What is Total Current?

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'Total Current' is defined by eq. 3. Section 328, Vol. 1 J.C. Maxwell (1865) "A Treatise on Electricity and Magnetism"

Illinois Institute of Technology Rush University Medical Center University of Illinois Chicago Total Current is defined by Maxwell as the source of the magnetic field, in his version of Ampere's law. Ampere's law in a vacuum defines radiation only if the displacement current is included in the definition of total current. Maxwell says that "the true electric current that on which the electromagnetic phenomena depend, is not the same thing as the current of conduction, but that the time-variation of the electric displacement, must be taken into account in estimating the total movement of electricity,"

Maxwell's statement is unambiguous, but it is overlooked in almost all textbooks of electrodynamics since roughly 1905. Overlooking displacement current has serious consequences for modern electronics. The ignored displacement current is important in modern circuits. It is particularly large in digital circuits in which the fundament bits and bytes last only a handful of nanoseconds. The displacement current is described by a differential equation in time. Ignoring the derivative in time means losing the boundary condition in time, the initial condition that establishes the charges in the circuit that drive the steady state current. If charge is ignored, paradoxes and contradictions arise when considering circuits. Maxwell himself analyzed stratified conductors and dielectrics and discussed at length the transients that arise from the time derivative of displacement current. If only conduction current is used in the analysis, these time derivatives disappear. Total current accounts for the transients prominent in experiments. Maxwell shows that the model of conduction must be changed to include *ad hoc* capacitors—with values determined phenomenologically—to produce the transients found in experiments, if displacement currents are ignored.

Kirchhoff's law can be rewritten to describe total current instead of conduction current and it then is identical to Maxwell's treatment of stratified dielectrics. Electrodynamics should use the total current defined by Maxwell if it wishes to describe experimental results, and be true in that sense. 2

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Total Current is a Central Idea in Classical Electrodynamics

since ~1865

that is overlooked in modern textbooks

Total Current is a Central Idea

in Classical Electrodynamics

Maxwell says:

"One of the chief peculiarities of this treatise is the doctrine which it asserts, that

the true electric current

that on which the electromagnetic phenomena depend,

is not the same thing as the current of conduction,

but that the time-variation of the electric displacement, must be taken into account

in estimating the total movement of electricity,"

Section 610, p. 233, Vol 2 Maxwell, J. C. (1865). A Treatise on Electricity and Magnetism (reprinted 1954). *I will try to convince you:*

Kirchhoff's law should use TOTAL current that includes displacement current $\varepsilon_0 \partial E/\partial t$

as Maxwell did p. 376, Section 328 "A Treatise on Electricity and Magnetism"

Kirchhoff's Law says "What flows in, flows out, With<u>out</u> accumulation."

but, according to experiments, and Maxwell, electrons accumulate!

What is Current?

Total Current was Defined by Maxwell* as the Source[§] of the Magnetic field

* in Equation 3, Section 328 "A Treatise on Electricity and Magnetism" (1865, reprinted 1954) § right hand side of the Maxwell Ampere Law: curl $\mathbf{B} = \mu_0 \mathbf{J}_{total}$

see line 245 J.C. Maxwell, 1864 Dynamical Theory of the Electric Field, on p. 260 & 297 of Simpson (1998) Maxwell on the Electromagnetic Field: A Guided Study, Rutgers

Total Current is NOT the Flow of Charge

How do we know that? Magnetic Fields Exist in Vacuum

Charge and Flow of Charge are ZERO in a vacuum

Magnetic Fields in Vacuum Create Electromagnetic Waves LIGHT

$$\mu_0 \varepsilon_0 \frac{\partial^2 \mathbf{E}}{\partial t^2} - \nabla^2 \mathbf{E} = 0 \qquad c = 1/\sqrt{\varepsilon_0 \mu_0} = \text{velocity of light} \qquad \mu_0 \varepsilon_0 \frac{\partial^2 \mathbf{B}}{\partial t^2} - \nabla^2 \mathbf{B} = 0$$



$$\mu_{0}\varepsilon_{0}\frac{\partial^{2}\mathbf{E}}{\partial t^{2}} - \nabla^{2}\mathbf{E} = 0$$
Wave Equation
Corollary of
Maxwell Equations
$$c = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\varepsilon_{0}\mu_{0}}} = velocity of light$$

$$\int_{\mu_{0}\varepsilon_{0}} \frac{\partial^{2}\mathbf{B}}{\partial t^{2}} - \nabla^{2}\mathbf{B} = 0$$

Light travels through the Vacuum of Space

ethereal current $\varepsilon_0 \partial E / \partial t$ flows in vacuum of space, once thought to be filled with an 'aether'

Maxwell, 1865. Treatise on Electricity and Magnetism Jeans, 1908. The Mathematical Theory of Electricity and Magnetism. Whittaker, 1951. A History of the Theories of Aether & Electricity. Simpson, 1998. Maxwell on the Electromagnetic Field: A Guided Study.



