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Digital Twin AI Framework for Predictive Manufacturing Optimization: Architecture and Implementation Roadmap

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Abstract

Manufacturing organizations face increasing challenges from unplanned downtime, inefficient resource use, inconsistent product quality, and growing sustainability demands. While Digital Twin (DT) technology enables real-time monitoring and simulation of physical assets, digital twins and Artificial Intelligence (AI) are still largely implemented in isolation, limiting their combined value. This paper proposes the Digital Twin-AI Predictive Manufacturing Optimization Framework (DT-AI-PMOF), a six-layer architecture with a cross-cutting governance layer that integrates digital twin modeling, predictive and prescriptive analytics, edge-to-cloud data processing, explainable AI, human-in-the-loop decision support, and controlled closed-loop actuation. The governance layer addresses data quality, model risk, cybersecurity, explainability, auditability, and human oversight. The framework was developed through a structured design-science synthesis of 150 sources across ten thematic areas, including digital twins, predictive maintenance, smart manufacturing, sustainability, resilience, explainable AI, and industrial cybersecurity. A key contribution is a value-mapping approach and KPI framework that link each technical layer to measurable operational, financial, quality, resilience, and sustainability outcomes, such as reduced unplanned downtime, lower maintenance costs, improved energy efficiency, and reduced material waste. The paper also presents a phased implementation roadmap that guides manufacturers from initial assessment and foundational capability development through digital twin deployment, predictive analytics integration, governance formalization, expansion, and continuous improvement. Conceptual validation indicates that DT-AI-PMOF is internally consistent, fully addresses the stated research objectives, and aligns with prior reference architectures while extending them through explicit business-value mapping. The paper concludes by discussing implementation challenges and outlining an agenda for empirical validation through pilot deployments.

Keywords

Digital Twin; Artificial Intelligence; Predictive Manufacturing; Smart Manufacturing; Sustainable Manufacturing.

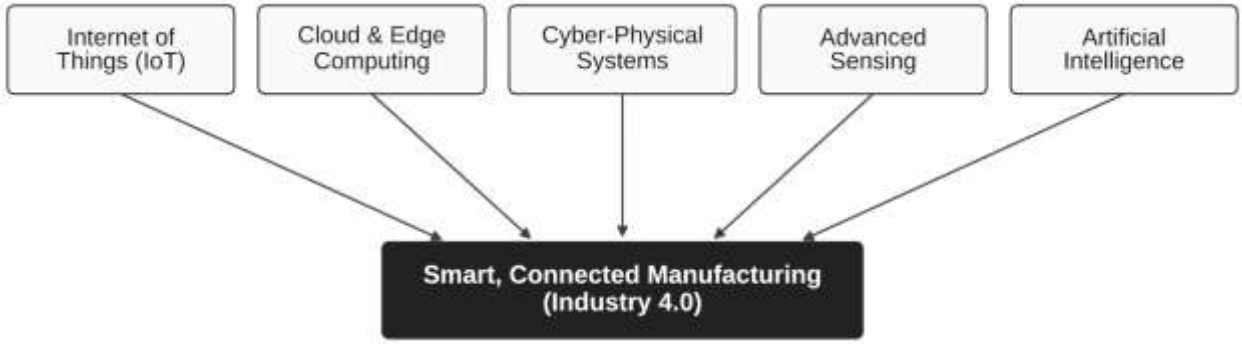
INTRODUCTION

Manufacturing has entered a period of accelerated technological transformation driven by the convergence of the Internet of Things (IoT), cloud and edge computing, advanced sensing, cyber-physical systems, automation, and artificial intelligence **(Oduya, 2018; Oyelaran, 2020).** Collectively associated with Industry 4.0, these technologies are transforming manufacturing from relatively static and schedule-driven operations into highly connected, data-driven, and adaptive production environments. Modern factories are increasingly expected to sense changes in operating conditions, process large amounts of data, identify emerging problems, learn from historical patterns, and support timely decisions. This transformation is particularly important because manufacturers face continuous pressure to increase productivity, control costs, maintain product quality, respond to changing customer requirements, and reduce environmental impacts. Therefore, digital technologies are increasingly viewed not only as automation tools but also as strategic capabilities for improving competitiveness, resilience, and long-term performance **(Uddin et al., 2017).** Within this transformation, digital twin (DT) technology has emerged as an important foundation for smart manufacturing. A digital twin is a virtual representation of a physical asset, process, or system that is continuously updated using data from its physical counterpart. Unlike traditional static models, a digital twin can reflect changes in the physical system and support monitoring, simulation, diagnosis, and forecasting **(Adeyemi, 2015; Vukovic et al., 2017).** Digital twins have been applied to individual machines, production lines, factories, and supply networks, allowing manufacturers to visualize operations, test alternative scenarios, identify potential problems, and evaluate the effects of operational changes before implementing them in the physical environment **(Winters et al., 2015; Reyes, 2018; Moradi et al., 2020).** The value of digital twins is particularly significant because manufacturing systems are becoming increasingly complex and interconnected. A change in one machine can influence production schedules, product quality, energy consumption, and downstream processes. Through digital representation and simulation, manufacturers can obtain greater visibility into these relationships. For example, a digital twin can help evaluate how machine failure could affect production capacity or how changing a production sequence could influence throughput. Such capabilities can reduce the dependence on trial-and-error experimentation and provide managers and engineers with better information for operational decision-making.

Despite these advantages, manufacturing organizations continue to face major challenges such as unplanned equipment failures, production interruptions, quality deviations, inefficient resource utilization, energy consumption, material waste, and supply disruptions **(Yıldız et al., 2022; Imre & Pellegrini, 2023).** These problems can create significant financial and operational consequences. Equipment failures may result in production downtime, emergency maintenance, delayed deliveries, additional labor costs, and defective products. Similarly, inefficient production scheduling can increase machine idle time and reduce overall capacity. As manufacturing environments become more dynamic, traditional approaches based mainly on fixed schedules and predefined rules may become insufficient. Traditional maintenance strategies demonstrate this limitation. Reactive maintenance responds to equipment failures after they occur, which can result in unexpected downtime and high repair costs. Preventive maintenance attempts to reduce these problems by performing maintenance at predetermined intervals. However, fixed schedules may also lead to unnecessary maintenance because equipment is serviced even when its actual condition does not require intervention **(Petrescu et al., 2016; Kowalczyk, 2019).** Predictive maintenance provides an alternative by using operational data to estimate equipment's condition and identify possible failures before they occur. This approach can allow manufacturers to plan maintenance more efficiently and reduce both unnecessary maintenance and unexpected downtime. Artificial intelligence (AI) and machine learning (ML) provide important capabilities for achieving this objective. AI systems can analyze large volumes of historical and real-time manufacturing data and identify patterns that may not be easily recognized through traditional rule-based methods. Machine learning algorithms can learn relationships among variables such as vibration, temperature, pressure, machine speed, workload, and environmental conditions and use

these relationships to generate predictions or recommendations **(Sandberg & Zimmer, 2018; Rasmussen & Yilmaz, 2020).** These capabilities make AI particularly valuable for predictive maintenance, quality forecasting, anomaly detection, production scheduling, and resource optimization. The integration of AI with digital twins can move manufacturing intelligence beyond simple monitoring toward predictive and prescriptive decision-making. A digital twin provides an updated representation of the physical system, while AI provides the analytical intelligence required to interpret the information generated by that system. When these technologies operate together, the digital twin can provide current operational context to AI models, while AI predictions can improve the intelligence of the digital twin. This combination can support predictive maintenance, adaptive production scheduling, quality prediction, anomaly detection, and energy optimization **(Moradi & Ushakov, 2015; Esposito, 2016; Salazar et al., 2021).**

Figure 1: Convergence of Industry 4.0 Enabling Technologies



Predictive maintenance is one of the most important applications for this integration. Sensors installed on manufacturing equipment can continuously collect information about vibration, temperature, pressure, current, speed, and other operating conditions. This information can be transferred to the digital twin and combined with historical maintenance records. AI models can then identify abnormal patterns and estimate the likelihood of future equipment failure. Instead of waiting for a machine to fail or maintain it according to a fixed schedule, manufacturers can plan maintenance based on predicted equipment condition. This can help reduce downtime, maintenance costs, and unnecessary replacement of components. The integration of digital twins and AI can also improve production scheduling. Manufacturing schedules must consider machine availability, production priorities, workforce availability, material requirements, maintenance activities, and delivery deadlines. These conditions can change frequently, making static schedules difficult to maintain. A digital twin can represent the current production environment, while AI-based optimization techniques can evaluate alternative schedules. For example, the system may identify a production sequence that reduces machine idle time, minimizes setup requirements, or improves overall throughput. This creates a more flexible and responsive approach to production planning. Quality management is another important application. Product quality can be influenced by machine settings, raw materials, process parameters, environmental conditions, and equipment conditions. Traditional quality control often identifies defects after they have occurred. AI can instead analyze production data to identify patterns associated with potential quality problems. When connected to a digital twin, these predictions can be linked to the current production environment, allowing manufacturers to identify possible quality deviations earlier and take corrective action. This can reduce defective products, rework, and material waste. Energy management and sustainability are also increasingly important in modern manufacturing. Manufacturing facilities consume significant amounts of electricity, fuel, water, and raw materials. Inefficient machine operation, idle equipment, and poorly optimized production schedules can increase resource consumption. Digital twins can represent energy and resource usage across

production systems, while AI can identify inefficient operating conditions and evaluate alternative processes. By including energy efficiency and waste reduction within production optimization, manufacturers can pursue productivity improvements while also supporting environmental objectives. However, many organizations still implement digital twins and AI as separate technological initiatives. Some digital twins primarily function as visualization or monitoring systems without advanced predictive intelligence, while some AI models are trained using historical data without a continuous connection to the physical system, they are intended to represent **(Larsen & Thorne, 2017; Xenakis, 2017; Draganov & Kagawa, 2020).** This separation can limit the benefits of both technologies. A digital twin without predictive analytics may describe what is happening but provide limited information about what is likely to happen next. Similarly, an AI model without an updated digital representation of the physical environment may rely on outdated or incomplete information **(Jorgensen et al., 2024).** Data quality and synchronization are therefore essential for successful DT-AI integration. Manufacturing data may originate from sensors, machines, enterprise systems, databases, and cloud platforms. These sources can differ in format, frequency, accuracy, and completeness. Missing values, sensor errors, inconsistent timestamps, and communication failures can negatively affect AI predictions. An effective framework must therefore include data cleaning, validation, integration, and continuous monitoring.

The digital twin must also remain synchronized with the physical system so that AI models operate using current and reliable information. Cybersecurity is another major consideration. As manufacturing systems become increasingly connected, sensors, industrial networks, edge devices, cloud platforms, digital twins, and AI models can become potential targets for cyberattacks. Manipulated sensor data could influence AI predictions, while attacks on digital twin systems could provide incorrect information to engineers and managers. AI models may also be affected by manipulated or misleading data. Therefore, cybersecurity must be integrated into the architecture of DT-AI systems rather than treated as a separate issue. AI model risk must also be considered. A model that performs well under historical conditions may produce less reliable results when manufacturing conditions change. New products, equipment degradation, changes in raw materials, unexpected disruptions, and changing production patterns can affect model performance. Continuous model monitoring, validation, retraining, and performance assessment are therefore necessary. Organizations must also establish clear responsibilities for determining when an AI recommendation should be accepted, reviewed, or rejected. Explainability and human oversight provide additional support for responsible AI-based manufacturing. Engineers and managers may need to understand why an AI system identifies a machine at high risk or recommends a particular production schedule. Explainable AI can provide information about the factors influencing prediction, supporting investigation, troubleshooting, and model validation. Human oversight is equally important because practical manufacturing knowledge may not always be represented in historical data. A human-in-the-loop approach allows AI-generated recommendations to be combined with the experience and judgment of engineers, operators, and managers. Another important gap is the limited connection between technical performance and business value. AI projects are often evaluated using technical indicators such as prediction accuracy, precision, recall, or model speed. Although these measures are important, manufacturing leaders are ultimately concerned with outcomes such as reduced downtime, lower operating costs, improved throughput, better quality, increased resilience, and reduced resource consumption. Therefore, an effective DT-AI framework should connect technical capabilities with measurable organizational outcomes **(Janssen, 2017; Castellano, 2018).**For example, accurate equipment-failure prediction creates value only when the organization can convert that prediction into an effective maintenance decision. If spare parts are unavailable or technicians cannot perform maintenance at the appropriate time, prediction accuracy alone may not reduce downtime. Similarly, a model that predicts quality problems may have limited value if production teams cannot adjust process parameters quickly. This demonstrates the importance of combining predictive analytics with

prescriptive recommendations and operational decision-making. Manufacturing resilience is also becoming increasingly important. Modern production systems depend on complex relationships among suppliers, logistics providers, customers, energy systems, and digital platforms. Equipment failures, supply shortages, transportation problems, cyber incidents, and sudden demand changes can disrupt production. Digital twins can support resilience by allowing organizations to simulate possible disruption scenarios, while AI can identify patterns and recommend alternative responses. This can help manufacturers move toward more proactive approaches to disruption management. The same integrated approach can support sustainability. Reducing energy consumption, material waste, and resource use has become an important objective for manufacturers. However, sustainability decisions can involve trade-offs with production speed, cost, and product quality. A DT-AI system can help evaluate these trade-offs by incorporating sustainability indicators into production analysis and optimization. This allows organizations to consider productivity, cost, quality, energy use, and waste within a more integrated decision-making process. Successful implementation requires more than the adoption of new technologies. Organizations may face challenges related to investment costs, legacy equipment, data availability, interoperability, cybersecurity, workforce skills, and organizational resistance. Smaller manufacturers may experience additional limitations because of restricted financial and technical resources.

A phased implementation strategy can therefore help organizations begin with specific applications, such as predictive maintenance or energy monitoring, before gradually expanding toward more comprehensive digital twin and AI capabilities. Interoperability is especially important because manufacturing environments often contain machines and software systems from different vendors and generations. Legacy equipment may use communication protocols that are not directly compatible with modern IoT and digital twin platforms. Standardized communication methods, data models, and interfaces can help different systems exchange information effectively. Workforce development is also essential because engineers, maintenance personnel, managers, data scientists, and cybersecurity specialists increasingly need to collaborate. Employees must understand how to interpret AI-generated information and recognize its limitations. These challenges demonstrate the need for an integrated framework that combines technological, operational, organizational, and strategic perspectives. Existing research has contributed significantly to digital twin architecture, predictive maintenance, AI, smart manufacturing, sustainability, and production optimization. However, these areas are frequently studied separately. A comprehensive framework can provide a clearer understanding of how these technologies can work together to produce measurable improvements in manufacturing performance. This paper addresses these gaps by proposing the Digital Twin-AI Predictive Manufacturing Optimization Framework (DT-AI-PMOF). The framework integrates digital twin technology with AI-based predictive and prescriptive analytics, explainable AI, human oversight, and governance mechanisms. It is designed to move beyond digital twins as simple monitoring or simulation tools by incorporating predictive intelligence that can identify potential equipment failures, quality problems, scheduling issues, and resource inefficiencies. The DT-AI-PMOF framework consists of interconnected layers covering physical assets and sensors, data acquisition and edge processing, digital twin synchronization, AI-based predictive and prescriptive analytics, human-in-the-loop decision support, and closed-loop actuation. These layers are supported by governance mechanisms addressing cybersecurity, data quality, model risk, interoperability, and performance monitoring. This structure allows manufacturing organizations to view digital twin and AI capabilities as components of a single intelligent manufacturing system. The framework also connects technical capabilities with business and sustainability outcomes.

