

More Data, Less Energy: Making Network Standby More Efficient in Billions of Connected Devices

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The global energy footprint of ICT is large and growing

Electricity demand of networks, PCs and data centres



Electricity demand of ICT is growing at a much faster rate than overall electricity demand



Connected devices are driving ICT energy demand



Network-enabled device electricity demand is growing at a rate of 6% per year



How much could we save?



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Where are the big savings opportunities?

Example of energy consumption of a game console model



Some devices use most of their electricity just to maintain connectivity



Energy management and power scaling



Power scaling matches power draw to work performed



What can we do?

How different actors across the value chain can promote energy efficiency



Everyone has a role to play in enabling the development and uptake of energy efficient solutions



Policy options and technical foundations

- Policy approaches: energy requirements, voluntary agreements, endorsement of best performers, consumer awareness campaigns
- Technical foundations: standards (testing and measurement, network architecture) and communication protocols



Devices also need a holiday

Swiss consumer awareness raising campaign



Savings of 65 GWh just by turning devices off for 4 weeks



Policy examples

EU

Voluntary agreements

Mandatory requirements

Republic of Korea

Mandatory and voluntary requirements

US US

Voluntary agreement on set-top boxes

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Switzerland

Awareness raising campaigns



IEA digital energy efficiency initiative

- Develop and implement policies to promote energy efficiency
- Strengthen foundations for policy making
 - Standards
- Intensify international cooperation
 - Policy cooperation platform
 - Policy Industry cooperation platform



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