

# Presentation on the topic of Average and RMS Value of AC current

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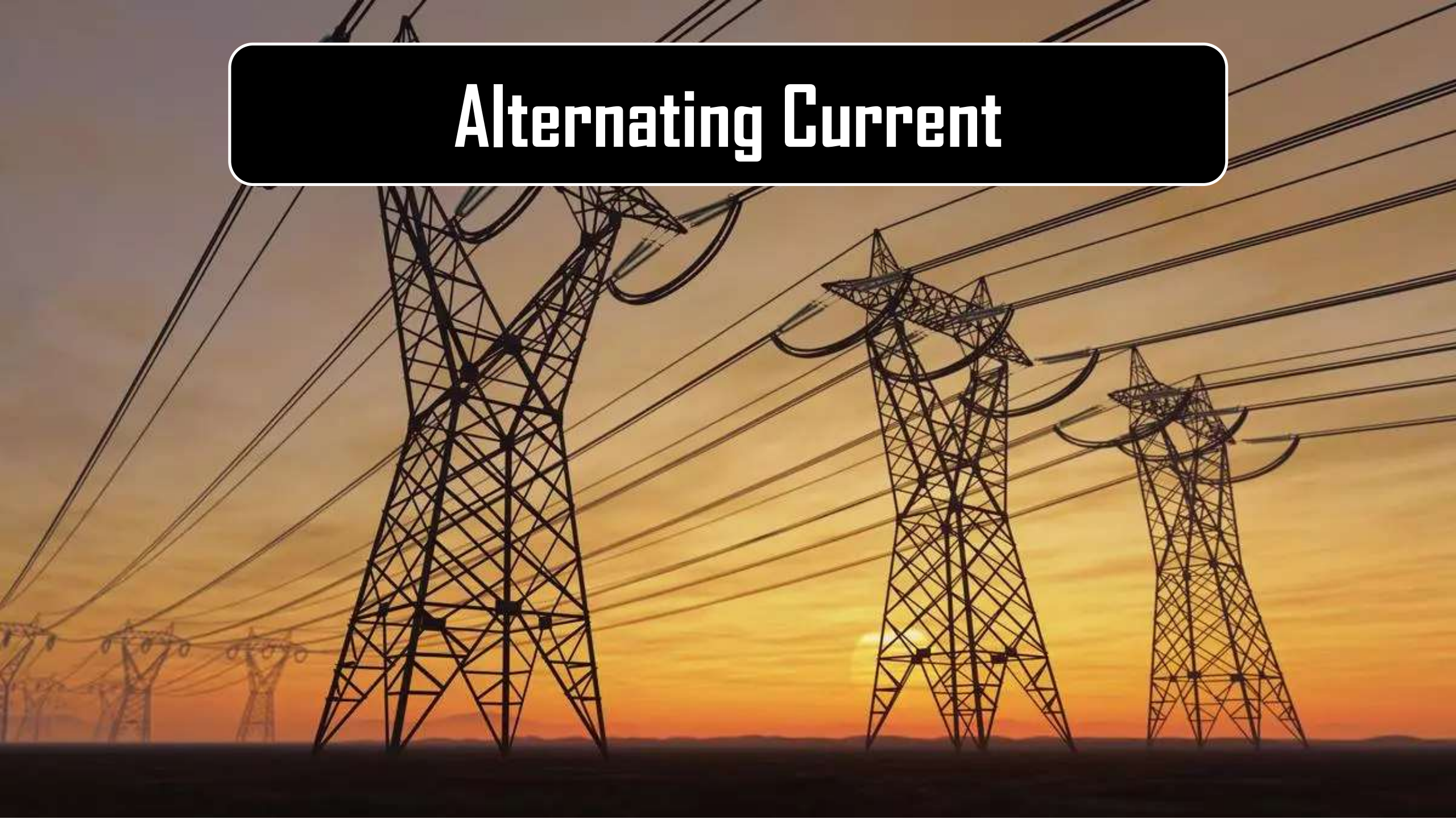


The background of the slide features a series of high-voltage electrical pylons and power lines stretching across the horizon. The scene is set during a sunset or sunrise, with a warm, orange and yellow glow in the sky. The pylons are silhouetted against the bright light, creating a strong geometric pattern. The power lines are thin, dark lines that crisscross the upper half of the image.

