

Lecture 18: Electrical Distribution



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$$PF = 1$$

$$P = 3 E_{L,P} I_{L,P} PF = 3 * 208V * 2.08A = 1.3kW$$

$$S = P = 1.3kVA$$

$$Q = 0kVAR$$

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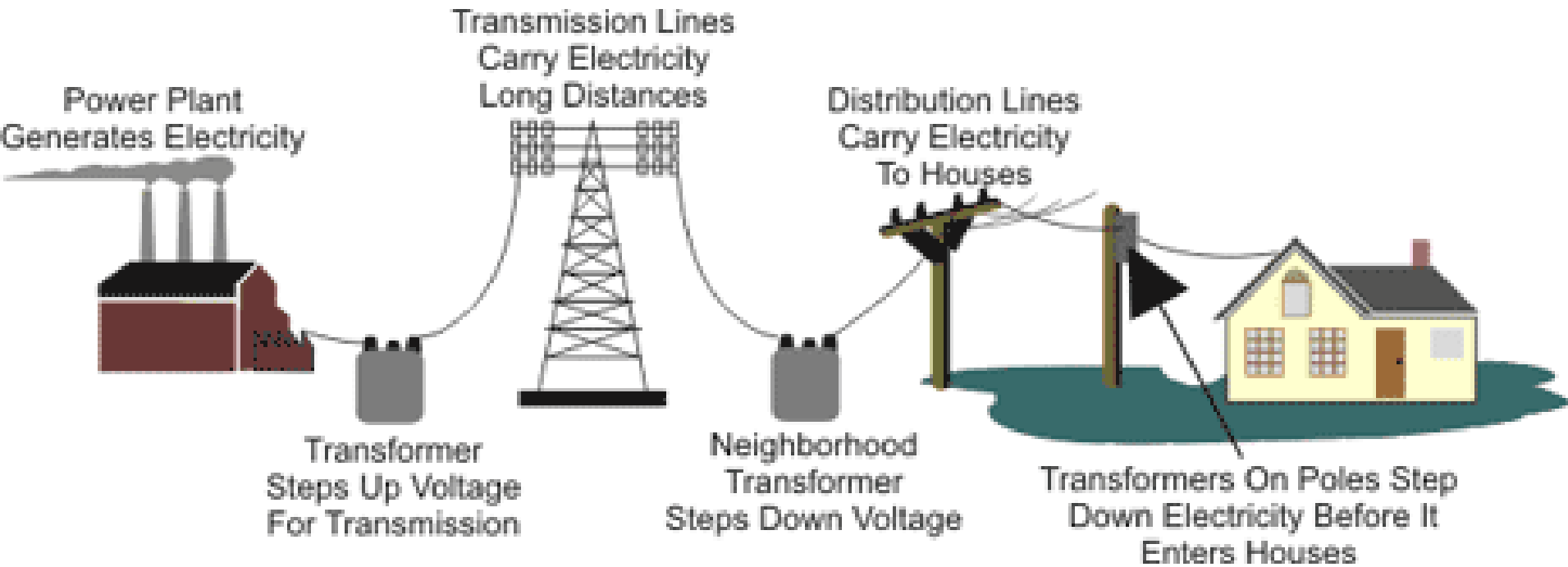
$$PF = 0.9$$

