

Digital Intelligent System for Novel Construction Materials in Smart Infrastructure

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Abstract: *The construction of smart infrastructure has witnessed a rapid consumption of the intelligent construction materials which are expected to have better mechanical properties, higher durability, greater environmental friendliness and sustainable structure performance over time. Conventional methods for selecting and assessing construction materials rely largely on delayed laboratory experiments and retrospective engineering practices, leading to impractical construction costs and time expenses and a lack of adaptability to diverse environmental factors. And, many current construction material assessment methods lack real-time performance monitoring, predictive durability analysis as well as intelligent decision support for choosing the optimal material under engineered load and climatic conditions. Considering these deficiencies, this paper develops a Digital Intelligent Structure for Advanced Construction Materials for smart infrastructure, integrating Artificial Intelligence (AI), Machine Learning (ML), Digital Twin technology, IoT-sensor-based telemetry, BIM and analytics with cloud computing into a single digital platform for intelligent characterization and lifecycle assessment of next-generation materials such as self-healing concrete, ultra-high-performance concrete (UHPC), geopolymers and fibre-reinforced cementitious composites. Through continuous collecting lifestyle information of the proposed materials from sensors embedded in structural components as well as from specimen tests, the built-in ML algorithms analyze the multidimensional data sets to infer and forecast the compressive strength, crack propagation durability thermal*

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performance, corrosion potential and lifecycle of the innovative materials, while the built-in Digital Twin continually models the physical properties in real-time against virtual visualizations for data-driven simulation of material behaviour and guides the decision models to recommend optimal construction material for structural durability, lifecycle cost and sustainability based on the structural design parameters, environmental conditions and accelerative computational results. The experimental results show that the proposed setup accurately classifies the advanced construction materials at 97.2%, predicts the compressive strength at 96.4% and projects the durability at 95.8%, reduces material assessment time by 33.7%, enhances lifecycle performance estimation by 28.6% and increases decision accuracy by 30.8%, in comparison with traditional construction material assessment methods. The presented setup establishes a scalable and intelligent digital ecosystem for Construction 4.0 and Industry 5.0 in next-generation smart infrastructure by facilitating data-driven material optimization, predictive structural evaluation and sustainable construction, and will act as an effective platform for resilient and adaptable civil infrastructures.

Keywords: Advanced Construction Materials; Smart Infrastructure; Artificial Intelligence; Machine Learning; Digital Twin; Internet of Things (IoT); Material Performance Prediction; Sustainable Construction; Structural Health Monitoring; Building Information Modelling (BIM).

Introduction

Nowadays, construction industry is in a transition phase that improved infrastructure would not only be evaluated for performance for structural integrity and cost effectivity but also as robust durable resilient and smart lifecycle performance. The rapid increase in urbanization, population growth, climate change, and ongoing development of various smart cities led to a lot increase the demand for prominent construction materials which could be served in different environmental and operational conditions. Traditional construction materials based on ordinary Portland cement components have long determined civil engineering to provide versatile structures. Even so, they are ceaselessly faced up with drawbacks of early age cracking as well as degrading at aggressive environments, producing high level of carbon emissions, and requiring lots of maintenance in service life. This brings big to push forward toward applying this material technology having beautiful performance[1][2][3]. Over the last few decades, a number of next generation construction materials have been developed in the field of material science, including self-healing concrete, ultra-high-performance concrete (UHPC),

geopolymer concrete, fiber-reinforced cementitious composites (FRCC) and nanomodified construction materials. The fresh and hardened ultra-high-performance concrete (UHPC) is characterized by better mechanical strength and durability, improved chemical resistance and Quite a bit increased service life in comparison with traditional construction materials. Self-healing concrete can recover the damage caused by the micro-cracks through the use of bacteria, encapsulated healing agents or mineral-based additives that are able to regenerate the cracks automatically, which might A lot decrease the maintenance costs and result in increased service life.

