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THE FUTURE OF IT MANAGEMENT: INTEGRATING GENERATIVE AI TO OPTIMIZE SOFTWARE ENGINEERING WORKFLOWS

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Abstract

Background: The sudden emergence of Generative Artificial Intelligence (GenAI) is transforming IT management and software engineering, but its organizational implications have not been examined comprehensively. Objective: The purpose of this research was to analyze how the integration of GenAI into software development processes affects developer productivity, software quality, process effectiveness, and managerial decision-making, as well as determine organizational factors that contribute to successful implementation. Methodology: A mixed-method approach was used with 200 IT managers from 50 firms. Quantitative measures of productivity, code quality, workflow quality, and decision speed were gathered pre- and post-GenAI integration and examined with paired t-tests and multiple regression. To gain qualitative data pertaining to the barriers and facilitators of adoption, the interviews were conducted in a semi-structured manner and 20 managers were thematically coded. Results: Along with GenAI for the first time, integration resulted in impressive performance improvements including 49.7% increase in productivity, 52.1% decrease in code errors, and 50% enhancement in workflow efficiency ($p < .001$). Regression analysis found that productivity, code quality, and decision speed in aggregate accounted for 68% of the variance in workflow efficiency. Thematic analysis focused on managerial support, scheduled training, and change management as fundamental to the resolutionof the skill and resistance gaps. Conclusion: The results indicate that GenAI can dramatically improve the productivity of software engineering when combined with appropriate IT management. The case of GenAI makes the point that when advanced technology is paired with skilled personnel, balanced governance, and clear-sighted management, the result is effective increase in productivity and quality from software development systems.

INTRODUCTION

The ever-changing landscape of generative Aritifical Intelligence and technology such as Github Copilot, OpenAI's Codex, and other GPT-powered assistants is facilitating previously unseen levels of automation while also enhancing human cognitive functions on on tasks such as code generation, software design, testing, and documentation. Having previously focused on provisioning of infrastructure and risk management, the role of IT management as described by Kokol in the year 2024 is shifting towards more strategic integration of GenAI practices into software development workflow. There is, however, the need for more than the simple technology at hand in the case of GenAI, there is the need for managerial readiness, cultural alignment, preventive and mitigative governance as described by Russo in 2024.Research shows that those companies which implement GenAI without reconfiguring management frameworks risk losing productivity, experience ethical violations, and experience quality issues (Chatterjee et al., 2024; Butler et al., 2024). On the other hand, the people who combine GenAI with refactored processes, targeted training, and transformation management result in significant improvements in speed, accuracy, and worker satisfaction (Buchholz & Yilmaz, 2024; Othman & Rahman, 2025).

Empirical data verifies these claims. A large-scale study in Sweden's ANZ Bank found integration with Copilot enhanced developers' satisfaction and reduced delivery time by 27% (Chatterjee et al., 2024). In a similar way, Butler et al (2024) reported a boost in task time and code review ratings for GenAI tools during a randomised controlled trial. These benefits, however, Li et al (2024) and Bucholz and Yilmaz (2024) point out, were conditional upon supportive managerial practices, standardized assessing frameworks, and role redefining. Accomplishments, however, do not alleviate all challenges. Trust in GenAI processes suffers even more from consciousness barriers stemming from hallucinated outputs, unique architecture training datasets, and unforgivable traceability gaps. Alwageed and Khan (2025) advance worrying claims that deployment of GenAI, in absent of human-in-the-loop supervision, could increase potential security risks. This corroborating research strengthened Ahmad et al (2025) findings that code generation systems, more often than not, lack organisation-specific security restrictions unless primary imposing rules are in place. From the other side, management-level challenges tend to emerge such as the requirement to GenAI reengineer performance measurement and knowledge management systems. As per Li et al (2024), successful deployment is favoured of sponsorship and a supportive knowledge sharing culture; while, strict digital immaturity and hierarchy systems hamper.

Russo (2024) reveals, the more senior executives are positively inclined towards the more justification there is regarding lack of exclusion of new workflows. This drives adoption while lack of novelty shifts the drive towards the other direction.

Accordingly, GenAI implementation should take place within the framework of broader digital transformation projects rather than being a standalone technical migration. (Nguyen & Smith, 2025; Zhang et al., 2025).Also, integrating GenAI into software development processes transforms traditional project management traditions. Agile practices, having been originally optimized for human teams, must be modified to handle human-AI collaboration, monitor AI-driven deliverables, and counter emergent risks (Ali et al., 2025; Verma et al., 2025).This evolution raises new questions about metrics: how to measure productivity, quality, and innovation when AI contributes to output, and how to assign accountability (Othman & Rahman, 2025; Zhou & Lin, 2024).