$$P = 3 E_{L,P} I_{L,P} PF = 3 * 277V * 13.9A * 0.9 = 10.4kW$$

$$S = \frac{P}{PF} = \frac{10,400}{0.9} = 11.6kVA$$

$$Q = \sqrt{S^2 - P^2} = 5.04kVAR$$

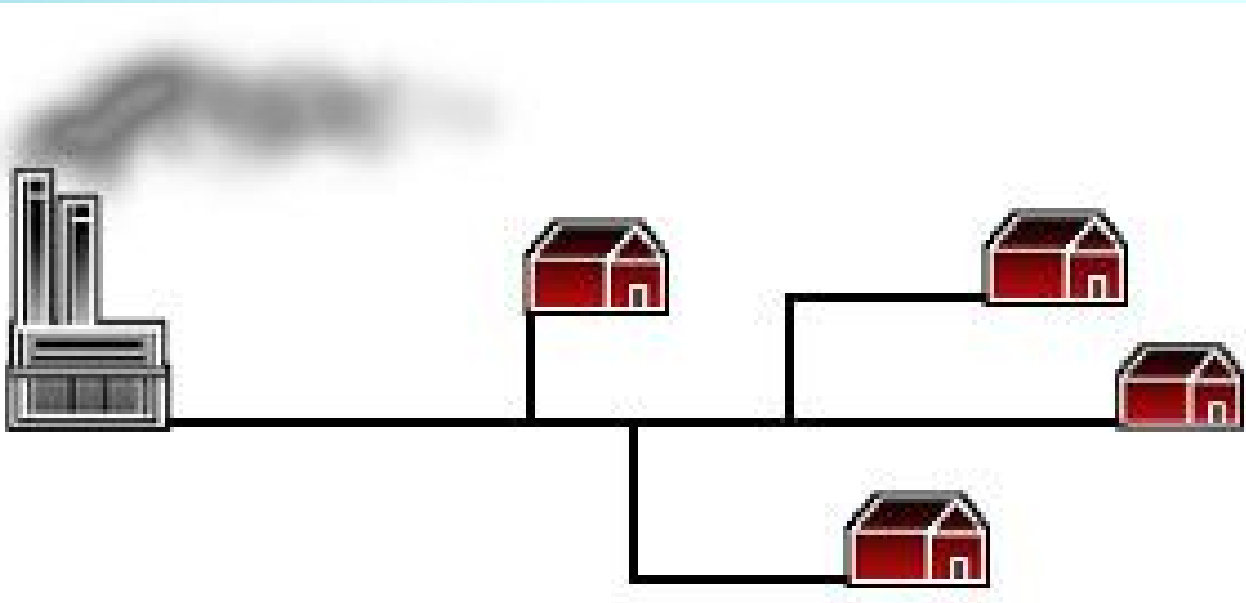
Electrical Distribution



NOTE: Book defines everything post-generation pre-use as distribution. Typically though, this system is broken-up into transmission and distribution.

Primary-side Distribution

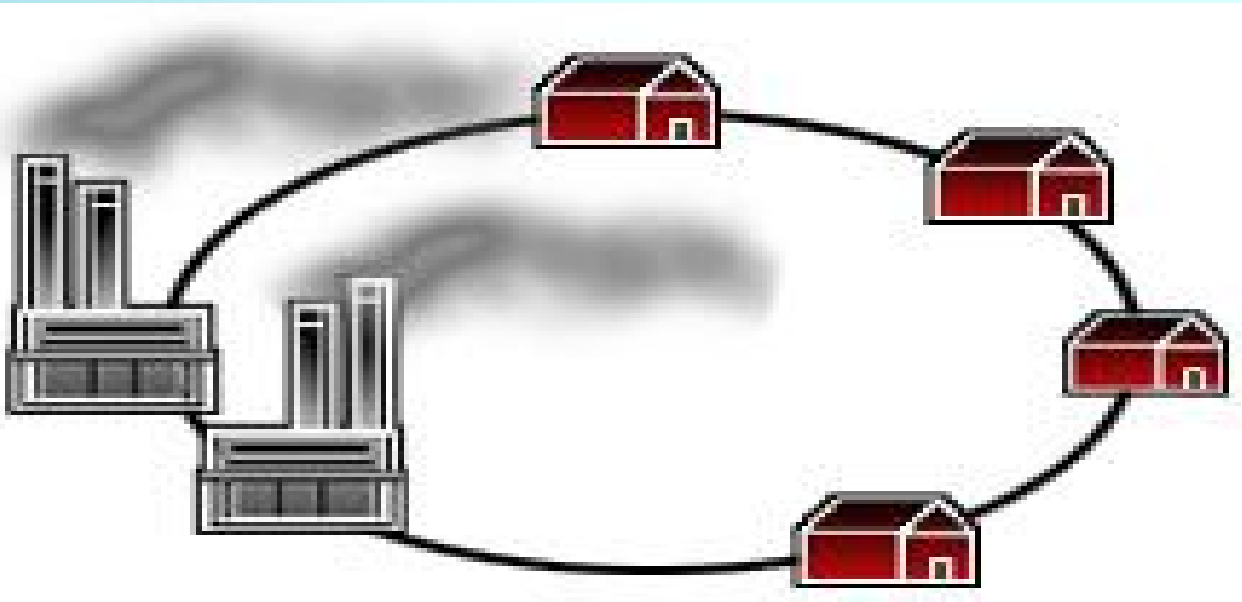
Radial Distribution Network



- Power delivered along a single distribution path
- Cheapest to build
- Used often in rural areas
- Grid disruption → shut down entire line

