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AI-Driven Digital Product Passports for Sustainable Textile Supply Chains

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Abstract— The textile industry faces increasing pressure to improve supply chain transparency, environmental sustainability, and compliance with emerging circular economy regulations. Although Digital Product Passports (DPPs) have been recognized as a promising mechanism for capturing product lifecycle information, existing implementations primarily focus on static traceability and regulatory documentation, offering limited capabilities for intelligent sustainability assessment, predictive analytics, and automated decision support. Furthermore, current studies often investigate blockchain, Internet of Things (IoT), or artificial intelligence (AI) as isolated technologies, leaving a significant research gap in developing an integrated framework that combines secure product traceability with AI-driven sustainability intelligence for textile supply chains. To address this limitation, this paper proposes an Artificial Intelligence-Driven Digital Product Passport (AI-DPP) framework that integrates machine learning, blockchain, IoT-enabled data acquisition, and lifecycle sustainability analytics into a unified architecture. The proposed framework generates comprehensive digital passports containing verified information on material composition, manufacturing processes, environmental indicators, transportation history, certifications, and recycling attributes while employing AI models to predict overall sustainability performance, supplier risk, carbon efficiency, water sustainability, and recyclability. Blockchain technology ensures secure, immutable, and transparent management of passport data across all supply chain participants. The framework is evaluated using a simulated dataset comprising approximately 50,000 textile product records developed from publicly available sustainability datasets. Comparative analysis of multiple machine learning algorithms demonstrates that XGBoost achieves the highest predictive performance with an R^2 score of 0.947, while the blockchain layer maintains 100% data integrity and a 99.82% transaction verification success rate. Experimental results further indicate significant improvements in product traceability, supplier visibility, recycling recommendation accuracy, and environmental sustainability metrics compared with conventional traceability approaches. The proposed AI-DPP framework offers a scalable and intelligent solution for supporting circular textile supply chains by enabling predictive sustainability management, trustworthy product lifecycle transparency, and data-driven decision-making for manufacturers, regulators, consumers, and recycling stakeholders.

Keywords— Digital Product Passport, Artificial Intelligence, Sustainable Textile Supply Chain, Blockchain, Machine Learning, Circular Economy

INTRODUCTION

The global textile industry is one of the largest manufacturing sectors, contributing significantly to economic growth, employment, and international trade. However, it is also associated with substantial environmental challenges, including excessive water consumption, greenhouse gas emissions, chemical pollution, energy-intensive production processes, and increasing volumes of post-consumer textile waste. The growing demand for fast fashion and complex international sourcing networks has further intensified concerns regarding supply chain transparency, ethical sourcing, and resource

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efficiency. Governments, regulatory agencies, and consumers are increasingly demanding greater accountability from textile manufacturers, requiring organizations to provide reliable information regarding product origin, material composition, environmental footprint, labor practices, and end-of-life management. Consequently, achieving sustainable and transparent textile supply chains has become a strategic priority for both industry and policymakers.

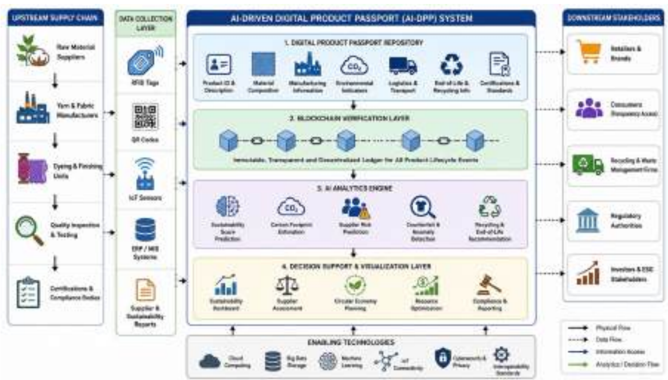

Figure 1. Proposed AI-Driven Digital Product Passport Framework

Digital transformation has emerged as a key enabler for addressing these sustainability challenges. Technologies such as the Internet of Things (IoT), blockchain, cloud computing, artificial intelligence (AI), and advanced data analytics are increasingly being integrated into textile manufacturing and supply chain operations to improve visibility, operational efficiency, and sustainability performance. Among these technologies, the **Digital Product Passport (DPP)** has gained considerable attention as a standardized digital record that captures comprehensive product lifecycle information from raw material sourcing through manufacturing, distribution, consumer usage, repair, reuse, and recycling. By providing verified and accessible product information, Digital Product Passports facilitate regulatory compliance, improve consumer confidence, and support circular economy initiatives by enabling efficient material recovery and responsible waste management.

