



# Power Factor Correction Solutions & Applications

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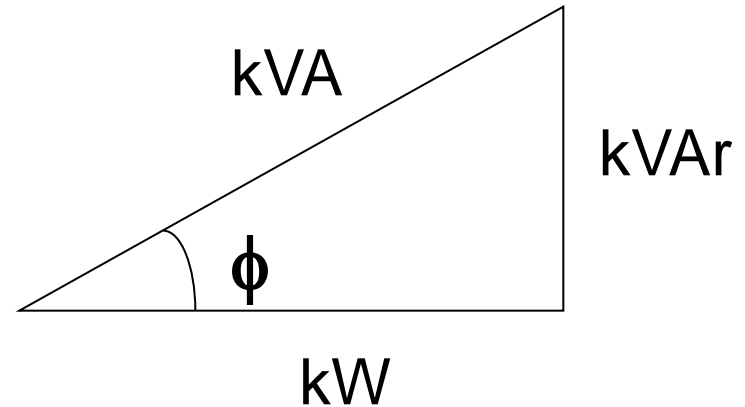
Power Factor Correction/Surge  
Protection/Power Conditioning



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# Power factor definition

- Power factor is the ratio between the “real” power and the “apparent” power of an electrical system

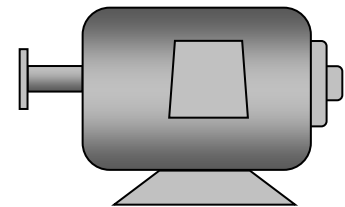


- “Real” power = working power = kW
- “Apparent” power = Volts x Amps = kVA
- “Reactive” power = magnetizing power = kVAR



# What is a VAR?

- **Active power**, also called **real power**, is measured in **Watts or kW** and performs **Useful Work**
- Electrical equipment like motors and transformers require **reactive power** create a **Magnetic Field** and allow work to be performed.
- This reactive power is called **volt-amperes-reactive or VAR's**
- **Reactive power** is measured in **vars or kvar**
- **Total apparent power** is called **volt-amperes** and is measured in **VA or kVA**



# Somebody has to pay for capacity and losses



# Typical Sources of Low Power Factor

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- Reactive power is required by many loads to provide magnetizing current for:
  - Motors
  - Power transformers
  - Welding machines
  - Electric arc furnaces
  - Inductors
  - Lighting ballasts

# Utility must generate, transmit, and distribute active AND reactive power

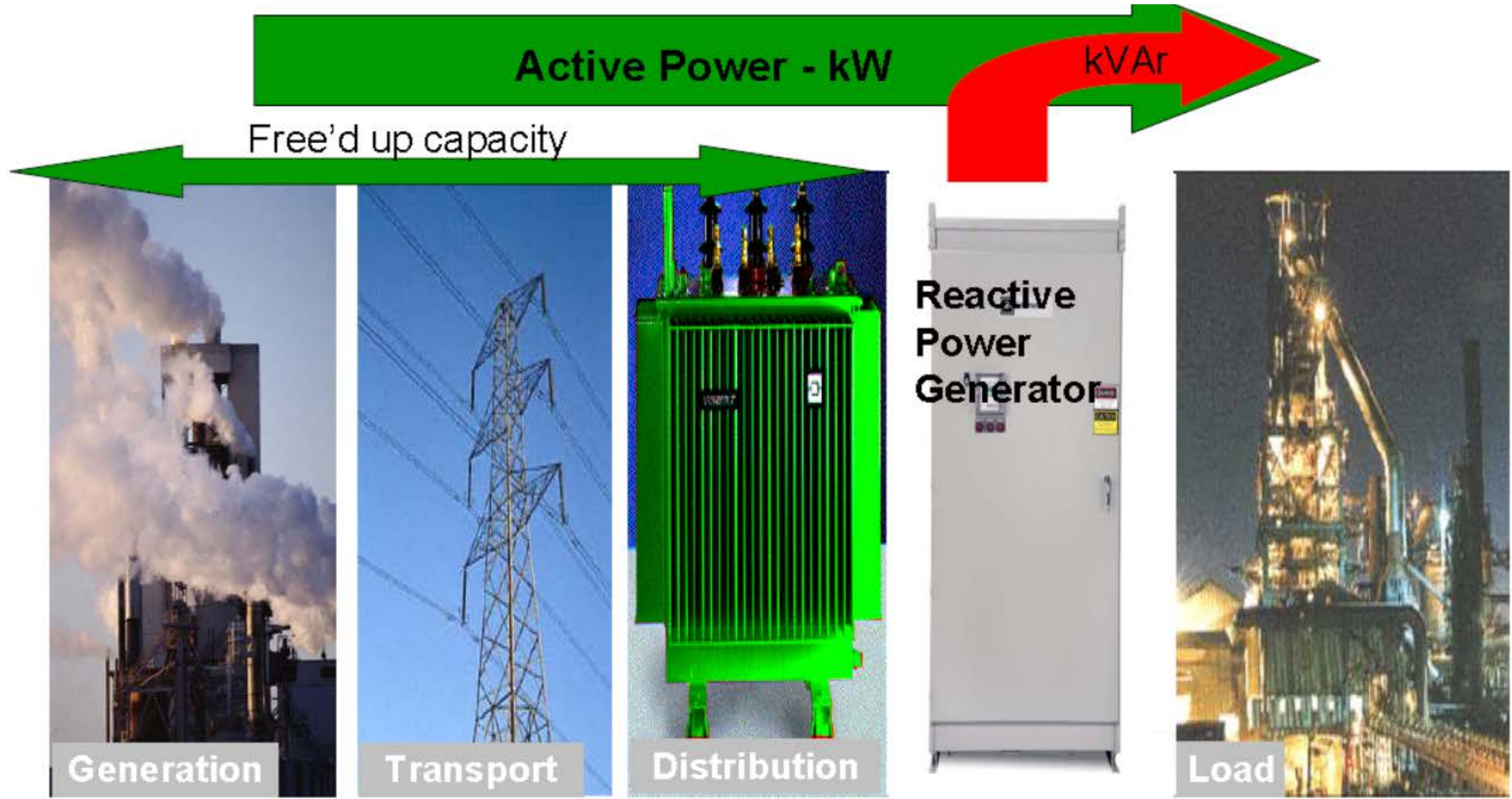
Total  
Power  
kVa

Active Power - kW

Reactive Power - kVAr



# If reactive power could come from another source – utility can reduce

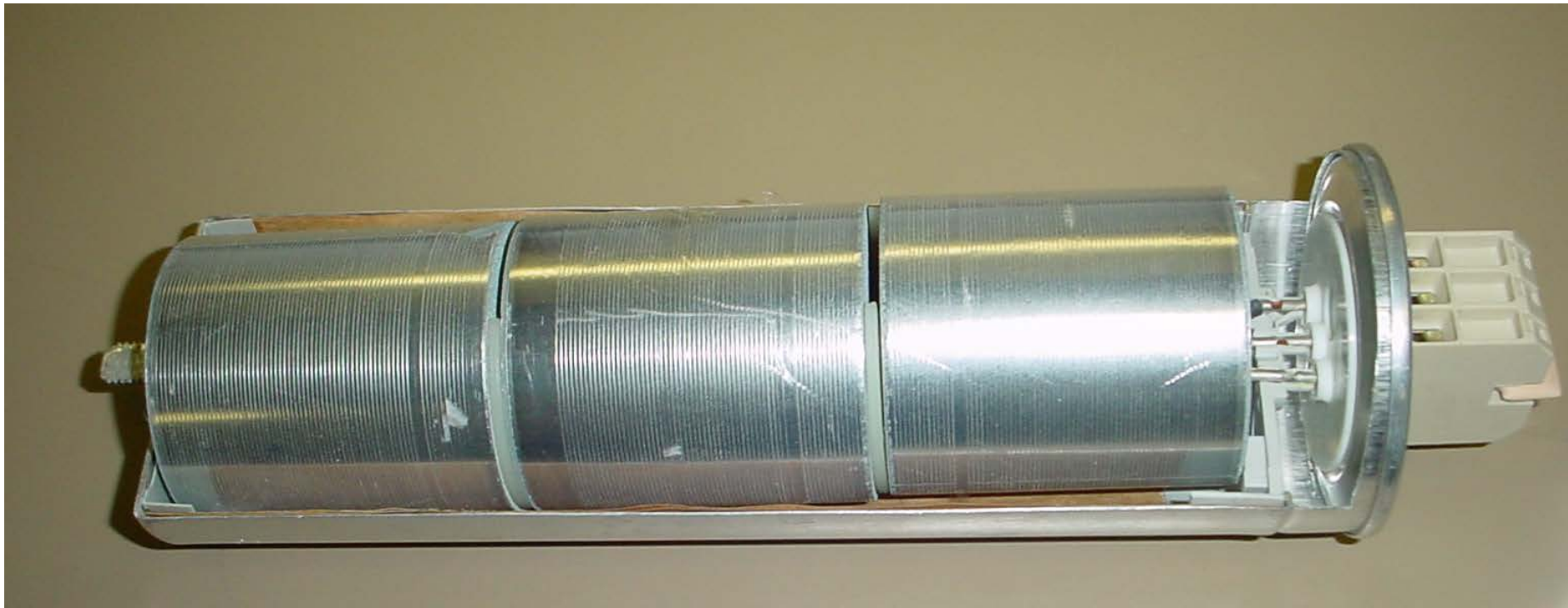


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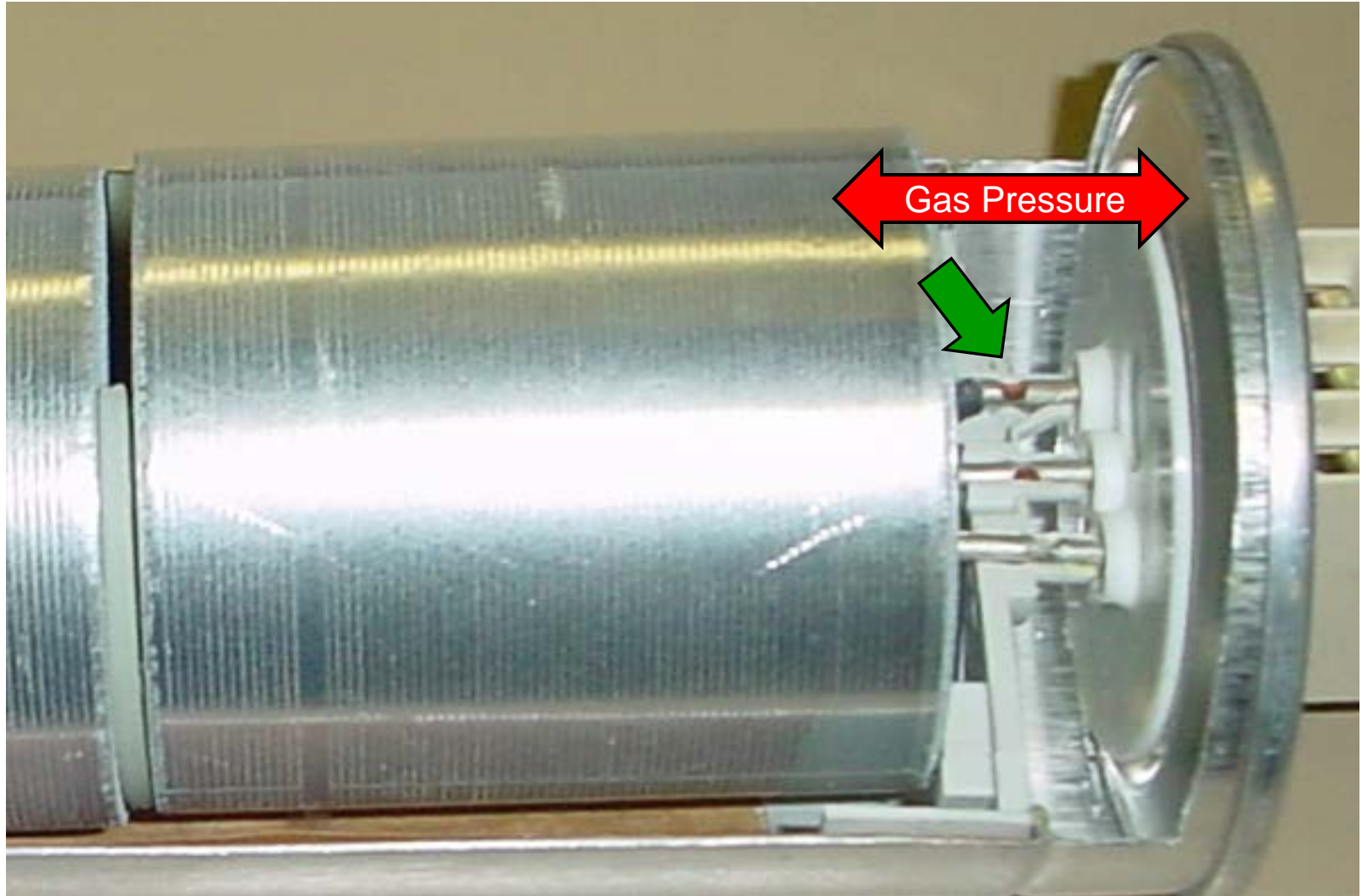




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# Why Consider PFC?

PF correction provides many benefits:

- Primary Benefit:
  - Reduced electric utility bill if there is a penalty
- Other Benefits:
  - Increased system capacity (generators, cables, transformers)
    - Reduced losses in transformers and cables
      - Improved voltage regulation
      - Greening the power system



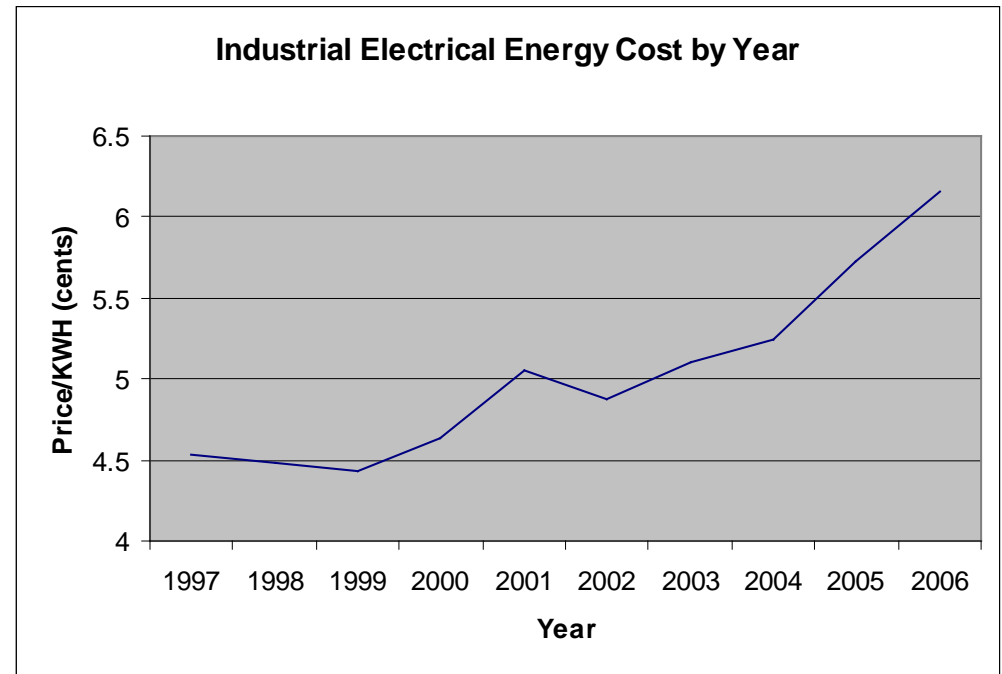
# Where do PF charges appear on a bill?

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- Explicit
  - Power Factor Penalty
  - Power Factor Adjustment
  - Power Factor Multiplier
  - Reactive Demand Charge
  - Calculated Demand
  - Billed Demand

# Escalation in Electrical Energy Cost

- Electrical Energy cost has increased nearly 50% over the last 10 years
- The rate of increase has accelerated in the past few years
- If your penalty is KW related, such as PF multiplier applied to KW Demand, your penalty amounts will track with Energy Cost.



