



Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning in Renewable and Sustainable Energy Strategies: A Critical Review and Future Perspectives

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Abstract - Artificial intelligence (AI) and machine learning (ML) are transforming renewable energy tactics by improving effectiveness, dependability, and eco-friendliness. This critical analysis evaluates how AI and ML technologies are being used in different areas of renewable energy. These models have greatly enhanced the forecasting of renewable energy, allowing for accurate predictions that enhance energy production and distribution. AI and ML play a vital role in enhancing renewable energy systems, increasing efficiency, and cutting costs by utilizing advanced analytics and predictive maintenance techniques. AI and ML assist in making real-time decisions and adaptive control in smart grids and energy management to optimize energy distribution and reduce waste. The combination of AI and ML in energy storage systems improves performance through forecasting storage needs and optimizing charge-discharge cycles, resulting in a more effective utilization of stored energy. Additionally, AI and ML aid in lessening the environmental footprint of renewable energy through process optimization and emission reduction. The review further discusses how AI, IoT, blockchain, and edge computing interact in renewable energy applications. IoT devices allow for collecting data in real time, which, when paired with AI and ML, improves the responsiveness and efficiency of systems. Blockchain technology guarantees secure and transparent transactions, with edge computing enabling quicker data processing at the origin, further enhancing renewable energy systems. This in-depth overview highlights how AI and ML have the ability to drastically change renewable energy, providing analysis on the latest progress and upcoming possibilities. It offers guidelines for future studies and advancements in this crucial area.

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1. INTRODUCTION

The fast progress in artificial intelligence (AI) and machine learning (ML) has had a big impact on many industries, such as the energy sector [1-3]. With climate change and environmental degradation posing urgent challenges for the global community, the importance of renewable and sustainable energy solutions has grown more crucial [4-6]. Traditional energy systems that heavily depend on fossil fuels are not sustainable because of their damaging impact on the environment and limited supply. In this scenario, AI and ML emerge as revolutionary technologies with the potential to transform the renewable energy industry through enhancing resource management, increasing efficiency, and promoting new energy strategies that align with sustainability goals [1,7-9]. The use of AI and ML in renewable energy plans is predominantly motivated by their ability to analyze large datasets, forecast results, and improve processes instantly [10-13]. These technologies are essential for handling the unpredictable and changeable characteristics of renewable energy sources such as solar and wind power. For instance, AI algorithms have the ability to predict weather patterns and solar radiation with great accuracy, which can improve the



efficiency and seamless incorporation of solar energy systems. Likewise, ML models have the ability to forecast wind velocities and power generation, improving grid control and energy allocation. These functions are crucial in upholding the stability and dependability of energy systems that are relying more and more on renewable sources.

AI and ML play a significant role in the renewable energy industry, particularly in the areas of energy storage and grid management [14–16]. Energy storage systems, like batteries, are essential for managing the fluctuations of renewable energy sources. The use of AI to predict future outcomes can enhance the charging and discharging processes of these storage systems, leading to longer lifespans and better efficiency. Moreover, AI improves grid control by predicting changes in energy supply and demand, leading to better energy distribution that is both efficient and dependable. This doesn't just decrease energy loss but also decreases operational expenses and enhances the durability of energy systems. AI and ML have a significant effect on improving energy efficiency by optimizing energy usage in different industries [20–21]. AI-driven smart grids are able to adapt energy distribution using current data, reducing energy losses and optimizing energy usage in critical locations and times. Moreover, AI-powered energy management systems in buildings and industrial facilities have the capability to monitor and analyze energy usage patterns. This helps in identifying chances for energy savings and making automated adjustments to lower consumption. These systems lead to substantial cost savings and contribute to achieving broader sustainability objectives.

The use of AI and ML in renewable energy plans also applies to the creation of smart cities, which use cutting-edge technologies to enhance residents' well-being while reducing environmental harm [22–24]. AI-based solutions in smart cities consist of intelligent transportation systems, improved waste management, and optimized energy usage, all of which aid in sustainable urban development [25–27]. For example, AI algorithms have the ability to improve traffic flow, ultimately decreasing congestion and emissions, while ML models can forecast patterns of waste generation, resulting in improved recycling and waste disposal procedures. Furthermore, smart buildings and infrastructure utilize AI-powered energy management systems to guarantee efficient energy consumption, ultimately improving the sustainability of urban areas [28–30]. Although there are many advantages, incorporating AI and ML into renewable energy plans comes with difficulties [1,31–33]. A significant problem is the requirement for top-notch, instantaneous data to educate AI and ML models. Gathering and managing data in the energy industry may require a significant amount of resources and be complex, so it is important to have strong infrastructure and make substantial investments. [34–36] Furthermore, the implementation of AI-based solutions necessitates a competent team that can create, execute, and support these sophisticated technologies. It is essential to tackle these challenges in order to fully utilize the potential of AI and ML in advancing sustainable energy solutions. Additionally, the ethical and regulatory consequences of AI in the energy industry need to be taken into account. Data privacy, security, and addressing biases in AI algorithms are essential concerns [2,37–40]. Policymakers and industry stakeholders need to work together to create guidelines that encourage the responsible and fair utilization of AI in energy systems, guaranteeing widespread advantages and reducing possible dangers.

1. The research paper thoroughly explores the most recent uses of AI and ML in the field of renewable and sustainable energy strategies, highlighting notable progress and new developments in the sector.



2. The article examines and delves into the main barriers and limitations faced by AI and ML technologies in the renewable energy industry, offering a deeper understanding of the technical, economic, and regulatory hurdles that need to be addressed.
3. It presents possible future research directions and upcoming trends for AI and ML in renewable and sustainable energy, offering new methods and answers to enhance energy efficiency, reliability, and sustainability.

2. METHODOLOGY

The approach consists of three main stages: reviewing literature, conducting cluster analysis, and analyzing keyword co-occurrence. The first step is to thoroughly examine the existing literature to gather current information and research results on the use of AI and ML in renewable energy. Information was acquired from academic databases like IEEE Xplore, ScienceDirect, and Google Scholar, with an emphasis on peer-reviewed articles, conference papers, and review papers. This review sought to pinpoint main themes, patterns, and areas lacking research in the field. Particular focus was placed on research that demonstrates the merging of AI and ML in different renewable energy fields like solar, wind, hydro, and bioenergy. By critically analyzing the collected literature, the goal was to gain a deep understanding of the current research environment and pinpoint upcoming trends and research areas for the future.

Cluster analysis was employed in the second stage to group the literature by thematic similarities into coherent clusters. This was achieved utilizing VOSviewer bibliometric tools. Cluster analysis was used to identify important clusters of research topics and subtopics within the larger scope of AI and ML in renewable energy. Every cluster that is recognized represents a distinct focus area, which includes predictive maintenance for renewable energy systems, energy production optimization, and the incorporation of renewable energy sources into smart grids. This clustering procedure offered understanding into the main research topics and uncovered connections between different disciplines in the field. The last step included conducting a co-occurrence analysis of keywords with bibliometric software to visualize the connections between commonly used terms in the chosen literature. This analysis aimed to reveal central themes and emerging topics in the field of research. Analyzed were keywords like "artificial intelligence," "machine learning," "renewable energy," "optimization," and "predictive maintenance" in order to comprehend their connections and importance. The analysis of co-occurring terms showed gaps in research and possible new topics for future studies, revealing underexplored or emerging areas.

3. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Co-occurrence and cluster analysis of the keywords

The integration of AI and ML with renewable energy strategies is now a major focus of research. Examining how keywords appear together and are grouped in this field provides understanding of the various interconnected topics and frameworks shaping the present literature landscape. The visual depiction (Fig.1) of this study underscores the diverse complexity of the field and the main themes along with their connections.

Importance of Artificial Intelligence

"Artificial intelligence" stands out as the most crucial and interlinked keyword, highlighting its key importance in the field. This central role shows how AI is widely used and integrated in different parts of renewable energy plans, such as optimization, forecasting, smart grid control, and decision-making. The

importance of AI in the renewable energy sector indicates its impact on fostering innovation and advancements.

Groups and Specific Topics

The co-occurrence network uncovers multiple separate clusters that represent particular thematic areas in the wider field of AI and renewable energy. The clusters are broadly divided into three main groups: renewable energy sources, energy efficiency and usage, and ML and predictive modeling.

Sustainable Energy Sources (Green Cluster)

This group consists of key terms associated with different types of sustainable energy sources, like wind energy, solar power, and biomass. The focus on integrating renewable energy into existing power systems is underscored by the interconnected relationship between terms like "renewable energy resources," "smart grid," and "electric power system control." Phrases such as "microgrid," "electric load dispatching," and "energy management systems" indicate a clear focus on enhancing the efficiency of renewable energy distribution and administration. This group highlights the increasing significance of renewable energy sources in creating sustainable energy systems and decreasing reliance on fossil fuels.

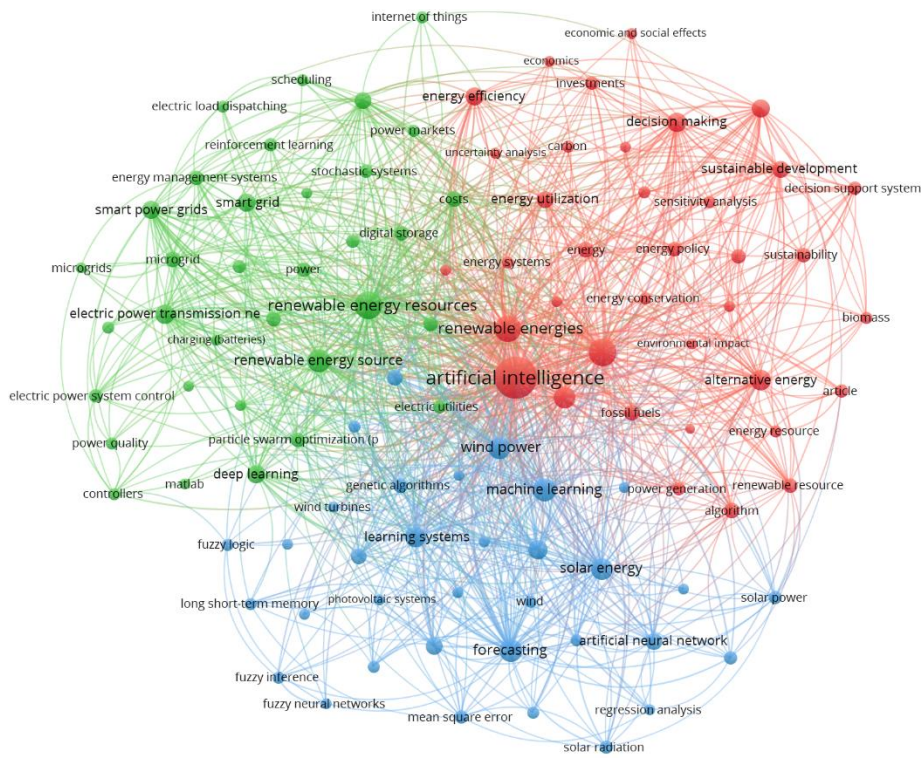


Fig -1: Co-occurrence analysis of the keywords in literature

Efficient use and utilization of energy (Red Cluster)

This group is identified by keywords connected to energy efficiency, decision-making, and sustainable development. Phrases such as "energy efficiency," "energy utilization," and "sustainable development" are closely linked, showing a commitment to enhancing energy system efficiency and endorsing sustainable practices. Phrases like "implications on economy and society," "energy policies," and "effects on environment" point towards a comprehensive view taking into account the technical, economic, social, and



environmental aspects of renewable energy plans. This group emphasizes the importance of having thorough policies and frameworks in place to promote effective energy resource utilization while also achieving sustainable development objectives.

ML and Predictive Modeling (Blue Cluster)

This group consists of terms associated with ML methods, prediction, and neural networks. Key concepts such as "machine learning," "deep learning," and "artificial neural network" underscore the importance of sophisticated predictive modeling in renewable energy use. Terms like "forecasting," "genetic algorithms," and "fuzzy logic" show the variety of computational methods utilized to improve the precision and dependability of energy predictions. This group represents continuous attempts to use ML and AI technologies to create advanced models that accurately predict energy production, consumption, and demand.

Connections between clusters

The connections between different clusters emphasize the diverse nature of this research area. Intense connections between the green and blue clusters indicate a strong correlation between renewable energy sources and machine learning methods, centered on enhancing the efficiency of renewable energy systems through ML algorithms. The linkages between the red and blue clusters highlight how predictive modeling plays a key role in both improving energy efficiency and guiding decision-making processes. The intersection of the green and red clusters shows the incorporation of renewable energy sources into sustainable development models, underscoring the significance of energy efficiency and conservation in attaining sustainability objectives.

Emerging Trends and Future Perspectives

The co-occurrence and cluster analysis also pinpoint upcoming trends and potential areas for future research. The rising importance of terms like "Internet of Things (IoT)," "smart grids," and "energy policy" indicates a rising fascination with the overlap of AI, IoT, and renewable energy. Combining IoT and AI can allow for immediate supervision and management of energy systems, improving effectiveness and robustness. Moreover, the emphasis on energy policy and sustainable development shows a move towards more comprehensive and interdisciplinary methods that take into account the wider societal effects of renewable energy strategies.

4. AI AND MACHINE LEARNING TECHNIQUES IN RENEWABLE ENERGY

AI and ML are transforming different industries, including renewable energy. These technologies are expected to improve effectiveness, maximize resource usage, and stimulate advancements in smart grids [3,10–11].

Forecasting and Predictive Analytics

Forecasting and predictive analytics play a crucial role in renewable energy, enabling precise forecasts for weather, energy demand, and generation trends [2,8]. ML algorithms use past weather data, satellite images, and live sensor data to accurately forecast solar irradiance and wind speed. Methods like neural networks, support vector machines (SVM), and ensemble learning are utilized to enhance prediction precision. Improved prediction abilities result in more effective grid control, decreased dependence on fossil fuels, and enhanced dependability of renewable energy sources.

Improving the efficiency of energy systems



AI and ML play a major role in enhancing renewable energy systems by managing energy production, storage, and distribution. Machine learning algorithms such as genetic algorithms and particle swarm optimization (PSO) are used to optimize the setup of wind turbines, solar panels, and battery storage systems [7–9]. These algorithms analyze large quantities of data and detect patterns that human analysts might overlook, leading to energy systems that are more efficient, have lower operational costs, and produce more energy.

