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## Sustainable data management and governance using AI

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### Abstract

In the digital era, sustainable data management and governance have become paramount as organizations grapple with increasing volumes of data and stringent regulatory requirements. This article explores the transformative role of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in enhancing sustainable data management practices. We examine how AI technologies, including machine learning and natural language processing, support data governance frameworks by automating compliance monitoring, improving data quality, and managing risks. The article highlights the benefits of AI-driven approaches, such as energy efficiency, resource optimization, and environmental impact reduction. Through real-world case studies, we illustrate successful AI implementations and the lessons learned, addressing challenges and solutions encountered during these processes. Looking forward, we discuss emerging AI technologies, predictions for the future, and their potential impact across various industries. The article underscores the importance of adopting AI for sustainable data practices and calls for organizations to integrate ethical considerations into their AI-driven governance models to achieve both operational efficiency and responsible data stewardship.

**Keywords:** Artificial Intelligence (AI); Compliance Monitoring; Data Governance; Data Quality; Sustainable Data Management

## 1. Introduction

### 1.1. Background and Importance

Data has become an invaluable symbol for all firms in the digital age. The exponential growth of data due to technology improvements and digital device use has highlighted the need for corporations to manage and govern their data [1]. Traditional data management and governance solutions struggle with rising data volume, variety, and velocity. The issues are technical, ethical, environmental, and economic. Eco-friendly, resource-efficient, and long-lasting data governance and management are goals [2]. This is important since data centers use a lot of power and improper data management can increase prices, harm the environment, and drain resources. Beyond rising carbon footprints, sustainable data management builds durable and flexible solutions that facilitate data development without compromising future needs. Data stewardship is becoming more important as companies use data for decision-making, innovation, and competitive advantage. Ineffective data management can lead to breaches, regulatory concerns, and reputational harm [3]. Data processing and storage's environmental impact is growing as businesses rely more on it. To serve future generations, data management must be sustainable.

### 1.2. The Role of AI

AI could revolutionise data management and governance as a game-changing technology. AI revolutionises data management with its pattern-finding, intelligent decision-making, and massive data processing [4]. AI may aid with data

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cleaning, storage optimisation, and compliance monitoring as well. Automation reduces data management resources, improving efficiency and sustainability. Energy optimisation for sustainable data management has improved using AI. Tracking and forecasting energy usage with AI helps firms optimise processes to save energy. Optimise data facilities with AI-assigned computational resources [5]. AI can also identify and delete old data, saving space and energy. AI can improve data governance, such as data quality, regulatory compliance, and risk management. Artificial intelligence can detect data outliers and warn consumers before they become major issues. AI can assure data integrity as well as data ethics and legal compliance. Companies need this capacity as data privacy and security become more critical. As AI improves, its role in data governance and management should rise. AI has the potential to improve data management. Company data management may be sustainable, efficient, and compliant with AI.

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## 2. Understanding Sustainable Data Management and Governance

### 2.1. Definition and Key Concepts

"Sustainable data management and governance" covers all aspects of data management, including security, compliance, and use for organisational decision-making. It prioritises long-term sustainability, responsible resource use, and low environmental effect. Sustainable data management assures future data management efficacy by developing systems and methodologies that meet current data processing, storage, and governance needs without depleting resources or harming the environment [6]. Data management comprises gathering, storing, organising, and using data to enhance value and minimise risk. Rule, policy, and standard data governance ensures accurate, consistent, secure, and legal data. These methods include environmental stewardship, economic viability, and social responsibility, as well as efficiency and efficacy. Data management sustainability demands effective energy, storage, and human resource utilisation to reduce emissions, waste, and other environmental implications [7]. Optimise storage, reduce data duplication, and use energy-efficient equipment. Sustainability emphasises privacy, security, and responsible data use to fulfil societal goals including reducing inequality and supporting environmental sustainability to assure ethical and lawful data activities.

