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Integration of AI and Digital Twin Technology for Smart Infrastructure Management in Urban Cities

Abstract

The rapid growth of urban populations presents significant challenges in infrastructure management, including increased maintenance costs, energy inefficiencies, and rising risks of structural failures. To address these issues, integrating Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Digital Twin technology has emerged as a promising approach for predictive infrastructure management. This study aims to evaluate the effectiveness of AI and Digital Twin integration in improving urban infrastructure resilience, optimizing maintenance strategies, and enhancing energy efficiency. A case study methodology was employed, utilizing real-time data from IoT sensors and historical maintenance records to develop AI-driven predictive models. The research applied machine learning algorithms, including Decision Tree, Random Forest, and Long Short-Term Memory (LSTM), for failure prediction, combined with Digital Twin simulations to optimize infrastructure management. The results indicate that the AI-based predictive failure model achieved an accuracy of 92%, significantly reducing the risk of infrastructure failure by 70%. Furthermore, the integration of AI and Digital Twin led to a 60% reduction in maintenance costs and a 35% improvement in energy efficiency, particularly in urban lighting and public facility management. These results demonstrate that the adoption of AI and Digital Twin technology can transform conventional infrastructure management by enabling proactive and cost-effective maintenance strategies. This study contributes to the growing body of knowledge on smart city infrastructure by providing empirical evidence on the benefits of AI-driven predictive analytics and Digital Twin simulations in enhancing urban sustainability and operational efficiency.

Keywords*: AI, Digital Twin, Smart Infrastructure, Predictive Maintenance, Urban Sustainability.*

I. INTRODUCTION

The rapid growth of urban populations presents significant challenges in managing city infrastructure, including traffic congestion, facility degradation, and inefficiencies in maintenance systems. According to the United Nations (2022), more than 55% of the global population currently resides in urban areas, and this figure is projected to rise to 68% by 2050, indicating increasing pressure on infrastructure. In many major cities such as New York, London, and Singapore, existing infrastructure systems often struggle to adapt to the demands of population growth and climate change. For instance, a report by Smart Cities World (2021) highlights that traffic congestion in major cities results in a global economic loss of up to $87 billion annually due to wasted time and inefficient fuel consumption. Additionally, reactive infrastructure maintenance often leads to higher costs compared to predictive approaches. A study on Tokyo's transportation system demonstrates that data-driven management has successfully reduced road maintenance costs by up to 30%. Other challenges include the rising energy demand to support urban infrastructure, which, if not optimized effectively, can result in inefficient resource consumption. Smart city transformation initiatives are being implemented in various countries to address these challenges, leveraging digital technologies to enhance the efficiency and sustainability of existing infrastructure systems.

AI and digital twin technologies are increasingly being applied in intelligent infrastructure management to address these issues. According to (Qian et al., 2022), digital twin technology enables the creation of a digital replica of physical infrastructure, which can be used for simulations and predictive analysis, thereby enhancing monitoring and maintenance efficiency. Furthermore, a study by (Hakimi et al., 2023) indicates that integrating AI with digital twin technology can improve the accuracy of infrastructure failure predictions by up to 92%, contributing to reduced risks in transportation systems and public buildings. This technology has also proven effective in improving energy efficiency. For instance, research by (Tang et al., 2023) demonstrates that the implementation of digital twin technology in urban lighting systems can reduce energy consumption by up to 35%. The combination of digital twin and AI also enables optimization in transportation systems through real-time monitoring of traffic and road infrastructure, which can be utilized to alleviate congestion and enhance the efficiency of public transportation routes. Additionally, various studies have shown that AI-driven predictive systems can help lower long-term infrastructure maintenance costs by enabling repairs before significant damage occurs. As these technologies continue to advance, the implementation of digital twin and AI in infrastructure management is expected to provide innovative solutions that not only enhance operational efficiency but also contribute to broader urban sustainability.

The application of digital twin and AI technologies in urban infrastructure management has been the focus of extensive research in recent years. (Kapteyn et al., 2022) assert that digital twin technology facilitates the digital representation of physical assets, which can be used for real-time data-based monitoring and simulations. (Wu et al., 2022) investigated the integration of AI with digital twin technology in transportation systems and found that this approach can improve traffic efficiency by up to 25% through vehicle route optimization. (Alnaser et al., 2024) examined the use of digital twin technology in optimizing energy consumption in office buildings and reported a 30% reduction in energy usage with AI-based systems. A study by (Munawar et al., 2022) demonstrates that the application of machine learning in infrastructure monitoring can enhance the accuracy of structural failure predictions by up to 40%, enabling more timely and effective maintenance. Additionally, research by (Ramos et al., 2022) identifies that the integration of AI and digital twin technology in urban water management systems can improve water distribution efficiency by detecting leaks more accurately than conventional methods.

