

# Thermodynamically Valid Noise Models for Nonlinear Resistors

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# Introduction

Goals of this research:

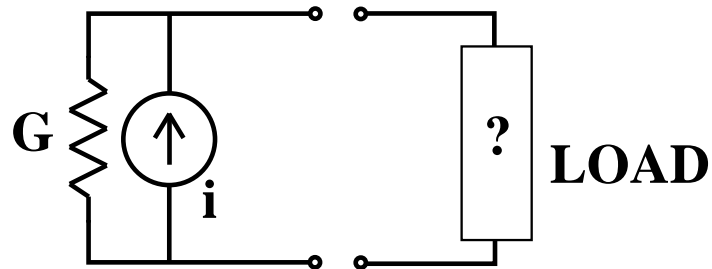
- Model exactly consistent with thermodynamics
- Device model, independent of load
- Valid even for large excursions caused by noise (small, but non-zero probability)

## Thermodynamic Requirements

1. No isothermal conversion of heat to work
2. Gibbs distribution at equilibrium
3. Increasing entropy during transients  
(maximum entropy at equilibrium)
4. No heat transfer between two devices at the same temperature

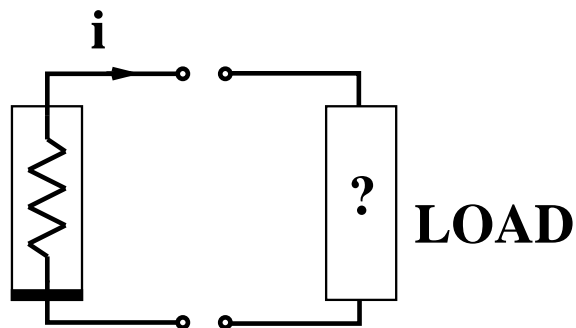
# Device Noise Models

Linear:



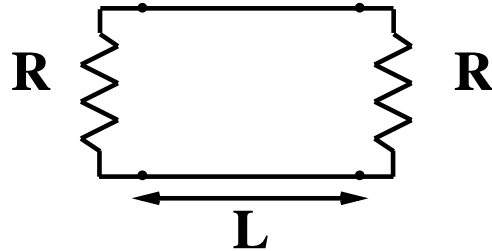
$$S_{ii}(\omega) = 2kTG, \text{ for all frequencies } \omega$$

Nonlinear: ??



**Question:** what noise models are physically correct for a nonlinear resistor?

## Nyquist's $4kTR$ noise (1928)

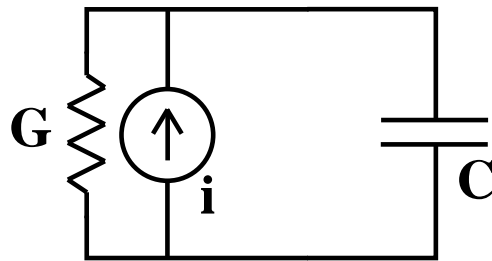


- energy of  $kT$  per mode  
(Equipartition Theorem)
- number of modes in  $(f, f + df)$  is  $2L\frac{df}{v}$
- energy transferred during time  $L/v$
- power =  $E/t = \frac{2L\frac{df}{v}kT}{L/v} = 2kTdf$
- power =  $\frac{\Delta V^2}{2R}df$

$$\Rightarrow \Delta V^2 df = 4kTR df$$

a (linear) **Fluctuation-Dissipation Theorem**

## Testing the Linear Resistor Noise Model



$$\frac{dq}{dt} = -G\frac{q}{C} + i(t)$$

**TR1.** Satisfied if  $\overline{i(t)} = 0$  for all temperatures.

**TR2.** Equilibrium density?

## Linear R Equilibrium Density

$$\frac{dq}{dt} = -G\frac{q}{C} + i(t)$$

$$q(t) = q(0) e^{-tG/C} + \int_0^t e^{-(t-\tau)G/C} i(\tau) d\tau$$

Could calculate many sample paths, average results (Monte-Carlo method)

OR could use **Fokker-Planck Equation** for probability density

$$\frac{\partial \rho(t, q)}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial}{\partial q} \left[ \frac{qG}{C} \rho(t, q) \right] + kTG \frac{\partial^2 \rho(t, q)}{\partial q^2}$$

