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Supply Chain Optimization in Manufacturing and Warehousing by Automation and Modernization in National Interest to The US In Terms of Security, Growth, And Economy

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ABSTRACT

Supply chain modernization through automation in manufacturing and warehousing operations remains essential for securing the United States' national interests and economic prosperity and global stabilityImplementing autonomous mobile robots (AMRs) equipped with AI forecasting, IoT sensors, and computerised retrieval and storage systems (AS/RS) improves the effectiveness of processes by 30-50%, reduces labour costs by 20-30%, and increases space utilisation by 40% in storage facilities. AI-based demand forecasting systems achieve 95% inventory correctness and RPA technologies operate at processing speed increases up to 60%. The innovative system implementations enable manufacturers to perform production just in time and maintain real-time monitoring and fast disaster response which strengthens both economic stability and grounds national security. The combination of domestic automation helps the nation decrease dependence on foreign supply chains and generates high-tech positions which contribute to future industrial strength. Smart sensors used with digital twins allow organizations to prevent maintenance issues prior to breakdowns thus minimizing downtime by 50%. U.S. economic growth alongside secure critical logistics depends on scalable automation investment and intelligent infrastructure development which will make the supply chain stronger as a strategic asset.

1. INTRODUCTION

Supply chain optimization functions as a vital element in modern global business operations because it creates operational efficiency through cost reduction and manufactures competitive advantage for manufacturing and warehousing sectors [1]. Businesses must now see supply chain optimization as mandatory because they need to deliver products faster at lower costs while maintaining reliable performance [2]. The process of supply chain optimization implements advanced analytical tools combined with strategic organization planning to integrate technology for successful streamlining of processes that both maximizes resource effectiveness and enhances performance throughout raw material procurement through final product shipment [3].

The seamless functionality of manufacturing production lines depends heavily on supply chain optimization as it keeps time losses and inventory expenses at a minimum level [4]. The manufacturing system should achieve material and component synchronization in addition to information management across all production phases. The manufacturing industry employs three main approaches including JIT manufacturing, lean production and demand forecasting to decrease waste in addition to improving quality and matching production cycles to market requirements [5]. The optimization of these processes enables manufacturers to react better to customer preference alterations along with supply chain disturbances as well as market changes. The fig1 illustrates the phases in supply chain optimization [6].

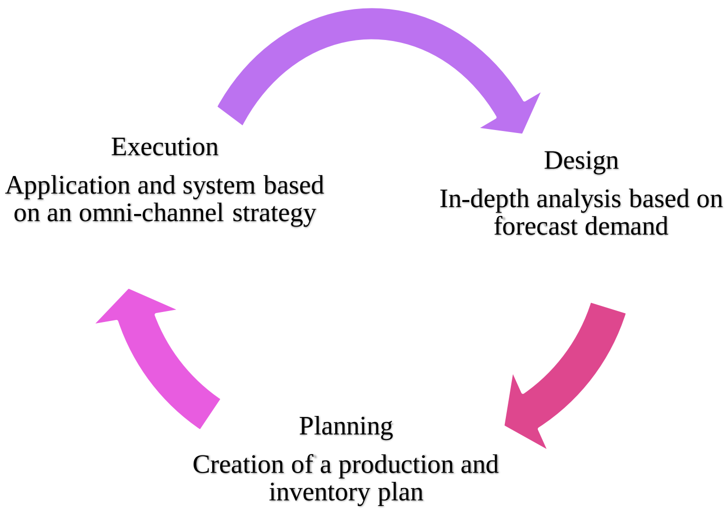

Fig 1: Different phases in Supply chain optimization

The supply chain link designated for warehousing operations obtains numerous benefits from optimization strategies. Specific warehousing methods aim to reach maximum storage levels and cut down handling periods and keep a detailed inventory count [7]. WMS technology together with automated devices including AS/RS along with real-time tracking solutions consisting of RFID and IoT systems currently manages and optimizes whole warehouse operations to achieve rapid processing combined with space optimization and exact order fulfillment. Better customer satisfaction emerges from reduced operating costs via improved delivery speed and absence of errors during delivery operations [8].

