

Quantum Shot noise

probing interactions and magic
properties of the Fermi sea

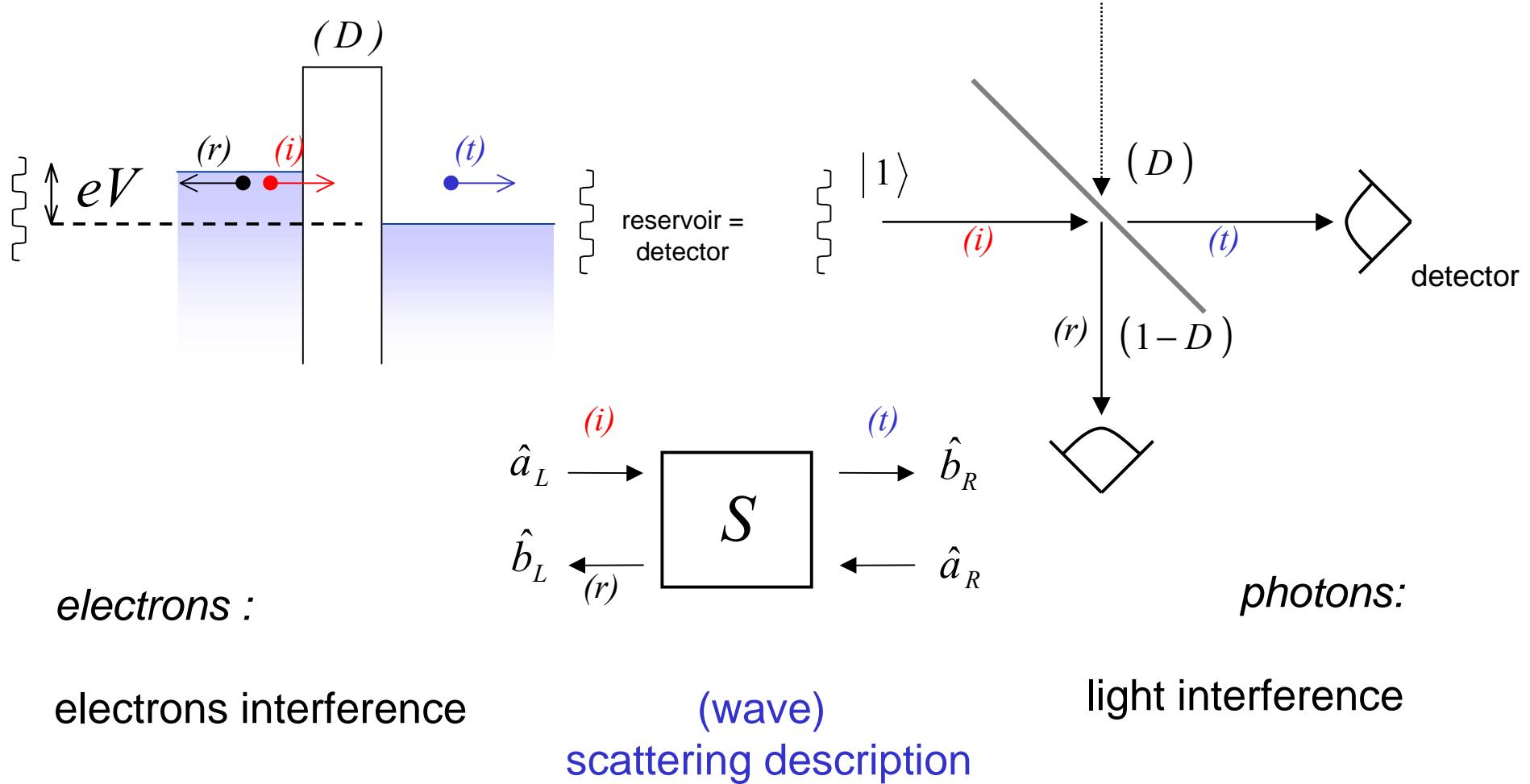
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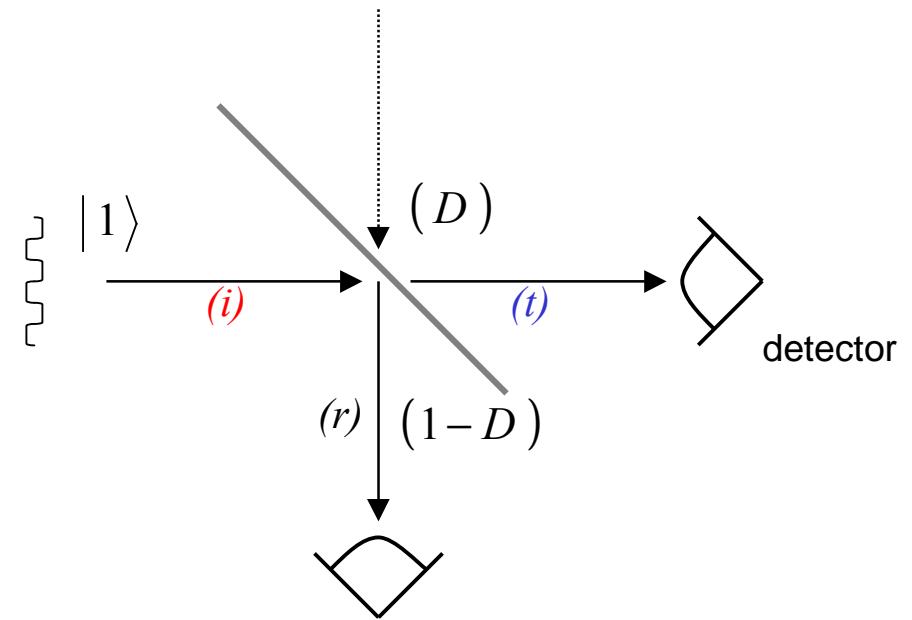
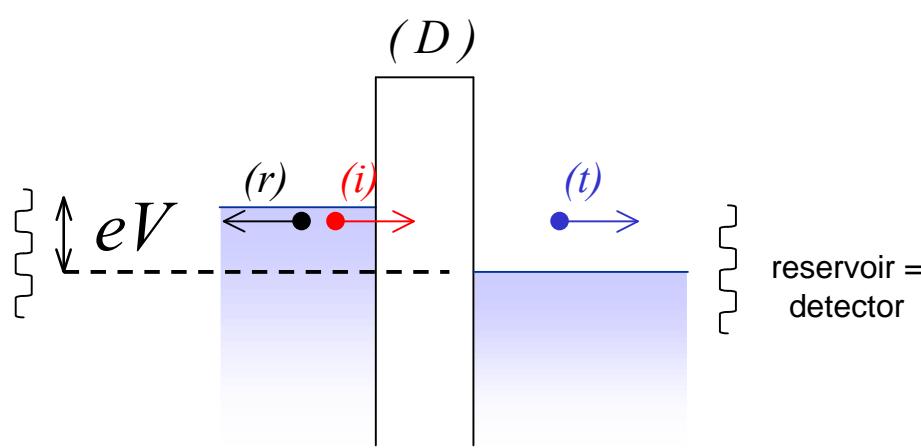
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WHY STUDY SHOT NOISE ?



from the 70's to 90's (and beyond) mesoscopic physics addressed *single particle* coherence properties via *conductance* measurements



electrons :

electrons interference

shot noise

photons:

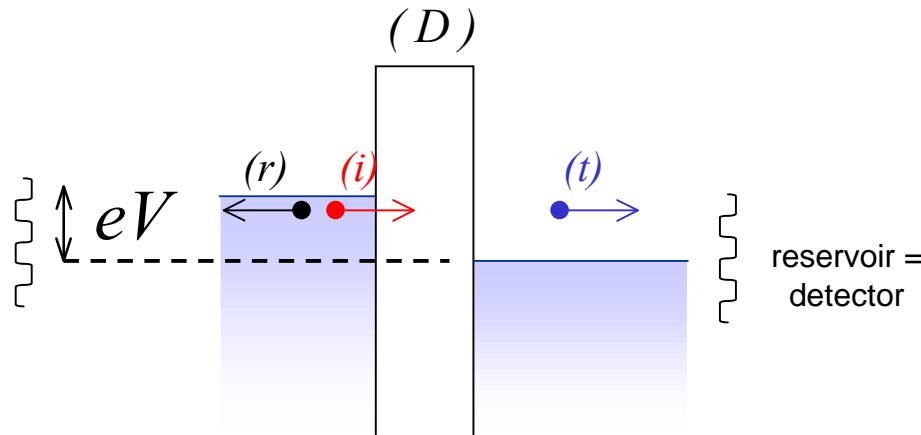
(wave)

(particle)

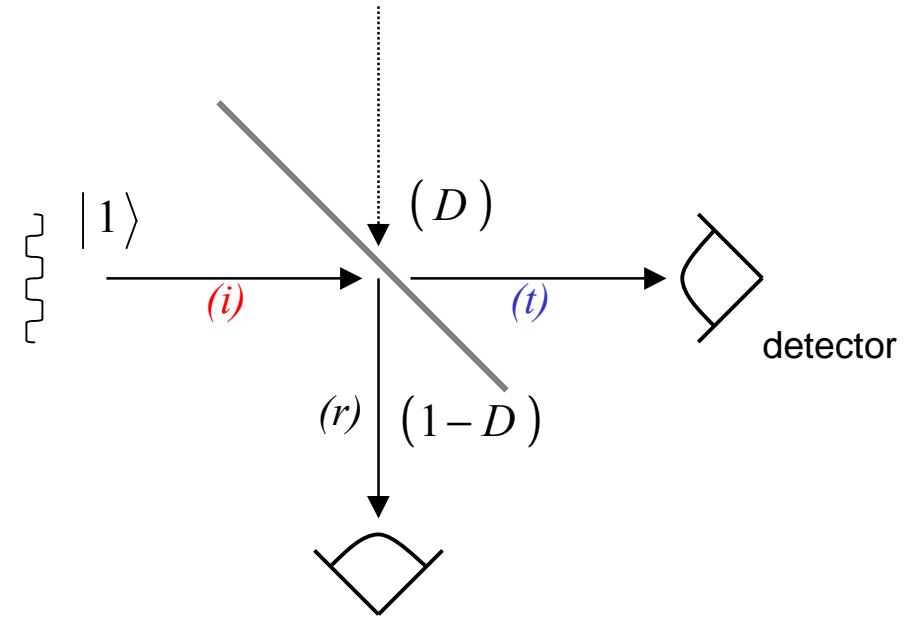
light interference

photon noise

while in the 60's, optics addressed **two** photons properties (Hanbury-Brown Twiss correlations)
 this is only beginning of the 90's (mid 90's for experiments) that two-electron correlations where considered
 via **quantum shot noise**



reservoir =
detector



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*different quantum noise results for different quantum statistics (Bose versus Fermi)
Fermi sea gives noiseless electron generation while photons are fundamentally noisy*

electronic quantum shot noise studies revealed yet unregarded beautiful properties of the Fermi sea
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the magic Fermi sea

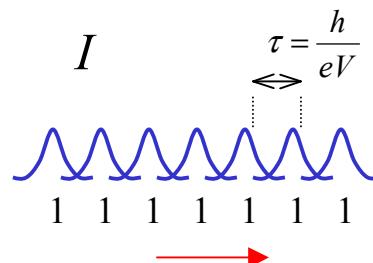
$$dI_{el.} = \frac{e}{h} d\epsilon \quad \text{or} \quad d\dot{N}_{el.} = \frac{1}{h} d\epsilon$$

\Rightarrow quantum of conductance : $\frac{e^2}{h}$

$$d\dot{N}_{ph.} = \frac{N_{occ.}}{h} d\epsilon \quad \text{or} \quad dI_{ph.} = (h\nu) N_{occ.} d\nu$$

(no equivalent, no known continuous generation of photon number states)

$$I = e \cdot \frac{eV}{h}$$



noiseless injection of electrons

noiseless electrons

electron entanglement
using linear ' electron optics ',
and equilibrium thermodynamic sources

noiseless electrons may
generate low noise photons

more with shot noise :

current spectral density :

$$S_I(f) = \langle \Delta I^2 \rangle / \Delta f$$

proportional to the **charge** of the quasi-particle carrying current (...but only in the Poissonian regime)

$$S_I = 2 q I$$

$q = e$ already in the 20's attempt to determine the **electron charge** in vacuum diodes
(but less accurate than Millikan's experiments, due to space charge effect)

(repulsive interactions reduce shot noise)

$q = e / 3$ in 1997, the **Laughlin fractional charge** of the Fractional Quantum Hall Effect was unambiguously established via shot noise. The last (but not least) proof **definitely establishing the FQH effect**.

later :

$q = 2e$ the Cooper pair charge observed at mesoscopic superconducting-normal interfaces.

Future :

$q = g e$ in Luttinger liquids, such as long single wall carbon nanotubes (requires $f > \text{THz}$)

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- 1. Fractional Quantum Hall effect
- 2.. Superconducting-Normal mesoscopic interfaces
- 3. Interactions in a QPC : 0.7 structure

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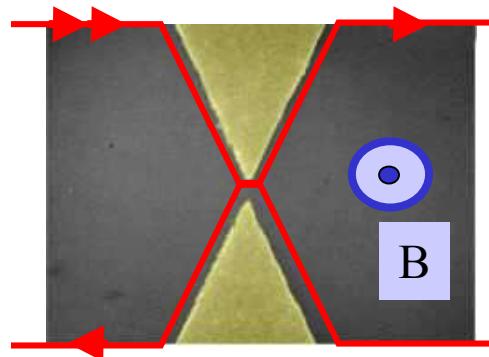
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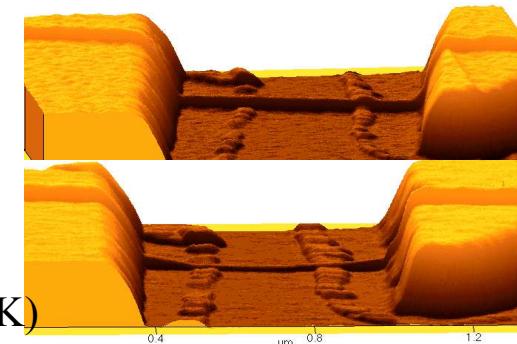
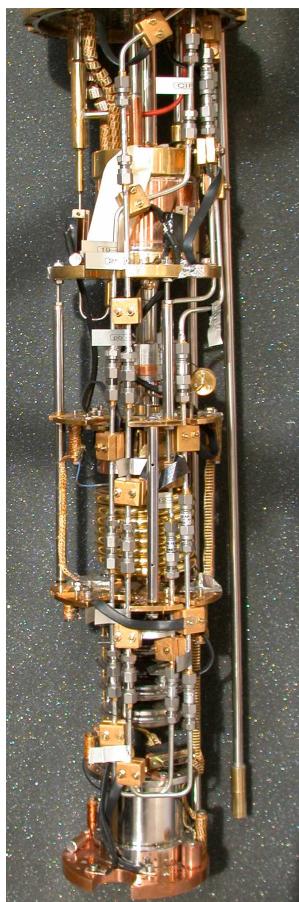
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Conclusion



- quantum point contact : shot noise, edge states, co-tunneling of Q.-Dots
- ballistic qubits
- mesoscopic capacitor
- carbone nanotube
- Fractional Quantum Hall effect

- high frequency (40 GHz)
- ultra low noise measurements
- high magnetic field (18T) and low T (20mK)
- lithography
- cryo-electronics



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II. 1 Quantum Partition Noise

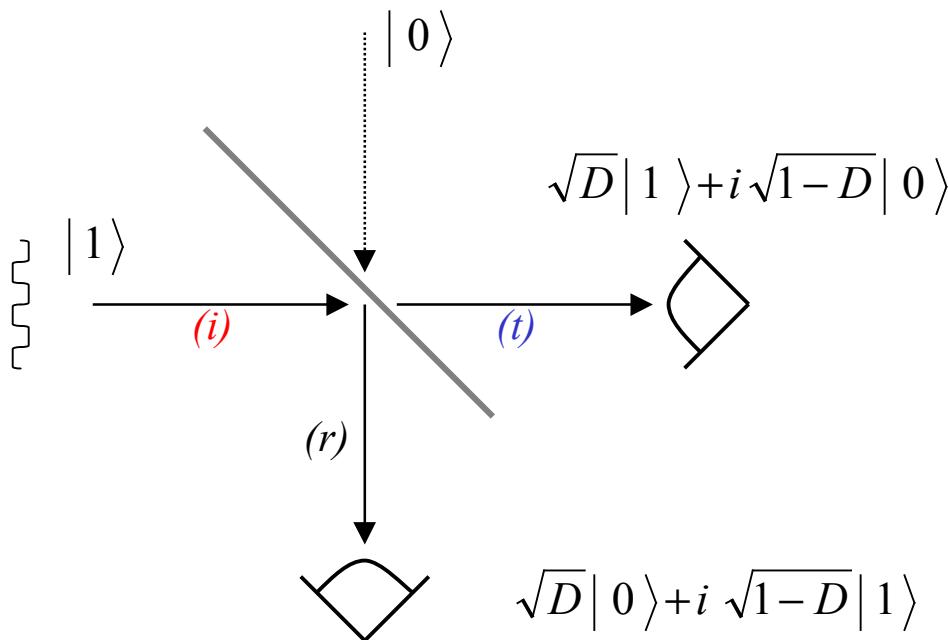
single -particle partitioning :

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)



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

$$\overline{n}_t = D \quad \overline{n}_r = 1 - D$$

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

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

binomial = Poisson X reduction factor (1 - D)

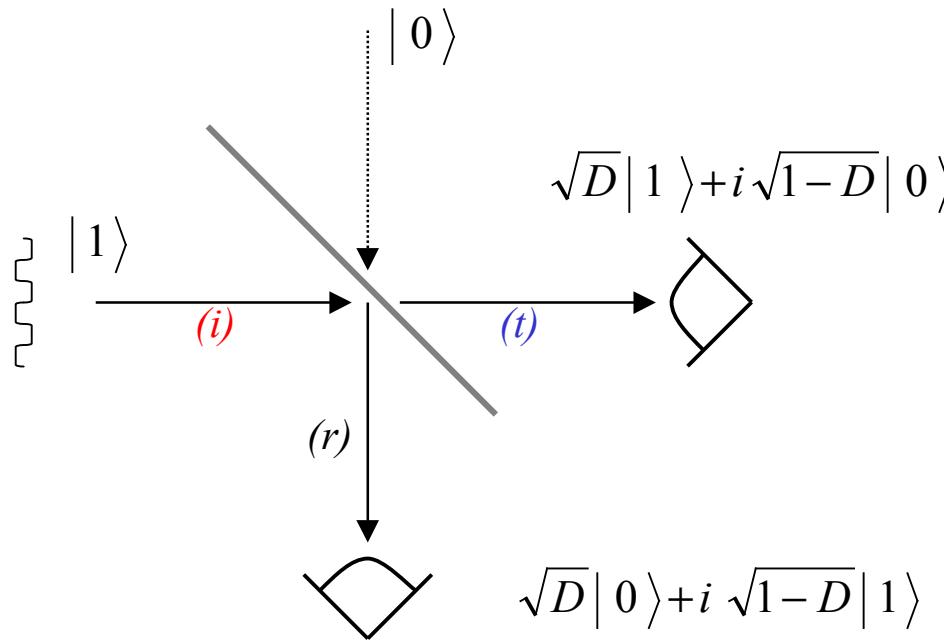
$$\overline{\Delta n_t \cdot \Delta n_r} = -D(1 - D)$$

