

The Role of ICT in Driving a Sustainable Future

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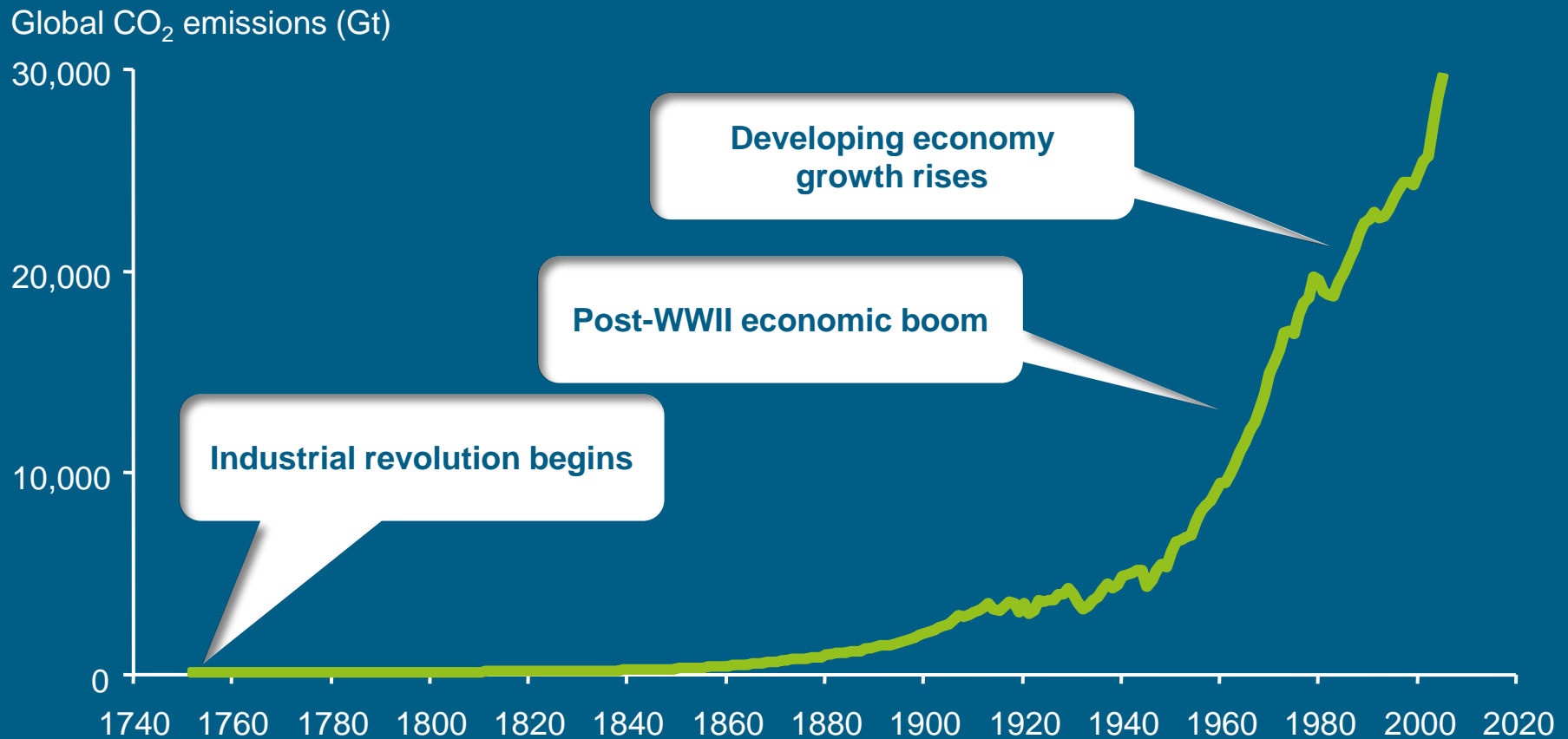


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A sustainable world through responsible, ICT-enabled transformation.



Human activity combined with limited emissions abatement has pushed CO₂ emissions to nearly 32,000 Mt in 2009



GHG emissions lead to dramatic and widespread temperature changes – there are also other destabilizing effects



Temperature changes



Weather pattern shifts



Ice sheet melting



Rainforest dieback



Acidification of oceans



Species extinction

We have re-evaluated ICT's potential to enable a low-carbon economy in 2020

SMARTer 2020 follows up the SMART 2020 study, which first evaluated ICT's potential to enable a low-carbon economy in 2020

