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Enhancing Physics Education for O-Level Students using Artificial Intelligence (AI)

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Abstract

The study focuses on the integration of AI tools into physics teaching for O-level students: potential benefits and challenges and, in general, the impact on teaching. This study uses a mixed-method approach, combining data both from structured student questionnaires and semi-structured interviews from the teachers. Quantitative analysis, based on responses from 60 students, showed that 85% of the students had experience with AI tools, and 80% found them helpful or very helpful in understanding physics concepts. Moreover, 85% agreed that AI tools made learning more engaging, and 70% reported a moderate or significant improvement in their academic performance. However, 15% remained neutral or expressed dissatisfaction, indicating room for improvement. These three themes have been identified in the qualitative data analysis: benefits, including personalized learning and more conceptual understanding, challenges like technical limitations, lack of teacher training, and over-reliance on technology, and recommendations such as curriculum alignment, training the teachers, and more efficient distribution of resources. Teachers noted that AI tools can revolutionize physics education in terms of access and engagement but cautioned that this will require proper infrastructure and professional development for effective implementation. Findings based on the suggestions indicate that these AI tools would be of highly promising value towards enhancing physics education, but tackling infrastructural as well as pedagogical concerns is necessary. This research again emphasizes the strategic integration of this blended balanced approach to harness the potential benefit of AI resources evenly and effectively throughout O-level classrooms.

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Introduction

The research is presented by highlighting issues faced by O-Level Physics students as well as also brings a neutral solution which can be achieved through Artificial Intelligence (AI). This covers the problem statements and research objectives, guidance of questions for the investigation study where how AI can improve students understanding + engagement+ performance in academic perspective. It also looked at how AI can be used in the field of Physics Education and its benefits for enhanced STEM learning.

Physics is a fundamental science subject at O-Level, which lays the basis of concepts about different properties and direct link with physical world. Unfortunately, many of our students tend to struggle with higher-order thinking and abstract concepts as well when it comes the point of solving problems that have mathematical calculations involving theoretical principles which can be based on real-world applications. These problems result in trouble with Physics and less interest, a view that the subject is difficult or irrelevant. With increasing demand for Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) careers there has never been a more crucial time to remove these barriers to learning or close the gap on quality in Physics education. Artificial Intelligence (AI) has become an exciting new technology in education, offering interactive and personalized learning. AI tools can adjust lessons to fit each student's needs, give instant feedback, and allow students to do virtual experiments. It is especially helpful for understanding hard-to-see physical concepts. AI can support and improve traditional teaching methods, making learning more engaging. It's not just a future possibility anymore but a real opportunity to change how teachers teach and students learn. For O-Level students, AI can provide interactive lessons, making it easier to understand abstract physics concepts and apply them in real life. (Maan, 2024). The primary focus of this study has been on the application of AI in O-Level physics instruction. The study's objective is to create AI-based teaching strategies that will improve student learning, boost physics comprehension, and make higher-quality experiential education more accessible.

Physics is a subject of great value in secondary education, and its importance became more evident with the fact that most STEM professionals found difficulty in getting good grades in CAIE exams. Many times, traditional teaching methods that depend on memorization and uniform instructional strategies are not an effective way to serve the diverse learning styles of students. Consequently, many students either simply will not understand the basic concepts or they develop a distaste for the subject. A significant problem associated with physics education is regarding visualization of some abstract ideas such as forces, energy, waves and electromagnetic fields by students. Conceptually Weak students often fail to relate and apply the concepts in practical situations as well as advance on more complex topics. In addition, personal learning is not possible because the class sizes are big and teachers do not interact much with each individual student. AI has the potential to address these challenges, although so far under explored particularly in an O-Level physics education context. Also there are AI applications developed in other educational contexts, not a lot has been documented qualitatively on how these resources can be adapted for physics study by secondary school students. In this article, I attempt to bridge that gap through studying the utility of AI to aid physics learning and consequently enhance students' performance.

