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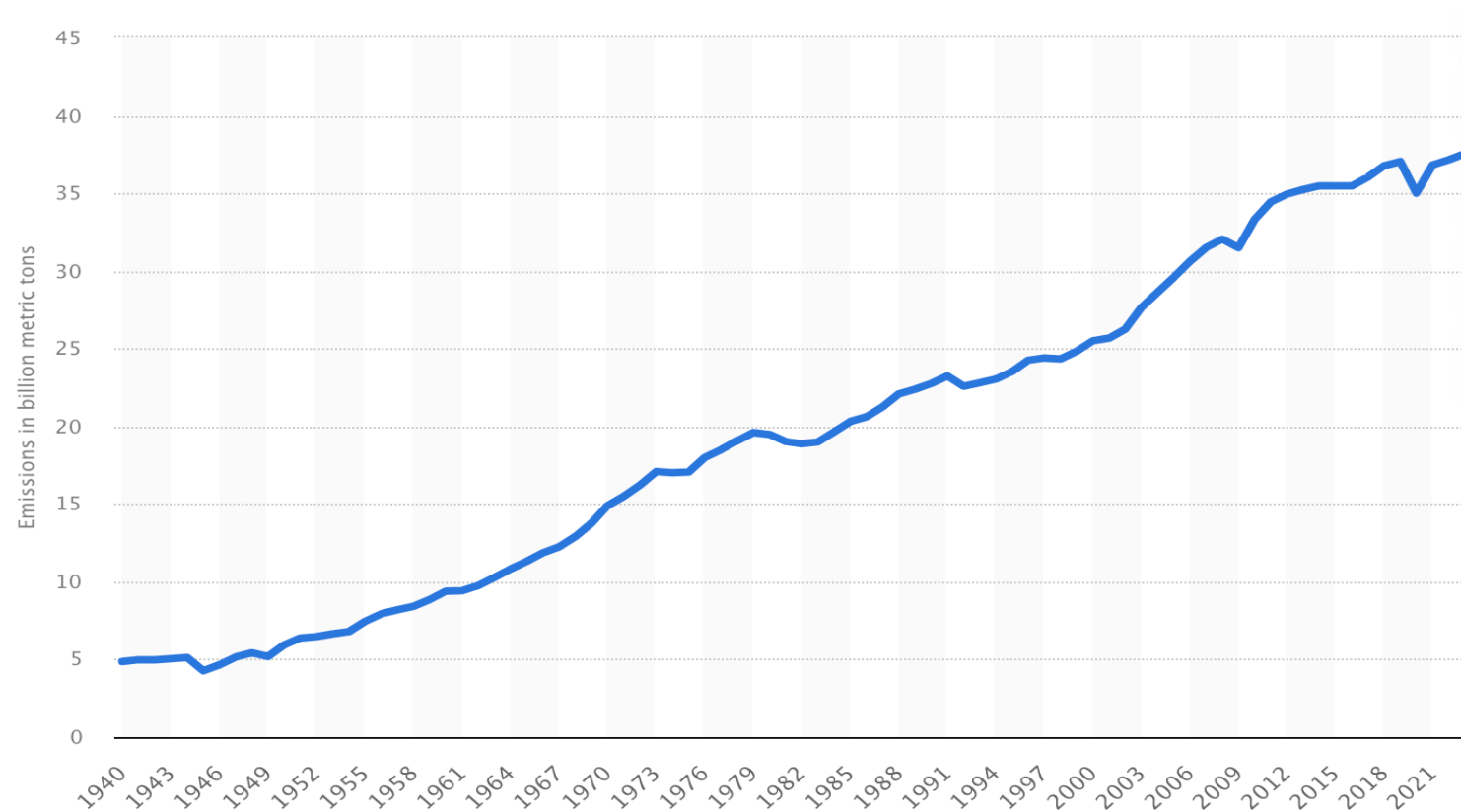
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Agenda

- Setting the stage
- The Importance of Energy Efficiency
- Leveraging IoT and AI for Sustainability
- Real-world Applications
- Challenges and Solutions
- Future Trends and Opportunities
- Key Takeaway

CO$_2$ emissions worldwide

1940 – 2023 (in billion metric tons)

Emissions in billion metric tons

Source: Statista

o Burning fossil fuels has led to excessive carbon dioxide and greenhouse gases, causing dangerous planetary warming.

o The landmark accord from COP 21 aims to combat climate change by limiting global temperature rise to below 2° C.

o Greenhouse gas emissions must halve by 2030.