## Thermodynamic Requirements for a Linear Resistor

At equilibrium,

$$\dot{\rho}_{eq} = 0 = \frac{\partial}{\partial q} \left[ \frac{qG\rho_{eq}}{C} + kTG \frac{d\rho_{eq}}{dq} \right]$$

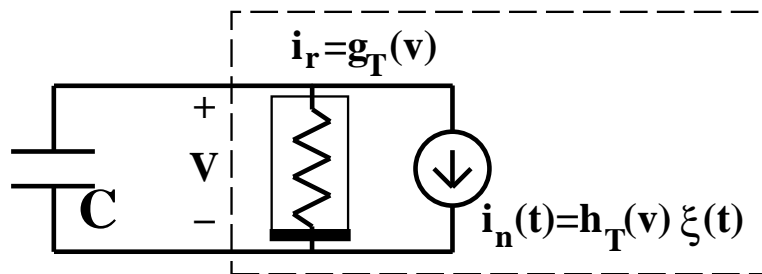
$$\Rightarrow \rho_{eq}(q) = N \exp \left( \frac{-q^2}{2CkT} \right) = N \exp \left( \frac{-E_C(q)}{kT} \right)$$

Equilibrium density is correct! (TR2)

(TR3 Entropy also increases during transients.)

(TR4 Heat transfer correct [Wyatt, Siebert, Tan 1984].)

## Nonlinear Gaussian Models



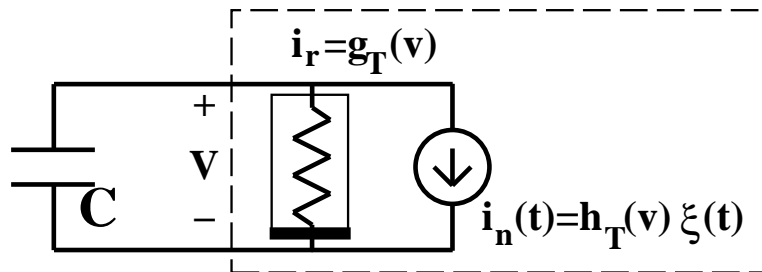
$$C \frac{dv}{dt} = -g_T(v) - h_T(v)w(t)$$

Itô FPE:

$$\frac{\partial \rho(t, v)}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial}{\partial v} [g_T(v) \rho(t, v)] + \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial v^2} [h_T^2(v) \rho(t, v)]$$

**TR1** satisfied for zero-mean Gaussian noise  $w(t)$ .

## Nonlinear Gaussian Models



Equilibrium test simplifies to:

$$\frac{\partial h^2(v, T)}{\partial v} = C \left[ \frac{v}{kT} h^2(v, T) - 2g(v) \right]$$

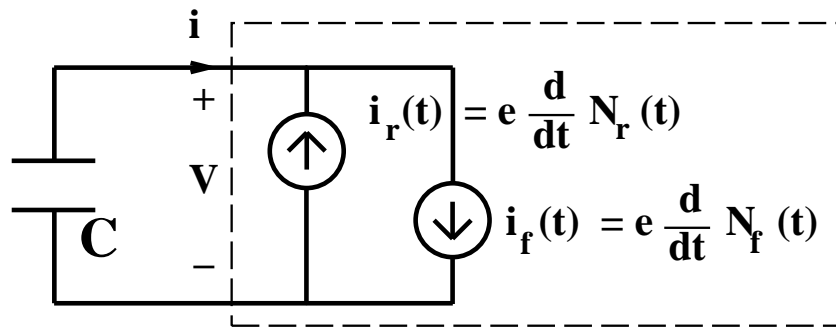
but LHS must be independent of C, so both sides are zero

LHS:  $\Rightarrow h$  independent of  $v$

$$\text{RHS: } h^2 = \frac{2g(v)kT}{v} = 2kTG$$

Nonlinear Gaussian model cannot satisfy **TR2** regardless of form of  $h_T(v)$ .