Source Energy Information Administration

# Typical Uncorrected Power Factor

Industry	Percent Uncorrected PF
Brewery	76-80
Cement	80-85
Chemical	65-75
Coal Mine	65-80
Clothing	35-60
Electroplating	65-70
Foundry	75-80
Forge	70-80
Hospital	75-80
Machine manufacturing	60-65
Metal working	65-70
Office building	80-90
Oil-field pumping	40-60
Paint manufacturing	55-65
Plastic	75-80
Stamping	60-70
Steelworks	65-80
Textile	65-75

**Source:** *IEEE Std 141-1993 (IEEE Red Book)*

**Low PF typically results from unloaded or lightly loaded motors**

**Unloaded motor – PF = .20**

**Loaded motor – “rated PF” = .85**

# Example: Improving PF



125 kVA

100 kW

150 A

125 kVA

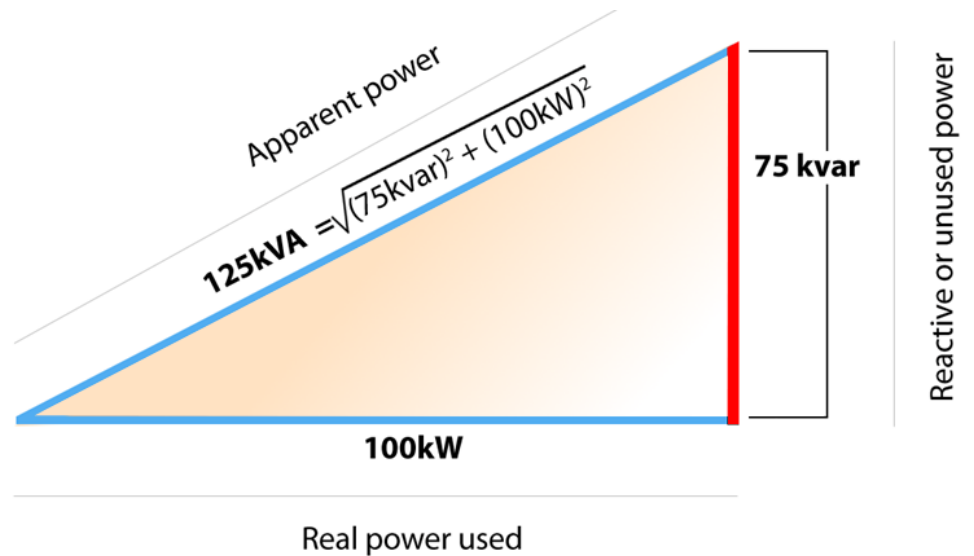
100 kW

150 A

75 kvar

125 HP

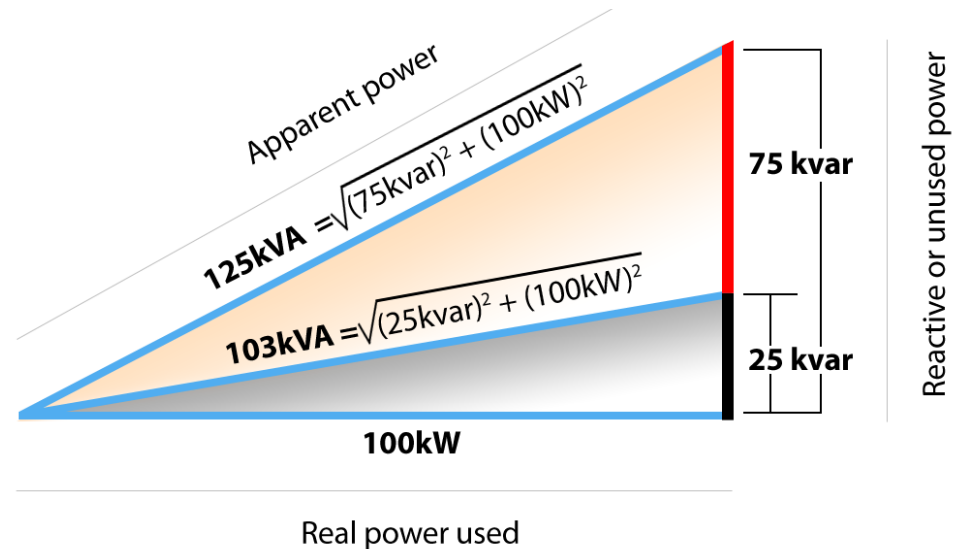
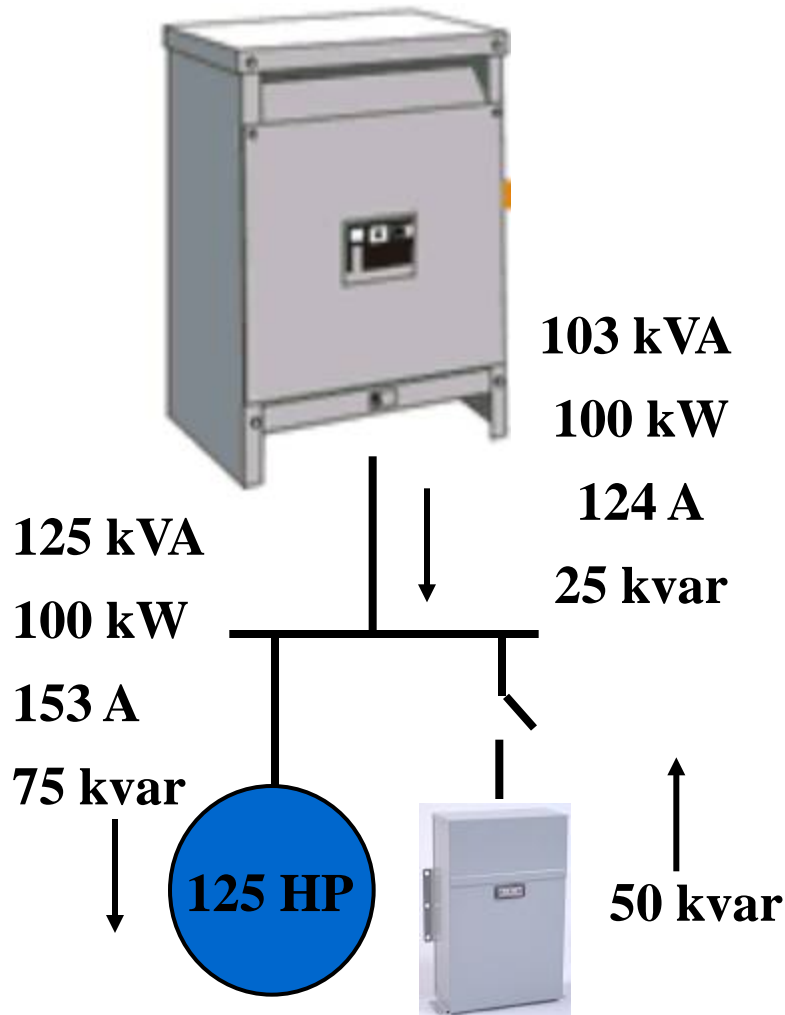
**Power Factor**  
**= 0.80**





# Example: Improving PF Cont.

**Power Factor**  
**0.80 ==> 0.97**

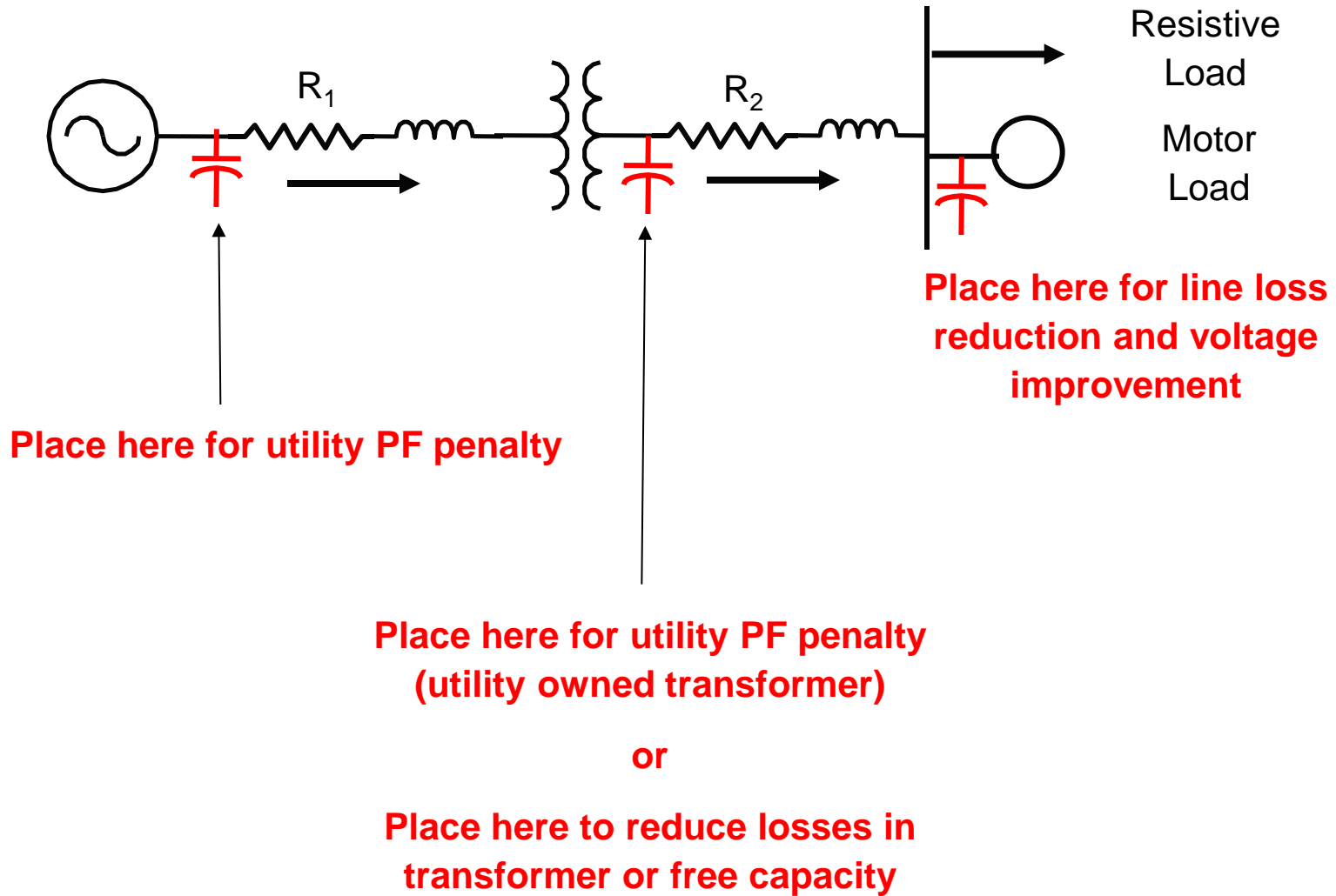


# Cost savings due to increased capacity

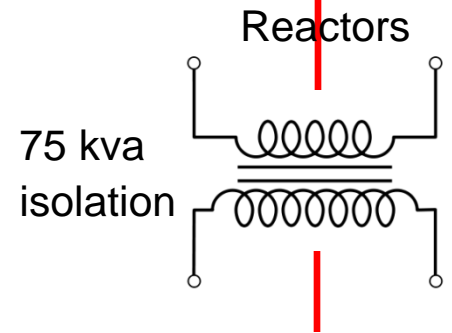
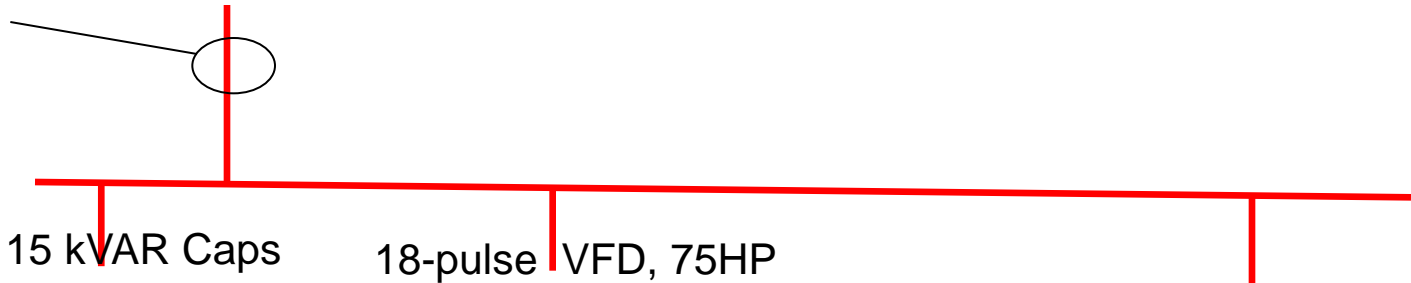
- Correcting poor power factor can significantly reduce the load on transformers and conductors and allow for facility expansion
  - Transformers are rated by kVA and must be sized accordingly



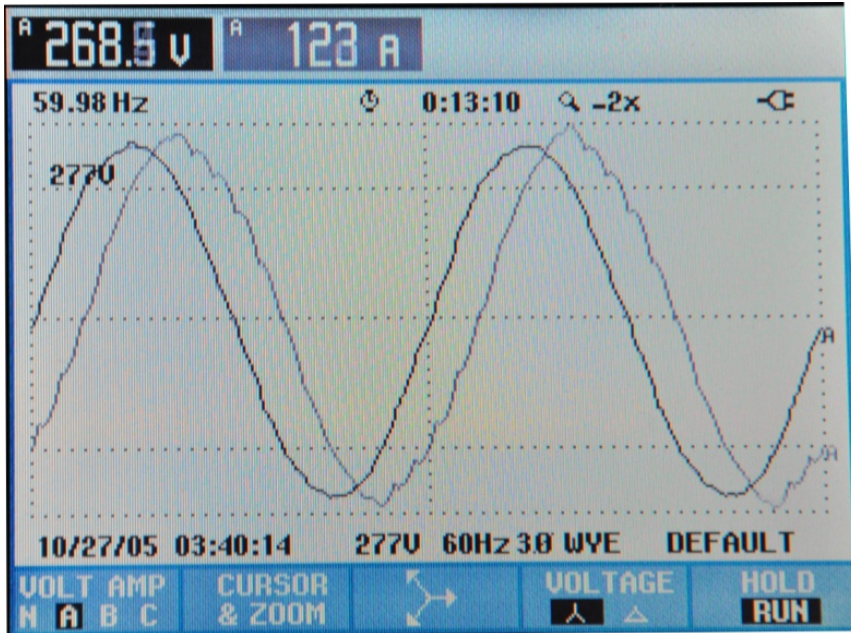
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# Power Factor Correction – Lab Testing