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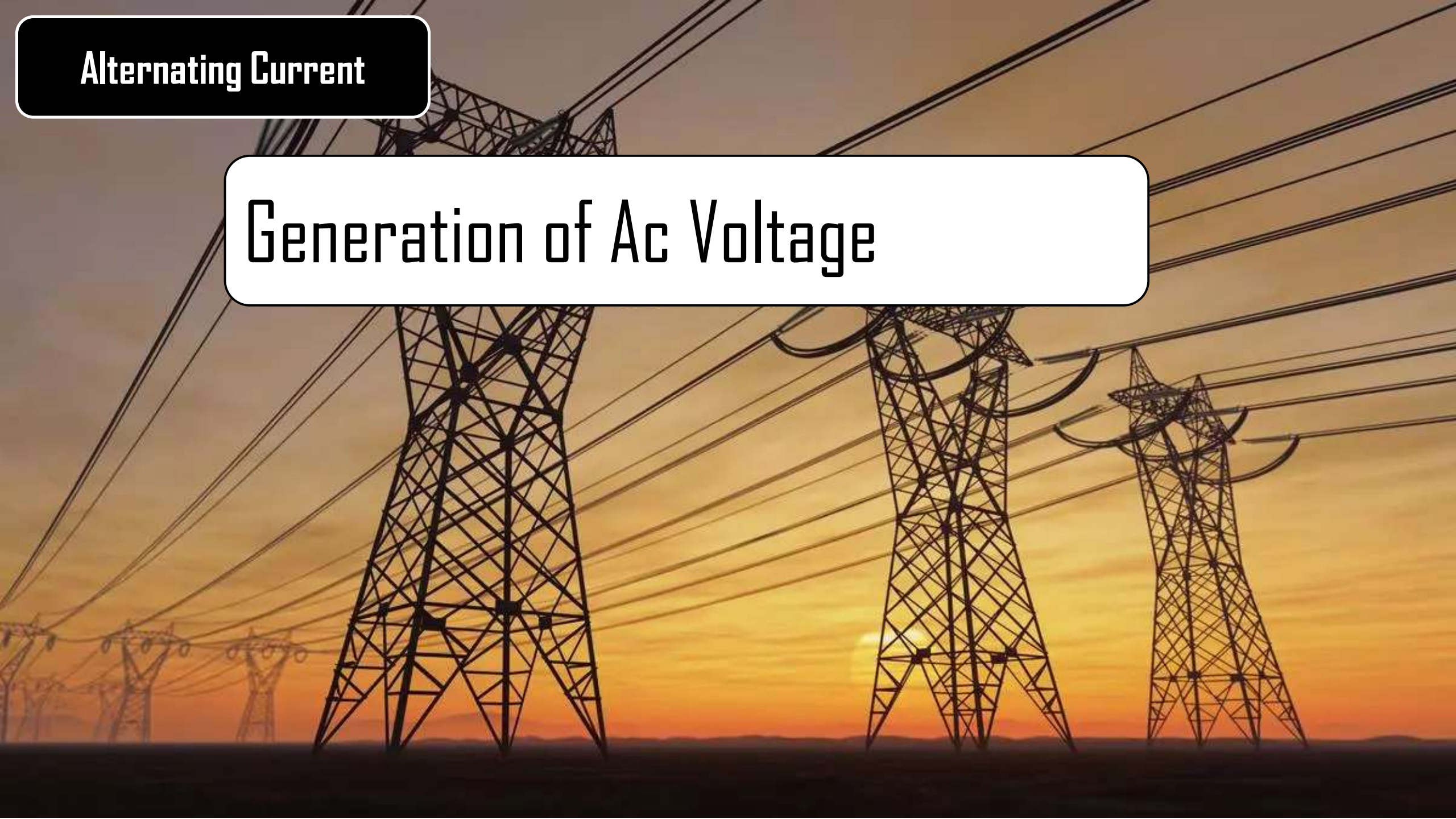
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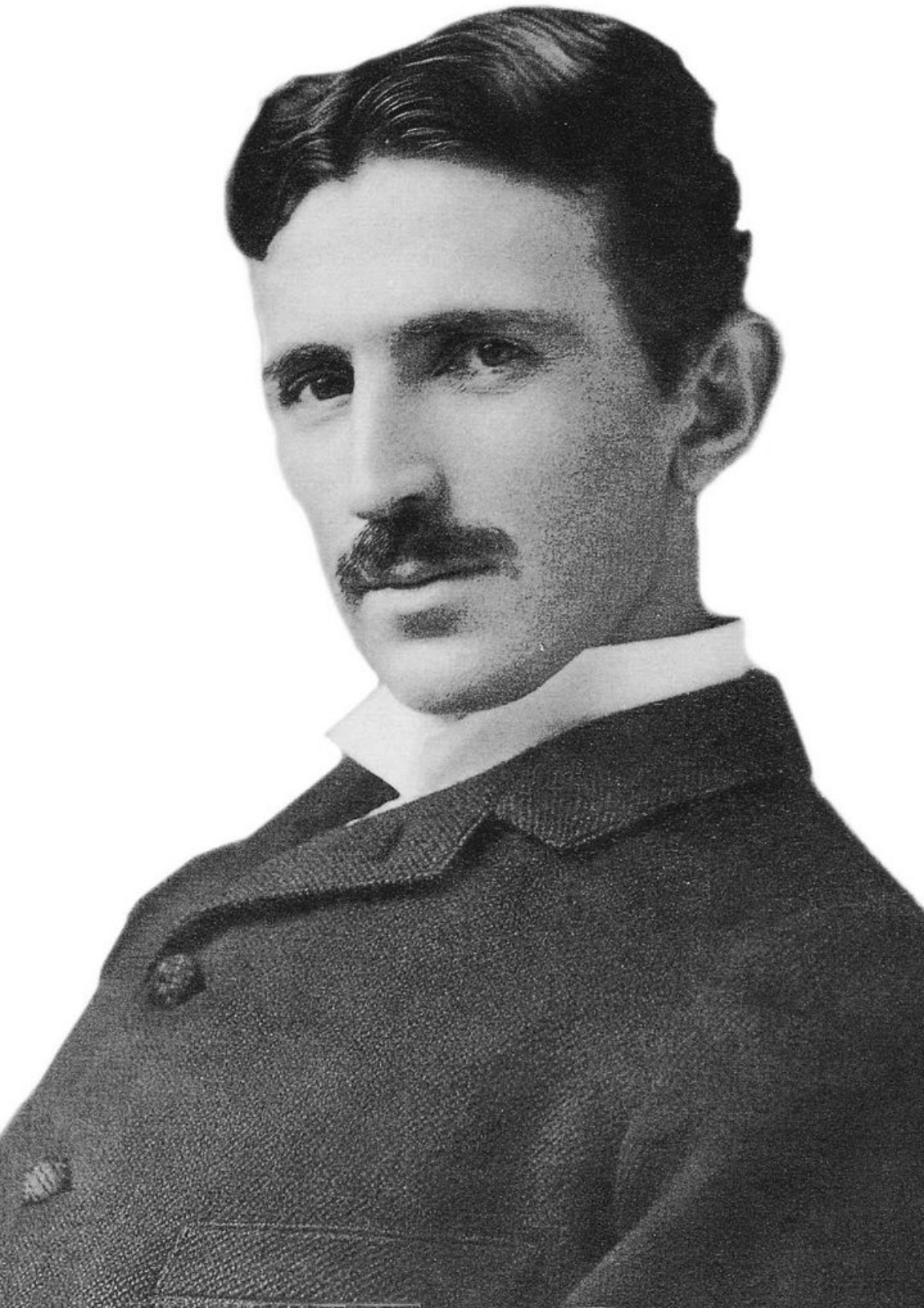
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## RMS (root mean square )