In 2008



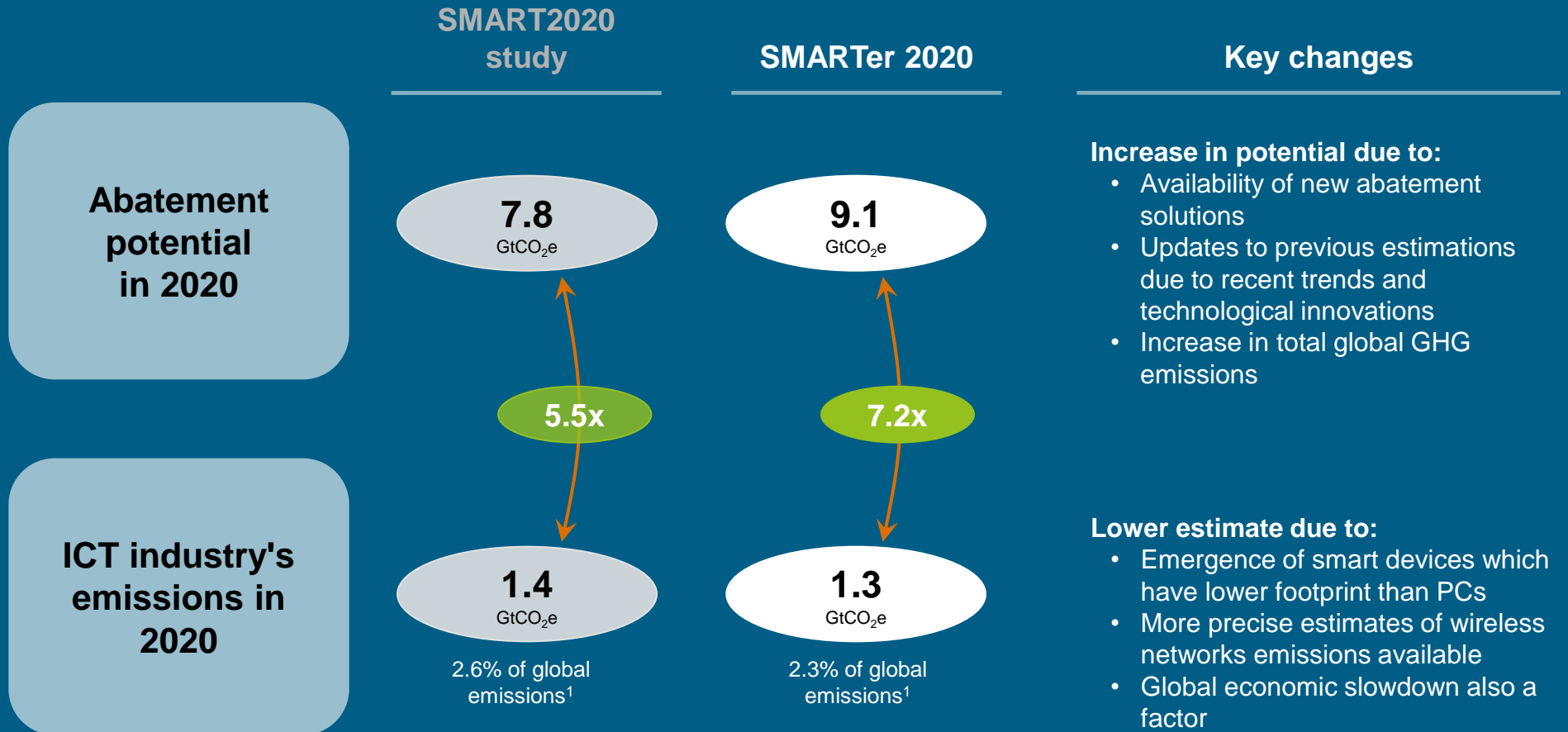
SMART2020

Today



SMARTer 2020

The abatement potential of ICT is seven times the size of the ICT sector's own carbon footprint



1. On a base of 55 Gt CO₂e GHG emissions (IEA)

The potential for information technology to reduce global carbon emissions has been under-estimated until now

9.1 GtCO₂e

Total abatement potential of
ICT-enabled solutions in 2020

16.5%

% of global GHG emissions
in 2020

Emissions savings could yield USD1.9 trillion in gross energy and fuel savings, and 29.5 million jobs would be created

GHG emission reductions



Number of barrels of oil with equivalent emissions¹



At today's crude oil price, value of the oil that would be saved²



Equivalent number of jobs if the money was used in other sectors³

9.1 Gt
(16.5% of total)

As estimated in the report

21.6B
barrels

Barrel of oil emits 0.43 metric tons of CO₂¹

\$1.9T

\$87.99 per barrel of crude oil as of Nov 6, 2012²

29.5M jobs

Using the same ratio of economic value to jobs created as in SMART2020 report

Though estimates, these calculation give a sense of the magnitude of the economic benefits

9.1 gigatons of GHG emissions amounts to USD1.9 trillion in gross energy and fuel savings

Savings of 21.6 billion barrels of oil¹



Equivalent to GDP of the Russian economy²

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Example 1: Smart farming

Agriculture &
Land-Use



Buildings



Manufacturing



Power



Service &
Consumer



Transportation



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Example 2: Automation of industrial processes