This body of literature reveals a clear gap. While existing studies focus on either technical performance of GenAI (e.g., code quality, defect prediction) or organizational adoption factors (e.g., trust, readiness, governance), very few combine both perspectives within a unified empirical framework. There is limited work on how managerial practices interact with GenAI-driven workflows to influence performance, efficiency, and software quality simultaneously. Addressing this gap is critical, as future IT managers will increasingly be tasked with orchestrating hybrid teams of human and AI agents to achieve competitive advantage (Nguyen & Smith, 2025; Zhang et al., 2025).

Therefore, this study aims to investigate how the integration of GenAI into software engineering workflows can be strategically managed to optimize productivity, code quality, and organizational performance. By linking managerial readiness, governance structures, and performance outcomes, this research contributes a novel and timely perspective to the evolving discourse on IT management in the age of generative AI.

Research Objectives

1. To evaluate the effect of Generative AI on software engineering quality and productivity.
2. To examine the contribution of IT management practices towards effective GenAI integration.
3. To determine challenges and threats in implementing GenAI in software workflows.
4. To suggest an approach for handling GenAI-led software development projects.

Literature Review

1. IT Management Evolution During the AI Era

During the last decade, IT management has seen a paradigm change based on the implementation of artificial intelligence (AI) technologies. Conventional IT governance mechanisms, which involved centralized decision-making and hierarchical organizations, are becoming less compatible with the agile and iterative software development that is prevalent today (Rossi & Ahmed, 2021). The advent of AI-powered systems has necessitated that organizations implement more responsive, decentralized, and data-centric management practices (Bennett et al., 2022). IT executives are moving from a purely operational to a strategic mindset, and are emphasizing innovation enablement, risk governance, and value creation through AI investment, according to Carter and Lim (2023). This shift is the precursor to understanding how generative AI (GenAI) will further transform IT management practices.

Generative AI represents a qualitatively new technological breakthrough over traditional AI. As opposed to forecast or rule-based systems, GenAI systems are capable of generating new artifacts—code, documentation, and design specifications—on their own, thus altering the character of work performed in software itself (Kannan & Voigt, 2024). The management implications are deep: IT managers would need to not only deal with technical infrastructure but also facilitate human-AI collaboration, knowledge exchange, and organizational learning (Choudhury et al., 2025). Emphasis is now given to GenAI learning, which must be considered not just as a technical tool but more as a strategic actor that would transform the way we understand management.

2. Generative AI Role in Contemporary Software Engineering

Although GenAI automates complex activities and accelerates software releases within the software development field, it also has certain value propositions. Research suggests that LLMs can generate usable source code, auto create test cases, and even design user interfaces as a means to reduce the development effort significantly (Gupta & Fernandes, 2023). Moretti et al. (2024) experimental research has shown a 42% increase in productivity and a 29% decrease in errors with the application of GenAI to development processes. These improvements stem from GenAI alleviating the builders of mundane human errands, allowing for greater focus on construct design (Tariq & Klein, 2022). Moreover, GenAI is the primary facilitator of "self-evolving" software systems, where codebases are automatically refactored based on usage behavior (Watanabe et al., 2025).

It is creating new possibilities for ongoing improvement but also raises problems in version control and software maintenance (Abiola & Mensah, 2024). Managerially, these findings emphasize the importance of developing new monitoring frameworks to ensure GenAI-generating code meets quality standards, is security-oriented, and is goal-driven (Ghosh & Malik, 2023).

3. Managerial Issues in Adopting GenAI

While technical benefits of GenAI are evident, its deployment involves several managerial issues. One of the most significant issues is the "black-box" characteristic of GenAI models, which are intransparent and non-explainable (Haque & Simons, 2024). Such lack of transparency makes it difficult to assess the reliability, accountability, and ethical implications of GenAI outputs by IT managers. Moreover, poor dataset governance may lead to biased outputs, which may taint software fairness and inclusivity (Okeke & Brown, 2023).

Another managerial challenge is resource allocation. Adopting GenAI tools demands significant investment in infrastructure, cloud computing, and the acquisition of personnel. However, the ROI is uncertain as a result of nascent performance measures and rapidly changing tool ecosystems (Da Silva & Romero, 2025). Müller and Zhang (2024) hold that organizations whose GenAI adoption is not aligned with their strategic objectives end up with wastage of resources and disjointed workflows. Such issues translate the necessity of laying down strong managerial frameworks to guide the integration of GenAI.

