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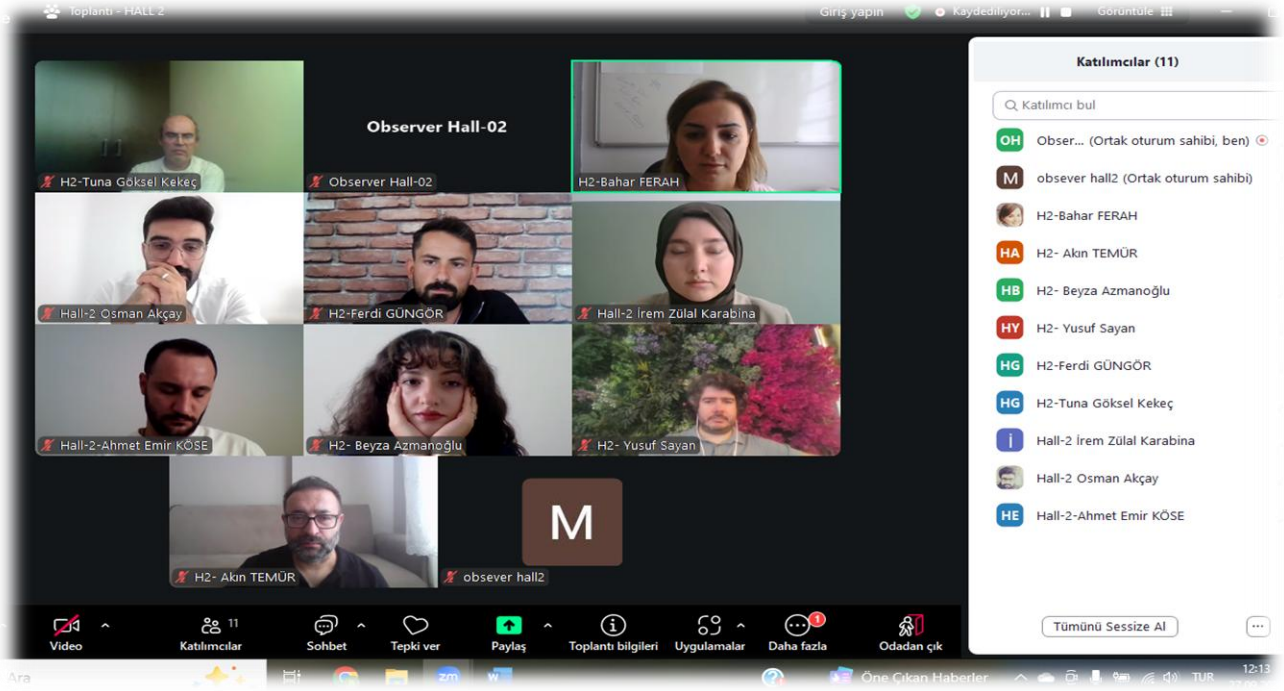

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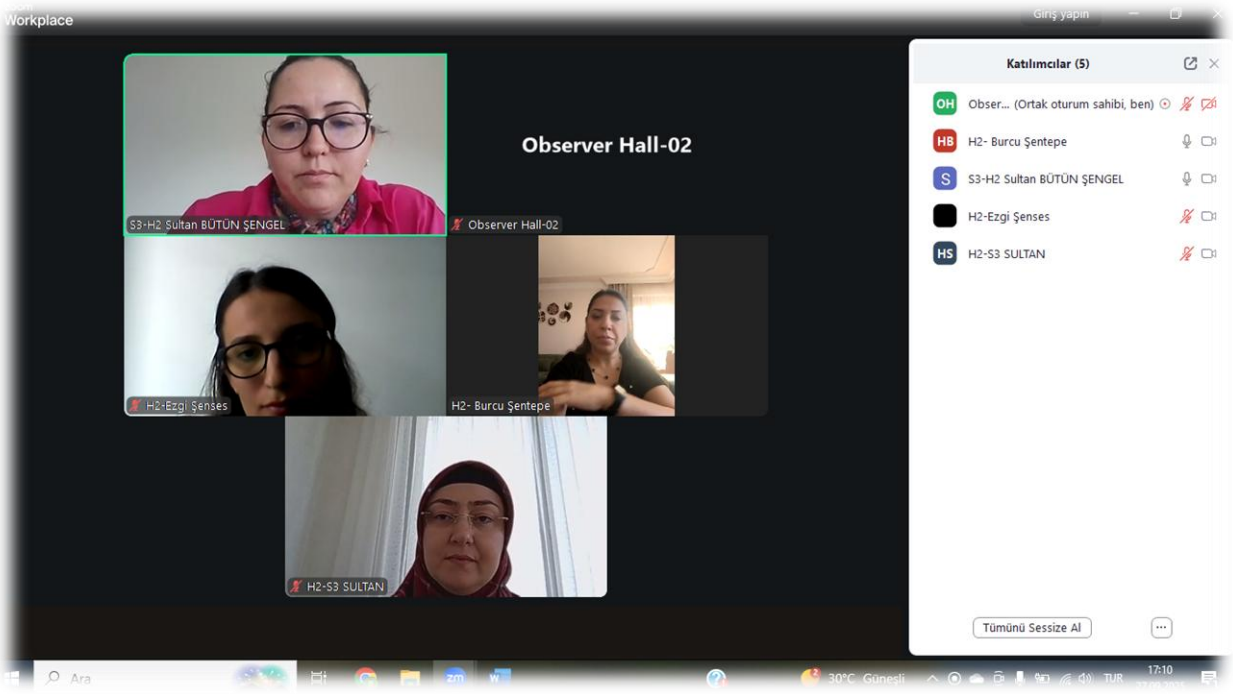

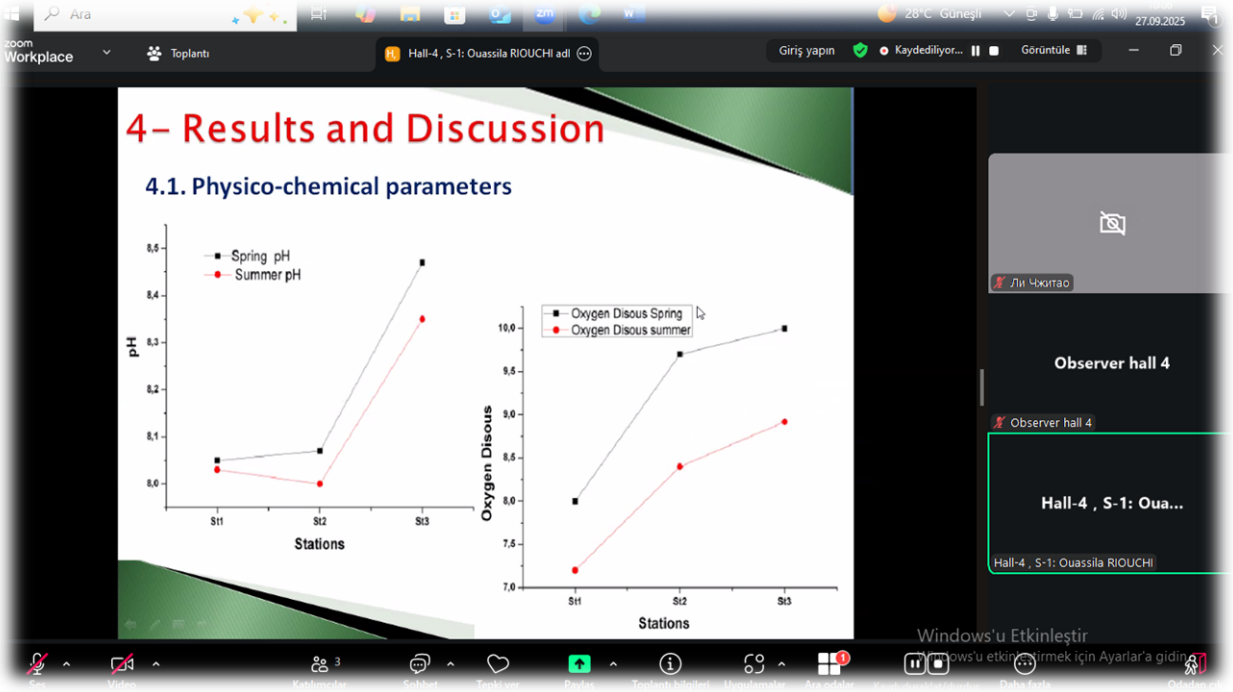

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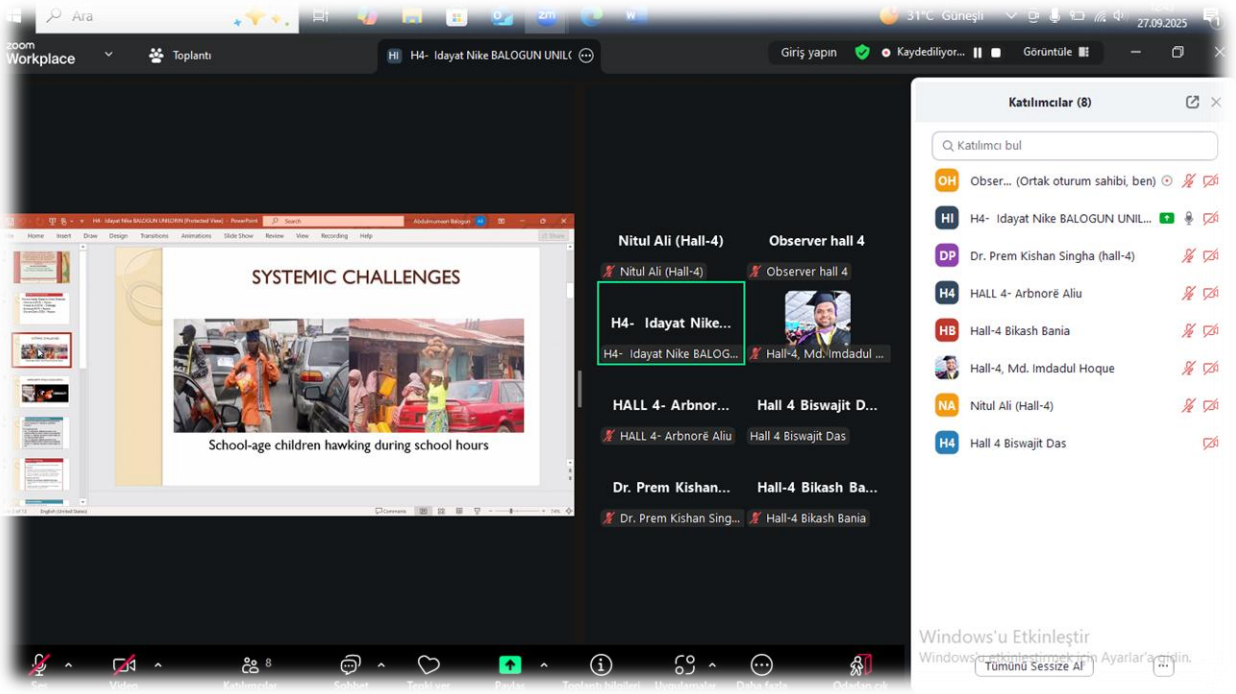

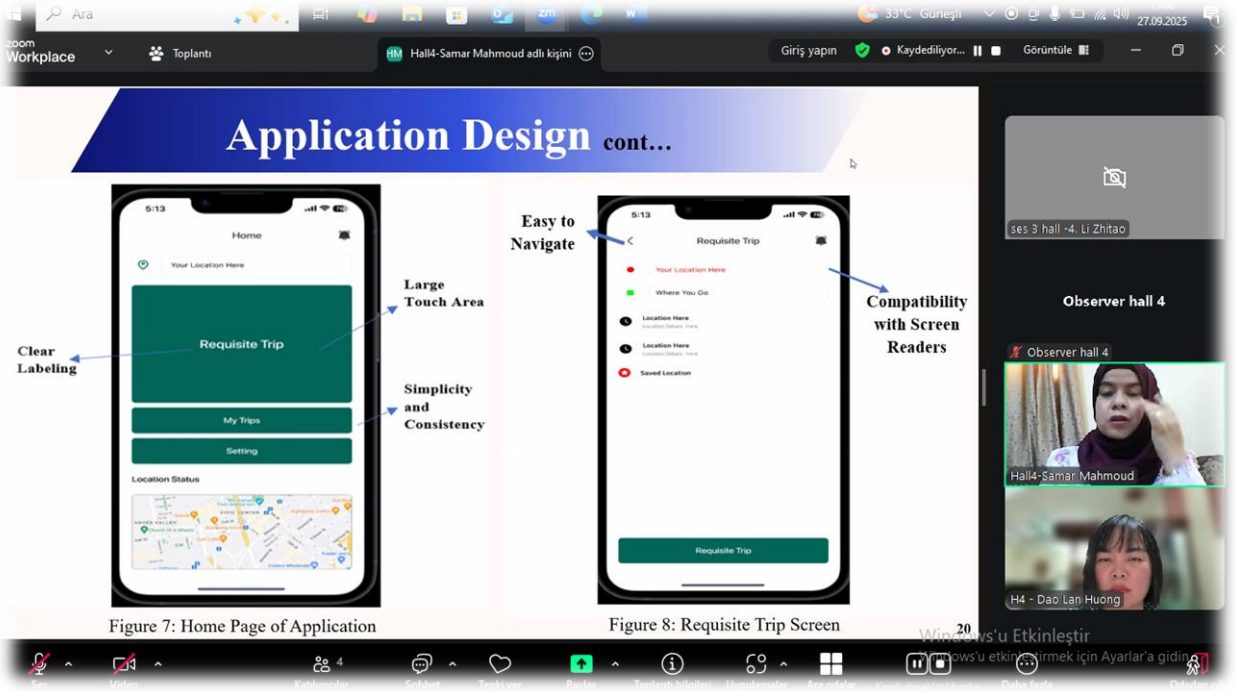

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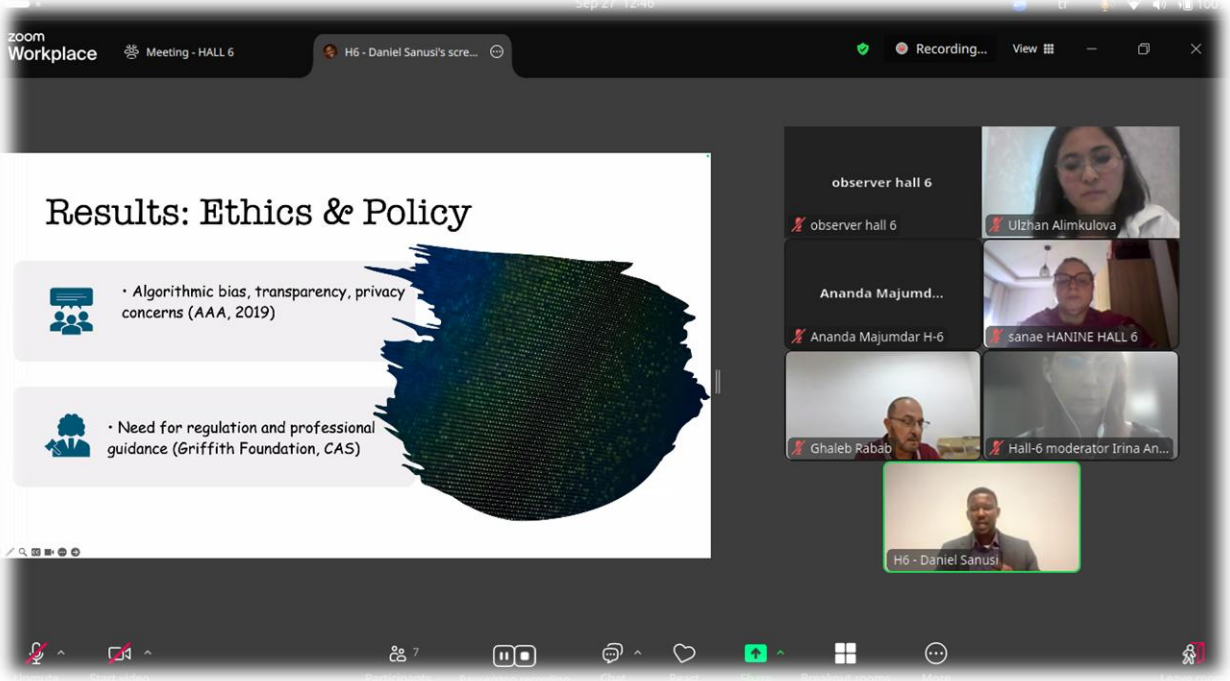

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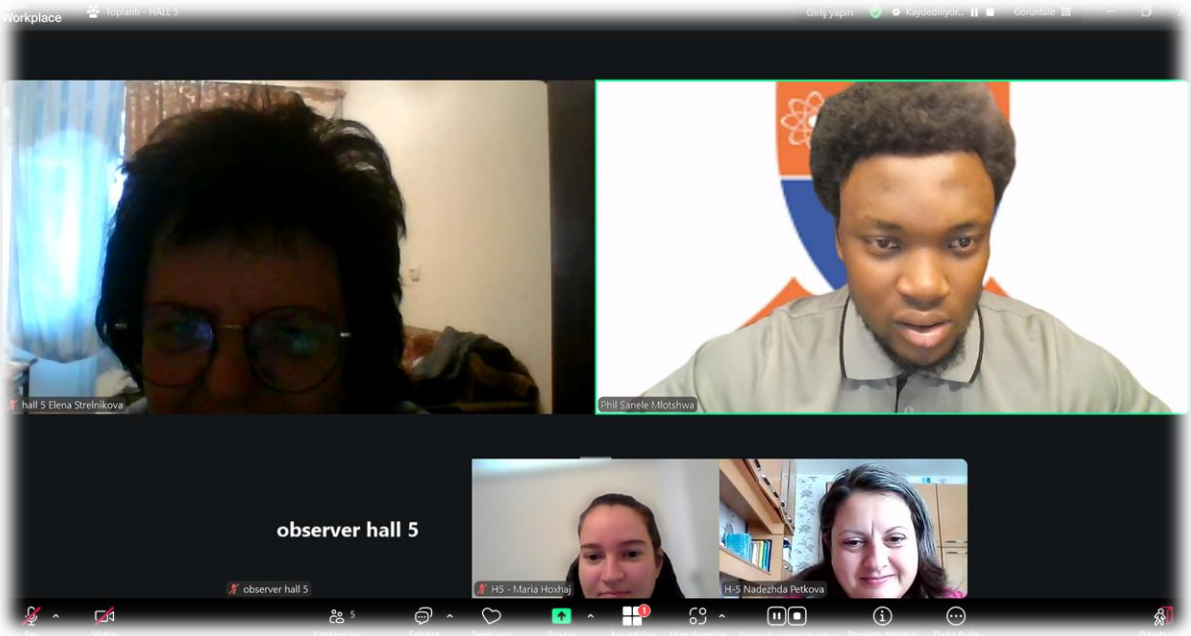

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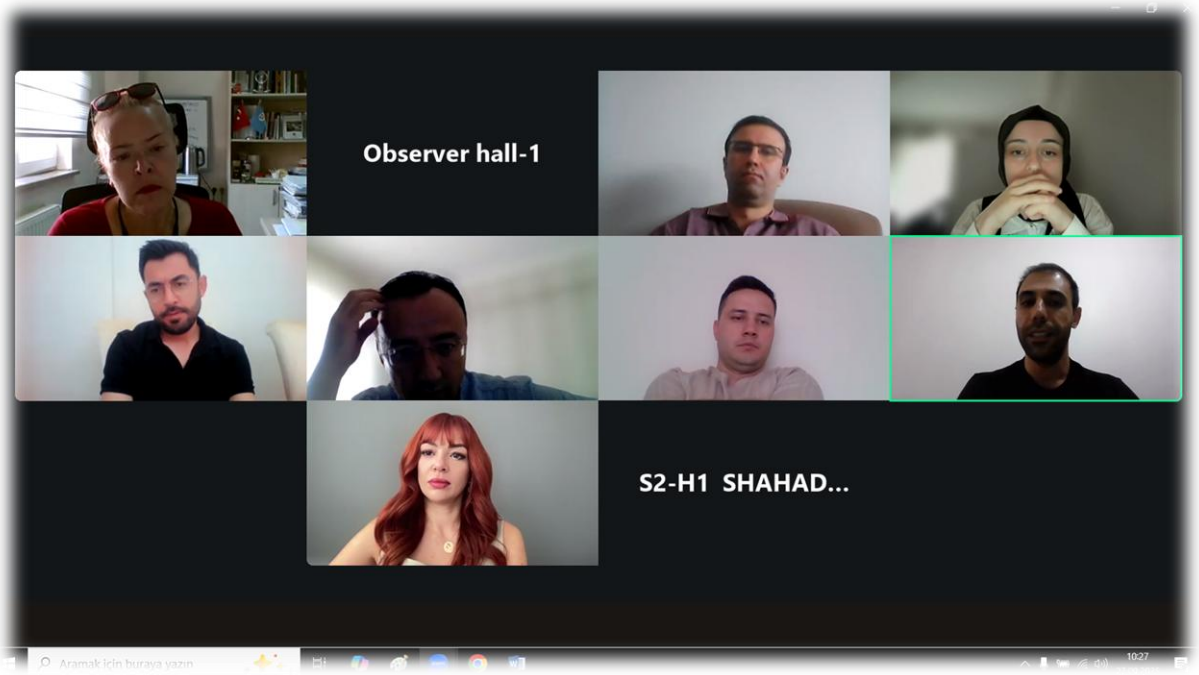

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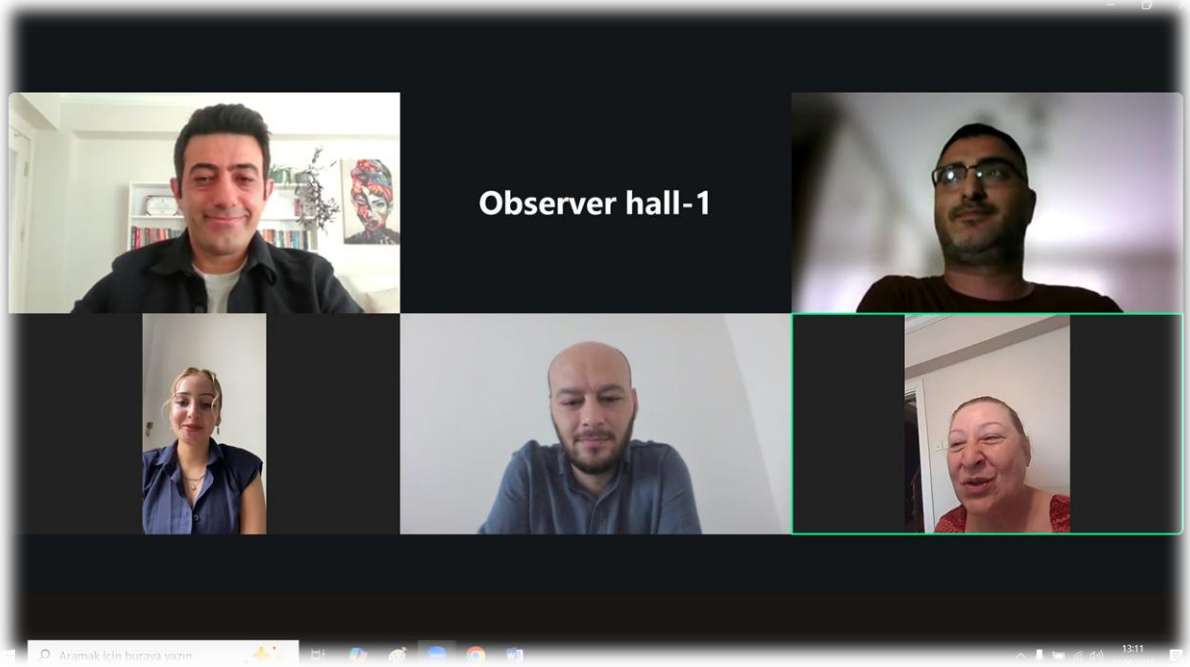

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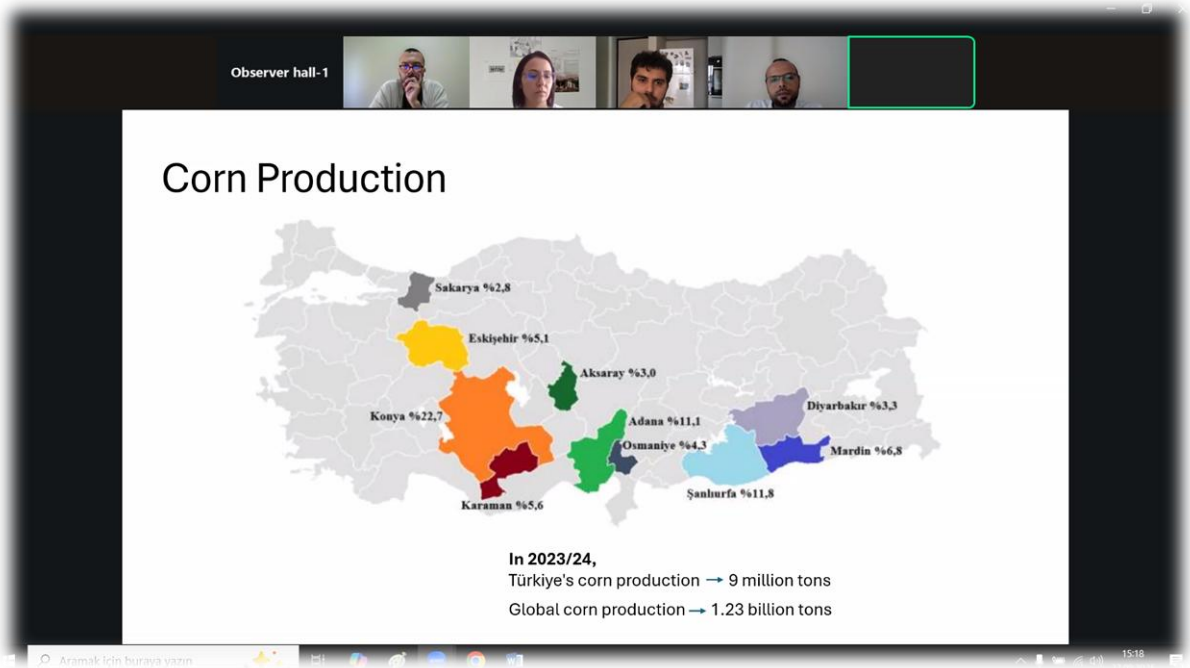

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RESEARCH ON CHEMICAL-PHYSICAL PARAMETERS AND HEAVY METALS IN THE WATER AND SEDIMENT OF THE ARTIFICIAL LAKE OF HERTICA, IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF PODUJEVA

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Abstract

The assessment of chemical-physical characteristics and heavy metals in water and sediment samples collected from three places in Herticës Lake, which is a part of the municipality of Podujeva, is the principal goal of this study. The purpose of this study is to confirm the water quality and contamination level of the aforementioned lake, which was created by human activity during the extraction of ores and minerals. The two primary phases of the experiment were sample collection in the field or while camping, and laboratory analysis performed in the Department of Chemistry's laboratory. Three locations were selected to collect samples of water and sediment: M1 (the southern portion near Hertica village), M2 (the eastern portion near Lladoc and M3 (the northern region close to Strudëll). In the field, measurements were made of the lake sample's properties, including pH, transparency, electrical conductivity, scent, color, and taste, as well as the temperatures of the air and water. The UV-VIS 7600 A spectrophotometer measures the intensity of light as a light beam travels through a sample solution to determine how much a chemical compound absorbs light. Each complex absorbs or transmits light within a specific wavelength range, according to the fundamental idea. It is also possible to measure the quantity of a recognized chemical compound using this method. One of the most helpful quantitative analysis techniques in a variety of disciplines, including chemistry, physics, biochemistry, material chemical engineering, and therapeutic applications, is spectrophotometry. In the deep waters of the lake, our analysis revealed trace amounts of heavy metals, including nickel (Ni), chromium (Cr), manganese (Mn), and zinc (Zn), even though the contamination level is not very high. On the other hand, the sediment contained significant levels of manganese. Although the concentrations of heavy metals were not excessive, it was noted that their existence poses a risk to human health and the environment, when contrasting these results with data from other countries. Aquatic life and flora are negatively impacted by heavy metals, which can harm biodiversity and degrade ecosystems. Another issue that impacts fishing operations and could have negative health effects on fish eaters is the bioaccumulation of metals in fish species. Because recreational lake use may have negative effects on the brain and circulatory systems, there may be additional health hazards. In summary, the present study emphasizes the necessity of continuous monitoring and management strategies to address any hazards resulting from heavy metal pollution in recreational and ecological water bodies

Key words: chemical – physical parameters, heavy metals, water samples, lake Hertica, Spectrophtometry,

MECHANISM OF FIBROUS SYNOVIAL CAVITY IN MAGNETO-THERMODYNAMIC COMPRESSIBLE FLUID THROUGH POROUS MEDIA WITH HALL CURRENT

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Abstract

This study investigates the influence of Hall currents on the thermal instability of a compressible couple-stress fluid subjected to a horizontal magnetic field, within a porous medium. Using linear stability theory and the normal mode technique, a dispersion relation is derived, accounting for the effects of viscoelasticity, Hall currents, compressibility, magnetic field, and porous medium. The analysis reveals that compressibility, the magnetic field, and the couple-stress parameter have a postponing effect on the system's stability, whereas Hall currents and medium permeability do not.

The findings indicate that the presence of viscoelasticity, the magnetic field, porous medium, and Hall currents introduces oscillatory modes, which were absent when these factors were not considered. This is a significant result, as it highlights the complex interaction between these variables in determining fluid behavior. Furthermore, the study identifies the conditions under which overstability does not occur, providing important insights for preventing instability in similar systems.

Numerical simulations confirm the analytic results, with graphical representations showing the impact of various parameters. A key observation is that Hall currents and porosity significantly affect the joint flow phenomena, with the findings suggesting that these factors may be linked to joint pain issues. This underscores the potential biological relevance of the study, particularly in understanding how fluid dynamics in the synovial cavity may contribute to joint discomfort or pathologies. These results have broad implications for both theoretical fluid mechanics and medical research related to joint health.

Keywords: Couple-Stress fluid, Horizontal Magnetic field, Compressibility, porous Layer, Hall Currents

THE PREDICTIVE EFFECTS OF LINGUISTIC COMPLEXITY AND STUDENT ENGAGEMENT PROFILES ON 7TH-GRADE SCIENCE LEARNING OUTCOMES

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Abstract

Language is central in acquiring scientific knowledge, yet complex linguistic features in science texts often hinder comprehension, engagement, and achievement, particularly for students in multilingual educational contexts. This study explored the predictive effects of linguistic complexity in science texts and students' engagement profiles on science learning outcomes among seventh-grade students in Ethiopia. Using a cross-sectional correlational design, the study involved 193 students who completed structured questionnaires on engagement profiles and reading-based tasks to identify complex linguistic features in science texts. The descriptive analysis revealed that students perceived a substantial proportion of scientific vocabulary as complex, particularly multisyllabic and morphologically dense terminologies derived from Greek and Latin. The correlational analysis also showed that linguistic complexity in science texts was significantly and negatively association with both engagement ($r = –.73$, $p < .01$) and science learning outcomes ($r = –.72$, $p < .01$), whereas students' engagement profiles were strongly and positively related with science learning outcomes ($r = –.74$, $p < .01$). Multiple regression analysis further indicated that both the linguistic complexity of science texts and students' engagement profiles significantly predicted science learning outcomes, together explained 72% of the variance. These findings demonstrate that complex linguistic features in science texts and students' engagement profiles together impede middle school science learning outcomes. The study further underlined the importance of students' perceived evaluation of linguistic complexity in science texts and emphasises the need for pedagogical scaffolding, curricular adaptation, and policy interventions to balance linguistic accessibility and engagement with conceptual understanding in multilingual educational contexts.

Key words: linguistic complexity, linguistic features, science texts, engagement profiles, science learning outcomes, middle school

EXPLORING STAKEHOLDERS' PERSPECTIVES ON CHALLENGES, OPPORTUNITIES, AND POTENTIAL SOLUTIONS TO THE SCHOOL DROPOUTS IN NIGERIA'S EDUCATION SYSTEM

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Abstract

Objective: The objective of the study is to identify the potential opportunities and solutions to address the issue of school dropouts in Nigeria's education system. It aims to explore how Structural Strain Theory, particularly the models of innovation and conformity, could be applied to mitigate the negative occurrences in the Nigerian education sector.

Methodology: A descriptive research design of survey type was adopted for the study. The target population were the academic, non-academic and 400-level social studies undergraduates at the University of Ilorin, Nigeria. A sample of 298 was selected among the University of Ilorin community stakeholders using a purposive sampling technique. A self-constructed questionnaire on opportunities for school dropout was used to elicit information from the respondents. The reliability status of the questionnaire was ascertained using Cronbach's Alpha statistical tools, for which 0.79 value was revealed. The data collected were analysed using percentage, mean, t-test and ANOVA statistical tools at 0.05 level of significance.

Result: The study identified several highly rated solutions for reducing the school dropout rate in Nigeria (>2.94 weighted mean scores). These include building more schools across the country and founding, monitoring mechanisms for full implementation of educational policies to return dropout students, introducing scholarships by school owners for children who lose a parent, reducing the burden of the cost of education, and concentrating part of subsidy funds for the improvement of teaching and learning materials The study found a significant difference in the perspectives of various stakeholders regarding the opportunities and solutions to address the school dropouts in Nigeria. However, gender was found to have no significant effect on stakeholders' perspectives.

Conclusion: The study concludes that implementing the identified solutions, such as building more schools, offering scholarships, reducing educational costs and improving teaching resources, could significantly help reduce school dropout rates in Nigeria. The study recommends the involvement of sponsors, philanthropists and other stakeholders in supporting these initiatives to curb the dropout problem.

Novelty: The novelty of the study lies in its application of Structural Strain Theory (focusing on innovation mode to reject school dropouts, in the context of this study, it means school dropouts have responded to strain by pursuing other goals illegitimately and conformity mode of adaptation is an institutionalized acceptance of both cultural goals and legitimate means to structural and individual strain and should be adopted as a response to alleviate the school dropout) in the education sector in Nigeria. It also provides a unique approach by gathering and analysing the perspectives of various stakeholders at the University of Ilorin on solutions to reduce school dropout rates. This approach offers new insights into potential interventions that could help address the school dropout issues in Nigeria's education system.

Keywords: Opportunities, Potential Solutions, School dropouts, Stakeholders, University of Ilorin Community.

SYNTHESIS, CHARACTERIZATION, AND STRUCTURAL INVESTIGATION OF 2-(PHENYLIMINOMETHYL)PHENOL

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2-(phenyliminomethyl)phenol (2-PIMP) is a Schiff base ligand that plays a significant role in coordination chemistry due to its ability to form stable complexes with metal ions. This study presents the synthesis, characterization, and structural analysis of (2-PIMP). The synthesis of (2-PIMP) is carried out via the condensation reaction of salicylaldehyde and aniline in an ethanol solvent, yielding a yellow crystalline product. The compound is characterized using infrared (IR), ultraviolet-visible (UV-Vis). The IR spectrum reveals characteristic absorption bands corresponding to the hydroxyl (O-H) and imine (C=N) functional groups, confirming the formation of the Schiff base. UV-Vis spectroscopy provides insights into the electronic properties of 2-PIMP and its coordination behavior. Structural investigations indicate that the 2-PIMP molecule exists predominantly in the enolic form, stabilized by intramolecular hydrogen bonding. These findings highlight the versatility of 2-PIMP as a ligand and its potential applications in metal ion extraction, catalysis, and material science. The study emphasizes the importance of understanding the structure and reactivity of Schiff base ligands for developing efficient metal complexation systems.

PECTIN BASED STIMULI RESPONSIVE NANOVESICLES: A PROMISING STRATEGY FOR SUSTAINED RELEASE, AND AUGMENTING BIOAVAILABILITY OF GEMCITABINE

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Abstract:

This study aimed to develop pectin-based stimuli responsive nanovesicles as carriers for gemcitabine delivery, addressing challenges such as short half-life, poor bioavailability, and systemic side effects by providing targeted, sustained delivery for cancer treatment. Gemcitabine- loaded pectin nanovesicles (Gem-Pec@NVs) were formulated using an emulsification crosslinking technique. Optimizing pectin, labrasol®, and calcium chloride concentrations resulted in nanovesicles with a vesicle size of 96.79±0.12 nm, PDI of 0.357±0.04, and entrapment efficiency of 83.2±0.2%.Statistical ANOVA and response surface plots were employed to analyze the effects of formulation variables on vesicle size, PDI and entrapment efficiency. Physicochemical characterization confirmed the compatibility of the drug with other ingredients and successful loading into the nanovesicles. Morphological analysis revealed successful synthesis rode shape nanovesicles. Optimized formulation was incorporated into a thermosensitive *in situ* gel for rectal delivery *In vitro* release studies demonstrated a sustained release ((79.1 ± 2.01%) within 72 hours with stimuli-responsive drug release triggered by the enzyme pectinase as compared to gemcitabine solution (98.66 ± 2.26%). *Ex vivo* studies showed high permeation and mucoadhesion of the Gem-Pec@NVs loaded *in situ* gel (834 ± 5.7 μg/cm² and 15,821.4 ± 4.9 dyne/cm²) compared to gemcitabine solution (62± 1.7μg/cm²). Similarly, *In vivo* studies indicated high retention of the nanovesicles in the colon, improved bioavailability and confirmed the targeting ability of the nanovesicle-based *in situ* gel. Rectal irritation studies confirmed the formulation's non-irritant nature, ensuring compatibility. This strategy of using nanovesicles and rectal delivery offers a promising, non-invasive targeting approach for colorectal cancer.

REDOX MODULATION BY MOLECULAR HYDROGEN IN AGING AND DISEASE

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Abstract

Age-related diseases impose a growing healthcare burden due to their complex, progressive, and systemic nature. Oxidative stress—a key pathogenic factor—disrupts redox homeostasis, leading to cumulative molecular damage. Molecular hydrogen (H_2) has emerged as a selective antioxidant and anti-inflammatory agent with therapeutic potential. Preclinical and clinical studies demonstrate that H_2 mitigates oxidative damage, modulates redox-sensitive signaling (e.g., Nrf2 activation), and suppresses pro-inflammatory pathways. These actions confer protective effects in neurodegenerative diseases (e.g., Alzheimer's, Parkinson's), cancer, and osteoporosis. Additionally, H_2 may influence gut microbiota composition, improve mitochondrial function, and support telomere stability, contributing to enhanced metabolic health and longevity. These multifaceted effects position H_2 as a promising candidate for combating age-related pathologies and promoting healthy aging.

Keywords: Molecular Hydrogen (H_2): Oxidative Stress: Age-Related Diseases: Redox Homeostasis: Healthy Aging

AUTHORIAL IDENTITY IN ENGLISH AND ARABIC ACADEMIC DISCOURSE: A GENRE-BASED ANALYSIS

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ABSTRACT

Introduction and Purpose: This study explores how authors of research articles in the field of applied linguistics construct their authorial identity in English and Arabic. It also compares the use and functions of authorial presence strategies in the six generic sections of research articles in the two languages.

Materials and Methods: The corpus comprises 60 single-authored research articles in applied linguistics, 30 in Arabic and 30 in English. The articles are sourced from journals with high perceived standing, judged by their percentile ranking in the Scopus database. The study used a mixed-methods approach that combined both quantitative and qualitative analyses, employing statistical and discourse analysis techniques.

Results: The results indicate that there are differences in the use of the three types of self-mention between Arabic and English research articles. In addition, the analysis of the generic structure showed variation in the construction of authorial presence in the six sections of the research article in the two languages, which indicates a relationship between the textual function of language and authorial presence. The results also reveal that self-mention is used to serve a number of functions, with the Recounter function being overwhelmingly most frequently used in both corpora.

Discussion and Conclusion: The study provides insight into the complexities that emerge while constructing authorial identities across languages. These cross-linguistic variations offer valuable implications for research and pedagogy in academic and research writing.

Key Words: Authorial identity; academic discourse; the research article; English; Arabic

IFNγ-ASSOCIATED GENE SIGNATURE AS A POTENTIAL PROGNOSTIC BIOMARKER OF SURVIVAL AND IMMUNOTHERAPY RESPONSE IN LUNG ADENOCARCINOMA

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Introduction and Purpose: Lung adenocarcinoma is the most prevalent subtype of non-small cell lung cancer and is linked to high mortality rates. Identifying reliable molecular biomarkers to predict immunotherapy outcomes remains a key objective in oncology. The interferon gamma (IFNγ)-related gene signature is one such marker, indicative of immune activation within the tumor microenvironment. The objective was to examine the relationship between IFNγ gene signature expression and overall survival in lung adenocarcinoma patients, and to assess its potential prognostic significance.

Materials and Methods: Data from 390 patients with lung adenocarcinoma were retrieved from The Cancer Genome Atlas (TCGA-LUAD), including clinical, mutational, and transcriptomic profiles. The IFNγ signature score was calculated as the mean log-transformed expression of ten genes (CXCL9, CXCL10, CXCL11, IDO1, IRF9, CCR5, STAT1, PRF1, IFNG, HLA-DRA). Patients were stratified into high- and low-expression groups using ROC curve analysis. Statistical evaluations included Kaplan–Meier survival estimates, chi-square tests, and Cox proportional hazards models.

Results: Higher IFNγ signature expression was associated with improved median overall survival (47.4 vs. 41.2 months; p=0.0438), female sex (62.4% vs. 46.3%; p=0.001), and stage I diagnosis (p=0.034). KEAP1 mutations were more common in the low-expression group (23.9% vs. 12.2%; p=0.003), while EGFR mutations were enriched in the high-expression group (20.1% vs. 9.5%; p=0.003). STK11 mutation emerged as the only independent negative prognostic factor (HR=1.52; p=0.045).

Discussion and Conclusion: The IFNγ gene signature is linked to favorable clinical characteristics and longer survival, though further research is needed to confirm its independent prognostic value.

Key Words: lung adenocarcinoma, IFNγ signature, immunotherapy, biomarkers, overall survival

PHRASAL VERBS IN FOCUS: ACQUISITION AND PERCEPTIONS OF EMIRATI EFL LEARNERS

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ABSTRACT

Introduction and Purpose: Phrasal verbs are a major source of difficulty for EFL learners due to their idiomatic and seemingly arbitrary structure. This study aimed to assess the acquisition level of phrasal verbs among Emirati eighth-grade EFL learners and to explore their attitudes toward learning them.

Materials and Methods: A mixed-methods design was employed. Forty students took a 48-item phrasal verb test based on Liu's (2011) spoken-context list, measuring high-, medium-, and low-frequency phrasal verbs. A five-domain questionnaire (importance, teaching, assessment, curriculum, and technology use) was distributed to 102 students to assess perspectives. Validity was ensured through expert review, and reliability was confirmed using split-half reliability ($\alpha = .87$) and Cronbach's alpha ($\alpha = .75$). Data were analyzed using descriptive statistics, one-way ANOVA, and Pearson correlation.

Results: Students scored highest on high-frequency phrasal verbs ($M = 9.90$), followed by medium ($M = 7.88$) and low-frequency items ($M = 6.10$), with significant differences across categories ($F(2,117)=15.51$, $p<.001$, $\eta^2=0.21$). Questionnaire results indicated strongly positive attitudes across all five domains (means > 4.5), with the highest ratings for teaching practices ($M = 4.61$). No significant correlation was found between attitudes and proficiency.

Discussion and Conclusion: The study highlights a proficiency gap in low-frequency phrasal verbs despite positive learner attitudes and adequate classroom coverage. Findings suggest the need for curriculum enrichment, conceptual teaching approaches, and increased exposure to low-frequency phrasal verbs through authentic input, game-based activities, and technology integration to enhance fluency and communicative competence.

Key Words: Phrasal Verbs; Emirati Learners; EFL; Vocabulary Acquisition; Curriculum; Attitudes.

URBAN DUST POLLUTION AND TOXIC METALS: NEUROTOXIC RISKS FROM CADMIUM AND LEAD IN VEHICLE AND MOTOR PARK ENVIRONMENTS IN ABUJA, NIGERIA

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Urban dust pollution poses growing challenges for sustainability and public health in developing cities. This study investigated the neurotoxic risks of cadmium (Cd) and lead (Pb) in dust collected from five public vehicles and five motor parks in Abuja, Nigeria. Using atomic absorption spectrophotometry (AAS), concentrations of ten potentially toxic elements (PTEs) were analyzed, with Cd and Pb prioritized due to their established neurotoxicity. Positive Matrix Factorization (PMF) identified five anthropogenic sources, with brake and engine wear contributing to half of total contamination. Environmental risks were evaluated using Enrichment Factor (EF), Geo-accumulation Index (Igeo), and Nemerov Integrated Risk Index (NIRI).

Findings showed Cd levels exceeded geochemical background concentrations by more than 1.6 times in both vehicle and park dust, indicating significant contamination. While overall PTE-related risks were within global safety thresholds, cadmium presented disproportionately high health risks, especially through ingestion. Children were found to be more vulnerable than

adults to both carcinogenic and non-carcinogenic effects, raising urgent concerns about neurodevelopmental exposure. Both Cd and Pb are linked to oxidative stress, synaptic dysfunction, and neuronal damage, underscoring their potential to impair cognitive and developmental health.

This research demonstrates that urban dust in high-traffic areas is a persistent source of neurotoxic metals in Nigerian cities. Effective interventions should prioritize phasing out hazardous vehicle components, advancing low-emission transport systems, and implementing dust control measures in public spaces, particularly those frequented by children. Establishing a national monitoring framework and integrating environmental regulation with urban planning and public health policy are critical steps toward reducing toxic exposure and advancing urban sustainability.

Keywords: Urban Dust; Toxic Metals; Neurotoxicity; Cadmium; Lead; Sustainability

UTILIZATION OF AI-BASED CHATBOTS IN ENHANCING THE TAX SERVICE SYSTEM IN INDONESIA

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The advancement of Artificial Intelligence (AI) offers new opportunities to improve the effectiveness of public services, particularly in Indonesia's taxation system. At present, public understanding of tax regulations remains relatively low, worsened by the complexity of regulations, the use of unfamiliar technical terms, and the limited quality of interactions within Indonesia's tax services. These conditions are the main factors behind low tax compliance and may potentially reduce state revenue. In addition, the limited accessibility of fast and reliable information, especially in regions with minimal tax service facilities, poses another challenge that further widens the gap between taxpayers and the tax authority. Amidst these challenges, the use of smartphones and instant messaging applications such as WhatsApp provides a great opportunity to deliver tax information in a more inclusive, user-friendly, and interactive manner. By integrating an AI-based chatbot into the WhatsApp platform, taxpayers can receive responsive, accurate, and continuously available assistance without being limited by office hours or geographical location. The chatbot can answer frequently asked questions, guide taxpayers through compliance procedures, and provide real-time clarification of regulations, thereby reducing reliance on manual service counters. This study emphasizes the potential of such innovation to drive the digital transformation of tax services, increase administrative efficiency, and strengthen taxpayers' understanding and compliance. To ensure successful implementation, technical training for tax officers, adequate system infrastructure, and

comprehensive dissemination strategies, both online and offline, are required. Ultimately, the utilization of AI-based chatbots has the potential to bridge information gaps, create a more transparent taxation system, and make a significant contribution to sustainable state revenue growth.

Keywords: AI, Chatbot, Tax Services, WhatsApp

INTRODUCTION

In the context of the Unitary State of the Republic of Indonesia, taxation serves as a vital instrument of state revenue, utilized to support infrastructure development, the implementation of social programs, and the provision of public services. Therefore, optimal tax governance and supervision are essential to ensure taxpayer compliance in a fair, transparent, and sustainable manner. The rapid advancement of digital technology has brought significant changes in the way people interact, work, and access information. One of the most rapidly developing technologies is Artificial Intelligence (AI), which has increasingly been applied across various sectors, including taxation (Amrullah et al., 2024).

Amidst the government's efforts to modernize its systems, Indonesia's tax sector still faces numerous challenges, particularly inadequate technological infrastructure, low levels of digital and tax literacy among taxpayers, and issues related to data security (Vientiany et al., 2024). The complexity of regulations, limited socialization efforts, and the constraints of manual services often become the main obstacles to improving taxpayer compliance. Moreover, the greatest challenge within Indonesia's tax system is the effort to enhance tax compliance. Such compliance is significantly influenced by the level of taxpayer awareness, which largely depends on their understanding of reporting mechanisms and the utilization of tax facilities. Although reforms have been carried out to simplify reporting procedures, the majority of taxpayers still perceive tax return (SPT) forms as complex and confusing. Socialization efforts and the provision of filling tutorials have not yet proven fully effective, resulting in many taxpayers relying on tax officials or consultants rather than independently learning the procedures (Yusuf et al., 2023).

On the other hand, the development of technology and the high penetration of smartphone use, along with instant messaging applications such as WhatsApp in Indonesian society, provide a strategic opportunity to improve communication between tax authorities and taxpayers. Through the integration of AI technology in the form of a chatbot directly connected to WhatsApp, the dissemination of information can be carried out more quickly, interactively, and efficiently. With 24/7 availability and a user-friendly interface, AI chatbots hold strong potential as an innovative solution to enhance tax literacy and expand the service reach of the Directorate General of Taxes (Aji, 2022).

Based on the background outlined above, the research problems in this study can be formulated as follows:

1. How can the utilization of WhatsApp-based AI Chatbots address challenges in Indonesia's tax services?
2. To what extent can the implementation of AI Chatbots improve taxpayers' understanding and compliance?
3. What opportunities and challenges arise in the implementation of AI Chatbots within tax services?
4. What strategies are required for AI Chatbots to serve as an effective, inclusive, and sustainable medium of tax information services?

CONCEPTUAL FRAMEWORK

Artificial Intelligence

Artificial Intelligence can be defined as a branch of computer science that develops algorithm-based systems to simulate human thinking processes and behavior, thereby enabling rational decision-making to achieve specific goals (Pratama et al., 2023). The history of AI dates back to 1956 when John McCarthy introduced the term during the Dartmouth Summer Research Project (Robert, 2019). Since then, the development of AI has experienced fluctuations yet continues to advance, marked by the emergence of various opportunities, benefits, as well as challenges. This is consistent with Habibi & Haryati (2021), who emphasized that the development of AI in the modern era not only enhances the efficiency of public services but also poses challenges related to infrastructure, digital literacy, and data security.

The application of AI in the public sector has significantly transformed the mechanisms of government service delivery. Designed to mimic human cognitive abilities, AI is capable of performing specific tasks that previously required human intervention. Its implementation contributes to improving efficiency, service quality, and accessibility for the public. Furthermore, AI adoption enables governments to respond more adaptively to complex challenges, enhance bureaucratic responsiveness, and contribute to improving the overall quality of life (Zsazsa & Sitepu, 2023).

Chatbot

Chatbots, as AI-based innovations, hold significant potential in supporting government digitalization. Through the integration of Natural Language Processing (NLP) technology, chatbots enable natural human–computer interaction, allowing them to understand user intent, extract key information, and provide automated responses (Fauzi & Sutabri, 2025). In the context of taxation in Indonesia, AI-powered chatbots integrated into WhatsApp serve a strategic role as interactive communication tools that are easily accessible to the public. This innovation is expected to improve the quality of tax services by accelerating information dissemination, strengthening tax literacy, and promoting taxpayer compliance through responsive, efficient, and inclusive services.

Tax Services

Tax services are a form of digital public service that constitute part of e-government development, provided by the Directorate General of Taxes to facilitate taxpayers in fulfilling their tax obligations—particularly through online innovations that became increasingly relevant during the Covid-19 pandemic (Prangga & Hadiyati, 2022). Within the context of digital public service delivery, tax services can be understood as the Directorate General of Taxes' initiative to provide e-government-based facilities to ease taxpayer compliance, whether through online systems or other innovations that support service efficiency and effectiveness.Findings from Rahayu & Suaidah (2025) show that AI-based tax services have the potential to enhance taxpayers' digital literacy. This suggests that the higher the quality of digital services provided, the greater the level of public understanding and digital competence in accessing and utilizing tax services. These findings are consistent with Darmian (2021), who highlighted that digital services exert a positive impact on improving digital literacy.

Accordingly, this study aims to develop innovations in tax services through the application of AI-based chatbots. Integrated with digital taxation systems, chatbots are expected to function as interactive tools to accelerate information dissemination, help taxpayers better understand regulations, and improve service quality that is more responsive and inclusive.

WhatsApp

As a free instant messaging application, WhatsApp provides internet-based communication services that include the exchange of text, voice, images, videos, documents, location, and various other file formats (Costa-Sánchez & Guerrero-Pico, 2020). WhatsApp has been widely utilized as an effective medium for public services, including taxation. For instance, in a study by Aji (2022), the integration of chatbots within KPP Pratama Jakarta Setiabudi Satu demonstrated that WhatsApp not only served as a direct communication channel but also as a digital helpdesk capable of consistently responding to taxpayer inquiries. Innovations such as the DIVA 011 chatbot—developed with AutoResponder for WhatsApp and connected to a frequently asked questions database—illustrate how WhatsApp can enhance efficiency, reduce dependency on staff, and broaden public access to tax information.

METHODOLOGY

This study employs a qualitative descriptive research approach aimed at providing a systematic overview of the challenges and opportunities in utilizing WhatsApp-based AI Chatbots within Indonesia's tax services. Qualitative research was chosen as it emphasizes non-numerical, descriptive analysis to understand social phenomena holistically and comprehensively, presented through narrative explanations (Amrullah et al., 2024). The method applied is a literature study, by reviewing various secondary sources such as scholarly journals, books, tax regulations, articles, research reports, and electronic resources (Sofiah et al., 2020). The collected data were then analyzed using qualitative descriptive analysis through the processes of examination, interpretation, and compilation of findings into a comprehensive narrative.

CONCLUSION AND DISCUSSION

Utilization of WhatsApp AI Chatbots in Tax Services

The use of WhatsApp chatbots in Indonesia's tax services is a strategic step to address various challenges, such as limited service hours, long waiting times for assistance, insufficient information for taxpayers, and the lack of professional staff to support taxpayers. In addition, many fraud attempts impersonating the Tax Office (DJP) circulate on social media or the internet without verification. WhatsApp is chosen because it is the most widely used messaging application in Indonesia, with 93.3 million users as of June 2022 (Backlinko, 2025), and 90.9% of all internet users in 2024 (Katadata, 2024). This makes it highly accessible to the public and easy to use without requiring additional applications.

There are several key reasons why WhatsApp is a promising platform for tax chatbot services. First, WhatsApp has a very high penetration rate in Indonesia, ranking the country among the top three globally in terms of users, making it a familiar and widely accessible application (Backlinko, 2024). Second, technical readiness has been demonstrated by studies on developing tax helpdesks using WhatsApp. These were developed quickly through Rapid Application Development methods and successfully tested, indicating their feasibility for tax services (Aji, 2022). Third, scalability is evident from the use of chatbots in *Kring Pajak 1500200*, which has proven effective in assisting a large number of taxpayers while reducing waiting times (Swastiko & Fauzi, 2023).

Despite these advantages, potential risks must be addressed carefully. Security and fraud remain critical issues, as WhatsApp is often misused by individuals claiming to represent tax

authorities. To mitigate this, official services must employ verified WhatsApp Business accounts, and the public should be educated to check official tax office phone numbers and *@pajak.go.id* domains as the only valid channels of communication (Directorate General of Taxes, 2022). Accuracy and reliability are also central concerns. Global experiences and reports from oversight bodies, such as the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration (TIGTA) in the United States, emphasize the importance of regular testing, applying quality metrics (accuracy, consistency, user satisfaction), and system monitoring to ensure chatbot responses remain aligned with tax regulations (TIGTA, 2023).

User acceptance is another challenge. A study based on the Unified Theory of Acceptance and Use of Technology (UTAUT) in Indonesia shows that tax chatbots remain underutilized. Therefore, strategies to raise public awareness are essential, including user-friendly content, fast responses, and multilingual support, all of which can help build trust and encourage adoption (Velisca & Ari, 2024). Thus, WhatsApp AI chatbots can only function effectively in tax services if issues of security, quality, and user acceptance are addressed comprehensively.

Enhancing Tax Understanding and Compliance Through AI Chatbots

The application of AI-based chatbots on WhatsApp demonstrates strong potential for improving taxpayer understanding and compliance in Indonesia. Evidence comes from a 2024 field experiment using a Randomized Controlled Trial (RCT) involving 24,887 non-employee taxpayers across six local tax offices. Results showed that WhatsApp reminders increased timely tax return (SPT) filing by 3.3% compared to the control group, while law-enforcement–focused messages boosted effectiveness by an additional 1.9% compared to standard reminders. These findings highlight that WhatsApp is significantly more effective than email in promoting compliance, with behavioral messaging serving as an important driver (Widianto et al., 2024).

Chatbots also serve as tools for tax learning. Research on tax education among accounting students shows that interactive chatbots improve comprehension of tax rules and regulations compared to traditional teaching methods. Dialog structures, concise answers, and practical examples provided by chatbots reduce cognitive load, eliminate confusing technical jargon, and directly enhance tax knowledge (Mellado-Silva et al., 2020). International evidence mirrors these outcomes: tax authorities such as HM Revenue & Customs (UK) and the Internal Revenue Service (US) employ chatbots and voicebots to handle millions of inquiries, shortening queues and improving self-service experiences. The IMF further emphasizes that AI applications in taxation, including chatbots, can boost compliance when paired with effective management and oversight (Aslett et al., 2024).

Nevertheless, user acceptance is crucial. Studies based on UTAUT in the Indonesian tax context reveal that taxpayers' intention to use chatbots is strongly influenced by perceived usefulness and perceived ease of use. Therefore, simple chatbot design, quick responses, and availability in accessible or multilingual formats are prerequisites for increasing understanding and compliance (Velisca & Ari, 2024).

The mechanisms of impact can be divided into two main areas. First, understanding, whereby chatbots provide interactive dialogues with concise answers, examples, and links to official sources, simplifying complex information and improving tax knowledge (Mellado-Silva et al., 2020). Second, compliance, as WhatsApp chatbots can send SPT filing reminders, explain penalties, provide behavioral nudges, and deliver step-by-step filing guidance—all of which have proven effective in encouraging timely compliance (Widianto et al., 2024).

However, certain limitations remain. Chatbot responses are not always accurate or consistent, making them unsuitable for complex cases; thus, escalation mechanisms to human tax officers are necessary (TIME, 2024). Privacy risks and potential fraud via WhatsApp also require strong public education on verifying official numbers and adhering to data protection policies (Directorate General of Taxes, n.d.). To ensure effectiveness, evaluation indicators should include short quizzes during interaction (pre/post-tests), dwell time, click-through rates (CTR) to official guides, and taxpayer feedback on response quality as measures of understanding (Inbeta, n.d.). For compliance, metrics such as timely SPT filing rates, repeat contact frequency, first-contact resolution (FCR), reduction in calls to human agents, and customer satisfaction scores (CSAT) are highly relevant (Dialzara Team, 2024).

Opportunities and Challenges of Implementing AI Chatbots in Tax Services

The implementation of artificial intelligence (AI)-based chatbots in the taxation sector presents significant opportunities to strengthen a more modern tax administration system. One major advantage is the improvement of service efficiency. Chatbots are capable of providing information and answering taxpayer inquiries quickly, accurately, and at any time, 24 hours a day. With chatbots, taxpayers can access services without the need to visit tax offices or wait for extended periods on phone calls, thereby improving the quality of public services (Aji, 2022). In addition, chatbots help reduce the workload of tax officers, as frequently asked questions can be handled automatically, enabling officers to focus on more complex cases.

Another opportunity lies in improving tax compliance through education. Chatbots can be designed to provide instructions on filling out tax forms, tutorials for completing annual tax returns (SPT), and reminders of payment and reporting deadlines. In this way, the likelihood of delays or failures in fulfilling tax obligations can be reduced. Research shows that the use of AI can disseminate tax information more equitably, even in various local languages across Indonesia, thereby reaching taxpayers in remote areas and enhancing their understanding of taxation (Directorate General of Taxes, 2024).

Moreover, chatbots have great potential to enhance monitoring and compliance detection. By integrating with big data, AI chatbots can combine information from multiple sources, such as e-commerce transactions, value-added tax (VAT), and income tax (PPh), to identify discrepancies and potential tax avoidance. The system can automatically notify both taxpayers and authorities, making tax supervision more proactive and data-driven (Indonesia Pintar, 2025).

Another opportunity is modernizing the tax administration system. By utilizing AI, the Directorate General of Taxes (DGT) can develop a smarter tax system capable of real-time data processing while reducing long-term operational costs. The use of AI chatbots also supports government programs aimed at building more transparent, accountable, and efficient public services (BINUS, 2025).

Despite these opportunities, several challenges must be addressed in implementing AI chatbots in tax services. The primary concern is data security and privacy. Tax services handle sensitive information such as income, financial transactions, and taxpayer identities. If not properly managed, data breaches could undermine public trust and lead to misuse (BINUS, 2025). Another challenge is the accuracy of information provided by chatbots. Research indicates that ChatGPT answers tax-related questions correctly in approximately 88.89% of cases, while the remaining 11.11% may be misleading or inconsistent with prevailing regulations (Noorriskya & Rizki, 2023). This suggests that AI remains vulnerable to producing inaccurate responses, especially when dealing with complex questions requiring deep legal interpretation.

Another significant challenge involves the costs of investment and the readiness of digital infrastructure. Implementing AI requires servers with large capacities, robust security systems, and advanced software development. Additionally, human resources must be trained to operate, supervise, and maintain AI systems. These processes require substantial investment and long-term commitment, which often pose barriers for government institutions, particularly in developing countries like Indonesia (Indonesia Pintar, 2025).

Other obstacles include taxpayers' limited digital literacy and user resistance. Not all taxpayers possess adequate technological skills to communicate with chatbots, especially those in areas with limited internet access. Furthermore, some individuals still prefer face-to-face interactions over automated services, leading to uneven acceptance of AI chatbots (Velisca & Ari, 2024).

Chatbots' limited ability to understand complex conversational contexts is also a critical challenge. Typically, chatbots can only respond to simple or keyword-based queries. In taxation cases that require regulatory explanations or consideration of unique circumstances, empathy and flexible problem-solving skills from human officers remain essential (pajak.go.id, 2024). In addition, the absence of comprehensive regulations governing AI in the public sector may hinder progress. There are still no clear rules regarding legal liability when AI provides incorrect answers, nor established standards for transparency and accountability in government AI systems (ejournal.cahayailmubangsa.institute, 2023).

Strategies for Optimizing AI Chatbots in Tax Services

To ensure that AI-based chatbots function as effective, inclusive, and sustainable tax information tools, comprehensive strategies are required. First, security and data protection must be prioritized. Tax services involve highly sensitive information, making the application of encryption technologies, layered authentication, and compliance with personal data protection regulations essential. Adequate security measures will enhance public trust in using chatbots as official tax information channels (BINUS, 2025).

Second, improving the accuracy and reliability of chatbot responses is crucial. Chatbots must be trained with the latest tax regulations, including legislative amendments, ministerial regulations, and circulars issued by the Directorate General of Taxes. A hybrid approach combining AI with human supervision should be adopted, so that when chatbots encounter complex or high-risk queries, these can be redirected to human tax officers (Noorriskya & Rizki, 2023).

Third, inclusivity must be ensured by making services easily accessible. Chatbots should not be limited to official applications but also be integrated with widely used communication platforms such as WhatsApp, Telegram, and social media. Moreover, support for multiple languages and user-friendly interfaces is vital for taxpayers with limited digital literacy (Velisca & Ari, 2024).

Fourth, sustainability strategies depend on workforce development and strengthening digital infrastructure. Tax officials need training in using AI, monitoring performance, and resolving errors when they occur. Infrastructure, including servers, networks, and cybersecurity, must also be continuously upgraded to ensure stable and efficient chatbot operations in the long term (Indonesia Pintar, 2025).

Fifth, clear regulations and governance frameworks must be established. The government should define standards for transparency, accountability, and mechanisms of liability in cases where chatbots provide incorrect responses. Such regulations will provide legal certainty for both taxpayers and the DGT as the service provider (Cahaya Ilmu Bangsa Institute, 2023).

Finally, public education and awareness are critical. Taxpayers must be informed on how to use chatbots, their limitations, and when it is appropriate to seek human assistance. This will improve acceptance, reduce resistance, and ensure smoother integration of AI chatbots into tax services (pajak.go.id, 2024).

This study concludes that the utilization of AI-based chatbots through the WhatsApp application holds significant potential to improve the quality of tax services in Indonesia by providing faster, more responsive, and inclusive access to information. To support the success of its implementation, strengthening digital infrastructure, training tax officers, and adopting comprehensive socialization strategies are essential. Future research is expected to directly test the effectiveness of chatbots, examine user acceptance, and develop more measurable performance indicators so that this innovation can make a tangible contribution to enhancing taxpayer compliance and increasing state revenue.

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ABIOTIC FACTOR MANAGEMENT IN MEDICINAL PLANT CULTIVATION: EXPERIMENTAL EVALUATION OF IRRIGATION AND NUTRIENT EFFECTS ON BIOMASS AND ESSENTIAL OIL PRODUCTION IN *SALVIA OFFICINALIS* L.

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ABSTRACT

Sage (*Salvia officinalis* L.) is one of the most commercially important medicinal plants exported from Albania, with increasing demand in both European and U.S. markets. Traditional cultivation techniques often lack optimization, affecting the yield and quality of essential oils. This study, conducted within the framework of the ALBAMAP project in collaboration with the University of Hohenheim, evaluates the influence of abiotic factors—primarily water and chemical nutrients—on biomass accumulation and essential oil yield of *Salvia officinalis*. Automated irrigation control (CPS system, PiKT) was applied to regulate water supply, while tensiometer measurements monitored soil moisture throughout a 45-day growth cycle. Biomass was harvested, dried, and subjected to solid–liquid extraction using ethanol, methanol, hexane, and hexane–methanol mixtures. Results indicated that soil water availability significantly influenced biomass yield, with post-drying moisture contents ranging between 8–12%. Extraction trials revealed differences in oil yield depending on solvent type, with the hexane–methanol mixture producing the highest essential oil phase (25 ml per 100 g biomass). These findings highlight the necessity of controlled abiotic management for optimizing sage production

Keywords: Sage (*Salvia officinalis* L.); abiotic factors; irrigation control; biomass production; essential oil yield; automated cultivation; solvent extraction

INTRODUCTION

Medicinal and aromatic plants have played a vital role in traditional and modern medicine, serving as a primary source of bioactive compounds for the pharmaceutical, cosmetic, and food industries. Among these species, sage (*Salvia officinalis* L.) holds particular importance due to its broad range of biological activities, including antimicrobial, antioxidant, anti-inflammatory, and neuroprotective effects (Perry et al., 2001; Spiridon & Popa, 2008). These bioactivities are largely attributed to the complex mixture of terpenoid and phenolic compounds in its essential oils and extracts. More than a hundred volatile components have been identified, with α-thujone, β-thujone, camphor, and 1,8-cineole being dominant constituents (Mirjalili et al., 2006; Baranauskienė et al., 2013). The relative abundance of these compounds is highly variable and depends on genotype, harvest stage, and environmental conditions (Karalija et al., 2022).

The chemical composition and biological activity of sage are strongly affected by **abiotic factors**, such as soil moisture, nutrient availability, temperature, and light intensity. Numerous studies have reported that water and nitrogen management significantly influence biomass yield and essential oil accumulation (Giannoulis et al., 2021; Khammar et al., 2021). Drought stress can induce the synthesis of certain volatile components as a protective mechanism (Bettaieb et al., 2011), but this often occurs alongside a reduction in total biomass. Thus, the balance between physiological stress and optimal growth remains a critical factor in sage cultivation.

In Albania, *Salvia officinalis* is a key export crop, yet it is commonly grown using traditional, semi-controlled practices with minimal technological intervention. This approach frequently leads to variable product quality and irregular oil composition (Hajdini et al., 2022). Controlled cultivation systems that integrate automated irrigation and nutrient monitoring can mitigate these inconsistencies by stabilizing plant growth and improving oil uniformity across production batches. The ALBAMAP project, established in collaboration with the University of Hohenheim, aims precisely to modernize sage production in Albania through precision cultivation and sustainable technology transfer.

Recent developments in **precision irrigation and automation** have provided powerful tools for optimizing soil water dynamics. Systems equipped with tensiometers, soil moisture sensors, and automated controllers allow real-time regulation of irrigation cycles based on environmental feedback (Michela et al., 2020). Advanced systems use SCADA (Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition) platforms to monitor, log, and adjust irrigation parameters dynamically, thereby increasing water-use efficiency and promoting consistent plant development (Fereres & Soriano, 2007). Similar strategies have been successfully employed in other aromatic crops such as *Rosmarinus officinalis* and *Lavandula angustifolia*, where optimized water management improved both biomass yield and essential oil quality (Bistgani et al., 2018; Khorasaninejad et al., 2010).

Beyond cultivation, extraction technology plays a decisive role in determining the final composition and yield of sage essential oils. The polarity of the solvent used in extraction greatly affects which phytochemicals are recovered (Azmir et al., 2013). Nonpolar solvents such as hexane are effective for hydrophobic terpenes, while polar solvents like methanol extract a broader range of oxygenated compounds (Khammar et al., 2021). Mixed solvent systems—such as hexane–methanol combinations—have demonstrated synergistic effects, increasing total yield by improving solubility across compound classes (Moghaddam et al., 2015). Optimization of these solvent systems can enhance extraction efficiency and product standardization for industrial applications.

Therefore, the present study was designed to evaluate the integrated influence of abiotic factors, primarily water availability and nutrient management, on the growth, biomass yield, and essential oil productivity of *Salvia officinalis* under controlled conditions. Furthermore, by

comparing extraction solvents of varying polarity, the study establishes a link between agronomic management practices and extraction performance.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

The experimental work was conducted between March and April 2024 under semi-controlled greenhouse conditions within the framework of the ALBAMAP project at the Faculty of Natural Sciences, University of Tirana, Albania. The study area is characterized by a Mediterranean climate, with an average spring temperature of 19–22 °C and relative humidity ranging between 55–70%. The soil at the experimental site was classified as clay loam with approximately 20% silt and 80% clay content, slightly alkaline pH (7.5 ± 0.2), and moderate organic matter (1.5%). These characteristics correspond to the typical agricultural soils used for sage cultivation in the central regions of Albania (Hajdini et al., 2022).

The experiment followed a randomized block design with four irrigation regimes:

1. Rain-fed (control; natural precipitation only),
2. 33% of the optimal irrigation volume,
3. 66% of the optimal irrigation volume, and
4. 100% of the optimal irrigation volume.

Each treatment included three replications, and each replication consisted of 12 plants spaced at 30 cm × 30 cm. Irrigation treatments were determined based on the field capacity and soil water retention curves measured using tensiometers prior to planting. This design allowed assessment of the response of *Salvia officinalis* to varying soil water availability levels.

Figure 1: Cultivated Salvia Officinalis at the field

Figure 2 Tensiometer installed at the field

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An automated **CPS irrigation control system** (PiKT, ALBAMAP project) was employed to regulate water supply. The system was programmed through a **Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA)** interface, enabling real-time monitoring and adjustment of irrigation cycles. Data from soil moisture sensors and tensiometers were continuously logged to the system's cloud interface. Tensiometers were installed at 25 cm soil depth to measure the soil matric potential (in millibars) on a weekly basis. The irrigation cycle was initiated automatically when soil tension dropped below the threshold corresponding to 60% of field capacity, following the calibration described by Michela et al. (2020).

To validate sensor data, manual readings were recorded using a handheld tensiometer (Soilmoisture Equipment Corp., USA). Meteorological data, including air temperature, humidity, and precipitation, were collected from a nearby weather station integrated into the CPS platform.

The degree of soil saturation (σ) was calculated using the following polynomial expression derived from field calibration data (Formula 1):

$$\sigma = -0.071 + 0.735V + 0.75V^2 - 8.759V^3 + 21.838V^4 - 21.998V^5 + 8.097V^6 \quad \text{(Formula 1)}$$

where *V* represents the measured tension value (in relative units). This formula allowed conversion of raw tensiometer readings into approximate percentages of optimal soil moisture for comparative analysis (Table 1)

	Tensiometer values for Salvia Officinalis (mbar)			
	Only rainfall	33% optimal water	66% optimal water	100% optimal water
Week 1				
Before irrigation	29	75	60	85
After irrigation	29	250	360	465
Week 2				
Before irrigation	55	79	84	94
After irrigation	55	268	374	481
Week 3				
Before irrigation	70	84	90	98
After irrigation	70	295	380	478
Week 4				
Before irrigation	75	87	93	102
After irrigation	75	301	386	491
Week 5				
Before irrigation	68	82	87	95
After irrigation	68	288	383	490
Week 6				
Before irrigation	102	124	148	161
After irrigation	102	305	320	487
Week 7				
Before irrigation	150	188	201	242
After irrigation	150	306	337	477
Week 8				
Before irrigation	98	129	154	176
After irrigation	98	309	344	465

Table 1: Tensiometer values at the field

RESULTS

Plants were harvested on 15 April 2024. After harvesting, fresh biomass was weighed immediately using an analytical balance (±0.01 g precision). The plant material was transferred to drying chambers equipped with forced air circulation and maintained at 25–30 °C for 14 days. This temperature range was selected to preserve the volatile oil constituents, following the protocols of Mirjalili et al. (2006) and Baranauskienė et al. (2013) (Table 2).

Field	Weight before drying (g)	Weight after drying (g)	Humidity (%)
Irrigation 33%	368.44 g	338.96 g	8.1
Irrigation 66%	405.26 g	365.95 g	9.7
Irrigation 100%	496.74 g	437.13 g	12
No irrigation (only rainfall)	424.32 g	377.64 g	11.1

Table 2: Salvia Officinalis weights before and after drying

The extraction process was performed on 30 April 2024 using dried biomass samples from each irrigation treatment. For each extraction, 100 g of plant material was subjected to solid–liquid extraction using a **Universal Extraction Solid-Liquid Cell (UESLC)** connected to a SCADA monitoring system. The biomass-to-solvent ratio was maintained at 1:5, and extraction time was standardized to 30 minutes at room temperature (25 °C).

Four solvent systems were tested to evaluate extraction efficiency:

- Ethanol (polar protic solvent)
- Methanol (polar protic solvent)
- Hexane (nonpolar solvent)
- Hexane–Methanol mixture (1:3 ratio)

These solvents were chosen based on their ability to extract different classes of compounds, following methodologies reported by Azmir et al. (2013) and Moghaddam et al. (2015). After extraction, the mixtures were left to decant for 24 hours, allowing separation of the essential oil (upper layer). The volume of recovered oil was measured and recorded for each sample. Solvent losses during the process were quantified and found to be between 3–4%, which is within the acceptable range for laboratory-scale extractions (Azmir et al., 2013).

The oil yield (in ml per 100 g biomass) was used as the main performance indicator for extraction efficiency. All experiments were repeated in triplicate to ensure reproducibility, and mean values were calculated for comparison among solvent types (Table 3).

Solvent	Solvent + plant	Obtained volume solvent+ oil phase	Obtained oil phase
Ethanol	500 ml ethanol + 100 g biomass	497 ml	12 ml
Methanol	500 ml methanol + 100 g biomass	502 ml	22 ml
Hexane	500 ml hexane + 100 g biomass	498 ml	18 ml
Hexane-Methanol moisture (1:3)	125 ml hexane + 375 ml methanol + 100 g biomass	510 ml	25 ml

Table 3. Oil phase yield from Salvia Officinalis extraction

DISCUSSION

The extraction results showed that the essential oil yield followed a similar pattern to biomass production, increasing with irrigation level up to a threshold. The maximum yield was obtained under 100% irrigation (1.6% w/w for the hexane–methanol mixture), while lower yields were recorded in water-stressed conditions (0.9–1.2%).

Thus, irrigation management in sage cultivation requires balancing two competing objectives: maximizing biomass for total oil yield and inducing controlled stress for chemical enrichment. The optimal irrigation regime (66–100% of field capacity) observed in this study supports a dual benefit—sufficient water for plant growth and partial stimulation of metabolite synthesis.

Extraction trials using four solvent systems—ethanol, methanol, hexane, and hexane–methanol (1:3)—showed clear differences in extraction efficiency. The hexane–methanol mixture exhibited the highest oil recovery rate (1.6%), followed by hexane (1.5%), methanol (1.3%), and ethanol (1.2%). These differences are consistent with the findings of Azmir et al. (2013) and Moghaddam et al. (2015), who emphasized that binary solvent systems can enhance total extraction yield by expanding the polarity range of solubilized compounds.

The superior performance of the hexane–methanol mixture can be attributed to its ability to dissolve both non-polar terpenes (α-thujone, camphor) and semi-polar oxygenated monoterpenes (1,8-cineole, borneol). Hexane alone effectively extracts non-polar volatiles but may fail to recover polar phenolic constituents.

CONCLUSIONS

This research provides comprehensive experimental evidence on the pivotal role of abiotic factor management—particularly irrigation and nutrient regulation—in shaping the agronomic performance and essential oil yield of *Salvia officinalis* L. cultivated under controlled conditions. The study demonstrated that irrigation intensity exerts a significant and measurable effect on plant growth, biomass accumulation, and essential oil production. Plants irrigated at 100% field capacity achieved the highest biomass yield and total oil output, confirming the direct relationship between water availability and physiological productivity.

However, moderate irrigation levels (approximately 66% of field capacity) resulted in essential oils with enhanced qualitative properties, likely due to the activation of secondary metabolism under mild water stress. This finding reinforces the hypothesis that moderate abiotic stress can serve as a biochemical trigger for terpenoid biosynthesis, optimizing essential oil composition without substantially compromising total yield.

Equally important, the use of a hexane–methanol (1:3) mixed solvent system yielded the highest extraction efficiency (1.6%), outperforming both single polar and non-polar solvents. This result indicates that mixed solvent extraction effectively captures both hydrophobic terpenes and moderately polar oxygenated compounds, offering a balanced and practical approach for industrial-scale oil recovery. The use of automated SCADA-based control during extraction and irrigation monitoring ensured precision, traceability, and reproducibility—key features for scaling up production in both research and commercial contexts.

From a broader perspective, these findings demonstrate that integrating precision agriculture technologies—including automated irrigation, soil moisture sensing, and data-driven environmental control—provides measurable advantages for both yield optimization and sustainable resource management. Such technological integration aligns with the current global objectives of sustainable agriculture, minimizing water consumption while maximizing product quality and consistency.

Finally, this study contributes valuable baseline data for Albania’s emerging aromatic plant industry, supporting the modernization of local production through applied research and technology transfer. Future work should aim to validate these findings under open-field conditions and across multiple seasons, incorporating real-time metabolomic analysis to establish robust correlations between environmental parameters, secondary metabolism, and final product quality. Integrating agronomic precision with chemical analysis will be key to achieving standardized, sustainable, and high-value essential oil production.

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ORGANIC WASTE EVALUATION: UTILIZATION OF CORN HUSK WASTE AS A SUSTAINABLE REINFORCEMENT MATERIAL IN 3D PRINTED COMPOSITES

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ABSTRACT

The growing demand for sustainability has increased interest in using agricultural waste. This study explores the use of waste corn husk fibers as a reinforcing agent in polymer composites. Our primary objective is to develop new, eco-friendly materials for Stereolithography (SLA) 3D printing, a technology known for its high-resolution capabilities. This work aims to determine if adding corn husk waste can improve or alter the mechanical properties of epoxy-based composites, providing a dual solution to waste management and material innovation. Epoxy resin was used as the matrix material. Corn husk waste was added to the resin at controlled weight percentages of 1%, 2%, and 4%. Control samples with pure epoxy resin were also prepared. The mixtures were then used to fabricate test specimens with an SLA 3D printer. After printing, the samples were subjected to a series of mechanical tests to evaluate their performance. These included hardness, tensile, and flexural tests. The mechanical tests revealed a clear relationship between the corn husk content and the composite's properties. Hardness, tensile strength, and flexural strength all showed an increase with 1% and 2% additions of corn husk waste. This enhancement can be attributed to the reinforcing effect of the fibers within the epoxy matrix. However, a notable decrease in these properties was observed at the 4% loading. This research successfully demonstrates that corn husk waste can be effectively integrated into an SLA 3D printing process to produce functional polymer composites. The findings suggest that this approach offers a viable method for evaluating agricultural waste and contributing to a circular economy. The decline at 4% loading indicates the material reached a saturation point, likely due to the agglomeration of fibers. Future work could focus on exploring chemical treatments to improve fiber-matrix adhesion.

Keywords: Stereolithography, 3D Printing, Corn Husk Waste, Polymer Composites, Mechanical Properties.

INTRODUCTION

The growing global concerns over environmental degradation and resource depletion have precipitated a fundamental shift towards sustainable materials and manufacturing processes. The circular economy has emerged as a prominent conceptual framework within this fundamental shift [1]. Conventional polymers, which are derived from petrochemical feedstocks, present significant environmental challenges due to their non-biodegradability and carbon-intensive production cycles. In response to these challenges, material science is increasingly focused on the development of sustainable alternatives. These alternatives promote the use of renewable resources and the valorization of waste streams [2]. This transition is particularly critical in advanced manufacturing sectors, where the demand for high-performance materials continues to grow.

A promising avenue for developing such materials lies in the field of natural fiber-reinforced polymer composites (NFRPCs). These composites utilize lignocellulosic fibers as reinforcing agents, offering numerous advantages including low density, high specific strength, biodegradability, and a significantly lower carbon footprint compared to synthetic reinforcements like glass or carbon fibers [3]. The utilization of agricultural waste, in particular, presents a compelling value proposition by transforming low-value byproducts into functional materials, thereby addressing waste management challenges while creating economic value [4].

Among the extensive array of agricultural byproducts, corn husks stand as a largely underutilized resource. Given the substantial scale of global corn production, a considerable volume of corn husk is generated on an annual basis [5]. Corn husks are a rich source of cellulose fibers. They possess favorable mechanical and physical properties that make them a viable candidate for reinforcing polymer composites [6]. However, their full potential in additive manufacturing applications remains underexplored.

Stereolithography (SLA), a vat photopolymerization additive manufacturing technique, is renowned for its ability to produce parts with exceptional resolution, intricate geometries, and smooth surface finishes using photosensitive resins [7,8]. The polymerized resins used in SLA are often brittle. The incorporation of natural fibers, such as corn husks, presents an opportunity to create tougher, more robust composites [9].

In this study, the effect of using corn husk waste (CHW) fibers as a biobased reinforcement in an epoxy-based resin for SLA-type 3D printing applications on the mechanical properties of the material was investigated. Epoxy resin was used as the matrix material. CHW was incorporated to the resin at controlled weight percentages of 1%, 2%, and 4%. Control samples with pure epoxy resin were also prepared. The mixtures were then used to fabricate test specimens with an SLA-type 3D printer. After printing, the samples were subjected to a series of mechanical tests to evaluate their performance. These included hardness, tensile, and flexural tests. The mechanical tests revealed a clear relationship between the corn husk content and the composite's properties.

MATERIAL AND METHOD

AnyCubic Standard Resin was utilized as the matrix material in composite production. Fibers derived from corn husks were used as reinforcement. Subsequently, the corn husks were subjected to a heat treatment at a temperature of 100 °C for a duration of 12 hours, with the objective of moisture removal. The dried materials were subsequently ground using a blade mill to achieve uniform particle size and sieved using a 200-mesh sieve to achieve particles smaller than 100 μm.

Tablo 1. Names and contents of control (pure) and composite samples.

Name	Resin (wt.%)	Corn Husk Waste Powder (wt.%)
Pure	100	0
C1	99	1
C2	98	2
C4	96	4

As illustrated in Table 1, four distinct compositions of composites were fabricated within the scope of the study. A two-stage mixing process, involving mechanical and ultrasonic mixing, was used to achieve a homogeneous distribution. The CHW powder was initially incorporated into the resin and then subjected to a mechanical mixing process. Subsequently, ultrasonic mixing was employed to eliminate agglomeration and ensure the formation of a suspension

The samples utilized in this study were fabricated using a Creality Halot-One (CL-60) 3D printer. The printing parameters for layer thickness and exposure time were set to 100 μm and 6 seconds, respectively, for all samples. After printing, all samples were subjected to a post-processing procedure consisting of washing and curing. The samples were then subjected to a washing procedure, which involved a five-minute soak in isopropanol (IPA). This step was intended to eliminate any residual uncured resin that might be present on the sample's surface. The curing process entailed subjecting the samples to UV light exposure for a duration of 60 minutes. This procedure was implemented to ensure the complete polymerization of the residual uncured resin within the structure.

Tensile, three-point bending, and hardness tests were performed for the mechanical characterization of the samples. Tensile and bending tests were performed using the Shimadzu AG-IS universal testing machine according to ASTM D638 and ASTM D790 standards, respectively. Both tests were performed with a head speed of 1 mm/min. Hardness tests were performed using a Shore D hardness tester in accordance with ASTM D2240. To ensure the statistical reliability of the results, three different samples were used for each composition in the tests.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The tensile and flexural strength graphs of pure and composite samples are shown in Figure 1, Shore D hardness graph is shown in Figure 2 and the detailed values are shown in Table 2. The results show that corn husk waste (CHW) reinforcement increases the mechanical performance of epoxy matrix composites. Pure epoxy (Pure) exhibited the lowest values, while samples C1 and C2 containing 1% and 2% CHW achieved the highest levels of flexural and tensile strength. This suggests that lower filler ratios optimize the matrix-reinforcement interface interaction and improve load transfer. In sample C4 with a 4% filler ratio, the decrease in both flexural and tensile strengths can be explained by the high particle content disrupting matrix continuity and the tendency for agglomeration [10]. The dramatic decrease in tensile strength can be attributed to the lower contribution of natural fibres to the load-carrying capacity of the matrix under tensile loads. Increasing the filler ratio during the SLA-type 3D printing process can negatively impact interlayer bonding by increasing resin viscosity [11].

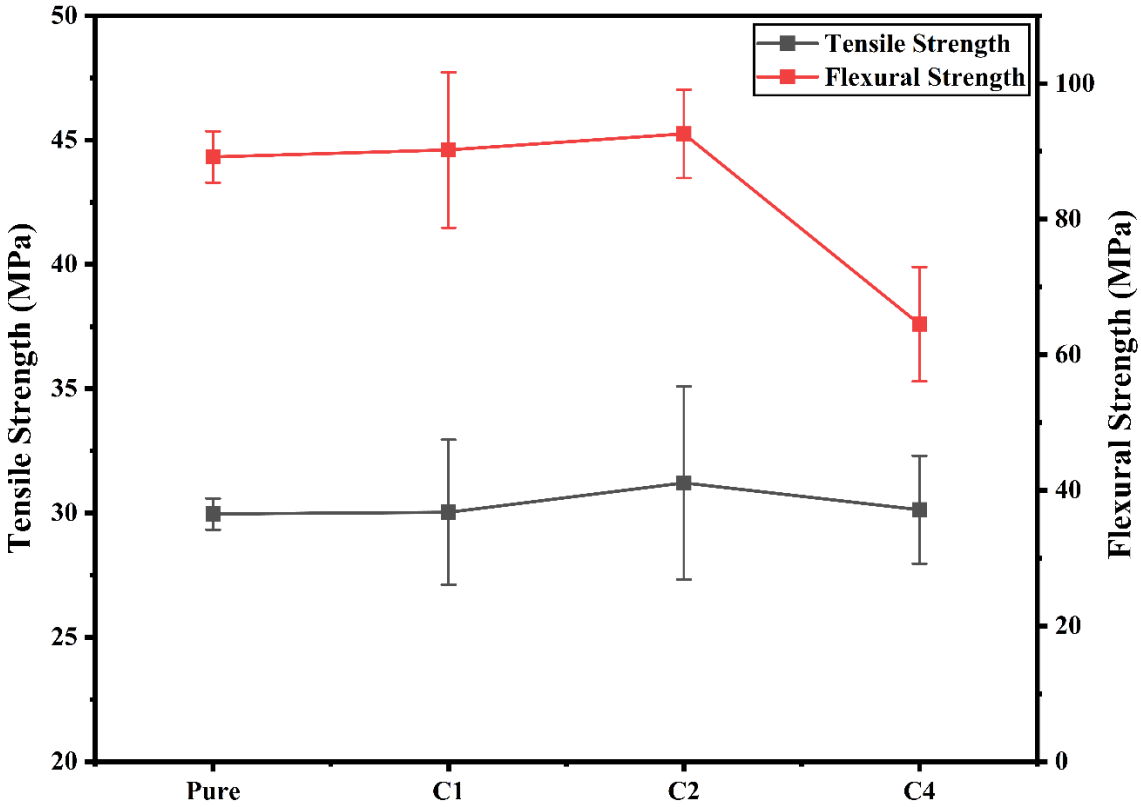

Figure 1. Tensile and flexural strength graphs of pure and composite samples.

The Shore D hardness results of the pure and composite samples are presented in Figure 2. The pure epoxy specimen exhibited the lowest hardness value (approximately 76 Shore D), while a progressive increase was observed with rising filler content. C1, C2 and C4 samples demonstrated hardness values of roughly 80, 82, and 84 Shore D, respectively. This steady increase confirms that the incorporation of CHW enhances the resistance of the polymer matrix to surface indentation and plastic deformation. The improvement in hardness can be attributed to the rigid, lignocellulosic nature of corn husk fibers, which act as micro-reinforcements restricting the mobility of polymer chains and enabling more efficient stress transfer under localized loading.

Table 2. Detailed tensile and flexural strength values of pure and composite samples.

Name	Tensile Strength (MPa)	Flexural Strength (MPa)	Hardness (Shore D)
Pure	29.96 ± 0.63	89.18 ± 3.79	76.5 ± 0.85
C1	30.03 ± 2.91	90.21 ± 11.46	80.31 ± 1.19
C2	31.21 ± 3.88	92.58 ± 6.52	82.15 ± 1.13
C4	30.13 ± 2.17	64.52 ± 8.43	83.05 ± 0.95

The relatively small error margins indicate homogeneous filler distribution and stable interfacial bonding between the corn husk particles and the epoxy matrix. The steady increase up to 4 wt.% suggests that optimal reinforcement efficiency is achieved at this concentration, where filler agglomeration remains limited, ensuring continuous load transfer. Beyond this level, as reported in similar biomass-reinforced polymer systems, particle agglomeration or poor dispersion could hinder mechanical uniformity. Overall, the observed improvement in hardness aligns with literature on sustainable fiber-reinforced epoxy composites, confirming

that natural waste-derived fillers can effectively substitute synthetic reinforcements while maintaining surface durability and rigidity [12].

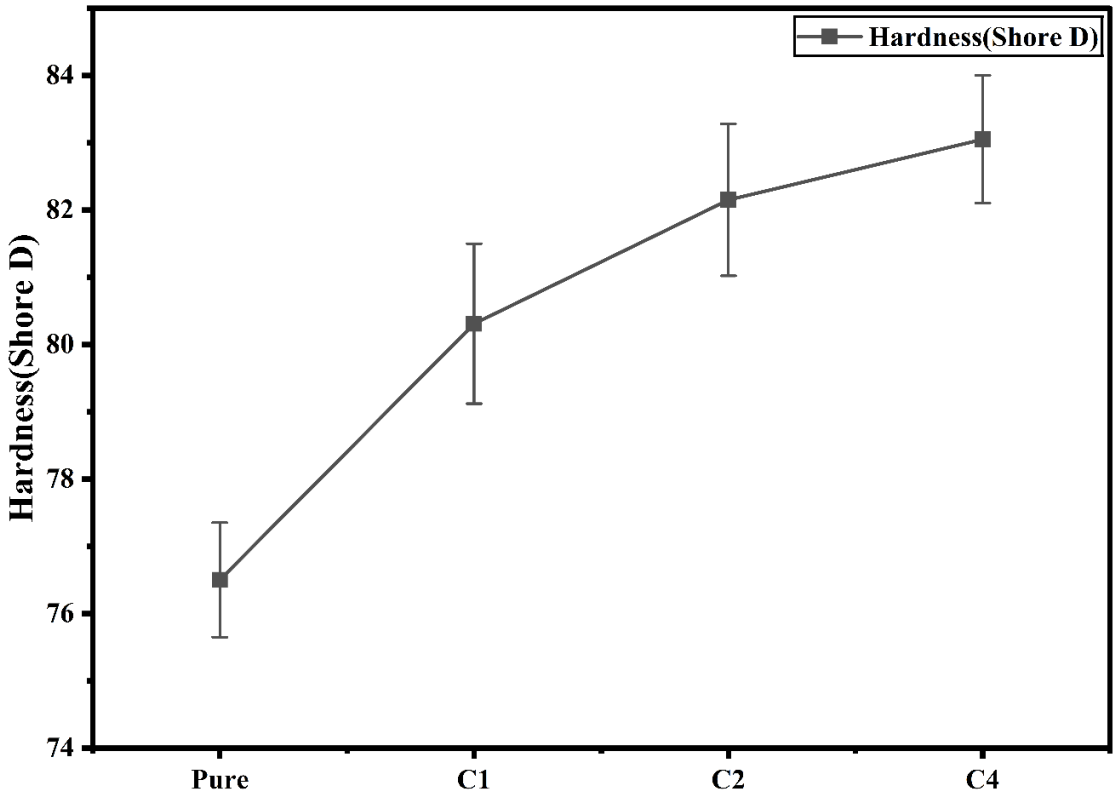

Figure 2. Shore D hardness graph of pure and composite samples.

CONCLUSION

This study successfully investigated the effect of incorporating waste corn husk (CHW) fibers as a bio-reinforcement in an epoxy-based resin for Stereolithography (SLA) 3D printing applications. The results clearly demonstrate that CHW addition significantly improves the mechanical properties of the composites, though this effect is highly dependent on the reinforcement ratio. Optimal performance was achieved at a 2 wt.% CHW concentration (C2), which exhibited the highest tensile and flexural strength values, indicating effective load transfer and a well-optimized matrix-fiber interface. However, increasing the filler content to 4 wt.% (C4) led to a notable decrease in both strength properties, particularly in flexural strength. This degradation is attributed to particle agglomeration and increased resin viscosity, which can disrupt matrix continuity and compromise interlayer bonding during the SLA process. In contrast, Shore D hardness showed a consistent positive correlation with filler content, increasing progressively up to the highest concentration tested.

The findings confirm the viability of valorizing agricultural byproducts like corn husks as a functional reinforcing agent for advanced manufacturing technologies. This approach presents a promising pathway for developing more sustainable, eco-friendly, and potentially cost-effective composite materials, reducing reliance on conventional synthetic fillers. For future work, it is recommended to explore surface modification techniques for the CHW fibers (e.g., alkali treatment) to enhance interfacial adhesion, which could potentially allow for higher reinforcement loadings without sacrificing strength. Furthermore, investigating the thermal properties, long-term durability, and biodegradability of these novel composites, alongside a microstructural analysis of fracture surfaces (e.g., via SEM), would provide a more comprehensive understanding and broaden their potential application areas.

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HEALTHCARE INTEGRATION AYUSH–ALLOPATHY INTEGRATION IN PHARMACY PRACTICE

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Abstract

The integration of AYUSH (Ayurveda, Yoga & Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha, and Homeopathy) with allopathic medicine has emerged as a promising approach to strengthen healthcare delivery in India. With the increasing prevalence of chronic diseases, rising patient demand for holistic therapies, and government initiatives promoting traditional medicine, AYUSH–allopathy integration offers unique opportunities for pharmacists and healthcare providers. Pharmacists, as medication experts, can play a vital role in ensuring safe, evidence-based integration of herbal and modern medicines, while preventing potential drug–drug and herb–drug interactions.This integration promotes patient-centered care by combining the preventive and wellness-oriented focus of AYUSH systems with the rapid and evidence-backed interventions of allopathy. For instance, Ayurveda and Siddha formulations may support lifestyle modification and long-term management of conditions like diabetes, hypertension, and arthritis, while allopathic drugs provide acute symptom control. However, challenges remain, including lack of robust clinical evidence, standardization of herbal formulations, regulatory ambiguities, and limited awareness among pharmacists and physicians.Pharmacy practice in this context must evolve toward interdisciplinary collaboration, pharmacovigilance of AYUSH products, patient education, and development of guidelines for safe co-prescription. Training modules for pharmacy students and practicing pharmacists are essential to equip them with knowledge of traditional medicine systems and their possible interactions with modern drugs.AYUSH

Keywords: Allopathy,Integrative Medicine,Pharmacy Practice,Pharmacovigilance,HerbDrug Interactions,Traditional Medicine,Patient-Centered Care,Clinical Evidence,Healthcare Integration

SYMMETRY ANALYSIS, EXACT SOLUTIONS AND CONSERVATION LAWS OF THE EXTENDED (3+1) DIMENSIONAL KADOMTSEV–PETVIASHVILI EQUATION

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ABSTRACT

The study of nonlinear partial differential equations (NLPDEs) continues to play a central role in applied mathematics and mathematical physics, as such equations model a wide range of nonlinear phenomena including shallow water waves, plasma dynamics, and fluid flow. In this paper, we investigate the extended (3+1)-dimensional Kadomtsev–Petviashvili (KP) equation, which generalizes the classical KP model and admits richer structures of wave interactions in higher dimensions. Our analysis begins with Lie group theory, which provides systematic techniques for reducing the governing equation to lower-dimensional forms by exploiting its underlying symmetries. Through these reductions, we derive similarity variables and obtain reduced models that are more amenable to exact analysis. To construct explicit solutions, we employ the Extended-Tanh method, a powerful direct approach for generating travelling wave solutions. This method yields a variety of exact solution profiles, including solitary wave, periodic, and kink-type solutions, which are illustrated through graphical representations in both two- and three-dimensional perspectives. Furthermore, we derive conservation laws for the extended KP equation using the multiplier method, which confirms the integrability and physical relevance of the model. These conserved quantities not only validate the obtained solutions but also shed light on the stability and qualitative behavior of the underlying system. Overall, the combination of Lie group reductions, exact solution construction, and conservation law analysis provides a comprehensive framework for understanding the dynamics of the extended (3+1)-dimensional KP equation and contributes to the broader theory of nonlinear wave equations.

Key Words: Lie symmetries; Lie symmetry methods; extended Tanh method; Multiplier method; Conservation laws.

THE INFLUENCE OF METALLICITY AND HELIUM MASS FRACTION ON TIMESCALES IN A 15 $M_\odot$ STAR USING MESA

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ABSTRACT

Introduction and Purpose: Both the star's initial mass and the physical processes occurring inside and outside the star affect the timescale used in stellar evolution. To understand how the effective temperature, dynamic timescale, Kelvin-Helmholtz timescale, and nuclear timescale change with the star's age, it is important to consider the effects of metallicity and helium mass fraction.

Materials and Methods: In this study, we measure how the effective temperature, dynamic timescale, Kelvin-Helmholtz timescale, and nuclear timescale affect these timescales in a 15 $M_\odot$ star using MESA (Modules for Experiments in Stellar Astrophysics).

Results: The results show that the maximum value for the Kelvin-Helmholtz timescale occurs at the highest helium mass fraction. For the nuclear timescale, the highest metallicity results in the lowest value. The highest value for the dynamic timescale appears at the lowest metallicity and helium mass fraction combination.

Discussion and Conclusion: The findings of the current study indicate that variations in metallicity and helium mass fraction cause significant changes in stellar contraction rates, fuel consumption, and structural responses. These timescales are crucial constraints for developing accurate stellar evolution models.

Key Words: Metallicity, Helium mass fraction, Kelvin-Helmholtz timescale, dynamic timescale, nuclear timescale

THREADS OF ESCAPE: ADAPTIVE REUSE OF TRAINS

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Abstract

Old train carriages are often left to rust and decay, even though they're built to last and could be repurposed in creative ways. This project repurposes these forgotten carriages into immersive escape rooms, creating interactive environments that engage visitors both intellectually and physically. By building on the existing structure, the design reduces environmental impact and revives forgotten infrastructure with a fresh purpose. The "Threads of Escape" concept links several carriages into one seamless journey, creating a stronger sense of exploration and keeping the experience engaging throughout. Preserving the original form of the trains, the project blends history with innovation, offering a unique recreational attraction that local tourism and public engagement. It demonstrates how adaptive reuse can turn outdated spaces into vibrant, experience-focused destinations, reimagining abandonment as a chance for creativity and innovation.

KEYWORDS: *Abandoned Trains, Adaptive Use, Adventure, Escape, Environments, Experiential Design, Interactive Space.*

HARNESSING CLIMATE FINANCE FOR LOCAL ADAPTATION IN NIGERIA

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Abstract

Nigeria is among the countries most vulnerable to the adverse effects of climate change, facing recurrent desertification, heat stress, floods, and coastal erosion that affect livelihoods, food security, and infrastructure. Although national frameworks such as the Climate Change Act (2021) and Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) provide a policy path, a serious gap remains in mobilizing and channeling climate finance to the states and community levels where impacts are most severe. This paper examines the prospects and obstacles in accessing and organizing climate finance for local adaptation in Nigeria. It discovers the role of international instruments such as the ones available from the Adaptation Fund, the Green Climate Fund, and bilateral initiatives, along with the domestic Climate Change Fund formed under the Climate Change Act. The case studies of community-based adaptation projects highlight fruitful practices, financing challenges, and governance bottlenecks that hamper effective resource allocation. The paper argues that bridging the finance gap requires nurturing partnerships between government, the private sector, and local actors, strengthening institutional capacity, and ensuring transparency. It also recommends innovative financing models, such as micro-insurance schemes, climate bonds, and public-private-community partnerships, as crucial tools for scaling adaptation. By focusing on practical pathways to align finance flows with Nigeria's climate priorities, the study aims to offer actionable insights for policymakers, donors, and practitioners working to enhance resilience at the grassroots level.

Keywords: Climate Finance, Local Adaptation, Resilience, Nigeria, Governance

HARNESSING SUNLIGHT WITH PORPHYRINS: A QUANTUM AND IMPEDANCE SPECTROSCOPY STUDY FOR DSSCs

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ABSTRACT

This work explores the photovoltaic potential of 10 dye-sensitized organic structures (DSSCs) based on modified porphyrins aiming to increase their efficiency. One of these modifications is

adding groups for donors and acceptors. The objective of this work is to evaluate optical, electrical, geometric, and photovoltaic properties of altered compounds. Finding the key variables open-circuit voltage, energy gap (band gap), and maximum absorption wave length that influence how effectively these redesigned structures might operate in solar cells is the primary objective. The study aims to find whether adopting these changed structures in the field of photovoltaics is viable using knowledge of computations and analyses. Together with a careful application of quantum chemistry, the inclusion of donor and acceptor groups into dye-sensitized organic structures based on porphyrins enables a more deep awareness of the effect of these changes on the photovoltaic efficiency of materials. In essence, the work aims to identify and characterize structures showing enhanced photovoltaic efficiency, therefore furthering the development of suitable solar materials. In this work, the geometric, electrical, photovoltaic, and optical properties of modified porphyrin-based dye-sensitized organic structures were evaluated utilizing quantum chemistry approaches based on Density Functional Theory (DFT) and Time-Dependent Density Functional Theory (TD-DFT). More specifically, electronic transitions and optical properties were computed exactly using TD-DFT-B3LYP/6-31g(d,p) and TD-CAM-B3LYP/6-31g(d,p). Furthermore, as a vital method, impedance spectroscopy (IS) was applied to characterize, examine, and diagnostic the several structures in this work.

Keywords*:* Porphyrin DFT, TD-DFT, Solarcells, Impedances pectroscopy, Gap energy Donor-Acceptor

AWARENESS, ACCEPTABILITY, AND WILLINGNESS TO VACCINATE UNDER-FIVE CHILDREN WITH THE RTS, S/AS01 MALARIA VACCINE IN ABUJA, NIGERIA

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ABSTRACT

Objectives

This study assessed mothers' awareness, acceptability, and willingness to vaccinate under-five children with the RTS, S/AS01 malaria vaccine in Abuja Municipal Area Council, Nigeria.

Methods

A convergent mixed-methods design was employed, combining a cross-sectional survey of 421 mothers with in-depth interviews of eight participants. Quantitative data were analysed using descriptive statistics and chi-square tests, while qualitative data were explored thematically.

Results

Respondents were mainly aged 26–45 years, married (78.6%), and tertiary-educated (81.9%). More than half (55%) were unaware of the RTS, S/AS01 vaccine, while 40% were aware. Acceptability was moderate-to-high, with 60% willing to vaccinate, 30% unwilling, and 15% undecided. Willingness was higher, as 71% expressed readiness if the vaccine became available, though 28% remained hesitant. Acceptability was significantly associated with education, religion, employment, age, and income ($p < 0.001$), but not distance to health facilities. Thematic analysis highlighted four determinants of decision-making: access and convenience, information and social influence, safety and efficacy concerns, and trust in information sources.

Conclusions

Uptake of the RTS, S/AS01 malaria vaccine is influenced by structural, cognitive, and social factors. Although willingness is generally high, low awareness, safety concerns, and socioeconomic barriers may limit uptake. Effective implementation requires health education, transparent communication, trust-building through institutional and community voices, and measures to reduce financial and logistical obstacles.

TRANSLATOR'S CHALLENGES IN TRANSLATING CULTURAL ELEMENTS INTO THE ALBANIAN LANGUAGE. CASE STUDY OF WORKS BY ITALO CALVINO

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ABSTRACT

Translation is the process of transferring a text from one language (source language) to another language (target language), while maintaining the style of the original text. Italo Calvino is considered one of the most important writers of the twentieth century and his works have been translated into many languages, including the Albanian language. This paper analyzes the translation strategies used by the translator when dealing with the translation into the Albanian language of cultural elements in the works of Italo Calvino. This study analyzes the translation interventions and selections that present linguistic and cultural challenges, while maintaining professional integrity and ethics in translation. Focusing on different Albanian translations of Italo Calvino's works and at the same time focusing on translation theories, the article deals not only with the translation strategies used by translators to bring Italo Calvino's work from Italian to Albanian, but also analyzes the strategies used by translators to make the text understandable to the Albanian reader in relation to cultural elements. The analysis carried out in this article is based not only on translation theory, but is also combined with the examples brought by translations from the source language, Italian, into the Albanian language which is the target language.

Keywords: translation, translation strategy, cultural mediation, Italo Calvino, source culture, reception culture

TAUTOMERIC QUINOLINE-4-CARBOXYLIC ACID DERIVATIVES: SYNTHESIS AND CHARACTERIZATION OF ESTER, AMIDE, PYRIDAZINO, AND PYRROLO COMPOUNDS

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ABSTRACT

Introduction and Purpose: Quinoline and its derivatives represent an important class of heterocyclic compounds commonly found in both natural and synthetic products. These structures are known for their broad spectrum of biological and pharmacological activity. Over the past fifty years, extensive research has demonstrated the therapeutic potential of quinoline derivatives in a variety of biomedical applications. In this study, we aimed to synthesize new quinoline-4-carboxylic acid derivatives that we think will exhibit biological activity.

Materials and Methods: First, we synthesized 3-benzoyl-2-oxo-1,2-dihydroquinoline-4-carboxylic acid from the reaction of ethyl 3-oxo-3-phenylpropanoate and sodium 2-(2-aminophenyl)-2-oxoacetate in solvent-free medium. The ^{1}H NMR spectrum of the synthesized 3-benzoyl-2-oxo-1,2-dihydroquinoline-4-carboxylic acid revealed that there are two different tautomeric forms: open and lactone forms. 3-Benzoyl-2-oxo-1,2-dihydroquinoline-4-carboxylic acid was converted into ester derivatives (**1–3**) by Fischer esterification with various alcohols under the sulfuric acid catalyst. To obtain the amide derivatives, we first converted the carboxylic acid to the corresponding acid chloride (compound **4**) using thionyl chloride ($SOCl_2$). Subsequently, by reacting compound **4** with various amines, we obtained a series of new amide derivatives (**5–8**). Due to the presence of the ketone group in the hydrazine derivative amide compound (**8**), a Schiff base reaction was performed to cyclize and yield a pyridazino[4,5-c]quinoline derivative (**9**). Finally, pyrrolo[3,4-c]quinoline derivatives (**10–13**) were synthesized from the reactions between the tautomeric carboxylic acid compound and various primary amines.

Results: In this study, we investigated the reactivity of a quinoline-based carboxylic acid compound in equilibrium (1:1 ratio) between its open and lactone forms. The carboxylic acid and ketone functional groups present in the quinoline skeleton were modified by esterification, amidation, and Schiff base reactions. Given the well-documented pharmacological importance of quinoline derivatives, newly synthesized analogs may be valuable for the development of new agents in medicinal chemistry.

Discussion and Conclusion: In this study, ester and amide derivatives of quinoline carboxylic acid, compatible with the open form, were formed, while pyrrolo derivatives, compatible with the other tautomeric form, the lactone form, were formed through Schiff base reactions with amines. New quinoline derivatives (**1-13**) were obtained as a result of facile and high yields (66-87%). In conclusion, we have successfully synthesized and characterized quinoline-4-carboxylic acid derivatives, including ester, amide, pyridazino, and pyrrolo derivatives. The newly synthesized derivatives offer promising scaffolds, particularly in the search for antitumor or antimicrobial agents.

Key Words: Quinoline-4-carboxylic acid; Ester; Amide; Pyridazino; Pyrrolo

RISK PERCEPTION AND PREVENTIVE PRACTICES OF ANEMIA IN PREGNANCY: IMPLICATIONS FOR MATERNAL HEALTH AND SUSTAINABILITY IN NIGERIA

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ABSTRACT

Background: Anemia in pregnancy remains a pressing global health and sustainability challenge, disproportionately affecting women in low- and middle-income countries. This study assessed knowledge, risk perception, and preventive practices related to anemia among pregnant women in Ilorin Metropolis, Nigeria, with implications for maternal health equity and sustainable health systems.

Methods: A cross-sectional analytical study was conducted between November 2024 and January 2025 among 407 pregnant women aged 15–49 years attending antenatal care in selected public facilities. Data were collected using a structured, pre-tested questionnaire and analyzed with chi-square and logistic regression at a 5% significance level.

Results: While 70.3% had heard of anemia, only 15.5% could correctly define it, and 9.3% perceived themselves at personal risk. Although 86% reported consuming balanced diets, only 29% had dewormed recently, and less than half could identify iron-rich foods. Secondary education significantly predicted good preventive practices (AOR = 1.969, p = 0.009).

Conclusion: Awareness alone does not translate into adequate knowledge or preventive behavior. Strengthening antenatal education with culturally sensitive, behaviorally informed, and context-specific interventions is essential to improve prevention. Addressing anemia as both a maternal health and sustainability concern will contribute to global health equity, reduce preventable morbidity, and advance the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Keywords: Anemia; Pregnancy; Public health; Global health; Sustainability

ENHANCED PHOTOVOLTAIC PERFORMANCE PREDICTION UNDER MEDITERRANEAN CLIMATES USING LSTM NETWORKS

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***Abstract*—**Predicting photovoltaic (PV) performance parameters is essential for maximizing energy yield. This study presents a hybrid physics-informed Long Short-Term Memory (LSTM) model to forecast current (Imp) and voltage (Vmp) for maximum power point tracking (MPPT) under Mediterranean climatic conditions. Using one year of high-resolution environmental data from Oran, Algeria, we integrate fundamental photovoltaic equations with a stacked LSTM architecture (64→32 units) processing sequences of irradiance, temperature, and temporal features. The model achieves exceptional voltage prediction accuracy (MAE: 0.0727V, **0.23 %** of nominal) and robust current forecasting (MAE: 0.7667A). These results enable enhanced maximum power point tracking (MPPT), real-time degradation detection (**>2 V** deviations), and **40 %** faster fault identification. The approach demonstrates **91 %** accuracy during stable irradiance, establishing a practical framework for PV optimization in semi-arid regions.

***Index Terms*—**photovoltaic, MPPT, LSTM, Mediterranean climatic

ELECTROCHEMICAL SUPERCAPACITANCE PERFORMANCE OF NANOSTRUCTURED CAULIFLOWER NICKEL-BASED CHALCOGEIİDE ELECTRODES FOR NEXT-GENERATION ENERGY STORAGE DEVICE

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Abstract

The development of next-generation electrochemical energy storage (EES) devices, like pseudo-supercapacitors, is gaining a receiving significant attention because they combine the high energy density (E_d) of batteries and the high-power density (P_d) of supercapacitors into one device. This study employs a straightforward homemade chemical vapor deposition (CVD) method to produce a series of nickel-based chalcogenides, including nickel sulfide (NiS), sulfur-cadmium-nickel sulfide (S-CdNiS), selenide-CdNiS, and telluride-CdNiS electrode materials (EMs). For NiS, S-CdNiS, Se-CdNiS, and Te-CdNiS, the highest values of specific capacitance (Ccv and Ccd), Ed, and Pd were 5143, 5852, 5696, and 1462 F/g (at 1 mV/s); 1080, 2465, 2330, and 1807 F/g (at 1 A/g); 44, 101, 95, 74 (Wh/kg), and 1896 (Wh/kg), respectively. Of these, the S-CdNiS EMs with a cauliflower-like nanostructure (made up of interconnected nanofibers) performed the best electrochemically, showing outstanding cyclic stability, high columbic efficiency (CE: 95%), and excellent capacity retention (CR: 91%). The composition of S-CdNiS was confirmed by elemental analysis to be Ni (32 weight percent), Cd (41 weight percent), and S (27 weight percent). Additionally, the optimized S-CdNiS EMs provided a high surface area with an average pore size of 11.3 nm and 99.87 m^2/g. A supercapacitor device made with S-CdNiS//AC EMs showed promise for the next generation of high-performance EES devices by delivering C_{cd} = 348 F/g, E_d = 85 Wh/kg, and P_d = 7500 W/kg, CR = 78% and CE = 87% even after 10,000 cycles.

ASSESSMENT OF THE CURRENT STATUS OF FISH PASSAGES IN HYDROELECTRIC POWER PLANTS: THE CASE OF BAYBURT PROVINCE

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ABSTRACT

Introduction and Purpose: The global population growth and rapidly developing technology are increasing the demand for energy every day. To meet this demand, countries are turning to renewable energy sources to reduce the environmental impact of fossil fuels and ensure a sustainable energy need. One of the most widely used methods for renewable energy production is the use of water resources. In this context, dams, regulators, dams and hydroelectric power plants (HPPs) are currently being constructed on rivers. However, it is known that these structures have significant ecological impacts on aquatic ecosystems, especially migratory fish species. Obstructing free migration along rivers can lead to serious disruptions in the reproduction, feeding and life cycles of fish populations. Therefore, fish passes are critical for maintaining the ecological balance.

Materials and Methods: This study examines the design, construction, operation and maintenance processes of fish passes based on literature. The fish passes at the Bayburt (Kop and Bayburt Regulators), Yildirim, Bayburt 2 and Coruh Flour HEPPs in Bayburt province were evaluated based on data obtained from the 'State Hydraulic Works' and the 'Provincial Directorate of Environment, Urbanization and Climate Change' as well as field observations. The investigations revealed that some HEPPs lack fish passes and existing fish passes have lost their functionality due to inadequate maintenance and operation. Furthermore, the effectiveness of fish passes is often not regularly monitored.

Results: As a result of the examination of the HEPPs in Bayburt province, it was determined that some HEPPs did not have fish passes and that the maintenance and repair of fish passes was inadequate in the HEPPs that did have fish passes.

Discussion and Conclusion: Consequently, to address the problems identified in the study, it is recommended that fish passes be added to power plants lacking fish passes, that existing passes be regularly maintained and repaired and that effective fish use of these passes be monitored using scientific methods. This approach will ensure both the sustainability of energy production and the preservation of ecosystem integrity.

Key Words: Fish pass; Hydroelectric power plant; Renewable Energy; Water sources

EVALUATION OF THE CURRENT STATUS OF FISH PASSAGES IN DAMS: THE EXAMPLE OF GUMUSHANE PROVINCE

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ABSTRACT

Introduction and Purpose: Dam structures alter the natural flow regime in river systems, creating new habitats through the lakes they create and can have positive effects on some fish species. However, the most significant ecological disadvantage of these structures is that they disrupt the natural life cycles of migratory fish species and negatively impact their population dynamics. It is known that fish passing through spillways, water intake structures, bottom weirs and turbine systems in particular face serious physical harm. To minimize these ecological impacts, the planning and implementation of fish passage systems in dam and regulator projects is critical for aquatic life. The primary objective of this study is to assess the current status of fish passages in five dams located in the Gumushane province and to propose solutions to potential problems.

Materials and Methods: As part of this study, the structural and hydraulic properties of fish passes belonging to the Torul, Kurtun, Akkoy 1, Gokcebel and Yasmakli Dams were analyzed using data obtained from the 'State Hydraulic Works' and the 'Provincial Directorates of Environment, Urbanization and Climate Change'. Furthermore, these data were compared with on-site field observations to assess the functionality of the passes. A literature review was used to establish a theoretical framework for the design, construction, operation and maintenance processes of fish passes.

Results: As a result of the data and field observations of the Torul, Kurtun, Akkoy 1, Gokcebel and Yasmakli Dams examined within the scope of the study, there is no fish passage in these five dams, as in most dams in Turkey.

Discussion and Conclusion: It was determined that the dams examined in the Gumushane province lacked fish passage. Therefore, trapping and transporting must be used to allow fish to perform vital activities such as feeding, breeding and so on. This method also allows fish to be transported to the desired location within the reservoir using specialized vehicles.

It is also possible to retrofit dams previously constructed but lacking fish passages. There are numerous examples of this worldwide.

Key Words: Fish pass; Gumushane Dams; Renewable Energy; River

ENERGY DEPENDENCE AND STRUCTURAL GROWTH: A THEORETICAL ANALYSIS THROUGH ECONOMIC SYSTEM APPROACHES

ENERJİ BAĞIMLILIĞI VE YAPISAL BÜYÜME: İKTİSADİ SİSTEM YAKLAŞIMLARIYLA TEORİK BİR İNCELEME

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ÖZET

Giriş ve Amaç: Enerji arzında dışa bağımlılık, gelişmekte olan ekonomilerde makroekonomik istikrarı zayıflatan temel kırılganlıklardan biri olarak öne çıkmaktadır. Bu olgu, dış ticaret dengesi, cari açık sorunları ve üretim yapısının dönüşümü üzerinde doğrudan etkiye sahiptir. Bu çalışmanın amacı, enerji bağımlılığı ile yapısal büyüme arasındaki ilişkiyi farklı iktisadi sistem perspektiflerinden inceleyerek çok boyutlu bir değerlendirme sunmaktır.

Yöntem: Araştırma, karşılaştırmalı teorik bir yaklaşıma dayanmaktadır. Bu kapsamda Neo-Schumpeterci büyüme modeli, bağımlılık teorisi, dünya sistemi analizi ve eko-Marxist yaklaşım olmak üzere dört temel teori ele alınmıştır. Her bir teori, enerji bağımlılığının inovasyon kapasitesi, yapısal bağımlılık, küresel sistemdeki konum ve ekolojik krizler üzerindeki etkilerini açıklamak üzere kullanılmıştır.

Bulgular: Teorik inceleme, enerji bağımlılığının ekonomik etkilerle birlikte, teknolojik, çevresel ve sistemsel boyutlarda da büyüme süreçlerini belirlediğini göstermektedir. Enerji ithalatına yüksek derecede bağımlı ülkelerin, yenilikçi stratejiler geliştirmekte ve sürdürülebilir kalkınmayı sağlamada yapısal engellerle karşı karşıya kaldığı ortaya konmuştur.

Tartışma ve Sonuç: Çalışma, enerji bağımlılığının çok boyutlu bir sorun olarak ele alınması gerektiğini vurgulamaktadır. Bu çerçevede, sürdürülebilir büyüme hedefi doğrultusunda enerji bağımlılığını azaltıcı politikaların geliştirilmesi büyük önem taşımaktadır. Yapısal dönüşümün, yenilikçi ve ekolojik hassasiyet taşıyan stratejilerle desteklenmesi, uzun vadeli ekonomik istikrarın sağlanması açısından kritik görülmektedir.

Anahtar Kelimeler: Enerji Bağımlılığı; Yapısal Büyüme; Sistem Teorileri; Bağımlılık Teorisi; Eko-Marxizm; Enerji Politikaları

ABSTRACT

Introduction and Purpose: External dependence on energy supply emerges as one of the fundamental vulnerabilities undermining macroeconomic stability in developing economies. This phenomenon directly affects the trade balance, current account deficits, and the transformation of production structures. This study aims to evaluate the relationship between energy dependence and structural growth from different economic system perspectives.

Method: The research is based on a comparative theoretical approach. Four major theories were considered: the Neo-Schumpeterian growth model, dependency theory, world-systems analysis, and the eco-Marxist approach. Each theoretical framework explained how energy

dependence influences innovation capacity, structural dependency, positioning in the global system, and ecological crises.

Results: The theoretical analysis reveals that energy dependence shapes economic outcomes and technological, environmental, and systemic dimensions of growth processes. The findings indicate that countries highly dependent on energy imports face structural barriers in developing innovative strategies and achieving sustainable development.

Discussion and Conclusion: The study emphasizes that energy dependence should be addressed as a multidimensional issue. In this context, developing policies to reduce reliance on external energy sources is essential for sustainable growth. Supporting structural transformation with innovative and ecologically sensitive strategies is critical for long-term economic stability**.**

Keywords: Energy Dependence; Structural Growth; System Theories; Dependency Theory; Eco-Marxism; Energy Policies

STRUCTURAL ANALYSIS OF PROPANE STORAGE TANK

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ABSTRACT

Polypropylene is a versatile thermoplastic polymer that holds significant industrial importance due to its excellent chemical resistance, mechanical properties, and cost-effectiveness, making it widely used in applications ranging from automotive components and packaging materials to medical devices and textiles. A polypropylene production facility represents a critical technology for a country, as it plays a vital role in supporting industrial development, reducing import dependency, and strengthening the domestic petrochemical sector. Therefore, the objective of the present study is to perform a structural analysis of a double-walled propane storage tank with a storage capacity of 94,000 cubic meters.

The tank components consist of the foundation, insulation layer, upper foundation, external reinforced concrete (RC) wall, internal structural steel tank shell, steel tank roof, and RC roof. The scope of the structural design includes the analysis and design of these structural components. The diameter of the external RC wall is 72.70 meters while the height of the roof from the top slab is considered 40.90 meters during the study. Site-specific ground motion records were determined and used in the structural analysis. Based on the identified soil properties and the ground pressures induced by the structure as obtained from the analysis, the need for soil improvement was determined. The isolator was selected based on the horizontal and vertical loads induced by the stored liquid and the self-weight of the structure. Using the parameters corresponding to the selected isolator type in the analysis, internal forces in the structural elements were obtained and corresponding section design calculations were performed.

In addition to the above considerations, special attention was paid to ensure that the maximum displacements remained within the allowable limits defined by the isolator specifications. The analytical results obtained played a critical role in the field fabrication of the reinforced concrete structural elements. Furthermore, this study was instrumental in guiding both the manufacturing processes of the isolators and the installation of the reinforced concrete structural components on-site.

The current study has demonstorated that design and development of a double-walled propane storage tank. The structural analysis activity was demonstrated in detail in the current study.

Key Words: Propane storage tank; Structural analysis; Polypropylene

REVIEW OF POSTGRADUATE STUDIES RELATED TO SCHOOL SAFETY

OKUL GÜVENLİĞİNE İLİŞKİN LİSANSÜSTÜ ÇALIŞMALARIN İNCELENMESİ

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School safety or the concept of a safe school is generally defined as an environment where all stakeholders in the school are free from violence, enabling the achievement of educational goals at the highest level. It also involves the development and implementation of strategies that prioritize well-being and safety. Schools are not only places where academic knowledge is imparted; they are also considered living spaces where students' social, emotional, and behavioral development is supported. Therefore, the general aim of the research is to examine postgraduate studies conducted on school safety in Turkey. The research was conducted within the scope of a qualitative approach, using a systematic descriptive review model. The research area consisted of postgraduate thesis studies on school safety indexed in the National Thesis Center of the Higher Education Council. The postgraduate studies in the research area were selected according to the typical case sampling method, which is one of the purposive sampling methods. During the data collection process, a search was conducted on the official website of the National Thesis Center of the Council of Higher Education using the keywords “school safety” and “safe school,” resulting in a total of 28 postgraduate thesis studies related to school safety conducted between 2004 and 2024 (all of which were included in the study). The data were analyzed using descriptive analysis methods. According to the research findings, postgraduate studies on school safety in Turkey were conducted between 2004 and 2024 and only in 16 provinces. Among the school levels where data was collected, the highest number of studies was conducted at the middle school level, followed by elementary school, high school, and multi-level (covering more than one level) studies. However, no studies were found that collected data in preschool education institutions. In terms of methodology, it was observed that most of the thesis studies conducted on this subject in Turkey were at the master's level and were prepared using quantitative research methods. The studies frequently involved teachers and school administrators, but did not involve other stakeholders such as students and parents. It has been determined that 5-point Likert-type scales are predominantly used as data collection tools. Furthermore, it was found that descriptive statistics and basic inferential analysis techniques were preferred in the vast majority of postgraduate studies, while advanced analyses and the use of mixed methods were rarely encountered. These findings indicate that the topic of school safety in Turkey is receiving increasing academic attention; however, they also reveal areas for improvement in terms of analytical depth and methodological diversity.

Key Words: School; Security; School Security; Graduate Studies

ÖZET

Okul güvenliği veya güvenli okul kavramı genelde, eğitim amaçlarını en üst düzeyde başarmak için okuldaki tüm paydaşların şiddet görmediği bir ortam olarak tanımlanmaktadır. Aynı zamanda da refahı ve güvenliği ön planda tutan stratejilerin geliştirilmesi ve uygulanmasını içermektedir. Okullar yalnızca akademik bilgilerin aktarıldığı yerler değil; aynı zamanda öğrencilerin sosyal, duygusal ve davranışsal gelişimlerinin desteklendiği yaşam alanları olarak da değerlendirilmektedir. Dolayısıyla, araştırmanın genel amacı, Türkiye'de okul güvenliğine ilişkin yapılan lisansüstü çalışmaları incelenmektir. Araştırma nitel yaklaşım kapsamında olup, sistematik betimsel tarama modelinde yapılmıştır. Araştırma alanını ise, okul güvenliği konulu ve Yükseköğretim Kurulu Ulusal Tez Merkezine indekslenen lisansüstü tez çalışmaları oluşturmuştur. Araştırma alanında yer alan lisansüstü çalışmalar amaçsal örnekleme yöntemlerinden olan tipik durum örnekleme yöntemine göre seçilmiştir. Veri toplama sürecinde Yükseköğretim Kurulu Ulusal Tez Merkezin resmi sayfasında "okul güvenliği" ve "güvenli okul" sözcükleri aracılığıyla yapılan tarama sonucunda, 2004 - 2024 yılları arasında okul güvenliğine ilişkin gerçekleştirilen toplam 28 lisansüstü tez çalışmasına ulaşılmıştır (tümü araştırmaya dâhil edilmiştir). Verilerin analizi betimsel analiz yöntemiyle yapılmıştır. Araştırma sonuçlarına göre, Türkiye'de okul güvenliği konusunda yapılmış lisansüstü çalışmalar 2004-2024 yılları arasında ve sadece 16 ilde yapılmıştır. Verilerin toplandığı okul kademeleri arasında en fazla çalışmanın ortaokul düzeyinde, bunu sırasıyla ilkokul, lise ve çok kademeli (birden fazla düzeyi kapsayan) çalışmalar izlemektedir. Ancak okulöncesi eğitim kurumlarında veri toplanan herhangi bir çalışmaya rastlanmamıştır. Yöntem açısından değerlendirdiğinde ise, Türkiye'de bu konuda yapılmış tez çalışmaların çoğunlukla yüksek lisans düzeyinde olduğu ve nicel araştırma yöntemine bağlı araştırma modelleriyle hazırlandığı gözlemlenmektedir. Araştırmalarda sıklıkla öğretmenler ve okul yöneticileri ile çalışıldığı, ancak konunun diğer paydaşları olan öğrenci ve velilerle çalışılmamıştır. Veri toplama aracı olarak 5'li likert tipi ölçeklerin ön planda olduğu belirlenmiştir. Ayrıca lisansüstü çalışmaların büyük çoğunluğunda betimsel istatistik ve temel çıkarımsal analiz tekniklerinin tercih edildiği; ileri düzey analizlere ve karma yöntem kullanımına ise nadiren rastlandığı tespit edilmiştir. Bu bulgular, Türkiye'de okul güvenliği konusunun giderek artan bir akademik ilgiye konu olduğunu göstermekte; ancak analiz derinliği ve yöntem çeşitliliği açısından gelişime açık yönlerin bulunduğunu da ortaya koymaktadır.

Anahtar Kelimeler: Okul; Güvenlik; Okul Güvenliği; Lisansüstü Çalışmalar

GİRİŞ

Son yıllarda toplumsal yapılarda göç hareketleri, kentleşme süreci, ekonomik sorunlar ve aile yapısındaki dönüşümler gibi yaşanan hızlı değişimler okul ortamlarında çeşitli güvenlik sorunlarının yaşanmasına zemin oluşturabilmekte ve özellikle eğitim sisteminde güvenlik konusunu önemli bir gündem maddesi haline getirmiştir (Yılmaz ve Altınkurt, 2012). Okul güvenliği veya güvenli okul kavramı genelde, eğitim amaçlarını en üst düzeyde başarmak için okuldaki tüm paydaşların (öğrencilerin, öğretmenlerin, okul yöneticilerinin ve okulda çalışan diğer personelin) şiddet görmediği bir ortam olarak tanımlanma olup (Phillips vd.,2008), refahı ve güvenliği ön planda tutan stratejilerin geliştirilmesi ve uygulanmasını içermektedir. Buna, tüm paydaşlarda barış ve özgürlük duygusunun oluşmasını sağlayan bir ortamın yaratılması ve okula duyulan güvenin sağlanması da dâhildir (Erçek, 2018). Bunun yanı sıra 'okul güvenliği' kavramındaki diğer önemli faktörler okulun fiziksel durumu ve okulun çevresindeki güvenliktir.

Okullar yalnızca akademik bilgilerin aktarıldığı yerler değil; aynı zamanda başta öğrencileri olmak üzere tüm paydaşların sosyal, duygusal ve davranışsal gelişimlerinin desteklendiği yaşam alanları olarak da değerlendirilmektedir. Dolayısıyla, bu ortamlarda güvenliğin sağlanması, eğitimin verimliliği açısından vazgeçilmez olarak değerlendirilir (Yıldırım ve

Şimşek, 2021). Ancak son yıllarda hem Türkiye'de hem de dünyada okul ortamlarında gözlemlenen şiddet olayları, akran zorbalığı, madde kullanımı, fiziksel ve psikolojik tehditler gibi durumlar okul güvenliği açısından ciddi tehditler oluşturmaktadır (Aksoy, 2010; Dönmez ve Genç, 2015). Bu durum, öğrencilerin sadece fiziksel değil, aynı zamanda duygusal ve psikolojik güvenliklerini de tehdit eder hale gelmiştir (Kaya ve Akbaşlı, 2019). Bu tehditler karşısında alınan önlemler zaman zaman yetersiz kalabilmekte, bu durum da öğrencilerin temel eğitim hakkını ve psikolojik iyi oluşlarını olumsuz yönde etkileyebilmektedir. Yurtiçi ve yurtdışı literatüründe, öğrencilerin kendilerini güvende hissettikleri okullarda daha yüksek motivasyon geliştirdikleri, sağlıklı sosyal ilişkiler kurabildikleri ve kişisel potansiyellerini daha etkin biçimde ortaya koyabildikleri belirtilmektedir (Can ve Nikolayidis, 2023; Demirtaş ve Kılınç, 2014; Gaal; 2022; Grover, 2015).

Okul güvenliğinin ihmal edildiği durumlarda ise: olumsuz duygulara (öğrencilerde stres, korku, kaygı vb.) yol açtığı, öğrenme süreçlerine katılım düzeylerinde düşüş, disiplin sorunlarında artış, akademik performanslarında gerileme ve okul terkine kadar uzanan bir sürece neden olabileceği gibi sonuçlarla karşılaşılabilmektedir (Aksoy, 2010; Aydın, 2020; Doğanay ve Karakuş, 2022; Taş ve Kılıç, 2023; Yılmaz ve Altınkurt, 2012). Bu bağlamda, okul güvenliği konusundaki mevcut bilimsel çalışmaların sistematik olarak değerlendirilmesi, yalnızca akademik bir ihtiyaç değil, aynı zamanda eğitim uygulamaları açısından da işlevsel bir gereklilik haline gelmiştir. Alanda yapılacak kapsamlı analizler, okul yöneticileri, öğretmenler, politika yapıcılar ve araştırmacılar için stratejik bir rehber niteliği taşıyacaktır (Balay, 2010). Türkiye'de farklı dönemlerde okul güvenliği konusunda farklı yöntem ve örneklem gruplarıyla pek çok akademik çalışma gerçekleştirilmiştir. Ancak bu çalışmaların genel bir bütünlük içinde değerlendirilmediği görülmektedir. Dolayısıyla bu araştırmanın genel amacı, Türkiye'de 2004-2024 yılları arasında okul güvenliğine ilişkin yapılan lisansüstü çalışmaları sistematik olarak inceleyerek alan yazında ortaya çıkan güncel eğilimleri görünür kılmaktır. Araştırmanın genel amacı doğrultusunda şu alt amaç sorularına cevap aranmıştır: 1. Okul güvenliğine yönelik yapılan lisansüstü çalışmaların yıllara ve illere göre dağılımı nasıldır? 2. Okul güvenliğine yönelik yapılan lisansüstü çalışmaların eğitim düzeylerine göre dağılımı nasıldır? 3. Okul güvenliğine yönelik yapılan lisansüstü çalışmalar hangi yöntemle yapılmıştır? 4. Okul güvenliğine yönelik yapılan lisansüstü çalışmalar hangi modelle yapılmıştır? 5. Okul güvenliğine yönelik yapılan lisansüstü çalışmalarda hangi örneklem türü kullanılmış ve çalışma örneklemi kimler oluşturmuştur? 6. Okul güvenliğine yönelik yapılan lisansüstü çalışmalarda veri toplama araçları nelerdir? 7. Okul güvenliğine yönelik yapılan lisansüstü çalışmaların veriler hangi eğitim kademesinden toplanmıştır? 8. Okul güvenliğine yönelik yapılan lisansüstü çalışmalarda hangi veri analiz türü kullanılmıştır?

YÖNTEM

Okul güvenliğine ilişkin yapılan lisansüstü çalışmaları incelemesine yönelik olan bu araştırma nitel araştırma yaklaşımı kapsamında yer alan sistematik betimsel literatür taraması modelindedir. Sistematik betimsel literatür taraması modelinde araştırılan konu hakkında yayımlanmış tüm çalışmaları tespit etmek amacıyla kapsamlı bir araştırma yapılır. Araştırma sonucunda elde edilen veriler sistemli bir şekilde bütünleşerek araştırma amacına yönelik bulgular ortaya konulmaktadır (Toker, 2022). Araştırmanın alanını ise, 2025 yılı Nisan ayı sonuna kadar araştırma konusuyla ilgili Yükseköğretim Kurulu Ulusal Tez Merkezi veri tabanında yayınlanmış 28 lisansüstü çalışması oluşturmaktadır. Araştırma alanında yer alan lisansüstü çalışmalar amaçsal örnekleme yöntemlerinden olan tipik durum örnekleme yöntemine göre seçilmiştir. Bu örnekleme türü araştırma amacıyla ilgili çok sayıda olan durumdan tipik olan bir durumu seçerek bir örnek durum üzerinden verilerin bir araya getirilmesini gerektirmektedir (Gürbüz ve Şahin, 2018). Böylece araştırmacı tarafından bu yöntemine uygun olan okul güvenliğine ilişkin 28 lisansüstü çalışmasına yer verilmiştir. Araştırmanın veri toplama sürecinin ilk aşamasında, Yükseköğretim Kurulu Ulusal Tez

Merkezi web sayfasındaki arama motoru kullanılarak "okul güvenliği" ve "güvenli okul" anahtar kelimeleriyle tarama gerçekleştirilmiştir. Bu tarama kapsamında okul güvenliğine ilişkin hazırlanmış lisansüstü tezler incelenmiştir. Sonuç olarak, 2004-2024 yılları arasında yapılmış ve erişime açık olan 25 yüksek lisans ve 3 doktora tezi olmak üzere toplam 28 lisansüstü çalışmaya ulaşılmıştır. Araştırma kapsamında ulaşılan lisansüstü çalışmaların çözümlenmesi betimsel analiz (tematik özetleme) aracılığıyla gerçekleştirilmiştir. Betimsel analiz, elde edilen verilerin nitelikleri ve dağılımlarını tanımlayarak özetlemek ve görselleştirmek için istatistiksel veya grafiksel tekniklerin kullanıldığı analiz yöntemidir (Yıldırım ve Şimsek, 2021). Böylece bu araştırmada genel amaç ve alt amaçlar doğrultusunda (lisansüstü çalışmaların yapıldığı yıl, il ve eğitim düzeyi; çalışmalarda benimsenen bilimsel yöntem kapsamında seçilen araştırma modeli, örneklem türü, örneklemi oluşturan gruplar ve uygulanan eğitim kademesi; kullanılan veri toplama araçları ve veri analiz türleri) elde edilen veriler tematik olarak analiz edilmiştir.

BULGULAR

Bu bölümde, araştırmanın alt amaçları doğrultusunda okul güvenliğine yönelik lisansüstü çalışmaların analizi sonucunda elde edilen bulgulara yer verilmiştir. Böylece araştırma kapsamında incelenen lisansüstü çalışmalar yıllara ve illere, eğitim düzeylerine, kullanılan yönteme göre sınıflandırılmıştır. Ayrıca lisansüstü çalışmalarda tercih edilen örnekleme yöntemleri, katılımcı türleri, verilerin toplandığı eğitim kademesi ve veri analiz teknikleri ayrıntılı biçimde değerlendirilmiştir.

Lisansüstü Çalışmaların Yazıldığı Yıllara ve Yapıldığı İllere İlişkin Bulgular

Bu başlık altında, lisansüstü çalışmaların hangi yıllarda ve hangi illerde yayınlandığına dair verilere yer verilmiştir. Tablo 1'de lisansüstü çalışmaların yıllara göre dağılımı verilmiştir.

Tablo 1

Lisansüstü Çalışmaların Yıllara Göre Dağılımı

Çalışma Yılı	f	%
2004	1	4
2006	1	4
2007	2	7
2008	1	4
2010	3	10
2012	1	4
2014	3	11
2015	4	14
2016	1	4
2017	1	4
2018	4	14
2019	4	14
2024	2	7
Toplam	28	100

Tablo 1'e bakıldığında, okul güvenliği konulu lisansüstü çalışmaların en çok 2015 (%14,29), 2018 (%14,29) ve 2019 (%14,29) yıllarında yapıldığı görülmektedir. Bu durum, özellikle son yıllarda konunun önem kazandığını ve araştırmacıların bu alana yöneldiğini göstermektedir. 2010 (%10,71) ve 2014 (%10,71) yıllarında da görece daha fazla çalışma yapılmıştır. Buna karşılık, 2004, 2006, 2008, 2012, 2016 ve 2017 yıllarında yalnızca birer lisansüstü çalışma hazırlandığı, bu yıllarda konunun daha az ilgi gördüğü söylenebilir. 2005, 2011, 2013, 2020-

2023 yılları arasında ise hiç lisansüstü çalışma yapılmadığı görülmektedir. Tablo 2'de ise lisansüstü çalışmaların illere göre dağılımı betimlenmiştir.

Tablo 2

Lisansüstü Çalışmaların İllere Göre Dağılımı

Çalışma İli	f	%
Ankara	2	7,14
Antalya	1	3,57
Çanakkale	2	7,14
Diyarbakır	2	7,14
Elazığ	1	3,57
Erzurum	1	3,57
Gaziantep	3	10,71
İstanbul	4	14,29
Kahramanmaraş	1	3,57
Kastamonu	1	3,57
Kırşehir	1	3,57
Malatya	1	3,57
Sakarya	2	7,14
Tokat	1	3,57
Uşak	4	14,29
Van	1	3,57
Toplam	28	100

Tablo 2 incelendiğinde, 2004-2024 yılları arasında okul güvenli konusunda lisansüstü çalışmaların sadece 16 ilde yapıldığı saptanmıştır. Bu çalışmalın en çok İstanbul (%14,29) ve Malatya (%14,29) illerindeki üniversitelerde yapıldığı görülmektedir. Bu illeri Gaziantep (%10,71), Ankara (%7,14), Çanakkale (%7,14) ve Sakarya (%7,14) takip etmektedir. İstanbul ve Malatya'nın öne çıkması, bu illerdeki üniversitelerde okul güvenliği konusuna daha fazla önem verildiğini ya da araştırmacı sayısının fazla olduğunu düşündürmektedir. Erzurum, Elazığ, Antalya, Kırşehir, Uşak, Van gibi bazı illerde ise sadece birer lisansüstü çalışma yapıldığı dikkat çekmektedir. Bu veriler, konuya yönelik akademik üretimin Türkiye genelinde farklı coğrafi bölgelerde dağıldığını, ancak belirli illerde daha yoğunlaştığını göstermektedir.

Lisansüstü Çalışmaların Eğitim Düzeylerine İlişkin Bulgular

Bu alt başlıkta, okul güvenliği konulu lisansüstü çalışmaların eğitim düzeylerine göre dağılımı ele alınmıştır. Başka bir ifadeyle, çalışmaların yüksek lisans ve doktora düzeyinde nasıl bir yayılım gösterdiği, sayısal veriler ışığında değerlendirilmiştir. Elde edilen bulgular, araştırmaların daha çok hangi akademik düzeyde yoğunlaştığını ortaya koymaktadır. Tablo 3'te ise lisansüstü çalışmaların yapıldığı eğitim düzeylerine göre dağılımı betimlenmiştir.

Tablo 3

Lisansüstü Çalışmaların Eğitim Düzeylerine Göre Dağılımı

Eğitim Düzeyi	f	%
Yüksek Lisans	25	89
Doktora	3	11
Toplam	28	100

Tablo 3'te yer alan verilere göre, okul güvenliği konusuna ilişkin toplam 28 lisansüstü çalışma incelenmiştir. Bu çalışmaların 25'inin yüksek lisans (%89) ve 3'ünün doktora (%11) düzeyinde olduğu belirlenmiştir. Veriler doğrultusunda, okul güvenliği alanında yapılan çalışmaların

büyük çoğunluğunun yüksek lisans düzeyinde yoğunlaştığı ve doktora düzeyindeki çalışma sayısının sınırlı kaldığı kaydedilmiştir.

Lisansüstü Çalışmaların Araştırma Yöntemine İlişkin Bulgular

Bu alt problem başlığı altında, ulaşılan lisansüstü çalışmaların araştırma yöntemlerine göre dağılımına ilişkin bulgulara yer verilmiştir. Yüksek lisans ve doktora düzeylerinde incelenen lisansüstü çalışmalara ait frekans ve yüzde oranları değerlendirilmiştir. Söz konusu dağılım Tablo 4'te ayrıntılı şekilde sunulmuştur.

Tablo 4

Lisansüstü Çalışmaların Araştırma Yöntemine Göre Dağılımı

ÇalışmaTürü	Araştırma Yöntemi	f	%
Yüksek Lisans	Nitel	5	20
	Nicel	20	80
	Karma	0	0
	Toplam	36	100
Doktora	Nicel	2	67
	Nitel	0	0
	Karma	1	33
	Toplam	3	100

Tablo 4'e bakıldığında, incelenen Lisansüstü Çalışmaların büyük çoğunluğunun nicel araştırma yöntemi ile hazırlandığı görülmektedir. Yüksek lisans düzeyindeki çalışmaların %80'i nicel, %20'si nitel yöntem kullanılarak gerçekleştirilmiştir. Doktora düzeyinde ise çalışmaların %66'sı nicel, %33'ü karma yöntemle yazılmıştır. Genel dağılıma bakıldığında, okul güvenliği konulu çalışmalarda araştırmacıların büyük ölçüde sayısal verilerle çalışmayı tercih ettikleri ve istatistiksel analizlere dayalı sonuçlara ulaşmayı hedefledikleri anlaşılmaktadır. Nitel yöntemlerin sınırlı sayıda tercih edilmesi, derinlemesine veri toplama tekniklerinin daha az kullanıldığını göstermektedir. Doktora çalışmalarında karma yönteme yer verilmiş olması ise, daha kapsamlı ve çok yönlü veri analizine ihtiyaç duyulduğunu göstermesi açısından dikkat çekicidir.

Lisansüstü Çalışmaların Araştırma Modeline İlişkin Bulgular

Bu alt başlık altında, okul güvenliğine yönelik hazırlanan lisansüstü çalışmalarda kullanılan araştırma modellerine ilişkin bulgulara yer verilmiştir. Yüksek lisans ve doktora düzeyindeki çalışmalarda tercih edilen araştırma modelleri belirlenmiş ve sınıflandırılmıştır. Tablo 5'te betimsel, ilişkisel tarama, durum çalışması gibi modellere ait frekans ve yüzde dağılımları sunulmuştur.

Tablo 5

Lisansüstü Çalışmaların Araştırma Modeline Göre Dağılımı

ÇalışmaTürü	Araştırma Modeli	f	%
Yüksek Lisans	Betimsel Tarama	20	80
	İlişkisel Tarama	2	8
	Karma Model	1	4
	Durum Çalışması	1	4
	Olgu Bilim	1	4
	Toplam	25	100
Doktora	İlişkisel Tarama	1	33,33
	Betimsel ve İlişkisel Tarama	1	33,33
	Karma Model	1	33,34
	Toplam	3	100

Tablo 5 incelendiğinde elde edilen bulgulara göre, araştırmaya dahil edilen toplam 28 lisansüstü çalışmanın araştırma modeline göre dağılımı farklılık göstermektedir. Yüksek lisans düzeyindeki 25 çalışma incelendiğinde, en fazla tercih edilen araştırma modelinin 20 çalışma (%80,0) ile betimsel tarama modeli olduğu görülmektedir. Bu durumu, iki çalışma (%8,0) ile ilişkisel tarama modeli takip etmektedir. Karma model, durum çalışması ve olgu bilim model ise her biri birer çalışmayla (%4,0) sınırlı kalmıştır. Bu veriler, yüksek lisans düzeyinde özellikle nicel ve betimleyici yaklaşımların ön planda olduğunu, nitel modellerin ise görece daha az kullanıldığını göstermektedir.

Doktora düzeyindeki üç çalışmanın araştırma modellerine göre dağılımına bakıldığında; her bir araştırma modelinin bir çalışmayla temsil edildiği görülmektedir. Buna göre, ilişkisel tarama, betimsel ve ilişkisel tarama ile karma model, her biri %33,33 oranında yer bulmuştur. Durum çalışması ve olgu bilim modeli ise doktora düzeyinde hiç tercih edilmemiştir. Bu bulgu, doktora çalışmalarında daha çok nicel ve karma yöntemlerin kullanıldığını; nitel modellerin ise sınırlı ya da hiç yer almadığını göstermektedir. Genel olarak incelendiğinde, okul güvenliği temalı lisansüstü çalışmalarda araştırmacıların büyük ölçüde betimleyici tarama modeline yöneldiği görülmektedir. İlişkisel ve karma modellerin ise görece daha az tercih edildiği dikkat çekmektedir. Nitel araştırma desenlerinin hem yüksek lisans hem de doktora düzeyinde sınırlı kullanımı ise, bu modellerin uygulama alanlarının dar olması ya da veri toplama sürecinin zorluklarıyla ilişkilendirilebilir.

Lisansüstü Çalışmaların Katılımcı ve Örnekleme Türlerine İlişkin Bulgular

Bu alt başlıkta, okul güvenliği konulu lisansüstü çalışmalarda yer alan katılımcı türleri ve kullanılan örnekleme yöntemlerine ilişkin bulgulara yer verilmiştir. Lisansüstü çalışmalarda çalışmaya dâhil edilen katılımcı grupları (öğretmen, yönetici, öğrenci, veli, okul polisi) ile tercih edilen örnekleme türleri incelenmiş, elde edilen veriler tablo hâlinde sunulmuştur. Tablo 6'da hem yüksek lisans hem de doktora düzeyindeki çalışmalarda kullanılan örnekleme yöntemleri ile çalışmalarda yer verilen katılımcı türlerinin frekans ve yüzde dağılımları gösterilmiştir.

Tablo 6

Lisansüstü Çalışmaların Katılımcı Türüne Göre Dağılımı

ÇalışmaTürü	Katılımcı Türleri	f	%
Yüksek Lisans	Yönetici	2	8
	Öğretmen	6	25
	Öğrenci	6	25
	Yönetici, Okul Polisi	1	4
	Yönetici ve öğretmen	5	21
	Öğretmen ve Öğrenci	3	13
	Yönetici, Öğretmen, Öğrenci ve Veli	1	4
	Toplam	24	100
Doktora	Öğretmen	3	100
	Genel Toplam	27	

Tablo 6'da incelenen toplam 28 çalışmadan biri betimsel analiz yöntemiyle hazırlanmış olup, yalnızca doküman taramasına dayandığı için herhangi bir katılımcı grubuna yer verilmemiştir. Geriye kalan 27 çalışmanın katılımcı türlerine ilişkin dağılımı incelendiğinde, çalışmaların büyük çoğunluğunun yüksek lisans düzeyinde (n=24) gerçekleştirildiği ve bu çalışmalarda farklı katılımcı gruplarının yer aldığı görülmektedir. Yüksek lisans çalışmalarının %25'i yalnızca öğretmenlerle, %25'i ise yalnızca öğrencilerle gerçekleştirilmiştir. Bunun yanında hem yönetici hem öğretmen görüşlerine başvurulan çalışmalar %21'lik bir oranla dikkat çekmektedir. Çok katmanlı katılımcı gruplarına (yönetici, öğretmen, öğrenci ve veli) yer verilen çalışmaların oranı ise daha düşüktür. Ayrıca yalnızca yöneticilerle yapılan çalışmalar %8 oranında olup, öğretmen-öğrenci ikilisini içeren çalışmalar %13 oranındadır. Katılımcı olarak yönetici ve okul polisinin birlikte yer aldığı yalnızca bir çalışmaya rastlanmıştır (%4). Öte yandan doktora düzeyinde incelenen üç çalışmanın tamamında katılımcı grubu olarak öğretmenler yer almakta olup, diğer hiçbir katılımcı türüne yer verilmemiştir. Bu durum, yüksek lisans düzeyinde daha çeşitli ve çoklu veri kaynaklarına başvurulurken, doktora çalışmalarının katılımcı profili açısından daha sınırlı bir yapıda olduğunu göstermektedir. Tablo 7'de, okul güvenliği konulu lisansüstü çalışmalarda tercih edilen örnekleme türlerine ilişkin bulgulara yer verilmiştir. Yüksek lisans ve doktora düzeyindeki araştırmalarda kullanılan örnekleme türleri frekans ve yüzde oranlarıyla birlikte değerlendirilmiştir. Elde edilen veriler, lisansüstü çalışmaların örnekleme yöntemi tercihlerine dair genel eğilimleri ortaya koymaktadır.

Tablo 7

Lisansüstü Çalışmaların Örneklem Türüne Göre Dağılımı

ÇalışmaTürü	Örnekleme Türleri	f	%
Yüksek Lisans	Amaçlı Örnekleme	9	39
	Tabakalı Örnekleme	3	13
	Basit Tesadüfi Örnekleme	6	26
	Küme Örnekleme	3	13
	Kolayda Örnekleme	2	9
	Toplam		100
Doktora	Küme Örnekleme	1	33,33
	Basit Tesadüfi Örnekleme	1	33,33
	Tabakalı Örnekleme	1	33,34
	Genel Toplam	26	100

Bu araştırmada incelenen toplam 28 çalışmanın 25'i yüksek lisans, 3'ü doktora düzeyindedir. Yüksek lisans çalışmalarından 2'sinde örnekleme yöntemi kullanılmamış, evrenin tamamına ulaşılmıştır (tam sayım yöntemi). Bu nedenle, yalnızca örnekleme yöntemi kullanılan 26 lisansüstü çalışma tabloya dahil edilmiştir. Yüksek lisans çalışmaları arasında en sık tercih edilen örnekleme türü, %39,13 oranıyla amaçlı örnekleme olmuştur. Bunu %26,09 ile basit tesadüfi örnekleme, %13,04 ile tabakalı örnekleme, %13,04 ile küme örnekleme ve %8,70 ile kolayda örnekleme takip etmiştir. Tam sayım yöntemiyle hazırlanan iki çalışma, küçük ve ulaşılabilir bir evrende yürütülmüş olup, bu yönüyle örneklem almaya gerek duyulmamıştır. Doktora düzeyindeki üç lisansüstü çalışmada ise, her birinde farklı bir seçkisiz (olasılıklı) örnekleme yöntemi kullanılmıştır. Birer çalışmada küme örnekleme, tabakalı örnekleme ve tesadüfi örnekleme tercih edilmiştir. Bu dağılım, doktora çalışmalarında örnekleme türlerinin dengeli biçimde ve daha çok olasılıklı yaklaşımla seçildiğini göstermektedir. Genel olarak değerlendirildiğinde, yüksek lisans düzeyindeki çalışmalarda rastgele olmayan örnekleme yöntemlerinin daha yaygın biçimde tercih edildiği görülmektedir. Buna karşın, doktora düzeyindeki araştırmalarda rastgele örnekleme tekniklerinin daha fazla kullanıldığı dikkat çekmektedir. Bu durum, araştırmanın akademik düzeyine bağlı olarak yöntem tercihlerinde belirli bir yönelimin olduğunu ortaya koymaktadır.

Lisansüstü Çalışmalarda Kullanılan Veri Toplama Araçlarına İlişkin Bulgular

Bu alt başlıkta, lisansüstü çalışmalarda kullanılan veri toplama yöntemlerine ilişkin bilgilere yer verilmiştir. Araştırmalarda tercih edilen veri toplama araçları, yüksek lisans ve doktora düzeyindeki lisansüstü çalışmalar için ayrı ayrı incelenmiştir. Çalışmaların veri toplama araçlarına göre dağılımı Tablo 8'de sunulmuştur.

Tablo 8

Lisansüstü Çalışmaların Veri Toplama Araçlarına Göre Dağılımı

Çalışma Türü	Veri Toplama Aracı	f	%
Yüksek Lisans	Anket	2	8
	Ölçek	14	56
	Ölçek-Anket	3	12
	Görüşme formu	4	16
	Doküman İncelemesi	1	4
	Araştırma Sınıflandırma Formu	1	4
	Toplam	25	100
Doktora	Ölçek	2	67
	Yarı Yapılandırılmış Görüşme Formu	1	33
	Toplam	3	100

Tablo 8'e bakıldığında, hem yüksek lisans hem de doktora düzeyindeki lisansüstü çalışmalarda en sık tercih edilen veri toplama aracının ölçek olduğu görülmektedir. Yüksek lisans çalışmalarında tek başına ölçek kullanılan çalışmalar %56 oranı ile ilk sırada yer almıştır. Bununla birlikte, ölçek-anket %12, görüşme formu %16, anket %8, doküman incelemesi %4 ve araştırma sınıflandırma formu %4 oranlarında kullanılmıştır. Bu durum, ölçeğin tek başına ya da başka araçlarla birlikte oldukça yaygın biçimde tercih edildiğini göstermektedir. Doktora çalışmalarına bakıldığında ise daha sınırlı bir dağılım söz konusudur. Üç doktora çalışmasından ikisinde (%66) ölçek, birinde ise yarı yapılandırılmış görüşme formu (%33) kullanılmıştır. Ölçek dışındaki veri toplama araçlarının doktora düzeyinde daha az tercih edildiği anlaşılmaktadır. Bu bulgular, özellikle yüksek lisans düzeyindeki araştırmacıların nicel veri toplama araçlarına ağırlık verdiklerini, en yaygın olarak da ölçeğe dayalı ölçme araçlarını kullandıklarını göstermektedir. Nitel araçlar olan görüşme formu ve doküman incelemesi ise daha sınırlı düzeyde tercih edilmiştir. Ayrıca, tamamlayıcı araç olarak kullanılan kişisel bilgi formları ya da sınıflandırma formları da bazı çalışmalarda yer almakla birlikte, genel kullanım oranları düşüktür.

Lisansüstü Çalışmalarda Verilerin Toplandığı Okul Kademesine İlişkin Bulgular

Bu alt başlık altında, lisansüstü çalışmaların inceleme konusu olan okul kademelerine göre dağılımlarına ilişkin bulgulara yer verilmiştir. Yüksek lisans ve doktora düzeyindeki lisansüstü çalışmalar, incelenen okul kademeleri açısından ayrı ayrı değerlendirilmiştir. Söz konusu dağılıma ilişkin frekans ve yüzde oranları Tablo 9'da sunulmuştur.

Tablo 9

Lisansüstü Çalışmaların Okul Kademesine Göre Dağılımı

Çalışma Türü	Okul Kademesi	f	%
Yüksek Lisans	İlkokul	2	8
	Ortaokul	6	25
	Lise	7	29
	İO-OO	4	17
	İO-OO-L	5	21
	Toplam	24	100
Doktora	İlkokul	0	0
	Ortaokul	0	0
	Lise	2	67
	İO-OO	1	33
	İO-OO-L	0	0
	Toplam	3	100

Tablo 9'da görüldüğü üzere, okul güvenliği konulu lisansüstü çalışmaların önemli bir kısmı lise ve ortaokul kademelerinde yoğunlaşmaktadır. Yüksek lisans düzeyindeki çalışmaların %29'u lise, %25'i ortaokul, %21'i ise ilköğretim – ortaokul - lise (İÖ – OO - L) kademelerini kapsamaktadır. Bunun yanında, sadece ilkokul ve ortaokulu kapsayan çalışmaların oranı %17, yalnızca ilkokulu ele alan çalışmaların oranı ise %8 olarak belirlenmiştir. Bu veriler, okul güvenliği araştırmalarının büyük oranda ortaöğretim düzeyinde gerçekleştirildiğini ve özellikle çoklu kademeleri kapsayan çalışmalara da belirli ölçüde yer verildiğini göstermektedir. Doktora düzeyinde yapılan lisansüstü çalışmalara bakıldığında, dağılımın oldukça sınırlı olduğu görülmektedir. Toplam üç doktora çalışmasından ikisi yalnızca lise (%67), biri ise İÖ-OO (%33) düzeyinde gerçekleştirilmiştir. İlkokul, ortaokul, karma ya da üniversite düzeyine yönelik herhangi bir doktora çalışması bulunmamaktadır.

Bu bulgular, araştırmacıların okul güvenliği sorunlarını ağırlıklı olarak ergenlik dönemine denk gelen ortaokul ve lise kademelerinde ele alma eğiliminde olduklarını göstermektedir. Özellikle bu yaş grubundaki öğrencilerin risk faktörlerine daha açık olmaları, araştırma odağının bu kademelerde yoğunlaşmasına neden olmaktadır. Öte yandan, doktora düzeyinde yapılan çalışmaların sayıca az ve konu bakımından sınırlı olması, bu düzeydeki akademik üretimde henüz yeterli çeşitliliğin oluşmadığını ortaya koymaktadır.

Lisansüstü Çalışmalarda Kullanılan Veri Analiz Türüne İlişkin Bulgular

Bu alt başlık altında, incelenen yüksek lisans ve doktora çalışmalarında kullanılan veri analiz türlerine ilişkin bulgulara yer verilmiştir. Çalışmalarda birden fazla analiz tekniğine başvurulmuş olması nedeniyle, frekans değerleri lisansüstü çalışma sayısından fazla olacak şekilde raporlanmıştır. Veri analiz türleri, araştırma yaklaşımlarına (nicel, nitel, karma) göre sınıflandırılarak Tablo 10'da sunulmuştur.

Tablo 10

Lisansüstü Çalışmaların Veri Analiz Türüne Göre Dağılımı

Çalışma Türü	Araştırma Yaklaşımı	Veri Analiz Türü	f
Yüksel Lisans	Nitel	İçerik Analizi	5
		Betimsel Analiz	1
	Nicel	Betimsel İstatistik	11
		Betimsel Analiz	13
		Faktör Analizi	3
		İlişkisel Analiz	5
		Çıkarımsal İstatistik (Parametrik Testler, Non-parametrik Testler, Kolerasyon, Regresyon)	14
Doktora	Nicel	Betimsel İstatistik	1
		Çıkarımsal İstatistik (Parametrik Testler, Non-parametrik Testler, Kolerasyon, Regresyon)	2
	Karma	Betimsel İstatistik	1
		Çıkarımsal İstatistik (Parametrik Testler, Non-parametrik Testler, Kolerasyon, Regresyon)	1

Tablo 10'daki veri analiz türlerine ilişkin bulgular incelendiğinde, yüksek lisans ve doktora düzeyindeki lisansüstü çalışmalarda çeşitli analiz tekniklerinin birlikte kullanıldığı, bu nedenle çalışma sayısından daha fazla sayıda analiz türü frekansı oluştuğu görülmektedir. Yüksek lisans düzeyinde 20 çalışmada nicel, beş çalışmada ise nitel araştırma yöntemi benimsenmiştir. Doktora düzeyinde ise iki lisansüstü çalışma nicel, bir çalışma ise karma yöntemle gerçekleştirilmiştir. Yüksek lisans düzeyindeki nitel araştırmalarda en çok tercih edilen analiz türünün içerik analizi olduğu dikkat çekmektedir (f=5). Nicel araştırma yaklaşımıyla gerçekleştirilen çalışmalarda ise betimsel istatistikler (f=11), betimsel analiz (f=13), ilişkisel analiz (f=5), faktör analizi (f=3) ve çıkarımsal istatistikler (f=14) gibi yöntemler kullanılmıştır. Bu analizlerin çoğunda parametrik testler, non-parametrik testler ve korelasyon/regresyon analizleri yer almaktadır. Bazı lisansüstü çalışmalarda birden fazla analiz türü kullanılması nedeniyle frekansların toplamı çalışma sayısından fazladır. Doktora düzeyindeki lisansüstü çalışmalarda ise, analiz çeşitliliği daha sınırlı olmakla birlikte, derinlemesine tekniklerin kullanıldığı görülmektedir. Nicel yöntemle gerçekleştirilen iki çalışmadan birinde betimsel analiz, diğerinde ise çıkarımsal istatistikler ve korelasyon analizleri gibi çok boyutlu istatistiksel yöntemler tercih edilmiştir. Karma yöntemle hazırlanan tek çalışmada ise hem betimsel hem de çıkarımsal istatistiksel analizler yer almakta; ayrıca parametrik, non-parametrik testler ile regresyon/korelasyon teknikleri birlikte kullanılmaktadır. Bu durum, karma yöntemle gerçekleştirilen lisansüstü çalışmaların veri analizinde çok katmanlı bir yapıya sahip olduğunu ortaya koymaktadır. Aynı zamanda, doktora düzeyindeki araştırmaların yöntemsel çeşitlilik bakımından daha derinlikli ve kapsamlı içerikler sunduğu anlaşılmaktadır. Bu da doktora tezlerinin araştırma tasarımı açısından daha gelişmiş bir düzeye işaret ettiğini göstermektedir.

TARTIŞMA ve SONUÇ

Araştırmanın bu bölümünde ilk önce okul güvenliği konusunda yapılan lisansüstü çalışmalardan elde edilen sonuç ortaya konulmuş ve tartışılmıştır. Neticesinde araştırma sonucu

yazılmıştır. Sonra ise okul güvenliğine ilişkin yapılacak araştırmalar için önerilerde bulunmuştur.

Lisansüstü çalışmaların yazıldığı yıllara ve yapıldığı illere ilişkin tartışma ve sonuç

Yıllara ve illere göre dağılımın incelenmesinin amacı, okul güvenliği konusundaki akademik ilginin zamansal gelişimini ve coğrafi yaygınlığını ortaya koymak, böylece alan yazının niceliksel ve bölgesel derinliğini değerlendirmektir. Bu tür bir analiz, hangi dönemlerde ve hangi bölgelerde konuya daha fazla ilgi gösterildiğini saptamak açısından önem arz etmektedir. Yıllara göre dağılım incelendiğinde, okul güvenliği konusundaki lisansüstü çalışmaların 2004 yılından itibaren giderek arttığı, özellikle 2018 ve 2019 yıllarında belirgin bir yoğunlaşma yaşandığı görülmektedir. Bu durum, o yıllarda okul güvenliği alanına yönelik farkındalığın ve akademik ilgilin arttığını göstermektedir. Ancak bazı yıllarda hiçbir çalışmanın yapılmamış olması, bu ilginin sürdürülebilir olmadığını ve dönemsel olarak dalgalanmalar gösterdiğini ortaya koymaktadır. Oysa okul güvenliği, yalnızca belli olaylar sonrası gündeme gelmesi gereken geçici bir konu değil, tüm eğitim paydaşlarını kapsayan sürekliliği olan stratejik bir ihtiyaçtır (Kaya ve Akbaşlı, 2019; Yıldırım, 2021).

İllere göre yapılan analizde ise, okul güvenliğine yönelik tezlerin yalnızca 16 farklı ilde gerçekleştirildiği belirlenmiştir. Türkiye'nin 81 ilden oluştuğu düşünüldüğünde, bu sayı oldukça sınırlı kalmakta ve elde edilen bulguların ulusal düzeyde genellenebilirliğini zayıflatmaktadır. Özellikle İstanbul gibi nüfus yoğunluğu, okul sayısı ve sosyo-kültürel çeşitliliği yüksek illerde daha fazla araştırma yapılması beklenirken, bu potansiyelin yeterince kullanılmadığı gözlenmiştir. Oysa İstanbul yalnızca Türkiye'nin en büyük ili olması bakımından değil, çok sayıda üniversite ve farklı sosyoekonomik okul profilleri barındırması açısından da araştırmalar için zengin bir örneklem sunmaktadır. Bu nedenle, okul güvenliği konusunun yalnızca belirli illerde değil, Türkiye'nin tüm coğrafi bölgelerine yayılan kapsamlı çalışmalarla ele alınması gerekmektedir (Kepenekçi ve Çinkır, 2006; Yılmaz ve Altınkurt, 2012). Bu doğrultuda, okul güvenliğine yönelik akademik üretimin daha dengeli, kapsayıcı ve temsiliyeti yüksek biçimde planlanması; hem politikaların geliştirilmesi hem de yerel ihtiyaçların belirlenebilmesi açısından önem arz etmektedir.

Lisansüstü çalışmaların düzeylerine (yüksek lisans ve doktora) ilişkin tartışma ve sonuç

Bu başlık altında okul güvenliği konusundaki akademik üretimin yüksek lisans ve doktora düzeyinde nasıl şekillendiği tartışılmaktadır. Bu düzey ayrımının incelenmesi, konunun hangi akademik aşamada daha fazla ele alındığını, araştırmaların derinliği ve kapsamı açısından ne tür bir profil çizildiğini ortaya koymak açısından önemlidir. Aynı zamanda, eğitim yönetimi alanında okul güvenliğiyle ilgili geliştirilen bilgi birikiminin akademik evrimini değerlendirme fırsatı sunmaktadır. Araştırma kapsamında ulaşılan 28 lisansüstü çalışmanın büyük çoğunluğunun yüksek lisans düzeyinde gerçekleştirildiği, doktora düzeyindeki çalışmaların ise oldukça sınırlı sayıda olduğu görülmektedir. Bu durum, okul güvenliği alanında yapılan akademik üretimin daha çok yüksek lisans aşamasında yoğunlaştığını, buna karşın ileri düzeyde özgün katkıların beklendiği doktora düzeyinde yeterli sayıya ulaşılmadığını göstermektedir. Oysa okul güvenliği; yalnızca uygulamaya dönük değil, kuramsal derinlik ve eleştirel analiz becerisi gerektiren çok boyutlu bir konu olması nedeniyle, doktora düzeyinde daha fazla çalışmayı hak eden bir alandır (Ersoy, 2016; Yıldırım, 2021).

Doktora düzeyindeki lisansüstü çalışmaların azlığı, konuya yönelik kapsamlı kuramsal modellemelerin, ileri düzey veri analizlerinin ve özgün politika önerilerinin sınırlı kalmasına yol açabilir. Bu durum, aynı zamanda eğitim politikalarının geliştirilmesinde ve uygulamaya dönük stratejilerin belirlenmesinde akademik rehberlik işlevinin eksik kalmasına neden olabilmektedir. Literatürde de sıklıkla vurgulandığı üzere, doktora düzeyindeki çalışmalar yalnızca veri üretme değil, aynı zamanda mevcut bilgileri yeniden yapılandırma ve sistematik öneriler sunma açısından kritik rol üstlenmektedir (Balay, 2010; Kaya ve Akbaşlı, 2019). Sonuç olarak, okul güvenliği konusundaki lisansüstü çalışmaların büyük çoğunluğunu yüksek lisans

tezleri oluşturmaktadır. Doktora düzeyindeki çalışmaların sayıca sınırlı olması, alandaki derinlemesine akademik üretimin yetersiz kaldığını göstermektedir. Bu durum, yüksek lisans çalışmalarının önemli bir başlangıç sunduğunu ancak konunun daha kapsamlı ele alınabilmesi için doktora düzeyinde çalışmaların artırılması gerektiğini ortaya koymaktadır.

Lisansüstü çalışmaların araştırma yöntemine ilişkin tartışma ve sonuç

Araştırma yöntemlerinin incelenmesi, okul güvenliği konusuna hangi epistemolojik yaklaşımla yaklaşıldığını ortaya koymak; verilerin nasıl toplandığı, yorumlandığı ve sunulduğu konusunda genel bir perspektif geliştirmek açısından önem arz etmektedir. Aynı zamanda, alan yazınındaki yöntemsel çeşitliliği ve hâkim eğilimleri görmek bakımından da bu dağılımın analizi anlamlıdır. Araştırma bulgularına göre, incelenen 28 lisansüstü çalışmanın büyük çoğunluğunun nicel yöntemle yürütüldüğü; yalnızca az sayıda çalışmada nitel ya da karma yöntemlerin tercih edildiği görülmektedir. Yüksek lisans düzeyindeki 25 çalışmadan 20'si nicel, beşi ise nitel yöntemle gerçekleştirilmiştir. Doktora düzeyindeki üç çalışmadan ikisi nicel, biri ise karma yöntem kullanılarak hazırlanmıştır. Bu dağılım, okul güvenliği konusunun ağırlıklı olarak nicel verilerle incelendiğini ve sayısal bulgulara dayalı çıkarımların ön planda tutulduğunu göstermektedir. Ancak bu durum, alanın çok boyutlu ve bağlama duyarlı doğası göz önünde bulundurulduğunda, yöntemsel açıdan sınırlılık barındırmaktadır. Okul güvenliği; sadece sayısal verilerle ölçülebilecek bir olgu değil, aynı zamanda paydaş deneyimlerini, duygusal güvenlik algılarını ve sosyal etkileşimleri kapsayan derinlemesine analizleri gerektiren bir alandır (Ersoy, 2016; Kepenekçi ve Çinkır, 2006). Bu nedenle yalnızca nicel yöntemlere dayalı çalışmalar, okul güvenliği konusunu açıklamakta yetersiz kalabilir ve önemli bağlamsal ayrıntılar göz ardı edilebilir.

Nitel araştırma yöntemleriyle yürütülen lisansüstü çalışmaların sayısal olarak sınırlı olması, bu yöntemlerin sunduğu derinlikli bakışın alana yeterince yansıtılamadığını göstermektedir. Özellikle öğretmen, öğrenci, yönetici ve veli gibi okul paydaşlarının yaşantılarına dayalı görüşmelerle elde edilecek verilerin, okul güvenliği kavramının çok yönlü doğasını daha iyi açıklayabileceği düşünülmektedir (Yıldırım, 2021). Karma yöntemlerin ise yalnızca bir doktora çalışmasında yer almış olması, bu tür bütüncül ve çok kaynaklı veri yaklaşımlarının yeterince yaygınlaşmadığını ortaya koymaktadır. Sonuç olarak, lisansüstü çalışmalarda ağırlıklı olarak nicel araştırma yöntemlerinin tercih edildiği görülmektedir. Buna karşın, nitel ve karma yöntemlerin sınırlı düzeyde kullanıldığı dikkat çekmektedir. Oysa okul güvenliği gibi çok boyutlu bir konuda, yöntemsel çeşitliliğin artırılması, elde edilen bulguların hem kuramsal hem de pratik açıdan daha derinlikli olmasına katkı sağlayacaktır.

Lisansüstü çalışmalarda benimsenen araştırma modellerine ilişkin tartışma ve sonuç

Araştırma modeli; çalışmanın problemine yaklaşım biçimini, veri toplama ve çözümleme stratejisini belirlediği için, çalışmanın bilimsel yapısını ve akademik katkısını doğrudan etkileyen önemli bir bileşendir. Bu bağlamda, araştırma modellerinin incelenmesi hem yöntembilimsel çeşitliliği değerlendirmek hem de alanın kuramsal zenginliğini analiz etmek açısından önem taşımaktadır. Araştırma bulgularına göre, lisansüstü çalışmaların önemli bir bölümünde ilişkisel tarama modeli (%46,4) tercih edilmiştir. Bunu sırasıyla betimsel tarama modeli (%10,7), ilişkisel ve betimsel model bir arada (%10,7), durum çalışması (%7,1), olgu bilim deseni (%3,6) ve karma modeller (%3,6) izlemiştir. Ayrıca bazı çalışmalarda model bilgisi doğrudan belirtilmemiş olsa da kullanılan veri türü ve analiz biçimi incelendiğinde, bu çalışmaların da genellikle betimsel yaklaşıma dayalı olduğu anlaşılmaktadır. Bu dağılım, okul güvenliği konusundaki lisansüstü çalışmaların büyük ölçüde nicel temelli ilişkisel modellerle ele alındığını ve bu nedenle değişkenler arası ilişkileri incelemeye odaklandığını göstermektedir. Ancak okul güvenliği, yalnızca değişkenler arası korelasyonlarla değil, aynı zamanda okul paydaşlarının algı, deneyim ve tutumları gibi derinlemesine nitel verilerle de açıklanması gereken çok yönlü bir konudur (Ersoy, 2016; Yıldırım, 2021). Dolayısıyla, durum çalışması, olgu bilim, eylem araştırması ya da karma modellerin daha fazla kullanılması, bu alandaki bilgi birikiminin derinliğini artıracaktır.

Nitel modellerin sınırlı sayıda kullanılması, okul güvenliği gibi bağlamsal faktörlere duyarlı bir alanda niteliksel veri eksikliğini gündeme getirmektedir. Özellikle öğretmen, yönetici, öğrenci ve veli gibi paydaşların sesine daha fazla yer verilmesi gerektiği açıktır. Karma modellerin azlığı ise, yöntemsel bütünlüğün sağlanamadığını ve çoklu veri kaynaklarından yeterince yararlanılmadığını ortaya koymaktadır. Oysa bu tür modeller, okul güvenliğinin yalnızca "ne olduğu"nu değil, "neden ve nasıl oluştuğu"nu da açıklama potansiyeli taşır (Patton, 2014). Sonuç olarak, okul güvenliği konusundaki lisansüstü çalışmaların büyük çoğunluğunda ilişkisel ve betimsel tarama modellerinin tercih edildiği görülmektedir. Buna karşılık, nitel araştırma desenleri, karma modeller ve derinlemesine analiz olanağı sunan yöntemlerin sınırlı düzeyde kullanıldığı dikkat çekmektedir. Bu durum, alandaki bilimsel üretimin daha çok yüzeysel betimlemelerle sınırlı kaldığını ve yöntemsel açıdan çeşitlilikten uzak olduğunu göstermektedir. Oysa okul güvenliği gibi çok boyutlu ve dinamik bir konuda, farklı araştırma modellerinin bir arada kullanılması hem daha derinlikli bulgulara ulaşmayı hem de kuramsal ve uygulamalı gelişimi desteklemeyi mümkün kılacaktır.

Lisansüstü çalışmaların katılımcı ve örnekleme türlerine ilişkin tartışma ve sonuç

Katılımcı türlerinin ve örnekleme stratejilerinin belirlenmesi, okul güvenliği gibi çok boyutlu bir konuda hangi paydaşların merkeze alındığını ve verilerin ne ölçüde temsili nitelik taşıdığını analiz etme imkânı sunmaktadır. Aynı zamanda, seçilen örneklemin çeşitliliği, çalışmanın genellenebilirliğini ve bağlamsal geçerliliğini doğrudan etkilemesi bakımından önemlidir. Araştırma bulgularına göre, lisansüstü çalışmaların büyük çoğunluğunda öğretmenler katılımcı grubunu oluşturmaktadır. Öğretmenleri sırasıyla okul yöneticileri, öğrenciler ve daha sınırlı sayıda olmak üzere veliler ve okul güvenliği personeli (örneğin okul polisi) izlemektedir. Bu durum, okul güvenliği konusunda yürütülen akademik çalışmaların daha çok öğretmen bakış açısına dayandığını ve uygulama ayağının öğretmen deneyimi üzerinden şekillendiğini göstermektedir. Bununla birlikte, öğrenci ve veli perspektifinin sınırlı düzeyde temsil edilmesi, okul güvenliğinin yalnızca öğretmen ve yönetici merkezli bir algı çerçevesinde ele alındığını göstermektedir. Oysa öğrenciler, okul güvenliğinin doğrudan muhatabı olan birincil gruptur ve onların algıları, yaşantıları ve ihtiyaçları; güvenlik politikalarının etkili şekilde yapılandırılmasında vazgeçilmez öneme sahiptir (Ersoy, 2016; Yıldırım, 2021). Aynı şekilde, velilerin okul ortamına ilişkin güvenlik algıları, özellikle ilkokul ve ortaokul düzeyindeki öğrenciler için okul-aile iş birliği bağlamında son derece kritiktir.

Örnekleme türlerine bakıldığında ise, en sık kullanılan yöntemin basit tesadüfi örnekleme olduğu; bunu amaçlı örnekleme, ölçüt örnekleme ve daha az sıklıkla tabakalı örnekleme gibi türlerin izlediği görülmektedir. Ayrıca iki çalışmada doğrudan tam sayım (evrenin tümüne ulaşma) yapıldığı da tespit edilmiştir. Bu çeşitlilik, genel olarak yöntemsel farkındalığın varlığına işaret etmekle birlikte; örnekleme stratejilerinin gerekçelendirilmesinde bazı çalışmaların yetersiz kaldığı da dikkat çekmektedir. Özellikle bazı nitel çalışmalarda örnekleme türünün belirtilmemesi ya da yeterince açıklanmaması, araştırmanın bilimsel niteliğini olumsuz yönde etkileyebilecek önemli bir eksiklik olarak değerlendirilmektedir (Patton, 2014). Bu durum, verilerin geçerliliği ve güvenilirliği konusunda soru işaretleri doğurabilmektedir. Öte yandan, karma ya da çok katmanlı araştırmalarda hem nitel hem de nicel boyutlara uygun örnekleme yaklaşımlarının birlikte ve tutarlı biçimde kullanılması, yöntemin bütünlüğü açısından büyük önem taşımaktadır. Sonuç olarak, lisansüstü çalışmaların önemli bir bölümünde öğretmenlere dayalı veriler ve tesadüfi örnekleme yaklaşımlarının ön planda olduğu; buna karşılık öğrenci ve veli temsiliyetinin düşük kaldığı belirlenmiştir. Ayrıca bazı çalışmaların örnekleme yöntemlerini yeterince açık biçimde tanımlamaması, bilimsel şeffaflık açısından geliştirilmeye açık bir yön olarak değerlendirilmektedir. Gelecek çalışmalarda, okul güvenliği konusunun tüm paydaşları kapsayacak biçimde ele alınması ve örneklem seçim süreçlerinin daha sistematik olarak yapılandırılması önerilmektedir.

Lisansüstü çalışmalarda kullanılan veri toplama araçlarına ilişkin tartışma ve sonuç

Veri toplama araçlarının belirlenmesi, araştırmaların elde ettiği bilgilerin niteliğini doğrudan etkileyen kritik bir unsurdur. Kullanılan araçların çeşitliliği ve amaca uygunluğu; elde edilen bulguların geçerlilik ve güvenirliğini, dolayısıyla okul güvenliği literatinine sağladığı katkının kalitesini belirlemektedir. Araştırma bulgularına göre, lisansüstü çalışmaların büyük çoğunluğunda veri toplama aracı olarak ölçeklerin tercih edildiği görülmektedir. Özellikle yalnızca ölçek kullanılan çalışmaların oranı oldukça yüksektir. Bunun yanı sıra ölçek–anket, ölçek–kişisel bilgi formu ve ölçek–anket–kişisel bilgi formu gibi kombinasyonlar da sıkça kullanılmıştır. Bu bulgu, okul güvenliği alanında nicel ölçme araçlarının baskın olduğunu ve yapılandırılmış veri toplama eğiliminin ön planda yer aldığını göstermektedir. Ölçeklerin bu denli yaygın tercih edilmesi, araştırmacıların nesnel, standartlaştırılmış ve analiz edilebilir veri elde etme isteğiyle ilişkilendirilebilir. Ancak bu durum, özellikle bağlamsal ve deneyime dayalı bilgilerin sınırlı düzeyde elde edilmesine de yol açmaktadır (Patton, 2014). Nitekim bazı çalışmalarda görüşme formu, yarı yapılandırılmış görüşmeler ya da doküman incelemesi gibi nitel araçlara çok sınırlı ölçüde yer verildiği görülmektedir. Oysa okul güvenliği, bireylerin duygu, algı ve yaşantılarından beslenen bir kavram olduğundan, nitel veri toplama araçlarına da önemli ölçüde ihtiyaç duyar (Ersoy, 2016; Yıldırım, 2021).

Ayrıca, veri toplama araçları arasında yer alan kişisel bilgi formlarının çoğunlukla betimsel istatistik üretmek amacıyla ek bir kaynak olarak kullanıldığı görülmektedir. Ancak bu formlarda yer alan demografik verilerin analizinde derinlikten yoksun, yüzeysel değerlendirmelerin yapıldığı dikkat çekmektedir. Anket kullanımı ise ölçeğe kıyasla daha sınırlı kalmış ve genellikle sadece belirli nicel yönelimli çalışmalarla sınırlı tutulmuştur. Sonuç olarak, lisansüstü çalışmalarda veri toplama aracı olarak en yaygın biçimde ölçeklerin ve ölçek temelli kombinasyonların kullanıldığı; buna karşın nitel veri araçlarının (görüşme, doküman incelemesi vb.) daha az tercih edildiği saptanmıştır. Bu durum, yöntemsel çeşitlilik açısından bir sınırlılık oluşturmakta ve okul güvenliği gibi çok katmanlı bir konunun yeterince derinlemesine incelenmesini zorlaştırmaktadır. Gelecek çalışmalarda nitel ve karma veri toplama araçlarının daha dengeli şekilde kullanılması, konuya çok yönlü bir bakış kazandıracaktır.