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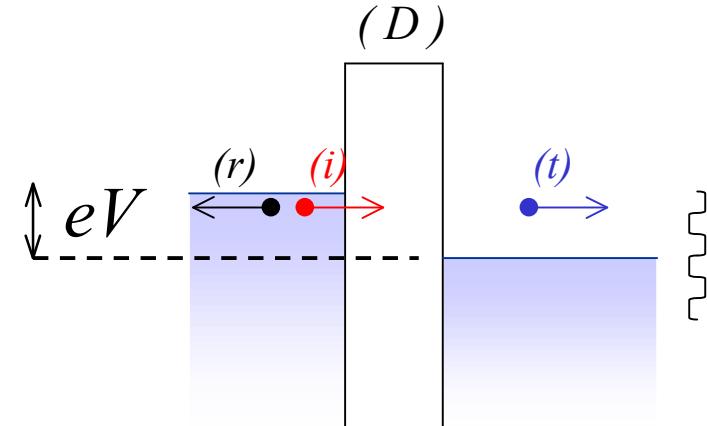
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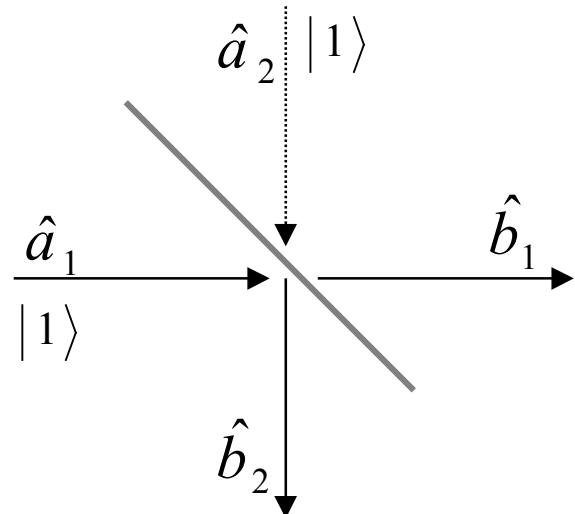


this applies also to electronic waves:



\Rightarrow responsible for current fluctuations
or quantum shot noise

two-particle partitioning : difference between Bosons and Fermions



$$\begin{pmatrix} \hat{b}_1 \\ \hat{b}_2 \end{pmatrix} = S \begin{pmatrix} \hat{a}_1 \\ \hat{a}_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

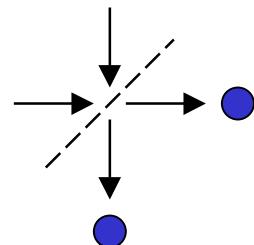
$$\Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} \hat{a}_1^+ \\ \hat{a}_2^+ \end{pmatrix} = S \begin{pmatrix} \hat{b}_1^+ \\ \hat{b}_2^+ \end{pmatrix}, \quad \text{as } S^+S = 1$$

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

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

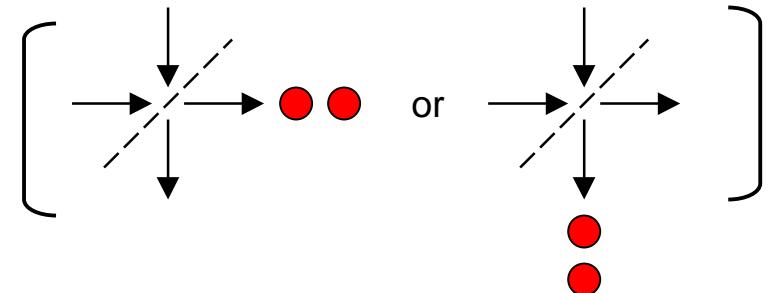
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= 0 (Fermion) = 0 (Boson)

Fermions:



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Bosons:



bunching, binomial two-particle partition noise

electron sources versus photon source : reservoir

electrons

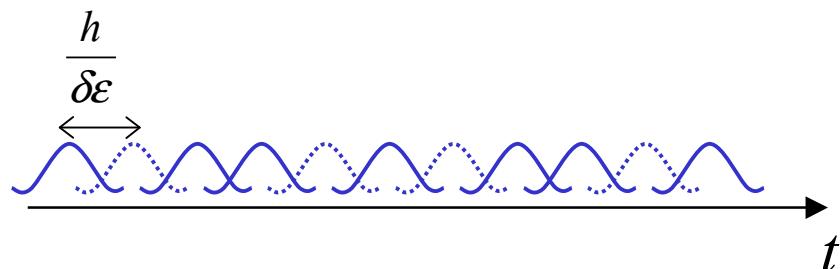
$$dI_{el.} = \frac{e}{h} f_{F.D.}(\varepsilon) d\varepsilon$$

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

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

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

sub - poissonian
(anti-bunching)



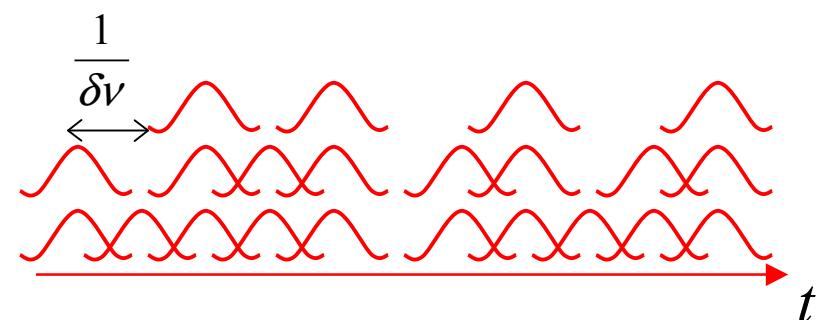
photons

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

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

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

super - poissonian
(thermal photon bunching)



in particular : noiseless Fermi sea at T=0

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

incoming current :

$$I_0 = e (eV/h)$$

(noiseless thanks
to Fermi statistics)

transmitted current :

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

current noise in B.W. Δf :

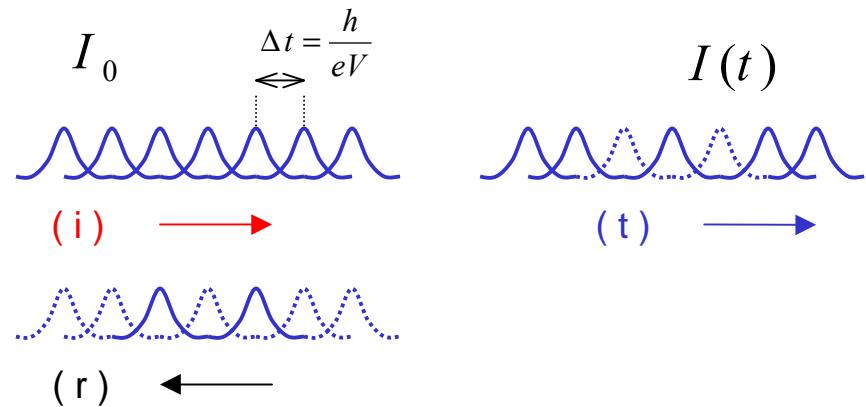
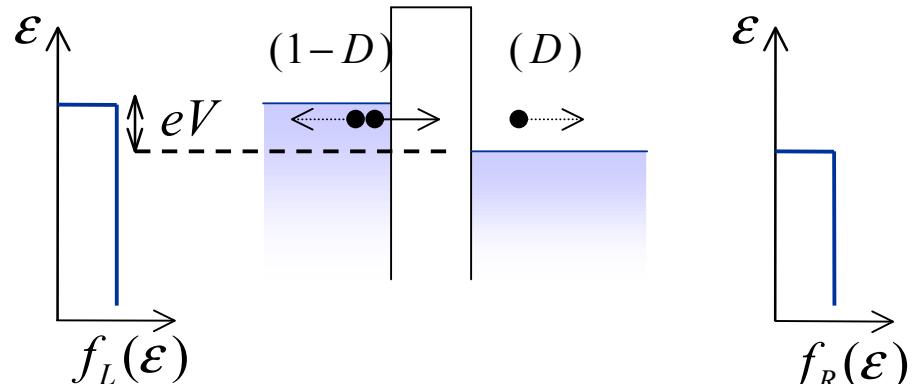
$$\langle (\Delta I)^2 \rangle = 2eI_0 \Delta f \cdot D(1-D)$$

Variance of partitioning
binomial statistics

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

Poisson (Schottky)

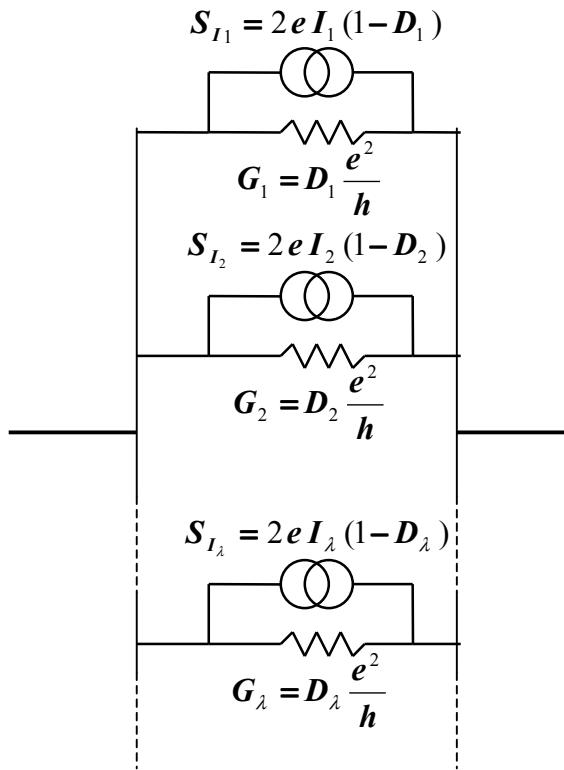
reduction factor
(Fano)



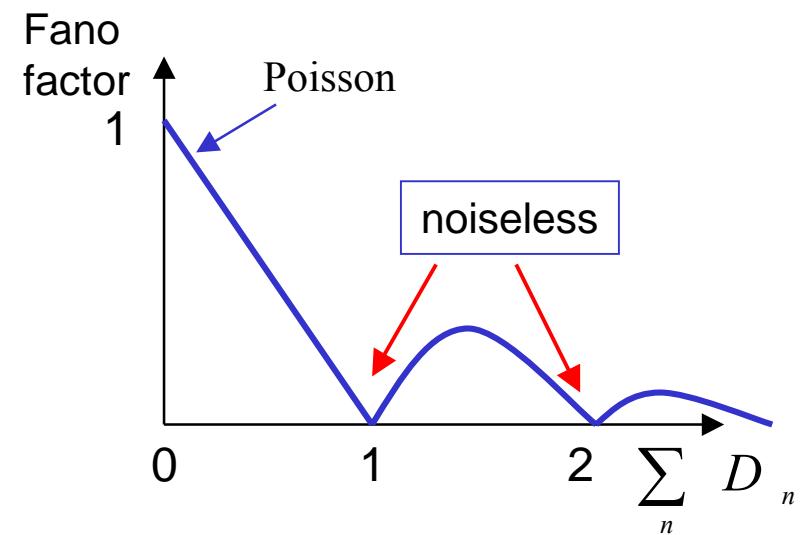
anti-correlation of transmitted
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electronic shot noise for a multi-mode conductor



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



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- scattering derivations
- electronic analog of the optical Hanbury-Brown Twiss experiment
- electronic quantum exchange

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II. 2 Scattering derivation of quantum shot noise

some classical definitions to start:

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

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

(...)
(ensemble averaging over thermodynamically equivalent realizations)

$$\overline{I^2(t)} = \sum_n \sum_m \overline{x_n x_m} e^{-i2\pi \frac{(n+m)t}{T}}$$

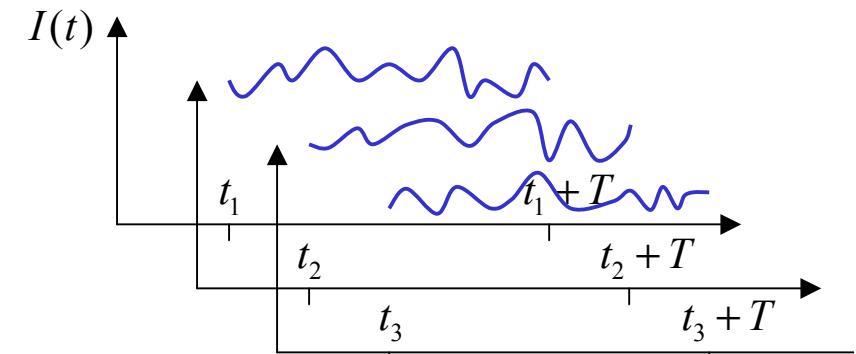
$$\overline{x_n x_m} = 0 \quad \text{if } m \neq -n \quad \text{(stationary condition)}$$

$$= \overline{x_0^2} + 2 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \overline{x_n x_n^*}$$

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

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

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



spectral density of the current

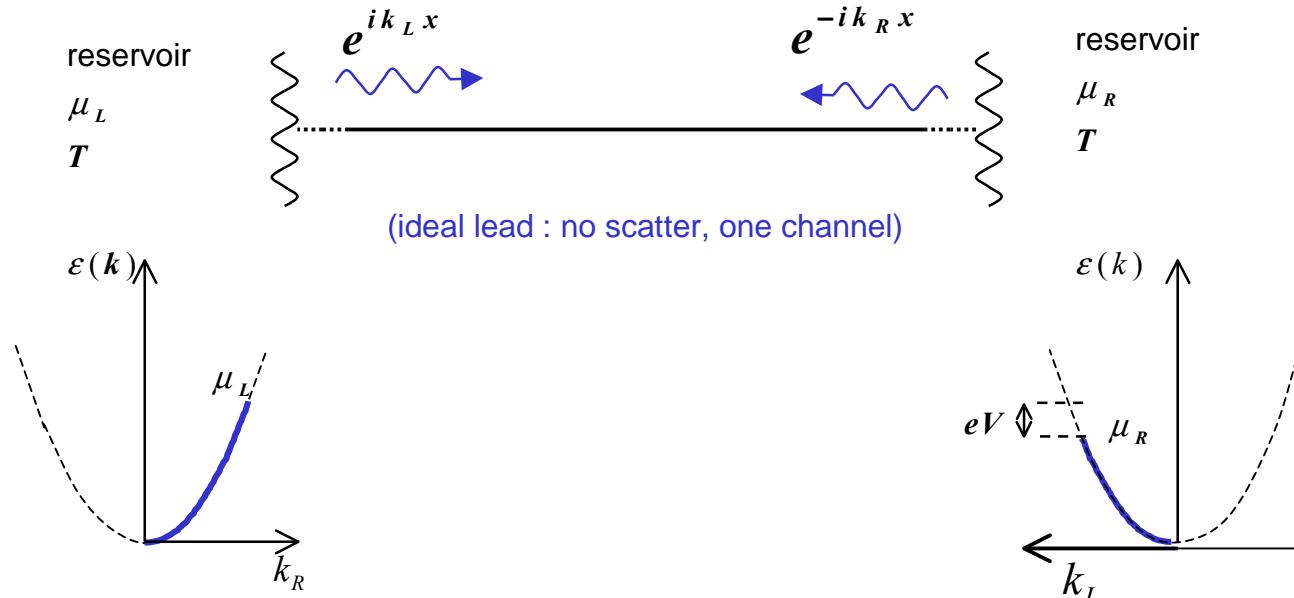
$$\begin{aligned}
\overline{I(t)I(t+\tau)} &= \sum_n \sum_m \overline{x_n x_m} e^{-i2\pi \frac{(n+m)t}{T}} e^{-i2\pi \frac{n\tau}{T}} \quad \overline{x_n x_m} = 0 \text{ if } m \neq -n \\
&= 2 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \overline{x_n x_n^*} \cos 2\pi \frac{n\tau}{T} = \int_0^{\infty} d\nu S_I(\nu) \cos 2\pi \nu \tau
\end{aligned}$$

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

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

second quantification representation

(to be ready to go further than simple scattering: ... shot noise, ac transport, entanglement ...)



$$\hat{\psi}_L(x, t) = \frac{e}{\hbar} \int d\varepsilon \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\hbar\nu_L(\varepsilon)}} \hat{a}_L(\varepsilon) e^{i(k_L x - \varepsilon t)}$$

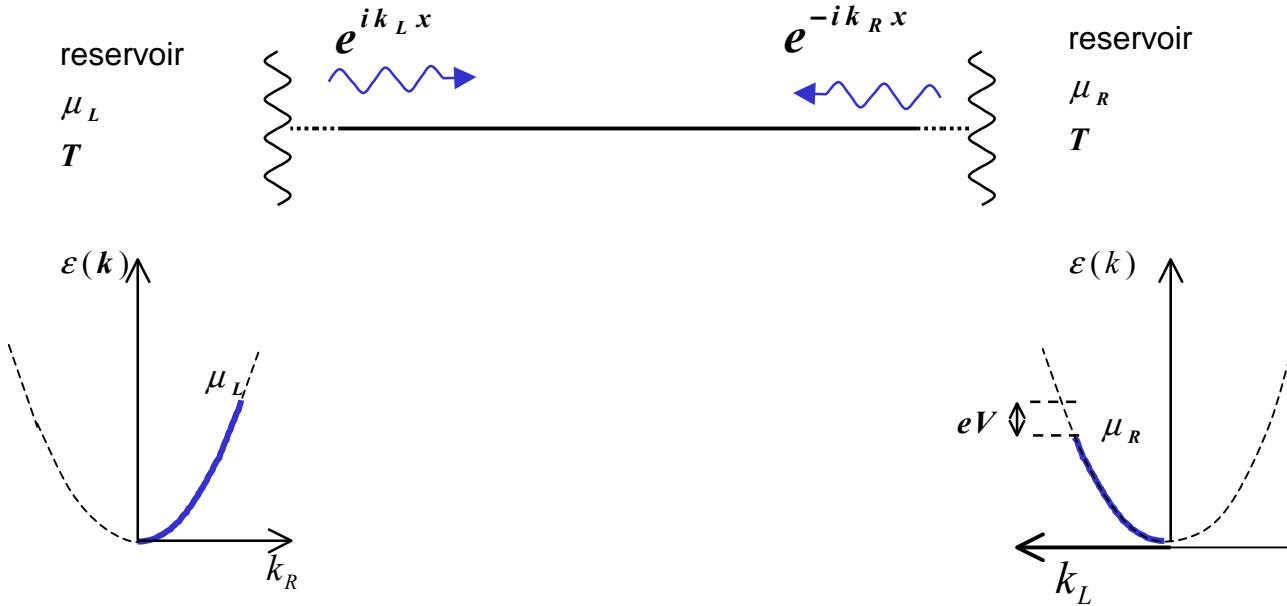
$$\hat{\psi}_R(x, t) = \frac{e}{\hbar} \int d\varepsilon \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\hbar\nu_R(\varepsilon)}} \hat{a}_R(\varepsilon) e^{i(-k_R x - \varepsilon t)}$$

$$e \frac{\partial (\hat{\psi}^+ \hat{\psi})}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \hat{I} = 0$$

$\hat{a}_{\alpha(\beta)}$, act on the Fock space of the reservoirs

$$|L\rangle = \prod_{\varepsilon=0, \mu_L} \hat{a}_L^+(\varepsilon) |0\rangle_L \quad \text{and} \quad |R\rangle = \prod_{\varepsilon=0, \mu_R} \hat{a}_R^+(\varepsilon) |0\rangle_R$$

$$\begin{aligned} \{\hat{a}_\beta(\varepsilon'), \hat{a}_\alpha^+(\varepsilon)\} &= \delta_{\alpha,\beta} \delta(\varepsilon' - \varepsilon) \\ \{\hat{a}_\beta(\varepsilon'), \hat{a}_\alpha(\varepsilon)\} &= 0 \\ \langle \hat{a}_\alpha^+(\varepsilon) \cdot \hat{a}_\beta(\varepsilon') \rangle &= f_\alpha(\varepsilon) \delta_{\alpha,\beta} \delta(\varepsilon' - \varepsilon) \end{aligned}$$



