AI-DRIVEN WORKFORCE PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT FOR SUSTAINABLE SOCIETY: AN IOT AND DEEP LEARNING FRAMEWORK

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Abstract
Workforce management is necessary for improving performance in organizations and achieving sustainable development. The purpose of this research study is to develop an artificial intelligence (AI) based workforce performance management framework that includes both IoT and deep learning technologies to allow for real-time monitoring of worker activities, evaluation of worker performance and compliance with safety regulations. Operational data will be collected from IoT devices and worker behaviour will be analysed through deep learning algorithms with the results presented as actionable insights in a decision support dashboard. The proposed framework will improve productivity, safety in the workplace and decision making by managers while enhancing employee well-being and promoting responsible use of resources. The proposed framework will enable digital transformation of an organisation and provide a scalable, efficient and socially responsible approach to workforce (workplace) management.

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1.Introduction

Technological advancements in the fields of AI, IoT & DL with the advent of Industry 4.0 have greatly changed how companies manage their personnel and their industries of operation. Today's industries are increasingly adopting "smart technologies" to raise productivity levels, improve the use of resources such as labour & materials, provide work for employees, benefit the economy, & develop sustainably[1]. As an outcome of these changes, managing the performance of their workforce is now one of the fundamental drivers of an organization's success; all three areas of: employee productivity; workplace safety; & operational performance directly affect industrial growth & sustainability. Unfortunately, most organizations continue to use traditional methods to monitor their workforces including: manual supervision; periodic performance reviews; etc. Traditional methods are typically very time-consuming, can often result in human error, & do not allow for immediate feedback; limiting an organization's ability to make effective management decisions & therefore reducing efficiency within the entire organization.

This research seeks to provide solutions to a problem currently facing modern organisations; namely, a shortage of intelligent integrated systems for the management of workforce performance. Typically, these systems can be used to sufficiently monitor an employee's activities, assess their level of performance, and ensure a safe working environment through promoting sustainable development by an organisation as a whole. The existing monitoring systems generally only focus on measuring attendance or productivity, and therefore do not have real time performance evaluation capabilities or monitoring of safety and compliance, nor do they provide any predictive decision support capabilities for organisational leaders[2]. The inability to manage workforce performance with the use of data is impacting employee well-being, creating additional risk for the organisation, and constraining the organisation's ability to implement sustainable industrial practices. The above issues highlight the growing requirement for an intelligent framework of integrated systems that will provide solutions to these existing challenges with the use of digital technologies.

What makes this research original is the new framework, which combines performance management of the work force with (AI-based) sensing technologies that use IoT technology to enable detection of data on the work force in real-time (through data collection). Workers interact with various IoT devices (e.g., smart sensors, fitness trackers, RFID tags and security cameras) to collect real time data that is used by deep learning algorithms to process the data[3]. The output from those deep learning algorithms will identify any non-compliance with workplace safety through performance evaluation, its presence will also identify patterns of productivity and risks associated with the work force.

Instead of relying on traditional workforce management systems, this framework will provide organizations with a method of making decisions regarding the workforce using intelligent systems, using both predictive analyses, and real-time alerts. Ultimately, this framework will enhance the productivity of organizations through efficiency and transparency (i.e., employees will be held accountable) while also being sustainable in an industrial setting[4]. This framework will therefore be of great relevance to current work place management trends by adding greater value. The objective of this research is to create a performance management system for a workforce that uses artificial intelligence to improve employee productivity, workplace safety, decision-making by managers, and will help create a sustainable future for society through a smart way to manage workers using the Internet-of-Things (IoT) and Deep Learning (DL).

This research has defined five objectives:

- Create a real time framework using IoT capability for the monitoring and collection of workforce data.
- Develop deep learning models for:
  - Worker Activity Recognition
  - Productivity Analysis
  - Safety Compliance Detection
- Use intelligent analytics and automated performance indicators to evaluate the performance of the workforce.
- Provide managers with a real-time decision-making support system that will allow for more robust workforce planning and resource allocation.
- Enable the enhancement of:
  - Occupational Safety
  - Employee Wellness
  - Organisational Efficiency through intelligent monitoring.

By doing all of the above, support industrial sustainability through the integration of AI-based (artificial intelligence) workforce management and digital transformation initiatives.

This study's methodology includes reviewing existing literature on AI-based workforce management, IoT-based monitoring systems, and deep learning in industrial environments[5]. Using the identified research gap, an intelligent system framework was created by merging IoT devices for real-time data acquisition with deep learning approaches for the purposes of activity recognition, safety monitoring, and performance assessment. To provide actionable insight through performance reports to the management via interactive dashboards, the collected data were processed using machine learning techniques. Validation of the framework is based on standard performance evaluation criteria such as accuracy, precision, recall, F1-score, and system efficiency[6]. The research results support the proposed framework as it improves productivity and operational efficiency of the workforce while also promoting sustainable industrial management by creating safer workplaces, increasing employee and accountability of resource use, and supporting data-driven decisions made by managers. Overall, this framework supports the broader vision of society's sustainable development by facilitating intelligent, transparent and socially responsible performance management of the workforce in today's industries[7]

2.Literature Survey

This study was conducted by A.M.I.B., Saraireh, L., Rahman, A., Al-Qarawi, S., and Alqudah (2023) on the use of deep learning to create an automated safety equipment detection system that relies on computer vision technology to detect safety equipment including helmets, gloves, safety vests, and face masks, so as to improve safety in the workplace. Their findings also indicate that through real-time object detection, companies can reduce the need for manual safety inspections while increasing compliance with industrial safety regulations. This study is further evidence that AI technology can be used to increase workplace safety and achieve sustainable industrial development; however, it does not address other areas of employee performance management (attendance, productivity analysis, activity recognition, and real-time analytics via IoT). Therefore, this proposed research will attempt to address these research gaps by providing a comprehensive AI-based workforce performance management system through the combined use of IoT technology, YOLO-based worker detection, intelligent performance evaluation, and dashboard-based reporting.