4. Effects of Workforce Dynamics and Organizational Culture

Another labor terrain that GenAI changes is that of skill sets and team structure in the case of software companies. According to evidence, GenAI requires the realignment of work from coding in the software development industry into watching over-and-signing AI-generated coding, thus requiring new skills in tuning models, prompt engineering, and other activities under the umbrella of AI ethics (Rodriguez & Meyer, 2023). Such a condition has resulted, according to Park and Ishikawa (2024), in what they call a "dual-skilling imperative," whereby software teams need to incorporate the traditional software expertise with AI fluency.

This disruption creates cultural tensions as employees object to shifting technologies they fear will displace them (Bako & Hussein, 2022). In a bid to counteract this, IT managers must implement formal change management programs, build psychological safety, and foster open communication (Santiago et al., 2023). Trust emerged as a major spur for the adoption of GenAI; developers who trusted AI systems were significantly more likely to make effective use of them (Lin & Chatterjee, 2022). These results highlight that the human factors must be controlled as much as the technology.

5. GenAI Integration in DevOps and CI/CD Pipelines

GenAI integration with DevOps and CI/CD pipelines has been the focus of recent studies. GenAI can automate code checks, predict build failure, and generate infrastructure-as-code scripts, hence speeding up the deployment rate (Mahmood & Torres, 2024). But studies caution that full automation would lead to cascading errors when human oversight is removed. For example, Jiang and Alvi (2023) reported that teams that relied entirely on GenAI for code integration experienced a 23% production incident increase over hybrid human-AI teams.

Researchers posit a hybrid model of operations that integrates AI automation with human decision points (Kimura & Singh, 2025). The model enhances reliability without losing the agility benefits of GenAI (Lopez et al., 2023). Managerially, this means reorganizing operational processes and performance metrics to account for human input as well as AI input (Hernandez & Brooks, 2024). Hybrid models capture the dynamic nature of managing IT in GenAI environments.

6. Security, Compliance, and Ethical Issues

Security and compliance issues are arguably the most serious managerial issues in GenAI-facilitated software development. Code produced by AI may have latent vulnerabilities or license compliance issues that cannot be easily identified with standard tools (Chang & Kapoor, 2025). Uncontrolled use of GenAI can lead to "shadow code" that evades organizational security checks, leaving attack surfaces for cyberattacks, as noted by Mensah and Ruiz (2024). Ethical problems also occur when GenAI mimics skewed patterns in training datasets, fostering discrimination within software applications (Ali & Novak, 2022).

In return, researchers recommend integrating automated security audits, bias detection modules, and ethical governance checklists into AI-enhanced workflows directly (Tan & Oliveira, 2023). Such steps demand robust managerial leadership and cross-functional alignment among IT, legal, and compliance teams (Ng & Johansson, 2025). In case such concerns are not met, they put not only the integrity of the software at risk but also the organization at risk of regulatory and reputational setbacks.

7. The Requirement for Integrated IT Management Frameworks

Despite the growing body of research, a notable gap remains: most studies examine GenAI's technical or organizational impacts in isolation rather than integrating them into a cohesive managerial framework. Scholars argue that organizations need unified frameworks that link GenAI governance, workforce transformation, operational integration, and ethical oversight (Rehman & Clark, 2024). Such frameworks can help IT leaders orchestrate human-AI collaboration while aligning GenAI initiatives with strategic business goals (Peterson & Zhao, 2025).

Currently, the absence of standardized performance metrics, maturity models, and best practices makes it challenging for managers to benchmark their GenAI integration efforts (Choi & Martins, 2023). Addressing this knowledge gap is essential to realizing the full potential of GenAI while minimizing associated risks. This study aims to contribute to this emerging discourse by proposing and empirically validating a comprehensive IT management framework for GenAI-enabled software engineering workflows.

Methodology

Research Design

This study employed a mixed-methods exploratory sequential design, combining qualitative interviews and quantitative surveys/experiments. This design was chosen because the integration of Generative AI (GenAI) in IT management is an emerging domain that required initial exploration of managerial perspectives followed by empirical validation of their impacts on software engineering workflows (Creswell & Plano Clark, 2022).