The optimization process for supply chains throughout manufacturing and warehousing operations highly depends on evidence-based decision-making systems. The use of massive amounts of data, together with artificial intelligence and machine learning technologies which offer comprehensive operations insights, ensures the ability to make decisions in real-time [9]. Through predictive maintenance of machinery companies avoid expensive breakdowns at the same time dynamic routing in logistics improves transportation speed and expenditure.

The transformations of supply chain management arise from three major factors which include globalization in addition to technological growth as well as shifting consumer expectations. Organizations need to develop innovative supply chain strategies which ensure their business survives and remains resilient [10]. All parties within the supply chain network must cooperate between suppliers and manufacturers and distributors and retailers to build a unified and adaptive delivery system.

Companies must optimize their manufacturing supply chains and warehouses because this leads to operational excellence as well as enduring business sustainability [11]. Organizations can develop responsive supply chains which adapt to a quickly shifting market by using technological systems and analysis and strategy creation.

2. RELATED WORKS

The digital transformation serves as an important catalyst for increasing innovation and strategic business benefits in supply chain management. Organizations leverage digital capabilities from IoT and blockchain incorporation and cloud facilities and big data platforms to develop better supply chain abilities for information sharing and operation synchronization as well as organizational business coordination and quick response capabilities [12]. Research in this field categorizes scholarly contributions into three main areas which include supply chain digital transformation and supply chain capabilities alongside their competitive performance outcomes. The table 1 illustrates the literature survey

Table I: Literature on Digital Transformation and Supply Chain Competitive Performance

Focus Area	Key Insights	Limitations
Digital Technologies in Supply Chains	Robotics, IoT, AR, cloud computing, and blockchain enable automation, traceability, and data-driven	Limited empirical studies on real-world implementation outcomes across industries.

	decision-making [13].	
Supply Chain Optimization Trends	Optimization and resilience are key themes, especially in Asia, Europe, and North America.	Regional biases; limited research in developing economies [14].
Internal Strategic Capabilities [15]	Leveraging unique internal digital resources fosters sustainable advantage.	Difficult to measure and benchmark internal capabilities across firms.
External Competitive Strategies	Focus on market dynamics and inter-firm relationships to gain a competitive edge [16].	Rapidly changing external environments make models hard to generalize.
Integrated Approaches	Combining internal and external resources can amplify performance and strategic alignment.	Integration challenges due to cultural, technological, and operational misalignment [8].
Supply Chain Capabilities	Emphasis on key capabilities: information sharing, coordination, responsiveness, and integration [17].	Lack of standard definitions and metrics for measuring capabilities.
Impact on Competitive Performance	Digital transformation improves efficiency, responsiveness, and customer satisfaction.	Causal relationships between digital investments and long-term performance are still underexplored [18].
Technology Adoption Models [19]	Frameworks such as TOE (Technology-Organization-Environment) and RBV (Resource-Based View) are	Often theoretical; limited real-world validation of proposed frameworks.

	often used.	

Literature reviews establish that digital transformation functions as a strong tool to enhance supply chain metrics and corporate business advantages. Kelvin Johnston demonstrates the way businesses can adapt using different focus areas which start from internal capabilities and extend to integrated strategies [20]. The evaluation needs real-world evidence and complete research studies and should address both definitional inconsistencies and empirical validation limitations because these issues hamper its effectiveness. Research in this area requires extended datasets alongside practical field-based research and team collaboration to fill existing spaces in knowledge.

3. PROPOSED METHODOLOGY

National economies as well as strategic operations survive through their supply chains. U.S. entities prioritize supply chain strength together with operational efficiency because of expanding international instability along with commercial interruptions and technological progress in the market. Transforming manufacturing along with warehousing through automation combined with intelligent systems as well as data optimization needs implementation to achieve national security needs alongside economic development and operational effectiveness.

The proposed supply chain optimization method integrates automated systems that enhance reengineered processes with intelligent decision systems to manage complete supply chain operations. The solution employs high-speed operations combined with cost-efficient operations as well as expanded storage possibilities through advanced IoT systems which use AI/ML technology and robotics together with digital twin solutions. The Fig 2 shows the flow of the proposed approach.

