**ENPOS** – Energy Positive Farm

Monitoring energy use on farms – measurements, bookkeeping forms

## **Electricity consumption**

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# Main topics

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- Where to measure
- How to measure
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- Measurement evironment



# **Electric energy**

### If *W* is work of electric current

*U* – voltage

*I* – current strength

*t* – time of current existance

*R* – resistance of the circuit

Q – electric charge transported by the current (Q = It)

then the amount of work in case of direct current (DC) is W = UQand from that

$$W = UIt = \frac{U^2 t}{R} = I^2 R t$$



On the other hand, we know that the power of electric current

$$P = UI = \frac{U^2}{R} = I^2 R.$$

So, the energy consumed by some electric circuit or device in time t

$$W = Pt$$
.

The unit of energy is Joule. The unit of power is Watt. In case of electric energy for large amounts of consumed energy kW·h are used:

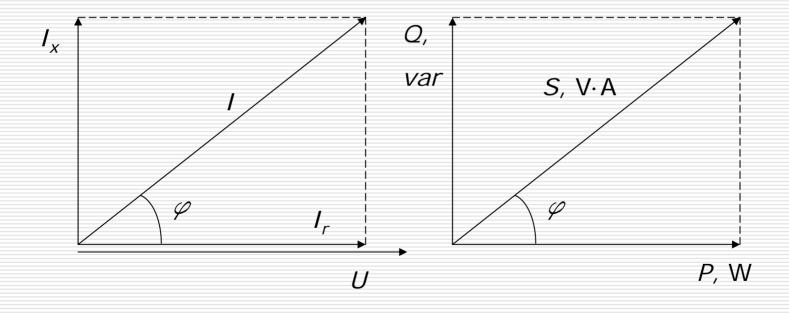
$$1 \text{ kW} \cdot \text{h} = 3.6 \cdot 10^6 \text{ J}.$$



In case of alternating current (AC) some electric consumers (mostly electric motors) have inductive or capacitive (reactive) resistances. Because of that the current and voltage have different phases and in this case

Active power	$P = UI\cos\varphi$
Reactive power	$Q = UI \sin \varphi$
Full power	S = UI







To register energy consumed we can measure:

- In case of 1<sub>ph</sub> purely active loads: W<sub>1</sub> or P and t or U, I and t or ON/OFF state if the load is constant.
- In case of 1<sub>ph</sub> reactive loads: W<sub>1</sub> or P, t and φ or U, I, t and φ or ON/OFF state if the load is constant.
- In case of 3<sub>ph</sub> active loads: *W*<sub>3</sub> or 3*P*, *t* and φ or *U*, 3*I*, *t* and φ or ON/OFF state if the load is constant.
- In case of 3<sub>ph</sub> reactive loads: *W*<sub>3</sub> or 3*P*, *t* and φ or *U*, 3*I*, *t* and φ or ON/OFF state if the load is constant.



## Where to measure

- At the electric energy substation
- Inside the distribution boards
- Near the machines (electric motors, heating or cooling devices) with largest consumption



## How to measure

If the measurements are done by loggers, we need

- To distinguish all relevant points in the electric grid to be able to get the electric energy consumption by specific technological process
- To get access to electrical wiring at these points.
- Depending on the equipment available, connect loggers at these points
- To choose the logging interval
- To choose logging period
- To draw a plan with logging points and loggers' numbers
- To check the loggers state during logging period
- To download data to PC or shuttle or to disconnect logger in the end of the logging period



# Differences between measurement and logging

### Measurement

- Measurement may be done by devices without onboard memory or remote data saving capability – every time we read the value, we get the integrated energy consumption (energy meter)
- Measurement may be done for getting results for specific load estimation at given time for short interval



# Differences between measurement and logging

### Logging

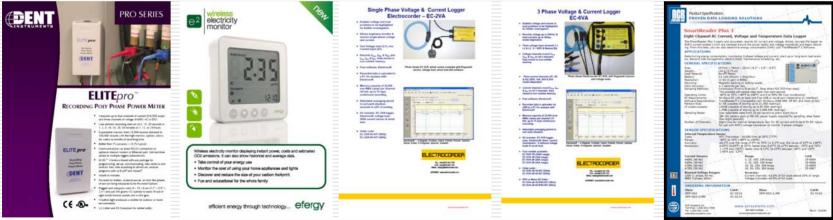
- Measurement is done by devices with onboard memory or remote data saving capability – all values are saved with specific interval (frequency) for long period – days, weeks
- Measurement may be done by devices without onboard memory or remote data saving capability – energy meters with data recording by hand. Difficult to use for shorter than 24 h logging interval



## Instrumentation

Most suitable devices are loggers with large memory and built-in power supply.

### Some exhamples





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## Manual data logging



## **CURRENT SENSORS**

Deltec Shunts www.deltecco.com

#### Shunts (low value resistors)

Good for AC or DC. Relaltively low cost (\$20 - \$50). Direct conversion to voltage (no extra stuff required). Must be spliced in series with the circuit. No electrical isolation.

