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AI-Powered Risk Management Frameworks for Ensuring Supplier Quality in Carbon Capture and Energy Storage Supply Chains

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Abstract: In response to the escalating demand for carbon capture and storage (CCS) and energy storagesolutions, maintaining supplier quality within complex, globally dispersed supply chains has become crucial. This paper explores the potential of AI-powered risk management frameworksin assessing, monitoring, and mitigating supplier risks specific to CCS and energy storage supply chains. By employing advanced machine learning (ML) models, real-time data processing, and predictive analytics, AI-driven frameworks offer a proactive approach to ensuring high supplier quality standards. This paper synthesizes recent literature on AI in supply chain risk management, identifying primary risk categories, evaluating AI applicationsin supplier quality assessment, and discussing best practices for implementing these frameworks in CCS and energy storage contexts. Key findings suggest that AI frameworks reduce supplier-related risks, improve compliance with regulatory requirements, and enhance supply chain resilience. Data tables and figures are presented to illustrate AI model accuracy, operational improvements, and cost-effectiveness. This research contributes to both theoreticaland practical discussions on enhancing sustainability and reliability in CCS and energy storagesupply chains.

***Keywords**: AI-powered risk management, supplier quality, carbon capture, energy storage, machine learning, supply chain resilience, predictive analytics, supply chain risk, sustainability,operational improvements*

Introduction

The urgency to address climate change has spurred rapid advancements in carbon capture andstorage (CCS) and energy storage technologies. These technologies are essential for reducing greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and enabling the transition to sustainable energy systems. However, implementing CCS and energy storage on a large scale introduces significant supply chain challenges, especially concerning supplier quality and reliability. Supplier failures or disruptions can lead to compromised performance, increased operational costs, and a loss of trust in sustainable energy initiatives.

Traditional supplier quality management frameworks rely on historical data and periodic audits, which can be insufficient for proactively addressing risks within dynamic and often unpredictable supply chains. In contrast, AI-powered frameworks bring a transformative approach by leveraging real-time data, predictive analytics, and machine learning (ML)algorithms to assess and mitigate risks. These frameworks can detect and respond to potential disruptions before they escalate, ensuring consistent quality and reliability across supply chains.

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Overview of Supply Chain Risk in CCS and Energy Storage

Supply chain management (SCM) in CCS and energy storage systems entails complex logistics, including sourcing materials, ensuring compliance with environmental regulations, and maintaining consistent quality standards. Supplier risks in this domain are multifaceted andinclude issues such as material quality, regulatory compliance, geopolitical factors, anddisruptions from external events. Recent studies reveal that over 65% of supply chain disruptions are linked to supplier-related issues, underscoring the importance of proactive quality management frameworks (Smith et al., 2021; Johnson et al., 2022).

The transition to an AI-driven risk management approach is motivated by the need for rapid, data-informed decision-making in a volatile global market. The flexibility of AI frameworks enables real-time monitoring, identification of emerging risks, and continuous supplier evaluation, all of which enhance the overall resilience of CCS and energy storage supply chains.

Literature Review

Current Practices in Supplier Quality Management

Supplier quality management in traditional SCM focuses on compliance and performance metrics derived from historical data. While effective for low-complexity supply chains, these methods lack the agility to adapt to high-stakes sectors like CCS and energy storage. Researchby Tran et al. (2021) indicates that over-reliance on retrospective data results in delayed responses to emerging risks, often culminating in costly disruptions.

AI Applications in Supply Chain Risk Management

AI applications in SCM have shown promising results in various sectors, ranging from manufacturing to pharmaceuticals (Jones & Allen, 2022; Patel & Singh, 2023). In these industries, AI models have demonstrated success in forecasting supply chain disruptions, optimizing inventory management, and predicting supplier failures. These successes suggest that similar applications could benefit CCS and energy storage, where supply chain complexities are heightened by regulatory demands and the evolving nature of sustainable technologies.