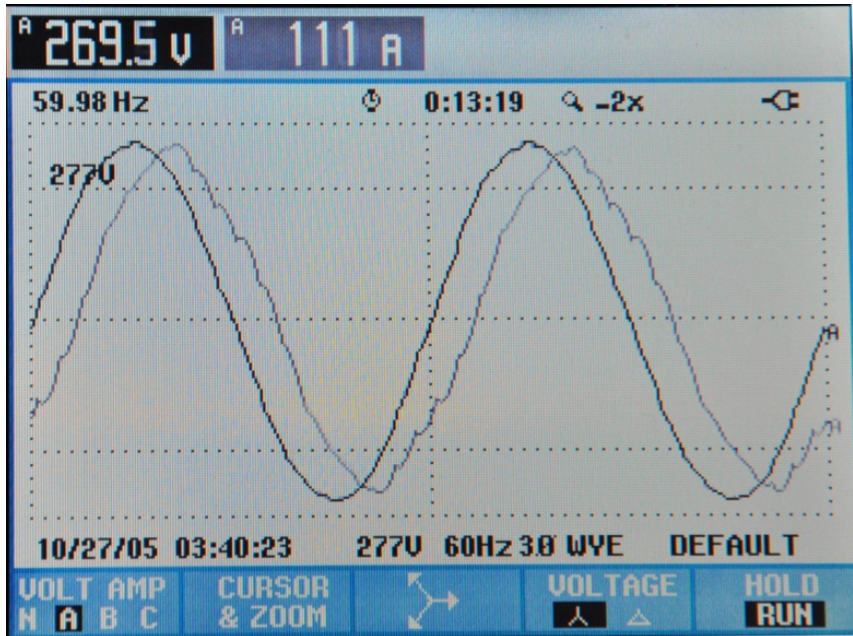


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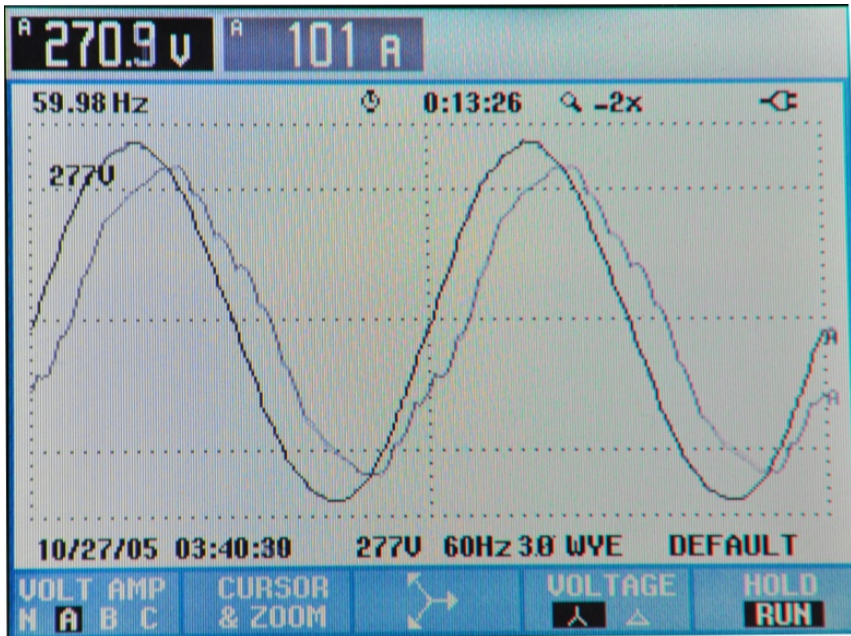
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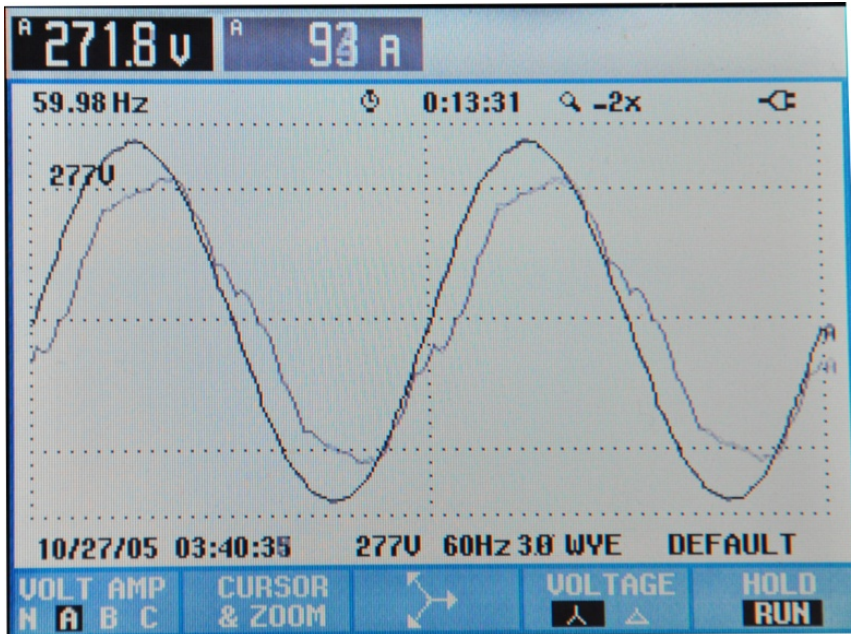
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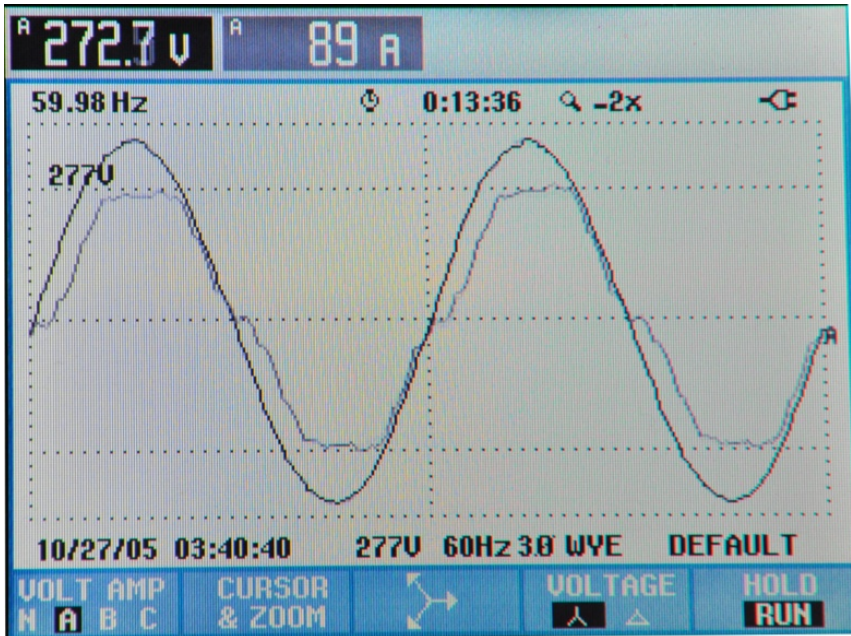
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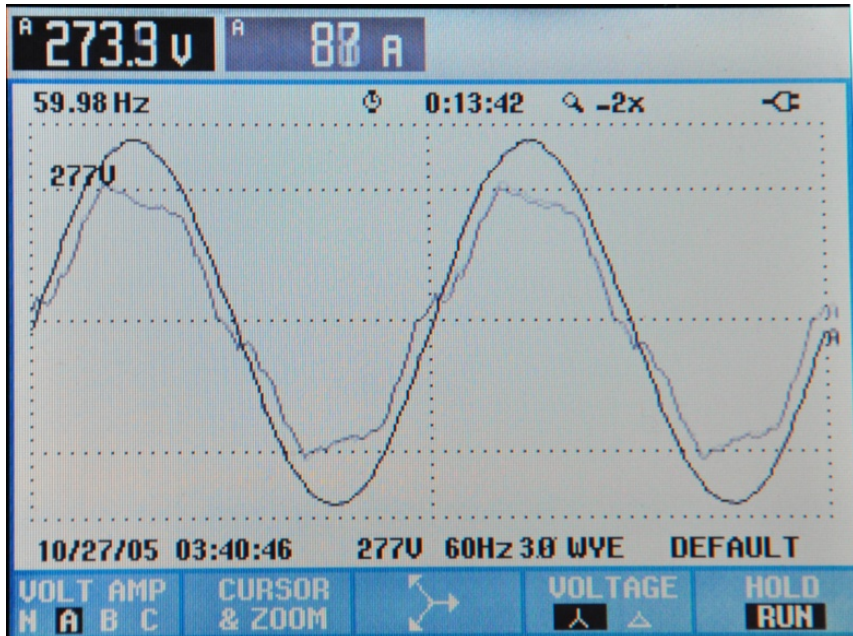


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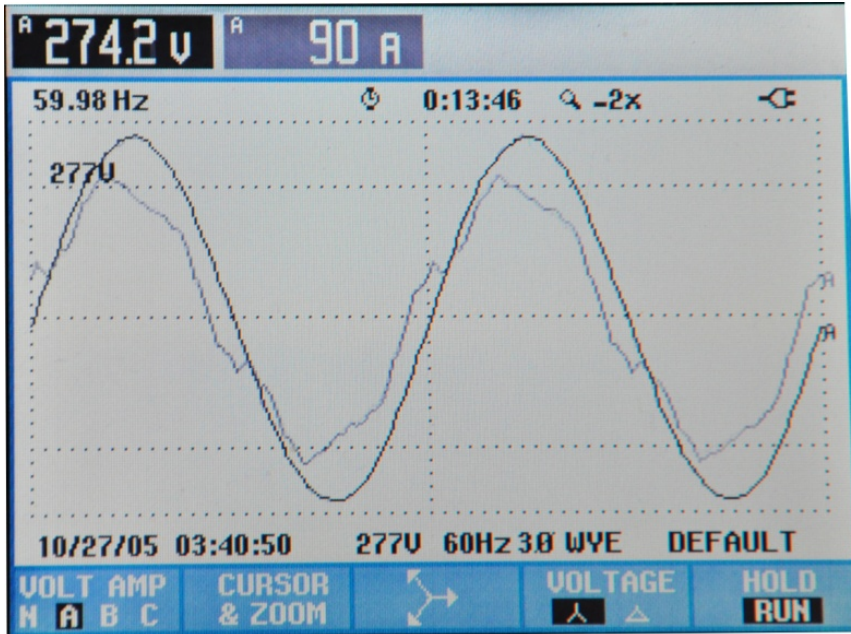
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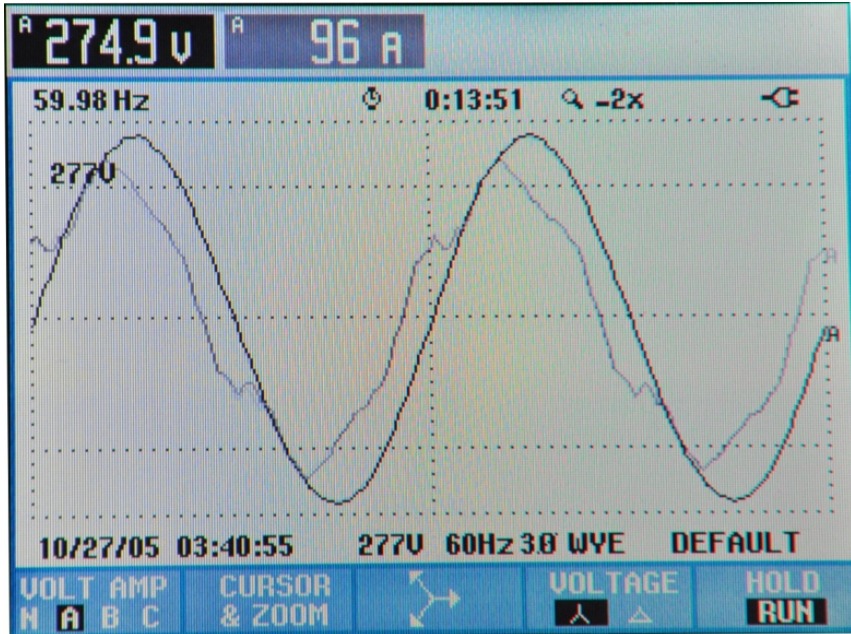
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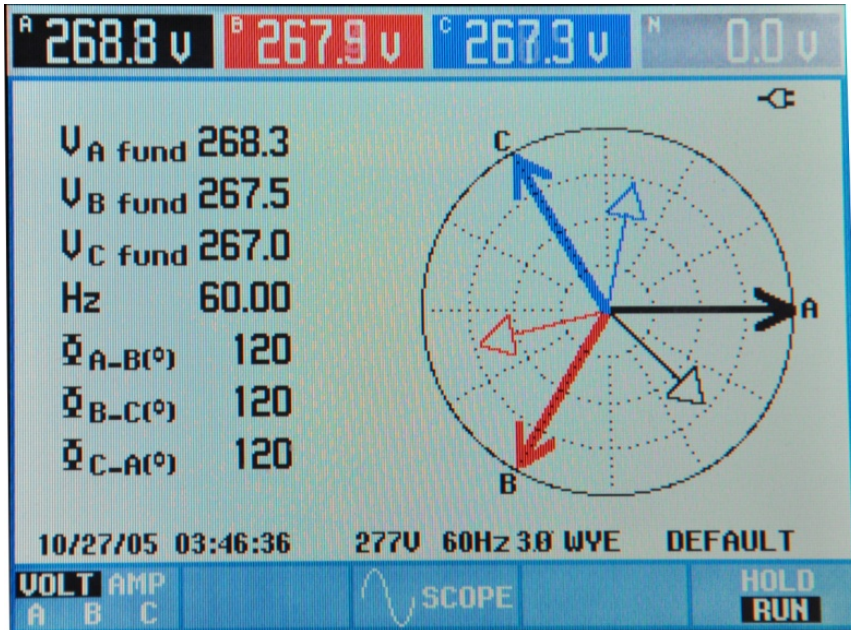
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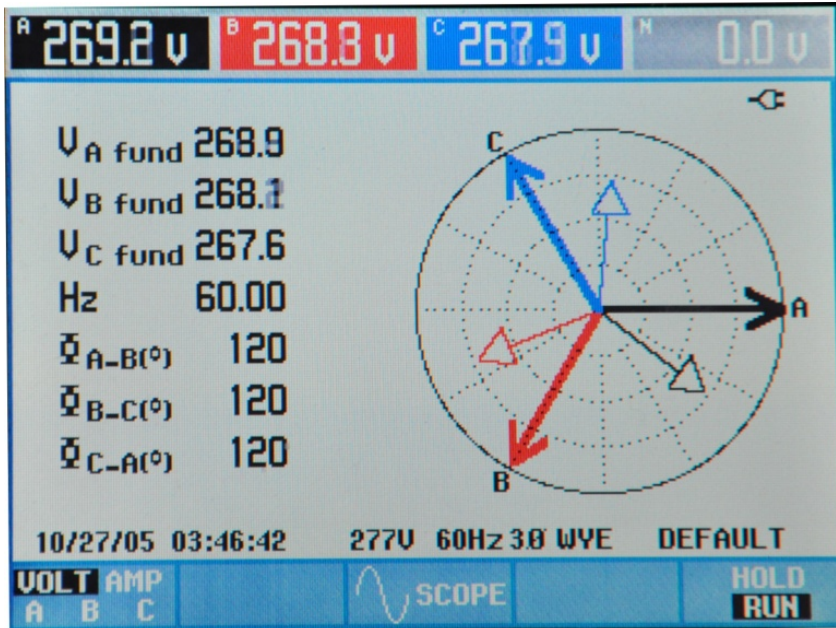
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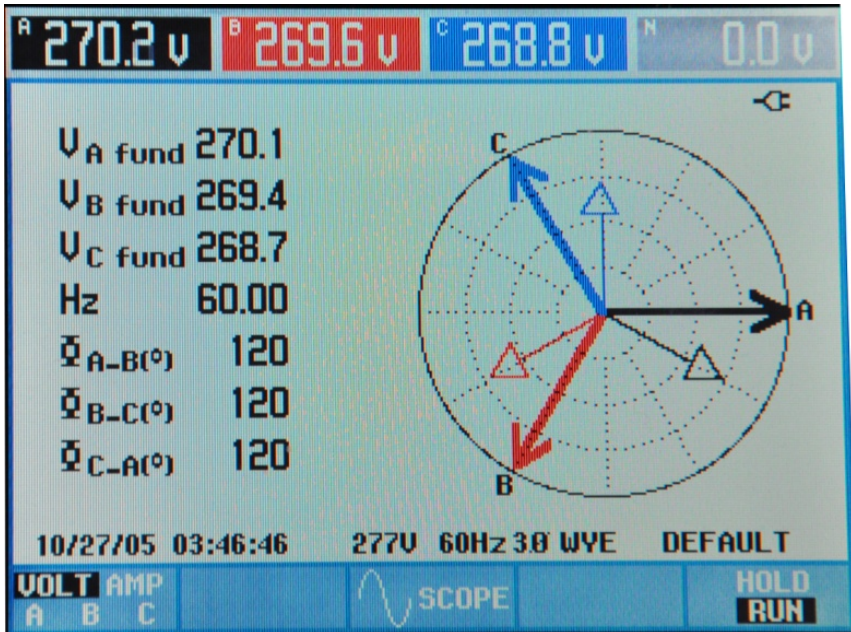
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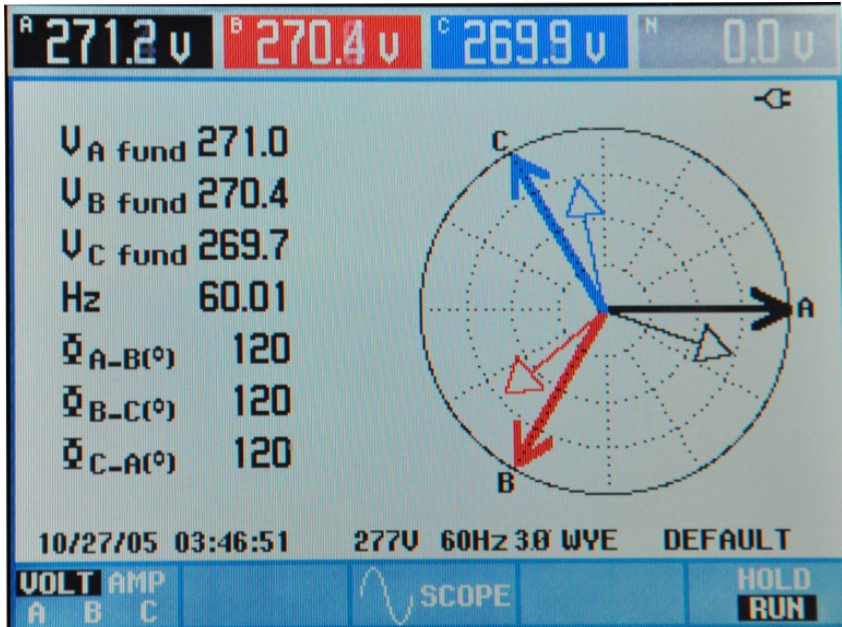
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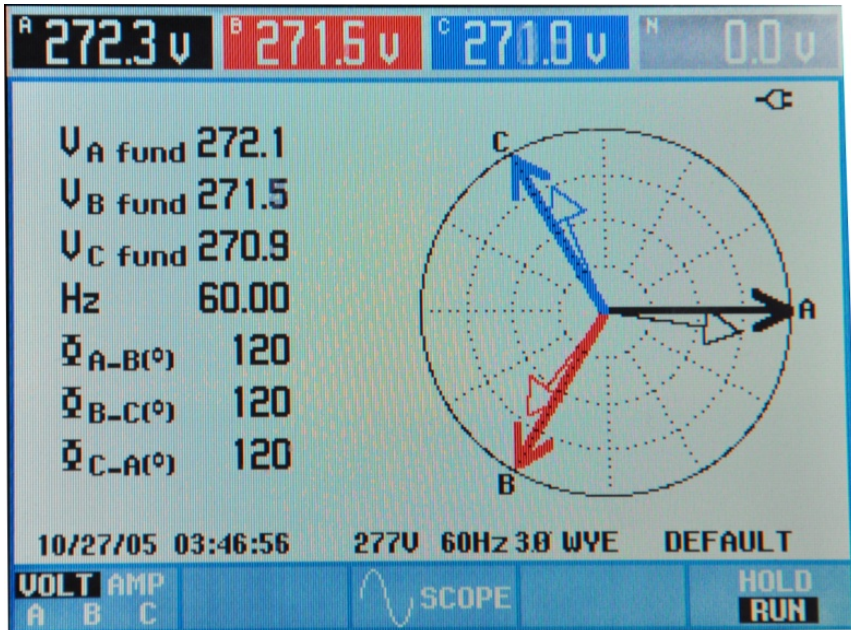
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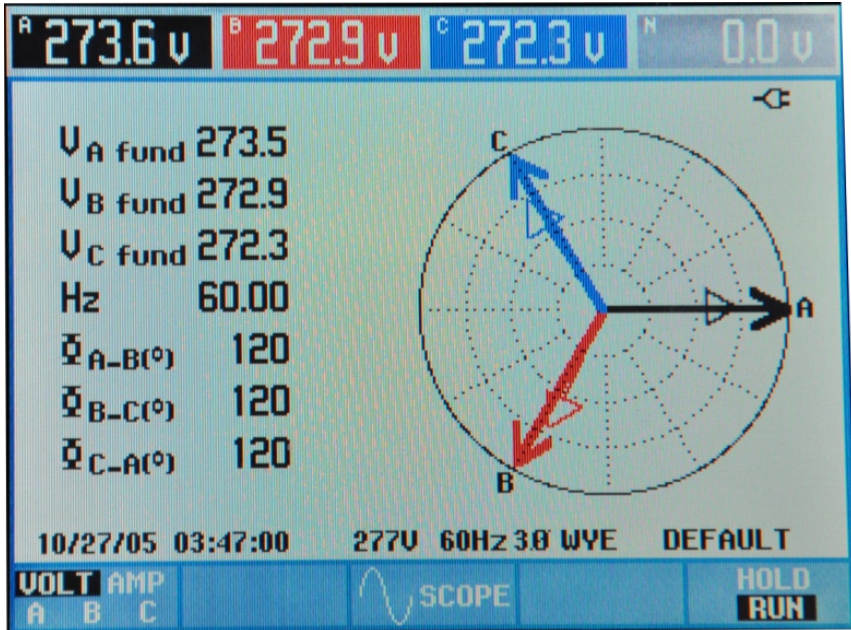


