

**ECE-656: Fall 2009**

**Lecture 5:  
1D Resistors**

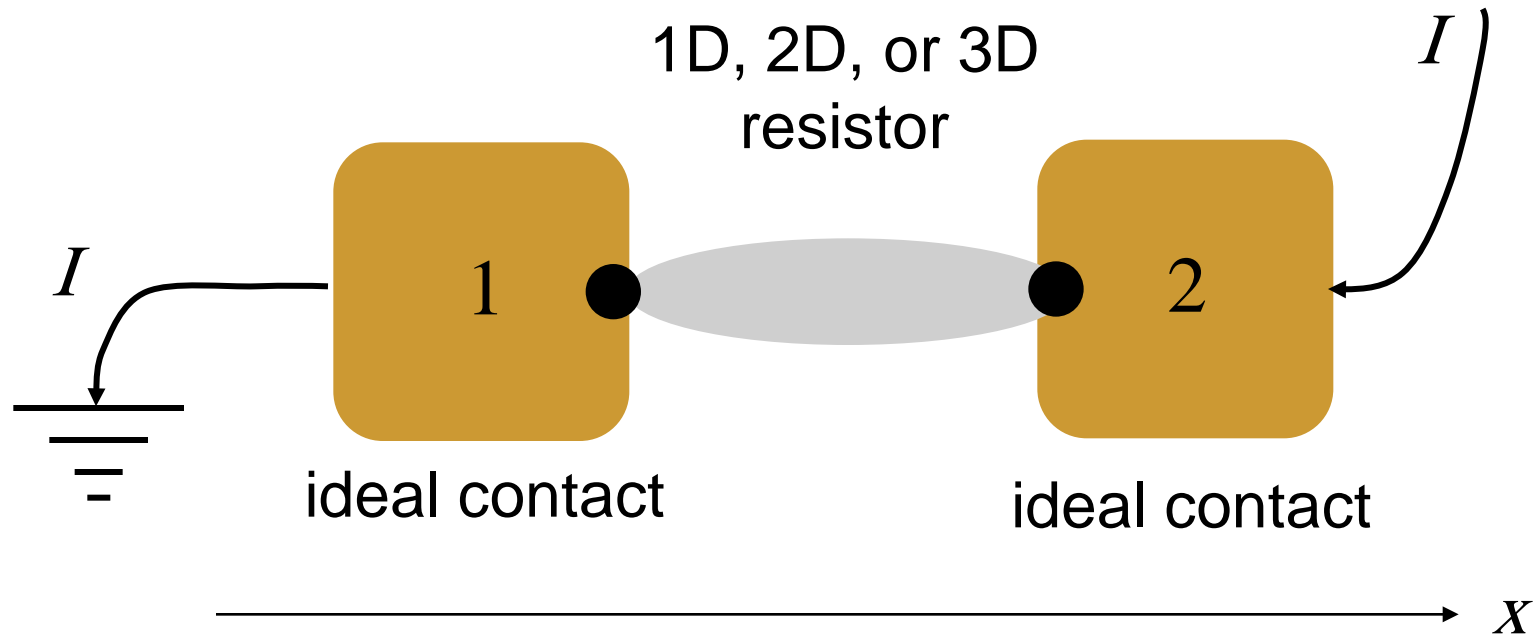
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- 4) Discussion
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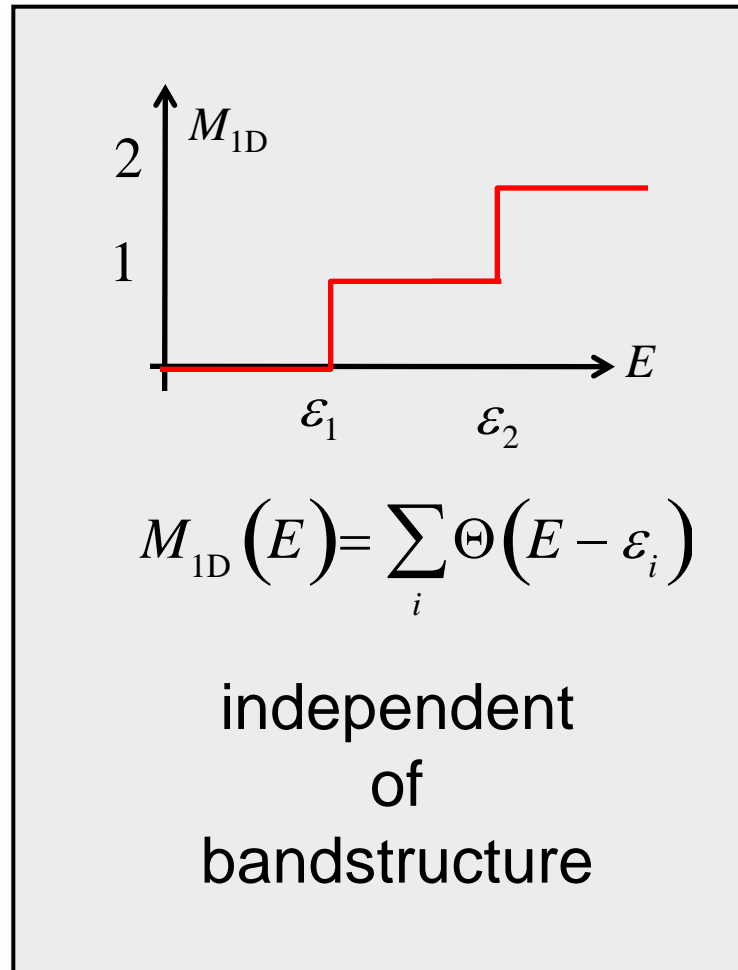
# Landauer picture



Current is positive when it flows **into** contact 2 (i.e. positive current flows in the -x direction).

$$I = \frac{2q^2}{h} \left( \int T(E) M(E) \left( -\frac{\partial f_0}{\partial E} \right) dE \right) V$$

# modes



# transmission

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$$T(E) = \frac{\lambda(E)}{\lambda(E) + L}$$

$\lambda$  is the “mean-free-path for backscattering” and is determined by the physics of carrier scattering from phonons, ionized impurities, etc.

$$\lambda(E) \propto v(E)\tau(E)$$

The backscattering mean-free-path is proportional to  $v(E)\tau(E)$ . The constants depend on dimensionality.

