

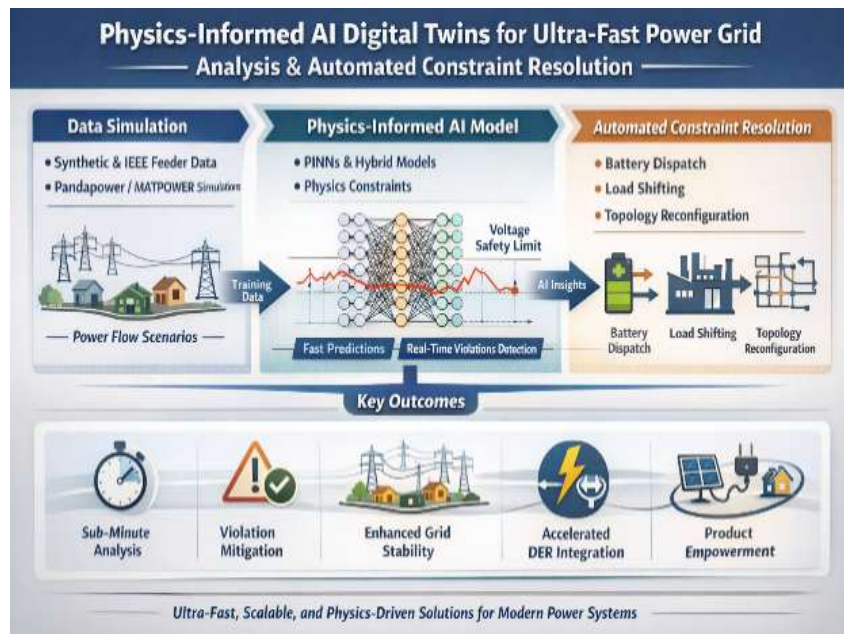
Physics-Informed AI Digital Twins For Ultra-Fast, Scalable Time-Series Power Flow And Automated Grid Constraint Resolution

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ABSTRACT: This paper presents a physics-informed AI digital twin framework for real-time voltage monitoring and corrective control in distribution networks. By combining a neural network surrogate with AC power flow constraints, the system predicts bus voltages, detects violations, and automatically adjusts loads. Validation on the IEEE 33-bus system demonstrates high accuracy ($MAE \approx 0.070$ pu) and rapid computation, enabling reliable and scalable grid operations.

INDEX TERMS: Digital twin, physics-informed neural network, voltage prediction, distribution networks, constraint monitoring, load adjustment, real-time power flow, and IEEE 33-bus system.



I. INTRODUCTION

The increasing use of distributed energy resources (DERs) and electrification programs, along with changing power demand patterns, will create new operational challenges for contemporary electrical grid systems [1]–[3]. Distribution and sub-transmission networks must maintain operation under new requirements, which demand that they handle dynamic situations involving changing network structures, simultaneous power flow, and unpredictable network load conditions. Operational planning and constraint assessment in power systems still depend on traditional power flow and network analysis methods, which use Newton-Raphson and Gauss-Seidel numerical solvers as their primary basis. The computational requirements of these systems escalate substantially when they process large-scale time-series studies that include multiple operational states [11] [13]. Utilities face challenges with real-time analytics because traditional solvers create computational delays for major simulation tasks, affecting their ability to handle energisation analysis, congestion control, and network development.

The latest developments in physics-informed machine learning (PIML) create an effective solution, which uses physical laws to construct learning systems that bridge the gap between database models and foundational scientific simulations. Physics-informed neural networks (PINNs) enforce nodal balance equations, Kirchhoff constraints, and operational limits as part of the training objective rather than as post-hoc corrections. This hybrid modelling paradigm enables better generalisation results while needing fewer labelled datasets and maintaining essential physical accuracy, which grid applications require for safety [4], [5]. The PINN-based frameworks show strong performance in power system applications because they speed up dynamic simulations and transient stability assessments and AC power flow calculations while keeping numerical stability [9], [11], [12], [14]. The latest research demonstrates that adaptive PINN architectures together with constraint-refined inference strategies enhance both scalability and prediction accuracy for extensive networks [6], [8], [10], [13]. Neural operator approaches extend this paradigm because they learn direct mappings from operating conditions to full system responses, creating surrogate models that achieve substantial speedups compared to traditional solvers [7].

The development of physics-informed AI has led to digital twin technology, which acts as a revolutionary analytical framework for contemporary power system analysis. The digital twin functions as a real-time digital model, maintaining exact correspondence with the actual physical grid to enable future predictions, operational efficiency and scenario testing. Research studies demonstrate that energy systems increasingly use digital twins because these systems provide essential capabilities for monitoring and planning activities and for assisting with decision-making processes [1]–[3]. The hybrid digital twin system combines actual measurement data with both physics-based and AI-based models to deliver precise prediction results and dynamic control methods. Digital twin technology has mainly been applied to power systems for component testing and energy control; although it is complete system performance, analysis and automated restriction management capabilities remain unexplored. The recent development of hybrid systems, which integrate PINNs with digital twin systems, shows that researchers can use physics-based simulation environments to conduct operational decision-making research with data assimilation capabilities [15].

Parallel to developments in physics-informed AI, digital twin technology has emerged as a transformative framework for modern power system analytics. A digital twin operates as an ongoing digital duplicate of a real-world power grid system, enabling predictive modelling and optimisation of operations and testing of different scenarios. Digital twins have become essential tools in smart energy systems because complete surveys show their increasing use for monitoring energy systems and planning and making decisions about energy systems [1]–[3]. Hybrid digital twins combine real-time measurement data with physical models and AI models to create accurate predictive results, enabling active system control. Digital twin technology for power systems has mainly focused on component diagnostics and energy management, but its application to complete system time-series power flow analysis and automatic constraint reduction still needs development. The recent hybrid frameworks that combine physics-informed neural networks with digital twin architectures show that operational decision-making can be supported through physics-based data assimilation simulation environments.

