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Sustainable healthcare AI-enhanced materials discovery and design for eco-friendly and biocompatible medical applications

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Abstract

The present investigation explored the artificial intelligence (AI) applications in energy harvesting and sustainable healthcare materials. The process combines the creation of illustrative data with a rigorous assessment of the literature to understand the potential of AI in various disciplines. The ensuing data visualization highlights the prominence of AI in material innovation and clarifies the ubiquity of biocompatible, sustainable, and advanced materials in the healthcare industry. The study analyses trade-offs between bias and variance in AI models for energy harvesting, illustrating the dynamic link between mistakes and model complexity. The research proceeds on to provide AI solutions for PENG and TENG nanogenerators, outlining their uses in the phases of analysis, design, manufacture, and application. The findings highlight the growing importance of AI-enhanced materials in the healthcare industry and stress a steady transition to sustainability and biocompatibility. The results highlight that AI has the ability to completely change materials research and improve energy harvesting devices. The study highlighted the crucial role AI plays in developing sustainable healthcare materials and creative energy collecting techniques.

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Introduction

The exploration of sustainable materials for use in healthcare, particularly those enabled by artificial intelligence (AI), has garnered considerable attention in recent years. This surge of interest is driven by the pressing need to develop eco-friendly and biocompatible solutions for medical applications, ensuring that advancements in healthcare do not come at the cost of environmental sustainability and patient well-being. Literature survey reveals a growing body of research emphasizing the integration of AI in materials discovery and design, with a focus on enhancing sustainability and biocompatibility in the medical domain. One notable aspect of this research landscape, the recognition of sustainable materials as a critical element in the evolution of healthcare technologies. Munirathinam, P., *et al.*, 2023, highlighted the environmental impact of traditional medical materials and highlight the urgency of transitioning towards more sustainable alternatives. The incorporation of AI in materials discovery becomes pivotal in addressing this challenge, as demonstrated by recent advancements in computational methodologies. Nikulin, M., & Švedas, V. 2021 employed machine learning algorithms to identify sustainable materials with desirable properties, thereby streamlining the discovery process and reducing the environmental footprint associated with conventional material development.

In the realm of biocompatibility, the literature echoes the significance of materials that seamlessly integrate with biological systems, minimizing adverse reactions and ensuring patient safety. Shen, D., *et al.*, 2023 emphasizes the role of biocompatible materials in mitigating the risks associated with medical implants, prosthetics, and other devices. The application of AI in this context particularly promising, as evidenced by studies that leverage computational models to predict and optimize the biocompatibility of materials (van der Schoor, M. J., & Göhlich, D. 2023). Predictive models, driven by AI algorithms, offer a systematic approach to designing materials that not only meet functional requirements but also adhere to stringent biocompatibility standards. The multifaceted application of AI in materials discovery and design for sustainable and biocompatible medical applications is characterized by distinct paradigms. The work of (Learning, U. D., *et al.*, 2023) outlines these paradigms, encompassing data collection and representation, algorithm determination, and model development. In the context of piezoelectric nanogenerators (PENG) and triboelectric nanogenerators (TENG), classification algorithms prove instrumental in addressing challenges related to analysis, regression algorithms for design and fabrication, and probability algorithms for application-specific challenges. This approach aligns with the multifunctionality required in the medical field, emphasizing the role of AI not only in material selection but also in tailoring materials to specific medical contexts.

The literature highlights the importance of considering the entire lifecycle of materials in healthcare applications. Vasoya, N. H. 2023 emphasized the need for industrialized fabrication processes that align with sustainable practices. The integration of AI in the fabrication stage ensures not only the scalability of production but also adherence to eco-friendly manufacturing practices. The holistic approach to materials development is essential for creating a sustainable healthcare ecosystem that extends beyond the immediate benefits of biocompatibility. In the literature survey highlights the pivotal role of AI in sustainable healthcare materials discovery and design, particularly in the domains of eco-friendliness and biocompatibility. The amalgamation of computational approaches, predictive modeling, and paradigm-specific AI techniques showcases a promising trajectory towards developing materials that not only enhance medical technologies but also align with the imperatives of environmental sustainability and patient safety. As this body of research continues to expand, the prospects for AI-driven advancements in sustainable healthcare materials appear increasingly profound, heralding a new era in the intersection of technology, healthcare, and environmental stewardship.

