

Data Centers and Green Computing

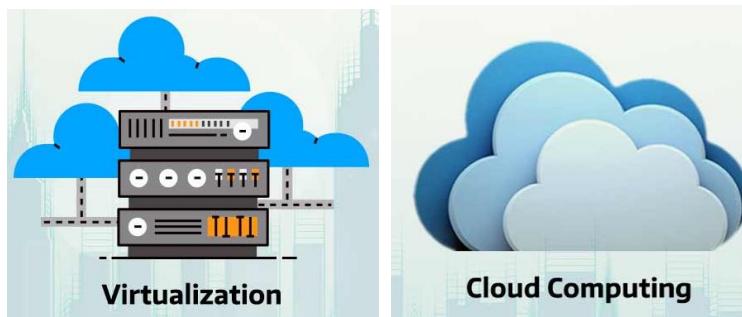
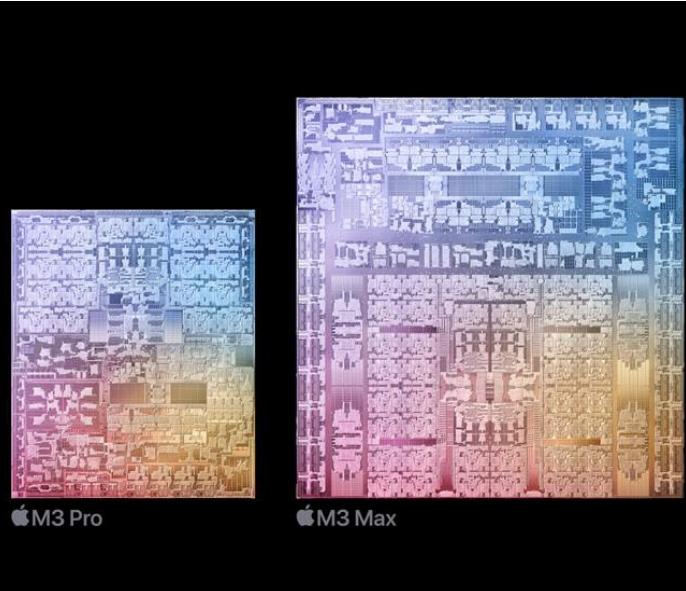
Harrison Hensley
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What is Green Computing?

“Practices and technologies for designing, manufacturing, using, and disposing of computers and other IT equipment in order to minimize impact on the environment”

- Recycling/minimizing E-Waste
- More efficient code
- Virtualization/Cloud
- Efficient Chips
- Refurbished Electronics