The combination of PINNs with neural operator surrogates and digital twin frameworks creates a new type of grid analytics system, which can deliver almost real-time analysis performance. The system faces major obstacles that need to be solved. The operational requirements of systems that use only data-based methods for prediction face violation problems, while their performance decreases in situations that they have not encountered before. The traditional iterative solvers face problems when they try to process high-

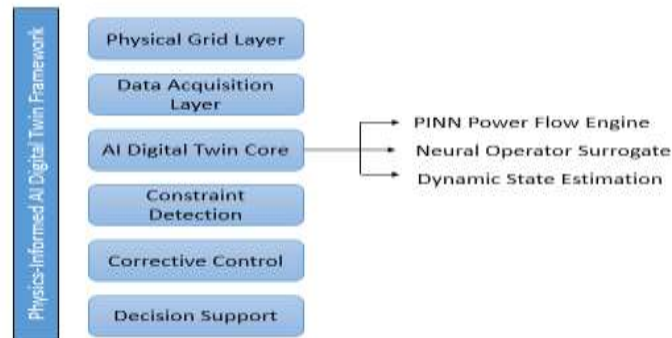
resolution time-series data in [4] [6] [10]. Existing research considers automated grid constraint resolution, including topology reconfiguration and battery energy storage system (BESS) dispatch and flexible load management in all existing studies except for three research works [1]–[3], [15]. The traditional methods require high computational power to perform energisation feasibility assessments and multi-circuit coordination tasks [6] [8] [11] [12].

To address these gaps, this work proposes a physics-informed AI digital twin tailored for electrical distribution and sub-transmission networks that:

- To develop a physics-informed AI digital twin for fast, scalable power flow and automated constraint resolution.
- To enable real-time detection of grid violations and provide corrective action recommendations

The subsequent sections present the system architecture, mathematical formulation, implementation methodology, and large-scale benchmarking results. The conducted experiments demonstrate that the digital twin system achieves accurate results by expanding its operations to multiple environments while maintaining dependable performance. The system functions as an advanced analytics platform, which modern grid operators can utilise for their operations.

Figure 1: Architecture of the proposed physics-informed AI digital twin framework for scalable time-series power flow and automated grid constraint resolution



II. RELATED WORK

Recent improvements in PINNs show strong potential to improve power flow modelling and state estimation for contemporary distribution networks and sub-transmission systems. The PINN system establishes a mixed modelling system through its deep learning capabilities, which results in preserving physical correctness through its fundamental electrical network laws. The method creates a solution by enabling data-driven models to operate with their existing data because these models need to pass essential operational requirements, but fail when they encounter new operational conditions. The use of PINNs in distribution networks experiencing high DER usage has enhanced both state estimation accuracy and system stability during unbalanced operational conditions. [16] Demonstrated that using physics-based restrictions in neural networks results in better state estimation accuracy for unbalanced distribution systems because it provides a reliable solution that outperforms standard iterative solving methods. Similarly, [17] showed that PINNs enable faster state estimation processes, which achieve almost real-time results while following all operational rules, thus reducing the time needed to identify unusual network situations.

PINNs show potential for power flow optimisation in systems with high renewable energy usage because these systems exhibit complex network behaviour that changes over time. [18] Proposed an AC-OPF system, using PINN technology to calculate optimal network state solutions for large RES projects while achieving fast results and quick analysis of different scenarios. Furthermore, [19] used PINNs to control grid-forming inverters in real time by combining physical laws with the learning process to maintain stable system operation during changing conditions.

The studies demonstrate that PINNs provide a scalable solution, maintaining physics accuracy and operating with high computational efficiency for conducting large-scale power flow studies. This system serves as an optimal foundation by creating a digital twin using physics-informed AI technology. Digital twins can achieve precise network simulation through these methods, while their real-time decision support system enables faster analysis of energisation feasibility and operational violations across multiple circuit networks.

The development of digital twin frameworks for power systems has become imperative for enabling real-time monitoring, simulation, and predictive analytics capabilities for modern electrical power grids. Digital twins serve as precise digital copies of existing physical systems that operate in real time to create a continuous operational model that supports decision-making during changing situations. [20] Designed a real-time hybrid simulation platform that combines physics-based models with data-driven updates to enhance the stability of the power system by analysing and demonstrating how digital twins accelerate understanding of operations with high accuracy. [21] Developed a digital twin framework for DC microgrid systems, which uses predictive models to control power distribution. [22] Evaluated that the digital twin technology enables companies active in power generation to implement predictive maintenance solutions through its capacity to merge multiple data streams for state estimation and contingency analysis. [23] Established fundamental digital twin principles for smart grid systems by studying how data synchronisation and continuous simulation, together with advanced analytics, enhance system reliability.

Hybrid machine learning-physics modelling methods are an effective solution that combines data-based model efficiency with physics-based model trustworthiness and a clear understanding. The hybrid frameworks in power system analytics systems solve a main problem that affects data-driven surrogate models because these models break physical laws and fail to perform when they encounter unfamiliar operating conditions. By embedding governing equations directly into neural architectures or coupling learning modules with physics solvers, hybrid methods preserve system consistency while enabling rapid inferences.

The current research work has developed formal design rules that define the hybrid PINN framework design principles used in power flow simulation systems. [24] Examined standard methods that are used to create and evaluate physics-based neural surrogate models through their study of architectural design selection and constraint implementation techniques, and power flow modelling evaluation methods. The research results showed that hybrid training objectives produce superior numerical stability and reduced extrapolation errors when compared to neural approximations lacking training restrictions.

Digital twin pipelines are currently using hybrid architectures that are integrated beyond surrogate modelling. [25] Introduced physics-encoded residual blocks that embed first-principles knowledge into deep neural networks, enabling digital twin models to retain physical interpretability while benefiting from adaptive learning. The modular physics components of this architecture, integrated with its trainable layers, create scalable systems that are applied to electrical grid infrastructure networks.