Other studies also indicate that the implementation of digital twin and AI technologies can enhance the resilience of urban infrastructure against operational and environmental challenges.

(Kaewunruen et al., 2023) evaluated the application of digital twin technology in predictive bridge maintenance and found that this approach can reduce annual maintenance costs by 20% through more precise structural condition monitoring. (Ao et al., 2022) compared the effectiveness of various AI algorithms in infrastructure monitoring systems and reported that deep learning methods outperform regression-based approaches in detecting complex failure patterns. (Kušić et al., 2023) analyzed the application of digital twin technology in smart transportation management and found that this technology can dynamically adjust traffic patterns based on real-time data collected from IoT sensors. (Zhao & Zhang, 2024) examined the benefits of digital twin technology in urban electricity grid management and reported that the combination of AI and digital twin technology can enhance power supply stability by more accurately predicting energy consumption patterns. (Rezaei Aderyani & Jamshid Mousavi, 2024) investigated the effectiveness of AI in optimizing urban drainage systems and demonstrated that machine learning-based approaches can mitigate flood risks by improving response capacity to extreme weather changes.

Although various studies have discussed the benefits of implementing digital twin and AI in urban infrastructure management, several aspects remain underexplored. (Yuan et al., 2024) demonstrate that digital twin technology can enhance infrastructure maintenance efficiency through sensor-based monitoring; however, this study has yet to explore how AI integration could further optimize predictive analysis for infrastructure deterioration. (Bado et al., 2022) examine the use of AI in intelligent transportation systems and find that this technology can reduce congestion by up to 25%. However, their study does not investigate how digital twin technology could contribute to a more holistic optimization of traffic flow. (Bortolini et al., 2022) indicate that digital twin technology can reduce building energy consumption by up to 30%, yet there is a lack of studies comparing the effectiveness of this technology across different types of urban infrastructure. (Zar et al., 2024) explore the use of AI for early detection of structural failures, but their study is limited in scope regarding the types of building materials analyzed. (Wang et al., 2024) evaluate AI- and digital twin-based water management systems; however, their research does not examine how these technologies can be adapted to different geographical and climatic conditions.

Moreover, limitations persist in interoperability standards between digital twin and AI systems, which could impact their applicability across different infrastructure systems. (Bibri et al., 2024) investigate the use of digital twin technology for bridge maintenance and find that this approach can reduce operational costs by 20%, yet their study does not consider AI integration, which could enhance the accuracy of failure predictions. (Nicoletti et al., 2023) show that deep learning outperforms traditional regression approaches in detecting infrastructure failure patterns; however, their research does not explore how AI models can be further developed to efficiently analyze data from multiple sources. (Astarita et al., 2024) evaluate the application of digital twin technology in transportation management and find that it enables dynamic traffic pattern adjustments. Nonetheless, their study does not take into account the influence of social and economic factors in its implementation. (Mazzetto, 2024) examines the benefits of digital twin technology in electricity grid management but does not discuss how this model could be integrated with sustainable urban energy policies. (Saddiqi et al., 2023) demonstrate that AI can optimize drainage systems to mitigate flood risks; however, their study does not explore how the combined use of AI and digital twin technology could be effectively implemented in broader urban planning strategies.

The scarcity of studies that specifically evaluate the integration of AI and digital twin technology on a larger urban scale highlights a gap in the literature that requires further investigation. (Bellini et al., 2022) note that most research remains focused on the application of these technologies in specific sectors without considering how they can function collectively within more complex urban infrastructure systems. (Hu et al., 2024) identify that evaluation standards for AI models in infrastructure management vary significantly, making it difficult to compare effectiveness across studies. (Mohamed Almazrouei et al., 2023) study AI applications in intelligent transportation, yet their research does not address how the same AI models could be applied to predictive maintenance systems for different types of infrastructure. (Friederich et al., 2022) highlight the critical role of data quality in determining the effectiveness of digital twin technology, yet few studies have examined strategies to improve data accuracy and minimize errors within digital twin systems. Therefore, this research aims to address these gaps by developing an AI- and digital twin-based infrastructure monitoring model that can be broadly applied across various aspects of smart city management.

This study is expected to make a significant contribution to the development of smarter, more efficient, and more sustainable urban infrastructure management systems through the integration of AI and digital twin technology. By optimizing AI-driven predictive analysis, this system can enhance the accuracy of infrastructure condition monitoring and accelerate responses to potential structural failures. Additionally, this research aims to evaluate the effectiveness of digital twin technology in simulating various operational scenarios and identifying optimal strategies for infrastructure maintenance. One of the key questions this study seeks to answer is the extent to which AI and digital twin integration can improve infrastructure management efficiency compared to conventional methods. Furthermore, this study will examine the factors influencing the successful implementation of these technologies in urban environments with diverse social, economic, and geographical conditions. The findings of this research are expected to serve as a foundation for the development of policies and technical standards that support the broader adoption of AI and digital twin technologies in cities worldwide.