# transport regimes

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1) Ballistic :  $\lambda \gg L, T \approx 1$

2) Quasi-Ballistic :  $\lambda \approx L, T < 1$   $T(E) = \frac{\lambda(E)}{\lambda(E) + L}$

3) Diffusive :  $\lambda \ll L, T \ll 1$

## driving forces for transport

$$I = \frac{2q}{h} \int T(E) M(E) (f_1 - f_2) dE$$

Differences in occupation,  $f$ , produce current.

$$(f_1 - f_2) \approx f_1 - \left( f_1 + \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial E_F} \Delta E_F \right) = -\frac{\partial f_1}{\partial E} \Delta E_F \quad \text{Assumes } T_1 = T_2.$$

but differences in temperature also produce differences in  $f$  and can, therefore, drive current (thermoelectric effects).

$$\Delta E_F = -q\Delta V = -q(V_2 - V_1)$$

← this lecture

$$\Delta T = T_2 - T_1$$

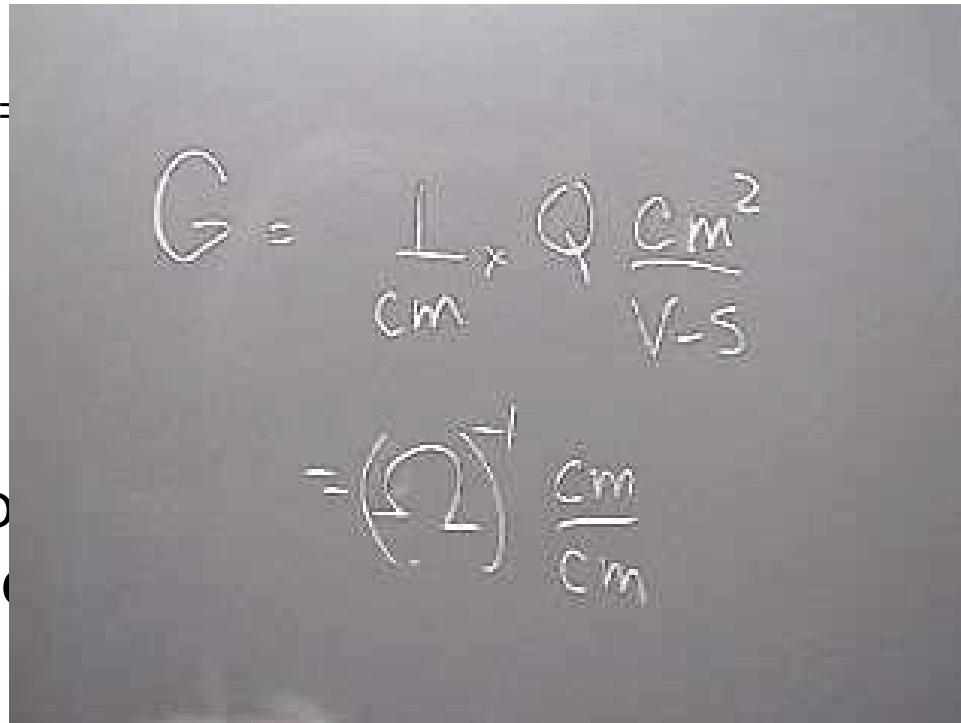
# goals for this lecture

$$G = \frac{I}{V}$$

$$(T_1 = T_2)$$

To evaluate

We will see that is independent of the expected theory:



resistance  
the result to  
conductor

$$G_{1D} = n_L q \mu_n \frac{1}{L}$$

$$\mu_n = \frac{q \tau_0}{m^*}$$

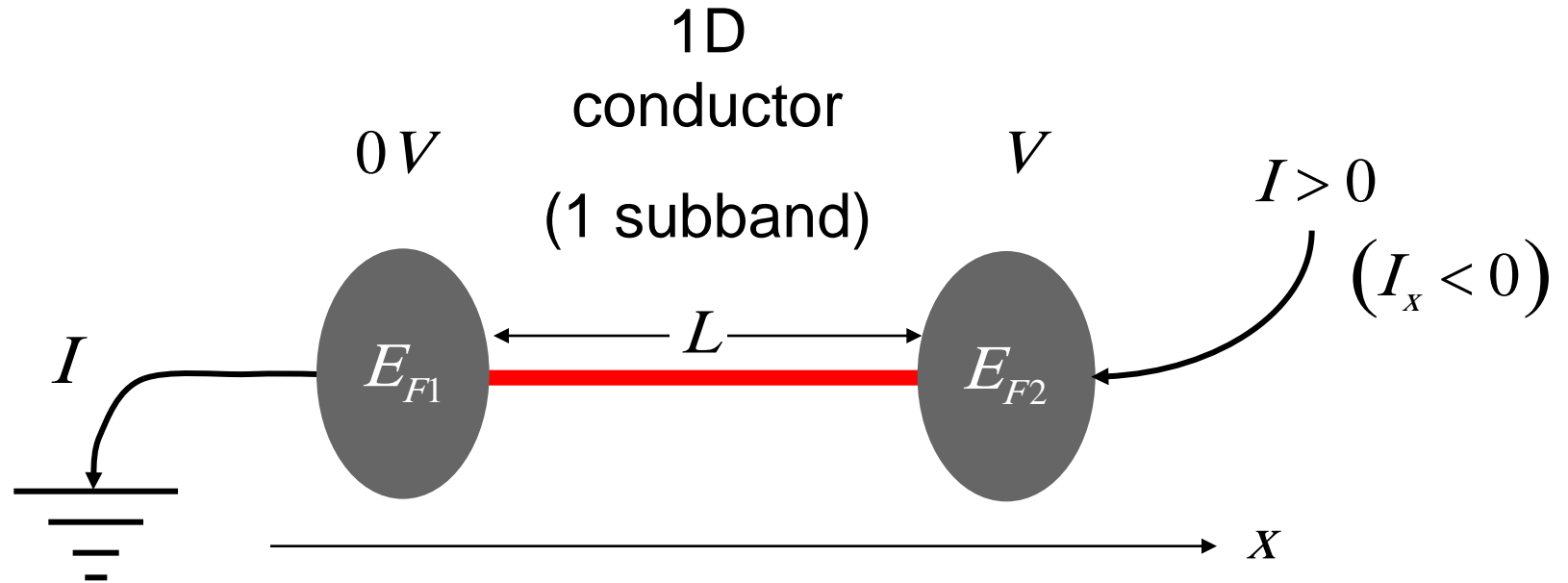


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# 1D resistors



- 1)  $T = 0K$  ballistic
- 2)  $T > 0K$  general

# computing $G$

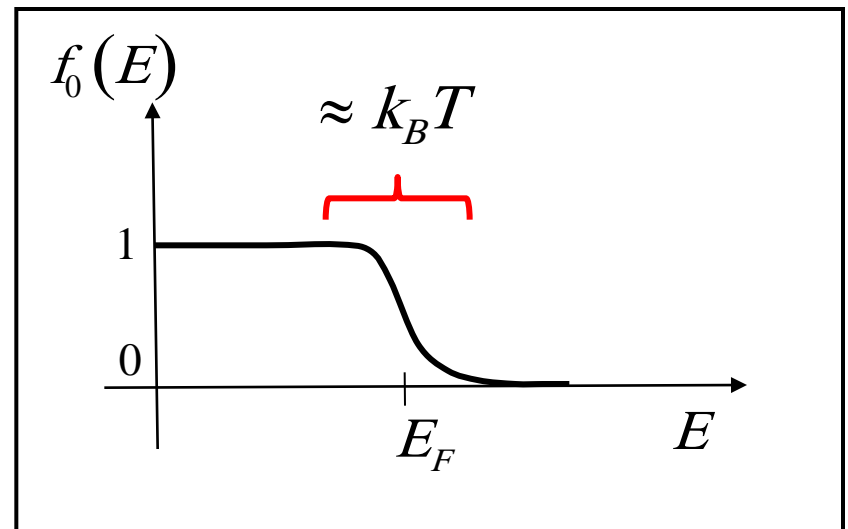
$$G = \frac{2q^2}{h} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} T(E) M(E) \left( -\frac{\partial f_0}{\partial E} \right) dE$$

$$f_0(E) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{(E - E_F)/k_B T}}$$

$$M_{1D}(E) = \Theta(E - \varepsilon_1)$$

$$T(E) = 1 \quad (\text{ballistic})$$

$$G_{1D} = \frac{2q^2}{h} \int_{\varepsilon_1}^{+\infty} \left( -\frac{\partial f_0}{\partial E} \right) dE$$

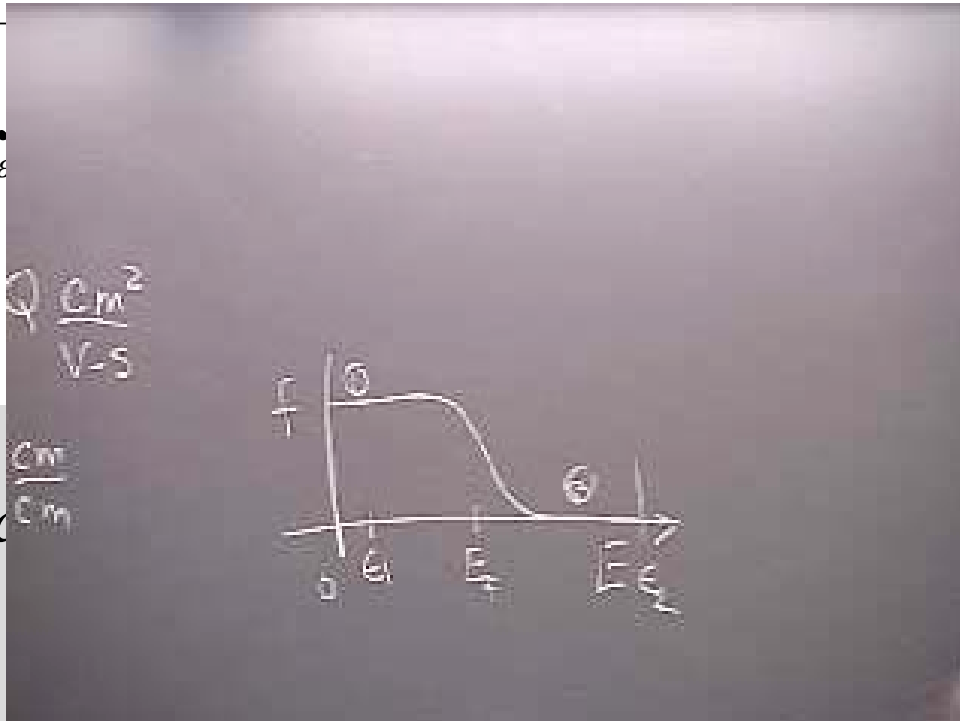


$T = 0K$

$$G_{1D} = \frac{2q^2}{h}$$

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$$\int_{\varepsilon_1}^{+\infty} \left( -\frac{\partial f_0}{\partial E} \right)$$



$-\partial f_0 / \partial E$

$E$

$$= -(0 - 1)$$

$$= 1$$

$$\left( -\frac{\partial f_0}{\partial E} \right) \approx \delta(E - E_F)$$

# $T = 0\text{K}$ ballistic conductance

$$G_{1D} = \frac{2q^2}{h}$$

For  $M$  subbands:

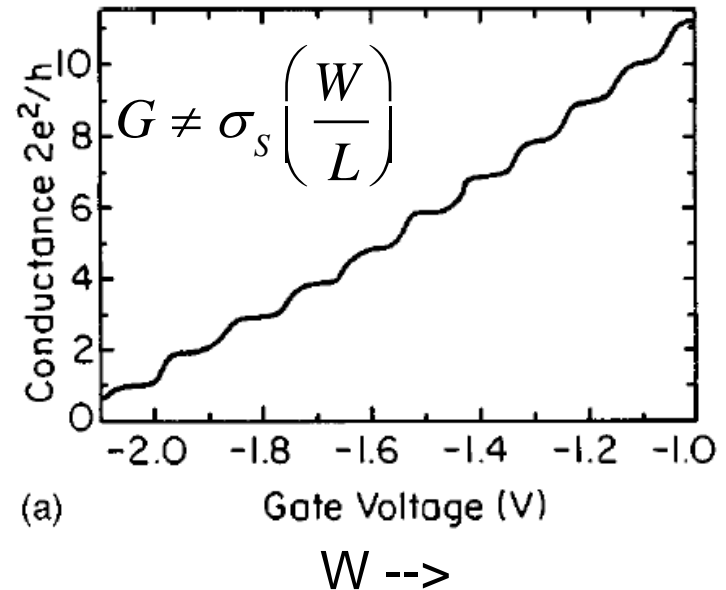
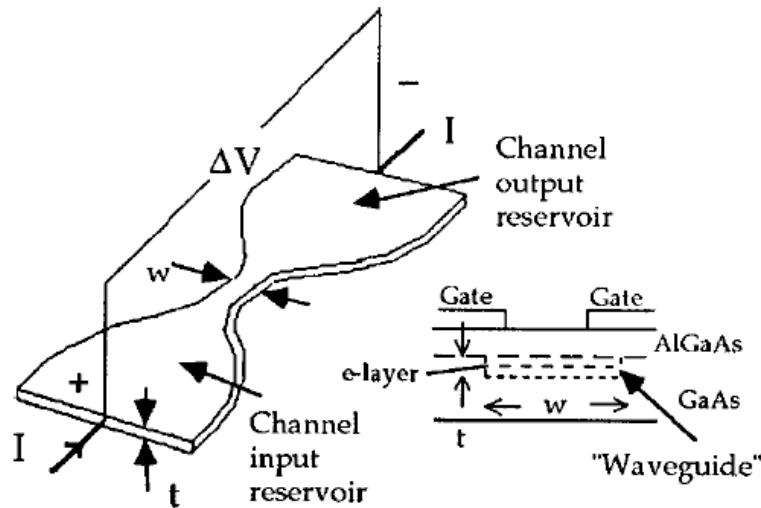
$$G_{1D} = \frac{2q^2}{h} M(E_F)$$

$$G_{1D} = \frac{2q^2}{h} M \text{ “quantized conductance”}$$

$$R_{1D} = \frac{1}{M} \frac{h}{2q^2} = \frac{12.8 \text{ k}\Omega}{M}$$

Resistance is independent of length,  $L$ , **and** electron density.

# quantized conductance



B. J. van Wees, H. van Houten, C. W. J. Beenakker, J. G. Williamson, L. P. Kouwenhoven, D. van der Marel, and C. T. Foxon, "Quantized conductance of point contacts in a two-dimensional electron gas," *Phys. Rev. Lett.* **60**, 848–851, 1988.

Conductance is quantized in units of  $2q^2/h$  - it is not proportional to  $W$ .

The conductance is finite as  $L \rightarrow 0$ .

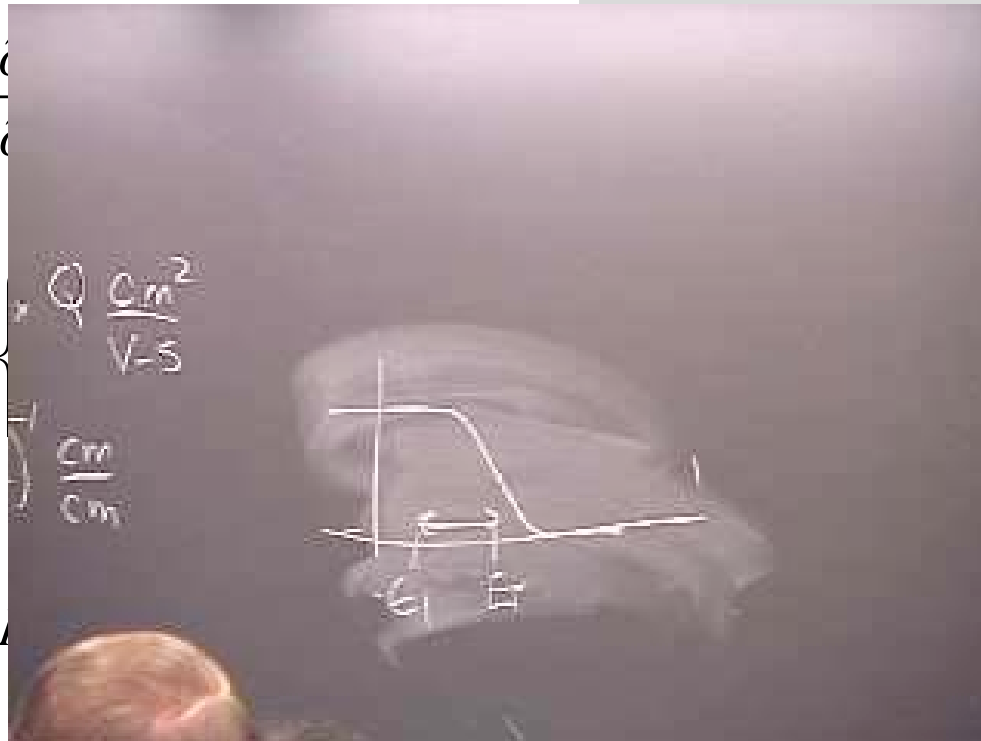
# 1D resistors: $T > 0$

$$G_{1D} = \frac{2q^2}{h} \int_{\varepsilon_1}^{\infty} \left( -\frac{\partial f}{\partial E} \right) dE$$

