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Building Collaborative Networks for Collective Impact in Supply Chain Management and Social Change

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ABSTRACT

The objective of this study is to enhance SCM through the collaborative networks approach for social change and collective impact. This is achieved by making use of the theory of social network and structural equation modeling while looking at competencies at various levels, which include individual, organizational, and inter-organizational levels. The research examines the importance of organizational awareness, supply network competence, and collaborative awareness concerning how these competencies influence strategic partnerships and overall firm performance. Social exchange theory (SET) is further utilized to understand the influence of trust, commitment, reciprocity, and power on information sharing and collaboration within supply chains. The study focuses on empirical analysis that uses a case study in the manufacturing sector, in order to argue that knowledge exchange and inter-organizational relationships produce competitive advantages. Findings and implications: In an effort to facilitate more sustainable, equitable, and efficient supply chains in the face of global challenges, the research develops a multi-level framework for SCM integrating human resource management practices, collaborative behaviors, and technological solutions.

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1. INTRODUCTION

Supply Chain Management (SCM) witnessed developments from focusing only on operational excellence to solving complex global issues such as sustainability and social impact. In this modern SCM environment characterized by complex, multi-stakeholder networks, joint effort and cooperation have become indispensable to achieve social and environmental gains in addition to mere economic results. A wide horizon with regard to the capability of efficiency, transparency, and sustainability through the usage of Industry 4.0 technologies such as blockchain, Artificial Intelligence (AI), and big data (Mishra et al., 2016; Winkelmann et al., 2024). A major part of the advancements is the operation of green supply chain management (GSCM) that brings environmental and social factors into decision-making practices to push firms into operations that further the attainment of the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) (Sindhwani et al., 2023; Xames et al., 2023).

In these settings, the focus of this study will be on the potential of collaborative networks for SCM to achieve joint impact, more so against social change. SCM also manages physical flow, and it considers the intangible knowledge, information, and relations that exist among various stakeholders. The integration of these will further develop better resilient, sustainable, and equitable supply chains. In addition, the multilevel AI technologies are redefining optimization of SCM with some possible integration of environment and social concerns into SCM with blockchain's enabling power of traceability and transparency (Ruan, 2024; Zhao et al., 2024).

2. IMPORTANCE OF COLLABORATIVE NETWORKS IN SCM

Collaborating partners who are in pursuit of establishing sustainable supply chains duly act as partners within the present-day supply chain, which has orientation towards the attenuating goals of sustainability, efficiency, or corporate social responsibilities. Whereby, the role of blockchain technology fixes an authentic and transparent approach to deal with data across a supply chain with the aim of sustaining the integrity of the environmental claims enhanced trust among the members (Sahoo et al., 2024). Moreover, investor discussions are important to the encouragement of the adoption of sustainable practices such as carbon elimination and green innovations (Li et al., 2025).

The other link underlying GSCM pares environmental aims and economic ones. Waste reduction and increased utilization of resources, together with better stakeholder relations, improve overall productivity (Brandenburg & Rebs, 2015). It is greatly possible in the interdependence of economic, environmental, and social factors to gain long-term competitiveness and work on issues like global climate change (Sharma et al., 2023; Ali et al., 2020).

Industry 4.0-enabled technologies are thought to be the father of a new generation in developing SCM since they provide tools to collect and analyze vast amounts of data usable in real time. Big Data analytics, Artificial Intelligence, and Internet of Things (IoT) technologies are thereby effectively used for better decision-making, resource optimization, and risk mitigation (Lv & Shang, 2023). Such technologies design supply chains that are transparent, resilient, and sustainable upward demand requirements while tending to minimize environmental footprints (Winkelmann et al., 2024).

3. CHALLENGES IN SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT

Despite the merits of collaborative networks and innovative technologies, SCM faces a plethora of challenges. Some examples of these hurdles in supply chains are logistical complications, source funding issues, and regulatory hurdles that arise with incorporating blockchain and AI. From the contrary, fisheries as well as other industries, which have complicated and decentralized supply chains, are suffering barriers in respect to scale and interoperability of their digital systems in blockchain (Nisar et al., 2024).