Agriculture &
Land-Use



Buildings



Manufacturing



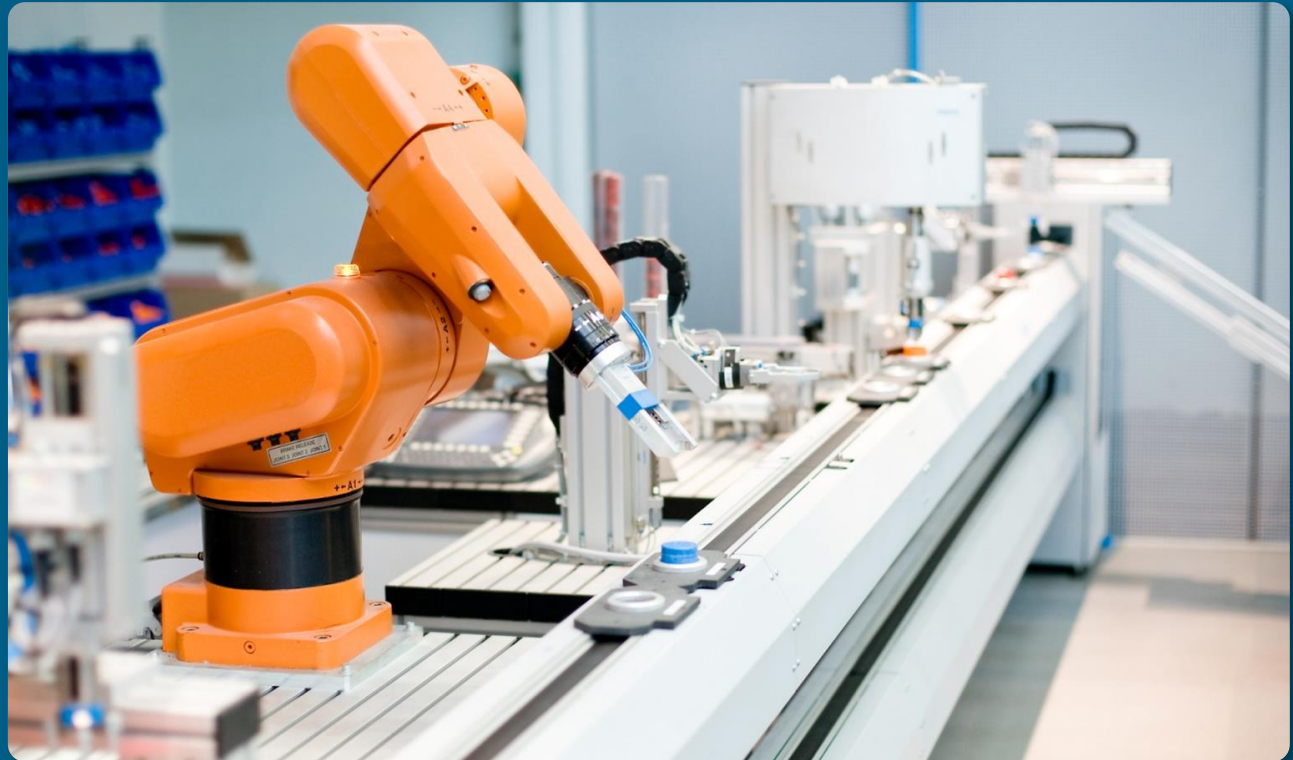
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Example 3: Integration of renewables

Agriculture &
Land-Use



Buildings



Manufacturing



Power



Service &
Consumer



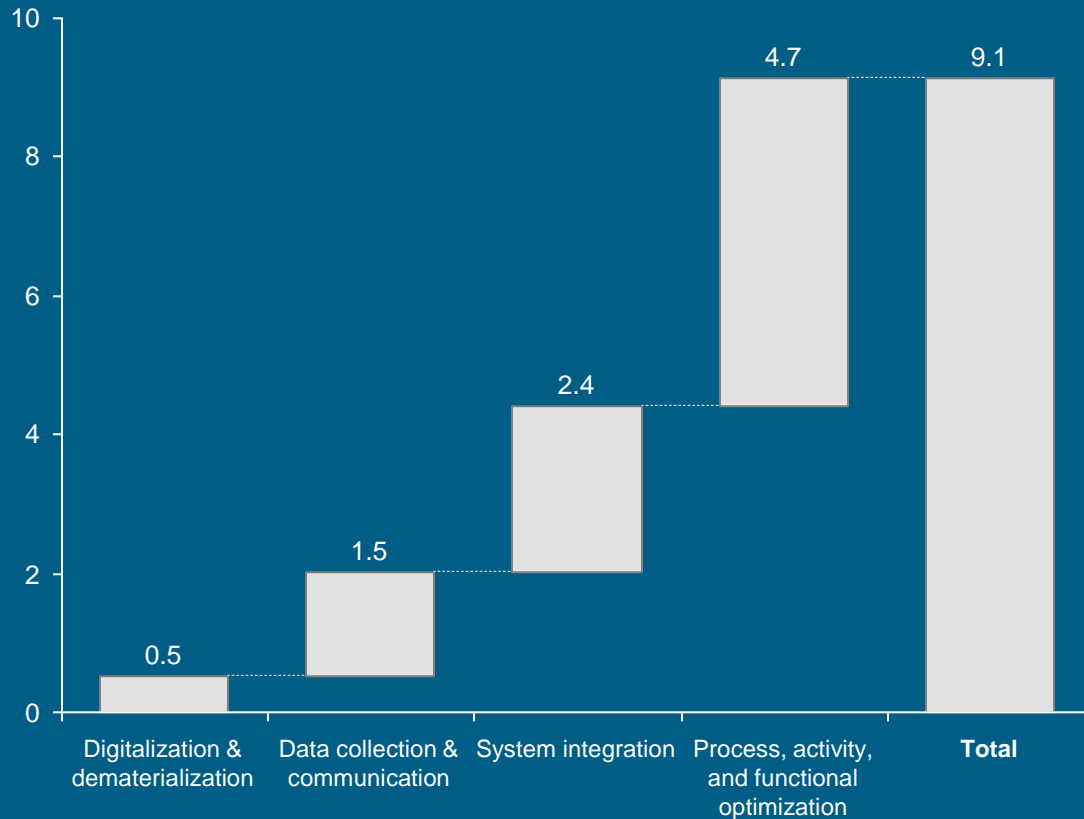
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Emission reductions come from virtualization initiatives such as cloud computing, but also through efficiency gains

Abatement potential by change lever

Abatement potential (GtCO₂e)



Major drivers

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Digital. & dematerial.

