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# **Renewable Energy in Cuba. Role of intermittent renewable sources in the future.**

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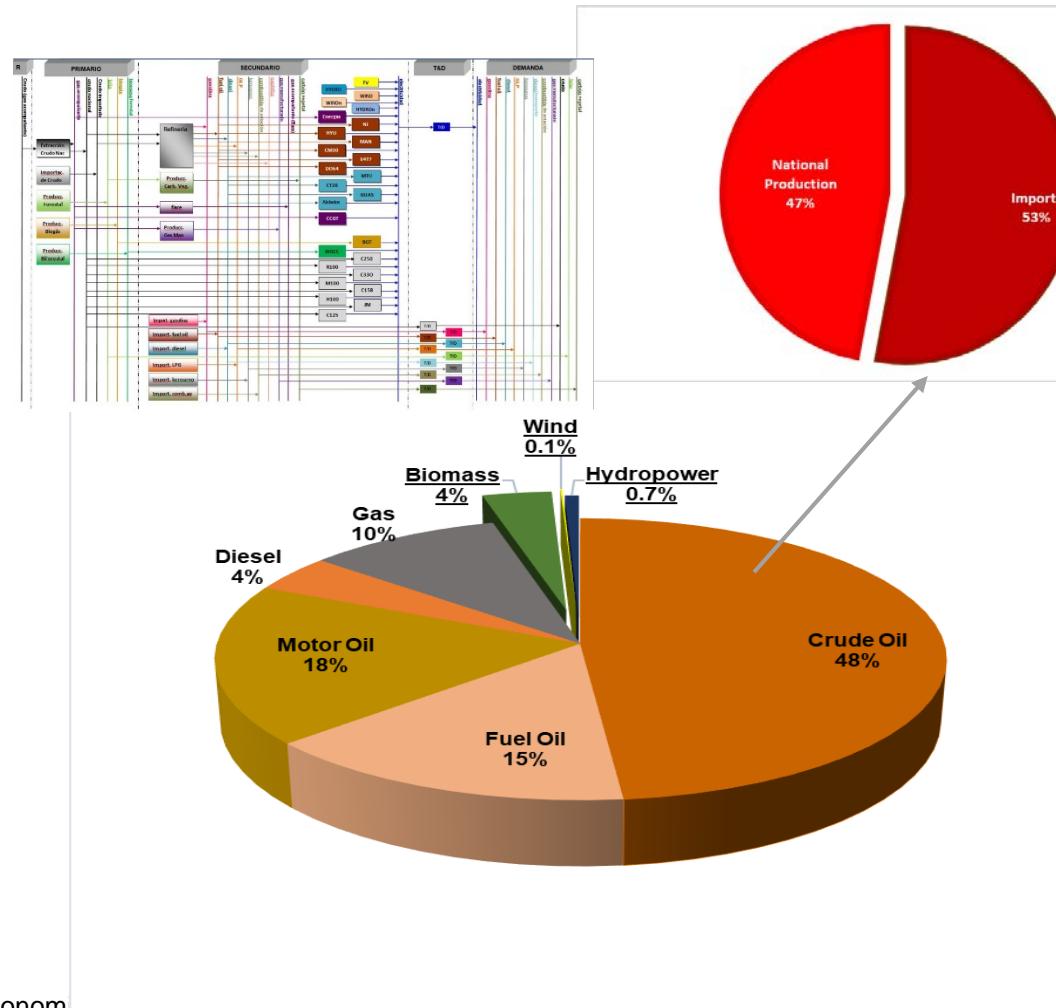
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# CHARACTERISTICS OF THE CUBAN ELECTRICAL SYSTEM

- At a high percentage it is a centralized system
- High dependence on the importation of crude oil for electricity generation.
- High average cost of energy delivered
- Low use of renewable energy sources.
- More than 98.5% of the population has access to electricity





## RESERVES AND POTENTIAL OF ENERGY RESOURCES IN CUBA

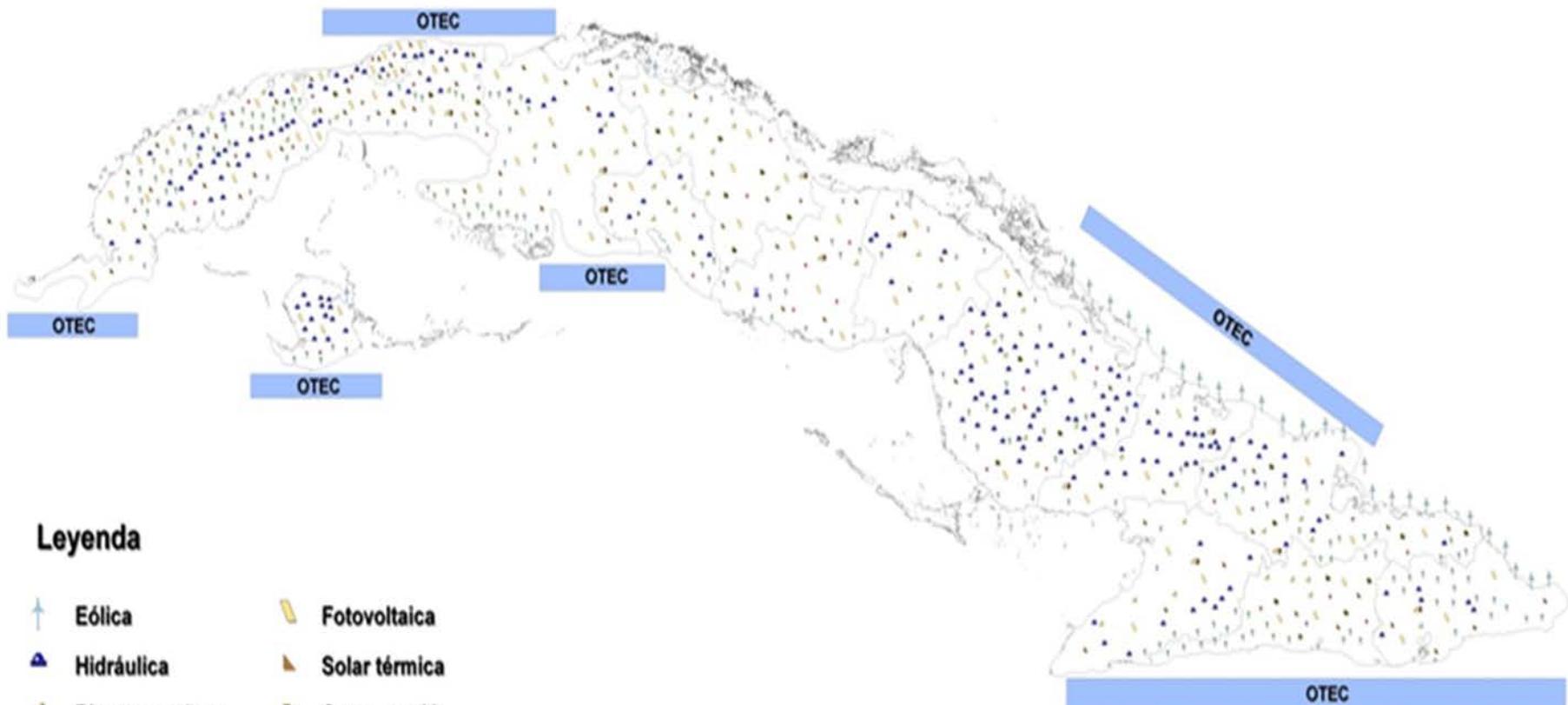
Resources	Units	Reserves or potential	Oil equivalent (million toe)
Crude oil and associated gas (onshore)	PJ	4 095	97.8
Crude oil and natural gas (EEZ) (offshore)	PJ	29 308	700
Bagasse and crop residues	Annual GW·h	17 500	1505
Peat	PJ	8 374	200
Hydropower	Annual GW·h	1 300	0.10
Biogas	Annual PJ	7.50	0.18
Wind energy	Annual GW·h	2 418	0.20
Firewood	Annual PJ	21	0.50

