



## High Performance (HP) Transformers



“You Don’t Know How Much Energy  
Is Being Wasted Behind Closed Doors – and  
other stuff”



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“Finding Little Energy Inefficiencies, Generating Big Energy Savings”

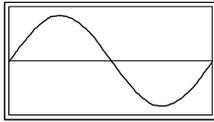


Transformers: Opportunity to  
Lower Operating & Life Cycle  
Costs



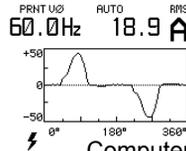


Load Profiles have changed !  
 Electronic Equipment draws current differently - increasing system losses

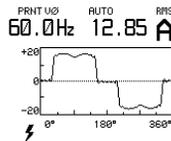


Electrical systems deliver optimum performance when feeding continuous "linear" loads:

- motors
- incandescent lighting
- resistive heating



Computers are everywhere

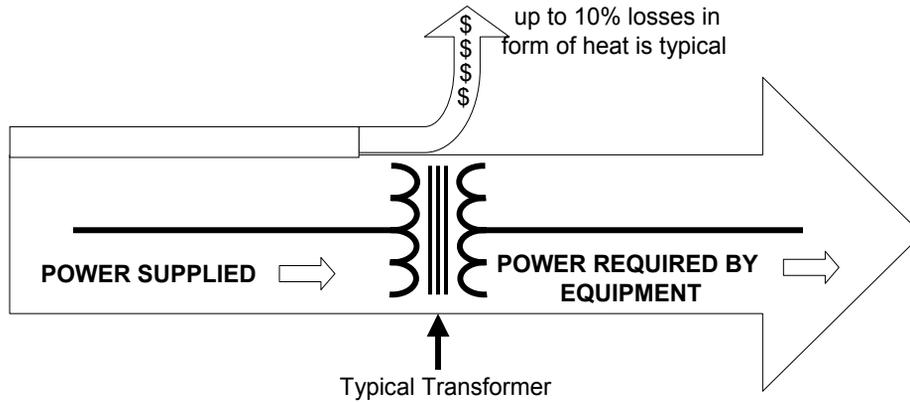


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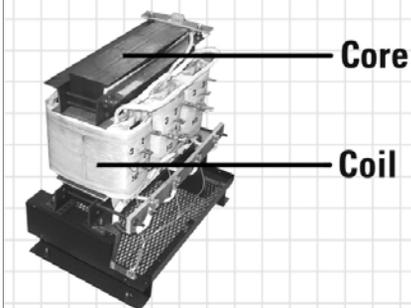


The Transformer is a key component  
All electrical power flows through it



## The Transformer

- Steps down high distribution voltage to match end use equipment requirement
- Losses impact operating cost
- Design impacts power quality



Embedded for the life of the electrical system – up to 50+ years



## Analysis of Impact of Electronic equipment on Transformer operating cost

Transformer  $T_1$  Harmonic-Related Losses and Cost Per Year

Load = 60 kW 3-phase, on 112 kVA	$P_{loss}$ (W)	Cost/Year
Copper loss = $\sum I_h^2 R$	2986	\$1,308
Eddy current loss $P_{EC} = \sum I_h^2 h^2$	1336	\$585
Total load loss $P_{LL} = \sum I_h^2 R + P_{EC}$	4322	\$1,893
Base load loss = $1.05 \times I^2 R$	1575	\$690
Penalty = $P_{LL} - 1.05 \times I^2 R$	2747	<b>\$1203</b>

Actual Total Losses **2.7 times higher**

Linear Load Losses

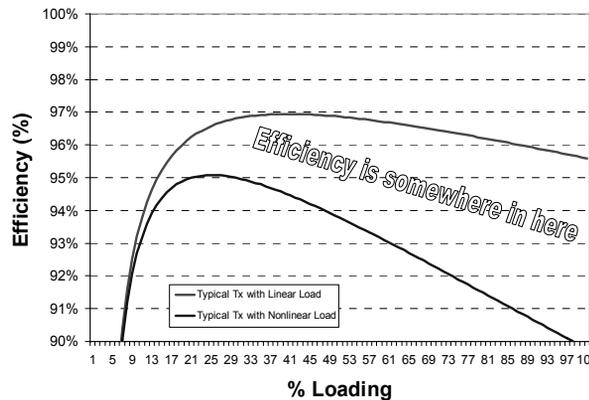
IEEE Transactions on Industry Applications, Sept/Oct. '96  
 "Costs and Benefits of Harmonic Current Reduction for Switch-Mode Power Supplies in a Commercial Office Building"

