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Abstract: In this study we elaborate on the role of IoT enabled predictive maintenance in supply chain sustainability with a particular emphasis on its effect on operation efficiency, savings and the environment. To conduct the research, in-depth interviews were held with industry professionals that were part of the implementation and management process for the predictive maintenance system within different sectors. The benefits of predictive maintenance as revealed, according to the findings, bring unplanned downtime and the absence of resources as well as preventing any emergency estate. Also, technology helps to prolong equipment life, reduce energy use, and minimize waste which is environmentally sustainable. However, although the study identified several associated challenges to implementing predictive maintenance, including high initial investment costs, technical complexity and special skills, predictive maintenance is still considered an attractive technology because of its above-mentioned advantages. In addition, the research shows that leadership, training, and new ideas around collaboration are important to successful adoption of predictive maintenance systems within organizations. Overall, the study suggests that the application of predictive maintenance is neither necessarily smooth nor devoid of difficulties, but for its long-term efficiency, cost reduction and sustainability cause this to be an integral supply chain optimization strategy. IoT technology keeps advancing, and its potential for predictive maintenance to spur progress of both innovation and environmental sustainability of the supply chain is increasing.

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1. Introduction

Industrial operations, especially those pertaining to supply chain management, have been revolutionized because of the convergence of advanced technologies like the internet of things (IoT) and artificial intelligence. The emergence of IoT enabled Predictive Maintenance to have provided novel means of predicting and preventing the failure of equipment which in turn result in higher operational efficiencies and sustainability of supply chains. Based on such an exploration, this research focuses on supply chain sustainability with the introduction of IoT enabled predictive maintenance. It identifies how the former affects operational performance, cost management, resource utilization and environmental impact. IoT has further made its way into supply chains: with these added systems of monitoring and analyzing machinery, components, and equipment, the data is available for real time analysis to predict potential breakdowns or operational inefficiencies. This is because of its ability to minimize unplanned downtimes and operational disruptions and maximize resource allocation (Tian et al., 2024). Predictive maintenance enables the organization to see the condition of its assets and spotting the potential before they cause failure (Cheng et al., 2024). Therefore, traditional maintenance approaches such as reactive or scheduled have been generally inefficient in resource utilization, impeding downtime, and subsequently higher operating costs. However, with the rise of IoT technology, predictive maintenance has reached new levels of reliability and scalability; sensors, data analytics, machine learning algorithms, and so on are used to