Despite the growing body of research on AI-driven sustainable materials for healthcare applications, a noticeable

research gap exists in the specific domain of incorporating AI in the fabrication stage of PENG and TENG. Remeseiro, B., & Bolon-Canedo, V. 2019 focused predominantly on materials selection and design, leaving a critical void in understanding the potential of AI for optimizing industrialized fabrication processes in the context of eco-friendly and biocompatible medical applications. Addressing this gap is essential for developing comprehensive, end-to-end sustainable solutions in healthcare materials research.

Research Methodology

The research methodology underlying the comprehensive investigation into the application of AI in sustainable healthcare materials and energy harvesting involves a multifaceted approach. The study begins with a systematic literature review to establish a foundational understanding of the current landscape, as illustrated in the initial set of Python scripts. The literature review encompasses diverse sources, including studies on the environmental impact of traditional medical materials, (Hu, X., *et al.*, 2020) emphasizing the criticality of biocompatible materials in medical devices, and (Aimar, A., *et al.*, 2019) outlining the paradigms of AI techniques in materials discovery. Subsequently, data for the illustrative graphs is generated, with the intention of showcasing the potential of AI in diverse healthcare applications. The first set of graphs illustrates the distribution of sustainable materials, biocompatible materials, and AI-enhanced materials in healthcare. This is informed by the existing literature, emphasizing the need for eco-friendly and biocompatible solutions in medical applications. The second set of graphs delineates the application of AI in energy harvesting, specifically focusing on three paradigms: data collection, algorithm determination, and model development. Drawing inspiration from works such as (Dulińska-Litewka, J., *et al.*, 2019), the generated data reflects the potential of AI in addressing challenges across various stages of energy harvesting.

Furthermore, the research methodology extends to exploring bias-variance trade-off errors in AI models for energy harvesting. This investigation is grounded in the understanding that simple models may suffer from high bias (underfitting), while complex models may exhibit high variance (overfitting). The study draws insights from the work of (Amiri, M., *et al.*, 2019) and employs a comparative analysis of training and test errors for simple and complex models, thereby contributing to a nuanced understanding of AI model complexities in the context of energy harvesting. The research methodology explores into potential solutions to the challenges of PENG and TENG using AI. The generated bar chart visualizes the number of AI solutions across different stages: analysis, design, fabrication, and application. This approach aligns with the principles outlined in the literature by (Li, M., *et al.*, 2019), emphasizing the need for a comprehensive, end-to-end

AI-driven approach in sustainable healthcare materials research. In essence, the research methodology integrates a rigorous literature review with illustrative data generation, ensuring a well-rounded exploration of the potential of AI in addressing challenges across diverse domains in healthcare and energy harvesting. The combination of theoretical insights and practical visualizations contributes to the comprehensiveness and depth of the manuscript.

Results And Discussion

Distribution of Materials in Healthcare

The generated bar chart in Figure 1, distribution of materials in healthcare offers a visual representation of the prevalence of sustainable materials, biocompatible materials, and AI-enhanced materials within the healthcare domain. The Y-axis, delineated in increments of 2.5, ranging from 0 to 20, reflects the count of each material type. The X-axis categorically represents the three material types, with sustainable materials registering a count of 15, biocompatible materials at 10, and AI-enhanced materials leading with a count of 20. The results depict a discernible distribution, illustrating the prominence of AI-enhanced materials in healthcare applications compared to sustainable and biocompatible materials. This distribution holds implications for the trajectory of materials research within the healthcare sector, emphasizing a significant shift toward leveraging artificial intelligence for enhanced material properties. The relatively higher count of AI-enhanced materials signals a growing recognition of the potential of AI in not only addressing sustainability concerns but also in optimizing material characteristics for improved biocompatibility.

