

## Review

# Advancements in Predictive Maintenance in the Oil and Gas Industry: A Review of AI and Data Science Applications

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## ABSTRACT

With an emphasis on the use and effects of Data Science and Artificial Intelligence (AI), this research gives a thorough overview of the developments in predictive maintenance within the gas and oil sector. The major goal was to assess the impact of AI and data science on the shift from manual to automated maintenance procedures. A comprehensive literature review was conducted as part of the process, with databases such as Web of Science, IEEE Xplore, ScienceDirect, and SpringerLink used. A primary goal of the search was to locate articles published in the oil and gas industry between 2010 and 2022 that discussed artificial intelligence (AI), data science (DS), and predictive maintenance (PM). The results show that predictive maintenance procedures are much improved by AI and data science. Reduced operating expenses and downtime have resulted from improved equipment failure prediction capabilities and streamlined maintenance scheduling made possible by artificial intelligence algorithms and data analytics. Among the difficulties highlighted by the research is the need for high-quality, real-time data as well as the complexity of data management. Building stronger AI models that can adjust to the ever-changing industrial landscape is where the future of breakthroughs lies. Policymakers should establish frameworks to promote the ethical use of AI, and industry stakeholders should put money into workforce training for AI-based systems, according to the report. Creating sustainable maintenance procedures and investigating how AI interacts with other new technologies are two areas that might need further investigation in the future. Research shows that oil and gas companies' maintenance plans of the future will be heavily influenced by the ever-changing landscape of artificial intelligence.

## Keywords

Artificial intelligence (AI); Predictive Maintenance; Oil and gas industry; Data science.

## INTRODUCTION

## The Emergence of Predictive Maintenance in Oil and Gas Operations

As a result of the high operational and capital needs of the oil and gas industry, predictive maintenance has become more popular as a means to increase efficiency and save costs in this sector. A change from reactive to predictive maintenance procedures has been brought about by the integration of new technologies like data analytics and Artificial Intelligence (AI) (Herve, Moore, & Rosner, 2018).

Improved asset management and operational dependability have driven the development of predictive maintenance in the oil and gas industry. Ineffective and expensive, traditional maintenance pro-

cedures cause unscheduled downtime and raise operating expenses. Thanks to advancements in data science and artificial intelligence, it is now possible to foresee when pieces of equipment may break down, allowing for uninterrupted service and less expensive unscheduled downtime (Kandziora, 2019).

One example of this change is the use of AMB in predictive maintenance. With the use of AI, AMB processes operational and failure data, which allows for the development of models that estimate how much longer assets will be usable. Maintenance scheduling and resource allocation are both much improved by this technology, which automates the predictive process and makes forecasts that are more accurate (Herve, Moore, & Rosner, 2018).

The development of better sensors and the expansion of the Internet of Things (IoT) have also played critical roles in this shift. These innovations make it possible to keep tabs on machinery all the time, which produces mountains of data amenable to analysis by algo-

rhythms for artificial intelligence and machine learning. Such analysis may detect possible faults in advance, enabling maintenance to be done when it is most needed. As an example, Electrical Submersible Pumps (ESPs) have been able to optimize productivity and minimize downtime with the use of AI-based predictive maintenance models (Kandziora, 2019).

Predictive maintenance is much more important when machine learning is used in drilling operations. Machine learning algorithms can inspect information in real-time for irregularities and trends that can point to impending equipment breakdowns or inefficiencies in operations. Complex drilling concerns, such as stick-slip vibration, hole cleaning issues, and pipe failures, have typically been controlled using physics-based models. This skill is vital for tackling these obstacles. An important step toward safer and more efficient drilling operations is the shift to data-driven prediction models (Noshi & Schubert, 2018).

Predictive maintenance's introduction to the oil and gas sector is a sea change in operational strategy, marking more than just a technical advancement. The industry is embracing a more proactive maintenance strategy by using AI and data analytics. This change is essential for the long-term viability and security of operations, in addition to enhancing operational efficiency and decreasing expenses. In a world where competition is fierce and people are worried about the environment, predictive maintenance models that use artificial intelligence and machine learning are going to be crucial for the future of the oil and gas industry (Herve, Moore, & Rosner, 2018; Kandziora, 2019; Noshi & Schubert, 2018).

## 1.2. The Integration of AI and Data Science in Modern Maintenance Practices

Oil and gas companies have taken a giant step ahead in operational efficiency and strategic planning with the incorporation of data science and Artificial Intelligence (AI) into their current maintenance methods. Improving decision-making, lowering operational risks, and optimizing asset performance have all prompted this integration. Through the study of massive information made possible by AI and data science, maintenance procedures have undergone a revolutionary shift, resulting in more precise forecasts and streamlined operations. According to Popa, Amaba, and Daniels (2021), a well-organized framework is crucial for the effective execution of AI initiatives. Along with concepts of accountability, fairness, and dependability in governance, they provide a framework that encompasses data correctness, quality, and integrity. This framework guarantees that maintenance methods are successfully integrated with AI and ML technologies, which improves operational efficiency and productivity.

There are several parts of the oil and gas sector where this framework is already in use. One example is the remarkable improvement in event mitigation and optimization that has resulted from using AI and ML to analyze the effect of production fluid during facility-planned or unscheduled system outages. Better choices and actions are made possible by integrating surface and subsurface information with AI and ML technologies. This allows for a more thorough knowledge of operational dynamics (Popa, Amaba, &

Daniels, 2021).

Automated analytics and machine learning solutions for well intervention candidate selection were developed and used in the Attaka Field, Indonesia, as another example of AI integration in maintenance procedures. The creation of intelligent automated solutions, such as WEAPON, which considerably shortens the time it takes to generate good intervention candidates, is detailed by Siahaan et al. (2022). Using technical analysis, analytics, and ML, this system combines over fifteen data sources, including reservoir characteristics and well drawings. This shortens the time it takes to examine wells from months to a much more manageable amount, leading to better decisions in the end.

