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# METER FORMS



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Meters 101 - Electro-Mechanical vs Solid-State

Meter Forms

Self-Contained vs Transformer Rated

Blondel's Theorem

Available References (Hardy's Power Measurement Handbook, UGLY's Elect Ref)

Examples

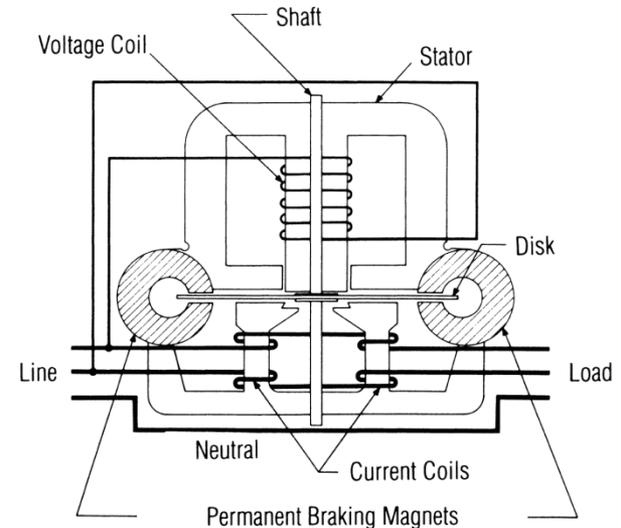
1S, 2S, 3S, 4S, 5/35S, 8/9S, 16S



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# INDUCTION METERS

- Two coils and a conducting (usually aluminum) disk. A braking magnet.
- Magnetic field from the first coil generates *eddy currents* in the disk
- Magnetic field from the second coil interacts with the eddy currents to cause motion
- Disk would accelerate without bound except for eddy currents caused by motion through fixed magnetic field which slows the disk
- The end result is that each revolution of the disk measures a constant amount of energy



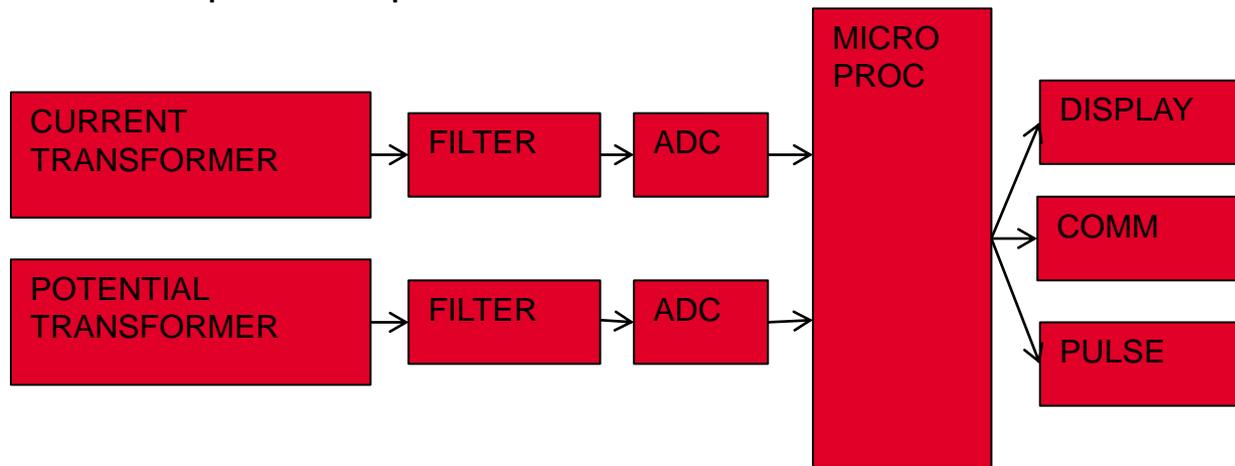
# BASIC ENERGY FORMULA

- The essential specification of a watthour meter's measurement is given by the value  
 $K_h$  [ Watthours per disk revolution ]
- A  $K_h$  of 7.2 is typical. In this example, each full rotation of the disk is equivalent to 7.2Wh of energy.
- The watthour meter formula is as follows:

$$E [\text{Watthours}] = K_h \left[ \frac{\text{watthours}}{\text{disk revolution}} \right] * n [\text{disk revolutions}]$$

