

ICT and Climate Change

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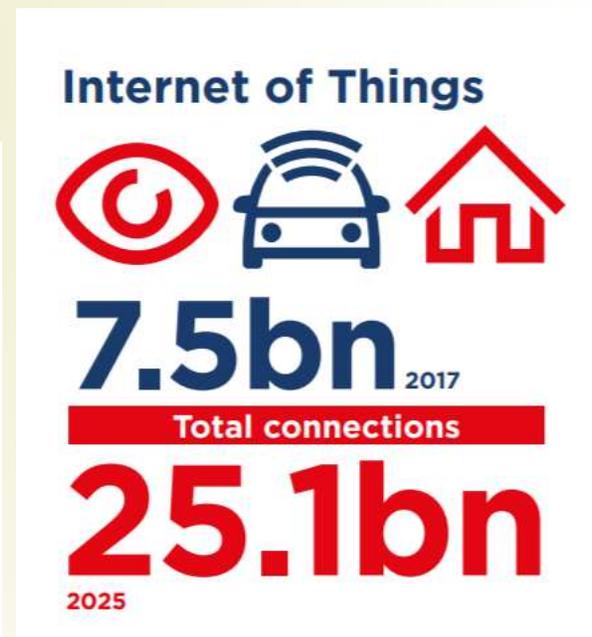
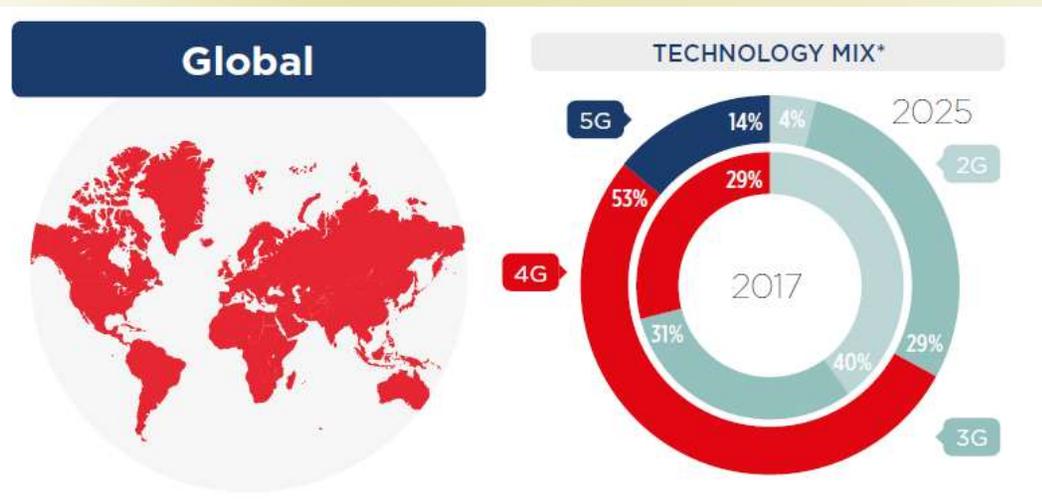
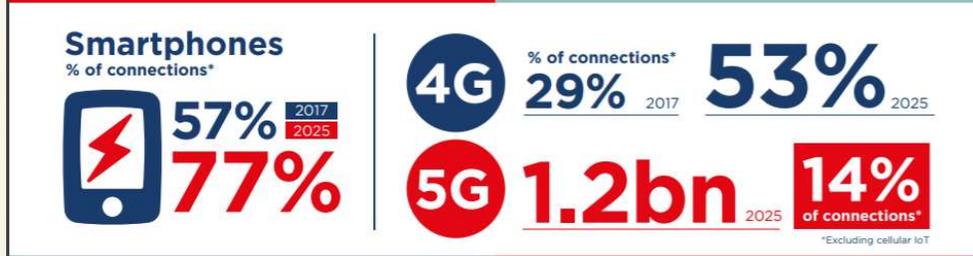
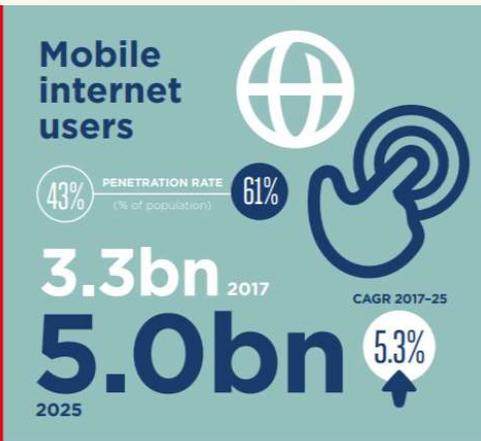
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ICT's link to climate change

- Environmental impact of ICTs
- Supporting climate change adaptation and mitigation
- Promoting energy efficiency
- Smart cities, transport, building, water management

ICT is a growing contributor to global GHG emissions

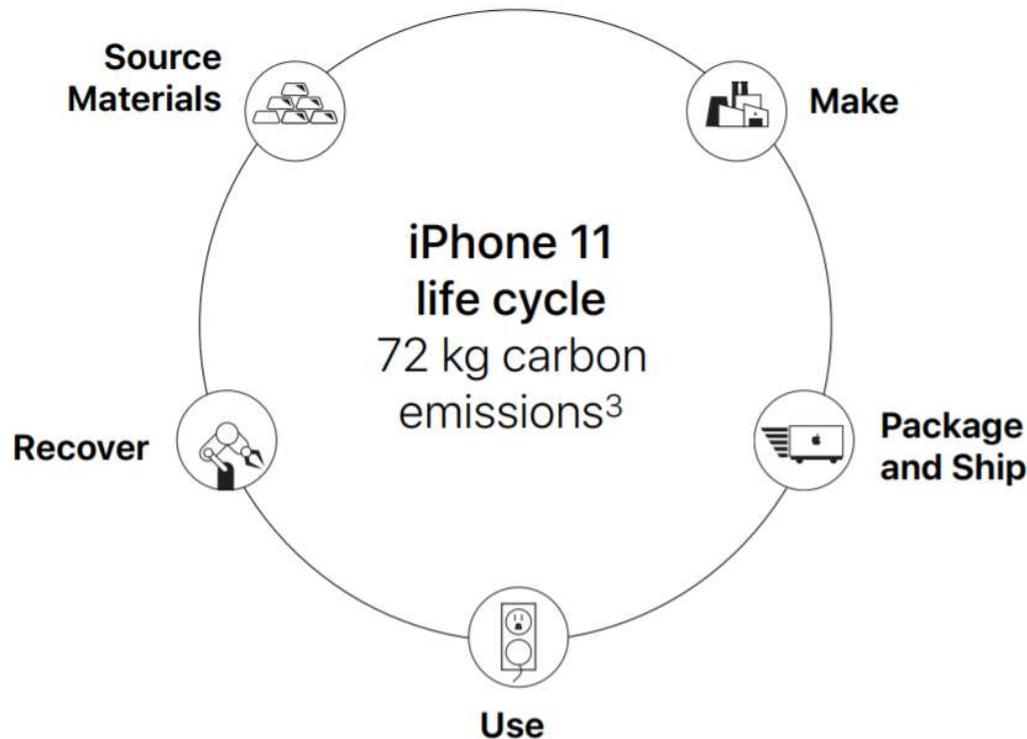
- ICT contribute to emissions through the proliferation of user devices whose use need power and also radiate heat
 - Each individual user now owning multiple devices
 - As ICT devices acquire more processing power, their requirements for energy and cooling rise (3G mobile phones operate at higher frequencies and need more power than 2G)
- GHGs are emitted for manufacturing of user devices
 - The life cycle emissions are high
 - ICT device's life cycle is shorter
- Electronic waste management is a key issues



<https://www.qsma.com/mobileeconomy/wp-content/uploads/2018/05/The-Mobile-Economy-2018.pdf>
<https://www.pewresearch.org/global/2019/02/05/smartphone-ownership-is-growing-rapidly-around-the-world-but-not-always-equally/>

iPhone 11

September 10, 2019



iPhone 11 life cycle carbon emissions

- 79% Production
- 3% Transport
- 17% Use
- <1% End-of-life processing

³Greenhouse gas emissions were calculated using a life cycle assessment methodology in accordance with ISO 14040 and 14044 standards and based on the iPhone 11 64GB memory configuration.