Well known Example

taught, or should be taught, In First Year of Physics



Vacuum current = Ethereal current = Displacement Current All are names for the same thing $\varepsilon_0 \partial E/\partial t$



No known error between stars, inside atoms on all time scales, even those of thermal motion

Maxwell Ampere Law in Matter

No known error, inside atoms or between stars



e.g., inside atoms

J includes polarization charge of dielectrics

Derivation of Kirchhoff's Law

Maxwell-Ampere Equation

 $\frac{1}{\mu_0} \operatorname{curl} \mathbf{B} = \mathbf{J}_{total} \tag{1}$

 J_{total} includes the flux of charge with mass, however brief, small, or transient. J_{total} includes the polarization charge of dielectrics.

Identity

$$div curl anything = 0$$
 (2)

Equations imply, by mathematics alone,

Kirchhoff Current Law for Fields

 $\operatorname{div} \mathbf{J}_{total} = \operatorname{div} \operatorname{curl} \mathbf{B} = \mathbf{0}$

Kirchhoff Current Law for Fields

$$div J_{total} = div curl B = 0$$

Maxwell-Ampere Equation implies Zero Accumulation of Total Current

 J_{total} includes the flux of charge with mass, however brief, small, or transient. J_{total} includes the polarization charge of dielectrics.



Usual derivation of Circuit Kirchhoff Discusses only flux J of charges Derivation should discuss J_{total}

The flux of charges accumulates as 'free' charge ρ by Continuity Equation div $\mathbf{J} = -\varepsilon_0 \partial \rho / \partial t \Rightarrow \operatorname{div} \mathbf{J} \neq \mathbf{0}$

J does accumulate J_{total} does not accumulate, If div $(J + \varepsilon_0 \partial E / \partial t) = 0$, div $J \neq 0$



Kirchhoff's Law says "What flows in, flows out, Without accumulation."

but, as Maxwell and experiments show, electrons accumulate!

Conclusion Kirchhoff's law should use TOTAL current



Maxwell analyzes 'stratified dielectrics' using total current in Ohm's law

p. 376, Section 328 "A Treatise on Electricity and Magnetism" (1865, reprinted 1954)

Maxwell's transients <u>do not occur</u> when flux of electrons is used in Ohm's law.

Conclusion

Kirchhoff's law must use TOTAL current to agree with experiments

Paradigm Change

Maxwell's transients <u>do not occur</u> when flux of electrons is used in Ohm's law.

Conclusion

Textbook treatment of Kirchhoff's Law does not agree with experiments unless the underlying model of conduction is changed

Paradigm Change is Needed to agree with experiments

Important Applications

in Engineering

like Circuit Analysis including computer programs *Spice* and *Circuit Board Design*

should use TOTAL current

Circuits are Special:

TRIVIAL for engineers and PROFOUND for everyone else



Kirchhoff Coupling



Eisenberg (2016) Mass Action and Conservation of Current. Hungarian Journal of Industry and Chemistry 2016 44:1-28 *also arXiv:1502.07251* 44:1-28.

Circuits are Special: TRIVIAL for engineers and PROFOUND for everyone else

Total Current is the Same in Series Circuits Independent of Mechanism of Charge Movement

Equality of Total Current in Series Circuit is **NOT**

a Property of the Local Mechanism of charge movement.

Equality of Total Current Depends on **Global Properties of Electricity**,

that I call Kirchhoff Coupling

NOT on the local mechanism of charge movement

Important Applications in Biology

using Circuits and Total Current in Kirchhoff's Law

ATP stores Chemical Energy in Biology Electron Flow in ATP Production



Biologists have tried to compute Electron flow from Coulomb's law with little success since Nobel Prize to Peter Mitchell for Chemiosmotic Hypothesis 1978

In my view, Kirchhoff's law should be used. We have started that process

Xu, Eisenberg, Song and Huang (2022). "Mathematical Model for Chemical Reactions in Electrolyte Applied to Cytochrome c Oxidase: an **Electro-osmotic Approach**." <u>arXiv preprint arXiv:2207.02215.</u>

Some biologists have been Applying Maxwell and Circuits to the Nerve Signal for a long time



Alan Hodgkin William Rushton Proc Roy Soc (London) Ser B. 1946;133:444-79.