Primary-side Distribution

Loop Distribution Network



- Power delivered by loop(ed) distribution path(s)
- More expensive than radial
- Allows isolation of grid disruptions with minimal effect on customers

Secondary-side Distribution

Radial Distribution Network

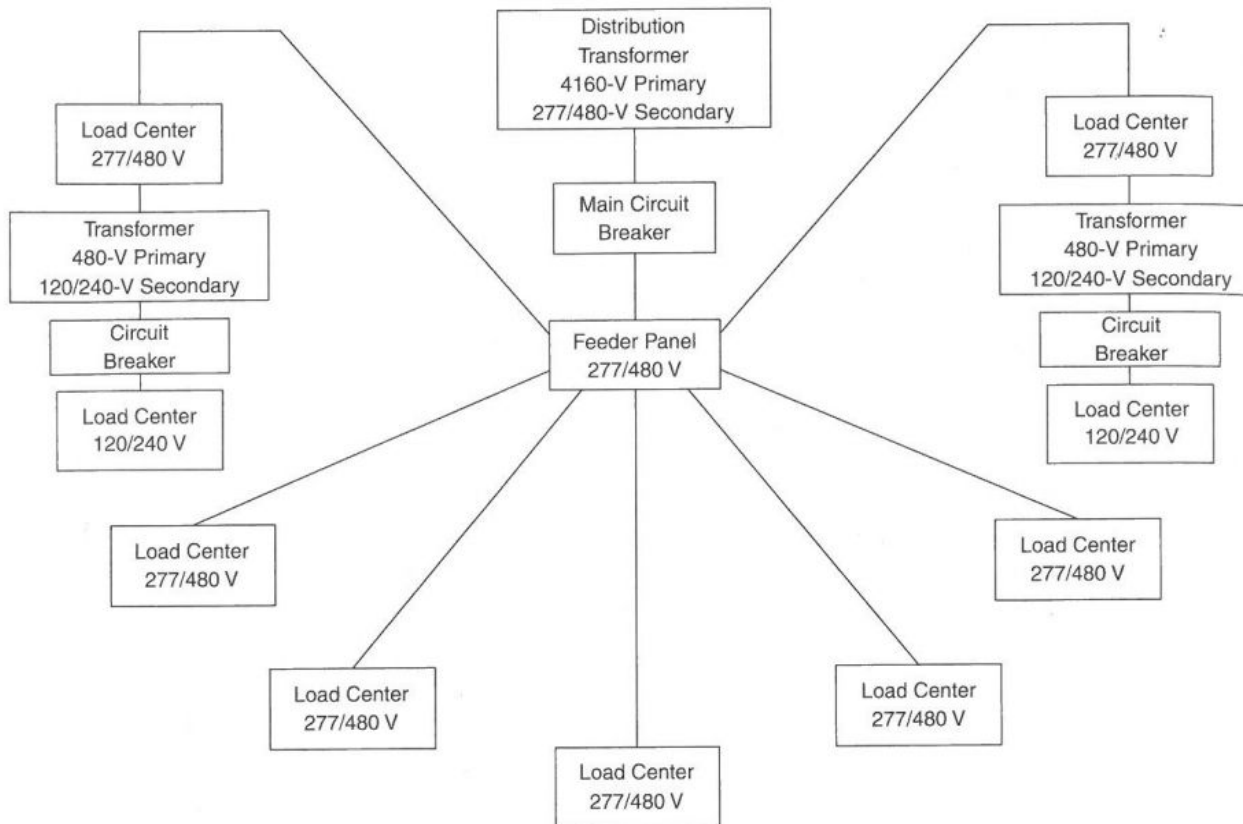


FIGURE 13-3A Consumer radial distribution system.