## Poisson Models



$$i(t) = \frac{d}{dt} \left\{ eN_f \left( \int_0^t f_T(v(\tau)) d\tau \right) - eN_r \left( \int_0^t r_T(v(\tau)) d\tau \right) \right\}$$

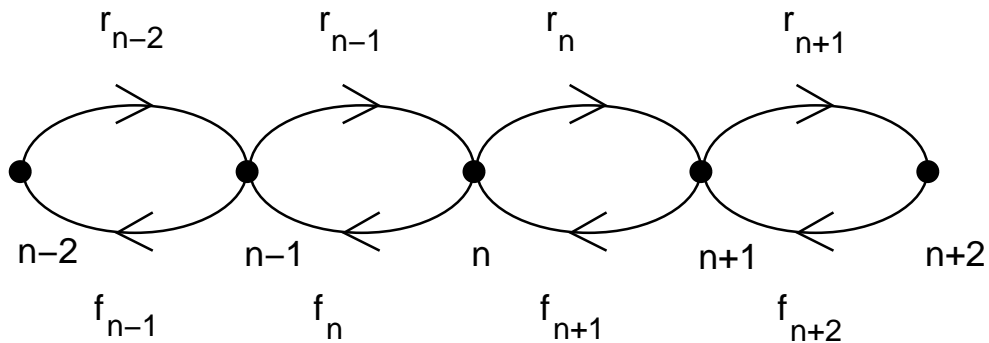
constitutive relation  $\overline{i(v)} = e [f_T(v) - r_T(v)]$

TR1 satisfied if device is passive

power spectral density (fixed  $V$ )

$$S_{ii}(\omega; T, V) = e^2 [f_T(V) + r_T(V)], \quad \forall \omega \neq 0$$

## Poisson Models, con't



Gibbs distribution:

$$\frac{p_{n+1}}{p_n} = \frac{\exp\left[-\frac{(n+1)^2 e^2}{2CkT}\right]}{\exp\left[-\frac{n^2 e^2}{2CkT}\right]} = \exp\left[-\frac{(n + 1/2)e^2}{CkT}\right]$$

Detailed balance (reversibility)

$$p_n r_n = p_{n+1} f_{n+1} \Rightarrow \frac{p_{n+1}}{p_n} = \frac{r_T(v_\beta(ne))}{f_T(v_\alpha((n+1)e))}$$

## Poisson Models, con't

Suppose  $\overline{i(v)} = I_S [\exp(v/v_T) - 1]$

$$f_T(v) = I_S \exp(v/v_T) \quad r_T(v) = I_S$$

$$\begin{aligned} \exp \left[ -\frac{(n + 1/2)e}{C v_T} \right] &= \frac{r_T(v_\beta(ne))}{f_T(v_\alpha((n + 1)e))} \\ &= \exp \left( -\frac{v_\alpha((n + 1)e)}{v_T} \right) \end{aligned}$$

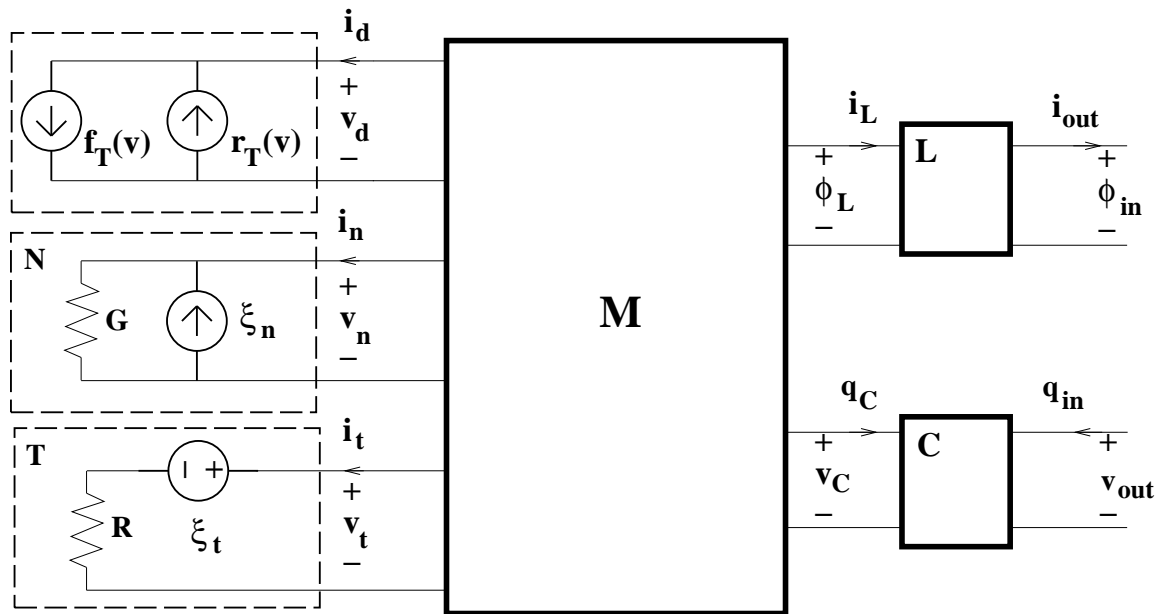
$$\Rightarrow v_\alpha((n + 1)e) = \frac{(n + 1/2)e}{C}$$

