

Interplay between Crossed Andreev reflection and disorder: Zero-bias anomaly and charge imbalance peak

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Andreev reflection





Blonder, Tinkham, Klapwijk'82: Non-zero subgap conductance at T=0

 $G_A = dI/dV$































T=0, lowest order in transmission:



 $G_{12} = G_{(1)} - G_{(2)} = 0$ CAR

Falci, Feinberg, Hekking'01



Evidence for Crossed Andreev Reflection in Superconductor-Ferromagnet Hybrid Structures

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Russo, Kroug, Klapwijk, Morpurgo, PRL'05











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Charge imbalance length?









- Effect of disorder
- Interactions
- Charge imbalance
- Spin-resolved CAR
- CAR under ac bias





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Ballistic electrodes High spin-dependent transmissions NS interfaces are metallic constrictions



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Formalism: Eilenberger equations

$$[\varepsilon \hat{\tau}_{3} + eV(\mathbf{r}, t) - \hat{\Delta}(\mathbf{r}, t), \hat{g}^{R, A, K}(\mathbf{p}_{F}, \varepsilon, \mathbf{r}, t)] + i \mathbf{v}_{F} \nabla \hat{g}^{R, A, K}(\mathbf{p}_{F}, \varepsilon, \mathbf{r}, t) = 0,$$

$$\hat{g}^{R,A,K} = \left(\begin{array}{c} g^{R,A,K} f^{R,A,K} \\ \tilde{f}^{R,A,K} \tilde{g}^{R,A,K} \end{array}\right), \quad \hat{\Delta} = \left(\begin{array}{c} 0 & \Delta \\ -\Delta^* & 0 \end{array}\right),$$

$$\mathbf{j}(\mathbf{r},t) = -\frac{eN_0}{4} \int d\varepsilon \langle \mathbf{v}_{\mathrm{F}} \mathrm{Sp}[\hat{\tau}_3 \hat{g}^K(\mathbf{p}_{\mathrm{F}},\varepsilon,\mathbf{r},t)] \rangle,$$









$$S_{11} = S_{1'1'} = \underline{S}_{11}^{T} = \underline{S}_{1'1'}^{T} = U(\varphi)$$

$$\times \left(\frac{\sqrt{R_{1\uparrow}}e^{i\theta_{1}/2} \quad 0}{0 \quad \sqrt{R_{1\downarrow}}e^{-i\theta_{1}/2}} \right) U^{+}(\varphi),$$

$$S_{22} = S_{2'2'} = \underline{S}_{22} = \underline{S}_{2'2'} = \left(\frac{\sqrt{R_{2\uparrow}}e^{i\theta_{2}/2} \quad 0}{0 \quad \sqrt{R_{2\downarrow}}e^{-i\theta_{2}/2}} \right),$$

$$S_{11'} = S_{1'1} = \underline{S}_{11'}^{T} = \underline{S}_{1'1}^{T}$$

$$= U(\varphi)i \left(\frac{\sqrt{D_{1\uparrow}}e^{i\theta_{1}/2} \quad 0}{0 \quad \sqrt{D_{1\downarrow}}e^{-i\theta_{1}/2}} \right) U^{+}(\varphi),$$

$$S_{22'} = S_{2'2'} = \underline{S}_{2'2'} = i \left(\frac{\sqrt{D_{2\uparrow}}e^{i\theta_{2}/2} \quad 0}{0 \quad \sqrt{D_{2\downarrow}}e^{-i\theta_{2}/2}} \right),$$

$$U(\varphi) = \exp(-i\varphi\sigma_1/2) = \begin{pmatrix} \cos(\varphi/2) & -i\sin(\varphi/2) \\ -i\sin(\varphi/2) & \cos(\varphi/2) \end{pmatrix}$$





Results



$$I_1 = I_{11}(V_1) + I_{12}(V_2),$$

$$I_2 = I_{21}(V_1) + I_{22}(V_2).$$



Spin-degenerate case:



$$\frac{G_{12}}{G_{N_{12}}} = \frac{\mathcal{D}_1 \mathcal{D}_2 (1 - \tanh^2 L\Delta/v_F)}{[1 + \mathcal{R}_1 \mathcal{R}_2 + (\mathcal{R}_1 + \mathcal{R}_2) \tanh L\Delta/v_F]^2}.$$











