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# Optique quantique électronique -Electron quantum optics

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#### Quantum coherence

# Classical vs. quantum description

#### Classical

#### Evolution Newton's (Einstein's) laws

- Defined position and velocity
- One state at a time : No superposition



Electromagnetic field Maxwell : Light is a wave

#### Quantum world

#### Evolution Schrödinger's equation

- Heisenberg inequalities
- Linear superpositions : Schrödinger's cat



Electromagnetic field QED :

 $Light \equiv wave \text{ and } particle$ 

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### Quantum coherence

#### Linear superpositions $\equiv$ Interferences



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 $\begin{array}{l} \textbf{Probability } i \to f \ \mathcal{P}_{if} = |\mathcal{A}[q_1] + \mathcal{A}[q_2]|^2\\ \textbf{Classical terms } |\mathcal{A}[q_1]|^2 + |\mathcal{A}[q_2]|^2\\ \textbf{Quantum terms } 2\Re(\mathcal{A}[q_1]\mathcal{A}^*[q_2]) \end{array}$ 

Coupling to an external environment  $\mathcal{R} \Rightarrow$  Reduction of visibility !

$$2\Re(\mathcal{A}[q_1]\mathcal{A}^*[q_2])\underbrace{\mathcal{F}[q_1, q_2]}_{visibility}$$

- R. P. Feynman Rev. Mod. Phys. 20, 367 (1948)
- R. P. Feynman, F. L. Vernon, Ann. Phys. (N. Y.) 24, 118 (1963)

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#### Quantum coherence

#### Quantum coherence in solid state systems

Feynman - Vernon picture OK if one can separate the system  ${\cal S}$  and the environment  ${\cal R}$ 

Approach well suited for :

- Coupling of a two level system to a quantum bath
  - Quantum impurity problems
    - Atom in a cavity
    - Josephson junctions

In a metal : Not so evident to single out an electron ...

#### Loss of quantum coherence in a metallic environment?

### 2D electron gas in a magnetic field

- Interface of two semiconductors : 2D electron gas
- In high magnetic field (≃ 5 *T*), at low temperature (100 *mK*)
   ⇒ Quantum Hall effect
- Electrical current at the edge

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• Klitzing, K. von; Dorda, G.; Pepper, M., Phys. Rev. Lett. 45 494-497 (1980)

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Integer quantum Hall effect

### Current transport in the IQHE



- Electrons in a magnetic field : Landau levels
- Sample edges ↔ Confinment potential
   ⇒ Deformed Landau levels
- Intersection Landau level/Fermi energy : Conduction channels !
  - M. Buttiker, Phys. Rev B, 38 9375 (1988)
  - B.I. Halperin, Phys. Rev. B 25 2185-2190 (1982)



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### Quantum optics with electrons?

#### Chirality of edge channels :

- $\Rightarrow$  Robustness against disorder and interactions
- $\rightarrow$  Edge channels  $\equiv$  coherent electronic waveguides

Engineering the electron gas  $\Rightarrow$  electronic mirrors, beamsplitters ...

Is it possible to perform interference experiments with chiral electrons?

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• M. Buttiker, Phys. Rev B, 38 9375 (1988)

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### A Mach-Zehnder interferometer for electrons



<sup>•</sup> Yang Ji, et al, Nature 422, 415 (2003)



• Playing with the 2DEG : analogues of optics components

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• Current oscillations : Quantum coherence !

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# **Electron - photon analogy**

Photons

#### Electrons

Photons beams

QHE chiral edge channels

**QPC** 

Beamsplitter

Sample edges

Light source

Mirrors

Driven reservoir

Single photon source

Single electron source<sup>*ii*</sup>



Electronic MZI (CEA)  $l_{\phi} = 20 \mu m$  at  $20 m K^{i}$ 

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• P. Roulleau & al. Phys. Rev. Lett. 100, 126802 (2008)

• G. Fève et al., Science 316, 1169 (2007)

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# The single electron source

... The missing piece to perform single quanta experiments





- Electrostatic gate : constriction
- Discrete level structure
- Control via V<sub>exc</sub>
- Single electron emission !

Fermi sea

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Possible realization of the quantum optics paradigm :

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# Main questions

- i) A formalism for electron quantum optics ?  $\Rightarrow$  Render the analogies and differences with photons
- ii) Inclusion of interactions?
- iii) Relation to experimentally relevant quantities?
- iv) Validity of the electron quantum optics paradigm?

