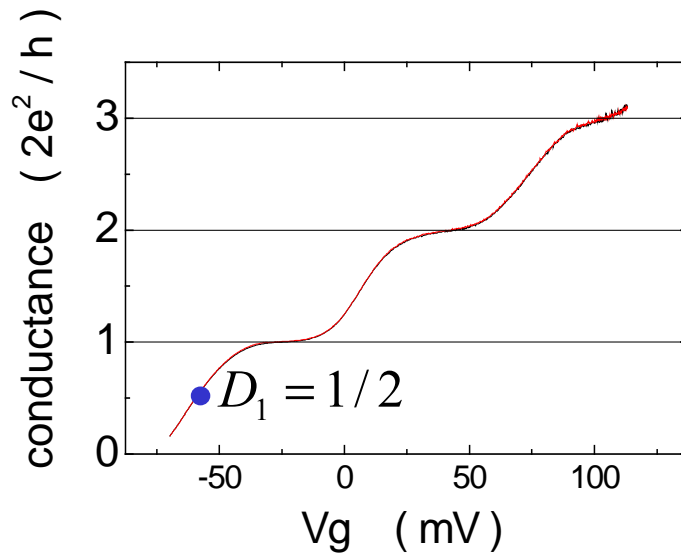
Def. : noise temperature T_n

$$T_n = \frac{S_I}{4 G k_B}$$

M. Büttiker, Phys. Rev. Lett. 65 (1990) 2901.
R. Landauer and Th. Martin, Physica B 175 (1991)



thermal to shot-noise cross-over checked using a QPC



A. Kumar et al. Phys. Rev. Lett. 76 (1996) 2778..

no adjustable parameter

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- electron shot noise reaches quantum partition noise limit
- in general quantum conductor show sub-poissonian noise

various Fano factor have been observed in agreement with theory

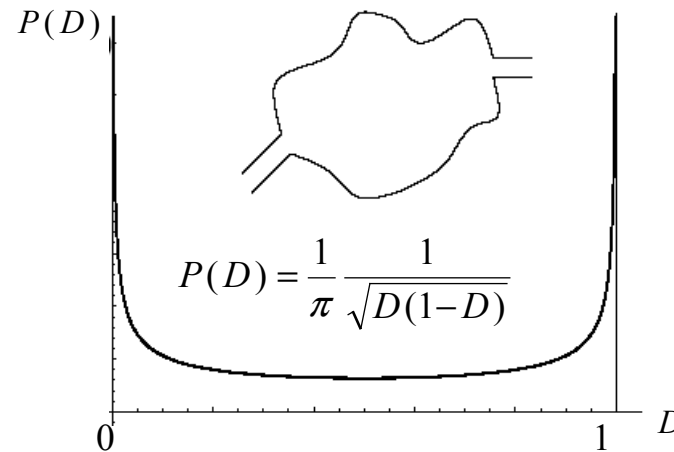
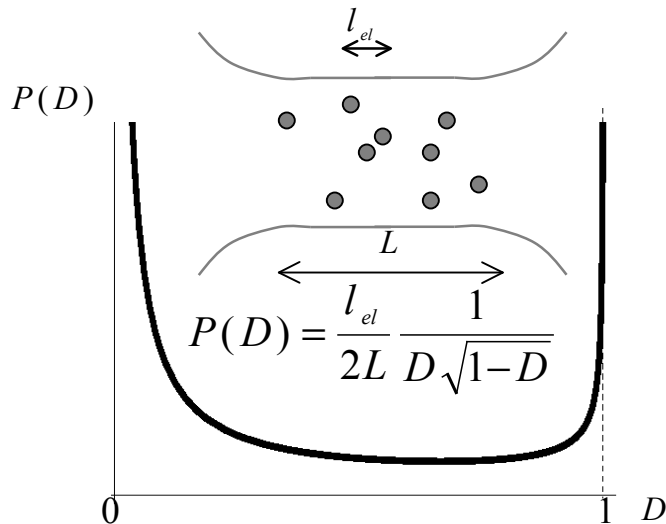
- $F = 1/3$: diffusive conductors
- $F = 1/4$: electron billiards (quantum chaos)
- $F = 1/2$: quantum dots
-

$$F = \frac{\sum_{\lambda} D_{\lambda} (1 - D_{\lambda})}{\sum_{\lambda} D_{\lambda}} \equiv \frac{\langle D(1-D) \rangle}{\langle D \rangle} \quad \text{where : } \langle \rangle \text{ is the average over the probability}$$

distribution $P(\{D\})$ of transmissions D_{λ}

diffusive : $\langle D \rangle = \frac{l_{el}}{L} \ll 1$

chaotic :



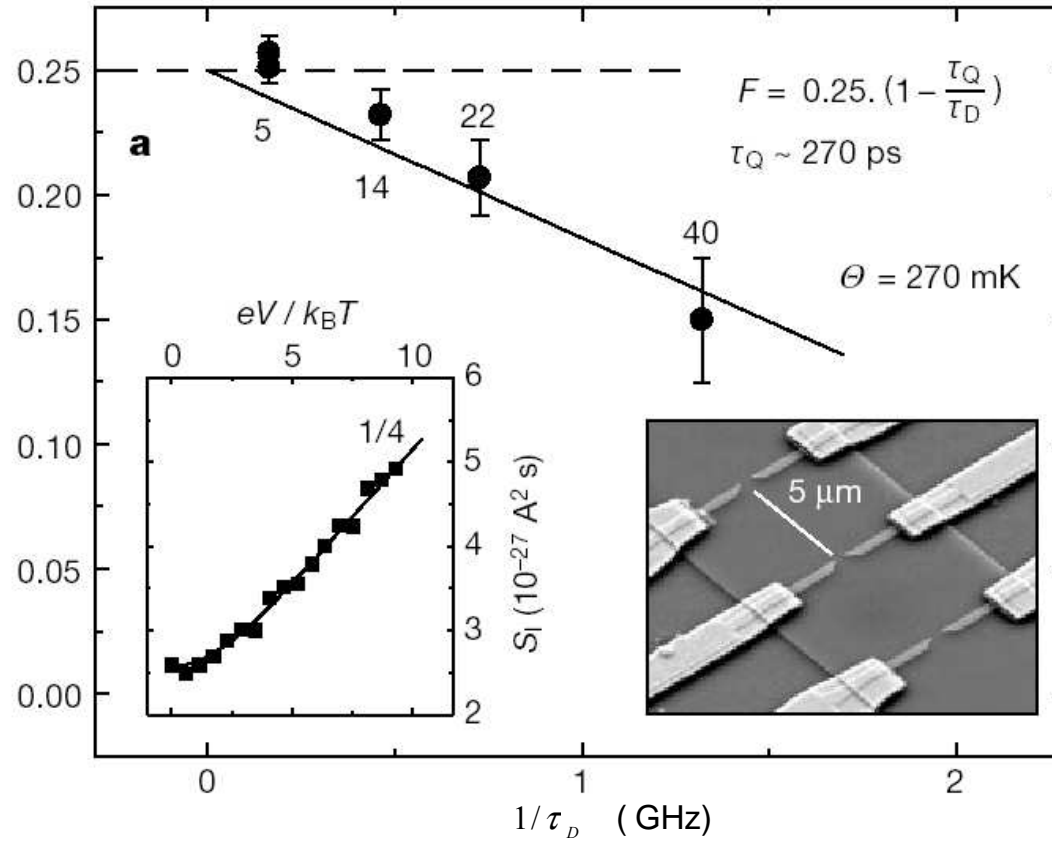
Chaotic cavity (electron billiard)

cross-over from quantum to classical (no noise) regime.

noise is quantum !

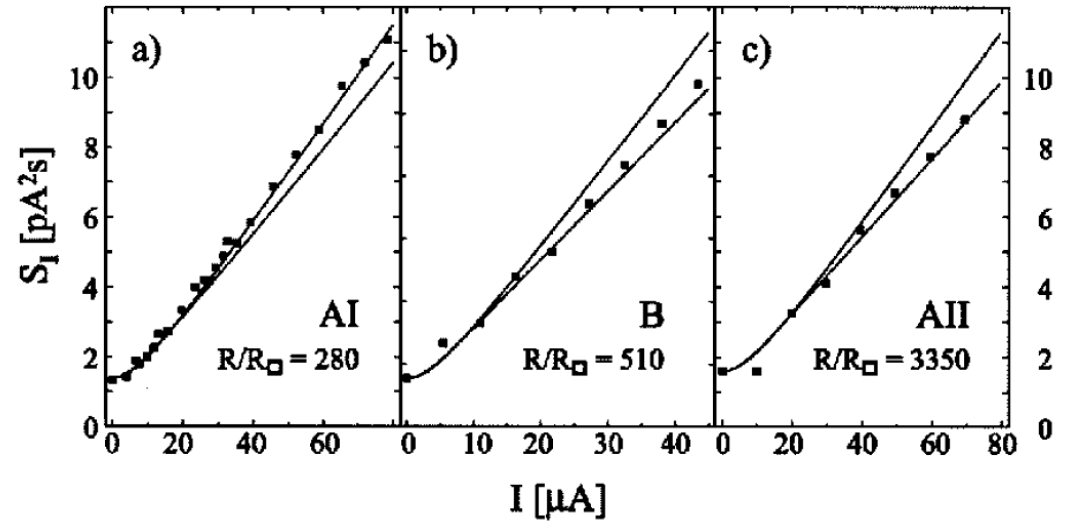
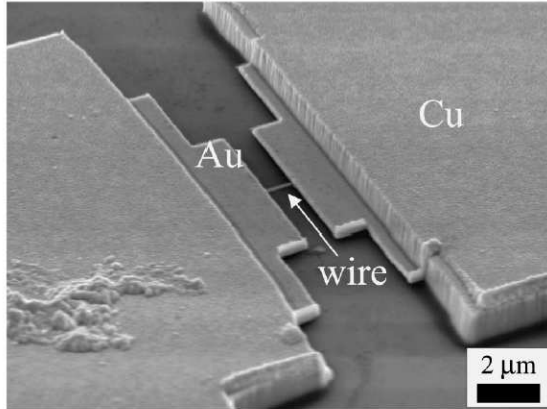
FANO Factor

