

# Green-Aware Multi-Cloud Virtual Machine Deployment and Provider Recommendation System

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**Abstract**— Cloud computing has become the backbone of contemporary digital services due to its elastic resource provisioning and on-demand scalability. Despite these advantages, conventional cloud selection strategies largely prioritize economic cost and computational performance, often overlooking the environmental implications of infrastructure usage. As data centers continue to consume substantial electrical power, integrating sustainability considerations into deployment decisions has become increasingly important. This work introduces a Green-Aware Multi-Cloud Virtual Machine Deployment and Provider Recommendation Framework designed to incorporate environmental metrics into cloud resource selection. Instead of focusing solely on pricing models or processing capabilities, the proposed system evaluates parameters such as energy efficiency indicators, estimated power utilization, workload behavior, and sustainability-related performance measures. By integrating these factors, the framework aims to identify deployment options that minimize environmental impact while preserving operational effectiveness.

**Keywords:** Energy-Efficient Cloud Computing, Multi-Cloud Orchestration, Virtual Machine Placement, Carbon-Conscious Scheduling, Sustainable Infrastructure Management, Intelligent Cloud Service Selection.

## I. INTRODUCTION

The evolution of cloud computing has fundamentally reshaped the way computational resources are accessed and

managed. Through virtualization technologies, cloud platforms enable dynamic provisioning of computing power, storage capacity, and networking services on demand. This flexibility has encouraged enterprises and institutions to migrate critical applications, analytics pipelines, and digital services to cloud environments in order to enhance scalability and reduce infrastructure management overhead.

Despite these operational advantages, the accelerated expansion of cloud data centers has introduced substantial environmental challenges. Large-scale computing facilities require continuous electrical power to support servers, cooling systems, and network infrastructure. As global demand for cloud-based services increases, so does the energy footprint of these facilities, contributing to elevated carbon emissions and broader sustainability concerns. Conventional cloud provider selection strategies are predominantly guided by economic and performance-based criteria, including pricing models, processing capability, latency, and service-level guarantees. Although these parameters are essential for maintaining reliability and cost-effectiveness, environmental considerations are rarely incorporated into deployment decisions. In practice, cloud providers operate across geographically distributed regions powered by diverse energy mixes. Variations in renewable energy utilization and grid carbon intensity can result in significant differences in the environmental impact of identical workloads deployed in different locations.

Recognizing this gap, the present work introduces a Green-Aware Multi-Cloud Virtual Machine Deployment and Provider Recommendation Framework that embeds

sustainability metrics into resource selection. The system incorporates parameters such as estimated power consumption, energy efficiency characteristics, and regional carbon intensity indicators alongside traditional cost and performance constraints. By evaluating multiple providers and geographic regions, the framework identifies deployment configurations that align with environmental responsibility objectives.

Rather than employing opaque or computationally intensive predictive models, the proposed solution utilizes a transparent rule-based scoring mechanism. A composite green score is calculated for each candidate provider and virtual machine configuration, reflecting a balanced assessment of sustainability indicators, economic factors, and operational requirements. The system then recommends the configuration that optimizes environmental performance without compromising reliability.

## II. LITERATURE SURVEY

Sustainability-oriented optimization has emerged as a significant research direction within cloud computing, particularly in response to rising concerns regarding data center energy consumption and carbon emissions. Prior research has explored various strategies, including energy-aware infrastructure management, carbon-conscious scheduling, and cross-provider optimization mechanisms.

Early contributions by Beloglazov and Buyya introduced adaptive resource management techniques centered on dynamic virtual machine consolidation to minimize power usage in virtualized environments [1]. Their framework demonstrated that intelligently migrating and consolidating workloads can significantly reduce energy consumption within a data center. However, the proposed solution was confined to single-provider ecosystems and did not extend to comparative multi-cloud selection scenarios.

Baliga et al. conducted a comprehensive examination of energy expenditure across different components of cloud infrastructure, analyzing the interplay between computational processing, storage subsystems, and network transmission [2]. Their findings underscored the cumulative environmental footprint of distributed cloud architectures. Nevertheless, their study primarily provided analytical insights and did not develop a practical mechanism for selecting environmentally favorable providers.

Carbon-aware resource allocation has also gained research attention. Garg et al. proposed integrating carbon intensity metrics directly into workload scheduling decisions, thereby reducing emissions associated with cloud operations [3]. Although effective in minimizing carbon output, their methodology was predominantly tailored to single-cloud deployments and lacked cross-provider decision modeling.

From a cost-centric perspective, Aazam and Huh presented a multi-cloud provisioning strategy aimed at optimizing financial expenditure across heterogeneous cloud services [4]. Their framework emphasized economic efficiency but did not incorporate environmental indicators such as energy consumption or carbon intensity into the decision-making process.

