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Measuring low-resistances using double bridge

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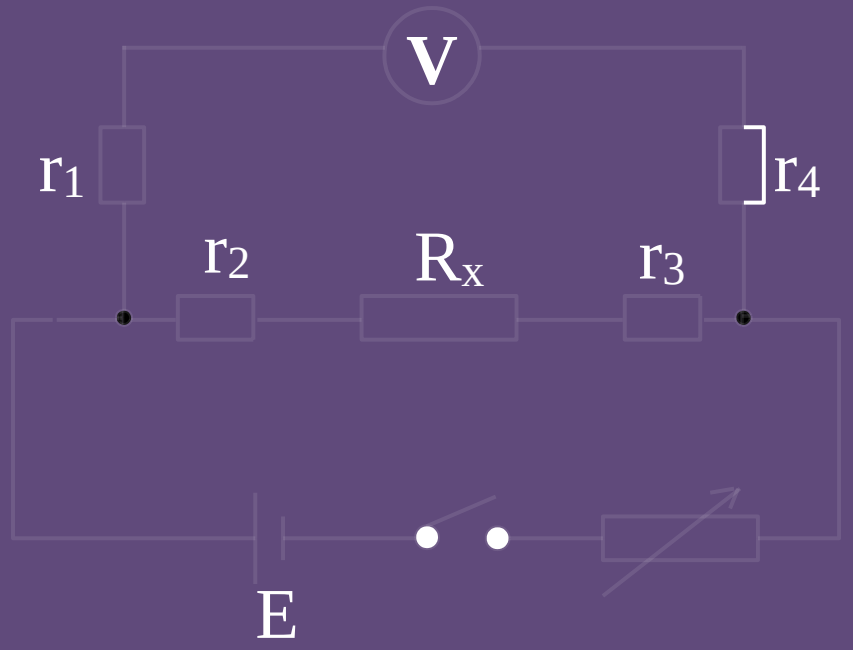
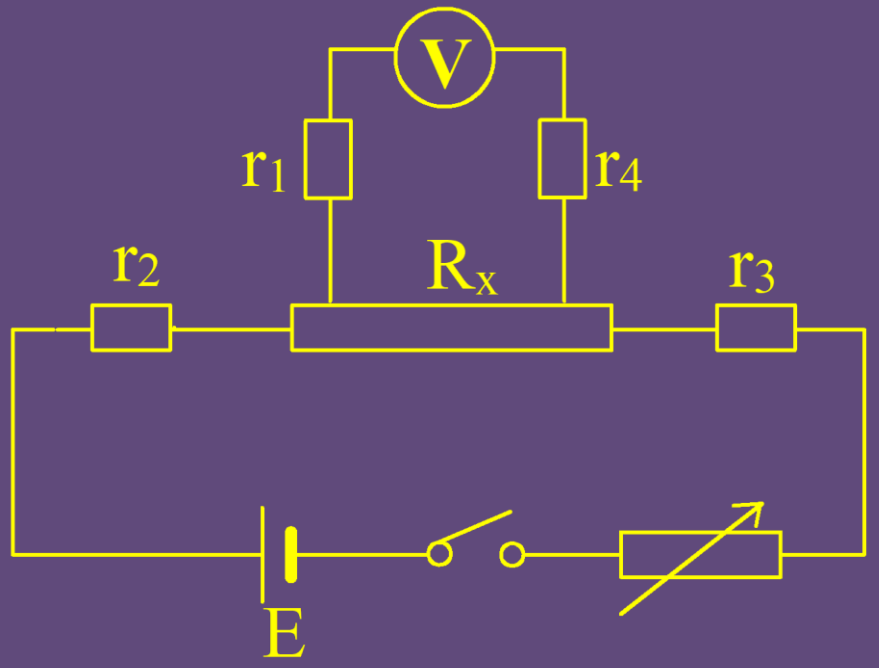
Experiment purpose

- Know the meaning of four probe method and structure of double bridge;
- Learn to use double bridge to measure **low resistance**;
- Learn to measure resistivity of conductor。

Principles

- Four Probe Method





- **Measuring resistance using Voltammetry，** contact resistance, conductor resistance, If **r_2 and r_3>=R_X，** we can not use this circuit to measure **R_X。**

low resistance R_X->two Current contact C-C, two Voltage contact P-P.