### 2.2. Challenges in Traditional Data Management

Traditional data management practices, while effective in handling the growing amounts of data, often fail to address the broader impacts on the environment, economy, and operational efficiency. These challenges include:

#### 2.2.1. Environmental Challenges

Data centers, the backbone of data management, use a lot of energy for servers, cooling systems, and other equipment. Data centers already consume 1% of global electricity, but as data volumes grow, they will require more [8]. Our earth and environment deteriorate faster due to such energy consumption. Due to rapid hardware obsolescence, data centers generate massive amounts of e-waste. Poor e-waste disposal releases toxic substances into the environment, endangering ecosystems and humans. Data center cooling systems use a lot of water, which can strain local water supplies, especially in water-scarce areas.

#### 2.2.2. Economic Challenges

Data quantities raise data storage and processing costs. Traditional data management methods are inefficient and expensive because they store enormous amounts of redundant or outdated data [9]. Businesses may also struggle to fund infrastructure upgrades to satisfy rising data needs. Inefficient data management can lead to poor financial and human resource allocation. Organisations may waste too much time and money on data administration tasks that may be automated or simplified instead of strategic initiatives. Unfortunately, ineffective data governance systems can drastically increase GDPR, HIPAA, and CCPA compliance costs. Traditional approaches use slow, error-prone manual processes. Noncompliance can lead to fines and reputation damage.

#### 2.2.3. Operational Challenges

Traditional data management approaches sometimes result in data silos, which are disconnected datasets maintained by multiple systems or departments. Inefficiencies and a lack of comprehensive insights emerge from data fragmentation, which hinders exchange and integration [10]. Maintaining up-to-date, accurate, and consistent data is a major challenge with conventional data administration. Low data quality can lead to judgement errors and distrust of data-driven processes. Fast-growing enterprises may generate too much data for traditional data management solutions. Company demands may be unfulfilled, performance may suffer, and downtime may rise. Data-intensive companies are more vulnerable to security breaches. Cybercriminals may exploit security gaps in standard data management techniques since they aren't prepared to handle the complex security needs of large-scale data environments.

### **2.3. The Need for Sustainability**

Given the challenges outlined above, the need for sustainable data management and governance is becoming increasingly critical. Sustainability in this context is not just about reducing environmental impact; it is also about ensuring that data management practices are economically viable and operationally efficient in the long term. Here are several reasons why sustainability is crucial in data management and governance:

#### *2.3.1. Environmental Stewardship*

Companies are under pressure to reduce their environmental impact as the world becomes more aware of climate change. Sustainable data management measures including managing data center energy use, transitioning to renewable energy, and reducing e-waste can reduce an organisation's environmental impact and sustainability drives innovation [11]. Decreased resource usage and environmental impact inspire companies to develop new, more efficient technologies and procedures. This benefits the environment and positions the organisation as an eco-friendly leader, which is good for business.

#### *2.3.2. Economic Efficiency*

Sustainable data management can save a lot. By maximising storage and processing capacities, costly hardware upgrades may be avoided, and personnel costs may be reduced as data governance activities are automated. Companies may ensure their data management systems can meet future needs by focussing on sustainability [12]. If they think big, businesses should avoid interim remedies that won't work due to data volume and regulation expansion.

#### *2.3.3. Operational Resilience*

Sustainably developed data management methods may adapt to new business needs as they emerge without compromising performance or security. Given the internet's dynamic nature, robustness is crucial. Sustainable data governance includes compliance standards and security safeguards to keep up with changing laws and security dangers [13]. Companies should create sustainable governance procedures to protect data assets and avoid costly breaches or noncompliance. AI-driven data management solutions track and improve data quality to ensure data accuracy, consistency, and trustworthiness. This aids decision-making and corporate success.

#### *2.3.4. Social Responsibility*

Data governance sustainability involves moral data use. Organisations must ensure their data practises don't hurt people or communities, whether through data breaches, personal data abuse, or biased algorithms. Data use should be transparent, fair, and accountable under sustainable governance [14]. As stakeholders and customers become more mindful of the importance of sustainability, responsible data practices are becoming more required from organisations. Organisations may improve their image and long-term performance by prioritising sustainability and winning customer, employee, and investor trust.

