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How are microscopic electronic properties connected to macroscopic electrical circuit characteristics?

What fundamental physical principles govern current flow, resistance, and potential difference?

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Current Electricity Concepts

Microscopic Form of Ohm's Law

Start with $I = AneVd$

Substitute $Vd: I = Ane(eEt/m)$

$I = (Ane^2Et)/m$

Substitute $E = V/l: I = (Ane^2\tau/m)(V/l)$

Rearrange to $V = I * [(ml)/(Ane^2\tau)]$

Resistance (R) Formula

Condition: $V \propto I$ (If physical conditions are constant)

Cell Relations (EMF, V, r)

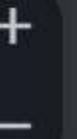
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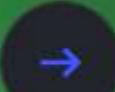
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In the absence of a battery, what is the average initial velocity of electrons in a conductor?



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What formula gives the acceleration ' a ' of an electron in an electric field ' E '?



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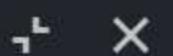
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What is the term for
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between two
successive collisions
of an electron with
ions in a conductor?



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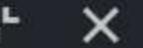
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This time gap is called the relaxation time, denoted by τ .



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