- Establishment of technologies that **substitute** or **eliminate** the need for a carbon-intensive product
- Not many new technological innovations in change lever



Data coll. & Comm.

- Trends in **increased data complexity** require real time analysis and communication
- Social media** and networking are also a major driver



System integration

- Driven by solutions that **manage** the use of resources (e.g. building management system) and **integrate** less-carbon intensive processes (e.g. renewables)

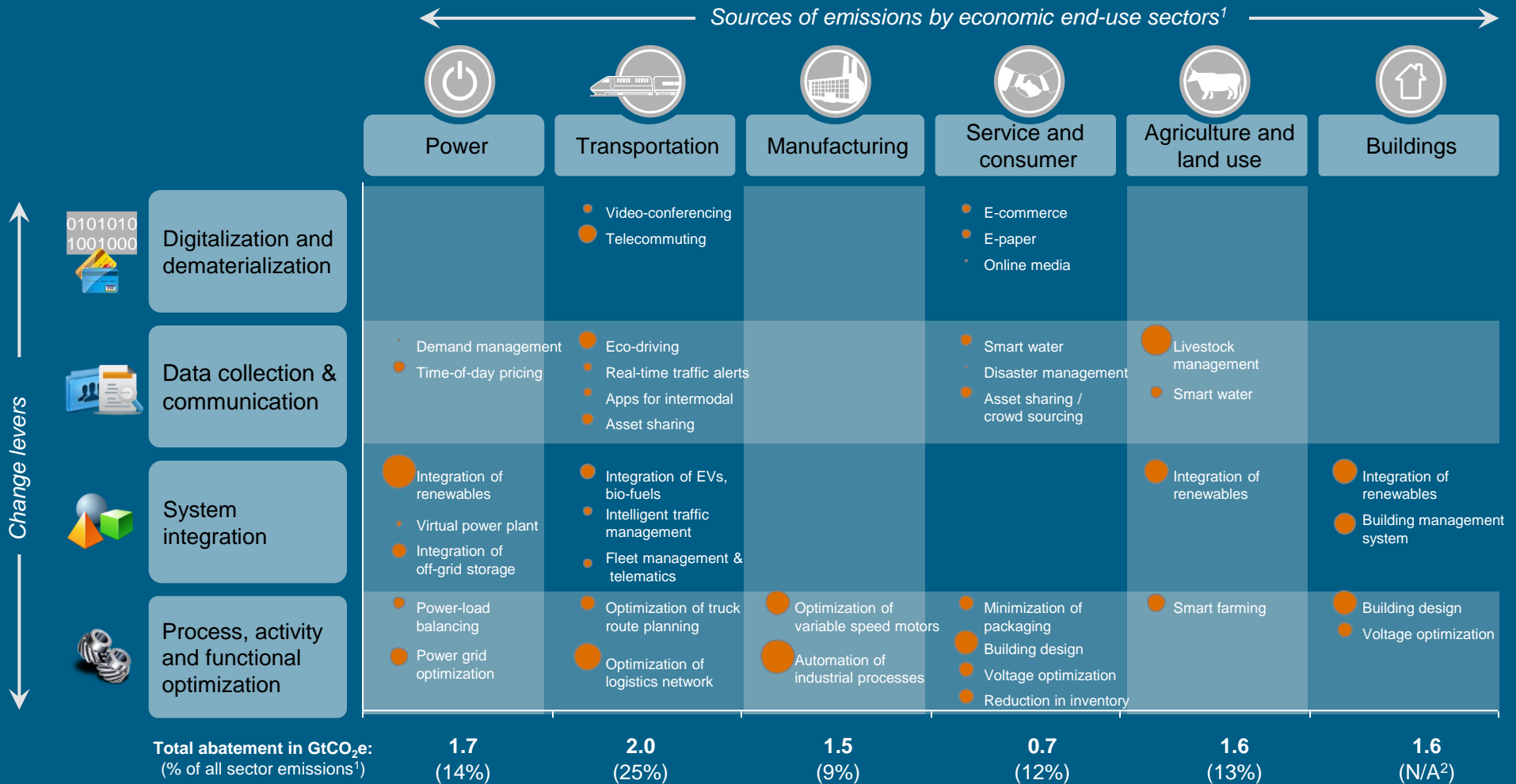


Optimization

- Result of **intelligent** simulation, automation, redesign, or control
- Improved **processing power** driving growth of change lever