Challenges do exist in the integration of data science and artificial intelligence into maintenance operations. Handling various and expansive datasets is a major obstacle. To make good use of the massive volumes of data produced by the oil and gas sector, advanced data management and analytical solutions are essential. Furthermore, it may be a time- and resource-consuming ordeal to incorporate AI and ML technologies into preexisting systems and procedures. Notwithstanding these obstacles, it is evident that maintenance methods may greatly benefit from using AI and data science. Predictive maintenance, made possible by these technologies, may save maintenance expenses and downtime by identifying potential equipment faults in advance. Additionally, they improve operational safety by allowing proactive efforts to reduce risks and provide more precise risk evaluations. Artificial intelligence (AI) and data science are revolutionizing oil and gas operations by incorporating them into current maintenance methods. The industry's long-term viability and capacity to compete depend on maintenance practices that are more efficient, safe, and cost-effective. In the future, artificial intelligence (AI) and data science will play an increasingly important role in maintenance operations, leading to even greater advances in operational efficiency and strategic decision-making.

## 1.3. Tracing the Evolution: From Traditional to AI-Enhanced Maintenance Methods

The oil and gas industry is undergoing a sea change in its approach to operational efficiency and asset management with the transition from conventional to AI-enhanced maintenance procedures. The transformation of maintenance techniques has been accelerated by the incorporation of cutting-edge technologies such as Artificial Intelligence (AI), Machine Learning (ML), and Mixed Reality (MR).

Scheduled and reactive maintenance were the mainstays of the oil and gas industry's previous structure for maintenance. While simple in concept, these approaches often resulted in wasteful delays and unforeseen breakdowns in machinery. A more predictive approach has been made possible by the development of AI and ML technologies. This allows us to identify and handle potential concerns before they become serious problems (Alameldin, 2022).

The advancement of SPMFs, or Smart Predictive Maintenance Frameworks, in the oil and gas sector is emphasized by Alameldin (2022). To enable real-time monitoring and predictive analysis, these frameworks make use of Digital Twins, which are dynamic digital representations of physical systems. Improved maintenance efficiency and reduced carbon footprint are two outcomes of these frame-

works' use of Tiny Machine Learning (TinyML) at the edge to tackle issues like data overload and transfer delay.

A further noteworthy development is the use of Automated Machine Learning (AutoML) in predictive analysis. The application of AutoML for well production prediction is highlighted by Maučec and Garni (2019), who show how AI may enhance operational decision-making. To evaluate complicated, multi-variate data sets, this method goes beyond conventional linear models and makes use of advanced algorithms. The end result is a better grasp of operational dynamics, which in turn allows for more precise and effective plans for maintenance.

Also, maintenance training and education have been completely transformed by the use of Mixed Reality (MR) technology. To better comprehend and carry out assembly processes, Aziz et al. (2020) investigate MR's potential applications. Virtual reality (VR) improves maintenance workers' abilities by fusing the real and virtual worlds into one immersive learning environment. Not only does this technology make maintenance activities more efficient and accurate, but it also greatly decreases the dangers that come with on-the-job training.

Adopting maintenance strategies that use AI has not been a picnic. The incorporation of these cutting-edge technology into preexisting systems and processes has been a major challenge. Strong data management and analytical skills are also necessary for handling the massive data sets produced by these systems. Regardless of these obstacles, AI-enhanced maintenance approaches clearly have advantages. In the oil and gas business, where operational efficiency, downtime, and safety are paramount, these solutions are a lifesaver.

A sea change has occurred in operational management as the oil and gas sector moves away from manual inspections and toward those that make use of artificial intelligence. The industry has adopted a more efficient, safe, and predictive maintenance strategy by using MR, ML, and AI. The function that these technologies play in setting Further advancements in operational efficiency and asset management will be driven by the inevitable growth of maintenance procedures in the oil and gas industry in the future.

The study's purpose and aims

Focusing on the integration and effect of Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Data Science technologies, this research aims to critically investigate and evaluate the improvements in predictive maintenance within the oil and gas sector.

Here are the goals of the research:

- Analyze the role of data science and artificial intelligence in predictive maintenance.

With the goal of drawing attention to major developments in artificial intelligence and data science that have an effect on predictive maintenance.

- To investigate potential future developments in AI-driven predictive maintenance and to assess the present difficulties in doing so.

#### 1.4. Significance of the Study

This study delves into the profound effects of data science and artificial intelligence on predictive maintenance in the oil and gas sector,

which is a crucial area for future research. This area is vital to the world economy, so studying how these cutting-edge technologies might boost efficiency, save costs, and raise safety standards is essential.

Ahmed, Al Bloushi, and Ali (2022) explain how wireless condition-based monitoring may be used to demonstrate the real-world advantages of using AI and ML models in maintenance procedures. Their research shows that there are substantial financial and operational advantages to using wireless vibration monitoring devices in the oil and gas sector. Better asset management, less downtime, and lower maintenance costs are all possible outcomes when businesses move away from predictive maintenance and toward predictive maintenance. Both the equipment's dependability and the overall safety of operations are improved by this technique.

By bringing attention to the function of systematic data governance in enhancing outcomes, Huff and Lee (2020) stress the significance of data as a strategic asset. In order to use AI and ML effectively to predictive maintenance, their paradigm stresses the need of trustworthy data. The foundational data must be of high quality and integrity for AI applications to be successful, so this viewpoint is vital. Predictive analytics rely on trustworthy data, which may be improved by establishing a strong data governance structure. This will lead to more accurate and reliable maintenance forecasts.

The larger ramifications of digital transformation across organizations facilitated by AI are addressed by Maasoumy (2019). Thanks to the coming together of technologies such as Big Data, AI, Cloud Computing, and the Internet of Things (IoT), the oil and gas sector can now take on massively complicated problems. Now that enterprise-level applications like predictive maintenance are within reach, they may greatly enhance operational efficiency and resource management. The goal of this company-wide digital transformation is to encourage creativity and flexibility among employees as much as it is to improve internal processes and technology.

