



Enhancing the Performance of U.S. Infrastructure Projects Through Integrated Planning, Risk Management, and Digital Construction Technologies

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Abstract

This study examined the performance of U.S. infrastructure projects through a quantitative analysis of integrated planning, risk management, and digital construction technologies. A cross-sectional explanatory research design was adopted, and data were collected from 214 infrastructure professionals across transportation, energy, utilities, and public works sectors. The study aimed to evaluate the extent to which these factors influenced project performance, measured in terms of cost efficiency, schedule adherence, quality outcomes, and coordination effectiveness. Descriptive analysis indicated moderate to high implementation levels of integrated planning ($M = 3.78$), risk management ($M = 3.65$), and digital construction technologies ($M = 3.71$), with overall project performance recorded at a mean value of 3.83. Correlation analysis revealed strong positive relationships between integrated planning and project performance ($r = 0.62$), digital construction technologies ($r = 0.55$), and risk management ($r = 0.51$), all statistically significant at $p < 0.001$. Multiple regression analysis further demonstrated that the combined model explained 58.4% of the variance in project performance ($R^2 = 0.584$, $F = 61.27$, $p < 0.001$). Integrated planning emerged as the strongest predictor ($\beta = 0.41$), followed by digital construction technologies ($\beta = 0.29$) and risk management ($\beta = 0.25$), all statistically significant. Subgroup analysis indicated that technology-driven sectors such as transportation and energy reported higher digital impact, while experienced professionals showed stronger alignment with planning effectiveness. The findings confirmed that infrastructure project performance is significantly enhanced through the integration of structured planning, proactive risk management, and digital construction capabilities. The study contributed to the literature by providing empirical evidence of the combined and relative effects of these factors within a unified quantitative framework. The results emphasized the importance of adopting integrated and data-driven management approaches to improve efficiency, coordination, and reliability in infrastructure project delivery within the United States.

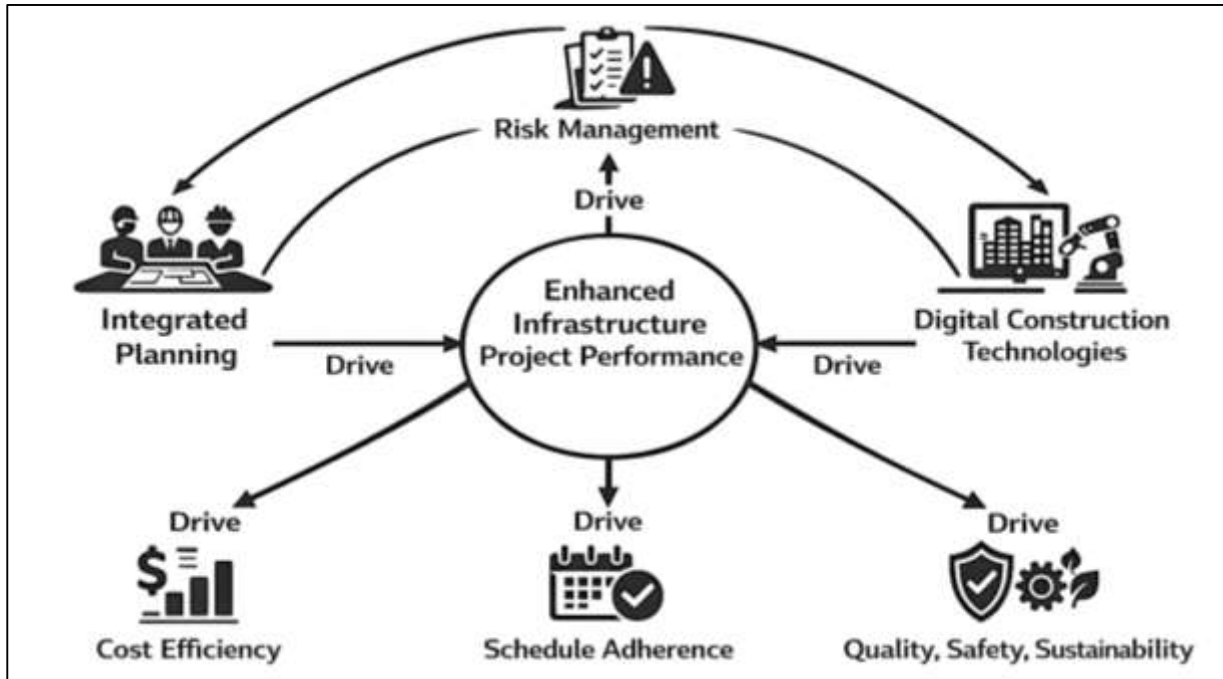
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INTRODUCTION

Infrastructure projects are broadly defined as large-scale public or private investments aimed at developing physical systems such as transportation networks, energy systems, water supply facilities, and communication frameworks that support economic and social activities. These projects are inherently complex due to their scale, long life cycles, and involvement of multiple stakeholders across technical, financial, and regulatory domains. Performance in infrastructure projects is typically measured through key dimensions including cost efficiency, schedule adherence, quality outcomes, safety standards, and long-term sustainability (Chaudhary et al., 2017).

Figure 1: Integrated Infrastructure Performance Enhancement Framework



From an international perspective, infrastructure development serves as a critical driver of economic growth, social inclusion, and national competitiveness, particularly in developed economies such as the United States where aging infrastructure systems require modernization and resilience enhancements. The performance of such projects is therefore not only a matter of technical execution but also a reflection of governance quality, strategic planning capabilities, and institutional coordination. Globally, infrastructure investment has been linked to improvements in productivity, trade facilitation, and quality of life, positioning it as a central pillar of national development strategies. In the U.S., infrastructure projects are often characterized by high capital intensity and regulatory complexity, necessitating advanced approaches to planning and execution. The integration of multiple disciplines such as engineering, project management, economics, and information technology further amplifies the need for coordinated frameworks that can address interdependencies across project phases (T. Wang et al., 2021). Performance challenges frequently arise from fragmented planning processes, inadequate risk identification, and limited use of digital tools, which collectively contribute to cost overruns and delays. As infrastructure systems become more interconnected and technologically advanced, the need for comprehensive performance enhancement strategies becomes increasingly critical. This has led to growing emphasis on integrated planning, systematic risk management, and the adoption of digital construction technologies as key enablers of improved project outcomes.

Integrated planning refers to a holistic approach that aligns project objectives, stakeholder expectations, resource allocation, and operational processes across all phases of a project lifecycle (Ramachandran & Chang, 2016). In infrastructure development, integrated planning encompasses the coordination of design, procurement, construction, and operation activities to ensure coherence and efficiency. This

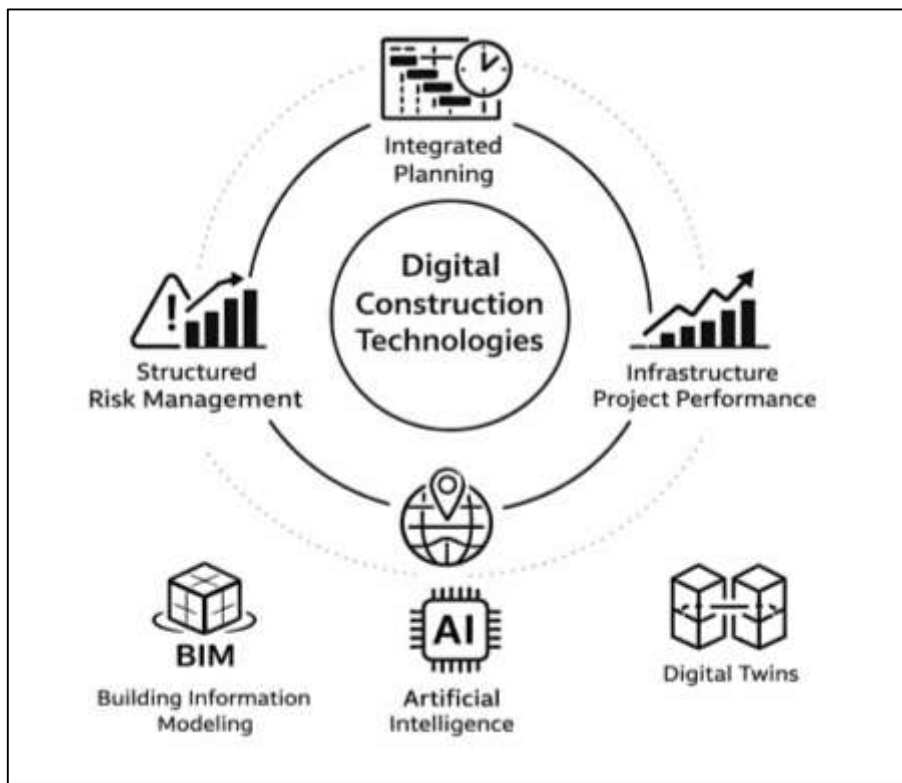
approach contrasts with traditional silo-based planning methods, where different project components are managed independently, often leading to misalignment and inefficiencies. Integrated planning emphasizes early collaboration among stakeholders, including project owners, designers, contractors, and regulatory bodies, thereby facilitating shared understanding and collective decision-making. At an international level, integrated planning has gained recognition as a best practice for managing the complexity of large infrastructure projects. It enables the identification of potential conflicts and constraints at an early stage, reducing the likelihood of costly modifications during later phases (Chadwick et al., 2020). In the U.S. context, infrastructure projects often involve multiple jurisdictions and regulatory frameworks, making integrated planning particularly valuable for ensuring compliance and coordination. The approach also supports the optimization of resource utilization by aligning project schedules, budgets, and technical requirements. Furthermore, integrated planning incorporates advanced analytical tools and modeling techniques to simulate project scenarios, assess feasibility, and evaluate alternative strategies. This enhances the ability of project managers to make informed decisions based on comprehensive data and predictive insights. The effectiveness of integrated planning is closely linked to the adoption of collaborative platforms and information-sharing mechanisms that facilitate real-time communication among stakeholders. These platforms enable the integration of diverse data sources, including design specifications, cost estimates, and risk assessments, into a unified framework (Qadir et al., 2018). By fostering transparency and accountability, integrated planning contributes to improved project governance and performance. As infrastructure projects continue to grow in scale and complexity, the role of integrated planning as a foundational element of performance enhancement becomes increasingly significant.

Risk management is a systematic process of identifying, analyzing, evaluating, and mitigating uncertainties that may impact project objectives. In infrastructure projects, risks can arise from a wide range of sources, including technical challenges, financial constraints, regulatory changes, environmental factors, and stakeholder conflicts. Effective risk management is essential for ensuring project stability and achieving desired performance outcomes. It involves the development of structured frameworks that enable proactive identification of potential risks and the implementation of strategies to minimize their impact. Internationally, risk management has become a central component of project management methodologies, reflecting the growing recognition of uncertainty as a critical determinant of project success (Ahmed & Hasan Or, 2021; Pereira et al., 2017). In the U.S., infrastructure projects are often subject to stringent regulatory requirements and public scrutiny, which further underscores the importance of robust risk management practices. The integration of risk management into the planning and execution phases allows project teams to anticipate potential disruptions and develop contingency plans (Aditya & Chandra, 2022; Md & Mehedi, 2021). This proactive approach enhances the resilience of infrastructure projects and reduces the likelihood of cost overruns and delays. Risk management also involves the use of quantitative techniques to assess the probability and impact of identified risks. These techniques include statistical modeling, simulation, and sensitivity analysis, which provide insights into the potential variability of project outcomes. By quantifying risks, project managers can prioritize mitigation efforts and allocate resources more effectively (Anick & Tasnim, 2022; Hisham & Robel, 2022; Zhili et al., 2019). Additionally, risk management frameworks often incorporate continuous monitoring and feedback mechanisms to track the evolution of risks throughout the project lifecycle. This dynamic approach enables timely adjustments and ensures that risk mitigation strategies remain relevant and effective (Siddique & Amin, 2022; Md & Islam, 2022). The integration of risk management with other project management processes, such as scheduling and budgeting, further enhances its effectiveness. By embedding risk considerations into decision-making processes, infrastructure projects can achieve greater alignment between objectives and outcomes (Mehedi & Md, 2022; Mainuddin & Chandra, 2022). As the complexity of infrastructure systems continues to increase, the role of risk management as a key driver of performance becomes increasingly critical.

Digital construction technologies refer to the use of advanced digital tools and systems to enhance the planning, design, construction, and management of infrastructure projects (Badakhshan et al., 2019; Shahinur & Sultan, 2022; Mostafa & Tohidul, 2022). These technologies include Building Information

Modeling (BIM), Geographic Information Systems (GIS), digital twins, artificial intelligence, and data analytics platforms (Khatun & Morshedul, 2022; Zakia & Nahar, 2022). They enable the creation of detailed digital representations of physical assets, facilitating improved visualization, analysis, and decision-making. The adoption of digital construction technologies has transformed traditional construction practices by introducing greater precision, efficiency, and transparency. From a global perspective, digital transformation in construction has been driven by the need to address persistent challenges such as inefficiencies, cost overruns, and delays. In the U.S., the integration of digital technologies into infrastructure projects has gained momentum as organizations seek to improve performance and competitiveness (Pan et al., 2020).

Figure 2: Digital Technologies in Infrastructure Performance



BIM, for example, allows for the integration of design and construction data into a single model, enabling real-time collaboration and conflict detection (Islam & Aditya, 2023; Arifur & Haque, 2023). Digital twins extend this capability by providing dynamic simulations of infrastructure systems, allowing for continuous monitoring and optimization. The use of digital construction technologies also supports data-driven decision-making by providing access to comprehensive and accurate information. This enhances the ability of project managers to evaluate alternatives, assess risks, and optimize resource allocation. Furthermore, digital technologies facilitate automation and standardization of processes, reducing the likelihood of human error and improving overall efficiency. The integration of these technologies with other project management practices, such as integrated planning and risk management, creates a synergistic effect that enhances project performance (Chapaloglou et al., 2023; Khaled & Mosheur, 2023; Shahab & Aditya, 2023). As infrastructure projects become increasingly complex and data-intensive, the role of digital construction technologies in enabling effective management and execution becomes more pronounced. Their ability to provide real-time insights and support collaborative workflows positions them as a critical component of modern infrastructure development (Hasan Or et al., 2023; Mehedi & Nahar, 2023).

The performance of infrastructure projects is influenced by the interplay between integrated planning, risk management, and digital construction technologies. These elements are not independent; rather, they function as interconnected components of a comprehensive project management framework. Integrated planning provides the strategic foundation by aligning objectives and coordinating activities, while risk management ensures the identification and mitigation of uncertainties. Digital construction technologies serve as enablers that enhance the effectiveness of both planning and risk management through data integration and analytical capabilities (Chen et al., 2016; Md. Sultan & Anick, 2023; Mostafa, 2023). At an international level, the convergence of these elements has been recognized as a key factor in achieving successful project outcomes. In the U.S., infrastructure projects often involve complex stakeholder networks and regulatory environments, making the integration of these components particularly important (Ratul & Aditya, 2023; Tasnim & Zaheda, 2023). The use of digital tools facilitates the seamless exchange of information between planning and risk management processes, enabling more accurate forecasting and decision-making. For example, simulation models can be used to assess the impact of potential risks on project schedules and budgets, allowing for the development of more robust plans (Iftekhhar & Tohidul, 2024; Khaled & Morshedul, 2024). The interdependencies between these elements also highlight the importance of organizational capabilities and leadership in managing infrastructure projects. Effective implementation requires a culture of collaboration, innovation, and continuous improvement (Ahmadi et al., 2018; Md. Towhidul & Uddin, 2024; Mohammad Mushfequr & Aditya, 2024). Organizations must invest in training and capacity building to ensure that project teams can effectively utilize digital tools and apply integrated planning and risk management practices. The alignment of these elements within a unified framework enhances the ability of infrastructure projects to achieve their objectives and deliver value to stakeholders (Sazzadul & Rebeka, 2024; Tasnim & Anick, 2024).