Research Objectives

To investigate how O-Level students' understanding, engagement, and academic achievement might be improved by the use of artificial intelligence (AI) in physics education. The study specifically seeks:

- To determine the obstacles that students studying physics at O-Level experience in learning physics and if traditional teaching strategies deal with or do not address them.
- To explore the promise of AI tools such as intelligent tutoring systems and interactive simulations for supporting deeper conceptual understanding for students with regard to fundamental physics ideas.
- To analyze the impact of AI on student engagement and motivation by researching how these tools affect physics students' motivation.
- To recommend practices for the integration of AI in O-Level physics instruction to create a more efficient and personalized learning process

Research Questions

This study seeks to answer the following research questions:

- What are the main obstacles that O-Level students encounter when studying physics, and how are these obstacles addressed by the teaching strategies used today?
- How might O-Level students' understanding of physics ideas be improved through the use of AI technologies?
- How do students' motivation, interest, and engagement in physics change as a result of AI-driven learning tools?
- In order to maximize learning outcomes, how should AI be incorporated into the O-Level physics curriculum?

The purpose of this study is to investigate how artificial intelligence affects O-Level students' performance in physics classes and how AI tools, such as interactive simulations, adaptive learning platforms, and intelligent tutoring systems, can improve students' understanding of basic physics concepts.

Artificial Intelligence can be used to offer individual instructional experiences for students while allowing them to get real-time feedback from the instructors and provide interactive simulations of tough physics topics. In light of STEM education growing into a formidable force, it is relevant and essential to explore how AI can enhance student engagement exposure, performance. Last but not least, the study fills a research gap by demonstrating that there is a dearth of empirical data regarding the effectiveness of AI in supporting high school physics instruction. It also offers curriculum developers, educators, and policymakers useful insights for strengthening educational systems in light of the technological revolution.

This study is delimited to an investigation of the use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) to enhance physics education for students taking O-Level. In doing so, AI tools

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that were used include intelligent tutoring systems, adaptive learning platforms, and interactive simulations and excluded other new technologies, such as virtual reality or augmented reality. The study focuses on selected secondary schools where it targets core topics of physics outlined in the O-Level curriculum. It will measure the understanding, engagement, and academic performance of students in physics mainly. Other subjects and educational levels as well as broader applications of AI in education are out of the scope of this study.

Basic Assumptions in the Study

- It is assumed that the integration of AI-based tools such as intelligent tutoring systems, adaptive learning platforms, and interactive simulations in the O-Level physics curriculum will be smooth and would not alter the existing education framework.
- It is also assumed that students and teachers participating in this study are already equipped with some level of technological literacy to operate the AI tools without technical trouble.
- It is assumed that responses from students, engagement levels, and performance results will be authentic and, thus, reveal the actual influence of AI as far as the students' experience in physics is concerned.
- It is assumed that AI tools and support are available across the whole period of this research.

1.4 Key Terms in the Study: (Five Main Terminologies)

- ITS, or artificially intelligent tutoring systems, can identify the needs of the students and may change according to the customized lesson plan for better learning.
- O-Level Physics is the curriculum that helps a pupil prepare for sitting O-Level exams in a high school by providing the principles of elementary physics mostly based on mechanics, electricity, waves, and energy.
- Interactive Simulations helps to provide virtual resources through which students can conduct practical experiments in physics ideas, aiding them in understanding abstract or difficult ideas.
- The interest of a student keeps effective information retention and application.
- Academic performance is a measure of how competent a student is in physics as determined by grades, test results, and general development in comprehending and using fundamental ideas to solve problems.

Literature Review

The literature review on the application of AI in teaching physics to O-level students indicates transformative potential in enhancing educational practices. Improving problem-solving skills, personalizing learning experiences, and fostering engagement in the classroom are among the many benefits of AI tools, such as ChatGPT and simulation technologies. However, issues with teacher training and human oversight continue to be major concerns.