Predictive maintenance is associated with reduced downtime and maintenance costs, while quality prediction can reduce defects, rework, and material waste. Production optimization can improve throughput and resource utilization, while energy-focused analytics can support improved energy efficiency. This business-value perspective is important because successful digital transformation should ultimately contribute to measurable organizational improvements rather than simply increase

the number of technologies used within a factory. The proposed framework is intended to support both discrete and process manufacturing environments and can be adapted to organizations with different levels of digital maturity **(Nystrom & Venkataraman, 2024).** Organizations with advanced digital infrastructure may implement highly integrated real-time digital twins and automated AI-based decision systems, while less mature organizations can begin with focused applications such as predictive maintenance, quality monitoring, or energy optimization. A phased approach can allow organizations to develop their digital capabilities gradually while evaluating the value and risks associated with each stage. The effectiveness of the framework can be evaluated using operational, financial, and sustainability indicators. Operational measures may include equipment availability, downtime, throughput, production cycle time, maintenance performance, and defect rates. Financial measures may include maintenance-cost reduction, avoided downtime losses, production-cost savings, and return on technology investment. Sustainability measures may include energy consumption, material waste, resource utilization, and environmental performance. Together, these indicators provide a broader view of whether DT-AI integration is creating meaningful value. Overall, the transformation toward intelligent manufacturing requires more than adopting digital twins or AI independently. Digital twins provide a continuously updated representation of physical operations, while AI provides the predictive and prescriptive intelligence required to interpret operational data and support timely decisions. When these capabilities are combined with reliable data, cybersecurity, human expertise, governance, and measurable business and sustainability objectives, they can provide a foundation for more adaptive and resilient manufacturing systems. The Digital Twin-AI Predictive Manufacturing Optimization Framework proposed in this study therefore seeks to provide a practical and structured pathway for manufacturers moving from reactive and schedule-driven operations toward predictive, efficient, resilient, and sustainable manufacturing.

Literature Review

The literature underpinning this framework was organized into ten thematic categories. Taken together, these themes provide the theoretical, technological, and organizational foundation for understanding how digital twins, artificial intelligence, predictive and prescriptive analytics, smart factory technologies, resilience, sustainability, explainability, cybersecurity, and industrial data infrastructure can be combined within a manufacturing environment. The literature review is particularly important because the proposed framework is not based on a single technology; rather, it brings together several research streams that have traditionally developed with different objectives and levels of integration. Each theme therefore contributes a different component to the overall framework. The review examines the main capabilities reported in previous studies, the operational benefits associated with them, and the limitations that remain when these technologies are implemented in real manufacturing settings. Attention is given to the movement from monitoring toward prediction and from prediction toward actionable optimization. The literature also indicates that technical performance alone is insufficient for sustainable smart-factory transformation because data quality, human oversight, cybersecurity, governance, organizational readiness, and measurable business outcomes influence whether advanced manufacturing technologies can generate long-term value. Across the reviewed studies, a recurring issue is that digital twins, AI models, optimization methods, and industrial connectivity are frequently investigated separately or connected only at selected points. This creates an opportunity for an integrated framework that links real-time physical system representation with predictive intelligence, prescriptive decision support, human involvement, closed-loop feedback, governance, resilience, and sustainability. The following discussion synthesizes these research streams as a connected body of knowledge and identifies how their combined findings support the development of the DT-AI-PMOF framework. The digital twin concept originated in product lifecycle management and has progressively expanded into manufacturing operations, where it is used to represent individual machines, production lines, production processes, and, in some cases, entire factories (**Adeyemi, 2015; Hoffmann & Okafor, 2016; Vukovic et al., 2017**). At its core, a digital twin provides a virtual representation of a physical entity and uses data from the physical environment

to keep that representation aligned with the current condition of the asset or process.

Research commonly describes the basic structure of a digital twin as consisting of a physical entity, a virtual model, and a connection through which information moves between the two environments **(Moradi et al., 2020; Ilić, 2021).** This connection is particularly important because it differentiates a continuously synchronized digital twin from a static digital model. Studies distinguish between digital models, digital shadows, and digital twins according to the degree and direction of automation in the information flow. A digital model may represent an asset without automatically receiving current operational data, while a digital shadow can receive data from the physical system without necessarily supporting automated feedback. A more complete digital twin requires automated and near real-time synchronization between the physical and virtual counterparts, allowing changes in the physical system to be reflected in the virtual representation and, where appropriate, allowing decisions generated in the virtual environment to influence the physical system **(Vukovic et al., 2017; Zaharia & Goto, 2017).** This capability has made digital twins increasingly relevant to manufacturing because production environments contain complex interactions among equipment condition, process parameters, production schedules, quality requirements, and environmental conditions.

Digital twins have consequently been applied to equipment health monitoring, virtual commissioning, production scheduling, process simulation, and operational optimization. Reported benefits include improved visibility into production processes, earlier identification of abnormal equipment behavior, and reductions in the time and effort required to test or commission manufacturing processes **(Reyes, 2018; Nystrom et al., 2018; Haddad & Oyelaran, 2025).** Other research has examined digital-twin maturity models and fidelity frameworks, recognizing that organizations do not necessarily require the same level of modeling detail or synchronization for every asset. The appropriate level depends on the criticality of the equipment, the purpose of the twin, available data, computational requirements, and the cost of maintaining the virtual representation **(Sokolova, 2016; Ilić, 2021; Fontaine et al., 2023).** These studies indicate that digital twins should be understood not simply as three-dimensional visualizations, but as data-connected operational representations that can support analysis and decision-making. Nevertheless, a significant limitation identified in the literature is that many industrial digital twin implementations remain focused on visualization, monitoring, simulation, or historical analysis rather than embedding advanced predictive and prescriptive intelligence directly into the twin environment **(Winters et al., 2015; Prokopenko & Xenakis, 2022; Andersen, 2024).**

A twin may therefore provide an accurate description of what is happening without necessarily explaining what is likely to happen next, or which action should be taken. This limitation is important for the proposed framework because manufacturing optimization requires movement from descriptive awareness toward predictive and prescriptive decision-making. Literature therefore provides a strong foundation for the synchronization layer of DT-AI-PMOF while also demonstrating the need to connect digital-twin capabilities with AI-based analytics and decision support. Predictive maintenance represents one of the most established applications of artificial intelligence in smart manufacturing. Rather than waiting for equipment to fail or replacing components according to a fixed schedule, predictive maintenance uses sensor and operational data to estimate equipment condition, forecast remaining useful life, or identify the probability of failure within a defined period **(Kowalczyk, 2019; Imre & Pellegrini, 2023).** The literature identifies several methodological approaches. Supervised classification and regression models can be trained using historical operating and failure records, while unsupervised anomaly detection techniques can identify deviations from normal behavior when labeled failure data are limited. Deep-learning approaches, including recurrent and convolutional neural networks, have also been applied to time-series sensor data because manufacturing equipment frequently generates continuous streams of vibration, temperature, pressure, current, speed, and other measurements **(Sandberg & Zimmer, 2018; Grunwald et al., 2019; Ferreira et al., 2021; Bergstrom, 2022).** Across these approaches, the objective is not merely to detect an existing problem but to identify degradation patterns early enough for maintenance personnel to intervene before a failure interrupts production. Comparative studies indicate that predictive maintenance can reduce unplanned

downtime and maintenance costs when compared with purely reactive or conventional preventive strategies, although the effectiveness of these systems depends strongly on data quality, sensor coverage, model selection, and the availability of reliable historical failure events **(Petrescu et al., 2016; Yıldız et al., 2022).**

This dependency creates an important implementation challenge because industrial environments frequently contain incomplete records, inconsistent sensor measurements, changing operating conditions, and equipment for which failure examples are rare. Transfer-learning and ensemble methods have therefore been investigated as ways to improve prediction when only limited data are available for a particular machine or production environment **(Xiaoyan et al., 2024; Tolonen, 2025).** Uncertainty-quantification methods provide another important contribution because maintenance decisions should take account of model confidence rather than treating every prediction as equally reliable **(Cifuentes, 2020).** Hybrid physics- and data-driven approaches have similarly been explored to combine engineering knowledge with machine-learning capabilities, particularly where historical failure observations are insufficient to train purely data-driven models effectively **(Jankowski & Riordan, 2021).** The literature also demonstrates that predictive maintenance should not be viewed independently from production planning. A prediction that a machine is likely to fail is operationally useful only when the organization can translate that information into a practical maintenance decision, such as selecting a maintenance window, allocating technicians and spare parts, adjusting production schedules, or evaluating the cost of continued operation.

Consequently, predictive maintenance provides an important predictive capability, but its full business value depends on the connection between prediction and action. This observation supports the proposed architecture, in which AI predictions are connected to a digital twin and subsequently passed into a decision-support and optimization process rather than remaining isolated model outputs. Literature therefore establishes predictive maintenance as a major use case for AI in manufacturing while also highlighting the need for reliable data, uncertainty awareness, contextual interpretation, and integration with broader operational decision-making. Prescriptive analytics extends the role of intelligent manufacturing systems beyond predicting what may happen toward determining what should be done in response to predicted conditions. While predictive models may estimate the probability of machine failure, quality deviation, demand change, or process instability, prescriptive analytics seek to identify actions that can improve a defined objective, such as reducing downtime, minimizing energy consumption, meeting delivery requirements, improving product quality, or balancing production resources. This distinction is important because manufacturing decisions often involve competing objectives and constraints. A maintenance intervention may reduce failure risk but also require production downtime; increasing production speed may improve throughput but affect quality or energy consumption; and changing a production schedule may improve delivery performance while increasing setup or resource costs. Research has therefore examined reinforcement learning, mathematical optimization, simulation-optimization, and other computational methods for supporting these decisions. Reinforcement-learning and optimization-based approaches have been explored for adaptive scheduling and process-parameter tuning, with the digital twin providing a simulated environment in which alternative actions can be evaluated before being introduced to the physical system (**Eriksson, 2018**; **Vasquez, 2021**; **Bianchi & Ionescu, 2024**).

Deep reinforcement learning has also been applied to adaptive process control in continuous manufacturing settings, where operating conditions may change dynamically over time (**Lindqvist & Sundaram, 2019**). Digital twin-driven prescriptive maintenance models extend this idea by connecting failure prediction with maintenance scheduling recommendations, thereby creating a more complete decision loop (**Pham et al., 2025**). Multi-objective optimization has been used for production scheduling under uncertainty, while simulation-optimization methods have supported line balancing and energy-aware production planning (**Tremblay & Abbasi, 2016**; **Zeleny et al., 2020**; **Cardenas & Janssen, 2022**; **Radulescu et al., 2023**). Other studies address resource allocation in flexible manufacturing systems and compare heuristic approaches with learning-based scheduling methods, highlighting trade-offs

between computational cost, solution quality, adaptability, and response time. Adaptive scheduling approaches have also been proposed for demand-responsive and high-mix, low-volume manufacturing environments where production requirements can change frequently. A particularly important theme across this literature is the use of simulation before physical implementation. When candidate decisions can be tested within a digital environment, manufacturers can evaluate possible consequences without immediately exposing live production equipment to an untested control strategy. This simulation-first approach can reduce operational risk and support continuous experimentation and improvement (**Jasinski et al., 2015**; **Mensah, 2024**).

However, prescriptive analytics also introduce challenges concerning objective selection, computational requirements, constraint management, and human acceptance of recommended actions. An optimization model may generate a mathematically attractive solution that is difficult to implement because of workforce limitations, safety requirements, maintenance practices, or other operational constraints (Ashik & Shabbir, 2022; Kazi Rakib Hasan & Adnan, 2022; Md Imran & Jannatul, 2021). The literature therefore supports the need for decision support that combines algorithmic optimization with contextual information and human oversight. Within DT-AI-PMOF, this body of research supports the transition from predictive intelligence to prescriptive decision-making and provides the basis for evaluating alternative actions inside the digital-twin environment before selected recommendations are transferred to the physical manufacturing system (Mansura Akter & Sumaiya, 2022; Mashfiqur & Md, 2022; Md & Gazi Yeasin, 2022). Research increasingly examines the integration of digital twins with artificial intelligence and machine learning, suggesting that the combination can provide capabilities that are difficult to achieve when the technologies are deployed independently (Md Ashfaq & Abdullah Mohammad, 2022; Md Imran & Jannatul, 2022; Md. Morshedul & Aminul Islam, 2022). In an integrated architecture, the digital twin provides a continuously updated representation of the physical production system, while AI models use synchronized operational data and twin-generated information to identify patterns, forecast future conditions, and recommend actions (**Salazar et al., 2021**; **Jorgensen et al., 2024**). This relationship is potentially valuable because the twin supplies context for AI predictions, while AI extends the twin beyond representation toward intelligent analysis and decision support (Mst Kaniz & Jahanara, 2022; Sadia & Maishar Mostari, 2022; Stabak & Md Shahid, 2022). Several proposed reference architectures organize the integration into layers covering physical assets, data acquisition, digital-twin modeling, analytics, and decision support, although the degree of automation between these layers differs considerably across implementations (**Bonaparte et al., 2016**; **Larsen & Thorne, 2017**; **Fontaine & Mahmoud, 2018**).

Some studies emphasize monitoring and simulation, whereas others propose cognitive or self-optimizing digital twins that can automatically adjust selected process parameters within predefined limits (**Moradi & Ushakov, 2015**; **Salazar et al., 2021**). This progression reflects a broader shift from digital twins as passive representations toward intelligent operational systems capable of supporting continuous optimization (Abdullah Mohammad, 2023; Adnan & Iftekhar, 2023; Syed Feroz & Md Mahamud Pervaz, 2022). Federated digital twin architecture provides another direction by attempting to enable analytics across multiple facilities while limiting the need to transfer raw operational data between sites (**Vukovic & Castellano, 2023**). Such approaches are particularly relevant for organizations operating several plants because each facility may possess valuable local data while also facing confidentiality, security, or data-sharing constraints (Ahmed & Nuzhat Sadia, 2023; Aminul Islam & Md, 2023; Asheke, 2023). Digital twin environments have additionally been used as training and experimentation spaces for reinforcement-learning agents. By generating simulated experience before deployment, these environments can reduce the risk and cost associated with allowing learning agents to explore directly on production equipment (**Okafor, 2022**). Despite these advances, literature remains diverse in how it defines integration (Gazi Yeasin, 2023; Jahanara & Mst Kaniz, 2023; Md Asif Ali Sheak & Tahmedur, 2023). In some cases, AI simply analyzes data associated with the twin; in others, AI actively interacts with the twin to evaluate scenarios; and in more advanced approaches, AI recommendations can influence physical operations through automated control (Md Kaium, 2023; Md

Mahamud Pervaz, 2023; Mohammad Badrul & Md. Mominul, 2023). This variation demonstrates that integration is not a single technical feature, but a continuum involving data synchronization, model coupling, simulation, decision support, and closed-loop actuation (Nishat, 2023; Nuzhat Sadia, 2023; Stabak & Md Siam, 2023). It also highlights the importance of governance because increasing automation increases the consequences of inaccurate data, model drift, inappropriate recommendations, or cybersecurity incidents (Abdullah Mohammad, 2024; Syed Feroz, 2023; Tahmedur & Rifat, 2023). The integrated literature therefore supports the central premise of DT-AI-PMOF: digital twins should function as a contextual and synchronized foundation for AI rather than as a separate visualization platform. At the same time, the literature suggests that effective integration requires clearly defined boundaries for automation, validation procedures, human oversight, and feedback mechanisms so that intelligent recommendations remain aligned with operational and safety requirements (Ahmed, 2024; Aminul Islam, 2024; Asheke, 2024). The smart factory concept extends digital twin, AI, industrial connectivity, and cyber-physical production capabilities across an entire production facility or interconnected manufacturing network (Ashrafuzzaman, 2024; Jannatul, 2024; Kynatun & Saba, 2024). Rather than treating individual machines as isolated assets, smart-factory research focuses on real-time monitoring, adaptive control, integrated decision-making, and information exchange across machines, production lines, enterprise systems, and supply-chain activities (**Ferreira & Moretti, 2016**; **Oyelaran, 2020**; **Goto, 2023**). This broader perspective is closely associated with Industry 4.0 and reflects the transition from conventional manufacturing toward interconnected and data-driven production environments (Mashiat, 2024; Sumaiya, 2024; Syed Feroz, 2024).