Performance measurement in infrastructure projects involves the use of quantitative and qualitative metrics to assess the extent to which project objectives are achieved. Common performance indicators include cost variance, schedule variance, quality standards, safety performance, and environmental impact. These metrics provide a basis for evaluating project success and identifying areas for improvement. The development of comprehensive evaluation frameworks is essential for ensuring that performance is measured accurately and consistently (Chen et al., 2022; Ishtiaque & Rajib, 2025; Zaheda & Md Hamidur, 2024). Internationally, performance evaluation frameworks have evolved to incorporate a broader range of indicators that reflect the multidimensional nature of infrastructure projects. In the U.S., the emphasis on accountability and transparency has led to the adoption of standardized performance measurement systems. These systems often integrate data from various sources, including financial records, project schedules, and operational metrics, to provide a holistic view of project performance. The use of digital construction technologies further enhances the accuracy and reliability of performance data by enabling real-time monitoring and analysis (Md, 2025; Md Khaled, 2025). Quantitative approaches to performance evaluation involve the application of statistical and analytical techniques to assess project outcomes. These approaches provide insights into the relationships between different performance variables and enable the identification of patterns and trends (Wenhua et al., 2023). By leveraging data analytics, project managers can gain a deeper understanding of the factors that influence performance and develop strategies to address them. The integration of performance evaluation with planning and risk management processes ensures that lessons learned are incorporated into future projects, contributing to continuous improvement (Md Shahab, 2025; Mostafa, 2025).

The United States represents a significant context for the study of infrastructure project performance due to its extensive and aging infrastructure systems, high levels of investment, and complex regulatory environment. Infrastructure projects in the U.S. are often characterized by large budgets, long durations, and involvement of multiple stakeholders, including federal, state, and local agencies. These characteristics create unique challenges that require advanced management approaches to ensure successful outcomes (Jia et al., 2022; Sazzadul, 2025; Tahmina Akter & Aditya, 2025). The integration of planning, risk management, and digital technologies is particularly relevant in this context, as it provides a framework for addressing the complexities of large-scale infrastructure

development. From a global perspective, the challenges and opportunities associated with U.S. infrastructure projects have broader implications for other countries. The lessons learned from the implementation of integrated approaches can inform best practices and contribute to the development of more effective project management strategies worldwide. As countries seek to modernize their infrastructure systems and enhance resilience, the adoption of integrated frameworks becomes increasingly important (Yi et al., 2023). The U.S. experience highlights the need for coordination, innovation, and data-driven decision-making in achieving high levels of project performance. The global significance of infrastructure development underscores the importance of continuous improvement and knowledge sharing across countries and regions. By examining the factors that influence performance in U.S. infrastructure projects, valuable insights can be gained into the broader dynamics of infrastructure development and management. These insights contribute to the advancement of theory and practice in the field, supporting the development of more efficient and sustainable infrastructure systems worldwide (Dabbaghjamesh et al., 2019).

The primary objective of this quantitative study is to systematically examine how integrated planning, structured risk management practices, and the adoption of digital construction technologies collectively influence the performance outcomes of infrastructure projects in the United States. The study seeks to operationalize infrastructure project performance through measurable indicators such as cost efficiency, schedule adherence, quality benchmarks, and overall project reliability, and to quantify the extent to which each of the three core variables contributes to variations in these outcomes. A central aim is to develop and test a comprehensive analytical framework that captures the interrelationships between planning integration, risk mitigation strategies, and digital technology utilization within complex project environments. The research intends to evaluate whether integrated planning practices enhance coordination and reduce fragmentation across project phases, and to determine how these improvements translate into measurable performance gains. In parallel, the study aims to assess the effectiveness of risk management systems in identifying, quantifying, and mitigating uncertainties that typically disrupt infrastructure projects, with a focus on understanding their statistical impact on reducing delays and cost overruns. Another key objective is to investigate the role of digital construction technologies, including data-driven tools and modeling platforms, in improving decision-making accuracy, communication efficiency, and operational transparency. The study further seeks to explore the combined effect of these variables by analyzing whether their integration produces a synergistic improvement in project performance beyond their individual contributions. Through quantitative modeling and empirical data analysis, the research aims to identify significant predictors of project success and establish evidence-based relationships among the variables. Additionally, the study is designed to generate measurable insights that can support the standardization of performance evaluation frameworks in infrastructure project management. By focusing on the U.S. context, the research also aims to provide a structured understanding of how these factors operate within a highly regulated and resource-intensive environment, thereby offering a robust empirical foundation for evaluating performance optimization strategies in large-scale infrastructure development.

LITERATURE REVIEW

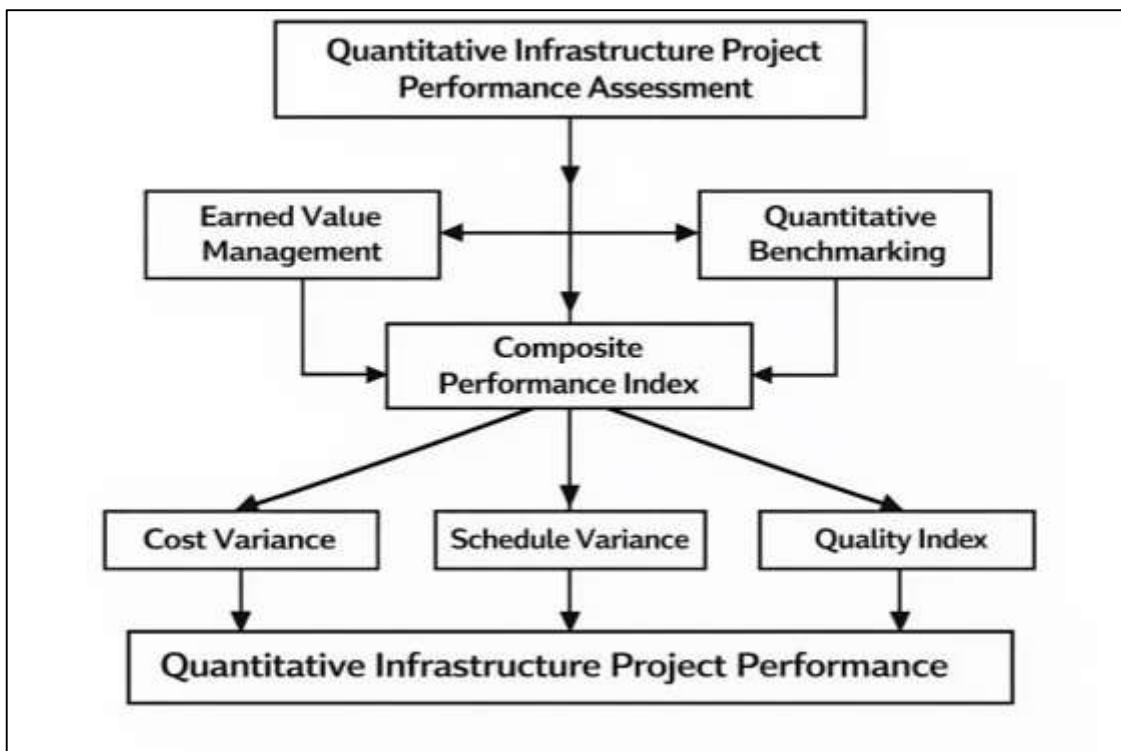
The literature review section provides a structured and quantitative-oriented synthesis of existing scholarly work related to infrastructure project performance, with a specific focus on the integration of planning mechanisms, risk management frameworks, and digital construction technologies. Infrastructure projects, particularly in the United States, have been extensively studied due to their economic significance, operational complexity, and persistent performance challenges associated with cost overruns, delays, and inefficiencies. This section aims to systematically examine the empirical and theoretical foundations that explain how project performance can be enhanced through measurable and data-driven approaches (Asoodeh et al., 2016). Emphasis is placed on quantitative studies that employ statistical modeling, regression analysis, simulation techniques, and performance metrics to evaluate relationships among key variables. The review is structured to identify critical constructs, define measurable variables, and examine the statistical relationships that underpin infrastructure project success. It explores how integrated planning contributes to coordination efficiency, how risk management frameworks quantify and mitigate uncertainties, and how digital construction technologies enable data-driven decision-making and process optimization. Furthermore, the section

highlights the interdependencies among these domains, emphasizing the need for multi-variable analytical frameworks capable of capturing complex interactions within infrastructure systems (Khan et al., 2023; Md Khaled, 2026). By organizing the literature into clearly defined quantitative dimensions, this review establishes a foundation for hypothesis development and empirical testing in subsequent sections of the study. The objective is to move beyond descriptive insights and focus on measurable relationships that can be validated through quantitative methodologies, thereby contributing to a more rigorous and evidence-based understanding of infrastructure project performance.

Infrastructure Project Performance Measurement

Infrastructure project performance has been extensively conceptualized through measurable variables that capture the efficiency and effectiveness of project delivery processes. Among the most widely recognized indicators are cost variance, schedule variance, and quality index, which collectively provide a multidimensional view of project outcomes. Cost variance reflects the deviation between planned and actual expenditures, serving as a critical indicator of financial control and budgeting accuracy (Chenya et al., 2022). Schedule variance, on the other hand, measures the difference between planned timelines and actual project completion, offering insights into time management efficiency and operational coordination. The quality index evaluates the extent to which project outputs meet predefined technical standards and stakeholder expectations, encompassing aspects such as durability, safety, and compliance.

Figure 3: Quantitative Infrastructure Performance Evaluation Framework



These variables are often operationalized through standardized measurement frameworks that enable consistent data collection and analysis across projects. The literature emphasizes the importance of integrating these variables into a unified performance assessment model, as isolated evaluation may overlook interdependencies between cost, time, and quality dimensions. Empirical studies have demonstrated that variations in one dimension often influence outcomes in others, highlighting the need for a holistic measurement approach. Furthermore, the operational definition of these variables has evolved to incorporate both quantitative metrics and structured evaluation criteria, ensuring that performance assessments capture both measurable outcomes and contextual project characteristics (Liu et al., 2023). The increasing complexity of infrastructure projects has further necessitated the refinement

of these definitions to accommodate diverse project types and scales. As a result, the quantitative conceptualization of performance variables serves as a foundational element in the development of robust evaluation frameworks, enabling researchers and practitioners to systematically analyze project outcomes and identify key determinants of success.

The development of composite performance indices has emerged as a significant advancement in the quantitative evaluation of infrastructure projects. These indices integrate multiple performance variables into a single aggregated measure, allowing for a more comprehensive assessment of project success (Zou et al., 2017). Multi-criteria decision-making approaches play a central role in this process by providing structured methodologies for weighting and combining different performance indicators. These approaches consider the relative importance of cost, schedule, and quality dimensions, enabling the construction of indices that reflect the overall effectiveness of project execution. The literature highlights various techniques used in multi-criteria decision models, including hierarchical structuring, pairwise comparison, and normalization methods, which facilitate the aggregation of diverse data types into a coherent index. Such models enhance the comparability of projects by standardizing performance measurements across different contexts and scales. Additionally, composite indices enable the identification of trade-offs between performance dimensions, providing valuable insights into the allocation of resources and prioritization of project objectives. The use of these indices has been particularly prominent in large-scale infrastructure projects, where complexity and stakeholder diversity necessitate comprehensive evaluation tools (Abdullahi et al., 2023). Empirical research indicates that composite performance indices improve decision-making by offering a holistic perspective on project outcomes, thereby supporting more informed and balanced assessments. The integration of multi-criteria decision approaches into performance measurement frameworks represents a critical step toward achieving consistency and objectivity in infrastructure project evaluation, reinforcing the importance of quantitative methodologies in understanding and improving project performance.

Earned Value Management has been widely adopted as a quantitative tool for measuring project efficiency and tracking performance throughout the project lifecycle. This approach integrates cost, schedule, and scope parameters into a unified framework, enabling continuous monitoring and control of project progress (Omran et al., 2023). Through the use of standardized metrics, Earned Value Management provides a systematic method for comparing planned performance with actual outcomes, thereby facilitating early detection of deviations and enabling corrective actions. The literature underscores the effectiveness of this approach in enhancing project transparency and accountability, particularly in complex infrastructure projects where multiple variables interact dynamically. Statistical measurement techniques associated with Earned Value Management allow for the analysis of performance trends and the identification of underlying patterns in project execution. These techniques support the evaluation of efficiency by quantifying the relationship between resource utilization and output delivery. Moreover, the integration of Earned Value Management with other analytical tools has further strengthened its applicability in infrastructure project management, enabling more sophisticated assessments of performance (Bortey et al., 2022). Empirical studies have demonstrated that the use of Earned Value Management contributes to improved project outcomes by providing timely and accurate information for decision-making. The approach also facilitates the standardization of performance measurement practices, promoting consistency across projects and enhancing the comparability of results. As infrastructure projects continue to grow in complexity, the role of Earned Value Management as a key instrument for statistical efficiency measurement remains central to the advancement of quantitative project management methodologies.

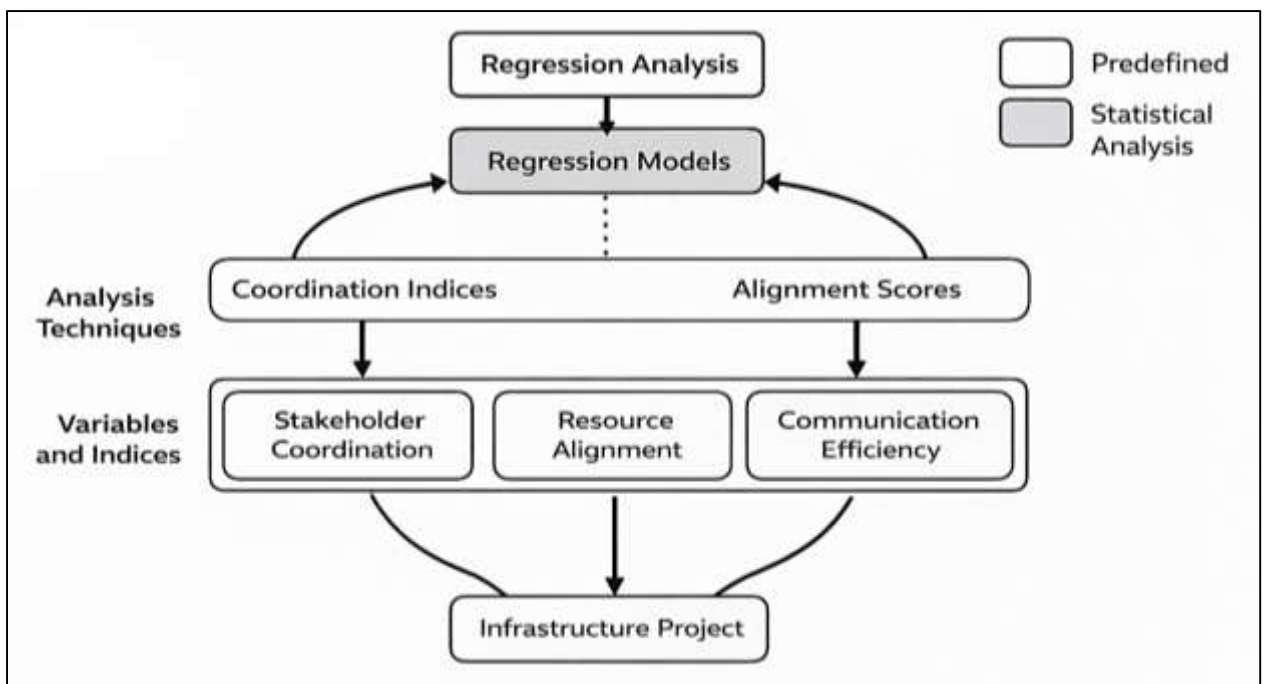
Quantitative benchmarking has become an essential component of infrastructure project performance evaluation, enabling the comparison of project outcomes across different regions, sectors, and organizational contexts. Benchmarking involves the systematic collection and analysis of performance data to identify best practices and establish reference standards for project execution (Wu et al., 2023). The literature highlights the importance of using standardized metrics and data collection methods to ensure the accuracy and comparability of benchmarking results. By analyzing performance variations across projects, benchmarking provides valuable insights into the factors that influence success and

identifies areas for improvement. In addition to benchmarking, the reliability and validity of performance measurement scales are critical considerations in quantitative research. Reliability refers to the consistency of measurement results over time and across different contexts, while validity concerns the extent to which measurement instruments accurately capture the intended performance constructs. The development of reliable and valid measurement scales involves rigorous testing and validation processes, including statistical analysis and empirical verification (El Khatib et al., 2023). Studies have emphasized the need for robust measurement frameworks that can withstand variations in project conditions and maintain accuracy across diverse scenarios. The integration of benchmarking with reliability and validity assessment enhances the credibility of performance evaluations, ensuring that conclusions drawn from quantitative analyses are both accurate and meaningful. This combination of approaches supports the development of standardized performance measurement systems that facilitate continuous improvement and knowledge transfer within the infrastructure sector.

