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Reforming the electricity industry in East Africa

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Africa: the Dark Continent

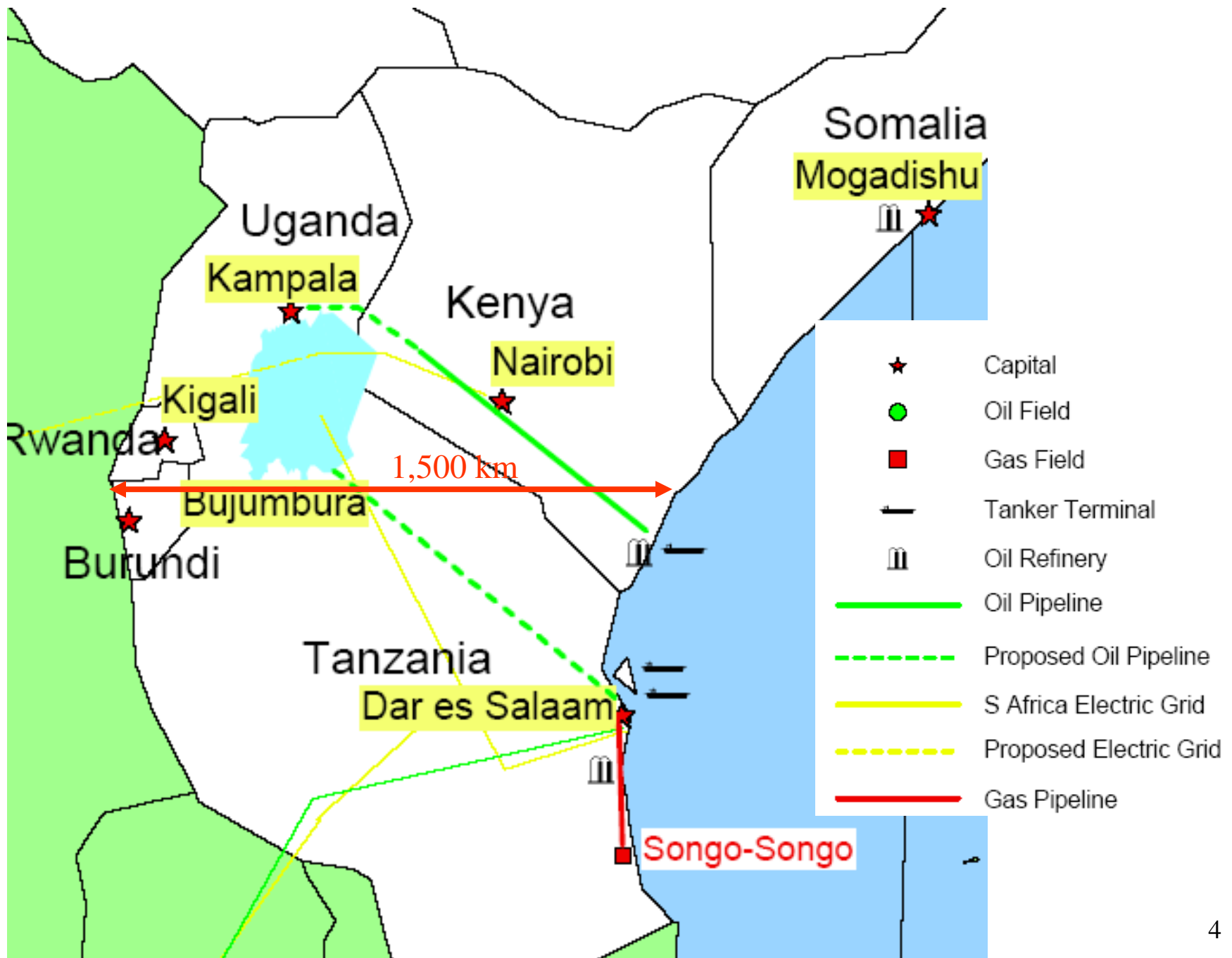


Source: Eskom

Uganda 5%; Kenya 15% electrification

Uganda and Kenya

- visit with World Bank Aug/Sep 2004
- both countries reforming ESI
 - Uganda fully unbundled, concessioned
 - Kenya partly unbundled, mixed
- low electrification, variable costly power, poor interconnections, past inefficiencies, corruption
- lost decades: Uganda civil war, Kenya stagnates
- private management as possible cure?



