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# Alternatives to improve electricity access in Colombia

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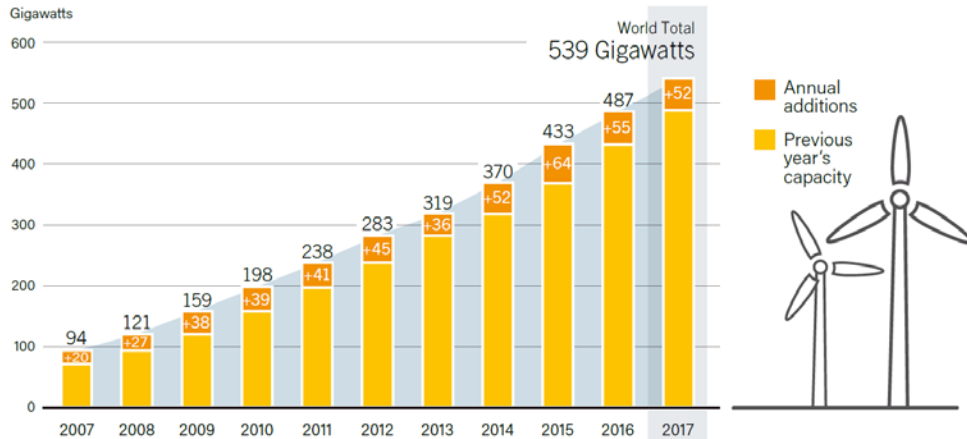
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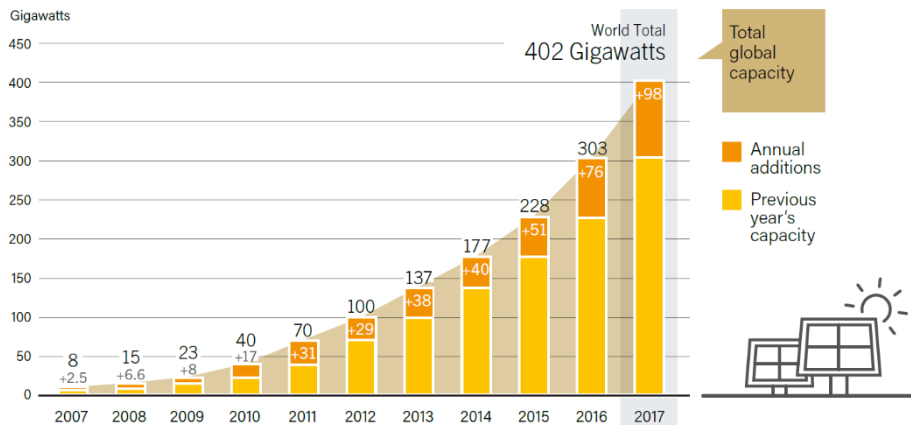
# Background: a worldwide trend to renewables



Wind power installed capacity (Ren21, 2018)

*The growth was 19% between 2007 to 2017, totaling 539 GW.*

*Investment in new renewable power capacity was more than twice that new fossil fuel and nuclear power capacity combined*



Solar power installed capacity (Ren21, 2018)

*Annual growth was 48% between 2007 to 2017 reaching a total of 402 GW.*



## .... Some signals

- Renewable energy cost are steadily falling - PV Grid parity (Haas et al, 2016; Bayod-Rújula, 2009).
- Evolution of renewable installed capacity (BP, 2014; GWEC, 2015)
- Renewables are no longer limited to developed economies (IEA, 2017).

