



## Department of Computer Science & Engineering

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### Vision of the Institute

To be a nationally recognized institution of excellence in technical education and produce competent professionals capable of making a valuable contribution to society.

### Mission of the Institute

- ◆ To promote academic growth by offering state-of-the-art undergraduate and postgraduate programs.
- ◆ To undertake collaborative projects which offer opportunities for interaction with academia and industry.
- ◆ To develop intellectually capable human potential who are creative, ethical and gifted leaders

### Vision of the Department

To be a center of academic excellence in the field of computer science and engineering education.

### Mission of the Department

- ◆ Strive for academic excellence in computer science and engineering through well designed course curriculum, effective classroom pedagogy and in-depth knowledge of Laboratory work
- ◆ Create computing centres of excellence in leading areas of computer science and engineering to provide exposure to the students on latest software tools and computing technologies.
- ◆ Attain these through continuous team work by group of committed faculty, transforming the computer science and engineering department as a leader in imparting computer science and engineering education and research .
- ◆ Transform under graduate engineering students into technically competent, socially responsible and ethical computer science and engineering professionals.
- ◆ Incubate, apply and spread innovative ideas by collaborating with relevant industries and R&D labs through focused research group.

## ( AI: Green Computing)

### Introduction

**Sustainable AI**, often referred to in the context of **Green Computing**, is an emerging approach that emphasizes the development and deployment of artificial intelligence (AI) technologies in a way that **minimizes environmental impact**. As AI systems become increasingly powerful and ubiquitous, concerns about their **energy consumption**, **carbon footprint**, and **resource usage** have grown significantly. Sustainable AI aims to **align technological progress with ecological responsibility**.

### Why Sustainable AI is Needed

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AI models—especially large ones like **GPT**, **BERT**, and **DALL·E**—require **massive computational resources** for both training and inference. Training these models involves processing billions (or even trillions) of parameters using high-performance GPUs or TPUs, which consume enormous amounts of electricity. These computations take place in large **data centers**, many of which are still powered by **non-renewable energy**

- **High carbon emissions**
- **Electronic waste (e-waste)**
- **Excessive cooling and water usage**
- **Increased global digital pollution**

### Goals of Sustainable AI

1. **Reduce energy consumption** during model training, testing, and deployment.
2. **Use renewable energy sources** in data centers and AI operations.
3. **Promote hardware efficiency**, including low-power chips and eco-friendly materials.
4. **Encourage responsible AI design**, emphasizing minimal computational overhead.
5. **Create awareness** about the carbon cost of AI models (e.g., model size vs. impact).

### Key Approaches and Techniques

#### 1. Energy-Efficient Algorithms

- Designing lightweight models with fewer parameters.
- Techniques like **quantization**, **pruning**, and **knowledge distillation** reduce computation without compromising performance.

#### 2. Edge AI

- Running AI models on local devices (phones, IoT sensors) instead of cloud servers reduces data transfer and energy usage.
- Enables real-time AI while lowering central data center load.

#### 3. Sustainable Data Centers

- Using **cooling-efficient architectures**.
- Transitioning to **solar, wind, or hydro power** for energy supply.
- Implementing **server virtualization** to maximize utilization.



## 4. Lifecycle Optimization

- From model development to decommissioning, ensuring energy audits and usage tracking.
- Promoting **longer hardware lifecycles** through modular design and reuse.

## 5. Green AI Benchmarks

- Organizations are developing standards to report **energy usage** and **CO<sub>2</sub> emissions** of AI models (e.g., ML CO<sub>2</sub> Impact Calculator).

**Sustainable AI**, often referred to within the broader realm of **Green Computing**, is an emerging discipline focused on minimizing the environmental footprint of artificial intelligence technologies. As AI systems become more advanced and integrated into every aspect of modern life—from personal assistants and autonomous vehicles to large-scale data analytics and cloud computing—their energy demands are growing exponentially. This rapid growth brings a pressing concern: while AI promises great societal benefits, it also contributes to substantial carbon emissions, water consumption, and electronic waste. Sustainable AI addresses these concerns by rethinking how AI systems are built, trained, deployed, and maintained in a way that aligns with environmental sustainability goals.

At the core of Sustainable AI is the recognition that AI models, especially large ones like GPT-4 or DALL·E, require immense computing power. Training these models often involves massive datasets and consumes energy equivalent to that used by hundreds of households over several days or even weeks. This power typically comes from data centers that, in many cases, still rely on non-renewable energy sources. Additionally, cooling systems used to maintain optimal operating temperatures in these centers can require vast amounts of water. Thus, the environmental cost of AI, although invisible to the end user, is very real and growing. Green Computing aims to reduce this impact by promoting energy efficiency, sustainable infrastructure, and environmentally responsible computing practices. Within the context of AI, this means designing algorithms that are not just intelligent but also efficient. Developers are exploring techniques to reduce the size and complexity of models without sacrificing accuracy. Methods such as quantization, pruning, and knowledge distillation allow models to run faster and consume less power. There is also a growing push toward "edge AI," where models are processed locally on devices such as smartphones or sensors instead of relying on energy-intensive cloud servers. This not only improves response time but also reduces the need for data transmission and centralized computing.

## Unlocking **Green AI's** Potential

Transparency  
and Trust

Added  
Accessibility



Advance H/W  
and S/W

Sustainability  
Initiatives

Emerge as  
GAaaS

## Challenges in Achieving Sustainable AI

- **Lack of transparency** in energy use and emissions by tech companies.
- **Cost of transitioning** to renewable infrastructures.
- **Trade-off between model performance and efficiency.**
- **Need for global standards and regulation** in AI energy reporting.

Despite these challenges, tech companies like Google, Microsoft, and Meta are actively investing in carbon-neutral AI research and infrastructure.

## Future of Green AI

- Development of **Zero-Carbon AI models.**
- Use of **AI chips optimized for sustainability** (e.g., ARM-based, neuromorphic computing).
- Implementation of **carbon-aware computing**, where AI tasks are scheduled based on grid sustainability.
- Growing emphasis on **ethical and environmental AI audits.**
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## Conclusion

Sustainable Artificial Intelligence, often referred to as **Green AI or Green Computing**, transcends mere technical optimization to embody a **moral, ecological, and strategic imperative** in the digital era. As AI technologies become deeply **interwoven into the fabric of modern society**, permeating sectors from healthcare and finance to transportation and governance, the **environmental ramifications of computational intensity, energy consumption, and resource utilization** demand urgent attention.

Prioritizing sustainability in AI entails the **systematic reduction of energy footprints, judicious allocation of computational resources, and heightened algorithmic transparency**, ensuring that the proliferation of intelligent systems **augments human progress without exacerbating environmental degradation**. By embedding principles of Green Computing—including **energy efficiency, utilization of renewable resources, carbon-aware model training, and lifecycle environmental impact assessment**—into both the **design and deployment phases** of AI, organizations can reconcile **technological advancement with planetary stewardship**.

Sustainable AI represents a **paradigm shift from raw computational performance to conscientious, responsible innovation**, promoting systems that are not merely functionally capable but **cognizant of their ecological footprint**. This philosophy mandates that every layer of AI development—from data center operations to algorithmic design—be scrutinized for its **environmental externalities**, thereby fostering **ethically-aligned, resilient, and resource-conscious intelligent systems**.

In essence, the pursuit of Sustainable AI is **not a peripheral consideration but a central ethical obligation**: it is the convergence of technological ingenuity with ecological responsibility, ensuring that the evolution of intelligent systems **propels humanity forward while preserving the integrity of our planet for future generations**.

