



TESCO METERING

ANSI METER FORMS

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Meters 101 - Electro-Mechanical vs Solid-State

Meter Forms

Self-Contained vs Transformer Rated

Blondel's Theorem

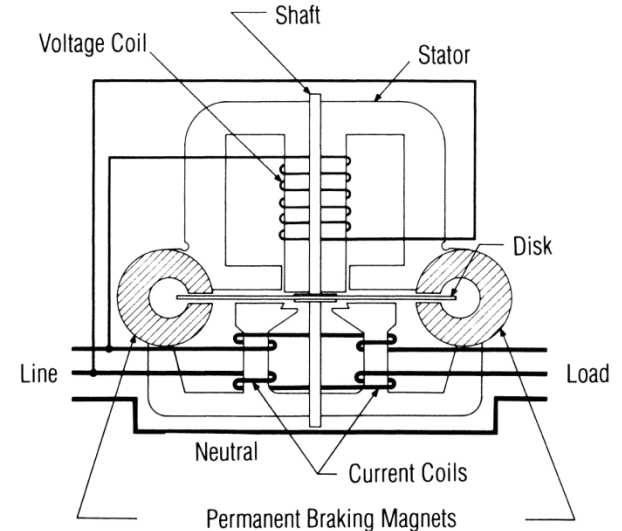
Available References (Hardy's Power Measurement Handbook, UGLY's Elect Ref)

Examples

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

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





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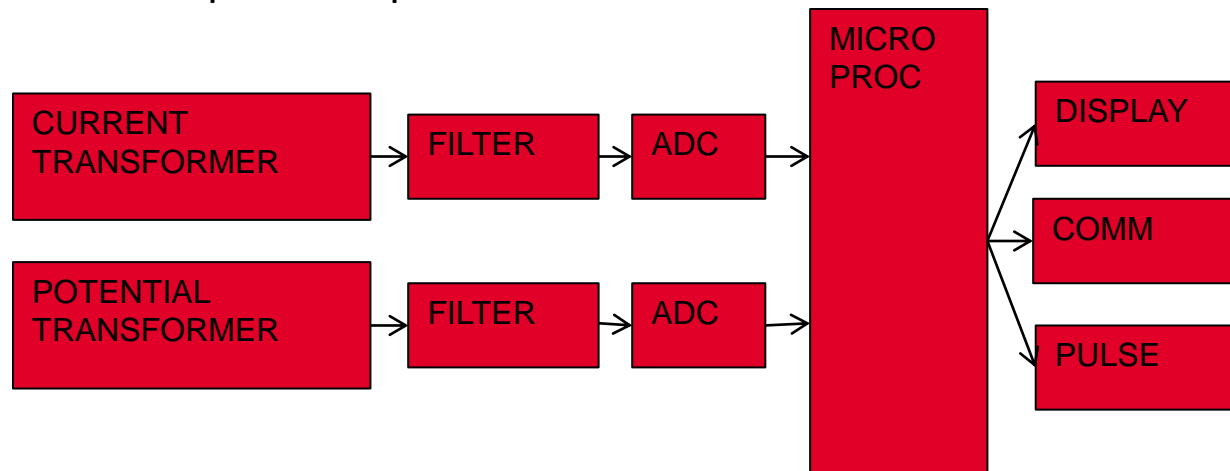
BASIC ENERGY FORMULA

- 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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1S

