



# Intel Sustainability: Data Center

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# Intel's Vision

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Build a more sustainable computing industry from manufacturing to product to solutions

Reduce Intel's footprint through sustainable manufacturing and supply chain partnership

Continuous Innovation

Lead the industry by designing more sustainable products across silicon, platforms and software

Collaborate across the ecosystem to create standards and build scalable, sustainable solutions



# Sustainability Goals in Intel Operations

## Climate & Energy

- Achieve net zero greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions across our global operations by 2040.
- By 2030, achieve 100% renewable electricity use across global operations; conserve 4 billion kWh of electricity; drive a 10% reduction in our absolute Scope 1 and 2 GHG emissions as we grow, informed by climate science.
- Build new factories and facilities to US Green Building Council LEED standards

**In 2021: Achieved 80% renewable electricity use**

## Water

By 2030, achieve net positive water use by conserving 60 billion gallons of water and funding external water restoration projects.

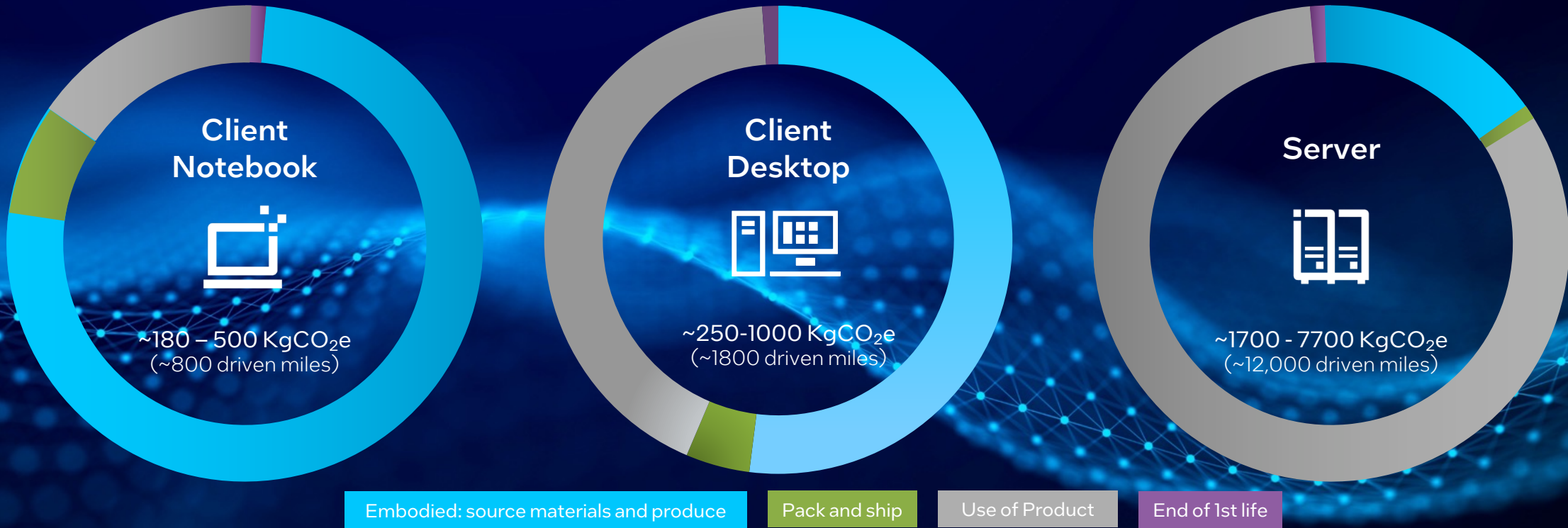
**In 2021: 9.3 billion gallons conserved and net positive in US, Costa Rica and India**

## Waste

By 2030, achieve zero total waste to landfill and implement circular economy strategies for 60% of our manufacturing waste streams in partnership with suppliers.

**In 2021: 5% total waste to landfill**

# Notebook, Desktop and Server Carbon Footprint: Embodied and Use of Product



Client Notebook Carbon footprint is mostly embodied, compared to Server that has majority in use of product. Client Desktop carbon footprint is split between use phase and embodied.

