



Utility of the Future

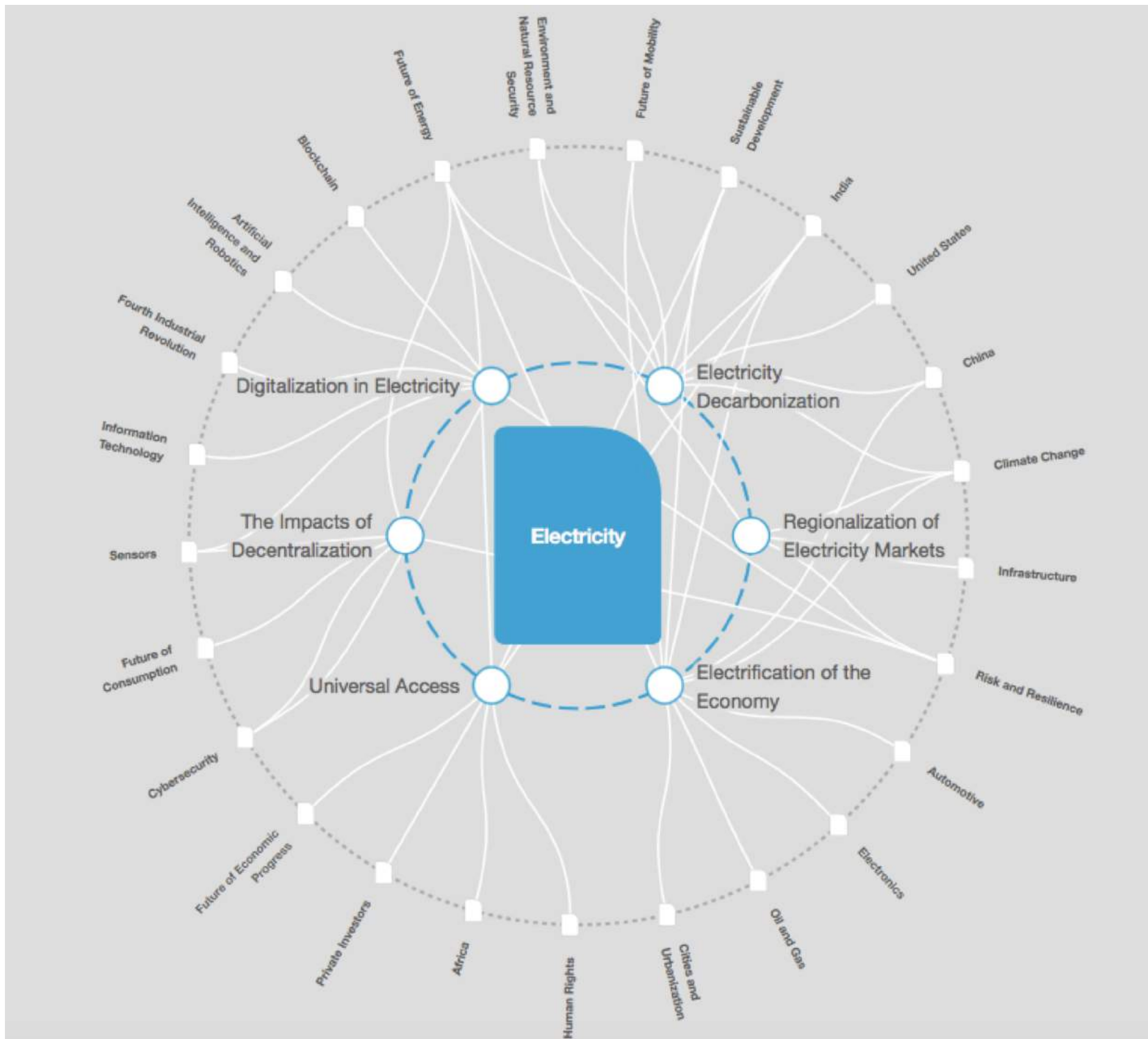
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Algo importante **está cambiando** en
el sector eléctrico...
... y esta vez es **“bottom up”**



Descarbonization de la electricidad
Electrificación de la economía
Descentralización
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Regionalización
Acceso universal

DESCENTRALIZACIÓN



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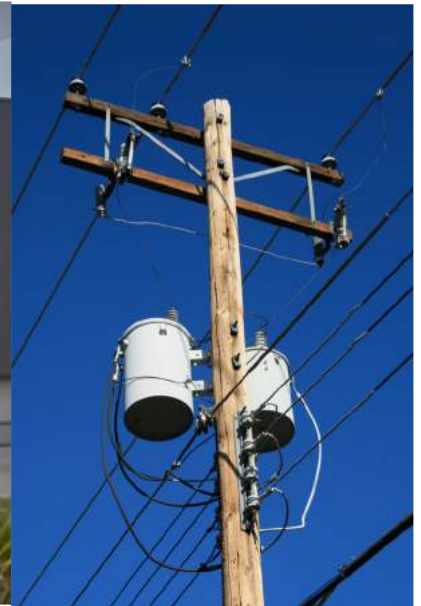
Regionalización

Acceso universal

Retos regulatorios en la distribución

- **Remuneración de la distribución** en presencia de “Distributed Energy Resources (DER)”
- **Diseño de tarifas:** precios de energía, cargos de red y otros costes regulados
- **Separación de actividades:** propiedad de la red, operador de la distribución, comercializador
- **Propiedad** de los recursos distribuidos
- Solar y almacenamiento: ¿nivel **distribuido o utility**?
- **Participación de los recursos distribuidos** en la operación y expansión de capacidad de distribución
- El rol de los **agregadores**

La presencia de recursos energéticos distribuidos...

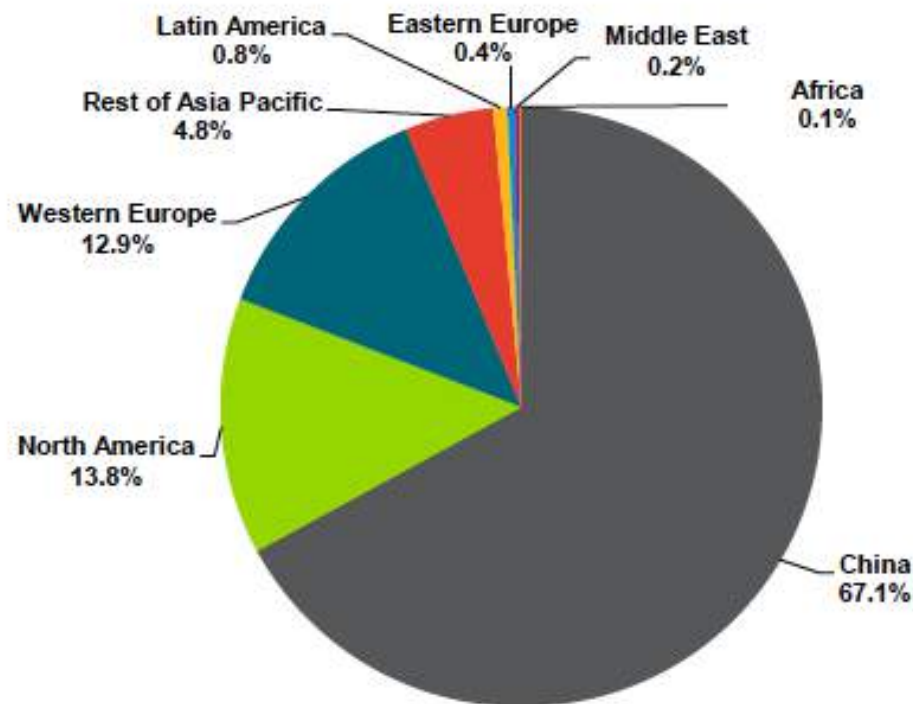


... y también de contadores avanzados...

1.3 Global Smart Meter Installations

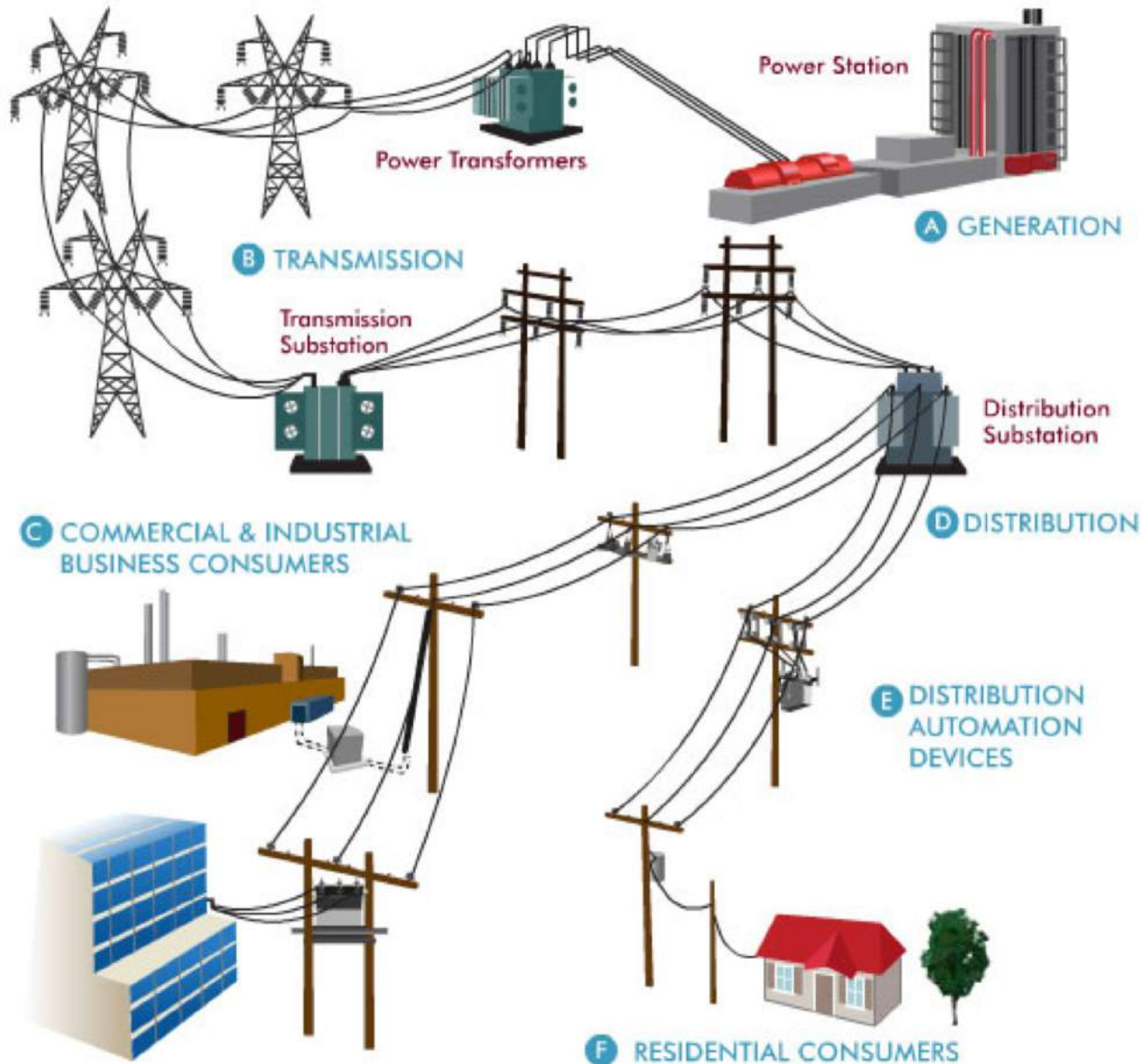
As expected, China continued to lead the global smart electric meter market through 3Q 2016 as the country approaches the tail end of its nationwide rollout. With upwards of 348 million smart meters at the end of 3Q 2016, China accounted for 67.1% of tracked global installations. North America and Western Europe followed at 13.8% and 12.9%, respectively, with the rest of Asia Pacific trailing at around 4.8%. The remaining regions accounted for only 1.5% of tracked smart meter installations.

Chart 1.1 *Installed Smart Meter Base by Region, World Markets: 3Q 2016*

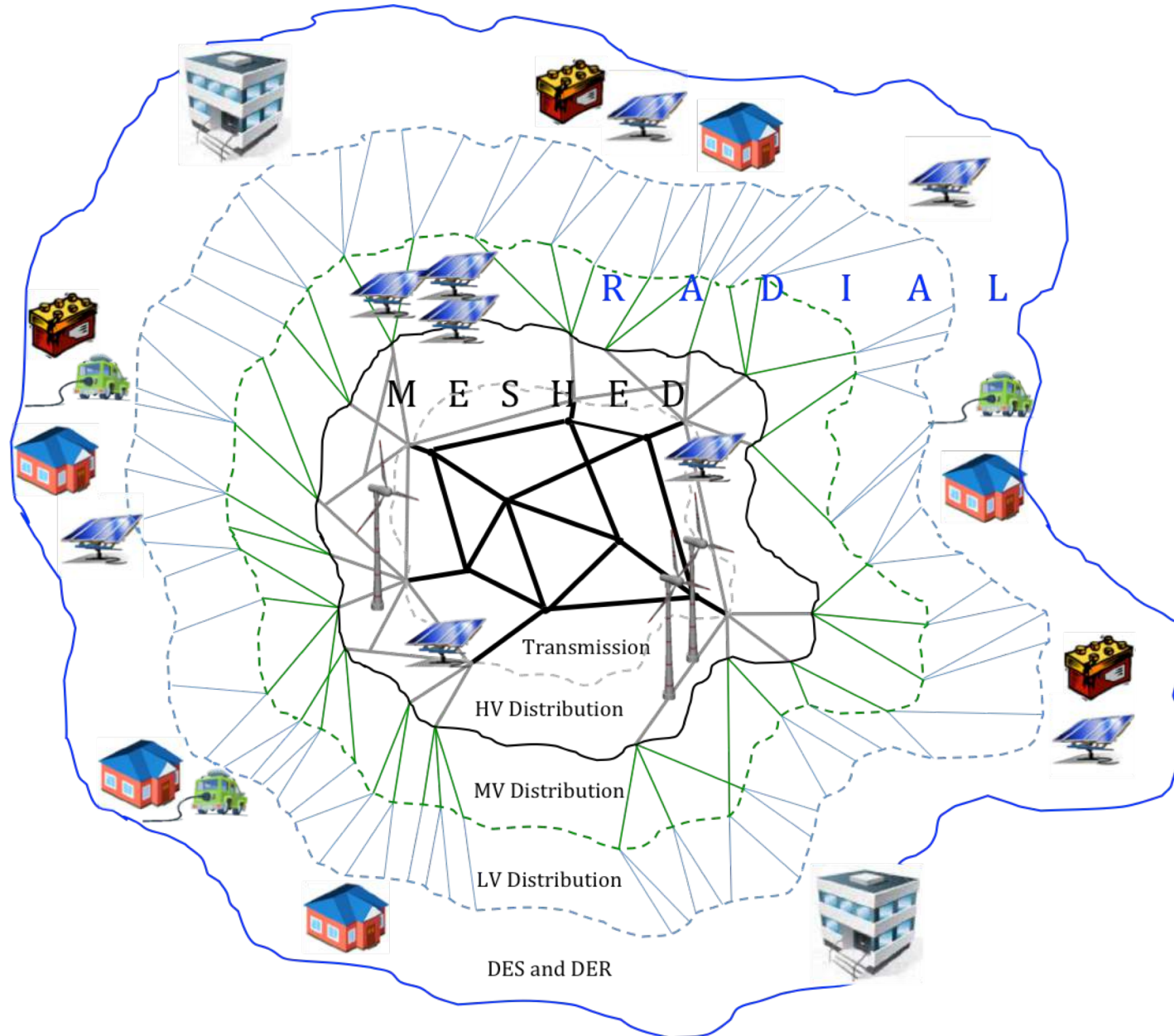


Note: Tracked projects only.
(Source: Navigant Research)

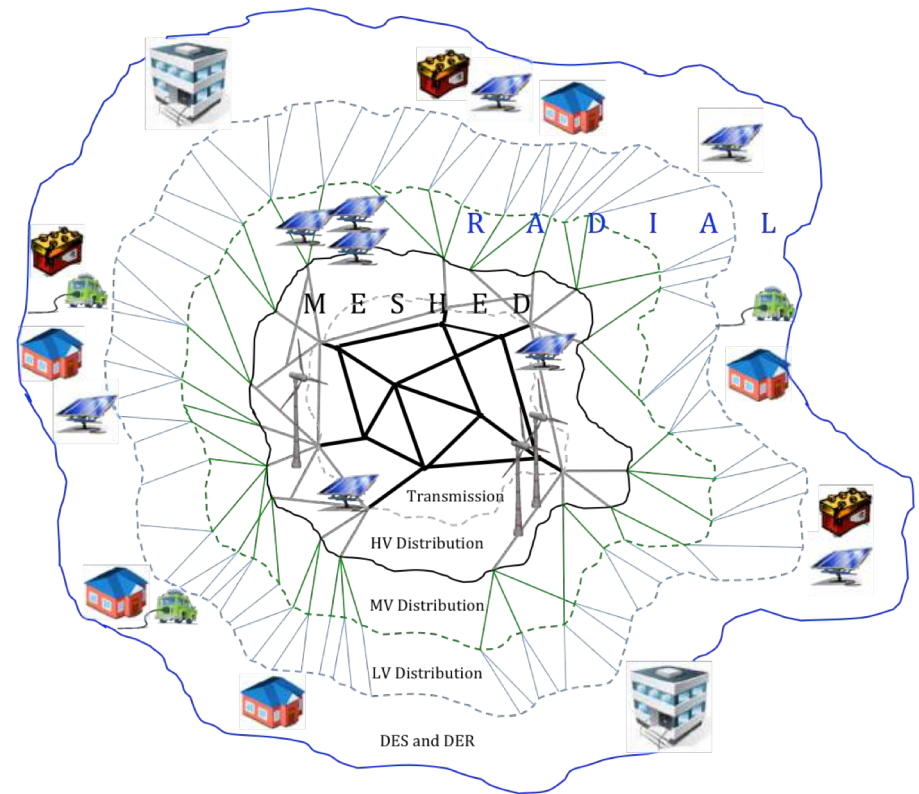
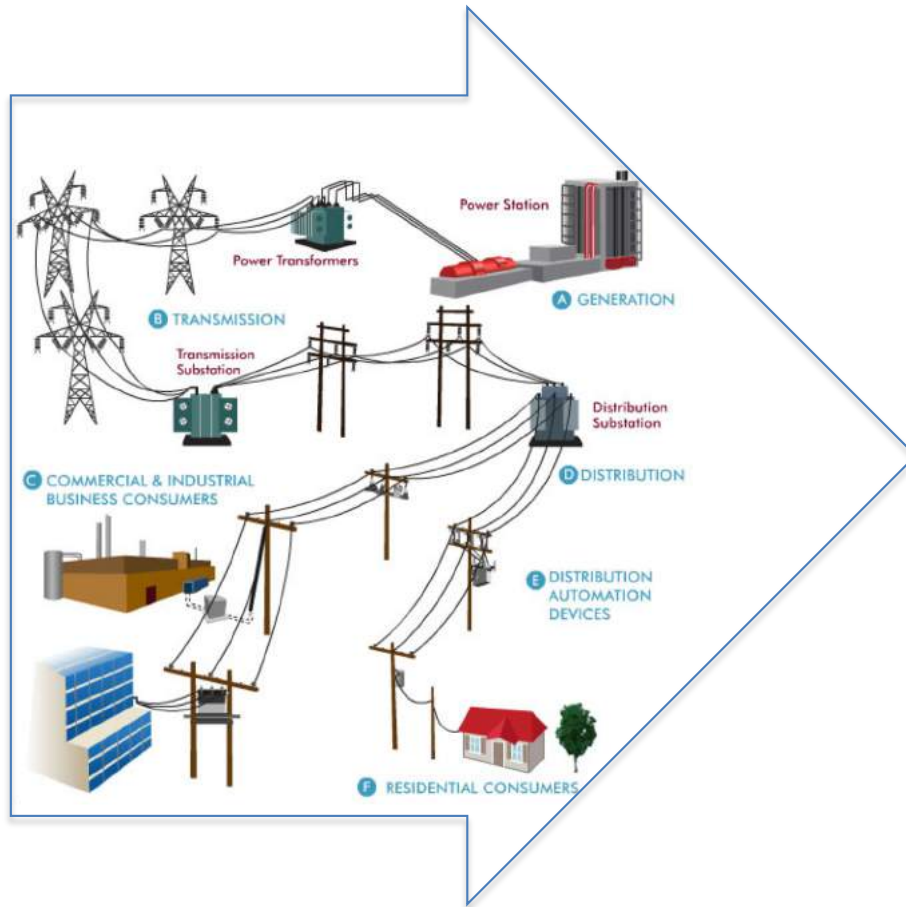
... nos obliga a cambiar la perspectiva “top-down”...