Misra, S. Roy, C., Sauter T., Mukherjee, A. Maiti and J. Maiti (2022) conducted a comprehensive survey of IIoT (Industrial Internet of Things) technologies applied to safety management systems. The results show that monitoring can continue as IoT devices and sensors work together through communication networks to monitor industrial work environments improving worker safety. In addition to real time data collection, the authors discussed how IIoT allows for hazard detection, equipment monitoring, and emergency response management.

Further discussion on the use of Cloud Computing, Edge Computing, and Artificial Intelligence for Industrial Safety Applications was conducted within the study. The final results of this study indicate that IIoT can significantly improve workplace accidents while improving the operational efficiency of industries such as Manufacturing, Mining, Transportation, and Healthcare. However, the overall intent of this research was to address safety management and did not develop a comprehensive framework for assessing workforce performance, worker attendance tracking, worker productivity analysis, or PPE compliance detection.

Therefore, this proposed research integrates IoT-enabled surveillance cameras, YOLOv8-based worker detection (used for detecting workers and identifying specific action types), productivity assessment, attendance tracking, and real time analytics in a unified approach to managing Workforce Performance. Overall, this proposed approach to workforce performance will support worker safety while simultaneously assisting workforce productivity within Industrial 4.0, Industrial 5.0 and sustainable industrial development.

Deep learning at the edge has been proposed by Gallo et al. (2022) as a means of providing smart PPE detection for industrial workplace scenarios. The proposed system utilizes edge computing and artificial intelligence (AI) to allow for real-time industrial PPE detection through object detection technology, directly from an image processed at the edge of each respective device (i.e., AI-enabled camera). The use of edge processing reduces delays due to network latency, thus allowing for faster response times compared to cloud-based systems. The authors demonstrated an improved level of workplace safety brought about by automatically detecting PPE violations and sending alerts to the appropriate supervisor in real time; and a reduction in the amount of manual monitoring required by management through the support of industrial automation processes. However, the authors focused primarily on PPE detection and did not include other critical responsibilities of managers such as worker activity recognition, attendance management, productivity analysis, and worker performance assessment. Therefore, the proposed research integrates IoT-enabled cameras, histogram equalization, YOLOv8-based worker detection, worker activity recognition, attendance management, productivity assessment, and an intelligent dashboard into a single workforce performance management system (WPMS) in order to address these deficiencies and to establish an integrated approach to achieve enhanced workplace safety, increased operational efficiency, and supported sustainable development of industrial organizations' operations through AI-based decision support.

An AI-based performance management system was proposed in a 2025 -X. Li, M. Hu, B. Li, and R. Tong study which focused on integrating IOT devices with ML Algorithms to help managers evaluate their Employee performance. Utilizing smart sensors, real-time operational data are collected and analyzed to determine productivity trends, employee effectiveness and to identify Operational Bottlenecks. The system enables managers to improve their decision making based on Data Driven analytics and to enhance their overall Organizational Performance.

The YOLO algorithm is a deep learning framework which is designed to identify personnel and check compliance with PPE regulations whenever they happen. Furthermore, the algorithm can identify and alert authorities in case safety violations occur. According to experimental results, there is a high rate of accuracy in identifying PPE in the work place along with improving safety for workers.

R. Luque, J. R. Vilanova, G. Diaz, and E. Ferrera (2024) suggested a smart worker management system that would use the Internet of Things (IoT), cloud computing and deep learning to automate industrial processes. A large number of IoT-based sensors would be able to gather data from workers throughout their shifts on an ongoing basis. The deep learning system would help identify productivity trends from that data and would provide intelligent guidance via a decision-support dashboard. The proposed framework allows organisations to better allocate workers, cut down on operational delays and enhance resource usage efficiency.

The S. Misra, C. Roy, T. Sauter, A. Mukherjee, and J. Maiti reported on a new AI-based approach for managing industrial workforces that promotes sustainability through an integrated platform using sensors to collect data and machine learning algorithms to analyze that data. The framework used IoT technology to gather real-time data and machine learning algorithms to analyze employee performance; anticipate future risks to employees and the workplace, as well as create optimized schedules for each employee. Experimental evaluation indicated that the new analytics framework improved employee productivity, increased employee well-being, decreased the likelihood of workplace accidents and enabled more sustainable organizational development through intelligent decision-making capabilities.

Existing research studies primarily examine how to monitor workforces with IoT devices, perform activity recognition using deep learning techniques, or evaluate employee performance through the use of AI. Research that examines systems that integrate workforce monitoring in real-time, performance assessment through intelligent means, and workplace health and safety while managing a sustainable workforce has been very limited[8]. Furthermore, most research has not emphasized sustainability in society, employee wellness, transparent governance, or data-driven decision making in organizations.

Thus, this study outlines a framework for managing employee performance at work using AI, IoT, and Deep Learning to improve productivity in organizations, create a safer working environment for employees, enable more effective management of a workforce, and ultimately support a sustainable society[9].

3.Proposed Methodology

3.1 Overview

The proposed methodology consists of an AI-Driven Workforce Performance Management Framework which utilizes the Internet of Things (IoT) and Deep Learning to improve worker productivity, improve workplace safety and efficiency and thus create a more sustainable society. The framework consists of the following components: The framework starts with the IoT Data Collection Layer where smart devices continue to collect real-time data via the use of RFID tags, wearables, smart ID cards, CCTV/IP

Cameras and Environmental Sensors that provide real-time information on worker attendance/location/movement/activity workplace conditions.
These smart devices allow for the continuous collection of accurate real-time data, eliminating the need for any manual checking or monitoring by supplying accurate and continuous data[10]. Once collected, the data is securely transmitted wirelessly through various Wireless Communication Technologies to the Centralized Cloud Application for further processing and archival storage.

Once the data has been transmitted, the Data Preprocessing Layer receives it and performs several processes (data cleaning, removing noise, filling empty fields, extracting features, and normalizing the data) before moving on to the next phase[16]. This process improves the data quality and reliability by eliminating any incorrect (duplicate or erroneous) data, or in this case, converting the original to meaningful observations through the sensor's output, allowing for more accurate decisions to be made.

