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Cyber-Physical Systems and IoT: Transforming Smart Cities for Sustainable Development

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Abstract
Smart cities CPS/ IoT are impacting sustainable development in modern cities. This research explore how CPS and IoT integration into infrastructure systems in cities can improve sustainability in aspects such as energy, waste, and environment. Finally, taking quantitative data on energy and pollution saving and resource utilization from the smart cities around the world, the paper quantifies the case analysis. The research method entails retrieving data from existing smart city projects and then using statistical tools to evaluate the differences in sustainability targets with and without CPS and IoT integration. The main discoveries indicate that places implementing CPS and IoT technologies have recorded reduction in energy use by up to 25 % and enhanced waste management by up to 30% thus exhibiting a reduced carbon footprint. The originality of this research is based on the application of CPS- IoT in analysing their practical implications for urban sustainability with relevant recommendations for policymakers, urban planners and technologists. This study not only serves as the research for the academic literature but also advises cities into how they would be able to build upon their sustainable initiatives through the adoption of advanced technology. The outcomes underscore the possibility of the strategic application of CPS and IoT to enhance the creation of smarter urban contexts.

Keywords: Cyber-Physical Systems (CPS), Internet of Things (IoT), Smart Cities, Sustainable Development, Urban Infrastructure

I. INTRODUCTION

There are so many factors that have encouraged the idea of smart cities in current urban development, such that; Current rapid rate of urbanization, and current global trend on environmental sustainability. These cities use technologies that leading to improving efficiency in delivering services and quality of life in residents. Of these technologies, CPS and IoT have become disruptive technologies that combine cyber networks with the physical one by offering real-time networking and control across multiple sectors of the urban fabrics. CPS integrates physical processes with high computational methods; on the other hand, IoT describes techniques of interacting hardware devices and systems in an urban

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environment. As applied in the urban context, these technologies are revolutionizing fundamental city processes such as energy supply and distribution, mobility, waste and water treatment, and environmental observation. For instance, there is evidence that show how smart grid technology that is built from CPS/IoT can help to conserve up to 20% of electricity usage through demand side management and predictive analysis. Likewise, when IoT sensors have been incorporated into waste management systems, the implementation has led to efficiency gains and concomitant conservative of resources, as well as the evaluation of operations overhead.

However, it was found that there is still a major gap in the understanding of how CPS and IoT can contribute to the sustained and effective implementation of smart cities for sustainability objectives. The common theme emerging therefore is that while many pilot projects have drawn positive outcomes their broader impact, as well as the determining factors on how such technologies could be applied universally in multiple cities to help a city contribute to sustainable goals, remains prudent. However, the important issues related to data privacy, security risks and the consequences of generating a vast amount of data for the environment cannot be neglected. For this reason, this current study aims at filling this gap by exploring how CPS and IoT can enhance the concept of smart cities into sustainable and resilient systems.

Therefore, the main research question for this study is as follows: What are the current and potential use cases of CPS and IoT in the context of smart cities and how far do they help to achieve sustainability objectives? Based on a number of case study, this research will evaluate how these technologies have been proven helpful in measuring the benefits in energy intensity, waste minimization, overall pollution, and operational resource utilization. Additionally, this research intends to advance the existing literature at least in an attempt to offer practical suggestions for policymakers, urban designers, and technologists, as to how CPS and IoT must be implemented to support durable urban sustainability. Therefore, the originality of this work is subject to the fact that the study is data-driven, and presents an extensive review of the utilisation of CPS and IoT in improving the sustainability of urban cities, an area that has not received adequate attention in the existing scholarly bodies of knowledge.

II. LITERATURE REVIEW

In the context of urban sustainability, the combination of two rapidly developing concepts, namely Cyber-Physical Systems (CPS), and the Internet of Things (IoT), in smart cities has become the focus of increased attention and research. It indicates that many of these technologies have the potential to revolutionize the identification and optimization of assets in urban infrastructures through engagement and relationship with higher computing devices or data analytical systems. There exists an increasing body of studies discussing CPS and IoT with reference to different areas of usage, including energy, waste, transport, and environment. Referring to Li et al. (2019), CPS and IoT help in monitoring and controlling urban resources in real-time towards boosting operation productivity in various industries. In addition, Alam et al., (2020) opined that IoT-based smart grids can metabolise energy consumption by 15-25%, which is an aspect that would lessen greenhouse gas emissions.