... por otra donde no hay un claro predominio de lo centralizado y lo distribuido



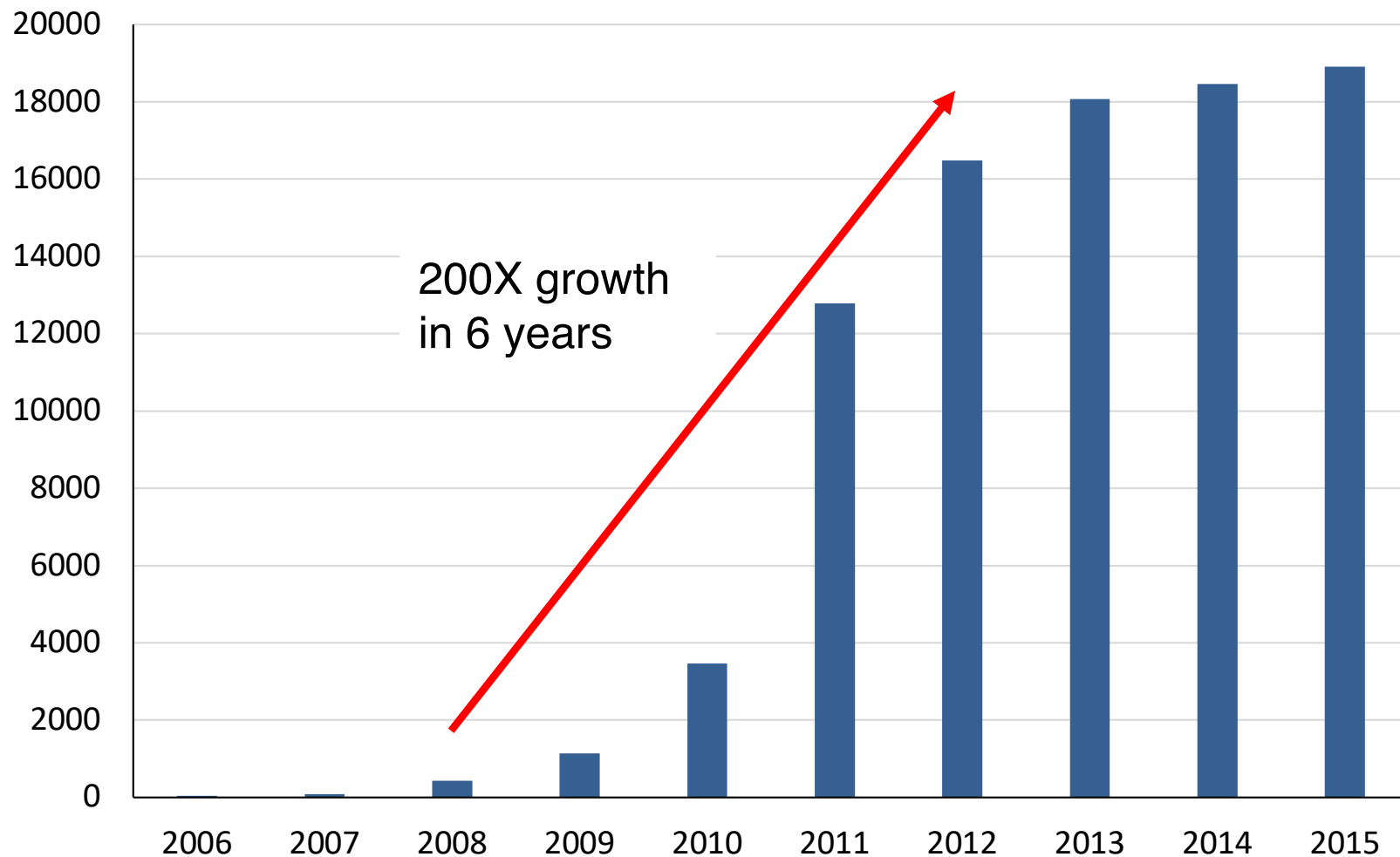
Se trata de un cambio de perspectiva... ... con muchas implicaciones



**Los recursos distribuidos se
pueden instalar en poco
tiempo**

Consumidores e inversores responden a las señales económicas... y pueden hacerlo muy rápido!

Growth in the Italian PV Market, MW



**La utilización de recursos
distribuidos puede ahorrar
inversiones en otras
infraestructuras eléctricas**

“En los tres últimos años 2013 – 2015, como promedio, el 1% de las horas más caras supuso el 8% (\$680 million) del costo total anual de la electricidad en Massachusetts. Y el 10% de las horas más caras supuso el 40% del costo total, más de \$3 billones.”

Fuente: “[State of Charge](#): Massachusetts Energy Storage Initiative,” MA DOER and MassCEC
Noviembre 2016

ConEd en NY ha evitado una inversión de \$1.2B en una nueva subestación con un portafolio de recursos distribuidos por \$200M

Qualifying Neighborhoods in Brooklyn & Queens Program



**Los recursos distribuidos
proporcionan un nivel de elección
a los consumidores sin
precedente, para que
manifiesten sus preferencias...**



**Elegimos la
comida...**





... y el modelo de teléfono...





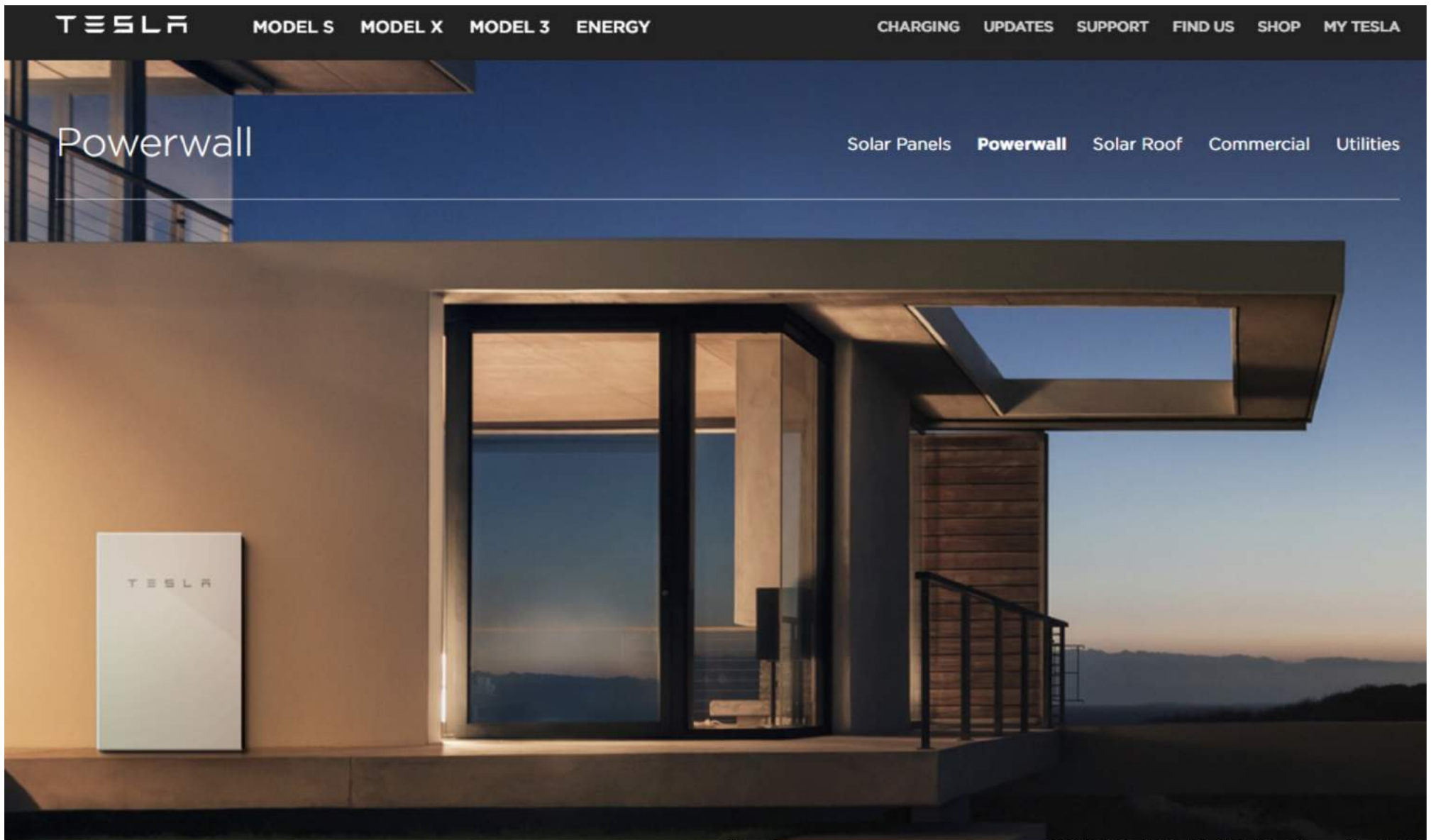
... o el portátil...



**... así como el modelo
de coche...**



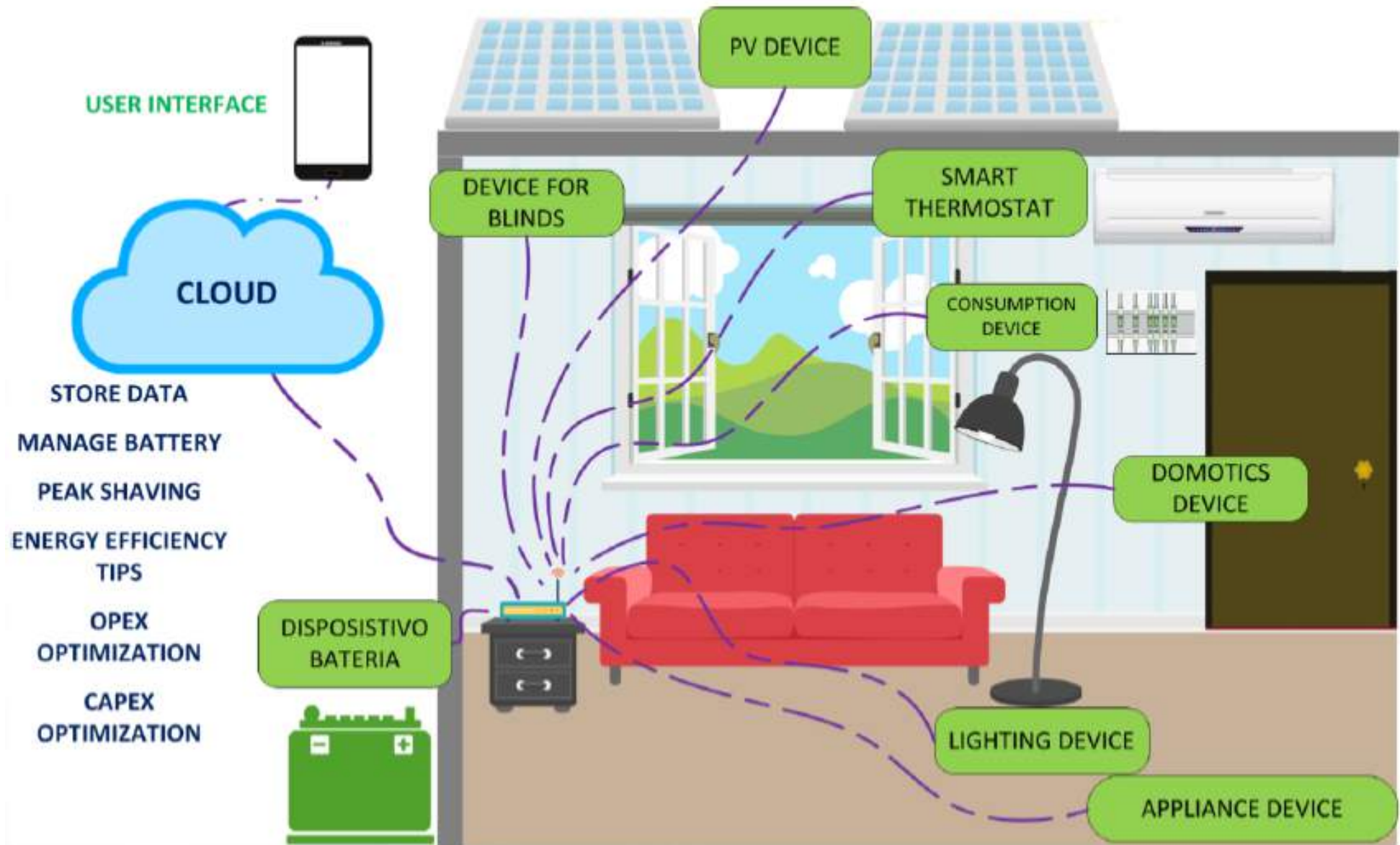
... aunque solo sea para lucirlo...



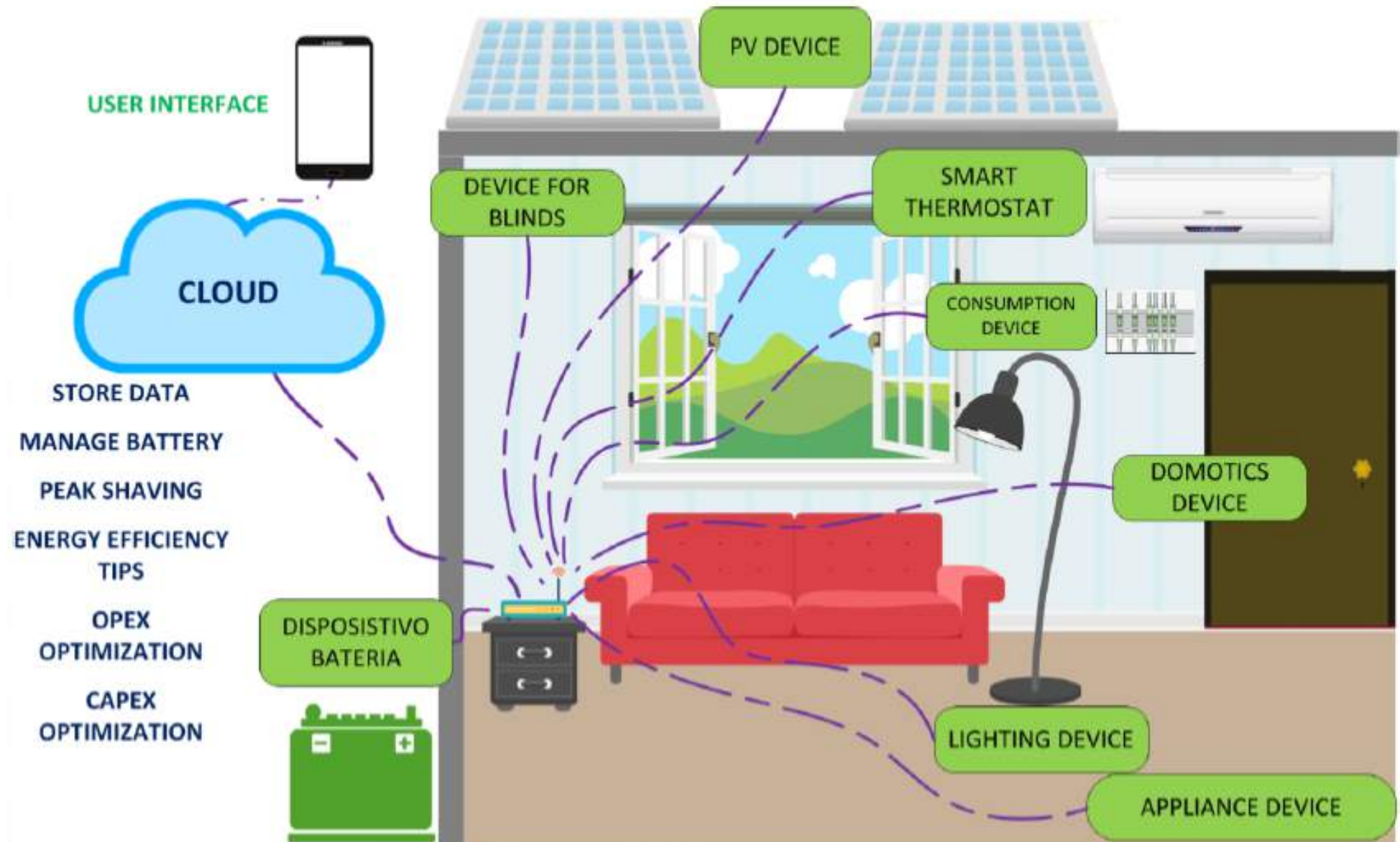
ORDER NOW

REQUEST A CALL

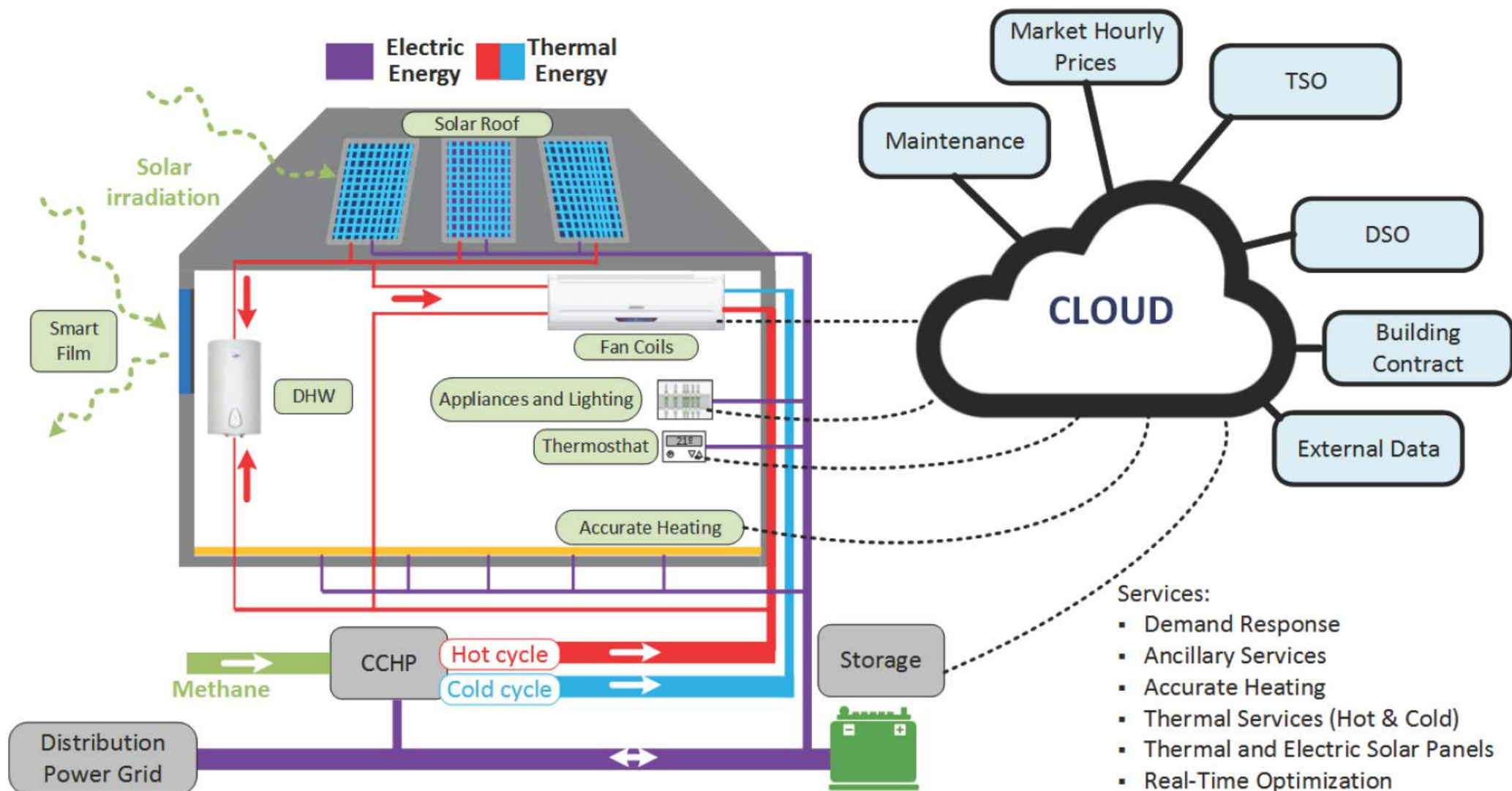
... ahora disponemos de las tecnologías que nos permiten controlar nuestro uso de la energía



... y las tecnologías ya están disponibles para elegir cómo utilizar la energía...



... y cómo relacionarse con el resto del sistema eléctrico y otros sectores



**Pero muchas oportunidades de los
DERs de proporcionar valor al
sistema eléctrico no se utilizan**

Flexible demand & smart thermostats are only useful if able to respond to changing system conditions



What is missing?
**A comprehensive system of
efficient prices & regulated charges
for electricity services**



MITEi
MIT Energy Initiative

UTILITY OF THE FUTURE

An MIT Energy Initiative response
to an industry in transition

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The MIT Utility of the Future Study...

... examines how distributed energy resources (DERs) are **changing the provision of electricity services**, with a focus on the **USA & Europe** over the **next decade & beyond**



*“As for the future, your role is not
to foresee, but to enable it”*

Antoine de Saint Éxupéry

Predicting the future? Rather a toolkit

- The study presents a **framework for proactive regulatory, policy & market reforms** that is:
 - **robust** to the uncertain changes now underway
 - and capable of facilitating the emergence of an **efficient portfolio of resources**, both distributed and centralized
- The report distills results and findings from more than two years of **primary research**, a review of the **state of the art**, and **quantitative modeling & analysis**

Las preguntas

¿Cómo crear un campo de juego nivelado para que los recursos energéticos centralizados y distribuidos puedan competir y colaborar eficientemente?