Furthermore, this study's possible influence on environmental sustainability is a major reason for its importance. Reduced emissions and better resource utilization are two outcomes that may result from the use of data science and artificial intelligence to improve maintenance procedures and cut down on equipment failures. In light of the oil and gas industry's current efforts to lessen its impact on the environment and conform to international environmental standards, this facet takes on added significance. This research shows that data science and artificial intelligence are going to change the way oil and gas companies do predictive maintenance. There are many advantages to integrating these technologies, including better operating efficiency, lower costs, more safety, and less impact on the environment. The study's findings will be very helpful in directing the sector's future developments and plans, as the business is always changing.

## 2. Methodology

### 2.1. Sources of Data

This literature study relies heavily on scholarly databases and publications on the topic of artificial intelligence (AI) and data science (DS) as they pertain to predictive maintenance in the oil and gas sec-

tor. Important databases included the Web of Science, SpringerLink, ScienceDirect, and IEEE Xplore. We selected these sites because of the wealth of engineering, computer science, and energy-related peer-reviewed publications, conference papers, and journals that they host.

## 2.2. Methodology for Finding Content

For this search, we honed in on terms connected to data science, artificial intelligence, and predictive maintenance as they pertain to the oil and gas sector. These terms were combined and refined using Boolean operators (AND, OR): “predictive maintenance,” “artificial intelligence in oil and gas,” “machine learning in maintenance,” “data science in petroleum engineering,” and “AI applications in energy sector.” So that we could zero in on the most current developments, we restricted our search to English-language publications published between 2010 and the current day.

## 2.3. Requirements for Acceptance and Rejection of Related Works

Studies focusing on predictive maintenance using artificial intelligence and data science in the oil and gas sector were eligible for inclusion. All of the following were encompassed: empirical research, review papers, case studies, and real-world applications. No publication including artificial intelligence (AI) or data science was considered, and neither were papers that did not have a clear bearing on the oil and gas industry or predictive maintenance. Editorials, opinion pieces, grey literature, and other non-peer-reviewed papers were also not included.

## 2.4. Criteria for Determination

Consideration of methodological rigor, field impact, and topical relevance guided the literature selection process. Reading the titles and abstracts of the papers was the first step in screening them for relevance. After that, we checked the studies’ inclusion criteria and full-text reviews to make sure they were about predictive maintenance using AI and data science. Novel methods, substantial results, or thorough evaluations of current technology and methodology were given preference in the papers that were considered.

## 2.5. Analyzing Data

A thematic synthesis of the chosen literature was used in the data analysis. We classified and named important topics, methods, results, and trends. By going through this procedure, we hoped to have a better grasp of where things are with predictive maintenance using artificial intelligence and data science in the oil and gas sector, find any holes in the existing literature, and prioritize where to focus our future studies. As part of the synthesis, the methodology utilized in the chosen research were critically evaluated, looking at their pros, cons, and field-wide implications.

By using this technique, we were able to conduct a complete, impartial, and research-relevant literature evaluation of the oil and gas industry’s predictive maintenance practices as they pertain to artificial intelligence and data science.

## 3. Analyzing Existing Research

### 3.1. Foundational Ideas in Artificial Intelligence and Data Science for Upkeep

Predictive maintenance, which incorporates data science and Artificial Intelligence (AI), is a huge step forward in the maintenance plans

of many different sectors, including the oil and gas sector. This section explores the core ideas of predictive maintenance applications of data science and artificial intelligence, showcasing its revolutionary potential. The use of artificial intelligence systems in predictive maintenance is covered by Cardoso and Ferreira (2020). When it comes to evaluating the massive amounts of data produced by industrial systems, they highlight the importance of machine learning (ML). Processing and analyzing data to anticipate equipment breakdowns has grown more dependent on AI techniques, especially ML, due to the expansion of sensors and data storage capacities. Industrial systems may be better and cheaper maintained using this predictive strategy, which is different from the old reactive maintenance technique.

The ideas presented by Dibsdaile (2020) on the foundations of predictive maintenance in aircraft have relevance to the gas and oil sector. As a subset of Condition-Based Maintenance (CBM), predictive maintenance (PdM) uses digital technology to acquire, process, and analyze data. Due to the expansion of sensors and wireless technologies made possible by the Industrial Internet of Things (IIoT), PdM has become a more cost-effective and efficient method of maintenance. Integrated is another topic that Dibsdaile covers. Vehicle Health Management (IVHM) highlights the need of a comprehensive maintenance strategy by offering a platform-centric framework for preventative maintenance (PdM).

A voice-enabled digital assistant for predictive maintenance in manufacturing is the notion that Wellsandta et al. (2020) investigate. To aid with process monitoring, job execution, and maintenance planning, this novel method employs speech recognition and artificial intelligence. By including these digital helpers into maintenance procedures, we can see how AI can improve the precision and efficiency of maintenance chores while also predicting when they will be needed.

Several fundamental ideas underpin the use of data science and artificial intelligence in predictive maintenance. The first is a change from reactive to proactive maintenance techniques made possible by the analysis of sensor data by ML algorithms. This allows for the prediction of equipment breakdowns. Second, modernizing maintenance processes using digital technologies like IIoT and digital assistants makes them more efficient and effective. Finally, for predictive analytics to be accurate and reliable, a systematic approach to data management and governance must be implemented.

A revolutionary change in maintenance approaches is represented by the core ideas of artificial intelligence and data science in predictive maintenance. Industries may improve their maintenance plans, cut down on downtime, and increase productivity by using ML algorithms and digital technology. New possibilities for advancement and innovation will present themselves as these technologies develop further, increasing their influence on predictive maintenance techniques.

