
Extracting single electron wavefunctions from a quantum electrical current

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Résumé

Quantum nanoelectronics has entered an era where quantum electrical currents are built from single to few on-demand elementary excitations. To date however, very limited tools have been implemented to characterize them. In this work, we present a quantum current analyzer able to extract single particle excitations present within a periodic quantum electrical current without any a priori hypothesis. Our analyzer combines two-particle interferometry and signal processing to extract the relevant electron and hole wavefunctions localized around each emission period and their quantum coherence from one emission period to the other. This quantum current analyzer opens new possibilities for the characterization and control of quantum electrical currents in nanoscale conductors and for investigations of entanglement in quantum electronics down to the single electron level.

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