The RMS value is a measure of the effective or equivalent value of an AC voltage or current, representing the DC equivalent that would produce the same amount of power in a resistive load. For a sinusoidal AC waveform

$$\text{RMS Value} = \frac{\text{Peak Value}}{\sqrt{2}}$$

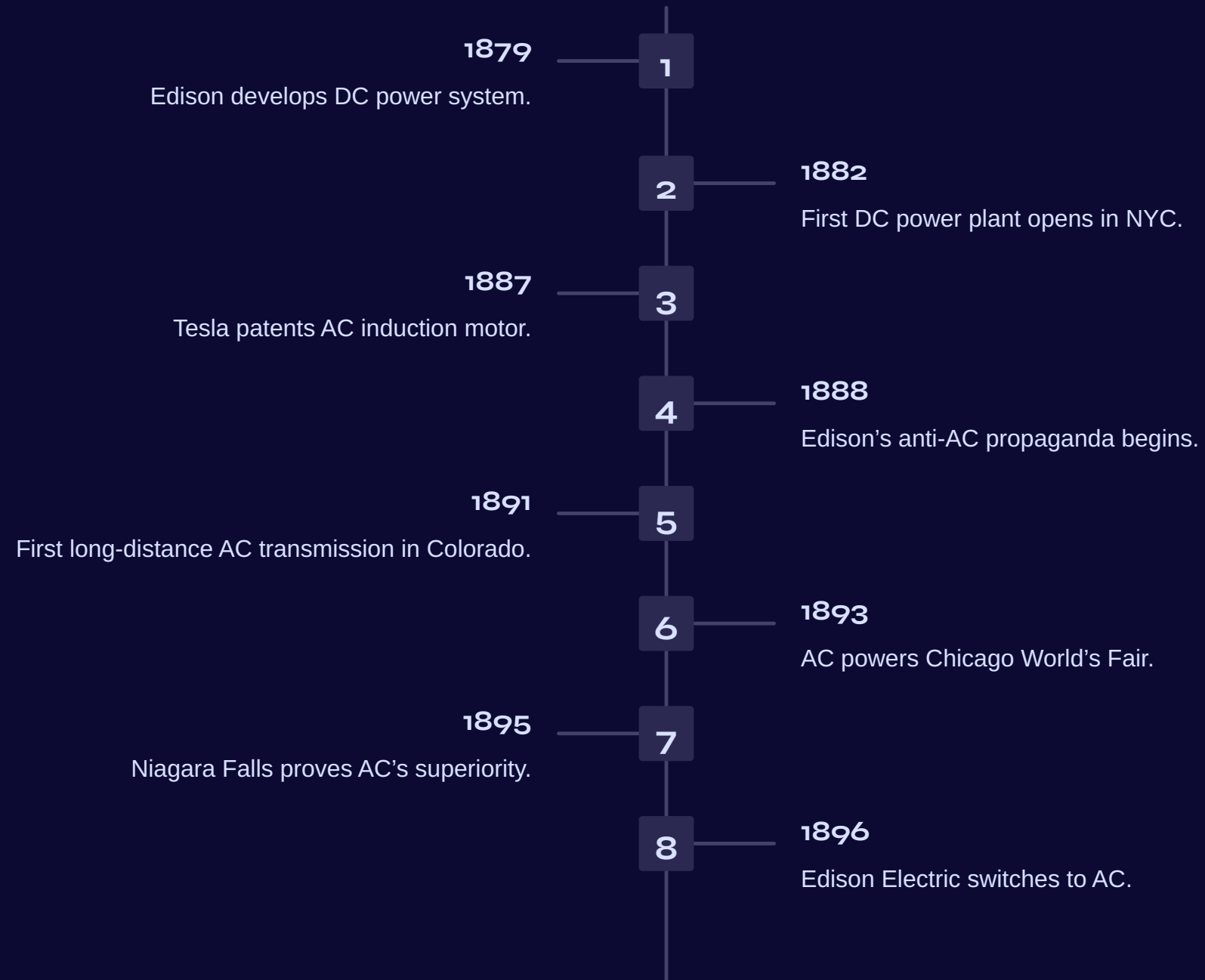


# The War of Currents: A Clash of Electrical Titans

The late 19th century witnessed a fierce battle between two electrical systems: Direct Current (DC) championed by Thomas Edison, and Alternating Current (AC) advocated by Nikola Tesla and George Westinghouse. This "War of Currents" shaped the future of electricity.



