

ADBS Workshop: Review of Transmitter Total Cost of Ownership

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Agenda

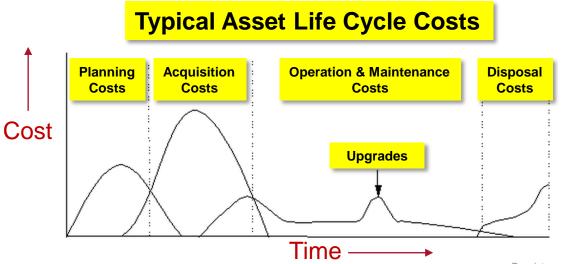


- Review/definition of TCO
 - Factors and costs to consider in a TCO analysis
- Transmitter efficiency basics
- GatesAir TCO calculator for Broadcast Transmitters
- Use cases and TCO estimates:
 - New technology DTV tx vs. recent technology DTV tx
 - New technology DTV tx vs. early technology DTV tx
- Other potential cost savings areas
- Review of a transmitter optimized for low TCO:
 - GatesAir liquid-cooled Maxiva ULXT series
- Wrap Up and Q&A



Total Cost of Ownership - General Definition

Total Cost of Ownership is the total cost of acquisition and operating costs over the asset life cycle. A TCO analysis can be used to gauge the viability of any capital investment



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Factors Affecting TCO



- When purchasing, or replacing a transmitter, Total Cost of Ownership is more important than just the price
- Some of the items that must be considered:
 - Equipment acquisition cost (and taxes/duties, etc.)
 - E Financing/Loan Terms (if applicable)



- Building space requirements (own, lease, purchase)
- Shipping to site, Installation and commissioning costs
- Operational cost of the equipment, including:
 - \$ AC power costs
 - \$ Personnel training
 - S Routine maintenance costs / site visits
 - \$ Repair costs
 - **\$** Upgrades
 - \$ Warranty and other factors



Issues Broadcasters are Facing

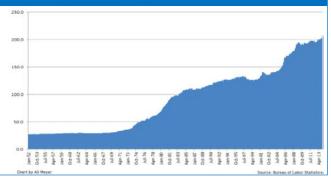


Rising Cost of Energy

- Electricity prices have increased an average of 6.6% per year for the past 5 years
- Projected to continue to rise throughout the world - 60% increase by 2030



Electricity Prices Hit all Time High



Carbon Taxes

 Some countries are imposing taxes based on energy usage, example Australia from 2012-14:

Financial Year	Price* (USD \$)
2012–13	23.00
2014	24.15
1 July 2014 onwards	Revoked

Source: Clean Energy Regulator - per tonne of emitted CO₂

TCO versus Efficiency



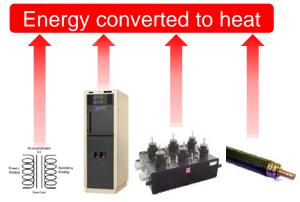
TCO is what is really important to a transmission operator:

- It's the total cost to own and operate the transmitter system over time
- Includes initial equipment cost and delivery
- Includes the installation/commissioning cost
- Routine and unscheduled maintenance costs
- Repair/replacement and other operational costs

AC power consumed by the transmitter is important

- However, other factors also affect the system efficiency:
 - AC transformers and voltage regulators
 - Heat load to the room (HVAC costs)
 - RF system losses (often significant)
 - RF feeder losses
 - Non-optimal antenna pattern (next slide)





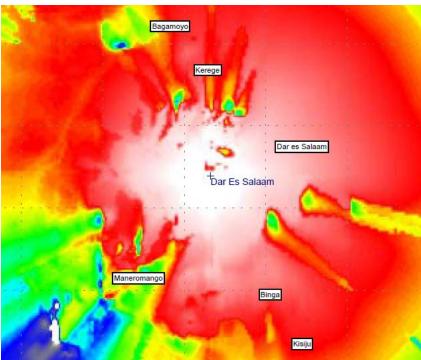
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Wasted energy from antenna



- Coverage and antenna patterns not optimal
- Energy is wasted in large area with no viewers





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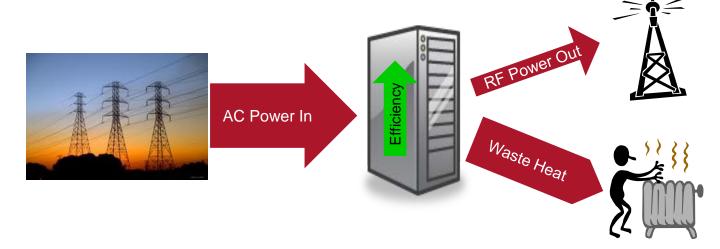
Transmitter Efficiency

Transmitter Efficiency Basics



Efficiency of a transmitter:

• Definition: (RF Power Out / AC Power In) x 100%

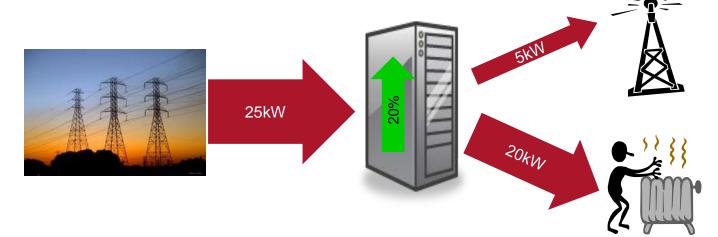


Increased efficiency: reduces power consumed and reduces energy wasted

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Typical Class AB Tx Efficiency