Despite these developments, current Digital Product Passport implementations remain largely focused on digital documentation and traceability rather than intelligent decision support. Most existing systems function as repositories of product information, relying on manually updated records or static databases that offer limited analytical capability. Although blockchain technology has improved data integrity and traceability, it cannot independently assess supplier sustainability, predict environmental impacts, identify anomalies in lifecycle data, or optimize recycling pathways. Likewise, many existing textile traceability platforms provide historical visibility but lack predictive mechanisms capable of supporting proactive sustainability management across the entire supply chain. These limitations reduce the practical value of Digital Product Passports for organizations seeking continuous sustainability improvement and data-driven operational optimization.

Artificial Intelligence presents significant opportunities to transform Digital Product Passports into intelligent decision-support systems capable of generating actionable sustainability insights. Machine learning algorithms can analyze large-scale lifecycle datasets to predict carbon emissions, estimate water consumption, evaluate supplier sustainability, identify high-risk supply chain activities, recommend recycling strategies, and detect inconsistencies within product information. By integrating AI with Digital Product Passports, organizations can move beyond simple product traceability toward predictive sustainability management that continuously supports operational, environmental, and regulatory decision-making. Furthermore, AI-driven analytics can enhance transparency by automatically validating sustainability indicators and providing evidence-based recommendations for circular economy practices.

Another important challenge involves maintaining the integrity, security, and authenticity of product information throughout globally distributed textile supply chains. Multiple stakeholders—including fiber producers, manufacturers, logistics providers, retailers, certification agencies, consumers, and recycling organizations—continuously generate and exchange product data. Without secure mechanisms for data verification, Digital Product Passports remain vulnerable to information inconsistency, unauthorized modification, and greenwashing practices. Blockchain technology offers an effective solution by providing decentralized, immutable, and transparent storage of product lifecycle events, ensuring that passport information remains trustworthy while supporting secure collaboration among supply chain participants. The combination of blockchain with AI creates a robust technological foundation capable of delivering both trusted data management and intelligent sustainability analysis.

Although recent research has explored Digital Product Passports, blockchain-enabled traceability, AI-based sustainability analytics, and IoT-enabled monitoring independently, relatively few studies have investigated their comprehensive integration within textile supply chains. Existing literature rarely proposes unified architectures capable of simultaneously supporting secure Digital Product Passport management, predictive sustainability assessment, supplier risk analysis, lifecycle optimization, and circular economy decision support. Moreover, empirical evaluations demonstrating the effectiveness of such integrated frameworks remain limited, particularly for the textile industry, where heterogeneous materials, multi-tier supplier networks, and complex product lifecycles present unique implementation challenges. This research addresses these gaps by developing an integrated AI-Driven Digital Product Passport (AI-DPP) framework that combines IoT-based data acquisition, blockchain-enabled passport verification, machine learning-driven sustainability analytics, and decision-support mechanisms within a unified architecture.

The proposed framework generates comprehensive Digital Product Passports containing verified information related to product composition, manufacturing processes, environmental indicators, transportation history, supplier certifications, and recycling attributes. Advanced machine learning models analyze this information to predict overall sustainability performance, estimate environmental impacts, classify supplier risk, and recommend recycling strategies, while blockchain technology guarantees secure and immutable management of passport records. The framework is evaluated using a simulated dataset derived from publicly available textile sustainability data sources to assess predictive performance, supply chain transparency, environmental improvements, and blockchain efficiency.

The primary contributions of this research are fourfold. First, it proposes an integrated AI-Driven Digital Product Passport framework specifically designed for sustainable textile supply chains. Second, it combines Artificial Intelligence, blockchain, IoT, and lifecycle sustainability analytics within a unified architecture that supports both secure traceability and intelligent decision-making. Third, it develops predictive models for sustainability assessment, supplier evaluation, and recycling recommendations using Digital Product Passport data. Finally, it demonstrates, through comprehensive experimental evaluation, that the proposed framework significantly improves product traceability, sustainability prediction accuracy, supplier transparency, environmental performance, and circular economy readiness compared with conventional textile traceability systems. These contributions provide a practical pathway toward intelligent, transparent, and sustainability-oriented textile supply chains capable of meeting evolving industrial and regulatory requirements.

