



Electrical Design Process

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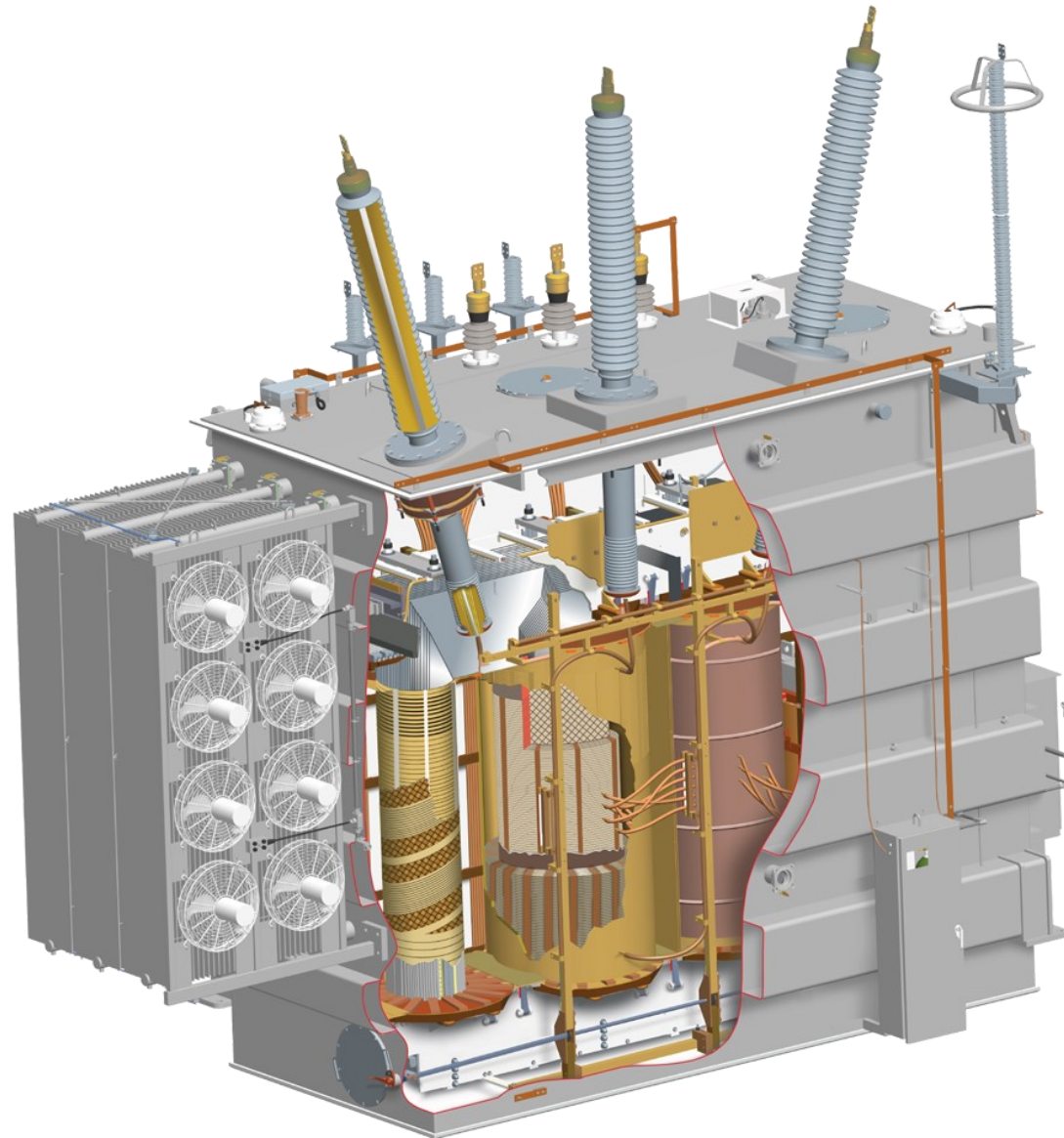
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Agenda

- Bid design process
- Parameters affecting bid design
- Final design process
- Design parameters

