

## 05-Three Phase Circuits

ECEGR 450  
Electromechanical Energy Conversion



### Overview

- Three Phase Voltage
- Delta, Wye Connections
- Load Connections

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### Questions

- How is three phase different from single phase?
- How can circuit elements be connected to make three phase systems?
- Why do some electrical panels say 208/120 or 480/277?

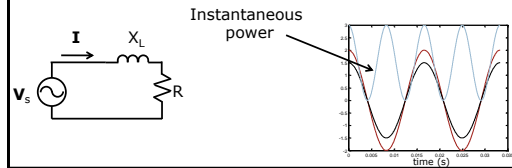
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### Single Phase

- We have analyzed single phase circuits
- Recall:
  - Power pulsates at twice the frequency of voltage, current
  - Two conductors are needed



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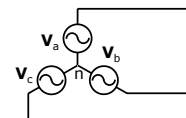
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### Three Phase

- Consider the connection of three, single phase voltage sources  $V_a$ ,  $V_b$ , and  $V_c$
- Known as Three Phase

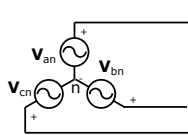


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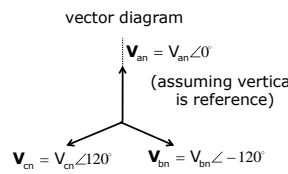
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### Three Phase

Subscript n (neutral) notes that voltages are referenced to a common node



vector diagram



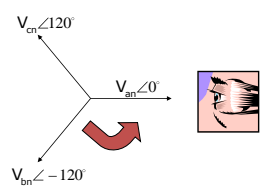
(assuming vertical is reference)

$v_{an} = V_{an} \angle 0^\circ$   
 $v_{cn} = V_{cn} \angle 120^\circ$   
 $v_{bn} = V_{bn} \angle -120^\circ$

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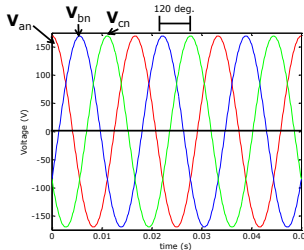
### Three Phase

- Power systems use 3-phase
- We are concerned with **balanced 3-phase**
- Balanced circuit conditions:
  - impedances are equal for each phase
  - voltage source phasors have equal magnitude and have a 120 deg. phase shift
  - a, b, c phase rotation



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### Three Phase Voltage




Note: instantaneous values sum to 0

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### Three Phase Voltage

Two common configuration of three phase voltage sources:

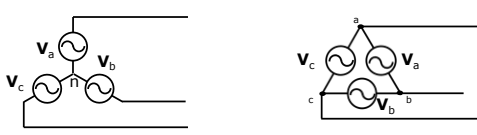


Y (Wye) Delta

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### Three Phase Voltage

- Phase voltage:** be the voltage across each source ( $V_a$ ,  $V_b$  and  $V_c$ )
- Line voltage:** be the voltage across the lines of the sources (also called "Line-to-Line Voltage")



Y Delta

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### Three Phase Voltage

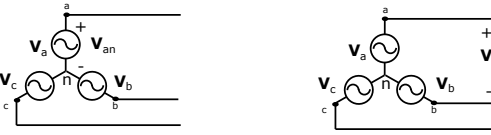
For Y-connected sources:

Phase Voltages

$$\begin{aligned} V_{an} &= V_a \\ V_{bn} &= V_b \\ V_{cn} &= V_c \end{aligned}$$

Line Voltages

by KVL  $\left[ \begin{aligned} V_{ab} &= V_{an} - V_{bn} = V_{an}(\sqrt{3} \angle 30^\circ) \\ V_{bc} &= V_{bn} - V_{cn} = V_{bn}(\sqrt{3} \angle 30^\circ) \\ V_{ca} &= V_{cn} - V_{an} = V_{cn}(\sqrt{3} \angle 30^\circ) \end{aligned} \right.$



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### Three Phase Voltage

- Generically:
  - $\beta = 30^\circ$
  - $|V_{ab}| = 2|V_{an}|\cos 30^\circ = \sqrt{3}|V_{an}|$
- So that
  - $V_{ab} = (\sqrt{3}\angle 30^\circ)V_{an}$

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### Three Phase Voltage

$$\left. \begin{aligned} V_{an} &= V_{an}(1\angle 120^\circ) \\ V_{bn} &= V_{bn}(1\angle 120^\circ) \\ V_{cn} &= V_{cn}(1\angle 120^\circ) \end{aligned} \right\} \text{Balanced sets}$$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} V_{ab} &= V_{bc}(1\angle 120^\circ) \\ V_{bc} &= V_{ca}(1\angle 120^\circ) \\ V_{ca} &= V_{ab}(1\angle 120^\circ) \end{aligned} \right\}$$

Vector Diagram

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### Three Phase Voltage

For Delta-connected sources:

<p>Phase Voltages</p> $\begin{aligned} V_{ab} &= V_a \\ V_{bc} &= V_b \\ V_{ca} &= V_c \end{aligned}$	<p>Line Voltages</p> $\begin{aligned} V_{ab} &= V_a \\ V_{bc} &= V_b \\ V_{ca} &= V_c \end{aligned}$
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### Three Phase Voltage

Voltages (line or phase) sum to zero

$$\begin{aligned} V_a + V_b + V_c &= 0 \\ V_{an} + V_{bn} + V_{cn} &= 0 \\ V_{ab} + V_{bc} + V_{ca} &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

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### Three Phase Voltage

- Consider a voltmeter placed as shown
- If  $|V_{an}| = 120$  V, then what value is displayed on the voltmeter?