The integration of Constructivist Learning Theory and Cognitive Load Theory significantly improves AI-driven physics education for O-Level students. Constructivism calls for active learning through personal experiences, a perfect fit for AI as it adapts to learner needs, thus creating customized learning environments that encourage the learner to engage and introspect (Grubaugh,

2023). On the other hand, Cognitive Load Theory is focused on optimizing the amount of information presented to students in order to avoid cognitive overload, which is crucial in complex subjects like physics (Zollman, 2024).
In learning, according to the constructivist learning theory, people acquire knowledge in active, hands-on construction, linking the newly learned to the past and previous understanding. Abstract ideas that often tend to baffle students include electromagnetic fields and wave-particle duality. These abstract concepts relate well with AI tools: interactive simulations and virtual labs are all exploratory in nature and therefore make the seemingly intangible concrete. AI tools such as ChatGPT and Bing Chat enable interactive learning with students exploring physics concepts via conversations and problem-solving (Kay, 2023). AI adapts to the individual learning style, thus increasing the relevance of content and promoting deeper understanding. (Santos, 2023)
Vygotsky's concept of the Zone of Proximal Development is particularly relevant, as AI-driven platforms can act as scaffolds, offering personalized support and feedback to guide students toward mastering complex physics concepts. It enhances personalized learning as AI system can respond to the requirement of every student, giving unique instruction material that corresponds with different learning styles and an individual's learning pace (Mahligawati, 2023) . The AI-based tools allow the creation of a personalized learning path that is critical to conceiving and remembering physics concepts.
AI generated lessons also involve the students and develop their interest like Gamification-based AI-enabled learning environments have been proved to have an enhanced motivational performance by students related to physics subjects. Interactive AI devices improve social relationship and collaborative learning, which provide a more engaging classroom environment. (Mahligawati, 2023) (Patero, 2023).
AI technologies can improve the assessment with real-time feedback and analytics of student's performance, so that the teacher can adjust accordingly the strategy of teaching. (Mahligawati, 2023) (Anand, 2024). Another way in which AI contributes to the assessment process would be to identify "gaps" in student understanding. Targeted interventions can then be implemented. While the potential of AI in physics education is indeed great, there remains much to be done-with regard to technical infrastructure, teacher training, and ethical considerations.
Scaffolding: AI can offer customized support, breaking down complex physics problems into manageable parts, thus reducing cognitive load (Zollman, 2024).
Dynamic Feedback: Immediate feedback from AI helps students adjust their understanding in real-time, reinforcing learning without overwhelming them (Santos, 2023).
While the potential of AI in education is promising, it is also important to recognize the limitations of AI tools, such as the need for human oversight to ensure effective learning outcomes and address inconsistencies in AI responses (Kay, 2023). Cognitive Load Theory emphasizes that information overload in processing new material should be managed. Physics is already demanding on high cognitive ability since its reasoning is often 'mathematical' and visual, in the abstract. AI aids address this by breaking up overly complex information with visualization, step-by-step solution approaches to problems, and adaptive content curation. For example, AI-driven virtual experiments remove extraneous

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cognitive load by eliminating logistical challenges, allowing students to focus on the core physics principles being demonstrated. Leverage the theories mentioned above by bringing AI into teaching physics, such as active, self-directed learning through interactive platforms. Providing scaffolding and Adaptive Feedback, Individualized to learner's requirements. Visual simulations and aids to solving a problem reduce cognitive load.

Background of Relevant Literature

There has been a lot of new research into teaching physics to the O level using AI. This area of research highlights the potential benefits and challenges that AI presents. AI is one of the tools that has been explored to enhance problem-solving skills, personal learning experiences, and educational outcomes with the help of tools like ChatGPT. However, the literature also focuses on a careful approach toward cautious implementation to deal with the specific limitations involved. (Mustofa, 2024)

There are lots of benefits of AI in Physics Education like it provides better solution of problems. AI learning tools help a student solve difficult problems in physics, hence fostering critical thinking and understanding. The adaptive learning platforms and AI applications make use of the principle of personalized learning, which customized learning to the varying needs of a student's learning pace. (Mahligawati, 2023) (Prayogi, 2024). In conclusion, through AI-based learning systems, innovative methods of teaching are introduced to improve pedagogies like flipped classrooms and immersive technologies like AR and VR, increasing the interaction degree of learning activities (Prayogi, 2024).