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## **3. The Role of AI in Data Management**

### **3.1. AI Technologies and Tools**

Artificial intelligence (AI) is changing data management for businesses with its cutting-edge solutions. ML and NLP stand out as important technologies. The artificial intelligence discipline known as machine learning creates algorithms that computers may use to learn and make decisions using data. Data managers use machine learning to automate enormous dataset processing, analysis, pattern detection, and trend prediction [15]. Data classification, anomaly detection, and demand forecasting are among data management activities machine learning algorithms may learn. More data helps machine learning models learn from past experiences and anticipate future results. NLP, which examines how humans and computers communicate through language, is another major branch of AI. Natural Language Processing (NLP) lets computers understand, decipher, and produce useful human language. Unstructured data, which may be processed via natural language processing, makes up many companies' data as sets. Texts, emails, and social media are included. By organising unstructured data, NLP improves data analysis and insights. Data value and utility can be increased via natural language processing tools for entity recognition, information retrieval, and sentiment analysis [16]. Along with machine learning and NLP, AI-driven data management also benefits from technologies like computer vision, RPA, and reinforcement learning.

Automating data entry, data migration, report creation, and other repetitive tasks via Robotic Process Automation (RPA) lets companies deploy human resources for strategic tasks. Reinforcement learning, in which agents learn by interacting with their environment and receiving feedback, is being used to improve procedural tasks like data storage allocation so the system may gradually learn the best way to manage resources [17]. Modern data management difficulties can be solved by combining AI technologies. They help firms manage huge amounts of data, derive valuable inferences from multiple sources, and make faster, better data-driven choices. As these technologies advance, their significance in long-term data management plans will only increase.

### 3.2. Data Processing and Automation

One of the biggest ways AI has helped data management is by automating data processing, which formerly took a lot of time. AI-powered automation speeds up data processing, improves accuracy, reduces errors, and reduces resource needs, making dataset management more sustainable. AI algorithms and machine learning models automate data processing tasks like ETL (Extraction, Transformation, and Loading) without human interaction. Data management requires ETL procedures to acquire data from many sources, clean it for analysis, and put it into a database or data warehouse [18]. These activities used to be laborious and error-prone, especially with large datasets. Data preparation for analysis is much faster with AI-driven solutions that intelligently map data from numerous sources, discover discrepancies, and repair errors in real time.

AI can improve data processing efficiency and redundancy. Redundancies occur when the same data is processed or stored several times, increasing storage costs. AI algorithms can identify and delete duplicate data, leaving only the most important information [19]. Therefore, the system saves space and processes data faster by not processing the same data repeatedly. AI streamlines these processes, assuring businesses that data storage and processing have a less environmental impact. AI also improves efficiency through predictive analytics and resource optimisation. Predictive analytics, which uses machine learning algorithms, may examine demand forecasting, risk assessment, and consumer behaviour analysis. Predicting future demands helps organisations allocate resources.



**Figure 1** AI in data lifecycle Management [Source: (Self- Created)]

AI can automate compliance tracking, risk assessment, and audit trail development in data governance [20]. However intricate and time-consuming, these procedures are necessary for data management to comply with all laws and regulations. Artificial intelligence may automate data consumption and access monitoring, alerting to any security or compliance violations. Improved data management and reduced manual compliance effort make the governance process more efficient and sustainable. Data Security and Accuracy Machine learning is essential for long-term data management, as it ensures data integrity and quality [21]. High-quality data must be accurate, comprehensive, consistent, and reliable; high-integrity data must be unaltered and trustworthy. When data integrity or quality is compromised, operational inefficiencies, regulatory non-compliance, and inaccurate judgements threaten data management techniques' long-term survival.