14S

39S

17S

2S

3S

12S

35S

4S

25S

10S

76S

46S

66S

45S

11S

32S

5S

26S

6S

15S

9S

13S

16S

24S

56S



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1S 14S 39S 17S
3S 12S 2S 35S
76S 46S 4S 10S 25S
45S 66S
5S 26S 11S 32S
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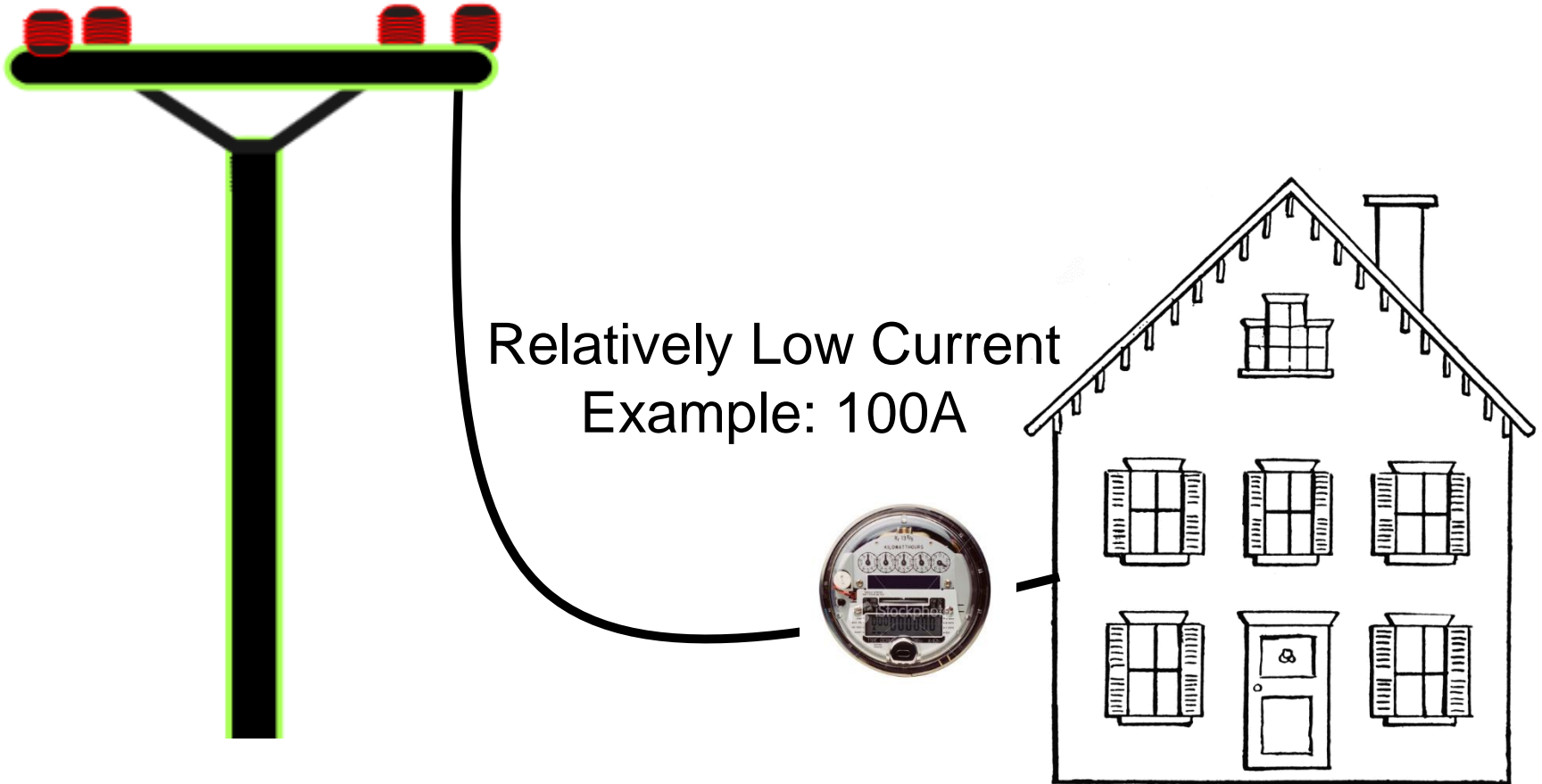
SELF-CONTAINED

