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PRODUCTIVITY IMPROVEMENT MODELS IN CONSTRUCTION PROJECT MANAGEMENT

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Abstract
The relevance of the research topic is due to the increasing complexity of construction projects, stricter requirements for deadlines, quality of work, as well as increased competition in the relevant industry. In the current conditions, traditional management methods often turn out to be ineffective, which leads to deadlines, budget overruns, and a significant decrease in the quality of construction.
The purpose of the study is to analyze and systematize ideas about modern models of productivity improvement in construction project management, as well as to assess their potential impact on key performance indicators of projects. Special attention is paid to the formulation of the author's view of the advantages and limitations of specific models.
The study revealed contradictions between the need to introduce innovative approaches to working with projects and the conservative practices that have developed in the industry. In addition, it is advisable to point out the discrepancy between the pace of development of digital technologies and the speed of their adaptation in the construction sector.
It is concluded that integrated models combining elements of flexible methodologies, digital developments, and Lean approaches are the most effective. The role of digital twins, predictive analytics, and blockchain in improving productivity in this area is particularly emphasized.

Keywords Flexible methodologies, integrated project management, predictive analytics, labor productivity, construction projects, project management, digitalization of construction.

INTRODUCTION

The construction industry today faces numerous challenges that demand innovative approaches to project management. Performance optimization has become a key factor for success amidst increasing competition and the growing complexity of technological processes. In this context, a comprehensive analysis of advanced models for enhancing effectiveness in construction project management, their theoretical foundations, and practical applications has gained particular significance.

The research problem lies in identifying and analyzing the most effective contemporary models for improving productivity in construction project management and adapting them to industry-specific requirements. Additionally, a significant aspect of the problem involves identifying the limitations and barriers associated with these models.

METHODS

This article employs comparative analysis and case studies (specific examples implementing particular models). A generalization method is used in formulating conclusions. A review of recent scientific literature has identified several frequently occurring research directions.

A central focus for authors is the integration of digital technologies into management mechanisms. T. Salem and colleagues explore the strategic use of drones and "digital twins" to optimize construction project management [7]. Their work demonstrates the potential of these solutions to improve accuracy in project monitoring and control. Similarly, Ch.Ki. Chang proposes a performance management platform concept based on big data analysis in construction, enhancing decision-making and forecasting processes [1].

Innovative approaches to the topic are also prominent in research. For example, S.S. Fonseca and colleagues present a comprehensive project management system integrating various digital tools to achieve optimal outcomes [3]. T. Zang examines the use of blockchain technology in management mechanisms, highlighting its potential to improve transparency and effectiveness in financial management [9].

Supply chain management in construction is another significant area of research. S.K. Ghosh and co-authors analyze organizational nuances in this field [4]. Yu. Zhang and colleagues conduct a bibliometric analysis in the context of modular integrated construction, identifying key trends and challenges [10].

Quality issues and relationships between project participants also draw attention, especially concerning productivity. L.S. Nguyen and colleagues examine quality management models in construction project management, emphasizing their importance in enhancing overall project efficiency [6]. O. Daboun and colleagues study key factors contributing to improved communication and collaboration [2].

The analysis of causes for delays and inefficiencies in project management is presented in the work by P.L. Luthan and co-authors, whose research identifies critical areas requiring attention to improve productivity [5].

Methodological aspects of research in construction project management are covered in the publication by P.G.V. Sinaga and colleagues, providing valuable information on current trends and influential works in the field [8].