## Overview of Functionality

- Potential and Current is scaled down and conditioned with transformers and filters
- ADC's (analog to digital converters) digitize the signals
- A micro-processor or DSP executes the calculations
- Resulting data is displayed, sent externally via the communication circuits, and used for the calibrated pulse output





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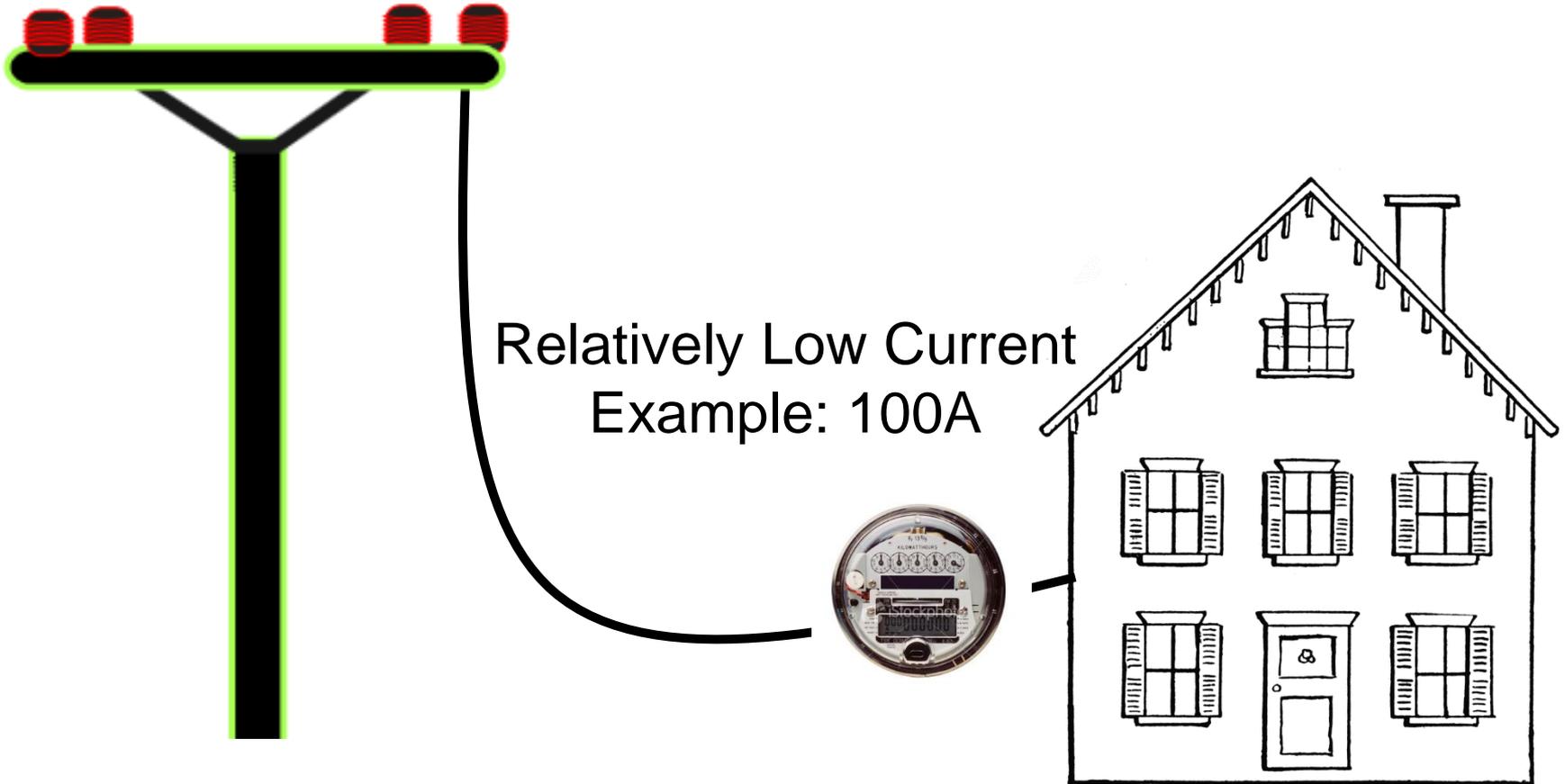
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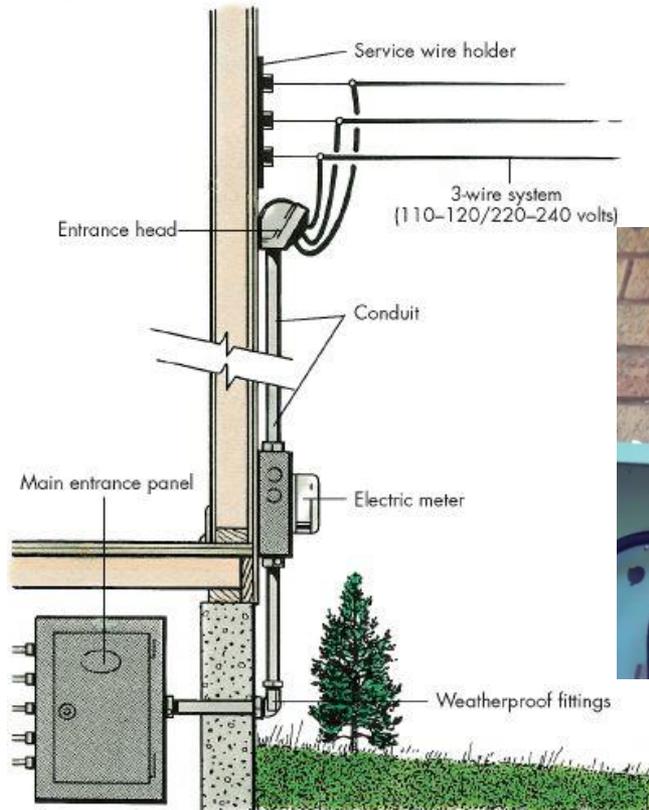
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76S 29S  
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## Primarily Residential



