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# **ELECTRIC DEFINITIONS**

- Electric Current:
  - Flow of electrons
  - Unit is ampere
- Electric Resistance:
  - Measure of difficulty to pass electric current
  - Unit is ohm
- Voltage:
  - Electric potential
  - Unit is voltage (V)

Have you seen similar terminology in heat transfer?





- Power:
  - The rate of electrical energy transformed
  - Unit is J/S = Watt
  - P = V x I (Apparent vs real power)
- Electric consumption:
  - Is the form of energy consumption that uses electric energy
- Transformers
  - Reduce voltage from the power lines (from more than 110 kV to 110 V)



- Alternating Current:
  - Change of current direction periodically, change the voltage level
  - <u>https://youtu.be/i-j-1j2gD28</u>
  - <u>https://cdn.sparkfun.com/assets/a/0/7/b/a/</u>
     <u>522783e0757b7fc2168b4567.gif</u>



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RMS value = 
$$\sqrt{\frac{1}{b-a}\int_{a}^{b}y^{2}dt}$$

$$V_{RMS} = 0.7 \times V_{peak}$$
 or  $V_{peak} = 1.4 \times V_{RMS}$ 

- Direct Current:
  - Provides a constant voltage and current



- AC vs. DC
- AC is
  - Used for building electrical outlets
  - Easier to transport and generate across long distances
  - Transported at high voltage (110 kV)
    - Low amperage
    - Less heat generated
    - Use transformers to lower voltage on the distribution site

- AC vs. DC
- DC:
  - Most appliances convert from AC back to DC
  - Examples:
    - Cell phones
    - Flatscreen TVs
    - Laptops

#### Electric wiring

- Line:
  - Usually black color wire known as hot comes from the electric panel
- Load:
  - Usually black or red color wire
  - Continuation of the line and goes to the device
- Neutral:
  - Usually white color wire
  - Completes the circuit
  - Carries excess current to ground
- Ground:
  - Usually green
  - Carries any inadvertent current from the circuit

Function	Color Code (for 120//208/240 V)	Color Code (for 277/480 V)	
Three Phase Line (L1)			
Three Phase Line (L2)			
Three Phase Line (L3)			
Neutral (N)			
Protective Earth or Ground (PG)			
Single Phase Line		(for 2 <sup>nd</sup> hot)	

#### gogowire.co

### **Electric Power**

- Single Phase:
  - Entail two wires of Alternating Current (AC) power
  - Use mostly in residential buildings
  - What is the voltage in the US?
    - Other countries?



- Three phase:
  - Entail three wires of AC power
  - Use mostly in commercial buildings
  - Provide 1.732 times more power than single phase (sqrt(3))



- Most US industrial facilities use two high voltage configurations:
  - 480V Three phase Wye ("Y")
  - 480V Three phase Delta

- Benefits are:
  - Reduce construction cost for electrical service, wiring, and electrical devices
  - Reduce energy loses

#### **Electric Power**

480V Three phase Wye:
Use 277V or below 300V
Can be used for single phase lighting



• 480V Three phase Delta:

load



#### **Electric Power**

- What is the typical electric power draw for the following items:
  - Your personal laptop?
  - Your phone?
  - LED lights?
  - Fluorescent lights?
  - Your office desktop?

 Calculate the monthly electric consumption of the devices the above devices

#### **Examples of Devices**

Appliance	Power rating( in Watts) Standard	Current consumption in 1 Hour (in Amps)
Compact Fluorescent Lamp CFL	8,11,18,35	0.03,0.040,0.078,0.15
Bulb	25,40,60,100	0.11,0.17,0.26,0.43
Fluorescent Lamp	20,40	0.01,0.2
Fan	25-80	0.1-0.4
TV	80-400	0.42
Fridge	200-300	1-1.4
Heater	1000-3000	4.5-15
Vacuum cleaner	150-400	0.7-2
Mixi	300-600	1.4-2.8
Washing Machine	800-1000	4-4.5
Microwave Oven	600-1500	2.6-6.5
Table Fan	10-25	0.04-0.11
Computer	80-150	1-1.3
Laptop	20-50	0.09-0.22
Laser Printer	1000-1500	4.3-6.5
Ink Jet Printer	25-50	0.11-0.22
Electric Iron	450-1000	2-3
DVD	20-50	0.09-0.22
A/C 1HP	1000-1500	4.3-6.5
Water Pump 1/2 HP	500-1000	2.17-4.3
Hair Dryer	1200-1500	5.2-6.5
Music system	20-40	0.09-0.17

electroschematics.com

#### **Examples of Devices**



1 hp = 745.7 Watt

energyvanguard



• Power factor "true power": is the cosine of the phase angle between current and voltage



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# Load Types

- Type of loads:
  - Resistive:
    - Incandescent lamp, resistance heat
  - Inductive
    - Motors, contractor coils, relays
  - Capacitive
    - Start capacitors
  - Combination of these loads

# Load Types

Resistive load profile:

Inductive load lagging:

Capacitive load leading:



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#### **Power Factor**





P, Real Power

Power factor is usually less than 1

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• Power factor is equal to:



B= True Power

Watts, KW, Power

# **ELECTRIC POWER MEASUREMENTS**

#### Ammeter

- Ammeters:
  - Are low-resistance instruments for measuring current
  - Should be connected in series with the circuit being measured
  - Have minimal influences on the measurement
  - Have several ranges

500  $\Omega$  F.S. = 1 mA



Fig. 16 Ammeter Connected in Power Circuit

#### Ammeter

- Have two windings:
  - Connect the primary in series with the circuit in which the current is measured
  - Connect the secondary winding a scaled-down version of the primary current, which is connected to an ammeter