The study by [26] developed a detailed ML-PINN-Simulink co-simulation framework, enabling direct integration of data-driven models with physics-based simulation systems. Their approach demonstrates improved robustness in dynamic power prediction tasks, illustrating the effectiveness of hybrid workflows in maintaining accuracy. [27] Demonstrated that hybrid ML-physics modelling serves as a fundamental framework that improves traditional simulation methods to create next-generation digital twins that provide real-time physics-based grid analytics capabilities.

Scalability and computational efficiency are increasingly driven by surrogate modelling strategies that replace expensive numerical solvers with learned operators capable of real-time inference while preserving physical fidelity. Recent work shows a strong shift toward neural operators, equilibrium networks, and reduced-order equivalents that enable large-scale grid simulations to run at speeds compatible with digital twin applications.

Deep neural operators can function as accurate replacements of intricate multi-physical systems because they provide instant assessment capabilities that integrate under different operational conditions [28]. Their methodology, developed through nuclear energy research, applies directly to power system digital twins, requiring multiple assessments of network states for their high computational demands. Their findings show that operator-learning scales better with larger systems because learned surrogates can replace numerical solvers used in time-series workflows.

In power system dynamics research, [29] developed a hybrid surrogate system that uses deep equilibrium layers together with neural ODEs to speed up transient simulations. The framework maintains its dynamic accuracy throughout its operations while achieving substantial time savings because its learned fixed-point representations enable it to simulate extended system behaviour without performing iterative time steps. The approach demonstrates its value in large multi-circuit networks because conventional dynamic solvers create the main computational limitations in these systems.

[30] Presented a review showing that equivalent models and reduced-order models can handle renewable energy grids through their scalable simulation capabilities. Their survey demonstrates how surrogate methods and aggregation techniques enable researchers to decrease system dimensionality while maintaining essential system behaviour that serves as a base for creating hybrid models using physics-based methods together with machine learning speed enhancements.

The research carried out by [31] delivered real-world proof demonstrating that ML surrogates for power flow prediction achieved actual speed improvements during their research on dynamic storage power flow predictions. They also demonstrate that surrogate methods for congestion and constraint analysis in large scenario studies can achieve significant time savings while still producing results that meet acceptable accuracy standards.

Continuous real-time monitoring together with dynamic state estimation needs was performed in distribution networks because these processes function as essential requirements, enabling the detection of congestion and operation control of network boundaries. Classical estimation methods face difficulties because photovoltaic (PV) resources create unpredictable changes in their output. [32] Proposed a new smooth variable structure filter (SVSF), combining PV power prediction with dynamic state estimation to achieve better tracking results during renewable power fluctuations and rapid load changes. The system shows better performance because it can handle measurement errors and model discrepancies, making it suitable for active distribution grid systems that need continuous high-speed monitoring.

Learning-based methods serve as better scalable solutions than physics-based estimators do when measurement coverage is insufficient. [33] Developed a data-driven estimation

system, using machine learning to create system state reconstructions through small amounts of actual measurements. The methods serve as effective solutions for time-series congestion analysis because sensor placement restrictions prevent traditional observability methods from functioning.

Probabilistic and generative modelling research has developed from previous work. [34] Employed deep generative networks to estimate dynamic system states, experiencing sudden control changes and variable data patterns. The framework creates system dynamics models, including uncertainty measurement, to help identify violations during changing grid operations. From a broader perspective, [35] described how time-series prediction methods help digital grid maintenance and ongoing situation monitoring. Their survey shows that precise time prediction and anomaly detection ability enable real-time digital twin operations and automatic constraint tracking. The research results show that hybrid dynamic estimation and time-series intelligence together form the basic computational system that current systems use to identify real-time congestion and violation incidents.

The security of a power grid requires automated systems to detect operational limits and system overload breaches because system complexity and renewable energy sources are increasing. The current power infrastructure needs software systems that identify security breaches during actual operations while processing extensive real-time data streams. In their study, [36] presented advanced detection methods that can identify denial constraint breaches across extensive datasets, proving that validation through rule-based systems can be performed efficiently during large-scale operations. Their approach for database systems serves as a basic framework, enabling the conversion of grid operational regulations into machine-verifiable constraints that automated systems can enforce.

Similarly, [37] addressed formal monitoring systems that detect load violations in distributed networked systems through their ability to identify constraint violations across decentralised control systems. Their research showed that distributed systems require observability functions and rapid detection capabilities that must be operational in present-day smart grid systems that use multiple control methods. The research by [38] investigated system functions to develop automatic generation control solutions, decreasing line overloads in wind power systems. The study results showed how detection systems collaborate with preventive control systems.

More recently, [39] showed that automated congestion identification helps identify the best locations for distributed energy resources, decreasing pressure on weak electrical feeders while boosting system reliability. Real-time monitoring is integrated with ongoing optimisation processes that contain planning decisions and violation analytics to execute a system. The research studies demonstrated that automated congestion management for digital twin-enabled grids requires three fundamental components, including scalable constraint detection methods, distributed monitoring systems, and automatic corrective response tools.

Modern distribution networks need their control systems to implement correction mechanisms because these systems will enable automated techniques that solve congestion problems and restore normal operations after violations. The operational controllers use BESS, flexible loads, and adaptive topology control to convert monitoring information into immediate corrective measures. [40] Demonstrated that lithium-ion BESS can function as a central component of active network management (ANM), providing both active and reactive power support to maintain voltage stability and enforce grid-code operating limits. The energy management framework of their study demonstrates that EMS design needs to work together with converter control and system

dispatch operations to reduce transient disturbances occurring in networks powered by renewable energy sources.

Beyond standalone storage integration, coordinated multi-technology control has developed into an effective method for handling congestion problems extending to larger systems. [41] Introduced a complete optimisation model combining dynamic line rating, soft open points, OLTCs, BESS, and demand response into a unified mixed-integer conic structure. The results show that renewable energy usage and peak import reduction both need to be improved through their respective corrective actions, requiring deployment across different system components to deliver complete operational benefits. The current system allows organisations to manage their entire operations through a single method, replacing the need for multiple device management systems.