the Top 3 Refurbished Electronics Marketplaces

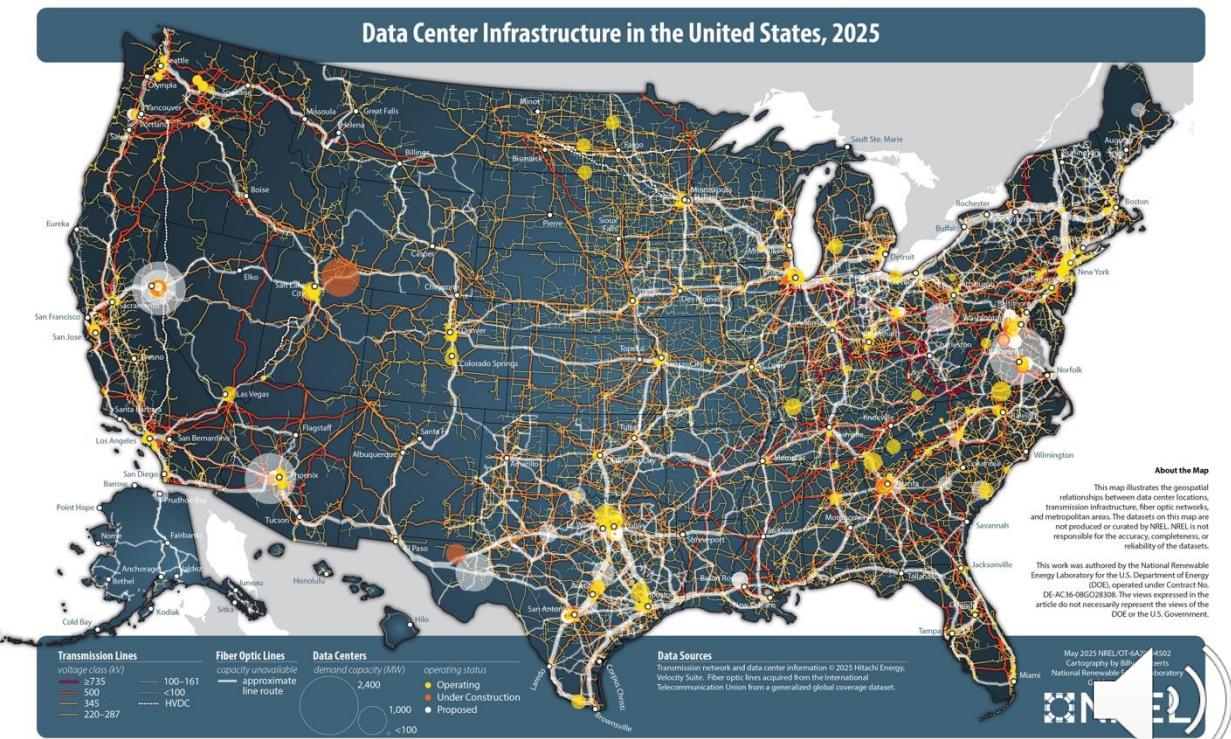
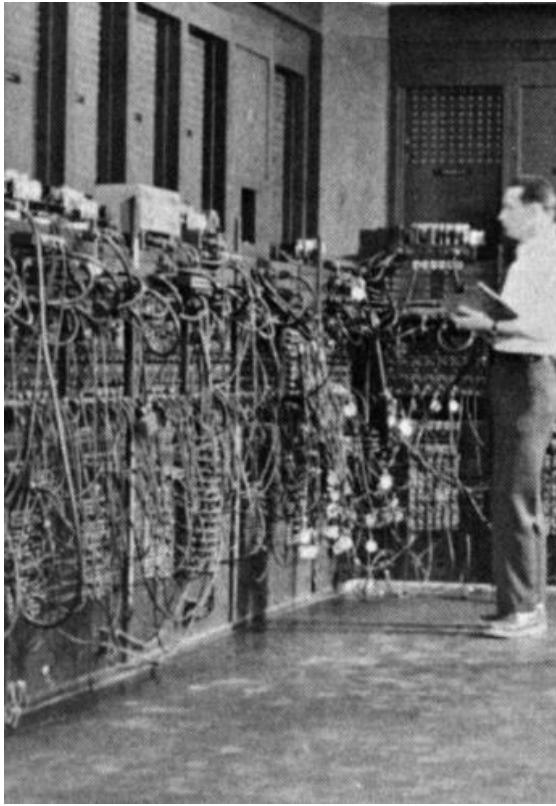