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Derivation from experimental quantities

# Photodetection and coherence function



#### Derivation from experimental quantities

#### **Electron coherence function**

• Electrons

Simple model for tunnelling detection :

$$\mathcal{H} = \hbar(\psi^{\dagger}(\mathbf{x}_{D})O + O^{\dagger}\psi(\mathbf{x}_{D}))$$



$$I_D(t) = \int_0^t \underbrace{\mathcal{G}^{(e)}(x_D, \tau | x_D, \tau')}_{d\tau d\tau} \underbrace{K_D(\tau - \tau')}_{d\tau d\tau'} d\tau d\tau'$$

Single electron coherence Detector properties

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$$\mathcal{G}^{(e)}(x,t|x',t') = \langle \psi^{\dagger}(x',t')\psi(x,t) \rangle_{
ho}$$

• C. Altimiras et al., Nature Physics 6, 34-39 (2009)

Properties of electronic coherence functions

### **Electron coherence functions : different contributions**

Single electron coherence

$$\mathcal{G}_{\rho}^{(e)}(x,t;x',t') = \operatorname{Tr}\left(\psi(x,t)\rho\psi^{\dagger}(x',t')\right)$$

For a wavepacket  $\phi_e$ :  $\mathcal{G}^{(e)}(t, t') = \mathcal{G}_F^{(e)}(t - t') + \phi_e(v_F t) \phi_e^*(v_F t')$ 

- Vacuum contribution
- Excess contribution



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$$\Delta \mathcal{G}^{(e)}(t,t') = \mathcal{G}^{(e)}(t,t') - \mathcal{G}^{(e)}_F(t-t')$$

**Quantity of interest** :

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Properties of electronic coherence functions

Properties of the single electron coherence function At fixed position :  $\Delta \mathcal{G}^{(e)}(t - t', (t + t')/2) \rightarrow \Delta \mathcal{G}^{(e)}(\omega, \omega')$  in Fourier space



- Electronic excitations
- Hole excitations
- Electron-hole coherences

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Access to occupation number through spectroscopy experiments

• C. Altimiras et al., Nature Physics 6, 34-39 (2009)



### An electronic wavepacket

#### One lorentzian wavepacket of characteristic time $\tau_0$







Diagonal part : Occupation number



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Simple examples				

### **Two electrons**

Two identical lorentzian wavepackets of characteristic time  $\tau_0$  separated by  $\Delta t$ 



In Fourier space :

 $\Delta t \ll \tau_0$ 

ω.τ<sub>0</sub>





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# What is tomography?

#### **Classical tomography**



#### Quantum tomography



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• A. I. Lvovsky and M. G. Raymer Rev. Mod. Phys. 81, 299 (2009)

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# **HBT effect**



- Nature 178, 1046 (1956)
- Am. J. Phys. 29, 539 (1961)



- 2 particle interferences
- Correlations without interactions :

Classical	(0,2) (2,0) (1,1)
Bosons	(0,2) $(2,0)$
Fermions	(1,1)

#### HBT effect with electrons :

Liu et al, Nature **391**, 263 (1998) Henny et al, Science **284**, 396 (1999) Oliver et al, Science **284**, 299 (1999) An electronic quantum tomography protocol

# HBT interferometry for electrons

In our case : reconstruction of the single particle coherence



- Controlled source : driven ohmic contact
- Outcoming current correlations :

 $S^{(out)}_{lphaeta}(t,t') = \langle i_{lpha}(t)i_{eta}(t')
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#### **Experimental signal**

Low frequency current correlations  $\equiv$  Overlap of single particle coherences

• Samuelsson and Büttiker, Phys. Rev. B 73, 041305R (2006)

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### Extraction of the single particle coherence



**Controlled source** : tunable  $\mu_{2,0}$  and  $V_{ac} = V_0 \cos(n\Omega_T t + \phi)$ 

 $\Delta \mathcal{G}_{n=0}^{(e)} \rightarrow \text{Current correlations in terms of the DC bias}$  $\Delta \mathcal{G}_{n\neq 0}^{(e)} \rightarrow \text{Response of current correlations to AC voltage}$ 

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Illustration on the mesoscopic capacitor

# The mesoscopic capacitor - Modelling

#### Square voltage Amplitude A pulsation $\Omega$



- Free electrons
- Quantum dot & T periodic driving ⇒ Scattering
- $S(t, t') = S_0(t t') \exp\left(\frac{ie}{\hbar} \int_{t'}^t V(\tau) d\tau\right)$