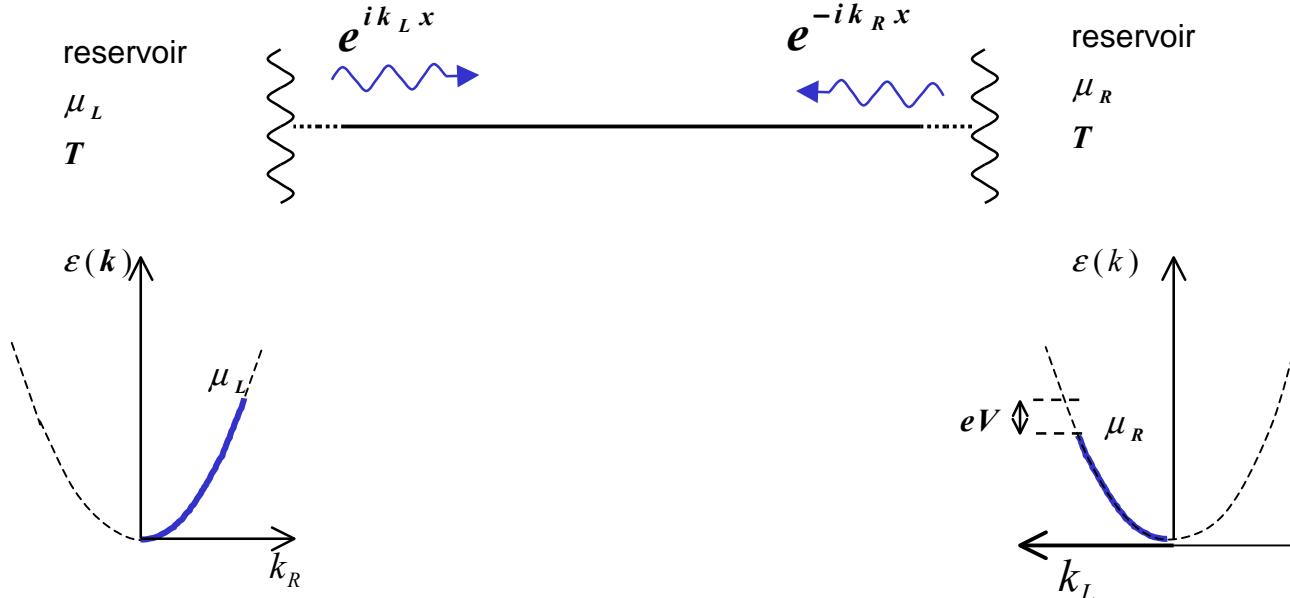
$$\hat{\psi}_L(x, t) = \frac{e}{h} \int d\varepsilon \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\hbar v_L(\varepsilon)}} \hat{a}_L(\varepsilon) e^{i(k_L x - \varepsilon t)}$$

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$$\widehat{I}_L(x, t) = e \frac{\hbar}{i2m} \left(\widehat{\Psi}_L^\dagger(x, t) \frac{\partial \widehat{\Psi}_L(x, t)}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial \widehat{\Psi}_L^\dagger(x, t)}{\partial x} \widehat{\Psi}_L(x, t) \right)$$

$$= \frac{e}{h} \int d\varepsilon d\varepsilon' \widehat{a}_L^\dagger(\varepsilon') \widehat{a}_L(\varepsilon) \frac{v(\varepsilon) + v(\varepsilon')}{2\sqrt{v(\varepsilon)}\sqrt{v(\varepsilon')}} e^{i(k(\varepsilon) - k(\varepsilon'))x} e^{i(\varepsilon' - \varepsilon)t} \rightarrow$$

$$\langle \widehat{I}_L(x, t) \rangle = \boxed{I_L = \frac{e}{h} \int d\varepsilon f_L(\varepsilon)}$$



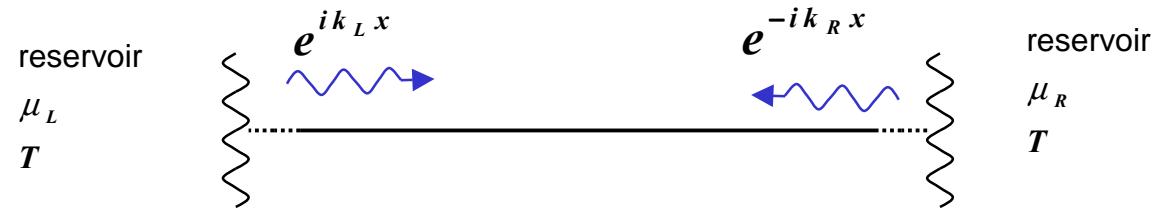
$$\boxed{I = \int_0^\infty (f_L(\varepsilon) - f_R(\varepsilon)) \frac{e}{h} d\varepsilon}$$

$$I = \frac{e^2}{h} V \quad \mu_L = \mu_R + eV \quad \forall V, T$$

the conductance : $\frac{e^2}{h}$
 does not depend on temperature and voltage

$$I = e \frac{eV}{h} \quad \text{Pauli } (1 \times e) + \text{ Heisenberg } (eV/h)$$

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 : $\hat{\psi}_L(x,t) = \frac{e}{h} \int d\epsilon \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\hbar v_L(\epsilon)}} \hat{a}_L(\epsilon) e^{i(k_L x - \epsilon t)}$

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

$$\langle I_L \rangle = \frac{e}{h} \int d\epsilon f_L(\epsilon)$$

$$\langle \hat{a}_L^\dagger(\epsilon') \hat{a}_L(\epsilon) \rangle = f_L(\epsilon) \delta(\epsilon' - \epsilon)$$

we want to compute :

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

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

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

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

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

→ the **fluctuations** : $\langle \Delta \hat{I}(x_L, 0) \cdot \Delta \hat{I}(x_L, \tau) \rangle = \langle \hat{I}(x_L, 0) \hat{I}(x_L, \tau) \rangle - \langle \hat{I}(x_L, 0) \rangle \langle \hat{I}(x_L, \tau) \rangle$

only come from the

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

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

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

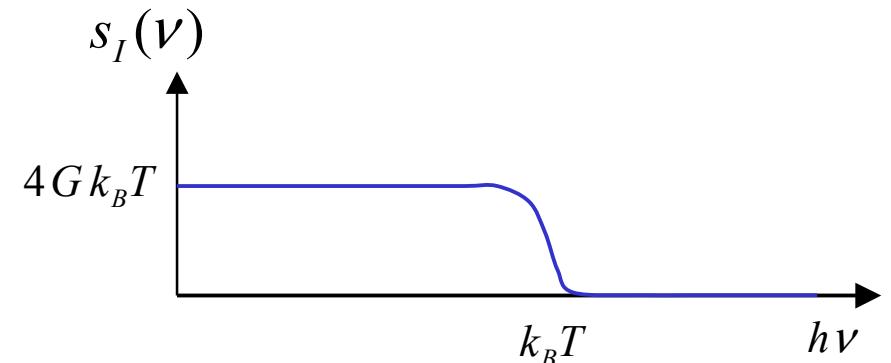
spectral density of the current fluctuations:

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

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

adding contribution of right the reservoir:

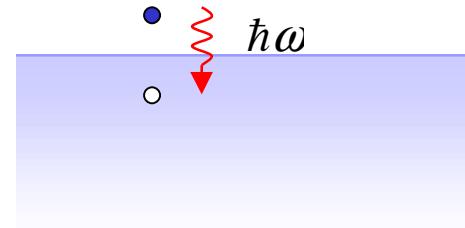
$$\begin{aligned} S_I(\nu) &= 4 \frac{e^2}{h} \int d\epsilon f_L(\epsilon)(1 - f_L(\epsilon - \hbar\omega)) \\ &= 4 \frac{e^2}{h} \frac{\hbar\omega}{e^{\frac{\hbar\omega}{k_B T}} - 1} \\ &= 4 \frac{e^2}{h} \hbar\omega N(\omega) \end{aligned}$$



no (detectable) reservoir noise at zero temperature

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

(‘spontaneous’ fluctuations)



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

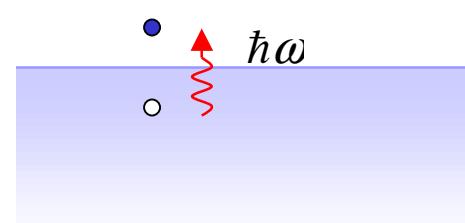
$$S_I(\nu) = 2 \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d\tau \langle \hat{I}(0) \hat{I}(\tau) \rangle e^{i2\pi\nu\tau}$$

←
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)



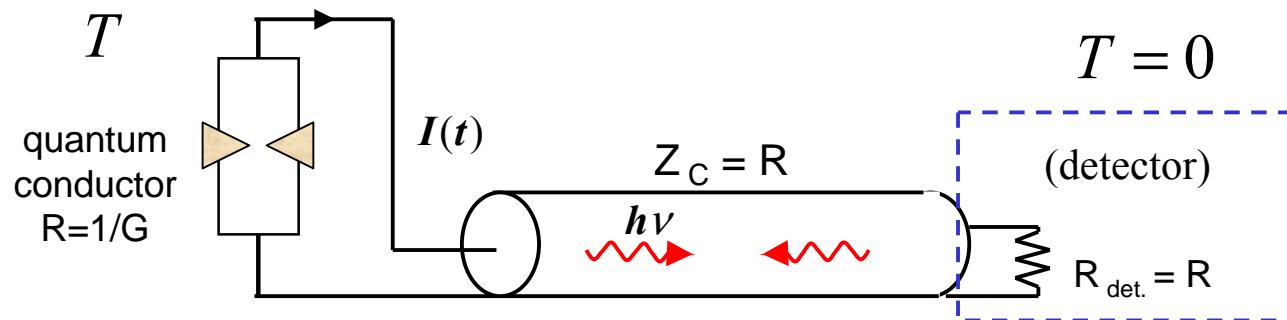
transitions up in energy: these fluctuations are revealed when connecting to an ‘active’ detector able to excite the Fermi sea

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

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

(see poster : Pierre Billangeon
also : Deblock/Kouwenhoven : noise of a supercond. charge qubit using SIS junctions)

- meaning of $S_I(\nu)$:



$$P = RS_I(\nu)d\nu$$

(noise detectable with detector in ground state) (also Nyquist 1928)

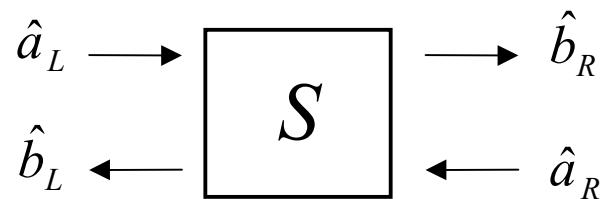
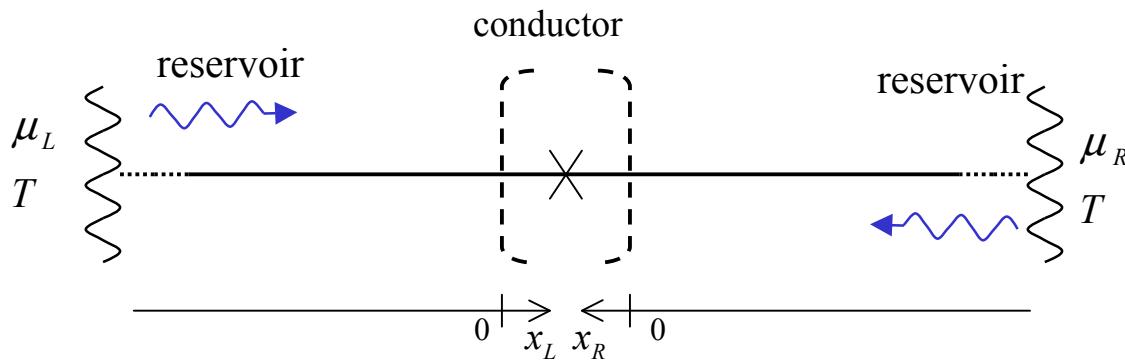
(see more in last part of the talk, if time permits)

For a detector at finite temperature

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

*Lesovik and Loosen, JETP. Lett. 65, 295 (1997)
Y. Gavish, Y. Imry and Y. Levinson, Phys. Rev. B. 62, 10637 (2000)
see poster Marjorie CREUX*

II . 2.b. quantum shot noise for a single mode



scattering states in the reservoirs:

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

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

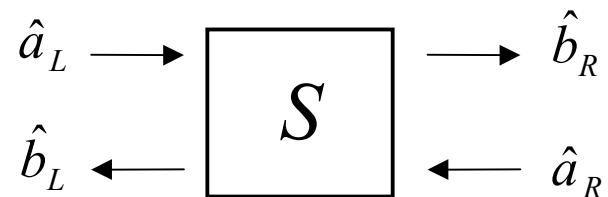
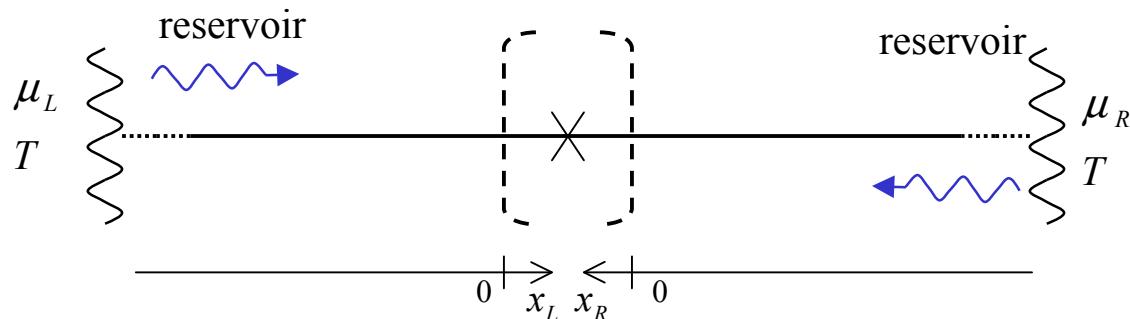
$$\hat{\psi}(x_L) = \frac{e}{h} \int d\epsilon \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\hbar\nu_L(\epsilon)}} (\hat{a}_L(\epsilon) e^{ik_L x_L} + \hat{b}_L(\epsilon) e^{-ik_L x_L})$$

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

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

$$r^2 = R$$

to summarize:



$$S = \begin{pmatrix} s_{LL} & s_{LR} \\ s_{RL} & s_{RR} \end{pmatrix}$$

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

$$I = \frac{e}{h} \int d\epsilon \left\{ f_L(\epsilon) - \left(|s_{LL}|^2 f_L(\epsilon) + |s_{LR}|^2 f_R(\epsilon) \right) \right\}$$

Landauer formula

$$I = \frac{e}{h} \int d\epsilon |s_{LR}|^2 (f_L(\epsilon) - f_R(\epsilon))$$

$$G = \frac{e^2}{h} \int d\epsilon \left(-\frac{\partial f}{\partial \epsilon} \right) D(\epsilon)$$

$$D = |s_{LR}|^2 = |s_{RL}|^2 = 1 - |s_{LL}|^2 = 1 - |s_{RR}|^2 = 1 - R$$

$$G = \frac{e^2}{h} D(\epsilon_F) \quad @ \quad T = 0$$

Current fluctuations will be calculated in the left reservoir lead

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

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

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

... plus a factor

$$\propto \frac{(v_L(\epsilon') - v_L(\epsilon))}{(v_L(\epsilon') v_L(\epsilon))^{1/2}} \left(a_L^\dagger b_L \dots b_L^\dagger a_L \right)$$

also : ~ 1

negligable if $\epsilon' - \epsilon \sim h\nu \ll E_F$

$$\hat{I}(x_L, t) = \frac{e}{\hbar} \int d\epsilon d\epsilon' \left\{ t^2 \left(\hat{a}_L^+(\epsilon') \hat{a}_L(\epsilon) - \hat{a}_R^+(\epsilon') \hat{a}_R(\epsilon) \right) - \dots \right\} e^{i(k_L - k_{L'}) x_L} e^{i(\epsilon' - \epsilon)t}$$

contribute to fluctuations within reservoirs



contribute to fluctuations between reservoirs
(partitionning)

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

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

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

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

→ the *fluctuations* : $\langle \Delta \hat{I}(x_L, 0) \cdot \Delta \hat{I}(x_L, \tau) \rangle = \langle \hat{I}(x_L, 0) \hat{I}(x_L, \tau) \rangle - \langle \hat{I}(x_L, 0) \rangle \langle \hat{I}(x_L, \tau) \rangle$

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

first part:

$$\begin{cases} D^2 \langle \hat{a}_L^+(\epsilon''')\hat{a}_L(\epsilon'')\hat{a}_L^+(\epsilon')\hat{a}_L(\epsilon) \rangle \equiv f_L(\epsilon) (1 - f_L(\epsilon')) \delta(\epsilon''' - \epsilon) \delta(\epsilon'' - \epsilon') \\ D^2 \langle \hat{a}_R^+(\epsilon''')\hat{a}_R(\epsilon'')\hat{a}_R^+(\epsilon')\hat{a}_R(\epsilon) \rangle \equiv f_R(\epsilon) (1 - f_R(\epsilon')) \delta(\epsilon''' - \epsilon) \delta(\epsilon'' - \epsilon') \end{cases}$$

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

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

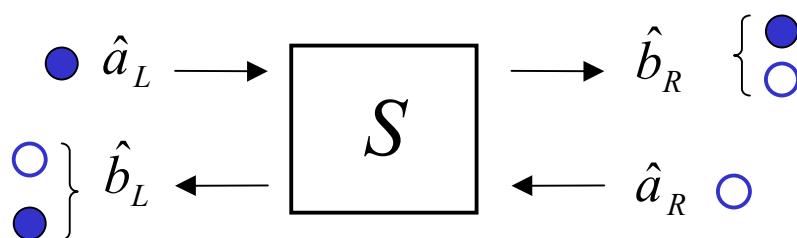
→ the *fluctuations* : $\langle \Delta\hat{I}(x_L, 0) \cdot \Delta\hat{I}(x_L, \tau) \rangle = \langle \hat{I}(x_L, 0) \hat{I}(x_L, \tau) \rangle - \langle \hat{I}(x_L, 0) \rangle \langle \hat{I}(x_L, \tau) \rangle$

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

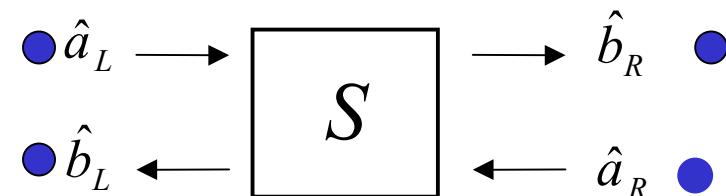
second part:

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

= 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 : $(f_R = f_L = f)$

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

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

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

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thermal noise
of reservoirs

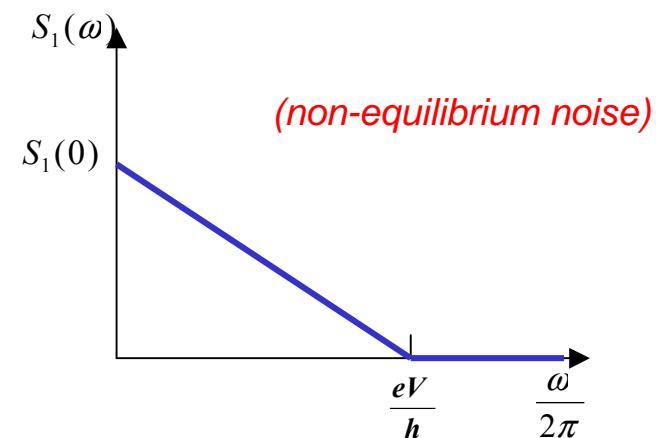
partition noise of
thermal electrons

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

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

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

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



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

(one mode)

shot noise at low frequency and zero temperature

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

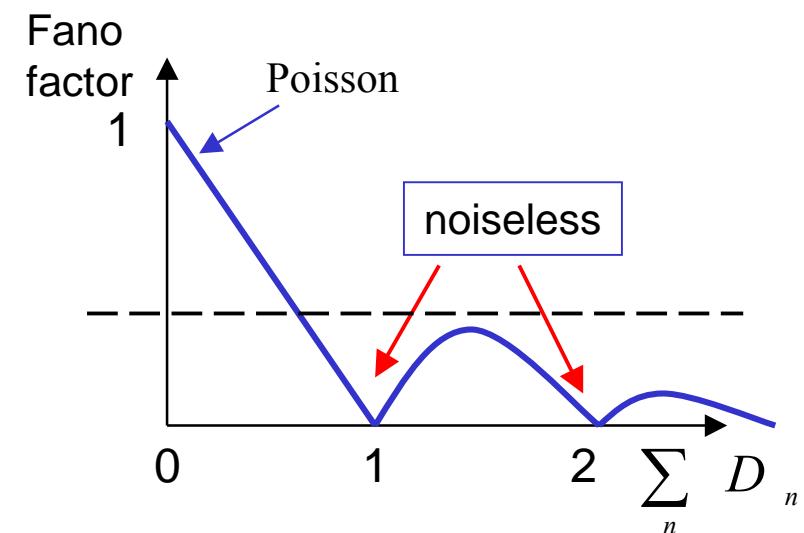
Poisson (Schottky) reduction factor (Fano)

generalization to multiple modes:

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



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



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

Introduction

I. Electronic scattering (a brief introduction)

II. Quantum Shot noise

1 - Quantum partition noise

- one and two particle partitioning :electrons/ photons
- electronic shot noise

2- scattering derivation of quantum shot noise

- a- $S(\omega)$ for an ideal one mode conductor
- b- quantum shot noise for a single mode
- c-zero frequency shot noise and multimode case



3- experimental examples

4- current noise cross-correlations

- scattering derivations
- electronic analog of the optical Hanbury-Brown Twiss experiment
- electronic quantum exchange

III Shot Noise and Interactions:

IV. Shot noise: *the* tool to detect entanglement

V. Shot noise and high frequencies

EXPERIMENTAL EXAMPLES

numbers:

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

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

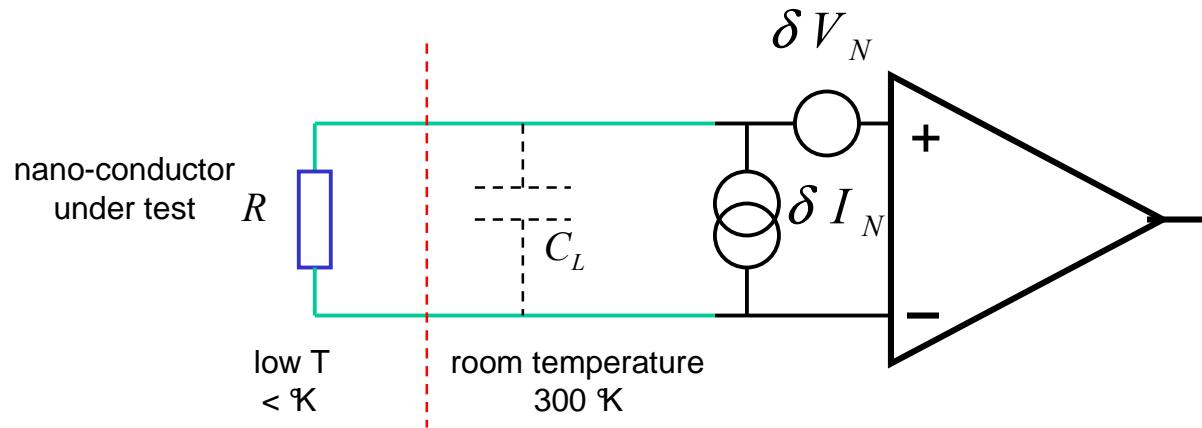
$$S_I = 2eI \approx 2.610^{-38}\text{ A}^2/\text{Hz} = (16\text{ fA}/\sqrt{\text{Hz}})^2$$

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

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)

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

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

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

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

(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)

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

well adapted to diffusive wire in semi-conductors, superconducting/2DEG hybride junctions, ...

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

Higher frequency (up to **few MHz** without appreciable capacitive shunting)

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

microwave LNAs (GHz range):

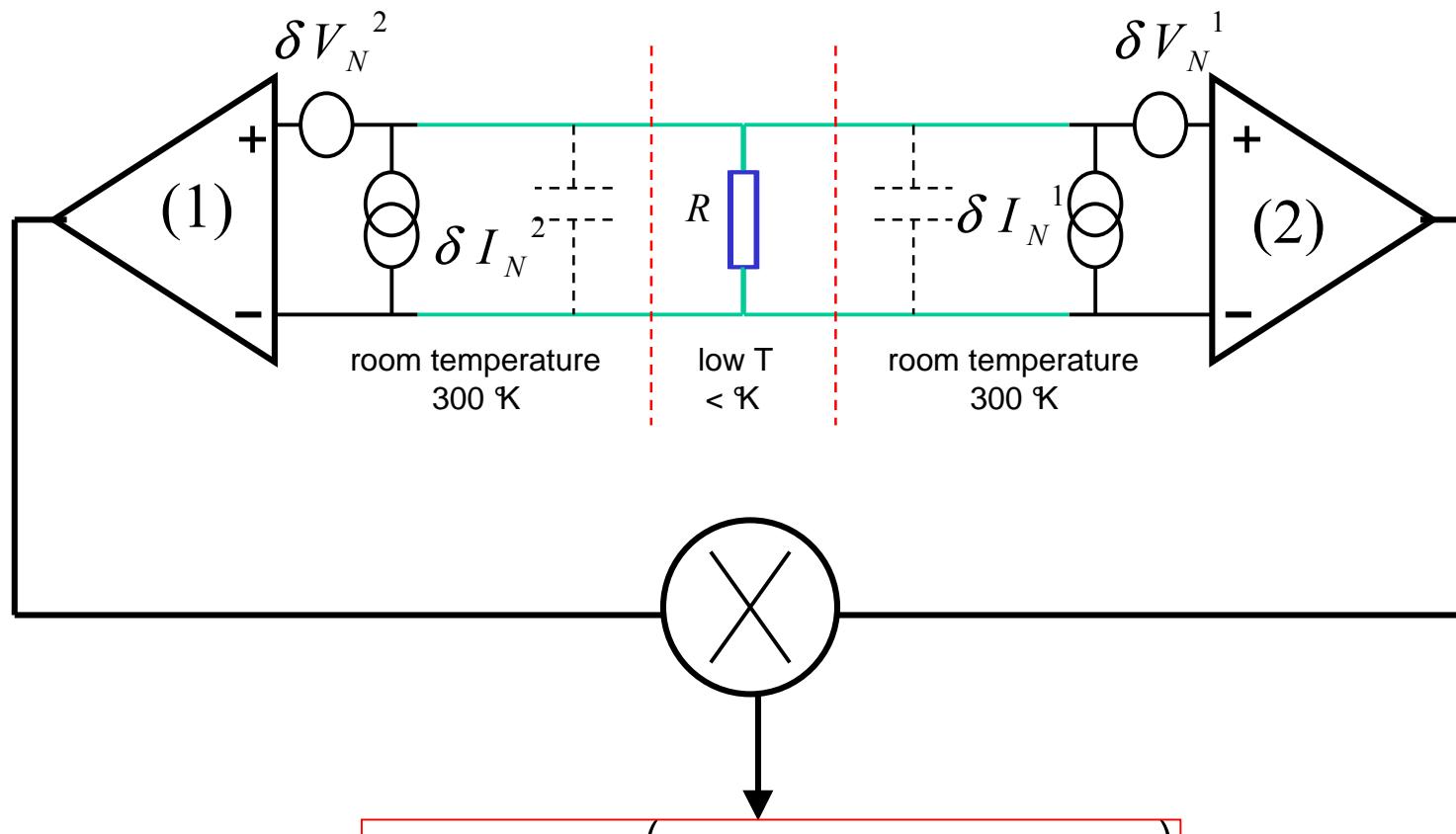
bad coupling : 50 Ohms versus 13kOhms
but **fast**:

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

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

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

cross-correlations



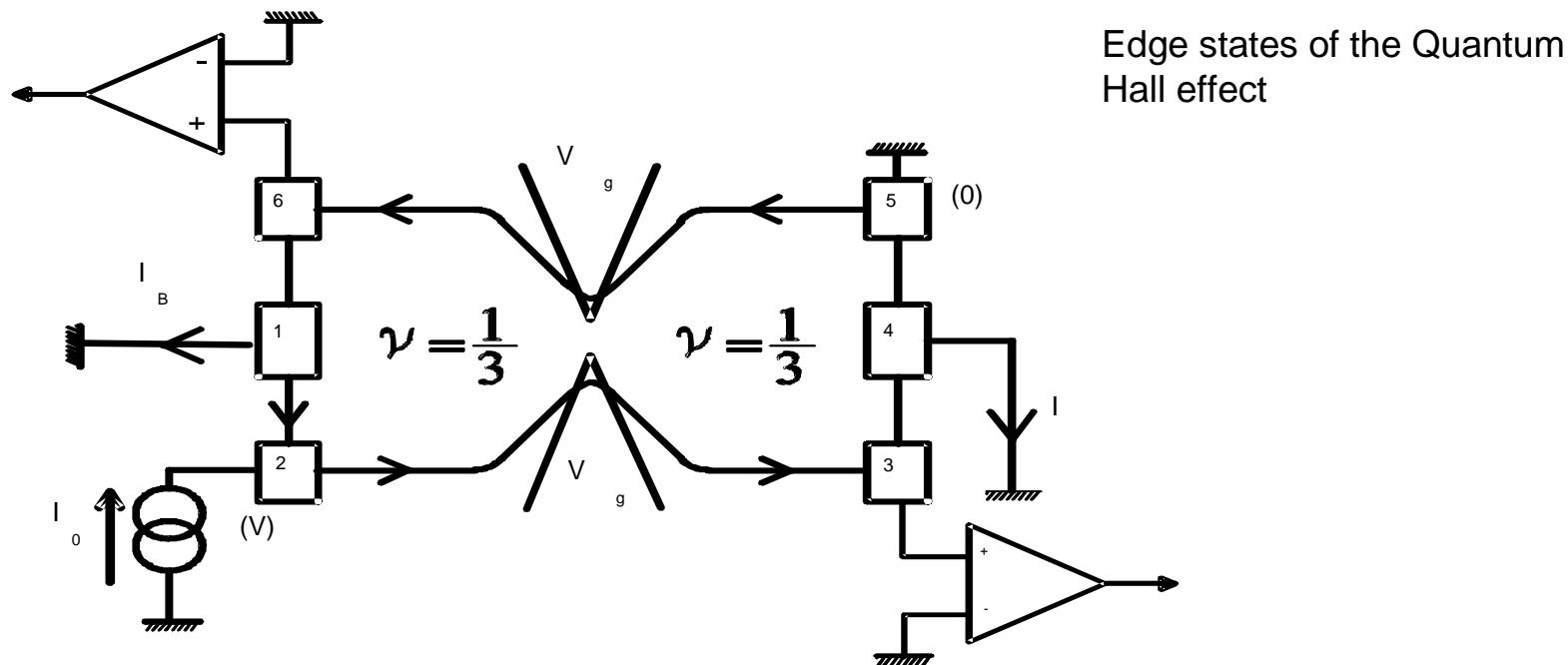
physical sample noise
to be measured

(white) current noise of
each amplifier added

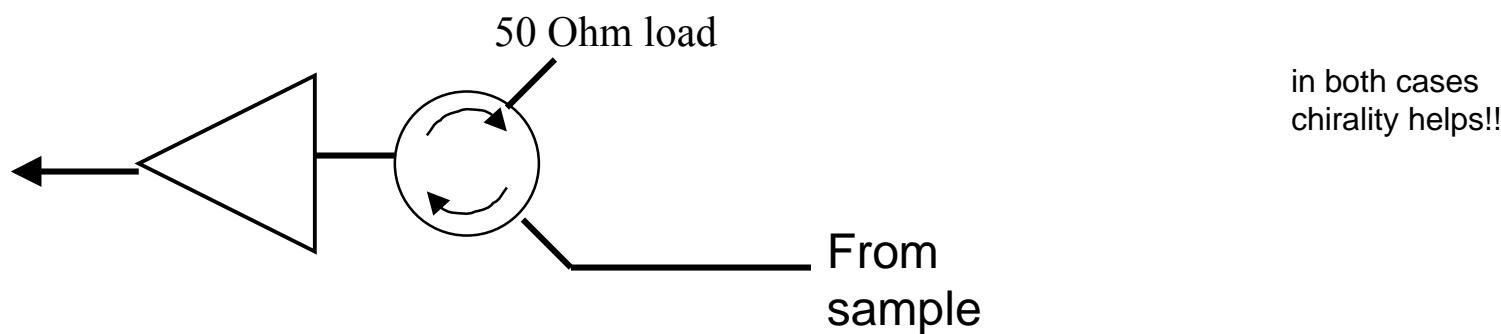
eliminates uncorrelated amplifier voltage noise, thermal noise of leads, reduces microphonic noise.
(like four-point resistance measurements).

Improvement in reliability (not noise **sensitivity**):

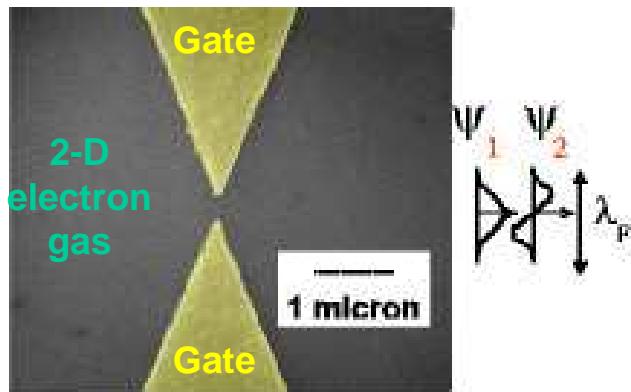
trick: make use of chirality, when possible to eliminate current noise of the amplifiers



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



in both cases
chirality helps!!

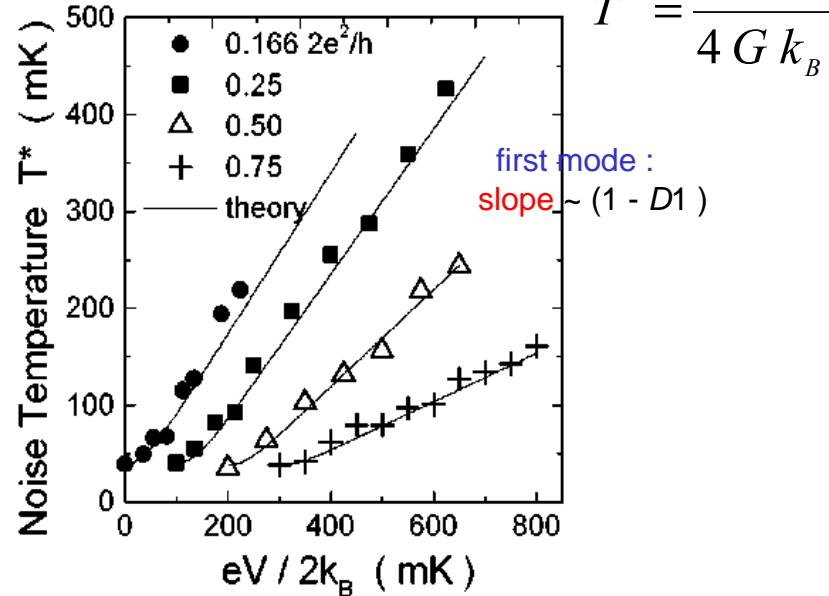


quantum point contact

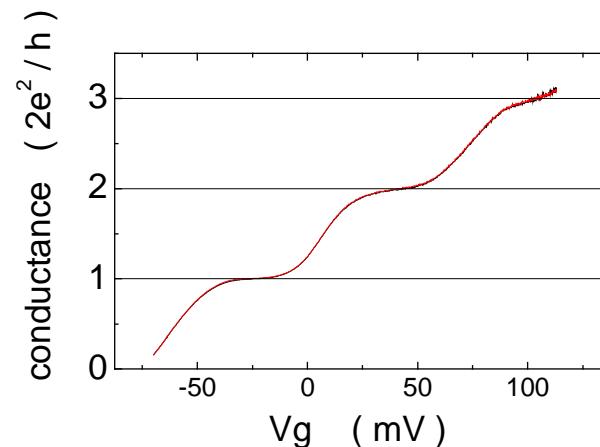
$$F = \frac{\sum_n D_n (1 - D_n)}{\sum_n D_n} \quad \lambda_F \approx 70 \text{ nm}$$

$l_{\text{elast.}} \approx 10 - 20 \mu\text{m}$
(ballistic conductor)

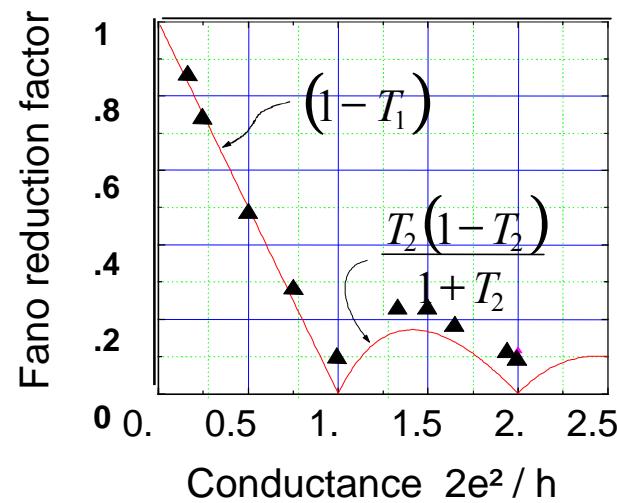
$$S_I = F \cdot 2eI$$



D.C. Glattli, NTT-BRL School, 03 november 05



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



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

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

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 thermal emission noise of reservoirs shot noise

