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*“ Electron injection in a nanotube with leads:  
finite frequency noise-correlations and anomalous charges ”*

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# Electron injection in a nanotube with leads: finite frequency noise correlations and anomalous charges

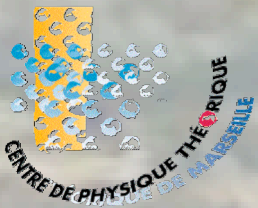
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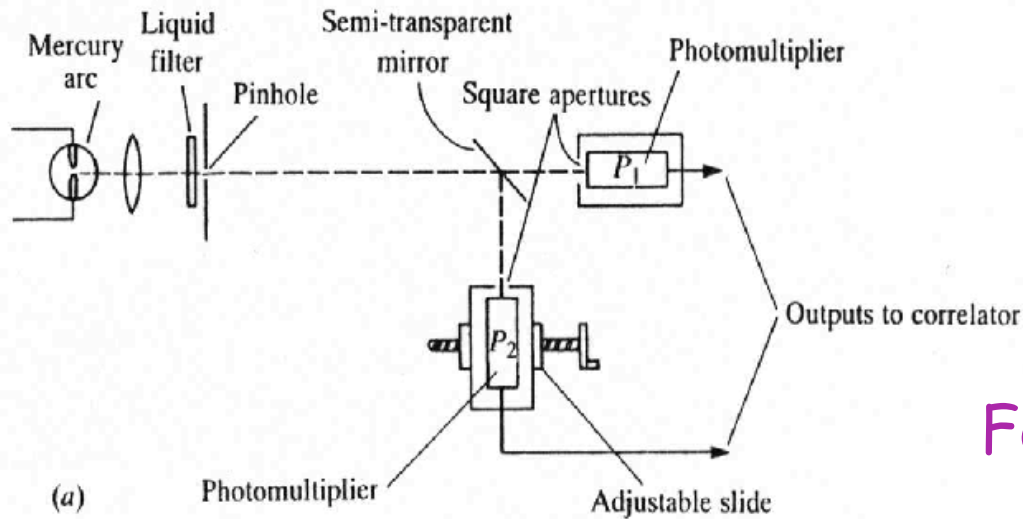
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## Outline:

- Positive correlations in fermionic systems.
- Injection of  $e^-$  in a nanotube
  - tunneling current and tunneling noise
  - current and noise along the nanotube
  - noise correlations
  - entanglement
- Nanotube with leads: finite frequency noise correlations

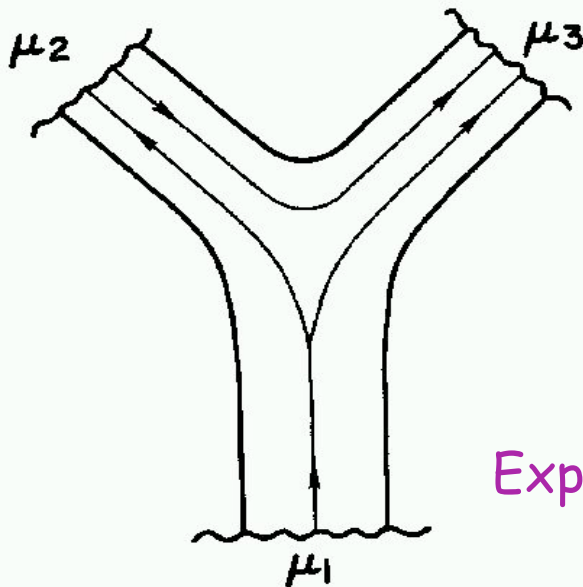
# Hanbury Brown and Twiss experiment



Bunching effect:  
positive correlations

For fermions:

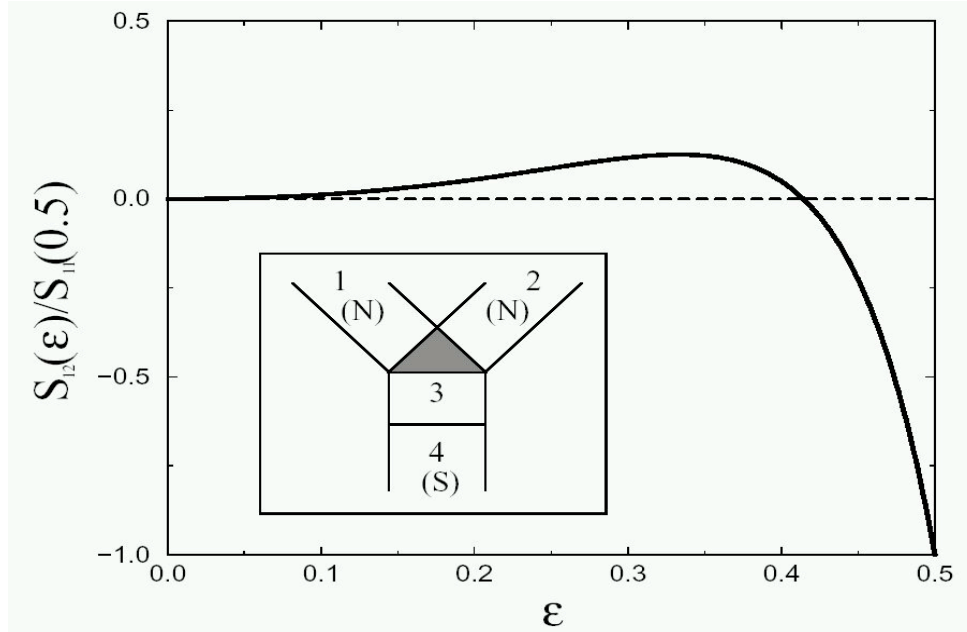
Negative correlations  
regardless of scattering  
properties



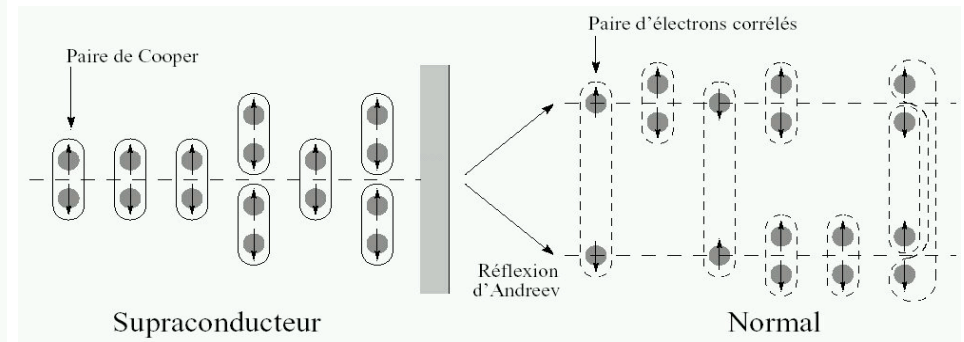
$$S_{23} = - (4e^2/h) \text{Tr}[s_{21}s_{21}^* s_{31}s_{31}^*]$$

Exp: Schonberger 99, Yamamoto 99 (Science)