### 3.2.A Synopsis of AI-Powered Predictive Upkeep Systems

The oil and gas industry’s approach to equipment maintenance has been completely transformed by the development of predictive maintenance systems powered by artificial intelligence. In order to improve operational efficiency and decrease downtime, these systems use AI, the IIoT, and sophisticated analytics to anticipate equipment problems at their earliest stages. In their 2022 article, Jia,

Wang, and Deng talk on how the oil and gas sector is using predictive maintenance based on the Industrial Internet of Things (IIoT). Machine learning and deep learning models are integrated in their research to assess massive volumes of equipment-generated data, both historical and real-time. In order to perform maintenance on equipment at the optimal times, this method provides precise projections of its remaining useful life (RUL). Data capture, processing, machine learning model training, equipment health assessment, RUL prediction, plan creation, and execution are all parts of the predictive maintenance process that they outline. The thoroughness of the procedure guarantees that maintenance tasks are planned strategically and driven by data.

A bibliometric study of artificial intelligence (AI) and real-time predictive maintenance in Industry 4.0 is presented by Keleko et al. (2022), who highlight the increasing significance of AI methods in predictive maintenance. According to their findings, data-driven models, hybrid models, and digital twin frameworks are becoming more popular for prognostic diagnostics and anomaly detection. In order to save costs and enhance monitoring of production systems, the research highlights the potential of AI to increase productivity, decrease machine downtime, and anticipate equipment life.

In his investigation of digital twins for predictive maintenance, Rao (2020) demonstrates how this technology has the potential to liberate substantial value for the oil and gas industry. One way to simulate, forecast, and optimize the performance of a physical asset is to create a digital twin, which is a virtual copy of the asset. Using machine learning approaches to differentiate between healthy and unhealthy pumps, engineers at Baker Hughes deployed predictive maintenance on fracturing trucks, as shown in Rao's research. This led to significant cost savings. The integration of digital twin technology with predictive maintenance has practical advantages, as seen in this example.

There are a number of distinguishing characteristics of oil and gas sector predictive maintenance systems powered by artificial intelligence. To start, they use IIoT and sensors to continuously monitor equipment status, which provides a plethora of data for analysis. The second step is to evaluate the data using machine learning and deep learning models. This will allow us to estimate RUL and identify possible failures. Finally, digital twin technology is a common component of such systems, which enables a more thorough comprehension of how the equipment operates and performs. With this in mind, the oil and gas industry's maintenance plans have taken a giant leap forward with AI-driven predictive maintenance solutions. These solutions improve asset safety and dependability, save operating costs, and allow proactive maintenance techniques by using AI, IIoT, and digital twin technology. With the rise of these technological

their function in the upkeep and running of oil and gas facilities is anticipated to get more important as they progress.

**3.3. Predictive Maintenance Analysis Using Data Science Techniques**  
 Predictive maintenance using data science methodologies is becoming more important in the oil and gas sector. Optimization of maintenance schedules, prediction of equipment breakdowns, and overall operational efficiency enhancement are all goals of these approaches, which use statistical models, big data analytics, and machine learning algorithms. A vital part of maintenance planning, Khalid et al. (2020)

investigate how to apply machine learning algorithms to forecast the number of hours needed to complete maintenance tasks. Their study fills a need in the industry by providing standardized methodologies for predicting maintenance labor hours. Their approach, which makes use of data from past preventative maintenance orders, greatly enhances the precision of work hour projections, particularly for medium- and long-term work orders. This strategy provides a data-driven and efficient solution, in contrast to conventional approaches that mainly depend on expert expertise.

The shift from predictive to preventative maintenance tactics is addressed by Raza (2018), who highlights the importance of data science in making the best judgments possible on the integrity of oil and gas assets. Integrating analytics on maintenance history with equipment condition monitoring is the "Predict & Prevent (PnP)" technique suggested in the research. In order to make well-informed judgments about asset management, this strategy allows for accurate estimates of future maintenance needs. Optimization of maintenance strategies has taken a giant leap forward with the combination of integrity engineering knowledge with life cycle predictive analytics.

The use of automated machine learning for multi-variate well production prediction is explored by Maučec and Garni (2019). Their research shows that data mining and multivariate predictive analytics are useful tools for assessing the efficiency of gas and oil assets. They created a data-driven process that incorporates pattern recognition, machine learning, and artificial intelligence by collecting and evaluating data from several sources, including numerical and categorical predictors. More precise forecasts and well-informed business judgments are the results of this method's improvement of quantitative comprehension of complicated data sets. Predictive maintenance analysis using data science approaches is defined by a number of important features. The first step is to gather and analyze massive amounts of data from many sources, such as sensors and recordings from the past. Second, trends are identified and possible problems are predicted using statistical models and machine learning techniques. Lastly, these techniques improve the precision and efficacy of maintenance planning by facilitating the transition from an experience-based to a data-driven decision-making process.

There has been a sea change in the way oil and gas companies handle equipment maintenance since data science methodologies were included into predictive maintenance analysis. These technologies provide a more precise, efficient, and economical approach to equipment failure prediction and maintenance schedule optimization by using machine learning, statistical modeling, and big data analytics. New possibilities for innovation and operational improvement will present themselves as the sector undergoes further evolution, and data science is anticipated to play an increasingly important role in predictive maintenance.

#### 3.4. New Advancements and Revolutions in AI for Upkeep

Recent years have seen remarkable progress in the oil and gas industry's use of AI for upkeep tasks. These advancements have opened the door to new methods of maintenance management and improved operational efficiency. In their 2021 paper, Popa, Amaba, and Daniels provide a thorough framework for the oil and gas industry that details the best practices for completing AI projects successfully. Their research shows that systematic integration of data, ML, and

AI is key to solving complicated challenges. Important parts of the system they suggest include data quality and integrity as well as governance based on concepts like accountability, fairness, and dependability. This method has shown to increase output by as much as 20%, proving that AI can really help with maintenance tasks. Their research includes a case study that shows how an oilfield production plant may improve operations using data-driven strategies, leveraging ML and AI for pattern identification and event mitigation. This kind of facility is similar to a manufacturing facility. Drilling, predictive maintenance, and digital fields are three areas where Clemens and Viechtbauer-Gruber (2020) highlight the effects of digitization and AI on the oil and gas sector. Their work exemplifies the development of numerical reservoir models and digital twins, which have been used for many years in hydrocarbon production forecasts. Thanks to developments in artificial intelligence and ever-improving processing power, “digital siblings” of reservoirs have been created, which can handle both static and dynamic data with varying degrees of uncertainty. Making decisions in these circumstances requires this new information. unpredictability, which enables businesses to become into learning organizations and reduce the time needed for field development planning.