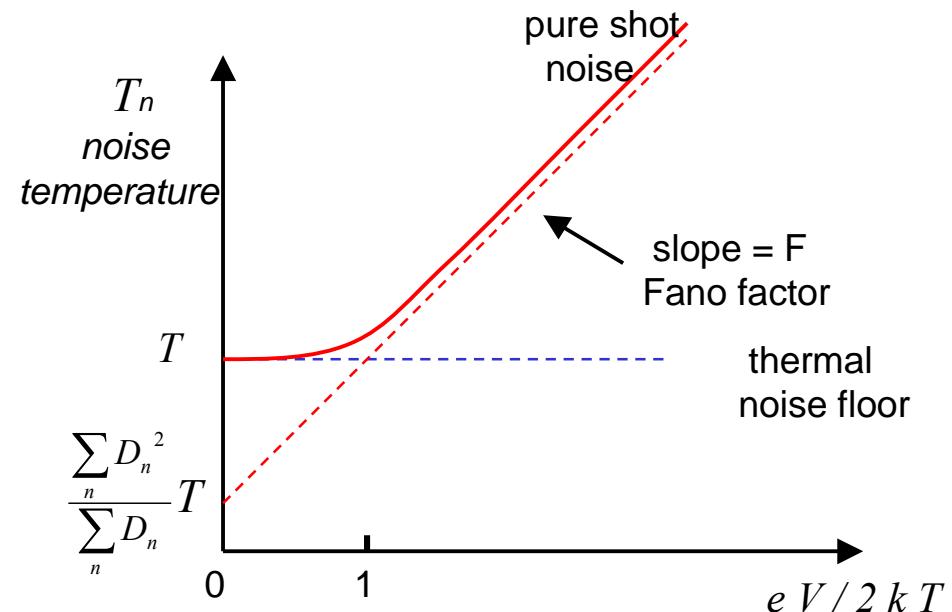
Johnson Nyquist noise at $V = 0$

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

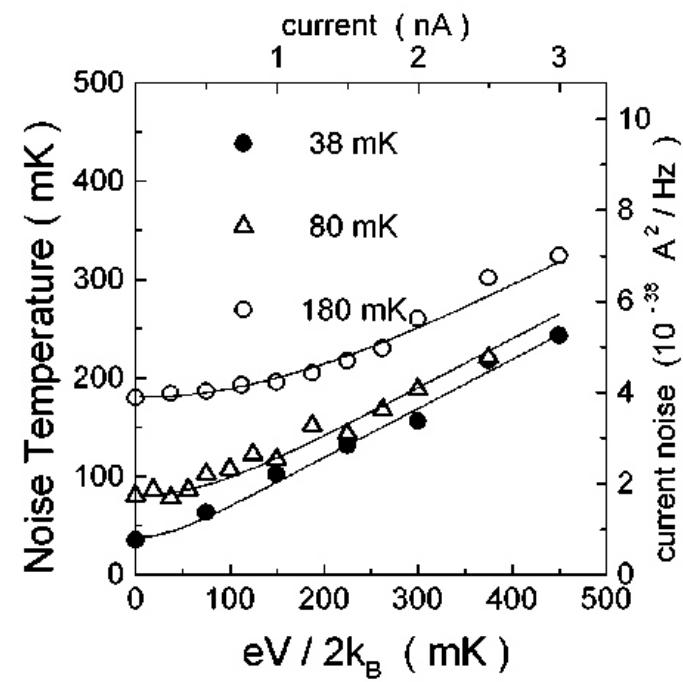
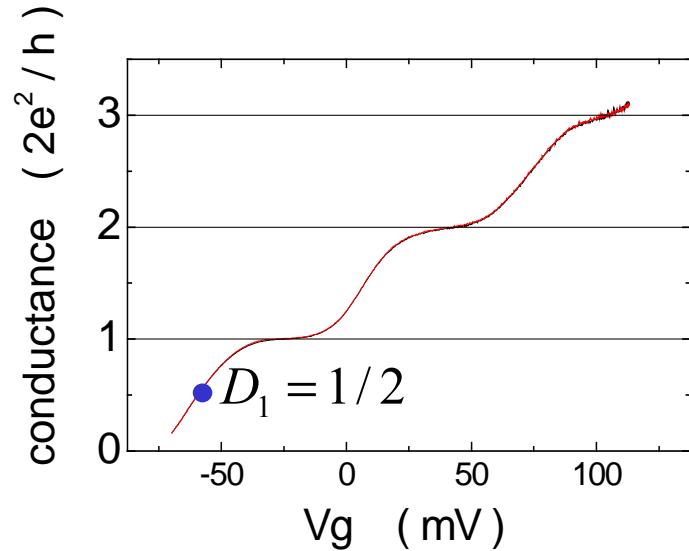
Def. : noise temperature T_n

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

*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

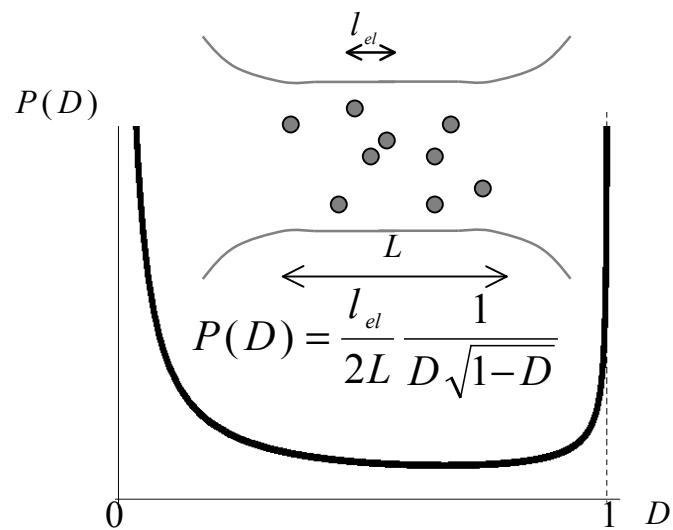
$$S_I = 2 \frac{e^2}{h} k_B T \cdot D_1^2 + 2 \frac{e^2}{h} eV \cdot D_1 (1 - D_1) \coth\left(\frac{eV}{2k_B T}\right)$$

- 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

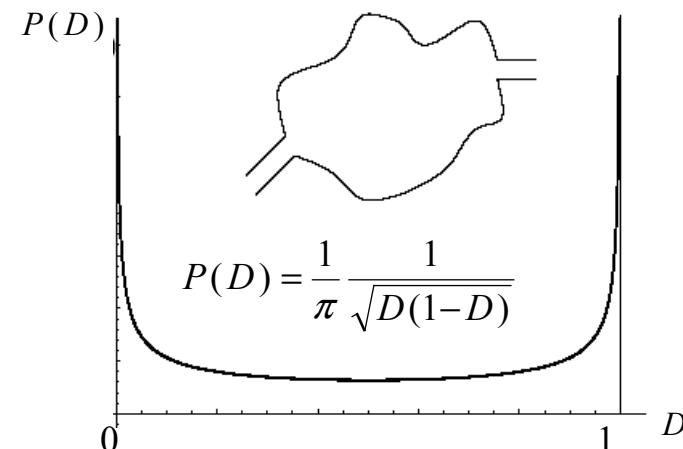
- $F = 1/3$: diffusive conductors
- $F = 1/4$: electron billiards (quantum chaos)
- $F = 1/2$: quantum dots
- ...

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

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



chaotic :



D. De Glatell, NERBBL School, 03 November 09
(question : what is quantum in the 1/3 Fano factor of diffusive electronic systems ?)

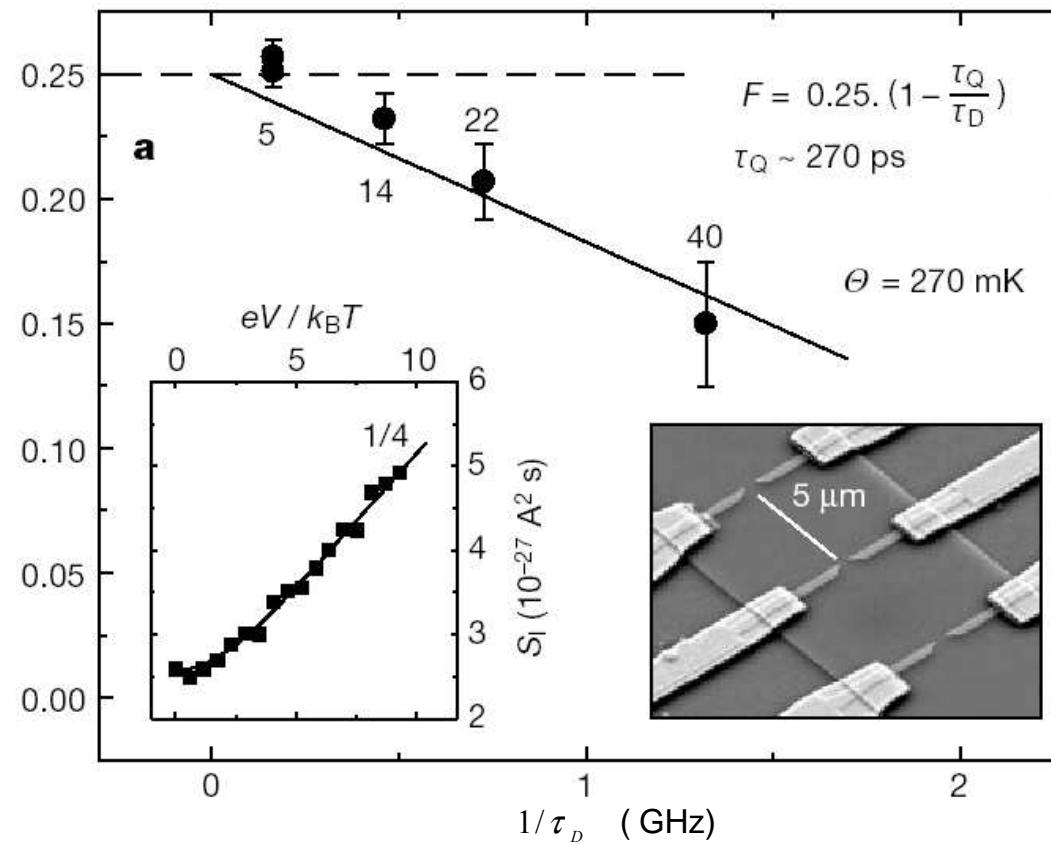
Chaotic cavity (electron billiard)

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

noise is quantum !

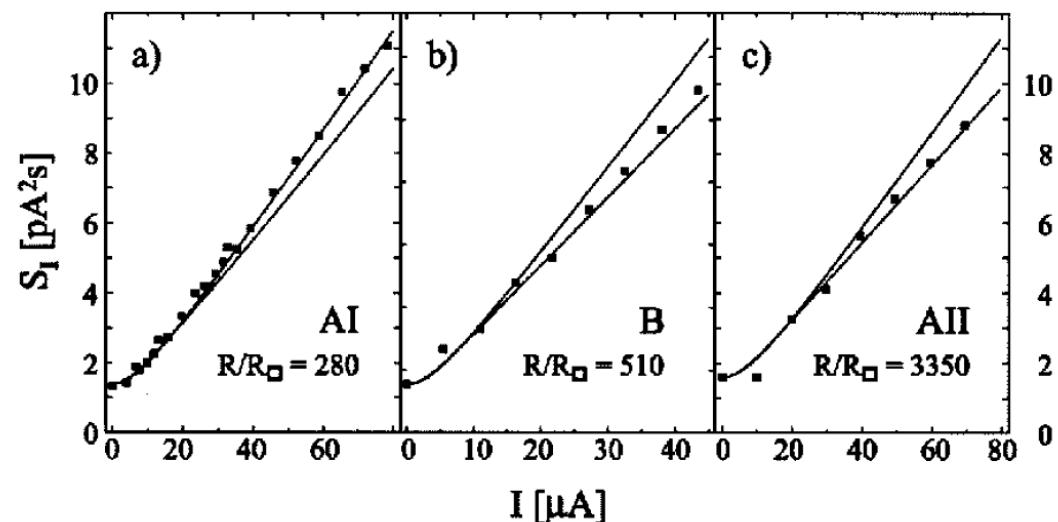
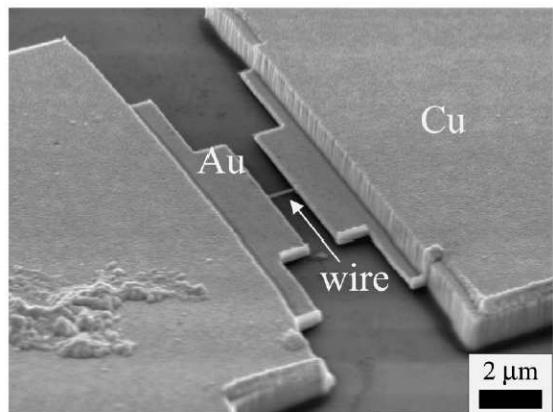
FANO Factor

$S_I / 2e|I|$



Oberholzer et al. Nature (2002)

$$S_I = F \cdot 2eI$$



lower slope : diffusive regime

$$F = 1/3$$

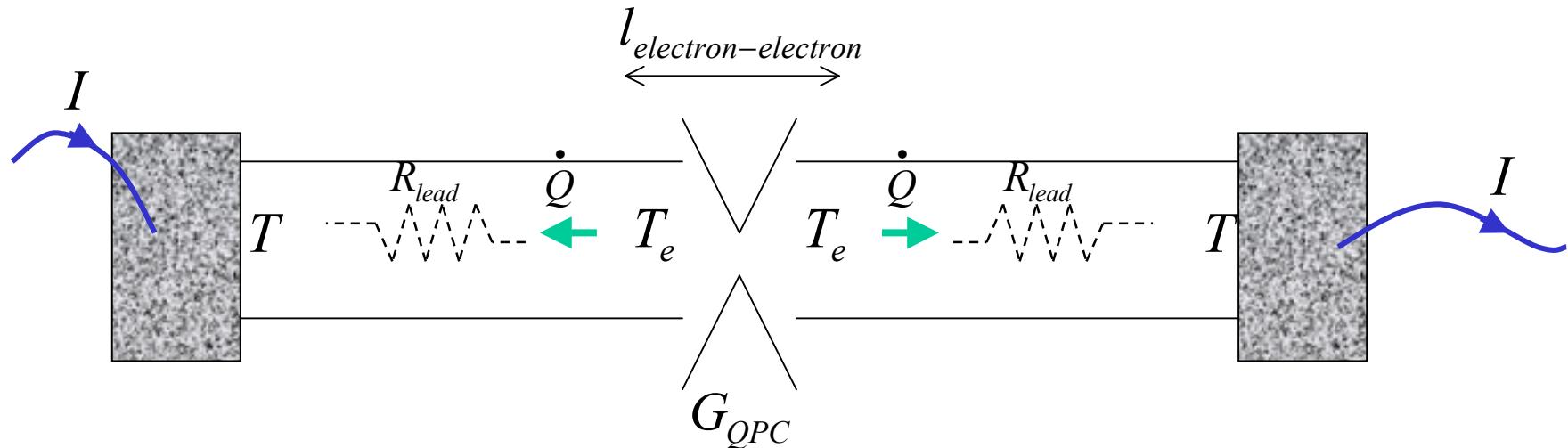
upper slope : hot electron regime
(see later)

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

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



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

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

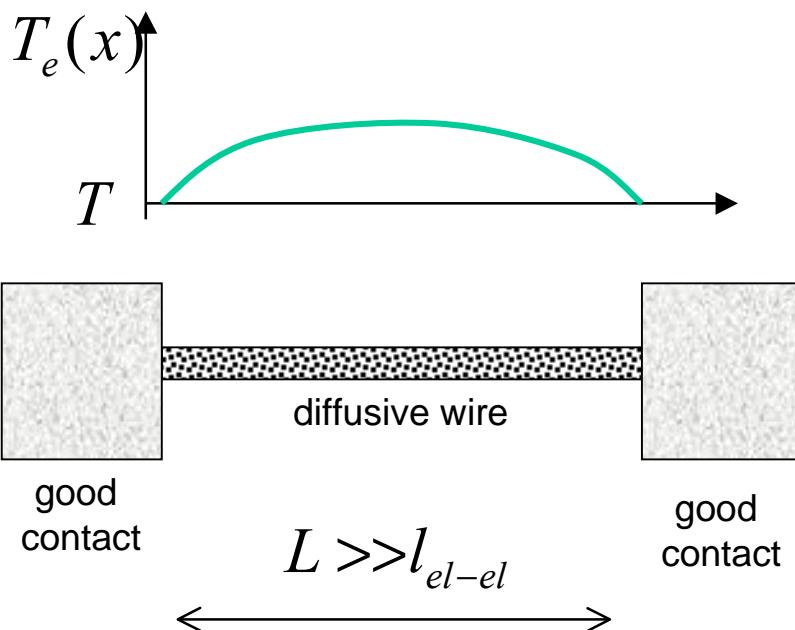
$$T_e^2 = T^2 + \frac{3}{2\pi^2} \left(\frac{e^2}{k_B} \right)^2 G_{QPC} R_{lead} V^2$$

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

(note : no heating effect if chiral system)

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

not shot noise, just **heating**,
apparent fano factor F

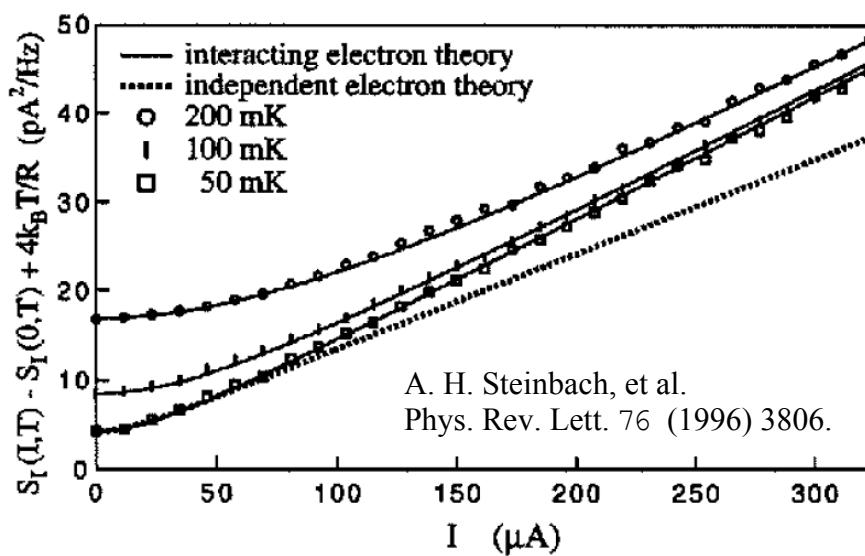


electron heating effect in a diffusive wire

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

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

(just electron heating, not transport shot noise)



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

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1 - Quantum partition noise

- one and two particle partitioning :electrons/ photons
- electronic shot noise

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- a- $S(\omega)$ for an ideal one mode conductor
- b- quantum shot noise for a single mode
- c-zero frequency shot noise and multimode case

3- experimental examples

4- current noise cross-correlations

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- electronic analog of the optical Hanbury-Brown Twiss experiment
- electronic quantum exchange

III Shot Noise and Interactions:

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V. Shot noise and high frequencies

II. 4 . current noise correlations.

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*

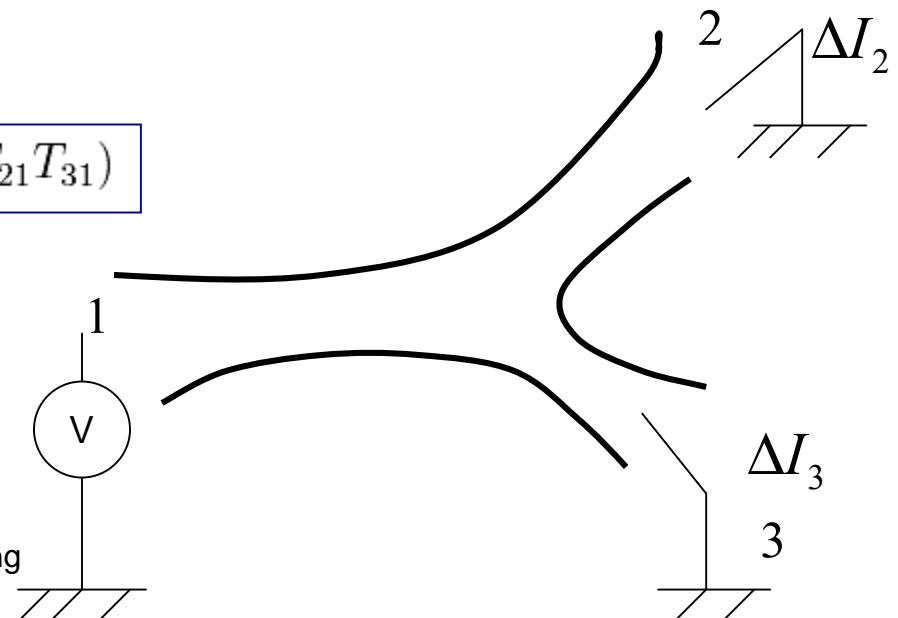
Special case of a three terminal branch :

one finds :