# Positive noise correlation in an « NS fork »



J. Torrès+TM, EPJB (99)

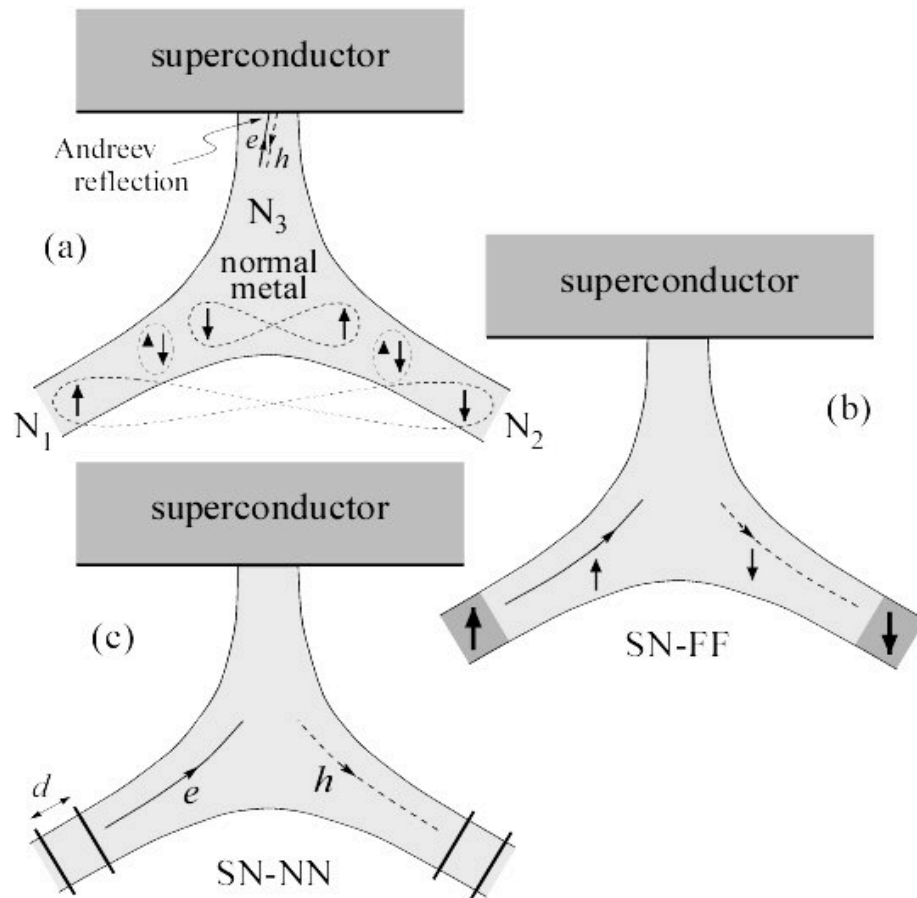


$$S_{12}(0) = \frac{2e^2}{h} \int_0^{eV} dE \sum_{i=1,2} \left[ \sum_{j=1,2} (s_{1iee}^* s_{1jeh} - s_{1ihe}^* s_{1jhh}) (s_{2jeh}^* s_{2iee} - s_{2jhh}^* s_{2ihe}) + \sum_{\alpha=e,h} (s_{1iee}^* s_{14e\alpha} - s_{1ihe}^* s_{14h\alpha}) (s_{24e\alpha}^* s_{2iee} - s_{24h\alpha}^* s_{2ihe}) \right],$$

Andreev

quasiparticles

# Entanglement: Lesovik, Martin, Blatter, EPJB(2001)



energy filters  
(spin entanglement)

or

spin filters  
(energy entanglement)

**POSITIVE CORRELATIONS ONLY!**  
also:

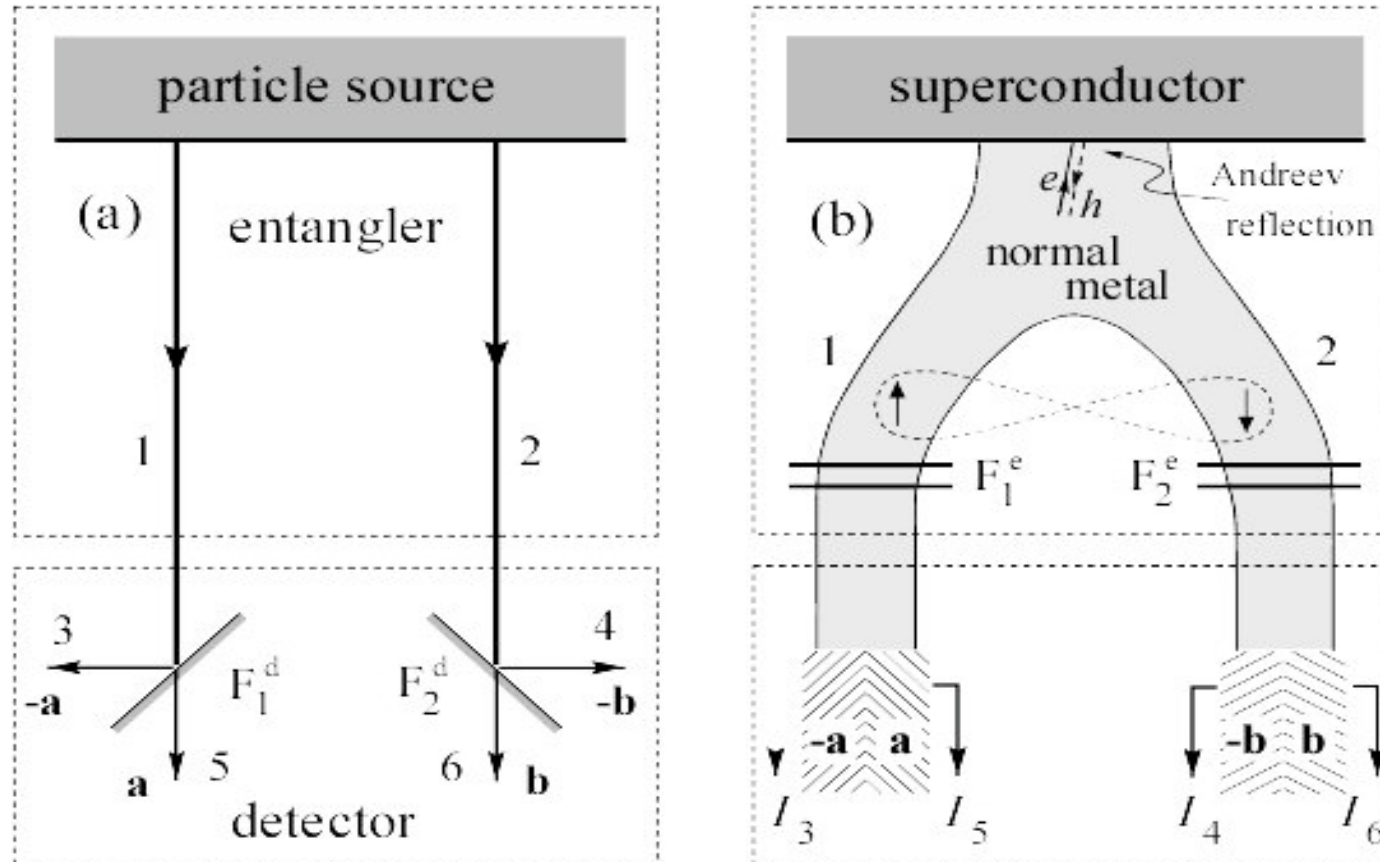
Texier Buttiker PRB  
(no superconductor)

**ALSO:**

Edge states ( $e^-/h^+$ ) in the quantum Hall effect  
(Beenakker et al. PRL2003), orbital entanglement NS  
(Samuelson et al...PRL2003)...

# Test entanglement: Bell (Clauser-Horne) inequalities in NS

Chtchelkatchev, Blatter, Lesovik, Martin PRB2002



Energy filters  $+E$   $-E$  on each arm

Only split Cooper pairs in the two arms

2 spin filters with opposite directions on each arm

$$\rho = \int d\lambda f(\lambda) \rho_\alpha(\lambda) \otimes \rho_\beta(\lambda),$$

$$\langle \delta N_\alpha(\tau) \delta N_\beta(\tau) \rangle = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{d\omega}{2\pi} S_{\alpha\beta}(\omega) \frac{4 \sin^2(\omega\tau/2)}{\omega^2}.$$

$$|F(\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}) - F(\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}') + F(\mathbf{a}', \mathbf{b}) + F(\mathbf{a}', \mathbf{b}')| \leq 2,$$

$$F(\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}) = \frac{S_{56} - S_{54} - S_{36} + S_{34} + \Lambda_-}{S_{56} + S_{54} + S_{36} + S_{34} + \Lambda_+},$$

$$S_{\alpha\beta} = S_{\alpha\beta}^{(a)} \sin^2\left(\frac{\theta_{\alpha\beta}}{2}\right) \quad \text{Angle between spin filters.}$$

Specific angles

Time window for single Cooper pair emission

- Assume (local) density matrix

- Convert particle number into noise correlators

- Derive corresponding inequality for number correlators.

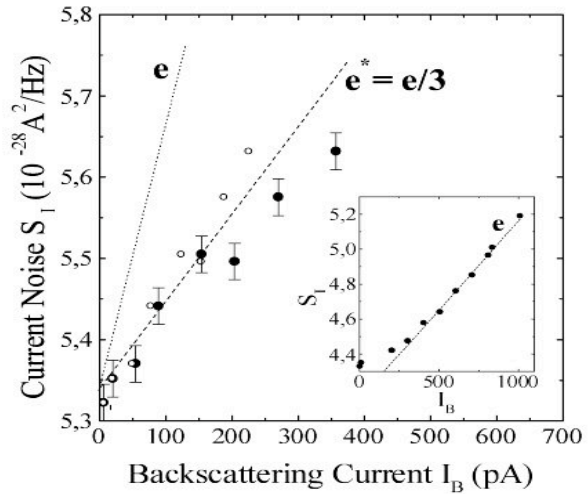
THEN

- Compute noise correlations for an NS fork

RESULT: maximal violation of Bell inequality.