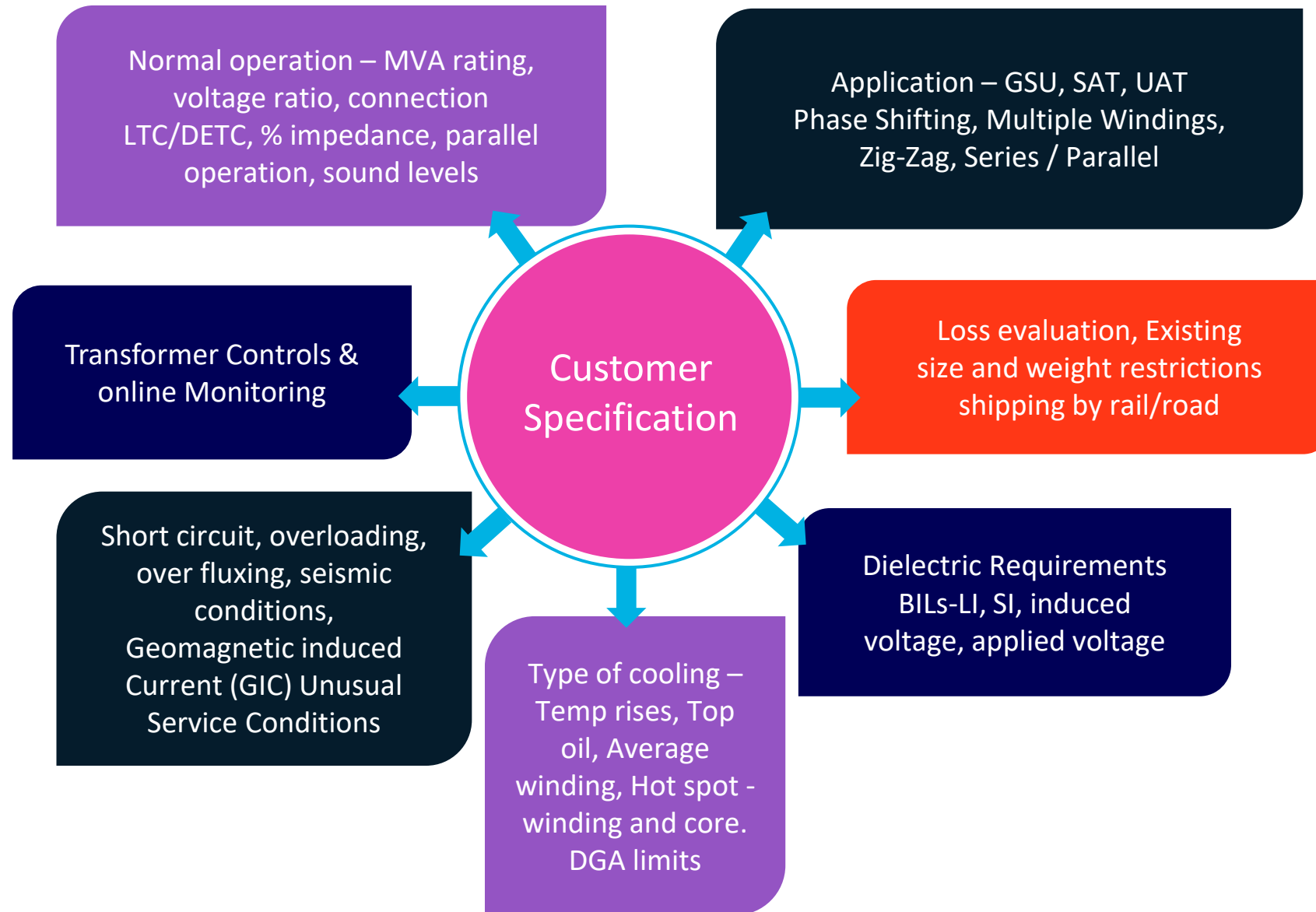
Transformer Cutaway View





Bid Design Process

Bid Design Parameters



Parameters Affecting Bid Design

- Loss evaluation affects the selection of flux density for core and selection of current density for windings
- % impedance affects core and coil dimensions, leakage flux distribution, short circuit stresses and regulation
- % impedance depends on the following:
 - Winding dimensions
 - Voltage per turn
 - Frequency
 - Transformer rating

Parameters Affecting Bid Design (cont.)

- Basic insulation levels (BIL) affect the clearance between windings, phase-to-phase clearances, winding end clearances and tank clearances
- Over-excitation requirements affect selection of flux density, size and weight of core
- Taps purpose, type, range and location affect core and winding design
- Dimension and shipping weight limitations affect core dimensions, flux density and current density

Parameters Affecting Bid Design (cont.)

- Sound level affects the type of core construction, flux density, type of cooling fans
- Temperature rise and type of cooling affects the quantity of radiators and fans
- Overload requirement may increase the quantity of radiators, quantity of fans and winding conductor area
- Parallel operation with existing transformers affects placement of windings on core

Parameters Affecting Bid Design (cont.)

- No load loss = (along grain core weight * watt/lb + across grain weight * watt/lb)* correction factor, where: watt/lb. ~ flux density, core grade and correction factor ~ core dimensions and type of core construction

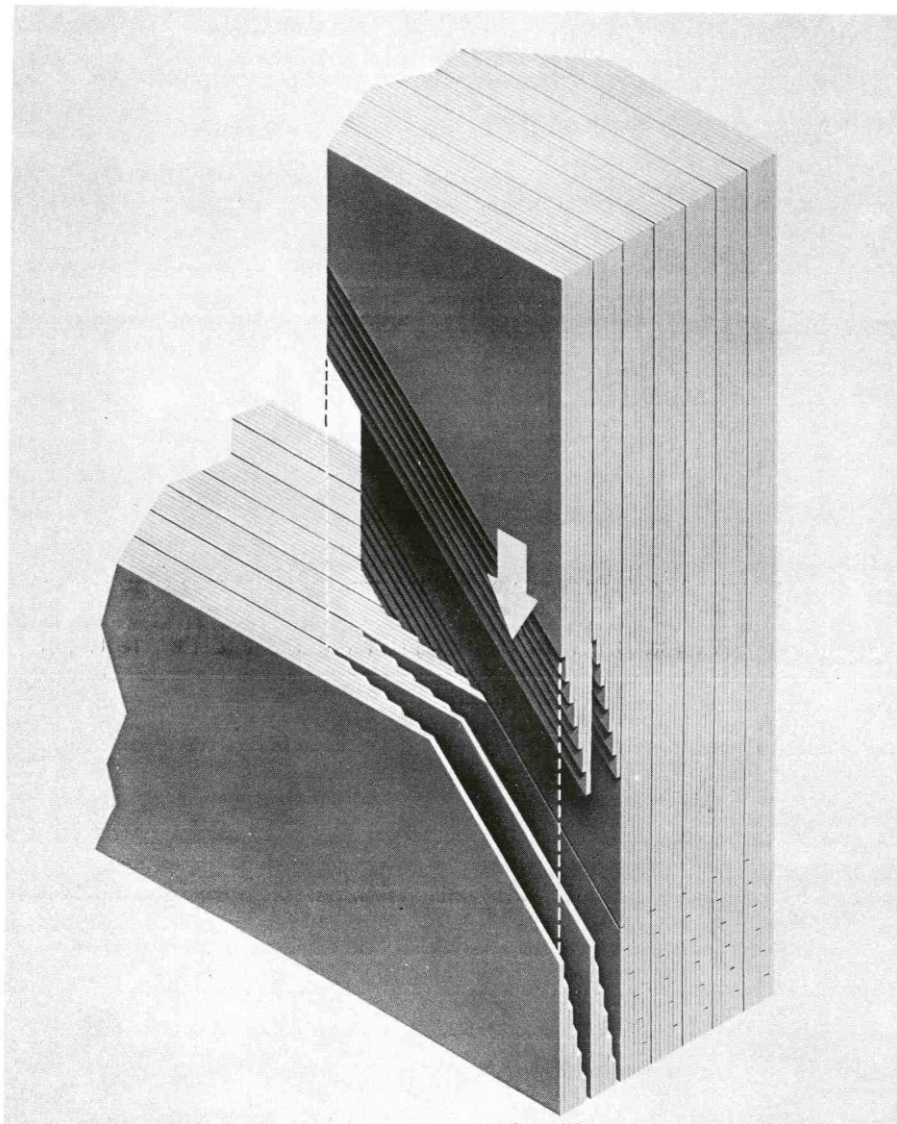
No-load loss at 20°C = loss at T°C*(1+ (T-20)*Kt),
where, Kt = 0.00065 for grain oriented steel