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- Example: 5kW Standard Class AB DVB-T2 transmitter
- Efficiency 5/25 x 100% = 20%



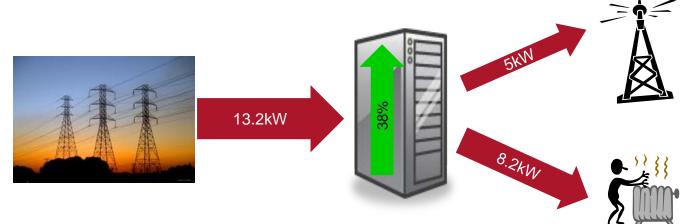
Input power 25kW Waste heat 20kW

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Typical High Efficiency Tx



- Example: 5kW Doherty DVB-T2 transmitter
- Efficiency 5/13.2 x 100% = 38%



Input power reduced: (25-13.2)/25 = **47.2%** Waste heat reduced: (20-8.2)/20 = **59%**

Transmitter Efficiency Includes...

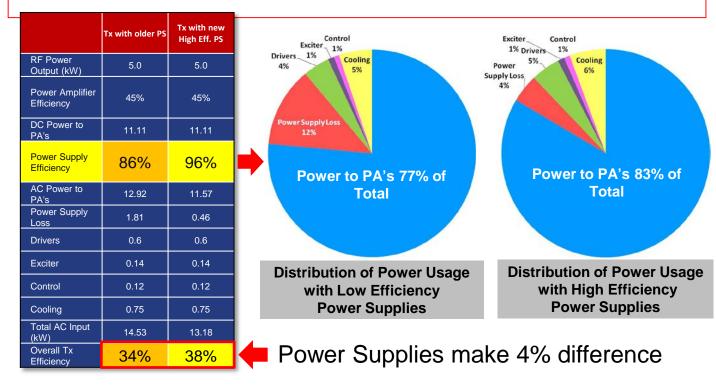






Every Component Affects Efficiency

Effect of power supply efficiency on overall system efficiency

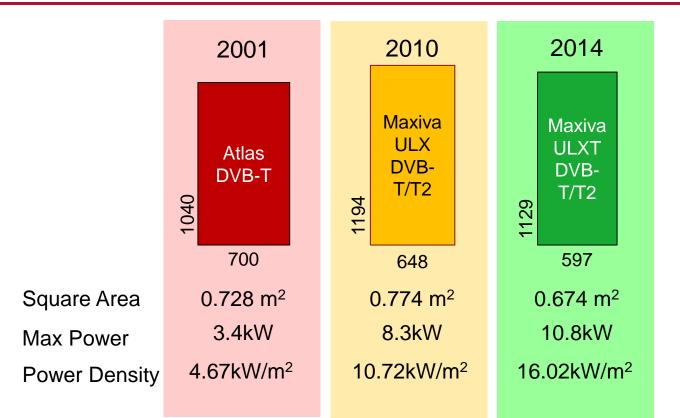


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Space Efficiency Improvements

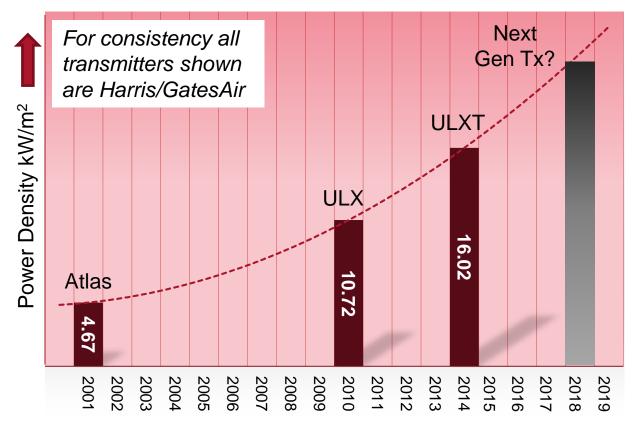




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Power Density Trend





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Cooling and TCO



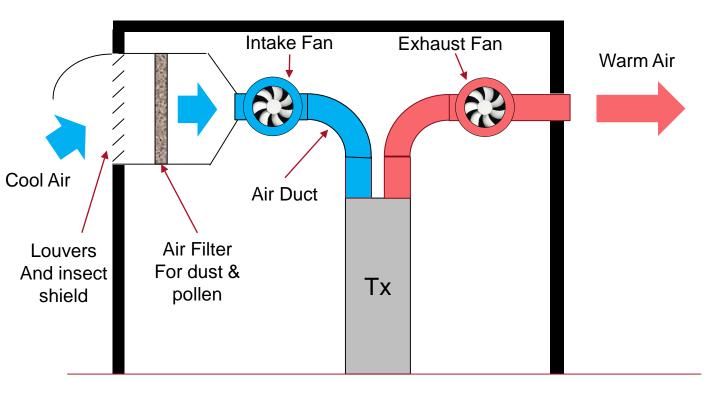
- Three common cooling methods for broadcast transmitters
 - Air-cooled using outside air
 - Air-cooled using inside air and Air-Conditioning
 - Liquid cooling
- Each of these has some advantages and disadvantages