# CHIRAL Luttinger Liquids: Fractional Quantum Hall effect



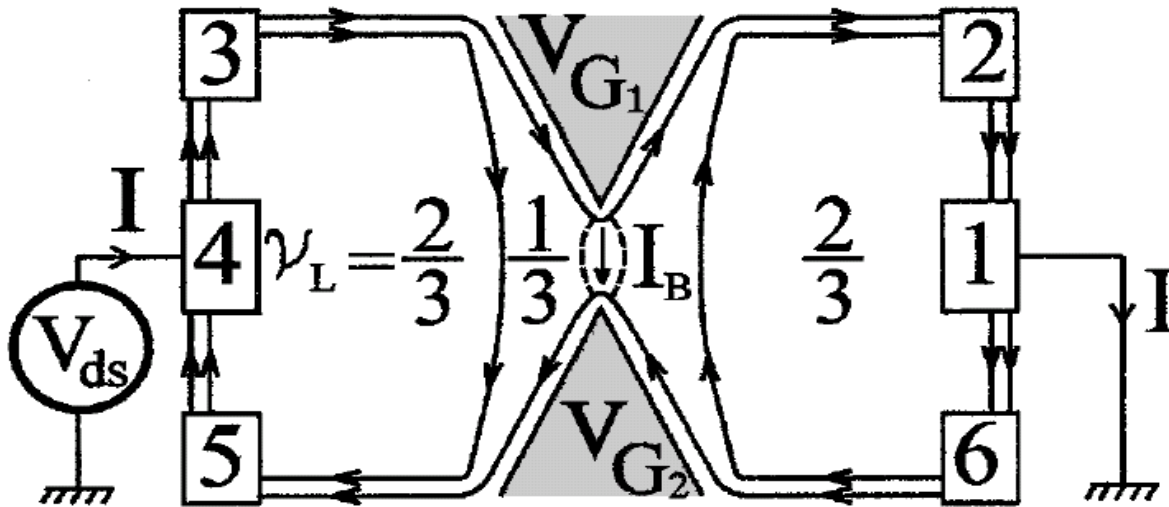
$$S = e^* \langle I \rangle = \frac{e}{3} \langle I \rangle$$

Kane PRL 1994, Chamon PRB1995  
Reznikov Nature 1997,  
Saminadayar PRL 1997

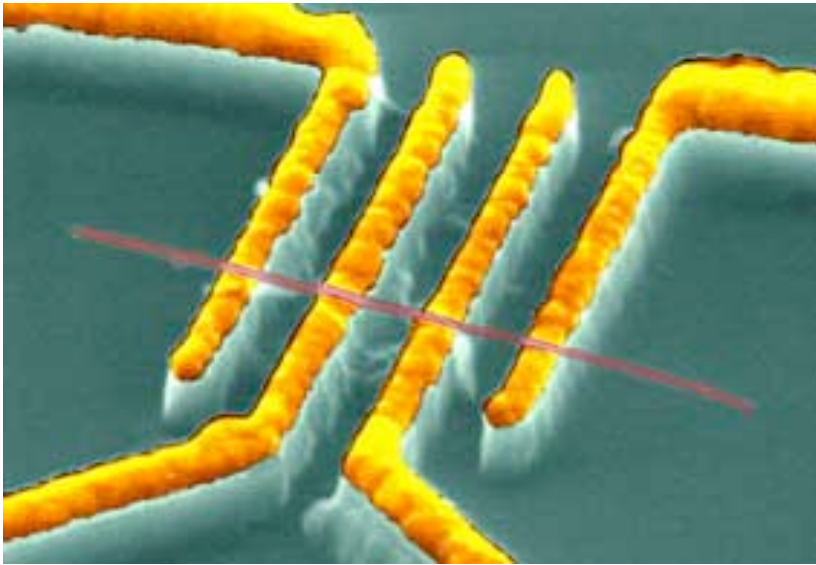
BUT

no proposal for detecting  
charges in NON-CHIRAL  
Luttinger  
liquids

(no separation between chiral  
excitations  
unlike FQHE)



# Experiments on carbon nanotubes



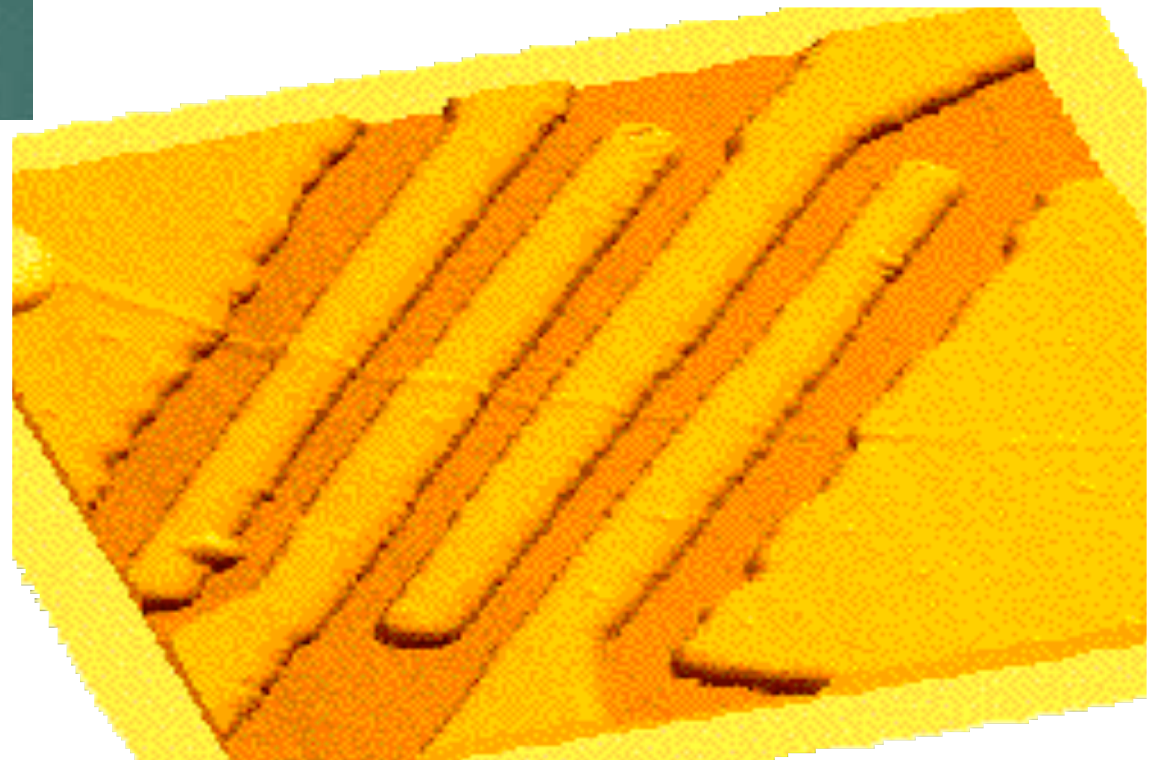
Tunnel contacts  
(Schonenberger...)

...contacts over an  
extended distance

(McEuen...)

+

embedded contacts

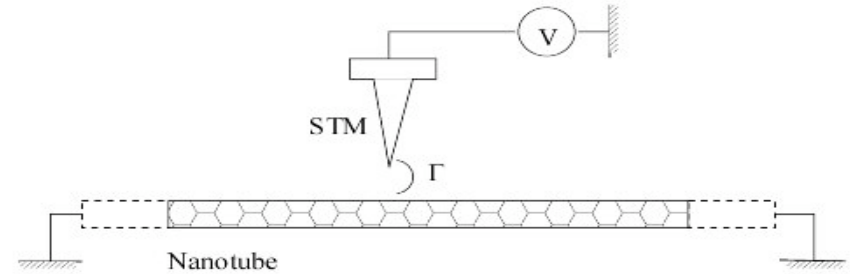


# Injection of an $e^-$ in the bulk of a nanotube

Tunnel Hamiltonian:

$$H_T(t) = \Gamma(t) \sum_{r\alpha\sigma} \Psi_{r\alpha\sigma}^+(0, t) c_\sigma(t) + h.c.$$