### Hall Effect (m-field) sensors

Good for AC or DC.Amploc Hall<br/>Effect Sensors<br/>amploc.comRelatively low cost (\$12 to \$72).Effect Sensors<br/>amploc.comRequires regulated power for the sensor.See HP85Must be threaded over a disconnected wire but no splice is needed.Provides electrical isolation.

#### **Current Transformer**

Good for AC only.

Relatively low cost (\$15 to \$75).

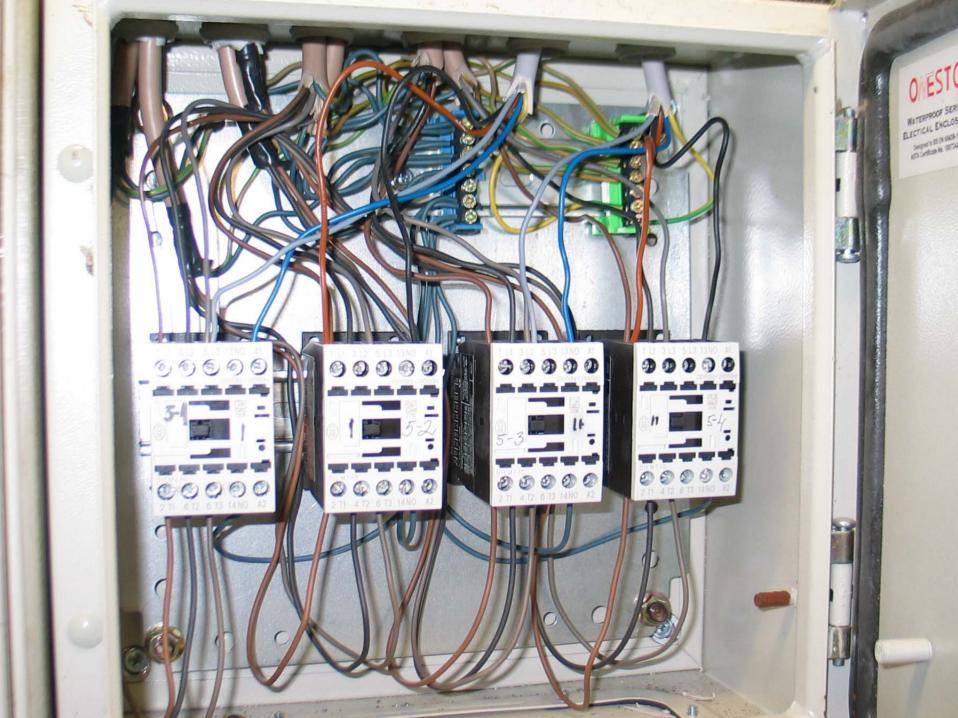
Clamps over the wire. Usually no disconnection or splicing required. Provides electrical isolation.