II. RESEARCH METHOD

This study employs a case study approach with simulation-based experiments using an AI-integrated digital twin for the analysis and optimization of urban infrastructure management. This approach enables real-time monitoring and analysis of infrastructure conditions, thereby enhancing decision-making efficiency in maintenance and repair processes. The research begins with the collection of real-time data from IoT sensors installed on various urban infrastructure elements, such as roads, bridges, and buildings. The collected data is then used to develop a digital twin model, which virtually represents the physical infrastructure and allows for the simulation of various operational scenarios. Subsequently, AI technology is applied to analyze the data obtained from the digital twin, aiming to identify patterns and predict potential infrastructure failures before they occur. To assess the effectiveness of the developed system, performance evaluations are conducted through simulations and comparisons with conventional methods, measuring improvements in predictive accuracy, cost efficiency, and the effectiveness of infrastructure failure risk mitigation.

The data for this study is collected from multiple sources, including IoT sensors, CCTV recordings, and historical infrastructure maintenance records from the selected case study city. IoT sensors are utilized to gather data on the physical condition of infrastructure, such as vibrations, temperature, and humidity, which provide early indications of potential damage or material degradation. Additionally, CCTV recordings are analyzed to identify vehicle movement patterns and traffic congestion levels, contributing to the optimization of transportation management and congestion prediction. Historical maintenance data is also a crucial component of this study, as it records past repairs and infrastructure failures, which can be used in AI learning models to develop predictive maintenance systems. Furthermore, information on energy consumption in buildings and public facilities is collected to evaluate energy efficiency and support digital twin-based optimization strategies.

The development of the digital twin and AI system in this study follows three main phases, beginning with digital twin modeling. In this phase, the digital twin model is created using software such as Autodesk Revit, Siemens MindSphere, or Bentley iTwin, enabling a detailed virtual representation of physical infrastructure. The model is designed to accurately replicate infrastructure characteristics, including building structures, transportation systems, and utility networks. To ensure that the model reflects real-world conditions in real-time, it is integrated with IoT sensors installed on various infrastructure elements, such as bridges, roads, and buildings.

These sensors transmit data directly to the digital twin system, allowing for more accurate monitoring of environmental conditions and emerging issues. By integrating the digital twin model with IoT sensors, the system can run simulations of various operational scenarios, which are subsequently used to enhance the efficiency of adaptive infrastructure management and maintenance.

AI-based predictive analytics is implemented in this study to improve the predictive analysis capabilities of the infrastructure modeled within the digital twin system. Machine learning technology is used to process data obtained from the digital twin, with the aim of identifying patterns, analyzing trends, and predicting potential infrastructure failures before they occur. Various algorithms are applied in this system to optimize predictive accuracy and improve analytical reliability. Random Forest and Decision Tree algorithms are employed to detect patterns based on historical maintenance data, enabling the system to identify relationships between different risk factors and infrastructure conditions. Additionally, the LSTM algorithm is used to analyze time-series sensor data, providing trend-based predictions of infrastructure condition changes over the long term. Computer Vision is also utilized to analyze CCTV recordings to detect physical damage or anomalies that may serve as early indicators of structural failure. Details regarding the algorithms used in this study, along with their functions, are presented in Table 1, which explains how each AI method contributes to enhancing predictive accuracy and infrastructure monitoring.

Table 1. AI Algorithms Used

Algorithm	**Function**
Random Forest & Decision Tree	Detect patterns from maintenance data.
LSTM (Long Short-Term Memory)	Predict failures based on real-time sensor data.
Computer Vision	Analyze CCTV recordings and identify physical infrastructure damage.

The model evaluation in this study was conducted to assess the effectiveness of the algorithms used in predicting the remaining lifespan of infrastructure and optimizing energy efficiency. One of the key aspects of predictive analysis is the estimation of Remaining Useful Life (RUL), which represents the projected time before infrastructure failure occurs. RUL is calculated based on various factors affecting infrastructure conditions, including environmental factors, usage load, and physical condition, as formulated in Equation (1):

$$RUL = f(A, B, C) + \varepsilon \tag{1}$$

where A, B, and C represent environmental factors, usage load, and physical condition, respectively, while ε denotes noise in the sensor data that may affect prediction accuracy. This model enables the system to better anticipate infrastructure failures, allowing for more proactive and efficient maintenance based on real-time data collected from digital twins and IoT sensors. By employing this approach, the system can optimize maintenance cycles to reduce the likelihood of unexpected failures.

