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The Challenge to Universal Access in Bolivia

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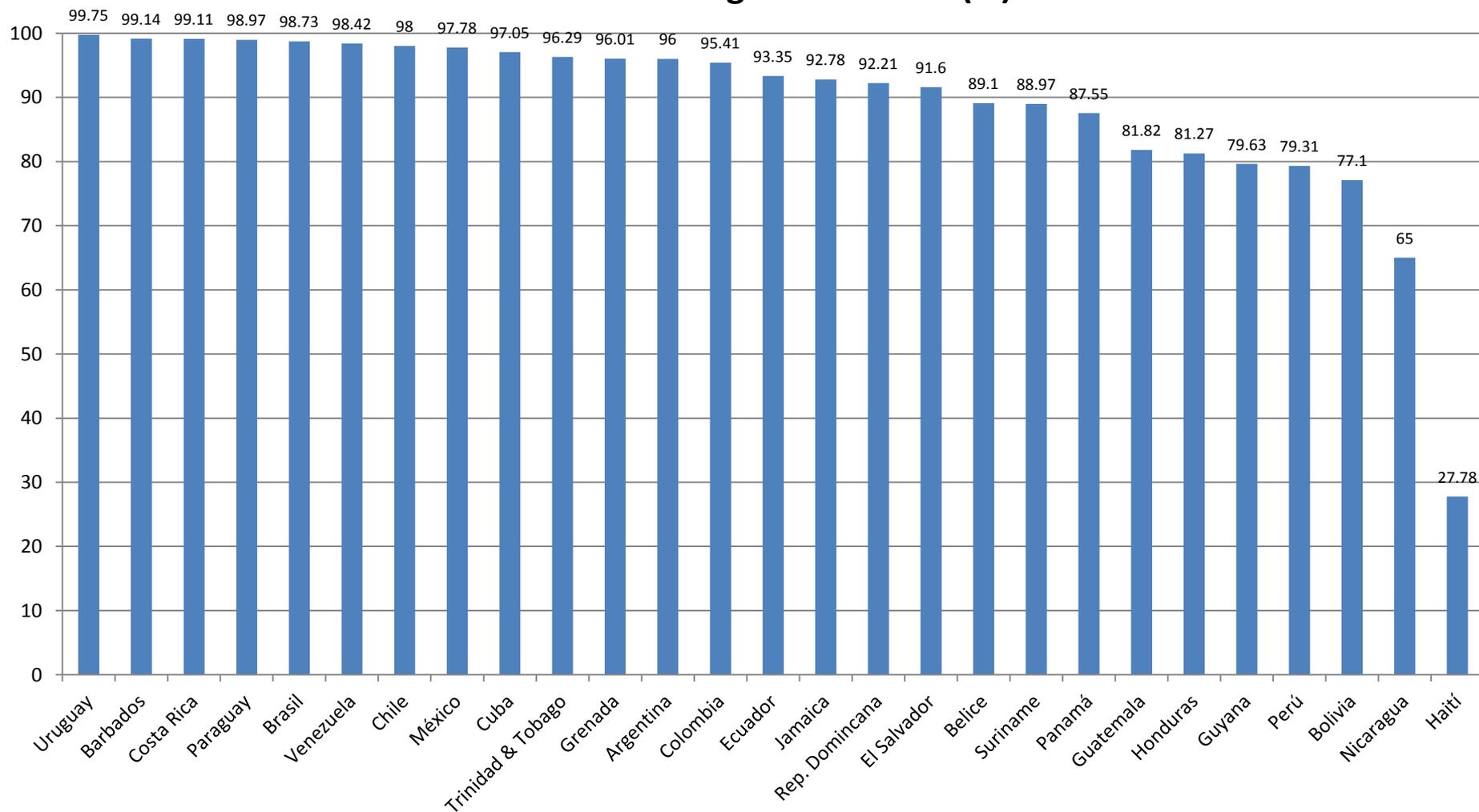
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Access to Electricity in LAC – 2010

(OLADE – BID 2012)

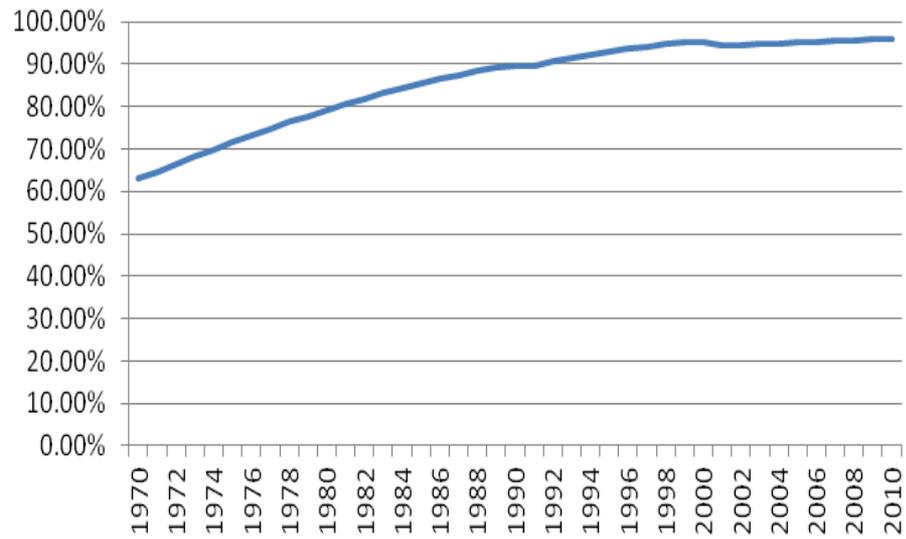
Electric Coverage ALAC 2010 (%)