Similarly, Xu and Li explored geographically adaptive workload scheduling techniques that relocate computational tasks to regions characterized by lower carbon intensity values [5]. While this approach contributes to emission mitigation, it addresses sustainability in isolation and does not integrate economic constraints or performance requirements within a unified recommendation structure.

A synthesis of existing literature reveals that prior studies tend to treat energy efficiency, carbon awareness, and cost optimization as independent objectives. Limited research has developed an integrated framework that simultaneously evaluates sustainability metrics, compares multiple cloud providers and regions, and employs a transparent rule-based recommendation mechanism. The proposed work bridges this gap by combining carbon emission estimation, energy efficiency assessment, cost evaluation, and multi-cloud provider recommendation within a cohesive and interpretable system architecture.

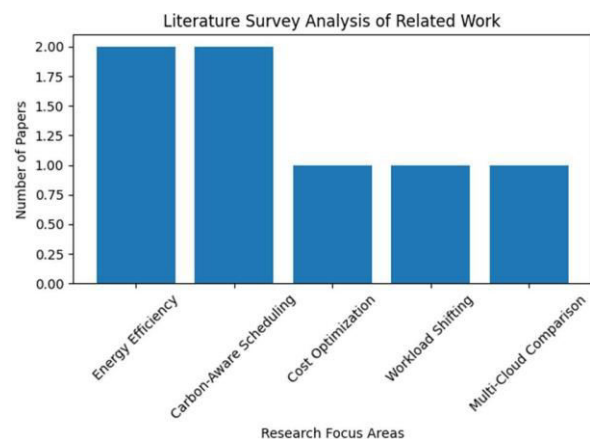


Fig-1 Literature Survey Related Work

## III. PROBLEM STATEMENT

Current cloud provider selection and virtual machine placement strategies are largely driven by economic considerations and performance-related indicators such as processing capacity, latency, and service availability. While these parameters are critical for ensuring operational effectiveness, environmental dimensions—including energy utilization patterns and carbon emission intensity—are frequently excluded from the decision-making process. The challenge becomes more pronounced in multi-cloud ecosystems, where numerous providers operate across geographically distributed regions powered by heterogeneous energy sources. Variations in renewable energy adoption, grid carbon intensity, and infrastructure efficiency can result in substantial differences in environmental impact for identical

workloads. In the absence of a unified sustainability-aware evaluation mechanism, deployment decisions may unintentionally favor configurations that generate higher carbon emissions.

Moreover, existing optimization models often address cost, performance, or carbon reduction independently rather than combining these objectives into a coherent selection framework. This fragmented approach limits the ability of organizations to make balanced decisions that simultaneously satisfy workload requirements, budget constraints, and environmental responsibility goals.

Therefore, there is a clear need for an interpretable and structured decision framework capable of integrating energy efficiency indicators, estimated power consumption, regional carbon intensity values, workload characteristics, and cost constraints within a multi-cloud context. A rule-based, green-aware virtual machine deployment and provider recommendation system can fulfill this requirement by systematically evaluating competing options and identifying the configuration that achieves sustainable operation without compromising reliability or economic feasibility.

#### IV. PROPOSED METHODOLOGY

The proposed green-aware deployment framework is organized as a modular architecture composed of five interconnected functional components. Each module performs a distinct role within the sustainability-driven evaluation pipeline, collectively enabling intelligent multi-cloud virtual machine selection

##### A. CLOUD RESOURCE DATA ACQUISITION LAYER

The first functional component is responsible for aggregating infrastructure-level and pricing-related information from multiple cloud vendors. This layer collects details regarding available virtual machine instance types, including processor capacity, memory allocation, storage specifications, regional deployment options, and associated pricing models. Additionally, estimated power consumption characteristics for each configuration are retrieved when available. By consolidating heterogeneous provider data into a unified repository, this module establishes the technical baseline required for comparative evaluation in a multi-cloud environment.

##### B. ENVIRONMENTAL INTELLIGENCE LAYER

To embed sustainability considerations into deployment decisions, the system integrates an environmental assessment component. This module collects region-specific ecological indicators such as carbon intensity values, renewable energy penetration levels, and infrastructure energy efficiency metrics.

Because energy sources vary geographically, identical workloads may produce substantially different carbon footprints depending on the selected region. This module therefore enables location-aware sustainability evaluation.

