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Revisited Concept of Three-Phase Transformers' Short-Circuit Resistances in Light of the Institute of Electric and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) Standard C57.110-2018

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Abstract: Short-circuit resistances are transformer parameters that characterize the electrical load losses and correct operation of these machines. However, the traditional concept of short-circuit resistance, independent of the harmonic frequencies, has been superseded by present transformer standards. Hence, new expressions for short-circuit resistances of three-phase transformers have been developed in this article based on the IEEE Standard C57.110-2018 and are presented jointly with the losses that these resistances characterize. These refer to the secondary effective short-circuit resistance of each phase ($R_{cc,z}$), of each harmonic ($R_{cc,h}$), and the non-fundamental frequency combined harmonics ($R_{cc,Hz}$). Likewise, the harmonic loss factor ($HLF_z\%$) has been established to determine the importance of the harmonics in each phase's load losses. The application of these short-circuit resistances to the calculation of the load losses for a 630 kVA transformer from an actual residential distribution network has shown that the same values are obtained as with the IEEE Standard C57.110-2018, and they are 48.75% higher than those recorded with the traditional short-circuit resistances when the current distortion rates are 36.47%.

Keywords: distribution transformers; short-circuit resistances; load losses; standards; harmonics



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1. Introduction

Three-phase distribution transformers are the main devices that supply electrical power to homes, industries, and businesses. However, they waste energy during operation [1,2]. The magnitude of these energy losses determines the correct operation, efficiency, heating, and time life of transformers. Under full load conditions, at the industrial or fundamental frequency (50–60 Hz), the load losses (P_{ccN}) due to the circulation of currents through the windings are more significant [3,4] than the empty losses (P_0) caused by the electrical network supply voltages. The load losses of transformers in sinusoidal or slightly distorted networks, operating with load rates of 40 to 60%, are worth between 65% and 70% of the transformers' total losses, depending on the manufacturer. In comparison, the no-load losses are 30–35%. However, the presence of harmonics in the winding currents, which are very common in distribution network transformers, usually increases the relative importance of load losses very significantly compared to no-load losses due to the low values of the voltage total harmonic distortion ($THDv\%$), which are less than 5%, imposed by the regulations in these electrical networks [5].

The connection of non-linear loads, such as electronic converters for regulating electric motors, solar energy equipment, discharge lamps, and LEDs for lighting installations, constitutes the main cause of the presence of current harmonics in distribution transformers. However, unlike $THDv\%$, there is no general limitation on the maximum value of the $THDi\%$ of the currents. Some associations of manufacturers of lamps, household appliances, and electronic converters encourage their members to limit the injection of harmonic currents from their devices. However, high $THDi\%$ values can be recorded in distribution

networks. The article's authors have managed to register $THDi\%$ values greater than 70% in highly distorted industrial distribution networks.

The load loss values (P_{cc}) of three-phase distribution transformers can be obtained directly, by applying the IEEE Standard C57.110 [6–17] and other well-known standards [18–32], or, indirectly, based on their short-circuit resistances referred to as the secondary resistance (R_{cc}), according to the following expression:

$$P_{cc} = R_{cc} \cdot \sum_{z=A,B,C} \sum_{h_z=1}^{h_{z,max}} I_{h_z}^2 \quad (1)$$

where I_{h_z} is the RMS value of the harmonic current of frequency f_{h_z} , order $h_z = f_{h_z} / f_1$ of the secondary phases ($z = A, B, C$), f_1 is the fundamental frequency (50–60 Hz), and $h_{z,max}$ is the order of the highest harmonic frequency used in the calculation.

Short-circuit resistances are, therefore, parameters that characterize transformers' load losses. In industrial practice, the load losses of three-phase transformers have traditionally been calculated according to Equation (1), using the nominal value of the short-circuit resistance referred to as the secondary resistance (R_{ccN}), which is obtained as follows:

$$R_{ccN} = \frac{P_{ccN}}{3 \cdot I_{sN}^2} \quad (2)$$

according to the load losses (P_{ccN}) and secondary current (I_{sN}) nominal values, determined after performing a short-circuit test at the industrial frequency (50–60 Hz) [33–36] or, by any of the procedures described in references [37–44]. The nominal short-circuit resistance (R_{ccN}) defined by Equation (2) is a parameter independent of the frequency of the winding current harmonics and has the same values in each phase of the three-phase transformers. However, its application in Equation (1) provides lower load loss values than those calculated with IEEE Standard C57.110-2018 [6] when the loads are non-linear.

This fact is explained because Equation (2) does not include the effects of skin phenomena and eddy currents induced in other metallic parts of the transformer, defined by IEEE Standard C57.110-2018, for harmonic currents of non-fundamental frequency.

To avoid the errors that R_{ccN} usually introduces in the calculation of load losses of three-phase transformers, two types of short-circuit resistances were developed in [45,46], based on the expressions of the load losses included in the IEEE Standard C57.110-2018 [6,7], which have been included in Section 1.1. These are the short-circuit resistances of L. Sima et al. (R_k) [45] and the effective short-circuit resistances of each phase ($R_{cc,z}$) [46], and their expressions are indicated in Section 1.2 of this article. However, the short-circuit resistance of L. Sima et al. is inappropriate, since its application determines values of the load losses that are different in each transformer's phases than those obtained from the IEEE Standard C57.110-2018, as was verified in reference [46]; therefore, L. Sima et al.'s short-circuit resistance is not the object of study of this work.

The article's main objective is to study the effects of the harmonics of the winding currents on the load losses of three-phase transformers, using their short-circuit resistances referred to each secondary phase of the transformer. To this end, Section 2 of the article develops the following novelties in the technical literature:

- The expressions of the short-circuit resistances specific to each harmonic ($R_{cc,h}$) according to IEEE Standard C57.110-2018, and their condition as characteristic parameters of each transformer;
- The expressions of the effective short-circuit resistances of each phase ($R_{cc,z}$) as a function of those of each harmonic ($R_{cc,h}$);
- The expressions for the combined effective short-circuit resistances of all non-fundamental frequency harmonics (R_{cc,H_z}) as a function of $R_{cc,z}$ and the short-circuit resistances inherent to the fundamental frequency harmonics of each phase ($R_{cc,1}$);
- The phase load losses ($P_{cc}(h_z)$, $P_{cc,z}$, P_{cc,H_z}) characterized by these short-circuit resistances;

- The harmonic loss factors of each phase ($H_{LF_z\%}$), which are the parameters that determine the relative importance of the load losses caused by the non-fundamental harmonic currents in each phase of the three-phase transformers.

In the Section 3 of the article (Results), the values of the short-circuit resistances calculated for the 630 kVA Dyn11 distribution transformer, immersed in oil, of an actual residential network are used to calculate the load losses and the harmonic loss factors of each phase of that transformer, using the measurements made by a Fluke 435 Series II analyzer at 6:55 a.m. and 8:55 p.m. on 10 November 2022. Furthermore, in this section, it is verified that the values of the load losses calculated with the short-circuit resistances developed in Section 2 are the same as those obtained with IEEE Standard C57.110-2018.

In the Section 4 (Discussion), the values of the load losses calculated every hour on 10 November 2022, using the short-circuit resistances of our approach, based on the IEEE Standard C57.110-2018, are compared with the obtained with the use of the nominal short-circuit resistance (R_{ccN}) of the traditional method. As a result of the comparison, it is found that the traditional procedure underestimates the effect of harmonics in determining load losses. Finally, in the article's Section 5, the main conclusions are summarized.

1.1. Load Losses According to the Institute of Electric and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) Standard C57.110-2018

IEEE Standard C57.110 establishes that the following three power phenomena affect the value of load losses (P_{cc}) of three-phase transformers: the resistance of the material of the windings, in direct current (P_{DCN}), the Skin effect (P_{EC}) and the phenomenon of electromagnetic induction in other metallic parts of the transformer other than the core (P_{OSL}), which satisfy the following equation:

$$P_{cc} = P_{DCN} + P_{EC} + P_{OSL} = P_{DCN} + P_{AC} \quad (3)$$

In the previous equation, direct current losses (P_{DCN}) are constant. In contrast, the phenomena that cause alternating current losses ($P_{AC} = P_{EC} + P_{OSL}$) depend on the frequencies (f_h) or the order ($h = f_h/f_1$) of the harmonic currents, with $f_1 = 50 - 60$ Hz being the fundamental frequency.