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predictively forecast the failure potential of equipment with extreme accuracy (Liu, 2024). Businesses can collect and analyze how connected devices interact with each other, so that assets are maintained only at times of need and minimizing consumption and costs (Emon & Khan, 2025). It is in line with sustainability goals, as it moves from reactive maintenance to predictive models both for greater operational efficiency and for economizing on resources by reduced need for repairs or replacement (Guarda, 2024). Besides, IoT enabled predictive maintenance has helped in reducing waste generation, energy consumption and a carbon footprint of manufacturing and logistics operations (Emon, 2025). Predictive maintenance is a critical part of the predictive maintenance, and a part of the supply chain itself, and its ability to work into existing supply chain operations integrates their overall sustainability. In recent years, supply chain sustainability has gained increasing attention and does not just vary in terms of economic terms but has also expanded to include the social and environmental factors (Maalmi et al. 2024). Sustainable supply chains refer to the supply chain that satisfies the needs of the current generation without compromising the provision to future generations. Based on this reasoning, the inclusion of IoT based predictive maintenance has become a vital tool to accomplish sustainability objectives because it guarantees life and excellent performance of assets, thereby lowering the price of replacements or making repairs that would take heavy toll in environmental resources. In addition, for data driven insights into inventory levels, the real time status of equipment, and the ability to reduce the supply chain's carbon footprint by not over stock and optimize, IoT systems do this can also lead to more sustainable sourcing and inventory practices (Prashanth et al., 2024). The role of predictive maintenance also increases the supply chain resilience by reducing the downtime and improving the asset reliability. In a global and interconnected world today, no flow means no supply. Therefore, to keep a smooth continuous flow of goods in supply chain, the importance of it is inevitable. Equipment failure downtime which is unplanned not only impacts the production schedule but also compromises the delivery of goods to customers causing harm to the relationship and damage of brand reputation. In the case of predictive maintenance, these disruptions are prevented by reducing the risks involved with unexpected breakdowns. Kromes et al. (2024) state that IoT data serves as the basis for predictive maintenance models that the companies can use to schedule their maintenance tasks in non-peak hours so that production is interrupted as little as possible. Optimizing maintenance schedules reduces the downtime and thereby enhances productivity which results in economic and environmental sustainability (Sidki et al., 2025). It also relates to supply chain sustainability by facilitating better decision-making processes. Supply chain managers have the wealth of real time data generated from IoT devices to make informed decisions which make their process both efficient and sustainable (Chen et al., 2023). By collecting data from sensors on equipment and assets, performance indicators such as wear and tear, temperature and vibration can be tracked for managers to decide when maintenance is needed. This capability makes far reaching increases in reductions in maintenance costs, reduced component inventories, and minimized environmental impact in unnecessary product production or repair (Emon & Khan, 2024). In addition, the amalgamation of IoT technologies with the most recent data analytics and reservoir of artificial intelligence tools can guarantee that the smart upkeep arrangements, predictive fads for the necessity of spares parts, and better basic leadership of individuals and so forth can be advanced. IoT enabled predictive maintenance has a lot of benefits for the supply chain sustainability, but it is a success when the organizational readiness, technical capabilities and the supply chain context are fully taken care of. According to Emon et al. (2025), IoT based predictive maintenance systems integration into current supply chain could be a challenging and expensive resource intensive process. To begin using all the data that's being generated by IoT devices, companies must put down money for the appropriate infrastructure, like sensors, data processing system, and cloud platforms. Moreover, there is a need for the data interpretative staff that would be making proactive decisions on the maintenance scheduling and resource allocation. The potential offered by predictive maintenance for improving supply chain sustainability can only be realized if correctly traversed these challenges. Additionally, predictive maintenance systems integration may also have a large effect on supply chain governance. Changes in the organizational

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mindset and operational culture are needed to facilitate a transition from a reactive maintenance to a proactive proactive maintenance model, which is essentially based on data. Adapting to the data-centric maintenance approach means having to break from those traditional maintenance practices based on manual inspections or fixed schedule. Changes in the organizational processes, training, and even in the alignment of the incentive need to take place to make predictive maintenance an intrinsic part of the strategy of the supply chain (Liu et al., 2025). Additionally, companies will have to address potential privacy and security risks in associating the collection and sharing of IoT data, most notably related to the performance and operations of sensitive equipment. Maintaining trust and regulatory compliance requires that the integrity and confidentiality of IoT generated data are ensured (Tian et al., 2024). Predictive maintenance via the Internet of Things is a major step forward in terms of management of supply chain, which could lead to reconsideration of maintenance, utilization of the resource and sustainability of a business. Based on this change in the maintenance model, it is possible for an organization to reduce environmental impact, increase operational efficiency, and boost supply chain resilience. However, for predictive maintenance to realize its full benefits, IoT technologies need to be well integrated, infrastructure needs enhanced, and organizations need to be altered. IOT technology is always growing and enhancing its capabilities that will create many possibilities for the supply chain to make it more sustainable in which companies can improve their operations and achieve sustainability goals. Research in this area has become increasingly abundant, with research such as in Cheng et al. (2024), Liu (2024), Prashanth et al. (2024), all of which highlight going green and resilient to the new growth of the global supply chain through enabling the IoT based predictive maintenance.

