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PRACTICAL USE OF VECTORS IN ELECTRIC METERING

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The most basic statement of metering:

Watts = Voltage x Current x Power Factor

Mathematically:

$$Watts = V \times I \times \cos \theta$$

What is a Vector?

A measurement that takes two numbers to represent.

BOTH a magnitude (size) and direction



VECTORS OR PHASORS ARE...

**a Symbolic Representation of
the relationship
of the voltage and current**

- **Vectors & Vector Diagrams**
 - **SIMPLE.** Used to Represent Electrical Quantities.
 - **QUICK.** Saves time.
 - **Vastly more effective**
 - **Also referred to as “Phasors”**



REPRESENTING *VOLTAGE*(E) & CURRENT (I) WITH LINES

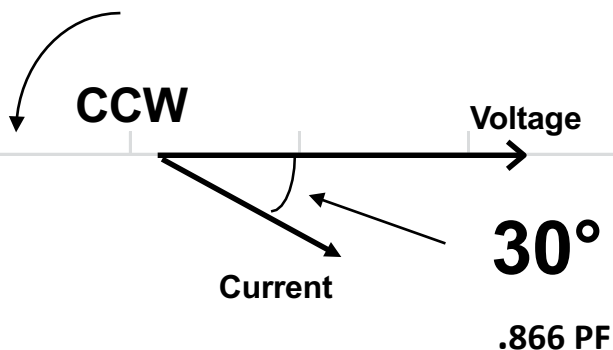
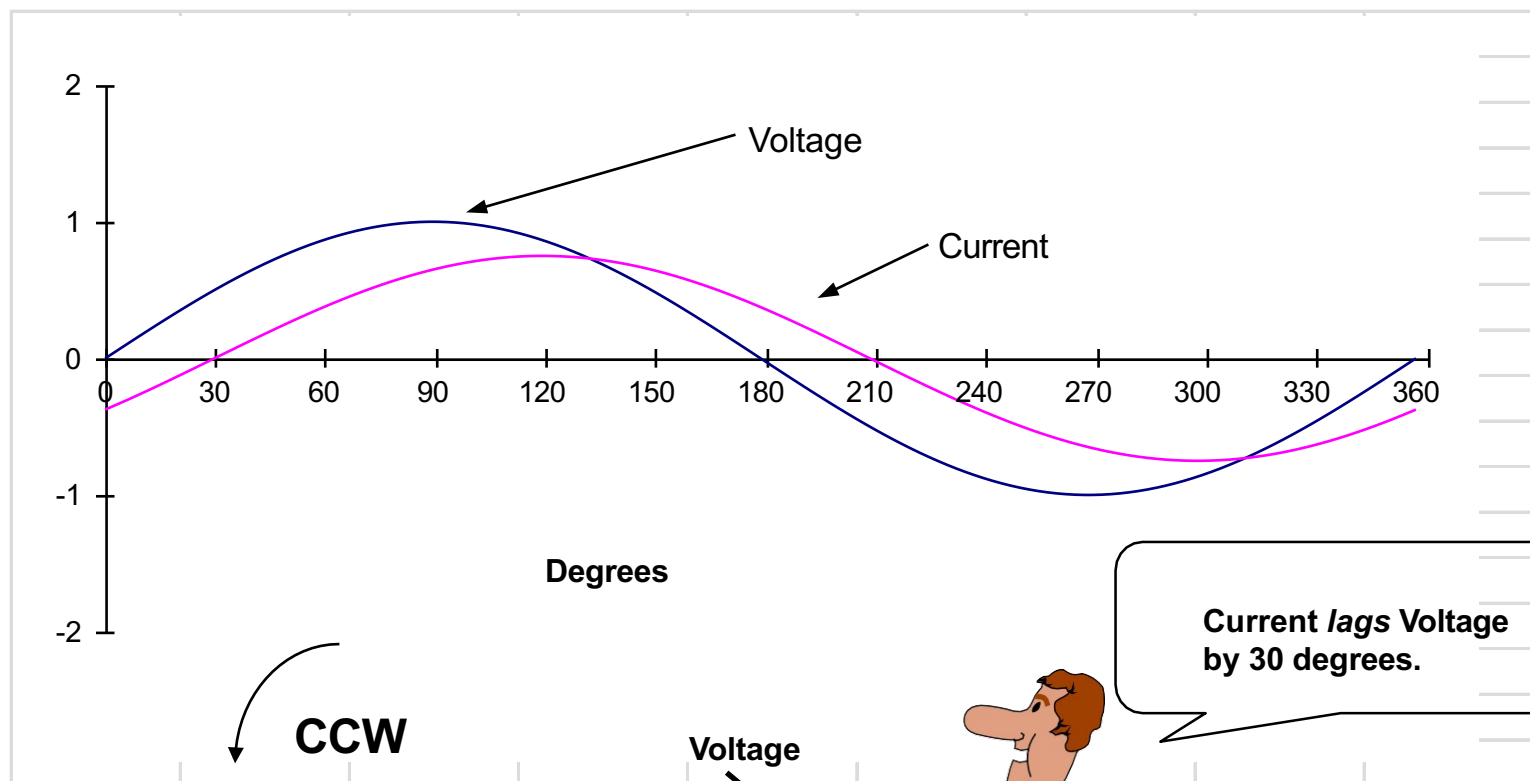
- Vectors all have **MAGNITUDE** and **DIRECTION**
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- Line with arrowhead in a given direction indicates that quantity's relationship to any other quantity being represented.
- **DIRECTION**: Angles between lines take on significance. They represent time (shown in degrees instead of seconds).



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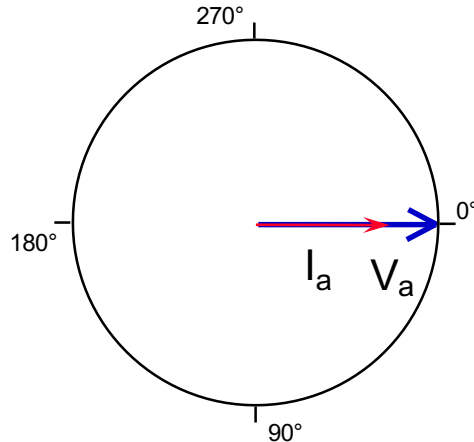
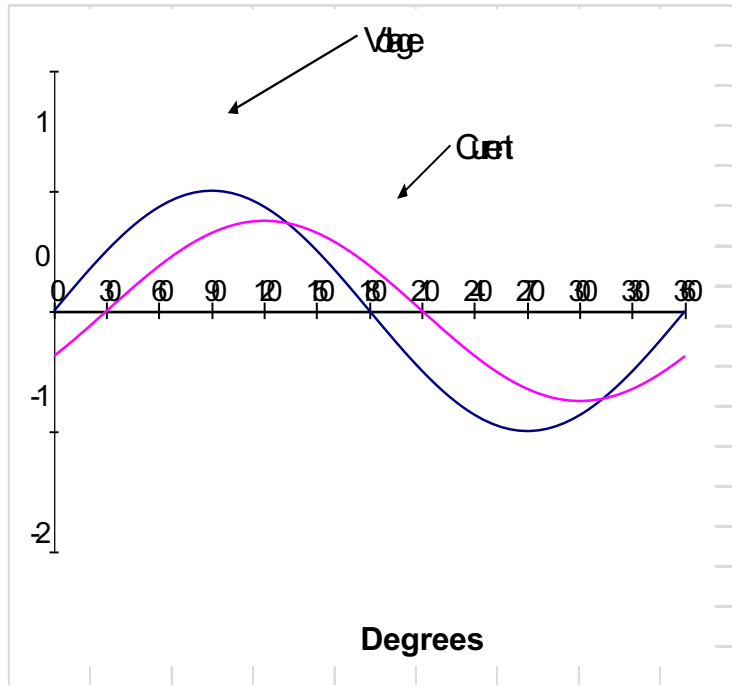


Current lags Voltage by 30 degrees.

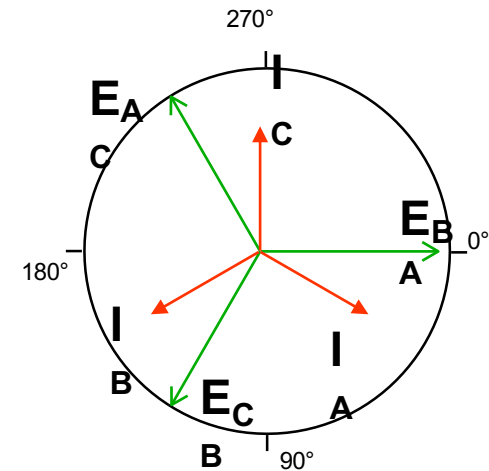
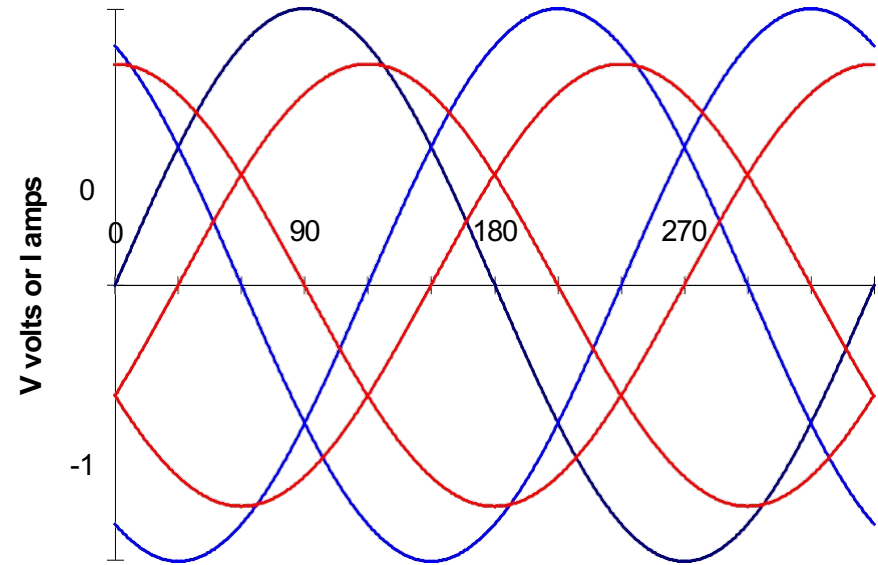


"TIME" IN DEGREES

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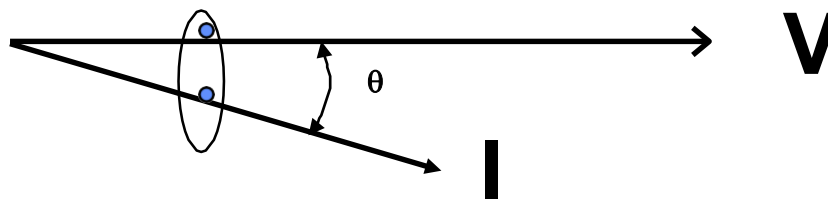
1 Element



- **Watthour meter theory review:**
 - If we apply “V” volts and “I” amps to a meter, and the phase angle between the voltage and current is some angle θ , the meter speed will be proportional to:

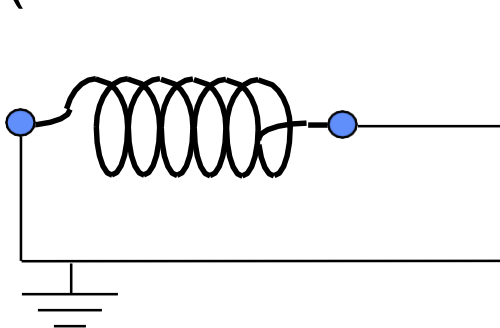
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VECTORIALLY

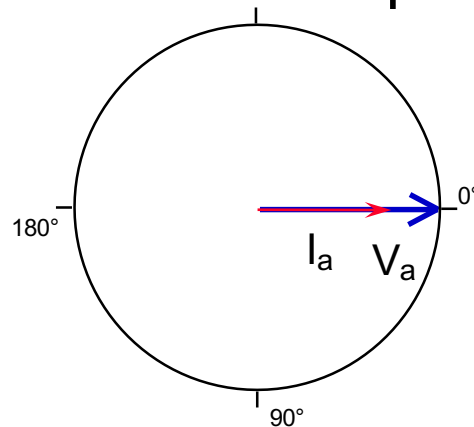


EXPECTED METER PHASORS

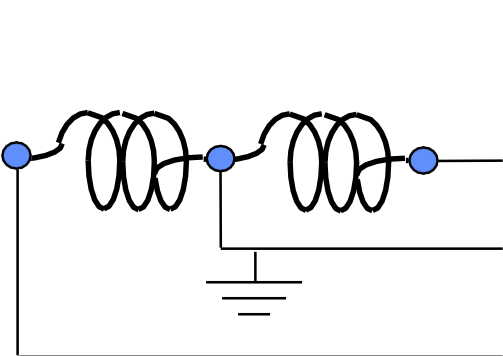
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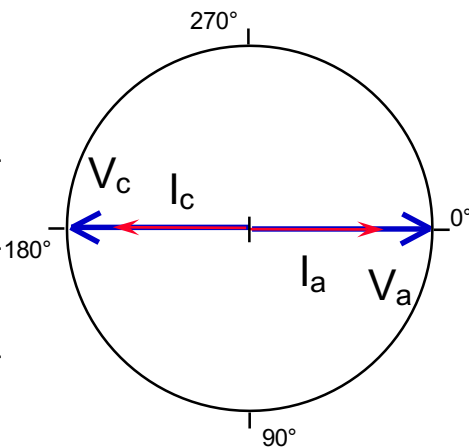
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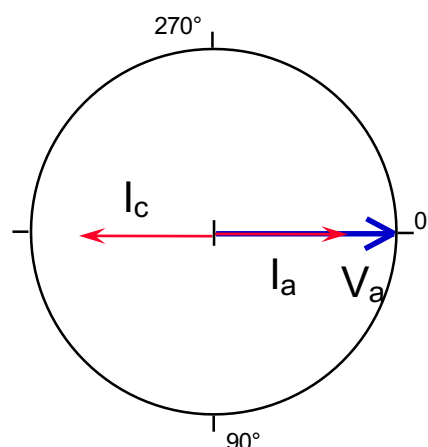
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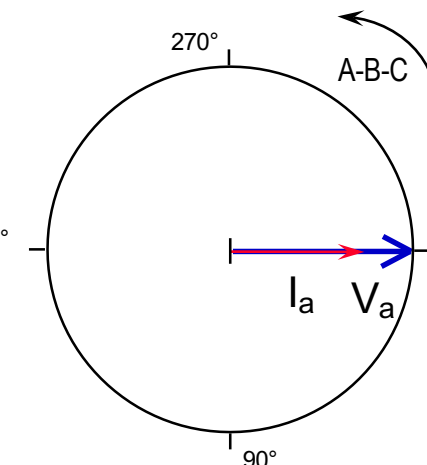
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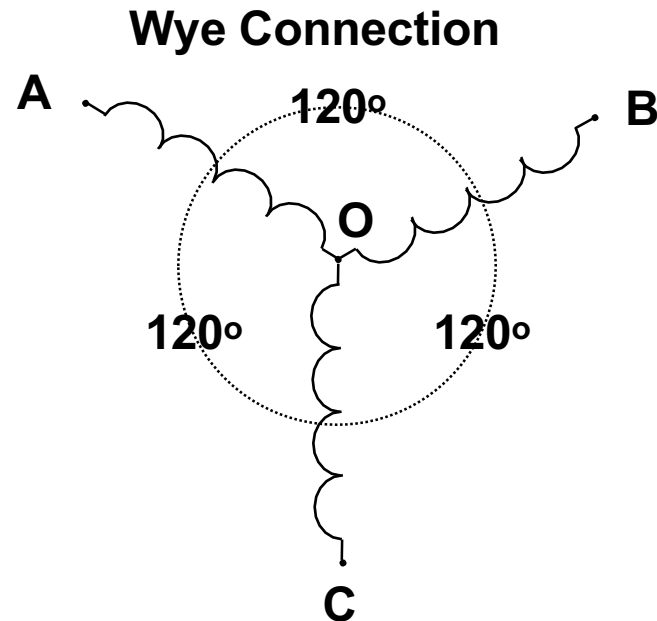
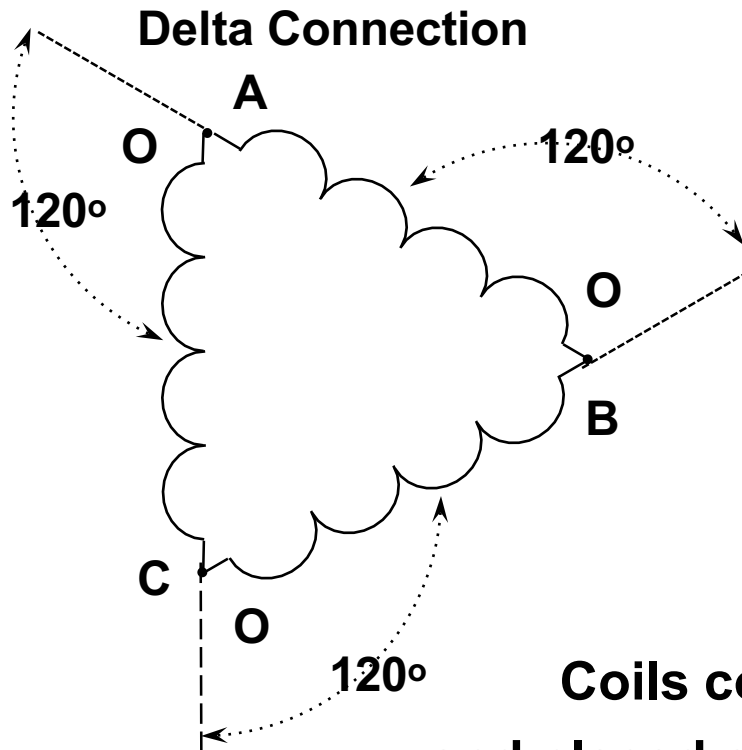