Source: "Cuba: A country profile on Sustainable Energy Development." IAEA. 2008





# POTENTIAL OF RENEWABLE ENERGY RESOURCES



## Leyenda

✚	Eólica
▲	Hidráulica
■	Biomasa cañera
●	Biomasa forestal
◆	Biogás
❖	Fotovoltaica
▲	Solar térmica
■	Cogeneración
●	Biocombustibles
◆	Bombeo eólico

Source: Internal report CUBAENERGIA. 2009

# IS FOREIGN INVESTMENT IN RENEWABLE SOURCES POSSIBLE IN CUBA?



# DEVELOPMENT PLAN UNTIL 2030: RENEWABLE SOURCES OF ENERGY AND ENERGY EFFICIENCY

Technology by source	To install (MW)	Planned Projects	Generation (GWh/año)	Crude oil replaced (Mton/año)
Biomass	872	25	4300	960
Industrial biogas	50	531	57	15
Wind power	656	14	1968	540
Solar PV	803	191	1071	240
Hydro power	56	74	650	72





# DEVELOPMENT PLAN UNTIL 2030: RENEWABLE SOURCES OF ENERGY AND ENERGY EFFICIENCY



## Biomass power plants

- 57 sugar plants with 470 MW capacity
- Programme to install 25 biomass power plants which would provide 14% of electricity of the country
- Increase of boiler pressure and temperature enables three fold increase of electricity per ton of sugarcane. Today the rate is 37 kWh/tcm and the projection is 110-120 kWh/tcm



## Wind power

- Existing capacity in 4 wind parks is 11,7 MW
- Programme to install 656 MW in 14 wind farms
- There are wind measurement data at 50 and 100 meters high in 32 areas of the country. The technical potential is greater than 2000 MW
- Capacity factor is estimated to be over 35%.



## Solar PV

- The programme consists of installation of 191 solar PV parks in the country, 803 MW

# DEVELOPMENT PLAN UNTIL 2030: RENEWABLE SOURCES OF ENERGY AND ENERGY EFFICIENCY



## Hydropower

- The Plan is to install 56 MW.
- Present capacity is 63 MW, 147 power plants of which 30 are connected to the main grid and 117 are isolated systems.



## Bioenergy

- The plan is to build 500 industrial biogás plants and 9000 small agricultural installations.
- Use of more than 1 million hectares of marabú, for energy purposes



## Energy Efficiency

- Replacing existing street lights with LED technology
- Water pumping with solar energy for agriculture
- Installation of 100 000 m<sup>2</sup> solar heater at homes



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# LINDA MODEL

## LONG-RANGE INTEGRATED DEVELOPMENT ANALYSIS

### LINDA model for energy system analysis

- Simple to use Excel based tool for energy sector analysis and scenario building
- Can be developed to accurately model different sectors of economy
- Outputs easy to visualize
- Accounting framework type of model
- Data storage



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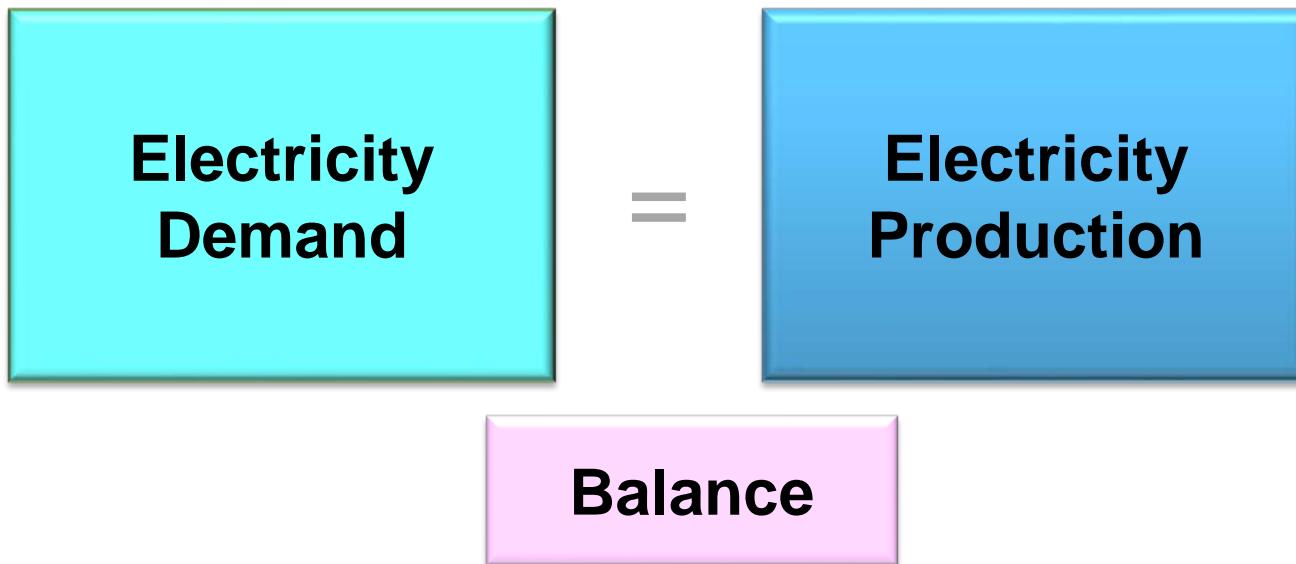
## LONG-RANGE INTEGRATED DEVELOPMENT ANALYSIS

- **Integrated means:**
  - Economic (e.g. LCOE)
  - Technical (energy, technology)
  - Environmental ( $\text{CO}_2$  and other emissions)
  - Social (e.g. employment, population, urban/rural)
  - Other issues (e.g. water demand module)



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# ENERGY PLANNING: ELECTRICITY BALANCE



