



Data Center Certification

a Practical View

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- Commissioning –
- Certification
- Uptime Institute
- Tier level

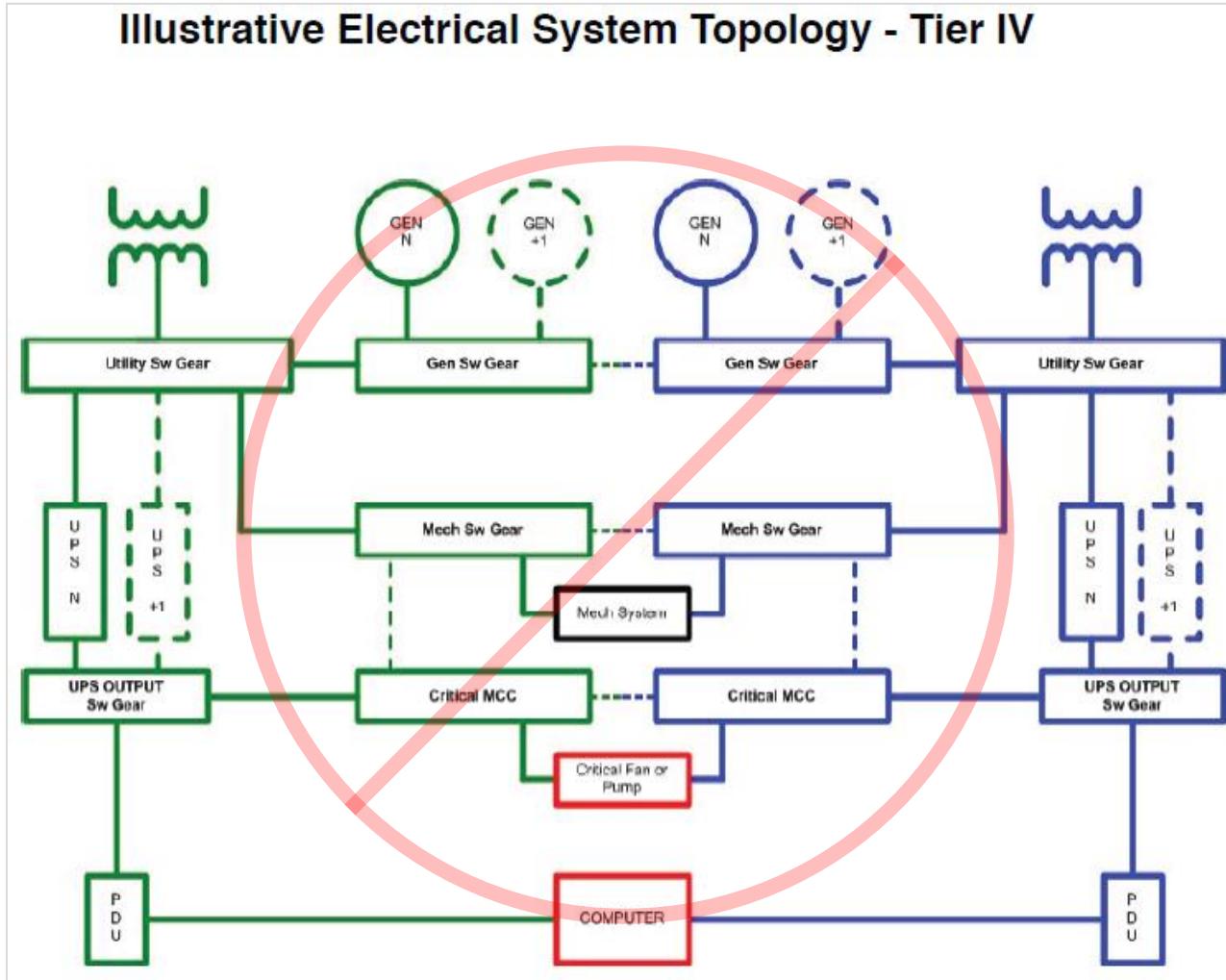
Uptime Institute's TIER TOPOLOGY

	TIER I	TIER II	TIER III	TIER IV
Active capacity components to support the IT load	N	N+1	N+1	N after any failure
Distribution Paths	1	1	1 active and 1 alternate	2 simultaneously active
Concurrently maintainable	NO	NO	YES	YES
Fault tolerant	NO	NO	NO	YES
Compartmentalization	NO	NO	NO	YES
Continues Cooling	NO	NO	NO	YES

Source: The Uptime Institute: Data center site infrastructure tier standard: Topology (TS102120-0812), 2012

Non-Standard components

Illustrative Electrical System Topology - Tier IV



Source: The Uptime Institute: Tier classifications define site infrastructure performance (TUI705C), 2006
TIA/EIA 942

