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# Efficiency for Access Design Challenge Technology Week: Webinar 5: Power Management



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- Bachelor's degree in Civil & Environmental Engineering, Makerere University, Post-Grad in Business Administration, Uganda Management Institute.
- Over six years experience in renewable energy and innovating innovation with business
- Board member of the Uganda Solar Energy Association (USEA)



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- Energy storage background
- PhD in Battery Research at Imperial College London
- Managed multiple research and education projects in the sector



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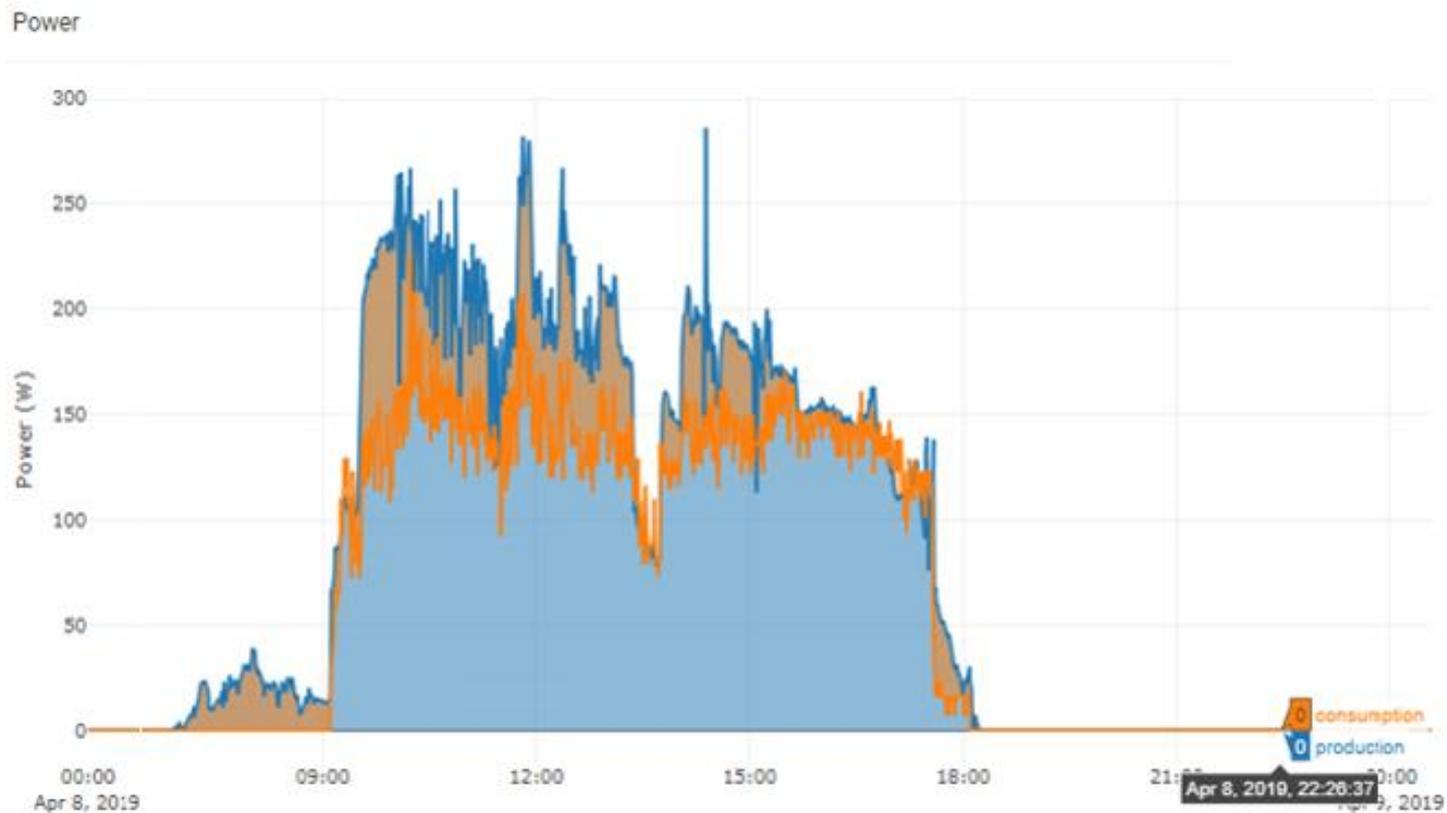
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# Power Management

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# About Innovex

- Started 2015, commercial in 2017
- 4 University graduates
- IoT smart meter platform for solar systems and solar equipment, Remote solar monitoring and control
- Manufacture and distribute
- Data analytics, Machine learning & A.I
- B to B platform, 1,000 smart meters
- Operations in 5 countries; Uganda, Kenya, Tanzania, Ethiopia and DRC



# Scope

## Major discussion

- Aspects of power management
- Device to device Communication
- What's on the market?
- Challenges with products on the market.
- Technology barriers