1½ Element



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PLACING COILS IN ORDER



**Coils connected together
and placed on an alternator in order**

OA, OB, and OC

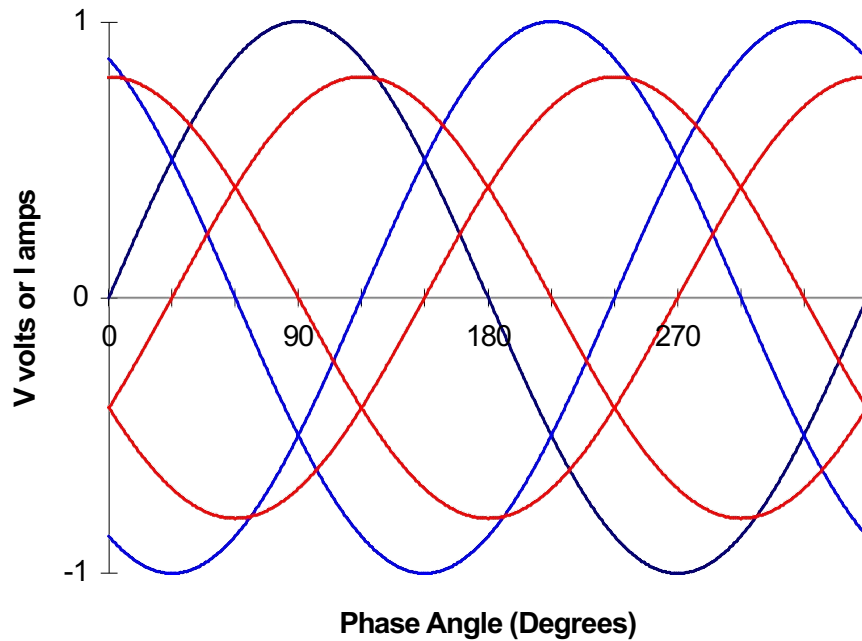
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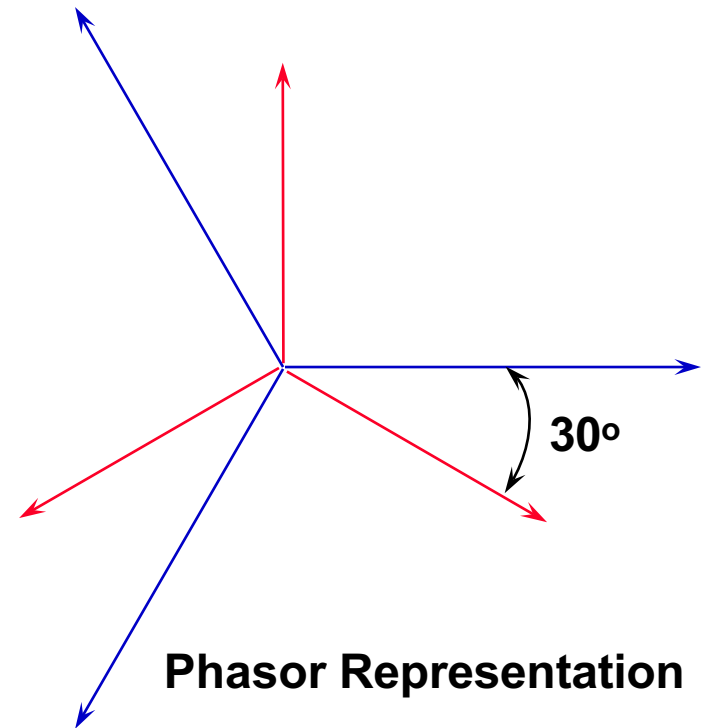
THE PHASOR DIAGRAM

- A phasor diagram is a method of expressing the magnitudes and time relationships (or phase angle relationships) between two or more sinusoidal quantities of the same frequency.
- Each alternating quantity having the same frequency can be represented on the same diagram by additional lines. Their time relationship will determine the angle between the lines.
- The phasor diagram is a “snap-shot” of the set of lines at an instant in time. The instant is generally chosen to be the time at which the voltage passes through zero in the positive direction. If there is more than one voltage, the instant at which phase A voltage passes through zero is chosen.

REPRESENTING POLYPHASE V & I



Time Domain Representation



Phasor Representation

REPRESENTING *E* & *I* WITH LINES

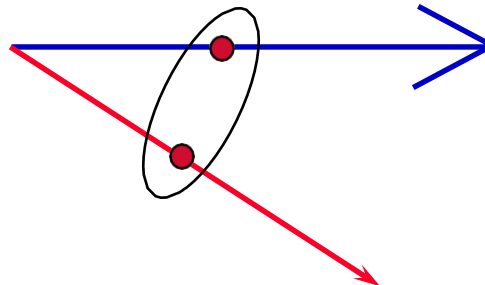
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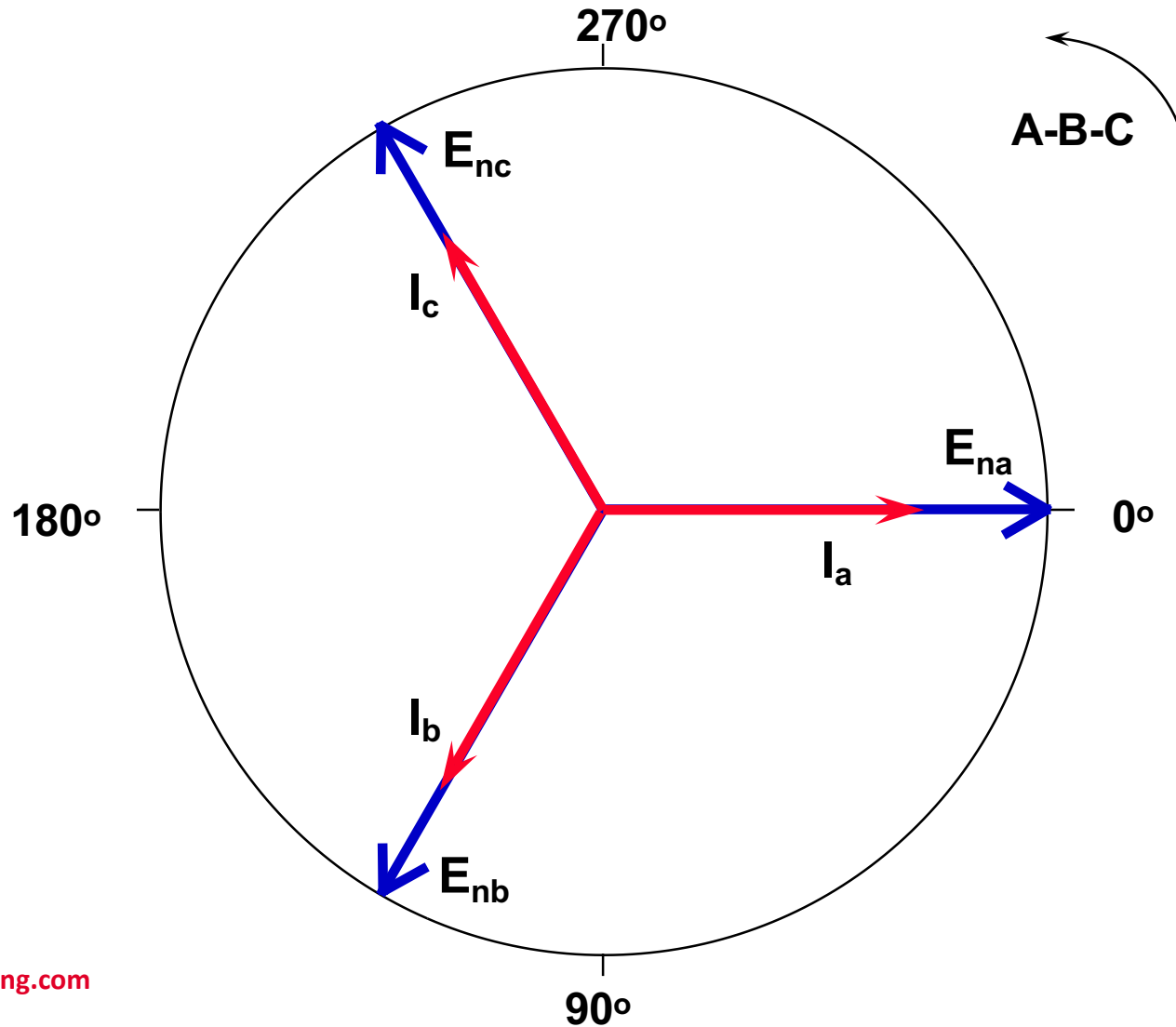
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ANALYZING THE PHASOR PICTURE

- Both voltage & current are required in each meter element (stator) for that element to have an effect on registration.
- Time relationship (degrees separation) between voltage & current acting together on each element will determine that element's effect.
- Only angles of less than 90 Degrees between the current and voltage on any meter element will cause positive watthour registration.



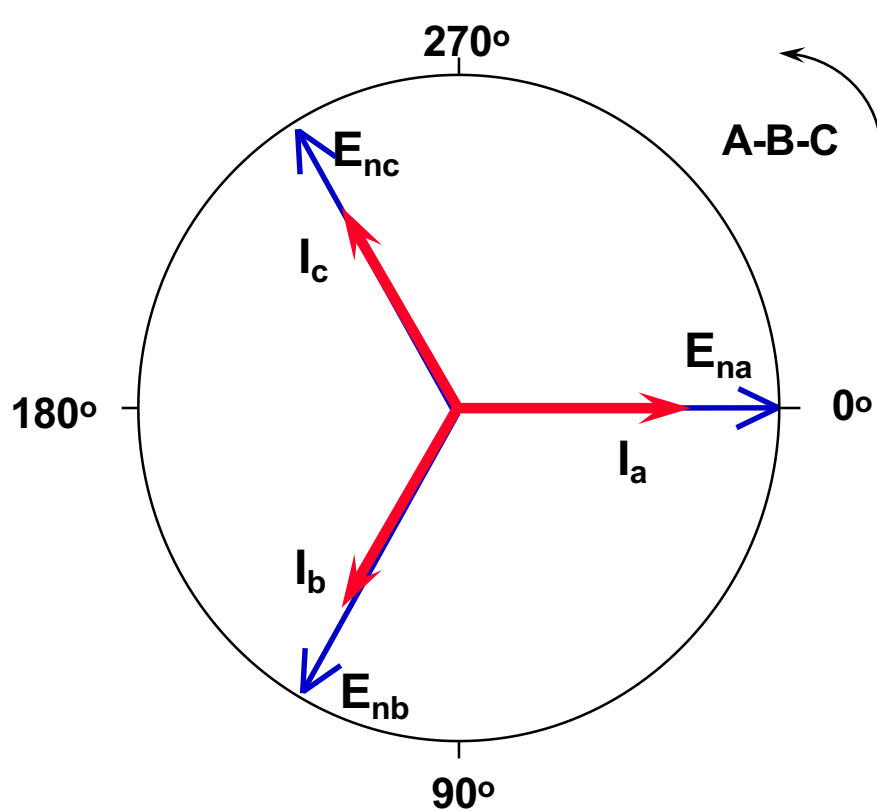
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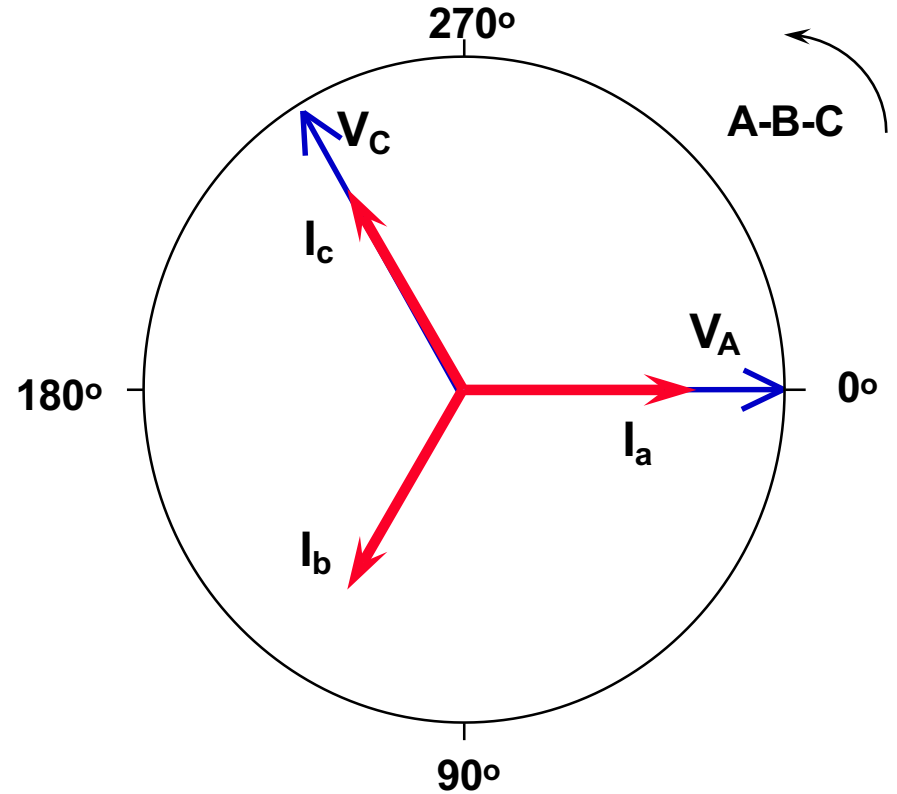


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SERVICE & METER PHASORS



Service Phasors



Meter Phasors

2 ½ Element

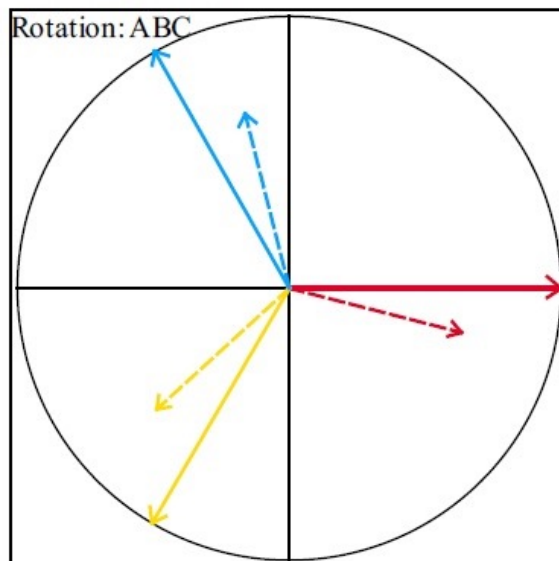


PHASE ROTATION & SITE MEASUREMENTS

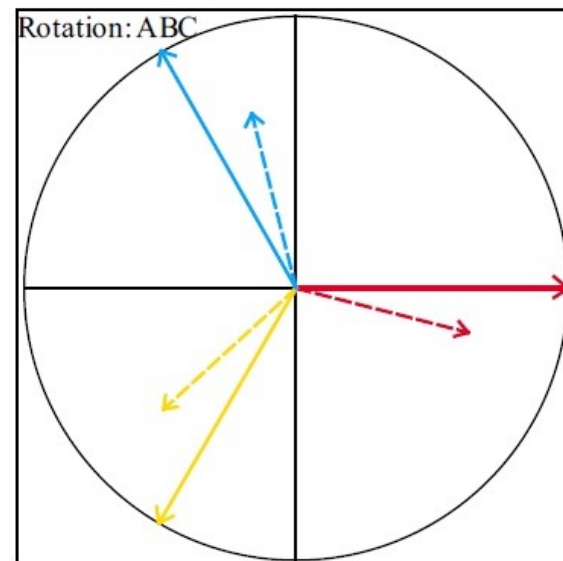
Site Measurements

Phase	Voltage	Voltage Phase	Current	Current Phase	Probe Current	Probe Phase
A	113.605	0.000°	2.901	14.345°	578.355	14.45°
B	114.364	120.147°	3.002	136.931°	599.459	137.140°
C	113.611	240.312°	2.864	256.188°	570.920	256.198°

Secondary Phasor



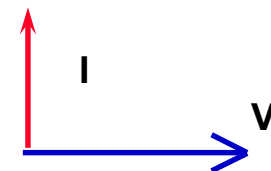
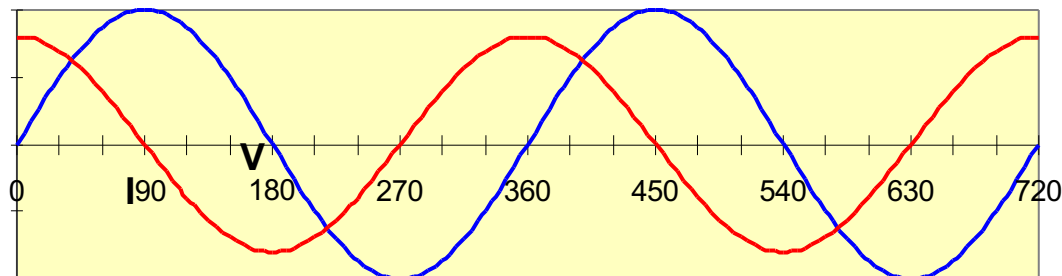
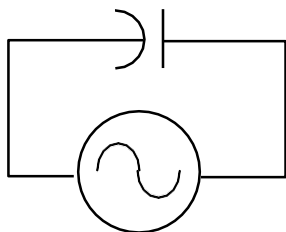
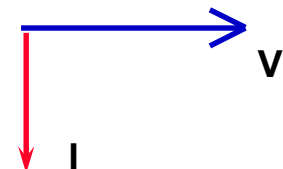
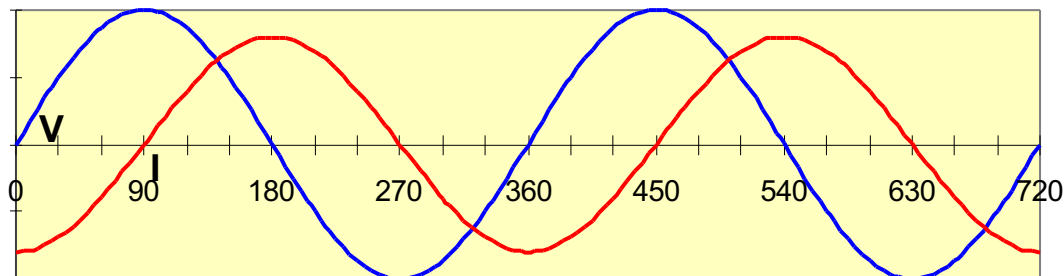
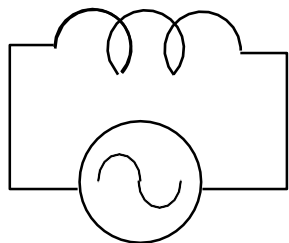
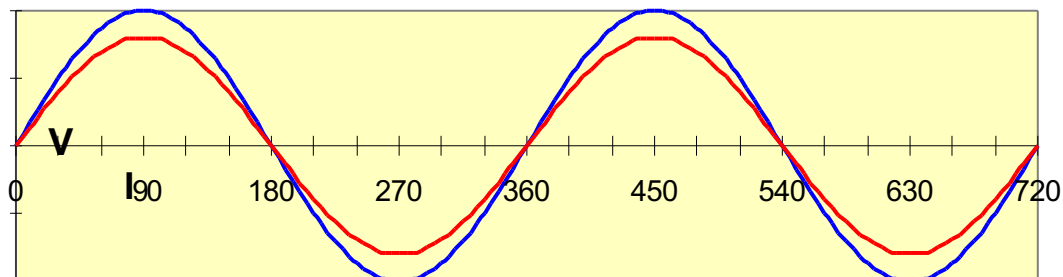
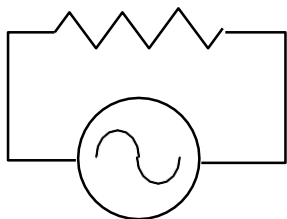
Primary Phasor