100%

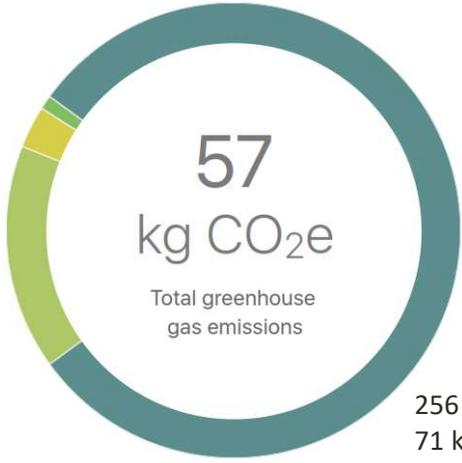
All iPhone 11 final assembly suppliers have committed to 100% renewable energy for Apple production.

Configuration	iPhone 11
64GB	72 kg CO ₂ e
128GB	77 kg CO ₂ e
256GB	89 kg CO ₂ e



Date introduced
September 12, 2017

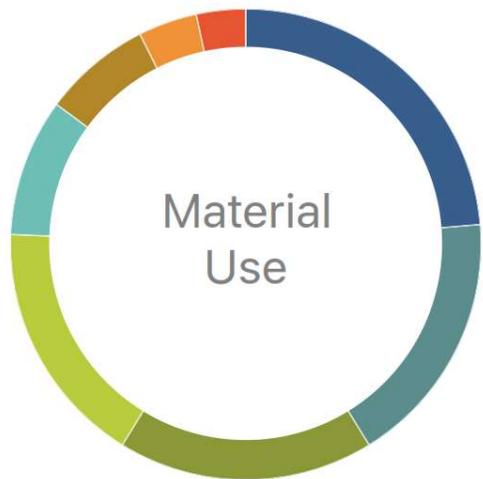
Greenhouse Gas Emissions for iPhone 8—64GB model



- 80% Production
- 16% Customer use
- 3% Transport
- 1% Recycling

256 GB model:
71 kg CO₂e

Material Use for iPhone 8



- 35g Glass
- 26g Battery
- 26g Stainless steel
- 25g Display
- 14g Circuit boards
- 11g Aluminum
- 6g Other
- 5g Plastics

https://images.apple.com/environment/pdf/products/iphone/iPhone_8_PER_sept2017.pdf

Benchmarking mobile phones' life cycle GHG emissions

- Global electricity mix used
- Excluding accessories and network usage

Smartphone	Use Stage (%)	Production Stage (%)	Transportation Stage (%)	EoL Stage (%)	Total GWP (kg CO ₂ e)
Sony Xperia™ T	18	70	10	2	51
Sony Ericsson W890	20	66	13	1	17
iPhone 5	18	76	4	2	75
iPhone 4S	31	60	7	2	55
iPhone 4	26	65	7	2	55
Nokia Lumia 822	17	68	14	1	16
Nokia Asha 309	17	63	19	1	9
Nokia Lumia 620	29	55	15	1	13

Ercan, Mine. (2013), Global Warming Potential of a Smartphone: Using Life Cycle Assessment Methodology, MSc thesis report, KTH Industrial Ecology, Trita-IM-EX, 2013:01.

Sony Xperia™ T

- For Swedish electricity mix- considering a moderate usage scenario – over 3 years life
 - *Excluding accessories and network usage: 45 kg CO₂e*
 - *If accessories and network included: 68 kg CO₂e (network 30 %)*
- If a global electricity mix is applied
 - *Excluding accessories and network usage: 51 kg CO₂e*
 - *If accessories and network included: 117 kg CO₂e*



117 Kg CO₂ eq means

About 40 kg CO₂e per year

Equal to GHG emission from average European car for **270 km**



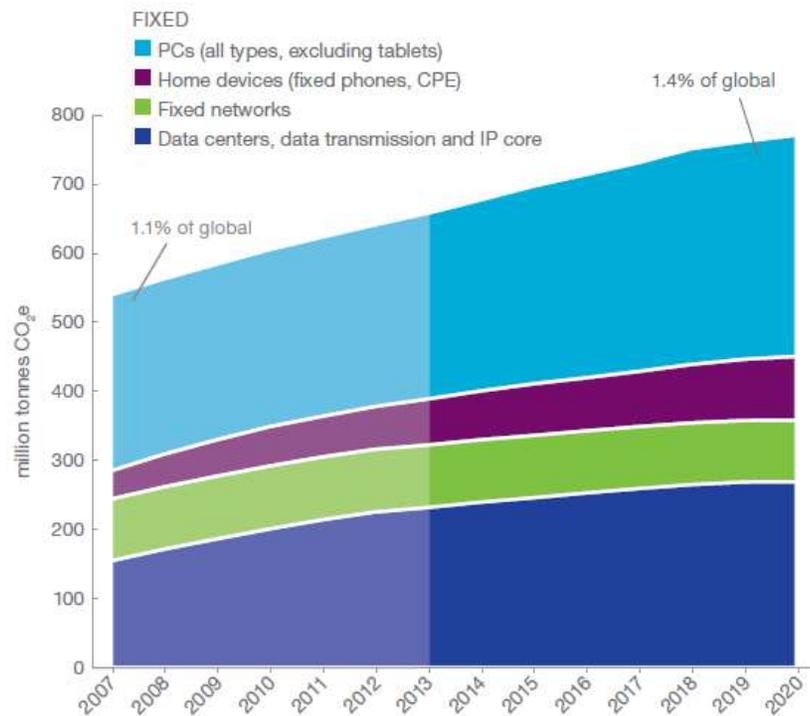
1.3% in 2007: The total ICT sector's share of the global carbon footprint (2% in 2020)

What is included in this and previous estimation needs to be checked !!

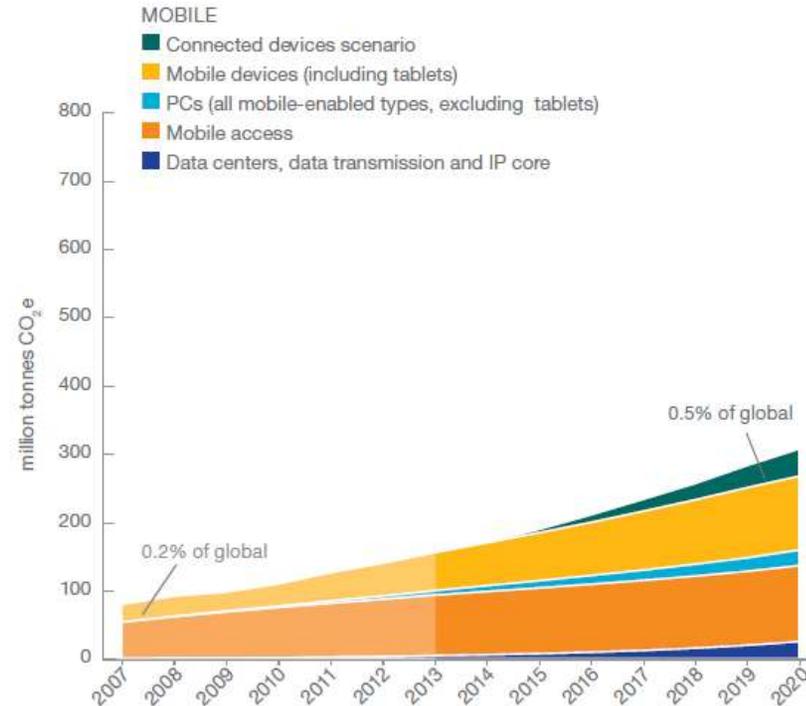
FIXED ICT **1.4%** OF GLOBAL GHG EMISSIONS IN 2020