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  let a = m.split(" ")
  switch(a[0]){
    case "connect":
      if(a[1]){
        if(clients.has(a[1])){
          ws.send("connected");
          ws.id = a[1];
        }else{
          ws.id = a[1]
          clients.set(a[1], {client: ws});
          ws.send("connected")
        }
      }else{
        let id = Math.random().toString();
        ws.id = id;
        clients.set(id, {client: ws});
      }
    }
})
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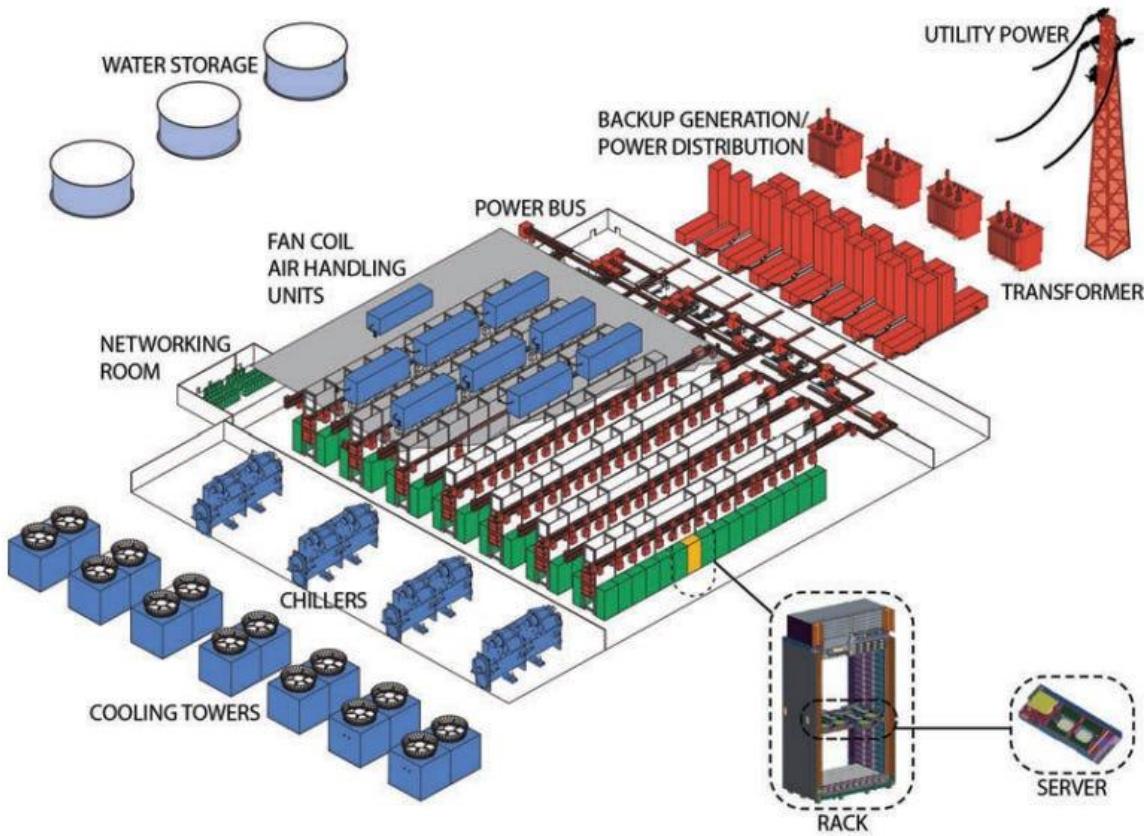


What are Data Centers?

“Facility that houses computer systems and associated components such as telecommunications, storage, security systems, and backup power supplies”