Power

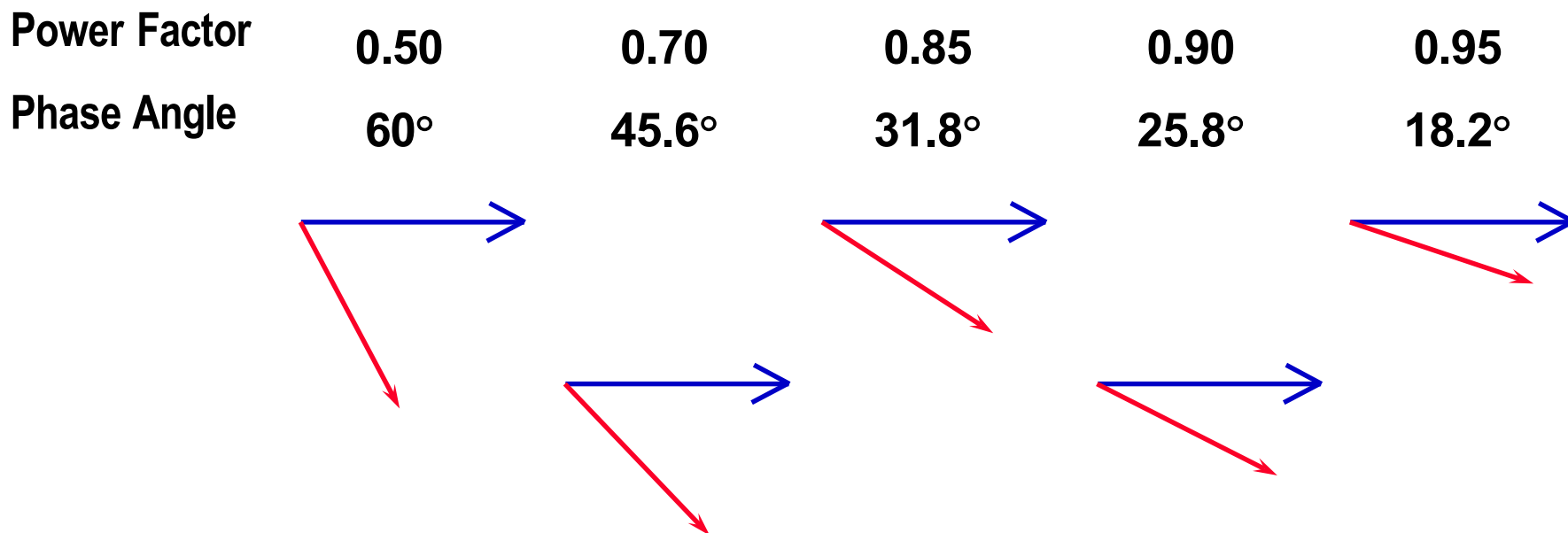
Phase	Watts	VA	VAR	Voltage THD	Current THD	Power Factor	CT Ratio
A	0.354	1.464	0.360	0.016	0.075	0.966	996.98:5
B	1.456	1.525	0.438	0.016	0.073	0.955	998.58:5
C	1.387	1.445	0.393	0.016	0.075	0.959	996.57:5

LOAD CAUSED PHASE ANGLES

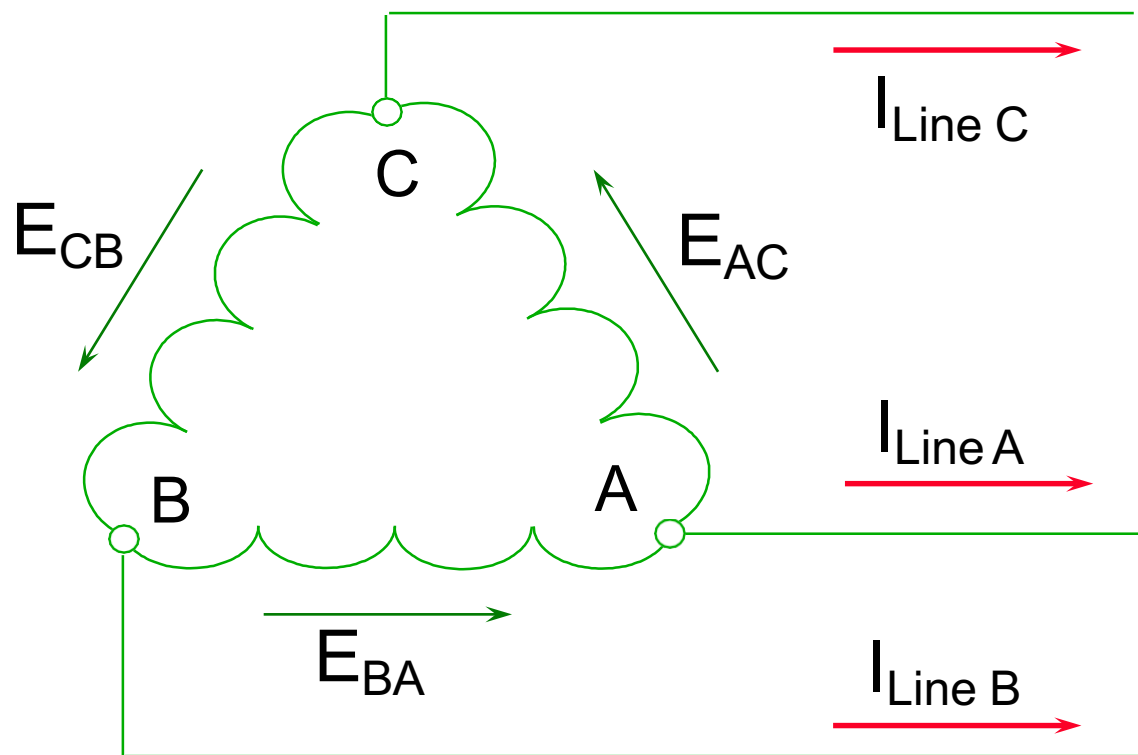


EFFECT OF POWER FACTOR

- We represent energy as: $Energy = E \times I \times \cos \theta \times t$
 - θ is the angle between V and I
 - $\cos \theta$ is also known as Power Factor
- What θ values give with these lagging Power Factors?



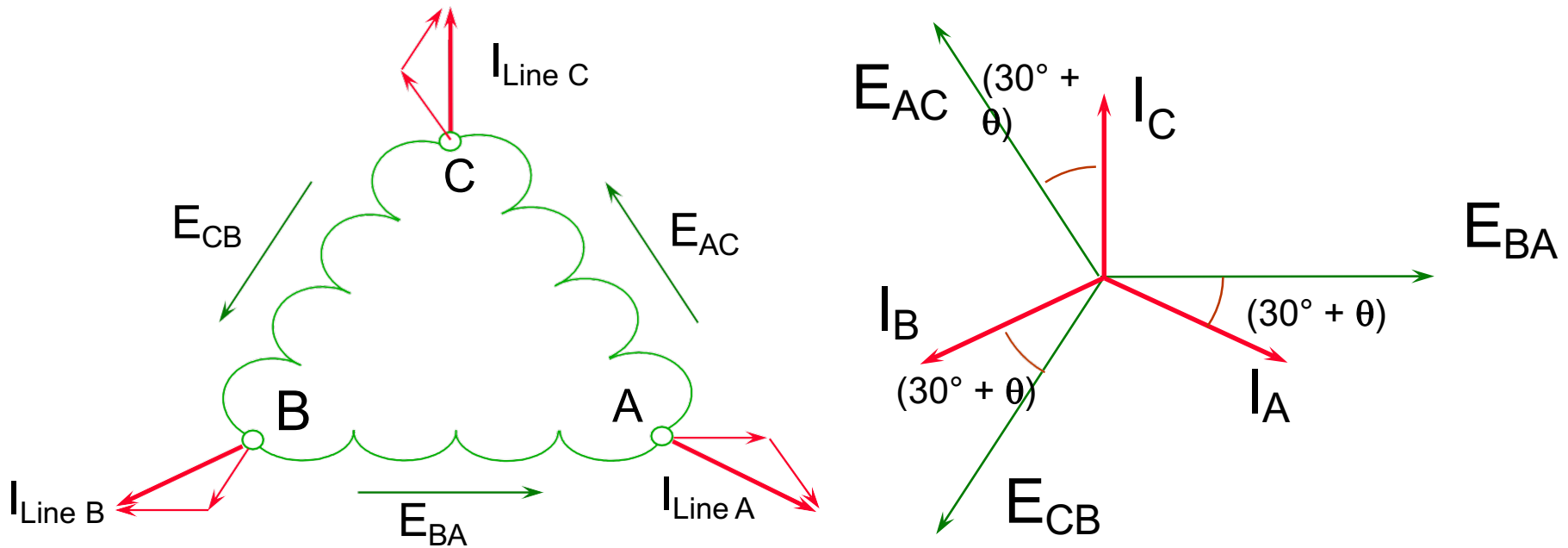
THREE WIRE DELTA SOURCE



With pure resistance balanced three-phase load, the current in each supply transformer is in phase with the voltage across each transformer.

DRAWING SOURCE PHASORS

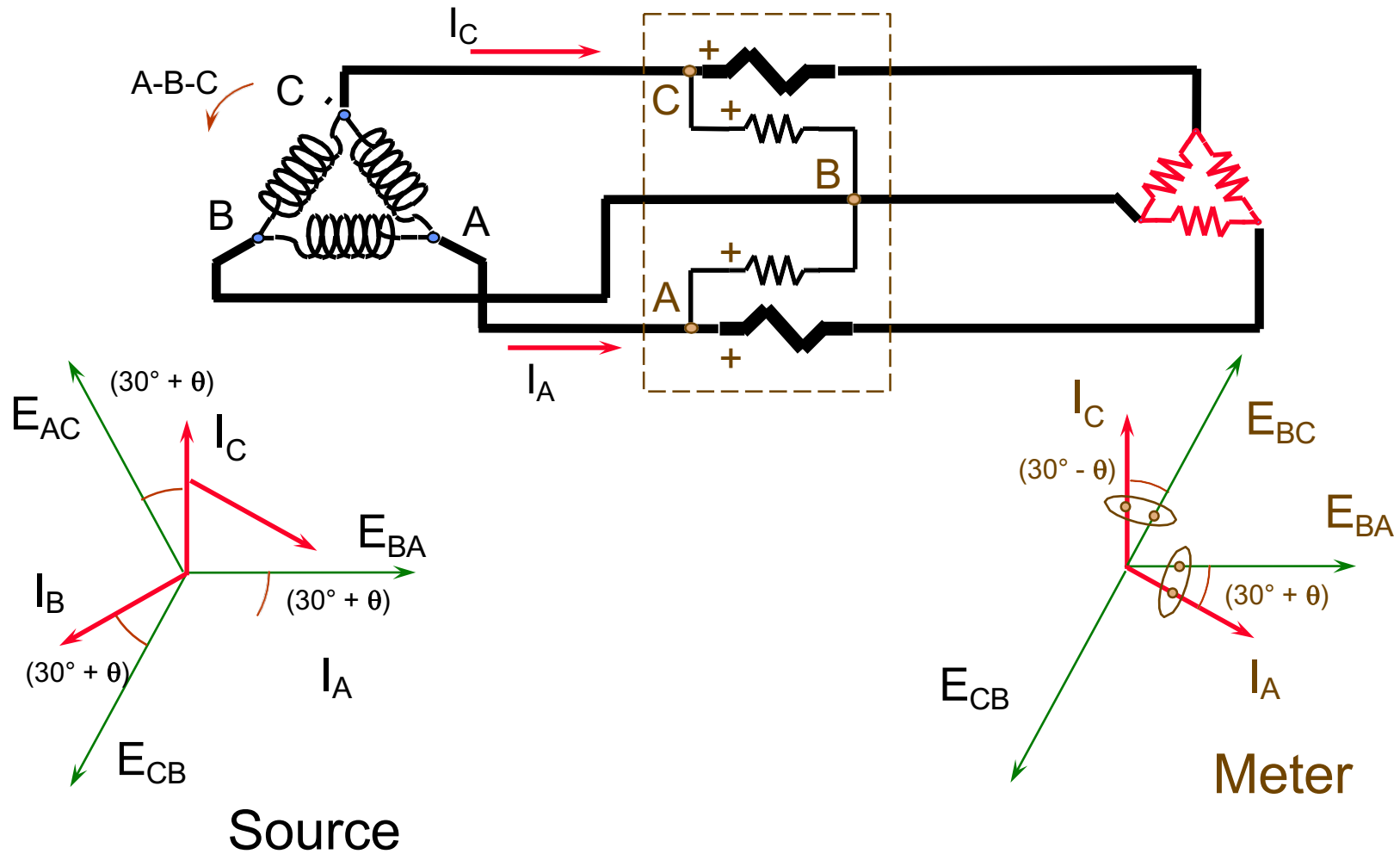
Phasor diagram for delta-connected three-phase system with three-phase delta-connected resistance load



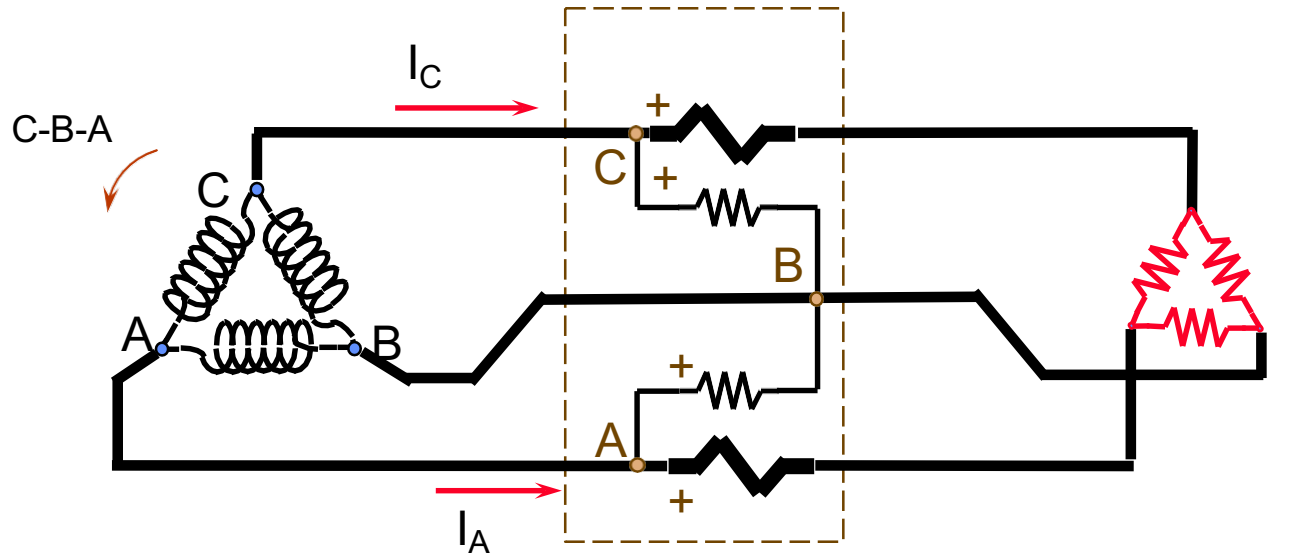
Phase voltages = E_{BA} , E_{CB} , & E_{AC}

Line currents = I_A , I_B , & I_C

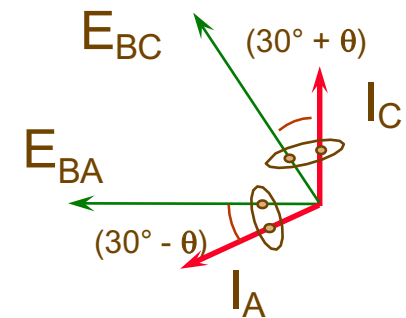
PHASORS FOR SOURCE & METER



PHASE SEQUENCE CBA



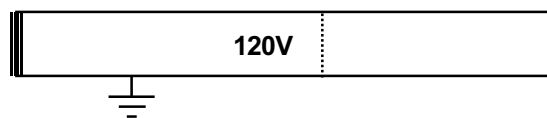
C-B-A
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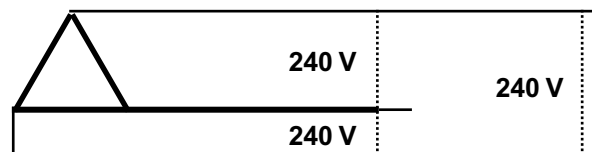