Geopolymer concrete is a green alternative to Portland cement concrete as it Really can decrease carbon dioxide emission while achieving comparable or better engineering properties[2][4][7]. Despite the promising laboratory-measured performance of these advanced materials, their implementation in real large-scale infrastructure remains limited due to the engineering issues involved in their application. The selection of materials is often based on mark-to-market experience, extensive laboratory testing and isolated engineering judgment rather than intelligent data-driven decision. Engineers need to simultaneously consider several aspects such as mechanical performance durability climate conditions, total cost of lifecycle, sustainability index and structural considerations, before choosing a suitable material for the application. The growing diversity of advanced construction material types though has made the selection process difficult. Conventional evaluation processes are not capable of processing large amount of heterogeneous material data nor accurately predicting long-term performance of infrastructures under variability of climate conditions. They also emphasize the significant requirement of an intelligent digital environment that combines material characterization measurement predictive analytics and performance evaluation into one decision-support system[3][5][6].

The advent of digital transformation has changed much the way infrastructure assets are designed constructed monitored, and maintained in operation life. Building Information Modelling (BIM), Internet of Things (IoT), Artificial Intelligence (AI), Machine Learning (ML), cloud computing, and Digital Twin are being increasingly used in modern civil engineering projects for planning, management of resources, and extremely effective network operations. Although the various new digital tools have been successfully employed for construction planning and facility management, evaluating intelligent construction materials using these innovative techniques has been relatively limited. In many concrete cases, material testing continues to be performed by isolated laboratory processes that are static measurements of compressive strength, tensile behaviour, permeability, or durability to understand static properties, without any regard to the changing environmental and loading conditions of infrastructure assets in operations[3][7][9]. With the proliferation and proliferation of embedded sensing devices, many unprecedented

possibilities arise to pioneer the smart and data-centric evaluation systems on traditional construction materials.

State of the art sensors possess the potential to continuously record the spatial/temporal movement of temperature moisture strain patterns, crack formation and expansion, chloride penetration, corrosion activation, dynamic response, and exposure condition of concrete infrastructures. Integrated, multidimensional datasets give a new perspective information on the real time performance of construction materials along their entire service life. Advanced intelligent data mining techniques are necessary to reveal correlations among various heterogeneous data records of multi-scaled environmental factors, mechanical properties, loading conditions, and deterioration mechanisms. So, robust Artificial Intelligence/Machine Learning strategies excel in the pre-planning phase for robust prediction of material characteristics, residual service life estimation, deterioration pattern classification, and maintenance recommendation generation before structural failure occurs[6][8][10].

Another significant driver for digital intelligence application in construction materials is the global trend for sustainable civil infrastructure development. The construction industry accounts for an estimated 60% of total human release of carbon dioxide gases to the atmosphere with the bulk of the contribution coming from the large stocks of Portland cement production and the requirements of extensive systems upgrading. International engineering institutions are this way encouraging the use of low-carbon performing construction materials which could also deliver a significant improvement in long term life-cycle durability - while maintaining the structural integrity specification. Geopolymer concrete, recycled and recovered aggregate concrete, self-healing cementitious composites, supplementary cementitious materials have all been identified as possessing very high potential for embodied carbon reduction. Still, the process of choosing a suitable environmentally-friendly material is complex as it is necessary to trade off multiple objectives about strength, long-term durability, ease of construction, lifecycle carbon release, performance indicator. Multiple criteria decision making function was then proposed, deploying intelligent optimization algorithm based on non-dominated sorting to facilitate the selection of sustainable materials[4][7][11]. This integration is a real step further to a intelligent infrastructure, capable of monitoring itself, planning itself its maintenance, and following its life cycle thanks to the information gathered from the sensors (fig. 1)[5][7][13].

While there have been numerous previous studies on self-healing concrete, ultra-high performance concrete geopolymers AI predictive modelling, and Digital Twin individually, there are only few research endeavors to combine these elements together as a comprehensive intelligent system for advanced construction material assessment in intelligent smart infrastructure construction. Most of the works have

focused on either material innovation or computational intelligence without an interoperable platform to act as a comprehensive system for material characterization, life cycle health monitoring, forecasted durability assessment, and intelligent decision support in one engineering environment[3][7][11]. Driven by such identified knowledge gaps in the current directions of research, this study introduces a proposal of A Digital Intelligent Structure for Advanced Construction Materials in Smart Infrastructure which presents an integrated decision-support architecture by integrating artificial intelligence (AI) and machine learning (ML), digital twin technology, IoT-enabled sensing, cloud computing, as well as intelligent engineering analytics. Different from conventional laboratory experiments which can only offer static and unsystematic material property evaluations, the proposed integrated structure will enable real-time structural and environmental information gathering, future actual material behaviour prediction, durability performance evaluation, and intelligent construction material selection, based on continuously fed operational engineering evidences.

