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QUANTUM STATISTICAL EFFECTS IN ELECTRON AND  
PHOTON TRANSPORT IN SMALL WAVE GUIDES

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Electron-Current and Photon Intensity  
Fluctuations in Small Wave Guides

Quantum Statistical Fluctuations in  
Small Conductors and  
Photon Wave Guides

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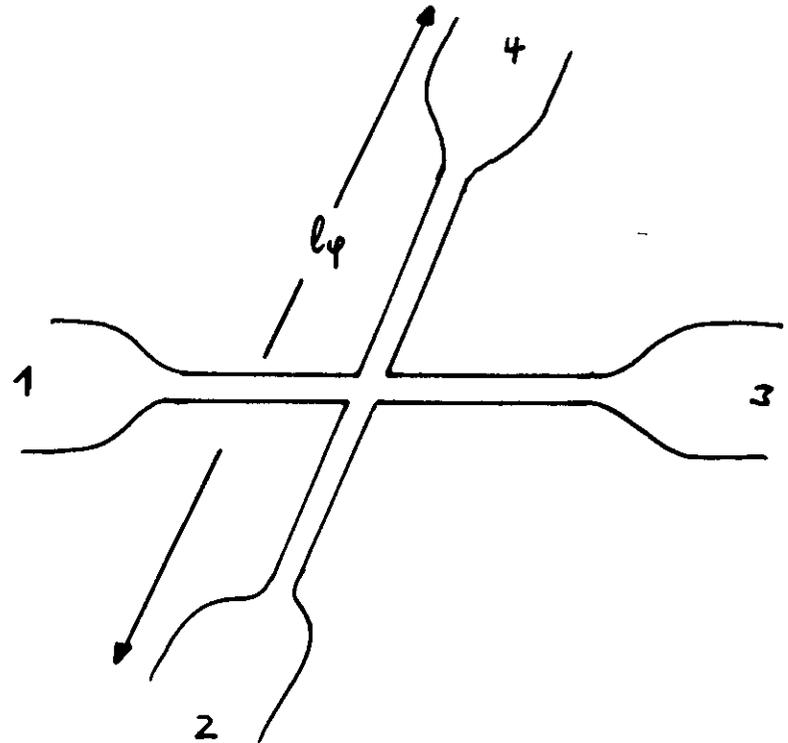
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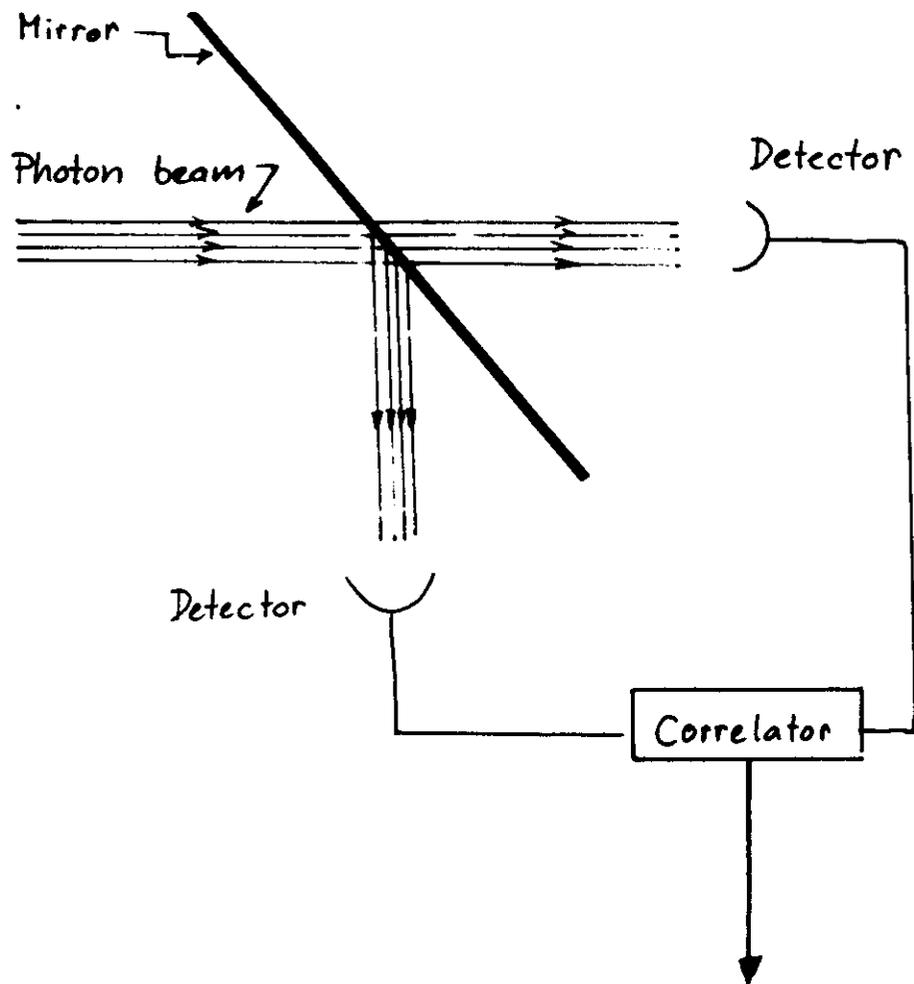
$$\alpha = 1, 2, 3, 4$$

$$\Delta I_\alpha(t) = I_\alpha(t) - \langle I_\alpha \rangle$$

$$\langle \Delta I_\alpha(t+\tau) \Delta I_\beta(t) \rangle = ?$$

# Hanbury Brown and Twiss

Proc. Roy. Soc. Ser. A272, 304 (1957)