## Enabling technologies

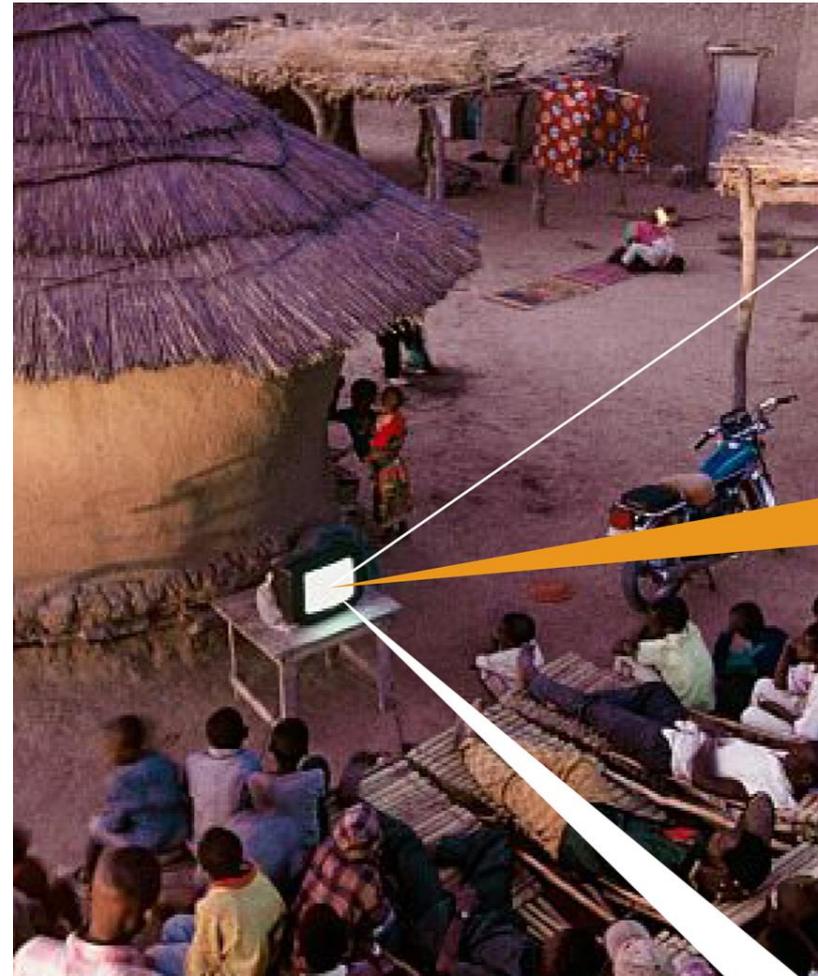
- Smart meters
- Data analytics
- Machine learning
- Block chain
- Internet of Things

Mostly business development as opposed to technical perspective

# Power management

## Aspects

- Energy efficiency of solar equipment
- Control of power use
- Data



# Solutions on the market

## ► Connected devices

- Smart home technologies
  - Google, Amazon, Sonos, Apple,
  - Philips Hue, TP-link, Lix
  - Lips bulbs, Magic light, Konxie, Teckin, Aukora, Legelite, Sengled
- Smart home appliances



# Solutions on the market

## ➤ Power monitoring devices

- Spark meter
- Solar analytics
- Clear blue technologies
- Meteo control
- Solar manufacturers; Victron
- SolarEdge
- Open energy monitor



**Poll #1**

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**Do you have any of the following Smart Home Devices?**



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**Poll #2**

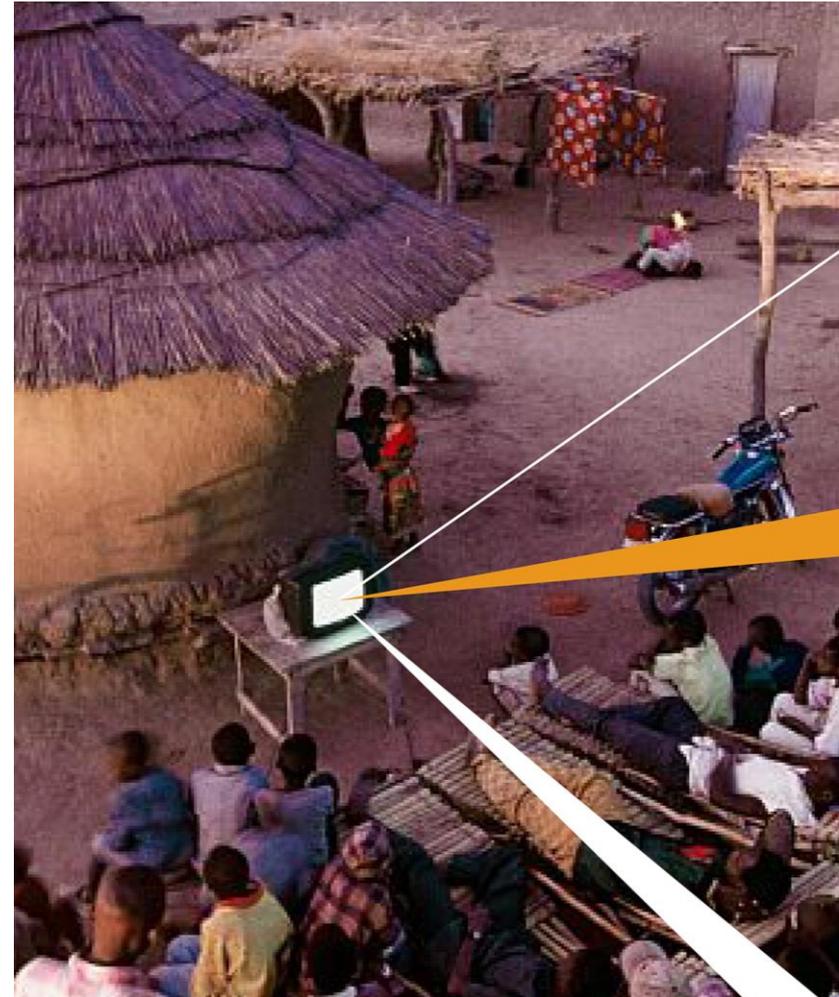
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**In your daily life, what activity do you feel consumes the most power?**