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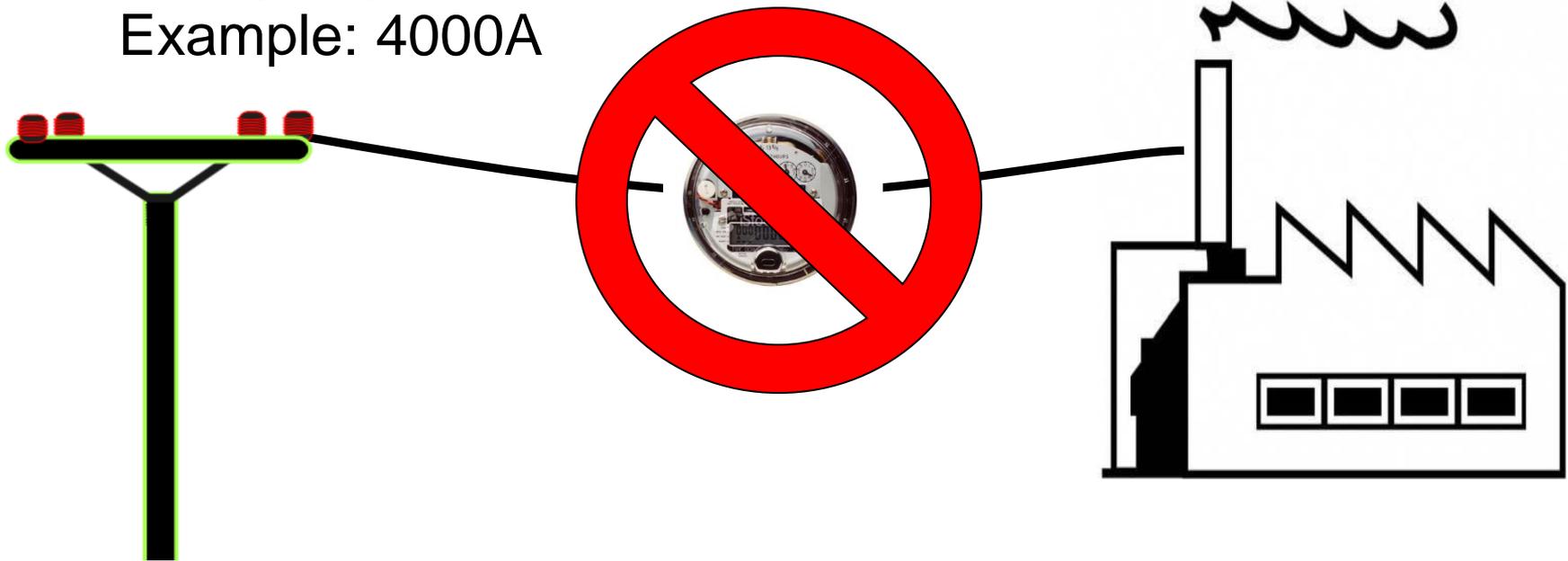