Channels are Chemically and Structurally INDEPENDENT

much the way transistors are independent

Natural Function of Channels Requires Coupling by the Electric Field



Electric Field Couples Channels so they can make a Useful Electrical Signal the Action Potential

Coupling in Natural Function is by Electric Field, i.e., VOLTAGE SPREAD

Nerve Fiber with Insulating Myelin



Channels



Na K

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tOTYO5WrXFU

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oa6rvUJlg7o

Our* Axopatch makes Voltage Clamp seem natural Clamp is Not Natural UNclamp is Natural !



AxoPatch 200B





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Voltage (mV)

Cherny V et al. JGP 2003;121:615-628

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Any Questions?

Displacement Current $\varepsilon_0 \partial E / \partial t$ has a Special Place in Physics

Charge has a Special Place in Physics

Displacement Current $\varepsilon_0 \partial E / \partial t$ makes charge Lorentz Invariant

Electrodynamics and Relativity

Charge has a Special Place in physics

Charge on a particle (coulombs) does not vary as it moves at velocity v, even near the velocity of light *c* Charge (coulombs) is "Lorentz Invariant"

Distance, time, and relativistic mass **Change Dramatically** near the velocity of light as $\sqrt{1 - v^2/c^2}$

Displacement Current $\varepsilon_0 \partial E / \partial t$ is a Property of Space according to Theory of Relativity

Maxwell Equations and Relativity are almost the same thing

"The special theory of relativity ... was simply a systematic development of the electrodynamics of Clerk Maxwell and Lorentz".

> p. 57 of Einstein, A. 1934. Essays in science, originally published as Mein Weltbild 1933, translated from the German by Alan Harris. Open Road Media.

Important Applications in Biology





Our Representation Without detailed reaction timings

Circuit Model of Cytochrome Oxidase C

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2 Derivation of Electro-osmotic Model

We mainly focus on a mathematical model of elementary reactions

Chemical Reaction $\alpha_1 C_1^{z_1} + \alpha_2 C_2^{z_2} + \alpha_3 C_3^{z_3} \stackrel{k_f}{\underset{k_r}{\leftarrow}} \alpha_4 C_4^{z_4},$ (1)

where k_f and k_r are two constants for forward and reverse directions, $[C_i]$ is the concentration of i^{th} species, respectively. Here α_i is stoichiometric coefficient, z_i is the valence of i^{th} species and together they satisfy

$$\sum_{i=1}^{3} \alpha_i z_i = \alpha_4 z_4. \tag{2}$$

In particular, we have in mind a case where an active transporter ('pump') uses the energy supplied by a chemical reaction to pump molecules. Later, we will focus on the reaction for cytochrome c oxidase, i.e., for Complex IV of the respiratory chain

Chemical Reaction

$$2H^{+} + \frac{1}{2}O_{2} + 2e^{-} \frac{k_{f}}{\overleftarrow{k_{r}}} H_{2}O.$$
 (3)

According to the conservation laws, we have the following conservation of chemical elements (like sodium, potassium and chloride). Note that this conservation is in addition to the conservation of mass, because nuclear reactions that change one element in another are prohibited in our treatment, as in laboratories and most of life.

$$\frac{d}{dt}(\alpha_4[C_1] + \alpha_1[C_4]) = 0, \tag{4a}$$

$\frac{d}{dt}(\alpha_4[C_2] + \alpha_2[C_4]) = 0, \tag{4b}$

$$\frac{d}{dt}(\alpha_4[C_3] + \alpha_3[C_4]) = 0.$$
(4c)

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Chemical Reaction

In order to derive a thermal dynamical consistent model, the Energy Variation Method [89] is used. Based on the laws of conservation of elements and Maxwell equations, we have the following kinematic system

Field Equations

$$\begin{cases} \frac{d[C_1]}{dt} = -\nabla \cdot j_1 - \nabla \cdot j_p - \alpha_1 \mathcal{R}, \\ \frac{d[C_2]}{dt} = -\nabla \cdot j_2 - \alpha_2 \mathcal{R}, \\ \frac{d[C_3]}{dt} = -\nabla \cdot j_3 - \alpha_3 \mathcal{R}, \\ \frac{d[C_4]}{dt} = -\nabla \cdot j_4 + \alpha_4 \mathcal{R}, \\ \nabla \cdot (D) = \sum_{i=1}^4 z_i [C_i] F, \\ \nabla \times E = \mathbf{0}, \end{cases}$$
(5)

where $j_l, l = 1, 2, 3, 4$ are the passive fluxes and j_p is the pump flux, \mathcal{R} is reaction rate function. All these variables are unknown and will be derived by using the Energy Variational method.