Onset Clamp-on current transformer onsetcomp.com

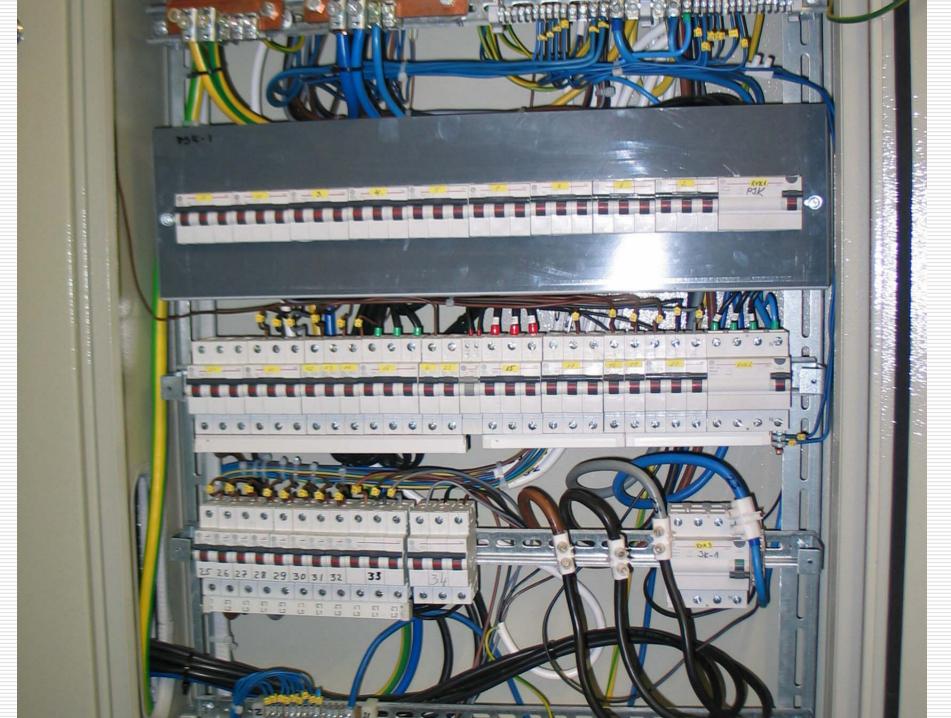


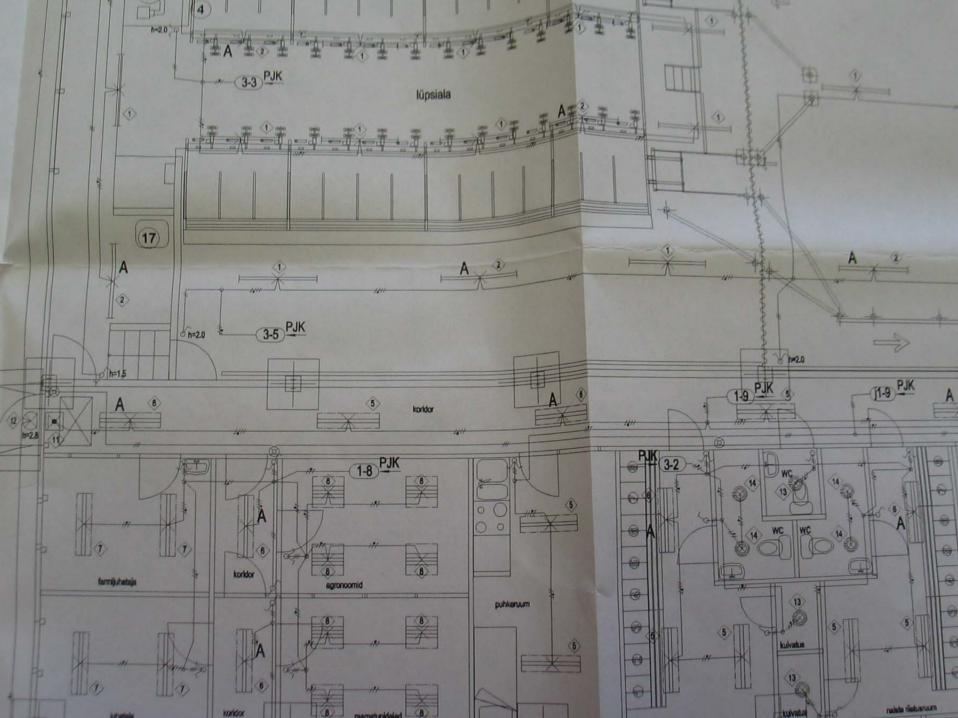


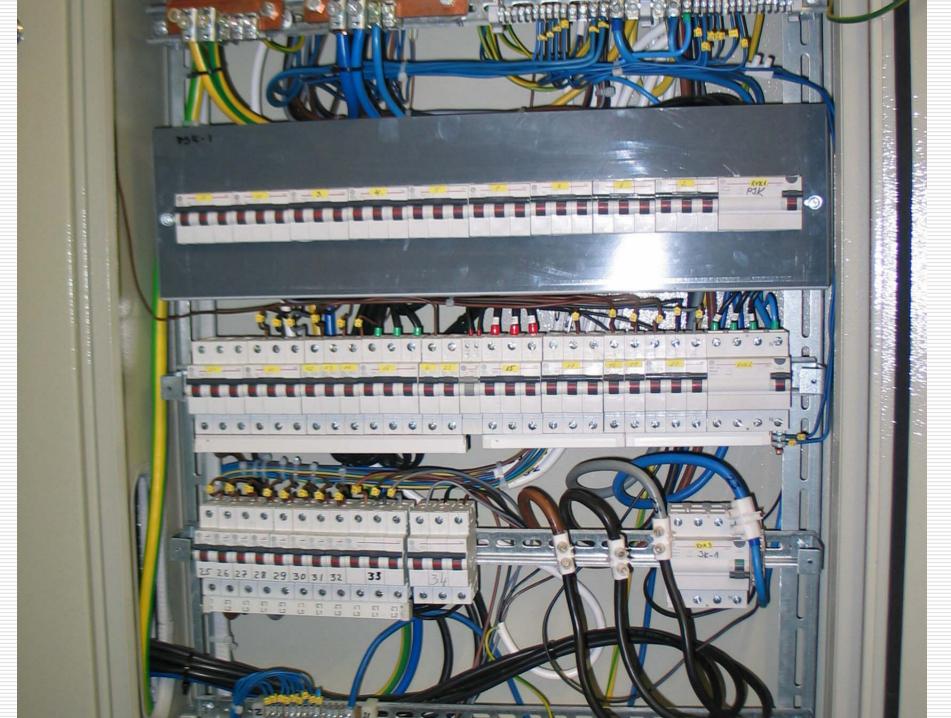






















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