Similarly,  $v_\beta(ne) = \frac{(n+1/2)e}{C}$

TR2 satisfied iff

$$\frac{f_T(v)}{r_T(v)} = \exp(v/v_T), \quad \text{for all } v$$

## Poisson and Gaussian together



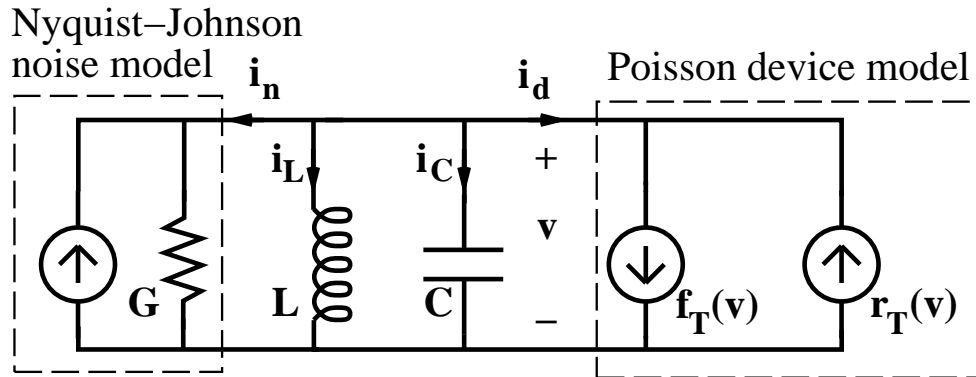
Multiport inductor  $L$ , capacitor  $C$

Interconnection box  $M$  is **linear, memoryless, lossless**

Poisson model and Linear Gaussian model  
(Nyquist-Johnson) Norton or Thévenin form

... **TR1-3** satisfied.

## Examples



$$\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{i}_C \\ \mathbf{v}_L \\ \mathbf{v}_d \\ \mathbf{v}_n \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 & -1 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{v}_C \\ \mathbf{i}_L \\ \mathbf{i}_d \\ \mathbf{i}_n \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\rho_{eq} \propto \exp \left[ -\frac{q^2}{2CkT} - \frac{\phi^2}{2LkT} \right]$$

Nonlinear:

$$\rho_{eq} \propto \exp \left[ -\frac{1}{kT} \int_0^q h(\tilde{q}) d\tilde{q} - \frac{1}{kT} \int_0^\phi g(\tilde{\phi}) d\tilde{\phi} \right]$$

## Examples, con't

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{d}{dt} \rho(t, q, \phi) = & \\
 & \frac{\partial}{\partial q} \left[ \left( g(\phi) + \frac{h(q)}{R} \right) \rho(t, q, \phi) \right] \\
 & - h(q) \frac{\partial}{\partial \phi} [\rho(t, q, \phi)] + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial q^2} \left[ \frac{kT}{R} \rho(t, q, \phi) \right] \\
 & + f_T(v_\alpha(q + e)) \rho(t, q + e, \phi) \\
 & + r_T(v_\beta(q - e)) \rho(t, q - e, \phi) \\
 & - \left[ f_T(v_\alpha(q)) + r_T(v_\beta(q)) \right] \rho(t, q, \phi)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$v_\alpha(q) = v_\beta(q - e) = \frac{1}{e} \int_{q-e}^q h(\tilde{q}) d\tilde{q}$$

$$f_T(v_\alpha(q)) = r_T(v_\alpha(q)) \exp \left[ \frac{e}{kT} v_\alpha(q) \right]$$

## Examples, con't

Capacitor entropy:

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{d}{dt}S_{LC} &= -k\frac{d}{dt}\iint \rho(t, q, \phi) \log \rho(t, q, \phi) dq d\phi \\ &= -k\iint \dot{\rho}(t, q, \phi) \log \rho(t, q, \phi) dq d\phi\end{aligned}$$

Reservoir entropy:

$$\dot{S}_R = -\frac{1}{T}\iint E_{LC}(q, \phi) \dot{\rho}(t, q, \phi) dq d\phi.$$