$$G_{1D} = \frac{2q^2}{h} \frac{\partial}{\partial E_F} \left( \frac{Q}{V-S} \right)$$

$$G_{1D} = \frac{2q^2}{h} \frac{\partial}{\partial E_F} \left( \frac{Cm}{Cm} \right)$$

$$G_{1D} = \frac{2q^2}{h} \mathcal{F}_{-1}(\eta_F)$$



$$\frac{1}{1 + e^{(E-E_F)/k_B T}} dE$$

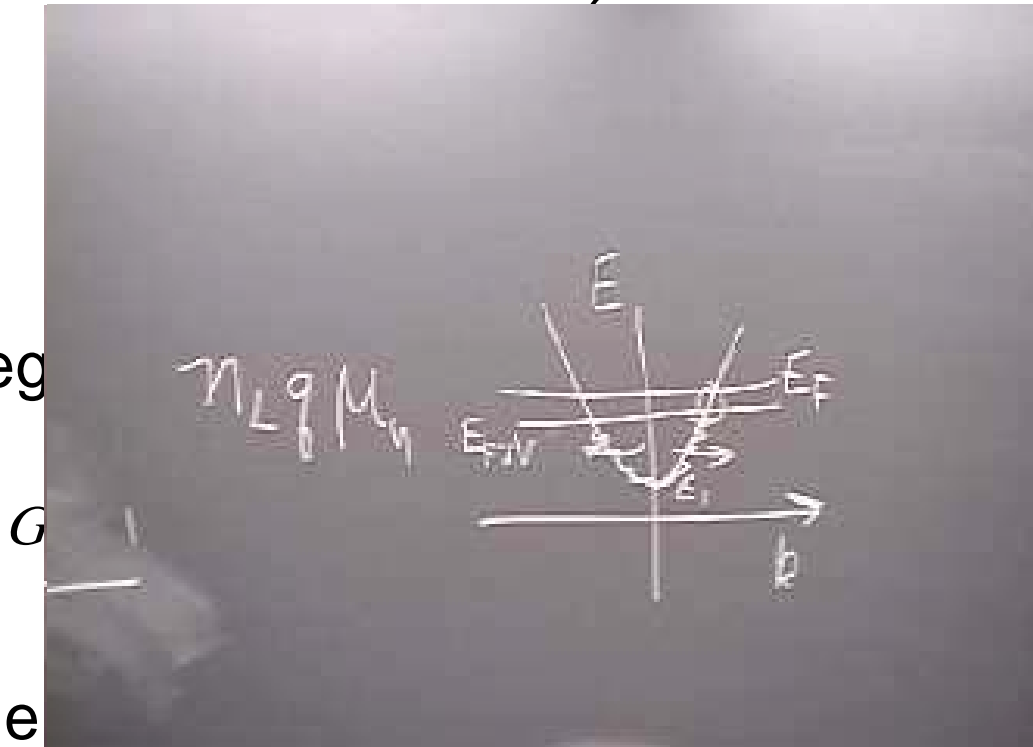
$$\mathcal{F}_0(\eta_F)$$

$$\eta_F = (E_F - \varepsilon_1) / k_B T$$

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{F}_0(\eta_F)}{\partial \eta_F} = \mathcal{F}_{-1}(\eta_F)$$

# 1D resistors: $T > 0$

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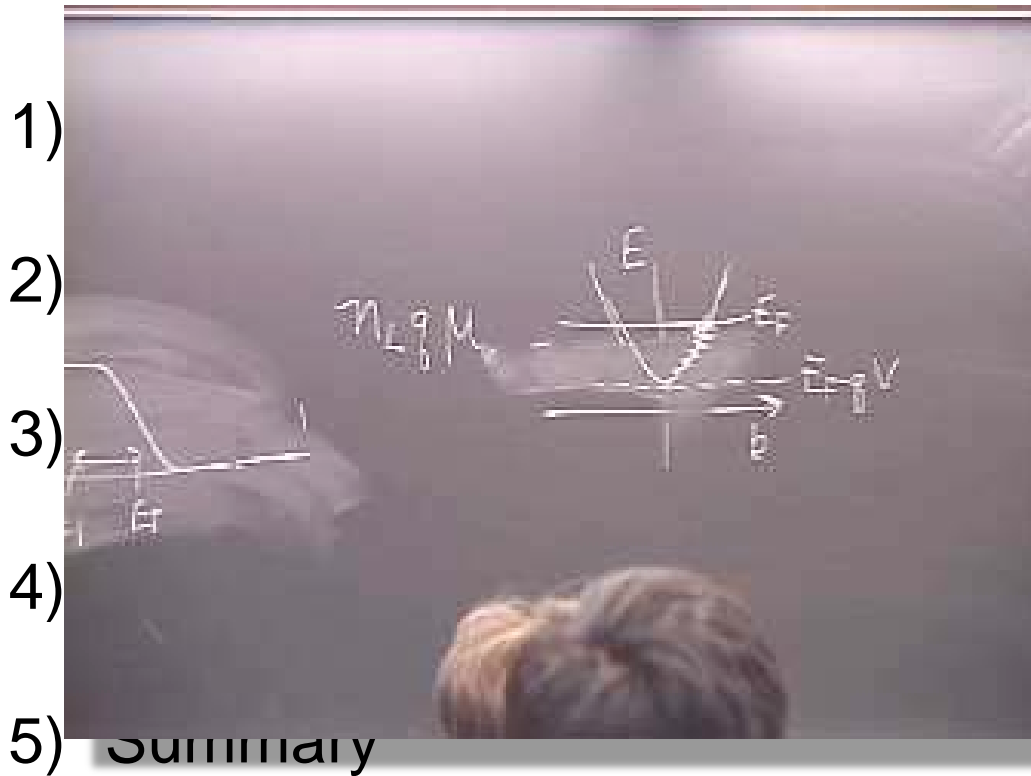
$$G_{1D} = \frac{2q^2}{h}$$