##### C. DATA NORMALIZATION AND PROCESSING UNIT

The third module transforms raw provider and environmental inputs into comparable evaluation metrics. 'MBXCV6'

Initially, projected energy usage is estimated according to the expected utilization profile of each candidate virtual machine. Based on this estimation, carbon emissions are computed using:

$$\text{Carbon Emission} = \text{Energy Consumption} \\ \times \text{Carbon Intensity}$$

##### D. GREEN DECISION ENGINE

At the core of the framework lies a deterministic rule-based scoring mechanism. This decision engine evaluates each feasible provider–region–configuration combination using weighted multi-criteria analysis. The composite evaluation metric is defined as:

$$\text{Green Score} = w_1(\text{Energy Efficiency}) \\ + w_2(\text{Carbon Efficiency}) \\ + w_3(\text{Cost Efficiency}) \\ + w_4(\text{Performance Efficiency})$$

where  $w_1, w_2, w_3,$  and  $w_4$  denote configurable weighting coefficients

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Each candidate option is assigned a green score and ranked accordingly. The configuration achieving the highest score is selected as the recommended deployment solution.

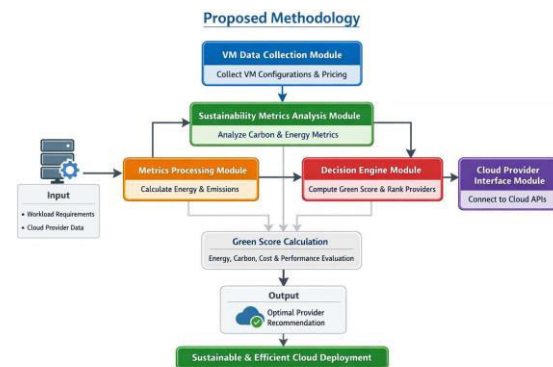


Fig-2 Green aware cloud deployment methodology diagram

This interface enables real-time integration across multiple cloud environments and supports scalable system expansion.

#### V. SYSTEM ARCHITECTURE

The proposed Green-Aware Multi-Cloud Virtual Machine Deployment and Provider Recommendation System is structured around a layered and modular architectural model. The design objective is to embed sustainability intelligence directly into cloud resource selection while maintaining operational feasibility and economic efficiency. By combining environmental indicators with conventional

performance and cost metrics, the framework enables responsible deployment decisions across heterogeneous cloud platforms.

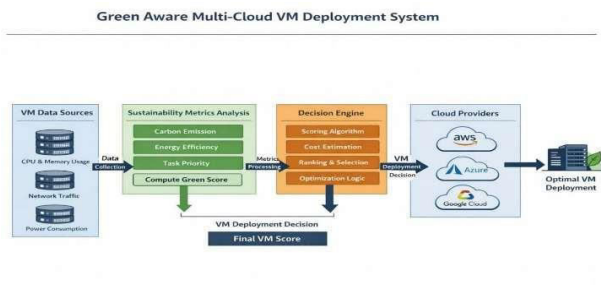


Fig-4 Green Aware Multi-Cloud VM deployment diagram

The proposed Green-Aware Multi-Cloud Virtual Machine Deployment System is designed around a structured evaluation pipeline that unifies workload profiling, environmental assessment, and decision computation. The architecture emphasizes sustainability-aware cloud selection by systematically combining technical metrics with ecological indicators. Rather than operating as isolated components, the framework is organized into four coordinated functional layers: Workload Data Acquisition, Sustainability Assessment, Intelligent Decision Engine, and Cloud Service Layer.

#### A. WORKLOAD DATA ACQUISITION LAYER

The initial layer captures operational characteristics of the application workload. Key parameters include processor demand, memory consumption patterns, network utilization, and estimated power requirements. These inputs establish the quantitative basis for estimating energy usage and evaluating whether a virtual machine configuration can satisfy performance expectations. By profiling workload behavior prior to deployment, the system ensures that candidate configurations are both technically feasible and resource-efficient.

#### B. SUSTAINABILITY ASSESSMENT LAYER

The second layer introduces environmental intelligence into the selection process. It analyzes ecological indicators such as projected carbon emissions, infrastructure energy efficiency, and workload priority levels. Using these parameters, the system derives an intermediate sustainability index that reflects the relative environmental impact of each deployment alternative. This step ensures that environmental responsibility is treated as a measurable evaluation dimension rather than a secondary consideration.

#### C. INTELLIGENT DECISION ENGINE

At the center of the architecture lies the rule-driven evaluation core. The Decision Engine integrates sustainability indicators with economic and performance-related variables. It performs cost estimation, applies weighted ranking criteria, and executes comparative scoring across providers. For each candidate provider, a final virtual machine score is calculated by combining energy-related metrics, carbon impact, financial cost, and computational adequacy. The alternatives are then ranked according to their

aggregated scores. The configuration achieving the highest composite value is identified as the recommended deployment solution.