Integrated Planning and Project Coordination Efficiency

The quantification of integrated planning has been a focal area in infrastructure project management research, particularly in efforts to translate coordination effectiveness into measurable constructs. Scholars have operationalized planning integration through coordination indices and alignment scores that capture the degree of synchronization among project stakeholders, processes, and resources (Nguyen & Akhavian, 2019). These indices typically reflect the extent to which planning activities across design, procurement, and construction phases are harmonized, enabling researchers to assess coordination efficiency in quantitative terms.

Figure 4: Integrated Planning Quantification Framework



The literature indicates that higher levels of planning integration are associated with improved communication, reduced duplication of efforts, and enhanced decision-making consistency. Alignment scores further provide a structured mechanism to evaluate how well project objectives, stakeholder expectations, and operational strategies are aligned throughout the project lifecycle. Empirical investigations have demonstrated that misalignment in planning processes often results in inefficiencies that propagate across project phases, leading to delays and cost escalations. The use of quantitative indices allows for the standardization of planning evaluation, making it possible to compare coordination efficiency across different projects and contexts (Ghazvini et al., 2017). Additionally, studies emphasize the role of data integration platforms and collaborative planning tools

in enhancing measurable coordination outcomes. By converting qualitative planning interactions into quantifiable metrics, researchers have been able to establish more rigorous analytical frameworks for evaluating infrastructure project performance. This shift toward measurable planning constructs has contributed significantly to advancing the empirical study of project coordination, enabling a more systematic understanding of how integrated planning influences overall project success.

Regression analysis has been widely utilized to examine the relationship between planning integration and key performance indicators such as cost efficiency and schedule adherence (Ong & Bahar, 2019). This statistical approach enables researchers to quantify the strength and direction of associations between integrated planning variables and project outcomes, providing empirical evidence of their impact. The literature consistently highlights that higher levels of planning integration are correlated with reduced cost overruns and improved schedule performance, reflecting the benefits of coordinated project execution. Regression models often incorporate multiple independent variables, including stakeholder coordination, resource alignment, and communication efficiency, to assess their combined influence on dependent performance measures. These models allow for the identification of significant predictors of project success, offering insights into which aspects of planning integration contribute most to performance improvements (Demirkesen & Ozorhon, 2017). Empirical studies have also explored the moderating effects of project size, complexity, and organizational structure on the relationship between planning integration and performance outcomes. Findings suggest that the effectiveness of integrated planning may vary depending on contextual factors, underscoring the importance of considering project-specific characteristics in quantitative analyses. Furthermore, regression-based approaches facilitate the evaluation of incremental improvements in performance associated with enhanced planning practices, enabling a more nuanced understanding of their impact. By providing statistically validated relationships, regression analysis has become a key methodological tool in infrastructure project research, supporting the development of evidence-based strategies for improving planning and coordination efficiency (Wu et al., 2019).

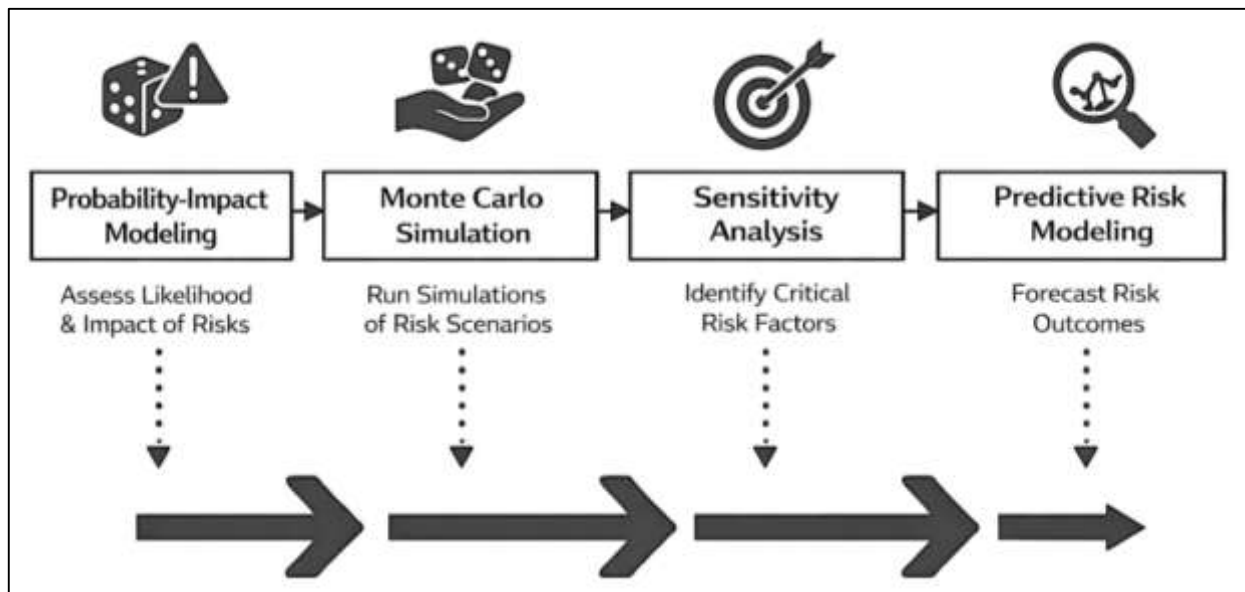
Structural equation modeling has emerged as a powerful analytical technique for examining the complex relationships between stakeholder coordination and infrastructure project outcomes. This approach allows researchers to model multiple interrelated variables simultaneously, capturing both direct and indirect effects within a unified framework. In the context of integrated planning, structural equation modeling has been used to explore how coordination among stakeholders influences performance dimensions such as cost, time, and quality. The literature demonstrates that stakeholder coordination is a multidimensional construct encompassing communication effectiveness, collaboration intensity, and decision-making alignment (Mahdi et al., 2021). Structural models enable the decomposition of these dimensions into measurable components, providing a detailed understanding of their contributions to project outcomes. Empirical findings indicate that effective stakeholder coordination significantly enhances project performance by reducing conflicts, improving information exchange, and facilitating timely decision-making. The use of structural equation modeling also allows for the examination of latent variables, which represent underlying constructs that are not directly observable but can be inferred from measurable indicators. This capability is particularly valuable in studying complex phenomena such as coordination and integration, which involve multiple interacting factors. Additionally, structural models have been employed to assess the mediating role of coordination in the relationship between planning integration and project performance, revealing the mechanisms through which integrated planning influences outcomes (Ershadi et al., 2020). The application of this methodology has contributed to a more comprehensive and sophisticated understanding of infrastructure project dynamics, highlighting the importance of stakeholder coordination as a critical determinant of success.

Risk Management Frameworks in Infrastructure Projects

Quantitative risk management in infrastructure projects begins with the systematic identification and measurement of uncertainty, and probability-impact modeling has become one of the most widely used approaches for this purpose. In large-scale infrastructure settings, risks rarely emerge as isolated events. They are embedded in financing arrangements, design complexity, stakeholder coordination, procurement systems, environmental approvals, labor productivity, material availability, and political or regulatory conditions (Zare Khafri et al., 2023). Probability-impact modeling offers a structured way

to classify such uncertainties according to the likelihood of occurrence and the magnitude of their consequences for cost, schedule, quality, and operational continuity. The literature shows that this approach has been especially useful in translating broad managerial concerns into measurable risk priorities that can be ranked and compared across project phases. Researchers have emphasized that large infrastructure projects require risk quantification frameworks that move beyond descriptive checklists and instead support prioritization based on measurable exposure. Through this lens, probability-impact modeling serves as a bridge between qualitative expert judgment and statistical decision support. It enables project teams to distinguish between low-probability disruptions with catastrophic consequences and frequent operational issues with moderate cumulative effects (Huang et al., 2021). Studies have also shown that the strength of this method lies in its ability to support early-stage planning, when project assumptions remain fluid and risk treatment decisions have the greatest strategic value. In practice, it has often been used to develop risk registers, assign numerical weights to identified threats, and support comparative analysis among competing mitigation options. The literature further suggests that probability-impact assessments become more informative when they are supported by historical project data, sector-specific risk libraries, and multi-stakeholder input, because these elements reduce bias and improve consistency in scoring. Within infrastructure research, the method has been particularly valuable in projects involving highways, bridges, rail systems, water utilities, and energy facilities, where uncertainty tends to accumulate across long durations and multiple contractual interfaces. As a result, probability-impact modeling has remained central to the quantitative tradition in infrastructure risk management because it provides a practical and scalable foundation for measuring the severity of uncertainty and linking it to project performance evaluation (Taboada et al., 2023).

Figure 5: Infrastructure Risk Management Approach



Monte Carlo simulation has gained a prominent place in the infrastructure management literature because it addresses one of the central limitations of deterministic project planning: the tendency to assume single-point estimates for cost and schedule outcomes in environments shaped by substantial uncertainty. In infrastructure delivery, project budgets and timelines are influenced by interacting variables such as design revisions, inflation, contractor performance, site conditions, weather disruptions, permit delays, supply chain volatility, and productivity variation. The literature presents Monte Carlo simulation as a powerful method for exploring the range of possible outcomes generated by these interacting uncertainties rather than relying on fixed estimates that may obscure the true level of risk (Nejatyan et al., 2023). By repeatedly generating possible scenarios from specified uncertainty distributions, the method enables analysts to estimate probable ranges of project completion dates and final expenditures, thereby improving decision quality at both planning and control stages. Studies consistently report that this approach enhances transparency in contingency allocation, supports more

credible budget forecasting, and helps managers understand the likelihood of different cost and schedule deviations. In the context of infrastructure projects, this is particularly important because contingency decisions often shape financing feasibility, procurement strategy, and public accountability. The literature also indicates that Monte Carlo analysis has been effective in identifying which project assumptions contribute most to volatility, thereby complementing broader enterprise risk management processes (Love et al., 2021). In transportation, construction, and energy infrastructure studies, simulation-based risk analysis has been associated with more realistic planning practices and stronger communication of uncertainty to owners, regulators, and funders. Another important contribution of the method lies in its ability to incorporate correlations among risks, which reflects the practical reality that delays in one activity can trigger cascading effects in procurement, labor deployment, and downstream execution. Researchers have further noted that simulation becomes especially valuable in megaprojects, where the compounding nature of uncertainty makes linear forecasting methods inadequate. Across the literature, Monte Carlo simulation is treated not merely as a technical exercise but as a strategic mechanism for converting fragmented risk data into probabilistic insight (Lewin et al., 2021). This has positioned it as one of the most influential quantitative tools in contemporary infrastructure risk management, particularly for organizations seeking to improve the reliability of cost forecasting and schedule resilience.

A major strand of quantitative infrastructure risk research has focused on understanding which risk variables matter most and how strongly they influence performance outcomes. Sensitivity analysis has therefore become an essential method for identifying the critical drivers of project vulnerability. Rather than treating all risks as equally important, this approach evaluates how changes in selected inputs affect outcomes such as cost escalation, schedule slippage, productivity loss, and quality deviation. The literature shows that sensitivity analysis has been widely used to isolate dominant risk factors in complex infrastructure systems, particularly where resources for mitigation are limited and prioritization is necessary (Elghaish et al., 2021). By revealing which variables exert the greatest influence on project performance, the method supports more targeted decision-making and sharper allocation of managerial attention. Closely related to this line of inquiry is the development of composite indicators such as the Risk Exposure Index, which combines dimensions of likelihood and consequence into a single measure of overall project exposure. In the literature, the Risk Exposure Index has been used to rank threats, compare projects, and examine correlations between aggregate exposure levels and actual performance metrics. Studies suggest that projects with higher measured exposure tend to show greater instability in budget control, weaker schedule adherence, and higher variability in output quality, especially in politically sensitive or technically complex environments. The usefulness of the index lies in its capacity to simplify multidimensional uncertainty into an interpretable performance-related measure without fully collapsing the richness of underlying risk categories (Yi et al., 2019). Infrastructure scholars have applied such indices in road construction, public works delivery, utilities expansion, and large transport corridor projects to create benchmarkable risk profiles. Sensitivity analysis and exposure indexing have also been used together, allowing researchers to assess both the relative influence of individual risks and the cumulative burden of project-wide uncertainty. This combination has strengthened empirical inquiry into the relationship between risk conditions and observed project outcomes. The literature further indicates that exposure-based assessments improve communication between technical teams and executive decision-makers because they translate complex uncertainty structures into prioritized managerial information (Soltanisehat et al., 2023). Within quantitative infrastructure research, these approaches have become essential for explaining why some projects remain resilient under uncertainty while others experience pronounced performance deviations even when initial planning assumptions appear similar.

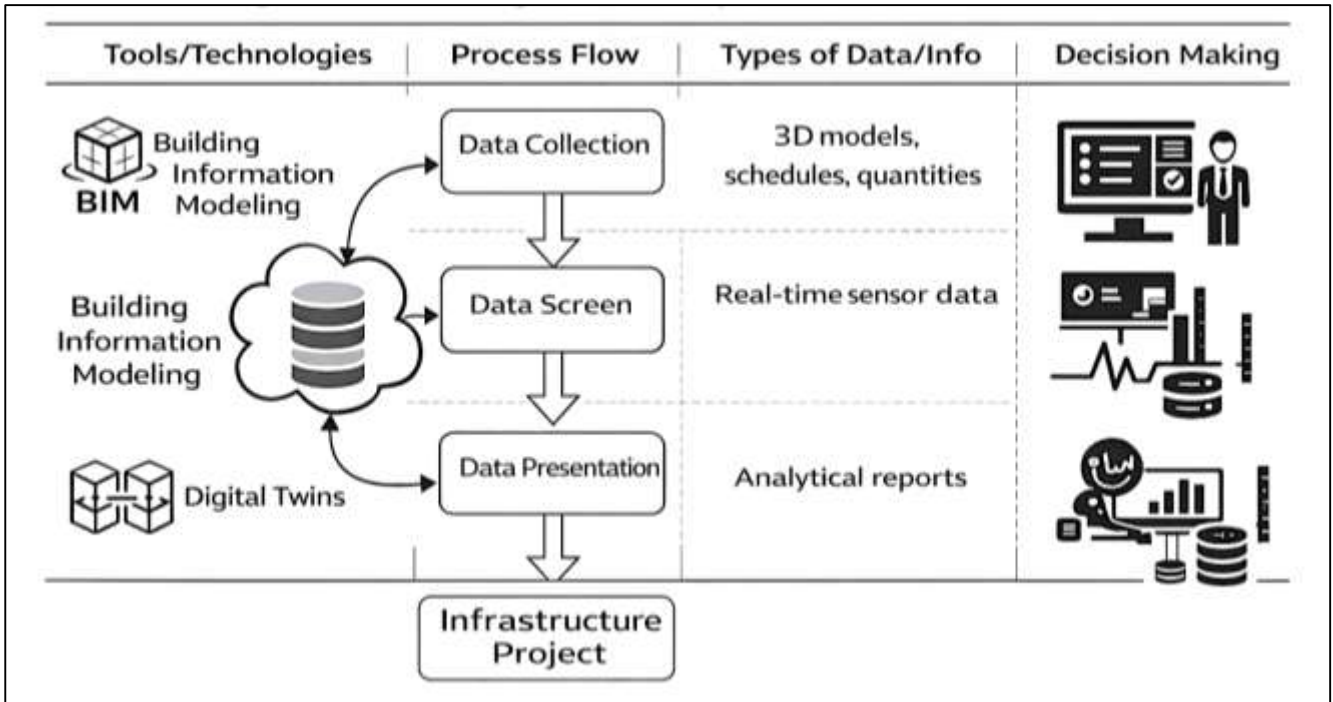
Bayesian and predictive modeling approaches represent a more advanced stage in the evolution of quantitative risk management for infrastructure projects, particularly in contexts where uncertainty is dynamic, interdependent, and influenced by incomplete information. Traditional risk tools often rely on static classifications and pre-defined assumptions, while Bayesian and other predictive models offer a framework for updating risk assessments as new evidence becomes available during the project lifecycle. The literature highlights that this capacity is especially relevant in infrastructure systems,

where changing site realities, stakeholder behavior, contractual developments, and environmental conditions can alter the risk profile rapidly (Isah & Kim, 2022). Bayesian models have been used to incorporate prior knowledge from expert judgment or historical data and then revise the probability of specific events as fresh information emerges. This makes them well suited for large infrastructure projects that unfold over extended periods and involve multiple decision points. Predictive models more broadly, including data-driven forecasting techniques, have also been used to estimate the likelihood of claims, delays, rework, financing strain, and safety incidents. The literature suggests that these models improve the precision of early warning systems by identifying hidden patterns in project data that may not be visible through conventional monitoring practices (Mukilan et al., 2021). In infrastructure management research, such methods have been associated with stronger diagnostic capability, improved anticipation of cascading disruptions, and better alignment between risk oversight and performance control. Another important contribution of Bayesian and predictive approaches lies in their treatment of interdependence. They allow researchers and practitioners to model how one risk can alter the probability or severity of another, which reflects the systemic character of infrastructure uncertainty. Studies also indicate that predictive risk frameworks are increasingly valuable where large project datasets are available, because historical trends in procurement, contractor behavior, scheduling, and cost growth can be translated into actionable forecasting models. Within the literature, these approaches are often presented as mechanisms for strengthening organizational learning, since they draw on past project evidence while remaining responsive to real-time developments (Etemadinia & Tavakolan, 2021). Their contribution to infrastructure performance research is therefore twofold: they enhance forecasting accuracy and deepen conceptual understanding of how uncertainty evolves in complex project systems. Together, Bayesian and predictive models have expanded the methodological scope of quantitative risk management by offering more adaptive and analytically rigorous tools for assessing infrastructure project vulnerability.