# Renewable challenges

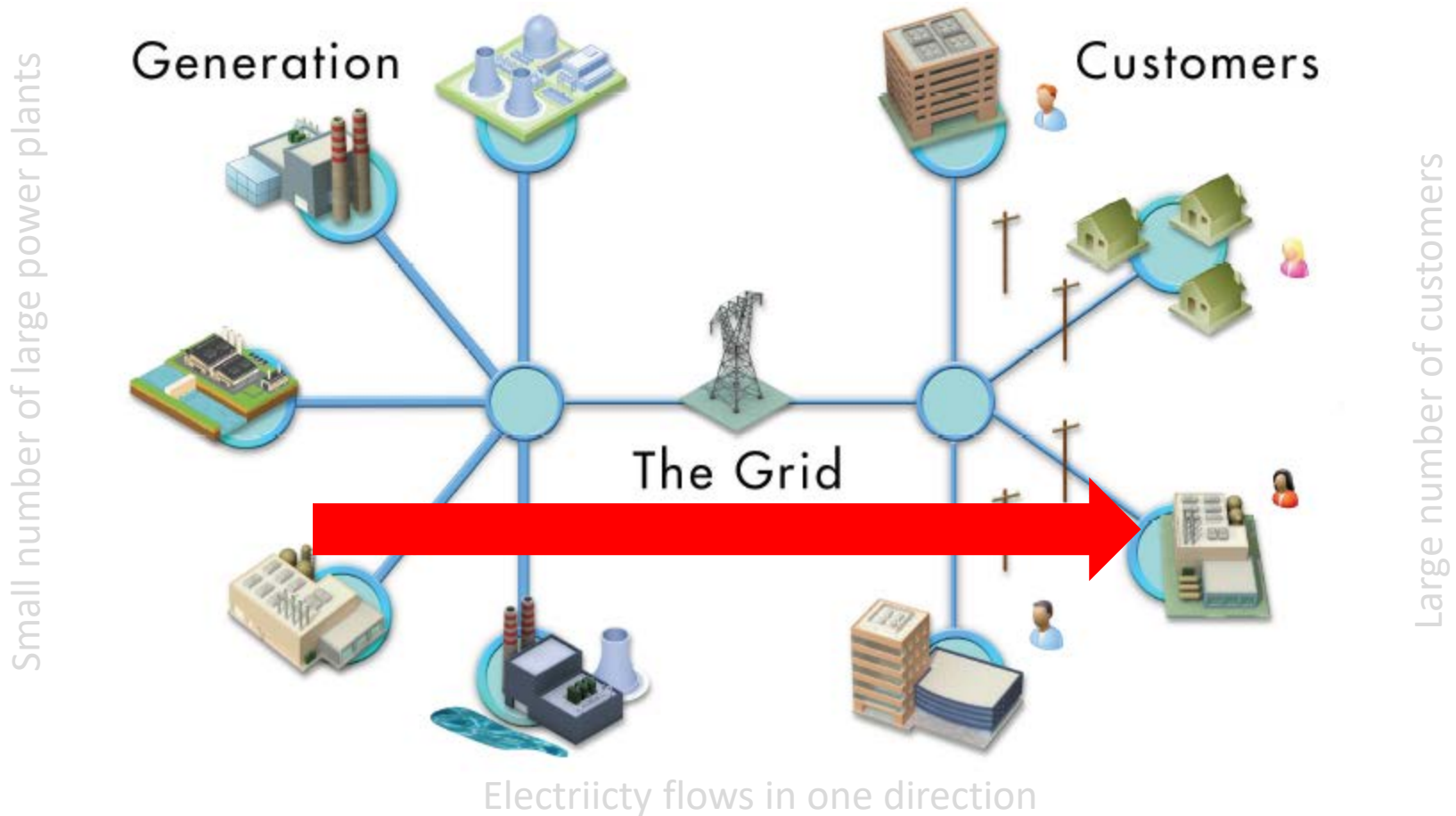
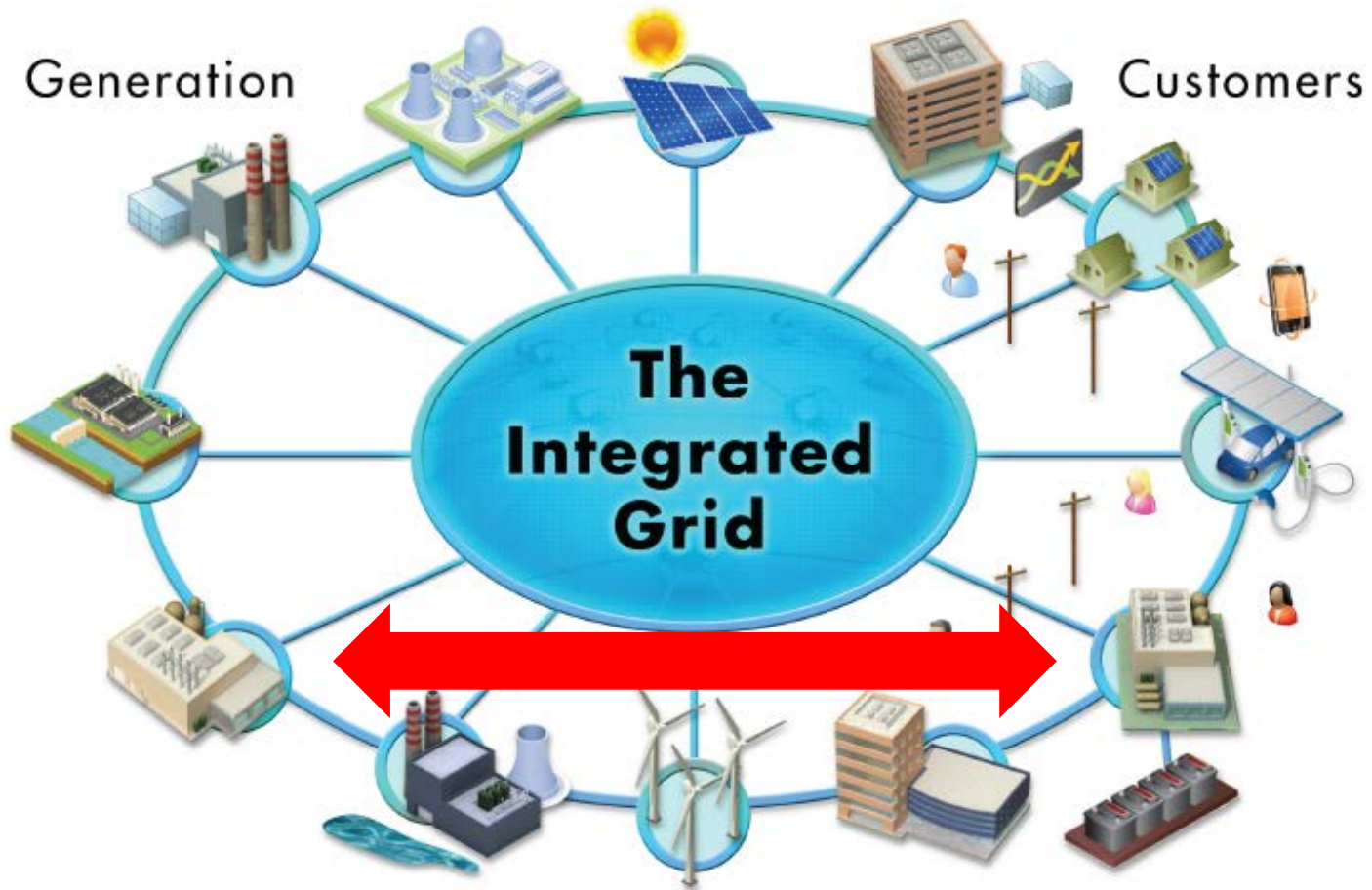