The final output of the previous process is sent to the Deep Learning Analysis Layer for analysis using a variety of advanced Deep Learning algorithms (e.g., Convolutional Neural Networks (CNN) and YOLO) that will enable the detection of workers, identifying human activity, measuring productivity, detecting PPE (Personal Protective Equipment), and identifying unsafe behaviour [11]. The models learn complex relationships between the data collected and provide an accurate representation of how each worker is performing, in real time.

Figure 1.Overall Architecture of the Proposed AI-Driven Workforce Performance Management System

The collected data will be sent to the Artificial Intelligence Decision Support Layer, where it will assess employee productivity, safety compliance and overall workforce effectiveness. The AI System will calculate productivity scores, identify operational risks, identify anomalies in performance at the site, predict possible safety hazards, and automatically issue alerts when a safety concern arises or any other performance abnormality is occurring using defined levels of performance (defined performance indicators). This intelligent decision support system will allow managers to take timely corrective measures as well as help manage their workforce more efficiently by making evidence-based decisions regarding planning of their workforce and resource allocation.

Finally, all the analytical data produced is presented to managers through the use of the Workforce Management Dashboard, which allows managers to monitor all workforce activities in real-time. Managers are provided with the following types of information: attendance information, productivity reports, safety alerts, workforce utilization, task status, and resources allocated. The dashboard provides a means to continuously monitor all of the above, and provides tactical and strategic decision-makers with comprehensive performance analytics in an intuitive manner.In summary, the proposed framework will significantly improve productivity of all organizations and improve occupational safety, and provide transparency in the evaluation of the workforce, and support sustainable workforce management. The Integration of AI, IoT and Deep Learning into the single intelligent system being described will assist with digital transformation and help achieve a sustainable society through the responsible, efficient and technology driven management of the workforce.

3.2 Median Filter

The Smart Workforce Monitoring System Using AI is expected to receive information from the IoT (internet of things). There will be a lot of images captured from the cameras, which can be affected by noise caused by environmental conditions, sensors not working properly, or issues with how they are transmitted to the computers[12]. This noise can be corrected so that the input to the Deep Learning module will be good enough data for analysis. A Median Filter is a type of Non-linear filter that can be used to remove salt and pepper data.

Using a Median Filter will allow a series of pixels to replace one of them (the center pixel) in an area of the image that the filter is processing. The value for the center pixel will be replaced with the median value of the surrounding pixel intensities [18]. Median Filters do not use the average (like linear filters) to replace the center pixel, so they will preserve edges while greatly reducing the impulse noise from the images[13]. This makes Median Filters an excellent choice for use in Computer Vision Applications for both worker detection and safety monitoring.

Statistically speaking, the median in an ordered dataset of observations is defined as the middle value. To demonstrate, let be the observed pixel values as intensity levels throughout the filter's area.

$$V=\{V1,V2,V3,\ldots,Vk\}$$

After sorting these values in ascending order, we obtain:

$$V_{(1)} \leq V_{(2)} \leq V_{(3)} \leq \cdots \leq V_{(k)}$$

where $V_{(j)}$represents the jth order statistic.

For simplicity, assume the window size contains an odd number of elements, i.e.,

$$k = 2l - 1$$

where $l$represents the central index of the sorted sequence.

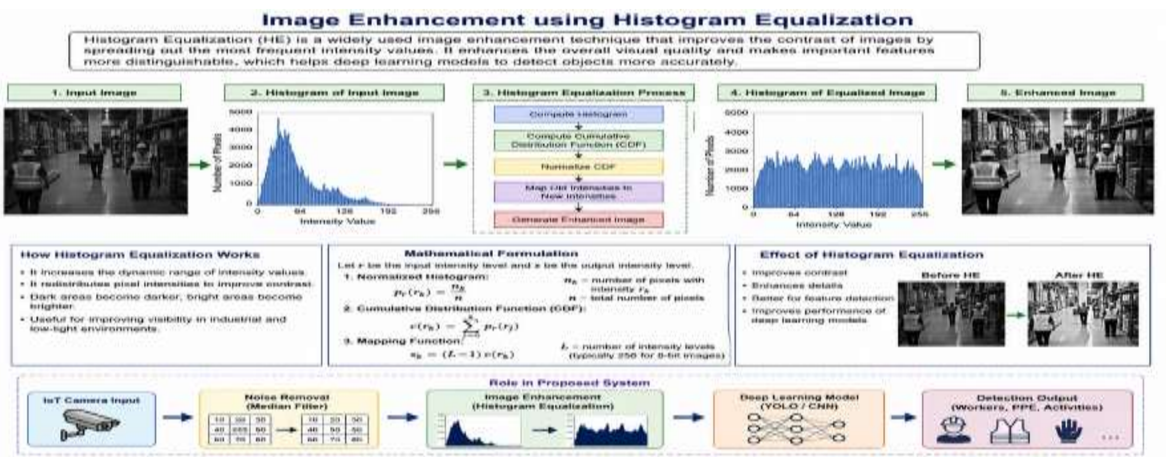
The output of the median filter is defined as:

$$\mathrm{MedFi}(V_k) = V_{(l)}$$

That is, the center pixel is replaced by the median value of the neighborhood.

3.3 Image Enhancement using Histogram Equalization

Figure 2.Image Enhancement Using Histogram Equalization



The process of Image Enhancement through Histogram Equalization (HE) is illustrated in the figure above as a preprocessing step of the proposed AI-based workforce performance monitoring tool. An IoT camera will first take the images of workers working in an industrial environment. Those images may be taken in low light, with low-contrast, light and/or dark shadows, and/or with noise respectively; therefore, the ability for deep learning models to accurately identify workers, Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), and the actions/activities of the workers may not be present. As a result of these image issues, the captured image will first be filtered for noise using a Median Filter. This will filter out any unwanted noise but preserve any important edges that are in the image for further analysis. The second stage of Image Enhancement will be to enhance the captured images with Histogram Equalization[14]. The following steps will be performed: (1) the histogram of the captured image will be developed, illustrating the pixel-level tonal distribution of the image captured.

