

Data Center Energy and Site Energy



Article Overview

Data center energy refers to the total electricity consumed by IT and supporting infrastructure, while site energy accounts for the energy delivered to the facility, including losses from generation and transmission.

Understanding Data Center Energy

Data center energy encompasses all electricity used within a data center, including servers, storage, networking equipment, cooling systems, and auxiliary infrastructure such as lighting and security systems . It is a critical metric for assessing operational efficiency, environmental impact, and cost management. Energy consumption in data centers is growing rapidly due to AI workloads, cloud computing, and high-density computing, with global electricity use projected to double by 2030 .

Site Energy Explained

Site energy measures the total energy delivered to a data center from the grid or on-site generation, without accounting for upstream losses in electricity production and transmission . This includes energy from local generators, solar panels, fuel cells, or other on-site sources. Site energy is often used in regulatory reporting and sustainability assessments because it reflects the actual energy drawn at the facility level, which can differ from the primary energy consumed to generate that electricity.

Key Metrics and Efficiency Considerations

- Power Usage Effectiveness (PUE): A common metric comparing total facility energ...

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