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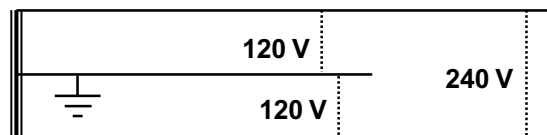
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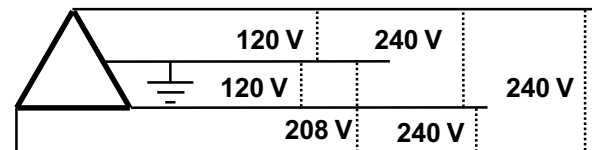
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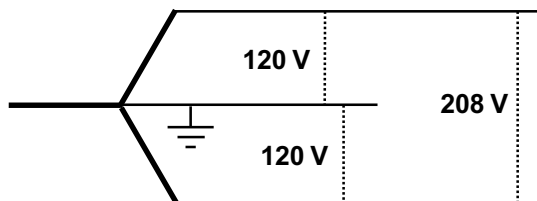
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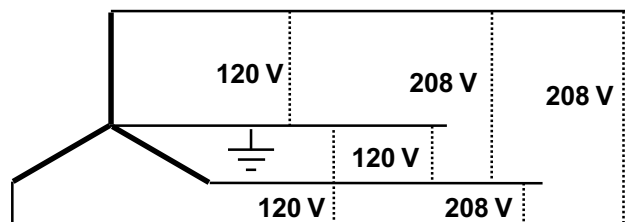
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Single Phase**



**Four-Wire
Three Phase
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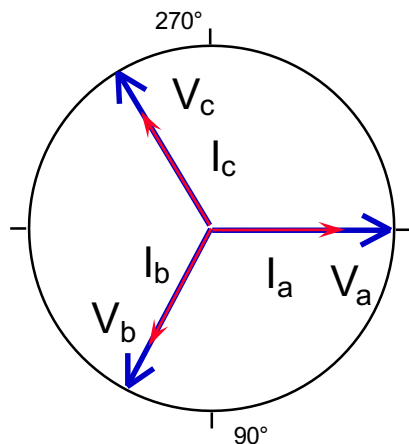
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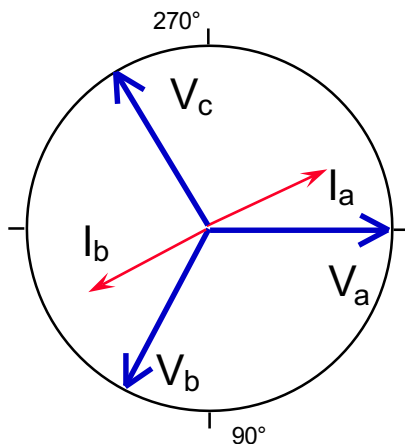
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3 ELEMENT EXPECTED METER PHASORS

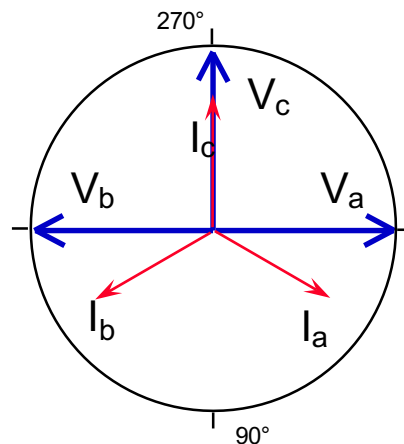
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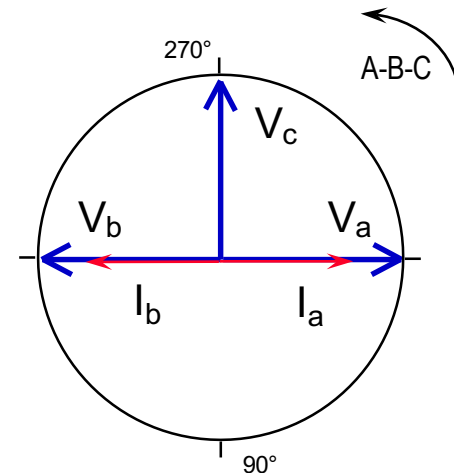
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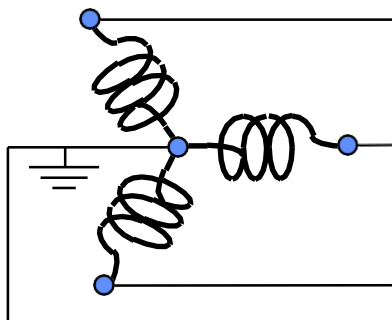
Single phase Load
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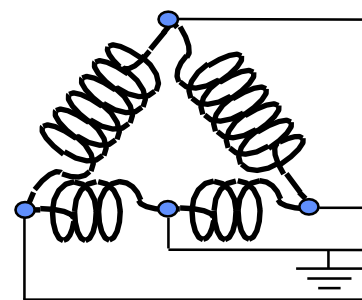
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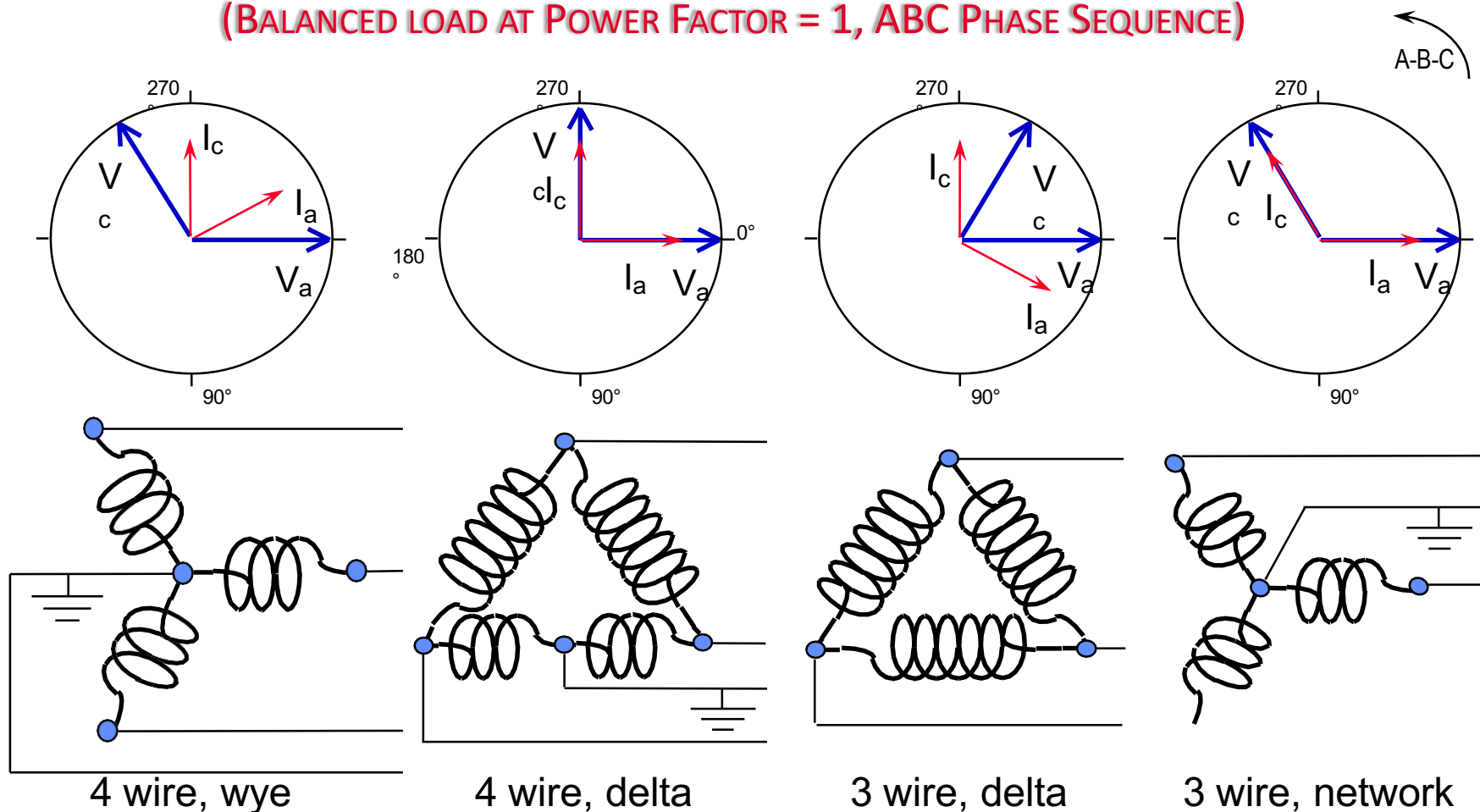
4 wire, wye



4 wire, delta

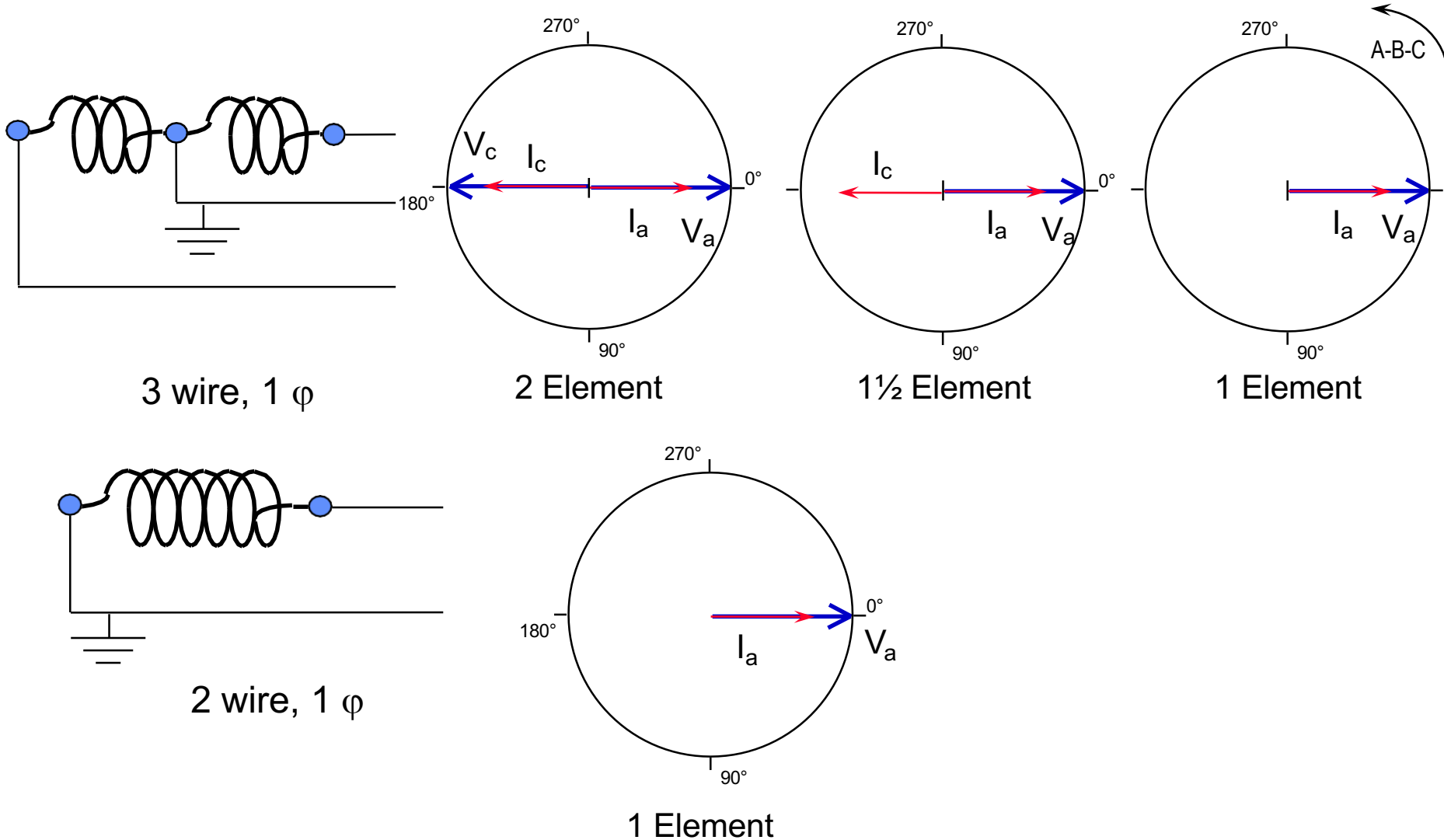
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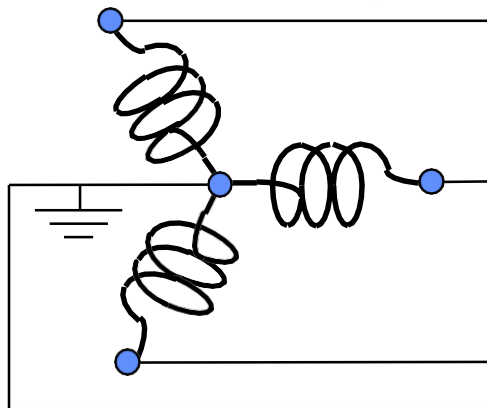
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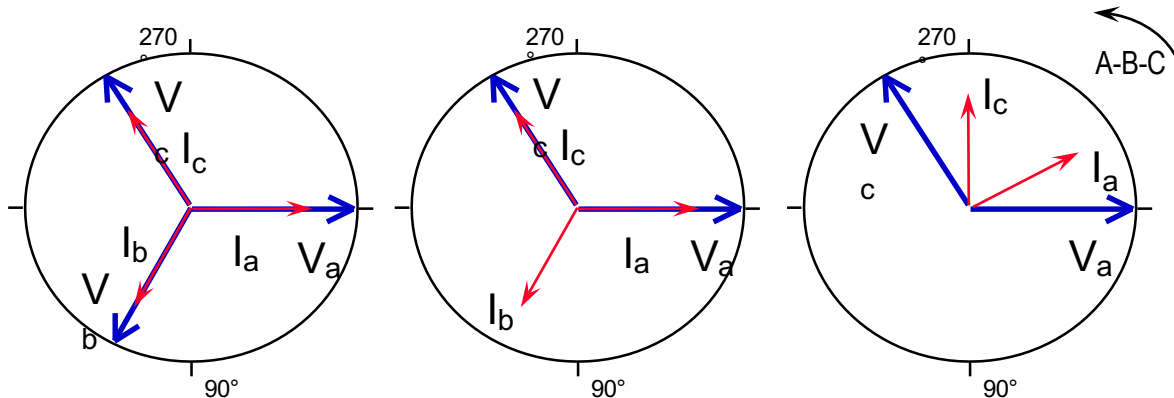


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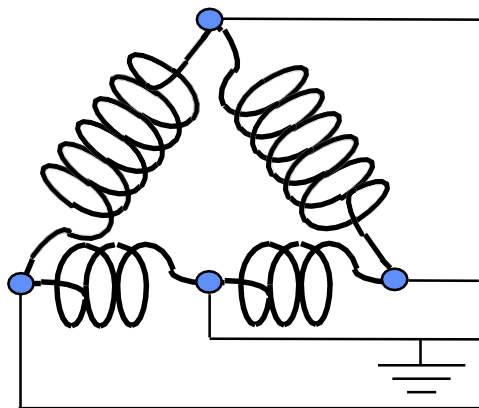
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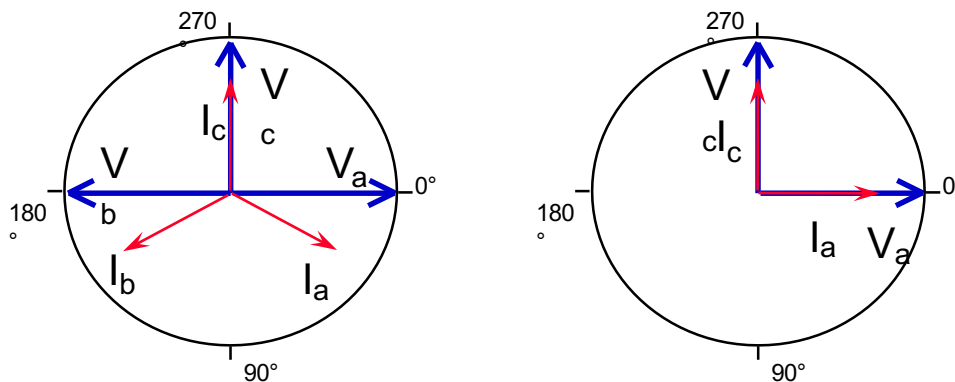
3 Element

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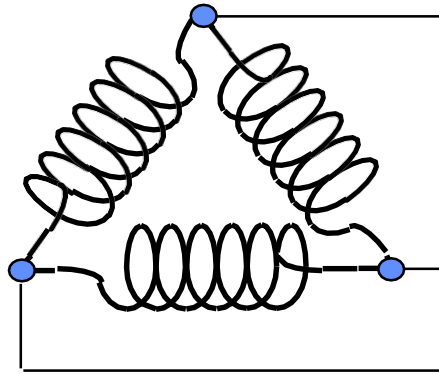


