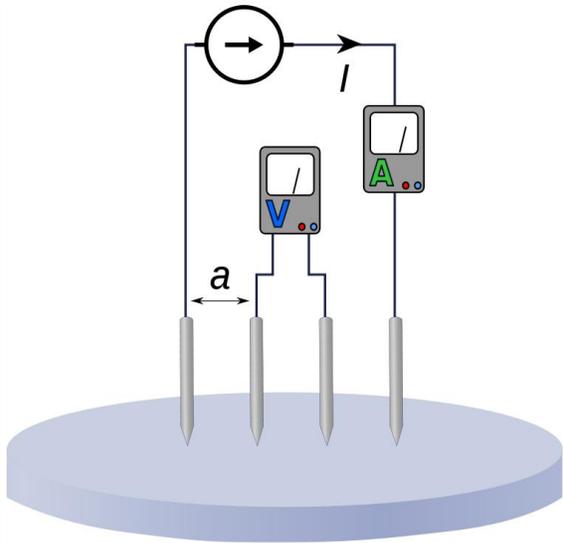


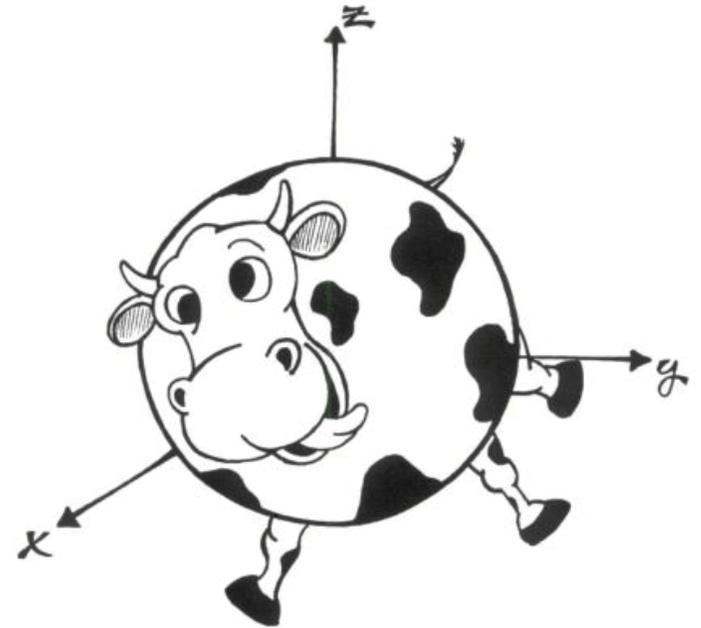
## Resistivity

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

Compare and Contrast electrical resistivity measurements in linear 4 probe and Montgomery



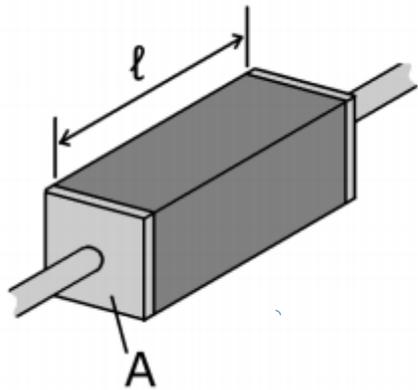
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# What is Electrical Resistivity

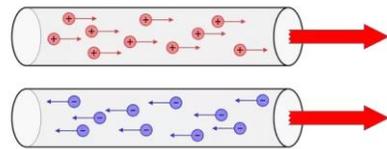
**Electrical resistivity** Fundamental property of a material that quantifies how strongly the material opposes the flow of electric current. A low resistivity indicates a material that readily allows the flow of electric current

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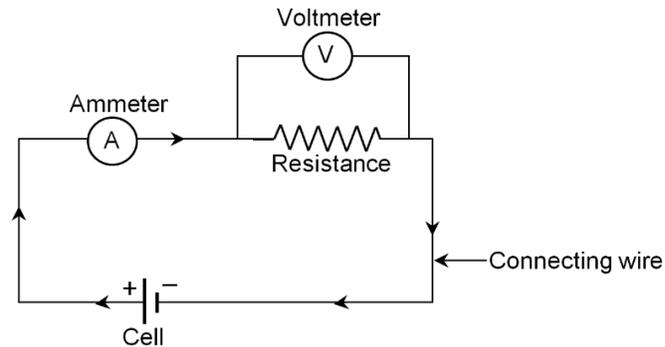


Resistivity

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



$$I = V/R$$

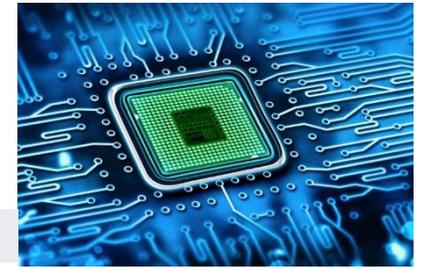


**Georg Simon Ohm**  
1789 - 1854

*Alternative expression*

$E = \rho J$   $E =$  Electric Field,  $J =$  Current Density

# Motivation for finding electrical resistivity



To know the material ---- Metal, Semiconductor, Superconductor, Insulator

Resistivity gives us idea about other physical quantities of interest – Mobility of electron and hole in semiconductor ( Grain size , mid-gap states)

(Condensed Matter Physics) Electrical Transport measurement

Phase transitions in conducting materials are observable as a sharp feature or change in slope of the temperature dependence of the resistivity.

Presence of anisotropies in electrical transport can reflect the presence of broken rotational symmetries.

