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# Measuring low-resistances using double bridge

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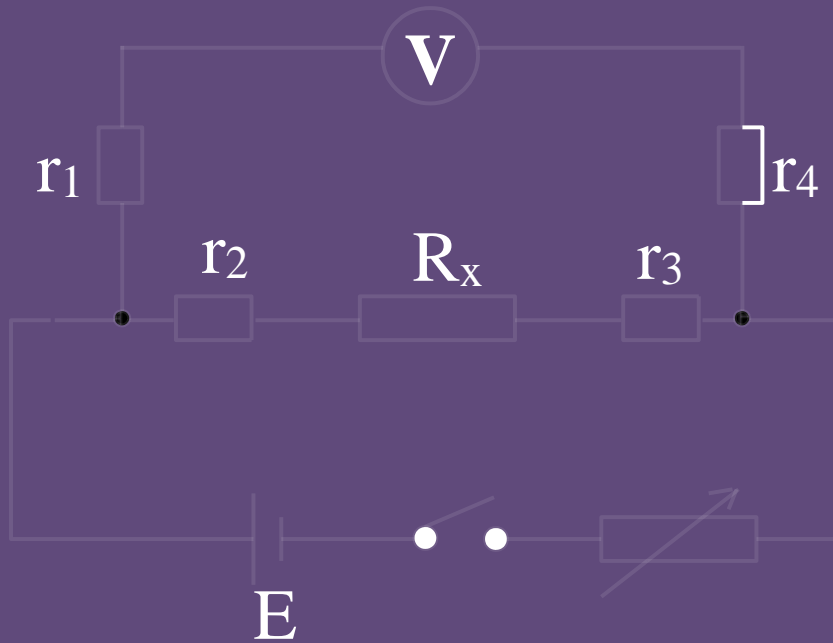
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# Experiment purposes

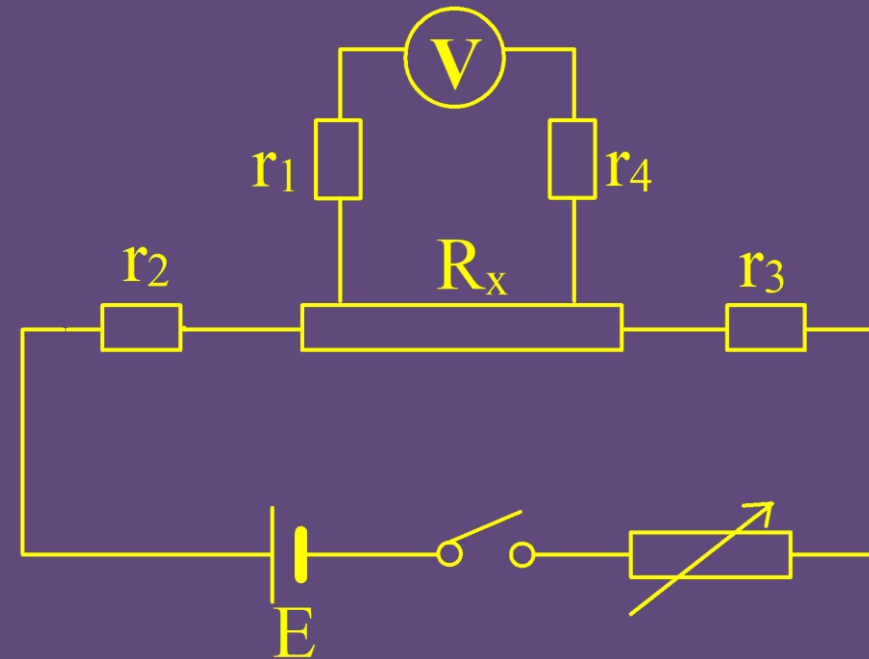
- Know the meaning of four probe method and structure of double bridge;
- Learn to use double bridge to measure **low resistance**;
- Learn to measure resistivity of conductor

# Principles

## ➤ Four Probe Method



- **Measuring resistance using Voltammetry,** contact resistance, conductor resistance, If  $r_2$  and  $r_3 \geq R_x$ , we can not use this circuit to measure  $R_x$ .



low resistance  $R_x \rightarrow$  two  
Current contact C-C,  
two Voltage contact P-P.