MOBILE ICT **0.5%** OF GLOBAL GHG EMISSIONS IN 2020

Total GHG emissions from fixed ICT networks



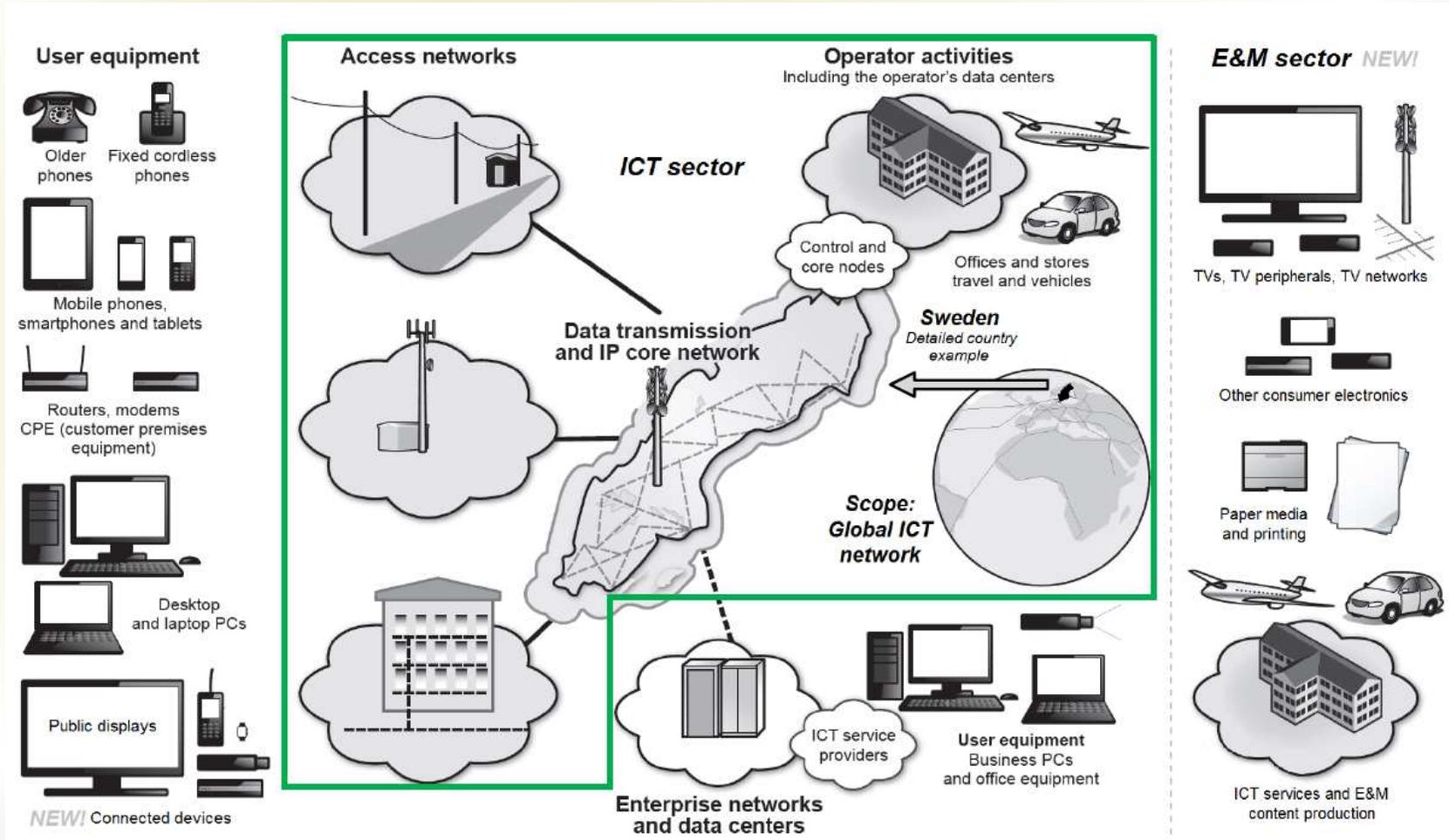
Total GHG emissions from mobile ICT networks



Ericsson Energy and Carbon Report, 2014

<https://www.ericsson.com/res/docs/2014/ericsson-energy-and-carbon-report.pdf>

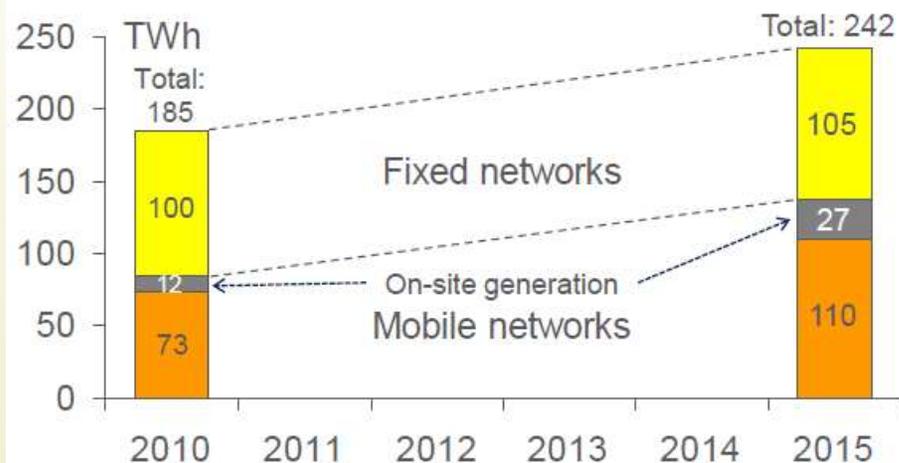
The scope of new estimation (inside the green outline) compared to the wider scope (full picture) of the ICT sector and the E&M (Entertainment and Media) sector



Jens Malmödin and Dag Lundén (2018), *The electricity consumption and operational carbon emissions of ICT network operators 2010-2015, Report from the KTH Centre for Sustainable Communications, Stockholm, Sweden 2018* (ISBN: 978-91-7729-679-9; TRITA-EECS-RP-2018:1)

Role of ICT in global energy and CO2 emissions, 2015

- The total annual operational electricity consumption of the overall ICT networks globally is estimated to 242 TWh for 2015
 - Grid (215 TWh) and on-site generated electricity (27 TWh)
 - This makes 1.15% of the total global electricity grid supply
- The total annual operational carbon emissions of the ICT networks are estimated to 169 Mtonnes CO₂e for 2015.
 - This is 0.53% of the global carbon emissions related to energy (about 32 Gtonnes), or 0.34% of all carbon emissions (about 50 Gtonnes)