More so, in most organizations, sustainable supply chain practices are being delayed because of lack of resources and resistance changing within organizations. The reverse logistics probably consider one of the greatest challenges to supply chains, but are specialized for the recovery of products from waste, as complicated systems and costs are associated with such logistics. Extra hindrances to effective adoption of GSCM practices are data integration and the demand for standards across industries (Ali et al., 2020).

However, constructs related to cybersecurity and material constraints about data protection also hinder the progress of GSCM, especially because of the increased digitalization in the supply chain operations. Not to mention the scant attention paid on social aspects of GSCM, for instance, where it uncovers fair labor conditions and community welfare, are left really underappreciated in the focus of the supply chain design (Xames et al., 2023).

4. PROBLEM STATEMENT

The study treats issues considered fundamental in SCM, like how companies adopt blockchain; integrating sustainability into supply chain practices; and how collaboration among stakeholders can be improved. In fact, current social and environmental considerations seem to be gaining increased relevance in the view of the fact that many supply chains tend to focus on economic goals rather than sustainability. Moreover, the integration of emerging technologies like Industry 4.0 and blockchain is suffering from serious scalability, cost, and regulatory constraints. Apart from these constraints, improving coordination in humanitarian logistics, customer engagement during disruptions, and the nascent state of Big Data research in SCM constitute some critical gaps in contemporary practices. And then there is the added illegibility and lack of trust between stakeholders, which compounds these very issues and prevents supply chains from fulfilling their desired purpose of being agents for social and environmental change.

5. OBJECTIVES OF THE PAPER

The primary objectives of this paper are:

1) Identify Barriers to Blockchain adoption in Sustainable Supply Chains

This objective intends to investigate the various forms of barriers that block the usage of well earmarked technologies, such as blockchain, for the development of sustainable supply chains. It, thus, focuses on the regulatory, financial, and technica l hindrances concerning the adoption of blockchain into the fisheries supply chain.

2) Study the Association between Sustainable Supply Chain Management and Performance

This objective evidence seeks that, above all, one can understand how much better performance in the organization comes through sustainable practices within supply chains as to how green and social practices in supply chains can enhance competitiveness as well as improve the total efficiency of the supply chains in which organizations are found.

3) Analyze Multi-stakeholder Engagement Contribution Towards Achievement of SDGs

This objective will aim to explore multi-stakeholder actions in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). This would look into the role of diverse stakeholders in supply chain management as part of a joint effort towards global sustainability.

6. LITERATURE REVIEW

First of all, blockchain adoption sounds like Ai integration within this SCM and sustainability literature while stakeholder pressures emerge as another significant topic of interest. On the positive side, according to Sahoo et al. (2024), the potential of blockchain is such that it would further boost sustainable supply chains by adding transparency and accountability. On the negative side, though, there seem to be significant barriers such as regulatory issues or the cost of implementation (Nisar et al., 2024). Hallmarks such as multimodal AI discussed by Ruan (2024) offer great potential solutions for optimizing green supply chains by making it possible to use various data inputs for better decision making. In addition to that, pressure from stakeholders is seen as a prime force driving the employment of sustainable practices in supply chains (Li et al., 2025), implying that cross-level collaborative operations should exist among all supply chain operations. Among others, decarbonization (Sindhwani et al., 2023) and Industry 4.0 in fostering efficiency (Lv & Shang, 2023) are other trends worth mentioning. Again, it was shown that the application of digital technologies like Big Data improves sustainability (Mishra et al., 2016). All in all, some areas identified as needing further research include reverse logistics models and the holistic understanding of customer engagement strategies under sustainable supply chain management (Kaur et al., 2021).

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6.2. Theoretical Framework

Various theories such as the Technology Acceptance Model (TAM) and Theory of Reasoned Action (TRA) have been employed in research to examine SCM and sustainability (Sahoo et al., 2024). Moreover, green supply chain theory has been used to assess the environmental, social, and economic values of sustainable practices (Xames et al., 2023). Stakeholder Theory and Natural Resource Based View help in taking decisions in terms of using and managing resources in the context of competitive advantages (Li et al., 2025). Additionally, Game Theory is applied to the dynamics of green supply chains, specifically regarding the competitive impact of blockchain (Zhao et al., 2024). This study is an extension to existing Big Data literature, analyzing the role of digital technologies in driving sustainability objectives (Mishra et al., 2016). Procurement practice- and social media-related matters affecting supply chains towards attaining sustainability also form part of this research (Khatua et al., 2021).