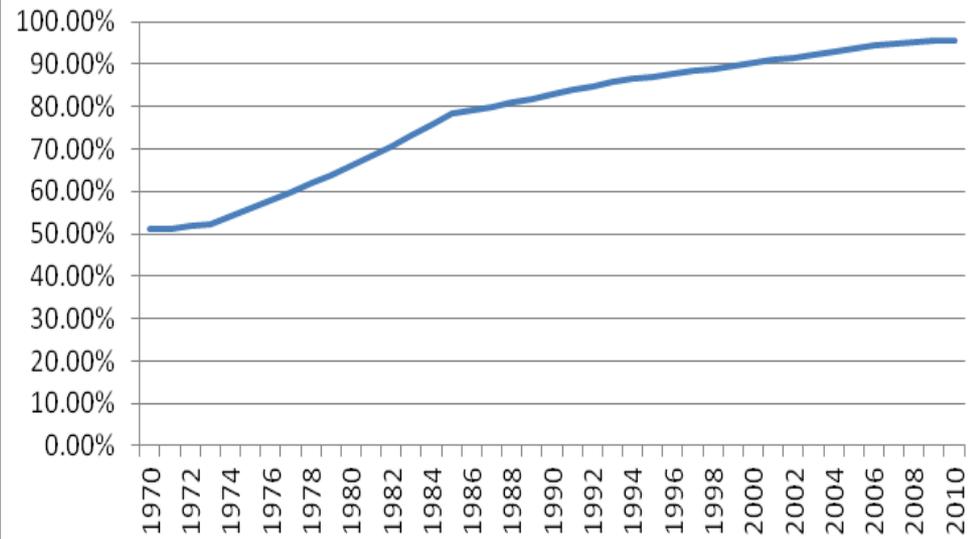
- 95% population have access to electricity
- 34 MM people don't have access, majority in rural areas
- Except two countries, all have coverage above 70% (in 2013)

Quantity	Coverage
13 Country	Above 95%
4 Country	95% - 90%
8 Country	90% - 70%
2 Country	Below 70%

