

# **Standby Generators for Business Continuity**

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# Meet Your Presenters:

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Source: NOAA

# Reliability Cost

- ▶ Quantify
  - Financial impact of power reliability
    - Duration of events
    - Frequency of occurrence
    - Timing of when events occur
    - Amount of advance notice that a facility receives



Source: Stock.xchng

# Reliability Cost

- ▶ Cost of downtime
  - Employee productivity
  - System restoration cost
  - Lost sales opportunity cost
  - Lost customer and damaged reputation cost



## Cost of Downtime Calculator

Use this worksheet to determine how much your company loses during system failures. If you don't know the exact figures, just guess.

**Employee Productivity**

Annual Revenue of your Company	\$	<input type="text"/>	(1)
Number of Employees:	#	<input type="text"/>	(2)
Calculate Average Revenue per Employee: (Line 1) / (Line 2)	\$	<input type="text"/>	(3)
Determine Total Hours per year, per Employee: (e.g. 40 hours x 50 weeks = 2,000 hours)		<input type="text"/>	(4)
Calculate Avg. Revenue per Employee/hour: (Line 3) / (Line 4)	\$	<input type="text"/>	/hr (5)

**System Restoration Cost**

Total Labor Hours required to replace lost data and restore system		<input type="text"/>	(6)
Per hour cost of Restoration Services:	\$	<input type="text"/>	(7)
Calculate Cost of Labor to restore system: (Line 6) x (Line 7)	\$	<input type="text"/>	(8)

**Lost Employee Productivity Cost**

Total Hours the system is down:		<input type="text"/>	(9)
% of employees (excluding systems staff) that are unproductive during downtime	%	<input type="text"/>	(10)
Calculate Cost of Employee Downtime: [(Line 2) x (Line 5)] x (Line 9) x (Line 10)%	\$	<input type="text"/>	(11)

**Lost Sales Opportunity Cost**

Number of Sales per year		<input type="text"/>	(12)
Estimated number of sales lost due to outage:		<input type="text"/>	(13)
Calculate Sales Opportunity Loss: [(Line 1) / (Line 12)] x (Line 13)	\$	<input type="text"/>	(14)

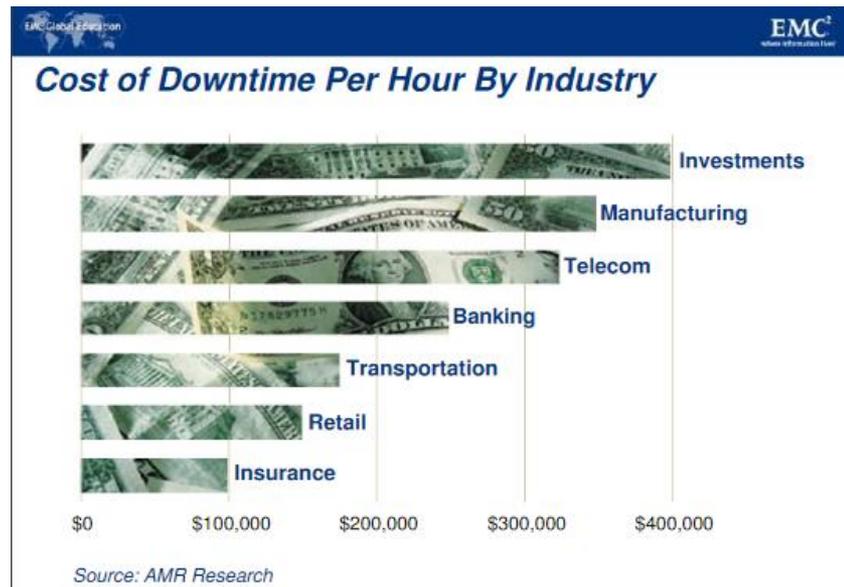
**Lost Customer and Damaged Reputation Cost**

Total number of customers last year:		<input type="text"/>	(15)
Calculate Avg. Revenue per customer: (Line 1) / (Line 15)	\$	<input type="text"/>	(16)
Number of customers lost due to system failure:		<input type="text"/>	(17)
Calculate Customer and Reputation Cost: (Line 16) x (Line 17)	\$	<input type="text"/>	(18)
Calculate Total Cost of Network Downtime: (Line 8) + (Line 11) + (Line 14) + (Line 18)	\$	<input type="text"/>	