Four-Probe Method

- Measure low resistance using double bridge

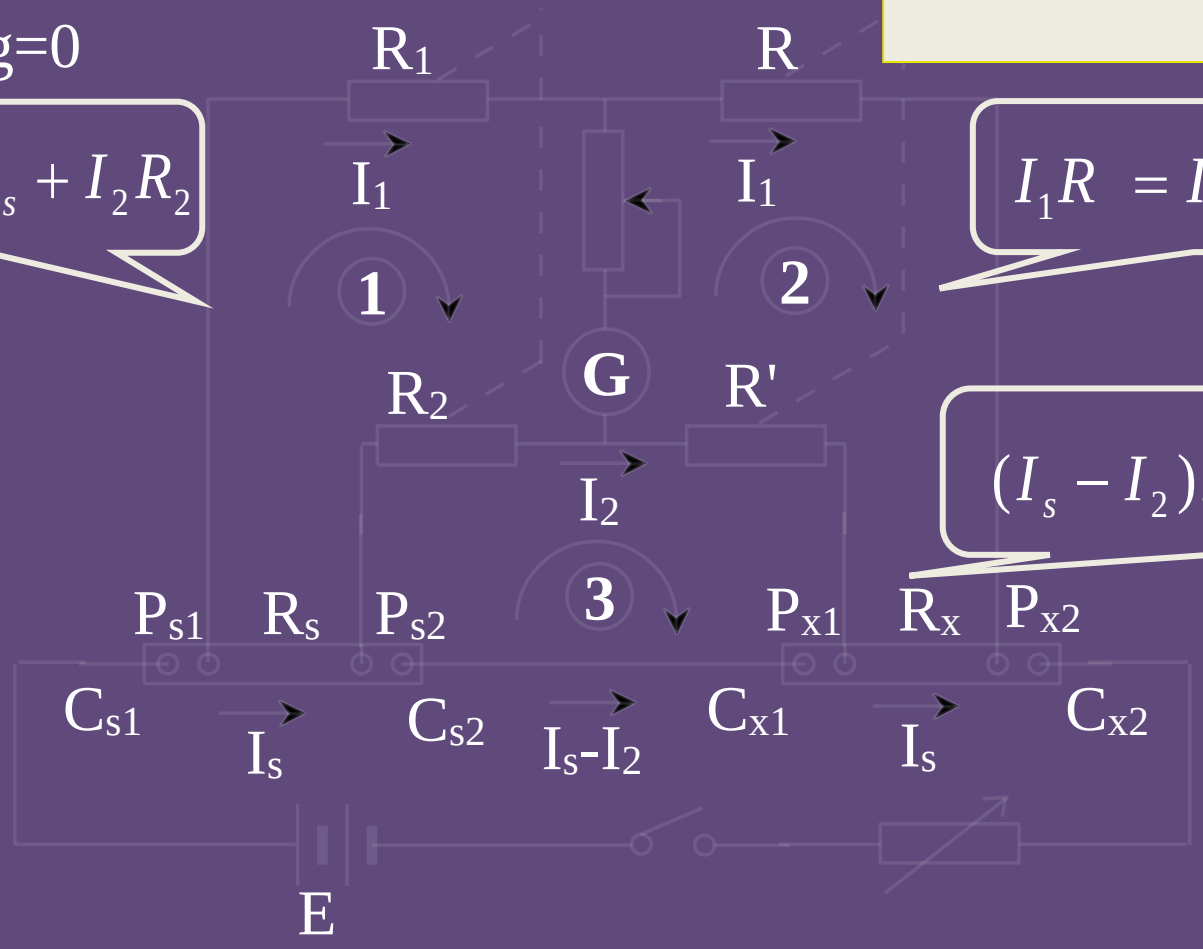
If R/R1=R′/R2 , $R_x = \frac{R}{R_1} R_s$