Tom Key, PEAC  
 Jih-Sheng Lai, Oak Ridge National Lab, Lockheed Martin Energy Research



## Energy Deficiency

Typical 112.5kVA Nonlinear UL listed transformer

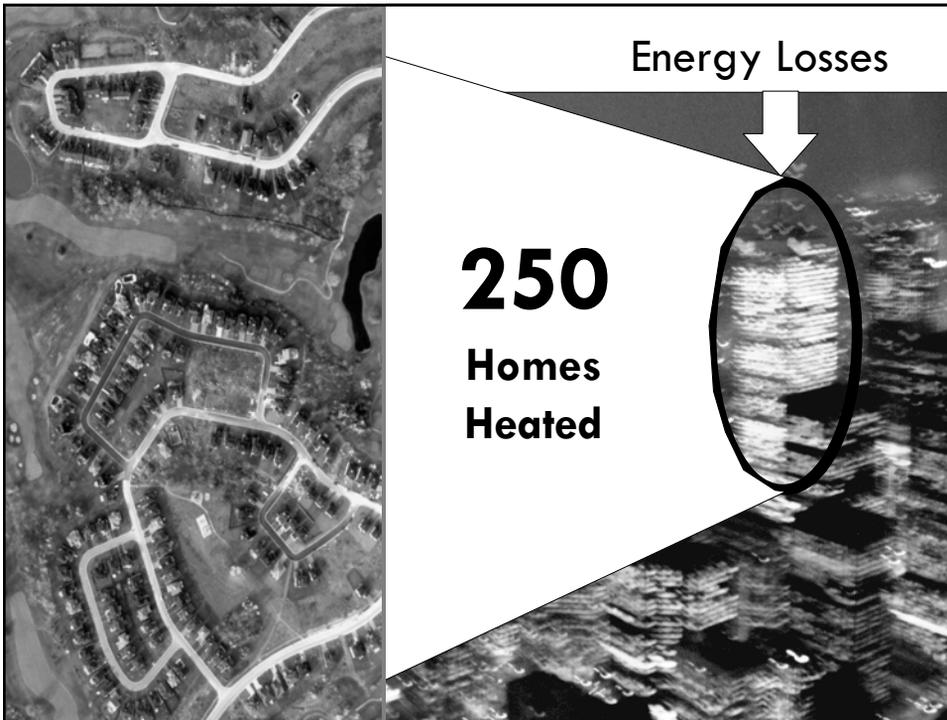


Significant variation in efficiency over load range & concentration of electronic equipment



## DOE Study Findings

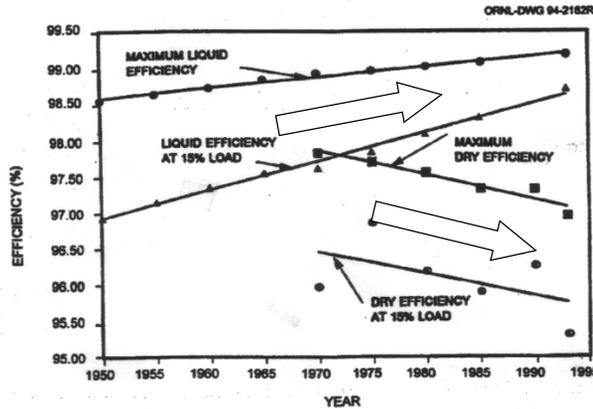
- Aging Infrastructure
  - 70% of buildings built before 1980
  - 50% of buildings built before 1970
- CONSEQUENCE:
  - up to 70% of installed transformers are approaching end of life
- Transformers are lightly loaded
  - Less than 35% (most 10-25%)
- 60-80 Billion kWh losses annually
  - \$3-4 Billion Annually
  - 9 days generating capacity
- Power Generation is large source of air pollution