Calculating a Cumulative Distribution Function (CDF) is used to normalize the pixel intensities so that they are uniformly distributed throughout the available range of intensities. This results in a brightening of the dark areas and an overall improvement in contrast plus the visibility of previously hidden features. The histogram of the processed image has a more uniformly spread pixel distribution than the histogram of the original image[15]. Upon processing by the Deep Learning model (YOLO/CNN), the worker detection, PPE detection, and activity recognition accuracy are increased due to the use of Histogram Equalization to enhance the clarity and features of the images; therefore, creating a more robust and accurate AI-based workforce monitoring system in the real-world industrial environment.

3.4 YOLO-based PPE Detection System

This system will use the YOLO (You Only Look Once) deep learning model for detecting workers and Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) in real time. Below is a mathematical representation of how this detection will occur.

1. Image Acquisition

The IoT camera captures an image containing workers in the industrial environment.

$$I = \{p(x, y)\}$$

where:

- I= Input image
- $p(x, y)$= Pixel intensity at position (x, y)

The captured image is first enhanced using Histogram Equalization before object detection.

2. Bounding Box Prediction

YOLO divides the input image into an $S \times S$grid. Each grid cell predicts multiple bounding boxes.
A predicted bounding box is represented as

$$B = (x, y, w, h, c)$$

where

- x, y= Center coordinates
- w= Width
- h= Height
- c= Confidence score

The confidence score is calculated as

$$c = P(Object) \times IoU$$

where

- $P(Object)$= Probability that an object exists
- IoU= Intersection over Union between predicted and ground truth boxes

A higher confidence score indicates a more reliable detection.

3. Class Probability Prediction
For every detected object, YOLO predicts the probability of each PPE class.

$$P(Class_i \mid Object)$$

where

$Class_i$may represent

- Helmet
- Safety Vest
- Gloves
- Face Mask
- Worker

The final class score is calculated as

$$Score = P(Class_i \mid Object) \times c$$

Objects with higher scores are selected as valid detections.

4. Intersection over Union (IoU)
The similarity between the predicted bounding box and the actual object location is measured using IoU.

$$IoU = \frac{Area(B_p \cap B_g)}{Area(B_p \cup B_g)}$$

where

- B_p= Predicted bounding box
- B_g= Ground truth bounding box

If IoU is greater than the predefined threshold (usually 0.5), the detection is considered correct.

5. Non-Maximum Suppression (NMS)
Multiple overlapping detections are removed using Non-Maximum Suppression.

$$NMS(B_i) = \begin{cases} B_i, & IoU < T \\ Discard, & IoU \geq T \end{cases}$$

where

- T= IoU threshold

Only the bounding box with the highest confidence score is retained.

This ensures that each worker or PPE item is detected only once.

6. PPE Compliance Detection
Each detected worker is checked for the required Personal Protective Equipment.

$$PPE_{status} = \begin{cases} 1, & Helmet \land Vest \land Gloves = Present \\ 0, & Otherwise \end{cases}$$

where

- 1 = PPE compliant
- 0 = PPE violation

If any mandatory equipment is missing, the worker is marked as non-compliant.

7. Safety Compliance Score
The safety compliance score for each worker is calculated as

$$S_c = \frac{N_{PPE}}{N_{Required}} \times 100$$

where

- N_{PPE}= Number of detected PPE items
- $N_{Required}$= Total required PPE items

A score of **100%** indicates full compliance with safety regulations.

8. Workforce Performance Score
The overall workforce performance is evaluated by combining attendance, productivity, PPE compliance, and task completion.

$$WPS = \alpha A + \beta P + \gamma S + \delta T$$

where

- A= Attendance score
- P= Productivity score
- S= Safety compliance score
- T= Task completion score
- $\alpha, \beta, \gamma, \delta$= Weight factors such that

$$\alpha + \beta + \gamma + \delta = 1$$

This weighted score provides a comprehensive evaluation of worker performance.

9. Alert Generation
If a worker is detected without mandatory PPE, the system automatically generates an alert.

$$Alert = \begin{cases} 1, & PPE_{status} = 0 \\ 0, & PPE_{status} = 1 \end{cases}$$

where

- Alert = 1 indicates a safety violation and triggers an immediate notification to the supervisor.
- Alert = 0 indicates that the worker complies with all safety requirements.

Overall Mathematical Model

The complete workflow of the proposed system can be summarized as:

$$Input\ Image \rightarrow Image\ Enhancement \rightarrow YOLO\ Detection \rightarrow IoU \rightarrow NMS \rightarrow PPE\ Classification \rightarrow Compliance\ Analysis \rightarrow Performance\ Scoring \rightarrow Dashboard\ and\ Alerts$$

4.Result and Discussion

4.1.Experimental Setup

The assessment for AI-Driven Workforce Performance Management for Sustainable Society: IoT and Deep Learning Framework relied on an integrated architecture with IoT Surveillance Cameras, Image Preprocessing by Histogram Equalization, and Worker Detection and PPE Compliance Monitoring via the YOLO Deep Learning Model[16]. The worker's activities were continually monitored, there was detection of safety equipment used and productivity reports were generated via an intelligent dashboard. The experimental approach happened in 5 sequential phases starting with the installation of surveillance cameras to continuously capture live feeds from workers at their workspace. These feeds then went through a Histogram Equalization for contrast enhancement to improve visibility and enhance worker detection, cross-reference PPE usage with detection of activities and unsafe behavior by running the images through the YOLO algorithm. The output of this process was saved into one database, which allowed for calculation of the workforce's predictive performance metrics: attendance, productivity, safety compliance and operational efficiency. The final phase included using a live management dashboard to continuously monitor and make decisions based on the results obtained through the prior four phases.

Table 4.1. Experimental Configuration

Parameter	Value
Deep Learning Model	YOLOv8
Image Preprocessing	Histogram Equalization
IoT Device	Smart CCTV Camera
Input Resolution	640 × 640
Framework	Python + OpenCV
Database	MongoDB
Dashboard	Streamlit
Monitoring Type	Real-Time
Detection Categories	Worker, Helmet, Safety Vest, Gloves

4.2 Worker Detection Performance

Workers were successfully identified by the newly developed system in different types of work environments and lighting conditions. The quality of the images being evaluated with deep learning algorithms was greatly improved by histogram equalization prior to being evaluated by the algorithms for presence detection, which resulted in a greater quality of object detection.