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TRANSFORMER-RATED

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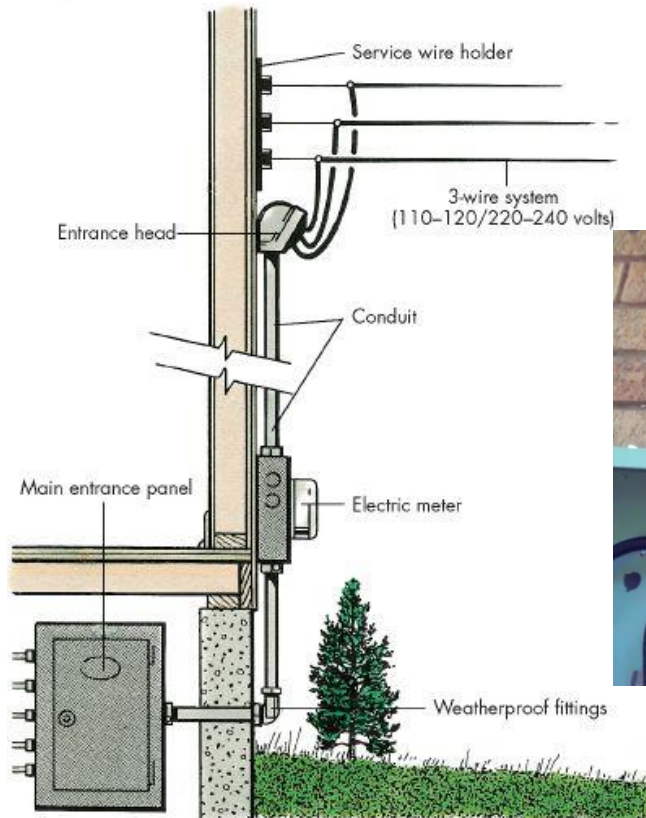
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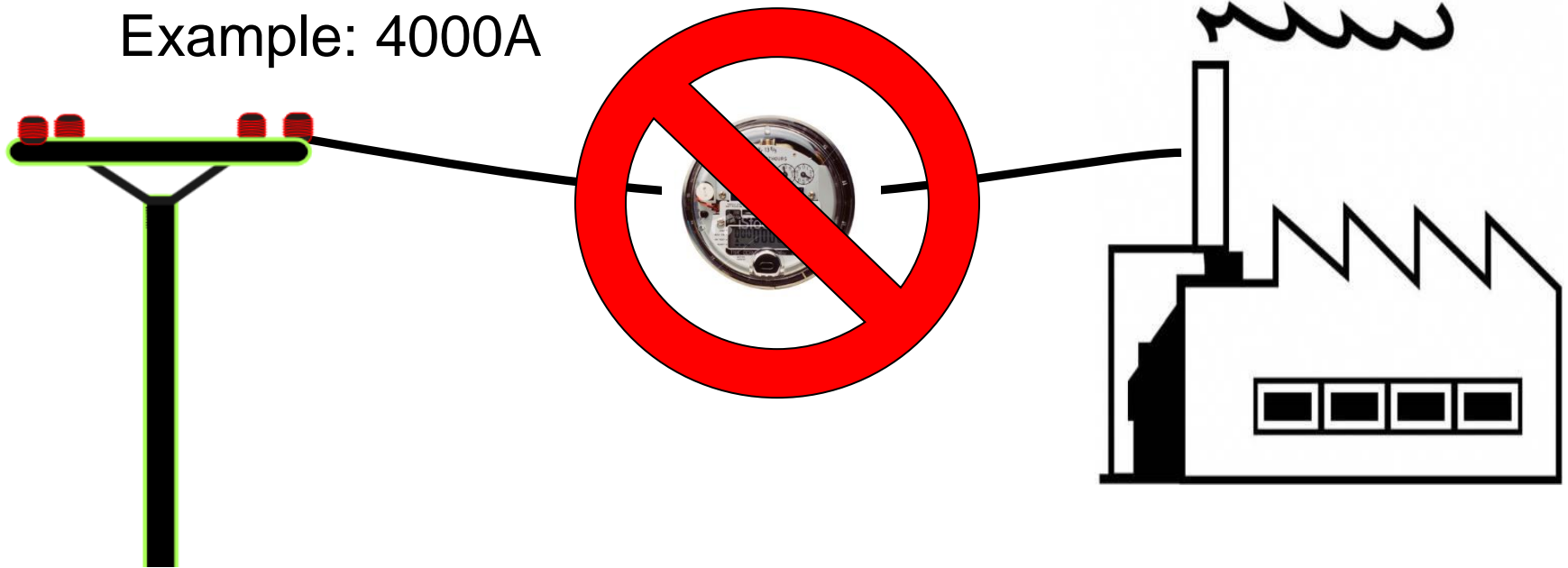


