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Estimating and mitigating the energy footprint of ICTs

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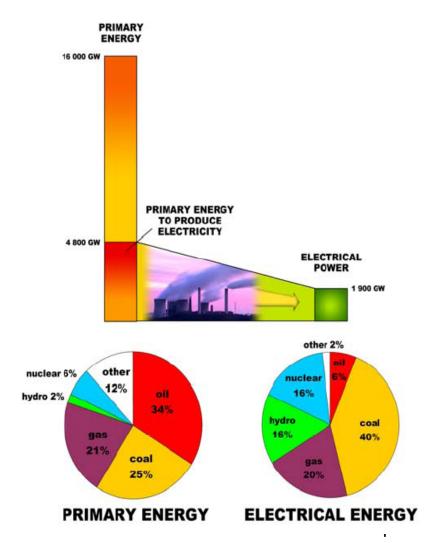


Worldwide energy production





- Average energy production 2007
- 16000 GW
- 30% electrical power production.
- Electrical Power Production has a yield factor of 40%
- Primary Energy growth rate of 2% p.a.
- Electrical Power growth rate of 3% p.a.







ICT equipment





Data center

Servers, storage, cooling, UPS, ...

PCs

Desktop, Laptop, Screen, ...

Network Equipment

- Datacom and Telecom infrastructure, User Premises Equipment
- Not: Data Center Network Equipment, Built-in network interface in PC

■ TVs

TV, DVD player, Decoder, ...

Other

Audio Equipment, Game Consoles, Telephones, ...

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Worldwide Energy Needs ICTs





Equipment Type	Est. Consumption 2007 (GW)	Est. Annual growth rate
Data centers	26	12%
PCs	28	7.5%
Network Equipment	22	12%
TVs	40	9%
Others	40	5%
Total	156	p. 4



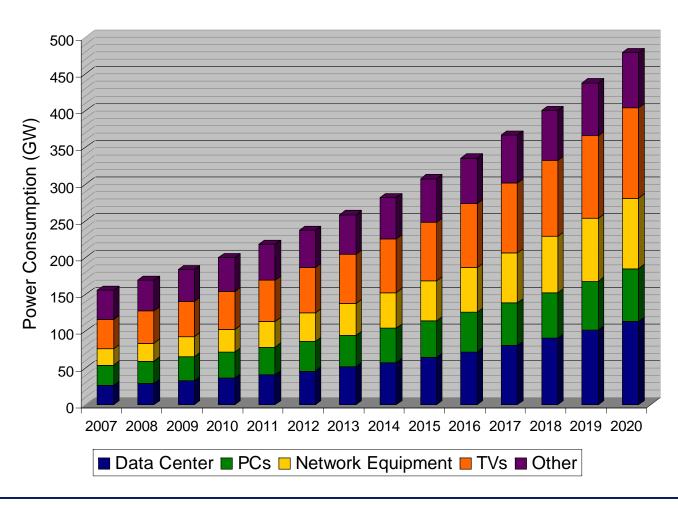


ICT Power Consumption Forecast





Yearly Power Consumption Forecast









Life Cycle Analysis





Production of a PC

- 4850 MJ non-electrical energy
- 1550 MJ electrical energy
- ⇒ 8700 MJ primary energy

Use phase of a PC

- Average use time of 4 years
- 28 W average power consumption
- ⇒ 8800 MJ primary energy





Worldwide Energy Needs





- Currently 2.5 3% of worldwide energy consumption
- 8% of the annual electricity production
- In 2020 approx. 14% of worldwide energy consumption
- Only use phase!



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Mitigations





Individual Devices

- Optimize Hardware
- Optimize Software
- Easy to measure

New network paradigms

- Optimize use of network elements
- Eliminate redundant network elements

Policy Supporting Studies

- Standards for Power Consumption
- Energy Labels





Conclusions





- Power consumption growth in ICTs is unsustainable.
- When comparing to other sectors primary energy consumption needs to be calculated (→ electrical energy)
- Life Cycle Analysis needs to be taken into account
- When optimizing focus both on individual devices and network paradigms
- Overall impact of new solutions must be taken into account (e.g. FTTH: consumption of network equipment and customer premises equipment)

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Thank you for your attention