## 45 Year Review of Transformer Efficiency

Utility Life Cycle purchases have driven up transformer efficiency

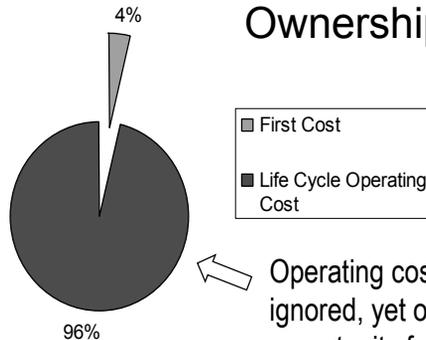


Commercial First Cost purchases have driven down efficiency

Fig. 1. Distribution transformer efficiencies over the years for 75-kVA, three-phase units. Sources: Barnes, P. R., et al. 1995. *The Feasibility of Replacing or Upgrading Utility Distribution During Routine Maintenance*, ORNL-6804/R1, Martin Marietta Energy Systems, Oak Ridge Natl. Lab. Also, transformer manufacturers' data.



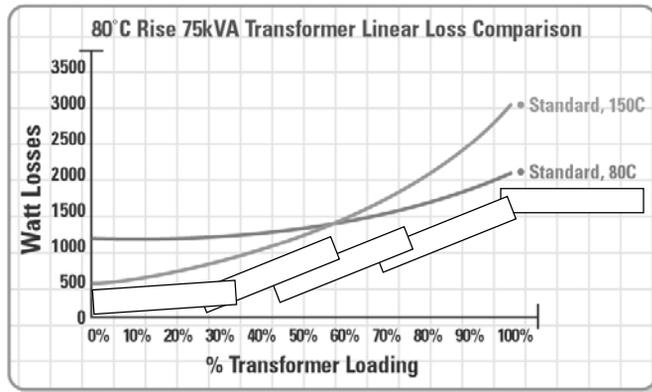
## First Cost is a tiny % of transformer Total Ownership Cost



Operating cost (transformer losses) are ignored, yet offer by far the largest opportunity for savings

### Why First Cost Dominates Purchasing Process

- End user, who pays for losses, is rarely involved in the purchasing process
- End user is not educated to the potential savings



- Historically, performance comparisons made at full load
    - 25-30% savings with 80C at full load
  - But at avg. DOE load of 35%, 80C has 50% higher losses
    - higher operating cost in most systems - embedded for 40 years
- Performance is representative, but losses vary by design



## Energy Star Transformers

Commercial & Industrial Transformer Program



- Adopted NEMA TP-1 High Efficiency Transformer Standard
- Legislated in some states
- Sets substantially higher Efficiency Target @ 35% load level
  - Example: 75kVA 3-phase, low voltage: efficiency requirement: 98.0%
- Drawbacks
  - Not UL Listed to feed Electronic Equipment
  - Transformers rated for Electronic Equipment are Exempt from meeting TP-1 efficiency
  - Experience where legislated -> exemption allows substitution of cheaper lower efficiency K4 transformers are substituted where Energy Star specified



## Change Mentality – Minimize Life Cycle Cost not First Cost Embeds Savings – instead of operating cost

### Opportunity

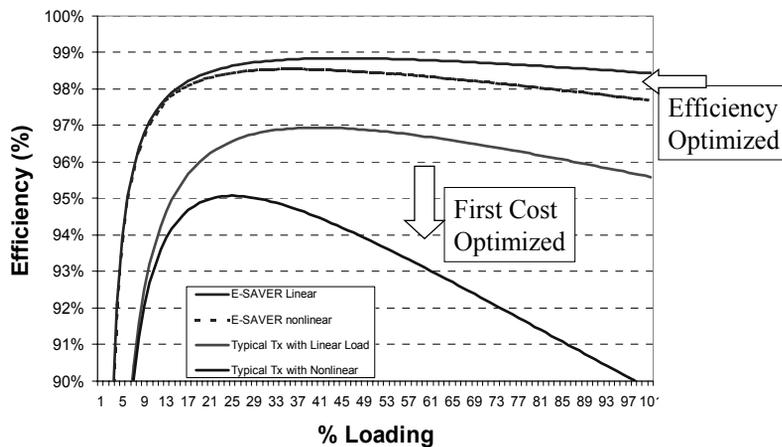
- 50-70% energy savings typical
- Over 25 - 40 years life