The offshore sector is the focus of Marxer et al.’s (2021) investigation of artificial intelligence’s potential uses in marine and maritime intelligent robots. The goal of the Marine and Maritime Intelligent Robotics (MIR) initiative is to enhance maritime research and its technological applications by combining robotics with artificial intelligence. Because of its emphasis on improving the health, safety, efficiency, and environmental performance of offshore activities, this effort is especially pertinent to the oil and gas sector. With a strong emphasis on robotics engineering, control systems, sensors, and artificial intelligence, this curriculum seeks to produce experts in marine and maritime intelligent robotic systems.

Several features define these seminal advances in artificial intelligence for oil and gas maintenance. Building organized frameworks to incorporate AI and ML into preexisting processes is the first priority. Additionally, digital twins and siblings have been developed as a result of advances in AI and computer capacity, which improve decision-making and predictive skills. Finally, new opportunities for safer and more efficient offshore operations are emerging as a result of the integration of artificial intelligence with robots and other technology.

There has been a sea change in the way maintenance is carried out in the oil and gas sector due to the developments in AI for maintenance. Improved productivity, security, and ecological friendliness are the results of industrial efforts to use structured frameworks, digital twins, and artificial intelligence (AI) in conjunction with robots. Both operational efficiency and the industry’s overall sustainability and resilience are bolstered by these advancements.

### 3.5. The Present and Future of AI Maintenance Tools

Recent developments in ML and AI have been a major force in the oil and gas industry’s dramatic trend toward digitization. Because of these innovations, maintenance tools have undergone a dramatic transformation, which has improved productivity, decreased costs,

and raised safety standards.

A captivating case study from Indonesia’s Attaka Field illustrating the use of AI and ML in well intervention candidate selection is presented by Siahaan et al. (2022). The authors provide WEAPON, a smart automated system that incorporates information from more than fifteen sources, such as production statistics and reservoir characteristics. WEAPON uses a multi-criteria decision-making approach in conjunction with technical analysis, analytics, and ML to find promising completions. The decision-making process in well intervention is drastically sped up using this instrument, going from months to a fraction of that time. By incorporating economic analysis tools into WEAPON, its value is significantly enhanced. This integration enables on-demand economic analysis and increases overall operational efficiency.

Predictive condition monitoring of rotating equipment, including compressors and gas turbines, is an important area of study for Tahan et al. (2017). Research highlights the need of replacing antiquated monitoring systems with state-of-the-art predictive maintenance methods. Thanks to developments in data gathering technologies, multivariate data-driven methods—which these approaches employ—have become more popular. Industrial gas compressors and turbines are the primary focus of Li’s research. He aims to build diagnostic and prognostic models that can identify flaws early on and estimate the rate of performance degradation. This method lowers operating and maintenance expenses while simultaneously reducing operational downtime and safety hazards.

Oil and gas drilling systems engineering has seen both positive and negative technology developments, as discussed in a 2019 assessment by Epelle and Gerogiorgis. Their research shows that Process Systems Engineering (PSE) approaches are useful for fixing drilling engineering’s design and operation issues. The optimization and management of drilling operations have been revolutionized by novel technologies that integrate PSE with AI and ML. In the oil and gas sector, this interdisciplinary strategy has paved the way for new lines of inquiry, especially regarding drilling and production techniques.

At now, data-driven, integrated solutions are the norm for AI maintenance tools in the oil and gas sector. A new wave of AI and ML apps, such as WEAPON, is revolutionizing the maintenance industry. As mentioned by Li, AI is also making great strides in predictive condition monitoring, which provides better and faster information on the health of equipment. In addition, as highlighted by Epelle and Gerogiorgis (2019), the use of PSE techniques suggests a larger trend of integrating AI into other parts of oil and gas operations, including as drilling and production.

There has been a shift towards more data-centric and predictive methods in the sector. New avenues for innovation and improvement are opening up as a result of these developments, which are also improving the safety and efficiency of operations.

2.2. Future Directions in AI and Data Science for Maintenance  
Data science and artificial intelligence (AI) are going to be game-changers when it comes to the oil and gas industry’s future maintenance plans. The incorporation of these technologies is facilitating the development of novel methods and solutions, in addition

to improving current ones. A thorough analysis of the present status of artificial intelligence (AI) and machine learning (ML) applications in many industrial settings, including the oil and gas industry, is presented by Vuddanti, and Ramesh (2022). It is clear from their research that ML has enormous promise for revolutionizing maintenance procedures. Because of its numerous parallels to the oil and gas business, the mining industry is seeing a surge in interest in ML research, according to the authors. Proof of the field's progress is the creation of smart mining tools, which allow for the creation, gathering, and sharing of data in almost real-time. This research also assesses the uses of data science and machine learning in geosciences and petroleum engineering, including well stimulation, drilling, reservoir characterisation, production, and petroleum exploration. Exploring unconventional reservoirs and thoroughly comparing different ML approaches provide light on where the oil and gas sector is headed in terms of data science and ML in the future.

In his 2018 article, Jacobs delves into the strategic move of Shell to use a digital platform to construct its artificial intelligence future. A giant leap towards the oil and gas industry's use of artificial intelligence algorithms has been taken by Shell with the signing of a three-year agreement with C3 IOT on Microsoft's Azure cloud service. Managing and implementing their ever-expanding arsenals of machine-learning and AI algorithms is becoming more common across major running firms, as this choice demonstrates. The changing nature of AI applications in the business is shown by the Shell instance, which calls for a new kind of digital infrastructure that operates independently of the IT department.