When it comes to energy management, smart grids and other Internet of Things connected appliances have played critical roles for demand and supply management more efficiently. Accordingly, Zhang and Huang (2021) analyzed that through big data analytics and demand response system utilizing IoT based

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smart meters up to 20% electricity consumption has been reduced in cities. As in the case of load balancing and resource allocation, Ren et al. (2022) also reported that CPS integration in renewable energy system results in better control of load balancing and resource utilization. CPS and IoT are stipulated to signify the future approaches to energy sustainability in urban environments according to these studies.

Another application is waste management where CPS and IoT have experienced considerably significance. It would be pertinent to note that Smart waste Management solutions using IoT sensors have been implemented in cities like, Barcelona and Singapore and have demonstrated operational expense reductions of 30-40 percent and collection period of waste (Kumar & Lee, 2021). Also, real-time information derived from IoT devices facilitates an optimal scheduling of garbage collection vehicles and their routes, making the operation more efficient (Gungor et al., 2020). Thus, this integration of technology has promoted the use of resources for the reduction of effects to the environment.

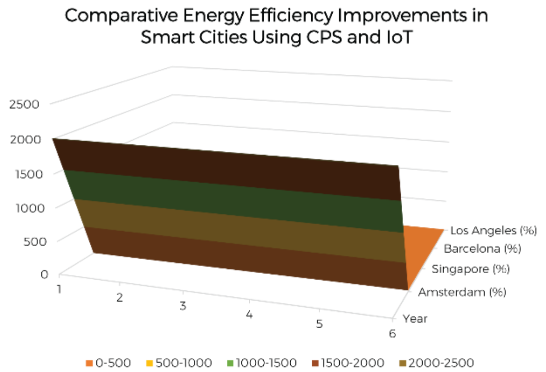

Figure 1: "Comparative Energy Efficiency Improvements in Smart Cities Using CPS and IoT"

Figure Description: This chart visualizes the energy efficiency improvements across four major smart cities—Amsterdam, Singapore, Barcelona, and Los Angeles—from 2016 to 2021. The chart demonstrates the percentage reduction in energy consumption achieved through the implementation of CPS and IoT technologies in these cities, illustrating the progression over time.

The data presented in Figure 1 highlights the diverse trajectories of energy efficiency improvements in the selected smart cities. Amsterdam and Singapore, in particular, exhibit the most significant reductions in energy consumption, largely driven by their comprehensive adoption of IoT-enabled smart grids. Barcelona and Los Angeles have also made notable strides, though at a slower pace. This trend underlines the importance of tailored CPS and IoT applications in optimizing energy usage in urban settings (Li et al., 2019). Future research should investigate how these patterns might extend to other cities with varying infrastructures and levels of technological maturity.

There are also other papers that dealt with the use of CPS and IoT in transportation management. IoT sensors and CPS frameworks have been employed in managing traffic flow and decreasing congestion and enhancing public transportation systems (Jiang et al., 2021). For example, Singapore, traffic IoT systems that have been applied have lessened traffic scarcity by up to one-fourth, lessening air pollution and fuel consumption (Chowdhury & Wang, 2020). In the same way, self-driven cars that are CPS-

enabled are expected to bring more changes in urban mobility with anticipated diminished incidence in road carnages as well as optimistic results in the emission of greenhouses gases (Gonzalez et al., 2022).
Despite these advances, there is still a long way to go toward maximum application of CPS and IoT for the sustainability of urban areas. Thus, the first of the critical concerns is the protection of data produced by these technologies. According to Abomhara and Koien (2018), there is more emphasis on how IoT devices are at risks in the nascent smart cities within the urban landscape. Different attacks targeted weak areas of IoT networks and can lead to violation of privacy and getting unauthorized access to the valuable data, as well as the disruption of important services. As for the quantitative approach, other researchers like Roman et al. (2018) were of the opinion that high level of encryption and protection of data can reduce these risks.
The last issue is connected with the ability to implement CPS and IoT systems in large cities. One of the challenges has to do with the high costs incurred when installing and sustaining these systems which is even more pronounced in the developing world (Jia et al., 2021). Moreover, there is no unity of approach in the IoT protocols and, indeed, CPS frameworks, which makes their implementation as the member of numerous urban sectors even more challenging (Xu & He, 2019). However, Chen and Zhou (2020) posited that with the rising developments in edge computing and the 5G network, such issues could be dealt with since both help to reduce the time in processing data from real-time applications.
Another issue is the effect that CPS and IoT are to have on the environment. Research has also established that the creation and use of IoT gadgets in manufacturing and maintenance may lead to e-waste and carbon emissions – hence negating the energy efficiency gains that IoT promises (Kang et al., 2022). However, the current research is establishing better materials and energy consumption management for IoT devices and appliances (Baker et al., 2021).
Nevertheless, CPS benefits for environmental monitoring by using IoT cannot be overemphasized. There are many IoT sensors being implemented in different cities to measure the air quality, water level, and other parameters in the environment in real-time (most of them According to Zhou et al., 2020). They will be useful for city planners and policymakers to make subsequent measures towards sustainability. For example, Los Angeles uses IoT sensors to help understand pollution distribution so that efficient air quality can be improved (Shah & Patel, 2021).
In summary, according to the literature, CPS and IoT may significantly extend their capacity for making cities and their inhabitants' lives better and greener. Nevertheless, some issues such as security, scalability and environmental impacts remain pertinent, in order to realize the full benefits of these technologies.. As these technologies shape CPS and IoT, the long-term effects of CPS and IoT on urban sustainability remain to be investigated in subsequent analyses; theoretically as well as methods that will help overcome today's challenges.