### Specification

- 25% less losses than NEMA TP-1
- UL Listed for full electronic load
- Integrated revenue class metering port for field performance validation
- 25 year warranty

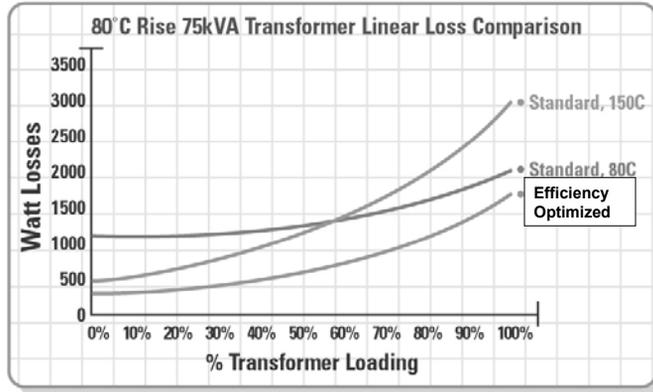


## Optimizing for Efficiency Predictable Energy Savings under all loading conditions





### Efficiency Optimized Transformer vs. Standard and 80°C Rise Transformer



- lower losses across the full load range

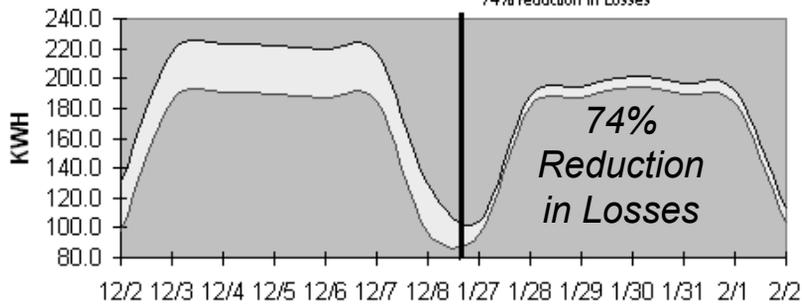


### Case Study – University of Texas - San Antonio

#### KWH Comparison Primary vs Secondary Before/After High Efficiency Transformer (JPL)

Existing 75kVA Transformer      Efficiency Optimized Transformer

74% reduction in Losses

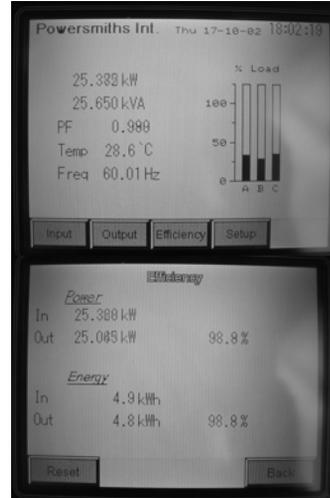


— JPL-Line kWh    — JPL-Load kWh



## Field Validation – The Key

- Efficiency, Power Quality & Temperature Monitoring
- Preventative maintenance
- Load balancing
- Provides data for LEED reporting



## Compare Products

- Annual Savings
- Avoided Cooling
  - Payback
- Life Cycle Savings
- Environmental benefit

### The ESP Calculator™

Energy Savings Payback Calculator

Project: 13-May-03

**Data Entry**

% Load during normal operating hours	35%
% Load outside operating hours	20%
equipment operating hrs/ day	10
equipment operating days/yr	260
kWh rate	\$ 0.070
demand rate (\$/kW/mo) ex. \$10.00	\$10.00
Load Power Factor	0.85
Cooling System Performance (kW/ton)	1.75
Other Transformer Linear Efficiency & Loss Multiplier*	96.0%
Powersmiths Nonlinear Efficiency	98.4%

**Transformers on Project**

QTY	kVA
	15
	30
2	45
3	75
	112.5
	150
	225
	300
	500
	750
	1000
	1500
	2000
	2500
	3000

**Energy Cost Analysis (calc)**

Annual Operating Cost	kW Losses in Normal operation	kW Losses outside operating hours
Traditional Transformers *	12.2	7.0
Powersmiths Transformers	2.3	1.3
<b>ANNUAL Energy Savings with Powersmiths</b>	<b>9.9</b>	<b>5.7</b>