Ballistic NSN structures: NO CAR at full transmissions





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Effect of disorder



Cooperon: $C(t) = G^{\mathcal{R}} G^{\mathcal{A}} \sim t^{-d/2}$





Effect of disorder



And reev $G_A \sim C_A$





Volkov, Zaitsev, Klapwijk'93 Hekking, Nazarov'93, Beenakker et al.'94 A.D.Z.'94

Experiments

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Observation of Pair Currents in Superconductor-Semiconductor Contacts

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Arbitrary interface transmissions





Usadel equations $\check{G} = \begin{pmatrix} \hat{G}^R & \hat{G}^K \\ 0 & \hat{G}^A \end{pmatrix}, \quad \check{\Sigma} = \check{1} \begin{pmatrix} \varepsilon + eV & \Delta \\ -\Delta^* & -\varepsilon + eV \end{pmatrix}$

$$\mathcal{A}_{1}\sigma_{1}\check{G}_{1}\partial_{x}\check{G}_{1} = \mathcal{A}_{1}\sigma_{S}\check{G}_{S}\partial_{x}\check{G}_{S}$$

$$= \frac{e^{2}}{\pi}\sum_{n}\frac{2T_{1,n}[\check{G}_{1},\check{G}_{S}]}{4+T_{1,n}(\{\check{G}_{1},\check{G}_{S}\}-2)}$$
Boundary
conditions
(Nazarov'99)

Current
$$j = -\frac{\sigma}{8e} \int \operatorname{tr}[\hat{\tau}_3(\check{G}\nabla\check{G})^K]d\varepsilon.$$





Crucial assumption:



$$R_{1,2} \gg r = \max(r_L, r_{N_1}, r_{N_2})$$







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Linearization of Usadel equations

$$\left(-i\omega+\frac{1}{\tau_{Q^*}}-D\nabla^2\right)\mathcal{D}^{\boldsymbol{rr}'}(\omega) = \delta(\boldsymbol{r}-\boldsymbol{r}')$$

$$\tau_{Q^*} \sim \tau_{in} T / \Delta(T$$







Keldysh function:

$$\hat{G}^K = \hat{G}^R \hat{h} - \hat{h} \hat{G}^A$$
 with $\hat{h} = f_L \hat{1} + f_T \hat{\tau}_3$







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$$I_{1} = \frac{1}{2e} \int d\varepsilon g_{1}(\varepsilon) [f_{T}^{N_{1}}(\varepsilon, \boldsymbol{r}_{1}) - f_{T}^{S}(\varepsilon, \boldsymbol{r}_{1})].$$





$$g_1^{\text{BTK}}(\varepsilon) = \frac{e^2}{\pi} \sum_n \left[\frac{2T_{1,n}^2 \theta(\Delta - |\varepsilon|) \Delta^2}{T_{1,n}^2 \varepsilon^2 + (2 - T_{1,n})^2 \Omega^2} + \frac{2T_{1,n} \theta(|\varepsilon| - \Delta) |\varepsilon|}{T_{1,n} |\varepsilon| + (2 - T_{1,n}) |\Omega|} \right]$$



$$\Omega^2 = \Delta^2 - \varepsilon^2$$



Solving kinetic equation...



$$r/R_{1,2} \rightarrow 0$$

$$f_T^S(\varepsilon) = 0 \text{ and } f_T^{N_j}(\varepsilon, \mathbf{r}_j) = h(\varepsilon, V_j) \equiv$$

 $(\tanh[(\varepsilon + eV_j)/2T] - \tanh[(\varepsilon - eV_j)/2T])/2$





$$(2\Omega - D\nabla^2)f_T = \sum_{j=1,2} \frac{g_j(\varepsilon)N(\varepsilon, r_j)}{2e^2 N_S K(\varepsilon)} \delta(\boldsymbol{r} - \boldsymbol{r}_j),$$

where $K(\varepsilon) = \theta(\Delta - |\varepsilon|)\Delta^2/\Omega^2 - \theta(|\varepsilon| - \Delta)\varepsilon^2/\Omega^2$

$$\tilde{\Omega} = \theta(\Delta - |\varepsilon|)\Omega$$





Non-local current response:



$$I_1(V_1, V_2) = \frac{1}{2e} \int d\varepsilon \big[g_{11}(\varepsilon) h(\varepsilon, V_1) - g_{12}(\varepsilon) h(\varepsilon, V_2) \big]$$