Air Cooling – Outside Air

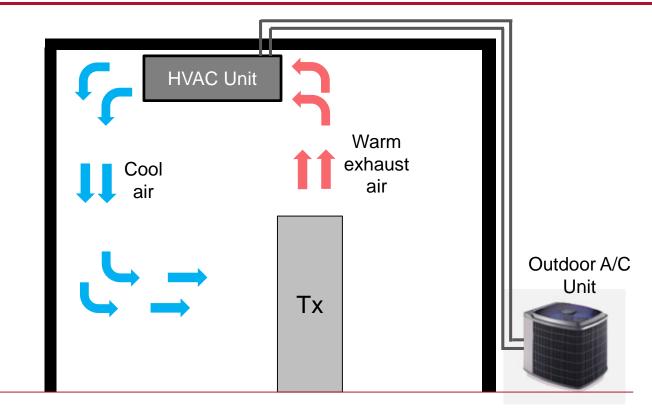




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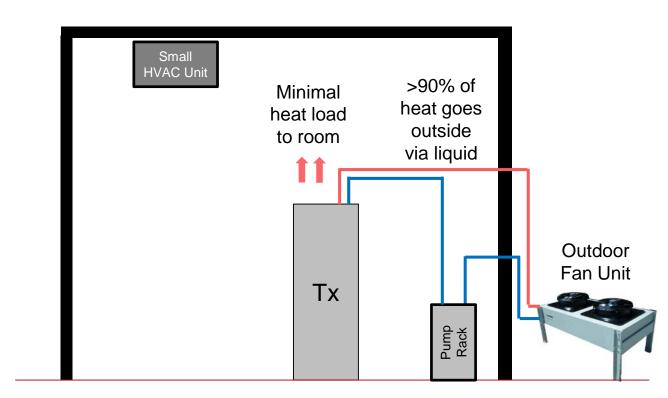
Air Cooling – Sealed Room HVAC





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Cooling Comparison



Item	Air-Cooled (outside air)	Air-Cooled (HVAC)	Liquid Cooled
Energy cost	Low	High	Low
Maintenance	Very High	Medium	Low
Installation cost	High	Medium	Medium/Low
Site visits	Frequent	Infrequent	Infrequent
Humidity control	None	Excellent	Excellent
Dust & dirt	Filter dependent	Excellent	Excellent
Reliability	Medium	Medium	Good/Excellent *
TCO Rank	3	2	1

* Redundant pumps and fans provide excellent reliability, on-air service capability

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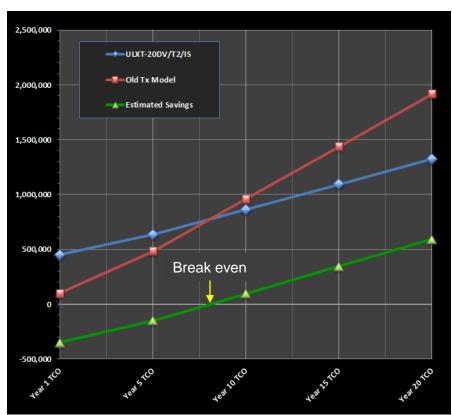
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GatesAir TCO Calculator for Broadcast Transmitters

The GatesAir TCO Calculator



- TCO Calculator:
 - Calculates the total cost of ownership of a transmitter system
 - Compares TCO of a new GatesAir transmitter with your existing transmitter (GatesAir or another brand)
 - Adjust cost of AC power and other factors to match your scenario
 - Calculate total savings over time
 - Estimate break-even period



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Input New Tx Data New GatesAir (Maxiva ULXT) GATES Transmitter TCO Analysis Tx Model Tx Max power level SYSTEM VARIABLES User entry cells in pink **OPEX & TCO** Required power level Transmitter Model & Costs: Currency US Dollar New Tx cost (Man Product Series Maxiva ULXT COFDM **Exchange Rate** 1.000 ULXT-10DV/T2/IS 28,539 Installation cost Model Annual OPEX **Tx Maximum Output Power** 6.010 W First Year TCO 214.439 Commissioning cost **Required Output Power** Five Year TCO 5,800 W 328,596 **Tx Purchase Price** 471,293 170,000 Ten Year TCO Training cost Installation Fifteen Year TCO 613.989 6.000 Electrical cost (look up Commissioning Twenty Year TCO 756,685 1,400 table, or manual entry) Training 2.000 Total Cost 179,400 800,000 - Currency/ex rate (manual entry) 600,000 Energy Costs: Region Asia Based on some 400,000 Country/State Malaysia Electricity Price/kW-hr¹ 0.1240 preset criteria, TCO 200,000 Price/kW-hr (override) 0.1650 is calculated n Tx System Efficiency 37.8% 5 10 15 20 ¹ Multiple sources used - 2010 data, GatesAir

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Input Existing Tx Data (Maxiva ULX)

- Tx Model
- Tx Max power level
- Required power level
- Costs can be left as zero for existing tx
- Electrical cost copied from new tx data
- Currency/ex rate (manual entry)
- Based on some preset criteria, TCO is calculated