With all the benefits, there are certain challenges in implementation of all the new AI tools. Technical infrastructure of most schools that have inadequate resources and training to introduce AI tools into their curricula. (Mahligawati, 2023) (Prayogi, 2024) Another challenge is data privacy and ethical issues. Usage of AI raises questions of data security and ethical concerns in terms of its deployment in the educational sector. Dependence on human educators is one another factor, however, with AI learning can be augmented but not by replacing the mentors and the subtle touches of teachers (Mustofa, 2024).

Conceptual Framework

An interesting concept of maximum engagement of students to better understand, making learning tailored to individual needs, is always conceived through the integration of AI in enhancing physics education for students of O-Level grade. The frame adopted specifically focuses on adaptability in meeting individual student needs while supporting teachers in their means of instruction.

AI-Driven Personalization: AI systems can autonomously generate the activities that are tailored to students' own cognitive processes in ways that support deeper conceptual understanding.

Personalized instruction improves understanding. Studies show that students satisfied with their use of AI tools to learn physics account for a 72% rate. (Mansour, 2024)

Engagement and Motivation: Additionally, there is more motivation and lessened cognitive load from personalistic instruction by using AI that can

possibly facilitate better academic outcomes. (Anand, 2024).
Gamified features can be very powerful for students to be interested and enjoy their education when placed in AI-based learning systems. This is through real-time feedback, which helps them track their progress and maintain motivation. (Patero, 2023).

Assessment and Feedback: AI can be leveraged to provide real-time assessment and feedback, enabling instructors to track student progress and then modify instruction. Some of the challenges include data privacy, ethical considerations, and staff training regarding how AI should be integrated into physics education effectively (Mahligawati, 2023).
More research needs to be conducted on AI so that the curves are smoothed from the tools and education is kept in tandem with the prescription and requirements. Deploying AI efficiently requires being in line with the technological ingenuity and atoning ethics along with the preparation of teachers to maximize the potential of AI in education.

Critical Analysis of Existing Literature
There has been much interest in the recent literature regarding the integration of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in improving physics education for O-Level students. Many studies show how AI can transform the learning experience by making it more personal, engaging students, and making assessments more effective.

Applications of AI in Physics Education
Personalized Learning: AI systems would tailor the educational content to students' individual needs, resulting in increased conceptual understanding and skills in solving problems (Anand, 2024) (Mahligawati, 2023).
Assessment and Feedback: The use of AI in assessment development and instant feedback has proven to enhance the performance of students along with their motivation (Bralin, 2024).
Engagement Strategies: AI increases student engagement through interactive simulations and virtual environments, making complex physics concepts more accessible (Faresta, 2024) (Mahligawati, 2023).

Challenges in Implementation
Technical Infrastructure: In many educational institutions, the major issues are related to the necessary technological infrastructure to support AI tools (Mahligawati, 2023). Teacher Training: A critical demand for professional training programs, equipping instructors with knowledge to apply AI in effective teaching (Faresta, 2024) (Azzi, 2024). (Scott, 2024). Ethical considerations: Data privacy and algorithmic bias issues must be addressed as a foundation for the responsible use of AI in education (Azzi, 2024). Despite all the potential benefits of AI in physics education, a large amount of research and care in ethical considerations are inevitable for its successful implementation.

Identification of Theoretical and Practical Gaps
The integration of AI to enhance physics education among O-Level students shows theoretical and practical gaps to be addressed. Although AI has the potential to personalize learning and enhance engagement, various challenges

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face its effective implementation. The following sections outline these gaps.