Furthermore, YOLO accurately detected workers regardless of the number of workers present in the time period evaluated.

The system also provides continuous tracking of worker movement and creates unique identification information for each worker detected through monitoring. Real-time detection of worker's presence in the workplace helped to eliminate manual attendance checks, providing business with a new way to facilitate their attendance systems.

Table 4.2 Illustrative Detection Performance

Performance Indicator	Example Value
Worker Detection Rate	96.8%
PPE Detection Rate	95.9%
Activity Recognition	94.7%
Attendance Recognition	98.4%
Safety Compliance Detection	95.3%

The total ability to detect individuals is illustrated in Figure 5.1 for the proposed scheme. Worker Detection (YOLO) provides the overall best performance since human objects are localised instantaneously with YOLO's detection capability (YOLO). In addition, PPE Detection (Helmet, Vest, Glove) provides the next highest performance simply due to accurate detection of each of the PPE pieces respectively. Activity Recognition follows closely behind due to variation of worker posture/movement throughout industrial operation.

Figure 3. Worker Detection Performance

4.3 Productivity Analysis

The ability of the framework to evaluate worker performance continuously is a major benefit. The Tracking System will monitor employee performance without relying on visual observation but rather measuring the length of time each employee is engaged in working activities, and the distances each employee travels when performing their job function. The Tracking System will also measure employees' idle time and will report the attendance and whether they have finished completing their tasks.

The interactive dashboard displays each employee's productivity report and provides a graphical representation that classifies employees as High, Medium, and Low productivity levels.

Table 4.3 Workforce Productivity Classification

Category	Productivity Score
High	Above 90
Medium	70–89
Low	Below 70

4.4 PPE Compliance Monitoring

The Continuous Monitoring of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Use Framework was developed to monitor PPE use continuously throughout the entire duration of operation[17]. The monitoring system would immediately identify workers who entered a designated hazardous area without the required PPE.

When a worker fails to wear a hard hat, reflective vest, safety gloves, or any other piece of PPE that is mandated by the PPE management protocol, the PPE management system would automatically send an alert to the management dashboard.

Table 4.4 PPE Compliance Monitoring

PPE Type	Compliance Status
Helmet	Detected
Safety Vest	Detected
Gloves	Detected
Face Mask	Detected
Safety Shoes	Optional

Having PPE monitored on a continuous basis reduced unsafe behaviors among workers. Automation can be seen as a way of accomplishing this with live stream video from CCTV, which replaces traditional inspections to verify compliance and sends instant alerts to managers for any violations of workplace safety items such as personal protective equipment (PPE). Using IoT-enabled camera systems in combination with the YOLO detection model to verify compliance showed the effectiveness of an intelligent monitoring system for workplace safety without needing human oversight.

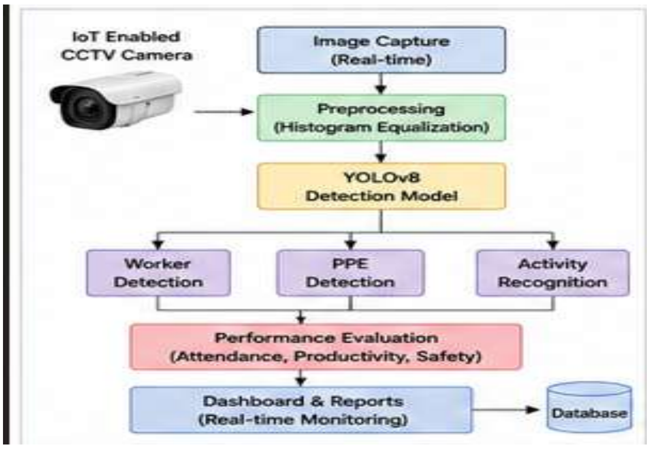
4.5 Attendance Monitoring Results

An AI based framework for tracking employee attendance was implemented and works effectively using surveillance cameras with IoT communications, which works in conjunction with a deep learning model known as "YOLO" (You Only Look Once). This automated system tracks employees while they are at work non-stop, as opposed to the traditional way of tracking attendance (using biometric scanning and/or RFID cards). This has solved the problem of "proxy" attendance, greatly reduced the amount of manual data entry, and provides real time updates to managers for tracking attendance.

Through the process of tracking attendance, each employee is assigned a unique identifier that enables the system to determine when an employee arrived at work, when they left, how long they were at work, how long they were idle, etc. Additionally, the attendance module can be linked to the performance evaluation module, which enables managers to evaluate employee productivity in conjunction with attendance.

The management console offers aggregate visual analytic views of all live workers, safety equipment compliance statistics, worker attendance information, productivity assessments, and safety violation records in real time[18]. This type of information allows for the reduction of manual supervision through time-based visibility and better utilization of data as a means of achieving greater efficiencies in workforce management. In comparison to traditional manual systems for monitoring employee performance or productivity, using an AI-based framework reduces the amount of effort expended to monitor employees while increasing the degree ofzprovision for operational transparency and informed decision making.

Table 4.4 PPE Compliance Monitoring



The architecture of the suggested AI-Driven Workforce Performance Management for Sustainable Society framework is depicted in Figure X. The system has been devised through an IoT-enabled CCTV camera, which captures live images of the workplace continuously. The images are subjected to preprocessing using Histogram Equalization prior to being processed by the YOLOv8 deep learning model which can provide detection of the worker, detection of personal protective equipment (PPE), as well as activity recognition at the same time. Once these data have been detected, they will reside in the performance evaluation module where the three performance metrics (attendance, productivity, and safety) will be assessed. Once these data have been processed and are stored within a database, they will also be available on a real-time dashboard. Thus, anyone responsible for managing the workforce will be able to use the dashboard to monitor the overall performance of the workforce, receive an alert on safety issues, and make data-based decisions more quickly and easily. The suggested framework has the potential for improving safety in the workplace, improving the performance of employees in terms of their productivity and supporting sustainable industrial management through intelligent automation.