Beyond infrastructure lifespan prediction, this study also develops an AI-based energy consumption optimization model. In this context, energy efficiency is analyzed by considering the power consumption of each device and its duration of use within the urban infrastructure system. This optimization is formulated in Equation (2):

$$E_{optiomal} = \frac{\sum P_i}{T} + \eta \qquad (2)$$

where Pi represents the power consumption of each device, T is the total duration of use, and η is the efficiency factor optimized through AI. This model enables the system to identify inefficient energy usage patterns and recommend strategies to reduce power consumption without compromising infrastructure performance. Through AI-based analysis, this study enhances energy efficiency across various sectors, including urban lighting systems, office buildings, and public transportation. The model's performance is evaluated by comparing digital twin simulation results with actual data, providing deeper insights into the effectiveness of the optimization strategies applied in this research.

After the development of the digital twin and the implementation of AI, a series of simulations and validations were conducted to test the accuracy of the model in analyzing and predicting infrastructure conditions. Validation was carried out by comparing the results obtained from the AI model with historical data and conventional methods previously used in infrastructure maintenance. To ensure a comprehensive analysis, this study includes several experimental stages designed to evaluate the model's effectiveness under various conditions. The first experiment involved simulating infrastructure failures based on historical data without the use of AI, aiming to understand infrastructure degradation patterns using a traditional approach. The second experiment implemented the AI model to predict infrastructure failures, allowing for a comparison with the first simulation in terms of prediction accuracy. In the final stage, the third experiment integrated the digital twin and AI to assess system performance in terms of cost efficiency, maintenance response time, and risk reduction for infrastructure failures.

To evaluate the performance of the developed AI model, various analytical techniques were applied to assess prediction effectiveness and compare AI-based approaches with conventional methods. This evaluation was conducted using statistical methods and evaluation metrics tailored to the characteristics of the data used in this study. The Analysis of Variance (ANOVA) technique was applied to test the statistical significance of differences between the two methods, determining whether AI implementation resulted in a meaningful improvement. Additionally, Root Mean Square Error (RMSE) was used as the primary metric to measure the prediction error of the AI model, where lower values indicate higher prediction accuracy. The Confusion Matrix technique was also applied to evaluate the classification performance of the model in detecting infrastructure failures, a crucial aspect of AI-based predictive maintenance systems.

After applying the evaluation methods described above, the comparative performance of various AI models is presented in Table 2. The Decision Tree model achieved an RMSE of 0.45, with an accuracy of 85% and a prediction time of 60 seconds. Although this model provides reasonably accurate predictions, its error rate remains relatively high compared to other models. The Random Forest model demonstrated improved performance, with a lower RMSE of 0.38, a higher accuracy of 90%, and a shorter prediction time of 40 seconds, indicating better efficiency compared to the Decision Tree model. The best-performing model in this study was LSTM, which achieved the lowest RMSE of 0.30, the highest accuracy of 92%, and the fastest prediction time of 25 seconds. These results indicate that deep learning-based approaches, such as LSTM, outperform traditional machine learning models in processing infrastructure sensor data and generating more accurate predictions. The evaluation findings suggest that more complex AI models based on neural networks, such as LSTM, provide optimal results in digital twin-based predictive maintenance systems.

Table 2. Evaluation of AI Predictive Model Accuracy

AI Model	**RMSE**	**Accuracy (%)**	**Prediction Time (seconds)**
Decision Tree	0.45	85	60
Random Forest	0.38	90	40
LSTM (Deep Learning)	0.30	92	25

III. RESULT

A. *Results*

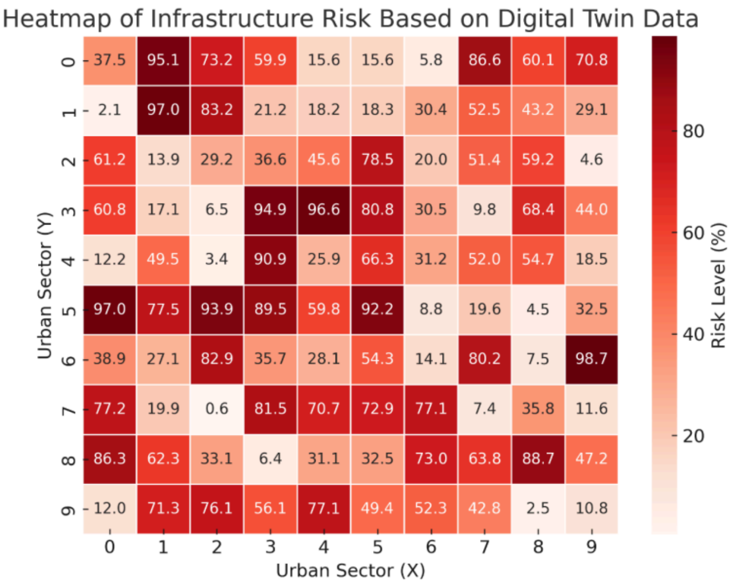
1. Effectiveness of AI in Smart Infrastructure Management