$$S_I / 2e|I|$$



Oberholzer et al. Nature (2002)

$$S_I = F \cdot 2eI$$



lower slope : diffusive regime

$$F = 1/3$$

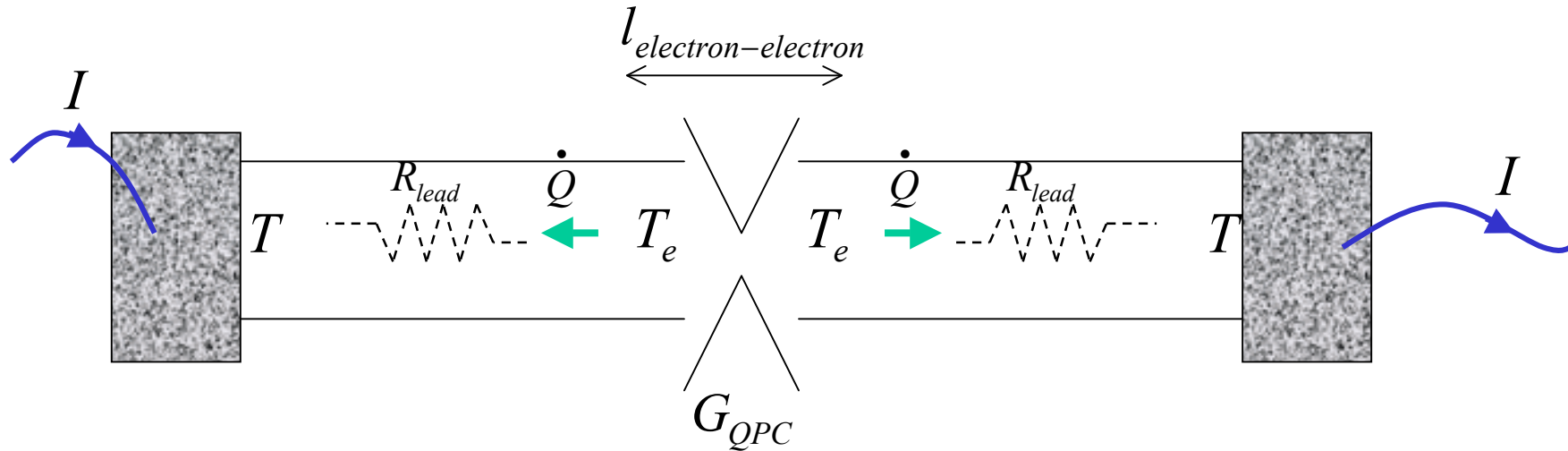
upper slope : hot electron regime
(see later)

$$"F" = \sqrt{3}/4$$

M. Henny, S. Oberholzer, C. Strunk, and C. Schonenberger,
Phys. Rev. B 59 (1999) 2871.

(question : what is quantum in the 1/3 Fano factor of diffusive electronic systems ?)

heating effect : apparent shot noise



$$\dot{Q} = \frac{1}{2} G_{QPC} V^2 \quad \text{heat produced}$$

$$\dot{Q} = \frac{\pi^2}{3} \left(\frac{k_B}{e^2} \right)^2 \frac{T_e^2 - T^2}{R_{lead}} \quad \text{heat flow Wiedeman-Franz}$$

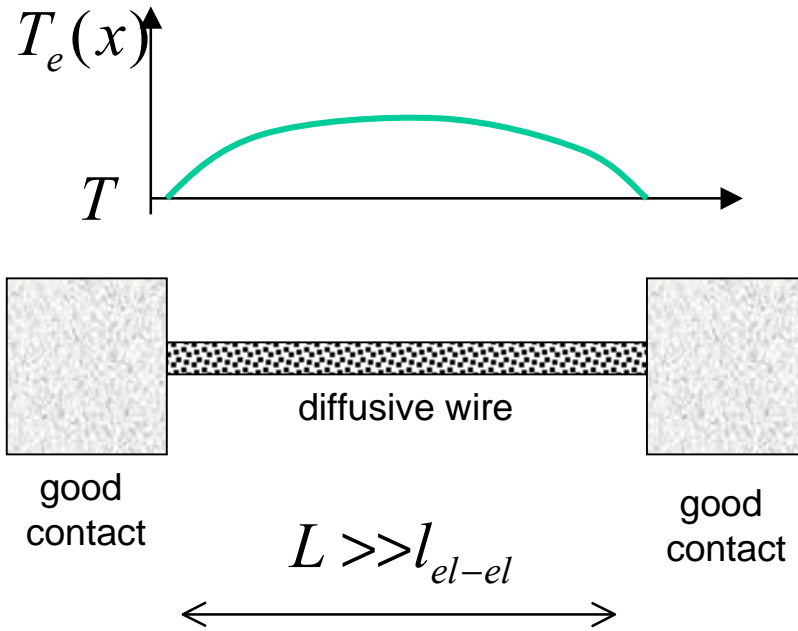
$$T_e^2 = T^2 + \frac{3}{2\pi^2} \left(\frac{e^2}{k_B} \right)^2 G_{QPC} R_{lead} V^2$$

$$S_I = 4 G_{QPC} k_B T_e$$

$$S_I = 2eI \sqrt{\frac{6}{\pi^2} G_{QPC} R_{lead}} \quad \text{for } eV > k_B T$$

not shot noise, just heating,
apparent fano factor F

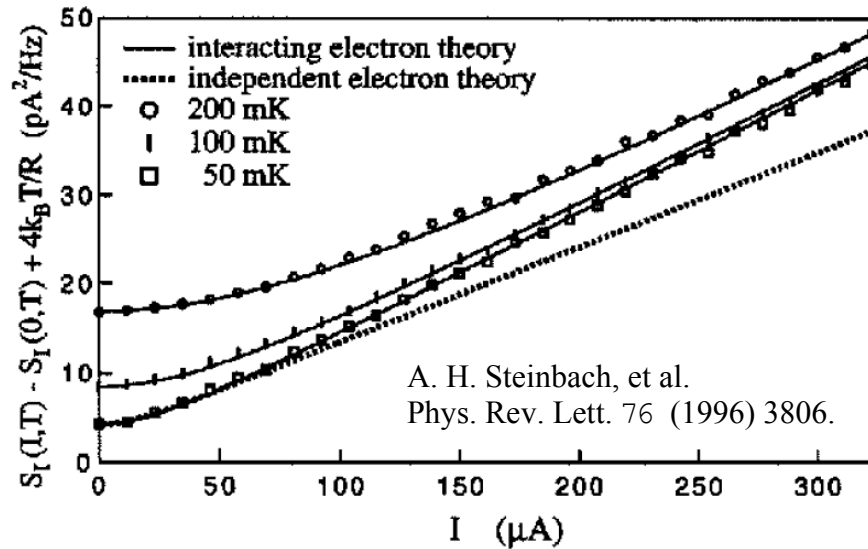
electron heating effect in a diffusive wire



$$S_I = 2eI \times "F"$$

$$"F" = \sqrt{3}/4$$

(just electron heating, not transport shot noise)



Also :
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Zero temperature expression:

$$S_{\alpha\beta} = 2\frac{e^2}{h} \sum_{\gamma \neq \delta} \int d\varepsilon [s_{\alpha\gamma}^* s_{\alpha\delta} s_{\beta\delta}^* s_{\beta\gamma}] \times \{f_{\gamma}(\varepsilon)(1 - f_{\delta}(\varepsilon)) + f_{\delta}(\varepsilon)(1 - f_{\gamma}(\varepsilon))\}$$

use the property $\sum_{\delta} s_{\alpha\delta} s_{\beta\delta}^* = 0$

$$S_{\alpha\beta} = -2\frac{e^2}{h} \int d\varepsilon \left(\sum_{\gamma} s_{\alpha\gamma} s_{\beta\gamma}^* f_{\gamma}(\varepsilon) \right) \left(\sum_{\delta} s_{\alpha\delta} s_{\beta\delta}^* f_{\delta}(\varepsilon) \right)$$

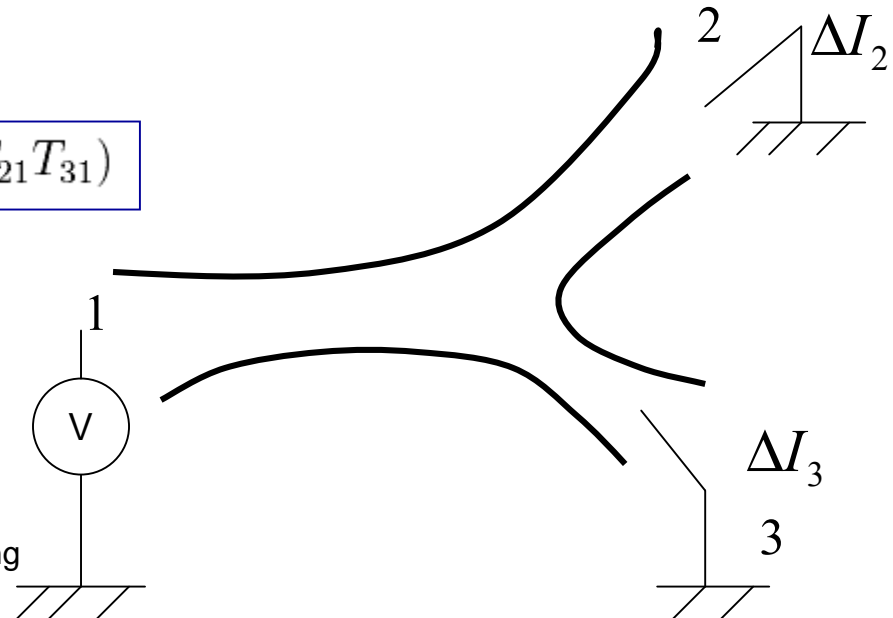
cross-correlation between two different leads are always *negative*

Special case of a three terminal branch :
one finds :

$$S_{23} = -2\frac{e^2}{h} eV (s_{21} s_{21}^* s_{31} s_{31}^*) = -2\frac{e^2}{h} eV (T_{21} T_{31})$$

$$\Delta I_2 \Delta I_3 = S_{23} \Delta f < 0$$

binomial partitioning is here replaced by multinomial partitioning
(just 'gambling' law!)