Measurement of these anisotropies can contribute to understanding the nature and origin of associated phase transitions, particularly those that are driven by interactions at the Fermi-level

In the case of an electronic nematic phase transition close to the critical temperature the resistivity anisotropy is proportional to the nematic order parameter.

## Determination of the resistivity anisotropy of orthorhombic materials via transverse resistivity measurements

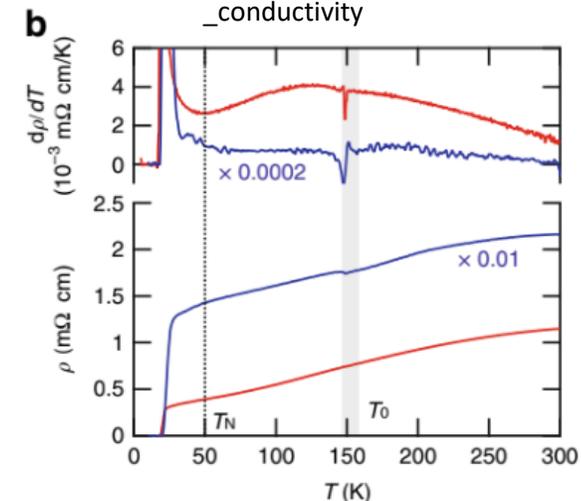
P. Walmsley<sup>1,2, a)</sup> and I. R. Fisher<sup>1,2</sup>

$\rho$  ( $\Omega \cdot m$ ) at 20 °C

Silver	$1.59 \times 10^{-8}$
Copper	$1.68 \times 10^{-8}$
Annealed copper <sup>[b]</sup>	$1.72 \times 10^{-8}$
Gold <sup>[c]</sup>	$2.44 \times 10^{-8}$
GaAs	$1.00 \times 10^{-3}$ to $1 \times 10^8$
Germanium <sup>[l]</sup>	$4.6 \times 10^{-1}$
Fused quartz	$7.5 \times 10^{17}$
PET	$1 \times 10^{21}$
Teflon	$1 \times 10^{23}$ to $1 \times 10^{25}$

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# Problem !!!!! Contact Resistance

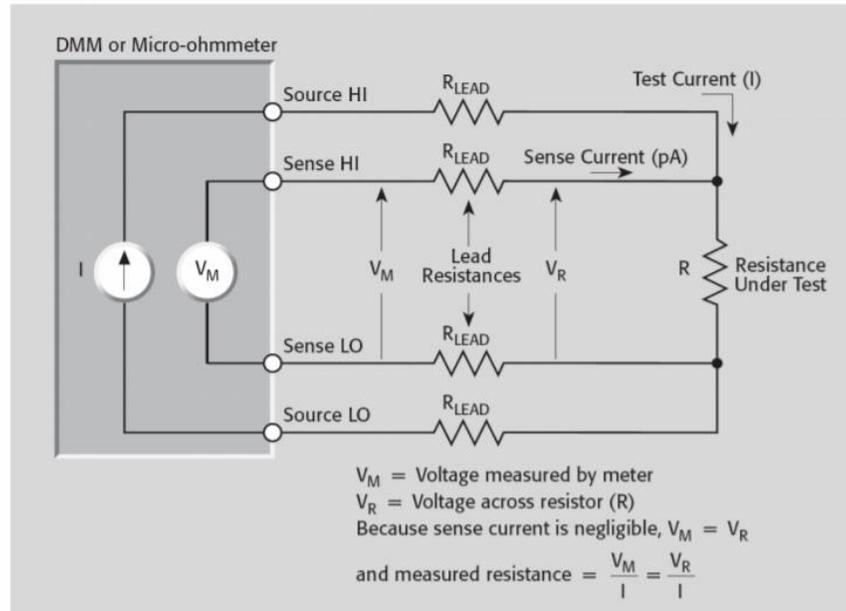
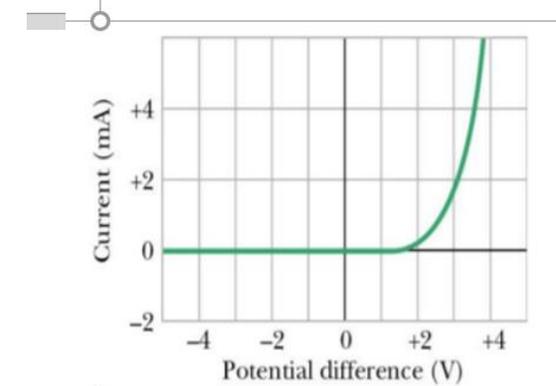
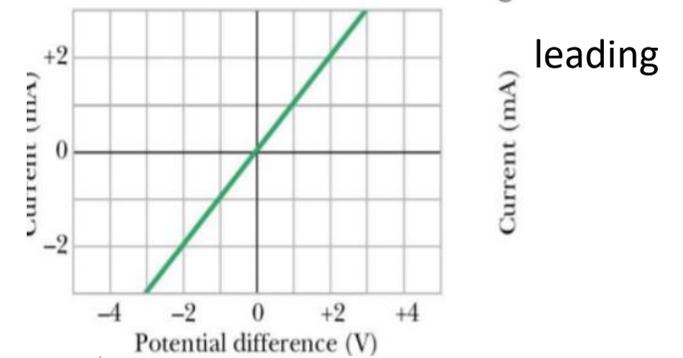
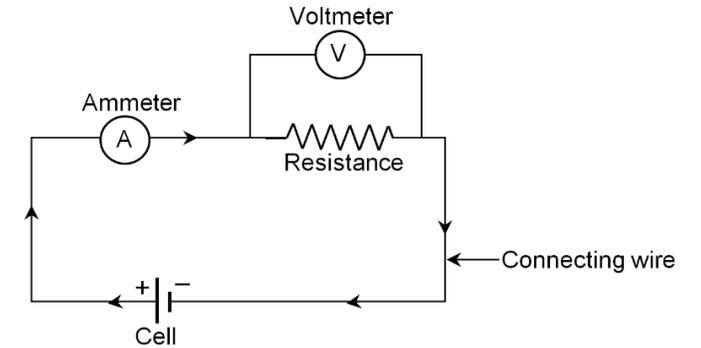
Resistance due to interface of electrical leads and connections (Parasitic resistance)