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- $S \equiv$  Floquet scattering : relates *in* and *out* electronic modes
- Periodic driving  $\Rightarrow \mathcal{G}^{(e)}$  periodic in  $\frac{t+t'}{2}$
- Floquet scattering  $\Rightarrow$  Harmonics of  $\mathcal{G}^{(e)}$

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### n = 0 harmonic : occupation number

 $\rightarrow$  Spectroscopy of the source

$$f = \frac{\Omega}{2\pi} = 3GHz$$
  $T_{el} = 50mK$   $A = \frac{\Delta}{e}$ 



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# Higher order harmonics

#### At high transparency



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# **Changing parameters**



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# Quantum quality of the SES

Can be extracted from  $\Delta \mathcal{G}^{(e)}$  :



• M. Albert at al., Phys. Rev. B 82, 041407 (2010)

#### Summary

# Summary - Up to now ...

- i. Formalism for electron quantum optics
  - Suitable for the description of quantum optics experiments with electrons
  - Underlines the photon analogy
- ii. Relation to experimental quantities
  - Electronic quantum tomography protocol
  - Access to single particle coherence through current noise measurements
  - Experimental signal predictions

**Question** : What happens in the presence of interactions?

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### And now?

- i. How to include interactions in the electron quantum optics formalism?
- ii. Is the quantum optics paradigm valid in the presence of interactions?
- iii. Predictions for quasiparticle relaxation?
- iv. Is it possible to get information on relaxation mechanism through electron quantum optics experiments?

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Experiment on relaxation

# Setup and results



- Relaxation of a nonequilibrium distribution
- Interchannel interactions
- Thermalization over  $L = \hbar v / |\Delta \mu|$ 
  - H. Le Sueur at al., Phys. Rev. Lett., 105 056803 (2010)



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# Interaction modelling

 $\Rightarrow$  Bosonization formalism



#### **Dealing with interactions**

- Plasmon scattering
- Plasmon scattering related to finite frequency admittances

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- I. Safi and H. Schulz, Phys. Rev. B 52, 1740 (1995)
- Eur. Phys. J. D, 12 451 (1999)

# **Energy resolved excitation**

#### Motivations :

- a- Idealization of the SES
- b- Solution to Landau's problem



- Interaction region  $\equiv$  linear environment : external circuit, other edge channel ...
- What happens at low  $\mathcal{E}_0$ ? At high  $\mathcal{E}_0$ ?
- Single particle coherence in the outcoming region ? Energy relaxation ?
- Under what conditions does the excess quasiparticle survives?

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# Quasiparticle relaxation



- Before interaction : QP peak
- After interaction : two contributions Regular part :  $\delta n_{k_0}^r(k)$ Singular part :  $Z(k_0)\delta(k - k_0)$
- $Z(k_0)$  : Elastic scattering probability

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# Two different illustrations





- Finite bandwidth
- 2 parameters :  $\frac{l}{v_F R_K C}$  &  $\frac{R}{R_K}$



• A. Prêtre, et al., Phys. Rev. B 54,8130 (1996)

#### **Coupled channels**



- Infinite bandwidth
- Coupling strength  $\leftrightarrow \theta$



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# Low energy regime - Elastic scattering probability

At low energy  $\rightarrow$  Circuit equivalent :



- $\mathcal{Z}(\epsilon_0) \to 1$  at low energy  $t(\omega) \to 1 \equiv$  Capacitive coupling
- $1 \epsilon^2 : R \neq 0$
- $1 \epsilon^6 : R = 0 \rightarrow$  passive gate
- Always resistive for coupled channels

- A. Prêtre, *et al.*, Phys. Rev. B **54**,8130 (1996)
- Y. M. Blanter et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. 81, 1925 (1998)



# Quasiparticle relaxation - At low energy



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# Quasiparticle relaxation - At high energy

#### Low coupling - Finite bandwidth

- Fermi sea = effective environment
- Supplementary electron singled out from the Fermi sea
- For a wavepacket,  $\Delta \mathcal{G}^{(e)}(x, y) = \mathcal{D}(x - y)\varphi(x)\varphi^*(y)$  $\mathcal{D}$ : decoherence coefficient
- Quantum optics paradigm valid



• G.-L. Ingold and Yu.V. Nazarov. NATO ASI Series B 294 21-107. Plenum Press, New York (1992).