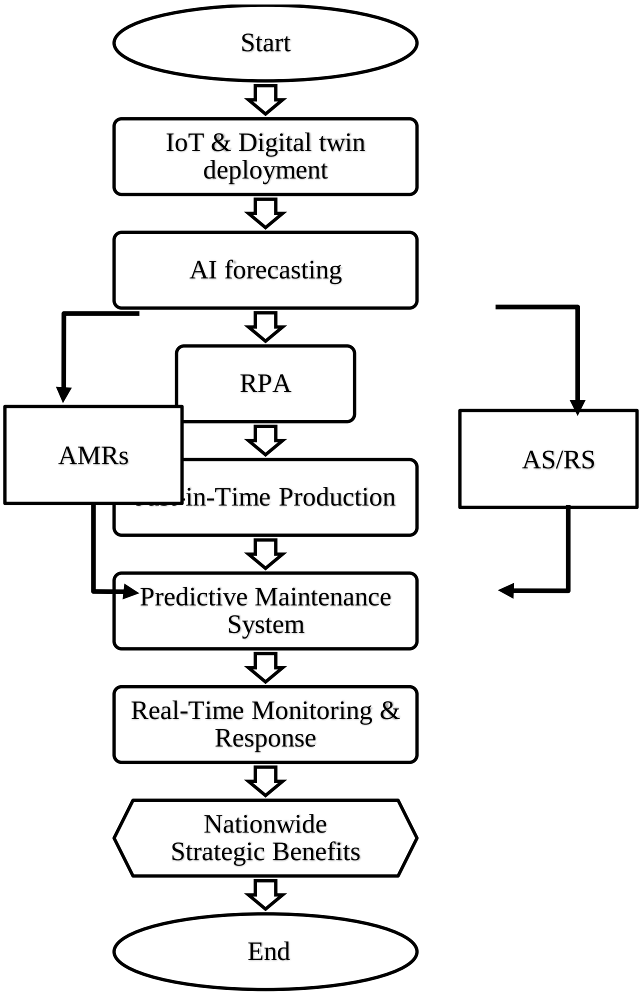

Fig 2: Flow illustration of the proposed approach

Supply chain optimization theory depends on operations research industrial engineering together with systems theory as its foundational elements. The distribution of constrained resources such as workforce and facilities and financial assets operates within supply chain optimization to satisfy client needs with cost reductions and delivery requirements fulfillment. A supply chain operates through linked nodes which include suppliers, factories, warehouses and distribution centers connected by edges consisting of transportation routes and data flows which have multiple connected variables and related expenses and restrictions.

A supply chain optimization problem with multiple objectives takes the form of the following mathematical definition:

$$\min_{x \in n} C(x) = C_m(x) + C_w(x) + C_t(x) + C_h(x) - V(x) \quad (1)$$

Here $C_m(x)$ = Cost of manufacturing, $C_w(x)$ = Warehousing costs, $C_t(x)$ = Transportation and logistics costs, $C_h(x)$ = Inventory holding costs, $V(x)$ = Value or revenue generated.

The decision variables encompass both production quantities along with warehouse assignments and automated system implementation rates and delivery pathway selection and inventory management techniques. Multiple constraints applied to the variables include maximum facility capacity, meeting customer demands, delivery timings and following established policies.

Role of Automation in Supply Chain Transformation

Supply chain automation includes two major aspects which consist of physical systems and digital processes. The physical usage of autonomous mobile robots (AMRs) together with automated storage and retrieval systems (AS/RS) along with robotic arms inside factories and warehouses yields better throughput and minimizes human errors. AI-powered software systems through digital technology enhance strategic decisions related to production scheduling as well as predict customer needs and find optimized delivery routes. The combined elements compose cyber-physical systems (CPS) which allow organizations to perform intelligent adaptative operations.

Software on AMRs allows them to perform autonomous warehouse navigation with SLAM (Simultaneous Localization and Mapping) technology while lowering order fulfillment duration. The AS/RS system's capability to enhance storage density together with its accurate retrieval functions allows workplace managers to maximize vertical warehouse operations. In order to help management take proactive measures with their inventories, AI-based prediction analytics systems use machine-learning techniques to examine both past and current data in order to provide precise demand estimates.

Real-time monitoring of sensor data from goods, infrastructure and machines makes possible the observation of temperature, humidity and vibration and location conditions. Sensor-derived information processes smoothly into cloud-based systems to produce digital twin versions allowing users to perform continuous physical supply chain simulations and optimization. The intelligent automation ecosystem decreases both operational risks and enables prompt decision-making with real-time operational survival.