Secondary-side Distribution

Loop Distribution Network

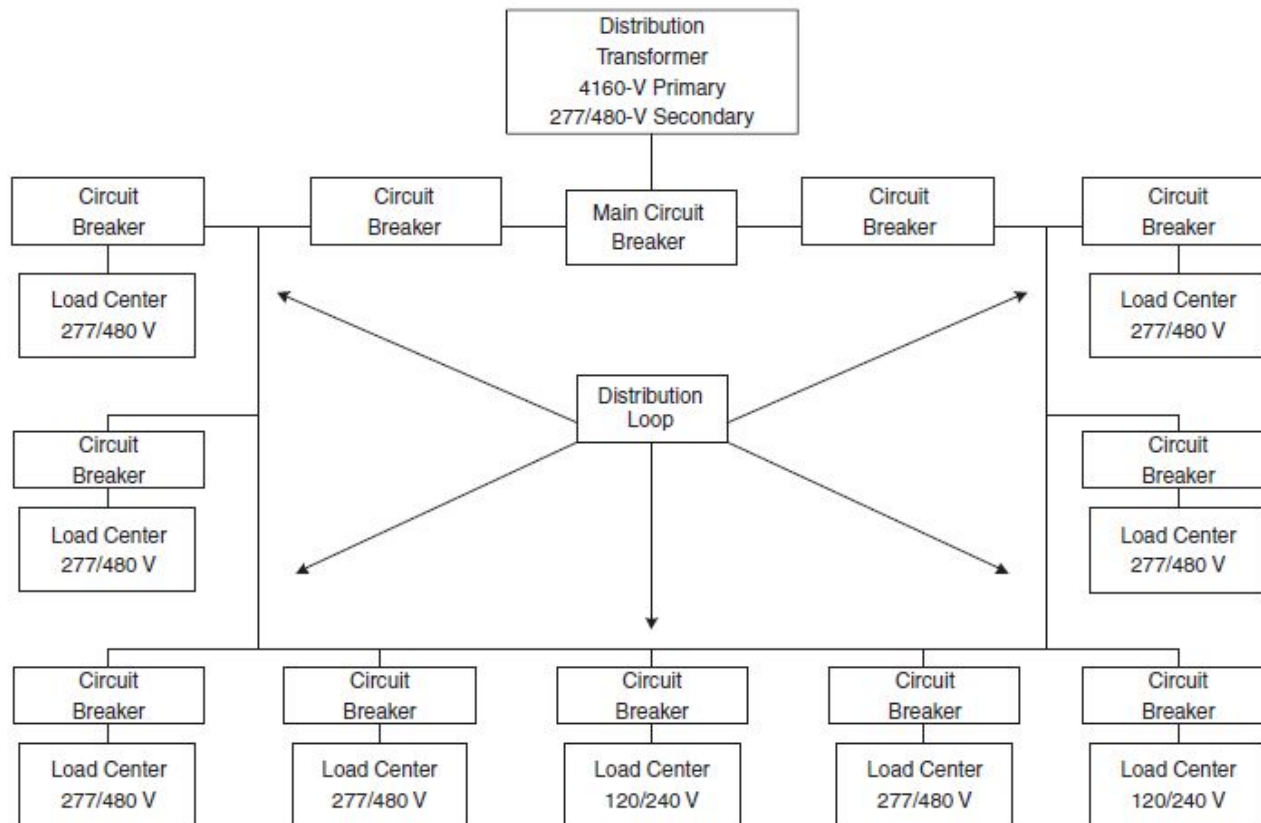
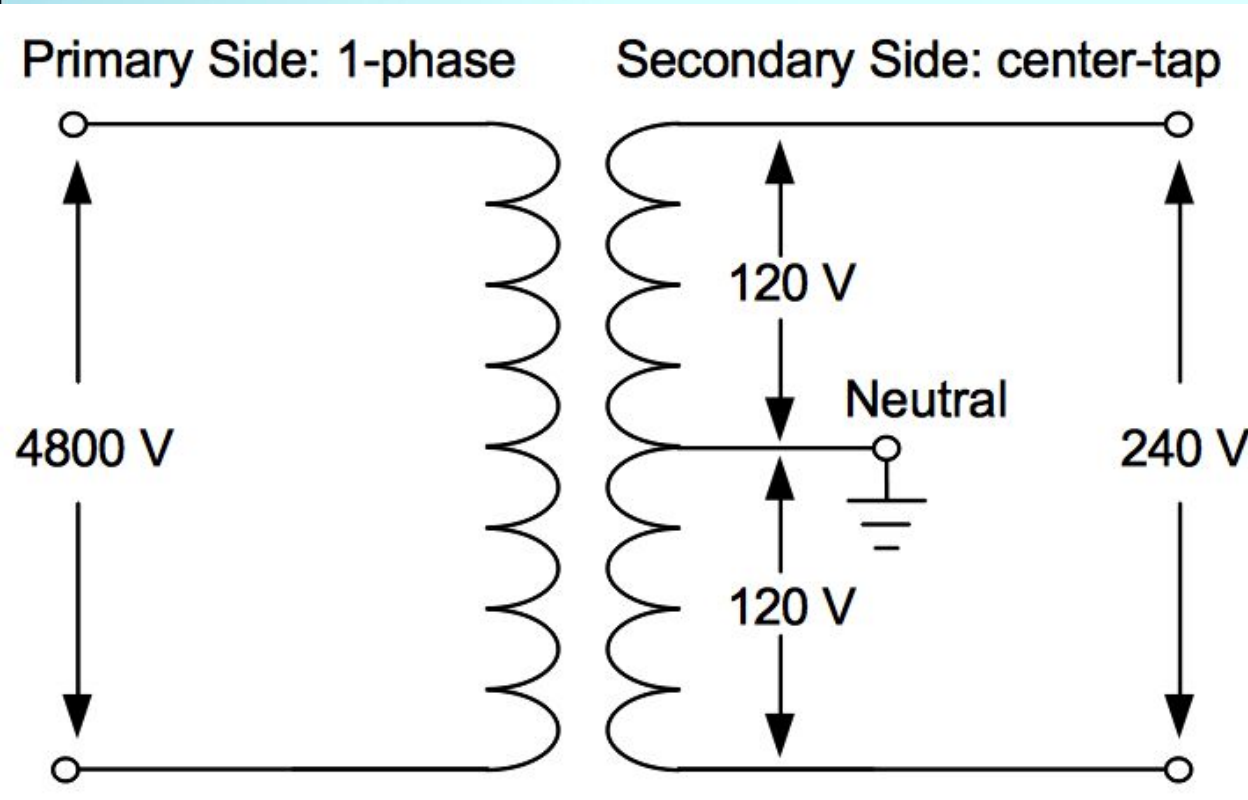