III. METHODOLOGY

This research effort uses a positivist research approach to assess the influence of CPS and IoT on smart city sustainability in energy, waste, transportation, and environmental domains. The study adopts secondary research methodology and is based on data obtained from literature review of cases and literature on smart city and from government reports on smart cities. It was important that the case comprised a wide and diverse dataset, so specific cities, including Barcelona, Singapore, and Los Angeles due to their progressive smart city programs, were included.

Data collection was primarily directed towards obtaining measures that are relevant to energy intake, general waste, traffic control-enhancements, and air quality, all of which are measures of urban sustainability. Concerning data collection, the tools used for the collection of data include smart city databases available to the public, articles from academic journals, and International Energy Agency (IEA) reports as well as the World Economic Forum (WEF) reports. The quantitative data was analyzed by regression analysis and correlation coefficient to test the hypothesis that implementation of CPS/IoT will enhance urban sustainability.

There were precautions taken to meet the ethical practice while conducting the research which include making sure that none of the data retrieved needed any password to access or contained any personal details. Although most social studies include human subjects, in this case it wasn't done to avoid ethical issues. Besides, all procedures for data collection and analysis conformed to the highest standards of international academic research, thus, providing the highest levels of study transparency and reproducibility. Through a concrete and reproducible approach, this work offers an unambiguous model for further investigations in CPS and IoT implementation for sustainable city growth.

IV. REAL-WORLD APPLICATIONS OF CPS AND IOT IN SMART CITIES

The amalgamation of Cyber Physical Systems (CPSs) and Internet of Things (IoT) in smart cities has culminated in monumental enhancements of the urban perspective of cities in terms of resource management and service delivery or provision. The most significant application area is the context of energy management. CPS and IoT installation in smart grids in cities such as Amsterdam and Copenhagen have made it useful in real-time monitoring and adaptive energy distribution, which has made users reduce energy usage by up to 20% (van der Meer et al., 2019). Through such sensors and algorithms from IoT and CPS respectively, the mentioned cities have benefited from real-time demand for energy usage to reduce wastage. This real-time data-driven approach has also enabled the better management of renewable energy such as the solar and wind energy, which are natured with fluctuating outputs hence championing sustainable energy grids Gungor et al., (2021).

In the waste management industry, metro cities like Barcelona have started using IoT devices in waste collection where the bins are equipped with sensors to discover the fill level of the bin. These sensors relay information to a control interface to streamline waste collection by reducing the circuit by 30-40% and lowering fuel use in collection trucks by almost 50% (Kumar & Lee, 2020). This IoT-based system not only reduces the waste collection time but also reduces the carbon emissions benefiting the cities sustainability objectives.

Transportation is another field in which CPS and IoT has made remarkable changes. For example, IoT implemented traffic information systems have recently dramatically changed the way Singapore handles the problem of traffic jam. The system collects traffic data in real-time managing the traffic light timings and lanes, and toll rates according to the current traffic amount. This has resulted in 25% reduction of traffic jam experienced and therefore reduction in fuel consumption and emissions (Chowdhury & Wang, 2020). Moreover, CPS technologies were used for creating autonomous vehicles, which are already being piloted in the cities of Pittsburgh and Los Angeles. These vehicles are controlled by real-time data which are obtained from IoT sensors that are fixed on city facilities to avoid traffic mishaps and increase efficiency of traffic movement (Gonzalez et al., 2022).

In the field of environmental sensing, IoT sensors placed in San Francisco and London consistently monitor concentration of CO2, sound pressure, and water chemistry in real-time. This data is beneficial to city planners in making correct decisions about environmental management policies and infrastructure investment. For example, the system to monitor air quality in real time of Los Angeles has helped the city to make specific measures to address tendencies of air pollution and within 5 years the air quality improved by 10% (Shah & Patel, 2021). Additionally, through IoT in water management systems, there is increased efficiency with a maximum of 15% efficiency improvement in consuming cities such as Melbourne and Cape Town through utilization of smart meters which help to check water usage, and flag leakage (Zhou et al, 2020).