# Key Events in the War of Currents

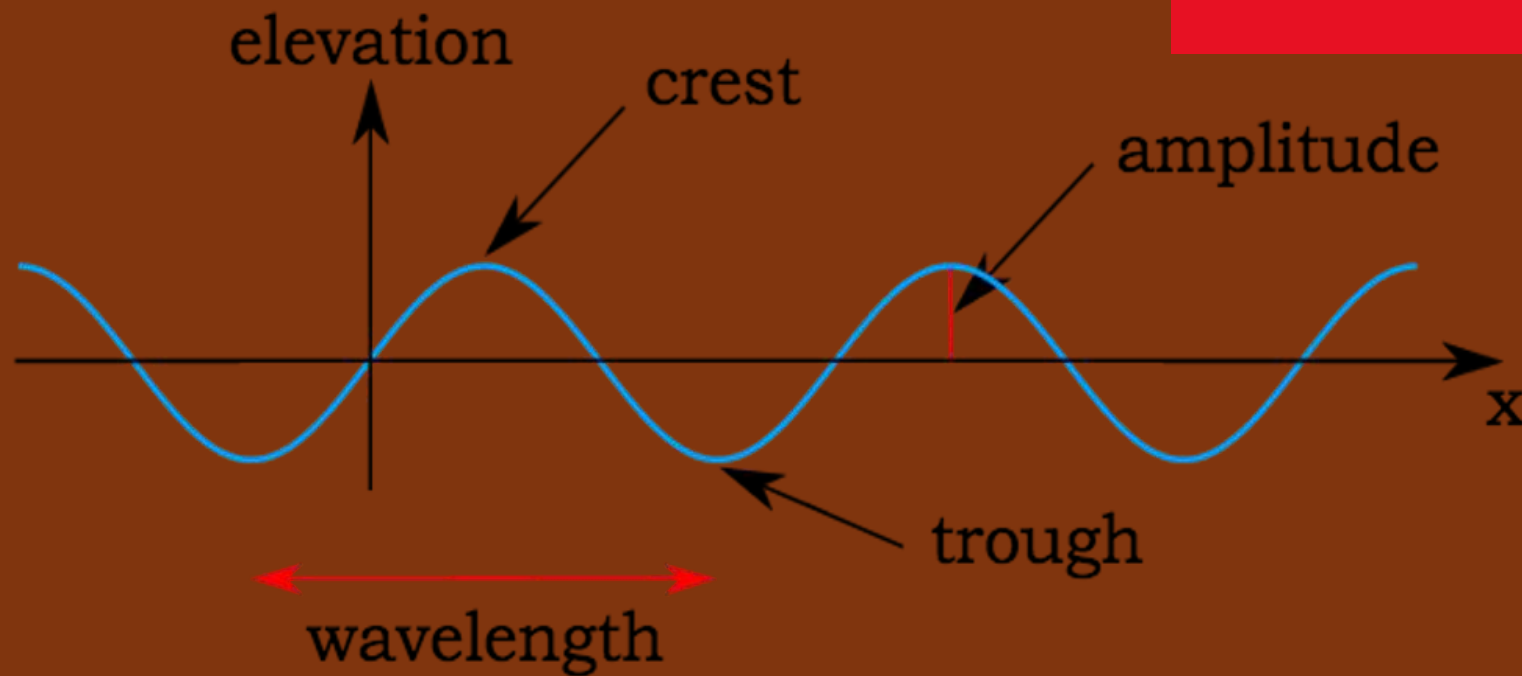


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Peak

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Back to the topic of AC  
current generation



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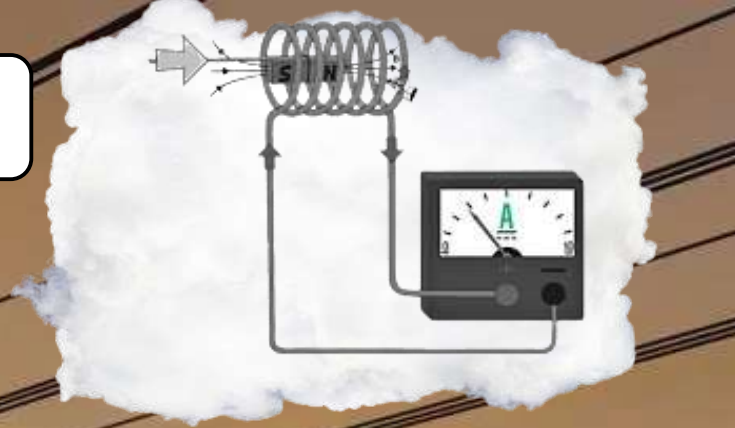