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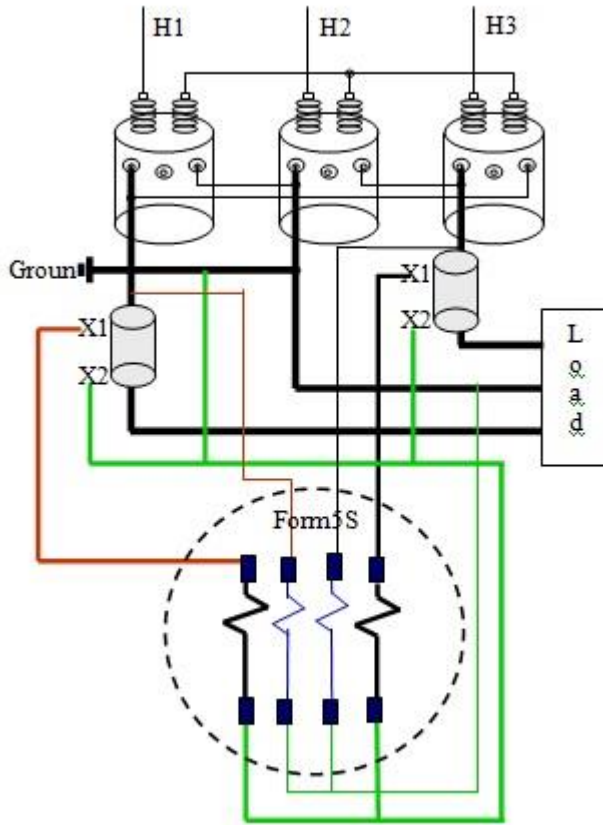
TRANSFORMER-RATED METERS

Primarily Commercial/Industrial

Relatively High Current
Example: 4000A



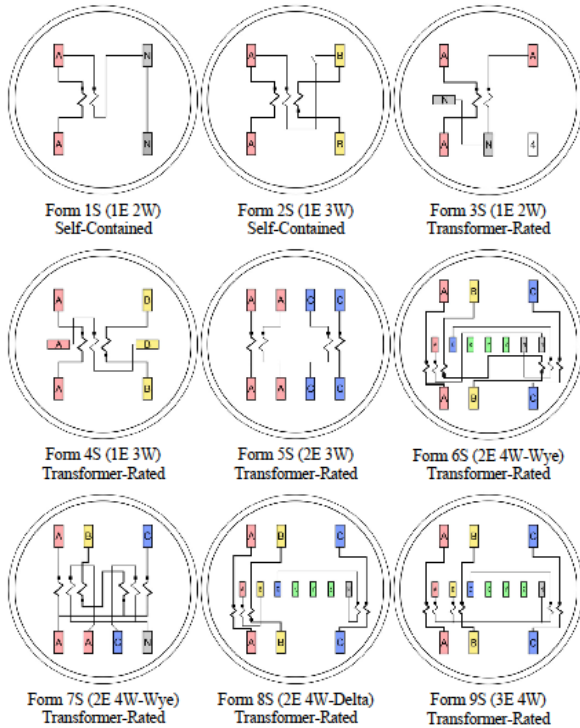
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Meter Forms