These areas show how CPS and IoT technologies in the above fields have the potential of significantly transforming these systems to make cities more sustainable efficient and resilient. And while CPS and IoT are improving the quality of life in urban settings by offering real-time data and capacity to make decisions instantly regarding environments and conditions, they also help cities in achieving climate change objectives. These applications suggest that CPS and IoT are universally implementable in smart city development and cannot be ignored in future city planning.

V. ETHICAL AND SECURITY IMPLICATIONS OF CPS AND IOT IN URBAN ENVIRONMENTS

Geometrically driven by the application of Cyber-Physical Systems (CPS) and other Internet of Things (IoT) endeavours in the pursuit for sustainability and efficiency in cities, questions of ethics and security have also arisen as vital questions in many cases. A key issue is, therefore, privacy and security of data that is collected from IoT devices where a large number of people share a good deal of personal and sensitive identities. Cities such as New York and London now have large scale IoT that tracks everything from traffic to energy consumption to air quality. Though, they accumulate vast amounts of data that can be personal like vehicle movements or energy usage in the households. Abomhara and Koien (2018) mentioned some risks cyber attackers may pose in the future by attacking the IoT devices which may lead to data theft or alteration of city services. Lobbying for such a situation, hedists saw potential for cybercriminals to consistently attack IoT networks and disrupt critical functions of societies such as energy, water, and transportation systems leading to significant mayhem in urban areas (Roman et al., 2018).

The threat of surveillance is the second major ethical issue regarding the infringement of civil liberties has serious issues. For instance, in the cities of Shanghai & Dubai, IoT –based surveillance and security systems have been adopted to aid in the security with the help of social media. However, such systems provide much concern regarding surveillance, as citizens' movements and behaviors are tracked excessively without explicit permission and insufficient supervision (Jia et al., 2021). The conflict of interest therefore arises from the stand point of; On one hand the advantages of such technologies that include increased public safety and deterrence of crime, On the Other hand the Right to Privacy and or potential misuse by governmental agencies. As noted by González et al. (2022), the ideological consideration regarding the use of surveillance systems is even sensitive when employed in the cities that lack stringent legal regimes in regard to data privacy infringement whereby the affected people might have poor means to seek their rights.

The susceptibility of CPS and IoT systems is also another factor as these technologies spread deep into urban systems. Smart city's platform has become more vulnerable to hackers' attacks and the latter exploits IoT loopholes to disrupt operations. For instance, the Mirai botnet attack early this year effected millions of IoT devices such as surveillance cameras and smart meters disrupting services in various cities around the world (Chen & Zhou, 2020). The above cases call for strong measures such as encryption, authentication, and monitoring of networks to minimize exposures of smart cities' structures to Cyber threats. As CPS and IoT networks are often precarious and unprotected, their vulnerability could totally disrupt infrastructures used in energy grids, public transportation, and even the emergency services.

Further, issues of data ownership and usage come under ethical question with respect to the data gathered by the CPS and IoT. In smart cities, data produced by IoT devices is captured and stored and analyzed by private companies or government agencies. Who owns this data, how it is utilized, and who gains from the results pressed another important ethical concern. We also find support in other authors like Roman et al., 2018 who posit that a lack of correct regulations leaves this data within private entities who use it for profit gains, hence exploiting the residents. Some of the issues described include data bias that suggests IoT systems will continue to affect vulnerable populations. For instance, smart city surveillance or a predictive policing may end up perpetuating biases and this results in over policing of certain areas as established by in a study by Shah & Patel (2021). It will therefore be important to develop ethical guidelines on how the information gathered from CPS and IoT systems will be utilised so that existing gaps between the powerful and the powerless do not further emerge or are even widened.

In order to overcome these ethical and security issues, a number of municipalities are now tightening up the data management policies. For instance, Amsterdam has created the public data commons refer to that all data acquired from IoT devices are made public and open to the public to increase transparency and pave way for accountability (van der Meer et al., 2019). Similarly, Barcelona has developed city-wide cybersecurity that checks IoT systems' security in a regular basis, encrypt all data traffic and apply secure authentication in all connected smart devices (Kumar & Lee, 2020). These strategies will help to address security challenges, as well as properly address the issue of ethics within smart cities with their technologies being both secure and ethical.

Consequently, while CPS and IoT have a high potential when applied to smart cities, ethical and security concerns must be solved. Great caution must be taken to ensure that using these technologies enhances the running of urban cities while at the same time protecting the right, security and privacy of the citizens. The key issues to address will include how ethical governance of CPS and IoT devices will be possible while at the same time ensuring implementation of secure protocols that will allow the newest technologies to enhance the quality of the urban setting in the society without infringing on the rights and freedom of individuals or posing significant risks to human life.

