Chapter 2: Voltage, Current, and Resistance

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Atom

Visualization of atomic structure



Nucleus: positively charged (protons and neutrons)

Electrons: negatively charged

- Atomic number = number of protons
- # electrons = # protons







Shells

- Electrons are orbiting at different energy levels
- They are called shells
- They allow a fixed number of electrons (2N²)
 - Shell 1 allows $2x1^2 = 2 e^{-1}$
 - Shell 2 allows $2x2^2 = 8 e^{-1}$
 - Shell 3 allows 2x3² = 18 e⁻
 - Next is more complicated ...



Electrons in the outer shell (valence shell) are involved in chemical reactions and they account for electrical and thermal conductivity in metals



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Mandeleïv Table

Dimitri Ivanovitch Mandeleïv, Russian scientist, 1834-1907

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Li	Be											B	C	N	0	F	Ne
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K	Ca	Sc	Ti	V	Cr	Mn	Fe	Co	Ni	Cu	Zn	Ga	Ge	As	Se	Br	Kr
POTASSIUM	CALCIUM	SCANDIUM	TITANE	VANADIUM	CHROME	MANGANÈSE	FER	COBALT	NICKEL	CUIVRE	ZINC	GALLIUM	GERMANIUM	ARSENIC	SÉLÉNIUM	BROME	KRYPTON
37 85.468	38 87.62	39 88.906	40 91.224	41 92.906	42 95.94	43 (98)	44 101.07	45 102.91	46 108.42	47 107.87	48 112.41	49 114.82	50 118.71	51 121.76	52 127.60	53 128.90	54 131.29
Rb	Sr	Y	Zr	Nb	Mo	Te	Ru	Rh	Pd	Ag	Cd	In	Sn	Sb	Te	I	Xe
RUBIOIUM	STRONTIUM	YTTRUM	ZIRCONIUM	MUBDIA	MOLYBOENE	TECHNÉTIUM	RUTHÉMUM	RHODIUM	PALLADIUM	ARGENT	CADMIUM	INDIUM	ETAIN	ANTIMOINE	TELLURE	IODE	XENON
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Cs	Ba	La-Lu	Hf	Ta	W	Re	Os	Ir	Pt	Au	Hg	TI	Pb	Bi	Po	At	Rn
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ND

Pu

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Cm

Am

Cf

IBIK

Fm

Es

Md

NO

Atoms are looking for the most stable configuration

Atoms can become ions Ex: $H \Rightarrow H^+$

Conductors Semiconductors Insulators

LUTÉTIUM

Lip

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LANTHANE

Ac

Th

Pa

Copper atom



- Inner shell = Core
- Outer shell: 1 e⁻
- With energy this e⁻ can move freely
- Copper = excellent conductor



Electrical charge

There is a force (F) between electrical charges.



The force is directly proportional to charge.

The force is inversely proportional to square of distance.



Coulomb: the unit of charge

Charles Augustin Coulomb, French scientist, 1736-1806

▶ One **coulomb** is the total charge possessed by 6.25 x 10¹⁸ e⁻

• Charge of a single $e^- = 1.6 \times 10^{-19} C$

• Total charge
$$Q = \frac{number of e^-}{6.25 \times 10^{18} e^-/C}$$



Voltage

Alessandro Volta, Italian scientist, 1745-1827

Voltage = energy per unit of charge

$$V = \frac{W}{Q}$$

- V is voltage in volts, W is energy in joules (J), and Q is charge in coulombs (C).
- One volt is the potential difference (voltage) between two points when one joule of energy is used to move one coulomb of charge from one point to the other.



Voltage

- Ideal voltage source can provide a constant voltage
- Doesn't exist but can be closely approximated in practice



Voltage source graph



Voltage

Batteries and Sources

Voltage is responsible for establishing current





Current

André Marie Ampère, French scientist, 1775-1836

Random motion of free electrons in a material



Electrons flow from negative to positive when a voltage is applied across a conductive material



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Current

Ampere: the unit of current

Electrical current is the rate of flow of charge

- I is current in amperes (A), Q is the charge of the electrons in coulombs (C), and t is time in seconds (s)
- One ampere (1 A) is the amount of current that exists when a number of electrons having a total charge of one coulomb (1 C) move through a given cross-sectional area in one second (1 s).





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Current

- An ideal current source can provide a constant current in any load.
- Does not exist but can approximated in practice





Resistance

Georg Simon Ohm, German scientist, 1787-1854

- Resistance is the opposition to current
- One ohm (1 Ω) of resistance exists when there is one ampere (1 A) of current in a material with one volt (1 V) applied across the material







Conductance

Ernst Werner von Siemens, Russian scientist, 1816-1892

Conductance is the reciprocal of resistance

 $G=\frac{1}{R}$

The unit of conductance is the siemens, symbolized by S.



Resistance color-code



Mnemonic phrase

Better Be Right Or Your Great Big Venture Goes West



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Variable resistors

Variable resistors include the potentiometer and rheostat. The center terminal of a variable resistor is connected to the wiper.





Wire resistance

Resistance of wire is:

ρ is the resistivity in Ω.m, / the length in meter (m), and A is the cross sectional area in m²

 $R=\frac{\rho l}{A}$



Circuits

Voltage source + Load + path for current

Wire conductor (current path)



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Circuit and switch



Switch ON circuit is closed



Switch OFF circuit is open



Ammeter & Voltmeter