Every hour production and demand has to be equal



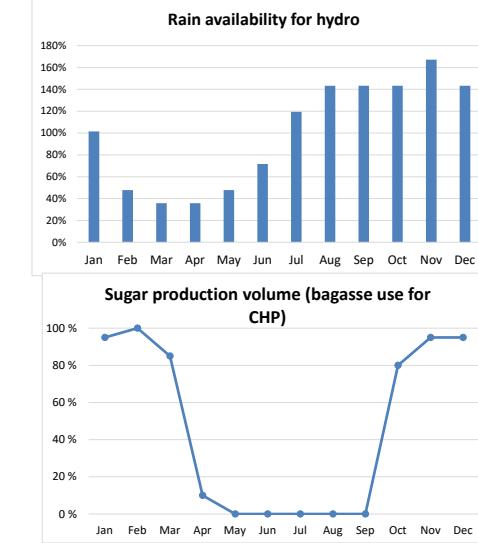
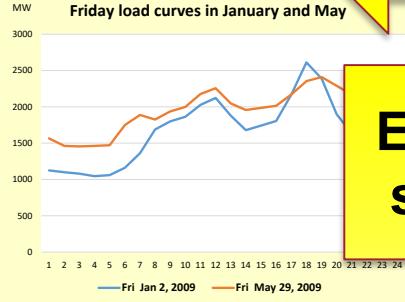
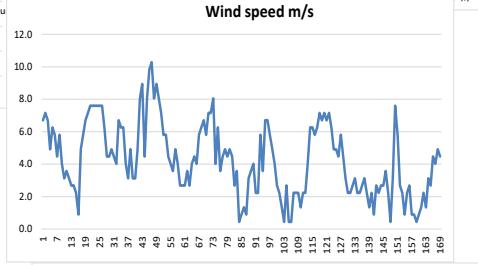
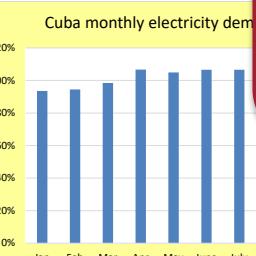
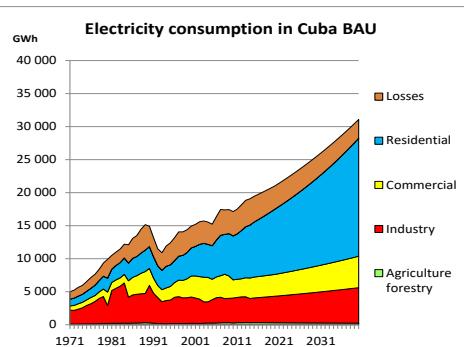
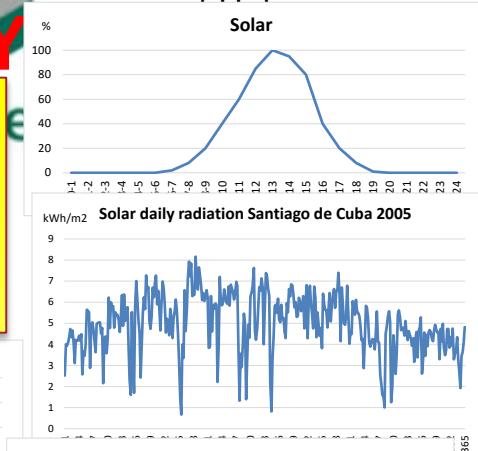
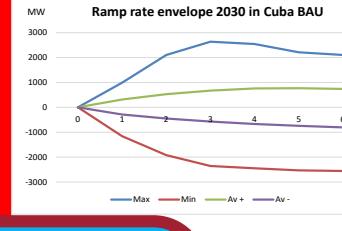
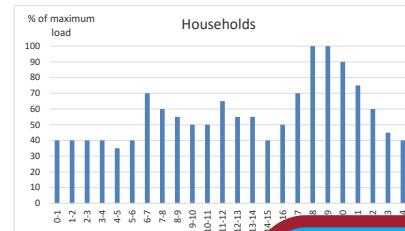
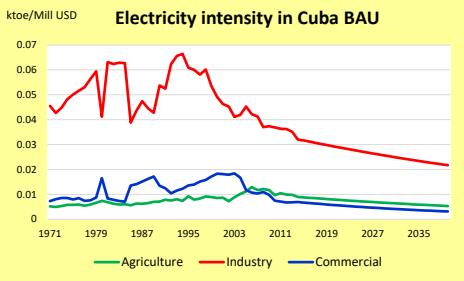
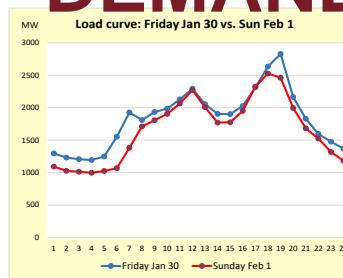
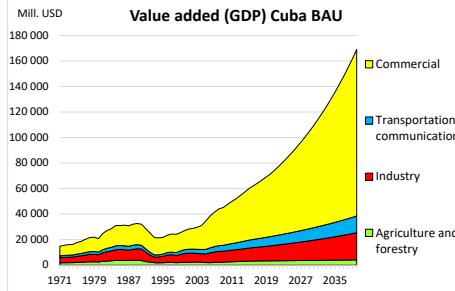
## DEMAND AND SUPPLY

