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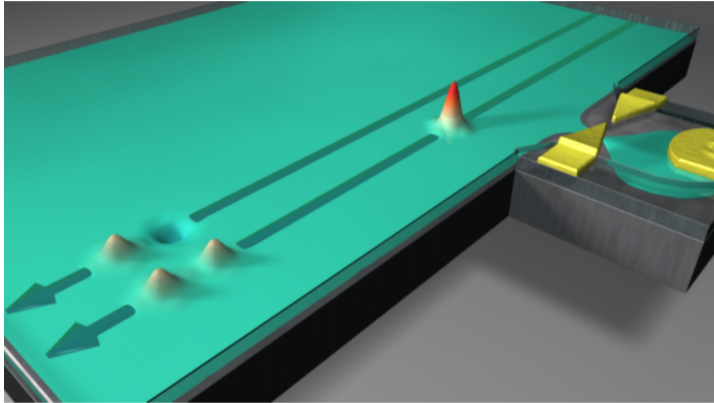
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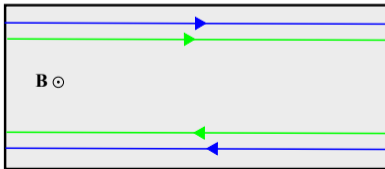
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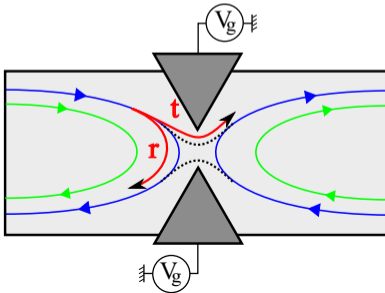
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- Metallic gates on top of the gas: Quantum Point Contact (QPC)



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Single electron sources: time resolved

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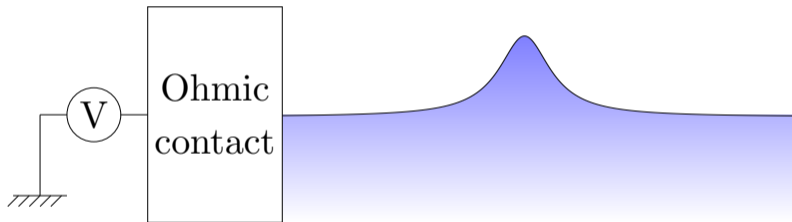
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Time-resolved source, with a Lorentzian voltage pulse (Leviton)

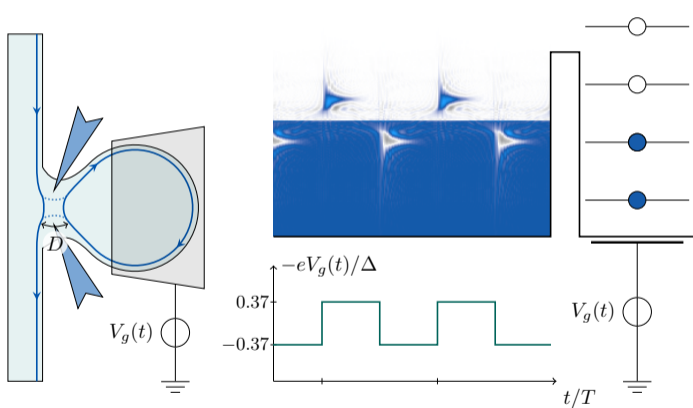


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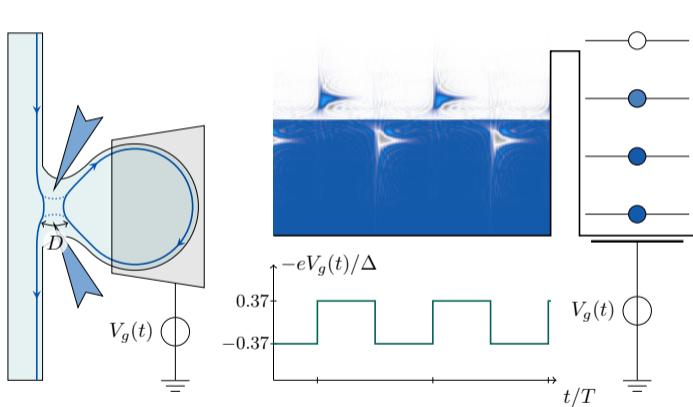
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Energy-resolved source (Quantum dot)