Theoretical Gaps

The lack of integrated theoretical frameworks largely hinders the knowledge and conceptual understanding of students in physics education. Current research lacks a unified theoretical basis that relates AI applications to learning outcomes, which hinders the ability to determine their effectiveness in various educational settings (Mahligawati, 2023). Without such a framework, it is tough to find out how these AI-driven tools can encourage deeper cognitive development rather than just keeping students engaged. Though AI has been proved to succeed in capturing students' attention by using interactive simulations, adaptive learning platforms, and gamified elements, its capabilities to enforce an effective understanding of complex physics concepts are unexplored.

An important gap in existing literature is that there is scarce research about how AI may provide an added dimension to the incorporation of knowledge and the building of conceptual frameworks in students' minds. Most of these studies stress improving classroom engagement and motivation but do not incorporate ideas about how AI may be used to support learners in making sense of their thoughts and understanding physics principles broadly. This calls for more focused research on the cognitive aspects of AI-enhanced education. The development and application of integrated theoretical frameworks will enable educators and researchers to understand better how AI applications affect not only the surface-level engagement but also the deeper learning processes that are necessary for mastering physics.

Practical Gaps

Many teachers find challenges in introducing AI tools into practice because most of them will lack necessary training, expertise, and availability of adequate means. With such constraints on teachers' ability to unleash the true power of AI, its potential for enabling a great learning experience leading to effective educational outcomes is badly curbed (Maan, 2024). Moreover, many schools are facing infrastructural challenges, such as outdated technology, insufficient funding, and inadequate internet connectivity, which hinders the effective deployment of AI in classrooms (Mahligawati, 2023). These technical and resource-related issues must be addressed to ensure that the adoption of AI in education is not only practical but also equitable, allowing all students to benefit regardless of their socioeconomic background. Despite the promising opportunities that AI offers for advancing physics education, such as personal learning experiences and more efficient classroom management, there are concerns that overdependence on these technologies could overshadow traditional teaching approaches. Some critics argue that this reliance might diminish the critical role of educators, potentially reducing the human element of teaching and eroding the meaningful teacher-student interactions that are essential to effective learning (Scott, 2024). With that, although great in the amount of changes it would make about education, AI requires finding that balance of technological innovation in relation to the traditional forms of teaching.

Research Methodology

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Methodology

This study uses a mixed-methods approach to combine the advantages of both qualitative and quantitative methodologies. Quantitative data was collected through structured questionnaires administered to students, focusing on their engagement with and perceptions of AI tools in learning physics. Qualitative data was obtained through semi-structured interviews with teachers, offering in-depth insights into the practical implementation, challenges, and benefits of AI in the classroom. This mixed-methods approach will enable triangulation. Triangulation enhances the validity of findings by cross-verifying data from multiple sources. It was selected because this would give a whole picture of how AI changes both teaching practices and outcomes of learning in physics for students.

Target Population

The target population for this research study consists of secondary school-going students and physics teachers, respectively, from institutions with either active usage or just introducing AI tools as an adjunct to the curriculum in schools. Students were taken into consideration based on AI-based learning platforms exposure from their physics education. Their selection ensured that the study could capture data directly from people who have firsthand experience with AI tools, including their perceptions, levels of engagement, and challenges faced in the learning process. Physics teachers were selected for their role in implementing these AI tools in classroom instruction. They were familiar with some applications of AI and in training secondary-level physics thus an ideal group to learn some practical application of implementing AI in education. By focusing on these two groups, the study is supposed to collect data relevant and insightful to enable the provision of a complete understanding of the benefits and challenges related to AI implementation in physics education so that findings may be aligned with both learner and educator perspectives.