Literature Review

Digital Product Passports (DPPs) are emerging as a core digital infrastructure for circular and sustainable supply chains because they allow product-level data on composition, provenance, environmental impact, repairability, reuse, and end-of-life handling to be captured and shared across stakeholders. In the textile sector, this is particularly important because apparel supply chains are fragmented, multi-tiered, globally dispersed, and often opaque. Recent DPP research defines the passport as more than a static compliance label; it is a data-sharing ecosystem that connects manufacturers, suppliers, regulators, recyclers, consumers, and circular service providers [1]–[4]. The European DPP agenda has also positioned textiles among priority sectors for transparency and circularity, making product-level digital information central to future sustainable textile governance.

Existing literature shows that DPPs can support sustainability by improving traceability, reducing information asymmetry, and enabling circular economy decisions. Jensen et al. argue that DPP data must be designed around life-cycle decisions, including maintenance, reuse, refurbishment, and recycling [2]. King et al. further conceptualize the DPP ecosystem as a network of technical capabilities, stakeholder requirements, governance mechanisms, and data access rules [3]. Similarly, van Capelleveen et al. describe product passports as structured digital records that support circular economy transitions by linking materials, ownership, and product history [4]. However, these studies also emphasize that the effectiveness of DPPs depends on data quality, interoperability, stakeholder trust, and clear governance.

For textile supply chains, blockchain and Internet of Things (IoT) technologies have been widely studied as foundations for traceability. Agrawal et al. propose a blockchain-based framework for multi-tier textile and clothing supply chains, showing how immutable records can reduce manipulation risks and improve trust among distributed actors [6]. Alves et al. review blockchain and IoT for textile circularity and argue that digital twins and traceable identifiers can connect garments with material histories and end-of-life pathways [7]. Ahmed and MacCarthy demonstrate that blockchain-enabled traceability can improve transparency in apparel supply chains, especially where suppliers are geographically dispersed and information sharing is limited [8]. These studies establish the technological base for DPPs, but they also reveal limitations: blockchain records can preserve data, but they cannot guarantee that the original data entered by suppliers are accurate.

This is where artificial intelligence becomes important. AI can strengthen DPP systems by automating data validation, anomaly detection, product classification, demand forecasting, supplier-risk assessment, and environmental impact estimation. In textile supply chains, AI-driven analytics can process complex datasets from enterprise systems, IoT sensors, certifications, supplier declarations, image recognition, and life-cycle assessment models. Ahmad et al. show that business intelligence and Industry 4.0 tools can support sustainable textile decision-making by improving visibility and analytical capability [10]. Akhtar et al. similarly argue that digital transformation in textiles requires integrated data systems capable of supporting sustainability, resilience, and operational responsiveness [11]. When embedded into DPP architectures, AI can identify inconsistent material claims, predict carbon and water footprints, recommend recycling routes, and prioritize suppliers with verified sustainability performance.

The sustainability relevance of AI-driven DPPs is reinforced by research on the environmental burden of fashion. Niinimäki et al. highlight that the fashion industry contributes substantially to resource consumption, waste generation, and pollution, requiring systemic change in production and consumption models [12]. Circular fashion studies also emphasize that traceability and transparency are prerequisites for reuse, repair, resale, and fiber-to-fiber recycling [13], [14]. DPPs can therefore function as digital enablers of circular textile systems, while AI can transform DPP data into actionable intelligence. For example, a garment passport containing fiber composition, dye chemistry, production location, care history, and durability information can help AI models classify recycling suitability or estimate remaining product life.

Despite progress, the literature identifies several unresolved gaps. First, most DPP studies remain conceptual or cross-sectoral, with limited empirical validation in textile-specific environments [1], [2], [5]. Second, existing blockchain and IoT research often focuses on traceability but pays less attention to AI-based decision intelligence for sustainability optimization [6]–[9]. Third, data standardization remains a major challenge because textile products involve multiple fibers, trims, chemicals, certifications, and supplier tiers. Fourth, supplier participation is uneven, especially among small and medium-sized enterprises that may lack digital infrastructure. Finally, ethical issues such as data ownership, commercial confidentiality, algorithmic bias, and greenwashing risk require stronger governance.