Management of an intelligent grid

AI and machine learning are crucial in updating energy distribution networks with smart grid management. This technology allows for immediate monitoring, identifying faults, and automatically responding to changing circumstances. Methods like reinforcement learning and deep learning create intelligent grid management systems that can adjust to changing energy needs and incorporate various energy sources smoothly. These systems forecast possible breakdowns, improve energy distribution, and handle workload distribution, guaranteeing a reliable and robust energy provision.

Energy Storage Solutions

Effective energy storage is crucial for renewable energy systems because sources such as solar and wind are not constant. AI and ML methods are creating sophisticated energy storage options that optimize the utilization of renewable energy [5–6]. ML-driven predictive maintenance algorithms can anticipate potential issues in storage systems, enabling proactive maintenance and minimizing downtime. Furthermore, AI-powered optimization algorithms oversee the charging and discharging processes of batteries to guarantee effective storage and use of energy.

Incorporation of Scattered Energy Sources

Incorporating decentralized energy sources like rooftop solar panels and small wind turbines into the main energy grid poses major obstacles [11–13]. AI and ML methods make it easier to integrate by controlling the two-way energy flow and improving local production efficiency. ML models forecast energy generation from distributed energy resources and modify grid operations accordingly. This incorporation improves the total energy supply and backs decentralized energy production, increasing community self-reliance and resilience.

Improving research and development in renewable energy

AI and ML speed up the progress of research and development in renewable energy technologies [2,7–8]. ML models mimic and evaluate intricate energy systems, pinpointing areas for enhancement and creativity. For example, when creating new photovoltaic materials, AI programs examine numerous compounds to pinpoint possible options for effective solar cells. This speeds up the process of discovery and results in the creation of renewable energy technologies that are more efficient and cost-effective.

Management of Demand Response

Demand response management ensures equilibrium between energy consumption and production in the present moment. AI and ML methods create advanced demand response tactics that motivate individuals to modify their energy consumption according to grid conditions [3,4,6]. ML algorithms study how consumption changes and forecast peaks in demand, allowing utilities to introduce variable pricing to encourage customers to lower their energy consumption when demand is high. This helps to stabilize the grid and decreases the demand for costly peaking power plants.

Enhancing Energy Efficiency



AI and ML improve energy efficiency in different sectors [2,7]. In industrial environments, ML models are used to enhance the efficiency of machinery and processes in order to minimize energy usage. AI-powered energy management systems in residential and commercial buildings oversee heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) systems, lighting, and appliances in order to reduce energy wastage. These smart systems adapt based on user habits and the surrounding environment to ensure comfort while cutting down on energy consumption.

Dealing with Climate Change

The importance of AI and ML applications in renewable energy cannot be overstated in tackling climate change. Through the optimization and improved efficiency of renewable energy systems, these technologies play a role in decreasing greenhouse gas emissions. AI-powered climate models offer more accurate forecasts of climate change effects, influencing policy choices and approaches for mitigation and adaptation [7-8]. Incorporating AI into climate research improves our comprehension of intricate environmental systems and aids in the creation of successful climate action strategies.

Table -1: AI and ML techniques in renewable energy application

Sr. No.	Technique	Description	Applications in Renewable Energy
1	Artificial Neural Networks (ANNs)	Models inspired by the brain's neural structure, used for recognizing patterns and making predictions.	Predicting energy production and usage; Optimizing renewable energy systems' performance
2	Support Vector Machines (SVMs)	Supervised learning algorithms for data classification and regression analysis.	Categorizing energy generation types; Forecasting energy demand patterns
3	Decision Trees	Tree-structured models for decision-making and analyzing outcomes.	Forecasting energy consumption; Performing predictive maintenance on renewable energy equipment
4	Random Forests	Ensembles of decision trees for improved classification and regression accuracy.	Enhancing accuracy in energy load predictions; Evaluating renewable energy systems' performance
5	Reinforcement Learning (RL)	Learning methods that optimize actions by rewarding desirable behaviors over time.	Real-time energy grid management; Autonomous control of energy storage solutions
6	Genetic Algorithms (GAs)	Optimization techniques inspired by natural selection processes.	Designing efficient renewable energy systems; Optimizing wind farm layouts
7	Deep Learning (DL)	Advanced neural networks with multiple layers for more accurate predictions and pattern recognition.	Improving solar power forecast accuracy; Identifying trends in extensive energy data



8	Fuzzy Logic	Systems that handle uncertain or imprecise information, enabling partial truth values.	Managing uncertainties in energy forecasts; Controlling complex renewable energy systems
9	Clustering Algorithms	Grouping techniques to identify similar data points and form clusters.	Detecting energy consumption patterns; Segmenting different types of renewable energy sources
10	Bayesian Networks	Probabilistic models showing variables and their conditional dependencies.	Assessing risks in renewable energy projects; Modeling uncertainties in energy output
11	Ensemble Learning	Combining multiple algorithms to achieve better predictive performance.	Increasing robustness of energy predictions; Merging various energy forecasting models for improved accuracy
12	Time Series Analysis	Techniques for analyzing sequential data points over time.	Forecasting future energy trends based on past data; Monitoring and predicting renewable energy production

5. ML MODELS FOR RENEWABLE ENERGY FORECASTING

Forecasting renewable energy is crucial for managing energy efficiently and integrating sources like solar and wind into the power grid. Accurate predictions allow grid operators to manage the balance of supply and demand, reduce dependence on fossil fuels, and decrease energy expenses. ML models have been shown to be effective in increasing the precision of predictions for renewable energy [3,7]. ML is a subset of AI where algorithms are taught to recognize patterns in data and then independently make predictions or decisions. Within the domain of renewable energy forecasting, ML models examine past weather and energy generation data to anticipate future energy outputs. These forecasts are essential for maximizing the performance of renewable energy systems and guaranteeing a consistent and dependable energy provision.

Models of ML applied

Linear Regression Models are used to forecast future energy outputs by establishing linear relationships between historical data variables. While their accuracy can be restricted in capturing intricate, non-linear patterns in renewable energy data, they are still easy to understand.

- **Decision Trees and Random Forests:** Decision trees divide data into branches according to feature values, leading to a prediction at each leaf node. Random forests, which are an ensemble technique, aggregate numerous decision trees to improve forecasting precision and decrease the likelihood of overfitting. These models are adept at managing non-linear relationships and interactions among variables, which makes them appropriate for forecasting renewable energy.
- **Support Vector Machines (SVM):** SVMs are utilized in energy forecasting for regression (SVR), where they determine the hyperplane that effectively divides data points in a multi-dimensional space.



They are very helpful for datasets of small to medium size and have the ability to represent non-linear relationships using kernel functions.

- **Neural Networks and Deep Learning:** Neural networks, notably deep learning models, have become well-liked due to their capacity to represent intricate, non-linear connections in extensive datasets. Commonly used are convolutional neural networks (CNNs) and recurrent neural networks (RNNs), which also encompass long short-term memory (LSTM) networks. LSTMs excel in forecasting time-series data by capturing temporal relationships, making them well-suited for predicting renewable energy outputs using past weather data.