Net electricity consumption worldwide

1980 – 2022 (in terawatt-hours)
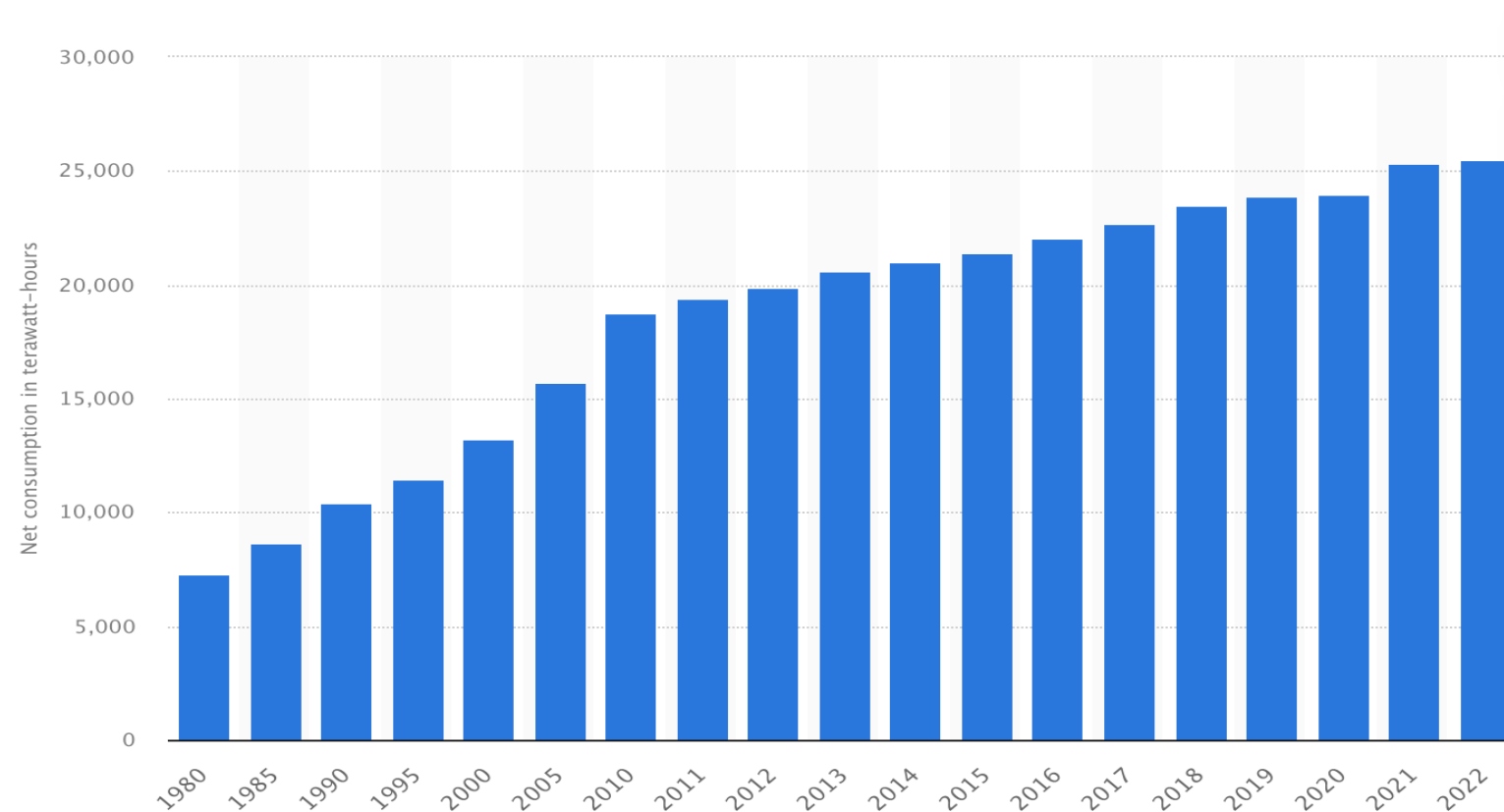
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- o The world's electricity consumption has continuously grown over the past half a century.