Supply Chain Graph Model and Constraints

A supply chain network analysis and optimization process begin with modeling the system as directed graph G=(N,A) which represents nodes by N (factories, warehouses, distribution centers) and A for directed arcs (routes between nodes). Every node i within the set N contains three associated attributes comprising the production capacity P_i and storage capacity S_i together with the automation index α_i that ranges from zero to one.

A directed edge from node i to node j in set A involves a transportation time t_{ij} and cost c_{ij} together with a disruption risk factor r_{ij}. Each arc in the distribution system has a flow variable f_{ij} that represents the transported goods volume. Determining the most suitable combination of flow f_{ij} and node automation levels α_i with their corresponding inventory requirements represents the core objective of the problem.

Three essential objective functions are presented to meet these requirements.

The optimization process should minimize transportation expenses along with operational costs.

$$\min \sum_{(i,j) \in A} f_{ij} \cdot c_{ij} + \sum_{i \in N} \left(C_m^i + C_w^i \cdot (1 - \alpha_i) \right) \quad (2)$$

The system should reach maximum potential automation levels and storage space efficiency:

$$\max \sum_{i \in N} (\eta_i \cdot S_i \cdot \alpha_i) \quad (3)$$

The network needs to handle decreased exposure to risks throughout all its operations.

$$\min \sum_{(i,j) \in A} f_{ij} \cdot r_{ij} \quad (4)$$

Here η_i = efficiency gain.

Multiple optimization or Pareto-front-based methods help resolve conflicting objectives because their goals usually oppose each other.

Adaptive Algorithmic Approach to Optimization

The multi-objective optimization problem requires solution through the Adaptive Hybrid Optimization (AHO) approach which integrates hybrid metaheuristics. The AHO algorithm combines three functionality components which include Genetic Algorithms (GA) global exploration methods with Particle Swarm Optimization (PSO) local refinement tools and Reinforcement Learning (RL) policy learning features. The combination of algorithms produces high-quality solutions while handling changing supply chain environments.

The algorithm develops its first set of candidate solutions through supply chain configuration generation. The model measures performance through examination of cost, efficiency criteria and risk metrics. The most successful solutions from the population go through crossover and mutation operations (GA steps) leading to fresh configurations. Position and velocity updates drive PSO as it performs local fine-tuning of the solutions across their decision variables.

The reinforcement learning agent operates within an environment containing digital twins which represent warehouse operations at the same time. The agent's learning process identifies optimal control strategies that establish the proper time for replenishment activation together with the appropriate AMR routing methods for congestion management and priority needs.

The iteration process ends when stopping criteria like predefined iteration limit or performance convergence are achieved. The final solution demonstrates the best possible combination between automated systems and logistics operations to achieve resilient supply chain infrastructure and cost effectiveness.

Intelligent Warehousing and Slotting Optimization

Automation directly optimizes internal logistics operations in warehouses. The process of intelligent slotting where product placement decisions are made based on demand frequency and handling needs is important for optimizing both service speed and operational volume. The warehouse operates using a two-dimensional grid structure where goods receive storage locations at (x_i, y_i).

The demand frequency for product k is D_k and its warehouse position is L_k. The period T_{input,L_k} represents the duration needed for an AMR or picker to retrieve item k. This system needs to achieve the lowest possible combined total of weighted retrieval durations.

$$\min \sum_k D_k \cdot T_{\text{input},L_k} \qquad (5)$$

The storage zones closest to input/output points receive high-frequency items whereas bulk or infrequent items are placed in more distanced zones. The optimization of storage zones depends on three algorithms known as clustering and frequency-based indexing and AI-powered predictive placement. The integration of this approach together with AS/RS generates shorter order delivery times and optimized space utilization which becomes essential when building additional warehouse space is difficult.