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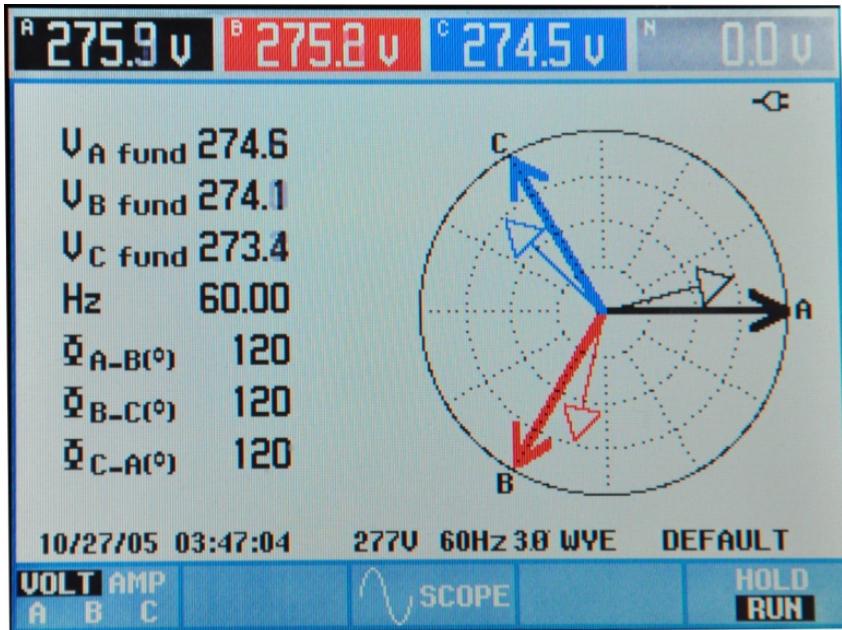
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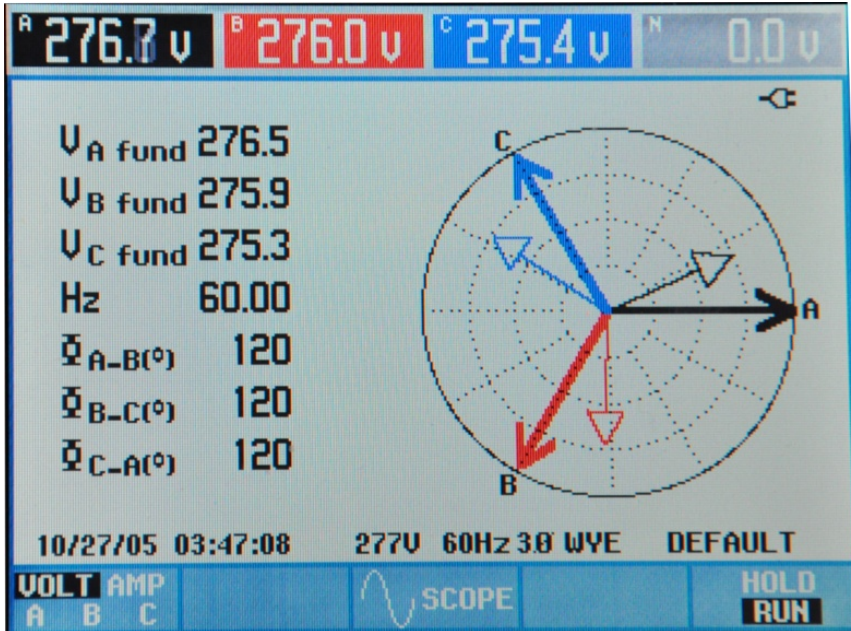
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# On-Site PFC Demonstration



Power Factor Demonstration Unit – Designed to show phase displacement, system capacity increase, and dispel less than reputable companies claiming 30-40% kW savings from capacitors!

# Power Factor Defined –

IEEE Emerald Book IEEE Std 1100-2005

- Power Factor (displacement):
    - The displacement component of power factor
    - The ratio of the active power of the fundamental wave (in watts) to the apparent power of the fundamental wave (in volt-amperes)
  - Power Factor (total):
    - The ratio of the total power input (in watts) to the total volt-ampere input.
- NOTE: This definition includes the effect of harmonic components of currents and voltage and the effect of phase displacement between current and voltage.

$$\text{pf} = \frac{\text{kw}}{\text{kva}}$$

# Power Factor 'True' Equation

$$pf_{true} \approx \frac{P_{avg1}}{V_{lrms} I_{lrms}} \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 + (THD_I / 100)^2}} = pf_{disp} \cdot pf_{dist}. \quad (16)$$

Because displacement power factor  $pf_{disp}$  can never be greater than unity, (16) shows that the true power factor in nonsinusoidal situations has the upper bound

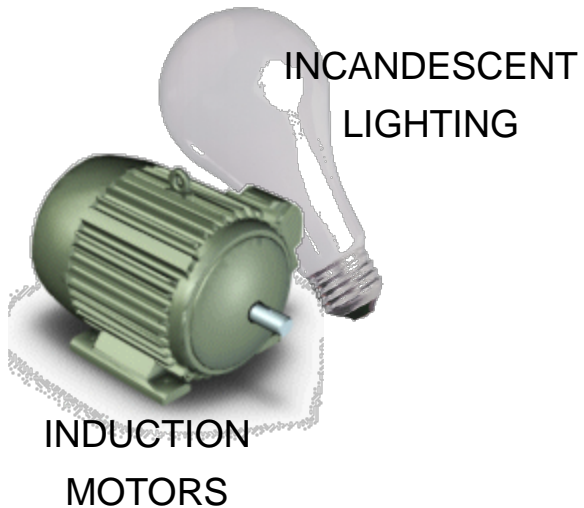
$$pf_{true} \leq pf_{dist} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 + (THD_I / 100)^2}}. \quad (17)$$

Reference: Dr. Mack Grady, University of Texas at Austin, Proc of the EPRI Power Quality Issues & Opportunities Conference (PQA '93), San Diego, CA, November 1993.

For more info: <http://users.ece.utexas.edu/~grady/POWERFAC.pdf>

# Two Types of Electrical Loads

- Linear



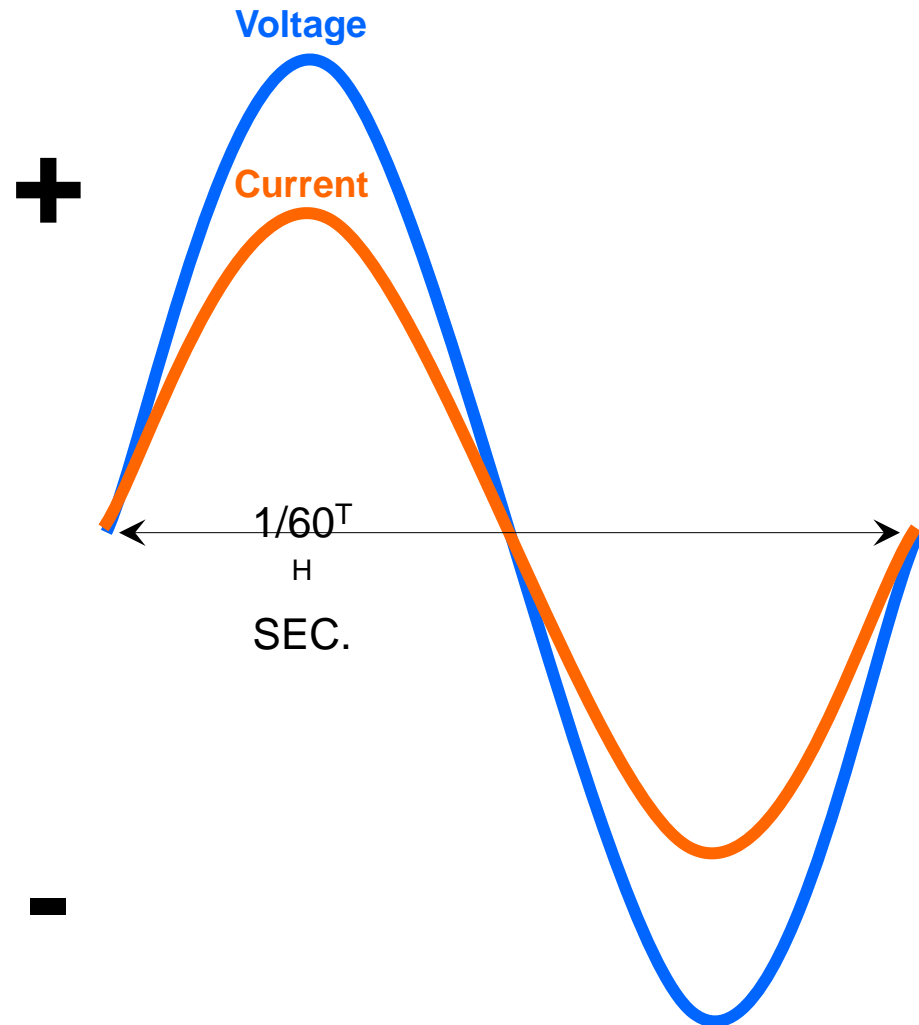
- Non-Linear





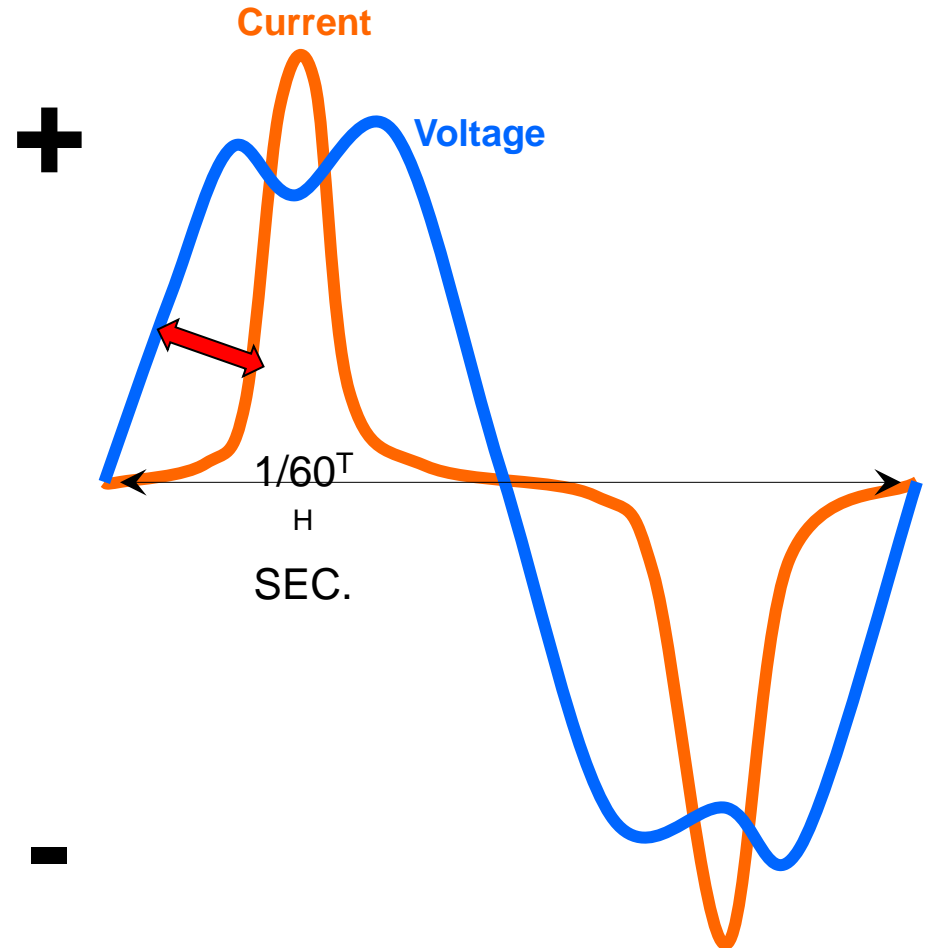
# Linear Loads Draw Power Linearly

- Electrical voltage and current “ebbs and flows” from plus to minus 60 times per second.
- **Voltage** and **Current** follow the same rhythm perfectly in a linear load

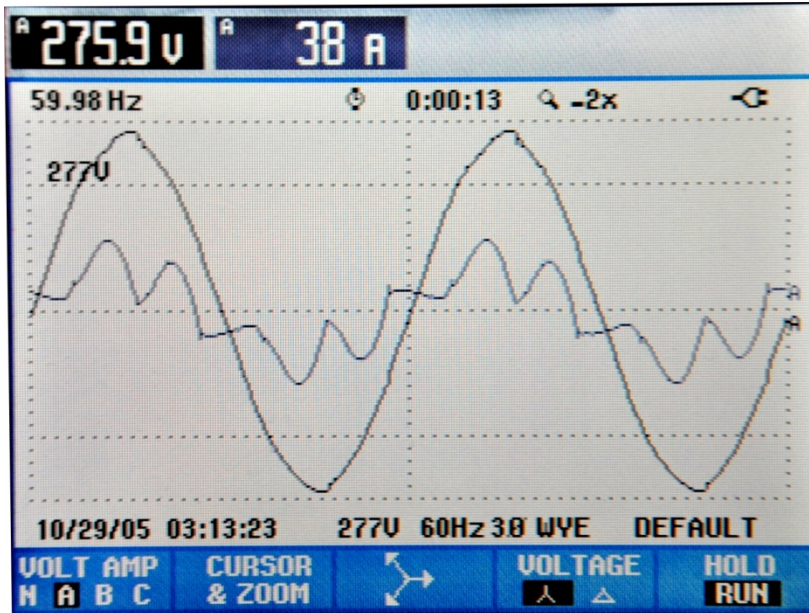


# Non-Linear Loads Draw Power Unevenly

- Current is drawn in short “gulps” or pulses.
- **Voltage** and **Current** waveforms are irregular and don’t match – waveforms are said to be “DISTORTED”
- NON-LINEAR LOADS PRODUCE HARMONICS
- Harmonics cause mis-operation of equipment and WASTE ENERGY.



# Distortive Power Factor



Power & Energy				
	FULL			0:12:27
	A	B	C	Total
kW	8.9	9.2	8.9	26.9
kVA	10.4	10.7	10.4	31.5
kVAR	± 5.4	± 5.5	± 5.3	± 16.3
PF	0.85	0.86	0.86	0.86
DPF	0.96	0.96	0.97	0.96
A rms	38	39	38	
	A	B	C	
V rms	276.3	274.7	274.9	
10/29/05 03:13:00 277V 60Hz 3Ø WYE DEFAULT				
VOLTAGE	ENERGY		TREND	HOLD RUN

# Harmonic Resonance

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- Capacitors not only supply reactive power to the loads in an electrical distribution system they also change the resonance frequency of the system.
- Capacitors are also a “sink” for harmonic currents present in a system (**series resonance**).
- When the resonance frequency of a system with PF correction capacitors is close to the frequency of a harmonic current generating load **parallel resonance** can occur.