- Load loss depends on winding dimensions, number of turns, current density, conductor type and frequency

Load Loss = I²R loss + Eddy loss + Stray loss

I²R depends on the number of turns, winding dimensions,
area of copper conductor

Step Lap Joint



Bid Design Steps

First and Final Consideration:

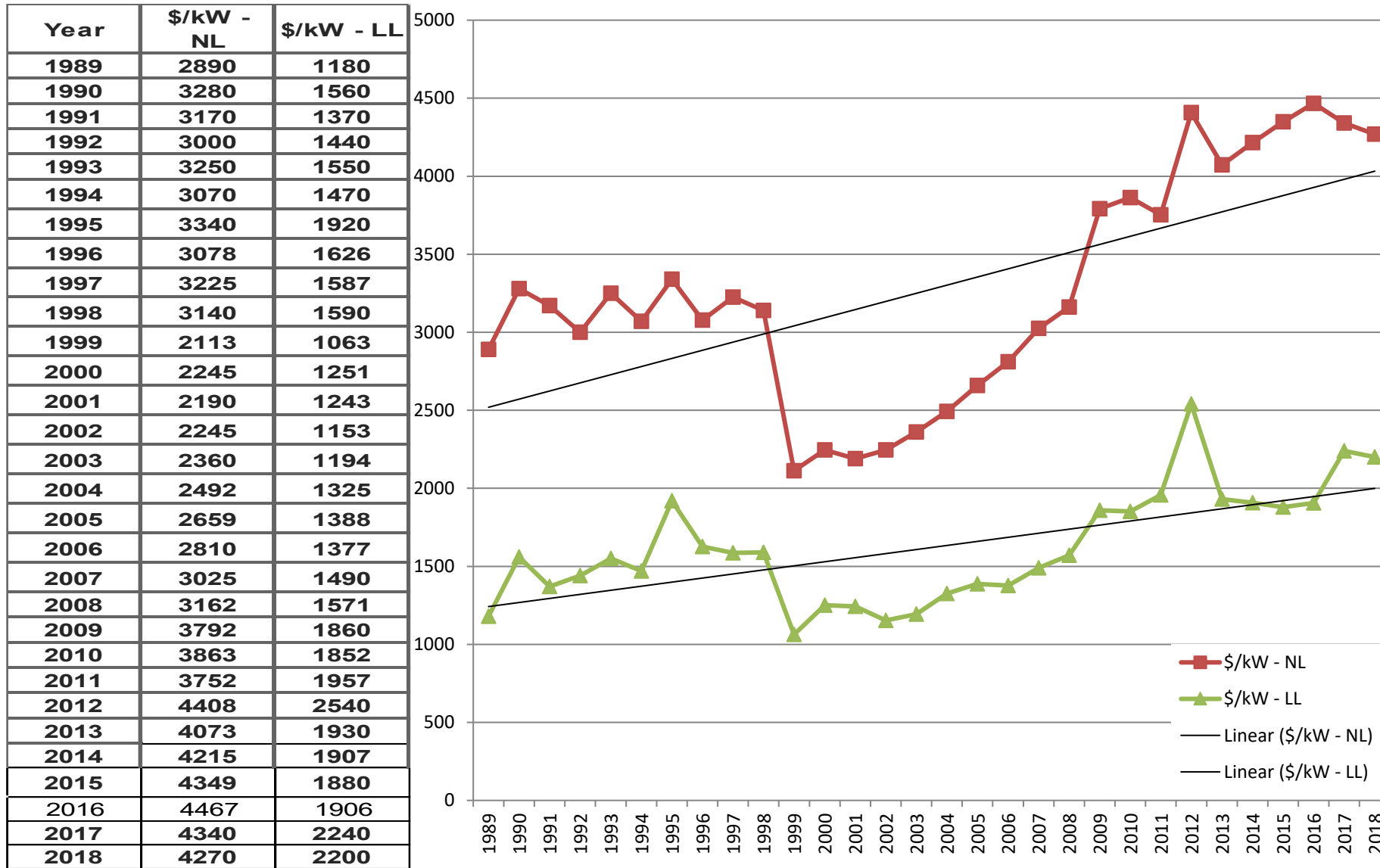
Optimize the Total Owning Cost = Selling Price + Cost of Losses