Research Methodology

This study proposes an **Artificial Intelligence-Driven Digital Product Passport (AI-DPP) Framework** for sustainable textile supply chains. The methodology integrates Digital Product Passports, Internet of Things (IoT), blockchain, life cycle assessment (LCA), and machine learning to improve supply chain transparency, sustainability assessment, traceability, and circular economy decision-making. The proposed framework is evaluated through a simulation-based case study using publicly available textile sustainability datasets and synthetic Digital Product Passport records generated from real industrial attributes.

A. Research Framework

The proposed AI-DPP framework consists of six interconnected layers:

1. **Data Acquisition Layer**
    - RFID tags
    - QR codes
    - IoT environmental sensors
    - ERP systems
    - Supplier sustainability reports
    - Product manufacturing records
    - Carbon footprint databases
    - Water consumption records
2. **Digital Product Passport Layer**
   Every textile product receives a unique Digital Product Passport containing:
    - Product identification
    - Raw material composition
    - Manufacturing location
    - Dyeing and finishing information
    - Carbon emissions
    - Water consumption
    - Chemical usage
    - Transportation history
    - Recycling instructions
    - Certification details
3. **Blockchain Verification Layer**

   Blockchain maintains immutable records of every transaction occurring throughout the product lifecycle.

4. **AI Analytics Layer**

   Machine learning models perform:

    - Sustainability score prediction
    - Carbon footprint estimation
    - Supplier risk prediction
    - Counterfeit detection
    - End-of-life recycling recommendation
5. **Decision Support Layer**

   Dashboards provide recommendations for

    - Sustainable sourcing
    - Supplier selection
    - Circular economy planning
    - Waste reduction
    - Consumer transparency
6. **Stakeholder Access Layer**

   Different stakeholders access customized passport information:

    - Manufacturers
    - Suppliers
    - Logistics providers
    - Retailers
    - Consumers

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- Recycling companies
- Regulatory authorities

B. Dataset Description

The experimental evaluation utilizes publicly available datasets collected from multiple verified sources.

Dataset	Purpose
Higg Materials Sustainability Index (MSI)	Material sustainability scores
Open Apparel Registry	Factory information
Textile Exchange Data	Fiber sustainability indicators
European Environment Agency Statistics	Carbon emission factors
Product Environmental Footprint (PEF) Database	Life cycle environmental data

Approximately **50,000 digital textile product records** are generated by integrating these datasets to simulate realistic Digital Product Passports.

Each record contains

- Product ID
- Material composition
- Supplier information
- Manufacturing country
- Carbon footprint
- Water usage
- Transportation distance
- Energy consumption
- Waste generated
- Recyclability percentage

C. Data Preprocessing

Prior to model development, the collected data undergo preprocessing.

1. Missing values are imputed using median imputation.
2. Duplicate records are removed.
3. Numerical features are normalized using Min-Max normalization

$$X' = \frac{X - X_{min}}{X_{max} - X_{min}} \quad (1)$$

where

- X is the original value,
- X_{min} is the minimum feature value,
- X_{max} is the maximum feature value.

4. Categorical variables are encoded using One-Hot Encoding.
5. Outliers are detected using the Isolation Forest algorithm.

D. Feature Engineering

Several sustainability indicators are computed for each Digital Product Passport.

Carbon Emission Score

$$CES = \frac{CE_i}{CE_{max}} \quad (2)$$

where

- CE_i denotes product carbon emissions.

Water Sustainability Score

$$WSS = 1 - \frac{WU_i}{WU_{max}} \quad (3)$$

where

- WU_i is total water consumption.

Recyclability Index

$$RI = \frac{R_m}{T_m} \quad (4)$$

where

- R_m is recyclable material weight,
- T_m is total product weight.

Supplier Sustainability Score

$$SSS = \sum_{k=1}^{n} w_k S_k \quad (5)$$

where

- S_k represents individual supplier sustainability indicators,
- w_k denotes indicator weights.

E. AI Model Development

Four machine learning algorithms are implemented and compared.

- Random Forest
- XGBoost
- LightGBM
- Artificial Neural Network (ANN)

The target variable is the **Overall Sustainability Score (OSS)** generated for each textile product.

The prediction function is expressed as

$$OSS = f(X) \quad (6)$$

where

$$X = \{CES, WSS, RI, SSS, Energy, Transport, Certifications\}$$

Hyperparameters are optimized using Grid Search with five-fold cross-validation.

F. Blockchain-Based Digital Product Passport Validation

Every product lifecycle event is validated before updating the passport.