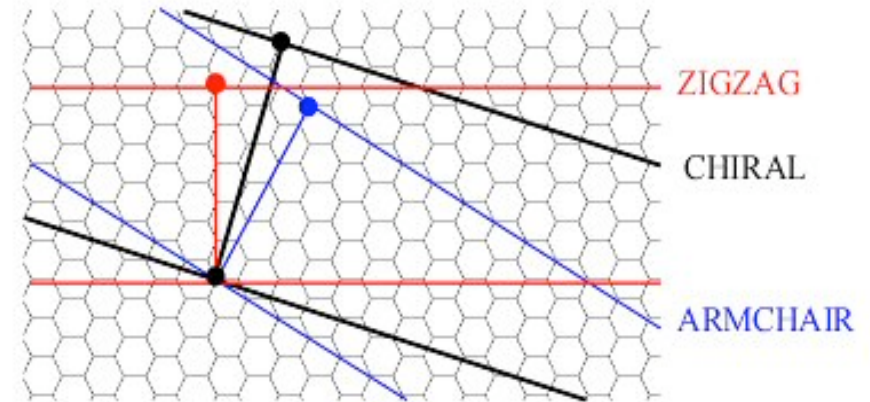
$$\Gamma(t) = \Gamma \exp\left(i\frac{eV}{\hbar}t\right) = \Gamma \exp(i\omega_0 t)$$



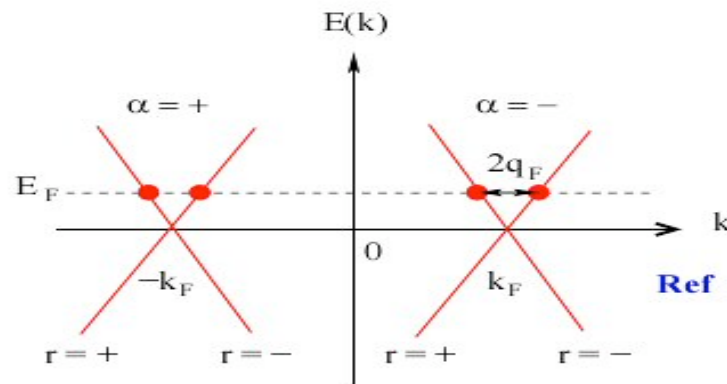
HERE:

a) electron transfer from STM tip to bulk of nanotube

b) metallic nanotube, described by bosonization.



# Justification: linear dispersion at the Fermi level



$$\begin{cases} r = \pm & \text{(branche)} \\ \alpha = \pm & \text{(mode)} \\ \sigma = \pm & \text{(spin)} \end{cases} \quad \begin{cases} j = c & \text{(charge) ou } s & \text{(spin)} \\ \delta = \pm & \text{(flavor)} \end{cases}$$

Ref : Egger et Gogolin  
Eur. Phys. J. B 3, 281 (1998)

## Luttinger liquid Hamiltonian :

$$H_N(t) = \sum_{j\delta} \frac{v_{j\delta}}{2} \int dx \left( K_{j\delta}^N (\partial_x \phi_{j\delta}(x, t))^2 + \frac{1}{K_{j\delta}^N} (\partial_x \theta_{j\delta}(x, t))^2 \right)$$

4 possibilities for  $j\delta$ :

- $j\delta = c+$  with  $K_{c+}^N = 1/\sqrt{1 + 4V_0(\mathbf{k} = 0)/\pi v_F} < 1$
- $j\delta = c-$  with  $K_{c-}^N = 1$
- $j\delta = s+$  with  $K_{s+}^N = 1$
- $j\delta = s-$  with  $K_{s-}^N = 1$

## Bosonized fermion operator :

$$\Psi_{r\alpha\sigma}(x, t) = \frac{M_{r\alpha\sigma}}{\sqrt{2\pi a}} e^{irq_F x + i\alpha k_F x + i\varphi_{r\alpha\sigma}(x, t)}$$

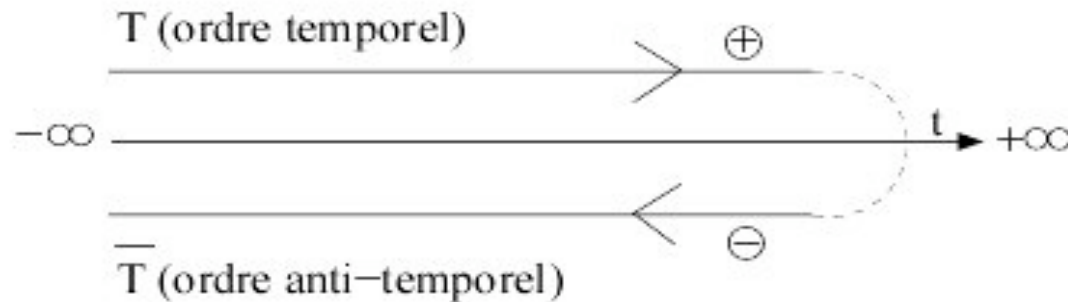
## Bosonic field operator :

$$\varphi_{r\alpha\sigma} = \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{2}} \sum_{j\delta} (\phi_{c+} + r\theta_{c+} + \alpha\phi_{c-} + r\alpha\theta_{c-} + \sigma\phi_{s+} + r\sigma\theta_{s+} + \sigma\alpha\phi_{s-} + r\sigma\alpha\theta_{s-})$$

## Average tunnel current :

$$\langle I_T(t) \rangle = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\eta} \langle T_C \{ I_T(t^{\eta}) e^{-i \int_C dt_1 H_T(t_1)} \} \rangle$$

where C is the Keldysh contour



$$G_{j\delta}^{\theta\theta}(x, t; x', t') = \langle \theta_{j\delta}(x, t) \theta_{j\delta}(x', t') \rangle$$

Green's  
function:

Differential equation:

$$\left( \frac{\omega^2}{v_{j\delta}^N K_{j\delta}^N} - \partial_x \frac{v_{j\delta}^N}{K_{j\delta}^N} \partial_x \right) G_{j\delta}^{\theta\theta}(x, x'; \omega) = 4\pi \delta(x - x')$$

Ref. : Maslov and Stone, PRB 52, 5539 (1995)

Solution :

$$G_{j\delta}^{\theta\theta}(x, t; x', t') = -\frac{K_{j\delta}^N}{8\pi} \sum_r \ln \left( 1 + i \frac{v_F(t - t')}{a} + ir \frac{K_{j\delta}^N(x - x')}{a} \right)$$

→ same for  $G_{j\delta}^{\phi\phi}$  ;  $G_{j\delta}^{\phi\theta}$  ;  $G_{j\delta}^{\theta\phi}$

## Tip: trivial chiral Luttinger liquid

**Fermionic operator :**

$$c_\sigma(t) = \frac{N_\sigma}{\sqrt{2\pi a}} e^{i\tilde{\varphi}_\sigma(t)}$$

**Chiral Green's function :**

$$g_\sigma(t; t') = \langle \tilde{\varphi}_\sigma(t) \tilde{\varphi}_\sigma(t') \rangle = -\frac{1}{2\pi} \ln \left( 1 + i \frac{u_F^\sigma (t - t')}{a} \right)$$

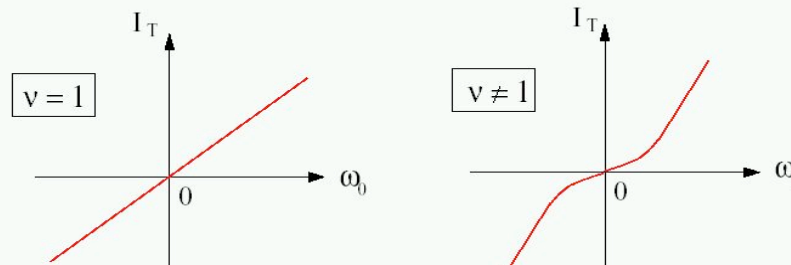
**$O(\Gamma^2)$  tunneling current :**

$$\langle I_T \rangle = \frac{2e\Gamma^2}{\pi a} \left( \sum_\sigma \frac{1}{u_F^\sigma} \right) \left( \frac{a}{v_F} \right)^\nu \frac{\text{sgn}(\omega_0) |\omega_0|^\nu}{\Gamma(\nu + 1)}$$

with :

$$\nu = \frac{1}{8} \sum_{j\delta} \left( \frac{1}{K_{j\delta}^N} + K_{j\delta}^N \right) \approx 1, 2$$

because  $K_{c+}^N \approx 0,28$  et  $K_{c-}^N = K_{s+}^N = K_{s-}^N = 1$



## Tunneling noise:

$$S_T(t, t') = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\eta} \langle T_K \{ I_T(t^\eta) I_T(t'^{-\eta}) e^{-i \int_K dt_1 H_T(t_1)} \} \rangle,$$

## No surprise: Schottky 's formula

$$S_T(\omega = 0) = e |\langle I_T \rangle|$$

## Charge current and noise along the nanotube:

$$\begin{aligned} I_\rho(x, t) &= ev_F \sum_{r\alpha\sigma} r \Psi_{r\alpha\sigma}^\dagger(x, t) \Psi_{r\alpha\sigma}(x, t) \\ &= 2ev_F \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \partial_x \phi_{c+}(x, t). \end{aligned}$$