**independent of  $n_L$**



# outline

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# transport in the presence of scattering

$$G = \frac{2q^2}{h} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} T(E) M(E) \left( -\frac{\partial f_0}{\partial E} \right) dE$$

$$M_{1D}(E) = \Theta(E - \varepsilon_1)$$

$$G_{1D} = \frac{2q^2}{h} \int_{\varepsilon_1}^{+\infty} T(E) \left( -\frac{\partial f_0}{\partial E} \right) dE$$

general:

$$T(E) = \lambda / (\lambda + L)$$

ballistic:

$$\lambda \gg L \quad T(E) \rightarrow 1$$

diffusive:

$$\lambda \ll L \quad T(E) \rightarrow \frac{\lambda}{L} \ll 1$$

quasi-ballistic:

$$\lambda \approx L \quad 0 < T(E) < 1$$

# diffusive transport ( $T = 0\text{K}$ )

$$G_{1D} = \frac{2q^2}{h} \int_{\varepsilon_1}^{+\infty} T(E) \left( -\frac{\partial f_0}{\partial E} \right) dE$$

$$\left( -\frac{\partial f_0}{\partial E} \right) \approx \delta(E_F)$$

$$G_{1D} = \frac{2q^2}{h} T(E_F)$$

$$\lambda \ll L \quad T(E) \rightarrow \frac{\lambda}{L} \ll 1$$

diffusive transport

$$G_{1D} = \frac{2q^2}{h} \frac{\lambda(E_F)}{L}$$

$$G_{1D} \propto \frac{1}{L}$$

# diffusive transport ( $T > 0\text{K}$ )

$$\lambda \ll L \quad T(E) \rightarrow \frac{\lambda}{L} \ll 1$$

$$G_{1D} = \frac{2q^2}{h} \int_{\varepsilon_1}^{+\infty} T(E) \left( -\frac{\partial f_0}{\partial E} \right) dE$$

$$G_{1D} = \frac{2q^2 \int_{\varepsilon_1}^{+\infty} \frac{\lambda(E)}{L} \left( -\frac{\partial f_0}{\partial E} \right) dE}{h \int_{\varepsilon_1}^{+\infty} \left( -\frac{\partial f_0}{\partial E} \right) dE} \int_{\varepsilon_1}^{+\infty} \left( -\frac{\partial f_0}{\partial E} \right) dE$$

$$G_{1D} = \frac{2q^2}{h} \frac{\langle \lambda(E) \rangle}{L} \mathcal{F}_{-1}(\eta_F)$$

$$\langle \lambda(E) \rangle = \frac{\int_{\varepsilon_1}^{+\infty} \lambda(E) \left( -\frac{\partial f_0}{\partial E} \right) dE}{\int_{\varepsilon_1}^{+\infty} \left( -\frac{\partial f_0}{\partial E} \right) dE}$$

$$G = G_B \frac{\langle \lambda(E) \rangle}{L}$$

$$G \ll G_B$$

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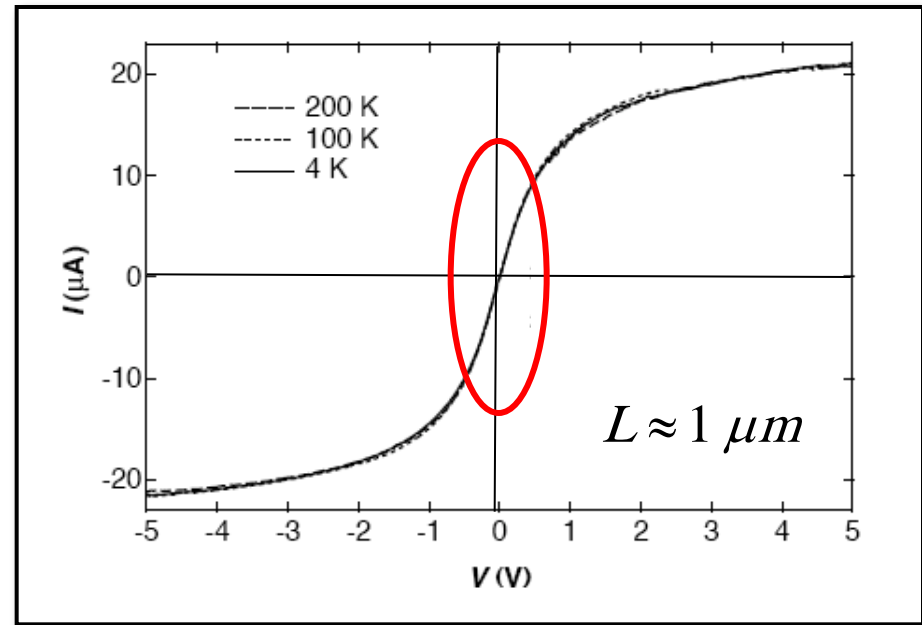
## example: low-field transport in metallic CNTs

$$G_{1D} = \frac{\Delta I}{\Delta V} = \frac{22 \mu A}{1.0 V} = 22 \mu S$$

$$G_B = \frac{4q^2}{h} = 154 \mu S \quad (g_V = 2)$$

$$G_{1D} = \frac{4q^2}{h} \frac{\lambda_0}{\lambda_0 + L}$$

$$\lambda_0 \approx 167 \text{ nm} \ll L$$



Zhen Yao, Charles L. Kane, and Cees Dekker, "High-Field Electrical Transport in Single-Wall Carbon Nanotubes," *Phys. Rev. Lett.*, **84**, 2941-2944, 2000.