FIGURE 13-3B Consumer loop distribution system. Disconnecting means may be installed anywhere in the distribution loop to provide for isolating sections.

Residential Secondary Distribution



- Residential customers typically get 120V/240V single-phase, 3-wire service
- Taken from 1-phase of 3-phase primary distribution

Residential Secondary Distribution

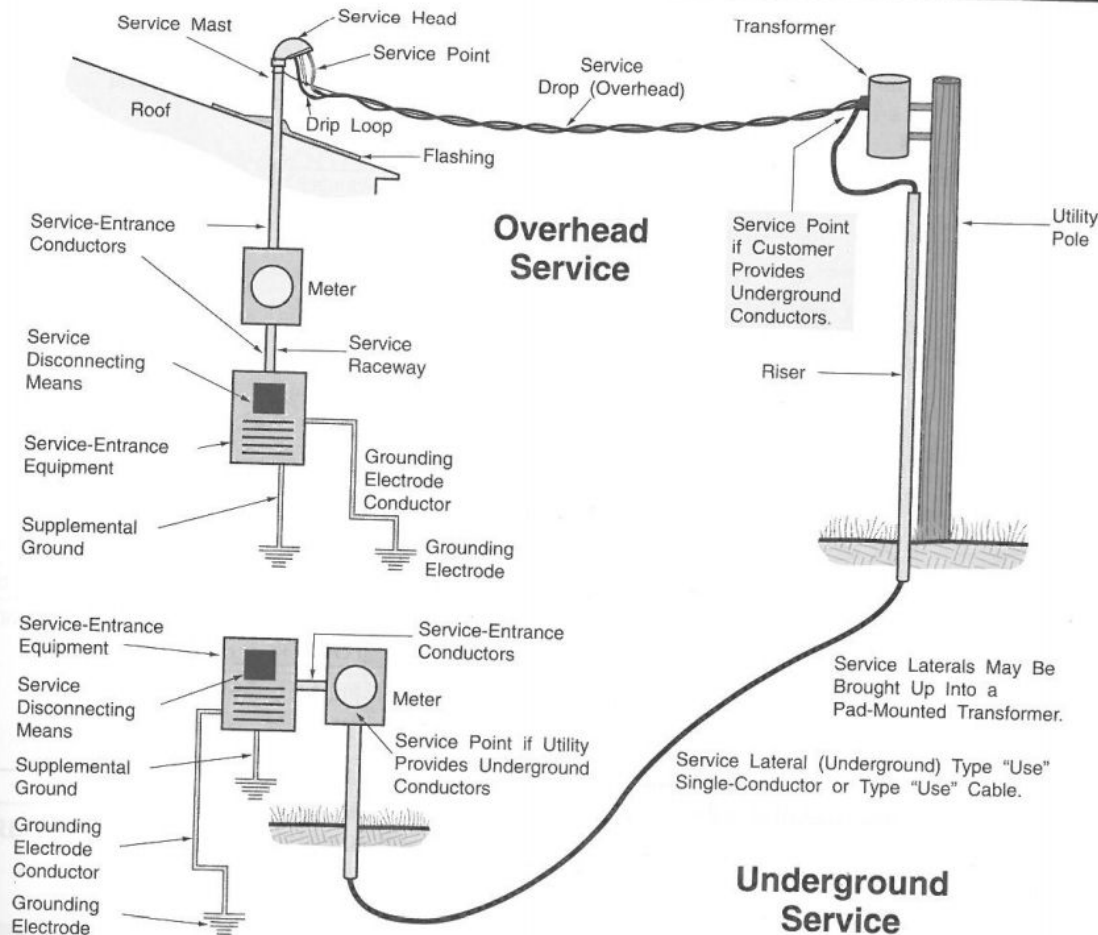


