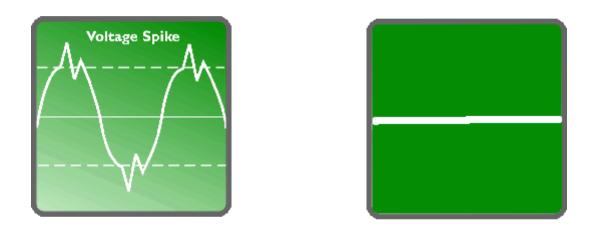
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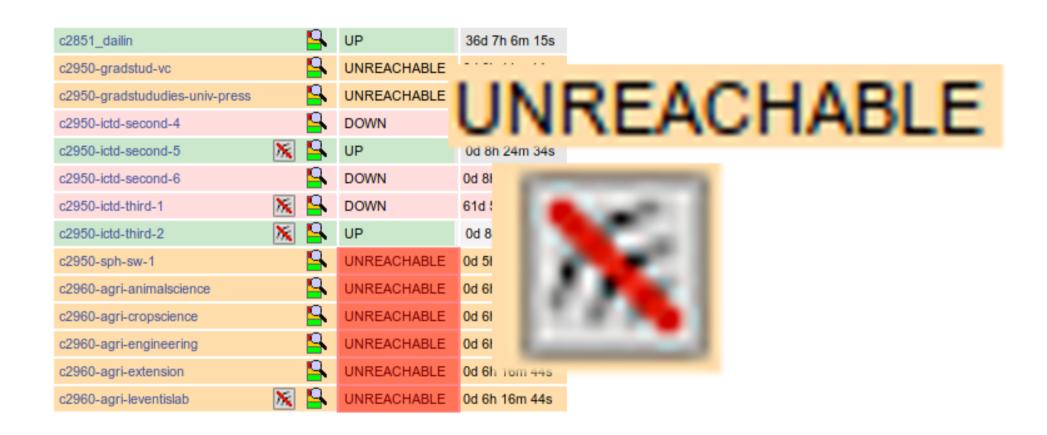


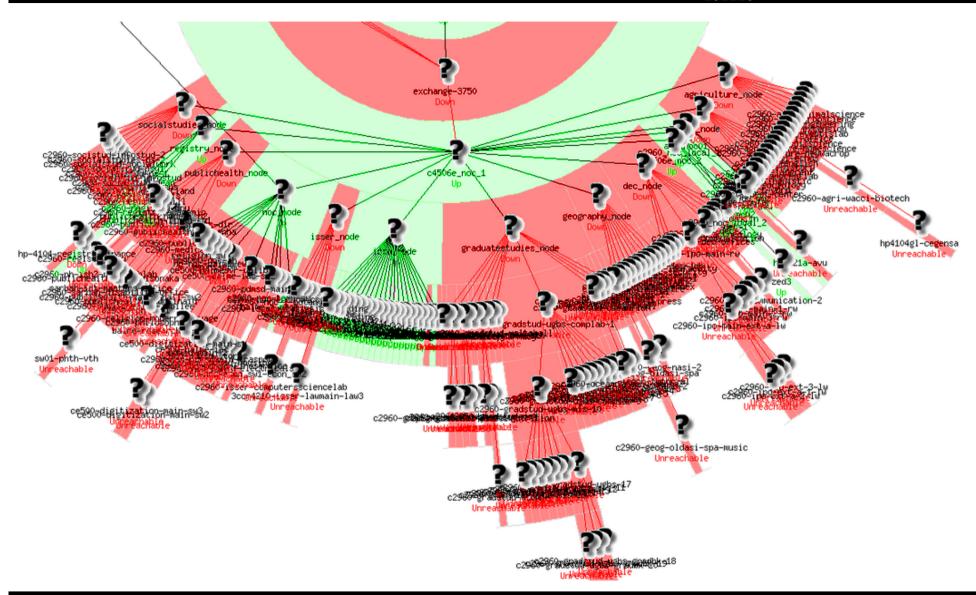


Grid power reality



Power is frequently named as **biggest obstacle in building networks** - before skills/capacity and budget.





Unstable power not only leads to service disruptions, it also kills hardware, leading to massive losses of investments.

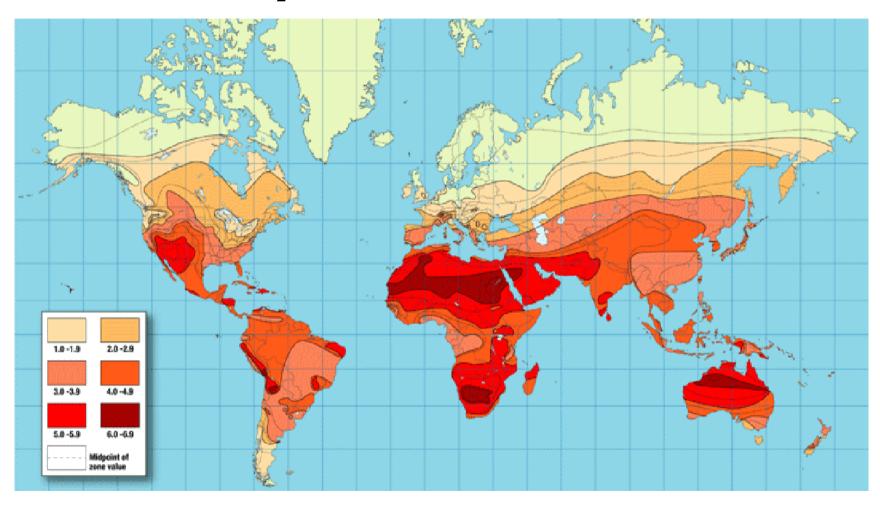
Building networks without solving the power issue is like

trying to fill a bottomless bucket.