Due to oxidation of metal on the surface of the metal used

Ways to avoid contact resistance

Metal and Metal --- soldering, welding

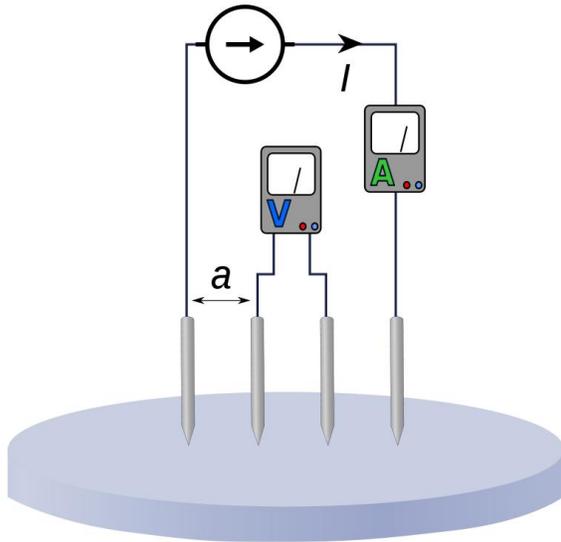
Semiconductor -----Metal in contact with highly doped polycrystalline leading to quantum tunneling



Resistivity measurements April 16, 2014 590B Makariy A.

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# History



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American Physicist Frank Wenner (1873-1954) (American Bureau of Standards) invented Wenner array to measure resistivity of soil

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The 100th anniversary of the four-point probe technique: the role of probe geometries in isotropic and anisotropic systems

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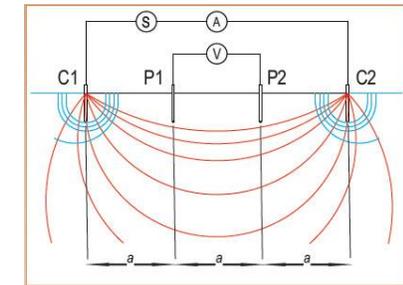
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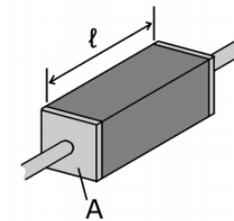
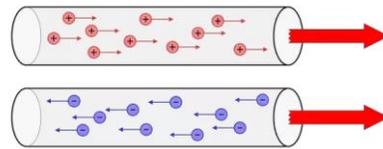
- Finite shape and size

Two length scales -----Spacing between probes and Dimension of sample

Two Special case

Semi infinite 3D sample

Infinite 2D sheets

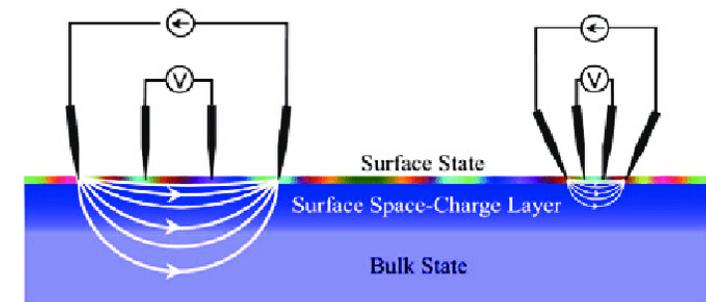


Resistivity

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

It's all about how current distribute in sample

We have opened Pandora's box.



# Special Case: Semi –infinite 3D and infinite 2D sheets

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## 2. Four-probe methods for isotropic semi-infinite 3D bulks and infinite 2D sheets

For the ideal case of a 3D semi-infinite material with the four electrodes equally spaced and aligned along a straight line (a 4P in-line array, see figure 1(b)), the material resistivity is given by [6]

$$\rho_{3D}^{line} = 2\pi s \frac{V}{I}, \quad (2.1)$$

where  $V$  is the measured voltage drop between the two inner probes,  $I$  is the current flowing through the outer pair of probes and  $s$  is the probe spacing between the two probes. Equation (2.1) can be easily derived considering that the current  $+I$ , injected by first electrode in figure 1(a), spreads spherically into a homogeneous and isotropic material. Therefore, at a distance  $r_1$  from this electrode, the current density  $J = I/2\pi r_1^2$  and the associated electric field, i.e. the negative gradient of the potential, can be expressed as

$$E(r_1) = \rho J = \frac{\rho I}{2\pi r_1^2} = -\frac{dV}{dr}. \quad (2.2)$$

By integrating both sides of (2.2), the potential at a point  $P$  reads

$$\int_0^V dV = -\frac{\rho I}{2\pi} \int_0^r \frac{dr}{r^2} \Rightarrow V(P) = \frac{I\rho}{2\pi r_1}. \quad (2.3)$$

For the scenario shown in figure 1(a), the voltage drop is then given by the potential difference measured between the two probes, i.e.