Assumes 4-year initial life

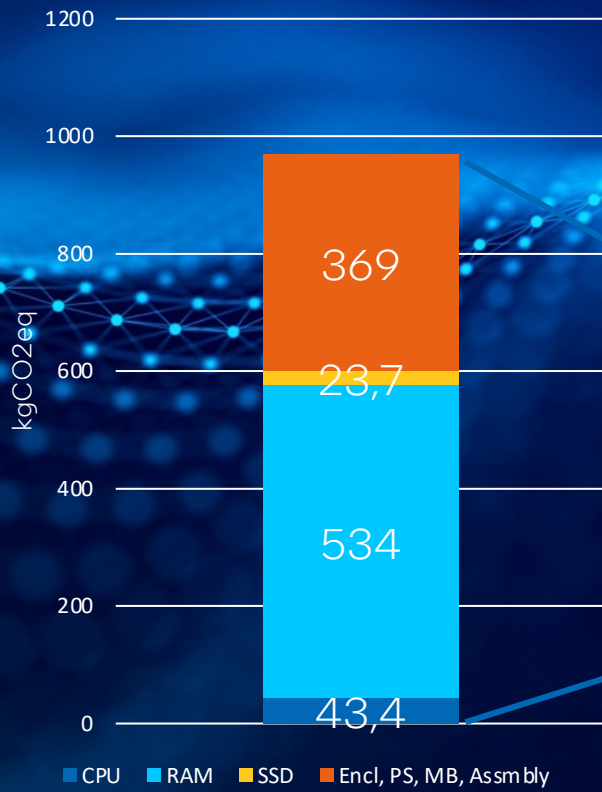
Assumes 100% carbon-based power during use phase

Source: Various OEMs. Conversion to Miles: <https://www.epa.gov/energy/greenhouse-gas-equivalencies-calculator>

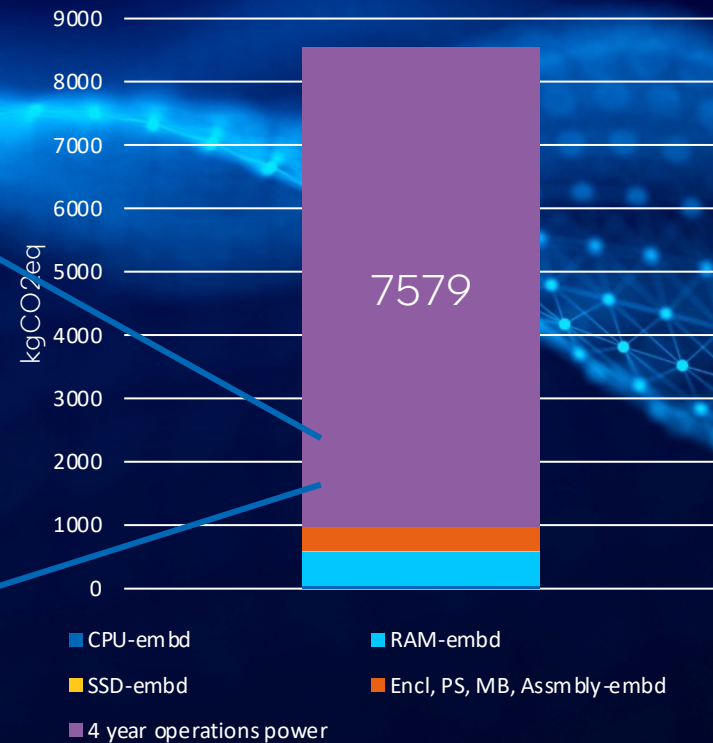


# Data Center System Use of Carbon Provides Great Opportunity for Reduction

Rack server, 2S, 12X32GB  
DDR, 1X 400GB SSD  
Server Embodied Carbon



Rack server, @ 500W running  
24/7/365 4 years  
Server embodied & operations  
CO2eq



Embodied carbon is smallest portion of server footprint (~10%)

Intel is committed to reducing server embodied carbon through manufacturing goals and platform/solution enabling

Scope 3 use of product is largest portion of server carbon footprint (~90%)

Intel has holistic approach to reducing use of product carbon *from data center down to silicon level*

# Select the right hardware to lower carbon footprint

Lower  
Processor PCF



Lower Scope 3  
Emissions

intel®



semiconductor  
industry leading

**80%**

Renewable  
electricity overall

**100%**

renewable  
electricity in US,  
Europe and Asia



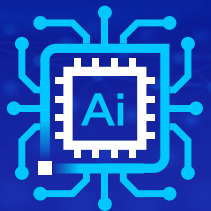
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# Intel® Xeon® platforms: Advancing Performance & Sustainability



Made with 80% renewable electricity\* for lower carbon footprint



Integrated AI for 4x perf / watt boost<sup>2</sup> for AI inference workloads - TensorFlow



Built-in telemetry and power management tools  
Dynamically reduce frequency and power down cores with P-state and C-state controls



Architecture and built-in accelerators increase perf/watt on workloads that matter

Security, network, high-performance computing workloads, and more



10x increase in energy efficiency by 2030\* for client and server CPUs



Built with circular economy strategies for waste

5% total waste to landfill\*



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<sup>2</sup> Results may vary. See <https://www.servethehome.com/stop-leaving-performance-aws-ec2-m6i-intel-instances/> for configuration details.