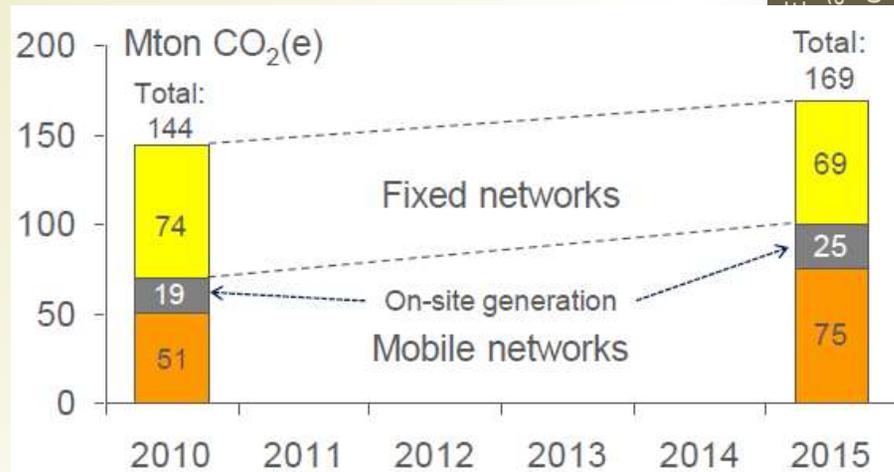


Total electricity consumption of the ICT networks operations

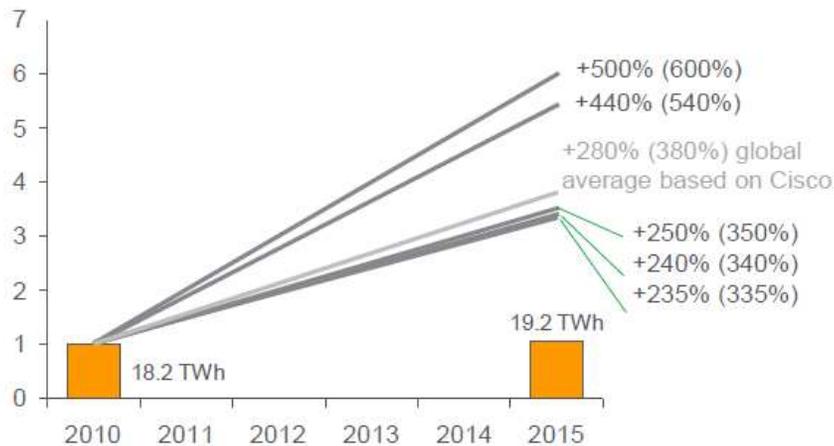
Change 2010-2015	Fixed	Mobile	Total
Total grid electricity consumption.	+5%	+51%	+24%
...with additional on-site generated electricity consumption.	n.a.	+61%	+31%

¹ Mainly from diesel

² Per mid-year according to subscription numbers from ITU

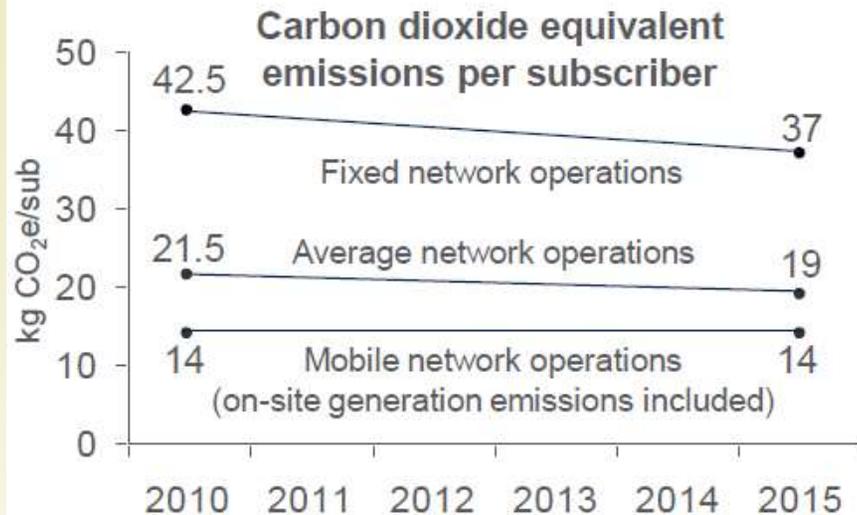
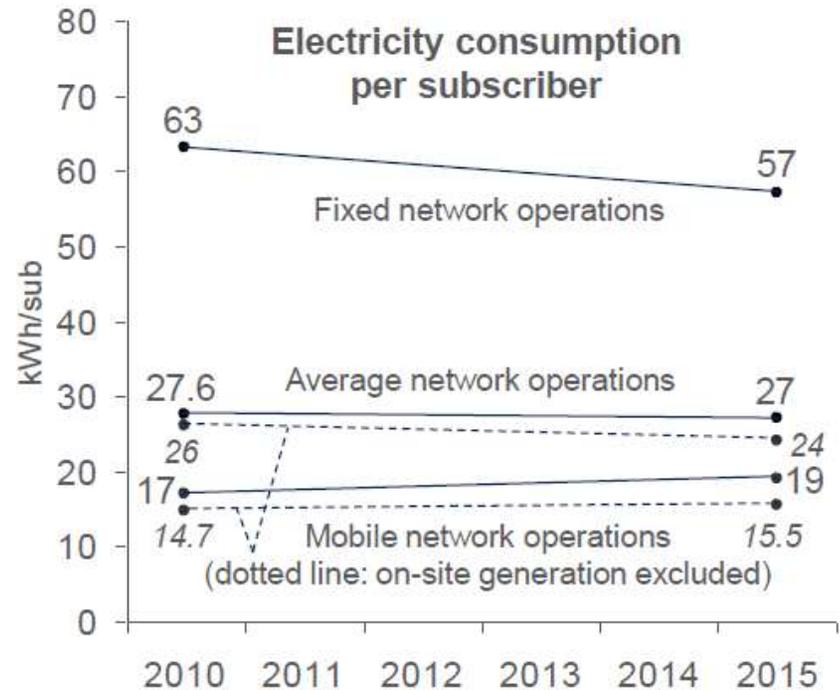


Are we doing better over time?



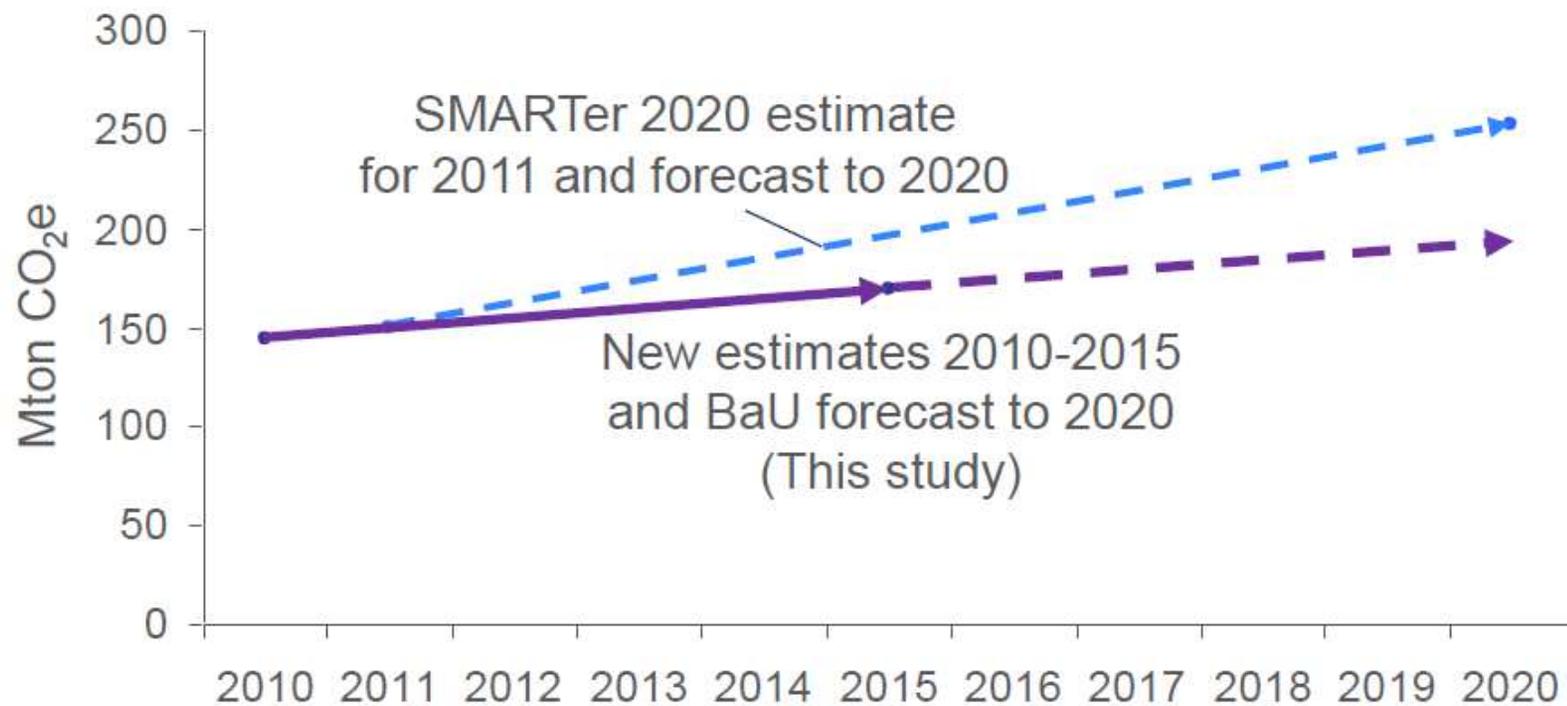
Electricity consumption and data traffic (indexed, 2010 level equals 1) for five operators that have measured data traffic 2010-2015.