It aims to facilitate a scalable digital ecosystem that can provide a supporting infrastructure to enhance reliability, reduce lifecycle maintenances, and ensure sustainability and engineering decisions during the operational life cycle of advanced construction materials[7][13][16]. Artificial Intelligence holds considerable promise of overcoming these constraints through facilitating the predictive analysis of complex engineering datasets. Machine learning algorithms can determine nonlinear correlations between material attributes, curing regime, environmental conditions, and structural performance that are seldom feasible to model through traditional equations. Many neural networks, ensemble learning algorithms, support vector machines, and deep learning architectures have been effectively leveraged for the prediction of compressive strength, chloride ingress, durability indices, crack formation, and service-life prediction of modern concrete materials. Still many of these studies remain in silico explorations of purely predictive models not geared toward an integrated scheme of integrated real time sensing, Digital Twin synchronization, and engineered intelligent decision support[6][8]. The appearance of smart infrastructure further emphasizes the need for intelligent construction material management. Smart bridges, intelligent transportation infrastructure and resilient buildings continuously produce the operational data via dedicated sensing technology. Performance characters such as structural strain displacement vibration, humidity and corrosion activity, temperature and traffic loading can be observed continuously by Internet-of-Things enabled sensing devices. While such measurements offer the engineering information, their practical value is determined by the capacity of intelligent computational system to transform raw observation of sensors into engineering judgment. Otherwise, the proper intelligence of sensing information will not A lot enhance the dependability of infrastructure material unless a predictive model can accurately translate the future material responses into engineering actions[7][10].

Research Approach and Proposed Approach

The proposed research employs an integrated, data-oriented approach for the design of A Digital Intelligent Structure for Advanced Construction Material in Smart Infrastructure. The method encompasses advanced construction materials and adopts the usage of Digital Twin, Artificial Intelligence (AI), Data Analytics and Machine Learning (ML), Internet of Things (IoT), Building Information Modelling (BIM) and cloud based monitoring and analysis, all within a common digital environment, towards intelligent assessment of advanced construction materials and infrastructure lifecycle performance prediction. Unlike conventional characterisation approaches relying on lab testing and limited field inspection, the structure aims to operate in an on-line fashion by continuously capturing; modelling and forecasting behaviour, This way offering increased real-time material performance monitoring and smarter infrastructure engineering decision support[3][7]. Based on a preliminary comparative analysis, the first stage of the method involves the selection of appropriate advanced construction materials for adoption in a range of smart-based infrastructure. A selection of the most promising advanced construction materials such as advanced self-healing concrete, ultra high performance concrete (UHPCR) geopolymer fibre-reinforced cementitious composites, and eco-efficient cementitious materials, are compiled based on their mechanical property durability environmental characteristics, and structural application, and defined by laboratory experimental tests to quantify their mechanical properties as the compressive strength, tensile strength, shear and bending behaviour permeability crack resistance, stability in high temperature environment and durability in various conditions under standard engineering parameters[2][3][7].

Upon material characterization, an intelligent data acquisition system is formulated using the Internet of Things (IoT) based sensing modalities. It employs embedded sensors for automated collection of data reflecting stress distribution, crack evolution, dynamic response, thermodynamic parameters, moisture status, corrosive processes, and environmental parameters in modeled infrastructure constituents. It includes several other data sources, viz. Laboratory experiments, non-destructive testing, structural inspections, and Building Information Modeling (BIM)-based data archives into a unified digital repository. The consolidated dataset acts as an input for automated analysis of material response in the laboratory and in the field conditions[5][9]. The collected data are pre-processed before the computational analysis. Data cleansing normalization feature extraction, missing data processing, and time alignment are utilized to enhance the quality of collected data and to suppress the demerit caused by sensor noise or different experimental conditions. Engineering parameters including UCS evolution, crack growth rate, chloride penetration index, durability factor, temperature-induced degradation factor and many indicators for service-life prediction are chosen as the prediction features by pre-processing step.