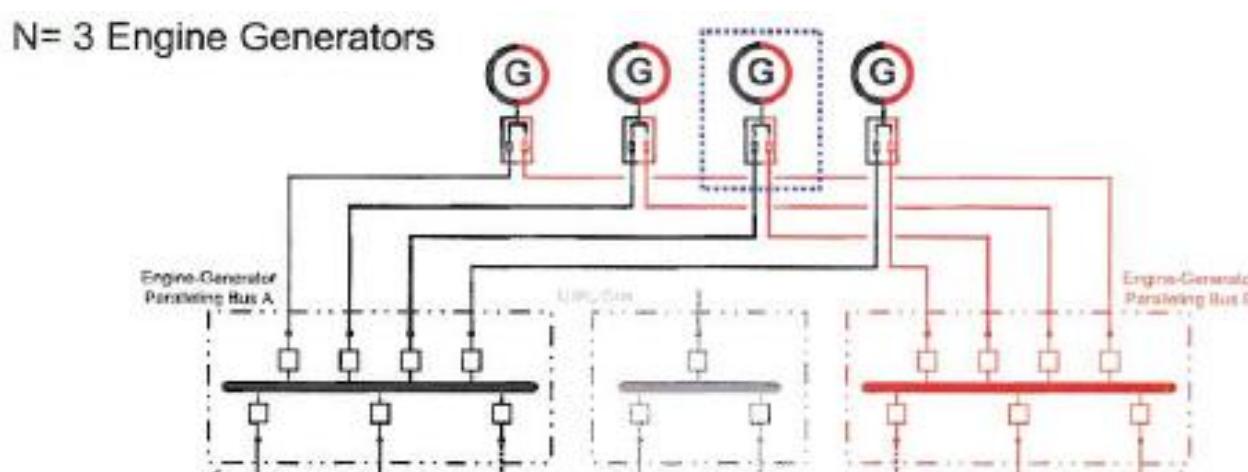
Certification Methodology

↓ Specification	↓ Owner
↓ Tier selection	↓ owner
↓ Design	↓ Design team
↓ Design certification	↓ Uptime institute
↓ Build	↓ contractor
↓ commissioning	↓ Cx Agent
↓ As built certification	↓ Uptime institute

2 (N+1) components are mandatory for Tier IV

FALSE

- N count does not determine Tier level
- It is possible to achieve Tier IV with just N+1 components for some systems.



Site location affects TIER level

FALSE

- Site location is critical consideration for life cycle operation but it is non part of Tier rating.
- Site location does impact Operational Sustainability – a different Tier system.

Generator fuel capacity should be 72 hours

FALSE

- Only 12 hours of on site fuel is mandatory.
- The fuel system is part of the critical systems – should be concurrently maintainable.
- A single bulk tank with more than 12 hours of fuel can comply with standard.

Tier IV requires a separate UPS for mechanical equipment

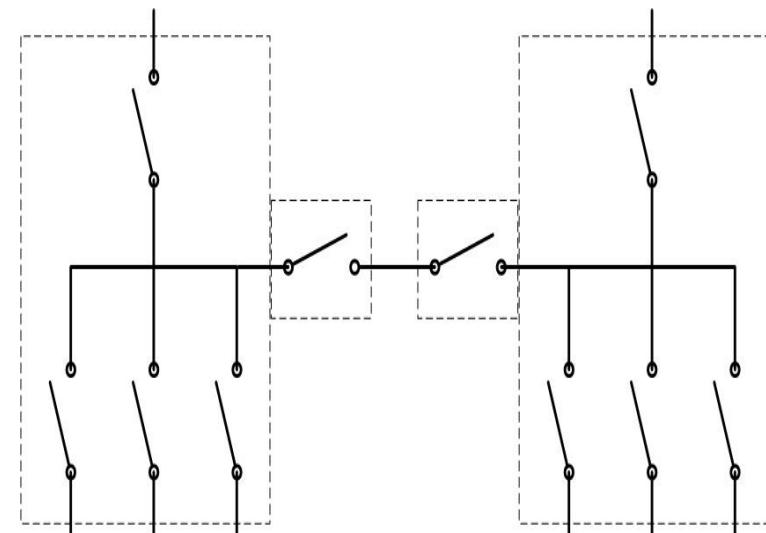
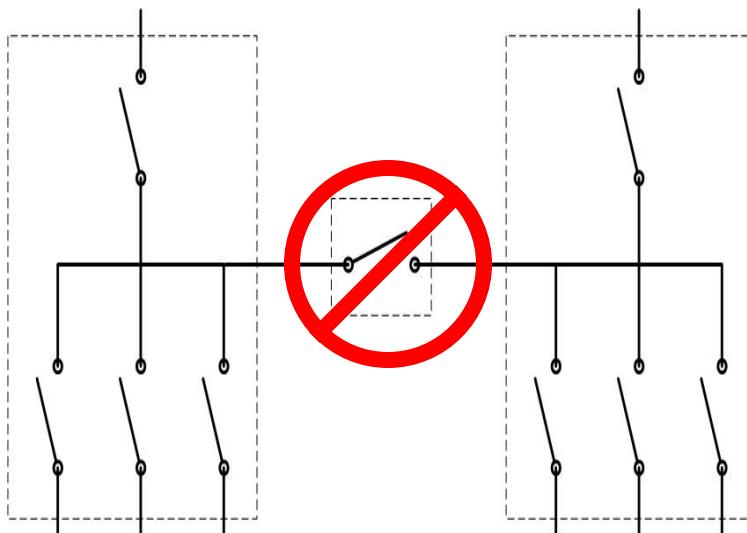
FALSE