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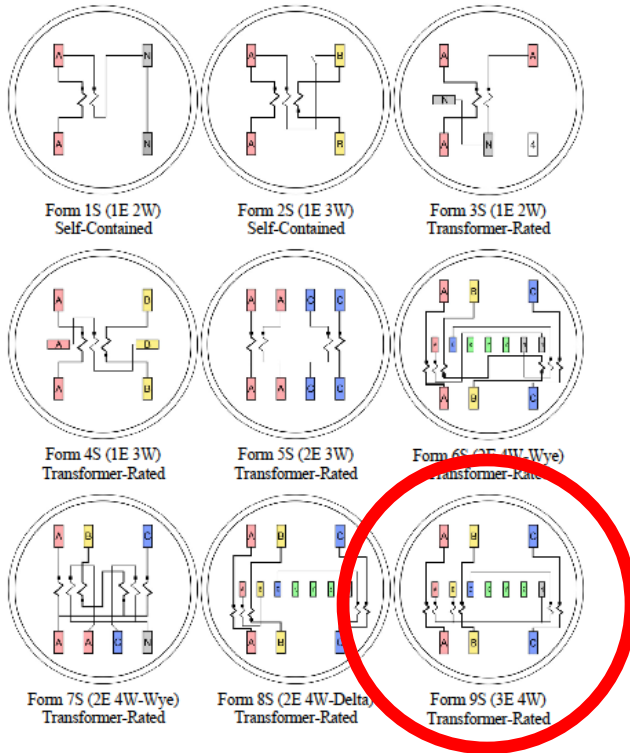
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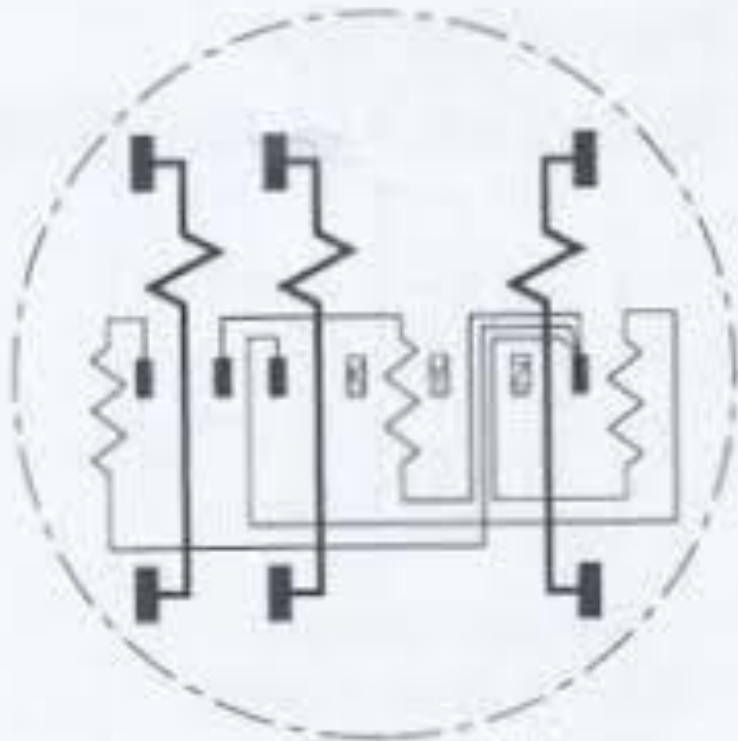
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Form 9S



Meter Internal Wiring
Front View

- 3 Current Coils
- 3 Potential Coils



- 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.

$$E = n - 1$$

The theorem states that the power provided to a system of N conductors is equal to the algebraic sum of the power measured by N watt-meters. The N watt-meters are separately connected such that each one measures the current level in one of the N conductors and the potential level between that conductor and a common point. In a further simplification, if that common point is located on one of the conductors, that conductor's meter can be removed and only $N-1$ meters are required.

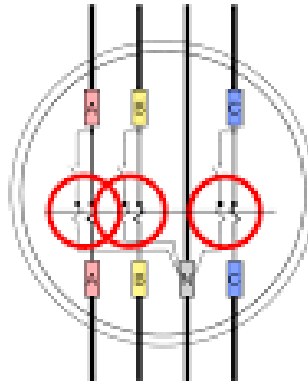
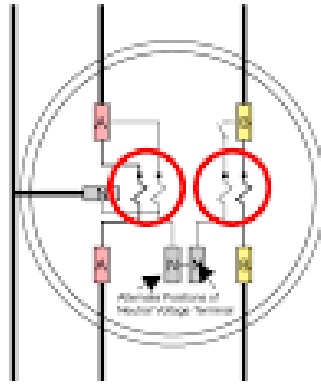
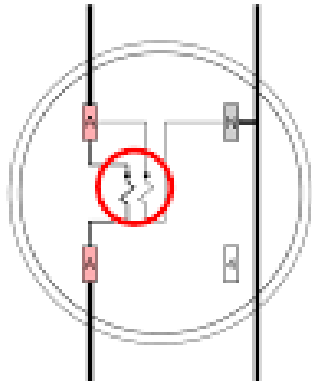
Blondel Compliant

$$E = n - 1$$

2 Wires
1 Meter

3 Wires
2 Meters

4 Wires
3 Meters



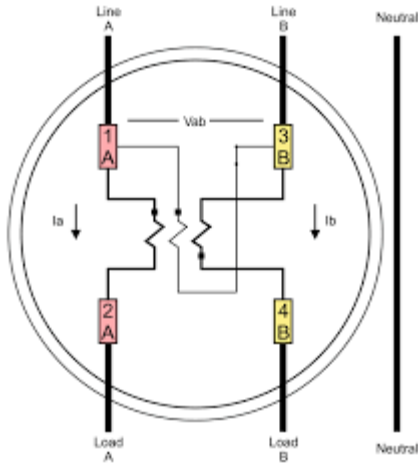
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Non-Blondel Compliant



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?