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# Quasiparticle relaxation - At high energy

#### Strong coupling - Infinite bandwidth

- Fermi sea  $\neq$  effective environment
- Drowning of the quasiparticle
- Quantum optics paradigm wrong



#### Two limiting regimes

- "Dynamical Coulomb blockade" for low coupling and finite bandwidth
- QP decay for strong coupling and large bandwidth

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# Single electron relaxation - Summary



#### What for a time resolved excitation?

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### Time resolved excitation



• Quantized lorentzian pulse

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- Purely electronic state
- No particle/hole pair

In the presence of interactions :

- Particle/hole pair generation?
- Possibility to gain information on relaxation mechanisms?

• L. Levitov et al., J. Math. Phys. 37 4845 (1996)

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#### **Coherence function and interactions**



#### Is it possible to probe the interactions with these excitations?

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# HBT signals and particle hole/pair formation



 $\mu_2 = 0$  value of n = 0 HBT correlation  $\Rightarrow$  Interaction induced hole production



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### Conclusions

- i. A formalism for electron quantum optics
- ii. Measurement of single particle coherence
- iii. Predictions for decoherence and relaxation
- iv. Test for interaction pictures in  $\nu = 2$  systems :  $\rightarrow$  LPN experiments
- v. Proposition of noise measurement protocols with experimental signal estimation :

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 $\rightarrow$  HBT interferometry at the LPA

### To do list ...

- i. Quantum optics for plasmons Relation to radiation statistics (Beenakker-Schömerus)
- ii. Coherent spin transport
- iii. Fractional quantum Hall regime
  - Coherence of Laughlin's quasiparticles
  - Electron quantum optics in a Luttinger liquid
- iv. Far from equilibrium distributions  $\rightarrow$  Adaptation of nonequilibrium bosonization formalism

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**Tomography - Formulae1** Experimental signal :  $S_{\alpha\beta} = 2 \int d\tau \overline{S_{\alpha\beta}(\overline{t} + \frac{\tau}{2}, \overline{t} - \frac{\tau}{2})}^{\overline{t}}$ 

 $S_{11}^{out}(t,t') = \mathcal{R}^2 S_{11}(t,t') + \mathcal{T}^2 S_{22}(t,t') + \mathcal{R}\mathcal{T} \quad \mathcal{Q}(t,t')$  $S_{22}^{out}(t,t') = \mathcal{T}^2 S_{11}(t,t') + \mathcal{R}^2 S_{22}(t,t') + \mathcal{R}\mathcal{T} \quad \mathcal{Q}(t,t')$  $S_{12}^{out}(t,t') = S_{21}^{out}(t,t') = \mathcal{R}\mathcal{T} \big( S_{11}(t,t') + S_{22}(t,t') - \mathcal{Q}(t,t') \big)$ 

Quantum contribution to HBT correlations :  $Q(t, t') = (ev_F)^2 \left[ \mathcal{G}_1^{(e)}(t', t) \mathcal{G}_2^{(h)}(t', t) + \mathcal{G}_2^{(e)}(t', t) \mathcal{G}_1^{(h)}(t', t) \right]$   $Q = \underbrace{\mathcal{G}_{\mu_1} \mathcal{G}_{\mu_2}}_{\text{stationnary excess noises}} + \underbrace{\mathcal{G}_{\mu_1} \Delta \mathcal{G}_2}_{p_0 = 0 \text{ contribution}} + \underbrace{\mathcal{G}_{\mu_2} \Delta \mathcal{G}_1}_{V_0 = 0 \text{ contribution}} + \underbrace{\mathcal{G}_{\mu_2} \Delta \mathcal{G}_2}_{V_0 = 0 \text{ contribution}} + \underbrace{\mathcal{G}_{\mu_2} \Delta \mathcal{G}_1}_{V_0 = 0 \text{ contribution}} + \underbrace{\mathcal{G}_{\mu_2} \Delta \mathcal{G}_2}_{V_0 = 0 \text{ contribution}} + \underbrace{\mathcal{G}_{$  Tomography Interacting regime

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# **Tomography - Formulae 2**

**Coherence function harmonics :** 

order 0 
$$\delta \bar{n}_{1}(\omega) \stackrel{!}{=} \bar{n}_{1}(\omega) - \bar{n}_{\mu_{1}}(\omega) = -\frac{R_{K}}{2} \left( \frac{\partial \Delta Q_{0}}{\partial \mu_{2}} \right)_{\mu_{2} = \hbar \omega}$$
  
order  $n \ \overline{\chi_{n}}(t - t') = \overline{\frac{\partial \Delta Q}{\partial (eV_{0}/n\hbar\Omega)}(t,t')}^{t}$   
 $\frac{\partial \overline{\chi_{n}}}{\partial \mu_{2}}(\mu_{2},\phi) = \frac{v_{F}e^{2}}{\hbar} \Re \left[ e^{i\phi} \left( \mathcal{G}_{1,n}^{(e)}(\mu_{2}/\hbar + n\frac{\Omega}{2}) - \mathcal{G}_{1,n}^{(e)}(\mu_{2}/\hbar - n\frac{\Omega}{2}) \right) \right]$ 