$$V(P) = \frac{I\rho}{2\pi r_1} - \frac{I\rho}{2\pi r_2} = \frac{I\rho}{2\pi} \left( \frac{1}{r_1} - \frac{1}{r_2} \right). \quad (2.4)$$

This concept can be easily extended to 4P geometries where the problem of contact resistances (see above) is usually avoided. According to figure 1(b), the concept presented above can be generalized and the voltage drop between the two inner probes of a 4P in-line array is

$$V = V_2 - V_3 = \frac{I\rho}{2\pi} \left[ \left( \frac{1}{s_1} - \frac{1}{s_2} \right) - \left( \frac{1}{s_3} - \frac{1}{s_4} \right) \right], \quad (2.5)$$

which, for the special case of an equally spaced 4P probe geometry (with  $s_1 = s_4 = s$  and  $s_2 = s_3 = 2s$ ), is equivalent to (2.1).

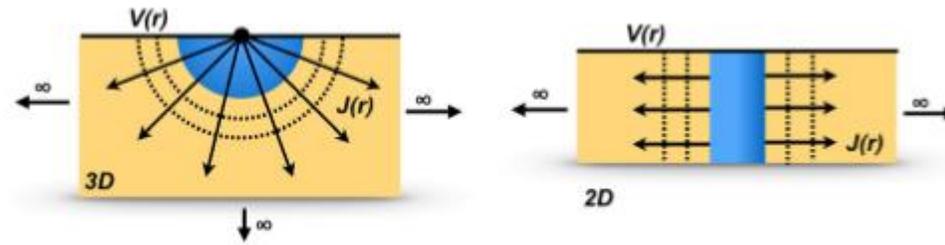


Figure 2. Voltage  $V(r)$  and current density  $J(r)$  profiles for a semi-infinite 3D material and infinite 2D sheet.

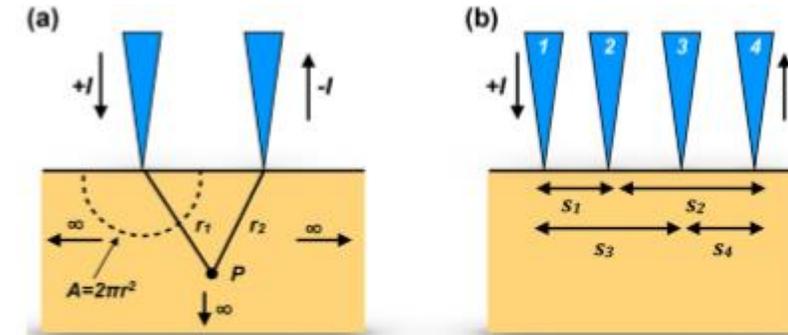
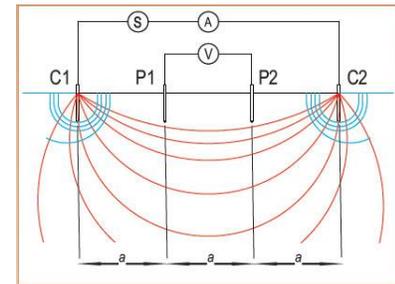


Figure 1. Schematics of (a) a two-point probe and (b) a collinear 4P probe array with equidistant spacing.



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# Contd.....

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- For thickness  $t \ll S$  (probe spacing)

$$E(r) = \rho J = \frac{\rho I}{2\pi r t} = -\frac{dV}{dr}.$$

Repeating the same steps as for (2.3)–(2.5), a loga dependency is obtained for the voltage drop between inner probes:

$$V = V_2 - V_3 = \frac{I\rho}{2\pi t} \ln\left(\frac{s_2 s_3}{s_1 s_4}\right).$$

In the case of an equally spaced in-line 4P geometry  $t$  resistivity is given by

$$\rho_{2D}^{\text{line}} = \frac{\pi t}{\ln 2} \frac{V}{I},$$

i.e. the resistance is not dependent on the probe distance directly underlines the 2D character of the specimen. of a homogenous and finitely thick sample the resistiv be assumed to be constant, thus the bulk resistivity is often replaced by the so-called sheet resistance  $R_{\text{sh}}$  defined as

$$R_{\text{sh}} = \frac{\rho}{t} \quad (\Omega). \quad (2.9)$$

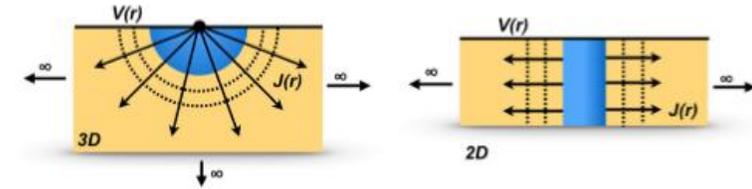
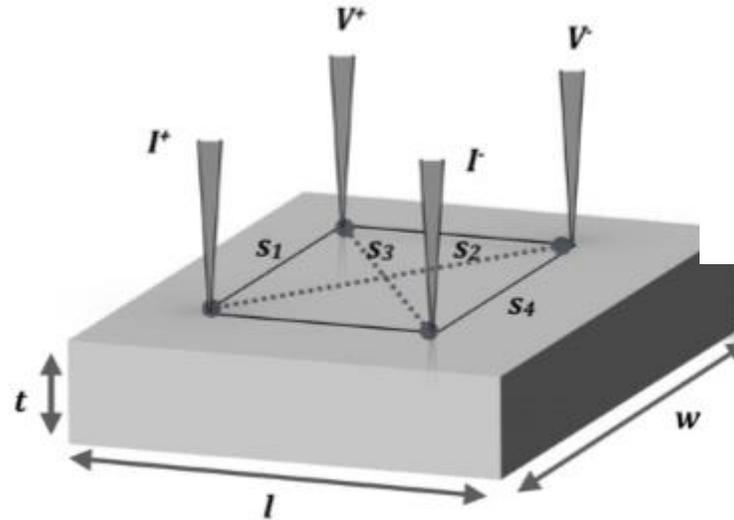
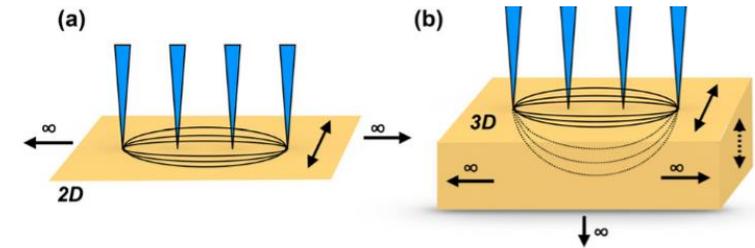