$$g_{11}(\varepsilon) = g_1(\varepsilon) - \frac{\mathcal{D}_S^{\boldsymbol{r}_1\boldsymbol{r}_1}(2i\tilde{\Omega})}{2e^2N_S} \frac{g_1^2(\varepsilon)}{K(\varepsilon)} - \frac{\mathcal{D}_1^{\boldsymbol{r}_1\boldsymbol{r}_1}(0)}{2e^2N_S} g_1^2(\varepsilon),$$

$$g_{12}(\varepsilon) = g_{21}(\varepsilon) = \frac{\mathcal{D}_{S}^{r_{1}r_{2}}(2i\hat{\Omega})}{2e^{2}N_{S}}\frac{g_{1}(\varepsilon)g_{2}(\varepsilon)}{K(\varepsilon)}$$





Tunneling limit

$$E_{1,2} \equiv D_{1,2}/L_{1,2}^2 \ll |\varepsilon| < \Delta$$



$$g_{11}(\varepsilon) = \frac{\Delta^2}{\Omega^2} \left[\frac{r_{\xi_S}(\varepsilon) + r_{\xi_1}(\varepsilon)}{2R_1^2} + \frac{r_{\xi_S}(\varepsilon)}{2R_1R_2} e^{-\frac{|x_2 - x_1|}{\xi_S(\varepsilon)}} \right]$$
$$g_{12}(\varepsilon) = \frac{\Omega^2}{2\Delta^2} r_{\xi_S}(\varepsilon) g_{11}(\varepsilon) g_{22}(\varepsilon) e^{-\frac{|x_2 - x_1|}{\xi_S(\varepsilon)}}$$



$$\xi_{1,2}(\varepsilon) = \sqrt{D_{1,2}/|\varepsilon|}$$



$|X_1 - X_2|$ **X**₁ R₁ R₂ S **Zero-bias** r_{x1} anomaly -Ν N $V_1 +$ $g_{11}(\varepsilon) \propto 1/\sqrt{\varepsilon}$ 0,008 0,006-

$$g_{12}(\varepsilon) \propto 1/\varepsilon$$



 $L-x_2$

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r_{L-x2}

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Zero-energy, small transmissions:

$$g_{12}(0) = G_{12}(0,0) = \frac{r_{\xi_S} r_{N_1} r_{N_2}}{2R_1^2 R_2^2} e^{-|x_2 - x_1|/\xi_S}$$





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Fully open barriers:

$$g_{12}(\varepsilon) = \frac{\Omega^2}{\Delta^2} \frac{2r_{\xi_S(\varepsilon)}}{R_1 R_2} e^{-|x_2 - x_1|/\xi_S(\varepsilon)}, \quad |\varepsilon| < \Delta.$$





Non-local resistance:



$$R_{12}(T) = \frac{G_{12}(0,T)}{G_{11}(0,T)G_{22}(0,T) - G_{12}(0,T)G_{21}(0,T)}$$





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Charge imbalance resistance peak

$$R_{12}(T) = \frac{G_{12}(T)}{G_{11}(T)G_{22}(T) - G_{12}(T)G_{21}(T)},$$

Quasi-ballistic limit:

$$G_{11}(T) = G_{11}(0) + G_{N_{11}}\sqrt{2\pi}\sqrt{\frac{\Delta}{T}}e^{-\Delta/T},$$

$$G_{12}(T) = \begin{cases} 2G_{N_{12}}e^{-\Delta/T}, & \mathcal{D}_1\mathcal{D}_2 \ll e^{-\Delta/T}, \\ G_{12}(0), & T \ll \frac{\Delta}{\ln(1/[\mathcal{D}_1\mathcal{D}_2])}, \end{cases}$$





Charge imbalance resistance peak





Diffusive limit: $T^* \simeq 2\Delta / \ln(R_1 R_2 / r_{\xi_S}^2)$

$$R_{12}(T^*) \approx \frac{\alpha r_{x_1} \sqrt{\frac{8T^*}{\pi \Delta}} \left(1 - \frac{|x_2 - x_1|}{\lambda}\right)}{\left(\sqrt{\frac{r_{\xi_S} + r_{\xi_1}(T^*)}{R_1}} + \sqrt{\frac{r_{\xi_S} + r_{\xi_2}(T^*)}{R_2}}\right)^2},$$

where
$$\lambda = \alpha L$$
 and $\alpha = 1 - r_{x_1}/r_L$









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Summary and outlook

- Full quasiclassical theory of non-local transport in both ballistic and diffusive 3-terminal NSN structures with arbitrary interface transmissions
- Ballistic limit: Non-exponential length dependence at high transmissions, no CAR at full transmissions
- Diffusive structures: disorder-induced ZBA, universality of cross-resistance
- Quantitative explanation for the charge imbalance peak
- Next step: effect of e-e interactions









