

Single Device in AC Circuit: Capacitor



Voltage of ac source : $\mathcal{E} = \mathcal{E}_{max} \cos \omega t$

Current through device: $I = I_{max} \cos(\omega t - \delta)$

Capacitor

$$V_C = \frac{Q}{C} = \mathcal{E}_{max} \cos \omega t \Rightarrow I = \frac{dQ}{dt} = -\omega C \mathcal{E}_{max} \sin(\omega t)$$

amplitude: $I_{max} = \omega C \mathcal{E}_{max}$, phase angle: $\delta = -\frac{\pi}{2}$

impedance: $X_C \equiv \frac{\mathcal{E}_{max}}{I_{max}} = \frac{1}{\omega C}$ (capacitive reactance)