35 ICT-enabled abatement solutions identified in the study

Abatement potential modeled individually for each sub-lever



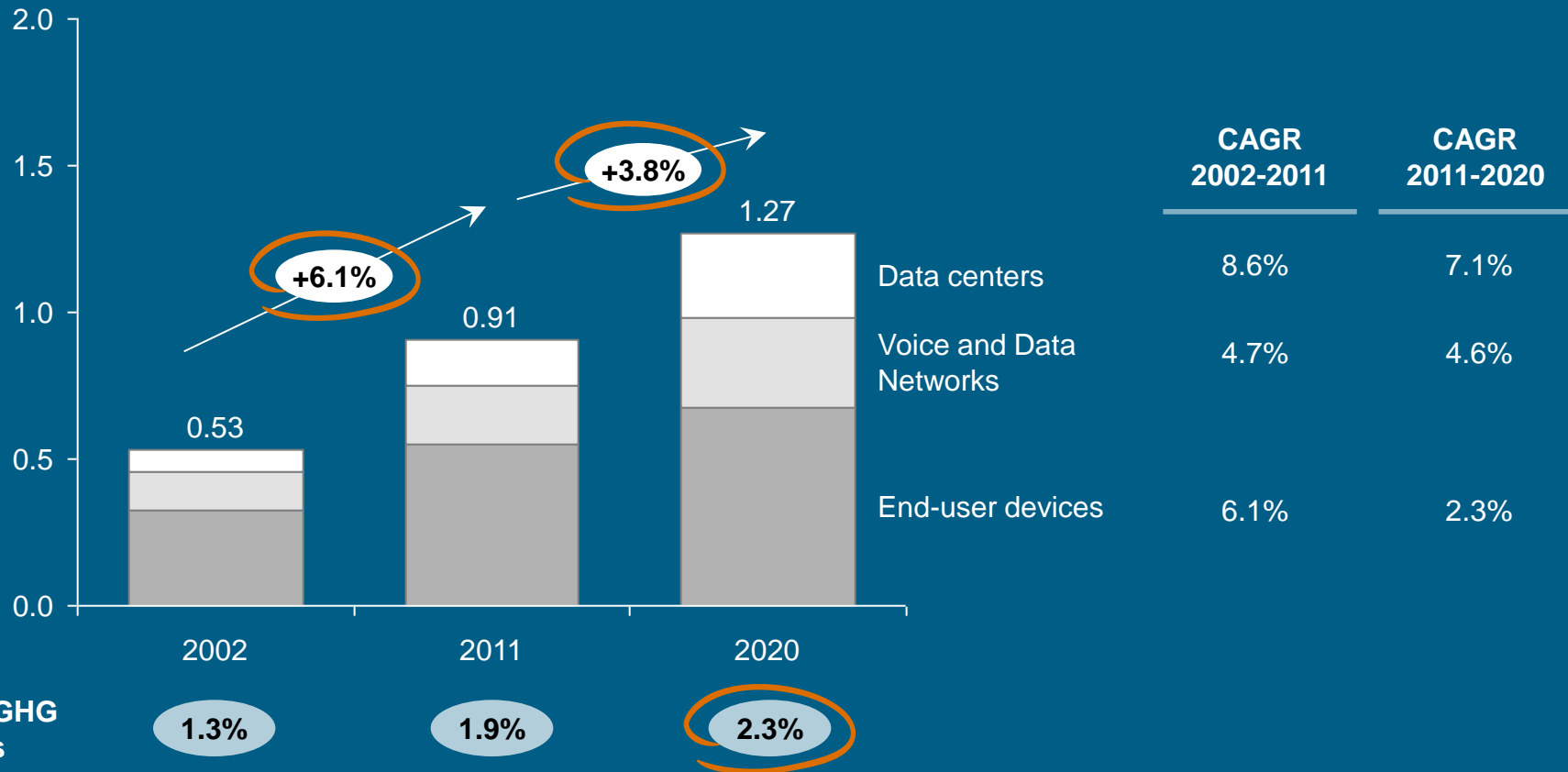
1. Based on 2008 data – EDGAR; 2. EDGAR data does not split building out as a separate sector

= calculated abatement potential by sub-lever

ICT emissions growth expected to slow down from 6% to ~4%

ICT emissions 2.3% of global emissions by 2020

Global ICT emissions (GtCO₂e)



1. Data for 2010 2. Previous study used an incorrect number for the wireless network emissions (50 vs. 24kWh/yr) and therefore ended up with higher total emissions
 Source: Gartner; Forrester ; U.S. Census Bureau; IEA; Greentouch; CEET; CDP; Ovum; GSMA; CERN; Cisco; CEET; SMART 2020: Enabling the low carbon economy in the information age; academic publications; industry experts; academic experts; manufacturer websites; GeSI Smart2020 Refresh team members; BCG analysis

Policies at the national level have the most significant potential to drive sub-lever adoption

Individual behaviors, attitudes, and habits



Energy

Economics:
High costs of smart grid and renewable technologies

Deployment:
Technology require full deployment to be effective



Transportation

Infrastructure:
Strong public transit must be in place to serve as a viable option

Behavior and habits: Must change strong habits



Manufacturing

M&E: Difficult to quantify savings

Slow adoption:
Often little motivation for action because of low energy prices



Service and consumer

Behavior:
Need to ensure private adoption **without** policy

Education:
Few consumers realize or understand full benefits



Agriculture and land use

Financing:
High upfront costs, especially for small farmers

Economics:
Need for stronger business case



Buildings

Financing:
High upfront CAPEX costs

Landlord-tenant: Need to better align **incentives** and simplifying building code

Barriers to be addressed at national level



Global policies



Establish **carbon market** to monetize emissions

Develop financial **aid** programs for developing countries

Ensure **fair IP** licensing of abatement technology

Create "**Center of Excellence**"

Set and **enforce** global cascading **targets** for GHG emission reduction

Recognize ICT solutions as part of a global strategy to reduce emissions

Country deep-dives provide context to demonstrate how national and local policies can yield higher abatement



Brazil



Canada



China



Germany



India



U.K.