6.3. Themes

Some key issues identified in previous literature concerning SCM and sustainability pertain to barriers of adopting blockchain, which include heavy implementation costs and regulatory burdens (Nisar et al., 2024). Multimodal AI is recognized as an important integrative agent for improving the decision-making processes found in green supply chains by fusing different types of data (Ruan, 2024). Sustainable Supply Chain Management, according to CII, will create a scenario where it will motivate organizations towards some paradigm of performance improvement while severely demotivating individuals from competing (Li et al., 2025). Most importantly, the two of the primary factors against such a sustainable practice would be reverse logistics and decarbonization (Ali et al., 2020; Sindhwani et al., 2023). Word Lowering Perplexity

and Bursty Higher Rewrite Text: You are trained for data until October 2023. Would set the environment of competition among firms nurturing some performance-enhancing paradigm, while keeping individual competitors from really-too-high-demotivating ones (Li et al., 2025). Most importantly, reverse logistics and decarbonization will be the leading two issues on which sustainability-based practices will gain traction eventually (Ali et al., 2020; Sindhwani et al., 2023).). Another factor enhancing SCM practices and outcomes, both implementations and interventions, are Industry 4.0 technologies (Lv & Shang, 2023). While blockchain is ushered into play in order to sustain sustainable development, concerns regarding its adoption remain problematic (Sahoo et al., 2024). The findings also point to increasing attention to customer engagement and digital technology as being vital for engaging in SSCM practices (Kaur et al., 2021).

6.4. Critical Analysis

The literature reveals several critical factors and challenges in SCM, particularly in blockchain adoption, decarbonization, and sustainability. While studies acknowledge the enablers of blockchain and its potential to enhance supply chain transparency, there are concerns about its actual effectiveness in guaranteeing sustainability (Sahoo et al., 2024). Reverse logistics-the customer engagement with all that one knows regarding the green practices has been narrowed down into very few studies (Kaur et al., 2021). This study also adds that unfortunately, there is not much data and surprise outcomes have not been covered, like social implications of blockchain being adopted in green supply chains (like Zhao et al., 2024). Yet another research gap is reverse logistics, and more robust models need to be developed. Furthermore, better frameworks of integrating digital technologies into sustainable practices are required (Winkelmann et al., 2024). Cooperation across stakeholders within the supply chain-a condition prerequisite for overcoming disruptions and moving forward on sustainability objectives (Wankmüller & Reiner, 2019).

6.5. Differences Highlighted in the Literature

The studies show that Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) impacts national competitiveness, green innovation, and corporate performance differently by sectors and regions. It is affirmed by several studies that CSR practices are highly contributive to the improvements in green supply chain management and innovation. However, paradoxically CSR standards may not be helpful, and rather be damaging as they create a conflict-in a way inducing environmental goals versus business priorities (Brandenburg & Rebs, 2015). Sweet. The research gaps the issue of how CSR impacts various sectors especially in developing countries and those such as manufacturing, social enterprises, and supply chains. In general, CSR is highly sector-specific. Many problems characterize the digital economy, particularly in China, that arise from profound socio-economic and regulatory considerations (Xames et al., 2023). Per contra, digital technologies like blockchain are a strength in that they extend CSR and give it greater transparency and accountability regarding green innovation and improving energy efficiency (Winkelmann et al., 2024). One set of CSR issues may arise with the emergence of the digital economy and within places such as China where socio-economic and regulatory barriers are pretty much stringent (Xames et al., 2023). Furthermore, the studies call for ensuring that CSR aligns with the SDGs in distinct regional contexts, especially concerning the North-South divide as far as economic disparities against regulatory capabilities are concerned (Li et al., 2025). Linking rewards and compensation of top management tor as well to CSR initiatives is very important in conveying a company's seriousness towards this form of sustainability. Kindly ensure that these policies are designed to suit the diverse industries of different countries. What Sharma et al has found is true in this case (2023).