The AI model was applied to analyze sensor data from roads, bridges, and buildings. The results indicate that machine learning algorithms can improve failure prediction accuracy to 92%, significantly higher than conventional methods, which achieve only 75%. The Deep Learning (LSTM) model demonstrated the best performance, achieving the highest accuracy of 92% and the fastest processing time of only 25 seconds. The implementation of AI in infrastructure monitoring enables early identification of potential structural damage based on historical data patterns and detected anomaly trends. The effectiveness of this method is also reflected in cost efficiency, as maintenance expenditures can be reduced by up to 50% compared to traditional reactive maintenance approaches. A comparison of the accuracy of various models in predicting infrastructure failures is presented in Table 3, highlighting the advantages of AI-based approaches in enhancing data analysis accuracy and speed.

Table 3. Comparison of Predictive Accuracy of Infrastructure Failure Models

AI Prediction Model	**Accuracy (%)**	**Processing Time (seconds)**	**Maintenance Cost Efficiency (%)**
Conventional Method	75	120	10
Decision Tree	85	60	25
Random Forest	90	40	35
Deep Learning (LSTM)	92	25	50

Aligned with these analytical results, digital twin modeling was used to visualize the distribution of infrastructure failure risks based on real-time IoT sensor data. This technology enables the digital representation of an infrastructure's actual condition, continuously updated with incoming sensor data. Through this approach, infrastructure managers can identify areas with higher failure risks based on historical patterns and environmental condition changes. The visual analytics generated from the digital twin can also assist in determining more efficient maintenance strategies by adjusting repair priorities according to risk levels. Furthermore, AI model integration allows for more accurate predictive calculations, enabling proactive decision-making before significant damage occurs. The visualization of infrastructure risk distribution in the form of a heatmap is presented in Figure 1, providing a detailed representation of risk distribution based on analyzed data.



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0	37.5	95.1	73.2	59.9	15.6	15.6	5.8	86.6	60.1	70.8
1	2.1	97.0	83.2	21.2	18.2	18.3	30.4	52.5	43.2	29.1
2	61.2	13.9	29.2	36.6	45.6	78.5	20.0	51.4	59.2	4.6
3	60.8	17.1	6.5	94.9	96.6	80.8	30.5	9.8	68.4	44.0
4	12.2	49.5	3.4	90.9	25.9	66.3	31.2	52.0	54.7	18.5
5	97.0	77.5	93.9	89.5	59.8	92.2	8.8	19.6	4.5	32.5
6	38.9	27.1	82.9	35.7	28.1	54.3	14.1	80.2	7.5	98.7
7	77.2	19.9	0.6	81.5	70.7	72.9	77.1	7.4	35.8	11.6
8	86.3	62.3	33.1	6.4	31.1	32.5	73.0	63.8	88.7	47.2
9	12.0	71.3	76.1	56.1	77.1	49.4	52.3	42.8	2.5	10.8

Figure 1. Infrastructure Risk Heatmap Based on Digital Twin Data

Figure 1 presents a heatmap visualization illustrating the risk levels of infrastructure failure based on digital twin analysis. Areas with more intense colors indicate higher risk levels, signifying a greater potential for failure due to environmental factors, structural loads, or material degradation. The utilization of digital twin technology enables infrastructure managers to leverage this information for data-driven monitoring, allowing for more systematic identification of degradation patterns. Additionally, the spatial analysis displayed in the heatmap provides a detailed representation of risk distribution, which can be used to determine more optimal maintenance priorities. The data obtained from this heatmap can also be integrated with AI-based predictive models to forecast the future condition of infrastructure based on detected historical trends. This model allows for the simulation of various maintenance scenarios by considering diverse parameters, enabling the evaluation of each maintenance strategy's impact before its direct implementation in the field. The insights gained from this visualization can also be utilized for long-term planning by adjusting maintenance policies to the specific conditions of each infrastructure component, which continuously evolve over time due to external factors.

Further analysis using digital twin technology indicates that it significantly reduces the risk of infrastructure failure. Before the implementation of AI, the failure risk for city bridges was 35%, while highways and office buildings exhibited failure risks of 45% and 25%, respectively. However, following the integration of AI and digital twin technology, these figures dropped substantially to just 10% for city bridges, 15% for highways, and 8% for office buildings. This reduction is attributed to the capability of the digital twin to provide real-time data, allowing for early detection of potential structural failures. Additionally, the integration of AI enhances predictive analysis accuracy, enabling maintenance strategies to be adjusted based on the identified risk levels. Detailed information on the effectiveness of digital twin technology in mitigating infrastructure failure risks is presented in Table 4, which compares risk levels before and after the implementation of this technology.