GBM algorithms like XGBoost and LightGBM create a collection of decision trees in a step-by-step manner, where each tree works to fix the mistakes made by the one before it. These models are very successful in making precise predictions and are commonly utilized in renewable energy prediction because of their reliability and effectiveness.

Utilizing ML in Predicting Renewable Energy Output

Solar Power Forecasting: ML models anticipate solar power production by studying past weather information like solar irradiance and temperature to forecast energy generation. Precise solar predictions assist in the control of grid stability and the enhancement of energy storage systems. Advanced neural network models, specifically CNNs and LSTMs, show great potential in improving the accuracy of solar power forecasts.

Forecasting wind power involves making predictions about wind speeds and directions in order to estimate the energy output of wind turbines. ML models, like random forests, support vector machines, and deep learning networks, examine past wind data and turbine performance. These predictions help improve turbine efficiency and incorporate wind energy into the electricity network.

Forecasting energy demand is crucial for ensuring a balance between supply from renewable sources and consumer consumption. ML models use past consumption trends, weather data, and other key factors to predict energy usage. Precise demand predictions help grid operators make well-informed choices on energy distribution and storage.

Hybrid Energy Systems: ML models aid in optimizing overall energy output in systems that combine various renewable sources, such as solar and wind, by predicting the contributions of each source. This merger guarantees a more dependable and steady energy provision, decreasing reliance on sources that are not renewable.

New developments in ML for predicting Renewable Energy's future trends

Integration of Internet of Things (IoT): Combining IoT devices with ML models improves both data gathering and immediate analysis. IoT sensors offer ongoing data streams regarding weather conditions, energy outputs, and grid performance, allowing for improved and timely predictions. This trend is in favor of the advancement of intelligent grids and effective energy management systems.

The presence of extensive data sets from different sources such as satellites, weather stations, and IoT devices has resulted in the utilization of big data analytics for predicting renewable energy trends. Sophisticated ML models like deep learning and ensemble techniques use these datasets to enhance prediction accuracy and model efficiency.

Edge Computing: This technology processes data near its origin, which helps decrease latency and bandwidth consumption. Edge computing in renewable energy forecasting allows for immediate data



processing and analysis to occur directly at energy production locations such as wind farms and solar plants. This method allows for quicker and more effective decision-making, improving the agility of energy systems.

As ML models become more intricate, the demand for clarity and comprehensibility rises in Explainable AI (XAI). Explainable AI methods strive to enhance the transparency and reliability of ML models by offering explanations for their decision-making procedures. XAI in renewable energy forecasting aids stakeholders in understanding and trusting the predictions, which in turn promotes improved adoption and integration of ML technologies.

Hybrid ML Models: The practice of combining various ML models, referred to as hybrid models, is becoming more popular in renewable energy prediction. These models utilize the advantages of several algorithms to reach greater accuracy and resilience. For instance, improving forecast accuracy can be achieved by merging neural networks with ensemble techniques or blending deep learning with conventional statistical approaches.

Green AI, known as sustainable and energy-efficient ML models, is becoming increasingly popular due to its focus on sustainability. Researchers are concentrating on developing models that use lower computational power and energy, which is in line with the objectives of sustainable energy and environmental preservation. Implementing environmentally-friendly AI techniques enhances the effectiveness and eco-friendliness of renewable energy prediction systems.

6. AI AND ML FOR OPTIMIZING OPTIMIZATION OF RENEWABLE ENERGY SYSTEMS

The quick progress in AI and ML technology has transformed the enhancement of renewable energy systems [1,4–6]. As the world works harder to fight climate change and decrease dependence on fossil fuels, it is becoming more and more important to incorporate AI and ML into renewable energy systems [7–9]. These technologies greatly enhance the effectiveness, dependability, and expansiveness of renewable energy sources such as solar, wind, and hydroelectric power [1,7].

Improving the Efficiency of Solar Power

AI and ML are essential in enhancing the effectiveness of solar energy systems. Forecasting the fluctuations in solar radiation caused by varying weather patterns is a key obstacle in the field of solar energy. ML algorithms, particularly deep learning models, are used to predict solar irradiance accurately. These models use past weather data, satellite images, and current meteorological information to forecast solar power production, aiding in improved organization and control of solar energy assets. Furthermore, the use of AI to predict maintenance needs for solar panels is an important application. ML models examine information from sensors integrated into solar panels to identify abnormalities and foresee potential malfunctions. This proactive strategy reduces the amount of time solar installations are not operating and the costs of maintenance, which helps to maximize performance and lifespan.

Optimizing Wind Power

AI and ML technologies provide significant advantages for wind energy systems as well. The generation of wind power is significantly influenced by the unpredictability of wind speed and direction. ML models like neural networks and ensemble methods are employed to predict wind patterns with precision. These predictions assist in optimizing wind turbine operation by modifying blade angles and rotational speeds in order to increase energy capture efficiency. Moreover, AI algorithms are utilized for the predictive maintenance of wind turbines. AI can detect signs of wear and tear or possible mechanical problems by



studying data from different sensors attached to turbines. The ability to predict future events enables timely maintenance, decreasing the chances of sudden failures and prolonging the lifespan of wind turbines.

Intelligent Management of Grids

The incorporation of AI and ML in the management of smart grids is changing how renewable energy is distributed and consumed. Smart grids utilize AI to regulate the balance between supply and demand, oversee energy storage, and guarantee the stability of the grid. ML algorithms use data from smart meters, weather predictions, and energy usage patterns to enhance real-time energy distribution. One important feature of smart grid management involves the utilization of reinforcement learning, which is a form of ML in which agents learn to make decisions through their interactions with the environment. Reinforcement learning is highly beneficial for managing demand response, as it can adapt energy consumption based on fluctuations in energy supply. This guarantees a stable and effective energy grid that can handle the fluctuations of renewable energy sources.

Optimizing Energy Storage

Battery systems and other energy storage solutions play a crucial role in managing the variability of renewable energy sources. AI and ML improve the efficiency of the charging and discharging processes in these storage systems. Forecasted energy generation, consumption patterns, and market prices are examined by predictive algorithms to decide the best times for energy storage and release. Furthermore, ML algorithms improve battery performance and longevity by forecasting battery deterioration and suggesting operational modifications to avoid excessive use and prolong battery lifespan. Improving energy storage enhances reliability, decreases costs, and promotes sustainability of renewable energy systems.

Combining AI with the Internet of Things to enhance renewable energy utilization.

The merging of AI with the Internet of Things (IoT) forms a strong partnership that enhances the efficiency of renewable energy systems. IoT devices, like sensors and smart meters, gather large quantities of data from points of energy generation and consumption. AI and ML algorithms study this data to offer helpful insights and streamline decision-making processes. In a solar power plant, IoT sensors oversee panel performance, environmental conditions, and energy output, as an illustration. AI programs examine this information to identify inefficiencies, forecast maintenance requirements, and enhance energy generation. In wind farms, IoT devices oversee turbine conditions and wind patterns, while AI enhances turbine operations for increased energy capture.

AI in the Trading of Renewable Energy

The incorporation of AI into platforms for trading renewable energy is a new trend on the rise. AI algorithms examine market trends, weather predictions, and energy production information in order to enhance trading tactics. These algorithms assist in forecasting energy prices, recognizing lucrative trading chances, and controlling risks. Furthermore, there is ongoing research into integrating blockchain technology with AI to develop energy trading platforms that are both transparent and secure. AI technology can make optimal trading decisions based on real-time data analysis within blockchain's smart contracts, automating energy transactions. This mix increases the effectiveness and openness of renewable energy markets.