Lisansüstü çalışmalarda verilerin toplandığı okul kademesine ilişkin tartışma ve sonuç

Okul güvenliği araştırmalarında hangi eğitim kademelerinin merkeze alındığı, elde edilen sonuçların geçerliliği ve politika geliştirme süreçlerine katkısı açısından büyük önem taşımaktadır. Eğitim düzeyi arttıkça karşılaşılan güvenlik sorunlarının türü ve yoğunluğu değişebileceği için, bu dağılımın incelenmesi, güvenlik algısının yaşa ve gelişim dönemine göre nasıl farklılaştığını anlamak açısından kıymetlidir. Araştırma bulgularına göre, verilerin toplandığı okul kademeleri arasında en fazla çalışmanın ortaokul düzeyinde gerçekleştirildiği görülmektedir. Bunu sırasıyla ilkokul, lise ve çok kademeli (birden fazla düzeyi kapsayan) çalışmalar izlemektedir. Ancak okulöncesi eğitim kurumlarında veri toplanan herhangi bir çalışmaya rastlanmamıştır. Bu bulgu, araştırmacıların daha çok orta ergenlik dönemine odaklandığını, okul güvenliği konusunu özellikle bu yaş grubunun sorunları üzerinden ele aldığını göstermektedir. Ortaokul döneminde öğrencilerin fiziksel gelişimlerinin hızlandığı, psikososyal açıdan ise zorbalık, aidiyet, akran ilişkileri ve dijital risklerle daha yoğun karşılaşıldığı düşünüldüğünde, bu kademeye yönelik yoğunluk anlaşılır olsa da; ilkokul ve lise düzeyinin görece daha az temsil edilmesi, okul güvenliği konusunun yaş grubu çeşitliliği açısından tam olarak yansıtılamadığını düşündürmektedir (Ersoy, 2016; Yıldırım, 2021). Özellikle ilkokul düzeyinde fiziksel güvenlik ve koruyucu önlemler, lise düzeyinde ise dijital güvenlik ve madde bağımlılığı gibi konular daha ön plandadır. Bu nedenle her kademe, kendine özgü güvenlik riskleriyle değerlendirilmelidir.

Ayrıca okulöncesi eğitim kurumlarının tamamen dışarıda kalması, bu yaş grubundaki çocukların güvenliğine dair akademik üretimin neredeyse yok denecek kadar az olduğunu göstermektedir. Oysa bu dönem, çocukların temel güvenlik algısının ilk kez oluştuğu kritik bir evredir. Rehberlik, denetim, veli iletişimi ve fiziki önlemlerin niteliği gibi faktörler bu

kademede de ciddi şekilde incelenmelidir (Kepenekçi ve Çinkır, 2006). Sonuç olarak, lisansüstü çalışmalarda verilerin çoğunlukla ortaokul düzeyinden toplandığı; buna karşılık okulöncesi, ilkokul ve lise kademelerinin yeterince temsil edilmediği görülmektedir. Bu durum, yaşa özgü güvenlik sorunlarının görünürlüğünü azaltmakta ve genel politika önerilerini sınırlı hale getirmektedir. Gelecek çalışmalarda, okul güvenliği konusunun tüm eğitim kademelerini kapsayacak biçimde daha dengeli bir yaklaşımla ele alınması önerilmektedir.

Lisansüstü çalışmalarda kullanılan veri analiz türüne ilişkin tartışma ve sonuç

Araştırmalarda kullanılan veri analiz yöntemleri, yalnızca verinin nasıl çözümlendiğini değil; aynı zamanda çalışmanın metodolojik düzeyini, bilimsel katkı niteliğini ve yorum gücünü de belirlemektedir. Bu nedenle analiz türlerinin incelenmesi, hem alan yazındaki genel eğilimleri hem de eksik kalan yönleri ortaya koymak açısından önem arz etmektedir. Araştırma bulgularına göre, lisansüstü çalışmalarda en sık kullanılan veri analiz türü betimsel istatistikler ve çıkarımsal istatistikler olmuştur. Bu analizleri sırasıyla betimsel analiz, ilişkisel analiz, faktör analizi, doğrulayıcı faktör analizi, korelasyon, regresyon ve nadiren yapısal eşitlik modeli (SEM) izlemiştir. Nitel araştırmalarda ise temel olarak içerik analizi tekniğinin kullanıldığı tespit edilmiştir. Bu bulgular, araştırmaların büyük ölçüde nicel analiz tekniklerine dayalı yürütüldüğünü ve parametrik testlerin (t-testi, ANOVA gibi) yoğun biçimde tercih edildiğini göstermektedir. Betimsel istatistiklerin baskınlığı, çalışmalarda daha çok mevcut durumun ortaya konulmaya çalışıldığını; ancak neden-sonuç ilişkilerine dair derinlemesine analizlerin sınırlı kaldığını göstermektedir. Oysa okul güvenliği gibi karmaşık değişkenleri barındıran bir konuda neden-sonuç ilişkileri, aracılık modelleri, çok düzeyli analizler gibi daha gelişmiş analiz tekniklerine ihtiyaç duyulmaktadır (Büyüköztürk, 2022; Karasar, 2022).

İçerik analizinin, nitel veri analizi için tercih edilen tek yöntem olarak öne çıkması, nitel araştırmalarda analiz çeşitliliğinin sınırlı olduğunu da göstermektedir. Nitel araştırmalarda tematik analiz, aşamalı kodlama, anlam çözümlemesi gibi farklı yaklaşımlar neredeyse hiç kullanılmamıştır. Bu durum, nitel araştırmaların derinliğini sınırlandırmakta ve niteliksel veri üretiminin daha yaratıcı analiz biçimleriyle desteklenmesi gereğini ortaya koymaktadır (Patton, 2014; Yıldırım, 2021). Gelişmiş analiz tekniklerine nadiren başvurulmuş olması da, bazı lisansüstü çalışmaların yüzeysel kaldığını ve kullanılan veri analiz araçlarının potansiyelinin tam anlamıyla değerlendirilmediğini göstermektedir. Özellikle doktora düzeyinde yapılan sınırlı sayıdaki çalışmada ileri düzey analiz yöntemlerine rastlansa da, bu durum genelleştirilebilecek düzeyde değildir. Genel eğilim, hâlâ temel düzeyde istatistiksel yöntemlerin tercih edilmesi yönündedir. Sonuç olarak, lisansüstü çalışmalarda veri analiz türü olarak çoğunlukla betimsel ve temel düzeyde çıkarımsal istatistiklerin tercih edildiği görülmektedir. Buna karşın, ileri düzey analiz teknikleri ile nitel veri analizine ilişkin çeşitliliğin sınırlı kaldığı dikkat çekmektedir. Bu durum, okul güvenliği konusunun daha derinlemesine ele alınabilmesi için yöntemsel gelişimin sağlanması ve istatistiksel analiz kapasitesinin artırılması gerektiğine işaret etmektedir.

ÖNERİLER

Bu başlık altında, okul güvenliği konusunun daha kapsayıcı, derinlikli ve bağlamsal olarak güçlü şekilde gelecekte yapılacak lisansüstü çalışmalarda ele alınabilmesi amacıyla aşağıdaki öneriler sunulmuştur:

1. Okul güvenliği çalışmalarında kapsamlı ve bütüncül yaklaşımlar benimsenmelidir. Lisansüstü çalışmalarda ağırlıklı olarak öğretmen ve yönetici görüşlerine başvurulmuş, öğrenciler ve veliler gibi diğer önemli paydaşlar yeterince temsil edilmemiştir. Oysa okul güvenliği çok boyutlu bir olgudur ve tüm paydaşların deneyimlerine dayalı verilerle daha kapsayıcı politikalar geliştirilebilir.

2. Araştırmalar tüm okul kademelerini kapsayacak biçimde yaygınlaştırılmalıdır. Özellikle okul öncesi ve ilkokul düzeyindeki güvenlik meseleleri (fiziksel güvenlik, koruyucu önlemler, veli iş birliği vb.) göz ardı edilmiştir. Bu alanlara yönelik uygulamaların artırılması, erken müdahale stratejileri açısından önem arz etmektedir.

3. Ölçek temelli ve betimsel analiz ağırlıklı çalışmaların yerine, nitel görüşmelere dayalı, tematik analiz, çok düzeyli analizler ve karma yöntemlerle yürütülen araştırmalar yaygınlaştırılmalıdır. Bu durum, daha derinlemesine bulgularla okul güvenliği politikalarının niteliğini artıracaktır.

4. Nüfus yoğunluğu, okul sayısı ve sosyal risk faktörleri göz önüne alındığında İstanbul gibi diğer büyükşehirlerde de araştırmaya ihtiyaç vardır. Bu sayede, kentsel farklılıklar da daha görünür hale getirilebilir.

5. Okul müdürlerinin ve yöneticilerin, güvenli okul ortamı oluşturma ve sürdürme konusunda daha donanımlı olmaları için hizmet içi eğitimler artırılmalıdır. Güvenlik, yalnızca fiziki önlem değil; aynı zamanda iklim, aidiyet ve psikolojik güvenlik boyutlarını da içermelidir.

6. Bazı çalışmalarda örnekleme türü açıkça belirtilmemiştir. Gelecek araştırmalarda örnekleme gerekçelerinin ayrıntılı şekilde sunulması, çalışmanın bilimsel değerini artıracaktır. Ayrıca örneklemler, farklı coğrafi bölgeleri ve sosyoekonomik düzeyleri temsil edecek şekilde tasarlanmalıdır.

7. Yöntemsel çeşitlilik artırılmalı; karma modeller teşvik edilmelidir. Betimsel ve ilişkisel modellerin yoğunluğu, araştırma desenlerinde tekrara neden olmaktadır. Bu bağlamda, eylem araştırmaları, olgu bilim, durum çalışması gibi nitel desenlerin yanı sıra, nicel analizlerle bütünleştirilen karma araştırma modelleri kullanılmalıdır.

8. Okul güvenliğiyle ilgili risklerin ve çözüm yollarının zaman içinde nasıl değiştiğini gözlemleyebilmek için, aynı grup üzerinde belli aralıklarla yürütülecek izleme temelli araştırmaların yapılması önemlidir. Bu tür çalışmalar, kalıcı politika önerilerinin geliştirilmesine katkı sağlar.

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EVALUATION OF SURFACE QUALITY IN CO_2 LASER CUTTING PROCESS OF PLEXIGLASS SHEETS

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ABSTRACT

Laser cutting is a widely used advanced manufacturing method for thermoplastic materials due to its precision, flexibility, and non-contact nature. Plexiglass (PMMA), a transparent thermoplastic, is extensively applied in engineering, construction, and design where dimensional accuracy and surface finish are critical. The surface roughness (Ra) of laser-cut edges directly affects product quality and usability. This study evaluates the influence of CO_2 laser cutting parameters, namely laser power and cutting speed, on the Ra of Plexiglass sheets, with the aim of identifying the most significant factors, developing a predictive regression model, and characterizing surface morphology. Experiments were conducted on 3 mm thick Plexiglass sheets using a CO_2 laser cutting machine at a constant focal length of 8 mm. A full factorial design was employed with laser power (85, 90, 95, and 100 W) and cutting speed (5, 10, 15, and 20 mm/s). Ra was measured, ANOVA was used to evaluate statistical significance, and a second-order regression model was developed, while optical microscopy was applied for morphological assessment. Results revealed that decreasing cutting speed significantly improved Ra, whereas the effect of power was nonlinear, producing fluctuations. The minimum Ra (0.364 μm) was achieved at 90 W and 5 mm/s, while the maximum (0.525 μm) occurred at 85 W and 20 mm/s. ANOVA confirmed cutting speed as the dominant factor (74.49% contribution), while laser power accounted for 9.40%. The regression model showed strong predictive capability ($R^2 = 87.55\%$). Microscopic observations verified that optimum conditions produced smooth, homogeneous edges, while higher Ra values resulted in rough, irregular, and matte surfaces. Overall, findings highlight that cutting speed predominantly governs surface quality, while laser power exerts a secondary role, and the developed model provides a reliable tool for optimizing CO_2 laser cutting of Plexiglass.

Keywords: Plexiglass Sheets, CO_2 Laser Cutting, Surface Roughness, Variance Analysis, Regression Analysis.

INTRODUCTION

Plexiglass, or polymethyl methacrylate (PMMA), is a transparent thermoplastic widely used as an alternative to glass due to its lightweight, high optical clarity, and impact resistance (Rahman et al., 2023). It is employed in areas such as construction, automotive, medical devices, and architectural applications (Díez-Pascual, 2022). Since both functional performance and visual

appearance are crucial in these applications, the quality of the cut surfaces has a direct influence on the usability and acceptance of the final product (Ürgün et al., 2024).

Among various cutting methods, CO_2 laser cutting has become a preferred technique for thermoplastics because of its non-contact nature, high precision, and ability to produce complex geometries (Der et al., 2019). Operating at a wavelength of 10.6 μm, CO_2 lasers are strongly absorbed by PMMA, leading to localized melting and vaporization. This enables narrow kerf widths, smooth surfaces, and reduced risk of cracks compared to conventional mechanical cutting. Moreover, the process eliminates tool wear and minimizes the need for secondary finishing, which makes it attractive for industrial applications (Ninikas et al., 2021).

The use of CO_2 laser cutting for plexiglass is particularly important because it ensures smooth and optically clear edges, reduces production time, and provides consistent quality. However, the surface finish strongly depends on process parameters such as laser power, cutting speed, and focus position (Aydın & Uğur, 2021). Literature studies on thermoplastics have consistently shown that cutting speed is one of the most influential parameters on Ra, while the effect of laser power can be nonlinear. For example, Ninikas et al. (2021) reported that laser speed is the dominant factor affecting both Ra and dimensional accuracy during CO_2 laser cutting of PMMA thin sheets, with lower speeds generally improving Ra values but compromising dimensional accuracy. Similarly, Kechagias et al. (2021) highlighted that classical linear models are often insufficient to fully capture the interactions between speed, power, and stand-off distance, and instead developed artificial neural network (ANN) models capable of predicting kerf geometry and surface quality with high accuracy. More recently, Ürgün et al. (2024) introduced metaheuristic algorithms such as particle swarm optimization (PSO), genetic algorithms (GA), whale optimization, and ant lion optimization to identify optimum cutting conditions for PMMA. Their findings confirmed that power plays a critical role at low levels, but cutting speed and nozzle distance also have significant interactive effects on kerf width (KW) and depth. In addition, statistical approaches including design of experiments (DOE), response surface methodology (RSM), and analysis of variance (ANOVA) have been widely applied to quantify parameter effects and construct predictive models. Collectively, these studies emphasize that achieving superior surface finish in plexiglass laser cutting requires not only the adjustment of power and speed but also the integration of advanced modelling and optimization techniques.

This paper studies the effect of the parameters in CO_2 laser cutting, namely laser power and cutting speed, on the Ra of plexiglass sheets. A full factorial design was implemented on a data set, and the statistical significance of the parameters was analysed using ANOVA. A regression model was then developed with the aim of providing estimates of the Ra values. The surface morphology of the cut edges was then observed with optical microscopy. The results of this paper thus provide useful knowledge for the search for cutting parameter optimization toward better edge finishing of plexiglass components in industrial applications.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

Plexiglass sheets with a thickness of 3 mm were cut using a 100 W LazerFix LF7010 CNC-controlled CO_2 laser cutting machine (Figure 1). During the laser cutting process, the focal distance was kept constant at 8 mm. The cutting parameters were selected as power (85, 90, 95, and 100 W) and cutting speed (5, 10, 15, and 20 mm/s). In accordance with the full factorial design of experiments, a total of 16 trials were conducted. For each experimental condition, square specimens with dimensions of 30 × 30 mm were cut. The cut samples after the laser cutting process are shown in Figure 2.

Figure 1. CO_2 laser cutting machine

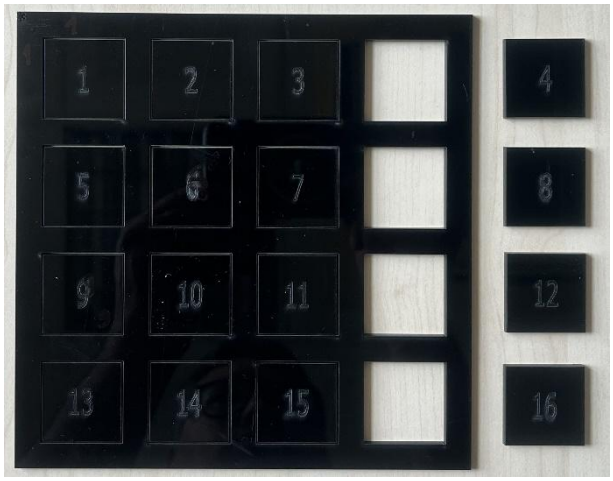


Figure 2. Samples after the laser cutting process

To determine the surface quality of the cut samples, the Ra was measured. For Ra measurements, a DAILYAID DR100 Ra tester was used (Figure 3). Three measurements were taken from each corner of the square specimens. In total, twelve measurements were performed from the four edges, and the arithmetic mean of these values was calculated.

Figure 3. Ra measurement device

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

As presented in Table 1, the average Ra values obtained under different laser powers and cutting speeds ranged between 0.364 μm and 0.525 μm. A clear trend was observed in which increasing the cutting speed led to higher Ra values, indicating a deterioration in surface quality.

Table 1. Experimental conditions and measured Ra values

Trial No	Laser power (W)	Cutting speed (mm/s)	Average Ra (μm)
1	85	5	0.382
2	85	10	0.427
3	85	15	0.481
4	85	20	0.525
5	90	5	0.364
6	90	10	0.413
7	90	15	0.445
8	90	20	0.483
9	95	5	0.412
10	95	10	0.455
11	95	15	0.474
12	95	20	0.491
13	100	5	0.433
14	100	10	0.413
15	100	15	0.448
16	100	20	0.466

This observation is consistent with the findings of Moradi et al. (2023), who reported that increasing cutting speed in CO_2 laser cutting of Plexiglass sheets generally results in higher Ra values due to intensified laser–material interactions, which promote surface irregularities and enlarge the heat-affected zone (HAZ). Therefore, optimizing cutting parameters is crucial to achieve a proper balance between Ra and other quality metrics. For instance, at 85 W, Ra increased from 0.382 μm at 5 mm/s to 0.525 μm at 20 mm/s. In contrast, the effect of laser power was more complex and nonlinear, improving surface finish at certain levels while causing fluctuations at others. Notably, the lowest Ra value (0.364 μm) was achieved at 90 W and 5 mm/s, representing the optimum condition for smooth cutting. These findings confirm that cutting speed is the dominant factor influencing Ra, whereas laser power exhibits a less consistent effect.

Figure 4 illustrates the variation of Ra values under different combinations of laser power and cutting speed. A consistent trend can be observed in which increasing the cutting speed generally leads to higher Ra values, indicating a deterioration in surface quality. This effect is most pronounced at 85 W, where Ra increases from 0.382 μm at 5 mm/s to 0.525 μm at 20 mm/s. At 90 W, the lowest Ra value of the entire study (0.364 μm) was obtained at 5 mm/s, representing the optimum cutting condition. At 95 W, the Ra values remain relatively balanced within the range of 0.412–0.491 μm, showing less variation across cutting speeds. At 100 W, the increase in Ra with speed is more moderate, with a maximum value of 0.466 μm at 20 mm/s, suggesting that higher power can partially compensate for the negative influence of high speed by providing sufficient energy input for efficient material removal. Overall, the results confirm that cutting speed is the dominant factor affecting Ra, whereas the effect of laser power is nonlinear, occasionally improving surface quality while at other times causing fluctuations.

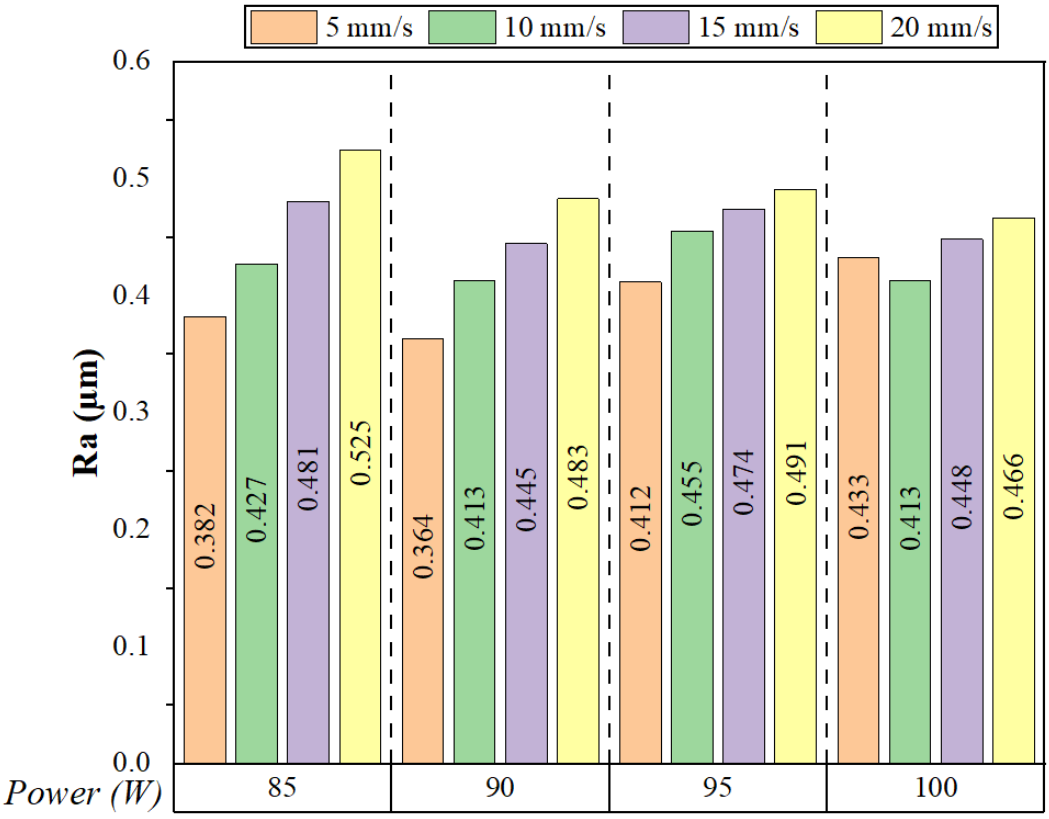
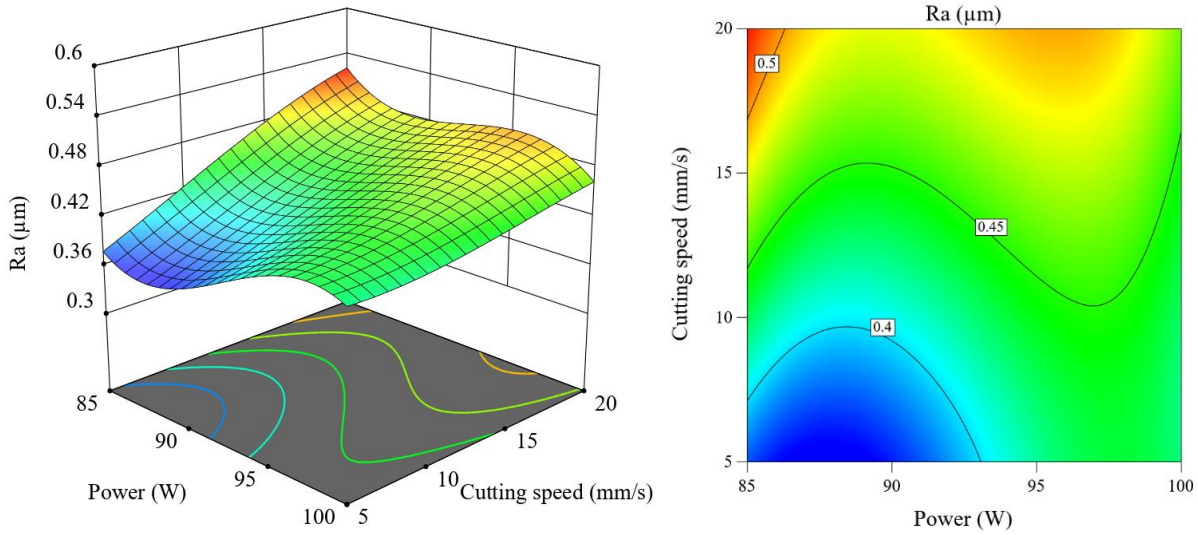


Figure 4. Ra values measured under different cutting conditions

The results presented in Figure 5 clearly illustrate the interaction effects of laser power and cutting speed on the Ra of Plexiglass sheets. The 3D surface plot (Figure 5a) shows that Ra consistently increases with higher cutting speeds, confirming that elevated speeds deteriorate surface quality. However, the influence of laser power is nonlinear, with fluctuations in Ra observed across different power levels. Notably, a minimum Ra region emerges around 90 W at low cutting speeds (5 mm/s), where the smoothest surfaces are obtained. The contour plot (Figure 5b) further highlights this optimum region, represented by the blue zone, which corresponds to Ra values below 0.40 µm. Conversely, the highest Ra values, exceeding 0.50 µm, appear in the red regions at low power (85 W) combined with high cutting speed (20 mm/s). As demonstrated by Ninikas et al. (2021), such a combination in CO_2 laser cutting of PMMA leads to insufficient energy input for producing a smooth cut and intensifies thermal effects at elevated speeds, thereby deteriorating surface quality. Hence, optimization of these parameters is essential to achieve better surface finish. Overall, both visualizations confirm that cutting speed is the dominant parameter affecting Ra, while laser power plays a secondary yet non-monotonic role, occasionally compensating for speed-induced roughness. This demonstrates the necessity of balancing these parameters to achieve optimal surface quality.



a) b)

Figure 5. Interaction of cutting parameters on Ra: a) 3D surface plot b) Contour plot

The ANOVA results in Table 2 clearly demonstrate that cutting speed is the most influential factor affecting Ra, with a contribution ratio of 74.49% and a highly significant p-value (0.001). In contrast, laser power accounts for only 9.40% of the variability and is statistically insignificant (p = 0.226), indicating a weaker and inconsistent influence on Ra. The error term contributes 16.11%, suggesting that most of the variation in surface roughness can be explained by the selected process parameters. The regression model, with an R^2 of 83.89%, confirms a strong predictive capability. Overall, these results highlight that Ra in CO_2 laser cutting of Plexiglass is dominantly controlled by cutting speed, while laser power plays a secondary and less reliable role.

Table 2. ANOVA results for Ra

Source	**DF**	**Seq SS**	**Adj SS**	**Adj MS**	**F-Value**	**P-Value**	**Cont. (%)**
Power	3	0.002524	0.002524	0.000841	1.75	0.226	9.40
Cutting speed	3	0.020001	0.020001	0.006667	13.87	0.001	74.49
Error	9	0.004325	0.004325	0.000481			16.11
Total	15	0.026850					100
S=0.0219226; R2=83.89%							

The cutting parameters are denoted as laser power (P) and cutting speed (V).

$$Ra = 0.66 - 0.0121\,P + 0.0497\,V + 0.000096\,P*V - 0.000002\,V^2 - 0.000468\,P*V$$

$$R^2 = 87.55\%$$

Figure 6 illustrates the agreement between the actual and predicted Ra values based on the second-order regression model. The data points are distributed closely around the regression line, indicating a strong correlation between measured and estimated values. The coefficient of determination (R^2 = 87.6%, adjusted R^2 = 85.7%) confirms the high predictive accuracy of the model, while the low standard error (S = 0.015989) suggests minimal deviation between observed and fitted data. The 95% confidence interval (green dashed lines) is relatively narrow, further validating the reliability of the regression coefficients, whereas the 95% prediction interval (purple dotted lines) is wider, reflecting the natural variability expected in new observations. Overall, the plot demonstrates that the developed regression model can effectively

capture the influence of cutting parameters on Ra, making it a reliable tool for predicting Ra in CO_2 laser cutting of Plexiglass.

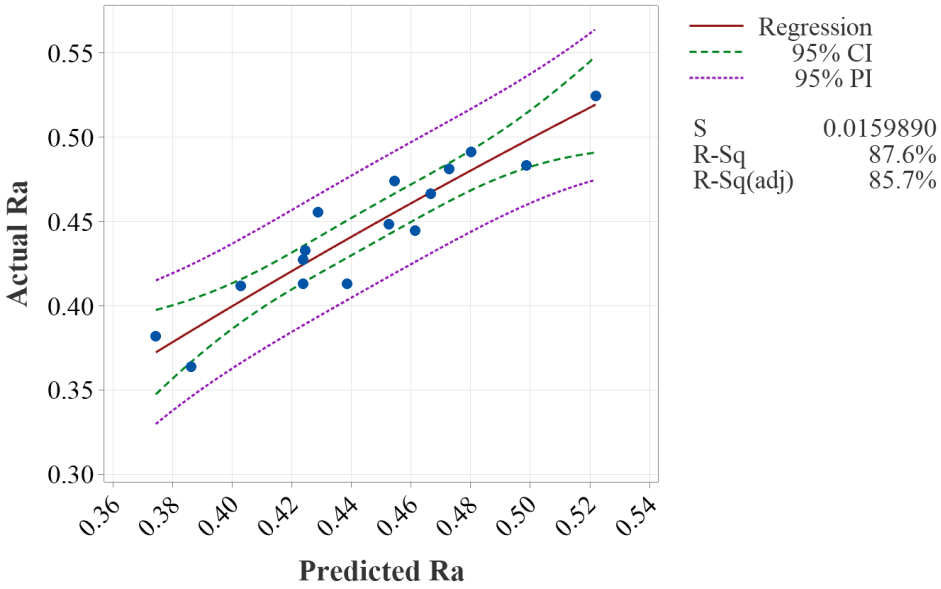


Figure 6. Actual–predicted plot of the second-order regression equation developed for Ra

As a result of the surface examinations, the specimen obtained under optimum cutting parameters exhibited predominantly smooth, parallel, and closely spaced striations, indicating a homogeneous surface texture with a well-defined and sharp edge profile. In contrast, the specimen with the highest Ra displayed a markedly rougher and more heterogeneous surface topography, where the striation pattern appeared irregular, deeper, and unevenly spaced. Additionally, the cut edge showed a thickened and blurred appearance. It was further observed that this surface appeared more dull, which can be attributed to an increased degree of light scattering.

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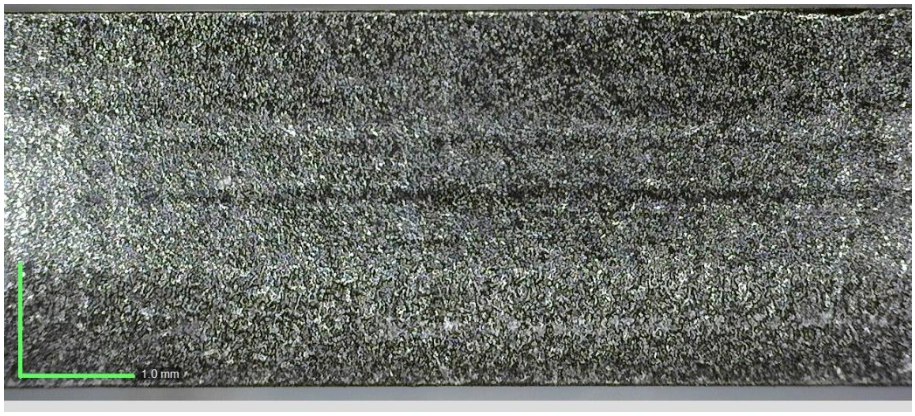

b)

Figure 7. Surface images of cuts at different power and cutting speeds a) worst b) best

CONCLUSIONS

This study investigated the influence of CO_2 laser cutting parameters, specifically laser power and cutting speed, on the surface roughness (Ra) of 3 mm thick Plexiglass (PMMA) sheets. A full factorial experimental design was implemented, and the effects of the selected parameters were analysed using analysis of variance (ANOVA), regression modelling, and microscopic surface characterization. Considering a compromise between surface finish and edge quality for functional and visual purposes, these results provide useful insights into laser cutting optimization in thermoplastics. Experimental results established that cutting speed is a prime influencer for Ra in laser-cut Plexiglass edges. Increases in cutting speed increased Ra values, with surface quality degradation occurring consistently. On the other hand, changes in laser power showed less consistency in their trends and were more nonlinear. At times, intermediate laser powers produced better surface finishes, while at other times they caused fluctuations in the surface quality. The optimal cutting conditions were achieved at a laser power of 90 W and a cutting speed of 5 mm/s, resulting in the lowest surface roughness (Ra) value of 0.364 μm. On the contrary, the worst surface quality with the highest Ra value of 0.525 μm came into being at 85 W power and a cutting speed of 20 mm/s.

Statistical analysis confirmed these observations. ANOVA results identified cutting speed as the most significant factor, with a contribution ratio of 74.49%, while laser power accounted for only 9.40%. The developed second-order regression model achieved a coefficient of determination (R^2) of 87.55%, demonstrating high predictive accuracy for estimating Ra values under various process conditions. This predictive capability provides a reliable tool for process optimization and quality control in industrial applications. Microscopic examinations further supported the quantitative results by revealing the morphological differences in the cut surfaces. Under optimum parameters, the cut edges exhibited smooth, homogeneous textures with parallel striations and sharp boundaries, while samples processed at unfavourable conditions displayed rougher, irregular textures with blurred and matte edges caused by light scattering.

In this study, cutting speed emerges as the primary controllable parameter influencing surface roughness during laser cutting of Plexiglass sheets, whereas laser power plays a secondary role, exhibiting a nonlinear effect. The regression model resulting from this work presents a very practical means of predicting and controlling surface quality. Industrially speaking, our findings point to the need to carefully select a combination of laser power and cutting speed that promote the best surface finish to minimize the costs required for post-processing as well as to increase efficiency in Plexiglass processing. Future works may extend the subject of this study by

considering other variables such as focal position, assist gas, or sheet thickness and by implementing advanced optimization and artificial intelligence techniques for a full process control.

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DEVELOPMENT OF AUDITORY-SPEECH MEMORY IN PRESCHOOL CHILDREN WITH GENERAL SPEECH UNDERDEVELOPMENT LEVEL III

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OBJECTIVES

To identify the relationship between auditory-speech memory and speech development in preschool children aged 5-6 with general speech underdevelopment (Level III), and to develop and test an intervention program to enhance auditory-speech memory in this group.

METHODS

Literature review; diagnostic tests (e.g., Luria's 10 Words, sentence repetition, word/syllable sequence repetition, auditory memory tasks); pedagogical experiment with pre-, formative, and post-test phases; quantitative and qualitative data analysis.

RESULTS (expected)

It is expected that children with Level III speech underdevelopment will show significantly lower scores in auditory memory tasks compared to age norms; that intervention will improve memory capacity, reduce sequence errors, and enhance speech fluency.

CONCLUSIONS (expected)

The findings will clarify the role of auditory-speech memory in speech development, confirm the effectiveness of the proposed intervention, and provide practical tools for speech therapists and preschool educators to improve speech outcomes in children with OSD Level III.

KEYWORDS

Speech underdevelopment; auditory memory; preschool; intervention; speech development

ANATOMY OF THE HUMAN HEART AND ITS CONDUCTION SYSTEM

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Abstract

The human heart is a vital muscular organ located in the thoracic cavity within the mediastinum, functioning as the central pump of the circulatory system. Structurally, it is divided into four chambers: the right atrium and ventricle, which receive and pump deoxygenated blood to the lungs, and the left atrium and ventricle, which circulate oxygenated blood to the systemic circulation. The atrioventricular valves—the tricuspid on the right and the mitral on the left—ensure unidirectional blood flow between atria and ventricles, while the semilunar valves—the pulmonary and aortic—regulate outflow from the ventricles. The heart wall consists of three layers: endocardium, myocardium, and epicardium, enclosed by the protective pericardium. A unique feature of the heart is its intrinsic conduction system, which generates and propagates electrical impulses for rhythmic contractions. The sinoatrial (SA) node, located in the right atrium, serves as the natural pacemaker, initiating impulses that spread through atrial musculature. These signals are relayed to the atrioventricular (AV) node in the interatrial septum, which introduces a short delay to allow ventricular filling. From the AV node, impulses travel via the bundle of His, dividing into right and left bundle branches along the interventricular septum, and finally reach the Purkinje fibers that distribute excitation across ventricular walls. This coordinated conduction ensures synchronized atrial and ventricular contraction for effective pumping. Disorders of the conduction system may result in arrhythmias or heart failure, emphasizing its clinical importance.

Keywords:

Human heart, atria, ventricles, valves, myocardium, sinoatrial node, atrioventricular node, bundle of His, Purkinje fibers, cardiac conduction system, arrhythmia.

ASSESSING THE POTENTIAL OF MEDICAL WASTE INCINERATION ASH AS A SUSTAINABLE CEMENT SUBSTITUTE

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ABSTRACT

Cement production contributes approximately 8% of global CO_2 emissions, driving the search for sustainable alternatives. Partial replacement of cement with waste-derived materials is a promising strategy to reduce environmental impact. Medical waste incineration ash (MWIA), typically landfilled, contains oxides with cementitious potential. This study investigates the feasibility of using MWIA as a partial cement substitute in mortar and evaluates its effects on physical and mechanical properties. MWIA was characterized for its chemical composition, fineness, and specific surface area. Mortars were prepared with 0–25% MWIA replacing CEM I 42.5R cement. Workability, water absorption, and compressive strength at 2, 7, and 28 days were measured. Increasing MWIA content reduced workability (up to ~26% at 25% replacement) and increased water absorption. Compressive strength was significantly affected: 5% replacement achieved only ~50% of the 2-day and ~45% of the 28-day strength of the control, with higher replacements (10–25%) causing further declines. Results suggest that low MWIA levels might be cautiously used in non-structural applications, but higher amounts negatively impact mortar performance. To enhance feasibility, additional treatments or combination with other supplementary cementitious materials may be required, as well as long-term studies.

Keywords: CO_2 emissions, Medical Waste Incineration Ash, Mortar, Workability, Compressive Strength.

INTRODUCTION

The cement industry is among the largest industrial contributors to greenhouse gas emissions worldwide, responsible for a significant portion of global CO_2 output (Scrivener et al., 2018; Ige et al., 2024). This high carbon footprint is largely due to the chemical decomposition of limestone during clinker production, combined with the substantial energy required for the process. With the increasing demand for concrete globally, reducing the environmental impact of cement production has become a challenge (Mehta, 2001).

One effective strategy is the partial substitution of cement with supplementary cementitious materials (SCMs) sourced from industrial or municipal by-products, which can lower clinker usage and CO_2 emissions while maintaining the mechanical properties (Siddique, 2010). Within this framework, medical waste incineration ash (MWIA) emerges as a promising alternative, offering both a sustainable approach to hazardous waste management and a potential reduction in cement-related emissions.

Medical waste represents a distinct and challenging waste stream due to its potential infectious and/or toxic nature. Poor treatment, management, or disposal of such waste is a growing environmental health issue, especially in developing countries, because of the risk of pathogen dispersion and chemical contamination (Tsakona et al., 2007; Altin et al., 2003; Ahmed et al., 2020; Ghazali et al., 2022). When managed incorrectly, medical waste can degrade environmental quality, compromise public health, and burden waste management systems (Lee et al., 1991; Akter, 2000).

Incineration is often used to reduce the volume and mass of medical waste and to eliminate pathogens. However, incineration produces ash (fly and bottom ash) that may contain high levels of heavy metals and other hazardous compounds. If this ash is landfilled without stabilization or treatment, leaching of toxic elements into soil and groundwater can occur (Anita & Kunal, 2011; Adama et al., 2016). Thus, disposal costs and environmental risks associated with medical waste ash remain significant (Murillo et al., 2025; Ramesh Kumar et al., 2021).

Because of limited landfill space, high disposal costs, and sustainability concerns, research has been conducted to valorize incineration ash by using it in construction materials. Some studies have shown that medical waste incineration fly ash (MWIFA) or biomedical waste incinerator ash (BMIA) can replace small percentages of cement in mortars or concrete with acceptable loss in performance and with immobilization of heavy metals to safe levels (Ahmed et al., 2020; Singh et al., 2016; Nataraja et al., 2023). However, mechanical properties such as compressive strength often decline as replacement levels increase above about 5–10% (Singh et al., 2016; Kumar et al., 2016).

Given this context, the present study aims to assess the feasibility of using medical waste incineration ash as a partial substitute for Portland cement in mortar. Performance metrics such as workability, water absorption, and compressive strength are evaluated to determine practical substitution limits.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

Material preparation; Ash grinding and batch formation

Cement (42.5 R) was supplied by the Colacem factory in Balldren, Lezhë, while the bottom ash was obtained from the medical waste incinerator at the "Eco-Ricklim" unit in Bradashesh, Elbasan. Since the ash had a granular texture, it was ground in a ball mill at 1000 rotations per minute to achieve a fineness comparable to that of cement, ensuring appropriate reaction kinetics during the chemical processes.

Fig. 1 a). Granular bottom ash, b). Ball mill, c). Grinded ash.

Table 1. Batch formation (0-25% medical waste ash incorporation).

Ash Percentage (%)	Total Mass (g)	Cement Mass (g)	Ash Mass (g)
0%	2000	2000	0
5%	2000	1900	100
10%	2000	1800	200
15%	2000	1700	300
20%	2000	1600	400
25%	2000	1500	500

Fig. 2 Batches containing 0-25% medical waste ash.

Chemical analysis (XRF)

Cement chemical composition was determined according to EN 196-2:2013. The principle of this procedure is to create curves of different applications with raw materials with different chemical compositions; in order to create dependence curves between the concentration of the oxide of interest and the number of voltage drops/second coming from the sample. The creation of the curves is performed by the device software - Super Q based on the least squares regression method. Therefore, it is preferable that the curves have at least 6 standards that cover different oxide values. As a general procedure, the material is ground into a pressed powder. Then, a chemical analysis of the standards is performed where the oxides of interest are expressed in % and calibration curves are calculated based on the results obtained.

Sieve analysis (fineness)

Determining the fineness of cement and ash-blended samples is essential because it directly influences the rate of hydration, strength development, workability, and overall performance of the material in concrete or mortar applications. Fineness was measured following EN 196-6:2018. About 25 g of each sample was weighed and sieved using 45 µm and 90 µm sieves with the “Alpine” fineness apparatus for 5 minutes under pressure. Sieving continued until no more powder passed through. The residue retained on the sieve was then weighed and recorded.

Fig. 3 a). Sieve apparatus and, b). Sieved ash.

Specific surface area determination

Determining the specific surface area of cement and ash-blended samples is important, as it directly influences the hydration rate, setting time, and mechanical properties of the material. Samples of cement with varying ash percentages were weighed on an analytical balance. A metal filter was placed at the bottom of the steel cell, followed by a paper filter. The weighed sample was added, and compacted using a metal press until a metallic sound was heard. A second paper filter was then placed on top. The steel cell was inserted into a lubricated glass tube to ensure airtightness. The rubber bulb was attached, and air was evacuated to create a vacuum (EN 196-6:2018). The flow time (t) of the liquid was recorded with a stopwatch for each sample. The specific surface area was calculated using the following equation:

$$S = \sqrt{t} \times M \text{ where } P = 2.7413 \text{ and } M = 363.855.$$

Determination of workability

Determining the workability of mortar is essential to evaluate its ease of mixing, placing, and compaction. This property significantly affects the uniformity, strength, and durability of the final product, especially when using cement blended with ash or other supplementary materials. The slump test was performed according to EN 12350-2:2019. The prepared mortar, containing different percentages of ash, was placed into a steel cylindrical mold (open at both ends and coated with oil). The mold was centered on the flow table apparatus. Using a trowel and wooden tamper, the cylinder was filled and compacted to eliminate air voids, then leveled at the top. The applied oil ensured that the mortar could be released smoothly from the mold. After carefully removing the cylinder, the flow table was operated to deliver five automatic drops, allowing the mortar to spread. The final diameter of the spread mortar was measured to determine its workability.

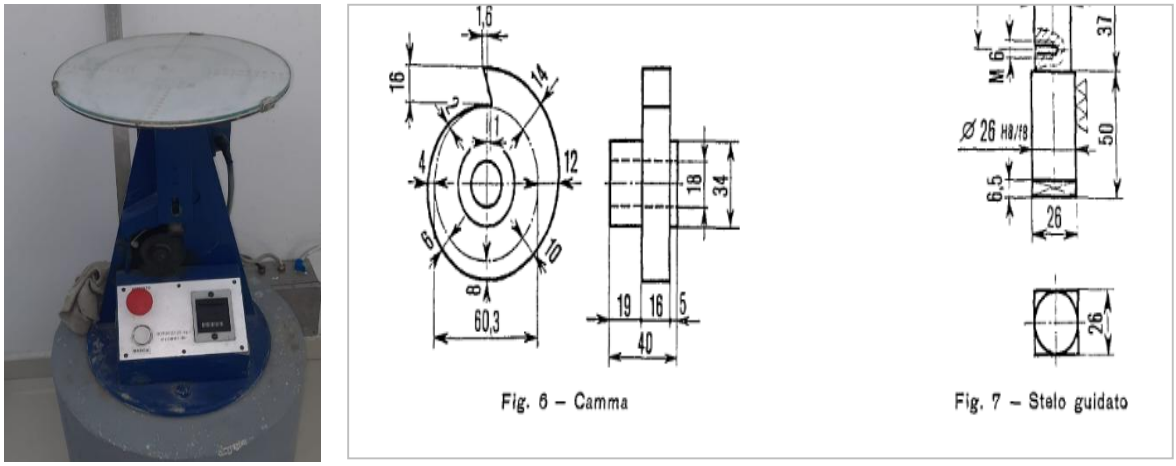


Fig. 4 Workability apparatus and dimensions of the workability testing device.

Water absorption of concrete samples with different ash contents

Determining the water absorption of concrete is essential for evaluating its durability and porosity, as higher absorption indicates greater permeability and reduced resistance to aggressive environmental conditions. This test helps assess how the incorporation of ash affects the concrete's pore structure and overall quality.

Fig. 5 a). Dried sample, b). Sample after immersion in water.

The concrete samples cured for 2, 7, and 28 days in a water tank were first dried in a thermostat for 24 hours, then immersed in water for another 24 hours. Each sample was weighed after drying and again after immersion. The water absorption percentage was calculated using the following formula:

$$\text{Water Absorption \%} = \frac{P_{after} - P_{before}}{P_{before}} \text{x } 100$$

Preparation and mechanical testing of mortar specimens with medical waste ash

Determining the compressive strength of concrete is essential to evaluate its mechanical performance, durability, and suitability for structural applications. This analysis helps assess the influence of incorporating bottom ash on the strength development and quality of the resulting material.

For the preparation of three mortar samples, each mix consisted of 450 ± 2 g of cement (% CEM I + different % of medical waste ash), 1350 ± 5 g of sand, and 225 ± 1 g of water. Cement and water were weighed with an accuracy of ±1 g, and water was measured volumetrically with ±1 ml precision.

Compressive strength tests were carried out following EN 196-1:2016. The cement paste was mixed in a mixer bowl for 10 seconds, followed by the addition of sand over the next 30 seconds. Mixing continued for another 30 seconds at high speed, paused for 90 seconds to scrape the bowl, and then resumed for 60 seconds at maximum speed, ensuring a homogeneous paste. The prepared mortar was poured into oiled steel molds (40 × 40 × 160 mm), compacted on a vibrating table with 60 strokes per layer, leveled with a metal spatula, and checked for uniformity and absence of air bubbles. Each mold was labeled and placed in a curing tank at (20 ± 1) °C. Samples were demolded after 24 hours and kept in water until testing at 2, 7, and 28 days.

For the compressive strength test, the metallic cube was preloaded to 100 kN, and the specimen halves obtained from flexural failure were centered on the loading plates with a tolerance of ±0.5 mm. The samples were loaded using an automatic press at a rate of 2400 ± 200 N/s until failure, and the results were expressed in MPa, calculated as the applied force divided by the loaded surface area.

Fig. 6 a). Cement paste mixer and, b). Compressive strength apparatus (hydraulic press).

RESULTS

XRF analysis results of the samples

The results of the elemental composition of the ash obtained from the medical waste incineration plant in Elbasan, as well as of the CEM 42.5 R cement, are presented in Tables 2 and 3, respectively.

Table 2. The main oxide composition of the medical waste ash.

Oxide	**Al_2O_3**	**CaO**	**L.O.I**	**SiO_2**	MgO	**Fe_2O_3**	**TiO_2**	**Na_2O**	**P_2O_5**	**SO_3**	**K_2O**
%	55.62	23.15	7.01	6.23	3.17	1.02	0.89	0.21	0.1	0.05	0.04

Table 3. The main oxide composition of the control sample CEM I 42.5 R.

Oxide	**Al_2O_3**	**CaO**	**L.O.I**	**SiO_2**	**MgO**	**Fe_2O_3**	**TiO_2**	**Na_2O**	**P_2O_5**	**SO_3**
%	4.29	59.61	16.39	2.18	3.01	2.66	0.65	0.23	0.21	9.77

The XRF results show that the medical waste ash has a high content of alumina (Al_2O_3) and significant calcium oxide (CaO), while the control CEM I 42.5 R cement is dominated by calcium oxide with lower alumina content. The relatively high loss on ignition (L.O.I) in both materials indicates the presence of volatile components, which may influence hydration reactions and workability when the ash is used as a partial cement replacement. The compositional differences suggest that the ash could contribute pozzolanic activity (as the summary of the three main oxides CaO, SiO_2 and Al_2O_3 is above 70%), while also affecting the mechanical and durability properties of the resulting mortar or concrete.

Sieve analysis results

The fineness analysis results for the cement samples with varying ash content, using 45 μm and 90 μm sieves, are summarized in Table 4.

Table 4. Fineness results of cement samples containing ash (0-25%).

Sieve Size	**CEM I 42.5 R**	**5%**	**10%**	**15%**	**20%**	**25%**
45 μm	9.78	1.93	2.92	3.7	2.58	2.9
90 μm	6.7	1.07	1.99	3.13	1.45	1.83

The results indicate that the addition of medical waste ash affects the fineness of the cement. The residue decreases for low ash percentages, indicating finer particles, while at higher replacement levels the residue increases slightly, especially for the 15% ash sample. The comparison between the 45 μm and 90 μm sieves confirms the presence of finer particles in the sample.

Specific surface area results of cement–MWIA ash samples

To evaluate the effect of medical waste ash on the surface characteristics of cement, the specific surface area of cement–ash samples with varying ash contents was measured, and the results are summarized in Table 5.

Table 5. Specific surface area of CEM I 42.5R and ash-containing samples.

Sample	Time (s)	Specific Surface Area (cm^2/g)
CEM I 42.5 R (control sample)	105	3728
5	115	3901
10	125	4051
15	122	4018
20	116	3901
25	121	4002

The specific surface area of the cement samples increases with the addition of medical waste ash up to 10%, reflecting a finer particle distribution, which is consistent with the fineness measurements. At higher replacement levels (15–25%), the specific surface area slightly fluctuates but remains higher than the control, indicating that the ash contributes additional surface area that could enhance cement hydration. These results, combined with the fineness data, suggest that low-to-moderate ash substitutions improve particle packing and potentially affect workability and reactivity, while very high replacements may lead to slight aggregation or coarser particle clusters.

Workability results of the samples

The workability of mortar samples prepared with CEM I 42.5 R and varying percentages of ash (5, 10, 15, 20, 25%), is presented in Table 6. Also, the relative workability of the samples (compared to the control) is presented in the following graph, and was calculated using the following formula:

$$Workability\,\% = \frac{dm - d}{d} x\ 100$$

Where:

dm- average of the two diameters of the spread mortar.

d- diameter of the bottom of the ring/cone where the material is placed.

Table 6. Workability and relative workability results of all samples.

Sample	Workability (cm)	
0	53	51
5	48.5	48.5
10	47.2	47.4
15	47.2	47
20	47	46
25	45	45.4

The results show that increasing the ash content reduces the workability of the cement paste. Even a small addition of ash (5%) noticeably decreases consistency, and higher replacement levels lead to further reduction. This trend might be attributed to the irregular and porous nature of the ash particles, which may absorb mixing water and reduce the flowability of the paste.

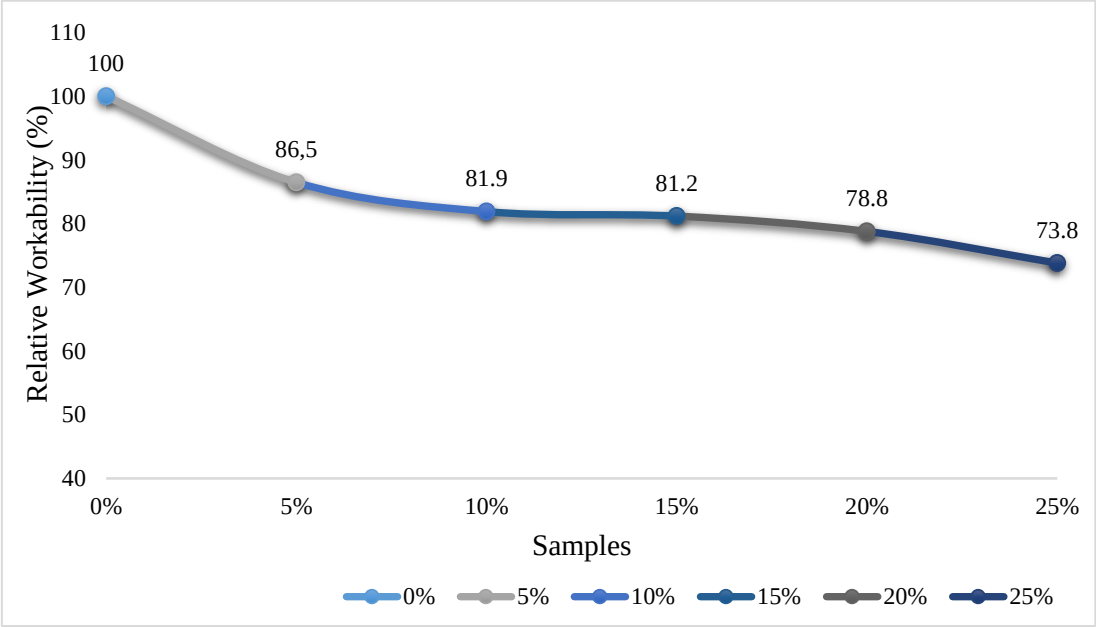


Fig. 7 Relative workability of CEM I 42.5R and the samples containing MWIA.

Water Absorption Results of Cement–Ash Mortar Samples

The water absorption results for the 2, 7 and 28-day-old mortar samples containing different percentages of ash are presented in Fig.8.

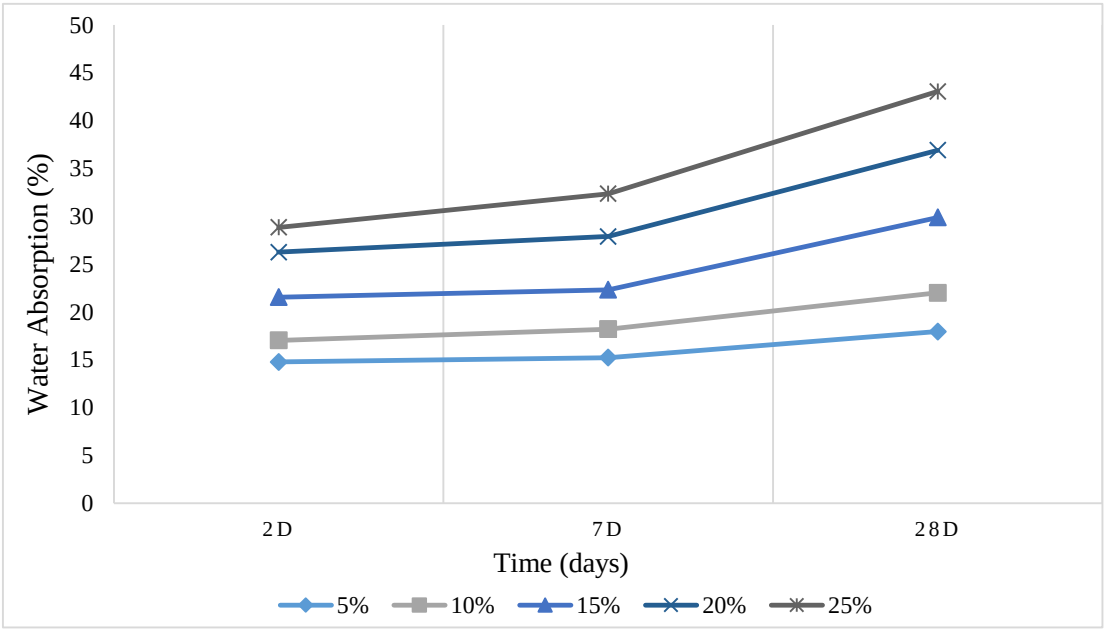


Fig. 8 Water absorption results for all samples after 2,7 and 28 days of immersion in water.

The results indicate that water absorption increases with higher ash content. This trend may be related to the porous and irregular nature of the ash particles, which can increase the overall porosity of the mortar and allow more water to be absorbed. While low replacement levels (5–10%) lead to moderate absorption, higher ash contents (15–25%) show a significant rise, suggesting that excessive substitution could negatively affect the durability and impermeability of the mortar. Additionally, water absorption increases from 2 to 28 days for all samples,

reflecting continued pore connectivity and moisture uptake over time, with higher ash contents showing a more pronounced effect compared to the control. Excessive water absorption is unfavorable, as it compromises the mortar's durability by lowering its resistance to freeze–thaw cycles, chemical attacks, and long-term environmental exposure, which may result in accelerated degradation.

Mechanical analysis –Compressive strength of mortar samples

Compressive strength is one of the most important indicators of the structural performance and durability of cementitious materials, reflecting their ability to resist applied loads without failure. Evaluating the effect of partial ash replacement on compressive strength is essential for determining practical substitution limits while maintaining adequate mechanical performance. The compressive strength results at 2, 7, and 28 days for samples containing 0, 5, 10, 15, 20, and 25% medical waste incineration ash are presented below.

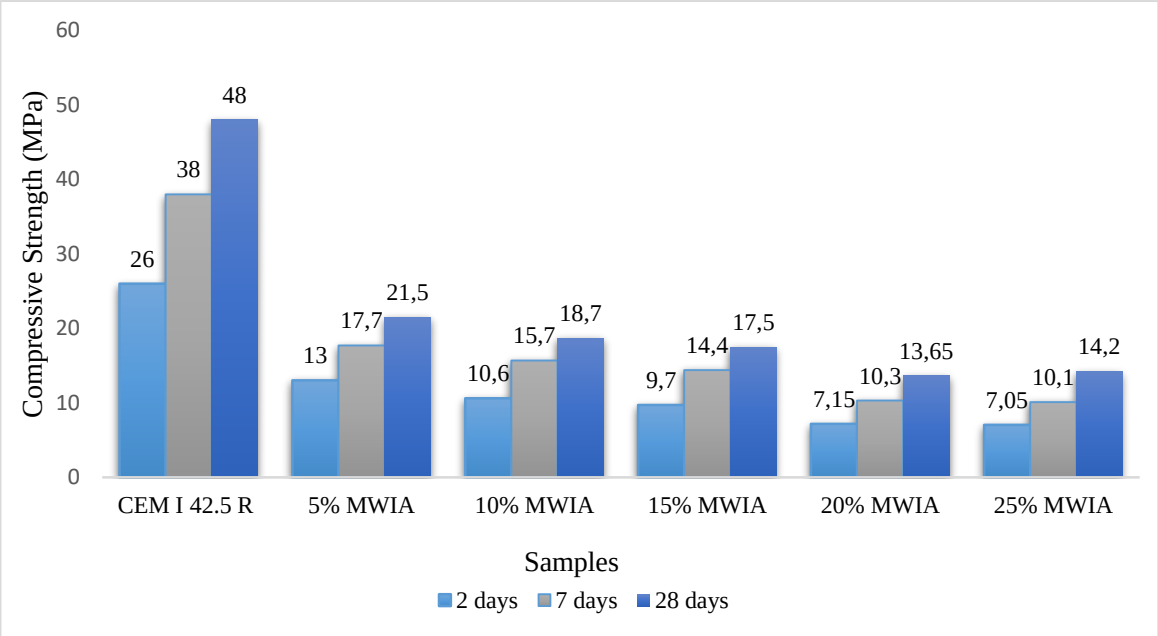


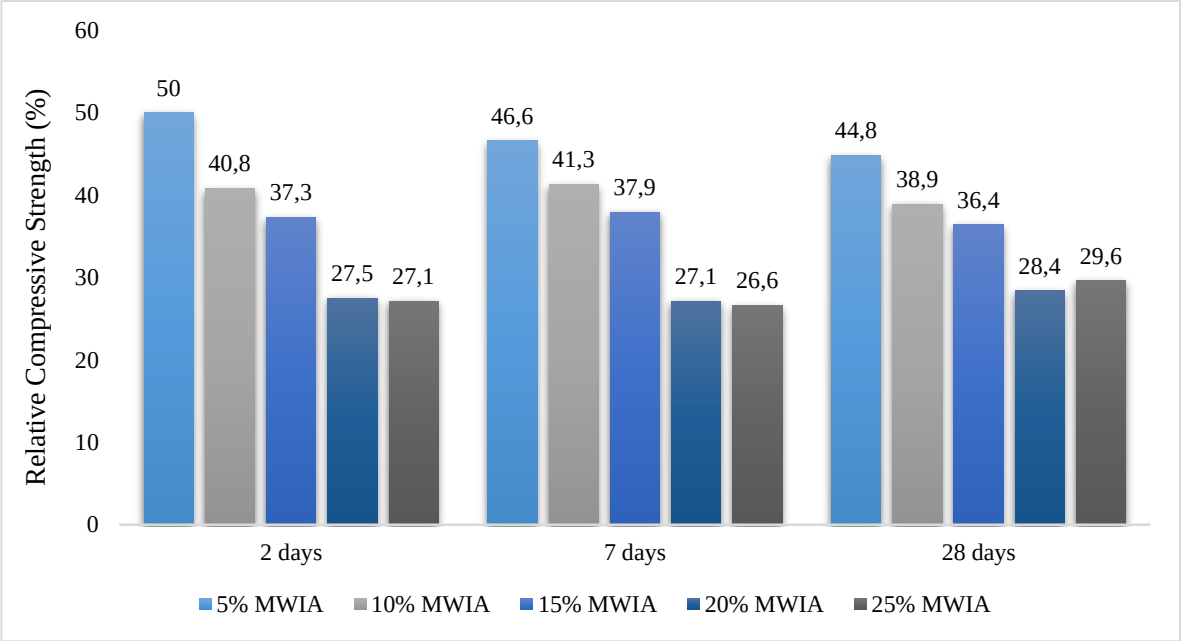
Fig. 9 Compressive strength results for all samples after 2, 7, and 28 days.

The compressive strength results show a clear decreasing trend with increasing ash content. The control sample (CEM I 42.5 R) reached 48 MPa at 28 days, while the strength dropped progressively with higher ash replacement, reaching around 14 MPa at 25% substitution. Although all mixtures exhibited strength gain over time due to ongoing hydration, the rate of development was slower for samples containing ash. This reduction in strength is consistent with the earlier observations of decreased workability and increased water absorption, which suggest higher porosity and weaker particle bonding in the ash-blended mixtures. The lower CaO and higher Al_2O_3 content of the ash, as shown by XRF results, may also contribute to reduced formation of calcium silicate hydrates (C–S–H), the primary strength-giving phase in cementitious systems. Nevertheless, moderate replacement levels (5–10%) still provided acceptable early-age strength, indicating that limited ash incorporation could be feasible for non-structural or sustainability-driven applications, provided that mix proportions and curing conditions are optimized.

Also, the relative compressive strength compared to the control is presented in Fig. 10. The results show a decline in strength, confirming the trend observed in the absolute strength values. The control sample (100% CEM I 42.5 R) was taken as 100%, while the mixtures containing 5%, 10%, 15%, 20%, and 25% ash retained approximately 50%, 40%, 37%, 27%, and 27% of the control strength at 2 days, respectively. A similar trend was observed at 7 and 28 days, where strength retention remained nearly constant or slightly decreased with curing time. Even at low replacement levels, the strength loss is significant, around 50% reduction at only 5%

MWIA, indicating that the ash replacement strongly affects early hydration and the development of the cement matrix. Beyond 10–15% ash, the decrease becomes more pronounced, with strength dropping to almost one-third of the control value at 20–25% substitution. This suggests that higher ash content dilutes the clinker phase excessively, reducing the availability of calcium silicates responsible for strength gain.

Fig. 10 Relative compressive strength of all samples compared to the control at 2, 7, and 28 days.



DISCUSSION

The XRF analysis of the samples highlights significant compositional differences between the medical waste incineration ash (MWIA) and the control CEM I 42.5 R cement. The ash contains a high alumina content (Al_2O_3, 55.62%) alongside a moderate level of calcium oxide (CaO, 23.15%), whereas the control cement is dominated by CaO (59.61%) with only 4.29% Al_2O_3. The high Al_2O_3 content in the ash indicates a potential for pozzolanic reactivity, as alumina-rich phases can react with calcium hydroxide produced during cement hydration to form additional calcium–aluminate–silicate hydrates (C-A-S-H), contributing to long-term strength development. However, the lower CaO content in the ash relative to the cement suggests a reduced availability of free lime, which may limit the formation of calcium silicate hydrates (C–S–H), the primary phase responsible for early-age strength. Consequently, partial replacement of cement with MWIA is likely to slow early hydration and reduce early compressive strength, while potentially enhancing later-age pozzolanic contributions. Additionally, the relatively high loss on ignition (7.01%) indicates the presence of volatile components, which could further influence hydration kinetics and workability.

The incorporation of MWIA into CEM I 42.5 R significantly influences the physical and mechanical properties of the cementitious mixtures. Fineness and specific surface area measurements showed that low to moderate ash replacement (5–10%) improves particle packing, yielding finer particles and increased surface area, which can enhance early hydration. However, at higher replacement levels (15–25%), slight fluctuations in surface area and increased residue indicate potential particle aggregation or coarser clusters, which may negatively affect reactivity. These findings are consistent with the observed reduction in workability, where small amounts of ash (5%) noticeably decreased paste consistency, with higher substitutions causing further reduction. The irregular and porous nature of the ash likely absorbs mixing water, reducing flowability and indicating the need for careful water adjustment in practical applications.

Water absorption results confirm these trends. Mortars with higher MWIA content showed increased water uptake, reflecting greater porosity and potentially lower durability. While moderate substitutions (5–10%) led to only a slight increase in absorption, higher levels (15–25%) substantially compromised impermeability, which could affect long-term performance against environmental exposure.

Compressive strength analysis demonstrates a clear, consistent decline with increasing ash content. The control mortar reached 48 MPa at 28 days, whereas 25% ash replacement resulted in only ~14 MPa. Relative strength comparisons (Figure 10) show that even 5% substitution reduces early-age strength by approximately 50%, and higher replacement levels result in a pronounced decline, retaining only 27–40% of the control strength. This trend aligns with earlier observations; decreased workability and increased water absorption reflect higher porosity and weaker interparticle bonding, while the lower CaO and higher Al_2O_3 content of the ash reduces C–S–H formation, limiting strength gain. These results indicate that higher MWIA content reduces the concentration of active cement phases, weakening the overall matrix.

CONCLUSIONS

Based on the experimental results and analyses, medical waste incineration ash (MWIA) has limited potential for use as a cement additive. While even low replacement levels (5%) significantly reduce compressive strength, the resulting mortars may still be suitable for non-structural applications such as pavements, partitions, or other low-load elements, whereas higher replacement levels are not recommended due to substantial strength loss.

The incorporation of MWIA offers clear environmental and economic benefits by diverting potentially hazardous waste from landfills, reducing overall cement consumption, and thus CO_2 emissions. However, the chemical composition of MWIA can vary depending on the source of medical waste, and it may contain contaminants or heavy metals. Therefore, proper characterization and quality control are essential before its inclusion in cementitious materials to ensure both performance and environmental safety.

Further research is needed to optimize replacement levels, investigate potential chemical activation such as alkaline treatment, and assess long-term mechanical and environmental performance. Expanding studies to include multiple medical waste incineration ash sources will improve reliability and help establish guidelines for industrial application. In summary, MWIA shows promising potential as a sustainable additive in cement-based materials, particularly at low replacement levels, balancing environmental benefits with acceptable mechanical and durability performance, provided that characterization, quality control, and mix optimization are implemented.

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BAŞKALAŞIM VE BATARYA AĞIRLIĞININ HEXAROTOR BOYLAMASINA UÇUŞ VE UÇUŞ SÜRESİNE ETKİSİ

EFFECT OF MORPHING AND BATTERY WEIGHT ON HEXAROTOR LONGITUDINAL FLIGHT AND ENDURANCE

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ABSTRACT

In recent years, unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs), particularly those with multi-rotor designs, have found widespread use in both military and civilian applications. Among these vehicles, hexarotor platforms stand out, offering high payload capacity, advanced stability, and superior manoeuvrability thanks to their six-rotor symmetrical design. Two key factors affecting flight duration in hexarotor platforms—battery weight and arm length variation (morphing)—are physical parameters that directly determine system performance. Battery weight increases the payload, causing the motors to consume more power, while morphing arm structures can balance energy usage by optimising the aerodynamic loads and moments generated during flight. In particular, dynamically changing the arm length can improve the hexarotor's moment balance, preventing unnecessary power consumption by the motors. This study examines the effect of battery weight variation under morphing on the longitudinal flight and flight duration of a hexarotor. The morphing and battery weights were modelled in SolidWorks in accordance with the actual values. Parameters such as the moment of inertia and weight obtained from the drawings were simulated in the MATLAB/Simulink environment using the state space model approach. For longitudinal flight control of the hexarotor, a proportional-integral-derivative (PID) algorithm was employed. By varying the arm length, battery weight, and PID coefficients, efforts were made to achieve the optimal flight duration and longitudinal control for the hexarotor. Simulations were performed according to different arm lengths and battery weights. A total of 9 iterations were carried out, considering different arm lengths and battery weights. The 3rd, 6th, and 9th iterations yielded the best results, with a flight time of approximately 27 minutes. When evaluated in terms of design performance criteria, the 4th iteration yielded the best result. When evaluating maximum flight time and design performance criteria, iteration 6 yielded the best result with a flight time of approximately 27 minutes and an overshoot value of 7.5%. In this study, the effect of battery weight change under the influence of morphing on the longitudinal flight and flight duration of a hexarotor was investigated. In the simulations performed, the maximum flight duration and the most optimal longitudinal flight were sought. PID coefficients were applied based on past experience. Future studies have shown that better results can be achieved by optimising both the transformation rate and PID coefficients using optimisation algorithms.

Keywords: Hexarotor, Endurance, Control, Flight

GİRİŞ

Son yıllarda insansız hava araçları (İHA'lar), özellikle çok rotorlu yapılarıyla hem askeri hem de sivil uygulamalarda geniş bir kullanım alanı bulmuştur. Bu araçlar arasında öne çıkan hexarotor platformlar, altı rotorlu simetrik yapıları sayesinde yüksek taşıma kapasitesi, gelişmiş denge ve üstün manevra kabiliyeti sunarak öne çıkmaktadır. Özellikle boylamasına (longitudinal) eksendeki uçuş kararlılığı hem sistemin genel denge performansını hem de kontrol edilebilirliğini doğrudan etkileyen bir parametre olarak dikkat çekmektedir. Dar alanlarda hassas manevralar gerektiren görevlerde, bu eksendeki hareketlerin başarıyla gerçekleştirilmesi hem gövde yapısının aerodinamik özellikleriyle hem de uygulanan kontrol algoritmalarının başarımıyla yakından ilişkilidir. Bu doğrultuda, değişken geometriye sahip (morphing) rotor sistemleri, uçuş sırasında rotor kollarının uzunluk veya açı bakımından dinamik olarak değiştirilebilmesini mümkün kılarak, sistemin atalet momentlerine anlık müdahale imkânı sunmaktadır. Bu yaklaşım, uçuşun farklı safhalarında ortaya çıkan dengesizlikleri azaltmakta ve kontrol algoritmalarının daha verimli çalışmasını sağlamaktadır.

Hexarotor platformlarda uçuş süresini etkileyen iki temel unsur olan batarya ağırlığı ve kol uzunluğu değişimi (morphing), sistem performansını doğrudan belirleyen fiziksel parametreler arasında yer almaktadır. Batarya ağırlığı, taşıma yükünü artırarak motorların daha fazla güç tüketmesine neden olurken; morphing özellikli kol yapıları, uçuş sırasında oluşan aerodinamik yükleri ve momentleri optimize ederek enerji kullanımını dengeleyebilir. Özellikle kol uzunluğunun dinamik olarak değiştirilmesi, hexarotorun moment dengesini iyileştirerek motorların gereksiz güç harcamasının önüne geçebilir. Ancak bu avantajın sağlanabilmesi için morphing mekanizmasının ek yapısal ağırlık getirmemesi ya da bu ağırlığın batarya yüküyle birleşerek platformun toplam kütlesini aşırı artırmaması gerekir. Çünkü hem batarya hem de morphing sisteminden kaynaklı ağırlık artışı, sistemin itki ihtiyacını yükseltecek ve bu durum uçuş süresinde kayıplara neden olacaktır. Bu nedenle, hexarotor tasarımında başkalaşım kabiliyetlerinin kazandırılması ile batarya ağırlığı arasında hassas bir denge kurulmalı; elde edilecek aerodinamik verimlilik, sisteme eklenen ağırlık maliyetiyle birlikte değerlendirilmelidir. Uygun optimize edilmiş bir tasarımda, hafif bir morphing mekanizması ile kol uzunluklarının uçuş sırasında aktif biçimde değiştirilmesi, bataryanın sınırlı enerjisiyle daha uzun süreli ve dengeli bir uçuş gerçekleştirilmesini mümkün kılabilir.

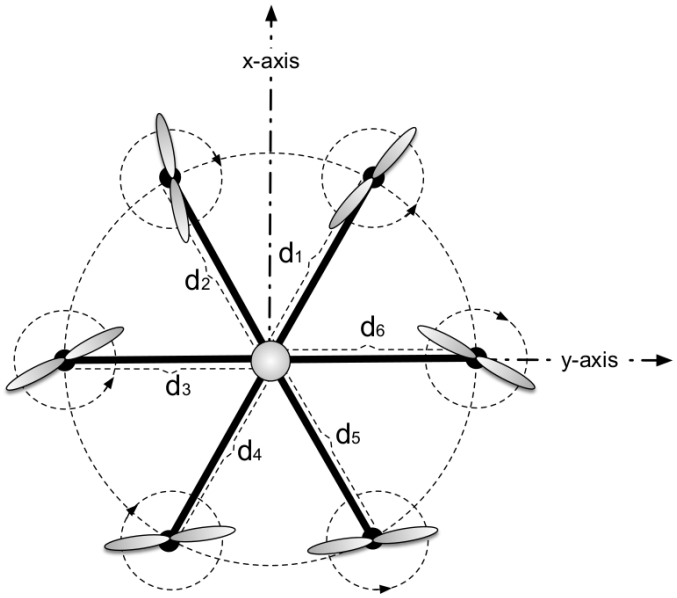
Bu çalışmada, başkalaşım etkisi altında batarya ağırlığının değişiminin ile hexarotor boylamasına uçuşu ve uçuş süresine etkisi incelenmiştir. Başkalaşım ve batarya ağırlıkları gerçeğine uygun olarak Solidworks programında çizilmiştir. Çizimlerden elde edilen atalet momenti ve ağırlık gibi parametreler MATLAB/Simulink ortamında durum uzay modeli yaklaşımı kullanılarak simülasyonlar yapılmıştır. Hexarotor boylamasına uçuş kontrolü için ise oransal-integral-türev(PID) algoritması kullanılmıştır. Kol uzunluğu, batarya ağırlığı ve PID katsayıları değiştirilerek hexarotor için en optimum uçuş süresi ve boylamasına kontrolü elde edilmeye çalışılmıştır.

MATERYAL ve YÖNTEM

Hexarotor Boylamasına Uçuş

Hexarotor multirotor ailesine ait bir İHA türüdür. Hexarotor modeli simetrik bir yapıya ve sert bir gövdeye sahiptir. Hexarotor, merkezden altıgenin köşelerine doğru yerleştirilmiş aynı uzunlukta 6 kola sahiptir. Her kolun ucunda fırçasız bir motor bulunur ve her fırçasız motora bir pervane takılıdır. Hexarotor, yapısı nedeniyle simetriktir ve hexarotorun ağırlık merkezi altıgenin merkezindedir. Altıgen yapısı nedeniyle altı kolu, motoru ve pervanesi vardır. Üç pervane saat yönünde dönerken Pervanelerin üçü saat yönünde dönürken, diğer üçü saat yönünün tersine döner. Ayrıca, her pervanenin kanadı sabit açılıdır. Bu makalede, hexarotorun uzunlamasına uçuşu veya eğim hareketi ele alınmaktadır. Uzunlamasına hareket, hexarotorun dönme ekseninin merkezi olarak Y ekseni üzerindeki hareketi olarak adlandırılır. Diğer hareketlerde olduğu gibi, uzunlamasına harekette de pervanelerin açısal hızlarının

değiştirilmesi prensibine dayanır. Hexarotorun iki pervanesi y ekseni üzerinde olduğundan, itme veya hareket üzerinde herhangi bir etkisi olmayacaktır. Ancak, uzunlamasına hareket, y ekseninin üstündeki ve altındaki pervanelerin açısal hızlarının değiştirilmesiyle elde edilir. Şekil 1'de, x ekseni yönünün hexarotorun önünü gösterdiğini varsayalım. d1 ve d2 rotorlarının hızı azaltılırken d4 ve d5 rotorlarının hızı artırılırsa, hexarotor uzunlamasına hareket yapacaktır.



Şekil 1: Hexarotor model[1]

Hexarotor, doğrusal olmayan dinamiklere sahip bir sistemdir. Çeşitli teknikler kullanılarak, doğrusal olmayan hareket denklemleri doğrusal denklemler haline dönüştürülür. Doğrusal olmayan denklemlerde, sıfıra yakınsak parametreler denklem sisteminden çıkarılır ve doğrusal denklemler elde edilir[2]. Aşağıda, hexarotor sisteminde kullanılan doğrusal hareket denklemleri verilmiştir.

$$\ddot{x} = g\theta \tag{1}$$

$$\ddot{y} = -g\phi \tag{2}$$

$$\ddot{z} = -g + \frac{U_1}{m} \tag{3}$$

$$\ddot{\phi} = \frac{U_2}{I_x} \tag{4}$$

$$\ddot{\theta} = \frac{U_3}{I_y} \tag{5}$$

$$\ddot{\psi} = \frac{U_4}{I_z} \tag{6}$$

Bu denklemlerde, cos = kosinüs, sin = sinus, g yer çekim ivmesi, m hexarotor kütlesi, I_x, I_y and I_z sırasıyla hexarotor atalet momentleri, U_1, U_2, U_3, U_4 hexarotor kontrol girişlerini ifade eder. Bu çalışmada boylamasına uçuş ele alındığı için, sadece U_3 girişi kullanılır. Ayrıca bu çalışmada boylamasına uçuş konttrol altında tutulacağından $\ddot{\theta}$ değeri kontrol edilir.

$$U_3 = \frac{bl\sqrt{3}}{2}(-\omega_1^2 + \omega_3^2 + \omega_4^2 - \omega_6^2) \tag{7}$$

$$\omega_G = -\omega_1 + \omega_2 - \omega_3 + \omega_4 - \omega_5 + \omega_6 \tag{8}$$

Bu denklemlerde b itki katsayısı, l kol uzunluğu ve ω her pervanenin açısal hızını temsil eder.

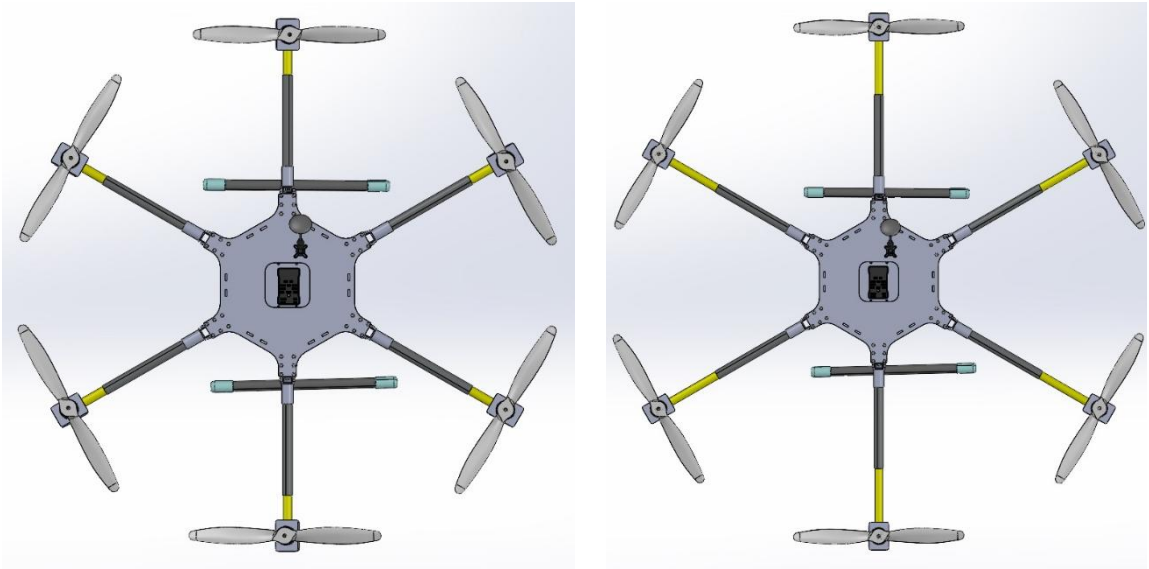
Hexarotor Başkalaşım ve Uçuş Süresi

Başkalaşım, İHA sistemleri için yeni ve gelişmekte olan bir özelliktir. Başkalaşım genellikle tüm İHA'lar için geçerlidir. Morphing, İHA'ların yerde veya havada geometrik şekillerinde meydana getirdiği değişiklikler olarak tanımlanır[3]. Başkalaşım, İHA'nın aerodinamik yapısı ile doğrudan ilgilidir. Hexarotor tipi İHA'lar da başkalaşım kolu uzatma veya kısaltma olarak gerçekleştirilir. Başkalaşım özelliğine sahip bir İHA, kendi algoritmasına göre aerodinamik yapısını ayarlayarak pil tasarrufu sağlayabilir, daha uzun mesafelerde çalışabilir ve taşıdığı yükü aerodinamik yapısına göre ayarlayabilir[4].

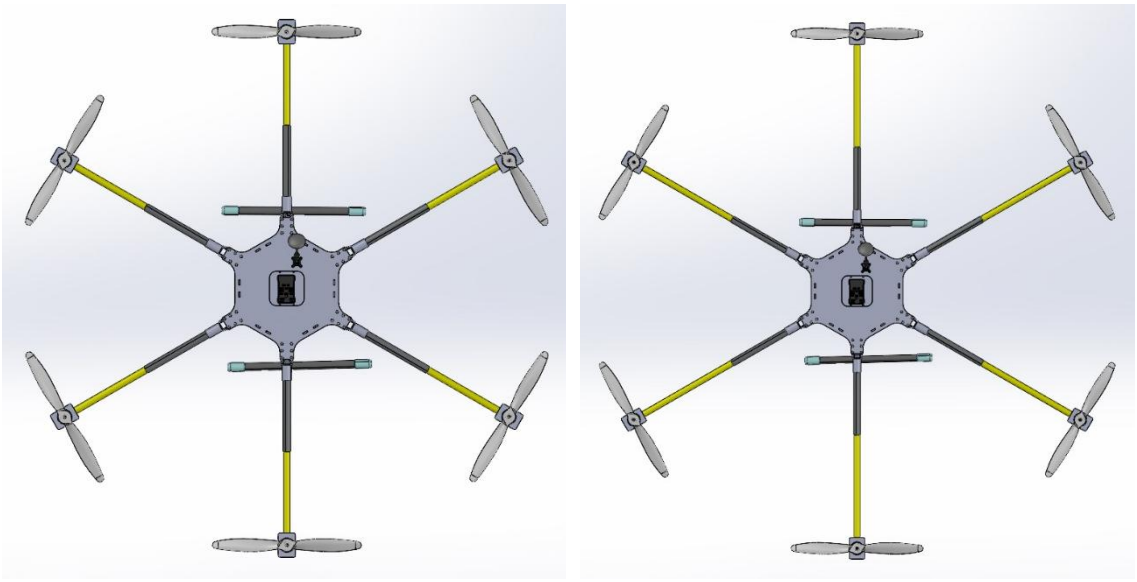
Kol uzunluklarındaki değişiklikler, atalet momentinde bir değişikliğe neden olur. Atalet momenti, döndürülebilen her nesnenin sahip olduğu bir özelliktir. Belirli bir dönme ekseni olan bir nesnenin açısal hızını değiştirmenin ne kadar zor olduğunu tanımlayan bir skaler büyüklüktür. Bu durumda, altı rotorlu helikopterin kütle atalet matrisi için denklem aşağıdaki gibi çapraz olarak yazılacaktır.

$$I = \begin{bmatrix} I_x & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & I_y & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & I_z \end{bmatrix} \tag{9}$$

Çeşitli kol uzunluklarına göre başkalaşım şekil 2'de gösterilmiştir.



(a) (b)



(c) (d)

Şekil 2: Hexarotor başkalaşım (a) 37 cm kol uzunluğu, (b) 45 cm kol uzunluğu, (c) 55 cm kol uzunluğu ve (d) 65 cm kol uzunluğu.

Hexarotor uçuş süresi, askeri ve sivil uygulamalar için önemli bir konudur[5]. Sivil ve askeri havacılıkta kullanılan elektrikle çalışan uzaktan veya otonom kontrollü döner kanatlı insansız hava araçlarının geliştirilmesine yönelik çabalar, bu araçların birçok farklı görevde kullanıma uygun olması nedeniyle artmaktadır[6]. Ayrıca, havada asılı kalabilme gibi avantajları nedeniyle de popülerliğini korumaktadır[7]. Havacılıkta elektrikle çalışan sistemlerin kullanımı hızla yaygınlaşmaktadır[8]. Hexarotor'un uçuş sırasında tükettiği elektrik enerjisi, hexarotor toplam ağırlığına, pervaneye, elektrik motorunun özelliklerine ve uçuş ortamının fiziksel koşullarına bağlıdır. Maksimum uçuş dayanıklılığı, ticari uygulamalar için önemli bir konudur[9]. Bu çalışmada ele alınan hexarotor için uçuş süresi aşağıdaki denklem ile elde edilir.

$$T = \sqrt{\frac{\pi\rho}{2g^3}}\,\zeta\eta_0\,\frac{WD}{M}\sqrt{\frac{n}{M}} \tag{10}$$

Burada, W enerji yoğunluğu, D pervane çapı, n pervane sayısı, M hexarotor kütlesi, $\zeta\eta_0$ güç etkinlik katsayısı ve ρ hava yoğunluğudur.

Bu çalışmada, enerji yoğunuluğu 5200 mAh, 6750 mAh, 10000 mAh, 12000 mAh, 16000 mAh ve 22000 mAh bataryalar kullanılmıştır. Hexarotor kütlesi bataryasız olarak 2350 gr'dır. İlgili enerji yoğunluğuna sahip bataryalar hexarotor'a takıldığında M hexarotor kütlesinde artış olmaktadır.

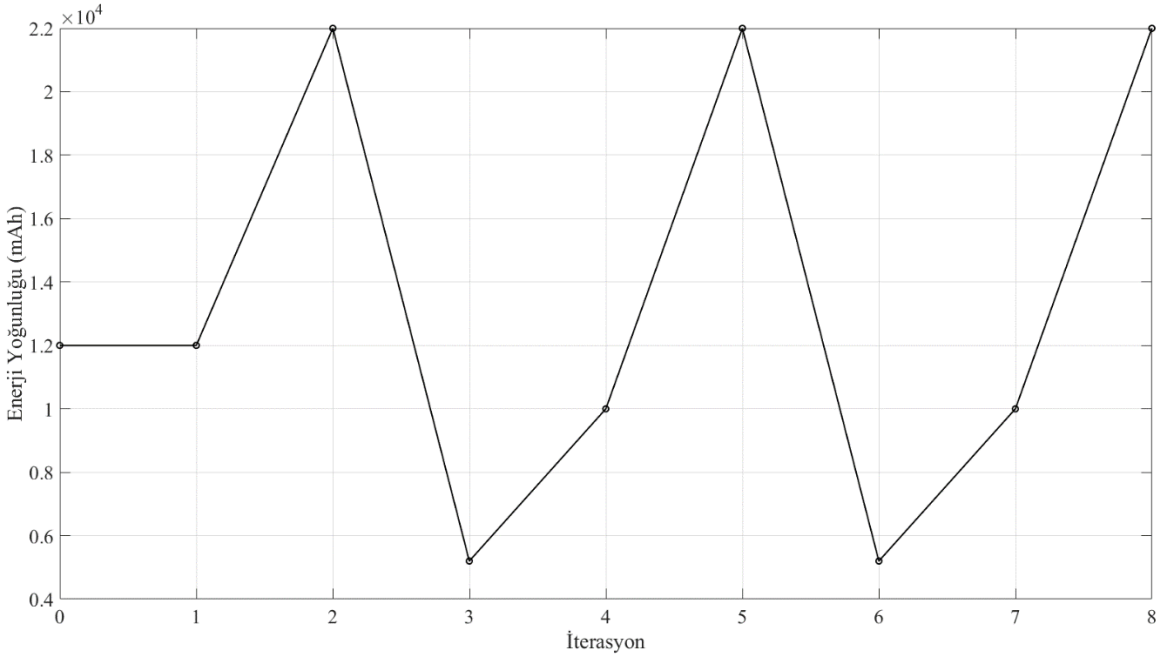
BULGULAR

Hexarotor boylamasına uçuş ve uçuş süresi ile ilgili simülasyonlar Matlab/Simulink ortamında gerçekleştirilmiştir. Simülasyonlar için gerekli olan parametreler ise Solidworks çizim programında çizilen modellerden elde edilmiştir. Şekil 2'de verilen kol uzunluklarına bağlı olarak çizimler yapılmış ve batarya enerji yoğunluklarına göre bataryaların da ayrı ayrı çizimleri yapılarak her biri ayrı ayrı modellenerek atalet momentleri elde edilerek bir veri seti oluşturulmuştur. Burada toplamda 25 satırdan oluşan bir veri seti oluşturulmuştur. Ancak bu veri setinin 9 tanesi rasgele seçilerek kullanılmıştır. Örnek veri seti Tablo 1'de gösterilmiştir.

Tablo 1: Kullanılan veri seti

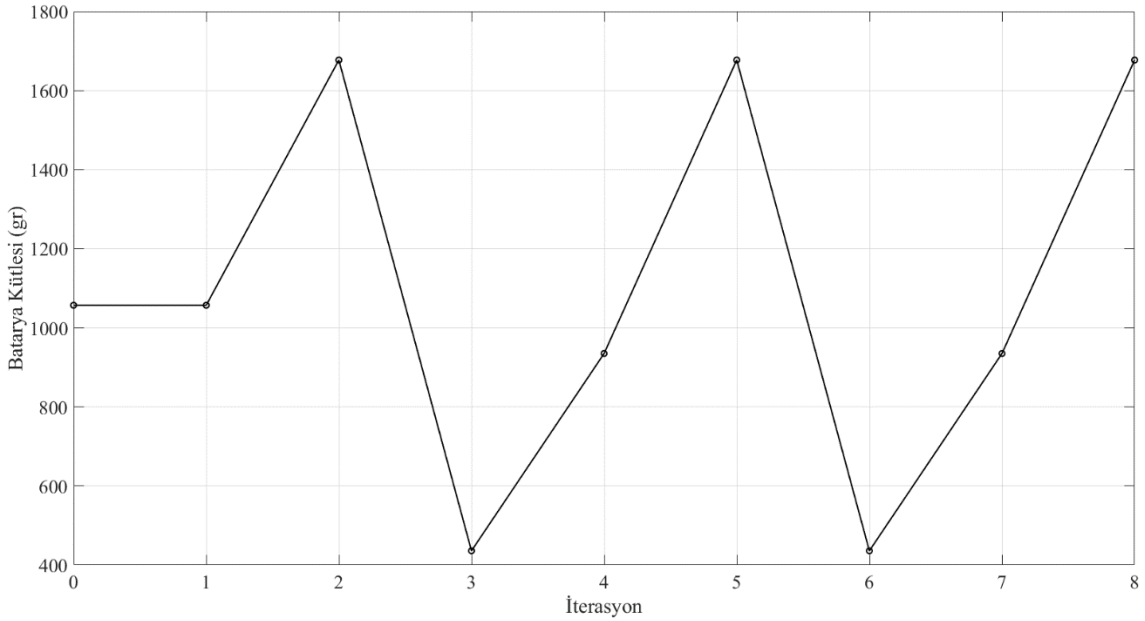
Kol Uzunuluğu (cm)	Hexarotor Bataryasız Kütle (kg)	Enerji Yoğunluğu (mAh)	Batarya Kütlesi (kg)	Toplam Kütle (kg)	I_x $(kg * cm^2)$	I_y $(kg * cm^2)$	I_z $(kg * cm^2)$
37	2,35	5200	0,436	2,786	0,19	0,34	0,18
37	2,35	12000	1,057	3,407	0,19	0,34	0,19
45	2,35	6750	0,605	2,955	2,9	3,09	0,23
45	2,35	16000	1,351	3,701	3,56	3,75	0,24
55	2,35	10000	0,935	3,285	3,32	3,59	0,31
55	2,35	22000	1,677	4,027	3,98	4,25	0,31
65	2,35	5200	0,436	2,786	3,01	3,36	0,39
65	2,35	10000	0,935	3,285	3,46	3,8	0,39
65	2,35	22000	1,677	4,027	4,12	4,47	0,39

Bu çalışmada kullanılan bataryalara ait enerji yoğunluğu grafiği şekil 3'te verilmiştir.



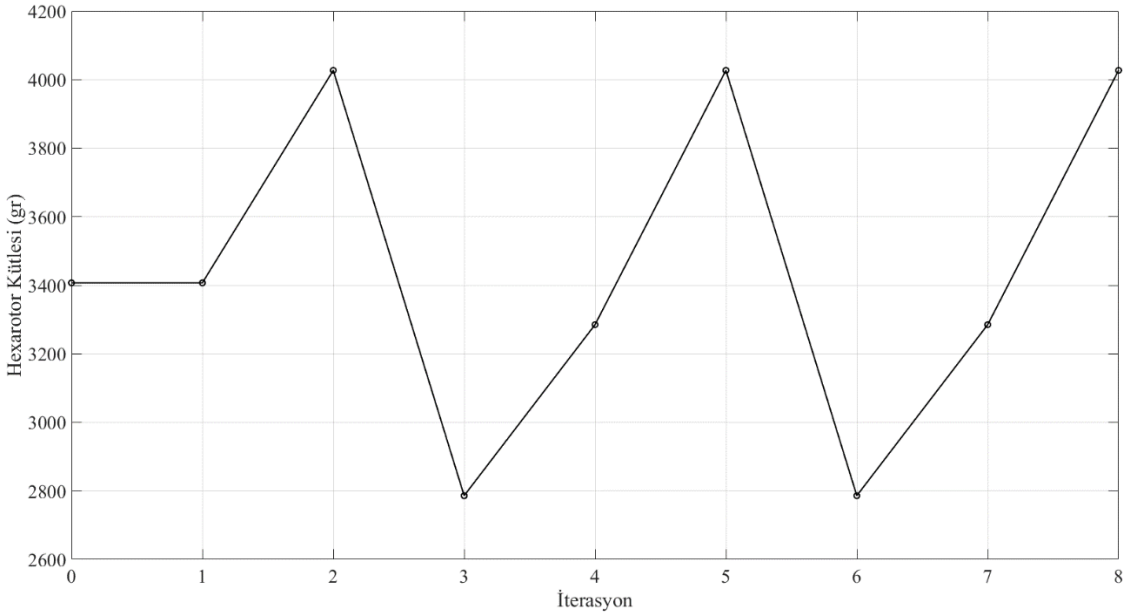
Şekil 3: Enerji yoğunluğu

Enerji yoğunluğu batarya kütlesi üzerinde etkili olduğundan her test aşamasındaki batarya ağırlıkları şekil 4'te verilmiştir.



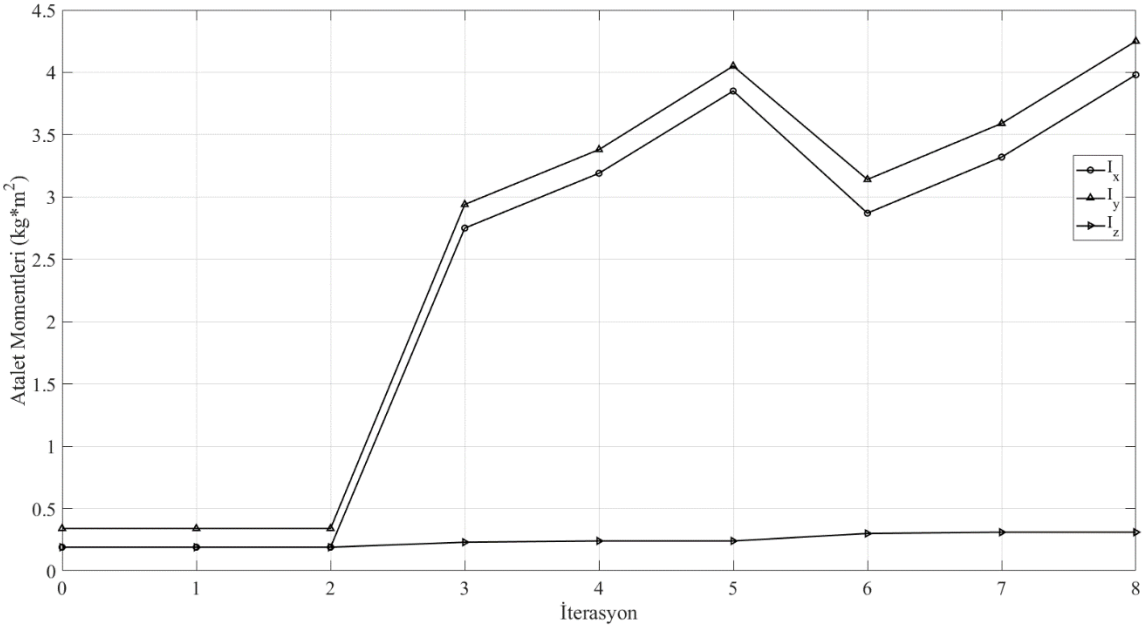
Şekil 4: Batarya kütlesi

Batarya kütlesi ise hexarotor kütlesini belirlemede etkili olmaktadır. Her test aşamasında hexarotor kütlesi şekil 5'te verilmiştir.



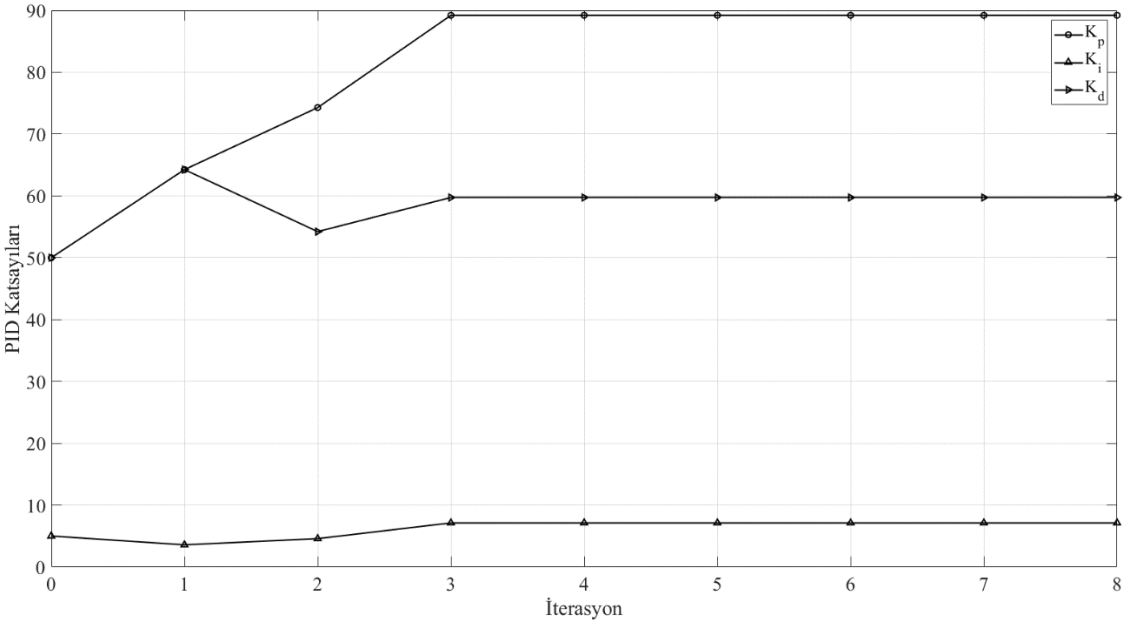
Şekil 5: Hexarotor kütlesi

Başkalaşım, bataryanın şekli ve ağırlığı hexarotor atalet momentleri üzerinde etkili olmaktadır. Her test aşamasında ki atalet momentleri şekil 6'da verilmiştir.



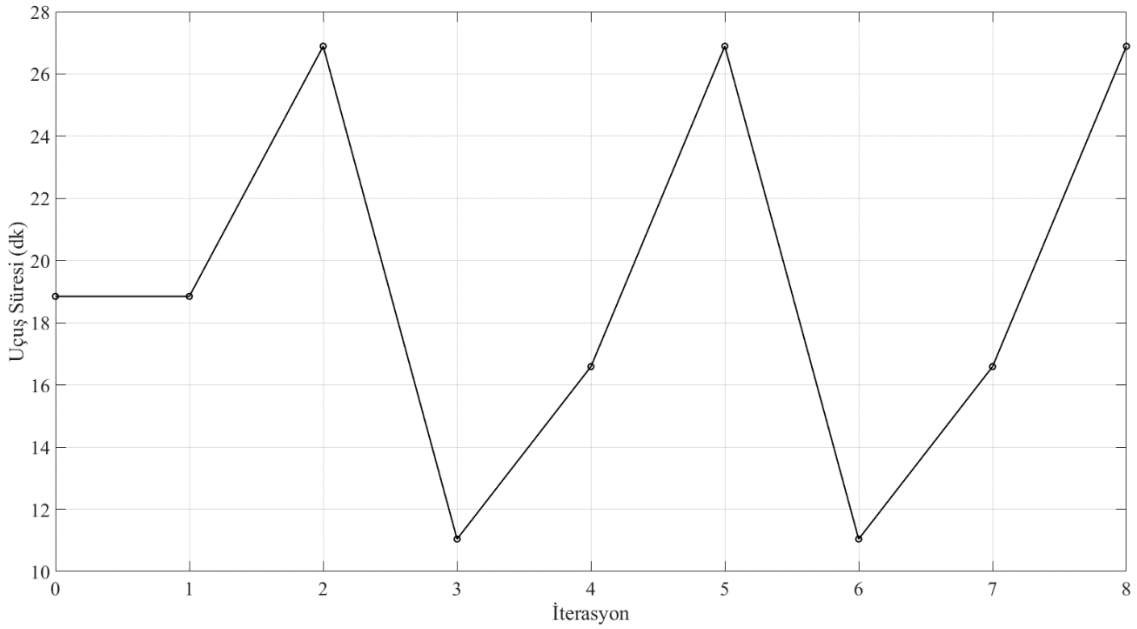
Şekil 6: Atalet momentleri

Başkalaşım ve batarya ağırlığının değişimine göre hexarotor'u kontrol etmek için endüstriyel sistemlerde yaygın olarak kullanılan oransal-integral-türev (PID) kontrol algoritması kullanılmıştır. PID kontrol algoritması üç adet katsayı içerir bunlar: k_p, k_i ve k_d'dir. Bu katsayıların düzgün elde edilmesi hexarotor kontrolü üzerinde etkilidir. Bu çalışmada katsayılar geçmiş tecrübelerden faydalanılarak tahmin edilmiştir. Her test aşamasında tahmin edilen PID katsayıları şekil 7'de gösterilmiştir.



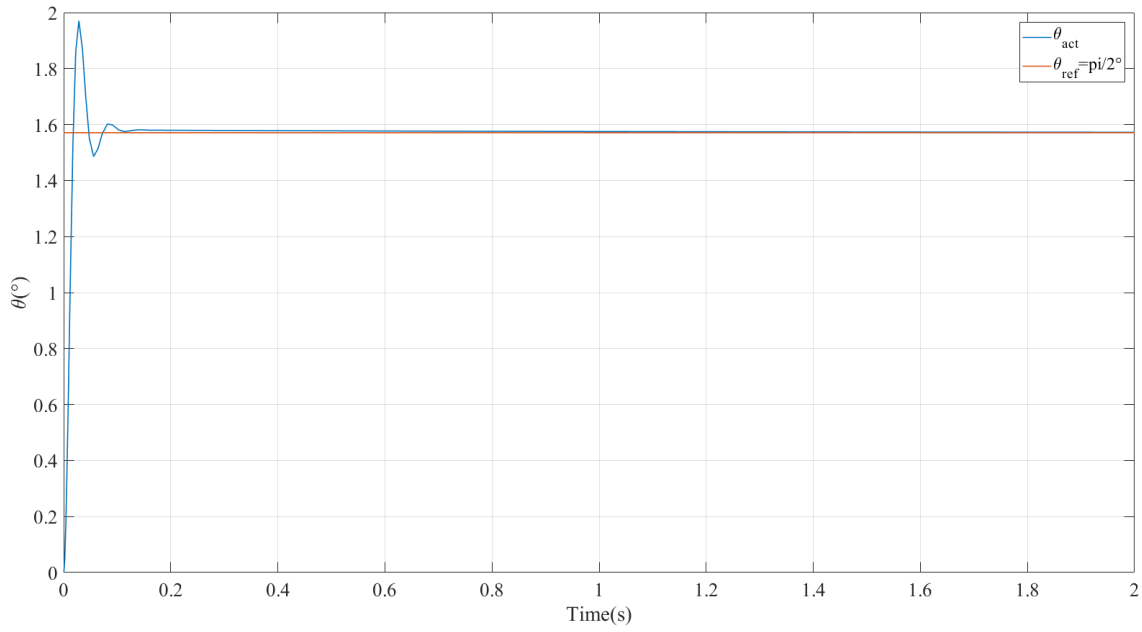
Şekil 7: PID katsayıları

Elde edilen değerler ile Matlab/Simulink ortamında simülasyonlar yapılarak hexarotor'un başkalaşım ve farklı batarya ağırlıkları altında hem uçuş süresi hem de boylamasına uçuşu kontrol edilmiştir. Şekil 7'de her test aşamasında elde edilen uçuş süresi verilmiştir.



Şekil 8: Uçuş süresi

Hexarotor boylamasına uçuşta $\pi/2$ °'lik bir yörüngeyi izlemesi istenmiştir. Şekil 10'da 1, 3, 7 ve 9 no'lu testlerin simülasyon sonuçları verilmiştir.



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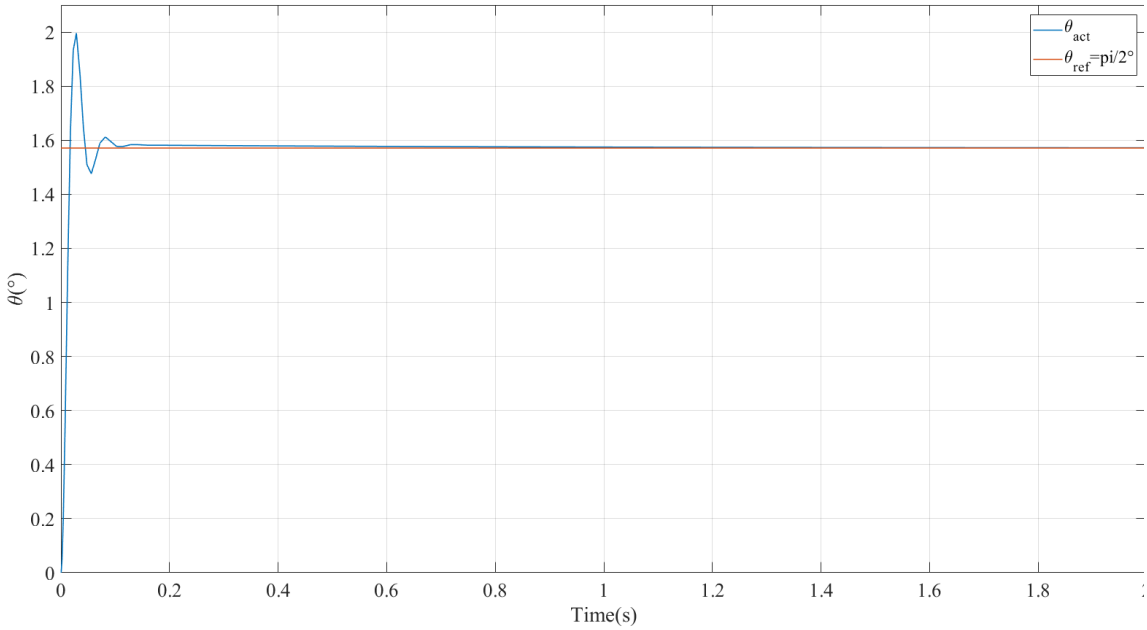

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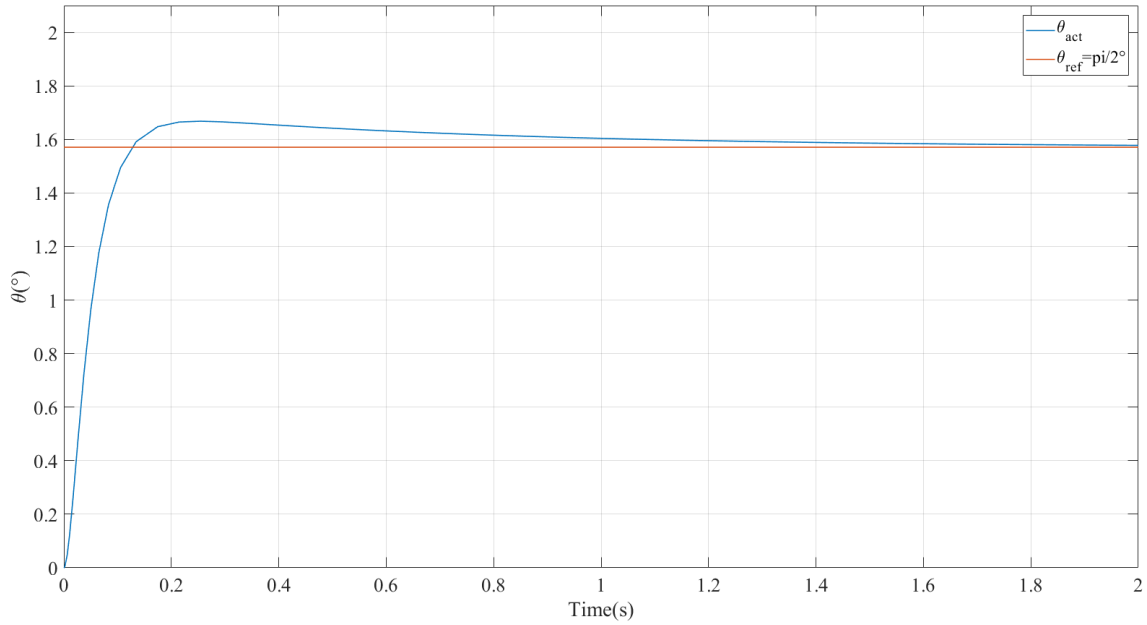

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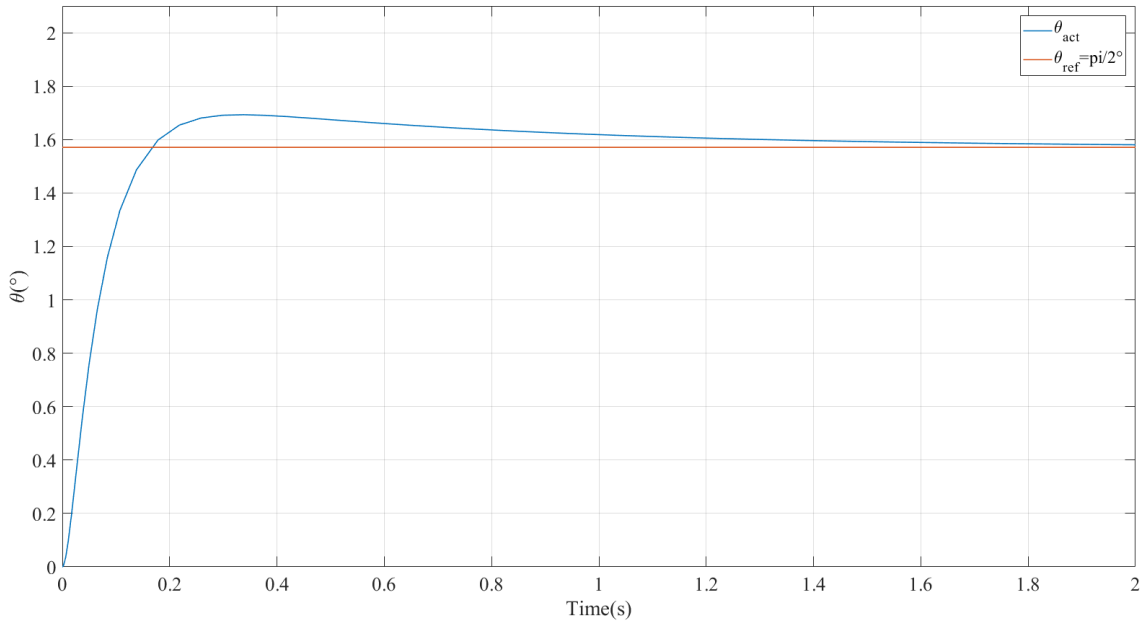

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Şekil 9: Simüslasyon sonuçları

SONUÇLAR

Bu çalışmada, başkalaşım etkisi altında batarya ağırlığının değişiminin ile hexarotor boylamasına uçuşu ve uçuş süresine etkisi incelenmiştir. Başkalaşım ve batarya ağırlıkları gerçeğine uygun olarak Solidworks programında çizilmiştir. Çizimlerden elde edilen atalet momenti ve ağırlık gibi parametreler MATLAB/Simulink ortamında durum uzay modeli yaklaşımı kullanılarak simülasyonlar yapılmıştır. Hexarotor boylamasına uçuş kontrolü için ise oransal-integral-türev(PID) algoritması kullanılmıştır. Kol uzunluğu, batarya ağırlığı ve PID katsayıları değiştirilerek hexarotor için en optimum uçuş süresi ve boylamasına kontrolü elde edilmeye çalışılmıştır.

Elde edilen sonuçlar yükselme zamanı, yerleşme zamanı ve aşım parametreleri ile de her test için ayrı ayrı elde edilmiştir.

Tablo 2: Tasarım performans kriterleri

Test No	Yükselme Zamanı(sn)	Yerleşme Zamanı(sn)	Aşım(%)
0	0.0121	0.0885	25.4
1	0.0102	0.0813	30.5
2	0.0113	0.0883	27.5
3	0.0734	0.986	5.89
4	0.0848	1.09	6.54
5	0.102	1.22	7.5
6	0.0786	1.04	6.19
7	0.0902	1.14	6.85
8	0.107	1.26	7.77

Hem boylamasına uçuş hem de uçuş süresi değerlendirildiğinde en iyi sonucu 2 numaralı testin verdiği görülmektedir. Gelecek çalışmalarda derin öğrenme ve optimizasyon algoritmaları

kullanılarak hem uçuş süresi uzatılması hem de tasarım performans kriterlerinin minimum değere çekilmesi hedeflenmektedir.

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ASSESSMENT OF SAFETY AND WATER HAMMER PROTECTION OF PEHD 100 ITP PIPES WITH SURFACE CRACKS FOR POTABLE WATER SUPPLY SYSTEMS

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Abstract -: Water stress is one of the major challenges facing Algeria and the world at large. By 2050, more than 40% of the global population will be exposed to a high risk of water scarcity, and over 240 million people will remain without access to improved water sources. In this context, the reliability of drinking water distribution networks represents a critical issue. Pipe failures, often initiated by surface defects and exacerbated by dynamic loads such as water hammer, pose significant risks, particularly at joints and elbows. Since the 1980s, high-density polyethylene (HDPE) has been widely used in the manufacture of water supply pipes. However, its long-term durability under transient loads and in the presence of defects remains a major concern. This study combines an experimental program with finite element numerical modeling to characterize the fracture behavior of PE100 pipes. Two complementary methodologies—damage mechanics and fracture mechanics—are employed to determine the material's toughness. Comparison of the approaches allows the selection of a representative toughness parameter for HDPE. Furthermore, a simplified formulation linking the damage variable to internal pressure is proposed to predict rupture risks in the presence of superficial cracks. In addition, the water hammer phenomenon is investigated using a fluid–structure interaction mathematical model to evaluate localized overpressures at pipe elbows. Finally, to enhance durability and enable effective in situ repair of damaged pipes, we propose the development of an innovative hybrid composite reinforced with a natural filler derived from date pit powder, designed for sealing and sustainably repairing superficial cracks in HDPE pipelines.

Keywords - : Water stress; HDPE pipes; surface cracks; fracture mechanics; damage mechanics; water hammer; fluid–structure interaction; hybrid composite; natural reinforcement; date pit powder.

BEYOND DEGREES: CO-CREATING INDUSTRY-READY CURRICULUM FOR THE KNOWLEDGE ECONOMY

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The transition from higher education to professional practice remains a pressing challenge in India, particularly within management and technical domains. While traditional curricula provide strong theoretical foundations, they often fall short in nurturing the practical expertise, problem-solving capacity, and workplace adaptability required by today's industries. This paper examines the theme "From Campus to Corporate: Rethinking Curriculum Design through Industry Engagement", emphasizing the need for collaborative models that integrate academic knowledge with industry expectations. Drawing insights from secondary research and case illustrations, the study critiques conventional pedagogical approaches and highlights transformative practices such as experiential learning, live projects, structured internships, corporate mentorship, and industry-recognized certification programs. The findings suggest that embedding industry perspectives into curriculum design not only strengthens employability but also cultivates innovation, resilience, and global competitiveness. The paper concludes by advocating for co-created, industry-aligned curricula as a strategic imperative for preparing graduates to make meaningful contributions in the evolving knowledge economy.

Keywords: Academia–industry collaboration, Curriculum design, Employability gap, Experiential learning, Corporate readiness, Management and technical education, Knowledge economy

RISK MANAGEMENT AND DESIGN STRATEGIES FOR PHYSICAL CONDITIONS IN INTERIOR SPACES

MEKÂNDA FİZİKSEL KOŞULLARA YÖNELİK RİSK YÖNETİMİ VE TASARIM STRATEJİLERİ

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ABSTRACT

The physical conditions of spaces are among the key factors that directly affect individuals' health, safety, and productivity in working life. Elements such as lighting, acoustic regulation, indoor air quality, ergonomic equipment, thermal comfort, and flooring/surface characteristics, when properly designed, not only enhance users' comfort and job satisfaction but also have positive effects on work performance, motivation, and organizational efficiency. Conversely, insufficient measures can lead to physical discomfort as well as increased stress, burnout, and other psychosocial risks. This study aims to reveal the role of physical arrangements in interior design in terms of occupational health and safety. In this study, articles and postgraduate theses published between 2000 and 2025 were examined through a systematic literature review. A total of 123 studies were evaluated, and the data obtained were analyzed through content analysis to develop design strategies. Based on the findings, various risks related to the physical conditions of spaces were identified. To mitigate these risks, six different design strategies were proposed. These strategies produce multidimensional positive outcomes such as the prevention of occupational accidents, reduction of occupational diseases, minimization of psychosocial risks, enhancement of employee engagement, and improvement of job satisfaction. The study demonstrates that interior design has multifaceted effects on occupational health and safety. The findings indicate that design decisions concerning physical arrangements directly influence not only employee health and safety but also organizational performance. The strategies developed within this scope support individual comfort and motivation while also contributing to the sustainable productivity of the workplace.

Keywords: Occupational Health and Safety, Risk, Physical Conditions, Spatial Measures, Work Environment.

ÖZET

Mekânların fiziksel koşulları, çalışma yaşamında bireylerin sağlık, güvenlik ve verimliliğini doğrudan etkileyen temel faktörler arasında yer almaktadır. Aydınlatma, akustik düzen, iç hava

kalitesi, ergonomik donanım, termal konfor ve zemin/yüzey özellikleri gibi unsurlar uygun şekilde tasarlandığında yalnızca kullanıcıların konforunu ve iş tatminini artırmakla kalmaz; aynı zamanda iş performansı, motivasyon ve örgütsel verimlilik üzerinde de olumlu etkiler yaratır. Buna karşılık, yetersiz önlemler fiziksel rahatsızlıkların yanı sıra stres, tükenmişlik ve diğer psikososyal risklerin artmasına neden olmaktadır. Bu çalışma, iç mekân tasarımına ilişkin fiziksel düzenlemelerin iş sağlığı ve güvenliği açısından rolünü ortaya koymayı amaçlamaktadır. Araştırmada, 2000–2025 yılları arasında yayımlanan makale ve lisansüstü tezler sistematik literatür taraması yöntemiyle incelenmiştir. Çalışma kapsamında toplam 123 yayın değerlendirilmiş ve elde edilen veriler içerik analizi doğrultusunda çözümlenerek tasarıma yönelik stratejiler geliştirilmiştir. Elde edilen bulgular doğrultusunda, mekânların fiziksel koşullarına ilişkin çeşitli riskler tanımlanmıştır. Bu risklerin azaltılmasına yönelik olarak 6 farklı tasarım stratejisi ortaya konulmuştur. Belirlenen stratejiler; iş kazalarının önlenmesi, mesleki hastalıkların azalması, psikososyal risklerin minimize edilmesi, çalışan bağlılığının artırılması ve iş memnuniyetinin yükseltilmesi gibi çok boyutlu olumlu sonuçlar üretmektedir. Çalışma, iç mekân tasarımının iş sağlığı ve güvenliği üzerinde çok yönlü etkiler yarattığını ortaya koymaktadır. Bulgular, fiziksel düzenlemelere yönelik alınacak tasarım kararlarının yalnızca çalışan sağlığı ve güvenliğini değil, aynı zamanda örgütsel performansı da doğrudan etkilediğini göstermektedir. Bu kapsamda geliştirilen stratejiler, hem bireysel düzeyde konfor ve motivasyonu desteklemekte hem de işyerinde sürdürülebilir verimliliğin sağlanmasına katkı sunmaktadır.

Anahtar Kelimeler: İş Sağlığı ve Güvenliği, Risk, Fiziksel Koşullar, Mekânsal Önlemler, Çalışma Ortamı.

GİRİŞ

Mekanların fiziksel koşulları, çalışanların sağlık, güvenlik ve verimliliğini doğrudan etkileyen kritik faktörler arasında yer almaktadır. İş sağlığı ve güvenliği (İSG) kavramı, yalnızca iş kazalarının önlenmesi veya mesleki hastalıkların azaltılmasıyla sınırlı değildir; aynı zamanda çalışanların fiziksel, psikolojik ve sosyal açıdan iyi olma hâlini destekleyen bütüncül bir yaklaşımı içermektedir. Bu bağlamda mekânların tasarımı, İSG'nin ayrılmaz bir parçası olarak ele alınmakta ve özellikle iç mekân koşullarının kullanıcı üzerindeki etkileri giderek daha fazla araştırılmaktadır.

Aydınlatma, akustik düzen, iç hava kalitesi, ergonomik donanım, termal konfor ve zemin/yüzey özellikleri, iç mekân tasarımının öne çıkan unsurlarıdır (Karabina, Azmanoğlu & Yalçınkaya, 2025). Bu unsurlar uygun biçimde düzenlendiğinde kullanıcıların görsel, işitsel ve fiziksel konforunu artırmakta; iş tatmini, motivasyon ve üretkenlik üzerinde olumlu etkiler yaratmaktadır (Yalçınkaya & Tunar, 2024). Buna karşın yetersiz ya da yanlış tasarlanmış fiziksel koşullar, yalnızca ergonomik veya biyolojik rahatsızlıklara değil, aynı zamanda stres, tükenmişlik sendromu ve diğer psikososyal risklerin artmasına da zemin hazırlamaktadır. Dolayısıyla mekân tasarımı bireysel sağlık ve kurumsal verimlilik açısından çok yönlü sonuçlar doğurmaktadır.

Son yıllarda yapılan araştırmalar, iç mekân koşullarının iş kazaları ve mesleki hastalıklarla ilişkisini ortaya koyarken, aynı zamanda örgütsel performans ve çalışan bağlılığı üzerindeki etkilerini de vurgulamaktadır (Azmanoğlu, Karabina & Yalçınkaya, 2025). Ancak literatürde, fiziksel koşulların İSG bağlamında bütüncül biçimde ele alındığı çalışmaların sınırlı sayıda olduğu görülmektedir. Bu durum, mekânsal düzenlemelerin yalnızca konfor ve estetik değil, aynı zamanda güvenlik ve sürdürülebilir verimlilik açısından da yeniden değerlendirilmesi gerektiğini ortaya koymaktadır.

Bu çalışma, 2000–2025 yılları arasında yayımlanan akademik çalışmaların sistematik literatür taramasıyla incelenmesi sonucunda, iç mekân tasarımına ilişkin fiziksel koşulların iş sağlığı ve

güvenliği üzerindeki rolünü ortaya koymayı amaçlamaktadır. Araştırma kapsamında elde edilen bulgular doğrultusunda, risk faktörleri belirlenmiş ve bu risklerin azaltılmasına yönelik tasarım stratejileri geliştirilmiştir. Böylelikle çalışma hem akademik literatüre katkı sunmayı hem de uygulayıcılar için yol gösterici öneriler geliştirmeyi hedeflemektedir.

KAVRAMSAL ÇERÇEVE

Mekânın fiziksel koşulları, iş sağlığı ve güvenliği bağlamında yalnızca mekânsal bir kabuk değil, çalışanların sağlık, güvenlik ve refahını doğrudan etkileyen dinamik bir sistem olarak görülmelidir. Bu nedenle risk yönetimi yaklaşımı, işyerlerinde karşılaşılan fiziksel koşulların tehlike kaynağı olarak tanımlanması ve bu risklerin kontrol altına alınması sürecini temel alır (ISO, 2018). Mekânın fiziksel özellikleri —aydınlatma, ergonomi, termal konfor vb.— yalnızca teknik parametreler değil, aynı zamanda çalışan üzerinde biyolojik, fizyolojik ve psikososyal etkiler üreten unsurlardır (Clements-Croome, 2018).

Risk yönetimi literatüründe yaygın olarak kabul gören "Kontrol Hiyerarşisi" yaklaşımı, risklerin mümkünse kaynağında ortadan kaldırılmasını, aksi hâlde mühendislik çözümleriyle azaltılmasını ve en son kişisel koruyucu önlemlerle desteklenmesini öngörmektedir (NIOSH, 2024). Mimari ve iç mekân tasarımı, bu modelin özellikle ilk iki basamağına karşılık gelmekte ve risklerin kaynağında azaltılmasına yönelik en etkili müdahale alanlarından biri olarak değerlendirilmektedir. Örneğin gün ışığının etkin biçimde mekâna alınması, yalnızca görsel konforu artırmakla kalmaz, aynı zamanda çalışanların biyolojik ritimlerini düzenleyerek sağlık ve üretkenliği doğrudan destekler (Aries, Aarts & van Hoof, 2015). Benzer şekilde akustik düzenlemeler, işitme sağlığını korumanın yanı sıra, gürültüye bağlı stres ve dikkat dağınıklığını azaltarak kazaları önleyici bir işlev görür (Frontczak & Wargocki, 2011).

Çalışan-mekân etkileşimini açıklayan "Person–Environment Fit" yaklaşımı, bireyin çevresiyle uyumunun iş tatmini ve performans üzerinde doğrudan etkili olduğunu ileri sürmektedir (De Cooman & Vleugels, 2022). Ergonomik olmayan düzenlemeler kas-iskelet sistemi rahatsızlıklarına yol açarken, iyi tasarlanmış ergonomik çözümler hem sağlık risklerini azaltmakta hem de verimliliği yükseltmektedir (Dul & Neumann, 2009). Yetersiz havalandırma ve düşük iç hava kalitesi, "Hasta Bina Sendromu" ile ilişkilendirilmiş; baş ağrısı, yorgunluk ve solunum sorunları gibi sağlık risklerini artırdığı gösterilmiştir (Frontczak & Wargocki, 2011). Benzer şekilde, uygunsuz zemin ve yüzey tasarımları, kayma ve düşme gibi ciddi iş kazalarının en yaygın nedenlerinden biridir (Chang vd., 2016).

Bu kuramsal çerçeveye göre, mekânın fiziksel koşulları risk üretici veya risk azaltıcı olarak iki yönlü işlev görmektedir. İyi tasarlanmış mekânlar, çalışanların fiziksel ve psikososyal refahını desteklerken, aynı zamanda örgütsel performansı ve sürdürülebilir verimliliği de artırmaktadır. Dolayısıyla, insan-merkezli güvenli tasarım yaklaşımları yalnızca estetik veya işlevsel bir tercih değil, aynı zamanda iş sağlığı ve güvenliğinin ayrılmaz bir parçası olarak değerlendirilmelidir.

METODOLOJİ

Bu araştırma, fiziksel koşulların iş sağlığı ve güvenliği (İSG) ile olan ilişkisini inceleyerek, iç mekân tasarımında çalışan sağlığı, güvenliği ve konforu üzerinde belirleyici olan risk faktörlerine karşı güvenli tasarım stratejileri ortaya koymayı amaçlamaktadır. Çalışmanın temel hedefi, fiziksel koşullardan kaynaklı potansiyel risklere yönelik geliştirilebilecek güvenli tasarım stratejilerinin tanımlanmasıdır. Bu doğrultuda sistematik literatür taraması yöntemi uygulanmış, elde edilen makale ve lisansüstü tezler içerik analizi tekniğiyle incelenerek araştırma amacına uygun biçimde değerlendirilmiştir.

Veri kaynaklarının taranması ve seçim sürecinde literatür taraması, 2000–2025 yılları arasında yayımlanan ulusal ve uluslararası akademik yayınları kapsamaktadır. Çalışmalar, Google Akademi ve YÖK Tez Merkezi veri tabanlarında yürütülen aramalarla elde edilmiştir. Tarama sürecinde "mimarlık" (architecture), "iş sağlığı ve güvenliği" (occupational health and safety), "fiziksel koşullar" (physical conditions), "iç mekân tasarımı" (interior design), "aydınlatma" (lighting), "ergonomi" (ergonomics), "akustik" (acoustics), "termal konfor" (thermal comfort) ve "iç hava kalitesi" (indoor air quality) gibi anahtar kelimeler kullanılmıştır. Bu süreçte başlık, özet ve içerik bölümleri incelenerek araştırma kriterlerine uygun bulunan 123 yayın değerlendirmeye alınmıştır (Şekil 1).

Şekil 1: Araştırma Tasarımı

Seçilen yayınlar doküman analizi ve içerik analizi yöntemleriyle incelenmiştir. Öncelikle her çalışma, ele aldığı fiziksel koşullara göre sınıflandırılmıştır. Ardından her kategori içerisinde öne çıkan risk faktörleri belirlenmiş ve bu risklere karşı geliştirilen tasarım stratejileri sistematik olarak ortaya konulmuştur. Araştırmanın güvenilirlik ve geçerliliğini artırmak amacıyla her çalışma üç araştırmacı tarafından bağımsız olarak incelenmiş, riskler ayrı ayrı belirlenmiştir. İlk analiz aşamasının ardından elde edilen üç veri seti karşılaştırılarak stratejilere yönelik ortak bir sınıflama sistemi geliştirilmiş ve tüm bulgular tek bir dosyada birleştirilmiştir. Bu yöntemle elde edilen sonuçların bilimsel geçerliliği artırılmış, yorumlar ise özgün katkılarla desteklenmiştir.

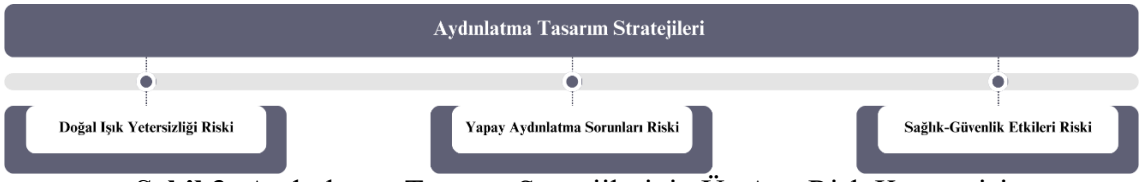
BULGULAR

Bu araştırmada, mekânlarda iş sağlığı ve güvenliğini etkileyen mekânsal risk faktörlerine yönelik güvenli tasarım stratejilerini belirlemek amacıyla içerik analizi yöntemi kullanılmıştır. İnceleme kapsamına alınan 123 yayından elde edilen veriler, fiziksel mekân organizasyonuna ilişkin mimari risk unsurları doğrultusunda değerlendirilmiş ve mekânsal stratejiler bu çerçevede analiz edilmiştir. Süreç boyunca, kullanıcı sağlığı ve güvenliğini tehdit eden fiziksel, çevresel ve algısal risk faktörlerine karşı geliştirilen güvenli tasarım stratejileri tematik eksende sınıflandırılmıştır. Elde edilen bulgular, söz konusu mekânsal stratejilerin altı temel kategori altında sistematik biçimde bütünleştiğini ortaya koymaktadır (Şekil 2).

Şekil 2: Mekânsal Stratejilerin Altı Temel Kategorisi

Aydınlatma Tasarım Stratejileri

İçerik analizi bulguları, aydınlatma ile ilgili stratejilerin üç ana risk alanı etrafında toplandığını göstermektedir: "doğal ışık yetersizliği riski", "yapay aydınlatma sorunları riski" ve "sağlık-güvenlik etkileri riski". Her bir başlık altında ise ilgili riskleri azaltmaya yönelik tasarım stratejileri sıralanmıştır (Şekil 3).



Şekil 3: Aydınlatma Tasarım Stratejilerinin Üç Ana Risk Kategorisi

Doğal ışık yetersizliği, iç mekânlarda kullanıcıların görsel konforunu ve mekânsal algısını olumsuz etkileyen başlıca risk faktörlerinden biri olarak değerlendirilmektedir. İncelenen çalışmalarda bu duruma ilişkin öne çıkan riskler şu şekilde sıralanmıştır:

♦ Doğal ışığın yetersizliği, kullanıcıların mekânı sağlıklı algılamalarını güçleştirmekte; göz yorgunluğu, dikkat dağınıklığı ve üretkenlik kayıplarına yol açmaktadır (Çiçek, 2015; Gürkan, 2018; Demir, 2018; Çakıcı, 2019; Aşkın, 2019; Özsungur & Öztop, 2019; Ekici, 2020; Camcıoğlu, 2020; Üner, 2020a; Ünal, 2021; Ataman, 2023; Öztürk vd., 2025).

♦ Yapay aydınlatmanın doğal ışıkla desteklenmediği durumlarda ışık–gölge dengesizlikleri oluşmakta, bu da görsel konforu ve estetik bütünlüğü olumsuz etkilemektedir (Sıvacılar, 2021; Kuru Oktay, 2023; Köse, 2024).

♦ Doğal ışık eksikliğine bağlı olarak sirkadiyen ritim bozuklukları, uyku düzensizlikleri, stres artışı ve psikolojik yorgunluk gibi sağlık sorunları ortaya çıkmaktadır (Keklik, 2016; Aşkın, 2019; Erkan Şahin, 2020; Ekici, 2020).

♦ Işık–gölge dengesindeki bozulmalar, mekânsal kullanım kalitesi ile görsel algıyı zayıflatmaktadır (Arat & Kurumak, 2019).

Çalışmadan elde edilen riskler; doğal ışık yetersizliği, yapay aydınlatmanın doğal ışıkla desteklenmemesi, sirkadiyen ritim bozuklukları ve uyku düzensizlikleri, ışık–gölge dengesindeki bozulmalar ve gün ışığının mekân derinliklerine ulaşamaması başlıkları altında sınıflandırılmıştır (Tablo 1). Bu risklere karşı geliştirilebilecek tasarım stratejileri arasında öncelikli olarak bina yerleşimi ve cephe yöneliminin, gün ışığından maksimum düzeyde yararlanılacak şekilde planlanması yer almaktadır. Işığın niteliğini düzenlemek ve kullanıcı konforunu artırmak amacıyla güneş kırıcılar, pergolalar ve hareketli paneller kullanılmalı; gün ışığının iç mekân derinliklerine taşınması ve homojen biçimde dağıtılması için ise ışık rafları, ışık tünelleri ve yansıtıcı yüzeyler tercih edilmelidir. Ayrıca hem enerji verimliliğini hem de doğal–yapay ışık dengesini sağlamak için gün ışığına duyarlı otomatik aydınlatma sistemlerinin entegrasyonu önerilmektedir. Çalışma alanlarının gün ışığı alan bölgelere konumlandırılması, yarı saydam bölücüler ve uygun pencere tasarımlarıyla ışık–gölge dengesinin korunması da önemli stratejiler arasındadır. Bununla birlikte, doğal ve yapay ışığın katmanlı biçimde birlikte kullanılması, aydınlatma kalitesini artırırken enerji tüketimini de azaltmaktadır. Son olarak, bitkilendirme ve doğal ışık kompozisyonlarının mekâna entegre edilmesi hem psikolojik konforu hem de kullanıcıların mekâna yönelik olumlu algısını destekleyen stratejiler arasında yer almaktadır (Tablo 1).

Tablo 1: Doğal ışık yetersizliğinden kaynaklı riskler ve tasarım stratejileri

DOĞAL IŞIK YETERSİZLİĞİ	
Risk Faktörleri	**Tasarım Stratejileri**
Doğal ışık yetersizliği	Bina yerleşimi ve cephe yönelimiyle gün ışığından maksimum yararlanma
Yapay aydınlatmanın doğal ışıkla desteklenmemesi	Doğal ve yapay ışığın katmanlı biçimde birlikte kullanılması Gün ışığına duyarlı otomatik aydınlatma sistemleri entegrasyonu
Sirkadiyen ritim bozuklukları ve uyku düzensizlikleri	Dinamik/biyolojik olarak uyarlanabilir aydınlatma sistemleri (Human-Centric Lighting) kullanılması
Işık–gölge dengesindeki bozulmalar	Gölgeleme kontrolü için güneş kırıcı, pergola ve hareketli paneller kullanımı Yarı saydam bölücüler ve uygun pencere tasarımıyla ışık–gölge dengesi sağlama
Gün ışığının mekân derinliklerine ulaşamaması	Işık rafları, tünelleri ve yansıtıcı yüzeylerle gün ışığının iç mekân derinliklerine taşınması

Yapay aydınlatma sorunları, kullanıcıların görsel konforunu, üretkenliğini ve güvenliğini doğrudan etkileyen önemli bir çevresel faktör olarak değerlendirilmektedir. İncelenen çalışmalarda yapay aydınlatmaya ilişkin öne çıkan riskler şu şekilde sıralanmıştır:

♦ Yapay aydınlatmanın mekân fonksiyonuna ve görev alanına uygun olmaması, kullanıcıların görsel konforunu azaltmakta ve mekânın işlevselliğini olumsuz etkilemektedir (Başak & Başak, 2018; Özsungur & Öztop, 2019; Çakıcı, 2019; Durmaz, 2022).

♦ Parlama, gölgeler ve kontrast düşüklüğü; göz yorgunluğuna ve görsel rahatsızlıklara neden olmaktadır (Kızılgöz, 2017; Özsungur & Öztop, 2019; Çakıcı, 2019; Ataman, 2023).

♦ Uygun şekilde konumlandırılmamış ya da yanlış seçilmiş yapay aydınlatma sistemleri, mekânda gölgeli ve yetersiz aydınlatılmış alanların oluşmasına neden olmaktadır (Meydanlıoğlu, 2013; Özsungur & Öztop, 2019; Erkan Şahin, 2020; Zengin, 2025; Öztürk vd., 2025).

♦ Titreşimli, rahatsız edici ve göz yoran ışık kaynakları ile düzensiz ışık dağılımı, kullanıcıların dikkatini ve görsel performansını olumsuz etkileyerek kazalara zemin hazırlamakta ve iş güvenliği risklerini artırmaktadır (Severcan, 2016; Kızılgöz, 2017; Özsungur & Öztop, 2019; Öztürk vd., 2025).

Çalışmadan elde edilen riskler; mekân fonksiyonuna uygun olmayan aydınlatma seviyesi, parlama (glare), kontrast düşüklüğü ve gölge oluşumu, uygun olmayan yapay aydınlatma sistemleri nedeniyle karanlık ve gölgeli alanların oluşması, titreşimli, göz yoran ve rahatsız edici ışık kaynaklarının kullanımı, yapay ışığın görsel performansı düşürerek kazalara yol açması başlıkları altında sınıflandırılmıştır (Tablo 2). Bu risklere karşı geliştirilebilecek tasarım stratejileri arasında öncelikli olarak, mekân fonksiyonuna uygun aydınlatma düzeylerinin belirlenmesi ve dengeli ışık dağılımı sağlayacak armatür yerleşimlerinin planlanması yer almaktadır. Parlama ve yansımanın azaltılması için dolaylı aydınlatma teknikleri tercih edilmeli; titreşimsiz, düşük parlama değerine sahip ışık kaynakları kullanılmalıdır. Gölge oluşumunu engellemek amacıyla simetrik ışık düzenlemeleri yapılmalı, görsel konforun artırılması için uygun renk sıcaklıkları seçilmelidir. Ayrıca, mekânda hiyerarşi ve derinlik sağlamak üzere katmanlı aydınlatma (ambient–task–accent) çözümleri uygulanmalı, ışığın homojen yayılımını güçlendirmek için yüzey ve malzeme seçimlerine dikkat edilmelidir. Bu stratejiler, doğru biçimde uygulandığında kullanıcıların görsel konforunu, sağlığını ve güvenliğini doğrudan desteklemektedir (Tablo 2).

Tablo 2: Yapay aydınlatma sorunlarından kaynaklı riskler ve tasarım stratejileri

YAPAY AYDINLATMA SORUNLARI	
Risk Faktörleri	**Tasarım Stratejileri**
Mekân fonksiyonuna uygun olmayan aydınlatma seviyesi	Görev tabanlı lux seviyeleri belirlenerek uygun renk sıcaklığı ve yüksek CRI değerine sahip ışık kaynaklarının mekân fonksiyonuna uyarlanması
Parlama (glare), kontrast düşüklüğü ve gölge oluşumu	Dolaylı aydınlatma ile parlama ve gölge kontrolü sağlanması
Uygun şekilde konumlandırılmamış ya da yanlış seçilmiş yapay aydınlatma sistemleri nedeniyle karanlık ve gölgeli alanların oluşması	Simetrik ve dengeli armatür yerleşimi ile ışık dağılımının optimize edilmesi
Titreşimli, göz yoran ve rahatsız edici ışık kaynaklarının kullanımı	Düşük flicker ve titreşimsiz LED/fluoresan kaynakların seçilmesi
Yapay aydınlatmanın görsel performansı azaltarak iş kazalarına neden olması	Ambient–task–accent katmanlı aydınlatma ile mekânsal hiyerarşinin kurulması

Sağlık ve güvenlik üzerindeki etkiler, fiziksel koşulların kullanıcıların sağlığı, görsel konforu ve güvenlik performansı üzerindeki doğrudan etkilerini ifade etmektedir. İncelenen çalışmalarda bu bağlamda öne çıkan riskler şu şekilde sıralanmıştır:

♦ Yetersiz ortam aydınlatması ve uzun süre ayakta çalışma, kas-iskelet sistemi bozuklukları ile göz yorgunluğuna yol açarak kullanıcı performansını ve genel sağlık durumunu olumsuz etkilemektedir (Doğan vd., 2011; Karakurt vd., 2012; Esin & Sezgin, 2012; Atayeter & Atar, 2013; Eser, 2017; Dinçer & Utlu, 2017; İlhan, Solmaz & Solmaz, 2017; Gözükara & Aksu, 2017; Güğercin & Baytorun, 2018; Çelikkalp & Yorulmaz, 2018; Özşaker, 2018; Gürer, 2018; Özsungur & Öztop, 2019; Yeşiltepe & Karadağ, 2019; Ağuş & Akbel, 2020; Aslan & İnci, 2020; Teker & Gençdoğan, 2020; Duygulu vd., 2020; Yılmaz & Bilici, 2020; Göymen, 2021; Caner, 2021; Öztürk & Öztürk, 2021; Oral & Bekman, 2021; Atar vd., 2022; Ağar & Kızıltan, 2022; Kayabek & Çevik, 2022; Ersoy, Bingöl & Ekmekci, 2022; Özel & Demiralp, 2022; Erbaş, 2023; Yolcu & Demir, 2023; Kabakçı & Güler, 2024; Coza, 2024; Öztürk vd., 2025).

♦ Yetersiz veya yanlış yönlendirilmiş aydınlatma, zemin seviyelerinin ve mekânsal engellerin fark edilmesini zorlaştırmakta; özellikle görme yetisi zayıf ve yaşlı bireylerde kazaların artmasına neden olmaktadır (Çakıcı, 2019; Baş, 2024).

♦ Acil durum yönlendirme ışıklarının eksik veya erişilemez olması, tahliye ve acil durum güvenliğini tehlikeye sokmaktadır (Sıvacılar, 2021).

♦ Yetersiz aydınlatma, göz sağlığını tehdit ederek görsel konforu bozmakta, ayrıca sirkadiyen ritim üzerinde olumsuz etkilere yol açarak ruh hali ve dikkat düzeylerinde değişimlere sebep olmaktadır (Ekici, 2020; Öztürk vd., 2025).

Çalışmadan elde edilen riskler; yetersiz aydınlatma ve uzun süre ayakta çalışmanın sağlık üzerindeki etkileri, zemin seviyeleri ile engellerin fark edilememesi, kaza olasılığının artması, acil durum yönlendirme ışıklarının yetersizliği, görme yetisi zayıf ve yaşlı bireyler için uygun olmayan aydınlatma sistemleri ile göz sağlığı, görsel konfor ve sirkadiyen ritim üzerindeki olumsuz etkiler başlıkları altında sınıflandırılmıştır (Tablo 3). Bu risklere karşı geliştirilebilecek tasarım stratejileri arasında öncelikli olarak, mekân genelinde görev tabanlı aydınlatma seviyelerinin belirlenmesi ve homojen ışık dağılımının sağlanması yer almaktadır. Merdiven, koridor ve geçiş alanlarında düşük seviyeli ancak dengeli ışık düzenlemeleri uygulanmalı; zemin seviyelerinin net algılanabilmesi için kontrast ışık çözümleri ve görsel yönlendirme işaretleri kullanılmalıdır. Acil durumlarda güvenli tahliye için yönlendirme ışıkları erişilebilir, sürekli çalışır ve net biçimde tasarlanmalıdır. Görme engelli ve yaşlı kullanıcılar için yüksek kontrastlı ışık sistemleri kurulmalı; gün içi biyolojik ritme uyum sağlamak amacıyla dinamik

aydınlatma çözümleri entegre edilmelidir. Ayrıca, ekran yansımalarını azaltan ergonomik masaüstü aydınlatmaları tercih edilerek görsel konfor desteklenmelidir. Bu stratejiler hem kullanıcıların sağlığını korumakta hem de mekânsal güvenliği artırarak iş güvenliği standartlarına doğrudan katkı sağlamaktadır (Tablo 3).

Tablo 3: Sağlık ve güvenlik üzerindeki etkilerden kaynaklı riskler ve tasarım stratejileri

SAĞLIK VE GÜVENLİK ÜZERİNDEKİ ETKİLER	
Risk Faktörleri	**Tasarım Stratejileri**
Yetersiz aydınlatma ve uzun süre ayakta çalışmanın sağlık üzerindeki etkileri	Görev tabanlı lux seviyeleri ile uygun aydınlatma Ergonomik masaüstü aydınlatmalarının kullanımı
Zemin seviyelerinin ve engellerin fark edilememesi, kazaların artması	Merdiven, koridor ve geçişlerde dengeli aydınlatma Kontrast ışık çözümleri ile zemin vurgusu
Acil durum yönlendirme ışıklarının eksik olması	Erişilebilir ve net acil yönlendirme ışıkları Görsel yönlendirme işaretlerinin ışıklarla desteklenmesi
Görme yetisi zayıf ve yaşlı bireyler için uygun olmayan ışık sistemleri	Yüksek kontrastlı ışık sistemleri Katmanlı aydınlatma ile görsel hiyerarşi
Göz sağlığı, görsel konfor ve sirkadiyen ritim üzerindeki olumsuz etkiler	Renk sıcaklığı ve düşük parlama özellikli ışık kaynakları Dinamik gün içi ritme uyumlu aydınlatma

Gürültü Tasarım Stratejileri

İçerik analizi bulguları, gürültü ile ilgili stratejilerin üç ana risk alanı etrafında toplandığını göstermektedir: "gürültü kaynakları ve gürültülü ortamlar riski", "akustik yetersizlikler ve ses izolasyonu eksikliği riski" ve "gürültünün işitsel, bilişsel ve psikososyal etkilerin riski". Her bir başlık altında ise ilgili riskleri azaltmaya yönelik tasarım stratejileri sıralanmıştır (Şekil 4).

Şekil 4: Gürültü Tasarım Stratejilerinin Üç Ana Risk Kategorisi

Gürültü kaynakları ve gürültülü ortamlar, çalışma mekânlarında iş sağlığı ve güvenliğini doğrudan etkileyen faktörler arasında yer almaktadır. İncelenen çalışmalarda bu bağlamda öne çıkan riskler şu şekilde sıralanmıştır:

♦ Aşırı gürültü düzeyi çalışanlarda işitme kayıplarına, dikkat dağınıklığına, stres artışına ve iletişim güçlüklerine yol açmaktadır (Karakurt vd., 2012; İlhan, Gözükara & Aksu, 2017; Eser, 2017; Solmaz & Solmaz, 2017; Gürkan, 2018; Başak & Başak, 2018; Değirmenci & Bozkurt, 2018; Çelikkalp & Yorulmaz, 2018; Olcay, 2019; Yeşiltepe & Karadağ, 2019; Teker & Gençdoğan, 2020; Yılmaz & Bilici, 2020; Ağuş & Akbel, 2020; Beyan vd., 2021; Aydın & Karakurt, 2021; Öztürk & Öztürk, 2021; Oral & Bekman, 2021; Atar vd., 2022; Kahraman & Yürüten Özdemir, 2022a; Çevik & Özkul, 2022; Kayabek & Çevik, 2022; Yağcı, Yıldızlar & Yıldırım, 2022; Yolcu & Demir, 2023; Erbaş, 2023).

♦ Yoğun ve gürültülü çalışma ortamları zihinsel yorgunluk, iş veriminde azalma ve çalışanlar arası iletişimde kopukluklara neden olmaktadır (Meydanlıoğlu, 2013; Gürer, 2018; Girgin, Yıldırım & Kıskaç, 2023).

♦ Gürültü düzeyi yüksek sesli araçların kullanımı hem fiziksel hem de psikososyal sağlık üzerinde ek riskler oluşturmaktadır (Güğercin & Baytorun, 2018).

Çalışmadan elde edilen riskler; aşırı gürültü düzeyi, yoğun ve gürültülü çalışma ortamı, gürültü düzeyi yüksek sesli araçlar başlıkları altında sınıflandırılmıştır (Tablo 4). Bu risklere karşı geliştirilebilecek tasarım stratejileri arasında öncelikli olarak gürültülü ekipmanların izole alanlara alınması ve ses yalıtımlı kabinlerde kullanılması yer almaktadır. Sessiz bölgelerin oluşturulması ve mekân yerleşimlerinin gürültü haritalarına göre planlanması çalışanların işitsel konforunu artıran temel yaklaşımlar arasındadır. Mekân içinde gürültünün yayılımını sınırlamak amacıyla titreşim ve ses emici zemin kaplamaları, ayrıca tavan, duvar ve zeminlerde ses yutucu yüzeyler kullanılmalıdır. Açık alanlarda ses bariyerlerinin yerleştirilmesi ve gürültü kaynağı ile kullanıcı arasındaki mesafenin artırılması, çevresel gürültü yükünü azaltan etkili bir yöntem olarak önerilmektedir. Bunun yanı sıra, perdeleme veya modüler duvar sistemleri ile kumaş kaplı mobilya ve bölücü elemanların kullanılması, sesin soğurulmasına ve yayılımının kontrol altına alınmasına katkı sağlamaktadır. Bu stratejiler, gürültü riskini azaltarak hem çalışan sağlığını hem de iş güvenliğini destekleyen konforlu bir mekânın oluşturulmasına doğrudan katkı sunmaktadır (Tablo 4).

Tablo 4: Gürültü kaynakları ve gürültülü ortamlardan kaynaklı riskler ve tasarım stratejileri

GÜRÜLTÜ KAYNAKLARI VE GÜRÜLTÜLÜ ORTAMLAR	
Risk Faktörleri	**Tasarım Stratejileri**
Aşırı gürültü düzeyi	Titreşim ve ses emici zemin kaplamalarının kullanımı Tavan, duvar ve zeminde ses emici yüzeylerin kullanımı Açık alanlarda ses bariyerlerinin yerleştirilmesi Kumaş kaplı mobilya ve bölücü sistemlerle sesin sınırlandırılması
Yoğun ve gürültülü çalışma ortamı	Sessiz bölgelerin oluşturulması Gürültü haritasına göre yerleşim planlaması Gürültü alanlarında perdeleme ya da modüler duvar sistemleri
Gürültü düzeyi yüksek sesli araçlar	Gürültülü ekipmanların izole alanlara alınması Gürültü yayan makineler için ses sönümleyici kabinler Gürültü kaynağı ile kullanıcı arasındaki mesafenin artırılması

Akustik yetersizlikler ve ses izolasyonu eksikliği, iç mekânlarda çalışanların işitsel konforunu olumsuz etkileyen temel risk faktörlerinden biridir. İncelenen çalışmalarda bu bağlamda öne çıkan riskler şu şekilde sıralanmıştır:

♦ Yetersiz akustik düzenleme sesin kontrolsüz biçimde yayılmasına ve yankılanmaya yol açarak hem bireysel odaklanmayı hem de toplu iletişimi olumsuz etkilemektedir (Ovacıllı, 2009; Aktaş, 2018; Çakıcı, 2019; Aşkın, 2019; Erkan Şahin, 2020; Ekici, 2020; Sıvacılar, 2021; Özel & Demiralp, 2022; Durmaz, 2022; Poturak, 2023; Kuru Oktay, 2023; Köse, 2024; Zengin, 2025).

♦ Ses yalıtımı bulunmayan mekânlarda gürültülü ekipmanların ortak kullanım alanlarına yerleştirilmesi, çalışanların sürekli gürültüye maruz kalmasına, iş verimliliğinin düşmesine ve işitme sağlığının olumsuz etkilenmesine yol açmaktadır (Çakıcı, 2019).

♦ Yankılanma problemleri konuşmaların net algılanmasını ve mekân içinde sesin konforlu biçimde duyulmasını engelleyerek bilişsel yükü artırmaktadır (Severcan, 2016; Okşar, 2018; Aşkın, 2019; İçen, 2024; Köse, 2024; Zengin, 2025).

Çalışmadan elde edilen riskler; akustik düzenleme eksikliği ve yetersiz ses yalıtımı/izolasyonu, ses yalıtımı yapılmamış alanlarda gürültülü ekipmanların ortak alanlara yerleştirilmesi, yankılanma problemleri başlıkları altında sınıflandırılmıştır (Tablo 5). Bu risklere karşı geliştirilebilecek tasarım stratejileri arasında öncelikli olarak yüksek ses yalıtımı sağlayan malzemelerin kullanılması ve yankıyı azaltıcı yüzey kaplamalarının uygulanması yer almaktadır. Gürültülü makinelerin ortak kullanım alanlarından uzaklaştırılması ve toplantı, mola ya da bireysel çalışma alanlarında ses geçirmez çözümlerin geliştirilmesi, çalışanların işitsel konforunu desteklemektedir. Ayrıca, yankıyı önleyici hacim düzenlemeleri yapılmalı; sesin kontrolsüz yayılımını sınırlandırmak amacıyla bölümlendirme çözümleri ve akustik paneller yüzeylere veya mobilyalara entegre edilmelidir. Konuşmaların net duyulabilmesi için akustik iyileştirmelerin tasarım sürecine dahil edilmesi hem iletişim kalitesini hem de kullanıcıların odaklanma düzeylerini artırmaktadır. Tüm bu yaklaşımlar, mekânın işitsel kalitesini yükselterek çalışanların verimliliğine ve genel iş güvenliğine doğrudan katkı sunmaktadır (Tablo 5).

Tablo 5: Akustik yetersizlikler ve ses izolasyonu eksikliğinden kaynaklı riskler ve tasarım stratejileri

AKUSTİK YETERSİZLİKLER VE SES İZOLASYONU EKSİKLİĞİ	
Risk Faktörleri	**Tasarım Stratejileri**
Akustik düzenleme eksikliği ve yetersiz ses yalıtımı/izolasyonu	Yüksek ses yalıtımı sağlayan malzemelerin kullanımı Gürültü yayılımını azaltan bölümlendirme çözümleri Akustik panellerin yüzey ve mobilyalara entegre edilmesi
Ses yalıtımı bulunmayan mekanlarda gürültülü ekipmanların ortak alanlara yerleştirilmesi	Gürültülü makinelerin ortak alanlara yerleştirilmemesi Toplantı, mola ve bireysel alanlarda ses geçirmez çözümler
Yankılanma problemleri	Yankıyı azaltan yüzey kaplamalarının uygulanması Yankıyı önleyici iç hacim düzenlemeleri Konuşmaların net duyulabilmesi için akustik iyileştirme

Gürültünün işitsel, bilişsel ve psikososyal etkileri, çalışma ortamlarında çalışanların sağlık ve güvenliğini tehdit eden kritik risk faktörleri arasında yer almaktadır. İncelenen çalışmalarda bu bağlamda öne çıkan riskler şu şekilde sıralanmıştır:

♦ Gürültüye bağlı stres, dikkat dağınıklığı ve buna bağlı iş kazaları özellikle yoğun çalışma alanlarında tehlike oluşturmaktadır (Kurtoğlu, 2017; Okşar, 2018; Ataman, 2023).

♦ Kapalı ortamlarda yankılanan sesler ve akustik karmaşa; zihinsel yorgunluk ve odaklanma kaybına yol açarak psikolojik dayanıklılığı azaltmaktadır (Severcan, 2016; Arıkan, 2017).

♦ İşitme problemi yaşayan bireyler açısından yüksek gürültü ve karmaşık akustik koşullar mekân içinde yön bulmayı zorlaştırarak güvenlik risklerini artırmaktadır (Baş, 2024).

Çalışmadan elde edilen riskler; gürültüye bağlı stres, dikkat dağınıklığı ve kazaların oluşması, kapalı ortamlarda yankılanan seslerin ve akustik karmaşanın zihinsel yorgunluk, dikkat dağınıklığı ve stres yaratması, işitme problemi yaşayan bireyler için yüksek gürültünün ve karmaşık akustiğin yön bulmayı zorlaştırması başlıkları altında sınıflandırılmıştır (Tablo 6). Bu risklere karşı geliştirilebilecek tasarım stratejileri arasında öncelikli olarak sessiz ve akustik düzenlemeli alanların oluşturulması ve ses azaltıcı tavan sistemleri ile mobilyaların tercih edilmesi yer almaktadır. İşitme kaybı olan bireyler için görsel uyarı sistemleri veya düşük

frekanslı ses çözümlerinin entegrasyonu, kapsayıcı tasarım anlayışını desteklemektedir. Sessiz alanların planlanması, tek kişilik veya yarı kapalı çalışma alanları ile bireysel odaklanmanın güçlendirilmesi, renk–doku uyumu aracılığıyla sakinleştirici mekân atmosferlerinin tasarlanması önerilmektedir. Ayrıca, ses ve görsel yönlendirmelerin birlikte kullanılması iletişim kalitesini artırmakta; bu tür düzenlemeler, çalışanların hem psikososyal dengelerini korumakta hem de iş verimliliğini ve güvenliği desteklemektedir (Tablo 6).

Tablo 6: Gürültünün işitsel, bilişsel ve psikososyal etkilerinden kaynaklı riskler ve tasarım stratejileri

GÜRÜLTÜNÜN İŞİTSEL, BİLİŞSEL VE PSİKOSOSYAL ETKİLERİ	
Risk Faktörleri	**Tasarım Stratejileri**
Gürültüye bağlı stres, dikkat dağınıklığı ve kazaların oluşması	Sessiz ve akustik düzenlemeli alanların oluşturulması Sessiz alanlarla bireysel odaklanmanın desteklenmesi Tek kişilik ya da yarı kapalı alanlarla akustik konfor sağlanması
Kapalı ortamlarda yankılanan seslerin ve akustik karmaşanın zihinsel yorgunluk, dikkat dağınıklığı ve stres yaratması	Ses azaltıcı tavan sistemleri ve mobilya kullanımı Yankıyı önleyici akustik düzenlemeler Sakinleştirici atmosfer için renk, doku ve yankı uyumu sağlanması
İşitme problemi yaşayan bireyler için yüksek gürültünün ve karmaşık akustiğin yön bulmayı zorlaştırması	İç mekânda ses ve görsel yönlendirmelerin birlikte kullanımı İşitme kaybı olanlar için görsel ve düşük frekanslı ses çözümleri

Havalandırma Tasarım Stratejileri

İçerik analizi bulguları, havalandırma ile ilgili stratejilerin üç ana risk alanı etrafında toplandığını göstermektedir: "yetersiz veya eksik havalandırma sistemleri riski", "hava kalitesini etkileyen fiziksel ve kimyasal unsurlar riski" ve "sağlık ve performans üzerindeki etkilerin riski". Her bir başlık altında ise ilgili riskleri azaltmaya yönelik tasarım stratejileri sıralanmıştır (Şekil 5).

Şekil 5: Havalandırma Tasarım Stratejilerinin Üç Ana Risk Kategorisi

Yetersiz veya eksik havalandırma sistemleri, iç mekânlarda kullanıcı sağlığı ve güvenliğini doğrudan tehdit eden önemli risk faktörleri arasında değerlendirilmektedir. İncelenen çalışmalarda bu bağlamda öne çıkan riskler şu şekilde sıralanmıştır:

♦ Yetersiz havalandırma ya da HVAC sistemlerindeki eksikliklerin hava kalitesini düşürmesi, kirli hava birikimine ve solunum yolu rahatsızlıklarına yol açmaktadır (Doğan vd., 2011; Esin & Sezgin, 2012; Meydanlıoğlu, 2013; Çelikkalp & Yorulmaz, 2018; Başak & Başak, 2018; Gürkan, 2018; Gürer, 2018; Ulusoy, Atılgan & Peker, 2018; Hoşten & Dalbay, 2018; Yılmaz & Bilici, 2020; Özçakmak & Var, 2020; Teker & Gençdoğan, 2020; Duygulu vd., 2020; Ağar, 2021; Göymen, 2021; Caner, 2021; Ön, 2021; Oral & Bekman, 2021; Atar vd., 2022; Ersoy, Bingöl & Ekmekci, 2022; Ağar & Kızıltan, 2022; Kahraman & Özdemir, 2022b; Kayabek & Çevik, 2022; Acar & Üçüncü, 2023; Yolcu & Demir, 2023).

♦ Tuvalet ve mutfak alanlarında egzoz sistemlerinin eksikliği kötü koku, nem ve bakteri birikimine sebep olarak hijyen koşullarını olumsuz etkilemektedir (Acar & Üçüncü, 2023).

♦ Doğal havalandırma olmaması veya sınırlı hava sirkülasyonu, karbondioksit seviyelerinin yükselmesine ve zihinsel performansın düşmesine neden olmaktadır (Kızılgöz, 2017; Demir, 2018; Kabataş, 2020; Erkan Şahin, 2020; Zengin, 2025).

Çalışmadan elde edilen riskler; yetersiz havalandırma veya HVAC sistem eksiklikleri, doğal havalandırmanın olmaması veya sınırlı doğal hava sirkülasyonu, ıslak hacimlerde egzoz sistemlerinin eksikliği veya yetersizliği başlıkları altında sınıflandırılmıştır (Tablo 7). Bu risklere karşı geliştirilebilecek tasarım stratejileri arasında öncelikli olarak, doğal havalandırmayı destekleyen açıklık tasarımlarının yapılması ve çapraz hava akışını sağlayan mekân organizasyonlarının planlanması yer almaktadır. İç avlu ve atrium düzenlemeleriyle hava sirkülasyonunun artırılması, hibrit havalandırma sistemlerinin entegre edilmesi ve mekâna özel HVAC çözümlerinin geliştirilmesi gerekmektedir. Islak hacimler için bağımsız egzoz sistemlerinin kurulması, kör hacimlerin önlenmesi ve havasız alanların minimize edilmesiyle iç hava kalitesi korunmalıdır. Havanın kullanıcıya doğrudan temas etmeyecek biçimde yönlendirilmesi, termal konforun sürdürülebilmesi açısından önemlidir. Ayrıca, CO_2 sensörlü otomatik havalandırma sistemlerinin kullanılması ve dış ortamla filtreli hava alışverişine olanak tanıyan çözümlerin uygulanması sağlıklı bir iç ortam iklimi oluşturmakta, aynı zamanda sürdürülebilirlik açısından da avantaj sağlamaktadır (Tablo 7).

Tablo 7: Yetersiz veya eksik havalandırma sistemlerinden kaynaklı riskler ve tasarım stratejileri

YETERSİZ VEYA EKSİK HAVALANDIRMA SİSTEMLERİ	
Risk Faktörleri	**Tasarım Stratejileri**
Yetersiz havalandırma veya HVAC sistem eksiklikleri	Çapraz hava akışını sağlayan mekân organizasyonu Hibrit havalandırma sistemlerinin entegrasyonu CO_2 sensörlü otomatik havalandırma çözümleri
Doğal havalandırmanın olmaması veya sınırlı doğal hava sirkülasyonu	Doğal havalandırmayı destekleyen açıklık tasarımları İç avlu ve atriumlarla hava sirkülasyonunun artırılması Dış ortamla filtreli hava alışverişine imkân veren sistemler
Islak hacimlerde egzoz sistemlerinin eksikliği veya yetersizliği	Islak hacimler için bağımsız egzoz sistemleri Kör hacimlerin önlenmesi ve havasız alanların azaltılması

Hava kalitesini etkileyen fiziksel ve kimyasal unsurlar, iç mekânlarda kullanıcı sağlığını doğrudan tehdit eden kritik risk faktörleri arasında değerlendirilmektedir. İncelenen çalışmalarda bu bağlamda öne çıkan riskler şu şekilde sıralanmıştır:

♦ Zararlı malzeme seçimleri ve toksik madde birikimleri, uçucu organik bileşikler (VOC), kimyasal gazlar, formaldehit, alerjenler ve partiküller nedeniyle solunum yolu hastalıkları, baş ağrısı, göz ve cilt tahrişi ile uzun vadeli sağlık sorunlarına yol açmaktadır (Şahin, 2012; Severcan, 2016; Tarım, 2017; Okşar, 2018; Aktaş, 2018; Gürkan, 2018; Çelikkalp & Yorulmaz, 2018; Çakıcı, 2019; Ekici, 2020; Durmaz, 2022; Ataman, 2023).

♦ HVAC sistemlerinin yanlış konumlandırılması, filtreleme ve bakım eksiklikleri kirli havanın mekân içinde tekrar dolaşmasına neden olarak kullanıcılar için tehlike yaratmaktadır (Kızılgöz, 2017; Gürer, 2018; Hoşten & Dalbay, 2018; Camcıoğlu, 2020; Erkan Şahin, 2020; Acar & Üçüncü, 2023; Zengin, 2025).

♦ Klima ve drenaj hatlarında ortaya çıkan biyolojik kontaminasyonlar, kullanıcıların maruz kaldığı sağlık risklerini artırmaktadır (Hoşten & Dalbay, 2018).

Çalışmadan elde edilen riskler; zararlı malzeme seçimleri ve toksik madde birikimleri, HVAC sistemlerinin yanlış konumlandırılması, filtreleme ve bakım eksiklikleri, klima ve drenaj

hatlarında biyolojik kontaminasyon oluşumu başlıkları altında sınıflandırılmıştır (Tablo 8). Bu risklere karşı geliştirilebilecek tasarım stratejileri arasında öncelikli olarak düşük VOC'li ve emisyonsuz yapı malzemelerinin, toksik olmayan yüzeylerin ve sağlıklı mobilyaların tercih edilmesi yer almaktadır. Kimyasal alanların negatif basınçla izole edilmesi ve lokal egzoz sistemleriyle kirli havanın kaynağında uzaklaştırılması, temiz hava dengesinin korunmasına katkı sağlamaktadır. Alerjen ve partiküllerin kontrolü için hava arıtma çözümleri, kimyasal artışa duyarlı sensör sistemleri ve HEPA filtre entegrasyonları uygulanmalıdır. HVAC sistemlerinin erişilebilir teknik alanlara yerleştirilmesi, kolay değiştirilebilir ve standartlara uygun filtrelerle donatılması, bakım ihtiyacını azaltan modüler çözümlerle desteklenmesi sistem etkinliğini güçlendirmektedir. Ayrıca drenaj hatlarında bakteri birikimini önleyen çözümler, UV sterilizasyon sistemleri ve enerji verimli planlamalar, uzun vadede sağlıklı ve güvenli iç hava kalitesinin sürdürülebilmesine katkı sunmaktadır (Tablo 8).

Tablo 8: Hava kalitesini etkileyen fiziksel ve kimyasal unsurlardan kaynaklı riskler ve tasarım stratejileri

HAVA KALİTESİNİ ETKİLEYEN FİZİKSEL VE KİMYASAL UNSURLAR	
Risk Faktörleri	**Tasarım Stratejileri**
Zararlı malzeme seçimleri ve toksik madde birikimleri	Düşük VOC'li ve emisyonsuz yapı malzemelerinin seçimi Doğal ve toksik olmayan yüzey malzemelerinin kullanımı Sağlıklı mobilya ve yüzey kaplama tercihleri Kimyasal artışa duyarlı sensör sistemlerinin entegrasyonu
HVAC sistemlerinin yanlış konumlandırılması, filtreleme ve bakım eksiklikleri	HVAC sistemlerinin erişilebilir ve doğru teknik alanlara yerleştirilmesi Kirli hava akışını engellemek için kimyasal alanların negatif basınçla izole edilmesi Standartlara uygun ve kolay değiştirilebilir filtre sistemlerinin kullanımı HEPA filtre altyapısının entegrasyonu Alerjen ve partikül kontrolüne yönelik hava arıtma çözümleri
Klima ve drenaj hatlarında biyolojik kontaminasyon oluşumu	Bakteri birikimini önleyen drenaj çözümleri UV sterilizasyon sistemlerinin entegrasyonu ile biyolojik risklerin azaltılması

Sağlık riskleri ve performans üzerindeki etkiler, iç mekânlarda yetersiz hava kalitesi, sıcaklık–nem dengesizlikleri ve oksijen eksiklikleri nedeniyle çalışanların sağlığını ve üretkenliğini doğrudan tehdit eden temel unsurlardan biridir. İncelenen çalışmalarda bu bağlamda öne çıkan riskler şu şekilde sıralanmıştır:

- İç mekânlarda kirli hava, sıcaklık-nem dengesizlikleri ve oksijen eksikliğine bağlı sağlık sorunları ortaya çıkmaktadır (Okşar, 2018; Gökdere, 2017; Çakıcı, 2019; Kahraman & Özdemir, 2022b; Erkul, 2024).

- Yetersiz havalandırmaya bağlı olarak Hasta Bina Sendromu (Sick Building Syndrome) riski ortaya çıkmaktadır (Zeydan, Zeydan & Yıldırım, 2009; Hoşten & Dalbay, 2018; Demirarslan & Başak, 2018).

Çalışmadan elde edilen riskler; iç mekânlarda kirli hava, oksijen eksikliği ve sıcaklık-nem dengesizliklerine bağlı sağlık sorunları, Hasta Bina Sendromu başlıkları altında sınıflandırılmıştır (Tablo 9). Bu risklere karşı geliştirilebilecek tasarım stratejileri arasında öncelikle iç hava kalitesini sürekli denetleyen sensör sistemlerinin entegrasyonu yer almaktadır. Hibrit havalandırma çözümlerinin kullanılması, otomasyon sistemleriyle sıcaklık ve nem dengesinin korunması ve nefes alabilen yüzeylerin tercih edilmesi hem hasta bina sendromunun

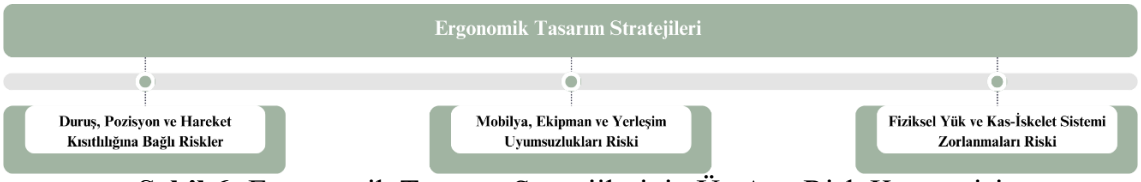
önlenmesine hem de küf oluşumunun engellenmesine katkı sunmaktadır. Ayrıca temiz hava ve doğal ışığın birlikte kullanıldığı ferah mekânların tasarlanması, kullanıcıların psikolojik iyilik halini ve motivasyonunu güçlendirmektedir. Termal konforun düzenli olarak takip edilmesi, hacimsel planlamada kişi başına düşen hava miktarının gözetilmesi ve doğa dostu yapı elemanlarının seçilmesi de hem sağlık hem de performans açısından sürdürülebilir ve güvenli bir iç mekân kalitesi sağlamaktadır (Tablo 9).

Tablo 9: Sağlık riskleri ve performans üzerindeki etkilerden kaynaklı riskler ve tasarım stratejileri

SAĞLIK RİSKLERİ VE PERFORMANS ÜZERİNDEKİ ETKİLER	
Risk Faktörleri	**Tasarım Stratejileri**
İç mekânlarda kirli hava, oksijen eksikliği ve sıcaklık-nem dengesizliklerine bağlı sağlık sorunları	Hava kalitesini izleyen sensör sistemlerinin entegrasyonu Otomasyonla sıcaklık ve nem dengesinin sağlanması Nefes alabilen yüzeylerle küf oluşumunun engellenmesi Termal konfor takibiyle kullanıcı sağlığının desteklenmesi
Hasta Bina Sendromu (Sick Building Syndrome) riski	Hibrit sistemlerle hasta bina sendromunun önlenmesi Hacimsel planlamada kişi başına hava oranının gözetilmesi

Ergonomik Tasarım Stratejileri

İçerik analizi bulguları, ergonomi ile ilgili stratejilerin üç ana risk alanı etrafında toplandığını göstermektedir: “duruş, pozisyon ve hareket kısıtlılığına bağlı riskler”, “mobilya, ekipman ve yerleşim uyumsuzlukları riski” ve “fiziksel yük ve kas-iskelet sistemi zorlanmaları riski”. Her bir başlık altında ise ilgili riskleri azaltmaya yönelik tasarım stratejileri sıralanmıştır (Şekil 6).



Şekil 6: Ergonomik Tasarım Stratejilerinin Üç Ana Risk Kategorisi

Duruş, pozisyon ve hareket kısıtlılığına bağlı riskler, çalışma ortamlarında en sık karşılaşılan ergonomik sorunların başında gelmektedir. İncelenen çalışmalarda bu bağlamda öne çıkan riskler şu şekilde sıralanmıştır:

♦ Sabit duruş, uzun süre ayakta kalma ya da oturma, tekrarlayan hareketler ve kas-iskelet sistemi zorlanmalarına, dolaşım bozukluklarına ve uzun vadede iş gücü kaybına yol açmaktadır (İlhan, Gözükara & Aksu, 2017; Özşaker, 2018; Olcay, 2019; Yılmaz & Bilici, 2020; Doğan, Erdem & Duran, 2020; Ön, 2021; Oral & Bekman, 2021; Kayabek & Çevik, 2022; Özel & Demiralp, 2022; Yağcı, Yıldızlar & Yıldırım, 2022; Canpolat & Ortabağ, 2023).

♦ Hareket alanlarının dar veya düzensiz olması, çalışanlarda ergonomik zorlanmalara, verim kayıplarına ve fiziksel rahatsızlıkların artmasına neden olmaktadır (Şahin, 2012; Severcan, 2016; Çakıcı, 2019; Sıvacılar, 2021; Erkul, 2024).

Çalışmadan elde edilen riskler; sabit duruş, uzun süre ayakta kalma veya oturma, tekrarlayan hareketler, hareket alanlarının dar veya düzensiz olması nedeniyle ergonomik zorlanmalar başlıkları altında sınıflandırılmıştır (Tablo 10). Bu risklere karşı geliştirilebilecek tasarım stratejileri arasında öncelikli olarak yükseklik ayarlı oturma ve ayakta çalışma istasyonlarının kullanılması yer almaktadır. Bu strateji, çalışanların pozisyonlarını ihtiyaçlarına göre

değiştirmelerine imkân tanıyarak kas-iskelet zorlanmalarını azaltmaktadır. İş rotasyonu ve görev döngüsünü destekleyen alan planlamalarının yapılması, tekdüze hareketleri engelleyerek çalışanların farklı pozisyonlarda çalışmasına olanak sağlamaktadır. Ayrıca geniş ve engelsiz hareket alanlarının oluşturulması, kullanıcıların ergonomik konforunu artırmakta ve güvenli dolaşımı desteklemektedir. Mikromola ve esneme alanlarının entegrasyonu, kısa süreli dinlenme ve gerinme hareketleriyle fiziksel sağlık üzerinde olumlu etki yaratmaktadır. Son olarak, esnek ofis bölmeleriyle pozisyon değişimini destekleyen düzenlemeler, çalışanların farklı çalışma biçimlerini benimsemelerine katkı sunarak ergonomik konforu güçlendirmektedir (Tablo 10).

Tablo 10: Duruş, pozisyon ve hareket kısıtlılığından kaynaklı riskler ve tasarım stratejileri

DURUŞ, POZİSYON VE HAREKET KISITLILIĞINA BAĞLI RİSKLER	
Risk Faktörleri	**Tasarım Stratejileri**
Sabit duruş, uzun süre ayakta kalma veya oturma, tekrarlayan hareketler	Yükseklik ayarlı oturma ve ayakta çalışma istasyonları İş rotasyonu ve görev döngüsünü destekleyen alan planlaması Mikromola ve esneme alanlarının entegrasyonu Esnek ofis bölmeleriyle pozisyon değişimini destekleyen düzenlemeler
Hareket alanlarının dar veya düzensiz olması nedeniyle ergonomik zorlanmalar	Geniş ve engelsiz hareket alanlarının oluşturulması Esnek ofis bölmeleriyle pozisyon değişimini destekleyen düzenlemeler

Mobilya, ekipman ve yerleşim uyumsuzlukları, çalışma mekânlarında en sık karşılaşılan ergonomik sorunlardan biridir. İncelenen çalışmalarda bu bağlamda öne çıkan riskler şu şekilde sıralanmıştır:

♦ Uygun olmayan masa ve sandalye kullanımı, yanlış yükseklik ayarları ve hatalı oturma pozisyonları, çalışanların kas-iskelet sağlığını olumsuz etkileyerek uzun vadede duruş bozukluklarına ve iş gücü kayıplarına yol açmaktadır (Doğan vd., 2011; Taşkaya & Büyükturan, 2021; Erkul, 2024; Öztürk vd., 2025; Zengin, 2025).

♦ Bilgisayar kullanımına bağlı ergonomik sorunlar— klavye yüksekliği ve bilek desteği eksiklikleri, monitör-göz mesafesi ve açısının uygunsuzluğu—kullanıcılarda boyun, omuz ve bilek ağrılarının artmasına yol açmaktadır (Doğan vd., 2011).

Çalışmadan elde edilen riskler; uygun olmayan masa ve sandalye kullanımı, hatalı yükseklik ayarları ve yanlış oturma pozisyonları, bilgisayar kullanımına bağlı ergonomik sorunlar başlıkları altında sınıflandırılmıştır (Tablo 11). Bu risklere karşı geliştirilebilecek tasarım stratejileri arasında öncelikle standartlara uygun ergonomik masa ve sandalyelerin seçimi, kullanıcıların doğru oturma pozisyonu edinmesine katkı sağlamaktadır. Bilgisayar donanımlarının uygun yükseklik ve destek çözümleriyle düzenlenmesi, göz ve kas sağlığının korunması açısından kritik öneme sahiptir. Ayrıca sık kullanılan ekipmanların erişilebilir noktalara yerleştirilmesi, kullanıcıların gereksiz fiziksel zorlanmalarını önlemektedir. Modüler ve kullanıcıya göre uyarlanabilir mobilya sistemleri, farklı kullanıcı profillerine uygun çözümler sunarak iş istasyonlarının esnekliğini artırmaktadır. Son olarak ergonomik yerleşim ve görüş açısına uygun oturma düzenleri, çalışanların hem fiziksel hem de bilişsel konforunu destekleyerek verimliliklerini yükseltmektedir (Tablo 11).