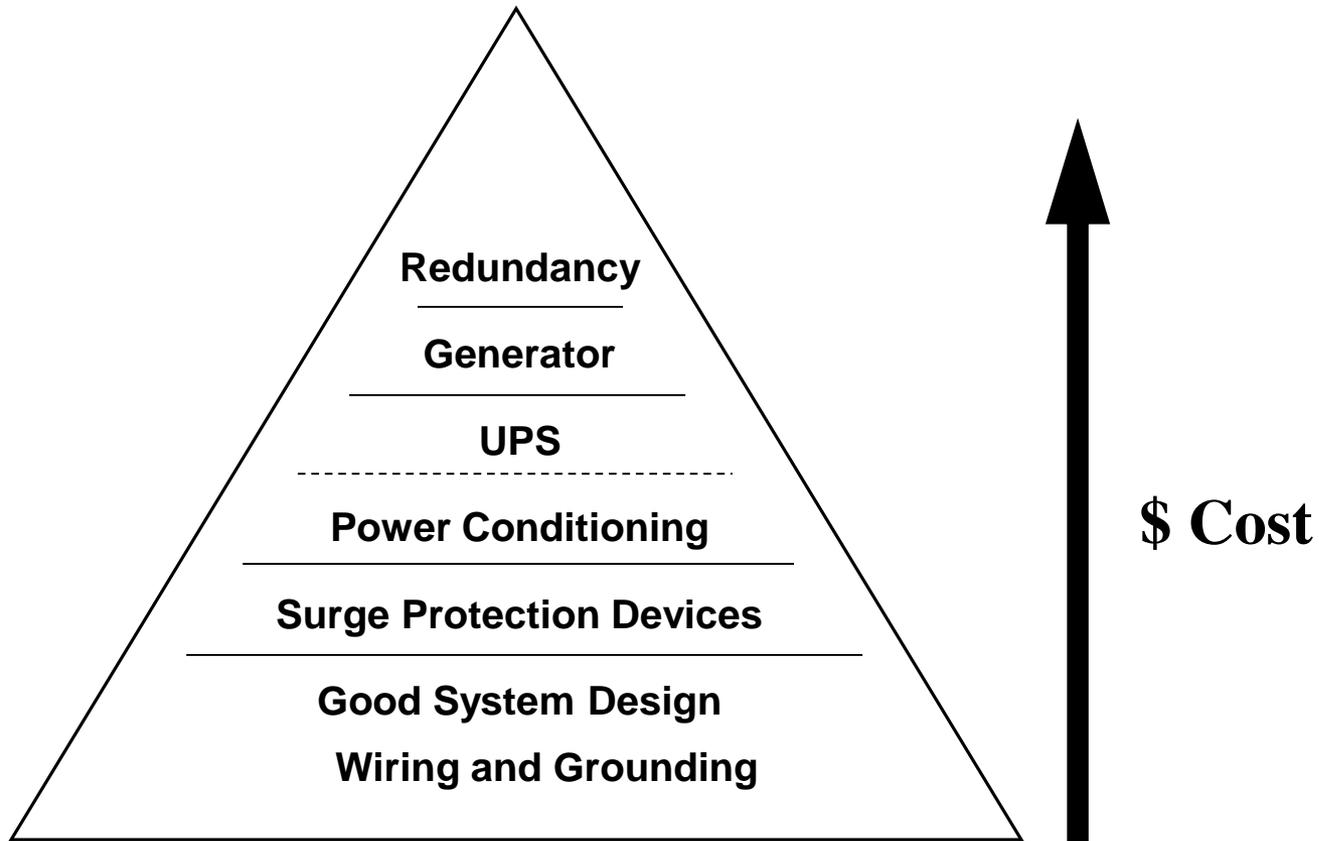


# Reliability Cost

- ▶ Cost of downtime
  - Business segment
    - IT industry average of \$5,600 per minute or \$340,000 per hour (Ponemon Institute study)



# Backup Power Options



Source: Liebert Corporation

# Backup Power Options

## ▶ Backup Generators

### ◦ Capital costs

Capital Costs, \$/kW			
Diesel	Natural Gas	Micro-turbine	Fuel Cell
\$150-\$250	\$200-\$300	\$1,000	\$3,000-\$4,000



### ◦ Installation costs

- Roughly 50% of the purchase cost
  - Can approach \$10,000 for a 100 kW unit
- Small installation cost penalty for oversizing

### ◦ Maintenance costs

- \$500 to \$1,000 per year
- \$20,000+ for major overhaul
- Diesels considered most mechanically reliable

# Backup Power Options

## ▶ Backup Generator Fuel Use

- Operating cost of \$0.08 to \$0.18/kWh range
  - Be sure to include electric demand charges for comparison
- Diesel and oil costs 2X more than natural gas

Generator Estimated Fuel Use (75% load)				
		Standby Rated kW		
Fuel	Units	200 kW	500 kW	1,500 kW
Diesel/ #2 Fuel Oil	Gallons/hr	11	27	85
Natural Gas	CCF/hr	18	43	123

Source: Detroit Diesel & Caterpillar

# Poll Question

- ▶ How long have you had backup generators at your facility?
  - a) More than 5 years
  - b) Between 1 and 5 years
  - c) < 1 year
  - d) We presently have no backup generators.



# Backup Power Options

## ▶ Backup Generator Fuel Sources

### • Natural Gas Advantages:

- Lowest cost fuel
- Unlimited fuel source—refueling not necessary
- Cleaner burning
- Available during power outages
- No storage facilities required

### • Natural Gas Disadvantages:

- Efficiency decreases 15% to 25% at half-load conditions
- May be unavailable during natural disasters (earthquake, hurricane, and so on)
- Fuel system plumbing increases installation costs



Source: DOE ARPA

# Backup Power Options

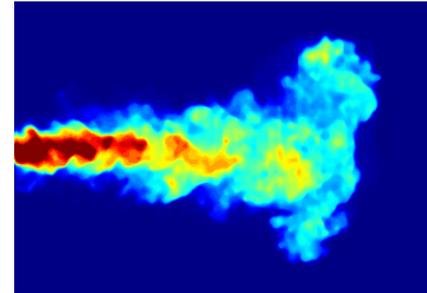
## ▶ Backup Generator Fuel Sources

### ◦ Diesel/Oil Advantages:

- Efficiency curve for diesel engines is comparatively flat
- Easily obtained
- Onsite fuel delivery available
- Portable

### • Diesel/Oil Disadvantages:

- 12- to 18-month shelf life
- Installing large storage tanks increases costs
- May not be available during power outages
- Wet stacking
- Harder to start in cold weather
- NOx and particulate matter emissions