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# TRANSFORMER-RATED METERS

## Primarily Commercial/Industrial

Relatively High Current  
Example: 4000A

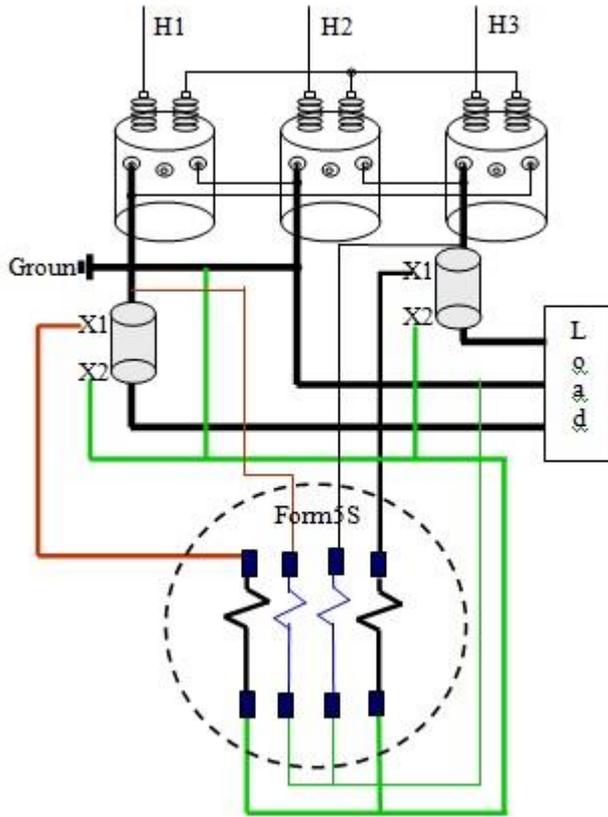




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