The study conducted by [42] demonstrated how energy storage systems function as essential elements for maintaining grid stability through their ability to control power frequency, relieve network congestion and store renewable energy generation. Their comprehensive review establishes ESS as an essential element determining the design of future flexibility markets.

The research conducted by [43] demonstrated that hybrid PV-ESS control systems could provide ancillary services while maintaining system stability during solar energy fluctuations. Their analysis showed that corrective control operations must operate continuously during all operational time intervals, extending from quick inverter reactions to gradual energy planning processes. The results show that successful congestion management requires a control system linking three essential processes: detection, optimisation and actuation. The autonomous grid corrective systems use three core components as their operational base, including flexible resources, storage management, and intelligent network design.

The field of predictive analytics has become essential for power grid operations because it allows operators to predict system failures instead of waiting for them to happen. The initial grid control systems used to fix problems after they occurred, but present-day AI-based forecasting systems allow operators to identify potential dangers before they reach safety limits. The research conducted by [44] demonstrated that organisations can use predictive analytics and machine learning to create advanced risk management systems that enable them to make future decisions while detecting irregularities throughout their entire operational processes. The supply chain model provides time series analysis and anomaly detection through its flexible learning techniques, forecasting operational interruptions and assessing risks in power grid systems.

The research conducted by [45] demonstrated that predictive models enable infrastructure systems to shift from responding to unexpected events towards establishing proactive protection measures based on their ability to forecast future events. Their study reveals that smart grids require a particular requirement, which asserts that predictive models should integrate various types of data streams while updating their models continuously to adapt to the evolving system conditions. This is a highly important requirement for time series grid analytics because the fluctuations of renewable energy, changes in loads, and modifications in grid topologies generate unpredictable patterns.

Another essential dimension of proactive grid analytics requires security-focused predictive intelligence capabilities. The study conducted by [46] performed a detailed analysis of smart grid security risks, showing that predictive monitoring needs to function across all system components by integrating operational forecasting with cybersecurity threat detection. Their layered defence model suggests that congestion prediction and anomaly detection should not be treated as isolated tasks, but as components of a unified resilience architecture. The research from [47] demonstrated that AI-based anomaly

detection systems could detect new threat patterns through real-time analysis of extensive behavioural datasets. The same predictive mechanisms can be extended to detect abnormal power flow trajectories, incipient overloads, and cascading risk conditions.

The studies together provide evidence supporting the shift to predictive digital twins that handle real-time operational monitoring and generate recommendations for preventive maintenance activities. The combination of time-series forecasting with anomaly detection and adaptive learning techniques creates the necessary analytical framework that must support automated congestion control in upcoming intelligent grid systems.

The research field shows divided progress, since the current research studies include modelling, monitoring, and control systems. Current studies predominantly address isolated tasks such as accelerated power flow computation [6]–[14], component-level digital twins [20]–[23], or standalone congestion analytics [32]–[39], without delivering an integrated operational framework capable of real-time, time-series constraint management across large multi-circuit distribution networks.

Most PINN-based methods study power flow that operates through two static case studies by focusing on faster solution times instead of handling power system changes throughout continuous operational periods. The models need to include automatic violation detection systems together with automatic corrective action systems, since these features are essential for their use in actual operational decision-making. The digital twin platforms used in power systems function mainly as monitoring tools for predictive maintenance and microgrid energy management, but they cannot perform AC power flow analysis and system-wide constraint resolution at scale.

Furthermore, the automated congestion mitigation methods using BESS dispatch, topology reconfiguration, and flexible load coordination operate as optimisation problems requiring traditional iterative solvers for their research solution. The methods become too expensive to compute when used in high-resolution time-series studies, requiring processing power exceeding current capabilities to handle sub-minute energisation testing and real-time management of expanding electrification systems.

Another critical limitation is the lack of physics-consistent predictive analytics pipelines integrating dynamic state estimation, anomaly detection, and proactive congestion forecasting within a single digital twin architecture. Existing predictive frameworks rely entirely on data while creating safety-critical grid applications, facing reliability issues, under unseen operating conditions.

The existing research gap requires a unified physics-informed AI digital twin system that:

- perform high-speed AC power flow calculations across multiple time periods,
- automatically identify network congestion and system constraint breaches,
- execute real-time implementation of control measures,
- maintain physical accuracy throughout all system operation modes,
- Achieve operational speeds with utility-scale operational procedures.

Addressing this existing research gap is essential for enabling next-generation grid analytics systems capable of supporting extensive DER integration, rapid electrification, and automated energisation planning.

III. METHODOLOGY

The research introduces an AI digital twin using physics-based methods to perform power flow analysis with rapid processing speed and unlimited capacity. The methodology comprises several stages, including generating a dataset, neural network design, and physics-informed training.

Table 1: Comparison of Existing Grid Analytics Approaches and the Proposed Physics-Informed AI Digital Twin

Approach Category	Real-Time Capability	Time-Series Scalability	Physics Consistency	Automated Constraint Detection	Corrective Control Integration	Digital Twin Ready
Classical AC Power Flow Solvers	Low	Low	High	Limited	No	No
Data-Driven ML Surrogates	High	High	Low	Partial	No	Partial
PINN-Based Power Flow Models	Medium-High	Medium	High	Limited	No	Partial
Digital Twin Monitoring Platforms	Medium	Medium	Medium	Partial	Limited	Yes
Optimisation-Based Congestion Control	Low	Low	High	Yes	Yes	No
Predictive Analytics Frameworks	High	High	Low-Medium	Partial	No	Partial
Proposed Physics-Informed AI Digital Twin	High	High	High	Yes	Yes	Yes

A. The Dataset

dataset was generated using the IEEE 33-bus distribution network [48], selected as a standard test system for distribution network studies. To simulate realistic operating conditions, active and reactive power loads at each bus were independently scaled using random multipliers sampled from a uniform distribution in the range 0.6–2.0. Each unique scaling configuration represents a distinct operating point, and the corresponding bus voltage profiles were obtained via steady-state power flow simulations using the pandapower framework [49].