Source: Sandia Nat'l Lab

# Backup Power Options

## ▶ Backup Generator Fuel Sources

### ◦ Propane Advantages:

- Long shelf life
- Clean burning
- Easily stored in both large tanks or in smaller, 5 to 10 gallon cylinders
- Obtainable during a power outage—fuel stations may be unable to pump fuel during an area-wide outage

### • Propane Disadvantages:

- Pressurized cylinder of flammable gas
- Fuel system is more complicated—increased possibility of failure
- Larger tanks are not aesthetically pleasing (unsightly)



Source: State of Nebraska

# Backup Power Options

- ▶ Generator Codes and Standards
  - ANSI/IEEE Standard 446, Emergency and Standby Power Systems
  - NFPA 70 National Electrical Code, Articles 700, 701, 702, 708
  - NFPA 99/NEC 517 Health Care Facilities
  - NFPA 101 Life Safety Code
  - NFPA 110, Standard for Emergency and Standby Power Systems
  - UL 1008 Automatic Transfer Switches

# Backup Power Options

- ▶ Emergency vs Standby Generators
  - Emergency system (NEC Article 700)
    - Responds to power failure
    - Legally required
    - Intended to supply, distribute, and control power and illumination essential for **safety to human life**
      - Help you leave the building
  - Standby power system
    - Legally required standby system (NEC Article 701)
    - Optional standby system (NEC Article 702)
    - Critical operations power systems (NEC Article 708)



# Poll Question

- ▶ Which of the following is NOT an advantage of natural gas as a backup generator fuel?
  - a) Emissions
  - b) Fuel storage
  - c) Installation cost
  - d) Operating cost
  - e) Available during power outage



# Backup Power Options

- ▶ Emergency Generator (NEC Article 700)
  - 10 second response
  - No diversity demand factors
  - Separate wiring circuits
  - Overcurrent protection selective coordination
  - Ground fault **alarms**
  - Acceptance/operational testing required under **maximum** anticipated load
  - Minimum 2-hour fuel supply
  - **Automatic** transfer switch (ATS) required



# Backup Power Options

- ▶ **Emergency System Operating Restrictions**
  - No limit on operation during normal utility outages
  - Federal
    - 100 hour limit for maintenance and testing
    - 50 hour limit for non-emergency situations
    - 15 hour limit for “emergency” demand response has been revoked as of May 1, 2016
    - No peak shaving
  - New Jersey
    - Emergency, maintenance, and testing operations only
    - Maintenance and testing not during days forecasted to have poor air quality.
    - Cannot participate in economic demand response programs.



# Backup Power Options

- ▶ Standby Power System (NEC 701, 702, 708)
  - Response time
    - 60 seconds for legally required
    - No requirement for optional standby
    - “Time required” for critical operations power systems (COPS)
  - Demand diversity factors **allowed**
  - **Combined** circuits
  - Acceptance/operational testing required **under load**