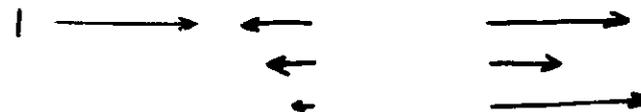


# Conductance and Transmission

Landauer, Emry, Büttiker



scattering state

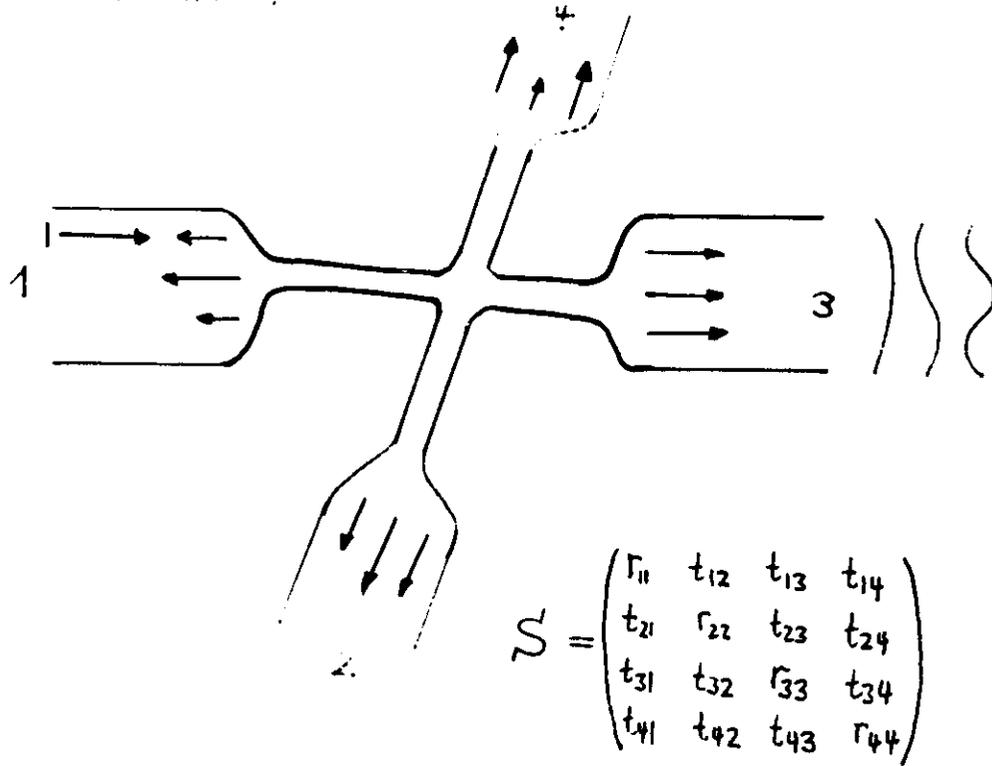


$$S = \begin{pmatrix} r & t' \\ t & r' \end{pmatrix}$$

$$G = \frac{e^2}{h} \text{Tr}(t^\dagger t) = \frac{e^2}{h} \sum_{nm} T_{nm}$$

# Conductance and Transmission

Büttiker (1986)



Shot Noise

$$\langle (\Delta I)^2 \rangle_{\nu} = 2e \Delta V \langle I \rangle$$

$$\langle \left( \int_t^{t+\tau} \Delta I(t') dt' \right)^2 \rangle = e^2 \langle (N_{\tau} - \langle N_{\tau} \rangle)^2 \rangle = e^2 \langle N_{\tau} \rangle$$

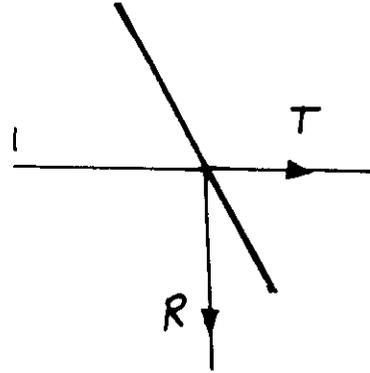
$$I_{\alpha} = \frac{e}{h} \int dE [(M_{\alpha} - R_{\alpha\alpha}) f_{\alpha} - \sum_{\beta} T_{\alpha\beta} f_{\beta}]$$

$$R_{\alpha\alpha} = \sum_{nm} R_{\alpha\alpha, nm} = \text{Tr}(r_{\alpha\alpha}^{\dagger} r_{\alpha\alpha})$$

$$T_{\alpha\beta} = \sum_{nm} T_{\alpha\beta, nm} = \text{Tr}(t_{\alpha\beta}^{\dagger} t_{\alpha\beta})$$

$$\frac{e}{h} \int dE \leftrightarrow \int dE \nu(E)$$

# Single Particle Scattering



$$\langle n_I \rangle = 1, \quad \langle n_T \rangle = T, \quad \langle n_R \rangle = R$$