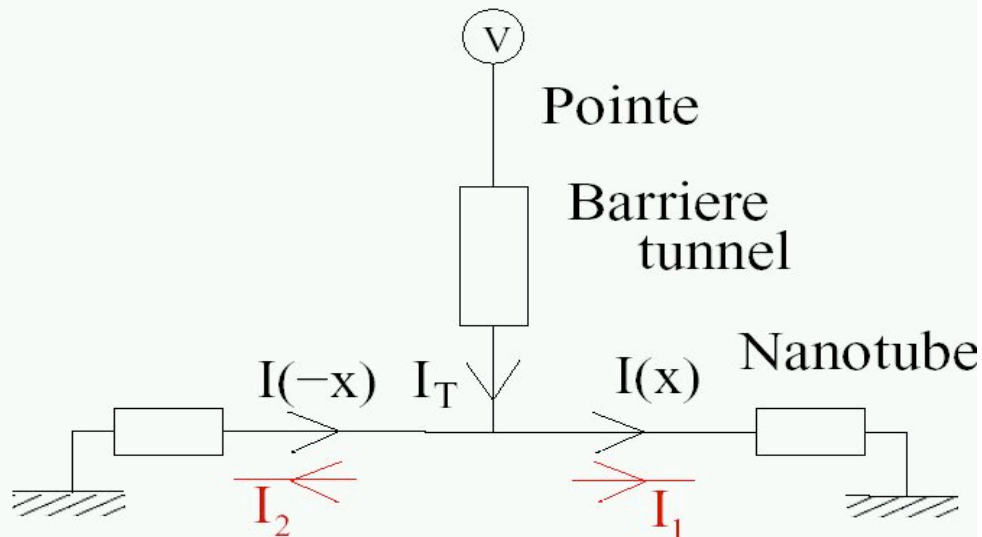
$$\begin{aligned} S_\rho(x, t; x', t') &= -\frac{1}{4} \sum_{\eta\eta_1\eta_2} \eta_1 \eta_2 \left\langle T_K \left\{ I_\rho(x, t^\eta) I_\rho(x', t'^{-\eta}) \right. \right. \\ &\quad \left. \left. \times \int \int dt_1 dt_2 H_T(0, t_1^{\eta_1}) H_T(0, t_2^{\eta_2}) \right\} \right\rangle, \end{aligned}$$

## Second order charge current

$$\langle I(x) \rangle = \frac{e\Gamma^2}{\pi a} \left( \sum_{\sigma} \frac{1}{u_F^{\sigma}} \right) \left( \frac{a}{v_F} \right)^{\nu} \frac{\text{sgn}(\omega_0) |\omega_0|^{\nu}}{\Gamma(\nu + 1)} \text{sgn}(x)$$

Current conservation:

$$|\langle I(x) \rangle| = \frac{\langle I_T \rangle}{2}$$



Usual convention:  
Current in each  
direction  
along the nanotube  
**SHOULD** be measured  
**AWAY** from the  
injection  
location (lower arrows).



## Noise + noise cross-correlations:

Auto-correlation  $x' = x$  :

$$S(x, x, \omega = 0) = \frac{1 + (K_{c+}^N)^2}{2} e^{|\langle I(x) \rangle|} \quad (\Gamma^2)$$

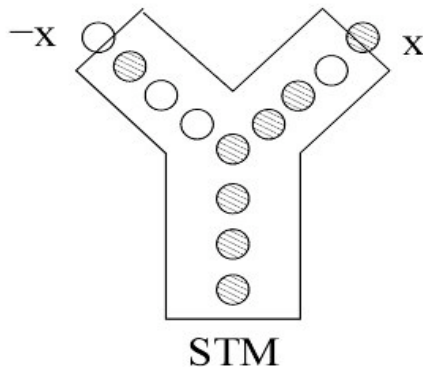
Cross-correlations  $x' = -x$  :

$$S(x, -x, \omega = 0) = -\frac{1 - (K_{c+}^N)^2}{2} e^{|\langle I(x) \rangle|} \quad (\Gamma^2)$$

(Opposite sign  
with HBT  
convention)

2nd order in the tunneling amplitude

Usual situation for non-interacting Fermions: 4th order.



Buttiker, (IQHE, PRL 90), (PRB 92).  
Martin Landauer (PRB 92)

HERE, POSITIVE CORRELATIONS FOR AN  
INTERACTING FERMIONIC SYSTEM !!!

## Interpretation: anomalous charges:

Injection of a charge  $e$  in a Luttinger liquid:

$$Q_1 = \frac{1 - K_{c+}^N}{2} e \quad \text{in one direction}$$

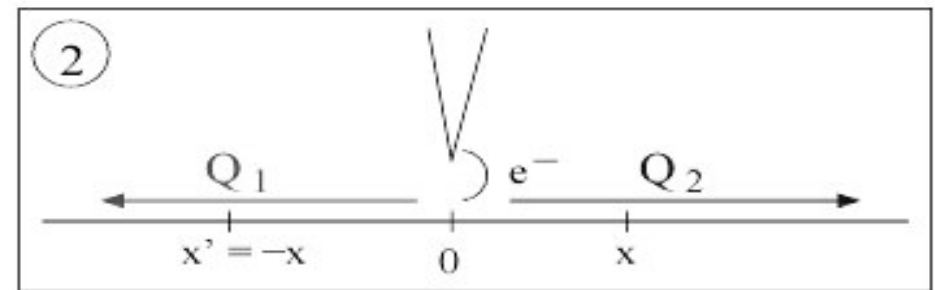
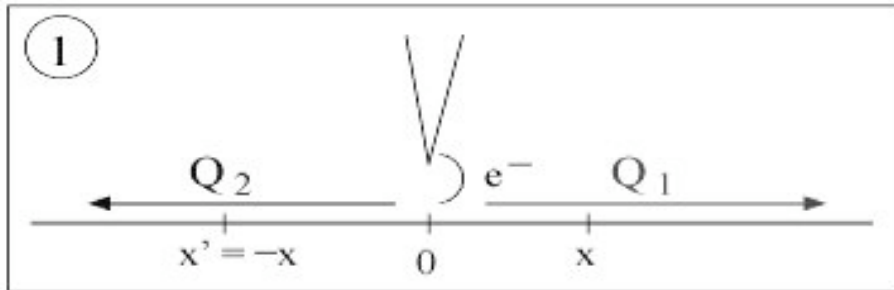
$$Q_2 = \frac{1 + K_{c+}^N}{2} e \quad \text{other direction}$$

Ref. : Safi, Ann. Phys. Fr. 22, 463 (1997)

Ref. : Imura et al., PRB 66, 035313 (2002)

**What does it imply for the noise ?**

$S(x, x') \propto Q(x)Q(x')$  ?



$$S(x, x) \propto \frac{1}{2} (Q_1^2 + Q_2^2) = \frac{1 + (K_{c+}^N)^2}{4} e^2$$

$$S(x, -x) \propto \frac{1}{2} (Q_1 Q_2 + Q_2 Q_1) = \frac{1 - (K_{c+}^N)^2}{4} e^2$$

# Entanglement ?

Symptom: positive cross correlations, as in NS forks

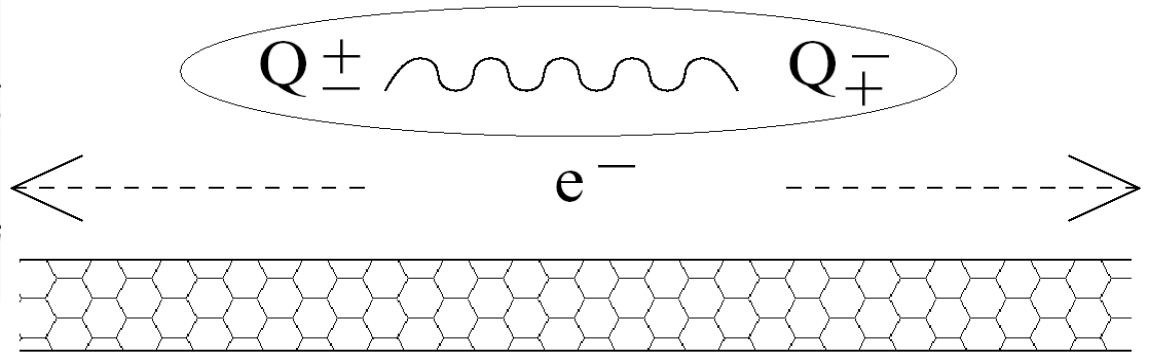
e- injected at x=0

$$\sum_{r\alpha} \Psi_{r\alpha\sigma}^\dagger |O_{LL}\rangle = \frac{M_{r\alpha\sigma}}{2\pi a} \sum_{r\alpha} e^{-i\sum_{j\delta} h_{\alpha\sigma j\delta} \left( \frac{1+rK_{j\delta}^N}{2} \tilde{\varphi}_{j\delta}^+ + \frac{1-rK_{j\delta}^N}{2} \tilde{\varphi}_{j\delta}^- \right)} |O_{LL}\rangle$$

with :  $h_{\alpha\sigma c+} = 1, h_{\alpha\sigma c-} = \alpha, h_{\alpha\sigma s+} = \sigma, h_{\alpha\sigma s-} = \sigma\alpha,$

use the underlying chiral bosonic fields :

$$\tilde{\varphi}_{j\delta}^r(x) = \frac{1}{4\sqrt{K_{j\delta}^N}} \sum_{r'\alpha\sigma} h_{\alpha\sigma j\delta} (r + r'K_{j\delta}^N) \times \sum_{(r'k)>0} \sqrt{\frac{1}{|k|L}} (d_{\alpha\sigma}^\dagger(k) e^{-ik})$$



« Triplet » wavefunction!