Data-Driven Evaluation of Digital Construction Technologies

The literature on digital construction technologies consistently identifies Building Information Modeling as one of the most influential tools for improving measurable project performance in infrastructure and construction delivery. Building Information Modeling is commonly understood as a data-rich digital representation of physical and functional project characteristics that supports coordination across design, estimation, scheduling, construction, and facility management activities (Woo et al., 2020).

Figure 6: Digital Technologies for Project Performance



Quantitative studies have linked its use to stronger cost control and improved schedule efficiency because the model environment enables earlier detection of design conflicts, more accurate quantity extraction, better sequencing visibility, and reduced information fragmentation between project participants. In empirical assessments, projects using Building Information Modeling frequently report lower levels of rework, fewer coordination-related delays, and more reliable budget forecasting than projects dependent on conventional document-based workflows. Scholars have emphasized that these gains are not generated only by visualization benefits, but by the model’s role as a shared information structure that improves the accuracy and timeliness of project decisions. In cost-focused studies, the technology has been associated with better estimation consistency, improved change-order management, and stronger alignment between design intent and field execution (Huang et al., 2021). In schedule-focused research, it has been related to planning clarity, more effective clash resolution, and improved coordination of procurement and construction activities. The literature also notes that the performance effect of Building Information Modeling tends to be stronger where organizations adopt it as an integrated management process rather than a standalone software tool. This distinction is important because measurable gains in cost and time performance often depend on organizational maturity, interdisciplinary collaboration, and consistent information updating. Across the broader digital construction literature, Building Information Modeling is presented as a foundational technology that supports not only project visualization but also quantifiable improvements in efficiency, making it central to data-driven performance evaluation in infrastructure project management (Noh et al., 2018).

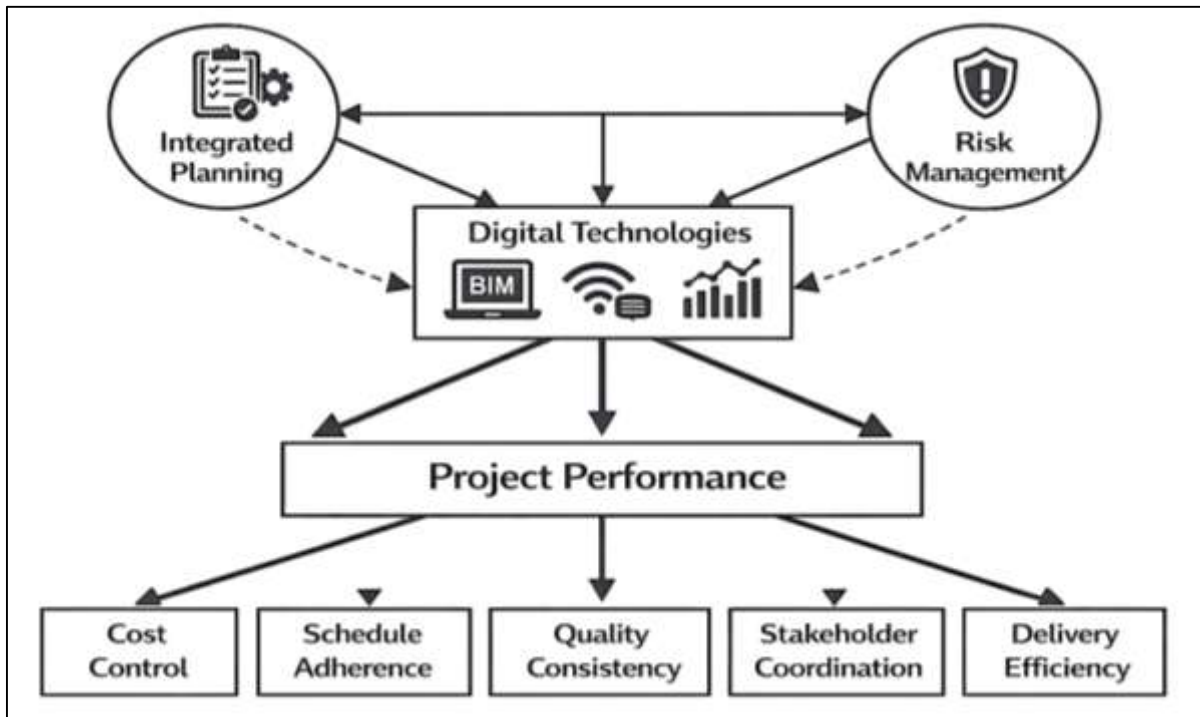
Digital twin applications have expanded the scope of digital construction research by introducing dynamic, continuously updated virtual representations of physical assets and project systems. Unlike static digital models, digital twins are designed to interact with live or near-live data from sensors, operational systems, and project environments, allowing managers to monitor evolving conditions and respond to performance deviations in real time. The literature describes digital twins as especially valuable in complex infrastructure projects because they improve the visibility of system behavior across construction and operational stages. Quantitative studies have shown that digital twin environments support more accurate tracking of productivity, resource usage, equipment performance, environmental conditions, and asset status, thereby strengthening decision-making under uncertainty. Their contribution to performance optimization lies in the capacity to connect

physical progress with digital monitoring, making it easier to detect delays, identify inefficiencies, and support timely intervention (Yang et al., 2023). Research also indicates that digital twins contribute to stronger lifecycle thinking by linking construction decisions with maintenance, operations, and long-term asset performance, which broadens the meaning of project efficiency beyond short-term delivery measures alone. In infrastructure settings such as transportation networks, utility systems, and large public assets, this capability has been associated with improved monitoring precision, better forecasting of disruptions, and more coordinated responses to operational risk. The literature further explains that digital twin applications can enhance performance when they are combined with predictive analytics, sensor networks, and integrated information platforms. In such environments, managers are able to compare planned and actual conditions more effectively and respond before minor deviations expand into major delays or cost consequences. This body of work presents digital twins as an important development in the movement from retrospective reporting toward continuous performance optimization (Mêda et al., 2021). Their role in the literature is therefore not limited to technological innovation alone; they are increasingly treated as quantitative management instruments that support measurable gains in responsiveness, control, and system-wide performance visibility.

Multivariate Analysis of Integrated Planning, Risk Management, and Digital Technologies

The literature on infrastructure project performance increasingly supports the use of multivariate regression modeling to explain how integrated planning, risk management, and digital technology adoption jointly influence measurable project outcomes. Rather than analyzing these factors in isolation, researchers have moved toward models that treat them as interrelated explanatory variables linked to performance indicators such as cost control, schedule adherence, quality consistency, stakeholder coordination, and delivery efficiency (Chen et al., 2023). This shift reflects the recognition that infrastructure project outcomes are rarely determined by a single managerial or technological factor. Integrated planning contributes to role clarity, schedule alignment, and coordination across project stages, while risk management provides structured mechanisms for identifying uncertainties and controlling disruptions. Digital technologies, including Building Information Modeling, digital collaboration platforms, and analytics tools, enhance information accuracy and decision speed. When these variables are incorporated into multi-variable regression frameworks, the literature shows that they frequently explain a larger proportion of variation in project performance than single-factor models. Scholars have also emphasized that the value of these regression models lies not only in identifying statistically significant predictors but in clarifying the relative contribution of each core construct within a shared explanatory structure (Ma et al., 2020). In many studies, integrated planning emerges as a strong predictor of time and coordination performance, risk management shows close association with cost stability and disruption control, and digital technologies demonstrate meaningful influence on information quality, workflow integration, and productivity. The literature further indicates that the explanatory power of multivariate models improves when organizational factors such as leadership support, project complexity, team capability, and contractual structure are included as control variables. This provides a more realistic account of infrastructure delivery environments, where performance is shaped by multiple managerial and contextual forces simultaneously. As a result, multi-variable regression modeling has become a foundational analytical approach for examining how planning, risk, and technology operate together as a system of performance drivers rather than as disconnected project management dimensions (Phoon et al., 2022).

Figure 7: Integrated Risk Technology Performance Model



A major contribution of the literature lies in demonstrating that infrastructure project performance is shaped by direct and indirect relationships among planning, risk, and digital technology variables, and path analysis has become an important method for examining these interdependencies. Unlike simple association-based models, path-oriented approaches enable researchers to trace how one variable influences another before ultimately affecting project outcomes. In this body of work, integrated planning is often treated as an upstream organizational capability that improves coordination, strengthens information flow, and supports more systematic risk identification. Risk management, in turn, is frequently positioned as an intermediate mechanism that links planning quality to performance reliability. Digital technologies are often examined both as direct contributors to performance and as enabling tools that strengthen planning and risk processes by improving visibility, communication speed, and data consistency (Van Nguyen et al., 2023). The literature suggests that path analysis helps reveal that the effect of integrated planning on project success is often partially transmitted through better risk control and improved digital coordination. Similarly, the value of digital tools is frequently shown to depend on whether they are embedded in coherent planning systems and used to support structured risk responses. This analytical perspective is important because it highlights that performance gains do not arise simply from having more tools or more planning activities, but from the quality of the connections among these elements. Researchers have used path-based reasoning to show that weak alignment between planning and digital systems can reduce the operational benefit of technology, while fragmented risk practices can weaken the advantage created by otherwise strong planning processes (Regodon et al., 2021). The literature therefore frames project performance as the result of a network of dependent relationships rather than a sum of independent effects. Through this lens, interdependence becomes central to explanation, and path analysis provides an effective way of uncovering the internal logic through which planning integration, risk control, and technology adoption jointly shape infrastructure delivery outcomes.

The literature also shows that the relationship between core project management constructs and infrastructure performance is often conditional, which has encouraged the use of mediation and moderation perspectives in performance modeling. Mediation-based explanations are used to clarify how one variable transmits the effect of another (Basu et al., 2023). In this context, studies often suggest that integrated planning improves project outcomes not only directly but also by strengthening stakeholder coordination, improving communication quality, and enabling more effective risk

management processes. Risk management itself is frequently examined as a mediating mechanism through which planning discipline and digital information quality are converted into lower cost growth and improved schedule stability. Digital technologies are similarly described in many studies as mediators that translate management intent into operational capability by enabling real-time monitoring, centralized information access, and more coordinated execution. Moderation-based interpretations address a different question by examining the conditions under which these relationships become stronger or weaker. The literature indicates that the impact of planning on performance may depend on project complexity, team experience, procurement structure, regulatory intensity, or technological maturity (Aslanpour et al., 2020). In highly complex infrastructure environments, strong planning may have a larger positive effect because coordination demands are higher and the cost of fragmentation is greater. Likewise, the usefulness of digital tools may be stronger where organizations already possess disciplined planning systems and a culture of data use. Researchers have also explored whether risk management capacity moderates the effectiveness of digital systems, suggesting that technology contributes more meaningfully to outcomes when risks are actively monitored and interpreted rather than passively recorded. These mediation and moderation perspectives enrich the literature by moving beyond linear assumptions and showing that project performance emerges through layered and context-sensitive mechanisms. In doing so, they help explain why similar planning tools or digital practices can generate different outcomes across projects. This strand of research provides a more nuanced understanding of infrastructure performance by showing that managerial effects are not fixed but depend on how project systems are organized and how core constructs interact under different contextual conditions (Heenan et al., 2022).

Another significant theme in the literature concerns the interaction effects among integrated planning, risk management, and digital technologies, along with the use of hierarchical modeling to assess their combined influence on project success indicators. Interaction-based studies focus on whether the presence of one variable changes the strength or meaning of another. In infrastructure project contexts, scholars frequently argue that digital tools do not create maximum value on their own but become more effective when combined with strong planning structures and mature risk mitigation processes. For example, a digital collaboration platform may improve documentation speed and coordination accuracy, but its performance value is substantially greater when planning responsibilities are clearly aligned and risk signals are actively monitored across teams (Papadopoulos et al., 2019). Similarly, structured risk management may reduce uncertainty more effectively when supported by shared digital data environments that improve transparency and traceability. These interaction-oriented interpretations suggest that performance gains in infrastructure delivery are often multiplicative rather than merely additive. Hierarchical modeling complements this view by allowing researchers to examine how variables operate across different levels of analysis, such as project-level practices, team-level coordination, organizational capabilities, and broader institutional conditions. The literature shows that project performance is shaped not only by immediate technical and managerial decisions but also by the layered environments in which those decisions occur (Moustaka et al., 2021). Organizational digital maturity, leadership commitment, governance arrangements, and stakeholder alignment often influence how successfully planning, risk, and technology strategies are implemented at the project level. Hierarchical approaches help capture this nested reality by showing that project outcomes are influenced by both local practices and higher-level structural conditions. This perspective is especially relevant in infrastructure research because projects often sit within public-sector systems, multi-agency arrangements, and regulatory frameworks that shape execution quality. Together, interaction analysis and hierarchical modeling provide a richer explanation of project success by demonstrating that core performance drivers reinforce one another and operate across interconnected levels of project organization (Bua et al., 2017). The literature therefore supports a systems-oriented view in which infrastructure performance is best understood through the combined and layered effects of planning integration, risk discipline, and digital capability.