# Why talk about - Harmonic Resonance

## The “Self Correcting” Problem

- Blown Fuses
- Failed Capacitors
- Damaged Transformer

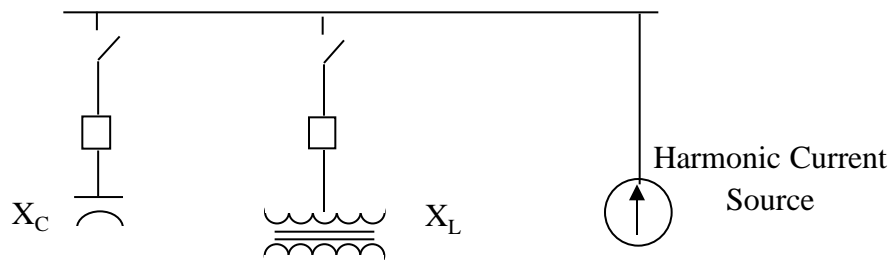


# Parallel Resonance

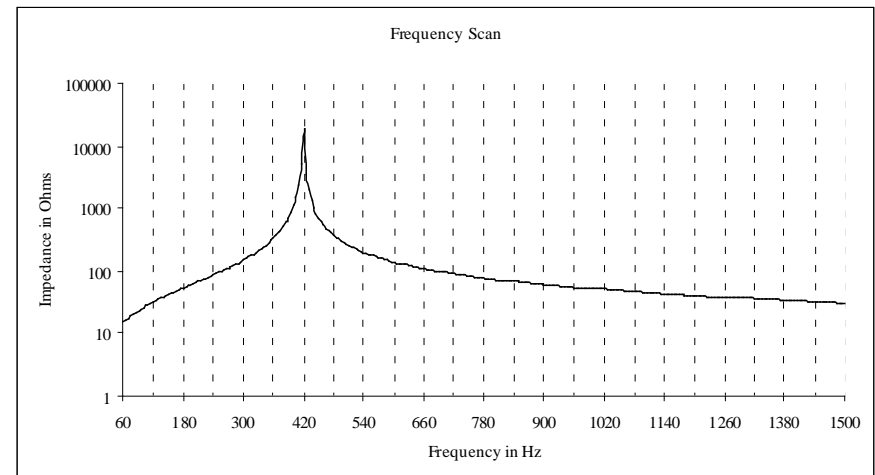
- The parallel combination of impedance is:

$$X_{EQUIVALENT} = \frac{jX_L \times (-j)X_C}{jX_L + (-j)X_C}$$

- Since  $X_L$  and  $X_C$  have opposite signs, the denominator can equal zero if  $X_L = X_C$ . In reality, the only limiting factor is the difference in resistance between the capacitor and reactor.



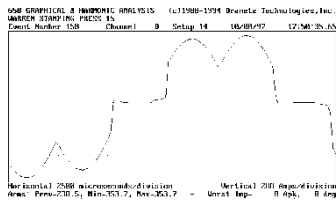
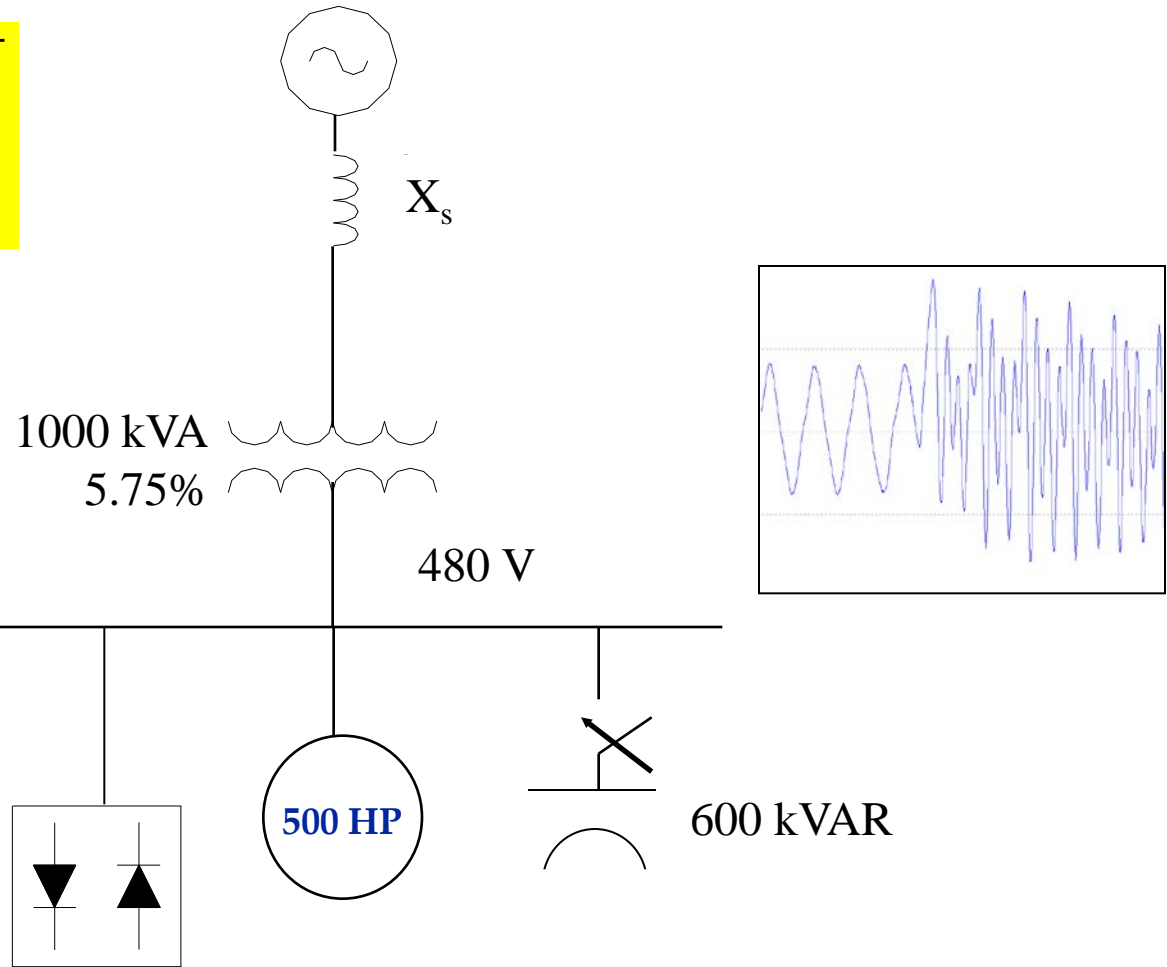
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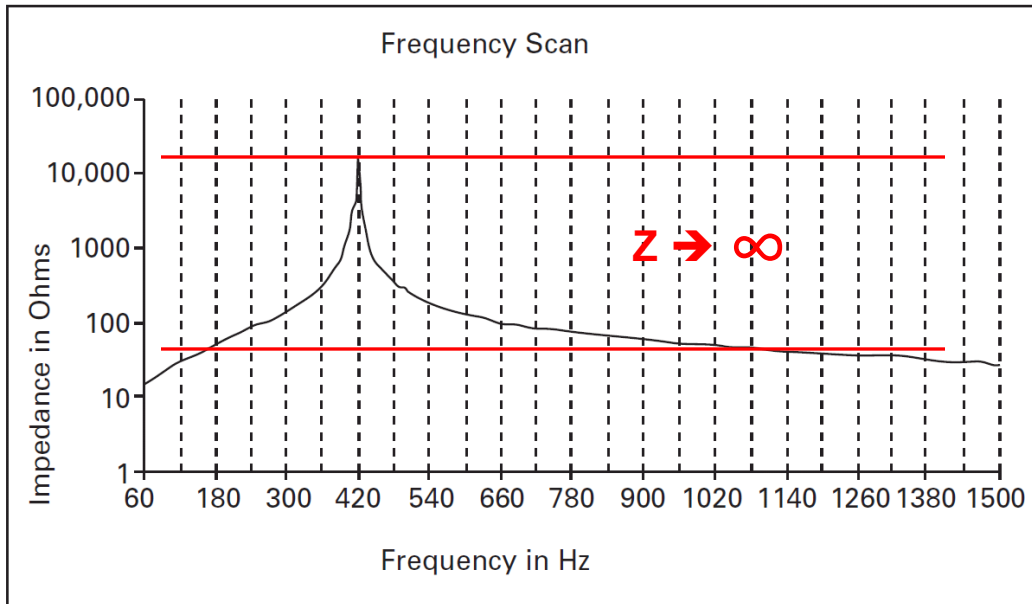
Frequency Scan for Parallel Resonant Circuit

# Parallel Resonance

$$h_R = \sqrt{\frac{MVA_{SC}}{MVAR_{CAP}}}$$



# Parallel Resonance – the Problem



At 420Hz (the 7<sup>th</sup> harmonic) the Z (impedance) of the circuit increases from around 80 ohms to 10,000 ohms  
**125 times increase!**

Subsequently, harmonic voltage  
Increases 125 times!

## Solution?

- Make sure you perform calculation
- Purchase Power Factor caps with detuned anti-resonance filter
- Use capacitor-less solutions (HCU & others)

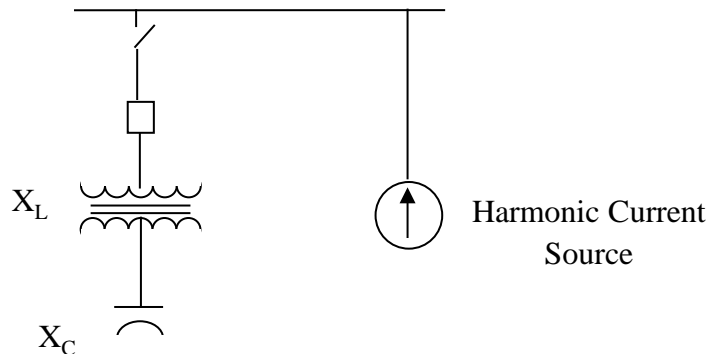


# Series Resonance

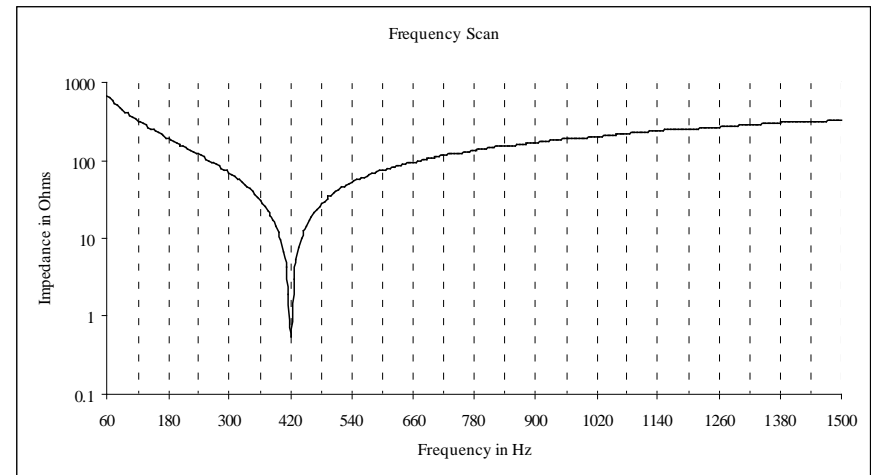
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Equivalent Series Resonant Circuit



Frequency Scan for Series Resonant Circuit

# Expected Harmonics

<u>Source</u>	<u>Typical Harmonics*</u>
6 Pulse Drive/Rectifier	5, 7, 11, 13, 17, 19...
12 Pulse Drive/Rectifier	11, 13, 23, 25...
18 Pulse Drive	17, 19, 35, 37...
Switch-Mode Power Supply	3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13...
Fluorescent Lights	3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13...
Arcing Devices	2, 3, 4, 5, 7...
Transformer Energization	2, 3, 4

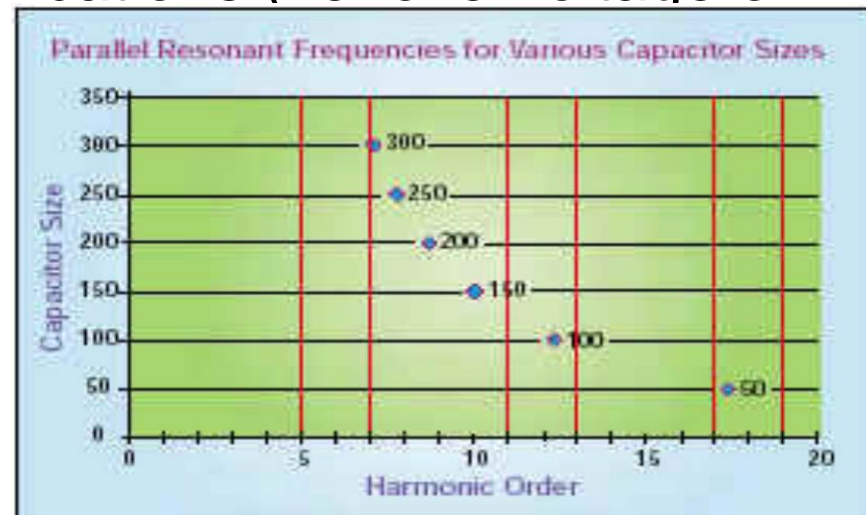
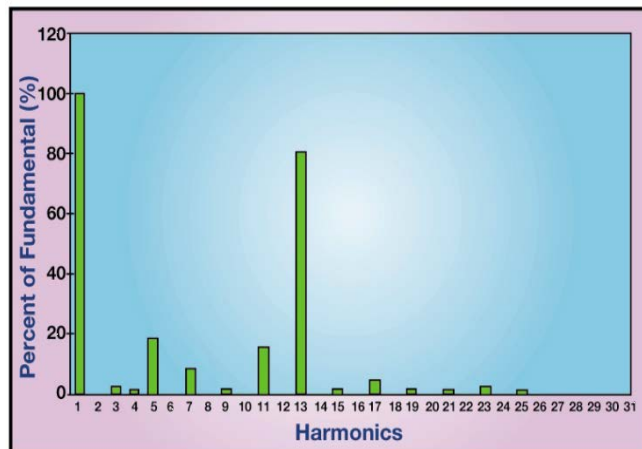
\* Generally, magnitude decreases as harmonic order increases

$$H = NP \pm 1$$

i.e. 6 Pulse Drive - 5, 7, 11, 13, 17, 19,...

# Harmonic Resonance - Solutions

1. **Change the method** of kvar compensation (harmonic filter, active filter, etc.)
2. **Change the size** of the capacitor bank to over-compensate or under-compensate for the required kvar and live with the ramifications (i.e. overvoltage or PF



Natural System frequency of oscillation typically at 5th to 13th harmonic

# What type of PFC solution?

- Capacitors (standard/harmonically hardened)
- Harmonic Filters (Tuned or De-tuned)
- Active Filters
- LV or MV
- Fixed or Switched (contactor or thyristor)
- Active harmonic filter (PF and harmonic control)





# Capacitor Selection

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## Capacitor selection issues (besides size)

- Utility penalties
- Installed cost, payback of equipment, and NPV
- Load variability
- Voltage regulation
- Load requirements (Speed of changing PF)
- Harmonic resonance

# Application Example – At the Load

## At a motor

Group of Motors  
Group of Motors w/  
harmonics

Variable Load

Variable System

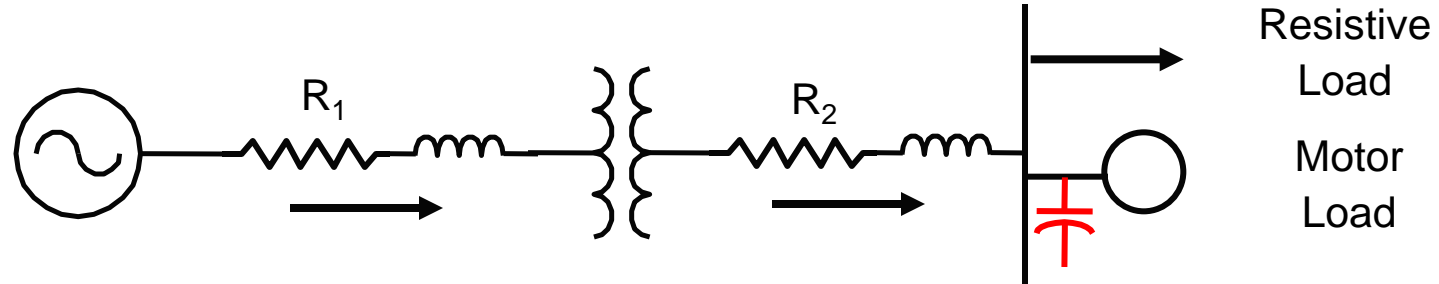
Variable System w/  
harmonics

Rapidly changing  
load

Electronic VAR  
Injector

MV at a motor

MV variable load



## Eaton Unipump

### Advantages

- Auto-regulating, comes on and off with load
- Capacitor matched with load – reduces concern of overcorrection
- Relatively small in size – easy to locate, no additional distribution equipment required