Existing grids

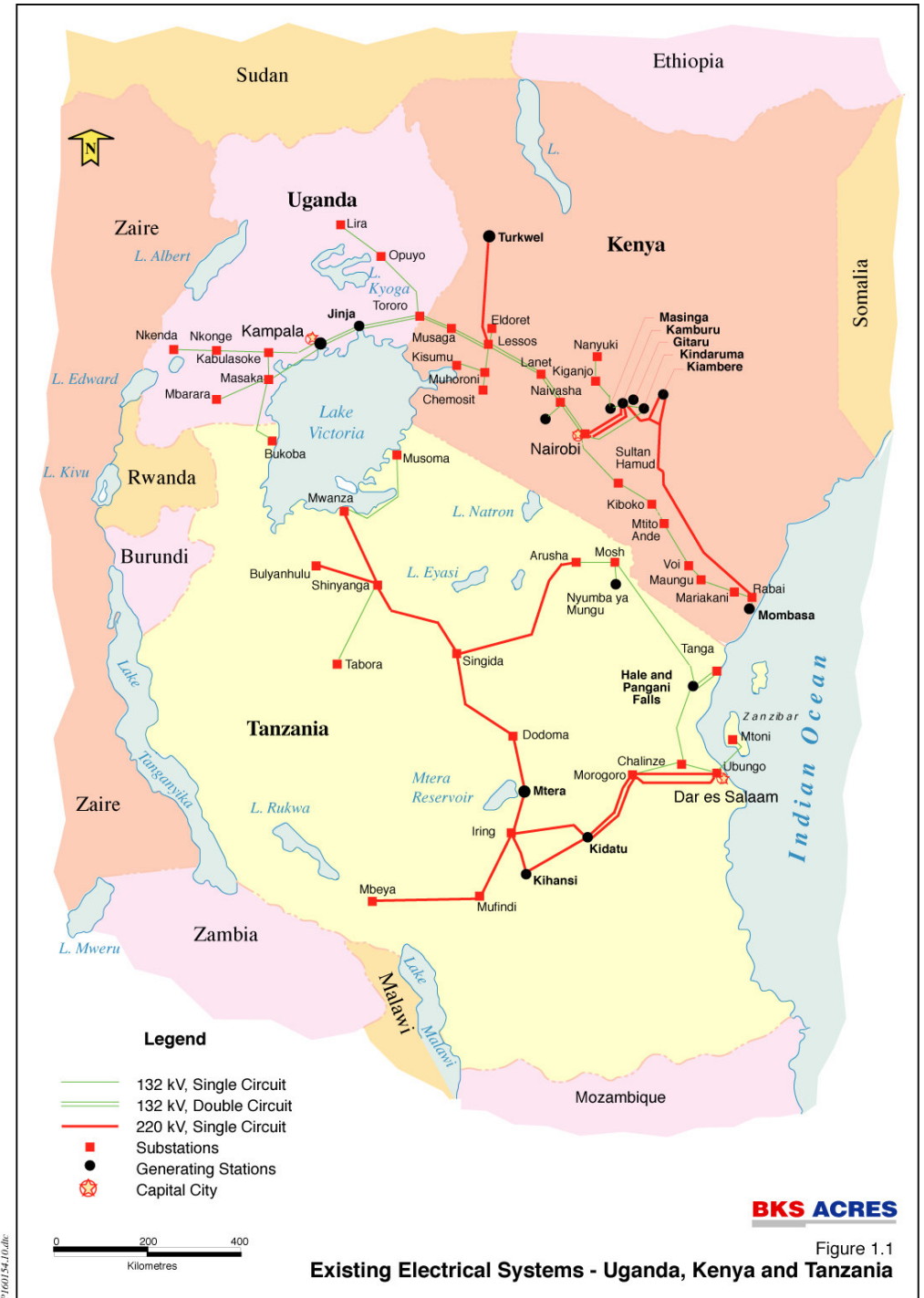
Long, fragile
low voltage

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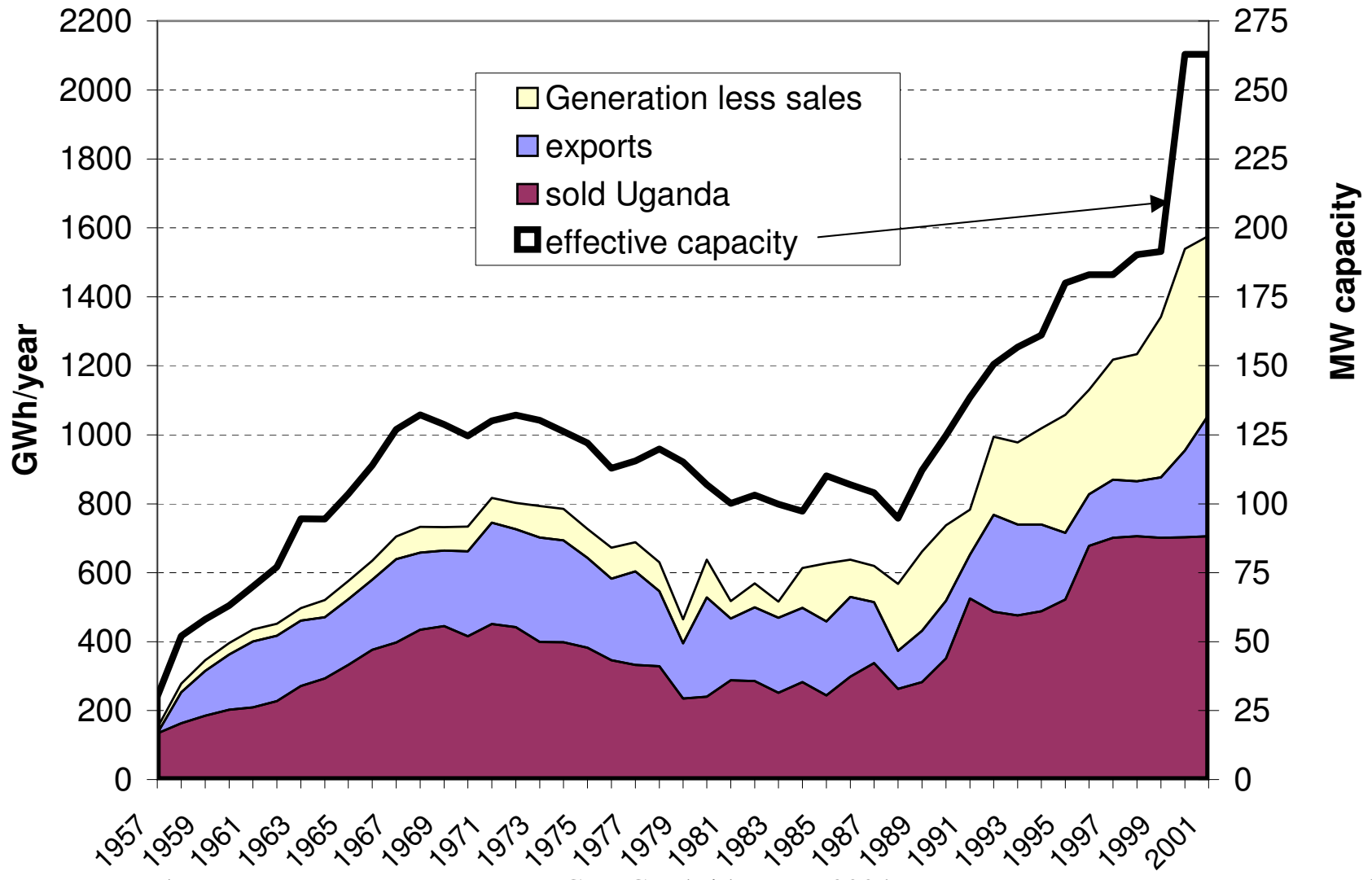
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Generation in Uganda 1957-2001



Uganda: history

- Amin coup 1971, GDP collapses
 - capacity deteriorates from 150 MW to 100 MW
 - prices peak 19 cents (1979), losses to 41%
 - corruption: a cancer in ESI
- 1986 Museveni starts recovery
 - FDI returns, growth resumes, capacity needed
- 1994: IPP dam? Implausible without reforms
 - UEB proposes SB with IFI-financed dam
 - 1999: cabinet goes for unbundling, privatisation



