

Digitalization & Energy

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Digital technologies are everywhere....





Drivers of digitalization: data, analytics, and connectivity



Based on BNEF (2017), Utilities, Smart Thermostats and the Connected Home Opportunity; Holdowsky et al. (2015), Inside the Internet of Things; IEA (2017), Renewables; Tracking Clean Energy Progress; World Energy Investment; Navigant Research (2017), Market data: Demand Response. Global Capacity, Sites, Spending and Revenue Forecasts.

Since 2008, data collection, storage, and transmission costs have declined by over 90%

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Entering the zettabyte era

KΒ kilobyte 10³ bytes megabyte 10⁶ bytes MB gigabyte 10⁹ bytes GB TΒ terabyte 10¹² bytes PB petabyte 1015 bytes 10¹⁸ bytes EΒ exabyte zettabyte 10²¹ bytes 7B YΒ vottabyte 10²⁴ bytes 1987 1997 2 **TB** 60 PB

2007 **54 EB**

2017 **1.1 ZB** 1 Yottabyte 1,000 Zettabytes or 250 Trillion DVDs

1 Zettabyte

1 Exabyte

1.000 Petabytes or

250 Million DVDs

1.000 Exabytes or

250 Billion DVDs

20 Yottabytes A holographic snapshot of the earth's surface

300 Zettabytes

The Byte Scale

The amount of visual information conveyed from the eyes to the brain of the entire human race in a single year\$

1 Zettabyte The amount of data that has traversed the Internet since its creation

400 Exabytes

The amount of data that crossed the Internet in 2012 alone

100 Exabytes

A video recording of all the meetings that took place last year across the world

5 Exabytes A text transcript of all words ever spoken[†]

100 Petabytes

The amount of data produced in a single minute by the particle collider at CERN

480 Terabytes

A digital library of all the world's catalogued books in all languages

Roy Williams, "Data Powers of Ten".

1 Petabyte 1.000 Terabytes or

250,000 DVDs

Based on an estimate by the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine that the retina transmits information to the brain at 10 Mbps.

All other figures are Cisco estimates. Source: Cisco VNI 2017

Sources: Cisco (2017). The Zettabyte Era: Trends and Analysis June 2017; Cisco (2015). The History and Future of Internet Traffic.

Internet data traffic is growing exponentially, tripling over the past five years

World electricity and backbone internet infrastructure





Electricity use by data centres and networks







Sustained efficiency gains could keep ICT electricity demand largely in check over the next five years, despite exponential growth in demand for data centre and network services

Poll Q1



Which sector do you think will be most impacted / transformed by digitalization over the next 5-10 years?

- a) Buildings
- b) Transport
- c) Industry
- d) Oil & gas
- e) Coal
- f) Power

Buildings: reducing global energy demand





AWAY



Cumulative energy savings in buildings from digitalization

Widespread deployment of smart building controls could reduce energy use by 10% to 2040

Buildings: enabling demand-side response





Household electricity consumption of appliances and other small plug loads TWh 6 0 0 0 5 0 0 0 4 0 0 0 3 000 2 000 1 0 0 0 2010 2015 2020 2025 2030 2035 2040 Network-enabled Not connected

The growth in network-enabled devices presents opportunities for smart demand response but also increases needs for standby power control

Buildings: broadening horizons





New business models for enhanced energy services could help overcome technical and economic barriers to digitalization in buildings.

Digitalization and transport







Digital solutions for trucks and logistics could reduce energy use for road freight by 20-25%

Impacts on road transport energy demand





- Automation, connectivity, sharing, and electrification (ACES) to dramatically reshape mobility
- Impacts on energy demand difficult to predict



Source: Wadud, MacKenzie and Leiby (2016), "Help or hindrance? The travel, energy and carbon impacts of highly automated vehicles".

Road transport energy demand could <u>halve or double</u> from automation and connectivity depending on how technology, behavior, and policy evolve

Energy savings from improvement to industrial process controls



Energy efficiency measures relating to improved process control in small to medium US manufacturers



Source: IAC database

Improvements to industrial process controls produce substantial energy and associated cost savings

Illustrative case study: aircraft component light-weighting







The use of 3D printed components in commercial aircraft could lead to significant material demand and fuel savings

Digital plant twins







Virtual feasibility and durability testing of real process plants can accelerate the innovation cycle by saving time and resources

Digitalization and oil and gas supply



Examples of digital oil and gas supply technologies



The oil and gas sector has a complicated relationship with digital technologies but multiple opportunities are available



Digitalization could increase recoverable resources, decrease production costs, improve health and safety, and reduce the environmental impact of production











Increasing performance step by step





Drones, data processing and remote operation may optimize the use of big and expensive machinery

Safety will be the main benefit of digitalization





Mechanization of underground mine and use of super-giant machinery in surface mines removed most of the mining jobs. Driverless trucks and shovels and remote longwalls will reduce further

Electricity generation and networks



*Green = benefit to asset owner, red = system benefits and consumers, blue = global environmental benefits

Digital data and analytics in existing systems can deliver benefits to the owners of power sector assets, the wider electricity system, consumers and the environment

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Electricity generation and networks





Digitalization could save around USD 80 billion per year, or about 5% of total annual power generation costs



- Electricity demand increase?
 - A. 110%
 - B. 55%
 - C. 12%

• Generation capacity increase, if everyone charged when it was best for them?