Data Center Infrastructure



Servers

Storage

Networking

Power Supply

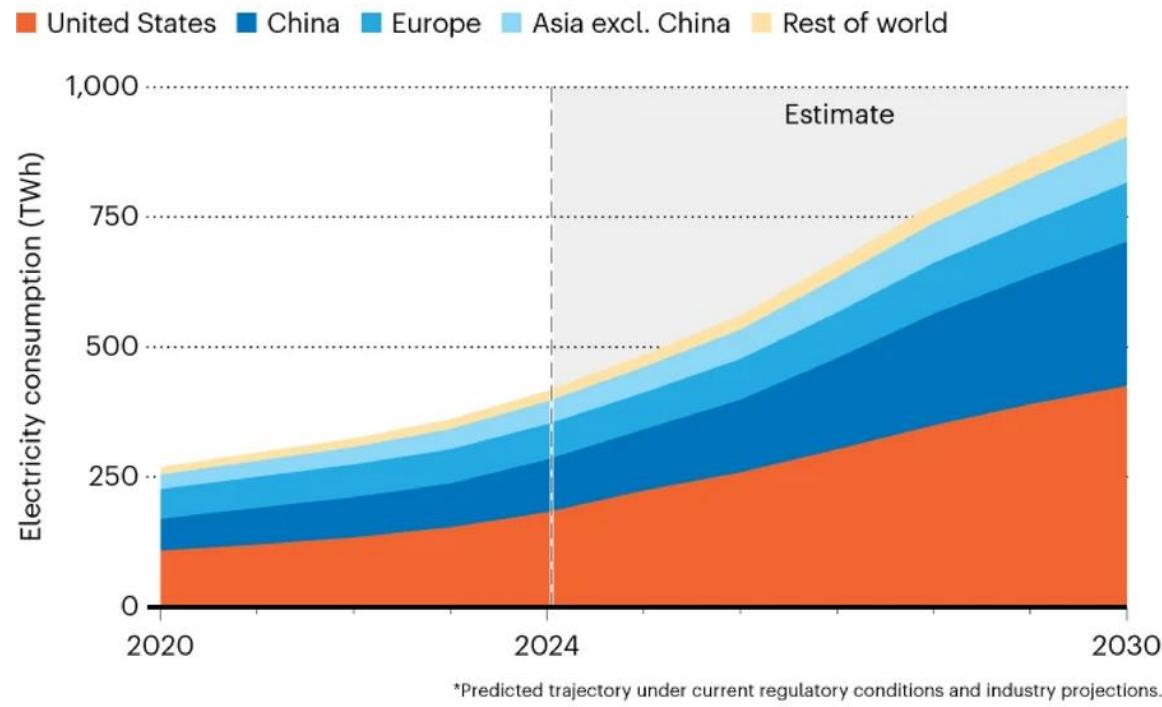
Environmental Monitors and Controls

Redundancy Measures



How are they related?

- Data centers use a lot of resources