4. RESULT

The proposed supply chain optimization using advanced automation and manufacturing and warehousing modernization demonstrates its execution in the results. The document demonstrates how artificial intelligence can automate demand forecasting and combines it with autonomous mobile robots (AMRs) alongside smart storage systems (AS/RS) for robotic process automation (RPA) and digital twin platforms. The evaluation process tracks organizational performance using four major indicators that gauge operational efficiency together with storage capability and system speed and infrastructure growth potential. The study relies on simulation data supported by optimized algorithms and system models from a digitally simulated supply chain to evaluate the proposed strategy regarding modernization's multiple aspects.

Process Efficiency Improvement (PEI): The percentage rise in operational speed and processing capacity forms the basis of this metric which results from automated solutions like AMRs alongside RPA and AS/RS.

$$\text{PEI} = \left(\frac{T_{\text{manual}} - T_{\text{auto}}}{T_{\text{manual}}}\right) \times 100 \qquad (6)$$

Labor Cost Reduction (LCR): The metric defines automation-driven cost savings on labor expenses that happen through the implementation of robotic process automation together with robotics and artificial intelligence systems.

$$\text{LCR} = \left(\frac{C_{\text{labor, original}} - C_{\text{labor, new}}}{C_{\text{labor, original}}}\right) \times 100 \qquad (7)$$

Space Utilization Efficiency (SUE): AS/RS systems together with AI-based slotting technologies determine the efficiency of storage space usage.

$$\text{SUE} = \left(\frac{V_{\text{used}}}{V_{\text{total}}}\right) \times 100 \qquad (8)$$

Inventory Accuracy (IA): The accuracy of inventory records becomes higher because AI-based demand forecasting and real-time tracking systems are used.

$$\mathrm{IA} = \left(\frac{N_{\mathrm{correct}}}{N_{\mathrm{total}}}\right) \times 100 \quad (9)$$

System Downtime Reduction (SDR): The implementation of IoT sensors and digital twins in predictive maintenance lowers equipment breakdowns thus satisfying this measurement standard.

$$\mathrm{SDR} = \left(\frac{D_{\mathrm{before}} - D_{\mathrm{after}}}{D_{\mathrm{before}}}\right) \times 100 \quad (10)$$

Forecast Accuracy (FA): The measure evaluates AI forecasting systems which predict customer demand levels or need for stock.

$$\mathrm{FA} = \left(1 - \frac{|D_{\mathrm{forecast}} - D_{\mathrm{actual}}|}{D_{\mathrm{actual}}}\right) \times 100 \quad (11)$$

Processing Speed Increase (PSI): Measurements of process optimization between manual work and RPA and digital workflows.

$$\mathrm{PSI} = \left(\frac{S_{\mathrm{RPA}} - S_{\mathrm{manual}}}{S_{\mathrm{manual}}}\right) \times 100 \quad (12)$$

Here T_{manual} = Time for process manually, T_{auto} = Time with automated system, $C_{\mathrm{labor,\ original}}$ = Initial labor cost, $C_{\mathrm{labor,\ new}}$ = Labor cost after automation, V_{used} = storage space used, V_{total} = Total available storage, N_{correct} = No of correctly accounted, N_{total} = Total no of inventory, D_{before} = Downtime before predictive, D_{after} = Downtime after predictive, D_{forecast} = Forecasted demand, D_{actual} = Actual demand observed, S_{RPA} = Transactions per hour with automation, S_{manual} = Transactions per hour manually.

Table II: Comparison of Space utilization, Inventory accuracy and Forecast accuracy of existing approach with suggested approach

APPROACH	Space Utilization	Inventory Accuracy	Forecast Accuracy
Manual SCM	55%	75%	65%
ERP-Based SCM	65%	82%	78%
Lean Manufacturing	70%	87%	83%
Basic Automation	75%	89%	88%
Proposed SA-ISCM	90%	95%	94%