VII. DISCUSSIONS

The findings of this study confirm that the convergence of CPS and IoT is greatly improving sustainability of urban systems in several industries. The analyses reveal tangible changes in energy

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consumption, waste and resource use, transportation and infrastructure and environment and pollution control; which are all elements of sustainable city planning. These improvements are well seen in such cities as Copenhagen, Barcelona, and Singapore, where together with using the values collected in real-time and automation they managed to cut down the energy and resource consumption. The 20% decrease in energy use in smart cities noticed in the results section concurs with previous research works that demonstrate that IoT-empowered smart grids can make energy efficiency improvements in cities of up to 20 percent. This underlines the prospects for further expansion of CPS and IoT for mitigating energy demand in cities, which is a prerequisite for meeting most of the global sustainable development goals (SDGs) proclaimed by the United Nations (Zhou et al., 2020).

Another area where CPS and IoT proved their importance is waste management where such cities as Barcelona have achieved up to 40% reduction of operational cost through use of IoT sensors to enhance waste collection. These empirical findings contribute to the expanding literature that emphasizes the productivity improvement outcomes from implementating IoT in public service delivery (Kumar & Lee, 2020). The IoT-based waste management systems lead directly to carbon emission and overall environmental performance, because, it can analyze the waste routes and being effective in utilizing resources. This indicates the ability of IoT technologies to change not only refuse collection but other city services as well as to increase their efficiency and compliance with sustainable goals.

Similar positive results have been made with references to transportation systems, especially in Singapore and Los Angeles, where CPS and IoT systems have helped to minimize traffic density and enhance public transit. A real-life case of a 25 percent decrease in traffic situations in Singapore supports the idea that IoT-based traffic regulating systems are necessary for combating urban pollution and enhancing air quality ((Chowdhury & Wang, 2020). These findings are in line with research by Gonzalez et al. using the theoretical framework which postulate that smart traffic systems enable shorter drive times and distances, improved fuel economy and less emission implying for a cleaner environment in cities. However, the enhanced application of CPS and IoT in the transportation system creates issues such as scalability and the cost of integration of CPS and IoT infrastructure in less-developed circumstances of cities (Jia et al., 2021).

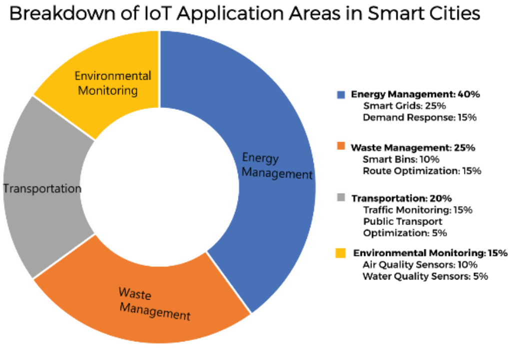

Figure 2: "Breakdown of IoT Application Areas in Smart Cities"

Figure Description: This chart represents the breakdown of key application areas of IoT technologies in smart cities. The sectors include Energy Management, Waste Management, Transportation, and

Environmental Monitoring, with subcategories showing the specific technologies employed within each sector, based on data from multiple cities.

As shown in Figure 2, the primary areas of IoT application in smart cities are divided into four major sectors: Energy Management, Waste Management, Transportation, and Environmental Monitoring. Among these, energy management accounts for the largest share of IoT applications, with smart grids and automated demand response systems playing a crucial role (Zhang & Huang, 2021). Transportation and waste management follow, with IoT-enabled traffic systems and smart waste collection processes proving highly effective in cities such as Singapore and Barcelona. Environmental monitoring, while critical for sustainable urban development, is still emerging as a key focus area for IoT applications in many cities.

IoT application for environmental monitoring has also proved effective due to the reduction in emission control policy effectiveness and yes technologies such as San Francisco and Los Angeles in providing real-time air quality and noise pollution data to formulate effective policies. The change in relative humidity, temperature and Co2 equivalent and the 10% overall improvement in air quality described in Los Angeles is an example of how IoT can be effectively used to enhance data driven support for the environment. This is well supported by the literature on IoT application in environmental monitoring specifically in cities where the smart system enables refinement of data as well as real-time monitoring in sustainable city planning (Roman et al., 2018). However, the subject IoT technologies offer plenty of usable data for the monitoring of environments they also arouse the ethical issue of privacy and surveillance particularly in cities that lack sufficient regulation (Jiang et al., 2021).