Figure 1. **Today's Power System** Characterized by Central Generation of Electricity, Transmission, and Distribution to End-Use Consumers (EPRI, 2014)

So, what if instead of...



We had a large number of generation facilities....DER bi-directional ...???  
smoother transition ...

Figure 2. Creating an Architecture with Multi-Level Controller (EPRI, 2014; Richter, 2013)





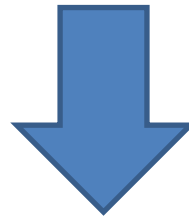
Germany: price, power quality, reliability..



The lack of coordinated planning and deploying DER (Distributed Energy Resources) leads to challenges:

- Local over-voltage or loading issues on distribution
- System instability
- Resource variability and uncertainty
- Voltage fluctuation/Intermittency
- **Regulatory challenge:**
  - **Remuneration of distribution business**
  - **Definition roles and business boundaries**
  - **Distribution tariffs (free-riding, subsidies ...)**

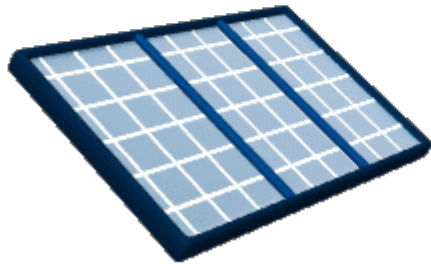
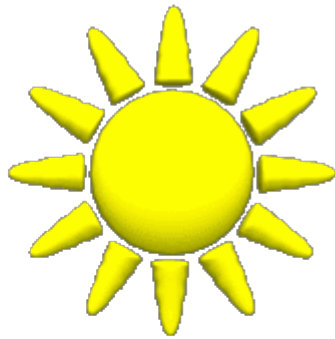
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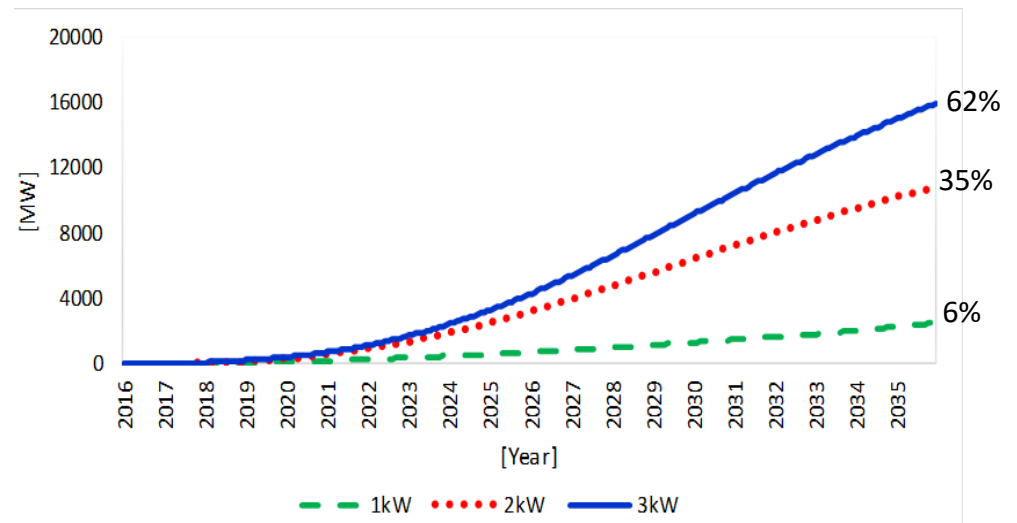
**The right regulation and market design!!**