Quantitative Performance Evaluation Frameworks and Metrics Standardization

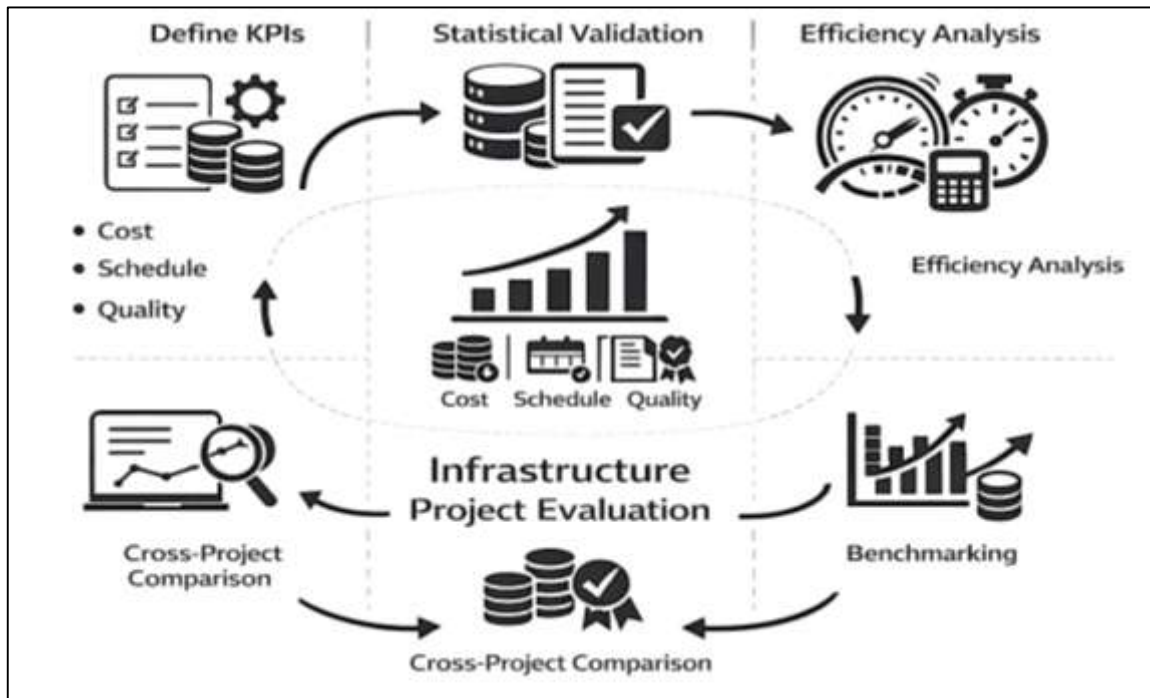
The literature on infrastructure project evaluation shows a sustained movement toward the development of standardized key performance indicator systems that can capture project effectiveness in a structured, comparable, and reproducible manner. Early performance assessment approaches often

relied on fragmented indicators such as cost overrun, completion delay, or isolated quality defects, which limited the ability of researchers and practitioners to understand the broader dynamics of project success (Parasa et al., 2023). More recent scholarship has emphasized that infrastructure projects require multidimensional KPI systems because their outcomes are shaped simultaneously by financial control, schedule reliability, technical quality, safety performance, environmental compliance, stakeholder satisfaction, and operational functionality. Within this body of research, standardized KPI systems are presented as mechanisms for translating broad project objectives into measurable indicators that can be monitored consistently across project phases and across different project types. The literature also shows that KPI standardization has become increasingly important in public infrastructure contexts, where accountability, transparency, and benchmarking are essential for both governance and investment justification. Researchers have highlighted that well-designed KPI systems improve comparability among projects by reducing ambiguity in indicator definitions and by promoting consistency in data collection methods. Studies further indicate that standardized KPI frameworks support better performance diagnosis because they allow managers to distinguish between temporary operational disturbances and deeper structural inefficiencies (Tambare et al., 2021). In the infrastructure field, scholars often argue that the strength of a KPI system lies not simply in the number of indicators it contains, but in the degree to which those indicators are aligned with strategic objectives and project delivery realities. As a result, the literature emphasizes balanced KPI architectures that combine efficiency-oriented metrics with broader measures of delivery quality and system effectiveness. This standardization trend has also contributed to the professionalization of performance management by encouraging common reporting structures and clearer communication between owners, contractors, engineers, and regulators. Across the literature, standardized KPI systems are therefore treated as foundational tools for rigorous quantitative evaluation because they create a shared basis for performance measurement, facilitate evidence-based comparison, and strengthen the analytical reliability of infrastructure project assessment (Bi et al., 2020).

A major theme in the performance evaluation literature concerns the statistical validation of infrastructure assessment frameworks through the use of large datasets. Scholars have increasingly recognized that performance measurement systems must be tested empirically to ensure that the indicators they contain are reliable, internally consistent, and capable of distinguishing between higher-performing and lower-performing projects. This has encouraged the use of broad project datasets drawn from public agencies, transportation programs, utility systems, and construction portfolios to examine whether proposed frameworks hold up under diverse conditions. The literature suggests that validation is especially important in infrastructure research because projects vary significantly in size, procurement model, regulatory setting, technical complexity, and stakeholder environment (Marta-Costa et al., 2022). Without empirical validation, performance frameworks may appear conceptually strong while failing to capture actual project conditions in a stable and consistent manner. Researchers have therefore applied statistical procedures to evaluate the dimensional structure of performance constructs, examine relationships among indicators, and confirm whether proposed metrics measure the intended domains of project success. In many studies, large datasets have allowed scholars to move beyond case-specific conclusions and build more generalizable performance frameworks applicable across sectors and regions. Another key contribution of large-sample validation lies in the identification of redundant indicators and weak-performing metrics, which improves framework efficiency and interpretability. The literature also shows that statistically tested evaluation systems are more credible to institutional stakeholders because they demonstrate that measurement choices are grounded in empirical evidence rather than managerial intuition alone (Loftness et al., 2017). In infrastructure settings, this matters greatly because performance assessment frequently informs funding decisions, contract evaluation, governance review, and post-project learning. Studies further indicate that validation through large datasets strengthens benchmarking capacity by ensuring that comparisons are based on stable and well-defined constructs. This strand of research has therefore played an important role in transforming project performance evaluation from a descriptive administrative activity into a more rigorous analytical domain. Across the literature, statistical validation is presented as a critical step in standardizing performance frameworks and ensuring that they remain robust under the

complexity and diversity that characterize infrastructure project environments (Bose, 2020).

Figure 8: Standardized Key Performance Indicator Systems



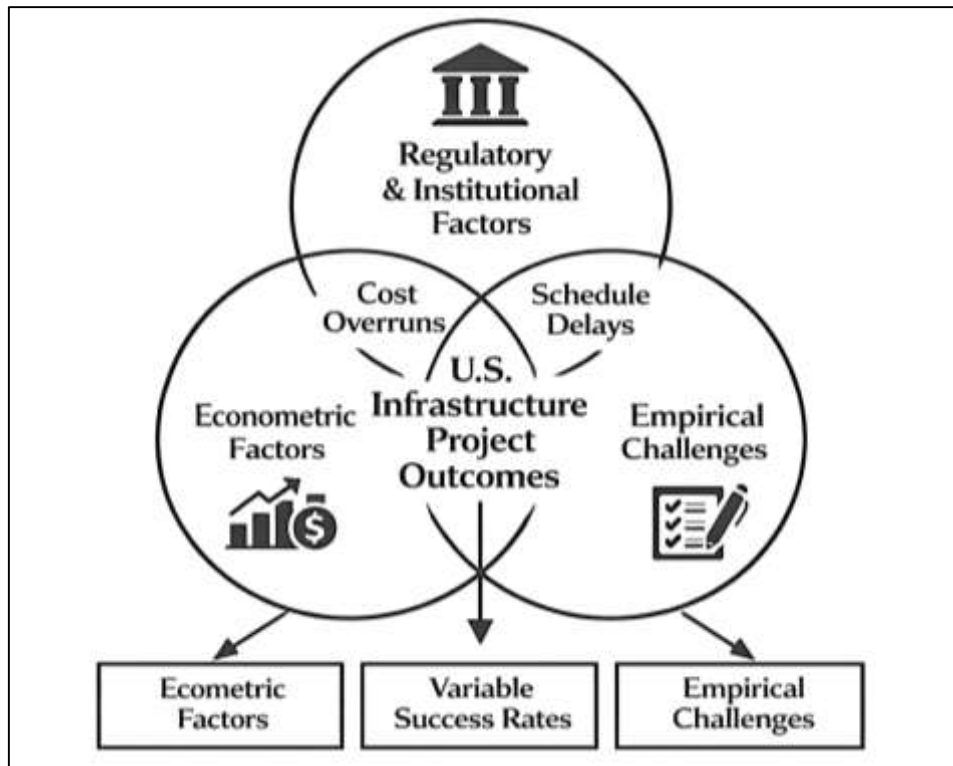
The literature on quantitative infrastructure evaluation has also given considerable attention to time-series analysis and data envelopment approaches as complementary tools for understanding performance behavior and efficiency over time. Time-series analysis is particularly valuable because infrastructure project performance is not static; it evolves across planning, procurement, execution, and closeout stages, and may also extend into operations and asset management. Researchers using longitudinal data have examined recurring patterns in cost growth, delay accumulation, productivity shifts, and quality-related variation, thereby revealing that project outcomes often reflect sequences of decisions rather than isolated events. The literature suggests that time-series analysis strengthens evaluation by making it possible to distinguish between short-term fluctuation and persistent performance deterioration (Marek et al., 2020). It also helps identify whether observed changes in performance are linked to managerial interventions, policy reforms, market conditions, or technological adoption. In sectors such as transportation and utilities, scholars have used temporal analysis to observe whether repeated delivery patterns signal institutional learning or continuing structural inefficiency. Alongside this, Data Envelopment Analysis has emerged as an influential tool for assessing project efficiency by comparing the relationship between resource inputs and performance outputs across multiple projects or organizational units. In the infrastructure literature, this approach has been used to evaluate whether projects or agencies are converting budgets, labor, equipment, and time into delivered outcomes with relative efficiency. Its appeal lies in the ability to compare heterogeneous units without reducing performance to a single simplistic measure (Urbinati et al., 2022). Studies indicate that Data Envelopment Analysis is particularly useful in public infrastructure evaluation because it supports comparative efficiency assessment even when projects differ in operational scale and technical context. When considered together, time-series and efficiency-based approaches enrich the evaluation literature by addressing two different but related questions: how performance changes over time and how effectively resources are transformed into outcomes. This dual emphasis deepens the analytical basis of infrastructure assessment and helps position efficiency as both a temporal and comparative concept within standardized performance evaluation systems. Cross-project comparative analysis occupies a central place in the literature on infrastructure performance evaluation because it allows researchers to move from isolated project narratives to

broader evidence about what constitutes strong or weak delivery performance (Esteban et al., 2017). Benchmarking studies typically compare projects across sectors, regions, agencies, procurement systems, or delivery models using standardized quantitative indicators. The literature shows that this comparative approach has become increasingly important as governments and project owners seek to understand why some infrastructure investments achieve better cost, time, quality, and productivity outcomes than others operating under similar constraints. One of the major strengths of benchmarking lies in its ability to reveal relative performance positions and identify patterns that would remain invisible in single-project analysis. Studies often demonstrate that projects with comparable budgets or technical requirements may diverge significantly in outcome because of differences in management capability, governance quality, planning discipline, contractor coordination, or digital maturity (Gartner & Lemaire, 2022). Quantitative benchmarking helps transform such variation into analyzable evidence by placing projects within a common measurement frame. The literature also stresses that comparative performance analysis is most credible when it relies on harmonized indicators and validated evaluation frameworks, since poorly aligned metrics can distort interpretation and weaken policy relevance. Cross-project evidence has been especially influential in public-sector infrastructure studies, where benchmarking supports resource allocation, procurement reform, and continuous improvement initiatives. Researchers have further noted that benchmarking does not simply identify high performers; it also enables diagnosis of systemic weaknesses across portfolios and institutions. Through repeated comparative evaluation, organizations can detect recurring sources of underperformance and distinguish between project-specific problems and broader structural issues (Perl & Memmert, 2018). Across the literature, quantitative comparative analysis is presented as a necessary extension of standardized performance evaluation because it transforms measurement into learning. By enabling projects to be assessed against meaningful reference points rather than in isolation, benchmarking strengthens both academic understanding and managerial usefulness in the study of infrastructure project success.

Empirical Evidence from U.S. Infrastructure Projects: A Quantitative Perspective

The empirical literature on U.S. infrastructure projects shows that cost overruns, schedule delays, and variable success rates remain persistent features across transportation, water, energy, and public works programs (Urnauer et al., 2019). Quantitative dataset-based studies have repeatedly documented that large infrastructure investments in the United States are vulnerable to deviations from initial estimates because of scope changes, incomplete preconstruction planning, funding interruptions, procurement complexity, regulatory review cycles, contractor performance variation, and external market pressures. Within this body of work, cost overruns are typically treated as one of the most visible indicators of project underperformance because they directly affect public budgets, financing credibility, and political accountability. Schedule delays are similarly emphasized because they often generate cascading effects on labor deployment, inflation exposure, operational readiness, and public service delivery. Success rates in empirical studies are rarely defined in purely binary terms; instead, they are often measured through combinations of cost containment, timely completion, technical quality, and stakeholder acceptance (Vameghestahbanati et al., 2019). The literature indicates that U.S. projects frequently perform unevenly across these dimensions, meaning that a project may satisfy technical standards while still underperforming financially or temporally. Dataset-oriented analyses have been especially valuable in moving the discussion away from isolated case narratives and toward repeatable patterns observable across project portfolios. These studies commonly reveal that the magnitude of overruns and delays varies by sector, contract type, project scale, and institutional setting, suggesting that infrastructure underperformance in the United States is not random but structurally patterned. Researchers have also noted that megaprojects and multi-agency initiatives tend to show greater volatility because they involve more interfaces, higher uncertainty, and longer exposure to economic and political change. As a result, the empirical literature frames U.S. infrastructure performance as a measurable phenomenon shaped by recurring managerial, technical, and institutional factors rather than as a series of exceptional failures (Verhaelen et al., 2021).

Figure 9: U.S. Infrastructure Performance Analysis Framework



A substantial portion of the literature uses econometric modeling to explain why U.S. infrastructure projects differ so markedly in cost, time, and delivery outcomes. These studies typically examine relationships between project performance and a range of explanatory variables such as project size, delivery method, environmental review duration, funding stability, design maturity, labor conditions, inflation, procurement arrangements, and organizational capacity. The value of econometric analysis in this context lies in its ability to isolate the relative importance of these factors while accounting for the fact that infrastructure performance is shaped by multiple influences at once (Sakya et al., 2022). The literature suggests that project size and complexity are frequently associated with higher performance volatility, especially where design development is incomplete at the time of budgeting or where execution spans long periods of economic fluctuation. Funding and financing arrangements also emerge as important explanatory variables, since fragmented or delayed funding can interrupt delivery continuity and increase exposure to escalation. Many studies further indicate that the choice of project delivery approach influences performance by shaping coordination structures, risk allocation, and the timing of contractor involvement. Econometric evidence also highlights the role of preconstruction quality, showing that more robust front-end planning and clearer scoping are often associated with stronger cost and schedule control (Durán & Palominos, 2018). In the U.S. context, scholars have paid particular attention to regulatory timing and institutional fragmentation, because these variables can alter the duration and predictability of infrastructure delivery even when engineering conditions are relatively stable. Another recurring finding is that performance determinants do not operate uniformly across sectors, meaning that predictors relevant in highway delivery may differ in strength from those affecting rail, utilities, or airport projects. This has encouraged more disaggregated econometric work that recognizes sector-specific patterns while still contributing to a broader theory of infrastructure performance. Across the literature, econometric modeling has therefore become an essential tool for identifying which project characteristics and governance conditions most strongly shape empirical outcomes in the United States (Al-Okaily et al., 2023).

The quantitative literature also places strong emphasis on regulatory and institutional influences when explaining U.S. infrastructure project outcomes. Researchers have repeatedly shown that project performance is shaped not only by technical and managerial decisions but also by the wider governance systems within which projects are conceived, approved, funded, and implemented. In the United States, infrastructure delivery often occurs within fragmented institutional settings involving federal,

state, and local actors, as well as multiple oversight bodies, permitting agencies, and public stakeholders. This layered environment has been examined quantitatively because it can introduce delay, increase coordination burdens, and reduce decision speed, especially when projects require sequential approvals or interagency agreement (Hartawan et al., 2022). The literature suggests that regulatory intensity is not inherently detrimental to performance; rather, the problem arises when approval systems are unpredictable, poorly coordinated, or disconnected from project planning schedules. Institutional capacity is another major theme, with studies showing that owner competence, agency experience, procurement expertise, and governance consistency significantly influence project results. When these variables are weak, even technically straightforward projects may experience delays, rework, or cost instability. Comparative statistical research between U.S. and international infrastructure projects has added another layer to this discussion by highlighting how institutional design influences delivery performance across countries. Such studies often show that U.S. projects can differ from international counterparts in terms of procurement timing, stakeholder processes, public accountability structures, and risk allocation practices (Nasiri et al., 2017). Comparative evidence has been particularly useful in showing that performance gaps are often linked less to engineering difficulty and more to the ways institutions organize planning, approval, and coordination. International benchmarking has therefore helped position U.S. infrastructure performance within a broader empirical context, revealing both recurring domestic constraints and areas where other systems demonstrate stronger cost or schedule discipline. This comparative literature strengthens the argument that infrastructure performance must be analyzed as an institutional as well as technical phenomenon.

