

## **DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY AND AI:**

CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR DRIVING ENERGY INNOVATION







Dr. Debalina Sengupta's research focuses on sustainability in process systems engineering, encompassing process design, integration, optimization, life cycle assessment, and sustainable supply chain design for biofuels, natural gas, consumer products, and waste valorization. She has recently expanded her work to include energy transition, sustainable manufacturing, advanced manufacturing, and disaster resilient design, while also developing educational modules for sustainable manufacturing.

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