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**Faraday's Law of Induction:** Whenever there is relative motion between set of conductors and uniform magnetic field electromotive force is induced. The induced electromotive force is directly proportional to the rate of change of the magnetic flux through the loop. Mathematically, this is expressed as:

$$E = N d\Phi_B / dt$$



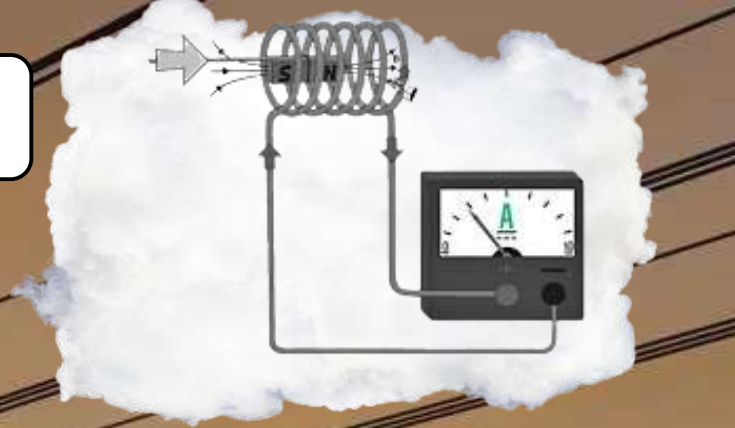


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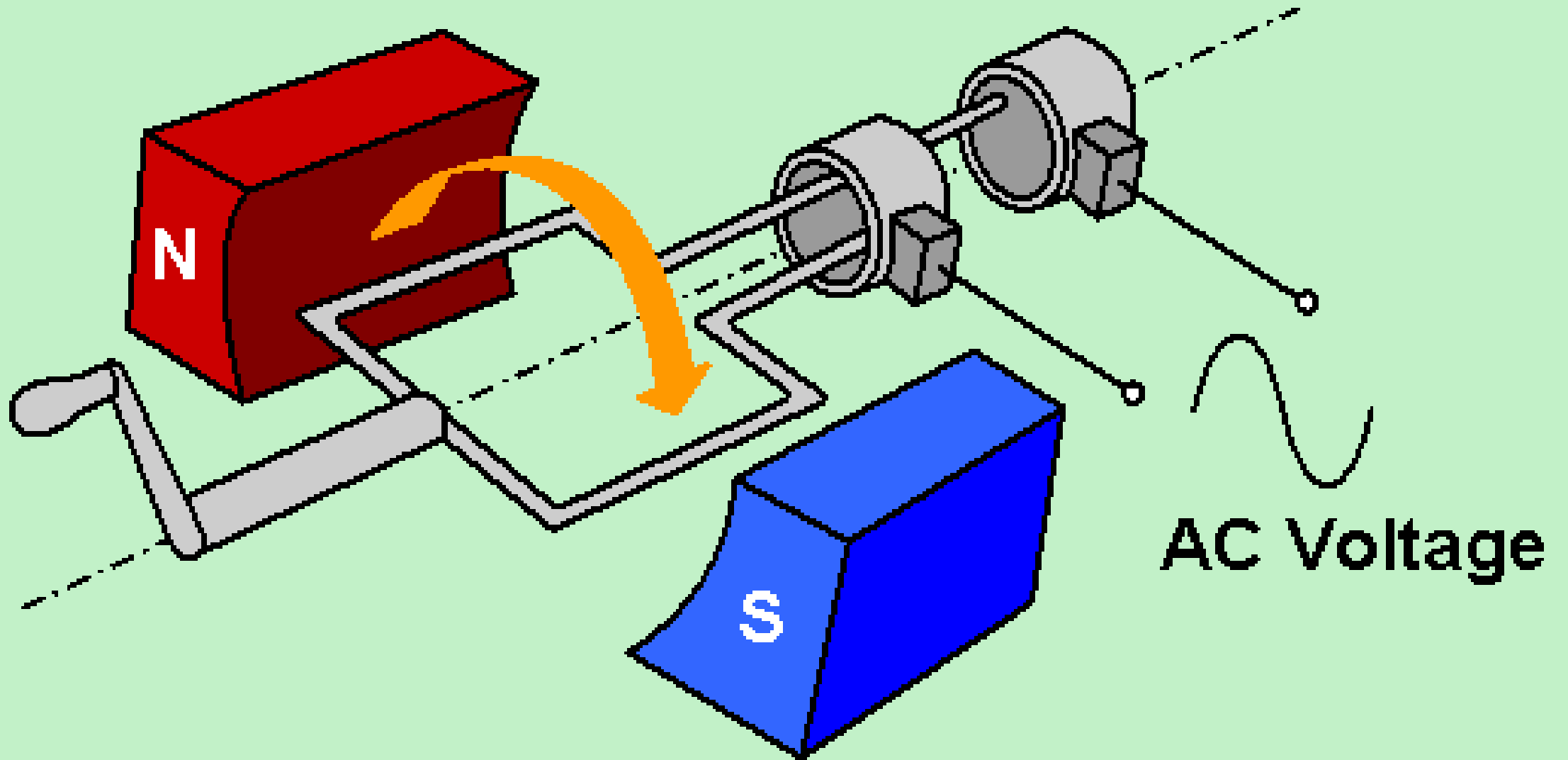
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**Lenz's Law:** The direction of the induced EMF (and hence the induced current) is such that it opposes the change in the magnetic flux that caused it. This is a consequence of the conservation of energy. In other words, the induced current creates a magnetic field that opposes the change in the original magnetic field.