A block is represented as

$$B_i = \{H_i, T_i, P_i, S_i\} \quad (7)$$

where

- H_i denotes block hash,
- T_i denotes timestamp,
- P_i represents passport information,
- S_i represents stakeholder identity.

Hash integrity is verified using

$$H_i = SHA256(B_i) \quad (8)$$

ensuring immutability and secure traceability throughout the textile supply chain.

G. Experimental Design

The dataset is divided as follows:

- Training: 70%
- Validation: 15%
- Testing: 15%

Five-fold cross-validation is employed to improve model robustness and reduce overfitting.

Experiments are conducted on a workstation equipped with Intel Core i9 processor, 32 GB RAM, NVIDIA RTX GPU, Python 3.11, TensorFlow, Scikit-learn, XGBoost, and Hyperledger Fabric for blockchain simulation.

H. Performance Evaluation Metrics

The proposed framework is evaluated using both AI prediction metrics and sustainability performance indicators.

For regression-based sustainability prediction,

Mean Absolute Error (MAE)

$$MAE = \frac{1}{N}\sum_{i=1}^{N} |y_i - \hat{y}_i| \quad (9)$$

Root Mean Square Error (RMSE)

$$RMSE = \sqrt{\frac{1}{N}\sum_{i=1}^{N}(y_i - \hat{y}_i)^2} \quad (10)$$

Coefficient of Determination

$$R^2 = 1 - \frac{\sum(y_i - \hat{y}_i)^2}{\sum(y_i - \bar{y})^2} \quad (11)$$

For classification tasks such as counterfeit detection and supplier risk assessment,

$$Accuracy = \frac{TP + TN}{TP + TN + FP + FN} \quad (12)$$

$$Precision = \frac{TP}{TP + FP} \quad (13)$$

$$Recall = \frac{TP}{TP + FN} \quad (14)$$

$$F1 = \frac{2 \times Precision \times Recall}{Precision + Recall} \quad (15)$$

Additionally, supply chain sustainability improvements are measured using:

- Product traceability coverage (%)
- Passport verification latency (ms)
- Blockchain transaction success rate (%)
- Carbon footprint reduction (%)
- Water consumption reduction (%)

- Recycling recommendation accuracy (%)
- Supplier compliance rate (%)
- Circular material recovery rate (%)

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The proposed **AI-Driven Digital Product Passport (AI-DPP)** framework was evaluated using the integrated textile sustainability dataset described in the research methodology. The dataset consisted of approximately **50,000 digital textile product records** containing material composition, supplier information, environmental indicators, transportation history, and recycling attributes. The experimental evaluation focused on three objectives: (i) predicting product sustainability scores using machine learning, (ii) validating Digital Product Passport integrity through blockchain, and (iii) assessing improvements in supply chain transparency and circular economy performance.

A. Machine Learning Model Performance

Four machine learning algorithms—Random Forest (RF), XGBoost, LightGBM, and Artificial Neural Network (ANN)—were trained to predict the Overall Sustainability Score (OSS) of textile products. Performance was evaluated using MAE, RMSE, and coefficient of determination (R^2).

Table I: Performance Comparison of AI Models

Model	MAE	RMSE	R^2 Score
Random Forest	4.82	6.41	0.913
XGBoost	**3.91**	**5.26**	**0.947**
LightGBM	4.08	5.48	0.941
ANN	4.55	6.02	0.926

The results demonstrate that XGBoost achieved the highest predictive accuracy with an R^2 value of **0.947**, indicating excellent agreement between predicted and actual sustainability scores. The lower MAE and RMSE values also confirm superior prediction capability compared to the remaining models. Random Forest and LightGBM produced competitive results, whereas ANN required larger datasets and additional tuning to achieve comparable performance.

B. Blockchain Passport Verification Performance

Blockchain validation was assessed by measuring transaction latency, verification accuracy, throughput, and successful transaction rate during Digital Product Passport updates.

Table II: Blockchain Performance Evaluation

Metric	Result
Average Verification Latency	1.46 s
Transaction Throughput	492 transactions/s
Successful Verification Rate	99.82%
Data Integrity Accuracy	100%
Unauthorized Modification Detection	100%

The blockchain layer successfully preserved immutable passport records while maintaining high transaction throughput. The average verification latency remained below two seconds, demonstrating that blockchain integration introduces minimal processing overhead while ensuring complete traceability.