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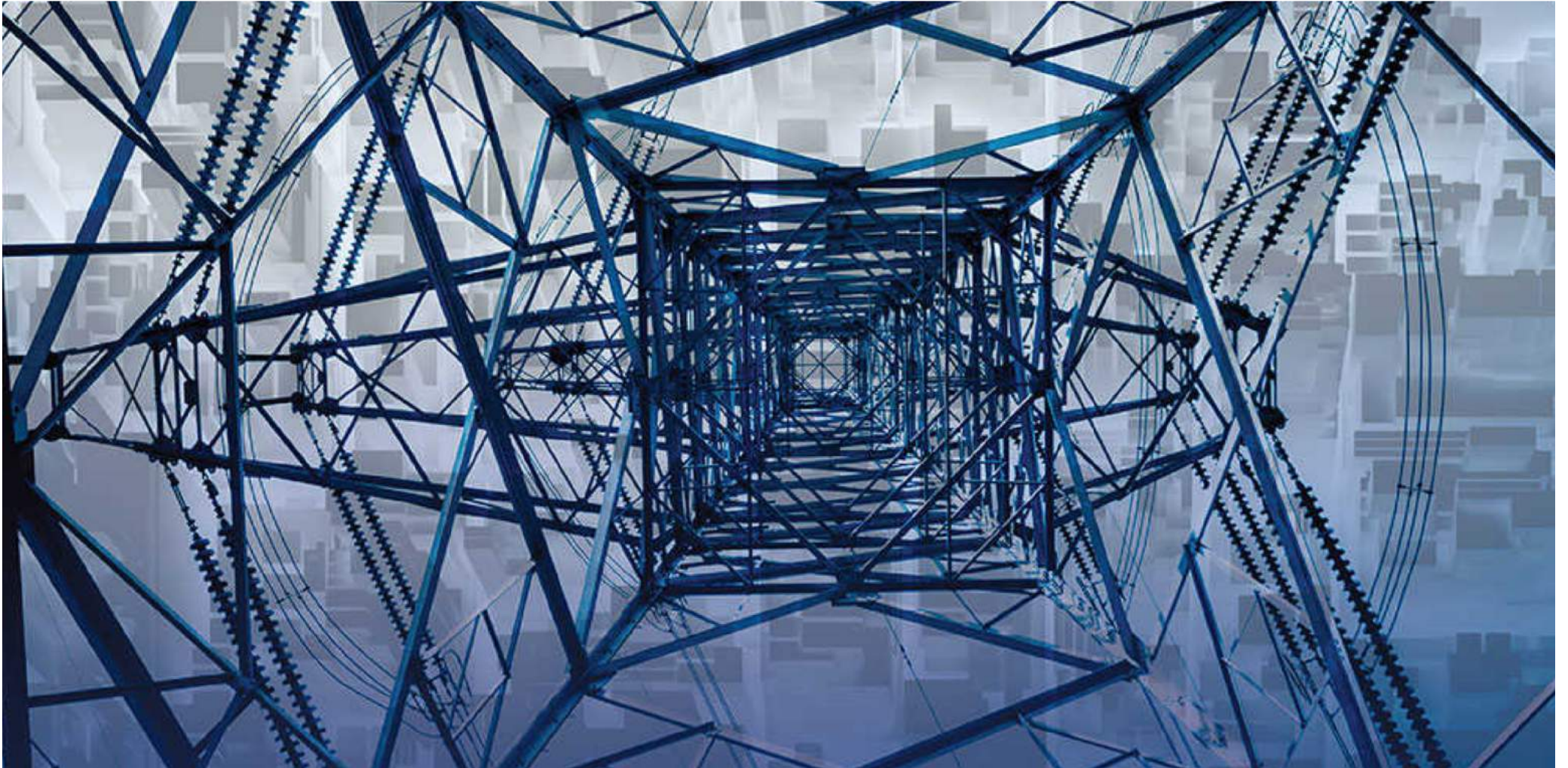
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¿Cómo debe actualizarse la regulación de las empresas de distribución para adaptar su remuneración a las nuevas condiciones creadas por los recursos distribuidos y para fomentar la innovación?

Our key recommendations



1

“Create a comprehensive & efficient system of prices & charges”

The only way to put all resources – **centralized & distributed**– on a **level playing field** and achieve efficient operation and planning in the power system is to **dramatically improve prices and regulated charges** for electricity services.

2

“Enhance distribution regulation”

**The regulation of distribution utilities
must be improved to enable the
development of more efficient &
innovative distribution utility business
models**

3

“Rethink industry structure to minimize conflicts of interest”

The **structure** of the electricity industry should be carefully evaluated to minimize potential conflicts of interest

4

“Allow DERs participate in wholesale markets”

Wholesale market design should be improved to better **integrate** distributed resources, reward greater **flexibility**, and create a **level playing field** for all technologies

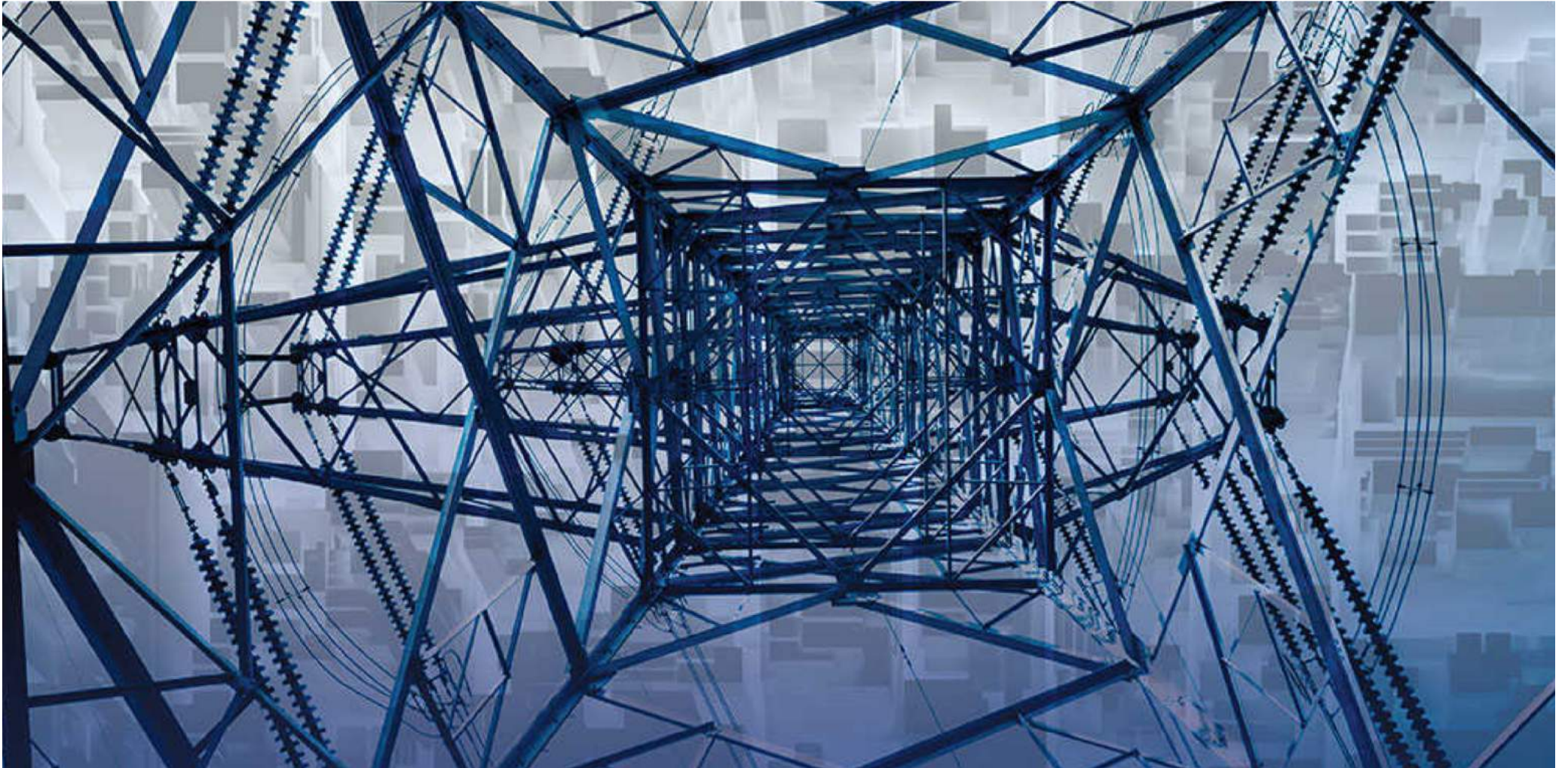
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“Carefully evaluate the economic opportunities and costs of DERs”

Better utilization of **existing assets** and smarter energy consumption hold great potential for cost savings.


Economies of scale still matter, and the distributed deployment of **solar PV** or energy **storage** is not cost-effective in all contexts and locations

How to do it?



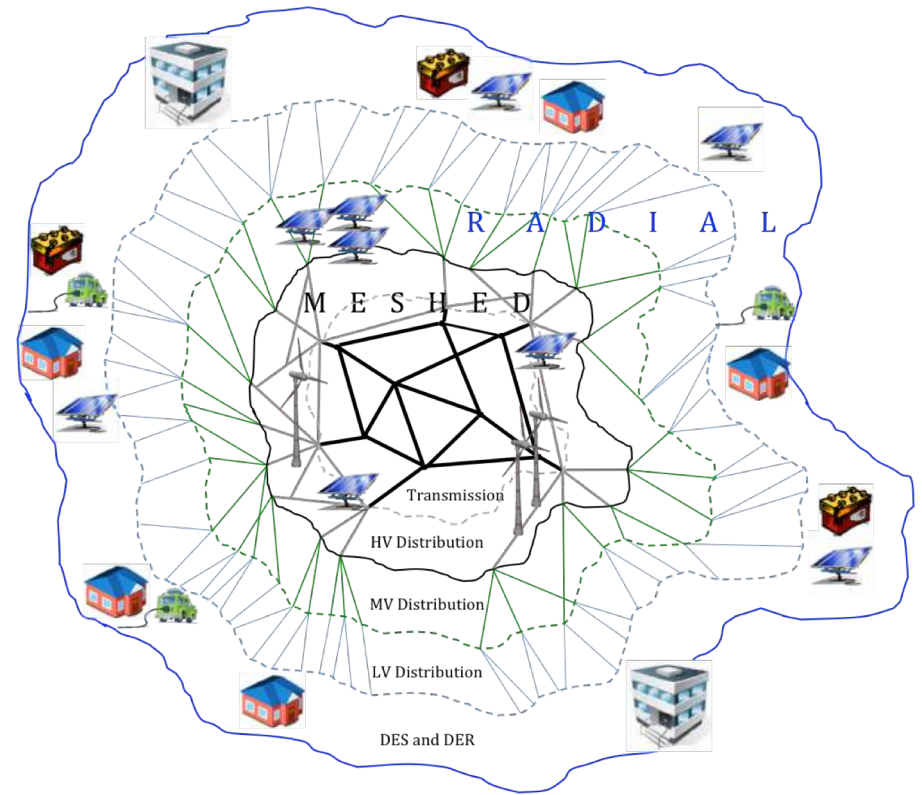
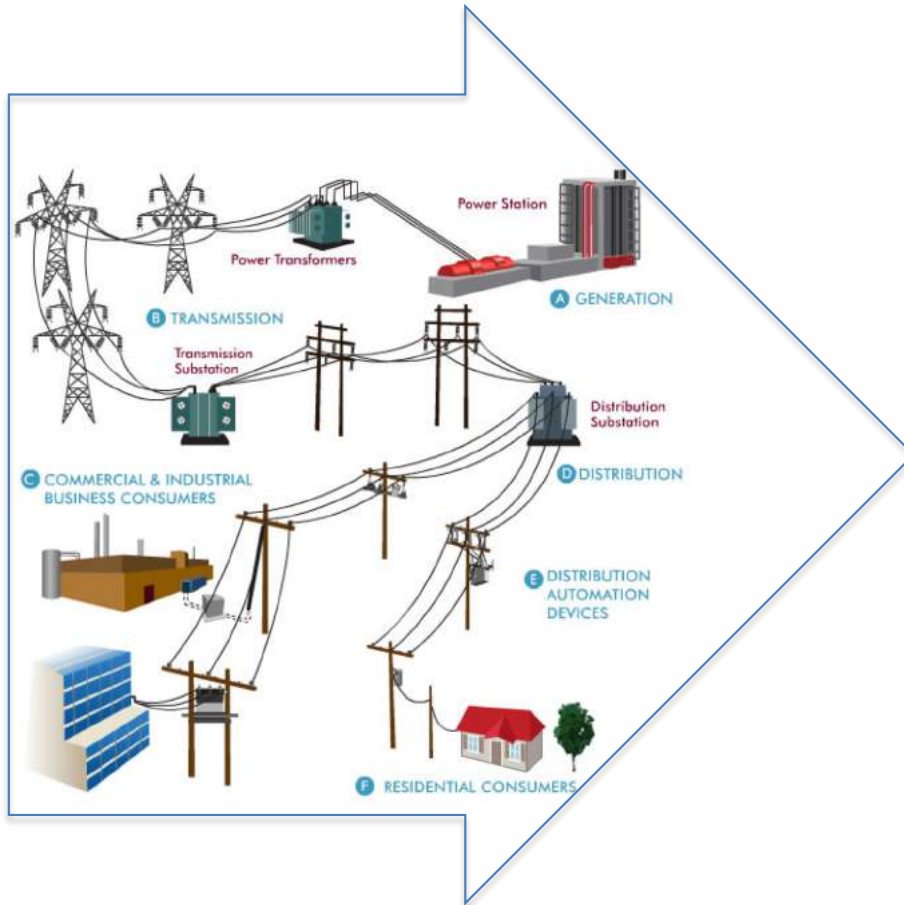
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Crear un sistema eficiente y global de precios y cargos regulados

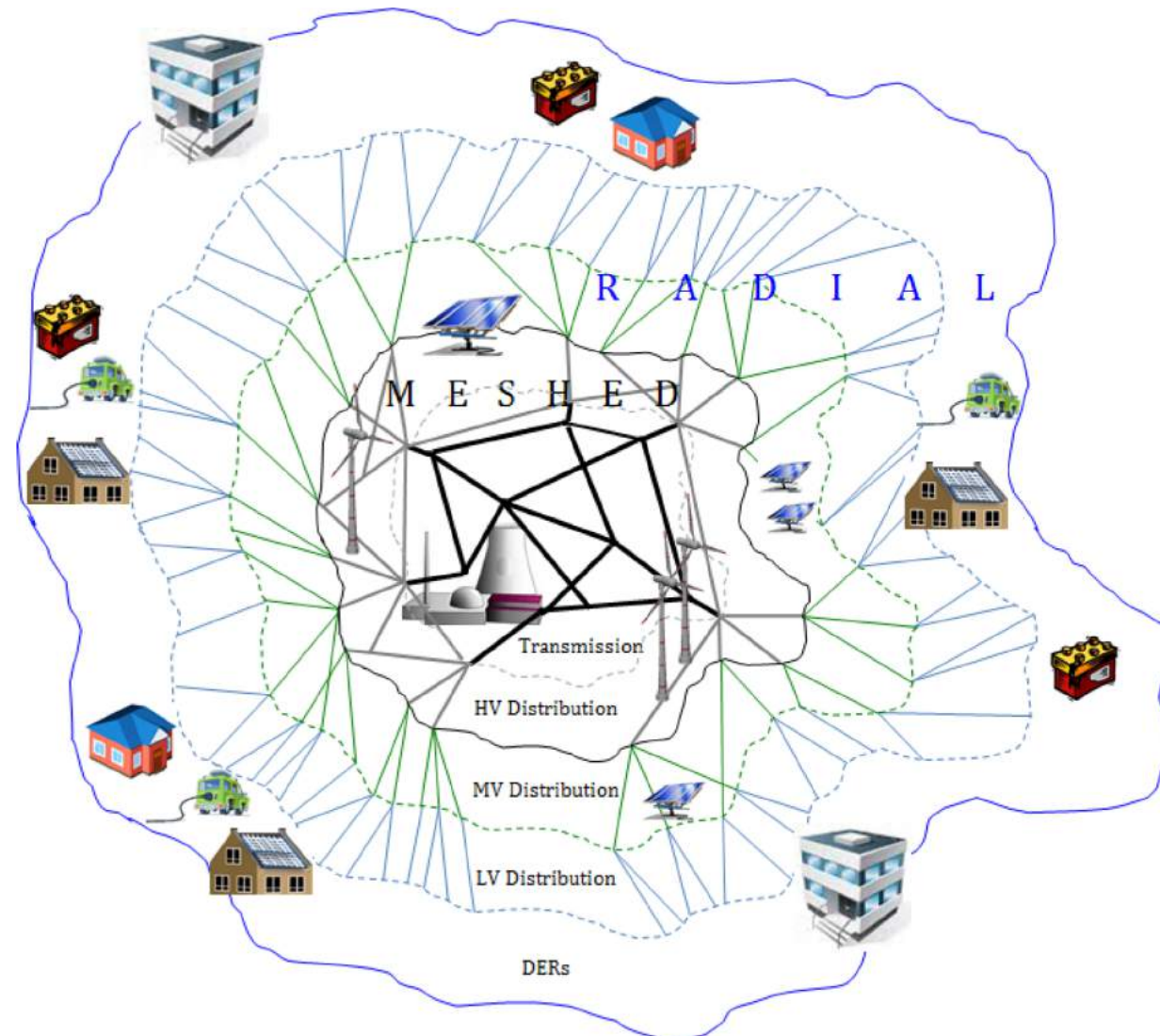
A glowing blue neuron with two bright yellow light spots on its branches, set against a dark blue background. The neuron is the central focus, with its cell body and branching processes extending across the frame. The light spots are positioned on the upper left and middle right branches, creating a sense of energy and signal transmission. The overall aesthetic is futuristic and scientific.

Prices & signals are
the nervous system
of the electricity sector,
reaching everywhere

A mindset change

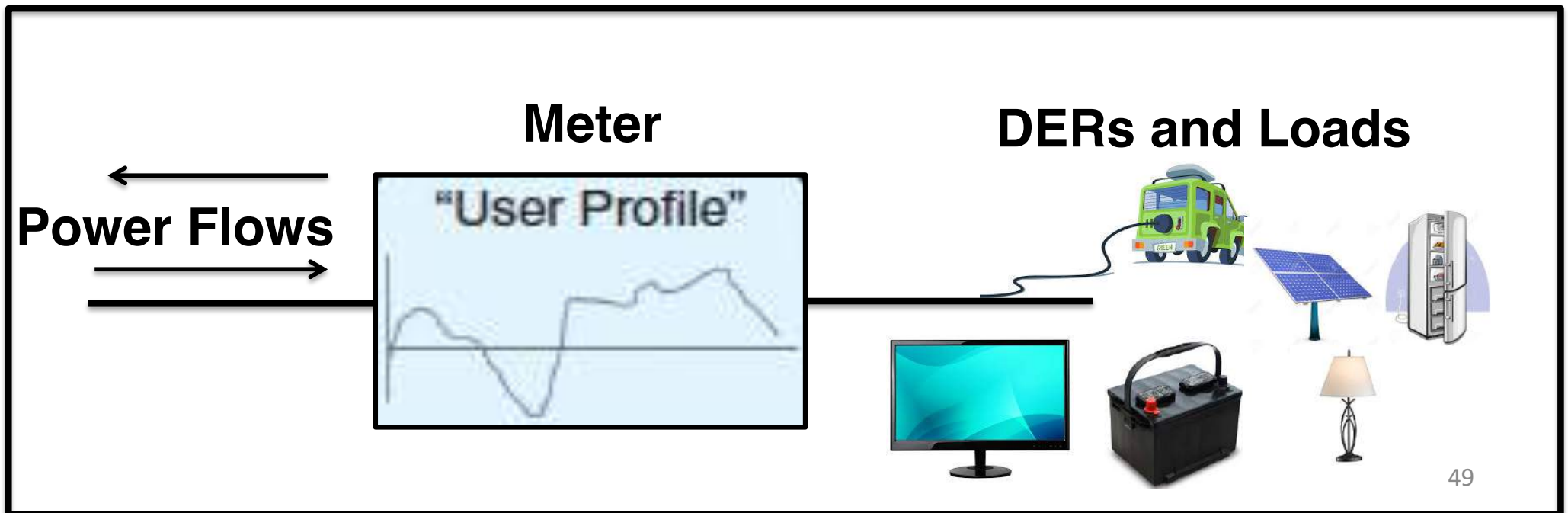


Create a comprehensive & efficient system of prices & charges *(Like a nervous system, reaching every corner of the power system)*



Any **cost-reflective** component of prices & charges should be exclusively based on the **individual injection & withdrawal profiles** at the network connection point & should be **symmetrical**.