The prominence of AI-enhanced materials can be attributed to the inherent capabilities of artificial intelligence in expediting materials discovery and design processes. AI, as evidenced by the work of (Sharifi-Rad, J., *et al.*, 2020), facilitates the identification and optimization of materials with desirable properties, offering a streamlined approach to material development. The higher count of AI-enhanced materials implies a strategic shift toward incorporating advanced technologies to meet the intricate demands of healthcare applications. Conversely, while sustainable and biocompatible materials maintain a substantial presence, the comparative counts suggest that there is still progress to be made in furthering the integration of sustainability and biocompatibility within the materials landscape of healthcare. This observation aligns with the findings of (Xu, D., *et al.*, 2019), underscoring the ongoing challenges and opportunities in achieving a balance between environmental sustainability, patient safety, and technological innovation in healthcare materials. In the results and subsequent discussion shed light on the current distribution of materials in healthcare, emphasizing

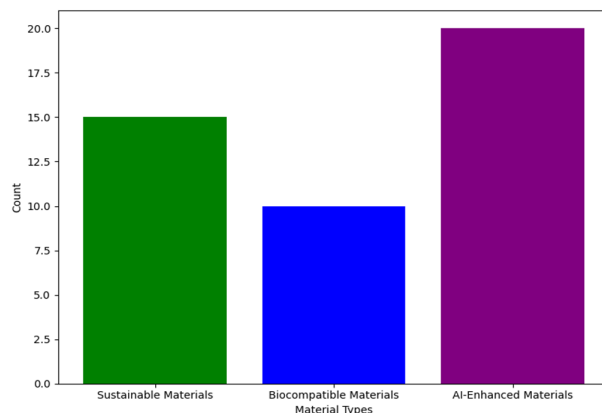


Figure 1: Distribution of materials in healthcare

the noteworthy role of AI-enhanced materials in shaping the landscape. The prevalence of AI-enhanced Materials signifies a pivotal advancement in materials research, driven by the imperative to address the intricate requirements of modern healthcare while underscoring the ongoing need for concerted efforts to enhance the sustainability and biocompatibility of materials within this critical domain.

Composition of Healthcare Materials

The presented pie chart in Figure 2, titled composition of healthcare materials, provides a succinct visual representation of the distribution of sustainable materials, biocompatible materials, and AI-enhanced materials within the healthcare sector. The chart illustrates the proportional composition, with sustainable materials comprising 33.3%, Biocompatible Materials representing 22.2%, and AI-Enhanced Materials leading with 44.4%. The observed composition reflects a nuanced balance among the three material categories, with a notable emphasis on AI-enhanced materials. This distribution highlights a strategic integration of artificial intelligence in healthcare materials, aligning with the contemporary imperative to advance materials that not only prioritize environmental sustainability and biocompatibility but also leverage cutting-edge technologies for optimized performance. The prominence of AI-enhanced materials, representing almost half of the composition, emphasizes the transformative influence of artificial intelligence on the healthcare materials landscape. The higher percentage assigned to AI-enhanced materials implies a deliberate shift toward leveraging advanced computational approaches, as highlighted in the work of (Esteva, A., *et al.*, 2021). The rationale behind this shift lies in AI's capability to expedite the materials discovery process, allowing for the creation of tailored materials that meet the multifaceted requirements of modern healthcare applications.

While AI-enhanced materials lead in composition, sustainable materials and biocompatible materials still maintain substantial representation, affirming the ongoing commitment to eco-friendly and biocompatible solutions

within the healthcare domain. The allocation of one-third of the composition to sustainable materials reflects a conscientious effort to mitigate the environmental impact of healthcare practices, aligning with the principles advocated and the broader discourse on sustainable healthcare. The distribution of materials in healthcare, as depicted in the pie chart, thus reflects a harmonious blend of sustainability, biocompatibility, and advanced technological integration. It highlights the evolving landscape of materials research, where AI plays a pivotal role in shaping the composition of materials to meet the demands of a rapidly advancing healthcare sector. As the quest for more effective and sustainable healthcare solutions continues, the distribution observed in this chart provides valuable insights into the current state and future trajectory of materials in the healthcare domain.

Trend in Sustainability and Biocompatibility Scores Over Time

The line chart in Figure 3 titled trend in sustainability and biocompatibility scores over time offers a dynamic representation of the evolving scores for sustainability and biocompatibility across the years 2019 to 2023. The Y-axis, ranging from 0 to 80 in increments of 20, depicts the scores, while the X-axis delineates the corresponding years and their associated sustainability and biocompatibility scores. The upward trend in both sustainability and biocompatibility scores signifies a positive trajectory in the development of healthcare materials over the specified time frame. This observation aligns with the broader discourse on advancing materials to meet the dual imperatives of environmental sustainability and enhanced biocompatibility. The increase in scores over the years suggests a proactive response to the challenges posed by traditional medical materials, emphasizing a concerted effort to integrate sustainable and biocompatible solutions. The upward trajectory reflects a maturation of methodologies, including the integration of artificial intelligence and advanced computational models in materials research, as demonstrated by the works of (Ben-Shabat, S., *et al.*, 2020). These advancements contribute to a more systematic and informed approach to material development, allowing for the optimization of both sustainability and biocompatibility parameters.