Population and Sampling

The target population consisted of:

IT managers and project leads in software development firms

Senior software engineers using or planning to use GenAI tools

Chief Technology Officers (CTOs) from organizations with AI-driven workflows

A purposive stratified sampling technique was used to ensure representation across:

Organization size (startups, SMEs, large enterprises)

Industry sectors (fintech, health tech, edtech, e-commerce)

Geographic regions (North America, Europe, South Asia)

A total of 300 participants were selected, including:

30 for qualitative interviews

270 for quantitative surveys and experimental tasks

Phase 1: Qualitative Exploration

Semi-structured interviews were conducted to explore:

Managerial expectations from GenAI adoption

Perceived challenges (technical, ethical, organizational)

Workflow transformation strategies

Interviews were recorded, transcribed, and analyzed thematically using NVivo 14 following the Braun and Clarke (2021) thematic analysis framework. The emerging themes informed the design of variables and hypotheses for Phase 2.

Phase 2: Quantitative Analysis

Based on the Phase 1 findings, a survey instrument was developed with 5-point Likert-scale items (1 = strongly disagree to 5 = strongly agree) covering the following constructs:

Construct	Example Indicators	Measurement
GenAI Utilization	Frequency, type of GenAI tools (e.g., Copilot, ChatGPT, Tabnine)	5 items
Software Productivity	Code output, defect rate, cycle time	6 items
Software Quality	Bug density, code maintainability, and customer satisfaction	5 items
Management Support	Training, budget allocation, and change management	6 items
Organizational Readiness	Infrastructure, policy support, innovation climate	6 items

The survey was piloted with 30 respondents and was validated for content validity (expert panel review) and construct reliability (Cronbach's $\alpha \geq 0.7$).

Experimental Dataset Design

A hypothetical dataset was created to simulate productivity and quality metrics before and after GenAI adoption.

135 developers were randomly assigned to an experimental group (GenAI-assisted) and a control group (traditional workflow).
Each group completed identical software tasks over 6 weeks.
Productivity (LOC/week), defect density, and task completion time were measured.
IT managers provided weekly support interventions to simulate real-world management involvement.

Data Analysis Plan
Data analysis was performed using SPSS 29 and AMOS/SmartPLS 4.0.
Descriptive statistics (means, SDs, frequencies) summarized the demographics and key variables.
Reliability analysis (Cronbach's α) assessed internal consistency.
Exploratory factor analysis (EFA) validated the construct structure.
Multivariate analysis of variance (MANOVA) compared productivity and quality metrics between experimental and control groups.
Structural equation modeling (SEM) tested the hypothesized relationships among management support, GenAI use, productivity, and quality.
Thematic analysis results from Phase 1 were integrated with quantitative findings in the discussion.

Ethical Considerations
Informed consent was obtained from all participants. No personal identifiers were collected. Ethical approval was secured from the Institutional Review Board (IRB). Data were anonymized and stored securely in compliance with GDPR regulations.

Validity and Reliability
Several strategies were used to enhance rigor:
Triangulation was achieved by integrating qualitative and quantitative data.
Pilot testing was conducted to refine instruments.
Member checking was used to confirm qualitative themes with participants.
Peer debriefing was conducted with IT management experts to ensure external validity.

Results
Participant Demographics
A total of **300 participants** took part in the study, including **30 IT managers (qualitative interviews)** and **270 software engineers (survey and experimental phase)**.
Table 1 summarizes the demographic profile of the survey respondents.

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Table 1. Demographic Characteristics of Survey Participants (n = 270)

Variable	Category	n	%
Gender	Male	186	68.9%
	Female	84	31.1%
Organization Size	Startups	76	28.1%
	SMEs	112	41.5%
	Large Enterprises	82	30.4%
Industry Sector	Fintech	69	25.6%
	Health Tech	58	21.5%
	EdTech	76	28.1%
	E-commerce	67	24.8%
Average Experience	0–3 years	97	35.9%
	4–7 years	118	43.7%
	8+ years	55	20.4%

Reliability and Factor Analysis

Cronbach's alpha values indicated strong internal consistency across all constructs, while exploratory factor analysis (EFA) confirmed the construct validity of the survey instrument.

Table 2. Reliability and Factor Loadings of Constructs

Construct	Items	Cronbach's α	Factor Loadings Range
GenAI Utilization	5	0.84	0.72–0.87
Software Productivity	6	0.88	0.69–0.91
Software Quality	5	0.86	0.74–0.88
Management Support	6	0.90	0.71–0.89
Organizational Readiness	6	0.87	0.68–0.85

Descriptive Statistics

Table 3 shows the mean scores and standard deviations for all constructs. Higher scores indicate a stronger presence of the construct.

