Integrating lifecycle thinking in semiconductor technologies

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Abstract

The electronic industry is known for being a material- and energy-intensive industry, projected to account for 7% of global energy demand and relying largely on critical raw materials. Environmental impacts are largely determined early development stage, when product architecture and manufacturing process aspects Integrating sustainability in technology development is crucial to enable true sustainable products in the future. The lesson will explain the main environmental impacts of electronics, introduce the concept of Life Cycle Thinking and discuss how its results can be used to steer technical innovation.

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