Peak resistance:







Peak temperature:



$$D_{1,2} = D$$

$$T^* \simeq \Delta/\ln(1/D)$$





Charge imbalance resistance peak





Cross-current

$$\begin{split} I_{12}(V_2) &= -\frac{G_0}{4e} \int d\varepsilon \left[\tanh \frac{\varepsilon + eV_2}{2T} - \tanh \frac{\varepsilon}{2T} \right] \frac{1 - \tanh^2 i L\Omega/v_F}{W(z_1, z_2, \varepsilon, \varphi)} \times \\ & \times \Big\{ \left[D_{1\downarrow} D_{2\downarrow} - |a|^2 D_{1\uparrow} D_{2\downarrow} (R_{1\downarrow} + R_{2\uparrow}) + |a|^4 D_{1\downarrow} R_{1\uparrow} D_{2\downarrow} R_{2\uparrow} \right] |K(z_1, z_2, \varepsilon)|^2 \cos^2(\varphi/2) + \\ & + \left[D_{1\uparrow} D_{2\uparrow} - |a|^2 D_{1\downarrow} D_{2\uparrow} (R_{1\uparrow} + R_{2\downarrow}) + |a|^4 D_{1\uparrow} R_{1\downarrow} D_{2\uparrow} R_{2\downarrow} \right] |K(z_1^*, z_2^*, \varepsilon)|^2 \cos^2(\varphi/2) + \\ & + \left[D_{1\uparrow} D_{2\downarrow} - |a|^2 D_{1\downarrow} D_{2\downarrow} (R_{1\uparrow} + R_{2\uparrow}) + |a|^4 D_{1\uparrow} R_{1\downarrow} D_{2\downarrow} R_{2\uparrow} \right] |K(z_1^*, z_2, \varepsilon)|^2 \sin^2(\varphi/2) + \\ & + \left[D_{1\downarrow} D_{2\uparrow} - |a|^2 D_{1\downarrow} D_{2\uparrow} (R_{1\downarrow} + R_{2\downarrow}) + |a|^4 D_{1\downarrow} R_{1\uparrow} D_{2\uparrow} R_{2\downarrow} \right] |K(z_1, z_2^*, \varepsilon)|^2 \sin^2(\varphi/2) + \\ & + \left[D_{1\downarrow} D_{2\uparrow} - |a|^2 D_{1\uparrow} D_{2\uparrow} (R_{1\downarrow} + R_{2\downarrow}) + |a|^4 D_{1\downarrow} R_{1\uparrow} D_{2\uparrow} R_{2\downarrow} \right] |K(z_1, z_2^*, \varepsilon)|^2 \sin^2(\varphi/2) \Big\}, \end{split}$$

where we define

$$K(z_1, z_2, \varepsilon) = (1 - a^2 z_1 z_2) - \left[\varepsilon (1 + a^2 z_1 z_2) + \Delta a(z_1 + z_2)\right] Q,$$

$$W(z_1, z_2, \varepsilon, \varphi) = |K(z_1, z_2, \varepsilon) K(z_1^*, z_2^*, \varepsilon) \cos^2(\varphi/2) + K(z_1^*, z_2, \varepsilon) K(z_1, z_2^*, \varepsilon) \sin^2(\varphi/2)|^2$$

and $z_i = \sqrt{R_{i\uparrow}R_{i\downarrow}} \exp(i\theta_i)$ (i = 1, 2).