**Corrollable power production (fossil)**

**CubaLinda model**

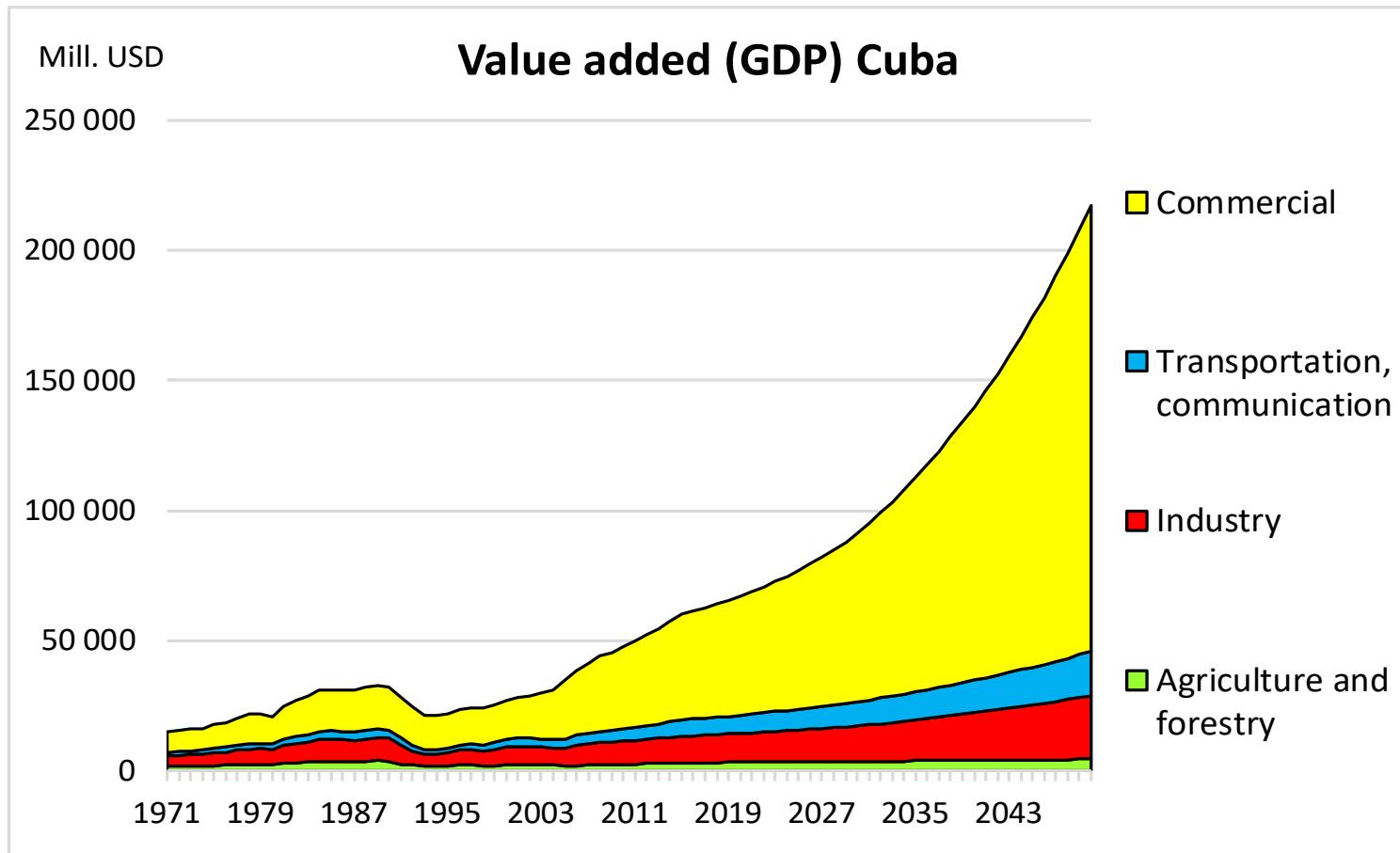
**Balancing**

**Electricity storage?**



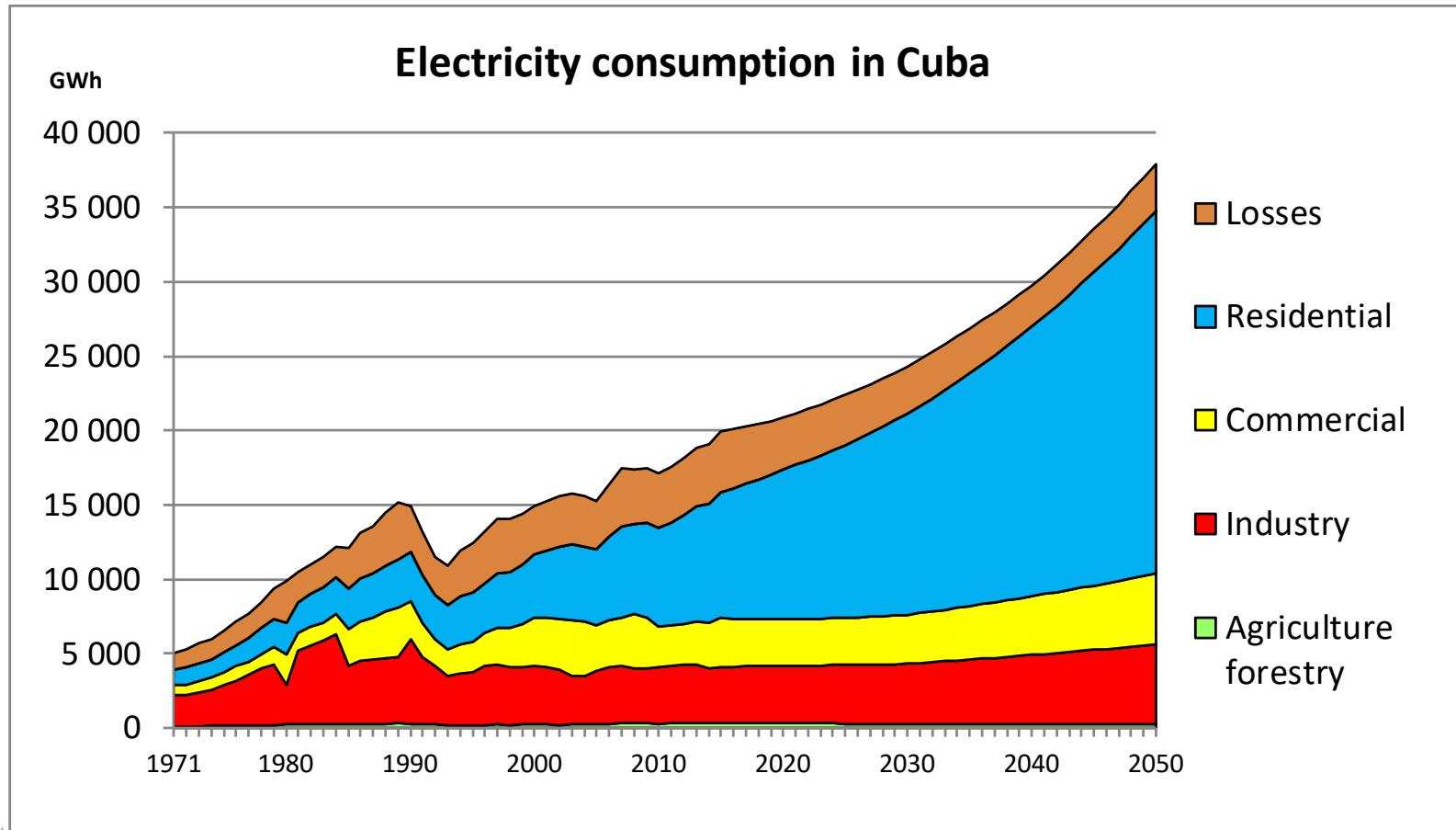


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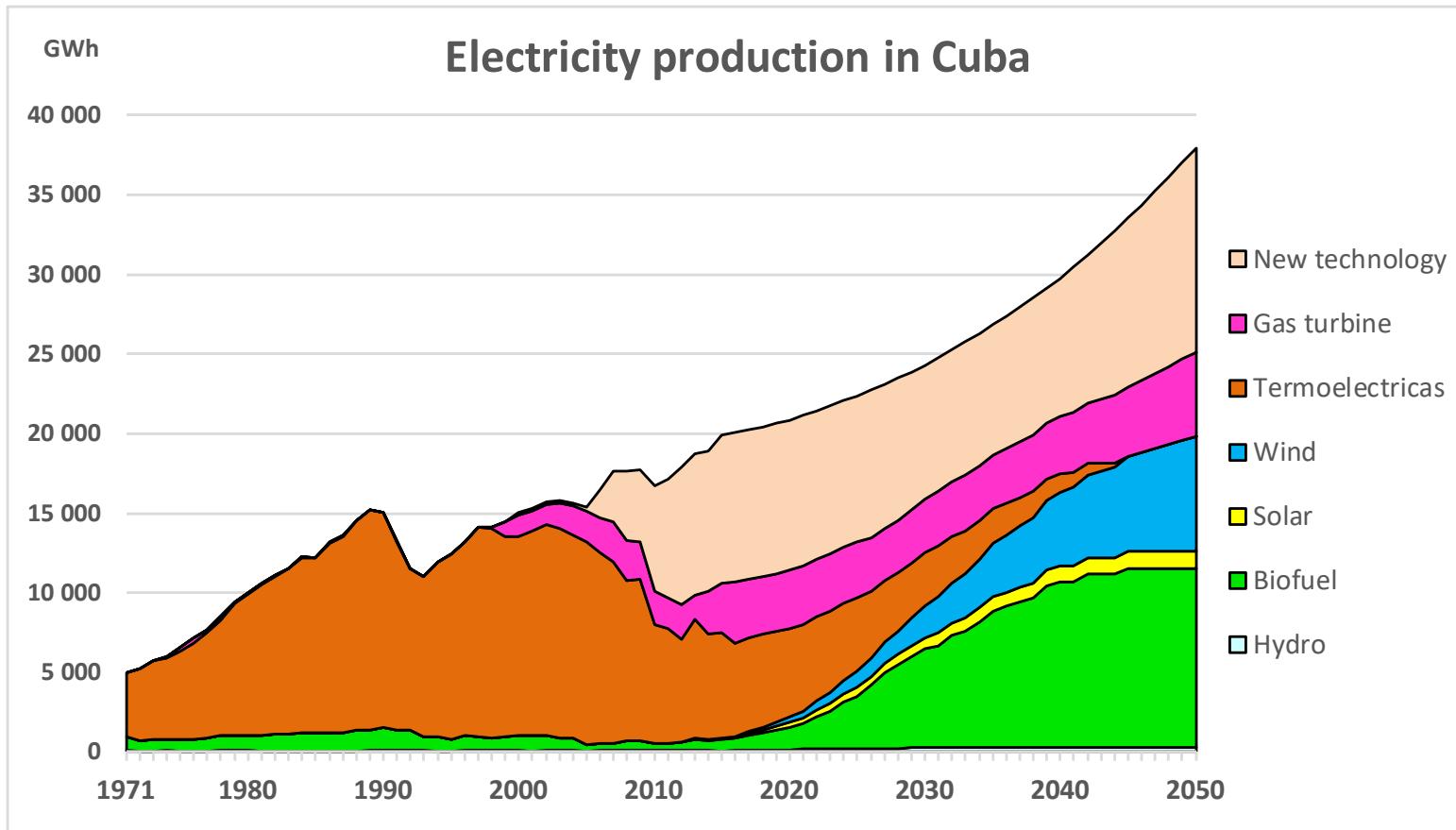