## VI. ALGORITHM AND IMPLEMENTATION

### A. SUSTAINABILITY-ORIENTED SCORING ALGORITHM

To enable environmentally conscious deployment decisions across heterogeneous cloud platforms, the proposed framework utilizes a deterministic Green Score Recommendation Algorithm. The objective of this algorithm is to identify the cloud provider that delivers the best balance between ecological impact, operational efficiency, and financial feasibility.

The evaluation process begins by capturing workload-specific requirements, including processor demand, memory allocation, storage capacity, and anticipated execution duration. These parameters define the computational profile of the application to be deployed.

Next, infrastructure data is collected from candidate cloud providers. This includes available virtual machine instance types, pricing structures, and geographic region availability. In parallel, environmental indicators—such as regional carbon intensity values and infrastructure-level energy efficiency metrics—are incorporated into the evaluation dataset. For each feasible provider–region–VM configuration, projected energy usage is estimated based on workload utilization characteristics and resource specifications. The environmental footprint associated with each configuration is then determined using the following expression:

$$\text{Carbon Emission} = \text{Energy Consumption} \times \text{Carbon Intensity}$$

To ensure unbiased comparison across heterogeneous providers, all evaluation metrics are transformed into normalized values. This standardization step prevents discrepancies in measurement scales from influencing.

A weighted aggregation model is subsequently applied to compute the final sustainability score:

$$\text{Green Score} = w_1E + w_2C + w_3\text{Cost} + w_4P$$

The rule-based structure ensures transparency and interpretability while avoiding the computational overhead associated with machine learning-based

optimization methods.

### B. IMPLEMENTATION FRAMEWORK

The practical realization of the proposed system follows a layered modular design composed of three principal operational tiers: data acquisition, metric processing, and decision computation.

The **data acquisition tier** interacts with cloud service APIs to retrieve up-to-date information regarding virtual machine configurations, pricing models, and sustainability-related indicators. This layer ensures that evaluation inputs remain current and provider-specific.

The **processing tier** performs quantitative analysis, including estimation of projected energy consumption, computation of carbon emissions, and normalization of all decision parameters. This stage prepares standardized inputs for comparative evaluation.

The **decision tier** executes the green scoring algorithm, ranks available providers, and generates the final deployment recommendation. Because each provider is evaluated independently and sequentially, the computational complexity of the algorithm is linear, expressed as:

Cloud Provider	Carbon Score	Efficiency	Final Score	Green
AWS	0.82		0.85	
Azure	0.76		0.80	
Google Cloud	0.88		0.90	

## VII. RESULT AND DISCUSSION

The performance of the proposed Green-Aware Multi-Cloud Virtual Machine Deployment and Provider Recommendation System was assessed using a simulated multi-cloud dataset. The dataset incorporated diverse workload specifications, virtual machine instance profiles, provider-specific pricing schemes, and geographically distributed carbon intensity values. The primary objective of this evaluation was to examine how effectively the rule-based green scoring mechanism identifies environmentally favorable deployment options without compromising cost or computational performance.

### A. Sustainability Impact Assessment

Experimental findings demonstrate that embedding environmental indicators within the decision framework substantially influences provider selection outcomes. Compared to traditional cost-centric selection models, the proposed approach consistently favored providers operating in regions characterized by lower carbon intensity and improved infrastructure energy efficiency. As a result, deployment recommendations shifted toward configurations with reduced projected carbon emissions, validating the importance of integrating sustainability metrics into multi-cloud orchestration.

### B. Multi-Criteria Optimization Performance

The weighted scoring formulation proved effective in harmonizing multiple decision parameters. By simultaneously evaluating energy utilization efficiency, emission impact, economic cost, and performance adequacy, the system generated balanced recommendations rather than prioritizing a single objective. The ranking mechanism reliably identified the provider delivering the most favorable

trade-off across all considered metrics. This confirms that the rule-based aggregation strategy can serve as a alternative to more complex optimization techniques while maintaining transparency and interpretability.

## VIII. CONCLUSION

This paper presented a sustainability-oriented Green-Aware Multi-Cloud Virtual Machine Deployment and Provider Recommendation System that incorporates environmental intelligence into cloud resource selection. Unlike conventional approaches that emphasize cost and performance alone, the proposed framework integrates energy efficiency, carbon emission impact, economic feasibility, and computational capability through a rule-based weighted green scoring mechanism. The experimental evaluation confirms that embedding carbon-aware assessment into deployment decisions enhances environmentally responsible provider selection while preserving operational reliability and cost efficiency. Furthermore, the modular architecture ensures scalability, flexibility, and seamless integration within dynamic multi-cloud ecosystems. Overall, the proposed system offers a transparent, computationally efficient, and practical solution for achieving sustainable and cost-effective cloud infrastructure management

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