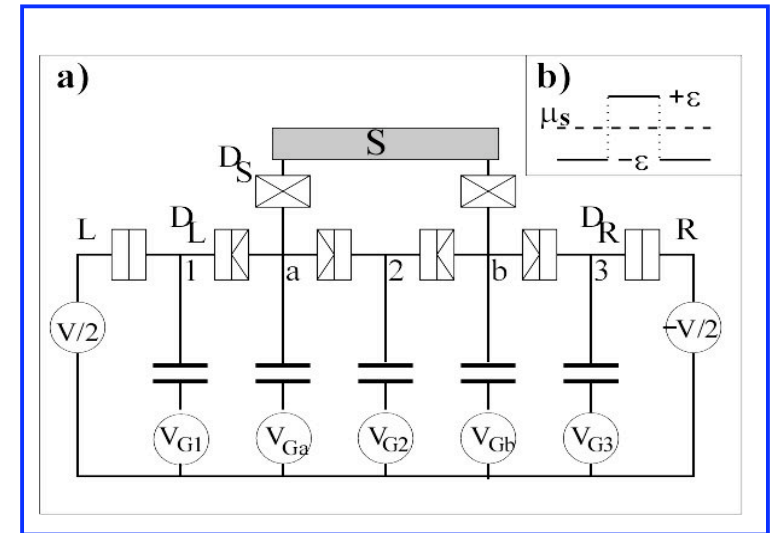
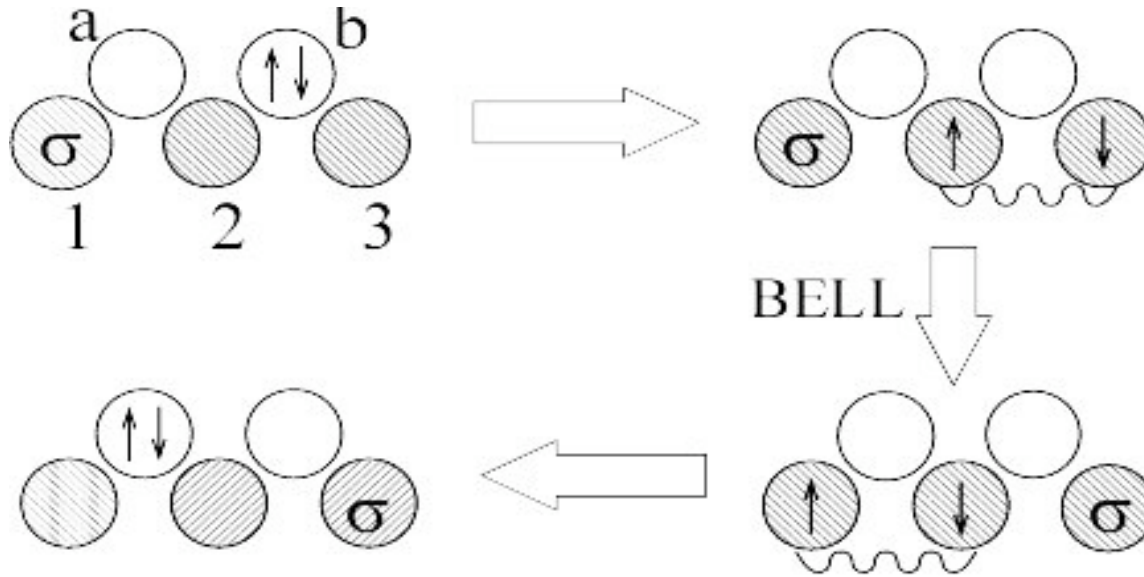
$$\sum_{\downarrow\alpha} \mathcal{A}_+^{\downarrow\alpha\alpha} |O^{\Gamma\Gamma}\rangle = \frac{\sqrt{J_{\perp\alpha}}}{J} \sum_{\uparrow\downarrow} \Pi \left[ (\phi_{\downarrow+}^{\uparrow\alpha\downarrow})_{\sigma^{\uparrow\downarrow+}} - (\phi_{\downarrow+}^{\uparrow\alpha\downarrow})_{\sigma^{\uparrow\downarrow-}} \right] |O^{\Gamma\Gamma}\rangle$$

$|Q_+Q_- \rangle + |Q_-Q_+ \rangle$

Chiral fields

$$\tilde{\psi}_{j\delta\pm}^\dagger(x) = \exp \left[ -i \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{2K_{j\delta}^N}} h_{\alpha\sigma j\delta} \tilde{\varphi}_{j\delta}^\pm(x) \right]$$

When you have entanglement...why not **teleportation** ?



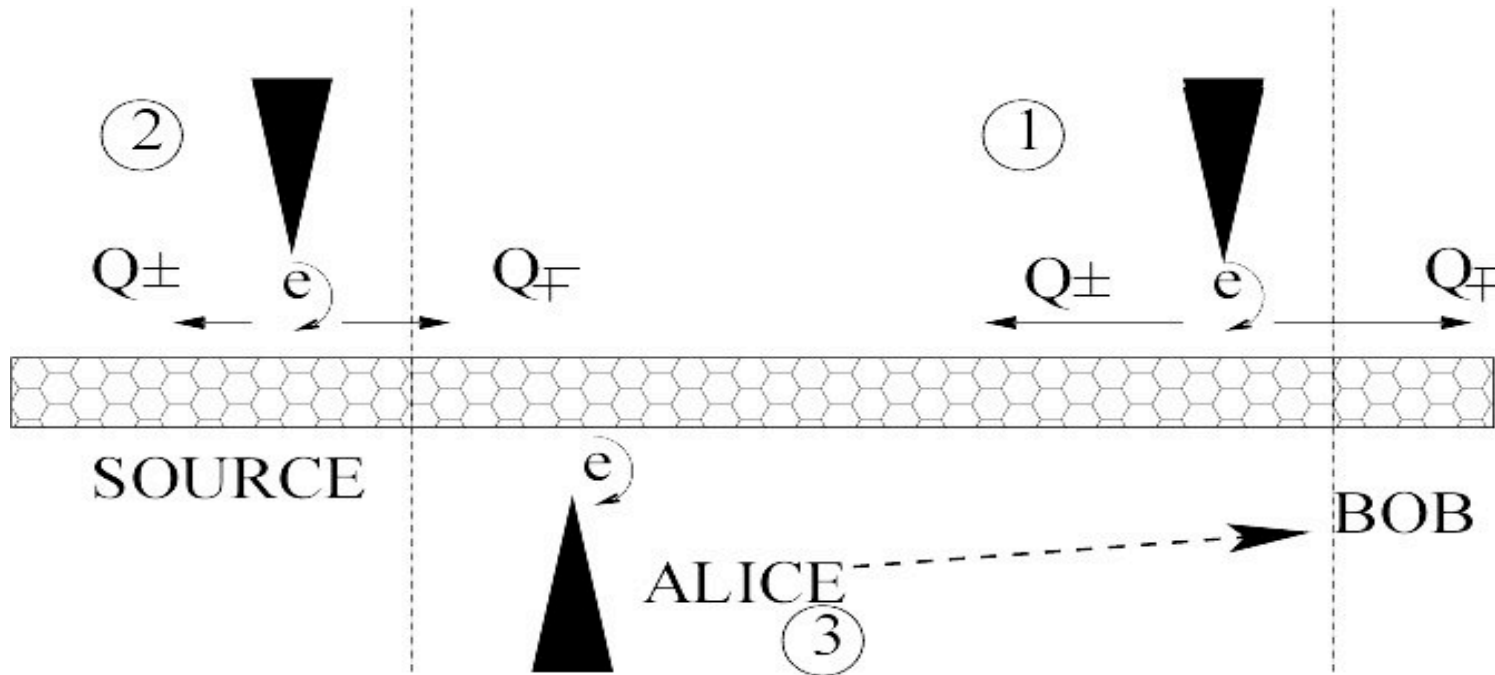
Teleportation with superconductors and quantum dots:

- dots for filtering  $e^-$  one by one
- superconductor as source and detectors of singlet  $e^-$  pairs

Sauret, Feinberg, Martin, EPJB 2003 + PRB 2004

Beenakker et al.,  $e^-h^+$  pairs in IQHE, PRL 2003

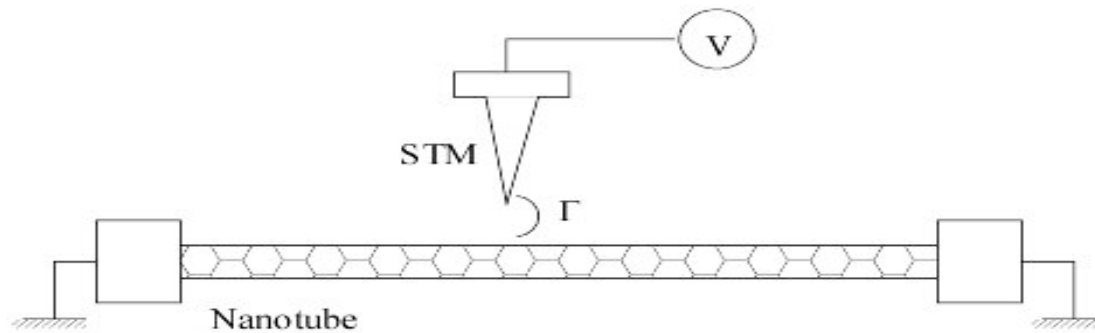
Teleportation of anomalous charge states in nanotube ?  
This requires 3 contacts.



Non-local transfer of anomalous charge states:  
1 inject  $Q^+ Q^-$  pair shared by Alice and Bob.  
2 inject pair with anomalous charge to be teleported.  
3 annihilate the latter: Alice detects an  $e^-$ , and tells Bob.  
Coincidences in injected/detected tunneling currents.

What about contacts?

Do they spoil everything?



Almost!

Conductance: Safi-Schulz, Maslov Stone, Ponomarenko

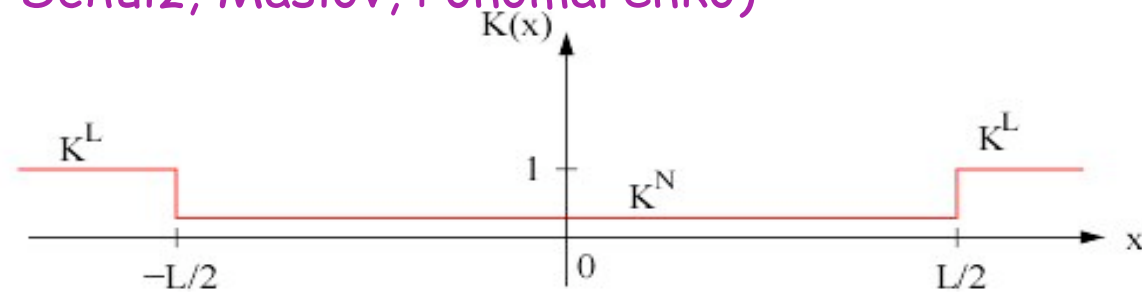
Noise: Ponomarenko... PRB, Trauzettel Egger Grabert PRL

No renormalization due to interactions !

# Inhomogeneous Luttinger liquids:

## 1D Fermi liquid leads

(Safi-Schulz, Maslov, Ponomarenko)



$$-v_{j\delta}(x)K_{j\delta}(x)\partial_x G_{j\delta}^{\phi\phi}(x, x', \bar{\omega}) \Big|_{x=x'-\epsilon}^{x=x'+\epsilon} = 1$$

Multiple Andreev-like reflection at the boundaries

## Finite frequency noise

Unsymmetrized correlator

$$\begin{aligned}
 S_{xx'}(\omega) = & -\frac{e^2 v_F^2 \Gamma^2}{2(\pi a)^2} \sum_{\eta_1 \eta_2 r \sigma} \eta_1 \eta_2 \\
 & \times \left( \tilde{A}_{\eta_1 \eta_2}^{r\sigma}(0) \tilde{B}_{-, \eta_1}^{r\sigma}(x, 0, \omega) \tilde{B}_{+, \eta_1}^{r\sigma}(x', 0, -\omega) \right. \\
 & - \tilde{A}_{\eta_1 \eta_2}^{r\sigma}(-\omega) \tilde{B}_{-, \eta_2}^{r\sigma}(x, 0, \omega) \tilde{B}_{+, \eta_1}^{r\sigma}(x', 0, -\omega) \\
 & - \tilde{A}_{\eta_1 \eta_2}^{r\sigma}(\omega) \tilde{B}_{-, \eta_1}^{r\sigma}(x, 0, \omega) \tilde{B}_{+, \eta_2}^{r\sigma}(x', 0, -\omega) \\
 & \left. + \tilde{A}_{\eta_1 \eta_2}^{r\sigma}(0) \tilde{B}_{-, \eta_2}^{r\sigma}(x, 0, \omega) \tilde{B}_{+, \eta_2}^{r\sigma}(x', 0, -\omega) \right),
 \end{aligned}$$

## Tunneling density of states

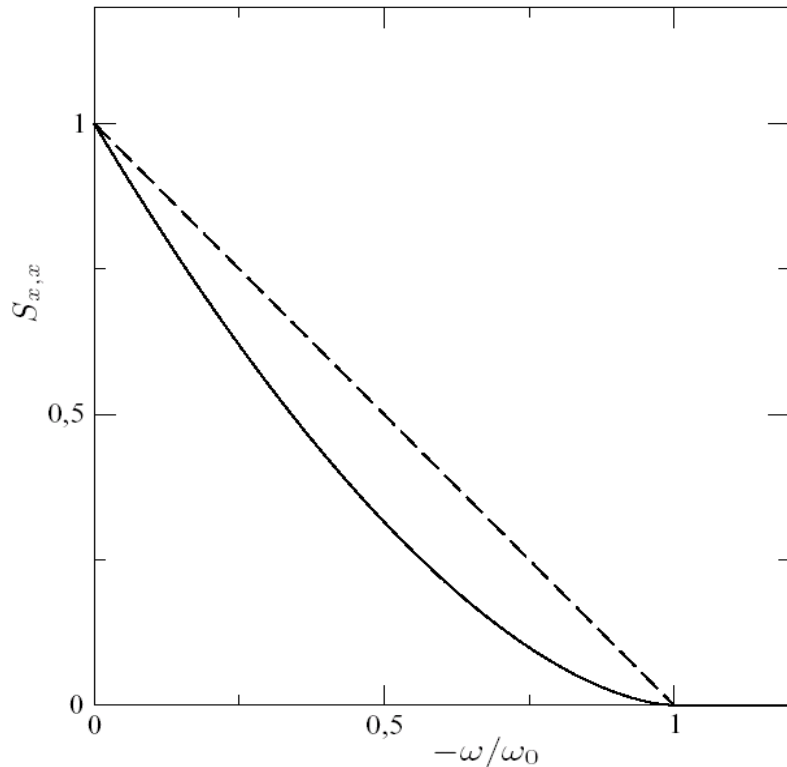
$$\begin{aligned}
 A_{\eta\mu}^{r\sigma}(t) = & \cos \omega_0 t e^{g_{\eta\mu}^\sigma(t)} \exp \left[ \frac{\pi}{4} \sum_{j\delta} \tilde{G}_{j\delta, \eta\mu}^{\phi\phi}(0, 0, t) \right. \\
 & \left. + r \tilde{G}_{j\delta, \eta\mu}^{\phi\theta}(0, 0, t) + r \tilde{G}_{j\delta, \eta\mu}^{\theta\phi}(0, 0, t) + \tilde{G}_{j\delta, \eta\mu}^{\theta\theta}(0, 0, t) \right]
 \end{aligned}$$

## Propagation along the nanotube

$$B_{\eta\mu}^{r\sigma}(x, 0, t) = \partial_x \left[ \tilde{G}_{c+, \eta\mu}^{\phi\phi}(x, 0, t) + r \tilde{G}_{c+, \eta\mu}^{\phi\theta}(x, 0, t) \right]$$



