

Semiconductors to Smart Devices Capturing the System-Wide Impacts of a Growing Internet of Things Infrastructure

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### Systems-wide approach to IoT assessment



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Other IoT

Artificial

Intelligence

Autonomous

Vehicles

Smart

Buildings

Smart

Manufacturing

Information Communication Technology

Electronics Manufacturing

The Implications of Advanced Manufacturing in a Connected Economy Moving Towards a Smart, Sustainable, and Productive Economy

- Chapter 1: ICT Infrastructure
  - Data center infrastructure
  - Data network infrastructure
  - Connected devices
  - Advance computational devices
- Chapter 2: Electronic Device Manufacturing
  - Life-Cycle Energy and Cost of IC Manufacturing
  - Global IC Manufacturing Supply Chain Trends and Competitiveness
  - Embodied Carbon in the U.S. computer and electronics manufacturing sector
  - EoL Management and Manufacturing Potentials of eWaste
  - Chapter 3: Data Characterization Framework
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  - SM and IoT Tech in the Iron and Steel Industry
  - SM and IoT Tech in the Automotive Industry
  - SM Energy Savings Estimates for Other Industries



## Challenge of global supply chains



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- Manufacturing of electronic components crosses multiple boarders
- Limited data on manufacturing energy/material use
- Proprietary manufacturing practices



# Challenge of a rapidly evolving technology



#### Computer processor efficiency

- Peak output efficiency doubled energy 1.5 years since 1950s<sup>1</sup>
- More recently efficiency doubling takes 2.7 years<sup>2</sup>
- Electricity intensity of data transmission
  - Observed kWh/GB transfer has decreased by half every 2 years<sup>3</sup>
- Data center workloads and energy
  - From 2010 to 2018 power demands rose just six percent in the time it took for compute instances to jump 550 percent<sup>4</sup>

### Trends in global data center energy-use drivers



PUE, power usage effectiveness; IP, internet protocol.

#### Sources:

<sup>1</sup>Koomey et al 2011. *Implications of historical trends in the electrical efficiency of computing*. IEEE Annals of the History of Computing <sup>2</sup>Koomey & Naffziger 2015. *Moore's Law might be slowing down, but not energy efficiency*. IEEE Spectrum.

<sup>3</sup>Aslan et al, 2018. *Electricity intensity of Internet data transmission: Untangling the estimates*. Journal of Industrial Ecology

<sup>4</sup>Masanet, E., Shehabi, A., Lei, N., Smith, S. and Koomey, J., 2020. Recalibrating global data center energy-use estimates. Science



# Challenge of consequential implications



- Direct ICT equipment impacts
  - -Operation energy
  - -Embodied resource
  - Disposal
- Direct ICT application impacts
  - Efficiency
  - -Substitution
  - Direct rebound
- Indirect ICT application impacts
  - -Indirect rebound
- Structural economic changes
- Systematics transformation

Taxonomy of ICT energy effects Red effects increase energy use, blue effects decrease energy use, and shading intensity decreases as effect scope increases



Scope of Impact



Horner et al., 2016, Known unknowns: Indirect energy effects of information and communication technology. Environ. Res. Lett

### Initial questions around of IoT assessment

- Sector level IoT applications, growth, and effects —Smart Cities, Smart Manufacturing, Smart Buildings, etc.
- Equipment & infrastructure needs to meet IoT applications
- Manufacturing requirements to meet equipment & infrastructure needs