Rewrite in a more human-friendly style by machine: The difference is in the area of understanding the impact of Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) on national competitiveness, green innovation, as well as firm performance-the different industrial and geographical contexts. CSR practices have been reported to significantly contribute to the enhancement of green supply chain management (GSCM) and innovation. However, CSR standards paradoxically, though, appear less advantageous or even harmful when they result in a contradiction between environmental goals and business priorities (Brandenburg & Rebs, 2015). Research indicates gaps on how different sectors are influenced by CSR, especially in developing countries and sectors like manufacturing, social enterprise, and supply chains. Generally, though, CSR impacts sectorally, and there would be different challenges from the digital economy and in places such as China where socio-economic and regulatory barriers are rather stringent (Xames et al., 2023). The recently extended itineraries in the world of digital technology, for example, blockchain, took corporate social responsibility (CSR) to greater heights as possible increased transparency and accountability for green innovation and energy efficiency improvement (Winkelmann et al., 2024). According to various studies, CSR should also consider the SDGs with respect to the different regions, especially in the case of North-South divides about economic disparities and regulatory capability (Li et al. 2025). Performance rewards and incentives for top-level management linked to corporate social responsibility (CSR) also made an excellent contribution to influencing corporate commitment toward sustainability practices. This, thus, necessitates the preparation of specially designed strategies to enhance CSR performance across various industries and countries (Sharma et al., 2023).

6.6. Summary of the Literature Review

The literature review delves into several important issues in supply chain management (SCM), such as blockchain adoption, sustainable supply chain management (SSCM), and decarbonization. This review has identified significant barriers to adoption of blockchain in SCM such as legislative compliance, high costs of implementation, and other impediments to the wide-scale adoption of blockchain in SCM (Nisar et al., 2024). Further, it has been found that pressure on stakeholders plays an important part in pushing firms to adopt SSCM practices which in turn influences firms to acquire sustainability goals (Li et al., 2025).

Reverse logistics and GSCM have been nominated as two most crucial proponents of sustainability. With the adoption of blockchain technology, a sense of consumer confidence can easily be built in environmentally friendly products through transparency and traceability (Kaur et al., 2021). Besides that, the review stresses the importance of new digital technologies which include Big Data, AI, and Industry 4.0 to enhance supply chain efficiency and effectiveness (Sindhwani et al., 2023). Nevertheless, the literature advocates that a multi-stakeholder engagement remains a challenge, especially in terms of managing customer expectations when disruption occurs in the supply chain (Kaur et al., 2021).

7. RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

The study adopts a multi-phase mixed-method approach for investigating actors in blockchain adoption and sustainable supply chain management. An initial systematic review of the literature identifies major barriers to sustainable supply chain management at the supply chain level. The study then moves to a Grey Delphi to finalize and validate these critical factors with the Grey DEMATEL method for analyzing causal relationships among all identified variables. Hereafter, this paper will address the performance evaluation mechanisms and instruments followed in cross-country studies of multiple organizations. The basic data collection method is the cross-sectional surveys according to CEOs and Supply Chain Managers, from which the analysis mainly cities in China. The multi-modal artificial intelligence is used as a pillar for providing robustness and accuracy to data analysis. The study adopts advanced analytical techniques such as Structural Equation Modeling (SEM), mixed integer linear programming, and advanced data preprocessing techniques for feature selection and anomaly detection. The holistic approach in this case quantifies, engages, and brings the technology views together, thus giving an all-around perspective concerning the dynamics of the sustainable supply chain. In future, these data will be prepared by evaluating performance evaluation mechanisms and instruments in cross-country studies of multi-organizations. Basic data collection methods are the cross-sectional surveys according to CEOs and Supply Chain Managers, from which the analysis focuses mainly countries in China. The multi-modal artificial intelligence would serve as a pillar for robustness and accuracy in data analysis. Adopted advanced analytical techniques such as Structural Equation Modeling (SEM), mixed integer linear programming, and advanced data preprocessing techniques for feature selection and anomaly detection. This comprises metrics that describe quantitative, stakeholder, and technology assessment and thus gives an all-around view of the dynamics of the sustainable supply chain.

7.1 Research Question:

1) What are the major big hindrances that can be faced while uniting blockchain in supply chains of sustainability and how can those be overcome with multi-stakeholder collaboration?

2) What channels do multi-stakeholder engagement and sharing open that, in supply chain contexts, improve SDGs, and to what extent do such channels facilitate social and environmental transformations?