- o Electricity consumption more than tripled, while the global population reached almost eight billion people.

- o Growth in industrialization and electricity access across the globe have further boosted electricity demand.

The Importance of Energy Efficiency

Energy efficiency is crucial for reducing greenhouse gas emissions, mitigating climate change, and conserving natural resources.

o Environmental and economic benefits

o Need for innovative solutions to optimize energy usage

Energy 4.0: The Future of Energy

Energy 4.0 represents the next phase of evolution in the energy sector.

- Digitalization:

    IoT, AI, big data analytics, and blockchain

- Decentralization:

    solar panels, wind turbines, and energy storage systems

- Decarbonization:

    renewable energy sources, energy efficiency measures, and low-carbon technologies

- Democratization:

    peer-to-peer energy trading, and energy-sharing platforms

Energy 4.0: The Future of Energy

IoT and AI play a critical role in enabling
Energy 4.0 by providing:

o   Real-time data insights

o   Optimizing energy usage

o   Enhancing grid reliability

o   Facilitating the integration of renewable
    energy resources into the grid
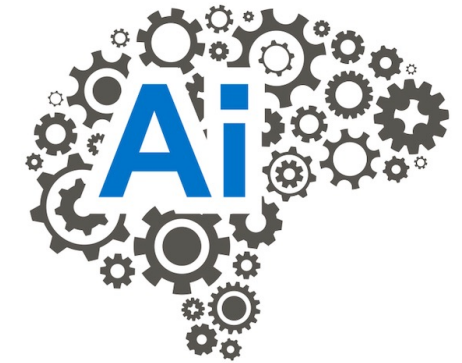
Internet of Things

A network of interconnected devices with sensors and connectivity for data collection, exchange, and analysis.

Examples of IoT Applications:
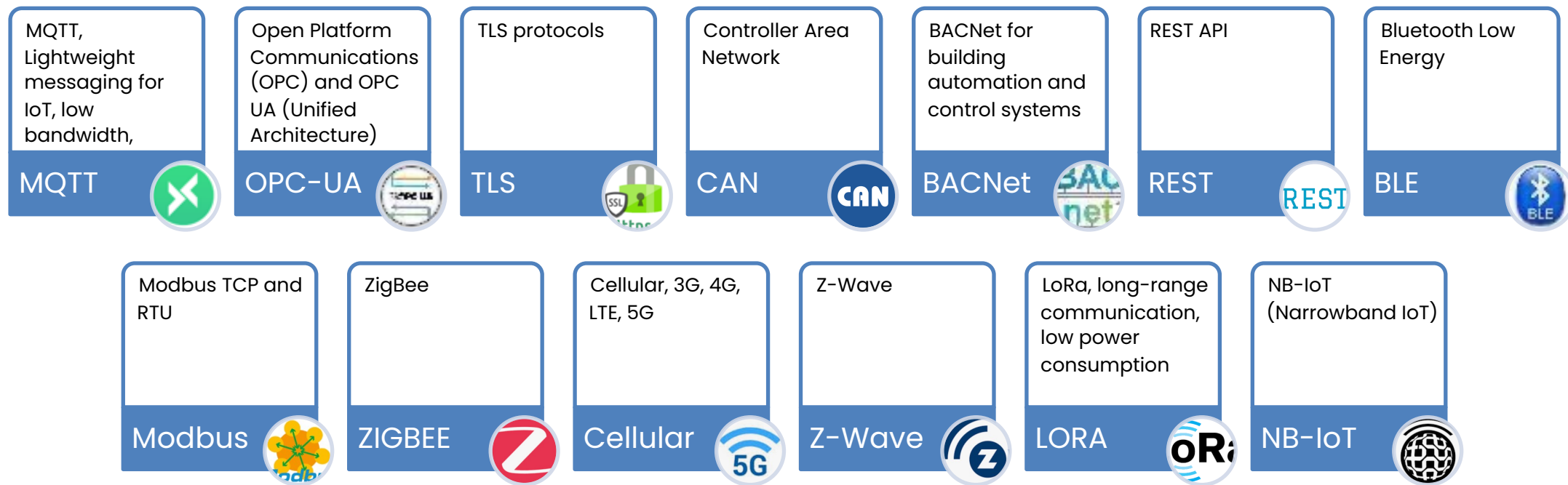
o Smart Buildings: Monitoring energy usage, lighting, and HVAC systems for optimization