Uganda: generation sources

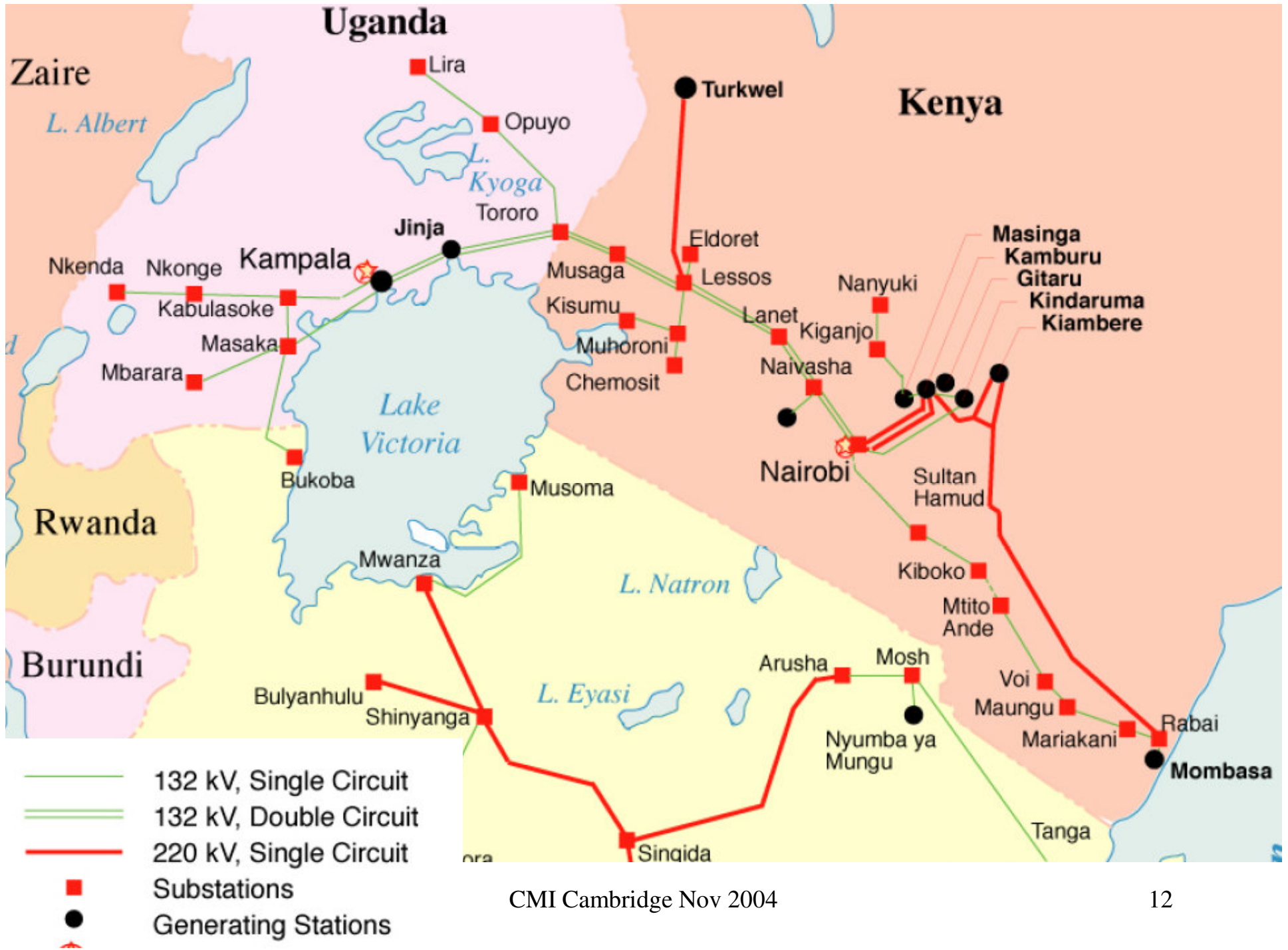
- 285 MW capacity at Nile Source
 - almost run-of-river, output varies with Lake level, October 2004 at 220 MW
 - 2004: peak demand 350 MW, daily load shedding
 - ~100 MW (?) private thermal back-up
- Nile potential: 2,000 - 2,800 MW
- Next choice - Bujagali: 200-250 MW
 - 1998 AES signs PPA with UEB and GoU