Hanbury Brown & Twiss experiment with electrons

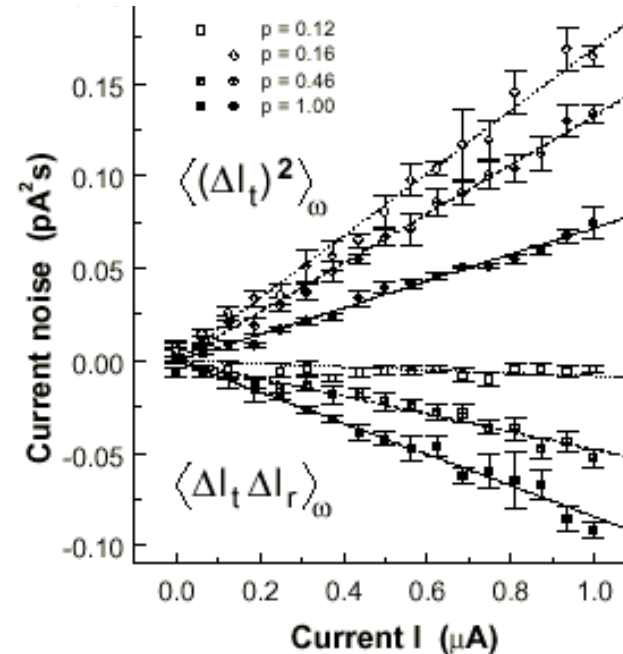
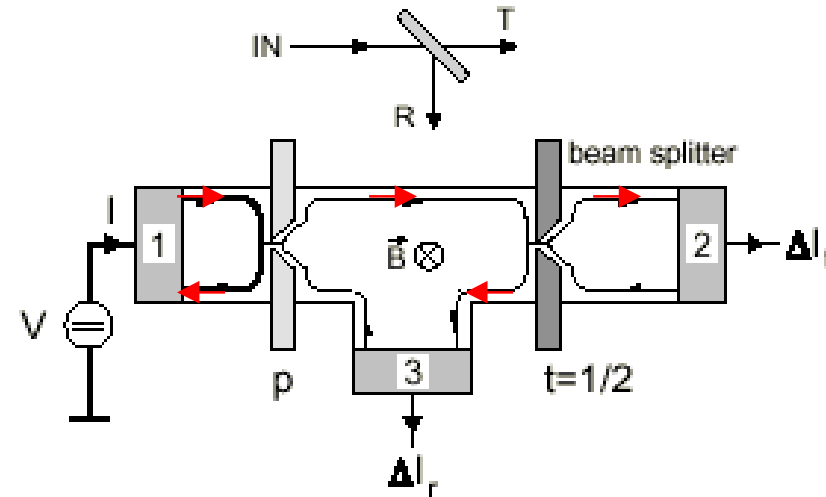
Oberholzer et al. '00

from **sub-poissonian** statistics

$$\Delta I_t \Delta I_r < 0 \quad = -\Delta I_t^2 = -\Delta I_r^2$$

to poissonian statistics

$$\Delta I_t \Delta I_r = 0$$



Four terminal lead :

(A) $V_1 = V$; $V_3 = 0$

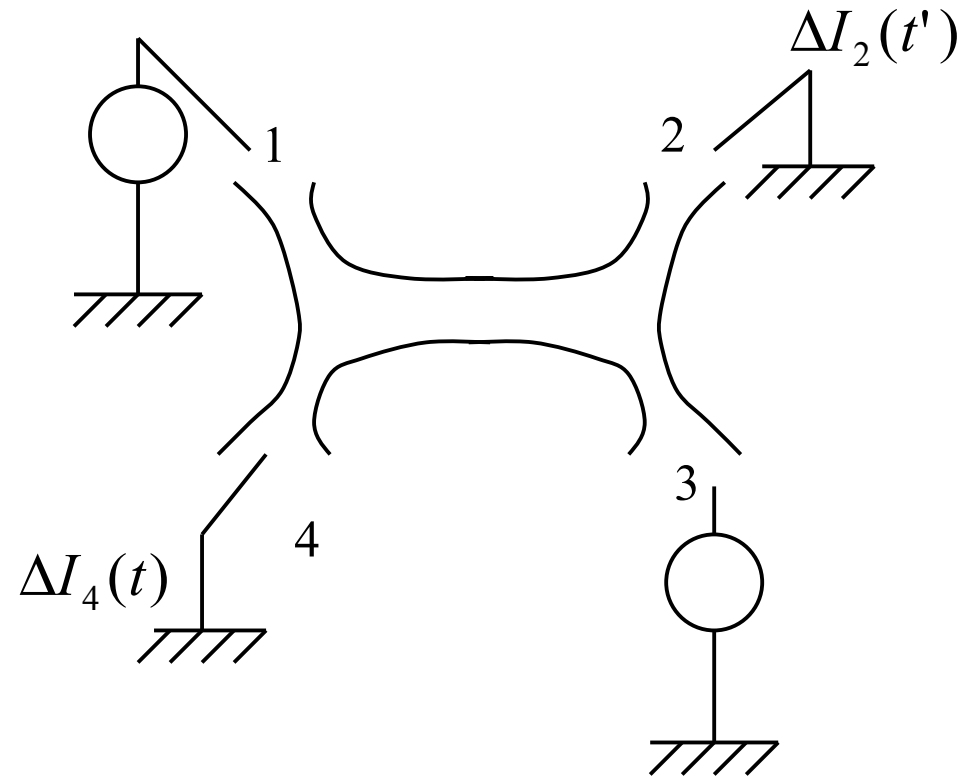
(B) $V_1 = 0$; $V_3 = V$

(A+B) $V_1 = V$; $V_3 = V$

$$S_{(A)} = -2 \frac{e^2}{h} eV (s_{21} s_{21}^* s_{41} s_{41}^*)$$

$$S_{(B)} = -2 \frac{e^2}{h} eV (s_{23} s_{23}^* s_{43} s_{43}^*)$$

$$S_{(A+B)} \neq S_{(A)} + S_{(B)}$$



(M. Büttiker, Phys. Rev. B 46 (1992) 12485.

$$S_{(A+B)} - (S_{(A)} + S_{(B)}) = -2 \frac{e^2}{h} eV \left[(s_{21} s_{23}^* s_{43} s_{41}^*) + (s_{23} s_{21}^* s_{41} s_{43}^*) \right]$$

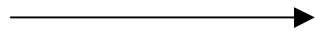
exchange terms : non classical

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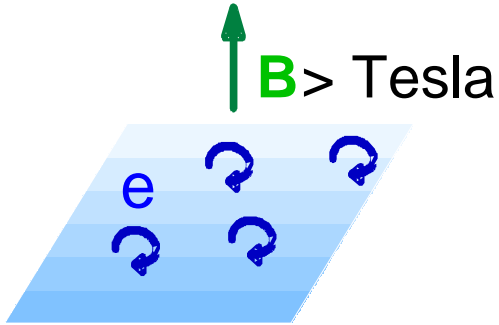
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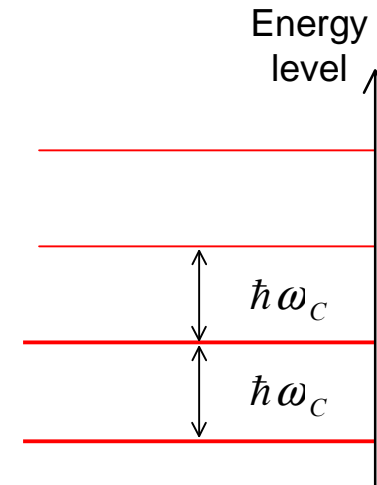
III 1. Quantum Hall effect

Integer Q.H.E. (von Klitzing 80)