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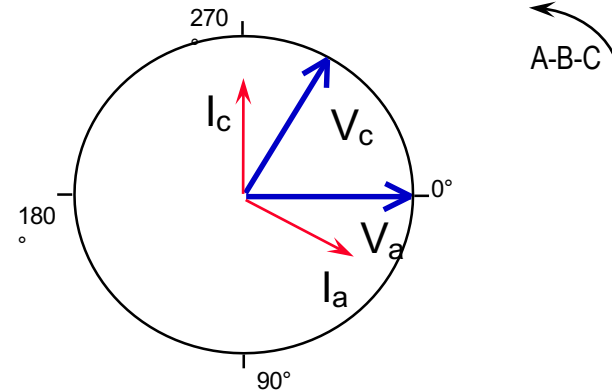
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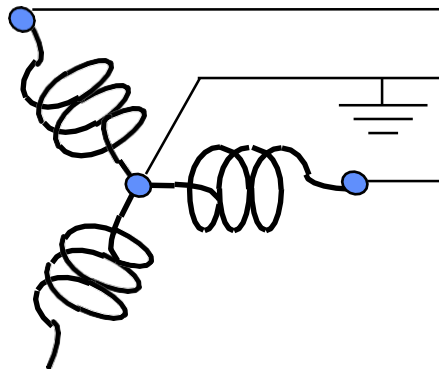
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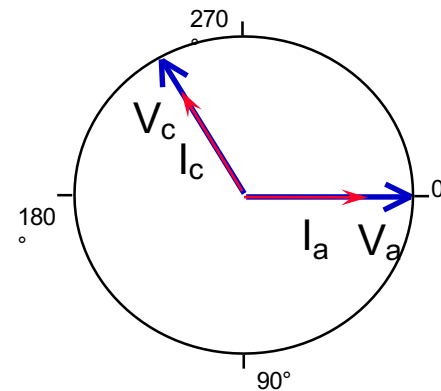
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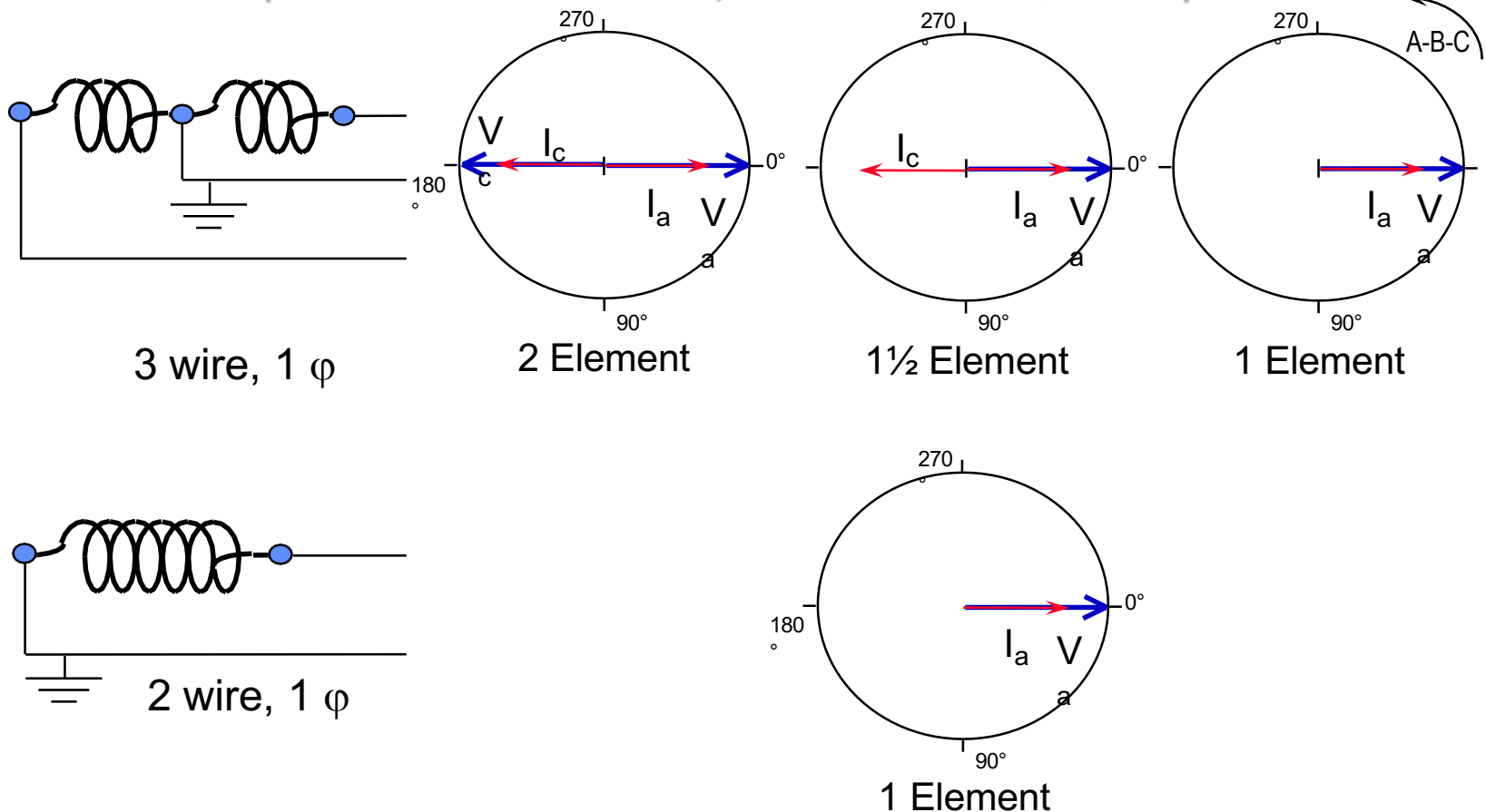
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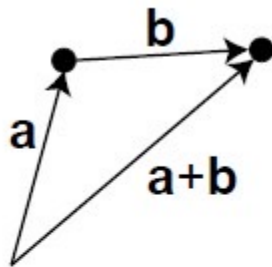
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VECTOR ADDITION

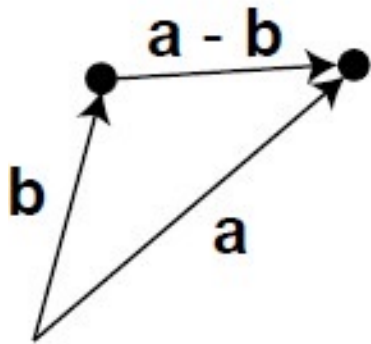


Addition of vectors can be expressed by a diagram. Placing the vectors end to end, the vector from the start of the first vector to the end of the second vector is the sum of the vectors. One way to think of this is that we start at the beginning of the first vector, travel along that vector to its end, and then travel from the start of the second vector to its end. An arrow constructed between the starting and ending points defines a new vector, which is the sum of the original vectors. Algebraically, this is equivalent to adding corresponding terms of the two vectors:

$$\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} a_x \\ a_y \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} b_x \\ b_y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a_x + b_x \\ a_y + b_y \end{bmatrix}.$$

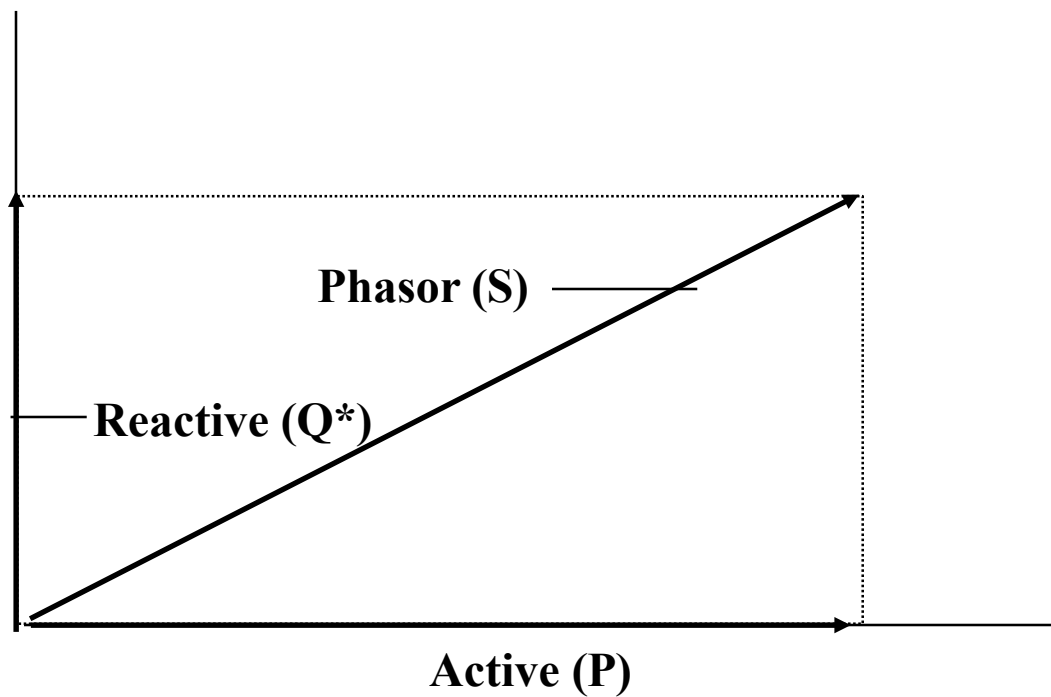
We can think of this as again making a trip from the start of the first vector to the end of the second vector, but this time traveling first horizontally the distance $a_x + b_x$ and then vertically the distance $a_y + b_y$.

VECTOR SUBTRACTION

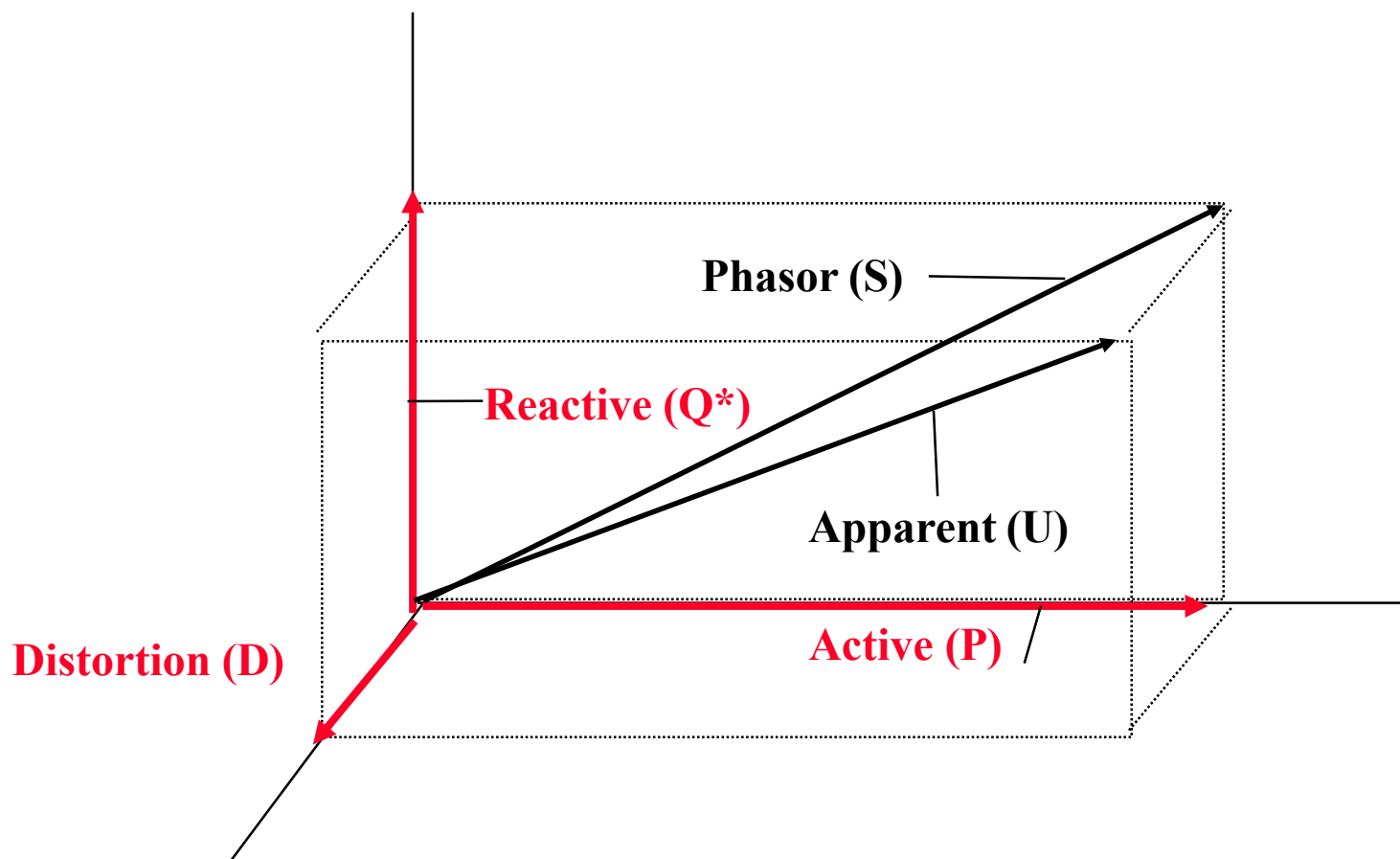


Subtraction of vectors can be shown in diagram form by placing the starting points of the two vectors together, and then constructing an arrow from the head of the second vector in the subtraction to the head of the first vector. Algebraically, we subtract corresponding terms:

$$\mathbf{a} - \mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} a_x \\ a_y \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} b_x \\ b_y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a_x - b_x \\ a_y - b_y \end{bmatrix}.$$



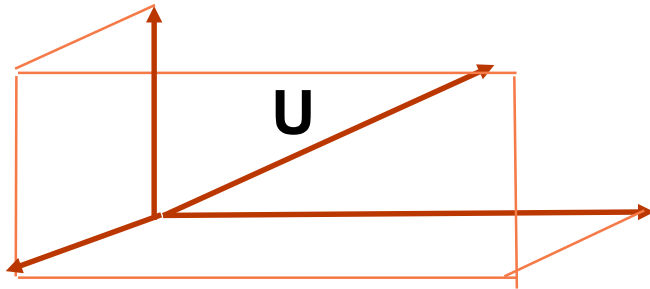
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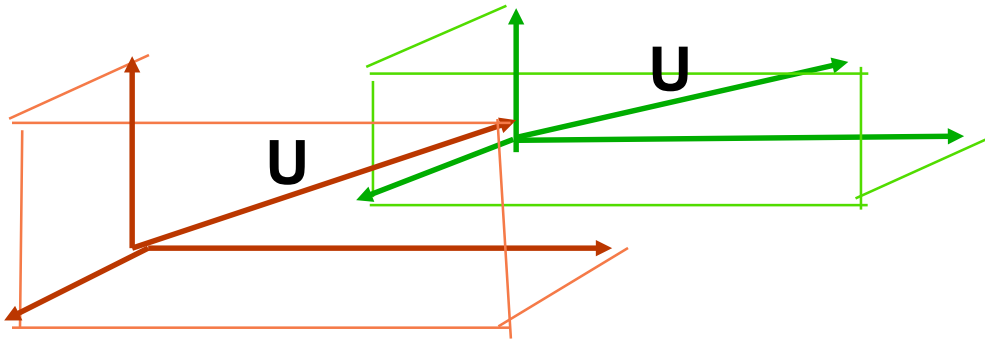
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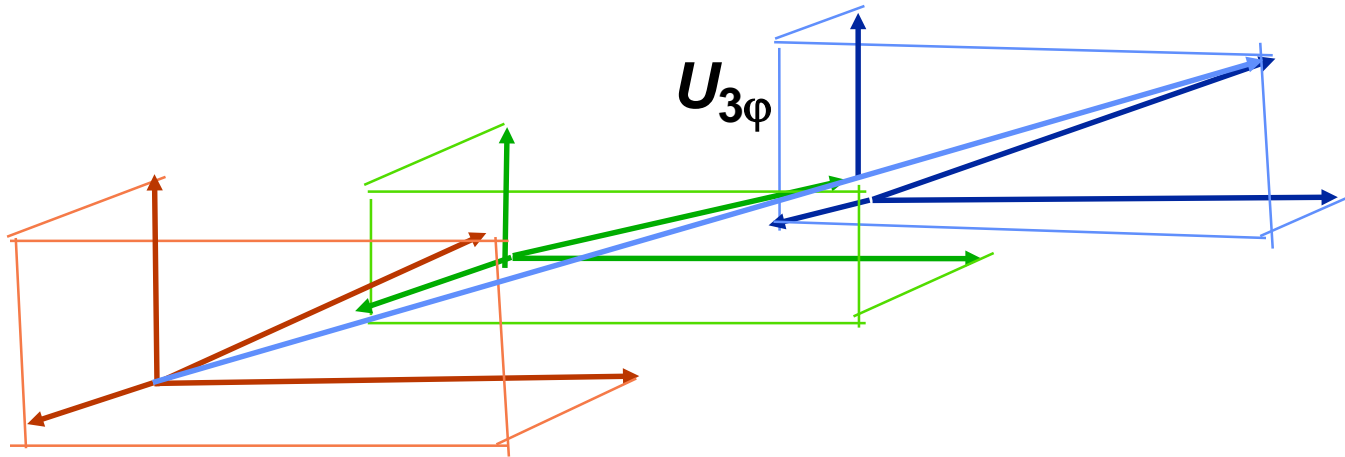
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$$U_{3\phi} = \sqrt{(P_A + P_B + P_C)^2 + (Q_A + Q_B + Q_C)^2 + (D_A + D_B + D_C)^2}$$

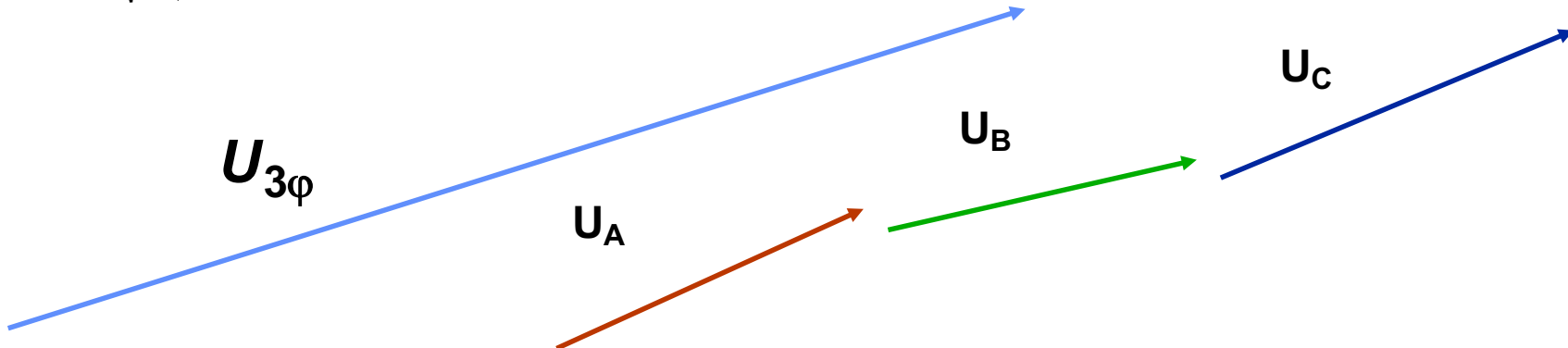
$$S = \sqrt{(P_A + P_B + P_C)^2 + (Q_A + Q_B + Q_C)^2}$$

$$U_{\text{(arith)}} = U_A + U_B + U_C$$

APPARENT POWER VS. ARITHMETIC APPARENT POWER

- To calculate Apparent power (U), first add the components for the phases together, then solve for U.

$$U_{3\phi} = \sqrt{(P_A + P_B + P_C)^2 + (Q_A + Q_B + Q_C)^2 + (D_A + D_B + D_C)^2}$$



- To calculate *Arithmetic* Apparent power, add the Apparent power magnitudes of the three individual phases.

$$U_{Arithmetic} = U_A + U_B + U_C$$



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ALL KVAs ARE NOT CREATED EQUAL

Power Calculations					
<u>POWERS</u>		<u>Phase A</u>	<u>Phase B</u>	<u>Phase C</u>	<u>Total</u>
Active	(P)	3626.4	2880.0	2833.0	9339.4
Reactive	(Q)	317.3	2146.0	2112.0	4575.3
Distortion	(D)	0.0	1102.6	1784.5	2887.1
Apparent	(U)	3640	3757	3959	
PHASOR	(S)	(VA) _{Total}	= 10,400		PF = 89.8
APPARENT	(U)	(VA) _{Total}	= 10,793		PF = 86.5
ARITH.	(U _{arth})	(VA) _{Total}	= 11,356		PF = 82.2



MODERN REACTIVE METERING

- **Which “kVA” calculation method is correct?**
 - They all are “correct”, by definition.
 - Each utility needs to decide which value is appropriate for their own needs.
 - Phasor Power is what results from calculations based on traditional kWh and kvarh meter readings, using a Phase-Shifting Transformer.
 - Apparent Power provides more complete picture of “cost of service”, expected answers under all conditions.
 - Arithmetic Apparent Power may provide unexpected results (low PF, high kVA) for asymmetrical or unbalanced conditions.