## Autocorrelation noise in an infinite nanotube



$$S_{xx'}(\omega) = \frac{e^2 \Gamma^2}{(\pi a)^2} \frac{K_{c+}^2 + \text{sgn}(x) \text{sgn}(x')}{2} \\ \times \Theta(-\omega) e^{i\omega\tau_-} \left( \tilde{A}_{+-}(|\omega|) + \tilde{A}_{-+}(-|\omega|) \right)$$

Non-interacting case, dashed: singularity (Yang, Lesovik)

Interacting case, full

## Cross correlation in a nanotube with leads: two time scales

1) Injection (voltage) time  $\tau_V = \hbar/eV$

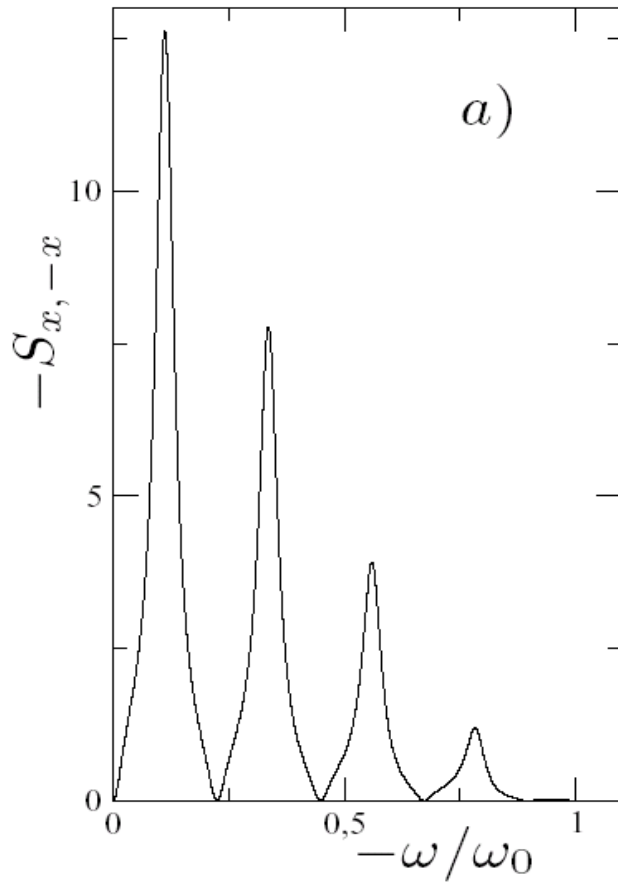
time spread of electron wave packet

(Lesovik Levitov)

2) Time of flight  $\tau_L = L/2v_{c+}$

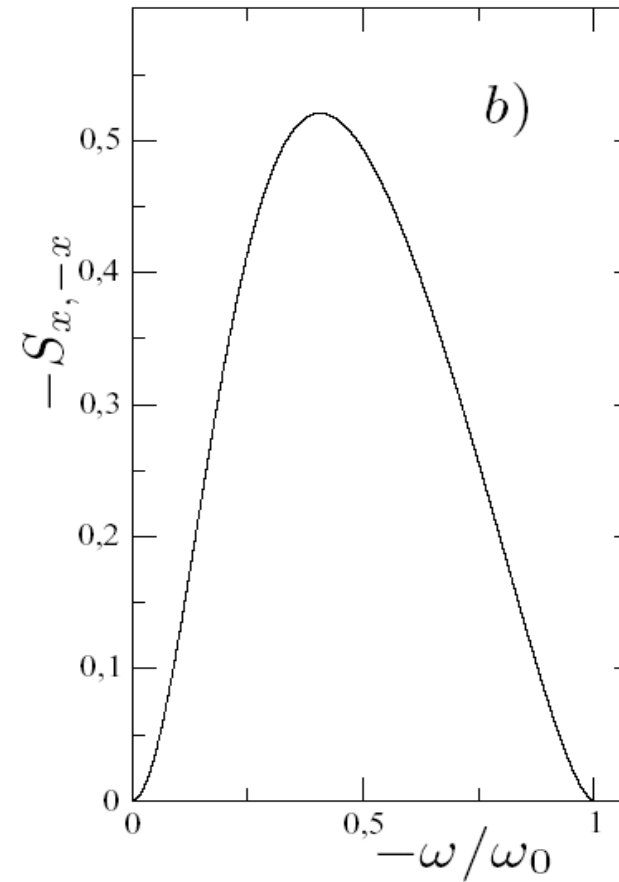
$$S_{xx'}(\omega) = \frac{e^2 \Gamma^2}{\pi v_F^2} \left( \frac{a}{v_F} \right)^{\nu-1} e^{i\omega\tau_-} \Theta(|\omega_0| - |\omega|) \frac{(|\omega_0| - |\omega|)^\nu}{\Gamma(\nu+1)} \\ \times \left( \frac{1}{1 - (1 - K_{c+}^{-2}) \sin^2 \omega\tau_L} + \frac{\text{sgn}(x)\text{sgn}(x')}{1 - (1 - K_{c+}^2) \sin^2 \omega\tau_L} \right),$$

# Cross correlations in a nanotube with leads



$$\tau_L = 14\tau_V$$

Several round trips



$$\tau_L = \tau_V$$

No round trips

## Detection of anomalous charges ?

$$Q_{\pm} = (1 \pm K_{c+})/2$$

Specify frequency associated with peaks

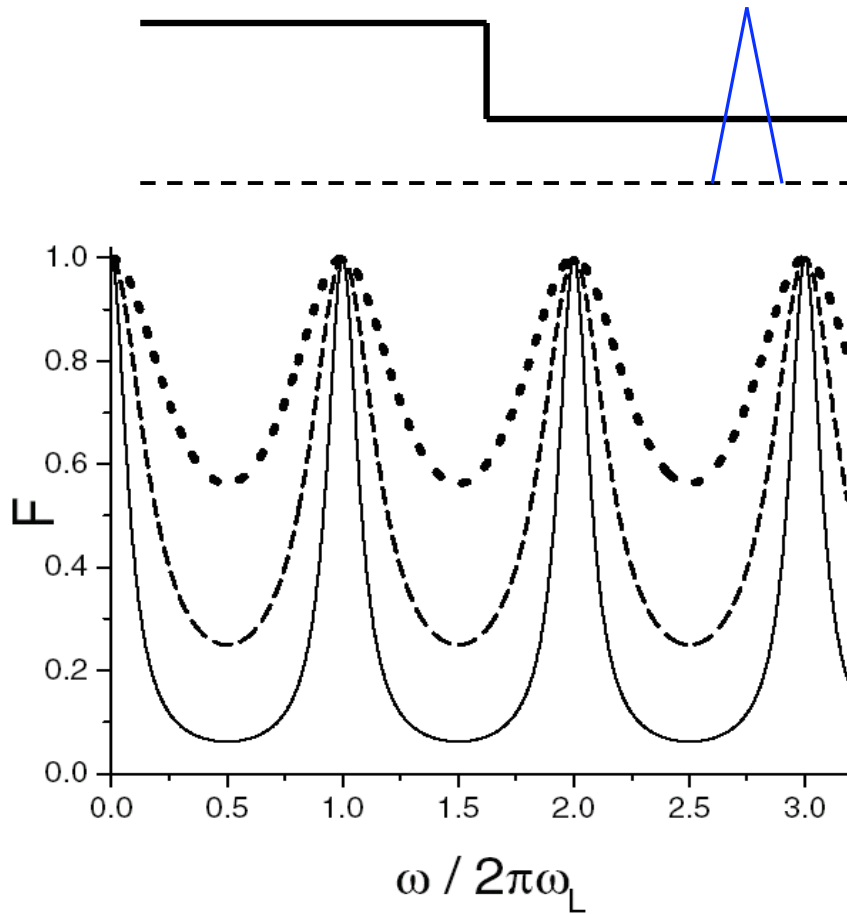
$$\omega\tau_L = (2p + 1)\pi/2 \quad (p \text{ integer})$$

Ratio of cross correlations to autocorrelation noise

$$|S_{x,-x}/S_{x,x}| = (1 - K_{c+}^4)/(1 + K_{c+}^4)$$

Impurities ? Secondary peaks in the noise

Alternative: LL with leads with an impurity in the middle  
(Trauzettel et al. PRL04)



$$S(x, x; \omega) \simeq 2eF(\omega)I_{BS}$$

Requires an averaging  
of the noise over  $\tau_L^{-1}$

## CONCLUSION:

- Noise auto AND cross correlations allow to detect anomalous charges.
- Some entanglement scenarios in condensed matter systems based on an interaction (superconductor, dots).
- Nanotube: electrons are « not welcome ». Separation into right and left moving charges which are entangled.
- Leads: need to probe charges at finite frequency.

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