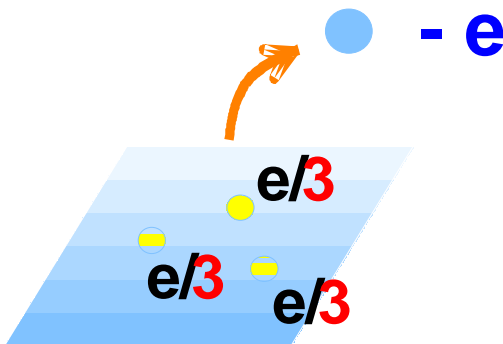


$$R_{\text{Hall}} = \frac{h}{e^2} \cdot \frac{1}{\text{integer}}$$

$$\omega_c = \frac{eB}{m} \quad \text{cyclotron frequency}$$



Fractional Q.H.E. (Tsui, Störmer, Gossard 1982)
(Laughlin 1983)



$$R_{\text{Hall}} = \frac{h}{e^2} \cdot \frac{1}{\text{fraction}}$$

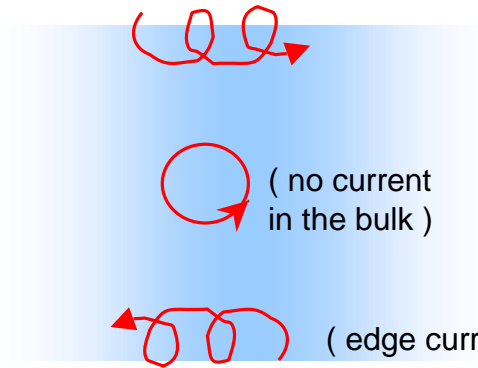
$$\nu = \frac{\text{number of electrons}}{\text{number of quantum states}}$$

$$\nu = 1/3 :$$

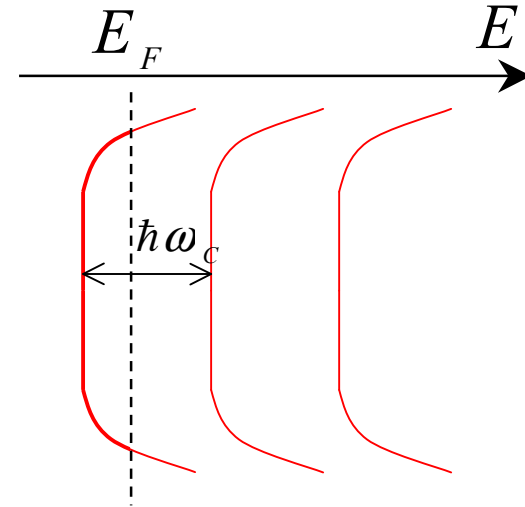
1 electron for 3 quantum states

elementary excitation
 \equiv empty a quantum state
 \equiv carry fractional charge $e/3$

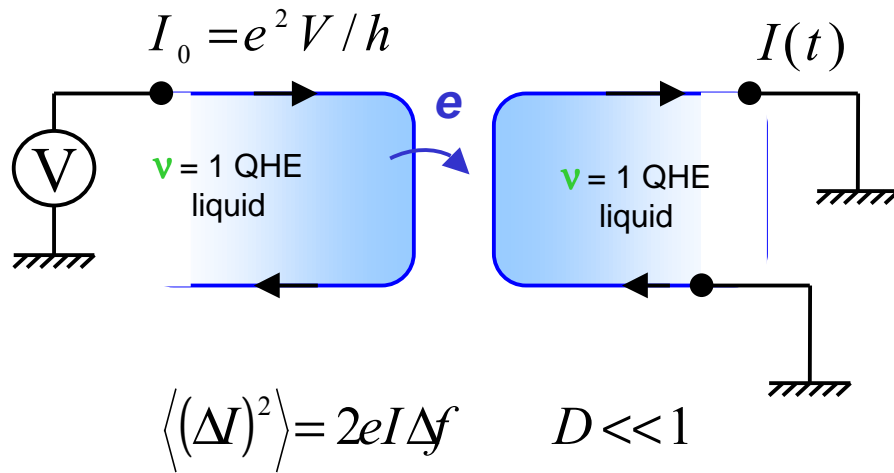
available current is at the edges of the sample



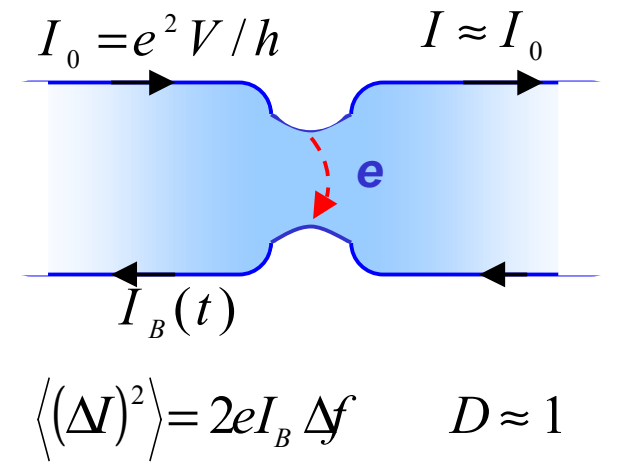
$$\vec{v}_{drift} = \vec{E}_{Confinement} \times B \hat{z}$$

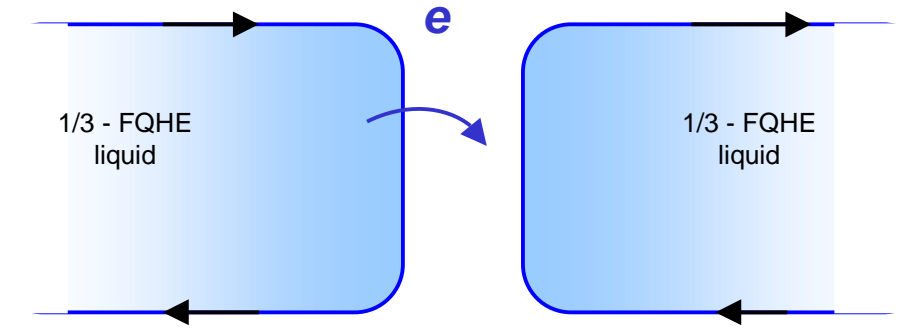


Tunneling through barrier:



Transfer of hole through Q.H.E. fluid:

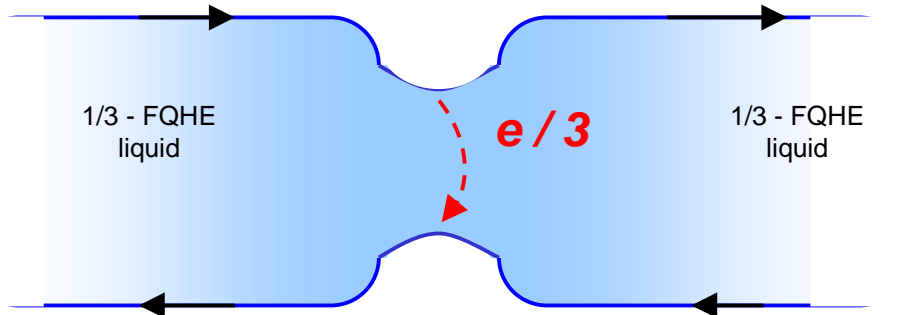




Tunneling trough
barrier :

$$q = e$$

$$\langle (\Delta I)^2 \rangle = 2eI \Delta f \quad D \ll 1$$



Transfer trough
1/3 FQHE fluid:

$$q = e/3$$

$$\langle (\Delta I)^2 \rangle = 2(e/3)I_B \Delta f \quad D \approx 1$$

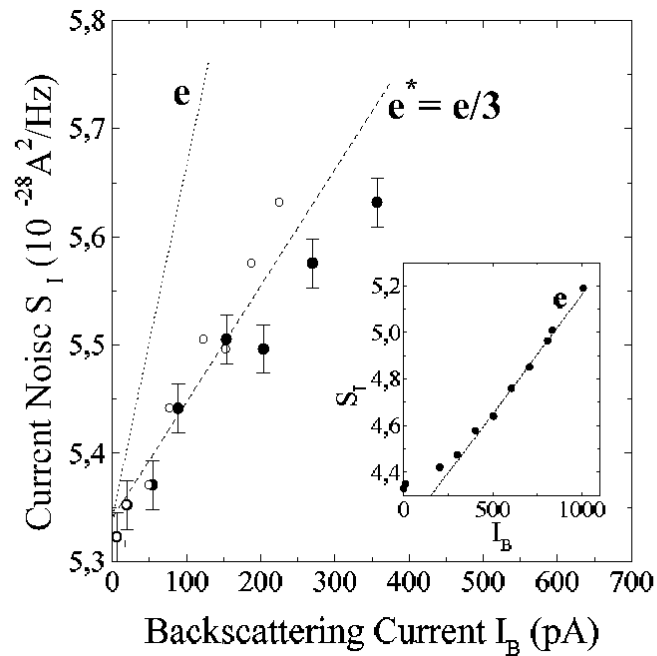
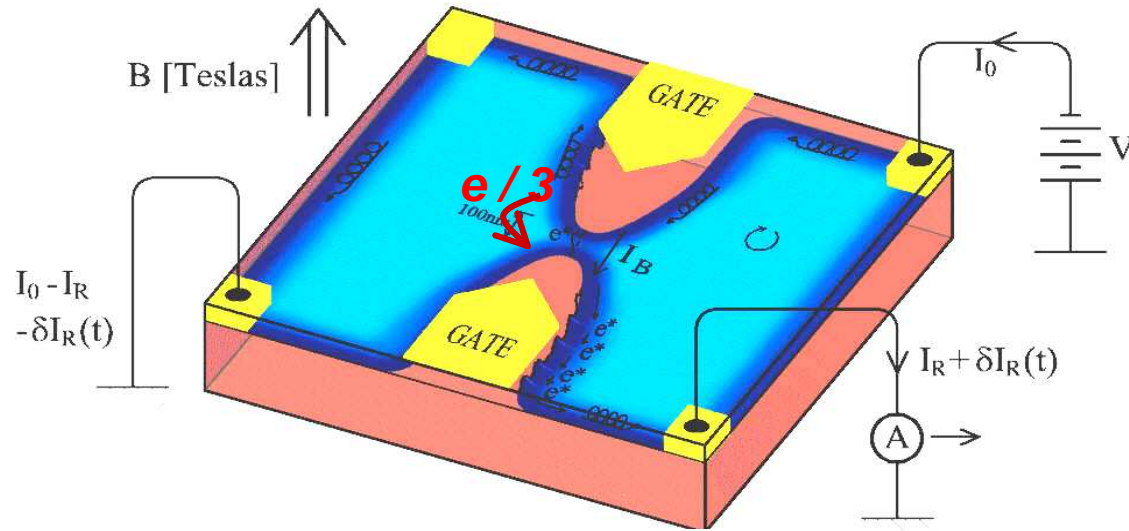
$$\frac{\langle \Delta I^2 \rangle}{\Delta f} = S_I = 2qI$$

measuring both quasiparticle shot noise (Poissonian regime!)
+ mean current gives the charge with no adjustable parameters.