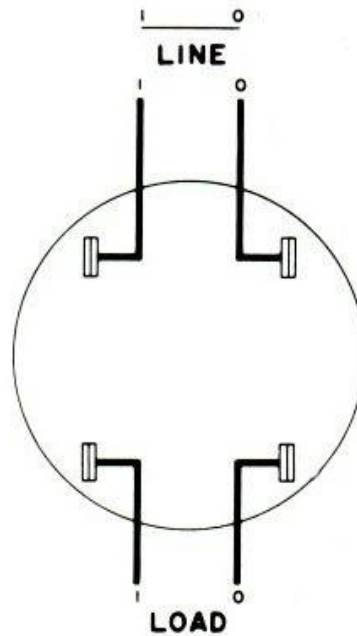
- Fewer elements (meters) = lower cost
- Especially true for electro-mechanical meters
- Fewer CT's and PT's = lower cost
- Less wiring and cheaper sockets

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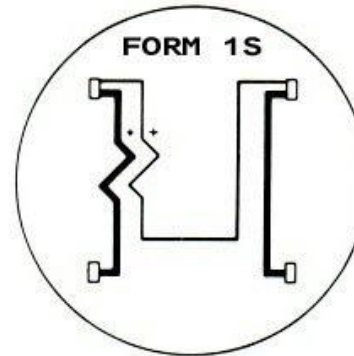


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METERING EXAMPLES



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



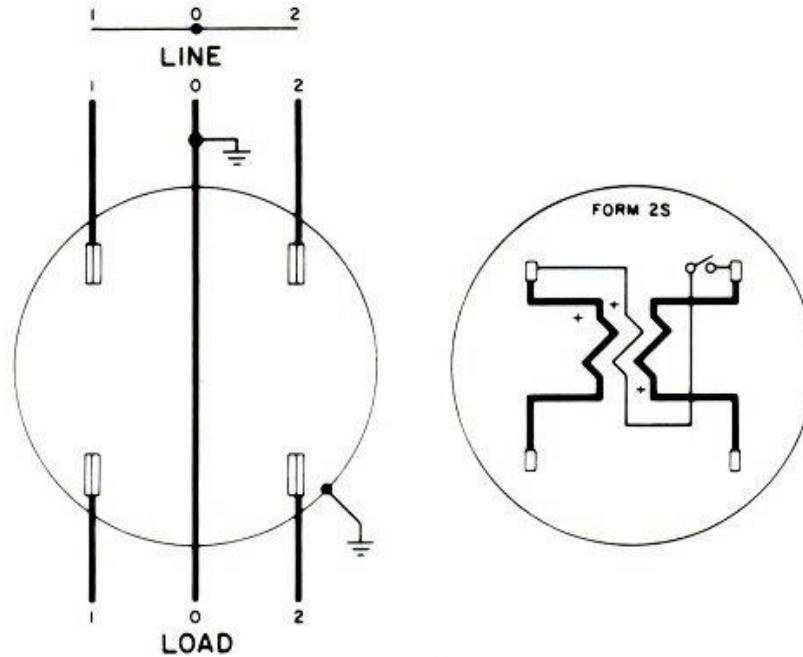
FORM 1S
 1 ϕ , 2 W CIRCUIT
 1 Stator, 2 W Meter, Self-Contained