AI systems can automate this process by evaluating datasets for anomalies and outliers and repairing them using established rules or machine learning models. AI has the ability to detect outliers, or values beyond the anticipated range [22]. Assuring that the data used for research is correct and reliable reduces the risk of drawing conclusions based on faulty information.

Increase data quality using AI-supported data enrichment. Datasets can be automatically linked to other databases or APIs for demographics, geography, and market trends by AI. A more extensive and valuable data source for decision-making. AI maintains data integrity across systems and lives. To guarantee data integrity across storage sites and systems, AI-powered solutions can track data changes in real time [23]. Avoiding discrepancies that could cause errors or data destruction is crucial in contexts where numerous individuals change or access data. AI ensures data integrity for long-term sustainability. Data governance requires AI. To maintain data quality and integrity, data governance models require specific data handling methodologies. AI, as it monitors data processing operations, can enforce governance compliance. AI can automatically assess data sensitivity and set encryption or access controls to prevent unwanted access. This provides data security and dependability, as well as assisting organisations in compliance. AI technologies are improving data management by automating procedures, increasing productivity, and ensuring data quality.

## 4. AI-Driven Governance Models

### 4.1. AI in Data Governance Frameworks

Many data governance solutions might benefit from privacy, compliance, and basic administration. Compliance monitoring automation using AI increases data governance. AI-driven data monitoring and analysis solutions may swiftly achieve GDPR, CCPA, and HIPAA compliance without onerous and error-prone manual methods. These AI systems can sift enormous data volumes, find anomalies, and report compliance issues. Increasing compliance reporting accuracy, timeliness, and manual labour. Data privacy management is improved by AI compliance monitoring, classification, and access control [24]. To maintain privacy, AI systems can automatically classify data by sensitivity and relevance. Data can be classified by sensitivity and restricted by AI to authorised users. AI-driven systems that find and rectify errors, inconsistencies, and duplicates can improve data quality for decision-making and compliance. By analysing prior data for trends and anomalies, machine learning algorithms help reduce data errors. AI ensures governance frameworks are based on reliable and accurate data by maintaining data quality.