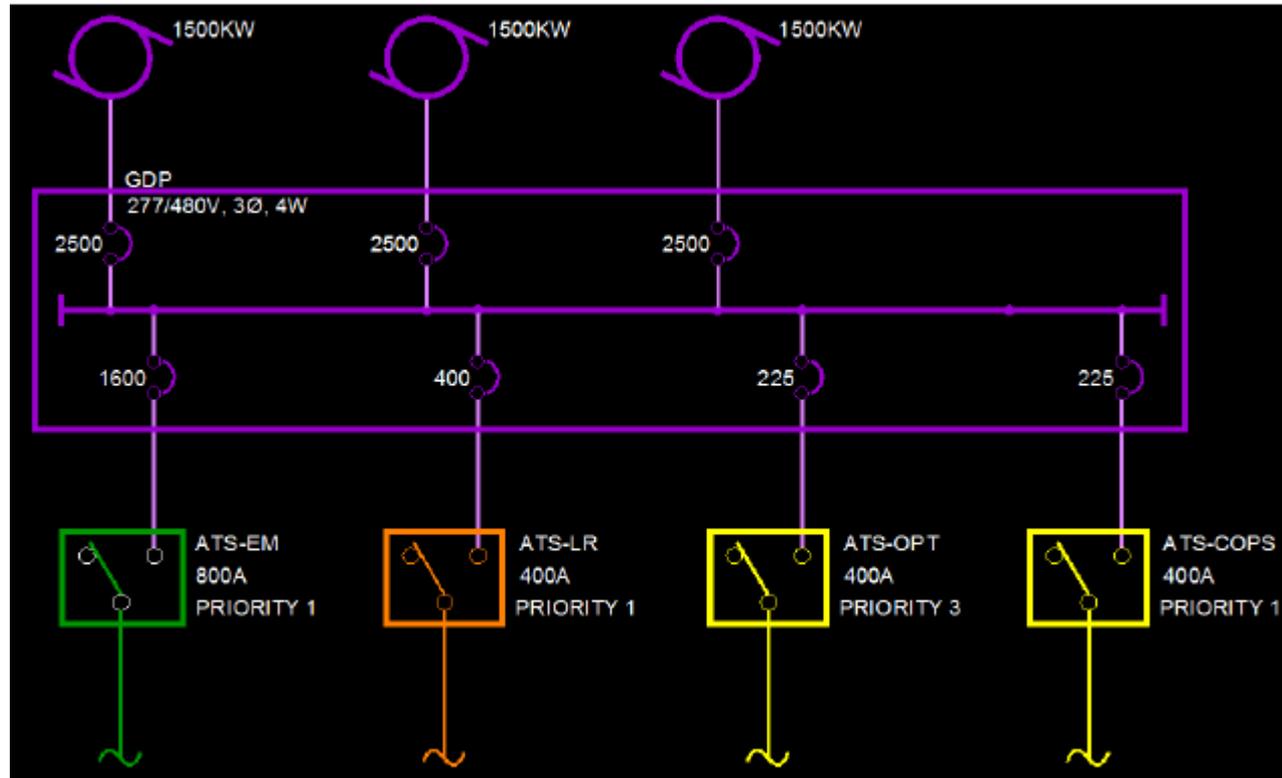
# Backup Power Options

- ▶ Standby Power System (NEC 701, 702, 708)
  - Ground fault response
    - Alarm for legally required
    - **Protection** for optional standby and critical operations power systems (COPS)
  - Minimum fuel supply
    - 2 hours for legally required
    - No requirement for optional standby
    - 72 hours for COPS
  - **Manual** transfer switch acceptable for optional standby
    - Automatic transfer switch for COPS



# Backup Power Options

- ▶ Commercial Building with Critical Operations Power Systems (COPS)



Emergency

Legally  
Required

Optional

COPS

Source: TLC Engineering for Architecture



# Backup Power Options

Requirement	Emergency	Legally Required Standby	Optional Standby	COPS
Minimum Fuel	2-hour	2-hour	Any	72-hour
Start Time	10 seconds	60 seconds	Any	Time required
Demand Factor	None – full load	None – full load	Allowed	None – full load
Selective Coordination	Full	Full	None	Full
Testing	Acceptance/ Operational Max Load	Acceptance/ Operational Under Load	None	Commissioning Under Load
Circuits	Isolated	Can combine	Any	Can combine
Fault Response	Alarm	Alarm	Protection	Protection
Transfer Switch	Automatic	Auto/Manual	Any	Automatic

# Uninterruptible Power Supplies

## ▶ UPS Systems

- Three types
  - Online or *true* UPS (double conversion)
  - Offline UPS (standby battery and inverter)
  - Hybrid or line-interactive or direct ferroresonant transformer UPS
- Energy Storage ( $\approx 50\%$  of system cost)
  - Lead Acid Batteries
  - Flywheels
  - Ultra-capacitors
- UPS cost
  - \$300 to \$2,000 per KVA
    - 5 KVA for doctor's office is \$1,500 to \$2,000
    - 10-20 kW for retail chain is \$15,000 to \$20,000
    - 1 MW for data center is \$400,000 plus \$200,000 installation
  - Flywheel is 50% more



Source: LBNL

# Uninterruptible Power Supplies

## ▶ UPS Suppliers

- Big Three
  - APC/Schneider
  - Liebert/Emerson
  - Powerware/Eaton
- Others include Emerson/Chloride/ONEAC, Mitsubishi, and General Electric

## ▶ Energy Efficiency of UPS

- Depends on load
- Redundant systems reduce load on each UPS
- Rightsizing can reduce power costs 75% over 10 years

Avg. Load	UPS Efficiency
100%	93%-97%
30%	89%
10%	50%

# Poll Question

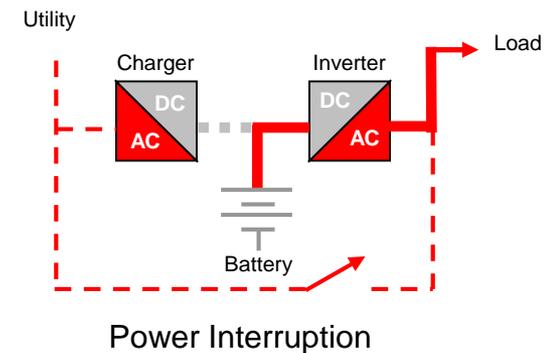
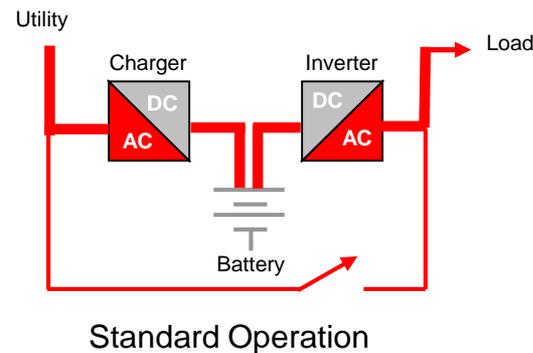
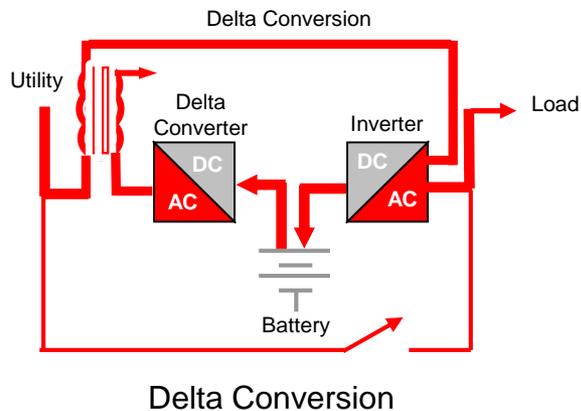
- ▶ Which of the following is NOT an NEC requirement for emergency generators?
  - a) 10-second start-up response time
  - b) Separate wiring circuit
  - c) Ground fault protection
  - d) Testing under maximum load
  - e) Minimum 2-hour fuel supply