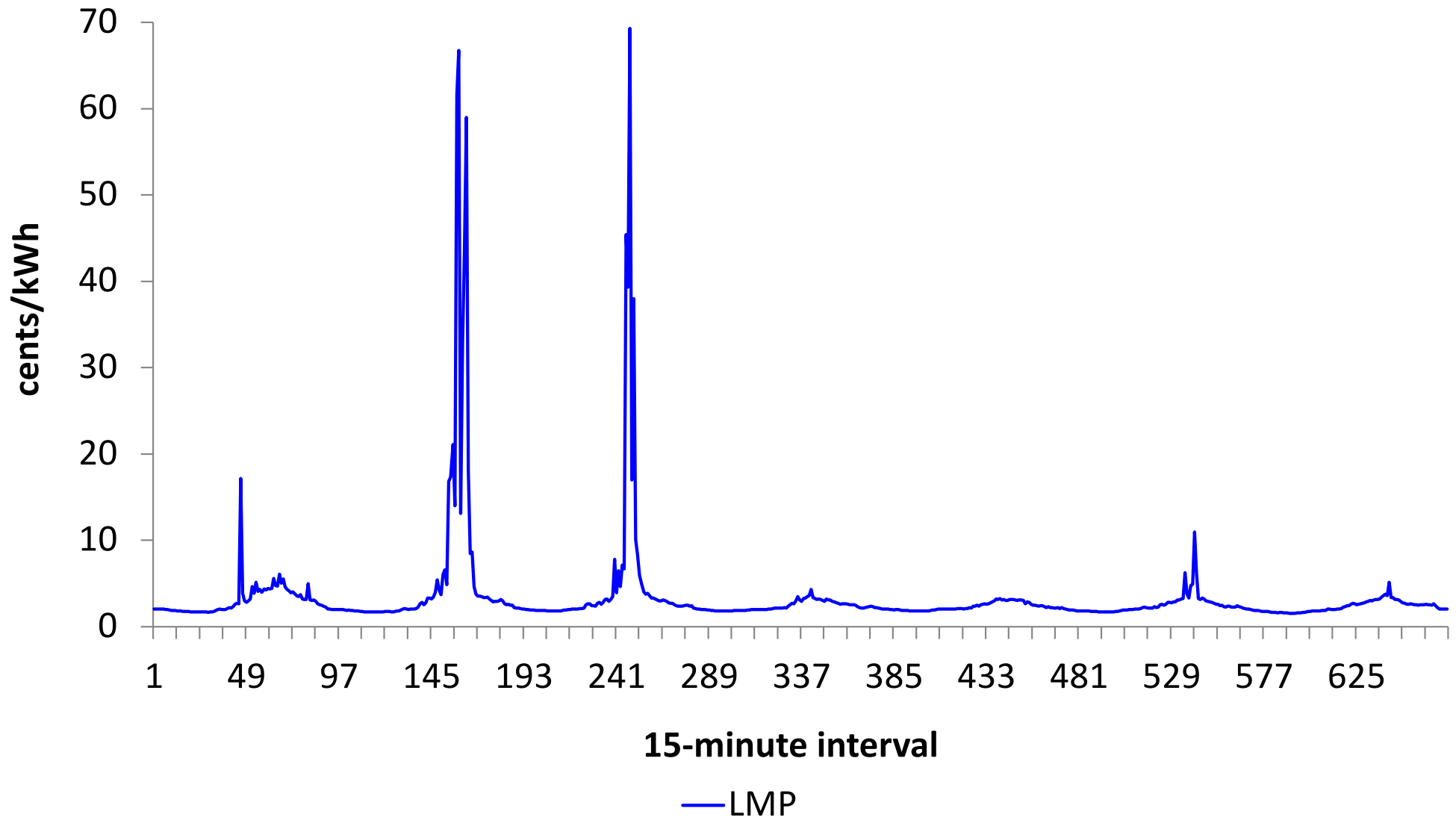
This requires the use of **advanced meters**



Let's do it one step at a time...

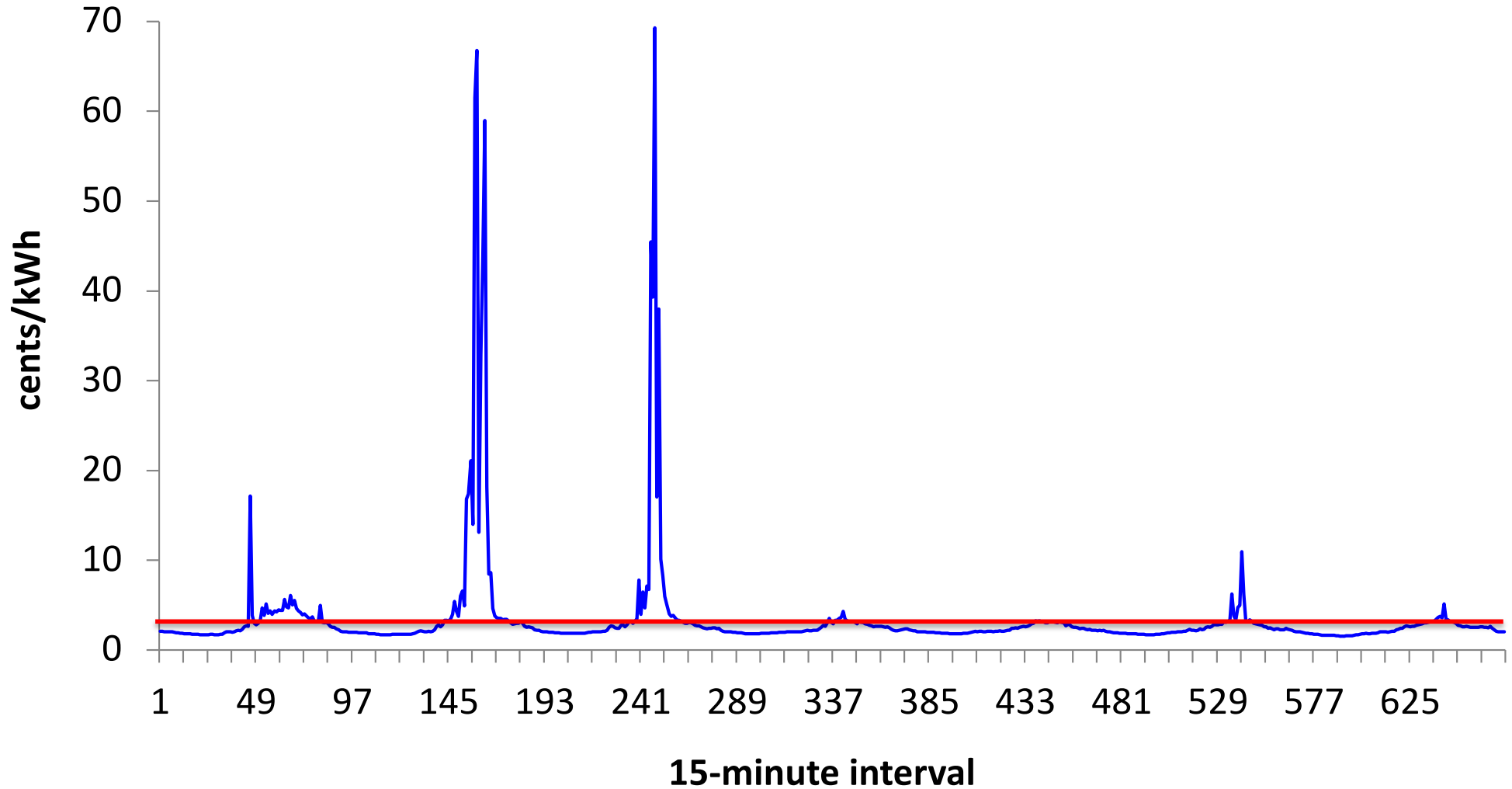
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Capture the wholesale energy price evolution in time



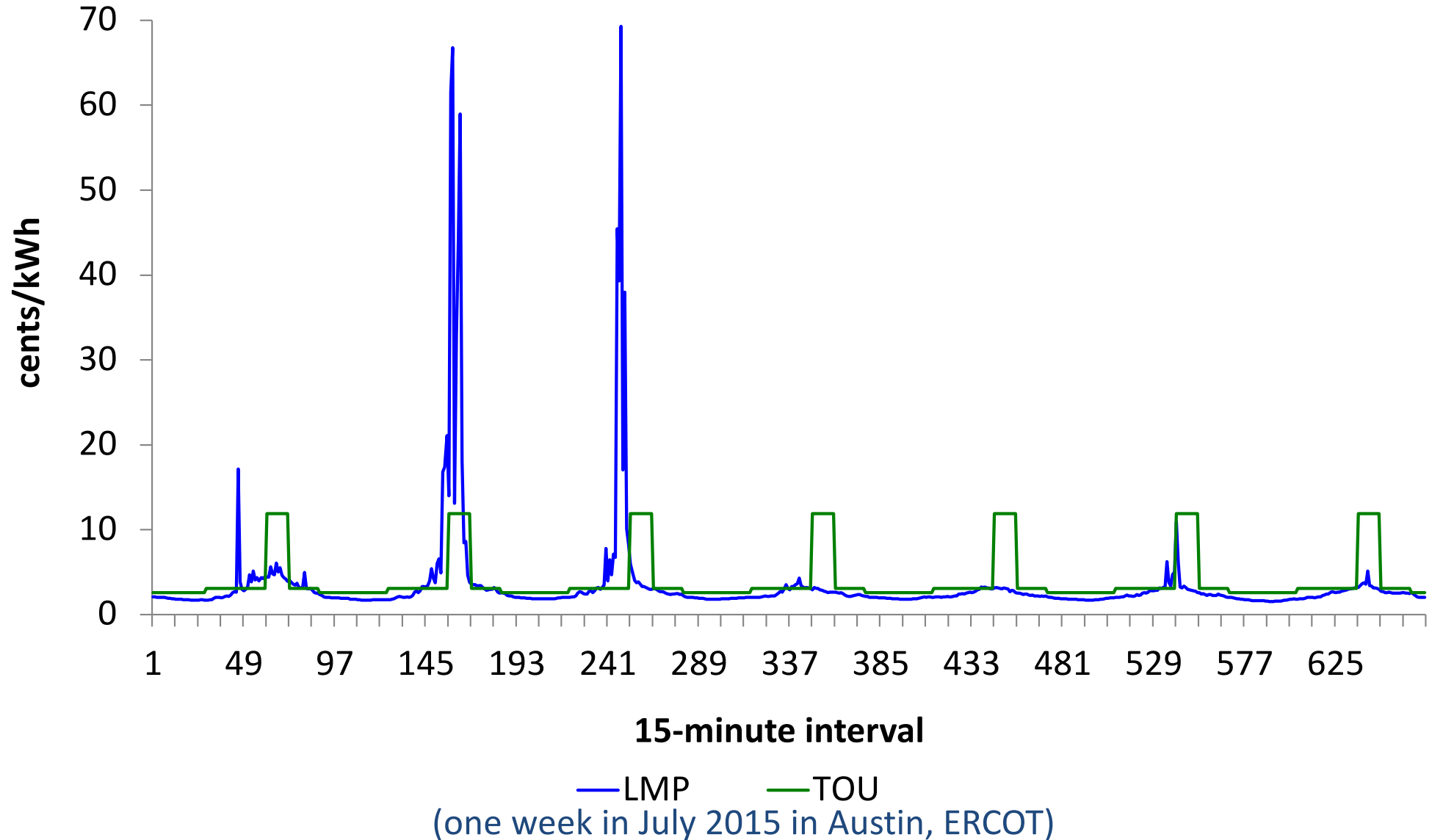
(one week in July 2015 in Austin, ERCOT)

... compared to the usual constant rate...



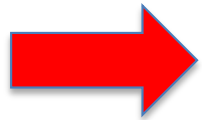
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... or to Time of Use (ToU) pricing (one week in July 2015 in Austin, ERCOT)



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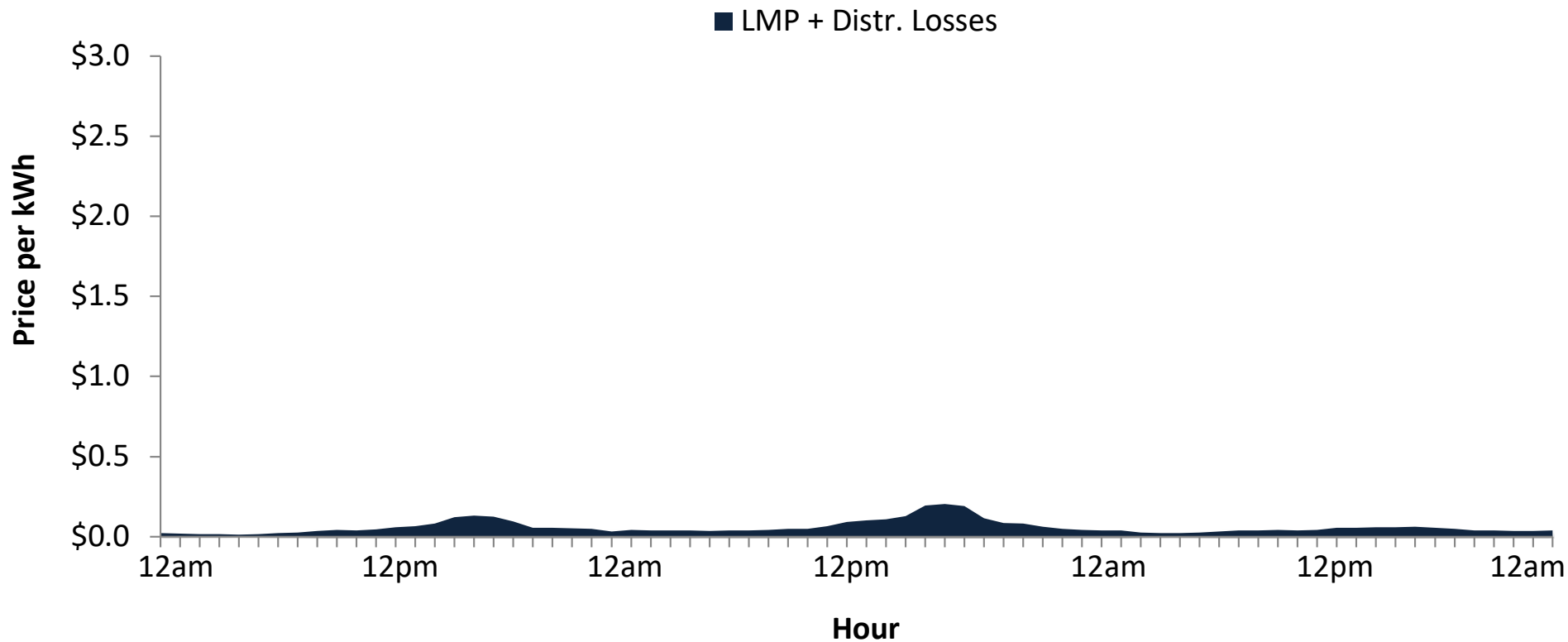
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Apply forward-looking **peak-coincident capacity charges** for networks & firm generation capacity (*if this is the case*)

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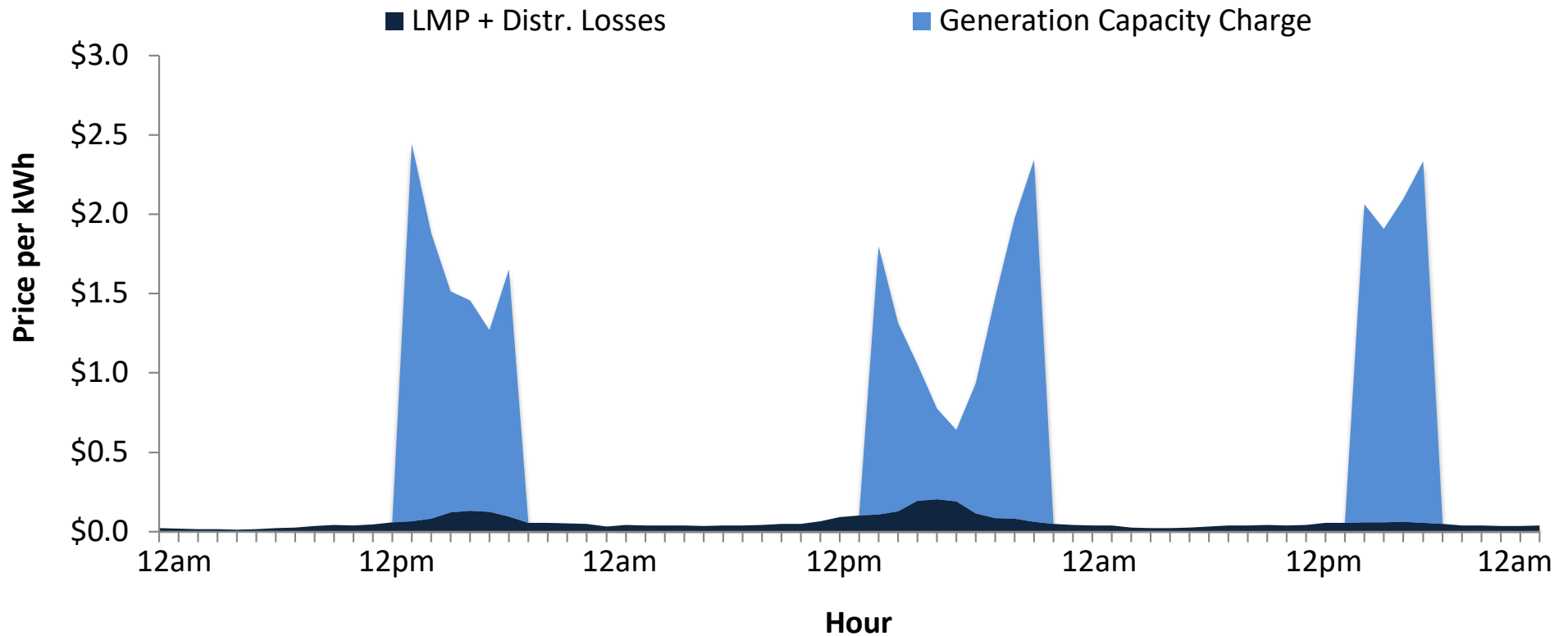
Energy price