current is carried by fractional charges

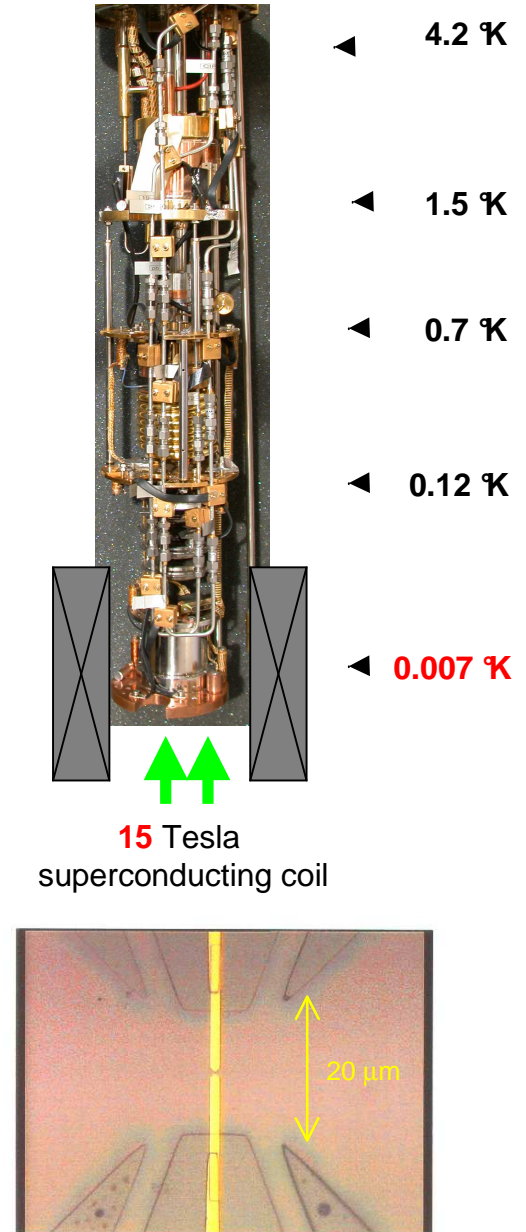
(direct evidence, no unknown parameters)

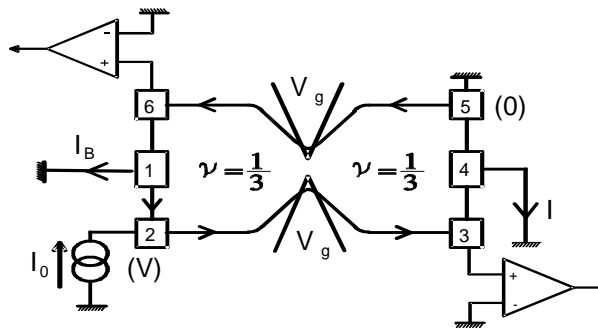
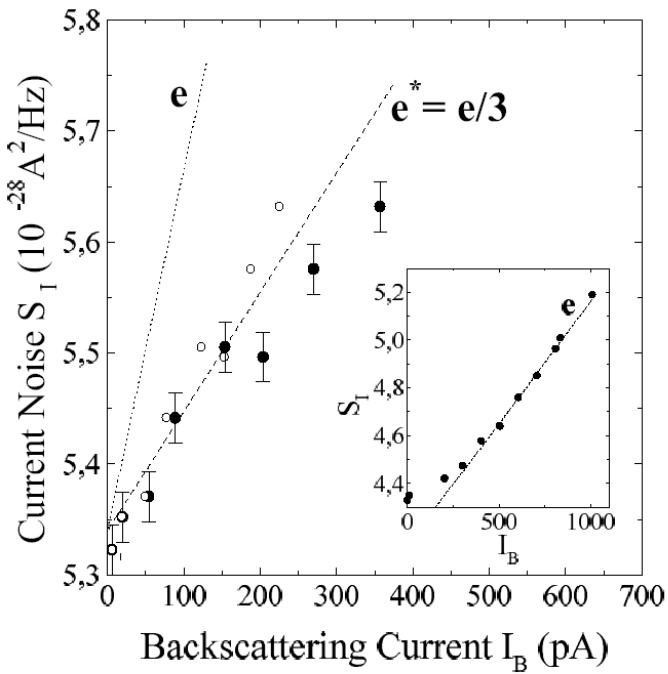
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Phys. Rev. Lett. 79, 2526 (1997).



$$\langle (\Delta N)^2 \rangle = 2(e/3)I_R \Delta f$$

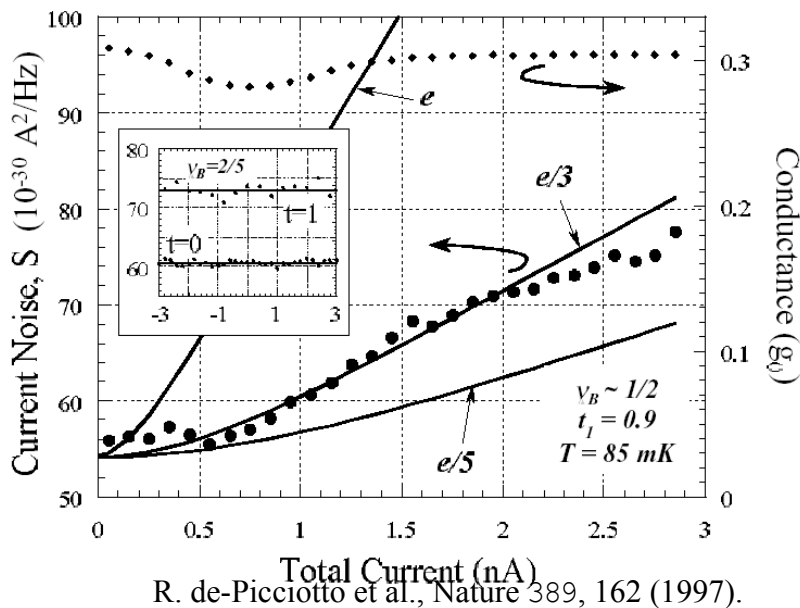
charge $q=e/3$



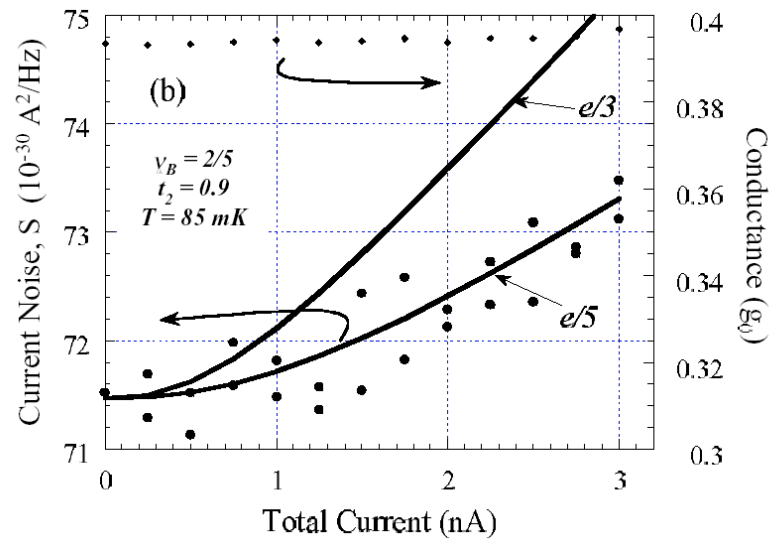


$e/3$ fractional charges are observed
at filling factor $1/3$ (Weizmann and Saclay 97) and
 $e/5$ charges at filling $2/5$ (Weizmann 99).