### When to Use

- Facility load fluctuates
- Many anticipated changes to plant system and loads



# Application Example – Group of Loads

At a motor

## Group of Motors

Group of Motors w/  
harmonics

Variable Load

Variable System

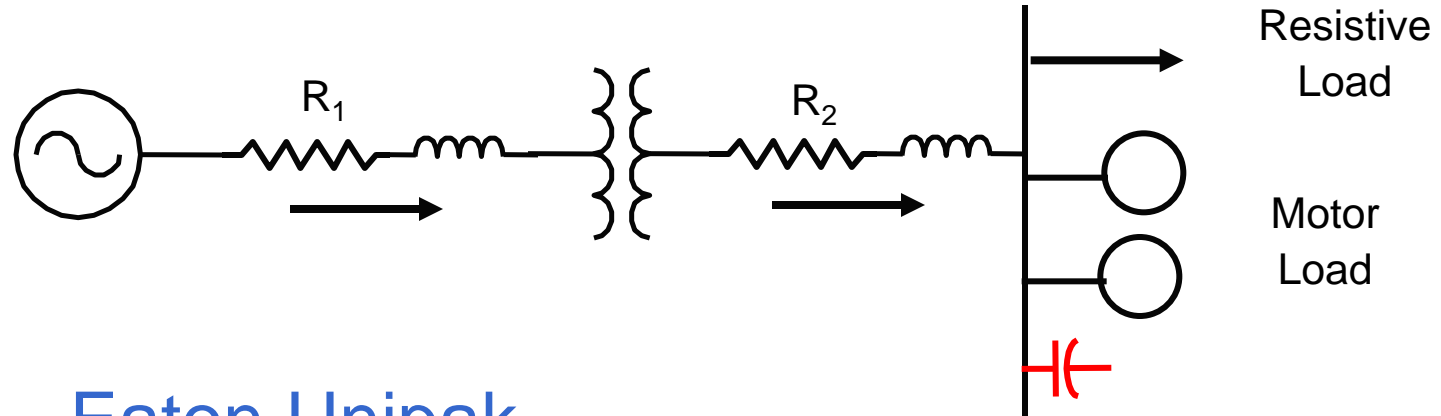
Variable System w/  
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Rapidly changing  
load

Electronic VAR  
Injector

MV at a motor

MV variable load



## Eaton Unipak

### When to use

- Facility load is relatively constant – 24/7/365
- Few anticipated changes to plant system & loads

### Considerations

- Possibility of “over-correcting” (leading power factor, increases current)
- Overvoltage can occur if load drops

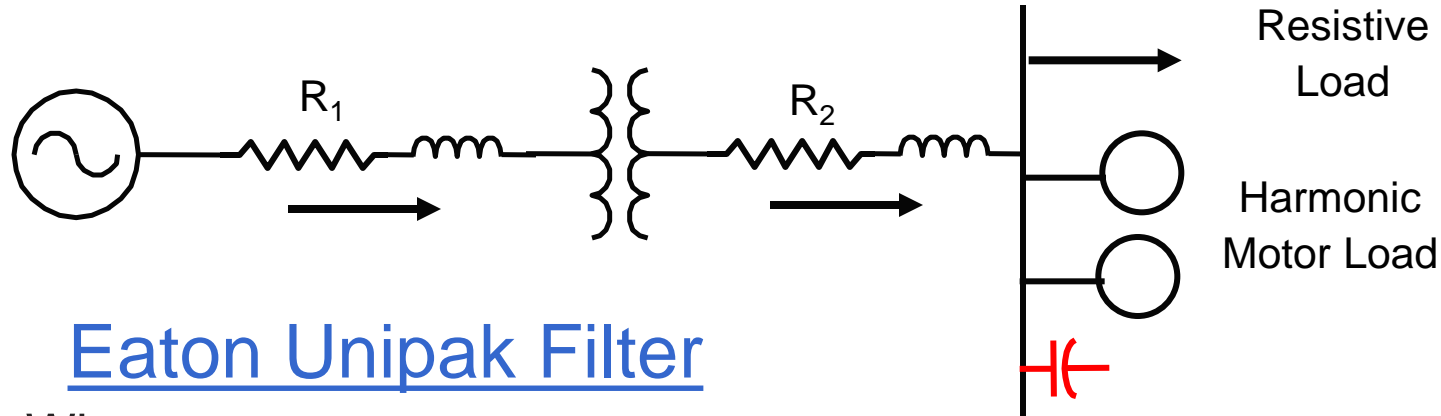


# Application Example – Group of Harmonic Loads

At a motor  
Group of Motors  
**Group of Motors w/  
harmonics**

Variable Load  
Variable System  
Variable System w/  
harmonics  
Rapidly changing  
load  
Electronic VAR  
Injector

MV at a motor  
MV variable load



## Eaton Unipak Filter

### When to use

- Facility load is relatively constant – 24/7/365
- Few anticipated changes to plant system & loads
- Capacitors protected from harmonics through the use of a detuned, anti-resonance filter / reactors

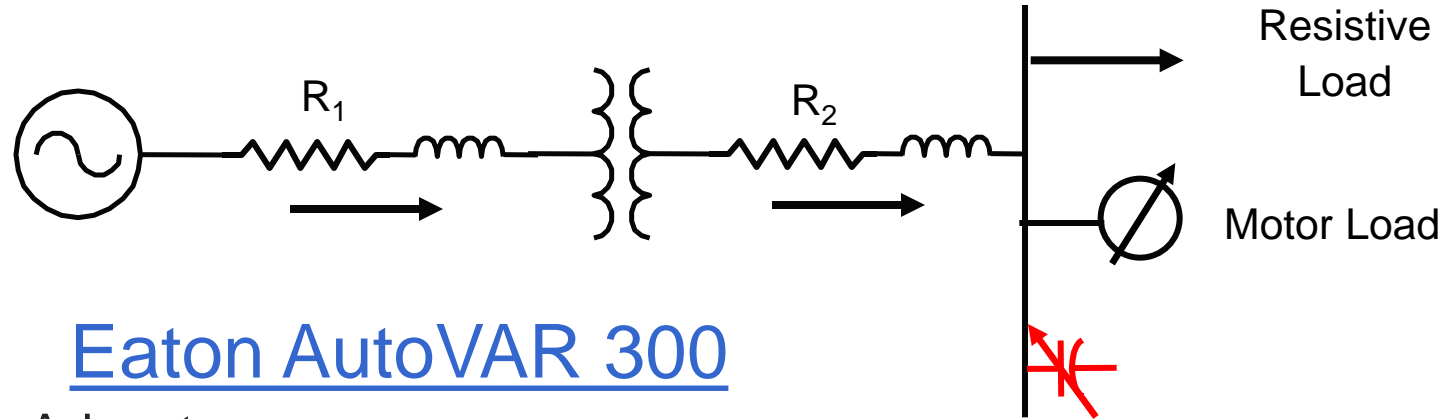
### Considerations

- Possibility of “over-correcting” (leading power factor, increases current)
- Overvoltage can occur if load drops





# Application Example – Variable Load



## Eaton AutoVAR 300

### Advantages

- Single installation
- Load is monitored and brings individual capacitors in / out as required to meet power factor target value
- Wall mounted

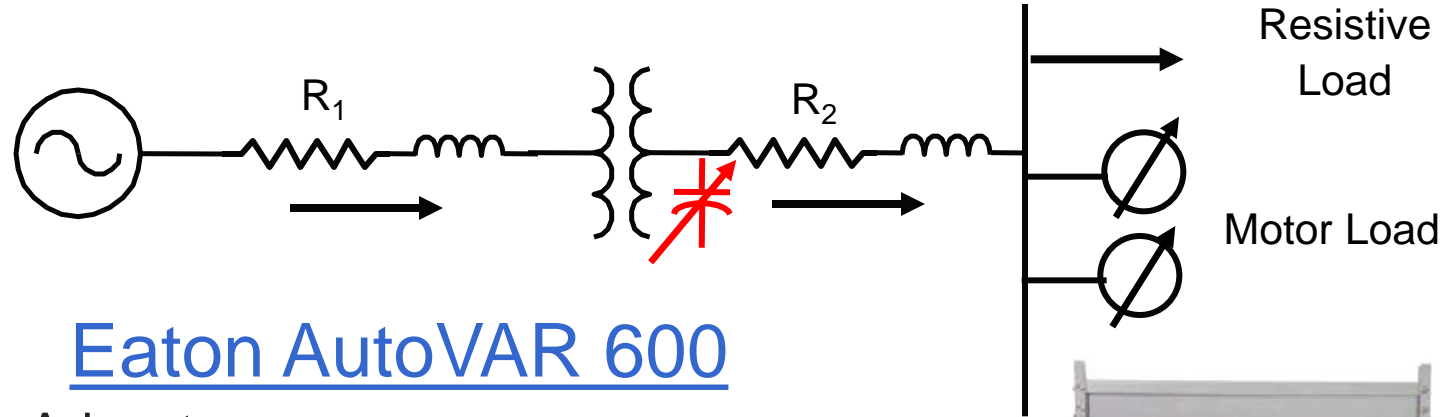
### When to use

- When load flexibility is required
- Facility loads turned off at night
- Future load expected to change



# Application Example – Variable System

- At a motor
- Group of Motors
- Group of Motors w/ harmonics
- Variable Load
- Variable System**
- Variable System w/ harmonics
- Rapidly changing load
- Electronic VAR Injector
- MV at a motor
- MV variable load



## Advantages

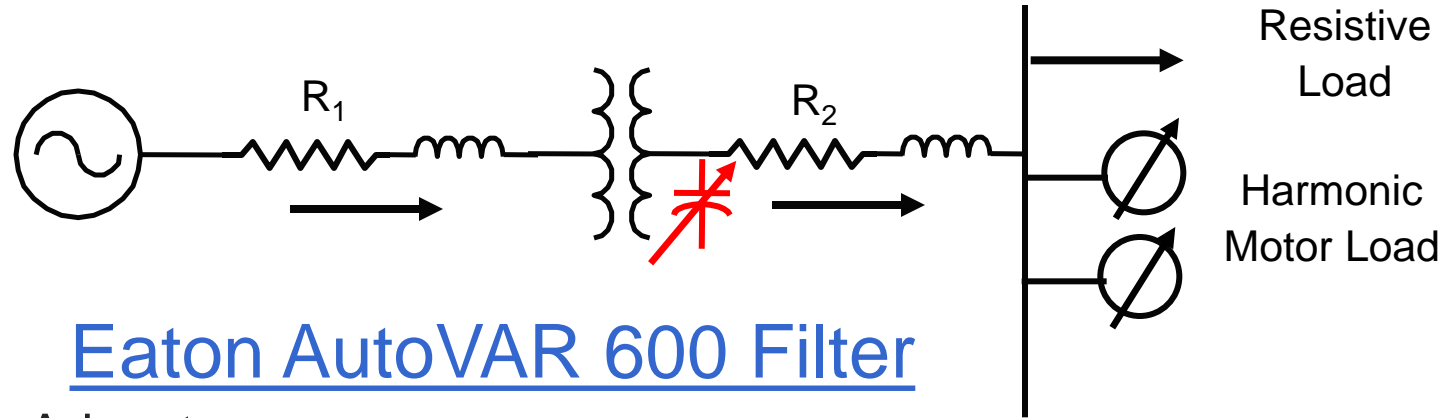
- Single installation
- System is monitored and brings individual capacitors in / out as required to meet power factor target value
- Floor mount

## When to use

- When system flexibility is required
- Facility loads turned off at night
- Future load expected to change



# Application Example – Variable System with harmonics



## Eaton AutoVAR 600 Filter

### Advantages

- Single floor mount installation
- System is monitored and brings individual capacitors in / out as required to meet power factor target value
- Floor mount

### When to use

- When system flexibility is required
- Facility loads turned off at night
- Future load expected to change



At a motor  
Group of Motors  
Group of Motors w/  
harmonics

Variable Load  
Variable System

**Variable System w/  
harmonics**

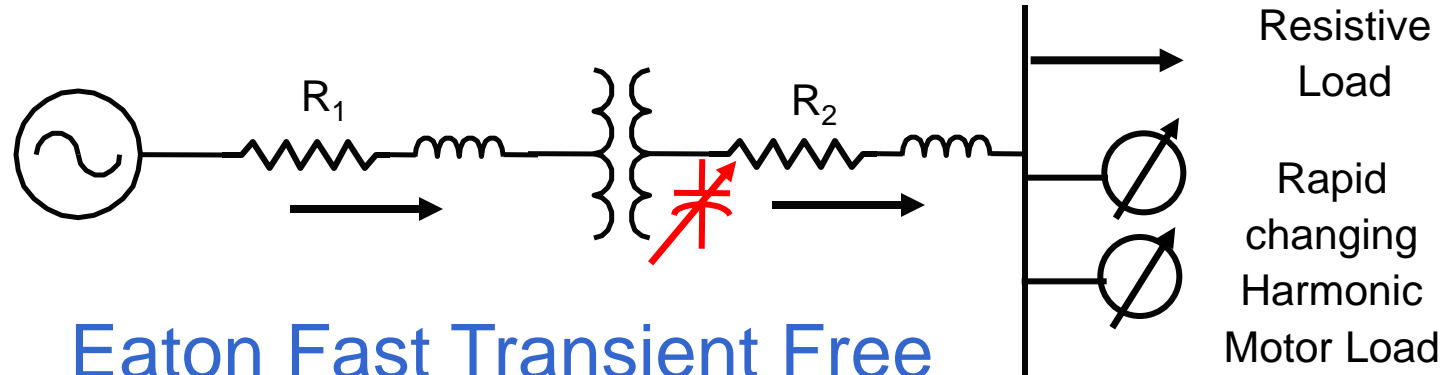
Rapidly changing  
load

Electronic VAR  
Injector

MV at a motor

MV variable load

# Application Example – Rapidly Changing Load



## Eaton Fast Transient Free

### Advantages

- Switches at zero-crossing – no transients
- Can correct Power Factor within:
  - FTA Model – 3 to 4 s
  - FTE Model – 5 to 20 ms
- Includes detuned, anti-resonance filtering

### When to use

- Rock crushing or other rapidly changing loads that require power factor correction



At a motor  
Group of Motors  
Group of Motors w/  
harmonics

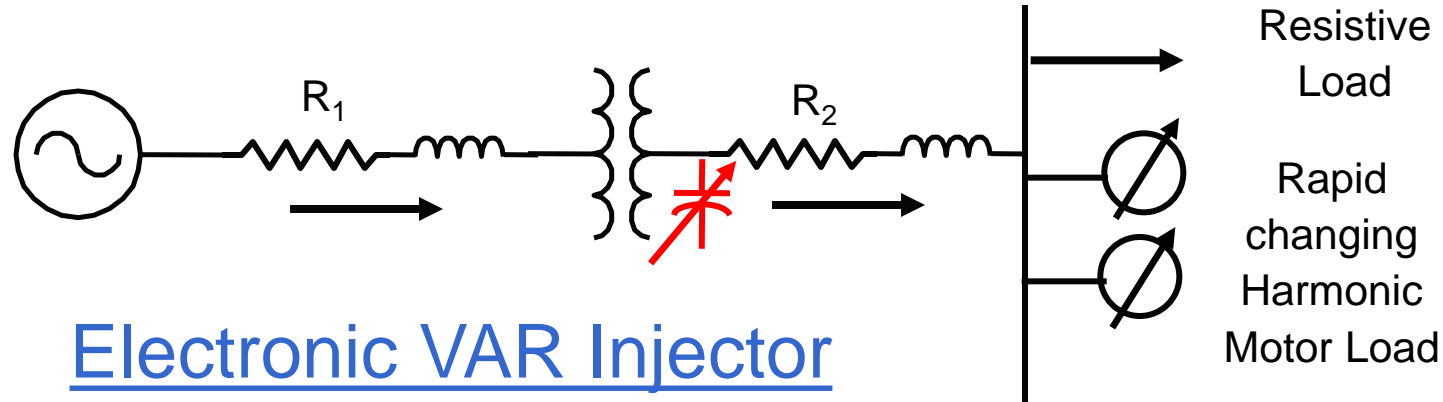
Variable Load  
Variable System  
Variable System w/  
harmonics

**Rapidly changing  
load**

Electronic VAR  
Injector

MV at a motor  
MV variable load

# Application Example – Electronic VAR Injector



## Electronic VAR Injector

### Advantages

- Power electronics – no capacitors
- Provide VARs in non-standard harmonic environment
- 2 cycle response

### When to use

- Most demanding of all electrical environments (208-480V, 45 to 65 Hz)