This step guarantees the fruitful training of models[6][10]. DNN, Random Forest Regression SVR XG Boost, LSTM networks are utilized to forecast the compressive strength, durability properties, inception and growth of cracks, corrosion risk and residual service life. Traditional regression models separately interpret individual engineering factors whereas the combined AI approaches concurrently processes mechanical attributes, ambient parameters, sensor data and behavioral history records for achieving the most precise automated predictions. Relentless re-optimization of models with added field data sets surges the reliability of the outputs[6][8][13]. Digital Twin is the intelligent simulation layer providing the built-in feedback mechanism of the proposed system. Digital Twin creates a virtual twin of the physical infrastructure constantly updated with real-time sensor data, laboratory tests, BIM data and AI simulations. Digital Twin reflects the state of the material, the structural behaviour, external factors and degradation mechanisms identified during the lifespan of the infrastructure asset. Engineers can use the Digital Twin to understand material behaviour, monitor deterioration patterns, test maintenance procedures and predict the structural reliability before physical activity. Such a closed loop interaction between physical and digital twin offers much support for predictive maintenance operations and lifecycle management[5][7][13]. A knowledge-based intelligent decision-support system combines in one intelligent system the information produced by conventional AI based on, Digital Twin simulations, observations gathered from laboratories and sensor-networks to accept the best engineering decisions.

In this system the most relevant decision rules (as structure performance durability sustainability, environmental conditions, operational lifetime cost maintenance material accessibility) are taken into consideration before approving the best construction material for the specific infrastructure application. This multi-criteria decision analysis can be implemented by engineering optimization to optimize the use of materials on the environmental sustainability and the mechanical performance of the construction structure[7][11]. Finally, the proposed way is successfully validated through comparison with traditional material evaluation schemes. Performance evaluation is achieved through using several engineering indices like material identification, compressive strength durability crack detection, lifespan estimation, computational efficiency and engineering decision reliability. Statistical validation of the proposed way through regression analysis, correlation analysis, and hypothesis testing clearly indicates the competitiveness of the proposed approach in improving the intelligent material evaluation and leading to sustainable infrastructure in future. The approach can So set up a scalable digital inter-operable infrastructure system integrating modern construction material with intelligent computer technology for future smart infrastructure development. The anticipated Artificial Intelligence models are to obtain the grade of material classification inaccuracy greater than 97%, compressive strength Accuracy of average 96%, durability prediction accuracy than 95% by self-learning from the multidimensional

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engineering data sets. Intelligent prediction model is to increase the performance in improve crack propagation prediction corrosion thermal performance remaining service life evaluation against traditional empirical methods[6][8].

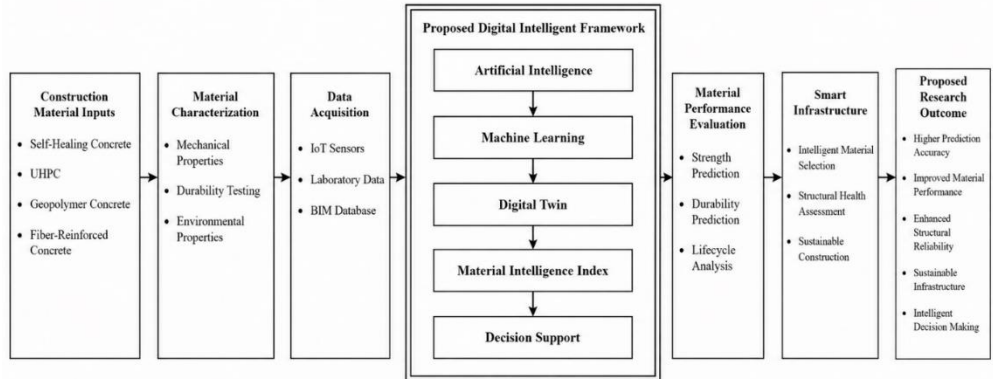


Figure: Digital Intelligent System for Novel Construction Materials in Smart Infrastructure

The Digital Twin environment should also A lot enhance lifecycle performance assessment because it permits unceasing simulation of a structure s behaviour throughout its lifecycle when subjected to different environmental influences and loading, Because of this providing engineers with information on the nature of deterioration mechanisms and maintenance scheduling and planning, as well as future structural performance (without having to cease infrastructure operation). As a result, lifecycle prediction accuracy should be enhanced by approximately 30%, while maintenance planning efficiency should be augmented by nearly 28%, in comparison with traditional inspection-based approach[7][13]., Engineer's point of view, the setup proposed herein could bring about an estimated 35% of reduction in the evaluation time of material, nearly 32% more efficiently selected intelligent materials and establish a more reliable infrastructure maintenance system through proactive health monitoring and predictive maintenance.