$$\langle n_T n_R \rangle = 0$$

$$\Delta n_T = n_T - \langle n_T \rangle$$

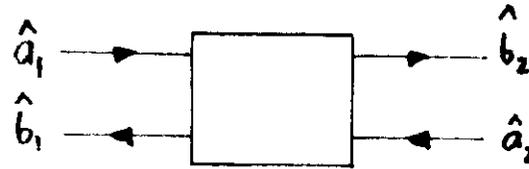
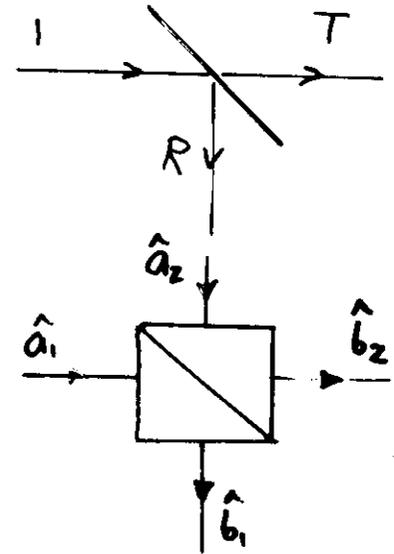
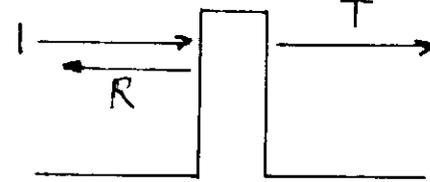
$$\Delta n_R = n_R - \langle n_R \rangle$$

$$\langle \Delta n_T \Delta n_R \rangle = \langle n_T n_R \rangle - \langle n_T \rangle \langle n_R \rangle = -RT$$

$$\langle (\Delta n_T)^2 \rangle = -\langle \Delta n_T \Delta n_R \rangle = RT$$

$$\langle (\Delta n_R)^2 \rangle = -\langle \Delta n_T \Delta n_R \rangle = RT$$

# Scattering and Second Quantization



$$\begin{pmatrix} \hat{b}_1 \\ \hat{b}_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} r_{11} & t_{12} \\ t_{21} & r_{22} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \hat{a}_1 \\ \hat{a}_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$|1\rangle = \hat{a}_1^\dagger |0\rangle$$

$$\langle n_R n_T \rangle = \langle 1 | \hat{b}_1^\dagger \hat{b}_1 \hat{b}_2^\dagger \hat{b}_2 | 1 \rangle = 0$$

$$|n\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n!}} (\hat{a}_1^\dagger)^n |0\rangle$$

$$\langle n_R n_T \rangle = \langle n | \hat{b}_1^\dagger \hat{b}_1 \hat{b}_2^\dagger \hat{b}_2 | n \rangle = RT n(n-1)$$

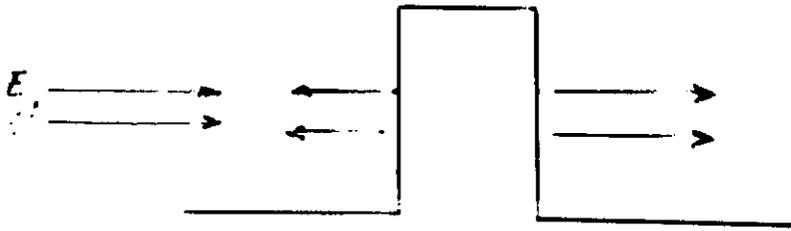
$$\langle (\Delta n_T)^2 \rangle = \langle (\Delta n_R)^2 \rangle = -\langle \Delta n_T \Delta n_R \rangle = nRT$$

# Effect of Scattering on Occupation Noise

$$\langle (\Delta n_z)^2 \rangle = 2f(1 \mp f)$$

$$\langle (\Delta n_T)^2 \rangle = 2Tf(1 \mp Tf)$$

## Two Particle versus One Particle Effects



$$\langle \Delta n_R \Delta n_T \rangle \propto$$

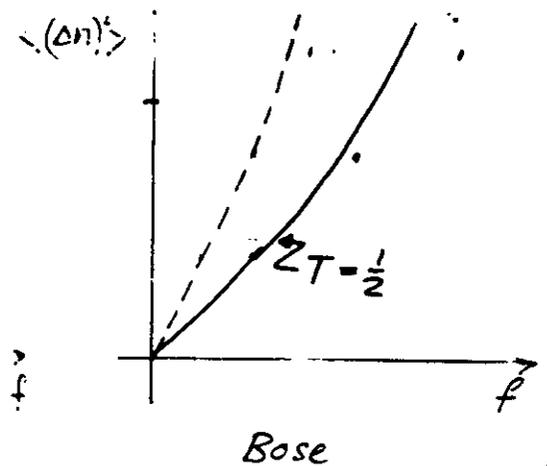
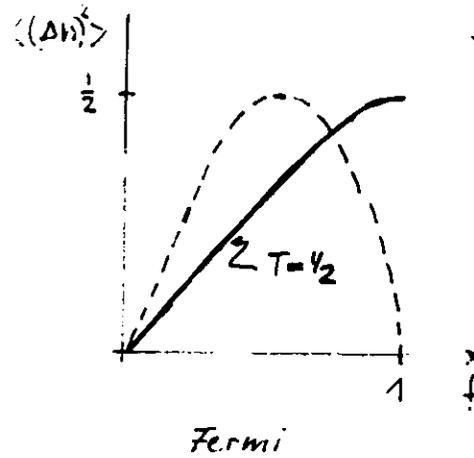
$$\int dE \int dE' \langle n(E), m(E') | b_1^\dagger(E) b_1(E') b_2^\dagger(E') b_2(E) | n(E), m(E') \rangle$$

$$\propto \int dE \int dE' \langle n(E), m(E') | b_1^\dagger(E) b_2^\dagger(E') b_1(E') b_2(E) | n(E), m(E') \rangle$$