# Uninterruptible Power Supplies

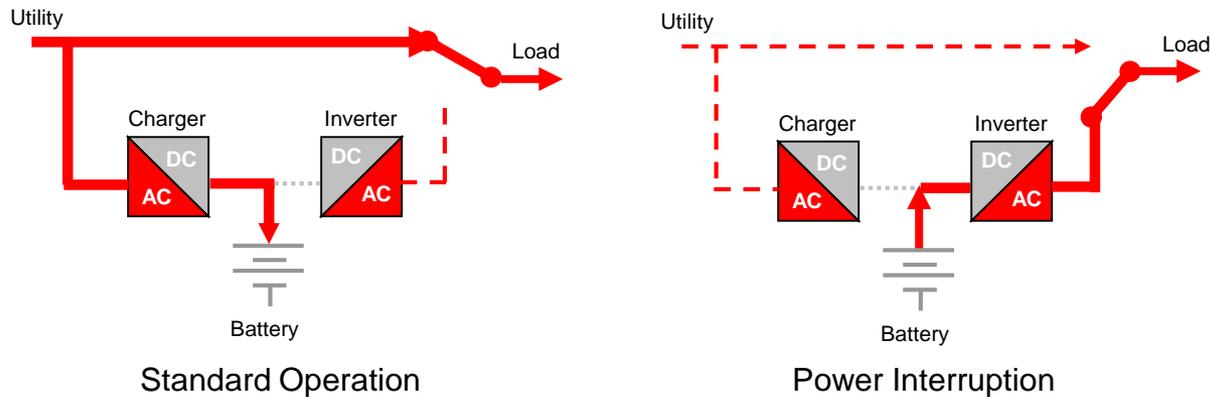
## ▶ Uninterruptible Power Supply (UPS)

- Online UPS (double conversion or true online)
  - *Continuously* powers the load
  - No switchover time
  - Best power conditioning
  - Best waveform
  - Delta converter more efficient than double conversion



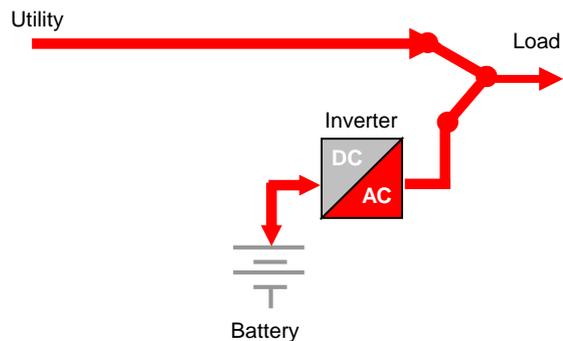
# Uninterruptible Power Supplies

- ▶ Uninterruptible Power Supply (UPS)
  - Offline UPS (standby)
    - Only supplies power *when power is interrupted*
    - Switchover time can be a problem
    - Square nature of sine wave can cause problems
    - Only conditions power during interruption

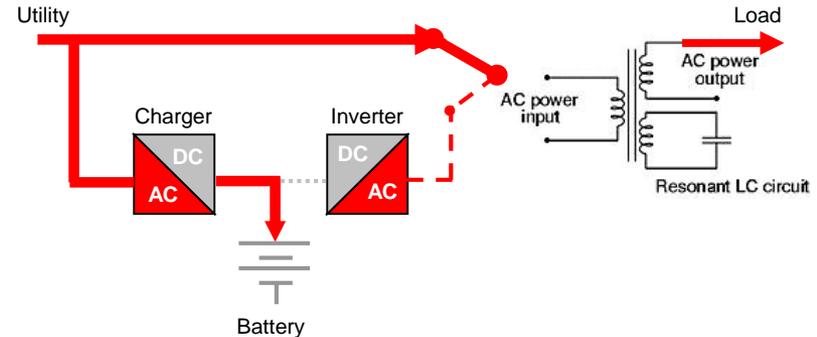


# Uninterruptible Power Supplies

- ▶ Uninterruptible Power Supply (UPS)
  - Hybrid or line-interactive UPS
    - Supplies additional power during sags
    - Provides some power conditioning
  - Hybrid direct ferroresonant transformer
    - UPS supports voltage regulation of ferroresonant transformer
    - Maintains output briefly when a total outage occurs
    - Can be unstable with PF-corrected power supply loads



Line-interactive Standard Operation



Ferroresonant Transformer

# Uninterruptible Power Supplies

- ▶ Uninterruptible Power Supply (UPS)
  - Is your UPS *Uninterruptible*?
  - Does your UPS provide power conditioning?
  - Does your UPS provide electrical isolation?
  - What is your UPSs output waveform?
  - Does your UPS have a maintenance bypass?
  - How does your UPS detect a bad battery?
  - Is it modular to easily increase capacity?