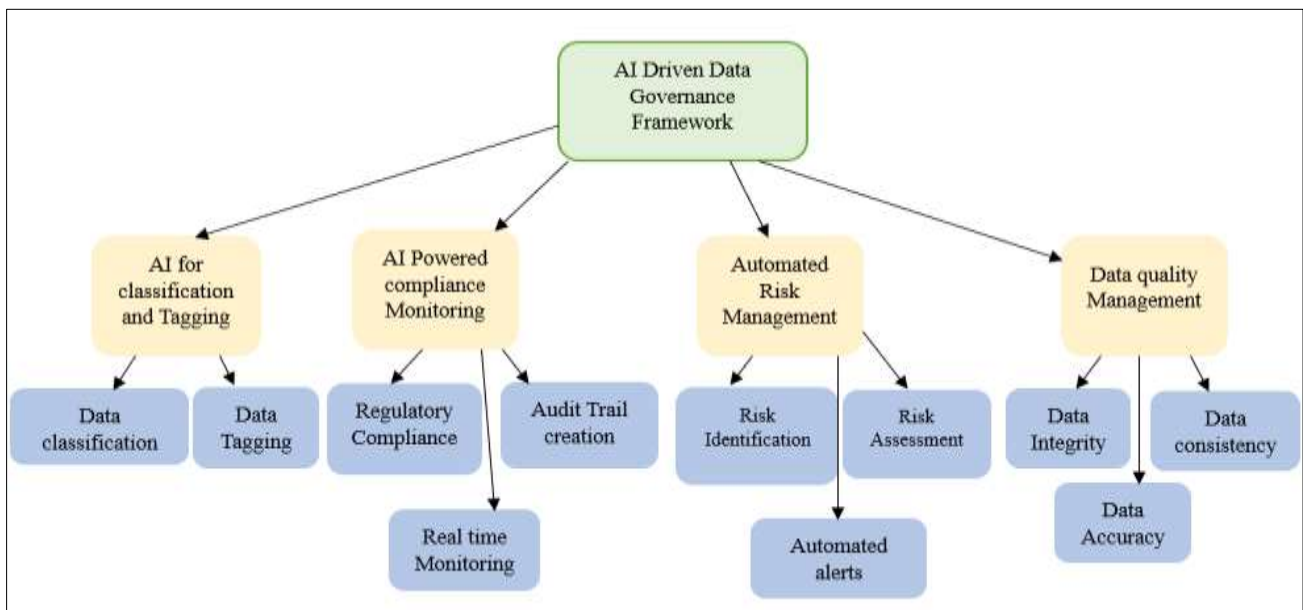


Figure 2 AI Driven Data Governance Framework [Source: (Self-created)]

### 4.2. Risk Management

AI excels in data governance risk management, reduction, and detection. AI excels at risk assessment and prediction. AI systems may analyse prior data to find trends and oddities that may indicate future threats. AI, as an example, may track data access patterns and detect suspicious activities that may signal an insider threat. AI predicts and prevents risks to

data assets. AI-powered systems can automate threat response to reduce risks [25]. AI can inform stakeholders, start remediation, or take corrective action if it detects a data breach or non-compliance concern. The reaction protocols can also be activated. Automation streamlines risk management by reducing the time needed to detect and handle issues. AI increases risk management by monitoring continuously. In contrast to periodic risk management evaluations, artificial intelligence can continuously monitor data governance activities. AI continuously analyses data access, usage trends, and compliance indicators to assess risk and governance effectiveness. Organisations can employ real-time monitoring to quickly respond to new threats and alter governance measures as needed.

### 4.3. Ethical Considerations

AI has many practical applications in data governance, but it poses important ethical problems that must be answered before it can be utilised fairly and ethically. Ethics are at stake with biased AI systems. Historical data may influence AI systems' prejudices. AI compliance monitoring algorithms trained on biased data may unfairly punish specific groups. Effective data selection, algorithm design, and bias audits are needed to address this issue. Accountability and transparency are other AI-driven decision-making ethical issues. AI decision-making is complex, making it hard for stakeholders to grasp. Organisations should prioritise explainable AI models that illuminate decision-making to overcome this challenge. Ethical governance and AI system confidence help. Privacy matters while considering AI's moral data governance use. Poor AI application could increase data privacy risks. Companies adopting AI should create rigorous data protection measures and seek explicit authorisation to preserve privacy. AI in governance models has the ability to change data governance, risk management, and ethics. AI streamlines data governance by automating compliance monitoring, data quality improvement, and proactive risk management. To use AI responsibly and fairly, discrimination, lack of transparency, and privacy must be addressed. Organisations should use AI-driven governance and ethics to sustainably manage data assets.

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## 5. Sustainability in AI-Powered Data Management

### 5.1. Energy Efficiency

Data quantities are expanding quickly, requiring more energy to store, process, and analyse. Data management can be more energy efficient using AI by enhancing data processing and minimising massive data activity power demand. Traditional data management systems waste power by running endlessly. Intelligent task management is one of AI's primary energy-efficiency benefits. AI algorithms can estimate system busyness by studying data usage trends, improving resource allocation. AI can adopt low-power mode to reduce processing power and storage needs of non-essential systems when things are slow [26]. However, AI may dynamically allocate extra resources at peak demand times to ensure performance without energy waste.

AI can boost energy efficiency by compressing data. Large datasets with duplicate or superfluous data demand more storage and processing. AI algorithms can automatically detect and compress this data, saving storage space and energy during data retrieval and processing. Artificial intelligence reduces data footprint, saving businesses money on electricity and maximising storage infrastructure. Data center optimisation is another key to energy savings in AI-powered data management. Data centers are noted for their high energy use as they house several servers and storage devices. Cooling, power distribution, and server utilisation are some data center administration areas AI may help. Instead of maintaining a steady building temperature, AI can predict server demands and adjust cooling systems to only cool needed regions.