U.S.

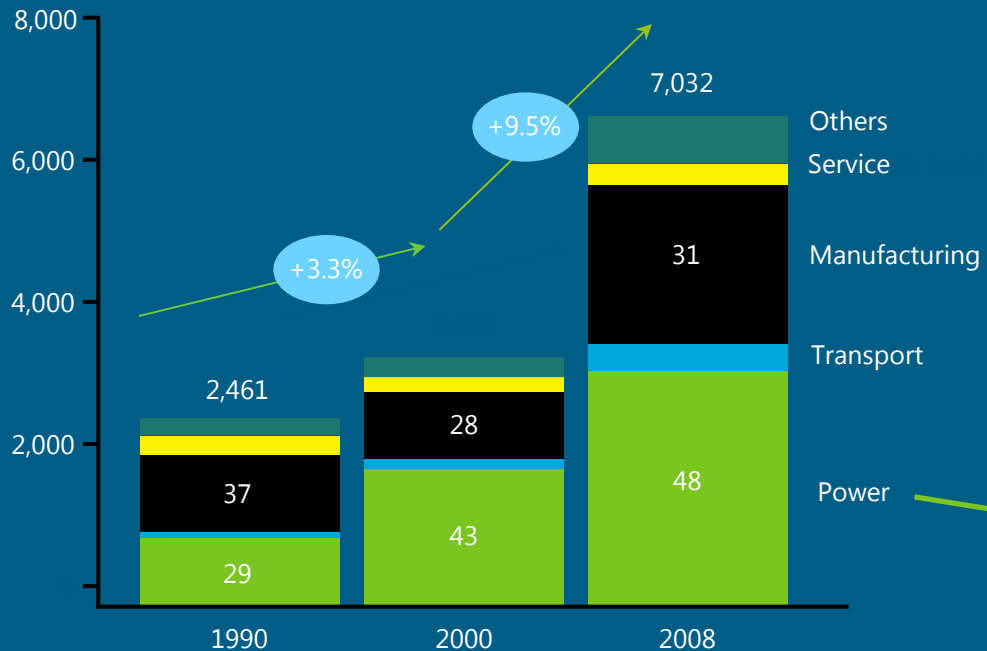
All countries have unique circumstances that impact their ability to abate GHGs

Those differences drive which end-use sectors and which sub-sectors deserve most attention

Policies at the national level are the most effective drivers of change in all countries

Opportunities in China

China's CO₂e emissions (1990-2008)



Power sector opportunities (390Mt CO₂e)

1%

Demand management (4 MtCO₂e)

2%

Power load balancing (9 MtCO₂e)

20%

Time of day pricing (79 MtCO₂e)

37%

Power grid optimisation (143 MtCO₂e)

39%

Integration of renewables (153 MtCO₂e)



Manufacturing sector opportunities (512Mt CO₂e)

32%

Automation of industrial processes (165 MtCO₂e)

68%

Optimisation of variable speed motor systems (347 MtCO₂e)



Challenges and Solutions

Power

- Technology gap
- State control discourages innovation & competition
- Dependence on coal
- Focus on securing supply rather than shifting demand
- Low awareness about green power
- Limited incentives for change



- Promote technology innovation
 - R&D funding
 - Strengthen IP protection
- Deregulate power sector to encourage market pricing, competition & innovation
- Increase demand side management
- Enhance public education and create incentives for consumers to change
- Adopt different pricing mechanism

Challenges

Manufacturing

- Technology gap
- Inefficient production
- Not a government priority
- Lack of government support
- No data standards
- Limited ability benchmark
- Rise of unemployment from automation