- AI is driving more demand than ever
- Climate Change and Consumer Preference

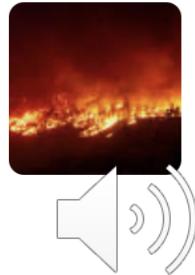


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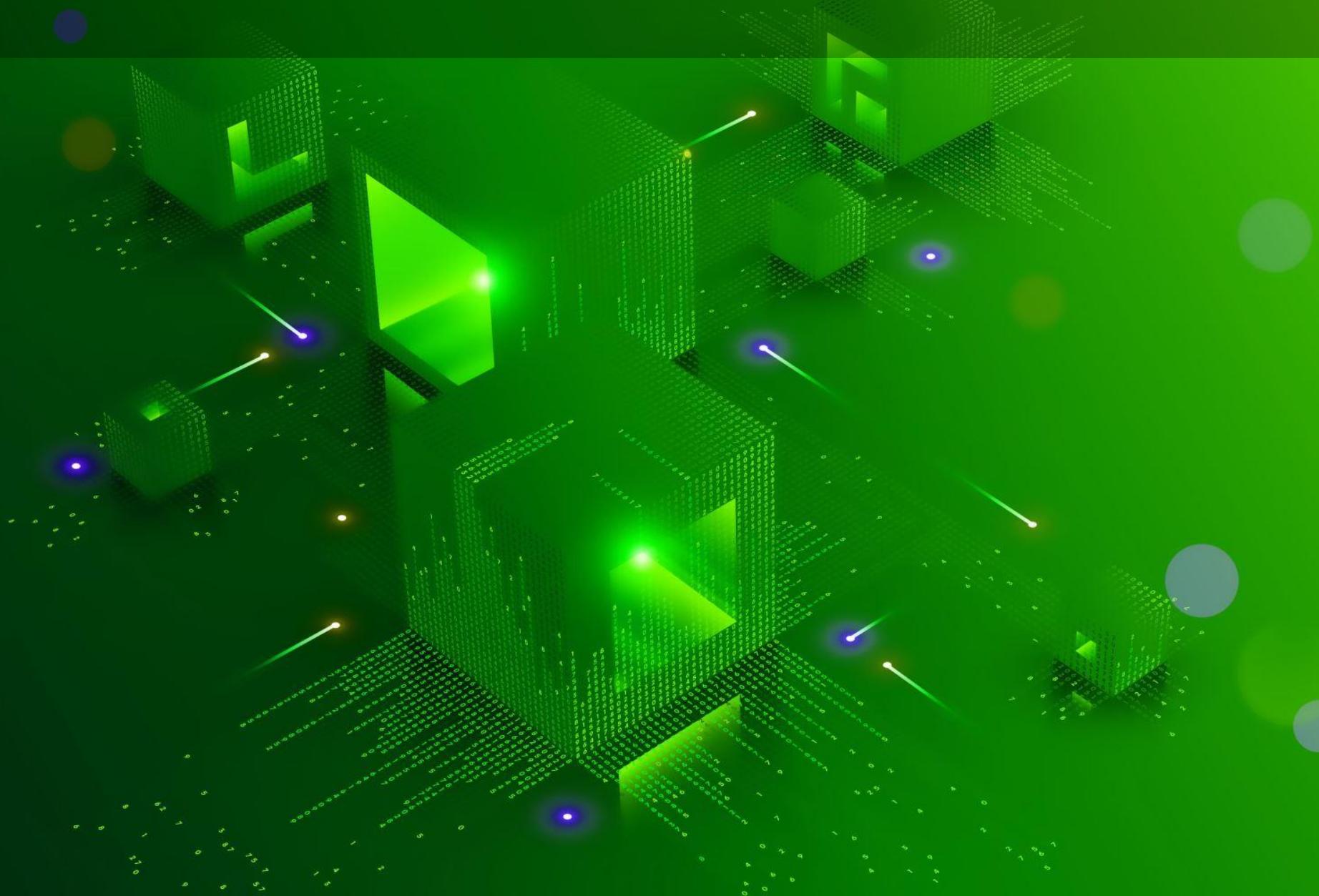
[AI is terrible for the environment, study finds](#)