### 5.2. Resource Optimization

Data retrieval, energy efficiency, and storage optimisation are all areas where AI excels. Resource optimisation cuts cost, reduces waste, and maximises IT infrastructure, making data management viable. AI-led resource optimisation begins with smart data storage. Data stored indefinitely in typical storage systems increases storage needs and resource utilisation due to the "store-everything" principle. By allowing them to create more intelligent data retention policies, AI can assist organisations in ditching this strategy. AI can analyse data consumption trends to determine which data is frequently accessed. According to this article, less-used data can be moved to archive storage, which has reduced energy costs, while more-used data can stay on high-performance systems. This tiered storage method optimises resource allocation, lowering energy and storage costs.

Data processing optimisation is also helped by AI allocating processing power based on demand. Traditional data processing systems allocate fixed processing resources to tasks of varied complexity or urgency [27]. AI can dynamically balance processing resources so simple tasks don't require too much and complex tasks get enough. These systems' computational burden and power consumption are reduced by real-time resource distribution. AI can select workloads

by relevance, completing critical tasks first and optimising resource consumption. AI can speed up data retrieval, saving time and resources. Traditional search methods on large datasets may need a lot of time and processing power. AI can improve these processes and make retrieval faster and more efficient by studying user activities and predicting which material is most commonly retrieved. AI can pre-index or cache frequently requested data, eliminating the need to scan whole databases for each search query. Artificial intelligence can find and delete duplicates by merging similar datasets. This consolidation reduces the energy and resources needed to analyse and maintain redundant data by reducing the data footprint. Artificial intelligence helps organisations reduce their environmental impact by storing and processing just the most important data.

### 5.3. Environmental Impact

The environmental impact of data management is being studied as firms try to balance big data's benefits with the need to reduce their environmental impact. There is anticipation that AI-driven data management can promote sustainability and reduce environmental issues. Data management enabled by AI reduces carbon emissions. Data centers produce a lot of CO<sub>2</sub>s because they require a lot of fossil fuel-generated electricity. AI-optimized energy utilisation can reduce data centers' power use and gas emissions. AI can optimise server and cooling system power settings and reduce grid energy use. AI combined with renewable energy sources such as solar or wind power could reduce data management's carbon footprint [28]. AI reduces data management's environmental impact by optimising resources. AI optimises storage and processing resources, saving organisations money on hardware upgrades to handle growing data volumes. Production, transportation, and disposal expenses are reduced, as is IT equipment's environmental impact.

AI-powered data management supports sustainability by revealing how organisations might get greener. AI can reduce waste, energy use, and corporate environmental impact by assessing supply chain data. Integrating these insights into decision-making helps organisations align data management strategies with sustainability aims, this will promote sustainability. Incorporating AI into data management provides various benefits, such as greater productivity, decreased expenses, and a major impact. Intelligent data management (AI) reduces energy use, resource waste, and environmental impact. As more companies implement AI, these technologies will become more important to strike a balance between utilising data power and protecting the environment in the future.

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## 6. Case Studies and Real-World Applications

### 6.1. Successful Implementations

#### 6.1.1. Case Study 1: Google's AI-Driven Data Centers

AI has helped Google's data centers become more sustainable. Google wanted DeepMind, its AI company, to improve energy use in data centers, which use a lot. The AI system responds in real time to data from thousands of sensors in data centers that assess temperature, power consumption, and cooling systems. Google's total energy efficiency increased 15% while cooling energy consumption decreased 40% [29]. This case study shows how AI may drastically reduce data processing's environmental impact.

#### 6.1.2. Case Study 2: UPS's ORION System

UNP has employed AI in its ON-Road Integrated Optimisation and Navigation (ORION) system to sustainably manage data. ORION optimises UPS drivers' routes with AI and algorithms. UPS cars drive less as ORION monitors traffic, delivery, and fuel data. Petrol and carbon emissions are greatly reduced. The device is anticipated to save UPS around 10 million gallons of gasoline annually and reduce CO<sub>2</sub> emissions by 100,000 metric tonnes [30]. This shows how AI may improve logistics and operations sustainability.