2. Literature Review

In recent years, due to its promising potential for transforming industrial operations and improving supply chain sustainability, there has been a great interest in the domain of IoT for predicting industrial maintenance. Predictive maintenance is based on the idea that it uses IoT, data analytics and machine learning algorithms to predict the failure of an equipment prior to its occurrence. Despite the fact that many organizations still manage their CM without additional support, this offers the benefit of enabling proactive response to preventative maintenance requirements, to overcome unnecessary downtime and optimize use of resources. It is well established that predictive maintenance is essential to drive supply chain operability efficiency and progress towards supply chain sustainability (Naef et al., 2024). As stated by Lu et al. (2024), IoT technologies developments not only revolutionize maintenance practices but also enable the emergence of very interconnected systems where real-time data yields the base for making the right decisions. By preventing equipment failure, predictive maintenance offered by IoT has the promise of minimizing a critical risk factor in many supply chain operations. Since unplanned downtimes caused by equipment malfunction can result in significant disruptions in their ways, the timely delivery of products and destroying customers' trust, equipment plays an important role in product quality and product delivery time. As a result of this, businesses have changed from selecting the normal preventive or even reactive maintenance techniques to more complex predictive methodologies (Khan & Hasan Emon, 2024). Classic predictive maintenance tools which powerized by IoT technologies enable us to monitor in real time the health of the machinery and components, as well as identifying the potential of failure before they occur in major problems (Al-Jishi, 2024). More than that, it helps reduce the frequency of maintenance activities and in turn, reduce operational cost leading to be an important aspect of supply chain sustainability and protection of resources and reduction in the generation of waste. In addition, some studies have focused on the critical impact of IoT enabled predictive maintenance for enabling supply chain sustainability. By using predictive models, a group of employees argues (Kolangiammal et al. 2024) that organizations can effectively optimize resource use; reduce energy consumption; and reduce the supply chain’s overall environmental footprint. It is especially meaningful in the domain of sustainability where firms endeavor to abide by the global environmental targets as well as to preserve operational

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efficiency. Sensors, monitoring systems and methods of integrating IoT in maintenance activities allow carrying out maintenance only in the necessary periods, thus minimizing useless consumption of spare parts and materials, and wasteful energy use. (Provensi et al., 2024) Moreover, the predictive maintenance supports the equipment operation efficiently and thus the reduction of its energy consumption and the extension of the lifetime of assets (Yadav & Sharma, 2024). However, literature review on predictive maintenance underlines the benefits of reducing the number of unplanned downtimes, however, it also emphasizes the necessity of improving the supply chain process complexity. As mentioned by Sauer et al. (2024), predictive maintenance has the potential to support the improvement of the reliability of assets, which in turn improves system reliability and thereby provides a degree of supply chain resilience. In industries with highly complex global supply chains that are based on the uninterrupted exchange of goods, this is particularly timely. The prediction that IoT enabled predictive maintenance delivers real time data that can improve decision making processes for inventory management, supply chain coordination and scheduling is made by Panigrahi et al (2023). An approach to more reliable maintenance will help businesses reduce the machinery failure disruptions and build a more reliable supply chain that can better deal with unexpected events like delays, shortages and other logistical hurdles. Additionally, IoT based predictive maintenance has grown into a critical solution for resourceful and effective lifecycle management of equipment and assets. Smith (2024) notes that the use of predictive maintenance to manage equipment life cycles makes it possible to reduce environmental impact of equipment replacement by efforts of efficient management of asset life cycles. It is about detecting small failures within the system before they grow into big problems that require expensive repairs or replacement of one or more pieces of equipment (Khan et al., 2024). This delays the life cycle of critical assets and lowers demand for additional resources; hence, it mitigates environmental damage caused by manufacturing and disposal processes (Khan et al., 2025). Not only do these pose environmental benefits, but also the cost benefits to organizations who should otherwise spend money in extensive ... From a technical point of view, IoT technology is being used in the application of predictive maintenance in a great way with the inclusion of ML and AI. These technologies allow the predictive models to analyze historical data, identify patterns in it and predict future behavior of the machinery within a certain margin of error. Khan et al. (2024) states that advanced algorithms should be used for predicting failures effectively, hence minimizing errors that could initiate the need for maintenance that will not be empirical. Thus, synergy of IoT, AI, and machine learning forms a strong predictive maintenance framework which improves operational efficiency and enhances sustainability through best use of resources and fraud waste (Redutskiy & Balycheva, 2024). Additionally, predictive maintenance systems could be updated using new data continuously, to enable organizations to improve their predictive capabilities with time and with changes in operational conditions (Chen et al., 2023). However, there are challenges that need to be handled when transitioning to IoT driven predictive maintenance. Upfront investment for infrastructure and technology is one of the key barriers that prevent the adoption in predictive maintenance. It is very costly for the organizations, which are adding on this IoT enabled maintenance system for already existing equipment with IoT sensors and having to build the required data analytics platforms (Naef et al., 2024). In addition to that, implementation includes training employees on how to use the technology (Lu et al., 2024). However, the advantages of predictive maintenance in terms of operational efficiency, cost reduction, and sustainability are promising and prompt many organizations to adopt it in the long term. It has been found in many of the studies that predictive maintenance is successfully implemented and the result is better performance across the different industries (Emon & Khan, 2024). For instance, predictive maintenance was applied in the automotive industry to make the supply chain operations more efficient in reducing downtime in a production line and maximizing the asset utilization (Quan & Xiao, 2024). At the same time, in the manufacturing sector, predictive maintenance has helped in reducing unplanned outages of equipment and bettering the production scheduling (Al-Jishi, 2024). The examples above highlight the use of predictive maintenance to bring about concrete results to organizations looking to deliver on their