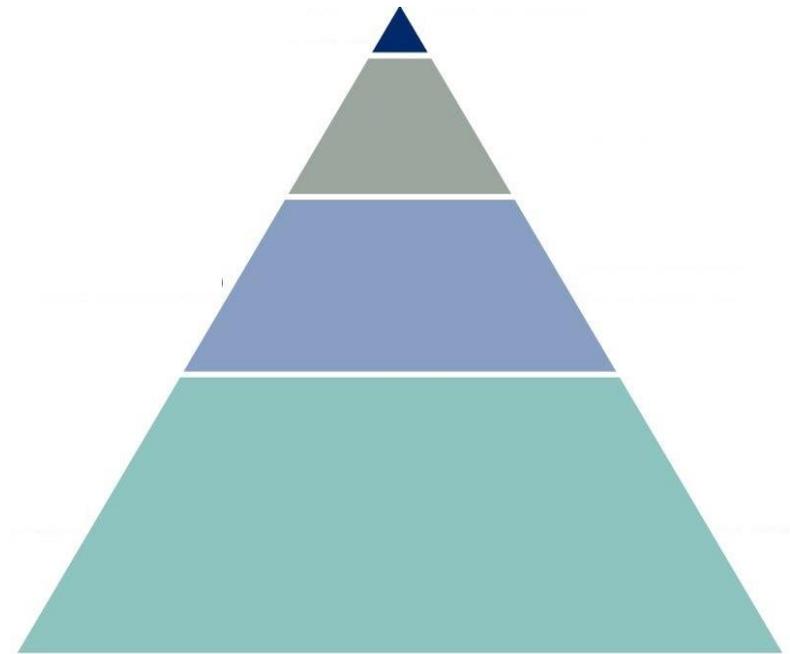
# Challenges with current solutions

- Market focus
- The technology
- Local application
- Cost



# Market focus

- Most of the Product Development efforts are focused on solutions for the top of the pyramid.
- Investment in products for low income markets is seen as financially unsustainable.
- Mismatch between investment cycles and actual market needs
- Low income markets are hard to serve in terms;
  - Distribution channels
  - Payment channels



Bottom of the pyramid

# The technology

## Key challenges

- Communication
- Energy consumption
- User interface
- User experience

## Causes

- Stage of development (Early stage)
- Difference in infrastructure
  - Communication
  - Product distribution



# Local application and costs

- Mobile only continent
- Vast differences in user demographics, psychographics
- Level of development; education, awareness



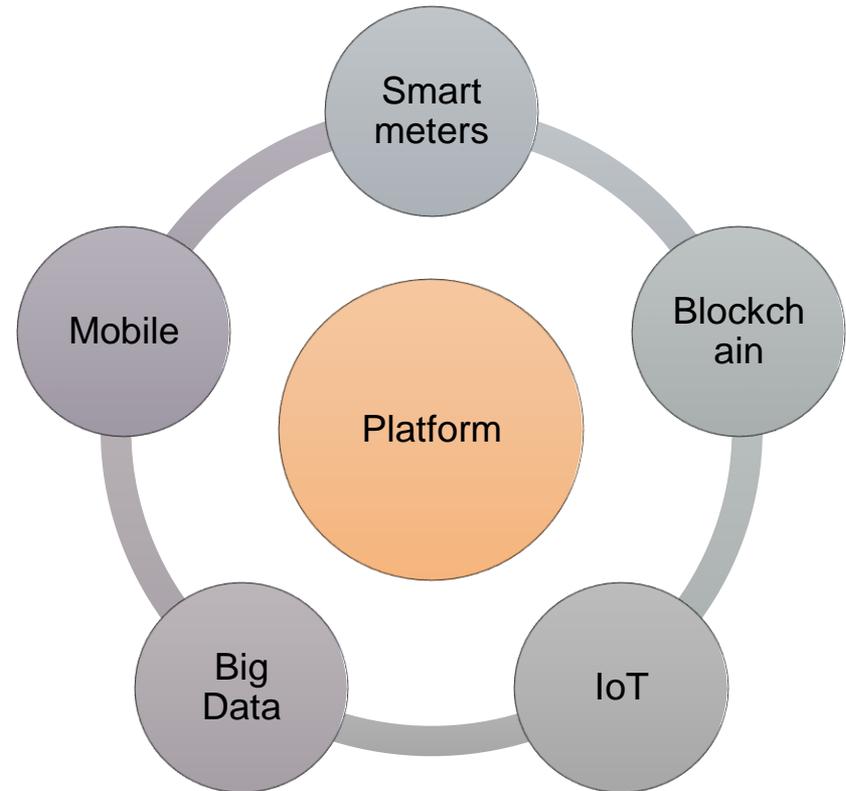
# Current market demand

- After sales market
- Equipment R&D
- Pay Go market
- Pay per use
- Solar for productive use