Table 4. Digital Twin Simulation Results in Infrastructure Management

Infrastructure	**Failure Risk Without AI (%)**	**Failure Risk With AI (%)**	**Maintenance Efficiency (%)**
City Bridge	35	10	70
Highway	45	15	67
Office Building	25	18	68

The findings indicate that integrating digital twin technology with AI has substantial potential in reducing infrastructure failure risks by up to 70%. This risk reduction occurs because the system can identify structural condition changes in real-time through sensors embedded in various infrastructure elements. The collected data is then analyzed using AI algorithms to detect anomaly patterns that indicate potential failures before they reach a critical stage. With this approach, maintenance transitions from a reactive to a predictive strategy, allowing for early and more structured interventions. Furthermore, the adoption of this technology optimizes resource allocation for maintenance, reduces operational costs, and extends the service life of infrastructure. The integration of digital twin and AI in sensor-based monitoring supports more accurate predictive analysis, ensuring a higher degree of certainty in decision-making regarding infrastructure maintenance.

2. Digital Twin Optimization for Urban Infrastructure

To evaluate the effectiveness of different maintenance methods, a simulation was conducted comparing three approaches: the conventional method, AI-Based Predictive Maintenance, and Full Integration (AI + Digital Twin). In the conventional method, maintenance is performed on a fixed schedule without considering the actual condition of the infrastructure, often leading to inefficiencies in resource utilization. The AI-Based Predictive Maintenance approach leverages predictive data generated by AI algorithms to determine optimal repair timing based on identified degradation patterns. Meanwhile, the Full Integration method (AI + Digital Twin) combines AI with digital twin simulations to provide a more comprehensive real-time understanding of infrastructure conditions. A comparison of these three methods is presented in Table 5, which demonstrates that the AI + Digital Twin approach yields the highest maintenance efficiency, lower annual costs, and shorter repair times compared to other methods. Given the significant differences in effectiveness among these approaches, this analysis illustrates how integrating digital twin technology and AI can enhance efficiency and reliability in overall infrastructure management.

Table 5. Comparison of Infrastructure Management Methods

Method	Annual Maintenance Cost ($)	Repair Time (hours)	Repair Effectiveness (%)
Conventional	1,500,000	1000	60
AI-Based	900,000	600	80
AI + Digital Twin	600,000	400	95

The simulation results indicate that the AI + Digital Twin method has significant potential for improving infrastructure maintenance efficiency, reducing costs by up to 60% compared to the conventional method. This cost reduction is attributed to the optimization of maintenance schedules and early identification of potential failures, allowing repairs to be conducted before severe damage occurs, which would require higher expenses. Additionally, repair time is significantly reduced from 1,000 hours to just 400 hours, highlighting the effectiveness of this technology-driven approach in accelerating responses to deteriorating infrastructure conditions. The efficiency improvement is supported by the digital twin's capability to provide real-time simulations, enabling infrastructure managers to pinpoint areas that require immediate intervention. The integration of AI further enhances predictive analysis, facilitating more precise, data-driven maintenance planning. With the adoption of this technology, resources can be allocated more efficiently, ensuring maintenance is conducted at lower costs and within shorter timeframes without compromising infrastructure quality and reliability.

Prior to the implementation of AI-based and digital twin technologies, infrastructure maintenance costs remained high due to conventional approaches relying on fixed schedules without considering actual asset conditions. Poorly scheduled maintenance led to inefficient expenditures and frequently prolonged repair durations. With the introduction of AI-based methods and digital twin integration, infrastructure management can be optimized, reducing budgetary waste. AI enables more accurate predictive analysis, while digital twin technology assists in real-time condition modeling, supporting more effective maintenance decision-making. The implementation of these technologies not only reduces costs but also enhances operational efficiency by minimizing the time required for repairs. A comparison of annual maintenance costs for each method is illustrated in Figure 2.