Existing GatesAir Transmitter TCO Analysis

SYSTEM VARIABLES User entry cells in pink Transmitter Model & Costs: Product Series Maxiva ULX COFDM Model ULX-5500 **Tx Maximum Output Power** 5,850 W **Required Output Power** 5.800 W Purchase Price 0 Installation 0 Commissioning 0 Training 0 Total Cost 0 iiiii Energy Costs: Region Asia Country/State Malaysia Electricity Price/kW-hr¹ 0.1240 Price/kW-hr 0.1650 **Tx System Efficiency** 20.6% ¹ Multiple sources used - 2010 data, GatesAir not responsible for any errors

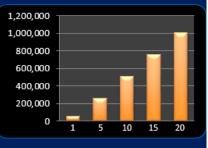
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Five Year TCO
Ten Year TCO
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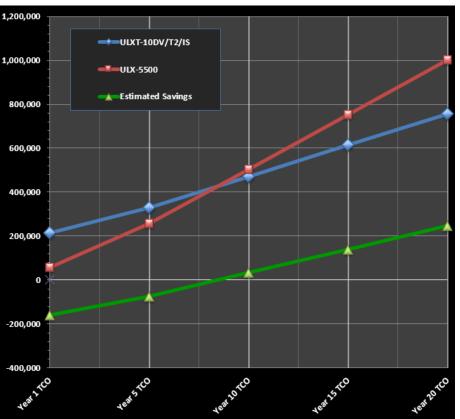


- GatesAir ULXT and ULX transmitters
- Side-by-side comparison
- New vs. previous generation solid DTV state tx
- Breakeven period ~ 8.4 years

Transmitter Models:	ULXT-10DV/T2/IS	ULX-5500	Estimated Savings
Product Series	Maxiva ULXT	Maxiva ULX	
Flouuct Series	COFDM	COFDM	
Model	ULXT-10DV/T2/IS	ULX-5500	
Tx Maximum Output Power	6,010 W	5,850 W	
Required Output Power	5,800 W	5,800 W	
Purchase Price	170,000	0	-170,000
Installation	6,000	0	-6,000
Commissioning	1,400	0	-1,400
Training	2,000	0	-2,000
Total Cost	179,400	0	-179,400
Energy Costs:			
Region	Asia	Asia	
Country/State	Malaysia	Malaysia	
Price/kWh	\$0.165	\$0.165	
Tx System Efficiency	37.8%	20.6%	
OPEX:	ULXT-10DV/T2/IS	ULX-5500	Estimated Savings
Annual OPEX	28,539	49,798	21,258
Year 1 TCO	214,439	56,298	-158,142
Year 5 TCO	328,596	255,489	-73,108
Year 10 TCO	471,293	504,477	33,185
Year 15 TCO	613,989	753,466	139,477
Year 20 TCO	756,685	1,002,455	245,770
Breakeven Period			8.4 Years

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- Graphical representation
- GatesAir ULXT and ULX transmitters
- New TX Blue
- Old Tx Red
- Loss/savings Green
- Breakeven period ~ 8.4 years



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TCO – New vs. Older Gen Brand x Tx GATES

Input older generation Tx data

- Tx Model
- Tx Max power level
- Required power level
- Costs can be left as zero for existing tx
- Electrical cost copied from new tx data
- Currency/ex rate (manual entry)
- Based on some preset criteria, TCO is calculated

TCO Analysis			
SYSTEM VARIABLES	User entry cells in pink		
ransmitter Manufacturer	Other		
Product Series	Standard Series		
Model	T2-5000		
x Maximum Output Power	5,800 W		
Required Output Power	5,800 W		
otal Purchase Price	0		
x System Efficiency	17.5%		
x Cooling	Liquid		
x Room Cooling	HVAC		
fotal Cost	0		
energy Costs:			
Region	Asia		
Country/State	Malaysia		
lectricity Price/kW-hr ¹	0.1240		
Price/kW-hr (override)	0.1650		
x System Efficiency	17.5%		
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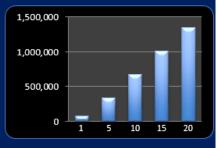
Other Brand Transmitter

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TCO – New vs. Older Gen Tx



 GatesAir ULXT and other brand transmitter

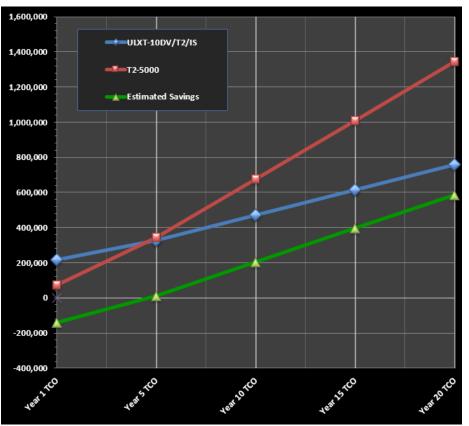
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- New vs. early generation solid state DTV tx
- Breakeven period ~ 4.6 years