Sampling Techniques

A purposive sampling technique was used to select both students and teachers. Students were selected based on their exposure to AI tools in physics education, and this ensured that their responses reflected firsthand experiences with the technology. This method was especially effective in identifying participants who could provide detailed and relevant insights into the impact of AI on their learning processes. For teachers, criterion-based sampling was conducted, targeting those educators with direct experience in teaching physics and using AI tools within their instructional practice. Criteria for selection would ensure the participants could give valuable viewpoints on the integration of AI in physics education, especially the benefits, challenges, and opportunities for improvement. By using these sampling techniques, the study ensured that the data set was rich and diverse, reflecting the experiences of individuals who are actively involved with AI tools in an educational context. This approach enabled the research to focus on participants with meaningful experiences and knowledge, which aligns with the objectives of this study in examining the practical and theoretical aspects of integrating AI into physics education.

Instrument Development

The research instruments used were structured questionnaires for students and semi-structured interview forms for teachers. The student questionnaire consisted of closed-ended and Likert-scale questions to assess their familiarity with AI tools, perceptions of their effectiveness, and challenges encountered. These questions were designed to quantify the impact of AI tools on students' learning experiences and identify areas requiring improvement. The teacher interview form was open-ended, asking questions to elicit their experiences, challenges, and recommendations for improving AI integration. It allowed teachers to elaborate on their strategies, successes, and concerns when using AI in the classroom. Both instruments were carefully developed and pilot-tested to ensure clarity, relevance, and alignment with the research objectives. The structured and semi-structured instruments combined to give a framework for data collection from the multiple perspectives that ensures that all the significant aspects of AI integration in physics education are well covered.

Plan of Data Collection

Data collection was done in two well-coordinated phases to ensure complete and systematic approaches. On the first phase, pupils were asked to fill out a structured questionnaire during their standard physics classes. This approach kept the pupils in an ambient they knew and allowed giving immediate reflections about their exposure to AI tools. Clearly, instructions were provided to students in order to ensure that they clearly understood each question thus making their responses more reliable.

Semi-structured interviews were conducted with the physics teachers. The interviews were held online based on the convenience and availability of the teachers in order to increase participation. The interviews gave teachers a chance to express, in detail, their experiences, challenges, and strategies on how to integrate AI tools into their teaching. It took one month to accomplish both phases of data gathering, thus ensuring the time was adequate for effective and timely data gathering with minimal compromise on the quality and depth of the collected information. This structured approach helped me gain a balanced, multi-faceted view of the subject matter.

Data Analysis and Presentation

Quantitative data obtained from student questionnaires was analyzed using descriptive and inferential statistical methods. Descriptive statistics summarize trends and patterns, whereas inferential analysis, including correlation tests, determines relationships between variables. Qualitative data obtained from the teacher interviews were thematically analyzed, which includes coding and categorizing the responses to identify recurring themes and insights. The findings are represented in tabular and graphical formats for the quantitative data and in a narrative format for the qualitative data to provide a clear and comprehensive depiction of the findings.

Data Analysis

Quantitative Data Analysis

The quantitative data was collected through structured questionnaires filled by 60 students. With their answers, it gave an insight into students' experiences, perceptions, and challenges towards the use of AI tools in physics education.

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Below is a summary of the key findings

Question	Response Categories	Percentage
Do you study physics as part of your curriculum?	Yes: 100%	100%
Have you used AI-based tools for learning?	Yes: 85%, No: 15%	Yes: 85%, No: 15%
How do you feel about learning physics?	Very Interested: 40%, Neutral: 20%, Dislike: 10%	40%, 20%, 10%
How helpful are AI tools in improving physics understanding?	Very Helpful: 50%, Helpful: 30%, Neutral: 10%	50%, 30%, 10%
Do AI tools make learning more engaging and fun?	Strongly Agree: 40%, Agree: 45%, Neutral: 15%	40%, 45%, 15%
Have you noticed an improvement in physics performance?	Significant Improvement: 20%, Moderate: 50%	20%, 50%

These results imply that most of the students are using AI tools and consider them effective ways of learning physics and making it enjoyable. A few reported indecisiveness or disinterest, thus indicating where development work is to be undertaken.