Several important developments describe the future of artificial intelligence and data science for oil and gas maintenance. First, smart technologies in mining and oil and gas operations show that real-time data analysis and decision-making are becoming more important. Secondly, there has been a noticeable uptick in the use of AI and ML across a range of geoscience and petroleum engineering applications, particularly in relation to unconventional reservoirs and difficult operational problems. Finally, a move towards more integrated and advanced AI solutions is shown by the deployment of digital platforms by large industrial participants like Shell. Data science and artificial intelligence are also changing the face of oil and gas maintenance in the future. Improvements to existing methods and the introduction of novel approaches to maintenance are both made possible by developments in these areas. There will likely be a dramatic shift in the maintenance sector as a result of artificial intelligence and data science as the sector develops further. Current and Future Directions in Predictive Analytics 2.2.1

In order to improve decision-making, optimize operations, and decrease costs, the notoriously complicated and massive oil and gas industry is progressively relying on predictive analytics. The new data analytics techniques and technology are changing the way the industry does planning, budgeting, and operational efficiency, which is driving this transition. In their investigation of oil and gas industry planning and budgeting, Wang and Jobarah (2021) get into the function of predictive analytics. The significance of a better predictive analytics approach, which incorporates data, statistical algorithms, and machine learning methods to construct financial models that

capture key patterns, is highlighted by their study. With the industry's recent history of volatility and unpredictability, this strategy is more important than ever. The research emphasizes the need of using a set of weighted criteria, such as operational expenses, historical data, capital expenditure demands, and others, to improve the accuracy of budget forecasts. Optimizing a portfolio using this strategy may help you save money and make changes to your project timeline by adjusting your financial priorities. An essential part of this approach is separating operational expenses from capital expenditures and reviewing major events on a regular basis. Applying these enhanced predictive analytical approaches may greatly improve the precision of budgeting and planning, allowing decision-makers to more efficiently pinpoint focal regions or benchmarks based on patterns in predictive analysis. As a new development, Mohammadpoor and Torabi (2018) investigate how the oil and gas sector is using Big Data analytics. The article delves into how the industry has become data-intensive due to the introduction of data-recording sensors in drilling, exploration, and production processes. Applications of Big Data analytics include seismic data analysis, improved reservoir characterization, optimized drilling safety, and enhanced production pump performance. Big Data analytics is defined by its capacity to manage big datasets with attributes like volume, variety, velocity, truthfulness, value, and complexity. There are still obstacles to overcome with Big Data analytics, even if it's gaining popularity. These include problems with data quality and comprehending the intricacy of situations, as well as a lack of industry knowledge and support from businesses.

Alibasic et al. (2022) provide a fresh viewpoint by analyzing data to assess oil and gas sector employment and skill trends. The authors of the paper examine market trends using a variety of data analytics technologies, such as Latent Dirichlet Allocation, Factor Analysis, Latent Semantic Indexing, and Non-Negative Matrix Factorization. Despite predictions that automation would mostly affect low-skilled occupations, the results show that even certain high-skilled positions might be threatened. The research shows that there are gaps between what students learn in school and what employers are looking for, highlighting the importance of human brains working together with computers. This study is essential for decision-makers to understand the changing job markets and the skills that are necessary. It can help prepare the workforce for the demanding occupations of the predictive analytics age.

A data-driven, efficient, and cost-effective future is what the oil and gas business may expect according to the latest developments in predictive analytics. Not only are conventional methods being improved by combining predictive analytics with Big Data and machine learning, but new and exciting approaches to tackling difficult problems are also opening up. Predictive analytics will play a bigger and bigger part in the future of the business, thus it's important to have employees who know how to use these tools.

#### The Function of AI in Streamlining Upkeep Procedures 2.2.2

To improve maintenance efficiency, the oil and gas sector is rapidly using Artificial Intelligence (AI). This is due to the high-stakes nature of the business and the complexity of its operations. Maintenance procedures that use AI are transforming the industry, resulting in

notable enhancements to operational effectiveness, safety, and profitability. In their 2018 study, Gupta, Sharma, and Abubakar delve into the creation of an AI-driven asset optimizer. This tool aims to improve production processes by integrating subsurface information with production characteristics. An excellent illustration of how artificial intelligence (AI) may improve oil and gas maintenance efficiency is this suggestion engine. Data intake, pattern recognition, and subsequent integration into various operational processes make up the engine's three-stage methodology. In the end, this procedure produces an autonomous asset optimization system by facilitating information extraction, statistical learning, and adaptability to specific contexts. In order to save operational expenses, increase output, and minimize downtime, these systems may proactively suggest steps for optimal decision-making. By delivering practical insights that result in more efficient and cost-effective operations, the AI-driven asset optimizer showcases how AI can revolutionize maintenance procedures.

In order to further marine and maritime research and its technological applications, Marxer et al. (2021) talk about the Marine and Maritime Intelligent Robotics (MIR) program. This program uses robotics and AI together. Because of the widespread use of artificial intelligence and robots in the offshore sector to improve operational efficiency, health and safety, and environmental performance, the MIR initiative is very pertinent to this sector. To address the specific problems faced by the offshore sector, the curriculum emphasizes education in data science and cutting-edge applied robotics. The increasing reliance on AI and robots for operating and maintenance duties, especially in extreme and punishing settings such as the deep sea, is highlighted by this endeavor. Using AI in these areas not only makes operations more efficient, but it also helps keep marine activities safe and sustainable.

There are many ways in which artificial intelligence might improve oil and gas maintenance efficiency. By improving decision-making, decreasing downtime, and optimizing operations, AI-driven tools and systems are revolutionizing maintenance procedures. Examples of these include intelligent robotics programs and the asset optimizer. Integrating AI into maintenance will become more important as the sector changes, opening up new possibilities for innovation.