Thus, modern researchers focus on digital technology integration, innovative management methods, supply chain optimization, quality improvement, and enhancing relationships between project participants. This approach establishes a scientific foundation for developing comprehensive strategies.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

From a productivity enhancement perspective, an integrated project management model is one of the most promising approaches. This concept is based on the synergistic effect of combining various methodologies and tools. The structure is presented with the following elements (Fig. 1):

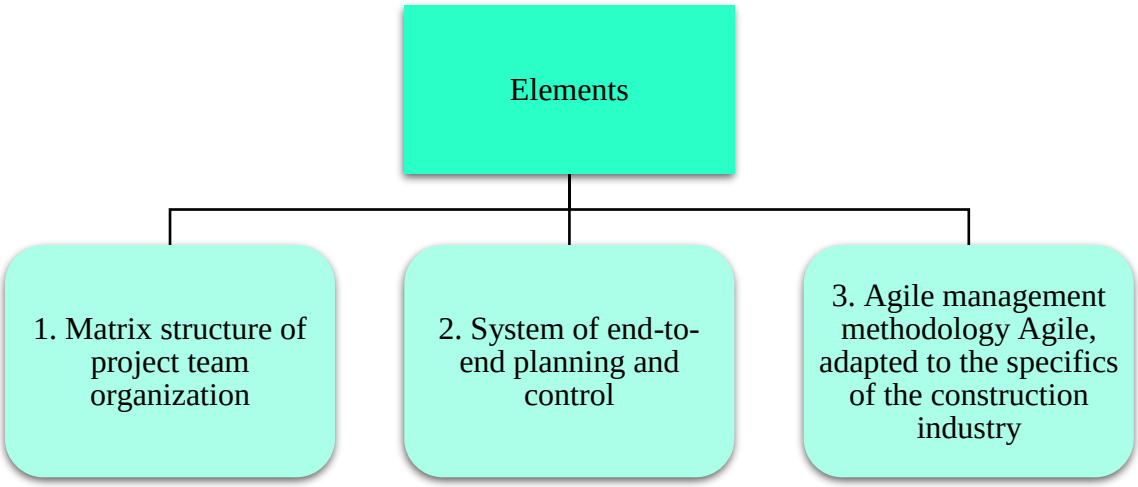

Fig. 1. Integrated Project Management Model [2, 9]

A key advantage of this model is the ability to respond promptly to changes in the project environment. Its implementation allows decision-making time to be reduced by 30-40% [9], significantly impacting overall project productivity.

Another innovative approach to improving management efficiency is the creation of a "digital twin" of the construction object. This technology involves developing a virtual replica of a building or structure, reflecting in real time all processes occurring on the construction site (Fig. 2).

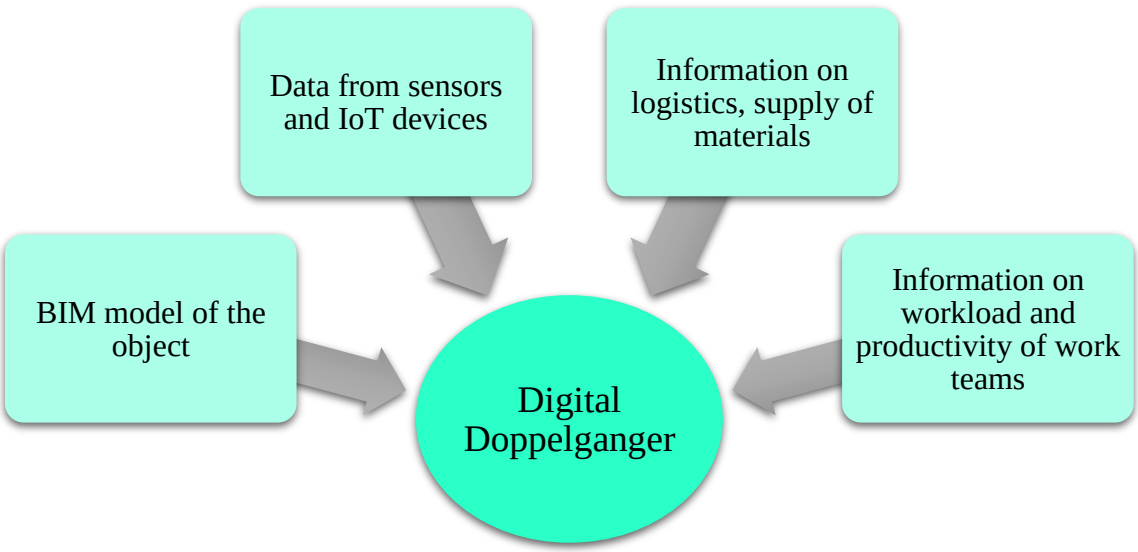

Fig. 2. Essential Characteristics of the "Digital Twin" [7]

The use of this solution optimizes planning and control processes, reducing risks of schedule and budget deviations. The application of this technology contributes to the overall efficiency of the project.

