Using embedded renewable generation to stabilize rural distribution networks

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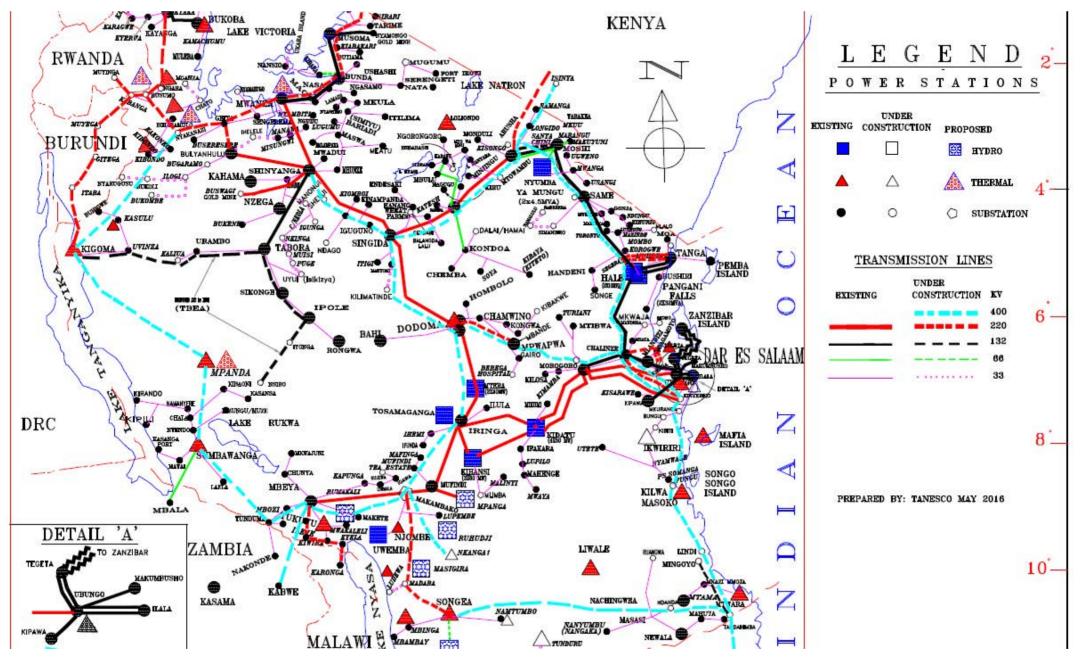


Rapidly Growing Economy

- Surface: 947,300 square kilometres
- Inhabitants: 55 million (58/km²)
- Access to electricity¹
 - 1990 5,3million (5,8%)
 - 2014 15,5 million (15%)
- Generation mix
 - Hydro 561 MW
 - Gas fuel 544 MW
 - Liquid fuel 210 MW
 - Mini-grids 82 MW

Grid development plan

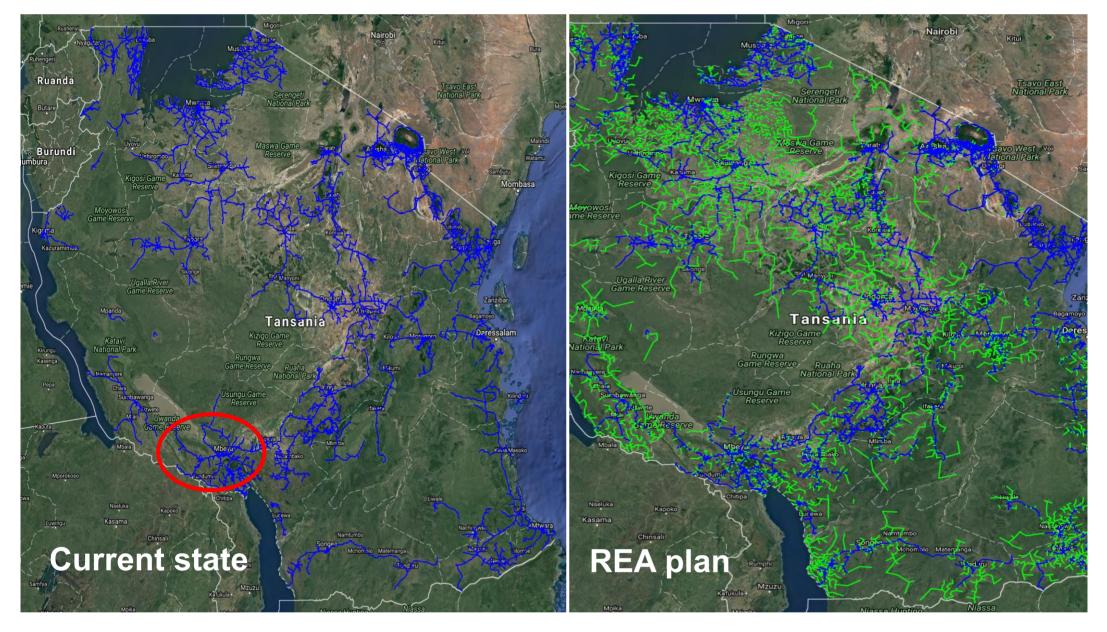
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Source of picture: Official TANESCO national grid system map