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Product Series	Maxiva ULXT COFDM	Standard Series	
Model	ULXT-10DV/T2/IS	T2-5000	
Tx Maximum Output Power	6,010 W	5,800 W	
Required Output Power	5,800 W	5,800 W	
Purchase Price	170,000	0	-170,000
nstallation	6,000	0	-6,000
Commissioning	1,400	0	-1,400
Fraining	2,000	0	-2,000
Fotal Cost	179,400	0	-179,400
Energy Costs:			
Region	Asia	Asia	
Country/State	Malaysia	Malaysia	
Price/kWh	\$0.165	\$0.165	
Tx System Efficiency	37.8%	17.5%	
OPEX:	ULXT-10DV/T2/IS	T2-5000	Estimated Savings
Annual OPEX	28,539	66,753	38,214
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fear 5 TCO	328,596	341,765	13,169
fear 10 TCO	471,293	675,530	204,237
fear 15 TCO	613,989	1,009,295	395,306
Year 20 TCO	756,685	1,343,060	586,375
Breakeven Period			4.6 Years

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TCO – New vs. Older Gen Tx

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Manual Data Input on TCO Calc



The TCO Calculator allows user define inputs

Additional User Inputs:			
System Variables	Manual Entry Value	Default Value	Notes
Tx Cooling Headroom (0 to 100%)	40%	60%	0% is exactly sized for the typical tx heat load. Typically headroom should be used, 20% to 80%
HVAC SEER Number	11	12	Varies by make/model - Typically 10 to 16 SEER value
HVAC Installation Cost (USD)	\$5,000	\$2,500	May be zero if the existing HVAC can be re-used in an existing plant
HVAC Replacement Cycle (Years)	10	8	Unit replacement cycle, typically 7 to 10 years
Tx room cooling (HVAC or ducted air)	HVAC	HVAC	HVAC more expensive, especially for air cooled, non-ducted tx
Annual Prev Maintenance Visits	2	2	Number of planned maintenance visits to site (assumes unmanned site)
Average cost per site visit (USD)	\$2,400	\$1,200	Average cost to visit the site, varies depending on employee versus contract, etc.

 There are several pages of additional information on the excel sheet that provide the data for the calculations:

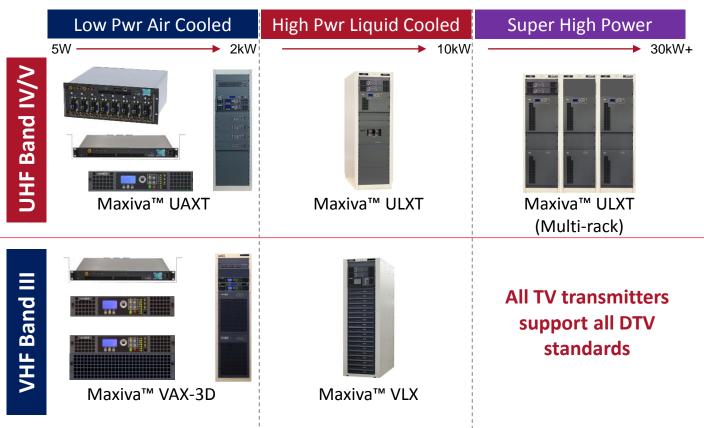
Link to Excel Workbook TCO Calculator

Other Benefits Beyond the Calculator

- GATESAIR
- In addition to the savings and payback analysis, there are additional potential savings with a new tx:
 - Room Space savings due to higher power density
 - Higher MTBF (less down time, less unexpected site visits)
 - Lower maintenance -longer time between routine site visits
 - Intuitive design easier set up less training required
 - Availability of spare parts in the future versus discontinued model(s)
 - Commonality of spares across platforms

New Products for Lowest TCO







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Maxiva ULXT

Liquid-Cooled High Efficiency Broadband UHF Transmitter



The Maxiva ULXT is a liquid-cooled UHF high power TV transmitter using latest technology LDMOS RF devices

The design has been carefully optimized for lowest Total Cost of Ownership (TCO).



ULXT Transmitters in Final Test GatesAir Factory, Quincy, IL USA

Maxiva ULXT – Designed for Low TCO

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Broadband, high-efficiency design

- High AC to RF efficiency
- Broadband design
- Only one spare power amplifier module is needed to service any ULXT series transmitter in the network. No adjustment, or retuning of any type, is required. = Low TCO

Future-proof architecture

 Spectrum re-packing... potential channel changes in the future... The broadband ULXT transmitter is ready for such changes, without any need to swap PA modules, combiners, or other components. = Low TCO



ULXT-20 10.8kW OFDM

Maxiva ULXT – Designed for Low TCO



Modular design with small, lightweight, PA modules

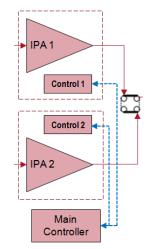
- PA module weighs 11kg, far lighter than PA modules from others
- Safer, no 2 person lift per safety regulations
- Much easier to replace, while on the air
- Reduced transportation cost = Low TCO
- Small, lightweight, individual PA power supplies
 - Each PA module has a dedicated power supply.
 - Separate assembly from the PA module, making it much easier to service and replace, if needed.
 - Weigh is less than 2kg (4.4lb) and can be exchanged on-air in less than 1 minute