One of the most critical aspects of productivity improvement is effective risk management. Predictive analytics, which relies on machine learning and big data analysis, plays a particularly important role in this area.

The predictive analytics model in construction is represented by the following components (Fig. 3):

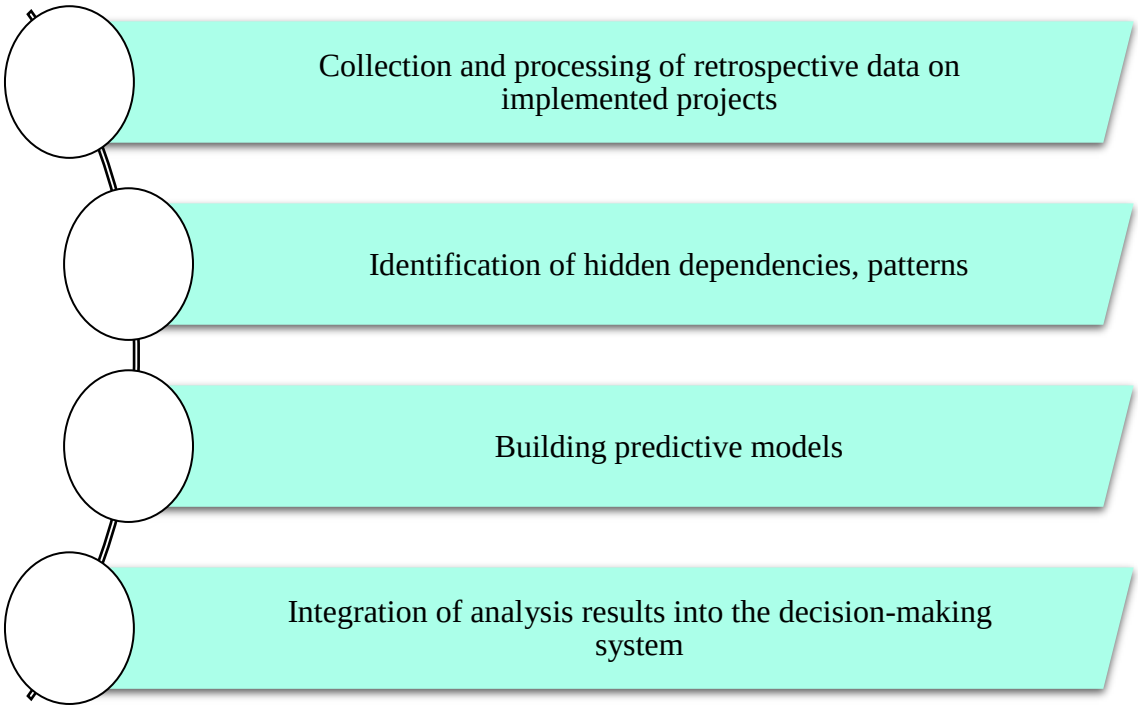

Fig. 3. Components of Predictive Analytics [3, 5, 9]

The application of this approach enables highly accurate forecasting of potential deviations from the plan and timely corrective actions. This leads to a reduction in critical incidents and facilitates a more rational allocation of resources.

In turn, the conceptual framework of "Lean Construction," adapted from the manufacturing sector and combined with Goldratt's Theory of Constraints, provides a powerful tool for enhancing productivity in construction. The fundamental principles of this approach include:

- minimization of waste;
- optimization of the value creation flow;
- identification and elimination of bottlenecks in the production process;
- continuous improvement and involvement of all project participants.