Fig. 17 Ammeter with Current Transformer

### Voltmeter

- Benefit from high-resistance instruments
- Connect across the load in parallel
- Influence measurements (ideally has finite impedance)



Fig. 18 Voltmeter Connected Across Load

# Voltmeter

- Utilize voltage transformers to increase the operating range of a voltmeter
- Typically use isolation from high voltages and prevent operator injury
  - Similar to Ammeters:
    - One winding is connected across the high voltage to be measured
    - One connected to the voltmeter



Fig. 19 Voltmeter with Potential Transformer

#### Watt Meters

- Measure the active power of an AC circuit
- Combines voltmeter and ammeter
- Entail two sets of terminals:
  - One connected to the load voltage
  - One connected in series to the load current





Fig. 20 Wattmeter in Single-Phase Circuit Measuring Power Load plus Loss in Current-Coil Circuit

Fig. 21 Wattmeter in Single-Phase Circuit Measuring Power Load plus Loss in Potential-Coil Circuit

Extend the range with transformers or isolate it from high voltage



Fig. 22 Wattmeter with Current and Potential Transformer

#### **Power-Factor Meters**

- Meter measure the ratio of active to apparent power
- Have similar connections to wattmeters
- Extend the range using current and voltage transformer



Fig. 25 Single-Phase Power-Factor Meter



Fig. 26 Three-Wire, Three-Phase Power-Factor Meter

### **Clamp Meter**

• Clamp Meter = Ampmeter + Voltmeter

 Created primarily as a single purpose test tool for electricians

- Evolved to:
  - Include additional measurement functions
  - Provide higher accuracy
  - Use for specific measurement features

## **Clamp Meter**

- Can measure large AC currents based on simple transformer action:
  - Clamp around a conductor carrying AC current
  - Convert that current into a secondary winding that is connected across the shunt of the meter's input

- If the secondary has 1000 windings, then the secondary current is 1/1000 the current flowing in the primary:
  - 1 amp of current in the conductor being measured would produce
     0.001 amps or 1 milliamp

#### **Digital Multimeter (DMM)**

Product Comparison	Fluke 3000 FC Series Wireless Multimeter »	Fluke 87V Industrial Multimeter »	Fluke 279 FC TRMS Thermal Multimeter »
Price comparison	\$299.99	\$449.99	\$999.99
Safety rating: CAT IV 600 V/ CAT III 1000 V	√	4	√
Counts	6,000	20,000	6,000
Voltage AC/DC	1000 V	1000 V	1000 V
Current AC/DC	400 mA	10 A	2500 A AC w/iFlex current clamp DC Current via accessory clamp
Measurement temperature	with T3000 temp module	1	
Frequency and capacitance measurements	4	4	~
Resistance, continuity and diode measurements	4	4	~
Logging/Graphing	with optional FC modules and phone app or PC software		via phone app Fluke

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# **Clamp Meter vs Digital Multimeter**

- Clamp meters vs. common digital multimeter (DMM):
  - Similar functionality with an internal current transformer





Transcat.com

# **Clamp Meter**



#### **Clamp Meter**

- Specification of Fluke 902 Clamp Meter:
  - 600 A AC current measurement
  - 600 V AC and DC voltage measurement
  - Temperature measurement from -10 °C to 400 °C (14 °F to 752 °F)
  - 1000 µF capacitance measurement
  - DC Current measurement to 200  $\mu$ A
  - Resistance measurement to 60 k $\Omega$

#### **Home Electric Measurements & Utilities**

Advanced Power Strips



TRICKLESTAR 7-OUTLET MULTI SENSING APS \$48

ComedMarket.com

# **Home Electric Measurements & Utilities**

- Advanced Power Strips works based on the idea of plug load managements. They include:
  - Couple of controlled outlets:
    - Different thresholds (e.g. 10 W, 22 W, and 42 W)
  - 1-2 always on outlet(s)



# **ELECTRICITY DATA LOGGERS**

## Logging electricity use

- Power is instantaneous
- Energy is integral
- Do electricity data loggers log power or energy?
  - i.e. power *draw* or power *consumption*?

# Logging electricity use



#### **Electromechanical induction watt-hour meter**

Counts the revolutions of a metal disc that rotates at a speed proportional to the power



https://www.electrical4u.com

https://the-gadgeteer.com

# **Plug-Load Monitors "Kill A Watt"**

- Monitor appliance consumption
- Record for an interval

Model:	P4400
Operating Voltage:	115 VAC
Max Voltage:	125 VAC
Max Current:	15 A<
Max Power:	1875 VA
Weight:	5 oz.
Dimensions:	5 1/8" H x 2 3/8" W x 1 5/8" D



#### P3international.com

• Actual building measurement



ICON Lab Measurements

Weekday





• Servers

Weekday





Workstations

Weekday





Copier / Printer

Weekday





Delgoshaei et al.

Kitchen

Weekday





# **CLASS ACTIVITY**

# **Class Activity: Electrical Power Measurements**

- Activity:
  - Measure power draw / electricity consumption of:
    - 1. A fan at three different fan speeds (low, medium, and high)
    - 2. A portable space heater
    - 3. Lamps with CFL and incandescent light bulbs
- Using the following tools:
  - Onset Energy Logger Pro with CT only (no voltage)
  - Onset HOBO Plug Load Logger
  - Fluke hand held clamp meter
  - Kill a Watt
  - Watts Up Pro

#### **Class Activity**

#### Onset Energy Logger Pro w/ CT



#### Fluke clamp meter



#### **Class Activity**

#### Onset plug load loggers



#### Kill A Watt meters

