# Implications of Cloud Computing to Our Environment

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## **Enabling Reductions**

#### Industry

Smart motors

- Industrial process automation
- Dematerialisation\* (reduce production of DVDs, paper)

#### Transport

Smart logistics Private transport optimisation Dematerialisation (e-commerce, videoconferencing, teleworking) Efficient vehicles (plug-ins and smart cars) Traffic flow monitoring, planning and simulation

#### Buildings

Smart logistics† Smart buildings Dematerialisation (teleworking) Smart grid‡

#### Power

Smart grid Efficient generation of power, combined heat and power (CHP)



# **Approach to Sustainability**

#### **Operations**

- EPA Climate Leader: 25% Reduction Goal
- EPA Green Power Partner
- Global IP-Based Data Tool

#### **Products**

- EnergyWise
- Adaptive Power Management
- Reduced packaging, hazardous substance use

#### Solutions

- Smart Grid, Converged Buildings Systems
- •Cloud Computing and Virtualization
- •TelePresence
- Planetary Skin

#### Internal & External Engagement

- Employee Collaboration (X-PRIZE, Earth Day)
- Industry Consortia (standards, policy, best practices)
- Government Partnership (UN, WEF)

# **Cloud Computing Implications**

### Cloud computing can avoid millions of metric tons of CO<sub>2</sub>

#### • "A typical food&beverage firm

transitioning its human resources (HR) application from dedicated IT to a public cloud can reduce CO **emissions by 30,000 metric tons over five** years. These reductions are equivalent to the annual emissions from 5,900 passenger vehicles.

• The same food & beverage firm transitioning its HR application from dedicated IT to a private internal cloud can reduce CO emissions by **25,000 metric tons** over five years. These reductions are equivalent to the annual emissions from 4,900 passenger vehicles.

• From an economy-wide standpoint, US businesses with annual revenues of more than \$1 billion can cut CO **emissions by 85.7 million metric tons annually** by 2020 as a result of spending 69% of infrastructure, platform and software budgets on cloud services. "

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### **Data Center Solar Power**

"I love solar power, but in reflecting carefully on a couple of high profile datacenter deployments of solar power, I'm really developing serious reservations that this is the path to reducing data center environmental impact.

I just can't make the math work and find myself wondering if these large solar farms are really somewhere between a bad idea and pure marketing, where the environmental impact is purely optical."

James Hamilton, Amazon

http://perspectives.mvdirona.com/

# **ITU-T Some Call Outs**

ITU-T SG13, WP-6 Cloud Computing

http://www.itu.int/ITU-T/studygroups/com13/index.asp

SG5, ICTs and Climate Change

http://www.itu.int/ITU-T/studygroups/com05/index.asp

JCA Cloud Computing

http://www.itu.int/en/ITU-T/jca/Cloud/Pages/default.aspx

ICT as Part of the Solution Global e-Sustainability Initiative

- ICT could reduce global greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions up to 15% by 2020
  Five times its own footprint in 2020
- **Cisco Vision**: Make every Internet connection a greener connection





Source: <u>SMART 2020</u>: Enabling the Low Carbon Economy in the Information Age, Report, June 2008

### Network as the Platform

"By deploying innovative information technology and using the network as the platform for 21<sup>st</sup> century energy management, we believe we can significantly alter our greenhouse gas footprint and help our customers meet their sustainability goals."

John T. Chambers Chairman and CEO Cisco



# Thank you.

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# **BACK-UP**

#### World GHG Emissions Flow Chart







## What is the Smart Grid?

A digital infrastructure which uses networking technology to embed processing and communications into the analog power grid, enabling it to become more:

Observable	Controllable	Automated	Integrated
Full awareness of	Driving the grid to any desired state	Rapidly adapt to	Connecting siloed
grid state -		changing	utility systems and
transporting		conditions without	processes – full
sensor data and		human	realization of
control commands		intervention	business benefits

#### **Enables Utilities to:**

- Substantially increase grid efficiency and reliability
- Meet regulatory compliance
- Lower operational costs
- Create new, innovative energy service delivery

## **Smart Grid Enables**

- Consumer Participation: Control over home energy management, reduction in energy use
- Efficiency: Improved operation of the entire power delivery chain, reducing losses
- Renewables: Integration of renewables like wind and solar
- Distributed Generation: Consumers can generate energy and put the excess back on to the power grid
- Demand Response: Automated, real-time distribution of energy leveling out spikes in demand
- Grey-to-Green Transformation: Changing the fuel mix to shift away from fossil fuels



## **Connected Workplace**

- 40% increase in space utilization
- 40% reduction in electricity demand
- 54% reduction in IT cabling
- Significant reduction in construction materials
- Increased telecommuting
- Reduced greenhouse gas emissions



### Planetary Skin: Global Collaborative Imperative

- Launched March 3rd 2009
- Partnership with NASA
- Millions of Sensors, Satellites Collect Data Everyday
- Captures, Analyzes & Interprets Global Environmental Data
- Real-time & Reliable Information
- To be used by Government, Non-Profits & Business