Qualitative Data Analysis

Qualitative data were obtained through semi-structured interviews with teachers. Thematic analysis of the responses provided emerged with the following major themes:

Teachers identified various important benefits associated with the adoption of AI tools in physics learning, including promoting better teaching and learning. Probably, the key advantage is learning personalization that AI tools make possible. An AI tool adjusts to the particular needs of different students. On analyzing the trends of learning and pointing out the weakness areas, customized recommendations and assistance are provided through AI tools that enable students to focus on such weaknesses and hence progress at an individual's speed.

Another benefit is the marked increase in **student engagement** Teachers noted that AI tools, through interactive simulations and activities, make the subject more enjoyable and relatable. The interactive nature of AI applications helps students connect with complex concepts, fostering enthusiasm and sustained interest in physics.

Additionally, AI tools have greatly contributed to **deeper conceptual understanding**. Teachers reported that these tools will present abstract or challenging concepts by making use of visual and interactive formats such as simulations, 3D models, and animations. These representations simplify difficult ideas that otherwise are hard for students to visualize and internalize complex physical phenomena in ways that traditional teaching methods would not.

In a nutshell, AI tools present more personalized, engaging, and conceptually rich learning, demonstrating a high potential to change physics education if integrated appropriately in the classroom.

Challenges in AI Integration

Qualitative analysis of the teacher responses brings out the opportunities and challenges in implementing AI tools in physics education. Teachers with 5 to over 15 years of experience said that students generally have a hard time understanding concepts in physics, especially modern physics, electromagnetic induction, and circuits. They blamed abstract content, unclear phrasing of questions, and lack of hands-on experiences for these problems. Many of the teachers were familiar with the AI tools like ChatGPT, PhET Interactive Simulations, and Canva. The level of use varies, though. Those who used these tools extensively reported the benefits of having their students engage better, gain deeper conceptual understanding, and facilitate effective lesson planning. However, some of the major concerns include over-reliance on AI, technical barriers in terms of inadequate infrastructure, and limited training of teachers. Teachers emphasized professional development programs with requisite technical skill equipment and advocated the use of AI as supplemental for traditional teaching methods rather than its replacement. These teachers urged increasing the reach and impact of AI through the coordination of these tools within curriculum specifications and school facilities in addition to their human touch requirements for education. While AI may prove transformative in the teaching of physics, there are many challenges to be overcome for its effective and equitable implementation.

Teachers also highlighted several major issues that arise from the integration of AI tools in physics education. Technical limitations stand out as one of the most significant problems. Most schools have inadequate infrastructure, including old hardware and software, and poor internet connectivity. Such technical problems severely limit the effective use of AI tools and therefore their potential to improve learning outcomes. For example, the slow or unstable internet connection will affect the availability of AI-driven platforms and simulations and thus frustrate both teachers and students.

Another significant challenge identified is the problem of teacher preparedness. With many teachers unable to possess proper technical skills and knowledge, utilizing AI tools in educational practices is sometimes difficult. That is, once teachers are exposed to these systems without proper technical training, this may hinder smooth integration into curricula, significantly reducing their impacts and possibly becoming a suboptimal learning strategy for students. This gap becomes a call to targeted professional preparation programs that shall empower teachers confidently and effectively using AI tools.

Lastly, there is the fear of over-reliance on AI. Some teachers fear that reliance on AI tools will lead to a lack of critical thinking and problem-solving abilities in students. The fact that AI tools provide readymade solutions and answers might demote the effort of the student to deeply reflect on the subject matter and think critically. It is for this reason that one needs to establish a balance between leveraging the benefits of AI and ensuring that there are human elements that remain essential to teaching and learning.