The researchers suggest that the impact of those emissions could be vast. AI-related emissions could cost the industry more than \$10 billion...

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Methods for Green Data Centers



DCIM Software for Measuring and Monitoring

- Set KPIs
- Audit
- DCIM Software



$$CUE \left[\frac{kgCO_2}{kWh} \right] = \frac{\text{Data Center Total } CO_2 \text{ Emissions}}{\text{IT Equipment Energy}}$$

$$PUE [-] = \frac{\text{Total Data Center Energy}}{\text{IT Equipment Energy}}$$

$$WUE \left[\frac{l}{kWh} \right] = \frac{\text{Data Center Water Consumption}}{\text{IT Equipment Energy}}$$

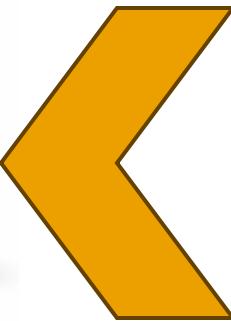




Hardware Solutions

Example: Networking Switches

Arista 7280R3



Cisco Nexus 5548UP

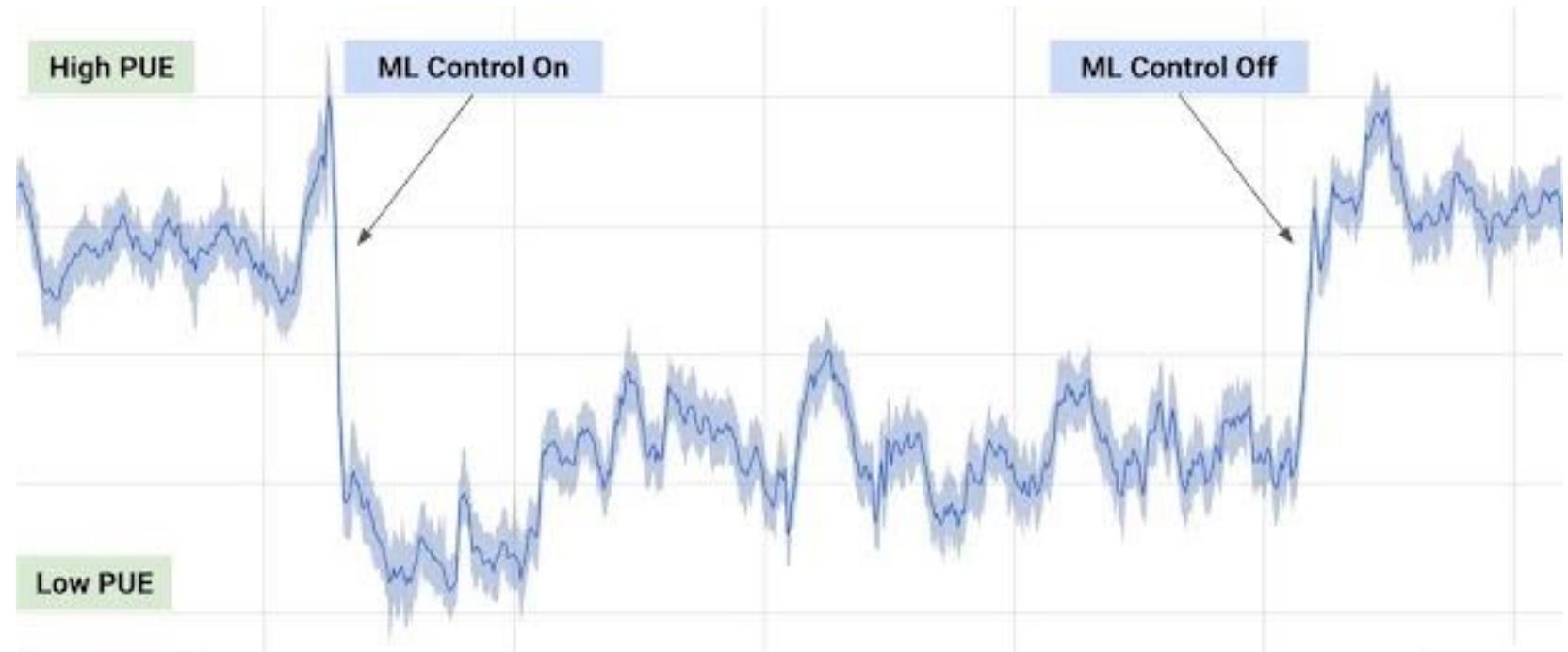
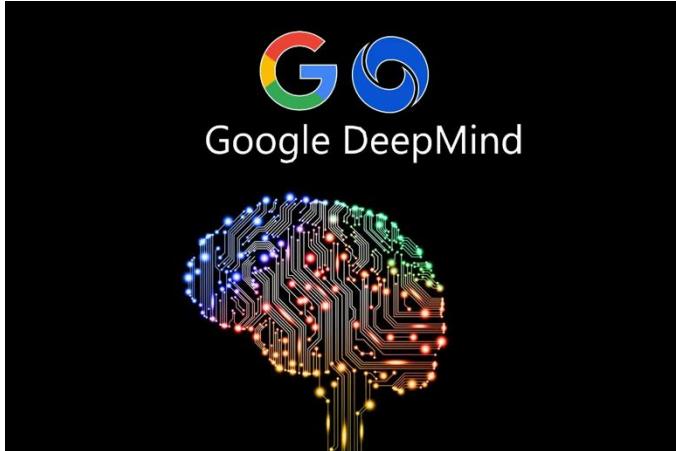


Arista consumes 66% energy



Software Solutions

Example: Google's DeepMind



Energy Sources

- #1 Today: Coal and Natural Gas
- Renewables: Solar and Wind
- Nuclear
- Backup: Diesel to Fuel Cell



Pennsylvania Capital-Star

[Microsoft describes Three Mile Island plant as a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity](#)

The plant's reopening will support at least 650 permanent jobs and hundreds of other positions during the recommissioning process.

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Reuters

[Google announces Tennessee as site for small modular nuclear reactor](#)

Google, with Kairos Power, has selected Tennessee as the site of an advanced nuclear power plant that is expected to supply electricity to...

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TechCrunch

[Amazon joins the big nuclear party, buying 1.92 GW for AWS](#)

The tech company will power a chunk of its AWS cloud and AI servers using 1.92 gigawatts of electricity from Talen Energy's Susquehanna nuclear...