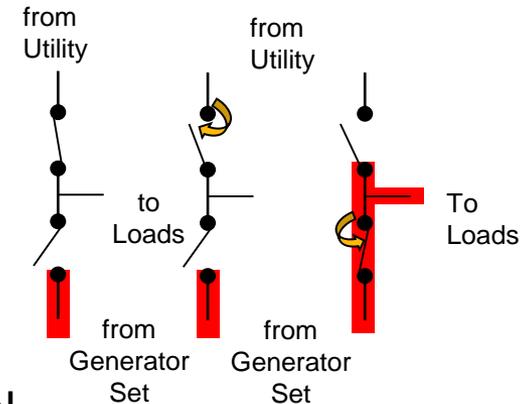


Source: Liebert Corporation/Emerson Network Power

# Equipment and Personnel Protection

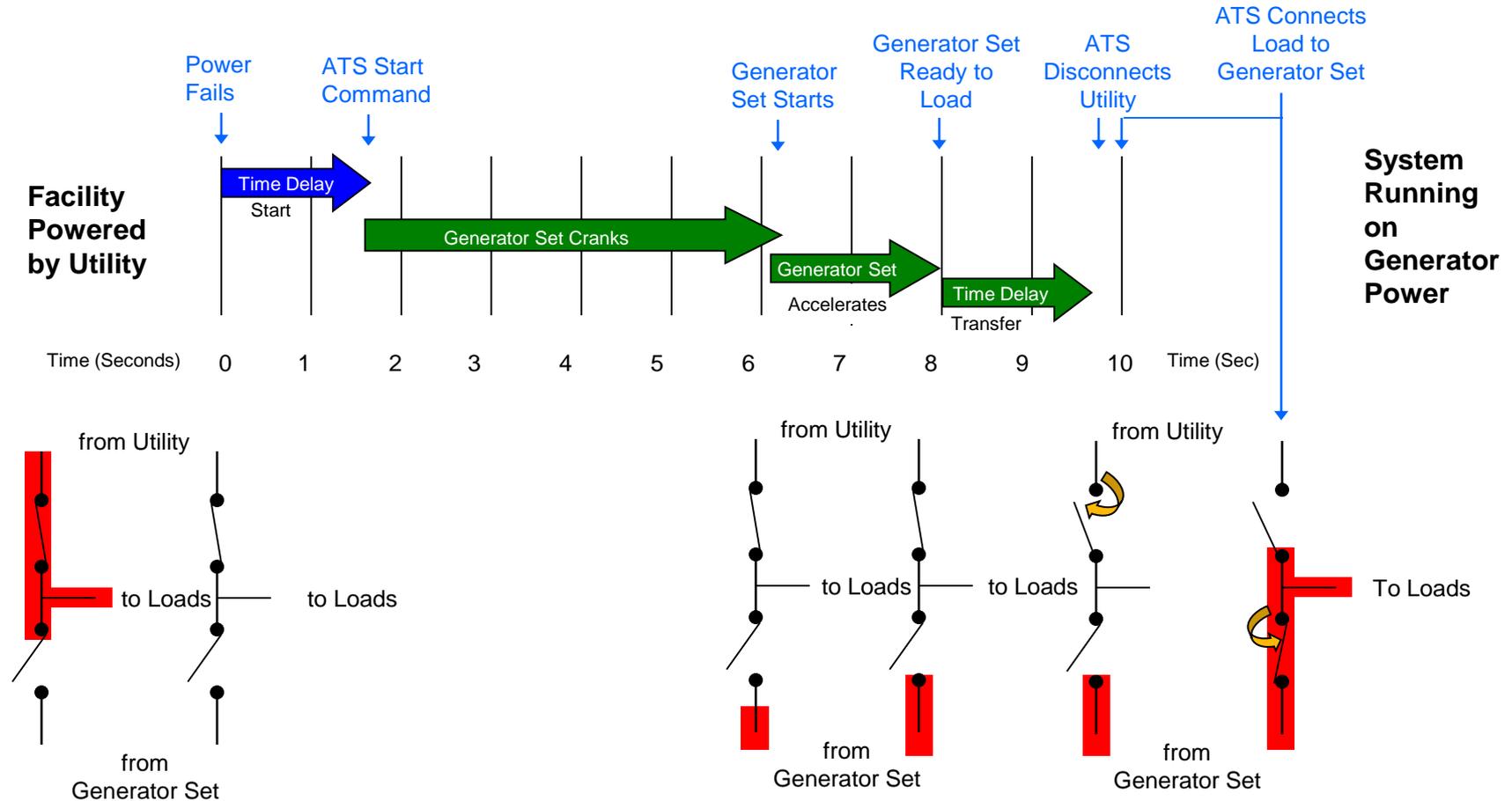
## ▶ Automatic Transfer Switches

- Open-transition *break before-make* switching
  - Lowest cost
  - Most reliable
  - Requires one-half to three seconds decay interval
- Fast closed-transition *make before-break* switching
  - Short-term paralleling of both sources
- Soft closed-transition *make before-break* switching
  - Synchronizes and then gradually transfers the facility loads