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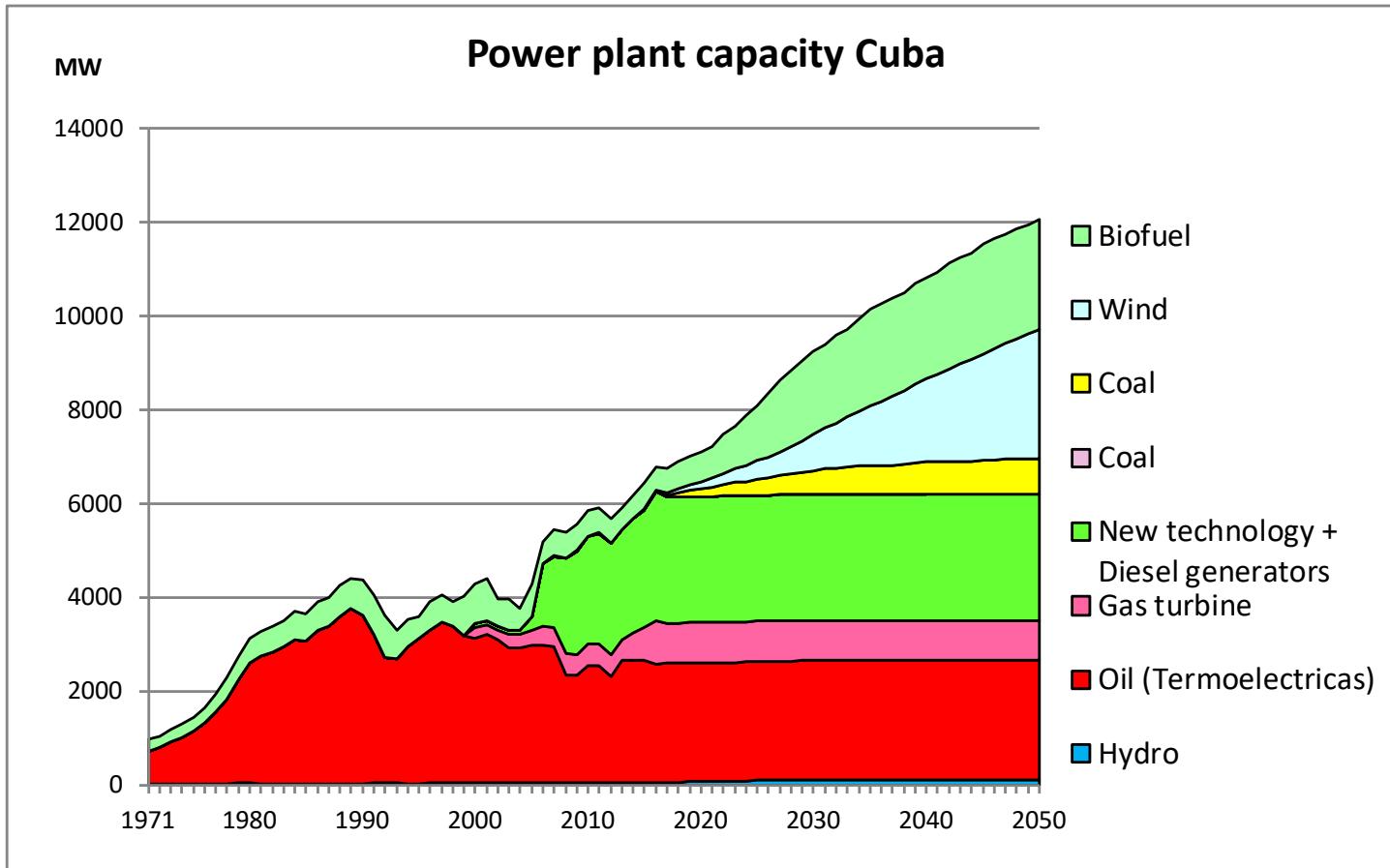


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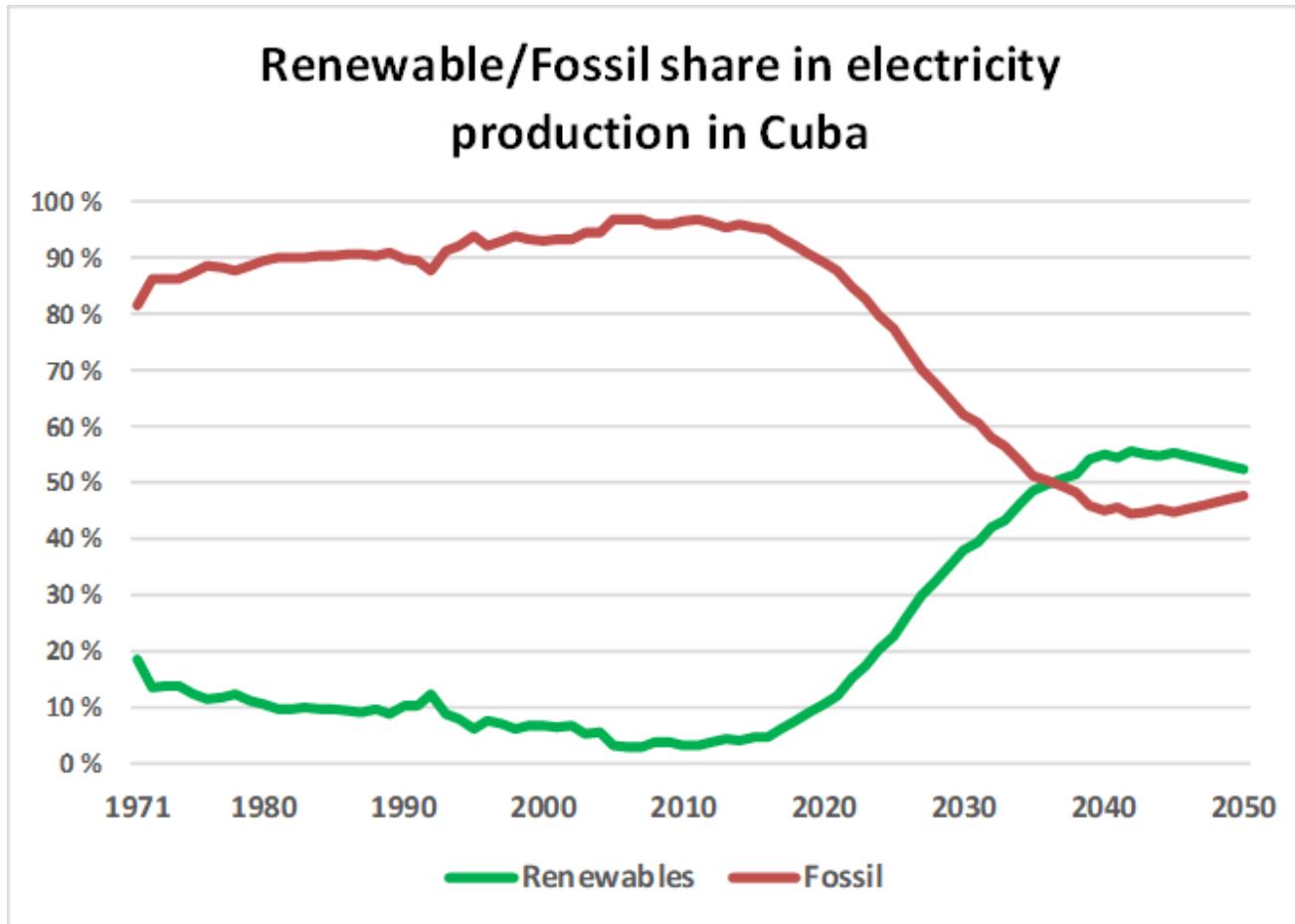