↑ outcome of experiment depends on symmetry of wave function

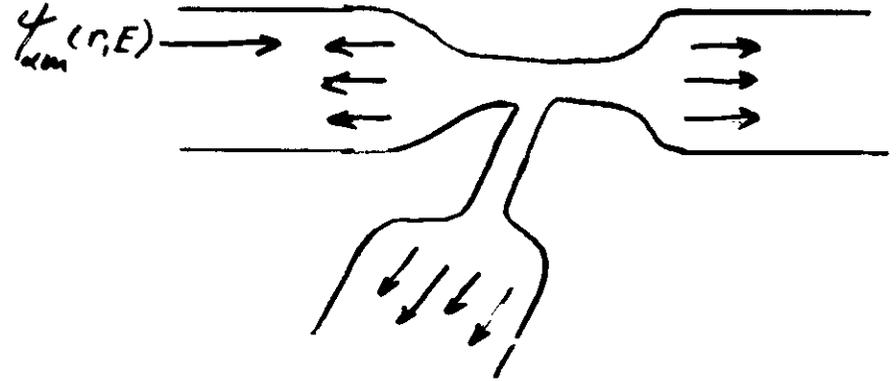
$\langle \Delta n_R \Delta n_T \rangle =$	$\mp R(E)T(E) f^2(E)$
$\langle (\Delta n_T)^2 \rangle =$	$T(E) f(E)(1 \mp f(E)) \pm R(E)T(E) f^2(E)$
$\langle (\Delta n_R)^2 \rangle =$	$R(E) f(E)(1 \mp f(E)) \mp R(E)T(E) f^2(E)$
$f(E)(1 \mp f(E)) = k_B T \left( \frac{df}{dE} \right)$	
single particle	two particle

$$\langle (\Delta n_I)^2 \rangle = \langle (\Delta n_T + \Delta n_R)^2 \rangle$$



# Calculation of Fluctuations with the help of Scattering States

## Fluctuations



$$\psi(r, t) = \sum_{\alpha m} \int \frac{dE_{\alpha m}}{(\hbar v_{\alpha m})^{1/2}} a_{\alpha m}(E_{\alpha m}) \psi_{\alpha m}(r, E) e^{-i\omega_{\alpha m} t}$$

$$\hbar \omega_{\alpha m} = E_{\alpha m} - \mu_{\alpha}$$

$$\hat{\psi}(r, t) = \sum_{\alpha m} \int \frac{dE_{\alpha m}}{(\hbar v_{\alpha m})^{1/2}} \hat{a}_{\alpha m}(E_{\alpha m}) \psi_{\alpha m}(r, E) e^{-i\omega_{\alpha m} t}$$

$$[\hat{a}_{\alpha m}^\dagger(E), \hat{a}_{\beta n}(E')]_{\pm} = \delta_{\alpha\beta} \delta_{mn} \delta(E-E')$$

## Current Fluctuations

$$\Delta \hat{I}_\alpha(t) = \hat{I}_\alpha(t) - \langle \hat{I}_\alpha \rangle$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{2} \langle \Delta \hat{I}_\alpha(\omega) \Delta \hat{I}_\beta(\omega') + \Delta \hat{I}_\beta(\omega') \Delta \hat{I}_\alpha(\omega) \rangle \\ = 2\pi \langle \Delta I_\alpha \Delta I_\beta \rangle_{\omega} \delta(\omega + \omega') \end{aligned}$$

Low frequency limit:

$$\lim_{\omega \rightarrow 0} \hat{I}_\alpha(\omega) = \frac{e}{\hbar} \int dE (\hat{a}_\alpha^\dagger \hat{a}_\alpha - \hat{b}_\alpha^\dagger \hat{b}_\alpha)$$

$$\hat{I}_\alpha = \sum_{\beta} S_{\alpha\beta} \hat{a}_\beta$$

$$\lim_{\omega \rightarrow 0} \hat{I}_\alpha(\omega) = \frac{e}{\hbar} \int dE \sum_{\beta\gamma} \hat{a}_\beta^\dagger A_{\beta\gamma}(\alpha) \hat{a}_\gamma$$

$$A_{\beta\gamma}(\alpha) = e_\alpha e_\gamma \hat{a}_\alpha - S_{\alpha\gamma}^+ S_{\alpha\beta}$$

$$\langle \Delta I_\alpha \Delta I_\beta \rangle_{\omega \rightarrow 0} = 2 \frac{e^2}{\hbar} \int dE \sum_{\beta\gamma} \text{Tr}(A_{\beta\gamma}(\alpha) A_{\beta\gamma}(\beta)) f_\beta (1 \mp f_\beta)$$

## Equilibrium and Transport Fluctuations

$$\langle \Delta I_\alpha \Delta I_\beta \rangle = \langle \Delta I_\alpha \Delta I_\beta \rangle_{eq} + \langle \Delta I_\alpha \Delta I_\beta \rangle_{tr}$$