FIGURE 13-2A Examples of overhead and underground residential services.

Commercial and Industrial Distribution

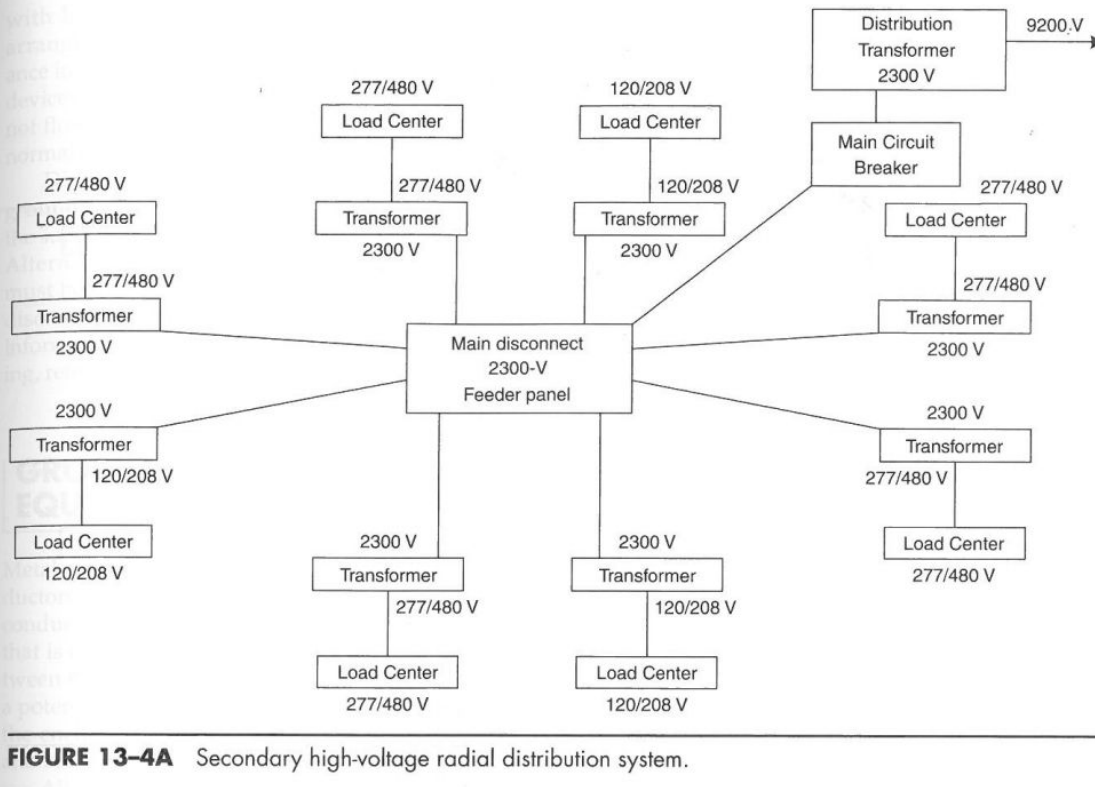
- Commercial and industrial installations
 - Distribution can be:
 - Single-phase, three-wire service or
 - three-phase, four-wire service
 - Includes large residential apartment buildings
 - Service-entrance conductors terminate into a main disconnect
 - Then to individual unit meters / distribution units