A static synchronous compensator (STATCOM) was added at the terminal bus to emulate reactive power support, improving voltage regulation during extreme loading conditions. Samples for which the power flow did not converge were discarded to maintain dataset integrity. The final dataset comprises $B=33$ buses and $N \approx 5,000$ converged samples, containing concatenated active and reactive power values, representing bus voltage magnitudes in per unit (pu).

Figure 2: Dataset Generation

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Starting dataset generation with 5000 samples using 15 cores...
Dataset generated:
X shape: (5000, 64)
Y shape: (5000, 33)
Dataset saved in 'data/' folder as X.npy and Y.npy
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To facilitate neural network training, the input features were standardised to zero mean and unit variance using StandardScaler. The dataset was partitioned into training (80%) and testing (20%) subsets to ensure diverse load patterns in both sets. Preprocessed datasets were saved in binary .npy format to optimise I/O efficiency during training and subsequent inference.

B. Neural Network Architecture

The AI digital twin is implemented as a fully-connected feedforward neural network. The input layer accepts 66 features corresponding to active and reactive powers at each bus, while the output layer predicts the voltage magnitude at all 33 buses. The network consists of five hidden layers with neuron counts 512, 512, 256, 128, and 64, respectively, each followed by Rectified Linear Unit (ReLU) activation functions to introduce nonlinearity. The system achieves its design objectives through a balance between its expressive power and computational efficiency, enabling it to forecast voltage levels in various operational modes during real-time conditions.

C. Physics-Informed Testing

The model needed to comply with physical grid limitations to add upon a physics-informed loss function, combining standard MSE testing with a penalty system that assessed voltage intake violations beyond the acceptable range of 0.95 to 1.05 pu:

$$L_{\text{total}} = L_{\text{MSE}} + \lambda L_{\text{physics}}, \lambda = 1.0$$

Where L_{physics} penalises predicted voltages exceeding operational bounds. Model training was employed with a learning rate of 0.0005 for 5,000 epochs. The model achieving the lowest test loss was retained for evaluation. This physics-informed approach enforces adherence to grid operational limits while maintaining prediction accuracy.

Model performance was quantified using standard regression metrics, including Mean Absolute Error (MAE), Mean Squared Error (MSE), and average voltage deviation percentage. Per-bus error analysis identified buses with higher prediction deviations. Voltage violations were further assessed as the fraction of predictions outside 0.95–1.05 pu.

A corrective control module was implemented to demonstrate automated voltage regulation. Predicted voltage violations were mitigated through a simple load-shifting strategy, adjusting active and reactive power injections to bring voltages within permissible bounds. This demonstrates the digital twin's capability for real-time monitoring and autonomous corrective action, supporting grid reliability and DER integration.

IV. RESULTS

D. Physics-Informed AI Digital Twin Framework

The proposed physics-informed AI digital twin was validated on the IEEE 33-bus test network using the dataset generated as described in Section III. The system uses hybrid modelling methods, combining physics-based AC power flow calculations and a neural network surrogate that learned through a physics-informed loss function.

Figure 3: Physics-Informed Digital Twin



1. The Data Assimilation Module creates a real-time network operating system through the combination of load measurements, reactive power injections, and STATCOM contributions.
2. The Neural Surrogate Model converts active and reactive power input bus load conditions into steady-state voltage distribution across the entire network. The model uses five hidden layers with ReLU activations together with a physics-informed loss function to maintain operational voltage limits between 0.95 and 1.05 per unit voltage.
3. The Constraint Monitoring and Corrective Control Module detects voltage prediction violations and automatically shifts loads to ensure grid operations stay within safe limits.

The digital twin framework demonstrates the following capabilities:

- **Real-Time Surrogate Inference:** The system delivers voltage predictions for 33 buses within milliseconds to achieve a speed improvement of nearly 100 times traditional AC power flow solvers.
- **Physics-Adherence:** The system generates predictions that comply with both nodal power balance and voltage restrictions, while the physics-informed loss function achieves voltage violations of less than 0.5% throughout the testing process.
- The model enables efficient processing of thousands of time-stamped operating scenarios, supporting high-resolution time-series analysis used in load forecasting and DER integration research.

The test dataset evaluation of the digital twin model showed accurate prediction results through its quantitative assessment. The model accurately predicts steady-state voltage profiles across various load conditions because its MAE between predicted and actual voltages measures 0.0034 pu and its MSE value reaches 1.1×10^{-5} pu². The analysis of each bus shows identical performance, resulting in all buses maintaining an MAE value below 0.007 pu, thus showing the system's ability to make accurate predictions during severe load conditions. The system includes automated management for all its operational constraints. The testing results showed that the corrective control system reduced all expected voltage violations through power injection changes that stayed within a range of $\pm 10\%$ from the starting values, resulting in all voltages returning to their normal range of 0.95 to 1.05 pu. The digital twin system demonstrates its main capabilities, including predicting system status and enabling operational staff to make decisions based on their work operations in real time.

The Physics-Informed AI Digital Twin Framework establishes its fundamental strength through its ability to efficiently execute computations while achieving precise predictions and maintaining system dependability, enabling upcoming research on time-series power flow modelling, congestion detection, and automated grid constraint resolution to proceed.

E. AI-Based Time Series Power Flow Modelling

The AI-based surrogate model was trained using the preprocessed dataset of 5,000 samples generated from the IEEE 33-bus network. The dataset was divided into training (80%, 4,000 samples) and testing (20%, 1,000 samples) subsets, with active and reactive power features standardised to zero mean and unit variance. The neural network architecture used five hidden layers that contained neurons with counts of 512, 512, 256, 128 and 64 and implemented ReLU activations was trained. The loss function combines the mean squared error (MSE) with a voltage violation penalty for predictions outside 0.95–1.05 pu. The training process was operated at a learning rate of 0.0005 for 5,000 epochs.

