

## ECE330: Power Circuits & Electromechanics Lecture 3. Power Factor Correction

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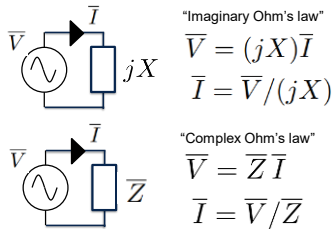
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## Last time: Reactance and impedance

Important



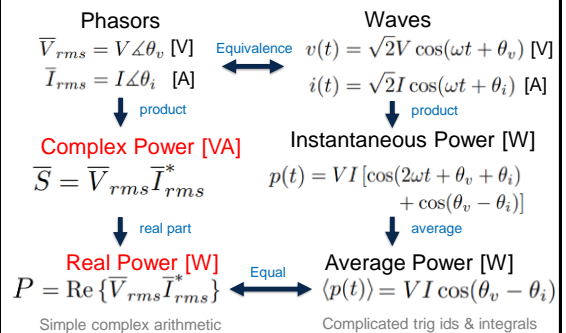
**Impedance [ $\Omega$ ]**  $\bar{Z} = R + jX$  **Reactance [ $\Omega$ ]**  
 (Complex number) (Real number)

**Reactance =  $\text{Im}\{\text{Impedance}\}$**

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## Last Time: Power Triangle

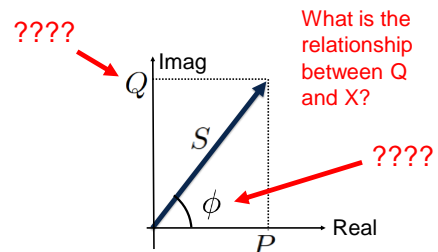
Important

$\bar{S} = P + jQ = S\angle\phi$   
**Complex Power [VA]**  
 $\bar{S} = \bar{V}_{rms}\bar{I}_{rms}^*$   
**Reactive Power [VAR]**  
 $Q = \text{Im}\{\bar{V}_{rms}\bar{I}_{rms}^*\}$   
**Apparent Power [VA]**  
 $S = |\bar{S}|$   
**Power Factor [Dimensionless]**  
 $\cos\phi = P/S$   
 $\phi > 0$  Lagging  
 $\phi < 0$  Leading

**Real Power [W]**  
 $P = \text{Re}\{\bar{V}_{rms}\bar{I}_{rms}^*\}$

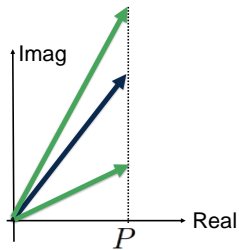
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## Today: Reactive power and power factor



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### Goal: Improve the power factor



Which one is "improved"?

(Why does it matter?)

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### Today

- Reactance and reactive power
- Power factor correction ← "why?"
- Example problem ← "how?"

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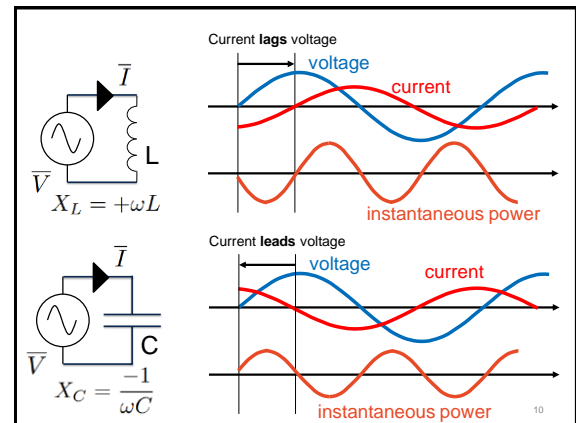
### Reactance and reactive power