Maturity models have been proposed to help organizations evaluate their readiness for smart-factory transformation, recognizing that technological capability, organizational skills, infrastructure, and management practices can differ significantly among manufacturers (**Nystrom & Venkataraman, 2024**). Such models are particularly relevant for organizations that cannot transform their entire production environment at once and therefore need to determine which capabilities should be developed progressively. Empirical studies also report persistent adoption barriers, especially among small and medium-sized manufacturers (Jahanara, 2025; Jannatul, 2025; Maishar Mostari, 2025). These barriers include implementation costs, shortages of specialized skills, legacy equipment, limited digital infrastructure, and difficulties integrating new technologies with existing systems (**Yilmaz, 2015**; **Winters & Dahl, 2021**). Research on manufacturing execution systems and cyber-physical production systems identifies architectural mechanisms for connecting shop-floor data with higher-level enterprise decision-making (**Ibarra, 2021**; **Kallio et al., 2022**). This connection is important because operational data becomes more valuable when they can support planning, quality management, maintenance, inventory, scheduling, and strategic decisions rather than remaining within individual machines or departments. Comparative reviews of enabling technologies further demonstrate that there is no single implementation model for smart factories; organizations use different combinations of sensing, connectivity, cloud platforms, edge computing, analytics, automation, and cyber-physical technologies depending on their operational context (**Xiaoyan & Eldridge, 2019**; **Dubois et al., 2023**). Studies of digital transformation pathways for traditional manufacturers similarly emphasize that transformation involves organizational and process changes in addition to technology acquisition. Smart-factory data architectures support this broader perspective by connecting information from multiple functions and enabling cross-functional decision-making (**Loubet et al., 2020**).

The literature therefore suggests that an intelligent manufacturing framework must operate at more than the machine level. It should support interactions among physical assets, production processes, data infrastructure, decision makers, and enterprise objectives. At the same time, the evidence on adoption barriers indicates that an effective framework should remain adaptable to different maturity levels and should not assume that every organization has the same connectivity, computing capacity, skills, or financial resources. DT-AI-PMOF responds to this literature by organizing capabilities into layers that can connect shop-floor sensing and edge processing with digital-twin synchronization, AI

analytics, human decision support, and closed-loop actuation. Smart-factory literature consequently provides a broader organizational and architectural context within which the proposed framework can be implemented. Manufacturing resilience research focuses on the ability of production systems to anticipate, absorb, respond to, and recover from disruptions (Mashfiqur, 2025; Mashiat, 2025; Md Arif Uz et al., 2025). Such disruptions may originate from equipment failure, interruptions in supply, demand variability, quality problems, infrastructure failures, or wider external shocks. Research identifies predictive analytics, simulation, flexibility, and scenario-based planning as important mechanisms for improving the ability of manufacturing systems to prepare for uncertain conditions (**Villanueva et al., 2015**; **Nakamura et al., 2018**; **Zimmer, 2024**). Digital twins are particularly relevant to resilience because they can provide a virtual environment for examining alternative scenarios before disruptions occur. In supply-chain applications, digital twins have been proposed for multi-tier visibility and scenario planning, allowing manufacturers to investigate how changes at suppliers, production facilities, or distribution stages may affect the wider network **(Yıldız & Guerrero, 2017; Wroblewski et al., 2024).**

Similar approaches have been used to stress-test production networks against demand shocks and supplier disruptions **(Zeleny & Gallagher, 2015; Grunwald & Nowak, 2025).** This capability changes resilience planning from a largely reactive process toward a more proactive approach in which organizations can explore possible vulnerabilities before an actual disruption takes place. Resilience-engineering principles adapted from safety science have also been applied to smart manufacturing design, emphasizing the importance of system adaptability and the capacity to continue functioning under changing conditions **(Nakamura et al., 2018).** Data-driven early warning systems and disruption-forecasting methods provide additional support by identifying signals that may indicate emerging risks **(Riordan, 2016; Abbasi, 2022).** Predictive risk analytics for manufacturing supply networks and resilient scheduling methods further extend this capability by helping organizations adjust operations under combined demand and supply uncertainty **(Ionescu, 2019; Halvorsen & Oduya, 2023).** Research on operational resilience in digital factories has proposed composite indicators that combine recovery time, flexibility, and redundancy, illustrating the importance of measuring resilience through multiple dimensions rather than relying on a single indicator **(Ekwueme et al., 2021).** The concept of antifragile manufacturing further suggests that predictive intelligence may allow production networks not only to recover from disruptions but also to improve their ability to respond to future disruptions through learning and adaptation **(Novak et al., 2016).**

Empirical studies connecting manufacturing flexibility with measurable resilience outcomes reinforce the importance of adaptability in uncertain production environments **(Sundaram, 2025).** Simulation-based stress testing has also been proposed to evaluate resilience claims before real disruptions occur **(Pham & Xu, 2020).** These findings have direct relevance to DT-AI-PMOF because a digital twin can serve as a controlled environment for evaluating potential disruptions, while AI models can identify emerging risks and optimization methods can examine alternative responses. However, resilience is broader than equipment reliability alone (Md Mahamud Pervaz, 2025; Sumaiya, 2025; Syed Feroz, 2025). A production system may successfully predict a machine failure but still experience significant disruption if replacement parts, skilled technicians, production capacity, or alternative suppliers are unavailable. Therefore, resilience requires the integration of technical, operational, and supply-chain information. The literature supports this broader interpretation and provides a basis for connecting predictive intelligence with scenario analysis, flexible scheduling, and decision support within the proposed framework.

Sustainable and green manufacturing research increasingly examines how digital technologies can contribute to environmental and resource-efficiency objectives. Traditional sustainability approaches often focus on reducing energy use, material waste, emissions, and unnecessary resource consumption, while recent studies investigate how AI, digital twins, and connected production systems can make these objectives part of everyday operational decision-making. AI-based process optimization and predictive maintenance may support sustainability by reducing scrap, improving energy efficiency,

extending equipment life, and avoiding unnecessary maintenance or replacement activities. Predictive maintenance can contribute indirectly to environmental performance because unstable or poorly maintained equipment may operate inefficiently, produce defective products, or require additional resources. Digital twins have also been applied to energy-efficient production planning and sustainable process redesign, providing a virtual environment in which alternative operating strategies can be examined before implementation. An important development in this area is the proposed integration of life-cycle assessment with digital twin platforms. Such integration can connect operational decisions with broader environmental impact measures and help organizations understand the consequences of production choices beyond immediate process performance (**Thorne, 2023**).

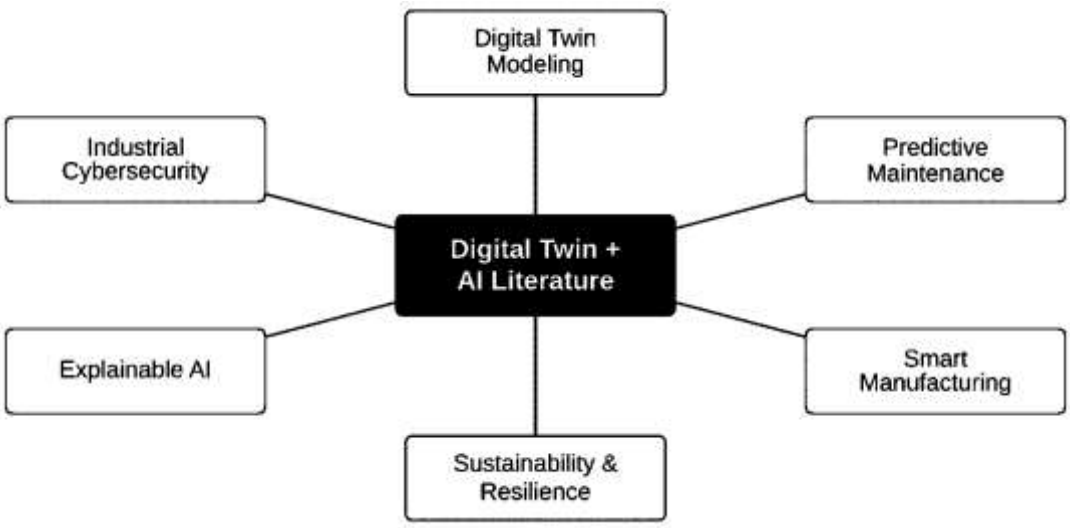
The literature nevertheless indicates that sustainability is frequently treated as a secondary benefit of digital transformation rather than an explicit design objective. In many technology-driven manufacturing initiatives, the main performance indicators remain productivity, throughput, downtime, cost, or quality, while environmental outcomes are considered later or reported separately (**Castellano, 2018**; **Chowdhury, 2020**). This separation can create a conflict between short-term operational optimization and longer-term sustainability goals. For example, an action that maximizes throughput may not necessarily minimize energy consumption or material waste. A more integrated approach therefore requires manufacturing decision models to consider multiple objectives simultaneously. The literature on digital twins and AI provides a foundation for such integration because the same operational data used to predict failures and optimize production can also be used to estimate energy, material, and environmental performance. However, sustainability-oriented optimization requires clearly defined metrics and trade-offs so that environmental objectives can be incorporated into operational decisions rather than simply measured after the fact. The DT-AI-PMOF framework addresses this need by treating sustainability as part of value measurement rather than as an optional outcome. This approach is consistent with the literature suggesting that digital technologies can support green manufacturing, while also recognizing that technology alone does not guarantee sustainable results. Sustainability outcomes depend on how organizations define objectives, select performance indicators, evaluate trade-offs, and incorporate environmental considerations into routine manufacturing decisions. The literature therefore strengthens the case for an integrated framework in which predictive and prescriptive intelligence is evaluated not only through operational efficiency but also through sustainability-related outcomes. Explainable AI has become an increasingly important research theme because manufacturing personnel may be required to understand and act on AI-generated recommendations in situations where operational consequences are significant. A model may provide a highly accurate prediction, but if maintenance engineers or production operators cannot understand why a particular alert was generated, they may hesitate to use the result or may apply it inappropriately. Research therefore emphasizes interpretable information, explanation mechanisms, and calibrated trust as important elements of human-AI collaboration (**Dahl, 2016**; **Ushakov, 2021**; **Prokopenko et al., 2023**).

In industrial control-room environments, human-AI collaboration is not simply a question of displaying prediction. Interface design, information presentation, cognitive workload, and the level of confidence communicated to users can influence how operators interpret and respond to AI recommendations (**Zaharia et al., 2018**; **Mahmoud, 2024**; **Imre et al., 2024**). If an interface presents too many alerts or excessive technical information, operators may experience information overload; if it presents overly simplified outputs, important context may be lost. Literature therefore supports the use of decision-support systems that provide relevant explanations while keeping humans involved in decisions where judgment, operational experience, or safety considerations remain important. Participatory design approaches further suggest that involving shop-floor operators in the development of AI decision-support tools can improve adoption and encourage more appropriate reliance on system recommendations (**Uddin & Bergstrom, 2023**). Comparative research also indicates that explainable AI alerts may be more likely to receive action than equivalent black-box outputs because users can better understand the reasoning behind the recommendation (**Moretti, 2022**). These

findings are relevant to the proposed framework because DT-AI-PMOF does not treat AI output as an automatically accepted decision. Instead, AI predictions and optimization recommendations are positioned within a human-in-the-loop decision-support layer. This design recognizes that manufacturing environments contain contextual information that may not be fully represented in historical training data. Operators may know about recent maintenance work, temporary process changes, unusual production orders, or other circumstances that can affect the meaning of an AI prediction. Human oversight therefore complements rather than simply replacing machine intelligence.

At the same time, explainability should not be treated as a guarantee that an AI decision is correct. An explanation can make model output easier to understand, but it does not by itself establish causal validity or operational appropriateness. Literature consequently supports a balanced approach in which explainability, user interface design, participatory development, and human oversight work together. Within DT-AI-PMOF, these principles provide a bridge between technical analytics and practical manufacturing decision-making, helping ensure that predictive and prescriptive outputs can be interpreted, challenged, validated, and acted appropriately. As AI systems increasingly influence operational and physical decisions in manufacturing environments, cybersecurity and governance become central considerations rather than secondary implementation issues. Industrial AI systems depend on large amounts of operational data, network connectivity, digital-twin platforms, cloud and edge infrastructure, and interfaces with operational technology. Governance literature therefore emphasizes data-quality management, model validation and monitoring, human oversight, and protection of the operational environments in which AI-enabled systems operate (**Baptiste et al., 2016**; **Eldridge, 2025**; **Bianchi et al., 2025**).

Figure 2: Thematic Clusters in the Digital Twin–AI Manufacturing Literature



Digital twins create additional connectivity between physical equipment and digital platforms, which can increase visibility and control but may also create additional pathways through which unauthorized access or manipulation could affect industrial systems. Research consequently identifies cybersecurity, access control, monitoring, and incident-response planning as integral elements of digital twin and industrial AI deployment (**Loubet & Tolonen, 2015**; **Wexler, 2017**; **Villanueva & Cifuentes, 2021**). Governance is also important because AI models can change in performance as equipment, processes, data distributions, and operating conditions evolve. A model that performs effectively during initial deployment may become less reliable if sensors drift, production conditions change; new equipment is introduced, or the underlying process is modified. Continuous validation and monitoring are therefore necessary to ensure that AI recommendations remain appropriate over

time. Additional literature addresses model risk management, adversarial robustness, and third-party or supply-chain cybersecurity risks associated with smart manufacturing systems (**Xu, 2015**; **Dubois & Kobayashi, 2018**; **Jankowski et al., 2022**). These risks demonstrate that governance must extend beyond the AI model itself. It should also cover the data pipeline, digital-twin synchronization, software components, network interfaces, external vendors, access privileges, and procedures for responding to abnormal behavior. The literature further suggests that increasing automation should be accompanied by clearly defined responsibilities and decision boundaries. When AI recommendations can affect physical equipment, organizations need to establish which actions require human approval, which actions can be automated within predefined limits, and how systems should behave when confidence is low or data quality is poor. This perspective aligns with the broader architecture of DT-AI-PMOF, in which governance, cybersecurity, and data quality operate across the technical layers rather than being isolated as a final implementation step. The reviewed studies therefore reinforce the idea that intelligent manufacturing should be designed as a controlled socio-technical system. Technical accuracy, operational efficiency, and automation must be supported by secure infrastructure, validated models, reliable data, accountable decision processes, and continuous monitoring. These governance requirements are particularly important when digital twins and AI move from observation and analysis toward recommendations and closed-loop physical action.