# Enabling technologies

- Smart meters
- Data analytics
- Machine learning
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- Internet of Things



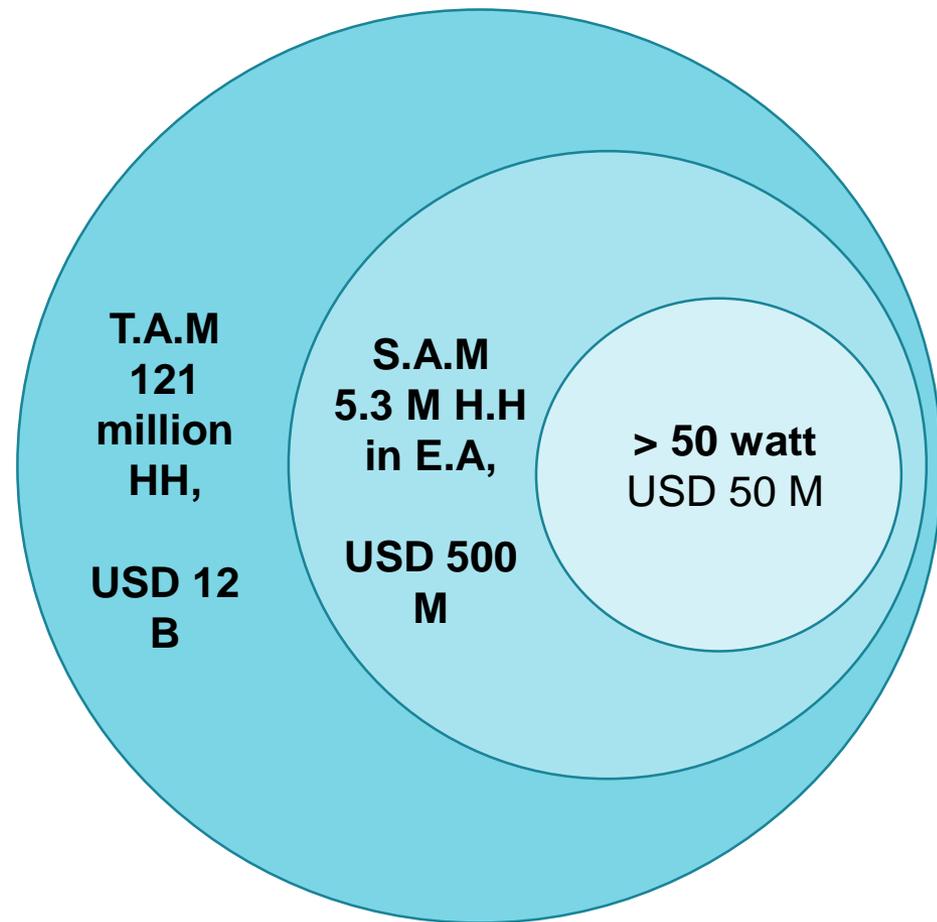
# Connection to SDGs

- SDG 7; Affordable and clean energy
- SDG 8; Decent work and economic growth
- SDG 1; No poverty
- SDG 11; Sustainable cities and communities
- SDG 4; Quality education
- SDG 5; Gender equality



# Market size

- 5 people per household
- Biggest markets for off-grid; Kenya, Ethiopia, Tanzania, Uganda, Nigeria
- 20 million households that can afford a 50 watt peak solar system, world over



**5 countries; Uganda, Kenya, Tanzania, DRC, Ethiopia**

**3,000 solar agents**

# Applications

- Schools
- Health centers
- Businesses
- Agriculture
- House holds



# Embrace the transition

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“Stone Age did not end because we ran out of stones; we transitioned to better solutions. The same opportunity lies before us with energy efficiency and clean energy.”

Stev Chu

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# Webinar: Power Management

M-KOPA Labs



# The M-KOPA model

M-KOPA CUSTOMERS STEP ONTO A FINANCIAL PATHWAY TO “UPGRADE YOUR LIFE”

1



Customer buys an M-KOPA solar system for a USD \$30 deposit

2



Saves \$0.50 per day on kerosene, instead spends it for solar on a “pay as you go” basis

3



Payments made by mobile money

4



All systems monitored and controlled in real time by GSM connection

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After one year of payments, customer owns their system