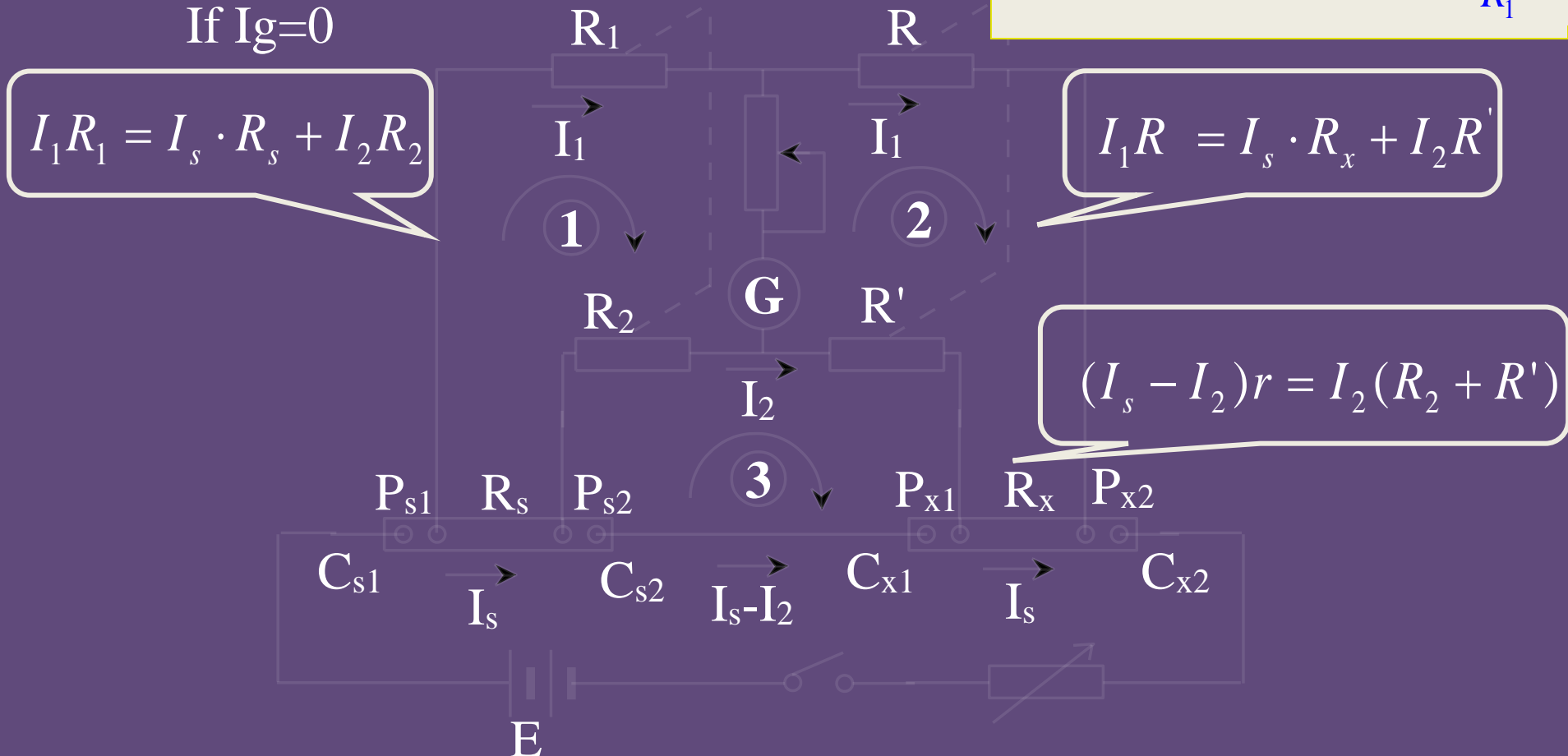
**Four-Probe Method**

Van der Pauw Method

- Measure low resistance using double bridge

If  $I_g = 0$

$$\text{If } R/R_1 = R'/R_2, R_x = \frac{R}{R_1} R_s$$



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

