

TESCO METERING

# Quadrant Metering



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- What does Quadrant metering mean?
- When am I interested in Quadrant metering?
- How is this information used if not for billing?
- How will I use this as a meter tech/engineer?
- Why will this be important in the future?

Quadrant metering can be used to understand individually or collectively;

- Real Power consumed by the end user
- Apparent Power delivered by the Utility
- Real Power delivered to the utility by an end user's generation source
- Apparent Power generated by the end user's generation source

Having these measurements allows for the calculation of Reactive Power, VA and VARS as well as providing kWh for billing purposes.

**There are 3 factors that make up what is called “Power and Energy”.**

- “Apparent” Power and Energy
- “Real” Power and Energy
- “Reactive” Power and Energy

## Real Power

- The practical unit of active power which is defined as the rate at which energy is delivered to a circuit. Sometimes called Watts or Power. Also known as potential/available power.

## Apparent Power

- The product of the volts and the total current which flows because of the voltage. Sometimes called volt-amperes

## Reactive Power

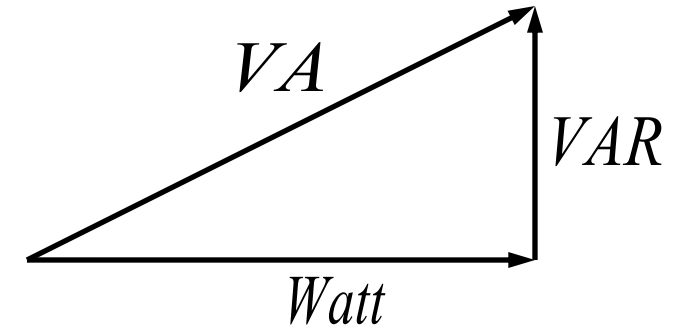
- The out-of-phase component of the total volt-amperes in a circuit which includes inductive or capacitive reactance. Sometimes called reactive volt-amperes or vars.

## Review of the Power Triangle

Real Power    Working Power  
(Performs work)  
Measured in **Watts**

Apparent Power    Power supplied by the utility  
(The full effort)  
Measured in **VA**

Reactive Power    Magnetizing Power  
(Performs no work, imaginary)  
Measured in **Vars**



$$VA_V = \sqrt{W^2 + VAR^2}$$

# Power Factor of Beer.....



Pour yourself a beer

- The amount of beer we will call kW. You can drink the beer, therefore it is useful.
- The amount of foam is kVAR. You can't drink the foam, therefore it isn't useful.
- The total amount in the glass is kVA. You need a glass sized for both the beer and the foam.

Look at the two examples on the left.

- Good power factor, low foam or kVAR.
- Bad power factor, high foam or KVAR.

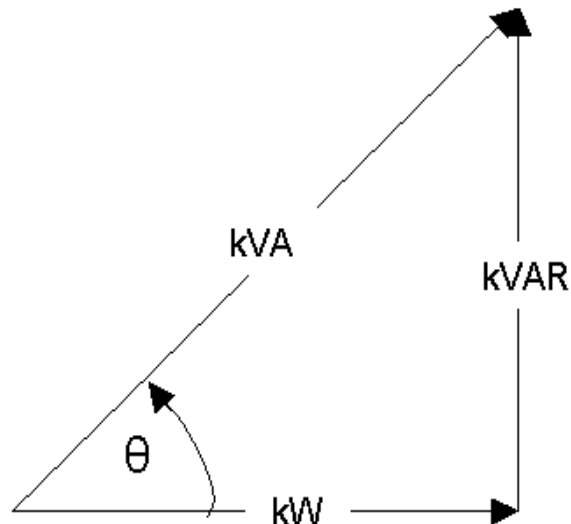
- Voltage associated with Current produces Power applied over Time is Energy:  
 $\text{Volts (V)} \times \text{Amps (A)} \times \text{Time (H)} = \text{Energy (VAH)}$
- Volts (V) X Working Current (A) X Time (H) = **Real** Energy
  - **kWh**- Does Real Work, this is typically customer billing register.
  - $240\text{v} \times 48 \text{ amps} \times 3 \text{ hours} = 34.56 \text{ kilowatt hours (kWh)}$
- Volts (V) X Total Current (A) X Time (H) = **Apparent** Energy
  - **VAh** - Supplied by Utilities.
  - $240\text{v} \times 48 \text{ amps} / 0.95 \text{ PF} \times 3 \text{ hours} = 36.38 \text{ VAh}$
- Volts (V) X Reactive Current (A) X Time (H) = **Reactive** Energy
  - **VARh** - Magnetizing Energy, system loss.
  - $240\text{v} \times 48 \text{ amps} \times .05 \times 3 \text{ hours} = 1.82 \text{ VARh}$
  - $36.38 \text{ kWh} - 34.56 \text{ kWh} = 1.82 \text{ VARh}$

## What is your Power Factor?

- Defined to be active power divided by apparent power
- Watts divided by volt-amperes
- KW/KVA (11.52 kW/12.13 kVA = .95 PF)
- Measure of power system delivery/consumption efficiency

$PF = \cos \theta$  where  $\theta$  is the angle as shown:

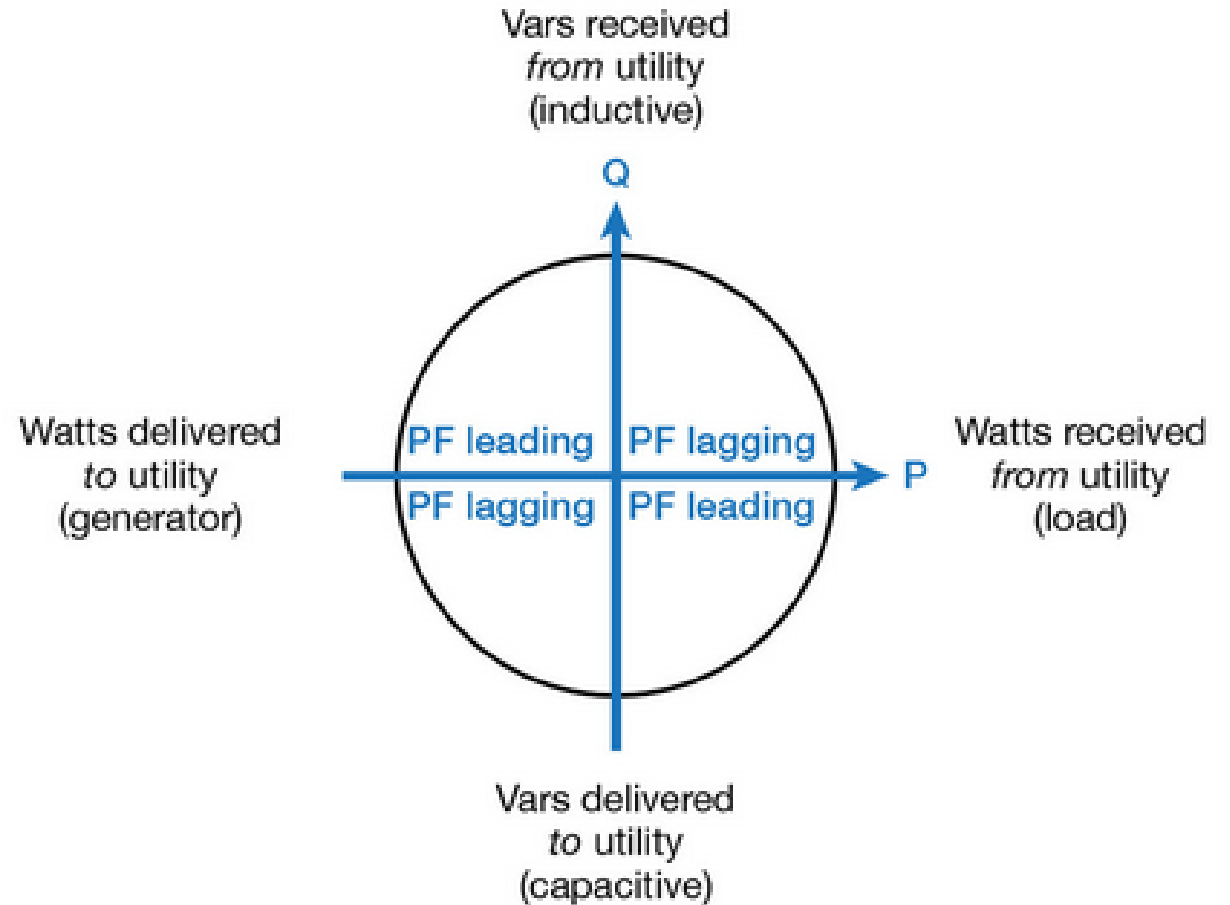
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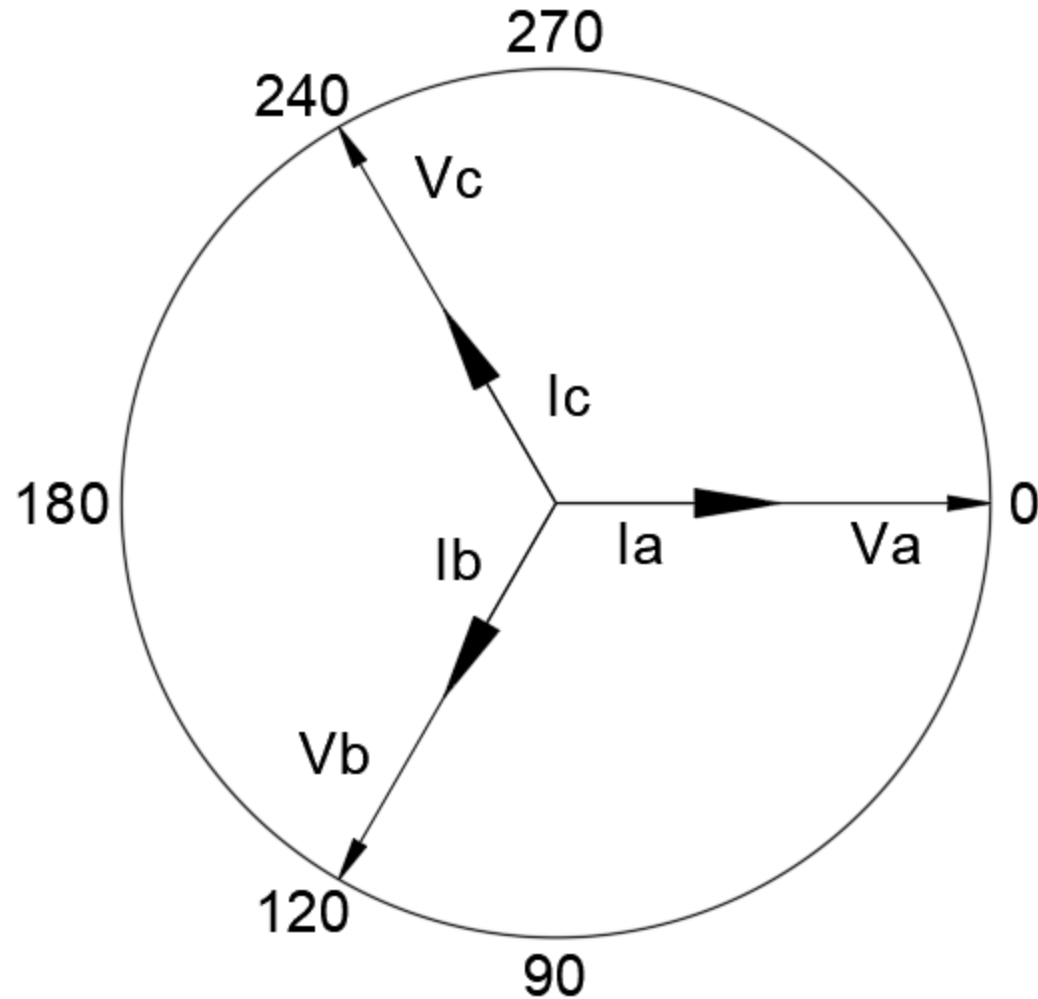


# Leading and Lagging PF

- Power factors are usually stated as "leading" or "lagging" to show the sign of the phase angle.
- Capacitive loads are leading (current leads voltage)
- Inductive loads are lagging (current lags voltage).



# Meter Services 4-Wire Wye



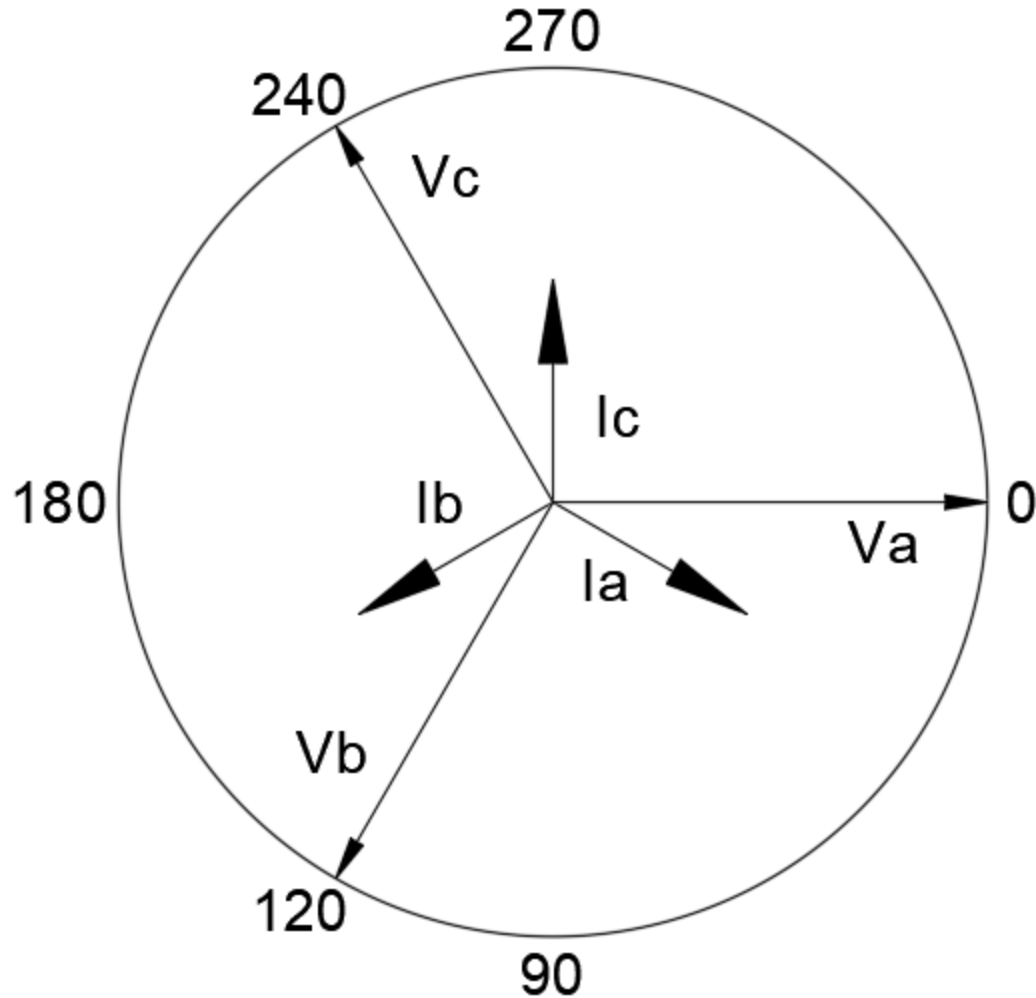
Phasor Diagram for 3-element,  
4-wire Wye connected service