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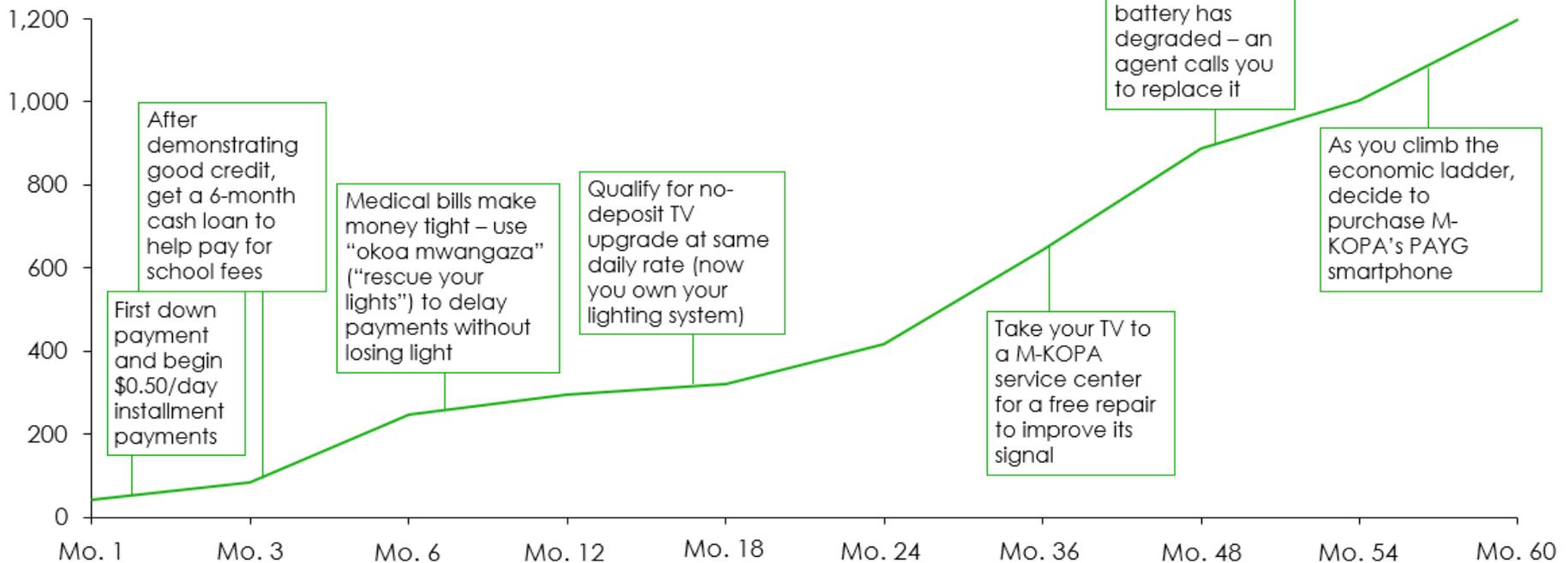


With a good credit record, they can upgrade for more power and other products / services

# M-KOPA customer journey

The PAYG model enables M-KOPA customers to upgrade their lives affordably and on an ongoing basis

## Cumulative payments, USD \$



## Months since first M-KOPA purchase

# More power based on customers' needs



# Draw-backs or design problems with current solutions?

- ▶ Quality of data
  - Missing data
  - Granularity of data limits what can be achieved with algorithms
- ▶ Battery quality
  - Quality and consistency between batches vary
  - Premature degradation
- ▶ Need to oversize battery/panel for some products



# How does M-KOPA manages its fleet of devices?

**M-KOPA** **NET**

**20m**

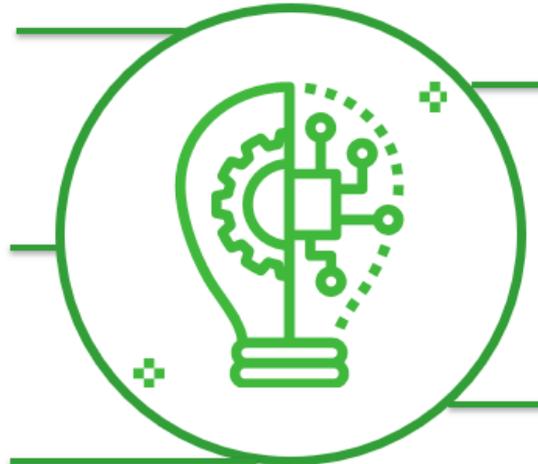
IoT device messages  
handled daily by  
machine-to-machine  
platform

**50**

independent  
applications on a  
distributed systems  
architecture

**2M**

payments processed  
monthly

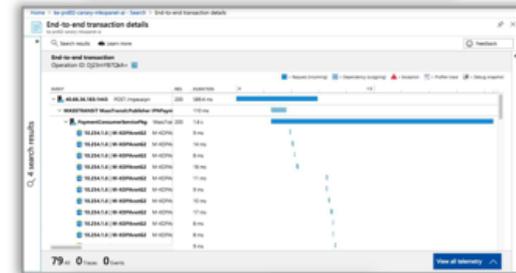


**300GB**

analytical data  
warehouse giving  
real-time access to  
critical business data