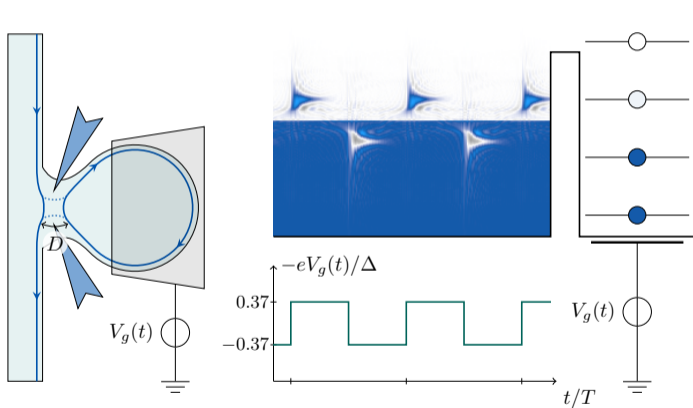
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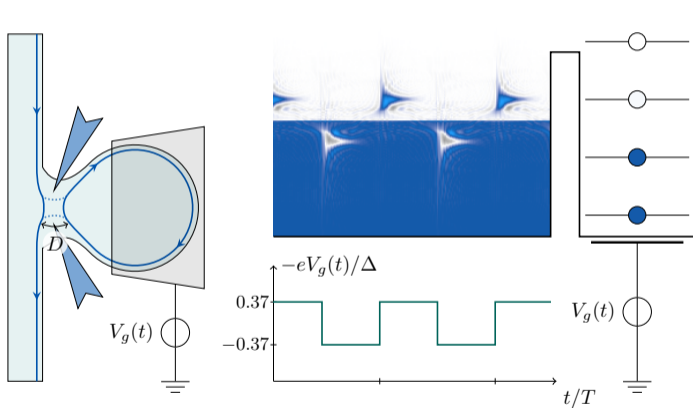
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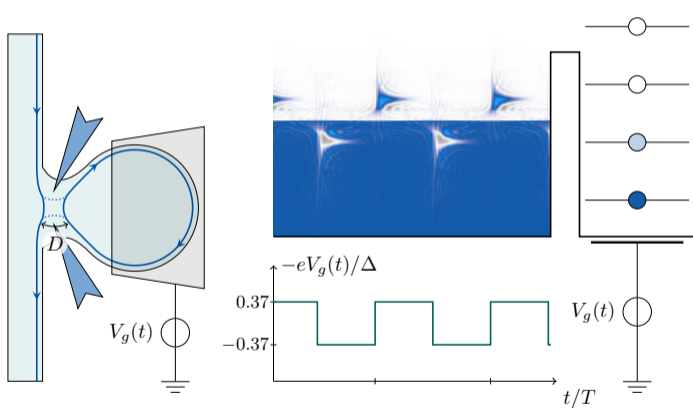
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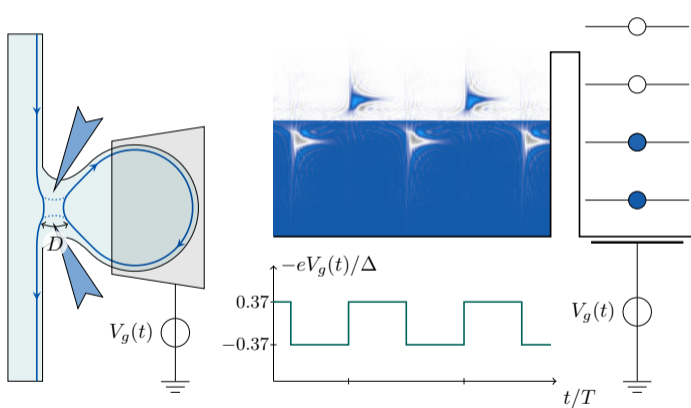
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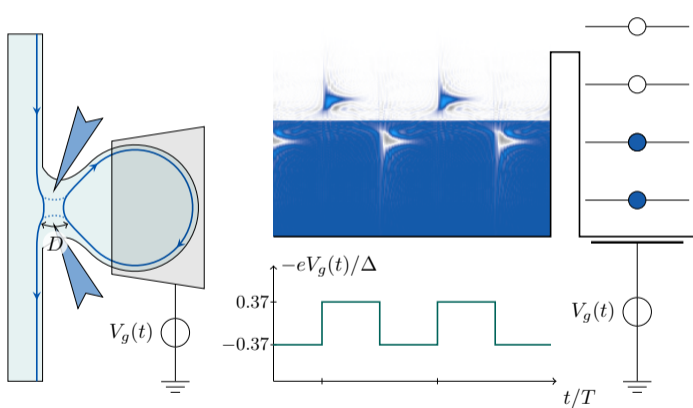
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Similarities and differences

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	Optics	Electronics
Similarities	Optical fiber	Quantum Hall edge channels
	Beamsplitter	Quantum point contact
	Photonic source	Single electron source
Differences	Bosons	Fermions
	True vacuum	Fermi sea
	No interaction	Coulomb interaction

Coulomb interaction will lead to decoherence and relaxation in electronic systems.

Hong-Ou-Mandel experiment

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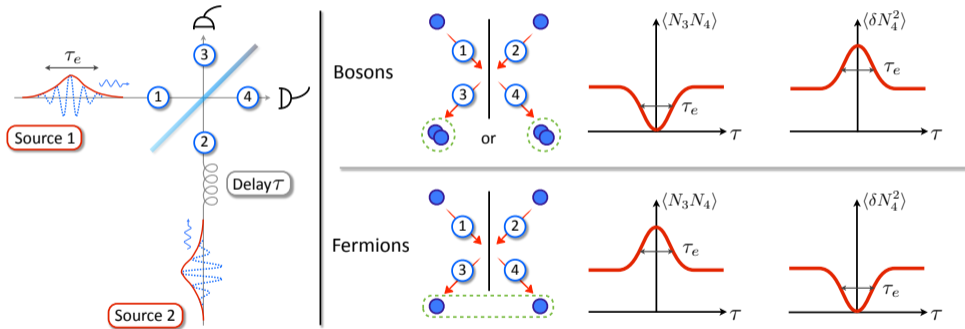
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A good way to see the difference in statistics.