$\bar{V}$   $\bar{I}$   $jX$   $\bar{I} = I \angle \theta$ , Complex Ohm's law  
 $\bar{V} = (jX)(I \angle \theta) = (X \angle 90^\circ)(I \angle \theta) = IX \angle (\theta + 90^\circ)$   
 $\bar{S} = \bar{V} \bar{I}^* = (IX \angle (\theta + 90^\circ))(I \angle \theta)^* = I^2 X \angle (\theta + 90^\circ - \theta) = I^2 X \angle 90^\circ$   
 $= 0 + jI^2 X = 0 + j \frac{V^2}{X}$  Think  $P = I^2 R$  from ECE 210

Reactive power law

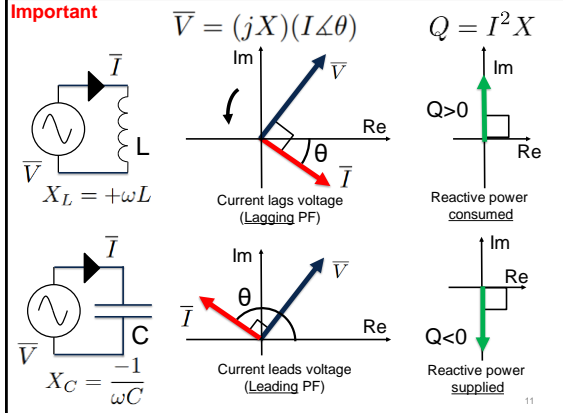
$$Q = I^2 X = V^2 / X$$

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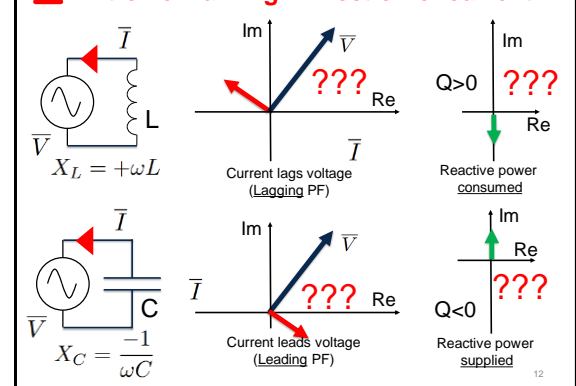
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### Important



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### ⚠ Extreme warning!! Direction of current!!



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**Important**

### Impedance and complex power

$\bar{I} = I \angle 0^\circ$      $\bar{V} = \bar{Z}\bar{I} = (R + jX) \cdot I$   
 $= IR + jIX$   
 $\bar{S} = \bar{V}\bar{I}^* = (IR + jIX) \cdot I$   
 $= I^2 R + jI^2 X$

$\bar{Z} = R + jX$

**Impedance load: Z angle = PF angle**

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### Apparent power limit

**Constraints**  
 • Load voltage = 100 V  
 • Wire rating = 10 A  
 • Revenue: 20c per kWh

$VI = S$   
 $= (P^2 + Q^2)^{1/2}$

Just the magnitude

**Fine the motor for poor PF!**

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### Voltage headroom

**Constraints**  
 • Source voltage = 110V  
 • Load voltage  $\geq 100V$   
 • Revenue: 20c per kWh

Skipping to lecture 26  
 $P \approx \frac{V_s V_l}{X} \cos \phi$

**Fine the motor for poor PF!**

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### Goal: Improve the power factor

Which one is better?  
 Which one is better?  
 Why is P unchanged?

**Holy grail: Unity power factor (PF = 1)**

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**Important**

### Power factor correction

$\bar{S}_{old} = P + jQ_{old}$   
 $\bar{S}_{new} = P + j(Q_{old} + Q_{cap})$   
 $Q_{cap} = Q_{new} - Q_{old} < 0$

Requires conservation of complex power (Pai Sec 2.4)

**Report as: Add  $|Q_{cap}|$  VARs of capacitance**

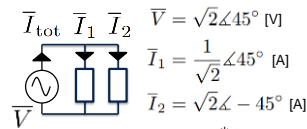
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## Conservation laws



What is  $\bar{S}_{\text{tot}} = \bar{V} \bar{I}_{\text{tot}}^*$ ?