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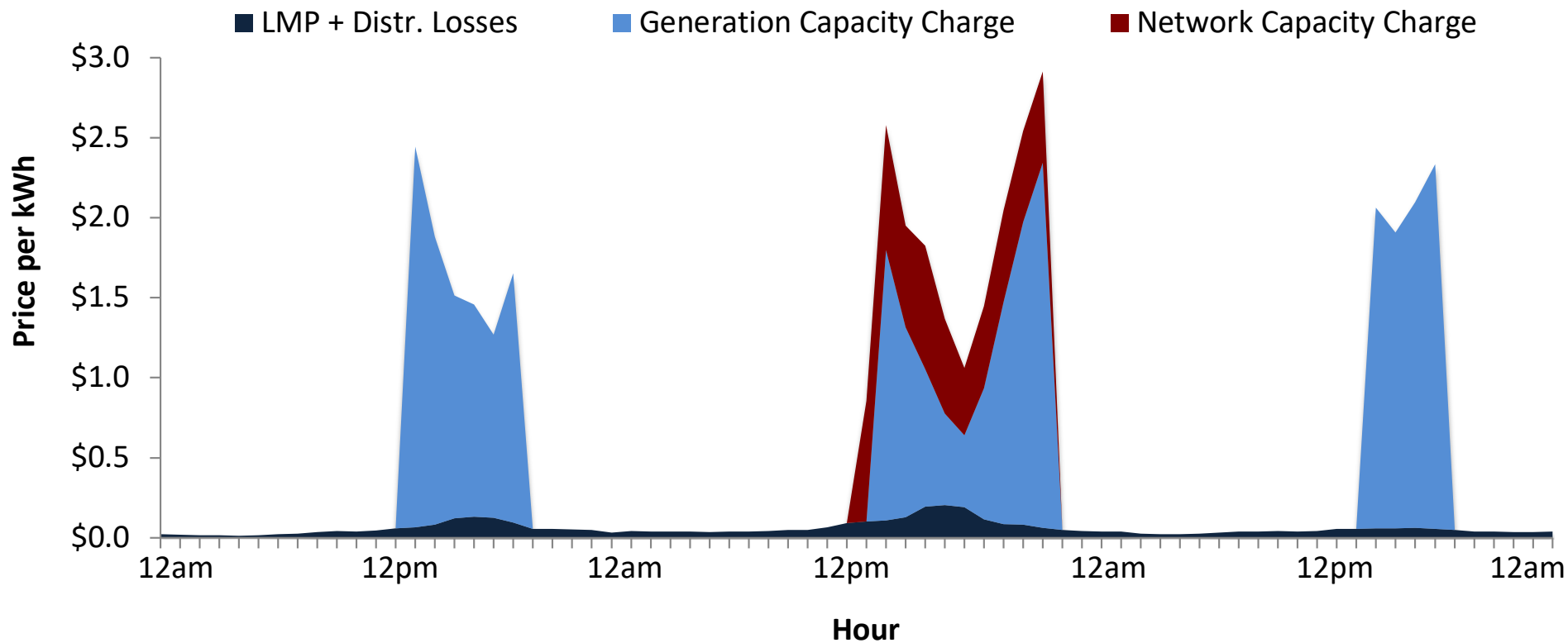
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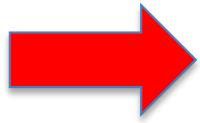
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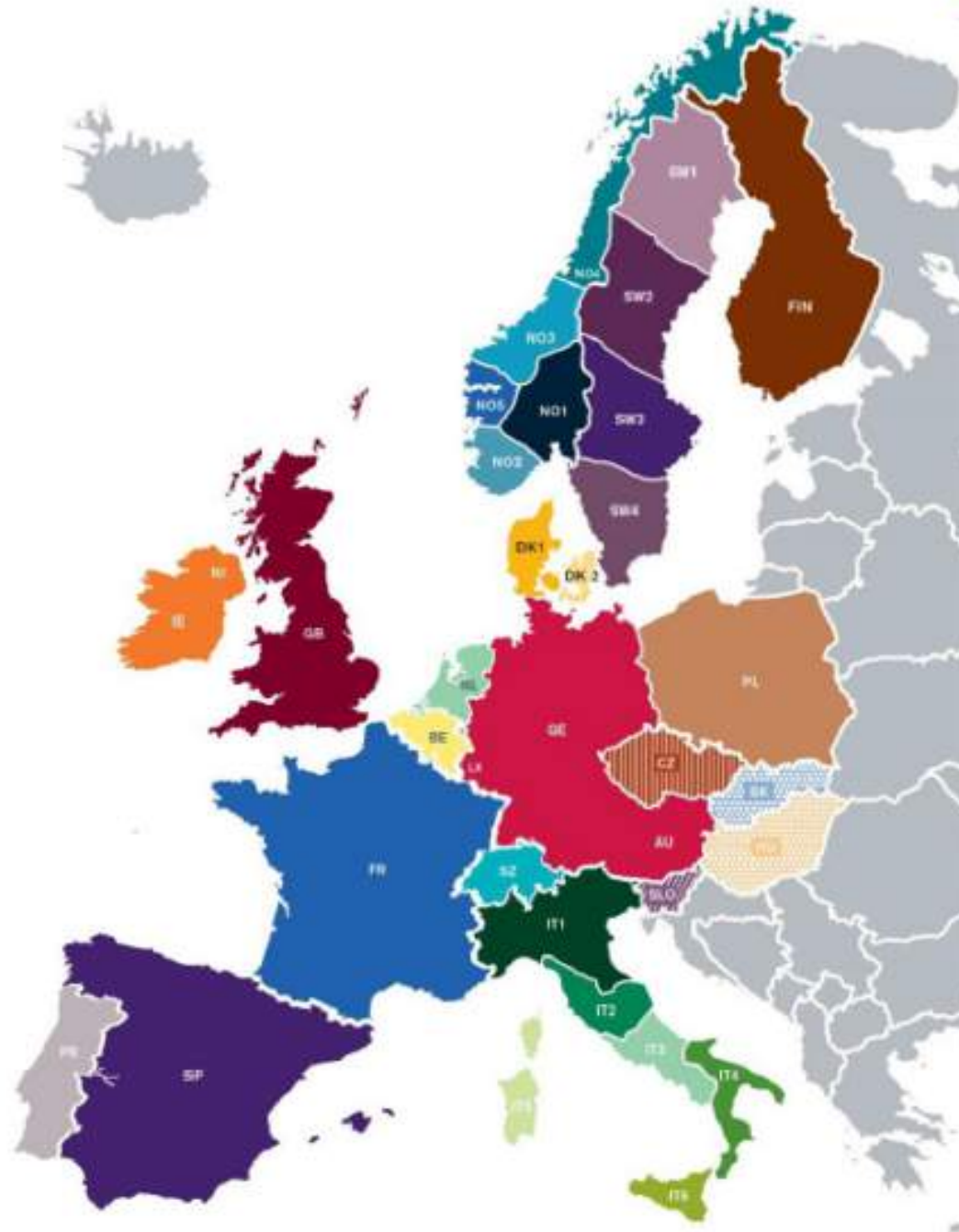
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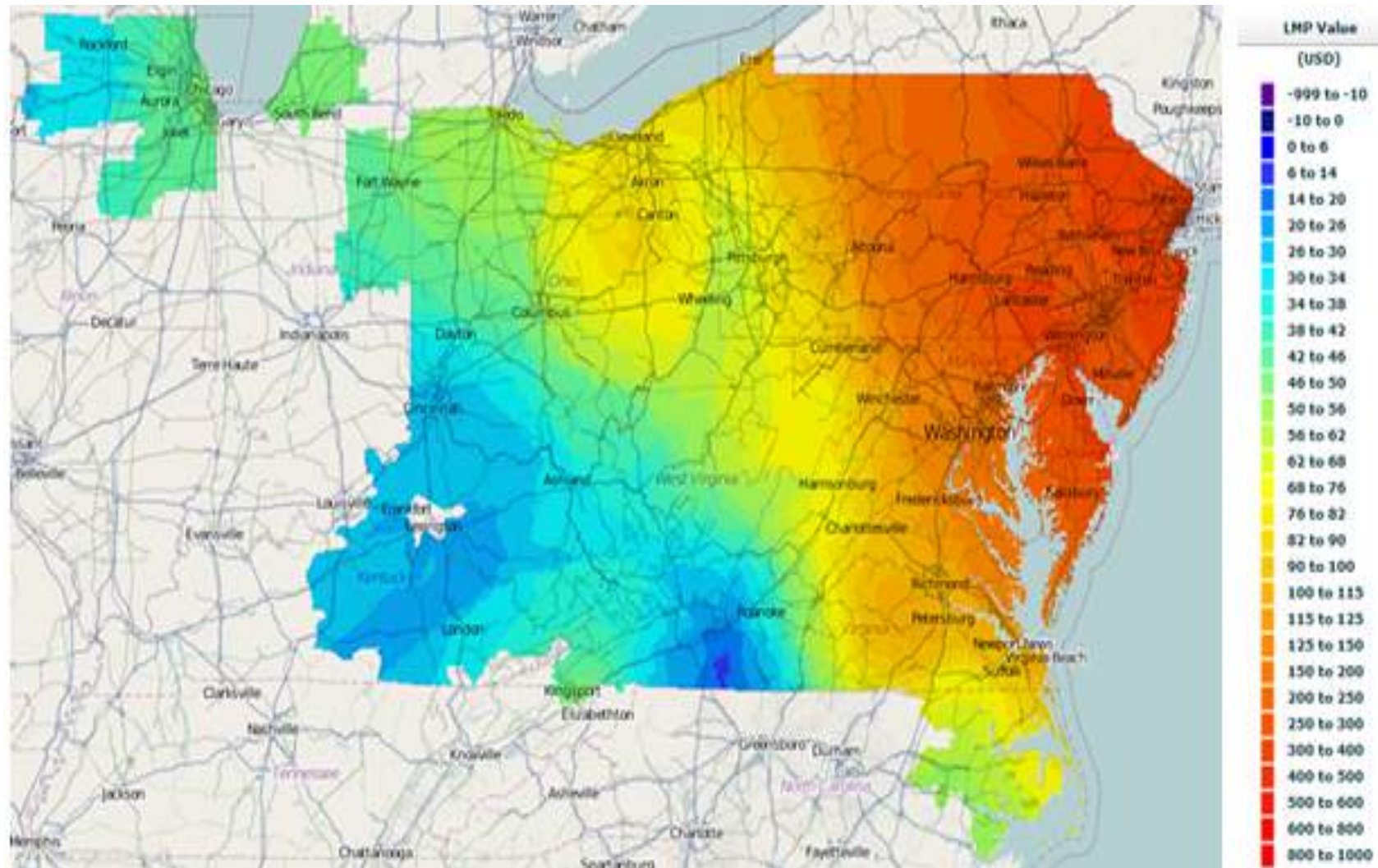


Progressively increase the **locational component** of prices & charges

Bidding zones in European market coupling

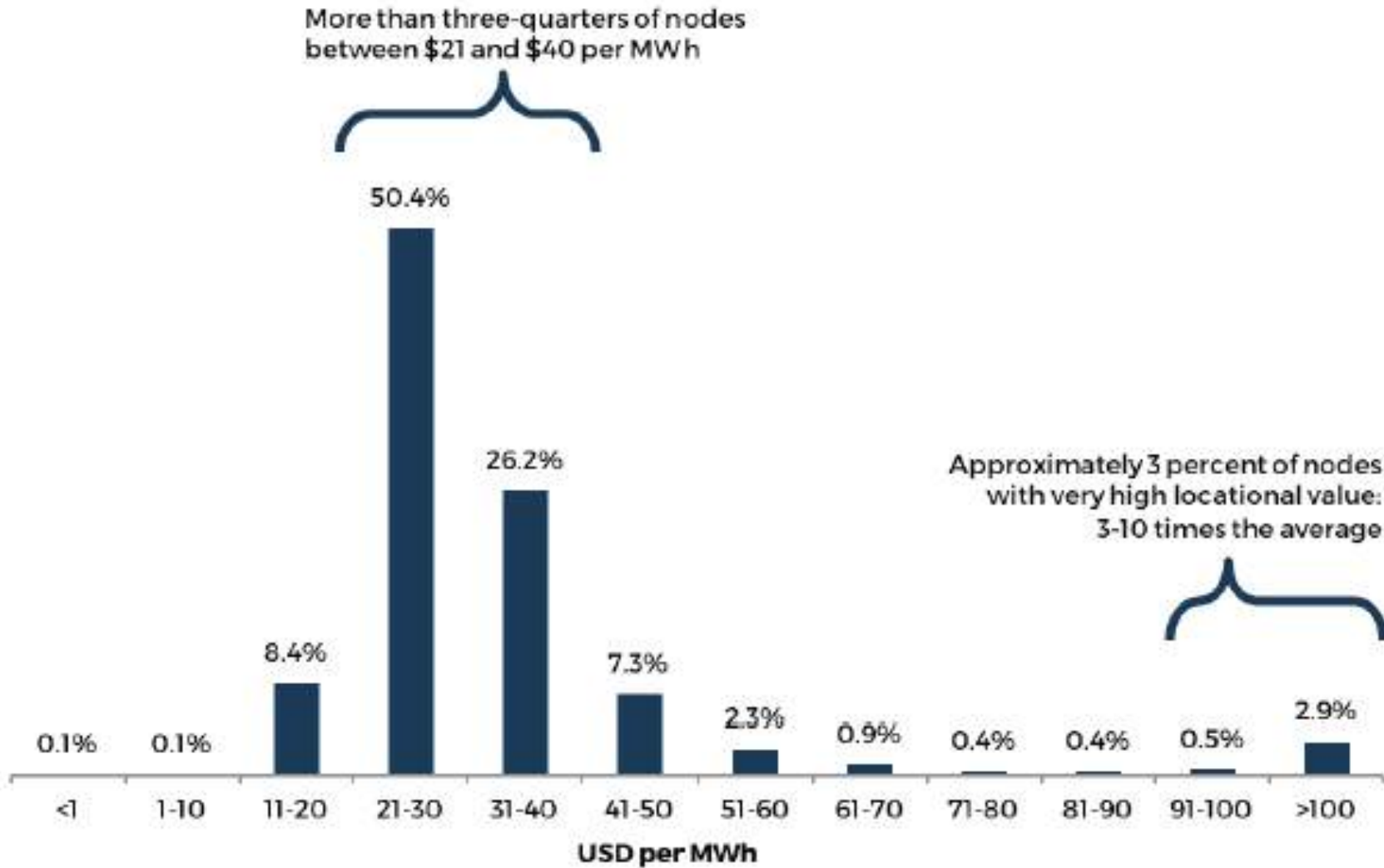


Energy prices at transmission level may vary significantly if there are binding network constraints

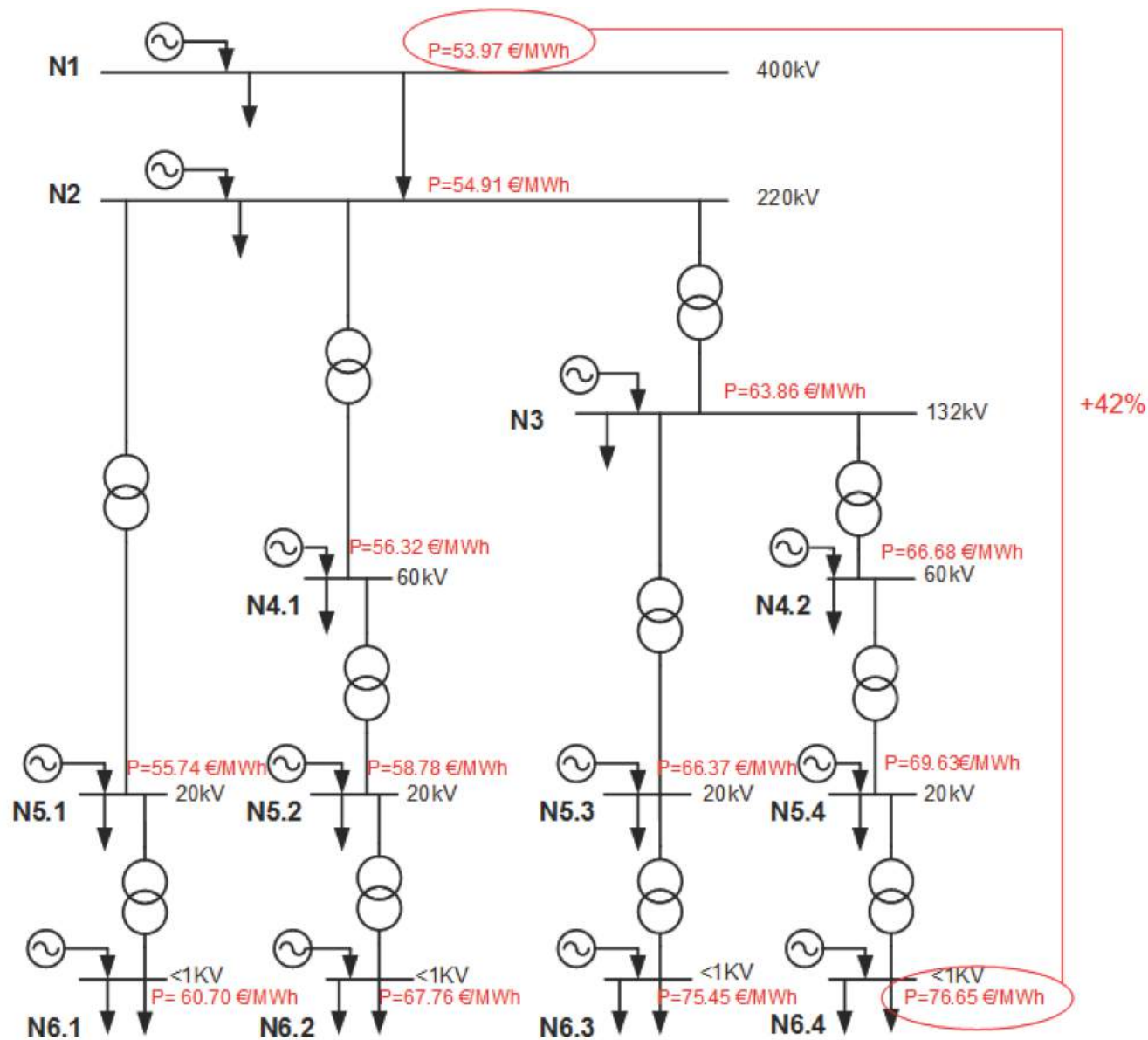


Wholesale LMP variation across more than 11,000 PJM nodes on July 19, 2015, at 4:05 pm

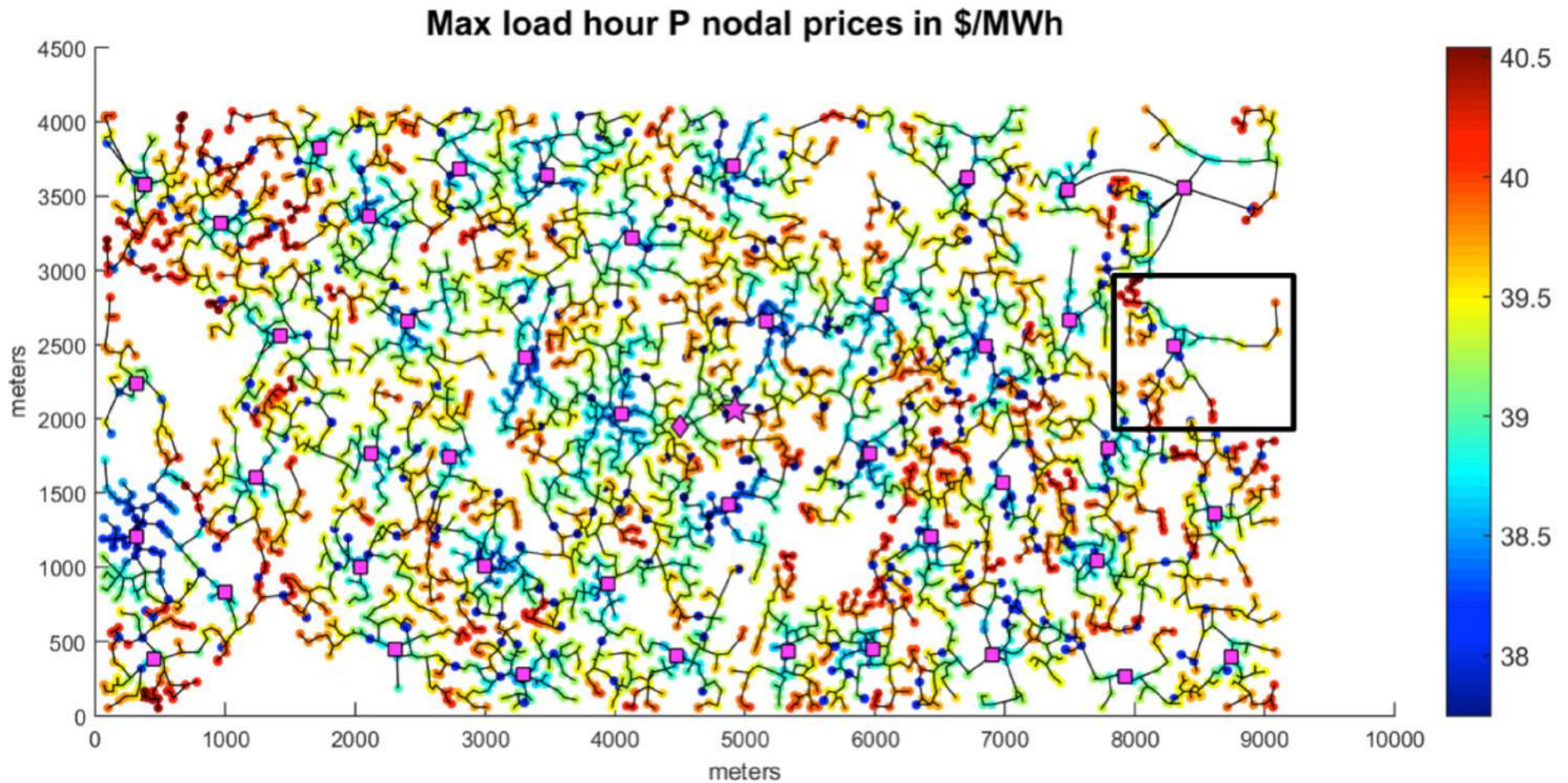
Distribution of 2015 Average Nodal LMPs in PJM



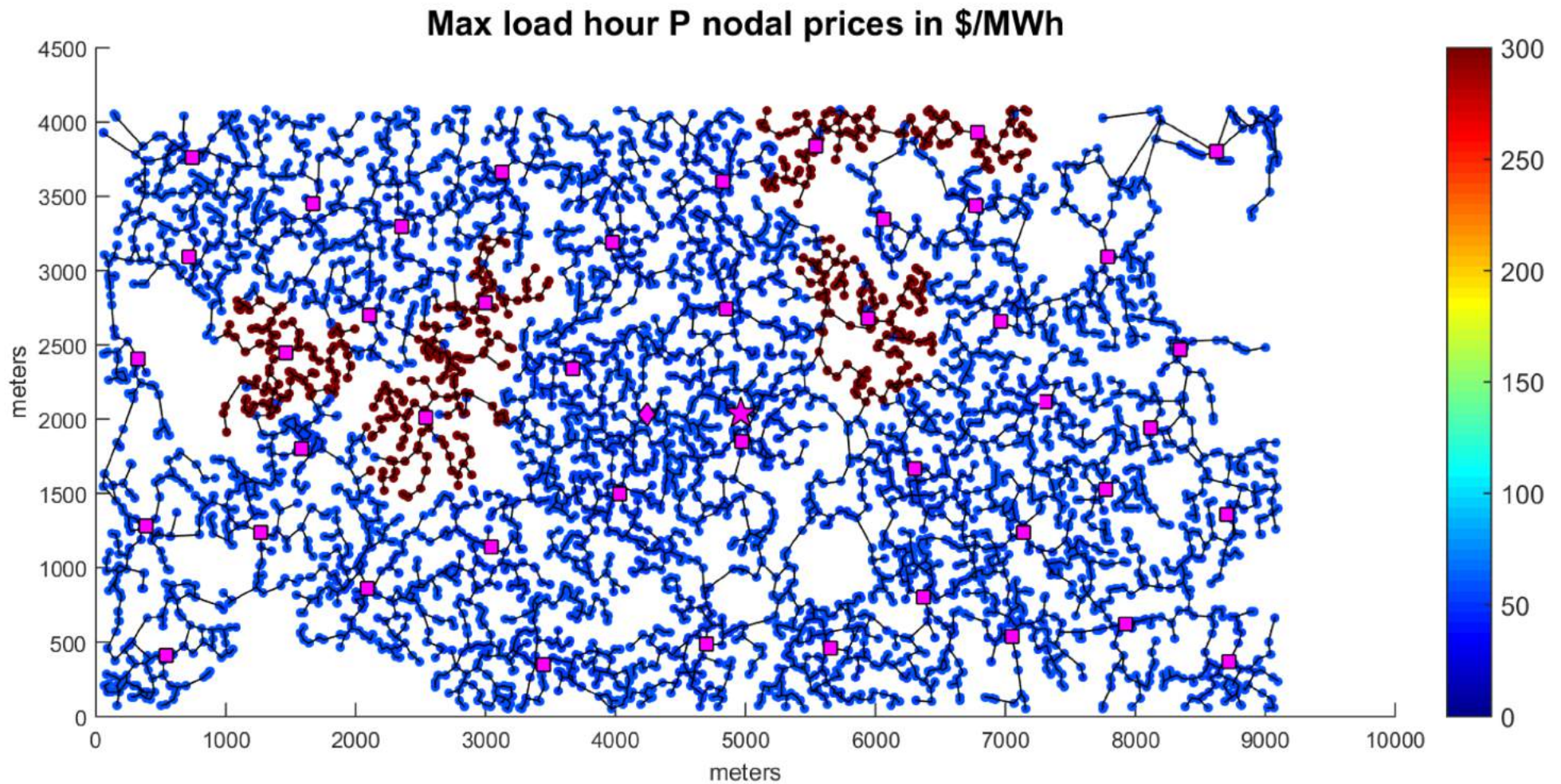
The marginal impact of losses on LMPs at distribution level may create significant price differences



Getting deep into distribution (just losses)



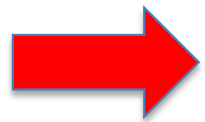
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And the most important one...