Substituting the expressions of the load loss components (P_{DCN} , P_{EC} , P_{OSL}) included in the standard in Equation (3), the total load losses of the three-phase transformers can be expressed as follows:

$$P_{cc} = \sum_{h=1}^{h_{max}} \left(P_{DCN} + P_{ECN} \cdot h^2 + P_{OSLN} \cdot h^{0.8} \right) \cdot \left(\frac{I_{sh}}{I_{sR}} \right)^2 \quad (4)$$

where P_{DCN} , P_{ECN} , and P_{OSLN} are the load losses corresponding to the three phenomena defined by IEEE Standard C57.110-2018, for the nominal conditions and at the fundamental frequency ($f_1 = 50 - 60$ Hz). These losses satisfy the following equation:

$$P_{ccN} = P_{DCN} + P_{ECN} + P_{OSLN} = P_{DCN} + P_{ACN} \quad (5)$$

where P_{ccN} are the nominal load losses of the transformer, provided by the manufacturer in their catalogs or obtained after carrying out a nominal short-circuit test. The P_{DCN} losses can be obtained through a direct current test [47] and the individual values of P_{ECN} and P_{OSLN} are defined by the IEEE Standard C57.90TM [48], which sets $P_{ECN} = 2/3 \cdot P_{ACN}$, in oil-immersed transformers, and $P_{ECN} = 1/3 \cdot P_{ACN}$, in dry-type transformers.

Equation (4) is not explicitly expressed in IEEE Standard C57.110-2018, although it is used in many references [8–12] to refer to primary currents. However, the standard does not clearly indicate the meaning of the currents in Equation (4). That standard only establishes that I_{sR} is the RMS value of transformers' nominal secondary currents and I_{sh} are the RMS values of the harmonic secondary currents of order h .

To clarify Equation (4), in [7], Equation (4) was adapted to indicate the meaning of the currents I_{sh} and I_{sR} used in IEEE Standard C57.110-2018. For Equation (4), to provide the values of the total load losses of the three-phase transformers, I_{sh} and I_{sR} must be, respectively, the combined RMS values of the harmonics and nominal currents of the three phases ($z = A, B, C$) of the secondary current, as follows:

$$I_{sh} = \sqrt{I_{shA}^2 + I_{shB}^2 + I_{shC}^2} = \sqrt{\sum_{z=A,B,C} I_{hz}^2} I_{sR} = \sqrt{I_{sRA}^2 + I_{sRB}^2 + I_{sRC}^2} = \sqrt{3} \cdot I_{sN} \quad (6)$$

The substitution of Expressions (6) in Equation (4) determines the following expression of the total load losses of the three-phase transformers, as follows:

$$P_{cc} = \frac{1}{3} \cdot \sum_{z=A,B,C} \sum_{h_z=1}^{h_{z,max}} \left(P_{DCN} + P_{ECN} \cdot h_z^2 + P_{OSLN} \cdot h_z^{0.8} \right) \cdot \left(\frac{I_{hz}}{I_{sN}} \right)^2 \quad (7)$$

where I_{hz} is the RMS value of the harmonic current of order $h_z = f_{hz} / f_1$ of each phase ($z = A, B, C$) of the secondary current of the transformer, and $I_{sN} = I_{sR}$ is the nominal value of the secondary currents.

The values of the total load losses (P_{cc}) obtained with this last expression are the same as those resulting from applying Equation (4), with the advantage that, in Equation (5), the load losses of each phase of the transformer ($P_{cc,z}$) are directly differentiated, as follows:

$$P_{cc,z} = \frac{1}{3} \cdot \sum_{h_z=1}^{h_{z,max}} \left(P_{DCN} + P_{ECN} \cdot h_z^2 + P_{OSLN} \cdot h_z^{0.8} \right) \cdot \left(\frac{I_{hz}}{I_{sN}} \right)^2 \quad (8)$$

The separation of the load losses of each phase indicated by Equation (8) is not so evident from Equation (4).

1.2. Short-Circuit Resistances of Three-Phase Transformers According to the Institute of Electric and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) Standard C57.110-2018

Short-circuit resistances are the parameters that characterize the transformers' load losses, because its product times the square of the currents determines the value of those losses. L. Sima et al. developed, in [45], a short-circuit resistance, referred to as the primary resistance, that determines the transformers' load losses established by IEEE Standard C57.110-2018. The short-circuit resistance of L. Sima et al., referred to as the secondary resistance, is expressed as follows [45]:

$$R_k = \frac{P_k}{I_s^2} \quad (9)$$

where $P_k = P_{cc}$ are the total load losses of the transformer obtained with Equation (4), and I_s is the combined RMS value of the currents of the three phases of the secondary winding, i.e., $I_s^2 = I_{sA}^2 + I_{sB}^2 + I_{sC}^2$.

As the load losses established by IEEE Standard C57.110-2018 contain terms that are affected by the frequencies or the order of the harmonic currents, as observed in Equations (4) and (7), the short-circuit resistances R_k also depend on the harmonic frequencies. This is an important difference compared to traditional short-circuit resistance (R_{ccN}), which is independent of the frequencies of harmonic currents. For this reason, the short-circuit resistances of L. Sima et al. (R_k) usually have greater values than the nominal short-circuit resistances (R_{ccN}).

However, the short-circuit resistances of L. Sima et al. have the same values in the three phases, since they are obtained based on the total load losses (P_k) and the combined currents of the three phases (I_s). This is a remarkable drawback of these short-circuit resistances, which also happens with the traditional R_{ccN} , because the phase load losses ($R_k \cdot I_{sz}^2$, $z = A, B, C$) calculated with R_k have different values, in general, than those result-

ing from IEEE Standard C57.110-2018, applying Equation (8). That is, the short-circuit resistances of L. Sima et al. are not directly related and, therefore, do not characterize the load losses of each phase of three-phase transformers.

To avoid the drawbacks of the short-circuit resistance of L. Sima et al. and to correctly characterize the load losses of each phase of three-phase transformers according to IEEE Standard C57.110-2018, reference [46] developed the effective short-circuit resistances of each phase of the transformer ($R_{cc,z}$), as follows:

$$R_{cc,z} = \frac{P_{cc,z}}{I_{sz}^2} \tag{10}$$

where $P_{cc,z}$ is the load losses of each phase, defined by (8), and I_{sz} is the RMS value of the current of each secondary phase ($z = A, B, C$) of the transformer, as follows:

$$I_{sz} = \sqrt{\sum_{h_z=1}^{h_{z,max}} I_{hz}^2} \tag{11}$$

where I_{hz} is the RMS value of the harmonic current of order $h_z = f_{hz} / f_1$ of each secondary phase ($z = A, B, C$) of the transformer, and $h_{z,max}$ is the order of the highest harmonic frequency used in the calculation.

The effective short-circuit resistances of each phase ($R_{cc,z}$) have the following expressions, obtained after substituting Equations (8) and (11) into (10):

$$R_{cc,z} = R_{DCN} + R_{ECN} \cdot F_{HL}^z + R_{OSLN} \cdot F_{HL-STR}^z \tag{12}$$

where the factors due to the skin (F_{HL}^z) and other stray (F_{HL-STR}^z) losses of each phase [37] are calculated as follows:

$$F_{HL}^z = \frac{1}{\sum_{h_z=1}^{h_{z,max}} I_{hz}^2} \cdot \sum_{h_z=1}^{h_{z,max}} h_z^2 \cdot I_{hz}^2 \quad F_{HL-STR}^z = \frac{1}{\sum_{h_z=1}^{h_{z,max}} I_{hz}^2} \cdot \sum_{h_z=1}^{h_{z,max}} h_z^{0.8} \cdot I_{hz}^2 \tag{13}$$

and

$$R_{DCN} = \frac{P_{DCN}}{3I_{sN}^2} \quad R_{ECN} = \frac{P_{ECN}}{3I_{sN}^2} \quad R_{OSLN} = \frac{P_{OSLN}}{3I_{sN}^2} \tag{14}$$

are the nominal short-circuit resistances corresponding to the three phenomena defined by IEEE Standard C57.110-2018, namely the ohmic resistance of the coil conductors (R_{DCN}), the resistance caused by the skin effect (R_{ECN}), and the resistance caused by the currents induced in other metallic parts of the transformer (R_{OSLN}). The resistance R_{DCN} is obtained in the direct current, while R_{ECN} and R_{OSLN} are determined at the fundamental frequency ($f_1 = 50 - 60 \text{ Hz}$). The sum of these three resistances, shown below, is equal to the well-known nominal short-circuit resistance of the transformer (R_{ccN}), traditionally used in industrial practice, which is defined by (2):

$$R_{ccN} = R_{DCN} + R_{ECN} + R_{OSLN} \tag{15}$$

The effective short-circuit resistances of each phase ($R_{cc,z}$) calculated according to Equation (12) generally have different values in each phase, and they are physical parameters of the three-phase transformers since they are related to the load losses of each phase, according to the following expression:

$$P_{cc,z} = R_{cc,z} \cdot \sum_{h_z=1}^{h_{z,max}} I_{hz}^2 \tag{16}$$

whose values match with those obtained according to (8), and the transformers' total load losses are obtained as follows:

$$P_{cc} = \sum_{z=A,B,C} P_{cc,z} = \sum_{z=A,B,C} \left(R_{cc,z} \cdot \sum_{h_z=1}^{h_z,max} I_{h_z}^2 \right) \quad (17)$$

which satisfies Equations (4) and (7) deduced from IEEE Standard C57.110-2018.