Energy demand increase is modest but data traffic increased several times !!



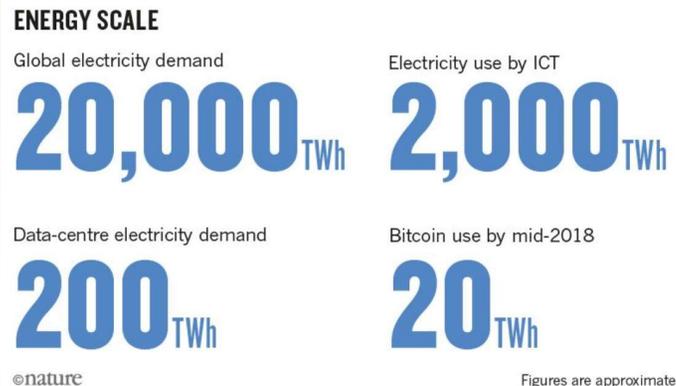
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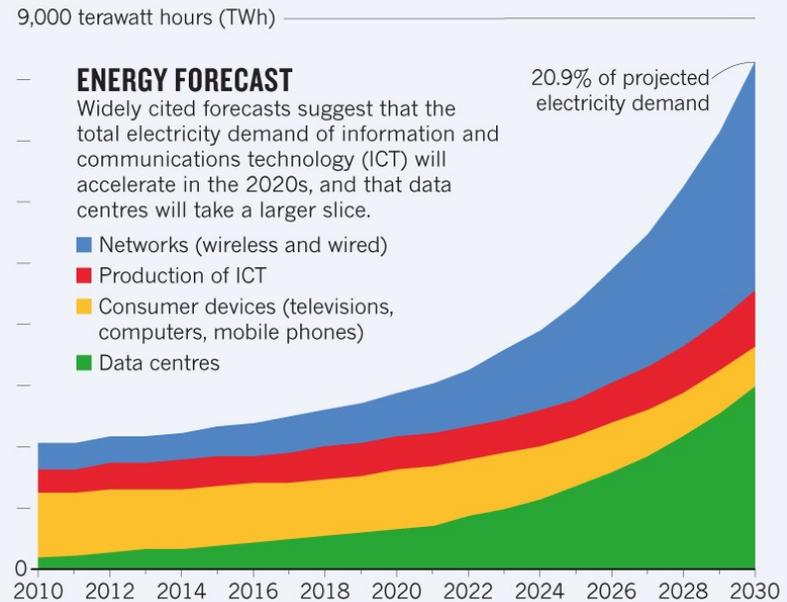


ICT and energy

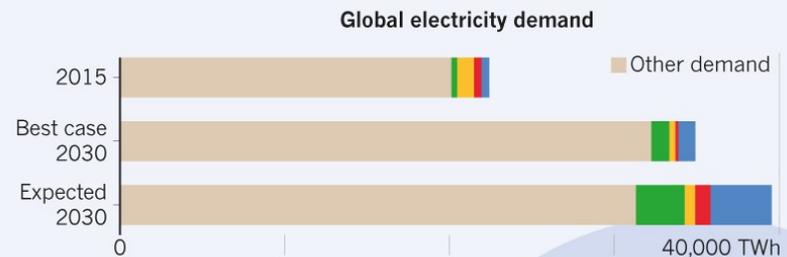
- Data centres use about 200 TWh/yr in 2017; 1% of global electricity demand; 0.3% of global CO2 emissions
- ICT ecosystem as a whole — under a sweeping definition that encompasses personal digital devices, mobile-phone networks and televisions — accounts for more than 2% of global emissions
- Most worrying models predicts that electricity use by ICT could exceed 20% of the global by 2030 and data centres using more than one-third of that



<https://www.nature.com/articles/d41586-018-06610-y>



The chart above is an 'expected case' projection from Anders Andrae, a specialist in sustainable ICT. In his 'best case' scenario, ICT grows to only 8% of total electricity demand by 2030, rather than to 21%.



INTERNET EXPLOSION
Internet traffic* is growing exponentially, and reached more than a zettabyte (ZB, 1×10^{21} bytes) in 2017.



*Traffic to and from data centres.
†TB, terabyte (10^{12} bytes); PB, petabyte (10^{15} bytes); EB, exabyte (10^{18} bytes).

How ICTs can mitigating GHGs?

- **A. Directly, by reducing the ICT sector's own energy requirements**
 - Energy efficient ICT equipment's use and promotion
 - Next-Generation Networks (NGN) are expected to reduce energy consumption by 40 % compared to today's PSTN
 - Development and introduction of modern radio technologies (digital modulation in combination with the digital video broadcasting standards and effective compression algorithms) that reduce energy consumption by powerful broadcasting transmitters ~10 times
- **B. Indirectly, using ICTs for carbon abatement for avoiding travel**
 - Using and promoting email, phone calls, text messaging, video conferences, instead of physically travelling
 - Flexible work arrangement (telecommuting, nomadic working)

How ICTs can mitigating GHGs?

- C. In a systemic way, by using ICTs to reduce emission in other sectors
 - Smart Transportation Systems, Smart logistics, Smart buildings or the Smart energy grid to increase energy efficiency
 - Demand-supply optimization in power sector utilizing 'energy storage' effectively and load levelling- e.g. EV to Grid, appliance use at energy low demand period
 - *Dematerialization*: Shifting away from physical distribution (DVD, CDs) to online delivery; paper-based to online publishing; e-offices

A. Reducing the ICT sector's own energy requirements

Google Data Centers

- Google's first reported carbon footprint in 2011 was about same as Laos's annual emissions
- Google claims that its data centres improved and they get 3.5 times the computing power for the same amount of energy now
- Google claims it has cut its vast data centres' energy use by 15% by applying artificial intelligence
- Google's data Centre at The Dalles (1.2 b US\$ investment):



Water vapor rises above the cooling towers in The Dalles data center in Oregon. These plumes of water vapor create a quiet mist at dusk.