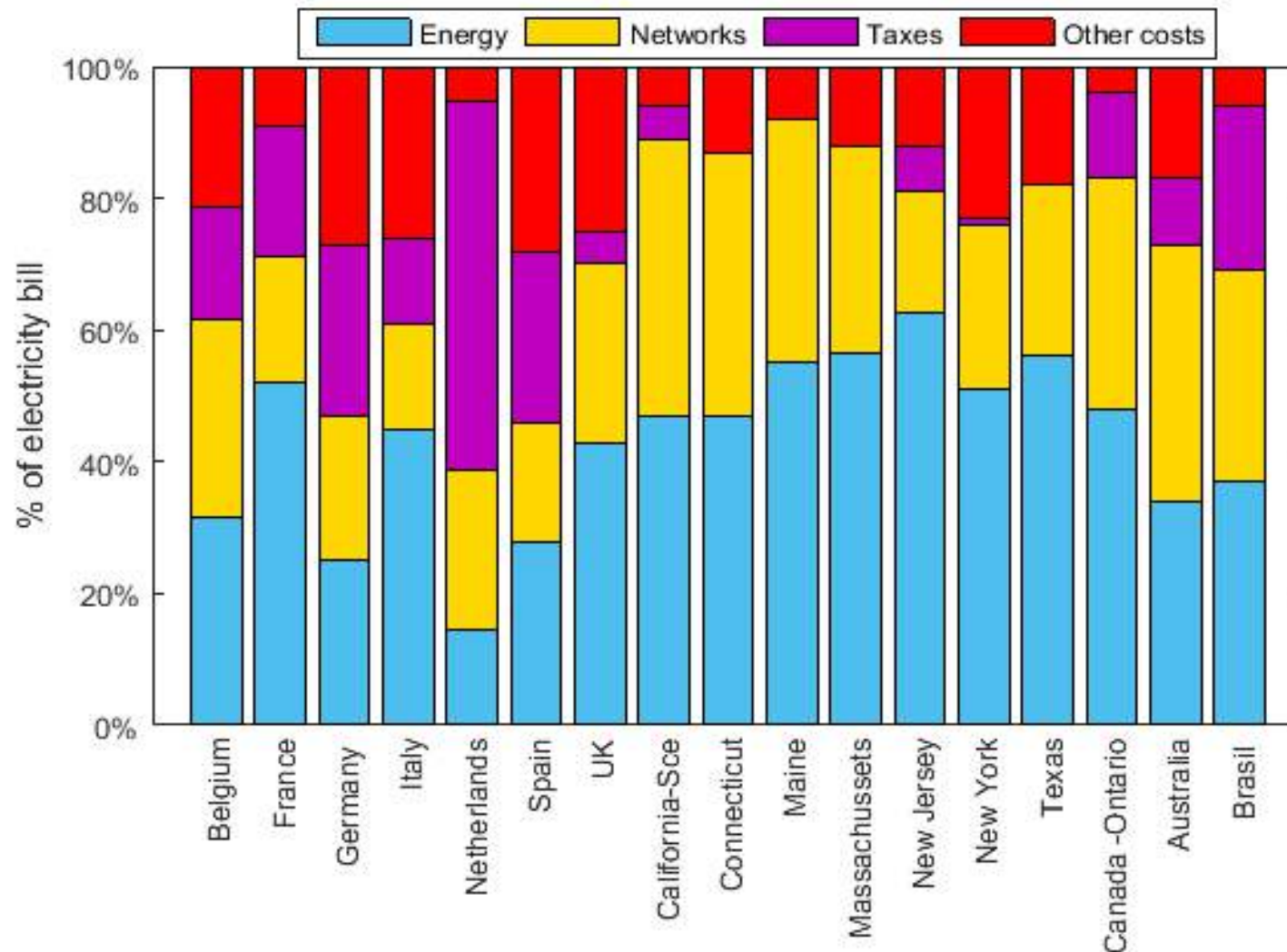
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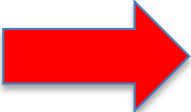
Policy costs & residual network costs **should not be recovered with volumetric charges** (\$/kWh). We recommend a **fixed annual charge** distributed in monthly installments.



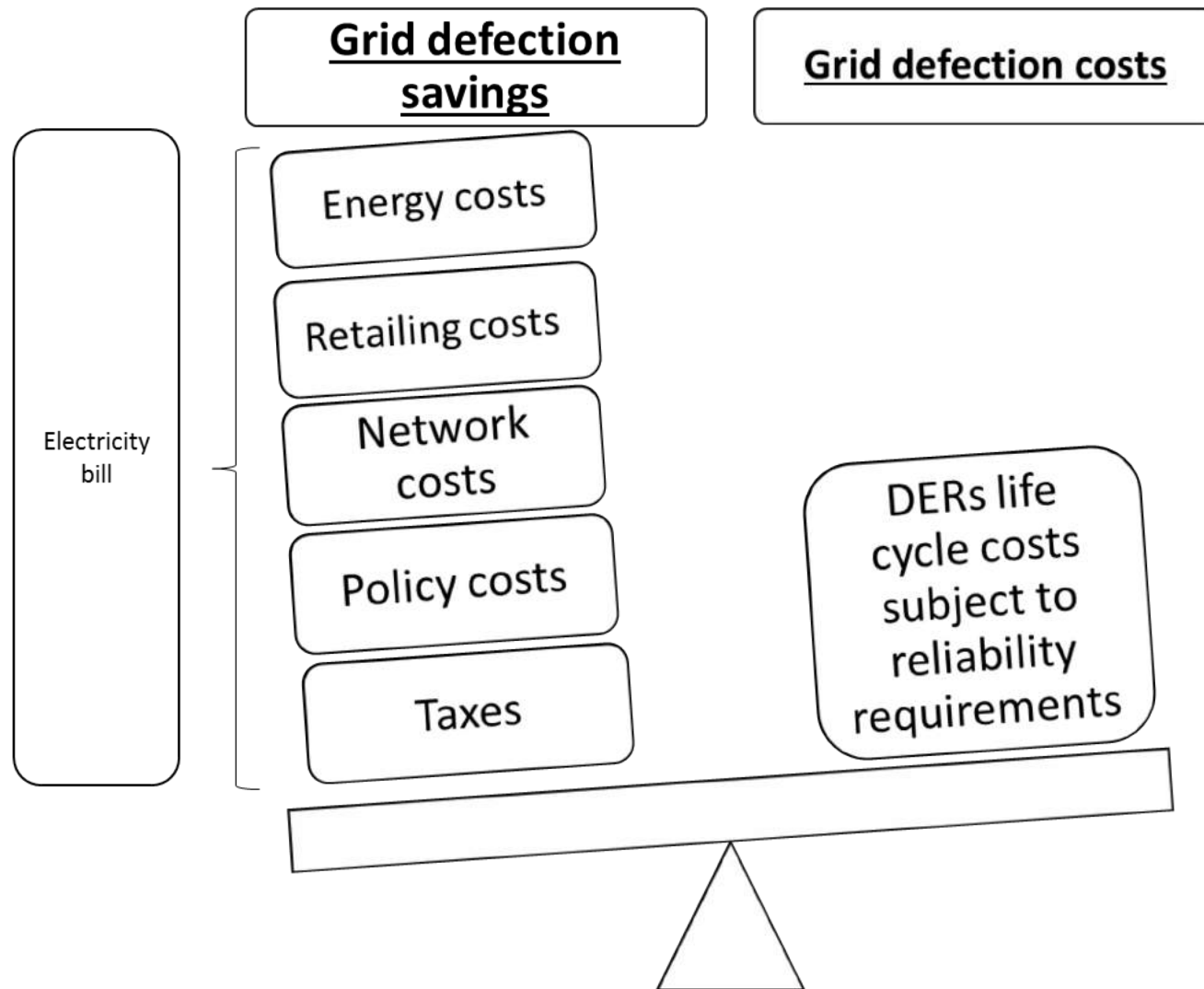
Breakdown of residential electricity bills in different jurisdictions in 2014-2015

And as a consequence...

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-  Reconsider **which costs are included** in the electricity tariff if inefficient **grid defection** is a serious threat

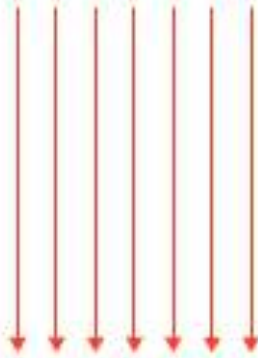
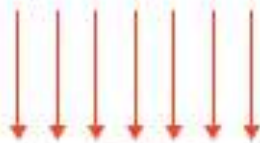
Depending on the seriousness of the **threat of grid defection**, which costs are included in the electricity tariff must be carefully considered



Too much complexity for the small & medium customers?



- Operating Reserves
- System Restoration
- Voltage Control
- Power Quality
- Thermal Constraint Management
- Loss Reduction
- Firm Capacity



Intermediary Aggregator, If Justified



- Energy
- Network
- Connection
- Emergency Limit

SMART METER AND/OR ENERGY BOX



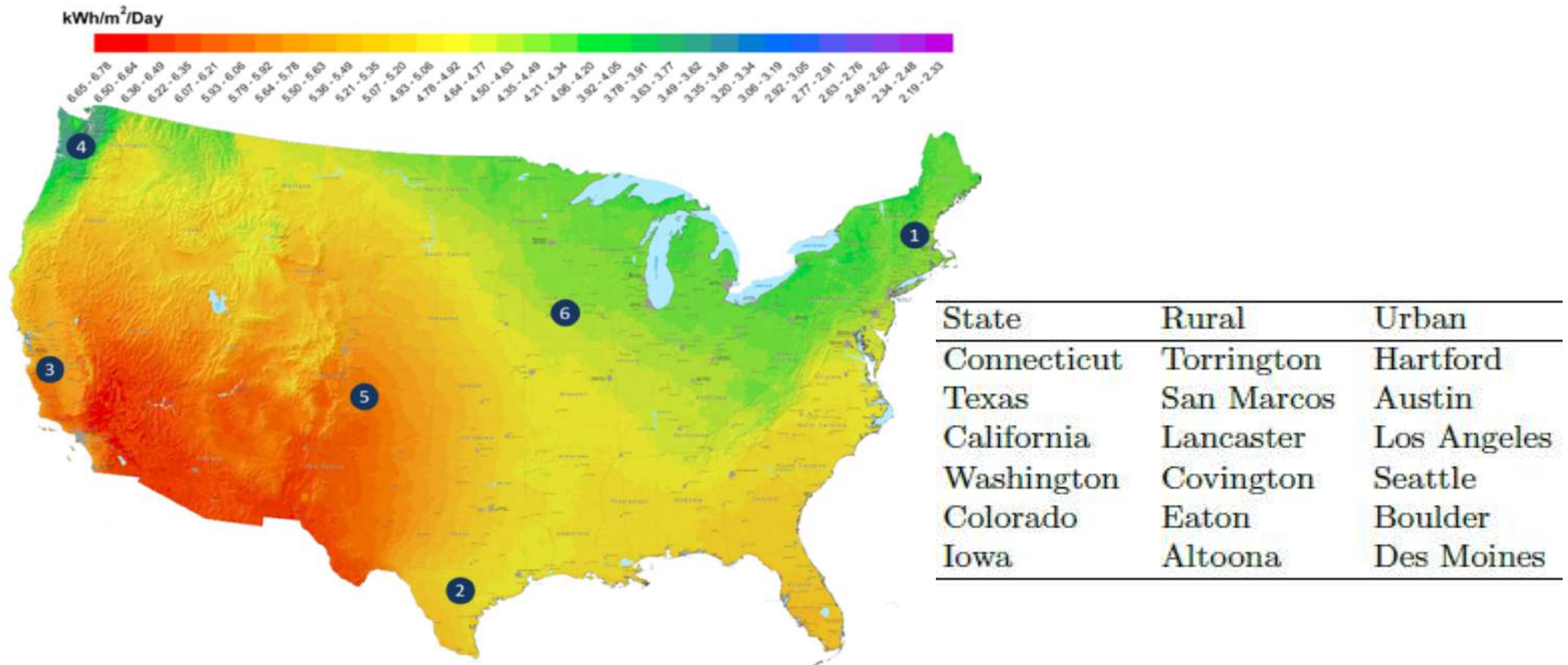
**How much should the toaster know?
Is it worth sending prices & charges to it?**



2

Enhance distribution regulation

Case example to study the impact of distributed solar PV on total network costs



6 locations x 2 cities/location x 3 load hypotheses/city x 8 solar penetration scenarios /load hypothesis = 288 cases