Large Commercial and Industrial Distribution

- Electrical Service:
 - Typically 3-phase: 120/208 V or 277/480 V
 - If 277/480 V:
 - Need transformers distributed on-site for 120 V service
 - If large building/plant:
 - Service installed near center point
 - Minimize line loss on branch-circuits.

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- Minimize power losses due to vast consumer load network
- Install local transformers at points of load.



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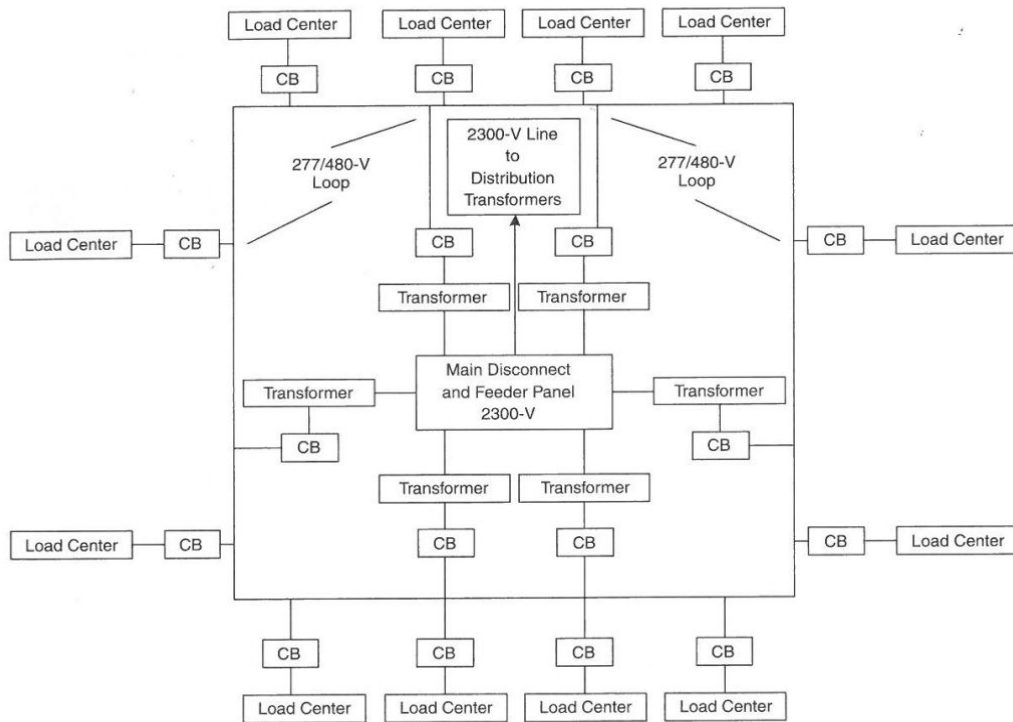


FIGURE 13-5A Secondary high-voltage distribution system: high-voltage radial, low-voltage loop.