Networkers and Funders alike have all pragmatic reasons to act.

Luckily, we know **how to** and we often work in ...

Truly rich countries



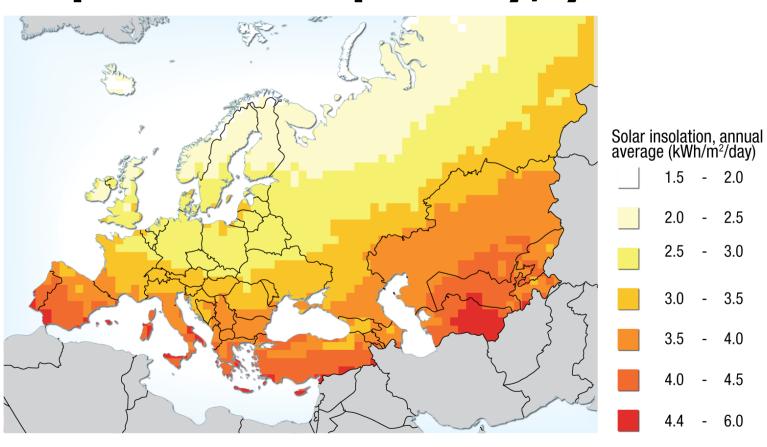
The roof of a
University IT building in Nairobi, Kenya
receives about
2200 kWh/sqm/year
or an average
250 W/sqm.

It gets an average 6 peak sun hours every day.





Dark Germany gets about 2 peak hours per day, yet



Germany sets world record for solar power generation

By Madonna Gauding Published: June 15, 2012
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50% of its total electricity from solar sources (on a very good summer day :)

Anywhere, it is enough to power network components, computer labs and even server rooms ...

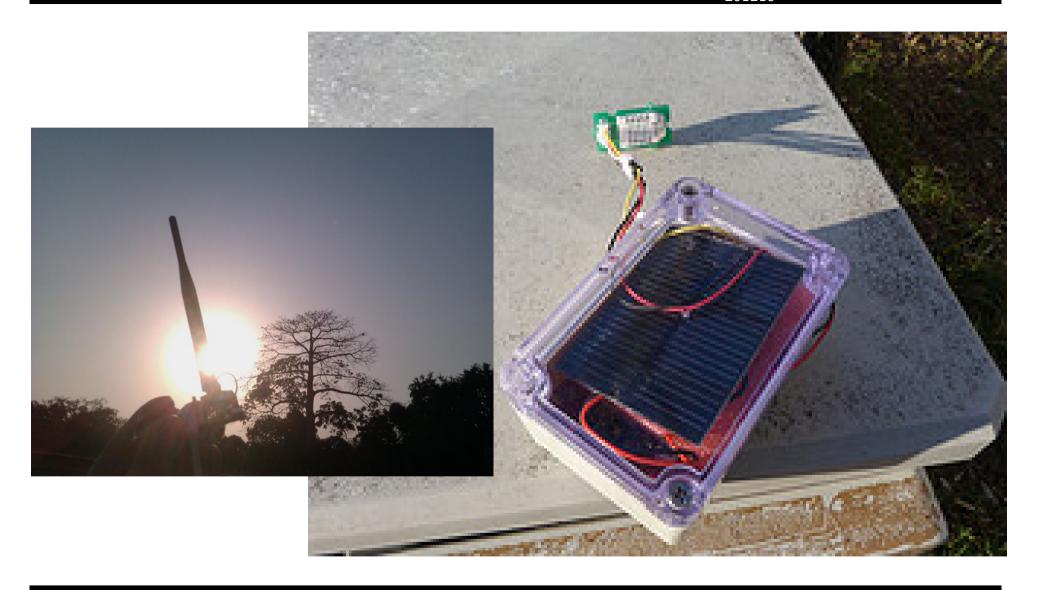
It is fully realistic and about time to set a goal:

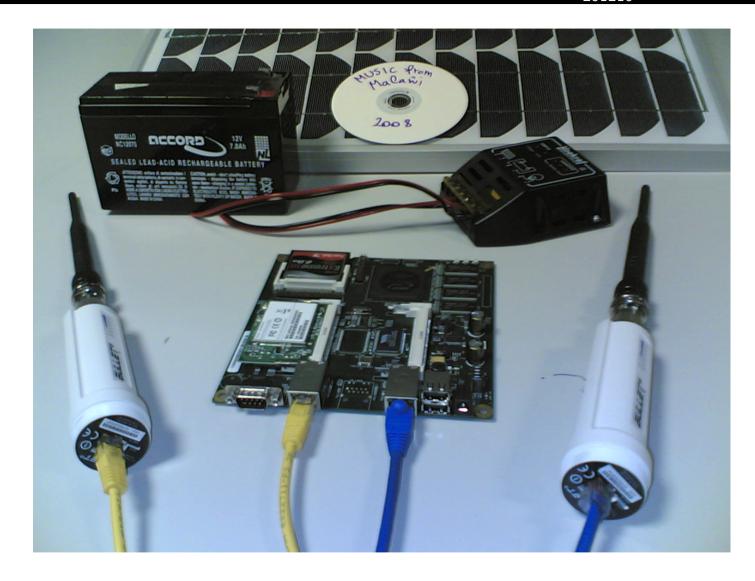
Only deploy networks and IT infrastructure that you can power autonomously.













NRENs, universities and scientific networkers

can and should take a
leading role
on the way towards a fully
sustainable energy future.