- Power consumption: Equivalent electricity to power a town of 200,000 inhabitants in USA
- Google chose to locate this data center next to the Columbia River, in Dalles, Oregon USA, to make use of cheaper and less polluting hydro-electricity
- Other opportunities: Savings possible by addressing the way that data centres are structured, by using fewer but more powerful processors, and by changing the way that servers are cooled and networked together

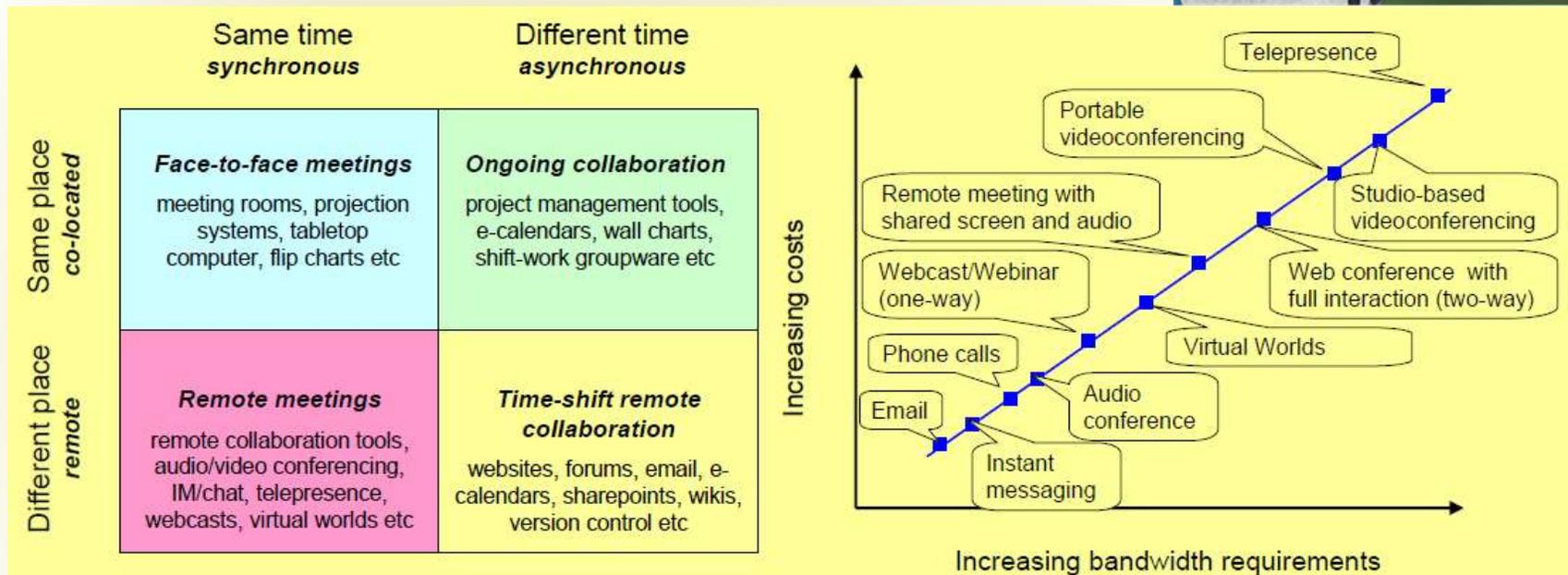
- ITU Symposium on ICTs and Climate Change, Hosted by CITIC, Quito, Ecuador, 8-10 July 2009, ITU background report
- <https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2016/jul/20/google-ai-cut-data-centre-energy-use-15-per-cent>

NTT, Japan

- “Total Power Revolution” (TPR) campaign
 - Promoting energy management schemes for 4,000 buildings that NTT occupy throughout Japan
 - Deploying energy efficient electrical devices and air conditioning equipment
 - Switching to the use of energy-saving DC power supply for broadband equipment such as servers and routers
 - Call for the use of clean energy systems such as solar and wind power
- Saved 133 million kWh of electricity throughout the entire NTT Group in 2008 compared with 2007

B. Indirectly, using ICTs for carbon abatement for avoiding travel

Remote collaboration tools



Note: Segmented by time and place (left chart) and by bandwidth / cost (right chart).

Source: ITU-T Technology Watch Report: "Remote Collaboration Tools." March 2008.

<http://www.itu.int/oth/T2301000005/en>.

Remote collaboration tools

- Communication-Coordination-Collaboration capabilities are key
- **Collaboration in virtual worlds:** Virtual worlds can provide a online collaboration plate form and are quickly moving from the entertainment world to the business world of meetings and presentations
- **A combination of groupware:** Combines the functions of software for communication, collaboration and coordination in one solution. Some examples, and related standards, are shown →

Type of groupware >>	Audio and video conferencing	Instant messaging	Multi-user editors, whiteboards, version control
Examples	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wengo • Skype • Gizmo • Sipgate 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IRC • ICQ • AIM • Jabber 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Google Docs • Zoho • MediaWiki • ACE • SVN
Standards and protocols involved	H.320, H.323, SIP, H.264, others	XMPP, SIMPLE, others	HTTP, ODF, XML, WebDAV, others

	Remote collaboration tools (vendor)
Examples	Acrobat Connect (Adobe) GoToMeeting (Citrix) Lotus Sametime (IBM) Office Live Meeting (Microsoft) one2meet (Netviewer) OpenMeetings (Open Source project) Marratech (acquired by Google) WebEx Meeting Center (Cisco) etc.
Standards and protocols involved	H.323, T.120, SIP, SIMPLE, XML, XMPP, SSL, TLS, AES, HTTP, LDAP, etc.

C. In a systemic way, by using ICTs to reduce emission in other sectors

ICT and Intelligent Transport Systems

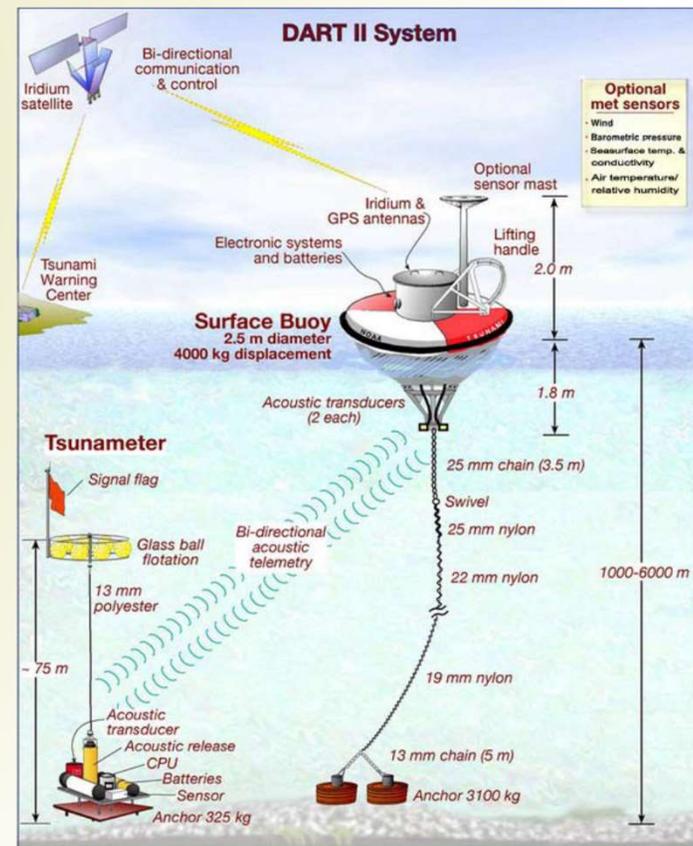
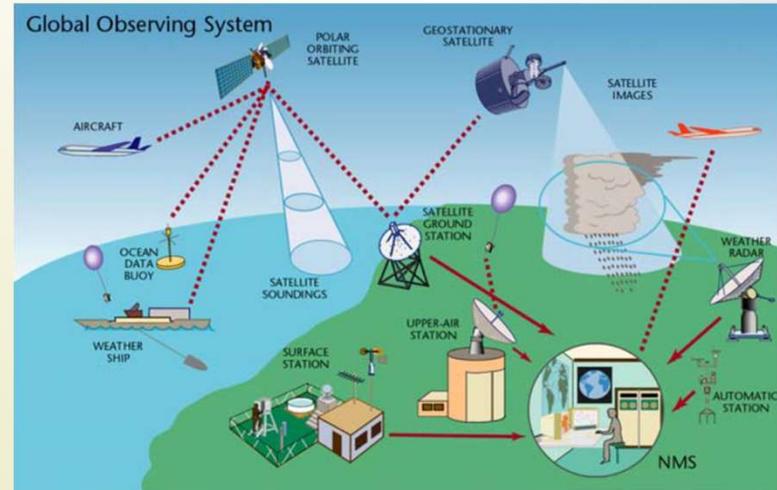
- **Parking guidance systems** can lead motorists to the most appropriate parking space, and thereby reduce engine time
- **GPS use for navigation** or vehicle dispatch can reduce journey time
- **Road pricing schemes**, such as the congestion charge in Singapore and London can encourage greater use of public transport, reduce congestion, thereby reducing journey times
- **Using cars as an environment monitoring tool**, Feeding real-time data collected from vehicle on average speed, climatic conditions, hold ups etc into satellite navigation systems → give other vehicles real-time picture of road conditions and suggest alternatives as appropriate