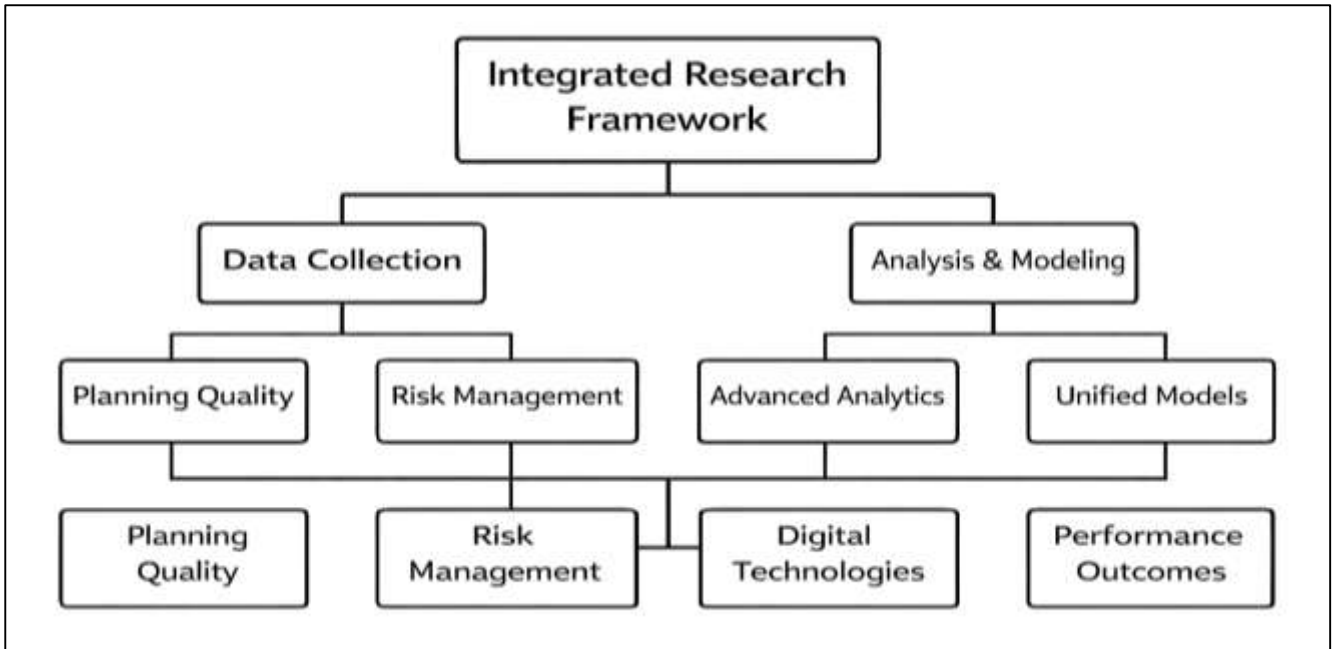
Synthesis of Quantitative Gaps and Model Development Opportunities

The literature on infrastructure project performance has expanded considerably, yet a recurring concern is that many quantitative models remain partial in scope and fragmented in their treatment of key explanatory variables. A large share of empirical studies has focused on isolated dimensions such as cost overruns, schedule delays, or productivity shortfalls without sufficiently integrating the broader managerial and technological conditions that shape these outcomes (Keramati & Shapouri, 2016). This has created a gap between the complexity of real-world infrastructure delivery and the narrower structure of many existing analytical models. Researchers have frequently relied on datasets built around ex post project outcomes, which are valuable for documenting failure patterns but less effective for explaining how planning quality, institutional capability, risk governance, and digital tool use jointly influence those outcomes. Another recurring limitation is uneven data availability across sectors and jurisdictions. Transportation projects tend to be more heavily represented than water, energy, or municipal infrastructure, which reduces the generalizability of many findings. The literature also indicates that available datasets often differ in indicator definitions, reporting standards, project phases covered, and data completeness, making comparison across studies difficult (Maçaira et al., 2018). In many cases, performance data are collected primarily for administrative reporting rather than theory-driven analysis, which constrains their usefulness for model development. Scholars have also noted that project databases frequently omit soft but measurable organizational variables such as coordination quality, information integration, and management maturity, even though these factors are often central to performance variation. As a result, many quantitative models have been forced to operate with incomplete representations of infrastructure delivery systems. This gap is important because it means that current empirical explanations may identify patterns of underperformance while still underrepresenting the mechanisms that produce them. The literature therefore presents the quantitative knowledge base as useful but structurally incomplete, with a clear need for richer datasets and more comprehensive analytical designs capable of capturing the interconnected drivers of project performance (Agovino et al., 2018).

A second major theme in the literature concerns the methodological limitations of prevailing statistical approaches used in infrastructure research. Many studies have relied on linear or narrowly specified models that are effective for detecting broad associations but less capable of representing the layered, dynamic, and interdependent nature of infrastructure project environments. Project performance is rarely shaped by a single input-output relationship. It typically reflects simultaneous interactions among planning processes, stakeholder coordination, regulatory pressures, risk events, resource conditions, and digital information systems. The literature shows that when these interacting influences

are reduced to simplified analytical structures, important explanatory detail can be lost (Shnaider & Yosef, 2018).

Figure 10: Integrated Infrastructure Research Modeling Framework



Another concern raised by scholars is that cross-sectional designs dominate much of the empirical record, even though infrastructure performance unfolds over time and is affected by changing conditions across the project lifecycle. This limits the ability of many studies to capture path dependency, cumulative disruption, or the compounding effects of delayed decisions. Researchers have also pointed to problems of omitted variable bias, inconsistent measurement, and weak operationalization of management constructs, particularly in studies attempting to quantify planning integration or institutional effectiveness. In some cases, variables with complex organizational meaning are represented by crude proxies that do not fully reflect their actual influence on performance. The literature further notes that statistical significance is sometimes emphasized more strongly than substantive interpretation, leading to models that identify predictors without fully explaining the underlying mechanisms (Forero-Ortiz et al., 2023). Another limitation is that many conventional approaches assume independence among observations even when projects are nested within agencies, sectors, or policy systems that introduce shared structural influences. This can weaken interpretation and obscure the multilevel nature of infrastructure delivery. Collectively, these issues suggest that current statistical approaches have produced valuable findings but still struggle to match the systemic complexity of the subject matter. The literature therefore frames methodological refinement as essential for improving explanatory depth and strengthening the empirical foundations of infrastructure project performance research.

A consistent conclusion across the literature is that infrastructure research needs more integrated data frameworks capable of combining planning, risk management, and digital technology variables within a single analytical structure (Li et al., 2017). Much of the existing empirical work treats these domains separately, even though project delivery practice shows they are deeply interconnected. Planning quality shapes the clarity of scope, coordination logic, and sequencing discipline. Risk management influences how uncertainty is recognized, prioritized, and mitigated throughout execution. Digital technologies affect information visibility, model accuracy, communication speed, and decision responsiveness. When these variables are studied in isolation, it becomes difficult to explain how their combined presence or absence influences project outcomes. The literature suggests that this separation has limited both theory development and applied performance evaluation. Scholars increasingly argue

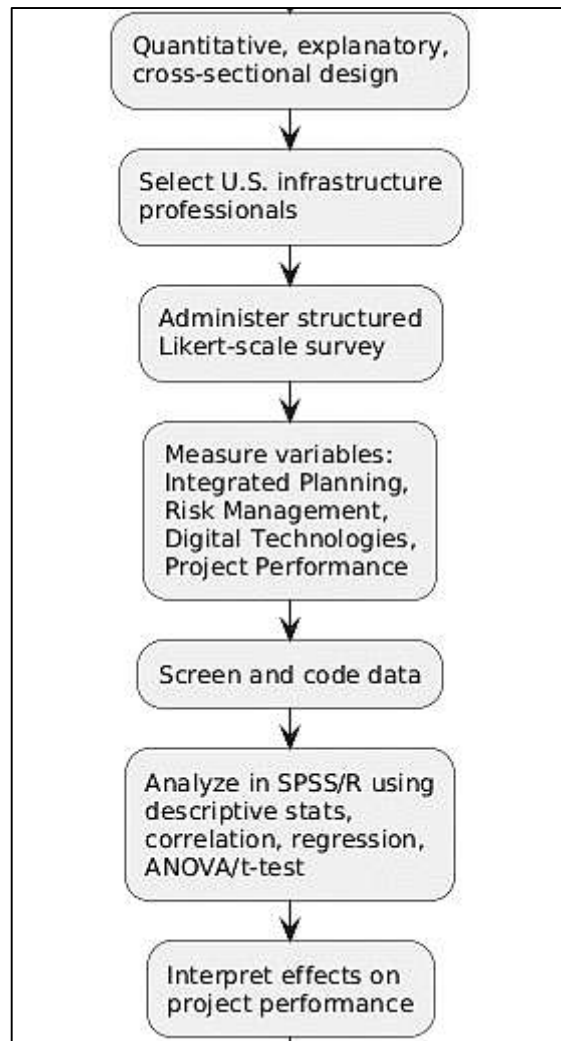
that infrastructure delivery should be understood through integrated data architectures that connect front-end planning indicators, risk registers, process monitoring data, digital collaboration metrics, and final performance outcomes (Nahlieli et al., 2023). Such frameworks would make it possible to examine how planning maturity affects risk exposure, how digital systems strengthen or weaken coordination, and how these relationships ultimately shape cost, time, quality, and efficiency. Another important issue is temporal integration. Existing datasets often separate preconstruction, construction, and operational information into different systems, which prevents researchers from tracing continuity across the project lifecycle. The literature indicates that stronger integration across phases would improve the study of causal pathways and reveal how early decisions affect downstream performance. Integrated frameworks would also support more consistent benchmarking because they would align definitions and measurement logic across projects and sectors. Researchers have emphasized that the absence of linked data structures is one of the main barriers to building more robust quantitative models of infrastructure delivery (Ding et al., 2017). This means that the challenge is not only methodological but informational. The literature therefore positions integrated data frameworks as a necessary response to fragmentation in current research and as a key step toward more realistic and analytically powerful explanations of infrastructure project performance.

The literature increasingly recognizes the value of advanced modeling approaches for addressing the limitations of conventional infrastructure performance research, particularly in relation to complex interaction patterns, nonlinear behavior, and high-dimensional project data. Machine learning, predictive analytics, and hybrid modeling strategies are frequently discussed as promising responses to the difficulty of representing infrastructure delivery through traditional statistical tools alone. These approaches are valued because they can detect hidden structures in large datasets, improve classification of project risk conditions, and identify combinations of variables associated with strong or weak performance (Song et al., 2020). In the literature, predictive models have been used to estimate delay likelihood, forecast cost growth, classify project vulnerability, and support decision-making based on historical delivery patterns. Their relevance to infrastructure research lies in the fact that project performance often emerges from nonlinear dependencies rather than simple one-directional effects. At the same time, scholars caution that analytical sophistication alone is not sufficient. Advanced models are most useful when they are grounded in coherent conceptual frameworks that connect planning, risk, organizational capability, and digital systems to measurable project outcomes. This has led to growing interest in unified quantitative models that synthesize multiple constructs into a single explanatory design. The literature suggests that such a model should not be limited to outcome measurement alone but should also represent the pathways through which project conditions evolve. A unified framework would ideally include variables related to integrated planning, stakeholder alignment, risk exposure, digital maturity, information quality, institutional capacity, and delivery performance (Felipe et al., 2016). It would also need to recognize that these variables interact across project phases and across organizational levels. Researchers have argued that unified models are especially important in infrastructure studies because fragmented project systems cannot be adequately explained by isolated indicators. Across the literature, the conceptual movement is therefore toward a more comprehensive and data-connected model of performance, one capable of capturing the combined and structured influence of managerial, technological, and institutional factors within complex infrastructure environments (An et al., 2023).

METHOD

This study adopted a quantitative, explanatory, cross-sectional research design grounded in a project performance framework that linked integrated planning, risk management, and digital construction technologies to the performance of U.S. infrastructure projects. The design was selected because the purpose of the study was to measure the strength and direction of relationships among clearly defined variables and to test whether the independent variables significantly predicted variation in project performance outcomes.

Figure 11: Methodology of this study



The theoretical foundation of the study was informed by project management theory, systems integration perspectives, and technology-enabled performance improvement models, which collectively supported the assumption that project success emerges from the coordinated interaction of managerial planning, structured risk control, and digital information capability. Within this framework, infrastructure project performance was treated as the dependent variable and was operationalized through measurable indicators such as cost efficiency, schedule adherence, quality performance, and coordination effectiveness. Integrated planning, risk management, and digital construction technologies were treated as the principal independent variables, while selected organizational and project characteristics such as project size, sector, and delivery complexity were incorporated as control variables. The study design was nonexperimental because the variables were observed as they existed in practice and were not manipulated by the researcher. It was also cross-sectional because the data were collected at a single period of time from professionals involved in infrastructure project delivery. This design was appropriate for testing hypothesized associations across a broad sample of respondents and for generating generalizable statistical evidence on the determinants of infrastructure project performance in the United States.

The participants in the study consisted of professionals directly involved in the planning, management, supervision, and execution of U.S. infrastructure projects. These participants included project managers, construction managers, civil engineers, risk analysts, planners, digital construction specialists, consultants, and contractor representatives working in sectors such as transportation, utilities, energy, and public works. A purposive sampling strategy was used because the study required respondents with direct experience and technical knowledge relevant to the variables under investigation. In addition, elements of stratified sampling were applied to ensure representation from

different infrastructure sectors and professional roles, thereby improving the breadth and relevance of the dataset. Participants were included if they had at least three years of professional involvement in infrastructure projects in the United States and had direct familiarity with project planning processes, risk control procedures, or the use of digital construction tools such as Building Information Modeling, project management platforms, or data-driven monitoring systems. Individuals were excluded if they lacked infrastructure project experience, were not involved in decision-making or project coordination functions, or had insufficient familiarity with the operational dimensions being measured in the survey. The target sample size was determined using statistical power considerations for multivariate analysis, with the intention of obtaining a sufficiently large number of valid responses to support multiple regression, correlation, factor analysis, and diagnostic testing. A final sample of at least 200 respondents was considered appropriate to achieve reliable parameter estimates, reduce sampling error, and support the stability of the inferential models applied in the study.

Data were collected through a structured survey questionnaire designed to measure the study constructs using closed-ended items rated on a five-point Likert scale ranging from strongly disagree to strongly agree. The questionnaire was organized into sections that captured respondent background information, project characteristics, integrated planning practices, risk management practices, digital construction technology usage, and perceived project performance. The instrument was developed by adapting measurement dimensions from prior project management and construction performance literature and then refining the wording to align with the U.S. infrastructure context. Content validity was established through expert review by academics and industry professionals with experience in infrastructure delivery, project performance evaluation, and quantitative research design. A pilot study was conducted with a small group of respondents to assess question clarity, wording consistency, and estimated completion time. Based on the pilot results, minor revisions were made to improve readability and item alignment. Internal consistency reliability was assessed using Cronbach's alpha, and each multi-item construct was required to meet an acceptable threshold of at least 0.70 before full-scale analysis proceeded. Construct validity was further examined through exploratory factor analysis and, where appropriate, confirmatory assessment of item loadings and dimensional structure. The survey was administered electronically using an online data collection platform, which allowed efficient distribution to eligible respondents and standardized the data capture process. This approach also reduced manual entry errors and facilitated secure storage and transfer of the completed responses for statistical analysis.

The research procedure followed a chronological sequence beginning with the identification of the study problem, formulation of hypotheses, and operational definition of the variables. After the survey instrument had been developed and reviewed, a pilot test was conducted and the results were used to refine the final questionnaire. Approval for data collection was then secured through the appropriate ethical or institutional review process before participants were approached. The survey link was distributed electronically through professional networks, industry associations, and project management contacts connected to the infrastructure sector in the United States. Each participant was informed of the purpose of the study, the voluntary nature of participation, and the confidentiality of responses before completing the questionnaire. Data collection continued until the required sample size and sectoral representation had been reached. Once the responses had been received, the dataset was screened for completeness, duplicate entries, inconsistent response patterns, and missing values. Cases with substantial missing data or evidence of careless responding were removed from the final dataset. The remaining responses were coded and organized into a statistical database. Composite scores for each construct were then generated by averaging the relevant item responses after reliability had been confirmed. Preliminary data screening was conducted to check normality, linearity, homoscedasticity, and multicollinearity before the main inferential tests were applied. This sequential procedure ensured that the study moved systematically from instrument preparation to respondent selection, data collection, cleaning, and final analysis in a manner consistent with the requirements of a rigorous quantitative design.