"equilibrium fluctuations" ( $\alpha \neq \beta$ )

$$\langle \Delta I_\alpha \Delta I_\beta \rangle_{eq} = -2\Delta V \frac{e^2}{\hbar} \int dE [T_{\beta\alpha} f_\alpha (1 \mp f_\alpha) + T_{\alpha\beta} f_\beta (1 \mp f_\beta)]$$

- negative independent of statistics

"transport fluctuations" ( $\alpha \neq \beta$ )

$$\langle \Delta I_\alpha \Delta I_\beta \rangle_{tr} = \mp 2\Delta V \frac{e^2}{\hbar} \int dE \sum_{\beta\gamma} f_\beta f_\gamma \text{Tr}(S_{\alpha\gamma}^+ S_{\beta\gamma} S_{\beta\alpha}^+ S_{\alpha\gamma})$$

- negative for Fermions
- positive for Bosons

Comment on current conservation

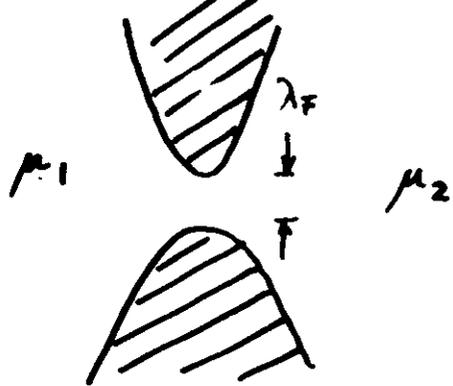
$$\sum_\alpha \hat{I}_\alpha = 0 \quad \xrightarrow{\omega \rightarrow 0} \quad \sum_\alpha \Delta I_\alpha = 0 \quad \Rightarrow$$

$$0 = \langle (\sum_\alpha \Delta I_\alpha)^2 \rangle = \underbrace{\sum_\alpha \langle (\Delta I_\alpha)^2 \rangle}_{>0} + \underbrace{\sum_{\alpha \neq \beta} \langle \Delta I_\alpha \Delta I_\beta \rangle}_{<0}$$

# Shot Noise in a Quantum Point Contact

$kT=0$ ,  $\langle I \rangle = \frac{e^2}{h} T_n (V_1 - V_2)$

Lesovik (1987)



$$S = \begin{pmatrix} r_{11} & t_{12} \\ t_{21} & r_{22} \end{pmatrix}$$



Experiment: Li et al (1990)

$$\langle (\Delta I)^2 \rangle_{\Delta\nu} = 2e\Delta\nu \frac{e^2}{h} |V_1 - V_2| \text{Tr}(r_n^+ r_n^- t_n^+ t_n^-)$$

Büttiker (1990)

$T_n$  eigenvalue of  $t_{21}^+ t_{12}^-$   
 $1-T_n$  eigenvalue of  $r_{11}^+ r_{22}^-$

$$\langle (\Delta I)^2 \rangle_{\Delta\nu} = 2e\Delta\nu \frac{e^2}{h} |V_1 - V_2| \sum_n T_n (1 - T_n)$$

If for all  $n$ ,  $T_n < 1$ , then full shot noise

$$\langle (\Delta I)^2 \rangle_{\Delta\nu} = 2e\Delta\nu \langle I \rangle \quad (\text{Khlus, 1987})$$

Lesovik (1989)

# Shot Noise in a Quantum Point Contact

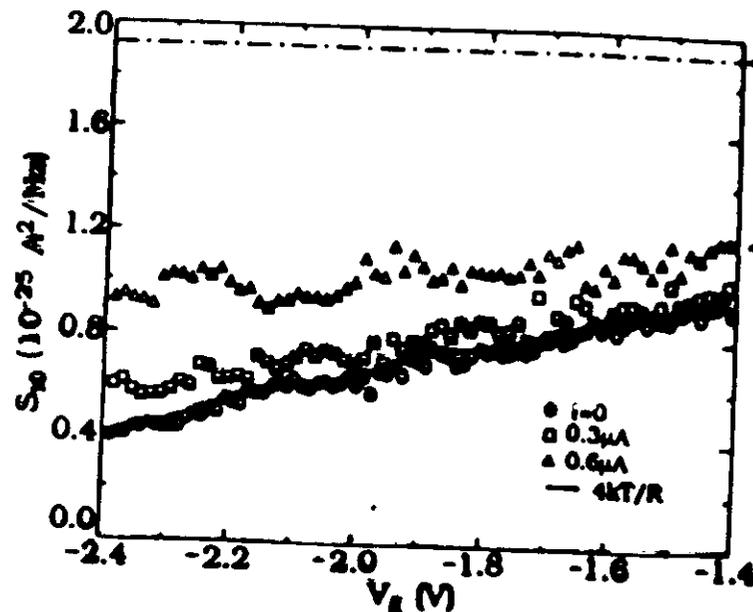
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Correct theory:

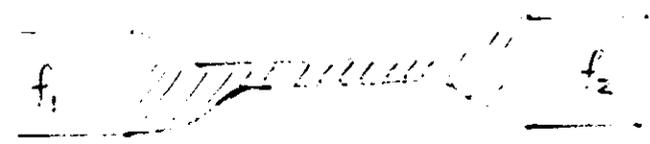
$$\langle (\Delta I)^2 \rangle_{\Delta\nu} = 2e\Delta\nu \frac{e^2}{h} |V_1 - V_2| \sum_n T_n (1 - T_n)$$