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Cooling Techniques

- Liquid Cooling/Immersion
- Direct-to-Chip
- Free Cooling



Future of Cooling



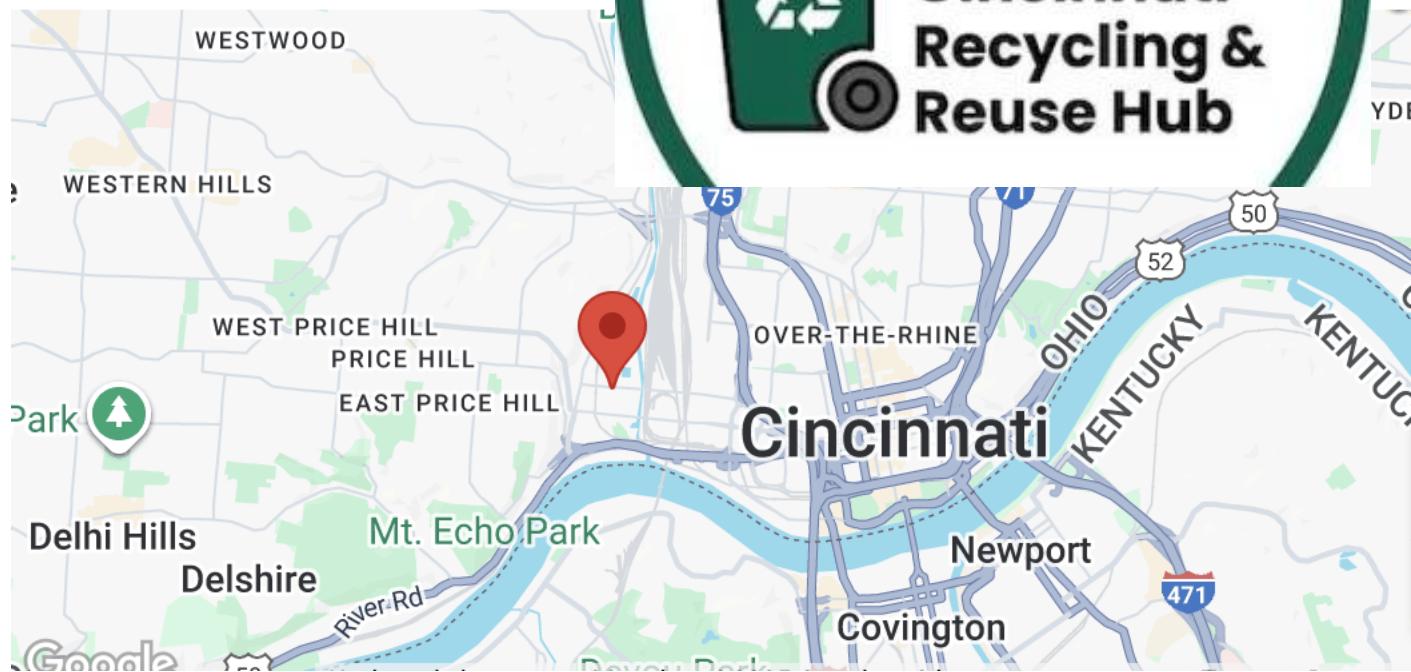
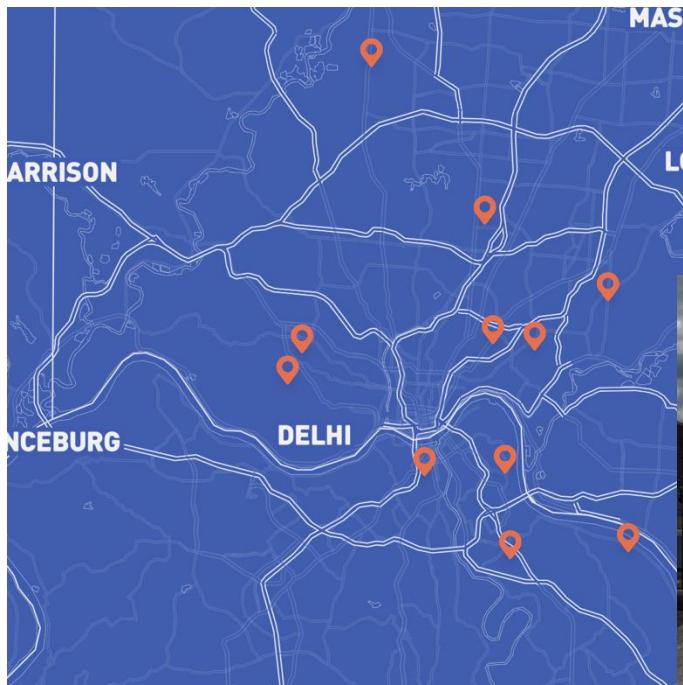
Data centers under the ocean
and in space