Maxiva ULXT - Designed for Low TCO

- Cost-effective PA Module and Power Supply
 - Our modular design approach with smaller/lighter replaceable PA's and associated DC Power Supplies are less costly to replace than combined PA/Power supply assemblies that others may use. = Low TCO
- Robust Control System with Redundant
 Controllers = Low TCO
 - Safe operation even if the main control board is defective or needs to be removed for service. An HTML web browser interface and SNMP is included with every transmitter







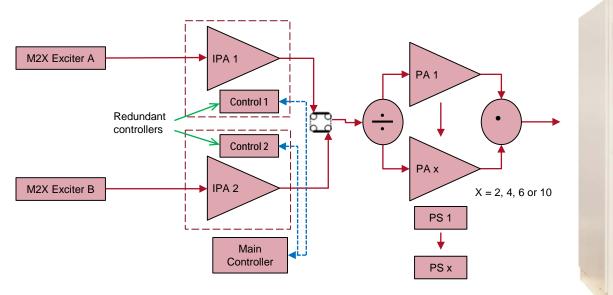


Block Diagram ULXT



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10 PA System shown with Dual Drive (option)

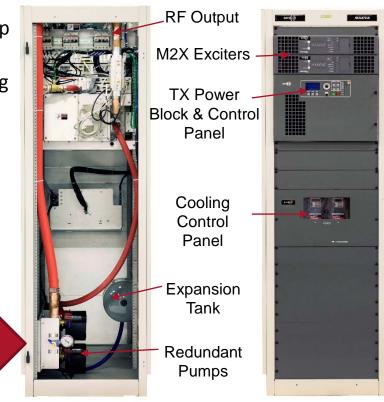


ULXT Integrated Pump System



- With single rack, single power block systems, an integral pump system is available
- Save floor space, save plumbing
- Smaller pumps low power consumption – more efficient!
- External pump Module also available

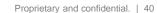




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High Efficiency Ext. Pump Module

- GatesAir design and manufacture
- Optimized for High Efficiency
 - Pumps are speed controlled = Low TCO
- 2 Pumps, with auto/manual changeover
 - Replace a pump during on-air operation!
- Small physical size = Low TCO







High Efficiency (HE) Heat Exchanger

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- GatesAir design and manufacture
- Dual fans with on-air servicing/replacement capability
- Low noise, with high-efficiency fan blades
- Vertical or horizontal airflow (mounting can be adapted on site for either configuration)
- Speed controlled







Horizontal Air Flow

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Maxiva M2X Exciter

- Field-proven 1,000's shipped
- Software Defined Modulator (Easy to change)
- RTAC Real Time Adaptive linear and nonlinear Correction – standard
- Internal GPS/GLONASS option
- Internal UPS option
 - 1 minute Full exciter power
 - 20 minutes Frequency processing board
 - Eliminates re-boot of exciter after a brief AC power loss (glitch)
- Simple web browser interface
- Can be interfaced to competitive transmitters.
- No manual adjustments
- All Worldwide DVT standards supported



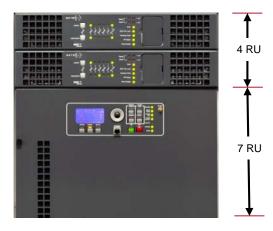


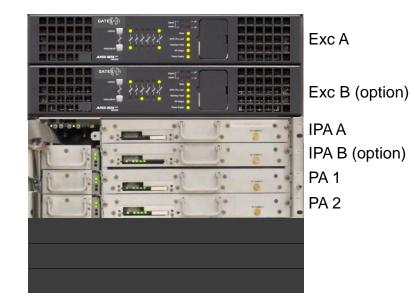




ULXT-2xx (with dual drive option)





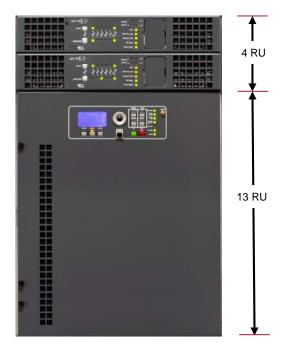


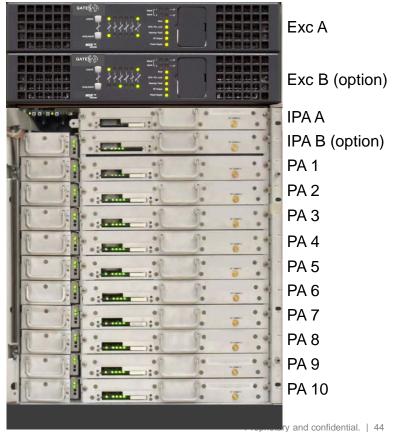
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ULXT-10xx (with dual drive option)

Up to 5.5kW OFDM / 9kW ATSC



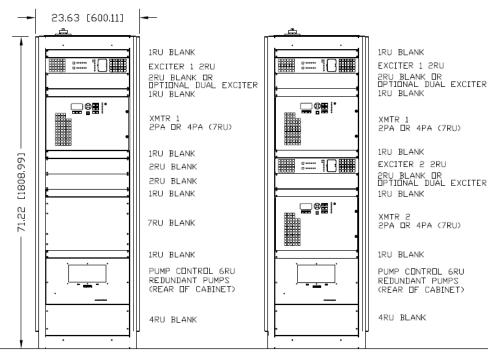


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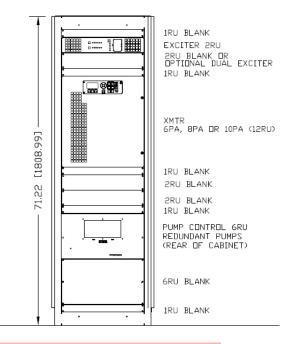
- 1.2kW and2.4kW Systems
 - Single or dual drive
 - 1 or 2 transmitters in 37 RU rack