Total entropy:

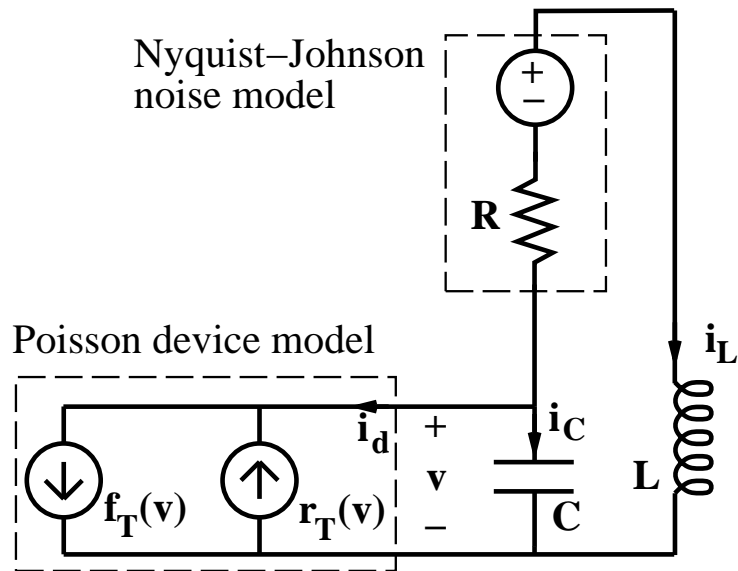
$$\begin{aligned}\dot{S}_{tot} &= -\iint \left[ \frac{1}{T}E_{LC}(q, \phi) + k \log \rho(t, q, \phi) \right] \\ &\quad \times \dot{\rho}(t, q, \phi) dq d\phi\end{aligned}$$

## Examples, con't

After integration by parts and changes of variables,

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{S}_{tot} = & \iint \left[ k r_T(v_\beta(q)) \right] \\ & \times \left[ \rho(t, q + e, \phi) \exp\left(\frac{v_\beta(q)}{v_T}\right) - \rho(t, q, \phi) \right] \\ & \times \left[ \log \rho(t, q + e, \phi) + \left(\frac{v_\beta(q)}{v_T}\right) - \log \rho(t, q, \phi) \right] dq d\phi \\ & + \iint \frac{G}{T \rho(t, q, \phi)} \left[ \frac{q}{C} \rho(t, q, \phi) + kT \frac{\partial \rho(t, q, \phi)}{\partial q} \right]^2 dq d\phi \\ & \geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

## Examples, con't

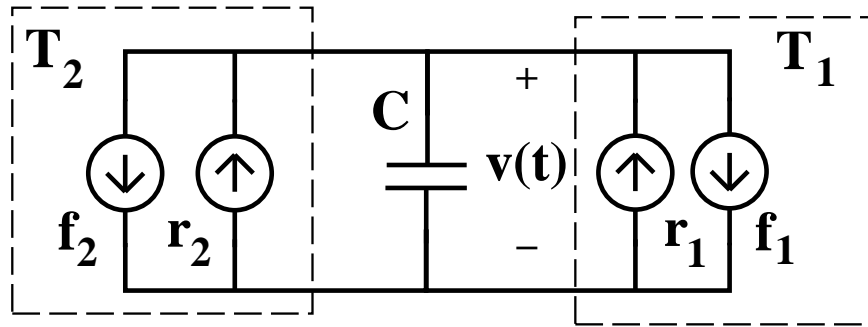


$$\begin{bmatrix} i_C \\ v_L \\ v_d \\ i_t \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 & -1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} v_C \\ i_L \\ i_d \\ v_t \end{bmatrix}$$

## Heat Transfer

Heat transfer must go from hotter device to colder, regardless of nonlinearity

## Heat Transfer: Two Poisson Devices

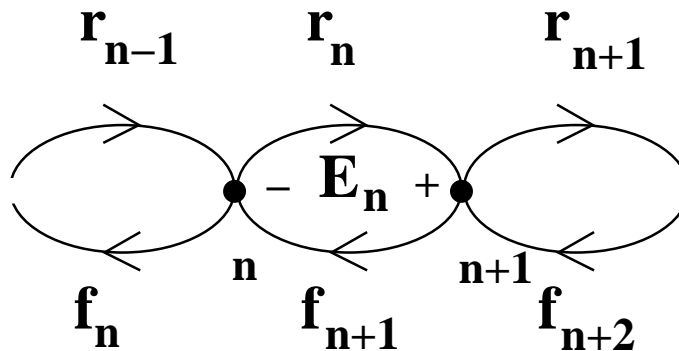


Steady-state:

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{\rho_{ss}(q + e)}{\rho_{ss}(q)} \\ &= \frac{r_1(v_\beta(q)) + r_2(v_\beta(q))}{r_1(v_\beta(q)) \exp\left(\frac{ev_\beta(q)}{kT_1}\right) + r_2(v_\beta(q)) \exp\left(\frac{ev_\beta(q)}{kT_2}\right)} \\ &= \exp\left(-\frac{ev_\beta(q)}{kT_1}\right) \\ & \quad \times \frac{r_1(v_\beta(q)) + r_2(v_\beta(q))}{r_1(v_\beta(q)) + r_2(v_\beta(q)) \exp\left[\frac{ev_\beta(q)}{k} \left(\frac{1}{T_2} - \frac{1}{T_1}\right)\right]} \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{f_1(v_\alpha(ne + e))}{r_1(v_\beta(ne))} = \exp\left(\frac{ev_\beta(q)}{kT_1}\right)$$

## Heat Transfer, con't



$\rho_n^0 r_n =$  steady-state rate at which transitions occur from state  $n$  to  $n + 1$

$\rho_n^0 r_n E_n =$  steady-state rate at which the energy  $E_n$  is delivered by the reverse source for transitions from  $n$  to  $n + 1$

$\sum_n \rho_n^0 r_n E_n =$  steady-state power delivered by the reverse source on all transitions

## Heat Transfer, con't

Power supplied by device 1

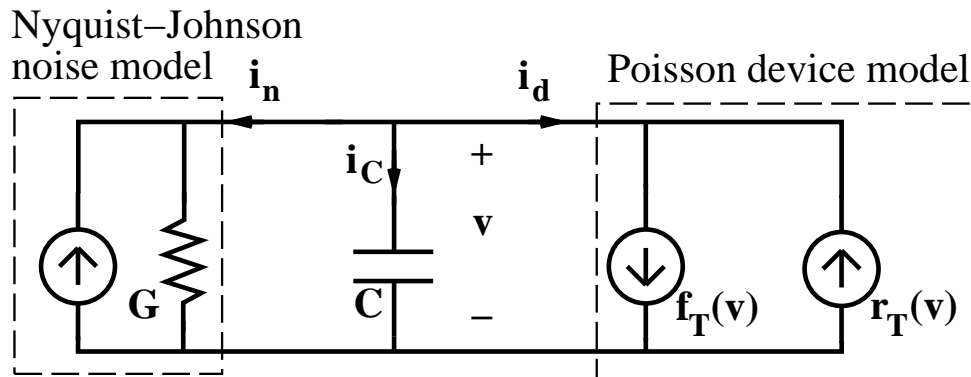
$$= \frac{e^2}{2C} \sum_n \rho_{ss}(ne) r_1(n) (2n + 1) \\ \times \left[ 1 - \frac{r_1(n) + r_2(n)}{r_1(n) + r_2(n) EXP} \right]$$

$$EXP = \exp \left[ \frac{e^2(n + 1/2)}{Ck} \left( \frac{1}{T_2} - \frac{1}{T_1} \right) \right]$$

Power supplied = 0 when  $T_1 = T_2$

> 0 when  $T_1 > T_2$

## Heat Transfer, con't



For  $T_1 = T_2$ , system is at equilibrium

$$\rho = A \exp\left(\frac{q^2}{2CkT}\right)$$

independent of noise models.

Since noise models themselves do not supply net heat, they are oblivious to the other.

No closed-form steady-state distribution for  $T_1 \neq T_2$ .

## Conclusions

Four thermodynamic requirements for device noise models, presented as simple mathematical tests.

Usual nonlinear Gaussian model fails.

Poisson model works when  $\frac{f_T(v)}{r_T(v)} = \exp(v/v_T)$

⇒ a **nonlinear** fluctuation-dissipation theorem

**Accomplishment:** the first nonlinear device noise model consistent with a variety of thermodynamic tests.

## Questions

What devices may be described by the Poisson model? (Mesoscopic physics results: carrier mean free path longer than the device.)

What other noise models can we test?

Does this give any insight into the physical processes actually producing the noise?