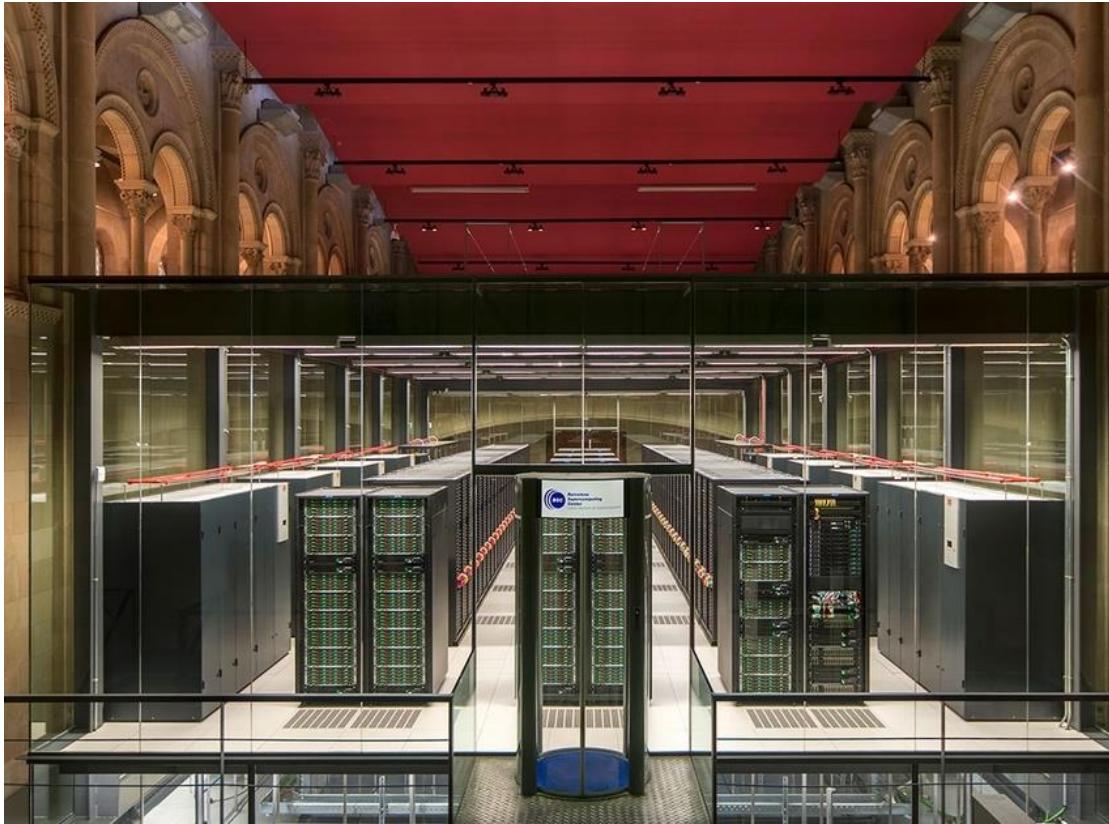
Algae as
coolant



What can you do?



Discussion Questions



If you were building a data center and choose the energy source, which would you pick?

Do you think there will be a net benefit to AI when it comes to the environment or sustainability?

Do you think we will see data centers in space in our lifetime?

What are ways you personally or your company can improve when it comes to green computing?



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