Considerations

- Summarize design parameters
- Finalize winding arrangement
 - Standard winding arrangement:
Core – TV – TAP – LV – HV
- Select clearances between windings, winding to yoke, phase to phase and winding to tank
- Select type of core construction
 - Mitered or Step-lap core
- Select grade of core steel and winding material (CTC/Mag Wire)
- Input limits for winding current density, flux density, core overall dimensions (maintaining shipping limits)

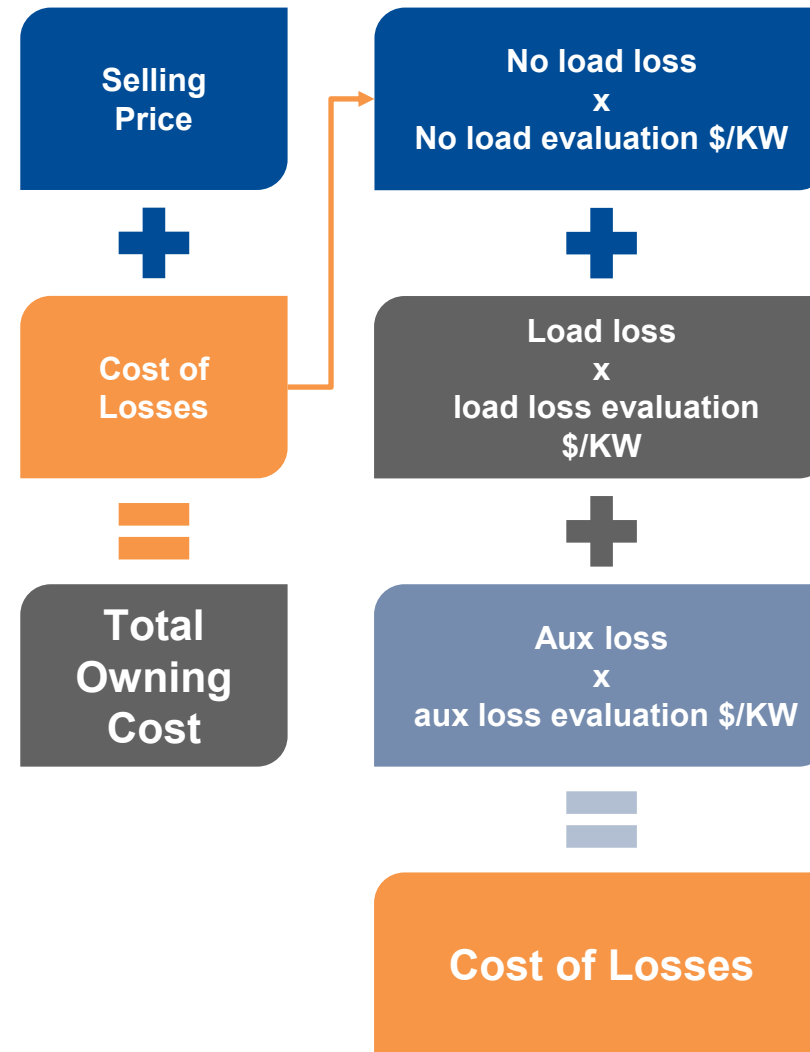
Input to the Optimizer Program

Customer-Specified Loss Evaluation Trend



Bid Design Steps

- Bid optimizer software computes different designs based on loss evaluation and meeting performance parameters as per specification
- Computation considers
 - Flux Density, Core Dimensions
 - Winding Dimensions, Current Density
 - Dielectric, Short Circuit and Thermal
 - Overall Size and Weight Restrictions
- Evaluate various design options
- Select the optimum feasible design meeting customer and design requirements with lowest total owning cost



Bid design is the launch point for the final design (after receipt of PO).

Bid Design Output – Performance Specification



Performance Specification-R1

FOR: 1687

Quotation No: 70003912

Item No: 000010

Project Name: 168/224/280 345-115-14.4 LTC AUTO - NEUTRAL END

AUTOTRANSFORMER RATINGS						
Phase	3	Cooling Class	HV Volts	XV Volts	YV Volts	ZV (TV) Volts
Frequency	60		345,000 GrdY	115,000 GrdY	--	14,400 Delta - Loaded
Temp Rise °C	65	ONAN	168.00	168.00	--	45.00
Insulating Oil		ONAF	224.00	224.00	--	60.00
		ONAF	280.00	280.00	--	75.00

ADDITIONAL TAP VOLTAGES			
Terminal	Style	Taps or KV	Capacity
HV H00X0	DETC On Tank LTC	+ 2 / - 2 @ 2.500 % +16 / -16 @ 0.625 %	FULL REDUCED

PERCENT IMPEDANCE VOLTS		
%	Windings	At MVA
6.00	H-X	168.0
--	H-Y	--
--	X-Y	--

AUXILIARY LOSSES AND SOUND LEVEL			
Class	Cooling	Sound Level dB	
168.00	ONAN	--	78
224.00	ONAF	9,200	80
280.00	ONAF	18,500	81

The above values include losses of 2,000 watts equipment (heaters, control devices, etc.)