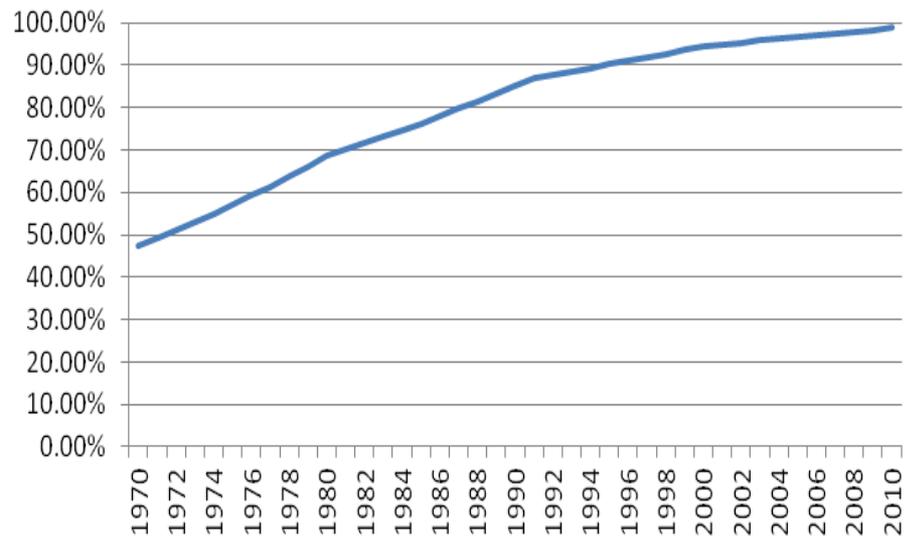
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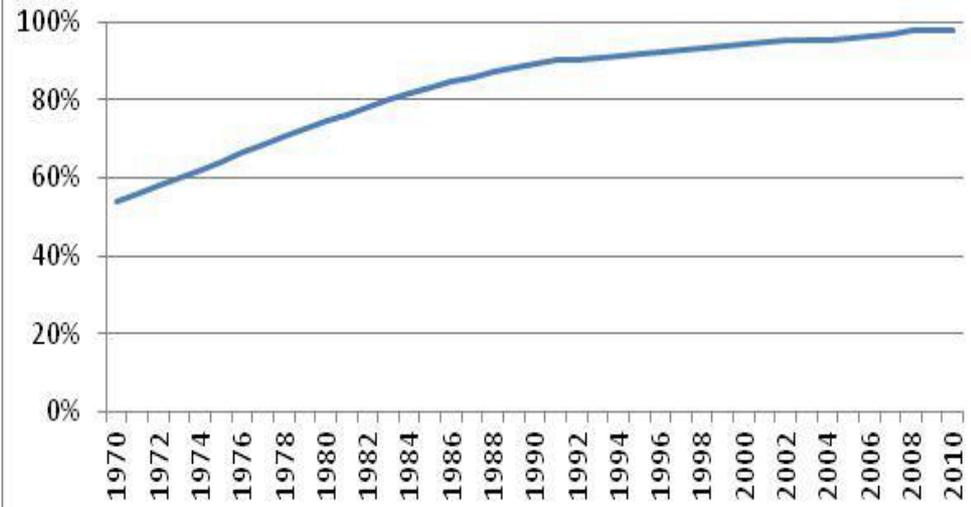
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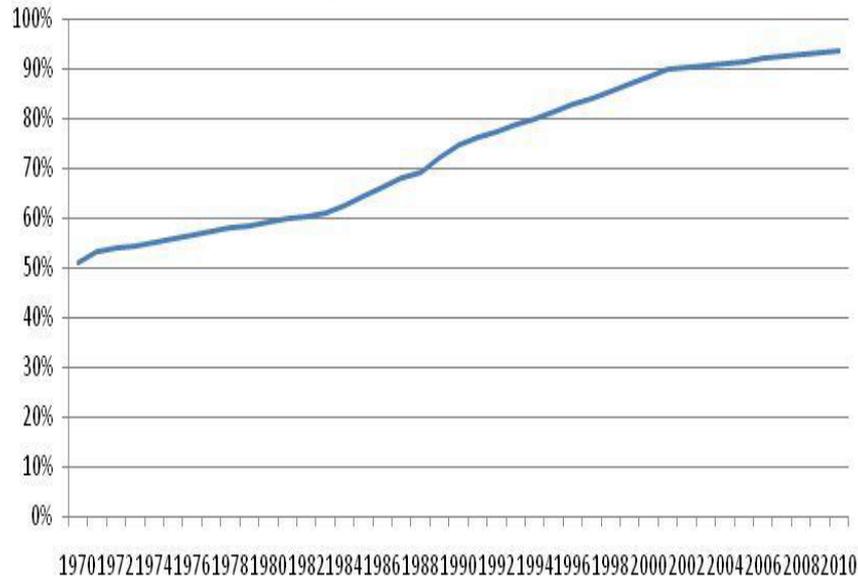
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