# Some research results about the effect of high solar PV investment

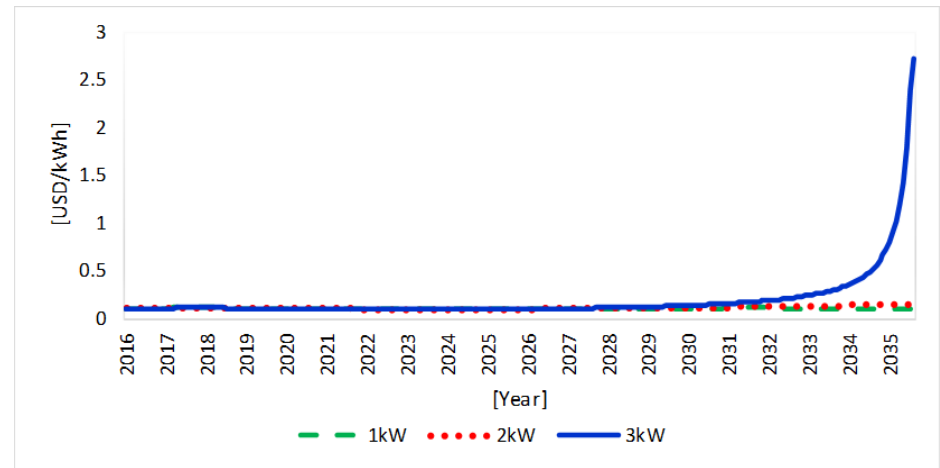


To offset 100% of the average energy consumption for a household, a 2-kW system is enough in some developing countries.

*An oversized PV system of 3KW is the worst scenario!!!*



**Figure 3.** Solar PV cumulative installed capacity and percent of cumulative installed capacity

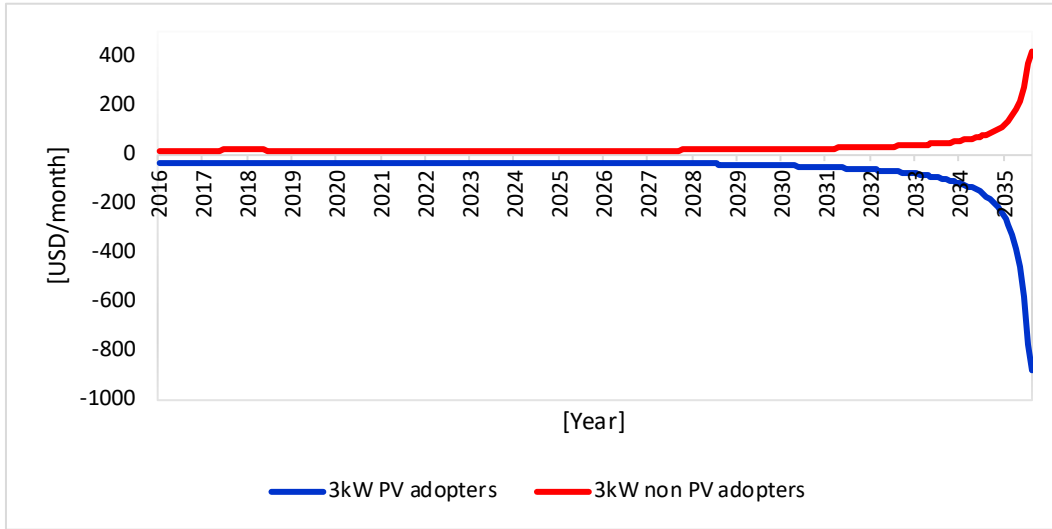


**Figure 4.** Final tariff for residential sector





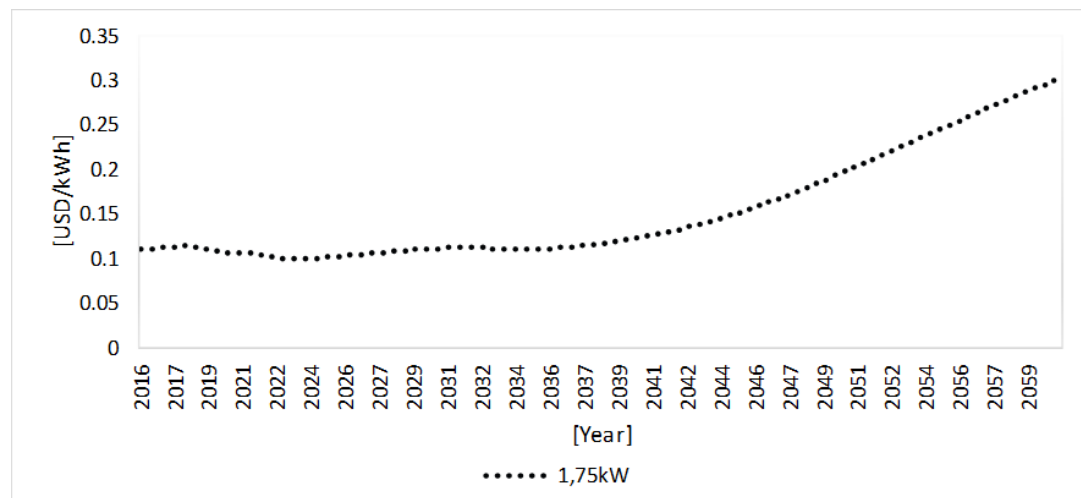
# What are the long-term effects on customers?