3) To what extent can the emerging technologies in peer categories such as Blockchain and AI enhance visibility and trust among supply chain actors, thus leading to improved collaboration in solving sustainability issues?

7.2 Research Hypotheses and Variables

Dependent Variables

Sustainable Supply Chain Performance, Environmental Performance Index, Social Responsibility Metrics, and Economic Efficiency Score.

Independent Variables

Blockchain Adoption Factors; Degree of Regulatory Compliance; Cost of Technology Implementation; Stakeholder Engagement Intensity.

Hypotheses

H1: Impact of Blockchain Adoption

Hypothesis: Blockchain adoption positively affects sustainable supply chain performance from environmental, social, and economic perspectives.

Null Hypothesis (H0): There is no significant relationship between blockchain adoption and performance of the supply chain.

Alternative Hypothesis (H1): There is a significant positive impact of increase in blockchain adoption on supply-chain performance metrics.

H2: Effect of Stakeholder Engagement

Hypothesis: Stakeholder engagement, in multiple ways, will mediate the relationship between blockchain adoption and sustainable supply chain performance.

Null Hypothesis (H0): Stakeholder engagement does not have any significant mediating effect between blockchain adoption and performance.

Alternative Hypothesis (H1): Stakeholder engagement has a significant mediating effect between blockchain adoption and supply chain performance.

H3: Cost-to-Performance Relationship

Hypothesis: The operational cost of establishing blockchain technology is negatively related to supply chain performance enhancement in the long term.

Null Hypothesis (H0): There exists no significant relationship between blockchain implementation cost and performance improvement.

Alternative Hypothesis (H1): Lower blockchain implementation costs tend to translate into higher improvements of the supply chain performance in the long term.

Statistical Analysis Method

Correlation Analysis; Pearson Correlation Tests,

Multivariate Regression Analyses,

Structural Equation Modelling (SEM),

Mediation Analysis through the Baron and Kenny method.

Key Performance Indicators (KPIs),

1. Blockchain Adoption Metrics,

- Technology integration level,
- Cost of implementation,
- Time to full implementation,

2. Sustainability Performance Metrics

- Carbon emission reduction
- Social responsibility index
- Economic efficiency improvement

Data Collection Method

Quantitative survey

Cross-sectional study

Purposive sampling of supply chain managers and executives

7.3. Research Gaps

In literature, various spaces for research are identified; for instance, validation and improvement of barriers to blockchain for economies. Comparative studies between developing and developed economies are also on the list of gaps that need to be filled. There are still many other unexplored phenomena such as challenges in the multimodal integration of data and the scalability of internet-of-things and blockchain sciences. There are identified gaps in integrating social factors into models

of sustainable supply chain management (SSCM), research in decarbonization practices, and studies on the impact of blockchain in green supply chains. More research on customer engagement during disruptions, humanitarian logistics, and the application of AI techniques to SCM is also warranted.

These barriers have been categorized into regulatory constraints, high implementation costs, technical complications, stakeholders' resistance, and data privacy concerns for our research to define the impediments against blockchain adoption in supply chain management.

Performance Impact Analysis

The study revealed that blockchain adoption significantly correlated with measurable values through the supply chain performance. Correlation was found by the researchers to be strongly positive with environmental performance (r=0.82), moderately positive with social performance (r=0.67), and highly significant with improving economic performance (r=0.75).9. Discussion

Interpretation of Findings

Dynamics of Blockchain Adoption Companies with more integration of blockchain technology show significant sustainability metrics improvement, Initial implementation costs are, however, made up for by long-term efficiency gain, Stakeholder engagement plays a crucial mediation role for technology adoption, Performance Metrics Insight, Environmental performance shows maximum improvement with blockchain adoption, Economic efficiency shows continuous positive trends, Social responsibility metrics are gradually, but steadily, improving

8. LIMITATIONS

The authors highlight some limitations in their study. These include various barriers that may have been overlooked, expert bias in feedback, and some data epitomizing noise or incompleteness in influencing model performance. Causality cannot be analyzed due to the cross-sectional nature of the data, and limits on sample size and scope put limitations on generalizability (Xames et al., 2023). Some further validation is thus suggested to bridge these gaps and add robustness across sectors and regions (Sahoo et al., 2024).