Industrial Internet of Things architecture provides the connectivity and data infrastructure required for digital twins, AI analytics, and intelligent manufacturing applications. IIoT research addresses sensor deployment, communication mechanisms, protocol standardization, device interoperability, and data quality management at scale (**Oduya, 2018**; **Lindqvist et al., 2020**; **Feher & Mensah, 2025**). Manufacturing environments can generate large and continuous streams of information from machines, sensors, controllers, production systems, and environmental monitoring devices. Converting these raw data streams into reliable information requires more than simply connecting sensors to a network. Data must be collected consistently, time-stamped, synchronized, validated, filtered, and made available to downstream applications in forms that can be processed efficiently. This makes data infrastructure a foundational requirement for both digital-twin synchronization and AI-based decision-making. Edge and fog computing strategies have been proposed to process data closer to its source, reducing communication delays and network load and making them particularly relevant to time-critical predictive maintenance and closed-loop control applications (**Wroblewski & Eriksson, 2019**; **Hassan, 2019**; **Cardenas et al., 2023**).

In a manufacturing environment, sending every raw sensor measurement to a distant cloud platform may introduce latency and increase bandwidth requirements. Edge processing can instead perform initial filtering, feature extraction, anomaly screening, or other computational tasks close to the equipment, while more resource-intensive analytics can be performed in centralized or cloud environments. Research on 5G-enabled connectivity and bandwidth-efficient streaming further addresses the requirements of large-scale digital twin deployments, where low latency and high throughput may be necessary for continuous synchronization (**Gallagher, 2021**; **Draganov et al., 2021**). Another important issue is the long-term reliability of sensing infrastructure. Sensor calibration and drift correction are necessary because gradual changes in sensor behavior can introduce systematic errors into the data used by digital twins and AI models (**Onyekwere & Wachira, 2020**). Poor-quality input data can lead to inaccurate twin states and unreliable predictions, meaning that data quality is closely connected to model quality. The IIoT literature therefore supports a layered approach in which data acquisition and edge processing are treated as essential components of intelligent manufacturing rather than simple connectivity functions. Within DT-AI-PMOF, these findings support the placement of data acquisition and edge processing between physical assets and digital-twin synchronization. This arrangement allows data to be prepared close to its source before being incorporated into the virtual representation and subsequently analyzed by AI models. The literature also suggests that infrastructure choices should reflect application requirements. Not every manufacturing task requires the same latency, bandwidth, computational capacity, or synchronization frequency. Flexible

architecture should therefore allow different combinations of edge, fog, and cloud resources depending on operational criticality.

Overall, research on IIoT, edge computing, connectivity, and data infrastructure establishes the technical foundation necessary for maintaining reliable data flows between physical production systems, digital twins, AI models, and decision support mechanisms. The reviewed literature indicates strong and relatively mature bodies of research across digital twins, predictive maintenance, prescriptive analytics, AI integration, smart factories, resilience, sustainability, explainability, governance, and industrial data infrastructure. Each research stream provides valuable capabilities, but the literature also reveals a recurring fragmentation. Digital twin studies frequently emphasize representation, synchronization, simulation, and monitoring; predictive-maintenance studies concentrate on forecasting equipment behavior; prescriptive analytics focuses on selecting actions; smart-factory research addresses broader connectivity and transformation; resilience studies emphasize disruption preparedness; sustainability research examines environmental outcomes; explainable-AI research focuses on human understanding and trust; governance studies address risk and accountability; and IIoT research provides the underlying connectivity and data infrastructure. These areas are strongly related, yet they are not always designed as components of one integrated operational framework. Comparatively less work explicitly connects continuous digital twin synchronization with AI prediction, prescriptive optimization, human decision support, closed-loop actuation, resilience measurement, sustainability metrics, cybersecurity, and business-value assessment within a single architecture.

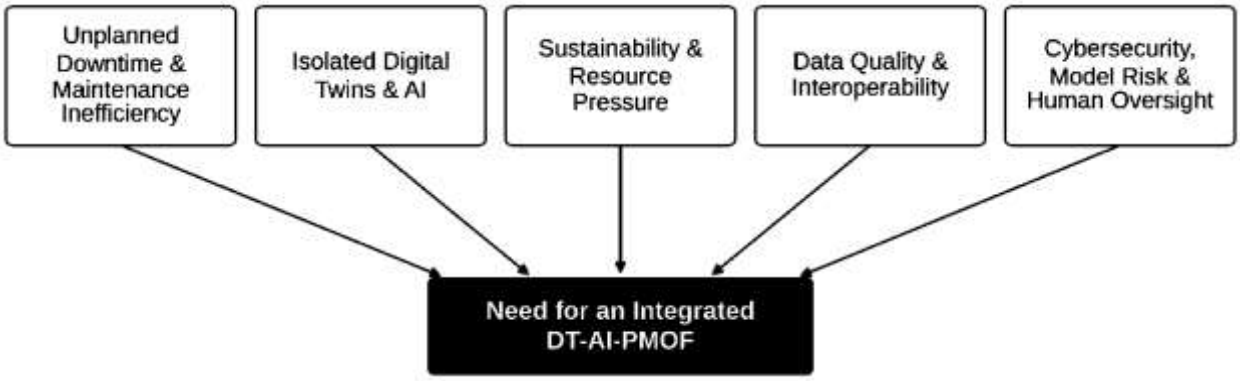
Another gap concerns the relationship between technical performance and organizational outcomes. A manufacturing system may achieve high prediction accuracy without producing measurable reductions in downtime, cost, energy consumption, disruption impact, or other business objectives. Similarly, a highly connected digital-twin environment may provide extensive visibility without delivering actionable recommendations. The literature therefore suggests that technical capabilities should be connected to clearly defined operational and business outcomes. Governance is another area where integration is important. Data quality, cybersecurity, model monitoring, human oversight, and accountability are sometimes treated as supporting activities rather than cross-cutting elements that influence every stage of the system. The reviewed literature also indicates that sustainability and resilience should be considered during optimization rather than evaluated only after operational decisions have been made. These observations collectively support the need for an integrated framework that treats intelligent manufacturing as a socio-technical system rather than a collection of independent technologies. The proposed DT-AI-PMOF addresses this integration gap by organizing physical assets and sensing, data acquisition and edge processing, digital-twin synchronization, AI-based predictive and prescriptive analytics, human-in-the-loop decision support, and closed-loop actuation and feedback into a connected architecture, while governance, cybersecurity, and data quality operate across the layers. The framework further connects these technical capabilities with resilience, sustainability, and business-value considerations. In this way, the literature review establishes the conceptual basis for the framework and clarifies why combining the existing research streams can provide a more complete approach to predictive manufacturing optimization than treating each technology or objective independently.

Problem Identification

Several recurring problems motivate the proposed framework. First, unplanned downtime remains one of the most significant sources of lost productivity in manufacturing; reactive maintenance addresses failures only after they occur, while fixed-interval preventive maintenance frequently results in either premature part replacement or missed early warning signs of impending failure (**Baptiste & Ibarra, 2015**; **Ferreira et al., 2021**; **Jankowski & Riordan, 2021**). Second, digital twins are often deployed primarily for visualization, monitoring dashboards, or offline simulation, with limited integration of predictive analytics that could translate real-time data into forward-looking recommendations. Third, AI and machine-learning initiatives in manufacturing are frequently developed as standalone proofs

of concept disconnected from a live, synchronized representation of the production system, which limits their ability to account for current equipment condition, changing process parameters, or evolving supply and demand conditions (**Aoki et al., 2018**; **Vukovic & Castellano, 2023**). Fourth, manufacturers face increasing pressure to demonstrate measurable sustainability outcomes, including reduced energy intensity, lower material waste, and lower emissions, yet many digital transformation initiatives are evaluated solely on technical or financial metrics without connecting them explicitly to sustainability performance (**Radulescu & Yousafzai, 2018**; **Jorgensen & Reyes, 2019**; **Onyekwere et al., 2025**). Fifth, the introduction of AI-driven decision-making into industrial control environments raises governance concerns related to data quality, model reliability, explainability, human oversight, and cybersecurity, particularly where AI recommendations influence physical actuation (**Wexler, 2017**; **Ushakov, 2021**; **Eldridge, 2025**). These problems collectively point to the need for an integrated framework that connects digital twin infrastructure, predictive and prescriptive AI, governance, and business-value and sustainability measurement within a single coherent structure.

Figure 3: Key Operational Challenges Motivating the Study

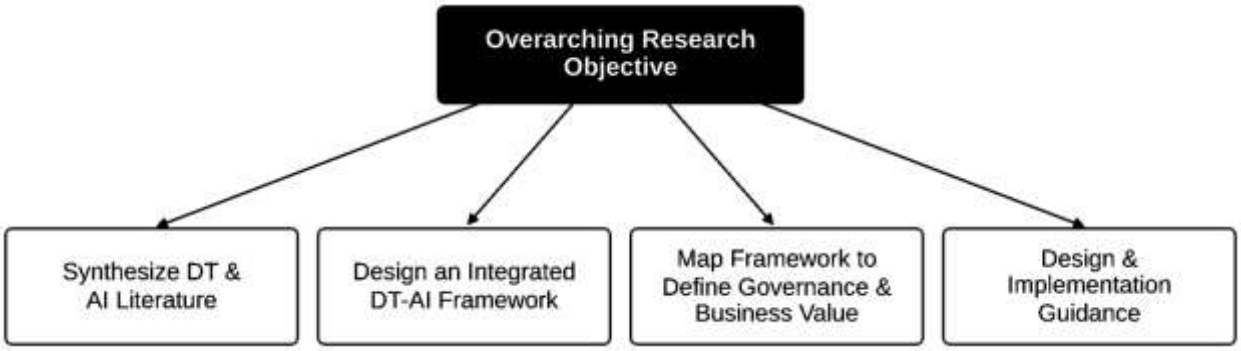


Research Objectives

The study pursues six research objectives aligned with the framework components and the conceptual-validation coverage presented in Table 3:

1. Examine current digital twin and AI adoption in manufacturing and identify technical and organizational integration gaps.
2. Propose a six-layer architecture integrating physical assets and sensing through controlled closed-loop actuation and feedback.
3. Map DT-AI-PMOF technical capabilities and architectural layers to measurable operational, financial, quality, resilience, and sustainability outcomes.
4. Define six governance domains covering data governance, model governance, human oversight and explainability, cybersecurity for digital twin and OT environments, third-party and supply-chain risk, and auditability and continuous improvement.
5. Present a six-phase implementation roadmap and a KPI framework for planning and evaluating adoption.
6. Identify implementation challenges, methodological limitations, and priorities for future empirical research.

Figure 4: Hierarchical Structure of the Study's Research Objectives



Together, these objectives connect the identified manufacturing problems with the DT-AI-PMOF architecture, its six governance domains, the six-phase implementation roadmap, measurable KPIs, and an empirical-validation agenda.

Research Methodology

This paper follows a conceptual and design-science-oriented research approach rather than an empirical or experimental approach. The main purpose is not to test a hypothesis using a specific dataset or conduct experiments in a manufacturing facility. Instead, the study systematically reviews and synthesizes existing research on digital twins, artificial intelligence, predictive and prescriptive analytics, smart manufacturing, sustainability, resilience, and governance. The findings from the literature are then used to develop a coherent and practice-oriented framework called DT-AI-PMOF. This approach follows the principles of design-science research, where a framework or artifact is developed based on existing knowledge and is later considered for empirical evaluation.

Figure 5: Systematic Literature Synthesis Process



Research Design

The research follows a structured design-science process. It begins by identifying important manufacturing problems reported in previous studies, such as unexpected equipment failures, production inefficiencies, poor resource utilization, and difficulties in managing complex manufacturing systems. Based on these problems, the study defines the objectives that the proposed framework should address. The DT-AI-PMOF framework is then developed by combining relevant findings from research on digital twin architecture, artificial intelligence, predictive and prescriptive analytics, business value, sustainability, and governance. Finally, the framework is conceptually demonstrated through its architecture, implementation roadmap, key performance indicators, and identified limitations. Since the framework has not yet been tested in a real manufacturing environment, empirical evaluation is considered an important area for future research.

Literature Search Strategy

A structured literature search was conducted to collect relevant academic research from multiple databases and indexing services. The search focused on peer-reviewed journal articles, conference papers, and reviewed studies related to digital twins and AI-enabled manufacturing. Different combinations of keywords and Boolean operators were used to cover the major areas of the study. These included terms such as "digital twin" and "manufacturing," "predictive maintenance" and "machine learning," "prescriptive analytics" and "production scheduling," "smart factory" and

"Industry 4.0," as well as topics related to manufacturing resilience, sustainability, explainable AI, and industrial cybersecurity. The search strategy was designed to capture research from engineering, computer science, manufacturing, and operations-management fields and to provide a broad knowledge base for developing the proposed framework.

Inclusion and Exclusion Criteria

Specific criteria were used to determine which sources were suitable for the study. Sources were included when they were peer-reviewed journal articles, peer-reviewed conference papers, or recognized review studies published between 2015 and 2025. The selected studies needed to address topics relevant to the framework, such as digital twin technology, predictive or prescriptive analytics, smart manufacturing, manufacturing resilience, sustainability, explainable AI, human-centered AI, industrial cybersecurity, or AI governance. Only English-language sources with sufficient methodological or conceptual information were considered. Sources were excluded when they were non-peer-reviewed opinion articles, vendor marketing materials, duplicate studies, or research focused entirely on areas outside manufacturing, such as biomedical or urban applications, unless their findings provided useful architectural or governance insights that could be transferred to manufacturing.

Screening, Data Extraction, and Thematic Coding

The collected literature was reviewed in several stages. Titles and abstracts were initially examined to determine whether the studies were relevant to the research topic. The full texts of potentially relevant studies were then reviewed in greater detail. Important information was extracted from each selected source, including the publication year, technological focus, reported benefits, limitations, and findings related to governance, sustainability, and business value. The selected studies were then organized into ten major themes: digital twin fundamentals and architecture; predictive maintenance and machine learning; prescriptive analytics and optimization; digital twin and AI integration; smart factories and Industry 4.0; resilience and supply-chain analytics; sustainability and green manufacturing; explainable AI and human-AI collaboration; cybersecurity and governance; and industrial IoT, edge computing, and data infrastructure. These themes provided the structure for the literature review and helped guide the development of the proposed DT-AI-PMOF architecture.