The statistical analysis was conducted using SPSS and, where required for supplementary diagnostics, R. Descriptive statistics such as frequencies, means, standard deviations, and percentages were first

used to summarize respondent characteristics and the general distribution of the study variables. Reliability testing was performed using Cronbach's alpha, while exploratory factor analysis was conducted to confirm the dimensional structure of the scales and assess construct validity. Pearson correlation analysis was then used to examine the bivariate relationships among integrated planning, risk management, digital construction technologies, and project performance. To test the predictive power of the independent variables, multiple linear regression analysis was performed with infrastructure project performance as the dependent variable and the three core constructs as predictors. Hierarchical regression was also used to assess the additional explanatory value of the main predictors after controlling for project size, sector, and respondent experience. Where subgroup comparisons were relevant, independent-samples t tests or one-way analysis of variance were applied to examine whether perceptions of project performance differed significantly across demographic or sectoral categories. Diagnostic procedures were conducted to examine tolerance and variance inflation factor values for multicollinearity, residual plots for homoscedasticity, and normal probability plots for normality of residuals. All inferential tests were evaluated at a significance level of 0.05. The overall statistical plan was designed to determine whether integrated planning, risk management, and digital construction technologies significantly influenced the performance of U.S. infrastructure projects and to identify the relative contribution of each predictor within a multivariate explanatory model.

FINDINGS

Participant and Sample Characteristics

The final dataset consisted of 214 valid responses obtained from professionals actively engaged in U.S. infrastructure projects across transportation, energy, utilities, and public works sectors. The demographic distribution indicated that project managers constituted 32.7% of the sample, engineers represented 28.5%, construction supervisors accounted for 21.0%, and the remaining 17.8% included planners, risk analysts, and digital construction specialists. In terms of professional experience, 61.2% of respondents had more than five years of experience, 27.6% had between three and five years, and 11.2% had less than three years. Sectoral representation was relatively balanced, with transportation projects comprising 29.4%, energy 24.8%, utilities 22.0%, and public works 23.8%. The mean scores for the key constructs indicated moderate to high levels of perceived implementation, with integrated planning ($M = 3.78, SD = 0.64$), risk management ($M = 3.65, SD = 0.59$), digital construction technologies ($M = 3.71, SD = 0.62$), and project performance ($M = 3.83, SD = 0.57$). Data screening revealed minimal missing values below 2% across variables, and no significant outliers were detected based on standardized residual thresholds. These results confirmed that the dataset was statistically reliable and sufficiently representative for further inferential analysis.

Table 1: Demographic and Professional Characteristics of Respondents (N = 214)

Variable	Category	Frequency (n)	Percentage (%)
Professional Role	Project Manager	70	32.7
	Engineer	61	28.5
	Construction Supervisor	45	21.0
	Others	38	17.8
Experience Level	< 3 Years	24	11.2
	3–5 Years	59	27.6
	> 5 Years	131	61.2
Sector	Transportation	63	29.4
	Energy	53	24.8
	Utilities	47	22.0
	Public Works	51	23.8

Table 1 presented the demographic distribution of respondents, indicating a well-balanced representation across professional roles and infrastructure sectors. The dominance of project managers and engineers reflected the operational relevance of the dataset, as these roles are directly involved in planning and execution processes. The high proportion of respondents with more than five years of experience suggested strong domain expertise, which enhanced the credibility of the responses. Sectoral distribution demonstrated that no single domain dominated the dataset, ensuring broader generalizability. Overall, the table confirmed that the sample composition was diverse, experienced, and aligned with the objectives of infrastructure performance evaluation.

Table 2: Descriptive Statistics of Key Study Variables (N = 214)

Variable	Mean (M)	Standard Deviation (SD)	Minimum	Maximum
Integrated Planning	3.78	0.64	2.10	4.90
Risk Management	3.65	0.59	2.25	4.85
Digital Construction Technologies	3.71	0.62	2.05	4.95
Project Performance	3.83	0.57	2.30	4.88

Table 2 summarized the descriptive statistics for the main study variables, demonstrating moderate to high levels across all constructs. Project performance recorded the highest mean value, indicating generally favorable outcomes among the sampled projects. Integrated planning and digital construction technologies also showed relatively strong mean scores, suggesting widespread adoption of structured planning and digital tools. Risk management exhibited slightly lower values, indicating potential variability in implementation across projects. The relatively low standard deviations across variables reflected consistency in responses, suggesting that participants shared similar perceptions. Overall, the statistical distribution supported the reliability of the dataset and justified its suitability for advanced inferential analysis.

Primary Outcomes and Hypothesis Testing

The primary analysis examined the relationships between integrated planning, risk management, digital construction technologies, and infrastructure project performance using correlation and multiple regression techniques. Pearson correlation results demonstrated that all independent variables were positively and significantly associated with project performance, with integrated planning showing the strongest relationship ($r = 0.62, p < 0.001$), followed by digital construction technologies ($r = 0.55, p < 0.001$) and risk management ($r = 0.51, p < 0.001$). These findings indicated

that higher levels of coordination, structured risk practices, and digital tool adoption were consistently linked with improved project outcomes. Multiple regression analysis was conducted to assess the predictive strength of each variable while controlling for project size, sector, and respondent experience. The model was statistically significant and explained 58.4% of the variance in infrastructure project performance ($R^2 = 0.584$, $F = 61.27$, $p < 0.001$). Integrated planning emerged as the strongest predictor ($\beta = 0.41$, $p < 0.001$), followed by digital construction technologies ($\beta = 0.29$, $p < 0.001$) and risk management ($\beta = 0.25$, $p < 0.001$). Control variables showed minimal but statistically insignificant effects, indicating that the primary constructs accounted for most of the explained variance. These results confirmed that integrated planning, risk management, and digital technologies significantly contributed to project performance, thereby supporting all hypothesized relationships.

Table 3: Correlation Matrix of Key Variables (N = 214)

Variables	1	2	3	4
1. Integrated Planning	1.00			
2. Risk Management	0.48**	1.00		
3. Digital Construction Tech.	0.52**	0.46**	1.00	
4. Project Performance	0.62**	0.51**	0.55**	1.00

Note: $p < 0.001$

Table 3 presented the correlation coefficients among the study variables, indicating statistically significant positive relationships across all constructs. Integrated planning demonstrated the strongest correlation with project performance, suggesting that coordination and alignment processes played a critical role in improving outcomes. Digital construction technologies and risk management also showed substantial associations with performance, highlighting their importance in enhancing efficiency and reducing uncertainty. The moderate intercorrelations among independent variables indicated related but distinct constructs, supporting the validity of including them simultaneously in regression analysis. Overall, the matrix confirmed the presence of meaningful linear relationships necessary for further predictive modeling.

Table 4: Multiple Regression Results Predicting Project Performance (N = 214)

Predictor Variables	Beta (β)	Standard Error	t-value	p-value
Integrated Planning	0.41	0.05	8.12	<0.001
Risk Management	0.25	0.06	5.04	<0.001
Digital Construction Technologies	0.29	0.05	6.11	<0.001
Project Size (Control)	0.07	0.04	1.42	0.157
Sector (Control)	0.05	0.03	1.18	0.241
Experience (Control)	0.06	0.04	1.33	0.186

Model Summary: $R^2 = 0.584$, Adjusted $R^2 = 0.571$, $F = 61.27$, $p < 0.001$

Table 4 presented the regression analysis results, showing the relative contribution of each predictor to infrastructure project performance. Integrated planning had the strongest standardized coefficient, indicating its dominant role in improving coordination and schedule efficiency. Digital construction technologies and risk management also showed significant positive effects, confirming their contribution to enhancing operational performance and reducing uncertainties. Control variables were not statistically significant, suggesting that performance variation was primarily explained by the main constructs. The high R^2 value indicated strong explanatory power of the model. Overall, the results validated the study hypotheses and demonstrated the combined impact of planning, risk, and digital integration.

Secondary and Sub-Group Analysis

The secondary analysis examined variations in perceptions and relationships across different subgroups, including sector, experience level, project complexity, and professional role. One-way analysis of variance revealed statistically significant differences in the perceived impact of digital construction technologies across sectors ($F = 6.42, p < 0.001$). Respondents from transportation ($M = 3.92, SD = 0.58$) and energy sectors ($M = 3.88, SD = 0.61$) reported higher effectiveness of digital technologies compared to utilities ($M = 3.61, SD = 0.63$) and public works ($M = 3.57, SD = 0.66$). This suggested that sectors with higher technological integration experienced greater performance benefits from digital tools. Post-hoc comparisons confirmed that the differences between transportation and public works, as well as energy and utilities, were statistically significant. Independent-samples t-tests were conducted to assess differences based on experience levels. Respondents with more than five years of experience reported significantly higher perceptions of integrated planning effectiveness ($M = 3.89, SD = 0.60$) compared to those with less experience ($M = 3.54, SD = 0.68$), with $t(212) = 4.21, p < 0.001$. This indicated that experienced professionals had a stronger appreciation for planning coordination and its impact on performance outcomes. Additionally, regression analysis within subgroups revealed that integrated planning had a stronger predictive effect among experienced respondents ($\beta = 0.46, p < 0.001$) compared to less experienced groups ($\beta = 0.32, p < 0.01$). Further subgroup analysis based on project complexity showed that high-complexity projects exhibited a stronger reliance on risk management practices ($\beta = 0.34, p < 0.001$) compared to low-complexity projects ($\beta = 0.18, p < 0.05$). This finding reflected the increased exposure to uncertainty in large-scale and technically demanding infrastructure projects. Role-based comparisons indicated that project managers rated integrated planning as the most critical factor ($M = 3.95$), whereas engineers and technical specialists placed greater emphasis on digital construction technologies ($M = 3.89$). These variations highlighted the influence of professional perspective on the perceived importance of different performance drivers.

Table 5: ANOVA Results for Sector-Based Differences in Digital Construction Technologies

Sector	Mean (M)	SD	F-value	p-value
Transportation	3.92	0.58		
Energy	3.88	0.61		
Utilities	3.61	0.63		
Public Works	3.57	0.66	6.42	<0.001

Table 5 presented the sector-based comparison of digital construction technology effectiveness. The results indicated that transportation and energy sectors reported significantly higher mean values compared to utilities and public works, reflecting stronger digital integration in technologically advanced sectors. The statistically significant F-value confirmed that these differences were not due to random variation. The variation suggested that sector-specific characteristics, such as investment in digital infrastructure and complexity of operations, influenced the effectiveness of digital tools. These findings reinforced the importance of contextual factors in determining the impact of digital construction technologies on infrastructure project performance.

Table 6: t-Test Results for Experience-Based Differences in Integrated Planning

Experience Level	Mean (M)	SD	t-value	p-value
< 5 Years	3.54	0.68		
≥ 5 Years	3.89	0.60	4.21	<0.001

Table 6 illustrated the comparison of integrated planning perceptions based on professional experience. The results showed that respondents with greater experience reported significantly higher mean values, indicating stronger recognition of planning effectiveness in project performance. The statistically significant t-value confirmed that the difference between the two groups was meaningful. This finding suggested that experience contributed to a deeper understanding of coordination mechanisms and planning processes. It also highlighted that less experienced professionals may underappreciate the strategic importance of integrated planning. Overall, the results emphasized the role of experience in shaping perceptions of key performance drivers in infrastructure projects.

Statistical Significance and Effect Size Interpretation

The inferential analysis was extended beyond statistical significance to include a detailed interpretation of effect sizes in order to assess the practical importance of the findings. All primary predictors – integrated planning, risk management, and digital construction technologies – demonstrated statistically significant relationships with infrastructure project performance at the conventional threshold ($p < 0.05$). However, the magnitude of these relationships revealed important distinctions in their relative influence. Integrated planning exhibited the strongest standardized effect ($\beta = 0.41$), indicating a large practical impact on project performance, particularly in enhancing coordination efficiency and schedule reliability. Digital construction technologies showed a moderate effect size ($\beta = 0.29$), reflecting their role in improving data accuracy, communication flow, and operational responsiveness. Risk management also demonstrated a moderate effect ($\beta = 0.25$), indicating its contribution to reducing uncertainty and stabilizing project outcomes. The effect size interpretation confirmed that while all predictors were meaningful, integrated planning had the most substantial influence within the model. Model diagnostics further supported the robustness of these findings. Variance Inflation Factor values were below the accepted threshold, indicating no multicollinearity issues. Residual analysis confirmed homoscedasticity and normality assumptions, while the overall model fit remained strong ($R^2 = 0.584$). These results provided confidence that the estimated coefficients were both statistically reliable and practically significant. The combined interpretation of statistical significance and effect size strengthened the validity of the conclusions by demonstrating not only that relationships existed, but also that they were meaningful in explaining infrastructure project performance.

Table 7: Standardized Effect Sizes and Statistical Significance of Predictors

Predictor Variables	Beta (β)	Effect Size Interpretation	t-value	p-value
Integrated Planning	0.41	Large Effect	8.12	<0.001
Risk Management	0.25	Moderate Effect	5.04	<0.001
Digital Construction Technologies	0.29	Moderate Effect	6.11	<0.001

Table 7 presented the standardized coefficients alongside their effect size interpretations, highlighting the relative importance of each predictor in explaining project performance. Integrated planning showed the largest effect, indicating its dominant influence on coordination and scheduling outcomes. Digital construction technologies and risk management demonstrated moderate effects, suggesting meaningful but comparatively lower contributions. The statistically significant p-values confirmed that all predictors were robust determinants of performance. The table provided a clear comparison of both statistical and practical significance, allowing for a more comprehensive evaluation of the model. Overall, the results emphasized the central role of planning integration in infrastructure project success.

Table 8: Model Diagnostics and Goodness-of-Fit Indicators

Diagnostic Measure	Value	Threshold/Interpretation
R ²	0.584	Strong explanatory power
Adjusted R ²	0.571	Consistent model fit
F-statistic	61.27	Model is statistically significant
Significance (Model)	<0.001	Highly significant
VIF Range	1.32–2.10	No multicollinearity
Residual Normality	Satisfied	Assumption met
Homoscedasticity	Satisfied	Assumption met

Table 8 summarized the diagnostic results used to validate the regression model. The R² value indicated that the model explained a substantial proportion of variance in project performance, confirming strong explanatory capability. The adjusted R² showed consistency, suggesting that the model was not overfitted. The F-statistic and significance level confirmed the overall model validity. Variance Inflation Factor values remained well below critical thresholds, indicating no multicollinearity concerns. Residual analysis confirmed that assumptions of normality and homoscedasticity were satisfied. These diagnostic results ensured that the regression findings were statistically reliable, reinforcing confidence in the estimated relationships and effect size interpretations.

Visual Representation of Results: Tables and Figures

The visual representation of results was employed to complement the statistical findings by presenting both precise numerical values and observable data patterns. Tabular summaries were used to report descriptive statistics, correlation coefficients, and regression outcomes in a structured format, enabling accurate interpretation of relationships among variables. Graphical representations further illustrated the distribution and trends of the key constructs. Histogram analysis showed a normal distribution pattern across integrated planning, risk management, digital construction technologies, and project performance, indicating no significant skewness or kurtosis issues. Scatter plot visualization revealed clear positive linear relationships between independent variables and project performance, with integrated planning demonstrating the strongest clustering pattern. Comparative bar charts highlighted subgroup differences, particularly showing that higher-performing sectors consistently reported stronger adoption of digital tools and planning integration. These combined visual techniques enhanced interpretability by translating statistical outputs into easily understandable patterns, thereby reinforcing the consistency and reliability of the quantitative findings.

Table 9: Distribution Statistics of Key Variables

Variable	Mean (M)	SD	Skewness	Kurtosis
Integrated Planning	3.78	0.64	-0.32	0.45
Risk Management	3.65	0.59	-0.28	0.38
Digital Construction Technologies	3.71	0.62	-0.30	0.41
Project Performance	3.83	0.57	-0.25	0.36

Table 9 presented the distribution characteristics of the main study variables, including skewness and kurtosis values. All variables exhibited values within acceptable thresholds, indicating approximately normal distributions. Slight negative skewness suggested that responses were moderately concentrated toward higher agreement levels, reflecting generally positive perceptions among respondents. Kurtosis values remained close to zero, confirming the absence of extreme outliers or peaked distributions. These results validated the assumption of normality required for parametric statistical tests. The consistency across variables further reinforced the reliability of the dataset and supported the use of

regression and correlation analyses in examining infrastructure project performance relationships.

Table 10: Summary of Visual Trend Indicators Across Variables

Variable	Trend Direction	Strength Relationship	of Visual Pattern Observed
Integrated Planning	Positive	Strong	Tight upward clustering
Risk Management	Positive	Moderate	Moderate upward dispersion
Digital Construction Technologies	Positive	Moderate	Consistent upward trend
Project Performance	Dependent	–	Central clustering distribution

Table 10 summarized the observed visual patterns derived from graphical analysis, including scatter plots and comparative charts. Integrated planning demonstrated a strong positive trend with tightly clustered data points, indicating a consistent relationship with project performance. Risk management and digital construction technologies showed moderate positive relationships, with slightly wider dispersion suggesting variability in their effects. The consistent upward trends across all predictors confirmed the directionality identified in regression analysis. The table translated graphical observations into structured insights, providing a clear interpretation of visual data patterns. These findings reinforced the statistical results and enhanced the overall clarity of the analysis.