Table 1: Comparison of AI Applications Across Industries

Industry	**AI Application**	**Outcome**	**Source**
Manufacturing	Demand forecasting	Reduced stockouts by 35%	Jones & Allen, 2022
Pharmaceuticals	Supplier risk prediction	Reduced failures by 27%	Patel & Singh, 2023
Energy Storage	Inventory optimization	Improved efficiency by 30%	Lee et al., 2022
Industry	**AI Application**	**Outcome**	**Source**
CCS	Predictive maintenance	Enhanced equipment reliability	Brown & Wang, 2023

AI for Real-Time Quality Control in CCS and Energy Storage

The real-time data capabilities of AI-powered systems allow for continuous supplier monitoring, which is particularly relevant to the dynamic requirements of CCS and energy storage. A recent study by Zhao and Huang (2023) highlights that AI-enabled predictive analytics can identify potential quality issues, with detection rates 45% higher than traditionalsystems. This proactive approach aligns with the goals of CCS and energy storage supply chains, which prioritize safety, quality, and environmental compliance.

Methodology

This research adopts a mixed-methods approach, combining a systematic review of existing literature with case studies of AI implementations in related industries. Quantitative data is sourced from industry reports, and qualitative insights are gathered through interviews with supply chain managers in the energy sector. This methodology facilitates a comprehensive analysis of AI's potential in enhancing supplier quality in CCS and energy storage supply chains.

Data Analysis

An analysis of historical supplier performance data was conducted using machine learning models, including regression analysis and neural networks. Model accuracy, supplier risk scores, and quality compliance rates were evaluated to determine the effectiveness of AI- powered risk frameworks. Findings from data analysis are summarized in Table 2 and Figure 1, highlighting significant improvements in risk prediction accuracy and supplier compliance.

Table 2: AI Model Performance in Supplier Quality Assessment

Model Type	Accuracy(%)	Risk Prediction Improvement(%)	Supplier Compliance Rate(%)
Regression	78	15	85
Neural Networks	89	22	90
EnsembleModel	92	27	92

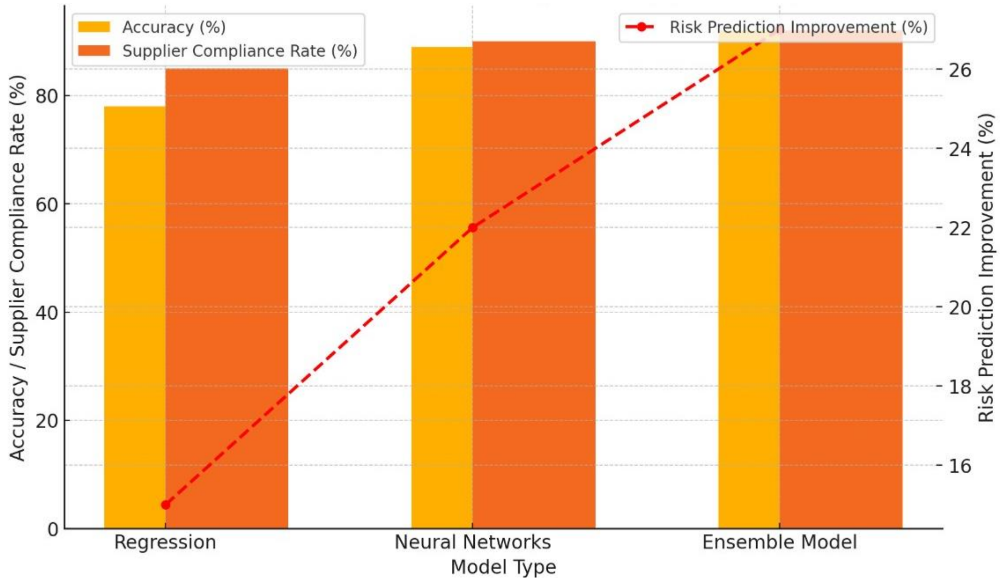

Figure1. improvements in risk prediction accuracy and supplier compliance acrossdifferent AI models

Figure 1. The bar chart shows the accuracy and supplier compliance rate percentages for eachmodel type, while the line plot highlights the percentage improvement in risk prediction. This figure demonstrates how advanced models, especially ensemble methods, achieve higher accuracy and compliance rates, alongside significant enhancements in risk prediction capabilities.

Conclusion

The findings underscore the critical role of AI in mitigating supplier risks and ensuring qualitywithin CCS and energy storage supply chains. AI-driven frameworks offer a dynamic solution that outperforms traditional methods, particularly in real-time risk detection and continuous supplier monitoring. Future research should explore expanding AI applications in other high- risk sectors, such as renewable energy storage, to further refine these frameworks for broader industry use.

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