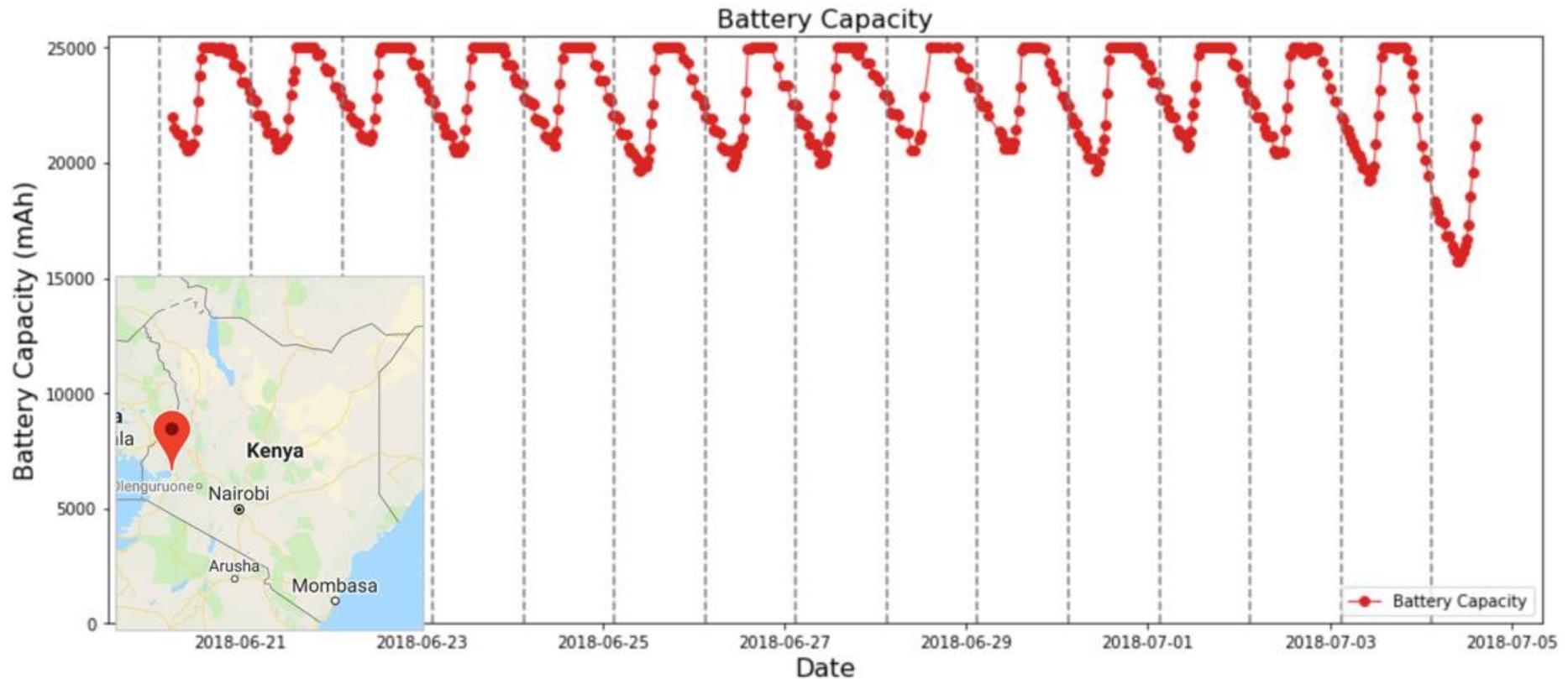
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countries supported,  
with different  
languages,  
currencies, and  
payment providers



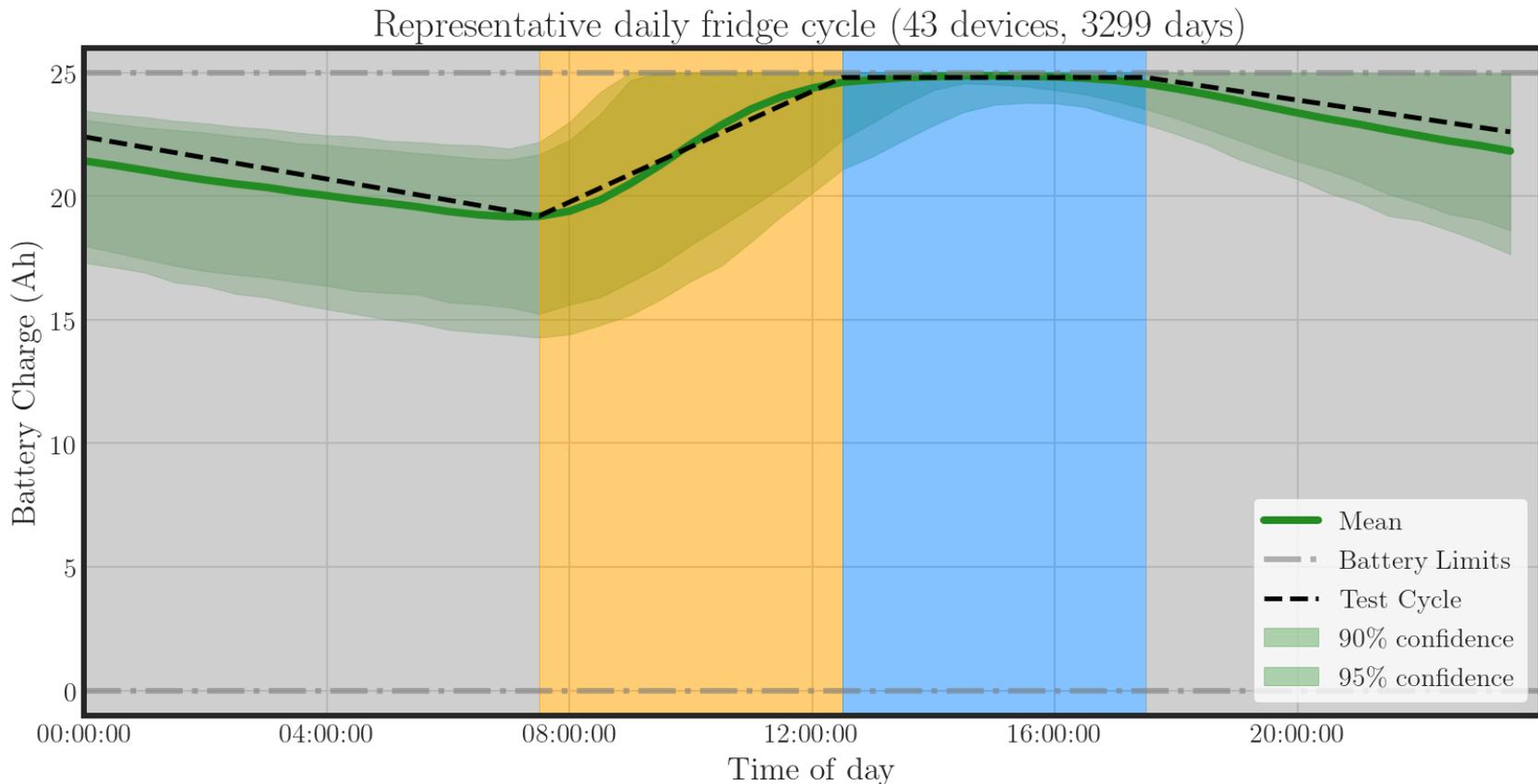
# Remote Monitoring - individual devices