Framework Synthesis Approach

After the literature was organized into thematic categories, common architectural and governance elements were identified and compared across the selected studies. Architectural elements included areas such as data acquisition, digital twin synchronization, predictive analytics, optimization, and human oversight. Governance elements included data quality management, model validation, cybersecurity, accountability, and monitoring. Elements that appeared consistently across several independent studies were considered important core components of the proposed framework, while elements found in only a small number of studies were treated as additional or optional features. The common elements were then integrated into the interconnected layers of DT-AI-PMOF. These components were also connected with business-value and sustainability outcomes to show how technological capabilities can contribute to measurable manufacturing improvements.

Conceptual Validation Approach

Because DT-AI-PMOF has not been implemented in a real manufacturing environment, its validation is conceptual rather than empirical. The assessment comprised three checks: literature traceability of every layer, coverage of the six numbered research objectives, and structural comparison with RAMI 4.0, ISO 23247, the 5C architecture, and Tao's five-dimension model. The comparison, presented in Table 4, tests whether the framework retains recognized asset, data, digital-representation, service, and feedback elements while clarifying its extensions in AI analytics, governance, human oversight, phased implementation, KPIs, and business-value mapping.

Methodological Limitations

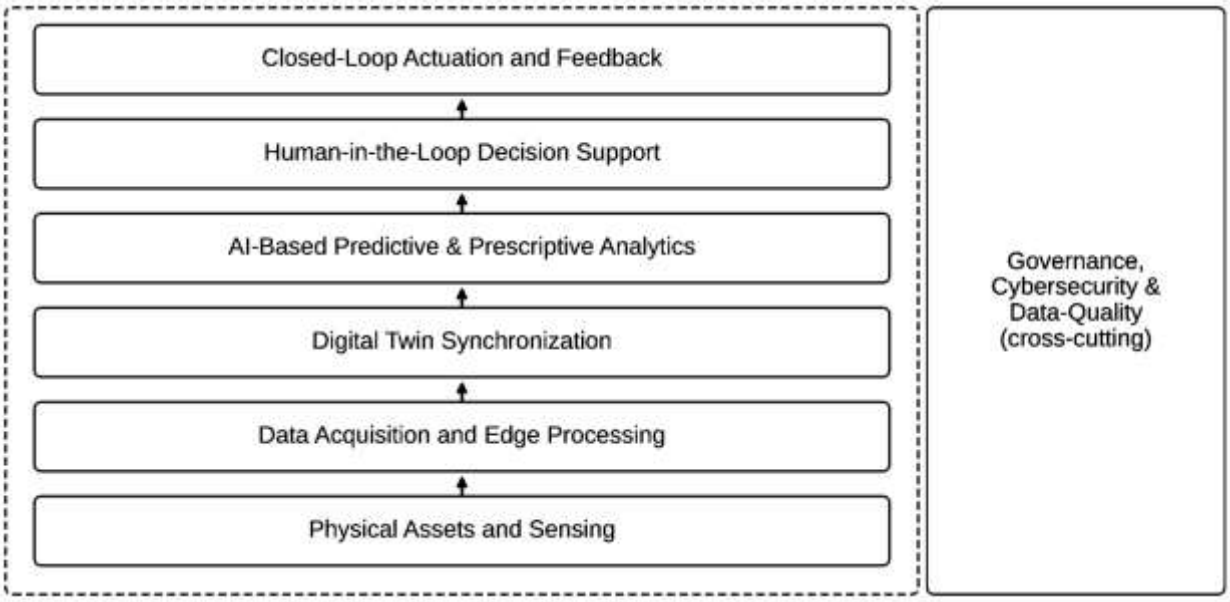
The methodology has several limitations that should be considered when interpreting the findings. Since the study is based on literature synthesis, the proposed framework has not been tested using

operational data from an actual manufacturing organization. Therefore, its expected benefits and effectiveness remain conceptual and cannot yet be treated as empirically proven outcomes. Although the literature search was conducted using a structured approach, it was not a fully systematic review involving multiple independent reviewers and formal inter-rater reliability testing. As a result, some interpretation may be involved in the selection and thematic organization of literature. In addition, digital twin, AI, and smart manufacturing technologies are developing rapidly, meaning that some very recent developments may not be included within the selected publication period. These limitations highlight the need for future empirical studies to test, refine, and validate DT-AI-PMOF in real manufacturing environments.

Framework Design: DT-AI-PMOF Overview

The Digital Twin-AI Predictive Manufacturing Optimization Framework (DT-AI-PMOF) is a structured framework designed to integrate digital twin technology, artificial intelligence, and manufacturing optimization into a connected decision-making system. The framework consists of six interconnected layers that work together to support continuous monitoring, prediction, decision-making, and improvement of manufacturing operations. The first layer, Physical Assets and Sensing, represents machines, production equipment, sensors, and other physical resources that generate real-time operational data. The Data Acquisition and Edge Processing layer collects, filters, and processes this information close to the source to improve data availability and response time. The Digital Twin Synchronization layer creates and maintains a digital representation of the physical manufacturing system by continuously updating the virtual model with operational data. The AI-Based Predictive and Prescriptive Analytics layer applies machine learning and optimization techniques to predict equipment failures, identify production problems, and recommend appropriate actions. Human-in-the-Loop Decision Support allows engineers and managers to review AI-generated predictions and recommendations before important decisions are implemented. Finally, the Closed-Loop Actuation and Feedback layer connects decisions back to the physical manufacturing system and uses feedback to continuously improve performance.

Figure 6: Six-Layer Architecture of the DT-AI-PMOF Framework



A cross-cutting Governance, Cybersecurity, and Data-Quality layer supports all six layers by ensuring reliable data, secure operations, responsible AI use, and appropriate human oversight. This structure also allows organizations to implement the framework gradually according to their technological readiness and business needs.

Physical Assets and Sensing

This layer represents the physical foundation of the manufacturing system. It includes production machines, robots, conveyors, tools, production equipment, and environmental systems that need to be monitored. Sensors, programmable logic controllers (PLCs), and industrial IoT devices collect important operational information from these physical assets. The collected information may include temperature, vibration, pressure, energy consumption, production output, machine condition, and product quality. This data provides the basic information required by the other layers of the framework. Therefore, the reliability, accuracy, and proper placement of sensors are important because poor-quality or incomplete data can affect the performance of the entire system.

Data Acquisition and Edge Processing

This layer is responsible for collecting and preparing data generated by machines and sensors. The collected information is time-stamped, filtered, organized, and partially processed close to the physical equipment through edge computing. Processing data at the edge can reduce the amount of information that needs to be transferred through the network and allows the system to respond more quickly to time-sensitive situations. It can also identify basic data-quality problems, such as missing values, abnormal measurements, or sensor failures, before the information reaches higher-level systems. Reliable communication protocols and consistent time synchronization are also important for combining information from different machines and systems accurately.

Digital Twin Synchronization

This layer creates and maintains a digital representation of physical manufacturing equipment and processes. The digital twin is continuously updated using information received from sensors and other data sources. It can combine real-time operational information with physics-based or data-driven models to represent how equipment and processes behave. The digital twin can be used to visualize current operating conditions, simulate possible situations, and test process changes without immediately affecting the real production environment. The frequency and accuracy of synchronization should depend on the importance of the equipment. Critical or high-value machines may require near real-time and highly detailed digital twins, while less critical equipment may use simpler models and less frequent updates.

AI-Based Predictive and Prescriptive Analytics

This layer uses artificial intelligence and machine-learning techniques to analyze information from the digital twin and identify patterns or potential problems. Predictive analytics can estimate the remaining useful life of equipment, identify the probability of machine failure, or predict possible quality problems. Prescriptive analytics goes further by recommending appropriate actions, such as the best time to perform maintenance, changes to machine settings, or adjustments to production schedules. Before recommendations are implemented, the digital twin can be used to simulate different options and examine their possible effects. This can reduce the risk of applying unsuitable AI-generated recommendations to physical equipment. Explainability techniques are also important because engineers and operators need to understand why an AI system has produced a particular prediction or recommendation.

Human-in-the-Loop Decision Support

This layer ensures that human experts remain involved in important manufacturing decisions. Instead of allowing AI to automatically control every process, the framework treats AI outputs as decision support information for maintenance technicians, engineers, managers, and production planners. These users can review AI predictions and recommendations and decide whether to accept, modify, or reject them. This is particularly important when a decision could have significant safety, financial, or operational consequences. Dashboards, alerts, reports, and explainability interfaces can present AI-generated information in a clear and understandable way. Human involvement helps combine the analytical capabilities of AI with practical manufacturing knowledge and professional judgment.

Closed-Loop Actuation and Feedback

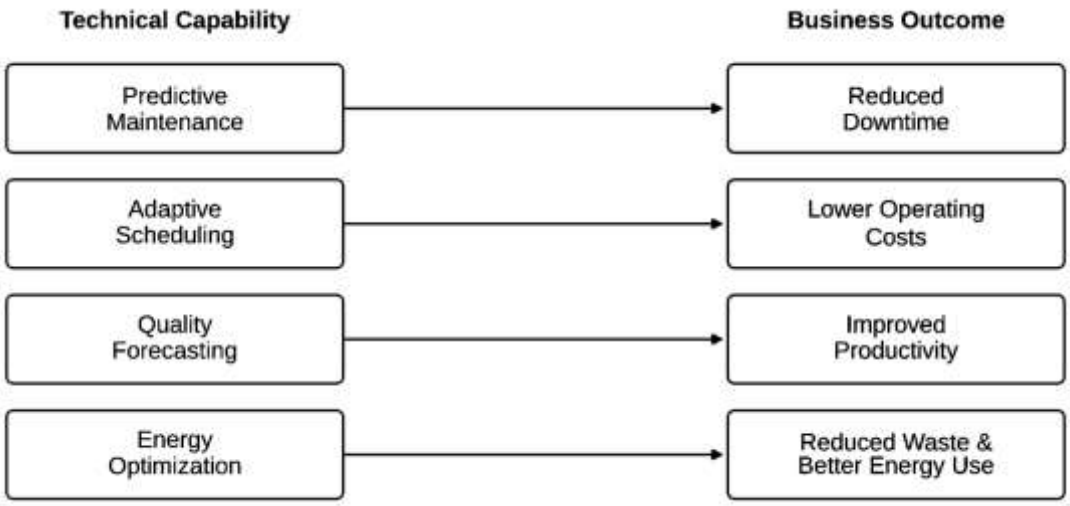
This layer connects approved decisions back to the physical manufacturing environment. When an AI recommendation has been sufficiently tested and validated, it may be applied automatically under predefined safety conditions. For example, the system may adjust a machine setting within an approved operating range or modify a process parameter to improve performance. The results of these actions are then collected and sent back to the digital twin and AI models. This creates a continuous feedback loop in which the system can learn from actual manufacturing outcomes and improve future predictions and recommendations. Automation should be introduced gradually, beginning with human-approved actions and expanding only when the reliability of the models and organizational confidence are sufficiently established.

Governance, Cybersecurity, and Data Quality

This layer supports and oversees all other components of the framework. It establishes responsibilities and controls for maintaining data quality, validating and monitoring AI models, managing access permissions, protecting IT and operational technology (OT) systems, responding to cybersecurity incidents, and maintaining appropriate human oversight. Governance ensures that data used by the digital twin and AI models are reliable and properly managed. Cybersecurity controls help protect connected manufacturing systems from unauthorized access and cyber threats. Model monitoring helps identify changes in AI performance over time, while clear responsibilities ensure that important decisions and automated actions remain accountable. As a cross-cutting layer, governance is applied throughout the entire framework rather than being limited to a single stage.

Business Value Mapping

Figure 7: Mapping of Technical Capabilities to Business Outcomes



A key feature of the DT-AI-PMOF framework is its ability to connect technical capabilities with measurable operational, business, and sustainability outcomes. Digital twin and AI technologies can require significant investment in sensors, computing infrastructure, software, data management, and skilled personnel. Therefore, manufacturing organizations need to understand how these technologies contribute to practical business improvements. The proposed mapping provides a clear connection between technological functions and the value they can generate for the organization. Predictive maintenance can identify signs of equipment problems before major failures occur, helping organizations reduce unplanned downtime, repair costs, and production interruptions. Similarly, prescriptive scheduling can analyze production conditions and recommend improved sequencing of manufacturing activities. This can increase production throughput and support more reliable delivery

performance. Quality-deviation forecasting can identify early signs of process problems, allowing operators to take corrective action before large quantities of defective products are produced. This can reduce scrap, rework, and associated costs. Energy-pattern analytics can identify inefficient equipment operating conditions and support better control of energy use. As a result, organizations can reduce energy consumption and emissions while improving sustainability performance. Digital twin simulation also allows manufacturers to test potential process changes in a virtual environment before applying them to physical systems, reducing operational risk and supporting faster improvement.

Table 1: Mapping of DT-AI-PMOF Layers and Technical Capabilities to Business and Sustainability Outcomes

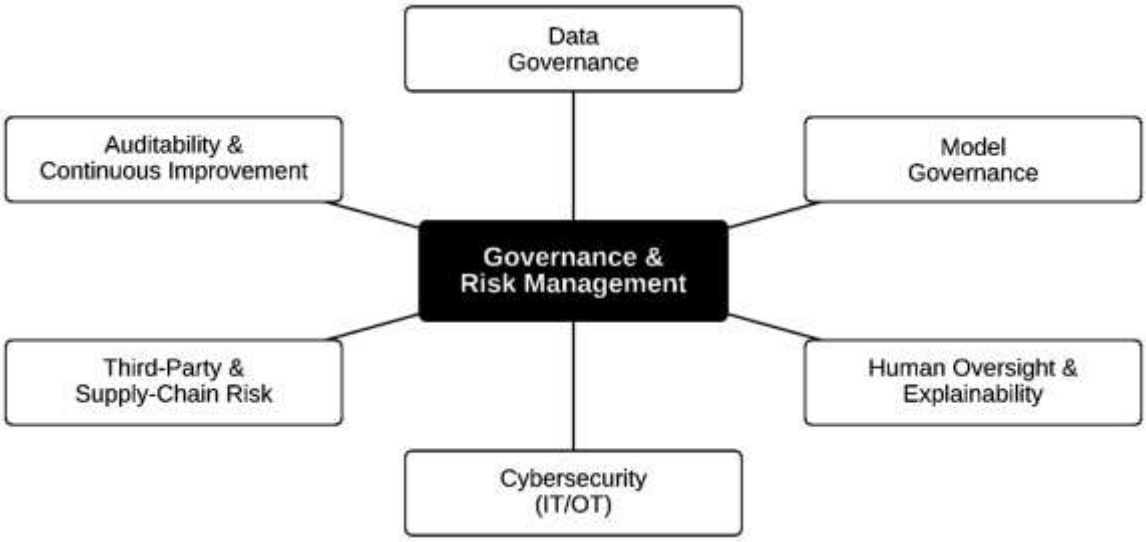
	Technical Capability	Operational Outcome	Business/Sustainability Value
Layer 4: AI-Based Predictive and Prescriptive Analytics	Predictive maintenance alerts	Fewer unplanned equipment failures	Reduced downtime and repair costs
Layer 4: AI-Based Predictive and Prescriptive Analytics	Prescriptive scheduling recommendations	Improved production sequencing	Higher throughput and on-time delivery
Layer 4: AI-Based Predictive and Prescriptive Analytics	Quality-deviation forecasting	Earlier detection of process drift	Reduced scrap and rework
Layer 4: AI-Based Predictive and Prescriptive Analytics	Energy-pattern analytics	Optimized equipment run states	Lower energy intensity and emissions
Layer 3: Digital Twin Synchronization	Digital twin scenario simulation	Risk-free testing of process changes	Faster, safer continuous improvement
Layer 5: Human-in-the-Loop Decision Support	Explainable AI recommendations	Higher operator trust and adoption	Greater realized value from AI investment
Layer 4: AI-Based Predictive and Prescriptive Analytics	Resilience-oriented forecasting	Earlier warning of supply or demand shifts	Improved recovery time from disruption

Explainable AI can increase operator understanding and trust by showing the reasons behind predictions and recommendations. Resilience-oriented forecasting can provide early warnings about supply, demand, or operational changes, helping organizations respond to disruptions more effectively. Overall, this mapping helps organizations connect technology investments with measurable financial, operational, and sustainability benefits.