Improving Grid Resilience using AI

AI and ML play a role in improving the strength of energy grids with renewable energy sources. AI aids in implementing preventative measures by forecasting possible disruptions caused by severe weather events or equipment malfunctions. ML models examine past data on grid performance and environmental factors to pinpoint weaknesses and propose solutions to address them. Additionally, autonomous systems



powered by AI can swiftly react to disruptions in the grid, adjusting the grid layout to uphold stability and reduce periods of inoperability. These skills are crucial for guaranteeing the dependability of renewable energy systems amidst rising demand and climate-induced difficulties.

The outlook for enhancing renewable energy through AI and ML looks encouraging, as new trends and innovations are on the rise. For example, the advancement of sophisticated AI models that can quickly learn and adjust will improve the effectiveness and dependability of renewable energy systems. These models will have the ability to manage the growing complexity and size of energy grids. Additionally, combining AI with cutting-edge materials and technologies like perovskite solar cells and floating wind turbines will expand the limits of renewable energy effectiveness. AI-powered research and development will speed up the identification of novel materials and designs that improve energy capture and storage capacities. Another promising development is the integration of AI in decentralized energy systems, like microgrids and peer-to-peer energy trading. These systems allow local communities to create, store, and exchange renewable energy, enhancing energy availability and lessening dependence on centralized power grids. AI algorithms optimize the functioning and supervision of these decentralized systems to ensure energy use is efficient and sustainable.

7. AI AND ML FOR SMART GRID AND ENERGY MANAGEMENT

Advanced information and communication technologies are integrated into traditional electricity grids to create smart grids, improving the efficiency, reliability, and sustainability of energy systems [1,7–9]. AI and ML play a critical role in improving smart grids by optimizing energy distribution, handling demand, and incorporating renewable energy sources [2–4].

Improving the allocation and use of energy

AI and ML are predominantly employed in intelligent grids to enhance the efficiency of energy distribution and usage. AI can use predictive analytics to tackle the issues faced by traditional grids, including energy losses during transmission and distribution. AI algorithms examine past and present data to predict energy demand effectively, aiding in improved load distribution and decreased peak demand stresses. ML models, such as deep learning and reinforcement learning, develop adaptive systems by studying data patterns and user behaviors, resulting in enhanced energy efficiency and reduced operational expenses.

Management of demand response (DR)

DR is crucial for smart grid systems, allowing for immediate changes in energy usage depending on supply conditions. AI and ML help enhance advanced DR strategies by forecasting consumption patterns and automatically adjusting loads. For example, ML algorithms examine information from smart meters and IoT devices to predict where and when peak energy demand will occur. This enables grid operators to encourage consumers to change their usage to times when demand is lower, resulting in flattened demand curves and decreased reliance on costly and pollution-heavy peaking power plants.

Incorporating Renewable Energy Sources

Incorporating renewable energy sources such as solar and wind brings difficulties because of their inconsistent and unpredictable characteristics. AI and ML technologies enhance the forecasting and dependability of these energy sources. ML models utilize weather predictions and past data to predict output of solar and wind energy, improving scheduling of renewable energy and storage for a dependable energy source. Moreover, AI algorithms have the capability to enhance the operations of energy storage

systems by storing extra renewable energy and discharging it as required, thereby maintaining an equilibrium between supply and demand.

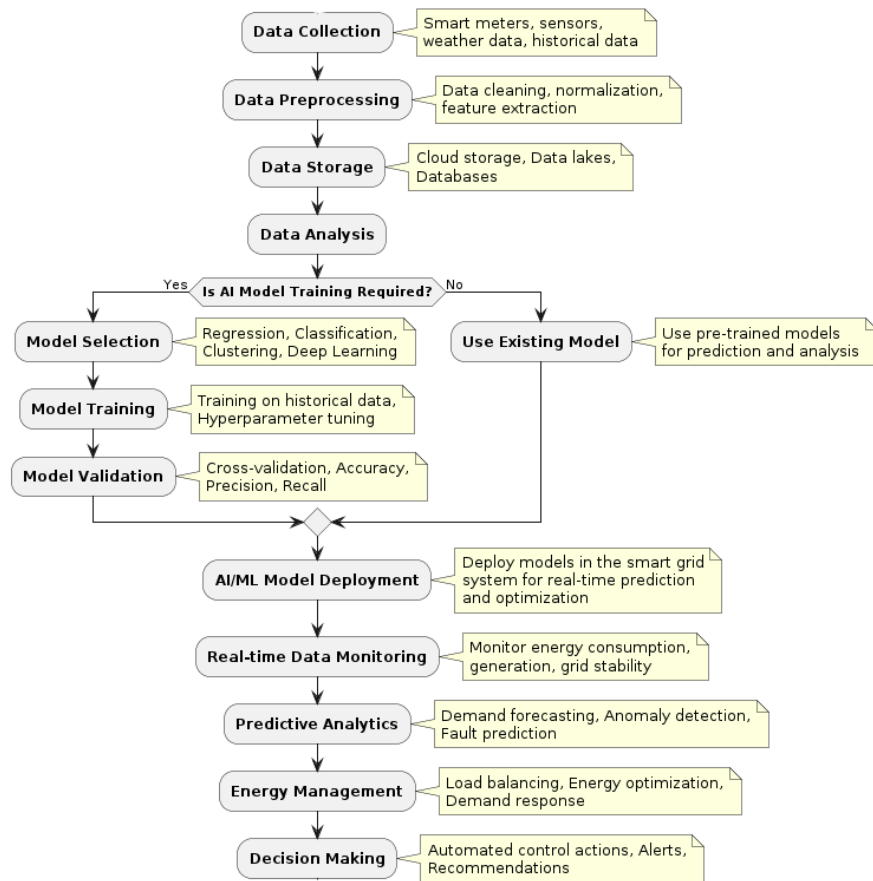


Fig -2: AI and ML for smart grid and energy management

Security and resilience of Smart Grids

With the growing dependence on digital technologies and interconnected systems, ensuring cybersecurity is a major issue for smart grids. AI and ML improve the security and robustness of smart grids by identifying and addressing cyber threats in real-time. ML algorithms have the ability to examine patterns in network traffic and detect abnormalities that could signal cyber-attacks. In addition, AI-powered systems have the capability to automatically carry out response actions in order to control and eradicate threats, reducing the likelihood of harm and operational interruptions. Studies in this field center on creating advanced AI-powered intrusion detection systems and utilizing blockchain technology to protect the integrity of data and transaction records.

Maintenance Prediction and Management of Assets

AI and ML are changing the way grid assets are maintained and managed. Predictive maintenance makes use of ML algorithms to evaluate information from sensors and IoT devices found on grid infrastructure like transformers, generators, and transmission lines. By recognizing trends and irregularities, these algorithms can anticipate when equipment failures will happen, enabling prompt maintenance and decreasing the likelihood of sudden shutdowns. Taking proactive measures not only increases the longevity of grid assets but also improves the overall reliability and efficiency of the grid.