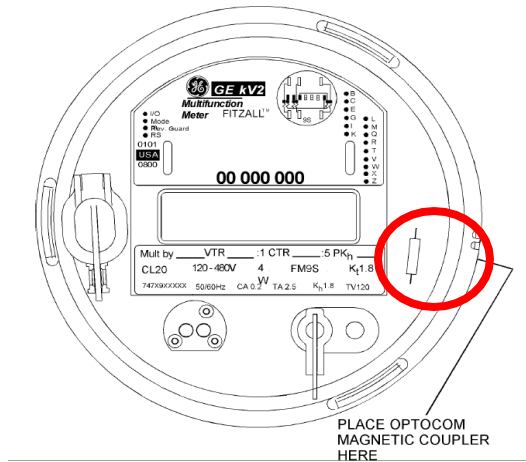
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PHASE "X" FORMULAE

<i>RMS Potential,</i>	$E_X = \sqrt{\sum_{h=1}^H E_{Xh}^2}$	(Volts)
<i>RMS Current,</i>	$I_X = \sqrt{\sum_{h=1}^H I_{Xh}^2}$	(Amperes)
<i>Apparent Power,</i>	$U_X = E_X I_X$	(kVA)
<i>Active Power,</i>	$P_X = \sum_{h=1}^H E_{Xh} I_{Xh} \cos(\alpha_{Xh} - \beta_{Xh})$	(kW)
<i>Re active Power,</i>	$Q_X = \sum_{h=1}^H E_{Xh} I_{Xh} \sin(\alpha_{Xh} - \beta_{Xh})$	(k var)
<i>Distortion Power,</i>	$D_X = \pm \sqrt{U_X^2 - P_X^2 - Q_X^2}$	(kVA)
<i>Phasor Power,</i>	$S_X = +\sqrt{P_X^2 + Q_X^2}$	(kVA)
<i>Fictitious Power,</i>	$F_X = +\sqrt{U_X^2 - P_X^2}$	(kVA) (a.k.a." Fuzzy var s")
<i>Nonreactive Power,</i>	$N_X = +\sqrt{U_X^2 - Q_X^2}$	(kVA)

E_{Xh} and I_{Xh} are the RMS voltage and amperage of harmonic h. α_{Xh} and β_{Xh} are the phase angles of the voltage and current of harmonic h with respect to the reference time-frame. H is the highest harmonic ordinal.

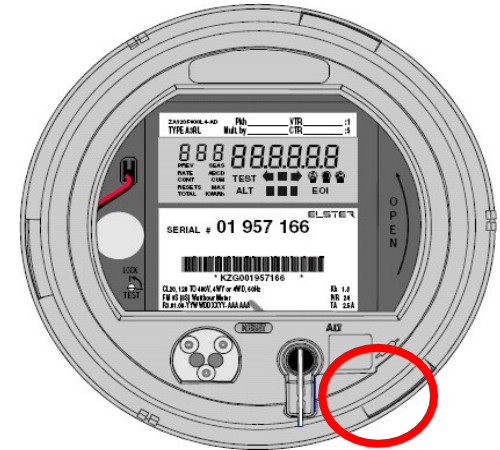
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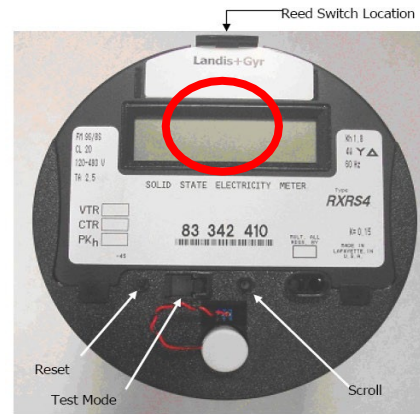
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Honeywell A3



Landis + Gyr S4e



Sensus Icon APX



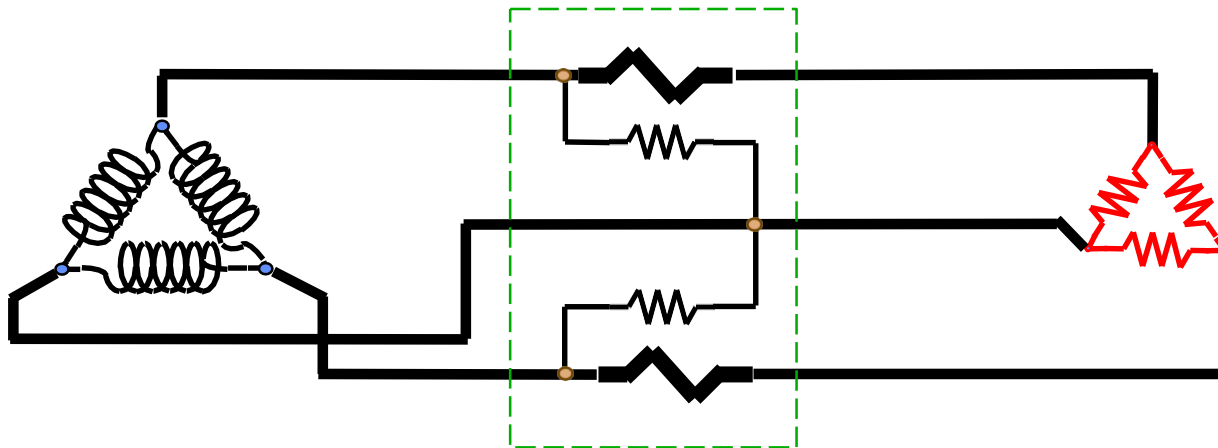
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Power

Meter

Load

Transformer



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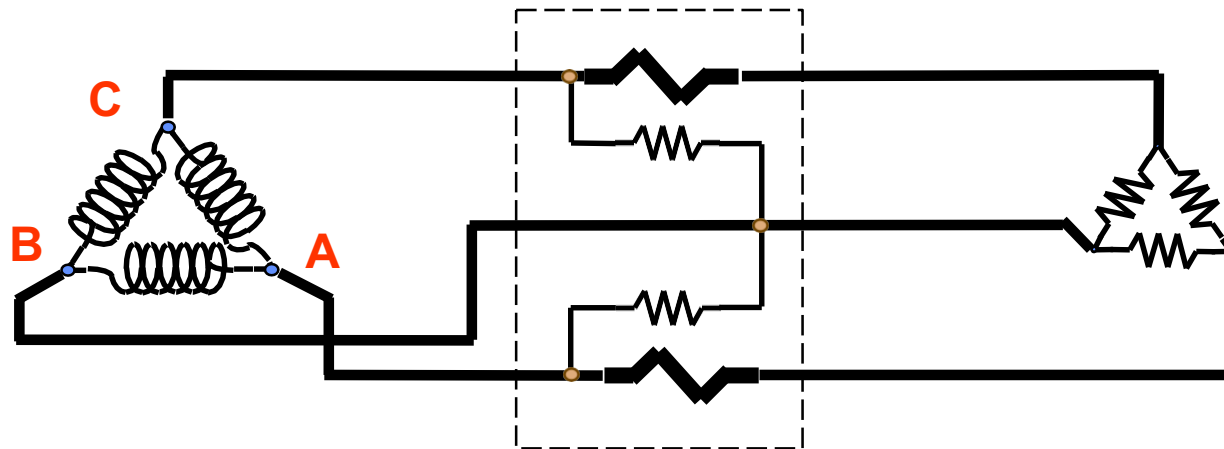
STEP 2: DRAW DIAGRAM FOR...

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Step 2: Label points of Power Transformer

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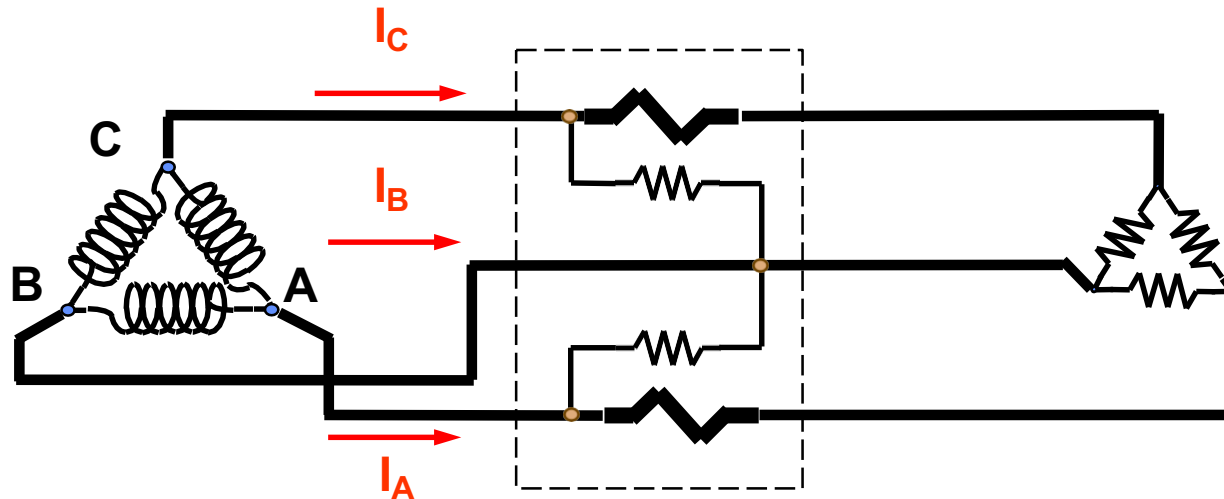
STEP 3: DRAW AND LABEL ALL LINE CURRENTS

Power

Meter

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Draw line currents between power transformer and meter. Use arrows with closed points (\longrightarrow). Assume all currents flow from transformer to load. Where necessary, draw power transformer coil currents and label with double subscript notation (I_{BA} , I_{AC} , etc.).

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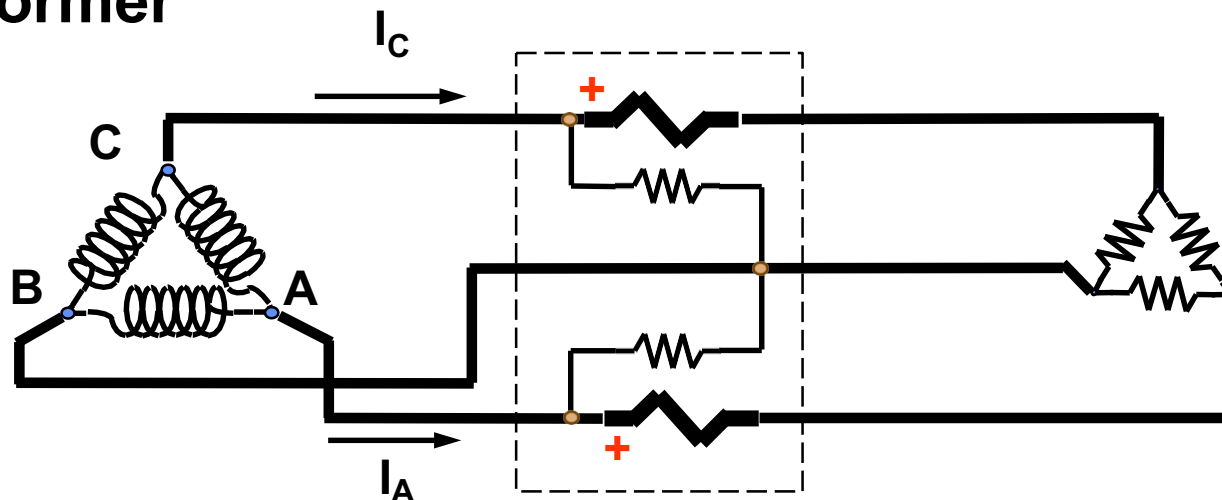
STEP 4: MARK POLARITY ON ALL CURRENT COILS

Power

Meter

Load

Transformer



The polarity mark (+) goes on the line side of all current coils except:

- (a): For 2 1/2 stator Z-coil meters. The polarity “+” goes on the load side of the Z-coil.
- (b): For 3-wire, 1-phase meters and the 3-wire stator on the left side of a 4-wire delta meter, the “+” goes on the load side of the right hand coil of the single stator meter, and the “inside” coil of the left hand stator in the 4-wire delta meter.

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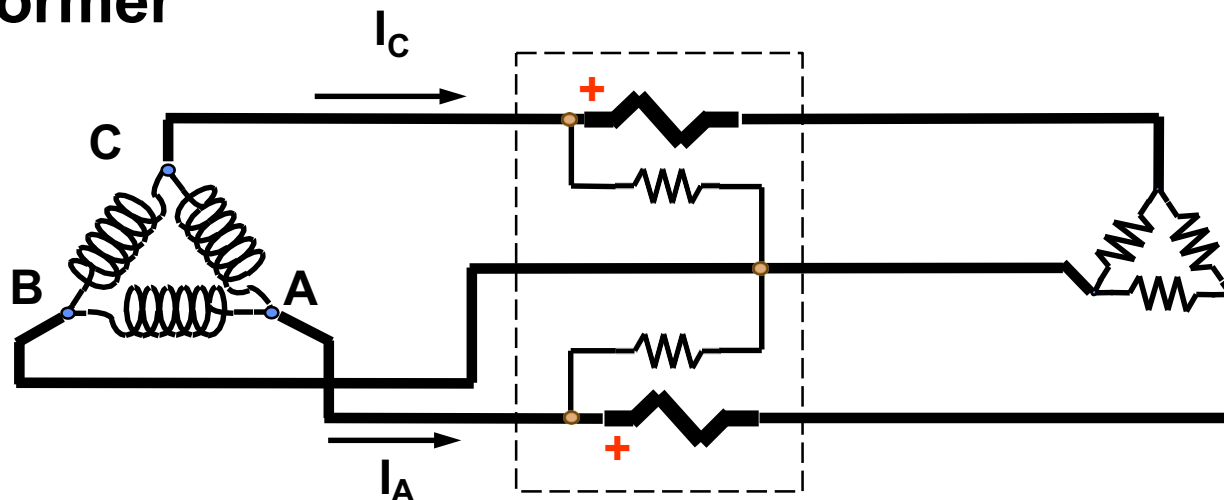
STEP 4: POLARITY OF CURRENT COILS (CONT.)

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Meter

Load

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If line current enters the “+” end of a current coil, the coil current is assumed to be in phase with the line current. If, however, the current enters the unmarked end of the coil, the current is assumed to be 180° out of phase with the line current.

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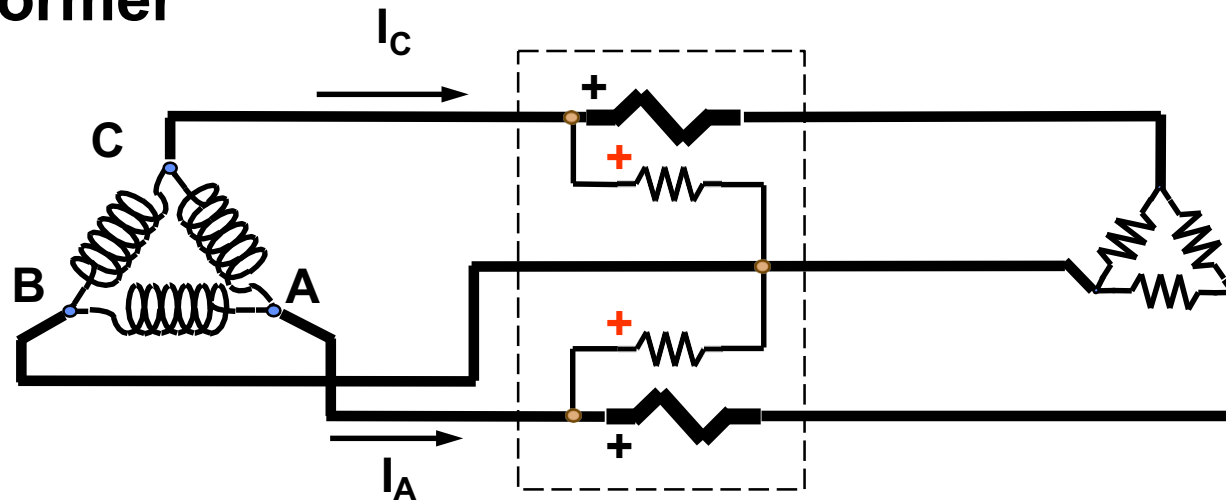
STEP 5: MARK POLARITY ON ALL VOLTAGE COILS

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The polarity mark (+) goes on the end of the voltage coil that connects to the “+” end of the current coil.