Governance and Risk Management Framework

The Governance and Risk Management Framework comprises six consistent domains: Data Governance; Model Governance; Human Oversight and Explainability; Cybersecurity for Digital Twin and OT Environments; Third-Party and Supply-Chain Risk; and Auditability and Continuous Improvement. Together, these domains support the six technical layers by addressing data reliability, model controls, accountable decisions, cyber protection, external dependencies, and continual assurance.

Figure 8: Components of the Governance and Risk Management Framework



Data Governance

Data governance establishes the policies, responsibilities, and procedures required to ensure that data used by the DT-AI-PMOF is accurate, complete, consistent, timely, and reliable. Digital twins depend on data collected from sensors, machines, edge devices, production systems, and enterprise applications. If this data contains errors, missing values, outdated information, or inconsistent formats, the digital twin may not accurately represent the real manufacturing environment, which can negatively affect AI-based predictions and decisions. Therefore, organizations should clearly define ownership and responsibility for each major data source. Data validation procedures should also be established to identify sensor failures, abnormal readings, transmission errors, and duplicated or incomplete information. Appropriate data-retention policies are necessary to determine how long different types of production and operational data should be stored and when they should be securely removed. Data governance should also address access permissions so that employees and systems can only use information relevant to their responsibilities. Maintaining consistent data standards across sensors, edge devices, digital twin platforms, and enterprise systems improves data quality and supports more dependable AI analysis. As a result, strong data governance provides the foundation for trustworthy digital twin operations and informed manufacturing decisions **(Ulyanov et al., 2015; Nakamura & Umeh, 2024).**

Model Governance

Model governance focuses on controlling how predictive and prescriptive AI models are selected, developed, validated, deployed, monitored, and updated within DT-AI-PMOF. AI models may be used to predict equipment failures, identify production problems, optimize maintenance schedules, improve resource allocation, or recommend changes to manufacturing processes. Because these models can directly influence operational decisions, organizations need clear procedures for evaluating their accuracy, reliability, limitations, and assumptions before deployment. Model performance should be continuously monitored because manufacturing conditions can change as equipment becomes older, production volumes change, new materials are introduced, or operating environments are modified. These changes may cause the model to drift, where a model gradually becomes less accurate than it was during its initial development. Periodic retraining and validation can help maintain performance over time. Documentation should record the model's purpose, training data, assumptions, performance results, limitations, and approved use cases. Models that provide recommendations to human operators may require less stringent controls than models capable of influencing physical equipment directly. AI systems connected to physical actuation should therefore undergo more rigorous testing,

validation, controlled deployment, and staged implementation before being used in production environments (**Dubois & Kobayashi, 2018**; **Bianchi et al., 2025**).

Human Oversight and Explainability

Human oversight and explainability ensure that people remain actively involved in important decisions made with the support of AI within the DT-AI-PMOF. Although AI models can analyze large amounts of manufacturing data and generate predictions quickly, their recommendations may not always be appropriate because production environments can contain unexpected conditions or information that is not represented in the training data. Maintenance technicians, process engineers, and production planners should therefore be able to review question, and, when necessary, override AI-generated recommendations. Human involvement becomes particularly important when an AI recommendation could affect worker safety, product quality, equipment operation, or significant production costs. Explainability mechanisms can support this process by providing understandable reasons for predictions or recommendations. For example, a maintenance system could indicate unusual vibration, increased temperature, and changes in operating speed contributed to predicted equipment failure. Feature-importance summaries, simplified explanations, and decision rationales can help technical staff understand why the AI system produced a particular result. This does not mean that every AI decision must be completely transparent, but explanations should be sufficient for responsible human review. Combining human oversight with explainability can therefore promote appropriate trust, improve decision quality, support troubleshooting, and reduce the risk of blindly following automated recommendations (**Haddad et al., 2015**; **Bonaparte & Ilić, 2022**; **Tanaka & Andersen, 2025**).

Cybersecurity for Digital Twin and OT Environments

Cybersecurity is a critical part of governance because DT-AI-PMOF connects digital twin platforms with operational technology, industrial networks, machines, sensors, and data-processing systems. This connectivity can improve manufacturing visibility and automation, but it can also create additional opportunities for unauthorized access, malware, data manipulation, and disruption of industrial operations. A successful cyberattack against a digital twin or connected OT environment could potentially affect production processes, equipment availability, product quality, or worker safety. Therefore, organizations should implement multiple layers of cybersecurity protection. Network segmentation can separate IT and OT environments and limit the ability of attackers to move between systems. Strong authentication and role-based access controls should restrict access to digital twin platforms, AI models, machines, and sensitive production information. Encryption should protect data both while it is being transmitted and while it is stored. Continuous monitoring can help identify unusual login attempts, unexpected data transfers, abnormal system behavior, or other suspicious activities. Organizations should also develop incident-response procedures specifically designed for industrial environments because responding to an OT incident may involve safety and operational considerations that differ from conventional IT incidents. These controls help reduce the cybersecurity risks associated with increasingly connected digital twin and manufacturing environments (**Tremblay et al., 2017**; **Sandberg et al., 2019**; **Villanueva & Cifuentes, 2021**).

Third-Party and Supply-Chain Risk

Third-party and supply-chain risk management address the risks created when organizations depend on external companies, software providers, cloud platforms, hardware suppliers, or system integrators to operate the DT-AI-PMOF. Modern digital twin environments often use technologies and services developed by multiple vendors, which means that weaknesses in one external component can potentially affect the security, reliability, or performance of the overall manufacturing system. Organizations should therefore evaluate third-party providers before adopting their products or services. This evaluation may include reviewing their cybersecurity practices, data-protection procedures, software development processes, service reliability, and incident-response capabilities. Contracts should clearly define requirements for data handling, access control, security standards,

confidentiality, vulnerability reporting, and incident notification. Organizations should also maintain an updated record of important third-party components and dependencies so that they understand which systems could be affected when a vendor changes its software, cloud infrastructure, or security configuration. Vendor updates should be tested before being introduced into critical production environments, particularly when the update could influence AI models, digital twin behavior, or OT connectivity. Regular supplier reviews can help identify new risks as technologies and services change. Effective third-party governance therefore extends risk management beyond the organization's internal systems and helps maintain the security, reliability, and continuity of the wider DT-AI-PMOF ecosystem (**Jankowski et al., 2022**).

Auditability and Continuous Improvement

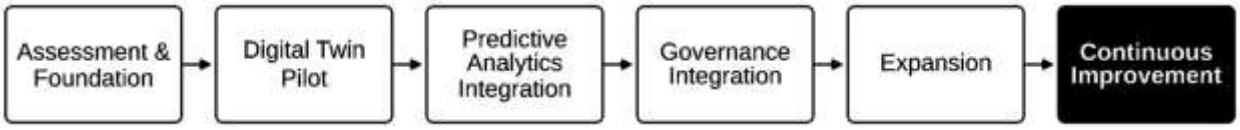
Auditability and continuous improvement ensure that the DT-AI-PMOF remains effective and aligned with organizational requirements over time. Manufacturing environments are not static; equipment, production processes, technologies, cybersecurity threats, regulations, and business objectives can change continuously. Regular audits provide a structured method for checking whether the framework is operating according to established policies and controls. Audits may examine data quality, AI model performance, cybersecurity protections, access controls, human oversight, third-party management, and compliance with internal governance requirements. Both internal audit teams and qualified external reviewers can contribute to this process by identifying weaknesses, inconsistencies, or areas where existing controls are no longer sufficient. Auditability also requires maintaining appropriate records of important decisions, model changes, system configurations, incidents, and corrective actions so that organizations can understand how the system has developed over time. However, auditing alone is not enough. Findings should be converted into specific improvement actions, such as updating governance policies, retraining AI models, strengthening cybersecurity controls, improving data quality procedures, or modifying human-oversight processes. The results of these actions should then be monitored to determine whether they have addressed the identified problems. This creates a continuous feedback cycle in which lessons from audits, incidents, and operational experience are used to improve both the technical architecture and governance structure of the DT-AI-PMOF **(Guerrero, 2023).**

Implementation Roadmap

The six-phase Implementation Roadmap provides a staged approach for adopting DT-AI-PMOF: Phase 1, Assessment and Foundation; Phase 2, Digital Twin Pilot; Phase 3, Predictive Analytics Integration; Phase 4, Governance Integration; Phase 5, Expansion; and Phase 6, Continuous Improvement.

Since digital twins, AI analytics, governance mechanisms, and connected industrial systems require different levels of infrastructure and organizational readiness, gradual implementation allows manufacturers to develop capabilities step by step. The roadmap begins with an assessment of existing digital maturity, data infrastructure, sensor coverage, and equipment priorities. Organizations then develop a digital twin pilot for selected assets or production lines and establish reliable data synchronization and monitoring. Once the pilot becomes stable, predictive analytics can be integrated to support maintenance and quality-related decisions.

Figure 9: Phased Implementation Roadmap for the DT-AI-PMOF Framework



Governance, cybersecurity, data management, and human oversight are then formally incorporated before wider deployment. Successful capabilities can subsequently be expanded across additional production areas, while advanced prescriptive analytics and controlled automation may be introduced

where appropriate. Continuous monitoring, auditing, and feedback complete the roadmap and support long-term improvement.

Phase 1: Assessment and Foundation

The first phase establishes the organizational and technical foundation required for successful implementation of the DT-AI-PMOF. Before investing in advanced digital twin and AI capabilities, manufacturers should evaluate their existing digital maturity, sensor coverage, data infrastructure, connectivity, equipment condition, and workforce capabilities. This assessment helps organizations understand whether sufficient data and technological resources are available to support a digital twin. Equipment and production lines should also be evaluated according to factors such as downtime cost, maintenance frequency, quality risk, production importance, and energy consumption. Assets with significant operational or financial impact can be prioritized for the initial implementation because improvements in these areas can provide meaningful evidence of the framework's value. Organizations should also identify gaps in data collection, network connectivity, computing resources, cybersecurity, and employee skills. A clear baseline should be established so that improvements can be measured after implementation. In addition, management should define the objectives of the project, expected business outcomes, responsible teams, required resources, and initial performance indicators. This phase reduces implementation uncertainty and prevents organizations from adopting advanced technologies without adequate preparation. By understanding existing capabilities and selecting appropriate priority areas, manufacturers can create a realistic foundation for developing the DT-AI-PMOF in later phases **(Nystrom & Venkataraman, 2024; Delacroix et al., 2025).**

Phase 2: Digital Twin Pilot

The Digital Twin Pilot phase focuses on developing and testing a digital representation of one or a small number of selected manufacturing assets or production lines. Starting with a limited pilot allows organizations to gain practical experience while reducing the risks and costs associated with large-scale deployment. During this phase, data from sensors, machines, control systems, and other relevant sources are connected to the digital twin so that virtual representation can reflect the condition and behavior of the physical system as accurately as possible. A major priority is establishing reliable and near real-time synchronization between physical equipment and its digital counterpart. The pilot should initially concentrate on basic functions such as equipment visualization, operational monitoring, condition tracking, and identification of abnormal operating conditions. Organizations should validate whether the digital twin accurately represents important physical processes and whether the collected data is sufficiently reliable for future AI applications. Technical teams should also evaluate connectivity, system performance, data latency, and integration with existing manufacturing systems. Advanced predictive or prescriptive analytics should generally be introduced only after the basic digital twin functions have demonstrated sufficient reliability. Feedback from operators, engineers, and other users should be collected throughout the pilot to identify practical problems and usability improvements. A successful pilot provides the technical evidence and organizational experience required to move toward AI-based predictive capabilities.

Phase 3: Predictive Analytics Integration

The Predictive Analytics Integration phase introduces AI-based analytical capabilities into the established digital twin environment. After reliable data synchronization and basic monitoring have been achieved, organizations can use historical production information and continuously generate twin data to develop predictive models. These models may support applications such as predictive maintenance, equipment failure prediction, quality forecasting, anomaly detection, and production performance analysis. Historical sensor readings, maintenance records, production conditions, and equipment states can be used to train and validate appropriate machine-learning models. The models should then be integrated with the digital twin so that predictions can be generated using current operational conditions. During the early stages, human-in-the-loop review is particularly important. Maintenance technicians, engineers, and production planners should review AI-generated alerts and

recommendations before operational decisions are made. This allows organizations to identify false alarms, unexpected model behavior, and situations where human knowledge provides important context that may not be available in the data. Model performance should be evaluated using appropriate measures such as prediction accuracy, precision, recall, false-positive rates, and detection time. The organization should also document model assumptions, limitations, and intended uses. This phase therefore transforms the digital twin from primarily a monitoring platform into a decision support environment while maintaining appropriate human control and validation.

Phase 4: Governance Integration

The Governance Integration phase formalizes the policies, controls, and responsibilities required to operate the DT-AI-PMOF safely and consistently. Although governance considerations should be recognized from the beginning, they need to become formally embedded into standard operating procedures before the framework is expanded beyond the pilot environment. Data governance procedures should define data ownership, quality requirements, access permissions, retention rules, and validation responsibilities. Model governance should establish processes for model approval, performance monitoring, retraining, documentation, and management of model drift. Cybersecurity controls should protect digital twin platforms, AI systems, industrial networks, sensors, and operational technology from unauthorized access and cyber threats. Human-oversight procedures should clearly identify situations where engineers, technicians, or managers must review or approve AI-generated recommendations. Organizations should also establish responsibilities for incident reporting, system changes, third-party services, and audit activities. Governance requirements should be incorporated into existing operational and risk-management processes rather than treated as separate technical activities. Employees should receive appropriate training so that they understand both the capabilities and limitations of the system. Before scaling the framework, organizations should verify that governance controls are functioning effectively through testing, reviews, and documented evidence. This phase helps ensure that technological expansion does not occur faster than the organization's ability to manage associated operational, cybersecurity, AI, and organizational risks.