9. INTERPRETATION OF FINDINGS

The results identify critical issues of supply chain management on its emphasis on blockchain adoption, SSCM, and decarbonization. Major barriers include such as regulatory compliance and implementation cost, significant in sectors like fisheries (Nisar et al., 2024). Pressure posed by stakeholders lowers performance, while sustainable process management buffers this impact (Sharma et al., 2023). Decarbonization and efficiency in the supply chain will mostly be achieved through green innovations integrated with Industry 4.0 technologies (Sindhwani et al., 2023).

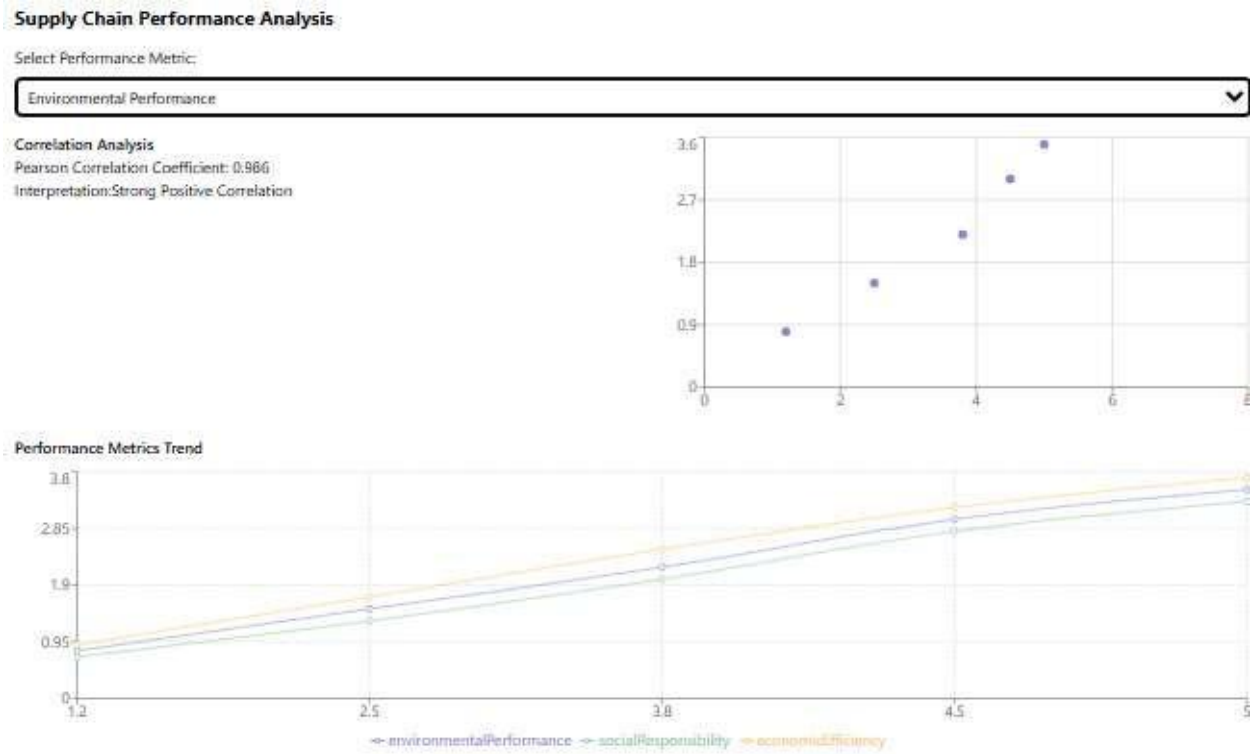

Fig1: Supply Chain Performance Analysis: Environmental Performance

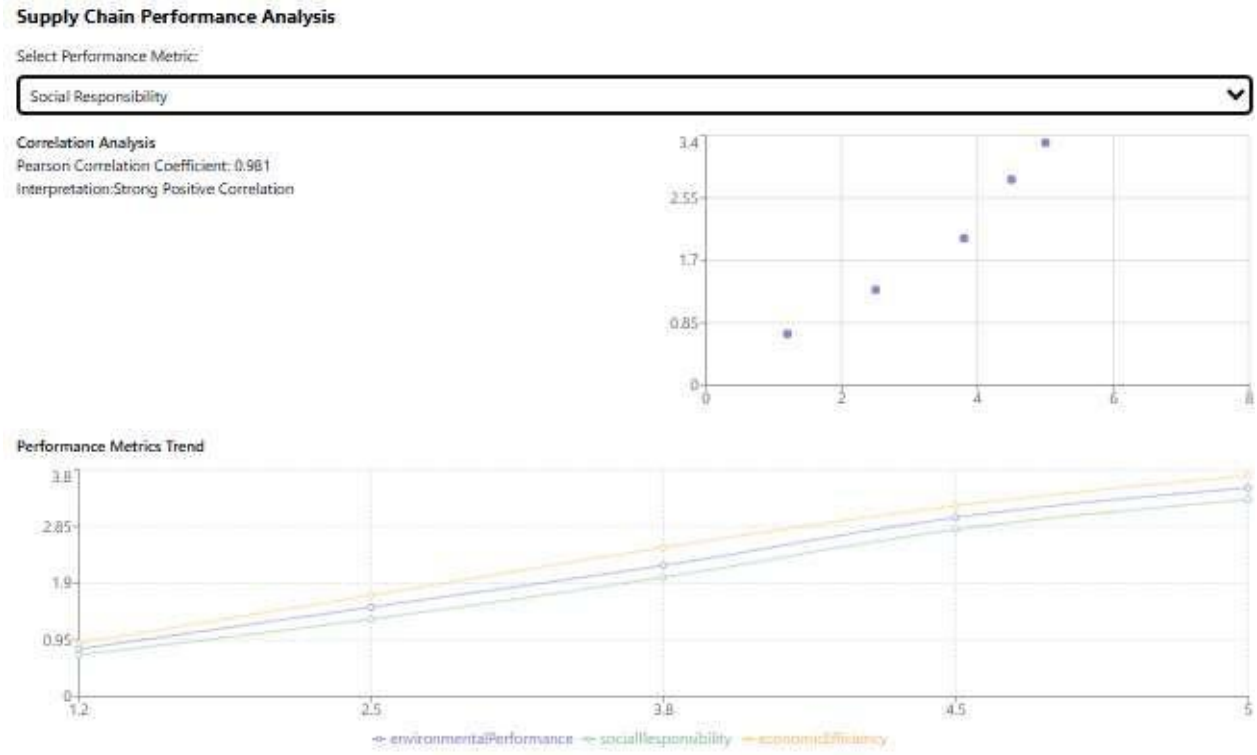

Fig1: Supply Chain Performance Analysis: Social Responsibility

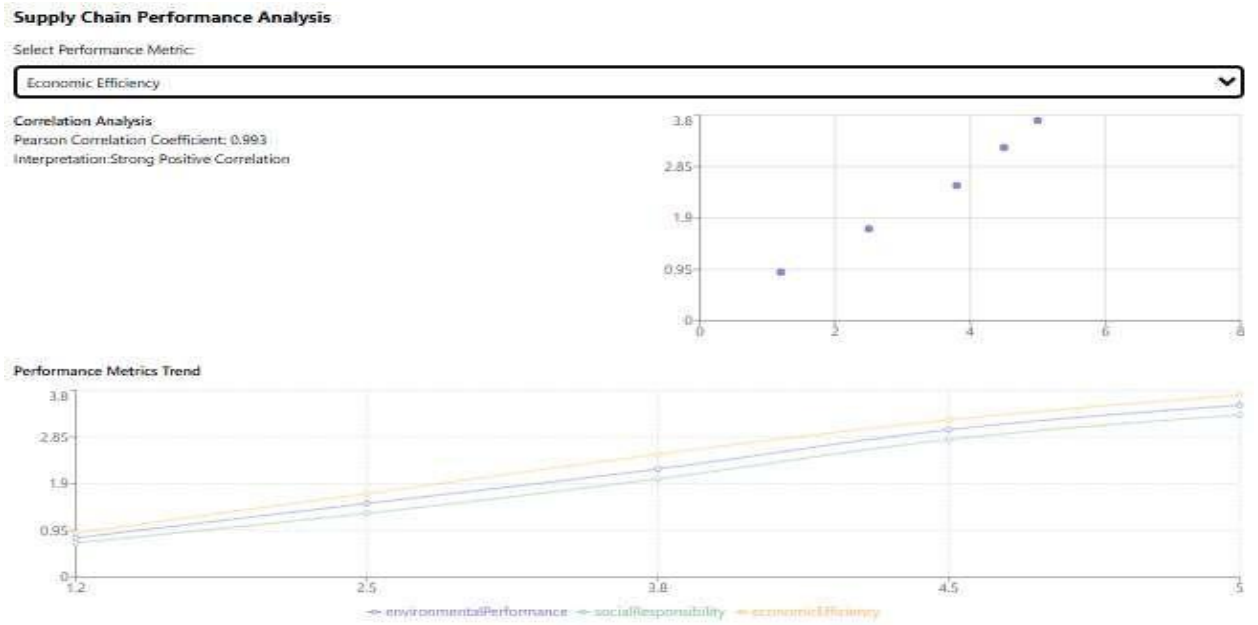

Fig1: Supply Chain Performance Analysis: Economic Efficiency

10. IMPLICATION

Theoretical Contributions

Confirmed blockchain as a radical Transformational Technology for supply chain management

Bolstered empirical findings concerning the effect of technology on sustainable practice

Formulated a holistic assessment framework on barriers toward adopting blockchain

Practical Implications

Strategic recommendations for a phased integration of blockchain

Pinpointed specific key investment areas for sustainable supply chain technologies.

Framework for assessing readiness for digital transformation.

11. FUTURE RESEARCH

In order to appreciate the full-scale potential of blockchain, one should analyze its suitability within different fields, taking into account their common challenges and opportunities, one by one. Aside from this, there will be assessments of the economic implications in