Having the capability to look at individual devices is key in order to troubleshoot remotely.



# Remote Monitoring - population data

Representative daily battery use based on field observations. Battery charge value distributions are compared to simplified cycle used in laboratory test. Regions represent **Night**, **Charging**, and **Full Charge**.

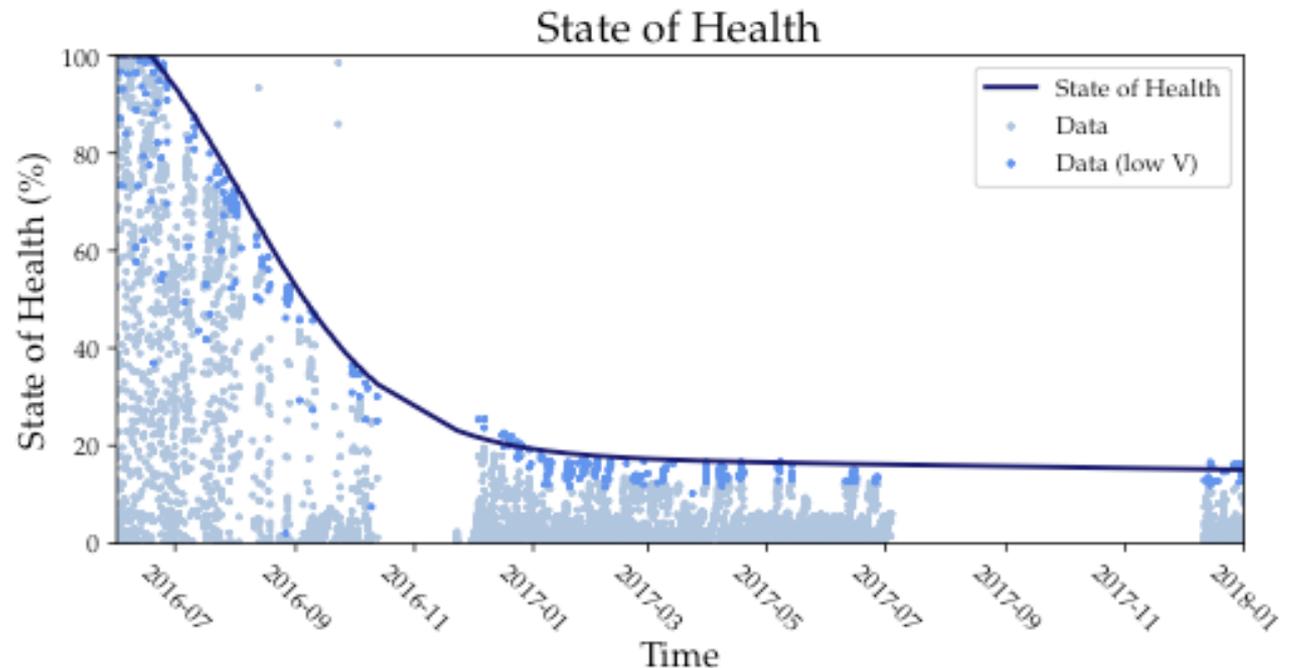


# What is current technical solution?

*Project: “Catalysing energy access in Africa through smarter energy storage management”*

Feasibility study of the development of algorithms for calculating state-of health (SOH) and remaining useful life (RUL) and understanding of the most valuable application of device data