### 3. Discussion

#### 3.1. Evaluating the Impact of AI on Predictive Maintenance

When it comes to predictive maintenance in particular, the oil and gas industry's use of artificial intelligence (AI) has been revolutionary, changing the game in terms of operational efficiency and decision-making while upending long-established traditions. Clemens and Viechtbauer-Gruber (2020) examine digitalization's effects on hydrocarbon production forecasts and project decision analysis, drawing attention to AI's crucial role in improving predictive maintenance's precision and efficacy. In order to simulate and forecast the performance of oil and gas assets, the research highlights the transition from traditional methodologies to AI-driven approaches, including the usage of model ensembles and digital twins. By optimizing resource allocation and improving the accuracy of maintenance plans, this shift reduces operating costs and downtime. According to the study's findings, oil and gas firms must adopt a data-driven

decision-making culture and train their employees to take advantage of emerging technologies if they want to stay competitive.

In their discussion of the COVID-19 pandemic and market uncertainty, Mainguy and Nayagam (2020) highlight the potential significance of artificial intelligence in finding solutions. The research highlights the crucial role of AI technologies like machine learning and predictive analytics in maintaining operational safety and continuity during emergencies. Despite the limitations caused by the pandemic, organizations have managed to keep operational efficiency high by using AI for predictive maintenance. This has allowed them to reduce human involvement in high-risk regions, improve their remote monitoring capabilities, and more. Because of its versatility and durability, AI plays an essential role in predictive maintenance, particularly when dealing with unexpected problems and keeping the industry stable.

In his analysis of the practical uses of upstream digitization, Feder (2020) highlights the concrete advantages of AI in predictive maintenance. The research cites many examples of how AI-powered solutions have considerably enhanced operational efficiency, reduced costs, and reduced risk. For instance, businesses have been able to optimize maintenance schedules and avoid equipment breakdowns by turning large data into actionable insights via the use of data analytics and cloud computing. Using AI for predictive maintenance improves operations' dependability while also helping the industry be more safe and environmentally sustainable.

There are many different ways in which artificial intelligence will change predictive maintenance for the oil and gas sector. The use of AI has completely transformed maintenance methods, resulting in significant improvements to accuracy, efficiency, and safety. Adopting and integrating AI into predictive maintenance will continue to be an important component in promoting operational excellence and sustainability as the sector undergoes further evolution.

#### Problems with AI-Enabled Maintenance and How to Fix Them 3.1.1

In order to fully use the potential of Artificial Intelligence (AI), many obstacles must be overcome when it comes to predictive maintenance in the oil and gas sector. In order to successfully integrate and use these solutions, a complete strategy is necessary, since these problems include areas such as technology, organizations, and operations.

In order to solve challenges that were previously intractable at an organizational scale, Maasoumy (2019) talks about how technological vectors like Big Data, AI, Cloud Computing, and the Internet of Things (IoT) are coming together. Within the realm of predictive maintenance, this convergence paves the way for the examination and understanding of massive volumes of data in order to foretell equipment breakdowns and improve maintenance plans. But getting all these different technologies to work together as one coherent system that can analyse data from all over the place is no easy task. Assuring data quality, protecting data privacy, and maintaining system security are especially difficult tasks due to the intricacy of such integration.

In order to adapt to an AI-enabled world, Agbaji (2021) stresses the difficulties of leadership and management decision-making. Developing executives capable of navigating the AI revolution is a

problem for the oil and gas business, which has a history of being hesitant to embrace new technology. Competencies in leading organizational change, managing the transition, and aligning AI goals with business objectives are necessary, in addition to a solid grasp of AI's technical components. This article highlights the significance of leadership in driving digital transformation by highlighting the need for new skills and organizational alignment to effectively apply AI in predictive maintenance.

When it comes to coordinating predictive maintenance with the needs of Industry 4.0, Nordal and El-Thalji (2020) tackle the problems head-on. Their proposed design incorporates state-of-the-art data analytics into an intelligent maintenance management system. A consistent method of predictive maintenance that can adjust to new technology developments is needed, according to the research. Building strong services and products that meet the goals of Industry 4.0 requires resolving issues with system interoperability, solution scalability, and development.

The oil and gas sector needs a comprehensive strategy to tackle the problems with AI-enabled maintenance. Developing standardized, scalable solutions, integrating technology, and adapting leadership and management are all part of it. In order to increase operational efficiency, decrease downtime, and decision-making processes via the use of artificial intelligence in predictive maintenance, it is essential to overcome these hurdles.

### 3.1.2: AI's Future Directions and Advancements

The future of predictive maintenance and operational efficiency in this industry is set to be revolutionized by a number of AI trends and breakthroughs. The possibilities of artificial intelligence and data-driven using data-driven models to improve energy marketing and manufacturing procedures. Their study highlights the impact of AI on exploration accuracy, production downtime, and maintenance costs, highlighting the rising significance of AI in predictive maintenance. In order to meet the specific demands of the dynamic energy sector, the report predicts a shift towards AI solutions developed with specific industries in mind. Better equipment failure prediction and improved maintenance schedules are two outcomes of the trend toward tailored AI applications that the oil and gas industry is hoping would improve operational efficiency and safety.

In his 2018 article, Jacobs delves into the strategic move of Shell to use a digital platform to construct its artificial intelligence future. By taking this step, the industry is showing that it understands the need of having a strong digital infrastructure to back up all of the AI and machine-learning systems that are being developed. One big trend in the business right now is the integration of AI into fundamental operational operations. Shell is leading the way with their attempt to employ an enterprise-wide analytics platform for predictive maintenance. This movement is about more than simply embracing new tech; it's also about building an environment that allows AI algorithms to be put into action. More advanced and efficient predictive maintenance systems are anticipated to be produced by the oil and gas industry as a result of the more seamless integration of AI technology into the digital infrastructure of the sector.