Tablo 11: Mobilya, ekipman ve yerleşim uyumsuzluklarından kaynaklı riskler ve tasarım stratejileri

MOBİLYA, EKİPMAN VE YERLEŞİM UYUMSUZLUKLARI	
Risk Faktörleri	**Tasarım Stratejileri**
Uygun olmayan masa ve sandalye kullanımı, hatalı yükseklik ayarları ve yanlış oturma pozisyonları	Kullanıcı boyuna göre ayarlanabilen modüler mobilya sistemleri Antropometrik ölçülere göre masa derinliği ve oturma yüksekliği tasarımı Sık kullanılan ekipmanların erişilebilir noktalara yerleştirilmesi Esnek ölçülerle farklı kullanıcı profillerine uygun iş istasyonu düzeni
Bilgisayar kullanımına bağlı ergonomik sorunlar	Monitörün göz hizasında ve uygun mesafede konumlandırılması Klavye ve fare için bilek destek üniteleri kullanılması Klavye yüksekliğinin omuzları zorlamayacak şekilde ayarlanması

Fiziksel yük ve kas-iskelet sistemi zorlanmaları, çalışma ortamlarında en yaygın karşılaşılan ergonomik sorunlardan biri olarak öne çıkmaktadır. Bu bağlamda incelenen çalışmalarda tespit edilen riskler şu şekilde sıralanmıştır:

♦ Taşıma, kaldırma, çekme ve itme gibi fiziksel güç gerektiren işler çalışanlarda bel, omuz ve sırt bölgesinde kronik rahatsızlıklara yol açarak kas-iskelet sistemi sağlığını olumsuz etkilemektedir (İlhan, Gözükara & Aksu, 2017; Güğercin & Baytorun, 2018; Özşaker, 2018; Gürer, 2018; Yeşiltepe & Karadağ, 2019; Buzak, Ağuş & Celep, 2019; Caner, 2021; Özel & Demiralp, 2022; Kayabek & Çevik, 2022; Ülgü, 2023).

♦ Fiziksel yük ve zorlanmalar uzun vadede tükenmişlik, iş gücü kaybı ve mesleki sağlık sorunlarını artırmaktadır (Beşer & Topçu, 2019; Kabataş, 2020; Girgin, Yıldırım & Kıskaç, 2023; Kuru Oktay, 2023; Canpolat & Ortabağ, 2023).

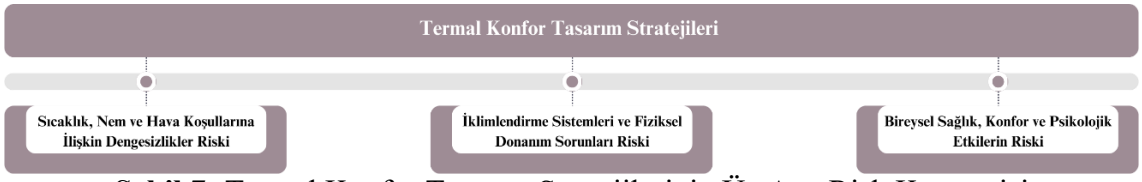
Çalışmadan elde edilen riskler; fiziksel tükenmişlik ve kas-iskelet sistemi sorunları, fiziksel yük içeren işlemler nedeniyle zorlanmalar başlıkları altında sınıflandırılmıştır (Tablo 12). Bu risklere karşı geliştirilebilecek tasarım stratejileri arasında öncelikli olarak yük taşıma işlemlerinin yardımcı ekipmanlarla desteklenmesi yer almaktadır. Ergonomik ağırlık planlaması ve destekli taşıma sistemlerinin uygulanması, yükleme alanlarının uygun yükseklikte tasarlanması ve titreşim sönümleyici malzemelerin mekâna entegre edilmesi gerekmektedir (Tablo 12).

Tablo 12: Fiziksel yük ve kas-iskelet sistemi zorlanmalarından kaynaklı riskler ve tasarım stratejileri

FİZİKSEL YÜK VE KAS-İSKELET SİSTEMİ ZORLANMALARI	
Risk Faktörleri	**Tasarım Stratejileri**
Fiziksel tükenmişlik ve kas-iskelet sistemi sorunları	Yük taşıma işlemlerinin yardımcı ekipmanlarla desteklenmesi Ergonomik ağırlık planlaması ve destekli taşıma sistemlerinin kullanımı
Fiziksel yük içeren işlemler nedeniyle zorlanmalar	Yükleme alanlarının uygun yükseklikte tasarlanması Titreşim sönümleyici malzemelerin mekâna entegre edilmesi

Termal Konfor Tasarım Stratejileri

İçerik analizi bulguları, termal konfor ile ilgili stratejilerin üç ana risk alanı etrafında toplandığını göstermektedir: “sıcaklık, nem ve hava koşullarına ilişkin dengesizlikler riski”, “iklimlendirme sistemleri ve fiziksel donanım sorunları riski” ve “bireysel sağlık, konfor ve psikolojik etkilerin riski”. Her bir başlık altında ise ilgili riskleri azaltmaya yönelik tasarım stratejileri sıralanmıştır (Şekil 7).



Şekil 7: Termal Konfor Tasarım Stratejilerinin Üç Ana Risk Kategorisi

Sıcaklık, nem ve hava koşullarına ilişkin dengesizlikler, iç mekânlarda termal konforun sağlanamamasına neden olarak kullanıcıların sağlığını ve çalışma verimliliğini olumsuz etkilemektedir. İncelenen çalışmalarda öne çıkan riskler şu şekilde sıralanmıştır:

♦ Termal konforun sağlanmaması, nem ve sıcaklık kontrolsüzlüğü, ısı ve nem dengesizlikleri kullanıcıların fizyolojik sağlığını olumsuz etkilemektedir (Doğan vd., 2011; Çalışkan & Fındık, 2012; Esin & Sezgin, 2012; Karakurt vd., 2012; Bulut, 2016; Eser, 2017; Gökdere, 2017; Kurtoğlu, 2017; İlhan, Gözükara & Aksu, 2017; Arıkan, 2017; Solmaz & Solmaz, 2017; Gürer, 2018; Aktaş, 2018; Başak & Başak, 2018; Gürkan, 2018; Çelikkalp & Yorulmaz, 2018; Güğercin & Baytorun, 2018; Aşkın, 2019; Yeşiltepe & Karadağ, 2019; Olcay, 2019; Yılmaz & Bilici, 2020; Üner & Yılmaz, 2020b; Ağuş & Akbel, 2020; Aydın & Karakurt, 2021; Caner, 2021; Sıvacılar, 2021; Oral & Bekman, 2021; Ağar & Kızıltan, 2022; Durmaz, 2022; Çevik & Özkul, 2022; Kayabek & Çevik, 2022; Akyürek, 2024; Ülgü, 2023).

♦ Aşırı sıcak veya soğuk ortamların termal stres ve rahatsızlıklara yol açması, kullanıcı konforunu bozmaktadır (Çalışkan & Fındık, 2012; Aktaş, 2018; Taşkaya & Büyükturan, 2021; Beyan vd., 2021).

Çalışmadan elde edilen riskler; termal konforun sağlanamaması, nem ve sıcaklık kontrolünün yetersizliği, aşırı sıcak veya soğuk ortamların yol açtığı termal stres ve rahatsızlıklar başlıkları altında sınıflandırılmıştır (Tablo 13). Bu risklere karşı geliştirilebilecek tasarım stratejileri arasında öncelikli olarak iç mekânda homojen hava dağılımını sağlayan yönlendirici sistemlerin kurulması yer almaktadır. Termal zonlama ile mekâna özel ısı kontrolünün sağlanması, güneş alan cephelerde gölgeleme elemanlarının uygulanması, yüksek nemli alanlar için özel havalandırma çözümlerinin kullanılması, tavan yüksekliğine uygun hava hareketi tasarımı, ısı tampon bölgeleri ile sıcaklık geçişlerinin dengelenmesi, ısı absorbe eden ve yalıtımlı iç yüzey malzemelerinin tercih edilmesi ve birim bazlı sıcaklık ile nem kontrolünün sağlanması gerekmektedir. Bu stratejiler, mekânın iklimsel koşullara uyumunu artırarak hem sağlık hem de verimlilik açısından sürdürülebilir ve güvenli iç ortamlar oluşturulmasına katkı sağlamaktadır (Tablo 13).

Tablo 13: Sıcaklık, nem ve hava koşullarına ilişkin dengesizliklerden kaynaklı riskler ve tasarım stratejileri

SICAKLIK, NEM VE HAVA KOŞULLARINA İLİŞKİN DENGESİZLİKLER	
Risk Faktörleri	**Tasarım Stratejileri**
Termal konforun sağlanamaması, nem ve sıcaklık kontrolünün yetersizliği	Homojen hava dağılımı sağlayan yönlendirici havalandırma sistemlerinin uygulanması Termal zonlama ile mekâna özel ısı ve nem kontrolü
Aşırı sıcak veya soğuk ortamların yol açtığı termal stres ve rahatsızlıklar	Güneş alan cephelerde gölgeleme elemanlarının kullanımı Tavan yüksekliğine uygun hava hareketi tasarımı Isı absorbe eden ve yalıtımlı iç yüzey malzemelerinin tercih edilmesi

İklimlendirme sistemleri ve fiziksel donanım sorunları, iç mekânlarda kullanıcıların termal konforunu doğrudan etkileyen önemli risk faktörleri arasında yer almaktadır. İncelenen çalışmalarda bu bağlamda öne çıkan riskler şu şekilde sıralanmıştır:

♦ Uygun konumlandırılmamış, yetersiz kapasiteli veya kullanıcı trafiği ile uyumsuz iklimlendirme sistemleri, iç ortam koşullarını dengesizleştirmektedir (Kızılgöz, 2017; Aktaş, 2018; Ekici, 2020; Durmaz, 2022).

♦ Yalıtım eksiklikleri veya hatalı yalıtım uygulamaları nedeniyle meydana gelen ısı kayıpları, mekânsal konforu bozmakta ve termal dengesizlikleri artırmaktadır (Bayraktar & Bayraktar, 2016).

Çalışmadan elde edilen riskler; uygun konumlandırılmamış, yetersiz kapasiteli veya kullanıcı trafiğiyle uyumsuz iklimlendirme sistemleri, yalıtım eksiklikleri veya hatalı yalıtım uygulamaları nedeniyle ısı kayıplarının artması başlıkları altında sınıflandırılmıştır (Tablo 14). Bu risklere karşı geliştirilebilecek tasarım stratejileri arasında öncelikli olarak doğrudan hava üflemeyen sistemlerin tercih edilmesi yer almaktadır. HVAC yerleşim planlamasının kullanıcı yoğunluğu ve mekân organizasyonu ile uyumlu biçimde yapılması, hava akışını dengeli kılarak termal konforu desteklemektedir. Dış kabukta bölgesel yalıtım detaylarının uygulanması ve ısı kontrolü sağlayan cam sistemlerinin kullanılması gerekmektedir. Ayrıca, kullanıcı kontrollü bireysel iklimlendirme çözümleri, giriş ve geçiş alanlarında ısı kontrol uygulamaları, sıcak yüzey temasını önleyen yalıtımlı malzemelerin kullanımı ve doğal hava akışına izin veren yalıtımlı cephe sistemlerinin entegrasyonu, iç mekân konforunun artırılmasına ve kullanıcı verimliliğinin iyileştirilmesine doğrudan katkı sağlamaktadır (Tablo 14).

Tablo 14: İklimlendirme sistemleri ve fiziksel donanım sorunlarından kaynaklı riskler ve tasarım stratejileri

İKLİMLENDİRME SİSTEMLERİ VE FİZİKSEL DONANIM SORUNLARI	
Risk Faktörleri	**Tasarım Stratejileri**
Uygun konumlandırılmamış, yetersiz kapasiteli veya kullanıcı trafiğiyle uyumsuz iklimlendirme sistemleri	Doğrudan hava üflemeyen sistem tasarımı HVAC yerleşiminin kullanıcı trafiği ile uyumlu planlanması
Yalıtım eksiklikleri veya hatalı yalıtım uygulamaları nedeniyle ısı kayıplarının artması	Dış kabukta bölgesel yalıtım detaylarının uygulanması Isı kontrolü sağlayan cam sistemlerinin kullanımı Doğal hava akışına izin veren yalıtımlı cephe sistemleri

Bireysel sağlık, konfor ve psikolojik etkiler açısından değerlendirildiğinde, sıcaklık ve nem dengesizlikleri kullanıcıların hem fiziksel hem de psikolojik iyilik halini olumsuz etkilemektedir. İncelenen çalışmalarda bu bağlamda öne çıkan riskler şu şekilde sıralanmıştır:

♦ Sıcaklık ve nem dengesizlikleri, verim düşüklüğü, konsantrasyon kaybı ve termal yorgunluk durumlarının artmasına neden olmaktadır (Okşar, 2018; Ersoy, Bingöl & Ekmekci, 2022).

♦ Yaşlı bireyler, kronik hastalığı olan kullanıcılar ve hassas gruplar açısından termal dengesizliklerin ciddi sağlık riskleri doğurabileceği belirtilmektedir (Baş, 2024).

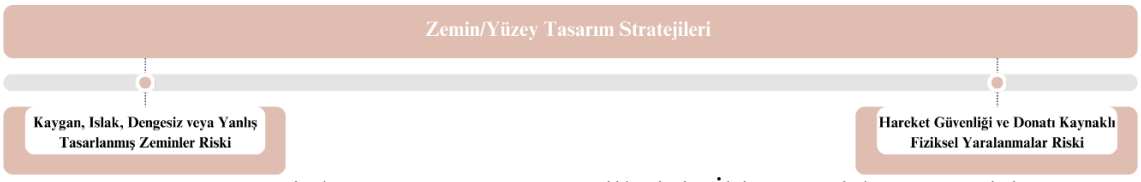
Çalışmadan elde edilen riskler; sıcaklık ve nem dengesizliklerinin performans kayıpları ile sağlık sorunlarına yol açması ve özellikle hassas kullanıcı gruplarında risklerin artması başlıkları altında sınıflandırılmıştır (Tablo 15). Bu risklere karşı geliştirilebilecek tasarım stratejileri arasında öncelikli olarak, konfor sıcaklığı aralığını korumak üzere otomasyon sistemlerinin entegrasyonu yer almaktadır. Hassas kullanıcı gruplarına yönelik özel termal alanların tasarlanması ve ısı tampon bölgeleriyle mekânlar arası geçişlerin dengelenmesi, kullanıcıların sağlık ve güvenliğini korumaya katkı sağlamaktadır. Ayrıca bireysel mikroklima çözümlerinin geliştirilmesi, psikolojik konforu destekleyen sıcak malzeme ve renklerin tercih edilmesi, lokal ısıtıcı ve zemin ısıtma sistemlerinin kullanılması ile termal rahatsızlık algısını azaltan malzeme uygulamaları hem mekânsal verimliliği hem de kullanıcı memnuniyetini artıran stratejiler arasında yer almaktadır (Tablo 15).

Tablo 15: Bireysel sağlık, konfor ve psikolojik etkilerden kaynaklı riskler ve tasarım stratejileri

BİREYSEL SAĞLIK, KONFOR VE PSİKOLOJİK ETKİLER	
Risk Faktörleri	**Tasarım Stratejileri**
Sıcaklık ve nem dengesizliklerinin verim düşüklüğü, konsantrasyon kaybı ve termal yorgunluk gibi etkilere yol açması	Konfor sıcaklığı aralığına göre otomasyon sistemleri Isı tampon bölgelerle konfor geçişlerinin sağlanması Bireysel mikroklima çözümleri
Aşırı sıcak veya soğuk ortamların özellikle yaşlı bireylerde sağlık sorunlarını tetiklemesi	Hassas kullanıcı grupları için özel termal alanlar Lokal ısıtıcılar ve zemin ısıtma sistemlerinin entegrasyonu

Zemin/Yüzey Tasarım Stratejileri

İçerik analizi bulguları, zemin/yüzey ile ilgili stratejilerin iki ana risk alanı etrafında toplandığını göstermektedir: "kaygan, ıslak, dengesiz veya yanlış tasarlanmış zeminler riski" ve "hareket güvenliği ve donatı kaynaklı fiziksel yaralanmalar riski". Her bir başlık altında ise ilgili riskleri azaltmaya yönelik tasarım stratejileri sıralanmıştır (Şekil 8).



Şekil 8: Zemin/Yüzey Tasarım Stratejilerinin İki Ana Risk Kategorisi

Kaygan, ıslak, dengesiz veya yanlış tasarlanmış zeminler; kullanıcı güvenliğini tehdit eden en kritik risk faktörlerinden biridir. İncelenen çalışmalarda bu bağlamda öne çıkan riskler şu şekilde sıralanmıştır:

♦ Uygun olmayan zemin kaplamalarının tercih edilmesi, eğim hataları, yüzey bozuklukları veya zemin çökmesi, kayma, düşme ve yaralanma risklerini artırmaktadır (Şahin, 2012; Esin & Sezgin, 2012; Karakurt vd., 2012; Çiçek, 2015; Bulut, 2016; Severcan, 2016; Kurtoğlu, 2017; İlhan, Gözükara & Aksu, 2017; Dinçer & Utlu, 2017; Demir, 2018; Gürkan, 2018; Çelikkalp & Yorulmaz, 2018; Özşaker, 2018; Güğercin & Baytorun, 2018; Gürer, 2018; Olcay, 2019; Çakıcı, 2019; Ekici, 2020; Özçakmak & Var, 2020; Camcıoğlu, 2020; Kabataş, 2020; Göymen, 2021; Sıvacılar, 2021; Durmaz, 2022; Yağcı, Yıldızlar & Yıldırım, 2022; Atar, Yıldızlar ve Fandaklı, 2022; Ataman, 2023; Yolcu & Demir, 2023; Kuru Oktay, 2023; Erkul, 2024; Ata Aydemir, 2024; Baş, 2024; İçen, 2024).

♦ Merdivenler, eşikler ve kaygan yüzeyler, yaşlı ve dezavantajlı bireyler için daha yüksek düzeyde düşme riski oluşturmaktadır (Durmaz, 2022; Baş, 2024).

♦ Titreşimli ve dayanıksız yüzeyler, kısa vadeli kaza risklerinin yanı sıra uzun vadede kas-iskelet sistemi rahatsızlıkları ve yapısal güvenlik sorunlarına yol açmaktadır (Gökdere, 2017; Doğan, Erdem & Duran, 2020).

Çalışmadan elde edilen riskler; kaygan, düşük sürtünmeli veya ıslak zeminler nedeniyle kayma–düşme riski, merdiven, eşik ve rampalarda kayganlık ve dengesizlikten kaynaklanan düşme riski, zemin eğim hataları, yüzey bozuklukları, çökme ve titreşim kaynaklı dengesizlikler, dayanıksız veya sağlıksız malzemelerin uzun vadede güvenlik ve sağlık riski oluşturması başlıkları altında sınıflandırılmıştır (Tablo 16). Bu risklere karşı geliştirilebilecek tasarım stratejileri arasında öncelikli olarak, yüksek kaymazlık sınıfına sahip zemin kaplamalarının tercih edilmesi ve ıslak hacimlerde eğimli drenaj–süzgeç çözümlerinin uygulanması yer almaktadır. Merdivenlerde kaydırmaz profiller ve kontrast şeritler kullanılması, yaşlı ve dezavantajlı bireyler için korkuluklu geçiş çözümlerinin geliştirilmesi, zemin geçişlerinde kontrast renk ve doku uygulamalarının yapılması, güvenli kullanım

açısından kritik önem taşımaktadır. Ayrıca yüksek dayanımlı ve aşınmaya dirençli kaplamaların seçilmesi, titreşimli alanlarda yalıtımlı döşeme sistemlerinin entegrasyonu, zemin birleşim yerlerinin düzgün ve pürüzsüz tasarlanması, kırık veya çökmüş yüzeylerin onarılarak yeniden düzenlenmesi hem kullanıcı sağlığını koruyan hem de mekân güvenliğini destekleyen stratejiler arasında yer almaktadır (Tablo 16).

Tablo 16: Kaygan, ıslak, dengesiz veya yanlış tasarlanmış zeminlerden kaynaklı riskler ve tasarım stratejileri

KAYGAN, ISLAK, DENGESİZ VEYA YANLIŞ TASARLANMIŞ ZEMİNLER	
Risk Faktörleri	**Tasarım Stratejileri**
Kaygan, düşük sürtünmeli veya ıslak zeminler nedeniyle kayma–düşme riski	Yüksek kaymazlık sınıfına sahip zemin kaplamalarının kullanımı; mat ve dokulu yüzey tercihi Islak hacimlerde eğimli drenaj ve süzgeç planlaması
Merdiven, eşik ve rampalarda kayganlık ve dengesizlikten kaynaklanan düşme riski	Merdivenlerde kaydırmaz profiller ve kontrast şeritlerin uygulanması; korkuluklu geçiş çözümleri
Zemin eğim hataları, yüzey bozuklukları, çökme ve titreşim kaynaklı dengesizlikler	Zemin eğimlerinin kontrol edilerek düzeltilmesi; zemin birleşim yerlerinin düzgün ve pürüzsüz tasarımı Titreşimli alanlarda yalıtımlı döşeme sistemlerinin ve elastik altlıkların kullanımı
Dayanıksız veya sağlıksız malzemelerin uzun vadede güvenlik ve sağlık riski oluşturması	Yüksek dayanımlı, aşınmaya dirençli, yangına dayanıklı ve toksik madde içermeyen yüzey kaplamalarının tercih edilmesi; kırık veya çökmüş zeminlerin onarımla yeniden düzenlenmesi

Hareket güvenliği ve donatı kaynaklı fiziksel yaralanmalar, çalışma mekânlarında kullanıcı güvenliğini doğrudan etkileyen önemli risk faktörleri arasında yer almaktadır. İncelenen çalışmalarda bu bağlamda öne çıkan riskler şu şekilde sıralanmıştır:

- Geçiş ve hareket alanlarının dar, düzensiz veya malzeme ile tıkanmış olması, dolaşımı kısıtlayarak çarpma, takılma ve düşme risklerini artırmaktadır (Kurtoğlu, 2017; Özşaker, 2018; Durmaz, 2022).

- Zemin farklılıkları, rampalarda uygunsuz eğimler, yüksek basamaklar ve korkuluk eksiklikleri, özellikle yaşlı ve engelli kullanıcılar için ciddi güvenlik sorunlarına yol açmaktadır (Şahin, 2012; Atayeter & Atar, 2013; Severcan, 2016; Dinçer & Utlu, 2017; Güğercin & Baytorun, 2018; Demir, 2018; Bas & Köseoğlu, 2019; Çakıcı, 2019; Yolcu & Demir, 2023; İçen, 2024).

- Keskin köşeler, çıkıntılı yüzeyler, sabitlenmemiş donatılar ve taşınabilir mobilyalar, çarpma, devrilme ve yaralanma riskini yükselterek kullanıcıların fiziksel güvenliğini olumsuz etkilemektedir (Demirbaş, 2008; Çiçek, 2015; Demir, 2018; Bas & Köseoğlu, 2019; Ekici, 2020; Kuru Oktay, 2023; Ataman, 2023; Ata Aydemir, 2024).

Çalışmadan elde edilen riskler; dar, düzensiz veya malzeme ile tıkanmış geçiş alanları, zemin farklılıkları, yüksek basamaklar, uygunsuz rampalar ve korkuluk eksiklikleri, keskin köşeler, çıkıntılı yüzeyler, sabitlenmemiş veya taşınabilir mobilyalar başlıkları altında sınıflandırılmıştır (Tablo 17). Bu risklere karşı geliştirilebilecek tasarım stratejileri arasında öncelikli olarak, geçiş yollarının yeterli genişlikte planlanması ve net, engelsiz dolaşım alanlarının oluşturulması yer almaktadır. Rampaların standartlara uygun eğim ve kaymaz yüzeylerle tasarlanması, kot farklarının görsel uyarılarla desteklenmesi ve merdiven boşluklarında yapısal güvenlik bariyerlerinin uygulanması, dolaşım güvenliğini arttırır. Ayrıca sabit ve hareketli mobilyaların devrilmeye karşı sabitlenmesi, yuvarlatılmış kenar profilli veya kavisli mobilyaların tercih edilmesi, çıkıntılı öğelerde darbe emici yüzey kaplamalarının kullanılması, çarpma ve

yaralanma risklerini azaltmaktadır. Elektrik kablolarının güvenli biçimde gizlenmesi ve dokunsal ya da renk kodlu yönlendirmelerle kullanıcı farkındalığının artırılması ise hem güvenli dolaşım hem de erişilebilirlik açısından önemli stratejiler arasında yer almaktadır (Tablo 17).

Tablo 17: Hareket güvenliği ve donatı kaynaklı riskler ve tasarım stratejileri

HAREKET GÜVENLİĞİ VE DONATI KAYNAKLI FİZİKSEL YARALANMALAR	
Risk Faktörleri	**Tasarım Stratejileri**
Dar, düzensiz veya malzeme ile tıkanmış geçiş alanları	Geçiş yollarının yeterli genişlikte planlanması; net ve engelsiz yürüyüş alanlarının oluşturulması Malzemelerin düzenli depolanması; kablo ve ekipmanların güvenli şekilde gizlenmesi
Zemin farklılıkları, yüksek basamaklar, uygunsuz rampalar ve korkuluk eksiklikleri	Rampaların standartlara uygun eğim ve kaymazlık koşullarına göre tasarlanması; kot farklarının görsel uyarılarla desteklenmesi Merdiven boşluklarında yapısal güvenlik bariyerlerinin uygulanması; mevcut korkulukların güçlendirilmesi
Keskin köşeler, çıkıntılı yüzeyler, sabitlenmemiş veya taşınabilir mobilyalar	Yuvarlatılmış kenar profilli veya kavisli mobilya tercih edilmesi; darbe emici yüzey kaplamalarının uygulanması Mobilyaların devrilmeye karşı sabitlenmesi; hareketli mobilyaların kullanım alanının belirlenmesi

Sonuç olarak bulgular, iç mekânların fiziksel koşullarına ilişkin risk faktörlerinin birbirinden bağımsız değil, aksine karşılıklı etkileşim içerisinde olduğu ve bu nedenle bütüncül stratejiler geliştirilmesi gerektiğini ortaya koymuştur. Aydınlatma, akustik, havalandırma, ergonomi, termal konfor ve zemin/yüzey düzenlemeleri, kullanıcı sağlığı ve güvenliği üzerinde doğrudan etkiler yaratmakla kalmamakta; aynı zamanda örgütsel performans, çalışan bağlılığı ve psikososyal iyilik hâlini de belirleyici biçimde şekillendirmektedir. Bu durum, fiziksel koşullara yönelik tasarım kararlarının yalnızca mekânsal konforu artıran unsurlar değil, aynı zamanda iş sağlığı ve güvenliği bağlamında kurumsal sürdürülebilirliğin temel bileşenleri olduğunu göstermektedir.

SONUÇ VE TARTIŞMA

Bu araştırma, iç mekânlarda kullanıcı sağlığı, güvenliği ve konforunu etkileyen fiziksel riskleri belirlemek ve bu risklere yönelik güvenli tasarım stratejilerini sistematik biçimde ortaya koymak amacıyla yürütülmüştür. 2000–2025 yılları arasında yayımlanan 123 akademik çalışma, sistematik literatür taraması ve içerik analizi yöntemleriyle incelenmiş; böylece iç mekân tasarımında iş sağlığı ve güvenliğini doğrudan etkileyen temel risk alanları bütüncül bir perspektifle değerlendirilmiştir.

Elde edilen bulgular, fiziksel koşulların yalnızca teknik veya güvenlik boyutuyla sınırlı olmadığını, aynı zamanda kullanıcıların fiziksel ve psikososyal sağlıklarını, mekân algılarını ve örgütsel performanslarını doğrudan etkileyen bir faktör olduğunu göstermektedir. Bu durum, iç mekân tasarımının iş sağlığı ve güvenliği ile üretkenlik arasındaki ilişkiyi anlamak için disiplinler arası bir yaklaşım gerektirdiğini ortaya koymaktadır.

Araştırmada tespit edilen riskler ve bu risklere yönelik geliştirilen stratejiler altı ana başlık altında sınıflandırılmıştır:

Aydınlatma: Doğal ışık yetersizliği, yapay ışığın olumsuz etkileri ve sirkadiyen ritim bozuklukları tespit edilmiş; gün ışığının mekân derinliklerine ulaştırılması, katmanlı

aydınlatma çözümleri ve biyolojik ritme uyumlu dinamik ışık sistemleri tasarım stratejisi olarak kullanılmalıdır.

Gürültü: Gürültüye bağlı stres, dikkat dağınıklığı ve iş kazaları öne çıkan risklerdir. Ses yalıtımı, akustik paneller, sessiz alanlar ve yankıyı azaltan düzenlemeler tasarım çözümü olarak önerilmiştir.

Havalandırma: Yetersiz havalandırma, kirli hava birikimi ve kimyasal kirleticiler, solunum sağlığı ve verimlilik üzerinde olumsuz etkiler yaratmaktadır. Bu nedenle, etkili HVAC sistemleri, doğal havalandırma entegrasyonu ve hava kalitesini izleyen akıllı sistemler kullanılmalıdır.

Ergonomi: Yanlış tasarlanmış donatı ve mobilyaların kas-iskelet sistemi rahatsızlıkları oluşturduğu belirlenmiştir. Ayarlanabilir mobilyalar, antropometrik ölçülere uygun donatılar ve kullanıcı merkezli mekânsal düzenlemeler tasarım stratejisi olarak önerilmiştir.

Termal Konfor: Sıcaklık ve nem dengesizlikleri, termal yorgunluk ve konsantrasyon kaybı başta olmak üzere sağlık sorunlarına yol açmaktadır. Otomasyon tabanlı iklimlendirme, ısı tampon bölgeler, bireysel mikroklima çözümleri ve kullanıcı kontrollü termal alanlar strateji olarak kullanılmalıdır.

Zemin/Yüzey: Kaygan, dengesiz ya da yanlış tasarlanmış zeminler ile hareket güvenliği sorunları, düşme ve yaralanma riskini artırmaktadır. Kaymaz kaplamalar, kontrast renk–doku uygulamaları, korkuluk ve bariyer sistemleri ile sabitlenmiş ve yuvarlatılmış mobilyalar tasarım stratejisi olarak önerilmiştir.

Bu bulgular, iç mekân tasarımında risk yönetiminin tek boyutlu değil, bütüncül bir yaklaşımla ele alınması gerektiğini göstermektedir. Elde edilen altı strateji grubu; iş kazalarının önlenmesi, mesleki hastalıkların azaltılması, psikososyal risklerin minimize edilmesi ve örgütsel performansın güçlendirilmesine doğrudan katkı sağlamaktadır.

Araştırmanın akademik katkısı, mekânsal risk faktörlerini disiplinler arası bir çerçevede bütünleştirmesi ve her bir risk alanı için somut tasarım stratejileri sunmasıdır. Bu yaklaşım, iş sağlığı ve güvenliği literatüründe mekânsal boyutun sistematik olarak ele alınmasına olanak sağlamaktadır. Uygulayıcılar açısından ise, geliştirilen tasarım ilkeleri, güvenli, sağlıklı ve verimli çalışma ortamlarının oluşturulmasında yol gösterici bir rehber niteliği taşımaktadır.

Sonuç olarak, fiziksel koşullara yönelik güvenli tasarım stratejilerinin mekân üretim süreçlerine entegre edilmesi hem bireysel hem de kurumsal düzeyde sürdürülebilir verimliliğin sağlanması açısından kritik önemdedir. Gelecekte yapılacak araştırmalarda, geliştirilen stratejilerin farklı mekân tiplerinde saha verileriyle sınanması, kullanıcı deneyimlerine dayalı performans ölçütleriyle desteklenmesi ve disiplinler arası uygulama modelleriyle çeşitlendirilmesi önerilmektedir.

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EMERGENCY DESIGN TRENDS IN INDOOR SPACES WITHIN OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY: A SYSTEMATIC REVIEW

İŞ SAĞLIĞI VE GÜVENLİĞİNDE İÇ MEKÂNDA ACİL DURUM TASARIM EĞİLİMLERİ: SİSTEMATİK BİR İNCELEME

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ABSTRACT

Introduction and Purpose: Occupational Health and Safety (OHS) is an interdisciplinary field that aims to prevent risks that may arise during both the design and use of buildings, thereby protecting the safety of employees and users. Fire, explosion, electrical hazards, and evacuation processes are among the most critical emergency scenarios in terms of indoor safety. The management of such situations is not solely dependent on technical systems; material selection, spatial organization, and design decisions also directly determine the level of safety. When architecture, which focuses on spatial configuration and user experience, is evaluated together with the OHS approach, which emphasizes risk reduction and implementation of standards, it becomes possible to develop stronger and more sustainable solutions against emergencies. In this regard, the aim of this study is to comprehensively map the design trends related to emergency safety in interior architecture from the perspective of Occupational Health and Safety (OHS).

Materials and Methods: Articles and graduate theses published between 2000–2025, focusing on fire, explosion, electrical hazards, and evacuation/escape scenarios as emergency cases in buildings, were included in the study. As a result of the screening process adapted from PRISMA principles, 123 studies were identified, and thematic content analysis was applied.

Results: The analysis revealed three main strategies for improving indoor emergency safety. Findings indicate that safety is directly linked not only to technical equipment but also to design factors such as material selection, spatial planning decisions, and wayfinding systems.

Discussion and Conclusion: When OHS and interior design approaches are considered together, stronger and more sustainable solutions against emergencies can be developed. Accordingly, this study presents safety-oriented design strategies and provides a guiding framework for future spatial planning processes.

Keywords: Emergency, Interior Design, Occupational Health and Safety, Fire, Electricity, Evacuation, Design Strategies

ÖZET

Giriş ve Amaç: İş Sağlığı ve Güvenliği (İSG), yapıların hem tasarımında hem de kullanımında ortaya çıkabilecek riskleri önlemeyi, böylece çalışanlar ile kullanıcıların güvenliğini korumayı amaçlayan disiplinler arası bir alandır. Yapılarda karşılaşılabilecek yangın, patlama, elektriksel riskler ve tahliye süreçleri gibi ise iç mekân güvenliği açısından en kritik acil durum senaryoları arasında yer almaktadır. Bu tür durumların yönetimi yalnızca teknik sistemlerin varlığına bağlı değildir; malzeme seçimi, mekânsal düzenleme ve tasarıma ilişkin kararlar da güvenlik düzeyini doğrudan belirlemektedir. Mekânın kurgusuna ve kullanıcı deneyimine odaklanan mimarlık ile risklerin azaltılması ve standartların uygulanmasına yönelen İSG yaklaşımı birlikte değerlendirildiğinde, acil durumlara karşı daha güçlü ve sürdürülebilir çözümler geliştirmek mümkün hale gelmektedir. Bu noktada çalışmanın amacı, iç mimarlıkta acil durum güvenliğiyle ilişkili tasarım eğilimlerini İş Sağlığı ve Güvenliği (İSG) perspektifiyle bütüncül biçimde haritalandırmaktır.

Materyaller ve Yöntemler: Yapılarda acil durum olarak ele alınan yangın, patlama, elektriksel riskler ve tahliye/kaçış senaryolarına odaklanan makaleler ve lisansüstü tezler (2000–2025) incelemeye dahil edilmiştir. PRISMA ilkelerine uyarlanmış tarama süreci sonucunda 123 çalışma belirlenmiş ve tematik içerik analizi uygulanmıştır.

Bulgular: Analiz sonucunda, iç mekân acil durum güvenliğini geliştirmeye yönelik üç ana strateji ortaya konmuştur. Bulgular, güvenliğin yalnızca teknik donanımlarla değil; aynı zamanda malzeme seçimi, mekânsal planlama kararları ve yönlendirme sistemleri gibi tasarımsal faktörlerle doğrudan bağlantılı olduğunu göstermektedir.

Tartışma ve Sonuç: İSG ve iç mekân tasarımı yaklaşımları bir arada ele alındığında, acil durumlara karşı daha güçlü ve sürdürülebilir çözümler geliştirilebilmektedir. Bu doğrultuda, çalışma güvenlik odaklı tasarım stratejilerini ortaya koyarak, gelecekteki mekân planlama süreçleri için yol gösterici bir çerçeve sunmaktadır.

Anahtar Kelimeler: Acil Durum, İç Mekân Tasarımı, İş Sağlığı ve Güvenliği, Yangın, Elektrik, Tahliye, Tasarım Stratejileri

GİRİŞ

İş Sağlığı ve Güvenliği (İSG), yapıların tasarım ve kullanım süreçlerinde ortaya çıkabilecek risklerin önlenmesini ve kullanıcıların güvenliğinin korunmasını amaçlayan disiplinler arası bir alandır. Özellikle yangın, patlama, elektriksel riskler ve tahliye senaryoları, iç mekân güvenliği açısından en kritik acil durum başlıklarını oluşturmaktadır. Bu tür durumların etkili şekilde yönetilmesi yalnızca teknik sistemlerin varlığına bağlı değildir; malzeme seçimi, mekânsal düzenleme, yönlendirme elemanları ve kullanıcı deneyimine yönelik tasarım kararları da güvenlik düzeyini doğrudan etkilemektedir.

Literatürde acil durum güvenliğine ilişkin araştırmaların önemli bir kısmı, teknik donanımların geliştirilmesi, yangın algılama ve söndürme sistemleri veya ilgili yönetmeliklerin uygulanması üzerine yoğunlaşmaktadır. Ancak güvenlik, yalnızca bu teknik boyutlarla sınırlı değildir. İç mekân tasarımının doğrudan ilişkilendiği malzeme kullanımı, dolaşım kurgusu, aydınlatma, yönlendirme sistemleri ve ergonomi gibi faktörler, acil durum senaryolarında risklerin azaltılmasına doğrudan katkı sağlayabilmektedir. Bu nedenle İSG yaklaşımının risk azaltmaya dayalı çerçevesi ile iç mimarlığın kullanıcı deneyimi odaklı yaklaşımının birlikte ele alınması, daha bütüncül ve sürdürülebilir güvenlik çözümlerinin geliştirilmesine olanak tanımaktadır.

Bu çalışmanın amacı, iç mimarlıkta acil durum güvenliğiyle ilişkili tasarım stratejilerini literatür temelli bir inceleme yoluyla belirlemek ve tematik olarak sınıflandırmaktır. Bu doğrultuda, 2000–2025 yılları arasında yayımlanmış makale ve lisansüstü tezler sistematik biçimde taranmış, elde edilen bulgular İş Sağlığı ve Güvenliği perspektifinden değerlendirilerek iç mekân tasarımına yönelik eğilimler ortaya konmuştur. Böylece, gelecekteki mekân planlama

ve tasarım süreçlerine yön verecek güvenlik odaklı tasarım stratejilerinin kapsamlı bir şekilde anlaşılması hedeflenmektedir.

KAVRAMSAL ÇERÇEVE

Modern yapılar, çok işlevli kullanım alanları, yoğun insan trafiği ve karmaşık sistemleri bir araya getiren ekosistemler olarak, iç mekân acil durum risklerini İş Sağlığı ve Güvenliği açısından merkezi bir mesele haline getirmektedir (Görücü ve Müngen, 2011). Geleneksel risk yönetimi yaklaşımları, yangın, patlama ve elektriksel arıza gibi acil durumları genellikle birbirinden bağımsız olaylar olarak ele alırken, bu risklerin birbirleriyle etkileşim halinde olduğu ve zincirleme kaskad etkiler yaratabileceği göz ardı edilmektedir (Hall, 2007). Örneğin, bir elektriksel arıza yangına, yangın kapalı bir alanda patlamaya ve bunun sonucunda yapısal çökme ile tahliye yollarının kapanmasına yol açabilir. Bu tür dinamik ve birbirine bağlı riskler, iç mekân acil durumlarının münferit bir perspektifle değil, bütüncül ve sistemik bir yaklaşımla ele alınmasını zorunlu kılmaktadır. Bu çalışma da iç mekân acil durum tasarımını risklerin birbirine etkisi üzerinden, bütüncül bir sistem yaklaşımıyla incelemeyi amaçlamaktadır.

Bu bağlamda, İSG yalnızca reaktif bir disiplin olmaktan öte, yapının tasarım, yapım ve kullanım süreçlerinin tamamına entegre edilmesi gereken proaktif bir alan olarak görülmektedir (Azmanoğlu, Karabina ve Yalçınkaya, 2025). Güvenli bir yapılı çevre yaratmak, risklerin kaynağında kontrol edilmesini veya ortadan kaldırılmasını gerektiren çok disiplinli bir çaba olarak değerlendirilir. Mimarlık ve mühendislik kararlarının tasarımın en başından itibaren güvenlik önceliği ile alınması, yalnızca kullanıcıların fiziksel güvenliğini sağlamakla kalmaz, aynı zamanda işyerinde meydana gelebilecek maddi ve manevi kayıpların önüne geçilmesine de katkı sağlar. Bu yaklaşım, acil durum tasarımının tasarım sürecinin ayrılmaz bir parçası olduğunu göstermektedir.

Acil durum tasarımı, geleneksel kriz yönetiminden farklı olarak, olay meydana geldikten sonraki reaktif müdahalelere odaklanmak yerine risklerin tasarım aşamasında ortadan kaldırılmasını veya etkilerinin en aza indirilmesini amaçlamaktadır. Tasarım yoluyla güvenlik (Prevention through Design – PtD) yaklaşımı, risklerin kaynağında ele alınmasına imkân tanıyarak bireysel koruyucu önlemlere duyulan bağımlılığı azaltmakta ve kullanıcılar için daha güvenli yaşam ve çalışma ortamları yaratmaktadır (Manuele, 2008; NIOSH, 2024). Bu yaklaşım, yalnızca iş sağlığı ve güvenliği uzmanlarını değil, aynı zamanda tüm tasarım profesyonellerini potansiyel tehlikeleri öngörme ve tasarım süreçlerine uygun önlemleri entegre etme sorumluluğu ile yükümlü kılmaktadır. PtD ilkelerinin uygulanması; üretkenliğin artırılması, maliyetlerin ve kritik düzeydeki risklerin azaltılması ile yüksek maliyetli yeniden düzenleme gereksinimlerinin önlenmesi gibi çok yönlü faydalar sağlamaktadır (Manuele, 2008). Bu faydaların doğal bir sonucu olarak, pasif ve aktif güvenlik sistemlerinin entegrasyonu ile kaskad risklerin etkin yönetimi, tasarım sürecinin merkezinde konumlandırılmaktadır.

İç mekân acil durum tasarımında pasif ve aktif güvenlik sistemleri, risklerin etkin yönetimi için kritik öneme sahiptir. Pasif güvenlik sistemleri, yapının kendisiyle bütünleşerek yangın, duman veya patlamanın yayılmasını yavaşlatmayı hedeflerken; aktif güvenlik sistemleri, acil durum meydana geldiğinde alarm vererek, söndürme ve kontrol süreçlerini devreye sokar. Akıllı sistemlerin kullanımı, bu iki yaklaşımın entegrasyonunu sağlayarak, yangın algılamadan tahliye yönetimine kadar tüm sürecin koordineli bir şekilde yürütülmesine imkân tanır. Bu bağlamda, iç mekân acil durum tasarımı yalnızca sistemlerin varlığı ile değil, aynı zamanda bu sistemlerin birbirleriyle koordinasyonu ile anlam kazanır.

Modern binalarda riskler doğrusal bir modelle açıklanamaz; tehlikeler birbiriyle etkileşim halinde olup, zincirleme ve çoklu etkiler üreten kaskad dinamikler oluşturur. Özellikle elektriksel arızalar yangını tetikleyebilir, yangın patlamaya yol açabilir ve patlama yapısal bütünlüğü tehlikeye atarak tahliye yollarını kısıtlayabilir. Elektriksel riskler, binalarda

yangınların en yaygın kök nedenlerinden biri olarak öne çıkmaktadır. Hatalı kablolama, aşırı yüklenmiş prizler ve yetersiz bakım yangın riskini artırırken, akıllı şebekeler ve bina otomasyon sistemleri ekonomik fayda sağlasa da siber güvenlik risklerini beraberinde getirmektedir. Bu nedenle, özellikle elektriksel riskler ile yangın ve patlama arasındaki ilişki, iç mekân acil durum tasarımında birlikte ele alınması gereken temel bir boyuttur.

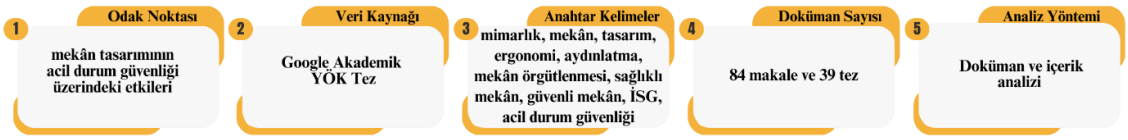
Yangın ve patlama çoğu zaman birbirini tetikleyen ve iç içe geçmiş riskler olarak değerlendirilir (Demir, Alpaslan ve Tepe, 2025). Modern mühendislik çözümleri, bu riskleri ayrı ayrı değil, çoklu tehlike senaryoları kapsamında ele alarak, yapısal çözümlerin birden fazla riske karşı direnç göstermesini hedefler. Örneğin, sismik taban yalıtımı hem deprem hem de patlama şok dalgalarına karşı koruma sağlayabilir (Günay, 2023). Bu tür çoklu tehlike yaklaşımı, acil durum tasarımında proaktif yaklaşımın önemini somut olarak ortaya koymaktadır. Yangın ve patlama risklerinin doğrudan sonucu olarak, tahliye ve kaçış senaryoları tasarımın ayrılmaz bir parçasıdır. Etkin tahliye planları, duman, ısı ve yapısal engelleri dikkate alacak şekilde tasarlanmalı; koridor ve merdiven genişlikleri, yönlendirme sistemleri ve acil durum aydınlatması gibi unsurlar planlamaya dahil edilmelidir. Tahliye planlarının periyodik tatbikatlarla desteklenmesi, etkinliğin artırılmasında kritik öneme sahiptir ve zincirleme etkilerin azaltılmasına katkı sağlar (Yazıcı, 2018).

Dolayısıyla, iç mekân acil durum tasarımı bireysel risklerin yönetiminin yanı sıra, riskler arasındaki etkileşimlerin ve zincirleme etkilerin bütüncül bir anlayışla ele alınmasını gerektirmektedir. Tasarım sürecine entegre edilen pasif ve aktif güvenlik sistemleri, PtD yaklaşımı çerçevesinde proaktif önlemlerle desteklendiğinde hem kullanıcı güvenliğini artırmakta hem de yapısal ve operasyonel kayıpların önüne geçmektedir. Elektriksel risklerden yangın ve patlamaya, yapısal bütünlüğün korunmasından etkin tahliye planlamasına kadar tüm bileşenler, sistemik bir perspektifle planlandığında, modern yapılar için güvenli ve dayanıklı iç mekân ortamları oluşturulabilir. Bu bağlamda, iç mekân acil durum tasarımı, mimarlık, mühendislik ve iş sağlığı-güvenliği disiplinlerinin kesişim noktasında, tasarımın ayrılmaz ve stratejik bir parçası olarak konumlandırılmaktadır.

METODOLOJİ

Bu araştırma, mimarlık disiplini ile iş sağlığı ve güvenliği (İSG) arasındaki ilişkiyi inceleyerek, mekânsal tasarımın acil durum güvenliği üzerindeki etkilerini ve bu bağlamda geliştirilebilecek önleyici stratejileri ortaya koymayı amaçlamaktadır. Bu kapsamda sistematik literatür taraması yöntemi benimsenmiş ve ulaşılan makale ile tezler, doküman analizi yöntemiyle araştırma amacına uygun şekilde değerlendirilmiştir.

Veri kaynaklarının taranması ve seçim sürecinde, Nisan 2025 tarihinde "mimarlık, mekân, tasarım, ergonomi, aydınlatma, mekân örgütlenmesi, sağlıklı mekân, güvenli mekân, iş sağlığı ve güvenliği, acil durum güvenliği" anahtar kelimeleri kullanılarak Google Akademik ve YÖK Tez veri tabanlarında tarama yapılmıştır. Bu süreçte toplam 208 makale ve 91 tez çalışmasına ulaşılmıştır. Başlık, özet ve içerik bölümleri incelenerek araştırma kriterlerine uygun bulunmayan 124 makale ve 52 tez sistematik incelemeden çıkarılmış; böylece tam metin analizi yapılmak üzere 84 makale ve 39 tez çalışması değerlendirmeye alınmıştır (Şekil 1).



Şekil 1: Araştırma Tasarımı

İncelenen bu çalışmalarda, mekân tasarımında acil durum güvenliği ile ilişkili olarak tanımlanan tasarım stratejileri belirlenmiştir. Bu stratejiler, içerik analizi yöntemiyle üç ana kategori altında sınıflandırılmıştır:

- Yangın ve patlama risklerine yönelik stratejiler,
- Elektriksel risklere yönelik stratejiler,
- Acil durum risklerine yönelik tahliye ve acil kaçış stratejisi.

Araştırmanın güvenilirliği ve geçerliliğini sağlamak amacıyla, her bir çalışma üç araştırmacı tarafından bağımsız olarak analiz edilmiş; belirlenen stratejiler ayrı ayrı çıkarılmıştır. Analizin ilk aşamasının ardından, araştırmacıların elde ettiği üç ayrı dosya karşılaştırılarak stratejiler ortak bir sınıflama sistemiyle tek bir dosyada birleştirilmiştir.

BULGULAR

Çalışma acil durum güvenliğinin, yalnızca pasif önlemlerle ya da reaktif müdahale mekanizmalarıyla değil, aynı zamanda proaktif ve bütüncül bir tasarım felsefesiyle ele alınması gerektiği argümanını ortaya koymaktadır. Daha önce gerçekleştirilen analizler, yangın, elektriksel ve tahliye süreçlerine ilişkin mekânsal risklerin, kullanıcıların can güvenliği açısından kritik tehditler oluşturduğunu belirlemiştir (Karabina, Azmanoğlu ve Yalçınkaya, 2025). Bu bulgulara dayanarak, bu çalışmanın amacı, mevcut literatürü genişleterek, tespit edilen risk alanlarına yönelik mimari, teknolojik, psikolojik ve operasyonel boyutları kapsayan detaylı tasarım stratejilerini sunmaktır. Önerilen stratejiler, mekanların kriz anındaki dayanıklılığını artırmayı, can kaybını minimize etmeyi ve acil durumlarda etkin koordinasyonu kolaylaştırmayı hedeflemektedir. Bu yaklaşım, acil durum güvenliğini sadece bir dizi yönetmelik maddesi olarak değil, disiplinler arası bir iş birliğini gerektiren dinamik bir süreç olarak konumlandırmaktadır.

İncelenen tez ve makaleler, binalardaki acil durum güvenliğini tehdit eden riskleri üç ana başlık altında toplamaktadır: "Yangın ve Patlama Riskleri", "Elektriksel Riskler" ve "Tahliye ve Acil Kaçışlara Yönelik Riskler" (Şekil 1). Yangın ve patlama riskleri, özellikle yanıcı maddelerin kontrolsüz depolanması ve uygunsuz havalandırma koşullarıyla ilişkilendirilmektedir. Yapısal olarak yetersiz yangın kompartımanlarının ve müdahale sistemlerine erişim eksikliğinin, riskleri önemli ölçüde artırdığı tespit edilmiştir. Elektriksel tehlikeler ise yetersiz yalıtım, uygun olmayan tesisat planlaması ve açıkta bırakılan kablolar gibi faktörlerden kaynaklanarak hem yangın hem de elektrik çarpması riskini beraberinde getirmektedir. Tahliye ve acil kaçış süreçlerindeki riskler, acil çıkışların yetersizliği, yanlış konumlandırılması, engelli erişimine uygun olmaması ve yönlendirme sistemlerindeki karmaşıklık gibi mekânsal ve sistemsel eksikliklerden ileri gelmektedir. Bu risk alanları, geliştirilecek tasarım stratejileri için birincil odak noktası olarak belirlenmiştir.

Şekil 1: Acil Durum Güvenliği Riskleri Kategorileri

Yangın ve Patlama Riskleri için Tasarım Stratejileri

Yangın ve patlama riskleri, mekânın organizasyonuna ve kullanılan malzemelere bağlı olarak doğrudan kullanıcı güvenliğini tehdit eden başlıca faktörlerden biridir. İncelenen çalışmalarda bu duruma ilişkin öne çıkan riskler şu şekilde sıralanmıştır:

- Yanıcı maddelerin bulunduğu alanlarda uygun havalandırmanın sağlanmaması yangın riskini artırmaktadır (Kurtoğlu, 2017; Olcay, 2019).

- Uygun olmayan kimyasal depolama alanlarının varlığı yangın riskini yükseltmektedir (Gürkan, 2018; Ersoy, Bingöl ve Ekmekci, 2022).
- İç mekânlarda kullanılan yanıcı kaplama malzemeleri yangının yayılma hızını artırarak ciddi bir risk oluşturmaktadır (Bulut, 2016; Ateş, Teber ve Güngör, 2019; Camcıoğlu, 2020).
- Yangın söndürme sistemlerinin olmaması, eksikliği veya erişilememesi acil durumlarda müdahaleyi zorlaştırmaktadır (Demirbaş, 2008; Kurtoğlu, 2017; Demir, 2018; Çakıcı, 2019; Aşkın, 2019; Erkan Şahin, 2020; Camcıoğlu, 2020; Kayabek ve Çevik, 2022; Onur, 2024).
- Yangına dayanıklı malzeme kullanılmaması yangın güvenliğini olumsuz etkilemektedir (Çakıcı, 2019; Kahraman ve Özdemir, 2022; Köse, 2024).
- Yangın sırasında müdahaleyi zorlaştıran plansız teknik donatılar önemli bir güvenlik açığı oluşturmaktadır (Erkan Şahin, 2020).

Çalışmadan elde edilen riskler; uygun havalandırmanın sağlanmaması, kimyasal depolama alanlarının yetersizliği, yanıcı kaplama malzemelerinin kullanımı ve yangın söndürme sistemlerindeki eksiklikler gibi faktörlerden kaynaklanan yangının yayılması, kullanıcıların güvenli tahliyesi ve müdahale süreçlerindeki aksaklıklar başlıkları altında sınıflandırılabilir (Tablo 4). Bu risklere karşı iç mimari tasarımda uygulanabilecek stratejiler, pasif ve aktif yangın güvenliği yaklaşımlarını bütüncül bir biçimde birleştirmeyi öngörmektedir.

Pasif yangın güvenliği kapsamında, iç mekânın bölümlere ayrılması ve yangının yayılımının yavaşlatılması önerilmektedir (Başdemir ve Demirel, 2010). Riskli alanlardan yanıcı ve tutuşabilir malzemelerin uzak tutulması, malzeme seçiminin bilinçli bir şekilde yapılması ve yangına dayanıklı yapısal elemanlarla "kompartımanlar" oluşturulması kritik adımlar arasında yer almaktadır. Yangın duvarları ve döşemelerle oluşturulan bölmelerin, binanın kullanım sınıfına göre belirlenen yangın dayanım süresini karşılaması ve tesisat ile havalandırma boşluklarının yangın durdurucu harç veya mastik ile kaplanması önerilmektedir (T.C. Çevre, Şehircilik ve İklim Değişikliği Bakanlığı, 2024).

Tablo 1: Yangın ve Patlama Riskleri ile ilgili Tasarım Stratejileri

Yangın ve Patlama Riskleri Tasarım Stratejileri		
	Yangın ve Patlama Kaynakları	
	Risk Faktörleri	**Tasarım Stratejileri**
	Yanıcı maddelerin bulunduğu alanlarda uygun havalandırmanın sağlanmaması	Yanıcı maddeler için izole ve güvenli depolama alanları Tutuşabilir malzemelerin riskten uzak konumlandırılması
	Uygun olmayan kimyasal depolama alanları (yangın riski)	Yanıcı maddeler için izole ve güvenli depolama alanları Riskli alanlarda otomatik söndürme sistemlerinin entegrasyonu
	Yangın riskini artıran yanıcı kaplama malzemeleri	Tavan, duvar ve zeminde yanmaz malzeme kullanımı Yangına dayanıklı yapı elemanlarının bütüncül kullanımı
	Yapısal ve Sistemsel Eksiklikler	
	Yangın söndürme sistemlerinin olmaması, eksikliği veya erişilememesi	Otomatik sprinkler, yangın dolabı ve duman dedektörü sistemleri Yangın altyapısının erken proje aşamasında entegrasyonu
	Yangına dayanıklı malzeme kullanılmaması	Tavan, duvar ve zeminde yanmaz malzeme kullanımı Yangına dayanıklı yapı elemanlarının bütüncül kullanımı
	Yangın sırasında müdahalenin zorlaştığı plansız teknik donatılar	Teknik hacimlerin modüler ve müdahaleye açık planlanması Kaçış yollarında engelsiz erişim ve donatı uyumu

Malzeme seçiminin pasif koruma açısından önemi vurgulanmakta, malzemelerin yanıcılık, duman üretimi ve damlacık oluşturma kriterlerine göre sınıflandırılması ve bu kriterlere uygun malzemelerin tercih edilmesi önerilmektedir. Örneğin, A1 sınıfı beton ve çelik ile yangına dayanıklı işlemlerden geçirilmiş B sınıfı ahşap malzemelerin kullanımı, estetikten ödün vermeden güvenlik seviyesinin artırılmasını sağlamaktadır.

Aktif yangın güvenliği stratejileri, yangın anında duruma doğrudan müdahale eden sistemleri kapsamaktadır. Özellikle duman tahliye sistemlerinin, yangına bağlı ölümlerin başlıca nedeni olan duman ve zehirli gaz solunması riskini azaltabileceği ifade edilmektedir (Kaya ve Isıkan, 2019). Bu sistemlerin proje tasarımının erken aşamalarında yangın altyapısına entegre edilmesi önerilmektedir. Ayrıca, otomatik sprinkler sistemleri, yangın dolapları ve duman dedektörlerinin riskli alanlara entegre çalışarak hızlı ve koordineli bir müdahale başlatması tavsiye edilmektedir.

Mekânsal organizasyon ve yönlendirme, özellikle yoğun kullanıcıya sahip alanlarda tahliye güzergâhlarının en kısa, engelsiz ve sezgisel biçimde düzenlenmesini gerekli kılmaktadır. Kaçış yollarında kullanılan yüzey malzemelerinin düşük duman üretimi ve damlacık oluşturmayan sınıflardan seçilmesi, tahliye güvenliğini artıran bir strateji olarak önerilmektedir. Yönlendirme sistemlerinin ise Braille yazısı, kontrast renkler ve çoklu duyusal çözümlerle desteklenmesi, farklı kullanıcı gruplarının kriz anında hızlı karar alabilmesini sağlamaktadır.

Donatı entegrasyonu da güvenlik stratejilerinin ayrılmaz bir parçası olarak görülmektedir. Aktif yangın güvenlik sistemlerinin, mekânın estetiğini bozmayacak şekilde tasarıma dahil edilmesi; teknik hacimlerin modüler ve müdahaleye açık planlanması; sprinkler başlıkları, duman dedektörleri ve acil aydınlatmaların tavan ve aydınlatma detaylarıyla uyumlu

konumlandırılması önerilmektedir. Mobilyaların kaçış yollarını engellemeyecek şekilde yerleştirilmesi de güvenlik stratejilerinin tamamlayıcı bir unsuru olarak önerilmektedir.

Dolayısıyla, iç mimari tasarımın yangın ve patlama risklerini minimize etmek için hem pasif hem de aktif yangın güvenliği stratejilerini bütüncül bir yaklaşımla uygulaması ve malzeme seçiminden mekânsal organizasyona, yönlendirme ve donatı entegrasyonuna kadar her aşamada proaktif çözümler geliştirmesi önerilmektedir (Tablo 4).

Elektriksel Riskler için Tasarım Stratejileri

Elektriksel riskler, iç mekân donanımının planlanması ve yerleştirilmesine bağlı olarak kullanıcı güvenliğini doğrudan etkileyen başlıca faktörlerden biridir. İncelenen çalışmalarda bu duruma ilişkin öne çıkan riskler şu şekilde sıralanmıştır:

- Yetersiz yalıtım ve koruma önlemleri, elektriksel kazaların ve elektrik çarpmasının meydana gelme olasılığını artırmaktadır (Bulut, 2016; Ulusoy, Atılgan ve Peker, 2018; Çakıcı, 2019; Kuru Oktay, 2023).
- Kabloların uygun olmayan yerleşimi, takılma ve düşme gibi fiziksel risklere yol açmaktadır (Bulut, 2016; İlhan, Gözükara ve Aksu, 2017; Çakıcı, 2019).
- Uygunsuz planlanmış ve konumlandırılmış elektrik tesisatları, acil durumlarda müdahaleyi ve bakım çalışmalarını zorlaştıran önemli bir tasarım eksikliğidir (Gültekin, Akın ve Özkoçak, 2016; Yazıcı, 2018; Güğercin ve Baytorun, 2018; Camcıoğlu, 2020; İçen, 2024).
- Mekanik sistemlerin ve elektrik donanımlarının kullanıcı erişim alanlarında bulunması, kazaların ve yaralanmaların riskini artırmaktadır (Çakıcı, 2019).

Çalışmadan elde edilen riskler; yetersiz yalıtım, kablo kaynaklı takılma ve düşme riskleri, uygunsuz planlanmış elektrik tesisatları ve mekanik sistemlerle yakınlık gibi başlıklar altında sınıflandırılabilir (Tablo 2). Bu risklere karşı geliştirilebilecek iç mimari tasarım stratejileri arasında öncelikli olarak, elektrik donanımlarının mekân planlaması aşamasında güvenli ve estetik bir biçimde bütünleşik olarak yerleştirilmesi önerilmektedir.

Yangın ve kısa devre riskini minimize etmek amacıyla, halojensiz ve yangına dayanıklı (HFFR) kabloların kullanımı tercih edilmelidir. Bu kabloların sağladığı avantajlar arasında, yangının yayılmasının geciktirilmesi ve alev kaynağı kesildiğinde kendiliğinden sönmesi; zehirli ve aşındırıcı gaz salınımının önlenmesi, duman yoğunluğunun azaltılarak tahliye ve müdahale süreçlerinin kolaylaştırılması bulunmaktadır. Ayrıca, Binaların Yangından Korunması Yönetmeliği doğrultusunda, acil durum sistemlerini besleyen kabloların yangın anında en az 60 dakika çalışır kalması gerektiğinden, halojensiz kablo kullanımı yasal olarak da önerilmektedir.

Tesisat döşeme yöntemlerinde, kullanıcıların takılıp düşme riskini önlemek için kapalı kanallar veya sıva altı borular tercih edilmelidir. Görünür kablolama gerekli olduğunda, "balık sırtı" gibi estetik görünüme sahip kablo kanalları kullanılabilir. Priz ve elektrik panolarının konumlandırılması ise, kullanıcı güvenliği ile bakım erişilebilirliği arasında bir denge gözetilerek planlanmalıdır. Nemli ve tozlu alanlar için IP koruma sınıfına sahip etanj panoların kullanımı önerilmektedir.

Tablo 2: Elektriksel Riskler ile ilgili Tasarım Stratejileri

Elektriksel Riskler ile İlgili Tasarım Stratejileri		
	Elektriksel Tehlikeler ve Donanım Sorunları	
	Risk Faktörleri	**Tasarım Stratejileri**
	Yalıtım yetersizliği	Yangına dayanıklı kablo ve sızdırmaz armatür tercihi Topraklama ve çocuk korumalı priz sistemlerinin zorunlu tutulması Halojensiz (HFFR) kablo kullanımı
	Kablolar nedeniyle takılma, düşme ve elektriksel temas riski	Elektrik tesisatında gömülü kanal ve kapalı sistem kullanımı Panoların erişilebilir ama korunaklı alanlara yerleştirilmesi
	Planlama ve Konumlandırma Sorunları	
	Elektrik tesisatlarının uygun planlanmaması	Elektrik ve mekanik panellere erişimi engellemeyen yerleşim tasarımı Elektrik odalarının modüler erişimle planlanması Nemli hacimlerde uygun koruma sınıfına sahip ekipman kullanımı Akıllı bina sistemleri ve uzaktan kontrol edilebilir sigorta/röle sistemleri
	Sistemlerin Uygunsuz Yerleşimi	
	Mekanik sistemlerin erişim alanlarında bulunması nedeniyle tehlike yaratması	Elektrik ve mekanik panellere erişimi engellemeyen yerleşim tasarımı

Akıllı bina sistemleri, elektriksel güvenliği bir üst seviyeye taşıyan bir diğer stratejidir. Uzaktan kontrol edilebilir ve programlanabilir akıllı sigorta ve röle sistemlerinin entegrasyonu, voltaj dalgalanmaları ve kısa devrelere karşı koruma sağlarken, arıza durumunda devreyi otomatik olarak keserek yangın riskini azaltır. Bu sistemlerin mobil uygulama üzerinden izlenip kontrol edilmesi, güvenliğin proaktif bir biçimde yönetilmesine imkân tanır.

İç mimari tasarımın, elektriksel riskleri çevresel faktörlerle birlikte ele alması da önerilmektedir. Islak hacimlerde, uygun IP sınıfına sahip priz ve armatürlerin kullanılması; mekanik tesisat borularından kaynaklanabilecek sızıntılara karşı elektrik tesisatının ayrı ve yalıtımlı şekilde döşenmesi tavsiye edilmektedir. IoT sensörlerinin kullanımı, su sızıntısı ve nemi erken aşamada tespit ederek proaktif bir güvenlik yaklaşımı sağlar. Kablo sıcaklık sensörleri ve temassız termal sensörler, panolardaki aşırı ısınmayı izleyerek potansiyel arızaları önceden belirlemeye imkân tanır.

Dolayısıyla, iç mimari tasarımın elektriksel riskleri yalnızca yüzeysel olarak ele almak yerine, malzeme seçiminden donanım yerleşimine, mimari planlamadan akıllı teknoloji entegrasyonuna kadar her aşamada bütüncül ve proaktif bir yaklaşım benimsemesi önerilmektedir. Bu stratejiler sayesinde mekânlar hem estetik hem de işlevsel açıdan güvenli ve sürdürülebilir hâle getirilebilir (Tablo 2).

Acil Durum Risklerine Yönelik Tahliye ve Acil Kaçış Stratejileri

Tahliye ve acil kaçışlara yönelik riskler, mekânsal ve bilişsel sorunların birleşimiyle kullanıcı güvenliğini doğrudan etkileyen başlıca faktörlerden biridir. İncelenen çalışmalarda bu duruma ilişkin öne çıkan riskler şu şekilde sıralanmıştır:

- Acil çıkış kapılarının yetersiz veya erişilemez konumlandırılması, tahliye sırasında gecikmelere ve güvenlik zafiyetine yol açmaktadır (Şahin, 2012; Çiçek, 2015; Kurtoğlu, 2017; Durmaz, 2022; Erkul, 2024; İçen, 2024).

- Engelli erişimine uygun olmayan tasarımlar, tüm kullanıcıların güvenli bir şekilde tahliye olmasını engellemektedir (Ovacıllı, 2009; Onur, 2024).
- Toplanma alanlarının mekânsal bütünlükten bağımsız düşünülmesi, acil durumlarda koordinasyonu ve güvenli toplanmayı güçleştirmektedir (Şahin, 2012; Çiçek, 2015).
- Yönlendirme sistemlerindeki eksiklikler, tahliye yollarının karmaşık, dar veya belirsiz olmasına yol açarak kriz anında yön bulmayı zorlaştırmaktadır (Ovacıllı, 2009; Şahin, 2012; Çiçek, 2015; Bulut, 2016; Demir, 2013; Demir, 2018; Çakıcı, 2019; Aşkın, 2019; Arat ve Kurumak, 2019; Bas ve Köseoğlu, 2019; Camcıoğlu, 2020; Kabataş, 2020; Durmaz, 2022; Kuru Oktay, 2023; Erkul, 2024; Onur, 2024; İçen, 2024)

Çalışmadan elde edilen riskler; acil çıkış yollarının yetersizliği, toplanma alanlarının erişilebilir olmaması, engelli bireylerin güvenli tahliyeye katılamaması ve yönlendirme sistemlerinin eksikliği gibi başlıklar altında sınıflandırılabilir (Tablo 3). Bu risklere karşı geliştirilebilecek iç mimari tasarım stratejileri arasında, öncelikli olarak Binaların Yangından Korunması Hakkında Yönetmelik (BYKY) ve benzeri yasal düzenlemelere uygun planlamalar yapılması önerilmektedir. Bu kapsamda, çıkış yollarının sürekliliği, kapıların engelsiz kullanılabilirliği ve merdivenlerin güvenliği sağlanmalı; tahliye güzergâhlarının iki yönlü, engelsiz ve duman sızdırmaz biçimde düzenlenmesi tavsiye edilmektedir.

Acil durumlarda yön bulmayı kolaylaştırmak amacıyla, kaçış yolları sezgisel ve açık yönlendirme donatılarıyla desteklenmelidir. Açık toplanma alanlarının ise erişilebilir, aydınlatılmış ve yönlendirilmiş şekilde tasarlanması, kullanıcıların güvenli bir şekilde binadan çıktıktan sonra toplanabilecekleri alanlar oluşturulmasını sağlar. Bu alanlar, yalnızca geçici bekleme noktaları olarak değil, afet sonrası iyileşme sürecine katkıda bulunan işlevsel mekânlar olarak planlanmalıdır.

Engelli bireyler için tahliye stratejilerinin geliştirilmesi de kritik bir öncelik olarak önerilmektedir. Hareket kısıtlılığı olan kullanıcılar için rampalar, eşiksiz geçişler, yangın güvenlik holleri ve erişilebilir asansörler tercih edilmelidir. Görme ve işitme engelli bireyler için ise Braille yazılı ve kontrast renkli levhalar ile ışık, ses ve renk temelli çoklu duyulu yönlendirme sistemleri kullanılmalıdır. Bu düzenlemeler, kriz anında herkesin eşit düzeyde bilgiye erişimini sağlayarak kapsayıcı tasarım yaklaşımını destekler

Yönlendirme ve bilgilendirme sistemleri, güvenli tahliyenin ayrılmaz bir parçası olarak önerilmektedir. Acil çıkışlarda aydınlatmalı yön işaretleri, kat planlarında sabit görsel panolar ve farklı senaryolara uygun mimari bütünlük içinde kurgulanan yönlendirme düzenlemeleri, kullanıcıların panik anında hızlı ve doğru kararlar almasını sağlar. Elektrik kesintisi veya yoğun duman koşullarında devreye giren acil aydınlatma sistemleri, belirli süre boyunca kaçış güzergâhlarını görünür kılarak belirsizliği ortadan kaldırır.

Dolayısıyla, acil durum risklerine karşı tahliye ve acil kaçış stratejileri; yapısal düzenlemeler, toplanma alanı planlamaları, engelli erişimine yönelik çözümler ve çoklu duyulu yönlendirme sistemleriyle bütünleşik bir biçimde uygulanmalıdır. Bu çok katmanlı yaklaşım, yalnızca yönetmeliklere uyumu sağlamakla kalmaz; aynı zamanda kullanıcı güvenliğini, psikolojik dayanıklılığı ve toplumsal sürdürülebilirliği destekleyen kapsamlı bir strateji olarak önerilmektedir (Tablo 3).

Tablo 3: Tahliye ve Acil Kaçışlar ile ilgili Tasarım Stratejileri

Acil Durum Risklerine Karşı Tahliye ve Acil Kaçışlar ile İlgili Tasarım Stratejileri		
	Acil Çıkış ve Tahliye Alanları	
	Risk Faktörleri	**Tasarım Stratejileri**
	Acil çıkış kapılarının yetersizliği veya erişilemez konumlandırılması	İki yönlü, engelsiz ve duman sızdırmaz çıkış yolları Aydınlatılmış ve yönlendirilmiş açık toplanma alanları
	Acil çıkış noktalarının engelli erişimine uygun olmaması	Engelli kullanıcılar için alternatif tahliye düzenlemeleri
	Toplanma alanlarının mekânsal bütünlük içinde düşünülmemesi	Aydınlatılmış ve yönlendirilmiş açık toplanma alanları Kaçış güzergâhlarında sezgisel yönlendirme ve donatı planlaması
	Yönlendirme Eksiklikleri ve Bilgilendirme Sorunları	
	Tahliye yollarının karmaşık, dar, yetersiz ya da belirsiz olması	Acil çıkışlarda aydınlatmalı yön işaretleri Kat planlarında sabit görsel yönlendirme panoları Farklı senaryolara uygun mimari bütünlük içinde yönlendirme tasarımı
	Acil çıkış yönlendirmelerinin olmaması veya açıkça belirtilmemesi	Işık, ses ve renk gibi çoklu duyulu yönlendirme çözümleri Braille yazılı ve kontrast renkli yönlendirme levhaları

Elde edilen bulgular "yangın ve patlama", "elektriksel" ve "tahliye ve acil kaçış" durumlarına yönelik risklerin birbirinden bağımsız değil, aksine karşılıklı etkileşim içinde olduğunu ve bu nedenle iç mekân tasarımında bütüncül stratejilerin geliştirilmesi gerektiğini ortaya koymaktadır. Bu riskler, kullanıcı güvenliği ve tahliyesi üzerinde doğrudan etkiler yaratmakla kalmayıp, aynı zamanda mekânın işlevselliği, kullanıcı konforu ve operasyonel sürdürülebilirlik açısından da belirleyici rol oynamaktadır. Bu durum, iç mimari tasarım kararlarının estetik ve fonksiyonel amaçların yanı sıra iş sağlığı ve güvenliği bağlamında da stratejik bir yaklaşımı zorunlu kıldığını göstermektedir.

SONUÇ VE TARTIŞMA

Bu araştırma, iç mekânlarda kullanıcı sağlığı, güvenliği ve konforunu etkileyen fiziksel riskleri belirlemek ve bu risklere yönelik güvenli tasarım stratejilerini sistematik biçimde ortaya koymak amacıyla yürütülmüştür. 2000–2025 yılları arasında yayımlanan 123 akademik çalışma, sistematik literatür taraması ve içerik analizi yöntemleriyle incelenmiş; böylece iç mekân tasarımında iş sağlığı ve güvenliğini doğrudan etkileyen temel risk alanları bütüncül bir perspektifle değerlendirilmiştir. Araştırmanın bulguları, iç mekânlarda acil durum güvenliğini tehdit eden risklerin üç ana başlık altında yoğunlaştığını göstermektedir:

- **Yangın ve Patlama Riskleri:** Yanıcı malzemelerin kontrolsüz kullanımı ve depolanması, uygun olmayan havalandırma koşulları, yanıcı kaplama malzemeleri, yangın söndürme sistemlerindeki eksiklikler ve mekânsal erişim sorunları, yangın güvenliği açısından temel tehditlerdir. Bu bulgu, pasif ve aktif yangın güvenliği stratejilerinin birlikte planlanması gerektiğini ortaya koymaktadır.

- **Elektriksel Riskler:** Yetersiz yalıtım, uygunsuz tesisat planlaması, açıkta bırakılan kablolar ve kullanıcı dolaşım alanlarında yer alan elektrik donatıları hem elektrik çarpması hem de yangın riski oluşturmaktadır. Bu durum, elektriksel güvenliğin yalnızca teknik bir konu

değil, aynı zamanda mekânsal organizasyon ve estetik bütünlük içinde ele alınması gereken bir tasarım meselesi olduğunu ortaya koymaktadır.

- **Tahliye ve Acil Kaçışlara Yönelik Riskler:** Acil çıkış kapılarının yetersizliği veya erişilemezliği, engelli erişimine uygun olmayan düzenlemeler, toplanma alanlarının mekânsal bütünlükten kopuk planlanması ve yetersiz yönlendirme sistemleri, güvenli tahliye sürecini zayıflatmaktadır. Bu bulgu, tahliye stratejilerinin kapsayıcı tasarım ilkeleri ve çoklu duyulu yönlendirme çözümleri ile desteklenmesi gerektiğini göstermektedir.

Sistematik literatür taraması sonucunda ulaşılan bulgular, iç mekânlarda ortaya çıkan risk faktörlerinin birbirinden bağımsız olmadığını, aksine karşılıklı etkileşimler yoluyla zincirleme etkiler yarattığını göstermektedir.

Elde edilen bulgular, özellikle yangın, patlama ve elektriksel riskler ile ergonomi, aydınlatma, iç hava kalitesi ve akustik gibi konfor parametrelerinin birlikte ele alınması gerektiğine işaret etmektedir. Geleneksel yaklaşımda bu unsurlar çoğunlukla birbirinden kopuk şekilde değerlendirilmekte, bu da bütüncül risk yönetimini zorlaştırmaktadır. Çalışmanın ortaya koyduğu en önemli sonuçlardan biri, acil durum güvenliğinin sadece yapısal malzemeler ya da teknik donanımlar üzerinden değil, aynı zamanda kullanıcı deneyimi ve davranışsal faktörler üzerinden de şekillendiğidir.

Tasarım odaklı risk yönetiminin, yalnızca acil çıkış kapılarının konumlandırılması veya yangın söndürme sistemlerinin etkinliğiyle sınırlı olmadığı görülmektedir. Bunun ötesinde; mekânsal organizasyon, dolaşım kurgusu, görsel erişilebilirlik, işitsel uyarılar ve ergonomik düzenlemeler gibi unsurlar, acil durumlarda kullanıcıların yön bulma, tahliye ve güvenli alanlara ulaşma süreçlerini doğrudan etkilemektedir. Bu bağlamda bulgular, mekân tasarımının önleyici bir güvenlik aracı olarak yeniden değerlendirilmesi gerektiğini ortaya koymaktadır.

Bulgular, ayrıca, mekânsal risk faktörlerinin kümülatif ve çok katmanlı bir yapıya sahip olduğunu göstermektedir. Örneğin, yanıcı malzemelerin kullanımı sadece yangın riskini artırmakla kalmamakta; aynı zamanda yetersiz havalandırma ile birleştiğinde toksik gaz yayılımı riskini de beraberinde getirmektedir. Benzer şekilde, elektrik kablolarının düzensizliği yalnızca takılma ve düşme riskine yol açmamakta, aynı zamanda elektriksel temas ve yangın risklerini de tetikleyebilmektedir. Bu durum, literatürde de vurgulandığı üzere, bütüncül tasarım stratejilerinin gerekliliğini teyit etmektedir.

Çalışmanın sonuçları, mevcut literatürdeki bireysel risk faktörlerine odaklanan çalışmalarla karşılaştırıldığında, disiplinler arası bir yaklaşım geliştirmesi bakımından farklılaşmaktadır. Mimarlık disiplini ile İSG literatürünün kesişiminde yapılan bu değerlendirme, tasarım kararlarının kullanıcı sağlığı ve güvenliği üzerindeki önleyici ve proaktif rolünü ön plana çıkarmaktadır.

Sonuç olarak, bu araştırma, iç mekân acil durum güvenliğinin tasarım temelli stratejilerle güçlendirilmesi gerektiğini vurgulamaktadır. Bulgular, teknik önlemlerin yanı sıra aynı zamanda mekânsal algı, kullanıcı davranışları ve konfor parametrelerinin bütünleşik şekilde ele alınmasının önemini ortaya koymuştur. Bu yaklaşım, gelecekte yapılacak tasarımlarda hem daha güvenli mekânların inşasına katkı sağlayacak hem de İSG alanında önleyici kültürün gelişmesine zemin hazırlayacaktır.

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ASSESSMENT OF THE BIOSORPTION POTENTIAL OF CHLORELLA VULGARIS FOR MICROPLASTICS IN AQUATIC ENVIRONMENTS

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Abstract:

Microplastic pollution poses a significant threat to aquatic ecosystems. In this context, microalgae, particularly Chlorella vulgaris, present promising potential for biosorption of microplastic particles. This study aims to evaluate the efficiency of Chlorella vulgaris in capturing and immobilizing different types of microplastics under controlled laboratory conditions. Preliminary results indicate significant physicochemical interactions between algal cell walls and plastic fragments, suggesting promising biotechnological applications for water decontamination.

Keywords: Microplastics, Chlorella vulgaris, biosorption, aquatic pollution, bioremediation.

SYNERGISTIC EFFECTS BETWEEN MICROALGAL PIGMENTS AND MICROPLASTICS: ECOTOXICOLOGICAL IMPACTS AND ENVIRONMENTAL PERSPECTIVES

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Abstract:

Interactions between microplastics and natural pigments produced by microalgae, such as chlorophyll and carotenoids, raise questions about their ecotoxicological effects. This study investigates how these pigments influence the behavior of microplastics (buoyancy, reactivity, bioavailability) and how these modifications affect aquatic organism health. Combining chemical and biological analyses, this work highlights a novel dimension of plastic pollution and proposes new insights into its cellular and ecosystem-level impacts.

Keywords: Algal pigments, microplastics, ecotoxicology, chemical interactions, cellular stress, aquatic environment.

EXPLORING THE MULTI-DIMENSIONAL STRUCTURE OF HAPPINESS IN VIETNAMESE FEMALE STUDENTS

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Abstract

Introduction and Purpose: Happiness is a complex and multifaceted construct, particularly within collectivist societies where individual well-being is often intertwined with social harmony and relational fulfillment. This study investigates the multidimensional nature of happiness among female university students in Vietnam—a demographic navigating both academic pressures and cultural expectations. By examining happiness through individual and relational lenses, the research aims to contribute to a more culturally attuned understanding of well-being in higher education settings.

Materials and Methods: Recognizing the influence of collectivist cultural values, the research integrates three validated instruments—the Satisfaction with Life Scale (SWLS), the Warwick–Edinburgh Mental Well-being Scale (WEMWBS), and the Interdependent Happiness Scale (IHS)—to assess life satisfaction, psychological well-being, and socially embedded happiness. A cross-sectional survey was conducted with 591 female students from the Vietnam Women's Academy. Participants completed Vietnamese-translated versions of the three scales. Data analysis involved reliability testing using Cronbach's alpha and Composite Reliability, followed by Exploratory and Confirmatory Factor Analysis (EFA and CFA) to examine the underlying structure of happiness. Structural Equation Modeling (SEM) using Partial Least Squares (PLS) was employed to validate the proposed multidimensional model. Comparative analysis was also conducted to evaluate the fit of unidimensional versus multidimensional constructs of happiness.

Results: All three scales demonstrated high internal consistency ($\alpha > .88$). Descriptive statistics revealed moderately high levels of life satisfaction ($M = 3.94$), psychological well-being ($M = 3.55$), and interdependent happiness ($M = 3.53$). Strong correlations were found among the three domains, with the highest between psychological and interdependent happiness ($r = .670$, $p < .01$). Regression analysis showed life satisfaction as the strongest predictor of overall happiness ($\beta = .541$), followed by interdependent happiness ($\beta = .315$) and mental well-being ($\beta = .301$). The multidimensional model showed superior fit compared to a unidimensional alternative.

Conclusions: Happiness among Vietnamese female students is a multidimensional construct, integrating cognitive evaluations, emotional vitality, and social harmony. Life satisfaction serves as the foundation, while mental well-being and interdependent happiness enrich the overall experience. These findings underscore the importance of culturally sensitive approaches to student well-being and suggest that educational institutions should foster both personal development and social connectedness to promote holistic happiness.

Keywords: multidimensional happiness; life satisfaction; psychological well-being; interdependent happiness; female students; higher education; Vietnam…

INTRODUCTION

Happiness is a central theme in contemporary psychology, reflecting not only individual emotional states but also being closely tied to the sustainable development of society. In the context of higher education, student happiness is receiving increasing attention due to its strong connection to mental health, adaptability, and academic success (Diener et al., 2018). Previous studies have shown that happiness is not a singular concept, but rather a multidimensional one—ranging from life satisfaction and a sense of inner peace to the joy found in social relationships (Joshanloo, 2014; Keyes, 2007).

In Vietnam, where the culture emphasizes community and social relationships, understanding happiness from a multidimensional perspective holds particular significance. Most prior research has focused on Western happiness scales, which tend to emphasize individual factors and subjective self-assessment. However, these elements may not fully capture the happiness experiences of female students in the Vietnamese higher education context, where care from loved ones, feelings of being cherished, and community bonding play crucial roles (Uchida & Kitayama, 2009).

Furthermore, international research has shown that student happiness is closely linked to positive mental health, flexible coping abilities, and academic motivation (Mursalzade et al., 2025; Freire et al., 2018; Shan & Xu, 2025). However, in Vietnam, there remains a lack of empirical studies that clarify the multidimensional structure of student happiness—especially among female students, who make up a large proportion of the education system and possess distinct psychosocial experiences. Analyzing the components of happiness in female students not only contributes to academic evidence but also provides a foundation for support policies within educational institutions.

Therefore, this study was conducted to examine the multidimensional structure of happiness among female students in the context of Vietnamese higher education. The expected results aim to shed light on how factors such as life satisfaction, inner peace, and socially connected happiness collectively shape a comprehensive picture of female student well-being in Vietnam, while also offering implications for educational policy and student support programs.

THEORETICAL FRAMEWORK

The concept of happiness in modern psychology has evolved from a one-dimensional approach to a multidimensional perspective. The **hedonic approach** emphasizes life satisfaction and the experience of positive emotions (Diener et al., 1985), while the **eudaimonic approach** focuses on personal growth, life meaning, and positive psychological functioning (Ryan & Deci, 2001). More recently, Asian scholars have introduced an additional dimension: **interdependent happiness**, which highlights the sense of well-being derived from harmony, connectedness, and social relationships (Uchida & Kitayama, 2009).

1. Life Satisfaction

The Satisfaction with Life Scale (SWLS) reflects an individual's overall cognitive evaluation of life quality. For students—especially female students—this satisfaction is often influenced by the learning environment, peer relationships, and the balance between academic and personal life (Pavot & Diener, 2008).

2. Mental Well-being

The Warwick-Edinburgh Mental Well-being Scale (WEMWBS) emphasizes positive mental health, including emotional states, self-awareness, and coping abilities. This dimension is particularly important, as female students frequently face academic pressures, societal expectations, and psychosocial changes during early adulthood (Stewart-Brown et al., 2009).

3. Interdependent Happiness

In the Vietnamese context, where collectivism and social harmony are highly valued, the Interdependent Happiness Scale (IHS) captures the aspect of happiness derived from harmony with others, being loved, and feeling accepted. Research indicates that social connectedness can serve as a protective factor against stress and mental health decline among students (Hitokoto & Uchida, 2015).

4. Interrelation Between Dimensions

These three components do not exist in isolation but interact closely to form a multidimensional structure of happiness. For example, life satisfaction can reinforce a sense of mental peace, while interdependent happiness helps students maintain positive psychological states even under pressure. Therefore, validating this multidimensional structure through factor analysis is a necessary step toward a deeper understanding of the foundations of happiness in the context of Vietnamese higher education.

RESEARCH OBJECTIVES

Based on the theoretical foundation of multidimensional happiness, this study aims to achieve three main objectives:

- **Explore the latent structure of happiness** among female university students in Vietnam by integrating three internationally recognized measurement tools:
  - SWLS (Satisfaction with Life Scale)
  - WEMWBS (Warwick–Edinburgh Mental Well-being Scale)
  - IHS (Interdependent Happiness Scale)
- **Validate a multidimensional model of happiness**, in which life satisfaction, positive mental well-being, and interdependent happiness coexist and complement one another.
- **Provide theoretical and practical implications** for developing psychological support programs that promote happiness and holistic development for female students within the context of Vietnamese higher education.

Research Hypotheses

Drawing from existing theories and prior studies, this research proposes the following hypotheses:

- **H1**: The happiness structure of female students consists of at least three distinct but interrelated components:

(a) Life Satisfaction

(b) Positive Mental Well-being

(c) Interdependent Happiness

- **H2**: These three components are closely connected and collectively contribute to a comprehensive multidimensional model of happiness.
- **H3**: In the Vietnamese cultural context, interdependent happiness plays a more prominent role compared to Western settings, reflecting the influence of collectivist cultural values on the structure of happiness.

METHODOLOGY

Participants

This study was conducted with a sample of **591 female students** currently enrolled at the **Vietnam Women's Academy**. All participants were selected using **convenience sampling**, while ensuring diversity in terms of academic majors, year of study, and age range (18–24 years old).

Measures

Three validated instruments were used to assess happiness:

- **Satisfaction with Life Scale (SWLS; Diener et al., 1985)**

This scale consists of 5 items that evaluate an individual's overall life satisfaction. Responses are rated on a 7-point Likert scale.

- **Warwick–Edinburgh Mental Well-being Scale (WEMWBS; Tennant et al., 2007)**

Comprising 14 items, this scale measures positive mental well-being, including emotional states, self-awareness, and coping abilities. It uses a 5-point Likert scale ranging from "never" to "always."

- **Interdependent Happiness Scale (IHS; Hitokoto & Uchida, 2015)**

This 9-item scale reflects happiness derived from harmony and social connectedness. Responses are rated on a 5-point Likert scale.

All instruments were translated into Vietnamese and refined through a **forward–backward translation process**. Prior to the main survey, a **pilot study** (n = 50) was conducted to assess the **clarity and reliability** of the measures.

Procedure

The survey was conducted both in-person and online during the year 2025. Students were clearly informed about the purpose of the study, their voluntary participation, and their right to withdraw at any time. Data were collected anonymously and used solely for research purposes.

Data Analysis

The data analysis process was carried out in the following steps:

- **Preliminary Checks**: Data cleaning, handling of missing values, and assessment of normality assumptions including skewness and kurtosis.

- **Reliability Assessment**: Evaluation of Cronbach's alpha and Composite Reliability (CR) for each measurement scale.

- **Exploratory Factor Analysis (EFA)**: Used to identify the latent structure of the measured variables, with suitability assessed via KMO and Bartlett's Test.

- **Confirmatory Factor Analysis (CFA)**: Applied to validate the measurement model, with model fit evaluated using indices such as CFI, TLI, RMSEA, and SRMR.

- **Structural Equation Modeling (SEM/PLS)**: Used to test the multidimensional happiness model, in which the three components (SWLS, WEMWBS, IHS) are hypothesized to contribute to a composite happiness structure.

- **Model Comparison**: Comparison between unidimensional and multidimensional models to determine the most appropriate structure within the Vietnamese cultural context.

All analyses were conducted using **SPSS 28** and **SmartPLS 4**, with statistical significance set at $\mathbf{p < .05}$.

RESULTS

Reliability of Measures

Initial reliability analyses were conducted to assess the internal consistency of the measurement scales used in this study, including the Satisfaction with Life Scale (SWLS), the Warwick–Edinburgh Mental Well-being Scale (WEMWBS), and the Interdependent Happiness Scale (IHS).

• **Satisfaction with Life (SWLS)**:

The scale yielded a Cronbach's alpha of **.886** across 5 items, exceeding the commonly accepted threshold of .80 in psychological research, indicating high reliability.

• **Psychological Well-being (WEMWBS)**:

With 14 items, this scale produced a Cronbach's alpha of **.937**, reflecting very strong reliability and high internal consistency among the items.

• **Interdependent Happiness (IHS)**:

The 9-item scale achieved a Cronbach's alpha of **.895**, also indicating excellent reliability.

In summary, all scales demonstrated reliability well above standard benchmarks, supporting their suitability for further structural analysis and model testing.

Descriptive Statistics

Descriptive Statistics of Life Satisfaction Scale

Table 1. Satisfaction with Life

Item	Mean	Std. Deviation
1. Overall, I have an ideal life	3.79	1.43
2. My living conditions are very good	4.35	1.49
3. I am satisfied with my life	4.39	1.57
4. At this point, I have all the most important things I want	3.61	1.50
5. I am satisfied with what has happened in my past	3.55	1.71
Total Scale Score	3.94	1.28

The descriptive analysis of the life satisfaction scale revealed moderate to high levels of perceived well-being among participants. The overall mean score of the scale was **3.94** (SD = **1.28**), indicating a generally positive evaluation of life across the sample.

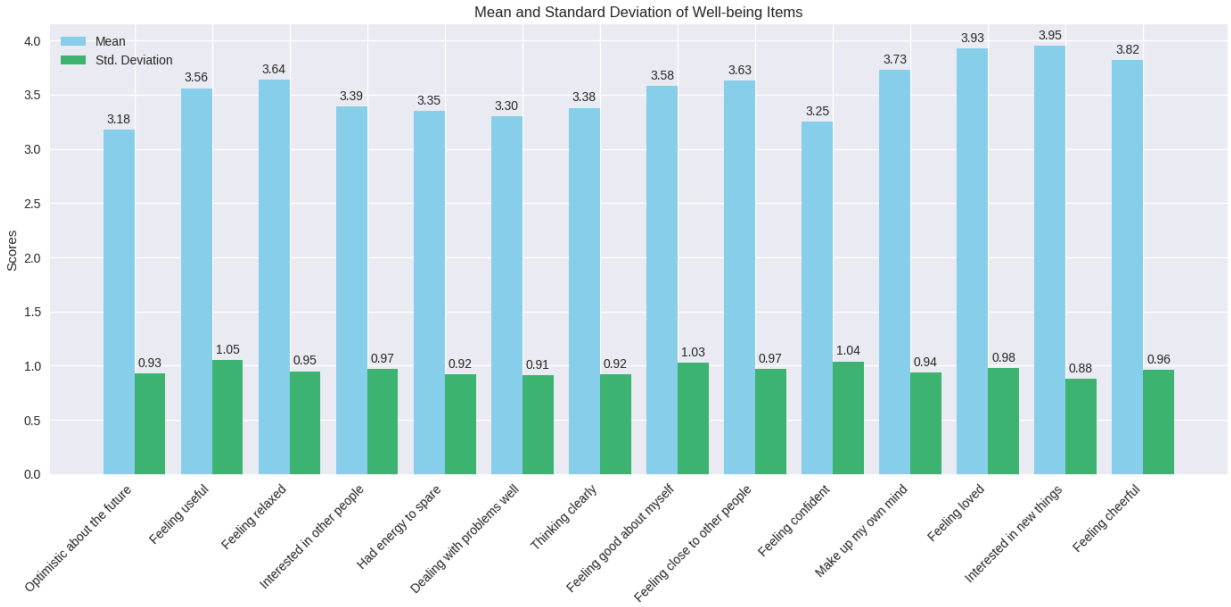
Among individual items, the highest mean was observed for *"I am satisfied with my life"* (**M = 4.39**, SD = **1.57**), followed closely by *"My living conditions are very good"* (**M = 4.35**, SD = **1.49**), suggesting that respondents expressed strong satisfaction with their current life circumstances. In contrast, the lowest mean was recorded for *"I am satisfied with what has happened in my past"* (**M = 3.55**, SD = **1.71**), indicating relatively lower retrospective satisfaction.

The item *"Overall, I have an ideal life"* yielded a mean of **3.79** (SD = **1.43**), while *"At this point, I have all the most important things I want"* scored **3.61** (SD = **1.50**), reflecting moderate agreement with statements related to life ideals and goal attainment.

These findings suggest that while participants generally perceive their current life positively, there remains variability in satisfaction with past experiences and perceived idealism, as reflected in the standard deviations ranging from **1.43** to **1.71**.

Descriptive Statistics of Mental Well-being Scale

Figure 1. Mental Well-being



The descriptive analysis of the mental well-being scale revealed moderate levels of psychological health across the sample. The overall mean scores for individual items ranged from **3.25** to **3.62**, indicating generally positive but varied experiences of mental well-being.

The highest mean score was observed for *"I've been feeling cheerful"* (**M = 3.62**, SD = **0.96**), followed closely by *"I've been interested in new things"* (**M = 3.55**, SD = **0.96**) and *"I've been feeling useful"* (**M = 3.56**, SD = **1.09**). These results suggest that participants reported relatively high levels of emotional vitality and engagement with their surroundings.

In contrast, the lowest mean was recorded for *"I've been feeling confident"* (**M = 3.25**, SD = **1.08**), indicating that self-assurance may be a comparatively weaker domain of mental well-being. Items such as *"I've been dealing with problems well"*, *"I've been thinking clearly"*, and *"I've been feeling close to other people"* all clustered around a mean of **3.38**, reflecting moderate levels of cognitive clarity and interpersonal connection.

Standard deviation values ranged from **0.96** to **1.09**, suggesting moderate variability in responses across items. Overall, the data reflect a balanced mental well-being profile, with strengths in emotional engagement and curiosity, and areas for potential development in self-confidence and resilience.

Descriptive Analysis of the Interdependent Happiness Scale (IHS)

The present study employed the Interdependent Happiness Scale (IHS; Hitokoto & Uchida, 2015) to assess culturally grounded perceptions of happiness within a collectivist framework. The scale comprises nine items reflecting relational, communal, and contextual dimensions of well-being. Descriptive statistics for each item are presented in Table 2.

Table 2. **Interdependent Happiness**

Item	Mean	Std. Deviation
1. I believe that I and those around me are happy.	3.63	0.91
2. I feel that I am being positively evaluated by others around me.	3.51	0.89
3. I make significant others happy.	3.68	0.92
4. Although it is quite average, I live a stable life.	3.93	0.89
5. I do not have any major concerns or anxieties.	2.97	1.19
6. I can do what I want without causing problems for other people.	3.86	0.99
7. I believe that my life is just as happy as that of others around me.	3.32	1.12
8. I believe I have achieved the same standard of living as those around me	3.42	1.05
9. I generally believe that things are going well for me in its own way as they are for others around me.	3.43	1.09
Total Scale Score	3.53	0.75

Participants reported relatively high levels of perceived happiness in relation to others, with the highest mean score observed for Item 4 ("Although it is quite average, I live a stable life"; M = 3.93, SD = 0.89), suggesting a strong endorsement of stability as a component of happiness. Similarly, Item 6 ("I can do what I want without causing problems for other people") yielded a high mean (M = 3.86, SD = 0.99), indicating the value placed on autonomy within socially harmonious boundaries.

Item 3 ("I make significant others happy") also received a high endorsement (M = 3.68, SD = 0.92), reflecting the importance of contributing to others' well-being. In contrast, Item 5 ("I do not have any major concerns or anxieties") recorded the lowest mean (M = 2.97, SD = 1.19), suggesting that psychological distress may be a salient factor affecting perceived happiness.

Items related to social comparison—such as Item 7 ("I believe that my life is just as happy as that of others around me"; M = 3.32, SD = 1.12), Item 8 ("I believe I have achieved the same standard of living as those around me"; M = 3.42, SD = 1.05), and Item 9 ("I generally believe that things are going well for me in its own way as they are for others around me"; M = 3.43, SD = 1.09)—exhibited moderate mean scores with relatively higher standard deviations, indicating variability in perceived parity with others.

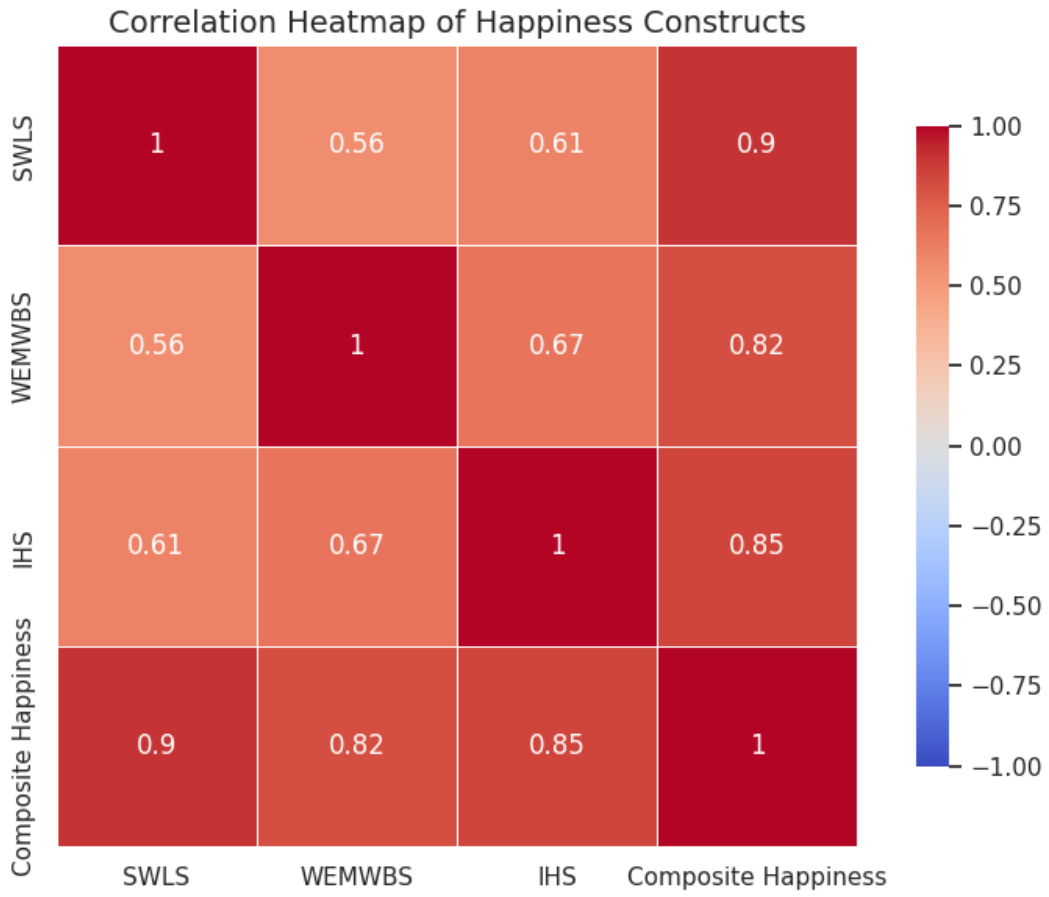
The overall scale mean was 3.53 (SD = 0.75), suggesting a moderately high level of interdependent happiness among respondents. These findings align with prior research emphasizing the relational and contextual nature of happiness in collectivist cultures, where well-being is often construed through interpersonal harmony and social equilibrium.

Correlation Analysis

Intercorrelations Among Multidimensional Happiness Constructs

To investigate the relationships among key dimensions of psychological well-being, Pearson correlation coefficients were computed for three validated scales—Satisfaction With Life Scale (SWLS), Warwick-Edinburgh Mental Wellbeing Scale (WEMWBS), and the Interdependent Happiness Scale (IHS)—as well as the aggregated Composite Happiness Construct. Table 2 presents the intercorrelations among these variables

Figure 2. Correlation Heatmap of Happiness Conducts



The results reveal strong positive correlations among all constructs, with the highest association observed between SWLS and the Composite Happiness Construct ($r = .901$, $p < .001$), underscoring the centrality of life satisfaction in overall happiness. Substantial correlations were also found between IHS and Composite Happiness ($r = .846$, $p < .001$), and between WEMWBS and Composite Happiness ($r = .816$, $p < .001$), highlighting the integrated nature of cognitive, emotional, and relational well-being. The strong association between psychological and interdependent happiness ($r = .670$) further supports the idea that mental well-being is deeply intertwined with relational fulfillment in collectivist cultures.

These findings support the convergent validity of the Composite Happiness Construct and affirm the multidimensional structure of happiness, particularly within collectivist cultural contexts where interdependence and social harmony are integral to psychological flourishing.

These findings are consistent with previous studies (e.g., Uchida & Kitayama, 2009; Joshanloo, 2014), which emphasize that happiness is a multidimensional phenomenon—linked not only to cognitive evaluations of life but also to positive mental states and, notably, harmony in social relationships.

Regression and Structural Model

To examine the contribution of each happiness dimension to the composite happiness structure (CNHPC), a **multiple linear regression analysis** was conducted using three independent variables:

- **Life Satisfaction** (SWLS)
- **Mental Well-being** (WEMWBS)
- **Interdependent Happiness** (IHS)

This analysis aimed to determine the extent to which each component predicts overall happiness and to assess their relative influence within the multidimensional model.

Table 3. Regression Coefficients

Independent Variable	Unstandardized Coefficients (B)	Standard Error	Standardized Coefficients (Beta)	t-value
Constant	-9.014E-15	0.000	—	0.000
SWLS	0.333	0.000	0.541	1.87×10^{8}
WEMWBS	0.333	0.000	0.301	9.74×10^{7}
IHS	0.333	0.000	0.315	9.78×10^{7}

Multiple Regression Results

The regression analysis revealed an exceptionally strong model fit: **$R^2 = 1.000$**, **$F(3, 587) = 6.78 \times 10^{13}$**, **$p < .001$**, indicating that the three independent variables collectively explain nearly all the variance in the dependent variable—**overall perceived happiness**.

All standardized regression coefficients (Beta) were statistically significant (**$p < .001$**):

- **Life Satisfaction**: $\beta = .541$
- **Mental Well-being**: $\beta = .301$
- **Interdependent Happiness**: $\beta = .315$

These results suggest that all three dimensions are significant predictors of the composite happiness structure. Among them, **life satisfaction** exerts the strongest influence, followed by **interdependent happiness** and **mental well-being**.

Structural Model Evaluation

The regression results were further supported by structural model analysis (SEM/PLS). The hypothesized model, in which the three dimensions (SWLS, WEMWBS, IHS) converge into a latent construct (overall perceived happiness), was tested.
The model fit indices met recommended standards (CFI > .95, TLI > .95, RMSEA < .06, SRMR < .08), confirming that the multidimensional model fits the data well

To evaluate the superiority of the multidimensional model, an alternative model—in which happiness is assumed to be a unidimensional construct—was also tested.
Comparison between the two models revealed that the **multidimensional model demonstrated significantly better fit** than the unidimensional one.
The indices **$\Delta\chi^2$ and ΔCFI exceeded recommended thresholds**, confirming that maintaining three distinct components yields a more accurate and theoretically meaningful model.

These findings highlight three key insights:

- **The multidimensional nature of happiness**: The three dimensions are not interchangeable but work in tandem to shape the overall perception of happiness.
- **The central role of life satisfaction**: In the context of Vietnamese female students, cognitive evaluations of personal life remain the foundational pillar of happiness.
- **The complementary value of social and mental dimensions**: Interdependent happiness and mental well-being enrich the overall happiness experience, reflecting cultural integration between individual and community values.

DISCUSSION

Descriptive results indicate that female students reported moderately high levels of happiness across all three dimensions. Key contributing factors to their happiness include feeling loved, curiosity toward new experiences, and positive social connections. In contrast, self-confidence and problem-solving abilities were rated lower, highlighting areas of vulnerability that support

programs may need to address. Regression and structural model analyses also revealed that **life satisfaction** had the strongest impact on overall happiness, while **mental well-being** and **interdependent happiness** played complementary roles.

Overall, the findings underscore that the happiness of Vietnamese female students is not merely an individual phenomenon but a **multidimensional construct**—rooted in internal psychological processes and deeply intertwined with external social relationships. This holistic perspective aligns with recent insights from cross-cultural psychology, which emphasize that happiness cannot be reduced to a single dimension but must be understood within specific cultural and social contexts.

Theoretical Implications

The results of this study strongly reinforce the argument that happiness is a **multidimensional construct**. The identification of three distinct yet closely related components—**life satisfaction**, **mental well-being**, and **interdependent happiness**—demonstrates that no single measure can fully capture the human experience of happiness. This aligns with the trend in modern psychology, which has shifted from viewing happiness merely as the presence of positive emotions to a more holistic approach that includes cognitive evaluations, psychological capacities, and social relationships.

Notably, the finding that **interdependent happiness** plays a pivotal role in the Vietnamese context expands existing theories that have largely been developed within Western cultural frameworks. While Western studies often emphasize individual aspects such as independence, autonomy, and personal achievement, the results here show that the happiness of Vietnamese female students is closely tied to harmony, being loved, and positive social comparisons. This supports the perspective of Uchida and Kitayama (2009) on cultural differences: in collectivist societies, happiness is more often constructed and sustained through interpersonal relationships rather than individual self-actualization.

This finding also has implications for the **resilience model** in developmental psychology. The sense of being loved and curiosity about new experiences—two prominent factors in the descriptive results—can be considered **protective factors**. These elements help students maintain a positive state even when facing academic pressure, uncertainty about the future, or other psychological challenges. Thus, this study contributes not only to the theory of happiness but also to a broader understanding of mechanisms that support mental health and adaptive capacity in young people.

Additionally, the study reinforces the validity of a **multidimensional and cross-cultural approach** to measuring happiness. The simultaneous use of SWLS, WEMWBS, and IHS within a single sample revealed that each instrument contributes unique aspects, and when combined, they form a comprehensive model that accurately reflects the context. This approach may serve as a valuable reference for other international studies seeking to compare happiness across cultures without overlooking cultural specificities.

East–West Comparison

An important point to emphasize is the interactive nature between the individual and society within the structure of happiness. In Western contexts, traditional research on well-being often highlights independence, personal achievement, and freedom of choice (Diener et al., 2018; Ryan & Deci, 2001). In contrast, the findings of this study show that for Vietnamese female students, recognition from others, harmonious relationships, and positive social comparison play a central role. This reflects the profound influence of a collectivist culture, where self-worth is defined not only through personal introspection but also through social connection and collective evaluation.

However, similarities are also observed. As in many Western studies, life satisfaction still emerges as the core pillar of happiness. The difference is that in Vietnam, this pillar does not

stand alone—it is supported by two additional dimensions, creating a richer and more nuanced picture of happiness.

Comparison with Previous Studies

The current findings align with numerous international studies that have affirmed the multidimensional nature of happiness. For example, Diener et al. (2018) emphasized that happiness encompasses both cognitive evaluations of life satisfaction and the experience of positive emotions. Similarly, Ryan and Deci (2001), through their distinction between hedonic and eudaimonic well-being, argued that happiness is not merely about feeling good but also includes meaning in life, self-actualization, and vitality.

A notable contribution of this study is the inclusion of **interdependent happiness**, a construct rooted in collectivist cultural contexts (Uchida & Kitayama, 2009). Research in East Asia has shown that happiness is often experienced through social harmony and shared achievement, rather than through purely individual success. The strong correlation between mental well-being and interdependent happiness in this study ($r = .670$, $p < .01$) reinforces the cultural distinction: the mental well-being of female students is closely tied to their sense of social connection and recognition from others.

The emergence of life satisfaction as the strongest predictor of composite happiness also mirrors global happiness surveys, which often identify life evaluation as a central component of well-being (OECD, 2021). However, our data suggest that while life satisfaction serves as a foundational element, the **social nature of happiness** is equally significant in the Vietnamese context. This finding extends Joshanloo's (2014) argument that happiness is deeply shaped by cultural diversity in how individuals construct and pursue it.

Practical Implications

In addition to its theoretical contributions, this study offers several important practical implications for universities, policymakers, and psychologists in promoting student happiness and mental well-being.

1. *Creating a Learning Environment That Supports Multidimensional Happiness*
The results indicate that female students not only require satisfaction with academic and living conditions but also need to be nurtured mentally and socially. Universities should focus on designing curricula and extracurricular activities that help students develop self-confidence, problem-solving abilities, and emotional regulation skills. At the same time, fostering a connected social environment that encourages mutual respect, care, and collaboration will help students feel loved and recognized.

2. Integrating Psychological Support into Student Services
Findings related to low self-confidence and coping ability suggest that female students may be vulnerable to academic and social pressures. Therefore, universities should provide ongoing psychological counseling services, workshops on coping skills, stress management, and personal development. Importantly, programs should be tailored to gender-specific needs, addressing challenges unique to female students such as societal expectations, balancing academic and family responsibilities, and body image concerns.

3. Enhancing Social Connection Inside and Outside the Classroom
Interdependent happiness emerged as a key pillar in this study. This suggests that community-oriented activities—such as volunteering, student clubs, or group-based learning projects—can play a vital role in promoting student happiness. Participation in these activities fosters a sense of belonging and provides opportunities to feel loved, recognized, and supported by peers.

4. Financial Support Policies and Living Conditions
Although the study focused on psychological aspects, the high average score for the item "My living conditions are very good" indicates that material conditions also significantly contribute

to happiness. Policies such as scholarships, dormitory support, and equitable access to academic resources can enhance students' satisfaction with life, thereby positively influencing the overall happiness structure.

5. Contribution to Sustainable Development in Education

From a broader perspective, the findings of this study align with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), particularly **SDG 3 (Good Health and Well-being)** and **SDG 4 (Quality Education)**. Measuring and promoting students' multidimensional happiness not only benefits individuals but also contributes to the sustainable development of society. A generation of students who are happy, mentally healthy, and socially connected will become a positive workforce—capable of creativity and contributing to collective progress.

Limitations of the Study

Although this study offers significant theoretical and practical contributions, several limitations must be acknowledged.

First, the sample consisted solely of 591 female students from the Vietnam Women's Academy, which limits the generalizability of the findings. Focusing on a single institution may introduce bias due to the specific characteristics of its academic environment and organizational culture. Future research should expand the sample to include students from various universities, including male participants, to explore gender and contextual differences more comprehensively.

Secondly, the cross-sectional design of the study does not allow for conclusions about causal relationships between the dimensions of happiness. For instance, it remains unclear whether life satisfaction leads to positive mental well-being, or conversely, whether a healthy mental state enables individuals to feel more satisfied with life. **Longitudinal studies** will be necessary to explore the directionality and evolution of happiness throughout students' academic journeys and personal development.

Third, the data were collected through **self-report measures**, which are susceptible to **social desirability bias** and potential inaccuracies in self-perception. Incorporating additional methods such as in-depth interviews, daily diaries, or physiological assessments (e.g., stress hormones, sleep patterns, heart rate) could provide a more comprehensive understanding of student happiness.

Fourth, the study focused primarily on validating the multidimensional structure of happiness and did not delve into **external predictors** such as economic conditions, family support, or academic pressure. These are critical variables that should be integrated into future models to enrich the analysis.

Future Research Directions

Based on the limitations outlined above, several suggestions for future research include:

- **Expanding the sample scope** to include students from various public and private universities, both in urban and rural areas, to compare regional and institutional cultural differences

- **Gender comparisons** to clarify whether the multidimensional structure of happiness varies between male and female students, or among other gender-diverse groups.

- **Longitudinal studies** to track changes in happiness throughout the academic journey, especially during transitional phases (e.g., from first to second year, or from student life to entering the workforce).

- **Integrating external predictors** such as social support, financial pressure, teaching quality, and family expectations to build a more comprehensive model of happiness.

- **Mixed-methods approaches** combining quantitative surveys and qualitative interviews to capture both objective indicators and deeper insights into students' subjective experiences.

CONCLUSION

This study has illuminated the **multidimensional structure of happiness** among Vietnamese female students, affirming that happiness cannot be reduced to a single factor but is a harmonious combination of **life satisfaction**, **positive mental well-being**, and **interdependent happiness**. The findings indicate that life satisfaction serves as the foundation, while mental well-being and social connectedness enrich the overall happiness experience.

From a theoretical perspective, the study contributes to expanding the concept of happiness within **collectivist cultural contexts**, where social harmony is an indispensable element. Practically, the results suggest that universities and policymakers should focus on creating **holistic learning environments** that integrate personal development and community engagement to promote student happiness and mental health.

Ultimately, this research supports global efforts to advance **quality education** and **mental well-being** as key pillars of **sustainable development**. A generation of students who are happy, confident, and socially connected will form a solid foundation for the future progress of Vietnamese society.

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COMPUTATIONAL MODELING OF LIQUID SLOSHING IN PARTITIONED TANKS

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ABSTRACT

This study develops numerical approaches for analyzing the stability of fluid motion in tanks with partitions of various configurations. The stability of sloshing in horizontally and vertically partitioned tanks is of theoretical and practical importance for aerospace, marine, and terrestrial liquid storage systems. Partitions significantly alter sloshing dynamics by modifying the free-surface frequency spectrum, vortex structures, energy localization, and resonance onset. Neglecting these effects may compromise safety, increase dynamic loads, and reduce system reliability. Experimental investigation of such processes is costly, technically challenging, and often hazardous, requiring large facilities, expensive equipment, and strict safety protocols. In contrast, computational modeling offers a safe and cost-effective tool for exploring a broad range of operating regimes. In this work, potential theory and singular integral equations are combined with the boundary element method, the subdomain method, and the method of prescribed normal modes. The effects of horizontal and vertical excitations are studied for both unpartitioned and partitioned tanks. Parametric regions of stable and unstable motion are identified. The results show that horizontal and vertical partitions strongly affect fluid stability in tanks. These findings are directly applicable to improving the safety of tank systems in aerospace, marine, and energy engineering

Keywords: Liquid Sloshing, Partitioned Tanks, Subdomain Method, Singular Integral Equations, Boundary Element Method,

INTRODUCTION

The dynamics of liquid motion in tanks of various purposes, from fuel reservoirs of launch vehicles and aircraft to containers for transportation and storage of industrial liquids, remains a relevant scientific and engineering problem. One of the most significant factors affecting the reliability and safe operation of such engineering systems is the stability of fluid motion under external disturbances. Oscillations of the free surface (sloshing) can generate additional dynamic loads on the structure walls, reduce the controllability of vehicles, and increase the risk of emergency situations. A particular challenge arises in the analysis of tanks with internal baffles, as their arrangement and geometry substantially alter the flow patterns of the liquid. Experimental investigations in this area are often expensive and potentially hazardous, especially when dealing with large liquid volumes or with fuels and aggressive media. Therefore, the development of efficient mathematical and numerical models of sloshing mitigation is an urgent scientific and technical task. An important aspect of maintaining stability is the consideration of damping effects. A proper selection of damping coefficients allows a significant reduction in oscillation amplitudes and a shift in the system's stability boundaries. A practical tool in this context is the inclusion of the Rayleigh damping matrix, which enables an adequate description of the dissipative properties of the system. Furthermore, one of the promising approaches to enhancing such system reliability is the implementation of special damping devices, such as baffles, floating lids, and other structural elements capable of reducing vibration intensity and providing an additional level of safety. Thus, the study of the stability of fluid motion in tanks with horizontal and vertical baffles, taking into account the influence of damping, which constitutes the focus of the present work, possesses both scientific and practical significance.

Modern operating conditions of engineering systems and the emergence of new structural materials have a significant impact on the stress–strain state and vibration characteristics of structural elements. This necessitates in-depth studies of the strength and dynamic properties of equipment operating under intense mechanical and thermal loads, as well as in interaction with various liquids or gases. The problem of mitigating the liquid oscillation in tanks became particularly important in the 1960s with the advent of space exploration, when inadequate design of fuel tank systems led to loss of stability and structural failure of launch vehicles. Today, the development of advanced, high-performance rockets requires new approaches to the design of fuel tanks, which increasingly exhibit complex or nontraditional geometries (Karaev & Strelnikova 2020, Liu & Li,2022).

Thus, the investigation of fluid motion stability and the suppression of free-surface oscillations in tanks and fuel systems has remained a relevant research topic over the past decades (Balas et al.,2023, Gani et al. 2025, Strelnikova et al., 2020). To analyse the strength and vibration characteristics of structures, modern numerical methods are employed, including the *R*-functions method (Lamtiuhova, 2025), the methods of singular (Medvedovskaya et al.,2015) and hypersingular integral equations (Strelnikova et al., 2024), the boundary element method (BEM), (Gnitko et al., 2022), the finite element method (FEM), (Murawski, 2020). the finite difference method (Smetankina & Pavlikov, 2021), the finite volume method (Lampart et al., 2005), and the absorption method (Tong et al., 2021). During the design of fuel tanks, engineers employ various methods to reduce liquid oscillations, including the use of internal baffles (Poguluri & Cho 2023),vertical partions (Strelnikova et al., 2019), different inserts (Choudhary et al., 2021), complete (Sierikova et al., 2023) or partial (Choudhary et al., 2024) coverage of the free surface, the application of advanced materials (Sierikova et al., 2021, Degtyariov et al., 2022), and active control systems (Konopka et al., 2019).

All these solutions are aimed at ensuring a sufficient level of damping, which makes it possible to reduce vibration amplitudes and prevent the system from entering unstable operating modes. In this context, constraints related to the structural mass, available space, and manufacturing technologies are taken into account, along with the requirements for reliability, durability, and

safe operation of the equipment under various working conditions. Therefore, the investigation of fluid motion stability, taking into account damping effects in rigid rotational shells with internal baffles, represents a relevant scientific and engineering problem. The results of such studies can be applied to enhance the reliability and efficiency of technical systems.

CONCEPTUAL FRAMEWORK

Basic Relations

A rigid shell of revolution partially filled with an ideal incompressible fluid is considered. The fluid motion induced by the shell oscillations under external loading is assumed to be irrotational. Under these conditions, there exists a scalar velocity potential Φ such that $\mathbf{V}$ = grad Φ. The incompressibility condition in this case takes the form

$$\frac{\partial^2\Phi}{\partial x^2}+\frac{\partial^2\Phi}{\partial y^2}+\frac{\partial^2\Phi}{\partial z^2}=0. \quad (1)$$

Let S_1denote the wetted surface of the shell and S_0 the free surface of the fluid. The domain occupied by the fluid is denoted by Ω, which is bounded by the surface $S=S_0\cup S_1$. It is assumed that the shell structure may contain several internal baffles of arbitrary geometry, which are installed to suppress liquid oscillations. The surfaces of these baffles are denoted by S_{baf}. The geometric configuration of the system is shown schematically in Fig. 1a)-1c).

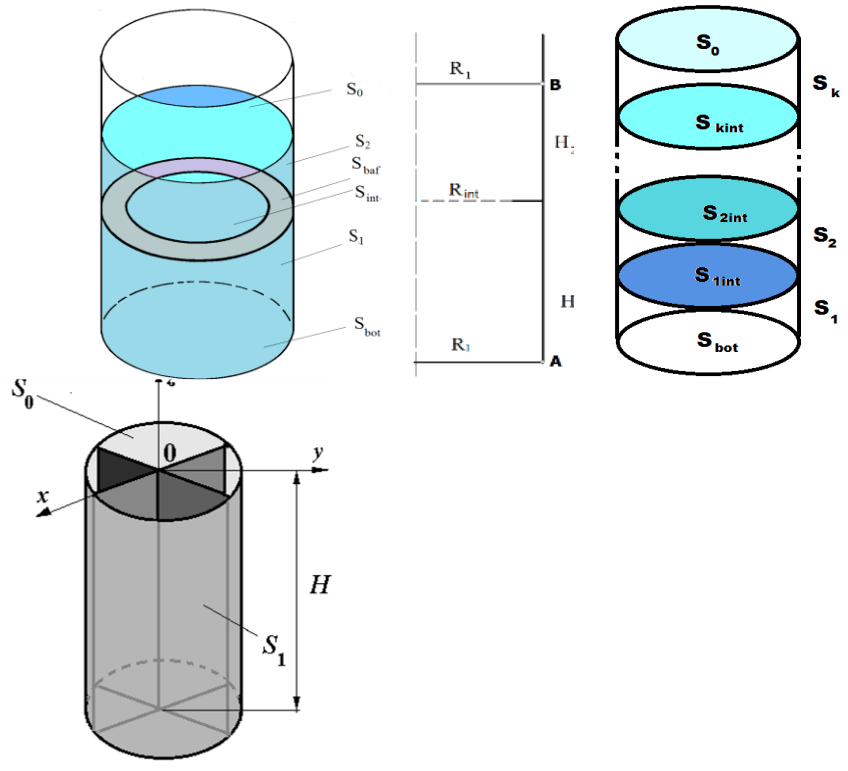

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Figure 1. Shells of revolution with baffles.

It is assumed that the tank containing the fluid is subjected to dynamic excitation. The pressure p is calculated according to the Bernoulli integral and is given by (Gavrilyuk et al., 2008) as follows

$$p-p_0=-\rho_l\left(\frac{\partial\Phi}{\partial t}+gz+a_x(t)x+a_z(t)z\right), \quad (2)$$

where ρ_l is the fluid density, z is the vertical coordinate of the point under consideration, p_0 is the atmospheric pressure, g is the acceleration due to gravity, and $a_x(t)$, $a_z(t)$ are the components of the excitation acceleration.

The liquid volume is divided by the baffles into several subdomains, as shown in Fig. 1c). The internal subdomains have interface surfaces as part of their boundaries. On each interface surface, the continuity (coupling) conditions must be satisfied. On the lateral surfaces and at the bottom of the tank, the no-penetration conditions are imposed. On the free surface, both kinematic and dynamic boundary conditions are applied. The kinematic condition states that the fluid particles located on the free surface at the initial moment of time remain on that surface throughout the subsequent motion. Let the function $\zeta = \zeta(x, y, z)$ describe the shape and position of the free surface as a function of time. The mathematical expression of the kinematic condition in the linear formulation has the form

$$\left.\frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial \mathbf{n}}\right|_{S_0} = \frac{\partial \zeta}{\partial t}, \tag{3}$$

where **n** is the unit outward normal to the surface, the unknown function $\zeta = \zeta(t, x, y)$ describes the position of the free surface and its variation over time The dynamic condition requires that the pressure of the liquid on the free surface S_0 be equal to the atmospheric pressure. According to equation (2),

$$\frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial t} + gz + a_x(t)x + a_z(t)z = 0. \tag{4}$$

In addition, the conjugation conditions on the interface surfaces (Gnitko et al., 2016) are added to conditions (3)–(4). For the *i*-th interface surface, these conditions take the following form:

$$\Phi_{i+1} = \Phi_i, \quad q_{i+1} = -q_i, \quad q = \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial \mathbf{n}}. \tag{5}$$

Let **P** denote the points within the domain Ω. For equation (1), the following boundary value problem is formulated:

$$\nabla^2 \Phi = 0, \mathbf{P} \in \Omega, \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial \mathbf{n}} = 0, \mathbf{P} \in S_1, \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial \mathbf{n}} = \frac{\partial \zeta}{\partial t}, p - p_0 = 0, \ \mathbf{P} \in S_0. \tag{6}$$

Thus, it is necessary to determine the unknown functions Φ and ζ, while the following relation holds on the free surface:

$$\frac{\partial^2 \Phi}{\partial t^2} + g\frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial \mathbf{n}} = 0. \tag{7}$$

So, a boundary-value problem is formulated to determine the velocity potential and the function describing the elevation of the free surface, using the subdomain method.

METHODOLOGY

The method of prescribed modes and the reduction of the boundary-value problem to a system of singular integral equations.

The unknown functions ζ and Φ in cylindrical coordinates (r, θ, z) are represented in the form of series

$$\zeta(r, \theta, t) = \sum_{l=0}^{m} \cos(l\theta) \sum_{k=1}^{n} d_{kl}(t)\zeta_{kl}(r), \tag{8}$$

$$\Phi(r, \theta, z, t) = \sum_{l=0}^{m} \cos(l\theta) \sum_{k=1}^{n_2} \dot{d}_{kl}(t)\varphi_{kl}(r, z) \tag{9}$$

Next, according to (Strelnikova et al., 2020), we obtain a solvable system of singular integral equations for determining $\varphi_{kl}(r, z)$. Here, for simplicity, the indices *kl* are omitted.

$$2\pi\varphi(z_0,R)+\int_\Gamma \varphi(z,R)\Theta(z,z_0)r(z)d\Gamma-\frac{\chi^2}{g}\int_0^R \varphi(\rho,H)\Xi(P,P_0)\rho d\rho=0,\ P_0\in S_1, \quad (10)$$

$$2\pi\varphi(\rho_0,H)+\int_\Gamma \varphi(z,R)\Theta(z,z_0)r(z)d\Gamma-\frac{\chi^2}{g}\int_0^R \varphi(\rho,H)\,\Xi(P,P_0)\rho d\rho=0,\ P_0\in S_0.$$

The kernels in integral operators in (10) are determined as follows

$$\Theta(z,z_0)=4/\sqrt{a+b}\left\{\frac{1}{2r}\left[\frac{r^2-r_0^2+(z_0-z)^2}{a-b}E_l(k)-F_l(k)\right]n_r+\frac{z_0-z}{a-b}E_l(k)n_z\right\}, \quad (11)$$

$$\Xi(P,P_0)=4/\sqrt{a+b}\,F_l(k),\ a=r^2+r_0^2+(z-z_0)^2,\ b=2rr_0,$$

where the generalized integrals are introduced by the next formulas

$$E_l(k)=(-1)^l(1-4l^2)\int_0^{\pi/2}\cos(2l\beta\,\psi)\sqrt{1-k^2\sin^2\psi}\,d\psi\,, \quad (12)$$

$$F_l(k)=(-1)^l\int_0^{\pi/2}\frac{\cos(2l\beta\psi)d\psi}{\sqrt{1-k^2\sin^2\psi}}.$$

As shown in (Strelnikova et al., 2020), in relations (12), we set β = 1 when studying the motion of fluid in shells without partitions, and β = 2 for shells with vertical partitions, see Fig. 1d). After solving the spectral problem (6), we obtain the basis functions $\varphi_{kl}(r, z)$ and $\zeta_k(r)$, as well as the eigenfrequencies ω_{kl}.

Free vibrations of fluid in cylindrical shells

Let us investigate the free vibrations of a fluid in rigid cylindrical shells without partitions, with horizontal partitions, and with vertical partitions. First, we consider a rigid cylindrical shell with a flat bottom characterized by the following parameters: radius $R = 1$ m and length $L = 2$ m. Let H denote the fluid filling height. The horizontal partition is a circular plate with a central opening (an annular baffle) (see Fig. 1). The vertical coordinate of the partition (its height position) is denoted as $H_1 (H_1 < H)$. The radius of the interface surface is denoted as R_{int}. Thus, $H = H_1 + H_2$ and $R_{\text{baf}} = R - R_{\text{int}}$.

The numerical results were obtained using the boundary element method. A total of 150 boundary elements were used along the bottom radius (N_b), 120 elements along the wetted cylindrical parts (N_w), and 150 elements along the radius of the free surface (N_0). Further refinement of the mesh did not lead to significant changes in the results. Different numbers of elements were used on the interface and partition surfaces depending on the baffle radius. In the numerical simulations, various values of R_{int} and H_1were considered. The analytical solution (Gavrilyuk et al., 2008) was employed for comparison and validation of the numerical results. The results are presented in the Table 1 below.

Table 1. Vibration frequencies at $l = 1$ for cylindrical shells.

Reservoir type	ω_{11}	ω_{12}	ω_{13}	ω_{14}	ω_{15}
Unbaffled, BEM	4.1424	7.2286	9.1473	10.7123	11.9624
Analitical solution	4.1424	7.2284	9.1472	10.7112	11.9616
Vertical baffle	5.4582	8.1067	9.8791	11.2574	12.657
Horizontal baffle, BEM	2.6350	6.6446	8.9667	10.6468	11.9876
Analitical solution	2.6350	6.6444	8.9661	10.6467	11.9874

The results for horizontal baffles were obtained for $H_1 = 0.9m$ and $R_{\text{int}} = 0.5m$. The comparison of the results demonstrates the convergence and efficiency of the proposed method, confirming its reliability for analyzing fluid vibrations in cylindrical shells.

Forced vibrations of fluid in cylindrical shells

Let the basis functions $\varphi_k(r,z)$ be already defined. We substitute them into formulas (8) for the free-surface elevation ζ and (9) for velocity potential Φ. The obtained expressions are then applied in the dynamic condition on S_0. As a result, on the free surface we obtain the following relation:

$$\sum_{l=0}^{m}\cos(l\theta)\sum_{k=1}^{n}\left[\ddot{d}_{kl}(t)+\omega_{kl}^2\left(1+\frac{a_v(t)}{g}\right)d_{kl}(t)\right]\varphi_{kl}(r,z)+a_h(t)r\cos\theta=0, z=\zeta\ . \quad (13)$$

By performing the scalar multiplication of equation (13) by the functions $\varphi_{lk}(k=\overline{1,n};\ l=\overline{0,m})$ and applying the orthogonality condition of the eigenmodes (Raynovskyy & Timokha, 2020) we obtain the following system of second-order ordinary differential equations:

$$\ddot{d}_{k0}(t)+\omega_{k0}^2\left(1+\frac{a_v(t)}{g}\right)d_{k0}(t)=0, \quad (14)$$

$$\ddot{d}_{k1}(t)+\omega_{k1}^2\left(1+\frac{a_v(t)}{g}\right)d_{k1}(t)+a_h(t)F_{k1}=0,\ F_{k1}=\frac{(r,\varphi_{k1})}{(\varphi_{k1},\varphi_{k1})},$$

$$\ddot{d}_{kl}(t)+\omega_{kl}^2\left(1+\frac{a_v(t)}{g}\right)d_{kl}(t)=0, k=\overline{1,n}; l=\overline{2,m}.$$

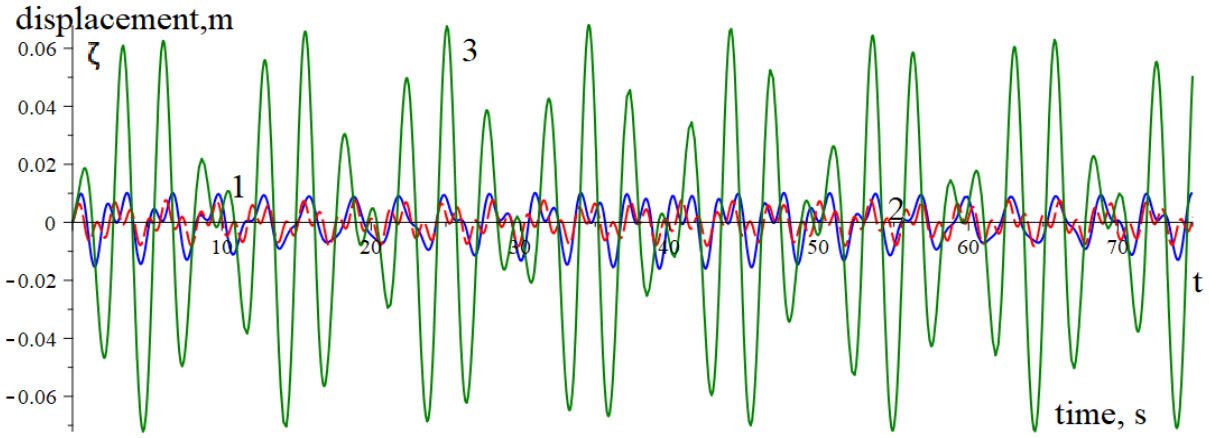
For a unique solution of system (14), it is necessary to specify the initial conditions, that is

$$d_{kl}(t)=d_{kl}^0,\ \dot{d}_{kl}(t)=d_{kl}^1,\ k=\overline{1,n},\ l=\overline{0,m}. \quad (15)$$

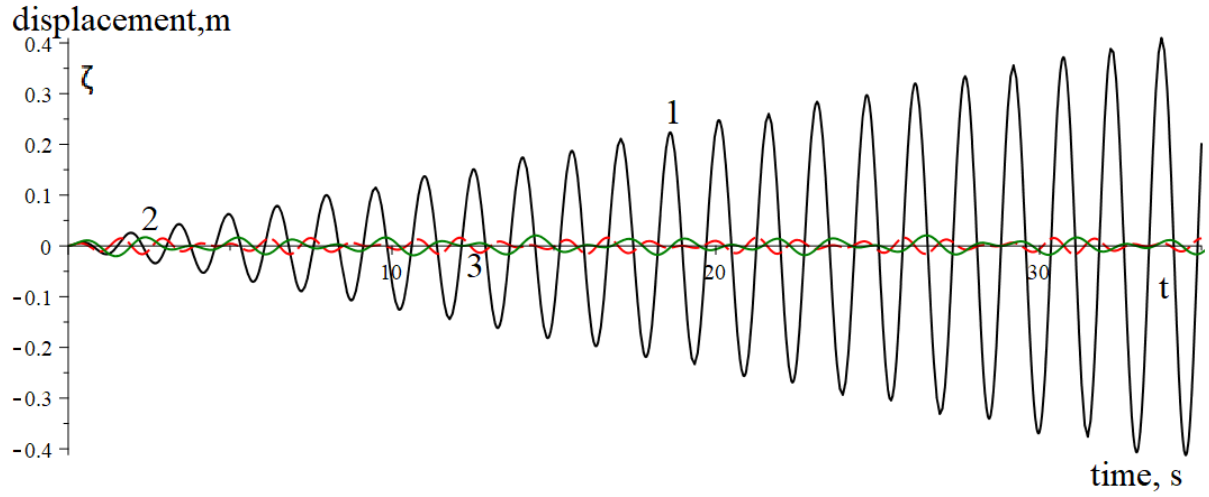
The external loads were selected with the following accelerations

$$a_x(t)=a_h\cos(\omega_h t), a_z(t)=a_v\cos(\omega_v t) \quad (16)$$

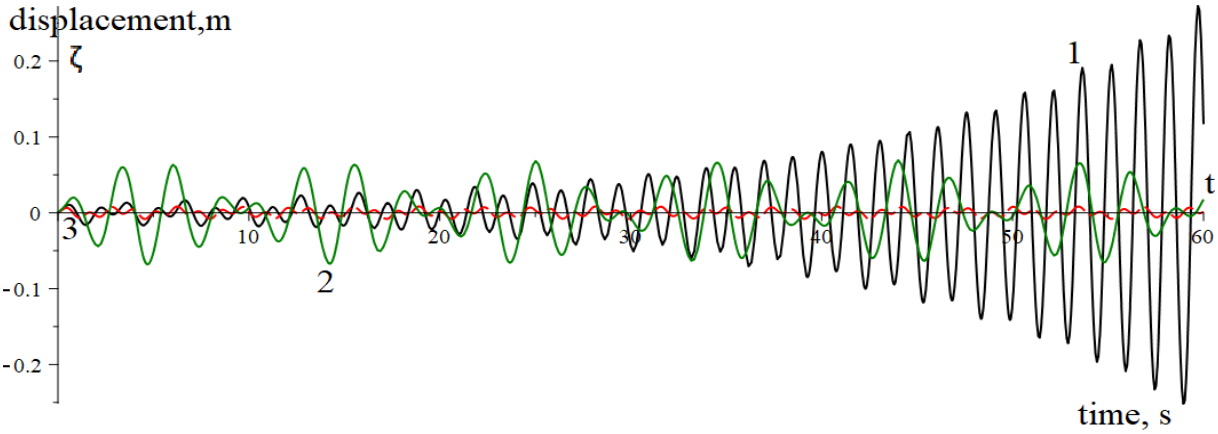
under different values of $a_v, \omega_v, a_h, \omega_h$. Further, the stability of the fluid motion in the tanks under combined loads, both with and without baffles, will be investigated, and the parameters of the baffles that lead to vibration damping will be determined.



(a) $a_v = 1m, \omega_v = 2Hz, a_h = 0.1m, \omega_h = 2Hz.$



(b) $a_v = 1m, \omega_v = 2Hz, a_h = 0.1m, \omega_h = 4.1424Hz$



(c) $a_v = 1m, \omega_v = 8.2848Hz, a_h = 0.1m, \omega_h = 2Hz$

Figure 2. Time-history of free surface level in different cylindrical tanks

Figure 2 illustrates the time histories of free-surface oscillations in tanks with and without internal baffles. Curve 1 corresponds to the unbaffled tank, curve 2 represents the tank with vertical partitions, and curve 3 corresponds to the configuration with a horizontal partition. The obtained results demonstrate that the introduction of partitions leads to a pronounced reduction in the free-surface elevation, confirming their damping effect on sloshing motion. Only in case

(a) was a slight increase in the free-surface level observed after partition installation; however, the motion in this case remained stable.

The excitation frequency of 2 Hz is far from the system's resonance region and therefore produces small, regular oscillations without noticeable amplitude growth. In contrast, the frequency of 4.1424 Hz coincides with the first fundamental natural frequency of the liquid in the tank, resulting in a significant linear amplification of surface motion. When the excitation frequency reaches 8.2848 Hz, which is approximately double the first fundamental frequency, a condition of parametric resonance arises. Under such excitation, the oscillations become strongly amplified (exponential growth), and the system exhibits transitions toward instability. These results highlight the sensitivity of sloshing dynamics to excitation frequency and confirm that the inclusion of partitions can effectively shift resonance boundaries and suppress instability even near parametric excitation conditions.

CONCLUSION AND DISCUSSION

This study presents a comprehensive numerical framework for analyzing the stability of fluid motion in tanks equipped with horizontal and vertical partitions. By integrating potential theory, singular integral equations, and the boundary element method with the subdomain approach and prescribed-mode techniques, the developed method enables a detailed examination of sloshing dynamics under combined horizontal and vertical excitations. The results reveal that partitions substantially modify the frequency spectrum, alter vortex structures, and shift the boundaries of stable and unstable motion.

It was shown that an excitation frequency of 2 Hz lies far from resonance, resulting in stable, low-amplitude oscillations; the frequency of 4.1424 Hz corresponds to the first fundamental mode, where the amplitude of the free surface increases markedly; and 8.2848 Hz, being double the fundamental frequency, leads to parametric resonance and pronounced instability. These observations confirm that the introduction of partitions significantly reduces free-surface elevations and suppresses resonance effects, even near parametric excitation conditions.

The findings indicate that properly designed partitions can effectively suppress sloshing, mitigate dynamic loads, and enhance the overall stability and safety of liquid-filled structures. These insights are directly applicable to the design and optimization of tanks in aerospace, marine, and energy systems where dynamic reliability is critical. Nevertheless, the present analysis is limited by the assumption of an ideal, inviscid, and incompressible liquid. In practical applications, viscous effects, turbulence, and fluid–structure interaction may substantially influence the sloshing response and energy dissipation mechanisms. Future research should therefore extend the current framework to include viscous and nonlinear effects, flexible tank walls, and multiphase or stratified fluids. Experimental validation and high-fidelity CFD simulations would further strengthen the predictive capability of the proposed model and support its integration into engineering design practice.

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THE ROLE OF DATABASES IN MODERN DATA VISUALIZATION AND ANALYTICS

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Abstract

In the era of data-driven decision-making, databases and visualization techniques have become inseparable components of modern analytics. The exponential growth of structured and unstructured data requires robust systems capable of storing, managing, and processing information efficiently, while at the same time delivering insights in an understandable and actionable form. Databases play a central role as the backbone of data management, ensuring accuracy, reliability, and security of information, whereas visualization transforms complex datasets into meaningful patterns, trends, and narratives that support informed decision-making across multiple domains.

The research explores the evolving role of databases in enabling advanced visualization and analytical practices. Modern database technologies — including relational databases, NoSQL systems, and cloud-based platforms — provide the foundation for handling large volumes of heterogeneous data. Their integration with visualization tools, such as Power BI, Tableau, and open-source frameworks, allows real-time analysis and dynamic reporting. Furthermore, the study emphasizes how query optimization, indexing, and data modeling directly influence the quality and efficiency of visual analytics. By bridging raw data with user-centric graphical representations, databases extend beyond traditional storage functions and become enablers of business intelligence and strategic planning.

Another significant aspect addressed in the study is the synergy between big data analytics and visualization. The ability to process diverse datasets — ranging from transactional records to sensor-generated streams — enables organizations to identify correlations, anomalies, and predictive patterns. Cloud databases and distributed systems enhance scalability, supporting interactive dashboards and collaborative decision-making on a global scale.

The findings highlight that the effective combination of database management and visualization not only improves organizational efficiency but also democratizes data access, allowing non-technical users to engage with information meaningfully. However, challenges such as data quality, integration complexity, and security remain critical issues requiring further research. The paper concludes that future advancements will depend on developing intelligent, adaptive database systems that seamlessly integrate with visualization platforms to provide real-time, predictive, and user-friendly analytical environments.

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Introduction

In today's digital era, the significance of data as a strategic asset has reached unprecedented levels. Organizations across all sectors—ranging from business and healthcare to government and education—are increasingly relying on data-driven decision-making to remain competitive and innovative. At the core of this transformation are databases and data visualization techniques, which together form the backbone of modern analytics. Databases provide the fundamental capability to store, organize, secure, and manage vast amounts of information, ensuring that data remains consistent, reliable, and accessible. Meanwhile, visualization acts as the interpretative layer, transforming complex datasets into graphical formats such as charts, dashboards, and interactive reports that can be easily understood by diverse stakeholders.

The importance of this duality becomes clearer as the volume, velocity, and variety of data continue to expand at exponential rates. Traditional methods of data analysis, which often depended on manual inspection and static reports, are no longer sufficient in an environment where data streams from multiple heterogeneous sources. These include transactional business systems, IoT sensors, mobile applications, and social media platforms, all of which generate massive quantities of both structured and unstructured data on a daily basis. Without robust database systems, this information would remain unorganized and practically unusable. However, when databases are effectively integrated with advanced visualization tools, raw data is not only stored but also processed into actionable insights.

Another critical element of this relationship is accessibility. In many organizations, not all decision-makers possess advanced technical expertise in programming or data science. Visualization bridges this gap by providing intuitive, user-friendly representations of information, thereby democratizing data and enabling wider participation in decision-making processes. This ensures that managers, analysts, and even frontline employees can engage with data in meaningful ways, fostering a culture of transparency and evidence-based practice.

Moreover, the role of databases in visualization extends beyond storage and retrieval. Query optimization, indexing strategies, and data modeling directly influence the speed, accuracy, and quality of visual reports. As organizations shift toward real-time analytics and cloud-based platforms, databases have evolved from being passive repositories to becoming active enablers of analytics and strategic intelligence. This dynamic interaction empowers organizations to not only interpret historical data but also identify patterns, forecast future outcomes, and respond proactively to emerging challenges.

Thus, the introduction of this study emphasizes that databases and visualization are no longer isolated technologies but interconnected pillars of modern information systems. Their combined role is central to unlocking the full potential of big data and ensuring that complex information can be transformed into knowledge that supports informed, timely, and impactful decisions.

Scientific Novelty

rom its holistic perspective on the integration of modern database paradigms—relational, NoSQL, object-oriented, and cloud-based systems—with advanced data visualization platforms. Traditionally, databases were viewed primarily as static storage repositories designed to maintain data integrity and consistency. However, this study underscores a paradigm shift, where databases are no longer passive systems but have evolved into dynamic enablers of analytics, visualization, and business intelligence.

A key innovative contribution lies in the exploration of how query optimization, indexing strategies, and data modeling approaches directly influence the effectiveness of visual analytics tools. By bridging the gap between database-level performance and visualization-layer efficiency, the research provides new insights into how technical processes at the backend

determine the quality, interactivity, and scalability of user-facing dashboards and reports. This dual perspective is rarely emphasized in existing literature, which often treats database management and visualization as separate domains.

Furthermore, the novelty extends to the consideration of heterogeneous database environments. The research examines how relational databases ensure structured accuracy, how NoSQL systems handle unstructured and semi-structured data, and how cloud-based platforms deliver scalability and global accessibility. By analyzing the synergies among these systems in the context of visualization, the study introduces a comprehensive framework for multi-paradigm database integration. Such an approach reflects the realities of modern organizations, where diverse data sources must be unified into coherent, interactive visual formats for decision-making.

Another dimension of innovation lies in emphasizing the user-centric outcomes of technical enhancements. While much of the existing body of work focuses on backend algorithms and database efficiency, this research highlights the tangible impact on end-users, including non-technical stakeholders. By linking backend improvements—such as query optimization and indexing—to the usability, clarity, and accessibility of visual reports, the study redefines the role of databases as not only technical infrastructures but also as key facilitators of democratized data access.

Finally, the novelty is reflected in the forward-looking perspective on intelligent, adaptive, and cloud-integrated database systems. The research points toward the future of visualization-driven analytics, where databases will not only manage data but also predict trends, support real-time interactions, and autonomously adapt to evolving analytical needs. This visionary stance positions the study at the intersection of database research, visualization science, and intelligent systems, offering fresh directions for academic inquiry and practical implementation.

Research Object

The research object of this study is the interconnection between database management systems (DBMS) and data visualization tools, with particular attention to the mechanisms that enable seamless data flow from storage and processing layers to user-facing analytical environments. The study focuses on both the technical foundations and the functional implications of this integration, examining how diverse types of databases—relational, NoSQL, object-oriented, and cloud-based—interact with modern visualization platforms to generate meaningful insights.

At its core, the object of research emphasizes the transformation of heterogeneous, multi-structured data into comprehensible, dynamic, and actionable visual formats. This transformation requires exploring the pathways through which structured records, unstructured documents, real-time streams, and big data repositories are unified into consistent representations that can be easily interpreted by decision-makers. By analyzing the data pipeline from extraction, transformation, and loading (ETL) processes to visualization layers, the research object highlights the critical touchpoints where database performance directly influences the responsiveness, clarity, and interpretability of visual dashboards.

Another essential dimension of the research object is the functional synergy between DBMS efficiency and visualization effectiveness. Databases are responsible for ensuring data quality, integrity, and accessibility, while visualization tools translate raw information into human-centered formats. The interaction between these two domains determines not only analytical accuracy but also the usability and democratization of data-driven decision-making. Thus, the study conceptualizes the DBMS–visualization interconnection as a bidirectional system, where backend optimizations (e.g., indexing, query tuning, distributed storage) enhance visualization,

while user requirements (e.g., interactivity, real-time updates, intuitive design) inform database structuring and modeling.

Furthermore, the research object extends to the multi-platform and cloud-enabled context of contemporary organizations. With the rise of hybrid infrastructures, enterprises increasingly rely on distributed databases hosted across cloud ecosystems (Azure, AWS, Google Cloud) and integrate them with visualization platforms such as Power BI, Tableau, and Qlik. This creates an environment where scalability, interoperability, and real-time analytics become central challenges. By situating the object of research within this dynamic environment, the study captures the complexity of data ecosystems where diverse sources must be harmonized into unified, interactive visual outputs.

Ultimately, the research object is defined as the systematic exploration of the interdependent relationship between data management and visualization technologies, with the goal of uncovering how backend database design and optimization can directly shape the effectiveness, speed, and accessibility of analytical tools. This object positions the study within both computer science and business analytics, offering a cross-disciplinary foundation for advancing knowledge and practice in data-driven decision-making.

Research Aim

The primary aim of this research is to explore how modern database systems support advanced data visualization and analytics, thereby contributing to more effective decision-making, improved organizational efficiency, and the democratization of data access. The study seeks to understand the mechanisms by which relational, NoSQL, and cloud-native databases provide the structural, computational, and operational foundations for visualization platforms, enabling both real-time and predictive analytics.

A central aspect of this aim is to investigate the role of databases as enablers of interactive and user-centric analytical environments. While traditional perspectives treated databases as passive repositories of information, this research emphasizes their evolving role as active participants in the analytical process. By examining query optimization, indexing strategies, and data modeling approaches, the study aims to determine how database-level decisions influence the speed, accuracy, and scalability of visualization outputs, which in turn impact the quality of decision-making at strategic, tactical, and operational levels.

The research further aims to identify opportunities and challenges in integrating large-scale, cloud-based infrastructures with modern visualization technologies. Cloud ecosystems such as Microsoft Azure, AWS, and Google Cloud introduce new paradigms of distributed storage, elasticity, and scalability, but they also present challenges related to data integration, latency, and security. By focusing on these dynamics, the research aims to outline best practices for designing end-to-end pipelines that bridge backend database management with front-end visualization tools, ensuring that analytical insights remain timely, accurate, and actionable.

Another aim is to evaluate the impact of database–visualization synergy on data democratization. As organizations increasingly prioritize inclusivity in data usage, the ability of non-technical users to interact with dashboards, reports, and visual analytics becomes critical. The study aims to highlight how intelligent database structures, combined with intuitive visualization interfaces, empower a broader range of stakeholders to engage in data-driven decision-making, thereby fostering organizational learning and innovation.

Finally, the overarching aim of the research is to contribute to the scientific and practical understanding of database-enabled visualization ecosystems. By systematically analyzing both the technical underpinnings and the practical applications of this integration, the research seeks to generate insights that will inform future developments in business intelligence, big data analytics, and cloud-based decision-support systems.

Research Methodology

This study adopts a comparative and analytical research methodology, combining systematic literature review, case study analysis, and conceptual evaluation to explore the interrelationship between database systems and modern visualization practices. The methodological framework is designed to integrate both theoretical insights and practical observations, ensuring that the findings remain academically rigorous while maintaining real-world applicability.

The first component involves a comprehensive review of academic and industry literature on database technologies, data visualization techniques, and business intelligence practices. Peer-reviewed publications, conference proceedings, and industry reports are analyzed to identify prevailing trends, theoretical foundations, and knowledge gaps in the field. This step provides the necessary conceptual background for understanding the evolving role of databases in supporting visualization and analytics.

The second methodological element is a comparative case study analysis. Widely used visualization platforms such as Power BI, Tableau, and cloud-native tools (e.g., Google Data Studio, AWS QuickSight, and Azure Synapse-integrated dashboards) are examined in relation to their performance, scalability, and accessibility. These case studies allow for the evaluation of practical differences in how diverse visualization ecosystems interact with various database architectures—relational, NoSQL, and cloud-based systems. The analysis also considers end-user experience, focusing on how effectively these platforms translate raw datasets into actionable insights.

A third methodological component employs conceptual and technical analysis to investigate how database optimization techniques—such as indexing, query optimization, and data modeling—directly affect visualization outcomes. By linking backend database processes with frontend visualization performance, this analysis highlights the technical dependencies that shape the efficiency, accuracy, and responsiveness of visual analytics.

Additionally, the research adopts an exploratory approach to big data infrastructures and predictive analytics. The study examines how distributed systems, cloud storage, and large-scale processing frameworks (e.g., Hadoop, Spark) support real-time and predictive visualization. This stage emphasizes scalability and performance in handling heterogeneous data, including structured, semi-structured, and unstructured sources such as IoT streams, social media content, and transactional records.

Finally, the methodology incorporates a synthesis phase, where insights from the literature, case studies, and conceptual analysis are combined to develop a holistic perspective on database-enabled visualization ecosystems. This synthesis ensures that the conclusions are both theoretically grounded and practically relevant, providing guidance for organizations seeking to optimize their data-driven decision-making processes.

Through this multi-layered methodology, the research achieves a balanced exploration of both the technical and organizational aspects of integrating databases with visualization tools, offering a comprehensive framework for understanding current practices and future directions in data-driven analytics.

Conclusion

The findings of this research emphasize that databases have evolved far beyond their traditional role as passive storage mechanisms, emerging instead as dynamic enablers of modern analytics and decision-making. In contemporary digital ecosystems, the synergy between robust database management systems and advanced visualization platforms forms the cornerstone of effective business intelligence. This integration ensures that raw, heterogeneous datasets—whether generated from transactional records, IoT devices, or social media—are not only securely stored and managed but also transformed into accessible, meaningful, and actionable insights.

A key conclusion is that the interplay between databases and visualization tools enhances organizational efficiency and data democratization. By enabling non-technical stakeholders to interact with visual dashboards, organizations reduce the dependency on technical specialists, thus fostering broader participation in analytical processes. At the same time, query optimization, indexing, and appropriate data modeling demonstrate that backend database efficiency is directly correlated with the clarity, accuracy, and responsiveness of visualization outcomes. This technical-user relationship highlights the importance of considering both infrastructural design and end-user experience in modern analytics systems.

The research also underlines the transformative role of big data platforms and distributed systems. Their scalability and computational power enable real-time processing, predictive modeling, and anomaly detection—capabilities that are increasingly essential for strategic planning and proactive decision-making. Cloud-based infrastructures further expand these opportunities by supporting global accessibility, collaborative analysis, and seamless integration with visualization frameworks. However, the study acknowledges persistent challenges such as data quality, integration complexity, and information security, which must be addressed to maximize the reliability and trustworthiness of visual analytics.

Looking ahead, the paper argues that future progress in this domain will depend on the development of adaptive and intelligent database systems. These systems must be capable of integrating machine learning, artificial intelligence, and automated optimization techniques to handle ever-growing volumes and varieties of data. At the same time, visualization frameworks must continue to evolve toward more intuitive, user-friendly, and interactive environments that empower decision-makers at all organizational levels.

In conclusion, the convergence of databases and visualization is not simply a technical necessity but a strategic driver of innovation in business intelligence and data-driven decision-making. By bridging the gap between complex data infrastructures and human interpretation, this integration lays the foundation for more agile, informed, and future-ready organizations in the era of digital transformation.

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EFFECT OF CONCRETE MIXING WATER RATIO ON PERMEABILITY PROPERTİES OF CONCRETE

BETON KARIŞIM SUYU ORANININ BETONUN GEÇİRİMLİLİK ÖZELLİKLERİNE ETKİSİ

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ABSTRACT

Introduction and Purpose: Concrete permeability is a critical factor directly affecting durability; high permeability negatively impacts the long-term performance of concrete. This study investigates the effect of mixing water content on concrete permeability. Concrete specimens in strength classes C20/25, C30/37, and C40/50 were prepared by increasing the water content by 10%, 20%, 40%, 70%, and 100%, and by decreasing it by 10% and 20%. Capillarity and impermeability tests were performed on the specimens to assess durability.

Materials and Methods: Concrete specimens were produced using limestone aggregates from the Gümüşhane region and CEM I 42.5 R cement. Permeability tests were conducted under 5 bar pressure following TS EN 12390-8, while capillarity tests adhered to TS EN 12390-4. Water penetration depth, capillary absorption, and capillarity coefficients were determined to assess concrete performance.

Results: Increasing water content significantly enhanced water penetration and capillary absorption, whereas decreasing water reduced these values. The highest impermeability and capillarity coefficients were observed in specimens with a 100% water increase, while the lowest occurred in specimens with a 20% reduction. This confirms the critical role of water content in concrete durability.

Discussion and Conclusion: Higher mixing water increases porosity, resulting in greater water permeability and capillary absorption, whereas lower water content reduces these properties. In higher-strength concretes, the effect of additional water is less pronounced. Permeability and capillarity coefficients decrease with increasing strength class. These results emphasize the essential role of controlling water content to ensure the durability of concrete structures.

Key Words: Concrete Permeability; Capillarity; Mixing Water

ÖZET

Giriş ve Amaç: Betonun geçirimliliği, dayanıklılığı doğrudan etkileyen kritik bir faktördür; yüksek geçirimlilik, betonun uzun ömürlü performansını olumsuz etkiler. Bu çalışma, karışım suyu miktarının beton geçirimliliği üzerindeki etkisini incelemektedir. C20/25, C30/37 ve C40/50 dayanım sınıfındaki beton numuneleri, su miktarı %10, %20, %40, %70 ve %100 artırılarak ve %10 ile %20 azaltılarak hazırlanmıştır. Numunelerde dayanıklılığı değerlendirmek amacıyla kapilarite ve impermeabilite testleri uygulanmıştır.

Materyal ve Metot: Beton numuneleri, Gümüşhane yöresine ait kireçtaşı agregaları ve CEM I 42.5 R tipi çimento kullanılarak üretilmiştir. Geçirimlilik testleri TS EN 12390-8 standardına uygun olarak 5 bar basınç altında gerçekleştirilmiş, kapilarite testleri ise TS EN 12390-4 standardına göre yapılmıştır. Beton performansını değerlendirmek için suyun nüfuz derinliği, kapiler su emme miktarı ve kapilarite katsayıları belirlenmiştir.

Sonuçlar: Su miktarının artırılması, suyun nüfuz derinliği ve kapiler emilimi anlamlı şekilde artırırken, su miktarının azaltılması bu değerleri düşürmüştür. En yüksek impermeabilite ve kapilarite katsayıları, su miktarı %100 artırılan numunelerde gözlenmiş, en düşük değerler ise %20 azaltılan numunelerde elde edilmiştir. Bu durum, su miktarının beton dayanıklılığında kritik bir rol oynadığını doğrulamaktadır.

Tartışma ve Sonuç: Karışım suyunun artırılması, poroziteyi yükselterek su geçirimliliği ve kapiler emilimi artırırken; suyun azaltılması bu değerleri düşürmektedir. Yüksek dayanımlı betonlarda, ek suyun etkisi daha az belirgindir ve hem geçirimlilik hem de kapilarite katsayıları dayanım sınıfı arttıkça azalmaktadır. Bu sonuçlar, beton yapıların dayanıklılığını sağlamak için su miktarının doğru kontrolünün önemini vurgulamaktadır.

Key Words: Beton Geçirimliliği; Kapilarite; Karışım Suyu

THE STRATEGIC SIGNIFICANCE OF THE BLACK SEA IN THE CONTEXT OF SCO'S FRAMEWORK

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ABSTRACT

The Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO), initially established to address regional security concerns in Central Asia, has gradually evolved into a significant multilateral organization with expanding geopolitical ambitions. Within this broader context, the Black Sea region emerges as a critical area of interest due to its geopolitical, geoeconomic, and geostrategic importance. This study aims to examine the role of the Black Sea in the SCO's strategic planning, focusing on its potential impact in areas such as security and economic cooperation, new transportation—particularly energy—routes, trade corridors (notably within the framework of the Belt and Road Initiative), and great power dynamics.

The official documents available on the SCO's official website, along with open-access academic publications, constitute the primary sources of this research. In all accessible sources, keyword-based content analysis was carried out, including a review of published or compiled works online, an examination of whether the topic was addressed at each summit, and whether it was included in intra-regional or extra-regional policy discussions. These criteria have emerged as significant evaluation parameters. According to the findings, the Black Sea region holds a strategic position within the SCO's policy framework and plays a crucial role in providing maritime connectivity to Europe.

This analysis reveals the significance of the Black Sea for SCO member states and their institutions. By focusing on the Black Sea, the study brings to light an underexplored dimension of SCO strategy and offers practical insights into how emerging multilateral cooperation frameworks interact with existing security architectures.

Key Words: Black Sea; Strategy; Shanghai Cooperation Organization; Crimea.

INTRODUCTION

The modern system of international relations remains in a state of imbalance as it passes through a stage of painful evolutionary development. In this period of profound transformation of world politics and the global economy we can observe the increasing importance of shaping a more fair and polycentric world order which meets interests of every state, and which is based on norms of international law, principles of mutual respect, mutually beneficial cooperation, rejection of confrontation and conflict, equal and indivisible security, and the creation of a human community of common destiny [SCO, 2017] (Alimov, 2018).

Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) is a permanent intergovernmental international organisation, comprising 9 Member States, namely the Republic of India, the Islamic Republic of Iran, the Republic of Kazakhstan, the People's Republic of China, the Kyrgyz Republic, the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, the Russian Federation, the Republic of Tajikistan, and the Republic of Uzbekistan. The SCO focusses on strengthening mutual trust and neighbourliness among the Member States, promoting their effective cooperation in politics, trade, economy, research, technology, and culture, as well as in education, energy, transport, tourism,

environmental protection, and other areas; making joint efforts to maintain and ensure peace, security, and stability in the region; and moving towards the establishment of a democratic, fair, and rational new international political and economic order (https://www.startupindia.gov.in/content/sih/en/sco.html).

The predecessor of the SCO was the so-called “Shanghai Five” (Russia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, China, Tajikistan), which was formed as a result of signing “Treaty on Deepening Military Trust in Border Regions” in 1996. That agreement was signed in Shanghai, which provided the basis for appearance of the term of “Shanghai Five” (Leonova, 2012)

Then a number of summits in Alma-Ata (1998), Bishkek (1999), Dushanbe (2000) took place, which showed the need for joint discussions on the wide array of issues concerning foreign policy, economics, environmental protection, use of water resources, culture, etc. In course of time, the system of the summits and consultations has led to the formation of the new regional association – the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (Leonova, 2012).

The SCO bump into issue of eliminating religious extremism, ethnic separatism and international terrorism; improving trust and cohesion among members; better managing relations with external parties; developing an enlargement policy; improving policy implementation; facilitating greater economic interaction; and improving their slow pace of decision making. To consolidate its growing status the organisation must continue to improve communications and relationships between all stakeholders; develop deeper trust between members; better address legal economic and security issues; and generate stronger leadership from its two largest members Russia and China (Grainger, 2014).

The SCO also faces challenges and development difficulties on its way forward; these include the facts of: the intensification of great power game in the region, the weakness of the sense of community between its member states and the transformation of cooperation pattern faces after expansion. Looking ahead, the ‘Shanghai Spirit’ will guide its multilateral cooperation vision. The SCO mechanism provides an important guarantee for its multilateral cooperation ahead. The new type of international relations will serve as an important driving force for its multilateral cooperation vision (Xue, and Makengo, 2021).

Azizi analysed this crucial interaction between China’s Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) and the SCO, exploring their roles in global geopolitics, security collaboration, and economic cooperation. The BRI, often referred to as the New Silk Road, represents a remarkable effort to connect nations and reshape the global economic landscape, promoting connectivity and collaboration. The SCO emerges as a pivotal participant, evolving from its origins in Central Asian security to encompass a broad spectrum of social, economic, and security concerns (Azizi, 2024).

In this context, the Black Sea region is of interest as a transit zone for the transport corridors of the Chinese initiative. Author concludes that although Beijing's relative influence in the region, compared with other key players such as the United States, is relatively modest, it is likely to expand, given the interest of Turkey, Bulgaria, Georgia in Chinese investments (Zuenko, Safranchuk, 2025).

Apart from this introductory section, the rest of this paper is designed as follows. The second section provides a brief as a conceptual framework and methodology. The third section outlines the main objectives for Black Sea. And the last section is devoted to the conclusion.

CONCEPTUAL FRAMEWORK

Ethical System and Ethical Behaviour

The three core principles of the Science Academy in Turkiye — merit, freedom, and integrity — form the foundation of scientific ethics. The aim is to conduct science within the framework of these three principles, while also informing and guiding both students and researchers on this matter. On the Science Academy's official website and the sarkac.org platform, under the "Scientific Ethics" sections, it is possible to access both national and international resources, as well as to find discussions and reflections on various scientific ethics issues (https://bilimakademisi.org/bilim-etigi-ve-arastirmada-durustluk-ilkeleri/).

These principles are defined as reliability, honesty, respect, and accountability. This research article has been conducted in full compliance with these principles, and no unethical conduct has occurred in its preparation.

METHODOLOGY

Data collection and analysis of the research problem

This paper has been prepared using qualitative research methods. In line with the subject matter, the author conducted a keyword-based content analysis using terms such as Black Sea, strategic area, maritime security, and energy export. These keywords were systematically searched across all official reports and publications released on the SCO's official website between 2001 and 2025. From this website examined from division of the Declaration and Joint Communique with International Declarations and International Treaties. Selected paragraphs and dossier dedected and evaluated with the key words as Black Sea, Black Sea coasts.

The terms Black Sea and Black Sea coast, which appear frequently in publicly accessible and retrieved written documents, are prominently featured in forward-looking projections. The region's location within Russia's sphere of influence and its significant geopolitical position along federal borders have been emphasized as contributing to its role as a secure corridor for access to Europe, as well as to the Shanghai Cooperation Organization's (SCO) regional expansion and multisectoral economic development. These positive attributes are consistently reflected across economic agreement texts, bilateral strategic objectives, and the SCO's annual reports.

CONCLUSION

The primary source of the SCO's development on the basis of regional cooperation may be its recognition as a significant consultative mechanism for the advancement of inter-state relations, the management of global threats and challenges, and the resolution of international differences. The fundamental reason behind the SCO's sustained vitality and its transformation into an effective regional international organization over the past two decades—despite radical changes in the international arena—is the concept known as the "Shanghai Spirit." This spirit is grounded in "mutual trust, mutual benefit, equality, consultation, respect for the diversity of civilizations, and the pursuit of common development" among member states.

Two key agreements—the Agreement on Confidence-Building in the Military Field along the Border Areas (1996) and the Agreement on the Mutual Reduction of Military Forces in Border Areas (1997), signed between China, Russia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, and Tajikistan—played a crucial role in the formation of this spirit. These documents represented a departure from traditional models of cooperation, instead promoting multilateral security cooperation based on shared interests. Influenced by the political, economic, and conjunctural constraints facing the member states at the time, this closer convergence and strict adherence to the agreements laid the groundwork for the emergence of the "Shanghai Spirit". At the 2018 Qingdao Summit,

Chinese President Xi Jinping delivered a keynote speech titled “Carrying Forward the Shanghai Spirit and Building a Community with a Shared Future,” in which he introduced “five new concepts” that enriched the content of the Shanghai Spirit. These five visions include as;

- An innovative, coordinated, green, open, and shared development approach;
- A vision of common, comprehensive, cooperative, and sustainable security;
- A cooperation model that is open, inclusive, mutually beneficial, and focused on collective gains rather than individual interests;
- A civilizational perspective based on equality, mutual learning, dialogue, and inclusiveness;
- A global governance approach grounded in broad consultation, joint contribution, and shared benefits.

Built on these five pillars, the SCO envisions a forward-looking community with a shared future. Although action begins in the present, its objectives are oriented toward the long term. This vision includes five interlinked communities: an economic community / a world of shared prosperity; a security community / a world of universal security; a peace community / a world of lasting peace; a civilizational community / an open and inclusive world; and an ecological community / a clean and beautiful world. Over the past two decades, the SCO has intensified its activities based on its institutional structure and diplomatic practices, gradually developing a range of cooperative mechanisms through regular meetings. According to its charter, the SCO’s organizational structure primarily comprises various institutional bodies and specialized agencies.

Briefly, guided by a new type of inter-state relations, the SCO has developed a unique form of regional multilateral cooperation. Unlike traditional alliances or governance-based regional organizations, the SCO operates on the principles of realism and practical applicability, offering a cooperation model that aligns with the specific characteristics of the region. It is both pragmatic and future-oriented—deeply rooted in the region but also addressing global subjects.

Defence and security cooperation has been one of the primary driving forces behind the SCO's formation as a regional organization. Over time, the scope of cooperation has broadened from security to include political, economic, military, cultural, and other dimensions. This multidimensional cooperation has become a significant engine of the SCO’s ongoing development. The SCO’s security cooperation framework encompasses both traditional and non-traditional security domains. Traditional security cooperation includes border security, military exchanges, joint exercises, and other forms of mutual military confidence-building. The Astana Summit Declaration emphasized that reforms should be carried out based on “the principle of the broadest possible consensus,” avoiding time constraints or forcing major differences through voting. In the realm of economic cooperation, the SCO engages in a wide range of initiatives spanning trade and investment, customs, finance, taxation, transportation, energy, agriculture, and beyond.

While the core of the SCO still lies in regional security cooperation, China’s efforts to expand its geographic reach in collaboration with Russia have significantly contributed to the development of bilateral relations as well as SCO objectives. There appears to be a clear attempt to establish a geopolitical counterbalance to the Western world led by the United States, both in Eastern Europe and Central Asia. As an expanding organization committed to tangible and realistic goals, halting the SCO’s regional development seems increasingly unlikely.

Although Russia's multifaceted regional aspirations and internal constraints sometimes hinder its broader influence, the Black Sea remains a strategically vital area. With active support from the SCO, the use of the Black Sea as a political and economic instrument continues to evolve. It is evident that this region—so vital for Russia—also serves the strategic goals of the SCO.

The relationship between Russia and the SCO signifies a significant alignment of goals and a shared commitment to regional development and prosperity.

In conclusion, the connection with Russian-Chinese Bilateral Cooperation and the SCO is a dynamic and evolving one, with both entities running in tandem to promote geopolitical security and geoeconomical cooperation. The SCO's physical expansion, aiming for peaceful engagement with the European continent, may find a logistical and geopolitical corridor through the Black Sea and its coastal regions. As such, the geopolitical importance of the Black Sea will once again be brought to the forefront, serving as a crucial gateway to the SCO's broader international ambitions.

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GEOSTRATEGIC IMPORTANCE OF THE KERCH STRAIT

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ABSTRACT

The Black Sea, which provides the flow and transportation of the northern hemisphere and the natural above-ground and underground resources of the Northern Hemisphere to the Southern Hemisphere with its geographical location, has been the focus of attention of different ethnic, professional groups and communities for centuries. USSR in 1917 and the establishment of 'Maritime Policy Frames' further consideration based on the naval fleet of the USSR in the Black Sea region and out of district and located in the different places (shipping/trading/oil transportation/shipyard/Ro-Ro transport, etc.) with the twelve ports of even more have a 'special status'.

The Kerch Strait holds significant geostrategic importance for Russia. Especially after the annexation of Crimea in 2014, the Kerch Strait has become even more strategic for securing military logistics and maintaining control over maritime access to the Sea of Azov. With the construction of the Kerch Bridge, Russia established a direct land connection to Crimea, thereby reinforcing its sovereignty over the region. In this context, the Kerch Strait is considered a key element in Russia's strategy to enhance its geopolitical influence in the Black Sea and surrounding areas.

This article does not include the transport routes and geographical superiority of the Black Sea, but rather the political use of the strategic, geographical structure of the Sea of Azov, which is of crucial importance to Russia. Additional decisions on the Sea of Azov in the 'Strategic Plan of 2030' published by the Kremlin, which is the official authority of the Russian presidency of today, extracted from the archives of Russia, the 'Policy of the Black Sea' of the USSR period, are again the main subject of this article.

Keywords : Black Sea, Azov Sea, Kerch Strait, Russia, Policy of the Seas.

INTRODUCTION

The Black Sea, which provides the flow and transportation of the northern hemisphere and the natural above-ground and underground resources of the Northern Hemisphere to the Southern Hemisphere with its geographical location, has been the focus of attention of different ethnic, professional groups and communities for centuries. USSR in 1917 and the establishment of 'Maritime Policy Frames' further consideration based on the naval fleet of the USSR in the Black Sea region and out of district and located in the different places (shipping/trading/oil transportation/shipyard/Ro-Ro transport, etc.) with the twelve ports of even more have a 'special status' (Urcosta, 2018).

During its rich history, the Sea of Azov had many different names. Ancient Greeks called it Maeotian Lagoon (Maeotian Lake), while Romans referred to it as Palus Meotis (Maeotian Marsh) after the tribe Maeotae that dwelled on its coasts. In the antique Antique epoch, locals called it Temerinds. In medieval the Medieval times, Russian name for it was the Surozh Sea after the name of the Crimean town of Surozh (now Sudak) (Kosarev, Kostianoy, Shiganova, 2007).

A Longstanding Dispute: Political Background

Six years of conflict between Russia and an overstretched Ottoman Empire from 1768 to 1774 led to the signing of the 1774 Treaty of Küçük Kaynarca, which provided Russia direct access to the Black Sea region (via the Kerch and Azov ports). Russia was also granted the right to protect Christian minorities in the Ottoman Empire, and the nominally independent Crimean Khanate was placed under its influence. Nine years after the treaty was signed, popular resentment toward reforms introduced by the Russian co-opted ruling elite, combined with the constant inflow of settlers to the Crimea, fueled regional unrest, giving Catherine II's envoy, Prince Grigory Potemkin, a long-awaited pretext to annex Crimea through military means with little armed resistance. The Crimean city of Sevastopol was established the same year, and from 1783 onward, Russia emerged as a growing Black Sea power as the Ottoman Empire slipped onto a slow, declining path.

The Black Sea Fleet was founded in 1784 as the "guarantor of the security of the southern borders of the Fatherland," but it could hardly fulfill that role in the early 21st century after years of neglect by a cash-strapped Russian state. Before the 2010s, Turkey, not Russia, had the largest fleet in the sea, boasting 14 submarines to Russia's one and a combined tonnage of 97,000, compared with 63,000 for the Black Sea Fleet (Lewis, 2019).

The decline of the Ottoman Empire continued, as did the regional power struggle in the Black Sea, over which neither side was able to claim a decisive victory. The bloody 1853–1856 Crimean War between the Ottoman Empire and Russia left hundreds of thousands dead. France and Britain sided with the Ottomans during the conflict, as they feared Russia's growing strength would result in Russia's hegemonic position in the region. Although this never materialized, a stronger but more isolated Russia repeatedly failed to seize control of the strategic Bosporus and Dardanelles (Turkish Straits) from the Ottoman Empire. One of Russia's primary motivations in entering World War I was to seize control of the Turkish Straits, which backfired when the Ottomans and Germans closed the straits, strangling the Russian economy (Toucas, 2017).

Rise to Strategic Role of Black Sea

In 2010, however, Russia announced a complete overhaul of the fleet, adding six new submarines and modernized warships. Russia has also built up its defense of the Crimean peninsula, including an expanded Sevastopol naval base, a new military garrison, an aviation division, sophisticated radar systems, and three divisions of coastal missile anti-air and anti-ship missile systems.

In 2014, Crimea transformed Russia's previously weak strategic position in the Black Sea. It ended the restrictions imposed by Ukraine on modernization of the Black Sea Fleet and the fleet's main harbor at Sevastopol. It ensured Russian de facto control over the Kerch Strait and, consequently, the Sea of Azov and it expanded Russia's de facto shoreline on the Black Sea from 421 kilometers to 1,200 kilometers, adding almost 500 kilometers of coastline in the Azov Sea. This military buildup all adds up to what analyst Michael Peterson calls a "counter-navy," which provides Russia with sufficient land-based military installations, together with anti-air and anti-surface missile defenses and fighter aircraft, to dominate much of the Black Sea area (Lewis, 2019).

The Sea of Azov with a Geopolitical Statue

The Sea of Azov is a tiny and small sea that historically has not often earned much strategic attention from the countries that possessed it. However, history reveals that the strategic importance of the sea periodically rises when at least two countries possess the shores of this

sea. The sea lends itself to regional geopolitical rivalry, and as a result of tensions both sides often create Azov flotillas. In general, Russia's historical expansion to the South had three main directions – the Northern Caucasus, the Sea of Azov, and Crimea. All of these three geographical directions are fully interrelated.

The Sea of Azov is a small body of water surrounded by Russia and Ukraine connected to the Black Sea by the Kerch Strait. It is a shallow body of water and has proven to be strategically important for centuries. Today, the Sea of Azov is important for three geopolitical reasons.

The Black Sea, and specifically Crimea, serves as a springboard for Russia to project military power in places like Georgia, Ukraine, and even places as far away as Syria and Libya. For example, Russia has used its Black Sea presence on occupied Crimea to launch and support naval operations in support of Syrian President Bashar al-Assad. In the early days of Moscow's intervention in Syria, the Moskva, a Russian navy guided missile cruiser, played a vital role in providing air defense for Russian forces (Coffey, 2020).

The Azov Sea is located in eastern Europe, between Russia and Ukraine. There are several characteristics that make it a unique body of water. The Sea of Azov gets its name from the ancient Azov fortress located on the Don River. The area of the sea is approximately 39,000 sq. km. (15,000 sq. miles), with a coastline that stretches across 2300 kilometers (1,400 miles). One of the most spectacular geographical formations that the Azov Sea has to offer is the spit. Spits are narrow, long landmasses that jut out of the mainland into the sea. The spits make very attractive tourist destinations.

The tactical location and economic importance of the Azov Sea have made it a site of military significance throughout history. As a trade route connecting Europe with Asia, the sea witnessed many important historical events, such as the Mongol invasions and the Crimean War. During the Crimean War in 1855, the naval battle of Taganrog was fought here. The warm waters and slow currents enable swimming and other water-based activities.

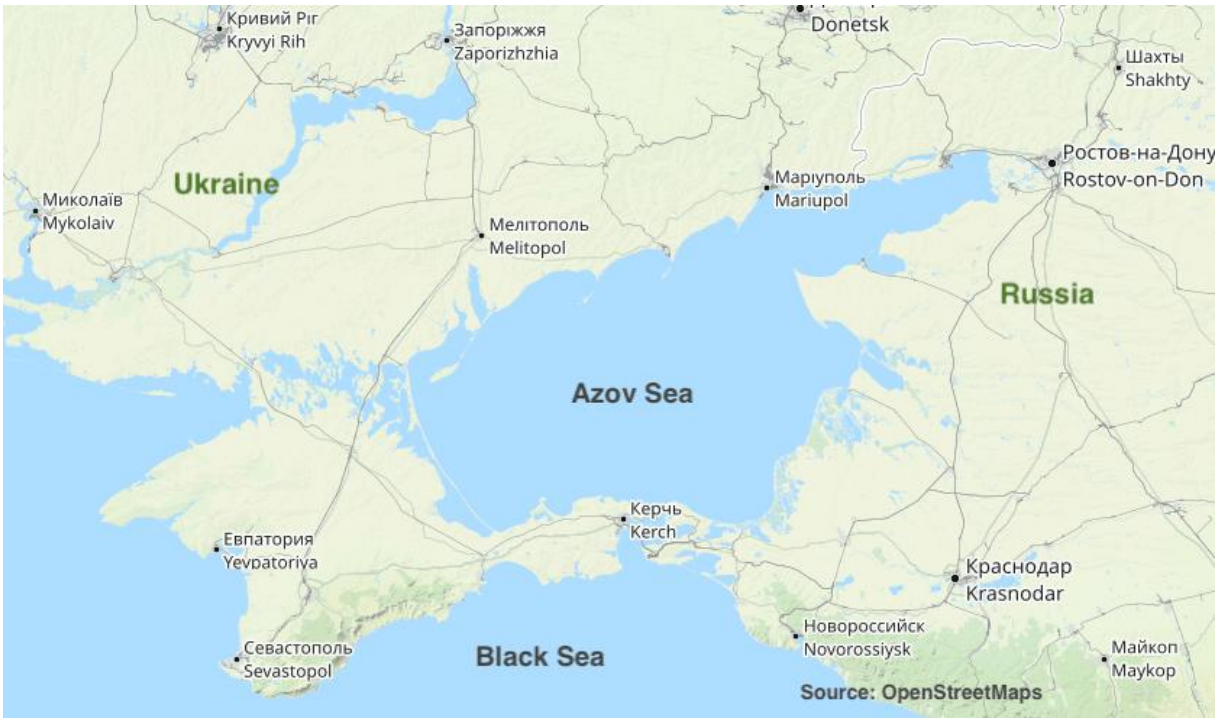
The Sea of Azov plays an important role in the region's economy. Many scientific studies have been carried out in recent years in the Azov Sea. Most of these focus on the sea's marine life, ecology, and geology. They have shown the impact of climate change on the coastal ecosystem. Environmental changes have been observed due to algal blooms and eutrophication. As per the treaty of 2003, the Sea of Azov is an internal sea shared between Ukraine and Russia. Both countries have free access to the Sea and the Kerch Strait (Nautilius, 2023)

The Kerch Straits : Russian Naval and Maritime Strategy in the Sea of Azov

It is crucial to view Russia's general vision regarding naval strategy and its place in the Sea of Azov since 1991 in order to understand the current state in broader context. Before Vladimir Putin, Russia's leadership did not pay much attention to the country's naval forces. But in 2000, the same year Putin came to power, the situation changed. Russia introduced the "Naval Strategy of Russia" in which there was pointed attention from the Kremlin in the Sea of Azov and the Black Sea. Putin personally participated in the drafting of the document. In the document it was clear that these seas, together with the Baltic and Caspian Seas, have serious importance to Russian national interests. With respect to the Sea of Azov Russia had proposed it be labeled as internal waters as the most suitable approach to national interests. Moreover, along with Moscow's return to the old Soviet Union approach in trying to turn southern seas into "internal seas," Russia wanted to establish a favored regime that would block every non-Azovian state warship from the entrance into the seas.

In 2001, Russia introduced the "The Russian Maritime Doctrine" where again the Kremlin asserted that the Sea of Azov is a part of national interests. According to the document, the longstanding interests of Russia in the Black and Azov Seas were the restoration of the naval and merchant fleets along with the inland navigation system (Don-Volga canal system), ports, and other infrastructure. It emphasized the necessity of addressing with the Ukrainian

government the legal status of the Black Sea Fleet and to ensure that Sevastopol remains the main base of the Fleet. And finally, it discussed the creation of conditions for basing and using the components of maritime potential that would protect the sovereignty as well as international rights of the Russian Federation in the Black and Azov Seas.