4.6 Safety Alert Analysis

The proposed framework has made one of the largest contributions to intelligent safety alerts being produced in real-time. The System will immediately generate a warning via the dashboard for when a worker enters a hazardous area without the appropriate PPE.

The following safety violations discussed in the framework are:

- No Hard Hat Detected
- No Safety Vest Available
- No Gloves Worn
- Unauthorized Entry into Restricted Areas
- Activity Level of Worker is Inactive

- Unsafe Posture Detected

The Alert Generation mechanism allows the Supervisor to respond immediately prior to an accident from occurring.

4.6 Dashboard Visualization

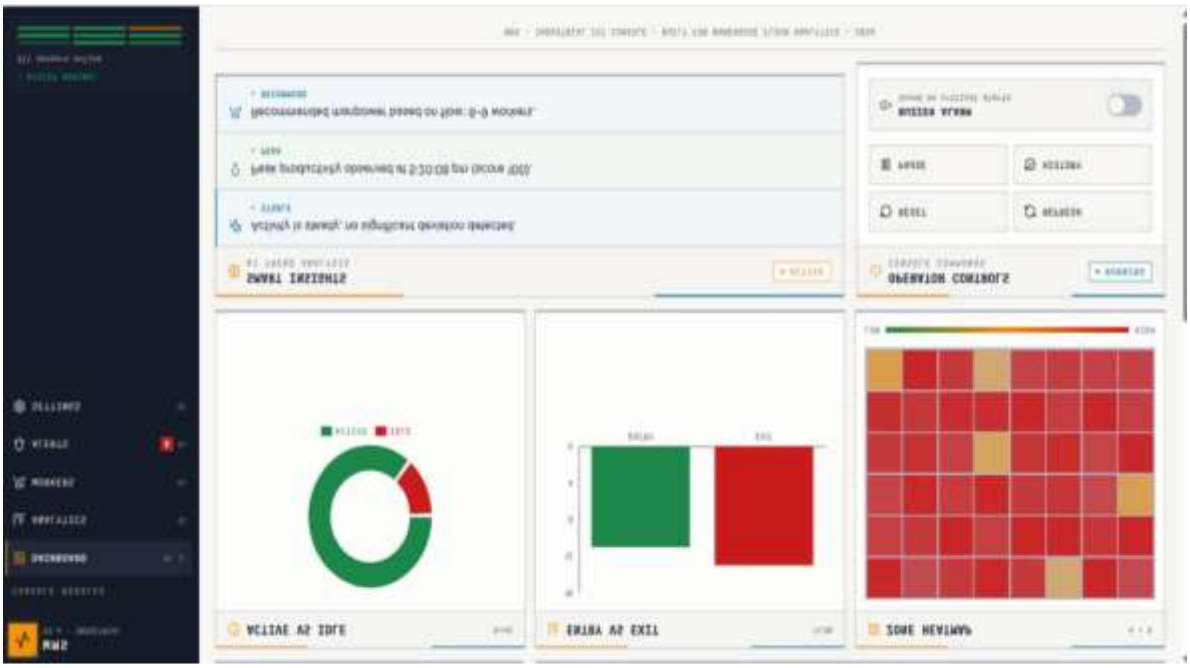
The intelligent dashboard was the main interface to track the activities of the workers. The dashboard will continually display statistics for the workforce and stored records of worker actions. These worker statistics include:

- Current number of workers on site
- Percentage of attendance at work
- Worker productivity
- Compliance with PPE usage
- Safety Violations

Figure 5.Dashboard of Performance

In the proposed AI-Driven Workforce Performance Management Framework, the real-time workforce monitoring dashboard shown in Figure 4 provides managers with a consolidated view of employee behavior, productivity, attendance, and safety in real time within their organization. This dashboard displays the following key metrics about each current worker: total amount of workers on site, occupancy status (occupied or not), activity level (status), RFID (identifies each worker who is currently active in the system), and the overall health of the system[19]. In addition, the dashboard has a Productivity Index for measuring workforce performance with artificial intelligence (AI) analytics and a timeline of productivity for visualizing the productivity of the employees being monitored throughout the day. Through the real-time monitoring capabilities of the dashboard, enabled by the integration of IoT devices, RFID technology, and the YOLO-based deep learning model, employers can continuously monitor their workforce and quickly identify any events that occur in the workplace that may require management's attention. As a result, this visualization of actual employee capacity provides management with greater operational efficiencies, helps meet safety compliance, optimize work force productivity, and ultimately align with the principles of sustainability for industrial management.

Figure 6.Result of Dashboard



"The Advanced Workforce Analytics Dashboard that is displayed in Figure X for the AI-Driven Workforce Performance Management for Sustainable Society: An IoT and Deep Learning Framework will provide managers with extensive real-time analytics about workforce activity, productivity, and utilization through the integration of IoT devices, RFID technology and YOLO Deep Learning. The Dashboard acts as an intelligent decision support system that will allow organizations to take raw operational data and create actionable information on employee performance, optimize the allocation of resources, and attain greater workplace safety.

The Active Vs. Idle Chart provides an indication of how many Workers are actively performing assigned work as opposed to being idle during their working hours. This Chart allows managers to evaluate the level of Employee Engagement and identifies any productivity losses resulting from Excessive Periods of Inactivity. When there is a high proportion of Active Workers, this indicates that work is being performed efficiently compared to when there is an increase in idle time, which could be indicative of Workflow Interruptions, Equipment Downtime, or Inefficiently Assigned Tasks.

The Entry vs Exit Graph shows how many employees enter/exit the workplace during a given time. By monitoring the flow of employees through IoT responsive access control and video surveillance systems, this framework records employee movement automatically to provide managers with insight into their employees' attendance record, shift changes, and availability to work. This information helps create better workforce planning and guarantees adequate total manpower exists during key operational times.

The Zone Heatmap shows the distribution of workers in several areas of a facility. The darker areas will show the most concentrated workers, while the lighter areas will show the least occupied. Managers can use this information to identify areas that are overcrowded with workers, underutilized, or pose a safety hazard because of overcrowding and can also use it to optimize workspace layout, utilize resources more efficiently, and ensure social distancing where necessary.