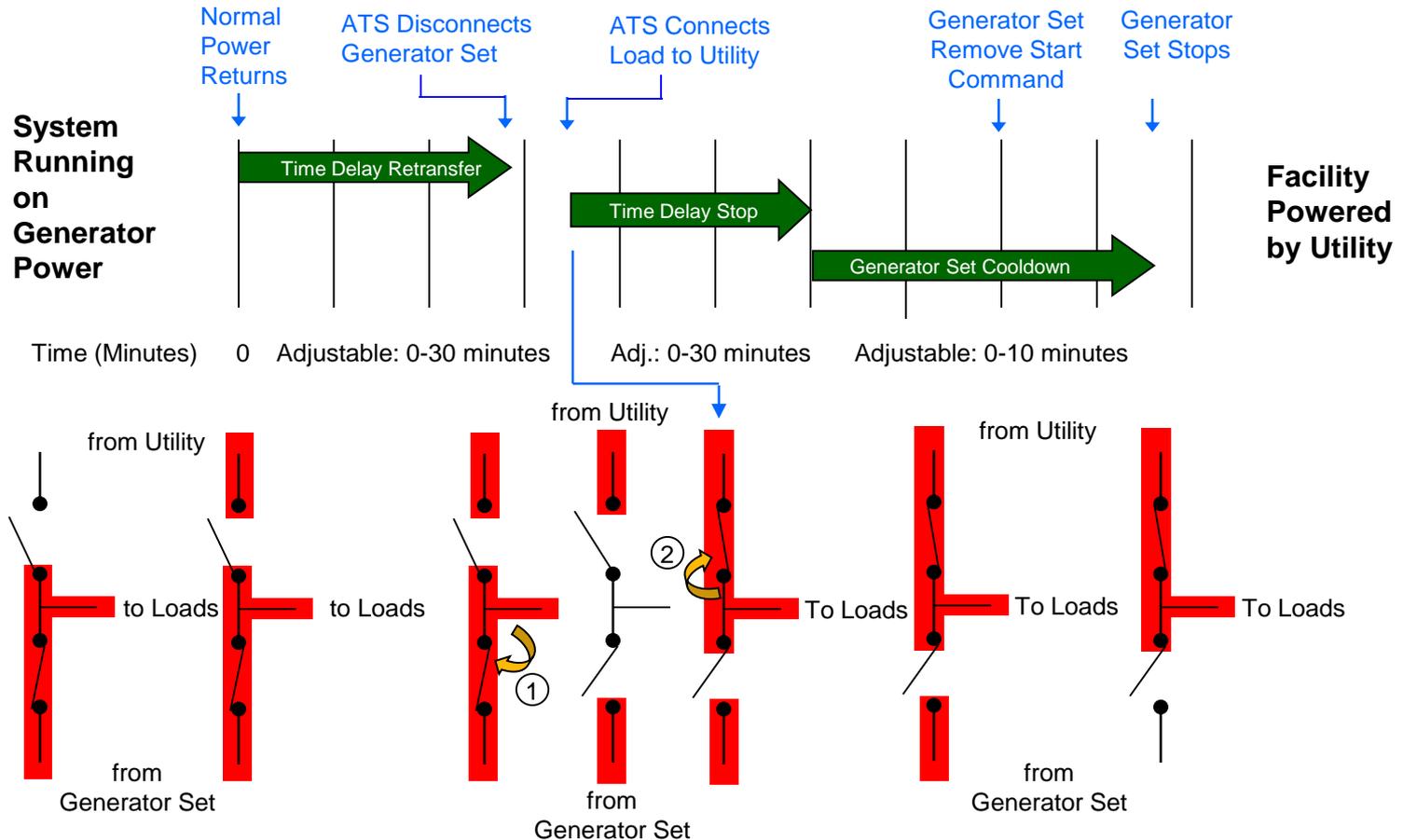
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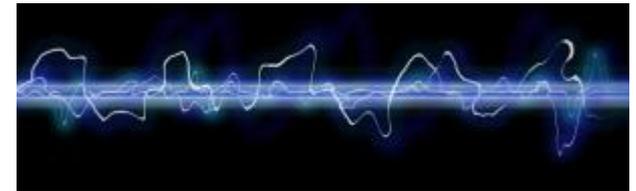


# Equipment and Personnel Protection

## ▶ Generator Compatibility with UPS

### ◦ UPS feeds non-linear harmonics to generators

- Power pulsations upon load changes
- Overheating
- *Bypass not available* alarms from the UPS



### • Possible Solutions

- Oversize the generator (2 to 5X UPS rating)
- Add linear loads to generator (even a load bank)
- Increase generator insulation from class F to class H
- Specify lowest temperature rise alternator
  - Typically 105°C rise over a 40°C ambient
- Specify a generator set reactance/impedance of 15% or less.
- Specify high-speed automatic voltage regulators (AVRs)
  - That provide pulse-width modulated output
- Separately power the AVR
  - Use permanent magnet generator (PMG) supported excitation system

# Codes and Standards

- ▶ NFPA 110, Standard for Emergency and Standby Power Systems
  - Run 30 minutes monthly (Section 8.4.2)
    - Minimum exhaust gas temperatures as recommended by the manufacturer
    - 30% minimum load, or
    - Available load and annual 2 hour test
  - Three classifications of generators
    - Type
    - Class
    - Level



# Codes and Standards

- ▶ NFPA 110 Emergency Power System **Types**
  - **Type** refers to the maximum time that an emergency power system can remain unpowered after a failure of the normal source

Type	Power restoration time
U	Basically Uninterruptible (UPS Systems)
10	10 seconds
60	60 seconds
120	120 seconds
M	Manual stationary or non-automatic No time limit

# Codes and Standards

- ▶ **NFPA 110 Emergency Power System Classes**
  - **Class** refers to the minimum time, in hours, for which the system is designed to operate at its rated load without being refueled or recharged
    - Fuel storage shall be 133% of rating
      - Class 48 would have 64 hours of fuel storage

Class	Operation time before refueling
0.083	0.083 hour (5 minutes)
0.25	0.25 hour (15 minutes)
2	2 hours
6	6 hours
48	48 hours
X	Other time, in hours, as required by the application, code, or user