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Sample shape	4P in-line
3D bulk <sup>a</sup>	$2\pi s \frac{V}{I}$
2D sheet <sup>b</sup>	$\frac{\pi}{\ln 2} \frac{V}{I}$
1D wire <sup>a</sup>	$\frac{\sum V}{s} \frac{V}{I}$

# Correction Factor for finite thickness

$$\text{Resistivity } \rho = F1.F2.F3 \text{ (V/I)}$$

Correction factor

It's all about how current distribute in sample

- a) Thickness of sample (F1)
- b) Position of probe from edge of sample (F2)
- c) Lateral dimension of the sample (F3)

$$\rho = R_{\text{sh-2D}}^{\text{line}} \cdot t \cdot F_1 \left( \frac{t}{s} \right) = \left[ \frac{\pi}{\ln 2} \frac{V}{I} \right] \cdot t \cdot F_1 \left( \frac{t}{s} \right)$$

$$F_1 = \frac{\ln 2}{\ln \{ [\sinh (t/s)] / [\sinh (t/2s)] \}}$$

# Anisotropy in crystal structure

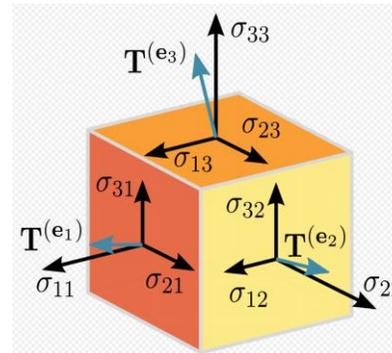
## Electrical resistivity : Scalar or Tensor

*Alternative expression*

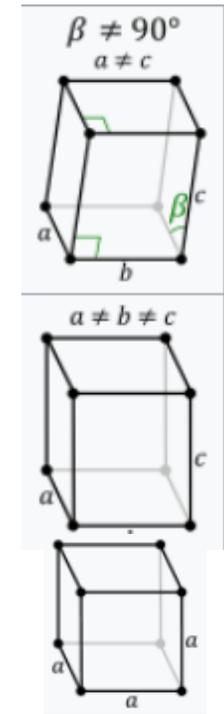
$$E = \rho J \quad E = \text{Electric Field}, J = \text{Current Density}$$

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$$\begin{bmatrix} E_x \\ E_y \\ E_z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \rho_{xx} & \rho_{xy} & \rho_{xz} \\ \rho_{yx} & \rho_{yy} & \rho_{yz} \\ \rho_{zx} & \rho_{xx} & \rho_{xx} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} J_x \\ J_y \\ J_z \end{bmatrix}$$



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Symmetric tensor by Reciprocity theorem

Six independent components

Further reduces down to one two or three or more depending on crystal symmetry

Cubic ---1 , Trigonal and Tetragonal -2 ..... Orthorhombic -3 Monoclinic ----6

Why not only three ? Diagonalize symmetric matrix and find 3 eigenvectors( principal axis)

Yes. For specific orientation only 3 independent components is sufficient . But its impossible to know the required orientation apriori from crystal structure alone.

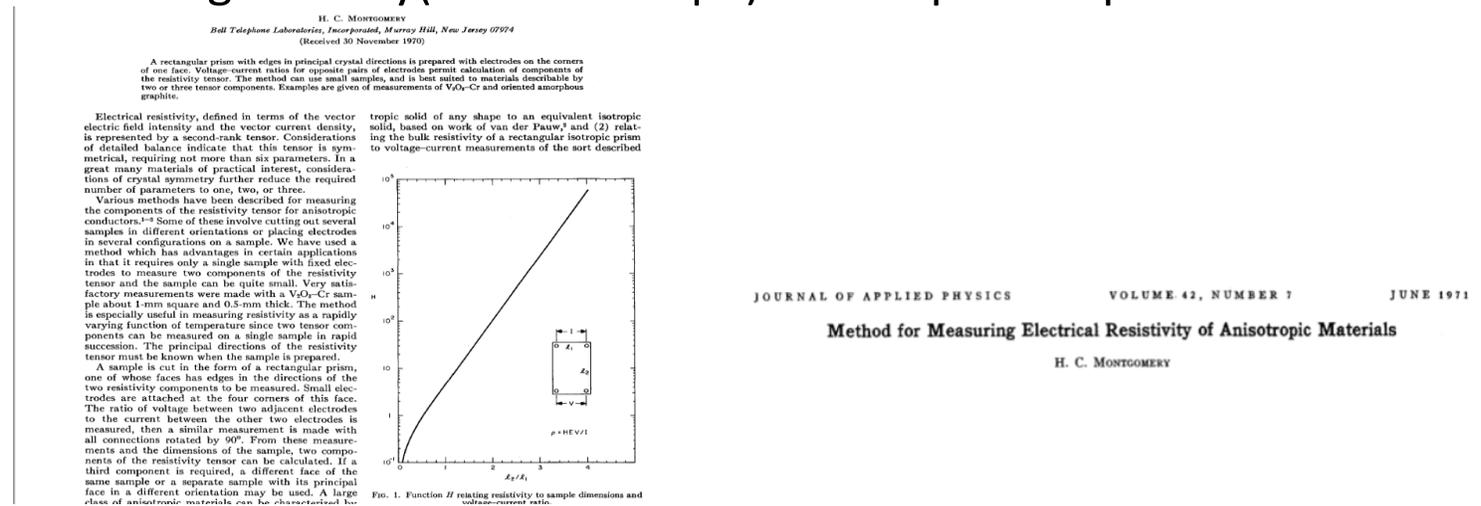
# Montgomery Method: Exploring unknown with known