#### 6.1.3. Case Study 3: IBM's Green Horizon Project in China

IBM's Green Horizon initiative in China uses AI for environmental sustainability. The research analyses huge environmental data to reduce Chinese city air pollution. By anticipating pollution levels and identifying sources, the AI technology helps the government take focused action. AI-driven insights have affected industrial pollution policies and traffic flow optimisation to reduce vehicle emissions [31]. AI has improved air quality in several cities, demonstrating its sustainability and environmental impact.

### 6.2. Lessons Learned

Case examples show the need of a strong and well-maintained dataset. Any AI system is only as good as its data. Google, UPS, and IBM spent a lot of time collecting, cleaning, and organising data before applying AI. This emphasises the

importance of data management before AI deployment. Google's DeepMind machine learning algorithm improves its models and efficiency with each dataset. UPS's ORION system receives new data to optimise routes. AI implementation must be monitored and adjusted to provide the greatest results. Departments often collaborate on AI implementation. Teamwork among data scientists, engineers, and facilities management was critical to Google's data center optimisation. UPS's ORION success was due to logistics, IT, and sustainability teams. Government officials and technologists must collaborate on IBM's Green Horizon project. UPS' ORION system, which used AI to optimise delivery routes across all of its delivery vehicles, serves as an example of scalability. IBM's Green Horizon project is versatile since the AI system was customised to work in many Chinese communities with different environmental challenges. Businesses should ensure their AI systems can adapt to changing needs.

### 6.3. Challenges and Solutions

Despite the successes, implementing AI for sustainable data management and governance is not without challenges. However, these challenges can be addressed with thoughtful planning and strategic solutions.

#### 6.3.1. Challenge: Data Privacy and Security

**Solution:** Data privacy and security are major concerns with AI-driven data management. Large companies that handle sensitive data can be devastated by data breaches. Tech giants like Google and IBM have invested in robust encryption and data anonymisation systems [32]. Stringent access controls and security monitoring are needed to protect data privacy in AI-driven systems.

#### 6.3.2. Challenge: High Initial Investment

**Solution:** For smaller companies, implementing AI systems can be prohibitively expensive. Starting AI initiatives required a lot of money and effort for Google and IBM. Phased implementation of scalable and modular AI systems can reduce these costs [33]. Business can scale up after showing project viability with experimental initiatives. UPS installed ORION in several places before rolling it out nationwide to manage costs.

#### 6.3.3. Challenge: Resistance to Change

**Solution:** AI implementations may trigger employee resistance since they require organisational cultural changes. UPS's ORION rollout was especially tough since drivers were apprehensive of the new routing technology [34]. UPS showed staff how the system helped them and provided extensive training. Create an innovative workplace and involve people in AI to reduce pushback.

#### 6.3.4. Challenge: Complexity of AI Systems

**Solution:** Artificial intelligence systems can be complicated and difficult to manage for inexperienced firms. AI integration with environmental monitoring systems was IBM's Green Horizon project's challenge. IBM provided extensive support and worked closely with regional authorities to ensure smooth integration. Other businesses can hire consultancy firms or AI consultants to address AI system complexity.

#### 6.3.5. Challenge: Ensuring Ethical Use of AI

**Solution:** Many people concern about the moral implications of artificial intelligence, especially if AI systems are biased or used to harm people or the environment. To address this, Google and IBM have strict ethical guidelines and regularly test their AI algorithms for biases. Organisations should establish transparent ethical frameworks and involve diverse stakeholders to properly develop and deploy AI technologies.

Case studies from Google, UPS, and IBM demonstrate how AI can govern and manage data over time. These examples emphasise scalability, cooperation, data quality, and continual improvement. Strategic planning and appropriate AI use can overcome challenges such as data protection, high costs, aversion to change, complexity, and ethical considerations. These insights will drive AI deployments as more companies employ AI for sustainability.