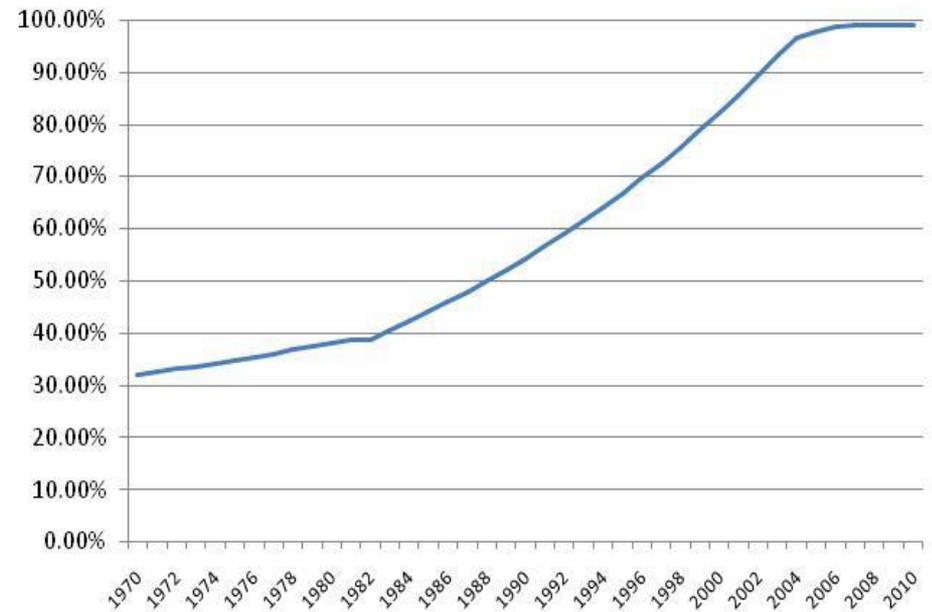
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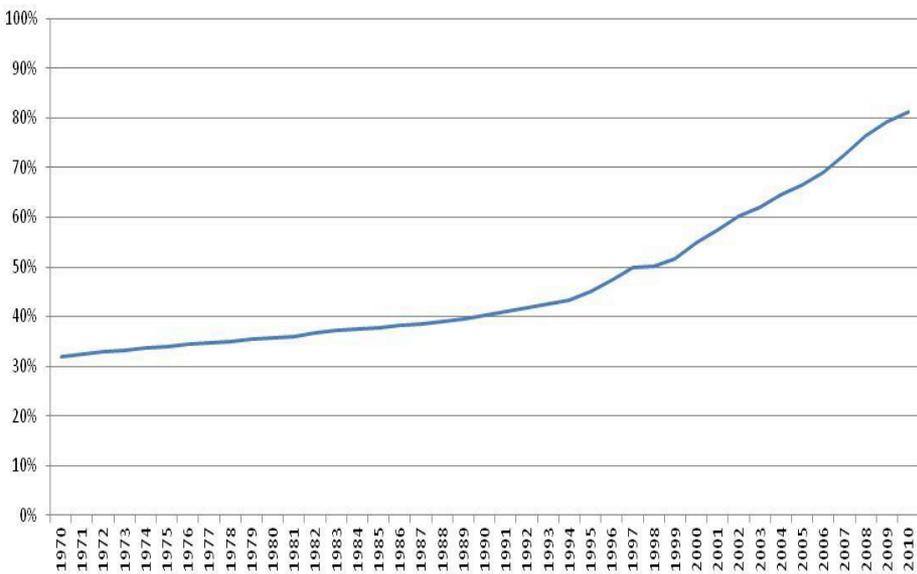
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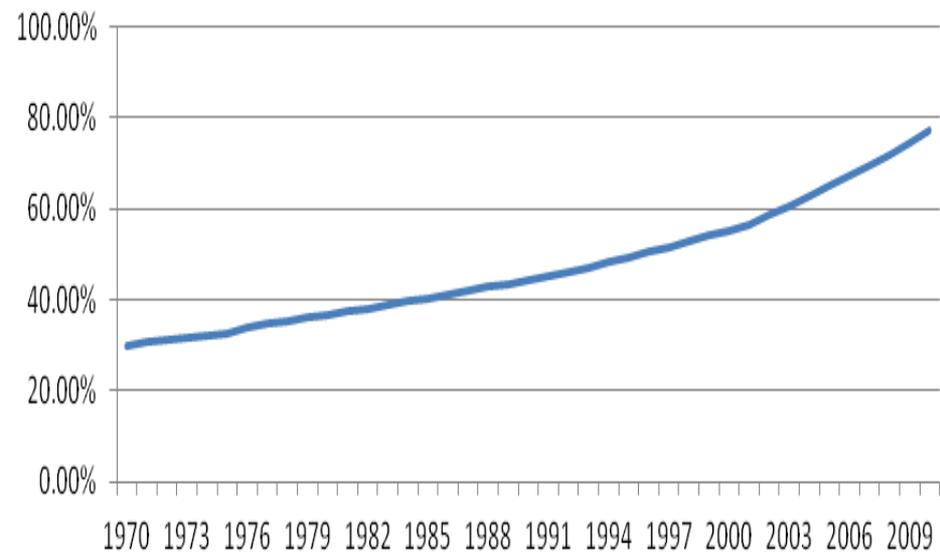
Paraguay
Cobertura eléctrica total