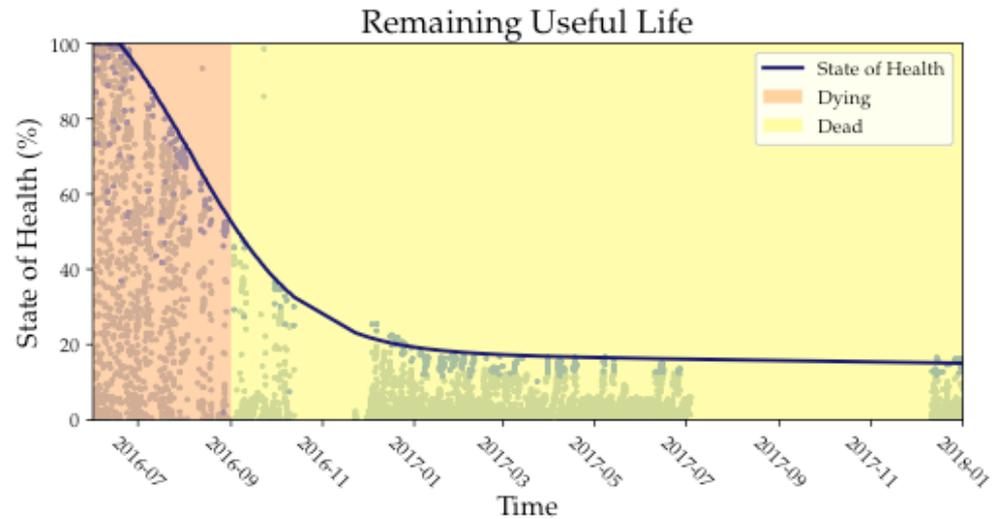
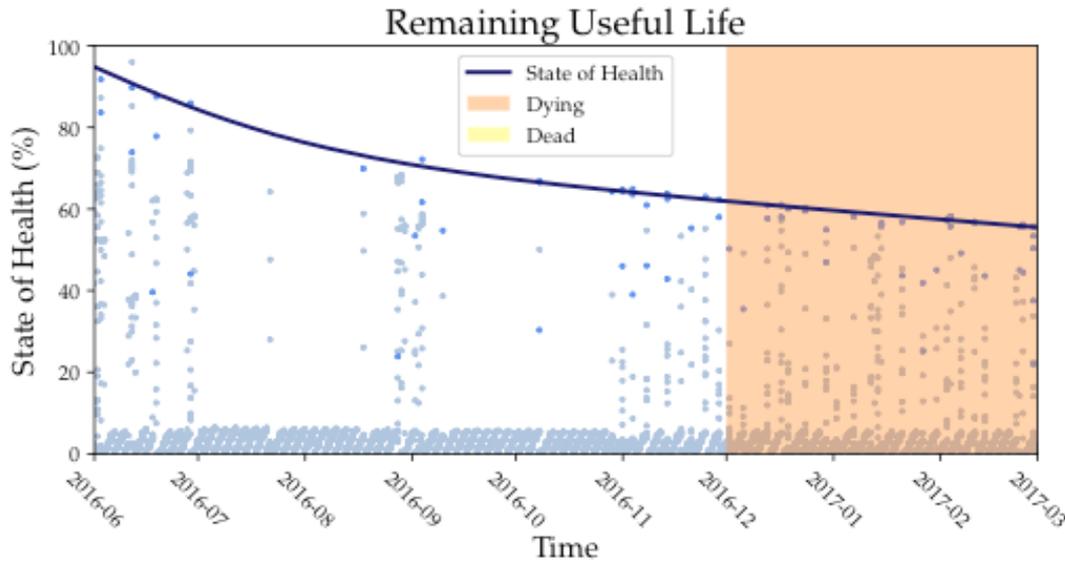
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## OBJECTIVES

- 1) Device Data Exploration
- 2) State of Health (SOH) and Remaining Useful Life (RUL) Algorithms development
- 3) Implementation of Algorithms for Current Fleet

Objective was to obtain a good (i.e.: low error estimate) SOH diagnosis. Then use the current SOH and the predicted SOH 6 months into the future to classify the devices into three categories.



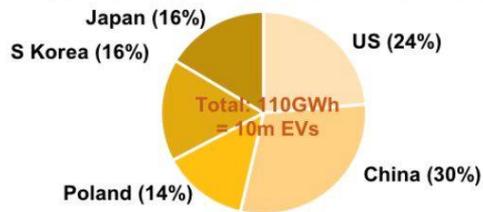
# Context: The current battery market

## Lithium ion battery cell suppliers by quality and volume

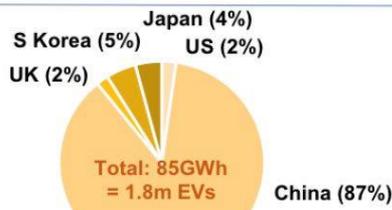


(Note: The tiers are arranged by industry reputation for quality lithium ion battery production and volume. You may get high quality producers in Tier 3 but the low output means they are not of strategic importance to the energy storage supply chain. To be a tier one and tier two supplier 2018 capacity must be over 5GWh. All Producers are striving for: Great Energy Density, Consistency, Volume. The Auto industry is driving these quality requirements)

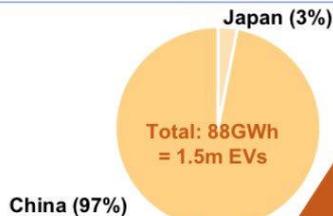
US Market Share of Lithium ion Battery Capacity in 2018



Tier 1



Tier 2



Tier 3



Source: Benchmark Minerals' Lithium ion Battery Megafactory Assessment, February 2019

# Direction and current research projects happening in the industry?

- Larger and larger devices to power a wider range of appliances: TVs, fans, fridges, etc.
- Market expanding to new regions with its own challenges
- If the battery is the heart of the system, the battery management system (BMS) is its brain
- With funding from E4A, M-KOPA is developing a Smart Battery solution for improved remote monitoring and better longer lasting batteries in the field



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