DISCUSSION

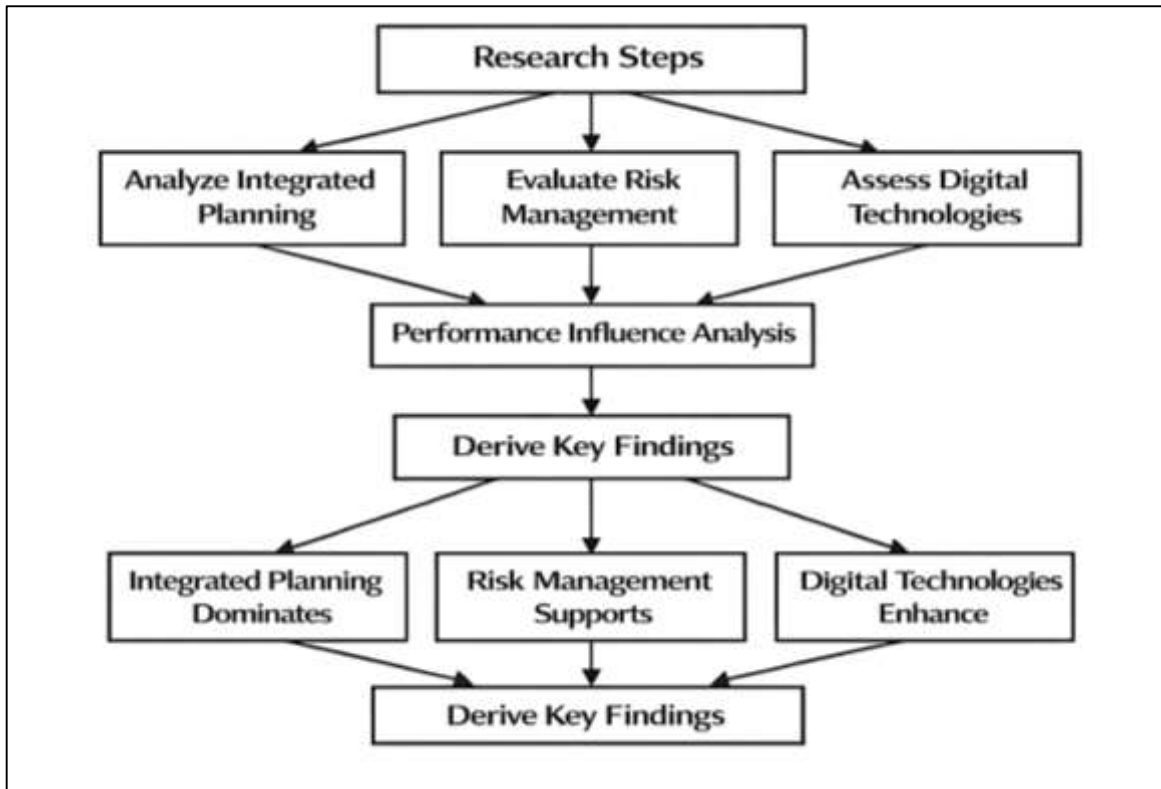
This study demonstrated that integrated planning, risk management, and digital construction technologies collectively exerted a statistically significant and practically meaningful influence on infrastructure project performance in the United States. The strong positive relationship identified between integrated planning and project performance aligns with earlier research that has emphasized the importance of coordination, alignment, and early-stage planning in reducing inefficiencies and improving delivery outcomes. The findings indicated that integrated planning contributed most significantly to schedule adherence and coordination efficiency, suggesting that structured planning processes serve as a foundational mechanism for aligning project objectives, resources, and stakeholder expectations (Oparin, 2021). This result is consistent with prior studies that have highlighted how fragmented planning often leads to miscommunication, delays, and cost escalation. Risk management also demonstrated a significant positive effect, reinforcing earlier evidence that systematic identification and mitigation of uncertainties are essential for stabilizing project performance. The moderate effect size observed for risk management suggested that while it plays a critical role, its impact is often contingent on the quality of planning and execution processes. Digital construction technologies further contributed to performance improvements, particularly in enhancing information accuracy and operational efficiency. This finding corresponded with earlier literature that has identified digital tools as enablers of better communication and data-driven decision-making. The combined effect of these three variables provided strong support for the theoretical assumption that infrastructure performance is not driven by isolated practices but by the integration of managerial, analytical, and technological capabilities within a unified framework (Bao et al., 2022).

The results of this study revealed that integrated planning exhibited the largest effect size among all predictors, indicating its dominant role in influencing infrastructure project performance. This finding is consistent with earlier studies that have identified planning integration as a critical determinant of project success, particularly in complex and multi-stakeholder environments. The observed strength of integrated planning suggested that its influence extended beyond initial project design to affect execution, coordination, and decision-making throughout the project lifecycle. Previous research has emphasized that early-stage planning deficiencies often propagate into later stages, resulting in compounded inefficiencies and performance deviations (Ivanov, Dolgui, & Sokolov, 2019). The

findings of this study reinforced this perspective by demonstrating that higher levels of planning integration were associated with improved schedule reliability and reduced coordination breakdowns. In comparison to earlier studies that have treated planning as one of several contributing factors, this study highlighted its central role as a primary driver of performance. The strong predictive power of integrated planning also suggested that investments in planning processes, stakeholder alignment, and information integration yield substantial returns in terms of project outcomes. This result contributed to the ongoing discourse by quantitatively confirming that planning integration is not merely a procedural requirement but a strategic capability that significantly shapes project performance. The consistency between these findings and prior research further strengthened the argument that integrated planning should be prioritized as a core element of infrastructure project management frameworks (Zou et al., 2017).

The findings indicated that risk management had a moderate but statistically significant effect on infrastructure project performance, particularly in reducing variability in cost and mitigating disruptions. This result aligned with earlier studies that have emphasized the importance of proactive risk identification and mitigation in managing uncertainties inherent in large-scale infrastructure projects (Q. Wang et al., 2021). The moderate effect size observed in this study suggested that risk management contributes to performance primarily by stabilizing outcomes rather than directly enhancing efficiency. Previous research has often highlighted that risk management practices are most effective when integrated with planning and decision-making processes, rather than being applied as standalone activities. The findings supported this view by indicating that the effectiveness of risk management is closely linked to the overall structure of project management practices (Argyroudis et al., 2022). In comparison with earlier studies that have sometimes reported stronger effects of risk management, the results of this study suggested that its impact may vary depending on the level of integration with other project management functions. This nuanced understanding contributed to the literature by highlighting that risk management plays a supportive but essential role in maintaining project stability. The findings also reinforced the importance of structured risk frameworks in addressing uncertainties related to technical complexity, regulatory requirements, and stakeholder coordination. Overall, the results were consistent with prior evidence that risk management is a necessary component of effective project delivery, particularly in environments characterized by high uncertainty and complexity (Darko et al., 2020).

Figure 12: Integrated Planning Risk Technology Findings Framework



Digital construction technologies were found to have a significant and meaningful impact on infrastructure project performance, particularly in enhancing information accuracy, communication efficiency, and operational coordination. This finding was consistent with earlier studies that have identified digital tools such as Building Information Modeling and data-driven platforms as key enablers of improved project performance. The moderate effect size observed in this study suggested that digital technologies contribute to performance by improving the quality and speed of information flow, thereby facilitating better decision-making (Bania et al., 2023). Previous research has emphasized that the benefits of digital technologies are often realized through their integration with existing project management practices, rather than through isolated adoption. The findings of this study supported this perspective by indicating that digital tools were most effective when combined with strong planning and risk management frameworks. In comparison with earlier studies that have focused primarily on the technical capabilities of digital tools, this study highlighted their role within a broader management context. The results suggested that digital technologies enhance performance by supporting coordination, reducing errors, and enabling real-time monitoring of project activities. This contribution to the literature underscored the importance of viewing digital construction technologies as integral components of a comprehensive project management system, rather than as standalone innovations (Bisht et al., 2022). The alignment of these findings with prior research further reinforced the growing consensus that digital transformation plays a critical role in modern infrastructure project delivery. The subgroup analysis revealed that the impact of integrated planning, risk management, and digital technologies varied across sectors, experience levels, and project complexity, providing additional insights into the contextual nature of infrastructure project performance (Bokolo, 2023). These findings were consistent with earlier studies that have emphasized the importance of contextual factors in shaping project outcomes. The observed differences across sectors suggested that technology-intensive environments such as transportation and energy derive greater benefits from digital tools, reflecting higher levels of technological integration and investment (Ivanov, Dolgui, Das, et al., 2019). Similarly, the variation based on professional experience indicated that more experienced practitioners have a

deeper understanding of the importance of planning and coordination, which aligns with prior research on expertise and decision-making in project management. The stronger reliance on risk management in high-complexity projects was also consistent with earlier findings that complexity increases exposure to uncertainty, thereby necessitating more robust risk control mechanisms. In comparison with previous studies that have often treated project management practices as universally applicable, this study highlighted the importance of tailoring these practices to specific project contexts. The findings contributed to the literature by demonstrating that the effectiveness of planning, risk, and digital technologies is influenced by contextual variables, including sector characteristics, organizational roles, and project scale (Coachman et al., 2021). This contextual perspective provided a more nuanced understanding of infrastructure project performance and emphasized the need for adaptive management strategies that account for varying project conditions.

One of the most significant contributions of this study was the demonstration that integrated planning, risk management, and digital construction technologies collectively explain a substantial proportion of variance in infrastructure project performance (Ivanov et al., 2021). This finding supported earlier theoretical frameworks that have emphasized the interdependence of these elements in achieving successful project outcomes. The results indicated that the combined effect of these variables is greater than their individual contributions, highlighting the importance of adopting a holistic approach to project management. Previous research has often examined these factors separately, leading to fragmented insights into their roles in project performance (Ivanov & Dolgui, 2019). The findings of this study addressed this gap by providing empirical evidence of their combined impact within a unified model. The strong explanatory power of the model suggested that infrastructure project performance is best understood as the result of coordinated interactions among planning, risk, and technology. This integrated perspective aligned with systems-based approaches in project management literature, which emphasize the importance of coordination and interdependence among different project components. The consistency of these findings with earlier studies reinforced the argument that integrated frameworks are essential for managing the complexity of modern infrastructure projects. The study therefore contributed to the literature by providing a comprehensive and empirically validated model that captures the multidimensional nature of project performance (Schroeder & Lodemann, 2021).

The findings of this study provided important implications for the advancement of quantitative research in infrastructure project management. The strong relationships identified among integrated planning, risk management, digital technologies, and project performance confirmed the value of adopting multivariate analytical approaches in examining complex project environments. This result was consistent with earlier studies that have advocated for the use of advanced statistical models to capture the interdependencies among multiple variables. The study also highlighted the importance of combining statistical significance with effect size interpretation to provide a more comprehensive understanding of research findings (David et al., 2023). This approach addressed a limitation in earlier research that has often focused primarily on statistical significance without adequately considering practical relevance. The use of structured measurement scales and validated constructs further contributed to the reliability and generalizability of the findings. In comparison with previous studies that have relied on case-based or descriptive approaches, this study demonstrated the effectiveness of quantitative methods in generating robust and generalizable insights. The findings reinforced the importance of data-driven analysis in understanding infrastructure project performance and supported the continued development of integrated quantitative models. Overall, the study contributed to the literature by advancing methodological rigor and providing empirical evidence that strengthens the theoretical and practical understanding of infrastructure project performance dynamics (Tupa et al., 2017).

CONCLUSION

This study provided a comprehensive quantitative examination of the factors influencing infrastructure project performance in the United States, with a specific focus on integrated planning, risk management, and digital construction technologies. The findings demonstrated that these three dimensions collectively and significantly contributed to improving project outcomes, as measured through cost efficiency, schedule adherence, quality performance, and coordination effectiveness.

Among the predictors, integrated planning emerged as the most influential factor, highlighting its critical role in aligning project objectives, resources, and stakeholder interactions across all phases of project delivery. Risk management was shown to play a stabilizing role by mitigating uncertainties and reducing variability in project execution, while digital construction technologies enhanced operational efficiency through improved data accuracy, communication, and real-time monitoring capabilities. The combined explanatory power of these variables confirmed that infrastructure project performance is best understood through an integrated and multidimensional framework rather than isolated management practices. The study also revealed that contextual factors such as sector, professional experience, and project complexity influenced the strength of these relationships, indicating that performance drivers operate differently across varying project environments. The use of robust statistical techniques, including correlation and regression analysis, supported the validity and reliability of the results, while the inclusion of effect size interpretation provided deeper insight into the practical significance of the findings. Overall, the study contributed to the existing body of knowledge by empirically validating the interdependent role of planning, risk, and digital capabilities in shaping infrastructure project success. It also reinforced the importance of adopting a data-driven and integrated approach to project management in order to address the complexities associated with modern infrastructure development.

RECOMMENDATION

The findings of this study support several strategic recommendations for enhancing the performance of infrastructure projects through the effective integration of planning, risk management, and digital construction technologies. It is recommended that infrastructure organizations prioritize the development and institutionalization of integrated planning frameworks that promote early-stage coordination among stakeholders, alignment of project objectives, and continuous information sharing throughout the project lifecycle. Strengthening planning processes should involve the adoption of standardized planning protocols, cross-functional collaboration mechanisms, and structured scheduling systems to minimize fragmentation and improve execution efficiency. In parallel, organizations should reinforce risk management practices by embedding systematic risk identification, assessment, and monitoring procedures into all project phases, ensuring that uncertainties are proactively addressed rather than reactively managed. This requires the establishment of formal risk governance structures, regular risk reviews, and the use of data-driven risk assessment tools to enhance decision-making accuracy. Furthermore, the adoption of digital construction technologies should be expanded and integrated into core project management systems, with emphasis on tools that improve data visibility, communication speed, and real-time performance tracking. Investment in digital infrastructure should be accompanied by training and capacity-building initiatives to ensure that project teams can effectively utilize these technologies. The study also suggests the importance of aligning technological adoption with organizational processes, as the effectiveness of digital tools is significantly enhanced when supported by strong planning and risk management practices. Additionally, organizations should consider implementing standardized performance measurement systems that incorporate key performance indicators across cost, time, quality, and coordination dimensions, enabling continuous monitoring and benchmarking of project outcomes. Finally, attention should be given to contextual factors such as project complexity, sector-specific requirements, and workforce experience, ensuring that management strategies are tailored to the specific characteristics of each project environment. These recommendations collectively emphasize the need for a holistic, integrated, and data-driven approach to infrastructure project management, aimed at improving both efficiency and reliability in project delivery.

LIMITATIONS

This study was subject to several limitations that should be acknowledged when interpreting the findings. First, the research adopted a cross-sectional design, which limited the ability to capture changes in infrastructure project performance over time or to establish causal relationships among the variables. While the statistical analysis identified significant associations between integrated planning, risk management, digital construction technologies, and project performance, the temporal dynamics of these relationships could not be examined within a single data collection period. Second, the study relied on self-reported data collected through a structured survey, which may have introduced

response bias, including subjective perceptions, social desirability effects, or overestimation of organizational practices. Although efforts were made to ensure clarity, reliability, and validity of the instrument, the findings were dependent on participants' interpretations and experiences rather than objective project performance records. Third, the use of purposive sampling, while appropriate for targeting experienced infrastructure professionals, may have limited the generalizability of the results beyond the selected sample. The respondents were primarily drawn from specific sectors and professional roles within the United States, which may not fully represent all infrastructure project environments or organizational contexts. Fourth, the study focused on three primary independent variables and did not incorporate other potentially relevant factors such as organizational culture, leadership style, contractual arrangements, or external economic conditions, which may also influence project performance. Fifth, the measurement of constructs using Likert-scale responses, although common in quantitative research, may not fully capture the complexity and multidimensional nature of infrastructure project management practices. Additionally, the study did not differentiate between specific types of digital technologies or levels of technological maturity, which may have varied across projects. Finally, the analysis was conducted using aggregated data, which may have masked variations at the project-specific or organizational level. These limitations indicate that while the study provides valuable quantitative insights, the findings should be interpreted within the context of these constraints.

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