

ETSI AI Conference 2024

Sustainable AI: Adding a Conscience

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Agenda

- AI in the context of the UN Sustainable Develop Goals (SDGs)
- 2. Socioeconomic impacts
- 3. Environmental impacts
- 4. Hidden costs of ML initiatives

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SUSTAINABLE GOALS

17 GOALS TO TRANSFORM OUR WORLD





AI for Sustainability

79% of UN SDGs have the potential to benefit from AI

Sustainable AI

35% of UN SDGs have the potential to be negatively impacted by AI

NewYork-Presbyterian working on machine learning analytics to combat opioid crisis

The major academic health system is working with machine learning analytics vendor Splunk to create a new system to guard against misuse of controlled substances, including opioids.



https://www.healthcareitnews.com/news/newyork-presbyterian-working-machine-lear ning-analytics-combat-opioid-crisis "At a time when overdose deaths are at crisis levels across the country and in New York City, largely due to the opioid epidemic, healthcare providers have a responsibility to safeguard against any potential diversion of drugs. NewYork-Presbyterian is taking a leading role in protecting the public by implementing highly effective controls to avoid the illegitimate use of controlled substances. Ultimately, we hope that other hospitals benefit from this new platform as well."

Jennings Aske, senior vice president and chief information security officer at NewYork-Presbyterian

https://medcitynews.com/2019/02/splunk-and-newyork-presbyterian/





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Socioeconomic Impacts

Regulation for the win!

https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/presidentialactions/2023/10/30/executive-order-on-the-safe-secureand-trustworthy-development-and-use-of-artificial-intelli gence/

https://www.europarl.europa.eu/RegData/etudes/BRIE/ 2021/698792/EPRS_BRI(2021)698792_EN.pdf





Water Consumption

Microsoft's water consumption **grew by 34%** between 2021 and 2022 https://query.prod.cms.rt.microsoft.com/cms/api/am/binary/RW15m

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Google's water consumption **increased by 20%** between 2021 and 2022

https://sustainability.google/reports/google-2023-environmental-rep ort/

ChatGPT consumes **500ml of water** for every 5 - 50 questions

https://apnews.com/article/chatgpt-gpt4-iowa-ai-water-consumption -microsoft-f551fde98083d17a7e8d904f8be822c4

Environmental Impacts

Roundtrip flight b/w NY and SF (1 passenger)

Human life (avg. 1 year)

American life (avg. 1 year)

US car including fuel (avg. 1 lifetime)

Transformer (213M parameters) w/ neural architecture search

1,984		
11,023		
36,156		
126,000		
626,155		

Chart: MIT Technology Review • Source: Strubell et al. • Created with Datawrapper

https://www.technologyreview.com/2019/06/06/239031/training-a-single-ai-model-can-emit-as-much-carbon-as-five-cars-in-their-lifetimes/

So what should I do about it?

Calculate CO2e on prem

https://www.dmtf.org/standards/redfish

Get visibility into cloud CO₂e

https://aws.amazon.com/aws-cost-manag ement/aws-customer-carbon-footprint-too 1/

https://www.microsoft.com/en-gb/sustain ability/emissions-impact-dashboard

https://cloud.google.com/carbon-footprin t?hl=en

Assess ML workload impacts

https://mlco2.github.io/impact/#compute

CO₂e From Electricity Use.

Carbon = Electricity * emissions = consumed

Electricity carbon intensity

 $kgCO_2e = kWh * kgCO_2e/kWh$

Memory Management

Project based garbage collection

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NO

87% of Machine Learning Projects:



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Developing a Model

What Operationalisation actually looks like



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Complexity

So what should I do about it?

Set clear objectives

What are the outcomes you are trying to achieve? Make sure you are adopting AI in places that benefit the business

Assess integration points

Make sure what you develop during an experiment will translate into production code

Keep it simple

Quite often simple statistics can provide approximations that are almost as good as an advanced deep learning algorithm

Thank you!