Un correlated electrons:

$$\langle (\Delta I)^2 \rangle_{\Delta\nu} = 2e\Delta\nu \frac{e^2}{h} |V_1 - V_2| \sum_n T_n = 2e\Delta\nu I$$



Two Port Wave Guide:  $kT \neq 0$

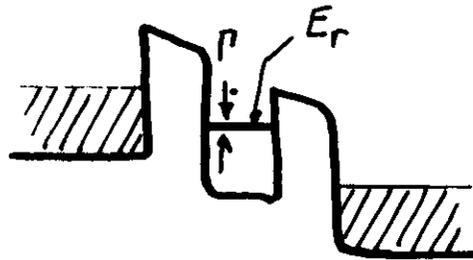


$$\langle (\Delta I)^2 \rangle = 2\Delta V \frac{e^2}{h} \sum_n \int dE \left[ \underbrace{T_n f_1 (1+f_1) + T_n f_2 (1+f_2)}_{\text{equilibrium like-noise}} \pm \underbrace{T_n (1-T_n) (f_1 - f_2)^2}_{\text{transport noise}} \right]$$

- For Fermi systems the noise in the presence of transport typically exceeds the equilibrium noise
- For Bose systems the noise in the presence of transport is typically smaller than the equilibrium noise

Shot Noise in a Resonant Double Barrier

Experiment: Li et al (1990)

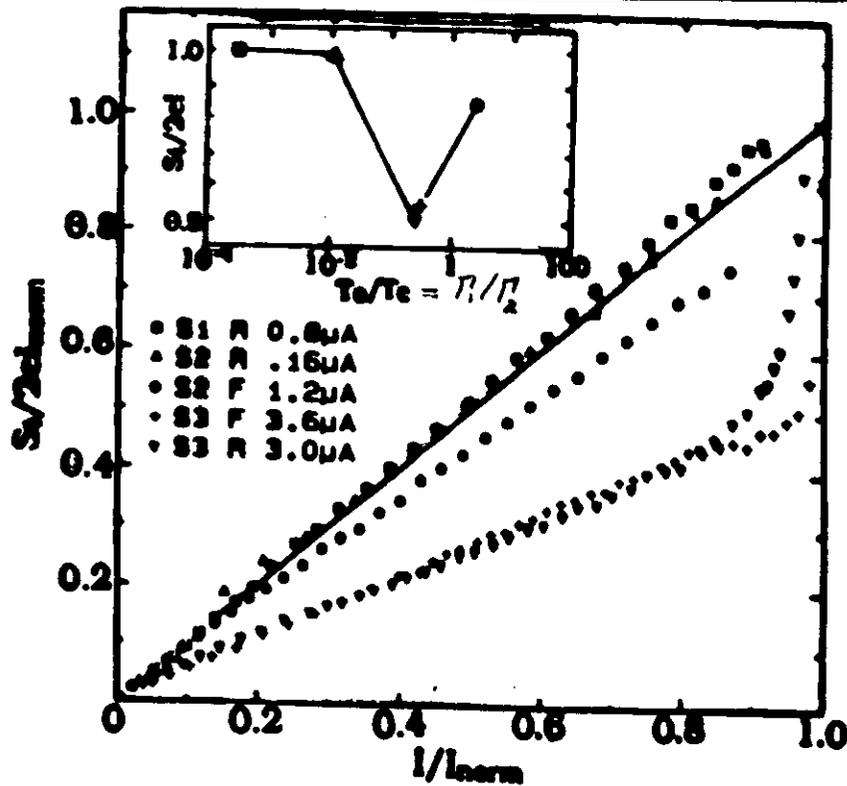


$$T = \frac{\Gamma_1 \Gamma_2}{(E - E_r)^2 + \Gamma^2/4}$$

$$\Gamma = \Gamma_1 + \Gamma_2$$

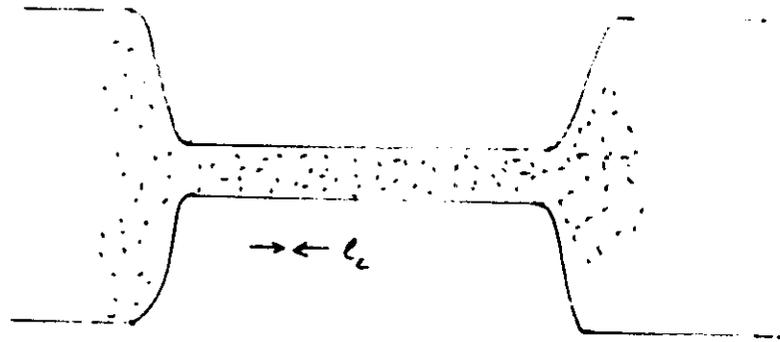
$$T_{res} = \frac{4\Gamma_1 \Gamma_2}{\Gamma^2}$$

$$\langle (\Delta I)^2 \rangle = 2e\Delta V \frac{e}{h} \int dE T(1-T) = 2e\Delta V I \left(1 - \frac{1}{2} T_{res}\right)$$