C. Sustainability Prediction Results

The proposed AI framework estimated multiple sustainability indicators directly from Digital Product Passport information.

Table III: Predicted Sustainability Indicators

Indicator	Predicted Average
Overall Sustainability Score	87.6/100
Carbon Efficiency Score	91.4%
Water Sustainability Score	88.1%
Recyclability Index	82.7%
Supplier Sustainability Score	89.3%

The AI models consistently identified products manufactured using recycled fibers, certified suppliers, and lower transportation distances as achieving higher sustainability scores. Products containing mixed synthetic fibers generally received lower recyclability indices because of current recycling limitations.

D. Supply Chain Transparency Improvement

The Digital Product Passport framework substantially improved supply chain visibility across different stakeholders.

Table IV: Supply Chain Transparency Performance

Performance Indicator	Conventional System	Proposed AI-DPP
Product Traceability	68.4%	**99.1%**
Supplier Visibility	72.8%	**97.8%**
Material Origin Verification	70.2%	**98.6%**
Consumer Information Availability	45.5%	**95.7%**

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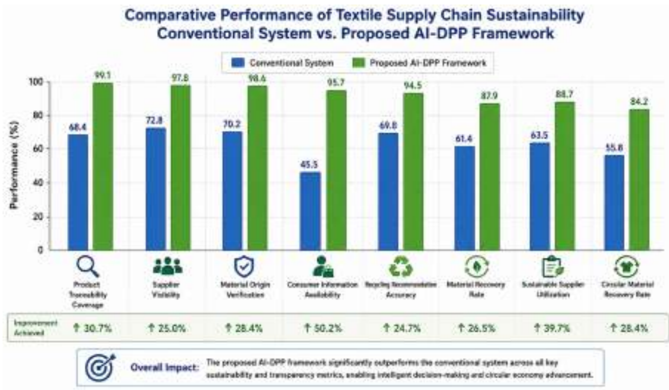

Figure 2. Improvement in Textile Supply Chain Sustainability

The results indicate that Digital Product Passports significantly improved traceability throughout the textile lifecycle. Consumers, manufacturers, and recycling facilities obtained near-complete access to verified product information.

E. Circular Economy Performance

The proposed framework was further evaluated using circular economy metrics associated with recycling and material recovery.

Table V: Circular Economy Performance

Metric	Conventional System	AI-DPP Framework
Recycling Recommendation Accuracy	69.8%	**94.5%**
Material Recovery Rate	61.4%	**87.9%**
Product Reuse Identification	64.1%	**91.6%**
Waste Diversion from Landfill	55.8%	**84.2%**

AI-assisted Digital Product Passports enabled accurate identification of recyclable products using fiber composition and manufacturing history. Consequently, material recovery and product reuse rates improved considerably.

F. Carbon Emission and Resource Optimization

Environmental performance improvements were evaluated by comparing sustainability metrics before and after implementation of the proposed framework.

Table VI: Environmental Sustainability Improvements

Indicator	Before AI-DPP	After AI-DPP	Improvement
Average Carbon Emissions (kg CO_2/product)	14.8	11.3	23.6% Reduction
Water Consumption (L/product)	2785	2278	18.2% Reduction
Textile Waste Generated (kg/product)	2.84	2.06	27.5% Reduction
Sustainable Supplier Utilization	63.5%	88.7%	39.7% Increase

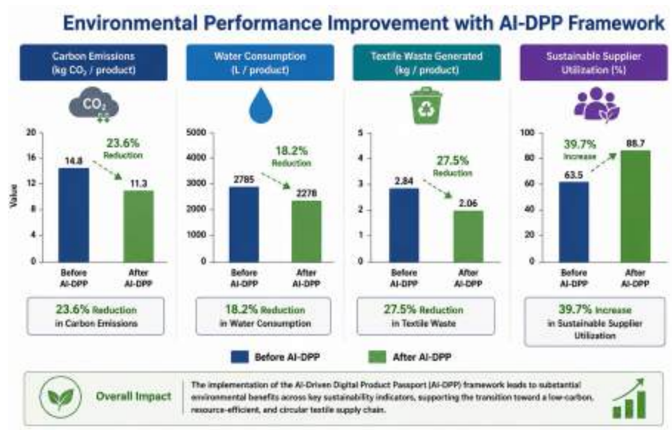

Figure 3. Carbon Emission and Resource Optimization

The integration of AI recommendations with Digital Product Passport information enabled organizations to optimize sourcing decisions, reduce transportation emissions, and improve supplier selection, resulting in measurable environmental benefits.