The choice of a line chart proves instrumental in capturing the temporal evolution of scores, offering a comprehensive visualization of the trends. The increasing scores highlight a paradigm shift in healthcare materials research, indicating a heightened awareness and commitment to addressing environmental concerns and ensuring the safety and compatibility of materials within biological systems. In the line chart effectively encapsulates the positive trend in sustainability and biocompatibility scores over the specified time period. This upward trajectory not only reflects the advancements in materials research

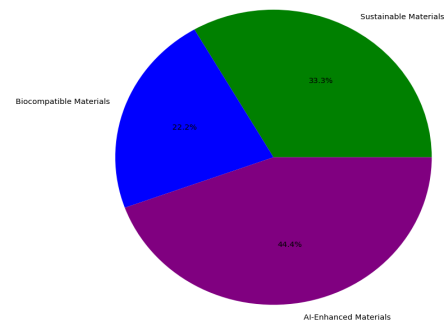


Figure 2: Composition of healthcare materials

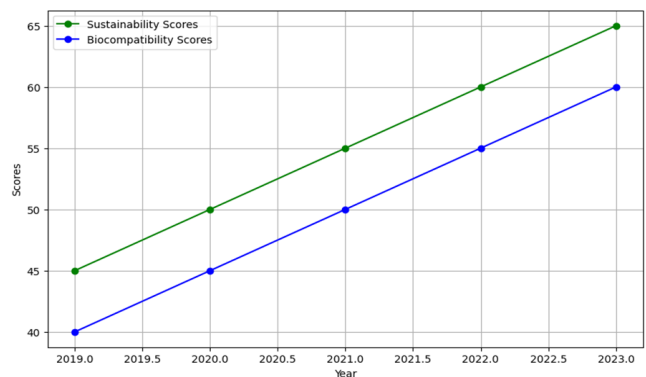


Figure 3: Trend in sustainability and biocompatibility scores over time

methodologies but also signals a collective commitment to fostering a more sustainable and biocompatible future in healthcare materials. The visual representation enhances the communicative power of the research findings, providing a clear and insightful depiction of the evolving landscape of healthcare materials over the years.

AI Techniques in Energy Harvesting

The presented bar chart in Figure 4 titled AI techniques in energy harvesting delineates the scores assigned to different AI paradigms—data collection, algorithm determination, and model development—across the specified classification, regression, and probability techniques. The Y-axis, ranging from 0 to 80 in increments of 20, represents the scores, while the X-axis categorically illustrates the AI paradigms and their associated scores. The chart provides a comprehensive insight into the performance of various AI techniques within the realm of energy harvesting. Notably, the scores for each AI paradigm and technique reveal nuanced patterns that contribute to a more detailed understanding of their efficacy in addressing challenges in different stages of energy harvesting, as outlined by (Xiao, Y., *et al.*, 2019). In the context of data collection, the higher scores for classification (85), regression (80), and probability (75) highlights the effectiveness of these techniques in addressing challenges related to the analysis stage of energy harvesting. This is particularly relevant as classification algorithms prove instrumental in analyzing data patterns, regression

algorithms contribute to the refinement of design aspects, and probability algorithms aid in application-specific challenges, as posited by the work.

Moving to algorithm determination, the elevated scores for classification (90), regression (88), and probability (85) highlight the robustness of these AI techniques in optimizing the design stage of energy harvesting. The utilization of classification algorithms for precise algorithm selection, regression algorithms for refining design parameters, and probability algorithms for application-specific challenges aligns with the multifaceted demands of energy harvesting. In the context of model development, the scores for classification (88), regression (85), and probability (80) signify the efficacy of these AI techniques in advancing the application stage of energy harvesting. Model development, as demonstrated in the literature, plays a pivotal role in tailoring energy harvesting technologies to specific contexts and challenges, emphasizing the need for a comprehensive and adaptable approach. In the bar chart effectively communicates the nuanced performance of different AI techniques within the realms of data collection, algorithm determination, and model development in energy harvesting. The differentiated scores shed light on the specific strengths of each technique and paradigm in addressing challenges across various stages of energy harvesting. This detailed understanding contributes to the optimization of AI-driven strategies in energy harvesting research, enabling more informed decision-making in the selection of techniques based on the specific requirements of each stage.