Energy Trading and Market Operations

Another area of promising research is the integration of AI and ML in energy trading and market operations. AI-powered platforms make it possible for consumers to trade surplus energy produced from renewable sources with one another in decentralized energy trading. ML algorithms improve trading strategies by examining market trends, prices, and consumption patterns. This promotes a more effective and lively energy sector, supporting the use of renewable energy and improving grid adaptability. AI can also help with pricing mechanisms, demand forecasting, and risk management, which can improve the resilience and adaptability of energy markets.

Engagement of consumers and connected homes

AI and ML are improving how consumers interact with energy management by utilizing smart home technologies. Intelligent thermostats, lighting systems, and appliances with AI capabilities can adapt to user preferences to maximize energy efficiency while ensuring comfort remains uncompromised. These intelligent gadgets are capable of connecting to the grid, taking part in demand response initiatives, and aiding in energy conservation efforts. Studies in this area focus on enhancing interactions between humans and AI, creating easier-to-use interfaces, and safeguarding data privacy and security.

Grid Modernization and Future Perspectives

The continuous advancement of electric grids is motivated by the necessity for energy systems that are sustainable, reliable, and resilient. AI and ML are leading the way in this transformation, offering creative answers to difficult problems. Future studies are anticipated to further explore the integration of AI with other developing technologies like edge computing, 5G, and quantum computing. These developments will allow for increased decentralized and autonomous grid functions, improving real-time decision-making and response abilities. The significance of AI in aiding the shift towards a low-carbon economy is also increasing. ML algorithms have the capability to improve the implementation and functionality of distributed energy resources, such as microgrids and virtual power plants. These systems have the ability to function on their own or in conjunction with the primary grid, offering localized energy options and enhancing grid reliability. AI-powered energy management systems can also help with transportation electrification and incorporate electric vehicles (EVs) into the grid, aiding in overall decarbonization initiatives.

In order to fully utilize AI and ML in smart grid and energy management, it is necessary to address numerous challenges despite the progress made [31–33]. The concern about data privacy and security is extremely important due to the large quantities of sensitive data produced and managed by these systems [2,33–34]. Ensuring AI is used ethically, avoiding biases in ML models, and maintaining transparency in AI decision-making are important matters that need thorough attention [39–40]. Furthermore, the incorporation of AI and ML technologies necessitates substantial investment in infrastructure, employee education, and regulatory structures. Cooperation among various parties such as government agencies, industry players, and research institutions is crucial in overcoming obstacles and promoting the extensive use of AI-powered smart grids.

8. AI AND ML IN ENERGY STORAGE

Energy storage is a key element of modern energy systems, particularly as renewable energy sources such as solar and wind power become more prevalent [1,3–5]. Because renewable energy sources are not consistently available, leading to fluctuations in power generation, it is crucial to have energy storage



options to ensure a steady and reliable energy grid by balancing supply and demand [7–9]. Recently, AI and ML have become game-changing technologies in the energy storage industry, offering new ways to improve storage systems, boost efficiency, and lower expenses.

One of the main uses of AI and ML in energy storage is for predicting maintenance needs and identifying faults. Conventional maintenance methods for energy storage systems like batteries are typically responsive, dealing with problems only once they have already arisen. On the other hand, AI and ML algorithms have the capability to examine vast amounts of data acquired from sensors and monitoring devices in order to anticipate possible malfunctions in advance. Through identifying trends and irregularities in the data, these algorithms can provide advance notifications for problems such as battery wear and overheating, allowing for preventative maintenance and reducing periods of inactivity.

Moreover, AI and ML play a key role in maximizing the efficiency and longevity of energy storage systems. ML algorithms can use past performance data and environmental factors to generate models that forecast the best charging and discharging schedules for batteries. These models provide information to smart control systems that adapt storage system operations in real time to enhance efficiency and durability. AI can help avoid overcharging or deep discharging, which may harm battery longevity, therefore preserving the storage system's health in the long run.

Energy storage systems frequently need to work together with renewable energy sources, which can be very unpredictable. AI and ML have the capability to create advanced prediction models for renewable energy generation using weather data and other variables [3–6]. Precise prediction of renewable energy availability enables these models to enhance the efficiency of energy storage systems, guaranteeing that stored energy can be accessed at the right time. This improvement can reduce dependence on fossil fuels and enhance the overall effectiveness of the energy network. On a grander level, AI and ML play a crucial role in overseeing vast energy storage systems. Managing decentralized assets becomes more complicated as the deployment of distributed energy resources (DERs) like rooftop solar panels and home battery systems grows. AI and ML have the ability to create sophisticated energy management systems that can synchronize the operations of various storage systems, ensuring a balance between supply and demand throughout the network. These systems ensure efficient storage and discharge of energy by optimizing energy flow between various storage units and the grid.

The incorporation of AI and ML in energy storage also has significant consequences for the financial feasibility of renewable energy initiatives [1,4–6]. Improving storage systems' performance and efficiency can lower energy storage expenses, increasing the competitiveness of renewable energy compared to traditional energy sources. For example, energy management systems powered by AI can reduce the reliance on expensive peak power plants by balancing fluctuations in demand and offering dependable backup power during peak times. Reducing costs can increase the appeal of renewable energy projects for investors. Furthermore, AI and ML are being more and more employed in the study and creation of fresh energy storage technologies. ML algorithms have the ability to examine both experimental and simulation data in order to pinpoint potential materials and designs for future batteries. This ability speeds up the progress of cutting-edge storage technologies like solid-state batteries, which provide greater energy densities and longer lifespans compared to existing lithium-ion batteries. Through the use of AI and ML, researchers can effectively pinpoint and improve crucial factors that impact the performance of these emerging technologies.

AI and ML can also aid in creating hybrid energy storage systems that integrate various storage technologies to maximize their unique advantages. For example, a hybrid system could combine high-



energy-density batteries with supercapacitors that can provide quick bursts of power. AI algorithms have the ability to enhance the performance of these hybrid systems, making sure that every part is utilized efficiently to satisfy the particular requirements of the energy grid. This enhancement enhances the storage system's overall performance and reliability, making it better suited for different use scenarios. The energy sector is experiencing greater collaboration and innovation thanks to the incorporation of AI and ML in energy storage. Many companies and research institutions are teaming up to investigate fresh uses for these technologies in the field of energy storage. For instance, partnerships between tech firms and utilities are resulting in the creation of energy management platforms powered by AI, which enhance storage systems on a regional scale. These platforms combine data from multiple sources, such as smart meters, weather predictions, and market rates, to make instant choices regarding energy storage and distribution.

Challenges in energy storage still exist despite the notable progress in AI and ML technologies [31–33]. A key obstacle is the requirement for top-notch data to educate ML systems. Energy storage systems produce large amounts of information; however, this information may be filled with disturbances and discrepancies. Maintaining accuracy and consistency of data is essential for creating trustworthy AI models [36–38]. Furthermore, worries about the transparency and interpretability of AI algorithms are present, especially in important fields such as energy storage. Creating AI models that are able to be explained and offer insights into how they make decisions is crucial for building trust among stakeholders and guaranteeing the secure and efficient functioning of energy storage systems.