Revenue losses of utilities coincide with the high expenses of non-PV adopters and high revenues of PV adopters

Figure 5. Energy bill for customers under oversized PV systems (3kW)

Figure 6. Residential tariff for 1.7kW PV panel size and a longer timeframe

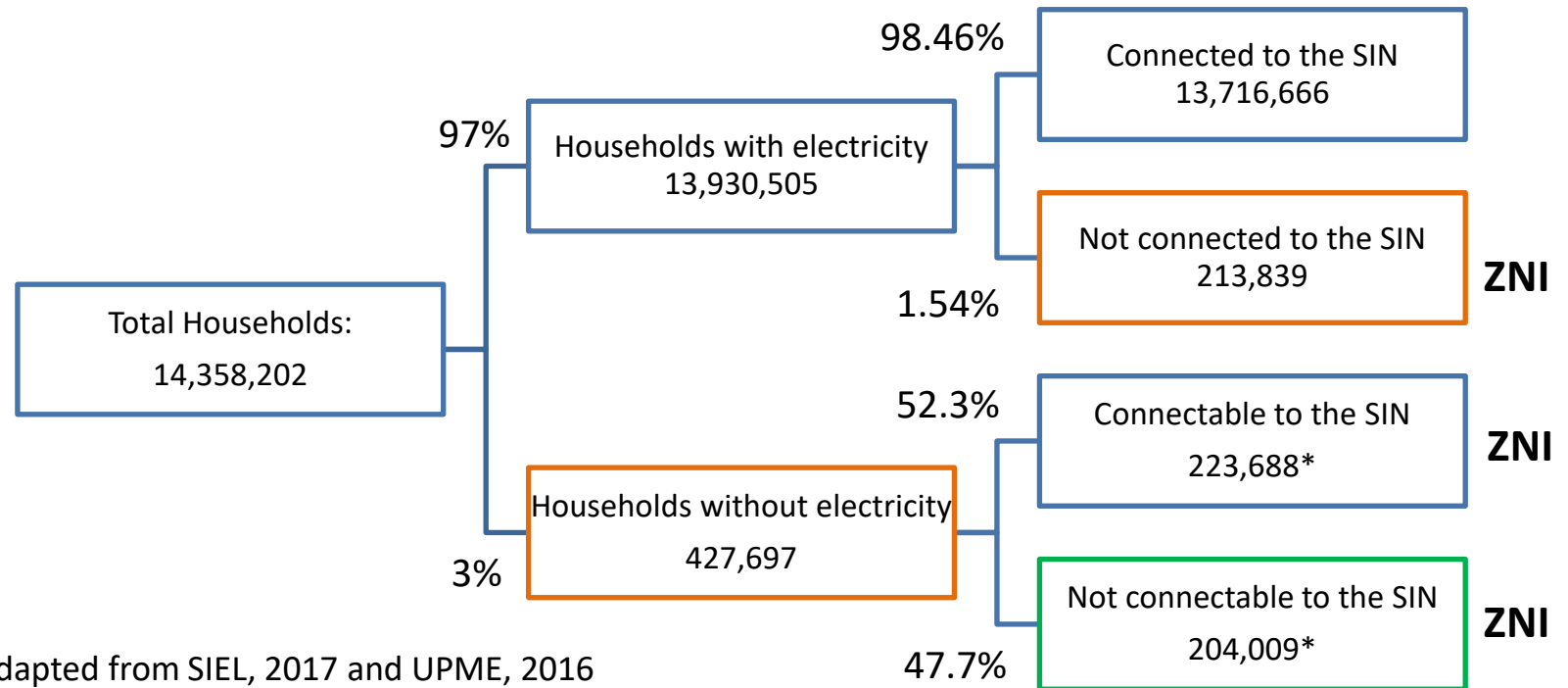