o Environmental Monitoring: Tracking air and water quality, as well as pollution levels

o Smart Agriculture: Monitoring soil moisture, temperature, and crop health for efficient farming practices

Internet of Things

IoT connectivity and protocols facilitate efficient and secure data exchange among devices.

MQTT, Lightweight messaging for IoT, low bandwidth,	Open Platform Communications (OPC) and OPC UA (Unified Architecture)	TLS protocols	Controller Area Network	BACNet for building automation and control systems	REST API	Bluetooth Low Energy
MQTT	**OPC-UA**	**TLS**	**CAN**	**BACNet**	**REST**	**BLE**

Modbus TCP and RTU	ZigBee	Cellular, 3G, 4G, LTE, 5G	Z-Wave	LoRa, long-range communication, low power consumption	NB-IoT (Narrowband IoT)
Modbus	**ZIGBEE**	**Cellular**	**Z-Wave**	**LORA**	**NB-IoT**

Smart Meters

Real-time monitoring of electricity consumption:

- IoT-enabled smart meters provide real-time data on electricity consumption, allowing consumers and utilities to track usage patterns and identify opportunities for optimization.

Remote management and control of energy usage:

- Consumers can remotely monitor and control energy usage, adjust settings, and receive alerts or notifications about unusual consumption patterns or potential issues.
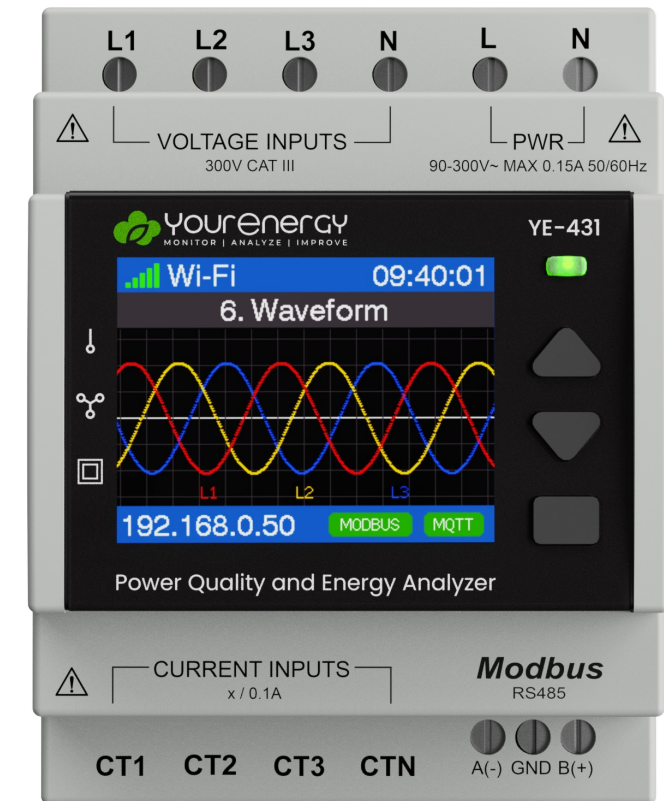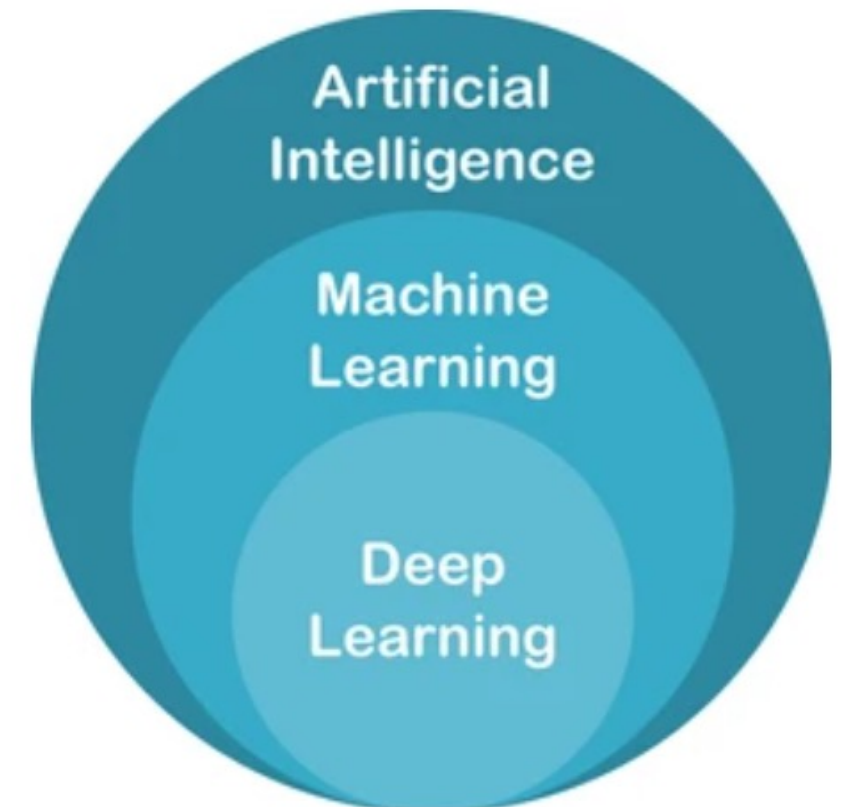
AI and ML