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

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

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



Hanbury Brown & Twiss experiment with electrons

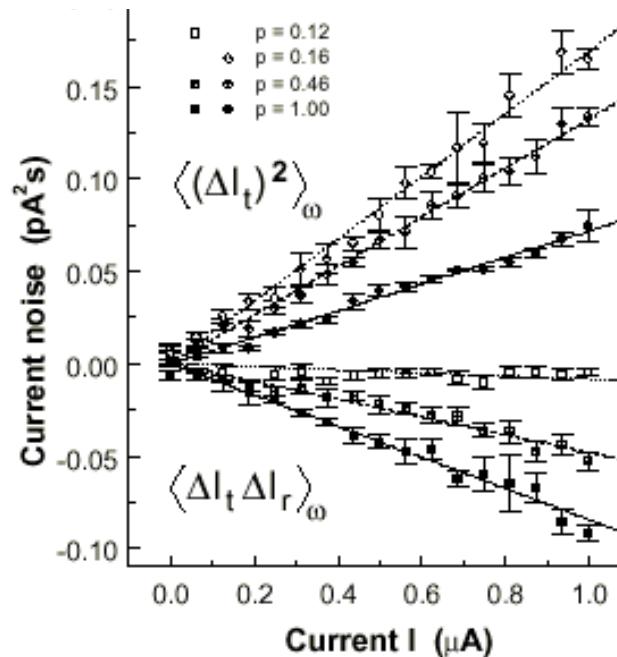
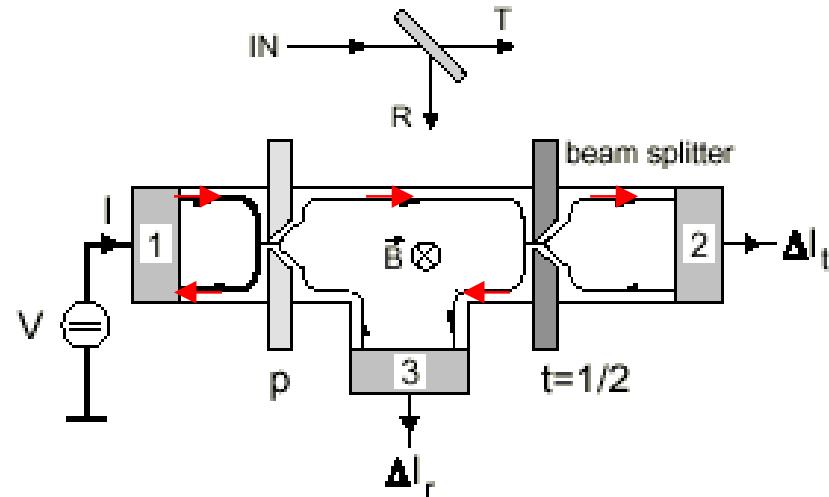
Oberholzer et al. '00

from **sub-poissonian** statistics

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

to poissonian statistics

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



Four terminal lead :

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

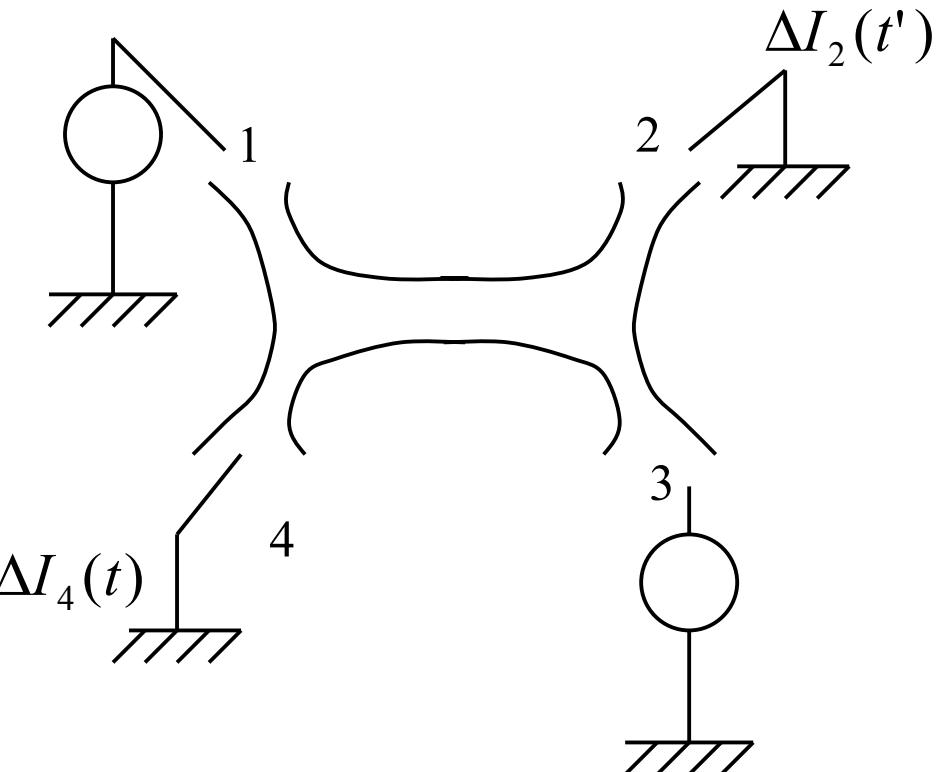
(B) $V_1 = 0 ; V_3 = V$

(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.

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

exchange terms : non classical

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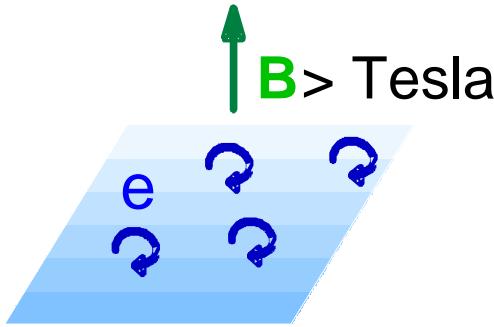
1. Fractional Quantum Hall effect
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III 1. Quantum Hall effect

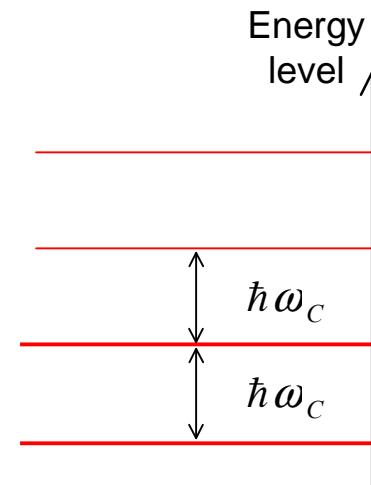
Integer Q.H.E. (von Klitzing 80)



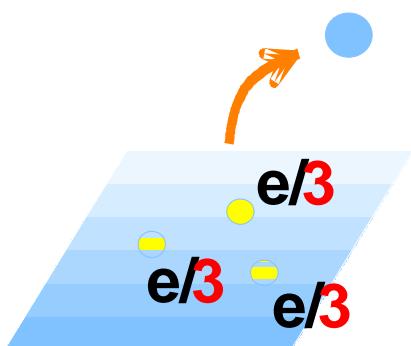
$$R_{\text{Hall}} = \frac{h}{e^2} \cdot \frac{1}{\text{integer}}$$

$$\omega_c = \frac{eB}{m}$$

cyclotron frequency



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



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

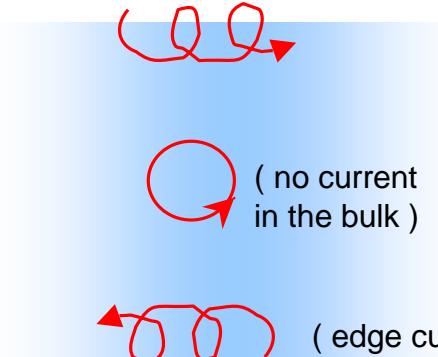
$$v = \frac{\text{number of electrons}}{\text{number of quantum states}}$$

$$v = 1/3 :$$

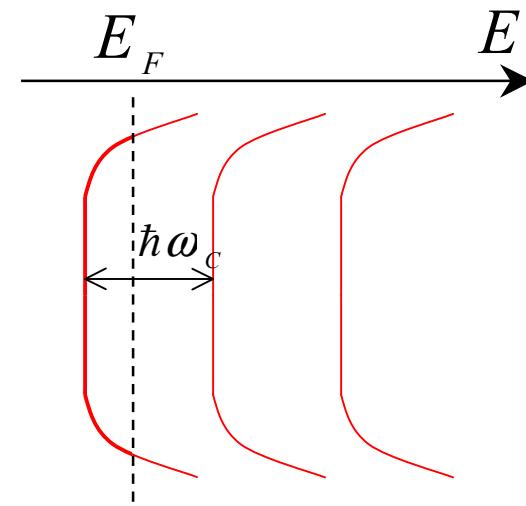
1 electron for 3 quantum states

elementary excitation
≡ empty a quantum state
≡ carry **fractional** charge $e/3$

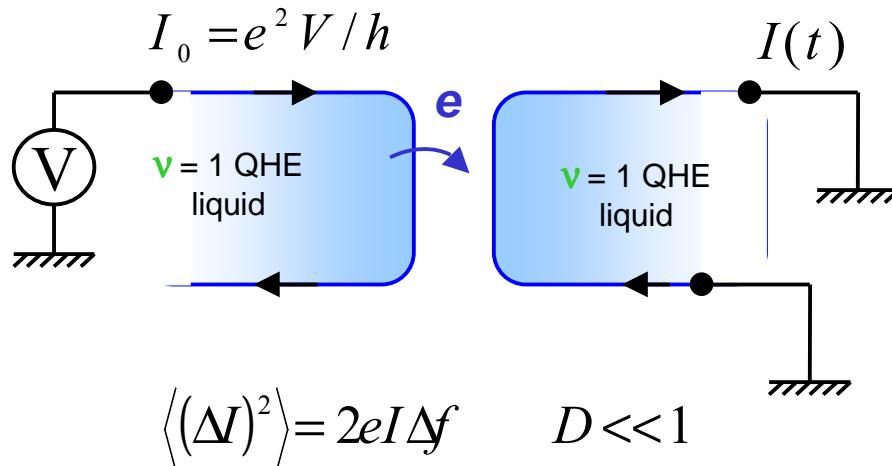
available current is at the edges of the sample



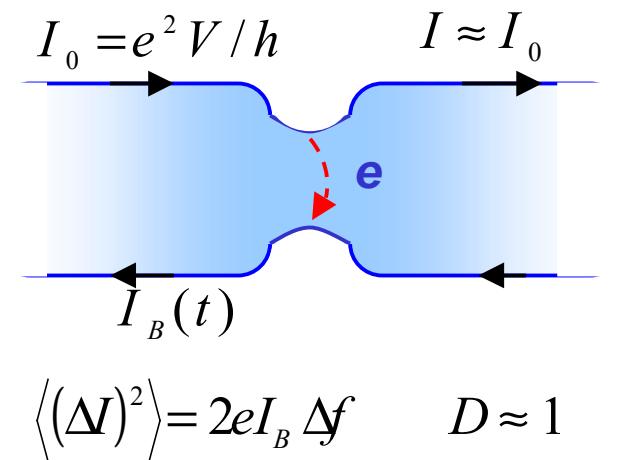
$$\vec{v}_{drift} = \vec{E}_{Confinement} \times B \hat{z}$$

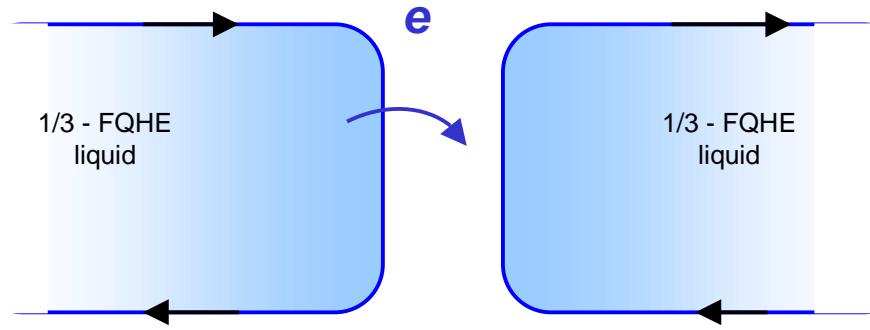


Tunneling trough barrier :



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

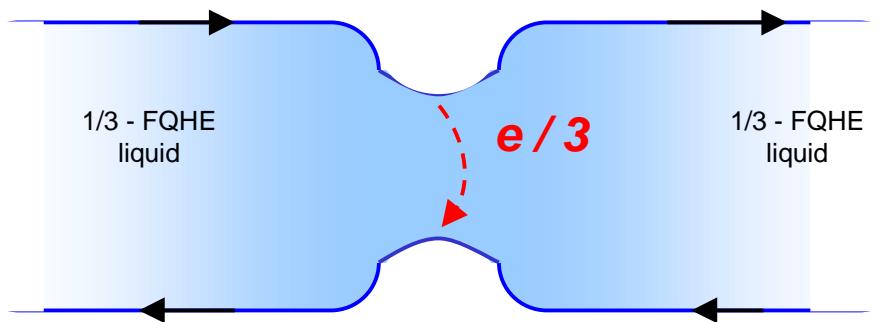




Tunneling trough barrier :

$$q = e$$

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



Transfer trough
1/3 FQHE fluid:

$$q = e/3$$

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

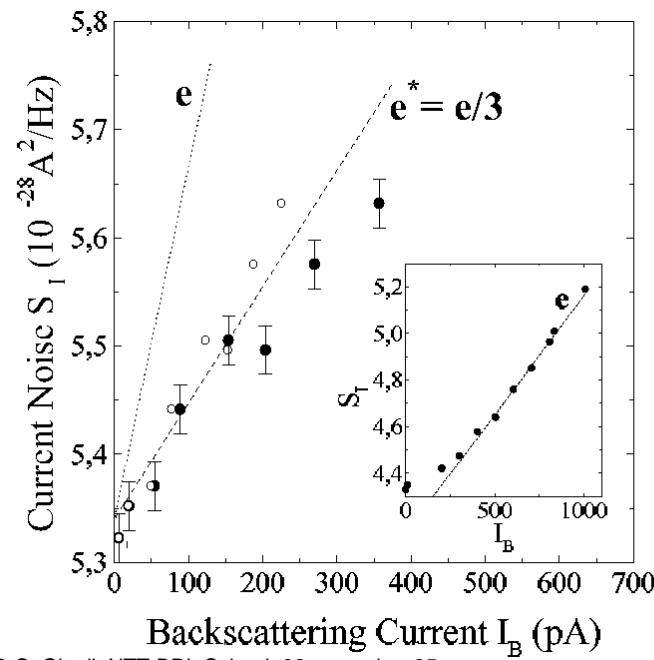
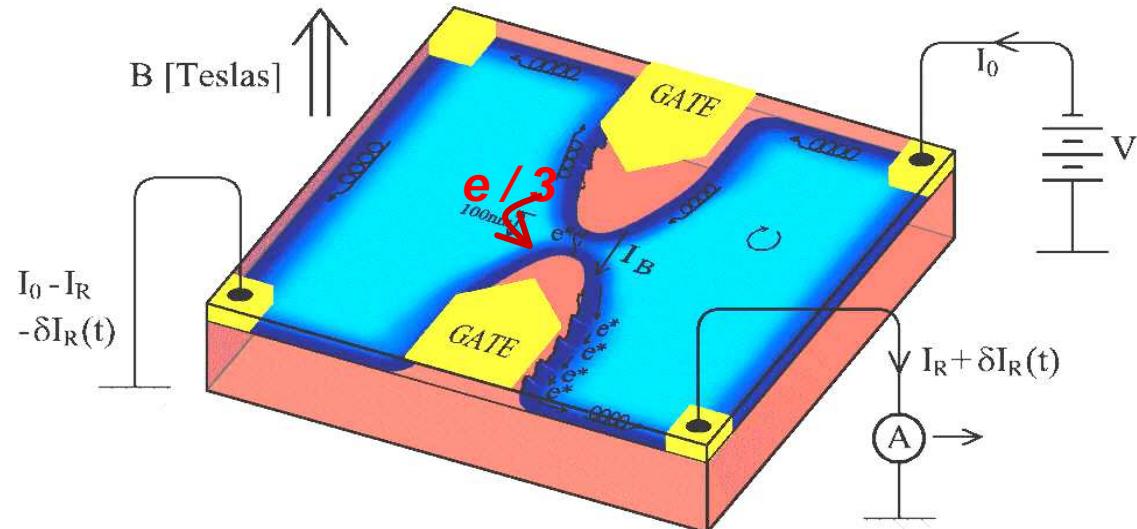
$$\frac{\langle \Delta I^2 \rangle}{\Delta f} = S_I = 2qI$$

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

current is carried by fractional charges

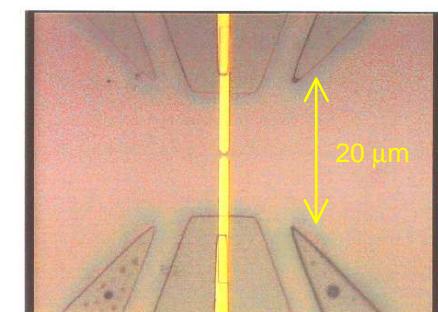
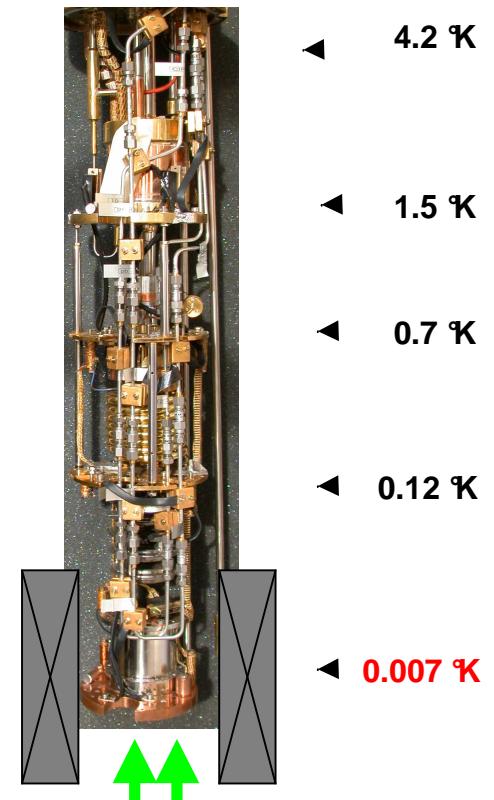
(direct evidence, no unknown parameters)