Honduras
Cobertura eléctrica total



Bolivia
Cobertura eléctrica total



- OLADE estimates that closing the gap between 95% to 100% can take 5 to 10 years
- Achieve universal access is complex and very expensive
- The most people without electricity live isolated and dispersed
- Not is possible extend the grid. Renewable energy options is the only solution

Bolivia: Access to electricity

Population 2012: 10 MM

Urban population: 63%

Rural population: 37%

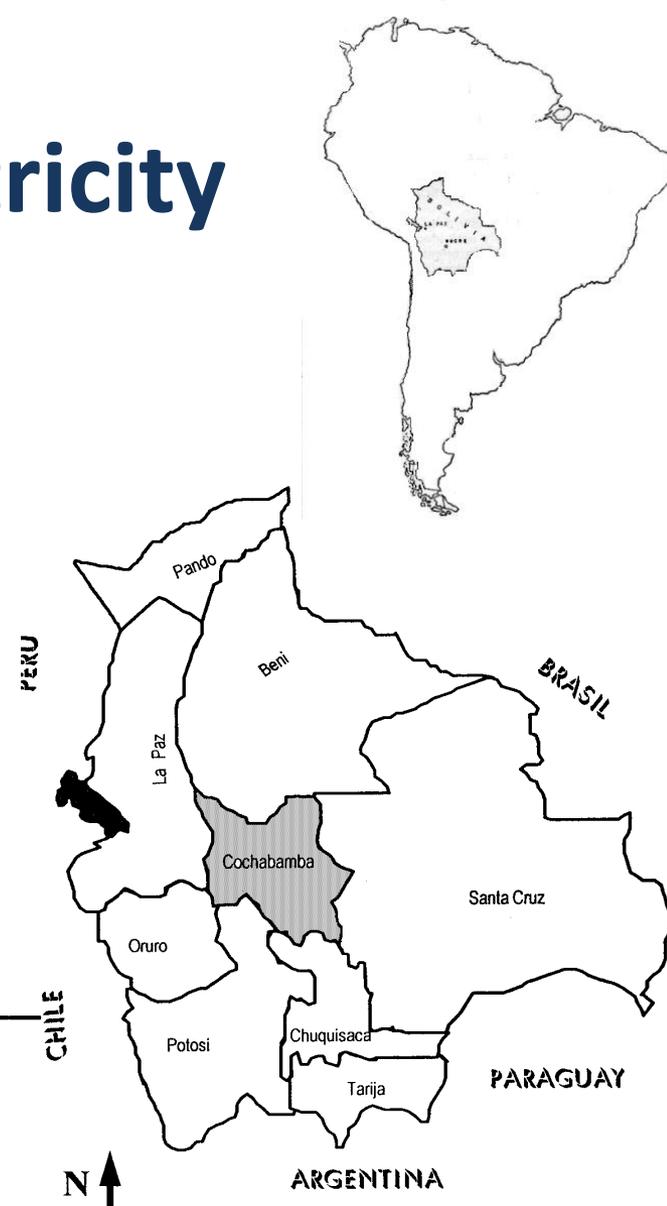
Electricity national coverage: 77%

Urban: 93%

Rural: 53%

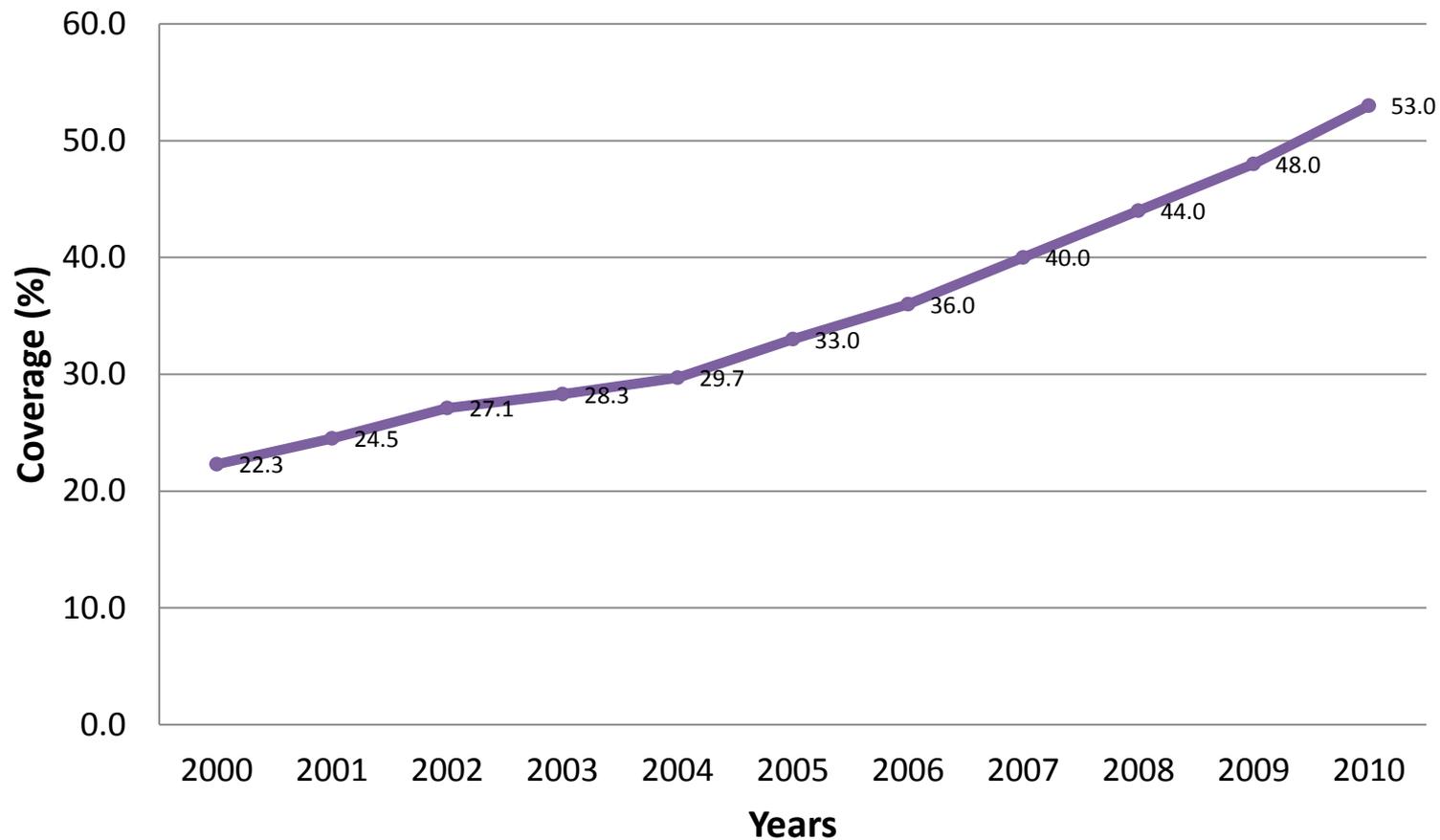
Population without access to electricity:

2,3 MM = 580 M families (75% in rural areas)