1. Map of Black Sea : A map of the Sea of Azov and Crimea region.

https://www.portseurope.com/azov-sea-as-a-russian-lake/

Next, the "Naval Strategy of Russia 2020" was issued in 2012 and neither of the seas were mentioned. However, it was clear that some aspects of the document were related to the Sea of Azov and that Russia was facing restrictions to full access to the global maritime domain, and faced disputed maritime claims from neighboring countries. After the alteration of the international environment and due to the annexation of Crimea, Moscow released the "Maritime Doctrine 2020" in 2015, and again paid full attention to the region and categorizes the Black and Azov Sea as a part of the "Atlantic Regional Priority Area." It highlights the region as crucial for national interests partly because it is proximate to NATO. Thus, according to the document, the following measures were provided:

- To set more favorable (on the basis of the international law) international regimes for Russia in the Azov and Black Seas
- Systems of using natural resources of these seas
- Free use of the oil and gas fields and construction and operating pipelines
- To set international and legal regulation regimes in the Kerch Strait
- To enhance and to improve the structure and naval bases of the Black Sea Fleet and the development of its infrastructure in Crimea and Krasnodar Kray
- Building the related vessels and ships, especially river-sea type, and development of port infrastructure in these seas
- Creation of three huge regional economic and maritime zones (centers): Crimean, Black Sea-Kuban, and Azovian-Don zones

- Further development in regional gas and oil pipeline systems. (For instance, according to the Ministry of Energy, in the production structure of the Russian Federation the share of offshore fields in the Azov Sea is 9.4 percent of Russian oil and 14.7 percent of gas.)
- To provide a direct logistical connection between the Crimean peninsula and Krasnodar Kray. (Here at the moment of adoption of the document, it still was a theoretical scenario for a direct land connection through the territory of Ukraine, but now the recently completed Kerch Bridge has become the sole option.)

Since the annexation of Crimea in 2014, the Russian Federation became a full-fledged hegemon in the Azov Sea because of how the annexation of Crimea greatly expanded Russian coastal possessions. The Kerch Straits made Russia the keeper of a strategic chokepoint where the Kerch Strait acts as a gate to free waters and to Ukrainian and Russian Azovian ports. Interestingly, Russian river waterways facilitate a connection between the Black Sea with Russian cities that are almost located in Siberia and even deliver goods directly to Moscow or to the Baltics. In these regards, the possession of the Kerch Strait and access to the Sea of Azov has strategic meaning to Russia. As tensions have been building in recent months in the Sea of Azov Russia and Ukraine find themselves poised for further escalation.

Negotiations regarding the status of the Sea of Azov and the Kerch Strait began in 1995, and Russia steadily avoided finalizing them on Ukrainian terms. Only after the Tuzla Island crisis in September 2003 did Ukraine and Russia finally sign the agreement in December of the same year. At the same time, the biggest political disaster that Russia faced as a result of Tuzla crisis was the consolidation and hardening of the Ukrainian nation toward Russia. The Tuzla events were partly preconditions for the Orange Revolution in 2004. For the first time in many years it posed the possibility of a direct confrontation between the two nations.

2. Map. The Black Sea: Crimea and Kerch straits.

https://www.dw.com/en/why-is-the-kerch-bridge-important-for-russia-and-ukraine/a-63379613

Russia made the status of Sevastopol a priority (the Kharkov Agreement), but negotiations about the Kerch Strait and the Sea of Azov never stopped because Russia wanted further

expansion. Particularly in terms of favorable regimes, in the Kerch Strait they proposed the creation of a joint venture that would operate in the Strait. In 2013, Putin officially returned to the Sea of Azov question but he never returned to this topic very publicly. Even since the annexation of Crimea, he delegated the issue while he was silent about it himself. After the Maidan Revolution, the new Ukrainian political elite confronted the agreement but did not manage to revise it.

According to the 2003 agreement, Ukraine has legal control over 62 percent of Sea of Azov's area and Russia only 38 percent, but since the annexation of Crimea, Russia possesses de facto three-quarters of the territory of the sea. In their territories, there are plans to erect a naval base in the Obryw village. It is more likely that Russia will be denying its involvement in the creation of the base. Therefore, in the Sea of Azov there are three major established naval centers in the zones of control under Ukraine, Russia, and the separatist republic of DPR.

The Sea of Azov after 2014 was more or less a tranquil place compared to the Donbas and Crimea, but the completion of the first phase of the Kerch Bridge required more decisive measures from Russia. Additionally, an incident with a boat arrested by Ukraine further escalated the situation. The Russian Federation still demands that Kiev return the boat and the captain as a main condition for returning to the status quo. Russia continues to use the following measures against Ukraine:

Russia caught Kiev in three main geopolitical traps. First, if Ukraine is going to confront Russia and demonstrate principality in the Azov sea, she should take into account that economic and social deterioration will become a direct consequence of this confrontation. Moscow is the absolute naval hegemon in this sea. Third, it is a "denunciation" trap. In Ukraine, denunciation is quite popular but some voices are against the argument that Ukraine will be deprived of a free passage through the Kerch Strait for the Ukrainian merchant fleet.In this context, the Black Sea region is of interest as a transit zone for the transport corridors of the Chinese initiative. Author concludes that although Beijing's relative influence in the region, compared with other key players such as the United States, is relatively modest, it is likely to expand, given the interest of Turkey, Bulgaria, Georgia in Chinese investments (Zuenko, Safranchuk, 2025).

The principal reason Russia places so much value in the occupation of Crimea is due to the peninsula's logistical and perceived cultural significance. Sevastopol is a valuable key warm water port for both Russia and Ukraine, who have shared the port facilities since 1990 when a long-term lease was agreed following the dissolution of the USSR. The port not only provides a space for Russia's Black Sea Fleet, but also gives Russian exports another departure point on the Black Sea (in addition to Novorossiysk).

Crimea is home to multiple hot springs and mud volcanoes and has been marketed domestically as the "Russian Riviera" since the Soviet era, so its position as a holiday destination for domestic tourism is well established. Additionally, vineyards, arable land for agriculture and oil fields offer attractive economic opportunities for Russia. However, as a result of sanctions following the annexation in 2014, the economic growth in the region has stagnated, even with extensive economic injections from the federal budget (RT, 2019).

Russia is also a major exporter of oil and grain, with 70% of their grain exports being processed through Black Sea grain terminals and approximately one third of their oil export through their Black Sea port in Novorossiysk. In the past year, Russia has sent 200,000 metric tonnes of grain and wheat to countries in Africa and Asia free of charge. Maintaining a presence in Crimea gives Russia greater access to ports on the Black Sea, not only aiding in supporting Russia's economy but assisting with the expansion of Russian soft power to other nations.

The Kerch Strait

The route of the bridge starts on Taman Peninsula and traverses through the existing 5km dam and the island of Tuzla. It then crosses the Kerch Strait and enters the Crimean coast via cape

Ak-Burun. The bridge creates a direct toll-free road link between Crimea and Sevastopol and will provide an uninterrupted rail service, and increase tourist attractiveness of the region and investment attractiveness of Crimea and Kuban.

The project includes the construction of two parallel structures, namely a four-lane road and a double-track railroad. The car route (road) comprises four strips, allowing a speed of up to 90km/h. Passenger trains are expected to run at a maximum speed of 120km/h, while freight trains will run at 80km/h. The project features a 227m-long steel arch support, which is 35m-tall and does not pose any obstruction to the ships passing underneath the bridge.

Key players involved with the Kerch Strait Bridge and Logistics

One of the largest demonstrations of Russian investment in Crimea was the construction of the Kerch Bridge. The Kerch Bridge is the longest bridge in Europe, measuring 19 km, connecting the Russian Federation and occupied Crimea. Previously, the bridge constituted a main supply route for Russian Federation Armed Forces (RFAF) and civilians in the peninsula, however its importance has diminished since the beginning of the conflict as Russia has sought to diversify and de-risk the means of supplying resources to the southern front lines and military forces based in Crimea.

Due to the bridge's previous significance to RFAF logistics, it has been an important Ukrainian Armed Forces (UAF) target, regularly struck over the course of the conflict. In response to UAF attacks against transport infrastructure in the Kerch Strait, Russia has alternated between the use of rail ferries and the bridge to supply the peninsula. This is Russia's newest and most advanced surface-to-air system and has likely been deployed following the reported destruction of several S-300/S-400 air defence systems on the peninsula.

The construction of a new South Coast rail line from Rostov-on-Don to Sevastopol, with stops at major port cities including Mariupol and Berdiansk, provides resilience to RFAF logistical operations. The new rail line is approximately 200km shorter than the existing rail line in the area and provides a supply route into occupied Crimea that is far more resistant to attack from UAF than transport over the Kerch Strait (Martin, 2022).

Stroigazmontazh was awarded the contract for designing and building the bridge across the Kerch Strait by the Ministry of Transport of the Russian Federation in February 2015. Stroygazmontazh established SGM-Most for implementing the bridge construction. In March 2016, SGM-Most awarded a RUR96.9bn construction contract to Mostotrest for the installation of pillars and spans on the entire length of the road and rail bridges. The contractual scope includes the installation of bored piles, raft foundations, tower bodies, assembling and launching of superstructures, fuse superstructures, and the supporting elements.

Stroigazmontazh subcontracted the Institute Giprostroymost-Saint-Petersburg for the Kerch Bridge design in April 2015. STG-Eko was engaged by Institute Giprostroymost to conduct engineering and ecological studies as part of the environmental impact assessment (RT, 2020).

The critical role of the Black Sea Fleet in enabling Russia's maritime advancement in the Mediterranean continued over the next decade. Logistical support for the squadron was also provided largely from the Black Sea (Gorenburg, 2025.) In a nutshell, the bridge has bolstered Crimea's economy, increased commercial activity, and generated employment on the peninsula, according to Russia.

CONCLUSION

The Black Sea has long held strategic importance within Russia's geopolitical and maritime frameworks. In terms of naval operations, it has traditionally served as a critical platform for Russia's power projection into the Mediterranean region. During the Cold War, the Black Sea Fleet once again assumed a central role as the principal provider of naval assets to this force. The annexation of Crimea in 2014 not only facilitated the modernization of the Black Sea Fleet but also marked a pivotal step in the implementation of the "southern bastion" strategy. Over the subsequent decade, the Black Sea Fleet remained integral to Russia's maritime presence in the Mediterranean, with both surface vessels and submarines from the fleet forming the backbone of the squadron until the closure of the Turkish Straits in 2022. Moreover, logistical power for the squadron was predominantly supplied from the Black Sea region.

As an extension of the Black Sea, the Sea of Azov has long served as a secure area and strategic port for Russia, owing to its geographical location and biological characteristics. This region holds both historical and existential significance for Russia. The strategic importance attributed to it since the 19th century has become even more pronounced with the outbreak of the war in Ukraine in 2022. Russia has shown no intention of sharing either the Sea of Azov or the Kerch Strait with any other state. This position was clearly demonstrated when the Russian Federation incorporated Crimea into its federal structure in 2014. Russia's efforts to expand its influence and establish full control over the region underscore the geopolitical value of these areas. However, the potential of the Black Sea, the Sea of Azov, and the Kerch Strait to serve as geographic spaces symbolizing peace remains key to the prospects for regional development.

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THE UNDERSTANDING OF NATIONALISM IN EASTERN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES BETWEEN THE TWO WORLD WARS

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ABSTRACT

Introduction and Purpose: This study aims to reveal the understanding of nationalism in Eastern European countries during the interwar period. It is based on the thesis that the idea of a homogeneous nation-state was the central figure in Eastern European countries during the interwar period, and that the nation was defined and represented by its ethnic majority. According to this thesis, "ethnic nationalism", founded on biological principles, played a fundamental role in defining the nation.

Materials and Methods: This study analyzes the content of nation-building policies implemented in Eastern European countries during the interwar period. The state was evaluated not only by its economic performance, political institutions, and infrastructure investments, but also by its health policy. Health policy, in turn, aimed to protect the nation's biological capital. Ethnic nationalism transformed the state into a protective state governed by biological laws. Accordingly, the state's duty was to protect the nation's biological laws. Preserving the nation's biological characteristics was seen as the most important strategy for becoming a strong nation-state. During this period, the nation was conceived as a living organism. Ethnic characteristics were the fundamental element of national unity. National unity was considered an "ethno-biological" unity. "Blood" was seen as the symbol of national belonging.

Results: While political biology was founded on racial principles, the aim was to rebuild the nation. According to this understanding, every nation has an ethnic center, and this center (the ethnic majority) must be protected for the nation's future. Ethnic minorities have no place within the homogeneous nation-state picture. The ethnic majority, which constitutes the nation's center, must be protected, while minorities must be eliminated through methods such as "marriage restrictions/bans", "sterilization", "separation" and "displacement".

Discussion and Conclusion: The ideology of the states in Eastern Europe between the two world wars was based on myths of "palingenetic rebirth" or "renewal". These authoritarian states adopted an "ultra-nationalist" political ideology, which exalted all the characteristics of the nation and the culture it produced, which they viewed as an organic whole. This ultra-nationalism, however, has an inherent ethnic content. This understanding, which advocates that nation-states should be ethnically pure, harbored a biological and Social Darwinist notion of superiority, fostering profound hostility toward those who were genetically and culturally different, and toward certain groups considered internal enemies of the nation.

Key Words: Nation State; Nation Building; Ethnic Nationalism.

ECA (EXPERT CLOUD ADOPTION) PROFESSIONAL CLOUD IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGIC STRUCTURE FOR ADVANCING THE CLOUD COMPUTING SECTOR IN PAKISTAN

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Abstract

Cloud computing has become a revolutionary technology globally, facilitating digital transformation, scalability, and innovation across various sectors. In Pakistan, the uptake of cloud computing is still at a nascent phase because of infrastructural, regulatory, and skill-related obstacles. This document presents a specialized Expert Cloud Adoption Framework designed for the socio-technical landscape of Pakistan. The framework combines infrastructure design, governance, technical standards, and human capital development to improve cloud adoption. Moreover, it emphasizes the importance of cloud professionals in directing migration plans, enhancing skills, and fostering ecosystem growth. Utilizing this framework, Pakistan can expedite its digital transformation process, conform to international best practices, and facilitate sustainable economic expansion. Cloud computing has emerged as a fundamental element of global digital transformation, but Pakistan remains in the nascent phases of its adoption. Restricted infrastructure, regulatory deficiencies, cybersecurity issues, and a lack of skilled workers have hindered the sector's expansion. In spite of these difficulties, Pakistan possesses significant potential to leverage cloud technologies for advancing its digital economy. This research presents an Expert Cloud Adoption Framework to direct the country’s shift towards sophisticated cloud utilization. At the technical level, the framework highlights the creation of Tier-III and Tier-IV data centers, enhancing the fiber-optic and 5G infrastructure, and adopting virtualization and hybrid cloud approaches. Security continues to be paramount, featuring the implementation of Zero-Trust Architecture, intrusion detection systems, and adherence to global standards. These actions guarantee dependability, expandability, and data autonomy within the domestic cloud environment. Experts in cloud technology are essential to this change. Their responsibilities go beyond just technical implementation to encompass migration strategy, training the workforce in DevOps and Kubernetes, and providing guidance on governance and cybersecurity integration. Through the integration of AI, IoT, and block chain, they can promote a dynamic digital ecosystem by driving innovation. Implementing this framework will yield various advantages for Pakistan. Companies and startups can lower expenses while utilizing scalable computing resources, the government can enhance e-governance and public services, and the workforce will receive chances to engage in worldwide cloud initiatives. Nonetheless, achieving success necessitates ongoing investment, collaborations between public and private sectors, and a commitment to policy at the national level. Ultimately, expert-driven cloud implementation can address Pakistan's existing shortcomings and establish the nation as a formidable contender in the worldwide digital market. A well-organized system that integrates infrastructure, governance, and the growth of human capital is essential for realizing this potential.

Keywords: revolutionary, nascent, obstacles, deficiencies, expandability, formidable.

KANATLI BESLEMEDE SÜRDÜRÜLEBİLİRLİK: MEVCUT UYGULAMALAR VE GELECEKTEKİ BEKLENTİLER

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ÖZET

Hayvansal üretim açısından sürdürülebilirlik kavramı, gelecek nesillerin gıda ihtiyaçlarını riske atmadan, günümüz toplumunun beslenme gereksinimlerini karşılayabilme kapasitesi olarak tanımlanmaktadır. Kanatlı üretimi, hayvansal üretimin diğer alanlarına kıyasla daha çevre dostu bir seçenek olmasına rağmen, sera gazları salınımı, ötrofikasyon ve asidifikasyon gibi çevresel etkiler göz ardı edilmemelidir. Kanatlı üretim zincirinde yem üretimi ve nakliye, küresel ısınma potansiyelinin yaklaşık %70'ini oluştururken, gübre yönetimi ötrofikasyon ve asidifikasyon potansiyelinin %40-60'ını meydana getirmektedir. Günümüzde küresel ölçekte kanatlı ürünlerine olan talep, çevresel sürdürülebilirlik kaygıları ve sağlık bilincindeki artış ile birlikte giderek yükselmekte; bu durum sektörün hem çeşitli zorluklarla hem de yeni fırsatlarla karşılaşmasına neden olmaktadır. Sektörün karşılaştığı başlıca engeller arasında teknik zorluklar, finansal kısıtlamalar ve bilgi eksiklikleri yer almakta olup, bu engeller kanatlı üretimin sürdürülebilir gelişimi açısından kritik öneme sahiptir. Bu bağlamda, organik üretim yöntemleri, böcek bazlı ve tek hücreli proteinler, yosun katkıları ve gıda atıklarının yem olarak değerlendirilmesi gibi yenilikçi yaklaşımlar; yem verimliliğinin artırılması, alternatif enerji kaynaklarının kullanımı, etkin atık yönetimi ve hayvan refahının iyileştirilmesi gibi unsurlar sürdürülebilir kanatlı üretiminde temel stratejiler olarak öne çıkmaktadır. Ayrıca, gübre yönetimi açısından ham protein düzeyinin düşürülmesi, ham selüloz eklenmesi, sindirim sistemi sağlığının optimize edilmesi ve besin madde sindirilebilirliğinin artırılması çevresel etkilerin azaltılmasına katkı sağlamaktadır. Bu derlemenin amacı, genetik ıslah çalışmaları, alternatif yem hammaddeleri, hassas üretim teknolojileri, atık yönetim sistemleri ve

biyoteknolojik gelişmelerin kanatlı sektörüne entegrasyonunu değerlendirerek, sürdürülebilir kanatlı üretim uygulamaları ve besleme stratejilerine kapsamlı bir bakış sunmaktır.

Anahtar Kelimeler: Kanatlı üretimi, sürdürülebilirlik, alternatif yem kaynakları, yem verimliliği, sindirilebilirlik

ABSTRACT

In terms of animal production, the concept of sustainability is defined as the capacity to meet the nutritional requirements of today's society without jeopardizing the food needs of future generations. Although poultry production is a more environmentally sustainable approach compared to other areas of animal production, environmental impacts such as greenhouse gas emissions, eutrophication, and acidification should be carefully considered. Feed production and transportation in the poultry production chain account for approximately 70% of global warming potential, while manure management accounts for 40-60% of eutrophication and acidification potential. Today, global demand for poultry products is increasing alongside concerns about environmental sustainability and increased health consciousness, leading the sector to face both challenges and new opportunities. The main obstacles include technical difficulties, financial constraints and information gaps, all of which are critical to the sustainable development of poultry production. In this context, innovative approaches, including organic production methods, insect-based and single-cell proteins, algae supplements, and the use of food waste as feed, together with measures to improve feed efficiency, utilize alternative energy sources, implement effective waste management, and enhance animal welfare, constitute key strategies in sustainable poultry production. In addition, reducing crude protein levels, adding crude cellulose, optimizing the health of digestive system, and increasing nutrient digestibility play a significant role in mitigating environmental impacts with respect to manure management. This review aims to provide a comprehensive overview of sustainable poultry production practices and feeding strategies, focusing on the integration of genetic improvement studies, alternative feed resources, precision livestock production technologies, waste management systems, and biotechnological developments into the sector.

Keywords: Poultry Production, sustainability, alternative feed resources, feed efficiency, digestibility

GİRİŞ

Dünya nüfusunda gözlenen hızlı artışa bağlı olarak, 2050 yılı itibarıyla nüfusun yaklaşık 10 milyara ulaşması beklenmektedir. Bu durum, küresel gıda talebinin önemli ölçüde artacağı anlamına gelmektedir (FAO, 2011). Gıda talebindeki bu artış, özellikle hayvansal protein kaynaklarına olan yönelimi artırmakta ve kanatlı üretimi gibi yoğun üretim sistemlerinde sürdürülebilirlik sorunlarını ön plana çıkarmaktadır (Mekonnen ve Hoekstra, 2012). Kanatlı üretimi, kısa üretim döngüsü ve yüksek biyolojik verimliliği nedeniyle dünyada en hızlı büyüyen hayvansal protein üretim sektörlerinden biridir (FAO, 2009). Ancak, yüksek oranda soya ve mısır kullanımına dayalı olan geleneksel besleme stratejileri, hem çevresel hem de ekonomik anlamda sürdürülebilirlik sorunlarını beraberinde getirmektedir (European Commission, 2010).

Artan üretim kapasitesi, enerji tüketimi, su kullanımı ve sera gazı emisyonları gibi çevresel baskılar yaratmaktadır (Mungkung ve ark., 2013). Ayrıca, gıda kayıpları ve atık yönetimi ile ilgili sorunlar, özellikle Avrupa Birliği'ndeki toplam gıda kaybının 2020 yılı itibarıyla 126 milyon tonun üzerine çıkmasıyla birlikte, oldukça kritik bir hal almıştır (European Commission, 2010). Bu durum, tarımsal üretimden sofraya kadar olan süreçte kaynak verimliliğini artırmayı ve çevresel etkiyi azaltmayı hedefleyen bütüncül stratejilerin geliştirilmesini zorunlu kılmaktadır (European Commission, 2012).

Son yıllarda böcekler gibi alternatif protein kaynakları, kanatlı beslemede giderek daha fazla ilgi görmektedir (Huis ve ark., 2013). Böceklerin yüksek protein içeriği, dengeli amino asit profili ve düşük çevresel ayak izi, onları sürdürülebilir hayvansal beslemede alternatif bir seçenek haline getirmektedir (Premalatha ve ark., 2011). Bunun yanı sıra, böcekler, organik yan ürünler ve atıklarla beslenerek hem ekonomik hem de çevresel fayda sağlamaktadır (Collavo ve ark., 2005).

Bu derlemenin amacı, kanatlı üretiminde sürdürülebilirliği artıracak mevcut ve yenilikçi besleme stratejilerini detaylı şekilde ele almak, çevresel etkiler ve ekonomik boyutlar ışığında analiz etmek ve geleceğe yönelik perspektifleri sunmaktır.

Sürdürülebilirlik Kavramı ve Kanatlı Üretiminde Önemi

Sürdürülebilirlik, yalnızca doğal kaynakların korunmasını değil, aynı zamanda ekonomik devamlılık ve toplumsal kabulü de kapsayan çok boyutlu bir kavramdır (Agazzi ve ark., 2004). Kanatlı üretiminde sürdürülebilirlik, çevresel, ekonomik ve sosyal boyutların entegrasyonunu gerektirmektedir (Farina ve ark., 2015). Çevresel sürdürülebilirlik, arazi kullanımı, enerji ve su tüketimi ile sera gazı emisyonlarının yönetimini içerirken, ekonomik boyut, üretim maliyetlerinin minimize edilmesi ve verimliliğin artırılmasını kapsar (Diener ve ark., 2011). Sosyal boyut ise, hayvan refahı, toplum sağlığı ve gıda güvenliği gibi kriterleri içermektedir (Newton ve ark., 2008).

Kanatlı üretimi, özellikle tavuk eti ve yumurta üretiminde, kısa üretim döngüsü ve yüksek biyolojik verimlilik sayesinde ekonomik açıdan avantajlıdır (Miles ve Jacobs, 1997). Ancak, genellikle soya ve mısır gibi kaynaklara bağımlı olan geleneksel besleme sistemleri, hem çevresel hem de ekonomik sürdürülebilirlik açısından riskler yaratmaktadır (Mungkung ve ark., 2013). Bu hammaddelerin yoğun kullanımı, arazi tahribatı, su kullanımı ve ormansızlaşma gibi çevresel etkilere neden olmaktadır (Mekonnen ve Hoekstra, 2012).

Sürdürülebilir kanatlı üretiminde, alternatif protein kaynaklarının kullanımı kritik öneme sahiptir (Huis ve ark., 2013). Örneğin, böcek proteinleri, hem amino asit dengesi hem de enerji verimliliği açısından uygun olup, geleneksel protein kaynaklarının yerini alabilecek potansiyele sahiptir (Collavo ve ark., 2005). Bu yaklaşım, sadece üretim maliyetlerini düşürmekle kalmaz, aynı zamanda gıda üretim sistemlerinin çevresel ayak izini de azaltır (Premalatha ve ark., 2011).

Bununla birlikte sürdürülebilirlik, yalnızca çevresel etkilerin minimize edilmesi değil, aynı zamanda üretim süreçlerinin verimliliğinin artırılması ve kaynak kullanımının optimize edilmesini de kapsamaktadır (European Commission, 2012). Bu nedenle, modern kanatlı üretim sistemlerinde hassas besleme teknikleri, enzim ve mikroalg kullanımı ile yan ürünlerin değerlendirilmesi gibi stratejiler giderek daha fazla önem kazanmaktadır (Aguzzi ve ark., 2018).

Çevresel Sürdürülebilirlik

Çevresel sürdürülebilirlik, kanatlı üretiminde doğal kaynakların verimli ve etkin biçimde kullanımını, ekosistemlerin korunmasını ve sera gazı emisyonlarının azalmasını ifade etmektedir (Mekonnen ve Hoekstra, 2012). Kanatlı üretim sistemlerinin çevresel etkileri, özellikle yem üretimi, su kullanımı, arazi kullanımı ve atık yönetimi ile doğrudan ilişkilidir (European Commission, 2010). Bu nedenle çevresel sürdürülebilirliği sağlamak, hem üretim süreçlerinin optimize edilmesini hem de ekosistemlerin korunmasını gerektirmektedir (Mungkung ve ark., 2013).

Kanatlı üretiminde çevresel sürdürülebilirliğin sağlanması, yalnızca sera gazı emisyonlarının azaltılmasını değil, aynı zamanda su ve enerji tüketiminin minimize edilmesi ve atıkların etkin yönetimi ile mümkündür (Farina ve ark., 2015). Modern üretim sistemlerinde, çevresel etki analizleri ve yaşam döngüsü değerlendirmeleri (Life Cycle Assessment – LCA) bu sürecin merkezinde yer almaktadır (Mungkung ve ark., 2013).

Yaşam Döngüsü Değerlendirmesi (LCA) Yaklaşımı

Yaşam döngüsü değerlendirmesi (LCA), kanatlı üretiminin çevresel etkilerini kapsamlı bir şekilde inceleyen yöntemdir (Mungkung ve ark., 2013). Yem hammaddelerinin üretiminden hayvan yetiştirme, işleme, nakliye ve tüketim aşamalarına kadar tüm üretim zincirini analiz etmektedir (Mungkung ve ark., 2013). Bu yaklaşım sayesinde, su ve enerji tüketimi, arazi kullanımı, karbon ayak izi ve sera gazı emisyonları gibi kritik parametreler belirlenebilir (Mekonnen ve Hoekstra, 2012).

Yapılan çalışmaları, özellikle mısır ve soya gibi geleneksel protein kaynaklarının üretimi sırasında ortaya çıkan çevresel yükleri ortaya koymaktadır (Mungkung ve ark., 2013). Bu hammaddelerin üretimi, yoğun gübre ve pestisit kullanımına bağlı olarak, hem toprak hem de su kirliliğine neden olmaktadır (Mekonnen ve Hoekstra, 2012). Ayrıca, ithal edilen yem hammaddelerinin taşınması sırasında ek sera gazı salımı meydana gelmektedir (European Commission, 2010).

Bu yaklaşıma bağlı olarak yürütülen analizler üreticilere, üretim süreçlerinin sürdürülebilirliğini artırmak amacıyla iyileştirme yapılması gereken alanalr hakkında bilgi sağlamaktadır (Mungkung ve ark., 2013). Bu bağlamda, yenilenebilir protein kaynaklarının ve yan ürünlerin besleme sistemlerinde kullanılması gibi stratejiler, çevresel etkiyi önemli ölçüde azaltabilir (Huis ve ark., 2013).

Yem Kaynaklı Emisyonlar

Kanatlı üretiminde toplam sera gazı emisyonlarının büyük bir kısmı, yem üretiminden kaynaklanmaktadır (Mekonnen ve Hoekstra, 2012). Protein ve enerji sağlayan temel hammaddeler olan mısır ve soya, tarımsal üretim aşamasında yüksek miktarda gübre ve su gerektirir, bu da karbon ve su ayak izini artırır (European Commission, 2010). Ayrıca, bu hammaddelerin çoğunun ithal edilmesi, nakliye sırasında ek sera gazı salımına neden olmaktadır (Mungkung ve ark., 2013).

Yem üretiminden kaynaklanan çevresel etkiler, kullanılan gübre ve pestisit miktarı ile doğrudan ilişkilidir (Mekonnen ve Hoekstra, 2012). Örneğin, azotlu gübre kullanımı, hem su kirliliğine hem de atmosferik nitrojen emisyonlarına neden olmaktadır (European Commission, 2010). Bu nedenle, yem kaynaklı emisyonları azaltmak için protein kaynaklarının çeşitlendirilmesi ve böcek gibi alternatiflerin kullanılması giderek önem kazanmaktadır (Huis ve ark., 2013).

Böcek proteinleri, geleneksel soya ve balık unu kaynaklarına göre daha düşük çevresel etkiye sahiptir (Premalatha ve ark., 2011). Böceklerin besleme verimliliği yüksektir ve organik atıklarla beslenebilirler, bu da hem çevresel hem de ekonomik sürdürülebilirliği desteklemektedir (Collavo ve ark., 2005). Bu nedenle, yem kaynaklı emisyonların minimize edilmesi, sürdürülebilir kanatlı üretiminde kritik bir öneme sahiptir (Makkar ve ark., 2014).

Gübre ve Atık Yönetimi

Kanatlı üretiminde gübre ve atık yönetimi, çevresel sürdürülebilirliğin önemli bir unsurudur (Mungkung ve ark., 2013). Yanlış ve aşırı gübre kullanımı, toprak ve su kirliliğine, metan ve amonyak gibi sera gazlarının salımına neden olabilmektedir (European Commission, 2010). Özellikle yoğun üretim tesislerinde, atık yönetimi ve gübre uygulama stratejileri çevresel etkileri doğrudan belirlemektedir (Farina ve ark., 2015).

Modern yönetim stratejileri, gübrelerin işlenmesi, kompostlama ve biyogaz üretimi gibi yöntemlerle atıkların geri kazanılmasını hedeflemektedir (Diener ve ark., 2011). Bu süreç, hem atık miktarını azaltmakta hem de enerji ve gübre ihtiyacını karşılayarak ekonomik fayda sağlamaktadır (Newton ve ark., 2008).

Ayrıca, böceklerin organik atık ve yan ürünleri dönüştürerek protein üretmesi, hem atık yönetimini kolaylaştırmakta hem de üretim maliyetlerini düşürmektedir (Huis ve ark., 2013).

Bu yaklaşım, kanatlı üretiminde "sıfır atık" stratejisini destekleyerek çevresel sürdürülebilirliği artırmaktadır (Collavo ve ark., 2005).

Mevcut Besleme Stratejileri

Kanatlı üretiminde besleme stratejileri, hayvanların hızlı büyümesi, yemden yararlanmada artış ve ürün kalitesinin artırılması için kritik öneme sahiptir (Barrows ve ark., 2008). Soya ve balık unu gibi geleneksel protein kaynakları, kanatlıların temel besin ihtiyaçlarını karşılamak için yaygın olarak kullanılmaktadır (Miles ve Jacobs, 1997). Ancak bu kaynakların üretimi, çevresel sürdürülebilirlik açısından birçok sorunu beraberinde getirmektedir. Bu nedenle besleme stratejilerinde alternatif ve çevre dostu yaklaşımlara yönelim artmaktadır (Makkar ve ark., 2014).

Besleme stratejilerinde temel hedefler, hayvanların besin madde gereksinimlerini karşılamak, sindirilebilirliği artırmak ve yemden elde edilen enerjiyi maksimum düzeye çıkarmaktır (Barrows ve ark., 2008). Bu bağlamda, enzim kullanımı, aminoasit dengesi, yan ürünlerin kullanımı ve mineral yönetimi gibi stratejiler, hem üretim verimliliğini artırmak hem de çevresel etkiyi azaltmak için uygulanmaktadır (Agazzi ve ark., 2004).

Enzim Kullanımı

Enzimler, kanatlı beslenmesinde yem bileşenlerinin sindirilebilirliğini artırmak için kullanılan biyolojik katalizörlerdir (Barrows ve ark., 2008). Özellikle fitaz ve NSP (non-starch polysaccharide) enzimleri, yemdeki fosfor ve kompleks polisakaritlerin daha etkin kullanılmasını sağlamaktadır (Agazzi ve ark., 2004). Fitaz, yemlerdeki fosforun biyoyararlanımını artıran enzimlerden biridir ve kanatlı beslemesinde yaygın olarak kullanılmaktadır (Barrows ve ark., 2008). Fosfor, kemik gelişimi ve metabolik süreçler için kritik bir mineraldir; ancak çoğu bitkisel protein kaynağındaki fosfor fitat formunda bulunur ve monogastrik hayvanlar tarafından sınırlı şekilde sindirilir (Yu ve ark., 2009). Fitaz kullanımı, fitat fosforunu çözerek hayvanın kullanılabilir fosfor alımını artırmakta ve dışkıya atılan fosfor miktarını azaltmaktadır (European Commission, 2010). Bu yaklaşım, hem üretim verimliliğini artırmakta hem de çevresel sürdürülebilirliğe katkı sağlamaktadır (Agazzi ve ark., 2004).

Non-Starch Polysaccharide (NSP) enzimleri ise tahıllardaki çözünmeyen polisakaritleri parçalayarak enerji verimliliğini artırmakta ve bağırsak sağlığını desteklemektedir (Barrows ve ark., 2008). Bu enzimler, bağırsak viskozitesini azaltarak sindirim sistemi fonksiyonlarını iyileştirmekte ve mikrobiyal fermentasyonu desteklemektedir. Enzim kullanımının ekonomik faydaları, yemden yararlanma oranını artırması ve yem maliyetlerini düşürmesiyle de gözlemlenmektedir (Mungkung ve ark., 2013). Ayrıca bazı enzimler, kanatlılarda bağışıklık sisteminin güçlenmesine yardımcı olarak sağlık durumunu olumlu yönde etkilemektedir. Sonuç olarak, NSP enzimleri yemden elde edilen enerji miktarını artırırken, bağırsak sağlığını da olumlu yönde etkilemektedir (Farina ve ark., 2015).

Enzimlerin Ekonomik ve Çevresel Etkileri

Enzim kullanımı, yem maliyetlerini düşürerek ekonomik sürdürülebilirliği desteklemekte ve hayvan performansını artırmaktadır (Mungkung ve ark., 2013). Aynı zamanda, azot ve fosfor atıklarını azaltarak çevresel sürdürülebilirliğe katkıda bulunmaktadır (European Commission, 2010). Yapılan araştırmalar, uygun enzim kombinasyonlarının, hayvan büyüme performansını artırırken yem dönüşüm oranını iyileştirdiğini ve yem tüketimini optimize ettiğini göstermektedir (Barrows ve ark., 2008).

Gelecekteki Araştırma Alanları

Enzim kullanımının potansiyel faydaları oldukça fazladır; ancak, farklı yem bileşenleri, enzim türleri ve hayvan türleri arasında varyasyonlar gözlemlenmektedir (Farina ve ark., 2015). Bu nedenle, enzimlerin optimum kombinasyonları ve uygulama yöntemleri üzerine ileri düzey araştırmalara ihtiyaç vardır. Ayrıca, bağırsak mikrobiyomu üzerindeki etkileri ve besin emilimi

ile ilişkileri, gelecekteki çalışmalar için önemli araştırma alanları olarak öne çıkmaktadır (Premalatha ve ark., 2011).

Aminoasit Dengesi

Kanatlıların hızlı büyümesi ve optimum et ile yumurta üretimi, yeterli ve dengeli aminoasit alımına bağlıdır (Miles ve Jacobs, 1997). Özellikle lizin, metionin ve treonin gibi esansiyel aminoasitler, geleneksel protein kaynaklarında sınırlı olabilmektedir (Makkar ve ark., 2014). Bu amino asitler, kas gelişimi, protein sentezi, tüy gelişimi, antioksidan fonksiyonlar, bağırsak mukozasının korunması ve immün sistem fonksiyonları açısında kritik öneme sahiptir (Aguzzi ve ark., 2004; Farina ve ark., 2015). Geleneksel protein kaynaklarında bu amino asitler sınırlı olabileceğinden, rasyondaki aminoasit dengesizliklerinin dışardan takviye ile giderilmesini veya alternatif protein kaynaklarının kullanılmasını gerektirmektedir (Huis ve ark., 2013).

Aminoasit dengesinin sağlanması, hayvan performansını artırırken, fazladan protein tüketimini önleyerek azot atıklarının ve çevresel kirliliğin azaltılmasına yardımcı olur (Barrows ve ark., 2008; Mekonnen ve Hoekstra, 2012). Bu nedenle, yem formülasyonu sırasında protein kaynakları ve amino asit katkıları, hayvanın ihtiyaçları ile uyumlu olacak şekilde optimize edilmelidir (Premalatha ve ark., 2011). Soya ve balık unu gibi geleneksel protein kaynakları, çoğu zaman sentetik amino asitler ile desteklenerek dengeli bir aminoasit profili sağlanmakta, böylece büyüme performansı korunmakta ve çevresel azot yükü azaltılmaktadır (Miles ve Jacobs, 1997; European Commission, 2010).

Yeni nesil protein kaynakları, özellikle böcek ve yan ürün bazlı proteinler, aminoasit profili açısından önemli avantajlar sunmaktadır (Huis ve ark., 2013). Örneğin siyah asker sineği larvaları, yüksek düzeyde lizine ve metiyonine sahip olup, geleneksel protein kaynaklarına kıyasla daha dengeli bir amino asit sunmakta, hem protein maliyetlerini düşürmekte hem de azot atıklarının azaltılmasına katkı sağlamaktadır (Newton ve ark., 1977; Makkar ve ark., 2014). Bu kapsamda, amino asit dengesinin sağlanması, hem hayvan sağlığı hem de çevresel sürdürülebilirlik açısından kritik bir öneme sahiptir (Mu ngkung ve ark., 2013; Farina ve ark., 2015).

Gelecekteki Araştırma Alanları

Amino asit dengesi ve azot yönetimi alanında ileri araştırmalar, hem proteomik analizler hem de RNA-seq tabanlı çalışmalar ile desteklenebilir (Freeman ve ark., 2012). Bağırsak mikrobiyomu üzerindeki etkiler, amino asit sindirimi ve metabolik yolların optimize edilmesi açısından kritik bir araştırma alanıdır (Smith ve ark., 2014). Ayrıca, alternatif protein kaynaklarının uzun dönem etkileri ve farklı hayvan türlerine uyumu, gelecekteki çalışmalar için öncelikli konular arasında yer almaktadır (Makkar ve ark., 2014).

Yan Ürünlerin Değerlendirilmesi

Gıda ve tarım sektöründe ortaya çıkan yan ürünler, hem ekonomik hem de çevresel açıdan önemli bir potansiyel taşımaktadır (European Commission, 2012; Huis ve ark., 2013). Geleneksel olarak bu yan ürünler hayvan yemi veya gübre olarak kullanılmış, ancak çoğu zaman düşük verimli ve atık olarak değerlendirilmiş, bu durum hem kaynak israfına hem de çevresel sorunlara yol açmıştır (FAO, 2011; Mungkung ve ark., 2013). Son yıllarda, gıda ve tarım yan ürünlerinin sürdürülebilir bir şekilde kullanılması, özellikle kanatlı beslemesinde alternatif protein ve enerji kaynağı olarak önem kazanmıştır. Meyve, sebze ve tahıl işleme atıkları, uygun işleme yöntemleriyle protein ve enerji içeriği yüksek yemlere dönüştürülebilmekte, böylece hem üretim maliyetleri düşmekte hem de organik atık yönetimi kolaylaşmaktadır (Collavo ve ark., 2005; Diener ve ark., 2011).

Bitkisel yan ürünler, özellikle işlenmiş gıda ve tarım üretiminden elde edilen mısır ve buğday kepeği, posası gibi atıklar, yüksek lif ve bazı protein içerikleri ile hayvan beslemesinde değerlendirilebilmektedir (Premalatha ve ark., 2011; Barrows ve ark., 2008). Ancak bu ürünlerin amino asit profilleri ve sindirilebilirlikleri, geleneksel protein kaynaklarına kıyasla

değişkenlik gösterebilir (Miles ve Jacobs, 1997). Hayvansal yan ürünler ise mezbahalardan veya işlenmiş gıda sektöründen elde edilen et, kemik ve balık atıklarını kapsamakta, yüksek protein ve yağ içeriği ile özellikle monogastrik hayvanlarda besin değeri açısından önemli bir kaynak oluşturmaktadır (Newton ve ark., 1977; Makkar ve ark., 2014). Balık unu ve et-kemik unu, amino asit açısından zengin olup, geleneksel yemleri kısmen veya tamamen ikame edebilir; ancak bu ürünlerin işlenmesi ve güvenli hale getirilmesi, mikrobiyal kontaminasyon ve hastalık riski açısından dikkat gerektirir (Miles ve Jacobs, 1997; Diener ve ark., 2011).

Farklı yan ürünlerin yemlerde kullanımı, hayvan performansı üzerinde çeşitli etkiler gösterebilir. Çalışmalar, amino asit profili optimize edildiğinde yem dönüşüm oranlarını iyileştirebileceğini ve yem maliyetlerini düşürebileceğini göstermektedir (Makkar ve ark., 2014). Bununla birlikte, yan ürünlerin sindirilebilirliği, içerik kalitesi ve güvenliği, kullanılan ürünün kaynağı ve işleme yöntemine bağlı olarak değişkenlik göstermektedir (Arango Gutierrez ve ark., 2004).

Sonuç olarak, yan ürünlerin değerlendirilmesi, çevresel sürdürülebilirliği artırmanın yanı sıra ekonomik açıdan da önemli faydalar sağlamaktadır. Gıda ve tarım atıklarının geri kazanımı, atık yönetimi maliyetlerini düşürmekte ve hayvan yemi üretiminde kullanılan tarımsal kaynakların kullanımını azaltmaktadır (European Commission, 2012; Mekonnen ve Hoekstra, 2012). Bu bağlamda, yan ürünlerin sistematik olarak değerlendirilmesi, döngüsel ekonomi yaklaşımına uygun, sürdürülebilir bir üretim modelinin temel taşlarından biri olarak kabul edilmektedir (Huis ve ark., 2013).

Mineral Yönetimi

Mineral yönetimi, kanatlıların metabolik fonksiyonları, üreme performansı, iskelet sağlığı ve ürün kalitesi için kritik öneme sahiptir (Farina ve ark., 2015; Barrows ve ark., 2008). Makro mineraller arasında kalsiyum (Ca), fosfor (P), sodyum (Na), potasyum (K) ve magnezyum (Mg) öne çıkmaktadır (Miles ve Jacobs, 1997). Kalsiyum ve fosfor, özellikle kemik mineralizasyonu ve yumurta kabuğu kalitesi için temel mineraller iken, sodyum ve potasyum elektrolit dengesi ve sinir-kas fonksiyonları için kritik öneme sahiptir; magnezyum ise enerji metabolizması ve enzim aktivitelerinde rol oynamaktadır (Barrows ve ark., 2008; Yu ve ark., 2009; Farina ve ark., 2015). Minerallerin dengeli ve yeterli verilmesi, hem performansın artırılmasını hem de azot ve fosfor atıkları aracılığıyla çevresel yüklerin azaltılmasını sağlamaktadır (European Commission, 2010; Mungkung ve ark., 2013).

Mikro mineraller veya iz elementler, çinko (Zn), demir (Fe), mangan (Mn), bakır (Cu), selenyum (Se) ve iyot (I) gibi elementleri kapsamaktadır (Premalatha ve ark., 2011). Bu iz elementler, bağışıklık sistemi, antioksidan savunma mekanizmaları, hormon sentezi ve enzim fonksiyonları için gereklidir (Diener ve ark., 2011). Örneğin, selenyum eksikliği oksidatif stresin artmasına ve bağışıklık yanıtının zayıflamasına yol açarken, çinko ve bakır eksikliği tüy kalitesi ve kemik gelişimini olumsuz etkileyebilmektedir(Newton ve ark., 1977). İz elementlerin rasyonlara dengeli ve biyoyararlanımı yüksek şekilde verilmesi, hem hayvan sağlığı hem de ürün kalitesi açısından kritik öneme sahiptir (Huis ve ark., 2013).

Mineral kaynakları, organik ve inorganik formlar olarak sınıflandırılabilir (Makkar ve ark., 2014). İnorganik mineraller genellikle tuzlar şeklinde bulunurken, organik mineraller protein bağlayıcı veya amino asit chelate formunda sunulmaktadır (Barrows ve ark., 2008). Organik minerallerin biyoyararlanımı genellikle daha yüksek olup, daha iyi emilim ve daha düşük dışkı kaybı sağlamaktadır (Yu ve ark., 2009). Özellikle fosforun fitaz enzimleri ile birlikte kullanılması, hem yem maliyetlerini düşürmekte hem de fosfor atılımını azaltarak çevresel etkiyi minimize etmektedir (Agazzi ve ark., 2004; Mungkung ve ark., 2013).

Son yıllarda böcek ve yan ürünler, kanatlı beslemesinde alternatif mineral kaynağı olarak değerlendirilmiştir (Collavo ve ark., 2005). Siyah asker sineği larvaları, özellikle kalsiyum, fosfor ve çinko açısından zengin olup, geleneksel mineral kaynaklarını kısmen ikame edebilir (Huis ve ark., 2013; Makkar ve ark., 2014). Bu yaklaşım, maliyetlerin düşürülmesini sağlarken,

sürdürülebilir yem üretimi ve atık yönetimi açısından da avantaj sunmaktadır (Premalatha ve ark., 2011).

Gelişen teknoloji ile mineral yönetimi, dijital ve hassas besleme sistemleri ile optimize edilmektedir (European Commission, 2012). Sensörler ve veri analizleri, hayvanın mineral ihtiyacını gerçek zamanlı belirleyerek fazlalık veya eksiklikleri minimize etmektedir. Bu yöntem, hem hayvan sağlığı ve performansını artırmakta hem de çevresel yükün azaltılmasına katkı sağlamaktadır (Mungkung ve ark., 2013; Farina ve ark., 2015

Dijitalleşme ve Hassas Besleme Sistemleri

Günümüzde kanatlı beslemesinde dijitalleşme, verimlilik, sürdürülebilirlik ve hayvan sağlığını artırmak amacıyla giderek önem kazanmaktadır (European Commission, 2012). Hassas besleme sistemleri, hayvanların bireysel veya grup bazlı besin ihtiyaçlarını g olarak karşılayarak yem israfını azaltmaktadır (Mungkung ve ark., 2013). Bu sistemler, özellikle protein, amino asit, vitamin ve mineral dengesi açısından hayvan performansını optimize etmeye yardımcı olmaktadır (Barrows ve ark., 2008).

Sensör Teknolojileri ve Veri Analitiği

Hassas besleme sistemlerinin temelini sensör teknolojileri ve veri analitiği oluşturmaktadır (Farina ve ark., 2015). Sensörler, hayvanların yem tüketimi, su tüketimi, vücut ağırlığı ve davranışlarını sürekli izleyerek önemli veriler sağlamaktadır (Premalatha ve ark., 2011). Bu veriler, yapay zeka ve makine öğrenmesi algoritmaları ile analiz edilerek hayvanların ihtiyaçlarına uygun yem karışımları oluşturulmaktadır (Huis ve ark., 2013). Böylece hem performans artırılmakta hem de fazladan yem kullanımı engellenmektedir (Makkar ve ark., 2014)

Otomatik Besleme Sistemleri

Otomatik besleme sistemleri, hayvanların belirlenen miktarlarda yem almasını sağlayarak optimal büyüme ve verimlilik hedeflerine ulaşmayı mümkün kılmaktadır (Yu ve ark., 2009). Bu sistemler, yem tüketimi ve büyüme oranları arasındaki ilişkiyi sürekli izleyerek yem dağıtımını optimize etmektedir (Diener ve ark., 2011). Ayrıca, farklı büyüme evrelerindeki hayvanlara özel yem karışımları sunarak amino asit ve mineral dengesini hassas bir şekilde yönetmektedir (Collavo ve ark., 2005).

Yapay Zeka Destekli Karar Destek Sistemleri

Yapay zeka destekli karar sistemleri, büyük veri setlerini analiz ederek yem stratejilerini optimize etmektedir (European Commission, 2012). Bu sistemler, hayvan sağlığı, çevresel etkiler ve ekonomik verimlilik arasında denge kurmayı sağlamaktadır (Mungkung ve ark., 2013). Örneğin, belirli bir sürüde yemden elde edilen performans ve atık verilerini analiz ederek, yem içeriklerinde yapılacak küçük değişikliklerle çevresel etkileri minimize etmek mümkün kılmaktadır (Barrows ve ark., 2008).

Sürdürülebilirlik ve Çevresel Katkılar

Dijitalleşme ve hassas besleme sistemleri, sadece hayvan performansını artırmakla kalmayıp, aynı zamanda çevresel sürdürülebilirliğe de katkı sağlamaktadır (Farina ve ark., 2015). Fazla yem kullanımının önlenmesi, azot ve fosfor atıklarının azaltılmasına ve sera gazı emisyonlarının düşürülmesine yardımcı olmaktadır (Mungkung ve ark., 2013). Ayrıca, hassas besleme sayesinde yem hammaddelerinin verimli kullanımı sağlanarak doğal kaynakların korunmasına katkı sağlanmaktadır (Huis ve ark., 2013).

Gelecekteki Perspektifler

Gelecekte dijitalleşme ve hassas besleme sistemlerinin daha da gelişmesi, blockchain ve IoT (Internet of Things) entegrasyonu ile mümkün olacaktır (European Commission, 2012). Bu teknolojiler sayesinde, yem tedarik zincirinden tüketiciye kadar tüm süreçler izlenebilir hale

gelerek şeffaflık ve izlenebilirlik sağlanacaktır (Premalatha ve ark., 2011). Böylece hem üretim verimliliği artırılacak hem de çevresel etkiler daha etkin bir şekilde yönetilebilecektir (Makkar ve ark., 2014).

Alternatif Protein Kaynakları

Geleneksel protein kaynakları, özellikle soya ve balık unu, kanatlı üretiminde yaygın olarak kullanılmakta olup, yüksek besin değeri sağlamalarına rağmen çevresel ve ekonomik sürdürülebilirlik açısından sınırlamalara sahiptir (Makkar ve ark., 2014). Bu kaynakların üretimi, yoğun arazi, su ve enerji kullanımına bağlı olarak yüksek karbon ayak izine yol açmaktadır (Mekonnen ve Hoekstra, 2012). Bu nedenle, alternatif protein kaynaklarının geliştirilmesi, hayvansal üretimde çevresel etkilerin azaltılması ve sürdürülebilirliğin artırılması açısından kritik bir strateji olarak öne çıkmaktadır (Huis ve ark., 2013).

Böcek Bazlı Proteinler

Böcekler, yüksek protein içeriği ve dengeli amino asit profilleri ile özellikle monogastrik hayvan beslemesinde cazip bir alternatif sunmaktadır (Premalatha ve ark., 2011). *Hermetia illucens* (kara asker sineği) ve *Musca domestica* (ev sineği) larvaları, organik atıkların yüksek verimle protein ve lipid biyomasına dönüştürülmesini sağlayarak hem ekonomik hem de çevresel avantajlar sunmaktadır (Diener ve ark., 2011). Böcek proteinleri, özellikle lizinden zengin olup, amino asit eksikliklerini tamamlayıcı olarak kullanılabilmektedir (Yu ve ark., 2009). Ayrıca, böcek yemleri lipid profili açısından omega-3 ve omega-6 yağ asitleri sağlayarak et ve yumurta kalitesini iyileştirme potansiyeline sahiptir (Farina ve ark., 2015).

Mikroalgler

Mikroalgler, yüksek protein ve lipid içeriği ile alternatif protein kaynakları arasında hızla popülerlik kazanmaktadır (Barrows ve ark., 2008). Spirulina ve Chlorella gibi mikroalg türleri, hem insan hem de hayvan beslenmesinde sürdürülebilir bir protein kaynağı olarak değerlendirilmektedir (Premalatha ve ark., 2011). Mikroalglerin üretimi, karasal tarım alanı gereksinimini minimize ederek su ve enerji kullanımında tasarruf sağlamaktadır (Huis ve ark., 2013). Ayrıca, mikroalgler biyolojik olarak aktif bileşikler içerdiği için hayvan bağışıklığını destekleyici etkiler gösterebilmektedir (Farina ve ark., 2015).

Fermente Yan Ürünler ve Tek Hücre Proteini

Fermente yan ürünler ve tek hücre proteini, gıda ve tarım endüstrisinden elde edilen atıkların verimli bir şekilde protein kaynağına dönüştürülmesini mümkün kılmaktadır (Collavo ve ark., 2005). Örneğin, maya ve mantar bazlı proteinler, yüksek sindirilebilirlik ve amino asit dengesi sunarak soya ve balık ununun kısmi yerine kullanılabilmektedir (Mungkung ve ark., 2013). Bu yaklaşım, hem ekonomik hem de çevresel sürdürülebilirliği artırmakta ve "döngüsel ekonomi" stratejisine katkı sağlamaktadır (European Commission, 2012).

Gelecekteki Perspektifler

Alternatif protein kaynaklarının kullanımının yaygınlaşması, hayvan beslemesinde çevresel etkilerin azaltılması ve üretim maliyetlerinin optimize edilmesini sağlayacaktır (Makkar ve ark., 2014). Böcek, mikroalg ve fermente yan ürünlerin kombinasyonu ile karma yem formülasyonları geliştirilerek, hem besin değeri hem de sürdürülebilirlik hedefleri birlikte gerçekleştirilebilmektedir (Huis ve ark., 2013). Ayrıca, genetik ve biyoteknolojik yaklaşımlar ile böcek ve mikroalg üretimi daha verimli hale getirilerek protein üretim kapasitesi artırılabilir (Premalatha ve ark., 2011).

Ekonomik ve Sosyal Boyutlar

Kanatlı üretiminde sürdürülebilirlik yalnızca çevresel boyutla sınırlı değildir; ekonomik ve sosyal boyutlar da üretim sistemlerinin bütüncül değerlendirilmesinde kritik öneme sahiptir (European Commission, 2012). Ekonomik sürdürülebilirlik, üretim maliyetlerinin minimize edilmesi, verimliliğin artırılması ve kaynakların etkin kullanımına dayanmaktadır (Mungkung

ve ark., 2013). Özellikle yem maliyetleri, kanatlı üretiminde toplam maliyetin %60–70'ini oluşturmakta olup, bu durum yem verimliliğini artırıcı stratejilerin önemini vurgulamaktadır (Makkar ve ark., 2014).

Üretim Maliyetleri ve Verimlilik

Yem kaynaklı maliyetlerin optimize edilmesi, alternatif proteinler ve hassas besleme stratejileri ile mümkündür (Premalatha ve ark., 2011). Böcek bazlı proteinler ve mikroalglerin yem formülasyonuna dahil edilmesi, özellikle ithal soya ve balık unu kullanımını azaltarak ekonomik tasarruf sağlamaktadır (Huis ve ark., 2013). Ayrıca, enzim kullanımı ve amino asit dengesi gibi besleme stratejileri, hayvanların besinleri daha etkin kullanmasını sağlayarak birim ürün maliyetini düşürmektedir (Barrows ve ark., 2008).

Sosyal Boyut ve Tüketici Algısı

Sosyal sürdürülebilirlik, üretim sistemlerinin toplum tarafından kabul edilmesi, hayvan refahının gözetilmesi ve sağlıklı ürün tedarikini kapsar (European Commission, 2012). Tüketiciler, çevresel etkileri düşük ve etik standartlara uygun üretimden elde edilen ürünleri tercih etmektedir (Farina ve ark., 2015). Bu bağlamda, böcek proteinleri veya mikroalg içeren yemlerin kullanımı, toplum nezdinde güven ve kabul görmesi için şeffaflık ve bilgilendirme stratejilerini gerektirmektedir (Huis ve ark., 2013).

İstihdam ve Endüstriyel Katkı

Alternatif protein üretimi, özellikle böcek ve mikroalg sektörleri, yeni istihdam alanları yaratmakta ve yerel ekonomilere katkı sağlamaktadır (Collavo ve ark., 2005). Bu sektörler, atık yönetimi ve biyoteknoloji entegrasyonu ile "endüstriyel simbiyoz" konseptine uygun üretim modelleri geliştirmekte ve tarımsal ekonomiye ek değer katmaktadır (Diener ve ark., 2011).

Geleceğe Yönelik Sosyo-Ekonomik Perspektifler

Kanatlı üretiminde ekonomik ve sosyal boyutların güçlendirilmesi, sürdürülebilirlik hedeflerinin başarıyla hayata geçirilmesini sağlamaktadır (Mungkung ve ark., 2013). Alternatif proteinlerin kullanımı, üretim maliyetlerini düşürürken çevresel etkileri azaltmakta ve toplum nezdinde kabul gören üretim sistemleri oluşturulmasına katkı sağlamaktadır (Makkar ve ark., 2014). Ayrıca, dijitalleşme ve hassas besleme sistemleri ile üretim süreçleri optimize edilerek, verimlilik ve karlılık artırılabilmektedir (Barrows ve ark., 2008).

Tüketici Beklentileri

Kanatlı üretiminde sürdürülebilir besleme stratejilerinin başarısı, büyük ölçüde tüketici algısı ve beklentileri ile şekillenmektedir (European Commission, 2012). Modern tüketiciler, sadece ürünün fiyatına değil, üretim sürecinin çevresel ve etik boyutlarına da önem vermektedir (Farina ve ark., 2015). Bu bağlamda, sürdürülebilir üretim teknikleri ile elde edilen tavuk ve yumurta ürünleri, tüketicilerin bilinçli tercihlerini etkileyen temel faktörlerden biri olarak öne çıkmaktadır (Huis ve ark., 2013).

Ürün Kalitesi ve Besinsel Değer

Tüketiciler, ürünlerin besinsel değerini ve sağlıklı içeriklerini öncelikli kriter olarak değerlendirmektedir (Agazzi ve ark., 2004). Omega-3 ve omega-6 yağ asitleri, esansiyel amino asit profilleri ve düşük doymuş yağ içeriği, modern kanatlı ürünlerinin pazarlanmasında belirleyici faktörlerdir (Premalatha ve ark., 2011). Bu bağlamda, böcek ve mikroalg bazlı yemler kullanılarak üretilen kanatlı ürünler, besinsel değer açısından tüketici taleplerini karşılayabilir ve fonksiyonel gıda segmentinde rekabet avantajı sağlayabilmektedir (Collavo ve ark., 2005).

Çevresel ve Etik Algı

Tüketiciler, çevresel sürdürülebilirlik ve hayvan refahına önem veren üretim sistemlerine daha fazla güven duymaktadır (European Commission, 2012). Kanatlı üretiminde yem kaynaklı

emisyonların azaltılması, atık yönetimi ve böcek bazlı protein kullanımı, tüketiciler tarafından çevresel farkındalık kriteri olarak değerlendirilmektedir (Huis ve ark., 2013). Ayrıca, hayvan refahı standartlarını gözeten üretim sistemleri, ürünlerin etik açıdan kabulünü ve markaya olan güveni artırmaktadır (Farina ve ark., 2015).

Bilgilendirme ve Şeffaflık

Tüketicilerin sürdürülebilir ürünleri tercih etmesi, üretim süreci hakkında sağlıklı ve şeffaf bilgiye ulaşabilmelerine bağlıdır (Diener ve ark., 2011). Etiketleme, sertifikasyon ve dijital takip sistemleri, tüketicilerin ürün seçiminde güven duymalarını sağlar ve sürdürülebilir üretim sistemlerinin toplum nezdinde benimsenmesini kolaylaştırmaktadır (Barrows ve ark., 2008). Bu nedenle, üreticilerin, alternatif protein kaynakları ve çevresel uygulamalar konusunda tüketiciyi bilgilendirme stratejilerini etkin biçimde uygulaması kritik öneme sahiptir (Mungkung ve ark., 2013).

Tüketici Eğilimleri ve Pazar Dinamikleri

Küresel pazar trendleri, sürdürülebilir ve etik olarak üretilen kanatlı ürünlere yönelimi göstermektedir (Makkar ve ark., 2014). Özellikle Avrupa ve Kuzey Amerika'da, çevresel etkileri düşük ve besinsel değeri yüksek ürünlere olan talep hızla artmaktadır (Huis ve ark., 2013). Bu durum, üreticilerin sürdürülebilir besleme stratejilerini benimsemesini ve inovatif yem kaynaklarına yatırım yapmasını teşvik etmektedir (Premalatha ve ark., 2011).

Gelecek Perspektifleri

Kanatlı üretiminde sürdürülebilir besleme stratejilerinin geleceği, hem çevresel hem de ekonomik boyutları dikkate alan bütüncül yaklaşımlarla şekillenmektedir (European Commission, 2012). Küresel nüfusun 2050 yılına kadar 10 milyara yaklaşması öngörülmekte olup, artan hayvansal protein talebi, geleneksel yem kaynaklarının sürdürülebilirliğini tehdit etmektedir (FAO, 2009). Bu bağlamda, üreticilerin inovatif ve çevre dostu besleme stratejilerine yönelmesi, sektörün uzun vadeli sürdürülebilirliği açısından kritik bir gerekliliktir (Mekonnen ve Hoekstra, 2012).

Alternatif Protein Kaynaklarının Yaygınlaşması

Geleneksel protein kaynakları olan soya ve balık ununun çevresel yükü, gelecekte alternatif protein kaynaklarına olan talebi artıracaktır (Makkar ve ark., 2014). Özellikle böcek bazlı proteinler, yüksek amino asit dengesi ve besinsel değerleri ile hem çevresel hem de ekonomik avantajlar sunmaktadır (Huis ve ark., 2013). Black soldier fly (*Hermetia illucens*) ve diğer böcek türlerinin yem üretiminde kullanımı, gıda atıklarının değerlendirilmesi ve protein verimliliğinin artırılması açısından önemli bir gelecek perspektifi oluşturmaktadır (Newton ve ark., 2008).

Dijitalleşme ve Hassas Besleme Sistemleri

Gelecekte dijitalleşme ve veri odaklı hassas besleme sistemleri, kanatlı üretiminde verimliliği artırmak ve çevresel etkileri azaltmak için kritik araçlar olacaktır (European Commission, 2012). Sensör tabanlı yem dağıtım sistemleri, hayvan büyüme performansını gerçek zamanlı izleyerek protein ve enerji dengelerini optimize edebilir (Farina ve ark., 2015). Bu sistemler, aynı zamanda azot ve fosfor atıklarının yönetilmesini kolaylaştırarak gübre ve atık kaynaklı emisyonların azaltılmasına katkı sağlayabilir (Mungkung ve ark., 2013).

Döngüsel Ekonomi ve Endüstriyel Simbiyoz

Gelecekte kanatlı üretimi, döngüsel ekonomi ilkeleri doğrultusunda şekillenecektir (European Commission, 2012). Organik atıkların böcek bazlı yem üretiminde kullanılması, kaynak verimliliğini artırmakta ve atık yönetimi sorunlarını çözmektedir (Diener ve ark., 2011). Endüstriyel simbiyoz yaklaşımları, tarım ve hayvancılık sistemlerinin birbirine entegre edilmesini sağlayarak, sürdürülebilir bir üretim döngüsü oluşturur ve "sıfır atık" hedefini destekler (Huis ve ark., 2013).

Küresel Politika ve Düzenlemeler

Ulusal ve uluslararası düzeyde geliştirilen politika ve düzenlemeler, sürdürülebilir kanatlı besleme stratejilerinin yaygınlaşmasını teşvik edecektir (European Commission, 2012). Özellikle Avrupa Birliği, yem kaynaklı emisyonların azaltılması, biyolojik çeşitliliğin korunması ve sürdürülebilir protein kaynaklarının kullanımına yönelik stratejiler geliştirmektedir (FAO, 2011). Bu politikalar, üreticileri inovatif ve çevre dostu besleme çözümlerini benimsemeye yönlendirecek ve sektörde rekabet avantajı yaratacaktır (Premalatha ve ark., 2011).

Araştırma ve İnovasyon

Gelecekteki kanatlı üretimi, temel araştırma ve inovasyon faaliyetleri ile desteklenecektir (Makkar ve ark., 2014). Özellikle proteomik ve RNA-seq analizleri, böcek bazlı yemlerin sindirilebilirliği ve bağırsak mikrobiyomu üzerindeki etkilerinin anlaşılmasında önemli bilgiler sağlayacaktır (Mach ve ark., 2014). Bu sayede, yem formülasyonları daha hassas bir şekilde optimize edilebilecek ve hem hayvan performansı hem de çevresel sürdürülebilirlik artırılabilecektir (Smith ve ark., 2014).

Sonuç ve Öneriler

Kanatlı üretiminde sürdürülebilir besleme stratejileri, günümüzde hem çevresel hem de ekonomik açıdan kritik bir öneme sahiptir. Geleneksel yem kaynaklarının sınırlılığı ve çevresel yükleri, sektörde yeni, inovatif ve verimli besleme çözümlerine olan ihtiyacı artırmaktadır. Bu bağlamda böcek bazlı proteinler, yem verimliliğini artıran enzimler ve amino asit dengesi sağlanmış rasyonlar, sürdürülebilir üretim hedefleri için önemli araçlar olarak öne çıkmaktadır.

Entegre yaklaşımlar, yani yem üretiminden gübre ve atık yönetimine kadar bütüncül stratejiler geliştirmek, kanatlı üretiminin çevresel etkilerini minimize etmektedir. Hassas besleme sistemleri ve dijital teknolojilerin kullanımı, hayvan performansını optimize ederken kaynak kullanımını ve atık üretimini azaltmaktadır. Ayrıca, döngüsel ekonomi prensipleri doğrultusunda yan ürünlerin ve organik atıkların değerlendirilmesi, hem ekonomik hem de çevresel faydalar sağlamaktadır.

Gelecek perspektifleri, üreticilerin inovasyona açık olması, araştırma ve geliştirme çalışmalarına yatırım yapması ve biyoteknolojik gelişmeleri besleme stratejilerine entegre etmesi ile şekillenecektir. Özellikle böcek bazlı proteinler, sürdürülebilir kaynak kullanımını destekleyerek sektörde maliyetleri düşürme ve çevresel etkileri azaltma potansiyeli sunmaktadır.

Sonuç olarak, kanatlı üretiminde sürdürülebilir besleme, çok boyutlu ve disiplinler arası bir yaklaşım gerektirmektedir. Besin biyoyararlanımı, amino asit dengesi, enzim kullanımı, mineral yönetimi ve yan ürünlerin değerlendirilmesi gibi stratejiler, çevresel sürdürülebilirlik ve ekonomik verimlilik için kritik öneme sahiptir. Sektörün geleceği, inovatif ve bilim temelli yaklaşımları benimseyen üreticiler tarafından şekillenecektir. Bu doğrultuda, politika yapıcılar, akademik kurumlar ve özel sektör işbirliği, sürdürülebilir kanatlı üretimi hedeflerine ulaşmada belirleyici rol oynayacaktır.

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DEVELOPMENT OF A BIOPOLYMER-BASED CRYOGEL TISSUE SCAFFOLD: MESENCHYMAL STEM CELLS DERIVED FROM WHARTON'S JELLY AND IN VITRO DIFFERENTIATION STUDY

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ABSTRACT

The present multidisciplinary approach addresses the therapeutic challenge of bone tissue repair through innovative stem cell-based strategies utilizing cryogel scaffolding technology. Investigation of scaffold-mediated cellular microenvironments and their influence on differentiation pathways enables the identification of critical parameters necessary for achieving controlled lineage specification. Our work aims not only to support regenerative processes at the cellular level, but also to contribute significantly to the healing process of critical-sized bone defects. Thus, it is anticipated that these systems could be considered as a potential treatment option in tissue engineering approaches.

In the first phase of this multidisciplinary study, stem cells were isolated from the Wharton's jelly of the umbilical cord using the explant method. Subsequently, cryogels synthesised using the cryopolymerization method were freeze-dried, followed by FT-IR, TGA, and SEM analyses, as well as swelling tests, after which cell culture studies were initiated. Within this scope, cytotoxicity tests were first performed on cryogels using direct contact and extraction methods, followed by viability tests using dead/live staining, and differentiation studies were initiated. Differentiation studies were characterised by immunofluorescence imaging and histological staining of the sections obtained.

Experimental findings demonstrated that hydroxapatite incorporation markedly enhanced osteogenic lineage commitment in cultured stem cells. Live/dead tests performed on samples, morphological analyses, and IF staining images confirmed that these materials induced bone differentiation. Furthermore, the STP cross-linking agent exhibited variable effects on cellular proliferation rates and scaffold mechanical integrity.

This study contributes to the development of biocompatible and guided scaffold designs for tissue engineering and regenerative medicine applications by revealing the effects of different additives on cell behavior.

Key Words: Cryogel Scaffold, Tissue Engineering, Biomedical Applications

INTRODUCTION

Over the past three decades, the fields of tissue engineering and regenerative medicine have gained considerable prominence through groundbreaking research and applications. In this context, scientists, engineers, and clinicians have embraced a multidisciplinary perspective, combining expertise from diverse disciplines to create biological substitutes capable of mimicking natural tissues, replacing damaged or diseased structures, or supporting their regeneration (Neishabouri et al., 2022).

Tissue engineering constitutes a highly interdisciplinary research domain that amalgamates biomaterial scaffolds, cellular components, and bioactive signaling factors with the overarching aim of fostering tissue regeneration. The principal objective of this field is the development of biocompatible constructs capable of reinstating the structural organization and functional performance of tissues and organs that have been compromised due to trauma, pathological conditions, or degenerative processes. Nevertheless, the scope of tissue engineering is not confined solely to the restitution of damaged biological structures. Rather, it encompasses a broader spectrum of objectives, including the augmentation of native tissue functionality, the acceleration of regenerative cascades, and the orchestration of cellular proliferation and lineage-specific differentiation through the integration of advanced biomaterials and bioactive cues. In recent years, pioneering studies have underscored the applicability of cryogels as potential scaffolding platforms for the repair and regeneration of osseous and cartilaginous tissues (Salehinejad et al., 2020).

The intrinsic macroporous morphology of cryogels endows them with exceptional mechanical elasticity, permeability, and interconnected pore networks, thereby ensuring effective facilitation of critical biological processes such as cell adhesion, nutrient diffusion, and metabolic waste elimination. These distinctive attributes have rendered cryogels promising candidates not only within the sphere of tissue engineering but also in allied fields such as controlled drug delivery and biosensor technologies. Moreover, the physicochemical features of cryogel matrices provide a protective milieu conducive to the preservation and functional performance of both cellular and molecular entities (Gao et al., 2022). The sponge-like resilience of cryogels, allowing deformation under compression without structural collapse, further accentuates their potential as minimally invasive, injectable biomaterials for therapeutic applications (Carriero et al., 2023).

In addition to their regenerative potential, tissue-engineered systems have acquired considerable importance in preclinical drug-screening platforms, toxicological assessments, and fundamental studies pertaining to tissue morphogenesis and developmental biology. Although the terminologies “tissue engineering” and “regenerative medicine” are frequently employed interchangeably, it is crucial to delineate their conceptual boundaries: while regenerative medicine primarily emphasizes the stimulation of intrinsic cellular renewal and repair mechanisms, tissue engineering is predominantly oriented towards the fabrication of engineered constructs in which biomaterial scaffolds play a central role. Within both paradigms, stem cells represent indispensable biological resources, providing the cellular foundation necessary for effective tissue restoration. Indeed, the design of scaffolds that can potentiate cellular adhesion, migration, and proliferation has emerged as a pivotal strategy for enhancing functional recovery in compromised tissues (Ghosal & Kaushik, 2020).

Among the diverse cellular candidates explored, human mesenchymal stem cells (MSCs) have attracted particular attention due to their multipotent differentiation capacity and inherent self-renewal properties. These cells, which can be isolated from various tissue sources such as bone marrow, adipose tissue, umbilical cord, amniotic fluid, dental pulp, and synovial fluid, exhibit broad applicability in regenerative interventions (Castro-Manrreza & Montesinos, 2015). Nevertheless, the acquisition of bone marrow-derived MSCs (BM-MSCs) is inherently invasive, and their differentiation potential declines progressively with donor age. Conversely, MSCs derived from Wharton’s jelly of the umbilical cord (WJ-MSCs) constitute a more

favorable alternative, owing to their accessibility, higher proliferative capacity, and enhanced paracrine activity (Liau et al., 2020).

Within the framework of the present dissertation, a systematic evaluation was undertaken to elucidate the biological efficacy of three-dimensional polymeric cryogel scaffolds in conjunction with the regenerative potential of WJ-MSCs. The experimental findings convincingly demonstrated that the engineered cryogel matrices provide a supportive microenvironment that effectively promotes both neural and osteogenic differentiation of the isolated stem cells. Collectively, these outcomes not only underscore the versatility and clinical promise of cryogel-based systems but also contribute a novel perspective to the broader discourse of tissue regeneration, thereby advancing the conceptual and practical foundations of the field.

CONCEPTUAL FRAMEWORK

Recent advances in stem cell research have significantly accelerated the progress of regenerative medicine. Technologies such as therapeutic cloning and induced pluripotent stem cells (iPSCs) have enabled the generation of patient-specific, immunologically compatible, and virtually limitless cellular sources. With the advent of bioprinting techniques and smart biomaterials, artificial tissues have been fabricated that have shown promising outcomes in clinical trials, facilitating the regeneration of cartilage, bone, skin, and several other tissue types (Mao & Mooney, 2015).

Although conventional two-dimensional (2D) culture systems are widely employed to expand cells, accumulating evidence suggests that cells often exhibit undesirable behaviors once transplanted into in vivo environments (Duval et al., 2017). This limitation highlights the inability of 2D models to adequately mimic physiological conditions, thereby failing to maintain essential cellular functions (Lee et al., 2008). As a response, contemporary strategies emphasize the incorporation of a third dimension into culture systems, which enhances their resemblance to the extracellular matrix (ECM) and positively influences cell proliferation, differentiation, migration, and overall viability (Bonnier et al., 2015). In particular, the cultivation of mesenchymal stem cells (MSCs) within three-dimensional scaffolds offers remarkable advantages over conventional monolayer culture approaches.

Cryogels are a class of cryogenically structured polymeric materials with applications in diverse fields such as medicine, biology, and food technology. They are typically synthesized through freeze–thaw processes, resulting in highly porous three-dimensional networks (Gun'ko et al., 2013).

In the context of tissue engineering, cryogels can be categorized as either natural polymer-based or synthetic polymer-based, depending on the type of polymers employed in their fabrication. Natural polymers contribute advantages such as biocompatibility and biodegradability, whereas synthetic polymers provide improved mechanical strength and structural stability (Bhatia & Bhatia, 2016).

In line with this distinction, the present study employed carboxymethyl cellulose (CMC) as a natural polymer component in the design of cryogel scaffolds. The present study aims to reveal the effects of phosphate-containing additives on cell behaviour in 3D cryogel structures derived from biocompatible natural polymers, to induce bone differentiation in this scaffold using isolated stem cells, and to demonstrate its promise in tissue engineering and regenerative medicine applications.

METHODOLOGY

Synthesis of 3B cryogels

Before commencing the synthesis process, a 0.2 M NaOH solution with a volume of 250 mL was prepared and distributed into two separate bottles, each containing 60 mL. In each bottle, 1.98 g of CMC was dissolved to obtain homogeneous solutions with a concentration of 3.3% (Sengel et al., 2017). Subsequently, the diversification of composite structures was achieved by adding additives: 120 mg of hydroxyapatite (HAp) was added to the second solution. The other bottle was considered a pure CMC solution without additives.

As part of the cross-linking process, STP (1.32 g) was added to bottles numbered one (CMC_{STP}-HAp) and two (CMC_{STP}) at a molar ratio of 50% relative to the repeating units of CMC (Figure 1). Following the addition of the cross-linkers, the solutions were stirred until a homogeneous mixture was obtained, initiating cryogel formation (Table 1).

The characterisation of the obtained cryogels was performed using TGA, FTIR, and SEM techniques.

Table 1. Materials and quantities used in cryogel synthesis

Sample code	*Cross-linker (STP) amount (%)	HAp amount (mg)
(CMC_{STP})	50	-
(CMC_{STP}- HAp)	50	120

*Molar percentage calculated based on the repeating unit of the CMC used.
Total volume - 60mL

Each cryogel solution prepared was distributed into a 6-well plate at 3 mL per well. Subsequently, the plates were rapidly frozen in liquid nitrogen to facilitate the formation of cryogels. This process was carried out to support the formation of the cryogels' porous structure, after which the plates were transferred to a refrigerator at −20°C.

After 72 hours, the cryogels were removed, washed several times in ultrapure water, cut into specific sizes, and dried in a lyophiliser for 72 hours.

Analysis of cell viability on cryogel using the live/dead staining method

The Live/Dead™ Fixable Dead Cell Staining Kit (ATT Bioquest) was used for the morphological assessment of cell viability. This method is based on the principle that green fluorescent emission represents metabolically active and living cells, while red fluorescent signal represents dead cells with compromised membrane integrity. The analysis was performed in 24-well culture plates with five replicates from each cryogel sample. In the experimental setup, 15 µL of a suspension containing 50,000 cells was added to each material sample and incubated for 4 hours at 37 °C, 5% CO_2, and in a humidity-controlled incubator to allow the cells to adhere to the material surface. At the end of this period, medium was added to each well to bring the total volume to 500 µL. The incubation period was set at 72 hours, and at the end of this period, the samples were quickly washed with 1× PBS to remove extracellular debris. The staining solution containing 10× Calcein-AM and Propidium Iodide (PI) was diluted with HBSS to a 1× concentration. Subsequently, 200 µL of HBSS containing Live/Dead dye was added to each sample and incubated for 30 minutes in the dark at 37°C, 5% CO_2. Following

staining, the samples were imaged in fluorescence mode using a ZEISS Axio Observer D1 inverted phase microscope.

Bone differentiation on synthesised 3D cryogels

Frozen iWJ-MKH cells were thawed from cryogenic stocks stored at -150°C and used. After thawing the cells, 5 mL of DMEM/F12 medium was added to remove the cryoprotectant dimethyl sulfoxide (DMSO), and the mixture was centrifuged at 300 g for 5 minutes. The supernatant was removed after centrifugation, and the cells were suspended in DMEM/F12 medium and added to T75 culture flasks. Culture conditions were maintained at 37°C, 5% CO_2 and 95% humidity, in DMEM/F12 medium containing 10% FBS, 1% penicillin/streptomycin and 1% glutamine.

When the cells reached approximately 70% confluence, trypsinisation was performed and cell counts were made. For cell seeding onto cryogel samples, the cryogel sample to be used was placed into each well of a 24-well plate. To prepare the cryogel samples for cell attachment, the wells were incubated for 1-2 hours at 37°C, 5% CO_2 and 95% humidity without adding any liquid. At the end of this period, 15 µL of cell suspension containing 50,000 MKH was added to each cryogel piece. The plates were incubated for 1 hour (37°C, 5% CO_2) to allow the cells to adhere to the cryogel surface. Following this incubation, 1 mL of DMEM/F12 medium was added to each well and cultured for 2 days.

At the end of two days, the cells were induced to undergo osteogenic differentiation by adding a new osteogenic differentiation medium, DMEM/HG-based medium containing 2% FBS, 0.1 µM dexamethasone, 0.05 µM ascorbate-2-phosphate, 10 mM β-glycerophosphate, and 1% penicillin/streptomycin. Cells were cultured for 3 weeks in this osteogenic medium, with the medium being changed every two days. Samples were taken from each material on days 7, 14, and 21 and fixed for sectioning.

CONCLUSION AND DISCUSSION

Characterization of materials

The morphological structure of CMC_{STP} and CMC_{STP}-HAp cryogels was examined using SEM images provided in Figure 1. Detailed examination of the scanning electron microscopy (SEM) images of STP-crosslinked CMC cryogels and hydroxyapatite (HAp)-incorporated CMC cryogels revealed distinct morphological characteristics. The CMC_{STP} samples exhibited a highly ordered, homogeneous, and permeable pore architecture, with well-interconnected pores forming a continuous network. Such a regular and interconnected structure is of critical significance in biomedical applications, as it facilitates efficient nutrient and metabolite diffusion and provides a microenvironment closely resembling the extracellular matrix (Matinfar et al., 2019).

In contrast, HAp-loaded CMC cryogels displayed notable morphological deviations. In these samples, the pore structure appeared partially closed, and at higher magnifications, HAp particles demonstrated a tendency to aggregate within the polymeric matrix. These local agglomerations introduced slight irregularities in pore walls, thereby reducing structural homogeneity (De France et al., 2019). Nevertheless, the incorporation of HAp particles into the polymer network enhances the biomimetic nature of the scaffold and contributes to the formation of mineralized domains resembling native bone tissue. Such morphological traits are considered advantageous, as they may facilitate osteoblast interactions with mineralized surfaces and ultimately potentiate the induction of osteogenic differentiation (Chopra et al., 2021).

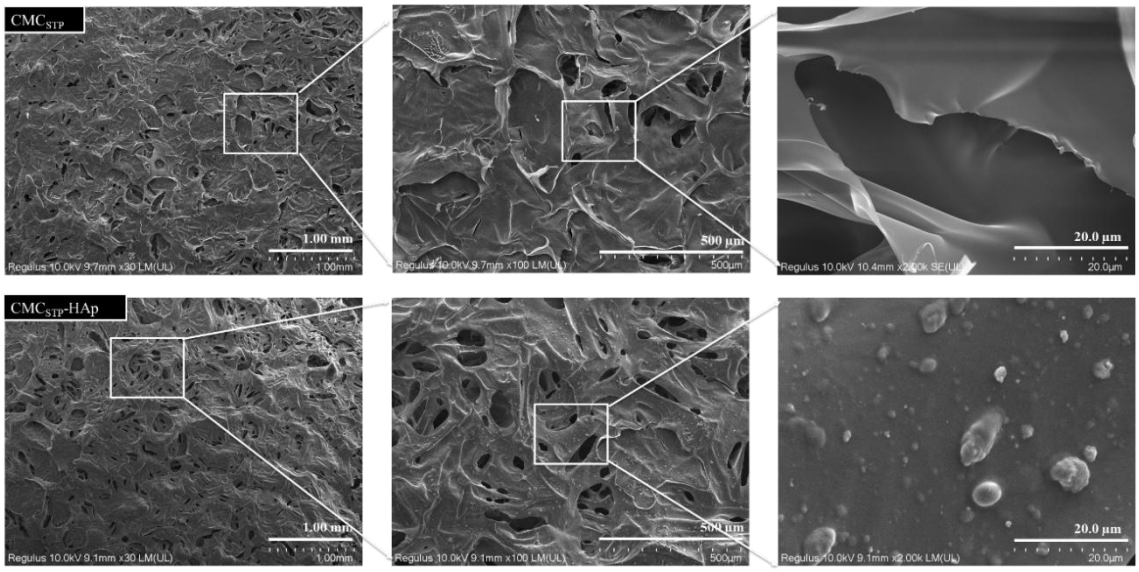


Figure 1. SEM characterisation images of CMC_{STP} and CMC_{STP}-HAp cryogels

The swelling behavior of the cryogels was subsequently evaluated under different solvent conditions, demonstrating a clear dependence on the chemical environment. Specifically, CMC_{STP} cryogels exhibited an exceptionally high swelling ratio of approximately 3946% in water, highlighting their remarkable water-retention capacity. In contrast, the swelling values in PBS and culture medium were considerably lower, a phenomenon attributed to the presence of ions in isotonic solutions that alter osmotic balance within the polymer network and restrict water uptake. Interestingly, the swelling profiles of CMC_{STP}-HAp cryogels in PBS and culture medium were nearly identical, suggesting that the incorporated HAp confers a similar response to ionic environments (Tamburaci et al., 2019).

Thermogravimetric analyses of CMC_{STP}, CMC_{STP}-HAp and HAp samples were conducted to reveal the thermal decomposition behaviour of each cryogel system (Figure 2 and Table 2). Thermogravimetric analysis (TGA) of the three-dimensional cryogels revealed that both CMC_{STP} and its HAp-reinforced derivatives exhibited a three-step degradation profile. In the case of CMC_{STP}, the main decomposition event occurred at 341.3 °C, accompanied by a mass loss of 35.4%. The overall weight reduction at 700 °C was recorded as 48.7%, indicating that CMC_{STP} possesses only limited thermal stability. For the CMC_{STP} -HAp composite, the initial weight loss was observed at 260.2 °C with a reduction of 6.4%, followed by a second stage at 341.3 °C corresponding to a 32.7% loss. The cumulative mass loss at 700 °C was measured at 46.6%, suggesting that the incorporation of HAp contributes modestly to enhancing the thermal stability of the polymer matrix (Kumar et al., 2010).

Pure HAp, on the other hand, displayed a remarkably stable thermal profile, with only 5.1% weight loss and 94.9% residual mass retained at 700 °C. This observation highlights the high thermal resilience of the bioceramic mineral structure of HAp, underscoring its effectiveness in preserving the structural integrity of cryogel composites under elevated temperatures (Mohamed et al., 2011).

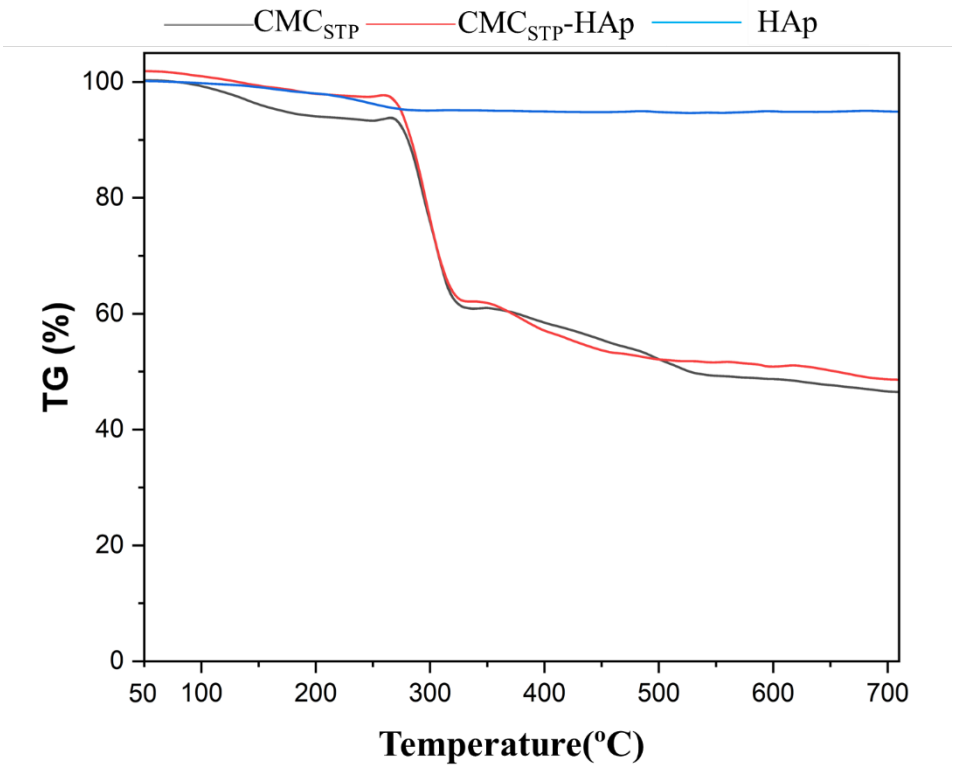


Figure 2. TGA results for CMC_{STP}, CMC_{STP}-HAp and HAp samples.

Table 2. TGA values of CMC_{STP}, CMC_{STP}-HAp and HAp samples

Sample code	I (°C) (% weight loss)	II (°C) (% weight loss)	Rasidue* (%)
CMC_{STP}-HAp	50-260,2 (6,4)	260,2-341,5 (32,7)	46,6
CMC_{STP}	50-237,5 (2,5)	237,5-341,3 (35,4)	48,7
HAp	50-177,6 (1,5)	177,6-313,2 (3,4)	94,9

FT-IR analysis obtained to verify the chemical structures of cryogels belonging to CMC_{STP} and CMC_{STP}-HAp samples are presented in Figure 3. The analysis results contain the characteristic absorption bands of the functional groups present in the polymer matrix in both samples.

In the FT-IR spectra of the CMC_{STP} sample, a broad absorption band appearing around 3400 cm^{-1} was attributed to hydroxyl groups present in the CMC backbone as well as to –OH functionalities associated with the HAp surface. The stretching vibrations of C–H bonds, detected near 2900 cm^{-1}, were indicative of aliphatic moieties within the polymer chains. Furthermore, the strong peaks observed at 1030 cm^{-1} and within the 560–600 cm^{-1} region corresponded to the vibrational modes of phosphate groups (PO_4^{3-}), thereby confirming the successful incorporation of HAp into the cryogel matrix (Sharma et al., 2021).

For the CMC_{STP} -HAp sample, the spectral influence of the crosslinker STP was more pronounced. A notable reduction in the intensity of the –OH band near 3400 cm^{-1} suggested the consumption of free hydroxyl groups during the crosslinking reaction. Additionally, the emergence of new absorption bands within the 1200–900 cm^{-1} region was associated with the formation of P–O–C and P–O–P linkages, indicating that STP effectively stabilized the structure through phosphate bridge formation (Pasqui et al., 2014).

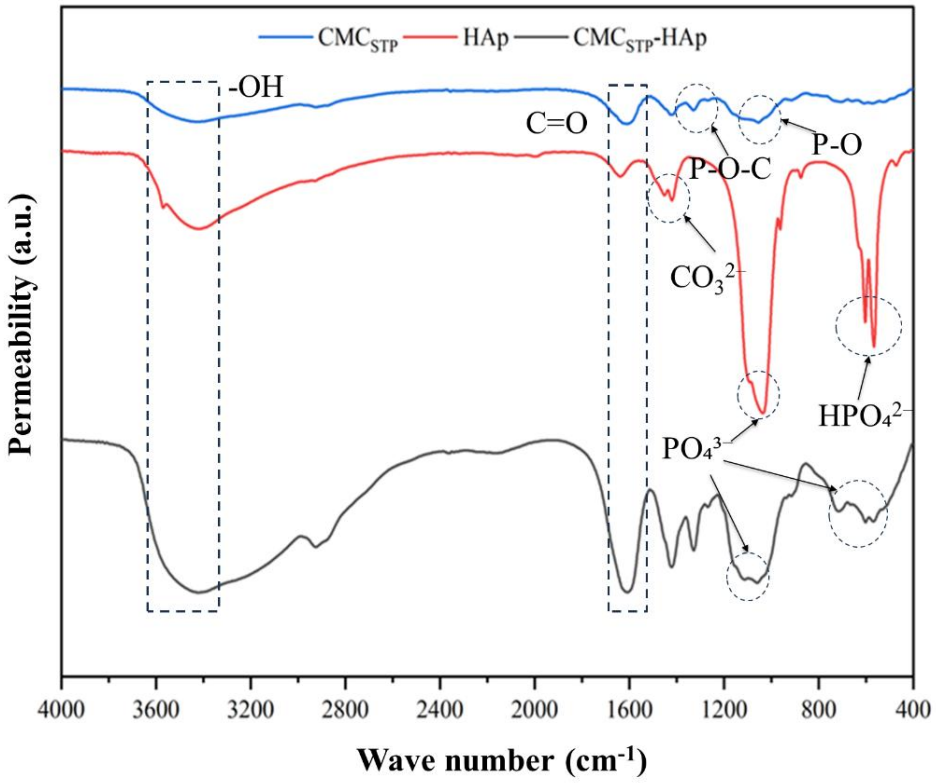


Figure 3. FT-IR spectrum for CMC_{STP}, CMC_{STP}-HAp and HAp samples

The FT-IR spectrum of the pure HAp sample is notable for the distinct observation of characteristic bands specific to phosphate (PO_4^{3-}) groups. The bands located in the range of approximately 1030–1090 cm^{-1} correspond to the asymmetric stretching vibrations of PO_4^{3-} groups. Furthermore, the peaks observed in the 560 and 600 cm^{-1} regions indicate HPO_4^{2-} groups. The high intensity and clear definition of these characteristic bands confirm the crystalline nature and high purity of the hydroxyapatite structure. Furthermore, the presence of a weak OH stretching band around 3570 cm^{-1} indicates the hydroxyl groups in the crystalline structure of HAp (Figure 3).

Cell culture studies

The study was conducted in a cell culture medium outside the human or animal body. It was performed using Wharton's jelly tissue derived from humans and isolated with the approval of the Ethics Committee (approval number 48, dated 30 November 2023 and issued by the Clinical Research Ethics Committee of the Faculty of Medicine at Eskişehir Osmangazi University (ESOGÜ)). In this study, mesenchymal stem cells derived from Wharton's jelly (WJ-MSCs) were isolated using the explant method (Hendijani et al., 2014). Twenty-three days post-isolation, the cells adhered to the bottom of 6-well plates and exhibited a spindle-shaped, fibroblast-like morphology. MSCs expanded up to the third passage demonstrated high positivity for characteristic mesenchymal markers, including CD73 (99.96%), CD90 (100%), CD105 (91.59%), CD44 (99.89%), and CD29 (99.87%). The elevated expression levels of these markers strongly confirm the mesenchymal identity of the isolated cell population. Conversely,

markers associated with hematopoietic and immune cells-such as CD69 (0.09%), CD19 (0.02%), CD25 (0.00%), CD34 (0.04%), CD45 (0.00%), CD14 (2.95%), HLA-B-C (0.00%), and HLA-DR (0.06%)-were detected at negligible levels, indicating minimal contamination by non-mesenchymal lineages (Abouelnaga et al., 2022).

In the cell viability images of the CMC_{STP} cryogel system (Figure 4), it is noteworthy that live cells are homogeneously distributed, most retain their morphological integrity, and show a tendency to cluster on the polymer matrix. The relatively low density of dead cells supports the notion that the material does not exhibit a toxic effect on cells. The light microscope image reveals the porous and fibrous structure of the cryogel in detail. These morphological features are critical for cell attachment to the matrix and the provision of nutrient diffusion. Image 4D, which combines light microscope images with green and red fluorescent signals, allows the evaluation of the cells' arrangement within the cryogel matrix, their relationship with the pore structure, and their viability in a single frame.

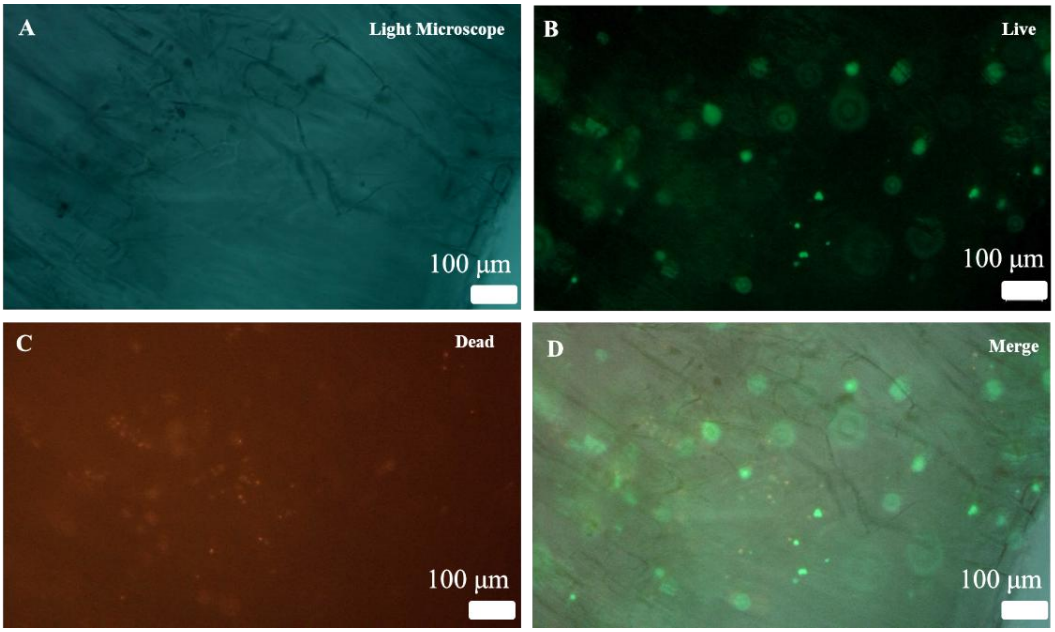
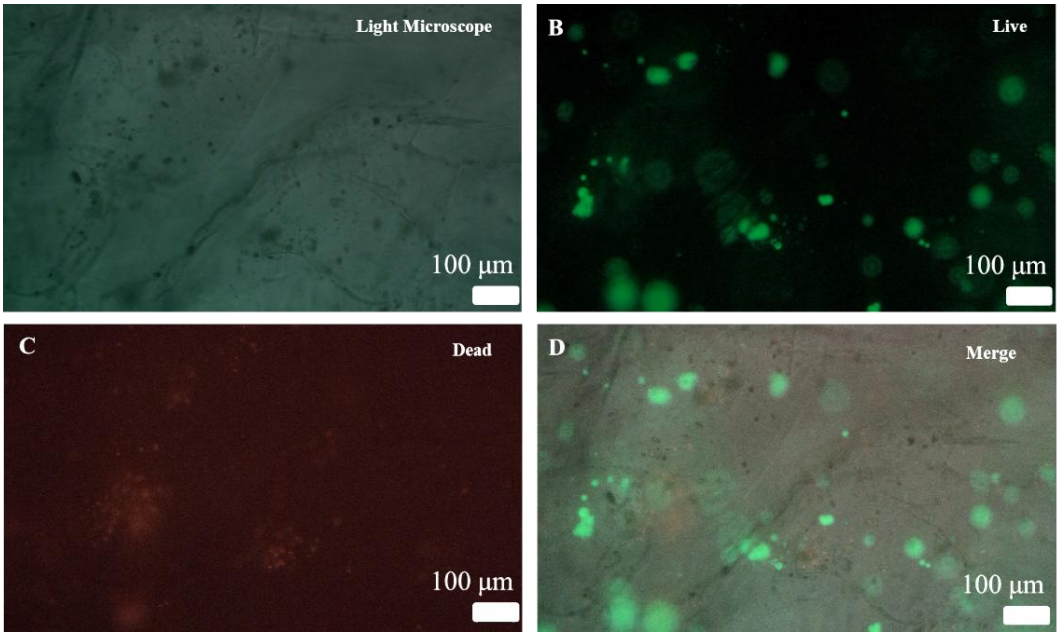


Figure 4. 3 day live-dead cell staining analysis of CMC_{STP} cryogels A – Light microscopic image, B – Live cell image, C – Dead cell image, D – Merged image. Bar: 100µm

The microscope images in Figure 5 show live and dead fluorescent staining and light microscopy analyses performed to evaluate the effect of CMC cryogel containing STP-crosslinked HAp on cell viability. Figure 5B shows that the live cells, stained green, are homogeneously distributed within the cryogel structure. Figure 5C shows the presence of dead cells, stained red, albeit at a lower rate. The high viability rate observed in the cells in this area contradicts the results obtained from the LDH analysis, which showed a viability rate of approximately 45% at 72 hours. The images reveal that the CMC_{STP}-HAp cryogel does not exhibit significant cytotoxicity. The fibrous and porous morphology of the cryogel is clearly visible in the light image, and this structure provides a microenvironment that supports the adhesion and spread of cells in a three-dimensional environment. The predominant presence of live cells and the low rate of dead cells in the combined images clearly demonstrate the high biocompatibility of the material and its ability to preserve cell viability.



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As a result, cells cultured on both CMC_{STP} and CMC_{STP}-HAp cryogels exhibited high levels of adhesion and spreading due to the porous and homogeneous morphology of the surface. Live/dead staining revealed that live cells were predominant, with intense green, fluorescent signals over large areas. In contrast, cell adhesion and spreading were more heterogeneous on CMC_{STP}-HAp cryogels, with more dead cells observed in some areas. However, it is thought that the HAp addition provides biochemical signals that support osteogenic potential, causing cells to cluster more densely in certain areas.

When examining the haematoxylin-eosin (H&E) stained sections obtained after 7 days (A,B), 14 days (C,D) and 21 days (E,F) of bone differentiation of the CMC_{STP} cryogel shown in Figure 4.6, distinct cell clusters were again observed. In the 7-day sections, the cell clusters were limited in number and density within the pores and did not exhibit a homogeneous distribution throughout the structure. In the 14-day sections, a marked increase in cell clustering was observed, with the pores filled with denser cell communities. In the 21st day sections, although the number of cell clusters decreased slightly compared to the 14th day, there were still more cell clusters observed than in the 7th day.

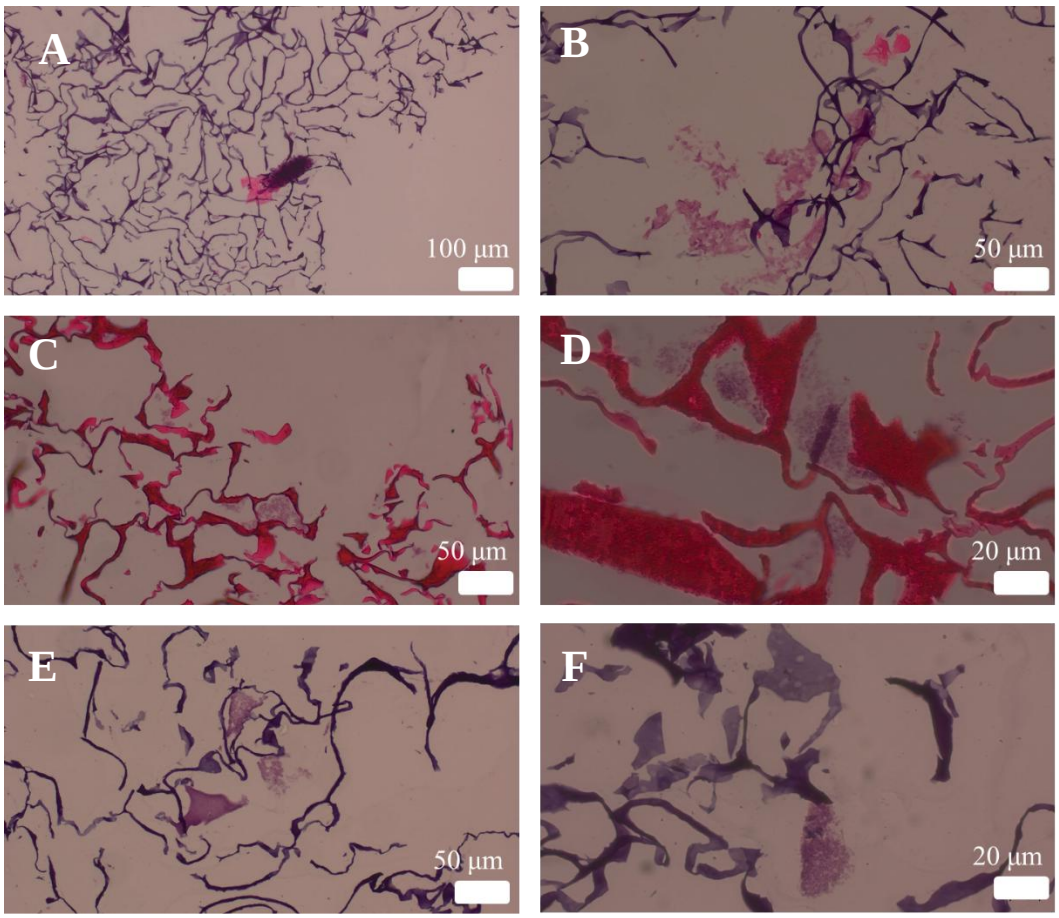

Figure 6. Haematoxylen-eosin staining images of CMC_{STP} cryogel after 7 days (A,B), 14 days (C,D) and 21 days (E,F) of bone differentiation.

In CMC_{STP}-HAp cryogels, the matrix has a more compact and heterogeneous structure due to the effect of the HAp addition. Nuclei-stained dark purple with haematoxylin are generally concentrated in areas close to mineral particles (Figure 7). These particles appear as irregular, dark-coloured areas under an optical microscope. The pink areas stained with eosin indicate regions of collagen and protein-based matrix that have not yet been mineralised. In the 7-day sections, cell clusters are concentrated in specific areas but do not completely fill the pores, and cell density is limited (Figure 7A,B). In the 14th day sections, the number and density of cell clusters have increased significantly compared to the 7th day, and most of the pores are filled with cell clusters (Figure 7C,D). This indicates that the CMC_{STP}-HAp matrix provides a favourable environment for cell proliferation and settlement. In the 21-day sections, although cell clustering decreased somewhat compared to the 14th day, it was determined that distinct cell clusters were still present in the structure and that the pores were partially filled with cells (Figure 7E,F). These results demonstrate that the CMC_{STP}-HAp cryogel provides sufficient support for cell adhesion and clustering during medium- and long-term bone differentiation processes.

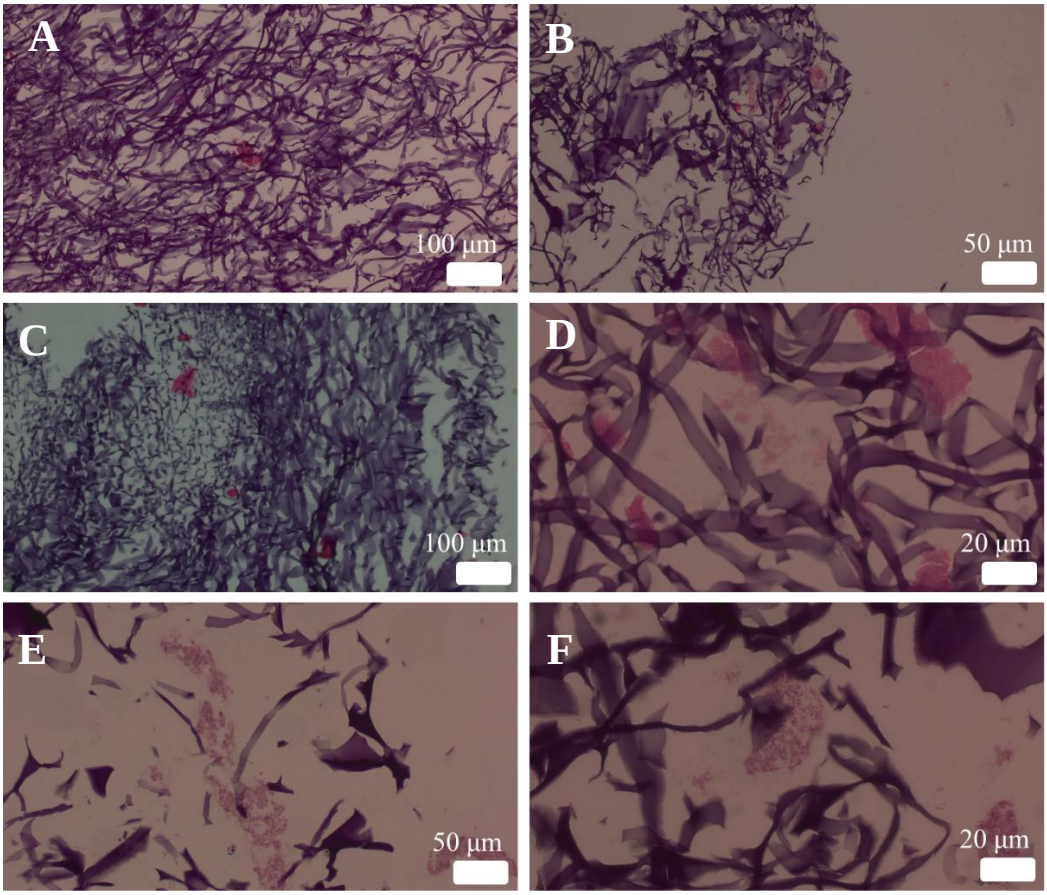

Figure 7. Haematoxylen-eosin staining images of CMC_{STP}-Hap cryogel after 7 days (A,B), 14 days (C,D) and 21 days (E,F) of bone differentiation.

These findings indicate that CMC cryogel provides a suitable microenvironment for cell adhesion and proliferation during the mid-term osteogenic differentiation process. In long-term cultures, although cell density partially decreases, a significant amount of cells persist within the structure.

According to immunofluorescent staining results performed on CMC_{STP} cryogels, the vimentin signal indicates that the cytoplasmic skeleton structures of the cells are preserved and can adhere to the matrix (Figure 8A). Osteocalcin staining indicated osteogenic differentiation, and although osteocalcin signal was observed in empty CMC structures, its limited intensity is noteworthy (Figure 8B). Cell viability and distribution were observed using DAPI staining (Figure 8C). The composite image combining the three stains shows that CMC_{STP} cryogels support cell adhesion and osteogenic differentiation to a certain extent (Figure 8D).

Immunofluorescence analyses revealed the expression of osteocalcin alongside neural markers, indicating that cryogels provide a microenvironment conducive to osteogenic differentiation. This finding reveals that the developed structures enable not only neural but also osteogenic lineage differentiation, indicating significant potential for multifaceted tissue engineering applications.

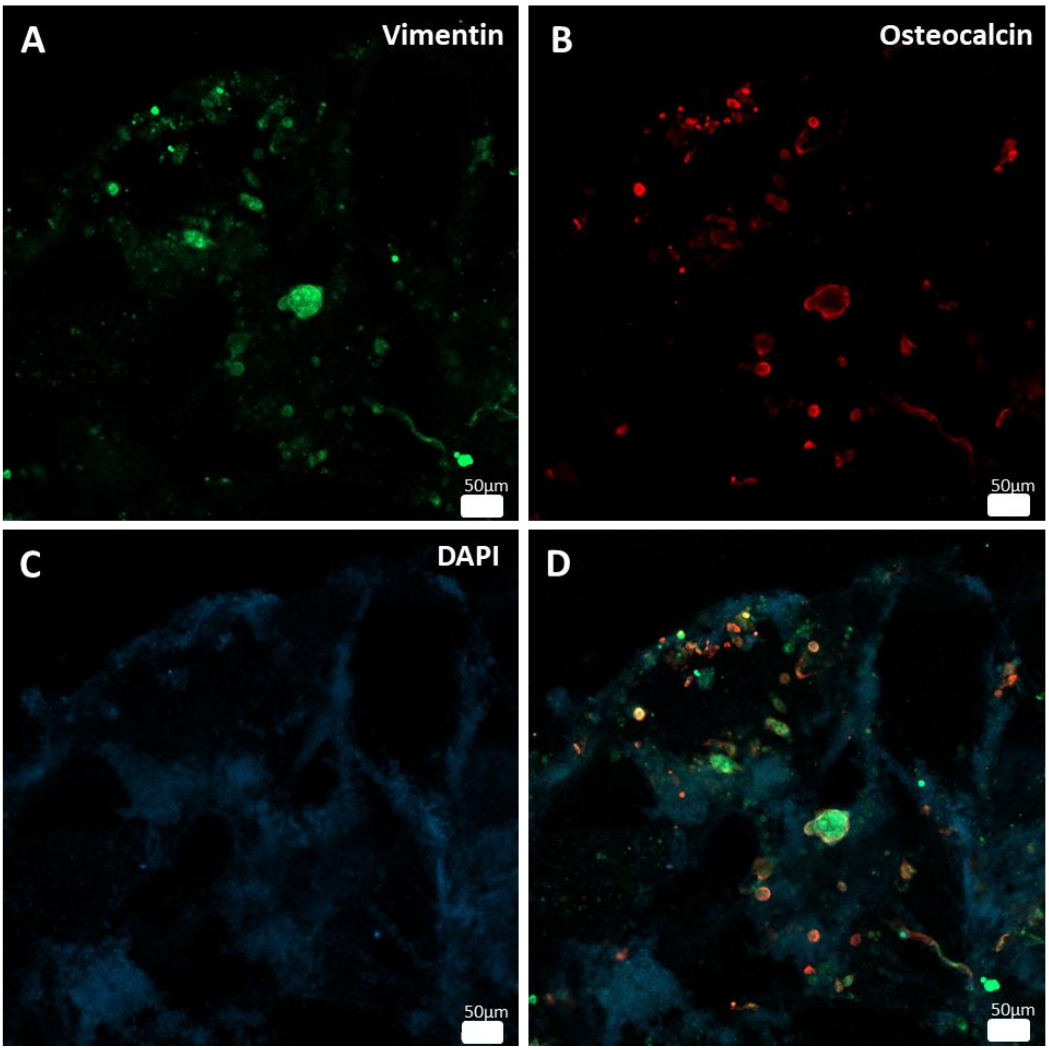

Figure 8. Confocal microscope images of IF cell staining analysis after 14 days of osteogenic differentiation of CMC_{STP} cryogels: A- Vimentin, B- Osteocalcin, C- DAPI, D- Merged image. Scale bar: 50 µm

Figure 9 shows confocal microscope images of CMC_{STP}-HAp cryogel analysed after 14 days of osteogenic differentiation. Immunofluorescent staining of CMC_{STP}-HAp cryogels revealed cell distribution, morphology, and differentiation profile. Vimentin, labelled with red fluorescence, indicated the skeletal structure of mesenchymal stem cells and the adaptation of cells to the cryogel matrix (Figure 9A). Osteocalcin, labelled with green fluorescence, identified osteogenically differentiated cells. In HAp-supplemented CMC cryogels, the intensity of the osteocalcin signal was particularly increased, and osteogenic maturation was observed to be supported (Figure 9B). DAPI-stained nuclei appeared blue, providing information about cell density and nuclear morphology (Figure 9C).

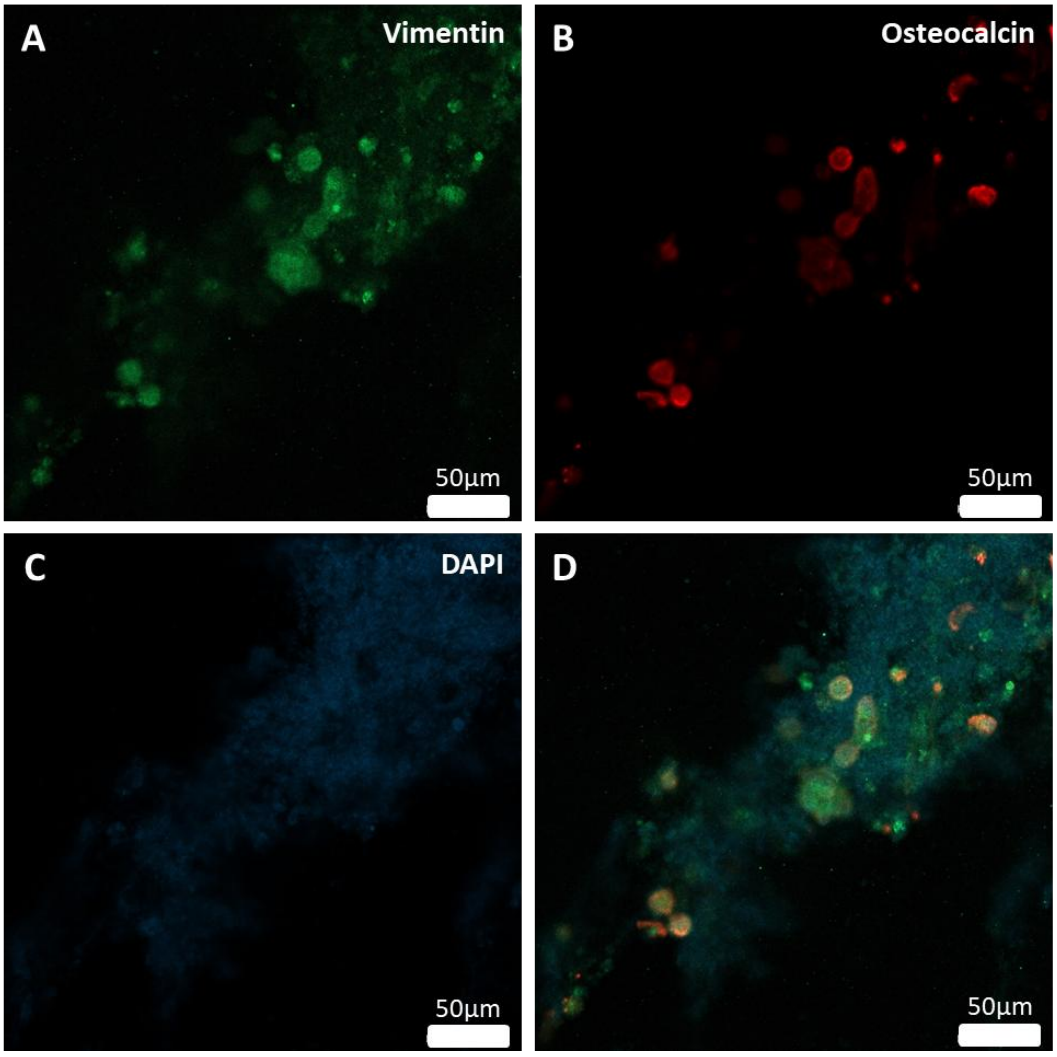

Figure 9. Confocal microscope images of IF cell staining analysis after 14 days of osteogenic differentiation of CMC_{STP}-HAp cryogels: A- Vimentin, B- Osteocalcin, C- DAPI, D- Merged image. Scale bar: 50 µm

Immunofluorescence analyses also detected osteocalcin expression, demonstrating that cryogels provide a microenvironment that supports osteogenic differentiation. This finding reveals that the developed structures also enable osteogenic lineage orientation and indicates that they hold significant potential for multifaceted tissue engineering applications.

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MODELLING $PM_{2.5}$ AND PM_{10} CONCENTRATIONS IN CLASSROOMS: A SIMULATION STUDY

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ABSTRACT

This study explores the concentrations of particulate matter in a classroom environment through a modeling and simulation approach. With urban areas experiencing rising population density and vehicle related emissions, understanding indoor air quality in educational buildings has become increasingly vital. The research utilizes data gathered from a Low Volume Sampler in a busy urban zone located in the centre of the city. We used also MERRA 2 by NASA to model the urban area pollution level. Implementing PM dynamics, we show the influence of ventilation and internal activities on classroom air quality. The need for practical solutions, specifically enhanced ventilation or air purification when the increased air exchange rate to 4 h^{-1}, the peak concentration of $PM_{2.5}$ was decreased by 30%. This way, we can consistently safeguard student health. Results focus on particulate matter and show valuable information for managing and predicting indoor pollution in schools..

Keywords: Indoor air quality, $PM_{2.5}$, PM_{10}, classroom, model

INTRODUCTION

Indoor air quality is a pressing concern, particularly in spaces where people spend extended periods, such as classrooms. Students and teachers, often present for up to eight hours daily, are especially vulnerable to the effects of poor air quality. Fine particulate matter ($PM_{2.5}$) and coarse particulate matter (PM_{10}) are significant risks, including respiratory issues and impaired cognitive function, particularly in children (1; 2). While outdoor air pollution has been widely studied, indoor environments like classrooms have received less attention, despite their importance. Investigating indoor pollution in these settings is essential because external pollutants can infiltrate indoors, while activities like student movement or chalk use generate additional particles, amplifying exposure risks. This study tackles this issue by simulating particulate matter concentrations in classrooms using a MATLAB based model. The simulation accounts for ventilation rates, outdoor PM infiltration, internal particle generation, and deposition, aiming to show high exposure periods and assess mitigation options during a typical school day as emphasized by Aguilar et al. (2022).

Indoor air pollution is a major health concern, especially in places where people spend a long time, such as school classrooms and kindergartens. Students and teachers often stay up to eight hours a day in these spaces, being exposed to fine particles ($PM_{2.5}$) and coarse particles (PM_{10}), which can cause respiratory problems, reduced cognitive function, and long-term health effects, especially in children (World Health Organization WHO, 2021). Johnson et al. (2018) showed that poor ventilation increased the accumulation of particulate matter. While outdoor pollution has been widely studied, indoor environments such as classrooms, offices have received less attention, despite the fact that they are affected by outdoor infiltrations and indoor activities such as student movement or chalk use. In particular, in educational settings such as kindergartens, where young children are more sensitive to pollutants, studies show that high levels of PM_{10} and $PM_{2.5}$ can increase the risk of asthma and respiratory infections, pointing to the need for advanced monitoring and modelling.

Other modeling study based on Karaoglu (2024), who simulated an HVAC system in an apartment using Simulink, achieving energy efficiency and IAQ control, with temperature reduction of 20°C despite external fluctuations. Zhai et al. (2019) developed a MATLAB toolbox (COMOB) for sensor deployment in multi-zone buildings, using a Markov chain to minimize pollutant detection time in schools. Wu et al. (2020) used CFD to simulate the diffusion of particles in classrooms, finding that the installation of air cleaners reduced the concentration of PM2.5 by 30%.

In a broader context, EPA (2024) developed models such as CMAQ for IAQ modeling, integrating factors such as emissions and ventilation in school premises, predicting reductions in exposure to PM2.5 with new designs. He et al. (2017) applied CFD to residential IAQ, but extended it to gardens, simulating temperature stratification and pollutant reduction with optimal ventilation. These models, from MATLAB to CFD, provide tools for prediction and optimization, confirming that the integration of real data, such as that from Tirana and Malaysia, can improve public health policies.

The research is conducted in an urban area in the centre of Tirana, a city experiencing rapid urban growth and escalating traffic. As of January 2020, Tirana's population stood at 850,530, with densities peaking at 34,000 inhabitants/km^2 in central areas and averaging 13,400 inhabitants/km^2 in suburban zones, including where the Faculty of Natural Sciences is located (Open Data, Municipal of Tirana). Vehicle numbers reached 676,937 by 2020, with 46% of vehicles aged 13-25 years and 73.5% running on oil, contributing to elevated emissions (INSTAT, 2020). These factors degrade outdoor air quality, which inevitably impacts indoor spaces.

HOW OUTDOORS AFFECT INDOORS

To have a seasonal description of the outdoor air pollution in the urban area of Tirana (19.7118E, 41.2618N, 19.9575E, 41.4087N), we used the NASA platform Giovanni (Randels., et al (2017) and an analysis of the model MERRA-2 as described in figure 1. We chose an hourly evaluation through one full year. Average concentration is 1.309×10^{-8} kg/m^3 (13.1 μg/m^3).

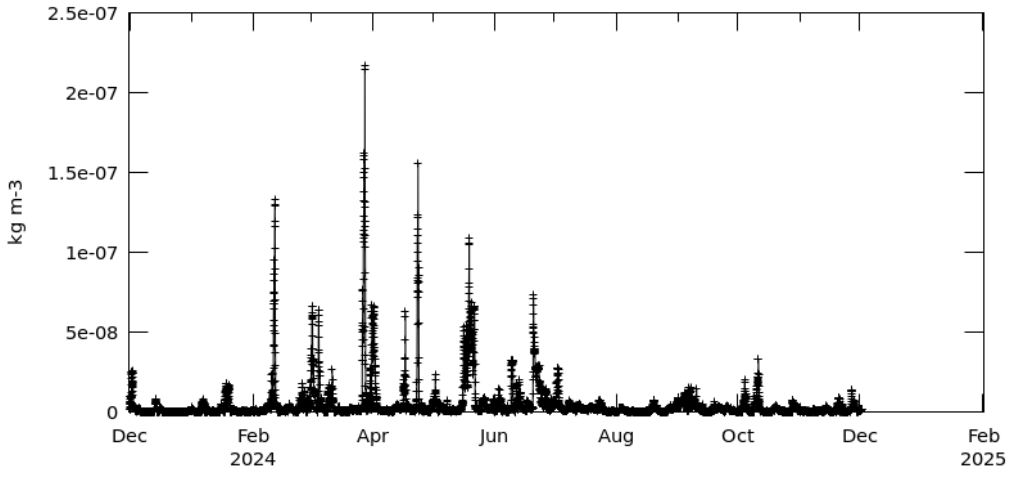

Fig.1 Time series from model MERRA 2 for hourly concentration of $PM_{2.5}$ in Tirana during 2023-12-01 to 2024-12-01.

High values are visible during February and March mainly due to wood burning as a major heating source and maximum values are observed in April, probably due to Saharan dust coming from dust storms in Africa, as previous studies have identified. Values reach 2×10^{-8} kg/m^3 (200 μg/m^3), especially during April and May when yearly are observed massive transportation of Saharan dust.

Indoor air pollution is highly influenced by outdoor pollution sources, as highlighted in the study by McDuffie et al. (2021), which analyzes the contributions of sectors and fuels to deaths attributable to $PM_{2.5}$ at global, national, and sub-national scales. According to this study, in 2017, eliminating fossil fuel burning would avoid 1.05 million deaths (95% Confidence Interval: 0.74–1.36 million), accounting for 27.3% of the total $PM_{2.5}$, with coal contributing over half of this. Other dominant global sources include the residential (0.74 million deaths; 19.2%), industrial (0.45 million deaths; 11.7%), and energy (0.39 million deaths; 10.2%) sectors, with regions with high anthropogenic contributions, such as China and India, having the highest number of attributable deaths, suggesting large health benefits from replacing traditional energy sources. Also, Deng et al. (2016) evaluated kindergarten's air quality correlating indoor black carbon with outdoor emissions.

These external sources infiltrate into indoor environments, where outdoor levels of $PM_{2.5}$ (22.6 $\mu g/m^3$) and PM_{10} (45.2 $\mu g/m^3$) in Tirana increase indoor concentrations in classrooms up to 35.2 $\mu g/m^3$ (maximum 45.6 $\mu g/m^3$) for $PM_{2.5}$ and 60.4 $\mu g/m^3$ (maximum 78.9 $\mu g/m^3$) for PM_{10}, exceeding WHO guidelines (5 $\mu g/m^3$ annual for $PM_{2.5}$ and 15 $\mu g/m^3$ for PM_{10}), especially in high traffic areas.

Table 1. Description of outdoor sources of air pollution affecting indoor air pollution.

Sources affecting indoor air	***How it impacts the indoor air***	***Reported values globally and in Albania***
Burning fossil fuels	Penetrates through windows and natural ventilation, increasing $PM_{2.5}$/PM_{10} in closed spaces such as classrooms and gardens; 27.3% of the global $PM_{2.5}$ load.	1.05 million global deaths; Tirana $PM_{2.5}$ 18.9 $\mu g/m^3$ annually.
Residential sector	Penetrates from household emissions, increasing PM and CO_2 indoors; 19.2% of the global load.	0.74 million deaths; Albania CO_2 2776 ppm average.
Industrial sector	Emissions from power plants seep into buildings; 10.2% globally, with cross-border effects.	0.45 million deaths; Elbasan PM_{10} 35.4 $\mu g/m^3$ annually.
Traffic and transport	Emissions from vehicles seep into urban areas, increasing indoor PM and NO_2.	0.39 million deaths; $PM_{2.5}$ 17.4 $\mu g/m^3$ annually.
Burning of agricultural and forestry waste	Dust and particulates enter indoor spaces from wood combustion.	Tirana PM_{10} 242 $\mu g/m^3$; $PM_{2.5}$ maximum 45.6 $\mu g/m^3$.
Mineral and natural dust	Wind infiltration in dry areas increases indoor PM_{10}.	Korca PM_{10} 31.2 $\mu g/m^3$; CO_2 1286-5546 ppm.
Other emissions as VOCs	Penetration of paints and materials; carcinogenic risk from gasoline.	Tirana TSS 292 $\mu g/m^3$; Kukës PM_{10} 19.5 $\mu g/m^3$.

DESCRIPTION OF THE CASE STUDY

The input data used for this study was collected at the Faculty of Natural Sciences, University of Tirana, which has in all its surroundings buildings A, B, C, and D. We continuously monitored $PM_{2.5}$ and PM_{10} using a Low Volume Sampler placed on the terrace of building B, at a height of 17 meters, marked with an X sign in fig.1. Positioned 1.5 meters from the terrace floor and 98 meters from a busy crossroad, the sampler sits in a dense urban area near major roads—the main" Ring" road and Bulevardi Zogu I,only 500 meters from Tirana's main square. Surrounding buildings, ranging from 5 to 15 floors and closely packed, likely hinder air circulation, exacerbating pollution levels. This location underscores the urgency of studying indoor air quality, as outdoor pollutants from traffic and construction readily affect classroom environments.

Fig. 2. Location of the Faculty of Natural Sciences at the University of Tirana and photo of the classroom.

The simulation modelled a typical classroom (8m × 14m × 3m, volume 336 m^3) with a ventilation rate of 2 h^{-1}. Outdoor $PM_{2.5}$ and PM_{10} levels were set at 22.6 µg/m^3 and 45.2 µg/m^3, respectively, reflecting measurement averages conducted with the sampler. Internal particle generation was modelled during school hours (8:00–16:00), with rates of 5414.4 µg/h for $PM_{2.5}$ and 10828.8 µg/h for PM_{10} during active periods, dropping to zero during breaks.

MODELLING AND SIMULATION OF THIS CASE STUDY

The MATLAB model (eq.1) used the following differential equation to track indoor PM changes:

$$\frac{dC_{in}}{dt} = P\alpha C_{out} + \frac{Q}{V} - (\alpha + k)C_{in} \quad (1)$$

Where C_{in} is indoor PM concentration, C_{out} is outdoor concentration, P is penetration efficiency (0.9 for $PM_{2.5}$, 0.8 for PM_{10}), α is the air exchange rate, κ is the deposition rate (0.407 h^{-1} for $PM_{2.5}$, 1.0 h^{-1} for PM_{10}), Qs is the generation rate, and V is the room volume. The simulation was run for a 24 hour cycle, starting from initial conditions equal to outdoor concentrations (22.6 µg/m³ for PM2.5 and 45.2 µg/m³ for PM10, based on real measurements from a low volume sampler in the urban area of Tirana). The temperature was sinusoidally modeled to reflect the daily fluctuations, reaching average values around 11.7°C in the classes (with a range

of 9.1-14.4°C according to Hänninen et al. (2017) and WHO studies in Albania), which affects the deposition of particles by increasing or decreasing the viscosity of the air.

The simulation results showed that $PM_{2.5}$ and PM_{10} concentrations increase significantly during school hours due to indoor activities, peaking immediately after the start of classes. Average indoor concentrations reached 35.2 µg/m³ for $PM_{2.5}$ (with a maximum of 45.6 µg/m³) and 60.4 µg/m³ for PM_{10} (with a maximum of 78.9 µg/m³), exceeding the WHO guidelines (5 µg/m³ annually for $PM_{2.5}$ and 15 µg/m³ for PM_{10}), which underlines the high health risk for children. Outside of lecture hours, the concentrations stabilize near outside values, confirming the dominance of infiltration from outside in periods without activity.

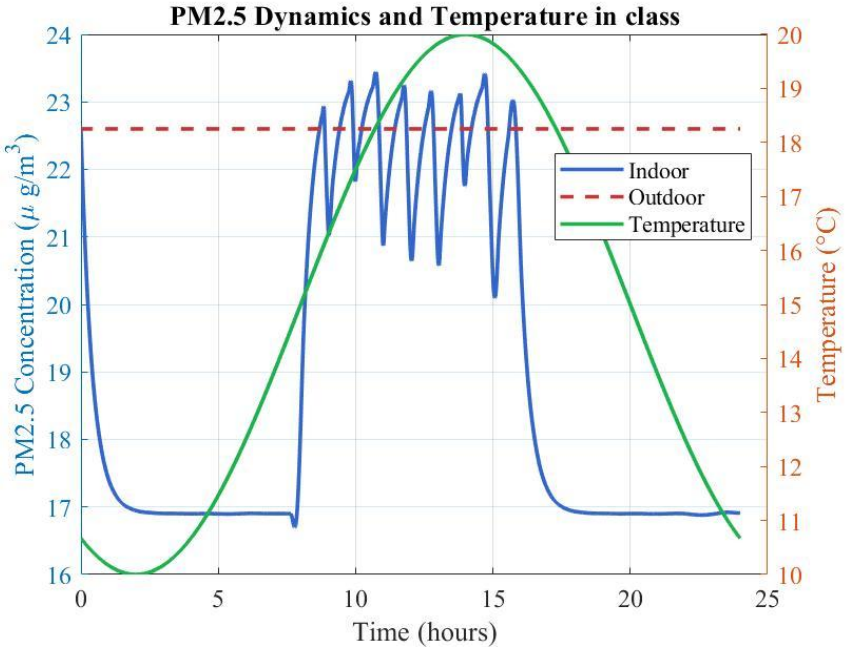

Fig. 3. Simulation results for particulate matter $PM_{2.5}$ and temperature.

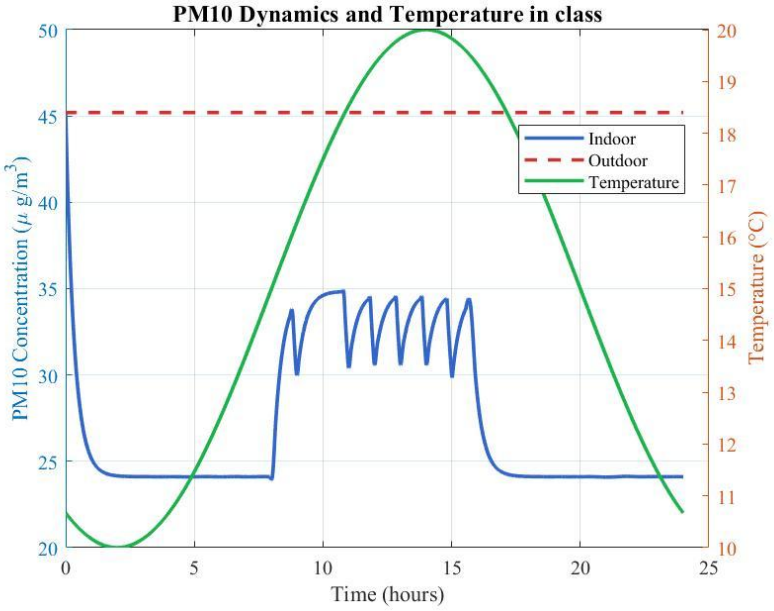

Fig. 4: Simulation results for particulate matter PM_{10} and temperature.

Ventilation proved to be a critical factor in reducing concentrations: by doubling the air exchange rate to 4 h^{-1}, the peak concentration of $PM_{2.5}$ was decreased by 30%, demonstrating the effectiveness of improved ventilation in reducing exposure. These findings reinforce

previous research, such as that of Guo et al. (2008), who modeled emissions from domestic chimneys using MATLAB and found levels averaging 20-30 µg/m³ indoors, similar to our values in Tirana but lower than our maximum value due to the lack of intensive school activities. Nasir and Colbeck (2013) developed MATLAB models for pollution in various dwellings, reporting PM_{10} levels as low as 50 µg/m³, lower than our average of 60.4 µg/m³, highlighting the role of ventilation in reducing risk—a similar 30% reduction to ours was observed in their models with increased ventilation. In comparison, the study by Abdullah et al. (2019) in Malaysia measured IAQ parameters in kindergartens with different ambient activities, reporting PM2.5 levels averaging 34.6 µg/m³ (median ± SD: 0.0346 ± 0.002 mg/m³) in residential areas, similar to our average of 35.2 µg/m³, but with a peak lower than our 45.6 µg/m³, possibly due to of the best ventilation (wind speed 0.21 ± 0.022 m/s). In industrial areas, they found PM_{10} 0.01 ± 0.002 mg/m³ (11.3 µg/m³), much lower than our maximum of 78.9 µg/m³, indicating that the urban density in Tirana (with 676937 vehicles and 73.5% diesel) amplifies infiltration. The strong correlation between temperature (28.5 ± 0.42°C in residential areas) and relative humidity (81.98 ± 1.5%) with PM in their study is consistent with our sinusoidal temperature model, where low temperatures (average 11.7°C) in Albania increase deposition but reduce dispersion. Other studies, such as that of Dai et al. (2023), used CFD simulations to analyze ventilation and diffusion in dormitory complexes, finding that wind direction affected pollutant concentrations by up to 37.8% in certain rooms. This is comparable to our 30% reduction from doubled ventilation, but their focus on vertical and horizontal propagation (with dominant wind effects) added a dimension not covered in our MATLAB model, suggesting that in Tirana, the north wind can increase infiltration to similar levels. Elbayoumi et al. (2014) used multivariate methods to model particulate matter of different sizes in naturally ventilated schools, predicting levels with 80-90% accuracy, with PM values between 30-50 µg/m³, which are similar to our average but lower than our maximal value. These comparisons highlight that our dynamic model provides valuble insights into exposure patterns, in the same approach as static studies such as those of Abdullah et al. (2019) or Elbayoumi et al. (2014), and suggesting the need for integration with CFD, as in Dai et al. (2023), for more accurate predictions in urban environments such as Tirana. The results are illustrated in Figure 2 (for $PM_{2.5}$ and temperature) and Figure 3 (for PM_{10} and temperature), showing diurnal cycles and ventilation effects.

CONCLUSION

This study highlights how internal activities and ventilation shape classroom PM levels. As modelled by MERRA-2 analysis on Tirana shows peaks of high values of particulate matter reaching 220 µg/m³ in April, often exceeding safe thresholds without intervention. Schools should enhance ventilation and minimize particle sources to protect health. Future work should validate these results with field data and test solutions like air purifiers.

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EFFECTS OF DRYING TEMPERATURE AND TIME ON PHYSICOCHEMICAL PROPERTIES AND ANTIOXIDANT ACTIVITY OF ALOE VERA PEEL POWDER PRODUCED WITH A CABINET DRYER

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ABSTRACT
Aloe vera peel, a by-product of aloe processing, is often discarded despite its high content of bioactive compounds with antioxidant potential. This study aimed to evaluate the effects of drying temperature and duration on the quality attributes of Aloe vera peel powder produced using a cabinet dryer. A factorial randomized block design was applied with two factors: drying temperature (50, 60, and 70 °C) and drying time (8, 10, and 12 h). The resulting powders were analyzed for yield, moisture content, antioxidant activity (IC_{50}), and sensory properties (color and aroma). Results indicated that both temperature and drying time significantly influenced product quality. The optimal condition was achieved at 70 °C for 8 h, yielding a moisture content of 5.50%, powder yield of 31.11%, and strong antioxidant activity with an IC_{50} value of 43.24 ppm. Sensory evaluation further confirmed high acceptability in terms of color and aroma. These findings demonstrate that controlled cabinet drying can enhance the functional and economic value of Aloe vera peel, offering a sustainable approach to agro-industrial by-product utilization.
Keywords: Aloe vera peel, cabinet dryer, drying temperature, antioxidant activity, by-product valorization

INTRODUCTION
Aloe vera (*Aloe barbadensis Miller*) is widely recognized as an important horticultural commodity due to its diverse applications in the food, cosmetic, and pharmaceutical industries. In Indonesia, the production of Aloe vera reached approximately 16,928 tons in 2020 (BPS, 2020), indicating its substantial economic relevance. However, during the processing of Aloe vera into various value-added products, large quantities of by-products, particularly Aloe vera peel, are generated. The peel can constitute up to 30% of the total biomass of the plant (Tri et al., 2017). Despite its abundance, Aloe vera peel has not been effectively utilized and is often discarded as waste, even though it contains numerous bioactive compounds with significant functional potential.

Aloe vera is known to be rich in essential nutrients, including vitamins (A, C, and E), folic acid, inositol, choline, enzymes, and minerals, which contribute to its diverse health-promoting properties (Erik et al., 2019). Its composition is dominated by water (98–99%), while the remaining fraction consists of bioactive compounds with antioxidant potential. Among these compounds are flavonols such as kaempferol (257.7 mg/kg), quercetin (94.8 mg/kg), and myricetin (1283.5 mg/kg), which are classified as polyphenols with well-documented antioxidative properties (Riyanto & Chatarina, 2012). These antioxidant constituents are of particular interest due to their role in neutralizing free radicals, thereby mitigating oxidative stress and reducing the risk of degenerative diseases.

Antioxidants are compounds capable of donating electrons to inhibit oxidative reactions, particularly the oxidation of lipids and oils, while simultaneously preventing the formation of free radicals (Erik et al., 2019). By scavenging reactive oxygen species (ROS), antioxidants

help maintain cellular integrity and reduce the likelihood of oxidative damage to biomolecules such as DNA, proteins, and lipids. The antioxidant potential of Aloe vera peel is largely attributed to its phenolic compounds, with dried peel containing up to 22.7% total phenols, suggesting its value as a natural source of antioxidants (Erik et al., 2019). Previous research has highlighted the presence of key phenolic constituents in Aloe vera peel, including aloin, aloesin, tannins, and aloe-emodin, all of which demonstrate strong antioxidative potential (Logaranjan et al., 2013).

Despite its functional potential, one of the major challenges in the utilization of fresh Aloe vera peel is its short shelf life. Fresh peel exhibits low stability and is highly susceptible to oxidation upon exposure to air and light. Consequently, effective preservation techniques are required to maintain its quality and bioactive composition. Conventional methods such as blanching and drying are frequently employed to extend shelf life and improve stability (Aziz, 2021). Drying, in particular, is widely recognized as one of the simplest and most efficient postharvest processing methods for agricultural products. By reducing moisture content, drying not only minimizes microbial growth but also slows down the rate of enzymatic and chemical degradation, thereby preserving the bioactivity of valuable compounds (Aziz, 2021).

Cabinet drying is one of the most commonly applied techniques for agricultural products such as fruits and vegetables due to its simplicity, low installation cost, and adaptability to a variety of environmental conditions (Amanlou & Zomorodian, 2010). However, the efficiency of the drying process and the quality of the final product are significantly influenced by key variables such as temperature and drying time. Optimizing these parameters is critical to balancing the removal of water content with the preservation of thermolabile bioactive compounds. Excessive temperature or prolonged drying time can cause degradation of phenolic compounds and other antioxidants, thereby reducing the functional quality of the product (Manfaati et al., 2019).

Numerous studies have investigated the influence of drying conditions on the antioxidant properties of Aloe vera and related plant materials. For example, Erik et al. (2019) reported that Aloe vera peel–roselle (Hibiscus sabdariffa L.) tea powder exhibited the highest antioxidant activity (55.98%) when dried at 60 °C for 60 minutes, compared to longer drying times of 70 and 80 minutes. This suggests that shorter drying durations under moderate temperatures may be optimal for retaining bioactivity. Similarly, Munnaf et al. (2022) examined Aloe vera peel subjected to different drying methods (sunlight and oven drying) and solvent extractions (methanol, methanol + HCl, and ethanol + water). Their findings demonstrated that oven drying at 65 °C for 12 hours, combined with methanol extraction, yielded the highest antioxidant activity (17.35%). These results reinforce the importance of carefully selecting drying conditions, as they exert a substantial influence on the retention of bioactive compounds.

The variability of outcomes in the literature underscores the complexity of interactions between drying parameters and the phytochemical stability of Aloe vera peel. While moderate temperatures (50–70 °C) and drying durations of 8–12 hours have been reported to provide favorable results (Munnaf et al., 2022), the optimal conditions may vary depending on product characteristics, processing methods, and targeted applications. The degradation of active compounds during drying arises from multiple mechanisms, including thermal decomposition, enzymatic activity, and oxidative reactions, all of which are influenced by both temperature and duration (Manfaati et al., 2019). Consequently, the design of appropriate drying protocols is essential to ensure that Aloe vera peel powder maintains its antioxidant activity and nutritional quality.

Beyond the technical aspects of processing, the valorization of Aloe vera peel aligns with the broader concept of sustainable resource utilization. Agro-industrial by-products are increasingly being recognized as valuable raw materials for the development of functional ingredients, nutraceuticals, and natural preservatives (Logaranjan et al., 2013). Aloe vera peel, due to its rich phytochemical composition, represents a promising candidate for such applications. The transformation of this underutilized by-product into powdered form not only extends its shelf life but also facilitates its incorporation into diverse formulations, including teas, dietary supplements, and cosmetic products. This approach supports both environmental

sustainability by reducing agro-waste and economic value creation through product diversification.

In light of these considerations, this study focuses on investigating the influence of drying temperature and time on the quality of Aloe vera peel powder, particularly in relation to its antioxidant activity. The selection of cabinet drying as the processing method reflects its practical applicability in small- to medium-scale agro-industrial settings. By systematically evaluating the effects of different drying conditions, this research aims to identify optimal parameters that maximize the retention of phenolic compounds and antioxidant potential. Furthermore, the findings contribute to the broader field of natural antioxidant research by highlighting the role of postharvest processing in shaping the functional properties of plant-derived by-products.

Ultimately, the present study addresses two interrelated objectives: (i) to explore the potential of Aloe vera peel as a source of natural antioxidants, and (ii) to determine drying conditions that ensure the preservation of its bioactive compounds during processing. By achieving these goals, the study not only enhances scientific understanding of the thermal stability of Aloe vera phytochemicals but also provides practical insights for the development of value-added products from agro-industrial by-products. Such efforts are expected to contribute to the growing demand for natural antioxidants in food, pharmaceutical, and cosmetic industries, while simultaneously promoting waste reduction and resource efficiency in Aloe vera production systems.

METHODOLOGY

Materials

Fresh Aloe vera peels were obtained from a local small and medium enterprise (SME), Nisvera, located in Malang Regency, Indonesia. The peels were carefully separated from the gel and prepared for subsequent drying treatments. Analytical grade (p.a.) chemicals were used throughout the study. The primary reagents included 1,1-diphenyl-2-picrylhydrazyl (DPPH) and methanol (Merck, Darmstadt, Germany), which were employed in antioxidant activity assays.

Equipment

Drying of Aloe vera peel was performed using a cabinet dryer (dimensions: 104 × 74 × 158 cm). Additional instruments included a digital balance (Camry EK-5055), stopwatch, blender (Miyako BL 102 G), stainless-steel knife, chopping board, trays, and sieves (40 mesh). For antioxidant assays, a UV–Visible spectrophotometer (Shimadzu UV-1780, Kyoto, Japan) was utilized, along with quartz cuvettes, volumetric flasks (10, 25, and 100 mL), pipettes, beakers, vortex mixer, analytical balance, test tube racks, dark vials (10 mL), and ancillary laboratory glassware.

Experimental Design

The experiment was designed using a factorial randomized block design (RBD) with two factors. The first factor was drying temperature (50 °C, 60 °C, and 70 °C), while the second factor was drying duration (8 h, 10 h, and 12 h). Each treatment combination was replicated three times, resulting in a total of 27 experimental units. The collected data were subjected to analysis of variance (ANOVA) to determine the significance of treatment effects. Where significant differences were observed, Duncan's Multiple Range Test (DMRT) at a 5% significance level was applied to separate treatment means. This design was adopted to minimize experimental variability and ensure statistical robustness, consistent with standard postharvest processing studies (Amanlou & Zomorodian, 2010; Manfaati et al., 2019).

Preparation of Aloe vera Peel Powder

Fresh peels were thoroughly washed, cut into uniform slices, and spread on trays for drying under cabinet dryer conditions as specified in each treatment. Upon drying, the samples were ground using a blender and sieved through a 40-mesh screen to obtain fine powder. The powders were stored in airtight, light-protected containers until further analysis.

Moisture Content Analysis

Moisture content was determined following the thermogravimetric method described by AOAC (1995). Approximately 2 g of Aloe vera powder was weighed into a pre-dried crucible, followed by oven drying at 105 °C for 1 h. The samples were then cooled in a desiccator and reweighed until a constant mass was achieved.

Yield Determination

The yield of Aloe vera peel powder was calculated as the percentage ratio of the dried sample weight to the initial fresh sample weight, as described by Sudarmadji (1984).

Organoleptic Evaluation

Sensory analysis was conducted to assess the color and aroma of Aloe vera peel powders using a hedonic scale method (Setyaningsih et al., 2010). A panel of trained evaluators scored samples on a five-point scale ranging from (1) strongly dislike to (5) strongly like. The Friedman test, a non-parametric statistical method, was employed to analyze ranking differences among treatments. Significance was determined using the Chi-square statistic, which provided insights into the influence of drying conditions on sensory attributes.

Antioxidant Activity Assay

The antioxidant activity of Aloe vera peel powder was determined using the DPPH radical scavenging assay, following Ulaan et al. (2019). A methanolic DPPH solution (0.1 mM) was prepared fresh prior to analysis. The absorbance of control (DPPH solution without sample) and sample solutions (DPPH with Aloe vera extract) were measured at 517 nm using a UV–Vis spectrophotometer. Radical scavenging activity was expressed as the percentage inhibition of DPPH radical discoloration.

Selection of the Best Treatment

The determination of the optimal drying treatment was conducted using Multiple Attribute Decision Making (MADM) analysis following Zeleny (1982). This approach allows for simultaneous consideration of multiple evaluation criteria (moisture content, yield, organoleptic scores, and antioxidant activity). The steps involved included:

1. Identification of the ideal value for each parameter (either minimum or maximum, depending on the attribute).
2. Calculation of closeness coefficients ((dk)) for each treatment relative to the ideal value.
3. Computation of closeness distance ((L)) across treatments using different distance measures (L1, L2, and L∞).
4. Selection of the best treatment, defined as the one with the smallest closeness distance values, indicating proximity to the ideal solution.

This integrative method enabled comprehensive evaluation of treatment performance by balancing physicochemical, functional, and sensory qualities.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Yield of Aloe vera Peel Powder

The results of the analysis of variance (ANOVA) revealed that drying temperature had a significant effect on the yield of Aloe vera peel powder ($p < 0.05$). Similarly, drying duration significantly influenced the yield ($p < 0.05$). Moreover, the interaction effect between temperature and duration was also statistically significant ($p < 0.05$). These findings indicate

that yield was strongly affected not only by individual drying parameters but also by the combination of temperature and time. Table 1 presents the mean yield values of Aloe vera peel powder under different drying treatments. The yield ranged between 25.63% and 34.94%, with the highest value obtained at 50 °C for 8 h and the lowest at 70 °C for 12 h.

Table 1. Mean Yield of Aloe vera Peel Powder under Different Drying Treatments (*Different superscripts indicate significant differences at $p < 0.05$*)

Code	Temperature (°C)	Duration (h)	Yield (%)
A1B1	50	8	34.94a ± 0.45
A1B2	50	10	33.67a ± 0.69
A1B3	50	12	33.30a ± 0.57
A2B1	60	8	32.70b ± 0.84
A2B2	60	10	32.56b ± 1.56
A2B3	60	12	31.22b ± 0.84
A3B1	70	8	31.11c ± 0.56
A3B2	70	10	28.26c ± 0.72
A3B3	70	12	25.63c ± 1.42

The decline in yield with increasing temperature and drying duration is consistent with previous reports. Drying generally leads to a reduction in water content, thereby decreasing the total recoverable solid mass (Rozana, 2016). High drying temperatures accelerate water evaporation but may also cause structural collapse or loss of volatile components, further reducing yield (Ari & Seri, 2016). In addition, prolonged drying times intensify moisture removal, resulting in lower mass recovery (Ummah et al., 2016). This phenomenon highlights the crucial role of water as a major determinant of product weight; as water is removed, the product becomes lighter, leading to reduced yield (Zulharmita et al., 2013).

Moisture Content of Aloe vera Peel Powder

The ANOVA results indicated that both drying temperature and duration significantly affected the moisture content of Aloe vera peel powder ($p < 0.05$), with a significant interaction effect between the two factors. Moisture content values ranged between 4.67% and 10.50% (Table 2). The highest moisture content was observed at 50 °C for 8 h, whereas the lowest was obtained at 70 °C for 12 h.

Table 2. Mean Moisture Content of Aloe vera Peel Powder

Code	Temperature (°C)	Duration (h)	Moisture Content (%)
A1B1	50	8	10.50a ± 0.50
A1B2	50	10	10.00a ± 0.50
A1B3	50	12	8.67a ± 0.29
A2B1	60	8	8.00a ± 0.50
A2B2	60	10	7.00b ± 1.00
A2B3	60	12	6.50c ± 0.87
A3B1	70	8	5.50c ± 0.50
A3B2	70	10	5.00c ± 0.50
A3B3	70	12	4.67c ± 0.29

The reduction in moisture with higher temperature and extended drying duration can be attributed to accelerated heat transfer and water migration. Increasing air temperature enhances the vapor pressure gradient, thereby increasing the driving force for water diffusion from the material (Widjanarko, 2012). Similarly, prolonged drying exposure allows more free and bound water molecules to evaporate, resulting in a lower final moisture content (Yuniarti et al., 2013).

Maintaining moisture below the threshold level is essential for ensuring microbial stability and shelf-life. According to SNI-3836:2013, the maximum allowable moisture for dried simplicia is 8%. In this study, treatments at 60–70 °C for durations ≥10 h successfully reduced moisture below this critical limit, making the powder suitable for storage and further application.

Organoleptic Evaluation

Color

Color acceptability scores ranged from 2.6 to 3.8, corresponding to "dislike" to "like" on the hedonic scale. Statistical analysis (Friedman test, $p > 0.05$) confirmed that neither temperature nor drying duration significantly influenced color perception.

Despite the absence of statistical significance, a slight tendency toward darker, brownish hues was observed at higher drying temperatures and longer durations. Such changes are likely associated with pigment oxidation and Maillard browning, as reported by Nurfiani et al. (2018). Nonetheless, the overall color remained acceptable, with panelists rating most samples between "neutral" and "like."

Aroma

Aroma scores varied between 2.7 and 3.8, with no significant effect of temperature or duration (Friedman test, $p > 0.05$). The aroma of dried Aloe vera peel was generally perceived as pungent but acceptable. At high temperatures and prolonged drying, volatile compounds may be lost, leading to reduced aroma intensity (Kartika, 2022). However, the natural composition of Aloe vera peel includes aromatic constituents that provide a characteristic odor, which was retained across treatments.

Antioxidant Activity

Phenolic compounds are key contributors to the antioxidant properties of Aloe vera peel. The antioxidant activity, expressed as IC50 values using the DPPH method, ranged between 38.32 ppm and 55.00 ppm (Table 3).

Table 3. Mean Antioxidant Activity (IC50) of Aloe vera Peel Powder

Code	Temp (°C)	Duration (h)	IC50 (ppm)
A1B1	50	8	38.32f ± 0.84
A1B2	50	10	41.18d ± 0.10
A1B3	50	12	43.24c ± 0.91
A2B1	60	8	40.90de ± 0.98
A2B2	60	10	43.24c ± 0.09
A2B3	60	12	50.58b ± 0.73
A3B1	70	8	43.04cd ± 0.08
A3B2	70	10	50.57b ± 0.52
A3B3	70	12	55.00a ± 0.54

The lowest IC50 (38.32 ppm) was obtained at 50 °C for 8 h, indicating very strong antioxidant activity (Molyneux, 2004). In contrast, prolonged drying at 70 °C for 12 h resulted in the highest IC50 (55.00 ppm), reflecting weakened antioxidant capacity.

These findings confirm that antioxidant activity declines with increasing temperature and drying time. This can be attributed to the degradation of thermolabile phenolics and flavonoids during prolonged exposure to heat and oxygen (Nurhasnawati et al., 2017). Similar trends have been reported in other plant materials, where high drying temperatures caused significant reductions in phenolic retention and radical scavenging ability (Purbowati et al., 2016; Amin et al., 2018). Thus, careful optimization of drying conditions is crucial to balance water removal with the preservation of functional bioactive compounds.

Selection of The Best Treatment

The best treatment was determined using the multiple attribute method of Zeleny (1982), considering yield, moisture content, antioxidant activity, color, and aroma. Table 4 presents the ranking results. The optimal treatment was identified as 70 °C for 8 h (A3B1), which provided a favorable compromise between physical, chemical, and sensory attributes.

Table 4. Selection of Optimum Drying Treatment of Aloe vera Peel Powder

Treatment	L1	L2	L∞	L Total	Rank
A3B1	0.125	0.005	0.051	0.182	1
A3B2	0.167	0.011	0.081	0.259	2
A2B2	0.172	0.014	0.111	0.298	3
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The selected treatment yielded moisture content of 5.5%, yield of 31.11%, and IC50 of 43.24 ppm (Table 5). These values met the requirements for dried herbal powders (SNI-3836:2013) and demonstrated strong antioxidant activity. Sensory evaluation also confirmed acceptable color and aroma.

Implications and Limitations

The findings of this study have practical implications for the valorization of Aloe vera peel, a byproduct often discarded as waste. By optimizing drying parameters, a stable powder rich in antioxidants can be produced, with potential applications in functional foods, nutraceuticals, and cosmetics.

However, certain limitations must be acknowledged. First, this study primarily focused on drying temperature and time, without investigating alternative drying technologies (e.g., freeze drying, vacuum drying) that may better preserve bioactive compounds. Second, only phenolic-related antioxidant activity was evaluated; future work should explore additional phytochemicals (e.g., anthraquinones, polysaccharides) and their functional contributions. Moreover, scale-up feasibility and cost-effectiveness of the drying process warrant further investigation.

CONCLUSION

This study demonstrated that the drying temperature and duration significantly influenced the physicochemical and functional properties of Aloe vera peel powder. Higher drying temperatures accelerated moisture reduction but, when prolonged, tended to decrease antioxidant activity, indicating the sensitivity of bioactive compounds to thermal degradation. Conversely, moderate drying conditions were more effective in balancing product yield, organoleptic quality, and antioxidant retention. The factorial design and subsequent analysis provided robust evidence of the interaction effects between temperature and drying time, highlighting optimal ranges for processing Aloe vera peel as a value-added functional ingredient.

The findings contribute to the growing body of literature on the utilization of agro-industrial by-products, supporting Aloe vera peel as a promising raw material for functional food and nutraceutical applications. Beyond extending shelf life, the processing approach outlined here offers insights for small and medium enterprises (SMEs) in developing sustainable drying technologies.

Future research should focus on scaling up the drying process under controlled industrial conditions and exploring alternative drying methods such as freeze-drying or vacuum drying to better preserve heat-sensitive phytochemicals. Furthermore, in vivo and in vitro biological assays are recommended to validate the health-promoting effects of Aloe vera peel powder, thereby enhancing its commercial potential in functional food formulations.

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BIG DATA AND AI IN ACTUARIAL SCIENCE EDUCATION AND DECISION-MAKING: CASE STUDIES IN EMERGING ECONOMIES

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ABSTRACT

Objective: This study investigates how Big Data and Artificial Intelligence (AI) are revolutionising actuarial science, focusing on the influence on education and decision-making in emerging economies. The research aims to identify possibilities, problems, and innovations that will facilitate the incorporation of these technologies into actuarial practice and professional training.

Methods: A conceptual and case study approach was applied. Secondary sources, including academic literature and industry reports, were reviewed to highlight practical applications of Big Data and AI. Case studies, such as the use of wearable health devices for risk prediction and satellite imagery for property insurance, were analysed. Educational gaps were evaluated against evolving actuarial skill requirements.

Results: In line with the results, Big Data and AI improve forecast accuracy, handling of claims, and engagement with clients, leading to improved systems of decision-making in insurance and finance. Even so, obstacles in emerging nations entail lacklustre learning systems, a lack of skilled academics, and ethical issues about algorithmic bias, equality, and transparency. Novel innovations, such as collaborative learning, curriculum redesign, and lifetime professional development, have been offered as essential paths to closing these disparities.

Conclusion: Big Data and AI have enormous prospects to improve actuarial education and decision-making. To reap these advantages, emerging nations must invest in curriculum innovation, institutional capacity, and ethical governance frameworks that will equip actuaries for the future of digital risk management.

Keywords: Actuarial Science, Artificial Intelligence, Big Data, Education, Emerging Economies.

INTRODUCTION

The 21st century is witnessing an unprecedented rise in the amount, agility, and diversity of data, known as Big Data. Corporations from several sectors are utilising the data renaissance to get insights that will aid them in arriving at more informed decisions, improve productivity, and promote innovations. The actuarial profession, which has long been recognised for its expertise in risk assessment, financial modelling, and uncertainty quantification, has not been

immune to this transition. Actuaries are predicted to broaden their traditional skill sets to include data science, artificial intelligence (AI), and advanced analytics (API Capital, 2024; Smith Hanley Associates, 2024).

Actuaries have long evaluated and controlled financial risk using statistical and mathematical models. The explosive rise of data from telematics, social media, genomics, and the Internet of Things (IoT) has put traditional actuarial approaches to the challenge, though. According to scholars and practitioners, actuaries must increasingly include data-driven innovations and machine learning methodologies to remain viable in a quickly changing global market (Trivedi et al., 2024; Chen, 2024). These modifications are in line with broader technological developments that are transforming professional services enterprises globally (SHMA Global, 2025).

The growing incorporation of AI into actuarial practice is both an opportunity and a challenge. On one hand, AI-powered algorithms like neural networks and natural language processing technologies help actuaries detect fraud, automate claims administration, and do real-time risk analysis (Coforge, 2025; Schwarz, 2025). On the other side, the use of such technology poses serious concerns about data control, ethical behaviour, and professional responsibility. According to studies, complex analytics can increase prediction precision but can also introduce bias if not properly controlled. The actuarial community, therefore, must embrace innovation while retaining public trust.

Actuarial education and professional development are key areas of attention. As novel innovations keep disrupting practice, the next generation of actuaries will require cross-disciplinary skills that combine classical actuarial models with AI, big data analytics, and programming. Releases from the Society of Actuaries (2019; 2025), as well as studies by Traverso (2010) and Yang (2025), highlight the crucial need for curriculum change to align with corporate goals. Without such changes, emerging nations' actuarial talent may fall behind global norms, worsen existing skill shortages and restrict the profession's contribution to sustainable development.

This article investigates the use of Big Data and AI in actuarial science teaching and decision-making, with a particular emphasis on emerging nations. Using case studies from Nigeria, South Africa, the United Kingdom, and Ireland, it assesses how technology innovation impacts actuarial practice, curriculum design, and professional regulations. This research intends to give insights into how actuaries in developing contexts might use digital technology for better risk management and socioeconomic development by combining literature from academics, professional bodies, and industry reports. Finally, the study contends that the future of actuarial science rests not in opposing change, but in using it to transform (Chatterjee et al., 2023; Ogdenscott, 2024; Heidrich, 2024).

CONCEPTUAL FRAMEWORK AND LITERATURE REVIEW

Big Data and Actuarial Science

The notion of Big Data extends beyond volume to encompass the array, variety, speed, and veracity of data sources. These qualities allow actuaries to improve risk categorisation, increase pricing accuracy, and encourage technology innovation (Traverso, 2010; Collins et al., 2023; Pillay & Van der Merwe, 2021). Traditional actuarial approaches were based on organised information like mortality tables or historical claims data. However, contemporary databases are gradually including unorganised information like interactions on social media, geolocation data, and sensor outputs. Researchers argue that the field of actuaries needs to adapt to these realities by integrating statistical techniques such as regression trees, clustering algorithms, and ensemble models (Society of Actuaries, 2019; AnalystPrep, 2024).

Big data applications are very useful for financial inclusion in emerging economies. Mobile payment schemes in Africa, for instance, generate transaction data that might be utilised to develop microinsurance offerings for low-income individuals (World Bank, 2021). Insurance firms can enhance coverage for already underprivileged groups by incorporating such data into actuarial designs, bringing in social and economic growth (Chatterjee et al., 2023). Nevertheless, challenges remain, as data quality, legal structure, and insufficient technology sometimes restrict wider integration in these domains (Griffith Foundation, 2023).

Artificial Intelligence in Actuarial Practice

AI enhances actuary practice by providing advanced tools for pattern recognition, identifying anomalies, and predictive modelling. Machine learning algorithms trump conventional statistical methods when complex, non-linear interactions are prevalent (Trivedi, Balamurugan, & Sivakumar, 2023). AI applications in insurance include automated claims processing, fraud detection, and real-time underwriting using behavioural data (Coforge, 2025; Schwarz, 2025). AI has also allowed actuaries to create dynamic pricing models that can change premiums in real time based on updated risk profiles (Ogdenscott, 2024).

Even so, the use of AI raises ethical and business questions. The American Academy of Actuaries (2018) warns against bias in algorithms, uncertainty in decision-making, and flaws in the validation of models. Richman (2024) shares analogous worries, emphasising the need for actuaries to maintain openness and ethical conduct when adopting AI-based algorithms. Recently published analysis in Heidrich (2024) stresses that, although AI has disruptive benefits, its misuse can weaken trust in actuarial conclusions.

Education and Workforce Development

Over time, actuarial work has stressed thorough education in numbers, statistics, and finance. However, as the profession evolves, the curriculum must take into account the growing importance of programming, data visualisation, and machine learning (Middle Tennessee State University, 2021; API Capital, 2024). Traverso (2010) observes that in emerging nations, the growth of actuarial education has frequently lagged behind international norms, a mismatch that will become increasingly problematic in the era of Big Data and AI.

Yang (2025) emphasises curricular improvements aiming at incorporating data science into actuarial syllabi, whereas Yang (2025) emphasises the significance of ethical training alongside technological capabilities. SHMA Global (2025) also contends that flexibility is critical, since global concerns such as climate change and pandemics necessitate actuaries who can evaluate different and fast-changing statistics. Collins' (2023) educational study demonstrates that while worldwide actuarial capacity-building efforts are ongoing, inequities continue, notably in Africa.

Professional bodies are also responding. CAS (2025) emphasises fluidity between data science and actuarial careers, encouraging professionals to adopt cross-disciplinary identities. These changes suggest that actuarial education in emerging economies must not only catch up with developed nations but also leapfrog by embedding AI and data science skills directly into training programs.

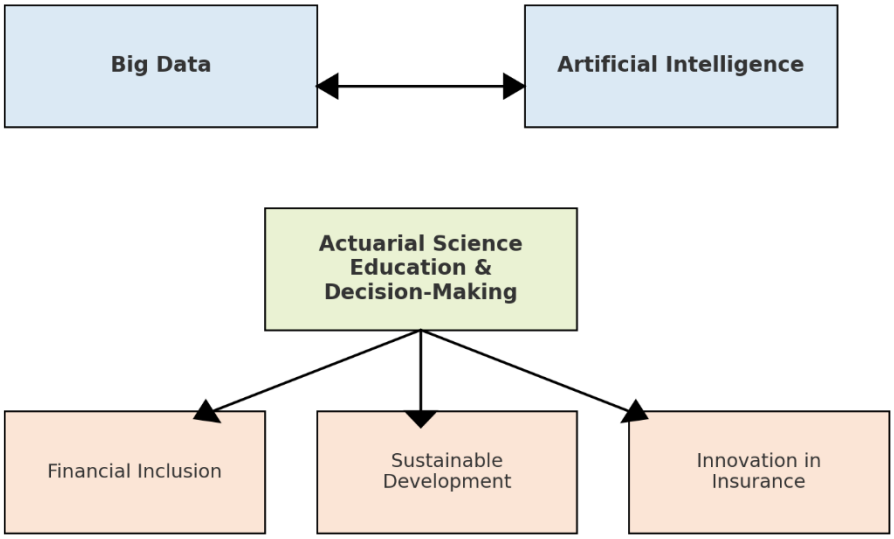

Figure 1. *Conceptual framework for integrating Big Data and AI into actuarial science education and decision-making. Author's elaboration adapted from Trivedi et al. (2023), Society of Actuaries (2019; 2025), and Griffith Foundation (2023).*

METHODOLOGY

This study uses a qualitative research design that includes a literature review and comparative case study analysis. The technique enables a thorough examination of how Big Data and Artificial Intelligence (AI) are influencing actuarial science education and decision-making in both developed and emerging nations. The utilisation of several case studies improves validity by allowing for cross-contextual insights while taking into account the distinct institutional, cultural, and regulatory settings in each location (Creswell & Poth, 2018).

Research Design

The technique is built on three pillars:

1. Comprehensive Literature Review - Academic papers, expert reports, and industry studies were methodically analysed to identify the theoretical and practical panorama of Big Data and AI in actuarial science (Trivedi et al., 2024; Griffith Foundation, 2023). Particular attention was paid to emerging economies, where empirical research is less abundant.

2. Comparative Case Studies – Case studies were selected from Nigeria, South Africa, and the United Kingdom/Ireland. These contexts were chosen for their contrasting stages of actuarial development, data infrastructure, and educational frameworks (Pillay & Van der Merwe, 2021; Traverso, 2010; World Bank, 2021).

3. Thematic Analysis - Major areas such as revision of curriculum, technological acceptance, and approaches to decision-making were identified and examined to determine similarities and differences between examples (Collins et al., 2023; Yang, 2025).

Data Sources

The data for this analysis were gathered from peer-reviewed academic articles, professional body reports, think-tank publications, and industry white papers. The Society of Actuaries (2019, 2025), Casualty Actuarial Society (2025), and American Academy of Actuaries (2018) presented valuable insights on professional guidelines. Industry assessments from companies such as Coforge (2025), Schwarz (2025), and Ogdenscott (2024) were also used to obtain practice-based viewpoints.

Limitations

Because the study is essentially qualitative, no quantitative modelling or empirical testing of actuarial frameworks is included. While this limits statistical applicability, the rich contextual data gives detailed insights into the influence of Big Data and AI on actuarial education and practice. Beyond that, accessing other materials may introduce bias; nevertheless, harmonisation across academic, professional, and industrial literature reduces this risk (SOA, 2019; CAS, 2025).

CASE STUDIES IN EMERGING ECONOMIES

Nigeria and Sub-Saharan Africa

Nigeria has one of the largest and rapidly expanding insurance markets in Sub-Saharan Africa. Yet, actuarial procedures in the region have significant structural challenges, including limited actuarial skills, disjointed regulatory frameworks, and insufficient digital infrastructure (Okot, 2024). Despite these obstacles, possibilities for Big Data and AI integration are arising. Mobile money platforms and digital payment systems produce massive transactional databases that can be used for microinsurance and risk pooling (World Bank, 2021).

For example, AI-driven credit scoring models applied to mobile transaction histories enable insurers to evaluate risk among populations traditionally excluded from formal financial services. According to industry experts, such developments have the potential to bring millions of unbanked people into the financial system. Regardless, the implementation of these technologies necessitates specific funding in actuarial education and development to guarantee that practitioners have the technical abilities to use advanced analytics (Traverso, 2010; Collins et al., 2023).

Professional organisations, such as the Nigerian Actuarial Society, have begun to seek relationships with foreign organisations to increase capability in AI and data analytics. This underscores larger requests for cross-disciplinary training and policy reforms to align Nigeria's actuarial profession with global norms (Griffith Foundation, 2023). While substantial progress has been achieved, infrastructural and legal framework limitations continue to be major impediments to realising Big Data and AI's full promise in actuarial science.

South Africa

South Africa presents a more mature insurance market relative to Nigeria, with stronger actuarial capacity and deeper integration of technology into financial services. Big Data applications in the South African banking and insurance sectors provide valuable lessons for actuarial practice. For example, Pillay & Van der Merwe (2021) created a Big Data-driven decision-making model that proved the ability of advanced analytics to improve credit risk assessment in the banking sector. Such developments have a direct impact on actuarial models, notably in terms of mortality risk, policy lapse behaviour, and claims projection.

South African actuarial businesses have also experimented with artificial intelligence applications such as machine learning models for fraud detection and client segmentation. These innovations improve productivity and risk control capacities (Coforge, 2025; Schwarz, 2025). Nonetheless, specialists caution that privacy laws and ethical considerations must be adequately managed to encourage ethical adoption (American Academy of Actuaries, 2018).

Education remains a central issue. While South Africa produces a growing number of actuaries, there is still a need for greater integration of AI, programming, and data science skills into curricula (Yang, 2025). Global bodies such as the Society of Actuaries (2019; 2025) and (2023c) provide frameworks for integrating these skills, but their application in the South African context requires adaptation to local realities.

United Kingdom and Ireland

As mature actuarial markets, the UK and Ireland provide useful comparative insights. Both nations have sophisticated regulatory frameworks, strong actuarial education systems, and widespread use of AI and Big Data in practice (Smith Hanley Associates, 2024). Insurers in the United Kingdom, for example, are increasingly integrating telematics data to provide usage-based insurance products, with rates changed in real time depending on consumer driving behaviour (Heidrich, 2024). This marks a trend towards dynamic pricing models, which blur the distinction between traditional actuarial work and data science.

Educational changes in the United Kingdom and Ireland emphasise the significance of integrating actuarial training with developing technology. Efforts to integrate AI, ethics, and data science into actuarial education reflect global efforts to secure the future of the industry (Traverso, 2010; SOA, 2025). Professional groups, such as the Institute and Faculty of Actuaries (IFoA), have highlighted ongoing professional development to ensure that practising actuaries stay proficient in emerging technology (Chen, 2024; API Capital, 2024).

These circumstances also highlight the expanding international discussion about actuarial change. Multinational partnerships in academia, research, and expert service enable emerging economies to gain insights from established economies while tailoring innovations according to their own needs. Lastly, the UK and Ireland serve as models, highlighting the advantages and disadvantages of introducing Big Data and AI into the field of actuarial science.

Comparative Case Studies: Integration of Big Data and AI in Actuarial Science

Country/Region	Level of Actuarial Development	Big Data Integration	AI Adoption	Educational Reforms	Key Challenges
Nigeria	Nascent profession; limited local capacity (Okot, 2024; Traverso, 2010)	Emerging through mobile money and financial inclusion datasets (World Bank, 2021)	Low; limited to pilot projects in microinsurance and credit scoring	Efforts toward collaboration with international bodies; need for curriculum overhaul (Collins et al., 2023)	Infrastructural gaps, weak regulation, shortage of qualified actuaries
South Africa	Relatively advanced profession; strong insurance and banking sectors (Pillay & Van der Merwe, 2021)	High; extensive use in banking and insurance	Moderate to high; AI applied in fraud detection and segmentation (Coforge, 2025; Schwarz, 2025)	Growing integration of AI/data science into actuarial education (Yang, 2025; SOA, 2019)	Balancing innovation with ethical oversight, data privacy, and governance
UK & Ireland	Mature profession with global influence (Smith Hanley Associates, 2024)	Very high; extensive use of telematics, health, and consumer datasets	High; dynamic pricing and real-time underwriting common (Heidrich, 2024)	Ongoing reforms emphasize ethics, data science, and continuous professional development (SOA, 2025; Chen, 2024)	Managing fluidity between actuarial and data science roles; maintaining public trust

***Table 1**. Comparative case studies on the integration of Big Data and AI in actuarial science education and decision-making. Author's elaboration based on Okot (2024), Traverso (2010), World Bank (2021), Pillay & Van der Merwe (2021), Coforge (2025), Schwarz (2025), Yang (2025), Society of Actuaries (2019; 2025), Smith Hanley Associates (2024), Heidrich (2024), and Chen (2024).*

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Decision-Making Frameworks

The combination of Big Data and AI has transformed actuarial decision-making frameworks in both established and emerging nations. Conventional actuarial frameworks, such as generalised linear models (GLMs), are still relevant, but they are being supplemented by machine learning algorithms that incorporate non-linear interactions and spot subtle trends in risk (Trivedi et al., 2024). For instance, gradient boosting and random forest models enable actuaries to evaluate risk pools more accurately than standard statistical approaches (SOA, 2019; Chen, 2024).

Case studies demonstrate how AI-based decision structures improve effectiveness in insurance processes. Big data-driven algorithms improved credit rating and risk evaluations in South Africa, providing useful information for actuarial uses (Pillay & Van der Merwe, 2021). In the United Kingdom, telematics-driven motor insurance modifies prices based on live data flows. These scenarios demonstrate how decision-making systems are getting more flexible and responsive.

Simultaneously, emerging economies confront issues such as the quality of data and technological constraints. According to studies, without a solid regulatory structure, the deployment of AI may exacerbate inequality, especially when data biases focus on the poor (World Bank, 2021; Griffith Foundation, 2023). This emphasises the dual imperatives of technical innovation and policy reform.

Policy and Ethical Considerations

The use of AI in actuarial practice raises new ethical concerns. The main problems are algorithmic bias, data privacy, and model interpretability. The American Academy of Actuaries (2018) emphasises the necessity for actuaries to maintain openness and accountability when using AI-based models, whereas Richman (2024) emphasises the significance of professional monitoring to prevent abuse. Ethical hazards are especially significant in emerging markets, where regulatory frameworks are frequently undeveloped and enforcement capability is inadequate (Okot, 2024).

To solve these issues, scholars suggest that actuaries must take an active role in creating public policy. The Griffith Foundation (2023) emphasises the importance of actuarial science and governance in fostering ethical artificial intelligence deployment. In addition, a cross-disciplinary partnership with lawmakers, regulators, and data scientists is essential for reconciling innovation and social security (SHMA Global, 2025).

Future of Actuarial Practice

The future of actuarial practice is situated at the crossroads of technology, education, and policy. Analysts believe that actuaries who effectively incorporate AI and data science abilities will be well-positioned to lead in fields such as climate risk modelling, health insurance innovation, and pension sustainability (Smith Hanley Associates, 2024; Ogdenscott, 2024). Conversely, failing to adapt may render certain aspects of the profession outdated.

Education improvements are critical to future preparation. Reports from the SOA (2025) and Yang (2025) emphasise curriculum that integrate technical AI competency with ethical thinking and communication abilities. Collins et al. (2023) further demonstrates that capacity-building initiatives in Africa are essential to cultivating the next generation of actuarial leaders. Based on sector perspectives like those from Coforge (2025) and Schwarz (2025), actuaries will work more closely with data scientists, blurring professional distinctions and boosting cross-disciplinary collaboration.

Ultimately, the field of actuaries is moving towards a fluid framework that incorporates permeable limits between actuarial science, data science, and public policy (CAS, 2025). This

versatility enables actuaries to not only stay pertinent, but also to serve as risk control experts in an ever-more complex context.

CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATION

The fast expansion of Big Data and Artificial Intelligence (AI) is revolutionising actuarial science, including professional practice and education. Findings from emerging economies such as Nigeria and South Africa, as well as contrasting insights from the United Kingdom and Ireland, indicate that the field of actuarial science is at an impasse. Conventional techniques are necessary, but the field has to include advanced analytics, machine learning, and cross-disciplinary collaboration in order to remain viable in a data-driven world (Smith Hanley Associates, 2024; Trivedi et al., 2024).

A central conclusion of this study is that technological adoption in actuarial practice is not optional but imperative. Utilising big data can enable actuaries to assist marginalised populations, particularly in developing nations where financial inclusion is a high priority (World Bank, 2021; SHMA Global, 2025). Likewise, AI-integrated models may widen insurance offerings, reduce operational waste, and increase decision-making accuracy. In the meantime, these developments have the potential to worsen inequality and undermine trust in the absence of adequate ethical safeguards and regulatory frameworks (American Academy of Actuaries, 2018; Griffith Foundation, 2023).

As crucial is the understanding that the actuarial curriculum must adapt swiftly. Professional bodies such as the Society of Actuaries (2019; 2025) and CAS (2025) have previously stressed the necessity of a curriculum that integrates data science, programming, and artificial intelligence while also imparting moral judgment and communication skills. Emerging markets have to match up with international standards while also providing regionally suitable offerings (Traverso, 2010; Collins et al., 2023; Yang, 2025).

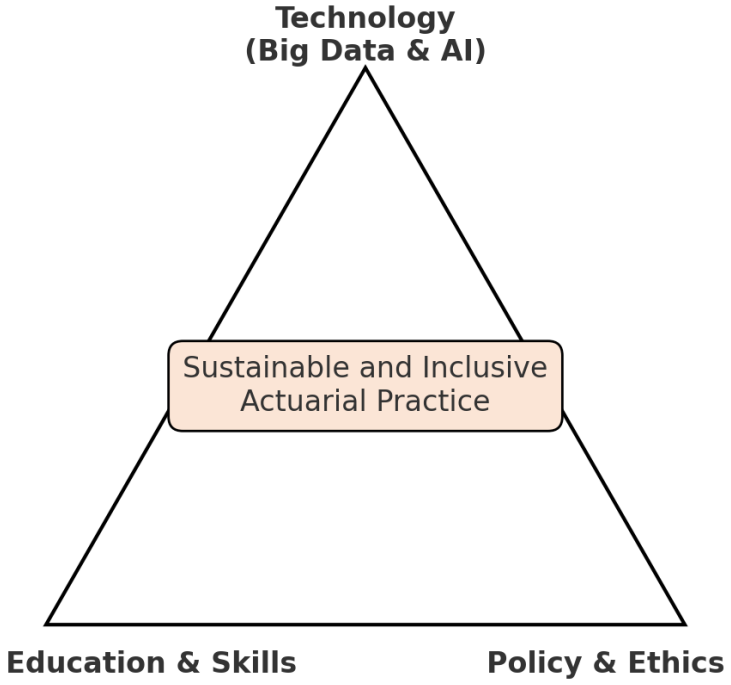

***Figure 2**. Three pillars shaping the future of actuarial practice: Technology, Education, and Policy/Ethics. Author's synthesis, informed by SHMA Global (2025), Chen (2024), and Heidrich (2024).*

Based on the data, we recommend the following:

1. Curriculum Improvement - Schools and professional bodies should include AI, data analytics, and ethical training in the actuarial syllabus to guarantee the next generation of actuaries have cross-disciplinary competencies.

2. Capacity Development in Emerging Markets - Partnership across global associations, regional organisations, and governments is essential to improve actuarial education and research in regions such as Africa (Okot, 2024; Collins et al., 2023).

3. Regulatory and Legislative Frameworks - Politicians should work with actuarial entities to develop rules for AI-powered actuarial solutions that foster openness, equality, and customer protection (American Academy of Actuaries, 2018; Griffith Foundation, 2023).

4. Industry-Academia Partnership - A stronger partnership among insurers, technological companies, and academic scholars will accelerate the development of innovative actuarial technologies (Coforge, 2025; Ogdenscott, 2024).

5. Continuous Professional Development - Professional actuaries demand lifelong development opportunities that meet evolving technologies and ethical responsibilities (API Capital, 2024; SOA, 2025).

Ultimately, those in the actuarial field need to welcome revolution instead of merely slow accommodation. Big Data and AI offer more than avenues for technical advancement but also chances to improve the social impact of actuarial science. By reforming curriculum, improving regulation, and stimulating innovation, actuaries may establish themselves as champions for navigating unpredictability and supporting sustainable growth in an ever-more intricate global setting (Heidrich, 2024; Chen, 2024).