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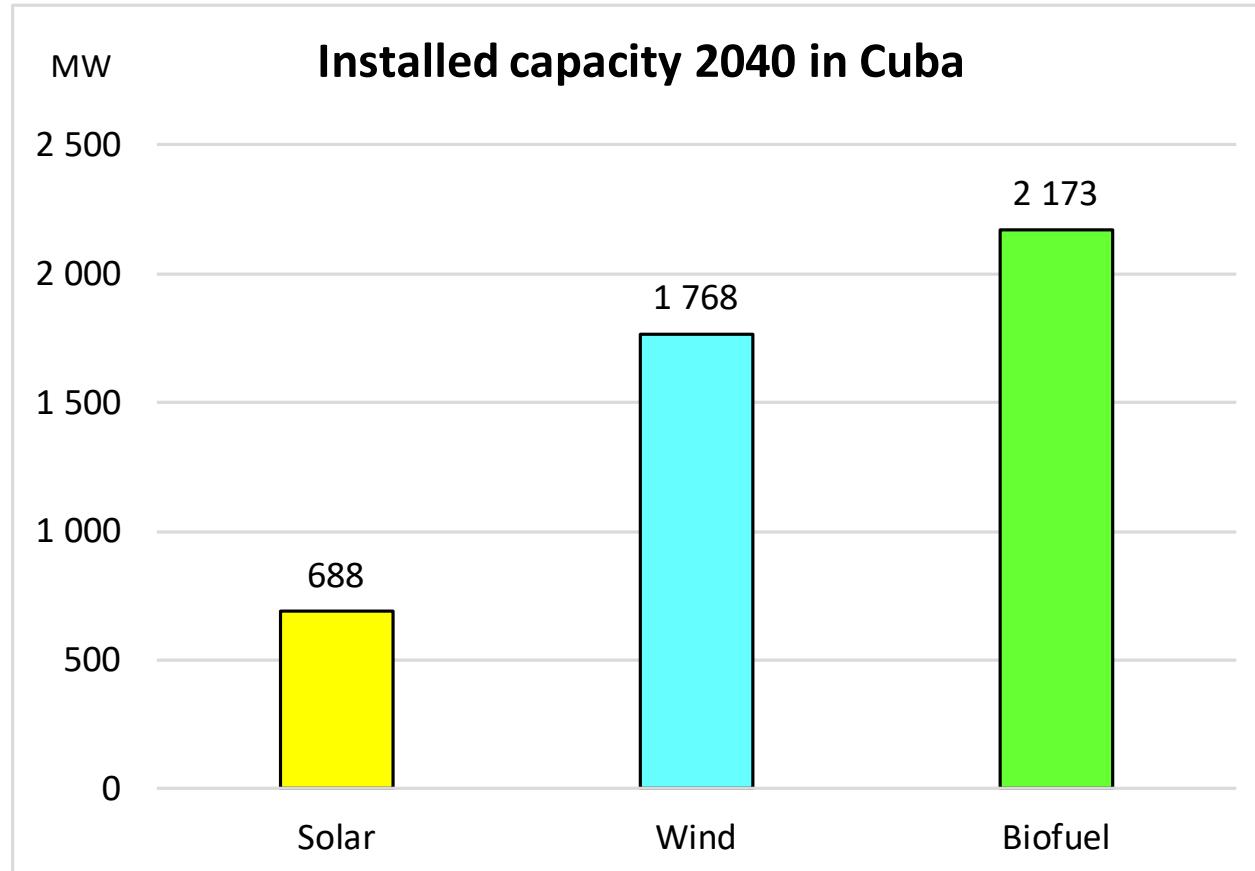