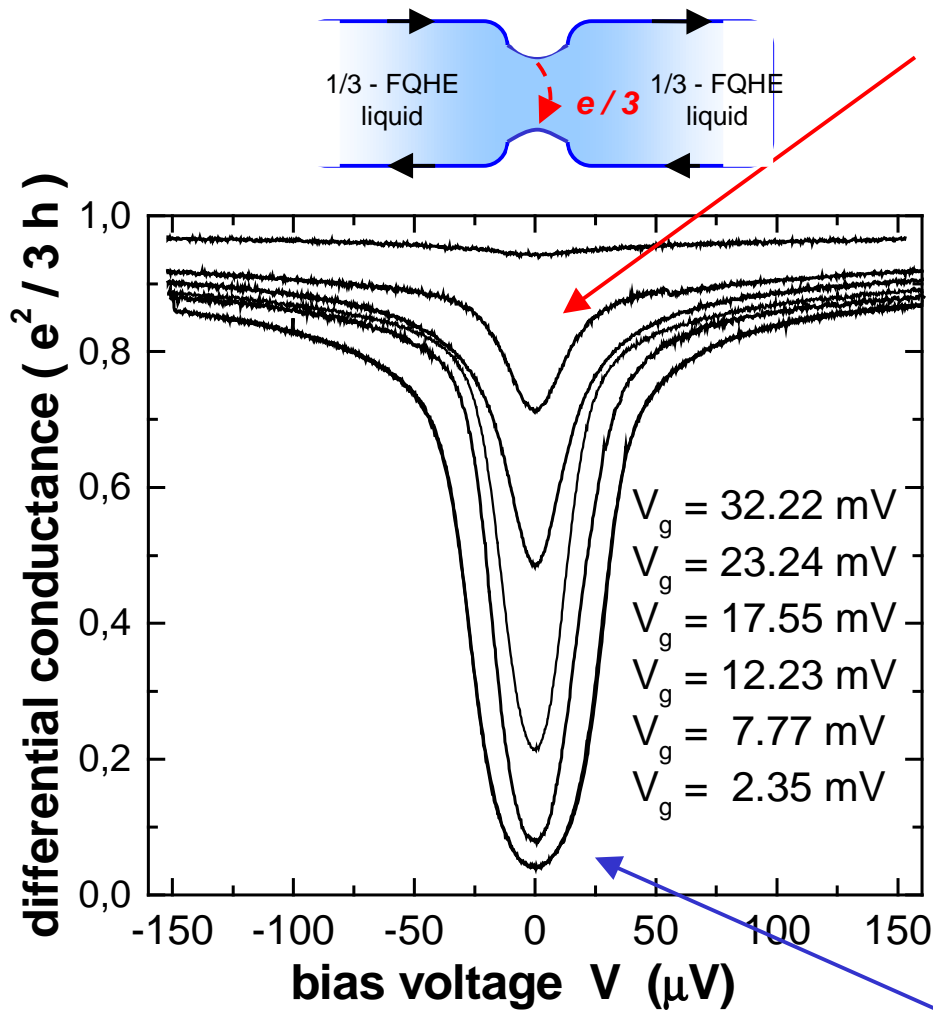
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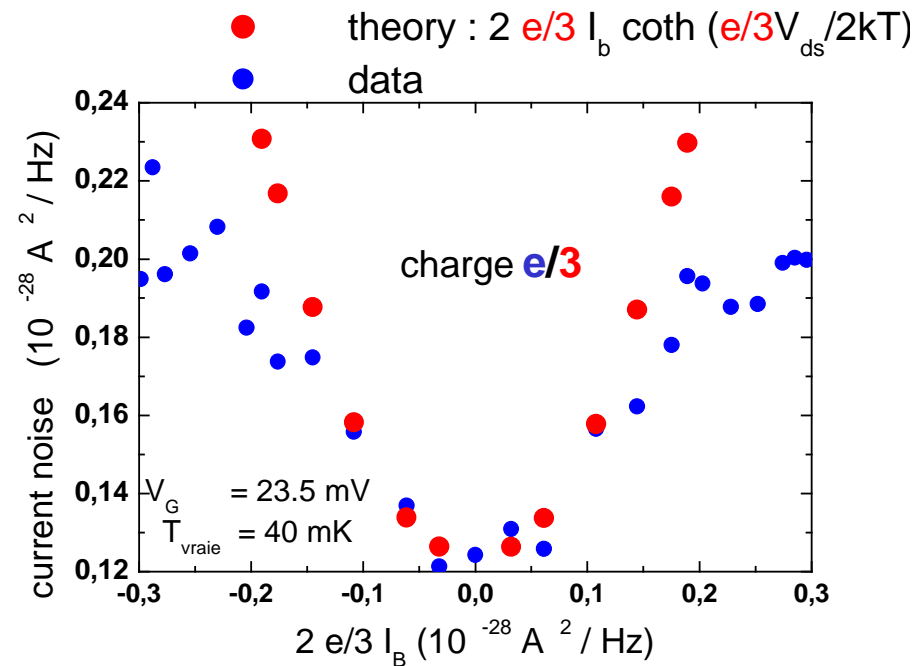
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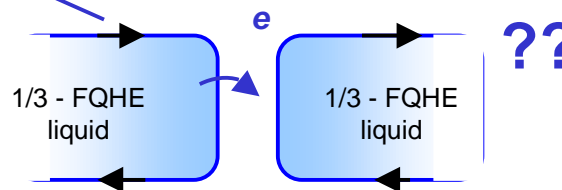
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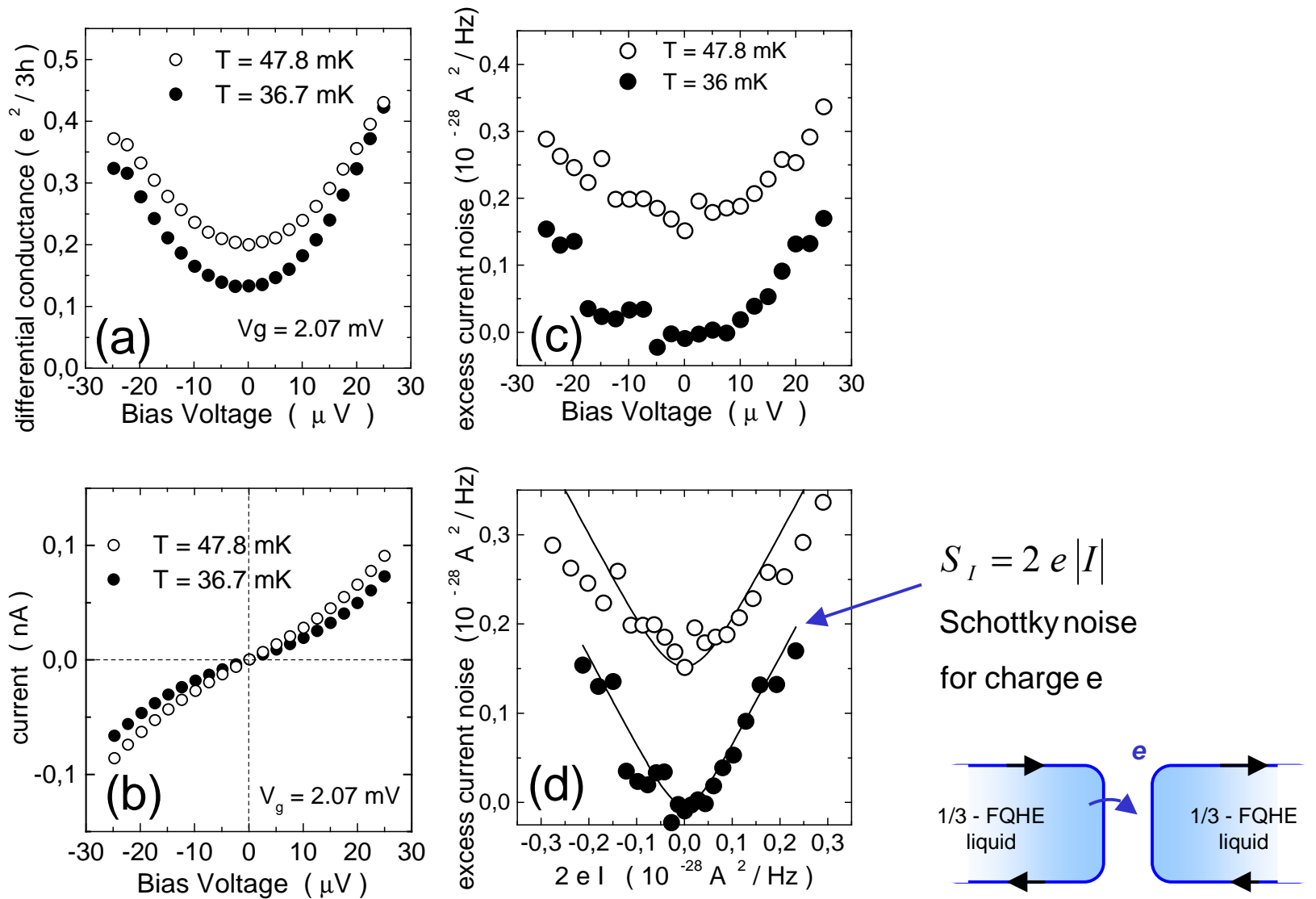
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charge e

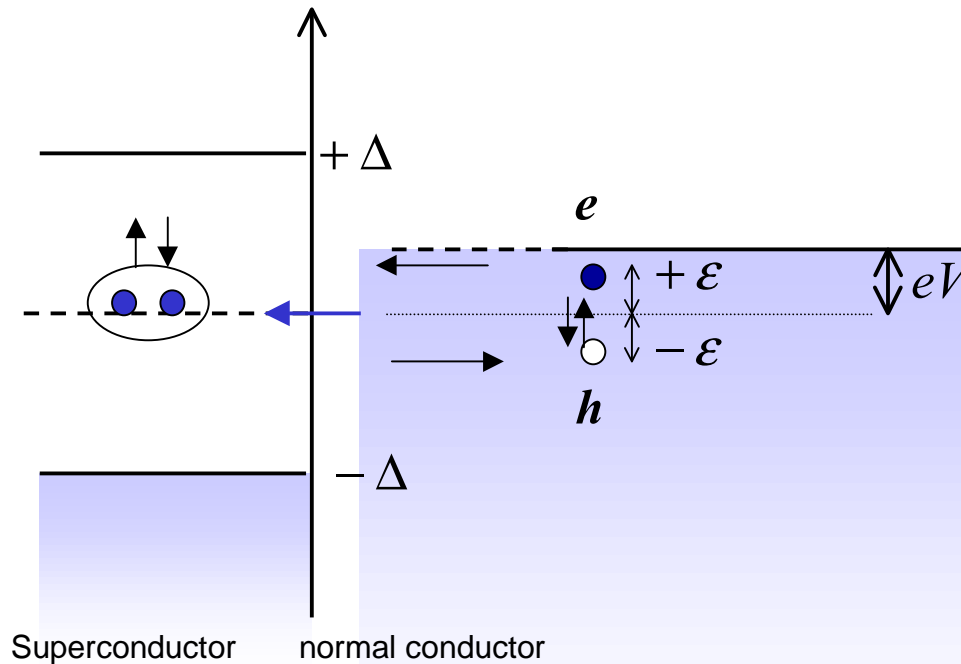


integer charge in the strong backscattering regime



In the same sample, same quantum point contact, one can go from the $e/3$ regime to the e regime just by changing coupling

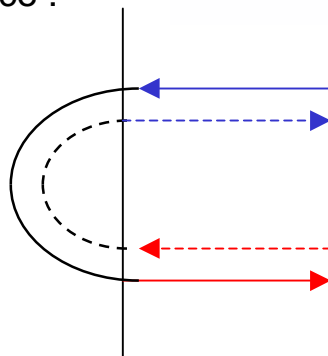
III . 2. normal / superconductor interface:



no single particle current between superconducting and normal metal expected for sub-gap energies.

