

Electrochemical Impedance Spectroscopy

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Time domain (incomplete!) [1]:

- ▶ Polarisation: $I = f(U)$
- ▶ Potential step: $\Delta U, I(t)$
- ▶ Zero Resistance Ammeter: $\int j_{gal} \cdot dt$

Frequency domain [1]:

- ▶ Electrochemical Impedance Spectroscopy

Advantages of EIS [1]:

- ▶ Measurement in small perturbations (approximately linear)
- ▶ Different processes have different time constants
- ▶ Large frequency range from μHz to GHz

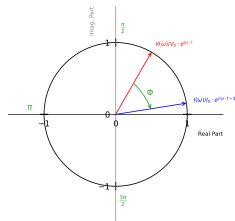
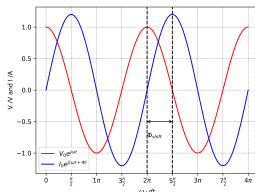
Black Box Approach

Assume a black box with terminals .

One applies a voltage and measures the current response (or vice versa).

Periodic signal with an angular frequency $\omega = 2\pi f$ with $0 \leq \omega < \infty$:

- ▶ Voltage $V(\omega) = V_0 e^{j\omega t}$
- ▶ Current $I(\omega) = I_0 e^{j\omega t}$



What is EIS?

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