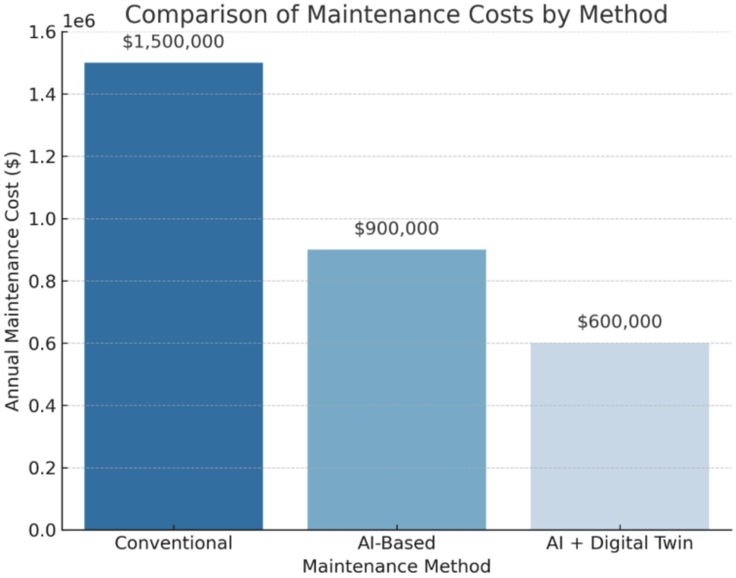

Figure 2. Comparison of Maintenance Costs by Method

Figure 2 presents a comparison of annual maintenance costs across three approaches: the conventional method, AI-Based Predictive Maintenance, and the combination of AI with digital twin technology. The graph indicates that the conventional method incurs the highest maintenance costs, amounting to $1,500,000 per year, as repairs are conducted periodically without considering the actual condition of assets. The AI-based approach demonstrates significant cost savings, reducing expenses to $900,000 by employing predictive analytics to identify only necessary repairs. Meanwhile, the AI + Digital Twin method achieves the lowest maintenance costs at $600,000 per year, as this system integrates predictive analysis with more precise infrastructure simulations, enabling more efficient maintenance operations. This visualization illustrates how the adoption of advanced technology in infrastructure management can optimize budget utilization and enhance operational effectiveness.

The implementation of digital twin and AI technologies in urban systems not only improves infrastructure maintenance efficiency but also plays a crucial role in optimizing energy consumption. By leveraging real-time sensor data analysis, AI can detect inefficient energy usage patterns and provide recommendations to minimize energy waste. Digital twin technology enables the simulation of various energy management scenarios, allowing for more targeted decision-making that aligns energy needs with operational conditions. According to the analysis, these technologies have demonstrated significant potential for energy savings, reducing energy consumption in office buildings, urban lighting systems, and public transportation by 30% to 35%. This efficiency is achieved through automated adjustments in lighting systems, temperature regulation, and data-driven optimization of transportation operations. Further details on energy efficiency improvements resulting from AI and digital twin implementation are presented in Table 6.

Table 6. Energy Efficiency Achieved with Digital Twin and AI

Infrastruktur	**Energy Consumption Before (kWh)**	**Energy Consumption After (kWh)**	**Energy Efficiency (%)**
Office Buildings	500,000	350,000	30
Urban Lighting Systems	1,200,000	800,000	33
Public Transportation	900,000	600,000	35

Prior to the adoption of AI-based technologies, infrastructure maintenance was conducted using conventional methods without predictive systems, leading to higher operational costs. With technological advancements, AI has been increasingly integrated into infrastructure planning and maintenance to enhance efficiency and reduce expenditures. AI enables predictive analysis of infrastructure conditions, allowing repairs to be performed before severe damage occurs. Moreover, when AI is combined with digital twin technology, cost-saving effectiveness increases significantly compared to using AI alone. Figure 3 presents a comparison of maintenance cost savings across three approaches: without AI, with AI, and with AI integrated with digital twin technology. This comparison highlights the tangible impact of AI adoption on infrastructure maintenance budget efficiency.