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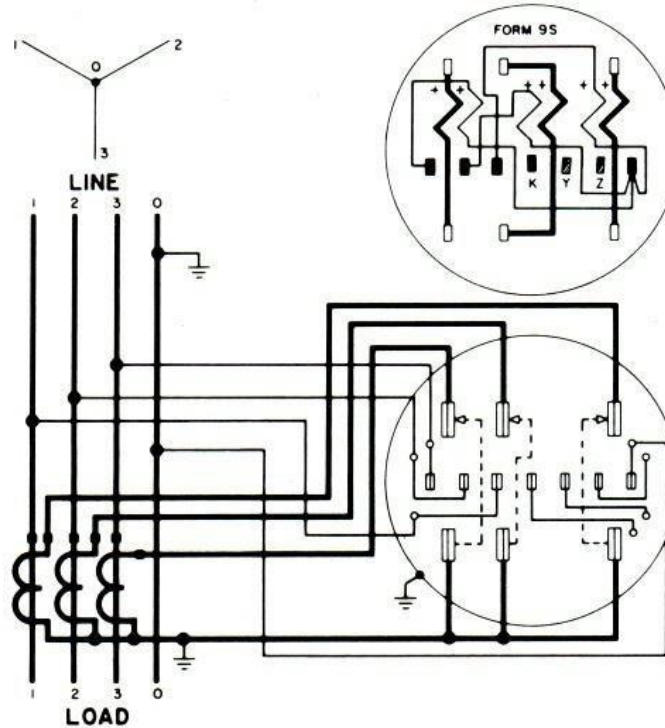
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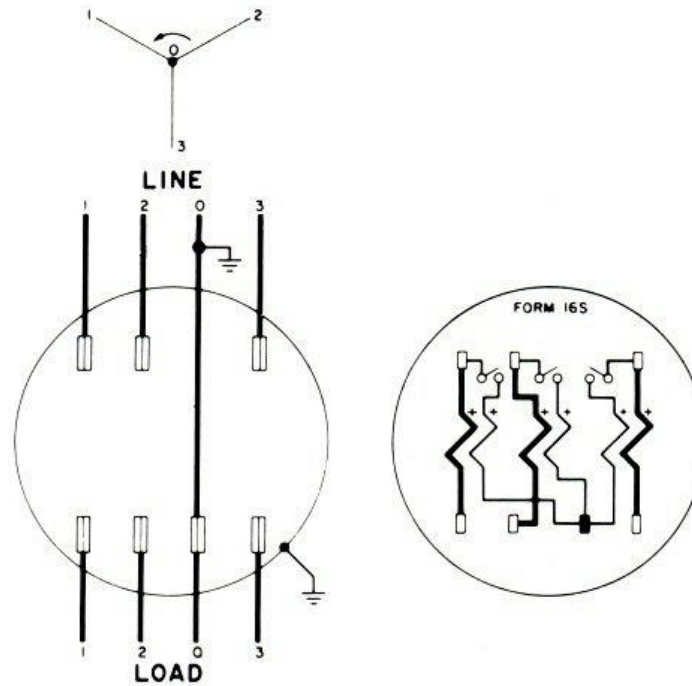
3 ϕ , 4 W, Y CIRCUIT
3 Stator, 3 ϕ , 4 W, Y Meter with 3-2 W CT's





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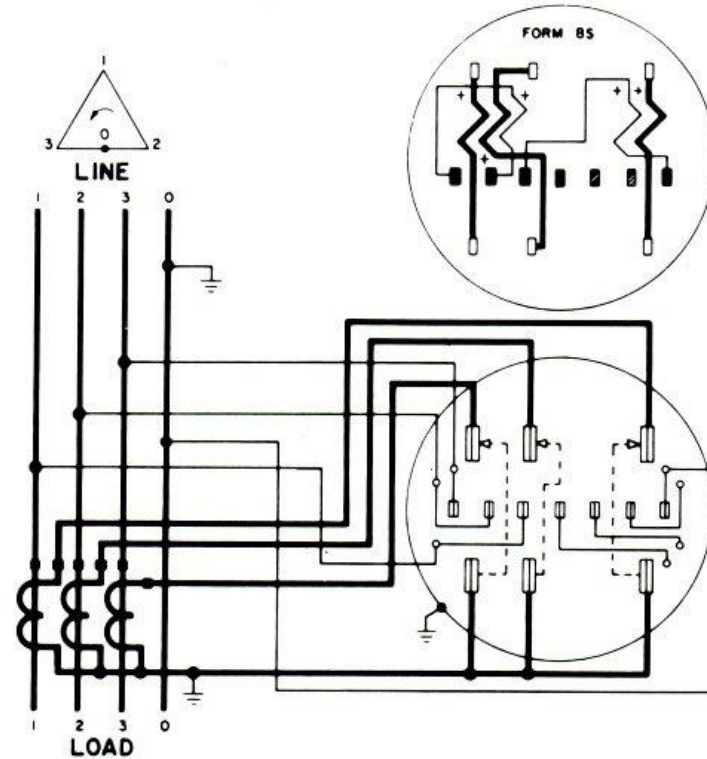
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3 ϕ , 4 W, Δ CIRCUIT
2 Stator, 3 ϕ , 4 W, Δ Meter with 3-2 W CT's





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QUESTIONS AND DISCUSSION

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