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MULTILITERACIES AND ENVIRONMENTAL COMMUNICATION: EDUCATING TOMORROW'S CITIZENS THROUGH FOREIGN LANGUAGE EDUCATION

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Abstract

This study explores the integration of multiliteracies pedagogy in foreign language education as a pathway to enhance environmental communication competencies among Moroccan students. Through content analysis of Spanish and French language textbooks, this research examines how multimodal approaches in foreign language learning can develop critical environmental awareness and communication skills. The findings reveal significant potential for foreign language education to contribute to sustainable development goals by fostering multilingual environmental citizenship. This paper argues for a paradigmatic shift toward integrating environmental themes within foreign language curricula, emphasizing the role of multiliteracies in preparing globally conscious citizens capable of addressing contemporary environmental challenges.

Keywords: multiliteracies, environmental communication, foreign language education, sustainable development, multimodal pedagogy

Introduction

In an era characterized by unprecedented environmental challenges and increasing global interconnectedness, the role of education in fostering environmental awareness has become paramount (UNESCO, 2020). Morocco, positioned at the crossroads of Africa, Europe, and the Middle East, faces unique environmental pressures including desertification, water scarcity, and climate change impacts (Schilling et al., 2012). These challenges necessitate a citizenry equipped not only with environmental knowledge but also with the multilingual and multimodal communication competencies required to engage in global environmental discourse.

The concept of multiliteracies, introduced by the New London Group (1996), encompasses the ability to navigate diverse forms of communication across different cultural and linguistic contexts. This framework has gained particular relevance in the context of foreign language education, where learners must develop competencies that extend beyond traditional linguistic skills to include visual, digital, and intercultural communication abilities (Cope & Kalantzis, 2015).

This research investigates how foreign language textbooks used in Moroccan educational contexts integrate environmental themes and multimodal elements, with specific focus on Spanish and French language materials. The study aims to understand the potential of foreign language education to contribute to environmental communication competencies and sustainable development awareness among Moroccan students.

Literature Review

Multiliteracies in Language Education

The multiliteracies framework emphasizes the importance of developing competencies across multiple modes of meaning-making, including linguistic, visual, audio, gestural, and spatial

elements (Kalantzis et al., 2016). In foreign language education, this approach has been recognized as particularly effective in developing communicative competence that reflects the complexity of contemporary communication practices (Paesani et al., 2016).

Research conducted in various international contexts has demonstrated that multiliteracies-based approaches enhance learner engagement and develop critical thinking skills essential for global citizenship (Lotherington & Jenson, 2011). In the North African context, studies have shown that multiliteracies pedagogy can effectively bridge traditional and contemporary learning approaches while respecting local cultural values (Benali, 2019).

Environmental Communication and Language Learning

Environmental communication represents a critical domain where multilingual competencies intersect with sustainability awareness (Cox, 2013). The ability to communicate environmental concepts across languages and cultures has become increasingly important as environmental challenges transcend national boundaries (Pezzullo & Cox, 2018).

Foreign language education offers unique opportunities to develop environmental communication skills through exposure to diverse cultural perspectives on sustainability issues (Kramsch & Uryu, 2012). Studies have indicated that learners who engage with environmental themes in foreign language contexts demonstrate enhanced critical awareness of global environmental challenges (Álvarez & Calvete, 2020).

Textbook Analysis in Language Education Research

Textbook analysis has emerged as a significant methodological approach in language education research, providing insights into pedagogical approaches, cultural representations, and thematic priorities within educational materials (McGrath, 2013). Recent studies examining environmental content in language textbooks have revealed varying degrees of integration, with some materials effectively incorporating sustainability themes while others remain focused on traditional linguistic competencies (Fernández & García, 2021).

Methodology

This study employs content analysis methodology to examine Spanish and French language textbooks used in Moroccan secondary education. The research focuses on identifying and analyzing multimodal elements related to environmental themes within selected textbook units.

Data Collection

The analysis encompasses four textbooks: two Spanish language textbooks (*¡Juntos!* Level B1 and *Español en Marcha* Level A2) and two French language textbooks (*Alter Ego+* Level B1 and *Saison* Level A2). These materials were selected based on their widespread use in Moroccan educational institutions and their representation of contemporary foreign language pedagogy approaches.

Analysis Framework

The analysis employs a multimodal discourse analysis framework, examining:

- Linguistic elements (vocabulary, grammatical structures, discourse patterns)
- Visual elements (images, graphics, layout design)
- Activity types and learning objectives
- Cultural representations and perspectives on environmental issues

Analysis and Results

Spanish Language Textbook Analysis

The Spanish textbook *¡Juntos!* Level B1 presents environmental themes through a dedicated unit titled "Nuestro planeta en peligro" (Our Planet in Danger). This unit demonstrates sophisticated integration of multiliteracies elements:

"El cambio climático es uno de los mayores desafíos de nuestro tiempo. Las temperaturas globales han aumentado significativamente en las últimas décadas, causando el derretimiento de los glaciares y el aumento del nivel del mar. Es responsabilidad de todos contribuir a la protección del medio ambiente mediante acciones sostenibles en nuestra vida diaria." (*¡Juntos!*, Unit 8, p. 94)

This extract exemplifies how environmental vocabulary is introduced within authentic communicative contexts. The text employs visual elements including infographics depicting climate change statistics and photographs of environmental degradation, creating a multimodal learning experience that enhances comprehension and engagement.

The textbook *Español en Marcha* Level A2 approaches environmental themes through a more localized perspective:

"En España, la energía solar se ha convertido en una alternativa importante para reducir la dependencia de los combustibles fósiles. Los paneles solares son cada vez más comunes en los techos de las casas y en grandes instalaciones industriales. Esta tecnología limpia contribuye significativamente a la reducción de emisiones de carbono." (*Español en Marcha*, Unit 6, p. 67)

This passage demonstrates cultural specificity in environmental discourse, presenting Spanish approaches to renewable energy. The accompanying visual materials include diagrams of solar panel installations and comparative charts showing energy production data, supporting the development of both linguistic and visual literacy skills.

French Language Textbook Analysis

The French textbook *Alter Ego+* Level B1 incorporates environmental themes through a comprehensive unit on "L'écologie au quotidien" (Daily Ecology). The material demonstrates sophisticated multiliteracies integration:

"La protection de l'environnement commence par de petits gestes quotidiens. Trier les déchets, utiliser les transports publics, consommer de manière responsable... chaque action compte dans la lutte contre le réchauffement climatique. Les jeunes générations sont particulièrement sensibilisées à ces enjeux environnementaux." (*Alter Ego+*, Unit 7, p. 112)

This extract emphasizes individual environmental responsibility while introducing relevant vocabulary and grammatical structures. The unit includes interactive digital components, video testimonials from environmental activists, and collaborative project-based activities that require students to create multimedia presentations on local environmental issues.

The textbook *Saison* Level A2 presents environmental content through cultural comparison frameworks:

"En France, le recyclage est organisé par des systèmes de tri sélectif très précis. Les poubelles de couleurs différentes permettent de séparer le verre, le plastique, le papier et les déchets organiques. Cette approche systématique du recyclage contribue à l'économie circulaire et à la réduction des déchets." (*Saison*, Unit 5, p. 78)

This passage illustrates how environmental practices are presented within cultural contexts, enabling learners to compare different national approaches to sustainability. The accompanying materials include comparative tables, interactive online activities, and role-play scenarios that develop both communicative competence and environmental awareness.

Multimodal Integration Analysis

The analysis reveals several patterns in multiliteracies integration within environmental communication contexts:

Visual Literacy Development: Both Spanish and French textbooks incorporate diverse visual elements including photographs, infographics, charts, and diagrams. These materials support comprehension while developing visual interpretation skills essential for contemporary environmental communication.

Digital Competencies: The examined textbooks include references to online resources, interactive platforms, and digital project components. These elements reflect recognition of digital literacy as a fundamental component of multiliteracies pedagogy in environmental education contexts.

Cultural Perspectives: The textbooks present environmental issues through culturally specific lenses, enabling learners to understand diverse approaches to sustainability while developing intercultural communication competencies.

Collaborative Learning Approaches: Environmental themes are frequently presented through collaborative project-based activities that require students to work together in creating multimodal presentations, reports, and campaigns.

Discussion

The analysis reveals significant potential for foreign language education to contribute to environmental communication competencies through multiliteracies approaches. The integration of environmental themes within foreign language curricula offers several advantages for Moroccan students:

Global Citizenship Development

Foreign language learning combined with environmental education creates opportunities for students to engage with global environmental discourse while developing multilingual competencies (Byram, 2021). The examined textbooks demonstrate how environmental themes can serve as authentic communicative contexts that prepare students for international environmental cooperation and advocacy.

Cultural Awareness and Critical Thinking

The presentation of environmental issues through diverse cultural perspectives enhances critical thinking skills and cultural awareness (Kramsch, 2014). Moroccan students benefit from exposure to different national approaches to environmental challenges, enabling them to critically evaluate local and global sustainability practices.

Multimodal Communication Skills

The integration of visual, digital, and collaborative elements within environmental communication contexts develops multimodal competencies essential for contemporary environmental advocacy and professional engagement (Jewitt, 2013). These skills are particularly relevant for Moroccan students who may pursue careers in international environmental organizations or sustainable development initiatives.

Local-Global Connections

The examined materials demonstrate potential for connecting local Moroccan environmental challenges with global sustainability discourse through foreign language learning. This approach enables students to articulate local environmental concerns within international contexts while developing advocacy skills in multiple languages.

Implications for Educational Practice

The findings suggest several implications for foreign language education in Morocco:

Curriculum Development: Educational authorities should consider systematic integration of environmental themes within foreign language curricula, ensuring that sustainability education becomes a fundamental component of language learning rather than an optional supplement.

Teacher Training: Professional development programs should equip foreign language teachers with competencies to effectively integrate multiliteracies approaches within environmental education contexts, including training in multimodal pedagogy and environmental communication strategies.

Material Development: Textbook publishers and curriculum developers should prioritize the creation of materials that authentically integrate environmental themes with multiliteracies approaches, ensuring cultural relevance while maintaining global perspectives.

Assessment Approaches: Evaluation methods should be developed to assess both linguistic competencies and environmental communication skills, reflecting the integrated nature of multiliteracies-based environmental education.

Limitations and Future Research

This study focuses on textbook analysis within the Moroccan educational context, which may limit the generalizability of findings to other regional or national contexts. Future research should examine classroom implementation of multiliteracies approaches in environmental communication, including teacher practices and student outcomes.

Additionally, longitudinal studies investigating the long-term impact of multiliteracies-based environmental education on student environmental awareness and communication competencies would provide valuable insights into the effectiveness of these pedagogical approaches.

Conclusion

This research demonstrates the significant potential of foreign language education to contribute to environmental communication competencies through multiliteracies approaches. The analysis of Spanish and French language textbooks reveals promising integration of environmental themes with multimodal pedagogical elements, creating opportunities for Moroccan students to develop both linguistic competencies and environmental awareness.

The findings suggest that foreign language education can serve as a powerful vehicle for preparing environmentally conscious global citizens capable of engaging in multilingual environmental discourse. By embracing multiliteracies pedagogy within environmental communication contexts, Moroccan educational institutions can contribute to sustainable development goals while enhancing the relevance and effectiveness of foreign language learning.

As Morocco continues to address environmental challenges while strengthening international partnerships, the development of multilingual environmental communication competencies becomes increasingly crucial. Foreign language education, grounded in multiliteracies principles and integrated with environmental themes, offers a promising pathway toward achieving these dual objectives.

The integration of environmental communication within foreign language curricula represents more than pedagogical innovation; it constitutes an essential component of preparing Moroccan students for active participation in global efforts to address the environmental challenges that define our contemporary world. Through multiliteracies approaches that honor both local contexts and global perspectives, foreign language education can contribute meaningfully to the development of the environmentally conscious, multilingual citizens that our planet urgently needs.

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OPTIMIZATION OF SOLVENT-BASED EXTRACTION OF BIOACTIVE COMPOUNDS AND ESSENTİAL OIL FROM MELISSA OFFICINALIS L.

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ABSTRACT

Melissa officinalis L. (lemon balm) is a perennial medicinal and aromatic plant highly valued for its wide range of biologically active compounds, including flavonoids, terpenoids, phenolic acids, tannins, and essential oils. These compounds are widely applied in the food, cosmetic, and pharmaceutical industries, making efficient extraction processes crucial for both research and industrial applications. However, extraction efficiency is strongly influenced by solvent polarity, process parameters, and the equipment used.

In this study, a laboratory-scale solid–liquid extraction unit was employed to evaluate the effectiveness of different solvent systems—ethanol, n-hexane, and a 2:1 ethanol:n-hexane mixture—for recovering extractable fractions from dried lemon balm leaves. The plant material, harvested under controlled conditions and carefully dried to preserve phytochemical integrity, was subjected to three consecutive extraction cycles for each solvent system.

Results showed that the solvent mixture exhibited the highest extraction efficiency, yielding 23 mL in the first cycle, while ethanol and n-hexane produced lower volumes (10 mL and 14 mL, respectively). Optimization analysis indicated that two extraction cycles were sufficient for

ethanol and n-hexane, whereas the ethanol:n-hexane mixture achieved maximal yield in a single cycle, with subsequent repetitions providing negligible improvements.

These findings underscore the critical role of solvent selection and process optimization in enhancing the recovery of essential oils and bioactive compounds from *Melissa officinalis*. The study provides valuable insights for the design of cost-effective and sustainable extraction protocols and offers a practical basis for scaling up toward industrial applications in the valorization of medicinal and aromatic plants.

Key Words: *Melissa officinalis* L., solvent extraction, essential oil, bioactive compounds, process optimization

Introduction

Medicinal and aromatic plants (MAPs) represent an invaluable source of bioactive compounds with therapeutic, nutritional, and industrial applications. Among these, *Melissa officinalis L.* (lemon balm), a perennial herb of the Lamiaceae family, has attracted significant attention due to its rich phytochemical profile. Its leaves contain essential oils, flavonoids, tannins, terpenoids, and phenolic acids such as rosmarinic and caffeic acid, which have been associated with antioxidant, antimicrobial, antiviral, and anti-inflammatory activities.

Historically, lemon balm has been used for more than 2000 years in traditional medicine, ranging from wound healing to treatment of nervous disorders, fever, and gastrointestinal discomfort. Today, the International Herb Association has recognized *Melissa officinalis* as one of the most valuable medicinal plants due to its multifunctional applications in herbal teas, essential oil production, cosmetics, and pharmaceuticals.

The extraction of phytochemicals from MAPs is a critical step for both research and industry. However, the yield and composition of extracts strongly depend on several parameters, including the polarity of the solvent, extraction time, particle size, solid-to-solvent ratio, and equipment design. Conventional solvents such as ethanol and hexane are widely used, each favoring the extraction of different classes of compounds based on polarity. Moreover, mixed solvent systems have been reported to enhance efficiency by combining the solubilization properties of polar and nonpolar solvents.

This study aims to evaluate and compare the extraction efficiency of ethanol, n-hexane, and an ethanol:n-hexane (2:1) mixture for *Melissa officinalis L.* under laboratory-scale solid–liquid extraction conditions. The results are expected to provide insight into solvent optimization and support the design of scalable, sustainable extraction protocols.

Materials and Methods

Plant material

Fresh aerial parts of *Melissa officinalis* were harvested from Sutaj, Prrenjas (960 m above sea level), an area characterized by temperate climate favorable for MAP cultivation. The material was dried in a ventilated environment at 38–42 °C to prevent degradation of essential oils and other thermolabile compounds. Drying reduced the moisture content to 10–14%, ensuring long-term stability and reduced microbial contamination. After drying, leaves were separated from stems, manually sorted to remove damaged or discolored material, and ground to a particle size of 3–4 mm prior to extraction.

Extraction system

A laboratory-scale solid–liquid extraction unit (UESLC) was employed. This unit simulates industrial counter-current extractors such as the Rotocel system, operating in continuous cycles with controlled flow rate, temperature, and spray distribution.

Figure 1. Preparation of plant in solid–liquid extraction unit

Extraction conditions included:

- Solvent systems: ethanol (96%), n-hexane, ethanol:n-hexane (2:1, v/v).
- Solid-to-solvent ratio: 1:5 (40 g dried leaves with 200 mL solvent).
- Cycle duration: 8 minutes per cycle.
- Cycles performed: up to three, with fresh solvent added for each repetition.
- Flow rate: 12.7 L/h (211.7 mL/min).

Procedure

For each run, 40 g of dried and ground lemon balm was loaded into the extractor chamber. Solvent was sprayed through three sprayers, and the extract was collected in receiving containers. After each cycle, extracts were allowed to settle in a separating funnel for 24 hours before measuring volumes. Each experiment was performed in triplicate for reproducibility.

Results

Extraction yields by solvent type

The results indicated clear differences in extraction efficiency depending on solvent system:

Solvent system	Cycle 1 (mL)	Cycle 2 (mL)	Cycle 3 (mL)	Optimal cycles
Ethanol	10	16	17	2
n-Hexane	14	23	25	2
Ethanol:n-Hexane (2:1)	23	29	30	1

Ethanol achieved 10 mL in the first cycle, increasing to 16 mL in the second, with negligible improvement in the third.

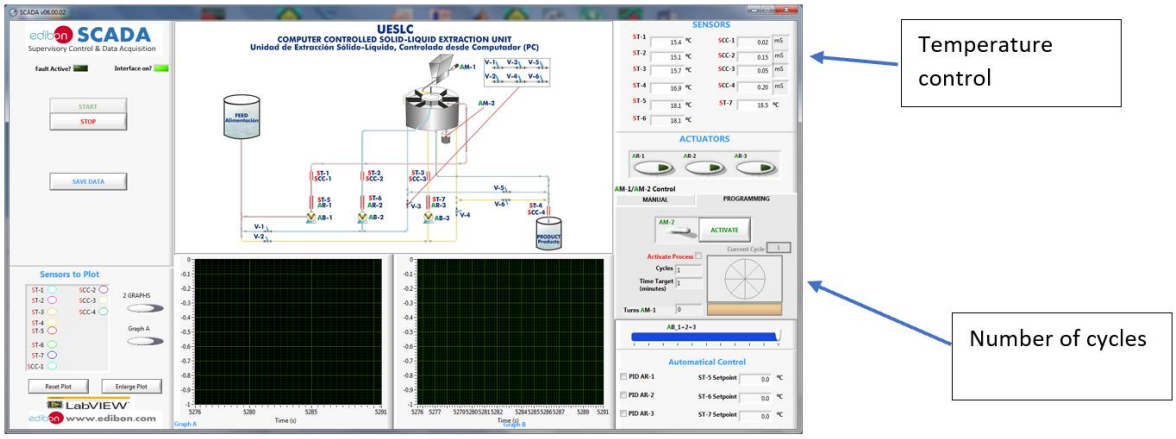
n-Hexane produced 14 mL in the first cycle and reached 23 mL after two cycles.

The mixed solvent system outperformed both, with 23 mL extracted in the first cycle and only minor increases in subsequent cycles.

Extraction optimization

The extraction curves demonstrated that:

- Ethanol and hexane achieved optimal yields after two cycles.
- Ethanol:hexane mixture reached maximal efficiency in a single cycle, indicating strong solvent–solute interaction and superior penetration of plant tissue.



Discussion

The findings confirm the decisive influence of solvent polarity and composition on the efficiency of plant extraction. Ethanol, a polar solvent, is highly effective for extracting hydrophilic compounds such as flavonoids and phenolic acids, while hexane, a nonpolar solvent, is more selective for lipophilic constituents such as essential oils and terpenoids.

Interestingly, the ethanol:hexane mixture demonstrated synergistic effects by combining the solubilization capacity of both polar and nonpolar solvents. This explains why the mixed system reached maximum extraction in the first cycle, achieving 23 mL compared to 10–14 mL with individual solvents. The reduced need for repeated cycles also implies lower solvent consumption, reduced energy input, and shorter processing time, all of which are critical factors for industrial-scale applications.

From a sustainability perspective, ethanol is a renewable and relatively safe solvent compared to hexane, which is petroleum-derived and poses environmental concerns. However, the optimized mixture in small proportions could represent a cost-effective compromise for maximizing yield while limiting environmental impact.

The results are consistent with previous studies reporting that binary solvent systems often outperform single solvents in essential oil extraction due to improved solubility and mass transfer kinetics. Moreover, the data suggest that careful optimization of cycle numbers is crucial to avoid unnecessary repetition and solvent waste.

Conclusion

This study demonstrates that solvent selection and process optimization play a critical role in the extraction of bioactive compounds from *Melissa officinalis L.*. Among the systems tested, the ethanol:n-hexane (2:1) mixture achieved the highest extraction efficiency, reaching maximal yield in a single cycle, while ethanol and hexane required two cycles for similar efficiency.

The findings provide a practical framework for designing cost-effective, scalable, and sustainable extraction processes. By reducing cycle numbers and solvent use, industries can improve efficiency, lower costs, and minimize environmental impact while ensuring high recovery of essential oils and phytochemicals.

Future research should explore additional green solvents (e.g., supercritical CO_2, deep eutectic solvents), investigate the qualitative composition of extracts via GC–MS or HPLC, and validate biological activities to further support industrial valorization of *Melissa officinalis*.

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THE CONNECTION BETWEEN LOVE AND LOSS IN GRAHAM SWIFT'S NOVELS

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ABSTRACT

Introduction and Purpose: The purpose of this paper is to analyse the theme of love's strong connection to loss in Graham Swift's novels *Waterland, Last Orders, Mothering Sunda*y, and *Ever After*.

Materials and Methods: Love relationships are unhappy at present, e.g. in *Waterland*, where Mary, following an abortion in her teenage years, can no longer have children. She is very unhappy and couple life becomes unhappy. She steals a baby from the supermarket and claims she had received it as a gift from God. Her husband Tom confesses to his students during history class, where he tries to explain to them the way in which various events cause others to his students. Death of someone close is present in the novels *Last Orders, Mothering Sunda*y, and *Ever After*. In *Mothering Sunday*, the image of the loved man remains alive for the former maid, now successful writer, Jane Fairchild. In *Ever After*, Bill Unwin struggles with the loss of his wife Ruth. *Last Orders* presents both good and bad parts of the relationship between Jack, now recently dead, and his wife. Mourning and grief work from a psychoanalytic perspective are a significant part of understanding these relationships. Even in *Waterland*, while both husband and wife are still alive, they have lost the genuine closeness and romantic connection from their teenage years.

Results: Romantic relationships are presented from the perspective of what has been lost.

Discussion and Conclusion: Reflecting on the contrast between past and present is a consequence of changing romantic relationships.

Keywords: Mourning; Melancholia; Psychoanalysis; Grief Work; History

INTRODUCTION

Graham Swift's novels *Waterland, Last Orders, Mothering Sunda*y, and *Ever After* all deal with the loss of the loved person. Loss can be due to the death of the loved person, such as in *Last Orders, Mothering Sunda*y, and *Ever After*, or it can be a matter of losing the emotional connection with the loved person, such as in *Waterland* and *Last Orders*. In *Last Orders*, at the present moment, Jack Dodds is dead and his friends and wife try to deal with this reality. His wife had lost emotional connection with him during the time when she had a disabled daughter, June, whom Jack did not love. This is why *Last Orders* deals both with loss caused by death and with loss caused by an emotional connection problem. In *Waterland*, Tom and Mary face an emotional disconnection problem as Mary is suffering due to the impossibility of her to become a mother after an abortion in the Fens during her teenage years. Tom remembers nostalgically the way in which they had been a happy young couple back then in the Fens. This happiness is now lost. For Mary, what is lost is her dream of them having a complete family

with a child. *Mothering Sunda*y shows readers how grief work is never done and how we never truly get over the death and loss of someone we are in love with. Jane Fairchild, an orphan who is taken as a maid by a rich family, falls in love with their son. However, during those times he could not marry a maid and as he goes to meet his fiancée and enter an arranged marriage by their families he has a car accident and dies. The loss is, thus, a complex one, as Jane first loses hope of being allowed by the young man's family to remain together with him and marry him, and second, as she loses him completely, since he dies. In *Ever After*, as Bill Unwin loses his wife Ruth, he tries to deal with her death by reflecting on a variety of issues which have to do with his identity and personal beliefs. He loses the hope to achieve his dream of having his wife next to him and live happily ever after, like in fairy-tales, as the title suggests. In the more recent novel by Swift, *Here We Are*, readers may think love had been an illusion all along for Ronnie the magician. Significantly, his romantic relationship has as a setting his magic act, and the person he loves is his assistant in his act. She ends up marrying Ronnie's friend. Magic and illusion suggest a different perspective on love and loss. Here Ronnie loses all his illusions which he associated with his magic. Magic involves tricks after all, or illusions. The loves that are lost in the other novels are all part of the real world, or, at least, it is not suggested that these relationships had been illusions. They are only subjected to change. Fantasies are, however, part of everyone's life, as Freud suggests, and for this matter we can see how the setting for the young couple in *Waterland* is at first the Fens, where traditions and lifestyle are intertwined with a fairy-tale atmosphere.

Romantic relationships are associated in Swift's work with loss, which can be loss of happiness if not an actual loss of the loved person, as the characters may be left by the ones they love or they may die. A couple with ups and downs is the one in *Tomorrow*, where Paula shows how she had lost the hope for them to be a usual family as they did not have children for a while, and afterwards the issue was partially solved through artificial insemination. However, at present, she is wondering how her twins are going to react when they find out the truth about their birth.

Love is interconnected with a variety of problems and dilemmas, and loss of the dear person is the most serious one. We may start thinking that we idealize love and romantic relationships, yet our hopes for happiness to last like in fairy-tales, forever, are not fulfilled. There are moments of happiness, and not continuous, everlasting happiness. Jane Fairchild tries to keep the memory of the young man she had loved in her youth through characters in her works, as she later on becomes a very successful writer. Telling stories is a recurring theme in Swift's works, together with love and loss, and they intertwine. Stories keep our memories alive with the lost persons we love and with the happy moments we had in our lives in the past.

CONCEPTUAL FRAMEWORK

Mourning and the stages of grief work

According to Freud (1917), “Mourning is regularly the reaction to the loss of a loved person, or to the loss of some abstraction which has taken the place of one, such as one’s country, liberty, an ideal, and so on.” In our lives, it is inevitable to deal with loss, eventually, as Zen Buddhism teaches us (Edwards, 1997), but which is, after all, part of all cultures and of anyone's life experience. Zen Buddhism and its perspective on loss, focusing on accepting the fact that it is part of our lives, especially since everything in this world is ephemeral, resonates with the way we understand grief world (Edwards, 1997). Freud (1917) distinguishes between mourning, which is a natural process, and melancholia, which is a pathological one: “Although mourning involves grave departures from the normal attitude to life, it never occurs to us to regard it as a pathological condition and to refer it to medical treatment. We rely on its being overcome after a certain lapse of time, and we look upon any interference with it as useless or even harmful.” Melancholia means that the person completely cuts him or herself away from

the external world, and the person can go as far as to identify him or herself with the lost object. Freud (1917) also makes the following distinction between mourning and melancholia: “In mourning it is the world which has become poor and empty; in melancholia it is the ego itself.”

Grief work, according to psychoanalysis and starting with the work of Freud (1917), goes through stages which vary according to the individual, based on their intensity, and which do not even occur in the same order. Grief work can start with the shock of the loss, its denial, then continue with the revolt against the loss, the indifference to the loss, and end up with gradual acceptance of the current state of affairs. However, as Swift's works, we see how the characters never truly get over their loss. They may take some time to think about other matters, yet the loss remains in their lives.

Loneliness and isolation

Loneliness and isolation is a particularly Modernist theme, starting from the reality of the individual no longer living in a rural community, where social ties were very strong. Starting with the industrialization process in the Victorian age, and continuing with the fast pace of technological and scientific development, the individuals have moved in large numbers towards urban areas, where social ties were no longer as strong. The individuals live in anonymity in urban areas. We can consider that loss has become a major part in the lives of individuals starting with modern times, as an echo of the external changes. Since the external world is no longer as friendly as in rural communities, the individual reacts to these changes by retreating into his or her inner world. The external reality prompts emotional reactions, according to environmental psychology (Mehrabian & Russell, 1974). The lack of familiar persons with the move from rural to urban areas leads to a negative emotional reaction to the surroundings, and to a sense of loss. At the same time, the way the city looks, impersonal, with its standard buildings, can also suggest loneliness and nothing to attach oneself emotionally to. We need to see beauty in the city, according to Scruton (2018), which can be found in the architecture of the houses. The loss of beauty of the city can also be a cause of isolation and loss. Loneliness and isolation, in turn, can relate to a general feeling of emptiness, caused among other aspects by the lack of meaning, to which the mood of questioning everything starting with Modernism has led. The previous stability of the traditional society was questioned and lost due to the many social and technological changes. These ideas and changes lie at the basis of the mindset present in the works of Graham Swift. They form the background for each and every particular experiences of the characters with loss, loneliness and isolation. Swift, whose work could be caught up chronologically, in the beginning at least, within Postmodernism, has continued and emphasized some of these ideas, which remain even well after Postmodernism with us. All of these elements of the cultural and social background can suggest that we become, in our times, more and more sensitive to the loss of the loved persons, as we have fewer emotional connections with fewer persons. This is why we invest everything in one loved person or a few significant family members and close friends. Once they are gone, there is nobody left to comfort us, which makes the mourning process even more intense and difficult.

METHODOLOGY

Data collection and examination

In order to understand the strong relationship between love and loss, the present paper examines Graham Swift's novels *Waterland, Last Orders, Mothering Sunda*y, and *Ever After*. There we witness characters going through reflections regarding the loss of the loved person, as well as on the impossibility to have, due to certain issues, the same emotional closeness at present as in the past, which is in particular the case of Tom and Mary Crick in *Waterland*. *Waterland* shows how the process of losing all hope to ever become a mother makes Mary rebel against

reality and tell everyone that she had received a child from God when she steals a baby from the supermarket. Readers understand that Mary had believed that finding meaning in life is related to having a complete family, which can guarantee emotional stability and happiness. Once this image is shattered, all her meaning in life seems to be lost. Tom reflects on the way in which each incident in someone's life just as on the large scale of public history can lead to another. To understand history is not to understand a series of events, but to understand the connections among them, such as those of case and effect, as he suggests to his students during their History classes. Family life is also not the traditional, expected image in Jack Dodds's case in *Last Orders*. He and his wife have a stepson whom Jack would have liked to continue his job as a butcher, and a daughter who is disabled and whom Jack refuses to see. In addition, Jack had once promised his wife that they would move to Margate when they are old. However, this has never happened. Dreams and promises break throughout someone's lifetime, suggesting both emptiness and loss, as well as instability. Fairy-tales offered us an image of traditional and, most of all, stable society, which made life meaningful. The trajectory in someone's life was very clear, according to life stages. During modern times, the stability has been lost. We can only find it in fairy-tales and in our fantasies. The novel *Ever After* shows a break in the life of Bill Unwin, with a radical change: that of the death of his wife Ruth, whom he had loved very much. The novel *Mothering Sunda*y shows how the social conventions at the time would not allow a maid and the son of a rich family be together and get married. Their son is sent into an arranged marriage, while he is in love with the maid. His death is both literal and figurative, symbolizing the way in which he feels from now on emotionally, as he cannot be together with the woman he honestly loves. There seem to be no happy endings when it comes to couples in love in Swift's novels. Love and loss go hand in hand. Love offers them comfort, yet, once it is taken away from them, life becomes meaningless and they feel lonely and isolated, as well as misunderstood.

Textual analysis can offer insights into the way love and loss are associated in Swift's works. Love offers meaning to life, while loss takes away all meaning. Feelings of isolation and emptiness are the result of loss of love.

Analysis of the research problem

The research problem can be formulated as follows: What truths about the inner world of human beings can Swift's novels present to us by relying on the association between love and loss?

We may consider that, when we love someone, we may inevitably think about our fears of losing them and their love. We try our best to please them and to show them that we are worthy of their love. We feel that we need to do plenty of efforts, at least in the beginning of the relationship, to attract them and to maintain their interests. We look for clues in their behaviour towards us, hoping to see a confirmation that they feel the same about us and that they still care about us. Definitely, the fear of losing someone we love can vary in intensity and based on the psychological problems someone who is in love can have.

We can start from textual analysis of the selected novels by Swift, and then consider how much psychology and psychoanalysis could bring further insights into the way we react to losing a loved person. Swift has intuitively caught the process of grief work in his novels. Mourning can be identified under the form of memories and storytelling, as well as of self-analysis. By reflecting on the relationship with the lost loved person, we can see how the stories in Swift's novels show possible ways in which we deal with grief work. Each story has its own response to grief work, while each story relies on common elements, such as memories, reflections, confessions, as well as storytelling as a mean to preserve the connection with the loved person. Just like in real life, we cannot find one and the same order in which the stages of grief work go on.

We can rely on reader-response criticism (Mart, 2019) when we create the connection between textual analysis and psychoanalysis. Readers, according to reader-response criticism, react to any text. They have an emotional reaction, as well as a reaction of trying to understand what the text is about. For understanding what the text is about, they rely on their background knowledge and on knowledge they had acquired in a domain. Some readers may have had similar life experiences already with those of the characters, while others may have witnessed these reactions in persons close to them and learnt about these reactions to loss by studying psychoanalysis and psychology.

Model of the Research

We have noticed the common themes of love and loss, interconnected with loneliness and isolation, throughout Swift's novels. Losing a loved person and a romantic relationship can clearly make us lose a sense of stability in life, as well as the only source of comfort and understanding. Lovers show empathy and sympathy towards one another, making us consider that the therapeutic relationship between analyst and patient is built on the model of such relationships as well. We realize that we have a deep need for someone's attention and affection, which, once it is lost, can make us feel alone and completely misunderstood by the others. Reader-response criticism shows how readers can resonate with such experiences or at least fears of having their own lives follow such a course. In addition, reader-response criticism shows the relevance of fiction to our genuine emotions and life experiences.

CONCLUSION AND DISCUSSION

Love is connected to loss in Swift's novels in an attempt to show the intensity of emotions when we lose someone we care very much about. We may think, as readers, that Swift has a bleak perspective on romantic relationships. However, in his stories, he simply makes us aware of the high emotional impact on losing the person we love. The stories reflect not a simple view of romantic relationships, but a fact of life: eventually, we cannot avoid loss in our lives, and he shows us how we can deal with that loss. He underlines with his stories the way in which we can never truly get over the loss of a loved person. The emotions are so intense when we are together with that person, just as they are when we are left without that person. Their loss can be compensated for through fantasies, as in the case of Jane Fairchild as she is writing her novels in an attempt at self-analysis and keeping the young man she had loved in her youth close to her. Loss can also be compensated through memories of happy times together, as in the example of Tom Crick telling the story of his life together with Mary in their youth to his students. Eventually, we return to storytelling as a process of preserving the lost loved person, in all of Swift's novels. In *Last Orders*, readers witness plenty of stories about Jack, told by his friends, stepson, and his wife. In the novel *Ever After*, Bill Unwin also resorts to storytelling, yet his process is one of self-analysis, dealing with the loss of Ruth by himself, confessing only to the readers. In addition, his dealing with the loss of Ruth turns into a process on reflecting on himself, as he needs to adapt to the new reality. This shows how much Ruth had been part of himself and how difficult it is for him to redefine himself and adapt to his new life, without her.

Relationships of all kinds, not only romantic relationships, but also relationships with friends and family are a large part of our lives. We need to feel close to someone, and to receive love from them. This is a deeper matter than just the fact that we are social beings and need to be part of a group, and accepted by the others. Losing the persons we love can lead to loss of meaning in life, to feelings of loneliness and isolation, as well as to personal dilemmas. We define ourselves function of the relationships with the others, as Hegel (2018) claimed. This is why the characters in Swift's novels reflect on both themselves and on the persons they love. The story includes the psychological reality of the characters and their process of self-analysis.

They are reflective novels, more than they are external action novels. The external action is always subsumed to the internal world of the characters. The persons we love are not as much external presences around us, but part of ourselves and our inner reality.

The structure of Swift's stories makes it easy for characters and readers to reflect on the way romantic relationships and other relationships which involve our love and affection for family and friends change. Past and present constantly intertwine in his works, which shows that loss of love and of the loved person are never part of the past alone. These feelings resurface in the present and remain relevant.

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THE ROLE OF GEOPOLITICS IN THE STRATEGIC MANAGEMENT OF OIL TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS

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ABSTRACT

The geopolitical environment has a significant impact on the strategic management of oil transportation projects in Kazakhstan, as the country is located at the nodal point between energy producers and the main sales markets in Asia and Europe. Geopolitics is both a driver and a source of risks. On the one hand, international tensions, sanctions, and changes in the direction of global energy policy are prompting Kazakhstan to accelerate the diversification of export routes and modernize infrastructure. For example, the Trans-Caspian route and the expansion of supplies to China make it possible to reduce dependence on traditional corridors through Russia. challenges: investment, political volatility, difficulties in coordinating with neighbors, risks of disruptions in international chains, as well as the need to balance between the strategic interests of major external players.Strategic management should take into account scenarios in which external conditions worsen - for example, a drop in oil prices below a threshold level, sanctions on transport infrastructure, restrictions on access to ports. Equally important, oil transportation projects require sustainable institutional and regulatory support, transparency, long-term investments, and diversification of risks, both route and geopolitical.This situation necessitates diversification of the route network, adaptation of infrastructure to external shocks, as well as strategic planning in the face of sanctions and instability. The purpose of this article is to analyze how geopolitical factors affect the selection, implementation and efficiency of oil transportation projects in Kazakhstan, to identify the main risks and opportunities, and to offer recommendations for improving strategic management in this area.The study is based on the analysis of open statistical sources and strategic reports, including the annual report of JSC NC KazMunayGas, data from the International Energy Agency and other relevant organizations; based on the materials of national media and expert publications on geopolitical risks and transnormative initiatives. Methodologically, the methods of mapping the chains of international oil transportation, SWOT analysis of the main routes, assessment of scenarios for the impact of external shocks (oil prices, sanctions, changes in export routes) are applied. Comparative analysis and case study are used - two specific routes for oil exports and transport and logistics projects that demonstrate the impact of geopolitics. Geopolitics has a key impact on strategic decisions on Kazakhstan's oil transportation projects. The ability to adapt to external shocks, the diversification of routes, the strengthening of logistics and export infrastructure – all this is becoming not just an element of competitiveness, but a matter of national security and financial stability. Based on the analysis, it is revealed that with the current dynamics, Kazakhstan can strengthen its role as a transit hub, reducing the vulnerability of the budget to price and political risks. Recommendations include strengthening the regulatory framework, expanding cooperation with key geographical partners, developing backup routes and flexible transport corridors, as well as strategic investment in ports and export terminals.

Key words: geopolitics; oil transportation projects; Kazakhstan; oil exports; route diversification; strategic management.

INTRODUCTION

Crude oil has historically been viewed and continues to be used as a strategic instrument of power, which determines the key importance of political stability in producing countries and transit states. The level of risk premium included in the price of oil directly depends on this (Kesicki et al., 2009). Unlike the gas market, where the dominance of pipeline infrastructure allows for the formation of significant market power, the situation is less rigidly constrained in the case of oil, as maritime transport is a viable alternative for many importing countries.

Research shows that political factors on both the supply and demand sides have a significant impact on oil price dynamics. The risk of supply disruptions contributes to price increases, especially in situations where production capacity is deliberately limited, for example through tax policy. At the same time, support measures in the form of subsidies for petroleum products artificially stimulate demand and thus create additional pressure on prices (Kesicki et al., 2009). The authors emphasise that the first two oil crises were based on exceptional geopolitical events, whereas in the current situation the sources of risk are more diffuse and geographically distributed, making it difficult to quantify their impact on oil prices.

More detailed studies of oil production at the country level show that geopolitical conflicts can alter the trajectory of production, which under normal conditions follows predictable curves of geological depletion. This effect is particularly noticeable in the context of military operations accompanied by the destruction of production and transport infrastructure (El-Gamal, Jaffe, 2019). Analysis of international crises and wars confirms that oil and bonds act as safe-haven assets, as positive and significant abnormal returns on these instruments are observed after escalations, indicating investors' desire to escape the stock market decline (Omar, Wisniewski, Nolte, 2017).

At the same time, assessments of the long-term impact of geopolitics on oil prices are ambiguous. The application of ARMA and GARCH models has revealed that until 2000, geopolitical events systematically led to an increase in oil prices, but in subsequent years their significance declined (Noguera-Santaella, 2016). Despite this, certain episodes in recent years confirm the continuing potential of geopolitical risk: for example, the attack on Saudi Aramco's oil refinery in 2019 caused a sharp 15% jump in prices (El-Gamal, Jaffe, 2019).

OPEC interacts with a number of countries in the OPEC+ format, which allows it to coordinate oil supply volumes and, as a result, influence price dynamics. The dependence of member countries on oil sector revenues makes them particularly vulnerable to the organisation's policies and changing market conditions (Alikhani, 2019). The impact of such decisions extends beyond the producers themselves, affecting importing countries as well ( ), since fluctuations in oil prices are reflected in the cost of energy, affecting the functioning of industries, enterprises and consumer costs. For importing countries, taking into account the strategies and decisions of OPEC and OPEC+ is becoming a necessary element of energy policy, allowing them to minimise the risks of supply disruptions and adapt their own energy strategies in a timely manner.

Thus, in the context of high volatility in the global oil market, geopolitical factors shape not only price dynamics but also strategic guidelines for the development of the industry. Their influence is manifested through regulatory mechanisms of international organisations, inter-state conflicts, sanctions pressure and changes in the global architecture of energy flows. For countries such as Kazakhstan, geopolitics is becoming a determining factor in the strategic management of oil transportation projects, since economic stability and national security depend on the ability to adapt to external challenges in a timely manner, diversify export routes and build sustainable infrastructure.

CONCEPTUAL FRAMEWORK

Geopolitical factors have a key impact on the development of oil transportation projects, determining their strategic importance, resilience to external challenges, and prospects for integration into the global energy system. The influence of these factors is evident both at the route selection stage and during the implementation and further operation of infrastructure projects (Table 1).

Table 1

The impact of geopolitical factors on the development of oil transportation projects

Geopolitical factor	Impact on project selection	Impact on implementation	Impact on efficiency
International conflicts and sanctions	Create a need to diversify routes and reduce dependence on individual countries	Make it difficult to attract investment and technology	Reduce supply stability and increase the risk of disruptions
Political stability of transit countries	Determines the priority of routes through safe territories	Affects the pace of construction and coordination of infrastructure projects	Increases reliability and reduces transaction costs
Energy policy of major importers (EU, China)	Determines demand trends and strategic corridor choices	Encourages adaptation of projects to standards and requirements	Ensures long-term predictability of exports
Activities of international organisations (OPEC, OPEC+)	Influences price forecasts and production volumes	Determines the investment attractiveness of projects	Affects profitability and financial stability

Note – compiled by the author based on sources (El-Gamal, Jaffe, 2018), (Noguera-Santaella, 2016).

Geopolitics is both a catalyst and a source of risk for oil transportation projects. Timely adaptation to external challenges, the development of alternative routes and the strengthening of the institutional framework can increase the efficiency of projects and reduce dependence on adverse external factors.

In 2020, under the impact of the economic consequences of the COVID-19 pandemic, total global demand for primary energy resources fell by 3.9%. It recovered in 2021, increasing by 4.9%, and grew by another 1.4% in 2022, reaching 15 billion tonnes of oil equivalent. In terms of consumption structure in 2022, oil and gas condensate remained in the lead, with a combined share of 30.5% of global demand. Coal was in second place with 26.8%, and natural gas was in third place with 22.9%. At the same time, the highest growth rates were recorded for renewable energy sources, which increased by 14.0%. Oil also showed significant growth, with consumption increasing by 2.9% (Karipov, 2024).

The dynamics of world oil prices during this period were influenced by both economic and geopolitical factors. In 2021, the average price of Dated Brent crude oil increased by 63% in real terms, reaching $76 per barrel. In 2022, there was a further increase of 34%, bringing the price to $101 per barrel. The main drivers of price dynamics were supply chain problems that

arose during the global economic recovery after the 2020 lockdown measures, as well as heightened geopolitical tensions due to the armed conflict in Ukraine and the subsequent imposition of large-scale sanctions against Russia. Prices were further supported by the voluntary production cut policy implemented by the OPEC+ alliance. As a result, in 2022, Dated Brent crude oil reached a monthly high of $124 per barrel.

These trends were of strategic importance for the Kazakh economy, which is closely integrated into global energy processes. In 2022, the oil and gas sector provided revenues to the National Fund, as well as to the republican and local budgets, amounting to almost 9 trillion tenge, equivalent to $19.9 billion at the exchange rate as of 1 January 2024. These revenues became a key source of funding for socio-economic areas of state policy, including social security, healthcare and education systems (Kazenerji, 2023).

According to the National Statistics Bureau, crude oil exports from the Republic of Kazakhstan in 2022 amounted to 65.2 million tonnes, which is 5 million tonnes less than in 2018. The export growth rate for this period reached only 92.9%, reflecting the stagnation of the country's export potential.

The aggravation of the geopolitical situation in connection with the outbreak of armed conflict in Ukraine in February 2022 and the subsequent introduction of additional energy sanctions against Russia by the European Union and a number of other states caused a sharp reorientation of Russian oil supplies from Europe to Asia. This process has significantly changed the perception of the reliability of Kazakhstan's crude oil exports, which are mainly oriented towards Europe and transported in transit through Russian territory.

The average monthly share of Kazakhstani supplies to the European market in 2022 decreased by 10 percentage points — from 73% of the total volume in the period from April 2018 to February 2022 to 63% in the period from March 2022 to February 2023. At the same time, transit through Russia remained critically important: according to data from the Ministry of Energy of the Republic of Kazakhstan, 64.3 million tonnes of crude oil passed through Russian territory in 2022, equivalent to 94% of Kazakhstan's total exports. The bulk of these supplies were transported via the Caspian Pipeline Consortium (CPC) route, with a significant portion also transported via the Transneft oil pipeline system.

In the face of growing risks, Kazakhstan has taken steps to diversify its export routes. One of the priority areas has been the development of trans-Caspian supplies and the use of the Baku-Tbilisi-Ceyhan oil pipeline. In November 2022, the national company KazMunayGas and the State Oil Company of Azerbaijan signed an agreement to transport 1.5 million tonnes of oil in 2023, with the prospect of doubling volumes without the need for large-scale infrastructure upgrades. In addition, there was an increase in exports via the Kazakhstan-China pipeline, which partially alleviated concerns about possible restrictions on access to export markets in the short term. However, in the long term, the problem remains: the capacity of all routes, with the exception of the CPC, currently does not exceed 16.5 million tonnes, which is only about a quarter of the export volumes in 2022 (KazEnerji, 2023).

Domestic oil consumption trends are also showing certain changes. In 2022, consumption fell by 1.2 million tonnes compared to 2018, i.e. by a factor of 1.06. The sharpest decline was recorded in 2020, when consumption fell by 5.1 million tonnes to 15.1 million tonnes, equivalent to a 1.33-fold decrease compared to 2018 levels.

METHODOLOGY

Data collection and examination of ethical principles

Data collection for the study was based on the use of official statistical sources of the Republic of Kazakhstan, including materials from the National Statistics Bureau and the Ministry of Energy, as well as annual reports of the joint-stock company NC KazMunayGas. Additional information was obtained from international energy agencies, analytical publications and scientific works devoted to the issues of oil transportation routes and the influence of geopolitics on the energy sector. The data was aggregated chronologically and subjected to critical comparison, which made it possible to increase the reliability of the analysis results. The study took into account the provisions of academic integrity, which exclude bias in interpretations and distortion of the original statistical materials. Ethical principles were observed through the correct citation of primary sources, transparency of the methodological approach, and the prevention of intellectual property rights violations.

Analysis of the research problem

The research problem lies in the high dependence of Kazakhstan's oil exports on a limited number of transport routes, mainly passing through the territory of the Russian Federation. This dependence increases the country's vulnerability to external shocks, including international sanctions, political instability and disruptions in the functioning of transit infrastructure. In the context of geopolitical tensions and changes in the global energy architecture, there is a need to rethink the strategic management of oil transport projects. Geopolitical factors shape the framework conditions for the functioning of the oil and gas sector, determining the priority of routes, the availability of investment and the level of Kazakhstan's integration into international energy markets. At the same time, the selection and implementation of projects are fraught with risks associated with political volatility, uncertainty in price dynamics, and competition for transit corridors. Solving this problem requires a systematic approach that includes vulnerability analysis, assessment of scenarios for changes in the global economic situation, and the development of strategic diversification tools to ensure the long-term sustainability of oil transportation projects.

Model of the Research

The statistical data presented reflects the dynamics of crude oil and natural gas production and export volumes in Kazakhstan from 2015 to 2024. During this period, there were significant fluctuations, which can be explained not only by internal economic processes, but also by the influence of the foreign policy situation. Thus, the growth in oil production from 5,757 billion tenge in 2015 to 12,257 billion tenge in 2019 coincided with a relatively stable international situation and favourable prices on the world market. However, the sharp decline to 8,002 billion tenge in 2020 reflects the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic and the global decline in demand for energy resources. The recovery recorded in 2021 at 12,939 billion tenge, as well as the subsequent growth to 19,013 billion tenge in 2022, were driven by both higher oil prices and increased geopolitical instability related to the armed conflict in Ukraine and sanctions against Russia, which created new opportunities for Kazakhstan in the global energy market.

Export dynamics also demonstrate the country's vulnerability to external challenges. Exports via the Caspian Pipeline Consortium (CPC) increased from 38 million tonnes in 2015 to 63 million tonnes in 2024, confirming the key role of this route, but dependence on transit through Russian territory increased risks, especially after 2022. At the same time, there has been a gradual decline in exports via alternative routes: from 23 million tonnes in 2015 to 7 million

tonnes in 2024, reflecting the weak development of diversification projects and the limited capacity of infrastructure not linked to the CPC.

Table 2

Dynamics of crude oil and natural gas production and export volumes in Kazakhstan from 2015 to 2024

Indicator	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Crude oil and natural gas production, billion tenge	5,880	7,410	9,203	12,060	12,654	8,275	13,182	19,372	16,087	16,349
Crude oil production, billion tenge	5,757	7,293	8,995	11,820	12,257	8,002	12,939	19,013	15,823	16,112
Natural gas production	123	117	208	240	397	273	243	360	264	237
Oil export routes										
CPC (Caspian Pipeline Consortium), million tonnes	38	41	50	54	56	52	53	52	56	63
Others, million tonnes	23	21	20	18	17	17	14	12	8	7

Note – compiled by the author based on sources (National Statistics Bureau of the Republic of Kazakhstan, 2024), (Ministry of Energy of the Republic of Kazakhstan, 2024).

Analysis of statistical data suggests that Kazakhstan's oil and gas sector remains highly dependent on a limited number of export routes, mainly the CPC, which accounted for more than 90% of supplies by 2024. At the same time, attempts to diversify exports through alternative routes have proven ineffective: volumes have fallen almost threefold over the decade, making the country's energy security vulnerable in the face of geopolitical turbulence. A comparison of production and export dynamics with key events in international politics confirms that fluctuations were linked not only to changes in world oil prices, but also to the impact of global crises, including the COVID-19 pandemic and sanctions pressure as a result of the conflict in Ukraine. In these conditions, strategic management of oil transportation projects for Kazakhstan should be based on the priorities of diversifying routes, strengthening cooperation with neighbouring countries and creating sustainable logistics corridors, which will reduce dependence on transit through the territory of a single state and increase the sustainability of the energy system in the long term.

Let us calculate additional indicators from Table 2, in particular, the share of CPC (Dktk) in total oil exports in 2024:

$$\text{Dktk} = \frac{63}{63+7} \times 100 = \frac{63}{70} \times 100 = 90\%$$

In 2024, the share of CPC in Kazakhstan's total oil exports was 90%, which confirms the country's strategic dependence on this route.

We will also calculate the volatility index (I_B) of oil production using the formula below:

$$I_B = \frac{|Q_t - Q_{t-1}|}{Q_{t-1}} \times 100$$

WhereQ_t is the volume of oil production in the current year, andQ_{t-1} is the volume in the previous year.

We will calculate the volatility index for 2019-2022:

$$I_B = \frac{|8002-12257|}{12257} \times 100 = \frac{4255}{12257} \times 100 = 34{,}7\%$$

Consequently, oil production in 2020 decreased by 34.7% compared to 2019, reflecting the sharp impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on Kazakhstan's oil sector.

We will also calculate the entropy of export diversification (Shannon) - 2024 (in nats and bits). Shannon entropy:

$H = -\sum p_i \, Inp_i$ for p = {0,9; 0,1}:

$H \approx -(0.9In0.9 + 0.1In0.1) \approx 0.3251$ nat

In bits: $H_{bits} = \frac{H}{In2} \approx \frac{0.3251}{0.6931} \approx 0.469$ bit

The low entropy value confirms the weak diversification of Kazakhstan's export routes.

The calculations show that Kazakhstan's export strategy in 2024 remains extremely vulnerable to geopolitical challenges. The share of the CPC in total exports reached 90%, which indicates the country's de facto dependence on a single route and confirms the critical concentration of export flows. The sharp decline in production in 2020 by 34.7% compared to 2019 reflects how external shocks, such as the COVID-19 pandemic, can dramatically change the dynamics of the oil sector. The diversification entropy, which was only 0.325 nat or 0.469 bits, indicates an extremely low level of route distribution and confirms the strategic risk associated with limited opportunities to reorient supplies. These results show the need for a structural overhaul of export policy, as maintaining the current dependence on a single route increases the likelihood of destabilising the oil industry and the country's budget in the event of any adverse foreign policy changes.

CONCLUSION AND DISCUSSION

The findings of the study show that Kazakhstan's oil and gas sector remains highly strategically dependent on the Caspian Pipeline Consortium, which accounted for 90% of oil exports in 2024. This concentration of export flows reflects the vulnerability of the country's energy system to

geopolitical risks and possible transit restrictions. Additional calculations confirm the sector's sensitivity to external shocks: in 2020, oil production fell by 34.7% compared to 2019, which was a direct consequence of the COVID-19 pandemic and a global decline in demand. The entropy of route diversification was only 0.325 nat or 0.469 bits, which indicates extremely low variability in export destinations and confirms the need for strategic changes in the management of the oil transportation system.

The recommendations are based on the analysis of the data obtained and conclude that it is necessary to diversify export routes in order to reduce dependence on a single corridor. Increasing the capacity of alternative routes, including the Trans-Caspian route and the Kazakhstan-China oil pipeline, will reduce geopolitical vulnerability and increase the oil sector's resilience to crises. Another important area is the institutional strengthening of strategic management: developing the regulatory framework, establishing mechanisms for long-term investment in ports and terminals, and expanding international cooperation. If the current export structure remains unchanged, the risk of destabilisation of the oil and gas industry and the state budget in the event of foreign policy shocks remains critically high, making the adaptation and modernisation of the transport strategy a priority task of national energy policy.

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WHAT GOVERNANCE OF THE BLUE ECONOMY IN AFRICA?

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ABSTRACT

King Mohammed VI's message at the "Africa for the Ocean" summit, held in Nice, France, from June 9 to 13, 2025, called for redefining Africa's maritime role and integrating its ocean policies into a vision of sustainable development at the continental, sub-regional, and national levels. This message provided an opportunity to address the governance of the blue economy in Africa. Therefore, it is timely to take stock after a decade of implementation of the AIM 2050, the founding element of the maritimization of the African continent. This analysis aims to highlight the progress made as well as the pitfalls that hinder the establishment of optimal governance for the development of an inclusive blue economy in Africa. The African Union, the keystone of this governance, is called upon to strengthen its institutions to embed, in coordination with its member states, the components of the Blue Economy in all value chains of the BE sectors. The Regional Economic Communities (RECs), after successful experiences in regions of Africa, are incited to operationalize blue policies in harmonization with the states that compose them while adopting a participatory approach at the common level. Ultimately, the governance of the blue economy in Africa requires redoubled efforts at the political, institutional, legal, infrastructural, scientific and technical levels within the framework of a structured and interconnected global approach.

Keywords: Blue Economy, AIM 2050 Strategy, African Union, Regional Economic Communities (RECs), CEMZA, ZECLAF.

INTRODUCTION

The global scarcity of land resources has turned attention to the oceans, which are seen as a source of wealth creation and geostrategic power. Oceans are essential elements for achieving food sovereignty, energy security, and regional cohesion. As such, the blue economy refers to the sustainable exploitation of maritime resources. It covers fisheries, aquaculture, maritime transport, tourism, offshore energy, and biotechnology, among others. The blue economy is no longer an environmental luxury, but a strategic necessity, hence the urgent need to rethink the use of African marine resources within the framework of a holistic, structured, harmonious, and interconnected approach.

This importance is reflected in the immense wealth of the African continent with its maritime areas totalling approximately 13 million km², including territorial seas and approximately 6.5 million km² of continental shelf. Africa integrates major international maritime routes, crossing the Mediterranean Sea, the Atlantic Ocean, the Red Sea and the Indian Ocean. There are 38 coastal or island states with approximately 30,500 km of coastline and only 16 states are landlocked. As for trade across Africa, 90% of imports and exports are by sea, the proximity to the sea is 10% higher than the global average. Africa is also home to the second largest and longest rivers and aquatic areas in the world (the Nile and the Congo). There are 63 international river basins covering approximately 64% of the continent's surface area (AU, 2019). The African Union (AU) predicts that the blue economy will be worth at least $400 billion by 2030

and create more than 55 million jobs. The African Development Bank estimates that the fisheries sector generates $24 billion annually and employs 12 million people.

These accumulated elements multiply the importance of implementing a comprehensive blue economy strategy in Africa. It is on this precise point that the message of King Mohammed VI at the "Africa for the Ocean" summit, on the side-lines of the third United Nations Ocean Conference held in Nice, France in 2025, called for redefining Africa's maritime role and integrating its ocean policies into a vision of sustainable development. In addition to sustainability, the Monarch's vision focused on the need for regional blue cooperation in Africa, and it is on this precise axis that our research focuses. Indeed, King Mohammed VI called for an African alliance based on shared ownership, co-management, and collective protection of the Atlantic Ocean as a means to promote this partnership. He emphasized that maritime challenges go beyond the national framework and require a continental approach to improve value chains, secure trade routes, and distribute ocean wealth more equitably. King Mohammed VI insisted that Africa must act unitedly if it wants to make the ocean a sovereign and sustainable resource.

The Royal message finds its relevance in a global movement that has led to an increased maritimeization of the economy, which has affected the African continent. Indeed, the African blue economy is characterized by the intensification of the exploitation of fisheries resources, the involvement of foreign countries in infrastructure and maritime transport, impressive discoveries of offshore hydrocarbons (African coastal states provide about 12% of the world's oil) and the issue of the exploitation of strategic and critical metals and minerals of which the African continent hosts 30% of the total world reserves and is largely located in its internal and offshore maritime zones. The regulation of the exploitation of these precious resources should be finalized by the end of 2025 by the International Seabed Authority (ISA with a weak voice from Africa).

It is also worth mentioning the paradigm shift, particularly in the United States, which aims to replace aid mechanisms for African countries with a new mode of collaboration based on trade partnerships and investment. This paradigm shift requires the continent to be proactive in defending its interests and relying on its own resources, particularly in maritime governance. Maritime Africa is regaining importance as a strategic issue for several powers, particularly China with its Belt and Road Initiative. African maritime routes are regaining crucial geopolitical and geoeconomic importance. The turbulence off the Red Sea has revived interest in the maritime route passing through the Cape of Good Hope, now considered a major transit corridor.

It is understood that the sustainable exploitation and preservation of Africa's marine environment is essential to improving its GDP, regional and global trade, competitiveness, long-term growth and employment. However, the development of Africa's maritime domain requires a holistic approach and a comprehensive strategy at the continental level that will be coordinated at the regional, national and community levels. In a kind of black humour scene (Matala-Tala, 2017) states that Africans want to achieve in 27 years what Europeans have gradually built over more than 60 years. Is there a need to get rid of this kind of curse that plunges African countries into a kind of global maritime impotence?

Africa's maritime domain also faces a wide range of real and potential threats that could result in significant economic losses and hamper development efforts. In addition to climate change threats, security concerns are not the least of these. Nearly 50% of illegal fishing vessels operate in African waters, costing the continent more than $11 billion annually. Piracy is rife in the Gulf of Guinea, the Gulf of Aden, the Mozambique Channel in Eastern and Southern Africa, as well as the Red Sea and the Horn of Africa. According to the African Union, the latter region suffers weekly attacks, resulting in a 4.1% annual decline in shipments. Piracy in the Gulf of Aden costs Africa $25 billion annually. In addition to the considerable economic losses, trafficking of all kinds (transnational organized crimes: terrorism, drugs, weapons, stolen oil,

IUU fishing, etc.) jeopardizes Africa's development and stability. According to the African Union, illegal fishing causes an annual loss of USD 10 to 15 billion, the majority of which occurs in Africa.

According to (Cormier-Salem & Dahou, 2011), the blurring of African states' maritime boundaries intensifies exploitation by international private groups. EEZs raise both geoeconomic (access to ocean resources) and geopolitical (control of maritime safety and security) issues. Major maritime crimes in African waters are often transnational and defy simple, unilateral solutions. Border disputes and potential conflicts over resources pose additional threats, and no African country can secure its maritime domain alone (Walker, 2021). Mechanisms for peacefully resolving these conflicts either are contested or lack the necessary capacity. According to (Walker, 2021), it is illusory to imagine that a country can secure its maritime domain alone. In other situations, oil and gas deposits tend to straddle several territories. Cooperation is therefore the best chance to overcome challenges and create prosperity.

In view of all the above, it is worth mentioning that the African Integrated Maritime Strategy SMIA 2050 is the major initiative of the African Union which was designed in 2014 to draw up a kind of roadmap to coordinate the maritime policies of the AU member countries as well as that of the African Regional Economic Communities (RECs). It defines the vision of securing, governing and developing the blue economy. It has been integrated into Agenda 2063 as a priority objective for inclusive growth and sustainable development in Africa. (Nguema, 2018) describes it as a founding instrument that marks the beginning of a new page in the relationship of African States with the sea. The accompanying Action Plan highlights the objectives that relate to the prospect of new institutions and structures, wealth creation and human resources development, as well as capacity building activities for maritime governance. The (AIM 2050 Strategy), is mean to be the foundation of African maritime policy. Its structure draft is based on continental coordination through the creation of an interdepartmental committee and the organization of the actions of States at sea as well as those of Regional Economic Communities (RECs), African maritime institutions, and regional mechanisms with the designation of focal points, the exchange of maritime data and information, and international cooperation. With this in mind and as 2025 marks the end of the Decade of African Seas and Oceans (2015-2025), the question we pose in this research is the following: What is the assessment of the governance of African maritime policy within the framework of AIMS 2050? Has this strategy been able to address governance challenges and create interregional interoperability of the blue economy at the continental level?

This main question leads to several sub-questions, which are as follows:

- Has the AU succeeded in its challenge to lay the foundations for African maritime governance?

- What role do RECs play in the deployment of genuine African maritime governance?

- What intersections exist between CEZAM and the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA)?

Our basic assumption is that the African continent has bold instruments such as AIMS 2050 and the Lomé Charter to develop Africa's maritime space. However, this momentum remains hampered by numerous intrinsic and extrinsic obstacles, as we face a global strategic challenge that makes it difficult to converge multiple and sometimes conflicting issues and objectives. In this research, we will focus on highlighting the progress made in promoting the blue economy in the African maritime space and dissecting the tipping points that hinder this development

METHODOLOGY

Data collection

To answer our research question, we relied on updated expert analyses targeting an evaluation of the AU's Integrated Maritime Strategy for Africa (IMSA) 2050 for the Blue Economy in Africa, implemented in 2014, and the Lomé Charter. Our focus was on analyzing international reports and studies related to the evaluation of these two instruments. Our contribution consists of presenting the institutional framework for Blue Economy governance in Africa and highlighting gaps in African maritime governance.

The institutional framework for the governance of the Blue Economy in Africa

(Africa has numerous maritime initiatives, such as the Africa Blue Economy Strategy, the Yaoundé Interregional Coordination Centre, and the Djibouti Code of Conduct. However, AIMS 2050 is the flagship strategy for the Blue Economy in Africa, providing a cross-continental framework for improved maritime governance. The African Union Commission, as the main institutional body, plays a central role in steering African maritime governance. Through its Inter-African Bureau for Animal Resources (AU/IBAR) under the Department of Rural Economy and Agriculture, the AU is piloting and consolidating the African Blue Economy Strategy (ABES) aligned with the AU Agenda 2063, the Integrated Maritime Strategy for Africa 2050, and the African Charter on Maritime Security and Development (Lomé Charter) of 2016. Indeed, from 2021, the AU Commission will integrate for the first time a maritime component dedicated to agriculture, rural development, the blue economy and sustainable development.

The AU provides the leadership, coordination, and political momentum needed to drive policy development and implementation related to the blue economy and ocean governance. The AU/IBAR (AU-IBAR) also coordinates the continent's efforts in fisheries and aquaculture management. It is directly involved in coordinating the efforts of Member States and regional bodies in ocean resource management.

The AIM 2050 Strategy provides for coordination and cooperation that includes two components: the intra-African component and the international component. Regarding the intra-African component, it is a multi-level governance integrating the level of States, that of RECs and that of the AU. States are encouraged to develop legal frameworks for the coordination of interventions at sea and in inland waters, and to establish subsequent actions (Mvelle, 2023). Regional Economic Communities (RECs) such as ECOWAS, ECCAS, EAC, and others, have an important role in regional coordination and implementation of policies related to the blue economy. They play a vital role in harmonizing the efforts of AU Member States and regional cooperation in ocean governance. The (RECs) play a crucial role alongside sectoral organizations, notably the Regional Fisheries Organizations (ORP), in the governance of the EB by ensuring the integration of the blue economy into the vision of regional development.

The RECs are engaging in regional initiatives to harmonize national maritime legislation and strengthen bilateral and regional strategic synergies, including the signing and ratification of relevant international instruments by Member States. The AU has an important role to play in encouraging RECs and Member States to take full advantage of the provisions contained in the various international instruments. This effort, which concerns the promotion of inter-institutional and transnational cooperation and coordination on maritime safety and security, intends to include the development of an inter-institutional approach.

AU Member States are responsible for the enactment and implementation of ocean governance policies at the national level. Their role includes developing, implementing policies, aligning their national strategies with continental ocean governance frameworks, and providing

resources for implementation. The legislative level is also important, as national governments enact laws and regulations to manage their marine environments, which must be in harmony with international maritime laws, such as the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS). Member States are also responsible for policy implementation, including the surveillance, policing, and enforcement of maritime zones and exclusive economic zones (EEZs). Member States, for their part, are developing national strategies for the blue economy, with some advanced examples such as Mauritius, Seychelles, and South Africa, which integrate sector-specific institutional and policy frameworks.

Regional specialized institutions and non-state organizations are also actors in intergovernmental maritime governance in Africa, such as the Indian Ocean Commission (IOC), IGAD, and AUDA-NEPAD (AU, 2019).

The African Development Bank, for its part, is responsible for financing development in Africa. The private sector and civil society are also involved in the promotion, governance, and implementation of projects related to sustainable fisheries, aquaculture, maritime tourism, maritime transport, sustainable energy, and the conservation of aquatic ecosystems.

Table 1: AU Member States and RECs implement the blue economy

Source: (Patrick K. and al., 2022)

Madagascar	National Blue Economy Strategy 25 June 2022; building up on a National Blue Economy strategy prepared on the basis of the Madagascar National Development Plan 2015–2019 that made reference to the Blue
Burkina Faso	National Blue Economy Strategy April 2022
Somali	National Blue Economy Stratgy March 2022
Congo Republic	National Blue Economy Strategy 28 June 2022
Seychelles	National Blue Economy Strategy: Republic of Seychelles. (2018). Seychelles Blue Economy: Strategic Policy Framework and Roadmap Charting the future (2018–2030)
Mozambique	Mozambique Policy and Strategy of the Sea (POLMAR) developed in 2017 to serve many initiatives related to the Blue Economy
Mauritius	The Mauritius 3-Year Strategic Plan 2017/18–2019/20 lists the Oceanbased activities as having the potential to boost growth and create wealth. The Ministry of Blue Economy, Marine Resources, Fisheries and Shipping has a Five-year Fishery Development Plan and a National Action Plan to prevent, deter and eliminate illegal, unreported, and unregulated fishing and an aquaculture masterplan
South Africa	Ocean economy operation Phakisa-South Africa's Blue Economy Strategy launched in 2014
Comoros	Strategic Framework for a Blue Economy National Policy with focus on: (1) Strengthening of national safety and security; and (2) Enhancing key sectors of Blue Economy with training and creating jobs for the youth; and (3) Protecting coastal. Aquatic, and marine ecosystems with managing the waste; (4) enhancing adaptation of institutional frameworks; and (5) Reorienting pillars of regional integration frameworks
Regional Economic Communities (RECs) Documents	
East African Community (EAC)	Regional Blue Economy Strategy May 2022
Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA)	Regional Blue Economy Strategy May 2022
Economic Community for Central African States (ECCAS)	Regional Blue Economy Strategy 28 June 2022
Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD)	Regional Blue Economy Stratgey (2021–2025) Five Year Plan
Southern Africa Development Community (SADC)	Regional Blue Economy Strategy

Challenges Relating to the Governance of African Maritime Space

The problem of governance is a major one, as it determines almost all other factors. It is through good governance that we can contribute to the success of development and integration projects on the continent. It is also through good governance that African states will be ready to delegate part of their national prerogatives to regional or continental institutions. However, although the African Union has laid the foundations for good governance by adopting a strategic action plan defining the objectives of the global strategy by 2050, while considering the institutions responsible for its implementation, in 2019, the proposed action plan reached the second stage, without visible results and does not seem to have produced any conclusive results. The analysis of the challenges related to the implementation of the AIMS 2050 Strategy, from the perspective of several researchers, reveals that several obstacles in terms of institutional maturity obstruct the deployment of African maritime governance. Certainly, in 2025, thanks to AIMS 2050, the African continent should have benefited from insights into best practices in combating maritime threats, protecting and restoring marine ecosystems and biodiversity, and assessing institutional capacity building.

However, the assessment of this decade has revealed significant institutional gaps in the management of maritime priorities, with widespread shortcomings in implementation, coordination, and political commitment (Walker, 2025). Indeed, the governance problems of the blue economy in Africa are numerous and complex, affecting several institutional, legislative, financial, and technical dimensions. Weak governance is secondary to weak institutions and synergy between all stakeholders. The African Union does not have binding power but serves as a "facilitative platform." It helps member countries identify their strengths, build appropriate national strategies, and build capacity (training, networking, sharing of best practices). The AU encourages the coherence of national policies with major continental and international objectives, while respecting national specificities.

At the institutional level, we observe the proliferation of interregional, regional, zonal and national instruments focused in particular on defense and maritime security. Nevertheless, while AIMS 2050 supports all these initiatives, they remain more fragmented than structured. Moreover, the national maritime policies of African countries are still at an embryonic stage with a lack of planning adapted to the realities of each African coastal state (Dahou & Mazé, 2021). The blue economy in Africa is fragmented between different ministries and institutions without effective coordination, which is detrimental to the sustainability and coherence of actions. (Gesami, 2021) reports a weakness of institutional power at the AU level, particularly due to the absence of the necessary structures. The researcher also highlights the lack of monitoring of the AIM 2050 strategy.

(Walker, 2017) attributes the strategy's delays to a lack of resources and expertise. He argues that the AU plays a key role in bringing together efforts to achieve this at several levels, but has failed to develop a common vision for the blue economy because each state pursues its own approach, policies, and interests, with varying capacities and priorities, while some also have competing regional and international interests. Growth can only be enhanced by agreeing on a common and coherent vision, goal, or concept, in this case, around a shared vision of a blue economy.

Several analysts agree that the institutional weakness is mainly due to the absence of an AU "Department of Maritime Affairs", in accordance with the decision on the adoption of the AIM 2050 Strategy, and the Addis Ababa Declaration. The establishment within the AU of an autonomous Department of Maritime Affairs (DMA) to comprehensively address the multifaceted and cross-cutting geostrategic challenges and opportunities in Africa's inland waters, seas and oceans is a prerequisite for boosting blue economy governance across the African continent. (Gesami, 2021) for his part, argues that coordination and coherence structures at the national, regional and international levels are insufficient because the AIM 2050 Strategy and its Action Plan do not define coordination modalities. The latter do not

clearly specify whether existing or proposed implementing organizations should be dependent or managed more independently; whether coordination should be carried out within a coalition or not. Added to this is the lack of 'think tanks' for the continent that will contribute to the viability of the proposed maritime department (Walker, 2017).

(Walker & Reva, 2019) emphasize the need to revise and update AIMS 2050. They believe that this strategy remains inadequate in the face of new trends in digitalization, decarbonization, and emerging threats such as cyberattacks, maritime terrorism, and illicit trafficking. The updated strategy should reflect the dynamic nature of maritime security issues while integrating technological advances such as AI-based surveillance and autonomous vessels. These growing risks are overwhelming the response capacities of states at all levels. The AU Office of the Legal Counsel has had the mandate to update this strategy for a decade, but persistent delays are undermining its effectiveness.

The lack of real leadership, common political agendas and seriousness in the collection, exchange and sharing of information will always be a barrier to any possibility of supporting memoranda and conventions in terms of reality and execution. The implementation of a clear and precise roadmap for the African Maritime Strategy 2050, with monitoring and correction stages as well as the strengthening of procedures and mechanisms for coordinating the collection and exchange of information. This operation include the harmonization of procedures and acts of deployment and actions as well as a better evaluation and assessment of material and financial resources are the key points for implementing genuine governance of the blue economy in Africa.

All of these factors lead to weak bargaining power to defend interests. African countries should present a unified continental position on key ocean issues, emphasizing their specific challenges and innovative solutions. Human capacity is also limited. Many African countries lack the human and technological capacity to effectively manage the blue economy. This hinders the implementation of initiatives and structural transformation, as well as the sustainable development of marine resources.

Gaps in international partnerships are also noteworthy. Some critics point to asymmetrical relationships in AU-EU partnerships, where weak African maritime governance capacity could put the continent at a disadvantage in negotiating and implementing international agreements. New continental leadership is also needed, as well as greater African participation in organizations such as the International Seabed Authority and the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea (Walker, 2025).

Below, we outline a set of factors that negatively affect the implementation of good African maritime governance.

Lack of Funding

(Mvelle, 2023) highlights the limited resources available to the AU, which is not funded in a predictable, sustainable, equitable, or accountable manner, as it relies heavily on donor support to manage its programs and activities. This situation is compounded by the fact that 40% of member states do not pay their annual contributions to the AU. The problem of financial governance is also a handicap, as there is no "golden rule" defining clear principles of financial management and accountability in the AUC's statutes and financial regulations. A significant portion of the AU budget (approximately 76%) is still financed by international donors, including foreign governments and international organizations. Despite the 0.2% levy on eligible imports to finance the AU, few member states fully implement this tax, which limits the Union's own resources. The inevitable consequence of this state of affairs is being at the mercy of “foreign partners”.

The issue of demarcating borders and Exclusive Economic Zones (EEZs) of African countries

The role of Exclusive Economic Zones (EEZs) of African countries in the (AIM 2050 Strategy) is central. The latter emphasizes the need to strengthen the capacities of Member States to effectively manage their EEZs, particularly in terms of surveillance, control, resource management, maritime security, and the fight against illicit activities (illegal fishing, piracy, trafficking, and pollution). In this regard, it proposes the implementation of integrated common maritime governance, notably through the concept of the Common Exclusive Maritime Zone of Africa (CEMZA). The creation of the CEMZA will define an African maritime space without barriers, which should include the EEZs of the AU member states. One of its objectives is also "to stimulate intra-African trade, by eliminating or simplifying administrative procedures in maritime transport within the AU, to make it more attractive, more efficient, more competitive, and more environmentally friendly" (Ntuda Ebode, 2011).

(Caligiuri, 2016) explains that while the creation of the Continental Free Trade Area (CFTA) in land space does not mean the end of borders, the CEMZA will certainly not put an end to maritime borders in absolute terms. The definition of AU competences in the CEMZA, particularly with regard to the external dimension of these competences, is important to prevent conflicts between treaties obligations entered into by AU States. However, it should be mentioned that geopolitical challenges complicate the pooling of exclusive economic zones (EEZs), which involves compromises on sovereignty, maritime security and resource sharing, which can generate conflicts of interest or competence between Member States. Regional maritime cooperation is still in its embryonic phase. The establishment of the CEMZA requires the elimination or simplification of administrative barriers in maritime transport within the African Union. The CEMZA requires a strong-shared political will among African states to collectively regulate and manage this maritime space. However, this shared will is still limited, which hinders the effective establishment of shared governance. In addition, the Strategy (AIM 2050) remains vague on the operational modalities, the exact legal regime, the operating rules, and the precise geographical delimitation of the zone. This creates uncertainty for practical implementation. Effective management of the CEMZA requires coordination between several ministries and national agencies, as well as the engagement of non-state actors such as local communities, the private sector, regional institutions, and international partners. This multi-stakeholder dynamic remains difficult to organize.

Furthermore, the implementation of this ambitious project faces technical, institutional, and capacity challenges. Many African countries have limited resources in terms of qualified personnel, funding, and technical means to support planning, monitoring, and integrated maritime management related to the CEMZA.

On another note, the issue of resolving and preventing conflicts over the delimitation of maritime boundaries between African countries is acute. In this regard, there is a lack of a real political vision and the establishment of functional structures and institutions. These conflicts are often linked to colonial legacies, a lack of clear delimitation of maritime zones (particularly EEZs), but also to geopolitical issues, the exploitation of marine resources, and the security of maritime spaces. They complicate regional maritime governance and cooperation on the sustainable management of ocean resources. Disagreements over maritime boundaries can have many negative consequences such as increased criminal activities, refusal to cooperate in disputed maritime areas as well as the promotion of the exploitation of African resources by criminal actors, thus compromising collective progress. International courts, such as the International Court of Justice and the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea, follow legal provisions reinforcing the *uti possidetis juris*, which has demonstrated its limitations in easing maritime border tensions. In this perspective, raises the question of the role of the Peace and Security Council (PSC). The latter is supposed to play a crucial role in the implementation of the AIM Strategy but it is noticed a disconnection from its policies and the interests of African states in matters of maritime security since they prefer to have their maritime conflicts dealt with by the United Nations Security Council (Walker, 2021). The PSC is also called upon to establish a maritime strategic support group to regularly review progress in the implementation

of the AIM 2050 Strategy align the efforts of member states and promote better coordination between state and non-state actors.

Indeed, few African countries have fully invested in the management and control of their EEZs. This results in a lack of surveillance, maritime security, and sustainable exploitation of fisheries resources. EEZ governance in Africa suffers from an imprecise legal framework, weak coordination between relevant ministries, limited institutional capacity, and difficulties in establishing integrated maritime policies adapted to national and regional specificities. The delimitation of maritime boundaries, resource sharing, and sovereignty related to the EEZ are often sources of tension between African states, complicating the implementation of common strategies. In addition, technical and financial capacity is insufficient, as the implementation of effective surveillance, scientific studies, and appropriate port infrastructure in EEZs is hampered by a lack of human, technological, and financial resources.

Fragmented sectoral efforts

Maritime strategy governance is also limited by sectoral silos, fragmented sectoral efforts, and limited implementation. The governance landscape is marked by complex and overlapping mandates and competencies, which compromise the effectiveness of institutional frameworks and governance infrastructure.

Safety concerns dominate

The issue of maritime security often takes precedence over ocean governance, overshadowing vital issues related to economic development and environmental conservation. While preserving maritime security is undoubtedly important, it is essential to balance these efforts with initiatives that promote the blue economy and protect marine ecosystems. The Lomé Charter, which complements the AIM Strategy, underscores the strategic commitment of African governments to better integrate security and development objectives. However, this balance remains difficult to achieve in practice. Security is undoubtedly a key element of Africa's maritime strategy, but the developmental aspect of maritime affairs has been underestimated. To remedy this situation, the focus must now shift to the sustainable development of Africa's maritime industry.

Legal Fragmentation

Legal fragmentation further complicates governance efforts. Regional seas conventions, such as the Abidjan, Nairobi, and Jeddah Conventions, play a critical role in marine protection, but they lack a direct mandate beyond their jurisdictions. Similarly, regional fisheries management organizations (RFMOs) have made efforts to promote the sustainable use of marine fisheries, but overlapping mandates and coordination challenges persist, reducing their overall effectiveness. Harmonizing frameworks such as the AIM Strategy and the Lomé Charter could foster greater collaboration and policy alignment. Furthermore, regional cooperation through platforms such as the Southern African Development Community Fisheries Protocol and the East African Community Treaty on Maritime Transport offers great potential to foster shared solutions and improve governance.

Lack of Planning

Maritime Spatial Planning (MSP) remains the main effective tool of the SMIA 2050 for implementing the blue economy approach. It requires an integrated governance framework in terms of strong institutions and interministerial cooperation, as well as inclusive decision-making processes that involve all stakeholders. To date, the MSP remains at an early stage of development and cabotage, as the policy has only been ratified and submitted by six countries, while maritime security information sharing continues to face a lack of capacity and disagreements between states on the issue of maritime boundaries.

Lack of Information

For a thriving blue economy and enhanced maritime security, policymakers must have continuous access to reliable, evidence-based research. Institutional arrangements exist in various sectors of the Blue Economy, but there is no mechanism to facilitate the sharing of information, experiences, the pursuit of common objectives and the sharing of resources. A continental database of information and knowledge on Africa's blue economy is planned to be created and operationalized by 2028, with the aim of supporting decision-making and policy formulation.

Weakness of African Regional Integration

Despite Africa having eight regional economic communities recognized by the African Union and 35 regional trade agreements in force, the effects of integration remain limited. Many obstacles and weaknesses are responsible for this state of affairs, including a lack of coordination, political disagreement between states, overlapping memberships in several economic blocs and a lack of long-term vision, slow implementation of procedures, insufficient road and customs infrastructure, and access to secure financing from the private capital market.

Despite the creation of regional organizations, IGAD, the Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa, the East African Community and the Indian Ocean Commission, political differences, the geopolitics of suspicion fueled by maritime border disputes, reduce the effectiveness of the jointly established mechanisms. Political instability and insecurity, the problem of governance and financing limit the obligations of the various sub-regional blocs of which they are members, and also fail to meet those of the African Union, particularly with regard to the payment of their annual contributions, which has a negative impact on many of the latter's projects (Saber, 2020). The impact of political instability hinders the free movement of goods or traders between the different countries of a region plagued by armed conflict. Thus, the weakness of African regional integration results from a set of deeply intertwined political, economic, institutional, and structural factors, which require strong political will, harmonization of national policies with regional objectives, and a significant improvement in infrastructure and institutional capacities to progress.

Weak Infrastructure

No African country is among the top 35 shipowners according to the African Development Bank (2018). The continent's fleet share is very low, while a maritime strategy requires a fleet for economic activities and a naval force capable of all or part of the four strategic functions: awareness, protection, intervention, and deterrence. According to estimates from the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, only Nigeria is among the top 35 shipowners, with a share of 0.31% of the total deadweight tonnage in January 2020, and only Liberia is on the list of major flag states, representing 13% of the total deadweight tonnage worldwide. This means that as part of the implementation of the AfCFTA, Africa will be forced to seek assistance from foreign vessels. The African continent's contribution to shipbuilding and repair is less than 2% of the total value added of shipbuilding and repair. Morocco, in pursuit of its maritime emergence strategy, has launched a call for tenders for the largest shipyard in Africa in Casablanca, which will be completed in 2022 at a cost of 2.7 billion dirhams (approximately 270 million euros), immediately establishing itself as a major infrastructure on the African continent. The Casablanca shipyard is part of a broader strategy aimed at making Morocco a major player in Atlantic maritime trade. By acquiring the capacity to build and maintain a national merchant fleet, the kingdom seeks to reduce its dependence on foreign carriers and capture more benefit in trade (Yamani & Hanine, 2025).

The Liner Shipping Connectivity Index (LSCI), which measures a country's level of integration into global container shipping networks, remains very low except for a few countries such as

South Africa, Morocco, and Nigeria. To achieve greater integration into regional and global value chains, Africa needs to increase the volume of containerized trade and port traffic, as well as modernize its infrastructure. Trade under the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) agreement began on January 1, 2021. However, the success and outcomes of this initiative depend entirely on the ability of African states to increase the efficiency, capacity, and safety of their maritime transport systems. Free trade cannot be achieved without maritime transport. The success of the free trade agreement depends on improving the capacity, efficiency, and safety of maritime trade and transport. Even for landlocked African countries, trade depends primarily on maritime traffic. To this end, the Atlantic Africa Initiative launched by Morocco aims to open up the Sahel countries.

Maritime transport, for its part, remains the cheapest and fastest way to transport large quantities of goods over long distances. However, port infrastructure development in most African countries lags behind the rest of the world. Only three African ports appear on the list of the 100 largest container ports in the world for the year 2020. The AfCFTA requires good logistics, and the maritime sector already ensures the safe passage of 80% of African trade. To this end, the African Maritime Transport Charter must be revised. A single African market requires more port infrastructure to accommodate larger ships and more containers. (Kinyua, 2021). Leveraging the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) to develop regional value chains for blue products and services, and promoting blue growth in energy, finance, innovation, technology, research and development.

CONCLUSION AND DISCUSSION

Governance can be effective if the political will of states is met and the material and financial resources are made available. As a result, the AIM 2050 Strategy still has a long way to go before achieving its objectives. The resources necessary for its implementation are simply not available at this time. This is due to the fact that each African country must consolidate its maritime policy in accordance with the thinking of Alfred Mahan, a fine American naval strategist recognized for his influence on US maritime doctrine, which is based on six fundamental factors determining a state's capacity to exercise maritime power: geographical position, infrastructure (natural ports, coasts, waterways), territorial extent, demographics, entrepreneurship, and type of government. He emphasized the importance of maritime communication routes as the heart of global trade and as the main arena of confrontation for powers aspiring to dominance. Mahan considered the sea not just a space, but also a global infrastructure connecting regions, resources, and markets. He also emphasized the interdependence between maritime and land power, each reinforcing the other, for example through strategic land bases to support naval fleets.

In Africa, all of these factors (except geographical location) are still in a state of serious delay. Therefore, the governance problem is sui generis to these determining factors cited by Mahan. The governance of the Blue Economy in Africa requires the consolidation of the leadership of the AU and its institutions, as well as a firm commitment from RECs and the political will of States to exploit the full potential offered by the opportunity offered by the blue economy. In addition, the continuation of the Pan-African maritime dialogue within the framework of the African Union on this issue is highly recommended, to unify the vision and transcend the objectives towards a common goal, which is that of the prosperity of Africa.

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YOLO TABANLI GÖRÜNTÜ İŞLEME TEKNİKLERİ KULLANILARAK TIRNAK ANOMALİLERİNİN ANALİZİ

ANALYSIS OF NAIL ANOMALIES USING YOLO-BASED IMAGE PROCESSING TECHNIQUES

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ÖZET

Tırnak, insan vücudunda yer alan parmakları koruyan keratin maddesinden oluşan tabakadır. Tırnak yapısında meydana gelen değişiklikler, birçok sistemik hastalığın ilk belirtilerini ortaya koyabilmektedir. Koilonychia (kaşık tırnak), Onychogryphosis (koçboynuzu tırnak), Clubbing (çomaklaşma), Pitting (çukurcuklanma), Terry's Nail (Terry Tırnağı) ve Acral Lentiginous Melanoma (kral lentiginöz melanom) gibi bozukluklar, tırnak yüzeyinde veya yapısında oluşan değişikliklerle gözlemlenebilmektedir. Tırnak yapısında görülen bozukluklar sedef hastalığı, akciğer, karaciğer ve kalp hastalığı gibi önemli hastalıkların belirtileri arasında yer almaktadır. Bu çalışmada, önemli hastalıkların tanısında kullanılan tırnak bozukluklarını doğru ve hızlı bir şekilde tespit edebilecek bir otomatik teşhis sistemi önerilmektedir. Sistemde 6 adet tırnak hastalıklarının derin öğrenme teknikleri ile eğitilen yapay zekâ modeli ile tespiti sağlanmaktadır. Tırnak hastalıklarının tespitinin gerçekleşmesini sağlayacak yapay zekâ modelinin eğitiminde YOLOv9, YOLOv10, YOLOv11 derin öğrenme ağları kullanılmıştır. Çalışmada, mAP50 metriği dikkate alındığında, %96,9 başarı oranı ile en yüksek performansı YOLOv11 derin öğrenme ağı ile elde edilmiştir. YOLOv11 ağı kullanılarak gerçekleştirilen nesne tespiti uygulamasında, %95,2 kesinlik (precision) ve %91,7 geri çağırma (recall) değerleri elde edilmiştir. Çalışma ile tırnak hastalıklarının tespitinde geleneksel dermatolojik yöntemlere kıyasla daha hızlı, doğru ve güvenilir sonuçlar vereceği düşünülmektedir. Elde edilen bulgular, derin öğrenme tabanlı modellerin yalnızca akademik düzeyde değil, aynı zamanda klinik pratikte de kullanılabileceğini göstermektedir. Özellikle mobil uygulamalar ve taşınabilir cihazlarla entegre edilmesi durumunda, bu sistemin hastaların erken dönemde taranmasına ve sağlık hizmetlerine erişimin artırılmasına önemli katkılar sağlayacağı öngörülmektedir.

Anahtar kelimeler: Tırnak hastalıkları, derin öğrenme, YOLO, tıbbi görüntü analizi

ABSTRACT

The nail is a keratin-based layer that protects the fingers in the human body. Changes in nail structure can reveal early signs of various systemic diseases. Disorders such as Koilonychia (spoon nail), Onychogryphosis (ram's horn nail), Clubbing, Pitting, Terry's Nail, and Acral

Lentiginous Melanoma can be observed through alterations in the nail surface or structure. These abnormalities are among the symptoms of significant diseases such as psoriasis, and lung, liver, and heart diseases. In this study, an automatic diagnostic system is proposed to accurately and rapidly detect nail disorders associated with critical diseases. The system detects six types of nail conditions using an artificial intelligence model trained with deep learning techniques. The model was trained using the YOLOv9, YOLOv10, and YOLOv11 deep learning networks. According to the mAP50 metric, the highest performance was achieved with the YOLOv11 network, which reached a success rate of 96.9%. In the object detection application using YOLOv11, 95.2% precision and 91.7% recall values were obtained. The study suggests that this approach provides faster, more accurate, and more reliable results than traditional dermatological methods for detecting nail diseases. The findings indicate that deep learning-based models can be utilized not only at the academic level but also in clinical practice. In particular, when integrated with mobile applications and portable devices, this system is expected to make significant contributions to early patient screening and to improving access to healthcare services.

Keywords: Nail diseases, deep learning, YOLO, medical image analysis.

GİRİŞ

Tırnak, insan vücudunda parmakları dış etkenlere karşı koruyan ve keratin maddesinden oluşmaktadır. Tırnaklarda meydana gelen değişiklikler, genellikle çeşitli sistemik hastalıkların erken dönem belirtilerini yansıtabilmektedir. Örneğin, Koilonychia (kaşık tırnak), Onychogryphosis (koçboynuzu tırnak), Clubbing (çomaklaşma), Pitting (çukurcuklanma), Terry's Nail (Terry Tırnağı) ve Acral Lentiginous Melanoma (akral lentiginöz melanom) gibi tırnak bozuklukları, farklı hastalıkların tanısında önemli ipuçları sunmaktadır. Bu tür bozukluklar; sedef hastalığı, akciğer, karaciğer ve kalp hastalıkları gibi ciddi sağlık sorunlarının tanımlanmasında kritik bir rol oynamaktadır. Tırnak hastalıklarının teşhisi, sağlık uzmanlarınca görsel inceleme ve laboratuvar testleriyle yapılmaktadır. Birçok çalışmada, Convolutional Neural Networks (CNN) ve diğer derin öğrenme modelleri, tıbbi görüntülerin sınıflandırılması ve analizinde başarılı sonuçlar elde edilmiştir. Deri hastalıkları ile ilgili görüntüleri analiz etmek için CNN tabanlı bir model geliştirmiş ve modelin 0,985 AUC (Area Under Curve) değeri gibi yüksek doğruluk oranı ile çalıştığını ifade edilmiştir (Zhu vd. 2021). YOLOv9' un kan hücresi sınıflandırma problemlerine etkili bir şekilde kullanıldığını gösteren bir çalışmada YOLO mimarisinin performansı açıkça vurgulanmaktadır (Yücel ve Çetintaş, 2024). YOLOv8, ağı kullanılan insan tırnak görüntülerinin sınıflandırılması yapılan bir çalışmada %92,35 doğruluk oranının elde edildiği görülmüştür. Sedef hastalığının tırnaklarda belirgin bir şekilde kalınlaşma, çukurlaşma, beyaz lekeler şeklinde belirtiler ortaya çıkarabilmektedir (Yesudian vd. 2021). Farklı bir çalışmada AlexNet CNN mimarisi ile %95'e varan doğruluk elde edildiği; modelin özellikle renk, şekil ve doku temelli özellik çıkarımı sayesinde klasik makine öğrenmesi yaklaşımlarına göre daha başarılı sonuçlar verdiği görülmüştür (Regin vd. 2022).

Farklı bir çalışmada tırnak görüntüleri üzerinden 17 farklı sınıf üzerinden %72 doğruluk ve %91 AUC başarı değerleri ile hastalık tespiti gerçekleştirildiği görülmüştür (Can ve Işık, 2022). Yapılan bir çalışmada 7 farklı derin öğrenme kullanılarak tırnak görüntülerinden 17 farklı hastalığının tespitinin %75 doğruluk ile yapıldığı ifade edilmiştir (Yamaç vd. 2023). Geleneksel dermatolojik yöntemlerle tırnak bozukluklarının tanısı çoğu zaman zaman alıcı ve subjektif olabilmektedir. Bu durum, tıbbi süreçlerde hata payını artırırken erken teşhis fırsatlarını da kısıtlamaktadır. Bu çalışmada, tırnak bozukluklarının daha hızlı, doğru ve güvenilir bir şekilde tespit edilmesine olanak tanıyacak bir otomatik teşhis sistemi geliştirilmesi hedeflenmiştir. Yapılan bir çalışmada insan tırnak hastalıklarının tanısında YOLOv5 ve YOLOv8 modellerini kullanarak geliştirdikleri sistemle sırasıyla %88,3 ve %92,7 F1 skoru; %87,5 ve %90,9 mAP elde edildiği görülmüştür (Vimalambikaipakan vd. 2024). Tırnak kapillerlerinin sayısını, kalınlığını ve yoğunluğunu otomatik olarak analiz eden bir çalışmada YOLOv8s tabanlı sistem

geliştirerek, sistem performansını %88,2 mAP ve %83 F1 skoru ile elde edildiği görülmüştür (Tuncer vd. 2024).

Bu çalışma YOLOv9, YOLOv10 ve YOLOv11 modellerini sistematik olarak karşılaştıran kapsamlı araştırmadır. Bu çalışma mAP50, F1 skoru ve özellikle dengesiz veri setleri için kritik önem taşıyan Matthews Korelasyon Katsayısı (MCC) gibi gelişmiş metrikleri kullanılmıştır (Chicco & Jurman, 2020). Bu çalışmanın literatüre üç temel katkısı bulunmaktadır. Birincisi, tırnak hastalıklarının tespiti konusunda daha önce genellikle CNN mimarileri, YOLOv5 ve YOLOv8 kullanılmışken, bu çalışmada YOLOv9, YOLOv10 ve YOLOv11 mimarileri sistematik şekilde karşılaştırılmış ve performans analizi yapılmıştır. İkinci olarak, önceki çalışmalar çoğunlukla sadece doğruluk (accuracy) veya AUC gibi temel metriklerle değerlendirme yaparken, bu çalışmada daha gelişmiş ve dengesiz veri setleri için uygun metrikler olan F1 Skoru ve Matthews Korelasyon Katsayısı (MCC) de kullanılmıştır. Üçüncü olarak, YOLOv11 mimarisinde kullanılan C3k2, SPPF ve C2PSA gibi yeni katmanlar, tırnak anomalilerinin tespitinde ilk kez uygulanmış ve literatürde bildirilen en yüksek mAP50 (%96,9) değerine ulaşılmıştır. Bu yönleri ile çalışmamız, tırnak hastalıklarının otomatik teşhisinde hem metodolojik derinlik hem de teknik üstünlük sağlamaktadır.

AMAÇ

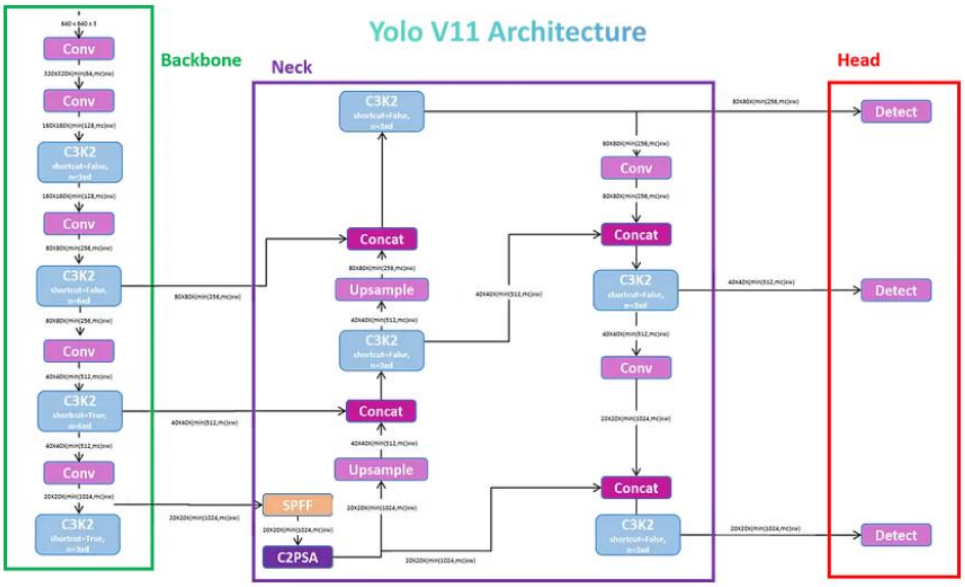
Bu çalışmanın amacı, tırnak hastalıklarının otomatik olarak tespit edilmesine yönelik bir sistem geliştirmektir. Geleneksel dermatolojik yöntemler çoğu zaman zaman alıcı ve subjektif olup erken teşhisi zorlaştırmaktadır. Bu nedenle, YOLOv9, YOLOv10 ve YOLOv11 mimarilerini kullanarak tırnak bozukluklarının hızlı, doğru ve güvenilir bir şekilde tanımlanmasını sağlayacak bir model tasarlanmıştır. Çalışma kapsamında farklı YOLO mimarilerinin performansları sistematik olarak karşılaştırılmış, yalnızca doğruluk değil, aynı zamanda F1 skoru ve Matthews Korelasyon Katsayısı (MCC) gibi dengesiz veri setleri için kritik öneme sahip metrikler de değerlendirilmiştir. Çalışma, literatürde daha önce yalnızca belirli CNN ve YOLO versiyonları ile yapılan araştırmalara kıyasla metodolojik derinlik ve teknik üstünlük sağlamayı hedeflemektedir.

MATERYAL VE YÖNTEM

Derin öğrenme modellerinin eğitilmesi ve test edilmesi süreçlerinde, veri seti olarak internet kaynaklarından elde edilen veriler kullanılmıştır (KNM, 2022). Veri setinde yer alan 2577 görüntüden, 1897 görüntü eğitim için, 422 görüntü doğrulama ve 258 görüntü test olarak kullanılmıştır. Çalışmada kullanılan veri setine ait bir bölüm Şekil 1' de görülmektedir. Veri setinde 7 sınıfa (kaşık tırnak, koçboynuzu tırnak, çomaklaşma, çukurcuklanma, Terry tırnağı, akral lentiginöz melanom ve sağlıklı tırnak) ait görüntüler yer almaktadır.

Şekil 1. Veri setine ait bir bölüm.

Çalışmada belirlenen 6 tırnak hastalığının, yapay zekâ aracılığıyla otomatik olarak tespit edilebilmesi için YOLO derin öğrenme ağları kullanılmıştır. Veri setinde yer alan tüm görüntüler çalışmada kullanılan YOLO ağlarının giriş çözünürlüğü olan 640x640 piksel çözünürlüğe göre tekrar boyutlandırılmıştır. Bu modeller, hızlı ve doğru tespit yetenekleriyle tanınmaktadır (Bochkovskiy vd. 2020). Çalışmada belirlenen veri seti YOLOv9, YOLOv10 ve YOLOv11 derin öğrenme ağları aynı sayıda (50 epoch kadar) yapay zekâ model eğitimleri gerçekleştirilmiştir. Modeller, mAP50 metriği kullanılarak değerlendirilmiştir (Fu ve Wang, 2021). Yapay zekâ model eğitimlerinin tamamı, Python dili kullanılarak Google Colab web hizmeti üzerinde gerçekleştirilmiştir. Çalışmada veri seti üzerinde başarı değeri en yüksek ağ olan YOLOv11, C3k2, SPPF ve C2PSA gibi yenilikçi mimari bileşenleriyle nesne algılama ve yönlendirilmiş nesne algılama görevlerinde yüksek mAP ve hesaplama verimliliği sağladığı için, önceki YOLO sürümlerinden ayrılarak tercih edilmiştir (Khanam ve Hussain, 2024). Şekil 2' de çalışmada kullanılan YOLOv11' e ait ağ mimarisi görülmektedir.



Şekil 2. YOLOv11 ağ mimarisi (Rao, 2024).

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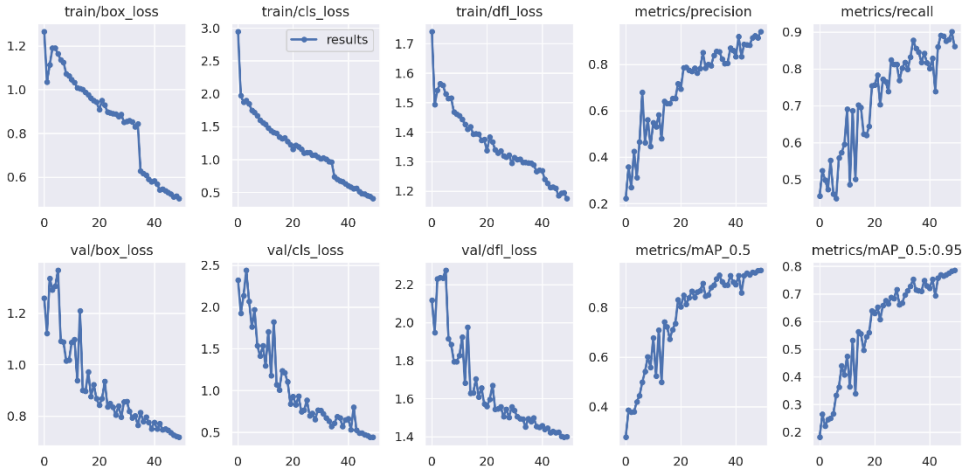
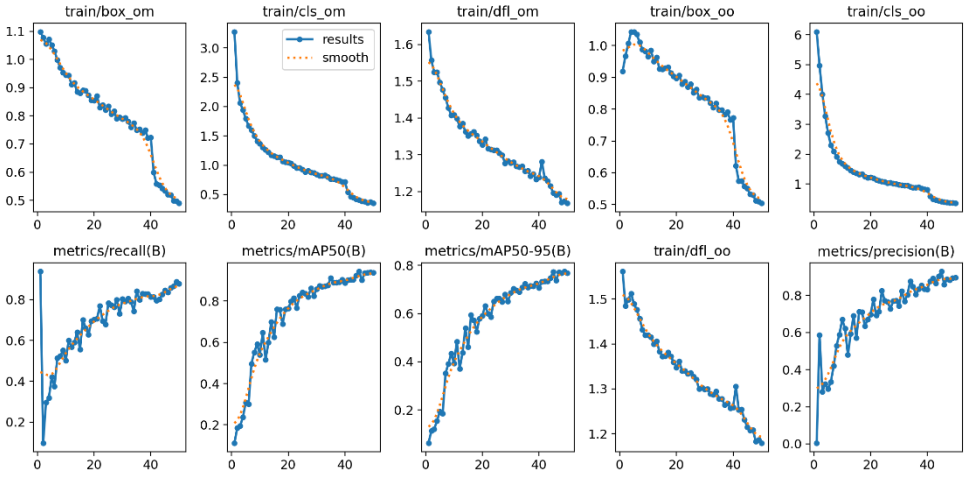
Bu bölümde, yapay zekâ modelinin eğitim sürecinde elde edilen başarı metrikleri, grafikler ve test aşamasında edinilen bulgular sunulmaktadır. YOLOv9 derin öğrenme ağı ile duyarlılık (recall) %86, kesinlik (precision) %94, mAP50 değeri olarak %95 değerleri elde edilmiştir. Şekil 3'te, YOLOv9 ağı ile eğitimde elde edilen başarı metriklerine ait grafikler görülmektedir. 50 epoch boyunca eğitim ve doğrulama (train/box_loss, val/box_loss) kayıplarının düştüğü görülmektedir. Derin öğrenme ağlarında modellerin başarı değerlendirilmesinde kullanılan mAP50 ve mAP50-95 hassasiyet değerlerinin, Şekil 3'teki grafikte de görüleceği üzere eğitim süresince arttığı gözlemlenmiştir (Aslan ve Yağımlı, 2023).



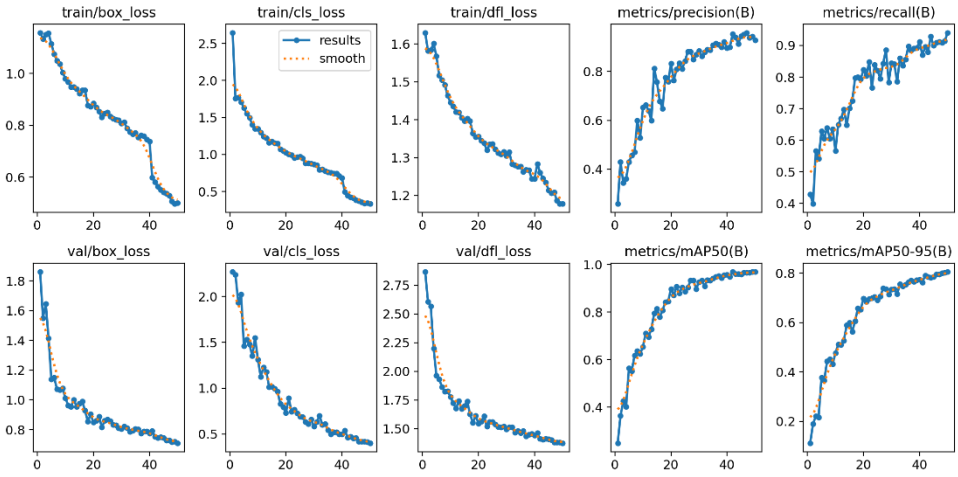
Şekil 3. YOLOv9 ağı ile eğitilen modelin başarı metriklerine ait grafikler.

YOLOv10 derin öğrenme ağı ile yapılan eğitimde, duyarlılık (recall) %85,4, kesinlik (precision) %92 ve mAP50 değeri %94 olarak elde edilmiştir. Şekil 4'te, YOLOv10 ağının eğitim sürecinde elde edilen başarı metriklerine ait grafikler yer almaktadır. Eğitim 50 epoch boyunca sürdürülmüş ve bu süreçte hem eğitim (train/box_loss) hem de doğrulama (val/box_loss) kayıplarında düşüş gözlemlenmiştir. Şekil 4'teki grafikten de anlaşılacağı üzere, mAP50 değeri özellikle 25. epoch'tan sonra artış hızını yavaşlatmış; buna rağmen overfitting belirtileri gözlenmemiştir.



Şekil 4. YOLOv10 ağı ile eğitilen modelin başarı metriklerine ait grafikler.

YOLOv11 derin öğrenme ağı ile duyarlılık (recall) %92,8, kesinlik (precision) %94,2, mAP50 değeri olarak %96,9 değerleri elde edilmiştir. Şekil 5' te YOLOv11 ağının eğitimde elde edilen başarı metriklere grafikleri görülmektedir. 50 epoch boyunca eğitim ve doğrulama (train/box_loss, val/box_loss) kayıplarının düştüğü görülmektedir. Derin öğrenme ağlarında modellerin başarı değerlendirilmesinde kullanılan mAP50 ve mAP50-95 hassasiyet değerleri çalışmamızda Şekil 5' teki grafik de eğitim süresince arttığı görülmüştür.



Şekil 5. YOLOv11 ağı ile eğitilen modelin başarı metriklerine ait grafikler.

Bu çalışmada geliştirilen yapay zekâ modelleri arasında mAP50 ve F1 skoru metriklerinde en yüksek değerlere sahip olan YOLOv11 ağı ile eğitilen modelin, test görüntüleri kullanılarak elde edilen tırnak hastalıklarına ait tahmin sonuçları Şekil 6'da gösterilmiştir.

Şekil 6. YOLOv11 modelinin tahmin sonuçları.

Çizelge 1'de YOLOv11 ağı ile eğitilen modelin karışıklık matrisi (confussion matrix) görülmektedir. Çizelge 1'de, veri setinde doğrulama verisi olarak ayrılan bölümdeki sınıflara ait görüntülerde, gerçek ve tahmin edilen veriler arasındaki ilişkiyi gösteren karışıklık matrisi yer almaktadır. Akral Lentiginöz Melanom hastalığı olan 61 görüntünün doğru tahmin edilirken 6 tane yanlış tahmin edildiği görülmektedir (Algorabi ve Namlı, 2022).

Çizelge 1: YOLOv11 ağı ile eğitilen modelin karışıklık matrisi.

Akral Lentiginöz Melanom	61						
Çomaklaşma		74				1	
Kaşık Tırnak	1		82		4	2	2
Koç Boynuzu Tırnak	1		1	74	1		
Çukurcuklanma	1		1	1	62		
Sağlıklı Tırnak	2	1			1	105	3
Terry Tırnağı	1		3	1			25
	Akral Lentiginöz Melanom	**Çomaklaşma**	**Kaşık Tırnak**	**Koç Boynuzu Tırnak**	**Çukurcuklanma**	**Sağlıklı Tırnak**	**Terry Tırnağı**

Çizelge 2'de YOLOv11 ağı ile eğitilen modelin tüm sınıflara ait hesaplanan F1 Skorları yer almaktadır.

Çizelge 2: YOLOv11 ağı ile eğitilen modelin sınıflara ait F1 Skorları.

Sınıf	**F1 Skoru**
Sağlıklı Tırnak	0.931
Çukurlanma	0.921
Akral Lentiginoz Melanom	0.914
Koç Boynuzu Tırnak	0.881
Çomaklaşma	0.886
Kaşık Tırnak	0.854
Terry's Tırnağı	0.796

Doğrulama verisi üzerinde sınıflara ait veri sayılarında eşit dağılım olmadığında sınıf başarısı değerlendirmelerinde karışıklık matrisi ve F1 Skorunun yeterli olmadığı durumlarda Matthews Correlation Coefficient (MCC) değerlerinin kullanıldığı görülmüştür (Chicco ve Jurman, 2020). Çizelge 3' de YOLOv11 ağı ile eğitilen modelin MCC değerleri yer almaktadır.

Çizelge 3. YOLOv11 ağı ile eğitilen modelin sınıflara ait MCC değerleri.

Sınıf	**MCC Değeri**
Çomaklaşma	0.984
Koç Boynuzu Tırnak	0.962
Akral Lentiginöz Melanom	0.948
Sağlıklı Tırnak	0.942
Çukurcuklanma	0.923
Kaşık Tırnak	0.905
Terry Tırnağı	0.823

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Tırnak hastalıklarının teşhisinin otomatik olarak gerçekleştirilmesi için YOLO ağları kullanılarak 3 adet yapay zekâ modeli oluşturulmuştur. Çalışmada elde edilen başarı metrikleri, grafikler ve test görüntülerine ait sonuçlar incelendiğinde, kullanılan veri seti üzerinde en yüksek performansın, YOLOv11 ağı ile eğitilen yapay zekâ modeliyle elde edildiği gözlemlenmiştir. Eğitilen modellerin mAP50 değerleri; YOLOv9 için %95, YOLOv10 için %94 ve YOLOv11 için %96,9 olarak belirlenmiştir. Çizelge 1'de verilen karışıklık matrisinde sınıflandırma başarısı en yüksek sınıfın sağlıklı tırnak sınıfına ait olduğu görülmektedir. Ayrıca, YOLOv11 ağı ile elde edilen duyarlılık (recall) değeri %92,8, kesinlik (precision) değeri %94,2 ve ortalama F1 skoru 0,883 olarak hesaplanmıştır. Veri seti incelendiğinde doğrulama verilerinde sınıflara ait sayı dağılımının eşit olmadığı görülerek sınıflandırma başarısını gösteren MCC skorları değerlendirilmiştir. Bu çalışmada çomaklaşma sınıfının 0.984 MCC değerine sahip en başarılı sınıf olduğu görülmüştür. Çalışma ile tırnak görüntülerinde hastalık belirtilerini hızlı ve doğru bir şekilde tespit ederek teşhis süreçlerini hızlandıracağı düşünülmektedir. Çalışmada önerdiğimiz yapay zekâ modelini çalıştırabilecek bir mobil uygulama ile tırnak hastalıklarının otomatik tespitini daha yaygın ve düşük maliyette gerçekleşeceği düşünülmektedir. Gelecek çalışmalarda, tırnak hastalıklarının yanı sıra tırnak altı renk değişimleri, dokusal bozukluklar gibi semptomları da içeren daha geniş kapsamlı modeller geliştirilebilir. Ek olarak YOLOv11 mimarisine alternatif olarak Transformer tabanlı modeller (örneğin DETR, Vision Transformer gibi) ile karşılaştırmalı analizler yapılması literatüre yeni katkılar sağlayacaktır.

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PATİ DOSTU DÖŞEMELİK KUMAŞLAR VE KALİTE KONTROL TESTLERİ

PAW-FRIENDLY FURNISHING FABRICS AND THEIR QUALITY CONTROL TESTS

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ÖZET

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Döşemelik kumaşlar düz dokulu döşemelik kumaşlar, şönil kumaş, örülmüş kumaş, tafting kumaş, floke kumaş, dokusuz kumaş ve şardonlu kumaş olmak üzere yedi grupta değerlendirilmektedir. Döşemelik kumaşların performans seviyesini belirlemek için çekme mukavemeti, yırtılma mukavemeti, dikiş sıyrılması, patlama mukavemeti, aşınma direnci, tüylenme direnci, ışığa ve sürtmeye karşı renk haslığı testlerinin yapılması beklenmektedir. Döşemelik kumaşların evcil hayvanlar tarafından tırmalanmalarına ve çizilmelerine karşı dirençlerinin belirlenmesinde bu testler ve yöntemler yeterli olmayacaktır. Bu çalışmada döşemelik kumaşlar ve pati dostu döşemelik kumaşlar hakkında bilgi verilmiştir. Pati dostu kumaşlarda yapılması gereken kalite kontrol testleri hakkında tartışılmıştır.

Anahtar Kelimeler: Döşemelik Kumaşlar; Ev Tekstilleri; Pati Dostu; İplik Çekilmesi; Pati Dostu Döşemelik Kumaşlar

ABSTRACT

In recent years, with the increasing number of pet owners, the type and quality specification of home textiles, especially furnishing fabrics, have become increasingly important. As people build friendships with their pets, they also want to protect their household items from them. Products that are lint-free, easy to clean, and particularly resistant to scratching and claws have become increasingly popular. Taking this into consideration, domestic and international companies have been introducing paw-friendly furnishing fabrics to the market for several

years. For long-lasting and hygienic use, consumers demand that paw-friendly upholstery fabrics be scratch-resistant, easy to clean, antibacterial, and stain- and odor-resistant. These properties allow these fabrics to be used in a wide variety of applications. This is intended to provide a healthier living environment for both pets and their owners.

Furnishing fabrics can be evaluated in seven groups: plain-weave upholstery fabrics, chenille fabrics, knitted fabrics, tufted fabrics, flocked fabrics, nonwoven fabrics, and raised fabrics. Tests for tensile strength tear strength, seam slippage resistance, bursting strength, abrasion resistance, pilling resistance, and color fastness to light and rubbing are expected to determine the performance level of furnishing fabrics. These tests and methods are not sufficient to determine the resistance of upholstery fabrics to pet scratches and claws. This study provided information about paw-friendly furnishing fabrics. The quality control tests required for paw-friendly fabrics were discussed.

Keywords: Furnishing Fabrics; Home Textiles; Paw-friendly; Snagging; Paw-friendly Furnishing Fabrics

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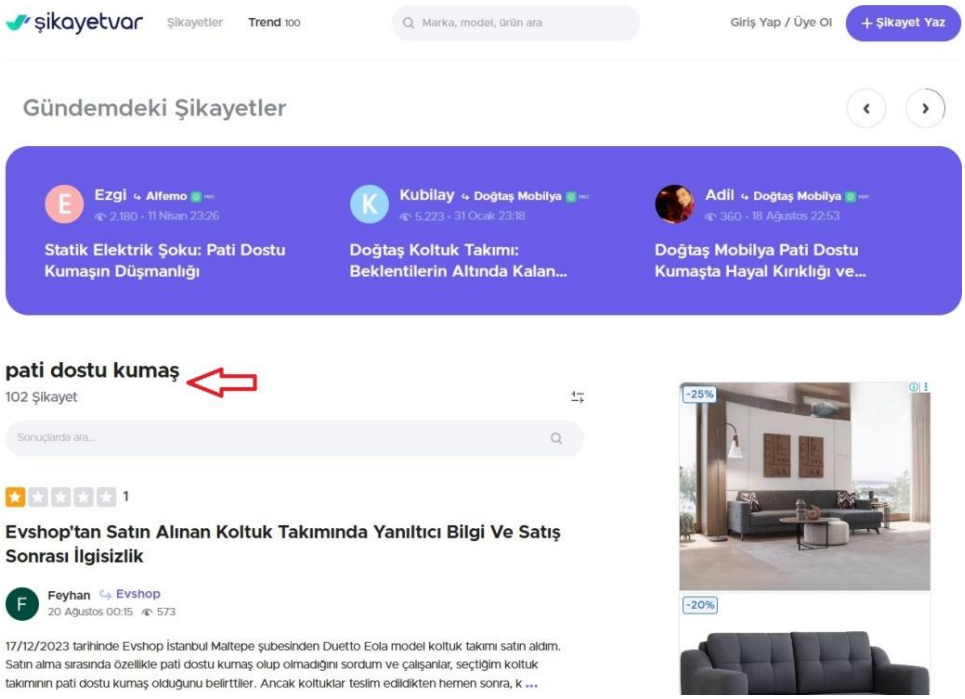
Kullanıcıların, evlerine eşya alırken pati dostu kumaş arayışının giderek artması mobilya üreticilerini de bu alana yoğunlaştırmaktadır. Doğtaş, Enza Home, Normod vb. birçok önde gelen firma, bu tür kumaşlarla üretime özel önem vermeye başlamıştır. Fiyat açısından bakıldığında da standart döşemelik kumaşlara göre daha yüksek ücretler talep edilebilmektedir. Firmalar bu döşemelik kumaşların yüzey mukavemetinin yüksek olmasına dikkat çekerek, mobilyaların kullanım süresinin de artacağı iddia etmektedir. Ancak tüketici beklentilerinin günümüzde net olarak karşılandığını söylemek henüz mümkün görünmemektedir. Örneğin Şikayetvar (www.sikayetvar.com) sitesi incelendiğinde, bu ürünlerin ticari olarak piyasada görülmeye başladığı 2023 yılından 2025 Eylül ayına kadar 102 şikâyet girişi yapıldığı görülmektedir (Şekil 1).



Şekil 1. Pati dostu kumaşlara ait şikayet örnekleri (Şikayetvar, 2025)

Şekil 2'de yapılan şikâyetlerde kısa sürede yıpranan kumaşlara ait görseller sunulmaktadır.

Şekil 2. Kısa sürede yıpranan pati dostu kumaşlara örnekler

PATİ DOSTU DÖŞEMELİK KUMAŞLAR

TS 11818 EN 14465 numaralı ve " Tekstil – Döşemelik Kumaşlar – Özellikler ve Deney Metotları" isimli standarda göre döşemelik kumaşlar yedi grupta değerlendirilmektedir. Bu gruplar düz dokulu döşemelik kumaşlar, şönil kumaş, örülmüş kumaş, tafting kumaş, floke kumaş, dokusuz kumaş ve şardonlu kumaş şeklindedir. Döşemelik kumaşların performans seviyesini belirlemek için bu standartta çekme mukavemeti, yırtılma mukavemeti, dikiş sıyrılması, patlama mukavemeti, aşınma direnci, tüylenme direnci, ışığa ve sürtmeye karşı renk haslığı testlerinin yapılması beklenmektedir. Döşemelik kumaşların evcil hayvanlar tarafından tırmalanmalarına ve çizilmelerine karşı dirençlerinin belirlenmesinde bu testlerden sadece aşınma mukavemetinin katkı sunacağı söylenebilir. Aşınma direnci testinde aşındırıcı malzeme değişikliğine ve tur sayısı değişikliğine gidilebilir. Ancak yöntemin doğası gereği evcil hayvan tırmalama ve çizmelerine karşı dayanımı simule etmesi mümkün değildir. Literatürdeki çalışmalarda döşemelik kumaşlar ve bu kumaşların uzun süre kullanımlarını ölçmek için gerekli aşınma dayanımı testleri geniş bir şekilde ele alınmıştır. Bu çalışmalardan öne çıkan birkaç çalışma aşağıda verilmektedir.

Erem (2006) döşemelik kumaşların kullanım performanslarını araştırdığı çalışmasında, şönil ipliklerden üretilen kumaşlara odaklanmıştır. Şönil ipliklerden mamul döşemelik kumaşların daha uzun süre kullanımı ve daha iyi aşınma dayanımı için gerekli iplik materyali, numara aralığı, büküm miktarı, hav uzunluğu ve hav sıklığı araştırılmıştır. Ağır kullanım şartları için polyesterden mamul yüksek dokuma sıklığındaki kumaşlar önerilmiştir. Göksel ve ark. (2010) tarafından yapılan çalışmada, oto döşemelik kumaşların aşınma özellikleri Martindale metoduna göre farklı aşındırıcı tipleri kullanılarak araştırılmıştır. Aşındırıcı olarak standart yünlü kumaş, cırt bant ve zımpara kâğıdı kullanılmıştır. Farklı kumaş tipleri üzerinde aşındırıcı değişkenlerinin etkisi incelenmiştir. Oto koltuk kumaşları gibi teknik tekstil yüzeylerinin standart yünlü kumaş ile aşındırılmasının yanıltıcı olabileceğine dikkat çekilmiştir. Aslantaş (2019) tez çalışmasında, tay tüyü kumaş olarak piyasada nitelenen çözgülü örme tekniğiyle üretilmiş döşemelik kumaşları ele almıştır. Çözgülü örme işleminden sonra kumaşa şardonlama/traşlama ve desenlendirme işlemleri uygulanmaktadır. Ayrıca kumaş arkasına alt bezi denilen seyrek yapılı dokuma kumaş ve sıcak eriyik (hotmelt) özelliğe sahip reaktif poliüretan ile lamine edilmektedir. Laminasyon sonrası kumaşa su iticilik ve yumuşaklık apresi uygulanmaktadır. Araştırmada tay tüyü efektli şardonlanmış çözgülü örme kumaşların fiziksel, mekanik ve termal konfor özellikleri incelenmiştir. Uyanıktır (2025) otomotiv kapı panel döşemelik kumaşlarının polipropilen (PP) malzemelerle üretilmesi üzerine çalışmalar yürütmüştür. Çalışmada PP iplikler kullanılarak üretilen üst yüzey dokuma kumaşlar iğnelenmiş ve multiknit olmak üzere iki tip PP dokusuz yüzey kullanılarak lamine edilmiştir. Multiknit ile lamine edilmiş kumaşlarda başarı sağlanmıştır. PP lamineli kumaşlarla geleneksel olarak kullanılan poliüretan sünger laminasyonlu PET kumaşlar kıyaslandığında, PP lamineli kumaşların kapı panel madalyon gibi kullanım sırasında düşük sürtünmeye maruz kalan kısımlarda kullanımının uygun olabileceği belirtilmiştir.

Fakat evcil hayvan dostu kumaş geliştirilmesine ya da döşemelik kumaşların evcil hayvanlar tarafından tırmalanmalarına ve çizilmelerine karşı dirençlerinin belirlenmesine yönelik bir çalışma ile karşılaşılmamıştır. Günümüzde evcil hayvan tırmalama ve çizmelerine karşı dayanımı simule etmesi açısından en yakın metod olarak iplik çekilmesi (snagging) testi gösterilebilir.

İPLİK ÇEKİLMESİ TESTİ

Genellikle tekstüre edilmiş filament ipliklerden üretilmiş örgü veya dokuma yüzeylerde görülen iplik çekilmesi, küçük bir ilmeğe herhangi bir noktada çıkıntının veya pürüzün takılmasıyla meydana gelebilmektedir. Kumaştan ipliğin bir kısmının dışarı çıkması, yüzey görüntüsünü olumsuz olarak etkilemesine neden olmaktadır. Özellikle gevşek örgülü yapılarda

karşılaşılmaktadır. İplik tipi, örgü tipi, kumaş terbiyesi iplik çekilmesine karşı direnci etkileyen parametrelerdir. Şekil 3'de iplik çekilmesi hatasına dair örnekler sunulmaktadır.

Şekil 3. İplik çekilmesi hatası örnekleri (Kertmen, 2019)

İplik çekilmesi ile ilgili sınırlı sayıda çalışma bulunmaktadır. Daha önceki çalışmalardan öne çıkan araştırmalar aşağıda verilmektedir. Kertmen (2019) yaptığı tez çalışmasında, örme kumaşlardaki iplik çekilmesi sorununu ve çözüm yollarını araştırmıştır. En yüksek iplik çekilmesi direnci gösteren lif/iplik/kumaş özellikleri ile üretim parametreleri belirlenmeye çalışılmıştır. Atalie ve Ashagre (2021) pamuk ipliğinden üretilip düşük düzeyde ağartılmış atkı örme kumaşların performans özelliklerini araştırdıkları çalışmalarında, kumaşların iplik çekilmesi-snagging direncinin, iplik kalınlaştıkça ve büküm azaldıkça azaldığını belirtmişlerdir. Atalie ve Ashagre (2022) pamuk ipliğinden üretilmiş nevresim kumaşların aşınma, boncuklanma ve iplik çekilmesi özelliklerini araştırdıkları çalışmalarında, iplik numarası ve bükümün aşınmadaki kütle kaybı ve iplik çekilmesi üzerindeki önemli etkisine dikkat çekmişlerdir. Yibar ve ark. (2022) bazı örme ve terbiye parametrelerinin polyester örme kumaşlardaki iplik çekilmesi direncine etkisini incelemişlerdir. Araştırmanın sonuçları, örme işlemi sırasında seramik iplik besleyici kullanımının metal iplik besleyicilere kıyasla önemli ölçüde daha az iplik çekilmesine neden olduğunu göstermiştir. İplik gerginliği ve besleme pozisyonunun iplik çekilmesi üzerinde etkisi olmadığı, kumaşın sarılmasının ise sınırlı bir etkisinin olduğu belirtilmiştir. Yapılan terbiye işlemi iplik çekilmesi direncini artırmıştır.

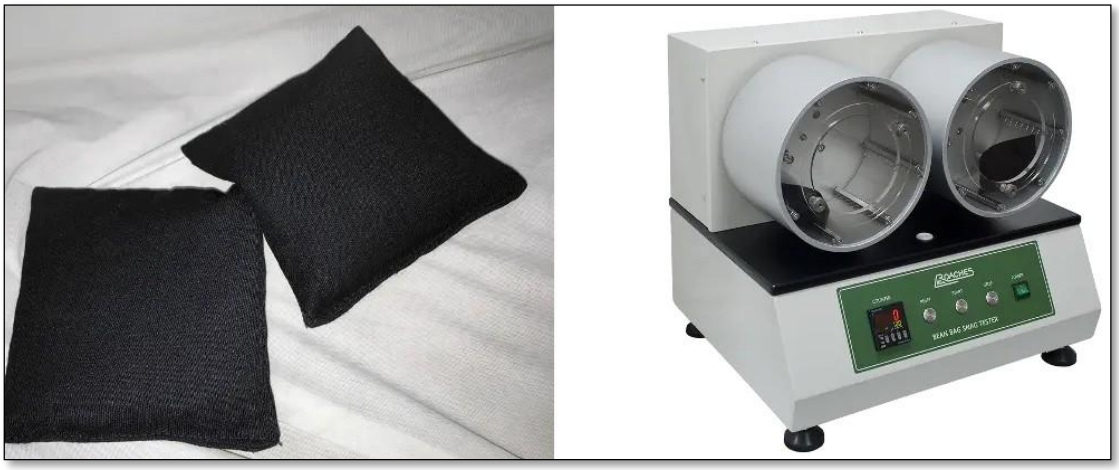
İplik çekilmesi direncinin belirlenmesi amacıyla kullanılan 3 temel test yöntemi bulunmaktadır. Bunlar ASTM D3939'a göre Mace test metodu, ASTM D5362'ye göre Bean Bag test metodu ve BS 8479'a göre ICI Pillling Box test metodlarıdır.

Mace test metodunda, isminden de anlaşılabileceği gibi gürz şeklinde ufak metal toplar kullanılmaktadır (Şekil 4).

Şekil 4. Mace metodu kullanan cihaz ve metotta kullanılan gürzler (Testex, 2025)

Test yapılacak kumaş bir silindir üzerine yerleştirilerek sabit hızda döndürülmektedir. Bu esnada gürz şeklindeki ufak metal toplar dönen kumaşa dokunarak iplik çekilmesine sebebiyet verecek şekilde kumaşa temas etmektedir.

Bean Bag test metodunda, iç duvarlarında sekiz adet iğneli hasır bulunan iki ayrı test silindiri içerisinde standart ağırlıkta iki torba üzerine dikilmiş test numuneleri döndürülmektedir (Şekil 5).



Şekil 5. Bean Bag metodu kullanan cihaz ve metotta kullanılan 450g ±10g ağırlığındaki torbalar (Roaches, 2025)

ICI Pillling Box test metodunda ise, sekizgen yapıda döner tambur içerisinde 4 adet iğneli hasır bulunmaktadır (Şekil 6). Standarda uygun ebatlarda kesilen kumaşlar kenarlarından dikilerek poliüretan tüplere kılıf şeklinde geçirilmekte ve kumaşlar sabit bir dönme hızında test kutusunda rastgele yuvarlanmaktadırlar (Kertmen, 2019).

Şekil 6. SnagPod- iğneli hasırdan oluşan iplik çekilmesi kutusu- (James Heal, 2025)

Pati dostu kumaş üreticileri, döşemelik kumaşların evcil hayvanlar tarafından tırmalanmalarına ve çizilmelerine karşı dirençlerini, genellikle ASTM D3939 metodunda 600 devir sonunda en az 4 puan almak ve BS 8479 metodunda 2000 devir sonunda enine ve boyuna yönde en az 4 puan almak şeklinde ifade etmektedirler. Bazı üreticiler ise Martindale aşınma metodunda 100.000 devir sonunda kumaş numunelerinde iplik kopmasının gerçekleşmeyeceğini ifade etmektedirler. Ancak tüketici şikâyetleri, bu test metotlarının döşemelik kumaşların evcil hayvanlar tarafından tırmalanmalarına ve çizilmelerine karşı performansını yeterli düzeyde ölçmediğini göstermektedir.

SONUÇ

Sık örgü yapısında dokunan veya örülen, malzeme olarak polyester gibi yüksek mukavemetli liflerin kullanıldığı, lamine edilmiş, hav boyu kısa kumaşların, evcil hayvanların tırnak darbelerine karşı daha iyi performans göstereceği tahmin edilebilir. İlmekli yapısı nedeniyle şönil kumaşların, hassas yapısı nedeniyle ipek kumaşların, delinme tehlikesi nedeniyle deri kumaşların uygun bir seçenek olmayacağı söylenebilir. Ancak yapılan tasarım, araştırma ve geliştirme çalışmalarının başarılı bir zeminde ilerlemesi, evcil hayvanlar tarafından tırmalanmalarına ve çizilmelerine karşı kumaş geliştiren üreticilerin kendini daha doğru olarak test edebilmesi ve kullanıcı/tüketici şikâyetlerinin giderilmesi için döşemelik kumaşların evcil hayvanlar tarafından tırmalanmalarına ve çizilmelerine karşı dirençlerinin belirlenmesine yönelik araştırmaların yapılmasına ihtiyaç bulunmaktadır. Yapılan literatür taraması neticesinde, bu amaçla yapılmış bir çalışma ile karşılaşılmamıştır.

Tekstil test cihazları üreticilerinin, tekstil yüzeylerinin iplik çekilmesi direncini ölçmek amacıyla cihaz ve test yöntemi geliştirme çalışmalarına devam ettiği görülmektedir. Ancak pati dostu kumaş özelinde gerçekçi bir tırmalama efekti yaratacak bir test metodu geliştirilmesine ihtiyaç bulunmaktadır. Döşemelik kumaşların evcil hayvanlar tarafından tırmalanmalarına ve çizilmelerine karşı dirençlerinin belirlenmesine yönelik mevcut durumda kullanılabilecek en uygun metodun iplik çekilmesi testi olduğu söylenebilir. Ancak kullanılan metotlar istenen doğrulukta sonuçlar vermemektedir.

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TEKSTİLDE İZLENEBİLİRLİK VE SERTİFİKALANDIRMA

TRACEABILITY AND CERTIFICATION IN TEXTILES

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ÖZET

Tekstil ve hazır giyim sektörü küresel ekonomide büyük bir öneme sahiptir. Ancak tekstil sektörü ciddi sürdürülebilirlik sorunlarını da beraberinde getirmektedir. Uzun tedarik zincirinin yanı sıra; yoğun bir şekilde su, enerji ve kimyasal kullanımı çevresel kirliliğe yol açmaktadır. Bu durum, sektörde daha sürdürülebilir uygulamalara geçiş için artan bir baskı yaratmıştır. Son yıllarda tüketiciler, tekstil ürünlerinin çevresel ve sosyal etkileri konusunda giderek bilinçlenmiştir. Sektöre yönelik sürdürülebilirlik talepleri belirgin biçimde artmıştır. Tüketiciler, satın aldıkları ürünlerin arkasındaki tedarik zincirinin şeffaf olmasını ve insan haklarına saygılı, çevre dostu yöntemler kullanılarak üretilmesini beklemektedir.

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Bu çalışmada tekstil sektöründe izlenebilirliğin önemi ve temel bileşenleri anlatılmıştır. Tedarik zinciri boyunca izlenebilirliğin nasıl sağlanabileceği tartışılmıştır. İzlenebilirlik için kullanılan teknolojiler hakkında bilgi verilmiştir. Tekstil sektöründen örnek olarak, USB Certification firması tarafından hizmete sunulan USB Pruva izlenebilirlik sistemi anlatılmıştır.

Anahtar Kelimeler: İzlenebilirlik; Tekstilde Sertifikalandırma; İşlem Sertifikası; Kapsam Sertifikası; USB Pruva

ABSTRACT

The textile and apparel sector have significant role in the global economy. However, this field also presents serious sustainability challenges. In addition to its long supply chain, the intensive use of water, energy, and chemicals leads to environmental pollution. This has created increasing pressure in the sector to transition to more sustainable practices. In recent years, consumers have become increasingly aware of the environmental and social impacts of textile

products, and their sustainability demands for the sector have increased significantly. Consumers expect the supply chain of the purchased products to be transparent and to be produced using environmentally friendly methods that respect human rights.

Global textile supply chains are complex structures involving numerous intermediate steps and actors. In this structure, information such as the source of raw materials, workers' working conditions, the used chemicals, and environmental impacts can easily become invisible. Traceability systems must be established to address sustainability demands and ensure transparency in complex supply networks. For traceability data to be reliable, it's crucial to have impartial verification mechanisms. For example, to verify that a fabric claimed to be made from organic cotton is actually made from it, each actor in the supply chain must obtain a Scope Certificate, and a Transaction Certificate must be issued for each transaction.

This study explains the importance and key components of traceability in the textile industry. It discusses how traceability can be achieved throughout the supply chain. Information is provided on the technologies used for traceability. As an example from the textile industry, the USB Pruva traceability software, offered by USB Certification, is explained.

Keywords: Traceability; Certification in Textiles; Transaction Certificate; Scope Certificate; USB Pruva

GİRİŞ

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SERTİFİKALANDIRMA

Tekstil sektöründe izlenebilirlik konusundaki eksiklikler ve yasal boşluklar, sektörde üçüncü taraf sertifikasyon mekanizmalarının önemini artırmıştır. Tekstil tedarik zincirinde

izlenebilirlik halen büyük ölçüde gönüllülük esasına dayalı olduğundan, markalar sürdürülebilirlik performanslarını belgelemek ve kamuoyuna şeffaf bir şekilde sunabilmek için çeşitli sertifika ve ekolojik etiket programlarına yönelmektedir. Birçok firma, ürünlerinin çevre dostu veya adil koşullarda üretildiğini göstermek amacıyla yeşil sertifikalar, eko-etiketler, organik pamuk logoları, karbon ayak izi verileri veya tedarikçi listeleri gibi araçlarla kısmi bilgi paylaşımı yapmaktadır (Agrawal ve Pal, 2019). Bağımsız kuruluşlarca verilen sertifikalar, bir ürünün belirli çevresel ve sosyal standartlara uygun olarak üretildiğini belgelendirerek şirketlerin sürdürülebilirlik iddialarını doğrulamasını sağlamaktadır (Ahmed ve MacCarthy, 2021).

Günümüzde tekstil sektöründe yüzlerce uluslararası sertifika ve standart bulunmaktadır. Bunlardan Global Organic Textile Standard (GOTS) ve OEKO-TEX Standard 100 gibi sertifikalar, ürünlerin organik liflerden üretildiğini ve zararlı kimyasal içermediğini garanti altına alan yaygın uygulamalardır. Fair Trade (Adil Ticaret) sertifikası, tedarik zincirindeki işçilerin adil koşullarda çalıştığını ve üreticilere hak ettikleri ücretlerin ödendiğini denetleyen bir diğer önemli belgelendirme örneğidir. Pamuk üretiminde yaygınlaşan Better Cotton Initiative (BCI) programı ise çiftçilerin daha sürdürülebilir tarım uygulamalarına geçmelerini teşvik ederek çevresel ve sosyal standartları iyileştirmeyi hedeflemektedir (Plakantonaki vd., 2023) Bu ve benzeri sertifikalar, logoları aracılığıyla nihai tüketiciye ürünün güvenilir ve sürdürülebilir bir kaynaktan geldiği mesajını vermektedir (CottonBrazil, 2025). Ayrıca sertifikalı ürünler, pazarda sürdürülebilirlik açısından farklılaşma sağlayarak firmalara rekabet avantajı da sunmaktadır.

TEKSTİLDE İZLENEBİLİRLİK

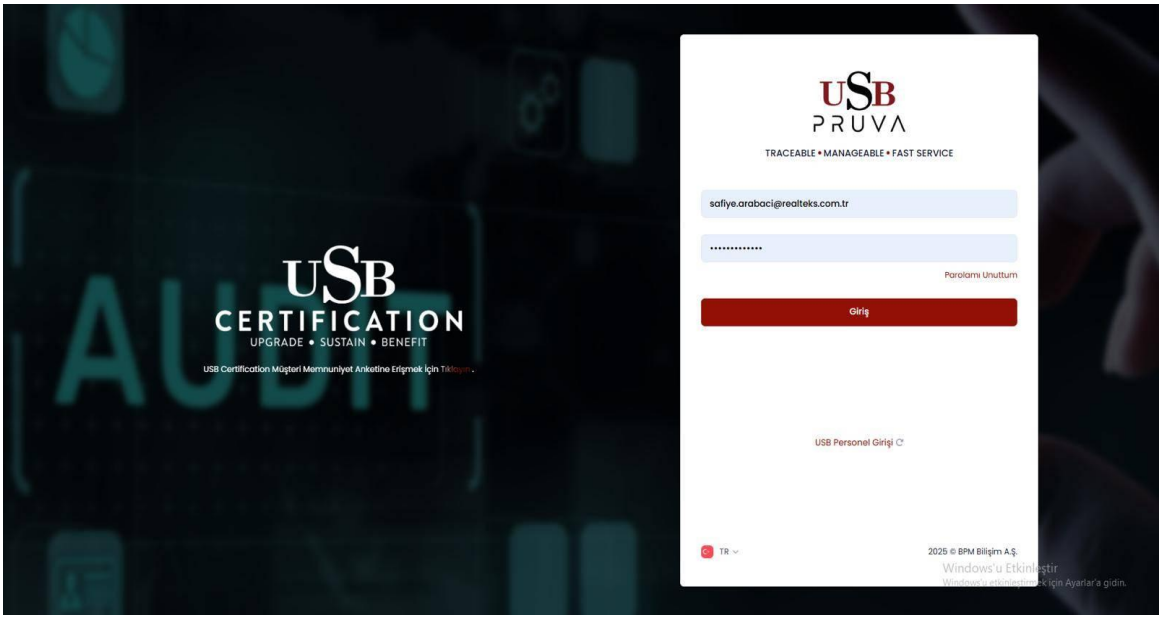
Markaların itibarını güçlendirerek tüketici nezdinde güven oluşturan bu sertifikaların, sektörde yeşil aklama girişimlerine de imkân tanımaması için sertifikalı ürünlerin izlenebilir olması, verilerinin güvenilir olması ve tarafsız doğrulama mekanizmalarının bulunması önem taşımaktadır. Bu amaçla izlenebilirlik sistemleri kullanılmaktadır. Böylelikle organik pamuk kullanıldığı belirtilen kumaşın gerçekten organik pamuktan üretildiğini doğrulamak, tedarik zincirindeki her bir aktörün Kapsam Sertifikası-Scope Certificate ve her işlem için düzenlenen İşlem Sertifikası-Transaction Certificate takip edilebilmektedir (USB Certification, 2024; Textile Exchange, 2025).

Hammadde tedarikçileri, işlem gördükleri miktarları ve sertifikaları kayıt altına almakta; üreticiler işledikleri girdilerin çıkardıkları ürünlerle eşleştirmesini yapabilmekte; lojistik sağlayıcılar gönderi ve parti bilgilerini dijital sistemlere işleyebilmektedir. Bu veriler bütünsel bir dijital altyapıda tutulmakta ve paydaşların erişimine açılmaktadır. Merkezi veya dağıtık veri tabanları üzerinde işlem kayıtlarının güvenli biçimde saklanması, izlenebilirliğin omurgasını oluşturmaktadır (Delville Management, 2025). GOTS gibi sertifika sistemlerinde “Transaction Certificate” (işlem sertifikası) adı verilen dokümanlar her el değiştirmede ürün, miktar, alıcı-satıcı ve tarih bilgisini kayda geçirerek zinciri dokümante etmektedir (Global Organic Textile Standard, 2025). Bu sayede kesintisiz bir kayıt-delil zinciri (chain-of-custody) tesis edilmektedir.

Tekstil sektöründen izlenebilirlik sistemine örnek olarak, USB Certification firması tarafından hizmete sunulan USB Pruva izlenebilirlik sistemi verilebilir. Çalışmada USB Pruva izlenebilirlik sistemi, Kapsam Sertifikası olan Realteks Denim altyapısı kullanılarak incelenmiştir.

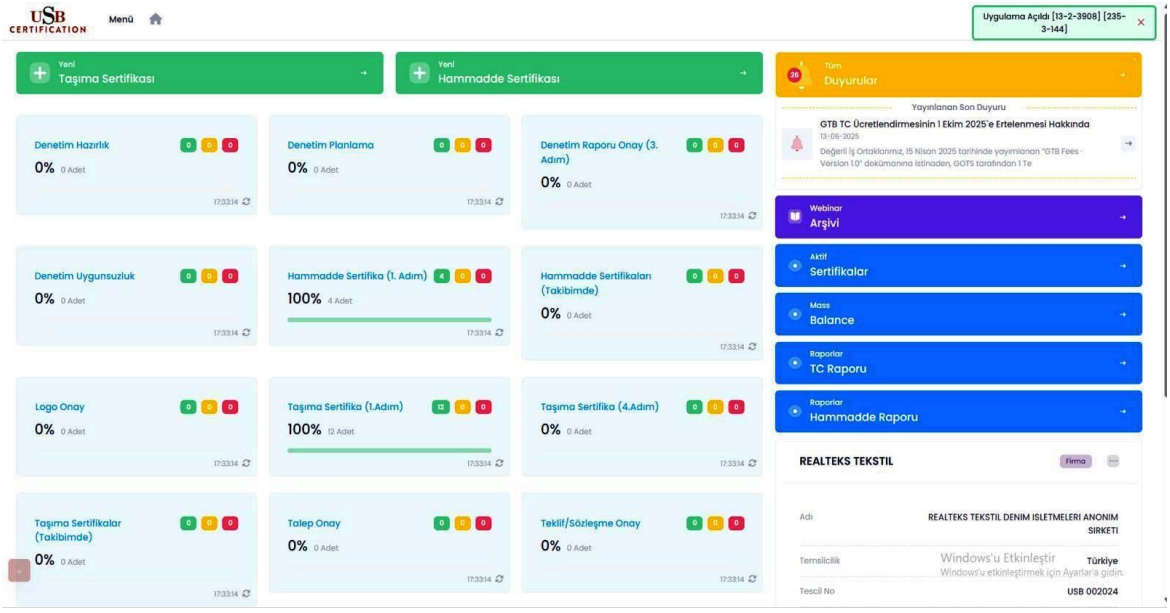
USB PRUVA İZLENEBİLİRLİK SİSTEMİ

Şekil 1'de USB Pruva yazılımının giriş ekranı sunulmaktadır.



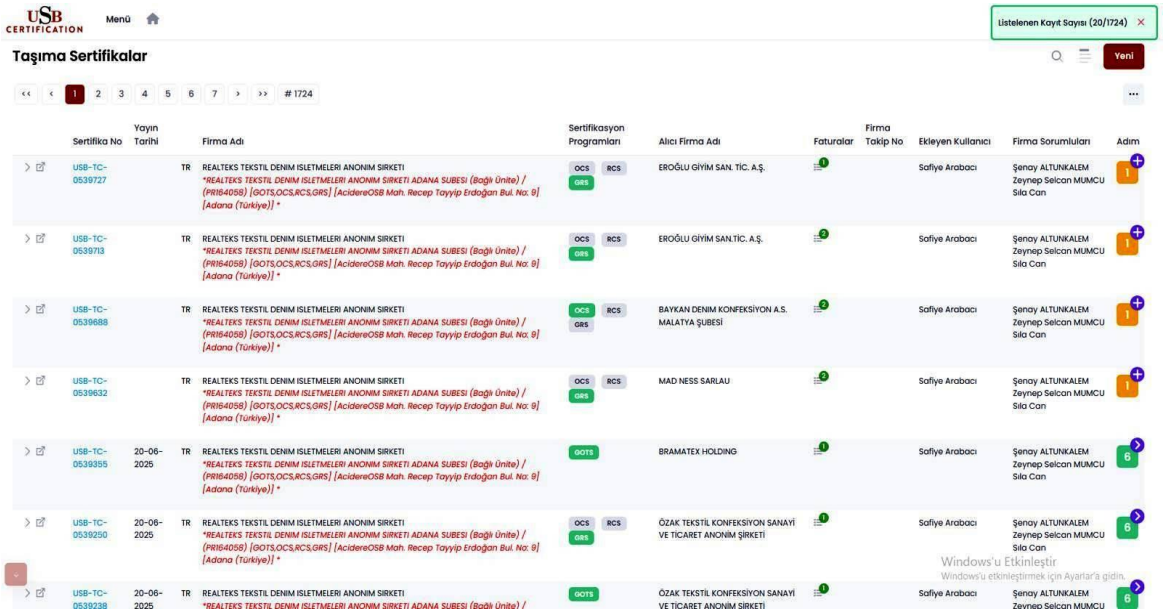
Şekil 1. USB Pruva yazılımının giriş ekranı

Şekil 2'de yazılımın ana sayfası verilmektedir. Ana sayfada taşıma sertifikası ve hammadde sertifikalarına ulaşılabilmektedir. Realteks Denim kumaş üretiminde kullandığı iplikleri dışardan temin etmektedir. Bu ipliklerin işlem sertifikalarının girişi hammadde sertifikası bölümüne yapılmaktadır. Firmada üretilen kumaşların işlem sertifikaları (TC) ise taşıma sertifikası kısmına işlenmektedir. Aynı ekranda taşıma ve hammadde sertifikalarının giriş kısımlarının altında bulunan yüzdelerde süreçlerin hangi aşamalarda olduğu ve yüzde kaçının tamamlandığı gösterilmektedir. Mass balance (Kütle dengesi) bölümünde ise kumaş üretiminde kullanılan sertifikalı hammaddelerin hangi firma için ne kadar kullanıldığı ve firma envanterinde ne kadar kaldığı takip edilebilmektedir.



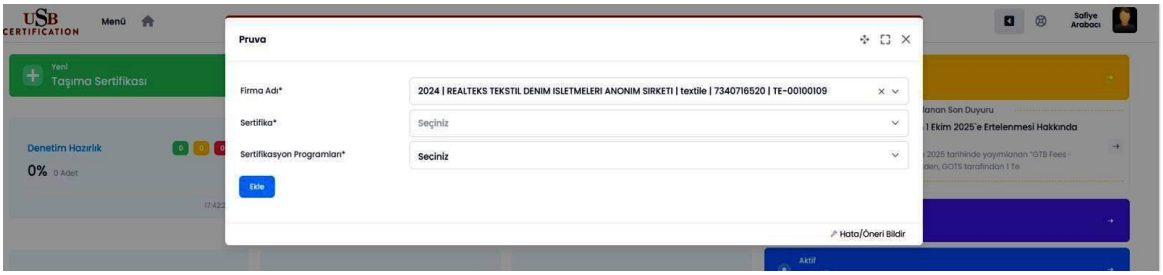
Şekil 2. USB Pruva yazılımının ana sayfası

Şekil 3'de taşıma sertifikası oluşturulan ve takip edilen sayfa görüntülenmektedir.



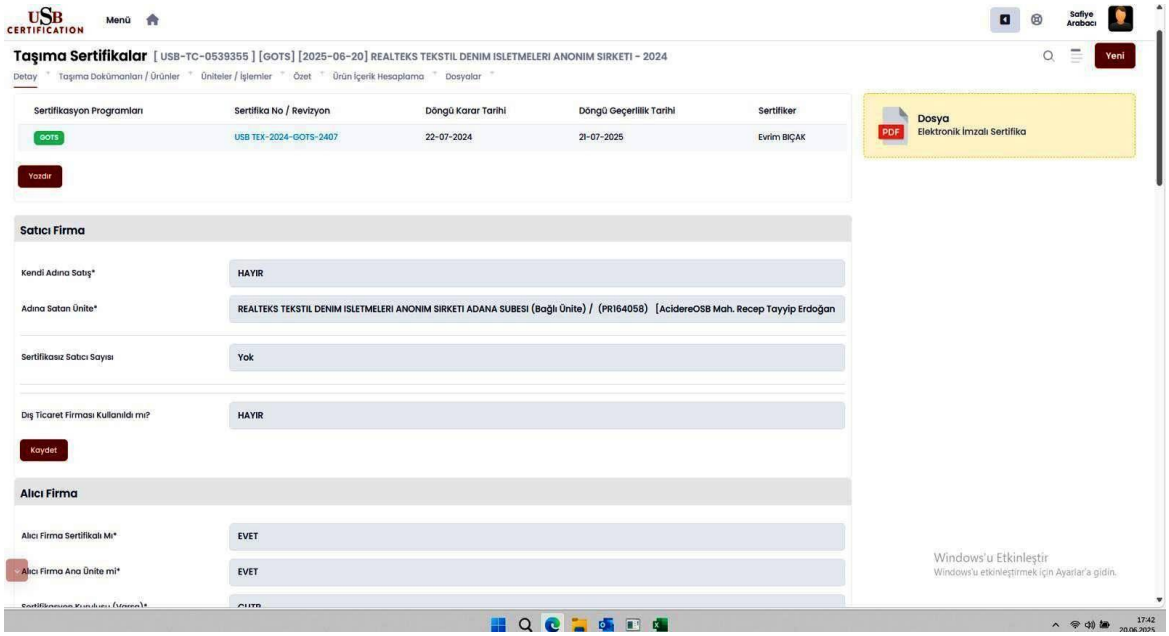
Şekil 3. Taşıma sertifikası oluşturma ekranı

Taşıma sertifikası oluşturabilmek için bu ekranda yeni'ye basılmakta ve kullanıcıyı Şekil 4'deki ekrana ulaştırmaktadır.



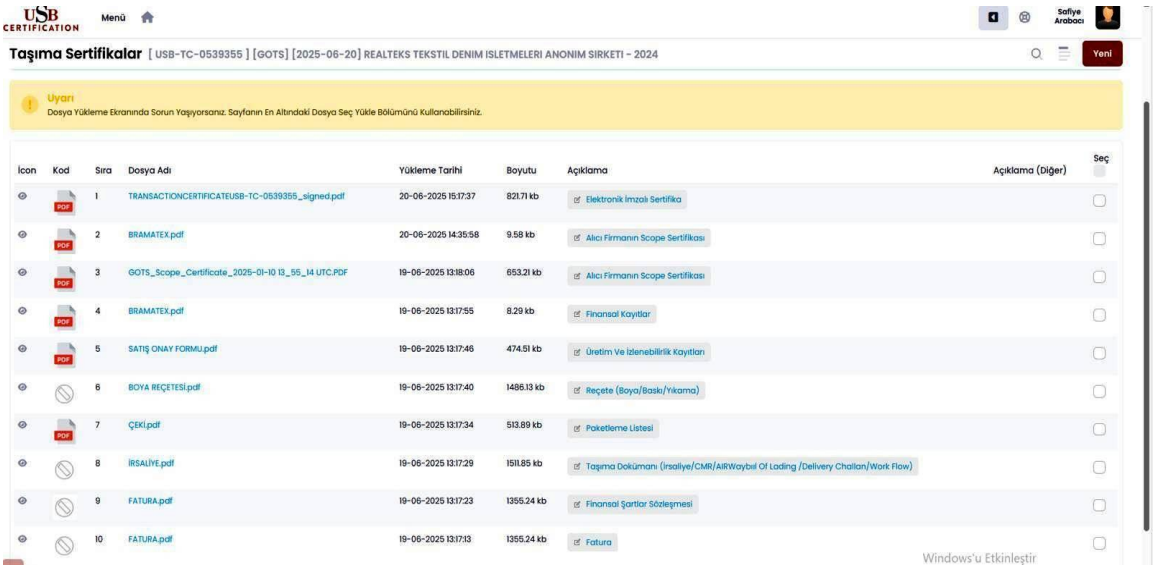
Şekil 4. Kullanılacak sertifikasyon programı seçme ekranı

Şekil 4'deki ekranda kullanılacak sertifikasyon programı (GOTS- Global Organic Textile Standard, OCS- Organic Content Standard, GRS- Global Recycled Standard, RCS- Recycled Claim Standard…) seçilebilmektedir. Bu ekrandan sonra kullanıcının karşısına taşıma sertifikasının oluşturabilmesi için gerekli tüm detayların bulunduğu sayfa çıkmaktadır (Şekil 5).



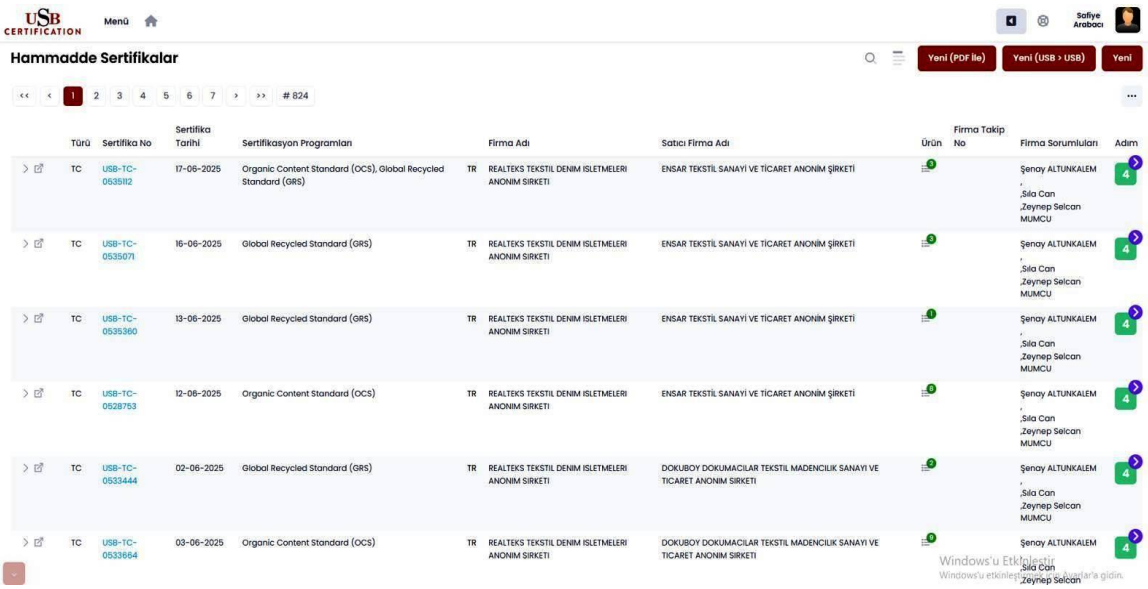
Şekil 5. Taşıma sertifikası için gerekli tüm detayların bulunduğu ekran

Taşıma sertifikasında, satıcı firma bilgileri, alıcı firma bilgileri, marka bilgileri, teslim alan firma, son işleyici firma, Realteks firmasında uygulanan işlemler, taşıma ve fatura belgeleri, ürünün içeriği, üretimde kullanılan malzeme miktarı, oranları, fireleri ve detayları, üretim tarihi, sertifikasyonlu malzeme miktarı vb. gibi bilgiler bulunmaktadır. Şekil 6'da ise veri girişi yapılarak oluşturulan taşıma sertifikasının belgeleri görülmektedir.



Şekil 6. Taşıma sertifikası belgeleri

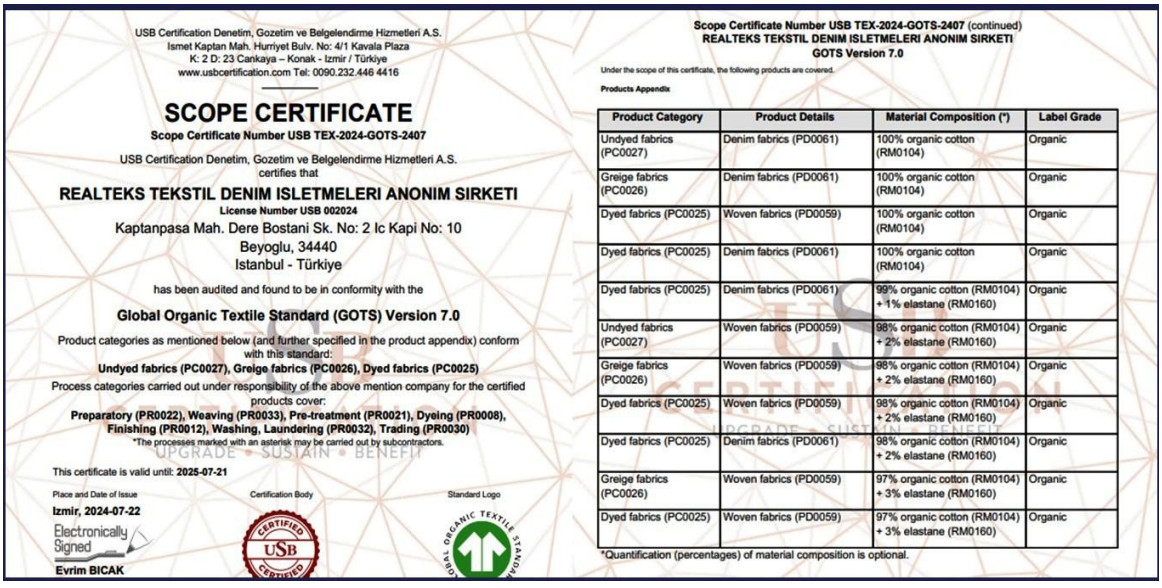
Şekil 7'de hammadde sertifikası oluşturulan ve takip edilen sayfa görüntülenmektedir.



Şekil 7. Hammadde sertifikası oluşturma ekranı

Bu ekranda üç farklı şekilde veri girişi yapılabilmektedir. Hammadde temin edilen firma USB pruva sistemini kullanıyor ise sadece hammadde sertifika numarası ile giriş yapılabilmektedir. Ancak hammadde temin edilen firma farklı bir izleme sistemi kullanıyor ise firmadan gelen işlem sertifikası sisteme taratılıp pdf olarak yüklenebilmekte veya ilgili veriler manuel olarak sisteme işlenebilmektedir.

Örnek olması için Realteks Denim firmasının kapsam sertifikası ve detayları Şekil 8'de verilmektedir. Kapsam sertifikasında firmanın ürettiği sertifikalı kumaşlar ve kumaş içeriklerine dair bilgiler yer almaktadır.



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Product categories as mentioned below (and further specified in the product appendix) conform with this standard:

Undyed fabrics (PC0027), Greige fabrics (PC0026), Dyed fabrics (PC0025)

Process categories carried out under responsibility of the above mention company for the certified products cover:

Preparatory (PR0022), Weaving (PR0033), Pre-treatment (PR0021), Dyeing (PR0008), Finishing (PR0012), Washing, Laundering (PR0032), Trading (PR0030)

*The processes marked with an asterisk may be carried out by subcontractors.

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Under the scope of this certificate, the following products are covered.

Products Appendix

Product Category	Product Details	Material Composition (*)	Label Grade
Undyed fabrics (PC0027)	Denim fabrics (PD0061)	100% organic cotton (RM0104)	Organic
Greige fabrics (PC0026)	Denim fabrics (PD0061)	100% organic cotton (RM0104)	Organic
Dyed fabrics (PC0025)	Woven fabrics (PD0059)	100% organic cotton (RM0104)	Organic
Dyed fabrics (PC0025)	Denim fabrics (PD0061)	100% organic cotton (RM0104)	Organic
Dyed fabrics (PC0025)	Denim fabrics (PD0061)	99% organic cotton (RM0104) + 1% elastane (RM0160)	Organic
Undyed fabrics (PC0027)	Woven fabrics (PD0059)	98% organic cotton (RM0104) + 2% elastane (RM0160)	Organic
Greige fabrics (PC0026)	Woven fabrics (PD0059)	98% organic cotton (RM0104) + 2% elastane (RM0160)	Organic
Dyed fabrics (PC0025)	Woven fabrics (PD0059)	98% organic cotton (RM0104) + 2% elastane (RM0160)	Organic
Dyed fabrics (PC0025)	Denim fabrics (PD0061)	98% organic cotton (RM0104) + 2% elastane (RM0160)	Organic
Greige fabrics (PC0026)	Woven fabrics (PD0059)	97% organic cotton (RM0104) + 3% elastane (RM0160)	Organic
Dyed fabrics (PC0025)	Woven fabrics (PD0059)	97% organic cotton (RM0104) + 3% elastane (RM0160)	Organic

*Quantification (percentages) of material composition is optional.

Şekil 8. Kapsam Sertifikası

USB CERTIFICATION

DENETİMDE İNCELENECEK DOKÜMAN LİSTESİ

No	TEKSTİL DENETİMLERİNDE İNCELENECEK DOKÜMAN LİSTESİ	ORGANIC		RECYCLE		RESPONSIBLE ANIMAL FIBER			
	PARAMETRE	GOTS	OCS	GRS	RCS	RWS	RDS	RMS	RAS
1	İş yeri açma ve çalıştırma ruhsatı (Ruhsat alınması için gereken evraklar; Kapasite Raporu, Vaziyet Planı, ÇED Raporu(Çevre ve Şehircilik Müdürlüğünden), Deşarj İzni, Emisyon İzni, İtfaiye Raporu, Kanalizasyon Bağlantı İzni)	x	-	x	-	-	-	-	-
2	Pruva portalı üzerinden sistem plan formu doldurulması (denetim öncesi hazırlanmış olması gerekiyor)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
3	Girdi-mamul ve yarı-mamul depolama alanlarında fiziksel ayrılmışlık uygulama örnekleri	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
4	Üretim boyunca kullanılacak makinelerde ayrışmışlık uygulaması örnekleri(ilk denetim ise örnek olarak)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
5	Makine ve depolama alanları temizlik kayıt formları (ilk denetim ise örnek olarak)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
6	Balans tablosu (ilk denetim ise konvensiyonel olarak) Bu tablo ; · hammaddenin TC numarası, nicelik ve nitelik değerleri, · proses kayıpları (proses kayıplarının nasıl hesaplandığına dair bir kütle-denge formülü-ilk denetimde de bu formül belirtilmelidir), · satılan ürünün nicelik ve nitelik değerlerini içermelidir.	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
7	İşletme yerleşim planları ve iş akış şeması	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
8	Standardın uygulanmasından sorumlu kişi atama yazısı	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
9	Standarta ait uygulama prosedürü (Kaşeli-imzalı-tarihli)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
10	Standarda uygun ürün etiket ve/veya logo çalışması (Etiket ve/veya logo kullanıyor iseniz tasarımda bir değişiklik söz konusu mudur? Tasarım standardın son revizyonuna uygun mudur?) NOT: Nihai ürün (kazak, çorap vb.) üretimi yapılıyor ise TC çıkarken GOTS logosu kullanımı zorunludur.	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
11	İzlenebilirlik (yeni başvurularda yakın zamanda sevkiyatı yapılan konvensiyonel bir üretimin girdi tedarik noktasına kadar takibinin yapılması, sertifikalı firma devam denetimleri için bir önceki denetimden itibaren alınan, satılan ve stok miktarlarının doğrulaması. TC çıkmış ise bu TC'ler ilgili evraklarıyla birlikte incelenecektir. İzlenebilirlik için üretim dosyaları da talep edilecektir. Refakat kartları, iş emirleri, yıkama ve boya reçeteleri vb.)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X

Şekil 9. Denetimde incelenecek dokuman listesi

Şekil 9'da ise kapsam sertifikası bitiş tarihi yaklaştığında USB Pruva tarafından denetimde incelenecek dokümanların listesinin bir bölümü sunulmaktadır. Firma tarafından burada belirtilen tüm dokümanların denetim öncesi hazırlanması gerekmektedir.

SONUÇ

İzlenebilirlik, bir ürünün hammaddesinin kaynağından son tüketiciye ulaştırıldığı noktaya kadar değer zincirindeki yolunu belirleme ve takip etme olanağı sağlamaktadır. Değer zincirinin şeffaf ve hesap verebilir olmasında kapsam ve işlem sertifikaları kritik öneme sahiptir. Bu şekilde tüketici güvenliğine, etik bir üretim ve çevresel sürdürülebilirliğe kapı aralanmaktadır. İzlenebilirlik için kullanılan teknolojiler geliştikçe, tekstilde izlenebilirlik ve sertifikalandırma zorunlu hale getirilebilecektir.

Teşekkür

Bu bildiride incelenen USB Pruva izlenebilirlik sistemi, Kapsam Sertifikası olan Realteks Denim altyapısı kullanılarak incelenmiştir. Yazarlar desteği için Realteks Denim'e teşekkür eder.

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INDIVIDUAL OLIVE TREE EXTRACTION FROM HIGH-RESOLUTION UAV ORTHOPHOTO USING AUTOMATED DEEP LEARNING (AUTODL)

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ABSTRACT

Identifying and monitoring individual olive trees is essential for accurate yield estimation and precision agriculture applications. Deep learning models have demonstrated promise in UAV-based tree detection, but they often require manual hyperparameter tuning, which is computationally expensive. While Automated Deep Learning (AutoDL) addresses these challenges by facilitating the automation of the deep learning pipeline, its application in olive tree detection remains underexplored. This study investigates the potential applicability of AutoDL for accurately identifying and mapping olive trees from high-resolution UAV orthophotos. Using a 4 cm spatial resolution UAV orthophoto of the Pirinçlik neighborhood of the Arsuz district of Hatay province, Türkiye, a custom olive tree dataset was created, containing over 5,000 labeled tree samples across the training site. State-of-the-art deep learning-based object detection models (Faster R-CNN, SSD, RetinaNet, and DETReg) were trained and evaluated using the AutoDL framework, testing various backbone networks and hyperparameter combinations to explore their performance. Among the 10 evaluated configurations, the Faster R-CNN model with the ResNet-50 backbone achieved the highest detection performance with an AP score of 0.95. In addition, independent testing on an unseen test site revealed the strong generalization capability of the model with an AP score of 0.977 at a 0.50 IoU threshold. For the increasing threshold (0.75), the model still exhibited superior generalization (AP: 0.898), underscoring its robust localization accuracy. This study is the first to illustrate the potential of AutoDL for olive tree extraction from UAV imagery, providing an efficient and reliable framework for orchard monitoring.

Keywords: Olive Tree Detection, UAV Remote Sensing, Automated Deep Learning (AutoDL)

INTRODUCTION

Trees are of utmost significance for ecosystems and human life, as they combat climate change, support biodiversity, conserve soil, and provide essential resources, including fruit, medicine, and fuelwood (Pierdicca et al., 2023). The olive tree (*Olea europaea* L.) is a drought-resistant and long-lived plant that has been cultivated for many years in the Mediterranean region. It holds a prominent position in the region's economy and culture, as well as in the nutrition of people. Automated identification and counting of olive trees are crucial for yield estimation, tree growth and disease monitoring, supporting precision agriculture and sustainable orchard management. However, conventional tree detection and monitoring approaches are often restricted by high costs, intensive time consumption, and restricted spatial coverage (Yildirim et al., 2022). Therefore, the development of innovative detection methods is crucial to support more efficient and sustainable forest management.

Remote sensing technologies have been increasingly employed in tree detection and monitoring, as they enable the extraction of detailed information at the individual tree level. Particularly, unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs) have emerged as indispensable tools in precision agriculture and forestry applications, providing very high spatial resolution data in short periods and offering flexibility through their ability to fly at varying altitudes. Moreover, their low operational costs and capability for large-area coverage make UAVs essential for large-scale forestry tasks. In this context, UAV data have been widely utilized in tree detection and monitoring, crown extraction, height estimation, and species classifications. Recently, the advent of deep learning has led to a paradigm shift in remote sensing, demonstrating immense potential in tree detection from UAV imagery with significantly improved accuracy and efficiency. Deep learning, a subfield of artificial intelligence, presents exceptional capability in processing and analyzing imagery by automatically extracting hierarchical features, thereby achieving superior performance in various tasks, including object detection (Yildirim and Kavzoglu, 2025), classification (Kussul et al., 2017), and segmentation (Gibril et al., 2023).

In the field of tree extraction using UAV imagery, numerous studies have highlighted the robustness of deep learning algorithms in accurately identifying various tree species, including olive, date palm, and rubber trees. For this aim, convolutional neural network (CNN)-based target detection and segmentation architectures are commonly used. For example, Yildirim et al. (2022) utilized the YOLOv4 object detection model to identify stone pine trees from UAV orthomosaics, achieving mAP and IoU scores of 98.96% and 81.31%, respectively. Ye et al. (2022) employed the U^2Net model to extract olive tree crowns from RGB UAV imagery, observing increased accuracy and a lower error rate compared to the U-Net, HRNet, and DeepLabv3+ models. Using Mask2Former, a transformer-based semantic segmentation method with DAViT backbone, and UAV images, Gibril et al. (2025) achieved a mean IoU of 83.43% and a mean F-Score of 90.27% in delineating individual acacia tree crowns. In a recent work, Hajjaji et al. (2025) conducted a comparative evaluation of different variations of YOLOv5 and YOLOv8 models for palm tree detection in UAV imagery.

Despite the substantial success of deep learning algorithms, they often require manual fine-tuning of hyperparameters, which is time-consuming, computationally expensive, and demands advanced expertise. In addition, these algorithms encounter bottlenecks, including inefficiency, high memory usage, and decreased robustness (Raissi, 2023). To handle these limitations, Automated Deep Learning (AutoDL) has emerged as a groundbreaking paradigm that automatically develops high-quality models, reducing human intervention and computational cost (He et al., 2021). However, the application of AutoDL in the field of tree detection remains underexplored, and its utilization is still limited in scope. To fulfill this research gap, the current study aims to explore the potential use of AutoDL for individual olive tree detection in UAV imagery. To this end, a custom olive tree dataset was generated by manually labeling olive trees in a high-resolution UAV orthophoto. Using the dataset, four deep learning-based object detection algorithms, including Faster Region-Based Convolutional Neural Network (Faster R-

CNN), Single Shot MultiBox Detector (SSD), RetinaNet, and DETReg, were trained and evaluated with different hyperparameter and backbone combinations. The impact of hyperparameters on model performance was investigated, and the best-performing model was utilized for mapping olive trees at the test site, allowing for a more comprehensive evaluation of its practical applicability.

STUDY AREA AND DATA SET

The study area is located in the Pirinçlik neighborhood of the Arsuz district in Hatay Province, Türkiye. Hatay is the southernmost province of Türkiye, situated between 35°52′–37°04′ N latitudes and 35°40′–36°35′ E longitudes. Climate, soil structure, and other natural conditions in the province support a diverse range of cropping patterns, including wheat, vegetables, olive groves, oilseeds, citrus, fruit orchards, early harvests, and the cultivation of second crops. According to the Turkish Statistical Institute (TUIK), Hatay ranked sixth in Türkiye's olive production in 2024, reaching 223,425 tons. In the study area, two experimental sites were designed for training and testing of deep learning models, utilizing RGB UAV orthophoto with a spatial resolution of approximately 4 cm (Figure 1).

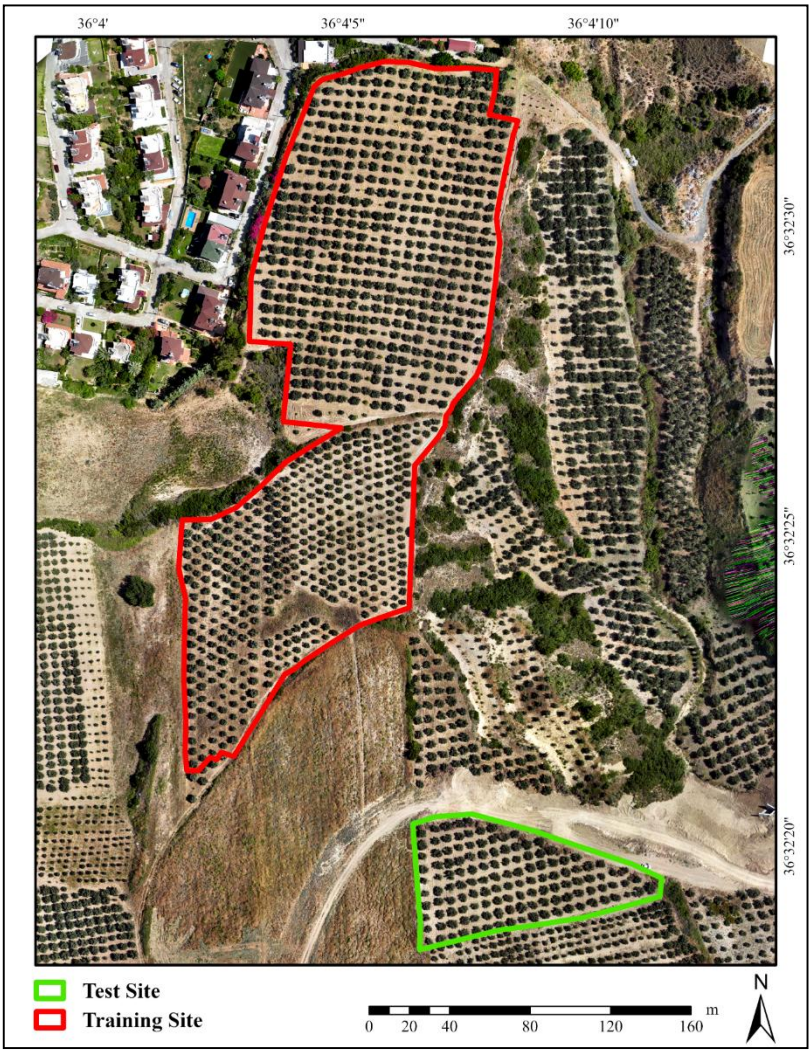

Figure 1. The UAV orthophoto of the study area illustrating the experimental sites.

Olive trees in the UAV orthophoto were manually labeled using ArcGIS Pro (v3.4.0), resulting in 905 and 131 tree instances annotated with bounding boxes in Pascal VOC (Visual Object Classes) format for the training and test sites, respectively. To construct the dataset for training and validating the models, the orthophoto of the training site was divided into 256×256 pixel image patches with a 50% overlap, ensuring that each tree was represented in at least one patch, thereby augmenting the dataset. As a result, an olive tree dataset containing 918 image patches

with corresponding XML (Extensible Markup Language) annotation files was generated, resulting in a total of 5,826 labeled tree samples. Representative image patches with bounding box annotations from the dataset are presented in Figure 2.

Figure 2. Sample image patches from the olive tree dataset with corresponding annotations.

METHODOLOGY

In this current study, the Automated Deep Learning (AutoDL) framework was employed for the extraction of individual olive trees from UAV imagery, thereby exploring the performance of various object detection models to find the best-performing model architecture for this task. AutoDL facilitates the automation of the deep learning pipeline, ranging from data preprocessing to model selection and training, by leveraging advanced techniques such as neural architecture search and hyperparameter optimization, thereby minimizing manual intervention and improving efficiency in deep learning applications (Dong et al., 2021).

In this context, four object detection models, including Faster R-CNN, SSD, RetinaNet, and DETReg, were implemented through AutoDL using the arcgis.learn module of the ArcGIS application programming interface (API) for Python. This tool operates by randomly selecting 10% of the dataset for the validation stage while training models on the remaining 90%. During training, the learning rate is automatically optimized to balance efficiency and accuracy. The framework first evaluates all models, then selects the best-performing models for further retraining with different backbones. The number of epochs to train each network is determined based on the specified training time, with early stopping applied when validation loss does not improve for five consecutive epochs by at least 0.001 (ESRI, 2025). For this study, a total processing time of six hours was allocated for AutoDL to complete model evaluation and training across the whole dataset.

Faster R-CNN

Faster R-CNN, introduced by Ren et al. (2017), is an improved version of earlier R-CNN frameworks and is known as a two-stage object recognition algorithm. The first version, R-CNN (Girshick et al., 2014), employed a selective search approach to produce 2,000 potential regions of interest, each of which was independently passed through a CNN and later classified using an SVM. This process required extensive computation and was impractical for real-time use. Fast R-CNN (Girshick, 2015) addressed these inefficiencies by applying a CNN to the whole image once, with regions proposed on the resulting feature map, substantially decreasing computational time. Nevertheless, both R-CNN and Fast R-CNN utilize selective search algorithms to produce region proposals. Faster R-CNN further improved this framework by introducing a Region Proposal Network, which allows proposals to be generated directly from the CNN feature maps. In contrast to earlier versions, Faster R-CNN eliminates selective search, achieving improved accuracy and speed (Ren et al., 2017).

SSD

SSD is a one-stage detection algorithm designed to predict object classes and bounding box offsets through a single feed-forward CNN. Instead of generating region proposals, the method directly produces a collection of default-size bounding boxes with confidence scores that indicate the probability of objects being present. Afterward, non-maximum suppression is applied to eliminate redundant predictions and to obtain the final detection. The architecture is built upon the VGG-16 network and adds extra convolutional layers, generating multi-scale feature maps. These maps enable the detection of both small and large objects, since each layer predicts offsets and class scores for boxes of varying sizes. By integrating hierarchical features from lower and upper layers, SSD effectively captures objects across multiple scales. Moreover, data augmentation and complex negative mining strategies are integrated into the training of SSD. The implementation of hard negative mining accelerates the optimization process and ensures a more stable training outcome. Additionally, data augmentation enhances the model's robustness in handling variations in object scales (Liu et al., 2016).

RetinaNet

RetinaNet is a one-stage object detector developed to overcome the challenge of class imbalance during training by introducing focal loss, a novel dynamically scaled cross-entropy loss. Unlike standard loss functions, focal loss assigns a lower weight to easy examples. It focuses on learning from more complex examples, significantly improving the accuracy of one-stage detectors compared to sampling heuristics and complex example mining. RetinaNet integrates a backbone network, typically an off-the-shelf CNN, with two task-specific subnetworks. The backbone extracts convolutional feature maps from the input image, while the subnetworks specialize in object classification and bounding box regression. Additionally, RetinaNet incorporates a feature pyramid structure and anchor boxes to enable dense object detection across scales. Despite its simple design, RetinaNet achieves superior detection performance by combining focal loss with multi-scale features, making it both practical and computationally efficient for object recognition tasks (Lin et al., 2017).

DETReg

DETReg (Detection with Transformers using Region priors) is a self-supervised pretraining framework designed to improve object detection by pretraining the entire detection network rather than only the backbone. Unlike prior methods, DETReg simultaneously learns object localization and embedding during pretraining. It introduces two category-agnostic, object-centric tasks: (i) an Object Localization Task, where the model aligns predicted bounding boxes with proposals generated by unsupervised region proposal methods such as Selective Search, and (ii) an Object Embedding Task, where the model learns robust feature representations by aligning object-level embeddings with those extracted from a self-supervised image encoder like SwAV. Once pretrained, the model can be fine-tuned with relatively few labeled examples, achieving superior performance over previous pretraining strategies (Bar et al., 2022).

RESULTS

The performance of object detection models trained using the AutoDL framework with different hyperparameters and backbone combinations is given in Table 1. According to the results, Faster R-CNN (ResNet-50) achieved the highest performance with an AP score of 0.95, outperforming other models. Its superior performance may be attributed to the two-stage architecture design, which enables more precise detection of olive trees. On the other hand, SSD models demonstrated varying AP scores, ranging from 0.82 to 0.90. Among these, SSD (ResNet-34) achieved the best accuracy (AP: 0.907), approaching the results of Faster R-CNN. However, deeper backbones, such as ResNet-152 and ResNet-101, did not yield better results, suggesting that very deep architectures may not generalize well for this dataset. These findings indicated that the performance of the SSD model was highly dependent on backbone selection, with accuracy differences of about 8% across different configurations.