2. Materials and Methods

In this section, the expressions of the short-circuit resistances for each harmonic of the secondary currents ($R_{cc,h}$) and their relationships with the effective short-circuit resistances of each phase ($R_{cc,z}$) are developed based on the expressions of the load losses of each phase ($P_{cc,z}$) indicated in Section 1.1. Likewise, the specific expressions of the components of the effective short-circuit resistances of each phase ($R_{cc,z}$) for the fundamental frequency ($R_{cc,1}$) are combined with all of the non-fundamental frequency harmonics (R_{cc,H_z}), as well as the losses characterized by later short-circuit resistances (P_{cc,H_z}).

2.1. Short-Circuit Resistance and Load Losses of Each Harmonic

The circulation of a harmonic current of order $h_z = f_{h_z}/f_1$ and RMS value I_{h_z} through the phase ($z = A, B, C$) of the secondary transformer causes the following losses:

$$P_{cc}(h_z) = R_{cc}(h_z) \cdot I_{h_z}^2 \quad (18)$$

where $R_{cc}(h_z)$ is the short-circuit resistance referred to as the secondary characteristic of the harmonic current of order h_z .

The load losses in each phase ($z = A, B, C$) of the transformer must be equal to those caused by all the current harmonics of that phase, as follows:

$$P_{cc,z} = \sum_{h_z=1}^{h_z,max} P_{cc}(h_z) = \sum_{h_z=1}^{h_z,max} R_{cc}(h_z) \cdot I_{h_z}^2 \quad (19)$$

Comparing the last expression with (8), the short-circuit resistance $R_{cc}(h_z)$ is expressed as follows:

$$R_{cc}(h_z) = R_{DCN} + R_{ECN} \cdot h_z^2 + R_{OSN} \cdot h_z^{0.8} \quad (20)$$

From Expression (20), it follows that:

- (1) The short-circuit resistance of each phase harmonic current, referred to as the secondary current, $R_{cc}(h_z)$, only depends on the order $h_z = f_{h_z}/f_1$ (or the frequency f_{h_z}) of the harmonic currents of each phase ($z = A, B, C$), a difference in the resistances $R_{cc,z}$, which also depend on the RMS values of the currents, as deduced from Equations (12) and (13);
- (2) As it is usual that, in practice, the currents have harmonics of the same frequencies in the three phases ($h_A = h_B = h_C = h$), the resistances of each harmonic, $R_{cc}(h_z)$, are usually the same in the three phases of the transformer and, therefore, these resistances can be termed as $R_{cc,h}$ and expressed, in general, as follows:

$$R_{cc,h} = R_{cc}(h) = R_{DCN} + R_{ECN} \cdot h^2 + R_{OSLN} \cdot h^{0.8} \quad (21)$$

These properties give the short-circuit resistances of each harmonic ($R_{cc,h}$) the status of characteristic parameters of three-phase transformers. For each transformer, the short-circuit resistances ($R_{cc,h}$) of its order h harmonic currents always have the same values in the three phases, regardless of the load powered by the transformer.

2.2. Short-Circuit Resistance and Load Losses for the Fundamental Frequency and Combined of All Non-Fundamental Frequency Harmonics

Among all the short-circuit resistances of each harmonic ($R_{cc,h}$), the one corresponding to the fundamental frequency ($h = 1$) stands out, because these harmonic currents transfer the useful active and reactive powers in power systems. The expression of the fundamental short-circuit resistance, based on Equation (21), is as follows:

$$R_{cc,1} = R_{DCN} + R_{ECN} + R_{OSLN} = R_{ccN} \tag{22}$$

This matches the nominal short-circuit resistance (R_{ccN}), expressed by (15).

The short-circuit resistances $R_{cc,1}$ characterize the phase load losses ($P_{cc,1z}$) as follows:

$$P_{cc,1z} = R_{cc,1} \cdot I_{1z}^2 \tag{23}$$

and characterize the total load losses ($P_{cc,1}$) of the transformer caused by the fundamental frequency currents (I_{1z}), as follows:

$$P_{cc,1} = R_{cc,1} \cdot \sum_{z=A,B,C} I_{1z}^2 \tag{24}$$

The short-circuit resistances of non-fundamental frequency harmonics ($R_{cc,h}$, $h \neq 1$) increase considerably with the order (h), or with the frequency (f_h), of each harmonic, as deduced from Equation (21). However, the effective short-circuit resistance of each phase ($R_{cc,z}$) is usually only slightly higher than $R_{cc,1}$ in practice. This shows that $R_{cc,z}$ cannot be obtained as the sum of the short-circuit resistances of each harmonic ($R_{cc,z} \neq \sum R_{cc,h}$).

However, the resistances $R_{cc,z}$ are related and can be obtained based on the short-circuit resistances of the harmonics. Equating Equations (16) and (19), the general relationship between the effective short-circuit resistances of each phase and the short-circuit resistances of the harmonics is deduced as follows:

$$R_{cc,z} = \frac{1}{I_{sz}^2} \sum_{h_z=1}^{h_z,max} R_{cc}(h_z) \cdot I_{hz}^2 \tag{25}$$

where I_{sz} is the RMS value of the secondary currents of each phase ($z = A, B, C$) of the transformer, expressed by (11).

From the previous equation, the effective short-circuit resistance combined of all non-fundamental frequency harmonics ($R_{cc,HZ}$) is defined in each phase as follows:

$$R_{cc,HZ} = R_{cc,z} - R_{cc,1} \cdot \left(\frac{I_{1z}}{I_{sz}} \right)^2 \tag{26}$$

These resistances generally have a different value in each phase and characterize the values of the load losses caused in each phase by the set of all non-fundamental frequency harmonics, according to the following equation:

$$P_{cc,HZ} = R_{cc,HZ} \cdot \sum_{h_z=1}^{h_z,max} I_{hz}^2 = R_{cc,HZ} \cdot I_{sz}^2 \tag{27}$$

The transformer's total load losses caused by the non-fundamental frequency harmonic currents are expressed as follows:

$$P_{cc,H} = \sum_{z=A,B,C} \left(R_{cc,HZ} \cdot I_{sz}^2 \right) \tag{28}$$

The load loss values calculated with Equation (28) coincide with those obtained with IEEE Standard C57.110-2018 for non-fundamental frequency currents, as follows:

$$P_{cc,H} = P_{cc} - P_{cc,1} = \frac{1}{3} \cdot \sum_{z=A,B,C} \sum_{h_z=2}^{h_{z,max}} \left(P_{DCN} + P_{ECN} \cdot h_z^2 + P_{OSN} \cdot h_z^{0.8} \right) \cdot \left(\frac{I_{hz}}{I_{sN}} \right)^2 \quad (29)$$

This result shows that the effective short-circuit resistances R_{cc,H_z} , expressed by (26), characterize the load losses caused by the set of non-fundamental frequency currents.

2.3. Harmonic Loss Factor of Each Phase

For each transformer’s phase, the harmonic loss factor ($HLF_z\%$) is defined as the ratio, in percent, between the transformer’s load losses caused in that phase by the non-fundamental frequency harmonic currents (P_{cc,H_z}) and the total current ($P_{cc,z}$), as follows:

$$HLF_z\% = \frac{P_{cc,H_z}}{P_{cc,z}} \cdot 100 = \frac{R_{cc,H_z}}{R_{cc,z}} \cdot 100 \quad (30)$$

This parameter determines the relative importance of the non-fundamental harmonics in the load losses of each phase of the transformer and, based on Equations (16) and (27), it can also be calculated as the ratio between the effective short-circuit resistances of non-fundamental frequency harmonics (R_{cc,H_z}) and all harmonics ($R_{cc,z}$) of each phase.

3. Results

This section analyzes the effects that harmonic currents caused on the load losses of the three-phase transformer of an actual residential distribution network in a village near Valencia (Spain). For this, the IEEE Standard C57.110-2018 was applied, as well as the different short-circuit resistances developed in Section 2 and the harmonic loss factor of each phase ($HLF_z\%$).

The transformer is Dyn11, from the manufacturer Ormazabal, and its characteristics are summarized in Table 1. The values of the currents necessary for the analysis were obtained from the records made every hour on 10 November 2022, by a Fluke 435 Series II analyzer arranged at the secondary terminals.

Table 1. Ratings of the 630 kVA distribution transformer provided by the manufacturer Ormazabal.

Power (kVA)	Secondary Rated Current (A)	Transformation Ratio (r_u)	P_{DCN} (W)	P_{ECN} (W)	P_{OSLN} (W)
630	866	24,000/420 V	5900	200	400

In this section, only the recordings made by the Fluke 435 Series II analyzer at 6:55 a.m. and 8:55 p.m. were used for the study. The first record (6:55 a.m.) corresponded to a time of low consumption, and the second record (8:55 p.m.) was carried out during a time of high consumption. The RMS values and distortion rates of the currents of each phase of the secondary currents ($THD_z\%$) recorded by the Fluke analyzer are summarized in Table 2 for those two hourly periods. The RMS values of the secondary phase currents are indicated in more detail for the first 25 harmonics of these currents in Table 3.