(*) From “MIT Future of Solar Study”, with participation of IIT-Comillas

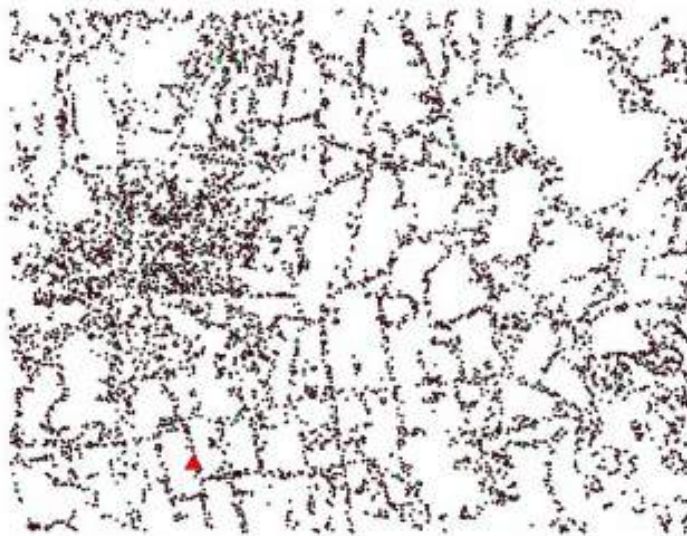
Construction of the reference cases



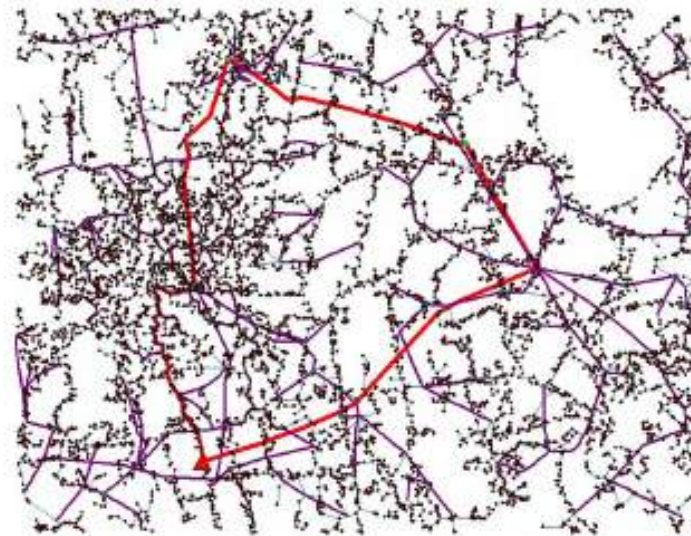
(a) Map of the selected region



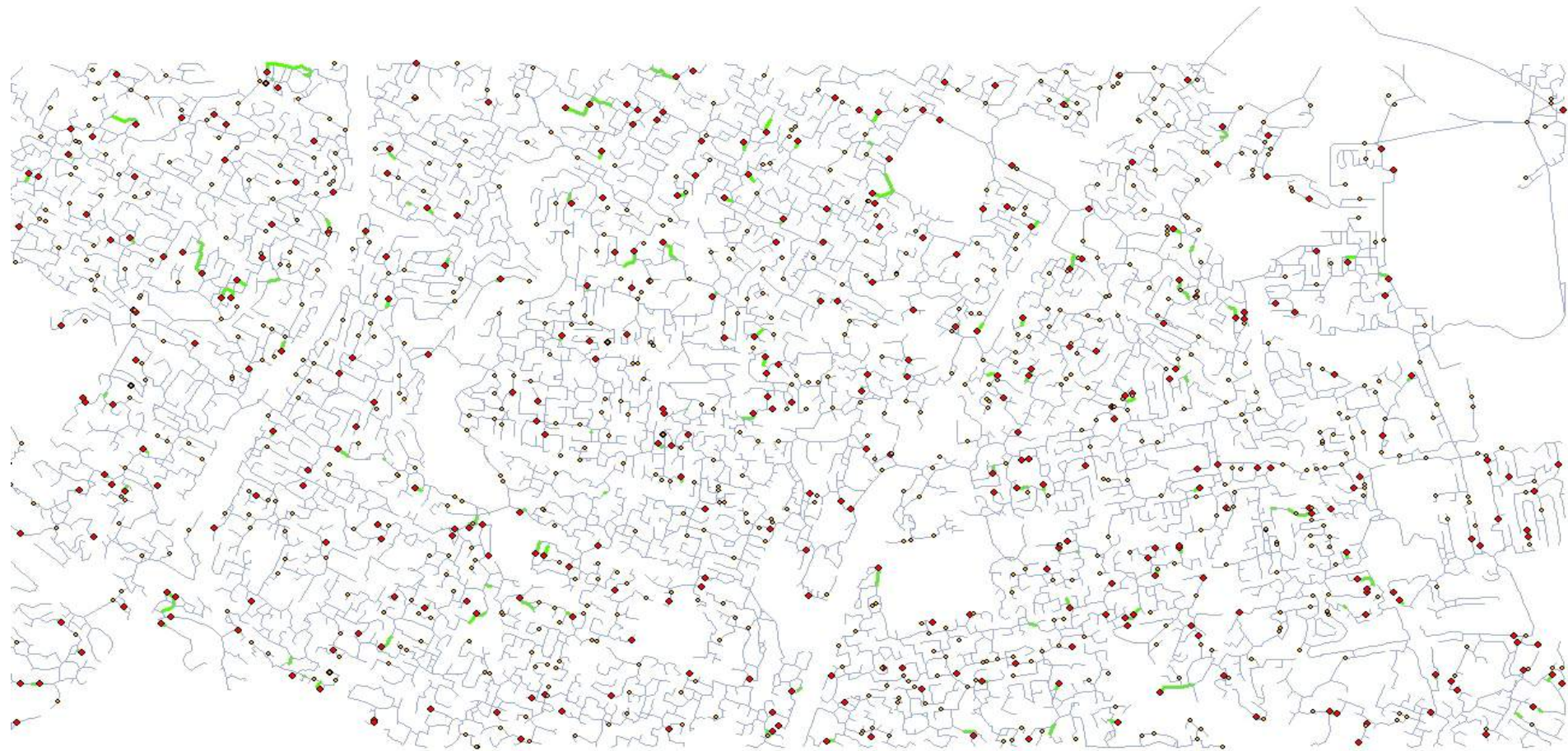
(b) Streets are recognized

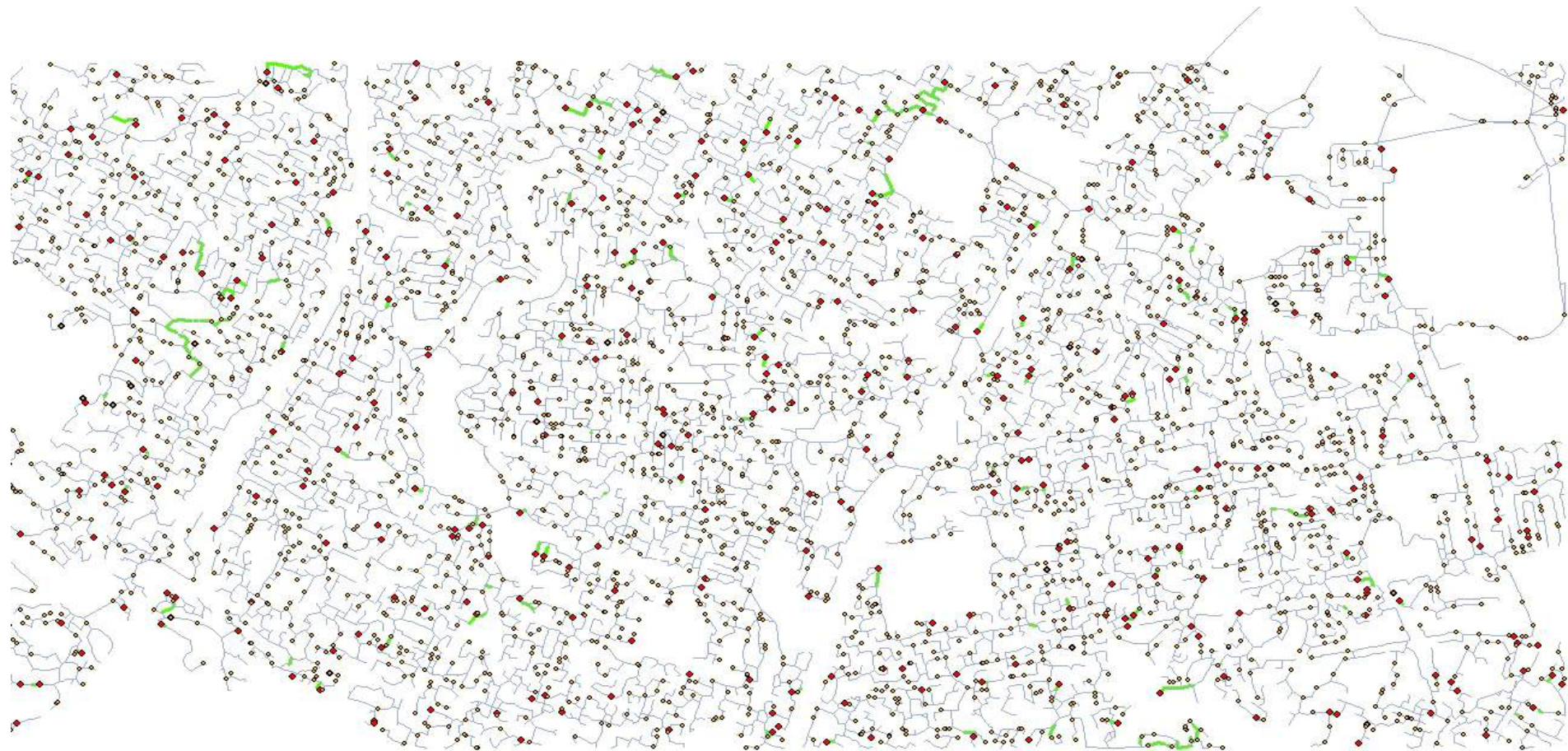


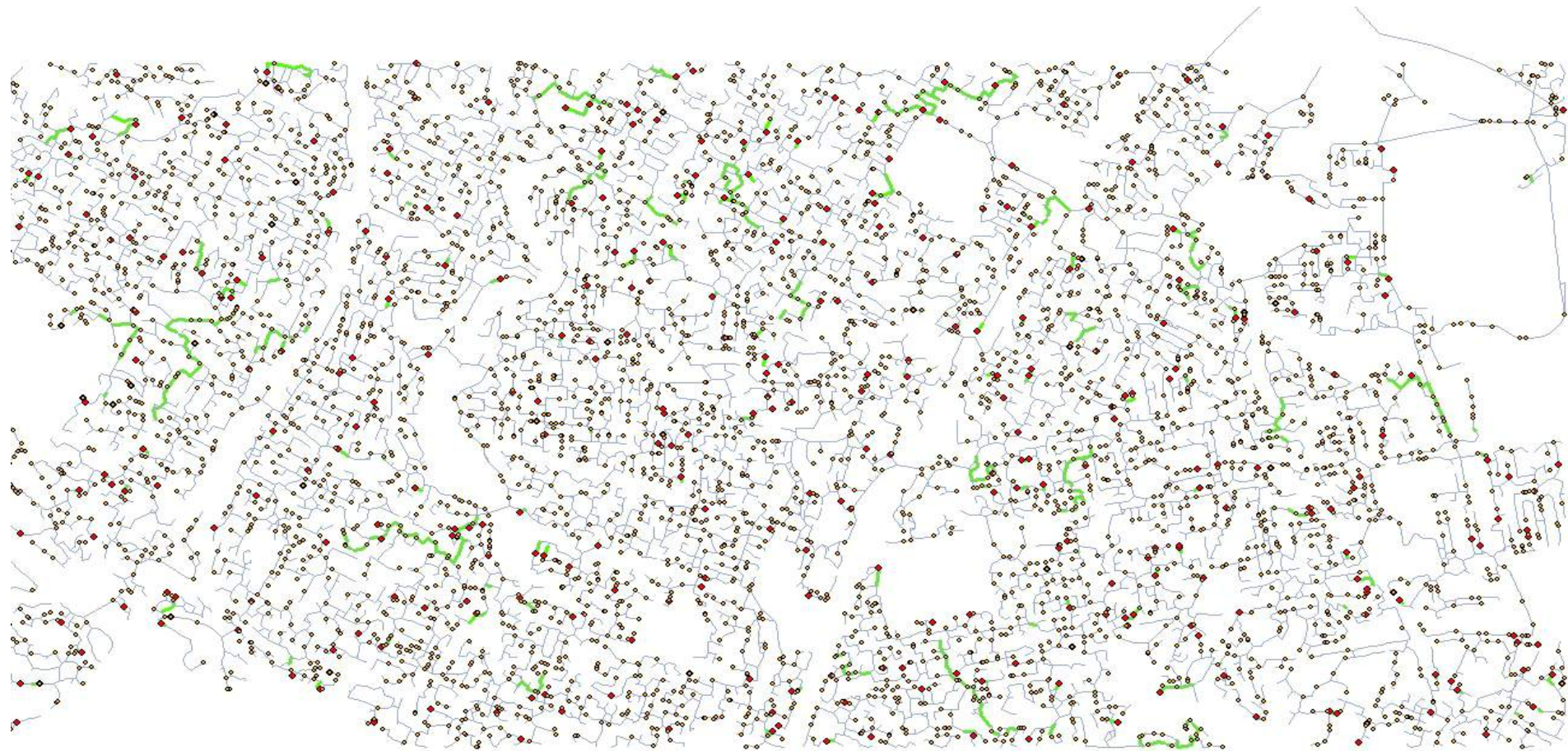
(c) Customers and substations

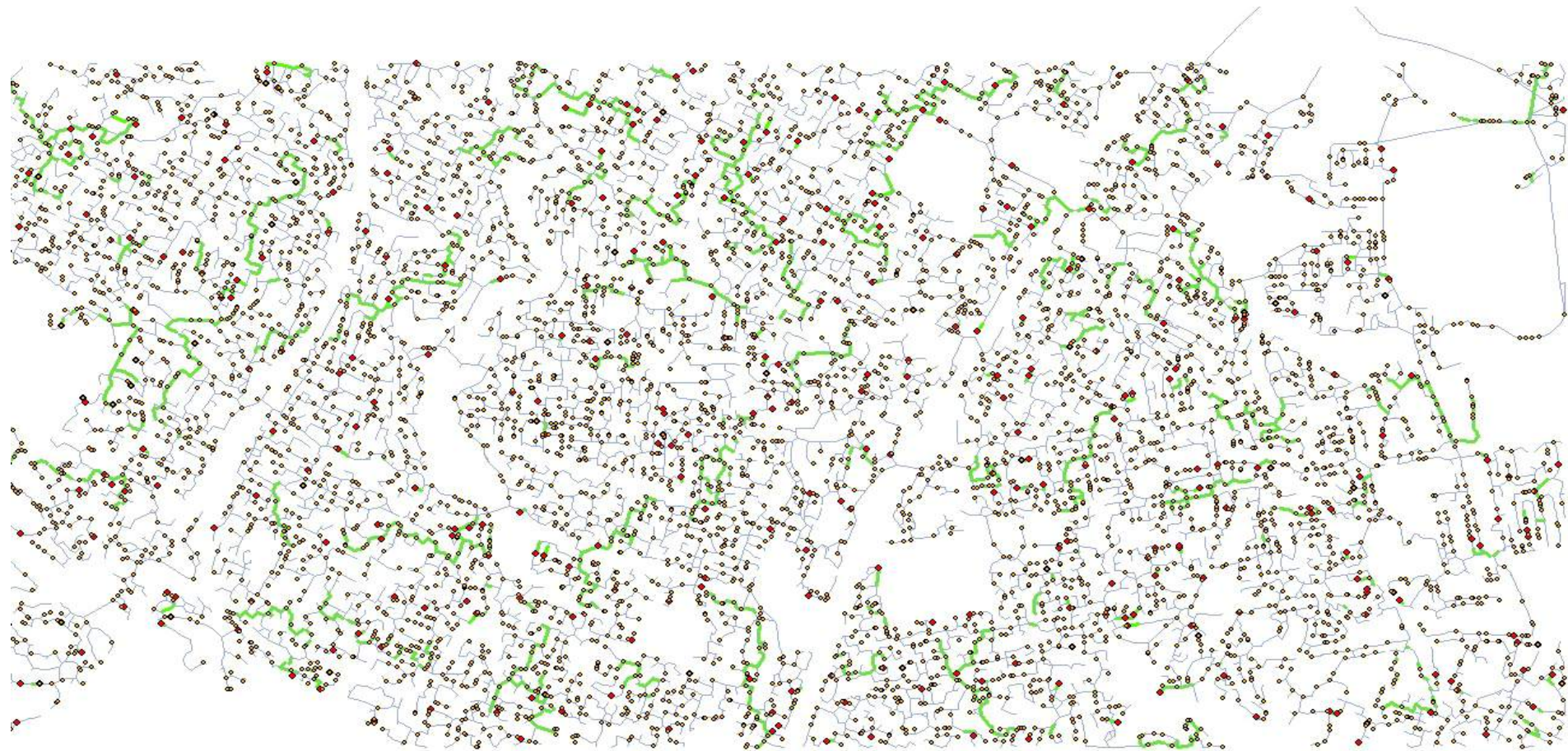


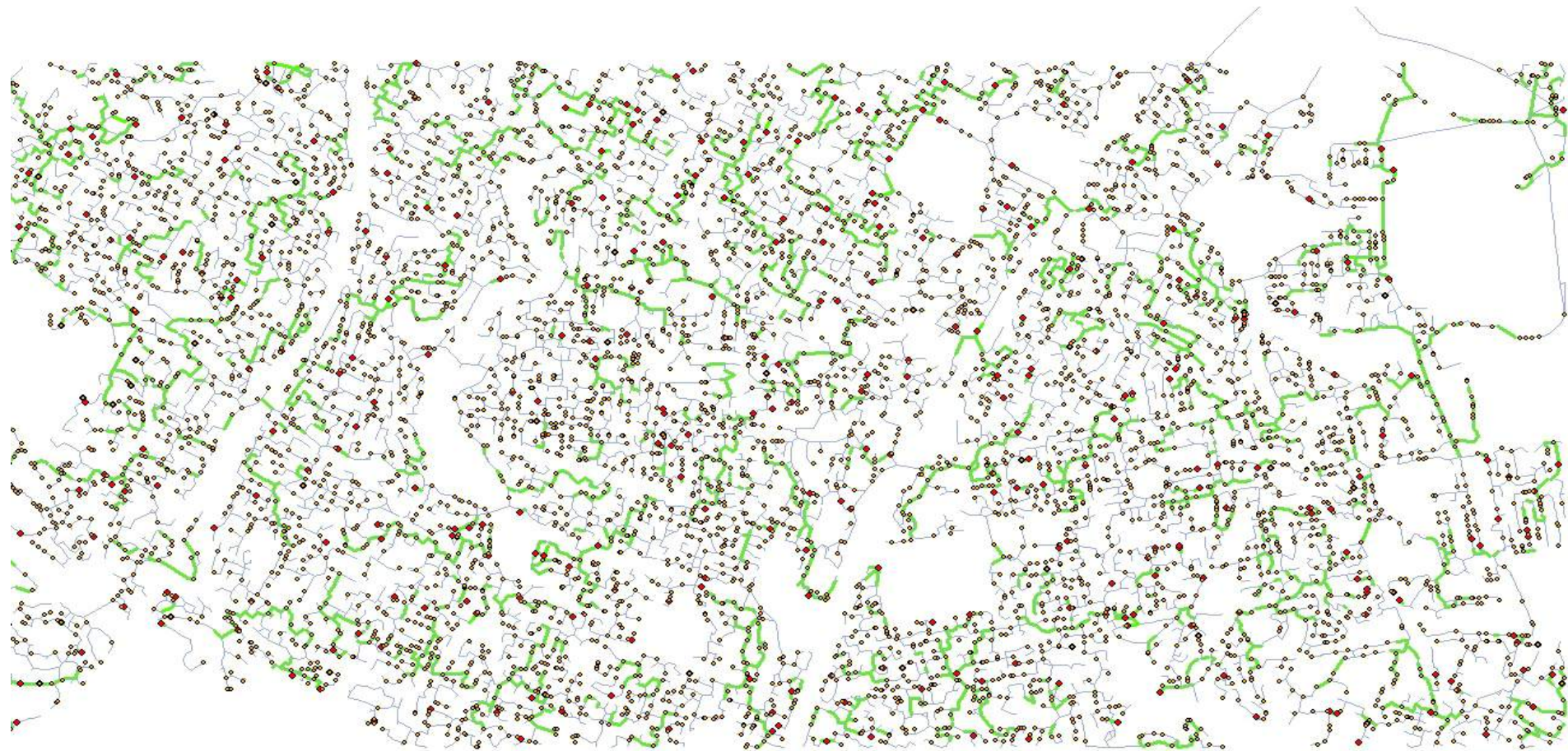
(d) Base network

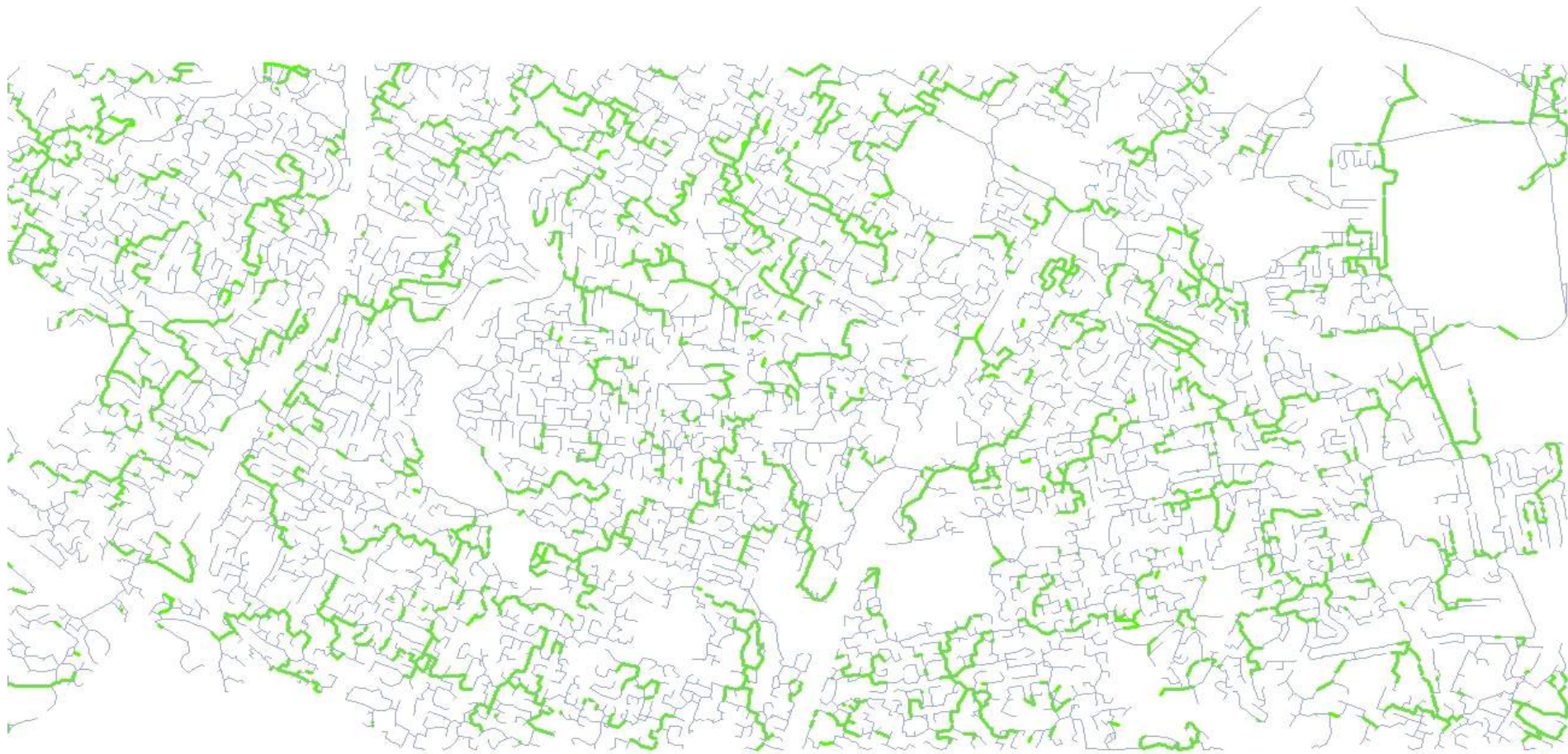






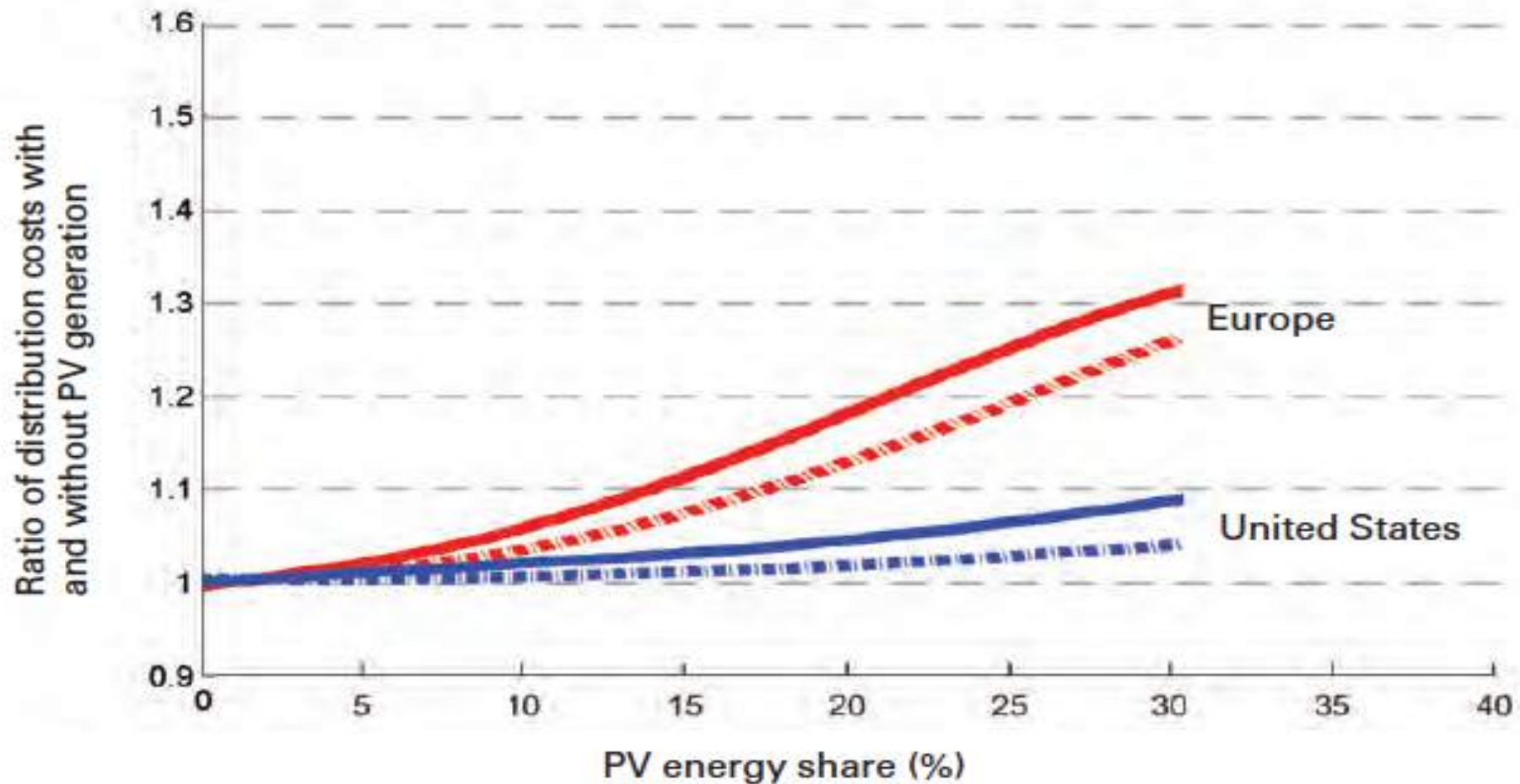




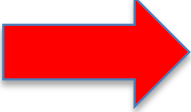


From the MIT “Future of Solar Study”

Changes in network costs with growing PV penetration

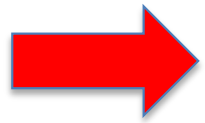


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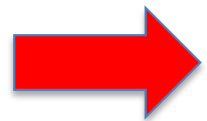
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 **Outcomes-based performance incentives**

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- **Outcomes-based** performance incentives



Incentives for long-term innovation

3

**Rethink industry structure to
minimize conflicts of interest**

“Market platforms, network providers, and system operators perform three critical functions that sit at the center of all transactions in electricity markets.”

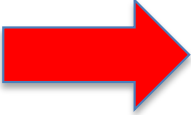
“A data hub or data exchange may constitute a fourth critical power system function...”

**Establish independence between the
DSO & agents performing activities in
markets and
if independence is legal or functional,
apply significant regulatory oversight and
transparent mechanisms to provide
services**

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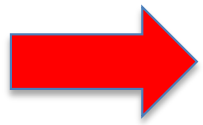
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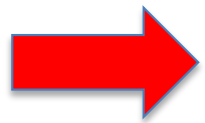
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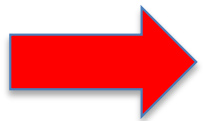
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Minimize the interference of support mechanisms for clean technologies in electricity markets

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**Unlock the individual value of each
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Some DERs can only be deployed at a specific scale level...