9. AI AND ML ROLE IN MINIMIZING ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

Maximizing the Efficiency of Resource Utilization

AI and ML play a critical role in enhancing resource utilization in various sectors. Through the use of AI-powered analytics, industries can improve effectiveness in utilizing energy, water, and managing raw materials. AI algorithms examine vast amounts of data in order to detect regularities and abnormalities, empowering companies to make informed choices based on data that reduce inefficiencies and preserve resources. An example of this is precision farming, which utilizes AI to evaluate soil conditions, climate trends, and crop health, promoting efficient water and fertilizer utilization while decreasing environmental harm.

Forecasting Environmental Analysis

AI and ML are essential in forecasting environmental changes and potential disasters through predictive environmental analytics. AI models can predict natural disasters like hurricanes, floods, and forest fires by analyzing vast amounts of data from satellites, sensors, and historical records. These forecasts allow for timely actions to be taken, reducing harm and environmental consequences. Improvements in deep learning and neural networks are consistently improving the precision of these forecasts. NASA and other groups are using AI to monitor and forecast climate changes, helping with worldwide initiatives to address climate change.

Improving the effectiveness of sustainable energy sources

The combination of AI and ML in renewable energy systems is a growing field of study that offers substantial ecological advantages. AI-powered algorithms enhance the efficiency of solar panels and wind turbines by forecasting energy output through analyzing weather patterns and past information. This enhancement increases the efficiency of energy generation and storage, decreasing dependence on fossil fuels.



Furthermore, AI is being utilized to create intelligent grids that efficiently oversee energy distribution, optimizing the utilization of renewable energy sources and decreasing greenhouse gas emissions.

Smart Transportation Systems

AI and ML are transforming the transportation industry by aiding in the development of intelligent transportation systems, leading to a decrease in environmental effects. AI is having a significant impact in areas such as autonomous vehicles, efficient traffic management, and proactive maintenance. Autonomous vehicles powered by AI drive with greater efficiency than human drivers, resulting in lower fuel consumption and emissions. AI-powered traffic control systems utilize live traffic data to improve traffic flow, reducing congestion and idle times, resulting in decreased emissions. Additionally, AI-driven predictive maintenance helps optimize the performance of vehicles and infrastructure, ultimately decreasing the overall environmental impact.

Management of waste and recycling

AI and ML are improving waste management and recycling methods to lessen their environmental effects. AI-driven robots and systems enhance waste material sorting and recycling, boosting efficiency and effectiveness. These systems use advanced technology to detect and categorize various forms of waste accurately, ensuring that recyclable materials are handled properly and reducing the amount of waste sent to landfills. Investigation is concentrated on creating sophisticated AI algorithms and robotic systems that can work with a wider variety of materials in different settings.

Sustainable supply chains focus on long-term environmental and social impacts

AI and ML are significantly aiding in the advancement of sustainable supply chain management. AI can analyze data throughout the entire supply chain to pinpoint inefficiencies and recommend changes that lessen the environmental footprint. For instance, AI algorithms have the capability to enhance logistics and transportation pathways in order to reduce fuel usage and emissions. Moreover, AI aids companies in monitoring the sustainability of their supply chains by ensuring that materials are sourced and processed in eco-friendly ways, promoting sustainable business practices, and decreasing the environmental impact.

Table -2: AI and ML role in minimizing environmental impact

Sr. No.	Area of Impact	AI/ML Application	Benefits
1	Energy Management	Smart grid systems, energy demand forecasting, optimization algorithms	Improves energy efficiency, reduces waste, lowers carbon footprint
2	Waste Management	Predictive analytics for waste volumes, intelligent recycling systems	Enhances route efficiency, increases recycling rates, reduces landfill use
3	Water Management	AI-based water usage monitoring, leak detection systems	Minimizes water wastage, improves water resource management
4	Agriculture	Precision agriculture, crop health monitoring, automated pest detection	Increases crop yields, reduces pesticide usage, conserves water resources



5	Climate Change Modeling	Advanced climate simulations, disaster preparedness planning	Enhances accuracy of climate models, improves disaster response
6	Air Quality Monitoring	Real-time air quality sensors, pollution forecasting	Improves pollution control measures, supports public health initiatives
7	Transportation	Autonomous driving technology, traffic flow optimization	Reduces fuel consumption, lowers emissions, decreases traffic congestion
8	Smart Cities	Urban planning optimization, smart infrastructure management	Promotes sustainable urban development, enhances quality of life
9	Renewable Energy	Forecasting for solar and wind power, predictive maintenance for energy systems	Boosts renewable energy efficiency, reduces operational costs
10	Deforestation Monitoring	Satellite imagery analysis, AI-driven forest monitoring	Supports conservation efforts, detects illegal deforestation activities
11	Biodiversity Conservation	AI in species tracking, habitat suitability analysis	Protects biodiversity, aids in ecosystem management
12	Industrial Efficiency	Predictive maintenance, optimization of manufacturing processes	Enhances resource efficiency, reduces industrial waste

Reducing Carbon Footprint

AI and ML play a crucial role in decreasing carbon footprints in various sectors. Businesses utilize AI to efficiently track and control carbon emissions. AI-driven systems monitor energy use and carbon emissions continuously, offering valuable information for cutting down on them. AI also plays a role in improving carbon capture and storage (CCS) technologies by optimizing procedures, increasing effectiveness, and lowering expenses. Current research is working towards creating advanced AI models that can accurately predict and control carbon emissions, assisting global initiatives to address climate change.

Preservation of biodiversity is essential for conservation efforts

AI and ML are essential in biodiversity and conservation initiatives. AI-driven tools observe animal populations, monitor endangered species, and identify illegal activities such as poaching. These instruments examine information gathered from camera traps, drones, and satellite images, offering immediate understanding of wildlife behavior and risks, allowing prompt conservation measures. Progress in computer vision and AI algorithms is improving the capacity to observe and safeguard natural habitats.

Development of cities that can continue over time without causing harm to the environment and promoting social and economic wellbeing.

AI and ML help with sustainable urban development by improving the design and control of smart cities. AI-powered models examine data regarding energy consumption, transportation, waste disposal, and various urban systems to create sustainable and effective solutions. For example, AI has the ability to enhance the positioning of parks, upgrade the quality of public transport, and optimize the energy efficiency of buildings, resulting in more environmentally friendly urban areas with decreased impact on the environment.

10. USE OF IOT, BLOCKCHAIN, AND EDGE COMPUTING IN RENEWABLE ENERGY

Incorporating IoT, blockchain, and edge computing into renewable energy systems is a major step forward in developing sustainable energy solutions [1,4-6]. These technologies work together to tackle important issues like energy management, grid stability, and data security, improving the effectiveness and dependability of renewable energy systems [8-10]. IoT is the connection of devices and systems through the internet, allowing for real-time gathering of data, monitoring, and control. IoT devices are utilized throughout the energy value chain in renewable energy, spanning from generation to consumption [2,6-8]. One example is the continuous collection of data on performance, weather conditions, and operational anomalies through sensors and smart meters in solar panels and wind turbines. This in-depth information makes it easier to predict maintenance needs, improving the efficiency and longevity of renewable energy equipment.