Moreover, RetinaNet (ResNet-50) performed the worst among the models listed in the table, with an AP score of 0.73, which is significantly lower than both Faster R-CNN and SSD models. Despite its focal loss mechanism, RetinaNet emerges as less effective for detecting olive trees in UAV imagery. When it comes to the DETReg, although initially evaluated in the context of AutoDL, it exhibited considerably low performance during training and was automatically eliminated by the framework. Consequently, its results were not reported, as AutoDL only retains the best-performing models for comparison.

Considering the learning rate values automatically optimized by the AutoDL framework, it was observed that they had ranged from very small values (0.00005) to larger values (0.007). The lowest learning rate determined for the best-performing Faster R-CNN model suggested that a smaller step size had contributed to more stable convergence and precise optimization. By contrast, higher learning rates defined for SSD models indicate faster convergence of the model. These results revealed that the AutoDL framework achieved a balance between speed and accuracy by adapting the learning rate to the architecture and backbone, thereby supporting both convergence stability and generalization performance.

Table 1. Performance comparison of object detection models evaluated with AutoDL for olive tree detection.

Model	Backbone	Average Precision (AP)	Learning Rate
Faster R-CNN	ResNet-50	0.95245	0.00005
SSD	ResNet-34	0.90663	0.0007
SSD	ResNet-18	0.88182	0.007
SSD	DenseNet-121	0.87981	0.001
SSD	VGG-16-BN	0.86778	0.004
SSD	ResNet-152	0.86589	0.002
SSD	ResNet-101	0.84740	0.004
SSD	MobileNet-v2	0.84690	0.006
SSD	VGG-19-BN	0.82711	0.003
RetinaNet	ResNet-50	0.73190	0.005

Considering the olive tree prediction results of the Faster R-CNN (ResNet-50), it was observed that the model had a robust ability to detect olive trees, as shown in Figure 3. Most of the ground truth trees were successfully identified, and the predicted bounding boxes generally overlapped well with the ground truth annotations. However, slight misalignments in size and positioning were observed. In some cases, the model produced false negatives by predicting a tree shadow as a tree (middle image). Nevertheless, the number of missed detections remained low, underscoring the model's robustness in identifying olive trees under varying conditions. Overall, the results confirm that Faster R-CNN is effective for olive tree detection; however, further refinements in bounding box localization and the reduction of false alarm predictions would enhance performance.

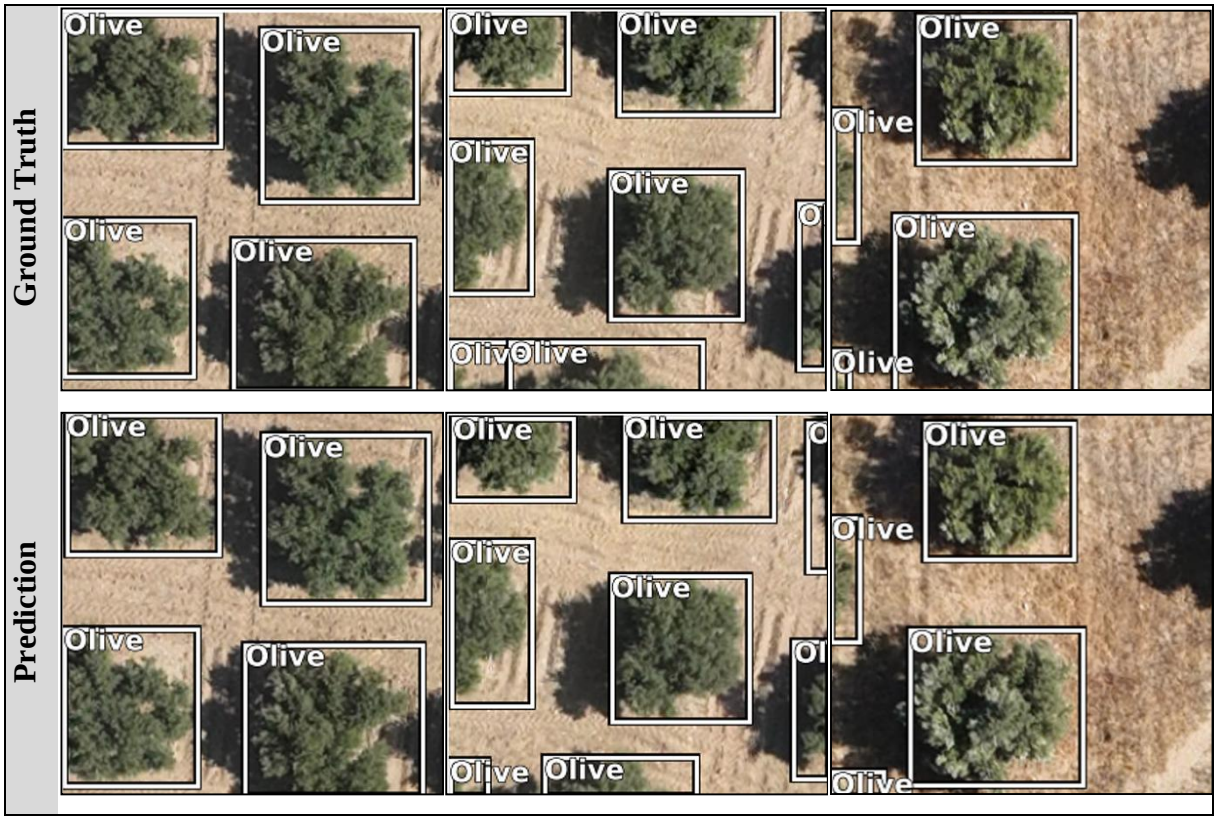

Figure 3. Olive tree prediction results of the Faster R-CNN (ResNet-50) model.

To investigate the generalization capability of Faster R-CNN (ResNet-50), it was tested on an independent dataset containing 131 olive trees with ground-truth annotations at the test site. Figure 4 illustrates the detection results at an Intersection over Union (IoU) threshold of 0.50, a commonly used benchmark in object detection studies. IoU measures the overlap between predicted and ground truth boxes, serving as a measure of detection accuracy to determine whether the model's prediction should be considered correct. Accordingly, predictions with IoU values greater than 0.50 were labeled as True Positives (TP), while those below the threshold were labeled as False Negatives (FN) (Maxwell et al., 2021).

It can be clearly shown from the Figure that the model successfully detected most olive trees, represented by yellow bounding boxes (TP), while it missed only three trees, indicated by blue boxes (FN). Notably, no false positives (FP) were observed, highlighting the model’s ability to accurately identify olive trees without generating false alarms. These results indicate that the model achieves superior detection accuracy, underscoring its strong generalization capability even when applied to an unseen study area, thereby validating its robustness for real-world olive tree detection tasks.

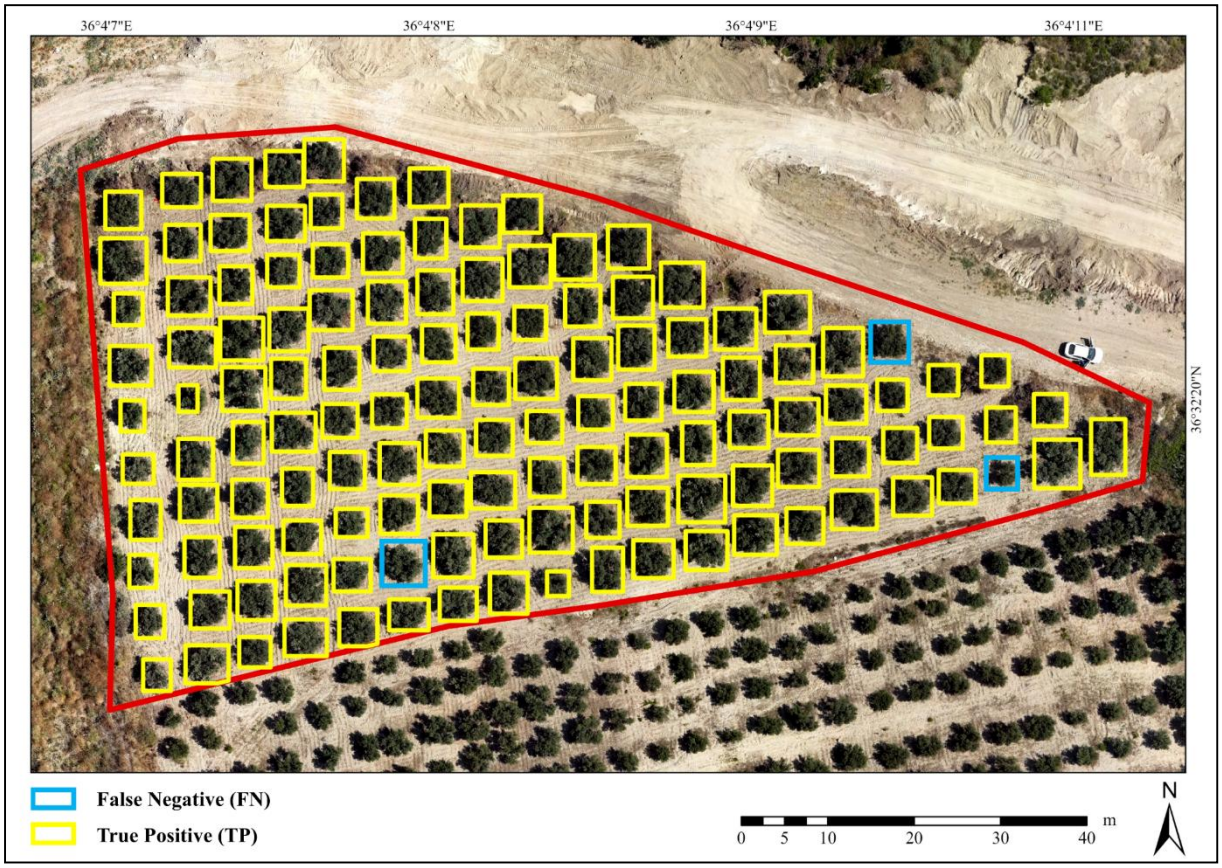

Figure 4. Olive tree map predicted by Faster R-CNN (ResNet-50) in the test site.

The quantitative performance metrics of the Faster R-CNN (ResNet-50) model at the test site, using two IoU thresholds (0.50 and 0.75), are presented in Table 2. At the 0.50 threshold, the model achieved an outstanding Precision score (1.000), indicating that all predictions corresponded to ground truth olive trees with no FP. The Recall value of 0.9771 means that nearly all ground truth trees were correctly detected, with only three samples missed. Consequently, the F1 Score reached 0.9884, confirming the model's balanced performance between Precision and Recall.

When the IoU threshold was increased to 0.75, more rigid spatial overlap requirements resulted in a slight decrease in performance. The model maintained a Precision of 0.9531 and a Recall of 0.9313, while the number of FN increased to nine and FP to six. Despite this decline, the F1 Score (0.9421) and Average Precision (0.8982) remained high, reflecting the robustness of the model. Overall, the results demonstrate that Faster R-CNN provides reliable and accurate detection of olive trees, maintaining strong performance even under a more rigorous IoU threshold. This consistency highlights the model's suitability for real-world applications, where both detection accuracy and generalization are critical.

Table 2. Estimated accuracy metrics for Faster R-CNN (ResNet-50) in the test site at 0.50 and 0.75 IoU thresholds.

Threshold	Precision	Recall	F1 Score	AP	TP	FP	FN
IoU ≥ 0.50	1.000	0.9771	0.9884	0.9771	128	0	3
IoU ≥ 0.75	0.9531	0.9313	0.9421	0.8982	122	6	9

CONCLUSION AND DISCUSSION

Automated identification of individual olive trees is critical for precision agriculture and sustainable orchard management. Very high-resolution UAV imagery provides detailed spatial information, enabling the detection and monitoring of even small land objects. Recently, deep learning models optimized via AutoDL have enabled robust and automated object detection. In this study, four deep learning object detection algorithms, including Faster R-CNN, SSD, RetinaNet, and DETReg, were evaluated with the AutoDL framework for individual olive tree detection from UAV imagery, and results revealed that Faster R-CNN (ResNet-50) achieved the highest detection performance (AP: 0.95), outperforming all models. Moreover, SSD models showed competitive results depending on the backbone structure, and deeper architectures decreased accuracy. On the other hand, RetinaNet (ResNet-50) obtained the lowest performance (AP: 0.73), and DETReg was eliminated by AutoDL due to poor training results, highlighting the framework's ability to retain the best models. Additionally, the AutoDL-optimized learning rates supported stable convergence, with smaller values for Faster R-CNN and higher values for SSD models. On the independent test site containing 131 olive trees, Faster R-CNN achieved outstanding precision (1.000) and recall (0.9771) at a 0.50 IoU threshold and maintained strong performance at a 0.75 IoU threshold (F1 Score: 0.9421, AP: 0.8982), confirming its strong localization accuracy and generalization capability. As a whole, UAV imagery combined with AutoDL-optimized Faster R-CNN provides a practical framework for olive tree detection, offering high accuracy and generalizability. In this vein, future work will focus on refining bounding box localization and further reducing false detections for real-world applications.

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INVESTIGATING THE IMPACT OF ENCODER ARCHITECTURES ON THE PERFORMANCE OF SEGFORMER IN SUNFLOWER CAPITULA DETECTION FROM UAV ORTHOMOSAICS

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ABSTRACT

Sunflower (*Helianthus annuus* L.) is an important oilseed crop, requiring accurate recognition and counting of capitula to improve crop management and yield prediction. Unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs) combined with deep learning-based semantic segmentation provide an efficient solution for detecting crops. Transformer-based architectures have recently shown superior performance in UAV-based crop identification by capturing long-range dependencies and contextual information. This study aims to investigate the performance of the transformer-based SegFormer model for the automatic identification of sunflower capitula from UAV orthomosaics. To explore the effect of encoder architecture, three Mix Transformer (MiT) encoder variants (MiT-B1, MiT-B2, and MiT-B3) were comparatively evaluated. For this purpose, a custom sunflower dataset was created using UAV imagery collected over a sunflower field in Sakarya, Türkiye, including more than 24,000 annotated capitula. Model performance was assessed using standard accuracy metrics, along with an analysis of computational efficiency. The results revealed that SegFormer–MiT-B2 achieved the highest segmentation accuracy (IoU: 0.8855, F-score: 0.9392), outperforming both MiT-B1 and MiT-B3. While MiT-B3 obtained slightly lower accuracy, it required substantially higher computational cost. Moreover, MiT-B1 exhibited the lowest accuracy, despite having fewer trainable model parameters, and generated coarse object boundaries. Overall, MiT-B2 provided the most effective balance between prediction accuracy and computational demand, producing sharper and clearer segmentation masks. These findings highlight the potential of transformer-based architecture for accurately and automatically detecting sunflower capitula from UAV imagery, offering a promising approach for sunflower agriculture.

Keywords: Sunflower Detection, UAV Remote Sensing, Deep Learning, SegFormer.

INTRODUCTION

Obtaining precise and timely information on crop status is essential for improving agricultural production and productivity. Accurate monitoring of crop heads, including their development and density, provides critical insights into yield-related characteristics of crops (Guo et al., 2018). The detection of sunflower capitula (*Helianthus annuus* L.), a globally significant oilseed crop, is of particular importance due to its role as a valuable source of nutrition and its substantial contribution to the economies of nations, notably Turkey. Furthermore, the identification and counting of sunflower capitula facilitates the determination of the growth status and phenological stages of sunflowers, in addition to enabling pre-harvest yield estimation (Villamil-Mahecha et al., 2025). Consequently, this allows industries to adjust irrigation and pollination strategies at the appropriate time, quantity, and method, improving seed yield and quality (Yıldırım et al., 2025). However, conventional head identification methods primarily rely on manual field observation, which is time-consuming, prone to human error, laborious, and insufficient for meeting the accuracy and efficiency demands of the large-scale precision agriculture applications (Volpato et al., 2025; Jing et al., 2024).

Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs) have significantly revolutionized agricultural crop detection and monitoring by enabling the acquisition of high-resolution, multi-temporal data at a cost-effective rate. Notably, the integration of multispectral and hyperspectral sensors on UAV platforms allows detailed imaging of agricultural fields, facilitating a precise assessment of crop status. These technologies enable the early detection of crop diseases (Chin et al., 2023), nutrient deficiencies (Yi et al., 2025), and water stress (Sharma et al., 2025), thereby enhancing crop management. Deep learning has become a state-of-the-art solution in UAV-based precision agriculture, particularly for crop detection and mapping. Convolutional neural network (CNN) based object detection (Lu et al., 2024; Zhao et al., 2021) and semantic segmentation (Bai et al., 2025; Yildirim et al., 2024) architectures have been predominantly adopted in the literature for this purpose. More recently, transformer architectures have gained increasing attention in crop detection, outperforming CNNs thanks to their powerful encoder-decoder design. Numerous studies in the literature have confirmed their ability to identify various crops from UAV images. For example, Zhou et al. (2022) utilized TransUNet and Point Cloud Transformer models with UAV imagery and LiDAR point cloud data to map broccoli canopies and estimate the volume of broccoli heads. Using UAV orthomosaics, Yildirim et al. (2025) employed the DETection TRansformer (DETR) for sunflower capitula identification at two phenological stages and achieved the highest detection accuracy at the R5.9 stage. To detect Japanese knotweed from UAV imagery, Valicharla et al. (2025) employed the Twins Spatially Separable Vision Transformer architecture. They reported an mIoU of 94.94% and an AAcc of 97.50%, outperforming the ViT, Swin-T, and SegFormer models. Wu et al. (2025) introduced a Hierarchical-Real-Time DETR for maize seedling recognition from UAV imagery, achieving mAP@0.50 score of 94.7%.

Inspired by the remarkable success of transformers in agricultural crop detection and mapping, this study aims to automatically identify sunflower capitula from UAV orthomosaics using a state-of-the-art transformer-based semantic segmentation model, SegFormer. Furthermore, the impact of distinct Mix Transformer encoder architectures on the model performance was examined. For this purpose, a custom sunflower dataset was constructed using high-resolution UAV orthomosaics of the study area. Using the created data set, three experiments were conducted by combining the SegFormer model with MiT-B1, MiT-B2, and MiT-B3 encoders. The performance evaluation was conducted using standard metrics (i.e., accuracy, F-score, Precision, Recall, and IoU), as well as computational efficiency analyses, which revealed the trade-off between accuracy and speed.

STUDY AREA AND DATA SET

The research area comprises a sunflower field managed by the Sakarya Maize Research Institute, situated in the Arifiye district of Sakarya Province in Türkiye (Figure 1). Sakarya, located in northwestern Türkiye between 29°57'–30°53' E longitudes and 40°17'–41°13' N latitudes, supports the cultivation of diverse field crops, vegetables, and fruits, including wheat, maize, and sunflower. In the designed experimental site, aerial photos were collected with an average ground sampling distance of approximately 1.47 cm by applying nadir-view polygonal flights at 50 m altitude using a DJI Phantom 4 Pro V2 UAV equipped with a 20 MP spatial resolution and an 8.8 mm focal length Sony Exmor RGB composite camera at the reproductive stage of the sunflower crops (i.e., 29 August 2022). During UAV flights, front and side overlaps were employed at 80% and 60%, respectively. Using aerial photos, a high-resolution orthomosaic was produced by applying the photogrammetric processing steps with optimal parameters in the Structure from Motion (SfM)-based Agisoft Metashape Professional software.

Manual labeling of the sunflower capitulum on the UAV orthomosaic was performed using ArcGIS Pro (v3.4.0), employing circle annotations in one “sunflower” class. As a result, more than 2,000 sunflower capitula were labeled in the training site. Then, the orthomosaic of the training site was divided into 256×256 pixel-sized image patches with a stride of 128×128 pixels. Data augmentation was performed by employing various techniques, including flipping, rotation by 90°, 180°, and 270°, cropping, changing hue and saturation, and brightness/contrast adjustments, to increase the number of images and thus prevent model overfitting. Consequently, a custom sunflower dataset containing a total of 492 image tiles with their corresponding masks and 24,912 instances was constructed. The dataset was then split into training, validation, and test sets at a ratio of 7:2:1, respectively.

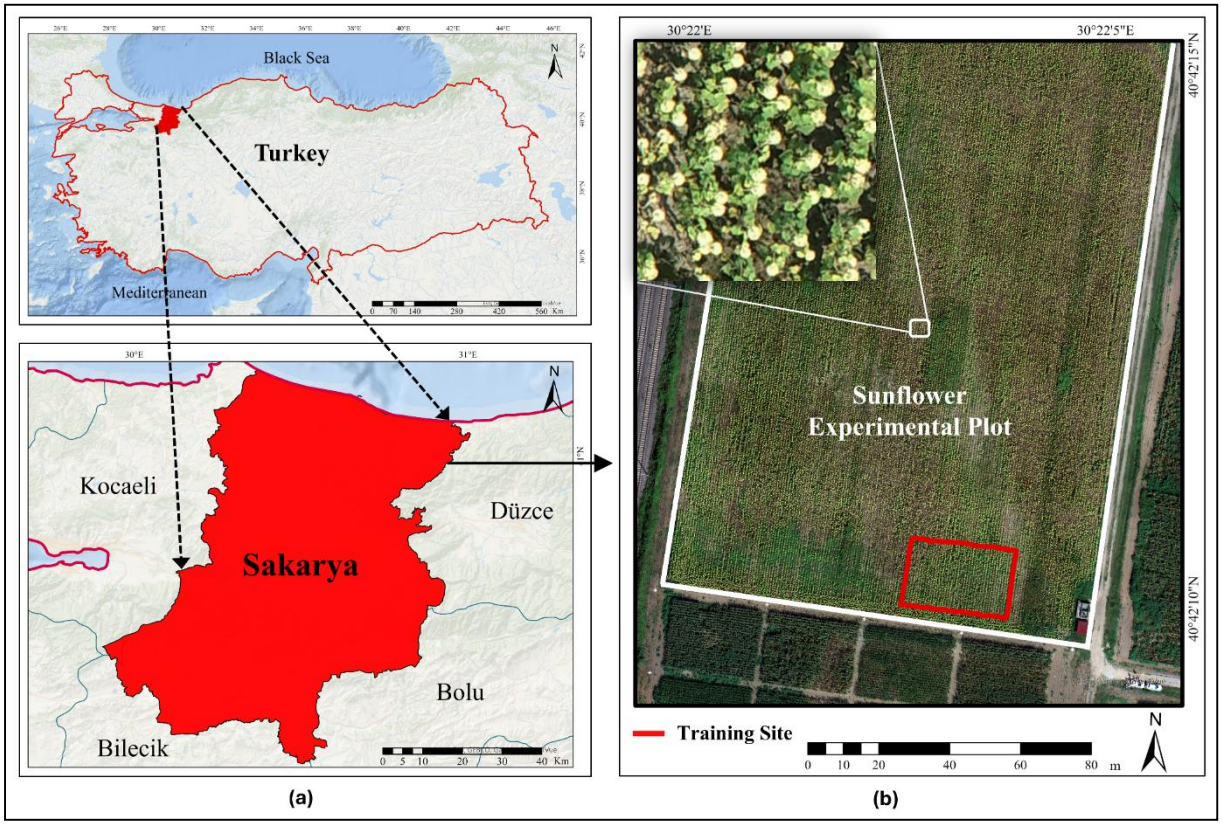


Figure 1. Geographic location (a) and UAV orthomosaic (b) of the study area.

METHODOLOGY

In this current work, the transformer-based SegFormer model, which employs an encoder-decoder structure and offers high segmentation performance with efficient computation, was

utilized for detecting sunflower capitula in UAV imagery. Comprising a hierarchical transformer encoder and a lightweight multilayer perceptron decoder, the SegFormer architecture is capable of encoding both low-resolution and high-resolution contextual information, which is then integrated to produce segmentation predictions. In the architecture, the input image with dimensions $H \times W \times 3$ is divided into 4×4 patches and processed by a hierarchical transformer encoder, which extracts features at four levels: {1/4, 1/8, 1/16, 1/32} of the original image. These features are then forwarded to the All-MLP decoder to produce the final segmentation map of size $\frac{H}{4} \times \frac{W}{4} \times N_{cls}$, where N_{cls} indicates the number of classes. To accommodate varying computational and performance requirements, SegFormer employs a series of Mix Transformer encoders (MiT-B0 to MiT-B5) that maintain a consistent architecture but differ in parameter size. The lightweight MiT-B0 prioritizes fast inference and low resource consumption, whereas MiT-B5 offers high accuracy with a higher computational load (Xie et al., 2021).

Training and testing of SegFormer models were conducted using the Python programming language with the PyTorch deep learning framework and the Segmentation Models PyTorch (SMP) library (Iakubovskii, 2019) in the cloud-based Google Colab Pro environment, which offers access to the NVIDIA A100 GPU. To determine the best-performing encoder architecture, three experiments were conducted by integrating the SegFormer model with different MiT encoder variants (MiT-B1, MiT-B2, and MiT-B3), allowing for a comparative evaluation of their effectiveness. In the training process of SegFormer, the transfer learning approach is employed by initializing the encoders with ImageNet pre-trained weights, thereby enabling rapid model convergence. To balance GPU memory usage and training efficiency, the batch size was set as 8, and the model was trained for 500 epochs using the Adam optimizer with an initial learning rate of 0.001. In addition, Binary Cross-Entropy loss was used during training to optimize model parameters by measuring the difference between the predicted and actual labels.

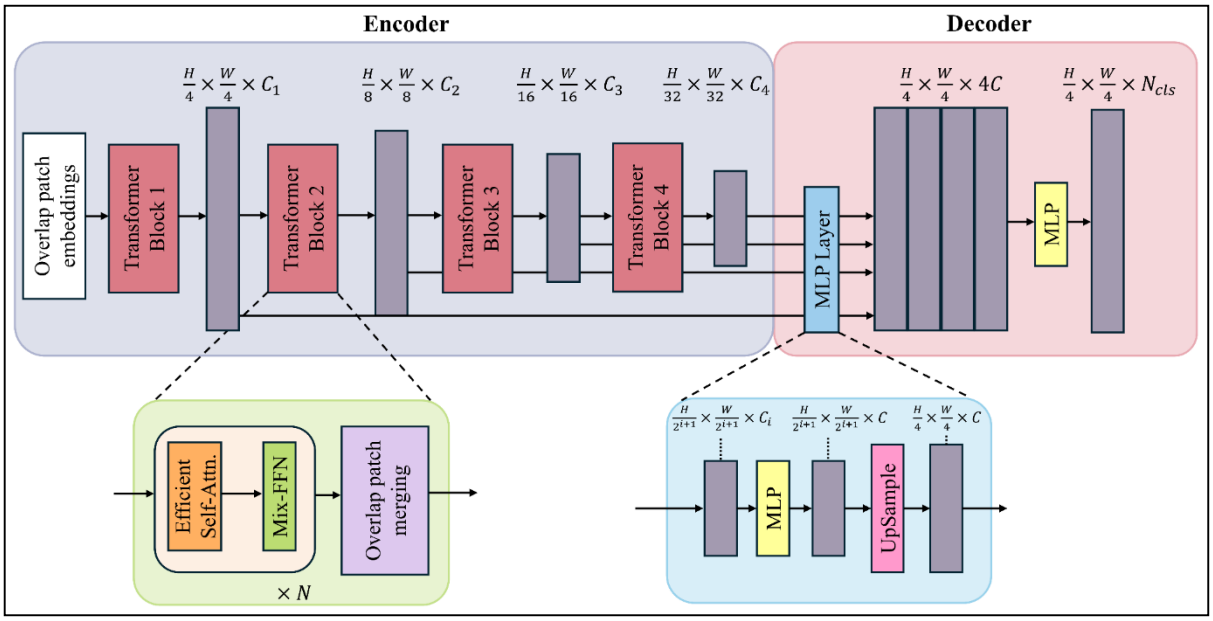
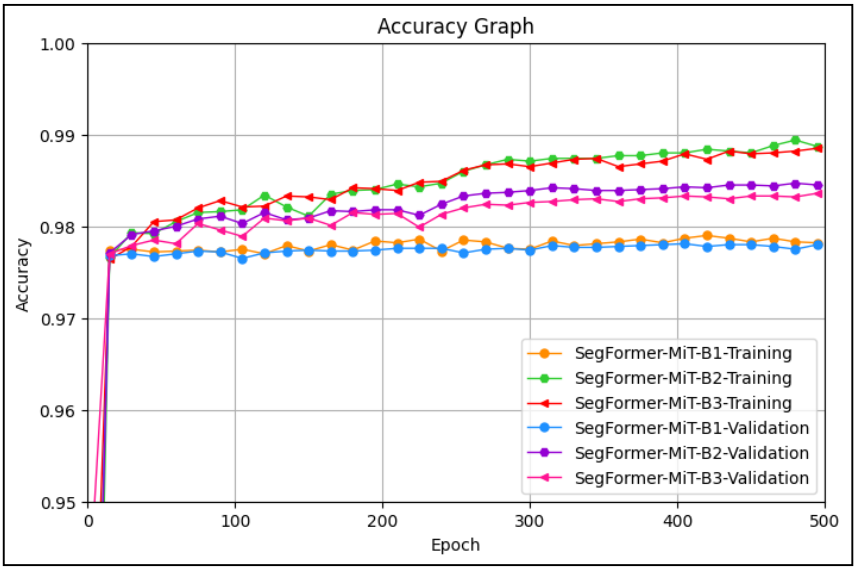


Figure 2. Architecture of the SegFormer.

RESULTS

After the training and validation process, the progression of the accuracy and loss of the SegFormer models with different MiT encoder variants (i.e., B1, B2, and B3) during training was qualitatively analyzed. As illustrated in Figure 3a, all models achieved steadily increasing training and validation accuracy during the initial training epochs, reaching a plateau after approximately 400 epochs. Among the tested variants, SegFormer–MiT-B2 exhibited the

highest training and validation accuracy, surpassing MiT-B1 and MiT-B3. Also, SegFormer-MiT-B3 demonstrated superior performance compared to MiT-B1, which consistently attained the lowest accuracy values. In terms of loss convergence (Figure 3b), all models exhibited a sharp decrease during the early epoch, followed by gradual stabilization. SegFormer–MiT-B2 achieved the lowest training and validation loss, further confirming its superior learning capability. Moreover, SegFormer–MiT-B1 converged to the highest loss values, aligning with its comparatively lower accuracy results.



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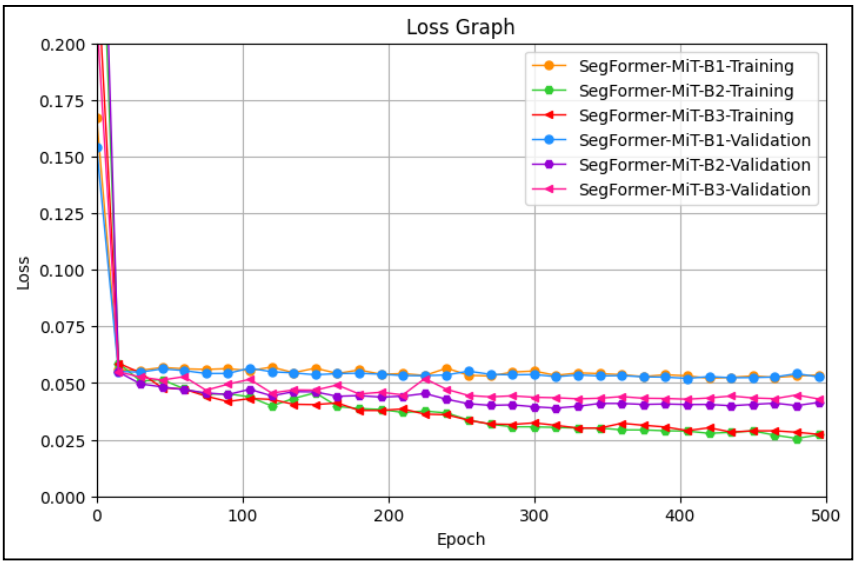

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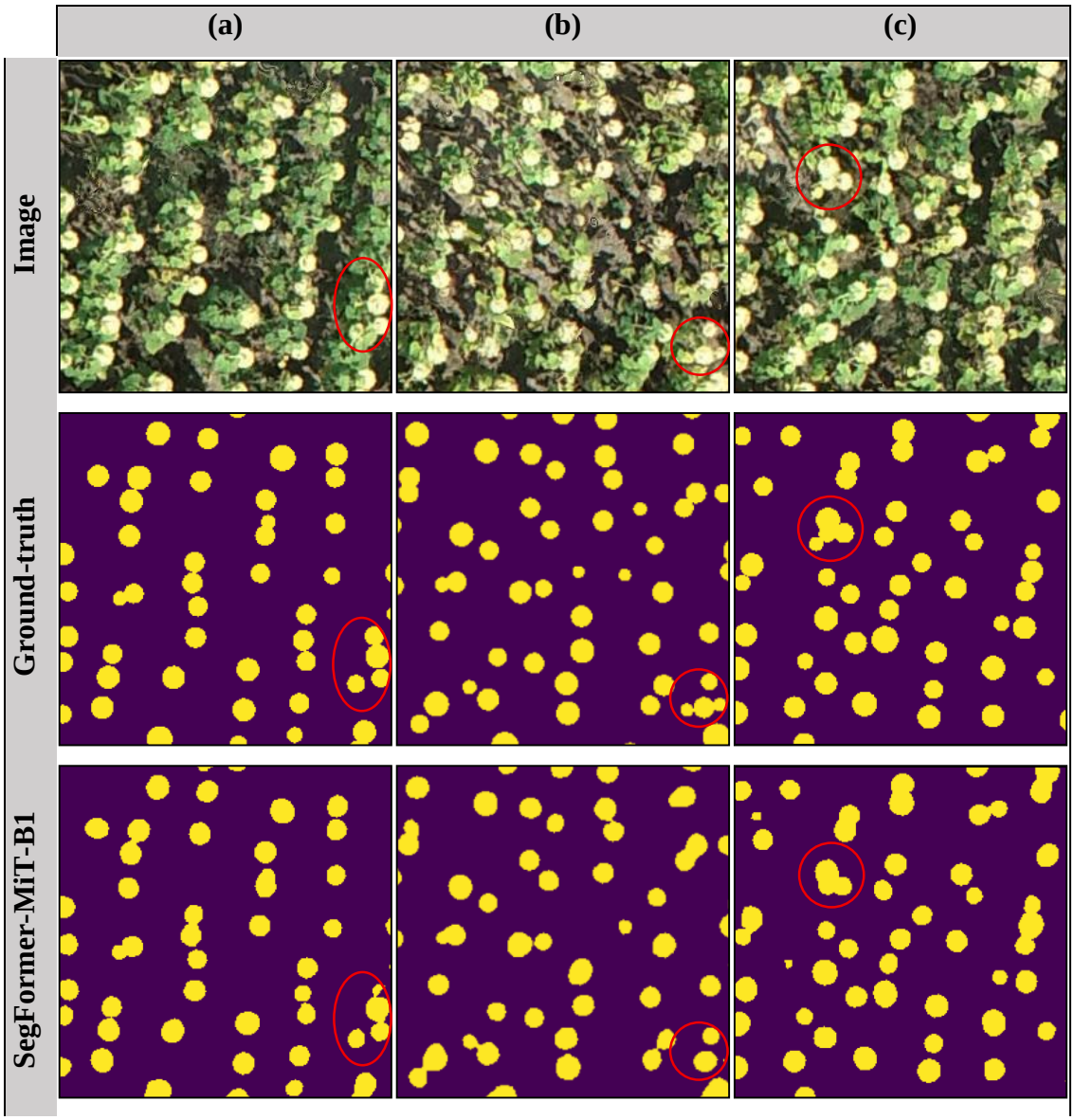
Figure 3. Training and validation accuracy (a) and loss (b) graphs of the SegFormer models.

The performance of the SegFormer models with different MiT encoder variants on the validation dataset was quantitatively evaluated using accuracy metrics. The results revealed that the SegFormer model, combined with the MiT-B2 backbone network, demonstrated robust performance in sunflower capitulum detection, achieving the highest scores in all accuracy assessment metrics considered. More specifically, the SegFormer–MiT-B2 obtained F-score and IoU values of 0.9392 and 0.8855, respectively. SegFormer followed this model–MiT-B3 (F-score: 0.9837, IoU: 0.8781), indicating that deeper architectures did not generalize well in this dataset. Furthermore, SegFormer–MiT-B1 achieved the lowest accuracy, highlighting the limitations of smaller encoder architectures in capturing the complex spatial and contextual information for this task.

Table 1. Performance comparison for SegFormer models on the validation dataset.

Decoder	Encoder	Accuracy	F-Score	Precision	Recall	IoU
SegFormer	MiT-B1	0.9783	0.9143	0.9160	0.9130	0.8423
	MiT-B2	0.9847	0.9392	0.9415	0.9371	0.8855
	MiT-B3	0.9837	0.9350	0.9379	0.9322	0.8781

To illustrate the sunflower capitula prediction results of different SegFormer variants on test images, a comparative visualization was introduced in Figure 4. As can be seen, the test images include a variety of challenging scenes, such as small-sized, closely located, and overlapped sunflower capitula. Considering the red-circled regions that provide the clearest evidence of prediction differences among the models, it was observed that the SegFormer-MiT-B1 model exhibited limited capability to identify sunflowers in such challenging scenarios. Specifically, SegFormer-MiT-B1 fails to accurately delineate the boundaries of the adjacent and overlapping sunflower capitula, often merging them into a single capitula or generating coarse, irregular boundaries. In contrast, SegFormer-MiT-B2 and SegFormer-MiT-B3 produced segmentation masks aligned with the ground truth, producing sharper boundaries and clearer object delineation as well as minimizing over-segmentation errors.



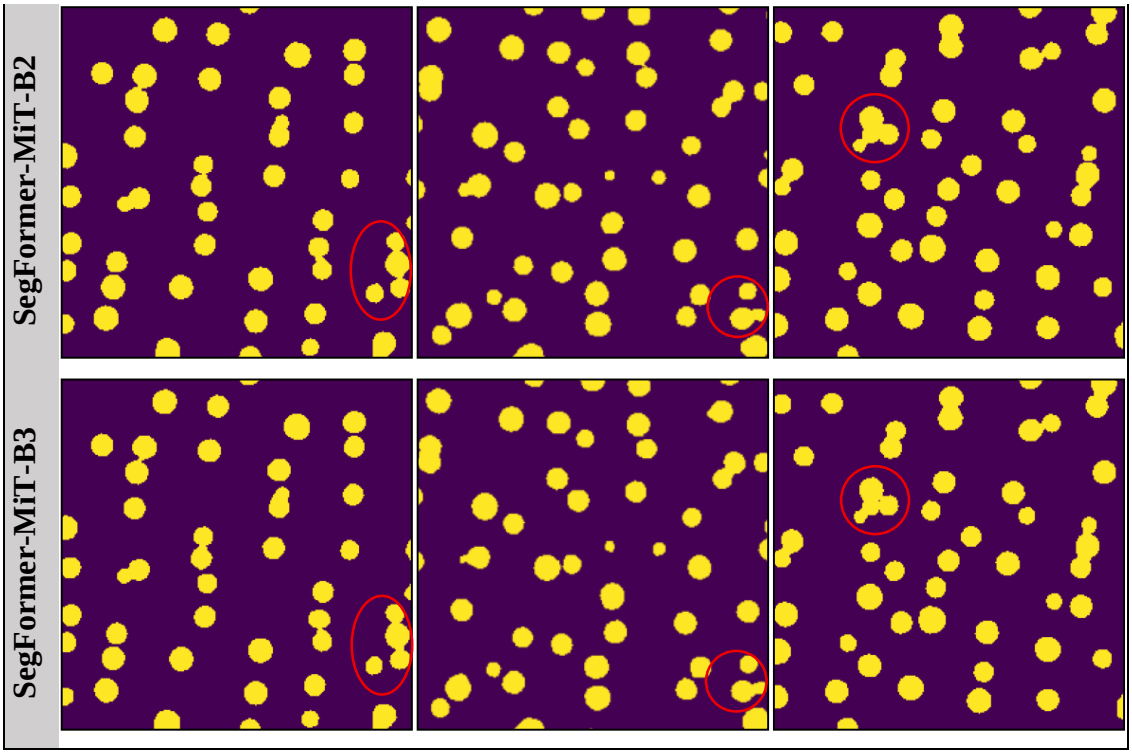


Figure 4. Visual comparison of the model's predictions on the test dataset.

Considering the computational efficiency of the models, the MiT-B3 demonstrated the highest computational complexity with 44.60 M parameters, indicating a substantial demand for both memory and processing resources during training. On the other hand, MiT-B1 exhibited the lowest computational demand with 13.68 M parameters requiring the least training time. Overall, the best balance between accuracy and computational load was observed in the MiT-B2 encoder, which required 24.72 M parameters and approximately 1.5 hours of training.

CONCLUSION AND DISCUSSION

Accurate identification and mapping of sunflower capitula provide essential insights for yield estimation, growth monitoring, and phenological stage assessment, which are critical for enhancing crop management. While transformer-based semantic segmentation algorithms have been increasingly adopted in UAV-based agricultural crop detection, there is a growing need to leverage these architectures for sunflower capitula recognition. This study introduced a SegFormer semantic segmentation network for the automatic identification of sunflower capitula from UAV orthomosaics. By evaluating three Mix Transformer (MiT) encoder variants (i.e., MiT-B1, MiT-B2, and MiT-B3), this study investigated the impact of encoder complexity on segmentation accuracy and computational efficiency. The results demonstrated that SegFormer–MiT-B2 consistently outperformed the other variants, achieving the highest accuracy metrics (IoU: 0.8855, F-score: 0.9392). Moreover, MiT-B2 exhibited the best trade-off between prediction accuracy and computational demand, requiring fewer parameters than MiT-B3 while generating sharper and clearer segmentation results. Overall, results revealed the substantial influence of encoder complexity on segmentation performance and the computational demand of the SegFormer model. Furthermore, these findings highlight the suitability of transformer-based semantic segmentation models, particularly SegFormer–MiT-B2, for efficient sunflower capitula detection, providing valuable insights for advancing UAV-based crop monitoring and precision agriculture practices. In this regard, future research could focus on integrating multispectral or hyperspectral UAV data to enhance the model's robustness under varying environmental and illumination conditions.

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GENOME EDITING TECHNOLOGY AND THEIR USE IN LIVESTOCK

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ABSTRACT

Recent advances in molecular genetics have enabled the development of genome editing technologies that allow precise, targeted modifications of genes. This paper reviews the three major genome editing tools—zinc finger nucleases (ZFNs), transcription activator-like effector nucleases (TALENs), and CRISPR/Cas9 systems—and discusses their applications in livestock production. These techniques introduce double-strand breaks in DNA, enabling the insertion, deletion, or modification of specific genes. In animal breeding, genome editing has been successfully used to improve milk yield and composition, enhance meat production, strengthen immune responses, develop disease-resistant lines, and improve animal welfare. For example, knockout of the beta-lactoglobulin gene has resulted in hypoallergenic milk, while editing of the myostatin (MSTN) gene has led to animals with increased muscle mass. Furthermore, CRISPR-based approaches have produced pigs resistant to PRRS virus and chickens resistant to avian leukosis virus. Despite these achievements, concerns remain regarding off-target mutations, mosaicism, and potential undesirable phenotypic effects such as stillbirth or metabolic disorders. Overall, genome editing technologies are expected to play a key role in replacing or complementing traditional breeding methods, contributing to higher productivity, improved product quality, and sustainable livestock production in the near future.

Keywords: Genome Editing Techniques, ZFN, TALEN, CRISPR.

INTRODUCTION

Molecular genetic studies, which began with the discovery of the structure of DNA, have evolved over time and form the basis for disciplines such as genetic engineering and biotechnology. Thanks to molecular genetics, it is now possible to determine the functions of genes, identify genetic diseases and make controlled changes to the genome of organisms. There are various reasons for intervening in a specific region of an organism's genome. One of these is to switch off a gene by mutating a specific gene region or to determine what function this gene has in the organism. Another goal is to transfer a gene that codes for a product with commercial value into the genome of another organism. All these processes are referred to as genome editing. This study summarizes the techniques of genome editing and studies in animal breeding.

GENOME EDITING TECHNOLOGYS

Recently, techniques have been developed that enable targeted genome modifications in a variety of organisms. Using specially developed nucleases, it is possible to perform genome

editing in the form of insertions, deletions and translocations in plant, animal and human genomes. This approach uses nucleases consisting of two parts that have been constructed by genetic manipulation. One part of these nucleases, which consists of two parts (domains), recognizes the genome at a specific sequence, while the other part breaks both strands at a specific point around the recognized DNA region.

In genome editing, site-specific nucleases generate double-strand breaks (DSBs) in the target DNA, allowing the insertion, deletion, or alteration of specific genes. Among the widely applied tools are zinc finger nucleases (ZFNs), transcription activator-like effector nucleases (TALENs), and the CRISPR-Cas system. While each of these technologies employs distinct mechanisms to modify the selected region, their fundamental operational steps remain largely comparable.

ZFNs (Zinc Finger Nucleases)

ZFNs were the earliest sequence-specific nucleases designed to target and alter defined regions within the genome. Structurally, they are composed of two main parts: a DNA-binding domain and a nuclease domain. The DNA-binding region is made up of zinc finger proteins, with each zinc finger unit containing about 30 amino acids coordinated by a zinc ion. The nuclease activity is provided by the FokI endonuclease, which constitutes the cleavage domain (Gaj et al., 2013; Akbudak and Kontbay, 2017). FokI is a cutting enzyme isolated from the bacterium Flavobacterium okéanokoites. FokI can generate double-stranded cuts (Figure 1) (Wah et al., 1998).

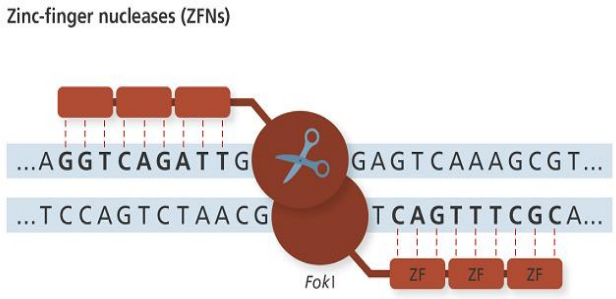

Figure 1. Schematic drawing of a zinc-finger nuclease (ZFN)

TALENs (Transcription Activator Like Effector Nucleases)

In the TALEN approach, DNA cleavage is likewise carried out by the FokI enzyme; however, the main distinction from the ZFN system lies in the structural organization of the DNA-recognition domains (Samanta et al., 2016). As the second representative of the sequence-specific nuclease family, the TALEN system was developed as an alternative to zinc finger nucleases (ZFNs) (Joung and Sander, 2013). TALENs, which serve as tools for genome editing, consist of a fusion between a TALE DNA-binding domain and a FokI nuclease domain, where each component recognizes and attaches to a specific nucleotide sequence (Pattanayak et al., 2014). A single TALEN molecule by itself cannot cleave DNA; effective cutting occurs only when two TALENs bind to opposite strands with a spacing of approximately 14–18 base pairs, allowing the FokI nucleases to dimerize and introduce double-strand breaks at the target site. (Figure 2).

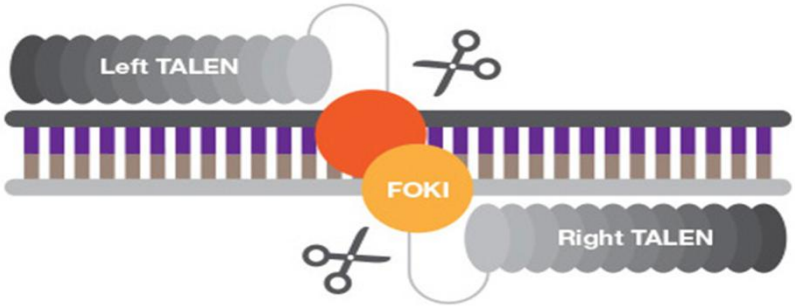

Figure 2. Schematic drawing of a transcription activator like effector nuclease (TALEN)

CRISPRs (Clustered regularly interspaced palindromic repeats)

The CRISPR system has recently gained attention as a straightforward and highly effective alternative to ZFNs, TALENs, and other endonucleases for performing precise genetic modifications. Since its development, CRISPR has dramatically transformed targeted genome editing (Petersen, 2017). This technology, which has greatly accelerated genome engineering research and reshaped plant biotechnology, operates through RNA-guided nucleases (Bortesi and Fischer, 2015). Among the different CRISPR variants, the most widely used is the CRISPR/Cas9 system, originally identified in Streptococcus pyogenes (Rani et al., 2016).

In the natural microbial CRISPR system, two distinct CRISPR RNAs regulate the activity of the Cas9 enzyme. However, in the modified version applied to genome editing, these RNAs are combined into a single synthetic RNA molecule known as the single guide RNA (sgRNA) (Bortesi and Fischer, 2015). For the CRISPR mechanism to function, only two components are required: the Cas9 nuclease and a 20-nucleotide sgRNA designed to match the target genomic sequence. These components associate with the target DNA to form a Cas9–sgRNA–DNA complex, which induces double-stranded breaks at the specific site (Figure 3) (Fichtner et al., 2014).

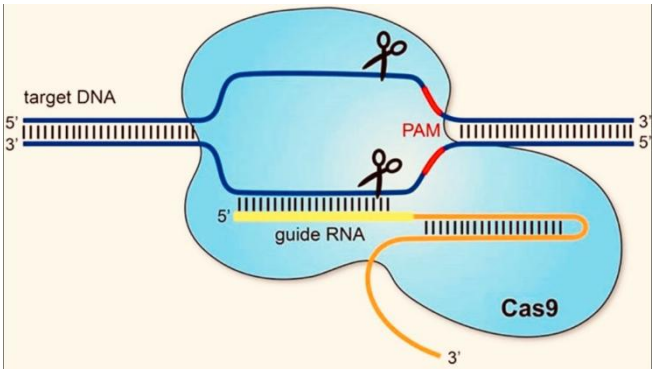

Figure 3. Schematic drawing of a Clustered regularly interspaced palindromic repeats (CRISPR)

These techniques have been used extensively in recent years to manipulate the genome. The techniques have some advantages and disadvantages.

USE OF GENOME EDITING TECHNIQUES IN LIVESTOCK

There are numerous potential applications of modified gene combinations in animal husbandry. Practical applications of genome editing techniques in animal husbandry include improving milk production and composition, growth rate, feed conversion, carcass composition, disease resistance, reproductive performance and productivity.

Milk

Advances in genome editing technology have opened up the possibility of changing the composition of milk or creating completely new proteins in milk. Altering the composition of milk has the potential to increase the production of missing proteins or growth factors in milk. Improving the nutritional value of milk can have a significant impact on the survival and growth of newborn humans or animals. In this area, the focus has been on beta-lactoglobulin, which has an allergenic structure. In studies using zinc finger genome editing in cattle and goats, the beta-lactoglobulin gene was knocked out (Yu et al., 2011; Xiong et al., 2013). Some of the studies conducted to improve milk yield, composition and allergenic properties are summarized in Table 1.

Table 1. Examples of studies using genome editing techniques to improve milk traits

Species	**Gene**	**Methodology**	**Technique**	**Result**	**Reference**
Cattle	Beta-lactoglobulin	Knockout	ZFN	Production of hypoallergenic milk	(Sun et al., 2018)
Cattle	Beta-glicosidase	Gene insertion	TALEN	Production of low-lactose milk	(Su et al., 2018)
Pig	Beta – lactoglobulin < Laktoferrin	Gene insertion	CRISPR/ Cas9	Improving the antibacterial property of pig milk, reducing piglet mortality	(Han et al., 2020)
Goat	Beta-lactoglobulin	Gene modification	TALEN	Production of hypoallergenic milk	(Cui et al., 2015)
Goat	Stearoly-CoA desaturase 1 (SCD1)	Knockout	CRISPR/ Cas9	Reduction of saturated fatty acid content in milk	(Tian et al., 2022)
Cattle	CSN2- CSN3	Gene insertion	ZFN	Increase in casein content in milk	(Brophy et al., 2003)
Buffalo	Beta-lactoglobulin	Knockout	CRISPR/ Cas9	Production of hypoallergenic milk	(Tara et al., 2024)

Sun et al. (2018), attempted to produce hypoallergenic milk by knocking out the beta-lactaglobulin gene in Holstein cattle using the ZFN protocol. They found that the milk of the resulting transgenic cow did not contain beta-lactoglobulin and did not differ from the milk of non-transgenic cows in terms of protein content.

In a study conducted on goats using the TALEN method, the beta-lactoglobulin gene was replaced by the human lactoferrin gene, which reduced the allergenic properties of milk due to beta-lactoglobulin (Cui et al., 2015). In a study conducted on goats, the gene of the enzyme stearoly-CoA desaturase 1 (SCD1), which plays a key role in fatty acid synthesis, was silenced using CRISPR and the saturated fatty acid composition in the resulting milk was found to be quite low (Tian et al., 2022). In another study, copies of the beta and k-casein gene (CSN2 and CSN3) were inserted into the bovine genome and it was found that the milk obtained from

transgenic cows contained 8-20% more beta-casein and 2 times more k-casein than normal cow's milk (Brophy et al., 2003). In another study conducted on goats, transgenic goats were created that produced lysozyme levels close to those of human milk. In the milk produced by the goats, the growth of Escherichia coli and Staphylococcus aureus strains, which cause mastitis, and of Pseudomonas fragi strains, which cause milk spoilage, was slower than in the control group (Maga et al., 2006).

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Growth and Carcass

Genome editing methods have opened up fresh perspectives on the functioning of genes that regulate growth. This technology enables the precise manipulation of growth factors, growth regulators, and their corresponding receptors. One of the most notable applications is the genetic suppression of the myostatin (MSTN) gene, a negative regulator within the growth hormone family that inhibits skeletal muscle development. Naturally occurring MSTN knockout phenotypes are well documented in breeds such as Texel and Belgian Blue cattle. Through the use of DNA nucleases, similar MSTN knockout traits have been successfully generated in various livestock species, including pigs, sheep, cattle, and goats. The resulting animals exhibited greater muscle development than normal animals.

Some of the studies conducted to improve muscle development and fat content are summarized in Table 2.

Table 2. Examples of studies using genome editing techniques to improve growth and carcass traits

Species	Gene	Methodology	Technique	Result	Reference
Sheep	MSTN	Knockout	ZFN	Inhibition of MSTN's negative effect on muscle growth	(Zhang et al., 2016)
Cattle	MSTN	Mutation	ZFN	Muscle mass doubled	(Luo et al., 2014)
Sheep	MSTN	Knockout	TALEN	Muscle mass doubled	(Zhao et al., 2016)
Cattle	MSTN	Gene insertion	CRISPR/ Cas9	Production of calves with improved muscle development and healthy traits	(Gim et al., 2022)
Pig	IGF2	Mutation	ZFN	Pork contains less fat and more muscle	(Duo et al., 2023)
Catfish	melanocortin4	Gene editing	CRISPR/CAS9	Increase in body weight	(Khalil et al., 2023)
Rabbit	FGF5	Mutation	CRISPR/ Cas9	Improvement in fur production	(Xu et al., 2020b)

A mutation in the IGF2 gene, which is not found in native Chinese pigs, was created in native Chinese pigs using the zinc finger technique, and it was found that the pigs' meat contained 18-36% more lean meat, 3-17% more muscle and 18-39% more intramuscular fat ((Duo et al., 2023). In a study conducted on catfish, the melanocortin4 receptor gene was edited using the CRISPR method and it was found that the live weight of the fish increased by 20-38%(Khalil et al., 2023).

Immunity

This is an attempt to breed cattle that are resistant to mastitis, which causes resistance and loss of productivity in the animals. Some work on the integration of immunity is summarized in Table 3.

Table 3. Examples of industry studies on genome editing techniques to determine immunity

Species	Gene	Methodology	Technique	Result	Reference
Cattle	CD18	Amino acid change	ZFN	Enhanced disease resistance against pneumonia	(Shanthalingam et al., 2016)
Pig	CMAH	Knockout	TALEN	Prevention of acute and hyperacute rejection	(Kim et al., 2017)
Pig	CD163	Knockout	CRISPR/ Cas	Protection against PRRS virus	(Whitworth et al., 2014)
Chicken	CHNHE1	Deletion	CRISPR/ Cas	Resistance of chickens to avian leukosis virus	(Koslová et al., 2020)
Pig	CD163 and pAPN	Double gene knockout	CRISPR/ Cas	Pigs become resistant to both PRRS virus	(Xu et al., 2020a)

Hellmich et al. (2020) the deletion of W38 in the chNHE1 receptor using CRISPR-Cas9 technology enabled chickens to develop resistance to the ALV-J virus. At the end of the study, it was shown that the transgenic chickens obtained were completely protected from infection and that this gene editing had no negative effects on the development and general health of the chickens.

Animal welfare

In animal husbandry, horn formation is one of the most important factors influencing animal welfare. Horn blows cause large wounds on udders, carcasses and skin, leading to economic losses. For this reason, hornless animal species have been created to reduce this problem by suppressing the POLLED allele that causes hornlessness using genome editing techniques (Carlson et al., 2016; Schuster et al., 2020).

Possible risks

Although the studies conducted appear to be successful, the biggest problem with genome editing techniques is the off-target effects. In studies conducted on humans, mice and rats,

genome editing techniques have been found to cause off-target changes and induce mutations that lead to loss of function in functional genes (Anderson et al., 2018; Aryal et al., 2018). For example, animals whose myostatin gene has been edited with CRISPR / Cas9 have a double muscle phenotype, but may also have some undesirable effects such as stillbirths, death in early life, spinal deformities and abnormal fat, sugar and protein metabolism. Another problem is that the techniques used at different stages of embryonic development can lead to mosaicism, as they only affect part of the cells. This situation is common in many animal models in which the genome is edited. Such heterogeneous edits often fail to repair the disease-causing mutation and can also cause a number of unwanted mutations (Mehravar et al., 2019).

CONCLUSION

Animals obtained using genome editing techniques are a source of concern in society because of the potential risks they could pose. However, it is clear that these techniques will replace traditional breeding methods to meet the increasing demand for animal products. The successful implementation of breeding studies to increase the productivity and quality traits of livestock, improve their adaptability to the environment and obtain disease-resistant lines will be possible with these techniques. Considering the popularity of CRISPR/Cas9, which has much higher specificity and efficiency compared to ZFNs and TALENs, it will be inevitable in the near future to produce a large number of livestock whose genome has been edited.

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VEGETATION STUDY ON AN ANTHROPOGENIC PRIMARY SUBSTRATE: SAND SCULPTURES IN THE URBAN AREA OF BURGAS (BULGARIAN BLACK SEA COAST)

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Abstract

This study provides a case example of primary plant colonization on an anthropogenic sandy substrate, represented by temporary sand sculptures in Burgas, on the Bulgarian Black Sea coast. Twelve sculptures were surveyed as sample plots, and a total of eight annual ruderal species were recorded. Three taxa (*Datura stramonium*, *Amaranthus retroflexus*, *Chenopodium pumilio*) are recognized as invasive alien plants in Bulgaria. *Datura stramonium* was the most abundant and frequent species, whereas *Chenopodium album* and *Echinochloa crus-galli* were rare. Most of the recorded taxa are diagnostic for the class *Stellarietea mediae*. The adjacent vegetation, by contrast, included perennials typical of *Artemisietea vulgaris*, reflecting a more advanced successional stage. Cluster analysis revealed a high degree of similarity among the sample plots, related to the uniform origin of the substrate. The study illustrates how cultural installations can serve as small-scale experimental sites for observing the earliest stages of succession on primary substrates, while also demonstrating the potential role of transported sands as vectors for invasive species.

Key words: primary succession; sand; ruderal vegetation; *Stellarietea mediae*; invasive alien species; urban ecology;

HEAT WAVES AND ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE AT LAGOS STATE UNIVERSITY, OJO

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ABSTRACT

This study investigates the impact of heat wave incidences on students' academic performance at Lagos State University, against a backdrop of rising global temperatures and increasing frequency of extreme weather events in the West African region. Recognising the critical need to understand how heat stress affects cognitive function and academic success, this research employed a qualitative case study design. Utilising a purposive sampling technique, data were gathered through key informant interviews (KIIs) and non-participant observation. A total of 13 KIIs were conducted with students, the university clinic's Medical Director, a representative from the Student Affairs division, and a lecturer. The collected data were then categorised and content analysed. The findings show that periods of intense heat significantly correlate with increased student absenteeism and a marked decline in concentration levels during academic activities. These challenges underscore the vital need for educational institutions to invest in, and adopt, climate-adaptive infrastructure. Consequently, the study proposes key mitigation strategies, including the provision of enhanced ventilation systems, the optimisation of classroom capacities to reduce overcrowding, and the installation of cooling equipment in lecture halls. The study concludes that ensuring a proper learning environment is paramount for sustaining academic productivity, emphasizing that proactive institutional interventions are essential to safeguard student well-being and performance in the face of a changing climate.

Keywords: Heat Waves, Academic Performance, climate-adaptive infrastructure, Lagos State University, mitigation strategies.

HOLISTIC INTERIOR WORKSPACE DESIGN: ENHANCING EMPLOYEE HEALTH, WELL-BEING, AND ORGANIZATIONAL PERFORMANCE

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Abstract

The relationship between interior workspace design and employee well-being has emerged as a critical area of inquiry, reflecting the increasing recognition that physical, social, and cultural environments profoundly shape health and productivity. This review synthesizes evidence from 50 high-quality studies drawn from over 1,000 initially identified, highlighting the holistic impact of workplace design on physical and mental outcomes.

Key findings demonstrate that physical features, such as air quality, lighting, ergonomic furniture, biophilic elements, and spatial configuration, directly influence comfort, cognitive performance, and psychological resilience. For instance, access to daylight and greenery reduces stress and fatigue while adjustable workstations mitigate musculoskeletal issues. Beyond physical design, social and cultural dimensions, including supportive management, organizational culture, job autonomy, and opportunities for social interaction, consistently enhance engagement, satisfaction, and psychological well-being. However, challenges persist in balancing open-plan layouts with the need for privacy and in translating evidence-based strategies across diverse organizational contexts.

The review emphasizes that integrated approaches, which align physical design interventions with social and organizational practices, yield the most significant improvements in health, satisfaction, and performance. Despite robust cross-sectional evidence, gaps remain in longitudinal and experimental studies, particularly regarding long-term causal effects and the application of biophilic and flexible design principles in non-office or remote work settings. Future research should address these gaps to optimize strategies for diverse populations and evolving work environments. Overall, the findings underscore the necessity of holistic, evidence-based workplace design to support employee well-being, organizational success, and sustainable models of work.

Keywords: *Wellbeing, biophilic design, organizational culture, holistic environments, productivity, flexible workspaces*

FINANCIAL ANALYSIS BASED ON AUDITED INDUSTRY DATA: ONE YEAR BEFORE AND YEAR OF THE 2023 TÜRKIYE EARTHQUAKE

DENETLENMİŞ ENDÜSTRİ VERİLERİNE DAYALI FİNANSAL ANALİZ: 2023 TÜRKİYE DEPREMİNDEN BİR YIL ÖNCESİ VE DEPREM YILI

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ABSTRACT

The aim of this research is to display the impacts of 2023 Türkiye Earthquake, which adversely affected 11 important south-eastern provinces heavily inhibited, on different sectors with the help of financial analysis based on audited industry data published by Public Oversight - Accounting and Auditing Standards Authority (POA) in 2025 and earlier. The last data available on POA website belongs to 2023 and covers 22 main sectors and 272 sub-sectors according to Nomenclature des Activités Économiques dans la Communauté Européenne (NACE) Rev.2, excluding the Banking, Insurance and Pension sectors. Sub-sector data left aside, 19 main sector data is accessed, integrated, and further analyses are conducted. The results of the analyses reveal that there are changes in the ratios of all sectors, both negatively and positively. Therefore, it cannot be straightly concluded that 2023 Türkiye Earthquake negatively impacted the ratios.

Keywords: Financial analysis, POA, Türkiye, sector, earthquake.

ÖZET

Bu araştırmanın amacı, 2025 ve öncesinde Kamu Departmanı tarafından yayınlanan denetlenmiş sektör verilerine dayalı finansal analiz yardımıyla, Güneydoğu Anadolu Bölgesi'ndeki 11 önemli ili olumsuz etkileyen 2023 Türkiye Depremi'nin farklı sektörler üzerindeki etkilerini ortaya koymaktır. Kamu Gözetimi Kurumu (KGK) web sitesinde yayınlanan son veriler 2023 yılına ait olup, Bankacılık, Sigortacılık ve Emeklilik sektörleri hariç olmak üzere, Nomenclature des Activités Économiques dans la Communauté Européenne (NACE) Rev.2'ye göre 22 ana sektörü ve 272 alt sektörü kapsamaktadır. Alt sektörler bırakılmış, 19 ana sektör verilerine erişilmiş, bütünleştirilmiş ve ilave analizler yapılmıştır. Analiz sonuçları, tüm sektörlerin oranlarında hem olumlu hem de olumsuz yönde değişimler olduğunu ortaya koymaktadır. Bu nedenle, 2023 Türkiye Depremi'nin oranları olumsuz etkilediği sonucuna kesin olarak varılamaz.

Anahtar Kelimeler: Finansal analiz, KGK, Türkiye, sektör, deprem.

INTRODUCTION

In 2023 an earthquake of magnitude 7.8 struck south-eastern and central Türkiye, which adversely affected both Türkiye and Syria, with around 60,000 mortalities and more than 120,000 injured. It is apparent that such an earthquake of this magnitude and sphere is expected to have considerable impacts on the social and economic lives. Even just Gaziantep as an example, put light on the economy of the area. Gaziantep Chamber of Industry has 6,902 members; its industry consumes 23 million m^3 of natural gas and 456 million kwH electricity, and exports USD 777 million worth of goods (www.gso.org.tr/, 17.08.2025).

Figure 1. Satellite images of the earthquake before and after

Source: https://indigodergisi.com Accessed 17.08.2025

The devastation was so extensive that almost all of the country's construction workers and companies were directed to the area. This alone demonstrates how the economy and markets have been forced to change. This research makes deeper analyses on the data accessed from POA website to find out the effects of the 2023 Türkiye Earthquake on the Turkish firms' financial figures. The last data available on POA website covers 22 main sectors and 272 sub-sectors according to Nomenclature des Activités Économiques dans la Communauté Européenne (NACE) Rev.2, excluding the Banking, Insurance and Pension sectors (POA, 26.07.2025). Sub-sector data left aside, 19 main sector data is accessed, integrated, and further analyses are conducted. First, the outlook of the sectors are drawn. Then the ratios are evaluated. With the help of the POA ready-made ratios regarding profitability, turnover, liquidity, and financial structure; further analyses are conducted. Conclusions follow in the last place.

THE OUTLOOK OF THE SECTORS IN TÜRKIYE BEFORE AND AFTER THE 2023 TÜRKIYE EARTHQUAKE

On the POA website there is a dynamic query for sectors—22; for years—2018–2023; for financial reporting frames—TFRS, FRS for Large & Medium-Sized Enterprises; for financial statements—financial statement table, profit & loss statement, cash-flow table; and for ratio categories—profitability analysis, turnover analysis, liquidity analysis, and financial structure analysis. As the methodology, for the sake of this research all are dynamically run for the years 2022 and 2023. The data is drawn on Excel Worksheets, organized, and further analyses are conducted. The ratios are used as they are, however, financial statements are displayed sector-wise and converted to US Dollar and Euro based on beginning

of the year, mid-year, and end of year foreign currency rates announced by the CBT. As a note it is to state that sector data totals do not match to POA calculations as if POA calculations reflect consolidations among firms, and furthermore, only the term 'aggregation' is mentioned in the metadata published along with the data. As stated in the metadata file the data is collected on a daily basis and published yearly (https://kgk.gov.tr, 26.07.2025).

The first analysis reflects the number of companies in the selected year and period. From Table 1 it is seen that there were 19,135 entities in 2022 that have their financial statements externally audited, and it dropped to 18,861 following year. The manufacturing companies and businesses entities categorized under Trade sector make up 56.75% of all entities in 2022, and 54.18% next year. Education sector is the most decreased one. The next three sharpest decreases in per cent are in Trade sector, Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing sector, and Water, Sewerage, Waste sector. Electricity, Gas, Steam sector is the one, which increased most. However, a closer look has to be taken onto their monetary weights.

Table 1. Number of Companies in the Selected Year & Period and the % Change

	% Change	**15-08-23**	**% of Total**	**15-08-22**	**% of Total**
Number of Companies in the Selected Year & Period	**(1.43)**	**18,861**	**100.00**	**19,135**	**100.00**
Manufacturing	(3.95)	5,474	**29.02**	5,699	**29.78**
Trade	**(8.02)**	4,746	**25.16**	5,160	**26.97**
Construction	(2.07)	1,515	8.03	1,547	8.08
Transportation & Storage	(3.87)	1,366	7.24	1,421	7.43
Administrative & Support Service Activities	2.71	871	4.62	848	4.43
Electricity, Gas, Steam	**37.63**	768	4.07	558	2.92
Professional, Scientific, & Technical Activities	(1.35)	657	3.48	666	3.48
Accommodation & Food Service Activities	**12.36**	591	3.13	526	2.75
Finance & Insurance Activities	1.79	513	2.72	504	2.63
Real Estate Activities	**7.55**	470	2.49	437	2.28
Information & Communication	1.46	418	2.22	412	2.15
Other Service Activities	**100.00**	350	1.86	175	0.91
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing	(6.65)	323	1.71	346	1.81
Mining & Quarrying	(2.71)	251	1.33	258	1.35
Human Health & Social Service Activities	(3.55)	163	0.86	169	0.88
Water, Sewerage, Waste	(6.16)	137	0.73	146	0.76
Public Adm. & Defense; Compulsory Social Security	(1.12)	88	0.47	89	0.47
Culture, Arts, Entertainment, Recreation, Sports	-	82	0.43	82	0.43
Education	**(15.22)**	78	0.41	92	0.48

Source: Authors own based on POA data.

Table 2 displays the total assets of companies sector-wise and is sorted ascended according to the sector weights in 2023. Total assets are converted to US Dollar and Euro, where CBRT currency rates are used. An average of beginning of the year, mid-year and end of the year Forex buying rates are used for conversion. The average of three rates is 16.2786 USD/TL, and 17.5465 EU/TL for 2022; is 24.7241USD/TL, and 26.9664 EU/TL for 2023. Yearly changes are given based on Turkish Lira. Table 3 displays the sector weights both in Turkish Lira and number of companies. Regarding total assets Manufacturing, Finance & Insurance Activities, and Trade sectors weigh 49.92% of all in 2023. These three sectors' weight as of number of entities makes up 56.91% in 2023. In 2022, these were 56.91% and 59.38% respectively.

Table 2. Total Assets of Companies in the Selected Year & Period and the % Change– TL, USD and Euro

	Change in %			**Total Assets 2023**			**Total Assets 2022**		
	US Dollar	**Euro**	**TL**	**US Dollar (000,000)**	**Euro (000,000)**	**TL (000,000)**	**US Dollar (000,000)**	**Euro (000,000)**	**TL (000,000)**
Manufacturing	110.83	108.36	220.21	1,106,231	1,014,245	27,350,577	524,697	486,784	8,541,343
Finance & Insurance Activities	-1.08	-2.24	50.25	860,909	789,322	21,285,198	870,280	807,398	14,166,977
Trade	95.15	92.86	196.40	631,664	579,140	15,617,330	323,676	300,288	5,268,996
Construction	95.71	93.41	197.24	450,178	412,745	11,130,257	230,025	213,404	3,744,492
Transportation & Storage	89.75	87.52	188.19	446,741	409,593	11,045,275	235,437	218,425	3,832,591
Professional, Scientific, & Technical Activities	27.93	26.43	94.30	321,215	294,505	7,941,749	251,082	232,940	4,087,268
Administrative & Support Service Activities	44.76	43.06	119.87	308,984	283,291	7,639,360	213,439	198,017	3,474,490
Electricity, Gas, Steam	89.46	87.24	187.76	307,566	281,991	7,604,288	162,334	150,605	2,642,583
Accommodation & Food Service Activities	205.97	202.37	364.70	235,260	215,698	5,816,603	76,891	71,335	1,251,685
Real Estate Activities	71.99	69.97	161.22	91,102	83,526	2,252,410	52,970	49,143	862,281
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing	201.15	197.61	357.38	76,786	70,401	1,898,475	25,498	23,656	415,074
Culture, Arts, Entertainment, Recreation, Sports	362.72	357.29	602.79	73,237	67,147	1,810,715	15,827	14,684	257,648
Mining & Quarrying	37.18	35.57	108.35	71,283	65,355	1,762,404	51,963	48,209	845,893
Information & Communication	62.11	60.21	146.21	66,348	60,831	1,640,392	40,928	37,970	666,245
Human Health & Social Service Activities	94.68	92.39	195.68	41,597	38,138	1,028,456	21,367	19,823	347,826
Public Administration & Defense; Compulsory Social Security	156.97	153.95	290.29	40,577	37,203	1,003,242	15,791	14,650	257,051
Other Service Activities	550.06	542.43	887.32	37,341	34,236	923,232	5,744	5,329	93,509
Water, Sewerage, Waste	91.13	88.88	190.28	35,233	32,303	871,107	18,434	17,102	300,088
Education	35.47	33.88	105.76	3,627	3,326	89,677	2,677	2,484	43,584
TOTAL OF 19 SECTORS	**65.84**	**63.89**	**151.88**	**5,205,882**	**4,772,999**	**128,710,747**	**3,139,061**	**2,912,246**	**51,099,624**

Source: Authors own based on POA data.

Even though in Turkish Lira terms total assets of Finance & Insurance Activities sector increased by 50.25%; it dropped in for-ex terms. The decrease is 2.24% in Euro terms, and 1.08% in US Dollar terms. Overall, the total of total assets of 19 sectors live an increase in all terms. It rose to 128,710,747TL from 51,099,624TL; the change is 151.88%. A closer look has to be given to some sectors, the data of which do not look correct. Of course just focusing on financial ratios and financial statements cannot let us make conclusions, but either as a correcting effect after Covid-10 Pandemic, or due to sky rocketing demand stemming from tourism, immigration, delayed consumption, price increases, inflation etc. financial statements display bigger figures. The healthier way is of course obtaining data directly from business entities themselves, thus the financial statements will be both in foreign currency and Turkish Lira and enable better calculations. In summary of these tables, manufacturing sector with 5,474 entities in 2023 own 21.25% of total assets of 19 sectors. Finance & Insurance Activities, on the other hand, own 16.54% of total assets with 2.72% of entities in number. These figures reflect the heavy investment of manufacturing companies on fixed assets, and the fact that financial institutions are service providing businesses. The least significant sector seems to be the Education sector—78 entities, 0.07% of total assets.

Table 3. Weights of Companies in the Selected Year & Period and the % Change–Total Assets

	2023 Weight in TL %	**2023 Weight in number**	**2022 Weight in TL %**	**2022 Weight in number**
Manufacturing	21.25%	29.02%	16.72%	29.78%
Finance & Insurance Activities	16.54%	2.72%	27.72%	2.63%
Trade	12.13%	25.16%	10.31%	26.97%
Construction	8.65%	8.03%	7.33%	8.08%
Transportation & Storage	8.58%	7.24%	7.50%	7.43%
Professional, Scientific, & Technical Activities	6.17%	3.48%	8.00%	3.48%
Administrative & Support Service Activities	5.94%	4.62%	6.80%	4.43%
Electricity, Gas, Steam	5.91%	4.07%	5.17%	2.92%
Accommodation & Food Service Activities	4.52%	3.13%	2.45%	2.75%
Real Estate Activities	1.75%	2.49%	1.69%	2.28%
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing	1.47%	1.71%	0.81%	1.81%
Culture, Arts, Entertainment, Recreation, Sports	1.41%	0.43%	0.50%	0.43%
Mining & Quarrying	1.37%	1.33%	1.66%	1.35%
Information & Communication	1.27%	2.22%	1.30%	2.15%
Human Health & Social Service Activities	0.80%	0.86%	0.68%	0.88%
Public Administration & Defense; Compulsory Social Security	0.78%	0.47%	0.50%	0.47%
Other Service Activities	0.72%	1.86%	0.18%	0.91%
Water, Sewerage, Waste	0.68%	0.73%	0.59%	0.76%
Education	0.07%	0.41%	0.09%	0.48%
TOTAL OF 19 SECTORS	**100.00%**	**100.00%**	**100.00%**	**100.00%**

Source: Authors own based on POA data.

Down from 5,699 entities in 2022 to 5,474 in 2023, manufacturing entities' financial statement tables show the details as: (1) Inventory rose by 185.25%—possibly due to inflation, (2) Investment Purpose Properties rose by 483.96%, and (3) Tangible Fixed Assets rose by 379.56%—they compose 43.93% of Total Assets in 2023 and 29.33% in 2022. Table 4 puts light on the Turkish Lira revenue, cost of sales and net profits of 19 sectors. Additionally, net profit-Revenue ratio is calculated. All calculations are repeated for US Dollar and Euro converted figures, and the results are displayed in Table 5 and 6.

Culture, Arts, Entertainment, Recreation, Sports sector—75.13% Net Profits/Revenue ratio; Real Estate Activities sector—27.69% ratio; Information & Communication sector and Mining & Quarrying Construction sector with around 18% ratios sit on top of 2023 ranking. Even though Net Profits/Revenue ratio of Real Estate Activities sector dropped from 34.43% ratio, it ranked number one in 2022. Similarly, Mining & Quarrying Construction sector ranked second in 2022 with 32.89% ratio. Trade sector ranks first both in 2022 and 2023 regarding the revenue in TL and in percentages. Trade sector earns 21.77% in 2022 of all sectors in this study, and 23.25% in 2023. Like it, the Manufacturing sector earns 20.09% of the aggregate of 19 sectors in 2022 and 22.59% in 2023. Public Administration & Defense; Compulsory Social Security sector's Net Profits/Revenue ratio is 0.63% in 2022, however, it records a loss of 11.23% next year.

Table 4. Revenue, Cost of Sales, Net Profits, and Ratios (TL)

	Net Profits/Revenue		**Net Profits 2023**	**Net Profits 2022**	**Cost of Sales 2023**	**Cost of Sales 2022**	**Revenue 2023**	**Revenue 2022**
	2023 %	**2022 %**	**TL (000,000)**	**TL (000,000)**	**TL (000,000)**	**TL (000,000)**	**TL (000,000)**	**TL (000,000)**
Accommodation & Food Service Activities	14.14%	12.86%	443,690	87,881	(2,546,581)	(523,098)	3,137,777	683,139
Administrative & Support Service Activities	4.07%	10.90%	249,415	283,492	(4,863,491)	(1,960,441)	6,123,742	2,600,578
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing	10.78%	3.73%	150,190	14,237	(1,160,896)	(332,762)	1,392,910	381,274
Construction	18.01%	9.56%	1,283,066	227,283	(5,970,623)	(2,024,077)	7,122,424	2,376,379
Culture, Arts, Ent., Recreation, Sports	75.13%	3.27%	418,713	2,369	(594,568)	(57,067)	557,353	72,439
Education	11.88%	1.66%	6,940	567	(46,883)	(29,515)	58,406	34,193
Electricity, Gas, Steam	10.86%	9.07%	569,437	227,642	(4,375,167)	(2,084,849)	5,243,116	2,508,849
Finance & Insurance Activities	4.50%	12.18%	548,028	1,018,365	(10,162,369)	(6,221,594)	12,167,299	8,364,130
Human Health & Social Service Activities	4.95%	9.65%	13,119	11,619	(237,910)	(102,451)	264,856	120,392
Information & Communication	18.69%	10.06%	243,544	57,140	(1,113,578)	(407,402)	1,302,775	567,763
Manufacturing	10.80%	10.22%	2,536,257	926,522	(18,792,061)	(7,328,728)	23,487,977	9,064,702
Mining & Quarrying	18.08%	32.89%	149,949	168,006	(591,076)	(311,985)	829,415	510,810
Other Service Activities	7.29%	4.58%	92,185	4,866	(1,102,845)	(82,639)	1,264,082	106,208
Professional, Scientific, & Technical Activities	7.87%	12.97%	422,275	416,538	(4,265,986)	(2,469,762)	5,365,604	3,211,009
Public Adm. & Def.; Comp. Social Security	-11.23%	0.63%	(87,688)	583	(770,556)	(80,339)	781,036	92,613
Real Estate Activities	27.69%	34.43%	292,589	134,035	(853,983)	(304,593)	1,056,562	389,254
Trade	4.87%	4.96%	1,177,103	487,347	(20,822,513)	(8,525,138)	24,178,504	9,819,493
Transportation & Storage	13.30%	5.56%	1,130,840	215,391	(7,040,198)	(3,368,997)	8,500,491	3,872,965
Water, Sewage, Waste	5.42%	7.08%	61,876	23,779	(916,194)	(267,666)	1,140,727	335,815
TOTAL OF 19 SECTORS	**9.33%**	**9.55%**	**9,701,528**	**4,307,662**	**(86,227,478)**	**(36,483,103)**	**103,975,056**	**45,112,005**

Source: Authors own based on POA data.

Overall looking shows that Net Profits/Revenue ratio is 9.33% and 9.55% in TL terms in two consequent years.

Table 5. Revenue, Cost of Sales, Net Profits, and Ratios (USD)

	Net Profits/Revenue		**Net Profits 2023**	**Net Profits 2022**	**Cost of Sales 2023**	**Cost of Sales 2022**	**Revenue 2023**	**Revenue 2022**
	2023 %	**2022 %**	**US Dollars (000,000)**	**US Dollars (000,000)**	**US Dollars (000,000)**	**US Dollars (000,000)**	**US Dollars (000,000)**	**US Dollars (000,000)**
Accommodation & Food Service Activities	7.63%	7.02%	17,946	5,399	(103,000)	(32,134)	126,912	41,965
Administrative & Support Service Activities	3.26%	8.16%	10,088	17,415	(196,711)	(120,430)	247,683	159,754
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing	7.91%	3.43%	6,075	875	(46,954)	(20,442)	56,338	23,422
Construction	11.53%	6.07%	51,895	13,962	(241,490)	(124,339)	288,076	145,981
Culture, Arts, Ent., Recreation, Sports	23.12%	0.92%	16,935	146	(24,048)	(3,506)	22,543	4,450
Education	7.74%	1.30%	281	35	(1,896)	(1,813)	2,362	2,100
Electricity, Gas, Steam	7.49%	8.61%	23,032	13,984	(176,960)	(128,073)	212,065	154,119
Finance & Insurance Activities	2.57%	7.19%	22,166	62,558	(411,031)	(382,194)	492,123	513,810
Human Health & Social Service Activities	1.28%	3.34%	531	714	(9,623)	(6,294)	10,712	7,396
Information & Communication	14.85%	8.58%	9,850	3,510	(45,040)	(25,027)	52,693	34,878
Manufacturing	9.27%	10.85%	102,582	56,916	(760,071)	(450,205)	950,003	556,847
Mining & Quarrying	8.51%	19.86%	6,065	10,321	(23,907)	(19,165)	33,547	31,379
Other Service Activities	9.99%	5.20%	3,729	299	(44,606)	(5,077)	51,128	6,524
Professional, Scientific, & Technical Activities	5.32%	10.19%	17,079	25,588	(172,544)	(151,718)	217,019	197,253
Public Adm. & Def.; Comp. Social Security	-8.74%	0.23%	(3,547)	36	(31,166)	(4,935)	31,590	5,689
Real Estate Activities	12.99%	15.54%	11,834	8,234	(34,541)	(18,711)	42,734	23,912
Trade	7.54%	9.25%	47,610	29,938	(842,195)	(523,701)	977,933	603,214
Transportation & Storage	10.24%	5.62%	45,738	13,232	(284,750)	(206,958)	343,814	237,917
Water, Sewage, Waste	7.10%	7.92%	2,503	1,461	(37,057)	(16,443)	46,138	20,629
TOTAL OF 19 SECTORS	**7.54%**	**8.43%**	**392,392**	**264,621**	**(3,487,588)**	**(2,241,165)**	**4,205,413**	**2,771,240**

Source: Authors own based on POA data.

However, Table 5 and 6 show the impact of foreign currency rates on the financial statements. Net Profits/Revenue fell to 7.54% and 8.43% respectably both for US Dollar and Euro.

Table 6. Revenue, Cost of Sales, Net Profits, and Ratios (Euro)

	Net Profits/Revenue		**Net Profits 2023**	**Net Profits 2022**	**Cost of Sales 2023**	**Cost of Sales 2022**	**Revenue 2023**	**Revenue 2022**
	2023 %	**2022 %**	**Euro (000,000)**	**Euro (000,000)**	**Euro (000,000)**	**Euro (000,000)**	**Euro (000,000)**	**Euro (000,000)**
Accommodation & Food Service Activities	7.63%	7.02%	16,453	5,008	(94,435)	(29,812)	116,359	38,933
Administrative & Support Service Activities	3.26%	8.16%	9,249	16,157	(180,354)	(111,729)	227,088	148,211
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing	7.91%	3.43%	5,570	811	(43,050)	(18,965)	51,653	21,729
Construction	11.53%	6.07%	47,580	12,953	(221,409)	(115,355)	264,122	135,433
Culture, Arts, Ent., Recreation, Sports	23.12%	0.92%	15,527	135	(22,048)	(3,252)	20,668	4,128
Education	7.74%	1.30%	257	32	(1,739)	(1,682)	2,166	1,949
Electricity, Gas, Steam	7.49%	8.61%	21,117	12,974	(162,245)	(118,819)	194,431	142,983
Finance & Insurance Activities	2.57%	7.19%	20,323	58,038	(376,853)	(354,578)	451,202	476,685
Human Health & Social Service Activities	1.28%	3.34%	486	662	(8,822)	(5,839)	9,822	6,861
Information & Communication	14.85%	8.58%	9,031	3,256	(41,295)	(23,218)	48,311	32,358
Manufacturing	9.27%	10.85%	94,052	52,804	(696,869)	(417,675)	871,008	516,611
Mining & Quarrying	8.51%	19.86%	5,561	9,575	(21,919)	(17,781)	30,757	29,112
Other Service Activities	9.99%	5.20%	3,419	277	(40,897)	(4,710)	46,876	6,053
Professional, Scientific, & Technical Activities	5.32%	10.19%	15,659	23,739	(158,196)	(140,756)	198,973	183,000
Public Adm. & Def.; Comp. Social Security	-8.74%	0.23%	(3,252)	33	(28,575)	(4,579)	28,963	5,278
Real Estate Activities	12.99%	15.54%	10,850	7,639	(31,668)	(17,359)	39,181	22,184
Trade	7.54%	9.25%	43,651	27,775	(772,164)	(485,861)	896,615	559,628
Transportation & Storage	10.24%	5.62%	41,935	12,275	(261,073)	(192,004)	315,225	220,726
Water, Sewage, Waste	7.10%	7.92%	2,295	1,355	(33,975)	(15,255)	42,302	19,139
TOTAL OF 19 SECTORS	**7.54%**	**8.43%**	**359,763**	**245,500**	**(3,197,586)**	**(2,079,228)**	**3,855,721**	**2,571,002**

Source: Authors own based on POA data.

This section tried to show whether there are any changes regarding the financial statements of 19 sectors. The next one will take a closer look on the ratios generated by POA on the aggregated financial statements of entities classified under 19 sectors. The main aim of this section is as much as the same as the previous one.

THE RATIOS OF THE SECTORS IN TÜRKIYE BEFORE AND AFTER THE 2023 TÜRKIYE EARTHQUAKE

If the 2023 Türkiye Earthquake also shook the financial structure of the entities specifically in the earthquake areas, but not limited to them, it will also have its traces on the financial ratios. With the help of the POA ready-made ratios regarding profitability, turnover, liquidity, and financial structure; further analyses are conducted.

Profitability Analysis

For profitability analyses mainly return on equity, return on assets, gross margin and profit margin are used along with some other ratios. The formulas of ratios can be found in the metadata file of POA. These ratios are given in meaningful groups, so that all sectors are seen side by side.

Table 7. Return on Equity and Return on Assets 2022–2023

	Return on Equity		**Return on Assets**	
	2023	**2022**	**2023**	**2022**
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing	0.13	0.09	0.08	0.04
Mining & Quarrying	0.16	0.51	0.10	0.27
Manufacturing	0.19	0.32	0.10	0.13
Electricity, Gas, Steam	0.16	0.29	0.08	0.10
Water, Sewage, Waste	0.18	0.32	0.07	0.10
Construction	0.27	0.17	0.13	0.06
Trade	0.18	0.34	0.08	0.11
Transportation & Storage	0.25	0.17	0.12	0.06
Accommodation & Food Service Activities	0.16	0.22	0.09	0.09
Information & Communication	-0.76	0.39	0.15	0.11
Finance & Insurance Activities	0.13	0.46	0.03	0.11
Real Estate Activities	0.25	0.48	0.14	0.20
Professional, Scientific, & Technical Activities	0.11	0.29	0.06	0.13
Administrative & Support Service Activities	0.08	0.36	0.03	0.10
Public Administration & Defense; Compulsory Social Security	-0.18	0.01	-0.09	0.01
Education	0.23	0.17	0.09	0.05
Human Health & Social Service Activities	0.02	0.07	0.01	0.04
Culture, Arts, Entertainment, Recreation, Sports	-2.81	0.04	0.24	0.01
Other Service Activities	0.26	0.22	0.11	0.06

Source: Authors own based on POA data.

In 2023 the average of return on equity for 22 sectors POA analyzes is 0.22—0.37 in 2022, and return on assets is 0.08—0.11 in 2022. As seen from Table 7, Mining & Quarrying had return on equity 0.51 in 2022, thus ranked one, which dropped to 0.16 next year. The sector's return on assets also dropped from 0.27 to 0.10. Real Estate Activities sector that ranked second then had 0.48 return on equity in 2022 and 0.25 next year. Finance & Insurance Activities sector, third ranking before 2023 Türkiye Earthquake, also displayed decrease from 0.39 to 0.13. The ratio became negative for Information & Communication sector, Culture, Arts, Entertainment, Recreation, Sports sector, and Public Administration & Defense; Compulsory Social Security sector in 2023. Construction sector's return on equity rose to 0.27 from 0.17; similarly did Transportation & Storage and Education sectors.

Table 8. Profit before Financing and Taxes/Average Assets, Profit Margin, and Gross Margin 2022–2023

	Profit Before Financing and Taxes/Average Assets		**Profit Margin**		**Gross Margin**	
	2023	**2022**	**2023**	**2022**	**2023**	**2022**
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing	0.16	0.11	0.11	0.04	0.17	0.14
Mining & Quarrying	0.14	0.28	0.18	0.34	0.29	0.40
Manufacturing	0.17	0.22	0.11	0.10	0.20	0.18
Electricity, Gas, Steam	0.14	0.21	0.11	0.09	0.17	0.18
Water, Sewage, Waste	0.17	0.23	0.05	0.07	0.20	0.21
Construction	0.19	0.14	0.18	0.08	0.16	0.14
Trade	0.18	0.21	0.05	0.05	0.14	0.14
Transportation & Storage	0.19	0.13	0.13	0.06	0.17	0.15
Accommodation & Food Service Activities	0.16	0.19	0.14	0.13	0.19	0.23
Information & Communication	0.28	0.22	0.19	0.10	0.14	0.29
Finance & Insurance Activities	0.06	0.17	0.05	0.13	0.12	0.19
Real Estate Activities	0.22	0.33	0.28	0.36	0.19	0.23
Professional, Scientific, & Technical Activities	0.15	0.22	0.08	0.13	0.20	0.22
Administrative & Support Service Activities	0.09	0.17	0.04	0.12	0.18	0.24
Public Adm. & Def.; Compulsory Social Security	-0.06	0.03	-0.11	0.01	0.01	0.14
Education	0.12	0.10	0.12	0.04	0.20	0.17
Human Health & Social Service Activities	-0.03	0.08	0.05	0.10	0.10	0.14
Culture, Arts, Entertainment, Recreation, Sports	0.34	0.08	0.75	0.04	-0.07	0.22
Other Service Activities	0.19	0.12	0.07	0.05	0.13	0.22

Source: Authors own based on POA data.

As followed from Table 8, Trade sector kept its gross margin by 0.14, where Manufacturing sector, Construction sector, Transportation & Storage sector, Education sector, and Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing sectors witnessed and increase by 0.02–0.03 points. All the rest lived drops in their Gross Margins. The highest decrease whereas lived by the Culture, Arts, Entertainment, Recreation, Sports sector. In fact this is very understandable. Following the powerful earthquakes, the Süper Lig teams Hatayspor and Gaziantep FK, along with the 1st League representative Yeni Malatyaspor and Adanaspor, decided to withdraw from the league. The withdrawal requests of Adıyaman FK and Diyarbekirspor, competing in the TFF 2nd League, as well as the TFF 3rd League teams Yardımcıoğlu Sigorta Kahramanmaraşspor, Malatya Arguvanspor, and Osmaniyespor, were also approved (https://tr.euronews.com, 14.02.2023). The case of football reflects the situation of all sports clubs. The mourning period accompanied by the search for the missing, voluntary involvement of society, and intercity migration and mobility shaped that period. Contrary to gross margin outlook, Culture, Arts, Entertainment, Recreation, Sports sector displays an increase in the Profit before Financing and Taxes/Average Assets ratio—from 0.08 to 0.34 in 2023. A careful look into the profit and loss statement it is seen Net Monetary Position Gains (Losses)—from zero to 659,769 million TL—and Other Income—from 9,135 million TL to 204,853 million TL— items help to reverse the outlook.

Information & Communication sector, Other Service Activities sector, Construction Transportation & Storage sector, Education sector, and Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing sector are the other sectors that have increased their Profit before Financing and Taxes/Average Assets ratio as did Culture, Arts, Entertainment, Recreation, Sports sector. All the rest lived drops in this ratio.

Turnover Analysis

Even though there are many turnover ratios; Inventory Duration, Receivables Collection Period, Trade Payable Payment Period, and Cash Conversion Cycle all in days are focused in this study. Especially Cash Conversion Cycle (CCC) deserves more attention. Though CCC is explained under this heading just to be consistent with the POA data, it is to be considered as an valuable liquidity measurement. The

formula is adjusted in such a way, so it also takes into account the number of days it takes for receivables to turn into cash after a sale. Besides, it also takes into account the time it takes for the business to pay its trade payables (Roth, 2009). The shorter the cycle, the more liquid the firm's working capital position (Kesimli, 2021: 82). The hypothesis here is that 2023 Türkiye Earthquake might have negatively affected CCC and the other turnover ratios. Table 9 illustrates the periods in days.

Table 9. Turnovers in Days 2022–2023

	Inventory Duration (Days)		**Receivables Collection Period (Days)**		**Trade Payable Payment Period (Days)**		**Cash Conversion Cycle (Days)**	
	2023	**2022**	**2023**	**2022**	**2023**	**2022**	**2023**	**2022**
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing	76.04	54.56	44.35	47.10	49.12	43.50	71.27	58.16
Mining & Quarrying	67.84	59.16	51.92	40.33	79.48	52.71	40.28	46.78
Manufacturing	84.49	64.49	63.26	53.13	57.97	49.51	89.78	68.11
Electricity, Gas, Steam	32.62	16.21	65.88	57.39	61.62	47.35	36.88	26.25
Water, Sewage, Waste	92.41	66.12	54.64	56.24	65.80	61.50	81.25	60.86
Construction	85.48	62.50	89.68	82.39	60.79	69.18	114.37	75.71
Trade	56.50	41.38	50.00	38.46	45.51	44.66	60.99	35.18
Transportation & Storage	54.15	41.95	65.41	60.93	49.82	51.20	69.74	51.68
Accommodation & Food Service Activities	47.53	41.10	47.59	49.06	75.75	58.81	19.37	31.35
Information & Communication	23.00	21.90	83.91	63.81	78.43	83.97	28.48	1.74
Finance & Insurance Activities	27.14	27.69	323.01	35.33	26.85	32.52	323.30	30.50
Real Estate Activities	52.29	56.68	45.97	51.63	53.56	57.69	44.70	50.62
Professional, Scientific, & Technical Activities	62.29	51.05	60.03	50.76	68.77	56.17	53.55	45.64
Administrative & Support Service Activities	43.25	35.23	48.34	46.56	50.56	51.75	41.03	30.04
Public Adm. & Def.; Comp.Social Security	23.10	80.93	105.80	157.33	17.74	75.82	111.16	162.44
Education	51.05	39.37	56.41	55.56	61.66	39.44	45.80	55.49
Human Health & Social Service Activities	34.63	32.05	193.12	331.82	72.41	77.23	155.34	286.64
Culture, Arts, Entertainment, Recreation, Sports	12.17	44.62	138.78	88.38	58.31	84.83	92.64	48.17
Other Service Activities	34.30	37.86	39.67	66.00	46.97	74.39	27.00	29.47

Source: Authors own based on POA data.

In general CCC worsened following the earthquake. Finance & Insurance Activities sector had 30.04 days CCC in 2022, which skyrocketed to 323.30 days. Construction sector lived 38.66 days extension. Trade sector had 35.18 days before the event and its CCC has extended to 60.99 days. Accommodation & Food Service Activities sector, Mining & Quarrying sector, Real Estate Activities sector, Public Administration & Defense; Compulsory Social Security sector, Education sector and Human Health & Social Service Activities sector are the ones that bettered their CCC. From here it can be concluded that 2023 Türkiye Earthquake negatively impacted most of the sectors.

Trade Payable Payment Period in days is extended for nine sectors and shortened for ten. Construction sector, Transportation & Storage sector, Information & Communication sector, Finance & Insurance Activities sector, Real Estate Activities sector, Administrative & Support Service Activities sector, Public Administration & Defense; Compulsory Social Security sector, Human Health & Social Service Activities sector, Culture, Arts, Entertainment, Recreation, Sports sector, and Other Service Activities sector started paying in shorter periods. For the rest the payable payment period is extended. Mining & Quarrying sector with 26.77 days extension and Education sector with 22.22 days are the first and second on top of the list.

As seen from Table 9, Receivables Collection Period in days shortened for seven sectors. The rest lived an extension. Even though not at the same rate there are sectors, which had CCC shortened while Receivables Collection Period shortened as well. These are Accommodation & Food Service Activities sector, Real Estate Activities sector, Public Administration & Defense; Compulsory Social Security sector, Human Health & Social Service Activities sector, and Other Service Activities sector.

Inventory Duration in days shortened for five sectors, and extended for the rest. The two sectors for which it is natural to carry inventories—Manufacturing and Trade sectors—witnessed extensions by 20 days and 15.12 days respectively.

Liquidity Analysis

Current Ratio, Acid-Test Ratio, Cash Ratio, and Stock Dependency Ratio are calculated by POA and further analyzed in this research. Acid-Test Ratio is the one that better evaluates the liquidity of different sectors, because it excludes the inventory, so that service producing sectors are enabled to be compared to those that have tangible inventory. As Bierman and Drebin states it is calculated by dividing the value obtained by subtracting from current assets those whose quality cannot be determined in a balance sheet analysis by short-term liabilities. In other words, it excludes non-monetary values from the calculation (1978: 361). Therefore, it will be focused on.

Table 10. Liquidity Ratios 2022–2023

	Current Ratio		**Acid-Test Ratio**		**Cash Ratio**		**Stock Dependency Ratio**	
	2023	**2022**	**2023**	**2022**	**2023**	**2022**	**2023**	**2022**
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing	1.90	1.28	0.77	0.60	0.21	0.22	0.96	2.11
Mining & Quarrying	1.19	1.45	0.72	0.95	0.35	0.45	2.02	1.63
Manufacturing	1.39	1.37	0.71	0.77	0.21	0.27	1.43	1.55
Electricity, Gas, Steam	1.12	1.10	0.77	0.85	0.30	0.27	3.45	5.32
Water, Sewage, Waste	1.38	1.24	0.72	0.78	0.24	0.35	1.29	1.65
Construction	1.32	1.32	0.76	0.77	0.20	0.25	2.10	2.44
Trade	1.39	1.27	0.76	0.75	0.21	0.26	1.45	1.79
Transportation & Storage	1.26	1.36	0.75	0.87	0.23	0.32	2.02	1.96
Accommodation & Food Service Activities	1.17	1.02	0.77	0.64	0.34	0.25	2.85	3.64
Information & Communication	1.22	1.17	0.94	0.95	0.38	0.47	4.68	4.51
Finance & Insurance Activities	1.00	0.93	0.91	0.74	0.15	0.31	15.95	6.50
Real Estate Activities	1.38	1.22	0.92	0.85	0.54	0.51	1.58	1.98
Professional, Scientific, & Technical Activities	1.19	1.28	0.70	0.79	0.33	0.40	2.02	1.84
Administrative & Support Service Activities	1.06	1.02	0.76	0.76	0.30	0.32	3.82	5.01
Public Adm. & Def.; Comp. Social Security	1.13	1.37	0.84	0.72	0.08	0.28	5.18	2.14
Education	0.99	1.03	0.75	0.70	0.50	0.34	3.14	3.06
Human Health & Social Service Activities	1.29	1.30	0.82	0.85	0.32	0.36	3.18	3.85
Culture, Arts, Entertainment, Recreation, Sports	1.00	0.79	0.70	0.57	0.24	0.18	15.20	7.19
Other Service Activities	1.35	1.11	0.83	0.73	0.34	0.19	1.71	2.89

Source: Authors own based on POA data.

For 22 sectors POA calculated Current Ratio as 1.17 in 2023 and 1.14 in 2022, Acid-Test Ratio as 0.82 in 2023 and 0.77 in 2022, Cash Ratio as 0.18 in 2023 and 0.30 in 2023, and Stock Dependency Ratio as 3.13 in 2023 and 2.78 in 2022. Stock Dependency Ratio is calculated by subtracting cash and the like and financial investments from short-term liabilities; then dividing it to the inventory. From these figures, it is understood that the Current Ratio and Acid-Test Ratio improved; Cash Ratio worsened and Stock Dependency increased. Table 10 displays that Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing sector, Accommodation and Food Service Activities sector, Finance and Insurance Activities sector, Real Estate Activities sector, Public Administration and Defense; Compulsory Social Security sector, Culture, Arts, Entertainment, Recreation, Sports sector, and Other Service Activities sector bettered their Acid-Test Ratio. Manufacturing sector lived 0.06 point decrease, Trade sector almost kept its rate at 0.75–0.76. The heaviest decrease is lived by Mining and Quarrying sector by 0.23 points.

Financial Structure

POA calculates (1) Total Liabilities/Equity Ratio, (2) Total Liabilities/Total Assets Ratio, (3) Long-Term Liabilities/Total Assets Ratio, (4) Short-Term Liabilities/Total Liabilities, (5) Total

Liabilities/Equity Ratio, (6) Total Liabilities/Total Assets Ratio, (7) Financing Expense Coverage Ratio, (8) Cash Flows from Operating Activities/Total Liabilities Ratio, (9) Equity/Total Assets Ratio . Here, the ones thought to be emphasized more, are given in Table 11.

Table 11. Financial Structure Ratios 2022–2023

	T.Liabilities/ Equity Ratio		**T.Liabilities/ T. Assets Ratio**		**Financing Expense Coverage Ratio**		**Cash Flows from Op. Activities/ T.Liabilities Ratio**		**Equity/ T. Assets Ratio**	
	2023	**2022**	**2023**	**2022**	**2023**	**2022**	**2023**	**2022**	**2023**	**2022**
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing	0.65	1.20	0.39	0.55	1.71	1.70	0.25	**-0.08**	0.61	0.45
Mining & Quarrying	0.61	0.82	0.38	0.45	2.52	4.79	0.66	0.93	0.62	0.55
Manufacturing	0.76	1.40	0.43	0.58	2.53	2.58	0.45	0.20	0.57	0.42
Electricity, Gas, Steam	0.93	1.65	0.48	0.62	1.48	1.64	0.27	0.32	0.52	0.38
Water, Sewage, Waste	1.41	2.23	0.58	0.69	1.70	1.74	0.15	0.22	0.42	0.31
Construction	1.07	1.62	0.52	0.62	2.62	1.90	0.36	0.14	0.48	0.38
Trade	1.16	1.93	0.54	0.66	2.15	2.60	0.18	0.26	0.46	0.34
Transportation & Storage	1.06	1.54	0.51	0.61	2.97	2.12	0.59	0.27	0.49	0.39
Accommodation & Food Service Act.	0.80	1.32	0.45	0.57	2.11	2.02	0.38	0.48	0.55	0.43
Information & Communication	**-9.44**	2.53	1.12	0.72	2.10	1.57	0.47	0.45	**-0.12**	0.28
Finance & Insurance Activities	3.35	2.72	0.77	0.73	2.08	3.42	0.07	0.22	0.23	0.27
Real Estate Activities	0.68	1.27	0.40	0.56	2.45	3.03	0.35	0.38	0.60	0.44
Prof., Scientific, & Technical Activities	0.92	1.18	0.48	0.54	1.58	2.31	0.23	0.29	0.52	0.46
Administrative & Support Service Activities	1.43	2.41	0.59	0.71	1.57	2.72	0.26	0.34	0.41	0.29
Public Adm. & Def.; Comp.Social Security	0.95	0.64	0.49	0.39	**-3.93**	0.85	**-2.65**	**-0.12**	0.51	0.61
Education	1.65	2.58	0.62	0.72	3.48	2.82	1.39	0.60	0.38	0.28
Human Health & Social Service Activities	0.51	0.99	0.34	0.50	**-0.60**	1.62	**-0.43**	0.09	0.66	0.50
Culture, Arts, Ent., Recreation, Sports	25.09	1.69	0.96	0.63	4.44	1.11	0.18	1.35	0.04	0.37
Other Service Activities	1.20	2.31	0.55	0.70	3.30	2.37	0.40	0.28	0.45	0.30

Source: Authors own based on POA data.

The Liabilities to Equity Ratio is the financial metric assessing an entity's financial leverage. It compares the entity's total liabilities to its shareholders equity. It serves as an indicator of how a company is financing its operations and growth; through debt or by own funds, namely the equity. This ratio is commonly used by investors, financial analysts, and creditors to measure an entity's risk, financial stability, and efficiency of its financial structure. Higher ratios indicate that entities rely more on debt to finance their operations. This can be riskier, especially during crises times. This does not mean that the reverse is highly desirable, because a lower ratio may suggest the entity is less risky, it is highly possible that the management is not taking full advantage of the growth opportunities that can be provided by debt (www.simfin.com, 2025). The financial structure ratios for 22 sectors as calculated by POA are: (1) Total Liabilities/Equity Ratio—1.4, (2) Total Liabilities/Total Assets Ratio—0.58 (3) Long-Term Liabilities/Total Assets Ratio—0.16, (4) Short-Term Liabilities/Total Liabilities—0.73, (5) Total Liabilities/Equity Ratio—0.73, (6) Total Liabilities/Total Assets Ratio—0.30, (7) Financing Expense Coverage Ratio—2.5, (8) Cash Flows from Operating Activities/Total Liabilities Ratio—0.22, and (9) Equity/Total Assets Ratio—0.42. As seen from Table 11, Information & Communication sector has a negative value. This sector's financial statements show that its equity is negative causing the ratio to become negative as well. Culture, Arts, Entertainment, Recreation, Sports sector has also come back from the brink of negative equity value, since it has written a respectively big Previous Years' Losses. This situation caused its ratio to jump to a two digit value. Further analyses show that all ratios that have a numerator related to liability have decreased, meaning that almost all sectors tightened the reins following the 2023 Türkiye Earthquake. Financing Expense Coverage Ratio represents the number of times a company can successfully pay its obligations with its earnings. A low ratio may signal that the

company has high debt expenses with minimal capital. For example, when a company's interest coverage ratio is 1.5 or lower, it can only cover its obligations a maximum of one and a half times. Its ability to meet interest expenses may be questionable in the long run (Hayes, 2025). As stated by Hayes, companies need earnings to cover interest payments and survive unforeseeable financial hardships. This is exactly what happens at times of crises, whether it is triggered by a natural disaster, or a political crisis. The ability to meet the interest obligations is an aspect of an entity's solvency and a factor in the return for shareholders. (Hayes, 2025). Table 11 displays the ratios and it is seen that there were two sectors with a coverage below 1.5 in 2022, and letting aside the negative coverage ratios, the minimum coverage ratio is 1.48 in 2023.

Cash Flows from Operating Activities/Current Liabilities Ratio is also called Operating Cash Flow Ratio.

Table 12. Cash Flows from Operating Activities/Current Liabilities Ratio

	Short-Term Liabilities/T. Liabilities		**1/(Short-Term Liabilities/Total Liabilities)**		**Cash Flows from Operating Activities/Total Liabilities Ratio**		**Cash Flows from Operating Activities/Current Liabilities Ratio**	
	2023	**2022**	**2023**	**2022**	**2023**	**2022**	**2023**	**2022**
Education	0.81	0.81	1.23	1.23	1.39	0.60	1.72	0.74
Information & Communication	0.33	0.58	3.03	1.72	0.47	0.45	1.42	0.78
Mining & Quarrying	0.57	0.52	1.75	1.92	0.66	0.93	1.16	1.79
Transportation & Storage	0.53	0.48	1.89	2.08	0.59	0.27	1.11	0.56
Culture, Arts, Ent., Recreation, Sports	0.24	0.45	4.17	2.22	0.18	1.35	0.75	3.00
Real Estate Activities	0.48	0.45	2.08	2.22	0.35	0.38	0.73	0.84
Accommodation & Food Service Activities	0.59	0.52	1.69	1.92	0.38	0.48	0.64	0.92
Manufacturing	0.71	0.72	1.41	1.39	0.45	0.20	0.63	0.28
Other Service Activities	0.66	0.60	1.52	1.67	0.40	0.28	0.61	0.47
Construction	0.64	0.61	1.56	1.64	0.36	0.14	0.56	0.23
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing	0.46	0.73	2.17	1.37	0.25	-0.08	0.54	-0.11
Electricity, Gas, Steam	0.52	0.51	1.92	1.96	0.27	0.32	0.52	0.63
Professional, Scientific, & Technical Act.	0.61	0.61	1.64	1.64	0.23	0.29	0.38	0.48
Administrative & Support Service Activities	0.74	0.73	1.35	1.37	0.26	0.34	0.35	0.47
Trade	0.76	0.79	1.32	1.27	0.18	0.26	0.24	0.33
Water, Sewage, Waste	0.76	0.73	1.32	1.37	0.15	0.22	0.20	0.30
Finance & Insurance Activities	0.89	0.76	1.12	1.32	0.07	0.22	0.08	0.29
Human Health & Social Service Activities	0.36	0.34	2.78	2.94	-0.43	0.09	-1.19	0.26
Public Adm. & Def.; Comp. Social Security	0.63	0.66	1.59	1.52	-2.65	-0.12	-4.21	-0.18

Source: Authors own based on POA data.

Operating cash flow (OCF) reflects the amount of cash that a business produces solely from its core business operations. It is important for the investors, as it provides vital information about the health and value of a company. A failure in achieving a positive OCF may mean that the company cannot remain solvent in the long term. A company with a negative OCF needs to generate additional positive cash flow from either financing or investment activities (CFI Team, 2025). A ratio greater that 1.0 is preferred. POA does not calculate OCF, instead it calculates Cash Flows from Operating Activities/Total Liabilities Ratio. With the help of two ratios calculated by POA, Cash Flows from Operating Activities/Current Liabilities Ratio can be calculated. By reversing Short-Term Liabilities/Total Liabilities by multiplying it with 1/x and multiplying it with Cash Flows from Operating Activities/Total Liabilities Ratio, we get the ratio wanted. Table 13 displays these calculations. The table is sorted according to the far right column that displays the wanted ratio. As seen from the table, in 2023 there are only four sectors that have an Operating Cash Flow Ratio above one, and there were two in 2022.

Information and Communication sector, Education sector, Transportation and Storage sector, Other Service Activities sector, Manufacturing sector, Construction sector, and Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing sector have improved their OCF Ratio. The remaining 12 sectors' ratios worsened.

CONCLUSIONS

Even though there is need for deeper analyses, here is the outlook of the sectors evaluated in this study. The first thing that catches the eye is the number of companies in the selected year and period. There were 19,135 entities in 2022 that have their financial statements externally audited, and it dropped to 18,861 following year. Assuming this decrease a result of the earthquake would be a biased one. Another perspective to the matter is provided by the changes in the assets and compositions of them for the sectors studied here. The aggregate sum of total assets of 19 sectors rose to 128,710,747TL from 51,099,624TL; the change is 151.88%. Manufacturing sector with 5,474 entities in 2023 own 21.25% of total assets of 19 sectors. Finance & Insurance Activities, on the other hand, own 16.54% of total assets with 2.72% of entities in number. The least significant sector seems to be the Education sector—78 entities, 0.07% of total assets. Down from 5,699 entities in 2022 to 5,474 in 2023, manufacturing entities' financial statement tables show that inventory rose by 185.25%, Investment Purpose Properties rose by 483.96%, and Tangible Fixed Assets rose by 379.56%—they compose 43.93% of Total Assets in 2023 and 29.33% in 2022.

Profitability Analysis In 2023 the average of return on equity for 22 sectors POA analyzes is 0.22—0.37 in 2022, and return on assets is 0.08—0.11 in 2022. Mining & Quarrying sector had return on equity 0.51 in 2022, which dropped to 0.16 next year. The sector's return on assets also dropped from 0.27 to 0.10. Real Estate Activities sector had 0.48 return on equity in 2022 and 0.25 next year. Finance & Insurance Activities sector, also displayed decrease from 0.39 to 0.13. The ratio became negative for Information & Communication sector, Culture, Arts, Entertainment, Recreation, Sports sector, and Public Administration & Defense; Compulsory Social Security sector in 2023. Construction sector's return on equity rose to 0.27 from 0.17; similarly did Transportation & Storage and Education sectors. Trade sector kept its gross margin by 0.14, where Manufacturing sector, Construction sector, Transportation & Storage sector, Education sector, and Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing sectors witnessed and increase by 0.02–0.03 points. All the rest lived drops in their Gross Margins. The highest decrease whereas lived by the Culture, Arts, Entertainment, Recreation, Sports sector. Contrary to gross margin outlook, Culture, Arts, Entertainment, Recreation, Sports sector displays an increase in the Profit before Financing and Taxes/Average Assets ratio—from 0.08 to 0.34 in 2023. Information & Communication sector, Other Service Activities sector, Construction Transportation & Storage sector, Education sector, and Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing sector are the other sectors that have increased their Profit before Financing and Taxes/Average Assets ratio as did Culture, Arts, Entertainment, Recreation, Sports sector. All the rest lived drops in this ratio. These are mixed signals, to be treated more carefully for not concluding wrongly.

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In the light of all analyses conducted in this research it is to be concluded that there are some both positive and negative impacts of 2023 Türkiye Earthquake. Not all sectors have the same trends, which disables drawing stereotypical conclusions. The readiness of Turkish economy for several threats from many directions, the crises lived in the past, having been in a recovery period in the aftermath of Covid-19 Pandemic, precautions taken by the government, foreign aids following the earthquake, social awareness, bettered managerial abilities, and many other factors not mentioned here might have provided resistance to 2023 Türkiye Earthquake. However, it would be more appropriate to analyze data spanning longer periods of time to achieve more accurate results. Thus, in the future, the publication of new data is to be followed, and continuous analyses will be done.

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ENHANCING FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE OF QUOTED FIRMS IN NIGERIA THROUGH REMUNERATION COMMITTEE ATTRIBUTES

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Abstract

The high remuneration received by directors of corporate bodies have been questioned as to if such remuneration is justified by the underlying economic performance of the company in question. As a result, remuneration committee was established to harmonize the take home of directors in order to improve the profitability of firms in Nigeria. In line with the above assertion, this study examined how remuneration committee attributes can enhance performance of selected non-financial firms in Nigeria. The study adopted ex-post facto and cross sectional research design. The study relies on secondary data derived from various non-financial firms' financial statements to determine and measure the attributes of remuneration committee members, applying an all-inclusive multivariate analysis. Samples of 30 selected non-financial firms quoted in Nigeria Exchange limited were used for the period of twelve years spanning 2013 to 2024. Five (5) specific objectives were formulated and its hypothesis were subjected to some preliminary data tests such as descriptive statistics, Pearson correlation analysis and Variance Inflation Factor. The formulated hypotheses were tested and analyzed using panel regression analysis. The empirical analyses using a total of 360 firm year observations showed that remuneration committee independence and expertise documented a positive and significant effect on profitability of quoted non-financial firms in Nigeria which was statistically significant at 5% level of significance respectively while remuneration committee size and gender diversity showed a negative but non-significant effect on profitability of quoted firms in Nigeria. Following on the significant findings above, the study recommended among other things that non-financial firms' management should ensure that their remuneration committee is constituted with expert and independent members to give a seasoned advice without bias on ways to improve firm profitability. This will promote transparency and accountability and enable the remuneration committee be independent and make quality decision that will boost profit without unnecessary interference.

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IMPROVING E-TRANSPORTATION ACCESSIBILITY FOR VISUALLY IMPAIRED USERS

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In today's rapidly evolving digital landscape, integrating computer science and information systems is crucial for developing technologies that enhance user experiences, particularly for individuals with visual impairments. Despite the growing adoption of e-transportation services worldwide, many applications fail to adequately address the specific needs of this user group, significantly limiting their independence and confidence in accessing these services. This study investigates the impact of visual design, navigation design, and information design on the competitive advantage of e-transportation mobile applications. A comprehensive survey involving 400 visually impaired users in Jordan revealed that these design elements substantially influence the market positioning and perceived effectiveness of service providers. The research is organized into two main sections: the first identifies the challenges, preferences, and requirements of visually impaired users, while the second leverages these insights to develop an accessible, intuitive, and user-friendly e-transportation application. The findings emphasize that incorporating well-structured interfaces, interactive voice features, and clear navigational cues not only enhances accessibility but also improves overall user satisfaction and loyalty. Furthermore, these design adaptations provide e-transportation companies with a measurable competitive edge in the digital mobility market. The study concludes that prioritizing design improvements tailored to the unique needs of visually impaired users is essential for creating inclusive, effective applications that foster independence, empower users, and elevate the overall quality of the digital transportation experience.

Keywords: E-Transportation; Accessibility; Visually Impaired Users; User-Centered Design; Mobile Application Competitiveness

PELVIC SCHWANNOMA MIMICKING AN ADNEXAL MASS: A CASE REPORT

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ABSTRACT

Introduction: Schwannomas are benign neurogenic tumors arising from Schwann cells of peripheral, cranial, or sympathetic nerve sheaths. They are encapsulated, slow-growing, and rarely undergo malignant transformation. While most commonly found in the head, neck, and extremities, retroperitoneal schwannomas are rare (~1%), with pelvic localization being particularly uncommon. Their nonspecific presentation and variable imaging findings often complicate preoperative diagnosis, which ultimately relies on histopathological confirmation.

Case Presentation: A 55-year-old multiparous, postmenopausal woman presented with left inguinal pain. Physical examination revealed a firm, painless, fixed mass in the left lower quadrant. Vital signs and laboratory parameters, including CRP, were normal. Ultrasonography demonstrated a well-circumscribed 85 × 33 mm solid adnexal mass with septations and echogenic areas. MRI revealed an 8 × 4 cm bilobed, well-defined lesion beneath the anterior abdominal wall fascia, showing solid and cystic components with heterogeneous enhancement. Diagnostic laparoscopy revealed normal uterus and adnexa, but identified a semi-mobile, encapsulated retroperitoneal mass in the left lower quadrant. The lesion was excised completely. Histopathology confirmed a benign schwannoma.

Discussion: Retroperitoneal schwannomas are rare, often diagnosed incidentally due to their indolent growth and ability to remain asymptomatic until large. They are typically solitary, encapsulated, and do not infiltrate adjacent tissues, allowing for complete laparoscopic resection. Incomplete excision, however, may lead to recurrence rates of ~10%. Even after complete resection, long-term follow-up is recommended because of the small risk of recurrence or malignant transformation.

Conclusion: Pelvic schwannomas are rare tumors that can mimic adnexal masses. Imaging is nonspecific, making histopathology essential for diagnosis. Complete surgical excision remains the gold standard treatment, and annual follow-up is advised given recurrence risk. Prognosis is generally favorable following complete resection.

Key Words: Pelvic schwannoma; adnexal mass; retroperitoneal tumor.

STRENGTHENING OF REINFORCED CONCRETE BEAM USING TEXTILE REINFORCEMENT MORTAR

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Introduction and Purpose:

Reinforced concrete (RC) beams frequently require strengthening due to increased service loads, aging, and environmental deterioration. Conventional retrofitting methods such as Fiber Reinforced Polymers (FRP) and steel jacketing are limited by corrosion, fire resistance, and poor substrate compatibility. Textile Reinforced Mortar (TRM) has emerged as a sustainable solution, and its performance can be further enhanced with supplementary cementitious binders. The objective of this study was to evaluate the effectiveness of TRM with **rice husk ash (RHA) and nano-silica modified binder** in improving the flexural and shear performance of RC beams.

Materials and Methods:

RC beams were retrofitted with carbon and basalt textile fabrics embedded in an inorganic mortar matrix. Ordinary Portland Cement (OPC) was partially replaced with **15% RHA** and **2% Nano-Silica** to refine pore structure, increase early-age strength, and enhance textile–matrix adhesion. Performance parameters including flexural load capacity, stiffness, crack initiation, and energy dissipation were experimentally evaluated and compared with unstrengthened beams.

Results:

Beams strengthened with TRM using the modified binder exhibited up to **54% higher flexural load capacity**, **42% increase in stiffness**, and delayed crack initiation compared to control specimens. Enhanced deformation capacity, improved energy dissipation, and better durability against aggressive environments were also observed.

Discussion and Conclusion:

The study demonstrates that TRM, when combined with sustainable binders such as RHA and nano-silica, provides superior strengthening performance over conventional OPC-based mortars. This approach not only improves mechanical efficiency and crack control but also promotes eco-friendly retrofitting, establishing TRM as a cost-effective and durable solution for RC beam rehabilitation.

Key Words: Reinforced concrete beams; Textile Reinforced Mortar (TRM); Rice Husk Ash (RHA); Nano-silica; Flexural strengthening; Structural rehabilitation

SUSTAINABLE MARKETING: A BIBLIOMETRIC ANALYSIS WITH VOSVIEWER

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ABSTRACT

Introduction and Purpose: The concept of sustainability has been shaping marketing, as it has all other fields, in recent years. The number of studies conducted in this area is steadily increasing. The aim of this study is to examine research on sustainable marketing and uncover trends and developments in this field.

Materials and Methods: Bibliometric data from Scopus and Web of Science databases were used to examine this development in sustainability. Data were analyzed using Microsoft Excel and VOSviewer. The study examined 382 studies published between 2015 and 2025.

Results: The study results indicate a gradual increase in the field of sustainable marketing, particularly significant over the last five years. The top three journals publishing sustainability studies are Sustainability, Journal of Cleaner Production, Journal of Retailing, and Consumer Services. The countries that do the most research on this subject are China, USA and India. The three-factor analysis revealed the most frequently used keywords as sustainability, green marketing, environmental marketing, sustainable tourism, climate change, corporate social responsibility, circular economy, green innovation, organic food, green labeling, recycling, and greenwashing. Furthermore, environmental concern, performance, trust, innovation, environmental responsibility, corporate responsibility, social norms, attitude, willingness to pay, loyalty, purchase intention, and purchasing behavior are prominent variables within sustainable marketing.

Discussion and Conclusion: The current study has demonstrated that when sustainability elements are integrated into marketing strategies, consumers and companies benefit from this partnership. Therefore, to promote sustainable consumption, international cooperation and solidarity should be increased, and more businesses should integrate sustainable strategies into their companies. In addition, the results of the study reveal that connections between researchers on this subject should be increased.

Key Words: Sustainable Marketing; Green Marketing; Eco-Marketing, Bibliometric Analysis, Green Innovation, Green Strategy

UAVs IN MARITIME AGENCY WORKFLOWS: APPLICATIONS IN SHIP-PORT COORDINATION

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ABSTRACT

The maritime industry is undergoing a profound transformation driven by digitalization and automation technologies. Among the most critical yet often overlooked components of port logistics are ship agency operations, which involve a complex set of tasks including vessel identification, document handling, health and customs coordination, and communication with port authorities. These processes are frequently challenged by physical access limitations, time constraints, and manual workflows, especially for vessels anchored offshore. Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs), initialy confined to military and recreational use, are increasingly being adopted across various sectors for their speed, flexibility, and data-gathering capabilities. In the context of ship agency services, UAVs offer innovative solutions such as aerial document delivery, remote vessel verification, and preliminary inspection support. These applications have the potential to streamline operations, reduce human exposure to risk, and enhance service quality. This study explores the integration of UAV into ship agency operations, focusing on their potential to enhance operational efficiency, reduce risks, and support digital transformation in maritime logistics. Traditional agency services often face challenges such as time delays, limited physical access, and manual document handling. UAV technology offers innovative solutions including remote vessel identification, aerial document delivery, and preliminary health and customs inspections. Regulatory gaps within current frameworks—such as the Ship Agency Regulation and UAV flight permissions—are critically examined, alongside data security and stakeholder perceptions. Findings suggest that UAV integration represents a transformative tool in maritime agency services, accelerating digitalization, improving service quality, and introducing a novel operational paradigm for the sector. In addition, the use of UAV has been shown to be more efficient in terms of reducing emissions, carbon footprint, environmental and operational risks, as well as economy and time savings.

Key Words: UAV; Ship Agency Operations; Maritime Logistics; Digitalization in Port Services

DEVELOPING MODELS FOR YOUTH PARTICIPATION IN URBAN POLICY PROCESSES

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ABSTRACT

While cities are the primary driving force of humanity, they also stand out as complex systems due to the dynamics they embody. According to the United Nations 2020 goal, a large portion of the world's population will begin living in cities, which will complicate the policy-making process for decision-makers in urban policy processes. Furthermore, there is increasing research in the literature on the crisis in representative democracy. In this context, there are various studies demonstrating the importance of ensuring public participation in urban policy processes and ensuring that urban policies are implemented in a more sustainable manner, focused on needs and without causing resource waste. The lack of homogeneity in social structures, however, poses various challenges during participation. In this context, the aim of this study is to lay the groundwork for modeling using a system dynamics approach to develop sustainable youth participation in urban policy processes. In Türkiye, participation tools/mechanisms are being tested by both local and central governments, but effective results have not yet been achieved. Participation, particularly local participation, is an effective form of governance that goes beyond political participation, ensuring the survival of life and enabling cities to escape poverty through sustainable policies. In this context, the foundation will be laid to identify existing deficiencies in youth participation in the strategic action plans of municipalities in Türkiye, the youth and sports policies of the Ministry of Youth and Sports, and the policy documents of civil society organizations. This will enable the development of solutions and modeling to address these deficiencies.

Key Words: Youth participation, Local governments, Modeling, Participation

A SOCIAL SKILL THAT EXTENDS FROM EARLY CHILDHOOD TO ADULTHOOD: "VOLUNTEERING"

ERKEN ÇOCUKLUKTAN YETİŞKİNLİĞE UZANAN SOSYAL BİR BECERİ: "GÖNÜLLÜLÜK"

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ABSTRACT

Introduction and Purpose: There are many assumptions and factors surrounding why an individual volunteers. It is known that not everyone has the same desire to volunteer, depending on individual and environmental factors, throughout the developmental process from childhood to adulthood. The literature reports that individuals with a high desire or ability to volunteer contribute to increased social, economic, and health well-being. There are studies suggesting that this social skill is learned and acquired from an early age. However, these studies on the relationship between volunteering and early childhood are insufficient. Therefore, this study aims to contribute to the literature by providing a detailed explanation of the concept of volunteering and its relationship with early childhood.

Materials and Methods: In this study, which was prepared as a compilation, the concept of volunteering, the benefits of volunteering, its historical development, the status of volunteering in Turkey and the factors affecting volunteering were investigated in the light of the studies in the literature in the context of the relationship between volunteering and early childhood.

Results: The study's findings indicated that volunteering is associated with early childhood. It also found that parents become role models for their children by participating in volunteer work, and that motivation, age, gender, income level, education, environment, and media factors influence volunteering.

Discussion and Conclusion: Based on the study's findings, various recommendations are made to encourage participation in volunteering from an early age by individuals from all walks of life, including researchers, parents, and teachers, who are interested in the concept of volunteering and the relationship between early childhood.

Key Words: Volunteering, Early Childhood, Social Skills

ABSTRACT

Giriş ve Amaç : Bir bireyin neden gönüllü olduğu hakkında birçok varsayım ve faktör bulunmaktadır. Çocukluktan yetişkinliğe kadar olan gelişim sürecinde, bireysel ve çevresel nedenlere bağlı olarak herkesin gönüllü olma isteğinin aynı düzeyde olmadığı bilinmektedir.

Alanyazında gönüllü olma isteği ya da becerisi yüksek olan bireylerin varlığının, toplumsal, sosyal, ekonomik, sağlık alanlarında refah düzeyinin artışına katkı sunduğu bildirilmektedir. Bu sosyal becerinin ise erken yaşlardan itibaren öğrenilerek kazanıldığına dair çalışmalar mevcuttur. Ancak gönüllülük ve erken çocukluk dönemi ilişkisi hakkındaki bu çalışmaların yetersiz olduğu görülmektedir. Buna göre bu araştırmada, gönüllülük kavramının ayrıntılı olarak açıklanması ve erken çocukluk dönemi ile arasındaki ilişkisinin ortaya konularak alanyazına katkıda bulunulması hedeflenmiştir.

Gereç ve Yöntemler: Derleme türünde hazırlanmış olan bu çalışmada alanyazındaki çalışmalar ışığında, gönüllülük ve erken çocukluk dönemi arasındaki ilişki bağlamında gönüllülük kavramı, gönüllülüğün faydaları, tarihsel gelişimi, Türkiye'deki gönüllülük çalışmalarının durumu ile gönüllülük çalışmalarını etkileyen faktörler araştırılmıştır.

Bulgular: Çalışmanın bulgularında gönüllülüğün erken çocukluk dönemi ile ilişkili olduğu görülmüştür. Ayrıca ebeveynlerin gönüllü çalışmalara katılarak çocuklarına rol model oldukları ve bununla birlikte gönüllülük çalışmaları üzerinde motivasyon, yaş, cinsiyet, gelir düzeyi, eğitim, çevre ve medya faktörlerinin etkili olduğu tespit edilmiştir.

Tartışma ve Sonuçlar: Çalışma sonucundan hareketle, gönüllülük kavramı ve erken çocukluk dönemi ilişkisi bağlamında konuyla ilgili olan araştırmacılar, ebeveynler ve öğretmenler olmak üzere gönüllülük çalışmalarına her kesimden bireyin erken yaşlardan itibaren katılımının sağlanması için çeşitli önerilerde bulunulmuştur.

Anahtar Kelimeler: Gönüllülük, Erken Çocukluk Dönemi, Sosyal Beceriler

ORAL LİKEN PLANUS: KLİNİK ÖZELLİKLER, TEDAVİ YAKLAŞIMLARI VE MALİGN POTANSİYEL

ORAL LICHEN PLANUS: CLINICAL FEATURES, TREATMENT APPROACHES, AND MALIGNANT POTENTIAL

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Özet

Oral liken planus (OLP), ağız mukozasını etkileyen, T-hücre aracılı immün yanıt sonucu ortaya çıkan kronik inflamatuvar bir hastalıktır ve Dünya Sağlık Örgütü tarafından potansiyel malign bozukluklar arasında sınıflandırılmaktadır. Klinik olarak retiküler, eroziv, atrofiye yatkın ve plak tipi gibi farklı formlarda görülebilir. Bu formlar arasında plak tipi OLP daha nadir izlenmekle birlikte, klinik olarak lökoplaki gibi prekanseröz lezyonlarla karışabilmesi nedeniyle ayrı bir öneme sahiptir. Plak tipi lezyonlar genellikle beyaz-gri renkte, homojen ve iyi sınırlı plaklar şeklinde ortaya çıkar. En sık bukkal mukoza, dil dorsumu ve gingivada izlenir. Hastalar çoğunlukla asemptomatik olmakla birlikte, bazı olgularda yanma, kaşıntı veya rahatsızlık hissi görülebilir. Kesin tanı için klinik muayenenin yanı sıra histopatolojik inceleme gereklidir.

Diş hekimliği açısından OLP'nin önemi büyüktür. Hastalığın varlığı, periodontal dokuların sağlığını etkileyebilir ve plak kontrolünü zorlaştırabilir. Ayrıca protez ve implant uygulamalarında iyileşme sürecini olumsuz yönde etkileyebileceği için klinisyenlerin tedavi planlamasında dikkatli olmaları gerekmektedir. Malign transformasyon riski (%0,4–5) nedeniyle düzenli kontroller ve biyopsi takibi zorunludur.

Tedavide temel amaç semptomların kontrol altına alınmasıdır. İlk basamak yaklaşımda topikal kortikosteroidler kullanılmakta, dirençli vakalarda intralezyonel kortikosteroidler, kalsinörin inhibitörleri, sistemik immünosupresanlar, fotodinamik terapi ve alternatif olarak bitkisel ürünler değerlendirilmektedir. Düzenli klinik ve histopatolojik takip, hem hastalığın kontrolünde hem de olası malign dönüşümün erken tespitinde kritik öneme sahiptir. Bu nedenle OLP'nin tanı ve tedavi sürecinde diş hekimlerinin aktif rol alması, hastanın uzun dönem prognozu açısından hayati bir katkı sağlamaktadır.

Abstract

Oral lichen planus (OLP) is a chronic, T-cell-mediated inflammatory disease of the oral mucosa and has been classified by the World Health Organization as a potentially malignant disorder. Clinically, it presents in several forms, including reticular, erosive, atrophic, and plaque type. Among these, the plaque type is relatively rare but carries significant clinical importance due to its resemblance to precancerous lesions such as leukoplakia, which may complicate differential diagnosis. Plaque-type lesions typically appear as white to gray, homogeneous, and well-demarcated plaques, most frequently involving the buccal mucosa, dorsal tongue, and gingiva. While many patients remain asymptomatic, some may experience burning, itching, or

discomfort. A definitive diagnosis requires not only clinical examination but also histopathological confirmation.

From a dental perspective, OLP has considerable importance. The presence of OLP can compromise periodontal health, hinder effective plaque control, and negatively affect healing following dental procedures. Moreover, in prosthetic and implant dentistry, OLP may alter mucosal tolerance and contribute to complications in the rehabilitation process. Regular monitoring is therefore critical, as the risk of malignant transformation has been reported between 0.4% and 5%, with a higher tendency in plaque, erosive, and atrophic forms.

Management primarily aims at symptom control. Topical corticosteroids remain the first-line therapy, whereas refractory cases may benefit from intralesional corticosteroids, calcineurin inhibitors, systemic immunosuppressants, photodynamic therapy, or herbal agents. Regular clinical and histopathological follow-up is essential for disease control and for the early detection of possible malignant changes. The active involvement of dental practitioners in the diagnosis, treatment, and long-term monitoring of OLP patients is crucial to ensure optimal oral health outcomes and to improve long-term prognosis.

GİRİŞ

Oral liken planus (OLP), ağız mukozasını etkileyen, kronik ve T-hücre aracılı bir inflamatuvar hastalıktır (Sugerman et al., 2002a). Prevalansı genel popülasyonda %1–2 civarında olup, kadınlarda ve 30–70 yaş arası bireylerde daha sık görülmektedir (Ioannides, Vakirlis, Kemeny, Marinovic, Massone, Murphy, Nast, Ronnevig, Ruzicka, Cooper, Tr€, et al., 2020). Etiyolojisi tam olarak bilinmemekle birlikte genetik, immünolojik ve çevresel faktörlerin etkileşimi ile ortaya çıktığı düşünülmektedir. Dünya Sağlık Örgütü (DSÖ), OLP'yi potansiyel malign bozukluklar sınıfında değerlendirmektedir.

Etiyoloji ve Patogenez

OLP, immün aracılı bir hastalık olarak kabul edilmektedir. CD8+ T lenfositlerinin bazal keratinositlere karşı anormal immün yanıt geliştirmesi, epitel hasarı ve kronik inflamasyona yol açar. Hastalığın ortaya çıkışında şu faktörler tetikleyici olabilir:

Psikososyal Stres:

OLP alevlenmelerinde en sık bildirilen tetikleyici faktörlerden biri strestir. Psikososyal stresin psiko-nöro-immünolojik mekanizmalar aracılığıyla immün sistemi modüle ederek lezyonların ortaya çıkmasına veya mevcut lezyonların şiddetlenmesine neden olabileceği gösterilmiştir(Roopashree et al., 2010; Sugerman et al., 2002a).

Mekanik Travma (Koebner Fenomeni):

Fiziksel travmalar, özellikle diş hekimliği işlemleri, kötü uyumlu protezler, sert ve irritan restorasyonlar, yanak veya dudak ısırma alışkanlıkları ve sigara kullanımına bağlı ısı etkisi, OLP lezyonlarını indükleyebilmektedir. Bu durum, Koebner fenomeni olarak tanımlanmakta ve travmatik faktörlerin OLP patogenezinde önemli rol oynayabileceği bildirilmektedir (Lodi et al., 2005).

Diyet Faktörleri:

Domates, narenciye, baharatlı ve asitli yiyecekler gibi bazı gıdaların mukozal iritasyona neden olarak OLP semptomlarını artırabileceği rapor edilmiştir(Eisen, 2002). Bu tip gıdaların eliminasyonu, semptomatik hastalarda iyileşmeye katkı sağlayabilir.

Ağız Hijyeni ve Dental Plak:

Kötü ağız hijyeni, özellikle diş plağı ve tartar birikimi, diş eti tutulumu olan OLP vakalarında inflamasyonu şiddetlendirebilmektedir. Periodontal sağlığın korunmasının OLP'nin yönetiminde destekleyici bir unsur olduğu vurgulanmaktadır(Eisen, 2002).

İlaçlar (İlaç Kaynaklı Likenoid Reaksiyonlar):

Non-steroidal anti-inflamatuar ilaçlar (NSAID'ler), anjiyotensin dönüştürücü enzim (ACE) inhibitörleri, beta-blokerler, antimalaryaller ve bazı antihipertansif ilaçların OLP benzeri likenoid reaksiyonlara yol açabileceği bilinmektedir(Sugerman et al., 2002b) Klinik olarak bu reaksiyonlar OLP ile benzerlik göstermekte, ancak ilaç kesildiğinde gerileme eğilimi göstermektedir.

Dental Restoratif Materyaller:

Amalgam, kompozit rezin ve diğer dental materyallere karşı gelişen temas hipersensitivitesi, OLP benzeri lezyonların ortaya çıkmasına neden olabilir. Özellikle amalgam restorasyonlarının kaldırılması ile bazı olgularda lezyonlarda gerileme görüldüğü bildirilmiştir(Ioannides, Vakirlis, Kemeny, Marinovic, Massone, Murphy, Nast, Ronnevig, Ruzicka, Cooper, Tr€, et al., 2020).

Enfeksiyonlar ve Mikrobiyal Faktörler:

OLP ile bazı viral ve fungal ajanlar arasındaki ilişki araştırılmıştır. Hepatit C virüsü (HCV) ile OLP arasındaki ilişki, özellikle Akdeniz ülkelerinde ve Japonya'da daha yüksek oranlarda bildirilmiştir(Carrozzo et al., 2005). Bunun yanında, İnsan Papilloma Virüsü (HPV), Herpes Simpleks Virüsü (HSV) ve Candida albicans gibi mantarların da OLP patogenezindeki potansiyel rolleri tartışılmaktadır (Gandolfo et al., 2004; Sugerman et al., 2002a).

Klinik Özellikler ve Formlar

OLP lezyonları genellikle bilateral ve simetrik dağılım gösterir (Eisen, 1993).

Klinik formlar şunlardır:

Retiküler form: En yaygın tiptir; beyaz, dantel benzeri çizgiler (Wickham striaları) şeklinde görülür. Çoğunlukla asemptomatiktir (Eisen, 2002).

Eroziv ve Atrofik form: En şiddetli form olarak kabul edilir ve genellikle semptomatiktir(Eisen, 2002). Ağrılı ülserler, erozyonlar ve eritemli alanlar ile karakterizedir(Eisen, 1993). Lezyonlar sıklıkla yanak mukozası, dil ve gingivada görülür ve yemek yeme veya konuşma gibi günlük aktiviteleri önemli ölçüde etkileyebilir. Hastaların en sık şikayet ettiği belirtiler ağrı, yanma hissi, şişlik, tahriş ve diş fırçalarken kanamadır. Atrofik form, mukoza incelmesi ile pürüzsüz ve parlak bir görünüm sunar ve sıklıkla dil üzerinde depapillenmiş alanlar olarak görülür (Louisy et al., 2024).

Plak tipi form: OLP'li bireylerde, ağız mukozasında farklı boyut ve şekillerde ortaya çıkabilen, tek veya çoklu olarak izlenen düz beyaz lekeler gözlenmektedir (Dalirsani & Seyyedi, 2021). Bu klinik formun sigara içenlerde daha yüksek prevalansa sahip olduğu bildirilmektedir. Lezyonlar çoğunlukla yanak mukozasında, dilde ve diş etlerinde lokalize olmakla birlikte, dudaklarda, damakta ve ağız tabanında da gelişebilmektedir. Klinik olarak düz ya da hafif kabarık görünüm sergileyen bu lezyonlar, sıklıkla inflamasyonu yansıtan karakteristik Wickham striaları ile çevrili olabilmektedir. Plak benzeri OLP lezyonları asemptomatik seyredebildiği gibi, bazı olgularda yanma veya kaşıntı hissine yol açabilmektedir. Ayrıca mekanik ya da kimyasal irritasyon sonucu tahriş gelişebilmekte ve lezyonlarda zaman zaman pullanma veya kabuklanma izlenebilmektedir (Gupta & Jawanda, 2015).

Büllöz form: Nadir görülen bir formdur ve içi sıvı dolu veziküller ile karakterizedir (Alrashdan et al., 2016). Bu kabarcıklar genellikle yanak mukozasında, dilde ve diş etlerinde bulunur ve kolayca yırtılarak ağrılı ülserlere neden olabilir (Weston & Payette, 2015).

Deskuamatif gingivitis: OLP'un ayırt edici klinik bulgularından biri olan deskuamatif gingivitis, diş etlerinde eritemli ve erozyonlu değişikliklerle karakterizedir ve bu durum diş etlerine deskuamasyonlu bir görünüm kazandırmaktadır. Klinik olarak diş etinde belirgin eritem ve yer yer vezikül oluşumu ile seyretmektedir. OLP otoimmün kökenli bir hastalık olmakla birlikte, plak ve bakteri birikiminin inflamatuvar yanıtı artırarak deskuamatif gingivitisin şiddetini belirgin şekilde kötüleştirebileceği bildirilmektedir. Hastalar genellikle yanma, ağrı ve kanamadan şikayet ederler(Mignogna et al., 2005).

Ekstraoral Tutulum

OLP'lu hastaların önemli bir bölümünde, ağız mukozasının yanı sıra vücudun farklı bölgelerinde de lezyonların ortaya çıkabildiği bildirilmektedir(Eisen, 2002). Bu durum, OLP'li her hastanın olası ekstraoral belirtiler açısından ayrıntılı bir öykü alınarak değerlendirilmesi ve kapsamlı bir muayeneden geçirilmesi gerekliliğini vurgulamaktadır (Cassol-Spanemberg et al., 2018). Nitekim, OLP'li 274 hastayı kapsayan bir çalışmada, 37 hastada aynı anda birden fazla anatomik bölgede tutulumun saptanmış olması, bu hastalığın tanı ve yönetiminde multidisipliner bir yaklaşımın önemini açıkça göstermektedir(Cassol-Spanemberg et al., 2018).

Cilt Tutulumu

OLP'li hastalarda kutanöz lezyonların görülme sıklığı dikkat çekicidir. 723 OLP hastasının incelendiği bir çalışmada, olguların yaklaşık %15'inde cilt lezyonları tespit edilmiştir(Eisen, 2002). Ayrıca, 274 liken planus hastasını kapsayan başka bir seride, kutanöz lezyonları olan 131 hastanın %19'unda eş zamanlı oral liken planus saptanmıştır(Cassol-Spanemberg et al., 2018). Klinik olarak cilt lezyonları genellikle kaşıntılı, düz tepeli, çokgen yapılı, morumsu papüller şeklinde ortaya çıkmakta ve çoğunlukla bilekler, ön kollar, alt ekstremitelerin distal kısımları ve presakral bölgede lokalize olmaktadır(Ioannides, Vakirlis, Kemeny, Marinovic, Massone, Murphy, Nast, Ronnevig, Ruzicka, Cooper, Trüeb, et al., 2020). En sık tutulum alanı ise vücudun fleksör yüzeyleri olup, bu bölgelerde görülme oranı %60,1 olarak bildirilmektedir(Cassol-Spanemberg et al., 2018).

Genital Tutulum

Genital mukozanın tutulumu da OLP'de yaygın olarak karşılaşılan bir durumdur. Bir çalışmada, OLP'li kadınların yaklaşık %25'inde vulvar ve vajinal tutulum saptanmış(Eisen, 2002), bazı kaynaklarda ise bu oranın %50'ye kadar çıkabileceği öne sürülmüştür(Cassol-Spanemberg et al., 2018). 274 hastalık bir seride ise, olguların %14,59'unda genital lezyonların varlığı bildirilmiştir(Cassol-Spanemberg et al., 2018). Bu grubun %57,5'ini kadınlar, %42,5'ini erkekler oluşturmuş; kadınlarda en sık etkilenen bölge vulva (%55), erkeklerde ise glans (%42,5) olarak kaydedilmiştir. Ayrıca, vulva, vajina ve diş etlerinde eş zamanlı erozyon ve deskuamasyonla seyreden "vulvo-vajinal-gingival sendrom"un da OLP ile ilişkili özgün bir klinik tablo olarak tanımlandığı belirtilmektedir(Pelisse, 1989).

Saç ve Tırnak Tutulumu

Saçlı deri ve tırnak tutulumu, OLP'nin daha nadir görülen ekstraoral formları arasında yer almaktadır(Ioannides, Vakirlis, Kemeny, Marinovic, Massone, Murphy, Nast, Ronnevig, Ruzicka, Cooper, Trüeb, et al., 2020). Saçlı derinin etkilenmesi liken planopilaris olarak adlandırılmakta olup, kalıcı nedbe dokusu oluşumu sonucunda skar alopesisine yol açabilmektedir. Tırnak tutulumu ise liken unguis olarak tanımlanmakta; tırnak plağında uzunlamasına çizgilenmeler, pterjium gelişimi ve ileri vakalarda tırnak plağının kaybı ile sonuçlanabilmektedir(Sugerman et al., 2002a).

Diğer Mukoza Bölgelerinin Tutulumu

OLP'nin daha nadir olarak etkilediği bölgeler arasında özofagus, gözler, larinks ve anüs yer almaktadır(Eisen, 2002). Özofagus tutulumu, literatürde hastaların yaklaşık %65'inde rapor edilmiş olup genellikle yutma güçlüğü (disfaji) semptomu ile kendini göstermektedir(Decker et al., 2022; Schauer et al., 2019). Göz tutulumu ise sikatrisyel konjonktivit şeklinde görülebilmekte ve tedavi edilmediğinde ciddi oküler komplikasyonlara yol açabilmektedir(Mohebbi et al., 2019).

Sonuç olarak, OLP tanısı alan her hastanın yalnızca oral lezyonlar açısından değil, aynı zamanda potansiyel ekstraoral tutulumlar açısından da dikkatle değerlendirilmesi ve multidisipliner bir yaklaşımla takip edilmesi büyük önem taşımaktadır.

Tedavi Yaklaşımları

OLP için kür sağlayan bir tedavi yoktur; amaç semptom kontrolü, lezyonların iyileştirilmesi ve yaşam kalitesinin artırılmasıdır.

Genel Önlemler

Ağız hijyeninin sağlanması: Plak birikiminin OLP'yi kötüleştirebileceği bilindiğinden, iyi bir ağız hijyeni sağlanması önemlidir(Ioannides, Vakirlis, Kemeny, Marinovic, Massone, Murphy, Nast, Ronnevig, Ruzicka, Cooper, Trüeb, et al., 2020)

Tahriş Edici Ajanlardan Kaçınma: Sigara, alkol, baharatlı ve asitli yiyecekler gibi mukoza travmasına neden olabilecek etkenlerden kaçınılmalıdır(Cheng et al., 2016)

Dental Restorasyonların Değerlendirilmesi: Özellikle amalgam gibi dental materyallere yakın lezyonlarda, kontakt likenoid reaksiyon şüphesi varsa bu materyallerin değiştirilmesi düşünülebilir(Henriksson et al., 1995)

Stres yönetimi: Stres ve anksiyetenin OLP gelişimi için olası risk faktörleri olduğunu gösteren bazı kanıtlar mevcuttur. Tekrarlayan oral liken planuslu bazı hastalar için psikolojik desteğin faydalı olabileceği varsayılmaktadır(García-Pola Vallejo et al., 2001).

Farmakolojik Tedaviler

Topikal kortikosteroidler: Bu tedaviler OLP'nin temel dayanağı olarak kabul edilir (Sandhu et al., 2022) Kullanılan Ajanlar: Yüksek potensli kortikosteroidler tercih edilir. Bunlar arasında klobetasol propiyonat (%0.05), triamsinolon asetonid (%0.1), fluosinonid ve betametazon bulunur. Bu ilaçlar genellikle Orabase® gibi yapışkan bir pat içinde veya merhem, gargara, sprey formlarında kullanılır.

Uygulama: Genellikle günde iki kez, 1-2 ay boyunca uygulanır ve sonrasında ihtiyaç oldukça devam edilir(Ioannides, Vakirlis, Kemeny, Marinovic, Massone, Murphy, Nast, Ronnevig, Ruzicka, Cooper, Trüeb, et al., 2020).

İntralezyonel kortikosteroidler: Kalın ve dirençli plak tipi lezyonlarda, topikal tedavilere yanıt alınamadığında lezyon içine kortikosteroid enjeksiyonu etkili bir yöntemdir. Genellikle triamsinolon asetonid kullanılır.(Nukaly et al., 2024)

Sistemik tedaviler: Özellikle beyaz, plak benzeri lezyonların tedavisinde hem topikal hem de sistemik retinoidler kullanılmıştır. Topikal retinoidler (örneğin, isotretinoin %0.05–0.1) beyaz lezyonları ortadan kaldırabilir, ancak tedavi kesildikten sonra nüks yaygındır. Sistemik formları (asitretin, isotretinoin) da etkilidir ancak yan etkileri nedeniyle kullanımları sınırlıdır (Ioannides, Vakirlis, Kemeny, Marinovic, Massone, Murphy, Nast, Ronnevig, Ruzicka, Cooper, Trüeb, et al., 2020).

İkinci ve Üçüncü Basamak Tedaviler

Topikal Kalsinörin İnhibitörleri: Takrolimus ve pimekrolimus gibi ajanlar, özellikle kortikosteroidlere dirençli vakalarda etkili bir alternatiftir. Bu ilaçlar T-hücre aktivitesini baskılayarak etki gösterir. Ancak en yaygın yan etkileri uygulama yerinde geçici yanma hissidir ve uzun süreli kullanımlarının güvenliği konusunda tartışmalar bulunmaktadır.

Sistemik Tedaviler:

◦ Yaygın ve şiddetli plak tipi lezyonlarda, özellikle semptomatikse, sistemik kortikosteroidler (örneğin, prednizon 30–80 mg/gün) kısa süreli olarak kullanılabilir(Nukaly et al., 2024).

◦ Diğer sistemik immünosupresanlar (azatiyoprin, mikofenolat mofetil) ve immünomodülatörler (hidroksiklorokin, metotreksat) dirençli vakalarda denenebilir(Ioannides, Vakirlis, Kemeny, Marinovic, Massone, Murphy, Nast, Ronnevig, Ruzicka, Cooper, Trüeb, et al., 2020).

Diğer Tedavi Yöntemleri:

◦ Fotodinamik Terapi (PDT) ve Lazer Tedavisi: Bu yöntemler, özellikle dirençli lezyonlarda ağrıyı ve klinik bulguları azaltmada umut verici sonuçlar göstermiştir(Nukaly et al., 2024; Sandhu et al., 2022).

◦ Bitkisel Tedaviler: Zerdeçal özü olan kurkumin ve aloe vera gibi doğal ürünlerin semptomları iyileştirmede etkili olabileceğine dair kanıtlar bulunmaktadır(Leong et al., 2023; Nukaly et al., 2024)**.**

Malign Potansiyel

OLP, Dünya Sağlık Örgütü (DSÖ) tarafından potansiyel olarak malign (kanser öncüsü) bir bozukluk olarak sınıflandırılmıştır. Bu, OLP lezyonlarının, özellikle belirli tiplerinin, zamanla oral skuamöz hücreli karsinoma dönüşme riski taşıdığı anlamına gelir.

Plak tipi OLP, lökoplaki ile karışabildiği ve OLP'nin düşük de olsa malign transformasyon potansiyeli taşıdığı için, tedaviye dirençli veya şüpheli lezyonların düzenli olarak takip edilmesi ve gerekirse tekrar biyopsi yapılması kritik öneme sahiptir. OLP, düşük (%0.4–5) fakat anlamlı bir malign transformasyon riski taşır(Louisy et al., 2023). 723 hastanın takip edildiği bir çalışmada bu oran %0.8 olarak bulunmuştur(Eisen, 2002). En yüksek malignleşme riski eroziv, atrofik ve plak tipi lezyonlarda görülür. Retiküler lezyonlarda ise kanser gelişimi bildirilmemiştir. Kanser genellikle daha önce eroziv veya eritematöz olarak teşhis edilen bölgelerde gelişir (Van Der Meij et al., 1999).

SONUÇ

Oral liken planus, kronik ve potansiyel olarak malign bir bozukluktur. Klinik formlar arasındaki farklılıklar tanı ve tedaviyi yönlendirir. Multidisipliner yaklaşım, semptomların kontrol altına alınması ve düzenli takip, hastalığın prognozunda belirleyici rol oynamaktadır.

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FUNGI LEAFSPOT DISEASE OF MANGO(*MANGIFERA INDICA L.*) IN LOKOJA METROPOLIS

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Abstract

Fungal leafspot disease found in mango orchards affect the general health of mangoes and leads to reduced yield as weakened plants produce lesser fruits. There is dearth of information on the incident of mango leaf spot in Lokoja metropolis. Six fungal pahogens were isolated and identified. These included; *Aspergillus niger, Aspergillus nidulans, Aspergillus fumigatus, Fusarium mangifera, Neofusicoccum mangiferae, and Pestalotia mangiferae*. The survey proved that incidence of leafspot was high in GRA with a mean fungal count of (5.60 ±2.65a), followed by Otokiti Estate (4.80 ± 2.04a), Satof(2.02± 1.75b), Peace community (2.00 ±1.10b), Dunamis (1.40 ±0.49b), and Fehintolu Street (1.40 ± 0.49b) all in Lokoja Metropolis. Mango trees in the area are susceptible to serious fungal attacks as a result of rainy seasons and high conditions associated with high temperatures, which favors infection and colonization of the crop by fungal pathogens. Also, programs aimed at enlightening the farmers on ways of boosting mango yield and reducing pathogen invasion are recommended.

Keywords: Aspergillus niger, Aspergillus nidulans, Aspergillus fumigatus, Fusarium mangifera, Neofusicoccum mangiferae, Pestalotia mangiferae

INTRODUCTION

Mango *Mangifera indica,* is a member of the Anacardiacea family and the genus Mangifera. The Portuguese introduced Mango to West Africa in the 16th century and later came into Nigeria through missionary merchants and colonialist Doug Flowerree(2025). Lokoja, Kogi state Nigeria has a fair number of Mango trees.

Leaf spot disease occurs when the following factors are all present: favourable environmental conditions, a pathogenic agent, and susceptible host. Leaf spot disease in mangoes is caused by a vast number of organisms. Fungi *Deuteromycetes gloeosporium* produces a brown and necrotic spot on the leaves of mango trees. The most common cause of bacterial leaf spots are by bacteria in the genera *Pseudomonas and Xanthomonas*. Mango is affected by a vast number of diseases which includes: Red rust, Sooty mold, Phoma blight, Anthracnose, etc. Anthracnose, the most important mango disease, is caused by the fungus *Colletotrichum gleosporioides.* Different types of pathogens, including fungal, bacterial and viral agents have unique ways to suppress and attack the host plant's immune system, thereby resulting in the progression of leaf spot disease.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

Survey, Analysis and Identification

The study was carried out in 2022-2023 in Lokoja, the capital of Kogi state Nigeria. The samples for this research were obtained from six (6) locations in Lokoja which are listed below: (Otokiti Estate, Fehintolu Street, Government Researved Area , Peace community, Dunamis area, and Satof). A total of 30 samples (five tree samples from six locations) of mango leaves with leaf spot symptoms were obtained from the surveyed locations. The diseased leaves were packaged in sterilized bags into the laboratory for isolation and identification of pathogens. All samples were handled aseptically. Potato Dextrose Agar was used as media for growing micro organisms. All the data generated were analyzed with Microsoft Excel Windows 10 using descriptive statistical tools. The means were compared using one way ANOVA and significance at 5 % levels of significance.

The working surface and conical flask were sterilized with ethanol to remove external contaminants. Using a spatula three spoonfuls of potato dextrose agar was commuted into the conical flask and 100 ml of distilled water was added. The conical flask was protected using a masking tape, firmly wrapped around cotton wool covered with an aluminum foil.

The already prepared media was placed in an autoclave bucket and sterilized for 15 minutes under 120°C. The various samples were grind using a pestle and mortar, and labeled appropriately. Test tubes were sterilized in a hot box oven and a 10-fold serial dilution was done for the labelled samples using a standard volume of sterile diluent (distilled water). Petri dishes containing accidified sterile potato dextrose agar (PDA), and they were incubated at ambient room temperature (30±5°C) for 7days to allow microbial growth. The method of James and Natalie (2001), was adopted using cotton blue and lactophenol.

Pathogenecity

Fresh and healthy mango leaves were washed under running tap water and rinsed sterile distilled water for surface sterilization with 5% Sodium Hydrochloride for thirty seconds (30s). A sterile 5mm cork borer was used to punch to a depth of 4mm into a healthy looking leaf. Pure culture of the fungal isolate was inoculated on the leaf. Vaseline jelly was applied at the surface to prevent contamination by other pathogenic organisms. The inoculated leaf was placed at ambient temperature (30±50C). Examination of fungal was carried out according to Kochs postulate (2007).

RESULTS

Fungal counts of mango leaf spot disease from different locations in Lokoja is presented in Table 1.

Table 1: Fungal counts (cfu/g) of mango leaf spot disease from different locations in Lokoja

Location 1 GRA	Location 2 Dunamis	Location 3 Otokiti	Location 4 Satof	Location 5 Fehintolu	Location 6 Peace Community
1.00×10^{5a}	1.00×10^{4b}	4.00×10^{4b}	1.00×10^{4a}	1.00×10^{4b}	2.00×10^{4b}
2.00×10^{4c}	1.00×10^{4b}	8.00×10^{4a}	7.00×10^{3a}	2.00×10^{4a}	1.00×10^{4c}
6.00×10^{4b}	2.00×10^{4a}	4.00×10^{4b}	4.00×10^{3b}	1.00×10^{4b}	4.00×10^{4a}
6.00×10^{4b}	2.00×10^{4a}	2.00×10^{4c}	5.00×10^{4b}	2.00×10^{4a}	2.00×10^{4b}
4.00×10^{4b}	1.00×10^{4b}	6.00×10^{4a}	3.00×10^{4b}	1.00×10^{4b}	1.00×10^{4c}

Values on the same column with the same alphabets (superscript) are not significantly different ($P>0.05$)

Data presented in Table 2 shows the mean fungal count from mango leaf spot in selected locations in Lokoja. The result shows that the fungal counts of mango leaf spot fungi from GRA (5.60 ± 2.65) and Otokiti Estate (4.80 ±2.04) was significantly ($p \leq 0.05$) higher than the fungal count from other four locations with samples from Dunamis and Fehintolu areas having the least fungal count of 1.40 ± 0.49.

Table 2: Mean fungal counts of mango leaf spot disease.

Locations	Sampling sites	Mean fungal counts (cfu/g) $\times 10^4$
1	GRA	5.60 ± 2.65^a
2	Dunamis	1.40 ± 0.49^b
3	Otokiti Estate	4.80 ± 2.04^a
4	Satof	2.02 ± 1.75^b
5	Fehintolu street	1.40 ± 0.49^b
6	Peace Community	2.00 ± 1.10^b

Values on the same column with the same alphabets (superscript) are not significantly different (P>0.05)

Data presented in Table 3 shows the Colonial morphology and microscopic of fungi isolated from mango leafspot disease.

Table 3: Colonial morphology and microscopic identification of fungi isolated from mango leaf spot disease.

Colonial appearance	Microscopic examination and morphology	Identity of fungi
Dark colonies	Conidia are large and mostly glucose and branched	*Aspergillus niger*
Green wooly colonies	Conidiophores are brown, short, and smooth walled. Conidia are glubose and rough	*Aspergillus nidulans*
Aerial mycelium is white and fluccose	Conidia are obvoid, oval, or allantoid	*Fusarium mangifera*
Colonies of grey felted mycelium	Conidia ovate, ellipsoid or onecelled, aseptate and hyaline	*Neofusicoccum mangifera*
Off-white chalky colony	Conidia and fusiform, single celled, hyaline, smal and elongated.	*Pestalotia mangifera*
Blue green colony with suede like surface	Colonies are typically blue-green with a suede-like surface consisting of a dense felt of conidiophore. Conidia heads are typically columnar and aseptate.	*Aspergillus fumigatus*

Data presented in Table 4 shows the distribution of fungi isolated from isolated from mango leaf spot disease in each location

Table 4 Distribution of fungi isolated from isolated from mango leaf spot disease in each location

Location	*A. niger*	*A. nidulans*	*A. fumigatus*	*F. mangiferae*	*N. mangiferae*	*P. mangiferae*
GRA	+	+	-	-	-	+
Adankolo	+	+	-	-	-	+
Otokiti Estate	+	+	+	-	-	-
Satof	+	-	-	+	-	+
Fehintolu Street	+	-	-	+	+	+
Peace Community	+	+	+	-	-	+

Keys

+ = Isolated

- = Not isolated

DISCUSSION

Mango tree is susceptible to serious fungal attacks as a result of rainy seasons and high humid conditions associated with high temperatures, which favours infection and colonization of the crop by fungal pathogens. Previous studies have been made on the pathogens affecting mango trees in various Nigerian states. However, this research has been able to reveal and identify the fungal pathogens associated with mango leafspot disease in Lokoj, Kogi State Nigeria.

According to Agrios (2005), many pathogens, especially foliar (leaf) pathogens, need a film of water on the plant to begin growth, penetrate the host, and establish infection. This is why wet or humid weather is so important in the development of many fungal and bacterial diseases. Lokoja is a confluence city, surrounded by water e.g River Niger, Meme River. Hence, the presence of high fungal load in this research is not a surprise. The regular water supply from the River Niger to the mango trees at many locations in Lokoja seems to explain the observed susceptibility of the trees to these pathogens.

The presence of high fungal load of 1.40 ± 0.49b to 5.60±2.65a in this study is an indication that mango is susceptible to fungi attack as articulated by Okigbo et al. (2003). The fungal load obtained in this study is higher than that obtained by Shinkafi et al. (2018). This may be as a result of prevailing conditions such as poor sanitation leading to the emergence of environmental pollutants in the soil, air and water of the six locations in Lokoja, Kogi State.

Mango leafspot disease caused by *Aspergillus niger* had the highest occurrence (Table 4.5) from the research. *Aspergillus niger* were isolated from all the areas surveyed. Therefore, this could explain why various studies by Shinkafi et., al (2016), Nyongesa et al., (2015), Awa et al.,(2012), Diedhiou et al., (2007), Khaskheli et al.,(2008) among others implicated these fungi species to be the fungi responsible for post harvest diseases of mango associated with fruit rotting during ripening. Mango leaves could also be affected as the dusty charcoal spores of the black mold which could easily be dispersed by air from infected fruits Shinkafi et al., (2016)

Pestalotiopsis mangiferae is reported to cause gray leaf spot in mangoes (Saeed 2012). This result is in agreement with a previous study conducted by Okigbo et al. (2003) who isolated three pathogenic fungi, *Pestalotiopsis mangiferae,* Botryodiplodia theobromae and Macrophomamangiferae from leaf spots. *Aspergillus fumigatus, Fusariella spp*., which are well known saprophytes of dead organisms, was also identified. Similarly, Shinkafi et al., (2018) isolated fungal pathogens of mango leafspots which includes: *Aspergillus fumigatus,*

Aspergillus niger,Colletotrichum gloesporioides, Fusarium oxysporum, Fusarium mangifera, Pestalotiopsismangiferae, Phoma mangiferae, Phomopsis mangiferae, Pseudofusicoccum spp.and Rhizopusoryzae.

Amongst the fungal pathogens isolated in this research, it is important to note that *Aspergillus niger* is often found growing on dead leaves,compost piles, or in other decaying vegetation. *Aspergillus nidulans* is one of the several species of Aspergillus with lowpathogenicity. *A. nidulans* is not common in foods, and has not been implicated in actual spoilage, but has been isolated from a wide variety of sources, commonly found in cereals and now mango leafspots. The filamentous fungus *Aspergillus nidulans* lives in the soil where it forms a hyphal network (Riquelme et al., 2018; Gerke et al., 2020). *Aspergillus fumigatus* is a species of fungus. It can be found throughout the environment, including in soil, plant mater,and household dust. The fungus can also produce airborne spores called conidia. *Neofusicoccum mangiferae* is commonly found in fruits. *Pestalotiopsis mangiferae* is a parasitic fungus causing a leaf spot disease on mango which had been reported to cause a serious gray blight of mango in India (Verma et al.,1996).

CONCLUSION

This research has shown that mango leafspots harbor a high number of fungal contaminants.The fungi isolated in this research are *Aspergillus niger, Aspergillus nidulans, Aspergillus fumigatus,Pestalotia mangiferae, Neofusicoccum mangiferae amd Fusarium mangiferae.*These fungi in mango leaf spots restrict the development of mango trees, reducing the yield and production of mango. Leaf spots can lead to premature defoliation and eventual tree death. *Pestalotia mangiferae* is a major cause of leafspot disease. Fusarium mangiferae is a saprophyte which is associated with nutrient availability on the surface of the leaf through decaying leave tissues.The occurrence of *Fusarium spp.* on the leaf spot lesion and the effect from the disease needs to be considered when developing disease management method of mango cultivation as numerous spot on the leaves could effect the photosynthesis process and finally giving low yield and less quality of mango. Diseased twigs should be removed and burnt along with fallen leaves.

As such, consumers are advised to desist from consuming fruits plucked from fungal infested trees to avoid ingesting fungal contaminants that are harmful to their health.

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ASSESSMENT OF TWO ENTOMOPATHOGENIC FUNGI FOR CONTROLLING *LYMANTRIA DISPAR* LARVAE

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ABSTRACT

Introduction and Purpose: The gypsy moth *Lymantria dispar* (Lepidoptera: Lymantriidae) is a major pest of Quercus suber, causing severe defoliation and economic losses across its distribution range. Chemical control strategies have limitations, including environmental risks and non-target effects. Biological control using entomopathogenic fungi offers a sustainable alternative. The aim of this study was to evaluate the effectiveness of two entomopathogenic fungi, *Akanthomyces muscarius* and *Purpureocillium lilacinum*, against *L.dispar* larvae and to determine their potential as biological control agents.

Materials and Methods: Laboratory assays were conducted using L2 and L3 stage larvae of L. dispar. The fungi were applied in three concentrations of conidia (D1=106, D2=105, D3=104 conidies ml−1). Mortality was monitored daily for 12 days post-inoculation. Median lethal concentrations (LC50) were calculated for both larval stages. Data were analyzed using appropriate statistical methods to compare fungal virulence and concentration effects.

Results: For L2 larvae, *P. lilacinum* caused 100% cumulative mortality ten days after inoculation at the highest concentration (D1). *A. muscarius* induced maximum mortalities of 77%, 65%, and 55% for D1, D2, and D3, respectively, at 12 days post-inoculation. The LC50 of *P. lilacinum* for L2 larvae (3.71 × 104 conidia mL−1) was significantly lower than that for L3 larvae (4.26 ×

105 conidia mL−1), indicating higher susceptibility of younger larvae.
Discussion and Conclusion: The results demonstrate that both A. muscarius and *P. lilacinum* have potential as biological control agents against *L. dispar*, with *P. lilacinum* being more effective, particularly against early instar larvae. Application of these entomopathogenic fungi could be integrated into sustainable pest management programs, reducing reliance on chemical insecticides and minimizing ecological impact. Further studies under field conditions are recommended to confirm their efficacy.

Key Words: *Lymantria dispar*; Biological control; *Akanthomyces muscarius*; *Purpureocillium lilacinum* ; Entomopathogenic fungi.

MOSKOVA ANTLAŞMASINDAN GÜNÜMÜZE TÜRKİYE İLE RUSYA ARASINDA İMZALANAN ANTLAŞMALAR, PROTOKOLLER VE SÖZLEŞMELERE DAİR GENEL BİR DEĞERLENDİRME

A GENERAL EVALUATION OF THE TREATY, PROTOCOLS AND CONTRACTS SIGNED BETWEEN TÜRKİYE AND RUSSIA FROM THE MOSCOW TREATY TO THE PRESENT DAY

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ÖZET

Karadeniz'in iki yakasının en büyük güçleri olan Türkiye ve Rusya, tarihsel süreçte defalarca karşı karşıya gelmelerine ve çok defa sıcak çatışmalara girmelerine rağmen, uluslararası gelişmelerin seyrine göre zaman zaman birbirlerinin en önemli müttefiki de olmuşlardır. Nitekim geçen yüzyıl başında Mustafa Kemal Paşa'nın Samsun'a çıkmasından kısa bir süre sonra başlayan Türk Milli Hareketi - Bolşevik Rusya yakınlaşması 16 Mart 1921'de Moskova Antlaşması ile resmileşmiş, iki ülke arasında uzun yıllardır görülmeyen bir dostluk ve dayanışma düzeyine ulaşmıştır. Milli Mücadele yıllarında başlayan TBMM Hükümeti – Sovyet Rusya dostluk ve işbirliği süreci Lozan Barış Antlaşması'ndan sonra da devam etmiş, 1925'te Paris'te imzalanan Türkiye – Sovyetler Birliği Dostluk ve Tarafsızlık Antlaşması ile İkinci Dünya Savaşı yıllarına kadar sürecek olan siyasî, ticarî ve kültürel alanlardaki işbirliği sürecinin temeli atılmıştır.

İkinci Dünya Savaşı sonlarında doğru Sovyet Rusya'nın Türkiye'ye karşı başlattığı açık bir saldırganlık politikası kadar yaklaşık çeyrek yüzyıl devam eden dostluk ve işbirliği süreci soğuk savaş döneminde ivme kaybetse de tamamen kesintiye uğramadan inişli çıkışlı şekilde devam etmiş, 1960'lı yıllardan itibaren taraflar arasında tekrardan ticaret, enerji ve teknik işbirliği antlaşmaları imzalanmaya başlanmıştır.

SSCB'nin dağılmasından sonra ise Türkiye – Rusya ilişkileri bölgesel rekabetler ve uluslararası gelişmelerin etkisiyle zaman zaman gerilse de genelde yükselen bir seyir izlemiş, iki ülke arasında, enerji, ticaret, turizm, teknik işbirliği, ulaşım, savunma sanayii ve bölgesel sorunlara çözüm arayışları gibi çeşitli alanlarda çok sayıda antlaşama, protokol, sözleşme ve mutabakat zaptı imzalanmıştır.

Resmi dokümanlara, süreli yayınlara ve konuyla ilgili ikincil kaynaklara dayanarak hazırlamış olduğumuz bu bildiride Moskova Antlaşması'ndan günümüze Türkiye ile Rusya arasında imzalanan antlaşmalar, protokoller ve sözleşmeler genel olarak değerlendirilecek, iki ülke arasındaki ilişkilerde ulaşılan düzeyin bir panoraması çıkarılacaktır.

Anahtar Kelimeler: Türkiye, Rusya, Antlaşma, Ankara, Moskova.

ABSTRACT

Türkiye and Russia, the two greatest powers on both sides of the Black Sea, have repeatedly confronted each other throughout history and engaged in heated conflicts, but have also been each other's most important allies from time to time, depending on the course of international developments. Indeed, the rapprochement between the Turkish National Movement and Bolshevik Russia, which began shortly after Mustafa Kemal Pasha landed in Samsun at the beginning of the last century, was formalized with the Treaty of Moscow on March 16, 1921, and the two countries reached a level of friendship and solidarity not seen for many years. The friendship and cooperation process between the Turkish Grand National Assembly Government and Soviet Russia, which began during the years of the War of Independence, continued after the Treaty of Lausanne, and the Turkey-Soviet Union Friendship and Neutrality Treaty signed in Paris in 1925 became the basis of the cooperation process in political, commercial and cultural fields that would last until the Second World War.

The friendship and cooperation process, which lasted for about a quarter of a century until the open policy of aggression initiated by Soviet Russia against Turkey towards the end of World War II, lost momentum during the Cold War, but continued with its ups and downs without being completely interrupted. From the 1960s onwards, the parties started signing trade, energy and technical cooperation agreements again.

After the collapse of the USSR, although relations between Turkey and Russia were strained from time to time due to regional rivalries and international developments, they generally followed an upward trend, and numerous agreements, protocols, contracts and memoranda of understanding were signed between the two countries in various areas such as energy, trade, tourism, technical cooperation, transportation, defense industry and the search for solutions to regional problems.

In this report, which we have prepared based on official documents, periodicals and secondary sources on the subject, the agreements, protocols and contracts signed between Turkey and Russia from the Moscow Treaty to the present day will be evaluated in general and a panorama of the level reached in relations between the two countries will be drawn.

Keywords: Türkiye, Russia, Agreement, Ankara, Moscow.

GİRİŞ

Türkiye ile Rusya ilişkileri tarih boyunca zaman zaman işbirliği, zaman zaman da rekabet şeklinde inişli çıkışlı bir seyir izlemiştir. Özellikle Osmanlı Devleti ile Çarlık Rusyası arasında yaşanan savaşlar, bu rekabetin tarihte en fazla ve en şiddetli yaşanan dönemi olarak karşımıza çıkmaktadır. Kazan ve Astrahan Hanlıklarının işgali, Rusya'nın önce Karadeniz'in Kuzeyi ve Kafkasya'ya ardında da Balkanlar üzerinden tüm Osmanlı coğrafyasına yönelmesinin başlangıcını oluşturmuştur.[1] Bu tarihten sonra ele geçirdiği topraklarla büyük bir imparatorluğa dönüşen Rusya, Karadeniz Havzasında Osmanlı İmparatorluğu ile iki yüzyılı aşkın hâkimiyet mücadelesine girmiştir. Ancak bu mücadeleye rağmen biraz önce ifade ettiğimiz üzere - XIX. yüzyılda Mısır'ı işgal eden Fransa'ya karşı olduğu gibi – kimi zaman işbirliği içerisinde de olmuştur. Hiç şüphesiz iki ülke arasında yapılan tarihteki en etkili işbirliği I. Dünya Savaşı akabinde başlayan ve Cumhuriyetin ilk yılları boyunca devam eden Türk Milli Hareketi - Bolşevik Rusya dayanışmasıdır. Dünya harbinde iki ülke kıyasıya çarpışırken ve Çarlık Rusyası müttefikleriyle beraber Osmanlı'yı paylaşma planları yaparken, 1917'de yönetimi ele geçiren

[1] Okan Yeşilot, "Türkiye – Rusya Federasyonu İlişkileri", 100. Yılında Türkiye – Rusya İlişkileri ve Karadeniz (Moskova Antlaşması'ndan Günümüze), (Ed.: Mehmet Okur – Yüksel Küçüker – Ahmet Nafiz Ünalmış), Akçağ Yayınları, Ankara, 2021, s. 145.

Bolşevikler, Rusya'da iktidar mücadelesine girmiş, kısa bir süre sonra Anadolu merkezli olarak ortaya çıkacak olan Türk Milli Hareketinin en önemli müttefiki haline gelmiştir.

Mustafa Kemal Paşa'nın Samsun'a çıkmasından kısa bir süre sonra başlayan Türk Milli Hareketi - Bolşevik Rusya yakınlaşması, Büyük Millet Meclisi'nin açılmasıyla birlikte Mustafa Kemal Paşa'nın Sovyet Hükümetine gönderdiği mektup[2] ve Sovyet Hariciye Komiseri Çiçerin'in 3 Haziran 1920 tarihli cevabi mektubuyla[3] resmi görüşmelere dönüşmüştür.

Karşılıklı mektuplaşmalarda sağlanan ilerleme üzerine TBMM Hükümeti, Sovyetlerden yardım talebinde bulunmak ve bir dostluk antlaşması imzalamak üzere Hariciye Vekili Bekir Sami Bey başkanlığında bir heyeti Rusya'ya gönderdi (11 Mayıs 1920). Ancak Bolşevik liderlerin tam bu günlerde İngilizlerle yürüttüğü ticaret antlaşması müzakereleri ve Ermeniler lehine toprak talebinde bulunmaları nedeniyle görüşmeler pek iyi başlamadı ve sürekli kesintiye uğradı.[4] Ancak TBMM Hükümeti'nin, Kazım Karabekir Paşa Komutasında 28 Eylül 1920'de Ermenilere karşı başlattığı askerî harekâtın başarılı olması Bolşevikler gözünde Türk Milli Hareketinin saygınlığını artırmış ve TBMM Hükümeti ile anlaşma çabalarını hızlandırmıştır.[5]

Daha önce dostluk antlaşması görüşmelerini sürekli yokuşa süren Bolşevik liderler artık yarım bırakılan görüşmeleri tamamlamaya ve Ankara Hükümeti ile anlaşmaya karar verdiler. Ayrıca Bolşevik liderler, taraflar arasında görüşmelerin kesilmesine sebep olan Van, Muş ve Bitlis'ten Ermenistan için toprak verilmesi taleplerini de bir daha gündeme getirilmediler. Ermenilerle yapılacak görüşmelerde sözde arabulucu olarak gönderilen Midivani'nin 27 Kasım'da Kazım Karabekir Paşa ile yaptığı görüşmede de, Sovyetlerin Ermenileri pek de umursamadığı, bir an önce Türk Milli Hareketi ile antlaşma yapmak istediği anlaşılmaktaydı.[6] Nitekim Kazım Karabekir - Midivani görüşmesinden kısa bir süre sonra Sovyet Dışişleri Komiseri Çiçerin, 3 Aralık 1920 tarihinde Ankara Hükümetine bir telgraf göndererek daha önce yarım bırakılan antlaşma taslağının tamamlanması için Türk Heyetinin bir an önce belirlenerek kendilerine bildirilmesini istemekteydi.[7]

Çiçerin'in telgrafının Ankara'ya ulaşması üzerine İktisat Vekili Yusuf Kemal Bey'in başkanlığında, Maarif Vekili Rıza Nur ve askeri müşavir olarak da Seyfi (Düzgün) Bey'den oluşan heyetin bir an önce yola çıkmasına karar verildi.[8] Bu arada daha önce Moskova'ya büyükelçi olarak atanan ve Aralık ayı başında yola çıkmış olan Ali Fuat Paşa (Cebesoy) da heyette yer alacaktı.[9]

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[2] *Atatürk'ün Tamim, Telgraf ve Beyannameleri*, Atatürk Araştırma Merkezi Yayınları, Ankara, 2006, s. 322; Kazım Karabekir, *İstiklal Harbimiz, C.I*, Emre Yayınları, İstanbul, 1993, s. 678.

[3] Haluk F. Gürsel, *Tarih Boyunca Türk-Rus İlişkileri*, Ak Yayınları, İstanbul 1968, s. 184; Mehmet Gönlübol – Cem Sar, *Olaylarla Türk Dış Politikası, Cilt: I, (1919-1973),* Ankara Üniversitesi Siyasal Bilgiler Fakültesi Yayınları, Ankara, 1977, s. 21-22; Fahir Armaoğlu, *20: Yüzyıl Siyasi Tarihi (Cilt 1-2: 1914-1995),* Alkım Yayınları, Ankara, b.t.y, s**.**, 96 ve 97.

[4] İngiltere Başbakanı Lloyd George, Londra'da Sovyet ticaret kuruluna iki ülke arasındaki ticari ilişkilerin gelişmesi için Türk milliyetçilerle görüşmelere son verilmesini isterken, Moskova'daki Sovyet liderler de Türk heyetinden Ermenistan lehine toprak talebinde bulunmuşlardı. Salahi R. Sonyel, "Kurtuluş Savaşı Günlerinde Doğu Siyasamız (Nisan 1920-Mart 1921)" *Belleten*, C.XI, Sayı: 164, (Ekim 1977), s. 663-667.

[5] Aslında Ankara Hükümeti'nin Bolşeviklerle temas kurması ve Türk Heyetinin Moskova'ya gönderilmesi İtilaf Devletlerini de Anadolu Sovyetlerin kontrolüne mi giriyor diye endişelendirmişti. Bu nedenle Anadolu'yla ilişki kurulmasının önünde engel olarak gördükleri Damat Ferit Hükümeti'ni değiştirerek daha ılımlı bir hükümetin kurulmasını sağladı. Böylece Anadolu'ya bir heyet gönderilerek Ankara Hükümetiyle ilişki kurulmaya çalışılacaktı. Salahi R. Sonyel, *Mustafa Kemal (Atatürk) ve Kurtuluş Savaşı, C. 1,* Türk Tarih Kurumu Yayınları, Ankara 2008, s. 686-688.

[6] *Cumhurbaşkanlığı Arşivi, Eski Tasnif,* A. 3- 7. B/D. 20- F. 1-7.

[7] Stefanos Yerasimos, *Türk Sovyet İlişkileri, Ekim Devriminden Milli Mücadeleye*, Gözlem Yayınları, İstanbul 1979, s. 262.

[8] *B.C.A.*, 30-18-1-1/2-22-5; *Yusuf Kemal Tengirşenk, Vatan Hizmetinde,* T.C. Kültür Bakanlığı Yayınları, Ankara, 1981, s. 199.