The total energetic functional is defined as the summation of mix entropy, internal energy and electrical static energy.

Energy Functional

$$E_{tot} = E_{ent} + E_{int} + E_{ele}$$

=
$$\sum_{i=1}^{4} \int_{\Omega} RT \left\{ \left[C_i \right] \left(\ln \left(\frac{[C_i]}{c_0} \right) - 1 \right) \right\} dx + \int_{\Omega} \sum_{i=1}^{4} \left[C_i \right] U_i dx + \int_{\Omega} \frac{\boldsymbol{D} \cdot \boldsymbol{E}}{2} dx.$$
(10)

Then the chemical potentials could be calculated according to the variation of total energy

$$\tilde{\mu}_{l} = \frac{\delta E_{tot}}{\delta [C_{i}]} = RT \ln \frac{[C_{i}]}{c_{0}} + U_{i} + z_{l}\phi e, l = 1, \cdots, 4.$$
(11)

It is assumed in the present work that dissipation of the system energy is due to passive diffusion, chemical reaction and the deduction that energy supplied for pump. Accordingly, the total dissipation functional Δ is defined as follows

Dissipation Functional

$$\Delta = \int_{\Omega} \left\{ \sum_{j=1}^{4} |j_i|^2 + RT\mathcal{R} \ln\left(\frac{\mathcal{R}}{k_r [C_4]^{\alpha_4}} + 1\right) \right\} dx - \int_{\Omega} f_p dx, \tag{12}$$

where $f_p = f_p(\mathcal{R}, \mu, x) \ge 0$ is the term induced by energy absorption in the pump.

For open systems, especially flux (current) clamp system, in which some fluxes flow in or out, entering or leaving the system altogether, we have the following generalized energy dissipation law

Dissipation Principle

$$\frac{dE_{tot}}{dt} = J_{E,\partial\Omega} - \Delta. \tag{13}$$

Here $J_{E,\partial\Omega}$ is the rate of boundary energy absorption or release that measures the energy of flows that enter or leave the system altogether through the boundary. Recall that the chemical potential of a species is the energy that can be absorbed or released due to a change of the number of particles of the given species and $J_i \cdot n$ is the total number of i^{th} particles passing through the boundary, per area per unit time. We define $J_{E,\partial\Omega}$ as follows

An Electro-osmotic Model of cytochrome c oxidase

The concentrations and potentials at E242, BNC and proton loading site (PLS) and potentials in N and P sides (see Fig.(1) (a)) are modeled using the variables ϕ_E , ϕ_B , ϕ_x , $[H]_E$, $[H]_B$, $[H]_x$, ρ_e .

$$\frac{d[H]_E}{dt} = \frac{S_v}{F} (I_{N \to E} - I_{E \to X} - I_{E \to B}),$$
(36a)

$$\frac{l[H]_B}{dt} = \frac{S_v}{F} (I_{E \to B} + I_{N \to B}) - 2\mathcal{R},$$
(36b)

$$\frac{e}{F} = \frac{-S_v}{F} I_e - 2\mathcal{R}, \tag{36d}$$

$$C_E \frac{d(\phi_E - \phi_N)}{dt} = (I_{N \to E} - I_{E \to X} - I_{E \to B}), \qquad (36e)$$

$$C_B \frac{d(\phi_B - \phi_N)}{dt} = I_{E \to B} + I_{N \to B} + I_e, \tag{36f}$$

$$C_X \frac{d(\phi_X - \phi_P)}{dt} = (I_{E \to X} - I_{X \to P}), \tag{36g}$$

$$C_m \frac{d(\phi_N - \phi_P)}{dt} + I_{leak} + I_{X \to p} + I_e = 0,$$
(36h)

with currents

Structure and Boundary Conditions

$$I_{N\to E} = max \left(g_D \left(\phi_N - \phi_E - \frac{RT}{F} \ln \frac{[H]_E}{[H]_D} \right), -SW_0 \right) = max \left(\frac{g_D}{F} (\mu_N - \mu_E), -SW_0 \right),$$
(37a)

$$I_{N \to B} = g_K(\phi_N - \phi_B - \frac{RT}{F} \ln \frac{[H]_B}{[H]_N}) = \frac{g_K}{F} (\mu_N - \mu_B),$$
(37b)