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sustainability and operational targets. Recently, a lot of attention has been spent on how predictive maintenance has an environmental impact. The studies of Kolangiammal et al. (2024) and Yadav & Sharma (2024) reinforce the fact that predictive maintenance can significantly help in landfilling of waste and emissions of greenhouse gases in industrial operations. Predictive maintenance costs less and reduces energy utilization, which is crucial for manufacturing and logistics type industries where energy has long been a significant expense. Moreover, the use of predictive maintenance extends the life of assets, which reduces the need to manufacture new components, and therefore raw materials are saved as well as waste is minimized (Provensi et al., 2024). Such is especially necessary in step with a selection of worldwide sustainability projects searching to lessen industrial carbon footprints. As the number of literatures related to IoT enabled predictive maintenance grows, a case can be made that implementation results in enormous increase in operational efficiency, cost effectiveness and environmental sustainability. IoT integration in maintenance process makes it possible to detect potential failures before they happen, allowing organizations to minimize unplanned downtimes, optimize resource allocation as well as reduce waste. Additionally, predictive maintenance helps supply chains become sustainable by optimizing asset management, achieving low energy efficiency and reducing carbon emissions. However, the practice of implementation of predictive maintenance brings with it the advantages for businesses, the community and the environment, but is accompanied by the challenges. While the potential of technology to transform the supply chain into sustainable practices will continue to increase, organizations will only be able to recognize new opportunities for operational excellence and contribute to broader sustainability goals (Sauer et al., 2024).

3. Research Methodology

The research methodology has been designed to research on the impact of predictive maintenance enabled by IoT on supply chain sustainability. The key goal was to learn from people in the business who have been part of this supply chain management, predictive maintenance, and IoT technologies experience. A qualitative approach was selected for this goal, as it facilitated the complete exploration of the perceptions, experiences, and the opinions of the participants concerning integration of the predictive maintenance with the supply chain operations. Participants were selected with a purposive sampling technique to include people with significant expertise and the involvement in the implementation of IoT-based predictive maintenance systems. Based on the final sample, 26 participants were recruited who were either practicing professionals or authorities in the field of development, management, use and implementation of predictive maintenance technology within various industries including manufacturing, logistics and supply chain management. Semi structured interviews were used to collect data, thus allowing one to probe in a certain topic while maintaining covering some areas. Questions for the interviews were structured as a priori to understand what the participants consider as the role of predictive maintenance in improving supply chain sustainability. The questions covered a wide range of questions relating to predictive maintenance as it relates to benefit, challenge, and its professional impacts on environmental, economic and operational supply chain performance. As well as questions related to the technological aspects of predictive maintenance, participants were also soliciting their experiences of incorporating IoT systems in their organizations and how they influenced decision making, resource utilization and maintenance practice. The use by this approach to make a full appraisal of the intricacies of the implementation of predictive maintenance and its impact on application to more sustainable supply chain practices. Being remote helped in interviewing locations where participants were from different geographical locations, including interviews from Boston, Pennsylvania, and many other states around the country as well as internationally. Audio-recording took place with the consent of the participants and the interviews were transcribed verbatim for analysis. Next, the data collected was analyzed by thematically analyzing it, a common method in qualitative research that involves breaking down and interpreting patterns or themes that can be found in the data. This choice was based upon its flexibility in dealing with large amounts of qualitative data and its capability to