In 1970 Montgomery proposed a **GRAPHICAL** method for specifying the resistivity of anisotropic materials cut in the form of a parallelepiped with the three orthogonal edges  $l'_1$   $l'_2$   $l'_3$  sides

Consists of basically two steps.

Step 1: Wasscher mapping : Mapping isotropic parallelepiped on an anisotropic parallelepiped

Step 2: Relating the bulk resistivity of a rectangular isotropic prism to voltage- current measurements ( Taking account of geometry(size and shape) of sample and probe



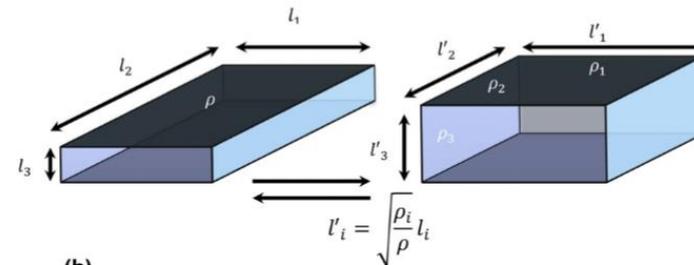
# Montgomery Method Step 1: Wasscher mapping

Let  $l_1, l_2, l_3$  and  $l'_1, l'_2, l'_3$  are sides of isotropic and anisotropic material

$\rho_1, \rho_2$  and  $\rho_3$  resistivity of anisotropic material and  $\rho =$  resistivity of isotropic material

$$\text{Mapping } \rho^3 = \rho_1 \rho_2 \rho_3 \text{ and } l_i = l'_i \left( \frac{\rho_i}{\rho} \right)^{1/2}$$

Mapping preserves preserve voltage and current relationship,  
i.e. they do not affect the resistance R



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*Anisotropic solid can be mapped to an equivalent isotropic solid. Equivalent means that when identical currents flow into corresponding contact areas on the two solids the potential differences between corresponding points are identical.*

# Montgomery Method Step 2: Relating bulk resistivity with voltage and current

Relating the bulk resistivity of a rectangular isotropic prism to voltage-current measurements  
Taking account of geometry (size and shape) of sample and probe.

$$\rho = H \left( \frac{l_2}{l_1} \right) E R \quad \text{where } E \text{ is the effective thickness}$$

$H$  is the correction factor for finite size (lateral dimension)

- Effective thickness equal to real thickness for  $\frac{l_3}{(l_1 l_2)^{1/2}} < 1$

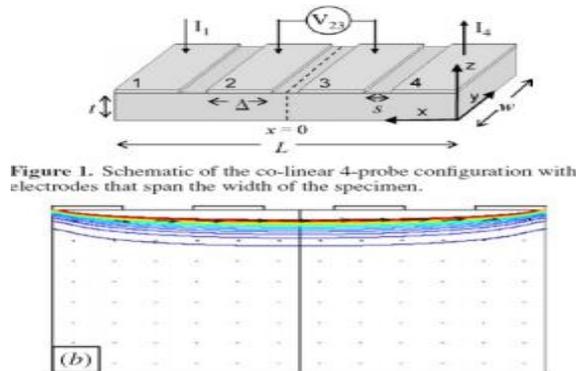


Figure 1. Schematic of the co-linear 4-probe configuration with electrodes that span the width of the specimen.

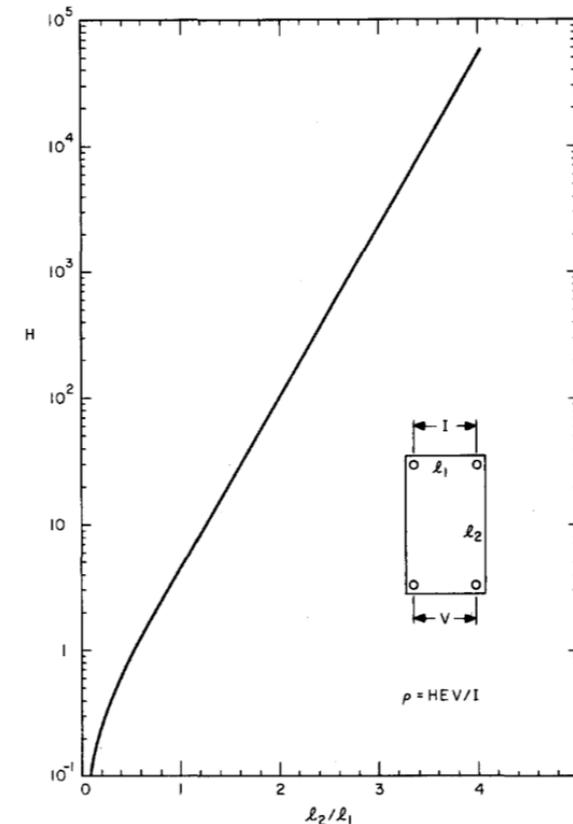


FIG. 1. Function  $H$  relating resistivity to sample dimensions and voltage-current ratio.