# power dissipation in a ballistic resistor

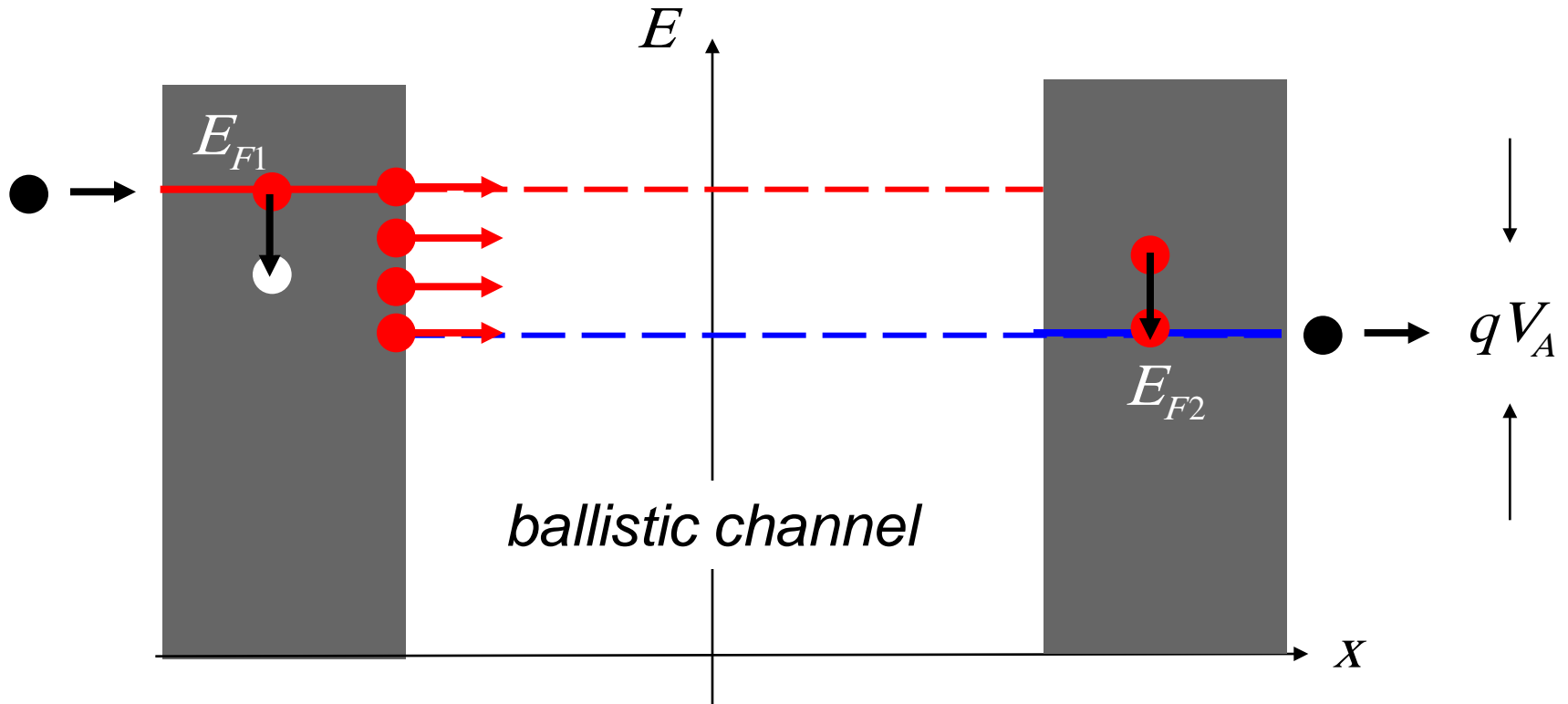
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$$P_D = IV = GV^2 = V^2 / R$$

**Where** is the power dissipated in a ballistic resistor?

**Answer:** In the two contacts.

# power dissipation in a ballistic resistor



***dissipation occurs in the contacts***



## relation to conventional expression

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Conventionally: 
$$G_{1D} = n_L q \mu_n \frac{1}{L}$$

**Question:** Under what conditions is conductance proportional to carrier density (and how is the mobility related to the mfp)?

# discussion

Conventionally:  $G_{1D} = n_L q \mu_n \frac{1}{L}$

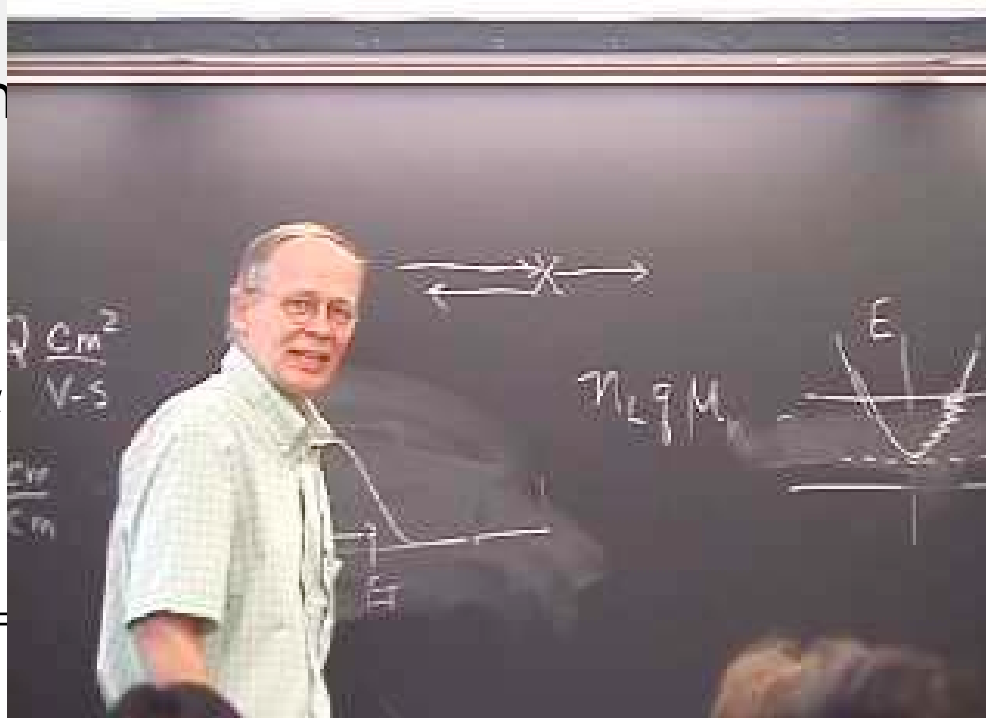
$T = 0\text{K}$ :  $G = \frac{2q^2}{h} \frac{\lambda(E_F)}{L}$       diffusive transport