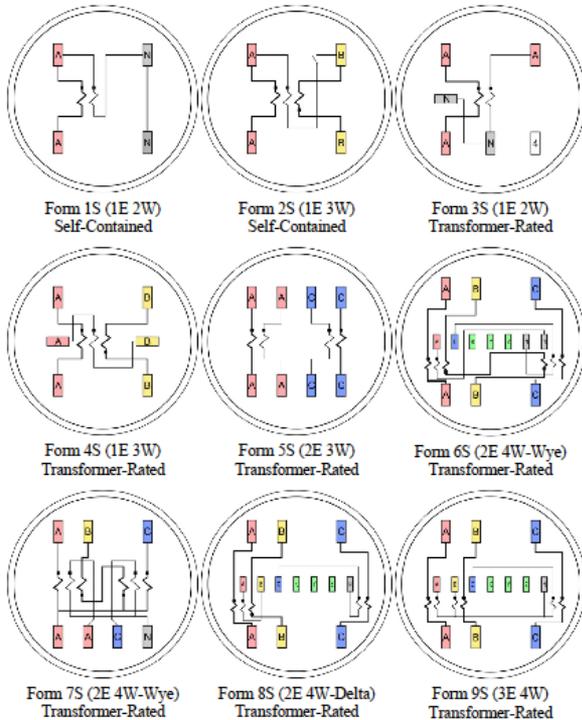
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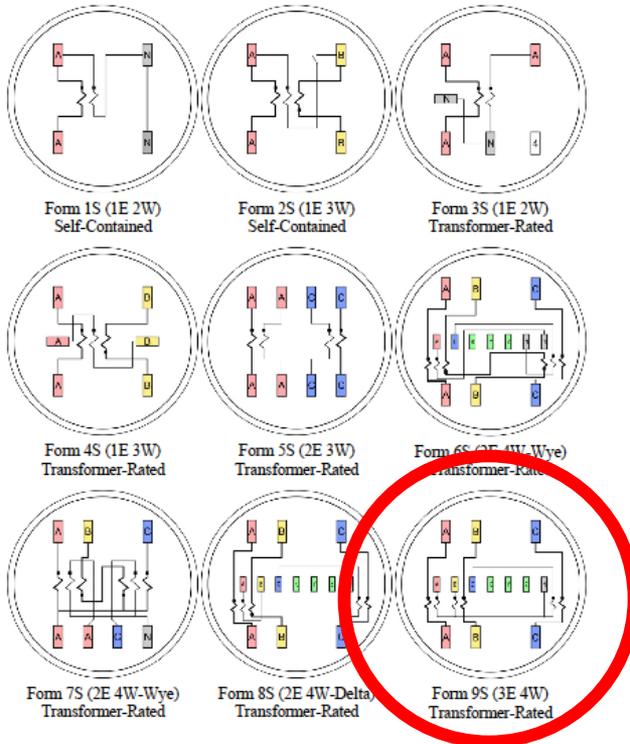
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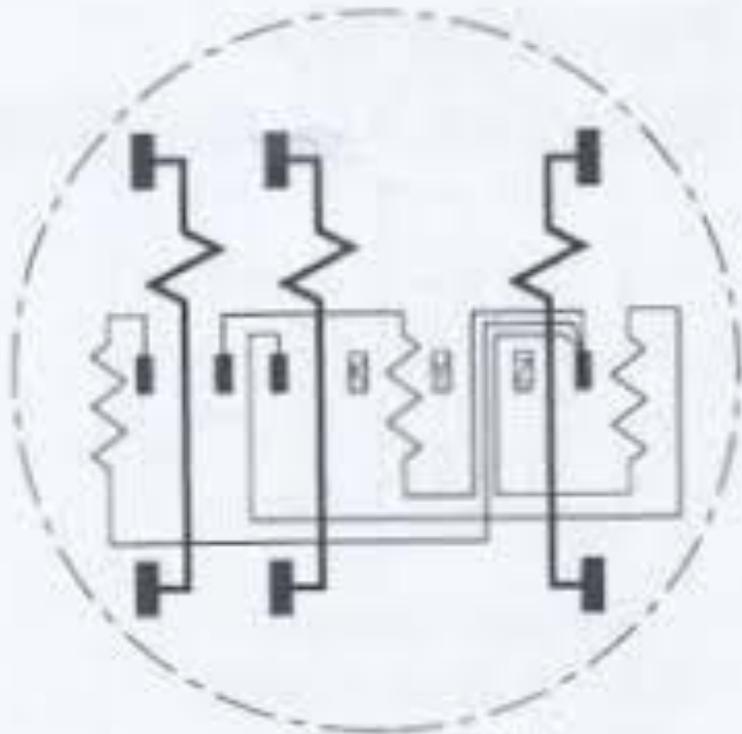