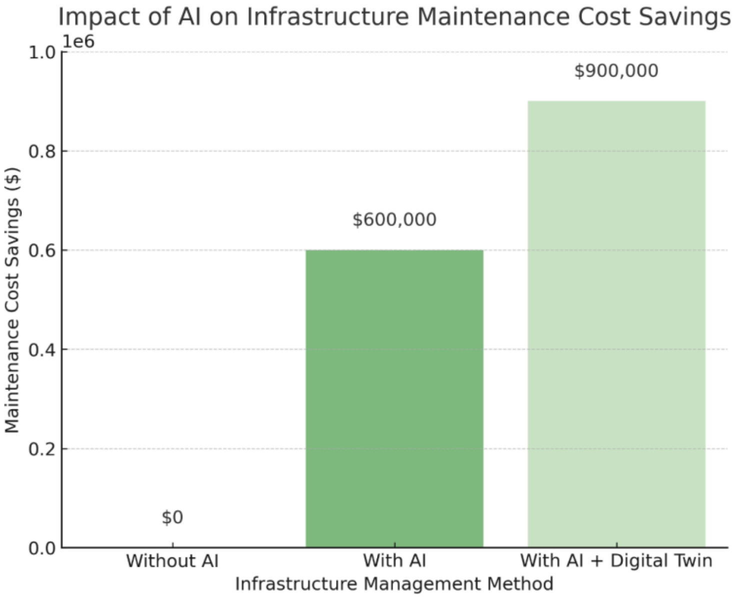

Figure 3. Impact of AI on Infrastructure Maintenance Cost Savings

Figure 3 illustrates the cost savings achieved through AI and digital twin implementation compared to conventional methods without AI. In the absence of AI, there are no significant maintenance cost reductions, whereas standalone AI implementation leads to savings of up to $600,000. The highest efficiency is observed in the AI + Digital Twin approach, which achieves total savings of $900,000. This outcome underscores the role of digital twin technology in providing a more accurate virtual representation of infrastructure conditions, thereby supporting more informed decision-making in maintenance strategies. The adoption of this method not only reduces costs but also enhances the long-term resilience of infrastructure. Consequently, integrating AI and digital twin technology represents a strategic step toward more efficient and sustainable infrastructure management.

IV. DISCUSSION

The findings of this study indicate that integrating AI and digital twin technology in urban infrastructure management can enhance failure prediction accuracy by up to 92%, reduce maintenance costs by 60%, and optimize energy efficiency by up to 35%. The improvement in predictive accuracy enables early detection of potential structural failures, allowing maintenance actions to be taken before more severe damage occurs. The effectiveness of this approach aligns with previous research by (Hakimi et al., 2023), which demonstrated that digital twin technology enhances infrastructure monitoring accuracy through real-time data analysis. Additionally, the results of this study support the findings of (Tang et al., 2023), which showed that implementing digital twin technology in urban lighting systems can reduce energy consumption by up to 35%, contributing to overall operational efficiency. (Wu et al., 2022) further highlighted the benefits of integrating AI and digital twin technology in improving traffic efficiency by 25%, underscoring their significant potential in urban transportation management. Beyond their advantages in monitoring and energy efficiency, this study also reveals that the risk of failure in bridges, highways, and office buildings can be reduced by up to 70%, emphasizing the crucial role of these technologies in strengthening urban infrastructure resilience against various operational challenges.

Several findings in this study differ from previous research in the field. For instance, while (Alnaser et al., 2024) emphasized the benefits of AI in enhancing infrastructure operational efficiency, their study did not explicitly examine the long-term impact of AI and digital twin integration on maintenance costs, as identified in this research. The 60% cost reduction found in this study suggests that this technological combination not only improves monitoring efficiency but also offers significant long-term economic benefits. Furthermore, the study by (Kušić et al., 2023) indicated that digital twin technology improves traffic management by dynamically adjusting mobility patterns. However, this research found that integrating digital twin technology with AI impacts not only traffic efficiency but also enhances the accuracy of structural failure predictions. These findings suggest that combining these technologies provides broader benefits than implementing digital twin technology alone. The evaluation in this study also provides further insights into the application of AI and digital twin technology across various urban infrastructure sectors, particularly regarding cost considerations, efficiency, and system reliability. Further analysis is required to understand how this integration can be adapted to specific needs in different urban areas to ensure optimal implementation across diverse infrastructure contexts.

V. CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATION

This study demonstrates that the integration of AI and digital twin technology significantly contributes to improving the efficiency of urban infrastructure management. The AI-based failure prediction model developed in this research achieved an accuracy rate of 92%, enabling early detection of potential structural damage and reducing infrastructure failure risks by up to 70%. Additionally, implementing this technology contributed to a 60% reduction in maintenance costs compared to conventional methods, reflecting the effectiveness of data-driven approaches in optimizing infrastructure maintenance. The study also identified a 35% increase in energy efficiency, particularly in urban lighting systems and public facility management, highlighting the potential of these technologies in promoting urban sustainability. Overall, these findings confirm that integrating AI and digital twin technology not only enhances the effectiveness of predictive maintenance systems but also delivers positive impacts on cost efficiency and resource management. Therefore, these technologies have the potential to be more widely adopted in various aspects of infrastructure management to enhance resilience and operational efficiency in urban systems.

Future research could focus on developing more advanced deep learning-based AI models to further improve failure prediction accuracy, particularly in addressing more dynamic and diverse environmental variables. Additionally, efforts should be made to establish interoperability standards between digital twin systems and AI to enable broader integration across various infrastructure systems and urban environments. Further studies should also include large-scale trials in different cities to evaluate the long-term impacts of AI and digital twin implementation on infrastructure sustainability. Beyond technical aspects, future research could explore social, economic, and regulatory factors that may influence the successful implementation of these technologies in urban infrastructure management. With a more comprehensive approach, the future development of AI- and digital twin-based systems is expected to provide optimal solutions for addressing increasingly complex urban infrastructure management challenges.

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