Area: 1'100.000 km²

Evolution of rural electrification coverage 2000 - 2010



Universal Access and RE

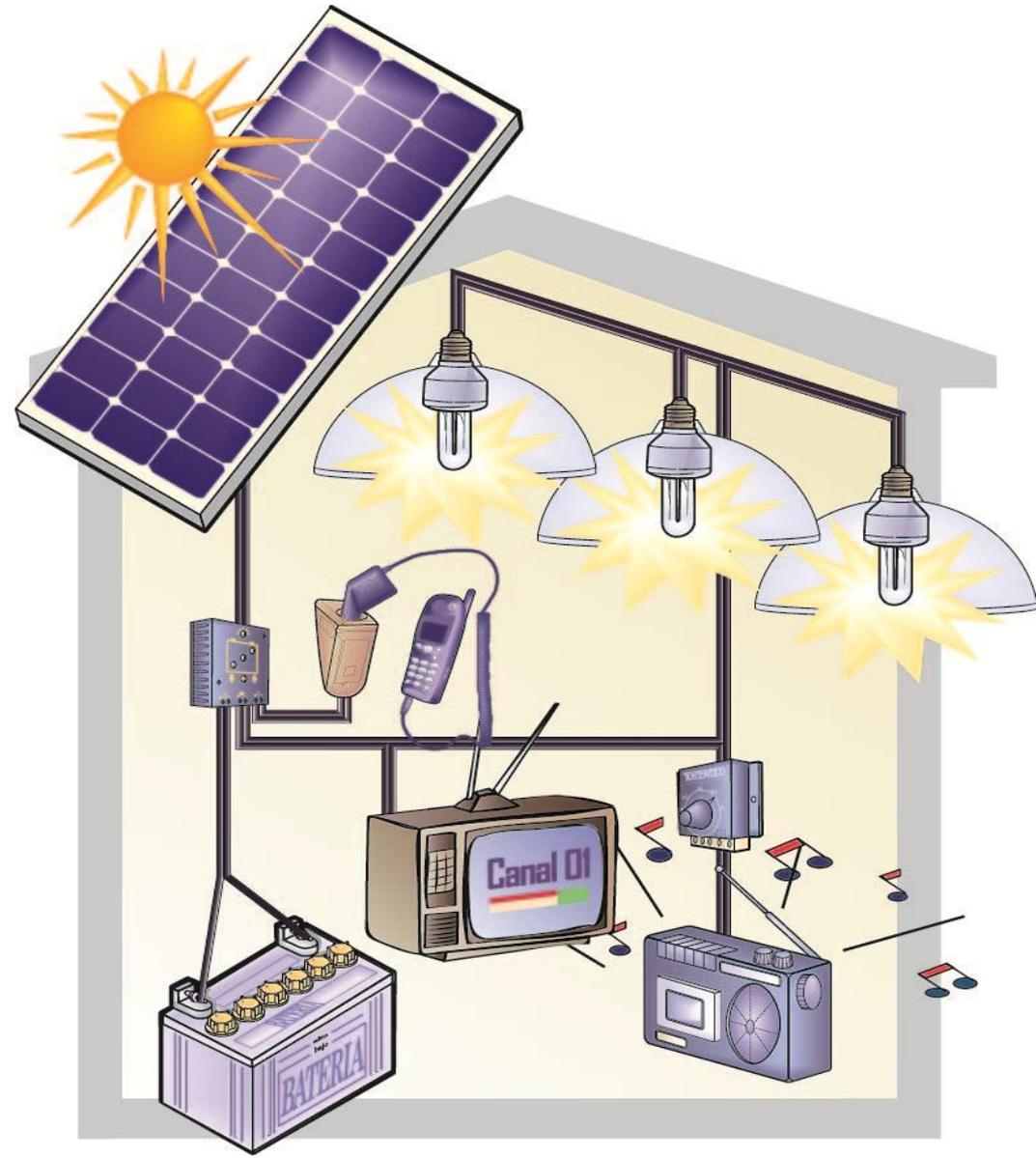
- In 2025 Bolivia is expected to achieve Universal Access to Electricity
- Near to 400.000 families will be connected to the grid
- In 2010 estimate that at less 200.000 systems of Renewable Energy will be installed in the next years
- During the last 6 years 20.000 PV Systems was installed with projects of the government

Bolivia, SHS Experience

- Mechanism to finance: a combination of grant and micro credit for the initial investment: 60% Government; 40% end user.
- Mechanisms of O&M: after sales services of 2 to 4 years included in all the projects.
- A network of local technician must be developed, building local capacity
- The property is transferred to the end user, and also the responsibility for the O&M and replacement
- Is relatively successful. It is a good effort but not enough.

The SHS 50 Wp.. A classic model..

- The 85% of total PV systems in Bolivia
- Solar panel 50 Wp
- Electronic Regulator
- Battery lead acid 100 Ah
- Adaptor DC-DC
- Cellphone charger
- Lamps CFL 7 – 11 W
- Installation according whit norm NB 1056



The problem

- With a good planning is possible to achieve 5000 installations per year
- At this rate, need 36 years to supply electricity to the people will never have access to the grid
- The current supply model is very slow
- Additionally, the technology have limitations (price, weight, installation relatively complex)
- The technology require special skills for maintenance and replacement and the component cost are very high
- The replacement of the battery is the main problem

It should:

Change the technology

Change the supply model

Technological innovations in the last 10 years

- Batteries: from the lead acid battery to rechargeable lithium batteries (or NiCd)
- Lamps: from fluorescent TL to compact efficient lamps, but now is present the LED technology
- Charge regulators: from the external electronic regulators to microelectronic regulators incorporate into the loads
- The concept of PORTABILITY is present in many electronic equipment
- These innovations provide integral solutions to the lighting, education, communication, and entertainment

The new PV systems

Incorporating the innovations now!

- Use LED
- Lithium batteries, not necessary exist a central storage
- There is no central regulator, loads have their own regulators with microelectronics
- PV panels can be placed in parallel, different sizes and voltages (is possible by microelectronics)
- They have a universal hub connections
- Portable, modular
- May be coupled to existing systems
- And as a result of efficiency, they are smaller for the same services that a conventional