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# DIAGRAM EXAMPLE

Form 9S



Meter Internal Wiring  
Front View

- 3 Current Coils
- 3 Potential Coils

# BLONDEL'S THEOREM



- French Electrical Engineer Andre Blondel
- Attempt to simplify electrical measurements and validation of the results
- Paper submitted to the International Electric Congress in Chicago in 1893.

$$E = n - 1$$

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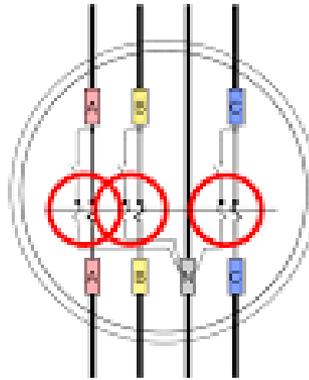
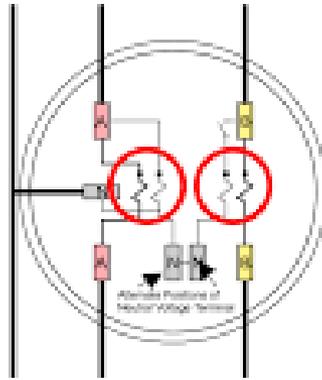
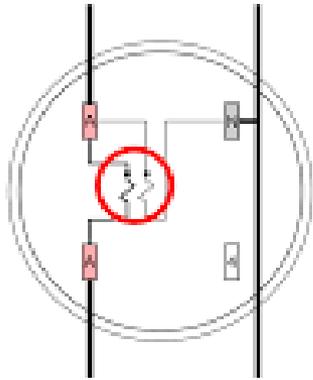
## Blondel Compliant

$$E = n - 1$$

2 Wires  
1 Meter

3 Wires  
2 Meters

4 Wires  
3 Meters



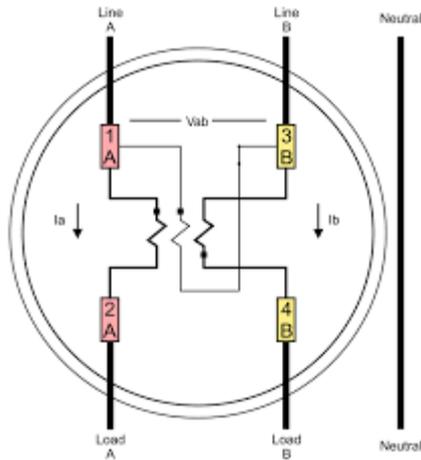
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## Non-Blondel Compliant



2S

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## Why is non-Blondel metering bad?

- Makes assumptions about the service
- Example: balanced voltages
- Assumptions might not be true
- When these assumptions are not true, then there are power measurement errors even if the meter is working perfectly.

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## Why are non-Blondel meters used?

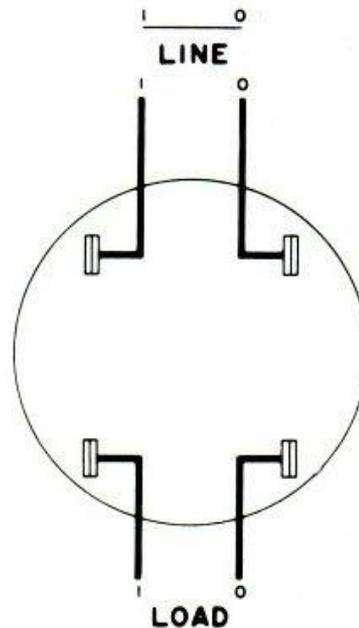
- Fewer elements (meters) = lower cost
- Especially true for electro-mechanical meters
- Fewer CT's and PT's = lower cost
- Less wiring and cheaper sockets

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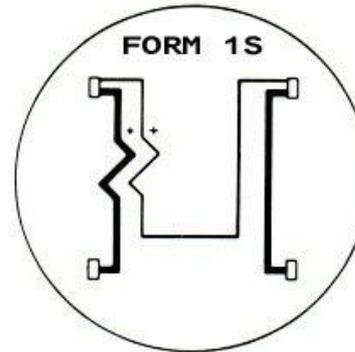


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# METERING EXAMPLES



All sockets are viewed from the front.  
All meters are viewed from the front,  
not from the base.