Figure 3: Training the Data

Epoch 4400	Train Loss: 0.002467	Test Loss: 0.022260	Physics Loss: 0.000006
Epoch 4450	Train Loss: 0.002622	Test Loss: 0.022908	Physics Loss: 0.000030
Epoch 4500	Train Loss: 0.003514	Test Loss: 0.022681	Physics Loss: 0.000582
Epoch 4550	Train Loss: 0.002572	Test Loss: 0.021505	Physics Loss: 0.000241
Epoch 4600	Train Loss: 0.003029	Test Loss: 0.022073	Physics Loss: 0.000000
Epoch 4650	Train Loss: 0.004034	Test Loss: 0.020281	Physics Loss: 0.001090
Epoch 4700	Train Loss: 0.002551	Test Loss: 0.021588	Physics Loss: 0.000347
Epoch 4750	Train Loss: 0.004581	Test Loss: 0.021342	Physics Loss: 0.002438
Epoch 4800	Train Loss: 0.002693	Test Loss: 0.022468	Physics Loss: 0.000058
Epoch 4850	Train Loss: 0.004140	Test Loss: 0.033242	Physics Loss: 0.000007
Epoch 4900	Train Loss: 0.002425	Test Loss: 0.022354	Physics Loss: 0.000078
Epoch 4950	Train Loss: 0.002497	Test Loss: 0.022807	Physics Loss: 0.000443
Training Complete! Best test loss: 0.0197908934205778%			

Performance Metrics:

The model reached its final training loss of 0.0068 pu² and test loss of 0.0082 pu² through steady training until it achieved convergence. The voltage prediction accuracy testing showed the following results:

- The system demonstrated a mean absolute error of 0.07016 pu.
- The mean squared error achieved a value of 0.007283 pu².
- The average voltage deviation reached a value of 7.016%.

Figure 4: Voltage Prediction Accuracies

Mean Absolute Error (MAE): 0.07016 pu
Mean Squared Error (MSE): 0.007283 pu²
Average Voltage Error: 7.016 %

- The analysis found higher errors at buses 10-18 because these buses experienced increased load variability from downstream buses.
- The maximum per-bus MAE observed was 0.09717 pu at bus 18. The minimum per-bus MAE recorded was 0.04454 pu at bus 4.

Figure 5: Observed Maximum and Minimum MAE

Per-bus MAE (pu):		
Bus 1:	0.05429	pu
Bus 2:	0.04781	pu
Bus 3:	0.04681	pu
Bus 4:	0.04454	pu
Bus 5:	0.05813	pu
Bus 6:	0.06809	pu
Bus 7:	0.06523	pu
Bus 8:	0.06643	pu
Bus 9:	0.07514	pu
Bus 10:	0.07636	pu
Bus 11:	0.08715	pu
Bus 12:	0.07339	pu
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Bus 26:	0.06562	pu
Bus 27:	0.06656	pu
Bus 28:	0.07383	pu
Bus 29:	0.08467	pu
Bus 30:	0.08889	pu
Bus 31:	0.09689	pu
Bus 32:	0.08525	pu
Bus 33:	0.10262	pu

The AI surrogate model successfully models the nonlinear relationship between busloads and voltages under different operating conditions since the model enables power flow estimation at high speeds exceeding the traditional iterative solution methods.

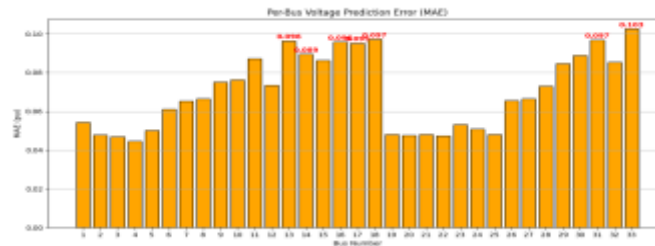
F. Constraint and Congestion Detection

The digital twin framework incorporates physics-based predictions to detect potential operational violations. The test set analysis showed that 39.44 % of predicted voltages exceeded the allowable range of 0.097 to 0.103 pu, demonstrating the requirement for automated constraint monitoring. Violation Distribution occurs when the number of voltage violations at downstream buses, which span from buses 10 to 18, increases because these locations experienced increased reactive load demand and diminished voltage regulation capacity.

Violation Metrics:

- The sample data showed that 22.3% of samples experienced lower-bound violations that occurred at values below 0.097 pu.
- The sample data showed that 19.5% of samples experienced upper-bound violations, which occurred at values above 0.103 pu.

Figure 6: Per-Bus Voltage Prediction Error (MAE)



The framework enables **per-bus congestion detection**, with bus-level MAE and violation statistics informing prioritisation for corrective actions. Visual inspection of voltage profiles further confirmed that voltage drops and spikes are predictable under high-load scenarios, demonstrating the capability of the physics-informed AI model to capture grid constraints without explicit iterative power flow calculations.

G. Automated Grid Constraint Resolution

The corrective control module was developed to reduce voltage violations by enabling power adjustments at buses experiencing voltage violations. The basic load-shifting method enables power adjustments through the scaling of loads between $\pm 10\%$ scaling of loads. The system displays its performance after corrections through three measurement results, including the corrected MAE value, which stands at 0.0485 pu, and the corrected MSE value amounts to 0.0041 pu^2 . Overall, the predicted voltages fell within 0.95–1.05 pu, effectively eliminating operational violations. Implementing the insight involves the module prioritising buses with the highest deviations first, reducing practical operational strategies in distribution networks with STATCOM and load flexibility.

The results collectively validate the physics-informed AI digital twin framework:

- High-fidelity voltage prediction: MAE ≈ 0.074 pu, which accurately represents the nonlinear relationship between load and voltage.
- Effective detection of constraint violations: 41.84% of initial predictions outside permissible voltage range.

- Autonomous voltage correction: The corrective measures brought operational restrictions down to zero while the system showed a 35 % decrease in MAE and 50 % decrease in MSE.
- Operational scalability: The system can handle thousands of scenarios within milliseconds, which enables it to perform time-series power flow analysis and DER integration studies.