Form 9S or 10A

Form 16S or 16A

Form 16K

# Inductive Load - Lagging

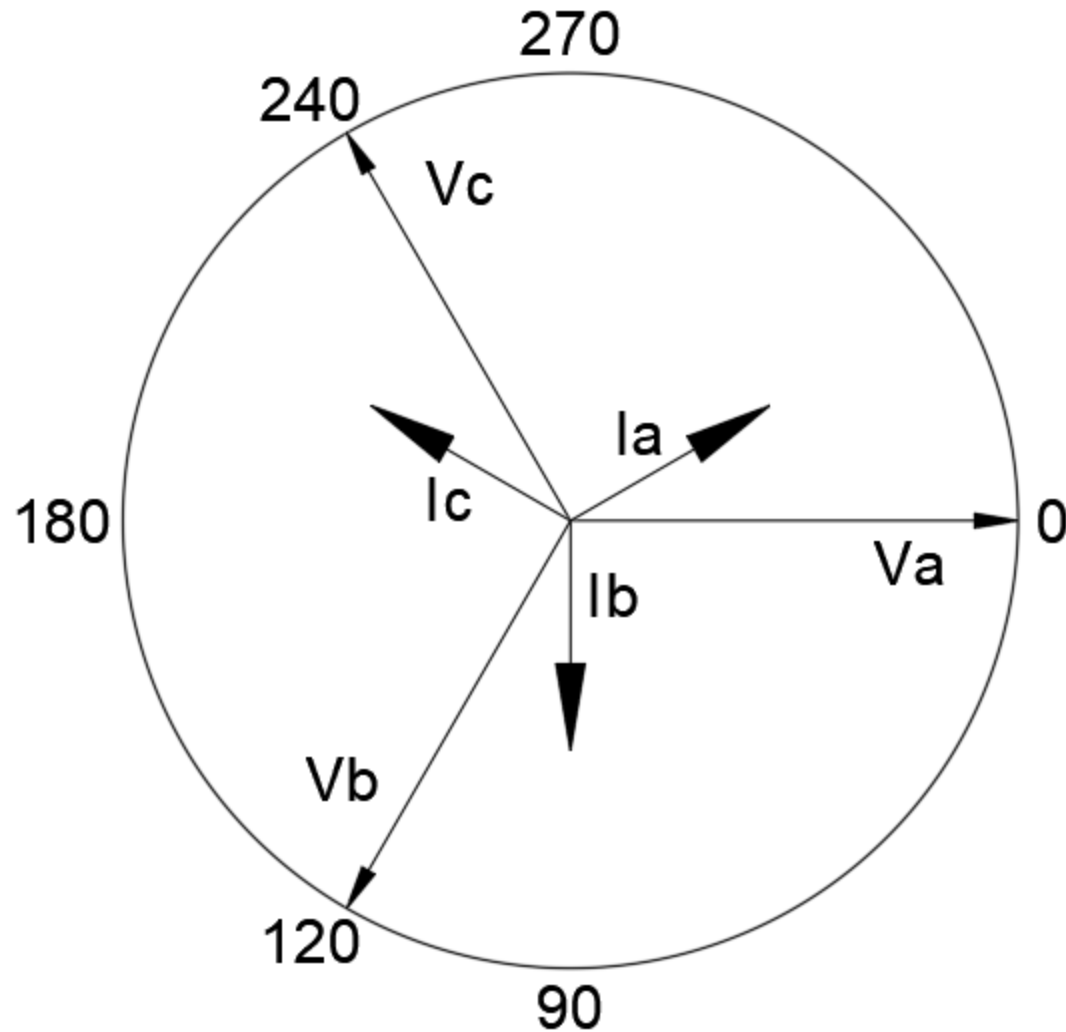


Example of 4 wire wye where:

Current **LAGs** the Voltage

This would be an **Inductive** load

# Capacitive Load - Leading



Example of 4 wire wye where:

Current **LEADS** the Voltage

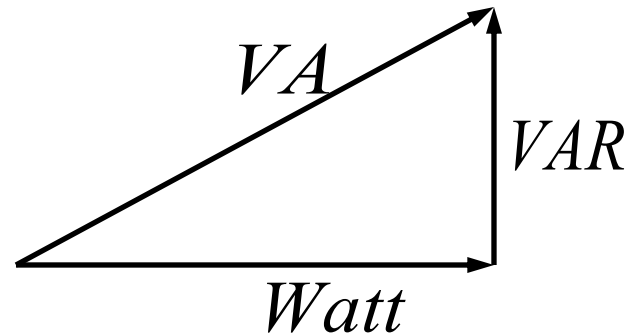
This would be a **CAPACITIVE** load

Two methods of developing KVA: Vectorial or Arithmetic

**Arithmetic**

$$VA_{RMS} = V_{RMS} \times I_{RMS}$$

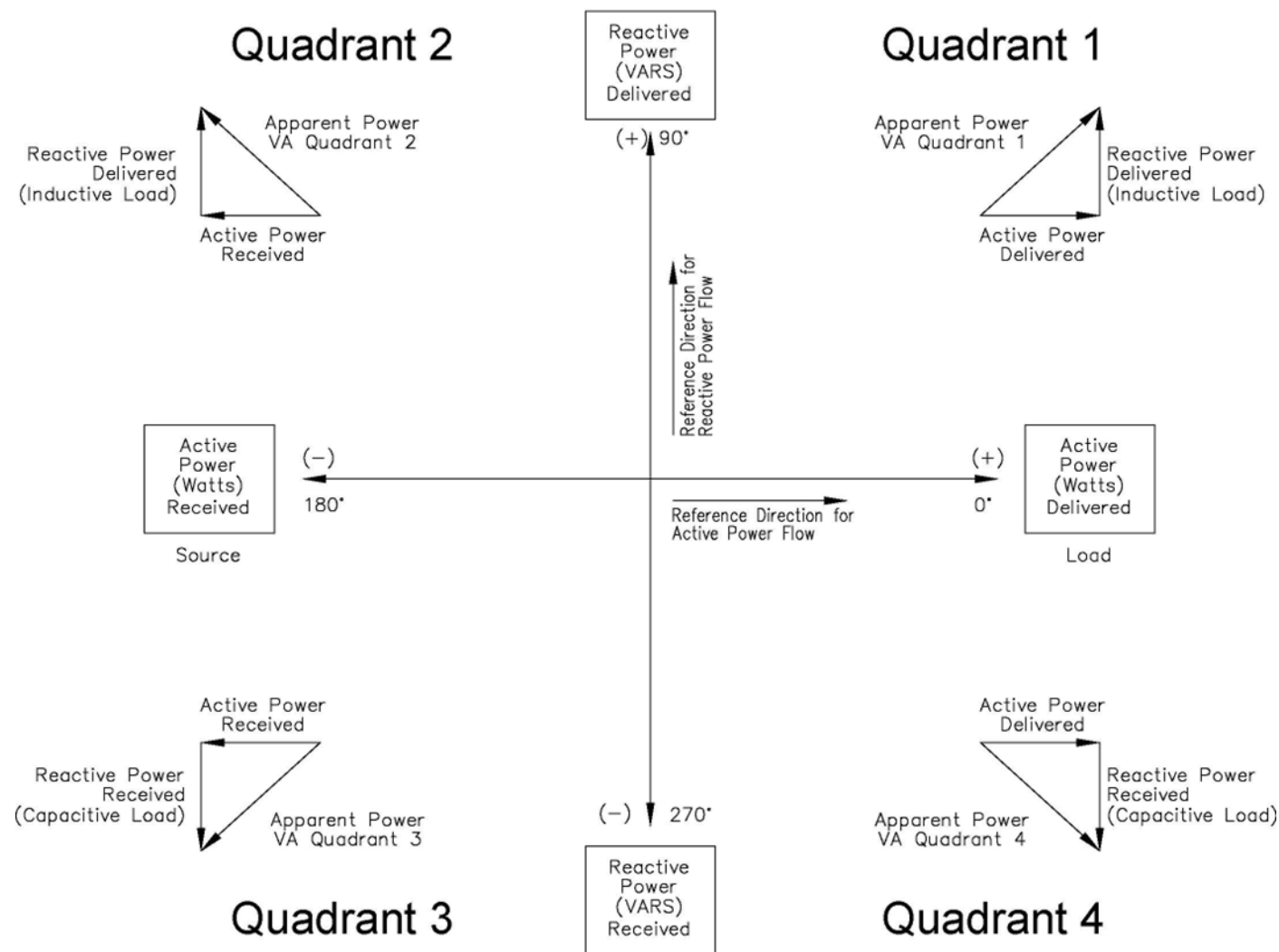
**Vectorial**



- For an unbalanced Polyphase load is  $VA_V$  or  $VA_{RMS}$  correct?
- Both are correct, they just measure different quantities.
- Vector VA ( $VA_V$ )
  - Measures load characteristics, “Load Efficiency”
  - An accurate indicator of load VA
  - The end user controls the load and hence controls  $VA_V$
- Arithmetic VA ( $VA_{RMS}$ )
  - Measures source characteristics, “Source Efficiency”
  - An accurate indicator of the VA needed to supply the load
  - Includes harmonics
  - The utility controls the source used to supply the load hence  $VA_{RMS}$
  - $VA_{RMS} \geq VA_V$

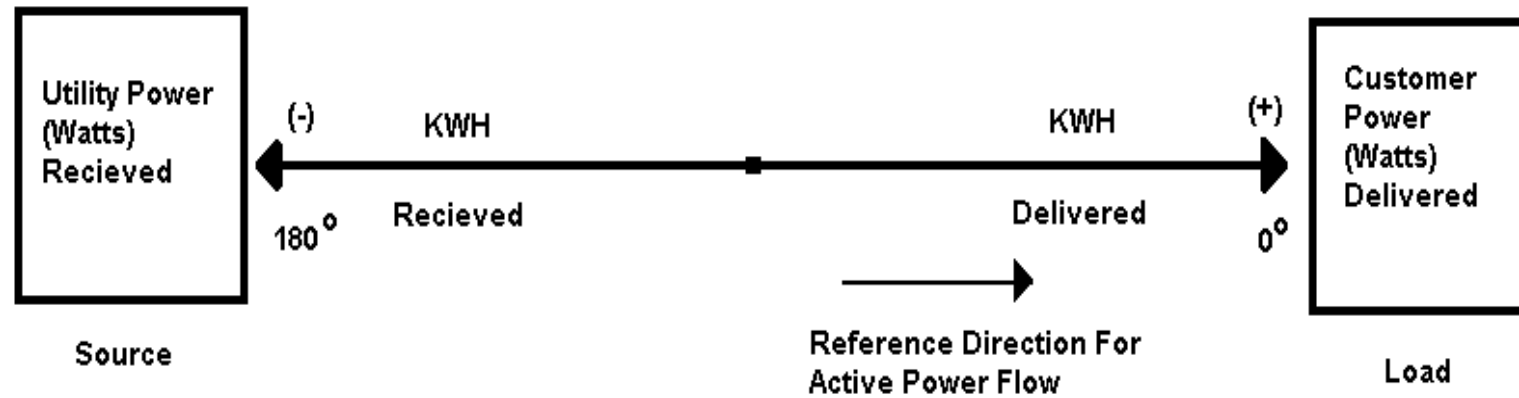
- 2 Wire single phase systems:
  - $VA_V$  and  $VA_{RMS}$  yield similar results
- Polyphase systems:
  - $VA_V$  and  $VA_{RMS}$  yield similar results for balanced load
  - $VA_V$  and  $VA_{RMS}$  yield different results for unbalanced load
- Vector VA ( $VA_V$ )
  - Measures load characteristics, “Load Efficiency”
- Arithmetic VA ( $VA_{RMS}$ )
  - Measures source characteristics, “Source Efficiency”

# 4 Quadrant Conventions and Power Flow





# KWH Power Flow (x) Axis



Active Power (True Power): Watts

When the Active Power (Watts) flow from the “SOURCE” through the metering point and into the “LOAD” we say the Active Power (Watts) are being DELIVERED. Therefore, when the Active Power is being supplied by the “SOURCE” into the load it will be referred to as Delivered Power (Watts) and has a positive sign. **Standard billing determinants would be Delivered kW/kWh.**

When the Active Power (Watts) flow from the “LOAD” through the metering point and into the “SOURCE” we say the Active Power (Watts) are being RECEIVED. Therefore, when the Active Power is being supplied by the “LOAD” into the source it will be referred to as Received Power (Watts) and has a negative sign. **Standard billing determinants would be Received kW/kWh.**

Terms (Standard from the above illustration):

Delivered Kw/kWh (Q1 + Q4)