# Electricity access in Colombia

SOURCE: IEA, Energy Access Outlook 2017

## Electricity Access in Central and South America

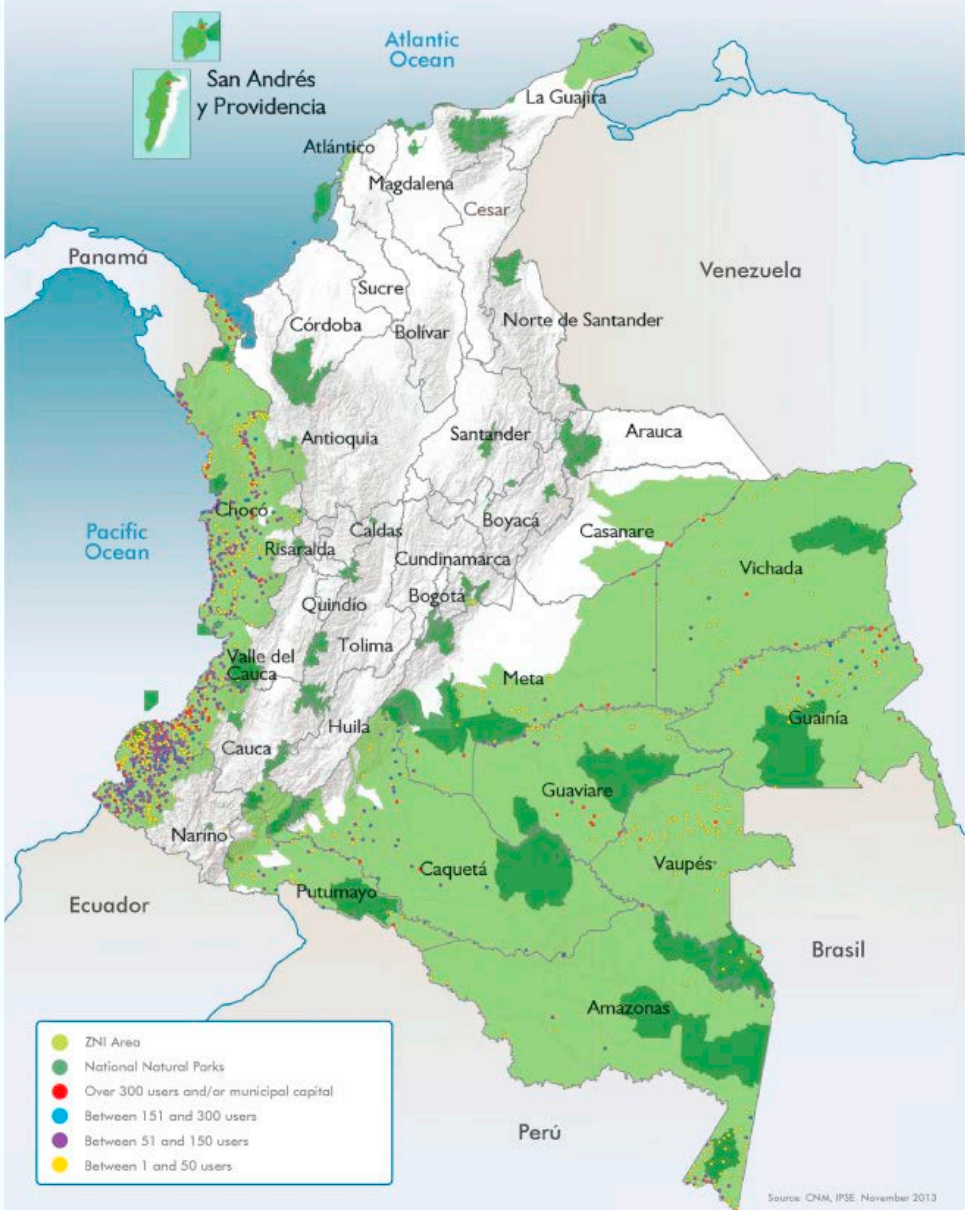
	Rate of access						Population without access (million)
	National				Urban	Rural	
	2000	2005	2010	2016	2016	2016	
Central and South America	87%	91%	94%	97%	98%	86%	17
Colombia	81%	88%	97%	98%	100%	87%	1