Phase 5: Expansion

The Expansion phase extends the validated capabilities of the DT-AI-PMOF from the initial pilot to additional assets, production lines, departments, or manufacturing facilities. Expansion should occur gradually rather than through immediate organization-wide deployment. Lessons learned from the pilot should first be reviewed to identify technical limitations, governance weaknesses, training requirements, and operational improvements that need to be addressed. Once the pilot has demonstrated reliable performance, the organization can apply the established architecture, data standards, cybersecurity controls, and governance procedures to additional manufacturing areas. Similar assets or production lines may be prioritized because existing models, integration methods, and implementation experience can potentially be reused or adapted. As the framework expands, organizations can introduce more advanced capabilities such as prescriptive analytics, which provides recommendations about what actions should be taken based on predicted conditions. In carefully validated use cases, limited closed-loop actuation may also be introduced, allowing the system to automatically influence selected operational processes. However, automated actions should be restricted to situations where model behavior, safety requirements, system reliability, and failure conditions have been thoroughly evaluated. Human intervention mechanisms should remain available for important or high-risk processes. Performance should also be monitored across different assets and operating conditions because a model that performs effectively in one environment may not perform identically in another. Controlled expansion allows manufacturers to achieve broader benefits while maintaining operational stability and risk management.

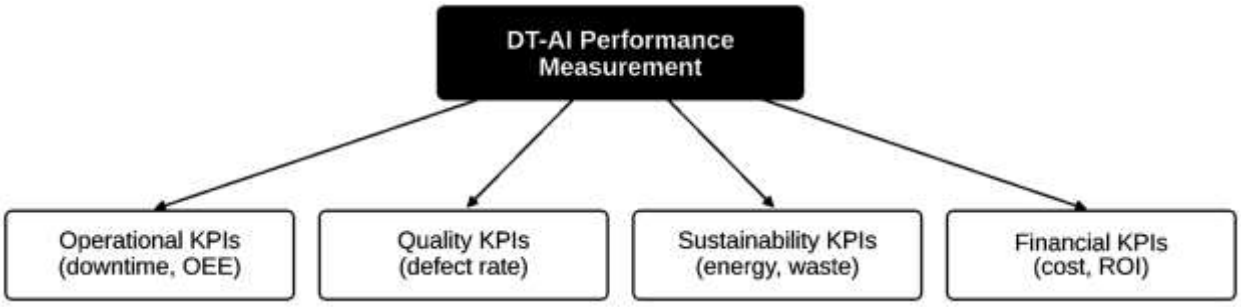
Phase 6: Continuous Improvement

The Continuous Improvement phase ensures that the DT-AI-PMOF remains effective after implementation and continues to evolve with changing manufacturing conditions. Digital twin

environments, AI models, production processes, equipment, cybersecurity threats, and organizational priorities can change over time, meaning that a system that performs well initially may require regular adjustment. Organizations should therefore establish continuous monitoring of key performance indicators related to operational efficiency, equipment reliability, prediction accuracy, quality, energy use, cybersecurity, and business outcomes. AI models should be regularly evaluated for performance degradation and model drift, particularly when equipment ages or production conditions change. Operational feedback from maintenance technicians, engineers, production planners, and managers should also be incorporated into improvement activities because users can identify practical problems that may not be visible through technical performance metrics alone. Governance adherence should be reviewed through periodic audits and control assessments. Audit findings, incident reports, model evaluations, and user feedback can then be used to identify corrective actions and improvement opportunities. These actions may include retraining AI models, improving sensor coverage, updating digital twin representations, strengthening cybersecurity controls, modifying governance procedures, or improving user interfaces. Continuous improvement therefore creates a feedback cycle in which operational experience contributes to technical and organizational development. This approach helps the DT-AI-PMOF remain reliable, adaptable, and aligned with changing manufacturing and business requirements over the long term.

Key Performance Indicators

Figure 10: KPI Categories for Monitoring DT-AI Performance



Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) provide measurable criteria for evaluating whether the DT-AI-PMOF is achieving its intended operational, financial, sustainability, resilience, and governance objectives. Because the framework combines digital twins, artificial intelligence, and manufacturing systems, its performance should not be assessed using only technical indicators. Operational and detection KPIs, such as mean time between failures, unplanned downtime, and false-positive or false-negative rates, measure equipment reliability and the effectiveness of AI-based detection. Quality KPIs evaluate improvements in scrap, rework, first-pass yield, and the speed of identifying quality deviations. Financial indicators measure maintenance costs, avoided downtime costs, and the return generated from digital twin and AI investments. Sustainability KPIs assesses energy consumption, material waste, and emissions intensity. Resilience indicators measure how quickly operations recover from disruptions and how effectively future changes can be anticipated.

Table 2: Representative Key Performance Indicators for DT-AI-PMOF

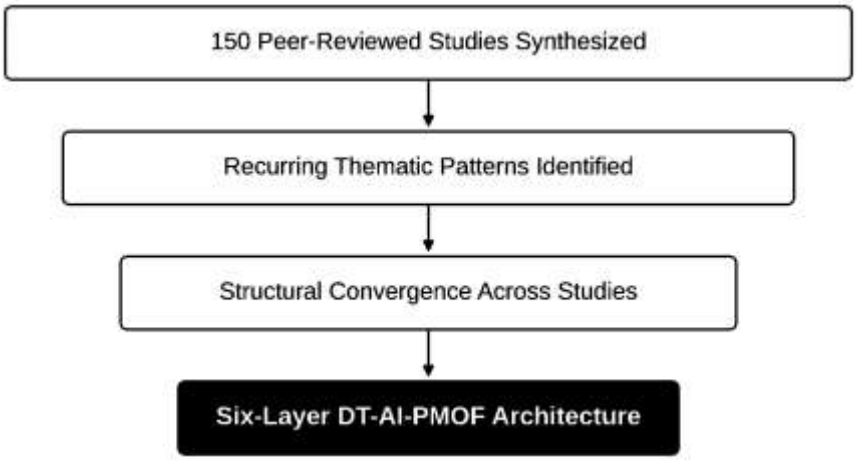
Category	Example KPIs
Operational/Detection	Mean time between failures; unplanned downtime hours; false-positive/false-negative alert rates
Quality	Scrap and rework rate; first-pass yield; quality-deviation lead time
Financial	Maintenance cost per unit produced; digital twin/AI return on investment; avoided downtime cost
Sustainability	Energy consumption per unit; material waste reduction; emissions intensity
Resilience	Recovery time from disruption; forecast lead time for supply or demand shifts
Governance/Trust	Model drift frequency; audit findings closed on time; operator override rate and rationale

Finally, governance and trust indicators, including model drift, audit completion, and operator overrides, evaluate whether the framework remains reliable, accountable, and properly controlled over time **(Feher et al., 2019; Petrescu & Wexler, 2022).**

Findings and Results

This paper follows a design-science synthesis rather than an empirical study; its results take the form of the framework, mappings, and validation checks produced by that synthesis rather than statistical findings from a dataset. These findings and results consolidate the principal findings that emerged from the literature synthesis, the six-layer DT-AI-PMOF architecture, the business-value and governance mappings, and the conceptual validation procedure described in (Conceptual Validation Approach), and interprets them against the six research objectives set out in (Research Objectives).

Figure 11: Convergence of Literature Synthesis Toward a Six-Layer Architecture



Findings from Literature Synthesis

Across the 150 sources coded into ten thematic categories, the most consistent finding was an isolation gap: digital twins are frequently implemented as visualization or monitoring layers **(Winters et al., 2015; Prokopenko & Xenakis, 2022; Andersen, 2024),** while AI and machine-learning initiatives are frequently developed as standalone proofs of concept disconnected from a live, synchronized twin **(Larsen & Thorne, 2017; Aoki et al., 2018).** Because this pattern recurred independently across the digital twin architecture, predictive maintenance , and integration literatures, it provided the principal literature-based justification for proposing an integrated six-layer architecture rather than treating

either technology as sufficient on its own. A second consistent finding concerned governance: data-quality management, model validation, and human oversight mechanisms recur independently across the governance , explainability , and industrial IoT literatures, indicating that these are not optional additions but converge as core requirements whenever digital twins connect to networked AI and operational technology infrastructure **(Loubet & Tolonen, 2015; Wexler, 2017; Eldridge, 2025).** A third finding is that sustainability outcomes are typically treated as secondary or incidental rather than as an explicit design objective in the digital twin and AI literature **(Castellano, 2018; Chowdhury, 2020),** which supports embedding sustainability metrics directly into the business value mapping rather than isolating them in a separate stream of work.

Structural Results: Convergence Toward a Six-Layer Architecture

Applying the synthesis procedure described in (Framework Synthesis Approach), architectural and governance components reported independently across multiple thematic categories were retained as core elements, while components reported in only isolated studies were treated as optional refinements. This procedure converged on the six interconnected layers described in (Physical Assets and Sensing; Data Acquisition and Edge Processing; Digital Twin Synchronization; AI-Based Predictive and Prescriptive Analytics; Human-in-the-Loop Decision Support; and Closed-Loop Actuation and Feedback), together with the Governance, Cybersecurity, and Data-Quality (Cross-Cutting layer). The convergence of independently reported components from ten distinct thematic categories onto a single six-layer structure is itself a result of the synthesis: it indicates that the architecture is not an arbitrary design choice but a consolidation of recurring structural patterns already present, in fragmented form, across the reviewed literature **(Bonaparte et al., 2016; Larsen & Thorne, 2017; Fontaine & Mahmoud, 2018).**

Results of the Business Value and Governance Mapping

The synthesis process applied in (Framework Synthesis Approach) and (Business Value Mapping) produced a direct mapping from each of the seven technical capabilities in Table 1 to a measurable operational outcome and, in turn, to a financial or sustainability value, confirming that every layer of the architecture has at least one traceable link to a business or sustainability metric rather than standing as a purely technical construct **(Yıldız et al., 2022; Aoki & Hassan, 2024).** Applying the same procedure to the governance literature produced six governance domains, data governance, model governance, human oversight and explainability, cybersecurity for digital twin and OT environments, third-party and supply-chain risk, and auditability, each traceable to recurring concerns identified independently across the cybersecurity and governance and explainable AI literatures. Together, these mappings indicate that technical capability, business value, and governance responsibility can be represented as a single, traceable structure rather than three disconnected sets of concerns.

Result of the Conceptual Validation

The three-part conceptual validation described in the Conceptual Validation Approach produced three corresponding results. First, the internal-consistency check confirmed that each of the six architectural layers and the governance layer could be traced to specific supporting literature identified during thematic coding, with no layer resting on a single isolated source. Second, the coverage checks confirmed that each of the six research objectives listed in (Research Objectives) is addressed by at least one component of the framework, as summarized in Table 3 below.

Table 3: Coverage of Research Objectives by Framework Components

Research Objective	Framework Component Addressing It
Examine current digital twin/AI adoption and identify gaps	Problem identification and thematic literature review
Propose a layered architecture integrating physical assets through closed-loop actuation	Six-layer DT-AI-PMOF architecture
Map technical capabilities to measurable business outcomes	Business-value mapping
Outline a governance structure for data, model, cybersecurity, and human oversight	Governance and risk management framework
Present an implementation roadmap and KPIs	Six-phase implementation roadmap; KPI table
Identify challenges, limitations, and future research directions	Challenges and limitations; future research directions

Table 4: Comparison of DT-AI-PMOF with Established Reference Architectures

Architecture	Primary organizing focus	Shared elements with DT-AI-PMOF	DT-AI-PMOF extension
RAMI 4.0	Three-dimensional Industry 4.0 lifecycle, hierarchy, and interoperability model	Asset representation, communication, information, functional integration, and enterprise context	Adds explicit predictive and prescriptive analytics, human decision support, controlled actuation, governance, and business-value/KPI mapping
ISO 23247	Digital-twin framework for manufacturing, including observable elements, digital representations, services, and user entities	Physical assets, sensing, data exchange, digital-twin synchronization, and application services	Adds AI prediction and optimization, explainability, human oversight, cross-cutting risk governance, phased adoption, and outcome measurement
5C Architecture	Progression from smart connection and data conversion to cyber representation, cognition, and configuration	Sensing, edge/data processing, virtual representation, analytics, and feedback to physical operations	Separates predictive/prescriptive analytics from human decision support and embeds governance, sustainability, resilience, KPIs, and implementation phases
Tao's five-dimension model	Physical entity, virtual entity, services, data, and connections	Physical assets, digital-twin model, data flows, services, and bidirectional connectivity	Operationalizes AI analytics, human-in-the-loop decisions, controlled actuation, governance domains, roadmap phases, and measurable value outcomes
DT-AI-PMOF	Predictive manufacturing optimization through six technical layers and six cross-cutting governance domains	Integrates asset, data, twin, analytics, decision-support, and feedback concepts found across the comparison models	Provides an end-to-end link from technical architecture to governance responsibility, phased implementation, KPIs, and operational, financial, resilience, and sustainability value

The comparison shows that DT-AI-PMOF retains widely recognized assets, data, digital-representation, service, and feedback elements while making predictive and prescriptive AI, human oversight, governance, implementation sequencing, and business-value measurement explicit.

Third, comparison against existing reference architectures for digital twins and smart manufacturing confirmed that DT-AI-PMOF does not omit widely recognized architectural or governance elements, while identifying the explicit integration of business-value mapping into the technical architecture as the principal point of extension beyond prior reference models **(Fontaine & Mahmoud, 2018; Wachira, 2019).**

Taken together, the results of the synthesis support four principal findings. First, digital twins and AI are consistently implemented in isolation across the reviewed literature, which motivates an integrated architecture rather than incremental improvement of either technology alone. Second, the recurring architectural and governance components identified during thematic coding converge on a stable six-layer structure with a cross-cutting governance layer, rather than requiring an arbitrarily large or fragmented set of components. Third, every technical layer of DT-AI-PMOF can be traced to at least one measurable business or sustainability outcome, indicating that the framework is not purely descriptive but is structured to support investment justification and performance tracking. Fourth, the conceptual validation indicates that DT-AI-PMOF achieves internal consistency, full coverage of the stated research objectives, and consistency with prior reference architectures, while extending that prior work through its explicit business-value mapping.

