TIC vertes et responsables, un accélérateur de transformations, ensemble avec les sciences des données et l'IA

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Sustainability Challenges

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GHG emissions & Resource extraction



GeSI SMARTer 2020 – Keynote presented in ICT4S 2014

Consequences

- Temperature changes
- Weather pattern shifts
- Ice sheet melting \succ
- Rainforest dieback
- Acidification of oceans
 - Species extinction





Dr. L. Hilty UoZurich- Keynote presented in ICT4S 2014

Role of green sustainable ICT research

Decoupling is based on technological substitution

- ICT is a catalyst for substituting immaterial resources (information) for material resources
- Research helps understand and improves the role of ICT in technological substitution

□ How can ICT contribute?

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- Bring about direct efficiency gains
 - Measuring, monitoring, intelligent management and control, etc.
- Help drive behavioural change
 - Provide reliable data to governments, industries, citizens about energy consumption / carbon emissions
 - Identify how much energy/resource is used and where
 - Enable comparative analyses: identification of common inefficiencies, best practices and opportunities

ICT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

But ICT also causes environmental impact

- 2.3% of global GHG emissions
- Expected to enable a 20% reduction of global CO₂ in 2030
- May cause rebound effect (additional consumption due to resource savings from efficiency)



Emission reduction through ICT



ICT ENABLING SAVINGS

Environment - ICT-enablement factor (2030)



Source: Source: WRI, IPCC, GeSI, SMARTer2020, Accenture analysis & CO2 models

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ICT ENABLES REVENUE OPPORTUNITIES

\$4.5 trillion are enabled by ICT across eight sectors (2030)

Economic - ICT-enabled revenue opportunities across sectors (2030)



ICT & BEHAVIORS - ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

To what extent ICT may help reducing environmental impact?

- ICT could help reaching 130/169 of SDGs' targets
- We need metrics to quantitively assess environmental impact & benefits of ICT

Life cycle assessment (LCA) can provide some answers

- Assesses environmental impact along a product's life cycle & across different indicators
- Still limited to account for higher order effect (behavioral change, rebound effect...)



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ICT & BEHAVIORS - USE PHASE IN LCA



ICT & POLICIES

Sustainable development goal (SDG) 12, target 8:

"By 2030 ensure that people everywhere have the relevant information and awareness for sustainable development and lifestyles in harmony with nature"

ICT may help reaching that target through behavioral change \rightarrow LCA may assess benefits of behavioral change



ICT & POLICIES - NUDGING

One way ICT may change user behaviors is through nudging

- Nudging aims at influencing people's behaviors while preserving their freedom of choice
- Nudging is different from prescriptive and market-based policies

Most "everyday life" decisions:

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- ▶ Prone to cognitive biases → thus, those decisions leads to sub-optimal outcomes (utility is not maximized)
- Nudging exploit or alleviate biases to restore an optimal outcome





ICT & POLICIES - THE RISKS OF NUDGING

Privacy & autonomy issues:

- Many data on people's behavior and opinions may be necessary
- Requiring people to state their privacy preferences is already hindering on their privacy!
- Push of a decision rather than another is a form of coercion
- People's behaviors are already altered just by being watched (issue of privacy)
 Cambridge analytica

Other issues:

scandal: Mark Zuckerberg in front of the congress

 Choice architect responsibility (must be conflicts of interest)

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Persistence

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Sources: Barton, A., Grüne-Yanoff, T., 2015; The Wll street journal







Mission:

Build a holistic approach to sustainability through ICT by incorporating green metrics and design practices throughout IEEE technical domains. Interactions among multiple IEEE societies and initiatives to implement energy-sustainable:

- Metrics
- Hardware design methods
- Energy-aware algorithms
- Power-proportional computing designs



- Standards
- Conferences and events
- Publications
- Education

Deliveries:

- 9 standard proposals (approved in Nov 2016)
 - 3 new IEEE-SA working groups
- Green through ICT Summits (Paris,2017; Montreal, 2019)
- Publications:
 - •IEEE Magazine "Sustainability and ICT"
 - IEEE Transactions on Green Communications and Networking
 - Courses and Webinars

Initiative Chairmen: Dr. Jaafar Elmirghani, Dr. Charles Despins and Dr. Thierry Klein



ICT change our ways of: commuting, living at home, working...

The effect of ICT on behaviors can be further harnessed through nudging

Studying nudges and behavioral change in LCA entails to represent the use phase accurately \rightarrow ABM = suited tool: it represents individuals & their interactions

Nudging:

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- Only one tool among policy-makers toolbox, sometimes incentives or regulations are more effective
- ▶ ICT allows personalizing nudges → increases their effectiveness
- Must be carefully designed to avoid autonomy & privacy issues

Combining ABM and LCA also allows to study an unwanted consequence of behavioral change: rebound effect

Development of standards is crucial.

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