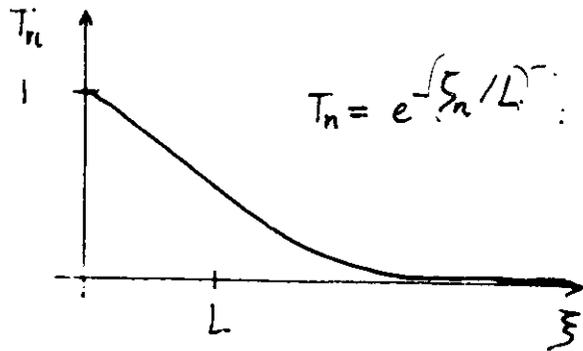
# Shot Noise in Metallic Diffusive Conductors

Beenakker and Büttiker (1991)



$$l_c \ll l_y \ll \xi = N l_c$$

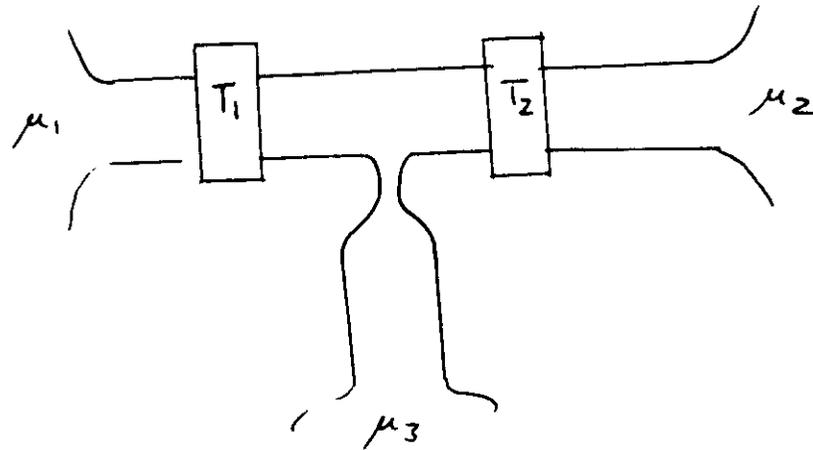
$$\langle (\Delta I)^2 \rangle = \frac{2}{3} e \Delta V \langle I \rangle$$



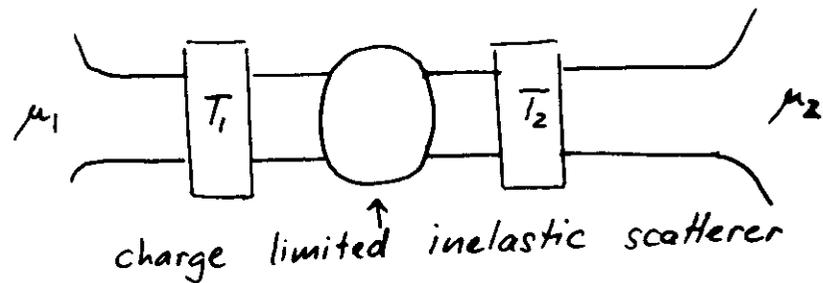
de Jong and Beenakker

# Shot Noise of Series Resistors

Beenakker and Büttiker



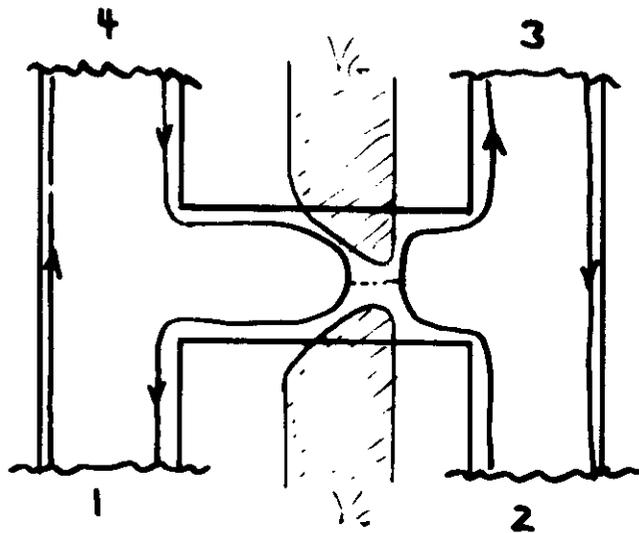
$$\Delta I_3 = 0 \Rightarrow \delta \mu_3 = - \frac{\delta I_3}{T_{31} + T_{32}}$$



For completely incoherent transmission and very opaque barriers

$$\langle (\Delta I_1)^2 \rangle = 2e \Delta V I \frac{R_1^2 + R_2^2}{(R_1 + R_2)^2}$$