... while others can be deployed at different scales

Utility Scale



C&I Scale



Residential Scale



Let us understand first the locational value of services provided by DERs

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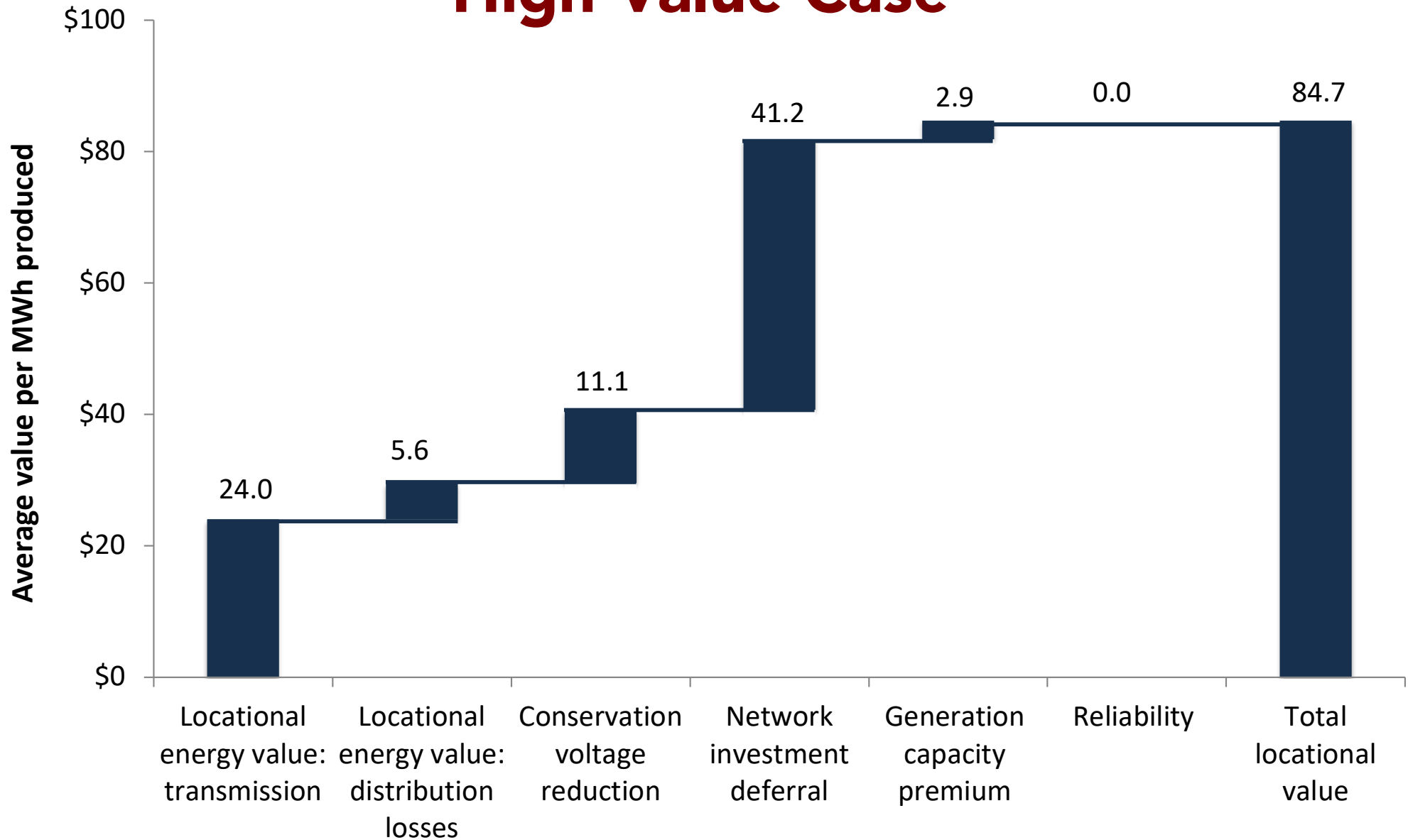
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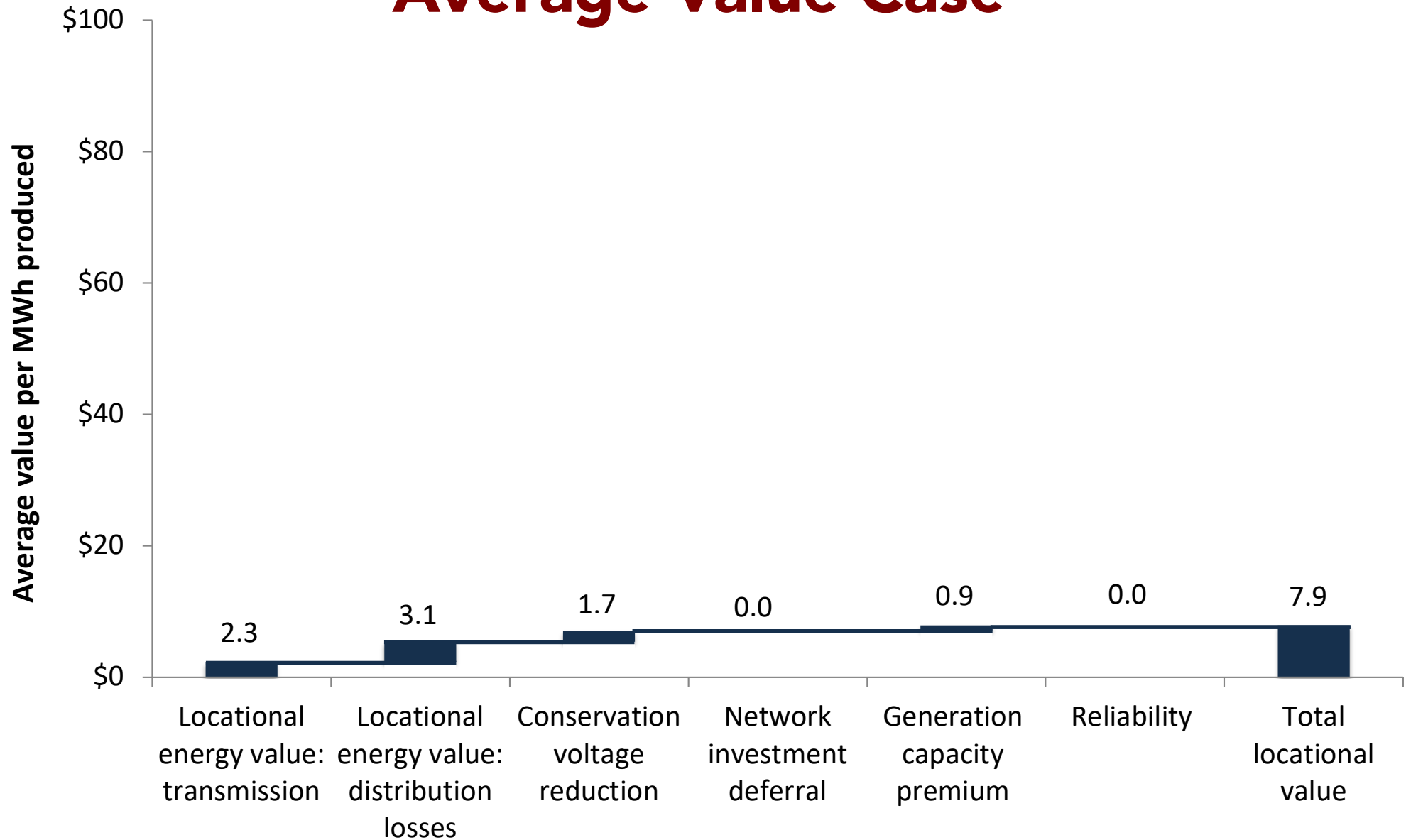
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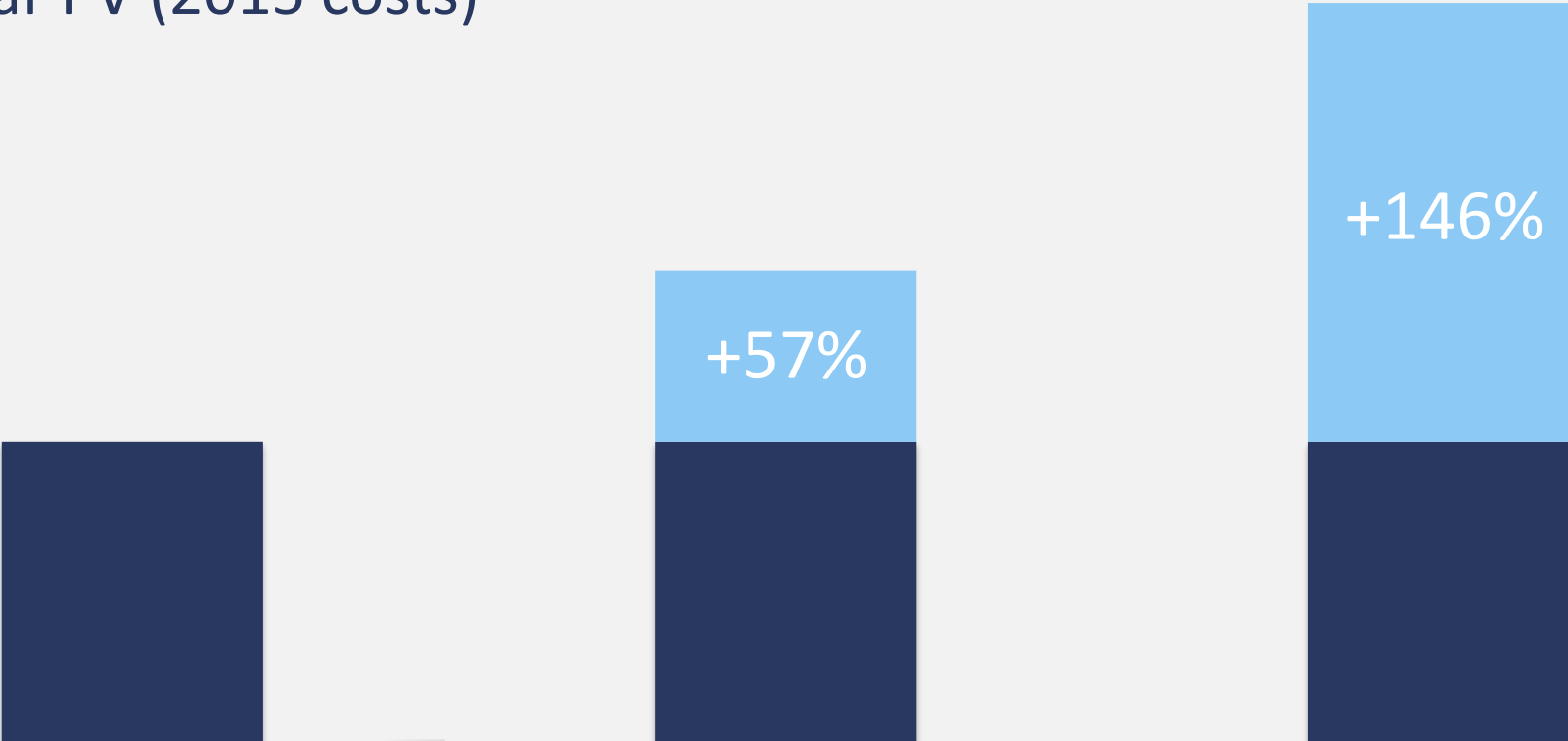


For DERs that can be deployed at different scales (e.g. solar PV, storage)...

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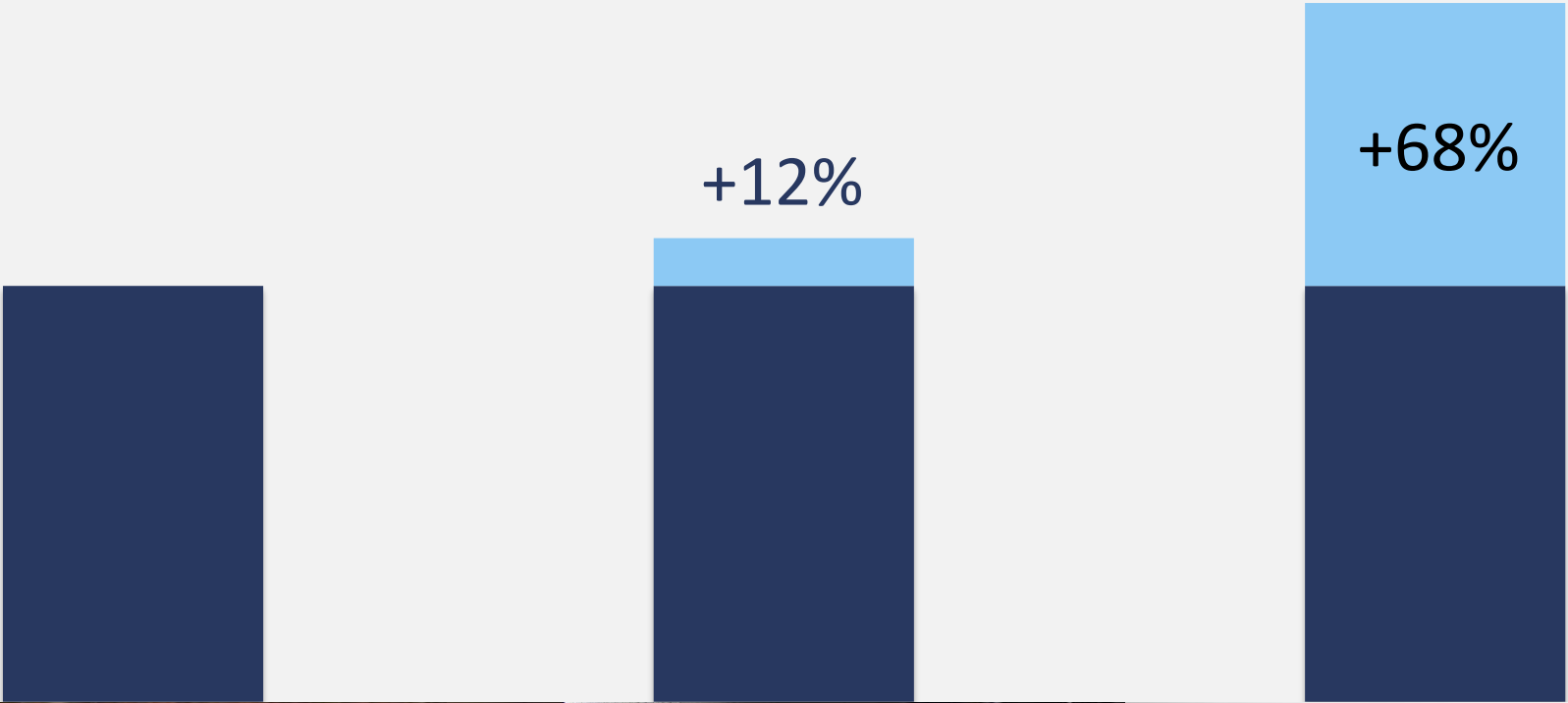
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Lithium-ion Energy Storage (2015 costs)



Distributed or centralized?

- From a **societal viewpoint**, the locational value *versus* the incremental cost due to loss of economies of scale determines the best option
- From the **customer viewpoint**, *the locational value enhances the economic viability of the distributed resource*, which will be a factor among others to make a decision

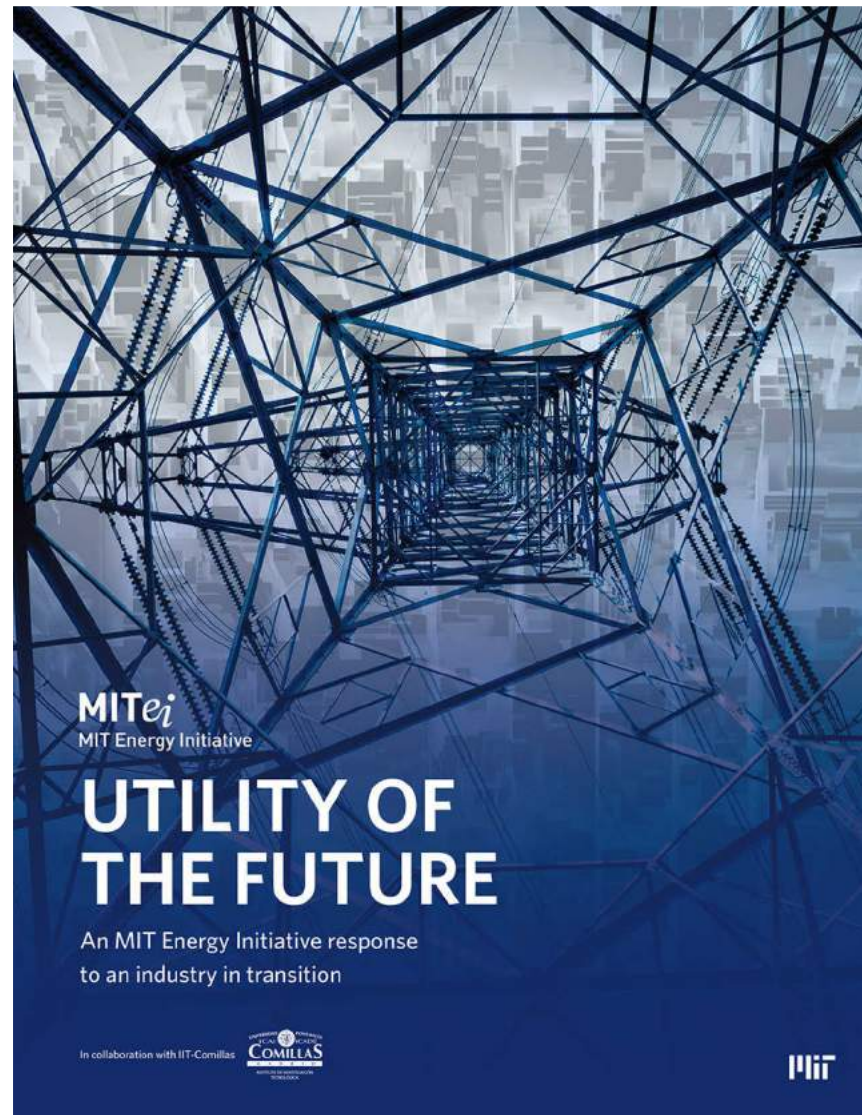
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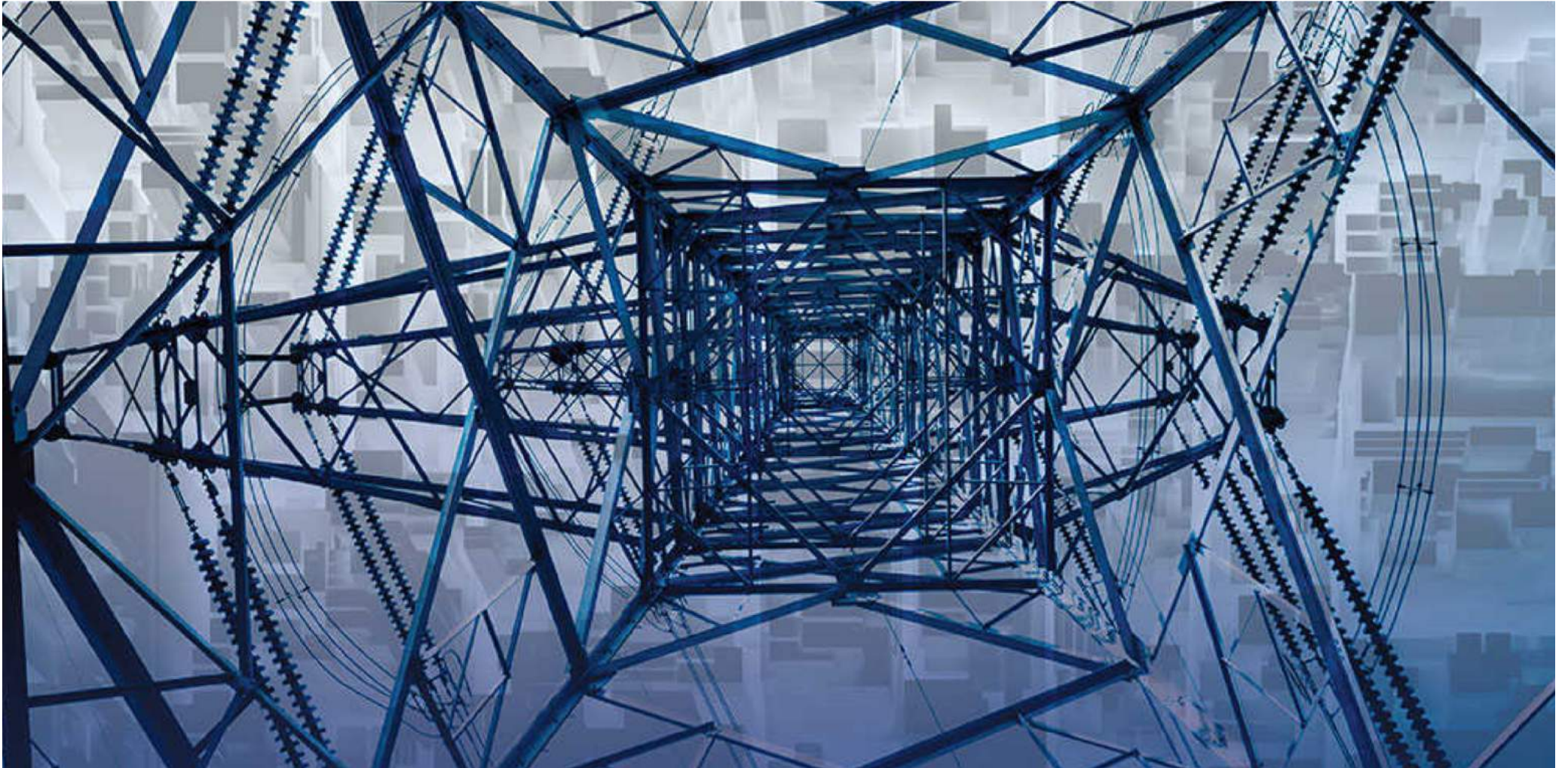
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