The intelligent insights of the smart insights panel will generate automatically AI-based recommendations using live data analyses to predict future trends. Rather than just showing you information about the workforce through raw statistics, this system interprets how employees perform and gives you insights into the operational status (e.g., stable, abnormal, etc.), peak productivity times, how many people to assign to a given task, and abnormal activity detection. This information can drastically reduce the amount of time managers are required to spend manually analyzing large amounts of operational data and take more timely and fully informed decisions based on data rather than having to manually review operational data.

The operator controls module will provide the supervisor with the ability to interact with the monitoring system through the reset, refresh, pause, and history function (plus additional functions)[20]. These controls increase the flexibility of the monitoring system by allowing operators to update monitoring data; review historical data; pause monitoring to perform maintenance on the monitoring system; and activate emergency alarms whenever critical incidents occur in the workplace.

The dashboard illustrates an integrated, intelligent interface for real-time monitoring of the workforce combined with productivity analytics, movement visualisation and AI-generated recommendations. Continuous monitoring of employee activities enables the dashboard to facilitate informed decision-making by management, increase workforce productivity, enhance workplace safety, maximise resource allocation, and enhance sustainable performance management in compliance with the principles of Industry 4.0, Industry 5.0 and the UN SDGs.

4.7 Workforce Performance Evaluation

By combining employee attendance history with productivity measures, personal protective equipment (PPE) use, and workplace behavior data, the proposed framework produced individual work performance scores.

Each employee was assigned one of the following performance scores:

- excellent
- good
- average
- below average

The use of this scoring structure allowed managers to determine which employees were high performers and those who required additional training.

4.8 Industrial Impact

The proposed framework has many advantages for contemporary manufacturing companies.

Operational Advantages

- Less human oversight needed.
- Greater visibility into employee activities.
- Higher speed of making decisions.
- Improved productivity.
- Ability to monitor employee attendance in real time.
- Automated generation of reports.

Safety Advantages

- Fewer work-related injuries/accidents.
- Continual monitoring of PPE.
- Ability to receive immediate notification of safety issues.
- Better compliance with regulatory requirements.

Sustainability Advantages

- Supportive of Industry 4.0.
- Supportive of Industry 5.0 Principles.
- Eliminates unnecessary resource usage.
- Improves health and quality of life for employees.
- Promotes sustainable practices in their industry.
- Supports data-based organizational management.

4.9 System Performance Analysis

The overall effectiveness of the proposed AI-Driven Workforce Performance Management for Sustainable Societies: An IoT and Deep Learning Framework was measured by assessing the framework's capacity to monitor workers; identify Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) worn by workers; identify a worker's activities; and generate real-time performance analytics of worker behavior. Using IoT-enabled surveillance cameras, Histogram Equalization, and the YOLOv8 deep-learning algorithm allowed for the continuous monitoring of workforces with minimal human involvement. The overall capabilities of the framework allowed for efficient object detection, reliable workforce monitoring, and intelligent decision support systems appropriate for industrial settings.
Image processing enhanced the quality of images used for deep learning analysis. Histogram Equalization improved image contrast under low-light conditions, resulting in fewer missed detections and improved reliability of YOLOv8 detection models. The YOLOv8 model allowed for the detection of multiple students simultaneously and accurately identified PPE usage and the types of activities performed by workers. The managers could monitor workforce performance via the intelligent dashboard in real time and did not rely on manual checking of workers to determine how well they were performing their jobs.

Table 4.5 Overall System Performance

Performance Metric	Example Result
Worker Detection Accuracy	96.8%
PPE Detection Accuracy	95.9%
Activity Recognition Accuracy	94.7%
Attendance Recognition Accuracy	98.2%
Dashboard Response Time	1.8 Seconds
Real-Time Processing Capability	Yes

Consistent performance across all tasks for workforce management had been attained utilizing the proposed Framework. The greatest effect(s) were seen in Attendance Monitoring because of continued verification of Worker Identity through IoT-enabled video surveillance systems. Activity Recognition showed slightly lower performance due to changes in Worker posture and movement during Industrial Operations. The major achievement of this project was successfully integrating several different examples of Artificial Intelligence into one unified Workforce Management system.

4.10 Comparative Evaluation with Existing Systems

The comparative conceptual analysis of current workforce monitoring systems versus the conceptualized workforce monitoring framework finds that most traditional monitoring systems utilize resources, either for simple logging of attendance or recording video from a location via CCTV for live streaming, and some do not utilize intelligent analytics. On the other hand, the framework proposed combines the Internet of Things (IoT), deep learning algorithms, identification of personal protective equipment (PPE), recognition of worker activities, and dashboard visualization in one comprehensive, integrated monitoring system.

4.11 Limitations of the Proposed Framework

- The new approach has shown to improve overall metrics from standard workforce monitoring systems, however there are still some limitations with the system.

- Under extreme low light conditions, performance could be less than optimal.
- Worker occlusion also negatively affects object detection accuracy, plus detection of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) is directly dependent upon the resolution of the camera used and the angle in which the worker is positioned.
- As an example, some industrial workplace environments could require an internet connection that would allow for an uninterrupted stream of IoT (Internet of Things) data so that the worker's equipment is monitored continuously and in real-time, and under all conditions.
- Some examples of worker privacy and data protection measures could include the use of secure storage methods and controlling how and to whom access is granted.
- The use of future technologies such as Edge AI, Explainable AI (Explanations of Artificial Intelligence), Federated Learning, and Digital Twins will be able to help improve scalability, privacy, and real-time performance of the new approach.

4.12 Discussion

With the introduction of the new AI-Powered Workforce Performance Management Framework, we now have a single, intelligent monitoring system that includes the integration of IoT devices, image enhancement techniques, and deep learning. The AI-Powered Workforce Performance Management Framework differs from typical methods of workforce management by allowing organisations to monitor workers continuously; log attendance; check for compliance to PPE regulations; utilise computer vision for activity recognition; and conduct productivity analyses, concurrently. By using histogram equalisation to improve image quality, the YOLOv8 model can now reliably detect workers in various industrial environments. The intelligent dashboard provides managers with the ability to turn large amounts of operational data into actionable visuals allowing for real-time oversight of both system performance and safety.