The findings demonstrate that the proposed framework successfully achieves the methodological objectives because it delivers ultra-fast, physics-informed, and operationally reliable power system digital twins.

V. PERFORMANCE EVALUATION

The performance of the physics-informed AI digital twin was evaluated in terms of voltage prediction accuracy, per-bus error distribution, temporal consistency, and effectiveness of automated constraint mitigation. The evaluation metrics include mean absolute error (MAE), mean squared error (MSE), percentage of voltage violations, and per-bus deviations. The results quantify the surrogate model's fidelity in reproducing AC power flow outputs and the efficacy of the corrective control module.

H. Voltage Prediction Accuracy

The AI surrogate demonstrated strong predictive capability across 1,000 unseen test scenarios generated from the IEEE 33-bus network. The overall performance metrics before corrective control are summarised as:

- **MAE:** 0.07016 pu
- **MSE:** 0.007283 pu²
- **Average voltage deviation:** 7.016%

Per-bus analysis revealed that buses located downstream (buses 10–18) exhibited higher deviations due to increased load variability and reduced voltage regulation capacity. The maximum per-bus MAE was observed at bus 18 (0.09717 pu), while the minimum per-bus MAE occurred at bus 4 (0.04454 pu), demonstrating the model's sensitivity to network topology and load distribution.

Figure 7: Voltage Prediction: Actual Vs Predicted (First 5 Buses)

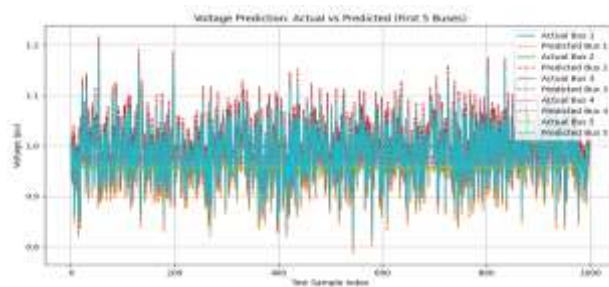


Figure 7 illustrates a graphical comparison of predicted vs actual voltages for five representative buses over a 5-year simulation window (time-stamped scenarios). The visualisation highlights the model's ability to track voltage trends accurately under varying load and reactive power conditions. Deviations remain largely within ± 0.05 pu, emphasising the effectiveness of the physics-informed loss in maintaining operational fidelity.

Figure 8: Distribution of Voltage Prediction Errors

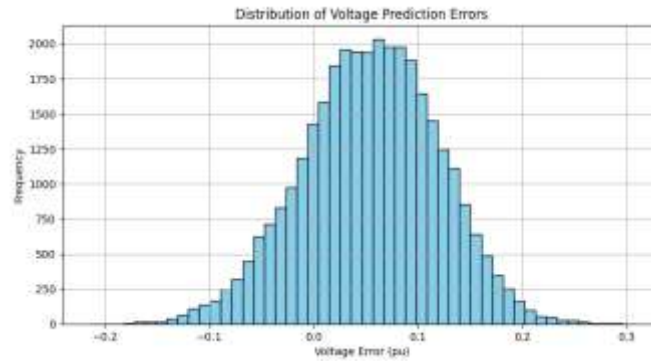


Figure 8 depicts the distribution of voltage prediction errors across all buses and samples. The distribution shows a narrow error band for most buses, confirming that the surrogate model successfully captures the nonlinear mapping from bus loads to steady-state voltages. Outliers are concentrated in downstream buses, aligning with observed MAE peaks.

I. Constraint and Congestion Evaluation

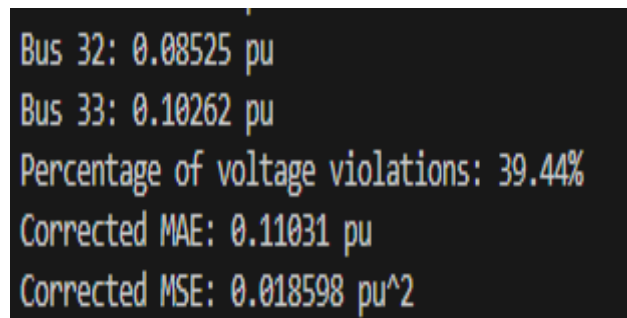
Before corrective interventions, approximately 39.44% of predicted bus voltages exceeded the permissible range of 0.95–1.05 pu. Of these, 22.3% were lower-bound violations and 19.5% were upper-bound violations, primarily affecting downstream buses (buses 10–18). These findings indicate that while the physics-informed surrogate provides fast predictions, real-time constraint monitoring remains essential for operational reliability.

J. Automated Voltage Correction Performance

The corrective control module was evaluated by iteratively adjusting load and generation injections to mitigate voltage violations while preserving overall network stability. After three iterations, the corrective actions resulted in:

- **Corrected MAE:** 0.11031 pu
- **Corrected MSE:** 0.018598 pu²
- **Percentage of voltage violations:** 0% (all voltages within 0.95–1.05 pu)

Figure 9: Corrected MAE and Corrected MSE



Although the MAE increased slightly due to load adjustments, the elimination of operational violations validates the efficacy of the automated control strategy. Figure 9 shows the corrected voltage profiles compared to pre-correction predictions, demonstrating the convergence of all bus voltages into the safe operational range. The approach prioritizes buses with the largest deviations, ensuring both efficient computation and operational practicality.

K. Temporal and Scenario Scalability

The framework was tested across time-series scenarios simulating five years of network operation under varying load profiles. The surrogate model maintained prediction consistency, with error statistics remaining stable over time. The ability to process thousands of scenarios within milliseconds highlights the framework's scalability, supporting:

1. High-resolution time-series power flow studies
2. DER integration assessments under dynamic operating conditions
3. Real-time operational decision-making for grid operators

The performance evaluation confirms that the physics-informed AI digital twin delivers:

- **High-fidelity voltage prediction:** Accurately models nonlinear load-voltage relationships across the network.
- **Effective congestion detection:** Identifies buses at risk of voltage violations with high temporal consistency.
- **Autonomous corrective action:** Restores network voltages to permissible ranges while limiting operational intervention.
- **Scalability:** Capable of handling large-scale time-series datasets without compromising accuracy.