INSULATION LEVELS (KV)		
Terminal	Winding	Bushing
HV		
H0		
XV		
YV		
ZV		
ZV		

PERFORMANCE BASED ON A LOADING OF		
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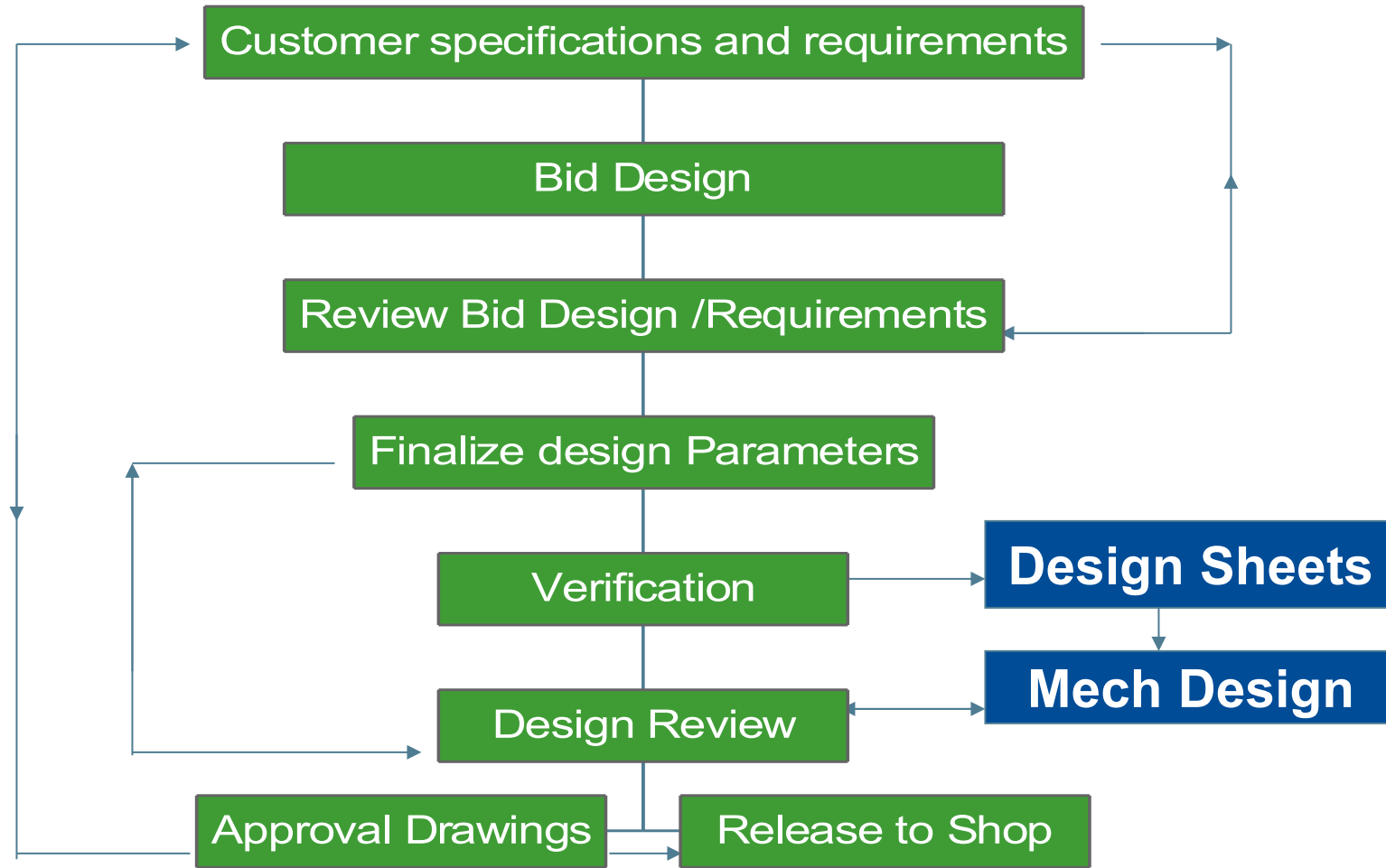
Non-Standard Bid Designs

- Dual High Voltage, Dual Low Voltage, DETC on HV and LTC on LV
- Dual Low Voltage with RMVs on both LVs and DETC on HV
- Non-integer Low and High Voltage
- Autotransformer with co-ratio less than 0.4
- Autotransformer with Line end LTC >350 KV BIL
- Re-connectable any non integer Ratio for LV or HV
- Re-connectable with HV > 900 KV BIL
- Double LV stack Design with unequal voltage or MVA



Final Design Process

Final Design Steps



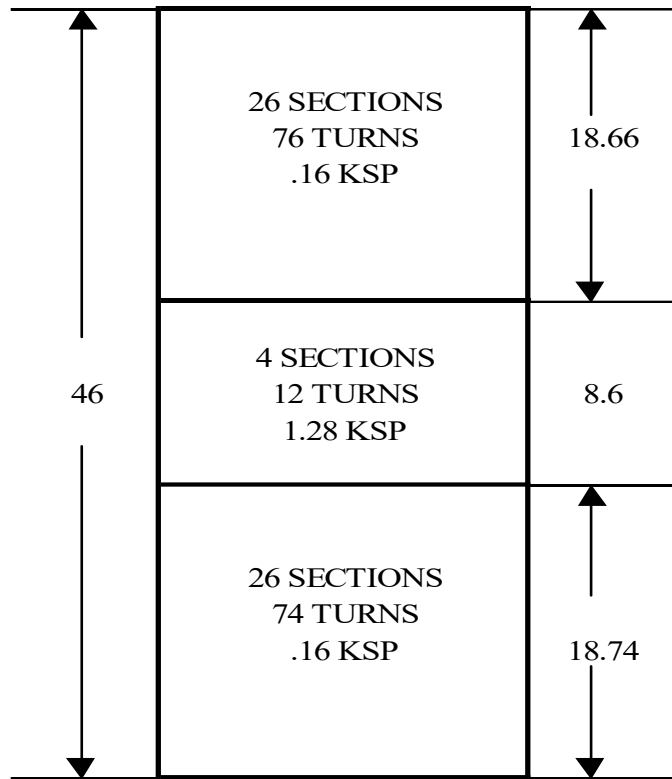
Final Design Steps (cont.)