- The same UPS can feed IT and mechanical equipment.
- UPS supply to mechanical equipment is to:
 - Prevent temperature rise between generator and utility transfer.
 - Support the mechanical plant for the same time of the IT UPS backup time.

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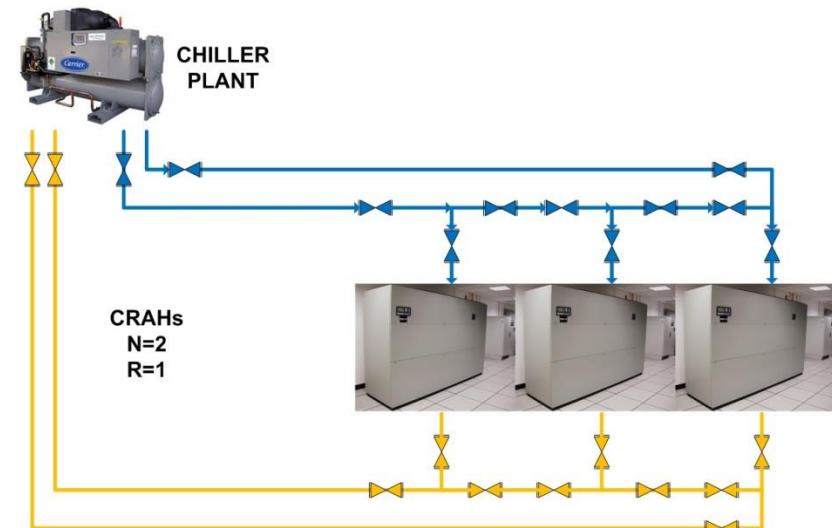
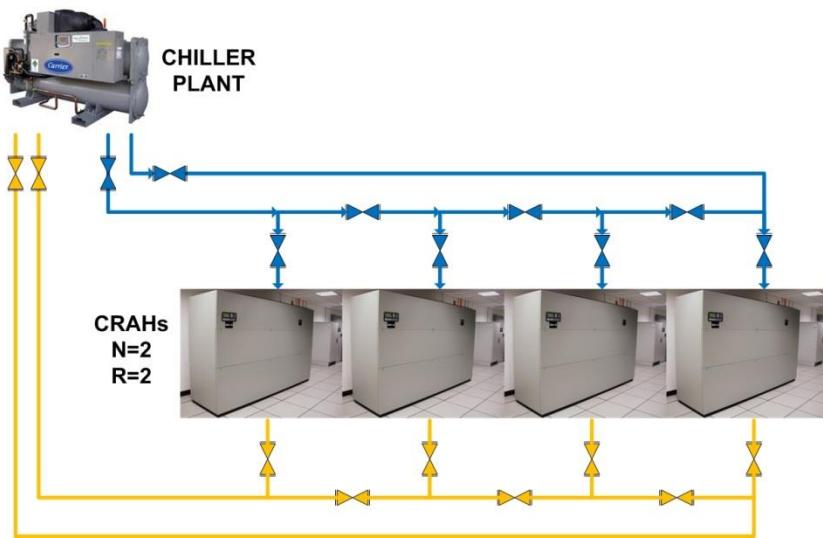
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Is the TIER topology a standard ?

TRUE

- A standard might simply be defined as **'a set of rules for ensuring quality'**.
- The Uptime Institute is a research, education, and consulting organization and **not a formal** standardization institute.
- Nevertheless it is probably the most common standard **voluntarily adopted**.
- Other standards: BICSI, TIA-942...



MYTHS AND MISCONCEPTIONS IN DATACENTER RATING

Sources of myths and misconceptions:

- Chronology of TUI papers:
 - 1996 - 2008 - White papers - Tier classifications define site infrastructure performance
 - 2009 – 2012 - Data center site infrastructure tier standard: Topology
- Similarity with TIA 942 and other standards
- Partial adoption of standard demands