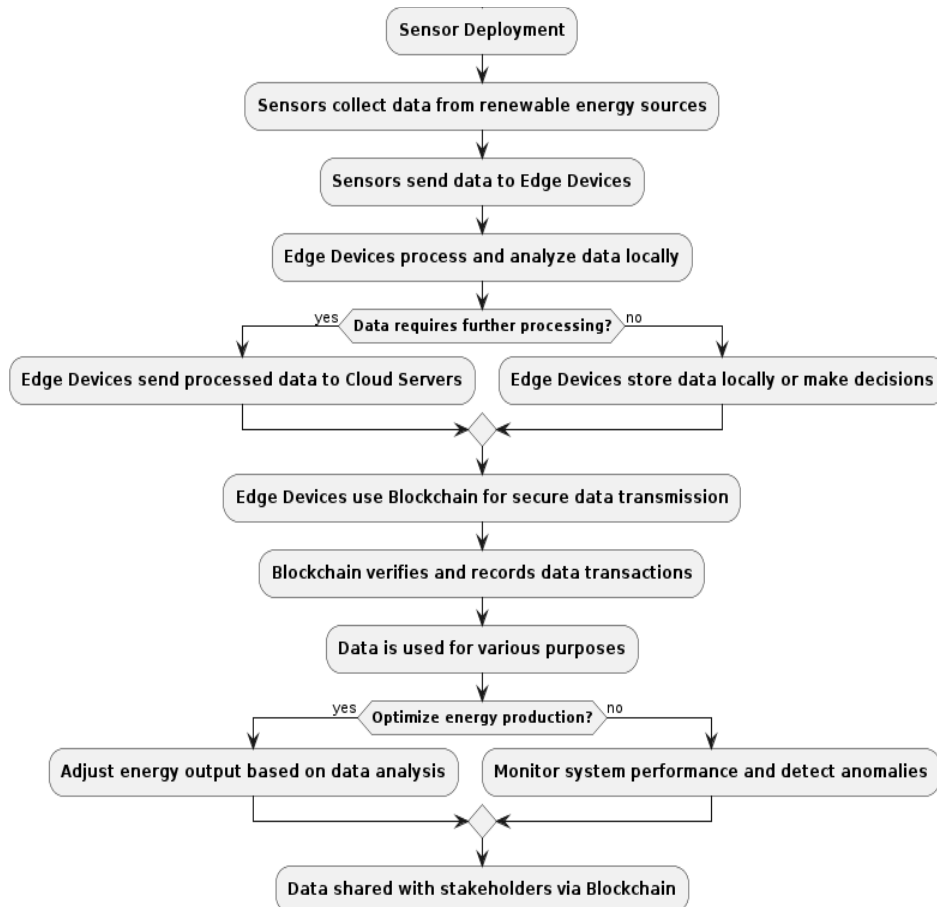


Fig -3: Use of IoT, blockchain, and edge computing in renewable energy



An important focus of research in IoT for renewable energy involves creating sophisticated algorithms for predicting energy usage and responding to demand. ML algorithms trained with Internet of Things (IoT) information are capable of precisely forecasting energy production patterns and consumption trends. Having this ability to predict is extremely important for maintaining a balance between supply and demand in real-time, particularly in grids that have a large amount of unpredictable renewable energy sources such as solar and wind. Moreover, IoT-enabled demand response systems enable consumers to modify their energy consumption according to grid conditions, which supports energy efficiency and grid stability. Blockchain technology, with its decentralized and unchangeable record keeping, provides substantial advantages for renewable energy systems, especially in terms of visibility, safeguarding, and transaction speed. Blockchain technology allows individuals who both produce and consume energy to trade directly with each other, making it easier for them to sell surplus energy. This decentralized energy market gives power to consumers and lessens the load on centralized grid operators.

Studies on blockchain for renewable energy aim to improve the expandability and compatibility of blockchain systems. There is a development of energy trading platforms based on blockchain technology, which can manage large numbers of transactions and connect with current energy management systems. Smart contracts, contracts that self-execute based on coded terms, automate transactions and guarantee adherence to specified rules, like validating the renewable source of energy being traded, cutting down on administrative tasks and fostering trust among parties. Edge computing synergizes with IoT and blockchain by tackling latency and bandwidth concerns through processing data in close proximity to its origin, instead of depending on centralized cloud servers. Edge devices in renewable energy systems analyze data and make decisions in real-time, decreasing reliance on remote data centers and enhancing reaction times. This is essential for applications that need quick action, like detecting and responding to grid faults.

The combination of edge computing with IoT and blockchain is a prospective field of study focused on developing a stronger and more effective energy infrastructure. For instance, edge devices have the capability to locally process and authenticate IoT data before transferring it to a blockchain, making sure that only valid and pertinent data is added to the ledger. This improves data protection and confidentiality while also lessening the workload on blockchain networks. Moreover, edge computing allows for more sophisticated control tactics for distributed energy resources (DERs) such as rooftop solar panels and battery storage systems. Edge devices can enhance the performance of DERs by analyzing data on-site, enabling immediate adjustments to generation and storage in response to grid conditions and market signals. This decentralized control model increases flexibility and reliability of renewable energy systems, allowing them to better adjust to changing grid conditions.

The innovation in energy grid modernization is propelled by the convergence of IoT, blockchain, and edge computing [1,8-10]. An example is smart grids that use these technologies to self-heal by automatically finding and fixing issues, redirecting power to reduce disruptions. These abilities are crucial for incorporating extensive renewable energy sources into the grid, as they frequently bring about variations and uncertainties. Using IoT and edge computing to improve the cybersecurity of renewable energy systems is a promising area of research [31-33]. As these networked systems grow more interconnected, they are becoming more susceptible to cyber threats. Edge computing can reduce these dangers by allowing immediate identification of abnormalities and reaction at the network edge, near the data source. Combined with blockchain's unchanging and secure record-keeping system, this establishes a strong security structure that safeguards vital infrastructure against malicious deeds.



11. CONCLUSIONS

The incorporation of AI and ML into renewable energy plans signals a significant change aimed at improving the effectiveness, dependability, and eco-friendliness of energy systems. These cutting-edge technologies have shown significant promise in enhancing the production of renewable energy, controlling intelligent grids, and enhancing energy storage solutions. By utilizing advanced algorithms, AI and ML have the capability to make precise predictions of renewable energy outputs, addressing the natural variability and sporadic nature of solar and wind power. The ability to forecast is essential for ensuring a consistent energy supply and decreasing reliance on fossil fuels. ML models have shown outstanding ability to predict energy production and consumption patterns, especially. These models allow for more accurate energy scheduling and dispatching, which are crucial for balancing supply and demand in real-time. In addition, enhancing renewable energy systems with AI and ML requires adjusting operational parameters to increase efficiency and reduce losses. This improvement also applies to the creation and implementation of smart grids, in which AI-based analysis improves grid durability, identifies issues, and enables flexible load control. Within the energy storage sector, AI and ML play a role in the advancement of sophisticated battery management systems that improve the efficiency of charging and discharging processes, ultimately prolonging the lifespan of storage technologies and boosting their overall performance. Moreover, these technologies are key in reducing the environmental effects of renewable energy systems by maximizing resource utilization and cutting down on emissions. The combination of IoT, blockchain, and edge computing boosts AI and ML abilities in renewable energy. IoT devices allow for immediate data gathering and monitoring, blockchain guarantees safe and transparent energy transactions, and edge computing enables quick data processing and decision-making right at the origin. The continuous progress of these technologies offers great potential for improvements in renewable energy, creating a pathway for a cleaner, more effective, and long-lasting energy environment.

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