### Single electron pulse and interactions



- Source with driving voltage V
- Interactions  $\equiv$  scattering

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• Coherence measurement at *x*<sub>0</sub>

Source  $\oplus$  interaction region  $\equiv$  Renormalized driving voltage  $\widetilde{V}$ :

$$\widehat{\widetilde{V}}(\omega) = \widehat{V}(\omega) imes \left(1 - rac{h}{e^2} \widehat{Y}(\omega)
ight)$$

 $\widehat{Y}(\omega)$  : finite frequency admittance

### **Coherence function from Floquet theory**

Floquet matrix relates in and out modes :

$$egin{aligned} \mathfrak{c}^{(out)}_{\omega} &= \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} S_n(\omega) \mathfrak{c}^{(in)}_{\omega + n\Omega} \ S_n(\omega) &= \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} S_0(\omega - k\Omega) c_k[V] c^*_{k+n}[V], \end{aligned}$$

and allows to compute the harmonics of the coherence function :

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{G}(t,t') &= \langle \Psi_{out}^{\dagger}(t')\Psi_{out}(t) \rangle \\ &= \sum_{n\in\mathbb{Z}} \mathbf{g}_n(t-t')e^{-ni\Omega \overline{t}} \quad , \overline{t} = \frac{t+t'}{2}. \end{aligned}$$

$$\widetilde{\mathbf{g}}_n(\omega) = \frac{1}{\nu_F} \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} S_{n+k}^*(\omega - \frac{n\Omega}{2}) S_k(\omega + \frac{n\Omega}{2}) \overline{n}_F(\omega + (\frac{n}{2} + k)\Omega)$$

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#### Noise measurements in $\nu = 2$



- i. Unitarity :  $S \in SU(2)$
- ii. OB relations : symmetry
- iii. Capacitive coupling :  $\mathcal{S} \rightarrow 1$
- iv. Simplest dependence in  $\omega$

$$\Rightarrow \mathcal{S}(\omega) = e^{i\omega L/v_0} e^{i\omega L/v\cos\theta\sigma^z\sin\theta\sigma^x}$$



$$\begin{split} & \left(\frac{k_b T_{exc}}{\Delta \mu}\right)^2 = \\ & \frac{3}{\pi^2} \tau \left(1 - \tau\right) \left(T_{\infty} + \left(1 - T_{\infty}\right) \frac{\sin^2(L/L_{\Delta \mu})}{\sinh^2(L/L_{th})}\right), \\ & J_{\alpha,qp} = \\ & \frac{\pi_b^2}{\hbar} (k_B T)^2 + \frac{R_K}{2} \left(\frac{e^2}{2\pi}\right)^2 \tau (1 - \tau) \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} T(\omega, L) F(\omega, \mu_2 - \mu_1, \beta) \, \mathrm{d}\omega , \end{split}$$

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# **Scattering matrices - Derivation**

$$\psi(t+\tau, x+v_F\tau) = \psi(x,t) \exp\left(\frac{ie}{\hbar} \int_0^\tau V(x+v_Ft', t+t') dt'\right).$$
(1)

$$(\partial_t + v_F \partial_x) \phi(x, t) = \frac{e\sqrt{\pi}}{h} V(x, t).$$
(2)

$$V(x,t) = V_{cond}(t)K(x) - \frac{e}{\epsilon\sqrt{\pi}}\int dy(-\Delta + \chi)^{-1}(x,y)(\partial_y\phi)(y,t).$$
 (3)

$$t_b(\omega) = \frac{\mu^*(\omega) - iRC\omega|\beta(\omega)|^2\Lambda^*(\omega)}{\mu^*(\omega) + iRC\omega|\beta(\omega)|^2\Lambda^*(\omega)}$$
(4)

$$\beta(\omega) = \frac{i}{2\nu_F RC} \sqrt{\frac{2R}{R_K}} \tilde{f}(\omega/\nu_F)$$
(5)

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# Tomography - Zoom and phase



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# Superposition of 2 lorentzian wavepackets



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### **Comparison with FCS**



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