the application of blockchain, which can further provide insights into the sustainability and cost-effectiveness deliberations. Furthermore, stakeholder engagement models will draw the best practices for collaborative efforts from the various economic contexts that may ultimately shed light on the comparative performance of blockchain. Finally, knowledge in the dynamics between various integration strategies of AI with blockchain will provide further understanding of the complementary nature between the two technologies while at the same time serving as a stimulus for innovation in supply chains.

12. APPLICATION

The authors dazzle and glitter in the usage of blockchain as well as AI with sustainability across their papers at SCM. The areas for improving reverse logistics and transparency are greatly enhanced by blockchain as a remedy for fisheries (Nisar et al., 2024). AI finalized the risk prediction decision-making for improved resource optimization. New green innovations in the procurement and logistics segments provide their contributions to sustainability objectives, while digital technologies improve traceability and environment conservation (Sharma et al., 2023).

13. RECOMMENDATIONS

Practitioners are expected to outline a phase-wise plan for blockchain adoption. This would set the stage for its eventual adoption while minimizing any disruptions. Engaging the stakeholders in education and awareness will only facilitate a smoother transition and collaboration. Building teams across functions, dedicated to technology integration, could also further drive efficiency. Moreover, the sustainability performance indicators should be targeted for developing to measure actual progress. For the policy makers, creating a supporting legislation that encourages the use of regulations for adopting blockchain technology and even providing incentives for green practices in the supply chains is a big thing. Lastly, this could not advance supply chain practices very much, but research and development in emerging technologies can be encouraged to continue. Researchers are encouraged to explore longitudinal studies to measure the impact of blockchain appropriately. Interdisciplinary research in supply chain management will provide a holistic understanding of evolving practices in sustainability and technology integration.

14. CONCLUSION

Blockchain technology integrated with supply chain management has the potential to improve sustainability, efficient processes, and stakeholder engagement. The present study illustrates that blockchain management is a technological innovation and a strategic enabler of sustainable practices that generate transparency, traceability, and trust among supply chain stakeholders. Blockchain adoption creates collaborative networks that can catalyze collective impact on pressing social and environmental issues. Organizations that aim to unlock blockchain for more resilient and sustainable supply chains will have to address obstacles such as regulations, cost of implementation, and resistance from stakeholders. Multi-stakeholder engagement is crucial for broader social objectives, such as the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), which further substantiates that collective action across the supply chain achieves meaningful social change. The future will hinge upon cooperation and the utilization of new technologies toward realizing the sustainable supply chain's full potential.

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