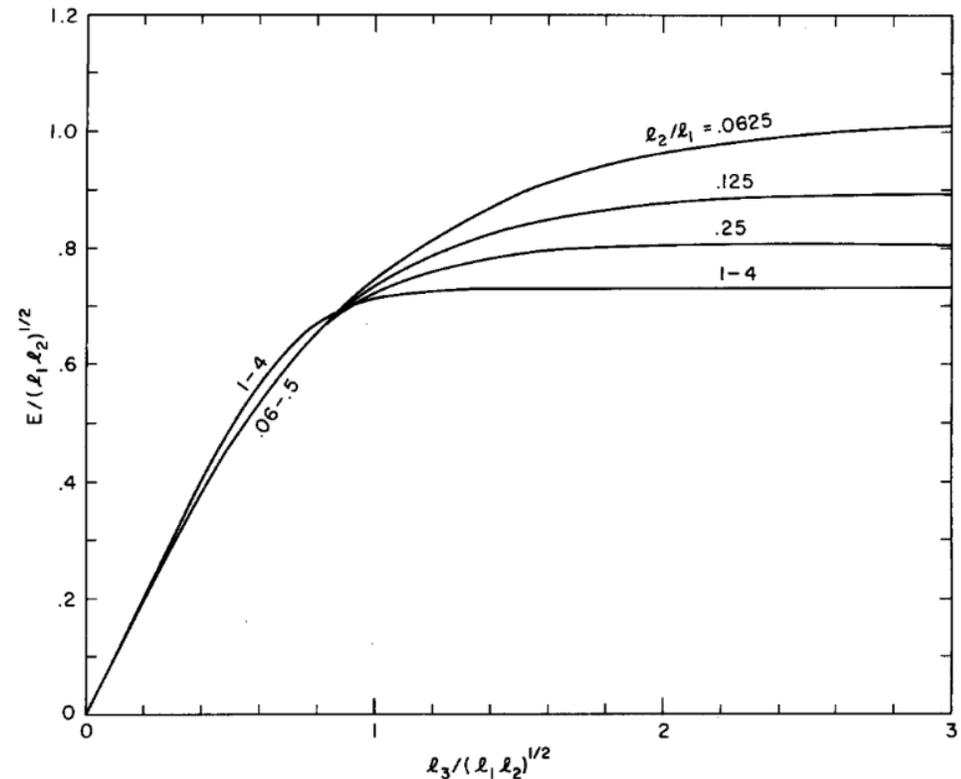
# Montgomery Method Step 2: Relating bulk resistivity with voltage and current

- H and E are independent parameters

$$\text{For } \frac{l_3}{(l_1 l_2)^{1/2}} < 1$$

$E/(l_1 l_2)^{1/2}$  is fairly independent of  $l_2/l_1$

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Method for Measuring Electrical Resistivity of Anisotropic Materials  
H. C. MONTGOMERY



# Not end yet but its getting there....Procedure.....

Step 1: Van der Pauw resistivity measurements

$R_1 = V_1/I_1$   $V_1$  voltage between the two contacts on an edge  $l_1'$   
 $I_1$  the current between the opposite two contacts  $l_2'$

Current and Voltage connections are rotated by 90 degree to get  $R_2$ .  
 $R_2/R_1$  is independent of thickness

From  $l_i = l_i'(\rho_i/\rho)^{1/2}$  we get  $(\rho_2/\rho_1)^{1/2} = (l_2/l_1)(l_1'/l_2')$  .....i

Using  $\rho = H \left(\frac{l_2}{l_1}\right) E R$  and  $l_i = l_i'(\rho_i/\rho)^{1/2}$  and assuming  $\frac{l_3}{(l_1 l_2)^{1/2}} < 1$

$$(\rho_2 \rho_1)^{1/2} = H l_3' R_1 \text{ .....ii}$$

Solving (i) and (ii) we get  $\rho_1$  and  $\rho_2$

We use Graph to find value of H and  $(l_2/l_1)$  -----GRAPHICAL METHOD

Second sample face normal to first one is used to find  $\rho_3$

If sample thickness is not small and all three resistivity are different

We assume any value of  $\rho_3$  and make multiple measurement on two perpendicular face until we get self consistent solution.