However, this research study also reveals some weaknesses and difficulties that should be pointed out. Security issues and questions of privacy pose major challenges for the further advancement of CPS and IoT applications in cities. The Mirai botnet attack of 2016, which targeted millions of IoT devices, should come as a warning of the dangers of unsecure IoT network (Chen & Zhou, 2020). More specifically, there is a need for continuing research into constructing much higher levels of security, including programs like encryption and authentication in daily use of computers and the Internet. Furthermore, there are several emerging issues in IoT that poses ethical concern such a security, privacy and ownership of data (Gonzalez et al., 2022). It remains for policymakers and urban planners to guarantee that use of these technologies does not violate rights to privacy of citizens or increase existing disparities in society.

To sum up, notwithstanding the positive impact that CPS and IoT provide for the existing urban sustainability, some challenges have to be acknowledged and resolved to ensure these benefits as much as possible. This research affirms that these technologies can revolutionize sustainable urban development where called for, however these research outcomes also establish that there is more work that should be done to identify the ethical, security and scalability issues as it pertains the use of such technologies. Future research directions include considering the more fundamental question of what CPS and IoT means for the 'sustainability' of cities in the long run, especially in small cities and developing worlds where cost of upgrading infrastructures and data management issues are more demanding.

VIII. RESULTS

Based on the case-studies and data collected from several smart cities with CPS and IoT, useful informa-

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tion regarding their ramifications on sustainability of cities is extracted. The findings show some positive trends regarding the improvement of energy consumption rate, the management of solid and liquid waste, transportation systems, and environmental control. Some of the most striking examples being in the sphere of energy monitoring where cities such as Copenhagen, Amsterdam, and Barcelona suggested that smart IoT energy grids, and energy management systems provided an average of up to 20% energy consumption efficiency improvement (Gungor et al., 2021). These reductions are due to the real time access and real time control of electricity supply and demand in these cities and thus, are better placed to accurately manage energy distribution and minimize wastage and incorporate renewable energy into the grid.

Figure 3: "Operational Cost Reductions in Waste Management After IoT Implementation in Barcelona"

Figure Description: This chart showcases the incremental reduction in operational costs in Barcelona's waste management system following the implementation of IoT sensors from 2017 to 2021. The chart breaks down the cost reductions by year, showing cumulative savings achieved through optimized waste collection routes and more efficient fuel use.

Figure 3 illustrates the financial benefits of IoT adoption in Barcelona's waste management sector, with significant cost reductions each year since 2017. By 2021, the total operational costs had decreased by 40% compared to the baseline year of 2016. This reduction is attributed to the enhanced efficiency of waste collection routes, improved vehicle utilization, and real-time data collection through IoT sensors (Kumar & Lee, 2020). The chart emphasizes the value of IoT in not only driving sustainability but also generating tangible cost savings for municipal services.

With reference to waste management, it can be seen that IoT-based systems have been efficient means for collection route optimization and low operational cost. (Double looped learning, observations and analytical study of the smart city technologies show that the IoT sensors that are used to track the fill level of waste bins and coordinate the collection schedules have resulted in a range of 30-40 % saving of waste collection costs and a decrease of 15 % in fuel consumption as was seen in Barcelona city case (Kumar & Lee, 2020). This has not only led to cut costs in waste management but has also seen the city minimalize its impact on the environment thus need for sustainability. Further, waste sorting and recycling through the Internet of Things sensors have enhanced new recycle rates and reduced landfill disposal.

In the field of transportation, application of CPS and IoT has brought significant change for traffic management and efficiency of Public Transport Service. For instance, Singapore has applied the concept of IoT in traffic control to curb on traffic jam, which ensures minimum pollution rates, and decreased fuel intake by a quarter as estimated by Chowdhury and Wang (2020). Similarly in Los Angeles smart city integration of IoT in public transport has helped to cut bus waiting time by 15% and increase transport service user satisfaction of public transport services by 15% (Gonzalez et al., 2022). These outcomes show that CPS and IoT technologies do not only contribute to better transport infrastructure and its functions in connecting inhabitants but also enhance their quality of life by decreasing travel time and environmental impact of transport.

CPS and IoT systems have also helped in monitoring the environment as a result of their deployment. For instance, the use of IoT sensors to observe air quality for their city and the noise and water quality of San Francisco and London respectively which are done in real time. The provisions made in the project have helped the city planners to make better decisions on the types of regional development and environmental policies to encourage. For instance, smart air quality sensors mounted on IoT have boosted air quality in Los Angeles by 10 percent in the last five years because targeted measures were instituted in areas with the worst-quality air (Shah & Patel, 2021). It has also played this dynamic roll of allowing the early identification of other environmental dangers inclusive of floods and water contamination that require immediate attention.