<http://statetimesreview.com/2016/02/25/singapores-road-usage-tax-erp-goes-gps-by-2020/>

ICT at work for climate change and impacts monitoring

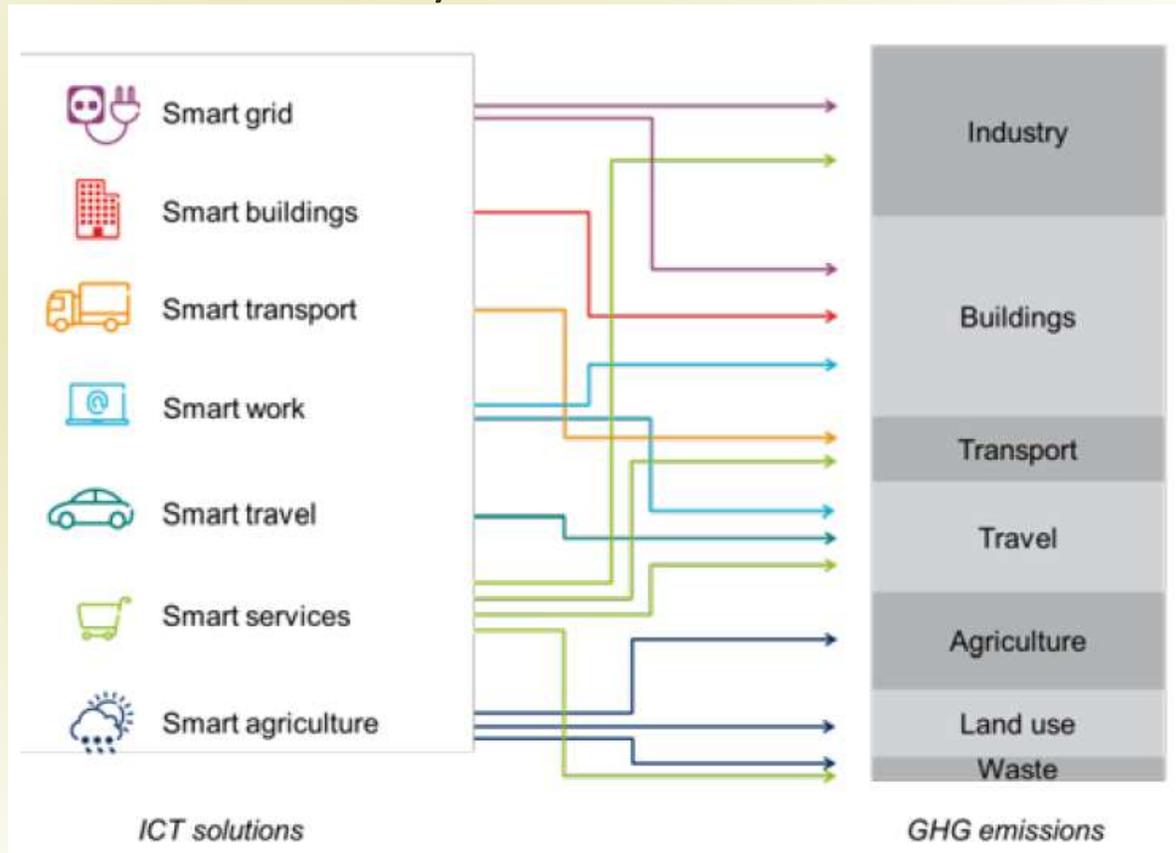
- WMO World Weather Watch, incorporate:
 - Global Observing system
 - Global Telecom System
 - Global Data Processing system
- Remote sensing
- Environmental monitoring
 - Tsunami early-warning system
- Digital climate forecasting models
- GPS-enabled telemetry
- Ubiquitous sensor networks



2008 Tim Kelly, Head, Standardization Policy Division International Telecommunication Union (ITU), C7 eEnvironment, WSIS action line facilitation meeting, Geneva, 21 May 2008

ICT solutions' Global GHG mitigation potential in 2030

ICT is expected to have large potentials to reduce the GHG emissions across society → How?