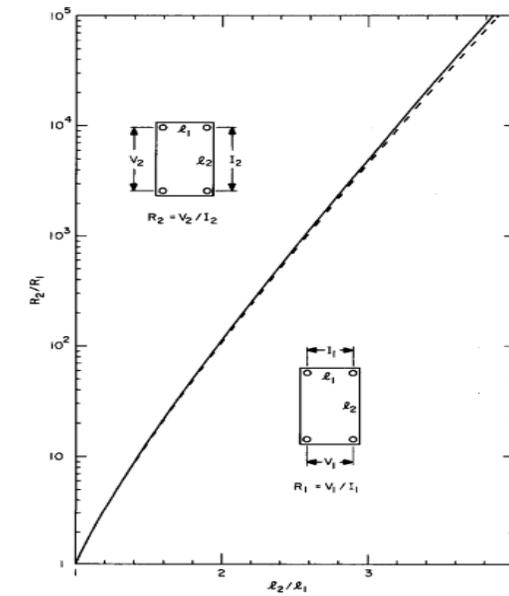
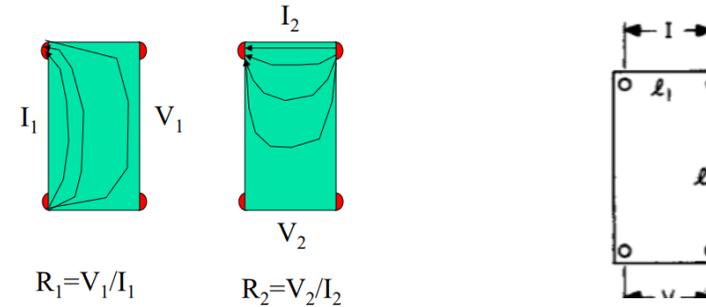


FIG. 3. Resistance ratio versus sample dimension ratio. Solid line is for a thin sample; dashed line for a thick sample. Details of thickness dependence given in Table II.

# Why to take all this trouble ? Why not Linear Four Probe

We can measure resistivity in various direction with single sample , same sets of electrodes in quick succession.

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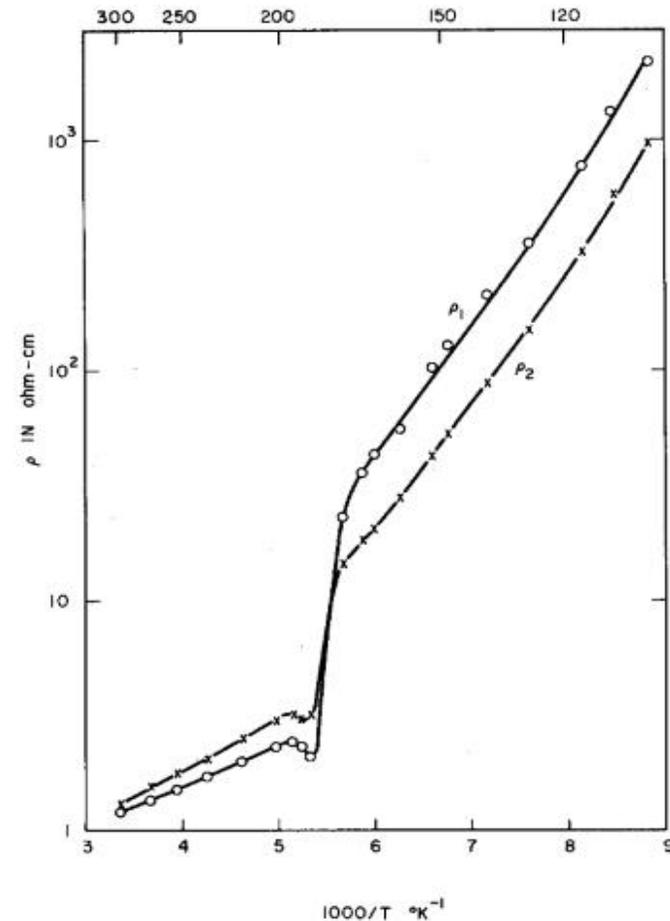


FIG. 4. Resistivity components for a  $V_2O_5$ -Cr sample at various temperatures;  $\rho_2$  is parallel to the  $c$  axis.

# No Free lunch

Montgomery method also has many limitations.

- Too many assumptions ( e.g. Validity of Wasscher mapping )
- For the Montgomery method to be valid the sample must be square or rectangular in the plane and of constant thickness.
- Highly sensitive to current path (Sample homogeneity)
- Measured voltage have non linear relationship with sample thickness.

# Comparative study

$$\rho = R_{\text{sh-2D}}^{\text{line}} \cdot t \cdot F_1 \left( \frac{t}{s} \right) = \left[ \frac{\pi V}{\ln 2 I} \right] \cdot t \cdot F_1 \left( \frac{t}{s} \right)$$

$$F_1 = \frac{\ln 2}{\ln \left\{ \frac{\sinh(t/s)}{\sinh(t/2s)} \right\}}$$



	Linear Four Probe	Montgomery
Crystal Symmetry	Isotropic Material $\rho$	Anisotropic Material $\rho_1, \rho_2$ and $\rho_3$
Sensitivity	Less susceptible to sample thickness and homogeneity compared to Montgomery	Highly sensitive to sample thickness. Doesn't account for probe position. Based on validity assumptions
Availability of Sample	Many samples	Few samples
Sample Geometry	Thin films or very bulky sample Correction Factor are well defined for finite thickness	Good for parallelepiped but can have various thickness
Time and Simultaneity	Simultaneous measurements of $\rho_1, \rho_2$ and $\rho_3$ is not possible	<p>*** Simultaneous measurement of <math>\rho_1, \rho_2</math> and <math>\rho_3</math> is possible</p> <p>*** Ubiquitous signatures of nematic quantum criticality in optimally doped Fe-based superconductors.  <a href="#">Kuo HH<sup>1</sup></a>, <a href="#">Chu JH<sup>2</sup></a>, <a href="#">Palmstrom JC<sup>2</sup></a>, <a href="#">Kivelson SA<sup>3</sup></a>, <a href="#">Fisher IR</a></p> <p>Possible to measure in quick</p>

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