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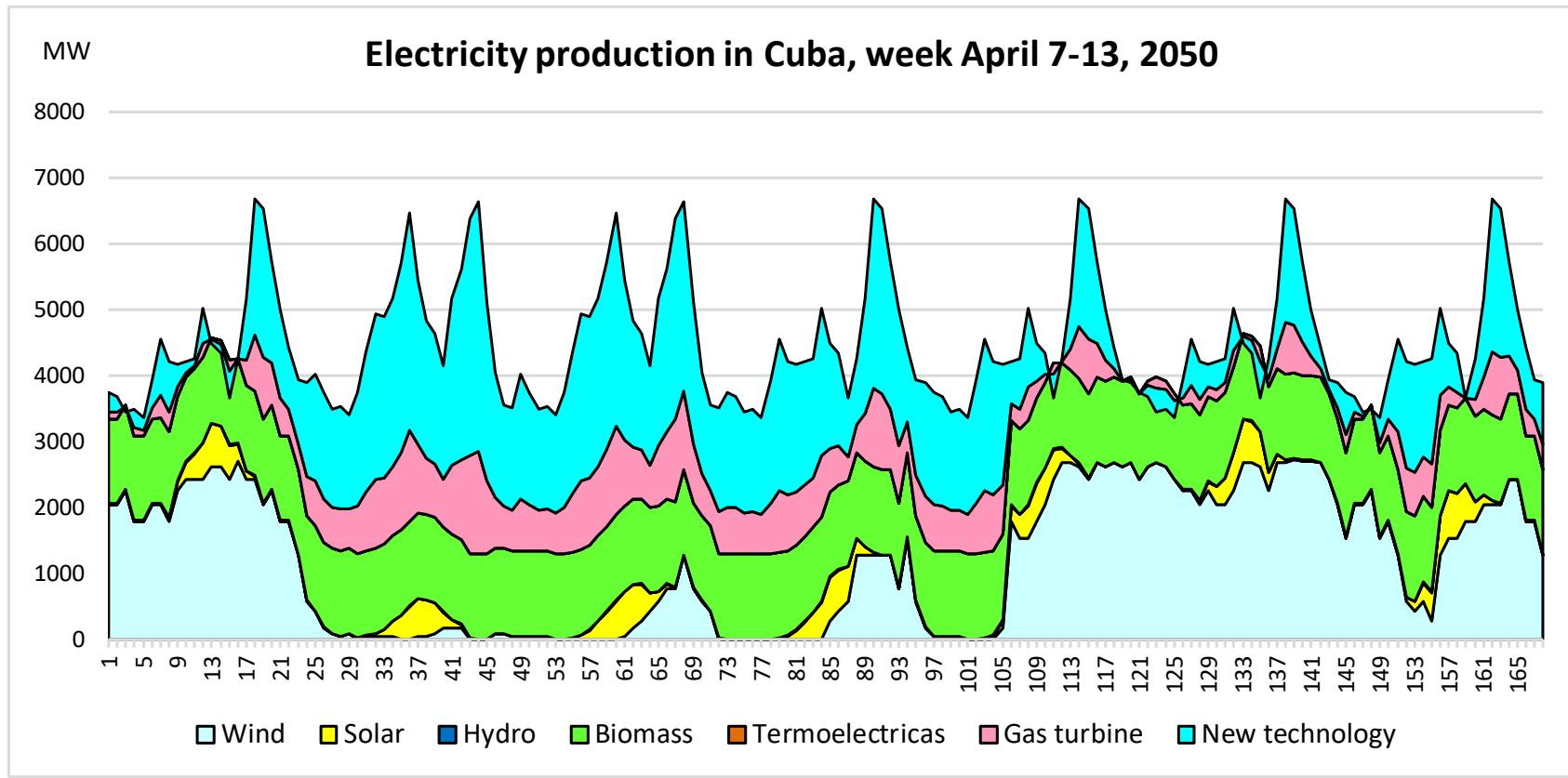


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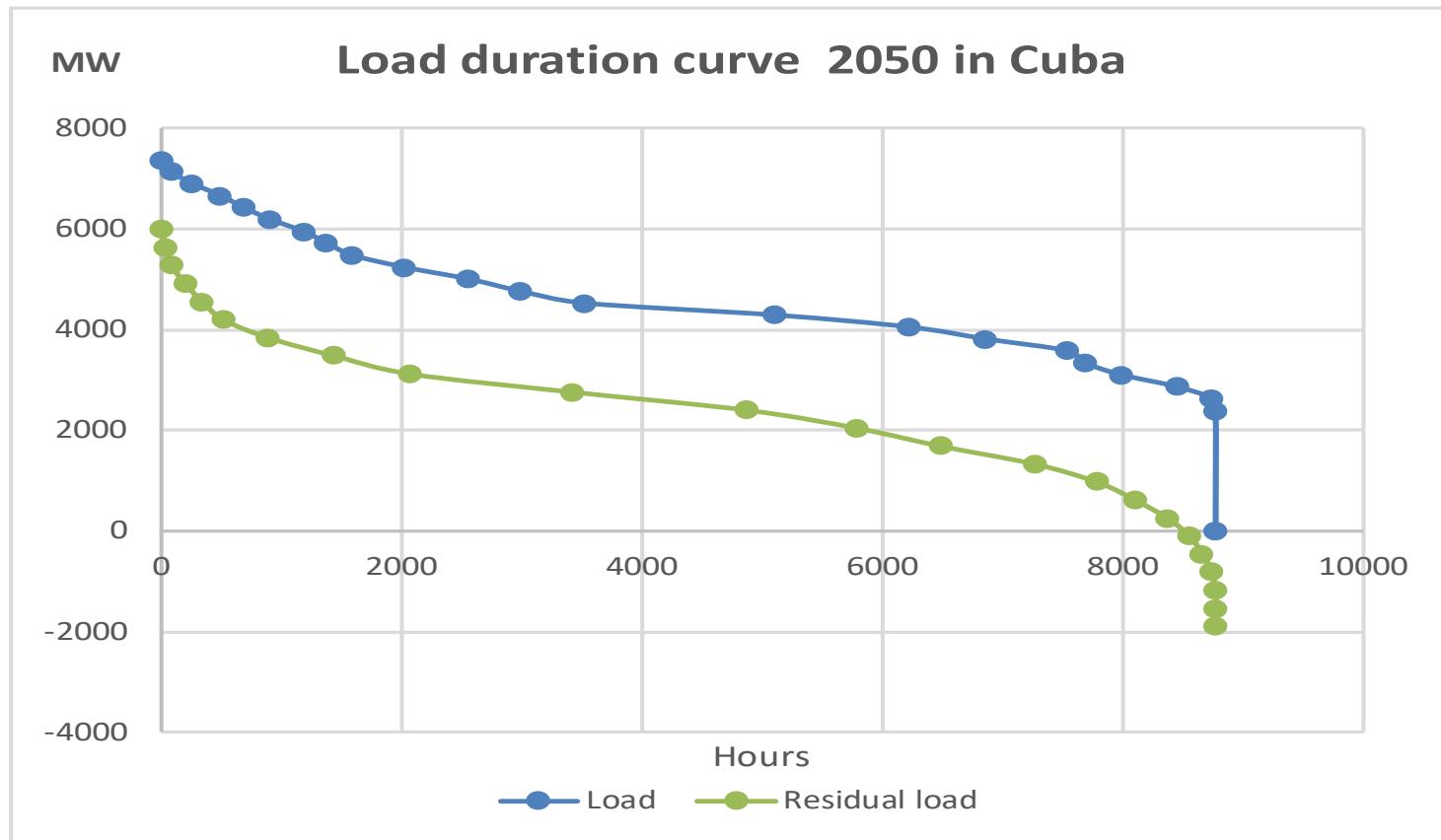