**Annual kWh savings** 60,704 kWh/year  
**Avoided Cooling Load** 2.8 tons (on peak- normal operation)  
 (lower losses => less heat to remove) 1.6 tons (off peak - outside normal hours)

**Estimated Annual Power Quality Savings** \$2,000

**Life Cycle Savings and Payback**

	First Cost	25 years	40 years
Traditional Transformers	\$7,000	\$217,265	\$347,624
Powersmiths Transformers	\$12,000	\$31,277	\$50,044
<b>Total Life Cycle Savings</b>	<b>(\$5,000)</b>	<b>\$185,988</b>	<b>\$297,580</b>

**Payback on Incremental Cost** 4.4 years

**Leasing Option**

	60 Month Term	48 Month Term	36 Month Term
Total Annual Leasing Payments	\$3,034	\$3,701	\$4,709
Net Annual Cost with savings	(\$4,405)	(\$3,739)	(\$2,731)

**Summary of Environmental Benefits**

	45 tons of CO2 (Per EPA)	351 kgs of SO2 (Per EPA)
Annual Reduction in Greenhouse Gases	148 tons of Coal	161 tons of Oil
Equivalence	8 Acres forest planted	6 homes heated
	6 Car Emissions	

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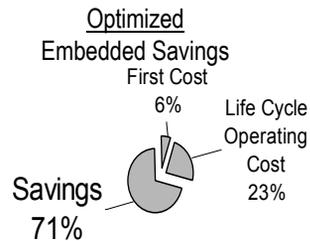
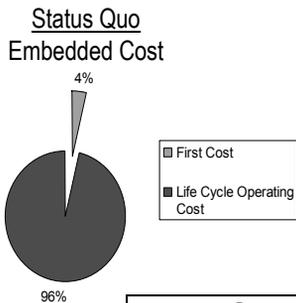


- A typical Building transformer makeup and energy savings potential

5 – 45 KVA; 5 – 75 KVA;  
 2 – 30 KVA; 1 – 15 KVA  
 With a 6 cents a kwh Potential  
 Energy Savings annually \$6600



## Choose Life Cycle over First Cost



	Operating Cost		Savings
	Standard	Efficiency Opt.	
<b>ANNUAL</b>	<b>\$30,404</b>	<b>\$5,584</b>	<b>\$24,819</b>
<b>over 25 years</b>	<b>\$760,095</b>	<b>\$139,609</b>	<b>\$620,486</b>
<b>over 40 years</b>	<b>\$1,216,152</b>	<b>\$223,375</b>	<b>\$992,777</b>



## TEX – Transformer Energy IndeX

A new way to compare transformer performance

- kW delivered to Load per kW losses
- Like Miles per Gallon
- **Barrier - Efficiency 96% vs. 98% look similar**
  - but operating comparison should be 4% losses vs. 2% losses.
- TEX differentiates on operating cost
- $\text{TEX} = 96/4 = 24$  for 96% efficient transformer
- $\text{TEX} = 98/2 = 49$  for 98% transformer
- Like this car gets 49mpg, that car gets 24mpg – big difference!
- $\text{TEX} = 49$  vs. 24 accurately reflects difference in operating cost



## Suggested Specification Content

- Move to a lifecycle specification
  - bid to include first cost and cost of losses over life
- Product features
  - Maintain TP-1 or higher efficiency under electronic equipment profile minimizing lifecycle cost
  - Built-in access port to transformer data - revenue class accurate
- Require On-Site Commissioning for efficiency & PQ after installation (Revenue Class Accuracy)
  - Only way to see if product meets specification
- Penalty Clause if performance not met (gives teeth)



## **University of South Carolina, Columbia**

## **University of Massachusetts**



- Plug and Phantom Loads
  - Plug loads can account for between 15-25% of electrical use in building – higher in dorms
  - Control is difficult but awareness many reduce loads – Policy on individual appliances -- individual refrigerators, heaters, microwaves and the like



- Phantom Loads

- They are everywhere – Account for up to 5% of electrical use
- Anything with a clock, a power cube or instant on feature
  - DVD Player
  - TV
  - Computers, printers, scanners, modems, radios, satellite receivers,



## Conclusion

- Choose Life Cycle over First Cost
- Embed savings not cost -> choose higher TEX
- Validate performance in your building
- Selecting supplier that understands “real world” energy
- Manage Plug Loads and Phantom Loads