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### Three Phase Voltage

- Analytically:
  - $V_{ab} = V_{an} - V_{bn} = 120\angle 0^\circ - 120\angle -120^\circ$
  - $V_{ab} = (120 + j0) - (-60 - j103.92) = 180 + j103.92 = 208\angle 30^\circ$  V
  - 208V is displayed and the phasor leads  $V_{an}$  by 30 degrees
- By inspection:
  - $|V_{ab}| = 2V_{an}\cos 30^\circ = \sqrt{3}|V_{an}|$

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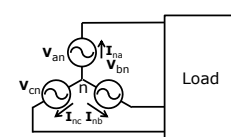
### Three Phase Current

- Phase current:** current flowing through the voltage sources in a three-phase circuit
- Line current:** current flowing from a three-phase source to a load
- Each set of phase currents and sets of line currents are balanced:
  - Sum to zero
  - Equal in magnitude
  - Displaced by 120 degrees

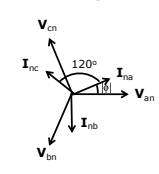

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### Three Phase Current


Phase currents in Y-connected sources:



Vector Diagram

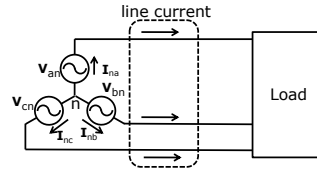


$v_{an}$  is used as reference



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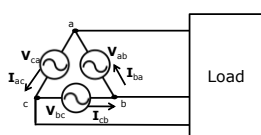


Y-connections:  
phase current = line current

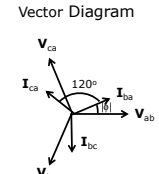

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### Three Phase Current


Phase currents in Delta-connected sources:



Vector Diagram



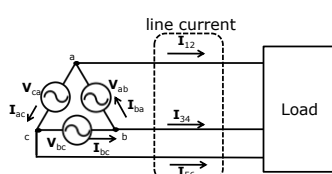
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### Three Phase Current

Line currents in Delta-connected sources:

$$\begin{aligned} I_{12} &= I_{ba} - I_{bc} = I_{ba}(\sqrt{3}\angle -30^\circ) \\ I_{34} &= I_{cb} - I_{ca} = I_{cb}(\sqrt{3}\angle -30^\circ) \\ I_{56} &= I_{ac} - I_{ab} = I_{ac}(\sqrt{3}\angle -30^\circ) \end{aligned} \quad \text{KCL at nodes a, b, c}$$

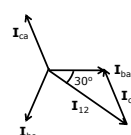




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### Three Phase Current

Using  $I_{ba}$  as reference

$$I_{12} = I_{ba} - I_{bc} = I_{bc}\sqrt{3}\angle -30^\circ$$




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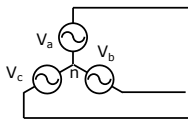
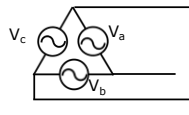
### Summary

Line Current = Phase Current

Line Voltage = Phase Current  $\times \sqrt{3} \angle 30^\circ$

Line Current = Phase Current  $\times \sqrt{3} \angle -30^\circ$

Line Voltage = Phase Voltage

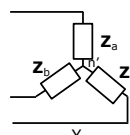
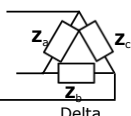



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### Three Phase Loads

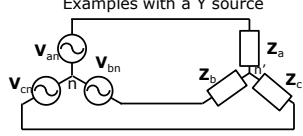
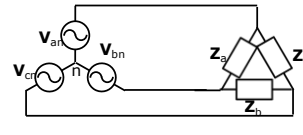
- Three phase sources are connected to three phase loads in two common configurations
  - Y (wye)
  - Delta
- Y sources can be connected to delta and/or Y loads
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### Three Phase Loads

Examples with a Y source

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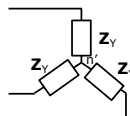
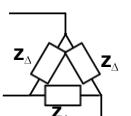
### Three Phase Loads

- Circuit analysis is easier if loads are connected as Y
- We can transform balanced Delta connected loads into balanced Y connected loads mathematically by
 
$$Z_Y = \frac{Z_\Delta}{3}$$
  - $Z_Y$ : complex impedance of Y-connected load (Ohms)
  - $Z_\Delta$ : complex impedance of a Delta-connected load (Ohms)
- Results only apply to terminal conditions

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### Three Phase Loads Example

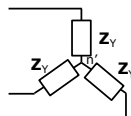
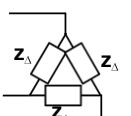
Each phase of a Y-connected load has an impedance of  $6 + j12$ . Find the impedance of the equivalent delta-connected load.

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### Three Phase Loads Example

- Each phase of a Y-connected load has an impedance of  $6 + j12$ . Find the impedance of the equivalent delta-connected load.
- $Z_\Delta = 18 + j36$

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## Summary

- Three phase systems: more efficient use of conductors; provides rotating magnetic fields; non-pulsating power delivery
- Balanced three phase: a,b,c (voltage, current) phases displaced by 120 degrees and have equal magnitude
- Line and phase voltage relationship:  $V_{LL} = V_{\text{phase}}(\sqrt{3}\angle 30^\circ)$