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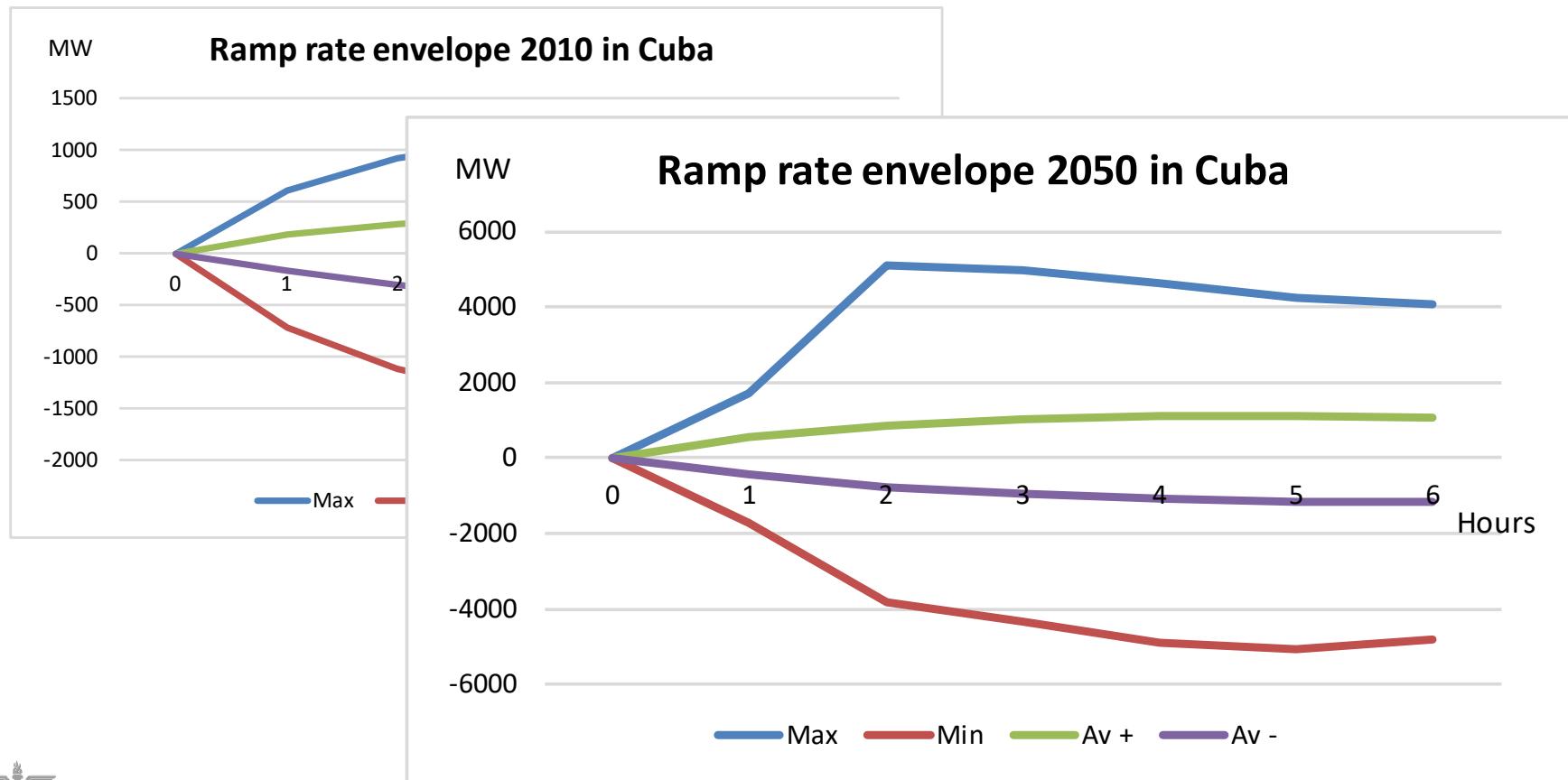


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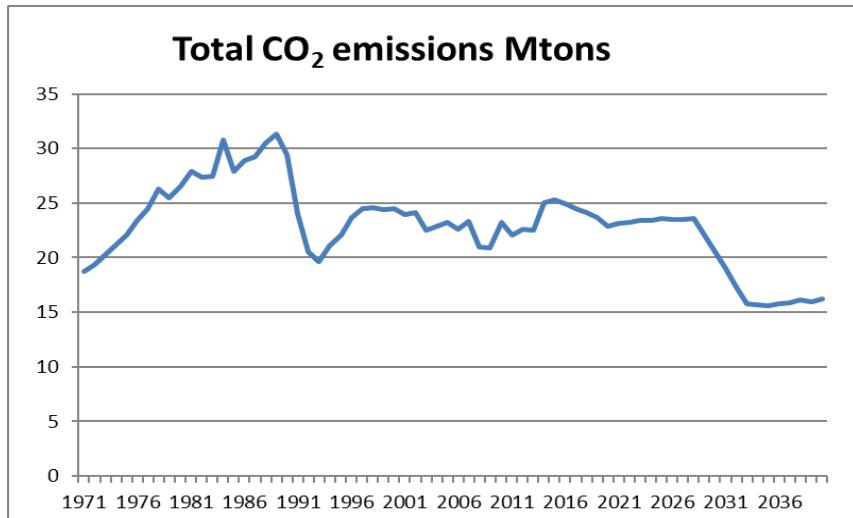
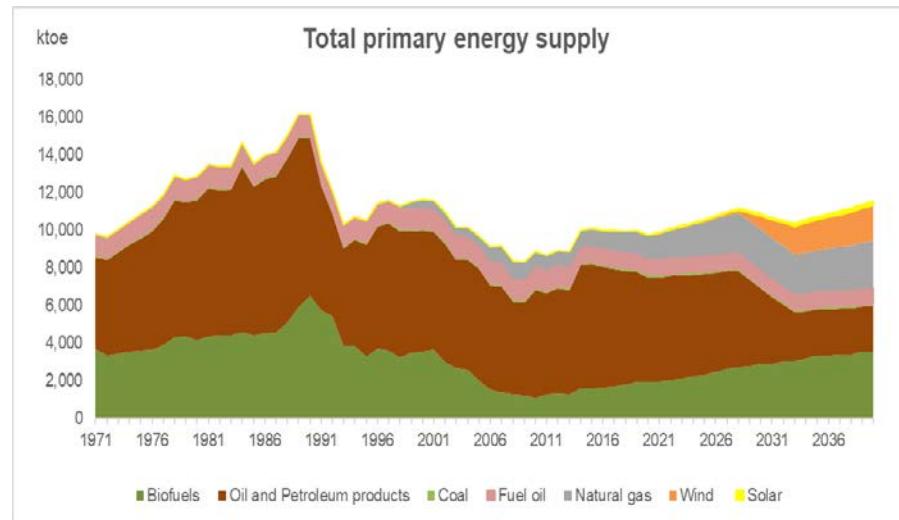
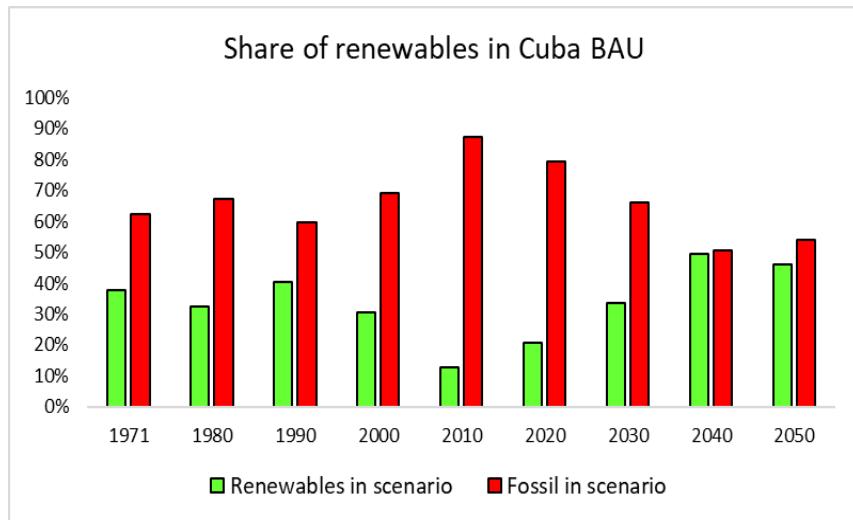


# CUBALINDA-RESULTS.





# CONCLUSIONS



- Change of the Electricity Generation Matrix
- Increase in the use of renewable energy sources
- Reduction of the costs of the energy supplied
- Reduction of environmental pollution



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