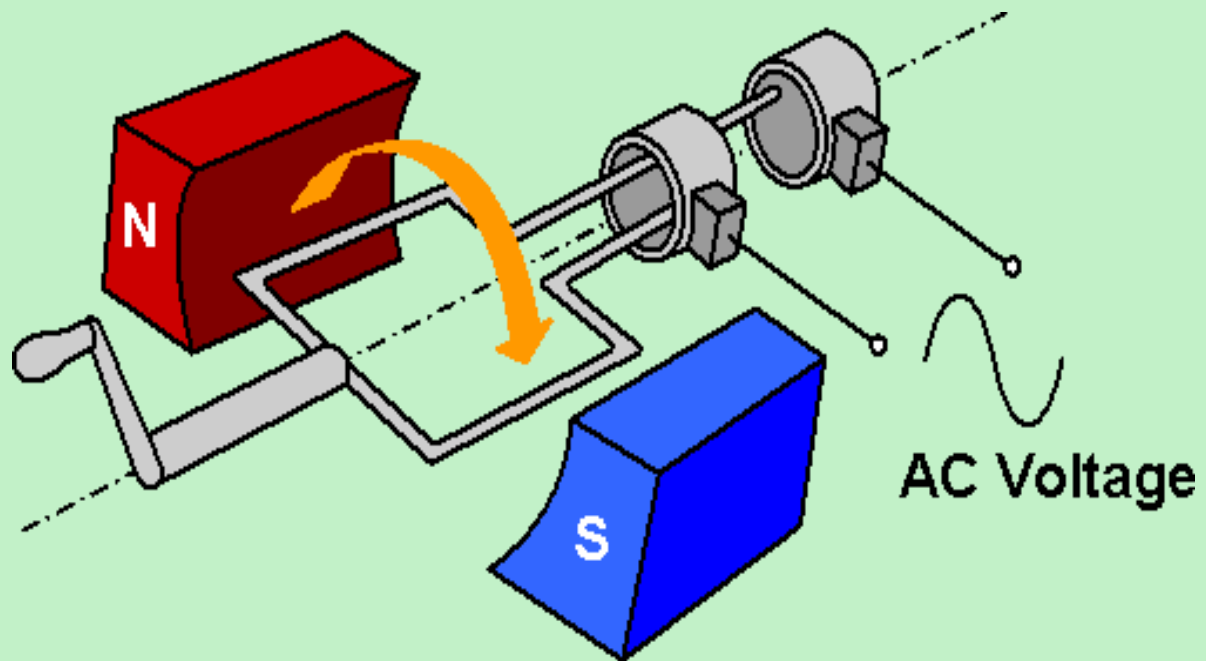
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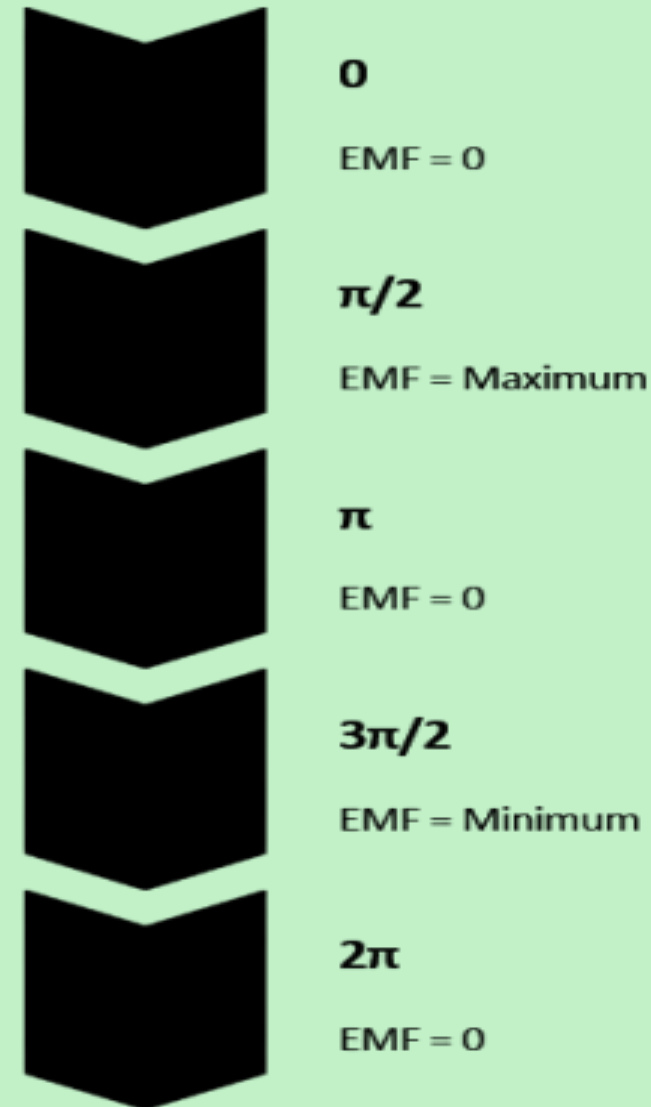
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## EMF at Key Angles