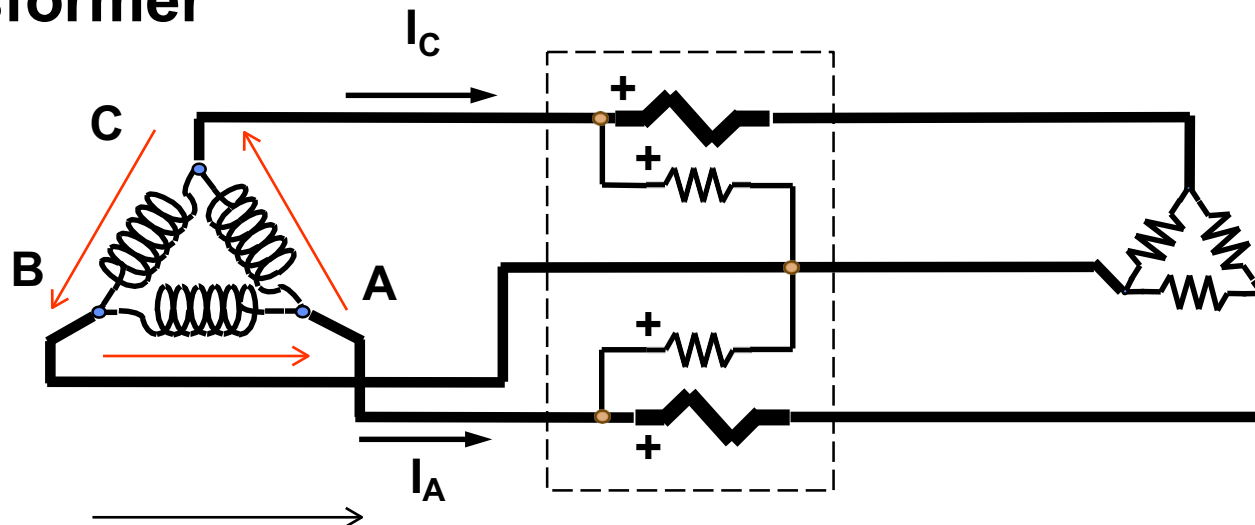
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STEP 6: DRAW VOLTAGE ARROWS AT POWER TRANSFORMER

**Power
Transformer**

Meter

Load

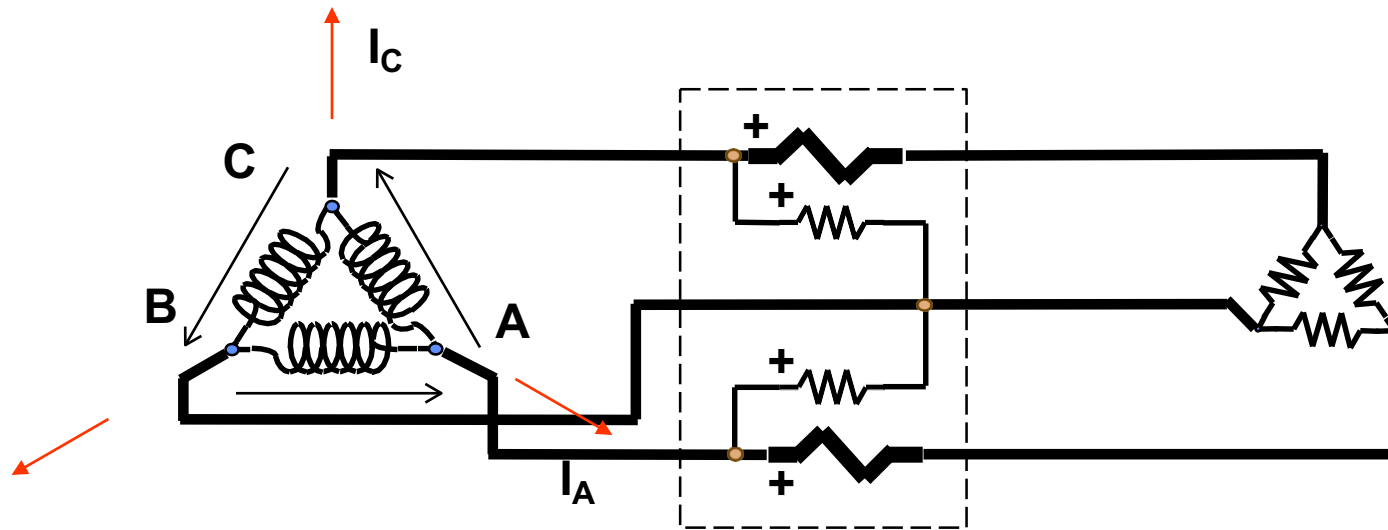


Draw open ended arrows to represent voltage at the power transformer.

- Wye-connected: point away from the neutral.
- Delta-connected: tracing tail-to-head-to-tail, etc., around the delta following a counter-clockwise direction.

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STEP 7: ESTABLISH VOLTAGE & CURRENT RELATIONSHIPS



Use Kirchoff's Laws to establish the needed relationships between voltages and currents at the power transformer.

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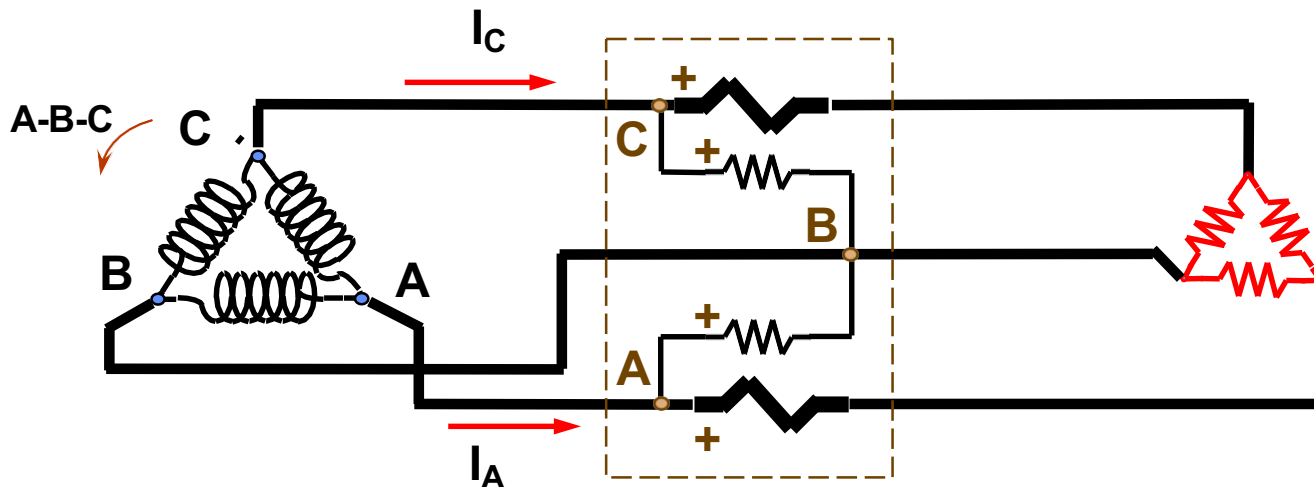
STEP 8: COMPLETE THE “SOURCE” PHASORS

Power

Meter

Load

Transformer



Complete the phasor diagram for the power transformer (source).

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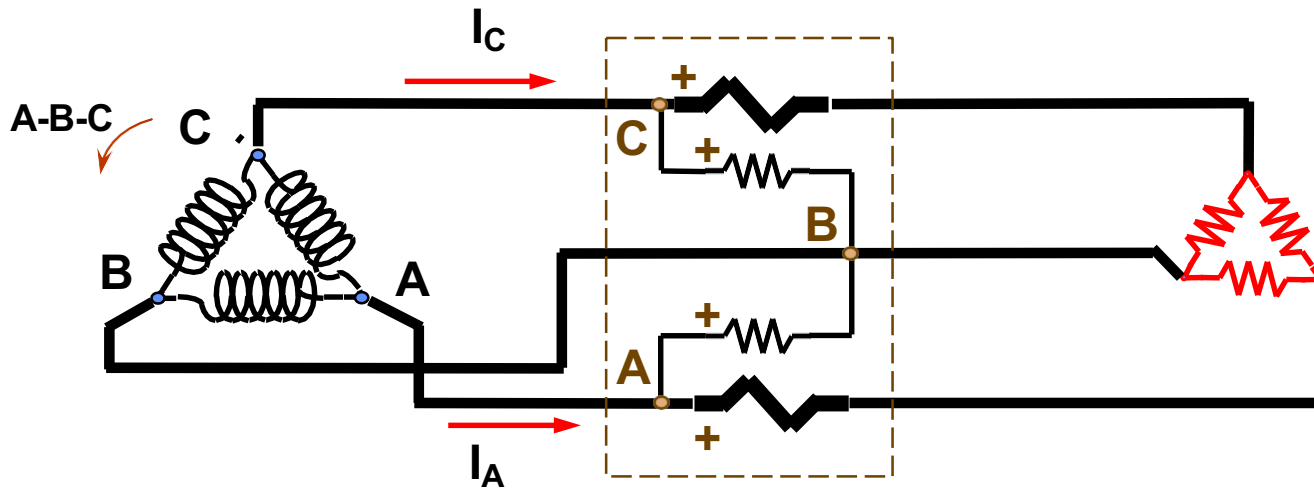
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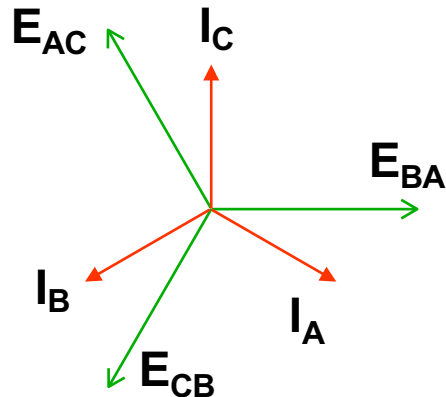
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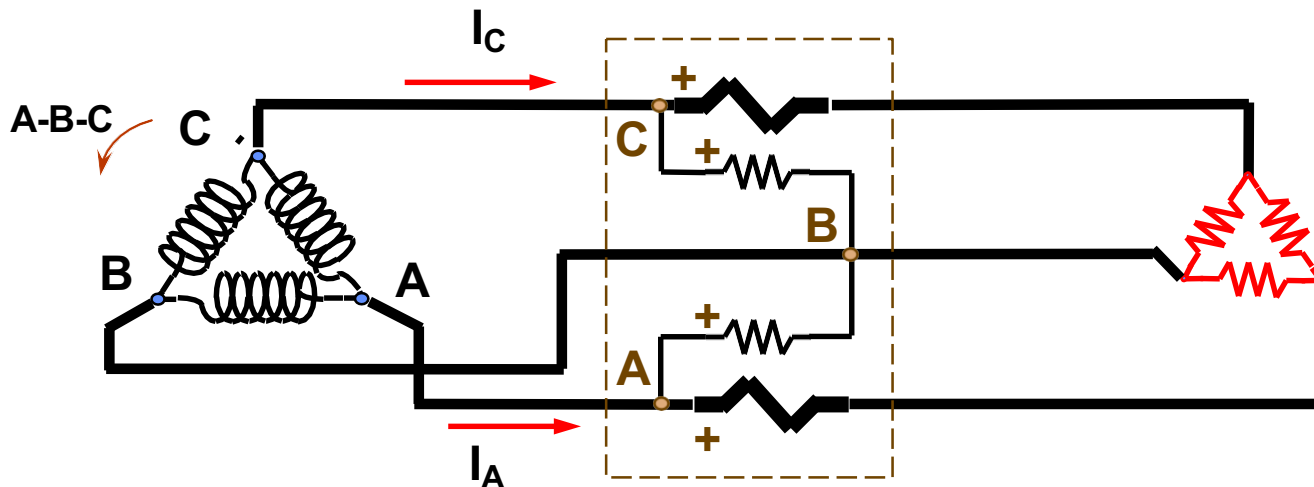
STEP 9: CONSTRUCT METER VOLTAGE PHASORS

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Draw the voltage phasors for the meter, using the tracing method.

Starting at the polarity end of the voltage coil, trace through the voltage coil, back through the source, and return to the polarity end of the voltage coil.

The direction of the METER phasor is the direction traveled through the source transformer.

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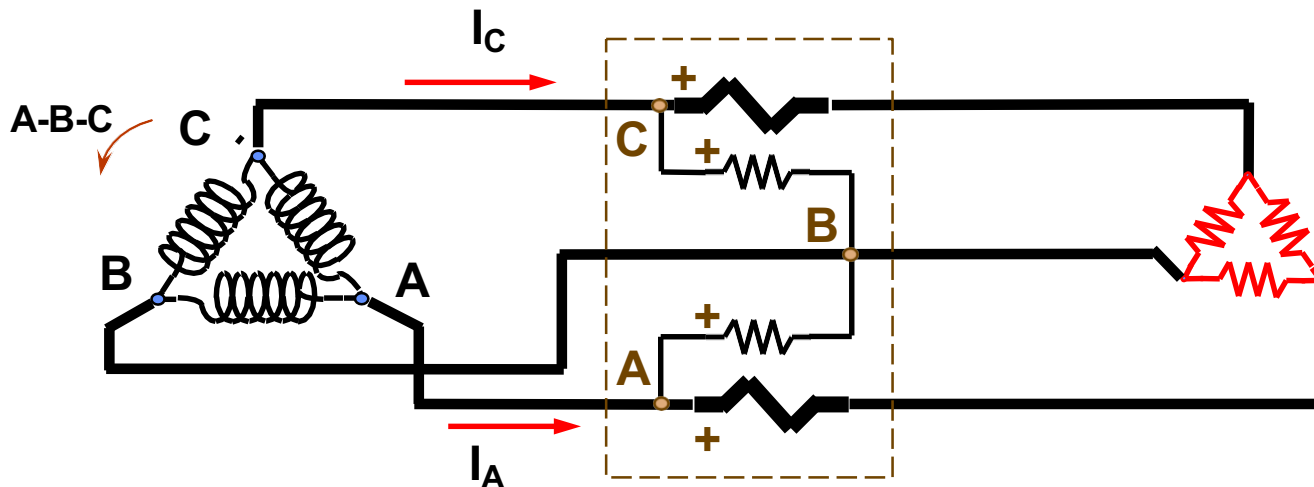
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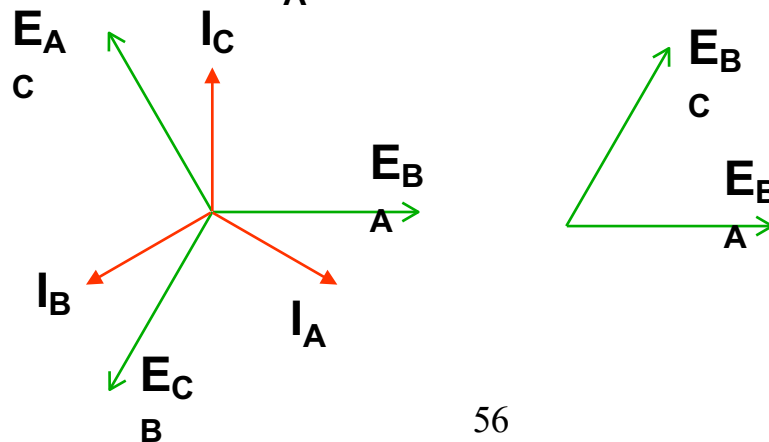
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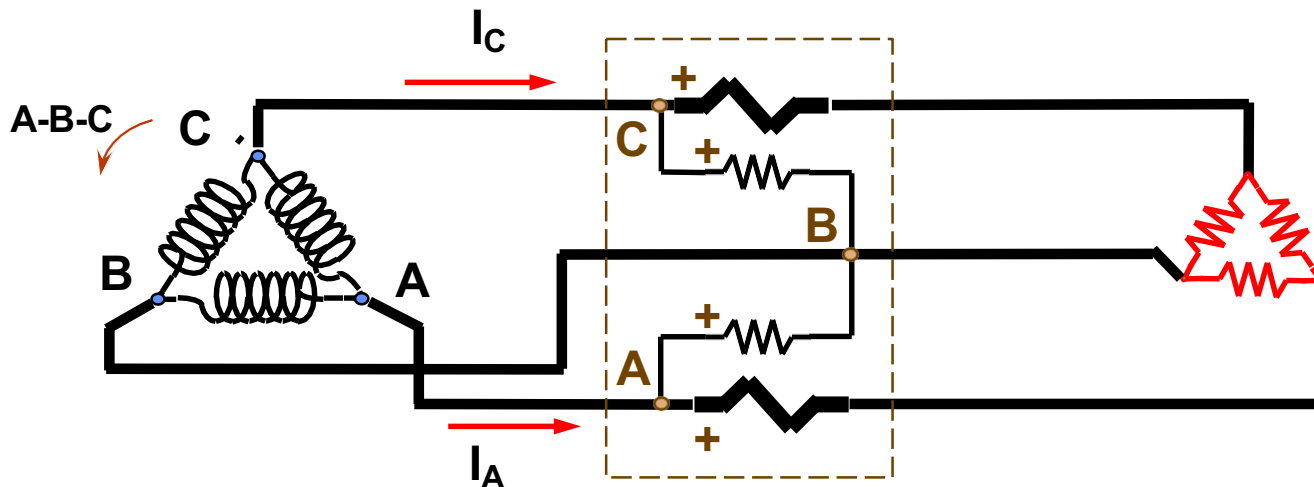
STEP 10: CONSTRUCT METER CURRENT PHASORS

Power

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Add meter current phasors by using the relationships developed in step 8, and observing the polarity marks of the current coils. Make sure all voltage and current phasors are labeled, and show the interactions between voltages and currents in the meter stators by connecting the appropriate phasors with elongated ellipses.