# Codes and Standards

- ▶ **NFPA 110 Emergency Power System Levels**
  - The **Level** of an emergency power system refers to the level of equipment installation, performance, and maintenance requirements
  - Example: Level 1, Type 10, Class 48
    - Critical to life, 10 second start, 48 hours of operation

Level	Performance requirement
1	When failure of the equipment to perform could result in loss of human life or serious injuries
2	When failure of the equipment to perform is less critical to human life and safety and where the authority having jurisdiction shall permit a higher degree of flexibility than that provided by a level 1 system

# Codes and Standards

- ▶ Hospitals and Other Healthcare
  - The Joint Commission (JCAHO)
    - Research and critical care functions are load-intensive systems
    - Redundancy essential
      - Requires backup generators regardless of how many feeders are available
      - At least one generator must always be available as a backup for N+1 redundancy
      - Generators must be tested for a minimum of four (4) continuous hours at least once every 36 months (EC.02.05.07)
  - NFPA 99 Health Care Facilities Code
    - 12 load tests per year
    - Test methodology from NFPA 110



Source: [www.sxc.hu](http://www.sxc.hu)

# Codes and Standards

- ▶ Backup Generators—National Electrical Code (NEC)
  - Article 695—Fire Pumps (stationary pumps for fire protection)
  - Article 700—Emergency Systems
    - Article 700.27—Overcurrent Protection (Selective) Coordination
  - Article 701—Legally Required Standby Systems (health care, and so on)
    - Article 701.18—Overcurrent Protection (Selective) Coordination
  - Article 702—Optional Standby Systems (permanent and portable)
    - Article 702.6—Transfer Equipment (now allows parallel operation)
    - Article 702.9—Wiring Optional Standby Systems (allows sharing)
    - Article 702.10—*Portable* Generator Grounding (non-separately derived bonding)
  - Article 705—Interconnected Electric Power Production Sources (in parallel with a primary source)
    - Article 705.22—Disconnect Device (marked as may be energized from both sides)
    - Article 705.40—Loss of Primary Source (islanding protection and phase synching)

# Codes and Standards

- ▶ Backup Generators—National Electrical Code (NEC)
  - Article 708—Critical Operations Power Systems
    - Article 708.54—Overcurrent Protection (Selective) Coordination
  - Article 445—Generators
    - Article 445.13—Ampacity of Conductors
      - Requires 115% overcurrent protection
      - Neutral conductor sizing per Article 220.22—Feeder or Service Neutral Load
    - Article 445.18—Disconnecting Means Required for Generators
      - Switch or circuit breaker required unless engine can be easily stopped **and** generator not in parallel with another generator or source

# Generator Tips

- ▶ Sizing Backup Generators
  - Consult a generator specialist
    - Caterpillar SpecSizer
    - Cummins Power Suite
    - Generac Power Design Pro
    - MTU Onsite Energy PS-Spec 4.0
    - Kohler QuickSize
  - Should be sized to run at full load operation in the 60% to 80% range of the generator capacity
  - Factor in inrush current during motor starting



Source: Stock.xchng

# Poll Question

- ▶ Would you like someone from PSE&G to call and provide guidance on backup generators?
  - a) Yes
  - b) No
  
- ▶ How valuable has this Webinar been to you?
  - a) Not valuable at all.
  - b) Slightly valuable.
  - c) Moderately valuable.
  - d) Very valuable.
  - e) Extremely valuable.

# Generator Tips

- ▶ **Tips for Buying a Used Generator**
  - Check the hours, age, and history of the generator set.
  - Consider the generator manufacturer's history and reputation
  - Check the seller's current level of knowledge on maintaining and repairing diesel engines, power units, transfer switches, and generator ends
  - Check all mechanical components for wear or fatigue.
  - The bearings and bushings should all be replaced, regardless of their function or condition
  - Integrity check wiring and welds
  - Request a load test
  - Insist on a guarantee or limited warranty for a period of one to three months after your purchase

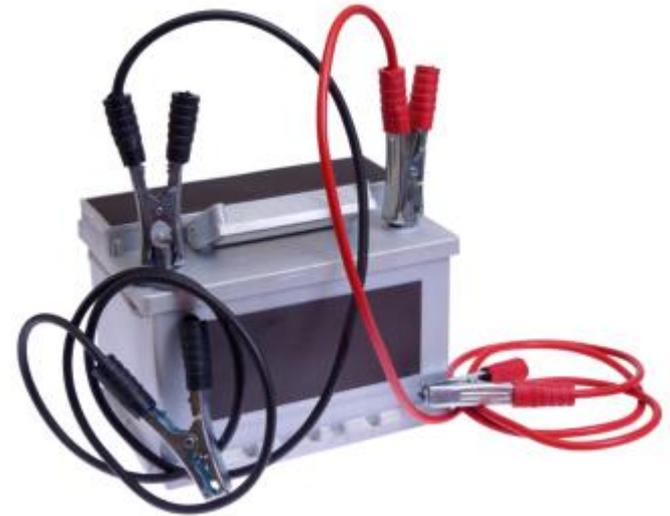


Source: Diesel Service & Supply, Inc. (Brighton, CO)

# Generator Tips

## ▶ Top Nine Reasons Generators Fail to Start

1. Battery failure
2. Low coolant levels
3. Low coolant temperature alarms
4. Oil, fuel, or coolant leaks
5. Controls *not in auto*
6. Air in the fuel system
7. Ran out of fuel
8. High fuel level alarm
9. Breaker trip



Source: Darren Dembski of Peterson Power Systems

# Questions?

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