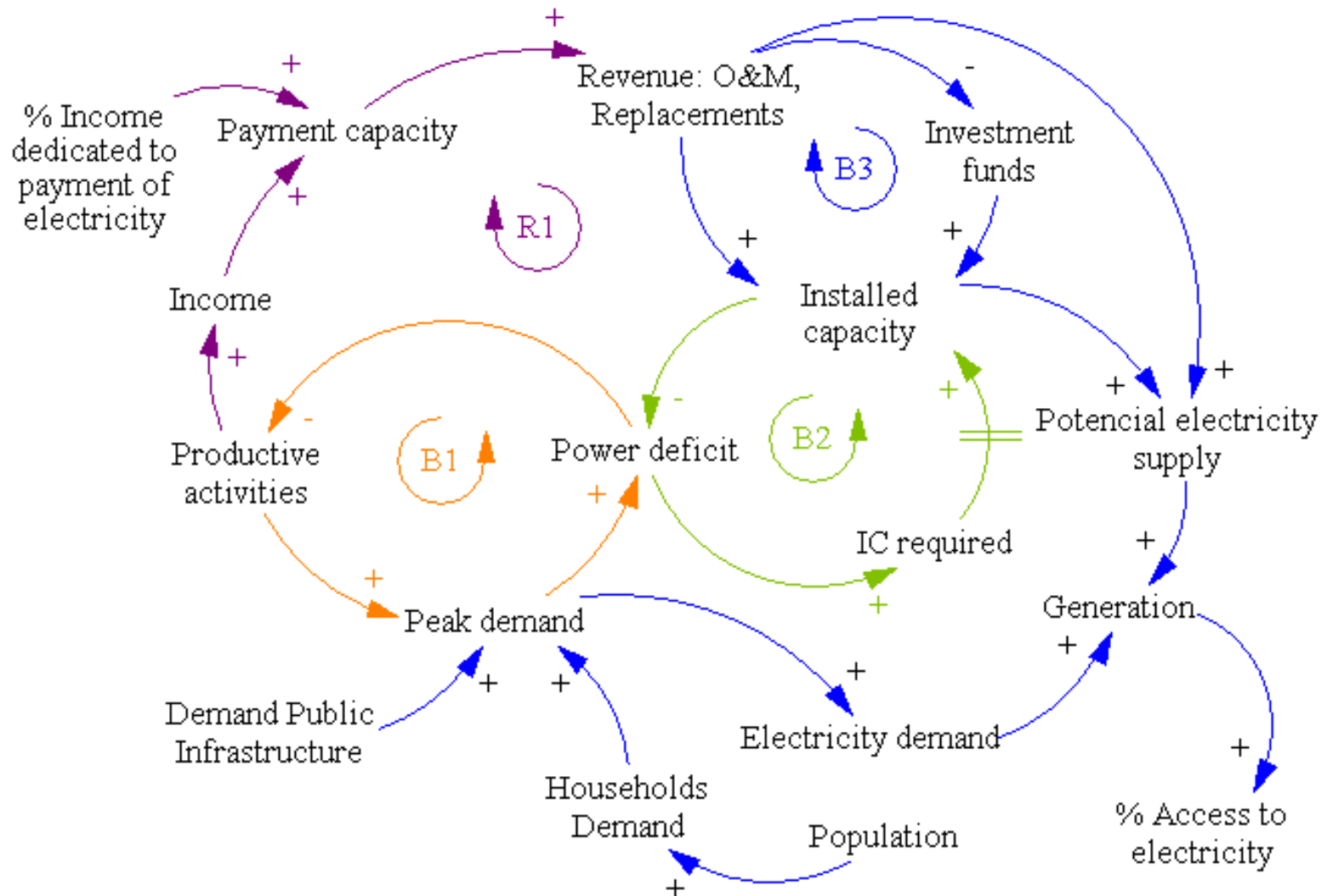
Source: Adapted from SIEL, 2017 and UPME, 2016

\* Estimation made from the general results PIEC 2016-2020 (UPME, 2016, pág. 40)

# Interconnected and Off-grid regions (ZNI)



# System dynamics: hypothesis



# Preliminary results: diesel + solar, subsidy only

## Initial conditions

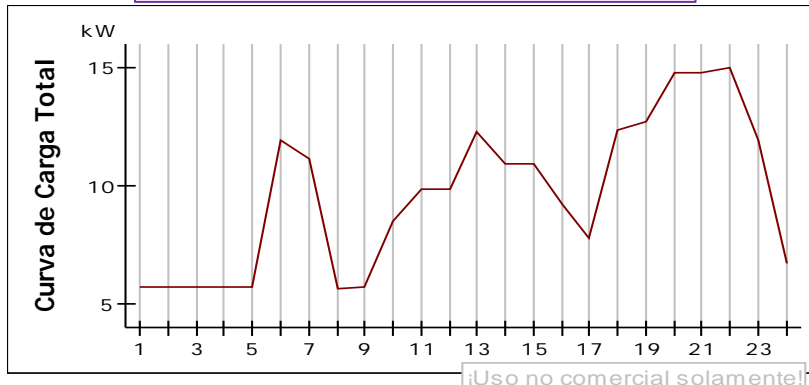
- Residential demand: 100 households
- Demand - public infrastructure: Street lighting, 1 school, 1 health center, 1 community center
- Demand - productive activities: small store with a refrigerator
- Microgrid of 100 kW initial installed capacity (diesel)

## Simulation

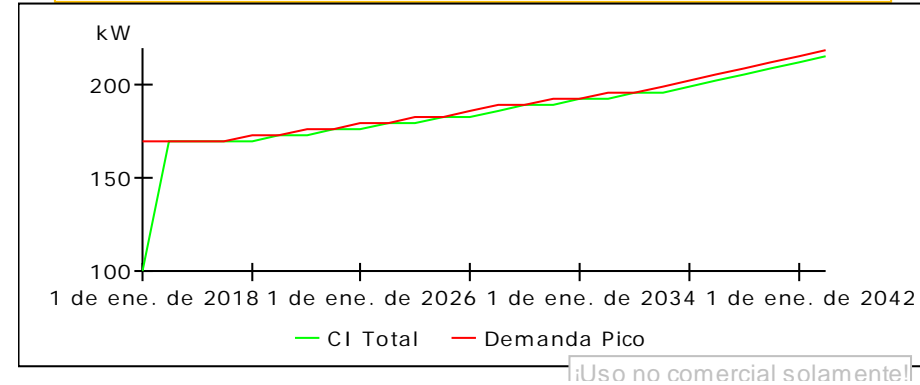
- Simulation period of 25 years (2018 – 2043)
- If additional capacity is required, this is with solar energy (without positive power margin)
- Always money available for installation of new installed capacity
- AOM money is subsidized, the community does not make payments
- Ensure that the revenue for AOM and battery replacements is never less than zero