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hold the fine points regarding what participants experienced and what they thought. There were several stages of analysis process. The transcripts were read and then read again to get to know with the data. Initial codes were thus generated to extract specific, related pieces of information to the research questions. The codes were refined and grouped into broader categories based on the main themes that came out of the interviews. Thematic analysis proved to be a fitting method to determine recurring themes around how the benefits of IoT enabled predictive maintenance—such as efficiency, cost savings, and reduced environmental impact—can be realized. Additionally, themes surrounding the implementation of these systems such as their initial investment costs and the need for technical expertise were also identified as clear issues. All throughout the research, ethical issues were a main concern. As an informed consent form, all participants were also provided with our study purpose, confidentiality of responses, and that they may withdraw from the study at will without consequence. The identities of the absentees were anonymized, and no identifying information was included in the final analysis to maintain confidentiality. The study followed ethical procedures of doing research with the human subjects and all the participants' rights and privacy were protected in all occasions. Through the research methodology, rich qualitative data were also collected that enabled the gathered understanding of IoT enabled predictive maintenance and supply chain sustainability in such a complex relationship. Through interactions with industry people and experts, the study can gather a variety of viewpoints and experiences that enrich both the results and give an overall feeling of the problems, potential, and impacts of predictive maintenance systems in current supply chains. This research hopes to supplement other research on IoT technologies and the sustainability of supply chain and provides practitioners in industry with practical insights.

4. Results and Findings

This study provides its results and findings to provide significant insights to the relationship between IoT enabled predictive maintenance and supply chain sustainability. The data collected from the 26 participants allowed for a deeper understanding on how predictive maintenance is disrupting supply chain operations, optimizing resource utilization, as well as for greater sustainability value. The interviews took in a variety of views from industry professionals engaged in the set up, the management, and the optimization of the predictive maintenance systems from different sectors like manufacturing, logistics and supply chain management. Turns out, this section outlines the main themes and insights that we draw out of the analysis of interview data: benefits, challenges and all around a boost to supply chain sustainability and performance as a result of IoT enabled predictive maintenance. This study made a major finding that every focus is put on the gains in operational efficiency derived from the use of IoT based Predictive Maintenance. Nearly all participant, who noted that shift from traditional maintenance practices to predictive models had resulted in substantially reduced unplanned downs. Equipment failure, a common source of disruption to supply chain operations, has been a major challenge to many industries for a long time. Most people cited a transformative change that would take them towards predictive maintenance, whereby real time data from IoT sensors would allow you to predict when a failure may take place prior to the point of failure happening. However, this technology allows organizations to take proactive preventative measures against repairing, but to maintain it during non-peak hours and thus minimize unnecessary downtime, which in turn leads to more seamless and continuous operations. The efficiency gains are especially timely due to their value in industries dependent on high throughput and having difficulties with interruptions in their production or logistics processes. The other large finding was the general understanding of the potential of predictive maintenance to save money. The ability to predict and prevent failures before they occur saves themselves as they can reduce unplanned downtimes and spend less on emergency repairs which tend to be much more expensive than scheduled maintenance. The predictive maintenance system allows the companies to carry out the maintenance activities in the best time according to actual condition of the equipment instead of following the fixed schedules or waiting till something breaks. The application of this method results in better utilization of resources, for example, labor and spare parts, so that these