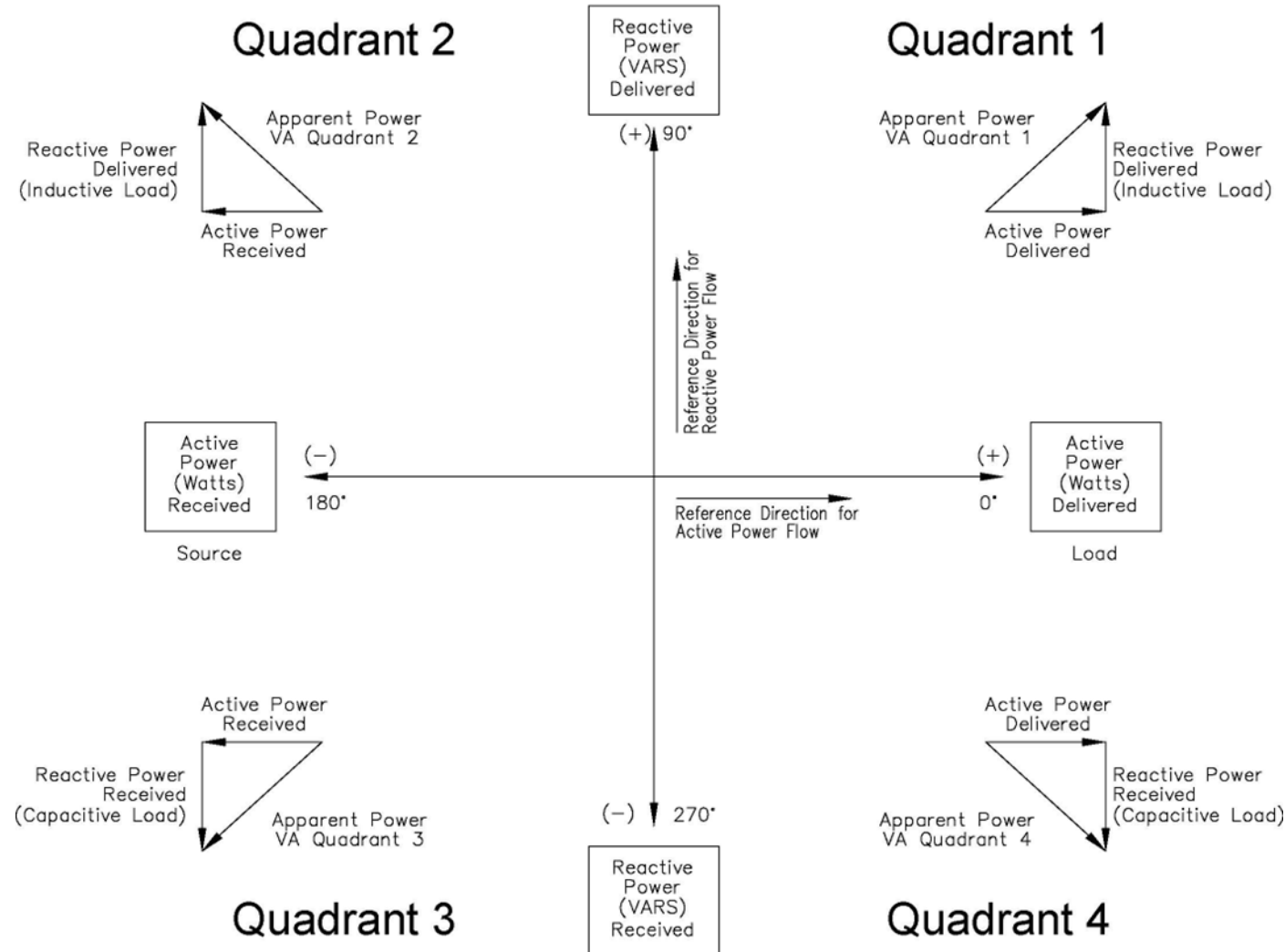
Received kW/kWh (Q2 + Q3)

Note: The Active Power is always on the x axis and does not fall into any of the four quadrants. Active power does not lead or lag it is delivered or received.

# Quadrant Conventions

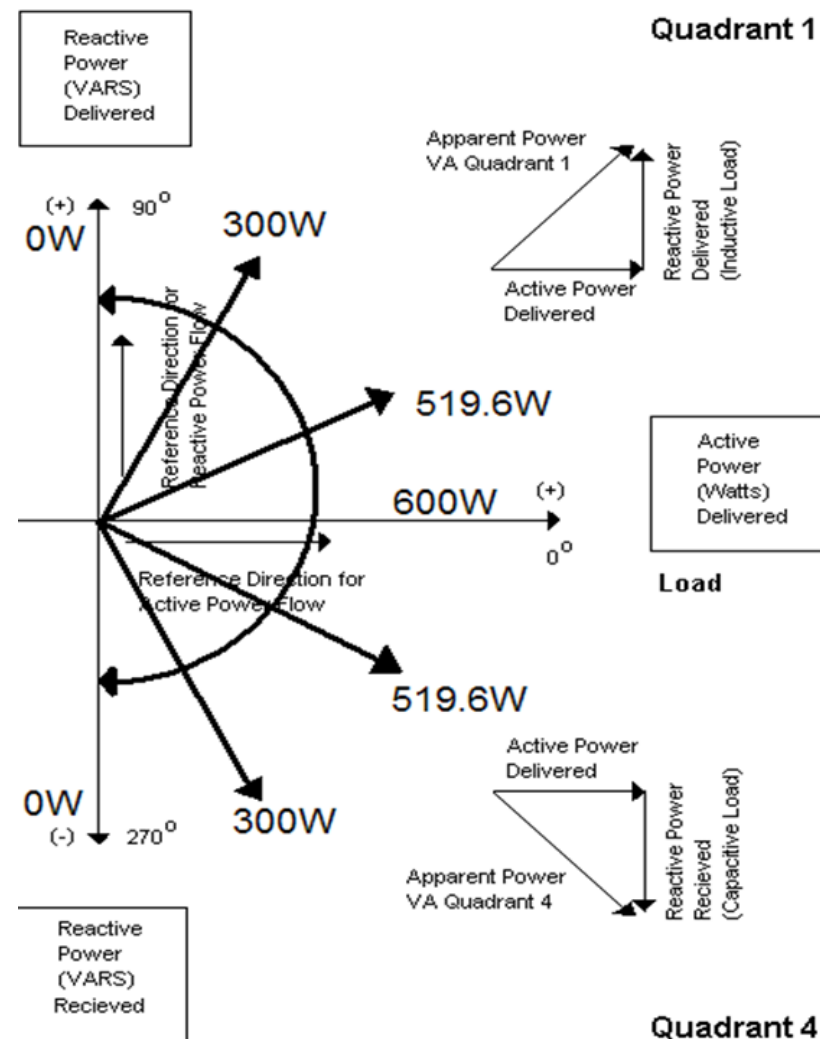
Watts  
Received

Watts  
Delivered



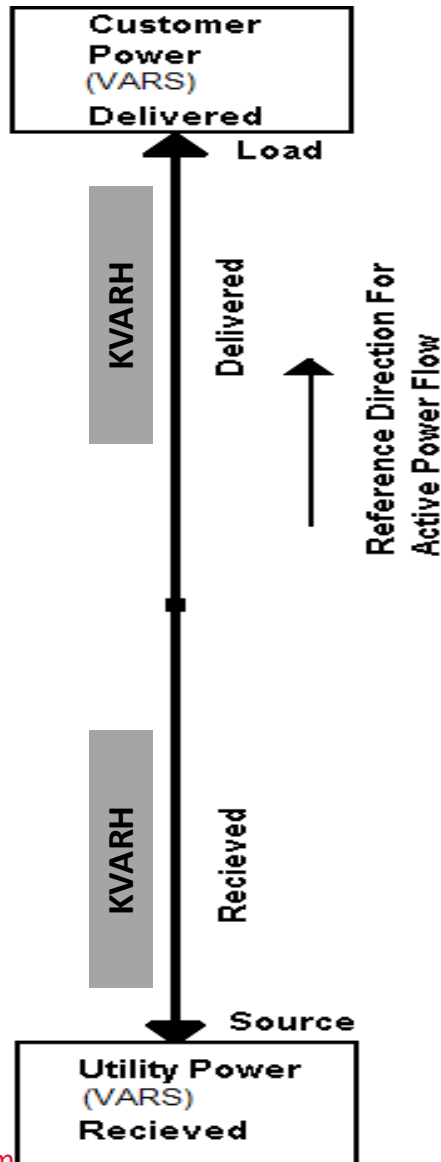
# Power Factor Effects

- $E = 120V, I = 5A, PF = 1.0 \angle 0^\circ$   
 $W = E * I * PF(\cos 0^\circ)$   
 $W = 600$
- $E = 120V, I = 5A, PF = .866 \angle 30^\circ$   
 $W = E * I * PF(\cos 30^\circ)$   
 $W = 519.6$
- $E = 120V, I = 5A, PF = .500 \angle 60^\circ$   
 $W = E * I * PF(\cos 60^\circ)$   
 $W = 300$
- $E = 120V, I = 5A, PF = 0 \angle 90^\circ$   
 $W = E * I * PF(\cos 90^\circ)$   
 $W = 0$



# KVARH Power Flow (Y Axis)

Reactive Power: Vars



When the Reactive Power (Vars) flow from the "SOURCE" through the metering point and into the "LOAD" we say the Reactive Power (Vars) are being DELIVERED. Therefore, when the Reactive Power is being supplied by the "SOURCE" into the load it will be referred to as Delivered Reactive Power (Vars) and have a positive sign.