Uganda restructuring

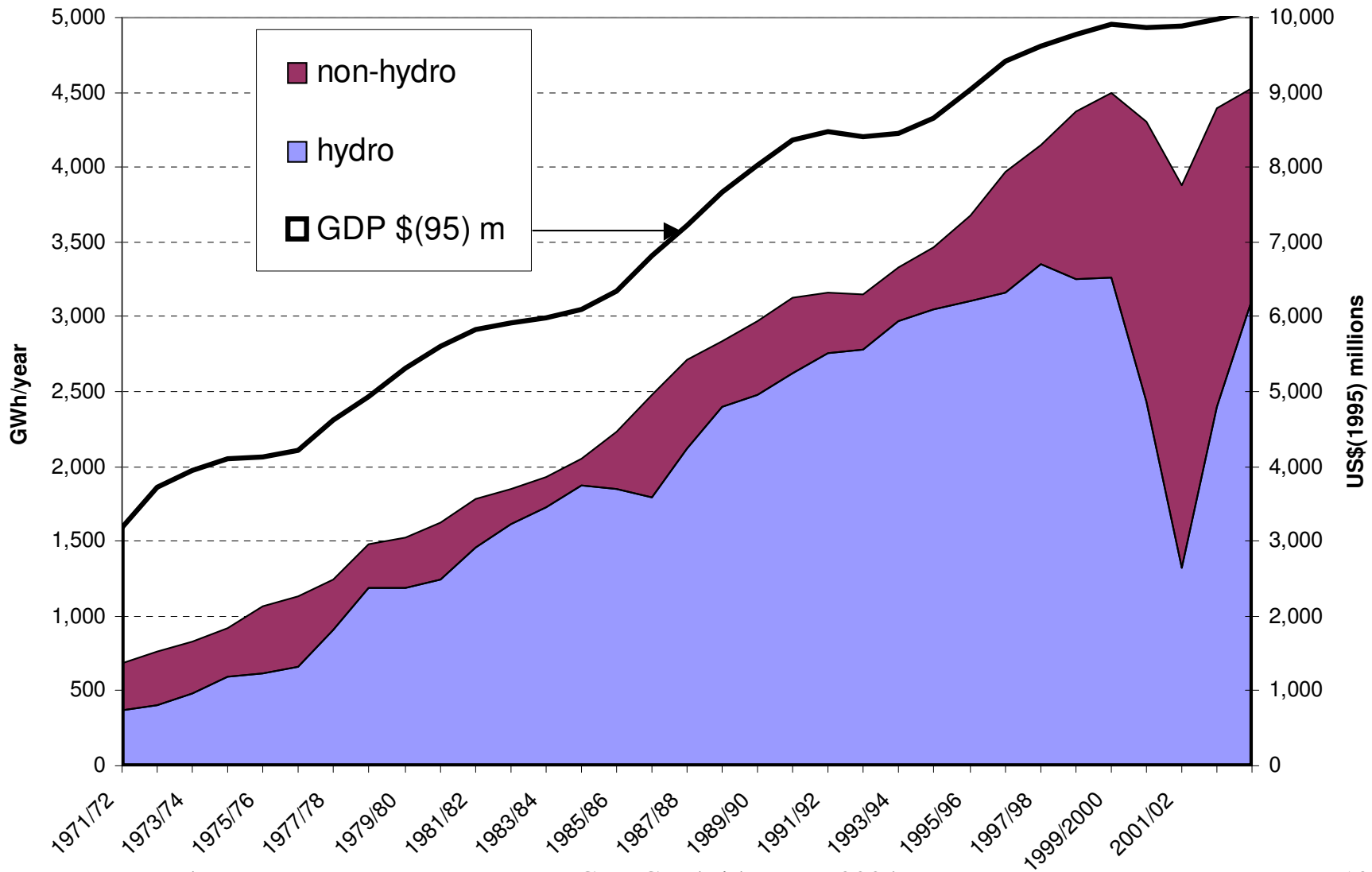
- Electricity Act 1999 unbundles UEB into
 - UEGCL, UEDCL, UETCL (G,D &T) 2001
 - UEGCL: 20 yr concession to Eskom 2003
 - UEDCL: 20 yr concession to Eskom/Globaleq '04
 - T: UETCL 2001 SOE, holds PPAs, exports,
 - Electricity Regulatory Authority
 - issues, modifies licenses, establishes & approves tariffs
 - 2004 Gen capacity fee = \$5.4/MW/hr = \$47/kW/year
 - domestic tariff 9c/kWh + 52 c/month
 - large industrial: peak = 4c/kWh + \$10/month

Pricing and investment

- hydro costly, lumpy \$1,400-2,000/kW
 - interest cost (10%, LF:75%) = 2.1-3 cents/kWh
 - op. cost = 0, or export value, or VUE (71 c/kWh)
 - peak demand evenings: voting households
 - transmission expensive (\$120 m for Bujagali)
- weak interconnection to Kenya: 50-80MW
 - Kenya has storage hydro
 - strengthen link as part of hydro expansion plan
 - but expensive ~ \$500/kW?