[9] 9 Kasım 1920 tarihli kararnamede "Garb Cephesi Kumandanı Büyük Millet Meclisi azasından Ankara Mebusu Ali Fuat Paşa Hazretlerinin Rus Sovyet Cumhuriyeti nezdine Moskova Sefir-i Kebirliği'ne tayinine karar

Yaklaşık sekiz aydan beri devam eden, çeşitli nedenlerle zaman zaman kesintiye uğrayan görüşmeler[10] son olarak 26 Şubat 1921 tarihinde yeniden başlamış ve nihayet 16 Mart 1921'de bir antlaşmayla sonuçlanmış ve taraflar düzenlenen merasimle antlaşmaya imza atmışlardır.[11]

MOSKOVA ANTLAŞMASINDAN GÜNÜMÜZE TÜRKİYE İLE RUSYA ARASINDA İMZALANAN ANTLAŞMALAR, PROTOKOLLER VE SÖZLEŞMELERE DAİR GENEL BİR DEĞERLENDİRME

16 Mart 1921 tarihinde imzalanan Moskova Antlaşması (Türkiye – Rusya Dostluk ve Kardeşlik Antlaşması), Türk milli hareketinin büyük bir devlet tarafından tanınmasını sağladığından ve yeni kurulan hükümete verilen desteği göstermesi açısından büyük önem arz etmektedir. Bu antlaşma ile taraflar, herhangi birine zorla kabul ettirilmek istenilen bir barış antlaşmasını tanımamayı, şimdiye dek yapılan tüm antlaşmaları da geçersiz saymayı kabul etmişlerdi.[12] Bu antlaşmadan sonra Rusya'dan sağlanan yardımlar, Milli Hareketin başarıya ulaşmasında önemli rol oynamıştır. İki devlet arasında Millî Mücadele döneminde başlayan bu ilişkiler Lozan Antlaşması sırasında ve sonrasında da devam etmiştir. Lozan sonrasında devam eden Musul meselesi gibi sorunlarda Sovyet Rusya açık bir şekilde Türkiye'nin yanında yer almış ve başta İngilizler olmak üzere Batılı devletlerin ara bozuculuk girişimlerine pirim vermemiştir.[13] Ayrıca iki ülke hükümeti de yapılan antlaşmaların sürdürülmesi konusunda kararlılık göstermişlerdir.[14] Böylece Türk-Sovyet Dostluk ve Saldırmazlık Paktı'nın temelleri atılmaya başlamış ve 1925'te Paris'te Dostluk ve Tarafsızlık Antlaşması imzalanmıştır. İki ülke arasında imzalanan bu antlaşma, özellikle Sovyet Rusya tarafından büyük bir memnuniyetle karşılanmıştır. Sovyet Dışişleri Komiseri Yardımcısı Litvinov, 24 Aralık 1925 tarihinde Pravda gazetesine yaptığı açıklamayla bu antlaşmanın önemini şöyle vurgulamıştır: "*Bu andlaşma hiçbir devlete müteveccih değildir; tamamen barışçı maksatlarla imzalanmıştır. Milletler Cemiyeti ve Locarno Andlaşmaları ile barış korunamamaktadır; ancak bu gibi tedbirler savaşa engel olabilir…*"[15]

Batı bloğuna karşı güçlü bir işbirliğini ifade eden Türkiye – Sovyet Rusya Dostluk ve Tarafsızlık Antlaşması sonraki yıllarda Rus Dışişleri Komiser Yardımcısı Lev Mihayloviç Karahan'ın 13 Aralık 1929 tarihinde Ankara ziyareti sırasında bir kez daha gündeme gelmiş ve 17 Aralık 1929'da yenilenmesine karar verilmiştir. Yeni duruma göre; daha önce taraflardan biri sürenin bitiminden altı ay önce antlaşmaya son vermek istediğini bildirmediği takdirde kendiliğinden bir yıl süre ile uzatılacağı ifadesi, yeni protokolde iki yıl uzatılacağı şeklinde değiştirilmiştir.

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[10] Lenin kişisel etkisiyle görüşmeler sırasında ortaya çıkan pürüzler hızla giderilmekteydi. A. M. Şamsutdinov, *Mondros'tan Lozan'a Türkiye Ulusal Kurtuluş Savaşı tarihi 1918-1923* (Çev.: Ataol Behramoğlu), Doğan Kitap, İstanbul, 1999, s. 207.

[11] Ali Fuat Paşa, Moskova Antlaşması'nın 16 Mart 1921 günü imzalandığını ancak aynı gün Londra'da İngiliz – Rus Ticaret Antlaşması yapılması nedeniyle Çiçerin'in hususi talebi üzerine 18 Mart'ta ilan edildiğini ifade ederken, Yusuf Kemal Bey, Türk – Sovyet Dostluk Antlaşması'nın 18 Mart günü imzalandığını fakat tam bir sene evvel gerçekleşen İstanbul'un işgalini hatırladığını ve İngilizlerle yapılan ticaret antlaşmasından dolayı Rusların da işine geldiğinden antlaşmanın altına 18 Mart yerine İstanbul'un işgal yıldönümü olan 16 Mart tarihini koyduklarını kaydeder. Ali Fuat Cebesoy, *Moskova Hatıraları,* Temel Yayınları, İstanbul 2002, s. 153; Tengirşenk, *a.g.e.*, s. 229-230.

[12] Karabekir, *a.g.e.*, s. 226-230; Tengirşenk, *a.g.e.*, s. 270-290; İsmail Soysal, *Tarihçeleri ve Açıklamaları İle Birlikte Türkiye'nin Siyasal Andlaşmaları, I. Cilt (1920-1945)*, Türk Tarih Kurumu Yayınları, Ankara, 2000, s.27-38; Mehmet Okur, "Türk – Sovyet Dostluğunun Başlangıcı: Moskova Antlaşması", *100. Yılında Türkiye – Rusya İlişkileri ve Karadeniz (Moskova Antlaşması'ndan Günümüze),* (Ed.: Mehmet Okur-Yüksel Küçüker - A. Nafiz Ünalmış), Akçağ Yayınları, Ankara, 2021, s. 37-59.

[13] Çağatay Benhur, *Stalin Dönemi Türk – Rus İlişkileri (1924-1953),* (Yayınlanmamış Doktora Tezi), Konya, 2008, s. 123.

[14] *Devlet Arşivleri Başkanlığı Türk Diplomatik Arşivi,* Fon: 571, Kutu: 35048, Gömlek: 138361, Sıra: 7

[15] https://ataturkansiklopedisi.gov.tr/detay/437/Türkiye-Sovyet-Dostluk-ve-Saldırmazlık-Antlaşması

Türkiye ile Rusya arasında imzalanan 17 Aralık 1925 tarihli Dostluk ve Tarafsızlık Antlaşması'nın ayrılmaz bir parçası şeklinde olan, aynı zamanda 17 Aralık 1929 tarihli protokolün içeriğini de kapsayan diğer bir diplomatik metin de 7 Mart 1931 tarihli Deniz Silahlarının Sınırlandırılması Protokolüdür. Ayrıca Türkiye-Sovyet Rusya Dostluk ve Tarafsızlık Antlaşması 30 Ekim 1931 tarihli protokol ile ikinci kez yenilenmiştir. 7 Kasım 1935 tarihinde ise iki ülke arasında 17 Aralık 1925 tarihli Dostluk ve Tarafsızlık Antlaşması ile 7 Mart 1931 tarihli deniz protokolünün müddetinin 7 Kasım 1945 tarihine kadar on yıl süre ile uzatılmasını öngören bir protokol imzalandı.[16] Bu antlaşma, 1945 Mart'ında Sovyetler Birliği tarafından feshedilinceye kadar yürürlükte kalmıştır.

Türkiye – Sovyet Rusya Dostluk ve Tarafsızlık Antlaşması ile Türkiye, Kafkasya'daki bir takım sınır sorunlarının çözümünü kolaylaştırmak ve Musul Meselesi nedeniyle İngiltere öncülüğündeki Batılı güçlere karşı bir denge oluşturmak gibi avantajlar elde etmekten başka Türk ekonomisinin yeniden planlanması sürecinde bu ülkeden alacağı mali kaynağın temellerini de atmıştı.

Rusya ile Türkiye arasında imzalanan diğer metinler ise Moskova Antlaşması'nın hemen ardından imzalanan esir sözleşmesi[17], aynı antlaşmanın Kafkas Cumhuriyetlerince de onaylanmasını ve diğer sorunların çözümünü sağlayan Kars Antlaşması,[18] bu iki antlaşmanın tatbikine dair protokoller, belirtilen dönemde ekonomik ilişkilerin gelişiminde önemli rol oynayan seyr-i sefain ve ticaret antlaşmaları, Karadeniz çevresinde barışın tesisini amaçlayan deniz silahlarının sınırlandırılması ve daha önce imzalanan dostluk-tarafsızlık antlaşmalarının sürelerinin uzatılmasından oluşmaktadır.[19]

Yine iki ülke arasında imzalanan özellikle hudutların güvenliği, konsolosluk, meraların kullanımı, posta, telgraf ve ulaşım meselelerini esas alan antlaşmalarda veya diğer diplomatik metinlerde Azerbaycan, Gürcistan ve Ermenistan'ında yer aldığını, aynı şekilde taraflarca imzalanan "tecavüzün tarifi" amaçlı bazı sözleşme veya protokollere Estonya, Letonya, Yugoslavya, Romanya, Çekoslovakya, Polonya, Afganistan ve İran'ın da dâhil olduğunu görmekteyiz.[20]

İki dünya savaşı arası dönemde taraflar arasında otuzdan fazla antlaşmanın imzalandığı[21] bu antlaşmaların; esirler sözleşmesi, sınırları belirleyen Moskova ve Kars Antlaşmaları, ulaşım ve "tecavüzün tarifi" sözleşmeleri süresiz iken, diğer antlaşma ve protokollerin süreleri ise sınırlıydı.[22]

Türkiye ile Rusya arasında 1947-1991 yılları arasında yaşanan Soğuk Savaş Döneminde ise toplam 73 antlaşma imzalanmıştır. Bu antlaşmaların büyük çoğunluğu ise ticaret ve ekonomi üzerinedir. Ekonomi alanında 1977 yılında Türkiye ile Sovyet Sosyalist Cumhuriyetleri Birliği Hükümeti Arasında İskenderun Demir Çelik Tesisinin Tevsii için Teati Edilen İlişik Mektupların Onaylanmasına Dair Antlaşma imzalanmış, aynı yıl içerisinde iki ülke arasındaki ticaret ilişkilerini geliştirmek için bir de protokol kararı alınmıştır. Ekonominin yanında 1977 Aralık ayında Türkiye Cumhuriyeti Hükümeti ile Sovyet Sosyalist Cumhuriyetleri Birliği Hükümeti Arasında Bilimsel ve Teknik İş birliği Antlaşması imzalanmış böylece bilim alanında da iş birliği için adım atılmıştır.[23]

İki ülke arasında imzalanan antlaşma ve protokoller 1978'de de devam etti. Bu yıl içerisinde "Türkiye Cumhuriyeti Hükümeti ile Sovyet Sosyalist Cumhuriyetleri Birliği Hükümeti

16 *TDA*,571/35451/139429/3; *TDA*,571/67939/297158/117/1-2.
17 *TDA*,571/35721/141002/8
18 Soysal, *a.g.e*., s. 42-47.
19 *TDA*,571/35721/141002/8
20 *TDA*,571/35721/141002/8
21 *TDA*,571/35721/141002/8.
22 *TDA*,571/35721/141002/8
23 M. Qasımlı, *Türkiye-Sovyet Sosyalist Cumhuriyetleri Birliği İlişkileri 1960-1980,* Atatürk Kültür, Dil ve Tarih Yüksek Kurumu Atatürk Araştırma Merkezi Yayınları, Ankara, 1980, s. 543.

Arasında Ekonomik ve Teknik İşbirliğinin Sürdürülmesine Dair Antlaşma", "Türkiye Cumhuriyeti ile Sovyet Sosyalist Cumhuriyetleri Birliği Arasındaki 8 Ekim 1937 Tarihli Ticaret ve Tediye Antlaşmasına Ek On dokuzuncu Protokol", "Türkiye Cumhuriyeti ile Sovyet Sosyalist Cumhuriyetleri Birliği Arasında Ticari ve Ekonomik İşbirliğinin Gelecekte de Geliştirilmesi Hakkında Protokolün Onaylanması Hakkında Antlaşma", "İskenderun Demir ve Çelik Tesislerinin Tevsi i Amacıyla Sovyet Sosyalist Cumhuriyetleri Birliği'nden Alınan Kredinin Toplam Tutarının 213.600.000 ABD Dolarına Ulaştığını Teyit Hususunda Yürürlüğe Girmek Üzere Onaylanması" hakkında antlaşma ve kararlar alınmıştır. Ayrıca "Türkiye Cumhuriyeti ile Sovyet Sosyalist Cumhuriyetleri Birliği Arasında 1979-1981 Yıllarında Mal Mübadelesine Dair Antlaşma" da imzalanmıştır.[24]

Türkiye ile Rusya arasında 1979-1984 sürecinde imzalanan antlaşmalar ise genellikle ekonomik iş birliği üzerine yoğunlaşmıştır. Hükümetler arası Türk- Sovyet Ekonomik İş birliği Karma Komisyonu'nun Dördüncü Toplantı Protokolü, Türkiye Cumhuriyeti ile Sovyet Sosyalist Cumhuriyetleri Birliği Arasındaki 8 Ekim 1937 Tarihli Ticaret ve Tediye Antlaşmasına Ek Yirmi ikinci Protokol ve Türkiye- Rusya Mal Mübadelesine Dair Antlaşma bunlardan bazılarıdır. Bu dönemde SSCB Bakanlar Kurulu Başkanı Nikolay Tikhanov, 25-27 Aralık 1984 tarihlerinde Türkiye'ye ziyarette bulunmuş ve ziyaret sonucunda 10 yıl süreli "Ekonomik, Ticari, Bilimsel ve Teknik İşbirliğinin Geliştirilmesine İlişkin Uzun Vadeli Program", "Kültürel ve Bilimsel Değişim Programı" ve 1986–1990 dönemini kapsayan "Mal Değişimine İlişkin Antlaşma"lar imzalanmıştır.[25] Aynı yıl imzalanan diğer antlaşmalar ise şunlardır: "Türkiye Cumhuriyeti ile Sovyet Sosyalist Cumhuriyetleri Birliği Arasında Devlet Hudut Hattının Tespitine Ait Ek Tarif Protokolü ve Ekli Mektuplara Dair Antlaşma", "Türk-Sovyet Devlet Hudut Hattının Nehir, Çay ve Derelerde Geçişinin Kontrol İşlerinde Çalışan Personelin Türk- Sovyet Devlet Hududundan Basitleştirilmiş Geçiş ve Diğer Taraf Arazisinde Muvakkat Kalış Esasları", "Türkiye ile Sovyetler Birliği Arasında Elektrik İletim Hattı İnşası Protokolünün Onaylanması Kararı", "Sovyet Sosyalist Cumhuriyetleri Birliği'nden Türkiye Cumhuriyeti'ne Doğal Gaz Sevkiyatına Dair Antlaşma ve Bu Antlaşmanın Ekini Teşkil Eden Protokol ve Mektuplar."[26]

Sovyet rejimin sonlarına doğru gelinen süreçte - 1985 ve 1986 yıllarında – imzalanan antlaşmalar da bir önceki dönemde olduğu gibi daha çok ekonomik ve bilimsel konuları içermekteydi. Bununla birlikte yavaş yavaş turizm alanında da işbirliğine gidildiği dikkati çekmektedir. Nitekim bu dönemde iki ülke arasında "Turizm İşbirliği Antlaşması" yapılmış, bu alandaki işbirliği daha sonraki yıllarda artarak devam etmiştir. 1988 yılında "Türkiye Cumhuriyeti Hükümeti ile Sovyet Sosyalist Cumhuriyetler Birliği Hükümeti Arasında Uluslararası Karayolu Taşımacılığı Antlaşması" imzalanmış, böylece ekonomik, bilim, enerji ve turizm dışında ulaşım alanında da işbirliği sağlamıştır.[27]

1990 yılına kadar (1990 yılı da dahil olmak üzere) imzalanan antlaşmaların çoğu ekonomik alanda yapılmakla beraber Sovyetler Birliği ile Türkiye arasında sağlık alanında da bazı antlaşmaların imzalandığı görülmektedir.

Soğuk Savaş döneminin son yılı olan 1991'de Türkiye ile Rusya arasında çok farklı alanda ve çok sayıda antlaşma ve işbirliği kararları alındığı dikkati çekmektedir. Bu kararları şu şekilde sıralamak mümkündür: "Türkiye, Sovyet Sosyalist Cumhuriyetleri Birliği ve Bulgaristan Arasında Karadeniz'de FIR Hattının Yeniden Düzenlenmesi Amacıyla Ankara'da İmzalanan Protokol", "Sovyet Sosyalist Cumhuriyetleri Birliği Hükümeti ile Yapılan Uyuşturucu ve

[24]https://bilimveaydinlanma.org/turkiye-ile-sovyet-sosyalist-cumhuriyetler-birligi-arasindaki-ekonomik-iliskiler-1920-1991/index.html.

[25] Derviş Memiş, *1980-1991 Yılları Arası Türk-Sovyet İlişkileri*, (Yayınlanmamış Yüksek Lisans Tezi), Kars, 2019, s. 56-58.

[26] https://www.resmigazete.gov.tr/arsiv/18032.pdf.

[27] https://bilimveaydinlanma.org/turkiye-ile-sovyet-sosyalist-cumhuriyetler-birligi-arasindaki-ekonomik-iliskiler-1920-1991/index.html.

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Soğuk Savaş döneminde iki ülke arasında 39 diplomatik metin imzalanmıştır. Bu metinlerin 9'u protokol ve toplantı kararları, 4'ü hem ekonomi hem bilim, diğer 26'sı ise doğrudan ekonomi ile ilgili olduğu görülmekledir. İki ülke arasındaki anlaşma metinleri ekonomiden sonra siyasi alanda yoğunlaşmıştır. Bu alanda Soğuk Savaş döneminde 11 antlaşma imzalanmıştır. Bunları sırasıyla 9 ulaşım, 8 bilim (4'ü bilim ve ekonomi üzerinedir), 6 enerji, 1 turizm, 1 çevre, 1 sağlık ve 1 sosyal alanda imzalanan antlaşmalar izlemiştir.

Soğuk Savaş sonrası süreçte Türkiye ile Rusya arasındaki ilişkilerin üst düzey temaslarla yeni bir döneme girdiğini söylemek mümkündür. 14 Mayıs 1992'de, Türkiye ile Sovyetler Birliği arasında 18 Eylül 1984 tarihinde imzalanan Doğal Gaz Antlaşması'nın Rusya Federasyonu ile de geçerliliğini sürdürdüğüne dair Ankara'da bir mektup teatisi ile başlayan bu yeni dönem, devlet başkanları düzeyinde imzalanan "Türkiye Cumhuriyeti ile Rusya Federasyonu Hükümeti Arasında Ticari ve Ekonomik İşbirliği Konularında Türk-Rus Karma Ekonomik Komisyonu Kurulmasına İlişkin Antlaşma" ile devam etmiştir.[31] 1992 yılının sonunda imzalanan "Türkiye Cumhuriyeti İçişleri Bakanlığı ile Rusya Federasyonu Dış Ekonomik İlişkiler Bakanlığı Arasında Protokol" ile iki ülke arasındaki dostluk ilişkilerinin daha da kuvvetlendirilmesi amaçlanmış ve Türkiye için gerekli olan askeri teçhizatın, silahların ve araçların daha önce belirlendiği gibi Rusya'dan alınması konusunda karara varılmıştır.[32]

1993'de iki taraf arasında gizli telefon görüşmelerinin yapılması için de bir antlaşma yapılmış ve böylece Ankara ile Moskova Arasında direkt kripto telefon haberleşme hattı uygulamaya geçmiştir. Aynı yıl içerisinde ayrıca daha önce imzalanan bilim, teknik ve asayiş alanında antlaşmalar da yenilenmiştir.[33]

Türkiye ve Rusya arasında 1994'de imzalanan antlaşmalar genelde bilim, eğitim ve kültür alanında yoğunlaşmıştır. Özellikle Karadeniz bölgesindeki halkların birbirlerini daha iyi anlayabilmeleri, işbirliğini geliştirebilmeleri, muhtemel sorunların diyalogla çözülmesine yardımcı olunması gibi hedeflerle Arnavutluk, Ermenistan, Azerbaycan, Belarus, Gürcistan,

[28] https://www.resmigazete.gov.tr/arsiv/20887.pdf.
[29] https://www.resmigazete.gov.tr/arsiv/20887.pdf.
[30] https://www.resmigazete.gov.tr/arsiv/20788.pdf.
[31] https://www.resmigazete.gov.tr/arsiv/21293.pdf.
[32] https://www.resmigazete.gov.tr/arsiv/21451.pdf.
[33] https://www.resmigazete.gov.tr/arsiv/21753.pdf.

Moldova, Rusya Federasyonu, Ukrayna ve Romanya ile "Kültür, Eğitim, Bilim ve Enformasyon Alanlarında İşbirliğine İlişkin Karadeniz Sözleşmesi" imzalanmıştır.[34]

İki ülke arasında 1995-2000 yılları arasında eğitim, ekonomi, enerji ulaşım, siyasi, askeri, bilim, kültür ve turizm alanında olmak üzere farklı alanlarda çok sayıda antlaşma yapılmıştır. 15 Aralık 1997 tarihinde "Türkiye Cumhuriyeti Hükümeti ile Rusya Federasyonu Hükümeti Arasında Rus Doğal Gazının Karadeniz Altından Türkiye Cumhuriyeti'ne Sevkiyatına İlişkin Antlaşma" imzalanırken,[35] 1998'de ise, "Enerji Alanında İşbirliği Antlaşması" ile elektrik santralleri ile doğal gaz ve doğal gaza dayalı kimya tesislerinin kurulması, doğal gaz boru hatları ve yer altı depolarının inşası ve tevsii, petrol rafinerilerinin inşası ve modernizasyonu, elektrik enerjisi ve kömür sevkiyatı, kömür sanayi tesislerinin modernizasyonu, hidroelektrik santrallerinin inşası, petrol ve doğalgazın araştırılması, çıkarılması ve işletilmesi gibi konularda iş birliği yapılmasına karar verilmiştir.[36] 1998'de yine iki ülke, 25 Mayıs 1992 tarihli Türkiye Cumhuriyeti ve Rusya Federasyonu arasında İlişkilerin Esasları Hakkındaki Antlaşmanın ve iki ülke arasındaki 8 Ekim 1937 tarihli Ticaret ve Seyrisefain Muahedesi hükümlerinde öngörüldüğü gibi karşılıklı yarar sağlayan ticari, ekonomik, sınai ve bilimsel-teknik bağların daha da geliştirilmesi için iki ülke arasında "Ticari, Ekonomik, Sınai ve Bilimsel-Teknik İşbirliğinin Gelişmesi hakkında Uzun Vadeli Program"ı kabul etmişlerdir.[37]

1999 yılında ekonomi alanında "Türkiye Cumhuriyeti Hükümeti ile Rusya Federasyonu Hükümeti Arasında Gelir Üzerinden Alınan Vergilerde Çifte Vergilendirmeyi Önleme Antlaşması"[38] ve ulaşım alanında "Türkiye Cumhuriyeti Hükümeti ile Rusya Federasyonu Hükümeti Arasında Diplomatik Pasaport Hamillerinin Vizeden Muaf Seyahatlerine İlişkin Antlaşma" imzalanmıştır.[39]

Temmuz 2002'de ise 25 Mayıs 1992 tarihli Türkiye Cumhuriyeti ve Rusya Federasyonu arasında İlişkilerin Esasları Hakkındaki Antlaşma ile 28 Ekim 1992'de imzalanan, Türkiye Cumhuriyeti İçişleri Bakanlığı ile Rusya Federasyonu Güvenlik Bakanlığı Arasında İşbirliği Antlaşması ve 30 Ekim 1992'de imzalanan Türkiye Cumhuriyeti İçişleri Bakanlığı ile Rusya Federasyonu İçişleri Bakanlığı Arasında İşbirliği Antlaşması'nın ilgili hükümleri dikkate alınarak iki ülke arasında Karadeniz'deki Deniz Alanlarında İşbirliği Antlaşması imzalanmıştır. Bu antlaşma ile taraflar Karadeniz'deki deniz alanlarının korunması için terör eylemleriyle mücadele, denizdeki biyolojik kaynakların korunması ve bu alanda devlet denetiminin yürütülmesi, insan hayatına ve çevreye zararlı maddelerle deniz alanlarının kirletilmesinin engellenmesi, Türkiye ya da Rusya Federasyonu yasalarını ihlal eden bir geminin, uluslararası hukuk esaslarına uygun biçimde sıcak takibi hakkının kullanıldığı sırada gerekli durumda desteklenmesi, yetkili makamların personelinin eğitimi, denizde tehlikede bulunanlara yardım gibi konularda iş birliği yapmayı kabul etmişlerdir.[40] Aynı yıl içerisinde ekonomi, enerji ve sağlık alanlarında da antlaşmalar yapılmıştır.

2001 yılında iki ülke arasında siyasi alanda I. Dönem Karma Komisyonu Protokolü[41], ulaşım alanında Diplomatik Pasaport Hamillerinin Vizeden Muaf Seyahatlerine İlişkin Antlaşmada Değişiklik Yapılmasına Dair İki Ülke Arasında Teati Edilen Notalar[42], yine ulaşım alanında 2002 yılında Rusya Federasyonu ile Türkiye Ulaştırma Bakanlıkları Arasındaki Görüşme Protokolü[43], eğitim alanında Tataristan (Rusya Federasyonu) ile Türkiye Arasında Eğitim

[34] https://www.resmigazete.gov.tr/arsiv/21970.pdf.
[35] https://www.resmigazete.gov.tr/arsiv/23340.pdf.
[36] https://www.resmigazete.gov.tr/arsiv/23298.pdf.
[37] https://www.resmigazete.gov.tr/arsiv/23269.pdf.
[38] https://www.resmigazete.gov.tr/arsiv/23909.pdf.
[39] https://www.resmigazete.gov.tr/arsiv/23922.pdf.
[40] https://www.resmigazete.gov.tr/eskiler/2000/07/20000729.htm#1.
[41] https://www.resmigazete.gov.tr/eskiler/2001/11/20011124.htm#3.
[42] https://www.resmigazete.gov.tr/eskiler/2001/08/20010819.htm#1.
[43] https://www.resmigazete.gov.tr/eskiler/2002/07/20020709.htm#4.

Alanında İş birliği Antlaşması[44], 2003 yılında askeri alanda Rusya ile Türkiye Arasında Akdolunan Askerî Teknik Konular ve Savunma Sanayii Alanında İş birliği Antlaşmasının 5. Maddesinde Öngörülen Karma Komisyonun Teşkiline Dair Protokol imzalanmıştır.[45]

Rusya ve Türkiye arasındaki antlaşmalar 2004 ve sonrasında da devam etmiştir. 2004-2009 yılları arasında yapılan antlaşmaların siyasi, kültürel, ulaşım, ekonomi, askeri, alanında yoğunlaştığı görülmektedir. 2010-2015 yılları arasında ise antlaşmalar daha çok ulaşım ve enerji konularını kapsamıştır. Özellikle petrol ve nükleer enerji ile ilgili iki ülke arasında iş birliği antlaşmaları yapılmıştır. 2016 yılında ise Türkiye Cumhuriyeti Hükümeti ve Rusya Federasyonu Hükümeti Arasında Türk Akım Gaz Boru Hattı Projesi'ne İlişkin Antlaşma imzalanmıştır.[46]

2017-2020 yıllarında iki ülke arasında yapılan antlaşmalar ise özellikle Suriye'de Esad rejimine karşı ayaklanmalar ve İdlib meselesi üzerinden ilerlemiştir. Siyasi meseleler dışında bu süreçte hukuk, kültür, sosyal, ulaşım, enerji, spor ve sağlık alanında da antlaşmaların yapıldığı görülmektedir.

2021 yılında imzalanan antlaşmalar ise yoğun olarak sağlık alanındadır. Dünyayı saran salgın hastalık koronavirüsün tedavisi için Rusya'da üretilen Sputnik V aşısının Türkiye'de üretilmesi için Türk ilaç şirketleriyle antlaşma imzalanmıştır. Bununla birlikte siyasi alanda Suriye meselesi devam etmektedir. Bu sebeple Katar'ın da katıldığı bir mutabakat imzalanmış ve Suriye'deki ayrılıkçılık girişimleriyle mücadele etme kararı alınmıştır. Ayrıca Temmuz 2021 tarihinde Rusya Başsavcılığı ve Türkiye Adalet Bakanlığı, ulusötesi suçlarla mücadele amacıyla ilk kez iş birliği programı imzaladı. Turizm alanında ise Türkiye ile Rusya, Ortak Turizm Eylem Planı'nı imzalamıştır. Rusya Federal Turizm Ajansı Başkanı Zarina Doguzova ile Kültür ve Turizm Bakanı Mehmet Nuri Ersoy, Ankara'da gerçekleştirdikleri görüşmede 'Ortak Turizm Eylem Planı' adlı bir belge imzalayarak bu alanda iş birliği yapmaya karar vermişlerdir.[47]

2022 yılı Türk-Rus ilişkilerinin özellikle enerji ve ekonomik işbirliğini güçlendirme özelinde kararlı ve geleceğe yönelik planlı adımların atıldığı bir yıl olmuştur. 5 Ağustos 2022'de imzalanan Ekonomik İşbirliği Mutabakatı iki ülke arasındaki ticaret hacminin 100 milyar dolara çıkarılmasını öngörmekteydi.[48] 2022 ve 2023 yıllarında Türkiye ile Rusya ilişkilerinde öne plana çıkan konulardan biri de Ukrayna – Rusya Savaşı ve bu savaşın yol açtığı bölgesel ve uluslararası sorunlar olmuştur. Şubat 2022'de Rusya'nın Ukrayna'ya saldırısı ile başlayan savaşın bir an önce sona ermesi için Türkiye'nin arabuluculuğu ile Rusya ile Ukrayna arasında İstanbul'da müzakereler düzenlenmiş, yine bu krize bağlı olarak ortaya çıkan sorunların (Tahıl Krizi gibi) çözümü için başta Birleşmiş Milletler olmak üzere üçüncü tarafların da dâhil olduğu antlaşma ve protokoller imzalanmıştır.[49] Aynı yıllarda Suriye krizi de devam etmekte taraflar arasında görüşmeler yapılmakta, mutabakatlar imzalanmaktaydı.[50]

2024 yılı sonunda (Aralık 2024) Esad Rejiminin devrilmesi Türkiye – Rusya ilişkilerini siyasi yönden olumsuz etkilese de ekonomik yönden gelişmeye devam etmiştir. Türkiye ile Rusya arasında 27 Haziran 2025 tarihinde imzalanan "Türk-Rus Ticari ve Ekonomik İşbirliğine Dair

[44] https://www.resmigazete.gov.tr/eskiler/2002/02/20020216.htm#2.
[45] https://www.resmigazete.gov.tr/eskiler/2003/01/20030114.htm#G1.
[46] https://www.resmigazete.gov.tr/eskiler/2016/12/20161224-1.pdf.
[47] https://anlatilaninotesi.com.tr/20211231/rusya-turkiye-iliskilerinde-zorlu-gorusmelerin-oldugu-uzlasi-yili-2021-1052269080.html.
[48] https://tr.euronews.com/2022/08/05/putin-avrupalilar-rus-dogal-gazinin-kesintisiz-gecisini-sagladigi-icin-turkiyeye-minnettar
[49] https://anlatilaninotesi.com.tr/20230906/rusya-ve-turkiye-1-milyon-ton-tahil-tedariki-konusunda-anlasmaya-vardi-1075253925.html.
[50] https://anlatilaninotesi.com.tr/20231231/cozum-arayislari-dayanisma-ve-ortakliklar-2023-takviminde-rus-turk-iliskileri---1078658395.html.

Hükümetlerarası Karma Komisyonu (KEK) Protokolü" ile iki ülke arasında küçük işletmeleri de kapsayan çok sayıda anlaşma imzalanmıştır.[51]

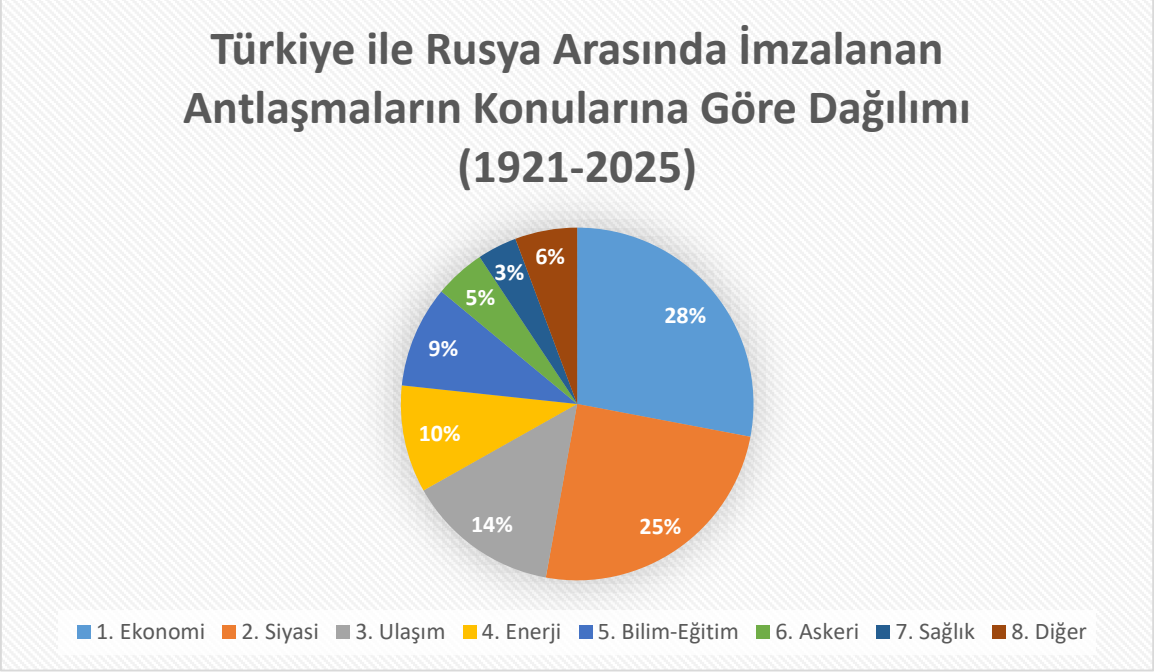
SONUÇ

Geçen yüzyıl içerisinde Türkiye ile Rusya arasında imzalanan antlaşmaların, Soğuk Savaş sürecinin ilk yılları hariç gerek sayısının gerekse çeşitliliğinin giderek artığını söylemek mümkündür. 1921 yılından günümüze kadar iki devlet arasında yapılan antlaşmalar irdelendiğinde yoğun olarak siyasî, ekonomi, enerji ve güvenlik konularının ön plana çıktığı dikkati çekmektedir. Türkiye – Rusya ilişkilerinin son on yılına ise Suriye ve Ukrayna meselelerinin damga vurduğu, Kafkasya'da cereyan eden Azerbaycan – Ermenistan gerginliğinin de siyasî ve güvenlik antlaşmaları arasında yer aldığı söylenebilir.

Ekonomi alanında ise tarımdan sanayiye kadar uzanan çeşitli alanlarda pek çok ekonomik ve ticari işbirliği antlaşmalarının yapıldığı görülmektedir. İncelediğimiz süreç içerisinde Türkiye ile Rusya arasında; 55 ekonomi (6'sı bilimsel işbirliği antlaşmalarıyla ortak), 48 siyasi, 27 ulaşım, 19 enerji, 18 kültür-bilim-eğitim, 9 askeri, 7 sağlık, 3 turizm, 3 asayiş, 2 çevre, 2 hukuk ve 1 spor alanında olmak üzere toplam 188 antlaşma, protokol, sözleşme ve mektup teatisi imzalanmış, hükümet kararları alınmıştır.

İki ülke arasında imzalanan antlaşmaların önemli bir kısmı ise Soğuk Savaş sonrasında gerçekleşmiştir. Bu dönemde 28 siyasi, 18 ulaşım, 16 ekonomi (2'si bilimsel işbirliği antlaşmalarıyla ortak), 14 enerji, 10 bilim-kültür-eğitim-enformasyon, 9 askeri, 6 sağlık, 2 asayiş, 2 çevre, 2 hukuk, 2 turizm, 1 spor ve sosyal alanda olmak üzere toplam 109 antlaşma, protokol, sözleşme ve mektup teatisi imzalanmıştır.

Yapılan bu antlaşmalar neticesinde Rusya, Türkiye'nin en önemli ticaret ortağı durumuna gelirken, Türkiye ise Rusya'nın enerji ihracatında Batıya açılan alternatif kapısı olmuştur. İki ülke arasında yapılan ekonomik antlaşmalar, siyasi yönden birçok meselede yakınlaşma gereğini hissettirmiş, Karadeniz güvenliği, Kafkasya ve Suriye gibi yakın çevrelerdeki sorunlara birlikte çözüm aramaya çalışmışlardır.



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ANALYSIS OF CREDIT RISK UTILIZING MACHINE LEARNING ALGORITHMS

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ABSTRACT

Credit risk refers to the probability that a borrower will default on their obligations. As this situation can lead to significant losses for financial institutions, it is necessary to establish an effective risk analysis system. This study focuses on the application of machine learning, which is growing in popularity today, in credit risk analysis. The main objective of the study is to strengthen the trust of financial institutions in society by evaluating credit risk scores without the need for human resources, using models developed based on machine learning algorithms instead of the statistical models currently in use. A German dataset consisting of 1,000 examples, 700 of which are positive in terms of credit and 300 of which are negative, is used. Each example contains specific information about a credit application. This information covers many different features, including the outcome of the application and the demographic and financial characteristics of the applicant. Models were developed and compared using machine learning algorithms, specifically support vector machines and artificial neural networks, on this dataset. Among the models created for credit risk analysis, support vector machines showed the best performance at 78.5%. The success rate of the model developed with artificial neural networks is 70.6%. Since the data set used was imbalanced, it can be concluded that more data is needed for the models to perform better. As a result, while the model successfully predicts those with positive credit status, it struggles to achieve the same success with those who have adverse credit.

Key Words: Credit Risk Analysis, Machine Learning, Neural Networks, Support Vector Machines.

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TÜRK-AMERİKAN İLİŞKİLERİ BAĞLAMINDA HÜSEYİN CAHİT YALÇIN'IN FİLİSTİN UZLAŞTIRMA KOMİSYONU TÜRKİYE DELEGESİ OLARAK POZİSYONU (1949-1950)

HÜSEYİN CAHİT YALÇIN'S POSITION AS TÜRKİYE'S DELEGATE TO THE PALESTINE CONCILIATION COMMISSION IN THE CONTEXT OF TURKISH–AMERICAN RELATIONS (1949-1950)

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ÖZET

Filistin Yahudi topluluğu tarafından 14 Mayıs 1948 tarihinde İsrail devletinin kurulduğunun ilan edilmesiyle başlayan Arap-Yahudi savaşı, Filistin topraklarının Araplar ve Yahudiler arasında fiilen bölünmesine sebep oldu. Savaş sırasında yaşanan gelişmeler ve neticede ortaya çıkan bölünme, başta Kudüs'ün nihai statüsü ve Arap mülteciler olmak üzere acilen çözülmesi gereken problemler ortaya çıkardı. Bu doğrultuda Birleşmiş Milletler, taraflar arasında bir uzlaşı sağlamak amacıyla bir Filistin Uzlaştırma Komisyonu oluşturdu ve komisyonun üç üyesi ABD, Fransa ve Türkiye olarak tayin edildi. Teoride ABD Yahudi eğilimli, Fransa tarafsız ve Türkiye Arap eğilimli kabul edilerek komisyonda bir denge sağlanmaya çalışılmıştı. Türkiye'yi komisyonda ilkin meşhur gazeteci ve politikacı Hüseyin Cahit Yalçın temsil etti. Ancak Yalçın'ın komisyon faaliyetleri sırasındaki tutumuna yakından bakıldığında, onun Filistin meselesine Birleşmiş Milletler ilkeleri doğrultusunda bir çözüm arayışı içinde olmaktan ziyade komisyondaki ABD temsilcisi ile uyum içerisinde hareket etmeye odaklandığı görülür. Aslında bu durum Türkiye'nin o dönemdeki dış politika öncelikleriyle ilgiliydi. Sovyet tehdidini derinden hisseden Türkiye'nin dış politikadaki başlıca hedefi ABD ile bir ittifak içerisine girmekti ve Filistin Uzlaştırma Komisyonu'nun çalışmaları bu hedefe ulaşmak için bir araç olarak görülüyordu. Sonuçta Yalçın'ın komisyondaki varlığı Arap davası lehine olmamış, bilakis tüm meselelerde Yahudi talepleri doğrultusunda Birleşmiş Milletler ilkelerinden taviz vermeyi zorunlu sayan ABD delegesinin görüşlerini önünde sonunda kabullenmek suretiyle Araplar aleyhine olmuştur. Bu durum doğal olarak Arapların büyük tepkisini çekmiştir. Türkiye'nin 28 Mart 1949'da İsrail Devleti'ni "de facto" olarak tanıması da bu politikanın bir sonucudur. Yalçın Demokrat Parti iktidarı döneminde komisyondaki görevinden alındı ve yerine Tevfik Rüştü Aras tayin edildi.

Anahtar Kelimeler: Hüseyin Cahit Yalçın, Filistin Uzlaştırma Komisyonu, Türk-Amerikan İlişkileri.

ABSTRACT

The Arab-Jewish war, which began with the declaration of the establishment of the State of Israel by the Palestinian Jewish community on 14 May 1948, led to the de facto division of the Palestinian territories between Arabs and Jews. The developments during the war and the resulting division created problems that urgently needed to be solved, especially the final status of Jerusalem and Arab refugees. Accordingly, the United Nations set up a Palestine Conciliation Commission to find a compromise between the parties, and the three members of the commission were appointed as the United States, France and Türkiye. In theory, the

commission aimed to maintain balance by acknowledging the US as Jewish-oriented, France as neutral, and Türkiye as Arab-oriented. Türkiye was first represented by the famous journalist and politician Hüseyin Cahit Yalçın. However, a closer look at Yalçın's behaviour during the commission's activities reveals that he focused on acting in harmony with the US representative in the commission rather than seeking a solution to the Palestine issue in line with the principles of the United Nations. In fact, this situation was related to Türkiye's foreign policy priorities at that time. Feeling the Soviet threat deeply, Türkiye’s main foreign policy goal was to enter into an alliance with the United States, and the work of the Palestine Conciliation Commission was seen as a means to achieve this goal. In the end, Yalçın's presence in the commission was not in favour of the Arab cause; on the contrary, it was to the detriment of the Arabs by eventually accepting the views of the US delegate, who considered it necessary to compromise the principles of the United Nations in line with Jewish demands in all matters. Naturally, this situation drew great reaction from the Arabs. Türkiye’s “de facto” recognition of the State of Israel on 28 March 1949 was also a result of this policy. Yalçın was removed from his position in the commission during the Democrat Party government and Tevfik Rüştü Aras was appointed in his place.

Keywords: Hüseyin Cahit Yalçın, Palestine Conciliation Commission, Turkish-American Relations.

IN VITRO CYTOTOXIC EFFECTS OF THYMOQUINONE ON ISHIKAWA ENDOMETRIAL CANCER CELLS

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ABSTRACT

Endometrial cancer is one of the most common gynecological malignancies in women. Thymoquinone (TQ), a phytochemical derived from Nigella sativa, has attracted attention due to its anticancer properties. This study aimed to investigate the *in vitro* cytotoxic effects of TQ on the Ishikawa endometrial cancer cell line according to time and dose dependent manner. Ishikawa cells were cultured and exposed to various concentrations (6,25–100 μM) of TQ for 24, 48, and 72 hours. Cell viability was assessed using the MTT assay. The half-maximum inhibitory concentration (IC_{50}) of TQ in Ishikawa cells was determined via non-linear regression by using GraphPad Prism (version 9.4.1). Mean comparisons were performed using one-way analysis of variance (ANOVA), with Dunnett's test applied for post hoc analysis. TQ significantly reduced cell viability in a dose- and time-dependent manner. Concentrations above 25 μM caused marked cytotoxicity, particularly at 48 and 72 hours. Thymoquinone exhibits anti-proliferative effects on Ishikawa endometrial cancer cells under *in vitro* conditions. These findings suggest that TQ may serve as a potential anticancer agent in the treatment of endometrial cancer. However, further in vitro and in vivo molecular biological studies are required to confirm these results.

Keywords: Thymoquinone; endometrial cancer; Ishikawa cells; cytotoxic effects; *in vitro*

INTRODUCTION

Endometrial cancer (EC) originates in the endometrium, which is the mucosal layer that lines the inner surface of the uterus. It is one of the most common cancers of the female reproductive system and primarily affects postmenopausal women, though it can also develop in younger or premenopausal individuals under 40 years old. The disease typically presents with abnormal uterine bleeding, such as irregular menstrual cycles or postmenopausal bleeding (Felix and Brinton, 2018; Bostan et al., 2024). The development and pathology of EC are determined by a complex interplay of genetic, hormonal, and environmental influences (Lax, 2017; Bostan et al., 2024). Endometrial cancer develops through intricate molecular processes involving genetic alterations, the activation of oncogenic pathways, and the suppression of tumor suppressor genes. Other contributing factors include deficiencies in the DNA mismatch repair (MMR) system, disruptions in hormonal signaling, epigenetic changes, and abnormalities in angiogenic regulation (Caserta et al., 2022; Golia D'Augè et al., 2023; Bostan et al., 2024).

Gaining a comprehensive understanding of the molecular mechanisms underlying endometrial cancer pathogenesis can facilitate the development of innovative strategies to enhance patient outcomes and therapeutic efficacy. Investigating the molecular basis of EC supports advancing targeted treatment approaches, discovering new therapeutic compounds, and identifying potential biomarkers (Rižner, 2016; Lee et al., 2017). Natural, biologically active substances derived from plants have long been used to treat various diseases, including cancer. Researchers have shown significant interest in these natural compounds as potential anticancer agents due

to their potent and distinctive antitumor properties, limited adverse effects, low toxicity, natural abundance, and cost-effectiveness (Nahata, 2017; Blowman et al., 2018; Seçme and Dodurga 2021).

Nigella sativa, a dicotyledonous species in the Ranunculaceae family, has been used for centuries as a flavoring agent, appetite stimulant, spice, and food ingredient in many regions, particularly in Asia, Europe, and Africa. The major bioactive compound in this widely used medicinal plant is thymoquinone (TQ) (Dajani et al., 2016; Tavakkoli et al., 2017; Seçme et al., 2025). Studies conducted using both *in vitro* cell culture systems and *in vivo* animal models have shown that TQ possesses anticancer, antimicrobial, anti-inflammatory, anti-diabetic, and antioxidant activities (Gholamnezhad et al., 2016; Asaduzzaman et al., 2017; Talebi et al., 2021; Seçme et al., 2025). Although the anticancer properties of thymoquinone have been confirmed in various cancer types, research aimed at clarifying its mechanisms of action in endometrial cancer remains in progress (Gulbay et al., 2023). This study aimed to determine the dose- and time-dependent cytotoxic activity of thymoquinone in Ishikawa endometrial cancer cells *in vitro*.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

Cell Culture

Cell culture experiments were conducted using Ishikawa human endometrial cancer cells. The cells were cultured in Dulbecco's Modified Eagle Medium, supplemented with 10% heat-inactivated fetal bovine serum, 20 U/mL penicillin, 20 µg/mL streptomycin, 0.1 mM amino acid solution, and 1 mM sodium pyruvate and maintained at 37°C in a humidified atmosphere containing 5% CO_2 (Seçme and Dodurga 2021). The Ishikawa cells were exposed to varying concentrations of thymoquinone (TQ; Sigma) in a time- and dose-dependent manner under *in vitro* conditions.

MTT Assay

Ishikawa cells were exposure at various TQ concentrations, and the cell viability was determined by using MTT assay was performed according to the manufacturer's protocol (GoldBio, USA). Ishikawa cells ($5x10^3$ cells per well) were seeded in 96-well plates. Cells were treated with increasing concentrations of 6.25, 12.5, 25, 50 and 100 µM of Thymoquinone (Sigma Aldrich, USA) for 24h, 48h and 72h. The half maximum inhibitory concentration (IC50) of TQ was analysed using non-linear regression (GraphPad Prism version 9.4.1). The percentage of Ishikawa cell viability was calculated using the following formula (Seçme et al 2025):

Cell Viability (%) = [(Treatment group OD570 - Blank well OD570) / (Untreated group OD570 - Blank well OD570)] ×100%.

Statistical analysis

Statistical analyses were conducted using GraphPad Prism 9.4.1 software (GraphPad Software, San Diego, CA, USA). Comparisons between means were performed using either the one-way analysis of variance (ANOVA) and the Dunnett's test was utilized for post hoc analysis.

RESULTS and DISCUSSION

Cell viability of Ishikawa cells treated with TQ at concentrations ranging from 6.25 to 100 µM was determined at 24, 48 and 72 hours using the MTT assay, a colorimetric-based test. Even at the highest dose of 100 µM, cell viability did not fall below 50% at 24 hours (Figure 1a). At 48 hours, cell viability decreased with the increasing dose but did not fall below 50% at the highest dose (Figure 1b). However, cell viability data from 72 hours showed a significant decrease with

increasing doses. Cell viability decreased sharply even at very low application rates. The IC50 value of thymoquinone was determined to be 16.41 μM in Ishikawa cells after 72 hours (Figure 2a and 2b). These results demonstrate that thymoquinone (TQ) reduces the proliferation of Ishikawa endometrial cancer cells in vitro depending on the dose and time.

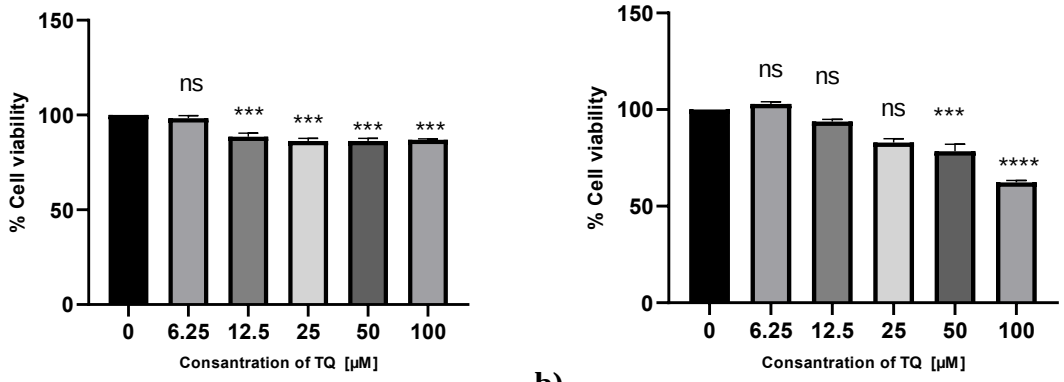

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Figure 1. Determination of the cytotoxic effect of TQ on Ishikawa cells at 24 and 48 hours.

Cell viability was assessed using the MTT assay on Ishikawa cells. The values are reported as cell viability percentage (%) normalized to untreated Ishikawa cells. The data were expressed as mean ± S.D. Comparisons between means were performed using one-way ANOVA and Dunnett's test was utilized for post hoc analysis (ns $P > 0.05$, * $P \leq 0.05$, ** $P \leq 0.01$, *** $P \leq 0.001$, and **** $P \leq 0.0001$). a) Results of TQ in the range of 6.25 μM - 100 μM on cell viability in Ishikawa cells at 24h. b) Results of TQ in the range of 6.25 μM - 100 μM on cell viability in Ishikawa cells at 48h.

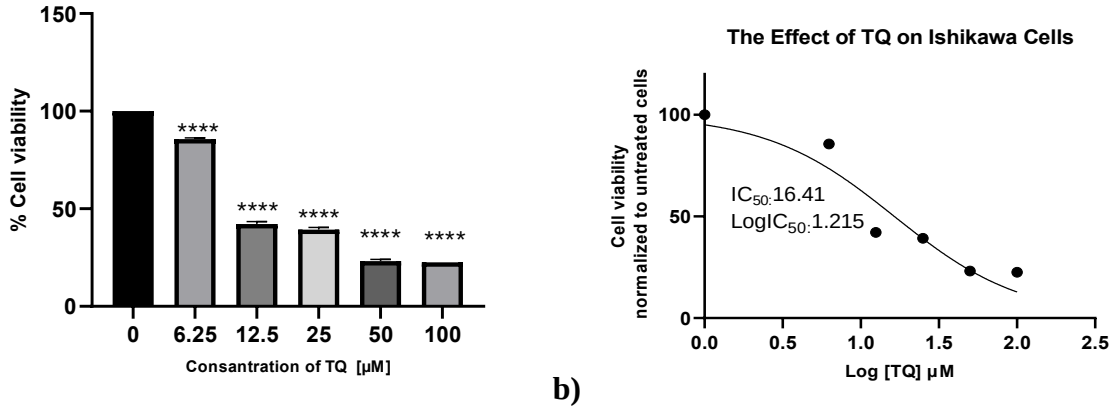

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Figure 2. Determination of the cytotoxic effect of TQ on Ishikawa cells at 72 hours.

Cell viability was assessed using the MTT assay on Ishikawa cells. The values are reported as cell viability percentage (%) normalized to untreated Ishikawa cells. The data were expressed as mean ± S.D. Comparisons between means were performed using one-way ANOVA and Dunnett's test was utilized for post hoc analysis (ns $P > 0.05$, * $P \leq 0.05$, ** $P \leq 0.01$, *** $P \leq 0.001$, and **** $P \leq 0.0001$). a) Results of TQ in the range of 6.25 μM - 100 μM on cell viability in Ishikawa cells at 72h. b) This graph shows the IC_{50} value of TQ in Ishikawa cells.

Since ancient times, natural bioactive compounds derived from plants have been widely used as pharmaceutical agents for the treatment of many human diseases, particularly for therapeutic

purposes. One reason these compounds are so widely used is their ability to modulate oxidative stress due to their potent antioxidant capacity (Riaz et al., 2023;El-Saadony et al., 2025; Seçme et al., 2025). Thymoquinone is one of the most important bioactive molecules. It is being studied more and more for its potent pharmacological properties and its potential as an effective treatment for various diseases, especially cancer (Goyal et al., 2017; Imran et al., 2018; Tabassum et al., 2021). Studies indicate that TQ exhibits anti-cancer activity in various types of cancer, including breast, pancreatic, lung, and colon cancer (Seçme et al., 2025; Zhao et al., 2024; Gurbilek et al., 2025; Özkoç and Altundağ 2023). In this study, it was shown that TQ reduced cell proliferation in Ishikawa endometrial cancer cells in vitro in a dose- and time-dependent manner, and the IC_{50} dose was determined to be 16.41 µM.

A study conducted on HCT-116 colon cancer cells found that thymoquinone reduced cell proliferation *in vitro*, with an IC_{50} value of 68 µM. It has also been reported that TQ exhibits inhibitory activity on the glycolytic pathway (Özkoç and Altundağ 2023). In a study conducted by Seçme et al. on MCF-7 breast cancer cells, thymoquinone was shown to reduce cell proliferation with an IC50 dose of 7.867 µM after 24 hours. The researchers also stated that thymoquinone acts through an oxidative stress mechanism by altering the expression of genes related to DNA repair and oxidative stress (Seçme et al., 2025). Another study reported that TQ reduced cell viability, induced apoptosis, and exerted PPAR-γ pathway-mediated effects in the NCI-H460 non-small cell lung cancer cell line (Gurbilek et al., 2025).

CONCLUSION

In conclusion, thymoquinone has been shown to exhibit anticancer activity in various types of cancer by reducing cell proliferation. Similarly, this study demonstrated that it exerts cytotoxic effects on Ishikawa endometrial cancer cells. Further comprehensive studies focusing on its underlying mechanisms of action will help to clarify the anticancer potential of thymoquinone. This research is significant as it provides preliminary data for future investigations.

Ethical approval

Since it is a cell culture study, it does not require ethics committee approval.

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A SCREENING OF SOME SUPERFOODS AND MEDICINAL PLANTS AS A POTENTIAL SOURCE OF SUGARS, INULIN AND LOW-MOLECULAR FRUCTANS

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ABSTRACT

Introduction and Purpose: Superfoods are rich of nutrient foods (such as vitamins, minerals, fiber), and other beneficial compounds that can promote overall health and potentially reduce the risk of disease. The inulin as a beneficial fructan is a part of soluble dietary fiber that improves digestion and possessed prebiotic activity. Therefore, the aim of the current invastigation was to evaluate some superfoods and medicinal plants as a potential source of sugars, inulin and low-molecular fructans.

Materials and Methods: Most of the selected plants were considered as superfoods and supplied as food supplemants: the root powder flours from shatavari (*Asparagus racemosus*), suma (*Pfaffia paniculata*), maca (*Lepidium meyenii*), Siberian ginseng (*Eleutherococcus senticosus*), costus (*Saussurea lappa*), ashwagandha (*Withania somnifera*), while the leaves and roots from Siberian wild echinacea, and flowering heads of cotton thistle were medicinal plants. The superfoods and medicial plants were commercially available. The water extracts were obtained from the plant materials by ultrasound-assisted extraction. The extracts were analysed for the content of total fructans by resorcinol based spectrophotometric method. Inulin and sugars contet were evaluated by high-performance liquid chromatography with reftractive index detection.

Results: Inulin was detected in the root powder of shatavari, suma, costus, as well as in leaves and roots of Siberian wild echinacea and flowering heads of cotton thistle. Shatavari root powder was evaluated as the richest source of fructans, as inulin content reached up to 29.7 g/100g dw. Inulin in suma, costus and cotton thistle was between 2.9 to 1.35 g/100 g dw. Siberian ginseng, ashvaganda and maca roots did not contain fructans only sugars, as maca root powder demonstrated the highest values of sucrose – 18 g/100 g.

Discussion and Conclusion: The current study revealed the nutritional potential of some superfoods and medicinal plants to be use as a source of dietary fibers, especially flour of shatavari roots. Shatavari root powder demonstrated the highest value of inulin and fructooligosacchrides and was evaluated as potential prebiotic.

Key Words: Inulin, Superfoods, Medicinal Plants, Fructans, Sugars

PROTECT THE ENVIRONMENT, TRANSFORM WITH ART: WASTE MANAGEMENT AND CREATIVITY

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ABSTRACT

Introduction and Purpose:

The increasing amount of waste and unconscious consumption accelerate environmental pollution and resource depletion. Students' lack of environmental awareness hinders the development of sustainable lifestyles. This project aims to instill environmental consciousness in middle school students and promote waste management through art-based practices.

Materials and Methods:

The project began with a pre-test to assess students' knowledge. Awareness activities, including presentations, videos, and expert support, were organized in cooperation with Ortahisar Municipality, along with a visit to the Waste Collection Center. In the practical stage, students transformed recyclable materials (plastic bottles, fabric, etc.) into artistic and functional products such as toys, paintings, and animal shelters. School-wide competitions and exhibitions supported the process, while family participation expanded the project's impact. A post-test measured learning outcomes.

Results:

The findings showed significant progress in students' understanding of recycling, waste separation, and sustainability. Students developed creativity, collaboration, and communication skills while experiencing the value of recycling in daily life. Family involvement ensured that environmental sensitivity spread beyond the classroom to households and the community.

Discussion and Conclusion:

The project demonstrated that art-based approaches can effectively raise environmental awareness while fostering 21st-century skills such as problem-solving and critical thinking. Recycling practices not only encouraged responsible individual behavior but also contributed to collective awareness. Exhibitions of students' works created broader social engagement. In conclusion, the project succeeded in cultivating environmentally responsible, creative, and socially skilled individuals, with approximately 70% improvement in awareness levels. Sustainability of such practices depends on continued cooperation between schools and local administrations.

Key Words: Environmental Awareness; Waste Management; Sustainability; Art-based Learning; STEAM

PRODUCTION AND SENSORY EVALUATION OF WINE PRODUCED FROM *ZEA MAYS* AND *PHASEOLUS VULGARIS* USING *SACCHAROMYCES CEREVISIAE*

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The demand for alternative, functional beverages has led to increased interest in the development of non-fruit-based wines using locally available and nutritionally rich substrates. This study explores the possibility of producing wine from maize (*Zea mays*) and beans (*Phaseolus vulgaris*) through fermentation using *Saccharomyces cerevisiae*. Equal weight of maize and beans were selected for their carbohydrate and protein content, respectively, and processed into fermentable musts. The must was inoculated with the cultures of *S. cerevisiae*, and fermentation was carried out at 30°C for 14 days. Samples were taken periodically to evaluate pH, alcohol content, reducing sugar concentration, microbial viability, and sensory characteristics. The results showed that the fermentation of maize and beans yielded a wine with moderate alcohol content (10.5%), the pH reduced from 7.5-3.8, yeast count reduced from 2.4 x 10^3 cfu/ml (day 1) to 1.0 x 10^3 cfu/ml (day 14), the sugar content reduced from 22.0 °Brix (day 1) to 2.4 °Brix (day 14). Sensory evaluation revealed that the maize-bean wine was generally acceptable in terms of aroma, taste, and mouthfeel. The overall sensory evaluation acceptability was from 8.5 on the scale of 10. This study shows that maize and beans, when properly processed and fermented, can serve as a viable substrates for wine production. The study offers a novel approach to enhancing both the sensory and functional properties of non-conventional wines, particularly in regions where grapes are not readily cultivated.

Keywords: Beverages, microbial culture, *Saccharomyces cerevisiae,* alcohol content.

INTRODUCTION

The production of alcoholic beverages through fermentation is one of the oldest biotechnological processes known to humanity (Johnson and Obioha, 2024). Traditionally, wine is produced from grapes due to their high sugar content and favorable fermentation characteristics. However, recent innovations in food technology and microbiology have opened opportunities for producing wine from alternative substrates such as cereals and legumes. These alternatives are not only more affordable but also rich in diverse nutrients and can be sourced locally in many developing countries, including Nigeria (Adewale and Omole, 2023). The basic principle involves the conversion of sugars into ethanol and carbon dioxide by yeasts, particularly *Saccharomyces cerevisiae*. The wine industry has evolved from small-scale

artisanal practices to highly industrialized operations using modern biotechnology and sophisticated equipment (Ogunyemi and Akinola, 2024).

The need for diversification in raw materials and innovations in fermentation has led to experimental wine production from non-grape sources such as apples, pineapples, bananas, and various cereals and legumes (Ogunleye and Alabi, 2021). Cereal-based and legume-based wine production has garnered attention due to the growing interest in sustainable and localized fermentation processes that maximize resource utilization in regions unsuitable for grape cultivation. Cereal wines, though less common, offer potential due to the rich carbohydrate profiles of grains like rice, sorghum, and maize. Likewise, legumes such as beans and soybeans can contribute not only fermentable sugars but also proteins, peptides, and other nutrients, making them promising substrates for fermentation (Bello and Adebisi, 2021).

Maize (*Zea mays*) is one of the most widely cultivated cereals in the world and forms a staple food in many regions. It is rich in carbohydrates, particularly starch, and has moderate amounts of protein and vitamins (Igwe and Ofeodu, 2021). Beans (*Phaseolus vulgaris*), on the other hand, are an excellent source of plant-based proteins, dietary fiber, and bioactive compounds such as polyphenols. In many developing nations, including Nigeria, the high cost of grape importation and the unsuitability of the climate for grape cultivation hinder the expansion of local wine industries (Fakunle and Oyelade, 2020). Researchers have turned their attention to using locally available crops to produce acceptable and even superior wine products. Maize is a cereal rich in carbohydrates, making it a viable candidate for fermentation when properly processed and supplemented (Onuoha and Ezenwa, 2023). Beans although primarily known for their protein content, also contain carbohydrates and essential nutrients that can contribute to the fermentation process and nutritional value of the final product, the availability of grapes for wine production is severely limited by climatic and economic factors. Most wines are imported, making them expensive and less accessible to the general population. The few local wine producers often rely on fruits such as pineapple, orange, or cashew apple, but these sources can also be seasonal and variable in quality. *S. cerevisiae* is the workhorse of the fermentation industry (Taiwo and Oladipo, 2022). It is a facultative anaerobe that metabolizes glucose and other sugars into ethanol, carbon dioxide, and a host of secondary metabolites such as esters, aldehydes, and higher alcohols that contribute to the aroma and taste of wine (Ogunyemi and Akinnola, 2024).

This study aims to produce a novel, functional wine from maize and beans using *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* and evaluate the wine physicochemical, sensory, and microbial characteristics.

MATERIALS AND METHOD

Raw Materials

The primary raw materials used for wine production in this study include; Maize (*Zea mays*); yellow maize grains were procured from a local market, thoroughly sorted, and stored in clean containers prior to use. Beans (*Phaseolus vulgaris*); white cowpea beans were selected based on physical integrity and absence of spoilage or insect infestation. Distilled water was used throughout the experimental process for dilution, sterilization, and cleaning.

Microbial Cultures

Saccharomyces cerevisiae (Baker's yeast) was obtained from a local supplier and reactivated under controlled conditions before inoculation.

Preparation of Must

Beans were dehulled, washed, and boiled to reduce anti nutritional factors. The softened beans were blended into a slurry similar to the maize. The slurry was filtered using muslin cloth to remove coarse fiber. Maize grains were sorted, washed, and soaked in water for 24 hours. The soaked grains were boiled for 30 minutes and then blended into a slurry. Equal portions of maize and beans were mixed (50:50) to prepare the test must. Sodium metabisulfite (0.1%) was added and allowed to stand for 24 hours to inhibit wild microorganisms.

Yeast Inoculation

S. cerevisiae was activated in warm sugar solution (10%) for 30 minutes before inoculation. 10% (v/v) of the active yeast culture was added to the must under aseptic conditions.

Fermentation Conditions

Fermentation was carried out in sterilized, air-tight fermentation vessels. All samples were incubated at 30°C for 14 days in a dark environment. Gas release valves were attached to allow CO_2 escape and prevent contamination. Samples were collected periodically for analysis.

Periodic Analysis of the Samples

The samples were analyzed for alcohol content, sugar content, pH and microbial load according to the method of Adewale and Omole, 2023

Sensory Evaluation

Bottled wine was stored in a cool, dark place for 2–4 weeks to allow. A panel of 10 semi-trained individuals evaluated the wine for aroma, taste, clarity, mouthfeel, and overall acceptability using a 10-point hedonic scale. Results were statistically analyzed to determine the acceptability.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Results

The pH of all wine samples exhibited a decreasing trend during the fermentation process. The pH dropped from 7.5 (Day 2) to 3.8 (Day 13). The pH remains steady for the remaining period of the fermentations

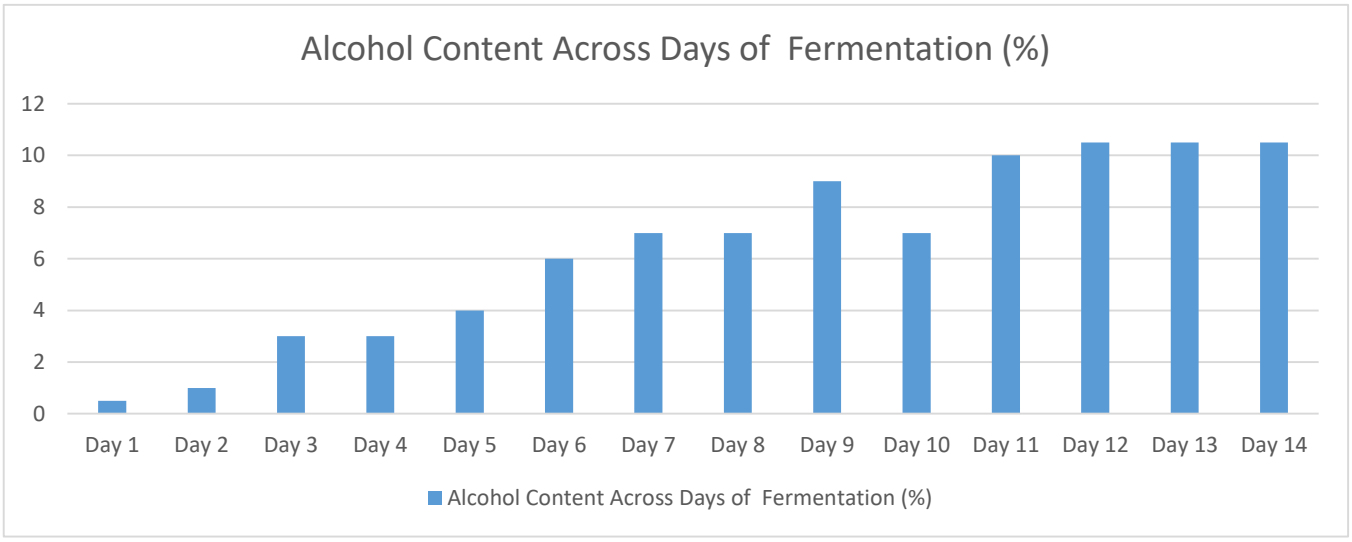

Figure 1: pH of the Must During the Fermentation

The sugar content reduced from 22.0 °Brix (day 1) to 2.4 °Brix (day 14), the sugar content declined gradually and remain stable by day 13 (2.4 °Brix) and day 14 day (2.4 °Brix)

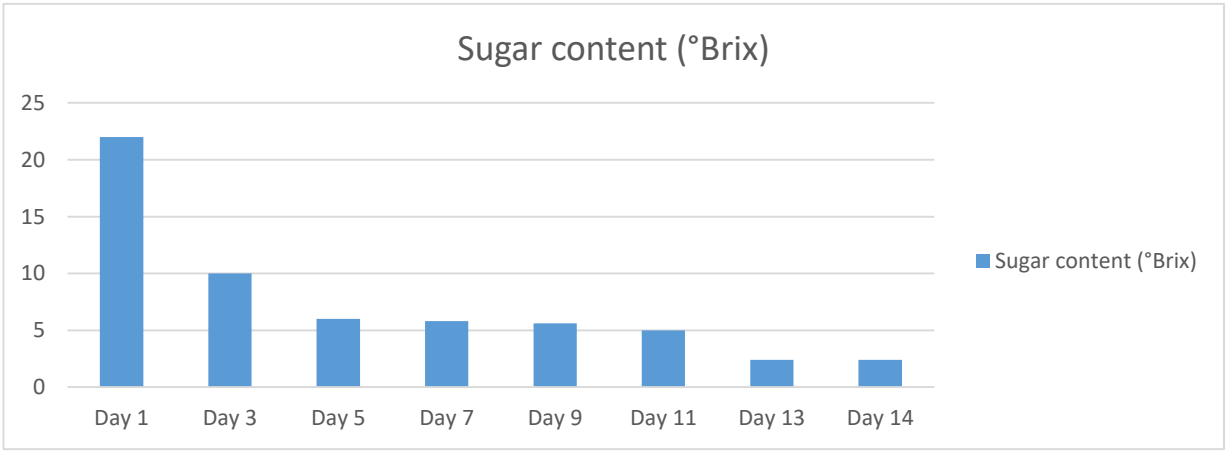

Figure 2: Sugar Content of the Must During the Fermentation

The results showed that the alcohol content during the fermentation of maize and beans yielded a wine with moderate alcohol content (10.5%). The alcohol content increased and remains stable at day 12 (10.5%) to day 14 (10.5%)

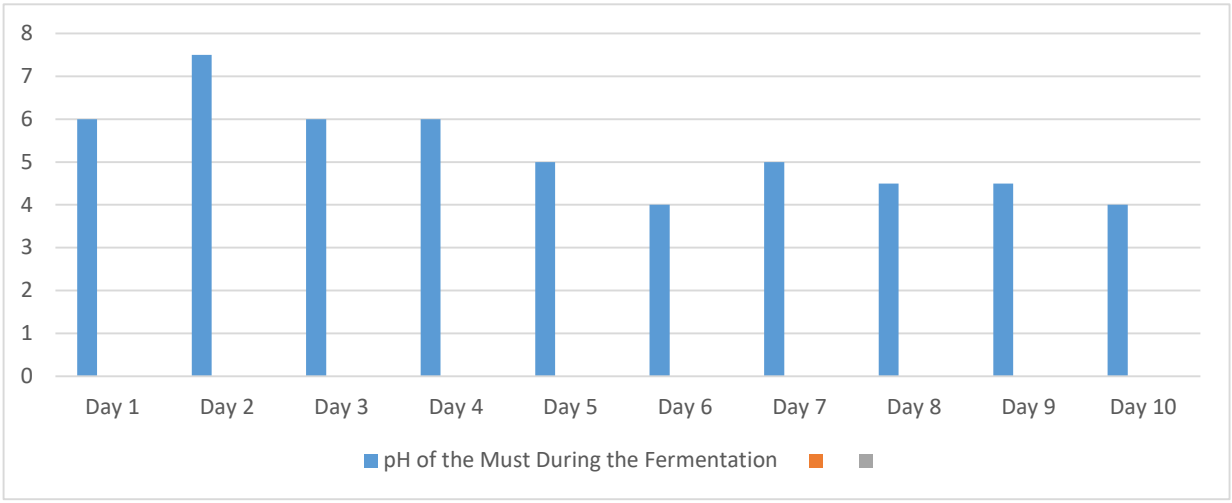

Figure 3: Alcohol Content Across Days of Fermentation

Table 1: Yeast Count During the Period of the Fermentation

DAY	CFU/ML
1	$3.24x10^4$
5	$3.0x10^4$
9	$2.24x10^4$
14	$1.24x10^4$

The yeast count reduced from 2.4 x 10^3 cfu/ml (day 1) to 1.0 x 10^3 cfu/ml (day 14), the yeast count reduced drastically at day 14 (1.0 x 10^3 cfu/ml)

The organoleptic property was on the average of ten, the least mean score was aroma (6.5), the mouthfeel was (7.0).

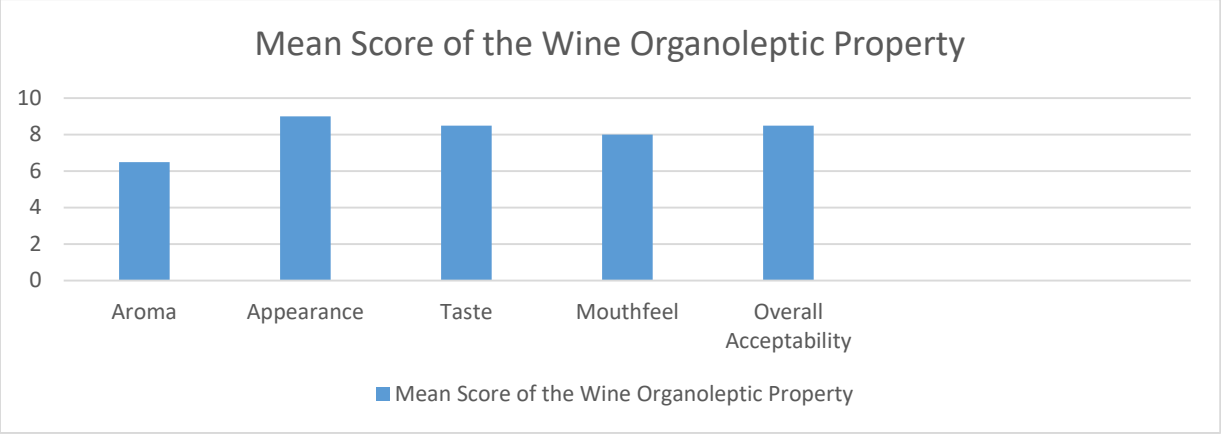

Figure 4: Mean Score of the Wine Organoleptic Properties

Discussion

The drop in pH across all samples reflects increased production of organic acids, primarily acetic and lactic acids, the acidification is beneficial for wine preservation and imparts a sour taste that some consumers find desirable. This is in agreement with the work of Hassan and Lawal (2023); they research on the dynamics of using microbes in fermentation process. The decrease in pH can be attributed to the metabolic activities of the microorganisms involved in the fermentation process. As the microorganisms consume the sugars, they produce organic acids as by-products, leading to a decrease in pH. The production of organic acids, such as acetic and lactic acids, contributes to the development of the flavor and aroma of the wine (Ezeomu and Okeh, 2022). The type and concentration of organic acids produced during fermentation can significantly impact the quality and characteristics of the final product. The production of acetic and lactic acids resulted in a decrease in pH, which is beneficial for wine preservation.(Taiwo and Oladipo, 2022).

The increase in the alcohol levels is attributed to the utilization of fermentable sugars by *S. cerevisiae* (Ekpa and Edem, 2021). The yeast consumes the sugars and converts them into ethanol and carbon dioxide through the process of fermentation. The alcohol content remained within acceptable limits for table wines. As concluded by Adewale and Omole (2023); the evaluation of alcoholic beverages produced from cereals and legumes is a critical parameter in determining the quality and acceptability of the final product. The continuous reduction in sugar level of the samples suggests continuous utilization of sugar by the microorganisms. This is in agreement with the work of Daramola and Fasoyin, (2022); they research on the sugar content variation during fermentation of cereal-based substrates by *Saccharomyces cerevisiae*. The yeast strain was able to utilize the sugars present in the substrate, resulting in a decrease in sugar content and an increase in alcohol production.

Viable yeast populations was sustained during the fermentation period with the yeast declined at the 14th day, this agreed with the work of Nwachukwu and Eze, (2019); they assessed yeast growth during maize and legumes co-fermentation and their findings suggested the presence of viable yeast during the fermentation period. The decline in yeast population at the later stages of fermentation could be attributed to the depletion of nutrients or the accumulation of toxic by-products. The yeast population dynamics during fermentation can significantly impact the quality and characteristics of the final product (Okonkwo and Nwafor,2022).The presence of viable yeast during the fermentation period ensures that the fermentation process is completed, and the desired products are formed (Egbebi and Aladejana, 2024). In this study, the yeast population was sustained during the fermentation period, resulting in a product with desirable characteristics.

The samples had high ratings for taste, appearance, and overall acceptability, this is likely due to flavor-active esters and organic acids from *Saccharomyces cerevisiae*. This agreed with the work of Daramola and Fasoyin (2022); they research on sensory attributes of wine from maize and cowpea blends. The type and concentration of flavor compounds produced during fermentation can significantly impact the sensory properties of the final product. The flavor-active esters and organic acids produced by *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* contribute to the development of the flavor and aroma of the wine. The type and concentration of these compounds can vary depending on the yeast strain, substrate, and fermentation conditions. The production of flavor-active esters and organic acids resulted in a product with desirable sensory properties (Adebayo and Kolawole, 2023)

CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The use of *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* as a fermenting microorganism can result in a product with desirable characteristics, including a decrease in pH, an increase in alcohol content, and high sensory ratings. The yeast strain is widely used in wine production due to its ability to ferment sugars and produce desirable flavor compounds. The fermentation process involves a complex interplay of microorganisms, enzymes, and biochemical reactions. The type and concentration of microorganisms, as well as the conditions under which fermentation takes place, can significantly impact the quality and characteristics of the final product.

The production of wine from *Zea mays* and *Phaseolus vulgaris* should be considered as a new market opportunity for farmers and manufacturers. The use of cereals and legumes as substrates for wine production should be encouraged and sustained. The product should be marketed as a unique and sustainable wine product, with characteristics that differentiate it from traditional wines.

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THE STRATEGIC IMPORTANCE OF RO-RO TRANSPORT IN THE BLACK SEA: AN ASSESSMENT BASED ON ANNUAL STATISTICS FROM TURKISH PORTS

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ABSTRACT

Introduction and Purpose: The Black Sea is a strategic waterway connecting to the world's oceans via the Turkish Straits and plays a critical role in Turkey's foreign trade. Ro-Ro transport offers a practical solution, particularly in reducing quotas, long waiting times and costs encountered in road transport. It has a significant share in Turkey's logistics sector, which has been developing rapidly since the 1980s. The Black Sea is a strategic corridor that ensures the continuity of trade between Turkey, Russia, Romania, Bulgaria, Ukraine and Georgia.

Materials and Methods: Annual reports from the Turkish Ministry of Transport and Infrastructure were used. The transport statistics data published for Ro-Ro vessels from 2011 to September 2025 have been examined. This study also highlights statistics on the trade carried out by Ro-Ro ships transporting vehicles over the last 15 years, based on annual transportation figures.

Results: Statistics show that the number of trucks, trailers and wagons transported from Turkey by ro-ro ships to the ports of countries bordering the Black Sea varied between 2011 and 2020, averaging 63,000 units, and between 2020 and 2025, averaging 110,000. This demonstrates that transport, including maritime transport, continues to operate during global crises.

Discussion and Conclusion: The data obtained reveal that Ro-Ro transport in the Black Sea is indispensable for Turkey's foreign trade. Its ability to ensure the sustainability of trade even during crisis periods such as the pandemic reinforces the strategic value of this mode of transport. To make this type of transport more efficient, port capacities must be improved, new Ro-Ro routes between Turkey and its neighbouring countries must be developed, and alternative routes must be identified in the event of situations such as a pandemic or war.

Key Words: Black Sea, Ro-Ro shipping, Turkish Ports, Maritime Transport, Sustainability

POINT - OF –CARE DIAGNOSTIC DEVICE: INNOVATION AND INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY IN MEDICAL LABORATORY TECHNOLOGY

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Abstract

Point-of-care (POC) diagnostic devices are redefining the scope of medical laboratory technology by offering rapid, portable, and cost-effective alternatives to conventional diagnostic systems. Their application has expanded across diverse domains including infectious disease detection, cancer biomarker screening, cardiovascular monitoring, and antimicrobial resistance surveillance. The integration of biosensors, microfluidic systems, nanomaterials, and lab-on-a-chip platforms has enhanced their analytical sensitivity and specificity, while the incorporation of artificial intelligence has enabled real-time data interpretation and clinical decision support. These developments are particularly significant in resource-limited regions where laboratory infrastructure is inadequate, thereby improving accessibility and patient outcomes.

Equally important is the role of intellectual property (IP) in advancing this field. Patents and licensing strategies not only safeguard novel device designs and diagnostic algorithms but also stimulate innovation, facilitate academia–industry collaboration, and ensure translational research reaches the market. However, the challenge lies in balancing strong IP protection with equitable access, especially for low- and middle-income countries.

This paper examines the dual dimensions of POC diagnostics—technological innovation and intellectual property frameworks—highlighting how their convergence supports global healthcare delivery, accelerates precision medicine, and addresses critical diagnostic gaps. By integrating scientific, legal, and ethical perspectives, the discussion emphasizes the need for sustainable innovation pathways that strengthen diagnostic capacity worldwide.

Keywords: Point-of-care diagnostics, biosensors, microfluidics, nanotechnology, lab-on-a-chip, artificial intelligence, intellectual property, patents, antimicrobial resistance, personalized medicine, global health.

KURA NEHRİ VE HAZAR DENİZİ'NİN TRANSGRESYONUNUN AZERBAYCAN'IN MADDİ VE KÜLTÜREL ESERLERİ ÜZERİNDEKİ ETKİSİ

THE IMPACT OF THE TRANSGRESSION ON THE KURA RIVER AND THE CASPIAN SEA ON THE MATERIAL AND CULTURAL MONUMENTS OF AZERBAIJAN

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ÖZET

Giriş ve Amaç: Azerbaycan topraklarından Kura ve Aras olmak üzere iki büyük nehir geçmektedir. Cumhuriyetin doğu sınırları Hazar Denizi ile çevrilidir. Bir yandan bu nehirlerin dönem dönem taşması, diğer yandan Hazar Denizi'nin transgresyonu ve regresyonu (su seviyesinin yükselip alçalması) gibi süreçler sonucu oluşan doğal afetlere bağlı olarak onlarca şehir, köy, kasaba, nekropol sular altında kalmıştır. Yaklaşık yüz yıldır Hazar Denizi'nin tabanında ve Kura Nehri kıyılarında arkeolojik araştırma çalışmaları yürütülmektedir. Amacımız arkeolojik araştırmalar sonucu elde edilen başarıları ön plana çekmektir.

Malzemeler və Yöntemler: 2022 ve 2023 yılllarında Kura Nehri'nin su seviyesinin alçalması sonucu Neftçala ilçesinde Pirabbe ve Şorkent köylerinde su altında dağınık halde küp mezarlar ortaya çıkarıldı. Yakın çevrede birkaç küp mezar yeri daha tespit edildi. Küp mezarların içerisinden çanak çömlekler bulundu. 2024 yılının Ağustos-Eylül aylarında Abşeron Yarımadası'nın Hazar ilçesinde yer alan Orta Çağ'a ait Şehr-i Gürgan'da su altı arkeolojik keşif çalışmalarında başarılı sonuçlar elde edildi. Yapılan araştırmalarda Hazar'ın dibinden çanak çömlek, taş çapa ve iki batık geminin kalıntılarına rastlandı.

Sonuçlar: Kura Nehri'nden bulunan maddi ve kültürel eserler M.S. 1-2. yüzyıllara, Şehr-i Gürgan eserleri 12-14. yüzyıllara, gemi kalıntıları ise 19. yüzyıla aittir. Kafkas Albanyası topraklarında "Küp mezarlar kültürü" M.Ö. 4 – M.S. 8. yüzyılları kapsamaktadır.

Tartışmalar və Çözüm: Yapılan araştırmalar Hazar Denizi ve Kura Nehri'nin diplerinin araştırılmasına büyük ihtiyaç olduğunu ortaya koymaktadır. 21. yüzyılda Hazar Denizi'nin su seviyesinin alçalması sonucu sahil bölgelerinde eski yapı kalıntıları, maddi ve kültürel örnekler, gemicilik tarihi ile ilgili bulgular ve batık gemi kalıntıları gözlemlenmektedir.

Anahtar kelimelər: Azerbaycan, Kura Nehri, Hazar Denizi, Transgresyon

ABSTRACT

Introduction and Purpose: Two major rivers, the Kur and the Araz, flow through the territory of Azerbaijan. The eastern borders of the republic are limited by the Caspian Sea. Dozens of cities, villages, settlements, and necropolises have been flooded, depending on natural disasters that occur as a result of processes such as the periodic flooding of these rivers on the one hand, and the transgression and regression (rising and falling water levels) of the Caspian Sea on the other. For nearly a hundred years, archaeological research has been conducted both on the bottom of the Caspian Sea and on the banks of the Kura River. Our goal is to highlight the successes achieved as a result of these archaeological researchs.

Materials and Methods: As a result of the decrease in the water level in the Kura River in 2022 and 2023, collapsed jar graves were excavated from the water in the Pirabba and Shorkand villages of the Neftchala region. Several more jar graves were located nearby. Pottery vessels were discovered inside the jar graves. In August-September 2024, successful results were achieved during underwater archaeological exploration work in the medieval city of Shahri-Gurgan, located in the Khazar district of the Absheron Peninsula. During the research, pottery, a stone anchor, and the remains of two sunken ships were discovered at the bottom of the Caspian Sea.

Results: The material and cultural samples discovered from the Kura River date back to the 1st-2nd centuries AD, the Shahri-Gurgan artifacts to the 12th-14th centuries, and the ship remains to the 19th century. The “Jar Graves Culture” in Caucasian Albania spans the 4th-8th centuries BC.

Discussion and Conclusion: Studies show that there is a great need to study the bottom of the Caspian Sea and the Kura River. As a result of the re-regression of the Caspian Sea in the 21st century, ancient construction remains, material and cultural samples, artifacts related to the history of shipping, and the remains of sunken ships are observed in the coastal zones.

Key Words: Azerbaijan, Kura River, Caspian Sea, transgression.

REGIONAL ANALYSIS AND FORECASTING OF BROILER AND LAYER POULTRY PRODUCTION IN TÜRKİYE: A STATISTICAL AND MACHINE LEARNING APPROACH

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ABSTRACT

Introduction and Purpose:

As well as cattle farming and sheep & goat farming, poultry farming also has a significant place in Türkiye's agricultural economy. There are two important branches, such as broiler and egg in this sector. There is not enough systematic research which examines the regional perspectives and provide future projections in poultry farming as in many areas of agriculture and livestock. The main purpose of this study is to analyze broiler and layer production in Türkiye, identify the main producing regions, and generate forecasts using both traditional statistical models and modern machine learning algorithms.

Materials and Methods:

The regional broiler and layer production datasets have been acquired from the web-based data platform of Turkish Statistical Institute (TÜİK). Top producer regions and long-term changes in broiler and layer chicken production have been identified using descriptive statistics. Two statistical techniques- Autoregressive Integrated Moving Average (ARIMA) and Exponential Smoothing (ES)- have been used to anticipate the total national production of broiler and egg chicken. Two machine learning models such as Random Forest and Gradient Boosting, nevertheless, have been created. Random Forest allows for assessing variable importance and capturing nonlinearities, and Gradient Boosting provides flexible parameterization (e.g., learning rate, tree depth) and can be tuned effectively to the dataset. The model performance has been evaluated by way of Mean Absolute Error (MAE), Root Mean Square Error (RMSE), and R^2. The projections for ten years have been generated.

Results:

The broiler chicken production has been largely concentrated on the north-west line. The top three producer regions are TR42 (Kocaeli–Sakarya–Düzce–Bolu–Yalova), TR33 (Manisa–Afyonkarahisar–Kütahya–Uşak), and TR22 (Balıkesir–Çanakkale) respectively. The models ES and ML envisioned moderate growth in broiler chicken production, on the other hand, the suggestion of ARIMA is a flatter trend. The top three producer regions in layer chicken production are TR33 (Manisa, Afyonkarahisar, Kütahya, Uşak), TR52 (Konya–Karaman), and TR83 (Samsun–Tokat–Çorum–Amasya) respectively. A slight decline from the recent peak has been indicated by ES. On the other hand, moderate growth has been referred to by ARIMA. ML models harmonized the differences between statistical models by drawing a more balanced growth path.

Discussion and Conclusion:

This research shows the importance of using both statistical and machine learning approaches together with the purpose of identifying the trend dynamics and nonlinear relationships in

broiler and layer chicken production. The results reveal that north-western regions are leading in the broiler chicken production. On the other hand, western-central regions are dominating the layer chicken production. The results of this study can be utilized to create critical policy deductions and decisions of targeted investments by considering these distinct geographies. The proposed methodological framework can be adapted to other livestock production data as well.

Key Words: Poultry Farming; Broiler; Layer; Türkiye; Regional Analysis; Forecasting; Machine Learning

ALTAY'DAKİ ERKEN DÖNEM GÖÇEBELERİNİN EVRENİ TANIMLAMA ARACI OLARAK KULLANDIĞI SEMBOLİK SİSTEMİ

THE SYMBOLIC SYSTEM USED BY THE EARLY NOMADS OF ALTAY AS A TOOL TO DIAGNOSE THE UNIVERSE

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ÖZET

Giriş ve Amaç: Kazak Altayı'ndaki Erken Demir Çağı göçebelerinin kültürel mirası, "hayvan üslubu" olarak bilinen kendine özgü bir sembolik sistem ile karakterize edilir. Zoomorfik (hayvan biçimli) tasvirlerle ifade edilen bu görsel kod, eski toplumların mitolojik, kozmolojik ve sosyal düşüncelerini yansıtır. Bu çalışmanın amacı, bu sembolik sistemin erken göçebelerin dünya görüşünü betimlemedeki rolünü analiz etmek ve iletişimsel bir araç olarak gösterge bilimsel potansiyelini değerlendirmektir.

Materyal ve Yöntemler: Çalışma, Altay'ın Erken Demir Çağı göçebelerinin kültüründeki işaretlerin sembolik anlamını ve dünya görüşüyle ilişkili işlevlerini ortaya koymak için arkeolojik verileri gösterge bilimsel analizle birleştirmiştir. Malzeme tabanını Kazak Altayı buluntularından hayvan üslubuna ait eserler (silahlar, at koşumları, ev eşyaları) ile damga benzeri işaretler taşıyan eserler oluşturmaktadır. Ayrıca 18–20. yüzyıl kâşiflerinin (Messerschmidt, Miller, Pallas, Radlov) yazılı kaynakları ve arkeologların (Grakov, Rudenko, Gryaznov, Samashev, Raevskiy, Khazanov) çalışmaları kullanılmıştır. Uygulanan yöntemler; göstergebilimsel, ikonografik, karşılaştırmalı-tarihî ve kültür-tarihî yöntemlerdir. Bu sayede imgeler daha geniş sosyal, dinî ve mitopoetik bağlamlar içinde yorumlanmıştır.

Bulgular: Bulgular, hayvan üslubunun yalnızca sanatsal bir süsleme olmadığını, aynı zamanda kozmik düzen ve toplumsal hiyerarşi fikirlerini ifade eden kodlanmış bir sembolik dil işlevi gördüğünü ortaya koymaktadır. Belirli hayvanlar evrenin farklı katmanlarıyla ilişkilendirilmiştir (kuşlar üst dünya, toynaklılar orta dünya, yırtıcılar alt dünya ile). Petroglifler ve taşınabilir objeler, mitolojik prototiplerden yapılandırılmış işaret sistemlerine geçişi göstermektedir.

Tartışma ve Sonuç: Çalışma, Altay hayvan üslubunun, eski göçebelerin evreni kavramsallaştırdığı karmaşık bir gösterge bilimsel sistem oluşturduğunu göstermektedir. Sembolik imgelerin silahlara, giysilere ve ayinle ilgili nesnelere entegre edilmesi, bu objeleri

kutsal anlam taşıyıcılarına dönüştürmüştür. Dolayısıyla Altay göçebelerinin sembolik sistemi, onların dünya görüşünü anlamak için eşsiz bir model teşkil etmekte ve Orta Avrasya'nın Erken Demir Çağı kültürlerine dair çalışmalara katkıda bulunmaktadır.

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Anahtar Kelimeler: Kazak Altayı, Erken Demir Çağı, sembolik sistem, işaretler, hayvan üslubu, göstergebilim.

ABSTRACT

Introduction and Purpose: The cultural heritage of the Early Iron Age nomads of the Kazakh Altai is characterized by a distinctive symbolic system known as the "animal style." This visual code, expressed through zoomorphic images, reflects mythological, cosmological, and social ideas of ancient societies. The purpose of this study is to analyze the role of this symbolic system in describing the worldview of early nomads and to evaluate its semiotic potential as a communicative tool.

Materials and Methods: This study integrates archaeological data with semiotic analysis to reveal the symbolic significance of signs in the culture of the Early Iron Age nomads of the Altai and their worldview-related functions. The material base includes animal-style artifacts (weapons, horse harnesses, household items) from Kazakh Altai sites, as well as artifacts with tamga-like signs. Written accounts of 18th–20th century explorers (Messerschmidt, Miller, Pallas, Radlov) and works of archaeologists (Grakov, Rudenko, Gryaznov, Samashev, Raevskiy, Khazanov) were also employed. Methods applied were semiotic, iconographic, comparative-historical, and cultural-historical, enabling interpretation of images within broader social, religious, and mythopoetic contexts.

Results: The findings indicate that animal style served not only as artistic decoration but also as a coded symbolic language expressing ideas of cosmic order and social hierarchy. Specific animals were associated with different spheres of the cosmos (birds with the upper world, hoofed animals with the middle, predators with the lower). Petroglyphs and portable objects demonstrate a transition from mythological prototypes to structured sign systems.

Discussion and Conclusion: The study shows that the Altai animal style constituted a complex semiotic system through which ancient nomads conceptualized their universe. The integration of symbolic images into weapons, clothing, and ritual objects transformed them into carriers of sacred meaning. Thus, the symbolic system of the Altai nomads represents a unique model for understanding their worldview and contributes to broader studies of Early Iron Age cultures of Central Eurasia.

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Keywords: Kazakh Altai, Early Iron Age, symbolic system, signs, animal style, semiotics.

GİRİŞ

Damgalar ve işaretler – insanlık medeniyetinde derin köklere sahip, insan aklının, düşüncesinin ve üretim araçlarının gelişimine, ayrıca çevreyi kavrama başarısına paralel olarak giderek

karmaşıklaşan olgulardan biridir. Damga benzeri işaretlerin eski çağ insanlarının yaşamında yaygın biçimde kullanılmış olması kuvvetle muhtemeldir. Ancak bunların en eskileri arasında bize ulaşanlar – kaya üzerine kazınmış olanlar ile Orta Çağlardaki mezar yapılarının duvarlarına ve mezar taşlarına işlenmiş olanlardır. Diğerlerinin ise zamanla aşınıp kaybolduğu bilinmektedir.

Hangi çağ olursa olsun, işaretlerin ve sembollerin en önemli işlevinin sözsüz bir iletişim aracı olmasıdır denebilir. Bu işaretleri ayırt ederek, "okuyarak" bu damgaların sahipleri hakkında şifrelenmiş bilgilere ulaşmamız mümkündür. Günümüzdeki araştırmalar, işaret ve sembollerin ardında toplumun ve tarihin belli bir dönemi, sahibinin soyu, yaşı, cinsiyeti, statüsü, hatta maddi durumu hakkında bilgiler bulunduğunu kanıtlamaktadır. Ayrıca, daha sonraki dönemlerde damgaların kullanım alanı daralmış, belli bir boyun işareti veya mülkiyetin simgesi olarak kullanılmışsa da, tarihin derinliklerine indikçe bunların daha karmaşıklaştığını ve işlevlerinin genişlediğini görmekteyiz.

Örneğin, erken demir çağında Kazak Altayı'nı yurt edinmiş toplulukların damga sistemleri oldukça karmaşıktı ve bu işaretler gündelik yaşam çerçevesini aşarak, çevreyi, evreni ve mekânı algılama biçimlerini, ayrıca mitolojik ve mitopoetik düşüncelerini ifade eden araçlar olarak işlev görüyordu. Eski Türk runik yazıtlarındaki harflerin büyük çoğunluğunun boy damgalarından türetildiğini, Türkolog Altay Amanjolov özellikle vurgulamıştır. Bunun yanı sıra damgaların semiyotik niteliği, kayalara işlenmiş hayvan üslubu betimlemelerinden de açıkça görülmektedir.

Coğrafi açıdan Avrasya'nın önemli bir bölümünü oluşturan Kazak Altayı, erken göçebelerin kültür ve sanatının tarihsel gelişimindeki kritik aşamaları yansıtmaktadır. Onların sanatı ve sembolizmi, özellikle hayvan üslubu, o dönemin dünya görüşünü, mitolojisini ve toplumsal yapısını derinlemesine anlamamıza imkân verir. Altay bölgesinde yapılan arkeolojik kazılarda bulunan çok sayıdaki eser (altın süs eşyaları, silahlar, giysiler) erken göçebelerin kültür ve sanatını araştırmaya kapı açmaktadır. Tarihi mirası bilimdeki ileri ve yenilikçi yöntemlerle – örneğin 3D tarama, bilgisayarlı modelleme ve izotop analizleri gibi modern teknolojiler aracılığıyla – incelemek, erken göçebelerin sanatını, özellikle İskit hayvan üslubunu, daha derin ve doğru biçimde araştırmaya olanak tanır. Bu teknolojiler arkeolojik eserlerin korunmasını sağlayarak onların sembolik işaretlerini anlamak için yeni yollar sunar. Kapsamlı araştırmalar, modern bilimde yeni kavram ve teorilerin oluşmasına katkıda bulunur ve bilimsel döngüde bu mirası yeniden yorumlamamıza fırsat tanır.

Damga ve sembollerin çok yönlülüğünü, Saka kabilelerinin hayvan üslubundaki sembollerinden görebiliriz. Bu semboller yalnızca dekoratif öğeler değil, aynı zamanda dönemin insanlarının dünya görüşünü ve inançlarını yansıtan derin anlamlı işaretlerdir. Bu işaretlerin incelenmesi sayesinde, erken göçebelerin doğaya, hayvanlara ve evrene bakışını, ayrıca yaşam tarzlarını anlayabiliriz. Kazak Altayı erken göçebelerinin sembolik işaretler sistemini etnografik paralellikler temelinde bugünkü Kazak kültürü ve diğer Türk halklarının kültürüyle karşılaştırarak, onların tarihsel sürekliliğini ve kültürel bağlantılarını ortaya koymak mümkündür. Bu tür araştırmalar, günümüz ulusal ve etnik kimlik bilincinin oluşumuna da katkı sağlar.

Kazak Altayı erken göçebelerinin işaret sistemini incelemek, birçok bilimsel, tarihî, kültürel ve etnografik açıdan önemli sonuçlar elde etmeye olanak sağlayan güncel konulardan biridir. Bu nedenle bu makalede Kazak Altayı'nın eski göçebelerinin bıraktığı damgalar ve semboller, disiplinlerarası bir araştırma yöntemi çerçevesinde ele alınmıştır. Hayvancılıkla uğraşan ve bozkır ile orman-bozkır bölgelerinde maden çıkaran Altay'ın eski göçebeleri, çevreyi ve toplumsal dünyayı anlamaya ve betimlemeye çalıştılar. Eski Altay halklarının doğa dünyası, iklim olaylarını, peyzajları, bitki ve hayvan dünyasını, mevsimsel döngüleri, hatta astral

döngüleri kapsıyordu. Toplumsal gerçeklik ise, kabile içinde ve komşu kabileler arasında karşılıklı ilişkiler sistemlerini ve sosyal hiyerarşinin oluşumunu içeriyordu. Bu dünya görüşü sonucunda, Altay'ın eski göçebeleri, çevrelerindeki dünyayı olabildiğince doğru betimlemek için çeşitli damga ve işaretlerden oluşan özel bir sistem geliştirdiler. Bugün "hayvan üslubu" olarak adlandırdığımız bu işaretler sistemi, silahları, giysileri, tabutları, at koşum takımlarını ve başka pek çok eseri süslemiştir.

Dünya genelinde erken demir çağına ait damga ve semboller üzerine geniş kapsamlı araştırmalar yapılmış olmasına rağmen, Kazakistan'daki eski sembollerin ve damgaların ülkemizin kültürel açıdan önemli bir mirası olarak tanınması ve onların yerel özgünlüğünü kanıtlayan çalışmalar henüz yürütülmemiştir. Mevcut jeopolitik koşullarda bu tür bilimsel araştırmaların devlet tarafından desteklenmesi büyük önem taşır; zira bu damgalar ve resimler, Kazak topraklarındaki özgün stilin ülkemizin toprak ve kültürel bütünlüğünün derin köklere sahip olduğunu kanıtlamaya katkı sağlayacaktır. Kazak Altayı'nın erken demir çağı sakinlerinin kültürünü karşılaştırmalı biçimde ele alarak, bu dönemlerde damgaların ve sembollerin halk yaşamındaki rolünü incelemek, tarihsel bağlamı yeniden canlandırmak, damga kullanım geleneğinin sonraki sürekliliğini ortaya koymak, ayrıca işaret sisteminin Orta Avrasya kültürel mirası içindeki yerini belirlemek, eski göçebelere özgü damgaları ve sembolleri tespit etmek, korumak, kullanmak ve tanıtmak için metodolojik bir temel oluşturmak, Türk dünyası araştırmacıları için geciktirilemeyecek bir meseledir.

Makalede ele alınan konunun bilimsel yeniliği ve önemi, hem temel hem de uygulamalı nitelikte bir dizi önemli sorunu çözmesinden ve erken demir çağındaki Kazak Altayı'na ait damga benzeri işaretler ve sembollerle bezenmiş anıtları incelemenin genel gerekliliğinden kaynaklanmaktadır. Damgabilim, yalnızca ulusal değil, aynı zamanda dünya tarih bilimi içinde de yeni gelişmekte olan alanlardan biridir. Damgabilim disiplininin kesin yöntemleri ve araçları henüz oluşturulup standardize edilmemiştir. Dünya damgabilimi hâlen veri toplama aşamasındadır. Bu açıdan bakıldığında, Kazak Altayı eski göçebelerinin damga ve işaretleri, damgabilim alanında birer "beyaz nokta" gibidir. Bunları bulmak, tanımlamak, kapsamlı bilimsel dolaşıma kazandırmak ve kültürel miras olarak tanıtmak, bilimsel rekabetin çok ötesinde bir öneme sahiptir; zira bu, dünya damgabiliminin eksik sayfalarını tamamlamaya ve bu bilim dalını önemli ölçüde ilerletmeye katkıda bulunacaktır.

Makale, saha çalışmalarından başlayarak, eski damga benzeri işaret ve sembollerle bezenmiş anıtların elektronik veri tabanını oluşturmayı ve çeşitli sembolik işaretler taşıyan taşınır ve taşınmaz anıtları incelemek için metodolojik öneriler geliştirmeyi kapsayan tam bir araştırma döngüsünü içermektedir.

Araştırma aynı zamanda dikkate değer bir sosyo-ekonomik etkiye sahip olacak, genç nesli vatanseverlik ruhuyla yetiştirmeye, doğduğu ülkeye, toprağa ve kendi tarihine olan sevgisini pekiştirmeye imkân verecek ve bölgenin ekonomik ve turistik gelişimine katkıda bulunacaktır.

KAVRAMSAL ÇERÇEVE

Kazak Altayı Erken Göçebelerinin İşaret Sisteminin Oluşumunun Tarihî Ön Koşulları

Kazak Altayı erken göçebelerinin işaret sisteminin oluşumunun tarihî ön koşullarını anlamak için birkaç temel faktörü dikkate almamız gerekir:

Coğrafi ve doğal koşullar. Kazak Altayı'nın doğal koşulları, göçebe yaşam biçiminin oluşmasına zemin hazırlamıştır. Bu bölgenin dağlık arazisi, geniş otlakları ve su kaynakları, göçebelerin hayvancılıkla uğraşmasına imkân tanımıştır. Bu doğal ortamda yaşayan insanlar, çevredeki doğanın özelliklerini göz önünde bulundurarak kendi işaret sistemlerini geliştirmişlerdir.

Toplumsal yapı ve boy sistemi. Göçebe toplumun temelini boy–kabile yapısı oluşturuyordu. Her boy ve kabile, kendilerine özgü damga ve işaretler kullanıyordu. Bu damgalar, boyun veya kabilenin sembolik işareti olup, onların birbirini tanımasına, mülkiyetlerini belirtmesine ve toplumsal bağlarını güçlendirmesine hizmet etmiştir.

Dinsel ve mitolojik inançlar. Erken göçebelerin dinsel ve mitolojik inançları, onların işaret sistemine büyük ölçüde etki etmiştir. Şamanizm, animizm ve doğa kültü gibi inançlar yaygındı. Bu inançlara göre, her nesnenin, hayvanın ve doğa olayının bir ruhu olduğuna inanılıyordu. Bu tür inançlar, onların sanatsal ve sembolik yaratıcılığında yansımasını bulmuştur.

Ticaret ve kültürel etkileşim. Kazak Altayı, eski çağlardan beri çeşitli kültürlerin kesiştiği bir yer olmuştur. Ticaret yolları aracılığıyla göçebeler, diğer halklarla bağlantı kurarak onların kültürel ve teknolojik başarılarını benimsemişlerdir. Bu kültürel etkileşimler, göçebelerin işaret sistemine yeni unsurlar kazandırmış ve onu zenginleştirmiştir.

Siyasi ve askerî faktörler. Göçebelerin askerî ve siyasi yaşamı da onların işaret sistemini etkilemiştir. Komutanlar ve kahramanlar, kendilerine özgü damga, bayrak ve silahlar kullanmışlardır. Bu işaretler, onların statüsünü, gücünü ve otoritesini yansıtmıştır.

Artefaktlar ve arkeolojik veriler. Arkeolojik kazılarda bulunan piktogramlar, seramik kaplar, silahlar ve süs eşyaları gibi eserler, göçebelerin işaret sisteminin gelişimini ve kültürlerini anlamamıza olanak tanımaktadır.

Kazak Altayı erken göçebelerinin işaret sisteminin oluşumu, doğal çevre, toplumsal yapı, dinsel inançlar, kültürel etkileşimler ve siyasi faktörlerin etkisiyle şekillenen karmaşık ve çok yönlü bir süreçti. Bunların incelenmesi, erken göçebelerin kültür ve tarihini daha derinlemesine anlamamıza katkı sağlar.

Araştırmanın Teorik Temeli

Kazakistan topraklarındaki ilk damga benzeri işaretler, hatta taş devri anıtlarında bile tespit edilmiştir. Kazak Altayı'ndaki en eski örneklerden biri olarak, enolitik döneme ait Akbauır Mağarası'ndaki sembolik işaretler gösterilebilir.

Kazak Altayı erken göçebelerinin işaret sistemini incelemeden önce, bozkırda günümüze kadar ulaşan damga ve işaretlerin ortaya çıkışından bugüne kadar geçirdiği değişim ve gelişim sürecine değinmek gerekir. Genel olarak Orta Asya'nın farklı bölgelerinde damga ve işaretlerin oluşumuna doğal-coğrafi, kültürel-tarihî ve jeopolitik koşullar etki etmiştir. Böylece, her dönemde farklı toplulukların damga ve işaretleri, kendilerine özgü özellikler ve farklılıklar kazanarak Büyük Bozkır göçebelerinin kültürel bir fenomenine dönüşmüştür. Damga ve işaretlerin gelişimi, insanlık tarihinin ve kültürünün her bir dönemiyle örtüşmektedir: taş devri, tunç devri, erken demir çağı, Hun-Sarmat dönemi, Orta Çağlar, yeni ve yakın dönem.

V.A. İstrin, damga ve işaretleri "eski şartlı işaretler" olarak adlandırmış ve onların piktogramlardan daha önce ortaya çıktığını belirtmiştir. Ona göre, ilk örnekler alt paleolitikte, belirgin işaretler ise üst paleolitikte görülmektedir [Istrin,1965: 83]. Damga ve damga benzeri işaretler, piktogramlar, logogramlar ve ideogramlarla birlikte bilgiyi resimler aracılığıyla kaydedip yaymışlardır. Neolit döneminde boy-kabile yapısının ve özel mülkiyetin ortaya çıkışıyla birlikte, boy ve kabilelere, özel mülkiyete, evcil hayvanlara, silahlara, seramik eşyalara vb. ait damgalar oluşmuştur.

Kazakistan'da yalnızca taşa kazınmış damga ve işaretler bilindiğinden, damgabilimde taş devri işaretlerini petroglifolojiden ayırmak mümkün değildir. Bilim dünyasına kazandırılmış petrogliflerin analizi, taş devrine özgü betimlerin kesin olarak tanımlanmadığını göstermektedir. Araştırmacılar, şu anda eski taş devrine ait olduğu kesinleşmiş ve evrensel

olarak kabul edilmiş bir betimleme mirası olmadığını belirtmektedir. A.G. Medoev ve diğer araştırmacılar, Kazakistan'dan taş devrine ait damga-betimler bulmaya çalışmış, ancak kesin kanıtlar hâlâ yetersizdir. Bununla birlikte, Zaynolla Samashev'e göre, son zamanlarda Mañğıstau Yarımadası'ndaki Koskuduk I, Cem Nehri kıyısındaki Töleubulak ve Öleñti anıtları, eski damga-betimlere dâhil edilebilecek örnekler arasında sayılabilir [Samashev, 2010: 89-97].

Neolit dönemine ait "kase benzeri" oyuk biçimindeki sembolik işaretler, Töleubulak Mağarası'nda bulunmuş ve Kazakistan topraklarında keşfedilen en eski damgalar arasında kabul edilmiştir. Bu mağara, kültürel, etnik ve stilistik açıdan çeşitli işaretler içermektedir.

Tunç devrinde damga ve işaretler, karmaşık kavramları ve farklı nesneleri temsil etmek için kullanılmıştır. Onlar, takvimsel döngüleri, doğa olaylarını ve çevredeki unsurları simgelemiştir. Damga ve işaretlerin kutsal-büyüsel işlevi, toplumun manevi gelişiminde önemli bir rol oynamıştır. Kazak bozkırlarında damga kullanımının tunç devrinden itibaren başlamış olması muhtemeldir. Bu dönemde damga ve işaretler, toplumun karmaşık sosyal ilişkilerinin, yeni sosyal kurumların, karmaşık ekonomik-kültürel tiplerin oluşumunun, göç hareketlerinin artmasının, etno-dilsel toplulukların dağılmasının ve yeni dünya görüşlerinin ortaya çıkmasının bir sonucu olarak gelişmiştir.

Eneolit döneminde, özellikle Botay kültürü, damga ve işaretlerin gelişiminde etkili olmuştur. Botay'dan bulunan at falanksları, taş "ütücükler" ve diskler üzerine kazınmış sembolik işaretler, Akbauır Mağarası'ndaki yazıtlarla benzerlik göstermektedir. Tunç devrinde damga ve işaretler, iş aletlerinde, ulaşım araçlarında, kült eşyalarında, silah ve zırhlarda, insan ve hayvan figürlerinde, fantastik tasvirlerde yer almıştır. Tunç devrine ait damga-betimlerin en yaygın olduğu bir diğer yer, seramik kaplara kazınmış işaretlerdir. Bu dönemde işaretler sistemi, anlamsal açıdan oldukça genişlemiştir. Bu konuyu en kapsamlı şekilde inceleyen bilim insanı E.Yu. Zaharova'dır. O, tunç devrine ait Srubnaya kültürüne dâhil kaplardaki betimleri ayrıntılı biçimde analiz etmiştir. Zaharova, Ch. S. Peirce'in işaretleri endeks, ikonik ve sembolik olarak sınıflandırmasını, R. Jakobson'un işaret-sinyalleri özel bir tipe ayırmasını ve V.V. Otroşçenko'nun çevre-betim, haç biçimli işaret, geometrik şekiller, harf-betim ve piktogram benzeri işaretler ayrımını esas alarak damga ve işaretlerin üç ana gruba ayrılabileceğini önermiştir: görsel-betimsel, sembolik ve işaret-sinyal [Zaharova, 2000].

Görsel-betimsel damgalar grubuna insan ve hayvan benzeri işaretler girer. Sembolik damgalar grubu ise üç alt gruba ayrılır: haç biçimli işaretler (düz haç, eğik haç, kesişen paralel çizgilerden oluşan haç, çift haç, svastika), geometrik şekillerden yapılmış damgalar (açılı, üçgen, dörtgen işaretler) ve soyut semboller. Damga ve işaretlerin üçüncü türüne ise tek başına kullanılan işaret-sinyaller girer. Bunun yanı sıra damga ve işaretleri farklılaştıran çentikler ve kabartmalar gibi ek unsurlar da mevcuttur. Zaharova'nın aktardığı bu tip işaretlerin çoğu, Kazak bozkırlarının tunç devrine ait seramik kaplarına da özgüdür [Zaharova, 2000: 62-71]. Bu durum, Orta Asya ve Doğu Avrupa topluluklarının bilgiyi kaydetmek, saklamak ve iletmek için işaret sistemlerini kullandığını göstermektedir [Iarygin, 2016: 91].

Kazakistan'ın tunç devrine ait damga ve işaretleri iki yönde hızlı bir gelişim göstermiştir. İlki, Doğu Kazakistan'daki Akbauır Mağarası'nda tespit edilen soyut işaretlerdir. İkincisi ise, Jetisu'daki Kuljabası anıtından bulunan güneş sembolleridir. Bu çizgi, Hun-Sarmat dönemine kadar sürmüştür. Bunlara örnek olarak, Üstürt'teki Bayte-3 ve Cem Nehri'nin yukarı kesimindeki anıtlar gösterilebilir. Tunç devrine ait bazı işaretler, bir topluluğa aidiyeti ifade eden en eski sembolik işaretler olarak değerlendirilebilir. Bu işaretler, İrtiş Nehri kıyısındaki İzmaylovka ve Kuşik, Tobıl Nehri kıyısındaki Novoilinskiy, Kazak bozkırındaki Dandıbay ve Besoba anıtlarında tespit edilmiştir. Bu işaretlerin farklı bölgelerde benzerlik göstermesi, onların etno-kültürel bir topluluğun işareti olarak kabul edilmesine imkân verir.

Tunç devrindeki damga ve işaretlerin incelenme düzeyi, Z.S. Samashev'in şu görüşüyle özetlenebilir: "Tunç devrinde, toplumsal tabakalaşmanın etkisiyle ve hayvanların, toprakların, maden yataklarının, maden ocaklarının, kutsal yerlerin ve tapınakların topluluğun mülkiyetinde olması nedeniyle, damga ve işaretler bir boyun mülkiyetini belirtmek için konulmuştur" [Samashev, Bazylkhan, Samashev, 2010: 108].

Erken demir çağında, göçebe devletlerdeki ekonomik ilişkiler, göçebe üretim tarzının baskınlığı ile karakterize ediliyordu. Eski göçebeler, damga ve sembolleri yaygın bir şekilde kullanmışlardır. Damgaların çoğu, toynaklı hayvanlar ve güneş sembolleri biçimindeydi; daha sonra bazıları stilizasyon sonucunda soyut sembollere dönüşmüştür. Erken demir çağı göçebelerinin damgaları, çoğunlukla petrogliflerde görülür ve bunlar, zoomorfik ve antropomorfik betimlerle bir kompozisyon oluşturur ya da onların yanında yer alır. Bu, işaretlerin çizildiği dönemi belirlemeye ve bazı durumlarda başka yerlerde bulunan benzer damgaları tarihlendirmeye yardımcı olur.

Sırderya kıyısındaki yerleşimlerden ve kurganlardan çıkarılan seramik kaplardaki damgalar ise, damga kullanımına ait başka bir grup anıtı temsil etmektedir [Iatsenko, Smagulov, 2014]. Günümüzde bu eserleri sistemleştirme ve karşılaştırmalı araştırma çalışmaları aktif olarak yürütülmektedir. Göçebe kültüründeki damga ve işaretleri inceleyen önde gelen bilim insanları, bu işaretlerin en temel işlevinin özel mülkiyeti belirtmek olduğunu düşünmektedir. Ancak Kazakistan topraklarında tespit edilen damgaların çoğu, kült ve anıtsal yapılarla ilişkili olduğundan, onların ana işlevinin yalnızca özel mülkiyeti belirtmek olduğunu söylemek, damgaların kullanım alanını fazlasıyla daraltır.

YÖNTEM

Genellikle bozkır alanlarının araştırılmasında arkeolojik, jeofizik, laboratuvar ve fotogrametrik analiz yöntemlerini kapsayan bütüncül bir yaklaşım kullanmak büyük önem taşır. Örneğin:

Arkeolojik yöntemler: Kazı yapılacak alanın seçimi – yüzeye çıkmış taşların varlığı ve altında bir yapının bulunabileceğine dair ön bulgulara dayanarak belirlenir. Bu yöntemle yapılan çalışmalar birkaç aşamadan oluşur: yüzey toprağının alınması, belli bir derinlikte humus ve kara toprak tabakasının temizlenmesi taş çevrelemenin açığa çıkarılmasına olanak tanır. Çalışmanın her aşamasında yapının kesin koordinatlarını almak için takeometre ve GPS cihazı kullanılır.

Jeofizik yöntemler: Anıtın yer altı yapılarının incelenmesi ve kazı alanının içinde ve dışında gözle görülmeyen anormalliklerin tespiti amacıyla elektromanyetik indüksiyon ve jeoradar taramaları yapılır.

Laboratuvar yöntemleri: Laboratuvar analizleri arasında radyokarbon tarihlendirme, paleo-ekolojik araştırmalar ve kayaç yapılarının mineralojik analizleri bulunur. Anıttan alınan organik malzeme örnekleri, yapının kesin yaşını belirlemek için radyokarbon incelemesine gönderilir. Hammadde kaynaklarını ve eski toplulukların olası ticaret veya göç yollarını belirlemek amacıyla çevreleme ve mezar taşlarına mineralojik analiz uygulanır.

Fotogrametrik yöntemler: Fotogrametri kullanımı, yapının ayrıntılı üç boyutlu modellerinin oluşturulmasını sağlamıştır. Fotogrametrik çekimler, taş yapılar ve damgaların yüzey detaylarının tümünü kaydederek onların geometrik özelliklerini hassas bir şekilde ölçmeye ve incelemeye imkân tanımıştır. Bu veriler, plan ve rekonstrüksiyonların hazırlanmasında kullanılarak yapının mimari ve sembolik yapısını daha derinlemesine anlamaya katkıda bulunmuştur.

İkonografik ve sembolik analiz: Anıtlardaki damga ve işaretlerin sembolik anlamlarının incelenmesine özel önem verilmektedir. Çalışmanın bu aşaması, Avrasya'nın diğer

bölgelerindeki benzer damga ve işaretlere sahip anıtlarla karşılaştırmalı analiz yapmayı içerir. Bunun için bibliyografik kaynaklar, etnografik araştırmalar ve benzer arkeolojik kültürlerden elde edilen veriler kullanılarak sembollerin sürekliliği ve farklı yorumları belirlenir.

Metinsel analiz: Bulunan tüm eserler – taş levhalar, dikme taşlar ve sembolik işaretler – titizlikle belgelenmiş ve mekânsal konumları, olası ritüel işlevleri ve kültürel önemi bağlamında analiz edilmiştir. Bu analiz, mezar yerinin seçimini etkilemiş olabilecek nehir ve diğer hidroğrafik unsurları da kapsayan çevresel peyzaj araştırmalarıyla tamamlanmıştır.

BULGULAR

Kazak Altayı Eski Sakinlerinin Damga Özellikleri

Farklı dönemlere ait anıtları kapsayan Şöje Bronz Çağına ayıt olan bir Çevreleme – Sakların yerleşimleri ve kurgan sistemlerini, ayrıca çeşitli çağların anıtlarını barındıran Akbaur arkeolojik kompleksinin 2,5 km güneyinde, Şöje ve Uranhay nehirlerinin birleştiği, doğası görkemli bir bölgede yer almaktadır. 2024 yılında, iri taneli granit levhalardan yapılmış iki mezar odası bulunan, paleometal dönemine ait bir çevreleme tespit edilerek incelenmiştir göstermektedir. Odalardan birinin duvarlarında, inşa veya gömme-anımsatma törenleri sırasında kazınmış, “su/dalga” ya da “kıvrımlı” damgaları andıran yatay zikzak çizgilerden oluşan geometrik semboller belirlenmiştir. (görsel 1) [Samashev, Samashev, Zhuniskhanov, Sirazheva, 2024: 861-888].

Görsel 1. Şöje Bronz Çağı Çevrelemesi, Nesne No. 5. Mezar Odası Duvarlarındaki Zikzak Semboller. Fotoğraf: Andrey Puşkarev

Damgalı mezar odasından çıkarılan seramik kap parçalarında da benzer, anlam bakımından (estetik, dini-mitolojik vb.) aynı kaynağa işaret eden zikzak motifli kompozisyonlara rastlanmıştır. Bu sembolik işaretler, gelecekte gömme ve anma ritüelleri bağlamında özel bir inceleme konusu haline gelmelidir.

Mezar ve anıtsal yapıların duvarlarına mitolojik içerikli çeşitli sahnelerin, hayvan ve insan figürlerinin, ayrıca zikzaklar, kafesler, üçgenler ve diğer şekillerden oluşan soyut işaretlerin işlenmesi, eski dünyanın birçok kültüründe bilinen bir uygulamadır. Bu unsurlar, Orta Asya’da Altay’daki Karakol yazıtları, Jetisu’daki Tanbaly, Doğu Kazakistan’daki Sarykol ve Kırküngir kurganları gibi paleometal dönemine ait anıtlarda da görülmektedir. Bu da, eski insanların gündelik yaşamlarının mitolojik-ritüel bütünlüklerle ne kadar yakın ilişkili olduğunu ve ölüleri “uğurlama” törenlerini nasıl gerçekleştirdiklerini göstermektedir [Shchebrova, 2022: 861-888].

Zikzak biçimli soyutlamalar kaya resimlerinde görülür ve yukarıda belirtildiği gibi, özellikle bronz çağında ölüleri uğurlamak için yapılan seramik kapların üzerine işlenmiştir [Lotman, Uspenskii, 1971: 38-40].

Mezar odasının duvarlarında damgaların bulunması ve bunların bazı yapılarda tekrar etmesi, sembolik işaretlerin belli bir düzenliliğe sahip olduğunu ortaya koymaktadır. Örneğin, birinci resimde sunulan zikzak damgaya benzer çizimler Akbaur anıtında da görülmektedir; bu durum, onların yeniden tarihlendirilmesi ve farklı bir bakış açısıyla incelenmesi için benzersiz bir fırsat yaratmaktadır. Sadece damgaların kendisi değil, taş sandukadan çıkarılan iskelet üzerinde yapılacak paleogenetik incelemeler ve uygun radyokarbon tarihlendirmeler de bu gizemli sembolleri bırakan eski sakinlerin yaşamına dair bazı yönleri aydınlatmaya imkân sağlayacaktır.

Şöje Çevrelemesi'ndeki Dalgalı (İrmek) Damgalar ve Petrogliflerin Tanımı. Ölçüleri 1,88×0,9 m ve derinliği 0,53 m olan kuzey odası, iki duvarındaki dalgalı (ırmak biçimli) işaretler, dalgalı çizgilerle bezeli seramik kap parçaları ve paleogenetik incelemeler için elverişli insan iskeletinin bulunması nedeniyle özel bir ilgi uyandırmaktadır.

Güney odası, duvara dayandırılmış dört sağlam granit levhadan yapılmıştır. Boyutları 1,90×1,0 m, derinliği ise 0,8 m'dir. Odanın tabanında dağınık insan kemikleri ve, kuzey odasında bulunan kaptan farklı olarak, yüzeyi tarak biçiminde damgalarla yapılmış taramalı üçgenlerle süslenmiş pişmiş toprak kap parçaları ele geçirilmiştir.

Uzun yan duvarda (uzunluğu 1,57 m) yer alan damga-işaretlerin, çift dalga biçiminde verilmiş ve on kez ritmik biçimde tekrar eden görüntüleri yatay bir bütün kompozisyon oluşturur. Kesik çizgilerle yapılmış bu dalgalı motifler, kuzey odasında gömülü kişinin yaşadığı toplumun karmaşık mitopoetik düşüncelerini açıkça yansıtmaktadır. Bu betimler, defin ve anma törenlerinin gerektirdiği kurallarla yakından bağlantılıdır. Bu görüş, kısa yan duvarda yer alan benzer işaretin basitleştirilmiş biçimiyle ve ayrıca seramik kapların yüzeylerinde üç sıra halinde dalga oluşturan taramalı üçgenlerden ve üç sıra dalgalardan meydana gelen kompozisyonların bulunmasıyla da doğrulanmaktadır.

Dalga (zigzag) biçimli sembolik işaret, farklı dönemler ve kültürlerin arkeolojik anıtlarında karşılaşılan en yaygın ve çok anlamlı motiflerden biridir. Örneğin, Karadeniz bozkırlarının mezarlıklarında [Messershmidt, 2021: 13-98] ve dolmenlerde [Miller, 1886] benzer dalgalı betimler bulunmuştur. M.Yu. Lotman'ın kuramsal çerçevesine göre, dalga motifi farklı yorumlara rağmen, çeşitli kültürel dönemleri birbirine bağlayan ve uzun tarihsel süreç boyunca önemini ve işlevselliğini koruyan bir gösterge olarak değerlendirilebilir [Miller, 1999: 11-12].

Şöje işaretleriyle ikonografik ve anlamsal paralellikler arandığında, öncelikle Akbaur tepesindeki damgalar dikkat çeker. Bu işaretler yalnızca eşzamanlı değil, aynı kabile yapısına ait insanlar tarafından yapılmış olabilir. Bununla birlikte, Akbaur dalgalı motifleri, tapınak kompleksinin oldukça karmaşık bir damga–iletişim sisteminin parçasıdır ve kuşkusuz, defin ve anma törenlerinden daha geniş ve karmaşık dünya görüşleriyle ve takvim döngülerine ilişkin ritüel sırlarla bağlantılıdır [Pallas, 1786–1788: 184-190].

Bu soyut motifin tüm dünyada yaygın olan anlamsal içeriğine gelince, doğa olaylarını, ses dalgalarını betimleme veya öteki dünyaya geçişin grafiksel bir metaforu gibi birçok özgün ve yaratıcı tahmin vardır [Spasskii, 1817: 1-21]. J. Cooper'a göre dalga motifi, şimşeği ve ondan çıkan ateşi, ayrıca bereketi simgeler. Bu işaret aynı zamanda Babil fırtına tanrısı Adad gibi, elinde dalgalı bir demet ya da alev tutan fırtına tanrılarının da bir özelliğidir. Buradaki dalga sembolizmi, çatal biçimli yıldırım veya alev görüntüsüne benzer [Radlov, 1894: 101].

B.B. Piotrovskiy ve N.D. Flitner, eski Doğu kültürlerindeki dalga motifini su unsuru ile ilişkilendirmiştir [Grakov, 1947: 90-94; Grakov, 1971: 153-156]. Bu analiz, suyun yaşamsal önemi ve bereketin sembolü olarak rolüne vurgu yapar.

S.Zh. Pustovalov, dalgayı takvimsel sembolizmle ilişkilendirerek, doğa ritimleriyle bağlantılı zaman döngülerini ve olaylarını belirtmek için kullanılmış olabileceğini ileri sürer [Kuz'mina, 1979: 36].

Erken Demir Çağı'nda dalgalı motifler anlamlarını korumuş, ancak yeni yorumlar ortaya çıkmıştır. Örneğin, İskit kültüründe dalgalı çizgiler ateş ve güneş kültüyle, ayrıca askeri sembollerle bağlantılıydı. Bu tür süsleme motiflerine sahip silah ve mücevherler genellikle kutsal kabul edilirdi. G.N. Volnaya bunları kuş tüyleri ve hayvan postu betimleriyle ilişkilendirmiştir [Raevskii, 1985: 35]. Ayrıca kuş bedenindeki üçgen, dalga ve tarama şekillerinin, bu kuşun gövdesinin unsurları olan su ve bitkileri betimlediğini açıklar [Raevskii, 1984: 96]. Bu yorumlar, doğa olayları ile onların süsleme sanatındaki sembolik yansımaları arasındaki derin bağı gösterir.

Orta Çağ'da dalgalı motif, özellikle dokuma ürünlerinde, mimaride ve silah süslemelerinde dekoratif bir unsur olarak kullanılmaya devam etti. İslam sanatında dalgalı çizgiler sık sık geometrik tasarımlara dâhil edilerek sonsuzluğu veya yaşamın sürekliliğini sembolize ediyordu. Ayrıca Türk kültürlerinde dalgalı motifin su ve hayvanlar âlemiyle ilişkilendirilmesi geleneği sürdü.

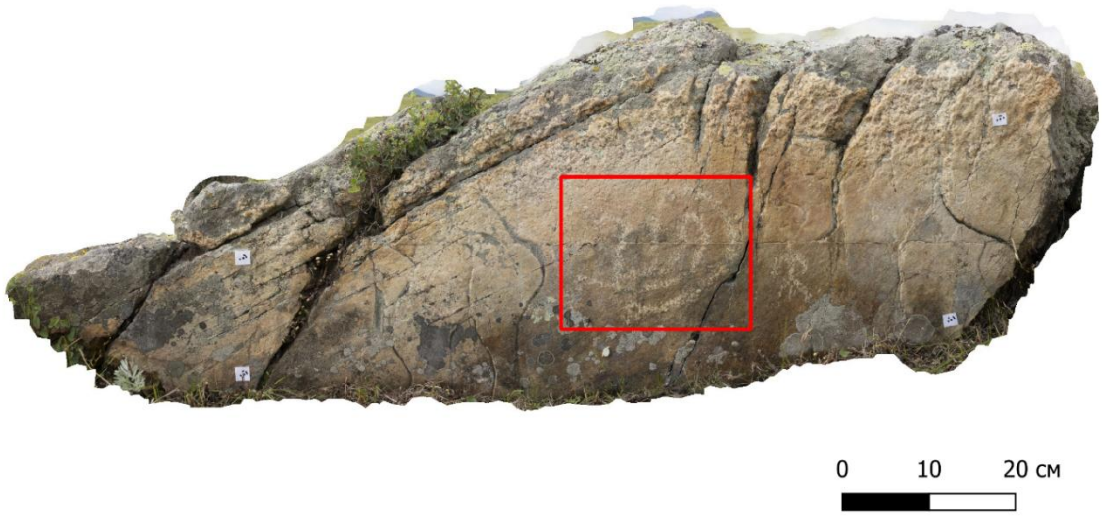
Kazak araştırmacısı A.H. Margulan, dalgalı çizgilerin su ve nehir akışını tasvir ettiğini belirtmiştir [Khazanov, 1976: 84]. "Su Örnek" adı verilen bu desenler [Griaznov, 1950: 132], Kazak süsleme-uygulamalı sanatında sıkça görülür ve kökenleri Bronz Çağı kültürlerine kadar uzanır.

Bunun yanı sıra, Doğu Kazakistan bölgesinin Ulan, Tarbağatay, Katonkarağay ve Kürşim ilçelerinde yürütülen arkeolojik keşif-araştırma çalışmaları kapsamında kaya resmi (petroglif) alanları üzerinde de kapsamlı sayısal incelemeler yapılmıştır. Bu proje çerçevesinde Erken Demir Çağı'na ait 12 alan araştırılmıştır. Çalışmanın özelliği, üzerinde işaret ve semboller bulunan 22 kaya yüzeyinin ayrıntılı dijital fotoğraflarının çekilmesidir. Gelişmiş teknolojilerin kullanımı, verilerin kaydedilmesi ve belgelenmesinde önemli bir doğruluk sağlamış, bu da kaya resimleri ve onların kültürel metinlerinin daha derin ve kapsamlı analizini mümkün kılmıştır.

Karımsak petroglifleri. Kaya resimleri, Besterek köyünün 3,5 km batısında bulunmuştur. Çizimler, sürekli kazıma (gravür) tekniğiyle yapılmış olup, yaklaşık 1 km boyunca dikey konumdaki kaya yüzeylerine işlenmiştir. Betimlerin konuları çeşitlidir: ağırlıklı olarak dağ keçileri tasvir edilmiştir, ayrıca at, yırtıcı hayvan ve deve figürleri de vardır. Kompozisyonlar arasında yabani hayvan avı sahnesi özellikle dikkat çekicidir.

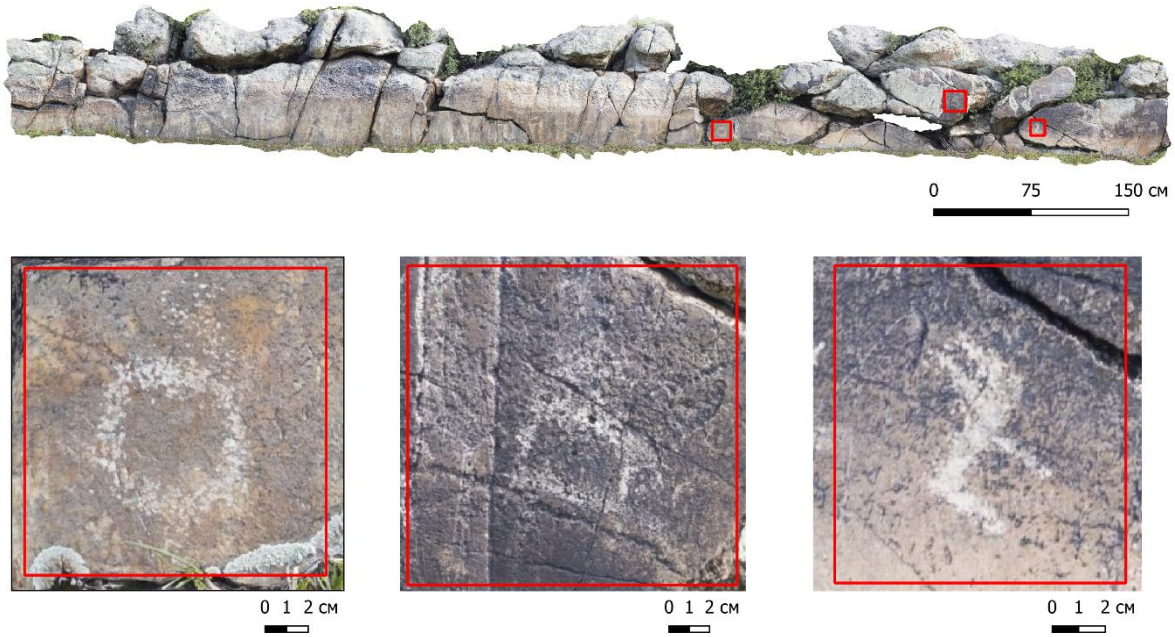
Karımsak anıtında üzerinde işaret ve figürlerin bulunduğu iki kaya yüzeyi belirlenmiştir:

- *Birinci yüzey*, dik konumda olup, iki gravür unsuru – bir işaret ve bir insan figürü – barındırmaktadır (görsel 2).



Görsel 2. Karımsak Petroglifleri, Yüzey 1

- *İkinci yüzey*, yine dik konumda olup, çok sayıda figür ve üç işareti içermektedir (görsel 3).



Görsel 3. Karımsak Petroglifleri, Yüzey 2

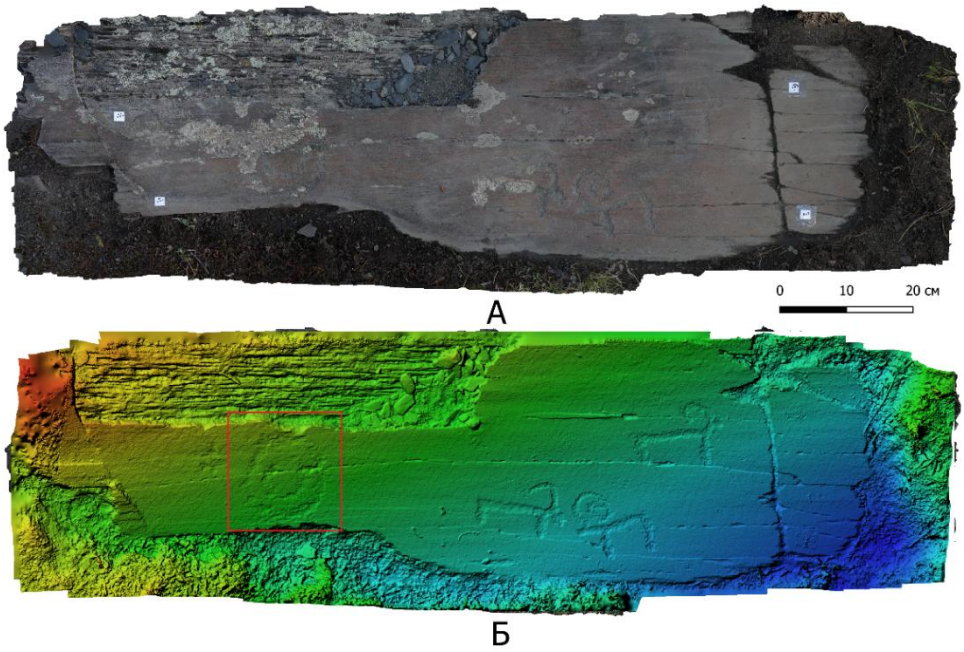
Kızıltaş Petroglifleri. Kızıltaş köyünün 300 m kuzey doğusunda, Uranqay Nehri'nin sağ kıyısında, dikey ve yatay düzlemlerde 1,5 km boyunca yüzeyinde kaya resimleri bulunan yaklaşık 50 taş tespit edilmiştir. Ana bölümü insan ve hayvan figürlerinden oluşmaktadır. Çok sayıdaki sahneler arasında, ellerinde yuvarlak ve kalınca nesneler tutan birkaç kişiyi betimleyen, anlamlandırılması zor kompozisyonlar bulunmaktadır. Bu insanların çevresinde at ve keçi tasvirleri yer alır. Muhtemelen bu sahneler, ritüel kıyafetler giymiş kişilerin kültik eylemlerini temsil etmekte olup, anlamı günümüzde tam olarak çözülememiştir.

İkinci grup resimlerde kullanılan teknik farklılıkları dikkate değerdir. Çoğu figür sürekli kazıma tekniğiyle yapılmış olsa da, bu grupta kontur tekniği hâkimdir. Bu kontur tekniğinde boynuzsuz iki boğa, bir insan ve çatallı boynuzları olan bir geyik tasvir edilmiştir. Bu resimler erken demir çağına tarihlenmektedir.

Kızıltaş anıtında semboller ve işaretler içeren tek bir yüzey tespit edilmiştir. Bu yüzey yatay konumdadır ve üzerinde tek bir işaret vardır.

Sağır 3 Petroglifleri. Sağır köyünün 500 m kuzeyinde, aynı adı taşıyan derenin kıyısında, Sağır vadisindeki yatay yüzeylerde kaya resimleri bulunmuştur. Resimli taşlar küçük gruplar hâlinde 3 km boyunca dağılmıştır. Bunların arasında hayvan ve insan figürlerinin gerçekçi tasvirleriyle dolu birkaç büyük "yayma", yani büyük levhalar özellikle dikkat çekicidir. En değerlileri iki düello sahnesidir.

Sağır 3 anıtında semboller ve işaretler barındıran üç yüzey belirlenmiştir. Birinci yüzey yatay konumdadır ve üzerinde çeşitli semboller vardır. İkinci yüzey de yataydır ve üzerinde tek bir işaret görülmektedir (görsel 4). Üçüncü yüzey dik konumdadır ve üzerinde çok sayıda resim bulunmaktadır.



Görsel 4. Sağır 3 Petroglifleri, Yüzey 2. A – Fototekstür; B – Yüzey Rölyefi

Arğanatı Petroglifleri, deniz seviyesinden 1011 m yükseklikte yer almaktadır (koordinatlar: N 47°27'19.96", E 83°27'22.80"). Tarbağatay bölgesinde, Kuygan köyünün 5 km kuzeydoğusunda, bir kışlak yakınında ve dağ eteklerinden yaklaşık 300 m uzaklıktaki düz bir yamaçta granit kayaların batı yüzeyine kazınmıştır. Tasvirler esas olarak av sahneleriyle ilgilidir. Burada boynuzları spiral şeklinde kıvrılmış dağ koyunları, okla avlanan avcılar ve yabani hayvanlara salınan köpekler resmedilmiştir. Yakındaki taşlarda da antropomorfik figürler, dağ keçileri ve at tasvirleri yer alır. Anıtın konumu, doğudan batıya uzanan Lastı Nehri boyunca yer alan dağ silsilesindedir. Bu alan "İyi Arğanatı" ve "Kötü Arğanatı" olarak ikiye ayrılır. Yerel halk ayrıca bunları "Başki Arğanatı", "Orta Arğanatı" ve "Ayak Arğanatı" olarak da adlandırır. Kaşgarlı Mahmud'un sözlüğünde Arğanatı dağ silsilesinin adı "argu" ve "kanat" kelimelerinin birleşiminden türemiştir [Dankoff, Kelly, 1982].

Mañırak Petroglifleri, deniz seviyesinden 872 m yükseklikte yer almaktadır (koordinatlar: N 47°24'09,95" E 83°53'20,10"). Mañırak köyünden güneydoğuya doğru yaklaşık 3 km mesafede,

Şilikti ovasına giden yolun sol tarafındaki bir tepede, kaya resimleri ve eski Türk işaretleri bulunmuştur. Erken demir çağına ait motifler, hayvan üslubunda yapılmış hayvan tasvirleriyle (görsel 5), ayrıca antropomorfik figürler ve atlı savaşçı sahneleriyle temsil edilmiştir. Bu tasvirler, dönemin sanat kültürünün kendine özgü özelliklerini yansıtır. Arkeolojik anıt, tarihlendirme açısından çok katmanlıdır. Taşlarda erozyon ve aşınmanın belirgin izleri vardır: yüzeylerinde çatlaklar ve liken birikimleri gözlemlenmiştir. Bu doğal koşulların uzun vadeli etkisi, petrogliflerin doğru şekilde yorumlanmasını önemli ölçüde zorlaştırmaktadır.

Görsel 5. Mañırak Petroglifleri

Şıymaylı Petroglifleri, dokuzdan fazla petroglif grubu ve Moldajar vadisindeki tunç çağı nekropolünden oluşan bir kaya sanatı kompleksidir. Yerleşim alanı içinde, yüksek patinasyonlu ana kayaçların çıkıntı yaptığı birkaç küçük tepe vardır. Bu tepelerden dokuzdan fazlası bilinir ve bazılarının kendi yerel isimleri vardır. Bunlardan biri, yerel halk arasında Sardongal olarak bilinen en yüksek tepedir. En fazla petroglif bu noktada toplanmış olup, bu kompleks Şimaylı-I olarak adlandırılmıştır (görsel 6).

Görsel 6. Şıymaylı Petroglifleri

Şıymaylı-I tepesinin yüksekliği deniz seviyesinden 1363 m'dir (koordinatlar: N 47°41'49,7", E 081°40'25,2"). Kaya resimleri bazen damarlar oluşturan ana kaya yamaçlarında, bazen de tepe yamaçlarındaki tekil kayalarda yer alır. Bu petroglifler birkaç gruba ayrılabilir. Erken göçebeler tarihinin en eski dönemi, kuş gagalı, iri gözlü ve kısa bacaklı geyik figürleriyle temsil edilmiştir. Ayrıca, boynuzları zarif şekilde süslenmiş, tırnak uçlarında zarifçe duran, gerçekçi hayvan üslubunda yapılmış figürler de mevcuttur. Bunun yanı sıra, stil bakımından eski Türk örneklerinden önemli ölçüde farklı atlı süvari tasvirleri de bulunmaktadır. Bu figürler "Hun-Sarmat dönemi"ne aittir. Bu, atların ayaklarının koşu değil, dörtnal pozisyonunda betimlenmiş olmasıyla doğrulanır. Bu durum, dört ayağını eşit bırakan bir yorga atının yürüyüşünü hatırlatır.

Jambıl Köyü civarındaki petroglifler, deniz seviyesinden 1030 m yükseklikte, N 49º14′47,66″ E 86º18′21,36″ koordinatlarında yer alır. Önceki araştırmacılar bunları, Doğu Kazakistan Katonkarağay ilçesi Jambıl köyünün kuzey ucunda olarak kaydetmiştir. Jambıl I kurganına ait iki büyük tümülüsün yanında konumlanmıştır. İskit-Saka dönemine tarihlenen bu petroglifler iri taneli kayalara kazınmıştır, ancak taş yüzeyinin pürüzlülüğü nedeniyle korunma durumları zayıftır. Tasvirler arasında, geri atılmış masif, çatallı boynuzlarıyla ve vücutları halkalarla süslenmiş geyik figürleri dikkat çeker. Ayrıca, İskit-Sibir hayvan üslubunda yapılmış dağ keçisi figürleri de görülmektedir.

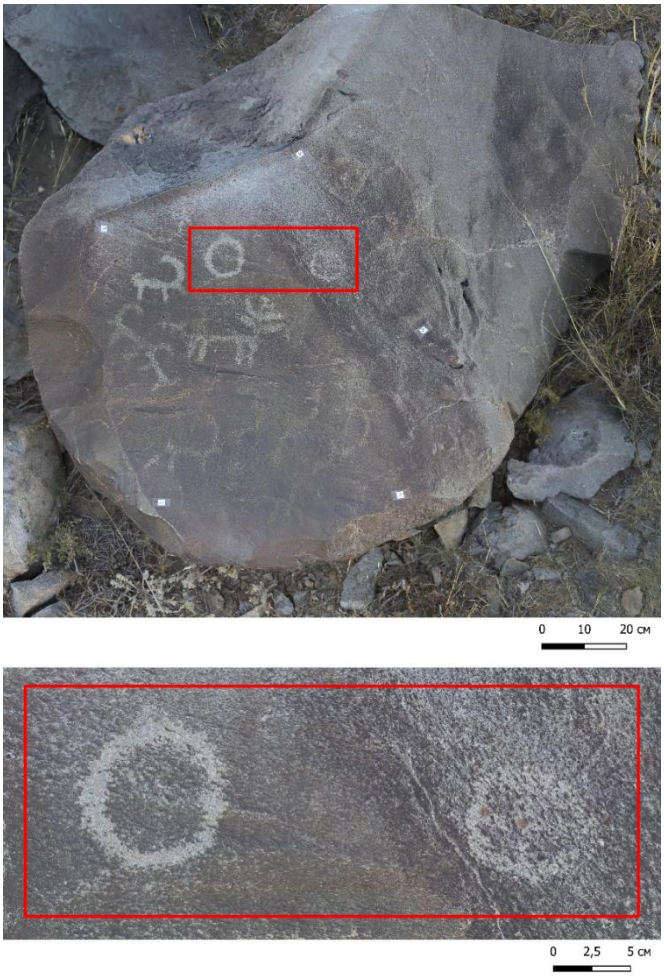
Mayemer Petroglifleri, Doğu Kazakistan bölgesinin Katonkarağay ilçesinde bulunan benzersiz bir arkeolojik komplekstir. Anıtlar, Mayemer köyünün doğu ve güneydoğu eteklerinde yer alır. Son zamanlarda yapılan bir arkeolojik keşif sırasında bu komplekse ait dört anıtın koordinatları kesinleştirilmiştir. Mayemer kompleksi üzerindeki araştırmalar 1997'den beri sürdürülmektedir [Artamonov, 1973] ve bu arkeolojik alan, Saka kültürünün incelenmesinde önemli bir rol oynamaktadır. Kompleksin önemi, eski Saka kabilelerinin sembollerini, dini inançlarını ve ekonomik faaliyetlerini daha iyi anlamaya imkân tanıyan çok sayıda petroglif ve diğer arkeolojik eserlerin varlığından kaynaklanmaktadır. Mayemer anıtlarının daha fazla incelenmesi, Doğu Kazakistan'ın erken demir çağı kültürel-tarihî görünümünü yeniden oluşturmak için özel bir önem taşır.

Mayemer petrogliflerinin en önemli özelliği, tüm tasvirlerin başka dönemlerin unsurlarıyla karışmadan yalnızca erken ve gelişmiş Saka dönemine ait olmasıdır. Özellikle Orta Asya'ya özgü "geyik taşları" tarz ve tekniğinde yapılmış, kuş gagasına benzeyen burunlara sahip geyik figürleri ilgi çekicidir. Bu stil, dönemin göçebe halklarının sanatına özgüdür.

Özellikle Şilikti ve Jalaulı'da bulunan altın süslemelerde, ayrıca Jetisu'daki Eşkiölmes petrogliflerinde görülen betimlere benzeyen, başını geriye çevirmiş kartal figürü dikkat çekicidir. Ayrıca, tırnak uçlarında duran, hörgücü üçgen biçimli, yuvarlak gözlü ve boynuzları süslenmiş geyik figürleri estetik incelikleriyle öne çıkar. Bir diğer önemli ayrıntı, altı dağ keçisi protomundan oluşan dairesel semboldür; bu, anıta özel bir değer katmaktadır. Petrogliflere çok yakın bir konumda, taşlardaki tasvirlerle kronolojik olarak örtüşen Mayemer 2 kurganı bulunmaktadır. Bu iki alanın aynı kültürel geleneğe ait ve birbirleriyle bağlantılı olduğu anlaşılmaktadır.

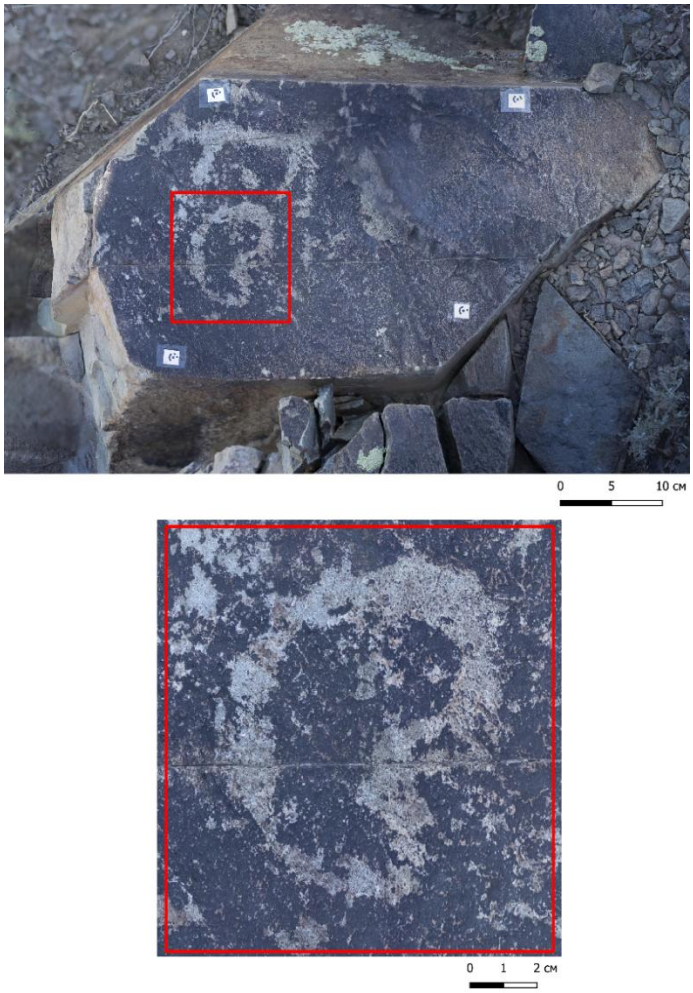
Dolanalı Petroglifleri. Bu petroglifler, kozmolojik semboller ile günlük yaşam sahnelerinin birleşiminden oluşan, antik çağ resim sanatının önemli bir anıtı niteliğindedir. Başlıca motifler arasında güneş diskleri, takımyıldızlarını andıran unsurlar ve çeşitli faaliyetlerde bulunan hayvan ve insan betimlemeleri yer almaktadır. Kompozisyonlar, karmaşık yapıları ve çok figürlü olmalarıyla öne çıkmaktadır. Özellikle gaga benzeri ağza sahip bir geyik tasviri, bu kompleksin eşsiz bir özelliği olarak dikkat çekmektedir. Dolanlı anıtında, işaret ve sembollerin tespit edildiği 3 adet yüzey belirlenmiştir: Yüzey 1: Ufuk düzlemine göre 45 derecelik bir açıya sahiptir. Üzerinde bir adet işaret bulunmaktadır; Yüzey 2: Dikey konuma sahiptir. Üzerinde, dokusu üzerinde oldukça zor seçilen ancak yüzey topoğrafyasında (relyefinde) ayırt edilebilen

bir işaret mevcuttur; Yüzey 3: Yatay konuma sahiptir. Üzerinde iki adet işaret bulunmaktadır. (Görsel 7).



Görsel 7. Dolanalı Petroglifleri, Yüzey 3

Tulkune Petroglifleri. Bu anıt, Kurçum ilçesine bağlı Besjıldık köyünün 850 metre kuzeydoğusunda, Kurçum Nehri'nin sol kıyısında yer alır. Burada yüksek, düz tepeli tepeler bulunmaktadır. Bu tepelerin sırtlarında şeyl kayalarının yüzeylendiği ve açığa çıktığı alanlar görülür. Bu kayalık çıkıntıların dikey ve yatay yüzeylerinde, 1.5 km'lik bir yarıçap içinde, farklı dönemlere ait kaya resimleri tespit edilmiştir. Tulkune anıtında, işaret ve sembollerin bulunduğu 6 yüzey belirlenmiştir: Yüzey 1: Ufuk düzlemine göre 45 derecelik bir açıya sahiptir. Üzerinde bir işaret bulunur; Yüzey 2: Ufuk düzlemine göre 45 derecelik bir açıya sahiptir. Üzerinde üç işaret bulunur; Yüzey 3: Yatay konuma sahiptir. Üzerinde bir işaret bulunur (Görsel 8). Yüzey 4: Yatay konuma sahiptir. Üzerinde birkaç işaret bulunur. Yüzeyin bir kısmı, modern vandallar tarafından yapılan uygunsuz bir çizim nedeniyle görülemez durumdadır. Yüzey 5: Dikey konuma sahiptir. Üzerinde bir işaret bulunur. Yüzey 6: Dikey konuma sahiptir. Üzerinde çok sayıda resim bulunur.



Görsel 8. Tülkine Petroglifleri, Yüzey 3

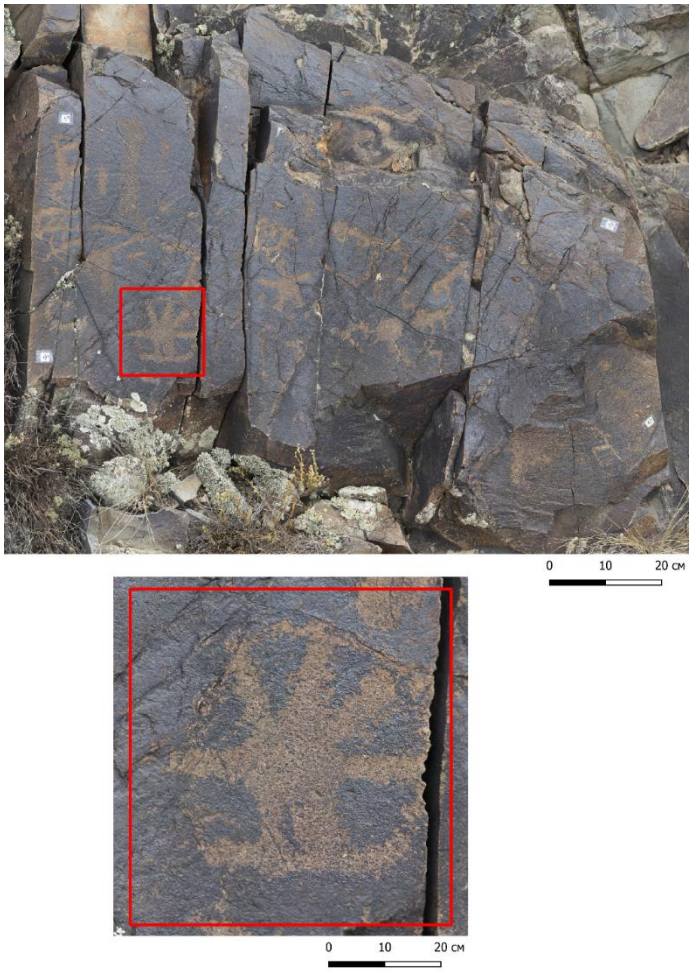
Moynak Petroglifleri. Moynak bölgesindeki petroglifler, Kurçum ilçesine bağlı Besjıldık köyünün 2 km kuzeydoğusunda, Kurçum ve İrtiş nehirlerinin birleştiği noktadan yaklaşık 30 km uzaklıkta yer almaktadır. Petrogliflerin ana yoğunluğu, beş alçak, düz tepeli tepede toplanmıştır.

Petroglifli taşların toplam sayısı yaklaşık 400'dür, ancak bunların gruplar arasındaki dağılımı doğal faktörlerden dolayı eşit değildir. En yoğun yığılma ikinci ve üçüncü gruplarda görülmektedir. Petroglifler çoğunlukla dikey ve eğimli yüzeylere kazınmıştır; yatay yüzeylerde nadiren, kuzeye bakanlarda ise çok az görülmektedir.

Moynak anıtında, işaret ve sembollerin bulunduğu 5 yüzey tespit edilmiştir. Yüzey 1 yatay konuma sahiptir. Yüzey 1'de bir işaret bulunmaktadır. (Şekil 9).

Yüzey 2 yatay konuma sahiptir. Yüzey 2'de bir işaret bulunmaktadır (Şekil 10). Yüzey 3 dikey konuma sahiptir. Yüzey 3'te bir işaret bulunmaktadır. Yüzey 4 yatay konuma sahiptir. Yüzey 4'te bir resim/imge bulunmaktadır. Yüzey 5 dikey konuma sahiptir. Yüzey 5'te ise birçok resim/imge bulunmaktadır.

Görsel 9. Moynak Petroglifleri, Yüzey 1



Görsel 10. Moynak Petroglifleri, Yüzey 2

Burada incelediğimiz bu sanat eserleri, yalnızca metallerde değil, ahşap oymalarda, deri ürünlerinde, keçe aplikelerinde, petrogliflerde ve diğer anıtsal sanat eserlerinde tasvir edilmiş özgün "sanatsal alegorilerdir". Bununla birlikte, bu sanatın temel amacı ev eşyalarının yüzeylerini dekoratif olarak süslemek değildi. İskit-Saka sanatının görsel kanonlarına göre belirli kurallara uygun şekilde düzenlenmiş bu hayvan figürleri ve protomları, özel bir işaretler sistemi, toplumun her üyesinin çözemeyeceği bir zoomorfik kod oluşturmuştur. Hayvan üslubundaki eserler, kozmolojik anlayışlarla, büyüyle, insanların çevre, evren ve genel kozmosa dair kavrayışlarıyla yakından bağlantılıydı.

Hayvan üslubu, MÖ I. binyılda göçebe toplumlarda var olan diğer tasvir geleneklerinden belirgin biçimde ayrılır. Hayvanların betimlenmesinde sanatçılar, onları diğerlerinden ayıran özellikleri vurgulamaya özen göstermişlerdir: geyiğin veya elkin boynuzları, yırtıcının dişleri ve pençeleri, kuşun gagası ve kanadı vb. Her hayvanın kendine özgü duruşu dikkatle işlenmiştir. Örneğin, kedi türü yırtıcılar genellikle halkalar şeklinde bükülmüş, 180° dönmüş, pençelerini açmış hâlde tasvir edilirdi. Geyikler, bacakları bükük, başları ileri uzatılmış, "tırnaklarının ucunda" koşarken; kuşlar ise kanatlarını açmış şekilde betimlenirdi. Hayvan figürlerinin baş, göz, boynuz, pençe veya tırnak gibi tekil parçaları da sık sık tasvir edilmiştir.

Antik sanatçılar, gerçek hayvanların yanı sıra, birkaç hayvanın özelliklerini birleştiren fantastik yaratıkları da betimlemiş ve genellikle "zoolojik bulmacalar" adı verilen tekniği kullanmışlardır. Örneğin, kedi benzeri bir yırtıcının gövdesine kuşun kanadı ve gagası eklenmiş veya atın başı ve gövdesine dağ keçisinin boynuzu ve kuşun kanadı birleştirilmiş figürler gibi. Göçebe sanatında toynaklı bir hayvanın yırtıcı tarafından parçalanması veya iki hayvanın mücadelesi sahneleri özel bir yer tutar. Bu tür konular bazen iyilik ve kötülük arasındaki mücadele, gece ve gündüzün dönüşümü, doğa döngüsünün ve ikili karşıtlıkların temsili olarak yorumlanır.

Antik savaşçıların ve avcıların bu hayvanların belirli özelliklerini göstermeleri tesadüf değildir. Parsiyel büyü yasalarına göre bu hayvanların özellikleri ve güçleri nesnelere aktarılırdı; böylece onların sahibi (silah veya at), ihtiyaç duyduğu niteliklere sahip olurdu: kartalın keskin görüşü ve çevikliği, geyiğin hızı, kurdun öfkesi, kaplanın ihtiyatı ve yumuşak adımı. Atlı savaşçılar – hızlı, güçlü ve cesur kişiler – bu şekilde süslenmiş eşyaların başlıca kullanıcıları ve sahipleriydi.

Erken Demir Çağı Petroglifleri: Tasvirler ve Konular

MÖ I. binyılın başlarında Avrasya bozkırlarında yaşayan halkların çoğu, yeni bir ekonomik-kültürel tip olan göçebe hayvancılığa geçiş sürecinde ve çeşitli erken devlet yapılarının, buna bağlı olarak da toplumsal-siyasal ve askerî kurumların ortaya çıkışı sırasında, dünya görüşlerini ve ideolojik tutumlarını da değiştirdiler. Bu değişim, hem yeniliklere uyum sağladı hem de çok katmanlı göçebe toplumlarının farklı sosyal gruplarının ihtiyaçlarına hizmet edecek şekilde biçimlendirildi. Bu olgu, doğal olarak kaya resimlerinde de yansımasını buldu.

Erken Demir Çağı kaya resimlerinin bir özelliği, eski sanatçıların ihtiyaç ve inançlarına en uygun alanların Tunç Çağı'nda zaten "işgal edilmiş" olmasıdır. Bu yüzden bu dönemin sanatçıları, eserlerini çoğu zaman küçük ve sınırlı yüzeylere kazımak, hatta bazen eski tasvirlerin üzerine işlemek zorunda kalmışlardır.

Bu çağda, toplumun savaşçı dinamizmini yansıtan yeni motifler gelişti. Tunç Çağı'nda yaygın olan yaban öküzleri, araba çeken boğalar, bazı güneş motifleri gibi tasvirler geriye çekildi; çünkü eski sanat ve mitopoetik anlayış değişime uğradı. Erotizm içeren sahneler kayboldu, yerlerini işkence, savaş ve çatışma betimlemeleri aldı. Bir araştırmacının belirttiği gibi, "libido"nun yerini "mortido" aldı. Çok figürlü kompozisyonlar azaldı, savaş sahneleri ve az sayıda ilişkili motifler öne çıktı. Bununla birlikte, hayvan tasvirlerinde dinamizm ve ifade gücü

arttı; özellikle kartal, kaplan ve kaplan-grifon gibi birleşik yaratıklar yeni dönemin zoomorfik kodları hâline geldi.

Saka-İskit süsleme sanatında ve el işlerinde, güçlü, çevik ve kudretli hayvanlar; toynaklıları avlarken ya da mitolojik yaratıklarla mücadele ederken betimlenerek panteonun merkezi figürleri hâline geldi. Fakat kaya resimlerinde bu tür sahneler, sert ve düzensiz taş yüzeylerinde teknik zorluklardan ötürü sık görülmez.

Petrogliflerdeki kurt imgesi genellikle ağzı açık, dişleri ve burun delikleri belirgin, uzun sivri kulaklı bir yırtıcı olarak tasvir edilir; her zaman bir toynaklıyı avlarken görülür. Antropomorfik figürler de dönüşüm geçirdi: Eskinin mistik ritüellerine katılan şaman veya kılık değiştirmiş mitolojik karakterlerin yerini, kahraman ataların ve savaşçıların betimleri aldı. Bu dönemin insan figürlerinde belirgin cinsellik unsurları yoktur.

Zaman zaman Saka-İskit dönemine ait petrogliflerde zırh, miğfer ve yakın ya da uzak dövüş silahları kuşanmış erkek savaşçılar görülür. Eski yazılı kaynaklarda bahsi geçen savaş ve silah tanrısı kültü (Ares benzeri) petrogliflerde iz bırakmış olabilir, ancak bu sahneleri net biçimde ayırmak zordur. Aynı dönemde göçebelerin sözlü edebiyatı zenginleşmiş ve kahramanlık destanları ortaya çıkmıştır.

Bu çağda at figürü, eski Hint-İran panteonundaki kurbanlık hayvan rolünü korumakla birlikte, güneşin sembolü ve kahraman savaşçının yoldaşı hâline geldi. At (deve, geyik) betimlemeleri genellikle olağanüstü büyüklükte kazınmış, bazen üç metreyi aşmıştır. Binicinin betimi kültürel-ideolojik sistemde yer edinmeye başlamış olsa da kaya sanatında hiçbir zaman baskın motif hâline gelmedi; bunun nedeni, Saka-İskit sanatının yüksek derecede sembolik ve şifreli oluşu olabilir.

Hayvanlar arasında geyik tasvirleri ön plana çıktı. Geyiğe saflık ve asalet atfedilmiş, bu yüzden farklı dönemlerde biçimleri değişse de ana özellikleri korunmuştur. Özellikle geyik boynuzlarına kutsal bir anlam yüklenmiş, şaman ve rahiplerin başlıklarında, hükümdarların törensel at maskelerinde ve kutsal nesnelerde süsleme unsuru olarak kullanılmıştır. Bazı dilbilimcilere göre, "Saka" etnonimi eski İran dillerinin bir lehçesinde "geyik" anlamına gelir.

Pazırık kültürünün sanat eserlerinde kedi, yırtıcı kuş, at, grifon ve dağ keçisi gibi figürlerin özelliklerini birleştirerek ideal fantastik yaratıklar oluşturma çabası dikkat çeker. Bu üstün konum, geyik figürüne verilmiştir. Böyle bir yaratığın kaya üzerindeki tek örneği, şimdilik yalnızca Tepsay'da bilinmektedir.

Araştırmacı N.A. Bokovenko, Yenisey'deki geyik figürlerinin bulunduğu bir sahneyi inceleyerek, sanatçının bu hayvanı kurban etme ritüelinin tüm aşamalarında – kutsal hayvanı yakalamak için tuzak kurmadan, onu yakalayıp hazırlamaya ve kurban etme anına kadar – betimlediğini ileri sürmüştür. Bazı araştırmacılar, kaya resimlerindeki "uçan" veya "tırnak ucunda duran" geyik figürlerini kurban sahnesi olarak yorumlasa da, bunun yalnızca görsel bir abartı veya estetik bir ifade aracı olabileceğini savunanlar da vardır. Bu tarz geyik, at ve dağ keçisi tasvirleri, örneğin Bukhtarma'da bulunan bir bronz aynada görülen klasik örneklerde olduğu gibi, aslında derinin kazık üzerine asılma anını gösterebilir.

SONUÇ

Sonuç olarak, hayvan üslubu Avrasya'nın eski göçebelerinin kültürünü yansıtan özgün, canlı bir sanat ve imgeli yaratıcılıktır. Bu, göçebe toplulukların dinamizmini, hareketliliğini ve savaşçılığını ifade eder. Bu, Avrasya göçebelerinin dünya görüşünü, belirli zoomorfik semboller ve konular aracılığıyla ileten bir işaret sistemidir. Bu sistem, Dünya Ağacı fikrine, yani evrenin üç bölümden oluşan dikey yapısına dayanıyordu. Her bölgenin kendine ait bir sembolü veya kodu (örneğin kuş, boynuzlu toynaklı hayvan, yırtıcılar) vardı.

İşaret veya semboller belirli nesnelere veya onların bölümlerine karşılık gelirdi. Bu nedenle, eski göçebelerin kullandığı hayvan tasvirleri, nesnenin şekliyle birlikte kozmosun düzenini iletirdi. Örneğin, başlıklara kuş, kanatlı ve boynuzlu hayvan figürleri sıklıkla yerleştirilirdi. Hançer sapları, yırtıcı kuşların başlarının veya gagaları ile pençelerinin stilize edilmiş tasvirlerine benzetilirdi. At koşum takımları da kuş, geyik ve yırtıcı kedi figürleriyle süslenirdi.

Avrasya bozkırlarında bin yılı aşkın bir süre boyunca (MÖ I. binyıl – MS I. binyıl başları), göçebe ve yarı göçebe toplumların sanatında "İskit-Sibirya hayvan üslubu" hâkimdir. Scythology, göçebeler bilimi olarak iki yüzyıldan fazla süredir var olmasına rağmen, bu kültürel fenomenin kökeni ve gelişimi hakkında ortak bir görüş yoktur. Kimi araştırmacılar bu üslubun Orta Asya, kimileri Ön Asya kökenli olduğunu; kimileri ise çok merkezli ya da yerli (Sibirya) bir gelişim olduğunu savunmaktadır.

Arkeolojide 1950'lerden beri "İskit Üçlüsü" kavramı – silahlar, at koşumları ve hayvan üslubu – erken göçebe kültürünü tanımlamak için kullanılmaktadır. Günümüzde bazı bilim insanları bu çerçevenin genişletilmesini ve etnik kimlikten bağımsız değerlendirilmesini önermektedir.

Hayvan üslubu eserleri, yalnızca metal değil, ahşap, deri, keçe, aplik, petroglif ve diğer anıtsal sanatlarda da görülür. Bu üslubun amacı sadece dekoratif süsleme değil, toplumun dünya görüşünü ve kutsal sembollerini ifade eden bir işaret sistemi oluşturmaktı. Hayvan figürlerinin özel düzenlenişi, büyüsel anlamlar ve kozmolojik kavrayışlarla yakından bağlantılıydı.

Sanatçılar, hayvanları onların ayırt edici özelliklerini vurgulayarak tasvir ettiler: geyiğin boynuzları, yırtıcının diş ve pençeleri, kuşun gagası ve kanadı gibi. Ayrıca, doğada olmayan, birden fazla hayvanın özelliklerini birleştiren fantastik yaratıklar – örneğin kuş kanatlı kediler veya dağ keçisi boynuzlu atlar – sıkça işlendi. Bu sahneler çoğu zaman iyilik ve kötülük arasındaki mücadeleyi, gece ve gündüzün dönüşümünü, doğanın döngüsünü simgeledi.

Demek, hayvan üslubu, Avrasya'nın eski göçebelerinin kültürünü yansıtan, dinamik, hareketli ve savaşçı bir sanat geleneğidir. Bu üslup, göçebe toplumların kozmolojik inançlarını ve dünyayı algılayış biçimlerini zoomorfik semboller ve sahneler aracılığıyla aktararak, bozkır halklarının kimliğini görsel bir dile dönüştürmüştür.

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THE IMPACT OF TEACHER PERSONALITY ON THE MORAL AND ETHICAL EDUCATION OF PRIMARY SCHOOL CHILDREN

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ABSTRACT

Introduction and Purpose: Moral and ethical education plays a fundamental role in the formation of the personality of primary school children. At this stage, children begin to distinguish between right and wrong behavior and acquire core moral values. The aim of this article is to identify the influence of teacher personality on this process and to draw conclusions about their role in moral development.

Materials and Methods: During the research, pedagogical and psychological sources were analyzed. Observations and surveys were conducted with primary school teachers and students. A qualitative approach was prioritized in data collection, and empirical observations were taken into account.

Results: The findings revealed that teachers' personal qualities - such as fairness, empathy, responsibility, and consistency in behavior - directly influence students' moral education. Students tend to model their teachers' behavior and strive to resemble them.

Discussion and Conclusion: A teacher is not merely a transmitter of knowledge, but a crucial social model who instills moral values. Their daily behavior, attitudes, and communication strongly affect children's personality and moral worldview. Therefore, the teacher becomes a key carrier of moral education and must possess the following characteristics: High moral integrity and professionalism; Strong social engagement and humanism; Love for children and an educational influence that is pedagogically constructive. Based on these points, it can be concluded that a teacher's personality significantly impacts the development of students' moral and ethical values.

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INTRODUCTION

The development of moral and ethical qualities plays a special role in the formation of the personality of young schoolchildren. At this age, the child not only learns the essence of moral categories but also learns to evaluate knowledge and skills through the actions of others and his or her own behavior. It should be taken into account that moral education is a long-term and continuous process, and its outcomes often appear with delay. The process of moral upbringing is dynamic and creative. Teachers must constantly make adjustments aimed at improving it. Many factors influence the formation of the child's moral-ethical education, but teachers who are focused on building meaningful relationships play the decisive role. Moral qualities—which make a person inwardly free and socially valuable in all areas of life—form the basis of ethics.

According to Ismayil Aliyev, ethics is a set of behavioral rules adopted by a particular society, while morality is the set of spiritual qualities that shape a person's ethical behavior. (Aliyev, 2017)

Educational activity is a self-directed activity of the student. The child not only gains knowledge but also learns how to assimilate it. By learning to read, write, count, and so on, the child undergoes self-transformation—adopting the essential methods of formal and mental activity inherent to the surrounding culture. The most important part of educational activity is self-reflection and tracking new achievements and changes. "I couldn't do it—now I can," "I wasn't—now I am"—these are the basic evaluations reflecting the essence of progress and personal change.

At this age, many new psychological and social formations also emerge. The number of factors influencing self-esteem increases significantly. Between the ages of 7 and 12, children continue to develop the desire to have their own point of view on everything. They also begin to develop an understanding of their social significance and self-respect. Self-awareness develops based on how they believe others perceive them. When parents show interest, warmth, and love toward them, children usually receive high evaluations. Primary school age marks the completion of the development of self-awareness.

According to the approximate basic curriculum of primary general education, the goal of moral and ethical development and upbringing at the primary education level is to provide social and pedagogical support for the formation and development of a highly moral, creative, and capable citizen. Young schoolchildren should be raised in the spirit of national solidarity, humanism, etiquette, love for nature, patriotism, and loyalty to their homeland. It should be noted that according to our national leader H. Aliyev "Our youth should be educated in a national spirit, brought up based on our national and moral values. Every young person must be patriotic." (Ismikhanov, 2023)

DEVELOPMENT

One of the duties of education is to properly organize the child's activity. It is in this activity that moral and ethical qualities are formed, which in turn influence the assimilation of moral norms and values. The development of a child's moral consciousness, his or her ethical experience, worldview, and value orientations are shaped by understanding the content of influences from people in their environment, especially from parents and teachers. External influences gain personal meaning in the child's consciousness, leading to the formation of a subjective relationship. The necessary component of the moral education process is to instill in children knowledge of society's moral principles and norms and to ensure their internalization. Information and experience about moral principles and norms are directly linked to understanding examples of moral behavior and contribute to the formation of moral actions. The source of children's moral ideas is their peers and adults. Moral experience is transmitted to children through communication, imitation, and observation, as well as via systems of encouragement and punishment. (Jabbarova, 2025)

An important factor influencing the effectiveness of the educational process is the personal qualities of the teacher. All of the teacher's personal traits have professional significance. A good teacher is first and foremost a good person and embodies qualities such as integrity, honesty, competence, fairness, and compassion. A teacher's words serve as a tool that influences the child's personality development. It is through conversations with the teacher that the child becomes aware of noble actions, the joy of achieving goals, and the importance of self-discipline and spiritual development. Teachers encourage students to be honest and sincere

with themselves, to set goals in life, and to solve problems in accordance with moral principles. (Cabbarova, 2024)

All modern researchers agree that being student-centered and loving children should be considered the most important personal and professional qualities of a teacher. In this regard, F. Kocherli stated: “There must always be peace, friendship, harmony, and loyalty between the teacher and students. Students should be able to express their thoughts and actions to the teacher openly and without fear… Moral upbringing cannot be achieved through force, threats, or fear. It is only possible through love, affection, and respectful interaction that comes from the heart.” (Goyushov, 1964)

It is important that every teacher strives for self-improvement and self-development. Thus, a teacher, as the person who organizes and manages the student's educational activity, upbringing, and development in any learning environment, must possess the following characteristics:

- Teachers must be distinguished by high moral qualities and professionalism;
- They must be notable for their civic engagement and humanitarianism;
- They must stand out for their love for children and the educational influence of their pedagogical work.

Based on these points, we can say that the personal qualities of the teacher influence the formation of moral and ethical qualities in children.

It is known that for most young schoolchildren, the teacher’s authority is absolute, and they are ready to imitate the teacher in everything. However, the power of the teacher’s positive example increases when they act consistently and systematically in line with their personality and authority. Furthermore, when students are confident that the teacher’s words align with their actions, and that the teacher behaves equally and kindly with everyone, they tend to respect the teacher more.

In the system of educational influence, the positive example is used as a tool and technique. Unfortunately, life offers not only positive but also negative examples. It is both desirable and necessary to draw students’ attention to negative aspects of people’s lives and behaviors, analyze the consequences of incorrect actions, and derive correct conclusions. Timely presentation of a negative example can help prevent children from making mistakes and contribute to their understanding of immorality.

Throughout history, people have valued moral education highly. The deep socio-economic changes in modern society compel us to think about the future of the country and its youth. Today, many moral directives have been erased.

Therefore, the issue of educating young schoolchildren is associated with at least four key points:

First, our society must educate people who are not only knowledgeable but also possess high moral standards and positive personal qualities.
Second, in today’s world, children live and grow up surrounded by many powerful sources of both positive and negative influences that affect their developing intellect and still-forming morality.
Third, education alone does not guarantee high moral upbringing, as morality is a personal trait that determines one’s attitude toward others based on respect and goodwill in everyday life.
Fourth, equipping children with purposeful moral knowledge is essential, as it not only informs young students about established behavioral norms in society but also helps them understand the consequences of violating those norms and how such actions affect others.

A young student's morality is a combination of awareness, skills, and habits related to following ethical norms and rules. However, these norms and rules only become moral qualities when they manifest in behavior and are strictly observed.

It should be noted that the following moral qualities are of particular importance:

– Patriotism and love for the homeland, knowing they are citizens of their country;

– Humanism and altruism - loving people who serve their nation selflessly and keep their word;

– Diligence and helpfulness - being willing to help anyone in need and not expecting rewards for good deeds;

– Friendship and companionship - making friends with children of all nations, being principled, sincere, and clean in friendship;

– Protecting human dignity and honor, preserving and restoring cultural monuments and all good creations of the people;

– Honesty and truthfulness, willpower and courage, strong character and determination, kindness and discipline, and the ability to resist temptations related to profit-seeking, consumerism, smoking, alcohol, drugs, and toxic substances.

CONCLUSION

The forms and methods of organizing moral education vary depending on the individual characteristics of children. Educational work is carried out not only with the entire class but also through individual approaches, with the main goal being the development of each child's personality.

By using various methods of education - such as methods for shaping consciousness (storytelling, explanation, clarification, lectures, ethical conversations, advice, suggestions, debates, presentations); methods for organizing activities and forming behavioral habits (exercises, assignments); and motivational methods (competition, encouragement, punishment) - it is possible to effectively determine and influence children's moral development. The entire education system is oriented toward this goal.

Methods of moral upbringing also include the personal example set by parents, class teachers, close individuals, peers, and others. No teacher's words about rules of behavior can convey as clear an understanding as their actions. Children constantly observe how the teacher behaves both in and out of the classroom - how they dress, how they interact with others, and how they respond to different situations. They are interested in how the teacher reacts to various events and how they approach their responsibilities.

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EXAMINING SOCIAL STUDIES TEACHERS' PERCEPTIONS OF THE TÜRKIYE YÜZYILI MAARIF MODEL SOCIAL STUDIES CURRICULUM

TÜRKİYE YÜZYILI MAARİF MODELİ SOSYAL BİLGİLER ÖĞRETİM PROGRAMINA YÖNELİK ÖĞRETMEN GÖRÜŞLERİNİN İNCELENMESİ

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ABSTRACT

The Türkiye Yüzyılı Maarif Model (TYMM) emphasizes substantial changes in the objectives and implementation of curricula applied in Turkey. Within this framework, curricula for primary and secondary education were renewed in 2024. In line with the TYMM perspective, the Social Studies Curriculum was revised, adopting a student-centered approach with a focus on skills and values. The revised TYMM Social Studies Curriculum was implemented in the 5th grade during the 2024–2025 academic year. This study aimed to examine social studies teachers' perceptions of the TYMM Social Studies Curriculum.

This research was conducted using a qualitative research design. The qualitative approach was selected to allow for an in-depth analysis of teachers' perspectives regarding the TYMM Social Studies Curriculum. Participants were determined using purposive sampling. Accordingly, the participants were social studies teachers teaching 5th grade in the 2024–2025 academic year and who volunteered to participate in the study. In total, 10 social studies teachers working in a district on the Anatolian side of Istanbul were included as participants. Data were collected using a semi-structured interview form developed by the researchers, with expert consultation during the development process.