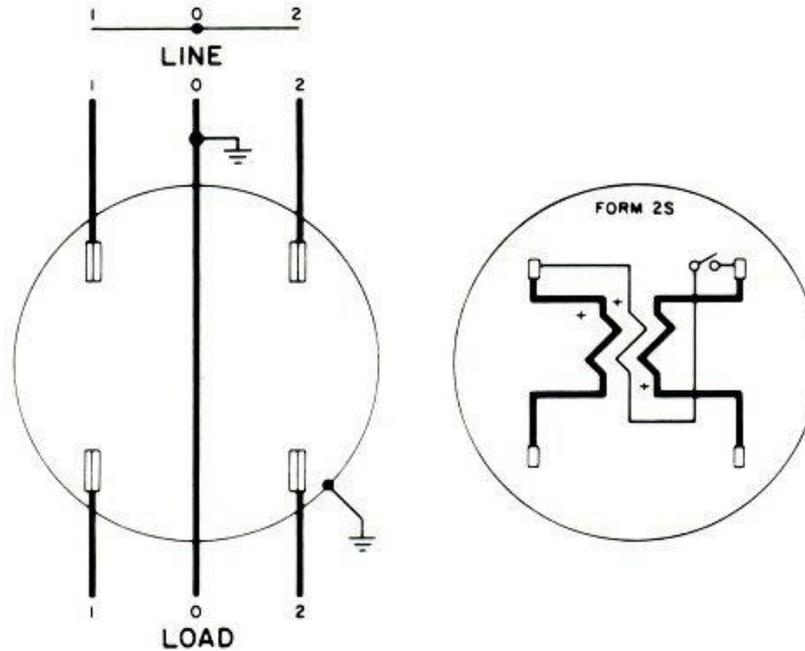
**FORM 1S**  
1Ø, 2 W CIRCUIT  
1 Stator, 2 W Meter, Self-Contained





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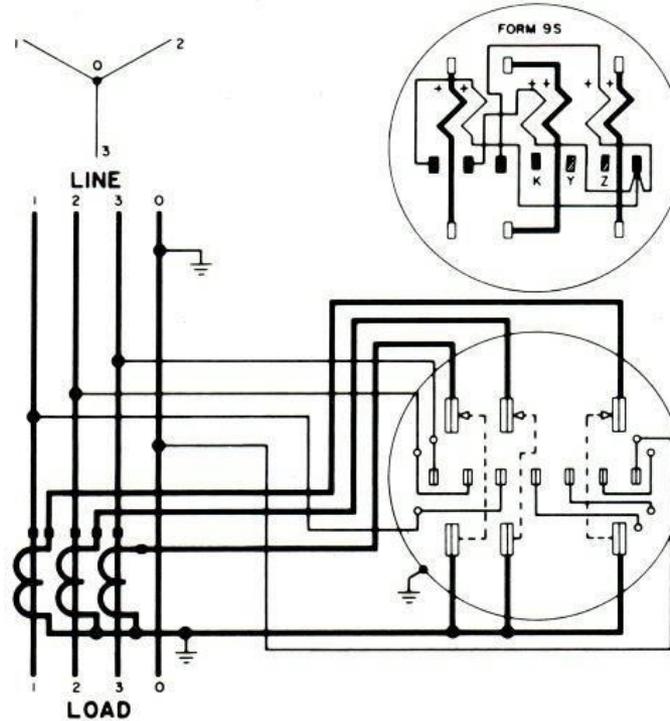
1 $\phi$ , 3 W CIRCUIT  
1 Stator, 1 $\phi$ , 3 W Meter, Self-Contained