More Structure and Boundary Conditions

$$I_{D\to B} = g_B(\phi_E - \phi_B - \frac{RT}{F} \ln \frac{[H]_B}{[H]_E}) = \frac{g_B}{F} (\mu_D - \mu_B),$$
(37c)

$$I_{X \to P} = g_X(\phi_X - \phi_P - \frac{RT}{F} \ln \frac{[H]_P}{[H]_X}) = \frac{g_X}{F} (\mu_X - \mu_P),$$
(37d)

$$I_{E \to X} = I_{pump} + I_{xleak} = P_{pump}(R_c)(\mu_X - \mu_E) - g_E(\mu_X - \mu_E),$$
(37e)

$$I_e = -FJ_e,$$
(37f)

$$I_{leak} = g_m(\mu_N - \mu_P) = g_m(\phi_N - \phi_P - E_{other}),$$
(37g)

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$$I_{E \to X} = I_{pump} + I_{xleak}, \tag{37h}$$

$$I_{xleak} = -g_E(\mu_X - \mu_E), \tag{37i}$$

$$I_{pump} = \begin{cases} g_{pump}max(R_c, 0)(\mu_X - \mu_E), \mu_X - \mu_E < \delta_{th}, \\ g_{pump}max(R_c, 0)\delta_{th}\exp\left(-\frac{(\mu_X - \mu_E)}{\varepsilon}\right), \mu_X - \mu_E \ge \delta_{th}, \end{cases}$$
(37j)

$$\mathcal{R} = k_f [H^+]^2 [O_2]^{1/2} \rho_e^2 - k_r [H_2 O].$$
(37k)

Preliminary Parameter Values

Variable	Notations	Values (with Unit)
E_{242} site effective capacitance	C_D	1E-1 $fAms/mV/(\mu m)^2$
BNC site effective capacitance	C_B	1E-1 $fAms/mV/(\mu m)^2$
PLS site effective capacitance	C_X	1E-1 $fAms/mV/(\mu m)^2$
Membrane capacitance	C_X	$7.5\text{E-}2 \; fAms/mV/(\mu m)^2$
D channel conductance for H^+	g_D	$3.75 \text{E-} 3pS/(mum)^2$
K channel conductance for H^+	g_K	$1\text{E-3}\;pS/(\mu m)^2$
E2B channel conductance for H^+	g_B	$5\text{E-2} \ pS/(\mu m)^2$
E2X channel conductance for H^+	g_E	$1\text{E-3} \ pS/(\mu m)^2$
E2X Pump rate for H^+	g_P	$369 \ pSms/(\mu m)^2 \mu M$
X2P channel conductance for H^+	g_X	9.8E-4 $pS/(\mu m)^2$
Membrane conductance for leak	g_m	$1pS/(\mu m)^2$
Mito. matrix H^+ concentration	$[H]_{mat}$	$0.01 \ \mu M$
Mito. inner membrane space H^+ concentration	$[H]_{ims}$	$0.063 \ \mu M$
Nernst Potential due to other Ions	E_{Other}	-160mV
Reaction site $[O_2]$ concentration	$[O_2]$	$0.0028 \ \mu M$
Reaction site $[H_2O]$ concentration	$[H_2O]$	$0 \ \mu M$
Electron current	I_e	$-5.24 \ fA$
Forward reaction rate coefficient	k_f	1333
Backward reaction rate coefficient	k_r	0.005
surface volume ratio	S_v	1000
Potential Threshold	δ_{th}	210 mv
Decay rate	ε	$1 \ (ms)^{-1}$

Table 2: Parameters

Variable	Notations	Values (with Unit)
E_{242} site H^+ concentration	$[H]_E$	$0.01196 \ \mu M$
BNC site H^+ concentration	$[H]_B$	$0.01682 \ \mu M$
PLS site H^+ concentration	$[H]_X$	$0.01441 \ \mu M$
BNC site electric density	$ ho_e$	$0.01166 \ \mu M$
E_{242} site electric potential	ϕ_{E}	-5 mV
BNC site electric potential	ϕ_B	-14.1562 mv
PLS site electric potential	ϕ_X	200 mv
N site electric potential	ϕ_N	0 mv
P site electric potential	ϕ_P	160 mv

 Table 1: Default Initial Values

Early Results

Everything can be Computed.

Model can be modified to deal with other information and predict experiments

Not yet digested!