Table 2. RMS values (I_{sz}) and total harmonic distortion ($THD_z\%$) of the phase secondary currents recorded by the Fluke 435 Series II analyzer on two consumption periods on 10 November 2022.

	6:55 a.m. (Low Consumption)			8:55 p.m. (High Consumption)		
	A-Phase	B-Phase	C-Phase	A-Phase	B-Phase	C-Phase
RMS phase current (A)	115.453	154.435	117.289	389.70	374.56	400.95
$THD_z\%$	34.64	27.75	36.47	12.28	17.24	14.13

Table 3. RMS values (I_{hz}) of the first 25 harmonic secondary currents, in amperes, recorded by the Fluke 435 Series II analyzer at 6:55 a.m. and 8:55 p.m. on 10 November 2022.

Frequency (Hz)	Order (h)	6:55 a.m. (Low Consumption)			8:55 p.m. (High Consumption)		
		A-Phase	B-Phase	C-Phase	A-Phase	B-Phase	C-Phase
50	1	108.303	148.369	109.209	386.753	368.954	396.926
100	2	0.630	2.671	0.615	2.445	11.639	2.126
150	3	5.405	2.686	6.458	17.611	14.652	25.215
200	4	0.591	2.085	1.247	2.912	11.892	3.503
250	5	10.307	11.684	16.160	31.243	39.074	27.567
300	6	3.926	6.399	3.856	9.126	12.011	11.600
350	7	16.81	16.213	12.969	8.185	13.973	23.182
400	8	5.490	8.673	5.826	3.905	9.531	5.125
450	9	4.926	5.680	7.554	3.496	13.343	2.435
500	10	0.890	3.904	1.280	2.195	15.157	1.766
550	11	6.338	4.308	2.441	14.754	24.212	18.034
600	12	2.767	2.013	3.218	6.562	0.778	10.600
650	13	11.913	9.190	4.616	4.375	3.237	9.497
700	14	17.541	16.990	20.042	6.089	3.257	5.967
750	15	13.638	17.034	16.561	4.529	2.295	6.084
800	16	7.394	7.602	8.165	4.926	4.139	6.207
850	17	2.664	0.809	2.518	14.365	21.267	14.646
900	18	2.120	3.235	2.691	7.053	8.118	5.979
950	19	2.841	1.539	4.428	5.581	4.799	5.133
1000	20	6.324	3.184	6.465	5.483	5.658	5.533
1050	21	9.515	7.481	10.842	5.091	4.828	4.419
1100	22	13.759	18.867	15.368	3.731	5.710	5.886
1150	23	5.508	7.282	6.143	7.371	6.631	7.202
1200	24	1.461	0.731	0.921	4.912	1.873	5.358
1250	25	0.665	4.727	1.410	3.151	0.831	3.259

As the RMS values of the phase currents (I_{sz}) indicate the homes' consumptions, it can be deduced from Table 2 that the records made at 6:55 a.m. corresponded to a period of low consumption, and those obtained at 8:55 p.m. corresponded to high consumption. Therefore, based on the values of the distortion rates of the secondary currents ($THD_z\%$) in Table 2, the loads fed through the transformer were strongly distorted in low consumption periods and weakly distorted in periods of high consumption.

3.1. Load Losses According to the Institute of Electric and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) Standard C57.110-2018

Table 4 shows the values of the total load losses (P_{cc}) and in each phase ($P_{cc,z}$) of the transformer, according to IEEE Standard C57.110-2018, calculated using Equations (7) and (8), respectively, based on the RMS values of the harmonic currents recorded in the secondary resistance of the transformer at 6:55 a.m. and 8:55 p.m. (Table 3). Likewise, Table 4 summarizes the values of the total load losses and of each phase for the harmonics of fundamental frequency ($P_{cc,1}$ and $P_{cc,1z}$) and non-fundamental frequency ($P_{cc,H}$ and $P_{cc,H,z}$), obtained using Equations (7) and (8) with $h = 1$ and $h \neq 1$, respectively.

Table 4. Transformer’s load losses according to IEEE Standard C57.110-2018 at 6:55 a.m. and 8:55 p.m. on 10 November 2022.

Load Losses (W)	6:55 a.m. (Low Consumption)				8:55 p.m. (High Consumption)			
	A-Phase	B-Phase	C-Phase	Total	A-Phase	B-Phase	C-Phase	Total
$P_{cc,z}, P_{cc}$	70.450	109.158	77.548	257.156	463.131	444.443	495.611	1403.186
$P_{cc,1z}, P_{cc,1}$	33.887	63.598	34.456	131.941	432.139	393.279	455.172	1280.590
$P_{cc,hz}, P_{cc,h}$	36.563	45.560	43.091	125.214	30.992	51.164	40.439	122.596

3.2. Short-Circuit Resistances and Load Losses for Each Phase Harmonic Current

Table 5 summarizes the values of the short-circuit resistances $R_{cc,h}$, calculated using Equation (20) for the first 25 harmonics of the secondary currents at 6:55 a.m. and 8:55 p.m. (Table 3), using the values of the nominal short-circuit resistances, $R_{DCN} = 2.622 \text{ m}\Omega$, $R_{ECN} = 0.089 \text{ m}\Omega$, and $R_{OSLN} = 0.178 \text{ m}\Omega$, obtained by substituting the nominal values of the transformer losses, indicated in Table 1, on Equation (14).

Table 5. Transformer’s short-circuit resistances ($R_{cc,h}$) and phase ($P_{cc,hz}, P_{cc,z}$) and total (P_{cc}) load losses for the first 25 harmonic currents at 6:55 a.m. (a low consumption period) and at 8:55 p.m. (a high consumption period) on 10 November 2022.

Freq. (Hz)	Harmon. Order (h)	$R_{cc,h}$ (mΩ)	Transformer’s Load Losses (W)							
			6:55 a.m. (Low Consumption)				8:55 p.m. (High Consumption)			
			A-Phase	B-Phase	C-Phase	Total	A-Phase	B-Phase	C-Phase	Total
50	1	2.889	33.887	63.598	34.457	131.942	432.139	393.279	455.172	1280.590
100	2	3.287	0.001	0.023	0.001	0.026	0.019	0.445	0.015	0.480
150	3	3.850	0.112	0.277	0.161	0.301	1.194	0.827	2.448	4.469
200	4	4.583	0.002	0.020	0.007	0.028	0.039	0.648	0.056	0.743
250	5	5.489	0.583	0.749	1.433	2.766	5.358	8.381	4.171	17.910
300	6	6.568	0.101	0.269	0.098	0.468	0.547	0.947	0.884	2.378
350	7	7.821	2.210	2.056	1.316	5.581	0.524	1.527	4.203	6.254
400	8	9.250	0.279	0.696	0.314	1.288	0.141	0.840	0.243	1.224
450	9	10.854	0.263	0.350	0.619	1.233	0.133	1.932	0.064	2.129
500	10	12.633	0.010	0.192	0.021	0.223	0.061	2.902	0.039	3.002
550	11	14.589	0.586	0.271	0.087	0.944	3.176	8.552	4.745	16.473
600	12	16.721	0.128	0.068	0.173	0.369	0.720	0.010	1.879	2.609
650	13	19.029	2.701	1.607	0.405	4.713	0.364	0.199	1.716	2.280
700	14	21.514	6.619	6.210	8.642	21.471	0.797	0.228	0.766	1.792
750	15	24.175	4.496	7.014	6.630	18.141	0.496	0.127	0.895	1.518
800	16	27.013	1.477	1.561	1.801	4.839	0.655	0.463	1.040	2.159
850	17	30.027	0.213	0.019	0.190	0.423	6.196	13.721	6.441	26.358
900	18	33.219	0.149	0.348	0.241	0.737	1.652	2.189	1.187	5.029
950	19	36.588	0.295	0.087	0.717	1.099	1.139	0.843	0.964	2.946
1000	20	40.133	1.605	0.407	1.677	3.689	1.206	1.285	1.228	3.720
1050	21	43.855	3.970	2.454	5.155	11.580	1.137	1.022	0.856	3.015
1100	22	47.755	9.040	17.000	11.278	37.318	0.665	1.557	1.654	3.876
1150	23	51.831	1.572	2.749	1.956	6.277	2.816	2.279	2.688	7.783
1200	24	56.085	0.120	0.030	0.047	0.197	1.353	0.197	1.610	3.160
1250	25	60.516	0.027	1.352	0.120	1.499	0.601	0.042	0.643	1.285
TOTAL			70.450	109.158	77.548	257.156	463.131	444.443	495.611	1403.186

Likewise, Table 5 shows the values of the losses corresponding to each harmonic ($P_{cc}(h_z)$) and each phase ($P_{cc,z}$), obtained with the use of the values of the short-circuit resistances $R_{cc,h}$ in Equations (18) and (19), respectively.