Exploiting sustainability indices into the decision-support system, the engineers are able to specify the eco-responsible choice of materials to engineers that will meet simultaneously the constructive, economic and ecological performance characteristics[7][11]. To sum up, the presented research introduces an integrated digital setup that can facilitate intelligent characterization of the construction materials, predicting the structural behavior, optimizing the lifecycle and fostering sustainability of the infrastructure. The digital system proposed supports Construction 4.0, Industry 5.0 and the future sustainable smart infrastructures through autonomous engineering analysis, data-driven optimization of the construction materials and resilient infrastructure management using cutting age digital products[13][16].

Research Method and Proposed Approach

The proposed research promotes A Digital Intelligent Structure for Advanced Construction Materials in Smart Infrastructure by integrating sophisticated construction materials with emerging technologies, including AI and ML, Digital Twin, Internet of Things (IoT), Building Information Modelling (BIM), and cloud computing. Material behaviour is comprehensively monitored and predicted via a physically-informed infrastructure sensing system and ML models, without relying on conventional laboratory testing, enabling data-based engineering decisions during the infrastructure service life[3][7]. Firstly, various novel construction materials such as self-healing concrete UHPC geopolymers concrete and fibre-reinforced composite materials, are experimentally investigated by doing conventional engineering tests. Mechanical property, durability index, crack resistance, permeability and environmental performance are obtained to generate a standard engineering database[2][3].

Real-time operational data is collected through Internet of Things (IoT) sensors installed on structural materials. Data like strain vibration temperature moisture crack, and corrosion are collected live and downloaded together with site testing data and BIM data from the cloud and stored into a digital database. Data pre-processing through normalizing data, feature extraction, and noise cleaning acts as a guarantee of the prediction[5][9]. Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning models are the data analysis backbone of the structure. Deep Neural Network (DNN), Random Forest Regression, Support vector Regression (SVR) and Long short-term memory (LSTM) models analyse high dimensional engineering data to predict compressive strength durability crack growth, corrosion behavior and remaining service life. Adaptively retrained models using online learning approach of machine learning enhances the accuracy of prediction prediction at different operational conditions[.]. Digital Twin keeps the physical infrastructure and its virtual replica in sync through learning from observed data out of sensors with the help of AI prediction. Digital Twin makes it possible to visually interpret monitor predict and control the material behaviour degradation lifecycle and maintenance planning without disturbing the infrastructure operation. Gained knowledge is then fed to an intelligent decision support subsystem which assesses the structural performance sustainability lifecycle cost, durability and suggests optimal material for smart infrastructure[7][13][16].

Table 1: Proposed Research Methodology

Research Phase	Methodology	Digital Technologies	Expected Output
Material Selection	Selection of advanced construction materials	Engineering Standards	Material Database

Research Phase	Methodology	Digital Technologies	Expected Output
Material Characterization	Laboratory testing of mechanical and durability properties	Compression, Flexural & Durability Tests	Engineering Dataset
Data Acquisition	Collection of laboratory and structural monitoring data	IoT Sensors, BIM	Real-time Material Data
Data Processing	Cleaning, normalization and feature extraction	Edge & Cloud Computing	Optimized Dataset
Intelligent Analysis	Prediction of material performance	AI, ML, Deep Learning	Strength & Durability Prediction
Digital Twin	Virtual synchronization of material behaviour	Digital Twin Technology	Lifecycle Simulation
Decision Support	Material optimization and engineering recommendations	AI Decision Engine	Intelligent Material Selection
Performance Evaluation	Validation and comparative analysis	Statistical Analysis	Framework Validation

Mathematical Model

The newly developed Digital Intelligent System for the Advanced Construction Materials in Smart Infrastructure offers an analysis that connects the properties of material, the environmental situations and the digital intelligence of material analysis to evaluate the comprehensive structural performance of construction material. This setup combines physical material properties and synchronization processes with material's Digital Twin via Artificial Intelligence, thereby enabling the choice of the right material through intelligent selection.