$T > 0\text{K}$ :  $G = \frac{2q^2}{h} \frac{\lambda_0}{L} \mathcal{F}_{-1}(\eta_F)$       diffusive, constant mfp

$G = \frac{2q^2}{h} \frac{\lambda_0}{L} e^{\eta_F}$       diffusive, non-degenerate

$T = 0\text{K}$

Convention



$T = 0\text{K}$ :  $G$

$$n_L = \frac{2k_F}{\pi}$$

$$\lambda(E_F) = 2v(E_F)\tau(E_F)$$

$$v(E_F) = \sqrt{\frac{2(E_F - \varepsilon_1)}{m^*}}$$

$$\mu_n \frac{1}{L}$$

$$\mu_n = \frac{q\tau(E_F)}{m^*}$$

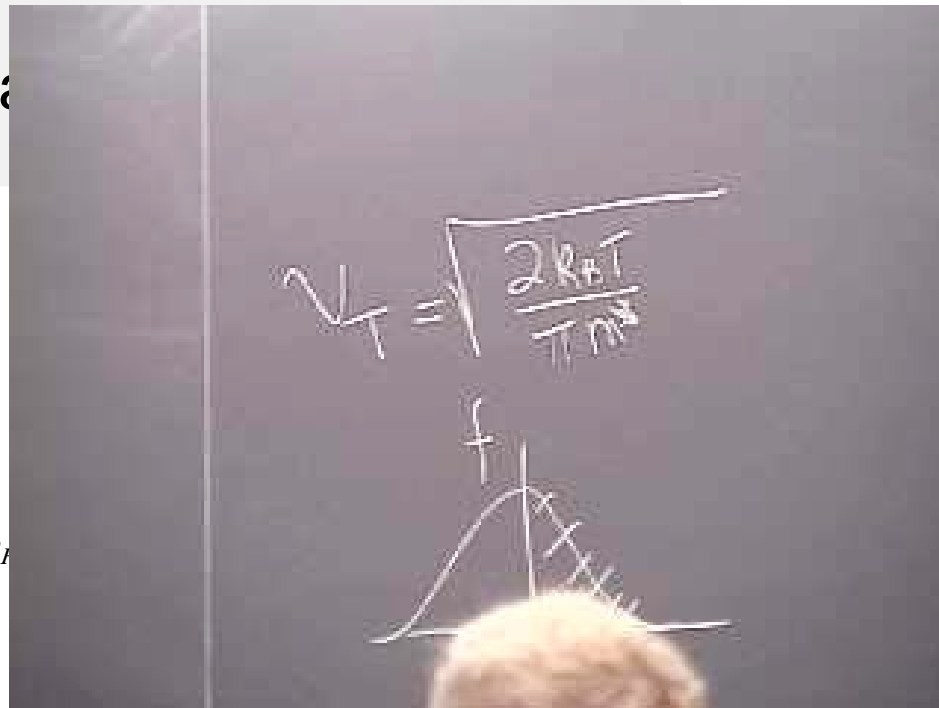
# $T > 0K$ , non-degenerate

Conventional

Landauer:

$$n_L = N_{1D} e^{n\phi}$$

$$N_{1D} = \sqrt{\frac{2m^*k_B T}{\pi \hbar^2}}$$



$$N_{1D} = \sqrt{\frac{2m^*k_B T}{\pi \hbar^2}} \quad 2(k_B T/q) \sqrt{\pi m^* L}$$

# $T > 0K$ , non-degenerate

Conventionally:  $G_{1D} = n_L q \mu_n \frac{1}{L}$

$$G = n_L q \frac{\lambda_0}{2(k_B T / q)} \sqrt{\frac{2k_B T}{\pi m^*}} \frac{1}{L}$$

$$G = n_L q \mu_n \frac{1}{L} \quad \checkmark$$

- diffusive
- non-degenerate
- constant mfp

$$v_T = \sqrt{\frac{2k_B T}{\pi m^*}}$$

$$D_n = \frac{\lambda_0 v_T}{2}$$

$$\frac{D_n}{\mu_n} = \frac{k_B T}{q}$$

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# Landauer formula

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$$G = \frac{2q^2}{h} \left( \int T(E) M(E) \left( -\frac{\partial f_0}{\partial E} \right) dE \right)$$

- $G_B$  is independent of  $L$  and represents an upper limit to  $G$  (lower limit to  $R$ )
- $G_{diff} \sim 1/L$  because  $T_{diff} \sim 1/L$

# Landauer formula

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$$G = \frac{2q^2}{h} \left( \int T(E) M(E) \left( -\frac{\partial f_0}{\partial E} \right) dE \right)$$

$$T = 0\text{K}: \quad G = \frac{2q^2}{h} T(E_F) M(E_F)$$

$$T > 0\text{K}: \quad G = \frac{2q^2}{h} \langle T(E) M(E) \rangle$$



# Landauer and conventional

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$$G_{1D} = n_L q \mu_n \frac{1}{L}$$

Conductance is proportional to carrier density and inversely proportional to the length of the conductor for:

- i) diffusive transport
- ii) Boltzmann (non-degenerate) statistics

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