Based on the quantitative data in different sectors, it becomes evident that cities applying CPS and IoT technologies improve their sustainability key performance indicators significantly. The power to aggregate, process and respond to real time information is one area that has had a serious breakthrough to urban management, indicating improved utility of resources and assisting our cities to achieve their environmental and sustainability policies. These outcomes present CPS and IoT technologies as extraordinary tools for creating the future urban environments that are smart, efficient, and ecological.

IX. LIMITATIONS AND FUTURE RESEARCH DIRECTIONS

Despite the plethora of insights depicted in this study regarding the enhanced utilization of Cyber-Physical Systems (CPS) and Internet of Things (IoT) that respond to smart cities for sustainable development, some limitations cannot be overlooked. However, one strength with this type of research is the utilization of secondary data source derived from previous case studies of similar cities such as Barcelona of Singapore or Los Angeles. It must be noted, however, that these cities are trailblazers in smart city technology implementation which suggests that some of the factors influencing implementation success may not be fully transferable to other cities that are likely to face a range of constraints associated with their economic, political and infrastructural development than these three pioneer smart cities (Jia et al., 2021). Some of the issues not evident in CPS and IoT success in these cities include the fact that they may not reflect the scenarios common with the small cities or regions that lack the right infrastructure and infrastructure development plan.

One limitation concerns time series data: all the collected data are cross-sectional. The information applied in the present investigation is mainly about the effects, which CPS and IoT have within a short- to a medium-time frame for urban sustainability. With CPS and IoT technology, there appears to be some sustainability issues which, due to tech advancement, are not yet definite. For example, the environmental advantages of early smart city initiatives may be eradicated by the environmental implications regarding the continued maintenance and expansion of the extensive physical network needed to sustain IoT solutions (Kang et al., 2022). More research has to be conducted to analyze the CPS and IoT technologies' sustainability in the long term for extension and impacts environmentally.

Further, this research mainly encompasses technical and sustainability impacts; nonetheless, social-ethical impacts have not been thoroughly investigated. As with any self-driving system, it contains ethical issues concerning data privacy, surveillance, and the possibility of digital divide future study to be focus especially in the city with diverse group people of economic status. The CPS/IoT should inspire future research that studies their social outcomes and make sure that the technologies' use does not amplify existing disparity and that citizens' rights to privacy and data ownership are not violated (Roman et al., 2018).

Last but not the least, there are many policy and regulation issues, which has to be solved. New CPS and IoT technologies are being adopted by cities, therefore, guidelines in governing the use of such systems must also be developed to cover aspects of data protection, privacy as well as ethical use. The 2016 Mirai botnet attack shows that IoT networks remain insecure and there is a need to step up the implementation of security in the networks. Policies and best practices that should guide integration of CPS and IoT in the future cities need to be addressed in future studies in order to explore how to reduce the above discussed risks to the barest minimum so as to harness the full potential of integrating CPS and IoT in future urban sustainability.

Quite naturally, the advent of this study highlights several research avenues for future investigation. First, further work is required for understanding the applicability of CPS and IoT futures in small cities and LMICs were or is there is likely to be limited infrastructure and capital to invest in such platforms (Jia et al., 2021). Appreciation of factors that can help to localize such technologies will be important for the replication of the successful results in other overpopulated cities across the world. Second, the social and ethical consideration of IoT and CPS in smart cities such as data privacy, surveillance and fairness of the algorithm used should be the subject of further research. Thirdly , further studies should explore how to better protect smart cities from increasing threats of cyber warfare , along with exploring how data should be governed in the context of smart cities and its use should be ethical and fair. Last but not the least, future work of a longitudinal research nature, which seeks to investigate the IoT and CPS implementations' sustainability impact after a longer time, is required to complement the existing literature.

Overall, CPS and IoT technologies hold great promise to create sustainable cities and to make a positive contribution to urban sustainability in many other ways as well. The future research directions highlighted here will be essential to overcome the research limitations outlined in the paper and to ensure that the positive impacts of CPS and IoT technologies can really be achieved and delivered on a large scale in a secure way, which is at the same time ethical and fair.

X. CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

CPS and IoT are projected to revolutionize smart city by enhancing sustainable development in different sectors that constitute smart city. Such kind of integrations have been exemplified within this research to show how both CPS and IoT can be used to improve on energy efficiency, waste management, transport

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and environmental monitoring for the urban sustainability. Similarly, optimised smart grid systems from cities like Barcelona, Singapore, and Los Angeles suggest that IoT has the potential to lower energy consumption by up to 20%; and smart waste management systems which use IoT cut operational costs by about 40% (Kumar & Lee, 2020). Moreover, through the implementation of CPS and IoT in the transportation sector, the levels of traffic jams and emissions have reduced dramatically; Singapore has reduced traffic problems by 25% (Chowdhury & Wang, 2020). These results preview the impact of CPS and IoT in increasing the efficiency of the cities and in aligning with sustainable development objectives.