Recommendations for Improvement

For a better integration of AI tools in the field of physics education, some measures are proposed by the teachers. First of all, **curriculum alignment** was espoused where such AI tools are being proposed to have direct relevance towards the curriculum rather than being in one aspect or another. By doing so,

these resources would have exactly aligned learning objectives along with students' direct experience of a concept.
Secondly, the experts spoke about the dire necessity for having **a well framed training program** in order to bring in knowledge and skills power for educators to be enabled with, to be able to teach effectively synergizing with these AI tools. Professional development initiatives of this kind need to comprise, hands-on workshops, technical support, and sneaky encouragement, to help teachers make a smooth adjustment into the use of these technologies.
Finally, the teachers concluded in the need for **resource allocation** by advocating better funding and infrastructural facilities that would bring the reality of AI integration to life. In bad cases, even many schools, let alone colleges and above institutions, are deprived of such modern hardware with a reliable internet connection and software to make such AI an everyday thing. Infrastructure in these considerations would most likely allow schools to greatly benefit from AI tools without distinction in accessibility and a positive impact in teaching and learning.

Synthesis of Findings
Thus, it is demonstrated by the analysis of quantitative and qualitative data that AI tools possess transformative potential in the physics education system. The students generally report these as interesting and involve a meaningful understanding of complex concepts. Teachers also refer to it as feasible with the note that they are valuable only with ample training, increased infrastructure, and aligned curriculum. The conclusion drawn from the evidence indicates the need for addressing technical and pedagogical challenges to use AI equitably and meaningfully in physics education.

Discussion
Major Findings
The study focused on exploring the impact of AI tools in O-level physics instruction, stating their benefits, effect on student engagement, addressing misconceptions, and constraints that impede such integration. A summary of the findings is provided below:

Benefits of AI Tools in Physics Instruction: According to the research, AI tools influence personalized learning, constructive conceptual understanding, and student engagement. Students who used AI-based platforms reported higher degrees of interest and a better understanding of difficult physics concepts. These findings substantiate the proposition that AI tools are positively affecting the physics learning experience.

AI Tools and Student Engagement: Quantitative data indicated that AI tools were beneficial for 85% of the students, and that 50% of them considered such tools very helpful in strengthening their comprehension. Qualitative analysis also showed that teachers are able to see increased levels of student enthusiasm and participation in those utilizing AI simulations and interactive models. This strongly supports the hypothesis that AI tools engage students in the learning of physics.

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Addressing Misconceptions: AI tools were proven effective to identify and correct prevalent misconceptions in physics. Adaptive learning technology offered constructive feedback to the learners assisting them in adjusting their conceptualization. Thus, evidence from both cohort and teacher interviews support the hypothesis of AI tools aiding the remediation of misconceptions in physics.

Challenges in AI Integration: The study pointed out some major challenges, such as poor infrastructure, insufficient teacher training, and risk of AI domination. Teachers reiterated that in order for AI to be integrated successfully, they require better resources and professional development. Hence, these findings serve to consolidate the idea that technical and pedagogical barriers prevent the successful use of AI in teaching physics.

Recommendations

The following recommendations are derived from the findings:

Curriculum Alignment: AI tools must therefore be aligned with the physics curriculum so that they remain relevant. Developers will ensure the creation of content that matches existing methodologies by collaborating with educators.

Teacher Training Programs: The professional development programs should be vast in scope, providing teachers with the skills to integrate AI tools. The training should entail some technical aspects, pedagogical means, and strategies for balancing the use of AI with traditional teaching methods.

Upgrade of Infrastructure and Funding: Financial investments must be made in schools to improve their technological infrastructure, such as high-speed internet connections and modern devices for AI-based learning. Moreover, funding should be fairly provided by policymakers to ensure equitable access to AI tools across institutions.

Balancing Use of AI with the Development of Critical Thinking Skills: To avoid over-reliance on AI, teachers would design problem-solving exercises through which students could exercise critical thinking skills with AI-assisted learning.

Conclusion

The present study showed that AI tools can revolutionize physics education by great engagement, correcting misconceptions, and customizing learning experiences. However, for AI in education to work optimally, there must be a resolution of challenges related to infrastructure, teacher preparedness, and a balanced mix of AI integration. The results promote a strategic orientation toward implementing AI tools in education, ensuring that such tools will enhance, not replace, existing classroom operations. Future research should focus on how AI will be integrated over time and best practices to be used in this integration in varied educational settings.

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