 Internal Redundant Pumps



Single 2.4kW Tx in 37RU rack Integrated dual pumps Dual 2.4kW Tx in 37RU rack Integrated dual pumps

- 5.5kW System
 - Single or dual drive
 - 1 transmitter in 37 RU rack
 - Internal Redundant Pumps



5.5kW Tx in 37RU rack Integrated dual pumps



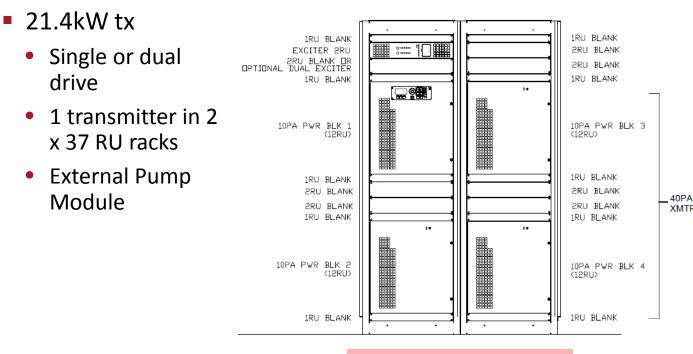
- 10.8kW System
 - Single or dual drive
 - 1 transmitters in 37 RU rack
 - External Pump Module Or:
- 2 x 5.5kW Systems
 - Each Single or dual drive
 - 2 transmitters in 37RU rack
 - External Pump Module

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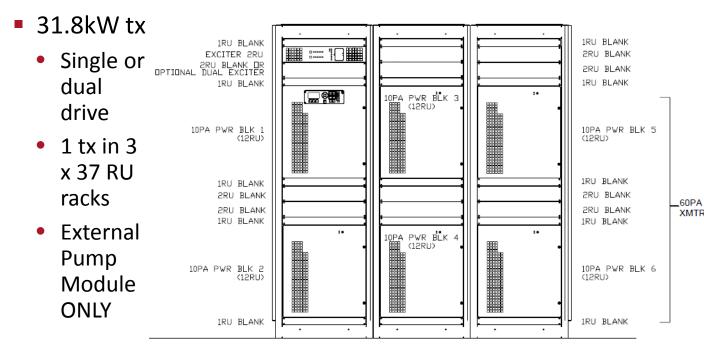
10.8kW Tx in 37RU rack Integrated dual pumps







21kW Tx in 37RU rack Integrated dual pumps



SINGLE DRIVE & OR DUAL DRIVE 37RU CABINET **GATES/**ÌR

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Maxiva[™] ULXT Model Summary



Maxiva ULXT Series - Weights, Dimensions & Power Levels											
	# Racks	Transmitter Width		Transmitter Height		Transmitter Depth		Transmitter Weight		OFDM	ATSC
Transmitter Model	(Rack Size)									Pre-Filter Power	Pre-Filter Power
	RU	mm	in	mm	in	mm	in	kg	lb	Watts	Watts
ULXT-2xx	1 (37)	600	23.6	1,809	71.2	1,161	45.7	238	524	1,200	1,800
ULXT-4xx	1 (37)	600	23.6	1,809	71.2	1,161	45.7	276	608	2,400	3,600
ULXT-6xx	1 (37)	600	23.6	1,809	71.2	1,161	45.7	314	693	3,600	5,400
ULXT-8xx	1 (37)	600	23.6	1,809	71.2	1,161	45.7	404	890	4,600	7,200
ULXT-10xx	1 (37)	600	23.6	1,809	71.2	1,161	45.7	433	955	5,500	9,000
ULXT-12xx	1 (37)	600	23.6	1,809	71.2	1,161	45.7	472	1,040	7,000	10,600
ULXT-16xx	1 (37)	600	23.6	1,809	71.2	1,161	45.7	591	1,302	9,000	14,200
ULXT-20xx	1 (37)	600	23.6	1,809	71.2	1,161	45.7	709	1,564	10,800	17,700
ULXT-24xx	2 (37)	1,162	45.8	1,809	71.2	1,161	45.7	840	1,852	13,400	21,100
ULXT-30xx	2 (37)	1,162	45.8	1,809	71.2	1,161	45.7	999	2,202	16,100	26,300
ULXT-40xx	2 (37)	1,162	45.8	1,809	71.2	1,161	45.7	1,445	3,186	21,400	35,100
ULXT-50xx	3 (37)	1,727	68	1,809	71.2	1,161	45.7	1,721	3,795	26,500	43,400
ULXT-60xx	3 (37)	1,727	68	1,809	71.2	1,161	45.7	1,998	4,404	31,800	52,100
ULXT-80xx	4 (37)	2,324	91.6	1,809	71.2	1,161	45.7	2,890	6,372	42,300	69,700