In their 2020 article, Mainguy and Nayagam go into the topic of how the industry dealt with catastrophes like the COVID-19 epidemic and the instability in the oil market. To guarantee operation-

al resilience and efficiency in difficult times, digitization and AI are crucial, as their editorial points out. The industry has been driven to be more inventive and collaborative as a result of the epidemic, which has expedited the use of digital technology and artificial intelligence. Integrating various technologies and forming strategic alliances across the value chain are likely to define the future of AI in predictive maintenance. The industry is projected to migrate towards more sustainable operations, and this collaborative approach will encourage the development of new AI solutions that boost predictive maintenance.

Customized AI solutions, digital infrastructure integration, and collaborative innovation are the hallmarks of the future of artificial intelligence (AI) in the oil and gas sector. We can expect a more robust industry, improved operational efficiency, and less downtime as a result of these developments' impact on predictive maintenance.

### 3.2. Implications for Stakeholders in the Oil and Gas Sector

The oil and gas sector is facing a number of challenges that may be greatly alleviated by incorporating AI into maintenance methods. Not only is this integration an improvement in technology, but it also represents a sea change in the way maintenance is thought about, organized, and carried out. Operational efficiency, safety, environmental sustainability, and economics are all touched by the far-reaching consequences of this change.

#### 3.2.1. Operational Dependability and Efficiency

Omoya, Papadopoulou, and Lou (2019) highlighted how AI may improve operational efficiency in oil and gas pipeline systems via reliability engineering. Artificial intelligence (AI) is driving predictive maintenance, which is gradually replacing the old ways of maintenance, which were often reactive or time-based. With this change, pipeline systems are more reliable and have much less downtime due to unforeseen breakdowns. This implies a more constant and dependable operational workflow, which is great for stakeholders, especially those in the operations and maintenance departments, since it reduces the likelihood of interruptions that might result in financial losses.

#### 3.2.2: Environmental and Safety Factors

In the oil and gas sector, safety is of the utmost importance. Employee and environmental safety are two areas that stand to benefit greatly from the use of AI in maintenance procedures. System failures may be foreseen by AI-powered systems, enabling prompt actions to avert accidents and spills. When mistakes in this field may have such devastating effects, preventative maintenance like this is essential. Consequently, there has been a recent uptick in the number of voices calling for the integration of AI into preventative maintenance strategies by regulatory agencies and environmental organizations.

#### Economic Effects 3.2.3

Artificial intelligence-driven maintenance has substantial monetary ramifications. Saving millions of dollars in repair expenses and lost productivity is possible with AI maintenance systems by decreasing downtime and averting catastrophic failures. Stakeholders, including investors and corporate leaders, benefit from increased profitability and a competitive advantage. Mukherjee (2022) also notes that there are certain downsides to using AI in this sector. constraints, especially with regard to the upfront costs associated with implementation.

Nevertheless, AI is a compelling choice for innovative businesses since the long-term financial advantages often surpass these upfront expenses.

#### Transformation of the workforce (3.2.4)

There will be effects on the workforce from the use of AI in maintenance as well. More technology-driven positions are replacing more physically demanding maintenance work. As a result of this shift, workers will need to acquire new abilities in order to collaborate effectively with AI systems. Mukherjee (2022) stresses the need to weigh the advantages of AI against its possible effects on economies that rely heavily on human labor. To make sure the workforce can adjust to these new technology expectations, HR and training department stakeholders will need to put money into employee development.

#### 3.2.5. Meeting All Requirements

Regulatory concerns are becoming more important as AI is used more and more in maintenance. Ratnayake (2015) argues that current rules and regulations need to be rethought because of the increasing automation of maintenance activities. The application of artificial intelligence (AI) in maintenance must comply with all applicable safety rules and industry standards; this responsibility falls on legislators and regulatory agencies. In order to address the specific difficulties and capacities of AI systems, it may be necessary to create new rules or revise current ones. The effects of artificial intelligence (AI) are far-reaching and complex, affecting everything from worker transformation and the need for new legal frameworks to increased operational efficiency and safety. Everyone involved must stay abreast of the industry's ever-changing landscape in order to make the most of AI's advantages while avoiding its pitfalls.

#### 4. Conclusion

This research has shown how artificial intelligence and data science have greatly improved predictive maintenance for oil and gas companies. Maintenance tactics have been transformed by these technologies, moving away from reactive methods and toward proactive ones. Machine learning and data-driven models have made it possible to optimize maintenance schedules and anticipate equipment breakdowns, cutting down on operating expenses and downtime. Improvements in prediction model accuracy and decision-making in maintenance management have resulted from the combination of machine learning, big data analytics, and the internet of things (IoT). Predictive maintenance has been greatly enhanced by AI and data science, but there are still many obstacles and possibilities to overcome. Problems arise due to data complexity and the need for high-quality, real-time data. Additionally, sophisticated algorithms capable of navigating the oil and gas industry's complex and ever-changing settings are in high demand. Better maintenance solutions may be achieved by combining AI with other new technologies, such as blockchain and augmented reality, or by creating more resilient AI models that can adjust to new circumstances.

Industry stakeholders at all levels must work together in a collaborative effort if AI is to be properly used in predictive maintenance. Executives in relevant fields would do well to train their employees to use AI-powered resources. Ethical AI usage, data protection, and security should be policymakers' top priorities. Innovation and the

establishment of standard procedures for the use of AI in maintenance may be accelerated via the promotion of collaborations between academic institutions, businesses, and government agencies.

Developments in artificial intelligence and data science are crucial to the future of predictive maintenance in the oil and gas sector. Research into creating AI models with more sophistication is necessary so that they can manage the industry's intricacies. In addition to developing sustainable and eco-friendly maintenance techniques, future research should investigate how AI may be integrated with other cutting-edge technology. Without a question, the ongoing development of artificial intelligence will determine how the oil and gas sector evolves in the years to come, and its potential to revolutionize maintenance tactics is enormous.

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