REA and TANESCO





Tanzanian distribution grid





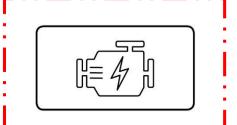
The distribution grid

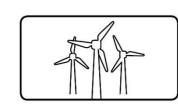
 Extremely large distribution networks supplying thousands of small distribution transformers

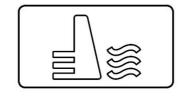


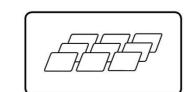


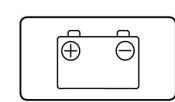
Evaluation of generation options







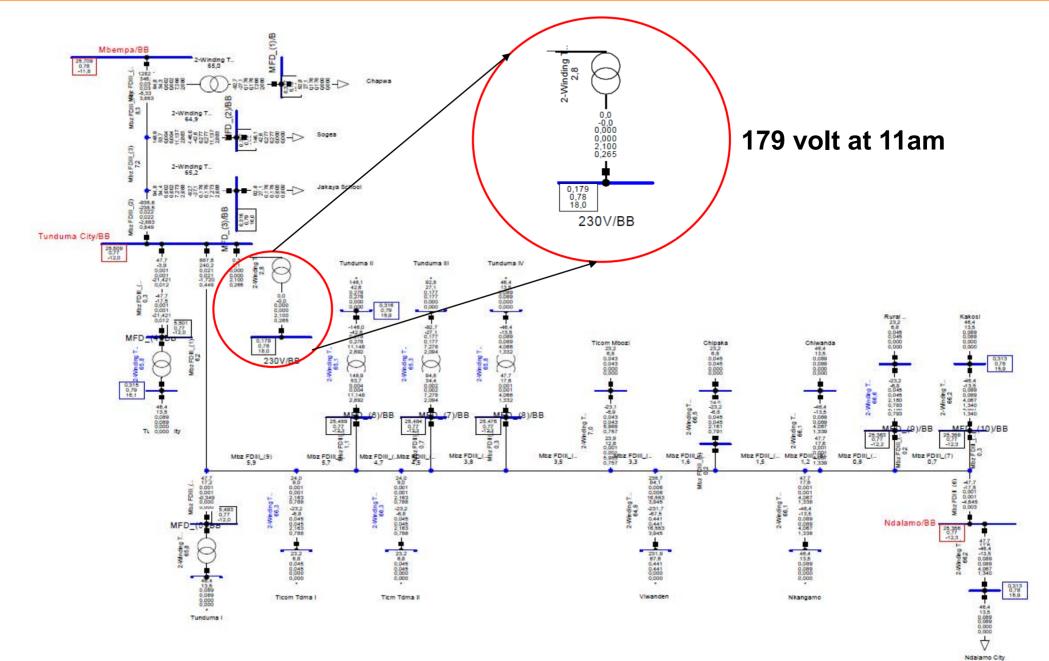




Diesel	Wind	Hydro	PV Solar	Storage
Dependence on Imports	Regionally restricted	Water is a scarce resource	Great potential in all areas	Support for Wind and Solar
High fuel & transport costs	Close proximity to GSP stations	High CAPEX	Better adaption on Grid capacity	Can be placed everywhere
Expensive Maintenance	Maintenance capabilities?	Maintenance costs high	Modular unit repairs	Modularity
CO ₂ Emissions	No CO ₂ Emissions	No CO ₂ Emissions	No CO ₂ Emissions	No long-term experiences