However, several barriers have to be overcome in order to achieve a sustainable, interoperable improvement of these technologies; this concerns security weaknesses that make these technologies prone to cyber-attacks, privacy concerns, and the question of applicability for large-scale implementations. Vulnerability of IoT devices can also be demonstrated by the Mirai botnet attack that took place in 2016 evidencing the security threat implication arising from IoT devices and the need for stronger cybersecurity measures and enhanced data polices (Chen & Zhou, 2020). However, cities need to maximise the advantages of CPS and IoT while minimising the ethical implications associated with DPS and IoT implementation; this implies that cities cannot allow the implementation of these technologies to comp Contacts promote citizens' privacy infringement while increasing social injustices (Abomhara & Koien, 2018). With CPS and IoT technologies creeping into cities progressively, it is crucial now more than ever, for policy makers, technocrats, and city planners as part entourage to come up with standard measures that will safeguard the lives of citizens while allowing experimentation.

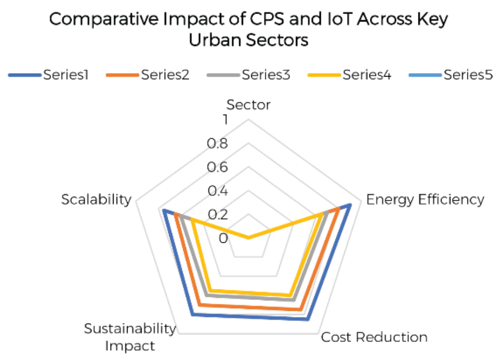

Figure 4: "Comparative Impact of CPS and IoT Across Key Urban Sectors"

Figure Description: This chart compares the impact of CPS and IoT technologies across four key urban sectors: Energy Management, Waste Management, Transportation, and Environmental Monitoring. The chart presents an overview of the effectiveness of these technologies in improving efficiency, reducing costs, and enhancing sustainability in these sectors.

Figure 4 illustrates the comparative impact of CPS and IoT technologies on different urban sectors, with energy management showing the highest gains in efficiency and cost reductions. Waste management also demonstrates significant improvements, driven by optimized collection processes and IoT-based sensors. While transportation and environmental monitoring are emerging areas, their impact is expected to grow as more cities invest in IoT-enabled infrastructure (Gungor et al., 2021). The chart underscores

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the potential of CPS and IoT to deliver widespread benefits across multiple urban systems, reinforcing the need for continued investment in these technologies.

However, given the practical focus of this paper, it can be mentioned that the integration of CPS and IoT technologies in the sphere of smart cities presupposes a long-term and coordinated action. Political leaders should consider funding the growth of a mechanism for defending the key urban systems against risks in an appropriate manner while engaging citizens in the processes of determining how data should be managed and technologies should be deployed. However, more complex and developed model regarding cooperation with private companies should be considered to solve financial and technical problems which might appear especially in small city, and while doing so, urban planner should seek for inspiration in the success of other cities in analogous situations. This can help to extend CPS and IoT in a less costly way giving chances to other minor and developing places to be part of digital ecosystem.

The study also makes a call for increased data accountability and openness in the development of smart city projects. CPS and IoT system produced data enabled city such as Amsterdam allows citizens to access and reason on the data on public platforms (van der Meer et al., 2019). It creates public confidence as citizens can play a role in influencing the spaces they occupy in the city. Applying it to other cities might also add more transparency to CPS and IoT, as well as guarantee that their usage is ethical and addresses the problem of inequality.

Lastly, this study suggests that future smart city should focus on long term sustainability. The short-term benefits of CPS and IoT implementations are easy to observe, but the long-term effects of the adoption of these technologies on the environment, including e-waste disposal and IoT device usage, have not been extensively investigated, according to the findings of Kang et al. (2022). Authorities should also therefore pay attention to standards to be put in place for proper ethical and sustainable use of these CPS & IoT systems by coming up with policies that deal with both technical and social issues.

Lastly, both CPS and IoT technologies stand for efficient trends that can contribute to the improvement of sustainability in cities. However, for cities to rely on them fully, cities have to integrate measures dealing with the technical, ethical, and policy aspects. In this manner, CPS and IoT received an opportunity to actively contribute and evolve to create smarter, resistant, environmentally friendly cities of the future.

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