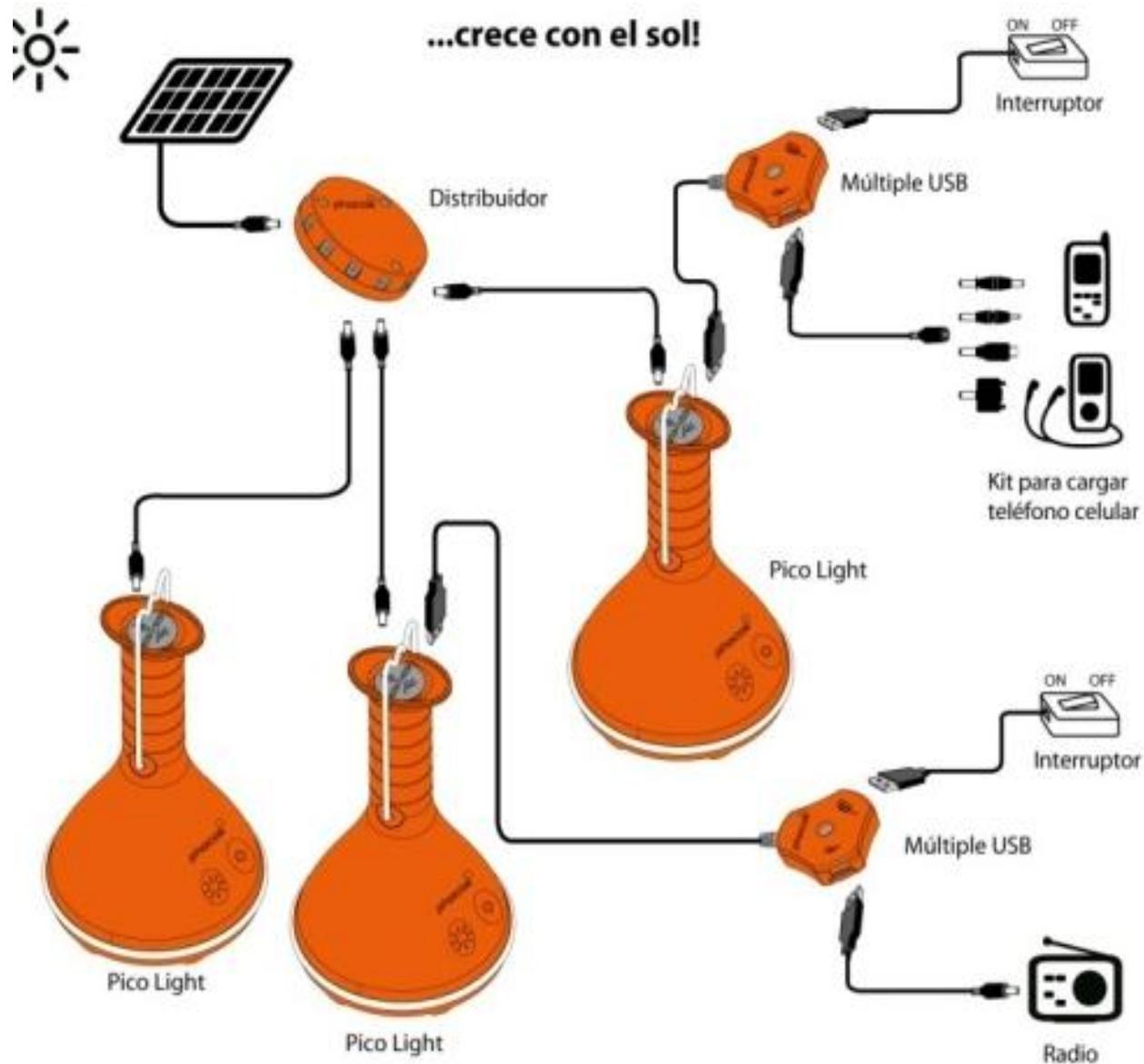
Mini SHS: 5 a 10
Wp

Lighting

*Charge of
cellphone*

Access to radio

*Easy to install (plug
and play logic) and
use connectors
unsophisticated*



No exist a central electronic regulator, no exist a central battery storage energy