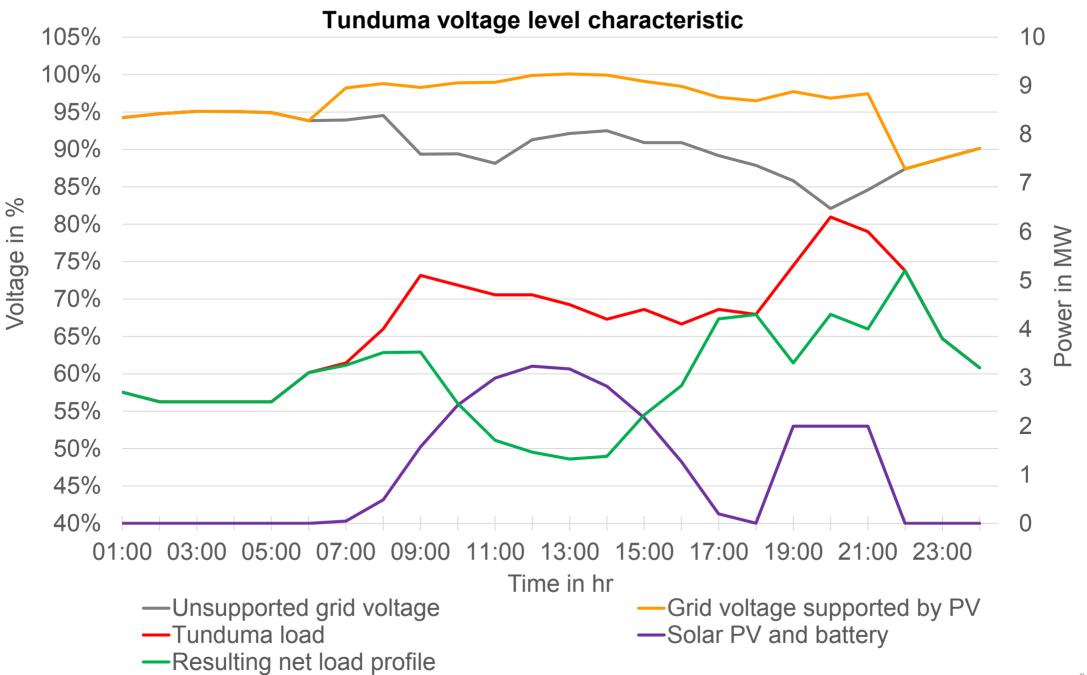
Mbeya – Tunduma distribution network





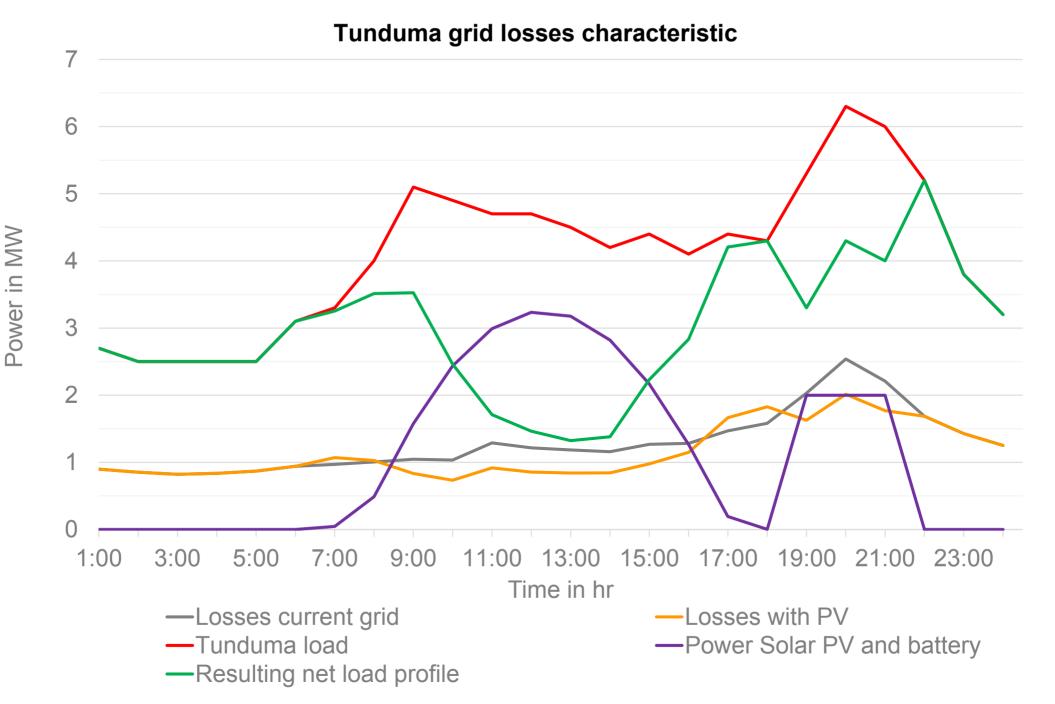
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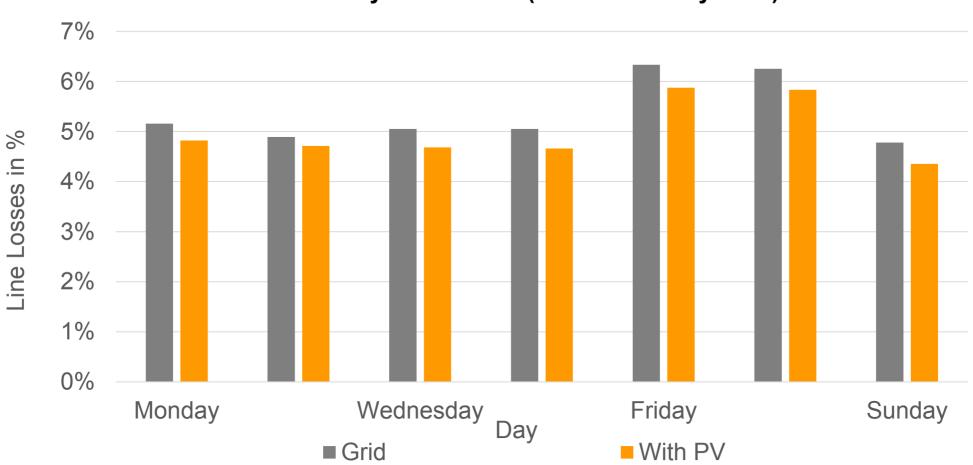


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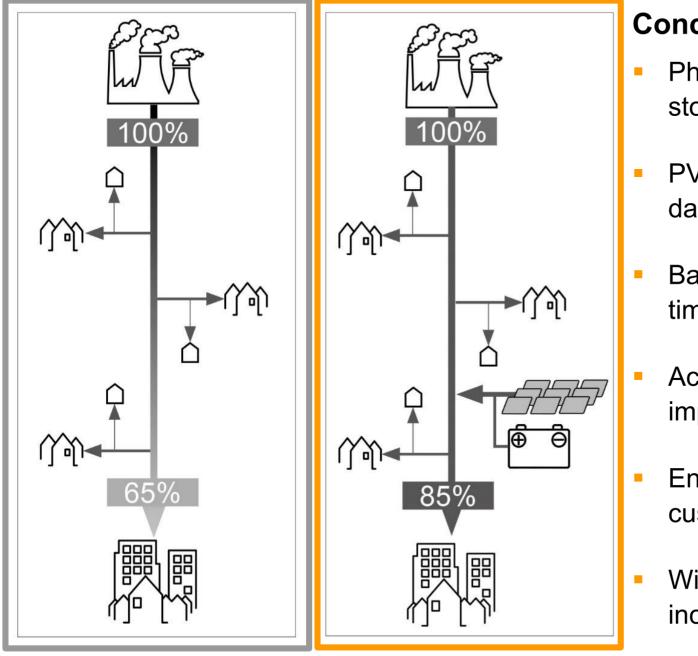


Tunduma weekly load losses (1st week of July 2017)

- Loss reduction of approx. 1,200 MWh per year
- Annual savings of approx. 130,000 USD
- Estimated 11,000 new connectable customers without the need of grid extension

Embedded generation concept





Concept

- Photovoltaic system with battery storage
- PV system stabilizes the grid during day and charges the battery storage
- Battery stabilizes grid during night times
- Active and reactive power for grid improvement
- Enables the connection of new customers without grid extension
- Widespread use of the system will increase the effect

Thank you for your interest – any questions?



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