- Review bid design, customer requirements
- Find a reference design, if available
- Compute the design insulation level for insulation design
- Finalize core diameter, winding turns, type of winding, gap between windings and end clearances
- Check voltage ratio error, change number of turns, if required
- Select number of turns/disk, tap sections, conductor paper, type of conductor, duct between sections/turns

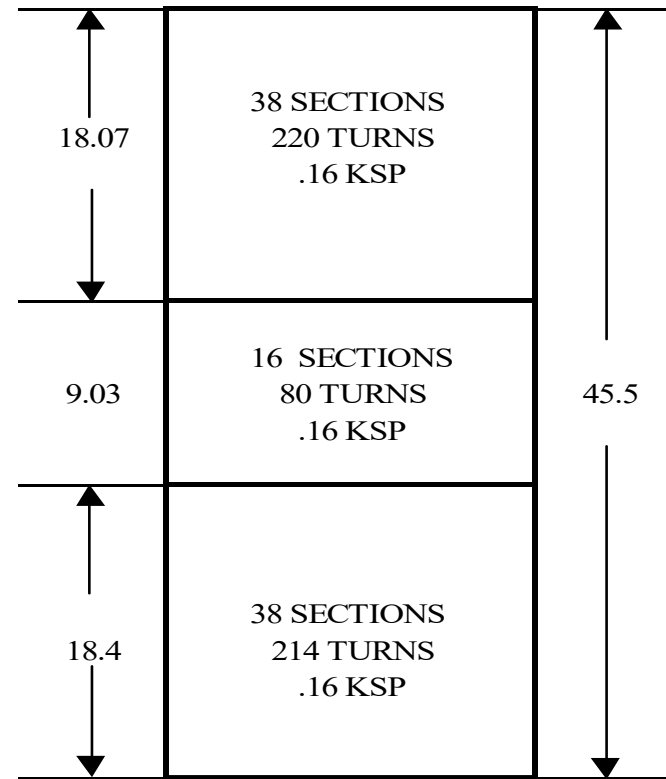
Final Design Steps (cont.)

- Balance ampere-turns in LV windings, in case of de-energized taps in the main HV winding
- Calculate % impedance, core loss, load loss and compare with guaranteed parameters
- Change conductor size and winding height, as required
- Calculate impulse voltage distribution in winding and between gaps
- Finalize wound-in-shield requirement for HV winding