Artificial Intelligence (AI):

o Computer software mimicking human thought processes
o Performs tasks like analysis, reasoning, and learning

Machine Learning (ML):

o Subset of AI
o Utilizes data-trained algorithms
o Generates models for complex tasks

AIoT: Convergence of AI and IoT

AI + IoT = AIoT

AIoT, or Artificial Intelligence of Things, represents the convergence of Artificial Intelligence (AI) and the Internet of Things (IoT), combining the power of intelligent algorithms with connected devices.
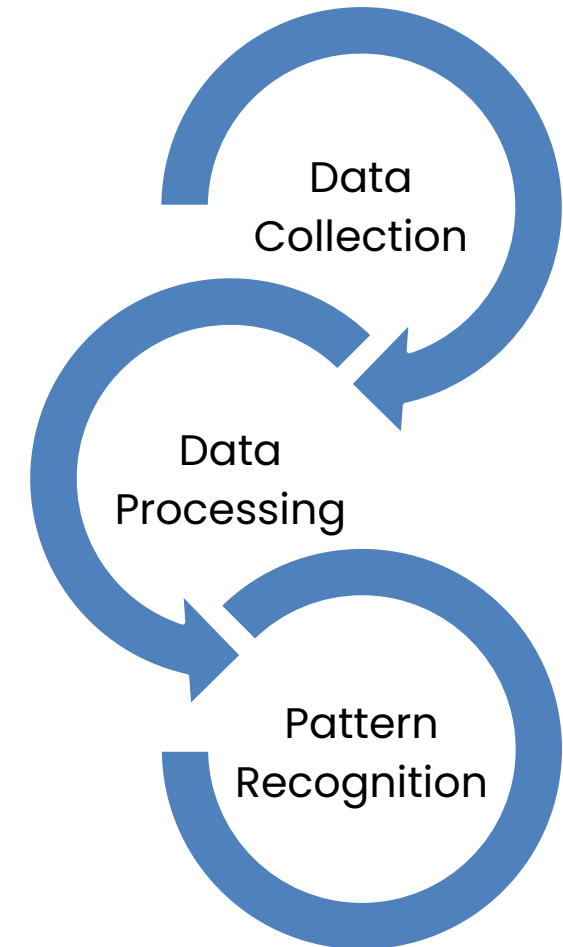
AIoT in Action