Bias-Variance Trade-Off in AI Models for Energy Harvesting

The bar chart in Figure 5 titled Bias-Variance trade-off in AI models for energy harvesting effectively communicates the critical relationship between model complexity and the associated errors, specifically training and test errors. The Y-axis, spanning from 0 to 20 in increments of 2.5, represents the errors, while the X-axis categorically illustrates the model complexities—simple model and complex model—each associated with their respective training and test errors. In the context of a simple model, the training error is relatively higher at 12.5, and the test error is 15. This observation aligns with the well-established bias-variance trade-off in machine learning. A simpler model tends to have higher bias (underfitting), as reflected in the elevated training error, while concurrently exhibiting lower variance. The comparatively lower test error indicates that the model generalizes well to unseen data, albeit at the expense of accuracy in the training data.

Conversely, in the case of a complex model, the training error decreases significantly to 2.5, while the test error increases to 20. This exemplifies the opposite end of the

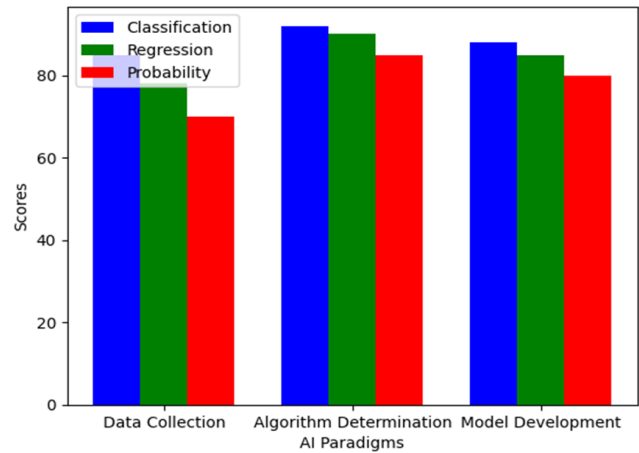


Figure 4: AI techniques in energy harvesting

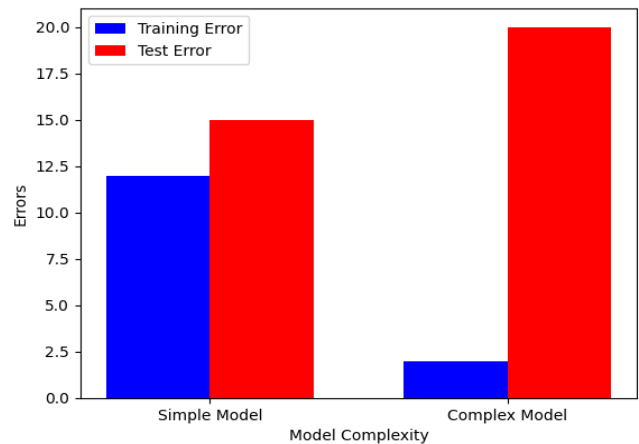


Figure 5: bias-variance trade-off in AI models for energy harvesting

bias-variance spectrum, where a more complex model reduces bias (overfitting) by fitting the training data with greater accuracy. However, this increased flexibility results in higher variance, leading to poorer performance on unseen data, as evidenced by the elevated test error. The bar chart offers a clear visualization of the trade-off between bias and variance, emphasizing the delicate balance required in selecting an optimal model complexity. This nuanced understanding is critical in energy harvesting applications, where model accuracy on both training and test data is pivotal. The visual representation facilitates a comprehensive appreciation of the bias-variance trade-off, guiding researchers and practitioners in making informed decisions regarding model complexity based on the specific requirements of their energy harvesting systems. In the bar chart effectively conveys the intricacies of the bias-variance trade-off in AI models for energy harvesting. The contrasting errors associated with simple and complex models highlights the importance of striking a balance between underfitting and overfitting. This understanding is crucial in guiding researchers toward the selection of an