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operational costs can be reduced. In industries where machinery costs a lot and operational costs are high, predictive maintenance showed a bigger potential for saving cost as it enables assets to be utilized to their full capability before such costly interventions are needed. Also recurring in the findings was the idea of how predictive maintenance can contribute to reduce costs and resource optimization, waste reduction. One frequent theme among participants was how the execution of IoT sensor deployment and predictive models leads to better commodity in the management of resources, including supply chain, spare parts inventory and labor. Thus, organizations can predict maintenance needs in advance, thereby preventing them from overstocking parts thereby minimizing on financial and environmental costs of overstuffing parts. In addition, predictive maintenance also helps companies extend the lifespan of equipment thereby limiting the requirement for the replacement of equipment before expiration while also limiting the usage of raw materials. This turns out to have a direct impact in reducing the carbon footprint of operation as fewer of such resources are consumed in the repair and replacement of equipment. It was observed by several participants that using predictive maintenance can help the company achieve sustainability goals as it requires minimal waste, reduced energy consumption and limited environmental impact through the production processes. B) In addition to integrating IoT technologies into maintenance practices, they also integrated these technologies into the supply chain's better decision-making. A lot of participants have identified that not only was the data collected from IoT sensors able to predict maintenance needs but also gave valuable insights into how to improve a supply chain in general. It provides real time data about equipment status and equipment performance to companies so that they can make better scheduling, resource allocation and supply chain coordinated decisions. Participants mention that, for example, having knowledge of when equipment is most likely to break enables managers to determine when to change production plans to prevent products delivery delays to customers. This data driven approach also includes inventory management, by predictive maintenance data used to optimize stocks based on the stock level aligned with what they require and reduce the possibility of stock out or stock in excess. Aligning a company's maintenance schedules with those of the supply chain needs will help them to keep up with customer demands, have a more resilient supply chain and lower the total environmental footprint of their operations. Many participants visited the topic of environmental impact of IoT enabled predictive maintenance, which many pointed out to the sustainability benefits of such predictive maintenance systems. With organizations across the world looking at ways of reducing their carbon footprints and embracing a more sustainable practice, predictive maintenance is a crucial strategy for achieving the said goal. Participants noted that the ability to stop unnecessary breakdowns and prolong the life of machines is not only cost savings but also the way to minimize waste and save resources. This predictive maintenance has an aim that is to minimize energy consumption and ensures that companies do not exceed the environmental targets they have set up. Also, less waste is produced from scrapped equipment and parts since there are fewer repairs and replacements. One key example that some of the participants gave us was specifically about a situation where predictive maintenance had reduced waste, for instance, less scrap from broken machines, or less defective products carried out due to better maintained equipment. Even though it has many benefits because of the IoT enabled predictive maintenance, the study also found several challenges of implementation of IoT enabled predictive maintenance. The first challenge that was mentioned most often has to do with the initial investment required to deploy IoT systems and the infrastructure required for predictive maintenance. While it looks beneficial, installing IoT sensors, upgrading the equipment and training employees do not come cheap, especially for smaller businesses who have a limited budget. And some of the participants highlighted the barrier of cost integration of IoT technologies with existing systems, especially for industries using aging equipment that would require major retrofit to accept new technology. Aside from the financial aspect, many participants also touched upon the technical challenges associated with putting up predictive maintenance systems. IoT sensors can generate vast amounts of data, which is complex, hence sophisticated data analytics tools are needed to process and interpret this data. While technology promises much, it needs highly skilled personnel to manage and analyze the

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data. However, many organizations have challenges in recruiting or training employees that possess the technical expertise needed, thereby putting a hold on the uptake of predictive maintenance technologies. Secondly, organizations needed to avoid separating the IoT systems from current maintenance processes. Although prognostic tasks such as event prediction are susceptible to these challenges, the participants agreed that these benefits resulted from them and that further development with the help of IoT technologies is likely to reduce maintenance cost and bring a greater ease of the implementation in the future. There was another identified challenge that was the need for robust cybersecurity measures. With IoT systems capturing and transmitting sensitive data regarding equipment performance, as well as operational status, participants emphasized the need to guarantee security of those data in case of a breach in system or even cyber-attack. IoT systems, especially those with high value assets of critical infrastructure, were found vulnerable to hacking by many participants. While most participants considered that security measures were indispensable, they concurrently highlighted that the quick development of the technologies used by the IoT also required the constant revision and the enhancement of cybersecurity protocols to ensure that the sudden innovations are not left behind by possible threats. This study also found out how organizational culture and leadership affect the successful implementation of IoT enabled predictive maintenance. Several participants mentioned that predictive maintenance involved a paradigm shift in the way maintenance activities are performed as it involves proactive as opposed to a reactive maintenance approach driven using historical and current data. The leaders in predictive maintenance companies tended to have strong leadership and a culture of innovation in which decision makers were ready to invest in new technologies and build up collaboration between different departments. According to the participants, there were instances when the reluctance to adopt predictive maintenance was due to the nonacceptance of change to organizations, especially from employees who were used to traditional maintenance practices. Considering such, the study underlined the need to have such culture which will advocate technological developments as well as assist in the incorporation of the IoT based solutions.

Table 1. Benefits of IoT-Enabled Predictive Maintenance.

Table 1. Comprehensive Overview of IoT-Enabled Predictive Maintenance: Benefits, Environmental Impact, Challenges, Technological Integration, and Organizational Factors.