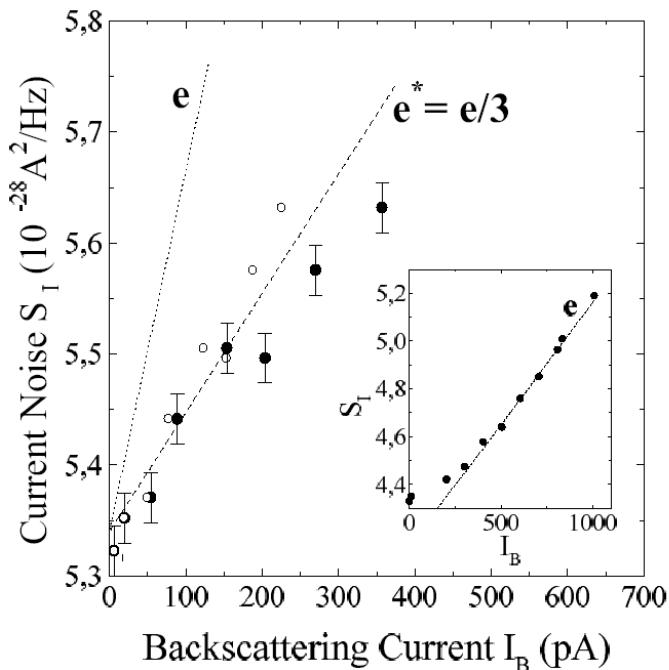
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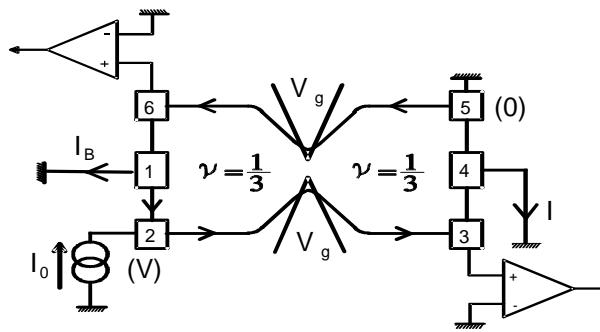
$$\langle (\Delta I)^2 \rangle = 2(e/3)I_R \Delta f$$

charge $q=e/3$

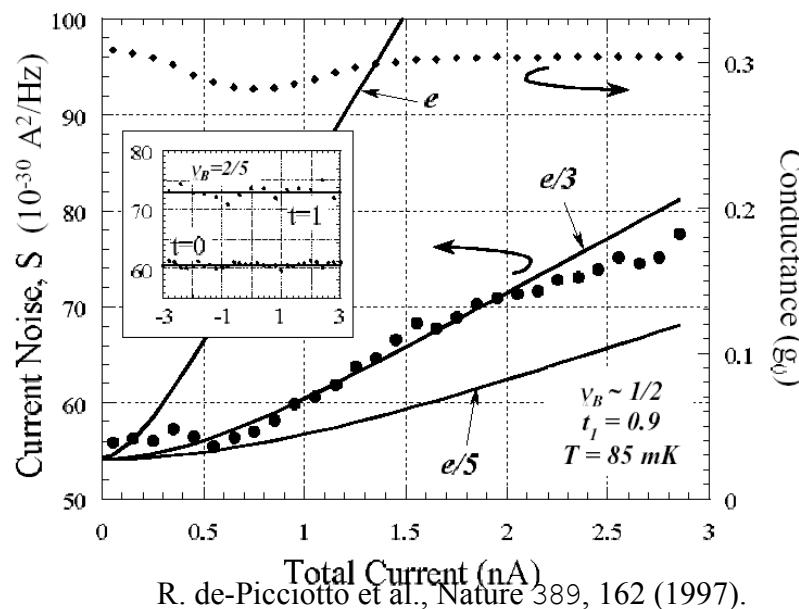




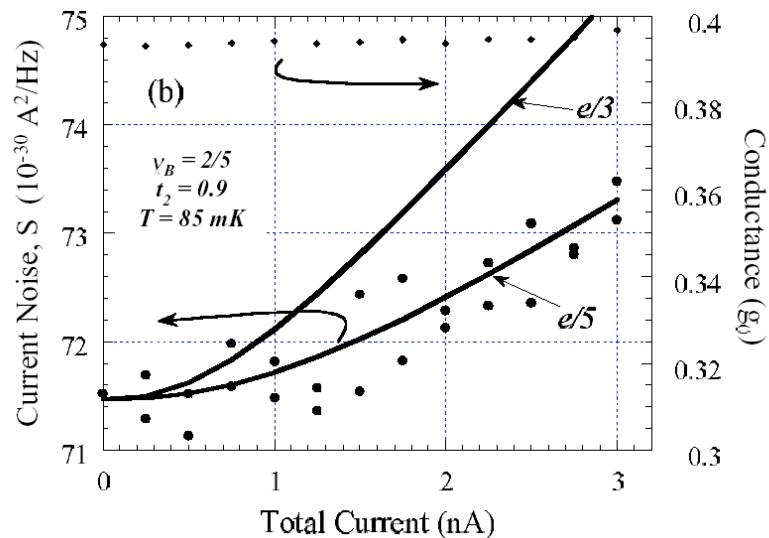
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**e/3 fractional charges are observed
at filling factor 1/3 (Weizmann and Saclay 97) and
e/5 charges at filling 2/5 (Weizmann 99).**

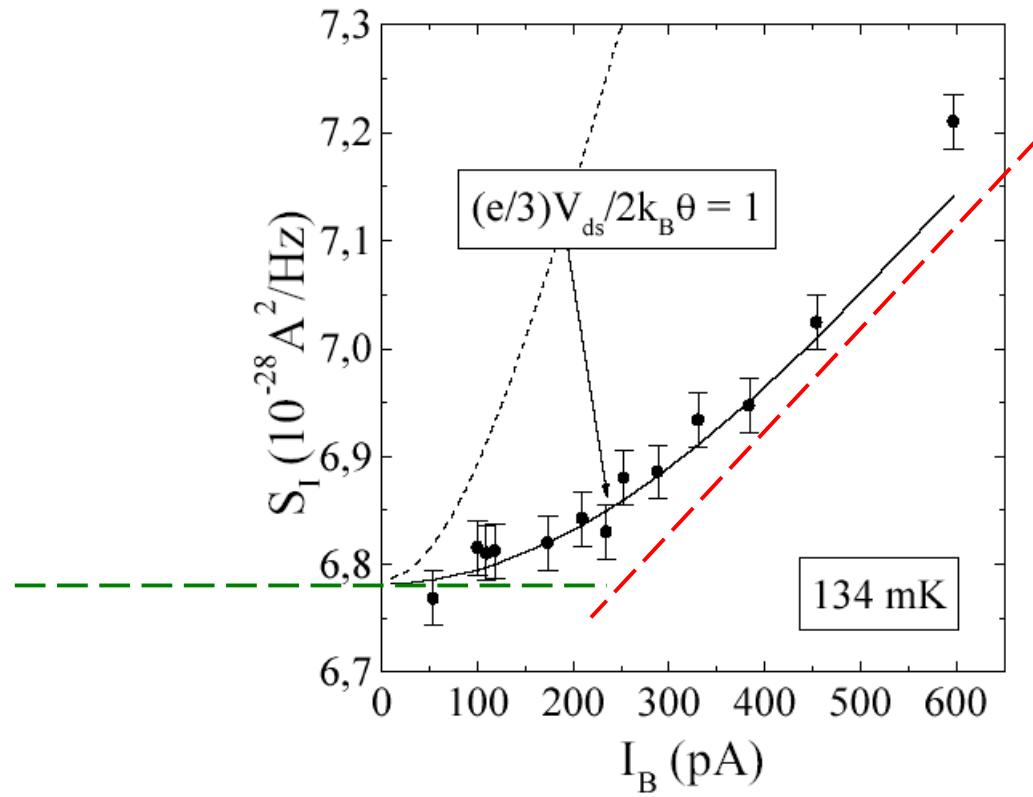


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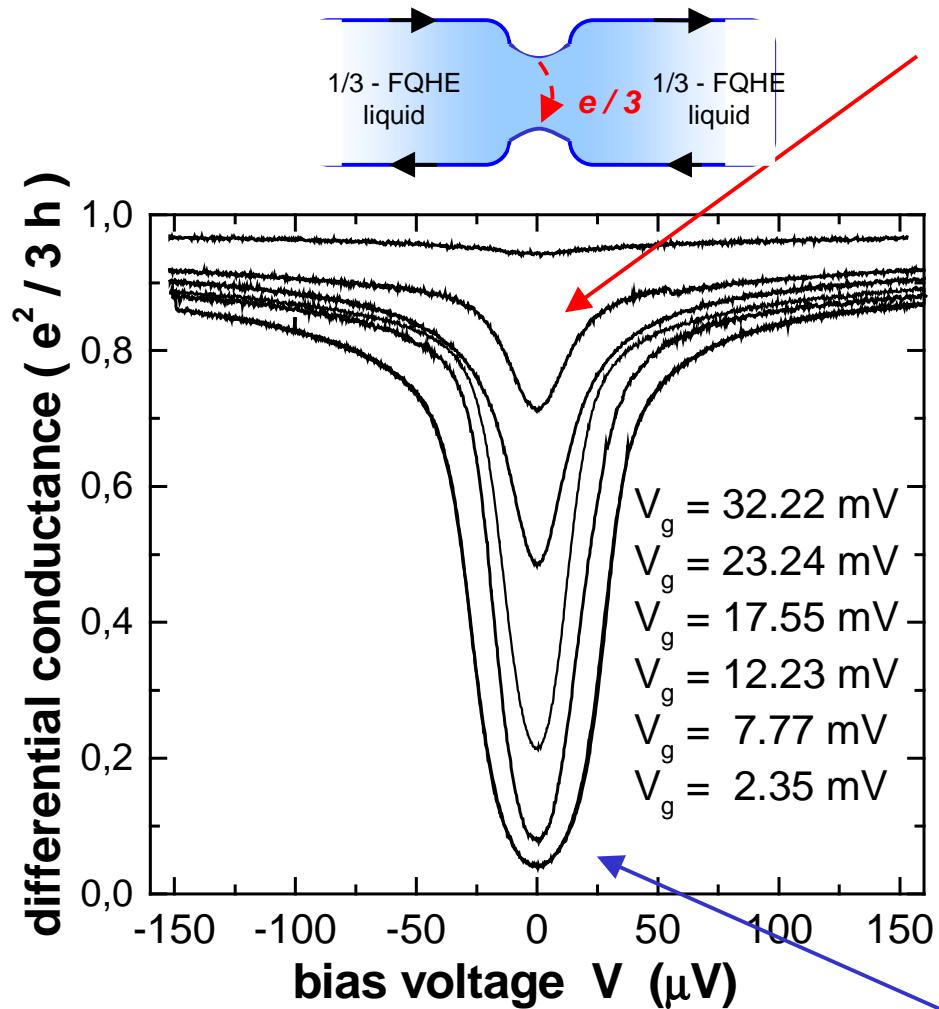


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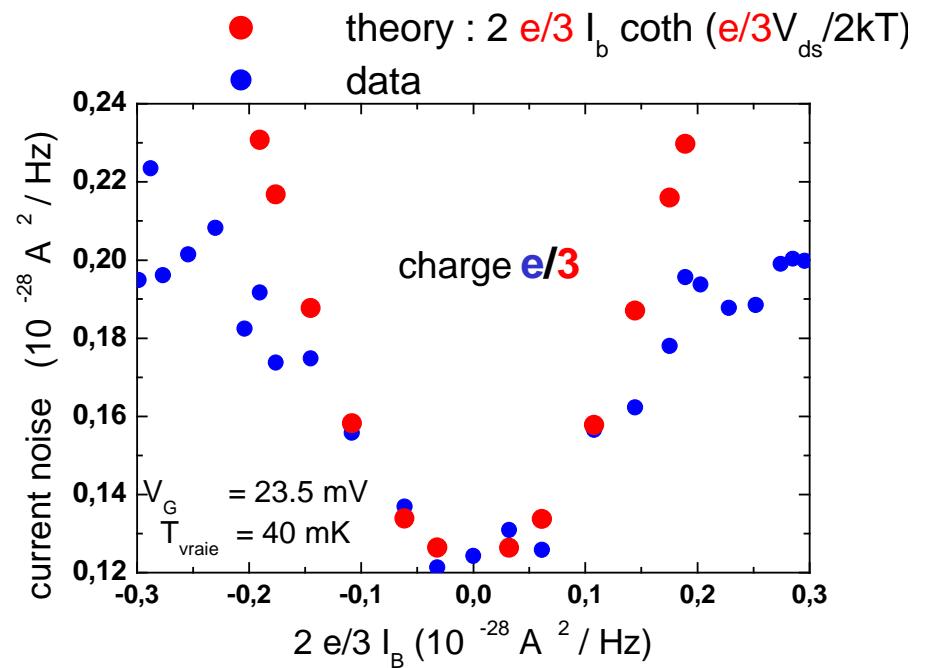
cross-over from thermal noise to fractional charge shot noise



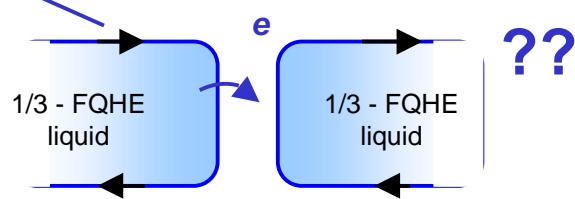
$$S_I = 2 \frac{e}{3} I_B \coth \frac{eV_{ds}}{3k_B T}$$



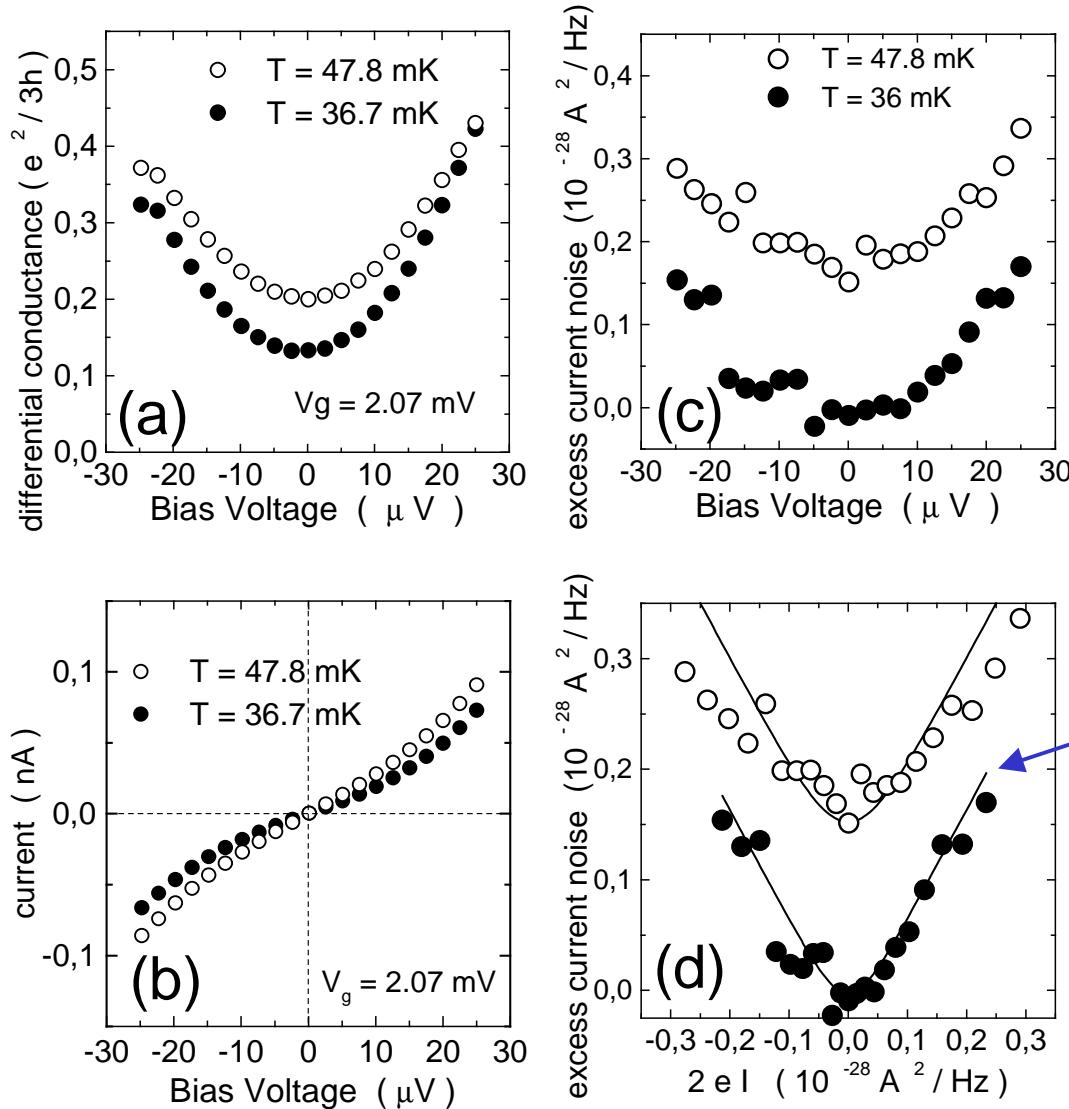
V. Rodriguez et al (2000)



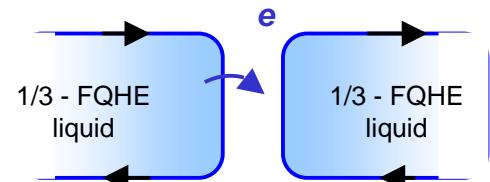
charge e



integer charge in the strong backscattering regime

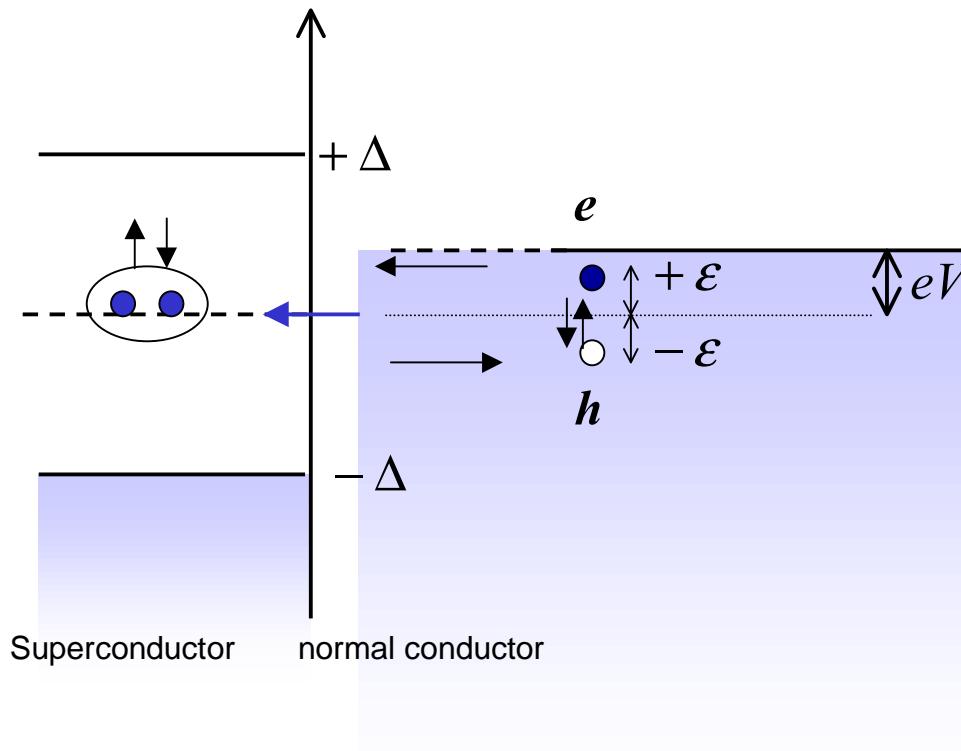


$S_I = 2 e |I|$
Schottky noise
for charge e



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

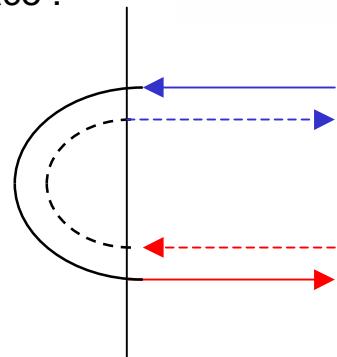
III . 2. normal / superconductor interface:



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

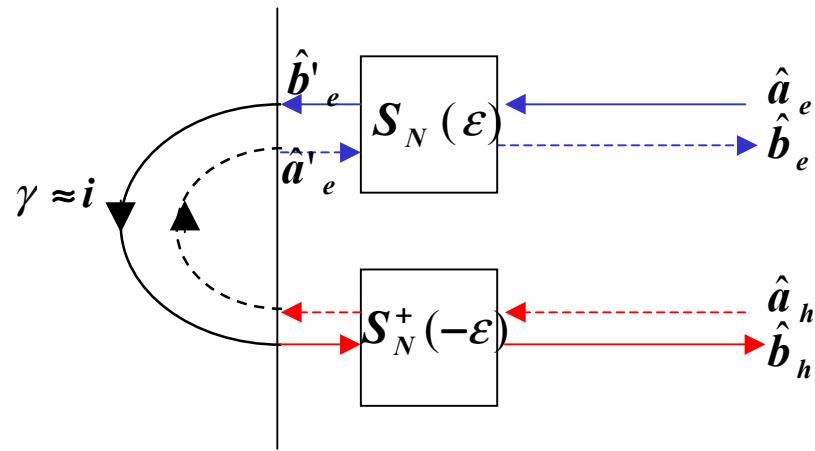
second order process involving two quasi-particle allows for finite current: [Andreev reflection](#).