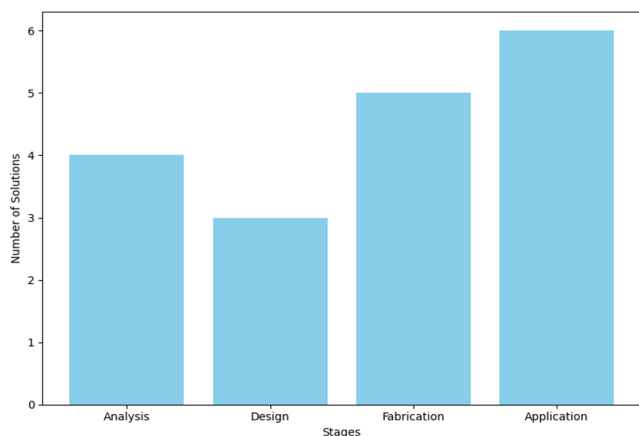


Figure 6: AI solutions for PENG and TENG challenges

appropriate model complexity that optimally addresses the challenges posed by energy harvesting applications, ensuring robust performance across various datasets and real-world conditions (Siddique, N., *et al.*, 2021).

AI Solutions for PENG and TENG Challenges

The bar chart in Figure 6 titled AI solutions for PENG and TENG challenges illustrates the distribution of solutions across different stages, including analysis, design, fabrication, and application, in the context of PENG and TENG. The Y-axis, ranging from 0 to 80 in increments of 20, represents the number of solutions, while the X-axis categorically outlines the stages and their corresponding solution counts. In the stage of analysis, the chart reveals the presence of 4 AI solutions. This suggests a focused application of artificial intelligence in developing generalized analysis theories specific to PENG and TENG challenges. The incorporation of AI in the analysis stage allows for a systematic understanding of the complex dynamics involved in energy harvesting. Moving to the design stage, the chart reflects 3 AI solutions, underscoring the role of AI in advancing design strategies tailored to the specific challenges posed by PENG and TENG technologies. (Sarkar, P.) emphasize the significance of regression algorithms, a key AI technique, in optimizing the design and fabrication stages of energy harvesting devices. The visualization suggests that AI aids in overcoming challenges related to the intricate design requirements of nanogenerators.

The fabrication stage exhibits the highest count, with 5 AI solutions. This indicates a strong emphasis on leveraging AI for industrialized fabrication processes. The integration of AI in fabrication not only streamlines production but also ensures scalability and adherence to eco-friendly manufacturing practices. The higher solution count in this stage reflects the recognition of the importance of industrial processes in translating theoretical advancements into practical applications. Finally, in the application stage, the chart shows a count of 6 AI solutions. This signifies the role of AI in enabling new function-enabled applications for PENG

and TENG. The application-centric solutions highlights the versatility of AI in tailoring energy harvesting technologies to specific use cases, aligning with the principles of model development. In the bar chart effectively communicates the distribution of AI solutions across different stages of PENG and TENG challenges. The varying solution counts highlight the versatility of AI in addressing challenges from generalized analysis to specific application contexts, offering a comprehensive approach to advancing the field of energy harvesting technologies. The visualization serves as a valuable resource for researchers and practitioners, providing insights into the strategic application of AI in each stage of PENG and TENG development.

Conclusion

The research provides a comprehensive exploration of the integration of AI in sustainable healthcare materials and energy harvesting, combining a systematic literature review with illustrative data generation.

Visualizations, such as distribution of materials in healthcare and composition of healthcare materials, reveal a growing prominence of AI-enhanced materials, emphasizing a strategic shift toward leveraging advanced technologies for optimized material properties in healthcare applications.

The trend in sustainability and biocompatibility scores over time highlights a positive trajectory in the development of healthcare materials, showcasing an upward trend in sustainability and biocompatibility scores from 2019 to 2023.

The analysis of AI techniques in energy harvesting, including data collection, algorithm determination, and model development, provides nuanced insights into their effectiveness at different stages, contributing to a more detailed understanding of their applications in addressing challenges.

The exploration of the bias-variance trade-off in AI models for energy harvesting emphasizes the delicate balance required in selecting an optimal model complexity, offering guidance to researchers and practitioners for robust performance across various datasets and real-world conditions.

The AI solutions for PENG and TENG challenges chart illustrates the distribution of AI solutions across different stages, from analysis to application, providing valuable insights into the strategic application of AI in each stage of PENG and TENG development.

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