When the Reactive Power (Vars) flow from the "LOAD" through the metering point and into the "SOURCE" we say the Reactive Power (Vars) are being RECEIVED. Therefore, when the Reactive Power is being supplied by the "LOAD" into the source it will be referred to as Received Reactive Power (Vars) and have a negative sign.

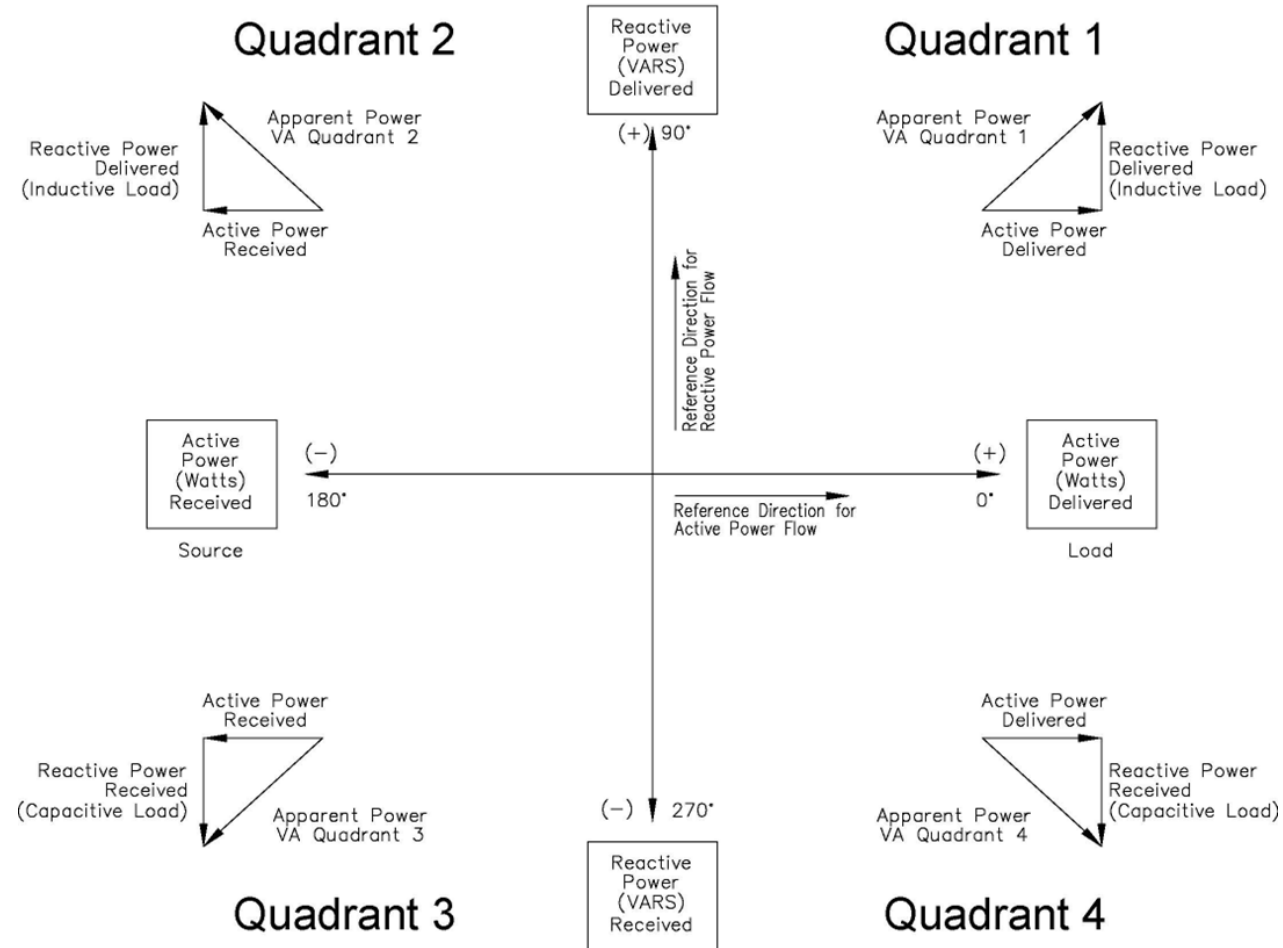
Note: The Reactive Power is always on the y axis and does not fall into any of the four quadrants. Reactive power does not lead or lag it is delivered or received.

Terms (Standard from the above illustration):

Delivered Kvar/Kvarh ( $Q1 + Q2$ )

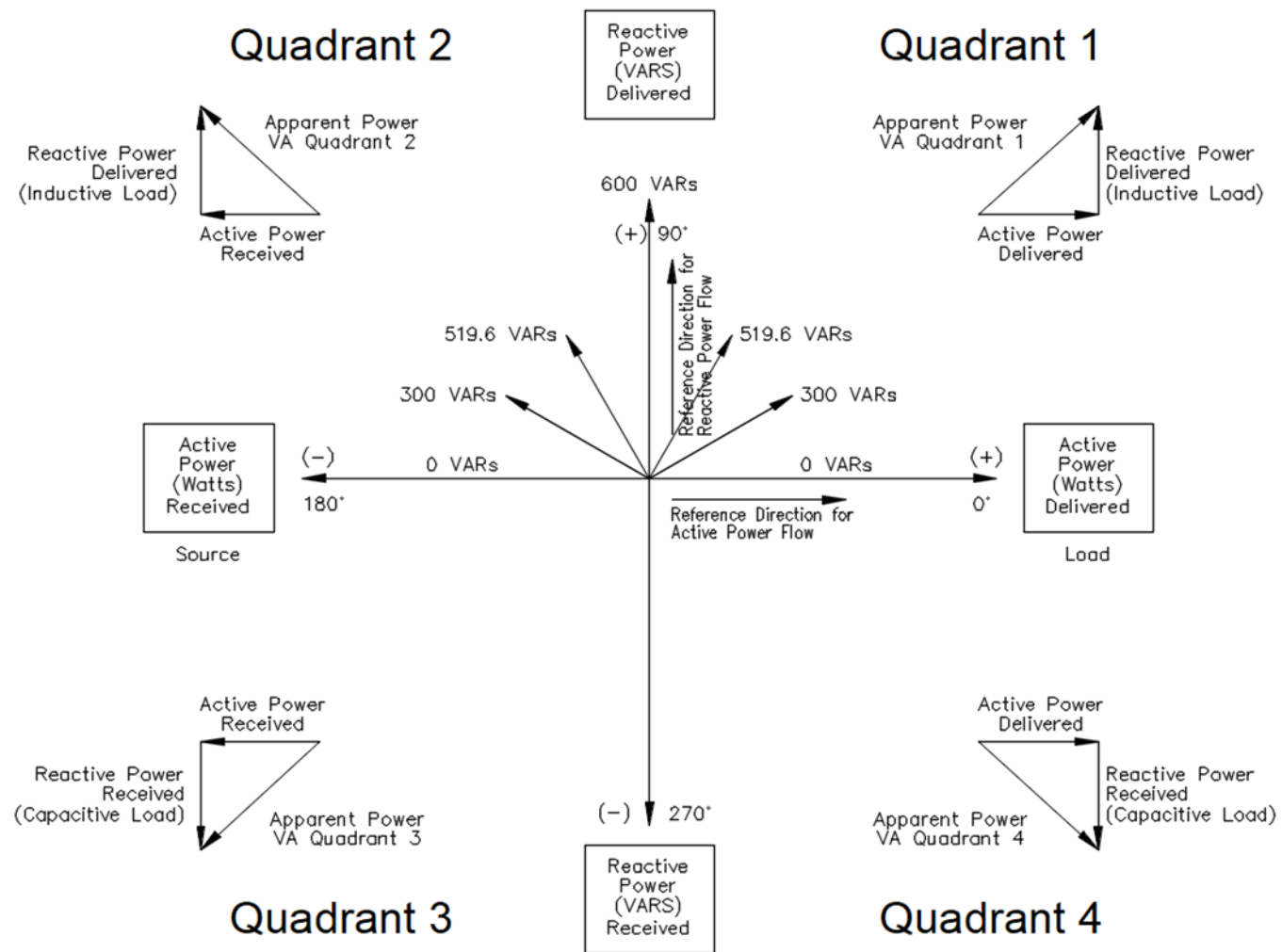
Received Kvar/Kvarh ( $Q3 + Q4$ )