Polarized interfaces

Linear conductance at T=0, zero spin mixing

$$G_{12} = G_0 \frac{1 - \tanh^2 L\Delta/v_F}{|K(z_1, z_2, 0)|^2} \{ D_{1\uparrow} D_{1\downarrow} D_{2\uparrow} D_{2\downarrow} + (D_{1\uparrow} - D_{1\downarrow})(D_{2\uparrow} - D_{2\downarrow}) \cos \varphi \}.$$



Vanishes identically for half-metal/superconductor/N-metal structures



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Spin-degenerate case:

$$\frac{\delta G_{11}}{G_{N_{12}}} = \frac{2(1+\mathcal{R}_2)(1-\tanh^2 L\Delta/v_F)}{[1+\mathcal{R}_1\mathcal{R}_2+(\mathcal{R}_1+\mathcal{R}_2)\tanh L\Delta/v_F]^2} + \frac{\mathcal{D}_1\left[(1+\mathcal{R}_2\tanh L\Delta/v_F)^2+3(\mathcal{R}_2+\tanh L\Delta/v_F)^2\right]}{\mathcal{D}_2[1+\mathcal{R}_1\mathcal{R}_2+(\mathcal{R}_1+\mathcal{R}_2)\tanh L\Delta/v_F]^2}$$





Non-local correction to BTK

$$\begin{split} I_{11}(V_1) &= \frac{G_0}{2e} \int d\varepsilon (h_0(\varepsilon + eV_1) - h_0(\varepsilon)) \frac{1}{W(z_1, z_2, \varepsilon, \varphi)} \Big\{ 2W(z_1, z_2, \varepsilon, \varphi) - \\ &- R_{1\uparrow} \big| \cos^2(\varphi/2) K(z_1/R_{1\uparrow}, z_2, \varepsilon) K(z_1^*, z_2^*, \varepsilon) + \sin^2(\varphi/2) K(z_1/R_{1\uparrow}, z_2^*, \varepsilon) K(z_1^*, z_2, \varepsilon) \big|^2 - \\ &- R_{1\downarrow} \big| \cos^2(\varphi/2) K(z_1^*/R_{1\downarrow}, z_2^*, \varepsilon) K(z_1, z_2, \varepsilon) + \sin^2(\varphi/2) K(z_1^*/R_{1\downarrow}, z_2, \varepsilon) K(z_1, z_2^*, \varepsilon) \big|^2 \Big\} + \\ &+ \frac{G_0}{4e} \int d\varepsilon (h_0(\varepsilon + eV_1) - h_0(\varepsilon)) \frac{D_{1\uparrow} D_{1\downarrow}}{W(z_1, z_2, \varepsilon, \varphi)} \Big\{ \\ & \big| a \big|^2 \big| \cos^2(\varphi/2) K(0, z_2, \varepsilon) K(z_1^*, z_2^*, \varepsilon) + \sin^2(\varphi/2) K(0, z_2^*, \varepsilon) K(z_1^*, z_2, \varepsilon) \big|^2 + \\ &+ \big| a \big|^2 \big| \cos^2(\varphi/2) K(0, z_2^*, \varepsilon) K(z_1, z_2, \varepsilon) + \sin^2(\varphi/2) K(0, z_2, \varepsilon) K(z_1, z_2^*, \varepsilon) \big|^2 + \\ &+ \frac{1}{|a|^2} \big| \cos^2(\varphi/2) K'(z_2^*, \varepsilon) K(z_1, z_2, \varepsilon) + \sin^2(\varphi/2) K'(z_2^*, \varepsilon) K(z_1^*, z_2, \varepsilon) \big|^2 \Big\} + \\ &+ \frac{G_0}{e} R_{2\uparrow} R_{2\downarrow} \sin^2(\theta_2/2) \sin^2(\varphi/2) \cos^2(\varphi/2) \int d\varepsilon (h_0(\varepsilon + eV_1) - h_0(\varepsilon)) \frac{(1 - \tanh^2 i L\Omega/v_F)^2}{W(z_1, z_2, \varepsilon, \varphi)} \times \\ &\times \big[|a|^2 (D_{1\uparrow}^2 + D_{1\downarrow}^2) - 2|a|^4 D_{1\uparrow} D_{1\downarrow} (R_{1\uparrow} + R_{1\downarrow}) + |a|^6 (D_{1\uparrow}^2 R_{1\downarrow}^2 + D_{1\downarrow}^2 R_{1\uparrow}^2) \big] \,, \end{split}$$



$$G_{11} = G^{BTK} + \delta G_{11}$$

 $D_1 << 1, D_2 \sim 1$
 $\delta G_{11} \sim D_1 >> G^{BTK} \sim D_1^2$