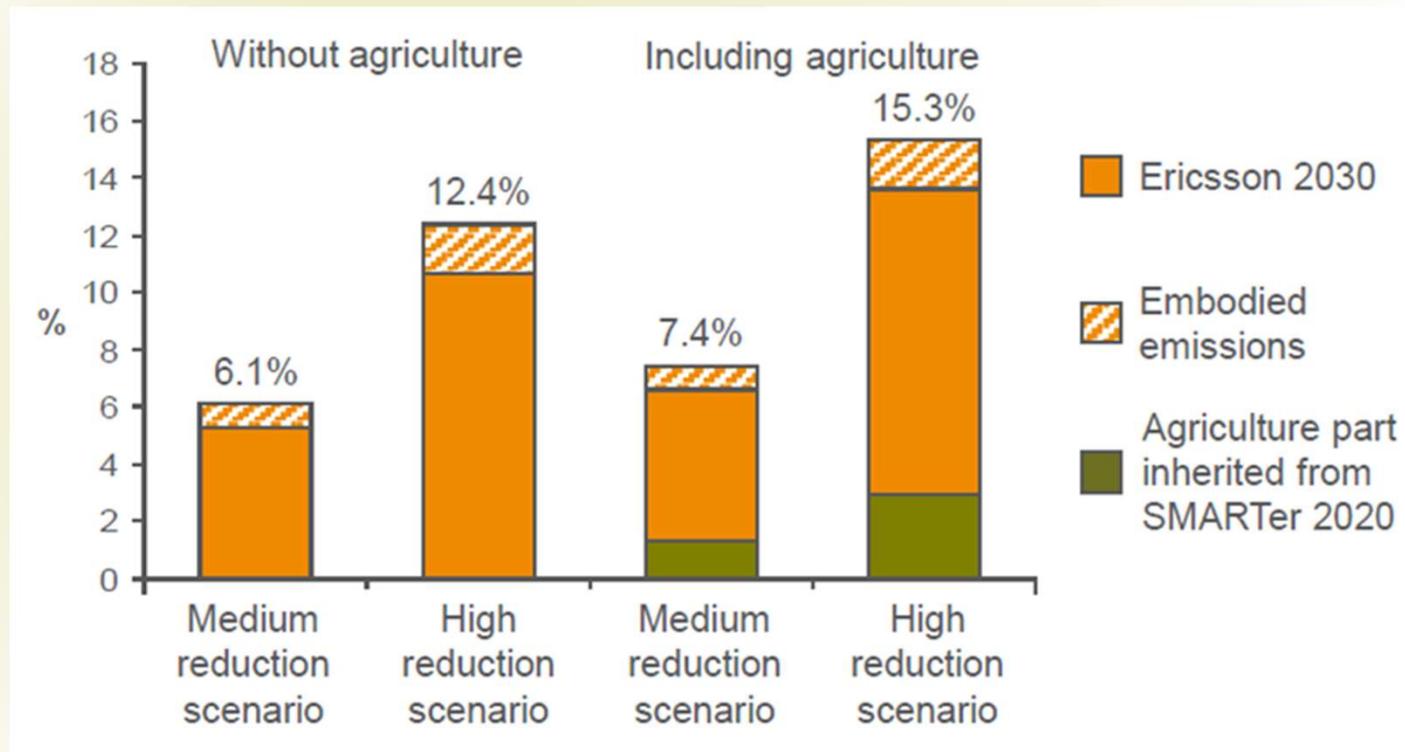


ICT Solutions considered in this study

Enabling ICT solutions	Ref. high %	MRPS/HRPS %*	Addressable emissions % of emissions from (sub)sector	Smart work: Telemeetings, etc.	60	20 / 30	Air business travel: 7% of Travel sector
Smart grids: Smart metering	10	5 / 10	Residential buildings energy: 57% of Buildings sector	Telemeetings, etc.	50	10 / 20	Car business travel: 12% of Travel sector
Power grid optimization	60	15 / 30	Transmission and distribution electricity losses: 8% of electricity, 2% of global emissions	Telemeetings, etc.	-	12.5 / 25	Hotels used for business, 1.6% of Building sector
Facilitating renewable energy sources	9	2 / 7	Electricity production: 25% of global emissions	Reduced office space, due to ICT	25	10 / 20	Office buildings: 7% of Buildings sector
Smart buildings: Smart building solutions for offices, stores, hotels, schools, etc.	40	10 / 15	Energy consumption in offices, stores, hotels, schools, etc.: 31% of Buildings sector	Teleworking	50	15 / 30	25% of private car travel is allocated to employees who could work from home to some extent: 17.5% of Travel sector
Smart building solutions for healthcare, food stores and services, etc.	17	3 / 5	Energy consumption in healthcare, food stores and services, etc.: 9% of Buildings sector	Smart travel: Smart public travel	10	5 / 10	Private car travel: 35% of Travel sector
Smart transports: Route optimization, fleet management	23	10 / 20	All road transport: 58% of Transport sector	Fleet car management	23	8 / 15	Commercial car travel: 12% of Travel sector
Facilitating the choice of transport mode with help of ICT	50	5 / 10	Shift from air to train/ship, 10% of Transport sector	Route optimization	17	5 / 10	All road travel: 82% of Travel sector
				Smart services: e-commerce solutions, products-to- services	10	5 / 10	All transports and industry: 100% of Transport sector 100% of Industry sector
				Smart agriculture incl. land use:	13	7 / 13	Agriculture incl land use: 100% of Agriculture sector

Medium Reduction Potential Scenario; High Reduction Potential Scenario
Ref. High → highest reported

Effect of ICT solutions on Global GHG mitigation in 2030



Total GHG emission reduction potential due to the studied ICT solutions:

- @ 10 GtCO₂e or 15% of the global GHG emissions in 2030 (high reduction potential scenario)

Thank you

New Trends to Mitigate GHG Emissions

Behavioral change and collaborative consumption

Collaborative consumption

- Collaborative consumption— This is the systems of organized sharing, bartering, lending, trading, renting, gifting, and swapping
- Booming digital ‘Networking’ technology
- Through networking you can do more with less
- We are already sharing products on a scale never before possible

Collaborative consumption

- <http://www.zipcar.com/>

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<http://www.zipcar.com/>

Beyond Zipcar: Collaborative Consumption

by Rachel Botsman and Roo Rogers

Companies to offer goods as a service rather than sell them as products

Used or preowned goods are moved from somewhere they are not needed to somewhere they are, either free or with price

People with similar needs or interests band together to share and exchange less-tangible assets

	THE PROBLEM	THE SOLUTION
PRODUCT SERVICE SYSTEMS	Half of U.S. households own power drills, but most of them are used for only 6 to 13 minutes during their lifetime.	 <p>Zilok.com offers peer-to-peer daily rental of tools, camcorders, and other goods.</p>
REDISTRIBUTION MARKETS	Americans discard 7 million tons of cardboard annually.	 <p>UsedCardboardBoxes.com “rescues” and resells boxes to movers.</p>
COLLABORATIVE LIFESTYLES	Millions of houses and spare rooms around the world are sitting empty and have “idling capacity.”	 <p>Airbnb.com, the “Match.com for travel,” allows anyone from private residents to commercial property owners to rent out their extra space.</p>

<https://www.airbnb.com/>

Why host on Airbnb?

No matter what kind of home or room you have to share, Airbnb makes it simple and secure to earn money and reach millions of travelers looking for unique places to stay, just like yours.

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2 Welcome guests

Get to know guests before arrival by messaging them on our platform.

Most hosts clean the spaces guests can use, and provide essentials like clean sheets, towels, and toilet paper.

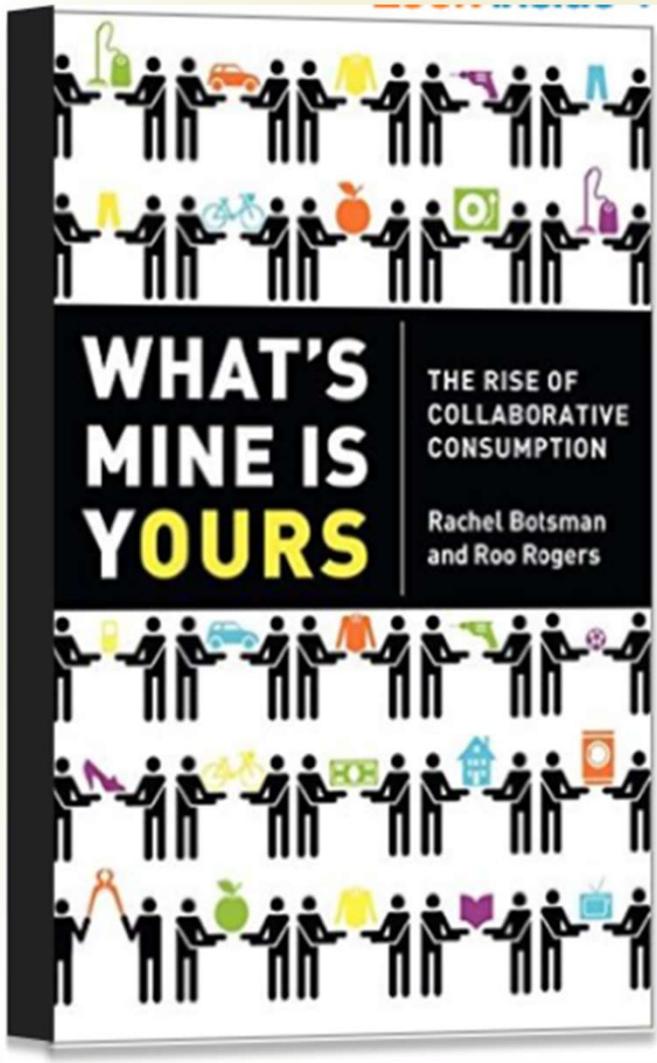
You can greet guests in person with a key or just send them a door code.

3 Get paid

Airbnb's secure payment system means you never have to deal with money directly.

Guests are charged before arrival, and you are paid automatically after check in, minus a 3% service fee.

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10 Ideas That Will Change the World

Our best shots for tackling our worst problems, from war and disease to unemployment and deficits

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Today's Smart Choice: Don't Own. Share

By Bryan Walsh | Thursday, Mar. 17, 2011

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VIEW ALL

Someday we'll look back on the 20th century and wonder why we owned so much stuff. Not that it wasn't great at first. After thousands of years during which most human beings lived hand to mouth, in the 20th century the industrial economies of the West and eventually much of the rest of the world began churning out consumer goods — refrigerators, cars, TVs, telephones, computers. George W. Bush won re-election as President in 2004 in part by proclaiming an "ownership society": "The more ownership there is in America, the more vitality there is in America."

Even as Bush was announcing its birth though, the ownership society was rotting from the inside out. Its demise began with