Example of Conductor in which Incident and Reflected "Beams" are separated



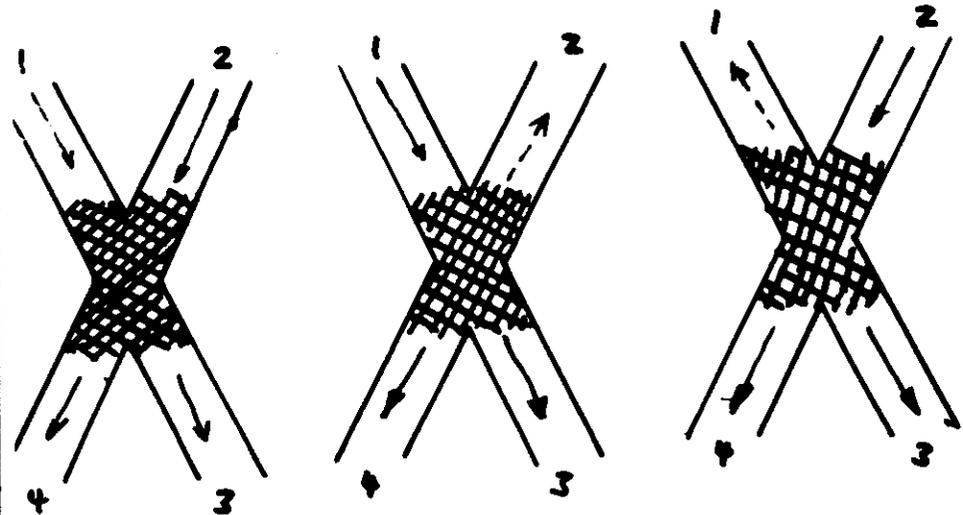
$$kT=0 : \mu_1 = \mu_4 \equiv \mu, \quad \mu_3 = \mu_2 \equiv \mu_0$$

$$\langle (\Delta I_1)^2 \rangle = \langle (\Delta I_3)^2 \rangle = -\langle \Delta I_1 \Delta I_3 \rangle = 2\Delta\nu \frac{e^2}{h} TR(\mu - \mu_0)$$

$$kT \neq 0 : f_1 = f_4 \equiv f, \quad f_3 = f_2 \equiv f_0$$

$$\langle \Delta I_1 \Delta I_3 \rangle = \mp 2\Delta\nu \frac{e^2}{h} \int dE RT(f-f_0)^2$$

### Cross-Correlations in the Presence of Two Sources



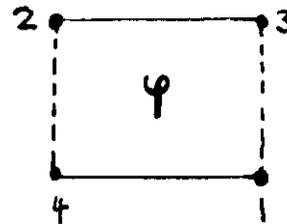
$$A: f_1 = f_2 = f = f_3 = f_4 = f_0 \quad B: f_1 = f > f_2 = f_3 = f_4 = f_0 \quad C: f_2 = f > f_1 = f_3 = f_4 = f_0$$

$$\langle \Delta I_3 \Delta I_4 \rangle_H = \langle \Delta I_3 \Delta I_4 \rangle_B + \langle \Delta I_3 \Delta I_4 \rangle_C$$

$$\mp 2\Delta\nu \left(\frac{e^2}{h}\right) \int dE (f-f_0)^2 \left[ \text{Tr}(S_{31}^\dagger S_{32} S_{42}^\dagger S_{41}) + \text{Tr}(S_{32}^\dagger S_{31} S_{41}^\dagger S_{42}) \right]$$

$$A e^{i\varphi} + A e^{-i\varphi}$$

$$2A \cos \varphi$$



## Summary

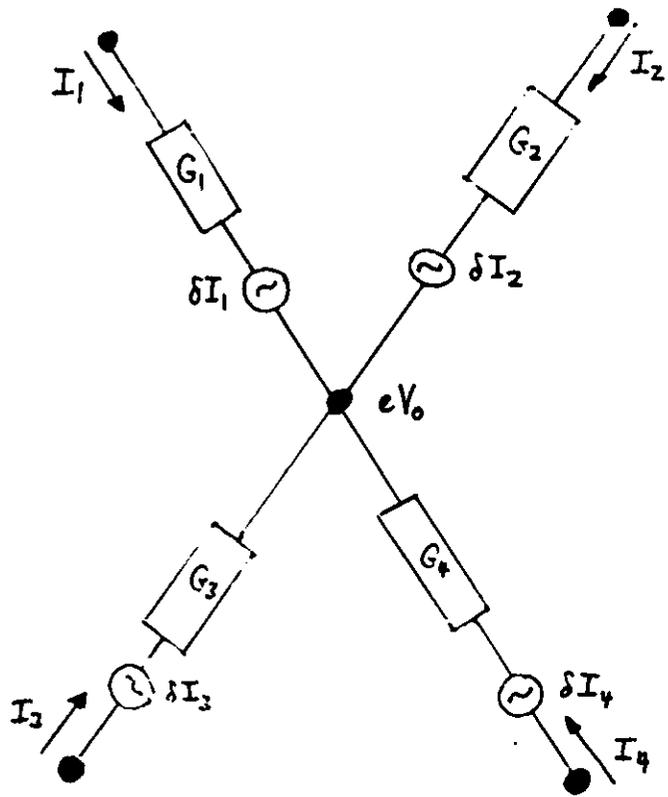
- Fluctuation theory of transport in mesoscopic wires and wave guides
- (Zero-frequency) noise can be expressed in terms of scattering matrices
- Two particle contributions to shot noise / open quantum channels / exchange effects

M. B. PRB 46, 12485 (1992) (Gives more than 70 Refs)

## Summary

- Fluctuation theory of transport in mesoscopic wires and wave guides
- Two particle contributions to shot noise / exchange effects
- Admittance matrix related to fluctuation spectra

# Cross - Correlations: Circuit Model



$$\langle \Delta I_3 \Delta I_4 \rangle_C = - \langle \Delta I_3 \Delta I_4 \rangle_A + \langle \Delta I_3 \Delta I_4 \rangle_B$$