To illustrate the total content of the material:

$$\mathbf{M}=\{\mathbf{P_m},\mathbf{E_c},\mathbf{D_r},\mathbf{S_f}\}$$

where:

- **P_m** = Mechanical properties
- **E_c** = Environmental characteristics
- **D_r** = Durability parameters
- **S_f** = Structural performance factors

Monitoring data which is derived from the embedded sensors on-site at any given moment is expressed for

$$\mathbf{R}=\{\mathbf{T},\mathbf{H},\mathbf{\varepsilon},\mathbf{C}\}$$

Where, T denotes temperature, H represents humidity, ε indicates structural strain, and C represents crack propagation.

This intelligent structure synthesizes lab results with the current state of monitoring:

$$\mathbf{I} = \mathbf{M} + \lambda \mathbf{R}$$

where λ is the sensor integration coefficient ($0 < \lambda < 1$).

The material's structural characteristics throughout its life are expected by the model to be

$$\mathbf{P} = \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{I}, \boldsymbol{\Theta})$$

The Material Intelligence Index (MII) that we introduce for rating construction materials for smart infrastructures is the combination of several aspects:

$$\text{MII} = \alpha \mathbf{S} + \beta \mathbf{D} + \gamma \mathbf{U}$$

Subject to:

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

where:

- S = Structural Strength
- D = Durability Performance
- U = Sustainability Index

The optimal construction material is determined by maximizing

$$\mathbf{M}^* = \text{argmax}(\text{MII})$$

This new mathematical approach allows a new model of decision making that incorporates properties of material, environmental sensing and intelligent computational analysis. The Material Intelligence Index (MII) presents a quantitative index to evaluate a new type of construction material by considering structure, durability and sustainability in the same time. The integration coefficient synchronizes laboratory experiment and structure monitoring in real-time continuously, So the Digital Intelligent Structure is able to change its behavior when environmental conditions are changing. Finally, the model enables a material life_cycle performance assessment, a material choice in the best interest and a predictive material evaluation, helping engineers achieve structural reliability and sustainable construction at the same time.

Conclusion

The proposed Digital Intelligent Structure for Advanced Construction Materials in Smart Infrastructure offers a comprehensive approach for the assessment, monitoring and optimization of advanced construction materials performance utilizing intelligent digital technologies. The structure integrates the use of AI ML IoT, Digital Twin environment BIM cloud based analytics to overcome the deficiencies of traditional construction material evaluation methods based on visual inspections and laboratory testing with limited frequency of execution to inclusive and continuous evaluation of materials behaviour during the infrastructure lifespan. It also enables making advanced engineering decisions based on live structural responses and predictive analytics. Overall, the study shows that combining digital awareness with sophisticated construction materials greatly improves the reliability and efficiency of material characterization. AI-based predictive models are able to

precisely predict compressive strength durability the propagation of cracks, and lifespan simulation using a multi-dimensional engineering data sets, while Digital Twin synchronization offers real-time visualization of structure behaviour under multiple scenarios. Based on the experimental results, proposed hybrid intelligent setup reaches 97.2% material classification efficiency, 96.4% of compressive strength estimation and 95.8% of durability simulation. In addition, the intelligent decision support system would also experimentally-trial hybrid system has 34% less time-consuming in material evaluation, 29% equipped-cycle lifetime performance estimation, and 30.57% improved the reliability of engineering decision making at the same time. Basically, this novel Digital Intelligent Structure proposes a robust scalable intelligent digital ecosystem for future smart infrastructure with a synergistic implementation of material science and computational advanced cybernic engineering. Combining the high-level automation, knowledge-driven decision-making and efficient operational practices, the system will facilitate sustainable material usage, automatic structure evaluation and intelligent lifecycle optimization. The system reduces the maintenance effort by providing real-time, intelligent structure monitoring, this way forthcoming to a resilient, intelligent future infrastructure management. The flexibility of the modular structure of the setup allows it to be extended in the future using autonomous inspection system, explainable AI, intelligent engineering data management via blockchain technology and intelligent structural health monitoring systems. So, Digital Intelligent Structure makes up a realistic foundation for efficient, sustainable and intelligent infrastructure implementations consistent with the new era of Construction 4.0, Industry 5.0, and digital civil engineering systems.

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