Data Collection:

o   IoT devices gather real-time data on energy consumption, environmental conditions, and operational parameters

Data Processing and Feature Extraction:

o   Data is cleaned and transformed into relevant features indicative of energy usage patterns and system behavior

Pattern Recognition:

o   AI and ML algorithms recognize patterns in the data, modeling relationships between input features and energy consumption

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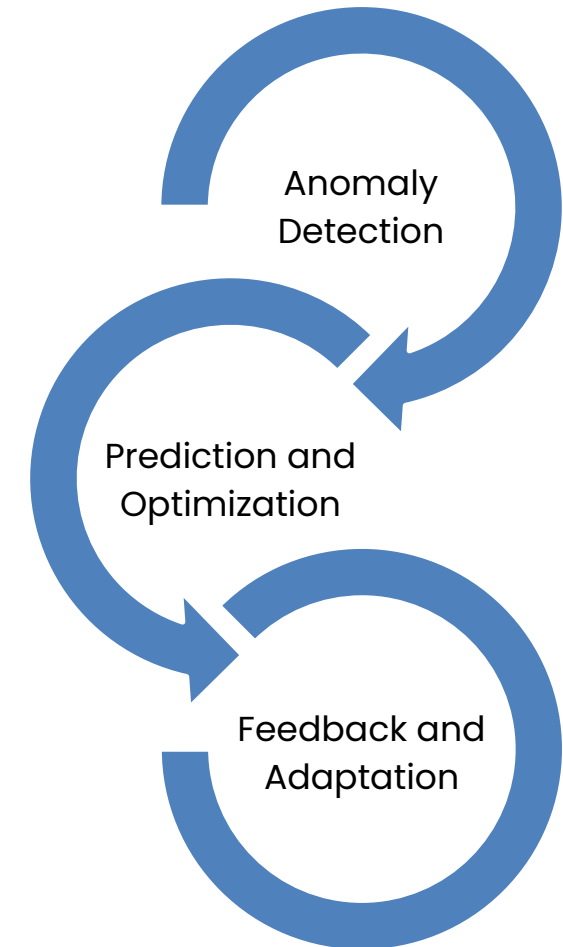
AIoT in Action

Anomaly Detection:

o Algorithms detect deviations from normal energy usage patterns, signaling potential faults or inefficiencies

Prediction and Optimization:

o Models predict future energy usage, enabling proactive energy management strategies and optimization

Feedback and Adaptation:

o Continuous model refinement based on new data ensures responsiveness to changing conditions and improved efficiency

Anomaly Detection

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AIoT in Action

Control and Automation:

o IoT-enabled control systems adjust energy usage in real-time based on predictive insights to minimize waste.

Energy Analytics and Insights:

o Advanced analytics provide actionable insights into consumption trends, peak demand, and efficiency opportunities.

