

Sustainability, Renewable Energy and Data Engineering

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Abstract

Sustainability implies a balance in resource consumption and effortless environment integration. One of the first links in the chain is the energy resource. Renewable Energy represents an essential building block over which to support the rest of the construction. In an advanced Information Society, complex, distributed and multi format sources of information, necessary to design, integrate and supervise such sustainable systems require front edge Information Technology developments in order to intelligently and successfully analyze the big data scenery that present technology is able to produce. Lack of expertise and experience in new information paradigms presents an obstacle to overcome. Focus on particular information technologies adds a plus in rapid target achievement.

Sustainability (definition): The ability to extract a benefit from oscillating systems, by discovering their natural frequencies and coupling with them not damping excessively those systems in the long term. Benefit and long term are referenced to human beings conceptual framework.

Paradox: The new paradigm of knowledge discovery helps to understand sustainability but the present digital infrastructure involved eagers for energy and will divert from being sustainable with bigger data scale.

Solution: The new paradigm allows faster and deeper scientific discovery. Energy consumption difficulties will be overcome by

- Post silicon era
- Nanotechnology
- Quantum optics
- Material science
- (.....)

Renewable Energy

Renewable Energy
Information Technology

IT Concepts Catalog:

Virtualization	Error detection
Parallelism	Sensors fusion
Provenance	Tera Hertz electronics
Metadata	Extreme computing
Visualization	Stream computing
Sensor web	Analysis of Big Data
Data formats	Local/Distributed Storage
Data search	CPU/GPU
Querying	Semantic web
Interoperability	Ontologies
Persistent/Transactional
Resiliency	

Fundamental Ideas in QR Code



Renewable Energy (HPC prone)

Life Cycle of a Renewable Power Plant (Wind, Solar, Hydro, Ocean)

Resource Assessment

Design

Engineering and Construction

Operation and Maintenance

Decommissioning

Risk Analysis

Planet Earth Sciences:
Atmospheric and Space Weather & Climate, Oceanography, Hydrology, Geology
(Forecasting)

Reanalysis

Decadal

Seasonal

Monthly

Daily

Hourly

Short Range

Digital Manufacturing

Remote Operation & Control

Maintenance Programming

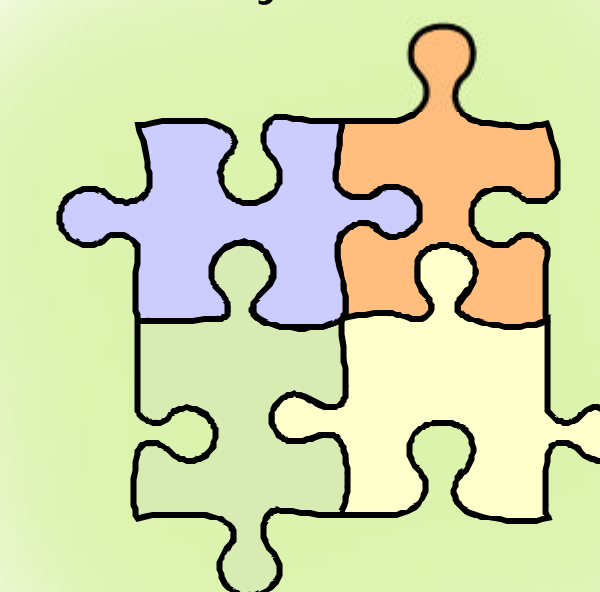
Energy Dispatching

Grid Integration

Electricity Market Conditions

Digital Earth + Digital Energy > Stream Energy Management

To achieve **sustainability** by efficiently matching the pieces that build up your system, **complexity** of that system must be fully understood.



Strengthen and Foster these technologies

• Interoperability

• High speed data technology

• Visual Computing

1st



2nd



3rd



Data Engineering

Data Generation

Bigger resources

Data Preservation

DATA STEWARDSHIP

Data Exploitation

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