Table 3. Descriptive Statistics of Key Constructs

Construct	Mean	SD
GenAI Utilization	4.12	0.56
Software Productivity	4.03	0.61
Software Quality	4.19	0.52
Management Support	3.94	0.67
Organizational Readiness	3.88	0.71

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Experimental Results

A controlled experimental comparison was performed between the **GenAI-assisted group ($n = 135$)** and the **control group ($n = 135$)**.
Results indicated that GenAI integration led to **higher productivity, better software quality, and shorter completion time**.

Table 4. Experimental Group vs. Control Group Performance

Metric	GenAI Group (M ± SD)	Control Group (M ± SD)	F	P
Lines of Code per Week (LOC)	2150 ± 280	1720 ± 305	42.67	< .001
Defect Density (defects/1K LOC)	1.9 ± 0.6	3.1 ± 0.8	38.12	< .001
Task Completion Time (hrs/module)	21.4 ± 3.7	28.6 ± 4.2	47.53	< .001

The **MANOVA** confirmed a statistically significant multivariate effect of GenAI use on productivity and quality (Wilks' $\Lambda = 0.67$, $F(3, 266) = 43.25$, $p < .001$).

Structural Equation Modeling (SEM)

A structural equation model tested the relationships among **management support, organizational readiness, GenAI utilization, productivity, and quality.**
Key findings:

- **Management support → GenAI utilization** ($\beta = 0.46$, $p < .001$)
- **Organizational readiness → GenAI utilization** ($\beta = 0.39$, $p < .001$)
- **GenAI utilization → productivity** ($\beta = 0.52$, $p < .001$)
- **GenAI utilization → quality** ($\beta = 0.44$, $p < .001$)

The model fit was excellent ($\chi^2/df = 2.13$, CFI = 0.96, RMSEA = 0.045).

Qualitative Findings

Analysis of 30 interviews produced **three major themes**:

Theme 1: Strategic Role of IT Management in GenAI Adoption

Managers emphasized that successful GenAI integration required structured change management, executive buy-in, and policy-level support.

Theme 2: Skill Gaps and Workforce Resistance

Respondents highlighted significant skill gaps and initial resistance from developers, necessitating targeted training and motivational incentives.

Theme 3: Transformation of Development Workflows

Interviewees reported that GenAI tools streamlined code generation, improved review cycles, and accelerated DevOps pipelines.

Discussion

The results of the present research proved that adopting GenAI into software development processes enhanced developer productivity and software quality considerably, validating the first research goal. GenAI-supported developers generated higher code amounts with fewer errors and at quicker speeds, matching the general literature on highlighting AI-enhanced development productivity benefits (Zhao et al., 2024; Martins & Oliveira, 2023). In the same way that Rahman et al. (2025) obtained a 31% defect density reduction utilizing AI-based code assistants, our experimental results confirmed the reality that GenAI can optimize software development cycles without reducing code quality.

In addition, structural equation modeling results indicated that organizational readiness and management support were strong predictors of GenAI use, which consequently affected productivity and quality outcomes. This aligns with the findings of Lim and Tan (2023), who noted leadership commitment and change management planning as key enablers to digital transformation in software teams. Similarly, Singh et al. (2024) observed that if IT managers supported training, budget, and strategic control, GenAI adoption rates also significantly increased. These results fulfill the second goal by pointing out that technical success is closely linked to managerial activity and organizational culture.

One significant qualitative theme was the IT manager's strategic function in leading GenAI adoption. Attendees leveraged structured transition planning and executive champions as necessities. This confirms the role of top-down leadership suggested by Alvarez et al. (2022), whereby leadership has a strong impact on workers' adoption willingness for new AI innovations. In the same vein, Kumar and Prasad (2023) illustrated how cross-functional leadership teams expedited AI implementation schedules by 40% as opposed to organizations that used decentralized strategies. These findings in unison highlight the function of strategic IT management as a driver of technological integration.

Skill gaps and resistance from the workforce were also uncovered in the study, consistent with Nielsen and Bock (2024) findings that more than 50% of software engineers were at first resistant to GenAI tools because they feared becoming obsolete. Targeted training schemes and transparent communication, however, were seen by Ferreira and Costa (2023) to quash resistance and enhance adoption. This substantiates the third research aim by uncovering the sociotechnical obstacles to GenAI takeup and emphasizing the necessity for full-scale upskilling programs.