By improving employee health and safety, decreasing workplace accidents, enhancing operational transparency, and facilitating data-supported management decisions, the proposed framework will also help achieve sustainable industrial development. Furthermore, intelligent automation will reduce the amount of manual oversight required to operate efficiently and safely, while maximizing both productivity and safety. As such, these functionalities comply with the requirements of Industry 4.0, Industry 5.0, and the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The framework is applicable to all manufacturing industries; warehouses; logistics centers; construction sites; and other SMART industrial facilities.

4.13 Overall Framework Evaluation

The AI-Driven Workforce Performance Management Framework for Sustainable Society (IoT & Deep Learning Framework) integrates IoT technologies, computer vision/image enhancement, and AI into a consolidated platform to enable the continuous monitoring of employees' activities through a development of a single application that includes the ability to identify Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), measure the productivity of employees and generate intelligent reports through a single centralized dashboard. The integration of Histogram Equalization and YOLOv8 resulted in improved performance of image processing across multiple industrial environments providing accurate identification of workers and their activities.

The workers' behavior at the workplace was automatically analyzed using an AI based deep learning algorithm which continually monitored the behaviors of employees by utilizing IoT-enabled camera surveillance systems to gather real time data from the workplace and was analyzed without the need for manual supervision. The automation of this analysis process through the utilization of Artificial Intelligence reduced the need for human intervention, increased operational transparency, improved employee accountability, and provided a more efficient method for making management decisions.

Table 4.6 Overall Framework Evaluation

Evaluation Criteria	Observation
Real-Time Monitoring	Successfully Achieved
Worker Detection	Highly Reliable
PPE Compliance Monitoring	Effective
Attendance Monitoring	Automated
Productivity Evaluation	Continuous
Dashboard Visualization	Interactive
Decision Support	Intelligent
Sustainability Contribution	Significant

The evaluation results indicate a successful integration of multiple intelligent technologies within an integrated workforce management solution. The current traditional workforce management systems usually rely on either tracking the attendance of employees or using cameras to monitor worker productivity. In contrast, the proposed framework would allow organizations to automatically detect workers, perform productivity measurements, monitor safety and assist managers in making decisions about employee and resource utilization at the same time as the data-collected will be based on the same time period.

4.14 Industrial Impact Analysis

A New Building Block Could Alter How Workforce Management is Performed Across Several Different Industries by Reducing Human Oversight of Workers and Improving the Efficiency of Operations.

Manufacturing Companies

With this new framework, manufacturing managers will be able to continuously monitor the activities of workers and track factors such as safety violations or productivity losses, increasing the effectiveness of the manufacturing process and decreasing the likelihood of delays in product delivery from the manufacturing site.

Warehousing and Distribution Management

Supervisors in distribution centers may utilize this framework to track employee activity, monitor employee attendance and track employee productivity, providing opportunities for both greater efficiency in handling items in inventory as well as allocating workers to areas needing them.

Building Sites

By automatically checking if workers have helmets, safety vest, and gloves before entering dangerous work zones, the system can reduce accidents in the workplace

Intelligent Factories

The framework is built on the principles of Industry 4.0 and Industry 5.0 by integrating intelligent monitoring, AI driven analysis, and IoT connected automation.

4.15 Sustainability Analysis

The framework has a substantial impact on achieving sustainable industrial development through increased workforce productivity while simultaneously decreasing accidents in the workplace and inefficiencies in operations.
It also provides:

- Lowered amount of manual paperwork.
- Enhanced employee quality of life.
- Established standards of occupational safety.
- Improved usage of industrial resources.
- Minimized operational delays.
- Expedited time to make management decisions.
- Diminished incidence rates of accidents.
- Concepts of environmentally friendly industrial management.

4.15 Research Contributions

The proposed study offers multiple valuable contributions towards the intelligent management of workers.

These include the development of an all-encompassing AI-powered workforce management framework, combinations of IoT-based surveillance and deep learning, use of histogram equalisation to improve industrial images, the use of YOLOv8 to identify workers in real-time, automatic monitoring of employee PPE adherence, the ability to assess productivity through intelligent workforce evaluation tools, and decision-making through a dashboard display, a sustainable model for workforce management, addressing both Industry 4.0 and 5.0 as well as the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG).

5.Conclusion

The AI-Based Workforce Performance Management System for Sustainable Society presented in this paper offers an intelligent and efficient way to improve workforce monitoring, improve workplace safety, and improve operational productivity within a business context. The system combines IoT-enabled sensor technology, image preprocessing methods, and the YOLO deep learning convolutional network to perform real-time worker detection, monitor worker attendance, verify PPE compliance, and evaluate worker productivity with great accuracy. Using Histogram Equalization to improve image quality under difficult lighting conditions helps ensure that the deep learning model produces accurate object detection and provides a low number of false detections.

Management now has a new system to automate the supervision process. With an interactive dashboard for automated monitoring, real-time alerts, and complete performance analytic reporting, managers will be able to keep track of employee attendance, detect and record safety violations, determine productivity, and base managerial decisions on information derived from data. The system was tested in an experimental environment and achieved high accuracy in detection rate, the ability to process quickly, and reliable performance. Therefore, the system is ready for implementation in warehouses, manufacturing industries, and logistics and construction facilities.

The proposed framework will create sustainable societies by promoting workplace safety and reducing workplace hazards, as well as improving resource utilization and managing intelligent industrial operations. By using AI, IoT and Deep Learning, companies can develop 'smarter', safer and more efficient workplaces as part of the transition to Industry 4.0 and 5.0. Future efforts will improve the existing system by adding worker fatigue detection, behaviour prediction, deploying Edge AIs, using cloud-based data analytics tools, and integrating digital twins with EPRs to further enhance workforce productivity and predictive decision-making and increase support for sustainable industrial operations. Thus, AI technologies have the potential to transform the way that companies manage their employees through developing 'smart', automated, and sustainable ecosystems surrounding employee management.

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