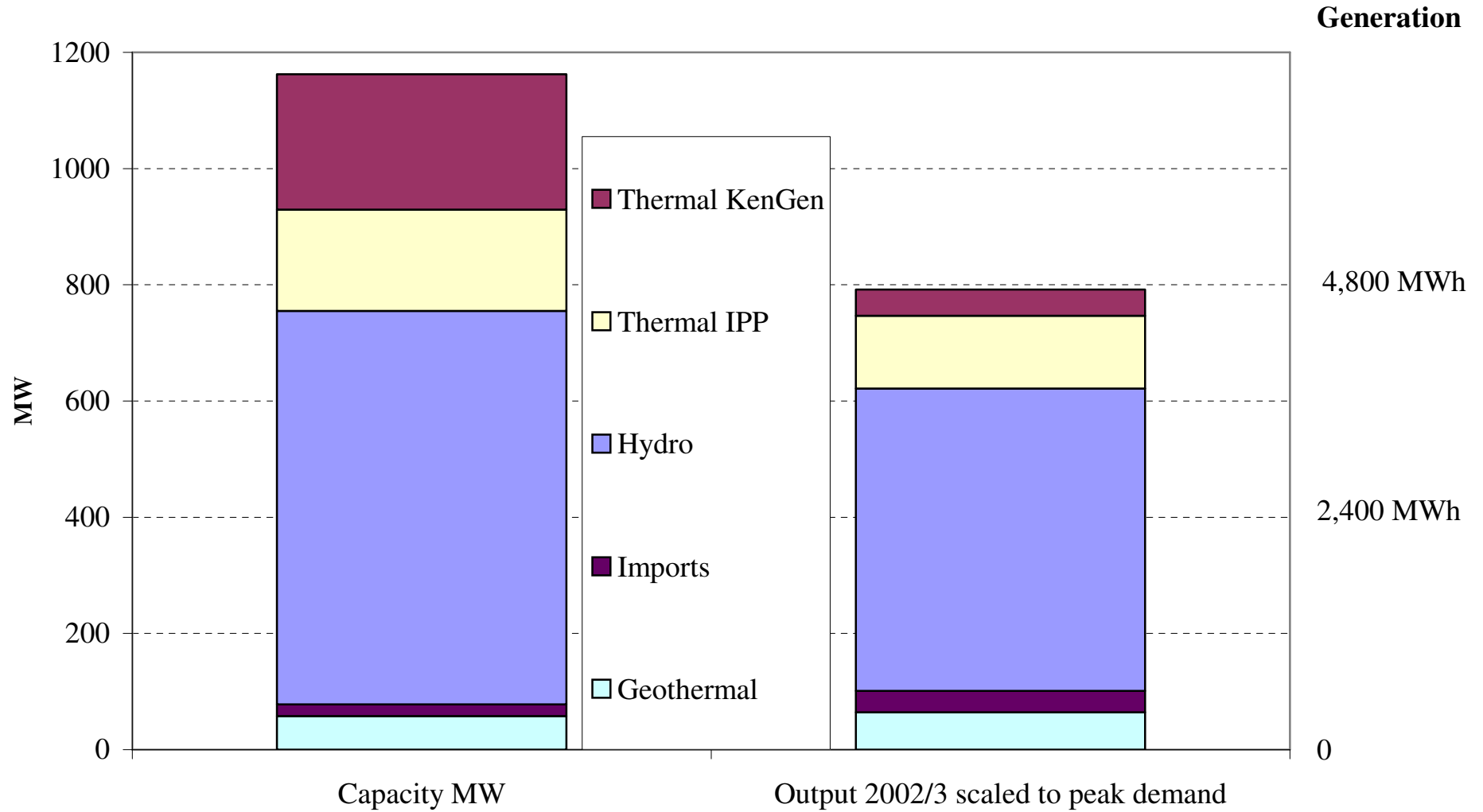
Kenya electricity production



Kenya: brief history

- KPLC as SB, SO, T&D; various G authorities
 - 1994-5 EdF advises separating commercial from regulatory functions
 - Tariffs < 30% LRMC, WB presses to raise
- Electric Power Act 1997 unbundles G, allows IPPs
 - expensive IPP PPAs signed 1998
 - 2004 barge mounted plant towed off
- 1997 KenGen established
- 1998 ERB established “not independent”
 - responsible for merit order
- 2001 drought, emergency G leased, KPLC losses