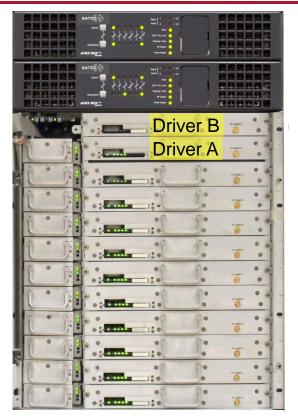
Note: xx = Modulation code

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IPA / Drive Chain

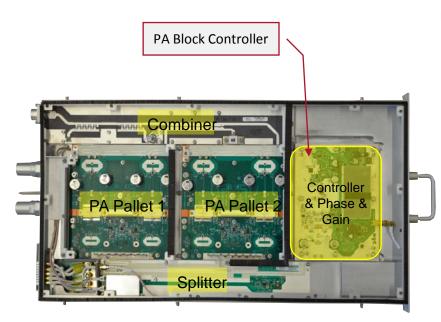


- Dual drive includes dual redundant driver modules
- This system provides fully redundant drive for on-air maintenence
- DC power is provided by multiple power supplies for redundancy



PA Block Control Redundancy





- Each IPA module includes the Power Amplifier Block control circuitry.
- PA Block controller is incorporated on the Phase & Gain board.
- Fully redundant PA block control is provided due to redundant drive chain / IPA module architecture

High Efficiency PA Module



- Power ~ 600W OFDM / 900W ATSC
- High Efficiency
- Liquid cooled
- Light weight: 11kg
 - Easy to remove and service
 - Lower shipping cost
 - DC power supply is separate assembly
- Hot-swap front plug-in design using push-on / pulloff connectors
- Up to 10 PA Modules per Power Block

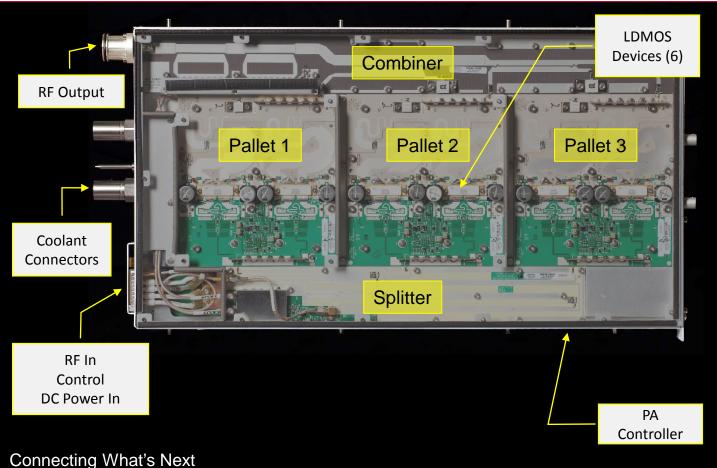


PA Module (Rear)

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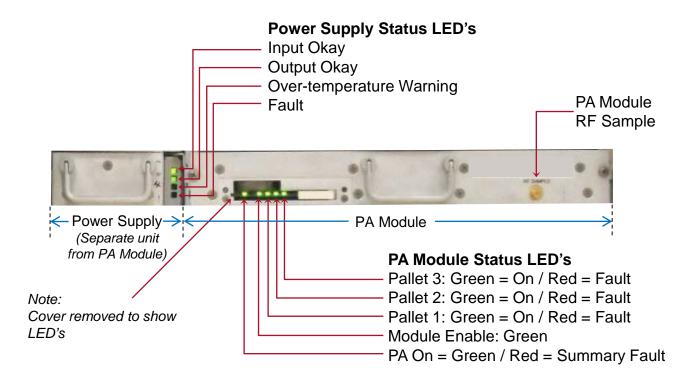
High Efficiency PA Module





PA Module & PS Status LED's







Connecting What's Next

High Efficiency DC Power Supply

- Separate assembly from the PA module
 - Small and light (< 2kg / 4.4lb)
 - Lower replacement cost = Low TCO
- Hot swap, easy replacement in seconds
- One Power Supply per PA module
- IPA's powered by all PA power Supplies (paralleled)
- Wide AC input regulation
- Same power supply as used in other GatesAir

= Low TCO

Consolidate network spares







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Options & Accessories

- Internal GPS/GLONASS receiver
- GPS/GLONASS antenna and RF cable
- Exciter UPS Provides 1 minute full exciter back-up and 20 minutes for frequency processing circuits
- Dual drive, 1+1 (main/alternate), or N+1 configurations

SFN

- Internal pump system for single power block (up to 10 PA) systems
 - Customer can always opt for external pump system



TCO Benefits Summary



Feature	TCO Benefits					
High Efficiency	Reduces electrical energy cost					
Broadband	Reduce total spares for a network. Simpler channel change in future					
Smaller Footprint	Less floor space = lower building or rental cost					
Lighter PA Modules	Easy handling by 1 person (versus 2)					
Separate light weight Power Supplies	Replace power supplies separately from PA, Save \$\$ on replacement					
Simpler PA Modules	Less parts = longer MTBF, reduces long term maintenance costs and less down time					
Variable speed pumps and HE fans	Reduces energy used in cool weather. Optimizes electrical energy usage and cost.					
Connecting What's Next						



Connecting What's Next

Thank You!

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