Aside: Conservation of current

$$\bar{I}_1 = 0.5 + j0.5$$

$$\bar{I}_2 = 1 - j1$$

$$\begin{aligned}\bar{S}_{\text{tot}} &= \bar{V} \bar{I}_{\text{tot}}^* \\ &= (1 + j1)(1.5 + j0.5) \\ &= (1.5 - 0.5) + j(1.5 + 0.5)\end{aligned}$$

Conservation of complex power

$$\begin{aligned}\bar{S}_1 &= \bar{V} \bar{I}_1^* \\ &= (\sqrt{2} \angle 45^\circ) \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \angle 45^\circ \right)^* \\ &= 1 \angle 0^\circ = 1 + 0j\end{aligned}$$

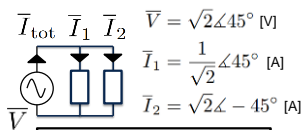
$$\begin{aligned}\bar{S}_2 &= \bar{V} \bar{I}_2^* \\ &= (\sqrt{2} \angle 45^\circ) (\sqrt{2} \angle -45^\circ)^* \\ &= 2 \angle 90^\circ = 0 + 2j\end{aligned}$$

$$\boxed{\bar{S}_{\text{tot}} = \bar{S}_1 + \bar{S}_2 = 1 + 2j}$$

Unit: Volt-Amps [VA]

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## PF correction



$$\boxed{\bar{S}_{\text{tot}} = \bar{S}_1 + \bar{S}_2 = 1 + 2j}$$

Unit: Volt-Amps [VA]

What is the power factor?

$$\begin{aligned}\cos \phi &= \frac{\text{Re}\{\bar{S}\}}{|\bar{S}|} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1^2 + 2^2}} \\ &\approx 0.447 \text{ lagging}\end{aligned}$$

How much capacitance to improve to unity?

2 VARs of capacitance (-2 VAR of reactive load)

How much capacitance to improve PF to 0.95?

$$\phi = +\cos^{-1}(0.95),$$

$$Q_{\text{new}} = P \tan \phi \approx 0.329.$$

$$P/|\bar{S}_{\text{new}}| = \cos \phi$$

$$P^2 + Q_{\text{new}}^2 = |\bar{S}_{\text{new}}|^2$$

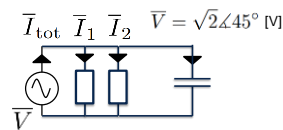
$$Q_{\text{new}} = \sqrt{\frac{P^2}{\cos^2 \phi} - P^2}$$

$$\boxed{2 - 0.329 = 1.671 \text{ VARs}}$$

10-20% cost savings

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## Reduction in line current



Line current

$$\bar{S} = \bar{V} \bar{I}^*$$

$$|\bar{S}| = |\bar{V}| |\bar{I}|$$

$$\bar{S}_{\text{old}} = 1 + 2j \text{ [VA]} \quad (\text{PF} = 0.447 \text{ lag})$$

$$\bar{S}_{\text{new}} = 1 + 0.329j \text{ [VA]} \quad (\text{PF} = 0.95 \text{ lag})$$

$$\bar{S}_{\text{unity}} = 1 + 0j \text{ [VA]} \quad (\text{PF} = 1)$$

$$\bar{I}_{\text{old}} = |\bar{S}_{\text{old}}|/|\bar{V}| \approx 1.581 \text{ [A]} \quad \text{Red arrow pointing to } -0.837 \text{ A}$$

$$\bar{I}_{\text{new}} = |\bar{S}_{\text{new}}|/|\bar{V}| \approx 0.7443 \text{ [A]} \quad \text{Red arrow pointing to } -0.037 \text{ A}$$

$$\bar{I}_{\text{unity}} = |\bar{S}_{\text{unity}}|/|\bar{V}| \approx 0.7071 \text{ [A]}$$

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