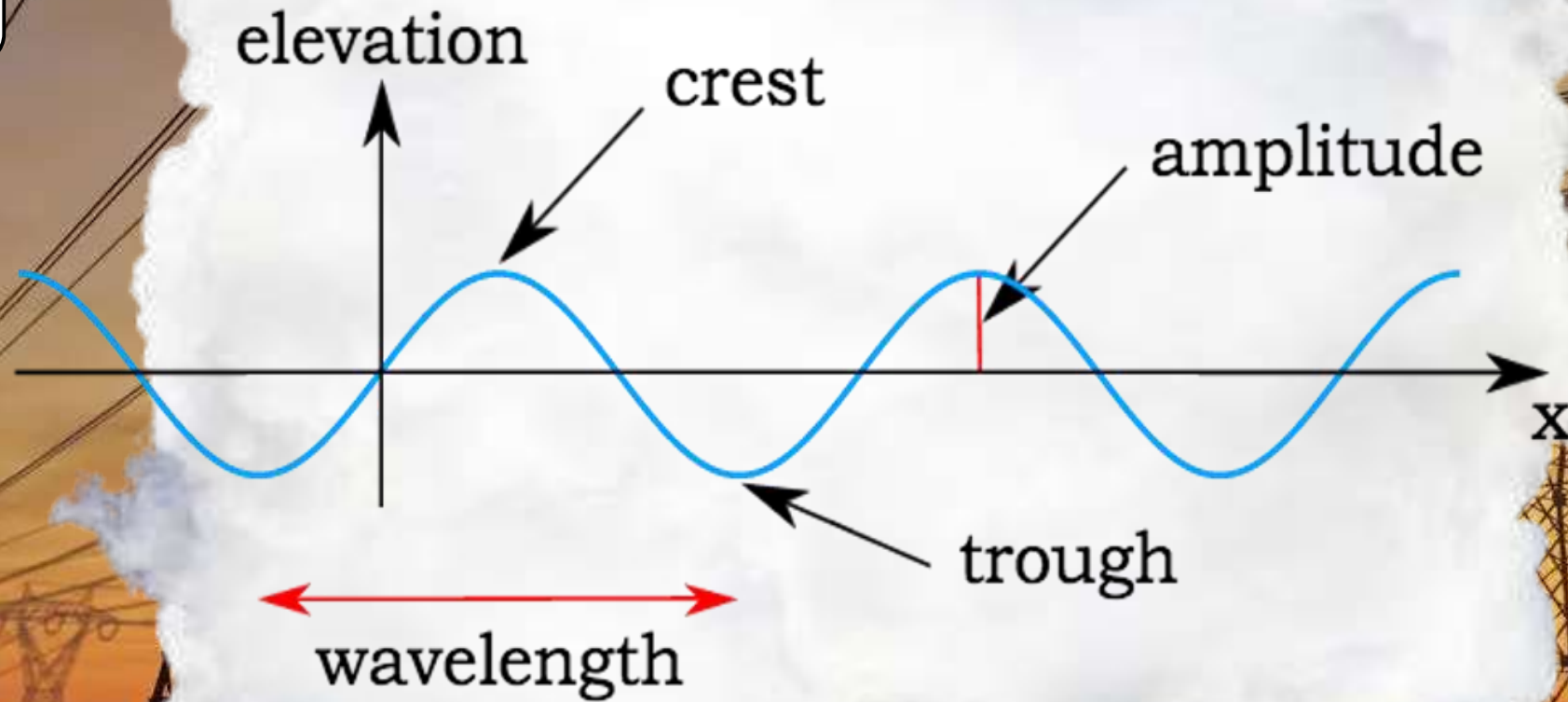


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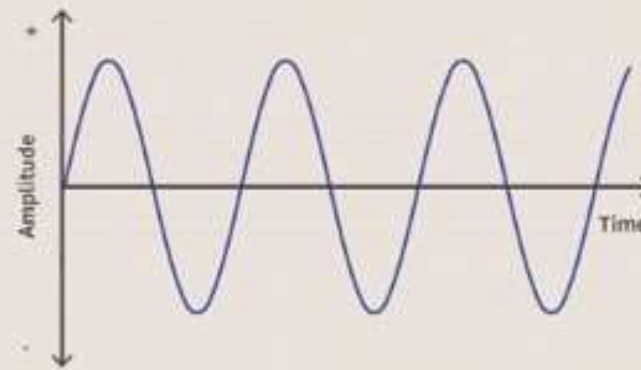
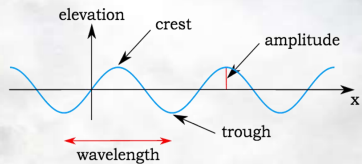
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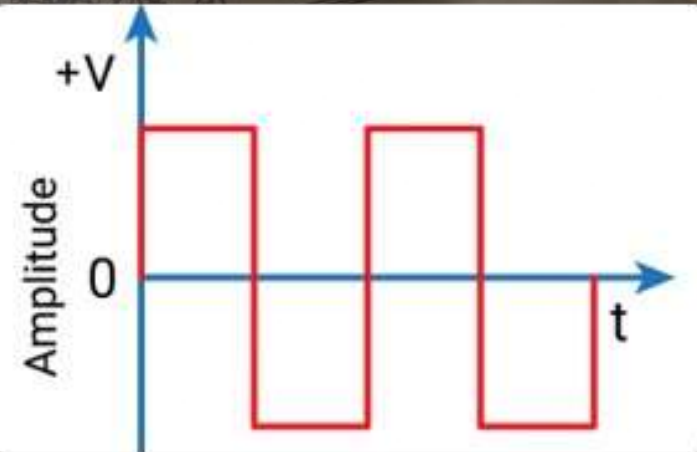
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**Sine**

Smooth, oscillating waveform.



**Square**

Rapid transitions between two  
two levels.