Control and Automation

Analytics
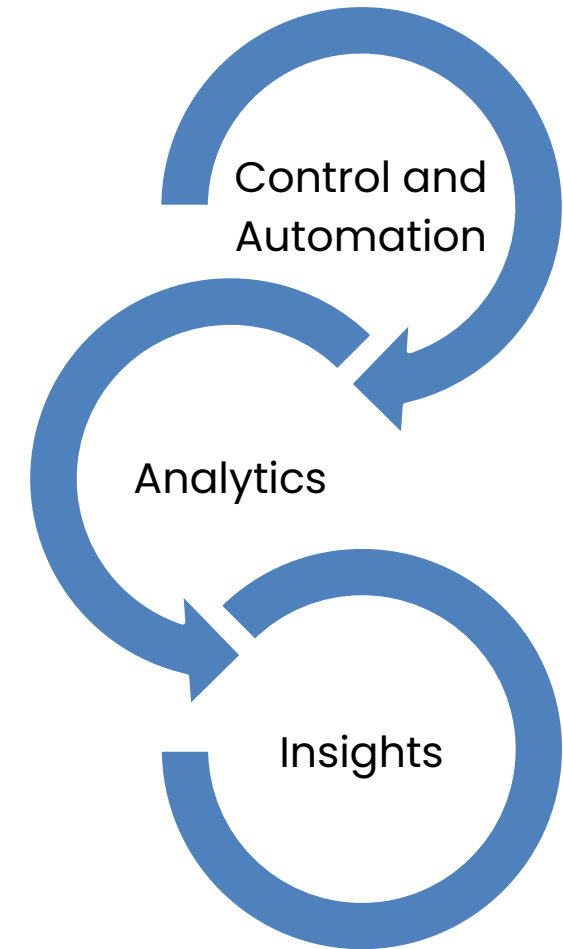
Insights

Benefits of AIoT in Energy Efficiency

o **Enhanced visibility into energy usage patterns:**

- o IoT and AI technologies provide real-time insights into energy consumption patterns, allowing for better understanding and management of energy usage.

o **Identification of optimization opportunities:**

- o By analyzing data collected by smart meters and applying AI algorithms, organizations can identify optimization opportunities to reduce waste and improve efficiency.

o **Reduction of operational costs and environmental impact:**

- o Optimizing energy efficiency through IoT and AI results in cost savings, reduced carbon emissions, and improved sustainability performance.

Applications: Smart Building

- o Dynamic HVAC Control

- o Predictive Maintenance

- o Occupancy-Based Lighting Control

- o Optimized Energy Management

- o Load Management

Applications: Data Center

o Dynamic Cooling Management

o Predictive Maintenance

o Server Consolidation and Load Balancing

o Energy-efficient Hardware Utilization

o Renewable Energy Integration

Challenges

o Data privacy and security concerns:
  o The proliferation of IoT devices and AI analytics raises concerns about data privacy, security breaches, and unauthorized access to sensitive information.

o Integration with existing infrastructures:
  o Integrating IoT sensors, smart meters, and AI systems with legacy infrastructure can be challenging due to compatibility issues, interoperability constraints, and technical complexities.

o Scalability and interoperability issues:
  o Scaling up IoT and AI deployments across large-scale infrastructure and ensuring seamless interoperability between different systems and devices require careful planning, standardized protocols, and robust connectivity solutions.

Regulatory Landscape

o Building energy codes and regulations are globally emerging, mandating monitoring and reporting of energy use.

o Examples like the EU's EED and EPBD showcase this trend, emphasizing continuous energy measurement and reporting.

o Core requirements include tracking electricity consumption by load category, driven by the push for net zero emissions.

o Three main types of building energy codes: Prescriptive, Performance-based, and Outcome-based.

o Green Building programs complement codes, offering guidelines and recognition for energy efficiency and sustainability.

o These programs vary in adoption and scope globally but share the goal of reducing carbon footprint through building efficiency.

Future Trends

o Advancements in sensor technology and connectivity:
   - o Future IoT devices will feature enhanced sensors, improved connectivity, and increased intelligence, enabling more precise data collection, analysis, and decision-making.

o Evolution of AI algorithms for predictive analytics:
   - o AI algorithms will continue to evolve and become more sophisticated, enabling more accurate predictions, faster insights, and proactive recommendations for energy efficiency optimization.

o Integration of IoT and AI with renewable energy sources:
   - o The integration of IoT, AI, and renewable energy sources, such as solar, wind, and battery storage, will enable more efficient management of distributed energy resources, microgrids, and smart grids, promoting renewable energy adoption and grid stability.

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Conclusion

o   IoT and AI technologies present a transformative opportunity for enhancing energy efficiency, optimizing energy consumption, and mitigating carbon emissions across diverse sectors and applications.

o   Leveraging smart metering, data analytics, and automation, organizations can attain substantial cost reductions, bolster operational efficiency, and advance environmental sustainability.

o   Call to action for organizations to embrace smart technologies:

   o   Organizations are encouraged to embrace IoT and AI technologies, invest in innovation, and adopt best practices for energy management to realize the full potential of smart technologies and create a more sustainable and prosperous future for all.

Thank you

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