- A. 12%
- B. 40%
- C. 20%

The digital transformation of the energy system





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The digital transformation of the energy system





Pre-digital energy systems are defined by unidirectional flows and distinct roles, digital technologies enable a multi-directional and highly integrated energy system

Providing system flexibility from the demand side







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Optimised demand process

Smart demand response





Demand response programs – in buildings, industry and transport - could provide 185 GW of flexibility, and avoid USD 270 billion of investment in new electricity infrastructure

Smart charging of electric vehicles





EVs smart charging would provide further flexibility to the grid saving between USD 100-280 billion investment in new electricity infrastructure

Integration of variable renewables





Digitalization can help integrate variable renewables by enabling grids to better match energy demand to times when the sun is shining and the wind is blowing.

Distributed energy resources







Blockchain could help to facilitate peer-to-peer electricity trade within local energy communities

Digitalization can facilitate the deployment of residential solar PV and storage, making it easier to store and sell surplus electricity to the grid or locally



What will be the biggest barrier to achieving the benefits of digitalization?

- a) Data ownership / data privacy
- b) Cybersecurity
- c) Economic disruption and transformation (e.g. job losses)
- d) Market design challenges (e.g. ensuring accurate price signals)
- e) Lack of public acceptance / trust with new technologies



- To date, cyber disruptions to energy have been small
- But cyber-attacks are become easier and cheaper malware, ransomware, phishing / whaling, botnets
- Digitalization also increases the "cyber attack surface" of energy systems
- Full prevention is impossible, but impact can be limited:
 - Raised awareness, cyber hygiene, standard setting and staff training
 - Coordinated and proactive preparation by companies and governments
 - Design digital resilience in technologies and systems
- International efforts can help raise awareness and share best practices



Cybersecurity:

The ability to protect or defend the use of cyberspace from cyberattacks and cyber incidents, preserving the availability and integrity of networks and infrastructure and the confidentiality of the information these contain.

Commonly also refers to the safeguards and actions available to do this.

Ukraine, December 2016 (reported May 2017)

- A second brief but significant attack on the Ukrainian electricity system.
- Thought to have been a test run for malware "Industroyer" (also known as "Crash Override"): a versatile malware enabling attackers to view, block, control or destroy grid control equipment, including circuit breakers.
- Malware design suggested expert knowledge of several standardised industrial communication protocols widely used to control infrastructure – not only electricity grids – throughout Europe, Asia and the Middle East.
- This was an example of a cyber intrusion into the control systems of critical infrastructure.

Preparedness



Limiting impact (resilience) is particularly important for **critical infrastructure**: the physical and institutional assets that are essential for an economy to function, such as large-scale energy systems.

- Mexico: identified 3 000 "strategic installations", half of them owned by the national oil company PEMEX and another 13% by the Federal Electricity Commission.
- Germany: any infrastructure on which more than 500 000 people (1/160th of population) depend is considered critical. This includes all gas power plants and electricity transmission grids.



Key message: The handling of some attacks falls within the capability of companies themselves, while larger-scale attacks by sophisticated actors may require more active government responses.

Managing privacy concerns



Source: Newborough and Augood (1999), "Demand-side management opportunities for the UK domestic sector" (reproduced courtesy of the Institution of Engineering and Technology).

- 1. Build digital expertise within their staff.
- 2. Ensure appropriate access to timely, robust, and verifiable data.
- 3. Build flexibility into policies to accommodate new technologies and developments.
- 4. Experiment, including through "learning by doing" pilot projects.
- 5. Participate in broader inter-agency discussions on digitalization.

- 6. Focus on the broader, overall system benefits.
- 7. Monitor the energy impacts of digitalization on overall energy demand.
- 8. Incorporate digital resilience by design into research, development and product manufacturing.
- 9. Provide a level playing field to allow a variety of companies to compete and serve consumers better.
- **10.** Learn from others, including both positive case studies as well as more cautionary tales.





- The energy system is on the cusp of a new digital era
- This first-of-its-kind "Digitalization and Energy" report will help shine a light on digitalization's enormous potential and most pressing challenges
- But impacts are difficult to predict; uncertainty in technology, policy and behaviour
- Much more work needs to be done...
- Next steps for IEA, especially to focus on high impact, high uncertainty areas:
 - Automation, connectivity, and electrification of transport
 - Digitalization, electricity, and smart energy systems



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