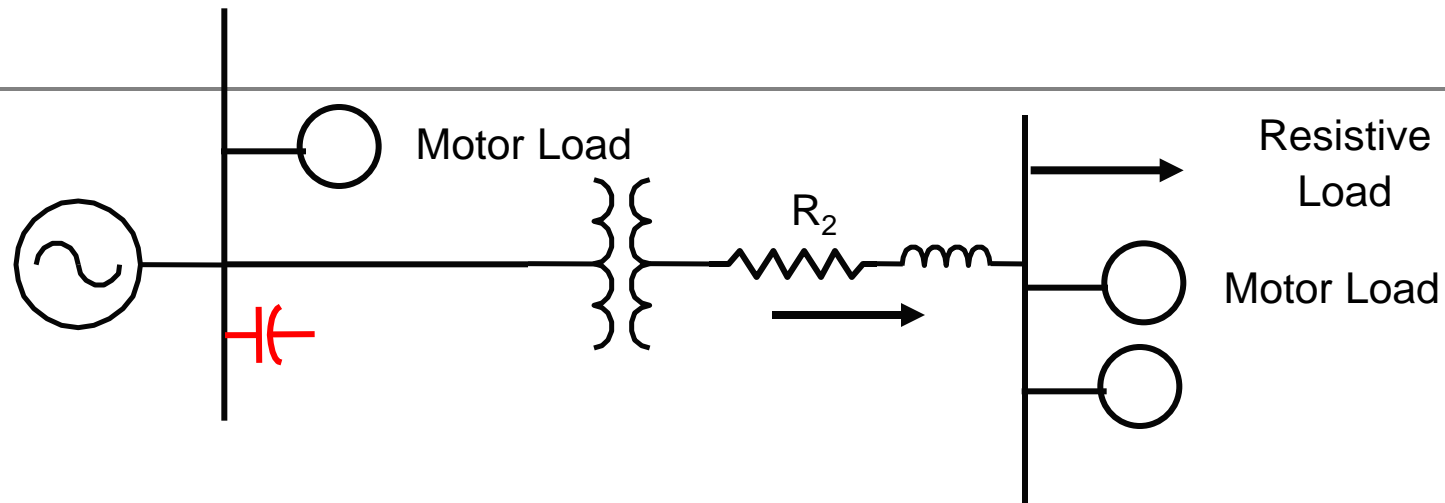
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Group of Motors  
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Variable Load  
Variable System  
Variable System w/  
harmonics  
Rapidly changing  
load

### **Electronic VAR Injector**

MV at a motor  
MV variable load

# Application Example – Medium Voltage at Motor



## Eaton MV UniVAR & MV

### Advantages

- Designed for industrial and commercial power systems with their own substations
- UniVAR XV: 2.4kV to 4.8kV
- UniVAR MV: 6.6kV to 13.8kV
- Available from 25 kVAR to 900 kVAR



At a motor  
Group of Motors  
Group of Motors w/  
harmonics

Variable Load  
Variable System  
Variable System w/  
harmonics

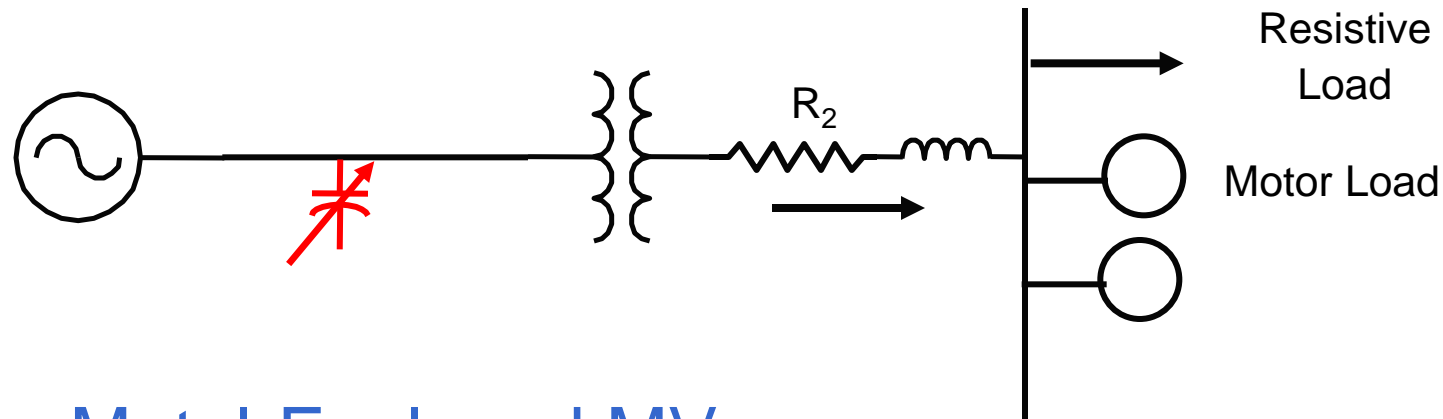
Rapidly changing  
load

Electronic VAR  
Injector

**MV at a motor**

MV variable load

# Application Example – Medium Voltage Variable load



## Metal-Enclosed MV

### Advantages

- Built in detuning, anti-resonance filtering to protect the capacitors
- Up to 15 MVAR of compensation
- Top of Bottom Cable Entry
- Up to 12 automatic switched capacitor/reactor stages



At a motor  
Group of Motors  
Group of Motors w/  
harmonics

Variable Load  
Variable System  
Variable System w/  
harmonics

Rapidly changing  
load  
Electronic VAR  
Injector

MV at a motor  
**MV variable load**

# Power Quality Experience Center and Lab

- Overview of Lab and Capabilities

- Purpose

- To demonstrate and Test PQ Problems and Solutions
    - Power Quality solutions, especially harmonic solutions, are difficult to understand
    - Demystify solutions – mis-information and confusion regarding PQ and energy savings

- Equipment (Harmonic Related)

- 18 Pulse Drives
    - HMT's
    - Active Filters
    - Broadband Filters
    - Passive (Fixed) Filters
    - Passive (Switched) Filters
    - Active Rectifier (UPS)
    - Reactors

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# Eaton Power Factor Correction Tool™ - Resonance

**Step 1**

Bus Voltage	480
Existing Load	1150 kW
	0.89 PF
Target PF	0.95
Required kvar	211 kvar

Enter Quantities in Blue  
Quantities in Orange are Calculated



**Instructions**

**Step 1:** Calculate required capacitance.

**Step 2:** Select a standard capacitor or harmonic filter size (refer to price list for standard sizes) and penalty per year to calculate return on investment (ROI).

**Step 3:** Input system data and calculate potential overvoltage, harmonic resonance, kva reduction, and breaker or fuse size

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**Step 2**

Select Cap/Filter Size	200 kvar
Penalty per Year	\$ 12,000

Estimated Installed Cost for	Estimated Payback	
Fixed Cap and Breaker	\$ 5,000	5 Months
Switched Cap and Breaker	\$ 10,000	10 Months
Fixed Harmonic Filter and Breaker	\$ 11,000	11 Months
Switched Harmonic Filter and Breaker	\$ 15,000	15 Months
Actual Total Equipment Cost	\$ 6,000	6 Months

**Step 3**

Transformer kVA	1500
Transformer %Z	5.75
Bus Voltage	480

Maximum % bus voltage rise at this bus - no load with the full capacitor: 0.77%

1150 kW
589 kvar

6%	Load Reduction (kVA) with Addition of Selected Capacitor Bank
0.95	Actual Corrected PF
325 Amp	Breaker or Fuse Size @ 135% Rating
400 Amp	Typical Breaker or Fuse Size or Setting @ 135% Rating for Selected Capacitor Bank
11.42	Estimated Parallel Resonant Harmonic Order (Based on Selected Capacitor)

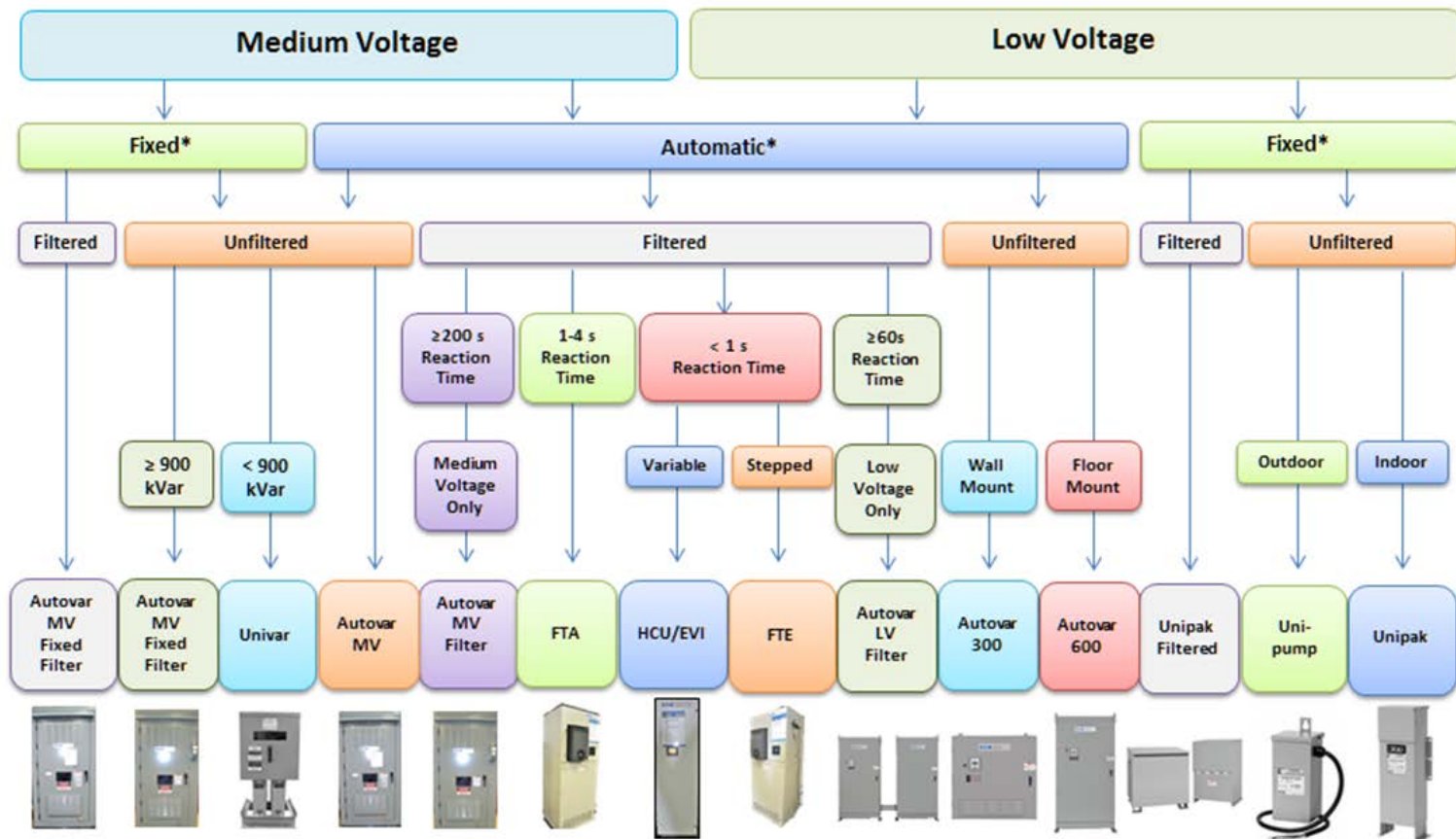
**Check Harmonics**

**Note:** For estimating harmonic resonance, check every STEP of a multi-step capacitor bank

# PFC Tools – PFC Selection Chart



## Power Factor Correction Guide



# PFC Literature – Design it Right Guide

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Locating capacitors on reduced voltage and multi-speed motors

**Figure 12. Autotransformer—Closed Transition**  
Note: Connect capacitor on motor side of starting contacts (2, 3, 4) at points A-B-C.

**Figure 15. Wye-Delta Starting**  
Note: Connect capacitor on motor side of starting contacts (1, 2, 3) at points A-B-C.

**Figure 13. Series Resistance Starting**  
Note: Connect capacitor on motor side of starting contactor (1, 2, 3) at points A-B-C.

**Figure 16. Reactor Starting**  
Note: Connect capacitor on motor side of starting contactor (1, 2, 3) at points A-B-C.

**Figure 14. Part-Winding Starting**  
Note: Connect capacitor on motor side of starting contacts (1, 2, 3) at points A-B-C.

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#### Part two: harmonics

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**Table 3. Suggested Maximum Capacitor Ratings**

Induction Motor Rating	2-3600 RPM		4-1800 RPM		6-1200 RPM		8-900 RPM		10-720 RPM		12-600 RPM	
	Capacitor kVAR	Current Reduction	Capacitor kVAR	Current Reduction	Capacitor kVAR	Current Reduction	Capacitor kVAR	Current Reduction	Capacitor kVAR	Current Reduction	Capacitor kVAR	Current Reduction
3	1.5	14	1.5	15	1.5	20	2	27	2.5	25	3	41
5	2	12	2	13	2	17	3	25	4	32	4	37
7.5	2.5	11	2.5	12	3	15	4	22	5	30	5	34
10	3	10	3	11	3	14	5	21	6	27	7.5	31
15	4	9	4	10	5	13	6	18	8	23	9	27
20	5	9	5	10	6	12	7.5	16	9	21	12.5	25
25	6	9	6	10	7.5	11	9	15	10	20	15	23
30	7	8	7	9	9	11	10	14	12.5	18	17.5	22
40	9	8	9	9	10	10	12.5	13	15	16	20	20
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60	15	8	15	8	15	10	17.5	11	22.5	15	27.5	19
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100	22.5	8	20	8	25	9	27.5	10	35	13	40	17
125	27.5	8	25	8	30	9	36	10	40	13	50	16
150	30	8	30	8	35	9	37.5	10	50	12	50	15
200	40	8	37.5	8	40	9	50	10	60	12	60	14
250	50	8	45	7	50	8	60	9	70	11	75	13
300	60	8	50	7	60	8	60	9	80	11	90	12
350	60	8	60	7	75	8	75	9	90	10	95	11
400	75	8	60	6	75	8	85	9	95	10	100	11
450	75	8	75	6	80	8	90	9	100	9	110	11
500	75	8	75	6	85	8	100	9	100	9	120	10

**T-Frame NEMA® "Design B" Motors ●**

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75	20	12	25	14	25	15	30	17	35	21	40	19
100	27.5	11	30	14	30	12	35	16	40	15	45	17
125	25	10	35	12	35	12	40	14	45	15	50	17
150	30	10	40	12	40	12	50	14	50	13	60	17
200	35	10	50	11	50	11	70	14	70	13	90	17
250	40	11	60	10	60	10	80	13	90	13	100	17
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● For use with three-phase, 60 Hz, NEMA Classification B Motors to raise full load power factor to approximately 95%.

# PFC Literature – Technical Data –LV & MV



## Low Voltage Power Factor Correction Capacitor Banks and Harmonic Filters

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Low Voltage Power Factor Correction Capacitor Banks  
and Harmonic Filters

### Power Factor Correction Capacitors

Eaton® introduces Cutler-Hammer® power factor correction capacitor banks and harmonic filters. Power factor correction capacitors and harmonic filters are an essential part of modern electric power systems. Power factor correction capacitors are the simplest and most economical means of increasing the capacity of any power system, minimizing energy losses and correcting load power factor. In addition, power factor penalties can be reduced and power quality can be greatly enhanced.

There are several reasons to correct poor power factor. The first is to reduce or eliminate a power factor penalty charged by the utility. Another reason is that your existing transformer is, or shortly will be, at full capacity and installing power factor correction capacitors can be a very cost-effective solution to installing a brand new service. Depending on the amount of power factor correction (kvar that needs to be injected into the electrical system to improve the power factor) and the dynamic nature of the load, a fixed or switched capacitor bank may be the best solution. When capacity becomes a problem, the choice of a solution will be dependent upon the size of the increase needed. Like all power quality solutions, there are many factors that need to be considered when determining which solution will be best to solve your power factor problem.

### Harmonic Filtering

As the world becomes more dependent on electric and electronic equipment, the likelihood that the negative impact of harmonic distortion increases dramatically. The efficiency and productivity gains from these increasingly sophisticated pieces of equipment have a negative side effect...increased harmonic distortion in the power lines. The difficult thing about harmonic distortion is determining the cause. Once this has been determined, the solution can be easy. Passive and active harmonic filtering equipment will mitigate specific harmonic issues, and correct poor power factor as well.

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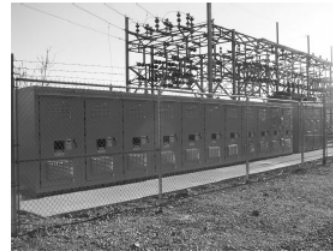
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## Metal-Enclosed Medium Voltage Power Factor Correction and Harmonic Filter Systems

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Metal-Enclosed Medium Voltage Power Factor  
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### Product Description


Eaton's Cutler-Hammer® metal-enclosed medium voltage capacitors, systems and harmonic filters are designed for indoor or outdoor commercial, industrial and utility power systems requiring motor start support, power factor correction, harmonic filtering, IEEE 519 compliance, and increased system capacity. Fixed motor start capacitors are available to assist in motor starting applications. Engineered designs are available with a host of options and accessories to fit the requirements and desired configurations of virtually any installation. Single-stage and multi-stage, tuned or de-tuned filter banks can be supplied. Metal-enclosed medium voltage capacitor banks are designed for industrial, commercial and utility power systems involving motors, feeder circuits, and transmission and distribution lines where power factor improvement is required.