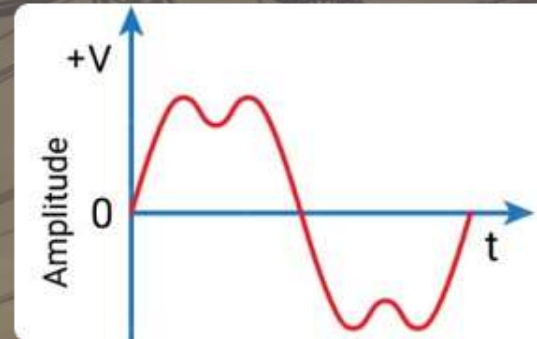
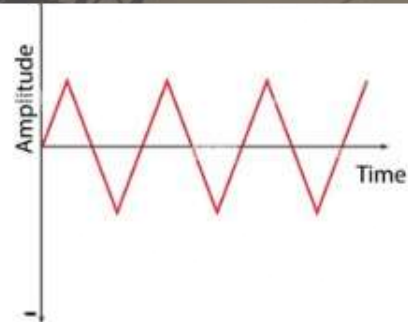
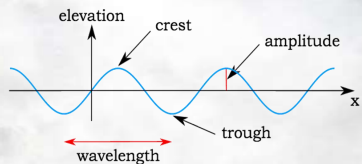
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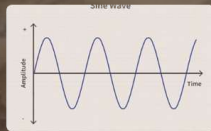


### Triangle

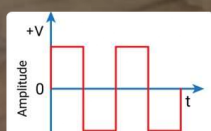
Linear rise and fall.

### Complex

Combination of multiple  
waveforms.



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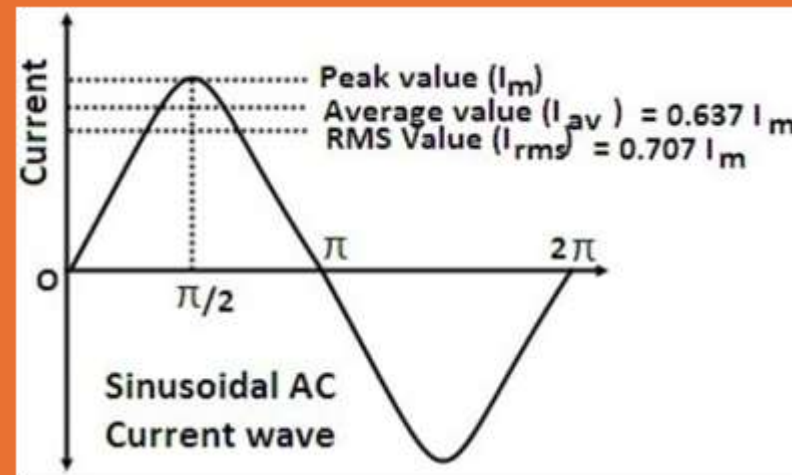
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## *RMS Value*

The **Root Mean Square (RMS)** value is a measure of the effective or equivalent voltage or current in alternating current (AC) circuits. It represents the value that produces the same heating effect as a DC signal of the same magnitude. For a sine wave, the RMS value is approximately 0.707 times the peak value. It is essential in electrical engineering to calculate power, determine signal strength, and measure energy transfer in AC circuits. RMS values are widely used in audio, instrumentation, and power systems for accurate performance assessments and comparisons.

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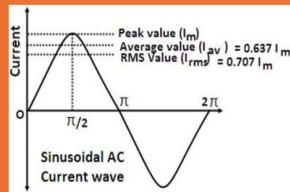




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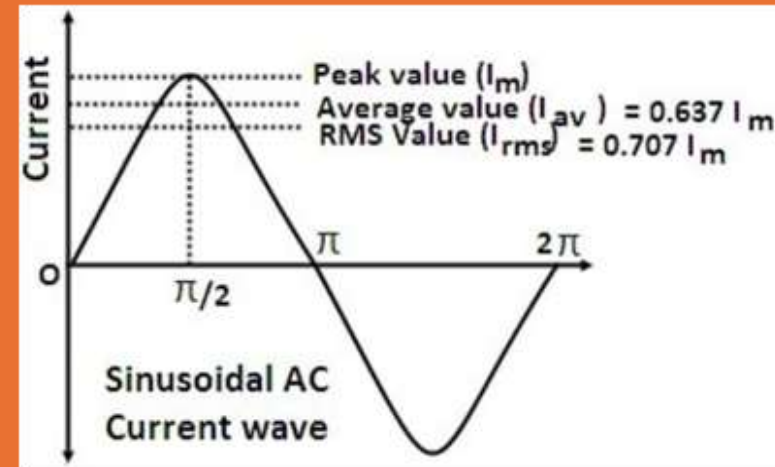
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## RMS and Average Value

### Average Value

The **Average Value** of an AC waveform represents the average of all instantaneous values over a half-cycle, often used for rectified signals. For a sine wave, the average over a full cycle is zero because the positive and negative halves cancel out. However, in rectified AC (e.g., half-wave rectification), only the positive half is considered, resulting in a meaningful average. This average value is essential in applications like rectifiers and power supplies, where converting AC to DC is required for practical use.



## Form Factor

Form factor is the ratio of the RMS value to the average value of an AC waveform:

$$\text{Form Factor} = \frac{\text{RMS Value}}{\text{Average Value}}$$

For a sine wave, the form factor is approximately **1.11**. It helps assess waveform shape and efficiency in AC circuits.

## Peak Factor

is the ratio of the peak value to the RMS value of a waveform.

$$\text{Peak Factor} = \frac{\text{Peak Value}}{\text{RMS Value}}$$

For a sine wave, the peak factor is around **1.414**. It indicates the waveform's peak level compared to its effective value, useful in protecting devices from voltage spikes.

**End of Presentation**



**ANY QUESTIONS?**