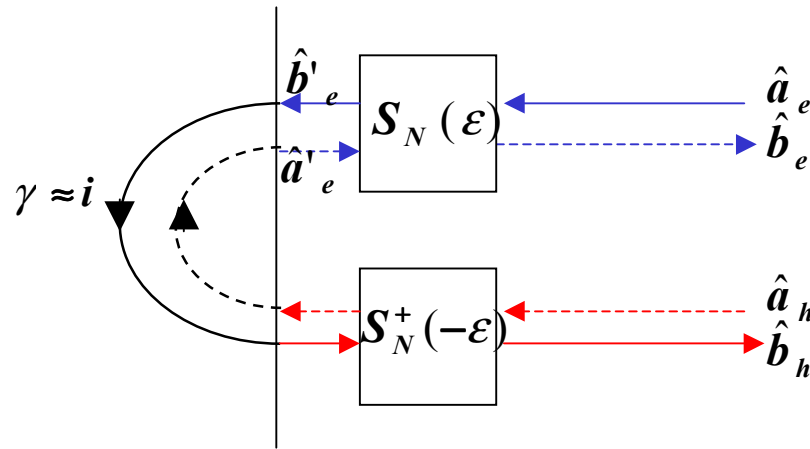
second order process involving two quasi-particle allows for finite current: [Andreev reflection](#).

ideal interface :



incoming electron (energy $+\varepsilon$) \rightarrow outgoing hole (energy $-\varepsilon$)
plus phase $\gamma \equiv \exp(-i \cos^{-1}(\varepsilon / \Delta))$

incoming hole (energy $-\varepsilon$) \rightarrow outgoing electron (energy $+\varepsilon$)
plus phase $\gamma \equiv \exp(-i \cos^{-1}(\varepsilon / \Delta))$



$$\mathcal{S}_N(\varepsilon) = \begin{pmatrix} r_{11} & t_{12} \\ t_{21} & r_{22} \end{pmatrix}$$

scattering matrix in the normal lead

the complete scattering matrix including Andreev reflection and normal scattering is :

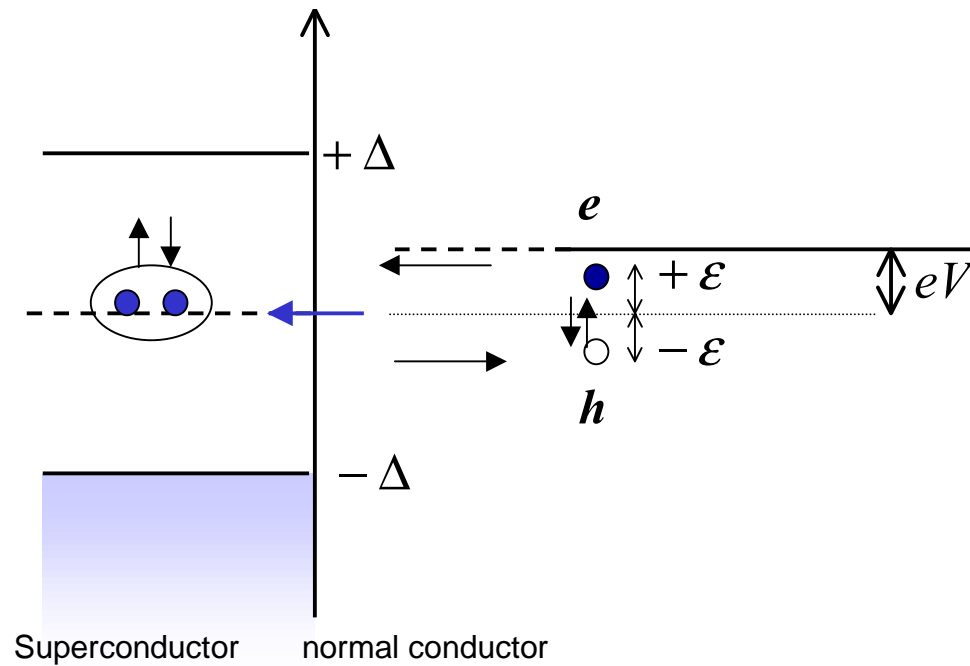
$$\begin{pmatrix} \hat{b}_e \\ \hat{b}_h \end{pmatrix} = \mathcal{S} \begin{pmatrix} \hat{a}_e \\ \hat{a}_h \end{pmatrix} \quad \mathcal{S} = \begin{pmatrix} S_{ee} & S_{eh} \\ S_{he} & S_{hh} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$s_{he}(\varepsilon) = t_{21}(\varepsilon) \gamma t_{12}^*(-\varepsilon) + t_{21}(\varepsilon) \gamma r_{22}^*(-\varepsilon) \gamma r_{22}(\varepsilon) t_{12}^*(-\varepsilon) + t_{21}(\varepsilon) \left(\gamma r_{22}^*(-\varepsilon) \gamma r_{22}(\varepsilon) \right)^2 t_{12}^*(-\varepsilon) + \dots$$

$$= \frac{t_{21}(\varepsilon) \gamma t_{12}^*(-\varepsilon)}{1 - \gamma r_{22}^*(-\varepsilon) \gamma r_{22}(\varepsilon)}$$



(Fabry-Pérot like multiple interferences)



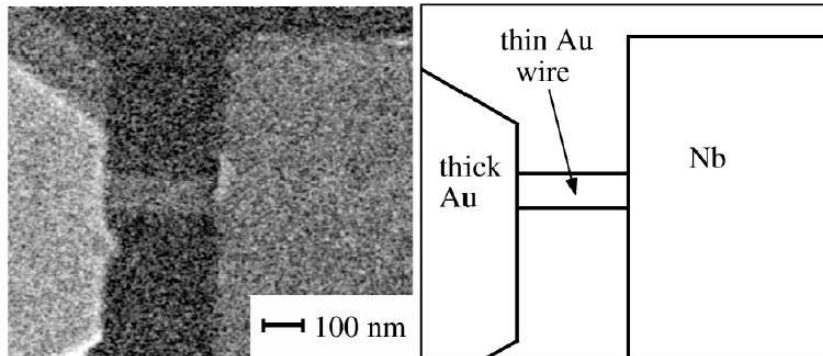
$$G = \frac{(2e)^2}{h} |s_{he}|^2 = \frac{(2e)^2}{h} \frac{D^2}{(1+R)^2} \quad R = 1 - D$$

'doubled' shot noise :

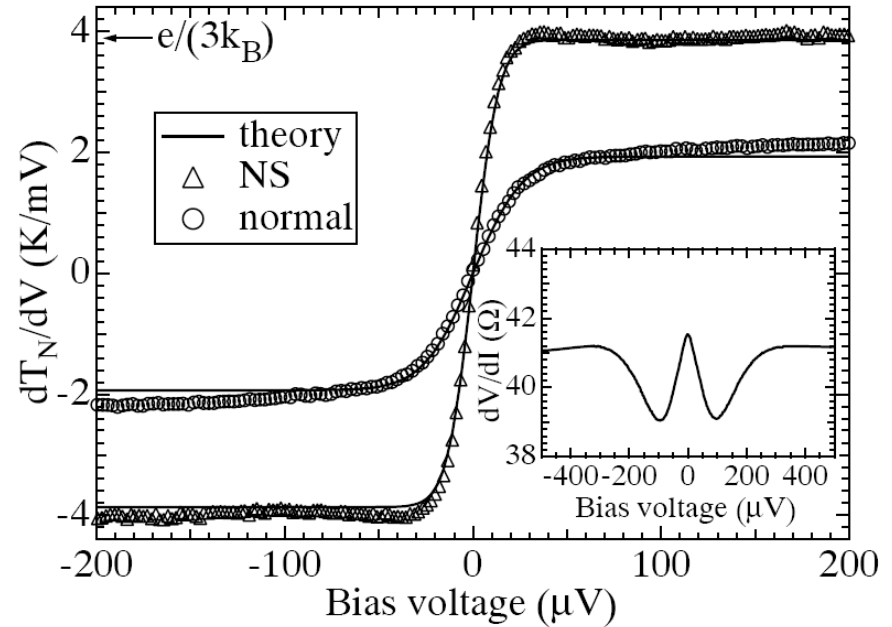
$$S_I = 2(2e) \frac{e^2}{h} V |s_{he}|^2 (1 - |s_{he}|^2)$$