From the results indicated in Table 5, the following findings about the short-circuit resistances of each harmonic ($R_{cc,h}$) are verified:

- (1) They are characteristic parameters of each transformer, since they have the same values for each frequency, regardless of the load consumptions;
- (2) Their values increase strongly with the frequencies of the harmonics of the currents;
- (3) They identify the losses caused by harmonic currents in each phase ($P_{cc}(h_z)$), since the sum of losses obtained with the short-circuit resistances ($R_{cc,h}$) determine the same values of total (P_{cc}) and phase ($P_{cc,z}$) load losses, and their components for the fundamental ($P_{cc,1}$, $P_{cc,1z}$) and non-fundamental ($P_{cc,H}$, $P_{cc,Hz}$) frequencies than those resulting from applying IEEE Standard C57.110-2018, indicated in Table 4.

3.3. Short-Circuit Resistances and Load Losses of Each Phase at the Fundamental and Non-Fundamental Frequencies

Table 6 summarizes the values of the effective short-circuit resistances ($R_{cc,z}$) and the load losses ($P_{cc,z}$) of each phase for the two analyzed consumption periods (6:55 a.m. and 8:55 p.m.). The values of $R_{cc,z}$ have been obtained by substituting into Equation (25) the RMS values of the currents of each phase (I_{sz}) and each harmonic (I_{hz}), indicated in Tables 2 and 3, respectively, as well as the short-circuit resistances of each harmonic ($R_{cc,h}$), shown in Table 5. The values of the load losses of each phase ($P_{cc,z}$) have been obtained by substituting into Equation (16) the values of $R_{cc,z}$ from Table 7 and the RMS values of the secondary phase currents (I_{sz}) from Table 2.

Table 6. Transformer’s effective short-circuit resistances ($R_{cc,z}$) and load losses ($P_{cc,z}$) of each phase at 6:55 a.m. and 8:55 p.m. on 10 November 2022.

Hour	Effective Short-Circuit Resistances of Each Phase (mΩ)			Load Losses (W)			
	A-Phase	B-Phase	C-Phase	A-Phase	B-Phase	C-Phase	Total
6:55 a.m.	5.285	4.577	5.637	70.449	109.158	77.548	257.156
8:55 p.m.	3.049	3.168	3.083	463.131	444.443	495.611	1403.186

Table 7. Transformer’s short-circuit resistances ($R_{cc,HZ}$) and phase ($P_{cc,HZ}$) and total ($P_{cc,H}$) load losses for the non-fundamental harmonic currents at 6:55 a.m. and 8:55 p.m. on 10 November 2022.

Hour	Non-Fundamental Short-Circuit Resistances (mΩ)			Non-Fundamental Load Losses (W)			
	A-Phase	B-Phase	C-Phase	A-Phase	B-Phase	C-Phase	Total
6:55 a.m.	2.743	1.910	3.132	36.562	45.560	43.091	125.214
8:55 p.m.	0.204	0.364	0.251	30.992	51.165	40.439	122.596

The values of the short-circuit resistance ($R_{cc,1}$) and the load losses of each phase ($P_{cc,1z}$) and total ($P_{cc,1}$) for the fundamental frequency are those indicated in Table 5 for the harmonic of order $h = 1$. It is noted in these tables that the fundamental frequency short-circuit resistance has the same value, $R_{cc,1} = 2.889$ mΩ, in the three phases of the transformer for the two analyzed consumption periods (6:55 a.m. and 8:55 p.m.).

The values of the combined short-circuit resistances of all non-fundamental frequency harmonics of each phase (R_{cc,H_z}) and the values of the losses in each phase (P_{cc,H_z}) and total ($P_{cc,H}$) that these resistances characterize are obtained by applying Equations (26) and (27), respectively, and are summarized in Table 7.

From Tables 6 and 7, the following statements are verified:

- (1) Equation (25) is suitable for calculating the effective short-circuit resistances of each phase ($R_{cc,z}$) from the individual resistances of the harmonics ($R_{cc,h}$), since the product of the short-circuit resistances obtained with that equation determines the same load loss values in each phase ($P_{cc,z}$) as the IEEE Standard C57.110-2018, indicated in Table 4 for the two consumption periods.
- (2) The effective short-circuit resistances of each phase ($R_{cc,z}$) are not equal to the sum of the short-circuit resistances of the harmonics of that phase ($R_{cc,h}$), as can be seen in Table 5, due to the high values that the resistances $R_{cc,h}$ acquire as the order h of the current harmonics increases.
- (3) The short-circuit resistances R_{cc,H_z} defined by (26) identify the phase (P_{cc,H_z}) and total ($P_{cc,H}$) load losses caused by the set of harmonics of non-fundamental frequency, since the values of these losses (Table 7) are the same as those determined using IEEE Standard C57.110-2018 (Table 4), and satisfy $P_{cc,H_z} = P_{cc,z} - P_{cc,1z}$.

3.4. Relative Importance of Non-Fundamental Frequency Harmonics in Transformer Load Losses

The values of the load losses of each phase of the transformer indicated in Tables 6 and 7 indicate that the losses caused by non-fundamental frequency harmonics are relatively more important during low-consumption hours (6:55 a.m.) than during high-consumption hours (8:55 p.m.). The values of each phase harmonic loss factor ($HLF_z\%$) presented in Table 8 confirm this fact.

Table 8. Relative importance ($HLF_z\%$), in percent, of current harmonics in the transformer load losses at 6:55 a.m. and 8:55 p.m. on 10 November 2022.

Hour	A-Phase	B-Phase	C-Phase
6:55 a.m. (low consumption)	51.90	41.74	55.57
8:55 p.m. (high consumption)	6.69	11.51	8.16

Based on these values of the harmonic loss factor ($HLF_z\%$), it follows that the below statements are true:

- (1) There are important non-linear loads powered by the transformer at 6:55 a.m., highlighting those connected to the C-phase, which give rise to load losses of 55.57% of the total load losses in that phase exclusively caused by non-fundamental frequency harmonics. Due to the small consumptions of homes at that time, the high current distortion, greater than 30% (Table 2), should be attributed mainly to public lighting.
- (2) The loads operating in homes at 8:55 p.m. are slightly distorted and mitigate the strong distortion of currents caused by public lighting lamps. This fact is proven by the significant reduction in the harmonic loss factor ($HLF_z\%$) in the three phases of the transformer (Table 8), reaching 8.16% in the C-phase.
- (3) The minor reduction in the loss factor in phase B is due to the small consumptions of the homes connected to that phase of the transformer rather than in the other two phases.

Following the previous conclusions, it is noted that the harmonic loss factor ($HLF_z\%$) can be a more suitable indicator than the total harmonic distortion of currents ($THDi_z\%$) for knowing the energy effects of non-linear loads on distribution transformers.

4. Discussion

The values of the traditional load losses calculated on the transformer of the residential distribution network in Section 3 using the nominal short-circuit resistance (R_{ccN}) are

compared in this section with those load losses obtained using the new short-circuit resistances developed in Section 2 on 10 November 2022.

Table 9 summarizes the RMS values of the currents in each secondary phase of the transformer (I_{sz}), their fundamental frequency components (I_{1z}), and the total harmonic distortion ($THDi_z\%$) of these currents. Except in specific cases, it is observed that the distortion rates usually have high values when household consumptions are low. This fact is noted during the early morning hours and can be attributed mainly to public lighting. The high rates of distortion of the currents occasionally observed in some phases during the afternoons (4:55 p.m.) are due to the use of fluorescent lighting and refrigerators in shops.

Table 9. Total harmonic distortion and RMS values of total and fundamental frequency secondary phase currents recorded by the Fluke 435 Series II analyzer on 10 November 2022.