\* Intel 2021-22 CSR Report

# AI Software with CPU Frequency Tuning

Using an Intracom  
Telecom NFV-R1™  
solution with:  
AI based load  
prediction  
Automatic CPU  
frequency tuning



Japanese Telcom Provider

# 20%

Reduction in overall  
power consumption

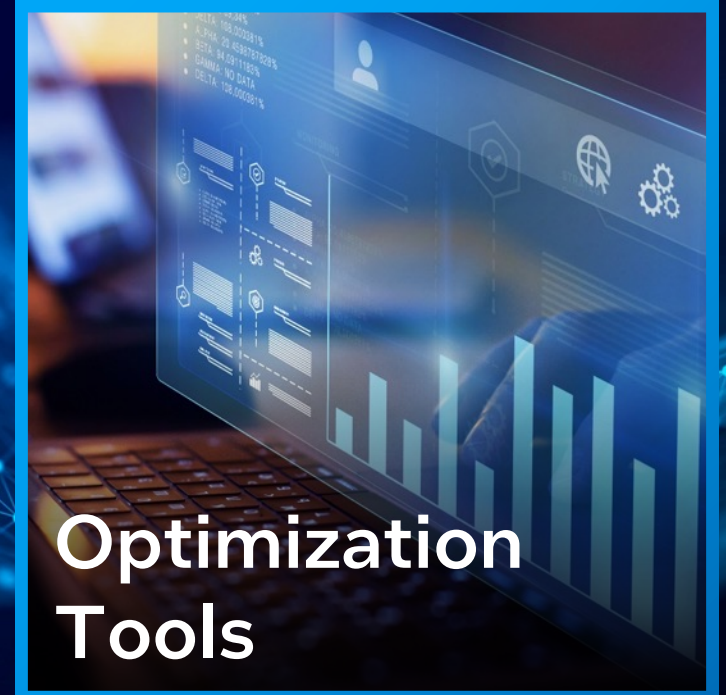
**Utilize AI –based telemetry and analytics for  
electricity saving opportunities**

\*In a trial using 3rd Generation Intel® Xeon® Scalable processors and Intel's power management and AI capabilities  
For further information: <https://builders.intel.com/docs/networkbuilders/intracom-telecom-machine-learning-boosts-nfv-energy-efficiency.pdf>





# Areas where you can help your customers



# Carbon Optimized Compute: An Illustration

## Unoptimized

gCO2eq emitted  
per workload execution

**634.01**

## Energy Optimized

Software optimized to  
consume **less energy** on Intel  
hardware

gCO2eq emitted  
per workload execution

**44.93**

## Carbon Optimized

Software optimized to take  
advantage of **clean energy**

gCO2eq emitted  
per workload execution

**000.43**

**14x savings with energy optimization.  
1500x savings with energy & carbon optimization**

Source: Intel Data, for illustrative purposes -not representative of any particular workload or code



# Invest in green software



**GREEN  
SOFTWARE  
FOUNDATION**

Intel is a steering member of Green Software Foundation which promotes CO2 optimization through open source



**kubernetes**

Intel created power-aware scheduling developer capability on Kubernetes

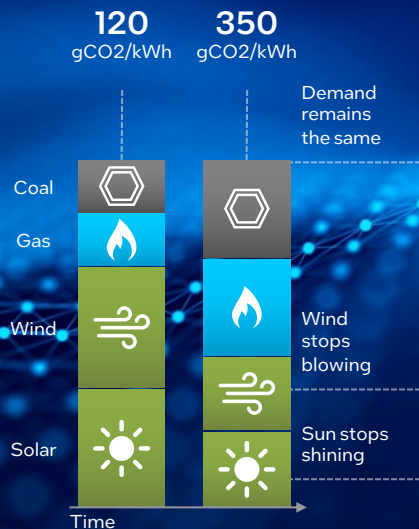
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Users can measure, debug, and optimize system power consumption using tools such as Intel® SoC Watch and V-Tune™ Profiler