# Preliminary results

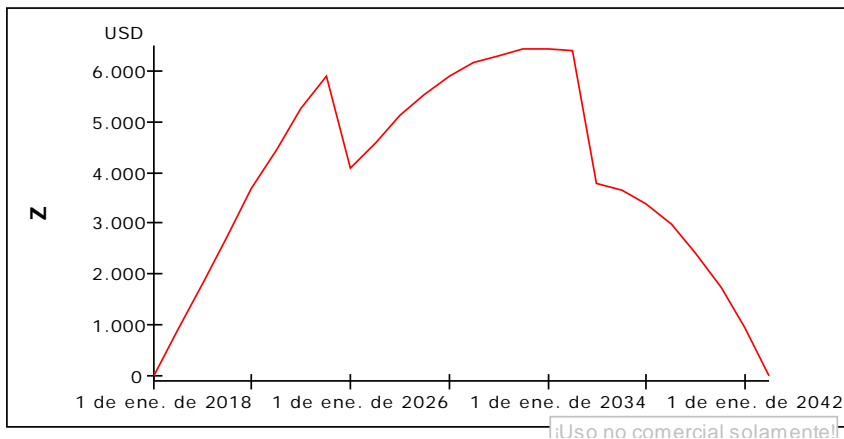
## ELECTRICITY DEMAND



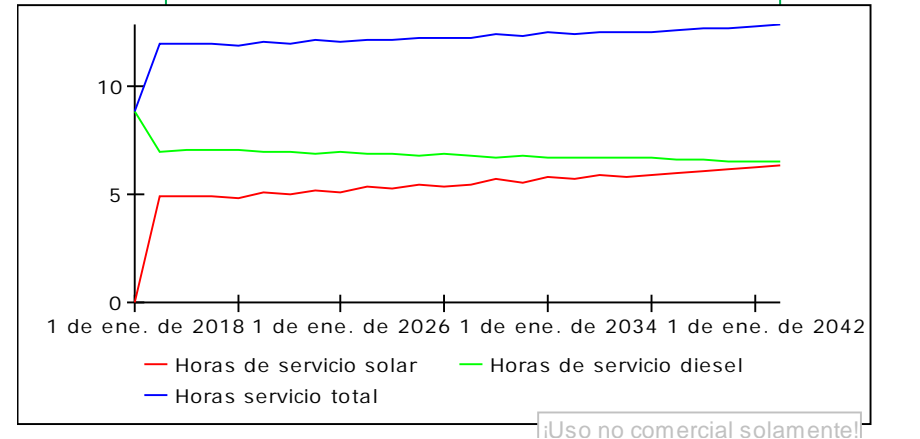
## INSTALLED CAPACITY VS. DEMAND



## REVENUE

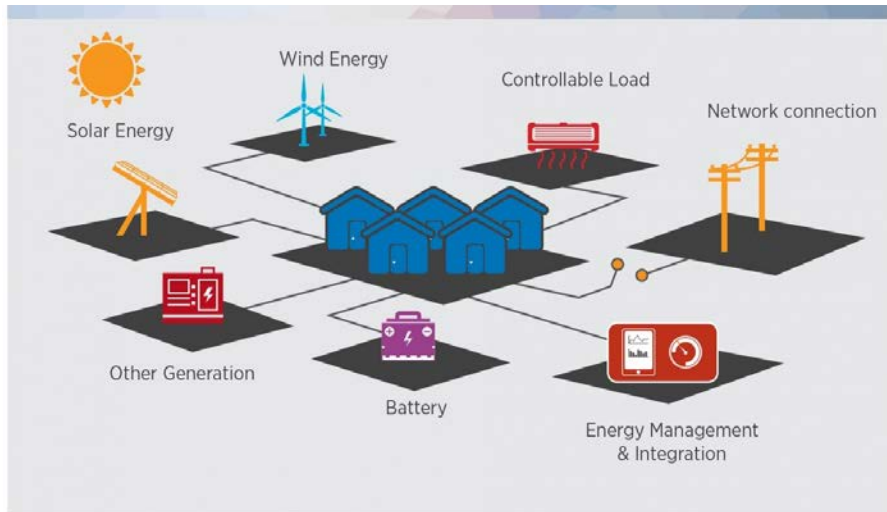


## GENERATION

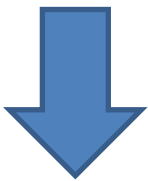


# Alternatives to ease electricity access

## *Microgrids*



## *Smart meters to prepaid energy*



*New business models as crowdfunding*





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