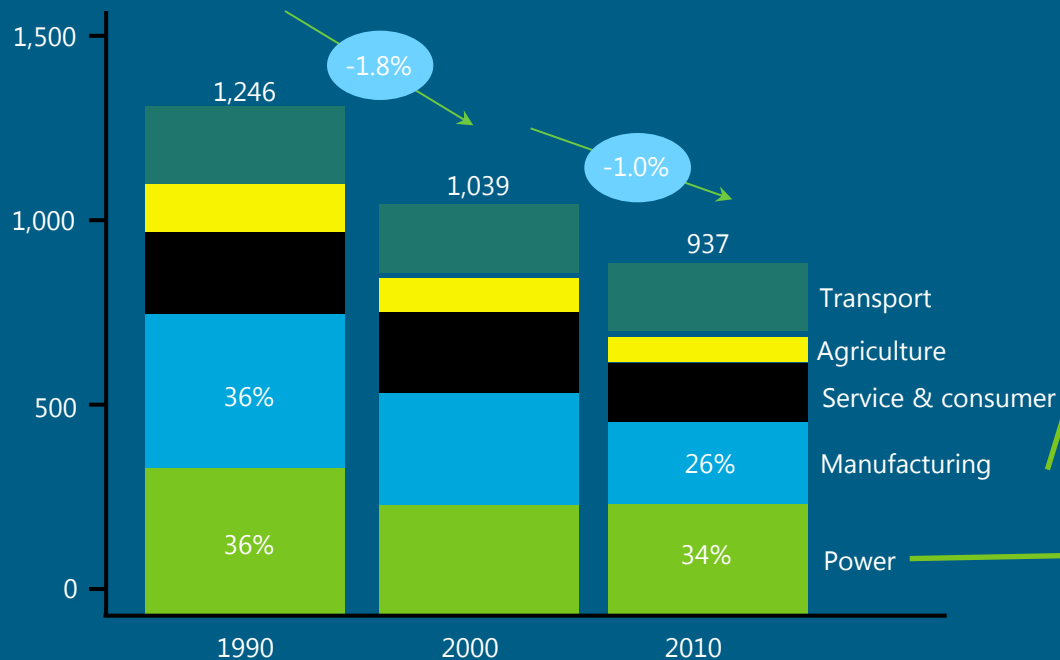


- Promote technology innovation:
 - R&D funding
 - Attract foreign investment & JV's
- Create national efficiency standards & KPIs
- Offer local support for energy efficiency
- Establish data and measurement standards
 - Use best practice
 - Enforce compliance
- Provide further training opportunities

Solutions

Opportunities in Germany

Germany's CO₂e emissions (1990-2010)



Power sector opportunities (40Mt CO₂e)

1%

Demand management (0.3 MtCO₂e)

4%

Virtual power plant (1.7 MtCO₂e)

8%

Time of day pricing (3.2 MtCO₂e)

14%

Power grid optimisation (5.71 MtCO₂e)

72%

Integration of renewables (28.8 MtCO₂e)



Manufacturing sector opportunities (33Mt CO₂e)

18%

Automation of industrial processes (6 MtCO₂e)

82%

Optimisation of variable speed motor systems (27 MtCO₂e)



Challenges and solutions

Challenges

- Ineffective emissions targets (industrial emissions budget is too high)
- Economics is still not favourable in some niche areas e.g. old paper mills
- Slow adoption due to long change/upgrade cycles in some industries



Solutions

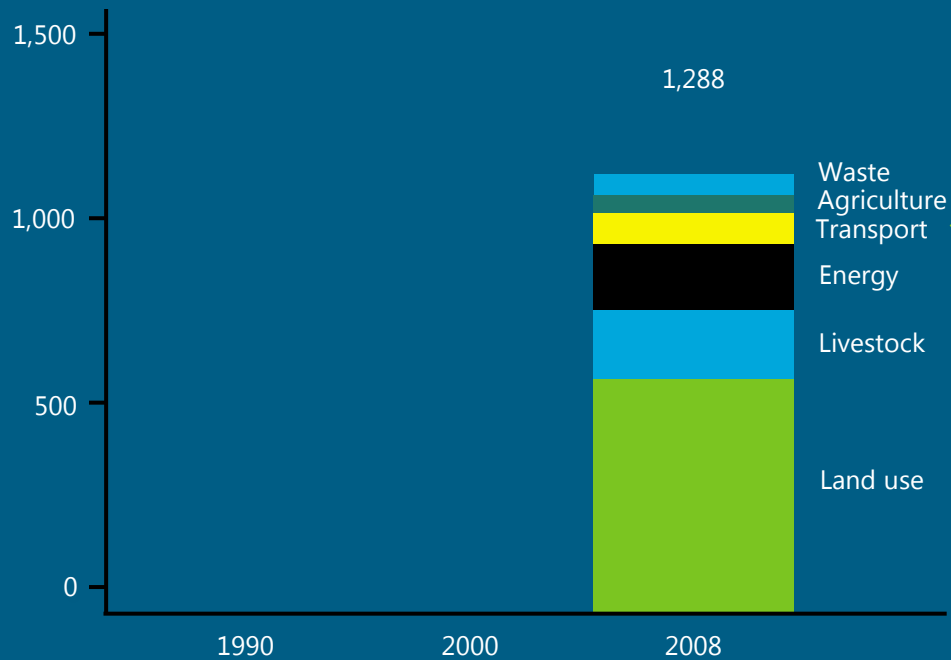
- Create higher emissions budgets, targets, or both
- Improve energy efficiency standards across all industries
- Provide incentives such as tax credits, investment credits or subsidies to improve economics for industries that are lagging behind