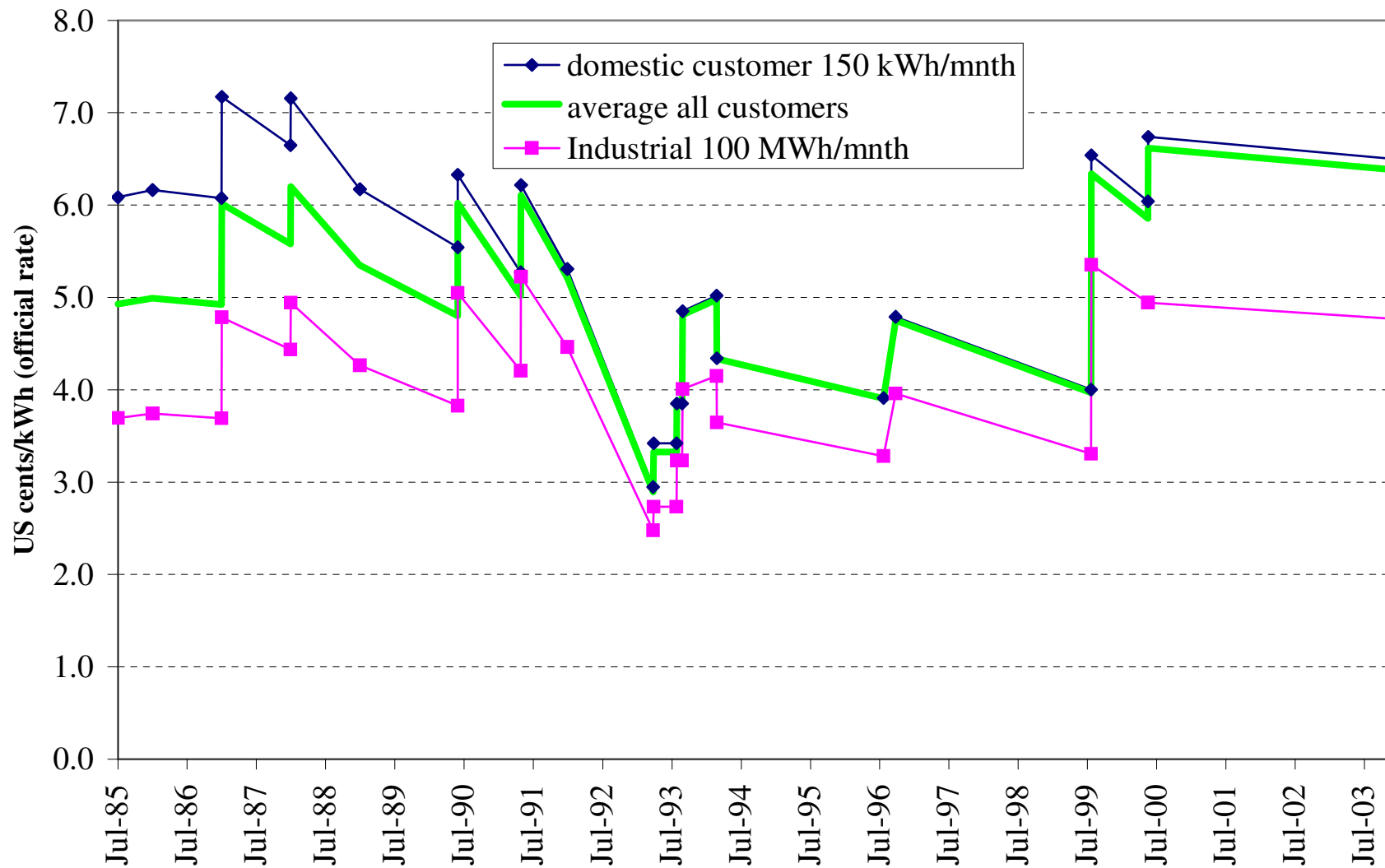
Kenya capacity and output



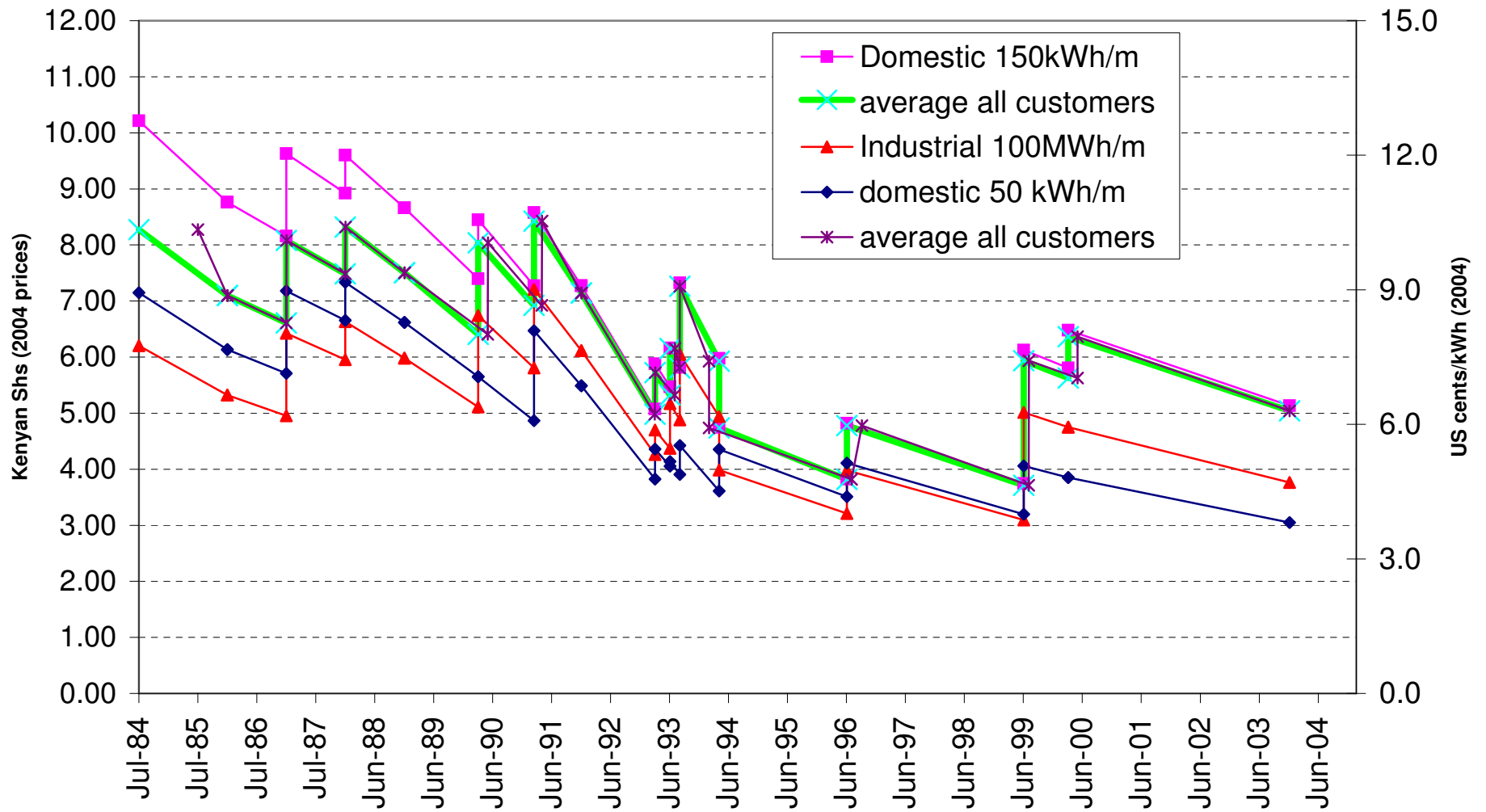
Kenya: generation options

- peak demand 833 MW, supply 1121 MW
- dominated by hydro, some storage (months)
 - little left unexploited, remainder expensive
- geothermal costs \$3000/kW = \$73/MWh
- thermal \$70-90/MWh (MS diesel cheapest)
- IPPs: capacity payments:
 - \$213/kW OCGT; \$305 MSD; \$502 geothermal
 - + (high) variable fuel cost

Kenya: average nominal electricity costs US cents/kWh



Kenya: real average tariffs



Where next?

- New Energy Act due 2004 to establish:
 - independent regulator, State Geothermal co. sells steam
 - IPO of 30% of KenGen
 - Rural Electrification Agency
 - Unbundle T from KPLC, eligible customers
- Still need a BST and sensible tariff
- Better trading with Uganda
- Medium speed diesels least cost?
 - Lends itself to IPPs
 - Could KenGen do it cheaper?

East Africa Co-operation?

- East Africa Federation
 - collapsed acrimoniously after independence
 - East African Community restored 2000
 - develops EA Power Master Plan Study 2004
- Uganda: run-of-river hydro
- Kenya: some storage hydro, geothermal
- Tanzania: gas, potential access to SA
- but transmission weak, distances long

Existing and planned inter-connectors

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Southern African Grid



LEGEND

- Hydro Station
- Thermal Station
- Future Interconnections
- Existing Lines

Alternative links

100 MW

200 MW

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East Africa Power Master Plan

- Least cost expansion plan for region 2003-4
- aim at 220+ kV
- Upgrade Uganda-Kenya to support Bujagali
 - interconnector for increments in capacity (200MW)
- connect Arusha-Nairobi