Ampere – Turn Balance



LV WINDING



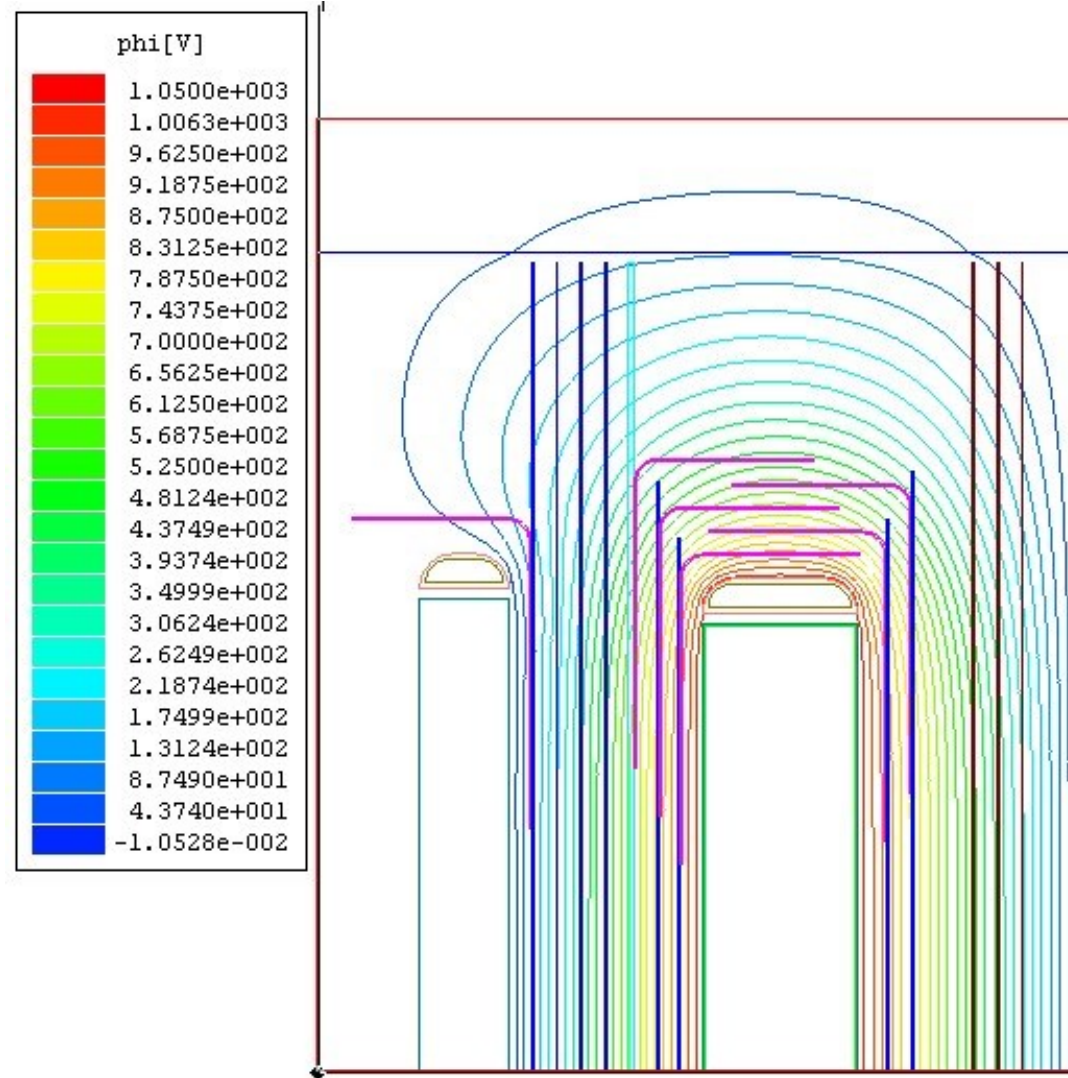
HV WINDING

TOP HALF OF CENTRE FED WINDING

Final Design Steps (cont.)

- Review conductor insulation, gap between windings based on the calculated transient voltages
- Calculate % impedance at rated and tap extremes between windings and compute fault currents
- Perform short-circuit withstand calculations, analyze stresses in windings, key-spacers, end forces; based on results, change winding conductor if required and recalculate the stresses

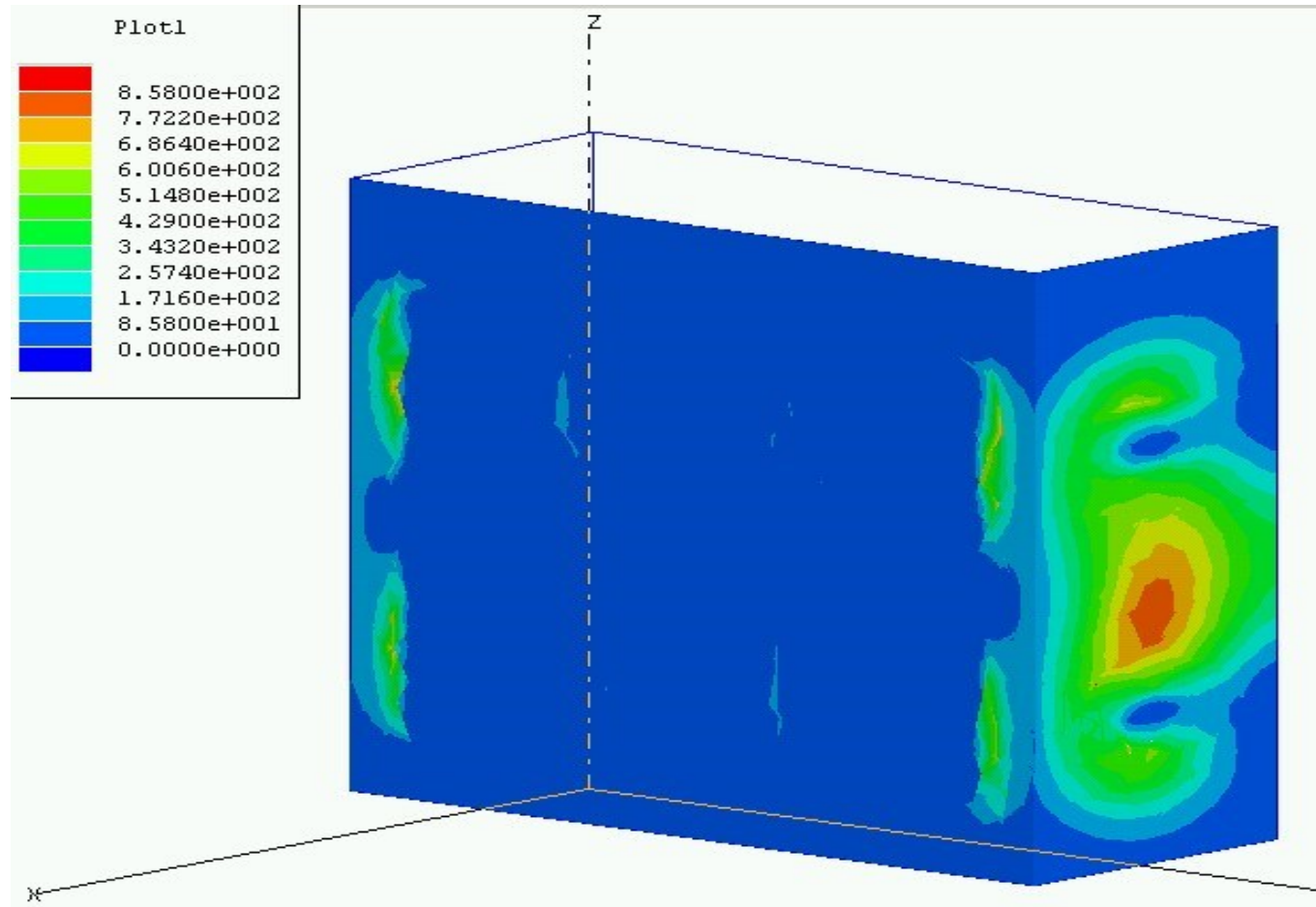
Electrostatic Field Analysis



Final Design Steps (cont.)