ideal interface :



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

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



$$S_N(\epsilon) = \begin{pmatrix} r_{11} & t_{12} \\ t_{21} & r_{22} \end{pmatrix}$$

scattering matrix in the normal lead

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

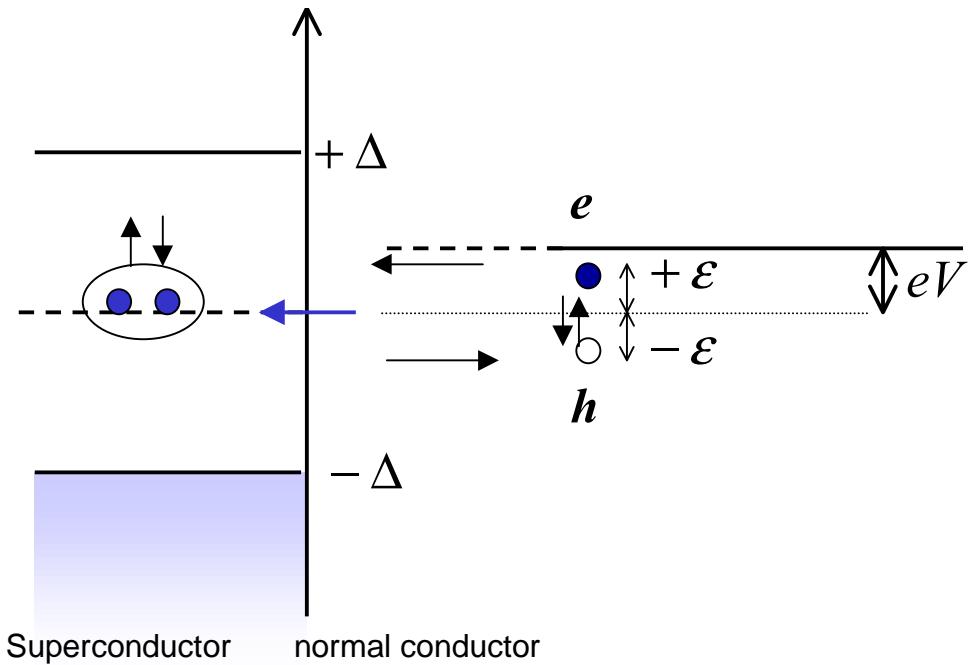
$$\begin{pmatrix} \hat{\mathbf{b}}_e \\ \hat{\mathbf{b}}_h \end{pmatrix} = S \begin{pmatrix} \hat{\mathbf{a}}_e \\ \hat{\mathbf{a}}_h \end{pmatrix} \quad S = \begin{pmatrix} s_{ee} & s_{eh} \\ s_{he} & s_{hh} \end{pmatrix}$$

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

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



(Fabry-Pérot like multiple interferences)



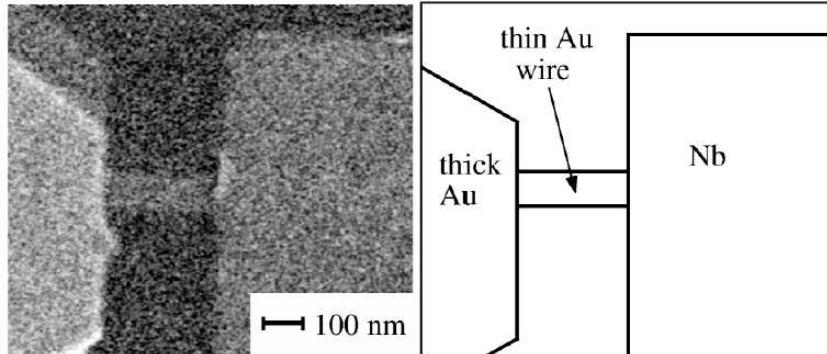
$$G = \frac{(2e)^2}{h} |s_{he}|^2 = \frac{(2e)^2}{h} \frac{D^2}{(1+R)^2} \quad R = 1 - D$$

‘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

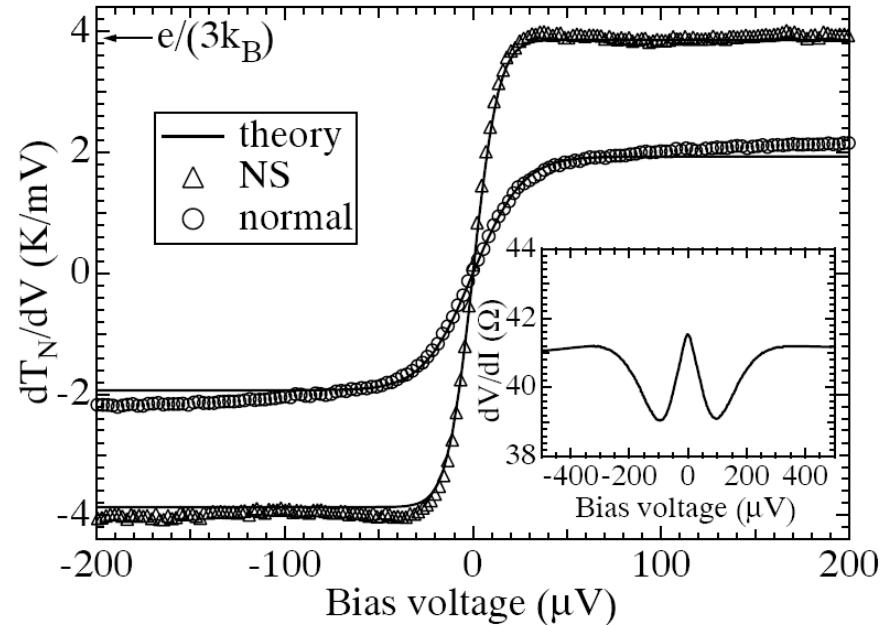
doubling of the shot-noise for a diffusive S-N junction



A. A. Kozhevnikov, R. J. Schoelkopf, and D. E. Prober,
Phys.Rev.Lett. 84, 3398 (2000)

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

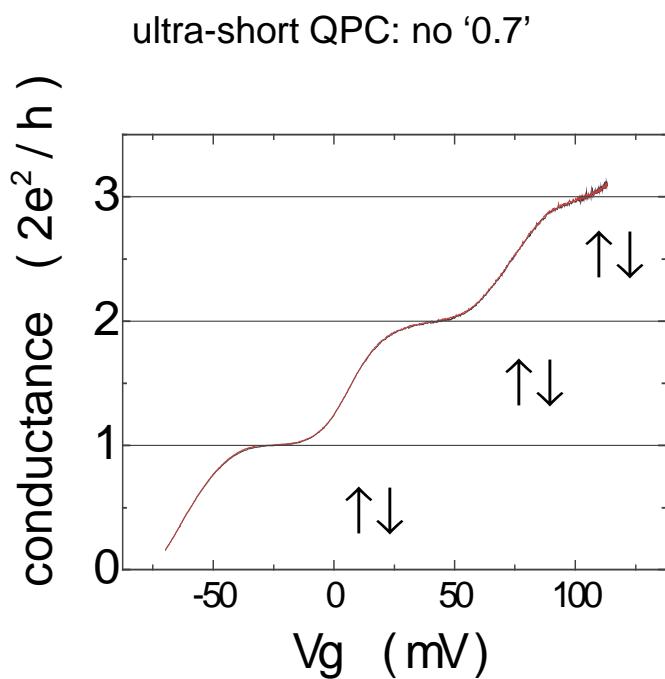
Fano for
diffusive
regime Doubled
charge



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

(also M. Sanquer et al. 2001)

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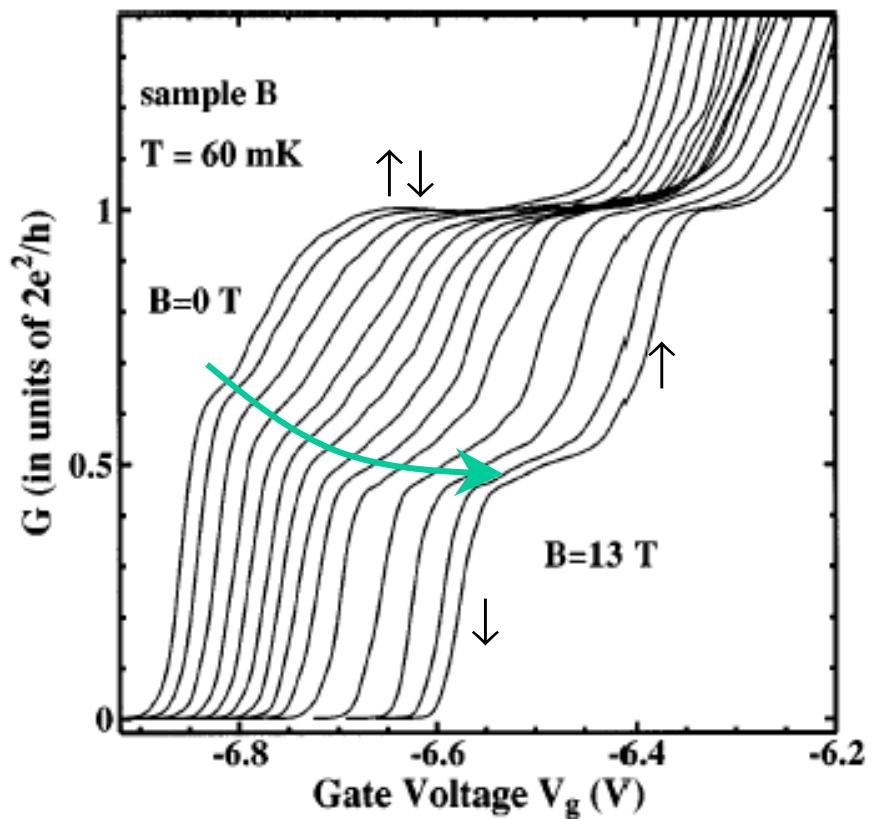


plateaus at:

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

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 $(1+1)$
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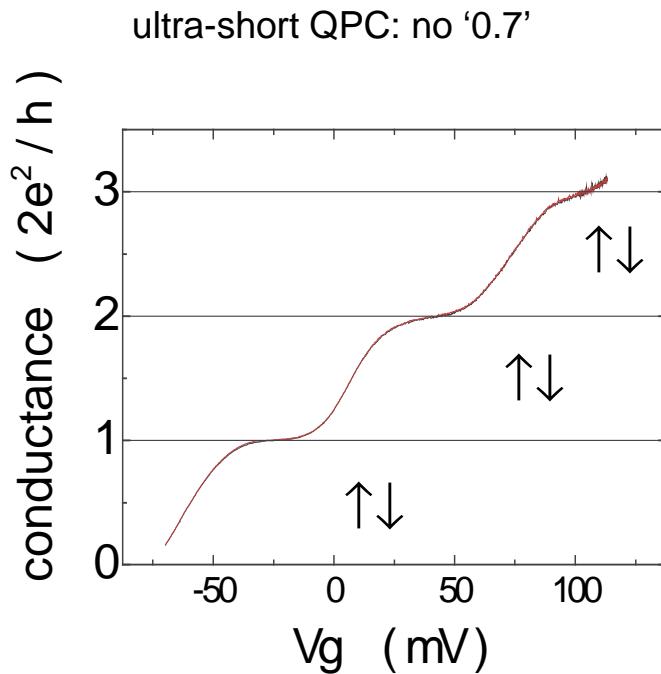
long QPC: conductance plateau around $0.7 \times 2e^2/h$



K.J. Thomas *et al.*, Phys.Rev.Lett. 77, 135 (1996)

- resonance in transmission? (**single** spin degenerate mode)
 - or spin degeneracy lifted by interaction? (**two** distinct modes)
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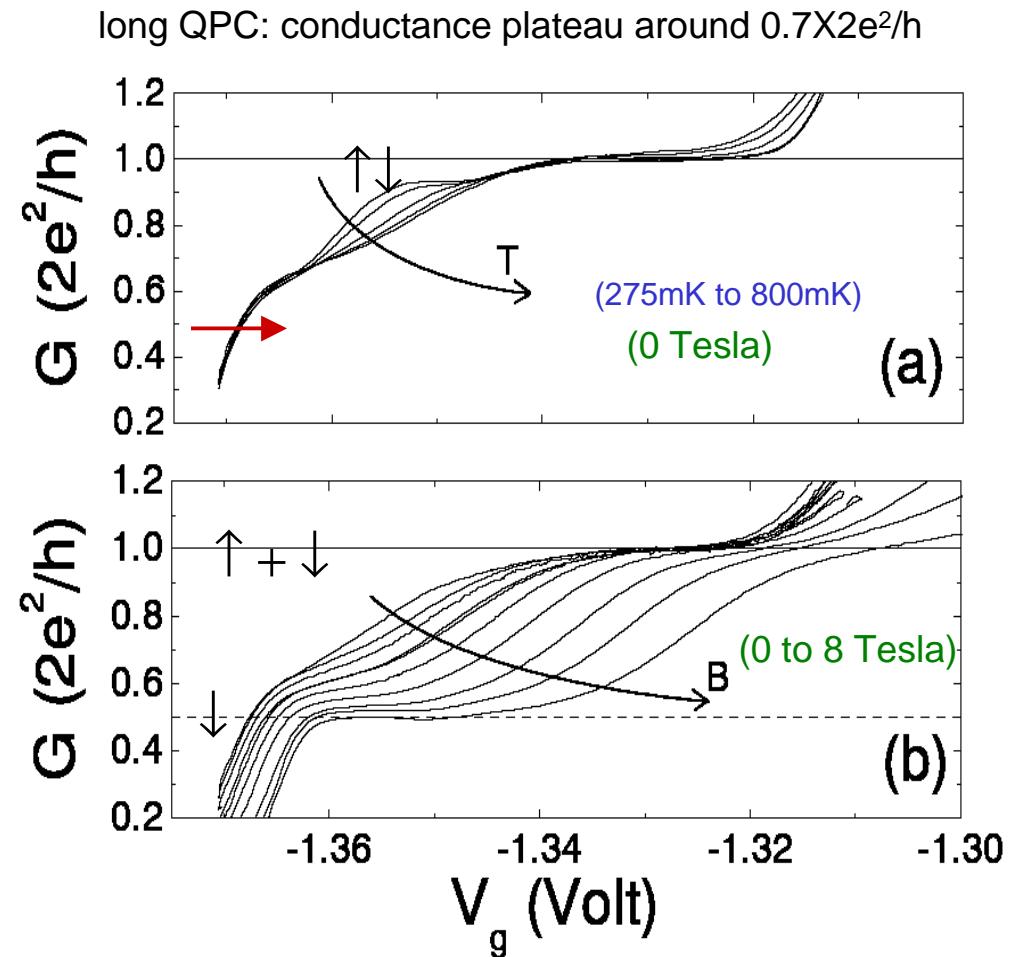
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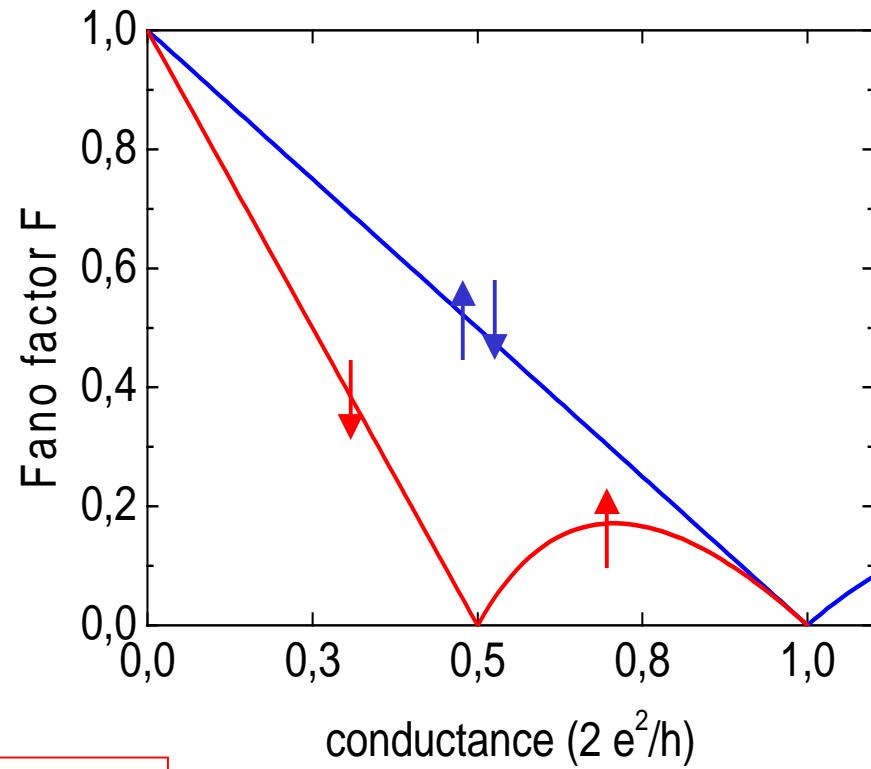
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spin degenerate case

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

spin degeneracy fully lifted:

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

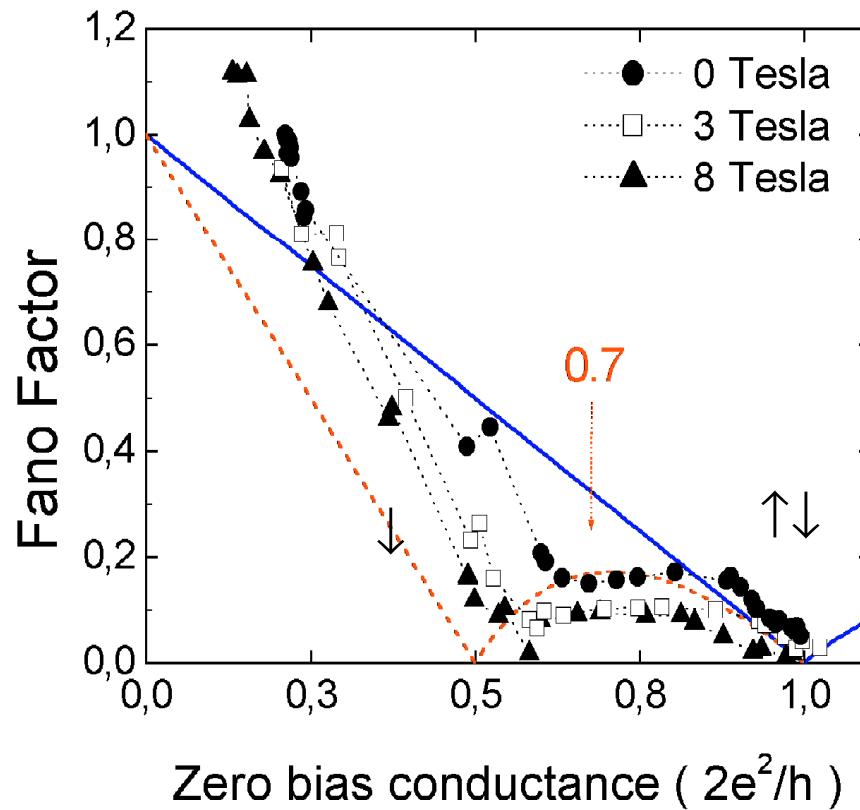


conductance can not distinguish between one or two modes

but shot noise can

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

→ lifted spin degeneracy scenario.



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