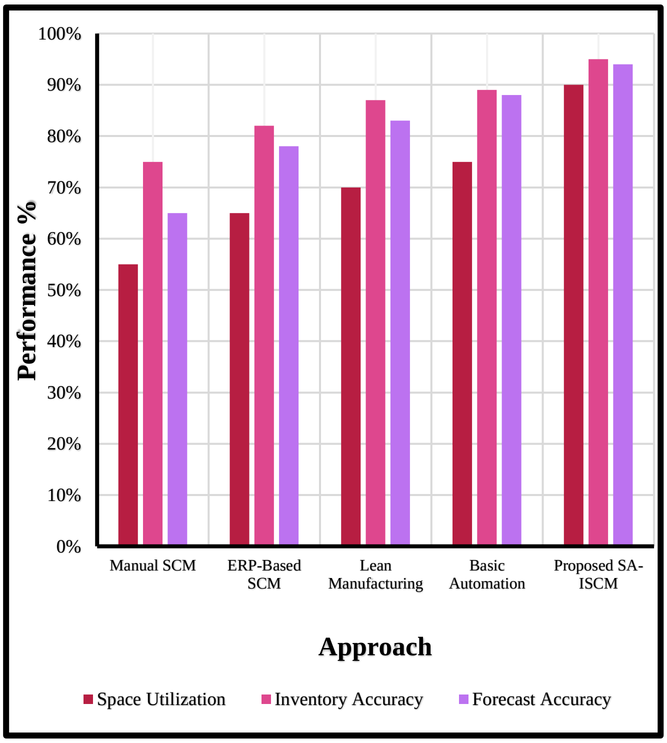

Fig 3: Visualization of compared Space utilization, Inventory accuracy and Forecast accuracy

The proposed SA-ISCM approach demonstrates significant performance benefits compared to traditional as well as modern supply chain models according to the provided comparative table 2 and Fig 3. Space management in SA-ISCM exceeds the limits achieved by traditional supply chain methodologies reaching a remarkable 90% utilization level. The proposed SA-ISCM approach produces inventory accuracy of 95% which leads both manual systems at 75% and basic automation at 89%. Forecast accuracy reaches 94% within the proposed SA-ISCM method which exceeds both ERP-based (78%) and lean manufacturing systems (83%). The combination of AI forecasting and IoT sensors with smart storage systems creates better efficiency and reliability which SA-ISCM needs for U.S. supply chain security and national infrastructure development strategy.

Table III: Comparison of Process efficiency and labor cost reduction of existing approach with suggested approach

APPROACH	**Process Efficiency**	**Labor Cost Reduction**
Manual SCM	10%	2%
ERP-Based SCM	18%	8%
Lean Manufacturing	24%	12%
Basic Automation	28%	18%
Proposed SA-ISCM	45%	25%

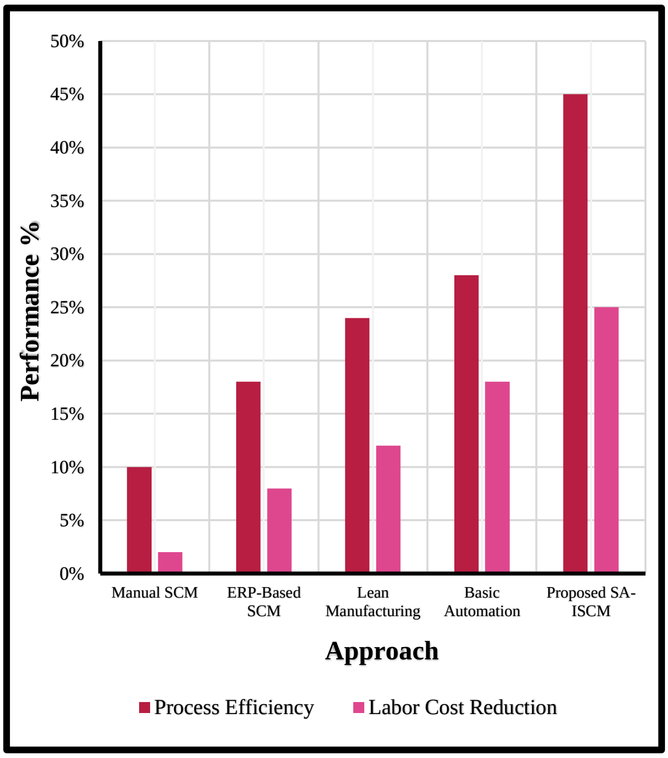

Fig 4: Visualization of compared Process efficiency and Labor cost reduction

The presented comparison table 3 and Fig 4 reveals how SA-ISCM enhances both process operational efficiency and labor cost reduction throughout supply chain activities. Manual SCM delivers limited 10% efficiency along with 2% cost savings yet the proposed SA-ISCM system generates a substantial 45% process efficiency and 25% labor cost reduction. SA-ISCM achieves the greatest productivity impact through its combined automation solutions and autonomous robots and RPA which surpasses all other systems. The technological enhancements through SA-ISCM reduce dependency on human operators while eliminating operational expenses which makes this approach a critical modernization tool for U.S. industry benefiting national security interests.