In the practical implementation of this model, the following actions are anticipated:

- mapping of the value creation flow;
- implementation of a "just-in-time" system for material logistics;
- adoption of agile planning methodologies.

For better insight into the practical application of these models, several specific examples are relevant.

For instance, in the large-scale Heathrow Airport expansion project, which included the construction of a new terminal and runway, an integrated project management model was utilized. The project team employed a combination of Agile methodologies and traditional project management, achieving the following outcomes:

- reduced decision-making time;

- improved communication among various contractors and stakeholders;

- increased flexibility in responding to regulatory changes and technological innovations.

The company "Related Companies" used the "digital twin" technology in the construction of the 387-meter skyscraper "30 Hudson Yards" (New York, USA). A detailed digital model of the building was created and updated in real time. The outcomes included:

- optimization of material logistics, reducing downtime;

- early identification of potential conflicts in engineering systems, lowering rework costs;

- overall project efficiency improvements, with construction completed ahead of schedule.

As part of the large-scale construction project for the HS2 high-speed railway connecting London with cities in northern England, a predictive analytics system was implemented for risk management. This led to a reduction in critical incidents within the first year of use, budget savings through more efficient resource allocation and early identification of potential issues, and improved work planning, considering forecasted weather and other external factors.

During the renovation and expansion of the San Carlos Hospital in Madrid, the "Lean Construction" methodology combined with the Theory of Constraints was applied. The project involved building a new wing and upgrading existing facilities without interrupting hospital operations. As a result, project timelines were shortened compared to the original plan, the number of defects decreased through optimized workflows, and coordination between construction teams and medical staff improved.

The analysis results are summarized in Table 1, which organizes the advantages and limitations of the described models.

Table 1 – Systematization of the Advantages and Limitations of Productivity Improvement Models in Construction Project Management (compiled by the author)

Model	Advantages	Limitations
Integrated Project Management Model	Flexibility and adaptability to changes, reduced decision-making time, synergistic effect from combining various methodologies	Complexity of implementation in established organizational structures, need for highly skilled personnel, potential conflicts between traditional and agile approaches
"Digital Twin" of	Optimization of planning and	High initial implementation costs, need

Construction Object	control processes, increased overall project efficiency, ability to detect issues before they arise on the real site	for continuous data updates to keep the model current, dependence on the quality and completeness of source data
Predictive Analytics in Risk Management	Reduction in critical incidents, more effective resource allocation, ability to take preventive actions	Difficulty in interpreting results for non-specialists, risk of overestimating or underestimating forecasts, dependence on the quality and volume of historical data
"Lean Construction" and Theory of Constraints	Shortened project timelines, improved work quality, optimized resource use	Need for cultural change within the organization, complexity in projects with high uncertainty, requirement for ongoing personnel training

Thus, productivity improvement in construction project management is a multifaceted task requiring a systematic approach. The models discussed provide powerful tools, yet their effective use depends on organizations' readiness for innovation, technology investments, and human capital development. When applied appropriately, these models can provide a significant competitive advantage, elevating construction project management to a qualitatively new level.

CONCLUSIONS

The reviewed productivity improvement models in construction project management demonstrate significant potential for optimizing processes and achieving high performance. Integrating these approaches, considering the specifics of particular projects, enables the creation of an effective management system capable of adapting to the rapidly changing conditions of today's market.

It is essential to note that the successful implementation of these models requires an approach that relies not only on technological innovations but also on changes in organizational culture, personnel motivation systems, and methods of interaction among all participants in the construction process. Only by meeting these conditions can substantial and, importantly, sustainable productivity growth in this area be expected.

The examples presented in this article illustrate how applying modern productivity improvement models across various contexts and scales of construction projects leads to substantial enhancements in efficiency, timelines, and work quality. They also highlight the importance of adapting these mechanisms to specific situations and the unique needs of each project.

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