# Use aware and efficient software

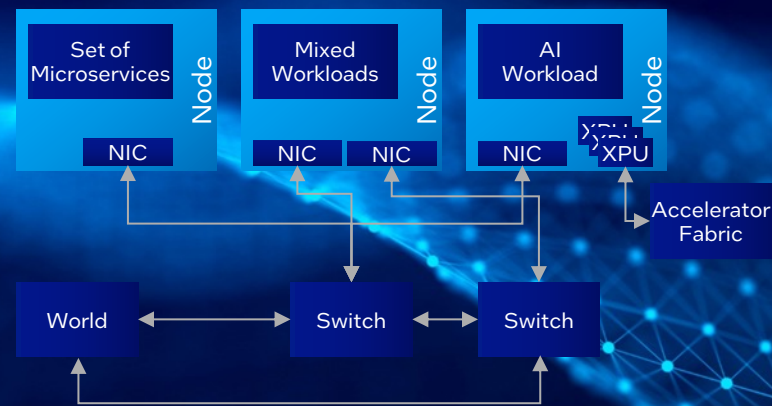
## Carbon Intensity Awareness

Choose your region (and when) the energy used has the lowest carbon cost



## Workload efficiency:

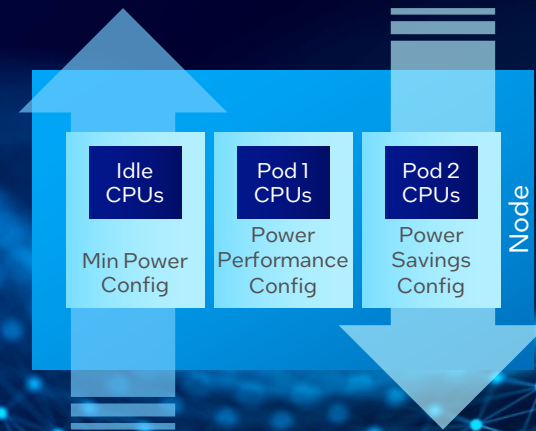
Match workload needs to performance required



Ideal Workload Placement

## Auto Workload Scaling:

Power up and down cores depending on need



## Optimization Tools/guides to use today:

- Kubernetes Telemetry Aware Scheduling
- Kubernetes Power Manager
- Intel P and C State Tools

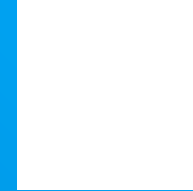


# Monitor and Analyse Operational Use Electricity

## Intel® Data Center Manager



Device and Data center Electricity and Carbon Emission Monitoring



Power and carbon Emission Control and Capping



Forecasting Carbon Emissions and Future Power and Space Needs



Identifying Underutilized Servers and Optimizing Density



Granular Thermal Mapping and cooling analysis



# Optimize workloads with tooling: Granulate



Only capability that can autonomously and continuously deliver application efficiencies reducing infrastructure needs

**40%**

average cost saving due to less infrastructure

**38%**

processing time reduction

**5X**

throughput increase

**0**

code changes

**Reduces infrastructure needs- enabling cost and sustainability benefits**



# Real Results



# Develop Sustainability Best Practices

## Data Center Operators (Edge to Cloud)

### 1. Choose processors manufactured with renewable electricity

Intel Xeon processors are manufactured using 80% renewable electricity

### 2. Choose server platform optimized for workload w/ power controls

Intel Xeon platforms have leading perf / watt for real world workloads that matter + power controls through P-States and C-States

### 3. Choose modular servers

Replacing compute, memory, and I/O separately can extend product life

### 4. Measure server energy consumption

Use tools to monitor electricity consumption in use like Intel Data Center Manager

### 5. Find underutilized servers and consolidate

Intel Granulate can help you find underutilized instances and take action

### 6. Run workloads when renewables available

Use software scheduling to run workloads when renewable electricity is available. Ask your utility company for renewable electricity options.

### 7. Use liquid cooling solutions to lower electricity use & reuse heat

Liquid cooling can save electricity, increase density, and enable heat reuse

### 8. Sell servers for 2nd life or retire responsibly

2nd life extends total service life before recycling responsibly

## Public Cloud Users

### 1. Choose instances with processors manufactured with renewable electricity

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### 2. Choose instances optimized for perf / watt for workload

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### 4. Run workloads when renewables available

Ask your cloud service provider for options



# What else can be done?



Review Service Level Objectives: Latency

Reduce zombie services



Energy Efficient Coding Languages

Invest in performance and algorithm optimization

Storage

**Get involved with Green software through organizations such as:**

- Green Software Foundation (GSF)
- Environmental Sustainability TAG at Cloud Native Computing Foundation (cncf.io)
- Green Ops project at FinOps Foundation

Architect for serverless

Carbon accounting standards







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Together we  
can make a  
difference



**Starting Now**