Small SHS: 10 a 30 Wp

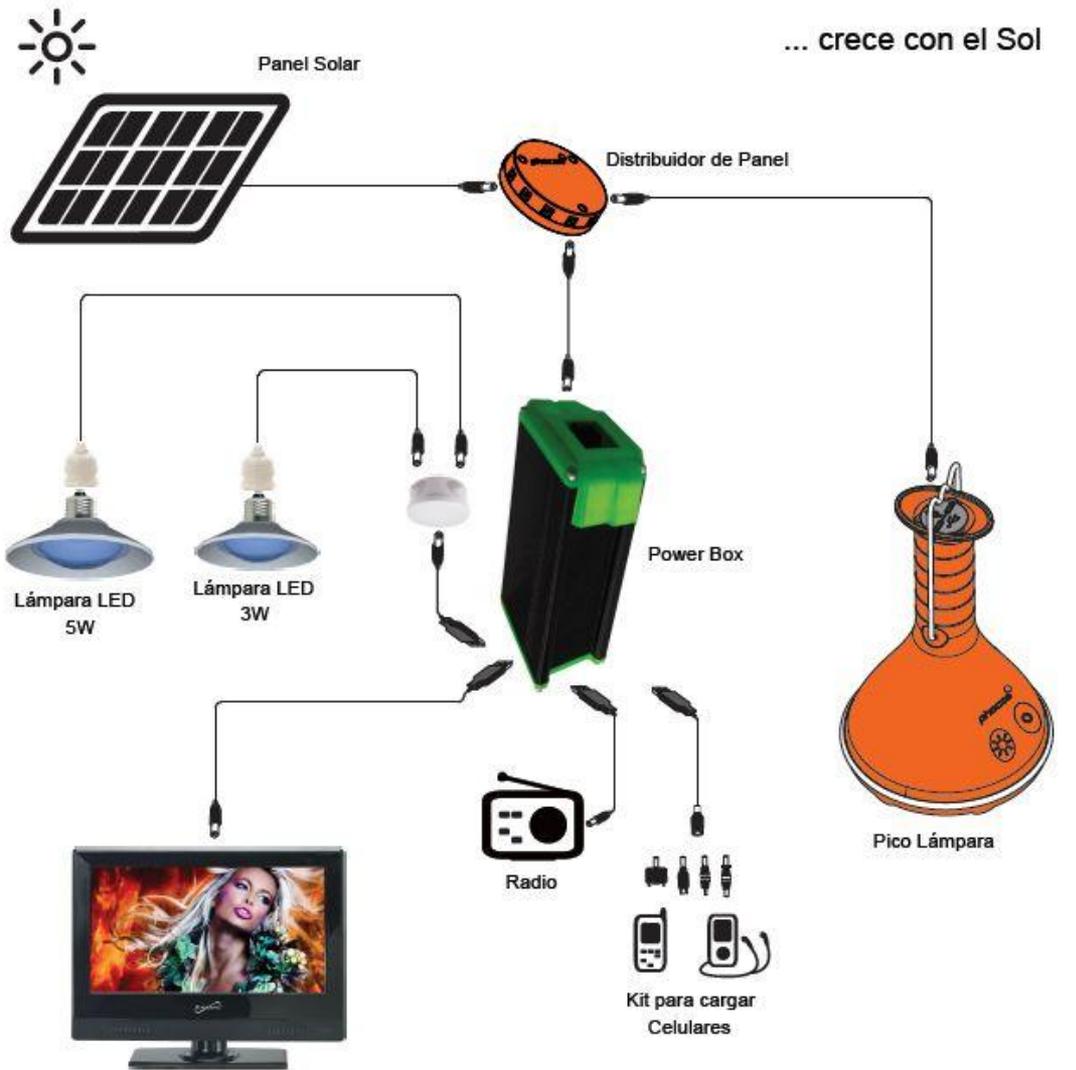
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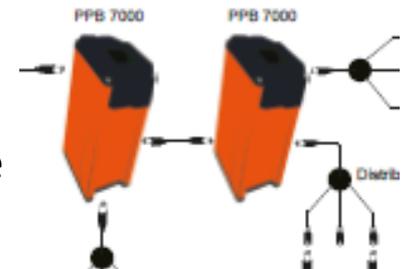
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Use a lithium battery for loads like a TV



Televisor 12VDC (Tamaño 15" / 2 horas de funcionamiento)

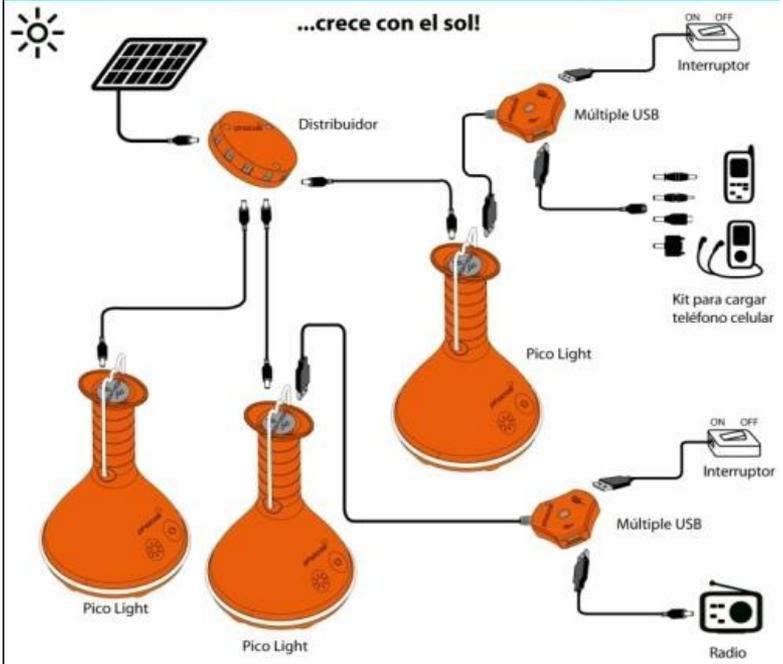
Is possible connect batteries in parallel for increase the storage capacity



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Sistema Modular en base a Lámparas Pico

La nueva tendencia para iluminación en electrificación rural



Advantages of new PV systems

- More economical systems (30% to 50% of cost of conventional PV). Is appropriate for a wide range of rural population
- Easy and quick to install
- Lightweight: 6 Kg vs. 50 Kg of a classic SHS
- Easy to transport
- Portability + Modularity is concept present
- One possible pre-electrification solution that offer a integral services

Disadvantages

- A technology under development
- The offer products as too diverse
- There are no standards that facilitate selection for intensive and reliable rural use (in opposite to classic SHS technology).
- Designs with exclusive specifications (voltages, currents) in case of failure is complicated the local repair or replacement
- Not use universal components to simplify the connect and the replacements

Conclusions

- No doubt, the new generation of PV systems are ready like a solution to the lack of electricity
- New technologies can accelerate universal access targets in Bolivia, LAC, and all the rural areas
- Need build criteria for standardization and certification these new PV systems and interchange experiences on the ground
- Supply model will have to consider the new PV systems and characteristics (prices, use life..)
- Is necessary the active Government participation for the up scaling projects, if not is impossible achieve the universal access.



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