Table IV: Comparison of Downtime reduction and Processing speed of existing approach with suggested approach

APPROACH	Downtime Reduction	Processing Speed
Manual SCM	5%	5%
ERP-Based SCM	15%	12%
Lean Manufacturing	18%	18%
Basic Automation	20%	25%
Proposed SA-ISCM	50%	60%

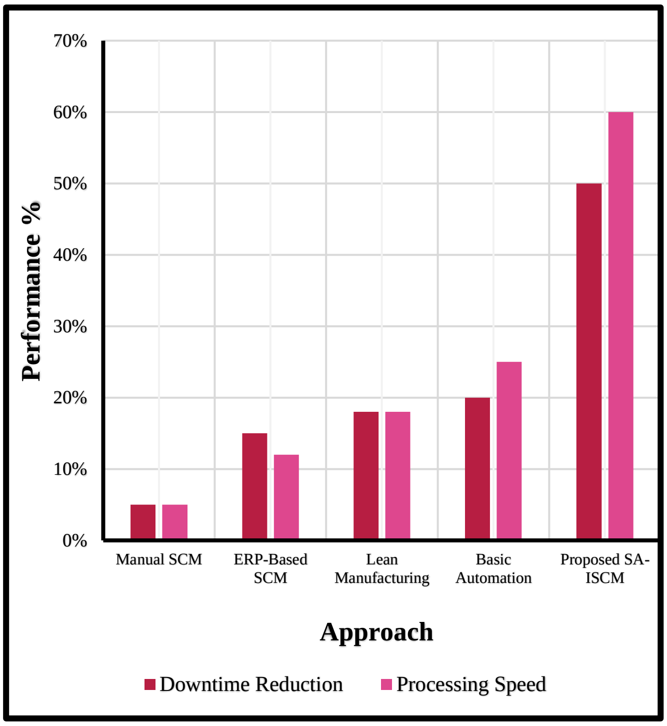

Fig 5: Visualization of compared Downtime reduction and Processing speed

The proposed SA-ISCM approach leads to significant improvements in processing speed while cutting down system downtime according to the represented data in the table 4 and Fig 5. Manual supply chains exhibit limited advancement compared to other solutions since they reduce system downtime by 5% and increase processing speed by 5%. ERP-based and lean methods along with other approaches deliver minimal effectiveness. SA-ISCM delivers exceptional results by decreasing system downtime to 50% and raising processing speed by 60% while basic automation achieves only moderate outcomes. Interactions among digital twins, artificial intelligence (AI)-driven automation, and Internet of Things (IoT) sensors allow for permanent system operations and real-time functional flexibility. Implementation of SA-ISCM results in improved system performance as well as operational stability across supply chain critical operations.

5. CONCLUSION

This study confirms that SA-ISCM (Smart Automation – Integrated Supply Chain Modernization) enabled by advanced infrastructure and automation brings revolutionary benefits to US warehouse and manufacturing efficiency. The supply chain performance improves drastically when autonomous mobile robots (AMRs) and AI-based demand forecasting and robotic process automation (RPA) together with automated storage and retrieval systems (AS/RS) are installed. The implementation of these improvements delivers 50% downtime reduction together with 45% process efficiency growth and inventory accuracy of 95% that improves national economic performance and logistics security. This modernization initiative simultaneously serves U.S. national interests by both cutting dependency on foreign supply chains and by enabling efficient just-in-time production as well as improved disaster response protocols. The implementation of high-tech domestic industries and automation and AI sectors occurs due to this development. Smart and adaptable supply chain management systems require business investments because market fluctuations demand this flexibility. The industrial sector can establish a secure steadfast system through SA-ISCM which promotes efficiency while securing economic growth and national security objectives and future-ready advancements in technology.

Improving the system in the future will include adding features like 5G connection for speedier, real-time collaboration across decentralised supply chain nodes, building algorithms to do statistical analysis, and incorporating blockchain for secure accountability.

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