Hour	Phase Currents, I_{sz} (A)			Fundamental Frequency Currents, I_{1z} (A)			Total Harmonic Distortion THD_z (%)		
	A-Phase	B-Phase	C-Phase	A-Phase	B-Phase	C-Phase	A-Phase	B-Phase	C-Phase
0:55 a.m.	186.991	236.423	240.237	181.146	230.681	234.498	24.81	21.91	21.73
1:55 a.m.	158.727	201.311	158.094	151.396	195.481	151.760	30.04	23.89	28.02
2:55 a.m.	159.700	174.769	151.262	151.568	166.928	144.863	31.50	29.62	28.78
3:55 a.m.	124.643	148.629	158.442	118.402	138.839	152.278	31.25	32.54	27.62
4:55 a.m.	151.976	176.555	143.594	146.218	170.155	135.751	27.26	26.68	26.60
5:55 a.m.	133.614	164.451	139.465	128.191	156.342	131.076	28.20	31.01	34.16
6:55 a.m.	115.450	154.435	117.288	108.303	148.369	109.209	34.65	27.75	36.47
7:55 a.m.	124.449	139.594	116.453	119.341	131.976	108.684	28.36	32.58	35.91
8:55 a.m.	153.183	187.980	173.719	149.166	181.654	168.773	22.75	25.72	23.69
9:55 a.m.	180.534	244.509	235.055	176.451	240.527	231.928	21.15	17.97	16.26
10:55 a.m.	196.582	275.942	298.711	192.661	271.298	295.839	19.87	18.27	13.83
11:55 a.m.	209.889	284.117	261.639	200.656	280.606	254.863	29.33	15.67	22.61
0:55 p.m.	250.866	322.597	267.923	246.665	310.781	264.306	18.22	26.82	16.38
1:55 p.m.	291.208	309.134	171.601	288.260	306.522	164.327	14.19	12.97	28.81
2:55 p.m.	297.305	242.720	188.309	294.170	238.241	182.268	14.48	19.12	25.13
3:55 p.m.	211.131	194.291	204.076	205.292	181.595	193.762	23.36	35.56	31.39
4:55 p.m.	191.273	188.831	204.380	180.905	179.842	195.333	32.48	30.49	29.42
5:55 p.m.	180.214	246.251	206.287	175.063	238.880	200.011	23.74	24.28	24.48
6:55 p.m.	243.420	281.089	293.905	236.532	276.827	284.567	23.62	17.35	25.01
7:55 p.m.	255.815	340.206	306.083	251.386	334.496	298.603	18.53	18.24	21.97
8:55 p.m.	389.703	374.560	400.591	386.753	368.954	396.926	12.28	17.24	14.13
9:55 p.m.	301.703	290.844	348.669	296.907	285.304	343.553	17.76	19.42	17.07
10:55 p.m.	234.480	224.497	307.214	230.468	218.789	295.119	18.42	22.40	27.78
11:55 p.m.	200.622	200.107	232.255	195.165	195.462	226.837	23.17	21.42	21.47

The values of the nominal short-circuit resistance (R_{ccN}), as well as the effective short-circuit resistances of each phase ($R_{cc,z}$) and due to all non-fundamental frequency harmonic ($R_{cc,Hz}$) are summarized in Table 10. The resistances $R_{cc,z}$ and $R_{cc,Hz}$ have been calculated using Equations (25) and (26), respectively, while the value of R_{ccN} has been determined using either Equation (2) or (22).

Table 10. Phase short-circuit resistances of the transformer, in mΩ, on 10 November 2022.

Hour	Nominal ($R_{ccN}=R_{cc,1}$)	Effective Short-Circuit Resistances ($R_{cc,z}$)			Effective Short-Circuit Resistances for Non-Fundamental Harmonics ($R_{cc,Hz}$)		
		A-Phase	B-Phase	C-Phase	A-Phase	B-Phase	C-Phase
0:55 a.m.	2.889	3.788	3.710	3.628	1.077	0.960	0.876
1:55 a.m.	2.889	3.946	3.724	4.065	1.318	1.000	1.403
2:55 a.m.	2.889	4.304	4.335	4.491	1.701	1.699	1.842
3:55 a.m.	2.889	4.518	4.532	4.108	1.911	1.949	1.439
4:55 a.m.	2.889	4.533	4.325	5.116	1.859	1.642	2.534
5:55 a.m.	2.889	4.689	4.688	5.079	2.030	2.077	2.527
6:55 a.m.	2.889	5.285	4.577	5.637	2.743	1.910	3.132
7:55 a.m.	2.889	4.527	5.061	5.388	1.870	2.479	2.871
8:55 a.m.	2.889	3.908	3.829	3.866	1.169	1.131	1.140
9:55 a.m.	2.889	3.853	3.610	3.569	1.094	0.814	0.756
10:55 a.m.	2.889	3.626	3.552	3.300	0.851	0.760	0.466
11:55 a.m.	2.889	4.368	3.353	4.032	1.728	0.535	1.291
0:55 p.m.	2.889	3.359	4.096	3.315	0.566	1.415	0.503
1:55 p.m.	2.889	3.185	3.188	4.069	0.354	0.348	1.420
2:55 p.m.	2.889	3.268	3.593	4.015	0.440	0.809	1.309
3:55 p.m.	2.889	3.569	4.319	3.948	0.838	1.795	1.344
4:55 p.m.	2.889	4.017	3.661	3.947	1.433	1.040	1.309
5:55 p.m.	2.889	3.532	3.189	3.378	0.806	0.471	0.662
6:55 p.m.	2.889	3.594	3.092	3.446	0.866	0.290	0.738
7:55 p.m.	2.889	3.418	3.204	3.393	0.628	0.412	0.644
8:55 p.m.	2.889	3.049	3.168	3.083	0.204	0.365	0.251
9:55 p.m.	2.889	3.267	3.401	3.242	0.469	0.621	0.437
10:55 p.m.	2.889	3.355	3.141	3.472	0.564	0.397	0.807
11:55 p.m.	2.889	3.101	3.063	3.031	0.367	0.307	0.276

From Table 10, it is noted that the following are true:

- (1) The nominal short-circuit resistance (R_{ccN}) has the same value in the three phases of the transformer and is independent of the distortion rates of the currents since, according to (22), it coincides with the short-circuit resistance for the fundamental frequency ($R_{cc,1}$).
- (2) The effective short-circuit resistances of each phase ($R_{cc,z}$) and combined non-fundamental frequency harmonics ($R_{cc,Hz}$) have different values in each phase, which increase with the distortion rate of the currents of each phase.
- (3) The values of traditional short-circuit resistances (R_{ccN}) are always less than $R_{cc,z}$, since they do not include the effects of non-fundamental frequency harmonics.

The transformer's load losses according to the traditional procedure (P_{ccNz}), indicated in Table 11, have been obtained in each phase by multiplying their nominal short-circuit resistance ($R_{ccN} = R_{cc,1} = 2.889$ mΩ, Table 10) by the squares of the RMS values of the phase currents (I_{sz} , Table 9).

Table 11. Load losses according to traditional methods and based on IEEE Standard C57.110-2018 short-circuit resistances (R_{ccN} and $R_{cc,z}$), respectively, and relative differences on 10 November 2022.

Hour	Traditional P_{ccNz} (W)			IEEE Standard C57.110-2018 $P_{cc,z}$ (W)			Relative Differences (%)		
	A-Phase	B-Phase	C-Phase	A-Phase	B-Phase	C-Phase	A-Phase	B-Phase	C-Phase
0:55 a.m.	101.018	161.487	166.379	132.474	207.404	209.409	23.74	22.14	20.37
1:55 a.m.	72.788	117.082	72.209	99.419	150.950	101.603	26.78	22.44	28.93
2:55 a.m.	73.682	88.244	66.102	109.768	132.405	102.775	32.87	33.35	35.68
3:55 a.m.	44.884	62.285	72.527	70.194	97.710	103.125	36.06	36.25	29.67
4:55 a.m.	66.728	90.056	59.570	104.715	104.820	105.492	36.27	33.20	43.53
5:55 a.m.	51.577	78.132	56.194	83.716	126.787	98.800	38.39	38.37	43.12
6:55 a.m.	38.509	68.905	39.743	70.449	109.158	77.548	45.34	36.87	48.75
7:55 a.m.	44.744	56.298	39.179	70.115	98.623	73.065	36.18	42.91	46.38
8:55 a.m.	67.792	102.088	87.187	91.711	135.317	116.693	26.08	24.55	25.28
9:55 a.m.	94.162	172.722	159.623	125.597	215.834	197.192	25.03	19.97	19.05
10:55 a.m.	111.647	219.985	257.786	140.121	270.522	294.458	20.32	18.68	12.45
11:55 a.m.	127.272	233.213	197.771	192.435	270.697	276.034	33.86	13.85	28.35
0:55 p.m.	181.820	300.661	207.384	211.427	426.283	237.951	14.00	29.47	12.84
1:55 p.m.	245.000	276.090	85.074	270.127	304.734	119.821	9.30	9.39	29.00
2:55 p.m.	255.364	170.202	102.447	288.879	211.673	142.395	11.60	19.59	28.05
3:55 p.m.	128.784	109.059	120.321	159.111	162.042	164.438	19.06	33.11	26.83
4:55 p.m.	105.697	103.016	120,679	146.971	130.542	164.910	28.08	21.08	26.82
5:55 p.m.	93.828	175.191	122.942	114.717	193.409	143.765	18.21	9.42	14.48
6:55 p.m.	171.185	228.267	249.558	212.983	244.319	297.687	19.62	6.57	16.17
7:55 p.m.	189.064	334.381	270.667	223.701	370.895	317.925	15.48	9.84	14.86
8:55 p.m.	438.757	405.322	464.449	463.131	444.443	495.611	5.26	8.80	6.28
9:55 p.m.	262.976	244.387	351.224	297.361	287.751	394.177	11.56	15.07	10.90
10:55 p.m.	158.843	145.605	272.670	184.476	158.336	327.756	13.89	8.04	16.80
11:55 p.m.	116.283	115.686	155.842	124.814	122.658	163.539	6.83	5.68	4.70

Likewise, Table 11 summarizes the values of the load losses of each phase of the transformer ($P_{cc,z}$), obtained according to Equation (16), using the values of $R_{cc,z}$ indicated in Table 10 and the RMS values of the currents of each phase of the secondary resistance in Table 9. These losses coincide with those deduced from the application of the IEEE Standard C57.110-2018, as verified in Section 3. The relative differences between these losses ($P_{cc,z}$) and the traditional ones are indicated in Table 11 on 10 November 2022.