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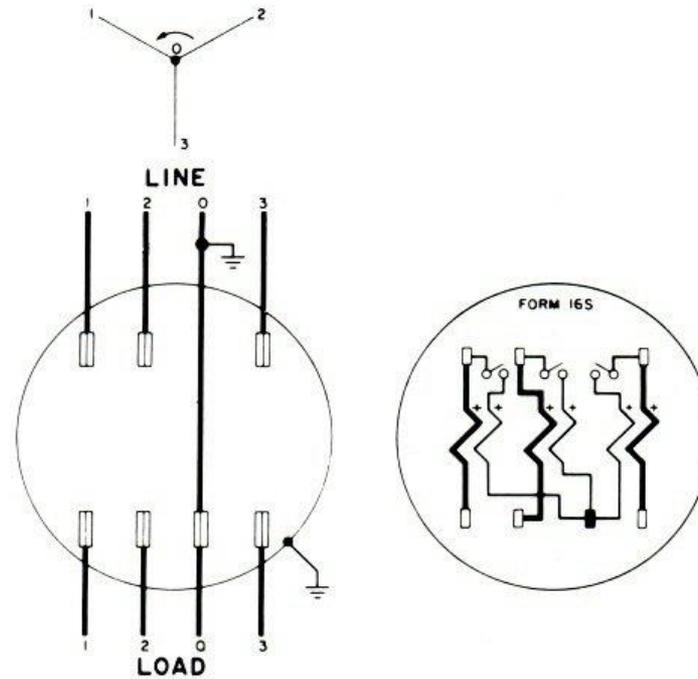
3 $\phi$ , 4 W, Y CIRCUIT  
3 Stator, 3 $\phi$ , 4 W, Y Meter with 3-2 W CT's





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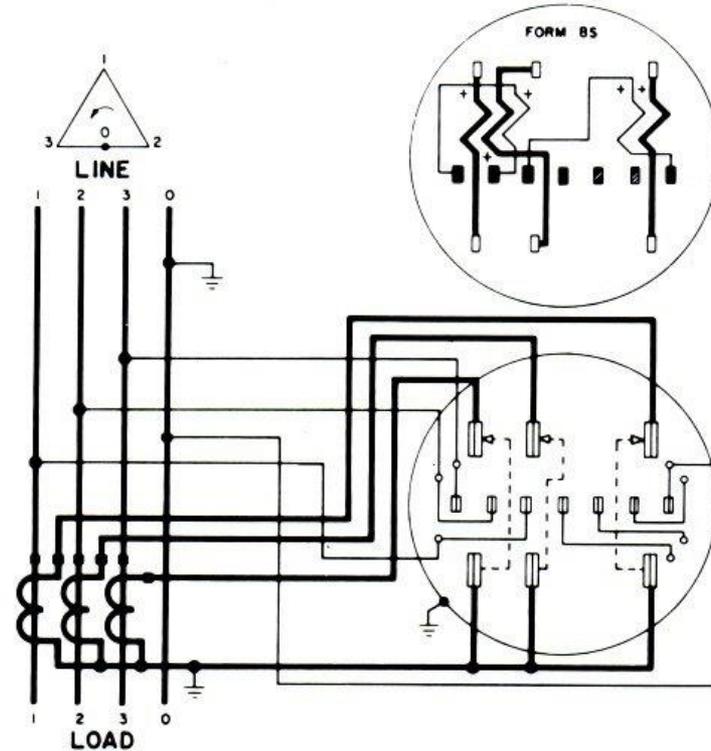
3 $\phi$ , 4 W, Y CIRCUIT  
3 Stator, 3 $\phi$ , 4 W, Y Meter, Self-Contained





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3 $\phi$ , 4 W,  $\Delta$  CIRCUIT  
2 Stator, 3 $\phi$ , 4 W,  $\Delta$  Meter with 3-2 W CT's





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# AGENDA

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# QUESTIONS AND DISCUSSION

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