# PFC Literature – Customer Survey Sheet

**PFC survey**

## Power factor correction capacitor bank survey sheet

Date: \_\_\_\_\_



**Additional information required for a quote**

Intent: \_\_\_\_\_

(Reduce or eliminate PF penalty, release plant/transformer/cable capacity, assist in voltage regulation, filter or correct harmonics, fault ride-through, bus voltage support, or other).

Plant one-line drawing attached (if not available, a hand sketch of the distribution system) showing major distribution levels (HV, MV, LV and distribution panels and PF expected/observed at each distribution level)

Distribution and utilization voltage (H/M/V/LV) \_\_\_\_\_

Additional source of generation (co-gen, diesel generators, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_

Total connected load (kVA/kW/hp) \_\_\_\_\_

Total demand load (kVA/kW/hp) \_\_\_\_\_

Largest motor size (kW/hp) \_\_\_\_\_

Largest non-motive load (kVA/kW/hp) \_\_\_\_\_

Type of nonlinear load \_\_\_\_\_

Adjustable speed drives type (DC drives, 6 pulse, 12 pulse, 18 pulse) \_\_\_\_\_

Soft starters \_\_\_\_\_

Arc furnaces \_\_\_\_\_

Welders \_\_\_\_\_

UPS \_\_\_\_\_

UV equipment \_\_\_\_\_

DC-DC, AC-DC converters (electrolysis cells, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_

Others (please describe) \_\_\_\_\_

Type of production facility: (cement, chemical, sawmill, underground mine, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_

Type of environment: (dusty, conductive metallic dust, hazardous, very hot, marine, chemically reactive, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_

Short-circuit capacity of the system on the primary side (MVA) \_\_\_\_\_

Are there PF capacitors currently present? (Y/N) \_\_\_\_\_

(Preferably collect information on utility bulk correction capacitors for the line)

If yes, kVAR capacity and voltage (kVAR) \_\_\_\_\_ (volts) \_\_\_\_\_

**General**

Customer: \_\_\_\_\_

Customer contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Eaton contact: \_\_\_\_\_

**Preliminary information for budgetary estimate**

Name of utility\* \_\_\_\_\_

Current billed demand\* (kVA/kVA) \_\_\_\_\_

Present power factor (known/calculated)\* (lagging) \_\_\_\_\_

Desired power factor\* (lagging) \_\_\_\_\_

kVA of service transformer (kVA) \_\_\_\_\_

Transformer primary and secondary voltages (V) \_\_\_\_\_

Impedance of transformer (if known) (%Z) \_\_\_\_\_

Nonlinear loads present (Y/N) \_\_\_\_\_

Approximate ratio of nonlinear load to total load (%) \_\_\_\_\_

\*If information is unknown, please provide the following:

Rate sheet attached/rate structure \_\_\_\_\_

Past 12 months of billing information attached (if not available, at least 3 months summer and 3 months winter bills)

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# What to do next?

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- Contact Eaton – GSF, Manufacturing Representative, Technical Resource Center (TRC) and our website
  - Website: [www.eaton.com/pfc](http://www.eaton.com/pfc)
    - Calculators, data sheets, presentations, site surveys
  - TRC: 800-809-2772, Option 4, Option 2
    - Answered during business hours Eastern Time. Typical response turnaround 24 hours or less.



# The Hidden Threat

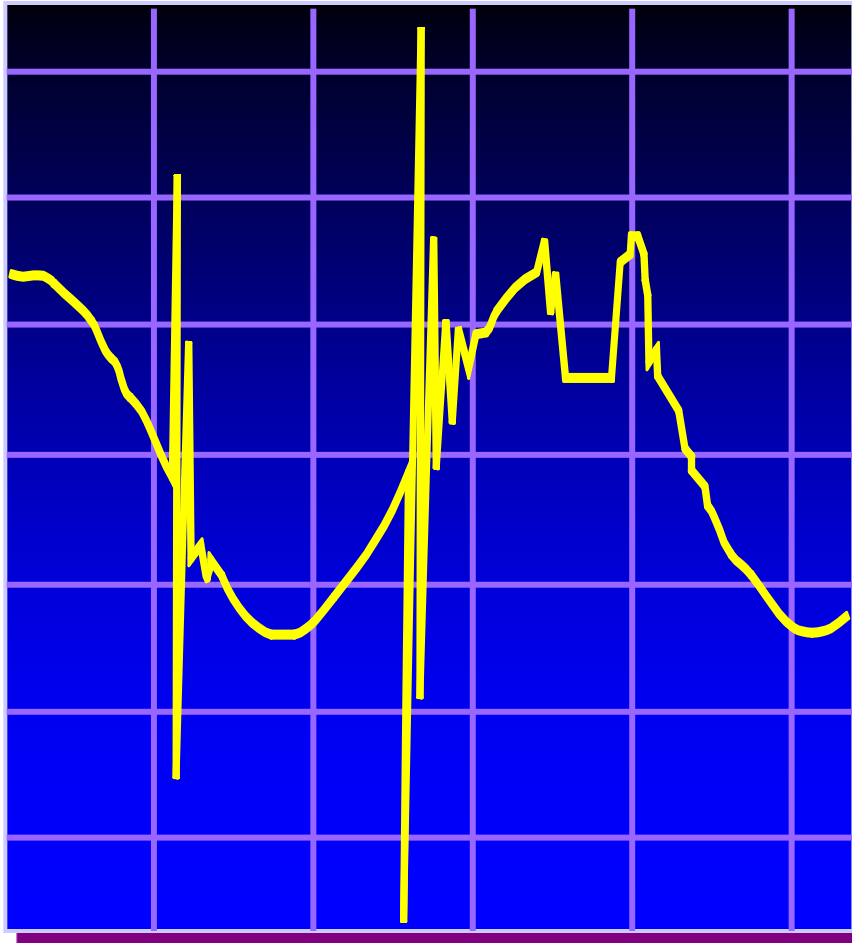
Quick introduction to Surge Protection



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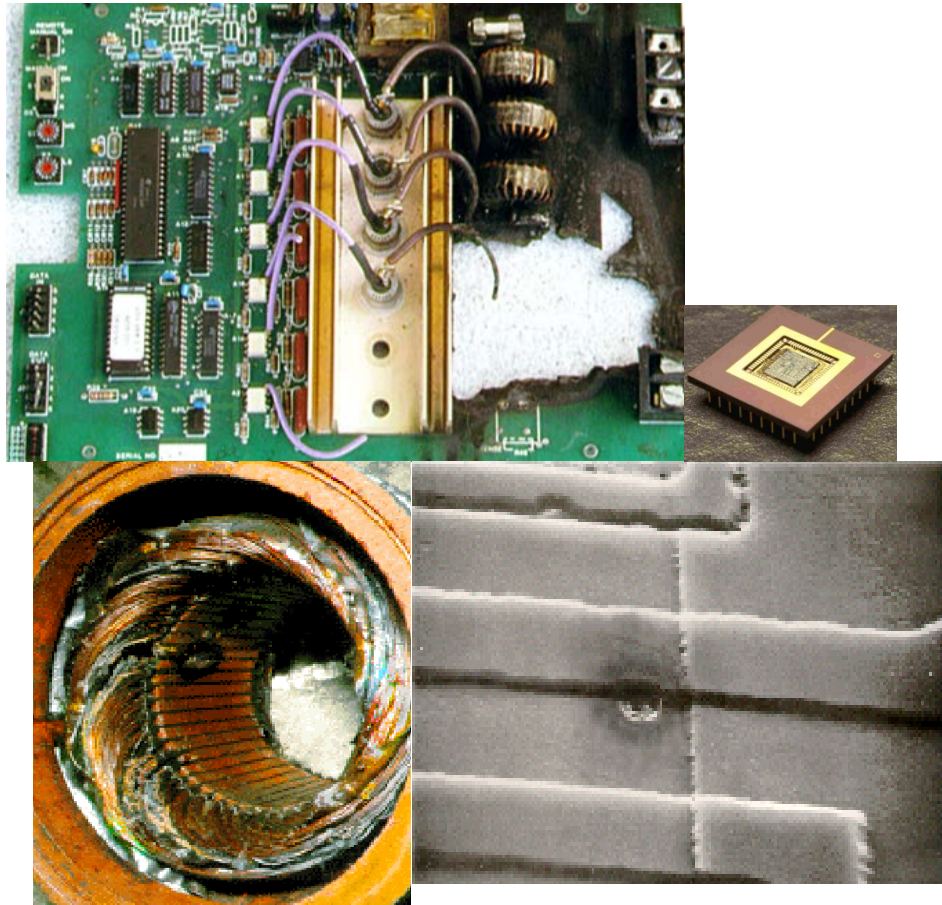
# Voltage Transients (Surge)



## Definition

A high rising voltage condition which lasts 2 ms or less and can produce up to 20 kV!

# What is the Threat?



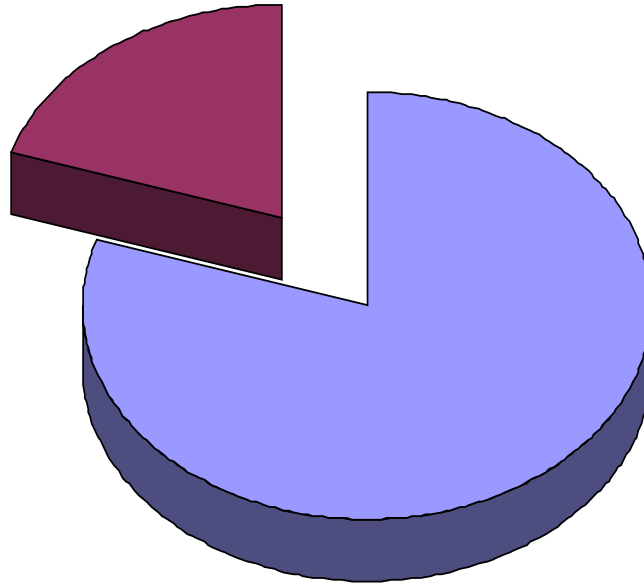
- Equipment damage
- Insulation breakdown
- Premature aging
- Process interruption
- Data loss

# What are the Causes?



## 20% External

- Lightning
- Capacitor switching
- Utility load switching



## 80% Internal

- Load switching
- Short circuits
- Manufacturing Equipment
- VS Drives





# SPD Design

## Design Tips



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# Independent tests confirm better performance with integrated SPDs

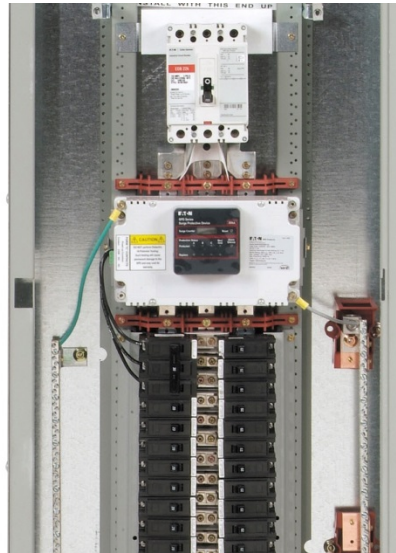
**Good**



**Side Mount**

Good let-through if leads are short.

**Better**



**Wired Connection**

Better than side mount.

**Best**

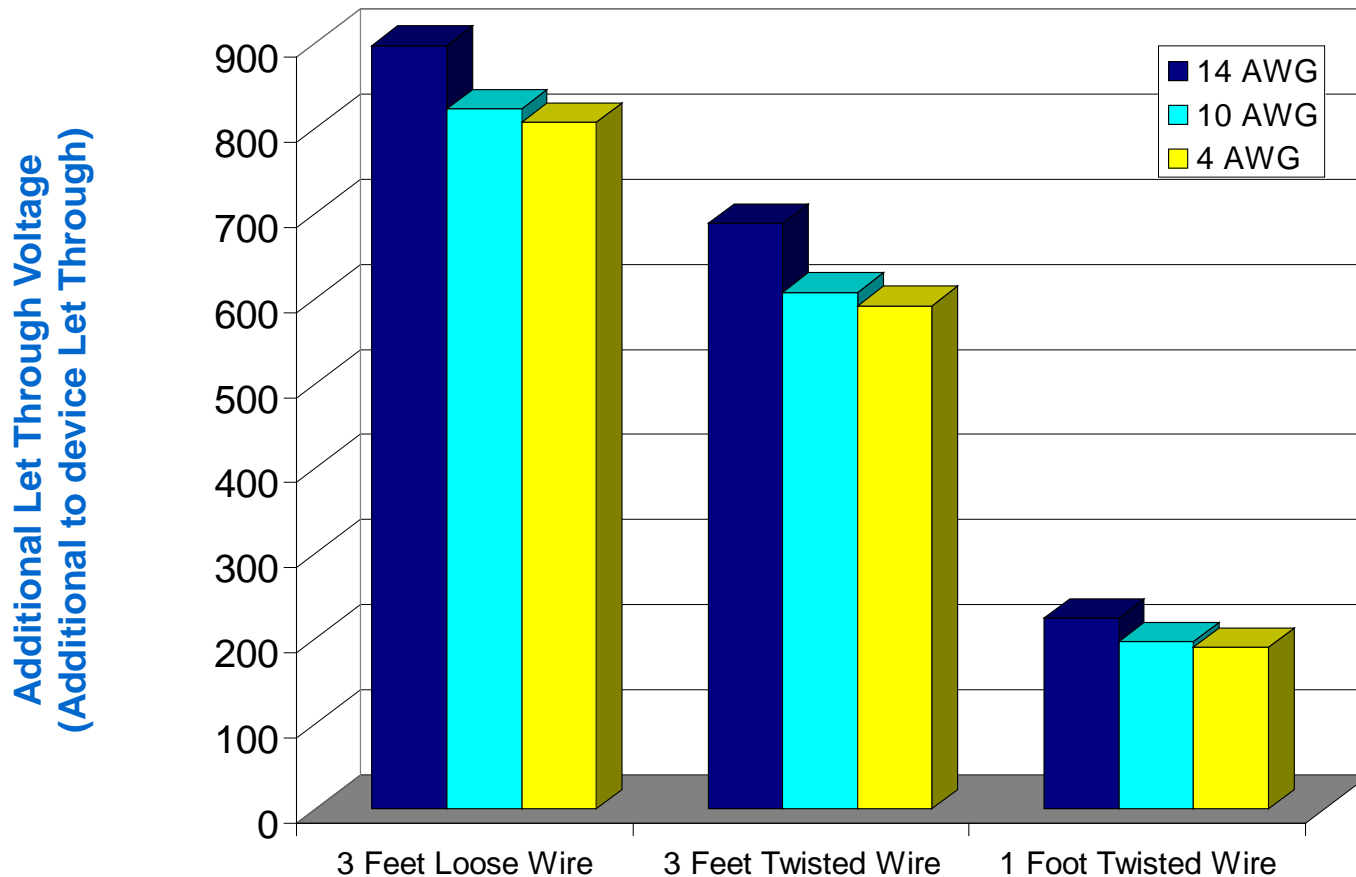


**Direct Bus Connected**

Best Protection

# Performance/Application - Affect of Lead Length on Let-through Voltage

## IEEE C1 (6000V, 3000A) Waveform



# Nameplate Data - Peak surge current rating

- The peak surge current is a predictor of how long an SPD will last in a given environment
  - The higher the kA, the longer the life of the MOVs
- Similar to the tread on a tire
  - The thicker the tread, the longer the tire will last



# IEEE Emerald Book facts

Panelboards are available that contain integrally mounted SPDs that minimize the length of the SPD conductors, thus optimizing the effectiveness of the device.

“Why is my SPD Not Protecting Me?”





# Biggest News in Surge Protection

2014 NEC Article 700.8 **requires** surge protection for emergency circuits. Eaton has produced Sales Aid SA158003EN to describe this code change and impact. The document is available on literature fulfillment and the website.



## NEC surge protection requirement for emergency power systems

New requirement within 2014 National Electrical Code® (NEC®): Code change NEC 700.8—Surge protection required for emergency power panels

The 2014 National Electrical Code, Article 700.8, states: "A listed SPD shall be installed in or on all emergency systems switchboards and panelboards." The change requires surge protection to be installed on all emergency electrical equipment to improve the reliability of emergency power systems. The NEC defines emergency power systems as systems legally required to automatically supply power to designated loads upon loss of normal power. Protection of emergency systems is achieved by installing surge protection on panelboards, switchboards and other critical equipment.

### Typical applications

Article 700.8 requires surge protection to ensure reliability of critical emergency systems such as:

- Medical care facilities
- Emergency lighting panels
- Emergency communication systems
- Fire control systems
- Elevators used for evacuation
- All other emergency panels, circuits and equipment

### Recommended solutions

For new construction applications, integrating surge products into panelboards and switchboards provides the most reliable solution with superior performance.

Eaton's SPD series of surge protection products provides maximum surge protection with superior reliability. For existing installations, Eaton makes a complete line of products to meet your risk exposure needs.



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