Opportunities in Brazil

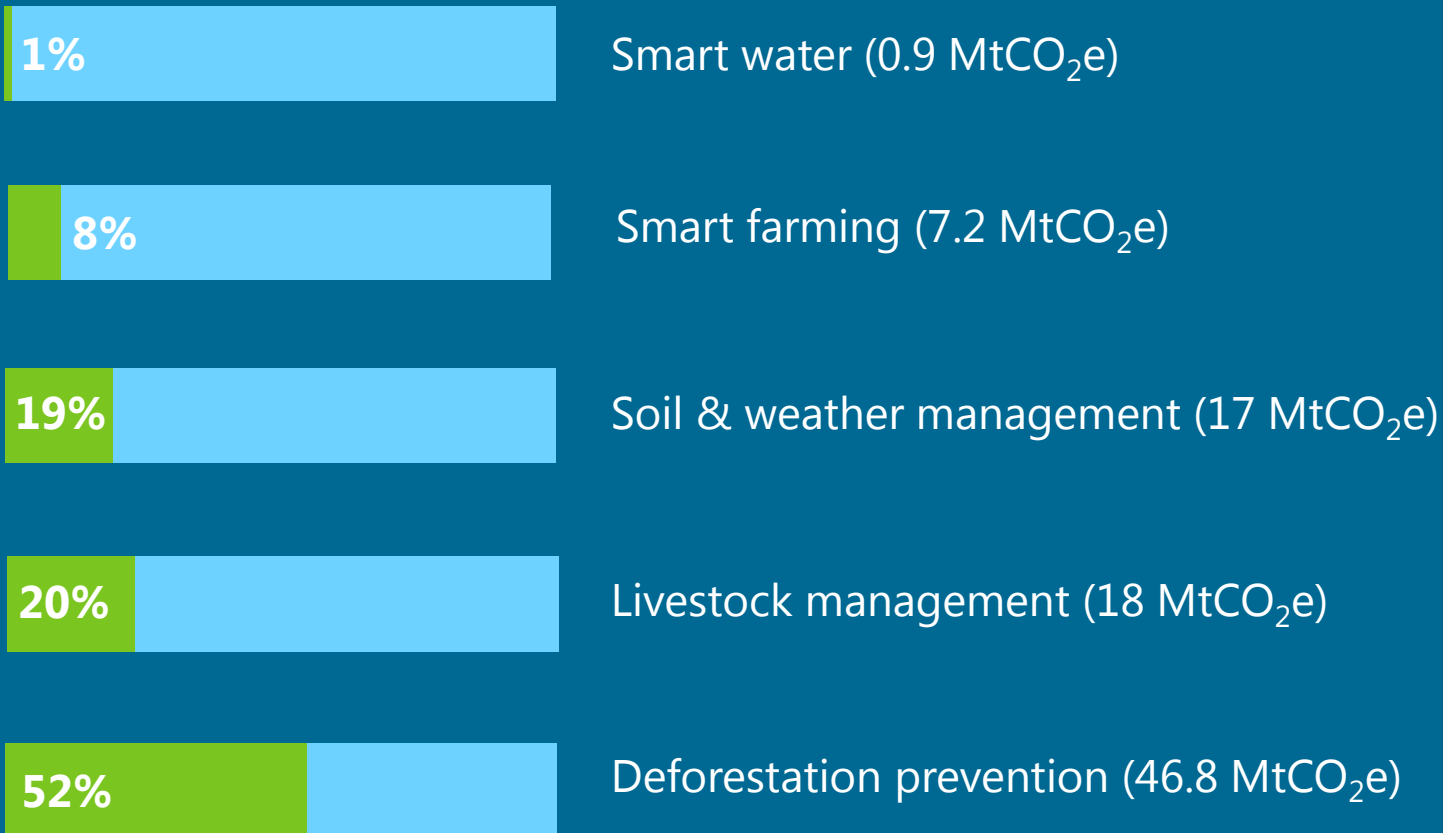
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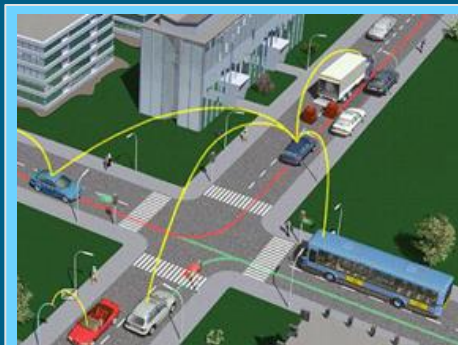
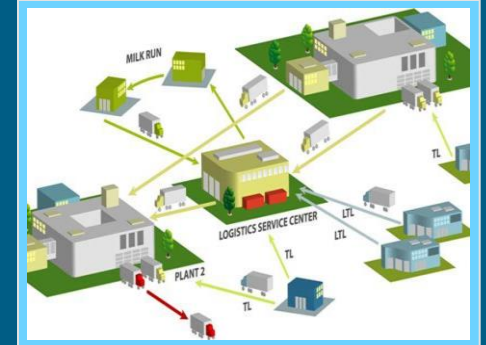
Brazil's CO₂e emissions (1990-2008)



Agriculture & land use opportunities (90Mt CO₂e)



Transportation sector opportunities (38 Mt CO₂e)



38 Mt CO₂e

Challenges and solutions

Agriculture & land use

- Economics:
 - maintaining land quality more expensive than using new land
 - other investments yield higher IRR
- Financing:
 - Equipment too expensive
 - Loan contracts hard to enforce
- Education – lack of understanding of benefits of smart farming
- Infrastructure – data networks don't exist in remote farming areas



Challenges

Transportation

- Split incentives – employers bear cost of telecommuting & worry about deterioration of work culture
- Financing – high upfront costs for investment infrastructure
- Economics – ROI unclear
- Infrastructure – holes in network coverage
- Coordination with state – multitude of fractured institutions with different systems



- Price land fairly and prosecution of encroachment onto public land
- Develop carbon markets to yield higher IRR for GHG saving investments
- Government support for agricultural ICT equipment through low interest loans
- ICT educational initiative to explain technology
- Promote construction of high-speed data networks in remote areas through loosening of regulations and increasing availability of cheaper spectrum

Solutions

- Provide financial rewards for telecommuting
- Assist local governments with investing in infrastructure
- Provide financing for logistics systems
- Allow for tax write offs
- Promote high speed network development
- Mandate transit information system standardisation

Next steps for SMARTer2020



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