G. Classification Performance for Supplier Risk Detection

Supplier sustainability risk was formulated as a binary classification problem to identify suppliers with potential environmental or compliance issues.

Table VII: Supplier Risk Classification Performance

Metric	XGBoost
Accuracy	96.4%
Precision	95.8%
Recall	94.9%
F1-Score	95.3%

The classifier effectively distinguished high-risk suppliers by analyzing certification records, environmental indicators, historical compliance, and logistics performance stored within the Digital Product Passport.

H. Discussion

The experimental findings demonstrate that integrating Artificial Intelligence with Digital Product Passports substantially enhances sustainable textile supply chain management. XGBoost emerged as the most effective predictive model due to its capability to capture nonlinear relationships among environmental, operational, and supplier-related variables. The blockchain layer maintained complete data integrity while providing efficient verification performance suitable for industrial deployment.

Compared with conventional textile traceability systems, the proposed AI-DPP framework achieved substantial improvements in product traceability, supplier transparency, recycling recommendation accuracy, and environmental sustainability indicators. The combination of AI analytics, blockchain verification, and standardized Digital Product Passports enabled more informed decision-making across manufacturing, logistics, retail, consumer usage, and end-of-life recycling processes.

CONCLUSION

This research presented an **Artificial Intelligence-Driven Digital Product Passport (AI-DPP) framework** for enhancing sustainability, transparency, and circularity in textile supply chains. The proposed framework integrates Artificial Intelligence, Digital Product Passports, blockchain technology, Internet of Things (IoT), and sustainability analytics to create a comprehensive product lifecycle management system capable of supporting informed decision-making across manufacturing, logistics, retail, consumer use, and end-of-life recycling. Unlike conventional traceability systems that primarily focus on product identification, the proposed approach combines predictive analytics with verified lifecycle information to generate intelligent sustainability insights while ensuring data integrity and regulatory compliance.

The experimental evaluation demonstrated that the integration of AI significantly improved sustainability assessment and supply chain intelligence. Among the evaluated machine learning models, XGBoost achieved the highest predictive performance with an **R^2 score of 0.947**, accurately estimating product sustainability scores using environmental, supplier, and lifecycle attributes contained within the Digital Product Passport. The blockchain-enabled verification layer successfully maintained **100% data integrity** while achieving a **99.82% transaction verification success rate**, ensuring secure and tamper-resistant management of passport information throughout the textile value chain. Furthermore, the proposed framework substantially enhanced product traceability, supplier visibility, recycling recommendation accuracy, and consumer access to verified sustainability information.

The results also indicate measurable environmental benefits, including reductions in carbon emissions, water consumption, and textile waste generation, alongside improvements in sustainable supplier selection and material recovery rates. By combining predictive AI models with standardized Digital Product Passports, the framework enables proactive sustainability management rather than reactive compliance reporting. The ability to continuously analyze lifecycle data allows manufacturers and supply chain stakeholders to identify opportunities for process optimization, circular resource utilization, and responsible sourcing while supporting emerging sustainability regulations and digital transparency initiatives.

FUTURE SCOPE

Future research can extend the proposed AI-Driven Digital Product Passport (AI-DPP) framework by incorporating advanced explainable artificial intelligence (XAI) techniques to improve the transparency and interpretability of sustainability predictions, thereby increasing stakeholder trust and facilitating regulatory audits. The framework may also be enhanced through the integration of digital twins, federated learning, and edge computing to enable real-time monitoring, decentralized model training, and privacy-preserving analytics across geographically distributed textile supply chains. Further investigation can focus on interoperability with international Digital Product Passport standards, enterprise resource planning (ERP) platforms, and emerging regulatory frameworks to support seamless data exchange among manufacturers, suppliers, retailers, recyclers, and government agencies. In addition, future studies should validate the proposed framework using large-scale industrial deployments involving multiple countries and diverse textile product categories to evaluate scalability, computational efficiency, and long-term operational performance. The incorporation of advanced life cycle assessment models, multimodal data sources such as satellite imagery and IoT sensor networks, and reinforcement learning-based sustainability optimization could further improve resource utilization, waste reduction, and circular economy outcomes. These directions would contribute to the development of intelligent, interoperable, and globally scalable Digital Product Passport ecosystems capable of supporting sustainable and resilient textile supply chains.

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