Sustainable Urban Systems Designing and Building Next Gen Sustainable Data Centers

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1950 Population of 2.5 billion at 30% urbanization

2050 Population of 9.8 billion at 68% urbanization

World population

Urban population

United Nations, World Urbanization Prospects: The 2018 Revision



Internet usage grown at <u>7x the speed</u> of urbanization.



Global Internet users grow from 25% to 46% in last 8 years.

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By 2020, there will be 50 billion² machine users online.





Urban Systems Design: Physical + Digital





2019 This Is What Happens In An Internet Minute



Urban Systems Design Velocity And Scalability



Urban Systems Design for Data Center Edge Computing









Urban Systems Design for Data Center Evolving Network Infrastructure



- 5G deployment introduces new radio infrastructure in dense urban environments
- 5G infrastructure requires multiple aggregation locations (edge computing data centers) that will need to be deployed in urban settings (cell towers, modular between buildings)
- Next Gen applications require compute, storage and interconnection resources co-located with 5G aggregation

Status Quo Data Center



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SUSTAINABLE GOALS



SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES



B INDUSTRY, INNOVATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE



AFFORDABLE AND CLEAN ENERGY

Sustainable Next Gen Data Center



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Sustainability Metrics – Usage Effectiveness

- PUE (Power Usage Effectiveness) Measures amount of power a data center uses in excess to powered its in rack equipment.
- WUE (Water Usage Effectiveness) Measures both volume and temperature impact a data center has on water resources.
- L/O/AS UE (Land/Ocean/Air Space Usage Effectiveness) – Measures the land, ocean and air space used relative to the effective capacity provided by a data center.



Sustainability Metrics – Waste Effectiveness

(Waste RE-cycle, RE-manufacture, RE-use) WREE **Effectiveness** is a ratio that describes how effectively the outputs or waste of a data center are utilized in a "circular" way to perpetuate over the lifecycle. All components of data center outputs can be measured as part of WREE include heat and water from build and operation process; structural materials from end-of-life disassembly. It is the gauge of success for handling data center outputs as part of a triple bottom line. Poor WREE results in lost value and high pollution and landfill impact.



Sustainability Metrics for Data Centers

- Zero Waste Re-use outputs of all types from data centers. Nothing should go to landfills.
 - This includes both the structure of data centers as well as the equipment inside of them.
- Zero Emissions No output from data center should go into atmosphere or water sources.
 - Currently backup power systems such as diesel generators result in direct data center emissions.
- Zero Carbon Directly power data centers with clean energy, not using offset techniques.
 - Over a year, each kilowatt of power from a coal plant produces the same green house gas emissions as ~1.73 gas cars. A 150MW coal powered data center thus equals ~260,000 gas cars!

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Sustainable Data Center – Total Cost of Ownership (Triple Bottom Line)

Sustainable Data Center cost of ownership is composed of all three components of a triple bottom line:

- **Financial** The installed cost to design, build, and operate a data center. Examples: *million* \$ *per MW installed, annual power cost, time duration and costs from dirt to production (COD)*
- Environmental The direct and indirect environment costs to maintain the data center build and operations. Examples: *g.h.g. emissions per kWh, global warming, land fill, waste, pollution*
- **Social** The costs and consequences to the surrounding society from a data center build. Examples: *workers safety, human welfare, urbanization, communities quality of life*



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Questions & Answers