If Ig=0

$I_1 R_1 = I_s \cdot R_s + I_2 R_2$

$I_1 R = I_s \cdot R_x + I_2 R'$

$(I_s - I_2) r = I_2 (R_2 + R')$

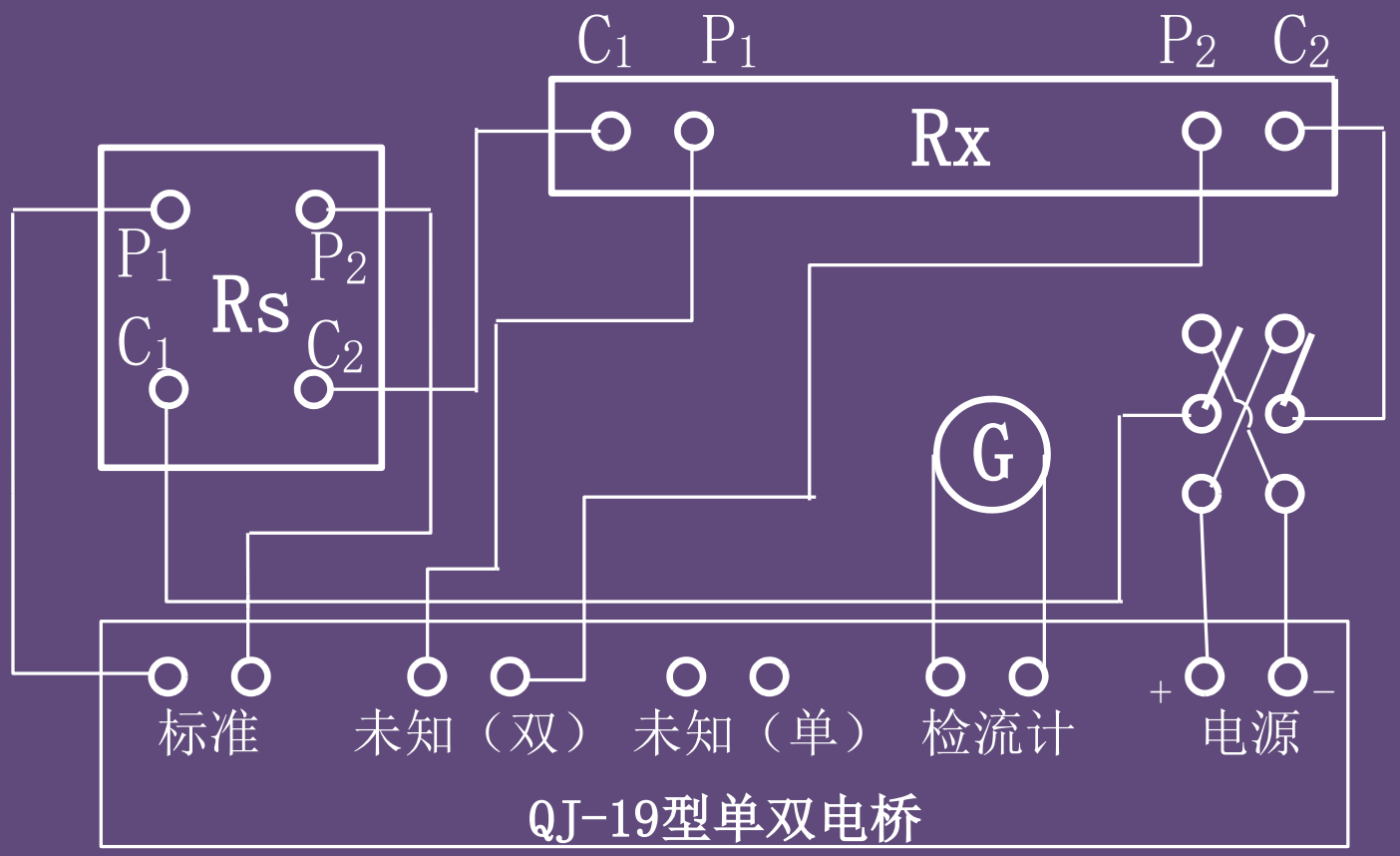


$$R_x = \frac{R}{R_1} R_s + \frac{r \cdot R_2}{r + R' + R_2} \left(\frac{R}{R_1} - \frac{R'}{R_2} \right)$$

Experimental apparatus

➢ Operation

1. Circuit diagram



2. Initial adjustment

◆ adjustment of double bridge

R1，R2—>$10^4\Omega$

Press fine adjustment button（细调）

Switch to“**double bridge**”（双桥）

◆ adjustment of galvanometer

Galvanometer switch gear-> “zero-adjustment（调零）”,turn the zero-adjustment knob to adjust

After zero-adjustment, switch gear-> maximum range “30mV”

◆ Adjustment of standard resistance

Generally, standard resistance ->“0.1Ω”， According to the actual situation to make corresponding adjustments during measurement. The selected principle： double bridge: 5 effective number, no more than the measurement range of double bridge.

◆ Adjustment of resistance

By adjusting the slider to select resistance's length to be measured， choose two lengths (200mm，400mm) to measure.

Notes: to ensure good contact with metal rods， tightening knobs during experiment.

3. Measurements (take 200mm copper rod as an example)

① insert copper bar at four terminal resistance box, adjusting the sliding side to 200mm.
② After zero-adjustment, switch gear-> maximum range “30mV”
③ Turn off reversing switch, adjust double bridge, Make the galvanometer indicated as ***zero***, adjust double bridge.
④ Adjust the galvanometer to “3mV”， adjust double bridge once more， make the galvanometer indicated as zero. Adjust gradually until galvanometer-> “30μV”, Balance indicator->0. Record R resistance of double bridge .
⑤ Turn the reversing switch to the other side， backward current, adjust bridge balance once more according to ③、 ④, record R.

Table I: Diameters of the copper rod

NO.	1	2	3	4	5	Average d
d (mm)	2.253	2.296	2.249	2.432	2.343	

Table II: Resistance and resistivity

R1=R2=10000 Ω

	L (mm)	R_S	R		$\bar{R}$	R_X	ρ	$\bar{\rho}$
			+	-				
Copper rod	200	0.01	588.87	598.14				
	400	0.1	118.99	119.77				

$R_x = \frac{R}{R_1} R_s$;

$\rho = \pi d^2 R_x / 4L$, d: diameter of copper rod,L:length of rod(200mm,400mm);

$U_\rho = \rho . \sqrt{(\frac{U_{R_x}}{R_x})^2 + 4(\frac{U_d}{\bar{d}})^2 + (\frac{U_L}{L})^2}; \frac{U_{R_x}}{R_x} = 0.005, U_L = 1mm,$

$U_d = \sqrt{{U_A}^2 + {U_B}^2}, U_A = s.\frac{t}{\sqrt{n}}, U_B = 0.004mm, (\frac{t}{\sqrt{n}} = 1.24, s = \sqrt{\frac{\sum(d_i - \bar{d})^2}{n-1}}, n = 5)$

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1. Please calculate and finish the tables in the slide,
2. Write a 500-word essay to describe the “the Double-Bridge Method”, and “the Van der Pauw Method”.

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