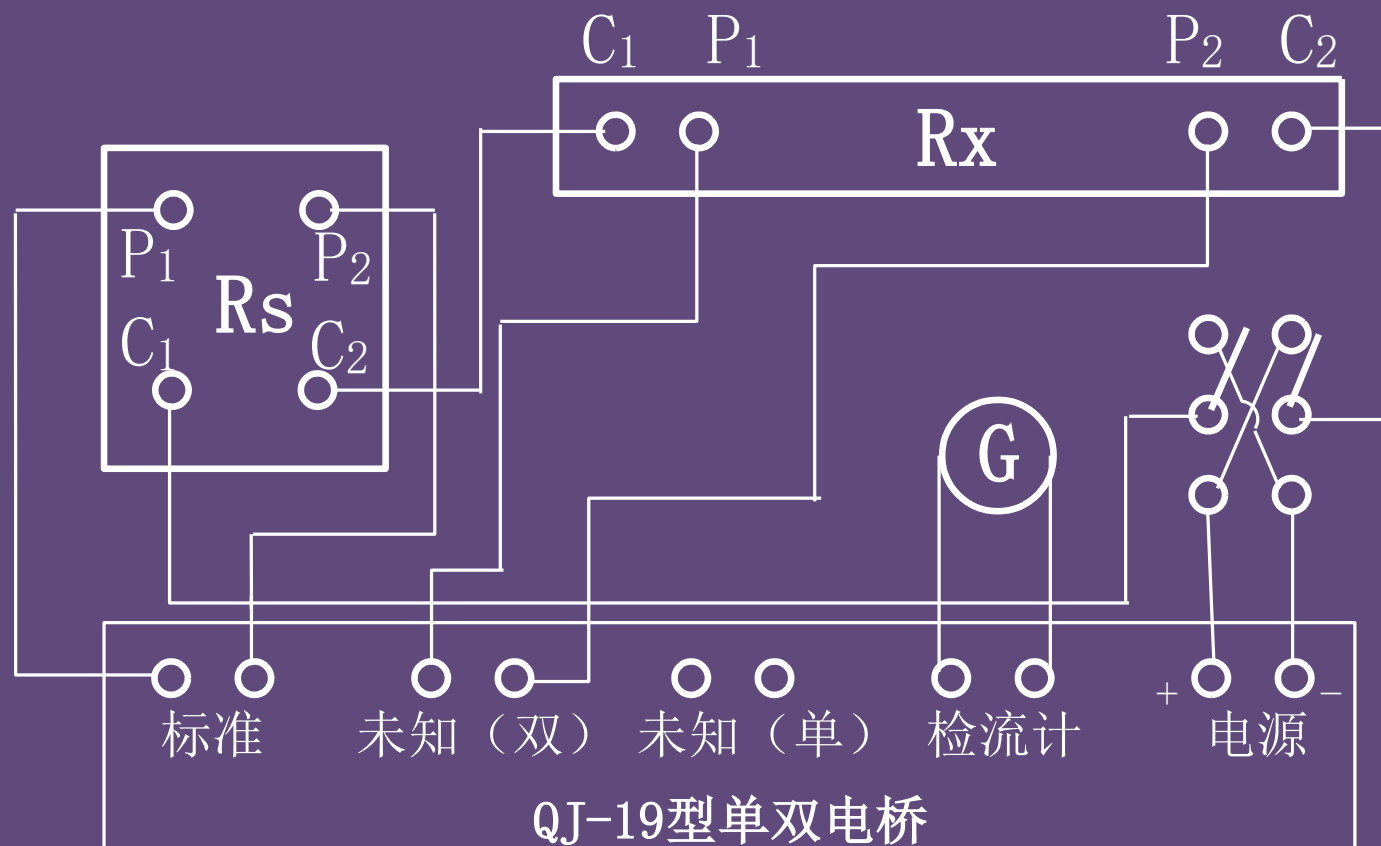
## ➤ Experimental apparatus





## ➤ Operation

### 1. Circuit diagram



## 2. Initial adjustment

### ◆ adjustment of double bridge

$R_1, R_2 \rightarrow 10^4 \Omega$

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”