## VARs Delivered



## VARs Received

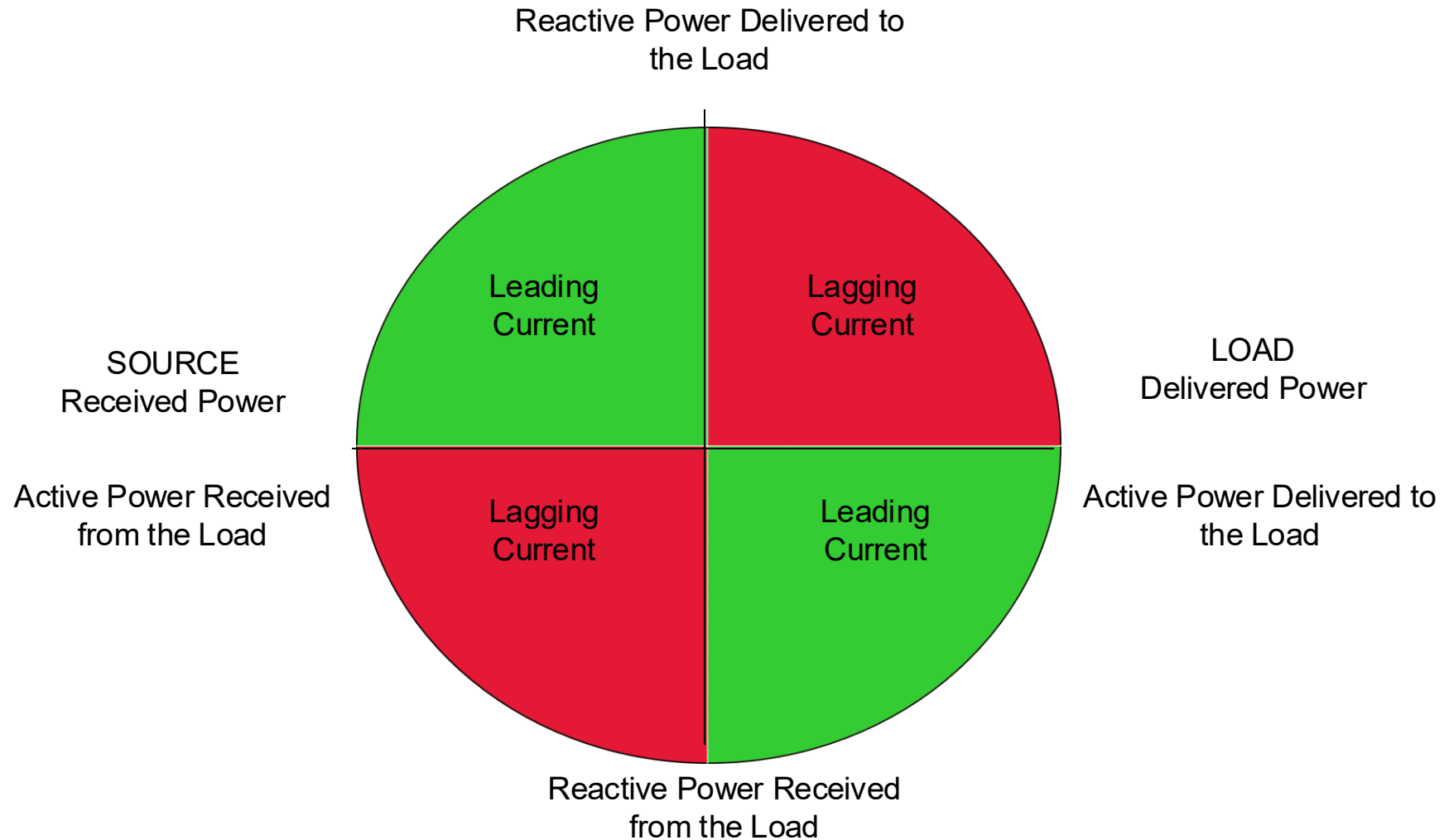
# PF effect on KVARH Energy



Power Values (KW/KWh, KVAR/KVARh, and KVA/KVAh): The best naming convention would be to stay with Delivered and Received.

Leading and Lagging: Use these terms for describing the relationship of current to voltage. Leading and Lagging is normally viewed from the perspective of the supplier of active energy.

Power Factor: Is the ratio between true and apparent power. Power factor has no sign. Power factor is normally viewed from the perspective of the supplier of active energy.





First BIG question, What does the Billing RATE require?