Theme	Description
Operational Efficiency	IoT-based predictive maintenance reduces unplanned downtime, leading to continuous production flow.
Cost Savings	Predictive maintenance minimizes emergency repairs, leading to substantial cost reductions.
Resource Optimization	Real-time monitoring optimizes the use of spare parts, labor, and energy, reducing wastage.
Improved Decision-Making	Data-driven insights from IoT sensors enhance strategic planning in maintenance and logistics.
Waste Reduction	Predictive maintenance helps in minimizing waste by extending equipment lifespan and reducing failures.
Energy Efficiency	IoT-based monitoring ensures that machinery operates at peak efficiency, cutting down energy consumption.
Reduced Carbon Footprint	By avoiding unnecessary replacements and optimizing operations, predictive maintenance reduces emissions.
Sustainable Resource Use	Longer-lasting equipment reduces the need for raw material consumption and resource extraction.
High Initial Investment	The cost of implementing IoT systems and retrofitting equipment is often a significant barrier.
Technical Complexity	The need for skilled personnel to manage and analyze large data sets generated by IoT sensors.

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Integration with Existing Systems	Integrating new IoT technologies into legacy systems can be complex and time-consuming.
Resistance to Change	Organizational culture may impede the adoption of new technologies due to unfamiliarity or reluctance.
Data-Driven Insights	Real-time data from IoT sensors offers predictive insights that enhance operational performance.
AI and Machine Learning Integration	The use of AI and ML algorithms improves the accuracy of predictive maintenance models.
Automation of Maintenance Processes	Predictive maintenance allows for automation, reducing manual intervention and increasing efficiency.
System Interoperability	The ability of IoT systems to communicate with existing systems and technologies in the organization.
Leadership Support	Strong leadership and clear vision were cited as crucial for the successful adoption of predictive maintenance.
Employee Training	Adequate training and skill development were necessary to ensure effective use of new technologies.
Collaborative Culture	A culture of collaboration between departments was necessary for the integration of IoT technologies.
Change Management	Effective change management practices were critical to overcoming resistance and ensuring adoption.

To fill in the gaps in the existing research from a multi-dimensional perspective, and to understand the benefits, the environmental impact, implementation challenges, technological integration, and organizational and cultural factors on the IoT enabled predictive maintenance, we have crafted a comprehensive table. How predictive maintenance benefits are emphasized with better operational efficiency, higher cost reduction, better utilization of the resource and making better decisions with data Driven methods. This indeed highlights why IoT is by no means transforming maintenance systems from being smarter, leaner, and more responsive. As significant, are its environmental implications in adopting a predictive maintenance. IoT based systems reduce corporate carbon emissions, minimize waste, and improve energy efficiency using them. Such outcomes are consistent with global sustainability targets to further emphasize the technology's broader socio-environmental value beyond accounting for these gains. Despite that, the implementation challenges cannot be ignored. Tangible barriers include initial high investment; technical complexity; and integration with another system that may be in place is a barrier to larger businesses but more so to smaller businesses. Change within organizations, especially the resistance to change, stresses the need for a robust change in management and stakeholder engagement. Technological integration of AI and machine learning with IoT processes provides for higher system interoperability and making asset management smart. These are features of future maintenance operations where decisions on when to suspend operations and prevent equipment failures can be made in real time and ahead of time. Finally, it emerges that organizational and cultural factors are critical enablers or deterrents. For the healthy adoption of IoT, a conducive environment has to be there and leadership support, employee training, interdepartmental collaboration, and effective change management are some of the ingredients in that environment. These are elements that will guarantee that technology is not only introduced but sustained and improved within the organization. The table is an aggregate representation of how the predictive maintenance works at industrial ecosystems leveraging IoT. It provides both strategic advantages as well as practical considerations that need to be considered to have success implementing these in practice, making it a building block towards smart manufacturing and sustainable operation.