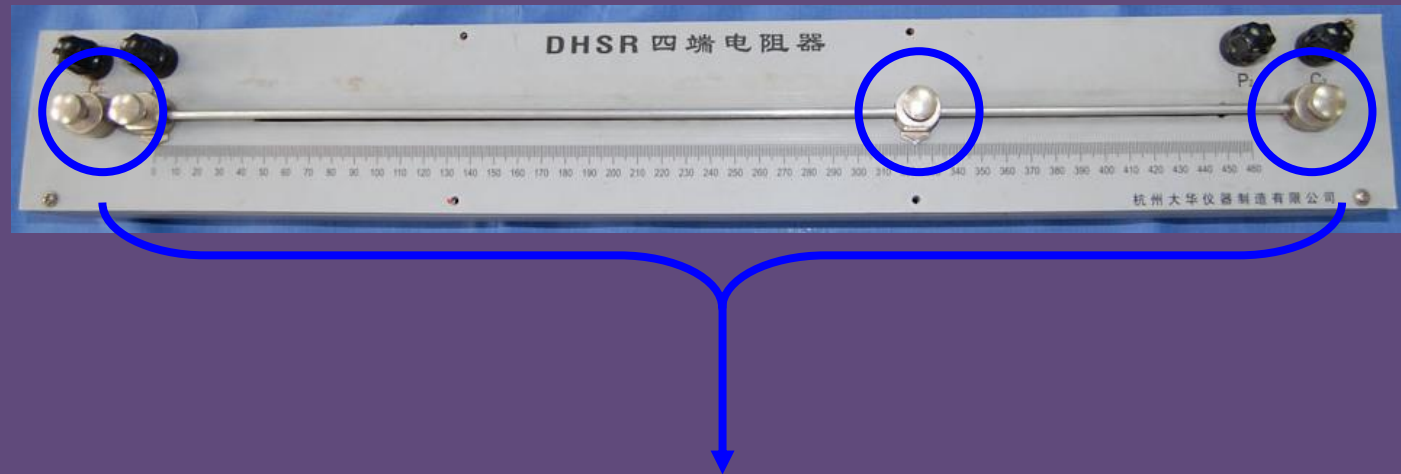
## ◆ Adjustment of standard resistance



Generally, standard resistance  $\rightarrow$  “**0.1 $\Omega$** ”, 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-> “30 $\mu$ V” , 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)						

Table II: Resistance and resistivity R1=R2=10000 Ω

	L (mm)	R <sub>S</sub>	R		$\bar{R}$	R <sub>X</sub>	$\rho$	$\bar{\rho}$
			+	-				
Copper rod	200	0.01						
	400	0.1						

$$R_x = \frac{R}{R_1} R_s, R_1 = 100000 ;$$
$$\rho = \pi d^2 R_x / 4L, d: \text{diameter of copper rod}, L: \text{length of rod}(200\text{mm}, 400\text{mm});$$
$$U_\rho = \rho \cdot \sqrt{\left(\frac{U_{R_x}}{R_x}\right)^2 + 4\left(\frac{U_d}{d}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{U_L}{L}\right)^2}; \frac{U_{R_x}}{R_x} = 0.005, U_L = 1\text{mm},$$
$$U_d = \sqrt{U_A^2 + U_B^2}, U_A = s \cdot \frac{t}{\sqrt{n}}, U_B = 0.004\text{mm}, \left(\frac{t}{\sqrt{n}} = 1.24, s = \sqrt{\frac{\sum (d_i - \bar{d})^2}{n - 1}}, n = 5\right)$$

Here is the weblink to download this slide:

<https://github.com/bliseu/phylab/>

Some useful links:

<https://www.elprocus.com/what-is-a-kelvin-double-bridge-and-its-working/>

<https://circuitglobe.com/kelvin-bridge.html>

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/abs/pii/S004060909490863X#:~:text=The%20Van%20der%20Pauw%20method%20is%20one%20of,the%20given%20graph%20was%20confirmed%20by%20numerical%20calculations.>

1. Please calculate and finish the tables in the slide, compare the calculated resistivity of copper with the theoretical value.
2. A 500-word description of the “Double-Bridge Method” and “Van der Pauw Method” should be given in the report.

The DEADLINE is **May 30, 2024**.



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