- Recalculate impulse withstand, if required
- Perform leakage flux analysis, calculate tank losses, eddy losses, frame losses
- Calculate temperature rise of clamps and tank
- Increase end clearances and tank clearances, as required
- Calculate flitch plate and outer core temperature rise and split flitch plate/outer core packet, if needed

Leakage Flux Analysis



Final Design Steps (cont.)

- Perform temperature rise calculations and finalize number of radiators, fans to limit the guaranteed top oil rise, average winding rise, hot spot temperature; perform overload temperature rise calculations, if specified
- Prepare detailed design sheets which provide technical information for winding sheets, internal layout, external layout, controls and approval/manufacturing drawings
- Prepare detailed test specification based on ANSI and customer requirements

Design Parameters - 1

- Voltage per turn \sim frequency * core area * flux density
- No. of turns = Phase voltage / voltage per turn
- Voltage ratio $V_2 / V_1 =$ Turns ratio N_2 / N_1
- No load loss = (along grain core weight * watt/lb + across grain weight * watt/lb) * correction factor
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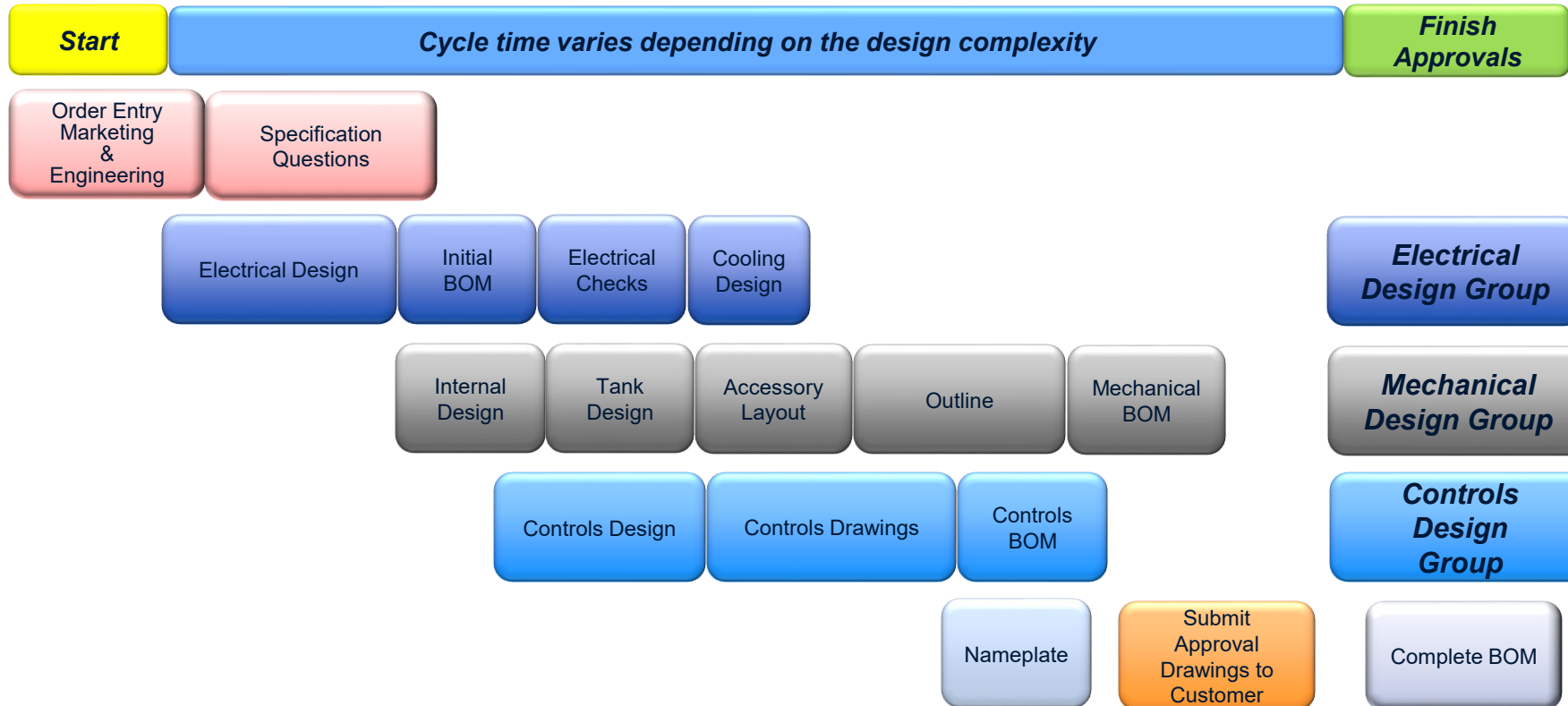
Design Parameters - 2

- Load Loss = I^2R loss + Eddy loss + Stray loss
- Eddy losses depend on conductor thickness and width and the leakage flux distribution
- Stray loss ~ % impedance, winding dimensions and tank clearances
- % Impedance ~ (Current*turns*radial winding dimensions) / (axial dimensions * voltage per turn)

Design Parameters - 3

- Sound level ~ flux density, core construction & distance
 $dB_1 = 20 * \log(X_2/X_1) + dB_2$ where, X_2 or X_1 is the distance of point 2 or point 1 from center of transformer
- % Regulation = (%X sin ϕ + %R cos ϕ + ((%X cos ϕ - % R sin ϕ)²/200))
 where, cos ϕ = power factor %X = Reactance %R = (Total loss in kW/kVA)*100
- % Efficiency = (1 - Total loss in kW/kVA)*100

Design Process



Substantial design work is complete with approval package submission.



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