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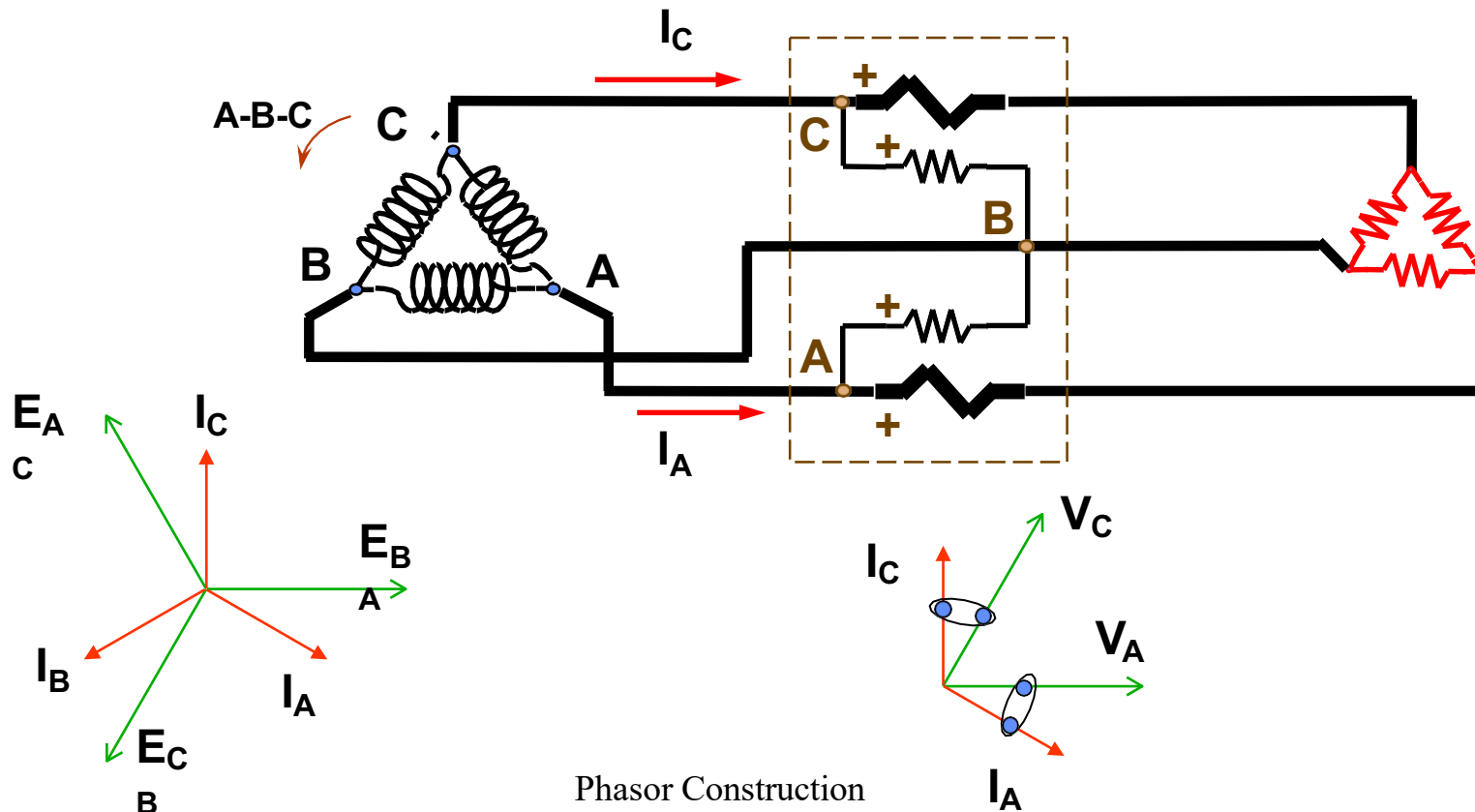
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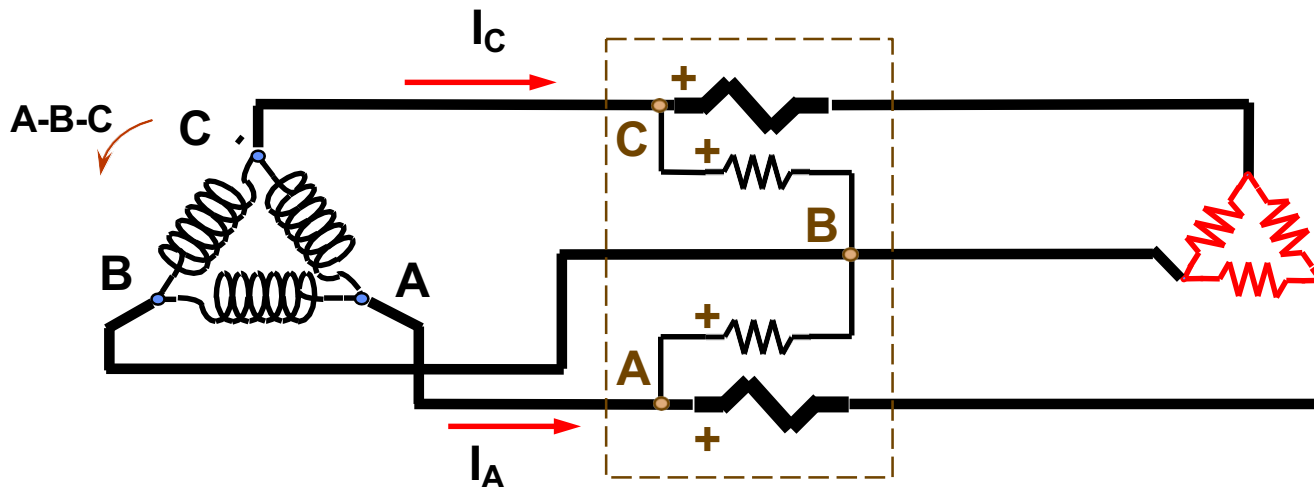
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Meter

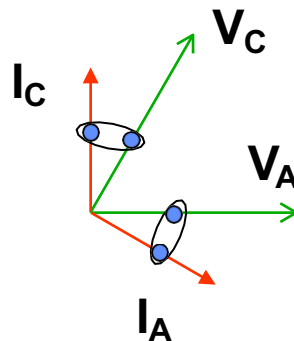
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Show the expression for the Meter Watts.

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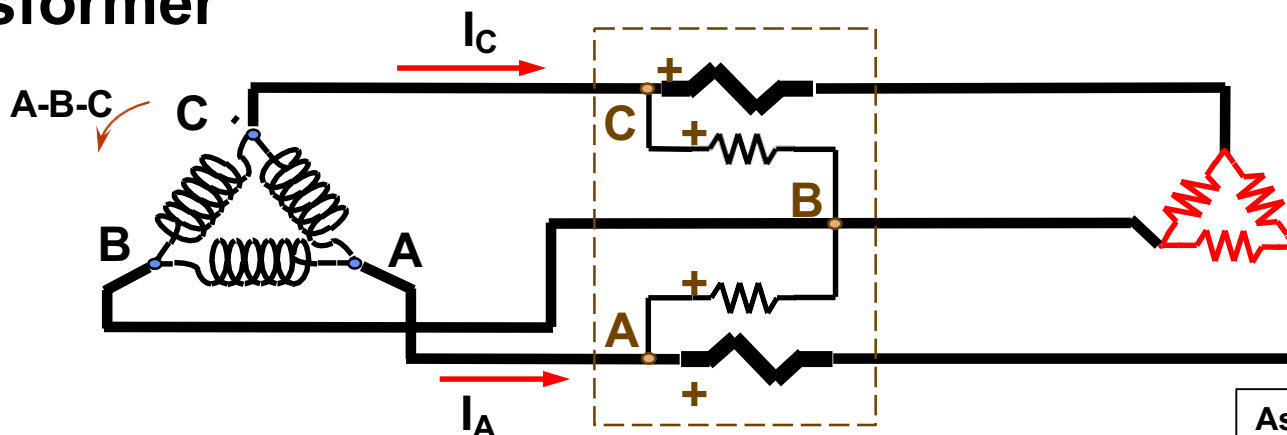
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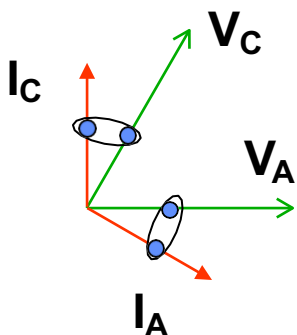
Transformer



Show the expression for the Meter Watts.

Assuming balanced
3-phase load and
balanced voltages

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{MeterWatts} &= V_A I_A \cos(30 + \theta_A) + V_C I_C \cos(30 - \theta_C) \\
 &= V_{LL} I_L \cos(30 + \theta) + V_{LL} I_L \cos(30 - \theta) \\
 &= V_{LL} I_L [(\cos 30 \cos \theta - \sin 30 \sin \theta) + (\cos 30 \cos \theta + \sin 30 \sin \theta)] \\
 &= V_{LL} I_L \left[\left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \cos \theta \right) + \left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \cos \theta \right) \right] \\
 &= \sqrt{3} V_{LL} I_L \cos \theta
 \end{aligned}$$



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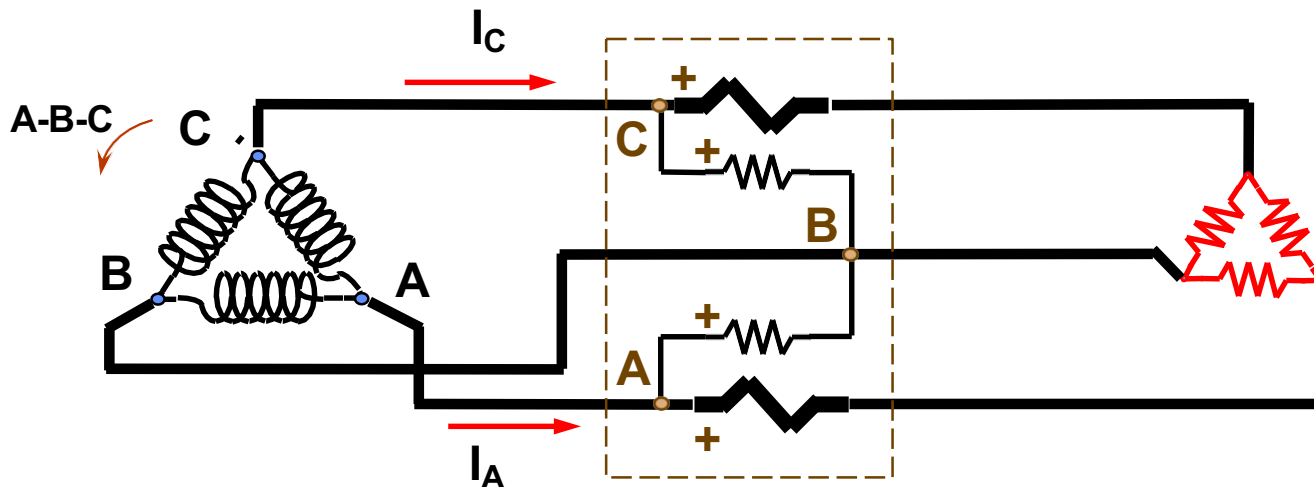
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Show the expression for the Delivered Watts, or Load Watts.

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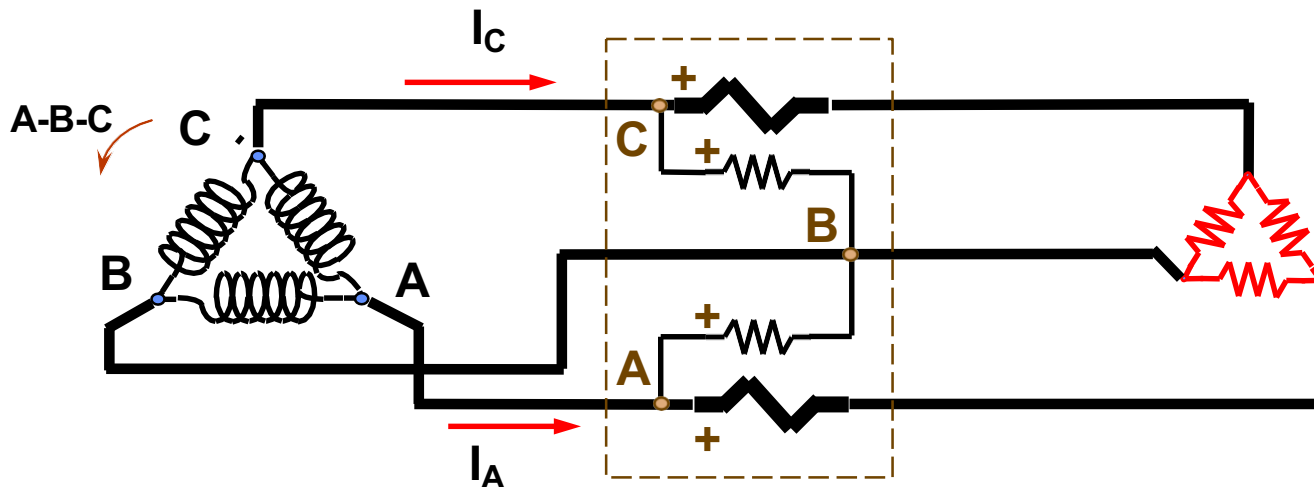
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Show the expression for the Delivered Watts, or Load Watts.

For a balanced 3-phase load:

$$\text{Load Watts} = \sqrt{3} V_{LL} I_L \cos(\theta)$$

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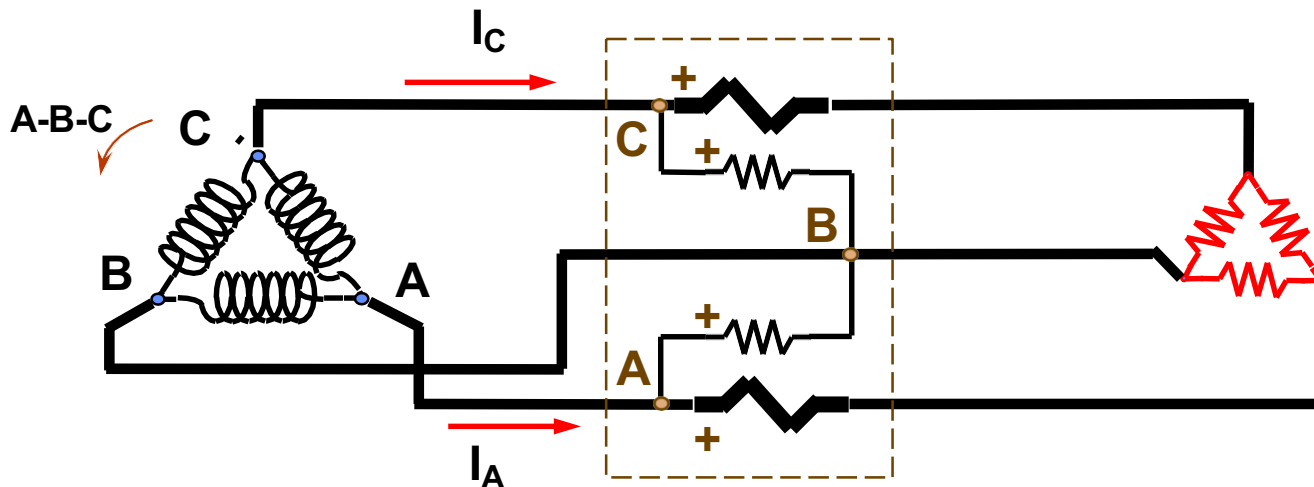
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Calculate the percent registration of the meter by dividing the Meter Watts by the Load Watts, then multiplying the result by 100%.

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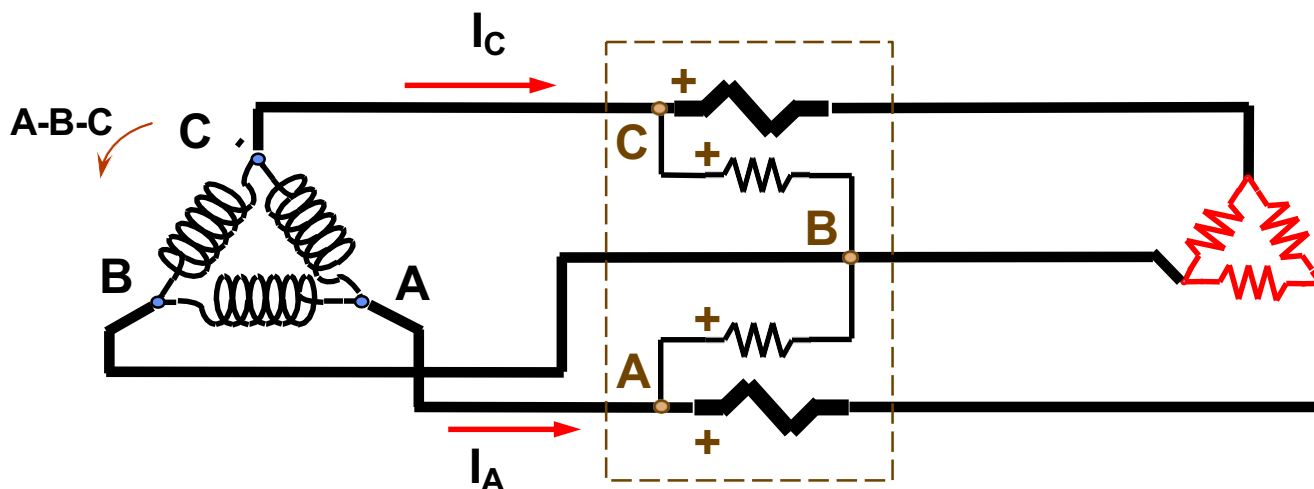
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Calculate the percent registration of the meter by dividing the Meter Watts by the Load Watts, then multiplying the result by 100%.

$$\text{Percent Registration} = \frac{\text{Meter Watts}}{\text{Load Watts}} \times 100\%$$

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$$\begin{aligned} &= \frac{\sqrt{3} V_{LL} I_L \cos \theta}{\sqrt{3} V_{LL} I_L \cos \theta} \times 100\% \\ &= 100\% \end{aligned}$$

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