Table 12 summarizes the values of the load losses of each phase of the transformer due to the exclusive effect of non-fundamental frequency harmonics using the traditional procedure ($P_{ccN,Hz}$) and based on IEEE Standard C57.110-2018 ($P_{cc,Hz}$). The values of the non-fundamental frequency load losses with the traditional procedure are obtained as the following difference: $P_{ccN,Hz} = P_{ccNz} - P_{cc,1z}$, in which the values of P_{ccNz} are stated in Table 11 and the load losses for the fundamental frequency ($P_{cc,1z}$) are obtained from Equation (23). The values of the load losses due to non-fundamental frequency harmonics based on IEEE Standard C57.110-2018 ($P_{cc,Hz}$) have been calculated with Equation (27), using the values of I_{sz} and $R_{cc,Hz}$ shown in Tables 9 and 10, respectively.

Table 12. Load losses due to the non-fundamental currents according to traditional methods and based on IEEE Standard C57.110-2018 procedures, respectively, and relative differences on 10 November 2022.

Hour	Fundamental $P_{cc,1z}$ (W)			Traditional $P_{ccN,Hz}$ (W)			IEEE Standard C57.110-2018 $P_{cc,Hz}$ (W)		
	A-Phase	B-Phase	C-Phase	A-Phase	B-Phase	C-Phase	A-Phase	B-Phase	C-Phase
0:55 a.m.	94.801	153.737	158.867	6.217	7.750	7.872	37.673	53.666	50.541
1:55 a.m.	66.219	110.399	66.538	6.568	6.683	5.670	33.199	40.551	35.065
2:55 a.m.	66.370	80.503	60.628	7.312	7.740	5.474	43.398	51.902	42.147
3:55 a.m.	40.502	55.690	66.993	4.382	6.595	5.533	29.692	42.020	36.131
4:55 a.m.	61.767	83.646	53.240	4.960	6.410	6.329	42.948	51.174	52.252
5:55 a.m.	47.476	70.616	49.636	4.102	7.515	6.557	36.240	56.170	49.163
6:55 a.m.	33.887	63.598	34.456	4.622	5.307	5.287	36.562	45.560	43.091
7:55 a.m.	41.146	50.320	34.126	3.597	5.977	5.053	28.968	48.302	38.940
8:55 a.m.	64.283	95.333	82.293	3.509	6.754	4.894	27.428	39.983	34.401
9:55 a.m.	89.951	167.141	155.404	4.211	5.580	4.219	35.646	48.693	41.788
10:55 a.m.	107.237	212.642	252.852	4.410	7.343	4.934	32.884	57.880	41.606
11:55 a.m.	116.321	227.483	187.659	10.951	5.729	10.112	76.114	43.214	88.375
0:55 p.m.	175.781	279.039	201.823	6.039	21.622	5.562	35.647	147.244	36.128
1:55 p.m.	240.063	271.443	78.014	4.936	4.647	7.060	30.064	33.291	41.806
2:55 p.m.	250.007	163.979	95.979	5.357	6.223	6.468	38.871	47.694	46.416
3:55 p.m.	121.759	95.272	108.466	7.025	13.787	11.855	37.353	67.770	55.972
4:55 p.m.	94.549	93.441	110.232	11.148	9.575	10.447	52.422	37.101	54.679
5:55 p.m.	88.541	164.860	115.575	5.287	10.331	7.367	26.176	28.549	28.190
6:55 p.m.	161.635	221.398	233.951	9.550	6.869	15.607	51.348	22.921	63.736
7:55 p.m.	182.574	323.250	257.599	6.490	11.131	13.068	41.127	47.645	60.326
8:55 p.m.	432.139	393.279	455.172	6.617	12.044	9.278	30.992	51.165	40.439
9:55 p.m.	254.681	235.164	340.992	8.294	9.222	10.232	42.679	52.586	53.185
10:55 p.m.	153.454	138.295	251.623	5.390	7.310	21.047	31.022	20.041	76.132
11:55 p.m.	110.042	110.377	148.656	6.240	5.309	7.186	14.772	12.280	14.882

From Tables 11 and 12, the following statements are verified:

- (1) The load losses calculated based on IEEE Standard C57.110-2018, using the effective short-circuit resistances of each phase ($R_{cc,z}$), always have higher values than those obtained with the traditional procedure in industrial practice, using the nominal short-circuit resistance (R_{ccN}).
- (2) The comparison of both procedures shows relative differences in the values of load losses in phase C of the transformer of up to 48.75%, obtained at 6:55 a.m. on 10 November 2022 (Table 11).
- (3) The combined effective short-circuit resistances of the harmonics ($R_{cc,Hz}$) faithfully characterize the load losses caused by all harmonics of non-fundamental frequency, since the product $R_{cc,Hz} \cdot I_{sz}^2$ determines the same values ($P_{cc,Hz}$, Table 12) as those obtained according to IEEE Standard C57.110-2018 by subtracting $P_{cc,z} - P_{cc,1z}$.

- (4) The values of load losses due to the exclusive effect of harmonics calculated based on IEEE Standard C57.110-2018 ($P_{cc,Hz}$) are always much higher (Table 12) than those calculated with the traditional method ($P_{ccN,Hz}$).

The traditional method underestimates the effects of harmonics on load losses compared to the procedure based on IEEE Standard C57.110-2018. This is observed in Figures 1–3, which represent the harmonic loss factors ($HLF_z\%$) of phases A, B, and C, respectively, obtained throughout 10 November 2022, applying Equation (30), using the load loss values determined by IEEE Standard C57.110-2018 and the traditional method, respectively. In these figures, the following statements are verified:

- (1) The importance of non-fundamental harmonics in the load losses of each phase of the transformer, determined by the factor $HLF_z\%$, is much greater using IEEE Standard C57.110-2018 than the traditional method. As an example, it is observed in Figure 3 that the load losses due to non-fundamental frequency harmonics calculated at 6:55 a.m. on 10 November 2022 (time interval No. 6) are 55.57% of the load losses in phase C, according to the Standard. However, these load losses only reach 13.3% of the load losses in phase C, using the traditional method.
- (2) The harmonic loss factors ($HLF_z\%$) in both procedures, the IEEE Standard C57.110-2018 and the traditional method, increase their values with the current distortion rates ($THDi_z\%$), which, in this application example, usually coincide with the hours of lowest consumption in homes (Figures 1–3).
- (3) Based on the information presented above, we can conclude that household loads are much less distorted than the rest of the loads connected to the residential distribution network. That is because in the hours of highest household consumption, the harmonic loss factors have their lowest values (Figures 1–3).

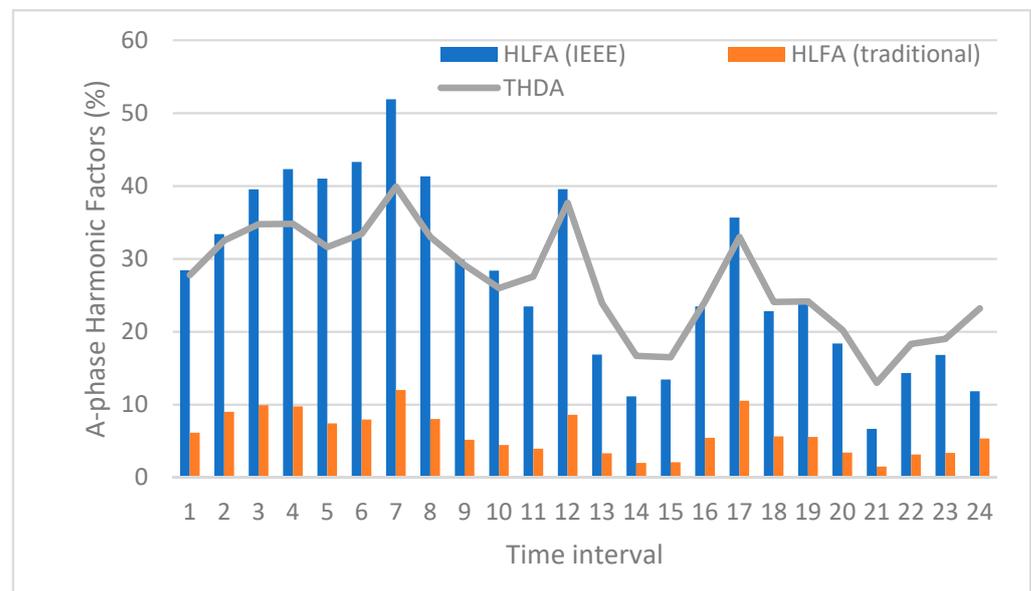


Figure 1. Transformer's A-phase harmonic loss factor ($HLF_A\%$) based on IEEE Standard C57.110-2018 and traditional procedures, and A-phase total harmonic distortion ($THDi_A\%$) on 10 November 2022.