## **7. Future Trends and Innovations**

### **7.1. Emerging Technologies**

New AI technologies could improve data management and control. Quantum computing stands out as a data processing revolution. In contrast to binary bits in conventional computing, quantum computing's qubits can have several states. Quantum computers can process massive volumes of data at unprecedented rates, making them more advanced and efficient. Quasi-AI works on sustainability issues like real-time energy optimisation and climate change prediction by improving algorithms and data processing. Edge AI uses nodes as IoT devices instead of cloud servers. With edge AI, data transmission lowers, improving privacy, security, and energy consumption. The edge data processing of this technology can improve healthcare, precision farming, and manufacturing sustainability as well. AI-powered data governance automation is another intriguing trend. According to governance norms, advanced AI algorithms are automating data classification, tagging, and monitoring.

### **7.2. Predictions for the Future**

Several key themes will shape AI's use in sustainable data management and governance. AI will be incorporated into current systems such as blockchain. Blockchain's transparent, unchangeable ledger can monitor data governance and trace data origins with AI. This connection has the potential to bring together trustworthy and auditable data management solutions, which are essential for sectors that handle sensitive or regulated data. Other green trends include AI-powered predictive analytics. Artificial intelligence will predict and simulate the environmental impacts of company decisions as sustainability becomes more important. AI could predict supply chain carbon footprints or infrastructure projects' long-term environmental impact. Organisations may make better sustainability decisions using predictive skills. Ethics and governance will become more crucial as AI systems become decision-makers. Organisations require strong ethical frameworks to develop and use AI systems responsibly without exacerbating social or environmental challenges.

### **7.3. Potential Impact on Industries**

Many industries will be affected by AI's rapid evolution. AI will maximise wind, solar, and hydroelectric power generation. AI's ability to estimate energy demand and handle energy storage will enable a more sustainable and resilient power system. AI can help integrate renewable energy into the system, balance supply and demand in real time, and reduce energy waste. AI-enabled precision farming will help farmers save water, reduce pesticide use, and raise crop yields. AI can analyse sensor, drone, and satellite data to improve sustainable agriculture. Weather, crop growth, and soil health can be seen in real time. Climate change and its effects on food security and environmental sustainability will make this crucial. Sustainable data management powered by AI benefits the healthcare industry. Quasi computing, edge AI, and AI-driven automation will transform sustainable data management and governance. As these technologies spread throughout industries, they will lead to more sustainable behaviours and closer alignment with global sustainability goals. Companies that implement these trends will improve operational efficiency and create a more sustainable and fair future.

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## **8. Conclusion**

Data governance and management require AI, as stated in this article. AI-integrated data management technologies improve accuracy, productivity, and sustainability in many industries. As a result of artificial intelligence technologies like automation, machine learning, and natural language processing, organisations are changing their data processing, storage, and governance practices significantly. AI enhances data quality, removes redundancies, and optimises resource use, making ethical and sustainable data management possible. We examined how AI can optimise resources, data management, and environmental effect to improve sustainability. Real-world case studies highlighted how AI has helped Google, UPS, and IBM boost productivity, waste reduction, and sustainability. These stories emphasise data quality, continuous progress, and cooperation in AI-driven projects. Along with quantum computing, edge AI, and AI ethics and governance, we discussed emerging technologies that will affect sustainable data management. AI will become increasingly vital for data governance and management. Since our globe faces huge social and environmental issues, AI technologies are essential for responsible and sustainable data management. Sustainable data practices driven by artificial intelligence can help businesses achieve their sustainability goals, enhance operational efficiency, and create a more equitable and sustainable future. AI is becoming more important in data management, so companies must consider how it may affect their sustainability efforts. AI for sustainable data management can improve operations and help organisations address environmental sustainability and ethical data governance. Readers should consider how their companies may employ AI to promote responsible and sustainable data management and governance in the future.

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