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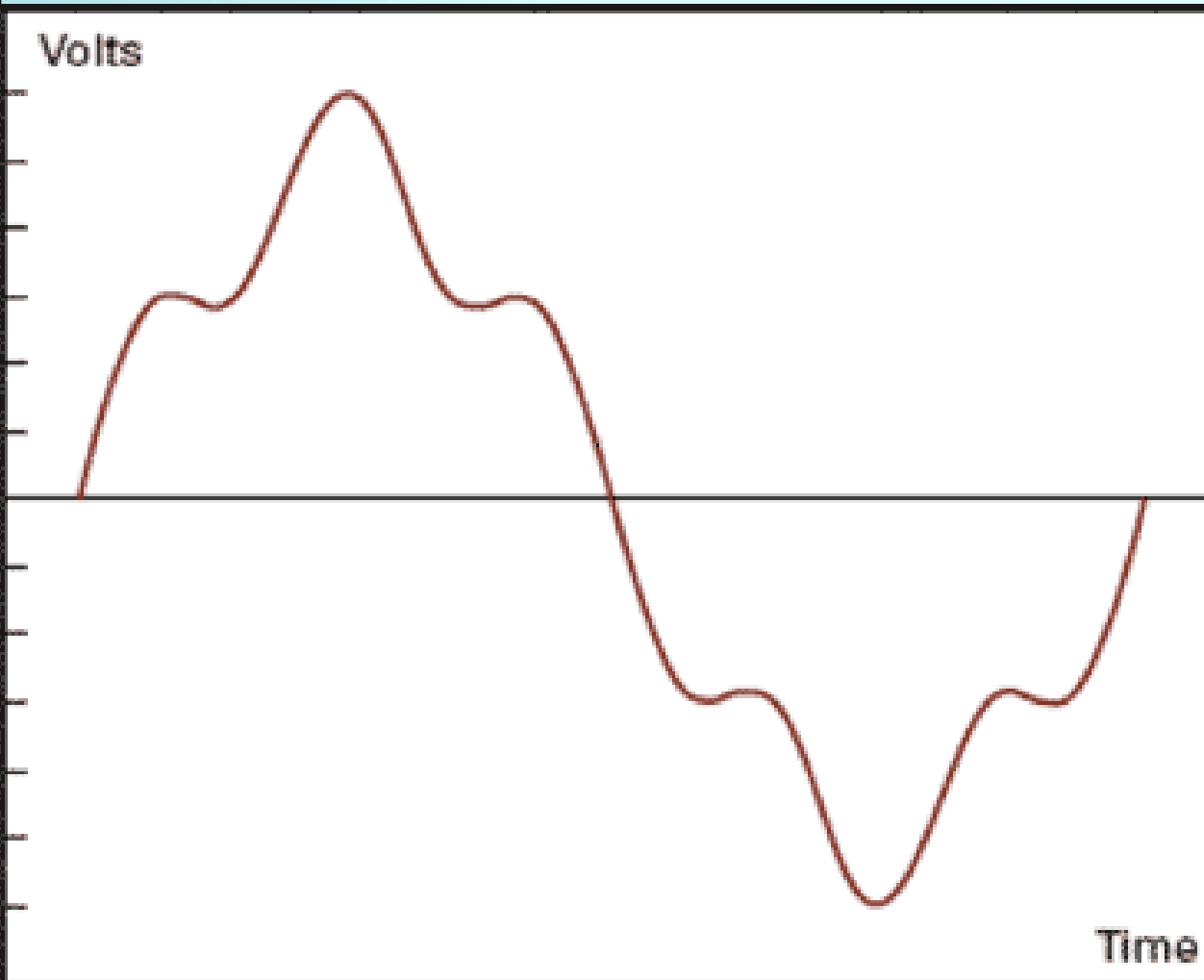
Grounding of Electrical Systems

- Most electrical systems must be grounded
 - Limit magnitude of voltage surges from lightning
 - Limit chance of electrocution
 - Protect equipment from shorts



- Must be low impedance → Ensures over-current protection works
- No current on ground conductor under normal operation

Harmonic Distortion



- Distortion in sine-wave
- Caused by non-linear loads
 - Fluorescent lights
 - Power electronics
 - Etc.
- Can cause increased power losses/conductor heating

Harmonic Distortion

- North American power systems operate at 60 Hz
- Harmonics multiples of supply frequency
 - e.g. 120 Hz, 180 Hz, etc.
- Cause additional current to flow
 - Additional power loss
 - Additional heating (3-5 percent typical) in line conductors
 - Additional heating (big! As much as 90%) in neutral
 - Might need to increase neutral conductor size if large non-linear loading on distribution circuits