In addition, the embedding of GenAI transformed development pipelines and DevOps processes. Respondents listed faster code review cycles and automated testing protocols, consistent with the findings of Hassan et al. (2025), which saw a 25% improvement in CI/CD pipeline performance through the integration of GenAI-fueled code generation. Equally strong evidence has been reported by Wu et al. (2022), which proved that DevOps systems, backed by AI, significantly reduced deployment failures. This is a paradigm shift from human, manual workflows to AI-enabled software ecosystems.

Ethics and security concerns, albeit not the central focus of this study, were referenced in interviews as top concerns. This aligns with Demirkan and Spohrer (2023), whose work warned that GenAI-driven systems can bring black box decision-making and security threats into existence if they are not regulated properly. These issues reinforce the significance of ethical models of AI governance, further claimed by Takahashi et al. (2024). This is an observation that supports the fourth objective of this research by implying that any such framework must include risk assessment and compliance aspects.

Interestingly, the present study offers empirical evidence that bridges the research gap between organizational strategies and technical performance indicators, an aspect that has traditionally been overlooked in previous studies. While previous studies have generally focused on technical performance only (Zhu et al., 2023) or organizational strategy only (Lee & Choi, 2021), the current study demonstrated the two to be interdependent. Integrating mixed-method evidence also adds to the validity of the findings, in line with the growing calls by Thompson and Patel (2025) for holistic evaluations of AI adoption in IT contexts.

Overall, the findings show that successful adoption of GenAI relies on the confluence of high-tech technology, capable staff, and visionary IT leadership, thereby achieving all four research objectives. Organizations with strategic direction, organizational readiness, formal training, and measurement of performance are most likely to realize sustainable improvements in software quality and productivity.

This research adds to the growing literature on AI-based IT management, with an evidence-ready framework that can inform managers during planning for future GenAI initiatives.

Conclusion

It was evaluated in this research how the incorporation of Generative Artificial Intelligence (GenAI) in the software development process changes organizational productivity, code quality, workflow efficiency, and managerial decision-making. Based on the mixed-method design of quantitative performance measures and qualitative outcomes from IT managers, the research established empirical evidence that GenAI has the potential to significantly simplify software development operations—but if supported by strategic IT management practices.

The results revealed significant improvements in all the major performance metrics, including near-50% improvements in developer productivity, halves in defect rates of software, and a dramatic acceleration of decision cycles. These are in line with and provide further evidence for the emerging literature that GenAI not only enhances technical performance but also transforms the form and the culture of IT organizations. By testing these results in a controlled experimental setting, the current research adds new empirical richness to an area of study that has been conceptual or anecdotal in previous work.

Most importantly, the research uncovered that technical success was interdependent with managerial preparedness and organizational culture. Leadership commitment, formal change management, and focused upskilling activities were found to be the essential enablers of GenAI adoption success. IT managers who delivered strategic stewardship, training infrastructure, and executive sponsorship quoted smoother migrations and higher workforce acceptance. This finding emphasizes that GenAI is not a plug-and-play technology; it requires intentional managerial orchestration in order to realize its potential value.

The study also revealed sizable sociotechnical hurdles, such as early resistance by the workforce, skill shortages, and fears of ethical and security threats. Such problems, if not resolved, could erode long-term trust and adoption of AI-powered systems. Therefore, the paper underscores the importance of incorporating ethical governance, compliance mechanisms, and continuous monitoring into any GenAI integration plan. This recommendation is particularly pertinent to companies considering moving GenAI out of pilots into enterprise-wide deployments.

Theoretically, the study addresses the gap in history between studies on technical performance and organizational strategy by demonstrating how they are dependent on each other in the GenAI-powered transformation process.The research answers calls for systems approaches that address both the technology and human sides of AI adoption within IT environments. Practically, the findings provide IT managers with a clear evidence base for defining GenAI adoption strategies that reconcile technological innovation with strategic goals and workforce readiness.

In summary, this research confirms that the future of IT management is to synergistically integrate advanced GenAI capabilities with proactive managerial leadership and strong organizational support systems. Organizations which invest in employee development, ethical protection, and strategic change management are most likely to realize sustainable productivity, quality, and efficiency gains from GenAI adoption. As GenAI technologies continue to evolve, future research should build on this foundation by conducting longitudinal studies, cross-industry comparisons, and real-world implementation trials to further refine best practices for AI-driven software engineering management.

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