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HOM results

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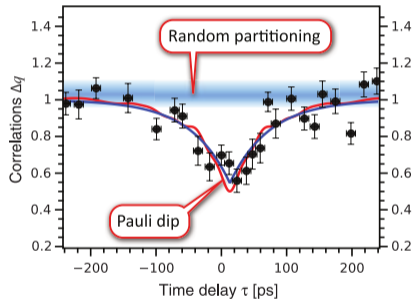
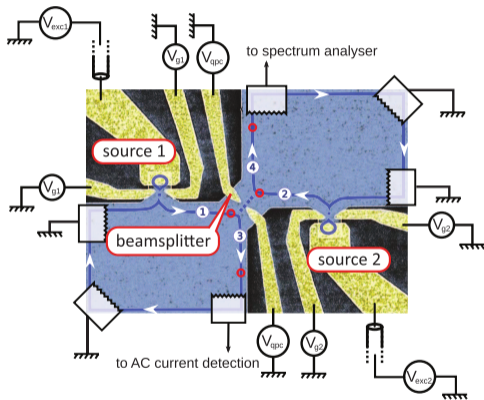
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Indirect proof of decoherence through contrast reduction.

Coherences produced by the sources: Leviton

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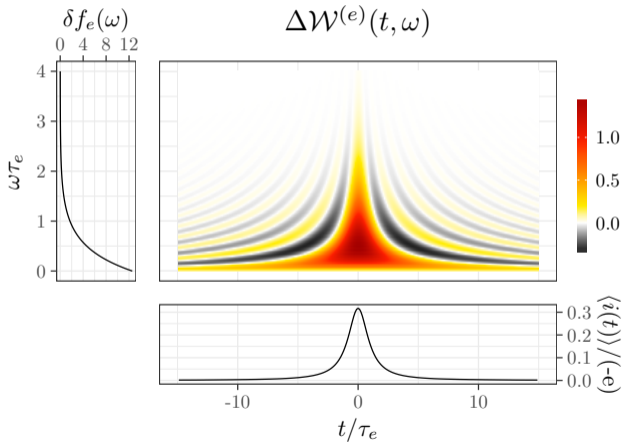
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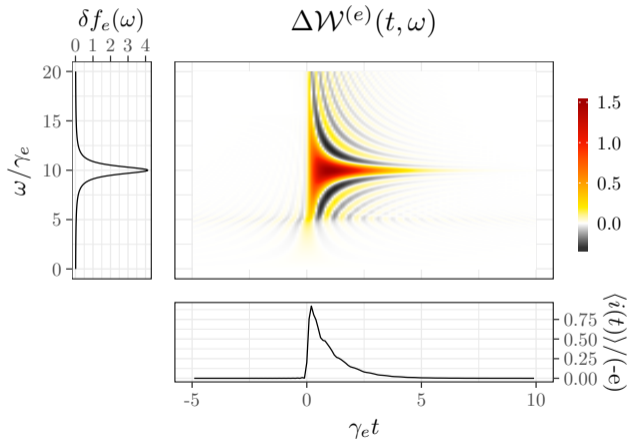
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Lorentzian voltage pulse



Coherences produced by the sources: Quantum dot

Using the quantum dot to create an energy resolved electron ($\omega_e \gamma_e = 10$)



Coherence from wavefunctions

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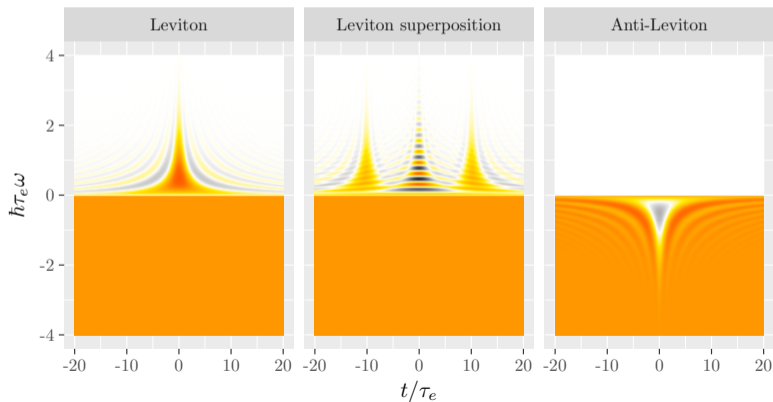
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Basic excitations: single electron or single hole

Single electron, single hole



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Basic excitations: e/h pair and superposition of e/h pair and Fermi sea

E/h pair vs. coherent e/h excitation