 - GoK and GoT jointly finance study
- EA Power Pool until integrate with SAPP
 - needs Govt MOU, coordination, control, settlement

Rural electrification

- very expensive, very low demand (50 kWh/m)
 - quite high solar panel penetration
 - no tradition of cooperatives as in Asia, US,
- commercial use to justify local distribution
- bids for best value capital subsidy
 - tariff needs to cover running cost
- Output-based aid promising (Mozambique)
- Uganda ahead of Kenya with REB

What do we learn?

- At independence vertically integrated ESIs OK (?)
- corruption undermined management, investment
- hydro, geothermal hard to sell to private investors
- IPPs and private finance costly
 - separate building/drilling from concession to operate?
- Management contract works well in Tanzania
 - is it sustainable? Or only if it evolves into a concession?
- Concession for D and G looks promising
 - takes care, time to negotiate, few potential players
- Donor financing still needed?



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Acronyms - 1

BST: Bulk supply tariff

D, G, T: distribution, generation, transmission

EAPMP: East Africa Power Master Plan

ERB: Electricity Regulatory Board (Kenya)

ESI: electricity supply industry

GoK, GoU: Govt of Kenya, Uganda

IFI: International Financial Institution

IPP: independent power producer

KPLC: Kenya Power and Light Company

LF: load factor

Acronyms - 2

MOU: Memorandum of Understanding

MSD: Medium speed diesel

PPA: Power Purchase Agreement

OCGT: open cycle gas turbine (can run on jet fuel)

SB: Single Buyer

SO: System Operator

REB: Rural Electrification Board

SAPP: South Africa Power Pool

UEB: Uganda Electricity Board

VUE: value of unserved energy