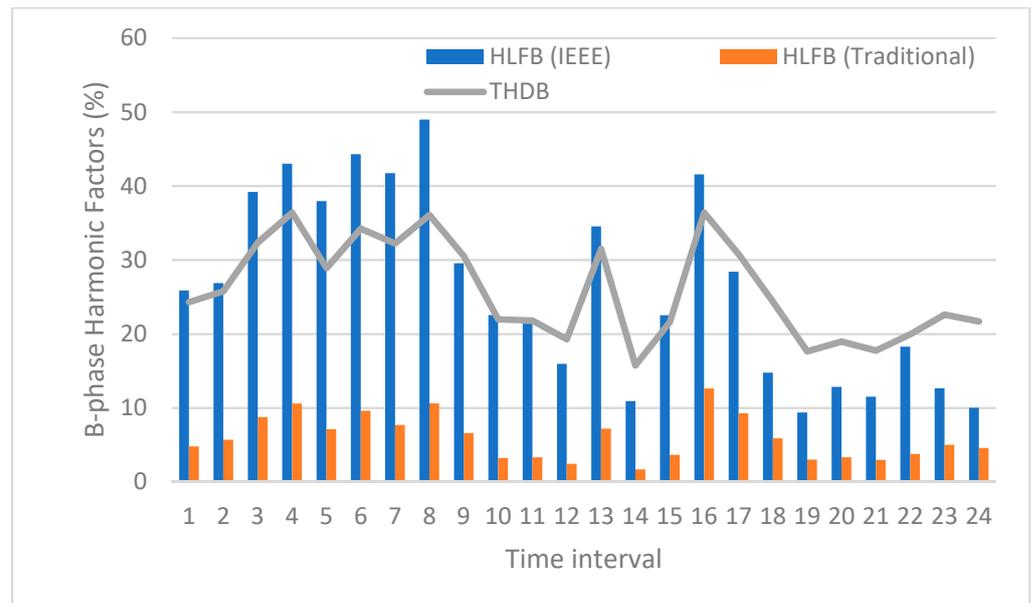


Figure 2. Transformer’s B-phase harmonic loss factor ($HLF_B\%$) based on IEEE Standard C57.110-2018 and traditional procedures, and A-phase total harmonic distortion ($THDi_B\%$) on 10 November 2022.

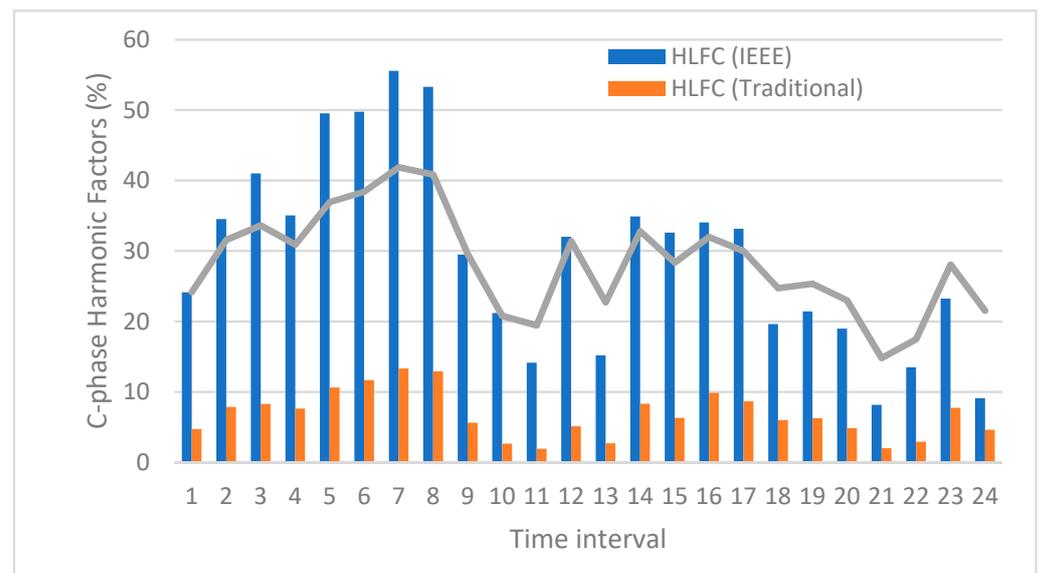


Figure 3. Transformer’s C-phase harmonic loss factor ($HLF_C\%$) based on IEEE Standard C57.110-2018 and traditional procedures, and A-phase total harmonic distortion ($THDi_C\%$) on 10 November 2022.

5. Conclusions

The load losses of electrical transformers are of great practical interest since they allow monitoring to ensure correct operation and make it possible to carry out preventive maintenance, identifying possible causes of failures. One of these causes is current distortions, which increase the load loss values. In this article, the effects of current harmonics on the load loss values of three-phase distribution transformers are obtained indirectly using their short-circuit resistances, obtained according to IEEE Standard C.57.110-2018. Specifically, new expressions of the short-circuit resistances for each harmonic ($R_{cc,h}$) are developed according to the standard. Based on those resistances, the expressions of the effective short-circuit resistances for each phase ($R_{cc,z}$) and combinations of all non-fundamental harmonics ($R_{cc,Hz}$) are established. These short-circuit resistances characterize load losses

of three-phase transformers according to IEEE Standard C57.110-2018 and are a novelty in the technical literature. The harmonic loss factor of each phase ($HLF_z\%$) is another novelty of the article. This parameter determines the relative importance of non-fundamental harmonics in the load losses of each phase of the three-phase transformers.

The comparison of the load loss values obtained in the transformer of an actual residential distribution network with the use of these resistances and those resulting from applying the traditional procedure in industrial practice, using the nominal short-circuit resistance (R_{ccN}), has allowed us to verify the following findings:

- The values of the new effective short-circuit resistances ($R_{cc,z}$ and R_{cc,H_z}) are usually different in the three phases of the transformer and vary with the frequencies and the RMS values of the harmonics of the currents, as happens with the phenomena associated with load losses in transformers. For this reason, these resistances are physical parameters of three-phase transformers, which accurately determine the total (P_{cc}) and phase ($P_{cc,z}$) load losses, as well as the load losses of the set of all non-fundamental harmonics ($P_{cc,H}$ and P_{cc,H_z}), providing exactly the same values as IEEE Standard C57.110-2018.
- Using the nominal short-circuit resistance (R_{ccN}), which is traditional in industrial practice, is not advisable for correctly measuring load losses of transformers feeding non-linear loads. In the practical application of this article, it has been verified that the traditional procedure determines load loss values in the phases of up to 48.75% (6:55 a.m., phase C) lower than those calculated with the IEEE Standard C57.110-2018. This result is because the traditional procedure underestimates the losses caused by current harmonics of non-fundamental frequency, as deduced by comparing the values of the harmonic loss factor of each phase ($HLF_z\%$). At that same time (6:55 a.m.), the value of this factor in phase C was only 13.3%, using the traditional procedure, as opposed to 55.57%, as measured in that phase by the IEEE Standard C57.110-2018.
- The previously indicated errors of the traditional procedure in measuring transformer load losses increase with current distortion rates ($THDi_z\%$) and are due to the inadequate definition of the nominal short-circuit resistance (R_{ccN}), whose values are obtained for the fundamental frequency and under load balanced conditions and does not include the energy phenomena caused by non-fundamental frequency currents.
- From a strictly physical point of view, the explanation of how the new short-circuit resistances determine higher load losses than traditional short-circuit resistances is that the former incorporates the effects caused by skin and electromagnetic induction phenomena in other metallic parts of the transformer for all frequencies of current harmonics, both fundamental (50–60 Hz) and non-fundamental. In contrast, traditional short-circuit resistances only include the effects of skin and electromagnetic induction phenomena for the fundamental frequency harmonic current.

The study's results are limited to using short-circuit resistances based on the IEEE Standard C57.110-2018 approach. The use of ANSI 1561 and 1562 Standards determined that short-circuit resistances of values are higher than traditional short-circuit resistances but lower than the new resistances established in this paper, since ANSI Standards consider electromagnetic induction phenomena to be negligible, contrary to the IEEE Standard C57.110-2018. The short-circuit resistances according to Standards IEEE and ANSI will be compared in future works.

Likewise, a future article is intended to extend the use of the new effective short-circuit resistances to preventive maintenance of three-phase transformers, with the development of novel factors that detect operating limitations and reductions in the lifetime of these machines, due to excess losses caused in their phases by harmonic currents.

6. Patents

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