- twice the electron charge
- binomial law of quantum partitioning
- noiseless property of the Fermi sea

doubling of the shot-noise for a diffusive S-N junction



A. A. Kozhevnikov, R. J. Schoelkopf, and D. E. Prober,
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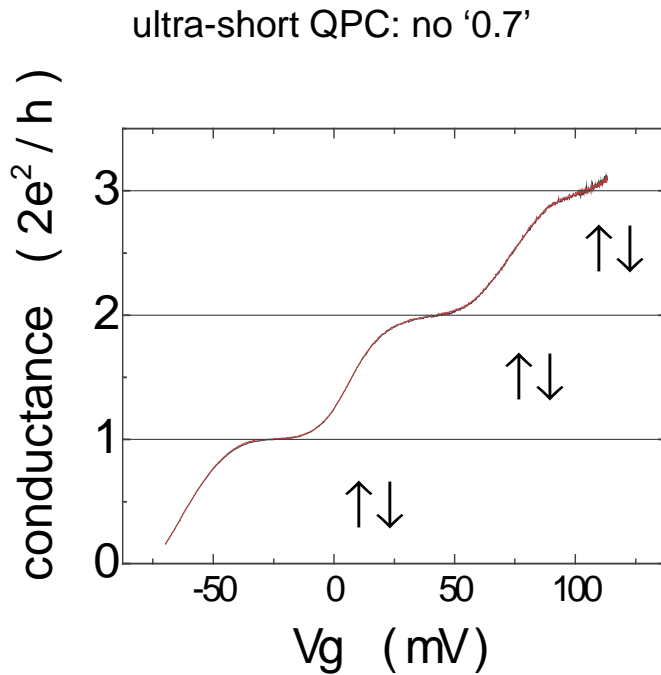


$$S_I = \frac{1}{3} 2 \cdot (2e) I$$

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 Fano for
diffusive
regime Doubled
 charge

$$T_{\text{Noise}} = \frac{S_I}{4G k_B}$$

III. 3. interaction effects in a Quantum Point Contact : the '0.7x2e²/h' structure



plateaus at:

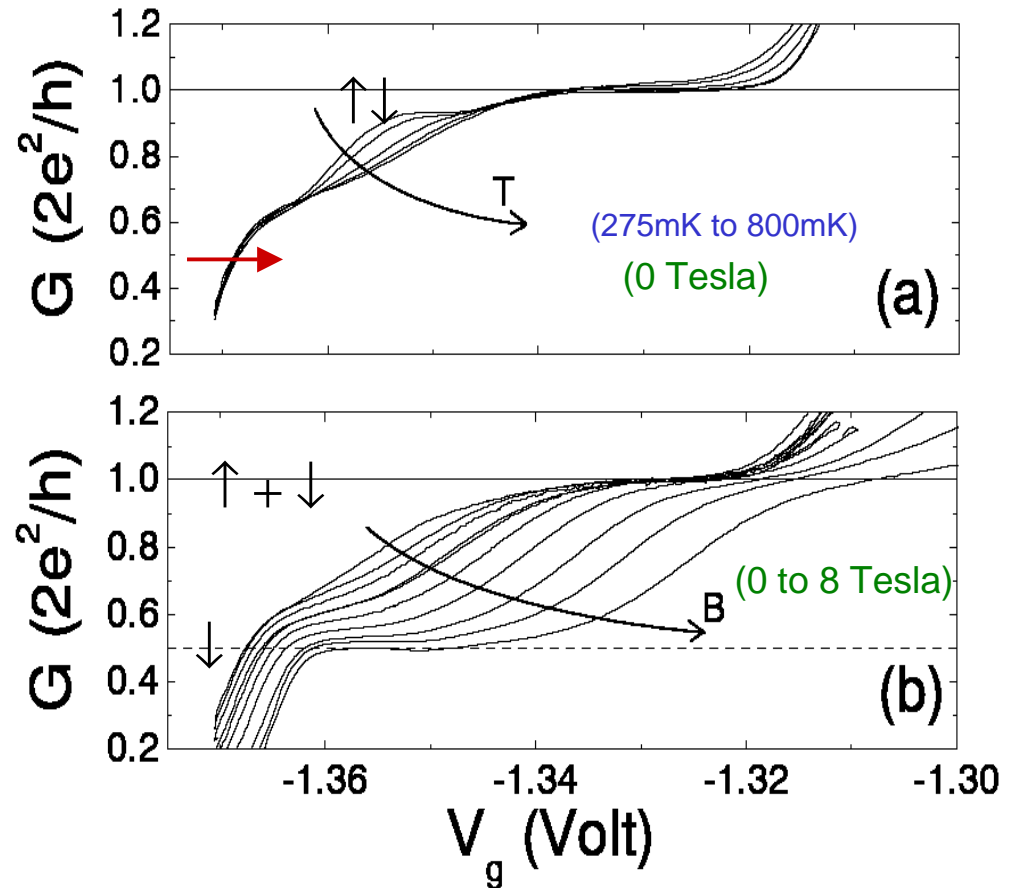
$$G = (\text{integer}) \times 2 \frac{e^2}{h}$$

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$$(1+1)$$

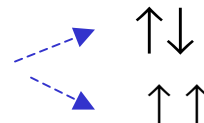
$$\uparrow + \downarrow$$

long QPC: conductance plateau around 0.7x2e²/h



- resonance in transmission? (**single** spin degenerate mode)

- or spin degeneracy lifted by interaction? (**two** distinct modes)

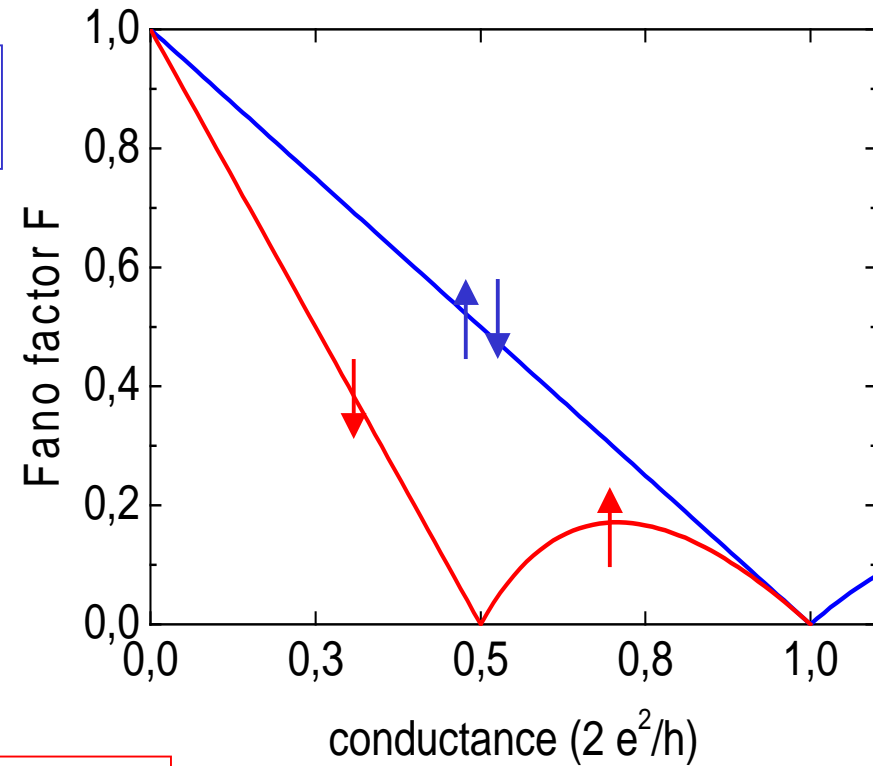


spin degenerate case

$$S_I = 2eI (1 - D_{\uparrow\downarrow}) = 2eI \cdot F_{\uparrow\downarrow}$$

spin degeneracy fully lifted:

$$S_I = 2eI \frac{D_{\downarrow}(1 - D_{\downarrow}) + D_{\uparrow}(1 - D_{\uparrow})}{D_{\downarrow} + D_{\uparrow}} = 2eI \cdot F_{\uparrow\downarrow}$$

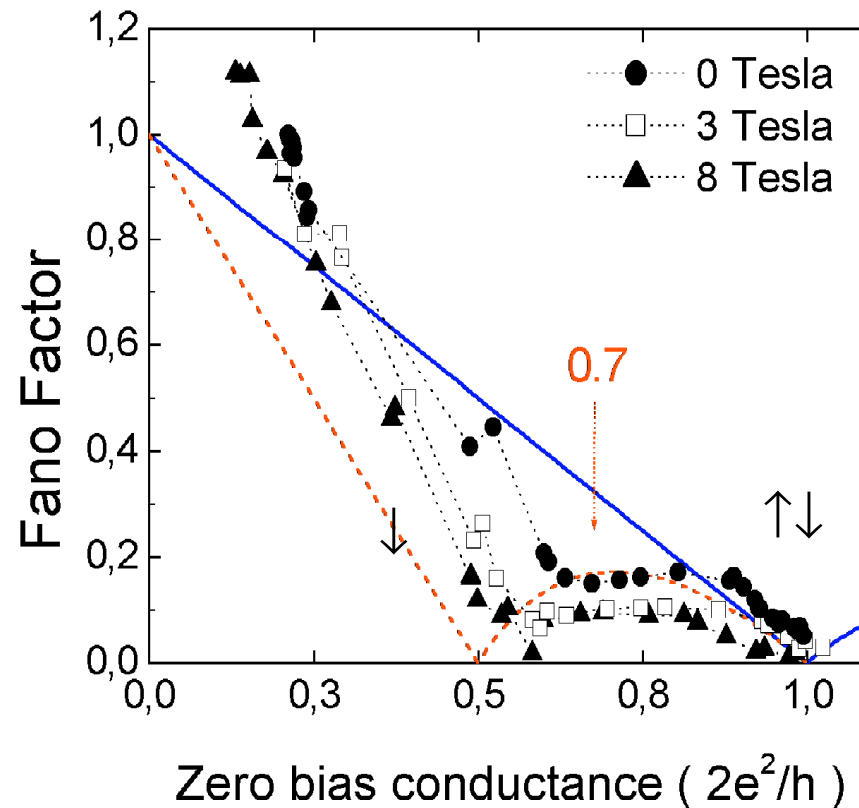


conductance can not distinguish between one or two modes

but shot noise can

Here: the Fano factor shows direct signature of **two** modes

→ lifted spin degeneracy scenario.



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