Interoperability and Legacy Equipment

Interoperability is a major challenge when implementing DT-AI-PMOF in existing manufacturing environments because many factories operate a combination of modern and legacy equipment. Older machines may not have built-in sensors, digital connectivity, or standardized communication interfaces required to exchange data with digital twin platforms and AI systems. As a result, organizations may need to install additional sensors, communication gateways, data converters, or other retrofit technologies before reliable data can be collected. Integrating equipment from different manufacturers can also create compatibility problems because machines may use different protocols, data formats, and communication standards. These integration requirements can increase implementation time, technical complexity, and cost. In some cases, replacing legacy equipment may be considered, but this can create additional financial and operational burdens, particularly when existing machines still provide useful production capacity. Another challenge is ensuring that newly added monitoring technologies do not interfere with normal production operations. Organizations therefore need to assess the technical capabilities of existing equipment before implementing the digital twin architecture. A gradual integration strategy, supported by standardized interfaces and appropriate middleware, can help reduce interoperability problems. However, achieving seamless communication between legacy equipment and modern digital systems remains an important limitation for large-scale DT-AI-PMOF adoption **(Larsen et al., 2018; Feher & Mensah, 2025).**

Data Quality and Availability

Data quality and availability are fundamental requirements for effective DT-AI-PMOF implementation because both digital twins and AI models depend heavily on reliable operational data. Manufacturing systems generate information from sensors, machines, maintenance records, production databases, quality systems, and other sources. However, this data may contain missing values, measurement errors, inconsistent formats, noise, or inaccurate timestamps. Such problems can reduce the reliability of the digital twin and negatively affect the performance of predictive and prescriptive AI models. Another important limitation is the lack of sufficient historical failure data. Equipment failures may occur infrequently, meaning organizations may have only a small number of labeled failure events available for model training. This problem becomes more significant for newer machines that have limited historical operating records or rare failure modes that occur only under unusual conditions. In addition, maintenance records may not always be standardized or detailed enough to identify the exact

causes and timing of failures. Organizations may therefore need to invest in data-cleaning processes, sensor improvements, data integration, and systematic maintenance-record management. Data quality should also be monitored continuously because sensor degradation and changes in production conditions can gradually affect data reliability. Without sufficient and trustworthy data, even technically advanced AI models may produce unreliable predictions and recommendations **(Kobayashi, 2017; Xiaoyan et al., 2024).**

Model Generalization Across Assets

Model generalization is another important challenge because an AI model developed for one machine or production line may not perform equally well when applied to another asset, even when the equipment appears to be technically similar. Manufacturing assets can operate under different temperatures, production speeds, workloads, material conditions, maintenance histories, and environmental factors. These differences can create variations in the data patterns used by AI models. Consequently, a model trained using data from one machine may fail to recognize important patterns when applied to another machine operating under different conditions. This limitation can reduce the reliability of predictive maintenance, quality forecasting, and anomaly detection applications within the DT-AI-PMOF. Organizations may therefore need to conduct additional validation before transferring a model from one asset to another. In some situations, asset-specific model tuning or retraining may be necessary to achieve acceptable performance. However, developing separate models for many machines can increase computational requirements, maintenance effort, and implementation costs. A balance must therefore be established between developing highly specialized models and creating models that can generalize across multiple assets. Continuous performance monitoring can help identify when a model begins to perform differently after being transferred to another production environment. Careful validation under different operating conditions is consequently necessary before using AI models across multiple manufacturing assets **(Tanaka et al., 2019; Tolonen, 2025).**

Explainability and Trust

Explainability and trust represent important challenges in the adoption of AI-enabled digital twin systems because many advanced machine-learning models operate as complex systems whose internal decision processes may be difficult for manufacturing personnel to understand. Maintenance technicians, engineers, and production managers may be reluctant to rely on an AI-generated prediction if they cannot understand why the system produced a particular result. This issue becomes especially important when an AI recommendation could influence maintenance scheduling, production decisions, product quality, or equipment operation. High prediction accuracy alone may therefore not guarantee successful adoption. Users also need sufficient information to determine whether a recommendation is reasonable within the specific operational context. Explainability techniques can provide information about the factors that contributed to a prediction, such as abnormal vibration, increased temperature, unusual pressure, or changes in operating speed. However, explanations must be presented in a form that is understandable and useful to the intended users. Excessive technical explanations may not improve practical decision-making. At the same time, simplified explanations should not misrepresent the underlying behavior of models. Organizations should therefore combine appropriate explainability methods with human oversight, user training, and clear communication about model limitations. Building trust should be based on demonstrated performance, understandable explanations, and appropriate human control rather than on the assumption that users will automatically accept AI recommendations (**Moretti, 2022**; **Prokopenko et al., 2023**).

Cybersecurity of Converged IT/OT Environments

The convergence of information technology (IT) and operational technology (OT) creates significant cybersecurity challenges for DT-AI-PMOF implementation. Digital twins require continuous connections between physical manufacturing equipment, sensors, industrial control systems, networks, databases, and analytical platforms. While these connections improve monitoring and

decision-making, they can also increase the number of systems and communication pathways that could potentially be targeted by cyberattacks. A security weakness in one connected component may create risks for other parts of the manufacturing environment. Unauthorized access, malware, data manipulation, or disruption of industrial communication could potentially affect production processes and equipment operations. Protecting these environments requires more than conventional cybersecurity controls. Organizations should implement network segmentation to separate critical OT systems from less-sensitive IT environments, while strong authentication and access controls should restrict access to important systems and data. Continuous monitoring is also necessary to identify unusual network activity, unauthorized access attempts, and abnormal system behavior. In addition, organizations should develop incident-response procedures that consider the operational and safety requirements of industrial environments. Security controls must also be regularly reviewed because new technologies, software updates, connected devices, and emerging cyber threats can change the risk of the environment over time. Sustained investment in cybersecurity is therefore essential for maintaining the reliability and safety of connected digital twin and manufacturing systems **(Loubet & Tolonen, 2015; Tremblay et al., 2017).**

Organizational and Workforce Readiness

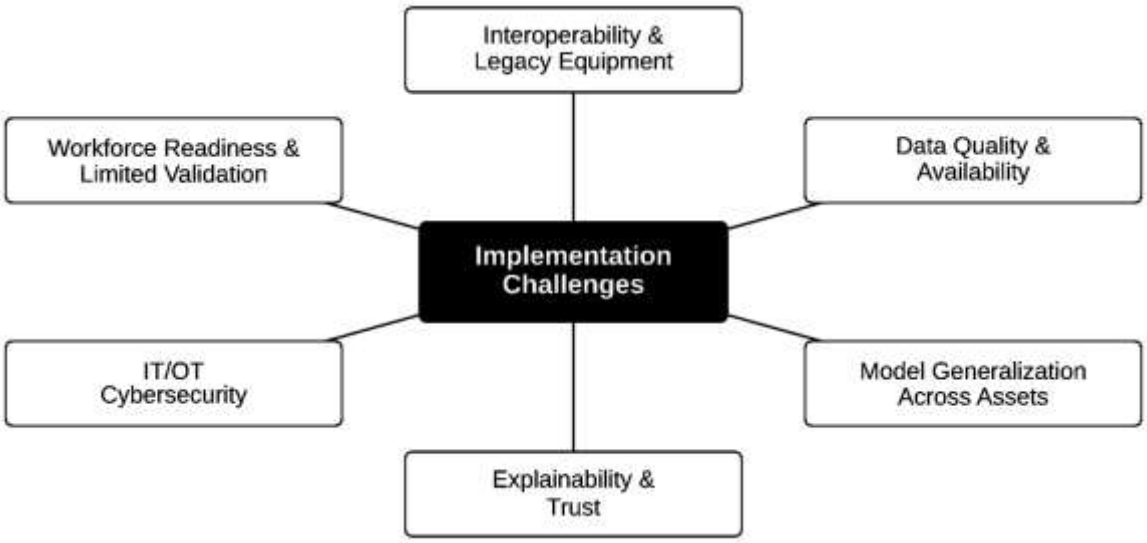
Organizational and workforce readiness is a critical factor in determining whether DT-AI-PMOF can be successfully adopted and sustained. Implementing digital twins and AI changes how manufacturing data is collected, analyzed, and used for operational decision-making. Employees who previously relied primarily on experience and traditional maintenance practices may need to work with AI-generated predictions, digital dashboards, automated alerts, and new data-driven workflows. Without appropriate training, employees may find these technologies difficult to understand or may be uncertain about their responsibilities when AI recommendations conflict with their professional judgment. Organizations therefore need to provide training that covers not only the technical operation of the system but also the capabilities, limitations, and appropriate use of AI-based recommendations. Maintenance and production workflows may also need to be redesigned to incorporate predictive insights into existing decision-making processes. Management support is important because successful implementation often requires changes in responsibilities, communication patterns, performance measures, and organizational practices. Employee involvement during implementation can help identify practical problems and improve acceptance of the new system. Organizations should also clearly define who is responsible for reviewing AI recommendations, responding to alerts, and making final operational decisions. Consequently, workforce development and organizational change management should be treated as core components of DT-AI-PMOF implementation rather than secondary activities **(Delacroix & Kowalczyk, 2020; Winters & Dahl, 2021).**

Limited Real-World Validation

Limited real-world validation is an important limitation of the DT-AI-PMOF because the framework is currently conceptual and has not yet been empirically tested across a wide range of manufacturing environments. A conceptual framework can provide a structured understanding of how digital twins, AI, governance, and business-value considerations can be integrated, but practical implementation may reveal challenges that are not fully visible at the conceptual level. Manufacturing organizations differ considerably in terms of equipment, production processes, data availability, workforce capabilities, technology infrastructure, cybersecurity requirements, and investment capacity. Therefore, a framework that performs effectively in one environment may require modification before it can be applied to another. Real-world pilot deployments are needed to evaluate whether the proposed architecture can operate reliably under actual production conditions. Such studies should examine technical performance, implementation costs, scalability, operational improvements, AI model accuracy, governance effectiveness, and measurable business outcomes. Longitudinal studies could also help determine whether benefits are sustained over time as equipment, production conditions, and organizational requirements change. Case studies across different industries and

manufacturing scales would provide additional evidence regarding the framework's adaptability. Until such empirical validation is completed, claims about the practical performance, scalability, and cost-effectiveness of DT-AI-PMOF should be considered conceptual rather than conclusively demonstrated. Future research should therefore prioritize pilot implementations and systematic field evaluation (**Petrescu et al., 2016**; **Andersen, 2024**).

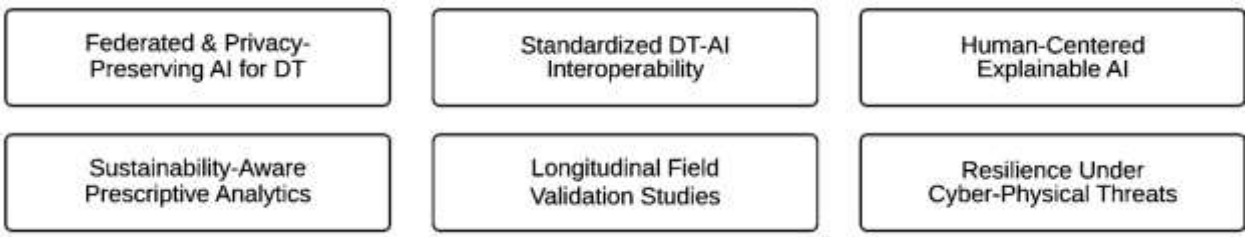
Figure 12: Key Implementation Challenges Across Technical and Organizational Domains



Future Research Directions

Future research can further develop and validate the DT-AI-PMOF by addressing its current conceptual and practical limitations. An important direction is empirical validation through pilot deployments across different manufacturing environments, including both discrete and process manufacturing, and organizations with different levels of scale and digital maturity. Such studies can evaluate the framework's technical performance, implementation challenges, scalability, and business value under real operating conditions. Another important area is the development of transfer-learning and federated-learning approaches that can improve the ability of predictive models to generalize across similar machines or multiple manufacturing sites while reducing the need to centralize sensitive operational data (**Vukovic & Castellano, 2023**; **Xiaoyan et al., 2024**). Future research should also investigate standardized and lightweight explainability techniques that can provide understandable AI explanations without creating excessive computational delays in real-time industrial decision support. Adaptive closed-loop control is another promising direction, particularly for gradually increasing automation as AI models demonstrate sufficient confidence, reliability, and validation evidence (**Halvorsen et al., 2017**). Economic research is also needed to measure the return on investment of integrated digital twin-AI systems and compare their value with standalone digital twin or AI initiatives (**Aoki & Hassan, 2024**).

Figure 13: Emerging Directions for Future DT-AI Manufacturing Research



In addition, future studies could extend DT-AI-PMOF to supply-chain-level digital twins that support multi-site coordination, disruption analysis, and resilience planning **(Yıldız & Guerrero, 2017; Wroblewski et al., 2024).** Finally, sustainability research should incorporate broader lifecycle indicators, including embodied energy, resource consumption, product lifecycle impacts, and end-of-life material recovery, into the framework's business-value assessment **(Yamamoto et al., 2020; Thorne, 2023).** Together, these research directions can strengthen the practical relevance, scalability, economic justification, and sustainability contribution of DT-AI-PMOF.

Conclusion

This paper proposed the Digital Twin-AI Predictive Manufacturing Optimization Framework (DT-AI-PMOF) as an integrated framework for supporting intelligent, predictive, resilient, and sustainable manufacturing operations. The framework brings together digital twin technology, artificial intelligence, predictive and prescriptive analytics, human-in-the-loop decision support, and carefully controlled closed-loop actuation within a unified structure. Rather than treating digital twins primarily as visualization or monitoring technologies and AI as an independent analytical tool, DT-AI-PMOF connects the two technologies so that real-time representations of physical manufacturing systems can continuously support data-driven prediction, decision-making, and optimization. A central contribution of the framework is its integration of technical capabilities with organizational governance and measurable business outcomes. The proposed architecture considers data sources, data processing, digital twin modeling, AI-based prediction, prescriptive analytics, human oversight, cybersecurity, and governance as interconnected components rather than isolated technologies. This integrated perspective is particularly important because the value of digital twin and AI adoption depends not only on technical performance but also on data quality, model reliability, cybersecurity, workforce readiness, and organizational decision-making. The governance and risk-management structure therefore addresses data governance, model governance, human oversight, explainability, cybersecurity, third-party risk, auditability, and continuous improvement. The framework was developed through a structured design-science synthesis of 150 sources organized across ten thematic areas. This synthesis provided the basis for identifying recurring technological capabilities, organizational requirements, implementation challenges, and research gaps within the digital twin, artificial intelligence, predictive maintenance, smart manufacturing, and sustainability literature. Based on these findings, DT-AI-PMOF introduces a structured value-mapping approach that connects technical capabilities with operational, financial, quality, resilience, and sustainability outcomes. The associated KPI framework provides measurable indicators for evaluating improvements such as reduced unplanned downtime, improved quality, lower maintenance costs, energy efficiency, reduced material waste, improved resilience, and stronger governance performance.

Another important contribution is the proposed implementation roadmap, which recognizes that manufacturers are unlikely to implement the complete framework simultaneously. The phased approach begins with assessment and foundational capability development, followed by digital twin implementation, predictive analytics integration, governance formalization, expansion, and continuous improvement. This staged approach allows organizations to develop reliable data infrastructure and operational experience before introducing more advanced AI-driven and automated capabilities. It also provides opportunities to identify technical, financial, organizational, and cybersecurity challenges at an early stage and address them before large-scale deployment. Despite its potential, DT-AI-PMOF has several limitations. Legacy equipment, interoperability problems, limited data availability, model generalization challenges, explainability requirements, cybersecurity risks, and workforce readiness can complicate implementation. More importantly, the framework remains conceptual and has not yet been comprehensively validated through real-world manufacturing deployments. Therefore, its expected benefits should not be interpreted as empirically established outcomes. Future research should test the framework through pilot projects and longitudinal case

studies across different manufacturing sectors, organizational sizes, and levels of digital maturity. Further research should also investigate transfer learning, federated learning, explainable AI, adaptive closed-loop control, economic evaluation, supply-chain digital twins, and lifecycle-based sustainability measurement.

Overall, DT-AI-PMOF provides a coherent reference structure for understanding how digital twins and AI can be integrated to support the transition toward more predictive, adaptive, resilient, and sustainable manufacturing systems. Its primary contribution lies not in proposing a single technology or algorithm, but in connecting technological capabilities with governance requirements, implementation processes, measurable performance indicators, and business and sustainability objectives. By establishing these connections, the framework provides a foundation for manufacturers, technology providers, and researchers to evaluate the broader implications of digital twin-AI integration. Empirical validation and continued technological development will be necessary to determine how effectively the framework performs under real industrial conditions. Nevertheless, DT-AI-PMOF offers a structured foundation for future research and practical experimentation toward more intelligent and responsible smart-factory operations.

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