The meter can record Delivered and Received KWH

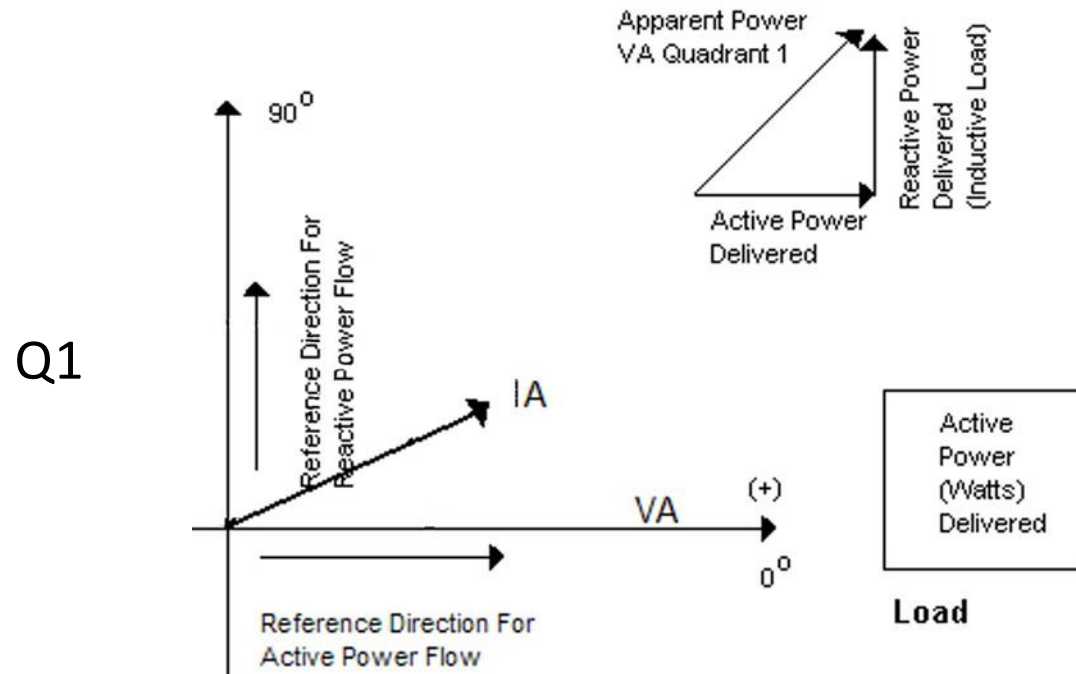
- 1) Delivered KWH
- 2) Received KWH

The meter can record all/any of the 4 KVRH quadrants individually

- 1) Quadrant 1 KVARH
- 2) Quadrant 2 KVARH
- 3) Quadrant 3 KVARH
- 4) Quadrant 4 KVARH

**Or**, the meter can “qualify” what quadrants make up Received and Delivered KVARH definitions thru program definitions.

As an example, The rate requires KVA for Q1 only. This represents and Inductive load for Delivered Power.



If you set up the calculation to Ignore received KWH(Q2 or Q3) as well as ignore any leading KVRH (Q4) then the above billing determinant can be honored.

## KVARH Terms and “Qualifications” of Concern

Program definitions for meter software needs to be understood. Most programming software allows the user to make choices of how KVARH's are measured and used. Below are some of the terms and their meanings.

Delivered KVARH –  $Q1+Q2$

Received KVARH –  $Q3+Q4$

Leading – This refers to a Capacitive load,  $Q4$  for Delivered,  $Q2$  for Received

Lagging - This refers to an Inductive load,  $Q1$  for Delivered,  $Q3$  for Received

Ignore - This is usually a choice to ignore any leading KVRH

Add – This allows the leading and lagging KVARH to be added together.

Net – This choice will allow the lagging KVARH to be subtracted from leading KVARH

# Deriving KVA from Load Profile

$$\text{Del KVARH} = (Q1+Q2), \text{ Rec KVARH} = (Q3+Q4)$$

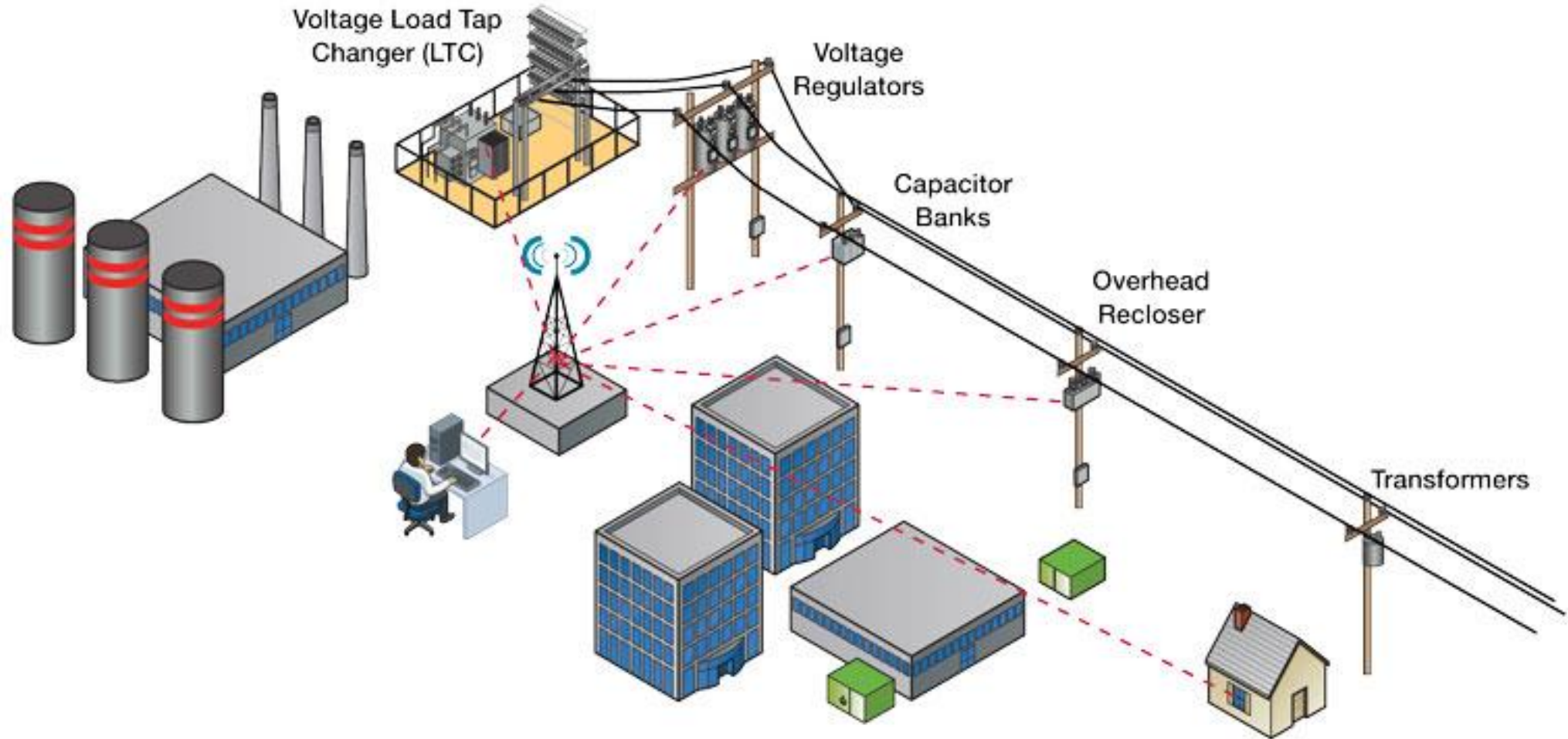
<u>Load Profile</u>	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
1) Del KWH	X			X
2) Del KVARH	X	X		
3) Rec KWH		X	X	
4) Rec KVARH			X	X

# KVARH Loads are not going to get better....

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- Virtually every device we now use has a switching power supply.
- NOTE: There is some talk of moving to DC only power and metering for households as virtually everything we run in our house could be powered through DC.
- Industrial controllers for manufacturing and HVAC are forcing us away from a Unity PF. Everywhere we turn there is an increasing difference between Apparent Power and Delivered Power. We need to identify and quantify these “losses” and correct or meter them appropriately.

# Using KVA Data to Manage your GRID



# Benefits From Billing C&I on KVA

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- As customers act to correct poor PF, this will act to
  - Reduce system heat losses
  - Provide a measure of efficiency
  - Help improve the efficiency of the Grid
- Provide data for sizing of electrical equipment
- Potential for increased revenues?
- Opportunity to offer more services
- Provide a more equitable billing scenario? As has always been the case Utility Customers with a good PF are compensating for those with a bad PF.

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