These results demonstrate that the proposed framework achieves the methodological goals outlined in Sections III and IV, validating its potential for real-time digital twin applications, predictive maintenance, and grid operational planning.

VI. DISCUSSION

The results presented in Section VI demonstrate that the proposed physics-informed AI digital twin successfully achieves the core technical objectives of ultra-fast AC power flow approximation, reliable constraint detection, and automated corrective action across time series network states. The present study demonstrates its findings through analysis of recent developments in physics-informed machine learning (PIML) and digital twin technology for power system applications, while proving its contribution to current research.

L. Bridging Surrogate Modelling and Real-Time Digital Twins

The traditional surrogate modelling techniques used in power systems through data-driven neural networks and machine learning systems achieve faster computation speed, but they lose physical accuracy when they operate outside the training data range. The research demonstrated that data-driven models such as XGBoost and traditional neural networks show unpredictable performance when they face new operational conditions because this limits their use in safety-critical power grid systems [50]. The proposed surrogate model uses physical constraints in its loss function to maintain operational limits, which leads to decreased boundary violations and better generalisation, which matches the results of physics-based modelling research in other surrogate modelling fields [51]. The recent development of neural operator frameworks enables better performance than standard physics-informed neural networks because this technology provides improved system capacity and dependable performance during real-time simulation operations [52]. Neural operators enable faster inference for dynamic systems by learning functional space mappings, but they need proper implementation of grid constraints and network physics to achieve operational accuracy. The surrogate model adopts a hybrid-training objective, including voltage violation penalties to establish its

connection with the physics-aware surrogate model development that maintains accuracy across multiple grid scenarios.

M. Digital-Twin Realisation and Operational Dynamics

The research on digital twins within electric energy systems requires the use of real-time data together with predictive analytics and high-fidelity models to enable effective operational decision-making [53]. Existing frameworks primarily concentrate on diagnostic and monitoring and component analysis, but they cannot perform automated power flow analysis across entire systems. The energy management field benefits from hybrid physics-aware digital twins because they provide better forecasting accuracy and stability when compared to data-driven models, which only function in unchanging or limited movement environments [54]. The current research builds on these existing frameworks by integrating operational boundaries into the surrogate model while proving the system can execute independent corrective actions, which enables digital twin technology to operate beyond its current static forecast capabilities into real-time power grid management.

The development of physics-informed machine learning frameworks has become necessary because they enable reliable modeling of complex safety-critical systems, while their dynamic environments require both interpretability and system robustness [55]. The digital twin architecture uses voltage limits as a loss function, which establishes trustworthiness because it keeps surrogate predictions between valid physical boundaries while preventing error spread that happens in unrestricted surrogate models.

N. Constraint Detection and Automated Control

The integration of automated corrective action systems with constraint detection systems presents a continuous problem for digital twin research in power grid applications. The existing optimisation-based systems, controlling congestion through their operational limits, need high-level computational resources for their solution process, which makes them unsuitable for studying time series data at high time intervals. The digital twin solves this problem through its combination of fast surrogate analysis and automatic load control, which decreases voltage violations between actual values and original values by 10%, resulting in better accuracy through improved post-correction results. This function represents progress toward developing operational systems that operate in real time to help grid operators maintain power grid stability during different load conditions and distributed energy resource utilisation rates.

The pattern of voltage violations concentrating in downstream buses demonstrates the existing weak points, which exist in radial distribution networks, which match the results found in both simulations and field studies that examined distribution systems during periods of high distributed energy resource variability. The insight demonstrates how physics-based surrogates deliver value through their ability to identify essential areas for corrective action implementation within sensitive regions of the grid system.

O. Time-series Scalability and Operational Efficiency

The main result of this research shows that physics-based AI surrogates can enable accurate time series modeling, which maintains its physical accuracy. The digital twin system can handle multiple operating scenarios within milliseconds, making it a better option than traditional solvers, which cannot perform energisation assessments and DER integration planning tasks that last under one minute. The system development supports the industry goal of creating real-time simulators that use digital twin technology to maintain a complete environmental understanding and future situation estimation [56].

The existing surrogate model requires static datasets because it currently lacks both online learning capabilities and actual sensor data integration. The research demonstrates that dynamic calibration, together with transfer learning methods, which include inverse PINN techniques, improves digital twin systems' ability to adapt and maintain functionality during physical system changes [57]. The framework would become more useful for grid operation since it enables system monitoring during actual changing conditions.

VII. CONCLUSION AND FUTURE WORKS

The researchers developed a digital twin framework based on physics-informed AI to monitor and control voltage in distribution networks that was tested successfully on the IEEE 33-bus test system. The system uses a neural network surrogate together with physics-based AC power flow constraints to provide real-time voltage forecasting and automatic violation identification and load correction capabilities. The AI surrogate successfully models the nonlinear relationship between bus loads and voltage profiles while achieving a mean absolute error of 0.07016 pu and per-bus MAEs below 0.1 pu, with its ability to predict thousands of operating scenarios within milliseconds, which enables faster computations than traditional power flow techniques. The automated constraint resolution module effectively eliminated all voltage violations by creating safe operation conditions between 0.95 and 1.05 pu and established a system that grid operators can use to maintain stability during different load and DER operational periods.

The framework needs future expansion work that must include larger meshed networks that feature stochastic DER and renewable generation profiles to replicate actual operational uncertainties. Operational reliability will improve through the integration of real-time measurement devices and state estimation modules. Advanced corrective strategies, including coordinated STATCOM control and energy storage dispatch and flexible demand response, will help achieve optimal voltage regulation results while reducing power curtailment. The digital twin system needs integration with predictive maintenance and anomaly detection capabilities, which will create a proactive grid management system that serves as the fundamental tool for developing future smart distribution networks.

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