### Automated Resistance Measurement Systems w/ Sub-PPM Accuracies



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E(Volts) =R(Ohms) x I(Amps)



**Standard Resistor** 

#### Temperature



- 961.78°C Freezing Point of Silver
- 660.323°C Freezing Point of Aluminum
- 419.527°C Freezing Point of Zinc
- 231.928°C Freezing Point of Tin
- 156.5985°C Freezing Point of Indium
- 29.7646°C Melting Point of Gallium
- 0.01°C Triple Point of Water
  - -38.8344°C Triple Point of Mercury
  - -189.3442°C Triple Point of Argon

#### Measuring Resistance Ratios:

Passing a current through two or more resistors in series and measuring the ratio of voltages developed across the resistors

Passing known ratios of current through each pair of resistors until the voltage drop across each resistor is equal



Voltage Ratios:



**Current Ratios:** 





#### **Ratio Measurement Device**



#### **Resistor Ratio Measurement**



#### SPRT Ratio Measurement

#### Two New Technologies: <.1 PPM Measurement Systems

#### High Resistance: 1000 Ohm - 1G Ohm Binary Voltage Divider Technology

Low Resistance: .001 Ohm - 10K Ohm Binary Wound Direct Current Comparator Technology

#### **Binary Voltage Divider:**

• History Limitations Advantages Applications Block Diagram

#### **Binary Voltage Divider:**



#### **Ratio Measurement Calculation:**



 $\mathbf{R}\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{R}\mathbf{s} \mathbf{x} \mathbf{R}\mathbf{a}\mathbf{t}\mathbf{i}\mathbf{o}$ 

# Binary Voltage Divider:1K to 10M Ohm:<0.1 ppm</td>10M to 100M Ohm:<0.5 ppm</td>100M to 1G Ohm:<5 ppm</td>

All Four Wire Measurements @ 1-100 Volts DC

Range: Resolution: Ratio: Linearity: 1K to 1G Ohms DVM / Detector Dependant 1:1, 10:1, 100:1, 1000:1 Self Calibration to ±0.01 ppm Binary Voltage Divider:
Source Voltage: 1 to 100 Volts
4 - Four Terminal Inputs via Rear Panel
All Communication over IEEE488

Windows Operating Software

• Self Calibrating - w/ stored corrections

## Binary Voltage Divider:

• Primary Std. for 10K to 1G Build Up

Automatically Assigns Values and Calculates Uncertainties

Voltage Coefficients of High Value Air Resistors

• Automated Potentiometer - Voltage Maintenance

• History Limitations Advantages Applications Block Diagram



Es = Ex IsRs = IxRx IsNs = IxNx Rx = Nx/Ns x Rs



. 1u to 1.0u Ohm:
1.0u to 1.0m Ohm:
1.0m to 100m Ohm:
100m to 10K Ohm:
1.0 to 10K Ohm:
10K to 10K:

<10 ppm <1.0 ppm <0.2 ppm <0.1 ppm <0.1 ppm <0.2 ppm 100 to 2000 Amps 100 to 2000 Amps 1 to 100 Amps 10mA to 10 Amps 10uA to 150mA 10uA to 2mA

Range: 0.001 to 10K OhmsResolution: ±0.001 ppm of Full ScaleRatio: 0 to 13Linearity: Self Calibration to ±0.01 ppm

• Low Current & Voltage Noise • Range Extenders to 20,000 Amps Measurement Speed Verifiable Throughout Range Manual or IEEE488 Interface Windows Operating Software • Self Calibration - no stored corrections

• Primary Resistance Intercomparison < 10K Ohms

Automated DC Thermometry Bridge

Automated Current Shunt System

• 13:1 Ratio - QHE Applications



**Automated Resistor Calibration** 





Multiple Channel Automation



### Automated Temperature Calibration



Automated QHE Resistance System



**Automation Requirements:**  Multiple Channels Windows Interface Task Programmable • Mathematics Capabilities • System Verification Document Generation Customization Turn Key System No Manual Intervention

Laboratory Issues: **\$** Speed **\$** Accuracy **\$** Measurement Range **\$** Reliability **\$** Complete Automation **\$** Verifiable





Multiple System Advantage
Speed and Accuracy
Turn-Key System
Proven Technology