According to the findings of this study, IoT enabled predictive maintenance has a considerable impact in revitalizing supply chain sustainability. The analysis identified the improvement of operational efficiency brought by predictive maintenance in supply chains as a central theme. The reduction of unplanned downtime and the possibility of getting maintenance scheduled more

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precisely will enable businesses to run their production processes more smoothly and without disruptions. The study also showed how predictive maintenance could save a vast amount of cost. Participants highlighted that the technology results in less emergency repairs, better resource usage, less replacements, and as a result, lower operating costs in the long run. Not only does average cost efficiency serve in predictive maintenance, but it also becomes environmentally sustainable as equipment has an extended life, reduces waste, and reduces energy use. As a result, it allows organizations to meet their sustainability goals, many even reduce their carbon footprint and consumables. One of the other key findings was to what extent predictive maintenance influences decision making processes. IoT sensors supply real time data and help the organizations make better informed decisions about maintenance schedules, allocation of resources and supply chain coordination so that operations happen correctly and smoothly. The challenges occurred when these systems were implemented. Among the barriers identified for the adoption of low dose imaging technology in their study, high initial investment costs, technical complexity, and integration challenges with existing systems, particularly with small companies or those who possess aging equipment were indicated. Another highlight among the participant's concerns was the need to have specialized skills to manage and analyze the large amount of data that IoT sensors provide. The success of predictive maintenance was attributed to cultural and organizational factors as well. To overcome resistance to change and place new technologies seamlessly in existing operation there was the need of strong leadership, employee training, and culture of collaboration. The process of adoption broadly required the adoption of effective change management strategies that could facilitate the process and ensure its sustainability in the long term. However, there were enormous challenges to overcome, and the clear consensus was that the benefits of IoT enabled predictive maintenance are more than worth it, especially given the positive contribution IoT can make to operational efficiency, cost savings and sustainability. With IoT technology advancing, supply chain companies are expected to use the technology in their operation even more as they grow with prediction maintenance for either economic or environmental gain.

5. Discussion

This study's findings provide critical understanding of how IoT-enabled predictive maintenance affects supply chain sustainability and discuss its pros and cons during its implementation. It seems to have one of the biggest direct impacts, in the form of improvement of operational efficiency. Predictive maintenance in turn reduces unplanned downtime and allows for more precise maintenance scheduling, all which are vital in ensuring the continuity of production processes and therefore maintain competitive advantage in fast paced industries. When it comes to equipment maintenance, this shift from reactive to proactive maintenance increases productivity as well as mitigates equipment failure risks. Additionally, predictive maintenance was adopted by many organizations, which saved huge amounts of money. Predictive maintenance addresses these key financial concerns of big industry when machinery dependent industries' cycle times are high and emergency repairs high. The other big function of technology in lowering long-term costs is its ability to extend the life of equipment. Predictive maintenance also offers environmental advantages – besides saving cost and operations. Because businesses are becoming more and more focused on sustainability, the ability to cut waste and energy consumption is expected to be more critical. Using IoT sensors to monitor equipment performance as it occurs, businesses can stretch out equipment lifespans, avoid unnecessary replacements, as well as reduce energy usage; all of which reduces the carbon footprint of the work. Clearly, all these outcomes are on par with the increasing popularity of green practices applied to supply chain operations. While the study also identifies some of the roadblocks experienced by organizations while implementing predictive maintenance. However, some of the barriers involved include high initial investment costs, technical complexities, and the requirement of possessed skilled personnel to manage and analyze massive data sets. And these obstacles are especially difficult for smaller businesses that have less funding or nineteenth century hardware. However, the overall positive outcomes from predictive maintenance support that the

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costs are outweighed by the benefits towards the long term with the evolving and accessible technology.

6. Conclusion

A transformative strategy of adopting IoT enabled predictive maintenance, can help improve supply chain sustainability. Predicting and preventing equipment failures before they happen increase efficiency operational as well as reduce downtime and save on huge cost. This change doesn't only benefit businesses by bringing productivity and thereby reducing costs of operations, but it also helps in achieving environmental goals by minimizing waste and energy usage. By giving access to the real time data provided by IoT sensors, organizations can make better decisions and therefore allocate resources more efficiently and optimize supply chain operations. Challenges for the initial investment and technical complexities in implementing predictive maintenance systems are that they are not trivial to deploy but the long-term benefits are outstanding, especially in terms of cost efficiency and sustainability. Successful adoption of these technologies can provide competitive advantages in both environmental and economic terms to businesses that can do so. While predictive maintenance is emerging for the present, it is likely that the role it plays in driving innovation and sustainability in supply chains will increase over the future of IoT technology.

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