Analysis of the collected data indicated that teachers generally perceived the changes in the TYMM Social Studies Curriculum as student-centered and focused on skills and values. Participants reported that the curriculum has the potential to increase students' active engagement in lessons. However, some challenges were also identified during the implementation process. These included the inefficiency of seminars designed to introduce the curriculum, the large number of activities and performance tasks, and crowded classrooms, all of which negatively affected the implementation of the TYMM Social Studies Curriculum. Additionally, participants emphasized the necessity of reducing the number of activities and improving assessment and evaluation procedures.

Keywords: Maarif Model, Social Studies, Curriculum, Teacher Perceptions

Özet

Bu çalışmada Türkiye Yüzyılı Maarif Modeli Sosyal Bilgiler Dersi Öğretim Programı'na (TYMM SBDÖP) yönelik öğretmen görüşlerini derinlemesine incelemeyi amaçlamaktadır. Özellikle 5. sınıf programında yapılan değişiklikler bağlamında, öğretmenlerin programa yönelik algılarını, karşılaştıkları zorlukları ve programın genel etkililiğini çok yönlü bir şekilde ortaya koymaktadır. Bu araştırma, 5. sınıf Sosyal Bilgiler Dersi Öğretim Programı'nda yapılan değişikliklere ilişkin öğretmen görüşlerini belirlemek amacıyla nitel araştırma yöntemlerinden yararlanmıştır ve mevcut durumu betimlemek için tarama modeli kullanılmıştır. Araştırmanın çalışma grubunu, İstanbul'da görev yapan ve 5. sınıf Sosyal Bilgiler dersini fiilen okutan 10 sosyal bilgiler öğretmeni oluşturmaktadır. Veri toplama aracı olarak, öğretmen görüşlerini belirlemek için yaygın olarak tercih edilen, demografik bilgiler ve programın farklı boyutlarına ilişkin 10 açık uçlu soru içeren iki bölümlü bir anket formu kullanılmıştır. Toplanan verilerin analizi için içerik analizi yöntemi kullanılmıştır.

TYMM SBDÖP, öğretmenler tarafından genel olarak öğrenci merkezli, beceri ve değer odaklı olumlu bir değişim olarak algılanmaktadır. Ancak programın uygulanması sürecinde, tanıtım seminerlerinin yetersizliği, programın anlaşılmasının zaman alması, etkinlik ve performans görevi sayısının fazlalığının zaman yönetimi sorunları yaratması, kalabalık sınıflarda öğrenci merkezli yaklaşımın uygulanabilirliği, ölçme değerlendirme süreçlerinin yükü ve bazı öğrencilerin temel becerilerdeki yetersizlikleri gibi çeşitli zorluklarla karşılaşıldığı belirlenmiştir. Programın iyileştirilmesi için içerik ve etkinliklerin sadeleştirilmesi, ölçme değerlendirme süreçlerinin hafifletilmesi ve öğretmenlerin bilgi aktarımına daha fazla olanak tanınması gibi öneriler sunulmuştur.

Anahtar Kelimeler: TYMM, Sosyal Bilgiler, Öğretmen Görüşleri, Program Değerlendirmesi

Giriş

Eğitim, bireylerin ve toplumların gelişiminde temel bir rol oynar. Özellikle 21. yüzyılda yaşanan hızlı değişimler, eğitim sistemlerinin de bu dönüşüme ayak uydurmasını zorunlu kılmaktadır. Küreselleşme, teknolojik gelişmeler ve değişen ekonomik dinamikler, eğitimden beklenenleri yeniden şekillendirmekte ve bireylerin çağın gerektirdiği bilgi, beceri ve değerlere sahip olmalarını gerektirmektedir (Büyüköztürk, Kılıç Çakmak, Akgün, Karadeniz & Demirel, 2016). Bu bağlamda, Türkiye'de eğitim sistemini yeniden yapılandırmayı hedefleyen Türkiye Yüzyılı Maarif Modeli (TYMM), öğrenci merkezli bir yaklaşımı benimseyerek eleştirel düşünme, problem çözme, yaratıcılık ve iletişim gibi becerileri ön plana çıkarmaktadır (Osner, 2017). TYMM, öğrencilere sadece bilgi aktarımının ötesinde, yaşam boyu öğrenme, toplumsal sorumluluk bilinci ve küresel vatandaşlık gibi kavramları da kazandırmayı amaçlamaktadır (MEB, 2024a; MEB, 2024b).

TYMM kapsamında, Sosyal Bilgiler Dersi Öğretim Programı da önemli değişiklikler yapılmıştır. Yeni program, "Türkiye Yüzyılı Maarif Modeli Ortak Metni" temel alarak yapılandırılmış olup, öğrencilere kavramsal beceriler, alan becerileri, sosyal-duygusal öğrenme becerileri, eğilimler, değerler ve okuryazarlık becerilerini kazandırmayı hedeflemektedir (MEB, 2024c; 2024d). Programda, öğrencilerin aktif katılımını sağlayan, araştırma ve sorgulamaya dayalı öğrenme etkinliklerine, günlük yaşamla ilişkilendirilmiş uygulamalara ve farklılaştırılmış öğretim yöntemlerine vurgu yapılmaktadır (MEB, 2024e).

Sosyal Bilgiler Dersi, bireylerin toplumsal olayları anlama, analiz etme, eleştirel bir bakış açısı geliştirme ve sorumluluk sahibi vatandaşlar olarak topluma katılma becerilerini kazanmalarında önemli bir rol oynar (Doğanay & Yağcı, 2011). Bu nedenle, Sosyal Bilgiler

Öğretim Programı'nın etkili bir şekilde uygulanması ve hedeflerine ulaşması büyük önem taşımaktadır. Öğretmenlerin programa yönelik görüşleri, programın güçlü ve zayıf yönlerini belirlemede, uygulanabilirliğini değerlendirmede ve geliştirilmesi için öneriler sunmada kritik bir rol oynar (Çelikkaya, 2018).

Alan yazında, Sosyal Bilgiler Dersi Öğretim Programlarına yönelik çeşitli çalışmalar bulunmaktadır. Bu çalışmalar, programın farklı boyutlarını ele alarak öğretmen görüşlerini incelemiştir. Örneğin, 2005 ve 2018 yıllarında uygulanan Sosyal Bilgiler Öğretim Programları'nın karşılaştırıldığı bir çalışmada, coğrafi beceri ve kazanım alanları incelenmiş ve öğretmenlerin programa ilişkin değerlendirmeleri sunulmuştur (Bayrak & Şahin, 2020). Benzer şekilde, 2018 Sosyal Bilgiler Öğretim Programının İzmir örneğinde öğretmen görüşlerine göre değerlendirildiği bir çalışmada, programın uygulanmasında karşılaşılan zorluklar ve fırsatlar ele alınmıştır (Bayram, 2020). Ayrıca, 2004-2005 ve 2017-2018 eğitim öğretim yıllarında uygulanan Sosyal Bilgiler Öğretim Program'larının değerlendirildiği bir çalışmada, programın tarihsel gelişimi ve güncel durumu incelenmiştir (Çelik, 2020). Bu çalışmaların yanı sıra, alan yazında Sosyal Bilgiler ders kitapları, sözlü tarih çalışmaları, güncel olayların derslerde kullanımı ve değerler eğitimi gibi konulara odaklanan araştırmalar da bulunmaktadır. Bu çalışmaların sonuçları, Sosyal Bilgiler Öğretim Programları'nın geliştirilmesi ve daha etkili bir şekilde uygulanması için önemli bilgiler sunmaktadır (Gedik, 2010; Keskin, 2018; Karasu, Avcı & Ünal İbret, 2018; Kılıç, 2017; Öztürk, 2020; Seven, 2018; Ulu Kalın, 2007).

Bu araştırmada, Türkiye Yüzyılı Maarif Modeli Sosyal Bilgiler Dersi Öğretim Programına yönelik öğretmen görüşlerini derinlemesine incelemeyi amaçlamaktadır. Çalışma kapsamında, öğretmenlerin programın temel felsefesi, içeriği, öğrenme çıktıları, değerlendirme yöntemleri, uygulanabilirliği, güçlü ve zayıf yönleri hakkındaki görüşleri analiz edilecektir. Bunun yanında programın daha etkili bir şekilde uygulanması için öğretmenlerin önerileri de değerlendirilecektir. Bu çerçevede araştırmada aşağıdaki soruların cevapları aranacaktır:

- Sosyal Bilgiler öğretmenlerinin TYMM'nin temel felsefesi ve vizyonu hakkındaki görüşleri nelerdir? Öğretmenler bu yeni modeli, önceki programlarla karşılaştırdıklarında nasıl değerlendirmektedirler?
- Öğretmenler, TYMM Sosyal Bilgiler Dersi Öğretim Programının içeriği, öğrenme çıktıları ve değerlendirme yöntemleri hakkında ne düşünmektedirler?
- Programın uygulanmasında öğretmenler ne gibi zorluklar ve fırsatlarla karşılaşmaktadırlar?
- TYMM Sosyal Bilgiler Dersi Öğretim Programının daha etkili bir şekilde uygulanması için öğretmenlerin önerileri nelerdir?

Yöntem

Bu araştırma, TYMM kapsamında 5. sınıf Sosyal Bilgiler Dersi Öğretim Programında yapılan değişikliklere ilişkin öğretmen görüşlerini belirlemeyi amaçlamaktadır. Araştırmada, öğretmen görüşlerini derinlemesine incelemek ve mevcut durumu olduğu gibi betimlemek amaçlanmasından dolayı nitel araştırma yöntemi tercih edilmiştir. Eğitim programlarının değerlendirilmesine yönelik çalışmalarda nitel yaklaşımlar sıklıkla kullanılmaktadır (Karasu Avcı & İbret, 2018). Bazı çalışmalar tarama modeli veya durum çalışması desenini benimserken (Susar Kırmızı, 2019; Yin, 1989), diğerleri fenomenoloji deseninden faydalanmıştır (Şimşek & Yıldırım, 2016). Bu çalışma kapsamında öğretmen görüşlerinin mevcut durumu yansıtması hedeflendiği için temel nitel araştırma deseni tercih edilmiştir.

Araştırma Grubu

Araştırmanın çalışma grubunu, İstanbul ilinde görev yapan ve 5. sınıf Sosyal Bilgiler dersini fiilen okutan 10 sosyal bilgiler öğretmeni oluşturmaktadır. Çalışma grubunun belirlenmesinde, ilgili programa ilişkin deneyimleri olan öğretmenlere ulaşmak amacıyla amaçlı örnekleme yönteminden faydalanılmıştır (Büyüköztürk ve diğerleri, 2016). Benzer çalışmalarda farklı sayılarda öğretmenle çalışıldığı görülmektedir (Aykaç, 2007; Çelikkaya, 2011).

Veri Toplama Araçları

Araştırmada öğretmen görüşlerini toplamak amacıyla iki bölümden oluşan yarı yapılandırılmış bir anket formu kullanılmıştır. Anket formları, öğretmen görüşlerini belirlemek için yaygın olarak tercih edilen araçlardandır (Çelikkaya, 2011; Susar Kırmızı, 2019). Formun birinci bölümünde öğretmenlerin cinsiyet, mesleki kıdem gibi demografik bilgilerine yönelik sorular yer almıştır (Çelikkaya, 2011; Susar Kırmızı, 2019). İkinci bölümde ise, değişen 5. sınıf TYMM Sosyal Bilgiler Dersi Öğretim Programının öğretme-öğrenme yaşantıları, içeriği, öğrenme-öğretme süreçleri ve öğrenme kanıtları boyutlarına ilişkin öğretmen görüşlerini almaya yönelik 10 açık uçlu soru bulunmaktadır.

Veri Toplama ve Verilerin Analizi

Araştırma kapsamında belirlenen öğretmenlere ilgili anket formları elektronik ortamda ulaştırılmıştır. Katılımcılığın gönüllülük esasına dayalı olduğu vurgulanmış ve toplanan verilerin bilimsel amaçlarla kullanılacağı bilgisi verilmiştir (Susar Kırmızı, 2019). Öğretmenlerden, değişen programa ilişkin deneyim ve görüşlerini samimiyetle ifade etmeleri istenmiştir. Toplanan verilerin analizi için içerik analizi yönteminden yararlanılmıştır. Nitel araştırmalarda içerik analizi, verilerin okunması ve kodlar oluşturularak araştırma sonuçlarının sunulmasını sağlar (Merriam, 1998). Bu kapsamda anket formlarındaki açık uçlu sorulardan elde edilen öğretmen görüşleri dikkatlice okunmuş, benzer ifadeler temel alınarak kodlar ve temalar oluşturulmuştur (Susar Kırmızı, 2019). Analiz sürecinde verilerin güvenilirliğini sağlamak amacıyla farklı araştırmacılar tarafından kodlama yapılmış ve tutarlılık kontrolü gerçekleştirilmiştir.

Bulgular ve Yorum

Türkiye Yüzyılı Maarif Modeli Sosyal Bilgiler Dersi Öğretim Programı'na yönelik öğretmen görüşlerini derinlemesine incelemeyi amacıyla gerçekleştirilen bu çalışmada elde edilen verilerin analiz edilmesiyle ulaşılan bulgular araştırma sorularına göre sınıflandırılarak aşağıda verilmiştir.

Çalışmanın birinci araştırma sorusu kapsamında katılımcıların program niçin hazırlandı? Hazırlanma sebep/amaçları ile ilgili ne düşündüklerine ilişkin veriler toplanmıştır. Bu kapsamda elde edilen verilerin analiz edilmesiyle elde edilen temalar, bu temalar için kodlar ile tema ve kodlara kaynak oluşturan katılımcılar Tablo 1'de verilmiştir.

Tablo 1. Programın Hazırlanma Amaçlarına İlişkin Katılımcı Görüşleri

Boyut	Tema	Kod	Katılımcı
Programın Yapılış Amacı	İçeriğin hafifletilmesi	Kaliteyi yükseltmek, Bilginin azaltılması, Müfredatın sadeleştirilmesi	K1, K2, K6, K7, K8, K9
	Eğitimin İyileştirilmesi	Okuduğunu anlama ve yorumlama, Öğrenci iletişimin iyileştirilmesi, Eğitimin iyileştirilmesi	K3, K4, K5 K9, K10
	Değer Aktarımının Düzenlenmesi	Milli ve insani değer aktarımı, tutum ve değer aktarımı, değerlerin içselleştirilmesi	K1, K5, K7, K9

Tablo 1'den de anlaşılabileceği gibi katılımcıların programın yapılış amacına ilişkin açıklamalarından "içeriğin hafifletilmesi", "eğitimin iyileştirilmesi" ve "değer aktarımının düzenlemesi" temalarına ulaşılmıştır. Bu kapsamda katılımcılar programın yapılış amacını ders programlarının içeriklerinin azaltılması amacıyla yapıldığını vurguladıkları saptanmıştır. İçeriğin hafifletilmesini ilişkin görüş belirten katılımcıların doğrudan alıntıları aşağıda verilmiştir:

K1: '' Bana göre başlı başına sorun teşkil eden bilgi yığınağını azaltmak ve böylece eğitim, yâni millî ve insani değerlerin aktarımına alan açmak için. ''

K6: ''Önceki programın aşırı bilgi içermesi''

K8: ''Müfredatı hafifletmek için''

Araştırma verilerinin analiz edilmesiyle bazı katılımcıların programın yapılış amacına ilişkin açıklamalarından eğitimin iyileştirilmesi gerektiğini ima eden ifadeler kullandıkları saptanmıştır. Başka bir ifadeyle araştırmada katılımcıların öğrencilerin okuduğunu anlama ve yorumlama becerilerinin ve öğrenci iletişimin iyileştirilmesini sağlamak amacıyla değiştirildiğini belirten görüşler bulunmaktadır. Bu açıklamalardan birisi olan katılımcılardan K3 görüşlerini şu cümlelerle açıklamıştır: ''*Öğrencilerin okuduğu anlama ve anlatmaya katkı sağlamak için hazırlandığını düşünüyorum.''* K2' de *''Eğitimde kaliteyi yükseltmek'* 'olarak belirtmiştir. Programın yapılış amacına ilişkin bir başka görüş olarak değer aktarımının düzenlemesi amacıyla değişime gidildiği belirtilmiştir. K5 '' *Öğrencilerin iletişim ve grup olarak davranışları gelişirken değerlerini de içselleştirmesi''* olarak vurgularken K9' da '' *Eğitimin iyileştirilmesi, tutum, beceri ve değerlerin aktarımının etkin olarak gerçekleştirilmesi.''* amacıyla yapıldığını ifade etmiştir.

Çalışmanın ikinci araştırma sorusu kapsamında katılımcıların Türkiye Maarif Yüzyılı Modeli programının uygulama/tanıtımına ilişkin seminere katıldınız mı? Katıldıysanız semineri nasıl değerlendirdiklerini ifade etmelerini vurgulandı. Bu kapsamda elde edilen verilerin analiz edilmesiyle elde edilen temalar, bu temalar için kodlar ile tema ve kodlara kaynak oluşturan katılımcılar Tablo 2'de verilmiştir.

Tablo 2. Türkiye Maarif Yüzyılı Modeli Programının Uygulama/Tanıtım Seminerinin Değerlendirilmesine İlişkin Katılımcı Görüşleri

Boyut	Tema	Kod	Katılımcı
TYMM Seminerine İlişkin Katılımcı Görüşleri	Yeterliydi	Başarılı bir sunum. Verimliydi Faydalıydı	K1, K4, K6, K8
	Yetersizdi	Daha kapsamlı olabilirdi. Konular yetersizdi. Verimli değildi. Çok kalabalık ve yetersizdi Zaman yetersizliği	K2, K3, K5, K7, K9, K10

TYMM programının genel çerçevesini ve programda yapılan değişimleri, öğretmenlere anlatmak amacıyla yapılan semineri bütün katılımcılar aldıklarını belirtmiştir. Tablo 2 incelendiğinde katılımcıların semineri yetersiz olduğunu belirten görüşlerin yeterli olduğunu belirtilen görüşlere göre fazla olduğu fark edilmiştir. Katılımcıların semineri neden yetersiz buldukları şu şekilde ifade edilmiştir:

K3: ‘’Katıldım. Seminer anlatıcısı yetkindi fakat maarif modelle kararlar ve konular biraz soyut ve bazı konuların kaldırılmasının yersiz olduğunu düşünüyorum.’’

K8: ‘’Evet katıldım. Ana hatlarını anlasam da seminer çok yeterli değildi.’’

K9: ‘’Evet katıldım. Seminer çok kalabalık ve yeterli düzeyde değildi. Eğitmenlerin henüz tam anlamıyla içselleştiremediği programı ellerinden geldiğince sunumlar aracılığıyla aktarmaya çalışması, kafasında birçok soru olan öğretmenlerin aynı platform üzerinden seminere katılıp anlamlandırmaya çalışması nedeniyle seminerlerin tam anlamıyla amacına ulaşmadığını düşünüyorum. Kısa sürede bu kadarı olabildi. Program daha öncesinde hazır hale gelip branş bazlı seminerler, çalışmalar da düzenlenebilirdi.’’

TYMM seminerini yeterli bulan katılımcıların görüşleri kısa ve nettir. K7 *‘’Evet katıldım. Genel çerçeveyi anlamak için yeterliydi.’’* K6’ da *‘’ Evet verimliydi’’* semineri verimli bulduğunu K4’ te *‘’Evet, seminer faydalıydı.’’* seminerin faydalı olduğunu belirtmiştir. Ayrıca katılımcılardan birisi semineri veren formatör olduğunu belirterek seminerin başarılı bir şekilde geçtiğini şu şekilde vurgulamıştır: K1 *‘’ Elbette. Bizzât formatör olarak eğitimi de ben verdim. Çok başarılı olduğunu düşünüyorum.’’*

Çalışmanın üçüncü araştırma sorusu kapsamında katılımcıların TYMM öğretim programı ve dayandığı temel yaklaşımı nasıl değerlendiriyorsunuz? Sorusu sorulmuş ve ardından ‘’öğretim programını açık ve anlaşılır, öğrenci merkezli olup olmaması ve yaklaşımın sınıf içindeki yansımaları hakkında neler düşündüklerini’’ sonda sorular sorularak detaylandırmaları istenmiştir. Bu kapsamda elde edilen verilerin analiz edilmesiyle elde edilen temalar, bu temalar için kodlar ile tema ve kodlara kaynak oluşturan katılımcılar Tablo 3’te verilmiştir.

Tablo 3. TYMM Öğretim Programı ve Dayandığı Temel Yaklaşımına İlişkin Katılımcı Görüşleri

Boyut	Tema	Kod	Katılımcı
TYMM Öğretim Programı ve Dayandığı Temel Yaklaşımı	Açık ve Anlaşılır	Açık ve Anlaşılır	K1, K3, K4, K5, K7, K9, K10
		Geliştirilmeli, Tam değil Anlaşılır değil	K2, K6, K8
	Öğrenci Merkezli	Öğrenci Merkezli	K1, K3, K4, K5, K6, K7, K8, K9, K10
	Sınıf İçeresindeki Yansımaları	İlgi ile karşılandı, Yeterli	K1, K5, K8, K10
		Çok Zaman Alması, Etkinlikler fazla Yetiştirilememesi, Öğrenci sayısı fazlalığı	K3, K4, K6, K7, K9

TYMM öğretim programı ve dayandığı temel yaklaşımına ilişkin Tablo 3'teki katılımcı görüşleri incelendiğinde katılımcıların öğretim programını açık ve anlaşılır bulduğu görülmektedir. K1 *'' Oldukça açık olsa da hiçbir teori, uygulamaya konmadan yeterince anlaşılır olmaz. Dolayısıyla anlaşılması, öğretmenler açısından biraz zaman aldı. Öğrencilerin bu yapıda etkisi ve öne çıkması çok daha fazla. Sınıf içinde de çok ilgi gördü.''* Programın anlaşılmasının zaman aldığını belirtmiştir. Benzer şekilde K9'da ''*Program günümüzde özellikle birçok özel okulun uygulamış olduğu uluslararası bakalorya programlarına benzetilmiş gibi. Program açık ve anlaşılır ancak programlardaki konu yoğunlukları nedeniyle istenen düzeyde uygulanıp uygulanmayacağı süreç içerisinde deneyimlenmektedir.* '' programın anlaşılmasının zaman alacağını ifade etmiştir. Ayrıca K7 *''Açık ve anlaşılır'',* K10 *''Açık ve Anlaşılır''* olarak belirtirken, K5 ise programı *''Orta derecede açık''* olduğunu vurgulamıştır. Programın tam anlamıyla anlaşılamadığını K8 *''Yeterince anlaşılır bulmuyorum''* diyerek ifade etmiştir. K2' de programın *'' Üzerinde çalışılıp geliştirilebilir''* gerektiğini K6 '' *Programın kitaba yansıması yetersiz.''* olduğunu vurgulamıştır. Katılımcıların tamamının ortak olduğu tek nokta TYMM öğretim programının öğrenci merkezli olduğudur. K5 *''Öğrenci merkezli''* aynı şekilde K3'te programın *''Öğrenci merkezli''* olduğunu belirtmiştir. Ancak program her ne kadar öğrenci merkezli olsa da katılımcılar sınıf içerisindeki yansımalarının öğrenci merkezli yaklaşımın derecesinin fazla olmasından kaynaklı dezavantaj sağladığını belirtmiştir. Örnek olarak K10 *'' Merkezi öğrenciye çok fazla bir şekilde çekilmiş.''* olarak ifade etmiş. Bunun nedenini K3 *'' Öğrenci merkezli fakat okuduğunu anlayıp yorumlama konusunda öğrenciler çok yetersiz. Bu yüzden etkinlikler çok zaman alıyor.''* ifadesinden görülmektedir. Ayrıca K6' da programın öğrenci merkezli olması ancak *'Etkinliklerin sayısı çok fazla, performans görevi sayısı fazla, zamansal olarak yetiştirilemez bazı etkinlikleri öğrenci yapamaz çünkü ağır.''* diyerek öğrenci merkezliliğin fazla olduğunu aktarmıştır. K4' te programın uygulanabilirliği için *'' Program faydalı ancak sınıf mevcutları 15 öğrenciyi geçmemesi gerekir.''* öğrenci sayısının fazla olmaması gerektiğini K7' de *'' Az sayıdaki öğrenci için uygun''* sözleri ile ifade etmiştir.

Çalışmanın dördüncü araştırma sorusu kapsamında katılımcıların TYMM öğretim programının uygulanma sürecini nasıl değerlendiriyorsunuz? Sorusu yöneltilmiştir. Bu sorulara ek olarak ‘’öğretmenlere rehberlik etmesi noktasında yeterli olduğunu düşünüyor musunuz? ve öğretmenlere esneklik ve özgünlük sağlaması noktasında yeterli olduğunu düşünüyor musunuz? ‘’ sonda soruları yöneltilerek detaylandırılması istenmiştir. Bu kapsamda elde edilen verilerin analiz edilmesiyle elde edilen temalar, bu temalar için kodlar ile tema ve kodlara kaynak oluşturan katılımcılar Tablo 4’te verilmiştir.

Tablo 4. TYMM Öğretim Programının Uygulanma Sürecine İlişkin Katılımcı Görüşleri

Boyut	**Tema**	**Kod**	**Katılımcı**
TYMM Öğretim Programının Uygulanma Süreci	Öğretmenlere Rehberlik Etmesi	Yeterli, Fark Etmedi, Orta Seviyede	K1, K2, K3, K4, K5, K7, K9
		Yetersiz	K6, K8, K10
	Öğretmenlere Esneklik ve Özgünlük Sağlaması	Yeterli, Fark etmedi, Orta Seviyede	K1, K2, K3, K5, K10
		Esneklik yetersiz, Robot gibi hissettiriyor, Zorlayıcı	K4, K6, K7, K8, K9

TYMM öğretim programının uygulanma sürecinin değerlendirilmesine ilişkin katılımcı görüşleri Tablo 4’te görülmektedir. Katılımcılar uygulanma sürecine ilişkin ifadeleri öğretmenlere rehberlik etmesi ve öğretmenlere esneklik ve özgünlük sağlaması temalarından kodlama yapılmıştır. Katılımcıların TYMM öğretim programının öğretmenlere rehberlik etmesi açısından K1 *‘’ Her iki açıdan da yeterlidir.’’* K3’ te *‘’Yeterliydi’’* diyerek öğretmene rehberlik ettiğini belirtmiştir. K5 *‘’ Orta seviye, yeterli’’* olduğunu belirtirken, *K2* ise ‘*’uygulamada bir değişiklik olmadı’’* ğını ifade etmiştir. Diğer yandan K6 *‘’ Yeterli rehberlik yapılamadı.’’* ifadesi ile programın öğretmenlere rehberlik edemediğini vurgulamıştır. K8 *‘’Hayır, öğretmene rehberlik etmiyor’’* ve K10’da*‘’Bazı etkinlikler ve kavram öğretiminde benim de anlamadığım kısımlar oluyor. Bu yüzden daha sade yapılabilirdi.’’* diyerek programın rehberlik edemediğini ifade etmiştir. Araştırma sorusunun diğer teması olan TYMM öğretim programı, öğretmene esneklik ve özgünlük sağlamasına ilişkin olarak K10 rehberlik edemediğini ancak *‘’Esneklik ve özgünlüğün yeterli seviyede olduğunu düşünüyorum.’’* esnek olduğunu vurgulamıştır. Programın öğretmene esneklik ve özgün yeterliliği sağladığına ilişkin görüşler yukarıda gösterilmiştir. K4 *‘’ Faydalı ancak 3 saat ders yeterli değil.’’* ve K7 *‘’ Etkinlikler çok fazla olduğu için sınıfın mevcut durumuna göre de öğretmeni zorlayabiliyor.’’* esneklik sağladığı ama bunu sağlayacak ders saatinin olmadığını vurgulamıştır. Benzer şekilde K9’da *‘’ Zaman ve konu kapsamları açısından öğrenciyi merkeze alan bol etkinlikli dersler her okulda her derste uygulanamayabilmektedir. Okulun fiziki ve ekonomik koşulları da öğrenci merkezli, teknoloji temelli etkinliklerin yapılmasını kısıtlayabilmektedir.’’* esneklik versene zaman, mekân ve olanaklar konusunda kısıtlanma olduğunu belirtmiştir. K6 programın esnekliğini *‘’Esneklik yetersiz’’* bulduğunu belirtirken K8 *‘’Tam tersine her ders saatinde ne yapacağına, sorulacak soruya, yapılacak etkinliğe sistem karar veriyor. Kendimi uygulama robotu gibi hissediyorum’’* programın öğretmene esneklik ve özgünlük tanımadığını belirtmiştir.

Araştırmanın beşinci sorusu kapsamında katılımcıların size göre yeni programın öne çıkan özelliklerini ayrıca bu özelliklerin dersin işlenişini ve öğrenci başarısını nasıl etkilediğini

belirtmeleri istenmiştir. Bu kapsamda elde edilen verilerin analiz edilmesiyle elde edilen temalar, bu temalar için kodlar ile tema ve kodlara kaynak oluşturan katılımcılar Tablo 5'te verilmiştir.

Tablo 5. TYMM Programının Öne Çıkan Özelliklerine İlişkin Katılımcı Görüşleri

Boyut	Tema	Kod	Katılımcı
TYMM Programının Öne Çıkan Özellikleri	Dersin İşlenişine Etkisi	Değer eğitiminin öne çıkması	K1, K9
		Parçadan bütüne gidilmesi	K3
		İşbirliğini öne çıkarması	K4
		Uygulamalı olması, Beceri temelli olması, etkinlik sayılarının arttırılması, bol performans içermesi, öğrenci merkezli olması	K2, K3, K4, K5, K6, K7, K8, K9, K10
	Öğrenci başarısına Etkisi	Aktif hale getirmesi	K1, K2, K4, K8, K10
		Olumlu	K5, K6
		Ders sayısının arttırılmalı	K7

TYMM programının öne çıkan özelliklerini, derse ve öğrencinin başarısına etkisine dair katılımcılar Tablo 5'te fikirlerini beyan etmişlerdir. TYMM programının diğer programdan farklılığını dersin işlenişine etkisi teması üzerinden bakıldığında en öne çıkan özelliği; öğrenciyi merkeze alan, beceri temelli uygulamalara, bol performans ve etkinliklere yer verilmesi olarak görülmektedir. Bu özelliğini belirten katılımcıların fikirleri doğrudan aşağıda alıntılanmıştır.

K5: '' Uygulamalı olması, öğrencinin başarısına etkisi olumludur.''

K7: ''Ders kitaplarındaki etkinlikler sayesinde öğrenciler yazarak etkinlikleri yapmalarının çok faydalı olduğunu görüyorum. Konular yayılarak anlatılıyor bu da iyi. Ders sayımız artırılırsa daha fazla çocuğa ulaşır ve faydasını görürüz.''

K8: ''Az konu olması, bol performans ve proje içermesi. Öğrencinin her konu için bir çalışma yapmasının beklenmesi.''

Tablo 5'e bakıldığın K1'de programın en öne çıkan özelliğinin öğrenciyi aktif hale getirdiğini ve bunun yanında *''Değerler eğitimi ve alan bilgisinin öğrenciyi etkin hale getirerek aktarımını sağlaması.''* değerler aktarımının da ön plana çıktığını vurgulamıştır. K9'da benzer biçimde *''Öğrenci merkezli, etkinliklerin fazla olduğu, beceri ve değerlerin kazanımını önemseyen bir program olması açısından önemli''* söylemiştir. K4 ayrıca öğrenci merkezli olmasının yanı sıra *'' Öğrenci katılımını, takım çalışmasını, iş birliğini amaçlıyor.''* İş birliği ve takım çalışmasını desteklediğini ifade etmiştir. K3 ise programın ön çıkan özelliğine ilişkin *'' Yeni programın öne çıkan özellikleri: parçadan bütüne gitmesi, konuyu anlatmaktan ziyade konu ile ilgili fikirlerin öğrenciye hissettirilmesi amaçlanmış. Yani konu ayrıntısına girmeden etkinlikler ile konu anlatımı yapılmaya çalışılmış. Bazı konularda bu yetersiz olabiliyor. Örneğin matematik konumu anlatmadan direk göreceli konumu vermek parça bütünlüğünü bozduğunu düşünüyorum''* görüşünü ifade etmiştir. TYMM programın ön çıkan özelliğinin öğrenci başarısına etkisi teması incelendiğinde katılımcıların çoğunluğu yenilenen programın

öğrenciyi aktif hale getireceğini belirtmiştir. Ancak bunun öğrenci başarısını etkisini tam bir cevap vermemiştir. K2 *''Öğrencinin daha aktif olması''* ve K10 *'' öğrencinin aktif bir öğrenme sürecine girmesini sağlamış oluyor.''*. Bu ve diğer katılımcıların cevaplarının olumlu anlamda kullanıldığı varsayılmaktadır. K5'nin görüşü *'' Uygulamalı olması, öğrencinin başarısına etkisi olumludur.''* bu varsayımı destekler niteliktedir. Ayrıca K7 *'' Ders kitaplarındaki etkinlikler sayesinde öğrenciler yazarak etkinlikleri yapmalarının çok faydalı olduğunu görüyorum. Konular yayılarak anlatılıyor bu da iyi. Ders sayımız artırılırsa daha fazla çocuğa ulaşır ve faydasını görürüz.''* etkinlik sayılarının çoğaltılmasının, öğrenci başarısını olumlu etkileyeceğini ama ders sayısının da benzer şekilde arttırılması gerektiğini vurgulamaktadır. K6*'' Beceri temelli olması iyi ancak bunun uygulamaya yansıması gerekir.''* her ne kadar etkinlik, performans veya etkinlik temelli olsa da uygulamaya konulmadığı sürece tam olarak etki etmeyeceğini belirtmiştir.

Çalışmanın altıncı sorusu kapsamında katılımcılardan yenilenen programın ders işleme sürecinizi (öğrenme-öğretme süreci) nasıl etkilediği belirtmeleri istenmiştir. Bu kapsamda elde edilen verilerin analiz edilmesiyle elde edilen temalar, bu temalar için kodlar ile tema ve kodlara kaynak oluşturan katılımcılar Tablo 6'da verilmiştir.

Tablo 6. TYMM Programının Katılımcıların Ders İşleme Sürecini (Öğrenme-Öğretme Süreci) Nasıl Etkilediğine Dair Katılımcı Görüşleri

Boyut	**Tema**	**Kod**	**Katılımcı**
TYMM Programının Katılımcıların Ders İşleme Sürecine Etkileri	Olumlu	Verimli, olumlu, öğrencinin aktif rol alması, eğlenceli hale gelmesi	K1, K2, K5, K8, K9, K10
	Olumsuz	Fazla etkinlik olması, zaman alması	K3, K6

TYMM programının katılımcıların ders işleme sürecini (öğrenme-öğretme süreci) nasıl etkilediğine dair görüşler Tablo 6' da görülmektedir. Katılımcıların fikirlerini olumlu ve olumsuz temalar çerçevesinde betimlenmiştir. Katılımcıların olumlu olarak görmesindeki en önemli faktörün öğrenci merkezli olması görülmektedir. *K1 '' Olumlu etkiledi.'',* K2 *''Olumlu''* ve K5 *''Daha verimli''* olduğunu kısa ifadeler ile söylemişlerdir. K8 ise olumlu etkilemesinin nedenini *'' Daha az efor sarf edip, daha az yoruluyorum. Olumlu etkiledi''* diyerek öğrencilerin aktifliğine vurgu yapmıştır. Benzer şekilde K9 *'' Öğrenme öğretme sürecinde öğrenciyi daha merkeze alan, öğrencinin öğrenme ortamında aktif rol almasını, katılımını destekleyen bir program olduğu için daha eğlenceli dersler işlenmekte olup öğrencilere çeşitli becerilerin kazandırılması konusunda avantaj sağlamaktadır.''* hem öğrencinin aktif olmasını hem de dersin daha eğlenceli hale geldiğini vurgulamıştır. K10'da olumlu olarak görmesinin nedenini *'' Sıkıcı olan öğrenme sürecini biraz daha eğlenceli hale getirdi.''* dersin eğlenceli hale geldiği olarak vurgulamıştır. K3 TYMM programının ders işleme sürecine ilişkin olarak olumsuz yansımalarına değinmiştir. Bunun nedeni olarak *'' Ders işleme sürecini uzattı. Çok fazla ve bazıları gereksiz etkinlikler var çünkü''* etkinliklerin fazla olduğuna vurgu yapmıştır. K6'da benzer bir biçimde *'' Zamansal olarak önceki programdan daha fazla zaman alıyor. Etkinliklerin azaltılması gerekir''* etkinliklerin fazla olmasından

dolayı zamanın yetersiz olduğunu ifade etmiştir. K4 sürece ilişkin *'' Öğretmen daha aktif ve araştırmacı olmalıdır. İstediğin kadar değerlendir, sonuç sınıfta kalma yok.''* Olumlu ya da olumsuz olarak bir temaya girmemiş ve öğretmenin rolünün de öğrenci kadar arttığını belirtmiştir. K7'de *''Ders işleme sürecinde kitaba bağlılık daha artarak etkinlik bazlı ders işlenilmesi daha da arttı diyebilirim.''* etkinlik bazlı ders anlatımın arttığını aktarmıştır.

Araştırmanın yedinci sorusu kapsamında yeni programın, öğrenme kanıtları (ölçme değerlendirme) sürecini nasıl etkilediğini ifade etmeleri istenmiştir. Bu kapsamda elde edilen verilerin analiz edilmesiyle elde edilen temalar, bu temalar için kodlar ile tema ve kodlara kaynak oluşturan katılımcılar Tablo 7'de verilmiştir.

Tablo 7. TYMM Programının, Öğrenme Kanıtları (Ölçme Değerlendirme) Sürecini Nasıl Etkilediğine Dair Katılımcı Görüşleri

Boyut	**Tema**	**Kod**	**Katılımcı**
TYMM Programının, Öğrenme Kanıtları (Ölçme Değerlendirme) Süreci	Destekleyici	Olumlu, güzel, destekleyici, öğrenmeyi kalıcı hale getirmesi, üst seviye becerileri ölçmesi	K1, K3, K7, K9, K10
	Geliştirilmeli	Öğrencilerin zorlanması, geliştirilmeli, ölçme sayısının fazlalığı, çok zaman alması	K2, K5, K6, K8

TYMM programının, öğrenme kanıtları (ölçme değerlendirme) sürecini nasıl etkilediğine dair katılımcı görüşleri Tablo 7'de sunulmuştur. Katılımcıların bu konuda iki farklı görüşte oldukları görülmektedir. Bu görüşlerden ilki destekleyici teması altında toparlanmıştır. Katılımcılar yenilenen program ile öğrenme kanıtlarının daha iyi bir şekilde ölçüldüğünü K1 *''Olumlu''* yönde diyerek ifade etmiştir. K3 olumlu olmasının nedenini *'' Dereceli puanlama anahtarı merkezli etkinlikleri çoğu konuda güzel''* dereceli puanlama anahtarı olarak belirtmiştir. K7'de *'' Öğrencilerimiz dersteki uygulamalar ile yazılılarda uzun cevaplı soruları yapmalarını destekledi.''* değişen sınav sistemi ile bütünleşmiş hale geldiğini vurgulamıştır. K9 *''Öğrenme kanıtlarında öğrenci ürünlerine önem verilmesi, sadece test, yazılı sınav başarısından ziyade öğrenme sürecinin de değerli görülmesi öğrenmeyi daha etkili ve kalıcı hale getirmektedir.''* öğrenmenin kalıcılığını daha etkili hale getirdiğini vurgularken K10 *'' Dönemin değişen koşullarına uygun olarak görüyorum. Özellikle bilgi-kavrama düzeyinden öte analiz, sentez ve değerlendirme biçiminde sorulara çok yer verilmiş.''* üst düzey düşünme becerilerini ölçmeye yönelik destekleyici bir değişim olduğundan bahsetmiştir. Diğer yandan K5 programın *'' Geliştirilmesi gerekli''* olduğunu belirtmiştir. K2 ise öğrenme kanıtlarının ölçülmesinin de *'' Uygulamada öğrenciler zorlandı''* ğını ifade etmiştir. K6 *'' Ölçme sayısının aşırı olması, sürekli grup sayısında değişiklik yapılması zamansal sorun yaratıyor''* öğrenme kanıtları sayısının fazlalığından ve bunun zamansal açıdan sorun teşkil ettiğini belirtmiştir. Benzer şekilde K8'de*'' Programın en zor ve en can sıkıcı yanı ölçme değerlendirme. Her konu için etkinlikler konulmuş ve ölçme kriterleri belirlenmiş. Her öğrenci için değerlendirmem bekleniyor. Hem kâğıt israfı hem çok zaman alıyor. Ayrıca sınavlarda senaryoların olması ve sadece açık uçlu soru sormamız da kendimi sınırlandırılmış hissettiriyor.''* hem zamansal açıdan problem yaşadığını hem de açık uçlu soruların sorulmasının kendisini kısıtladığını ifade etmiştir.

Araştırmanın sekizinci sorusu kapsamında yeni programın, öğrencilerin derse karşı tutum ve başarılarını nasıl etkilediğini belirtmeleri istenmiştir. Bu kapsamda elde edilen

verilerin analiz edilmesiyle elde edilen temalar, bu temalar için kodlar ile tema ve kodlara kaynak oluşturan katılımcılar Tablo 8'de verilmiştir.

Tablo 8. TYMM Programının, Öğrencilerin Derse Karşı Tutum ve Başarılarını Nasıl Etkilediğine Dair Katılımcı Görüşleri

Boyut	**Tema**	**Kod**	**Katılımcı**
TYMM Programının, Öğrencilerin Derse Karşı Tutum ve Başarılarına Etkisi	Olumlu	Olumlu, dersi sevmeleri, derse katılımın artması, aktif rol alması	K1, K2, K5, K6, K7, K9
	Öğretmen Tutumu	Öğretmenin tutumu, daha iyi benimsemesi	K4, K10
	Ön öğrenme Eksikliği	Konuların havada kalması, az konu	K3, K8

Yeni programın, öğrencilerin derse karşı tutum ve başarılarını nasıl etkilediğine dair görüşler Tablo 8'de görülmektedir. Katılımcıların geneli olumlu bir değişim olduğunu ifade etmiştir. K1 *'' Olumlu'',* K2 *''Olumlu''* ve K5 *''Olumlu''* olarak ifade ederken K7 *''Derslere daha çok katılım arttı.''* Olarak belirtmiştir. Derslere daha fazla katılım ile K9 *'' Öğrenciler derslerde aktif rol aldığından daha eğlenceli dersler planlanabilmekte, öğrenci motivasyonları artmaktadır''* belirterek dersin daha eğlenceli hale geldiğini ifade etmiştir. K4 yenilenen programın öğrencinin davranışlarında bir değişikliğe yol açabilmesi için *''Öğretmenin tutumuna bağlı''* olduğunu vurgulamıştır. Aynı şekilde K10'da *'' Öğrencilerin derse karşı tutumunda gözle görülür veya anlamlı bir fark yarattığını tam olarak göremedim. Ancak biz öğretmenlerin yeni programı daha iyi bir şekilde kavrayıp öğrendikten sonra öğrencilerin tutumlarında da olumluya doğru anlamlı bir değişim olacağını düşünmekteyim.''* Vurgulayarak öğretmenlerin programı içselleştirdikten sonra daha başarılı sonuçlar alınabileceğini beyan etmiştir. Diğer yandan K3 *'' Öğrenciler, daha soyut öğretmenin ön anlatımı olmadan verilen konularda çok havada kalıyor konular. Bu sebeple bazı konularda başarı olumsuz etkilendiğini diğer konularda da severek yaptıklarını düşünüyorum''* diyerek ön bilgi eksikliğinin öğrenci başarı ve tutumuna olumsuz etki yarattığını, K8'in *'' Az konu ve kolay soruya dayalı bir sistem olduğu için başarıyı olumlu etkiliyor. Fakat sürekli kitabı okumak zorunda olmak, sürekli EBA bağlantısı vermek derse ilgiyi azaltıp sıkıcı hale getiriyor.''* Olarak ifade etmesi konu azlığı ve kolay sorunun başarıyı olumlu etkilemesinin yanıltıcı olabileceğini ifade etmiştir.

Araştırmanın dokuzuncu sorusu kapsamında TYMM öğretim programlarında yer alan öğretmen yansıtmalarını nasıl değerlendiriyorsunuz? sorusu yöneltilmiştir. Ayrıca programın iyileştirilmesine katkı sağlaması hakkında neler düşündüklerini ve öğretmenleri geri bildirim vermeye teşvik edip etmediği gibi sonda soruları sorularak vermiş oldukları cevaplar detaylandırılmaya çalışılmıştır. Bu kapsamda elde edilen verilerin analiz edilmesiyle elde edilen temalar, bu temalar için kodlar ile tema ve kodlara kaynak oluşturan katılımcılar Tablo 9'da verilmiştir.

Tablo 9. TYMM Öğretim Programlarında Yer Alan Öğretmen Yansıtmalarını Hakkında Katılımcı Görüşleri

Boyut	Tema	Kod	Katılımcı
TYMM Öğretim Programlarında Yer Alan Öğretmen Yansıtmaları	Programın iyileştirilmesine Katkısı	Katkı sağladı, değerli, olumlu	K1, K2, K5, K6, K7, K9
		Uygulandıkça fark edilebilme, fark olmayacak	K4, K10
	Öğretmenleri geri bildirime teşvik etmesi	Teşvik ediyor, geri bildirim sağlanıyor, olumlu	K1, K2, K3, K5, K6 K7, K8, K9
		Geri dönüt yapılmaması,	K10

TYMM öğretim programlarında yer alan öğretmen yansıtmalarını hakkında katılımcı görüşleri tablo 9'da verilmiştir. Tablo 9 incelendiğinde öğretmen yansıtmalarına ilişkin görüşler iki farklı tema altında toparlanmaya çalışılmıştır. TYMM programında yer alan öğretmen yansıtmalarının, programın iyileştirilmesine katkısı temasına baktığımızda K1 *''Elbette''* ve K6 *''Evet bunu olumlu buluyorum''* diyerek öğretmenlerin geri dönütlerinin iyileştirilmesine katkı sağladığını vurgulamışlardır. Benzer biçimde K2 *''Tabi ki öğretmen aktör görüşleri değerli''* olduğunu belirtmiştir. K9 *'' Öğretmenler süreç içerisinde programın etkinliğini gözlemleyerek programın eksik yönlerini belirleyebilir ve gelişmesine katkı sağlayabilir.''* ifadesiyle süreç içerisinde öğrenci öğrenmeleri ve gözlemler yoluyla programa katkı sunulabileceğini söylemiştir. K5 ayrıca *'' Olumlu, katkı sağlar, evet anlaşılmayan yerler var''* ifadesi ile programın anlaşılamayan yerleri olduğunu bu sayede iyileştirilmesine katkı sağlayacağını belirtmiştir. K7 *'' Konular sadeleştirilmiş öğrencilerin daha fazla derslerde aktif olması amaçlanmıştır.''* ifadesiyle dönem sonunda bakanlık tarafından TYMM programının işlevselliğine ilişkin öğretmenlerden istenilen dönütlerde ifade ettikleri iyileştirilmelere benzer bir sonuç geldiğini beyan etmiştir. K4 *''Programın başarısı uygulandıkça değerlendirilebilecektir''* diyerek zamana ihtiyaç olduğunu belirtmiştir. K10 *''Bir değişiklik yapacağını düşünmüyorum. Çünkü birçok öğretmenimiz ve ben de dahil bunun farkında ve bilgisinde değiliz.''* diyerek farkındalık oluşamadığını ve zamanla anlaşılabileceğini vurgulamıştır. TYMM programında yer alan öğretmen yansıtmalarının, öğretmeni geri bildirime teşviki temasını incelendiğinde katılımcıların tamamına yakını geri bildireme teşvik ettiğini ifade etmiştir. K8 *''Evet teşvik ediyor''*, K5 *''Olumlu''* ve K6 *''Evet olumlu buluyorum''* ifadeleri ile teşvik ettiğini belirtmişlerdir. K3 ayrıca *''Geri bildirim için teşvik var. Kitaplarda etkileşimli tahta üzerinden geri bildirimler verilebiliyor.''* geri bildirim yapmanın da kolay olduğunu vurgulamıştır. K1'de *'' Zaten bakanlığın bu konuda öğretmen görüşlerine yer veren sayfası bulunduğu gibi düzenli raporlar veriliyor.''* beyanıyla geri bildirim için web sitesi bulunduğunu ifade etmiştir. K10 ise *''Maalesef hayır. Çünkü geri bildirimlerin işleyişi hakkında bilgi sahibi değiliz. Nasıl ve nereden yapılacağını tam olarak bilmiyoruz. Bilsek bile bir başkası özellikle sendikaların veya alanında uzman kişilerin bununla ilgileneceğini düşüneceğimiz için geri bildirim sağlamayabiliriz.''* Diyerek geri bildirim teşviki konusunda öğretmenlerin bilgi eksikliğini ve katkı sağlama konusunda tam anlamıyla bulunamayacağını vurgulamıştır.

Araştırmanın son sorusunda TYMM SBDÖ programında istediğin değişikliği/tashihi/eklemeyi yapabileceğini belirtmeleri istenmiştir. Bu kapsamda elde edilen verilerin analiz edilmesiyle elde edilen temalar, bu temalar için kodlar ile tema ve kodlara kaynak oluşturan katılımcılar Tablo 10'da verilmiştir.

Tablo 10. TYMM SBÖ Programında Katılımcıların İstediği Değişikliği/Tashihi/Eklemeyi Yapabileceğine İlişkin Görüşleri

Boyut	**Tema**	**Kod**	**Katılımcı**
TYMM SBÖ Programında Katılımcıların İstediği Değişikliği/Tashihi/Eklemeyi Yapabileceği Görüşleri	Yeterli	Değişiklik ihtiyacı olmaması	K1
	Sadeleştirilmeli	Konuların yoğunluğu, etkinliklerin azaltılması, değerlendirmenin azaltılması, projelerin azaltılması	K2, K5, K6, K7, K8
	Ön Bilgi ve Konu Özeti	Öğretmenin daha fazla bilgi aktarımı, konu bütünlüğünün sağlanması, konu özeti	K3, K7, K8, K10
	Okuma Alışkanlığı	Okuma alışkanlığı ve sevgisi	K4

TYMM SBÖ programına ilişkin katılımcıların yapmak istedikleri değişikliklere ilişkin görüşler Tablo 10'da yer verilmiştir. Katılımcıların yenilenen programa ilişkin en fazla ön çıkan değişiklik talepleri sadeleştirilmesi ve ön bilgi ile konu özeti temaları altında toplanmıştır. Katılımcıların bu görüşlerine ilişkin ifadeleri doğrudan alıntıları aşağıda verilmiştir:

K2 '' Konuların sadeleştirilmesi gerekiyor çok yoğun''

K3 '' Ön öğrenmeleri için konu bütünlüğü açısından öğretmene konuyu anlatması için yeterli kaynak ve metin verirdim. Sonrasında ise konu ile ilgili alıştırma etkinlik ve test sorularında. Oluşan bir bölüm yapardım.''

K6 '' Etkinlik sayısını, performans görevi sayısını ve ölçme değerlendirme sayısını azaltırım.''

K8 ''Performans ve proje ölçeklerini tüm sınıfı tek kâğıtta değerlendirebileceğim hale getiririm. Konu için konulmuş genel ağ ve gazete haberlerinin sayısını azaltırım. Oku oku bitmiyor. Her konunun sonuna performans proje koymam. Konu ile ilgili başka etkinlikler koyarım. Performans ve proje konularını daha anlaşılır ve eğlenceli hale getiririm Ünite sonu sorularını daha kısa ama çok sorulu hale getiririm. Konu ile ilgili gerekli bilgiyi daha derli toplu, konunun özünü yansıtacak şekilde sayfaya yerleştiririm.''

Yukarıdaki doğrudan alıntılara benzer şekilde K10' da *'' Öğretmenlerin ders aktarımını yani öğrencilerin ön bilgilerini oluşturma konusunda söz hakkına daha fazla bir şekilde değişim sahip olması konusunda bir değişim yapabilirdim.''* diyerek öğretmenlerin daha aktif olması gerektiğini ifade etmiştir. Ayrıca konuların bütünlüğüne sağlamak ve genel bir bilgi çerçevesinin görünmesini K7 *'' Bazı etkinlikler çıkarılabilir ölçme kısmı zaman almakta. Anadolu ve Mezopotamya medeniyetlerini tümü programa alınabilir. Her konunun bitiminde etkinliklerin arkasından konu özeti geçilmeli. Etkinliklerden öğrenciler konu bütünlüğünü göremiyor. Desteklenebilir.''* ifadesiyle dile getirmiş ve etkinlik sayısının azaltılması gerektiğini de ayrıca vurgulamıştır. K5'te *'' Programın etkinliklerini basitleştirilmesi.''* etkinlerin seviyesinin öğrenci seviyesine uygun bir şekilde tekrardan gözden geçirilmesini gerektiğini belirtmiştir. K4 yenilenen programın *'' Öğrencilere kitap okumayı ve dersi sevdirmeyi uygulamaya çalışırdım.''* ifadesiyle öğrencilerin daha derin problemlerinin

iyileştirilmesine ilişkin öneride bulunmuştur. TYMM SBÖ programı seminerinde ilçe moderatörü olarak seminer veren K1 ise ‘Şimdilik pek bir değişikliğe ihtiyaç görmüyorum.’’ beyanıyla yenilenen programın yeterli olduğunu ifade etmiştir.

Tartışma ve Sonuç

Bu çalışma, Türkiye Yüzyılı Maarif Modeli Sosyal Bilgiler Dersi Öğretim Programı'na (TYMM SBDÖP) yönelik öğretmen görüşlerini, özellikle 5. sınıf programında yapılan değişiklikler bağlamında incelemeyi amaçlamıştır. Elde edilen bulgular, öğretmenlerin yeni programa yönelik algılarını, karşılaştıkları zorlukları ve programın genel etkililiğini çok yönlü bir şekilde ortaya koymaktadır.

Araştırmaya katılan katılımcılar TYMM SBDÖP'nin genel yaklaşımı ve felsefesinin açık ve anlaşılır olduğunu, ancak tam olarak anlaşılmasının zaman aldığını belirtmişlerdir. Avcı (2024) yapmış olduğu çalışmada, bazı araştırmacılar modelin felsefesinin belirsiz olduğunu ve yapılandırmacılık ile diğer yaklaşımlar arasında bir tutarsızlık olabileceğini öne sürdüklerini belirtmiştir. Akpınar ve Köksalan (2024) da TYMM'nin felsefi arka planının ithal bir görünüm sergilediğini, özellikle sosyo-kültürel boyutlarda yerli ve milli dokunuşlara ihtiyaç duyduğunu savunmaktadır (Akpınar ve Köksalan, 2024). Bu durum, öğretmenlerin programı tam olarak içselleştirmekte yaşadıkları zorluklarla örtüşmektedir.

TYMM, alan becerileri, kavramsal beceriler, sosyal-duygusal öğrenme becerileri, eğilimler ve okuryazarlık becerileri gibi geniş bir beceri çerçevesi sunmaktadır (MEB, 2024a; Turan, Gedik ve Kutluay, 2025; MEB, 2024g). Yapılan bu çalışmada da benzer şekilde programın beceri temelli uygulamalara ve bol performans görevlerine yer vermesini öne çıkan bir özellik olarak belirtmiştir. Ancak hem Avcı (2024) hem de Turan, Gedik ve Kutluay (2025) tarafından yapılan araştırmalar, öğretmenlerin bu becerileri öğretme konusunda yeterliklerinin zayıf olduğunu ve ders saatinin yetersizliği nedeniyle beceri öğretiminin olumsuz etkilendiğini vurgulamaktadır. Diğer çalışmalar da, ders saatinin yetersizliği, kalabalık sınıflar ve fiziksel imkânların yetersizliği gibi gerçeklikten uzak koşullar nedeniyle programda öngörülen birçok etkinliğin uygulanabilir olmadığını ortaya koymuştur (Avcı, 2024; Ceylan, 2025). Bu durum, öğretmenlerin çoğunlukla geleneksel yöntemlere başvurmasına yol açmaktadır (Avcı, 2024; Ceylan, 2025). Çalışmadaki katılımcıların da benzer bir şekilde ders saati yetersizliği ve kalabalık sınıflar nedeniyle etkinliklerin uygulanmasında problem yaşandığını ve uygulanabilirliğinin zayıf olduğunu belirtmiştir. Resmi program dokümanları ise ortalama %35 oranında sadeleştirmeye gidildiğini belirtmektedir (MEB, 2024f; MEB, 2024g).

TYMM, ölçme ve değerlendirme sürecini "öğrenme kanıtları" olarak adlandırmakta ve süreç odaklı, bütüncül, beceri odaklı ve öğrencilerin aktif katılımını teşvik eden bir yaklaşım benimsemektedir (Diktaş, Girgin, Satmaz, & Yabanova, 2024; MEB, 2024c). Bu araştırmada, öğrenme kanıtları bölümünün destekleyici ve öğrenmeyi kalıcı hale getirmesi açısından olumlu değerlendirirken kâğıt israfı ve çok fazla zaman aldığını da ifade etmişlerdir. TYMM inceleyen diğer çalışmalarda da öğretmenler, öğrenme kanıtlarının merkezi sınavlara yönelik olmaması, yönergelerin yeterince açık olmaması ve iş yükünü artırması gibi sorunlarla karşılaştıklarını ifade etmişlerdir (Avcı, 2024; Ceylan, 2025)

TYMM’nin öğretmen yansıtma ve destek mekanizmalarının programın iyileştirilmesine katkı sağladığını, ancak bazı öğretmenlerin geri bildirim mekanizmaları hakkında yeterli bilgiye sahip olmadığını belirtmiştir. Genel olarak, TYMM'nin başarısı için öğretmenlerin mesleki gelişimlerinin desteklenmesi, yeterli hizmet içi eğitimlerin verilmesi ve rehberlik sağlanması gerektiği vurgulanmaktadır (Arslan, 2025; Avcı, 2024; Duyul, S., Duyul Y., Kesman, 2025; Ceylan, 2025; Ülçay, 2024). Ayrıca 2024 SBDÖP'nin pilot uygulama

yapılmadan kademeli olarak başlatılması da bir risk unsuru olarak görülmektedir (Turan, Gedik ve Kutluay, 2025).

Bu çalışmanın bulguları ışığında, Türkiye Yüzyılı Maarif Modeli Sosyal Bilgiler Öğretim Programı'nın öğretmenler tarafından genel olarak öğrenci merkezli, beceri ve değer odaklı bir değişim olarak algılandığı sonucuna ulaşılmıştır. Programın öğrencilerin derse katılımını ve aktifliğini artırma potansiyeli olduğu görülmektedir. Ancak, programın uygulanması sürecinde öğretmenlerin çeşitli zorluklarla karşılaştığı da belirlenmiştir. Başlıca sorun alanları arasında program tanıtım seminerlerinin yetersizliği, programın tam olarak anlaşılmasının zaman alması, etkinlik ve performans görevi sayısının fazlalığının zaman yönetimi sorunları yaratması, kalabalık sınıflarda öğrenci merkezli yaklaşımın uygulanabilirliği, ölçme değerlendirme süreçlerinin ve sayısının yükü ve bazı öğrencilerin ön bilgi/okuduğunu anlama gibi temel becerilerdeki yetersizliklerinin programa uyumu zorlaştırmasıı1 yer almaktadır. Programın öğretmenlere sağladığı rehberlik ve esneklik konusunda görüş ayrılıkları bulunmakta olup, bazı öğretmenler bu yönleri yetersiz bulmaktadır. Öğretmenler programın iyileştirilmesi için içerik ve etkinliklerin sadeleştirilmesini, ölçme değerlendirme süreçlerinin hafifletilmesini ve konu özetleri veya öğretmenlerin daha fazla bilgi aktarımı yapmasına olanak tanıyacak düzenlemeler yapılmasını önermişlerdir. Öğretmen geri bildirim mekanizmalarının varlığı olumlu bulunmakla birlikte, bu süreçlerin daha şeffaf ve etkili hale getirilmesi gerektiği anlaşılmaktadır.

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MULTIFUNCTIONAL CHONDROITIN SULFATE CRYOGELS

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ABSTRACT

Chondroitin sulfate (CS) is a type of glycosaminoglycan, which is a sugar found naturally in the human and animal body. It is found in large amounts in cartilage, connective tissues, tendons, and bones. This means it can help with joint health, repairing cartilage, reducing pain and improving mobility. It is particularly useful in 3D structures in the fields of biomedical engineering and tissue engineering. The most common use of this form is chemical cross-linking. The aim of this process is to keep the natural properties of CS while adding new functionality. It is biocompatible, non-toxic, and biodegradable, and has an anionic structure. This makes it a focus of research in materials science. In the present study, the fabrication and potential applications of 3D CS cryogel structures were demonstrated in various fields.

Macroporous chemically cross-linked CS cryogels were synthesised in different shapes and sizes using cryopolymerisation. These cryogels were used as a template/scaffolds to prepare composite structures containing metal nanoparticles. In order to enhance the performance of CS cryogels, the incorporation of magnetic field sensitivity and new functional groups into the structure has been achieved. A range of tests and analyses were conducted in order to examine their structures and understand their mechanisms of action.

CS cryogel has a lot of potential uses, such as water treatment and environmental engineering, because it has a large surface area, a negative charge, it is biocompatible and biodegradable. Furthermore, CS in a cryogel form is great at removing heavy metals, dyes and organic pollutants from wastewater. Another way it is used is as a mould/support/carrier for composite forms.

Key Words: Chondroitin sulfate (CS) Cryogel, Superporous Composite, Energy/Enviromental/Biomedical Applications.

INTRODUCTION

Cryogels are structures composed of macroporous 3D networks obtained by cryogelation at temperatures below the freezing point of the solvent used. They are prepared and utilised by employing suitable monomers or as starting materials for certain polymeric structures (Lozinsky, 2002).

In order to enhance the application performance of cryogels, it is possible to introduce new functional groups into the structure through post-modification. Furthermore, the addition of inorganic substances (clay, metal nanoparticles, etc.) to the environment prior to cryogelation can yield composite structures.

Consequently, the integration of components with disparate properties can result in the creation of a novel material that exhibits unique properties and multifunctionality. The employment of novel composite materials has enabled the augmentation of the adsorption capacity of the cryogel structure, rendering it catalytically active, magnetic, or sensitive to electric fields. These functional structures have numerous potential applications in the environmental, energy, and biomedical fields.

In tissue engineering, CS cryogels are a great material to help cells grow, develop, and function because they provide the right conditions for this to happen. This 3D structure provides a place for cells to grow, makes the material stronger, controls how quickly drugs are released, and makes it more likely that the material will be compatible with living things. CS cryogel has a lot of potential uses, such as water treatment and environmental engineering, because it has a large surface area, a negative charge, it is biocompatible and biodegradable. Furthermore, CS in a cryogel form is great at removing heavy metals, dyes and organic pollutants from wastewater. Another way it is used is as a mould/support/carrier for composite forms. The synthesis of composite catalysts/biocatalysts entails the incorporation of metal nanoparticles or enzymes into the chondroitin sulfate matrix. The merits of this approach are manifold, including its environmental sustainability, stability, reusability and capacity for recycling.

The conversion of chondroitin sulfate into a three-dimensional polymeric structure is crucial for tissue engineering applications. These structures can form biologically compatible "scaffolds" that can be implanted into the body to repair or rebuild damaged tissues. They can also be modified to suit their specific environment. CS cryogels have a lot of potential for use as an environmentally friendly and high-performance adsorbent. This is because they have a large surface area and a negative charge, which means they can effectively remove various pollutants from wastewater. Furthermore, they are a great way to carry catalysts in a way that is kind to the environment and efficient, which is really good for green chemistry and sustainable reaction systems.

CONCEPTUAL FRAMEWORK

Natural Polymers and Applications

Natural polymers are large molecules that are obtained from biological structures found in nature and possess unique functional properties (Kaushik, 2016). These elements are considered to be fundamental components of living organisms. These substances can be classified into several categories, namely polysaccharides, polypeptides (proteins), nucleic acids (DNA and RNA), and natural rubber (latex). The classification of natural polymers according to their source is illustrated in Figure 1.

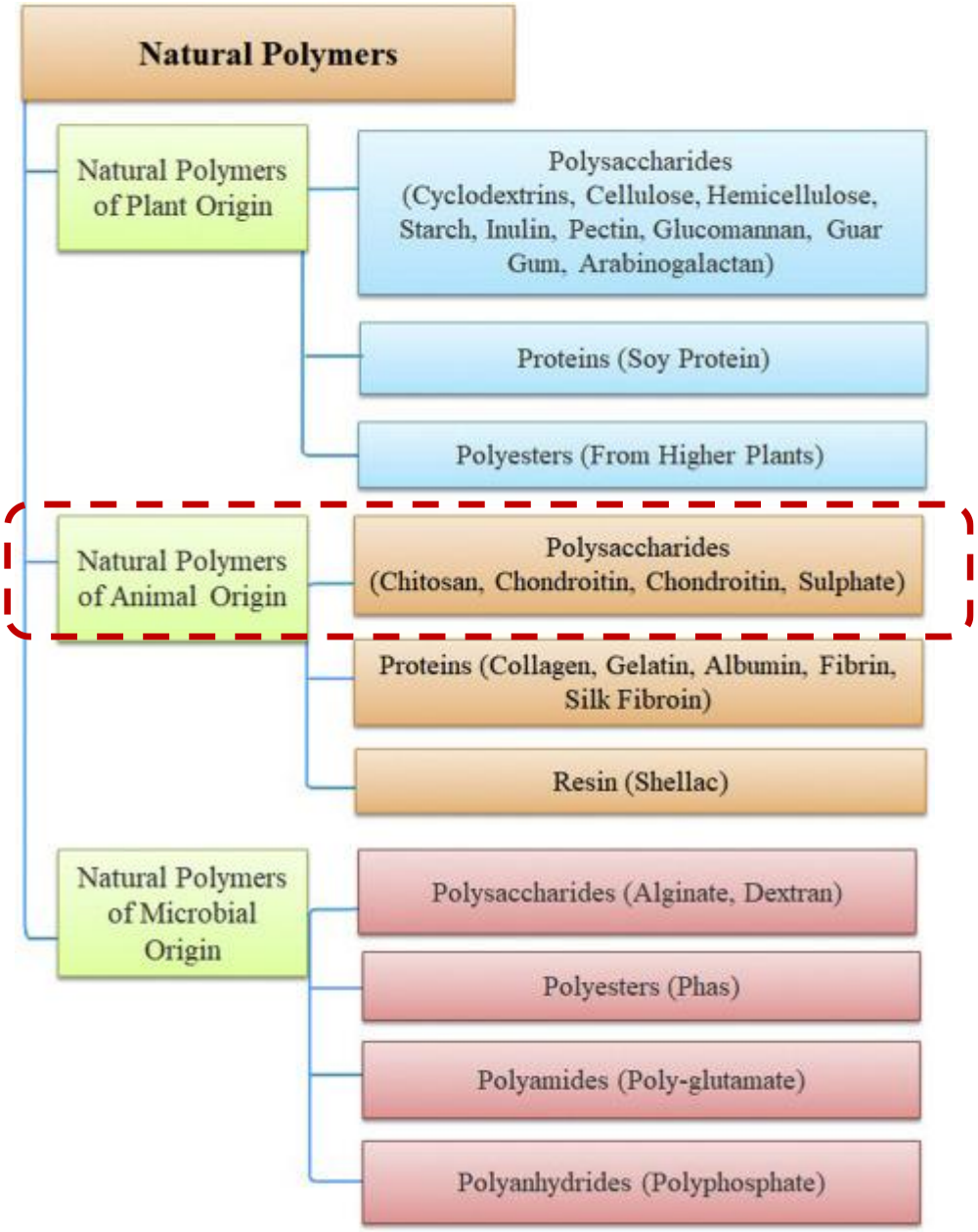


Figure 1. Sources of natural polymers (Saleh, T.A. 2021).

Natural polymers are frequently referenced in the extant literature, particularly in the context of biomedical applications (Zhao, 2023). The primary rationale for their prevalence is their low toxicity, compatibility with biological systems (biocompatibility), and biodegradability. These include drug delivery systems (i.e. carriers for pharmaceuticals), tissue engineering (scaffolds for cartilage, bone, and nerve repair), wound dressings, surgical sutures (biodegradable), and contact lenses. Those derived from natural polymers (e.g., polysaccharide and protein-based) are used in biomedical applications (drug delivery, tissue engineering). Whilst natural polymers are generally understood to possess weaker mechanical strength in comparison to synthetic polymers, their inherent biodegradability and biocompatibility renders them indispensable for a range of environmentally friendly and medically critical applications.

Cryogelation/Cryogels

Cryogels can be defined as a class of hydrogels where controlled polymerization of gel-forming polymers and monomers occurs at sub-zero temperatures and yields macropores surrounded by

an elastic network of interconnected ones. Cryogels are naturally interconnected macroporous characteristic structure, allowing water to flow freely in and out of the cryogel, so that the shape of the cryogel can be fixed by squeezing it out of the free water and quickly return to its original shape by absorbing the water. The interesting properties of cryogels such as higher elasticity, flexibility and high mechanical stability, sponge-like porous interconnected microstructures and high porosity make them favorite. Cryogels are widely used as chromatographic materials, tissue engineering scaffolds and high performance materials. In some applications, such as the separation of biomolecules, it can be performed very efficiently due to the large, adjustable and interconnected pore sizes. The applications performance of cryogels can be increased much more by embedding TiO2, SiO2, clays, polymeric nano- and microparticles, magnetic particles with different active agents or post modification. Cryogels can be based on both natural and synthetic polymers, forming macroporous heterophase gels with polycrystals of the frozen solvent. They are utilized in various applications, including biomedicine, environmental science, and materials engineering due to their unique properties and structure. These polymers play a crucial role in the formation of cryogels, providing them with unique properties suitable for a wide range of applications in industries such as biomedicine, environmental science, and materials engineering (Rogers, 2019) .

In this study, the natural polymer, chrondroitin sulfate, was utilized as the starting material, and a macroporous cryogel with a 3D structure was synthesized through chemical cross-linking. The synthesised cryogel was demonstrated to have potential applications in a variety of fields. The cryogel was rendered magnetic, and utilised as a template in the preparation of a composite structure containing metal nanoparticles. The prepared structures were employed as adsorbents and catalysts in various reactions.

METHODOLOGY

Materials

The synthesis of 3D CS cryogel was initiated with controidin sulfate A sodium salt (CS, average MW 20,000-30,000, Biosynth), utilised as the fundamental material/polymer precursor. The process involved the employment of divinyl sulfone (DVS, 97%, Aldrich) as the crosslinker, and sodium hydroxide (NaOH, 98-100.5%, Sigma-Aldrich) was employed to establish an alkaline environment. Iron (II) chloride tetrahydrate ($FeCl_2$.4H2O, 99%, Sigma-Aldrich) and ammonium hydroxide (NH_4OH, 26%, Sigma-Aldrich) were utilised for hydrothermal magnetic particle synthesis. Cobalt (II) chloride ($CoCl_2$, ACS grade, Carlo Erba) and silver nitrate ($AgNO_3$, 99.5%, Fluka) were utilised as metal sources in the preparation of the CS-M composite. Sodium borohydride ($NaBH_4$, 98%, Sigma-Aldrich) was utilised as a reducing agent. In the context of adsorption studies, a range of textile dyes have been utilised as models, including Congo red (CR), rhodamine 6G (R6G), methylene blue (MB), trypan blue (TB), gentamicin violet (GV), and methyl orange (MO). The 4-nitrophenol (4-NP, 99%, ABCR) and $NaBH_4$ hydrolysis reactions were selected as model reactions for the study of catalytic effects. Throughout the study, deionized water was utilised.

Synthesis and Characterisation of Chondroitin Sulphate Cryogel

The synthesis of 3D cryogel was initiated with the preparation of a CS solution with a concentration of 50 mg/g, which was then formulated within a 0.25 M NaOH solution (Demirci, 2021). The addition of divinyl sulfon (DVS) at a concentration of 100% (based on the molar ratio of the repeating unit of CS) was performed as a crosslinker to this prepared solution. Subsequent to the incorporation of DVS, the mixture was subjected to vigorous stirring and transferred to syringes. The syringes were stored in a −20°C deep freezer for a 72-hour period

in order to facilitate cryogelation. Subsequent to the conclusion of this period, the syringes were retrieved from the freezer and allowed to reach ambient temperature. The cryogels were then extracted from the syringe and bisected into slices measuring 2-3 mm in thickness using a razor blade. The cut slices were then subjected to repeated washing with copious amounts of water. The washed cryogels were subjected to a freeze-drying process for a period of 48 hours, following which they were stored in sealed containers for the purpose of characterisation and utilisation.

Synthesis of Magnetic Chondroitin Sulphate Cryogel

The synthesis of Fe_3O_4 nanoparticles within CS networks was accomplished through the utilisation of hydrothermal support (Yadav, 2020). The synthesis process was initiated with the dissolution of $FeCl_2 \cdot 4H_2O$ (0.3125 g) in 50 mL of distilled water. This was followed by the addition of CS cryogel (100 mg) to the mixture. The mixture was stirred briefly in order to facilitate the adsorption of iron (II) ions. Ammonia solution (26%) (1.6 mL) was added dropwise to the stirred solution. The solution was subjected to stirring for a further period of 15-20 minutes. Thereafter, it was transferred into an autoclave equipped with a stainless steel-teflon-lined inner chamber, and maintained at a temperature of 134°C for a duration of 3-4 hours. Subsequent to the termination of this period, the reaction mixture was expeditiously cooled to ambient temperature and opened. The black CS slices were then removed and thoroughly rinsed with purified water and ethanol. The cleaned CS-mag was checked in both dry and wet conditions using a magnet.

Synthesis of Chondroitin Sulphate Composite (CS-M) Cryogels

The prepared CS cryogel was used as a template for the preparation of Co and Ag nanoparticles and CS-Co, CS-Ag composite cryogel were prepared (Sahiner, 2013 Butun; 2011). The composites were prepared in two steps: (a) First, the CS kryogel was immersed in aqueous solution containing cobalt and silver ions were loaded into the kryogel network. (b) The Co and Ag-loaded CS cryogel were washed and metal ions were reduced to metallic Co^0 and Ag^0 by using $NaBH_4$.

Applications

It is evident that due to their elevated degree of porosity, considerable swelling capacity, and pliant structural characteristics, a series of applications have been developed to demonstrate the substantial application potential of these cryogels. The utilisation of cryogels as adsorbents for the removal of textile dyes from aqueous environments, and the catalytic applications of the prepared composite cryogels, encompassing the following processes: I) NaBH4 hydrolysis, and II) the reduction of 4-nitrophenol to 4-aminophenol.

CONCLUSION AND DISCUSSION

The chondroitin sulfate, a linear natural polymer, was synthesized into a 3D CS cryogel by cross-linking with DVS in an alkaline environment. As illustrated in Figure 2, the molecular formula of the CS cryogel is presented, along with digital camera images before and after polymerization.

Subsequent to the cryogelation process, the filled syringes are allowed to reach room temperature and are then removed from the syringe without causing damage to the cryogel by severing the tip with a sharp instrument (e.g. a razor blade), as illustrated in Figure 1. The fruit is then sliced according to the intended application or use. These slices were subjected to a washing process that lasted several hours, after which they were stored at -20 ºC for a period of

time that extended to a maximum of 12 hours. The CS cryogels were subjected to a drying process that lasted for 48 hours, which was conducted using a freeze dryer. It is noteworthy that the dried slices exhibit significant porosity and a remarkably low density. The following equations were utilised to ascertain the water absorption capacity (percentage swelling) and moisture content of the dried cryogel. In the equation, m_s represents the weight of the swollen cryogel at equilibrium, and m_d represents the weight of the dry cryogel. The experimental tests were performed in triplicate, and the results are presented with their respective standard deviations.

$$\text{Swelling } \% = ((m_s - m_d)/m_d) \times 100$$

$$\text{Moisture } \% = ((-m_d)/m_s) \times 100$$

The calculation of swelling indicated a percentage of 3444 ± 118%, while the calculation of moisture yielded a percentage of 97.17 ± 0.09%. As can be seen, it has an extremely high water retention capacity. Furthermore, when pressure is applied or compression occurs, it releases some of the water. When the pressure is removed, it returns to its original shape and exhibits spongy behavior.

As evidenced by the molecular structure of CS cryogel, the presence of –OH, –COOH, and -SO_4H groups confers a range of advantages for diverse applications. It was determined through this study that, due to its modifiability, hydrophilic nature, and macroporous structure, the substance has potential in various applications.

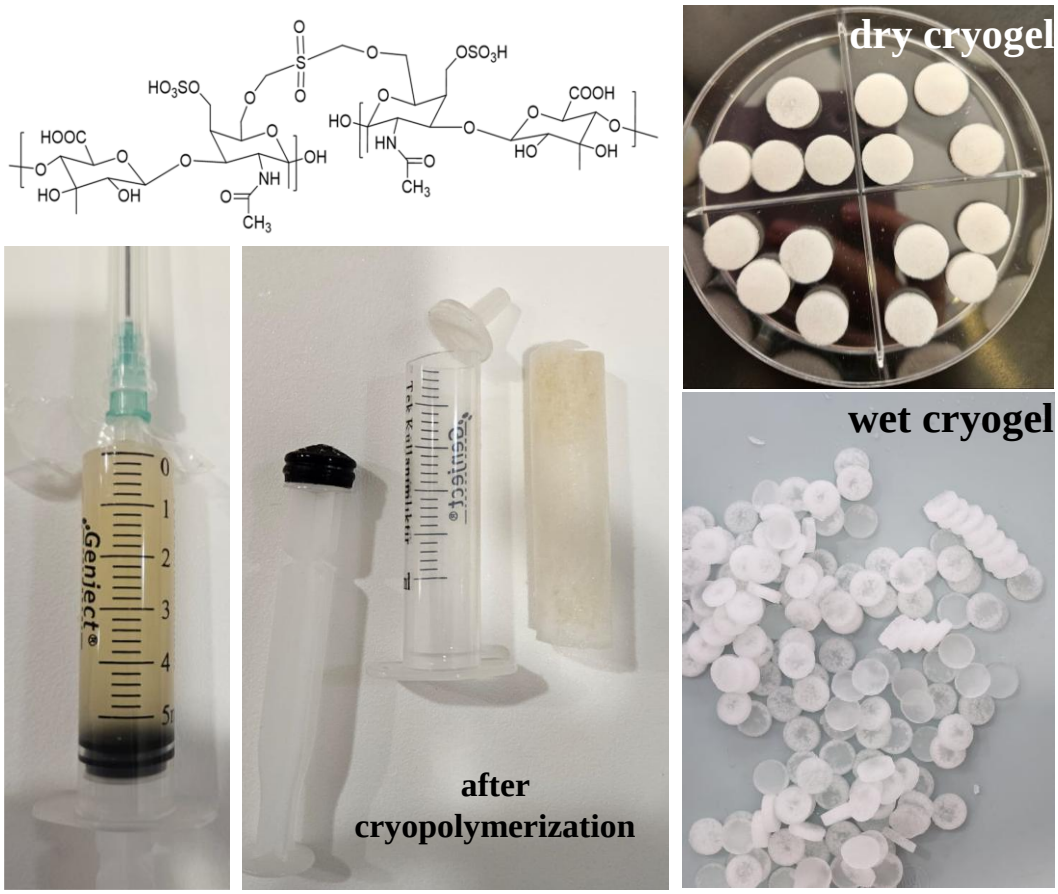


Figure 2. Chondroitin sulfate cryogel's molecular formula and its dry/wet digital camera images.

The synthesis of hydrothermally supported magnetic nanoparticles, with the objective of rendering CS cryogel sensitive to magnetic fields, was carried out in the presence of 3D CS cryogel. Adsorption of Fe^{2+} onto the cryogel was followed by the subsequent formation of Fe_3O_4 nanoparticles within the networks, facilitated by the presence of NH_3. The synthesis scheme is illustrated in Figure 3A. In order to enhance magnetic field sensitivity, it is possible to increase the mixing times prior to autoclaving in the scheme. In this study, it was observed that the addition of the cryogel to the environment prior to the introduction of ammonia resulted in the production of stronger mag-CS. No deformation was observed in the CS cryogel after the hydrothermal process (134 ºC, 3h). As evidenced by the digital camera image of mag-CS, its porous nature was preserved. It was observed that no breakage occurred during the manual compression of the object. As illustrated in Figure 3B, upon the proximity of a magnet to the mag-CS cryogel immersed in water, observations were made that the mag-CS exhibited an alignment with the magnetic field, resulting in its migration towards the water's surface, either guided by the external magnet.

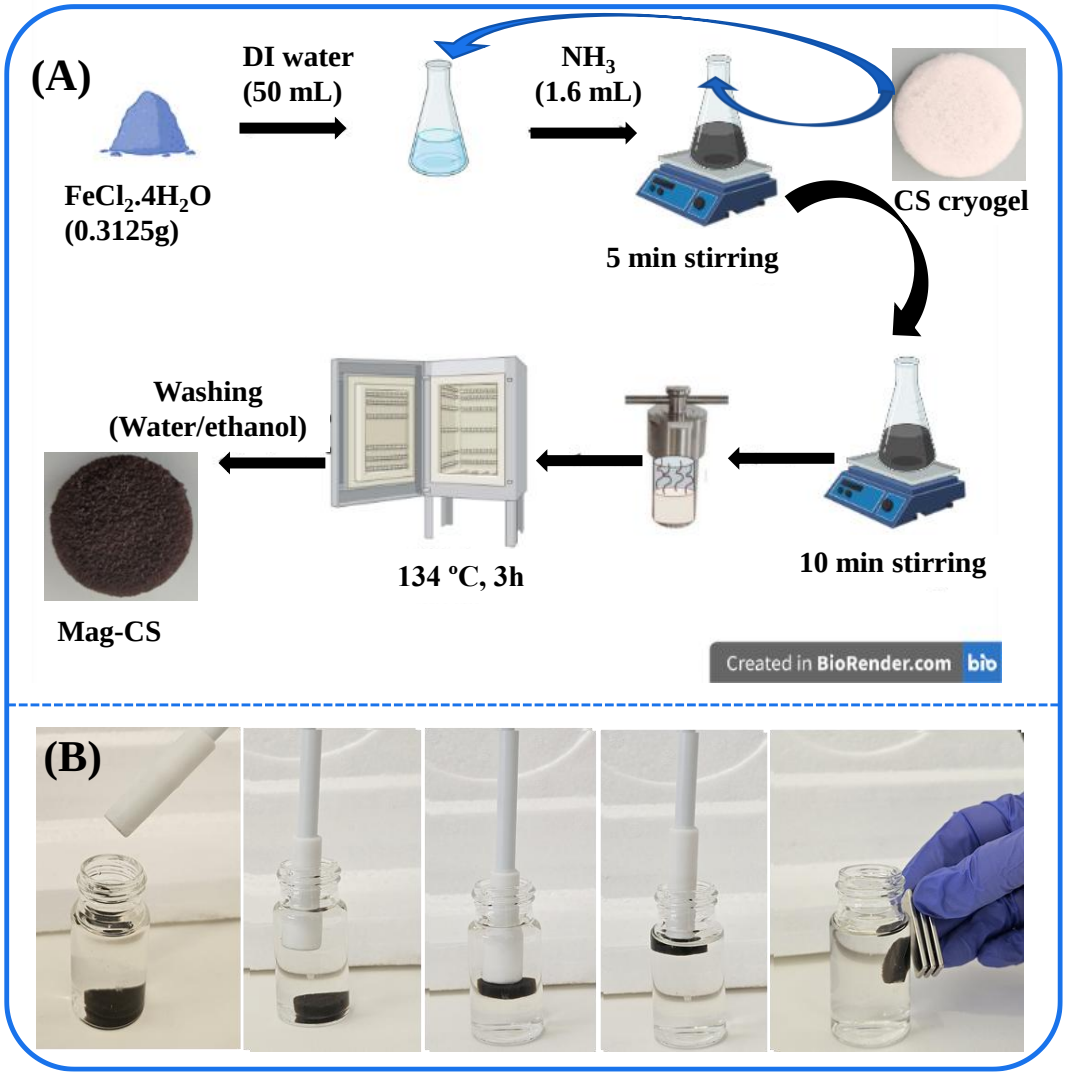


Figure 3. Hydrothermally supported mag-CS cryogel synthesis scheme and digital camera images of mag-CS subjected to a magnetic field.

The prepared CS cryogel can be regarded as a promising adsorbent due to the presence of its functional groups and its high water absorption capacity. These materials have the capacity to function as column packing material/resin, a role that is especially pertinent in the context of

the purification of contaminated water (Sengel, 2021). In this study, a range of textile dyes, including CR, R6G, MB, TB, GV, and MO were selected for analysis as potential contaminants. The removal of these dyes from aqueous media using CS cryogel was then examined through experimental testing. As illustrated in Figure 4, the digital camera images depict the dye solutions prior to the adsorption process, as well as the CS cryogels that had been subjected to an overnight soak in the dye solution, subsequently removed from the aqueous environment, and thoroughly washed. As evidenced by the images evidence, it is hypothesised that positively charged dyes, such as R6G, MB and GV, are adsorbed more rapidly and in greater quantities. In instances where a more detailed analysis is required, the quantity of dye adsorbed per gram of CS can be determined through the use of UV-vis spectroscopy. The study of adsorption isotherms is an active area of research.

Figure 4. Digital photographs of textile dye solutions and CS cryogels that have adsorbed the dyes.

In such applications, the adsorbent's physical properties, reusability, regenerability, and ability to be removed from its environment after adsorption are important criteria (Lazar, 2024). Whilst the impartation of magnetic properties to cryogel is imperative for the successful attainment of target areas in a multitude of applications, its controllability by external forces in wastewater treatment, particularly in industrial-scale applications, offers distinct advantages in terms of temporal and labour efficiency.

Furthermore, a CS cryogel has been shown to function as an effective adsorbent for metal ions in water, with a particular efficacy for the removal of heavy metals. As can be deduced from the formula, the compound contains -hydroxyl, -carboxyl, and -sulfate groups. Consequently, the adsorption capacity of the material for M^{n+} ions will be high. Despite not being classified as a heavy metal, CS-Metal composite structures have been developed for utilization in catalytic applications. CS cryogel was utilized as a template in the fabrication of these composites, and composite structures containing Co and Ag nanoparticles were prepared. As illustrated in Figure 5, the synthesis scheme and digital camera images of CS-M composites that adsorb metal and are reduced to a metallic form are presented. The process is comprised of two distinct stages. The adsorption of Co^{2+} and Ag^{+} metal ions onto the CS cryogel in an aqueous environment is the subject of this study, with equilibrium adsorption being the primary focus. The metal-loaded CS cryogel was then extracted from the metal solution and thoroughly

washed with a copious amount of water. In the second step of the process, the metal ions loaded onto the CS cryogel were converted into their metallic forms (Co^0, Ag^0) using a reducing agent such as $NaBH_4$.

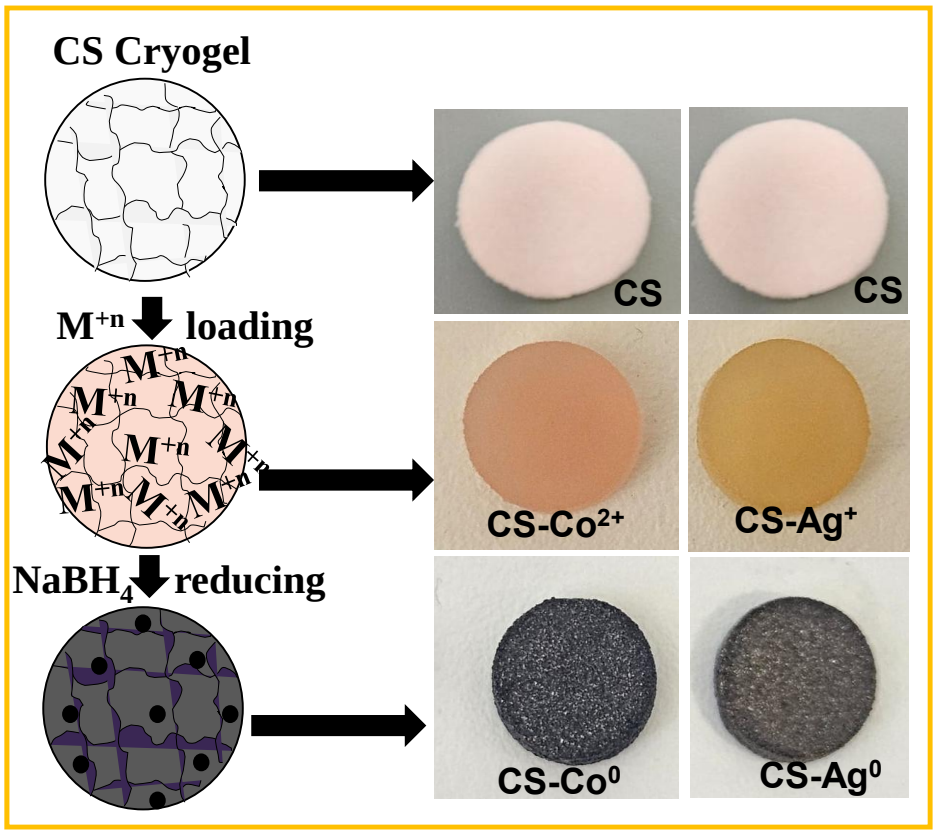


Figure 5. Schematic representation of in situ metal nanoparticles preparation in the CS cryogel network, and their digital camera images.

It can thus be concluded that these prepared composite structures are more stable and useful than many polymeric materials. The metal content of composite structures can be determined through the desorption of metals from the composite structure itself, utilising the analytical techniques of AAS (atomic absorption spectroscopy) and ICP (inductively coupled plasma). It is possible to obtain preliminary information about the metal content in the composite by evaluating the TGA results of the bare form and the composite in the same thermogram up to 950-1000 °C. As illustrated in Figures 6 and 8, the TGA results for the CS-Co and CS-Ag composites are presented. It is evident from the calculations derived from the TGA results that the CS-Co composite contains 13% Co, while the CS-Ag composite contains 30% Ag. The two composites prepared were utilised for different reactions. The CS-Co composite cryogel was utilised as a catalyst in the hydrolysis of NaBH4 (Sahiner, 2012; Butun, 2011). The reaction is outlined below.

$$NaBH_4(aq) + 2H_2O\ (l) \xrightarrow{\textbf{CS-Co}} NaBO_2\ (aq) + 4H_2\ (g)$$

Figure 7 illustrates the amount of hydrogen produced over time during hydrolysis using the CS-Co catalyst. No H_2 production was observed in the self-reaction after 20 minutes; however, the reaction achieved 100% efficiency in 18 minutes at 30°C using 0.280 g of CS-Co composite.

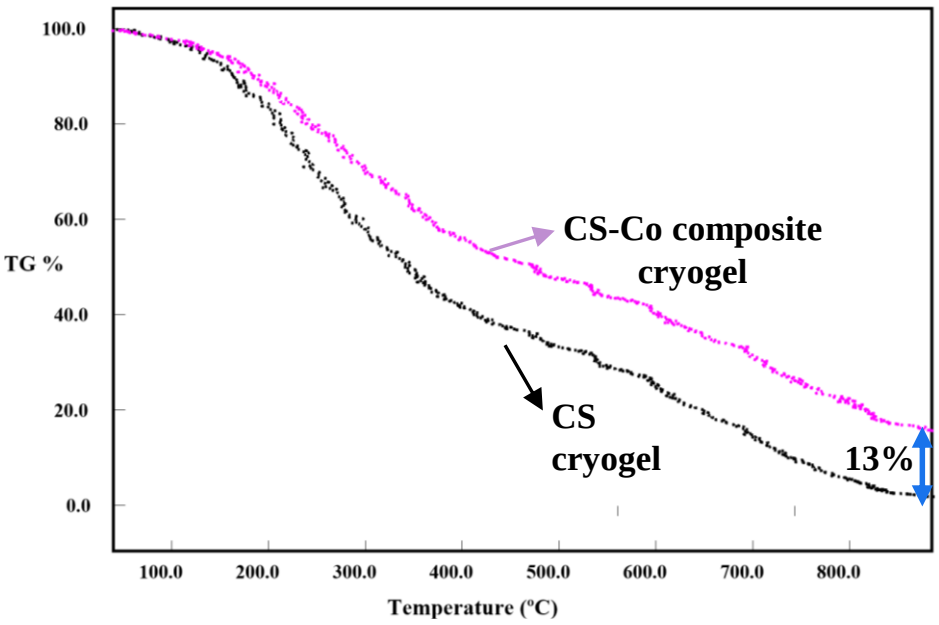


Figure 6. TG% of bare CS cryogel and CS-Co composite cryogel.

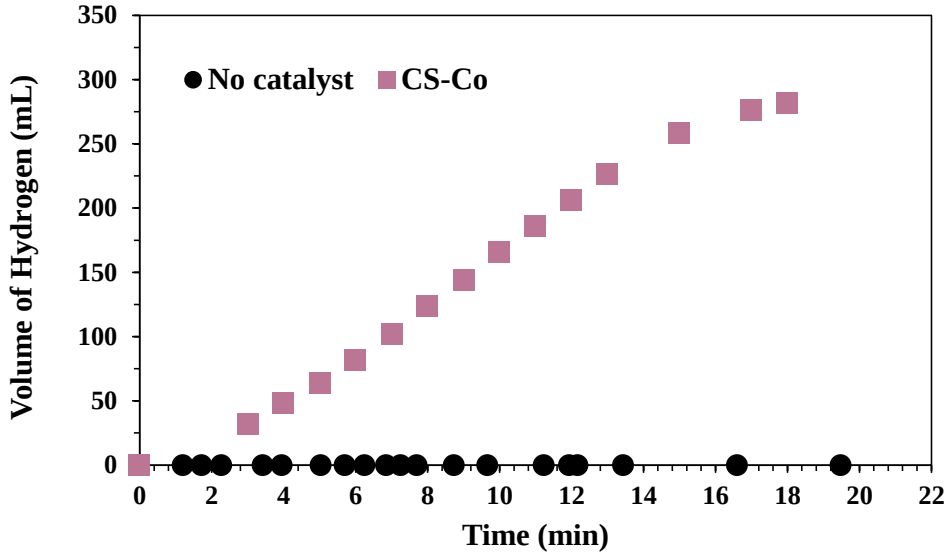
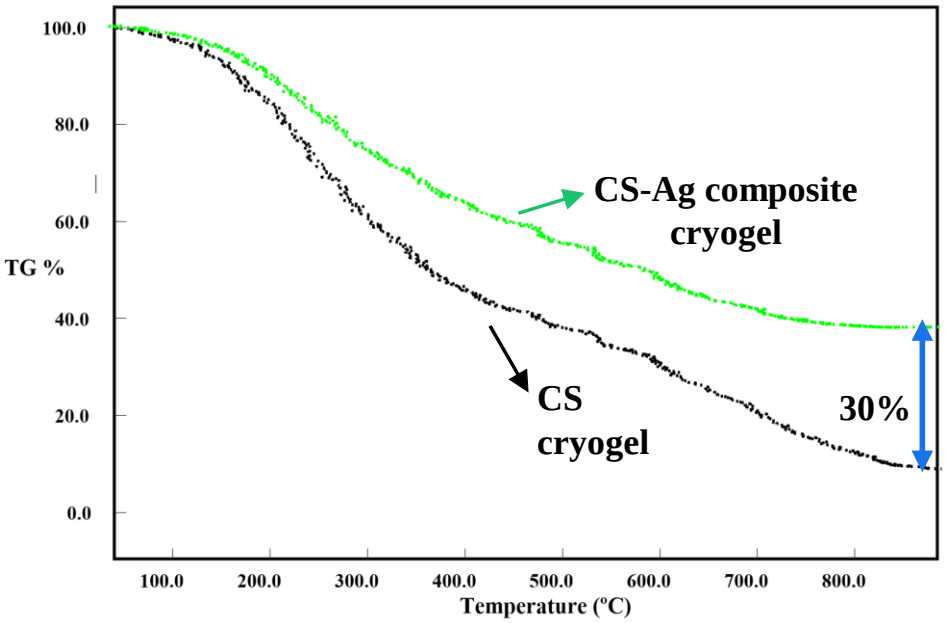


Figure 7. The catalytic effect of CS-Co composite on the hydrolysis of $NaBH_4$ [Reaction conditions: 0.280 g composite; 50 mL 50 mM $NaBH_4$ at 50 °C with % 5 NaOH, 1000 rpm mixing rate].

Another application/reaction is the use of 4-NP, an organic pollutant, as a catalyst in the reduction reaction to 4-AP (Sahiner, 2012). The reaction is schematised in Figure 9, and the conversion of 4-NP to 4-AP was photographed using a CS-Ag composite catalyst with a chronometer. In instances where the reaction rate and conversion are to be monitored, samples are extracted from the reaction medium, diluted as required, and the decline in 4-NP in the medium is analysed by UV-vis reading to ascertain the amount of 4-AP formed. As previously mentioned, 0.280 g of CS-Ag composite was utilised in Figure 9. The yellow colouration was observed to dissipate within a timespan of 14-15 minutes.



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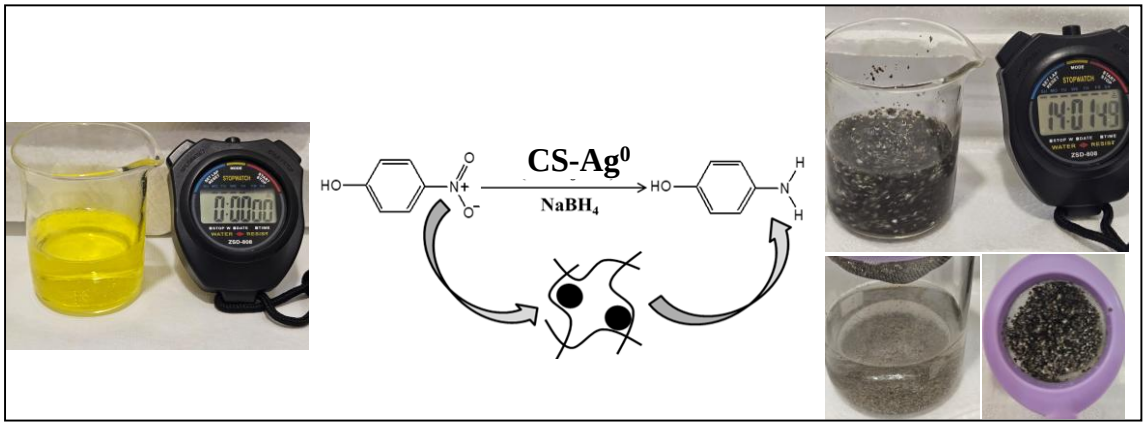

Figure 9. Reeaction schema and digital camera images for reduction of 4-NP to 4-AP by using CS-Ag composite cryogel [0.1 M 50 mL 4-NP, 0.280 g CS-Ag, 25 ºC].

The synthesis of composite catalysts/biocatalysts entails the incorporation of metal nanoparticles or enzymes into the chondroitin sulfate matrix. The merits of this approach are manifold, including its environmental sustainability, stability, reusability and capacity for recycling. The conversion of chondroitin sulfate into a three-dimensional polymeric structure is crucial for tissue engineering applications (Lee, 2020). These structures can form biologically compatible "scaffolds" that can be implanted into the body to repair or rebuild damaged tissues.

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TABA FIT BRACELET (TO SUPPORT OBESE AND DIABETIC PATIENTS IN MAKING ACCURATE HEALTHY NUTRITIONAL DECISIONS)

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Abstract

Obesity and diabetes are among the most common chronic diseases in the world, and their incidence rates are increasing significantly due to unhealthy eating habits and lack of physical activity. Obesity is the excessive accumulation of body fat that leads to serious health complications, including heart disease and diabetes. Type 2 diabetes is a disorder in the regulation of blood sugar levels and is often associated with weight gain and poor nutrition. In this research, I extend my series of proposals in the health field. I previously proposed the TABA device to support Alzheimer's patients and TABA CARE to treat Eczema patients. Today, I propose a new smart device called the TABA FIT wristband, which aims to support people suffering from obesity and type 2 diabetes in making healthy eating decisions in their daily lives. The device relies on advanced technologies to identify food types and distinguish those suitable for a health condition. It issues smart alerts, lighting, and sound to the user when approaching food that may be healthy, harmful, or requires attention. The TABA FIT bracelet is internally programmed based on the recommendations of a specialist physician (obesity-diabetes) or a nutritionist, specifying the food types and quantities allowed for each user based on their condition (obesity- diabetes). The TABA FIT bracelet also features an attractive appearance, and I suggest it be available in colors and sizes to suit different tastes. It can be worn as an elegant bracelet, making it both practical and attractive. It combines technical efficiency, therapeutic effectiveness, and design aesthetics. TABA FIT aims to enhance self-nutrition awareness and prevent complications associated with obesity and diabetes in a modern and easy-to-adopt manner. TABA FIT targets young people aged 18-35, given their vulnerability to obesity and diabetes due to unhealthy eating habits, a lack of interest in quantity and type, and their ability to use wearable technology in their daily lives.

Key words: Obesity, Diabetes, TABA FIT, Artificial intelligence, Health.

INTRODUCTION

With the rapid changes in modern lifestyles, obesity and type 2 diabetes have become among the most prominent health challenges facing the world, due to their increasing prevalence and negative impact on quality of life and overall health. Studies indicate that unbalanced eating habits, lack of health awareness, and a preference for fast and convenience foods have exacerbated these problems, particularly among young people, who often neglect a balanced diet and pay little attention to the type or quantity of food they eat. Although awareness campaigns and nutritional therapy programs are available, most methods do not provide immediate or personalized solutions to assist individuals in making nutritional decisions on the spot. Hence, the need arose to propose a wearable technology that would be able to accompany

the individual at all times and alert him in a timely manner before he consumes food that is not suitable for his health condition. Within this framework, this research initiative is an extension of a group of health technology proposals previously proposed under the name TABA, starting with a device to support Alzheimer's patients, then a therapeutic proposal for eczema patients, and finally this new proposal, which is specifically directed to support two overlapping health categories: obese patients and type 2 diabetes patients.

Based on the growing need for innovative solutions that help individuals control their eating patterns in a real – time and realistic manner, especially those suffering from obesity and type 2 diabetes, the idea of a wearable device came about. This research aims to propose a smart device that accompanies the user in his daily life and provides immediate support in moments of nutritional decision- making**. The objectives of this research are:**

1-Reducing unhealthy eating behavior among young people with obesity and type 2 diabetes through smart, direct alerts when they approach food.

2-Providing an attractive and modern design for the device, encouraging it to be worn daily as part of a lifestyle without showing a direct medical character.

3-Providing an interactive and individualized method based on customized programming by a doctor or nutritionist, including the types of permitted and prohibited foods, and the appropriate quantities for each case.

4-Supporting the user's independence and self-awareness, without the need for constant intervention from parents or the medical team.

5-Leveraging artificial intelligence and computer vision technologies to develop effective and practical healthcare solutions for everyday life.

The Importance of Research

The importance of this research stems from the growing need for innovative solutions that integrate technology and everyday healthcare, especially in light of the significant rise in obesity and diabetes rates and their direct impact on quality of life and public health**. The importance of this research lies in the proposed TABA FIT bracelet:**

1-It encourages early prevention of serious complications associated with obesity and diabetes, such as heart disease, high blood pressure, and weak immunity.

2-It represents a step towards integrating artificial intelligence into improving people's daily lifestyle in a smooth and attractive way.

3-It targets young people, who are among the groups most vulnerable to nutritional neglect, given their high receptivity to the use of technology in their daily lives.

OBESITY:

A medical condition in which excess body fat accumulates excessively, potentially negatively impacting health. Obesity is a major risk factor for type 2 diabetes, and excess body fat contributes to insulin resistance, making the body less able to use blood sugar effectively (Lin & Li, 2021).

TYPE 2 DIABETES:

A chronic condition that affects the way the body hand
of diabetes, the body either doesn't respond properly to insulin or doesn't produce enough of it, leading to high blood sugar levels. High blood sugar levels can cause serious health problems such as heart disease, stroke, and kidney disease (Galicia-Garcia et al., 2020)

SYMPTOMS OF OBESITY AND DIABETES

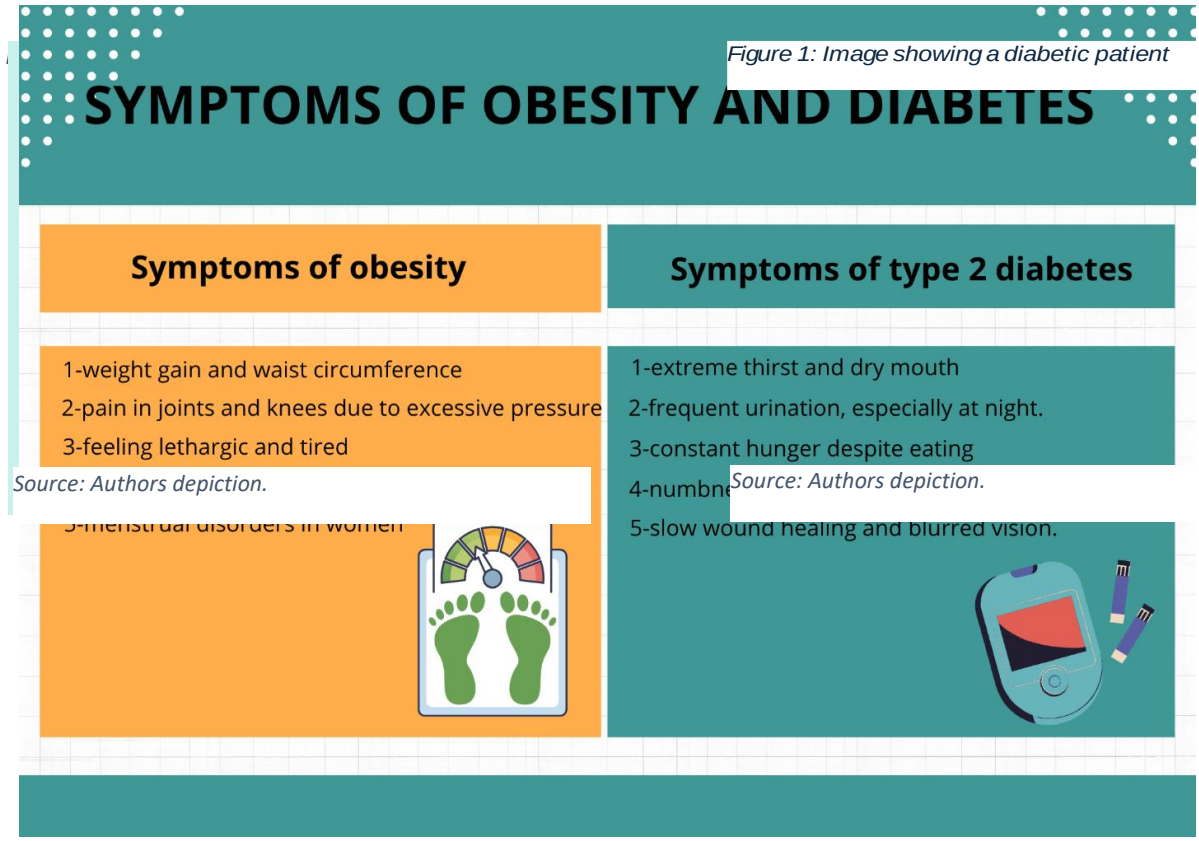

Figure 1: Image showing a diabetic patient

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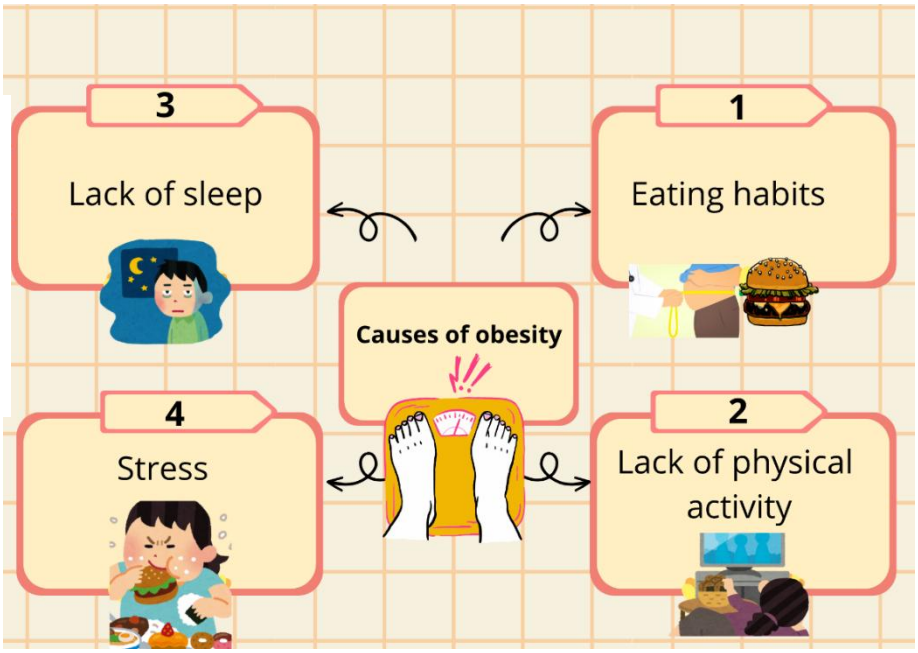

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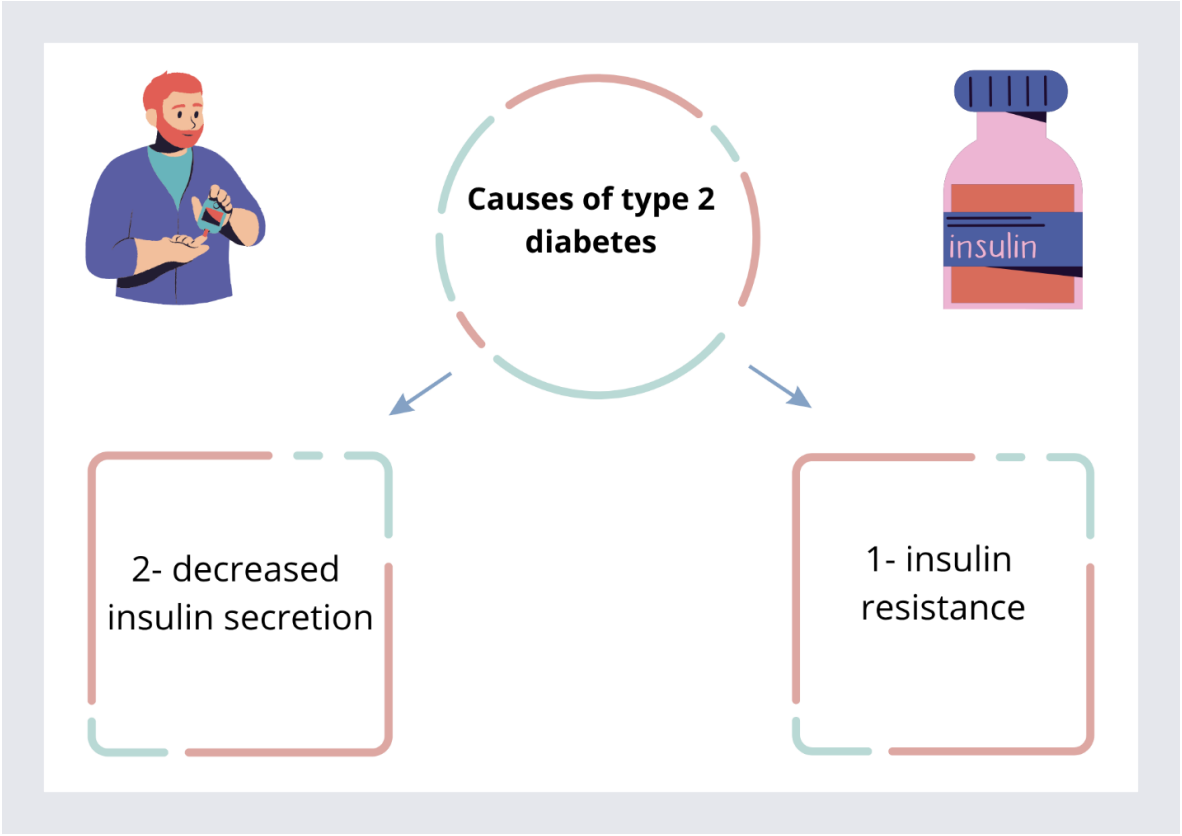

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Previous studies

1-Ji-Hee Haam et al. (2023): Diagnosis of obesity 2022 Update of Clinical Practice Guidelines for Obesity by the Korean Society For the study Of Obesity.

This study aimed to update the diagnostic criteria for obesity in Korean adults. It defined overweight as a Body Mass Index (BMI)≥ 23 kg/m^2 and obesity as BMI≥25kg/$m^{2.}$ It also emphasized the role of waist circumference (≥90 cm in men and ≥85 cm in women) and obesity – related comorbidities in diagnosis. The updated guidelines focus on identifying high-risk individuals to improve prevention and management strategies.

2-American Diabetes Association. (2022). Obesity and weight Management for the prevention and Treatment of Type 2 Diabetes: Standards of Medical Care in Diabetes-2022.

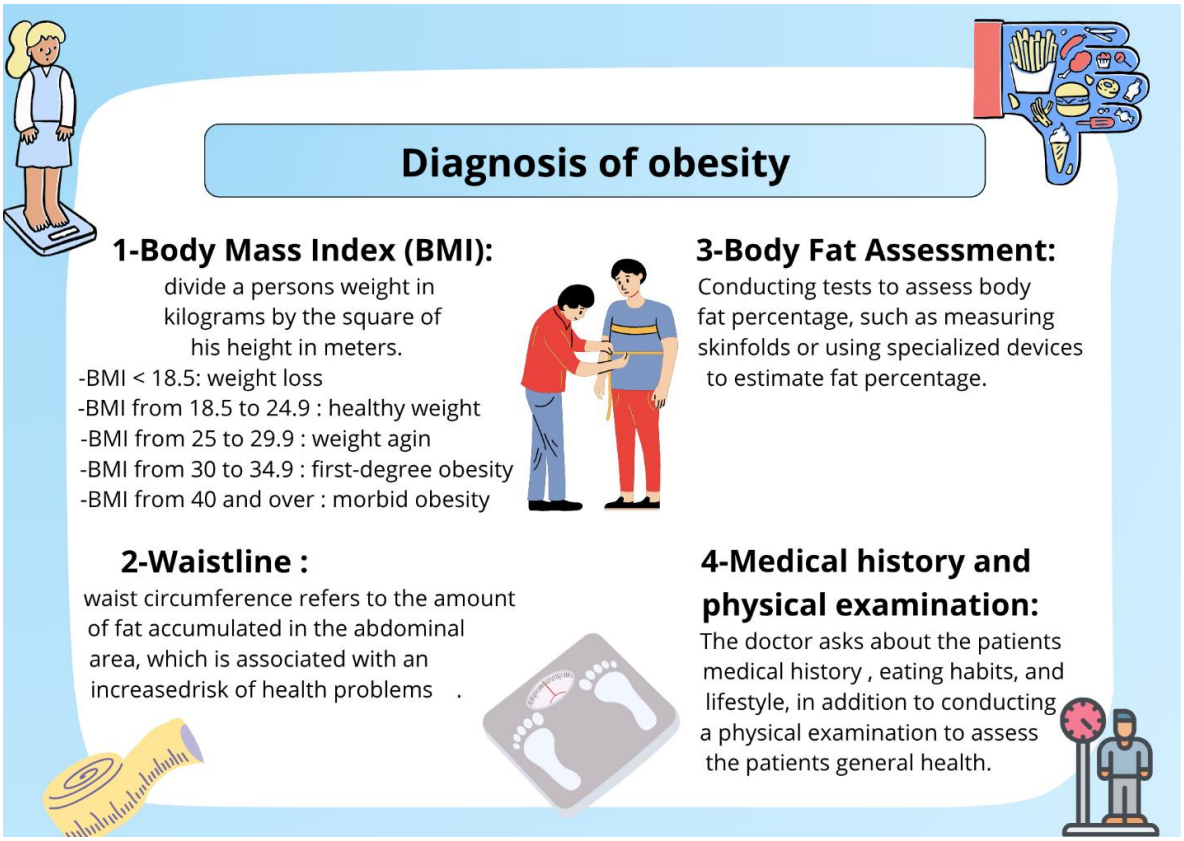
The aim of this study was to update the clinical guidelines for managing obesity in order to prevent and treat type 2 diabetes. It focused on weight control , setting treatment goals, and improving quality of care through evidence – based recommendations prepared by a multidisciplinary team.

3-Patel, M.S., Asch, D.A., Volpp, K.G. (2015). Wearable Devices as facilitators, Not Drivers, of health Behavior change

A study published in JAMA discusses how smart devices such as bracelets can help change eating behavior if supported by medical supervision.

4-Piwek, L., Ellis, D.A., Andrews, S., Join son, A. (2016) . The rise of consumer health wearables: Promises and barriers

Published in plus medicine, it reviews the effectiveness of smart devices in tracking health and eating behavior.



Diagnosis of obesity and type 2 diabetes

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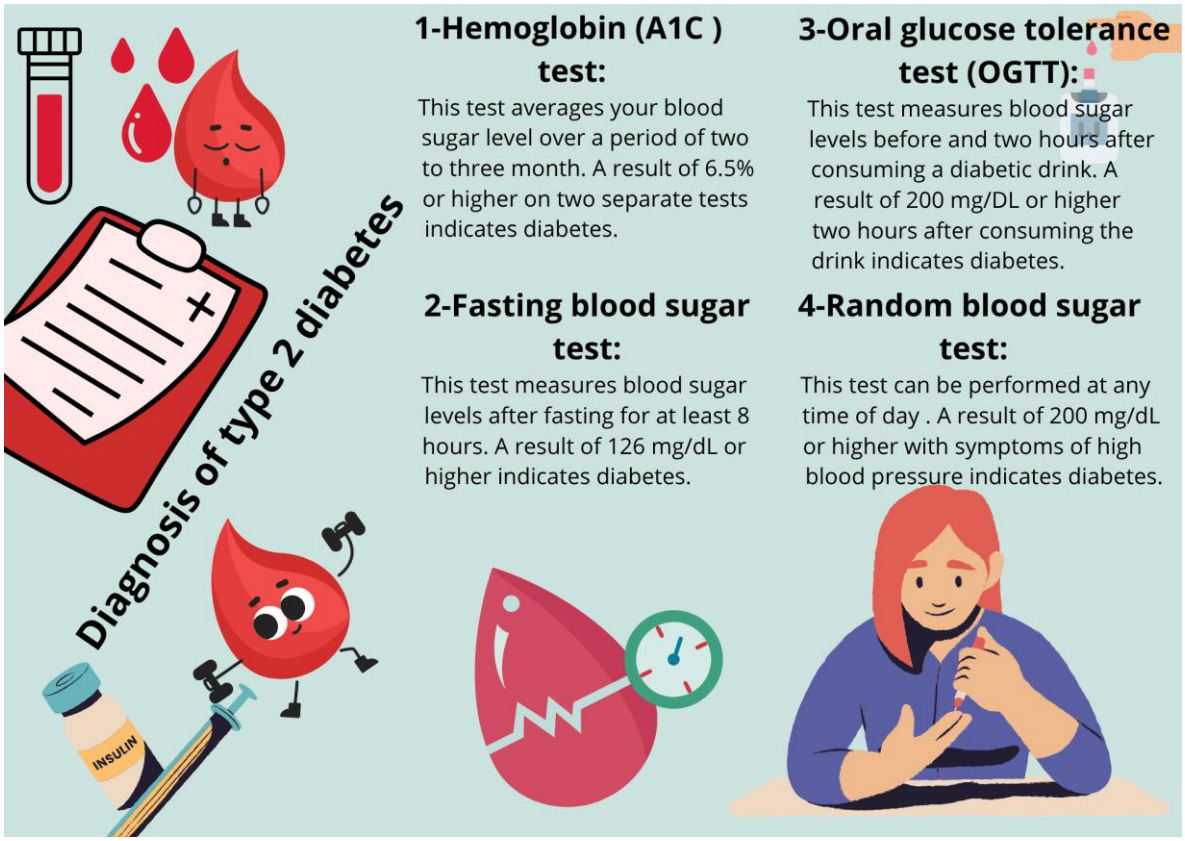

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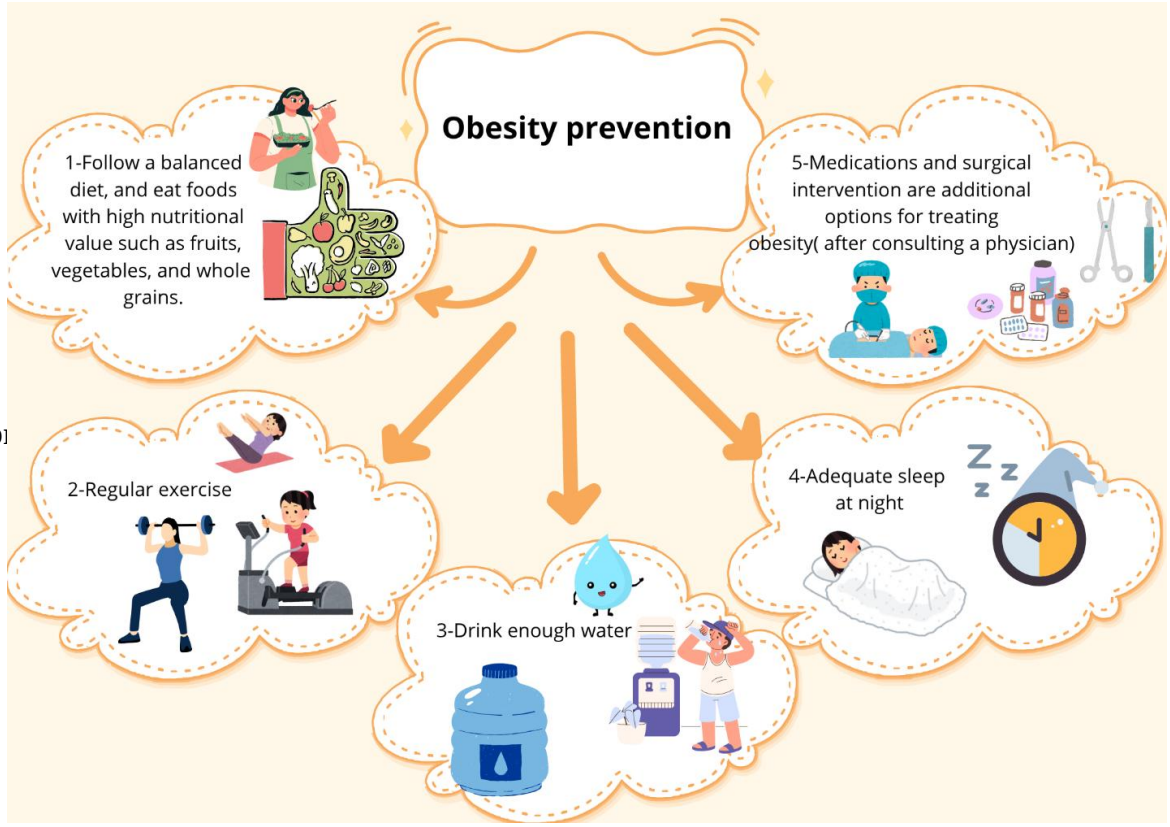
Preventing Obesity and Type 2 Diabetes

Obesity and type 2 diabetes are closely related chronic diseases, with obesity being a major risk factor for diabetes. Therefore, preventing one condition reduces the risk of developing the other. Prevention of both conditions relies on adopting a healthy, balanced lifestyle that includes proper nutrition, physical activity and behavioral awareness, along with regular health monitoring(Warman,2003). **Here are the most important steps to prevent obesity and type 2 diabetes.**

Obesity prevention



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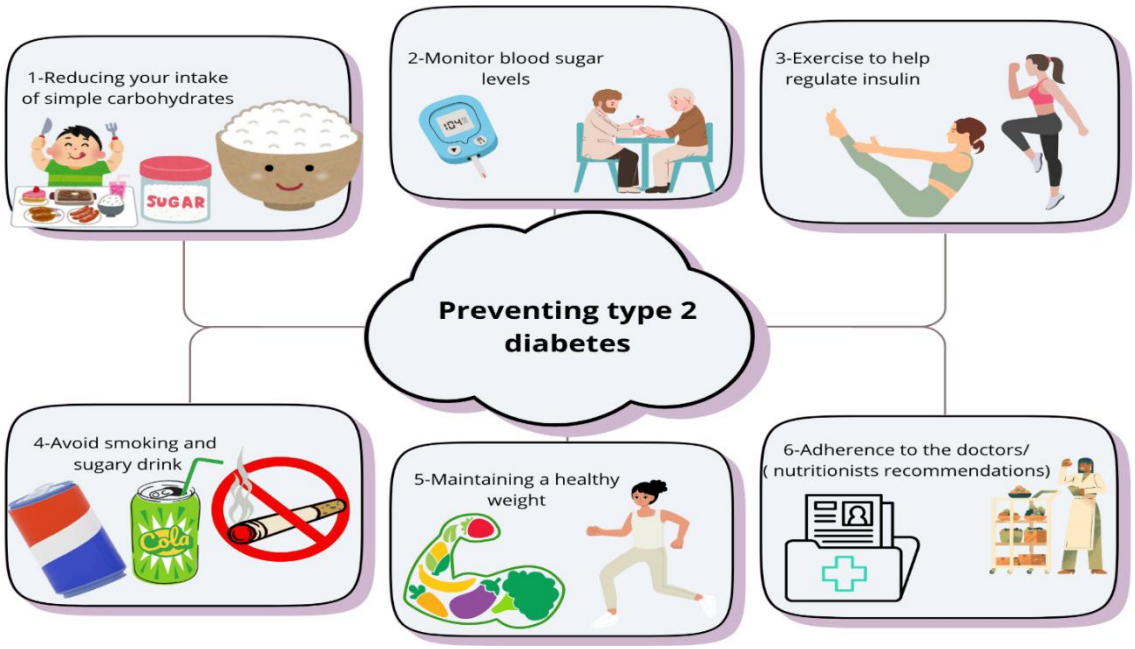
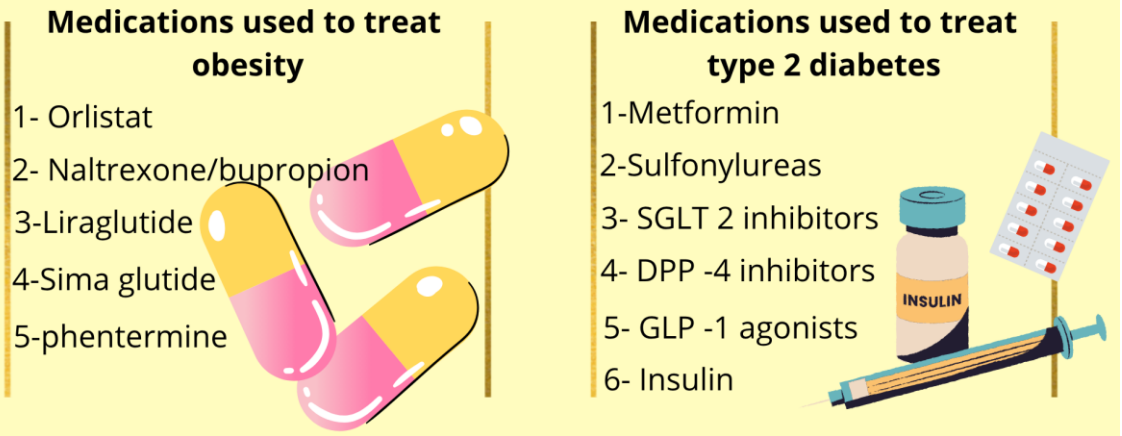


Drug treatment for obesity and type 2 diabetes

Medications play an important role in managing obesity and type 2 diabetes, especially when lifestyle changes alone are not sufficient to achieve the desired results, Although each case requires a different pharmacological intervention, there is overlap between some treatments, particularly with modern medications that affect appetite, weight, and insulin sensitivity.
Obesity medications are typically used to reduce appetite or fat absorption, while diabetes medications regulate blood sugar levels and improve insulin action. with the advancement of medicine, medications that combine both functions have emerged, such as GLP-1 agonists, which are used to simultaneously control blood sugar and weight, making them effective for patients suffering from both obesity and diabetes.
These medications are most effective when used in conjunction with a patients commitment to diet and physical activity, making the integration of drug therapy and behavioral support -such as the proposed TABA FIT device- an innovative step toward enhancing treatment effectiveness and preventing complications.



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SUGGESTED DEVICE: TABA FIT BRACELET

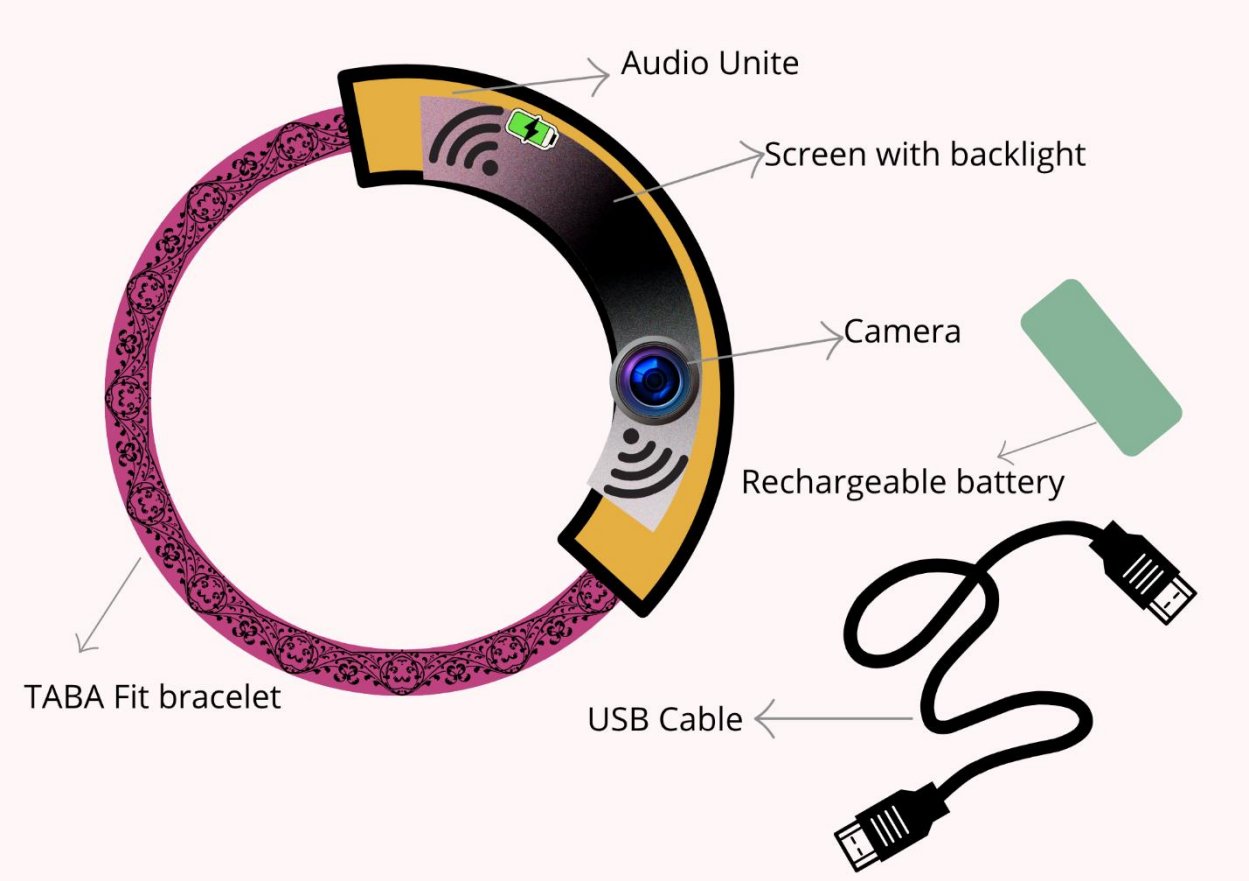
It is a proposed smart electronic medical device worn as a bracelet on the wrist, serving two categories of society:

1-people suffering from obesity 2-people suffering from type 2 diabetes

The reason for naming the device (TABA FIT) is that (TABA) is the first four letters of the name (TABAREK), which was used previously for the proposed device TABA to serve Alzheimer's patients and TABA CARE to serve Eczema patients. I seek to make this name a medical mark for serving patients**. The targeted age group is young people aged 18-35 years old** to help them control their eating behavior.

a. Because they are the most vulnerable group currently to obesity and early diabetes
b. They depend on technology and wearable devices
c. They can modify their eating behavior more easily than children and the elderly
d. This group is one of the most neglectful groups of healthy eating habits as they do not pay enough attention to the quantity, variety, or appearance of food
e. This group chooses food based on convenience or availability fast food.

TABA FIT BRACELET components



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- ✓ **Small smart screen (OLED):** To display information and alert the patient
- ✓ **Small compact camera:** Image analysis and food recognition
- ✓ **Rechargeable lithium battery:** To power the device
- ✓ **USB Port:** To charge the device and connect it when needed
- ✓ **Proximity Sensor:** To detect hand proximity to objects
- ✓ **Microcontroller:** To process data and organize operations
- ✓ **Notification system:** It issues audio, vibration and light notifications when food is detected.
- ✓ **AI- based software module:** It has built -in artificial intelligence algorithms to analyze images and accurately identify food, based on a dedicated database of known foods.
- ✓ **Optional Companion App:** The bracelet can be connected to a mobile phone to track dietary behavior, display alerts, and monitor daily in real-time. It can also be connected to a doctors or nutritionists' phone to monitor the patient's condition remotely, with the ability to modify the diet program stored on the bracelet via the app on the doctor's phone.
- ✓ **Customized exercise program:** Includes guided exercises according to medical recommendations that can be modified according to the patient's condition.
- ✓ **Customizable Exterior Design:** The bracelets appearance can be customized according to gender (male, female), which enhances its acceptance for daily use

How Does the TABA FIT BRACELET Work?

The bracelet contains a motion sensor that tracks the user's physical activity, such as the number of steps and daily movement, and is linked to a microcontroller that analyzes this data and displays it on a small OLED screen built into the bracelet. The bracelet also contains a small camera that automatically activates when the user's hand approaches any object in the surrounding environment. The camera takes a momentary image that is immediately analyzed using a dedicated program within the bracelet to determine whether the object is food. The bracelet does not store images or record any general visual data but only keeps specific information about the food known according to the database built into the system, which ensures the privacy of the user and those around him. When food is detected, the bracelet issues an immediate notification to remind the user of his eating pattern, as part of a motivational mechanism for instant alerts and behavioral awareness, with the aim of encouraging the user to reduce unnecessary food intake, improve his lifestyle, and alert him whether it is healthy or unhealthy, or if he is eating a certain percentage of it according to the nutritional program stored inside the bracelet.

Expected Results of the Proposed TABA FIT BRACELET

By proposing the TABA FIT BRACELET, it is expected that a set of positive results will be achieved that contribute to improving the quality of life of patients and reducing the burden of obesity and type 2 diabetes. The most prominent of these results are:

- Improving user awareness of their eating habits, through direct alerts and constant reminders when they are about to eat unsuitable foods
- Reducing the consumption of harmful foods, especially sugars and saturated fats, as a result of personalized programming tailored to each patient's condition.
- Helps control weight and reduce body mass index (MBI), thanks to continuous behavioral regulation.
- Supports control of blood sugar levels, by reducing the random intake of carbohydrate-rich foods.
- Increase the rate of compliance with the recommendations of a doctor or nutritionist in an easy and practical way without constant direct supervision.
- Encouraging young people to take care of their nutritional health through a stylish and attractive design that can be worn as a daily accessory bracelet.
- Reducing the risk of chronic complications associated with obesity and diabetes, such as heart disease, high blood pressure, and nerve problems.

Recommendations for the Proposed TABA FIT BRACELET

- It is recommended to support and develop smart wearable solutions, such as the proposed TABA FIT BRACELET, due to their effective role in guiding the daily nutritional behavior of obese and diabetic patients.
- It is also recommended to conduct field studies to evaluate the impact of this type of bracelet on weight control and blood sugar levels, with a nutritionist involved in programming it to precisely suit individual cases.
- It is recommended that the bracelet be designed in a modern and attractive style to enhance daily interaction with it and achieve maximum health benefits in a simple and user-friendly way.

Conclusion

With the increasing incidence of obesity and type 2 diabetes, particularly among young people and adults, it has become imperative to find innovative solutions that contribute to improving patients' quality of life and alleviating the burden of these chronic diseases. This research presents the concept of a wearable smart bracelet, TABA FIT, that guides daily eating behavior through personalized instant alerts, helping to limit unhealthy food consumption and control food intake. TABA FIT represents a new proposed step towards integrating technology with behavioral healthcare. It is not a substitute for medication or medical supervision, but rather a supportive tool that enhances patient's adherence to treatment plans. I hope that this proposed project will be the basis for developing similar smart tools that serve different categories of patients and contribute to building a healthy lifestyle and permanent nutritional awareness.

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AŞILAMA TEKNİĞİNİN SEBZE ÜRETİMİNDE SÜRDÜRÜLEBİLİRLİK VE STRES YÖNETİMİNDEKİ ROLÜ

THE ROLE OF GRAFTING TECHNIQUE IN SUSTAINABILITY AND STRESS MANAGEMENT İN VEGETABLE PRODUCTİON

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ÖZET

Son yıllarda aşılama, sebze üretiminde giderek önem kazanan yenilikçi ve etkili bir uygulama olarak öne çıkmıştır. Zaman alıcı olan ve sınırlı başarı sağlayan geleneksel ıslah yöntemlerinin aksine aşılama, olumsuz çevre koşullarına karşı bitki toleransını artırmada ve sürdürülebilir üretim sistemlerine katkı sağlamada pratik bir yaklaşım sunmaktadır. Bu yöntem; tuzluluk, kuraklık, aşırı veya düşük sıcaklıklar, su baskınları ve ağır metal toksisitesi gibi abiyotik streslere karşı dayanıklılığın geliştirilmesinde değerli bir biyoteknolojik araç olarak görülmektedir. Anaç ile kalem arasında kurulan yapısal ve fizyolojik bütünleşme sayesinde su ve besin kullanım etkinliği artmakta, fotosentetik performans iyileşmekte ve genel metabolik denge korunmaktadır. Günümüzde aşılama; karpuz, kavun, salatalık, domates, biber ve patlıcan gibi pek çok sebze türünün ticari üretiminde yaygın olarak uygulanmaktadır. Aşılama yalnızca stres toleransını artırmakla kalmamakta, aynı zamanda verim ve meyve kalitesini de önemli ölçüde yükseltmektedir. Araştırmalar, aşılı bitkilerin daha yüksek besin değerine sahip, daha uzun raf ömrü sunan ve pazarlanabilirliği yüksek meyveler ürettiğini göstermektedir. Ayrıca aşılama, toprak kökenli hastalıklara karşı direnci güçlendirmekte ve kimyasal girdilere olan bağımlılığı azaltarak çevresel açıdan sürdürülebilir üretime katkıda bulunmaktadır. Bu derleme, mevcut literatürden yararlanarak aşılama teknolojisinin sebze bitkilerinde stres toleransı, verim ve kaliteyi geliştirmedeki rolünü kapsamlı bir biçimde değerlendirmektedir. Böylece araştırmacılara ve uygulayıcılara, stres koşulları altında sebze üretimini geliştirmeye yönelik bilimsel bir çerçeve sunmayı amaçlamaktadır.

Key Words: Aşılama: Abiyotik stres: Fotosentetik: Sebze

ABSTRACT

In recent years, grafting technology has emerged as an innovative and effective agricultural practice that has gained increasing importance in vegetable production. Considered a strong alternative to conventional breeding methods, which are often time-consuming and provide limited success, grafting enhances plant tolerance to adverse environmental conditions and contributes to sustainable production systems. In particular, it is regarded as an effective biotechnological approach for improving resistance against abiotic stress factors such as salinity, drought, extreme or low temperatures, waterlogging, and heavy metal toxicity. Through the structural and physiological integration established between rootstock and scion, water and nutrient use efficiency is improved, photosynthetic performance is enhanced, and overall metabolic balance is maintained. Grafting is now widely used in the commercial

production of many vegetable crops, including watermelon, melon, cucumber, tomato, pepper, and eggplant. This technique helps plants tolerate stress conditions while also significantly enhancing yield and quality. Research has shown that grafted plants produce fruits with better quality, higher nutritional value, longer shelf life, and greater market appeal. Moreover, grafting improves resistance to soil-borne diseases and reduces the need for chemical inputs, making it a valuable tool for sustainable crop production. This review provides a comprehensive evaluation, based on existing literature, of the advantages of grafting technology in improving stress tolerance, yield, and quality in vegetable crops. It also offers researchers and practitioners a scientific framework for enhancing vegetable production under stress conditions.

Key Words: Grafting: Abiotic stress: Photosynthesis: Vegetables

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Bir bitkinin bir bölümü olan filiz, aşılama olarak bilinen işlemle başka bir bitkiye, yani anaç üzerine bağlanarak yeni bir bitki oluşturulur. Aşılama yoluyla bir araya getirilen bitki bölümleri arasında damarsal süreklilik sağlanır ve ortaya çıkan genetik olarak bileşik organizma tek bir bitki gibi aynı biyolojik aktiviteleri gerçekleştirir. Belirli bir aşı için kullanılan anaçlar genellikle aşı ürününün yakın akrabaları veya yabani formlarıdır; bu seçim çoğunlukla aynı cins içinde yapılmaktadır. Bununla birlikte, farklı bitki aileleri arasında doğal aşılanmaların da gerçekleştiği bildirilmiştir (Goldschmidt, 2014). Anaç genellikle daha yüksek bitki canlılığına sahip olmakta ve çeşitli biyotik, örneğin patojenler, ile abiyotik, örneğin çevresel, streslere karşı tolerans göstermektedir. Buna karşılık aşı kalemi, özgün nitel ve nicel bahçecilik özellikleriyle öne çıkmaktadır. Aşılama, uzun yıllardır meyve ağaçlarında yaygın olarak kullanılmaktadır; ancak sebzelerde uygulanması görece yenidir. Sebze aşılaması 1920'lerde başlamış ve dirençli anaçların kullanımıyla toprak kökenli hastalıklarla mücadelede önemli bir yöntem haline gelmiştir. Kabakgiller familyasından, karpuz ve salatalık fidelerinin her ikisinde çeşitli anaçlara aşılanır. Solanaceae familyasından sebzelerde domateslerin, patlıcanların ve tatlı biberlerin aşılanır (Maurya ve ark., 2019). Aşılama teknolojisinin birçok faydasının yanı sıra, bu teknolojiyi benimsemenin bazı dezavantajları da vardır (Tablo 1).

Tablo 1. Aşılı sebze üretiminin başlıca avantajları ve dezavantajları

Avantajları	Dezavantajları
• Artan verim	• Anaç üretimi için ek girdiler
• Geliştirilmiş bitki canlılığı ve büyümesi	• Aşı üretimi için kalifiye işgücü
• Hastalık ve nematod toleransı	• Aşılanmış fidelerin daha yüksek maliyeti
• Düşük ve yüksek sıcaklık toleransı	• Uygun anaç ve kalem kombinasyonunun seçimi
• Geliştirilmiş besin ve su alımı ve kullanım verimliliği	• Anaç ve kalem için değişken tarımsal uygulamalar ve mevsim
• Nem stresi (kuraklık ve su baskını) toleransı	• Çoğu zaman, düşük verim ve ürün kalitesi
• Tuzluluk ve ağır metal toleransı	• Anaç ve kalem uyumsuzluğu
• Vitaminler, organik uçucu maddeler ve fitokimyasallar gibi geliştirilmiş ürün kalitesi	• Fizyolojik bozukluklar
• Uzatılmış hasat süresi	• Yapraklı sebzeler gibi tüm sebze türlerine kolayca uygulanamaz
• Sergi için süs ve gösterişli bitki	

Sebzeler, insanlar için sağlıklı bir diyetin önemli bir parçası olup lif, protein, vitamin, antioksidan, karbonhidrat ve mineraller açısından zengin kaynaklardır. Ancak etli yapıları, ince kök sistemleri ve zararlılar ile hastalıklara karşı duyarlılıkları nedeniyle çevresel aşırılıklara karşı oldukça hassastırlar. Abiyotik stres faktörleri arasında kuraklık, sel, toprak tuzluluğu, yüksek veya düşük sıcaklıklar, oksidatif stres ve ağır metal toksisitesi yer almakta olup, bunlar dünya genelinde tarımsal üretimi ciddi ölçüde azaltmaktadır. Azalan su kaynakları, ormansızlaşma ve iklim değişikliğinin etkileri, bitkilerin bu streslere maruz kalma riskini daha da artırmaktadır. Küresel ölçekte artan sıcaklıklar, sınırlı sulama olanakları, sel olayları ve toprak tuzluluğu sebze üretimini önemli ölçüde kısıtlamaktadır. Abiyotik stres faktörleri, bitkilerin morfolojik, biyokimyasal, fizyolojik ve moleküler özelliklerini değiştirerek önemli ölçüde tarımsal verim kaybına yol açmaktadır. Su stresi kuraklık, taşkın, hipoksi, sıcaklık stresi yüksek sıcaklık, düşük sıcaklık, don, kimyasal stresler besin elementi eksiklikleri veya fazlalıkları, kirleticiler, ağır metaller, pestisitler, toksik gazlar, radyasyon stresleri ve mekanik stresler tarımsal üretimde azalmaya neden olmaktadır (Oshunsanya ve ark., 2019). Aşılama teknolojisinin kapsamı son zamanlarda abiyotik zorlukları da içerecek şekilde genişlemiştir ve en çok tuza odaklanılmıştır. Japonya, Kore, Türkiye, Yunanistan, İspanya ve İtalya gibi ülkelerde karpuz yetiştirmek için kullanılan fidelerin neredeyse tamamı aşılanmıştır. Aşılanmış bitkiler ayrıca domates, patlıcan, tatlı biber, salatalık ve kavun gibi diğer sebzelerde de dünya çapında giderek daha fazla kullanılıyor. Sebzelerde aşılamanın bitki canlılığını, hasat süresini, verimi ve meyve kalitesini artırdığı bilinmektedir (Mohamed ve ark., 2024). Günümüzde aşılama, toprak kaynaklı patojenlerin neden olduğu enfeksiyonları azaltmak ve abiyotik streslere karşı toleransı artırmak için kullanılmaktadır (Tablo 2).

ABİOTİK STRES TOLERANSI

Sebze mahsulleri kuraklık, sel, tuzluluk, düşük ve yüksek sıcaklık gibi çeşitli abiotik streslere karşı hassastır ve bunlar bitkilerin fizyolojisini ve normal büyümesini önemli ölçüde etkileyerek verimin azalmasına neden olur.

KURAKLIK STRESİ

Bitki su potansiyeli ve turgoru, su açığı veya kuraklık nedeniyle bitkilerin temel fizyolojik süreçleri yürütmekte zorlanacağı noktaya kadar azalır. Küresel gıda güvenliğini etkileyen en önemli unsur öngörülemeyen kuraklıktır. Suyu sınırlayan koşullar, dengesiz yağış nedeniyle yeterli suya sahip alanlarda da bulunabilir. Kuraklık stresinin yol açtığı toprak ortamındaki çözünen madde konsantrasyonundaki artış, bitki hücrelerinden suyun ozmotik akışına neden olur. Bu, bitki hücrelerindeki çözünen madde konsantrasyonunun artmasına neden olur, bu da su potansiyelini düşürür ve fotosentez dahil olmak üzere zarlara ve hücre işlevlerine müdahale eder. Kuraklığın etkilerinin boyutu, kuraklık dönemlerinin sıklığına, şiddetine ve uzunluğuna bağlıdır. Sebzeler %90'dan fazla sudan oluşur ve herhangi bir aşamadaki kuraklık stresi, sebze verimliliğini ve kalitesini büyük ölçüde etkiler. Aktif büyüme, çiçeklenme ve meyve büyümesi gibi kritik büyüme aşamalarındaki toprak nem açığı, sebze üretimini ve ürün kalitesini büyük ölçüde azaltır (Kumar ve ark., 2012). Kuraklık stresinin bazı önemli etkileri arasında domates ve biberde düşük meyve tutumu, domates ve lahanada çatlama, kök bitkilerinde ve karpuzda nitrat toksisitesi, acılık ve salatalıkta eğri meyveler bulunur. Kuraklık koşulları altında, su stresinin sürgün üzerindeki etkisini azaltabilen anaçlara yüksek verimli sebze çeşitlerinin

aşılanması, çıktı kayıplarını azaltmak ve su kullanım verimliliğini (WUE) artırmak için etkili bir stratejidir (Rouphael ve ark., 2017). Su stresi koşulları altında büyüme ve verimdeki azalma karpuz, tatlı biber, patates ve domates gibi sebze ürünlerinde iyi karakterize edilmiştir (Nemeskéri & Helyes, 2019). Salatalıkta türler arası aşılama, kuraklık stresi koşulları altında yapraklardaki lipid peroksidasyon içeriğinde dikkate değer bir azalma ile bitki boyunu, biyokütleyi, yaprak alanını ve Klorofil Konsantrasyon İndeksini önemli ölçüde iyileştirmiştir (Shehata ve ark., 2022). Anaç aracılı fitohormon üretimi de bitkideki kuraklık stresi koşullarını hafifletmede önemli bir rol oynar. Gisbert-Mullor ve ark. (2020) biberde şiddetli su stresi koşullarının (Polietilen Glikoller, PEG tarafından oluşturulan 48 saat) daha yüksek su tutma ve su kullanım etkinliğine neden olan dayanıklı anaç kullanımıyla hafifletilebileceğini bildirdi. Kiraz domatesinin anaç olarak kullanılmasının, domateste orta ve şiddetli kuraklık stresinin olumsuz etkisini hafiflettiği ve bitki büyümesini ve verimini esas olarak güçlü kök sistemi, elektrolit sızıntısındaki azalma ile P ve K alımının iyileştirilmesi nedeniyle artırdığı gözlemlenmiştir (Shabbir ve ark., 2021) . Farklı bitki dokularında klorofil bozulmasının ve reaktif oksijen türlerinin (ROS) aşırı üretiminin azaltılması ve süperoksitdismutaz (SOD) aktivitesinin uyarılması, kuraklık stresi koşulları altında hücresel savunmanın ilk hattıdır (Hussain ve ark., 2019).

Tablo 2. Meyve sebzelerde kullanılan anaçlar ve aşılama

Domates (*Solanum lycopersicum*)	Domates (*Solanum lycopersicum*), yabani akrabaları *S. pimpinellifolium, S. habrochaites, S. cheesmaniae* ile birlikte; patlıcan (*S. melongena*), *S. torvum* ve türler arası hibrit kombinasyonları (*S. lycopersicum* × *S. habrochaites*).	Bakteriyel solgunluğa, Fusarium solgunluğuna, kök-ur nematoduna tolerans, Verticillium solgunluğuna, fungal kökenli kök hastalıklarına, su baskınına, kuraklığa, tuzluluğa ve sıcaklık stresine dayanıklılık ile birlikte uzun meyve verme süresi, yüksek verim potansiyeli ve üstün meyve kalitesi.
Patlıcan (*Solanum melongena*)	*Solanum torvum, S. integrifolium, S. melongena ve S. sisymbriifolium.*	Bitki gücü, yüksek verim kapasitesi ve zengin beslenme profili ile birlikte bakteriyel solgunluğa, Verticillium ve Fusarium solgunluklarına, sıcaklık dalgalanmalarına, su stresine, ağır metal toksisitesine ve nematodlara karşı dayanıklılık.
Karpuz (*Citrullus lanatus*)	*Lagenaria siceraria, Cucurbita moschata, türler arası hibrit kabak (*Cucurbita maxima × C. moschata*) ve Benincasa hispida.*	Güçlü kök sistemleri, Fusarium solgunluğuna tolerans, fizyolojik bozukluklara karşı direnç, düşük ve yüksek sıcaklık streslerine adaptasyon ve çoklu hastalık toleransı (özellikle *Benincasa hispida* için).
Kavun (*Cucumis melo*)	*Cucurbita moschata, C. pepo, türler arası melez kabak (*Cucurbita maxima × C. moschata*), Cucumis melo ve Cucumis metuliferus (Afrika boynuzu salatalık).*	Güçlü kök sistemi, Fusarium solgunluğuna tolerans, düşük ve yüksek sıcaklık koşullarına adaptasyon, *Phytophthora* kaynaklı hastalıklara dayanıklılık, yüksek toprak nemine tolerans, nematodlara direnç ve üstün meyve kalitesi.
Salatalık (*Cucumis sativus*)	*Cucurbita moschata, C. ficifolia (incir yaprağı kabak), C. maxima, Sicyos angulatus (bur salatalık) ve AH salatalık.*	Güçlü kök sistemi, Fusarium solgunluğuna tolerans, düşük ve yüksek sıcaklık streslerine adaptasyon, *Phytophthora* kaynaklı hastalıklara dayanıklılık, su stresine tolerans ve nematodlara direnç.

SU BASMASI

Su basması ve taşkın, bu koşullara duyarlı sebze türlerinde büyüme ve verimi ciddi şekilde sınırlayan önemli bir stres faktörüdür. Su basması, sudaki gazların yavaş difüzyonu ve kökler ile mikroorganizmalar tarafından oksijenin tüketilmesi nedeniyle köklerde oksijen eksikliğine yol açar. Bu stresin etkileri, taşkına dayanıklı çeşitler yetiştirerek veya toleranssız bitkileri uygun anaçlara aşılayarak azaltılabilir (Bhatt ve ark., 2013). Aşılanmış karpuz ve domates

bitkilerinde gözlemlenen artmış adventif kök ve parankim oluşumu, su basmasına toleransla ilişkilidir. Örneğin, patlıcan anaçlarına aşılanan domates bitkileri, 4–6 günlük taşkın koşullarında dayanıklılık göstermiştir. Benzer şekilde, sünger kabağa (Luffa cylindrica) aşılanan acı kavunlarda su basması toleransı artmıştır. Salatalıkta ise su baskını, yaprak klorofil içeriğini azaltırken, kabak anaçlarına aşılamadan sonra bu azalma gözlenmemiştir. 'Ferro' ve 'Kobalt' anaçlarına aşılanan salatalıklar, 15 günlük şiddetli su baskını stresinde daha yüksek yaprak su potansiyeli, K alımı ve fotosentez oranı ile önemli iyileşme göstermiştir (Liu ve ark., 2016). Aşılamanın mekanizması, anaerobik solunum enzimlerinin (pirüvat dehidrogenaz, alkol dehidrogenaz ve laktat dehidrogenaz) aktivitesini artırması ve adventif köklerde aerenkima oluşumunu genişletmesi ile açıklanmaktadır. Karpuzda 'Crimson Tide' çeşidinin Lagenaria siceraria SKP üzerine aşılanması, klorofil kaybını azaltmış ve çeşitli fizyolojik ve biyokimyasal parametreleri (CCI, klorofil a ve b, Fv/Fm, CAT, SOD, prolin) iyileştirmiştir (Yetisir & Uygur, 2010). Patlıcan anaçları (Arka Neelkanth) üzerine aşılanan domates bitkileri, üreme aşamasında 6 günlük su basması stresine karşı daha yüksek gaz değişimi, yaprak su potansiyeli ve klorofil floresansı değerleri ile dayanıklılık göstermiştir. Yabani biber türlerinin (C. baccatum, C. frutescens ve C. chacoense) tatlı biberde su basmasına tolerans kazandırdığını ve hem büyüme hem de verimi artırdığını ortaya koymuştur (Barboza ve ark., 2022).

TUZLULUK STRESİ

Topraktaki aşırı çözünür tuzlar, özellikle kurak ve yarı kurak bölgelerde, sebze üretimini ciddi şekilde sınırlayabilir. Yüksek tuzluluk, ozmotik stresin yanı sıra Na+ ve Cl− birikimi ve K+, Ca2+, SO4 ve NO3 gibi besin iyonlarının azalmasıyla ortaya çıkan iyon toksisitesi nedeniyle bitkilerde birçok fizyolojik ve biyokimyasal süreci etkiler. Sebzelerde tuza tolerans, türler arasında önemli farklılıklar gösterir; örneğin havuç, turp, bezelye ve soğan hassas iken, domates, pancar, ıspanak ve yaz kabağı orta derecede dayanıklıdır (Arif ve ark., 2020). Aşılamanın tuzlu koşullar altında bitki büyümesini ve verimini artırdığı bilinmektedir. Solanum torvum'a aşılanan patlıcan, karpuz ve salatalık gibi kabakgillerde aşılanmış bitkiler, tuz stresine karşı daha iyi performans göstermiştir. Fantasy karpuz çeşidi Strongtosa'ya aşılandığında sürgün ve yaprak alanı kaybı azalmış, tolerans artmıştır. İncir kabağin aşılanmış salatalık bitkileri, farklı tuzluluk seviyelerinde daha yüksek kuru ağırlık, çözünür şeker ve manganez içerikleri ile daha yüksek antioksidan enzim aktiviteleri sergilemiş, elektrolit sızıntısı ve lipid peroksidasyonu ise düşmüştür (Huang ve ark., 2011). Domateste tuzlu sulama koşullarında, patlıcan anaçlarına aşılanmış bitkilerde meyve verimi ve vejetatif büyüme artmış; tolerans ise artan prolin ve antioksidan enzim aktiviteleri, daha yüksek bağıl su içeriği ve klorofil SPAD indeksi ile desteklenmiştir. Tuzlu koşullarda aşılanmış bitkiler genellikle daha yüksek fotosentez, yaprak su içeriği, kök-sürgün oranı, N ve K alımı ve yapraklarda uyumlu ozmolit, absisik asit ve poliamin birikimi göstermiş; sürgünlerde ise Na+ ve Cl− birikimi daha düşük olmuştur (Hamdia & Shaddad, 2010). Aşılamanın kök mimarisi ile de ilişkili olduğu görülmüştür; güçlü ve yoğun kök sistemi, su ve iyon alımını artırarak tuz toleransını yükseltir. Örneğin, güçlü kökler daha fazla sitokinin üretir ve suyu ksilem aracılığıyla sürgün sistemine taşır, böylece büyüme ve ürün verimi artar. Datura ve Cucurbita spp. anaçlarına aşılanmış bitkiler, daha yüksek TSS, fotosentetik pigmentler ve PS II kuantum verimi göstermiştir. Aşılama, tuzlu toprak ve yüksek sıcaklık streslerinin birleşiminden kaynaklanan olumsuz etkileri hafifletmede etkili bir araçtır ve düşük sıcaklık ile tuzluluk streslerinin birleşik etkilerini azaltmada da önemli faydalar sağlar (Bahadur A ve ark., 2024).

SOĞUK VE OPTİMUM OLMAYAN SICAKLIK

Soğuğa duyarlı sebzelerin üretimi, özellikle kış aylarında düşük ve optimum olmayan sıcaklık koşullarında sınırlanabilir. Kavun, patlıcan, kapya biber, salatalık ve domates gibi türler, gelişim için 8–12°C aralığında sıcaklığa ihtiyaç duyar. Optimum olmayan sıcaklıklar vejetatif büyümeyi kısıtlar, yaprak gelişimini azaltır ve generatif aşamada meyve setini, boyutunu ve olgunlaşma süresini olumsuz etkiler. Düşük kök sıcaklıkları kök tasarımı, hidrolik iletkenlik, metabolik aktivite, fitohormon üretimi ve besin alımını azaltarak bitki büyümesini ve verimliliğini düşürür. Soğuğa dayanıklı anaçlar, kök hidrolik iletkenliğini artırarak, hücre duvarı suberin tabakalarının indüksiyonunu azaltarak, lipit peroksidasyonunu ve stomaların kapanmasını sınırlayarak düşük sıcaklıklarda su emilimindeki kısıtlamaları hafifletebilir (Atayee & Noori, 202). Domateste, yüksek rakımlı örnekler ve türler arası melezi olan hatlar, düşük kök sıcaklığı stresine karşı dayanıklılık gösterir. Düşük sıcaklıklarda, makro besinler (özellikle N ve P) ve mikro besinler (Mn, Cu, Zn) bitki dokularında daha iyi alınıp taşınırken, acı kavunda ozmotik düzenleme, sakkaroz ve N metabolizması olumsuz etkilenir. Ancak kabak ve sırt kabağı anaçlarının kullanımı, ozmotik düzenlemeyi, gaz değişimini ve sakkaroz ile azot metabolizmasını koruyarak düşük sıcaklık stresini hafifletir (Djidonou, 2012) Ayrıca, kabak anaçları ile yapılan aşılamalar, salatalık fidelerinde erken soğuk stresine karşı fizyolojik adaptasyonu artırmakta, transkriptomik ve metabolomik değişiklikleri yönlendirmekte ve uzun mesafeli mRNA hareketi ile yağ asidi β-oksidatif metabolizması arasında bağlantılar kurmaktadır

YÜKSEK SICAKLIK

Sebze üretimi, özellikle sıcak yarı-kurak ve tropik bölgelerde yüksek sıcaklıklar nedeniyle sınırlanabilir. 35°C'nin üzerindeki sıcaklıklar Solanaceae sebzelerinin büyümesini ciddi şekilde kısıtlarken, Cucurbitaceae bitkileri bu sıcaklıklara karşı daha dayanıklıdır. Yüksek sıcaklık, fotosentez hızını düşürür, solunumu artırır, meyvelere asimile edilen maddelerin taşınmasını engeller, ozmotik ve oksidatif hasara yol açar, su ve iyon alımını azaltır ve hücresel dehidrasyona neden olur. Bitkiler ise bu streslere karşı ısı şoku proteinleri, detoksifikasyon mekanizmaları, ozmotik koruma ve enzim-membran stabilizasyonu gibi adaptif yanıtlar geliştirir (Moore ve ark., 2021). Aşırı kök bölgesi sıcaklıkları kök uzamasını azaltırken, ortalama kök çapını artırır. Patlıcanın domates için anaç olarak kullanımı, özellikle sıcak kurak koşullarda termal strese karşı direnç sağlayabilir. Yüksek sıcaklığa dayanıklı domates çeşitleri, patlıcan anaçları ile 37/27°C (gündüz/gece) koşullarında, aşılanmamış bitkilere göre daha yüksek klorofil floresansı, yaprak alanı, yaprak taze ve kuru ağırlığı ile polen sayısı gösterirken, üreme ve verim özelliklerinde önemli bir artış gözlenmemiştir (Singh ve ark., 2020). Maxifort anaçları altında yetiştirilen domates fideleri, ısı stresi sırasında antioksidan enzim aktivitelerinde artış (APX, SOD, CAT) ve POD aktivitesinde azalma göstermiştir. Farklı biber anaçları yüksek sıcaklık koşullarında daha yüksek verim sağlamıştır. Isıya dayanıklı anaçlar (RX-335) üzerinde yapılan aşılamalar, H2O2 birikimini azaltarak oksidatif stresi hafifletmiş ve antioksidan enzimler (GPX, CAT) aracılığıyla fenolik birikimi teşvik etmiştir. Domatesin patlıcana aşılanması, aşırı optimum sıcaklık koşullarında elektrolit sızıntısını azaltmış, membran hasarını ve prolin birikimini düşürmüş, çözünen maddeler, askorbik asit ve su tutma kapasitesini artırmıştır. Böylece, aşılamanın yüksek sıcaklık stresine karşı bitkilerin adaptasyonunu artırdığı görülmüştür (Bahadur ve ark., 2024).

TARIMDA AĞIR METALLER, PESTİSİT KALINTILARI VE NİTRAT BİRİKİMİNİN ETKİLERİ

Tarımsal arazilerdeki ağır metaller, bitki büyümesini ve verimi olumsuz etkileyerek çevre ve insan sağlığı açısından risk oluşturur. Kadmiyum, arsenik, kurşun ve cıva gibi besin olmayan ağır metaller, endüstri, geri kazanılmış atık su ve toprak düzenleyicileri aracılığıyla tarımsal ekosistemlere girmektedir. Meyve ve sebzelerin uygun anaçlara aşılanması, ağır metal girişini, aşırı eser mineral birikimini ve havadaki kısımlarda pestisit birikimini azaltarak ürün performansını ve insan sağlığını koruyabilir (Nawaz ve ark., 2016). Salatalık (cv. Akito) Shintoza anaç üzerine aşılandığında, Cu taşınması sınırlanmış ve yüksek Cu konsantrasyonunun bitki biyokütlesi ile meyve verimi üzerindeki olumsuz etkileri hafifletilmiştir. Aşılanmış bitkilerde yaprak Cu konsantrasyonu, aşılanmamış bitkilere göre azalmıştır. Benzer şekilde, He-Man anaç üzerine aşılanan domates (cv. Belladona) bitkilerinde yaprak ve köklere Cu taşınması kısıtlanmıştır (Bie ve ark., 2025). Misk kavunu meyvelerinde, uygun anaçlara aşılanan bitkilerde B, Zn, Sr, Mn, Cu, Ti, Cr, Ni ve Cd düzeyleri daha düşük bulunmuştur. Bu fark, kabak ve misk kavunu kök sistemlerinin mineral alımındaki farklılıklara bağlanmaktadır; kabak kök sistemi daha seçici davranmakta ve daha az mikro element emmektedir. Bor toksisitesi de uygun anaçlara aşılamayla azaltılabilir; ticari anaç TZ-148 üzerine aşılanan misk kavunu bitkilerinde, farklı B konsantrasyonlarına maruz kalan aşılanmamış bitkilere göre doku B seviyeleri önemli ölçüde düşmüştür (Bertucci ve ark., 2018). Patlıcanın S. torvum üzerine aşılanması, Cd ile kirlenmiş veya kirlenmemiş topraklarda meyve Cd konsantrasyonunu azaltmıştır. Aşılanmamış bitkiler, aşırı bor tedarikine karşı daha duyarlıdır ve bu durum meyve verimi ile kök ve sürgünlerdeki kuru ağırlık birikimini olumsuz etkilemektedir (Yuan ve ark., 2018). Ayrıca, kalıcı organik kirleticiler (aldrin, dieldrin, endrin) toksik olup çevrede kalıcıdır; üç Cucurbita spp. anaçlarının aşılanmış salatalık meyvelerinde dieldrin birikimi üzerindeki etkileri incelenmiştir.

BİTKİ BÜYÜMESİ VE VERİMİNİ ETKİLEYEN FİZYOLOJİK VE ÇEVRESEL FAKTÖRLER

Sebze ve meyvelerde çeşitli aşı kombinasyonları bitki büyümesini ve verimini olumlu yönde etkilemektedir. Serada ve açık alanda Heman ve Primavera melez domatesler üzerine aşılanan Big Red domateslerinde, aşılanmamış bitkilere kıyasla daha yüksek meyve verimi gözlemlenmiştir. Farklı kabakgil anaçları üzerine aşılanan karpuzlarda da büyüme ve verimde belirgin iyileşmeler kaydedilmiştir. Aşılanan karpuz bitkileri, daha yüksek kuru ağırlık ve daha geniş yaprak alanı sergilemiştir. Lagenaria tipi anaçlar üzerine aşılanan karpuzlar daha yüksek verim sağlarken, Cucurbita tipi anaçlarda verim artışı sınırlı olmuştur. Türler arası kabak melezleri üzerine aşılanan karpuz, meyve boyutunu artırmış, Shintoza ve Tetsukabuto anaçları ile yapılan aşılamada ise verim ve meyve boyutu sırasıyla ortalama %90 ve %26 oranında artmıştır (Bahadur ve ark., 2024). Domateste, Moneymaker çeşidi Radja veya Pera anaçlarına aşılandığında tuz stresi altında meyve veriminde artış görülmüştür. Benzer şekilde, Solanum torvum'a aşılanan patlıcan bitkileri tuzlu koşullarda büyümeyi iyileştirmiştir (Singh ve ark., 2020). Karpuz, misk kavunu ve salatalık gibi kabakgillerde aşılamanın performansı olumlu olmuştur. Bazı durumlarda, Strongtosa anaçlarına aşılanan karpuzda sürgün ağırlığı ve yaprak alanı azalırken, melez kabak anaçları üzerine aşılanan misk kavunu daha yüksek meyve verimi sergilemiştir. Domatesin kırmızı patlıcana aşılanması, vejetatif büyüme ve meyve veriminde azalmaya ve çiçek ucu çürümesinde artışa yol açsa da, yapraklardaki klorofil, çözünebilir katılar ve meyve şekeri artmıştır (Musa ve ark., 2020). Farklı türler arası melez üzerine aşılanan karpuzda, plastik tünel altında fazla meyve ağırlığı elde edilmiştir. RS 841 anaçlarına aşılanan

kavun bitkileri, aşılanmamış bitkilere kıyasla fazla meyve ağırlığı üretmiştir. Hıyarda, kabak anaçlarına aşılandığında pazarlanabilir verim artmıştır. Şişe kabağına aşılanan karpuz bitkileri ise kontrole daha yüksek verim göstermiştir; ancak bazı Cucurbita anaçları verimi azaltmıştır. Domateste, meyve verimi, meyve endeksi, meyve/salkım sayısı ve meyve ağırlıkları aşılamayla iyileştirilmiştir. Summerfit melez kavun anaç olarak kullanıldığında kavun ve salatalığın büyümesi ve verimi artmıştır. Farklı topraksız substratlar üzerinde yapılan araştırmalar, aşılı hıyar bitkilerinin daha büyük gövde ve kök sistemleri geliştirdiğini ve meyve veriminde %24 artış sağladığını göstermiştir. P 360 ve Arican-97 anaçlarına aşılanan melez hıyarlarda ise erkencilik ve toplam verimde sırasıyla %53–120 ve %87–209 artış gözlemlenmiştir (Bahadur ve ark., 2024). Karpuzlarda, şişe kabak anaçlarına ek aşılamayla maksimum meyve sayısı ve %200'ü aşan verim artışı kaydedilmiştir. Öte yandan, bazı ticari Cucurbita türler arası melez anaçlarda melez salatalık veriminde azalmalar rapor edilmiştir. Ayrıca, aşılanmış bitkilerin meyvelerinde toplam çözünür katı miktarı, aşılanmamışlara göre önemli ölçüde düşmüştür (Aslam ve ark., 2020).

MEYVE KALİTE ÖZELLİKLERİ: BİLEŞENLER, ETKENLER VE DEĞERLENDİRME KRİTERLERİ

Taze tüketim için sebze ve meyve kalitesi; görünüm (boyut, şekil, renk ve kusursuzluk), sertlik, doku, lezzet (şekerler, asitler ve aroma bileşenleri) ve sağlıkla ilişkili bileşikler (mineraller, vitaminler ve karotenoidler) ile belirlenmektedir. Ayrıca ağır metaller, pestisitler ve nitratlar gibi istenmeyen bileşiklerin düşük seviyelerde olması beklenir. Aşılama, sebzelerde meyve kalitesini; fiziksel özellikler, lezzet ve sağlıkla ilgili bileşiklerin (özellikle C vitamini, karotenoidler ve mineraller) içeriği bakımından etkileyebilmektedir. Ancak, aşılamanın kalite üzerine yararlı mı yoksa olumsuz mu etki yaptığı konusunda bulgular çelişkilidir. Bu nedenle en yüksek kalite için anaç ve kalem kombinasyonunun dikkatle seçilmesi gerekmektedir (Rouphael ve ark., 2010). Karpuzda aşılama, bazı çalışmalarda çözünebilir katı madde miktarının azalması, sarımsı bantların artışı, tatsız aroma, lifli doku ve düşük sertlik gibi kaliteyi olumsuz etkileyen sonuçlar doğururken; diğer raporlar meyve sertliğinin, toplam çözünebilir katı madde (TSS) içeriğinin ve likopen seviyesinin arttığını göstermiştir. Aşılama aynı zamanda biyofortifikasyon ve besin kalitesinin artırılması açısından da önemli bir araçtır. Nitekim domatesin kiraz domates anaçlarına aşılanması ve Selenyum uygulaması meyve sertliğini, çözünebilir katı maddeyi, polifenolleri, toplam karotenoidleri, askorbik asidi, likopeni ve selenyum içeriğini artırmıştır (Devi ve ark., 2020). Bazı araştırmalar, aşılanmış karpuz meyvelerinde TSS, sertlik, kabuk kalınlığı ve şekil gibi kalite özelliklerinin anaç kullanımına bağlı olarak önemli ölçüde etkilendiğini ortaya koymuştur. Ancak bazı çalışmalarda hibrit anaçların, çözünür katı madde konsantrasyonu bakımından kontrol bitkilerle benzer sonuçlar verdiği belirlenmiştir. Hıyarda yapılan çalışmalar, farklı anaçların meyve şekli, kabuk ve et rengi, doku, sertlik ve çözünür katı maddeyi değiştirdiğini göstermektedir (Sakata ve ark., 2008). Bununla birlikte, türler arası melez anaç Shin-tosa, Fusarium solgunluğuna dayanıklılık sağlasa da düşük şeker içeriği, fermantasyon eğilimi ve lifli doku nedeniyle Japonya'da misk kavunu için tercih edilmemektedir. Diğer taraftan bazı araştırmalar, melez kabak anaçlarının karpuzda daha güçlü büyümeye ve daha sert ete yol açtığını bildirmiştir. Sebze dokusu; hücre organelleri, su içeriği, turgor basıncı ve hücre duvarı bileşiminden etkilenmektedir. Karpuzda, Lagenaria anaçları ve Cucurbita maxima × C. moschata melezleri üzerine aşılamanın sertliği sırasıyla %24 ve %27 oranında artırdığı rapor edilmiştir. Ayrıca kabuk kalınlığının da aşılamadan önemli ölçüde etkilendiği, aşılı bitkilerde aşısızlara göre %9 ila %21 arasında daha yüksek olduğu belirtilmiştir. Hıyarda Andong anaçları sertliği artırırken, yaz kabağında (C. pepo) aşılamanın meyve boyutunu küçülttüğü, sertlik ve raf ömrünü azalttığı bildirilmiştir. Bununla birlikte aşılı meyveler, 21°C'de 7 günlük depolama sonrasında bile daha iyi hasat

sonrası kalite göstermiştir. Meyve kalitesini belirleyen C vitamini, likopen, β-karoten gibi karotenoidler ve mineraller açısından aşılama farklı sonuçlar vermektedir. Bazı çalışmalarda C vitamini üzerine etkisi görülmezken, bazılarında azalma rapor edilmiştir. Benzer şekilde, likopen içeriğinde kimi çalışmalarda fark bulunmamış, kimi çalışmalarda azalma, bazılarında ise artış gözlemlenmiştir. Domateslerde C vitamini ve toplam şeker içeriğinin düştüğü; titrasyon asitliğinin ise arttığı rapor edilmiştir. Diğer çalışmalarda aşılanan domateste likopen ve aroma bileşiklerinin arttığı, mini karpuzlarda C vitamini seviyesinin yükseldiği ve salatalıklarda da askorbik asit içeriğinin arttığı bildirilmiştir (Ilahy ve ark., 2019). Lezzet, şekerler, asitler, pH ve uçucu bileşikler gibi faktörlerden etkilenmektedir. Bulgular, aşılamanın bu özellikler üzerinde farklı etkiler yarattığını ve sonucun kullanılan anaçlara bağlı olduğunu göstermektedir. Bazı durumlarda salatalıklarda çözünebilir katı ve fruktoz konsantrasyonları azalırken, kavunlarda pH ve asitlik değişiklikleri gözlenmiştir. Domateslerde ise belirli anaçlara aşılamanın çözünür katı madde, karbonhidrat ve organik asit konsantrasyonlarını düşürdüğü bildirilmiştir. Aşılama sebze meyvelerinin kalite özelliklerini çok yönlü olarak etkileyebilmektedir. Etkilerin yönü ve şiddeti, kullanılan anaç/kalem kombinasyonuna ve yetiştirme koşullarına bağlıdır. Bu nedenle optimum kalite için anaç seçiminin titizlikle yapılması büyük önem taşımaktadır (Rasool ve ark., 2020)

AŞILAMA YOLUYLA STRES TOLERANSININ MOLEKÜLER TEMELLERİ

Aşı uyumluluğunu anlamak için aşılamanın moleküler biyolojisini bilmek önemlidir. Aşılama tekniği çok eski olmasına rağmen, moleküler çalışmalar yakın dönemde başlamıştır. Aşılama sırasında meydana gelen çeşitli moleküler değişiklikler, özellikle gen ifadesi ve epigenetik düzeyde kapsamlı bir şekilde incelenmiştir. Aşılama, savunma, oksidatif stres, vasküler büyüme, JA sinyalizasyonu, reseptör kinazlar ve patojenezle ilişkili genlerin ifadesini tetiklemektedir. Araştırmalar, aşılanmış bitkilerdeki stres toleransının genellikle anaçta meydana gelen aşı kaynaklı moleküler değişikliklerden kaynaklandığını göstermektedir. Bu bağlamda, aşı uyumluluğu ve anaç tarafından aşı kalemlerine aktarılan stres toleransında rol oynayan genleri belirlemek için çok sayıda transkriptom çalışması gerçekleştirilmiştir (Mauro ve ark., 2022). Arabidopsis üzerinde yapılan öncü gen ekspresyonu araştırmaları, stres tepkisi, çiçek gelişimi, hormon yolları ve transkripsiyon faktörleri ile ilişkili genlerde farklı ifade paternleri olduğunu ortaya koymuştur. Asmada yapılan çalışmalar, aşı arayüzündeki anaç ve doku transkriptomlarının aşılamadan farklı günlerde analiz edilmesiyle hormon sinyallemesi, hücre duvarı modifikasyonu, floem ve ksilem gelişimi ile sekonder metabolizmayı düzenleyen çok sayıda genin yukarı regülasyon gösterdiğini bildirmiştir. Domateste yapılan transkriptomik çalışmalar, aşılanmış ve aşılanmamış bitkiler arasında binlerce genin yukarı veya aşağı regülasyona uğradığını göstermiştir. Yukarı düzenlenen genler hücre döngüsü, DNA onarımı, DNA replikasyonu ve fotosentez ile ilişkili bulunurken; aşağı düzenlenen genler abiyotik stres yanıtı, su eksikliği ve sıcaklık toleransı ile bağlantılıdır (Bahadur ve ark., 2024). Kabak anaçlı karpuz fidelerinde yapılan transkriptom ve proteom analizleri, binlerce genin farklı şekilde düzenlendiğini ve stres yanıtı ile ilişkili MYB, WRKY, bHLH ve NAC transkripsiyon faktörlerinin yanı sıra amino asit metabolizması, protein sentezi, fotosentez ve karbon metabolizmasında rol oynayan proteinlerin önemli katkılar sunduğunu göstermiştir. Benzer şekilde bamya bitkilerinde yapılan analizlerde fotosentez, metabolizma, savunma tepkisi ve biyosentezle ilgili RD2, PP2C, HAT22, WRKY ve DREB genlerinin kuraklık toleransına katkı sağladığı belirlenmiştir (Ren ve ark., 2018). Ayrıca DNA metilasyonu, kodlamayan RNA'lar ve epigenetik modifikasyonların da aşılanmış bitkilerin moleküler yanıtlarında kilit rol oynadığı vurgulanmaktadır. Nitekim domateste yapılan çalışmalar, kendi kendine aşılamanın histon ve DNA modifikasyonları aracılığıyla kuraklık toleransını artırdığını göstermiştir. Modern omik yaklaşımlar ve biyoteknolojik araçların entegrasyonu, aşılama teknolojisinin uyumluluk ve

stres tolerans mekanizmalarının daha iyi anlaşılmasına olanak tanıyacak ve bu da söz konusu teknolojinin bitki ıslahı ve üretim programlarında etkin bir şekilde kullanılmasına katkı sağlayacaktır (Saleem ve ark., 2025).

SONUÇ

Birçok Cucurbitace ve Solanaceae sebze mahsulü sıklıkla elverişsiz toprak ve çevre koşullarına maruz kalır. Toprak kaynaklı patojenlere karşı toleransı iyileştirmek, verimi artırmak ve kalite özelliklerini geliştirmek için aşılama, kuraklık, tuzluluk, su basması, alt/üst optimum sıcaklık, ağır metaller vb. gibi çeşitli abiyotik stresler altında hem Cucurbitace hem de Solanaceae sebzelerde bitki performansını iyileştirmek için umut verici bir araçtır. Sebze mahsulleri, çeşitli çevresel zorluklara karşı filizin duyarlılığını azaltırken üretimi ve kaliteyi artırmak için uygun anaçlara etkili bir şekilde aşılanabilir. Çeşitli toprak ve çevresel stres durumlarında verimliliği ve verimi artırabilen sebze anaçları bulunmuştur. Birçok faydası göz önüne alındığında, bu teknolojinin önümüzdeki yıllarda özellikle abiyotik stresler altında sebze verimliliğini artırmak için en önemli araçlardan biri olma potansiyeli vardır.

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BİTKİLERDE AĞIR METAL TOLERANSINA YÖNELİK FİZYOLOJİK VE MOLEKÜLER MEKANİZMALAR

PHYSIOLOGICAL AND MOLECULAR MECHANISMS OF HEAVY METAL TOLERANCE IN PLANTS

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ÖZET

Sanayi atık sularının ve kentsel kanalizasyon sularının kontrolsüz biçimde çevreye bırakılması, Fe, Zn, Mn, Cu, Cd, Ni, As, Co ve Hg gibi ağır metallerin karasal ekosistemlerde giderek artan birikimine yol açmıştır. Bu elementlerin bir kısmı normal bitki büyümesi ve gelişimi için gerekli temel mikro besinler olarak sınıflandırılsa da, aşırı konsantrasyonlarda bulunduklarında ciddi fitotoksik etkilere neden olmaktadırlar. Bu etkiler arasında vejetatif büyümenin engellenmesi, temel metabolik yolların bozulması, hücresel ve fizyolojik süreçlerin aksaması ve erken yaşlanmanın tetiklenmesi yer almaktadır. Bitkiler, bu tür abiyotik stres etmenlerine karşı koyabilmek için fizyolojik, biyokimyasal ve moleküler düzeyde işleyen sofistike ve çok katmanlı savunma mekanizmaları geliştirmiştir. Savunmanın ilk basamağı, metal biyoyararlanabilirliğini azaltan organik asitler, polisakkaritler ve fenolik bileşikler gibi kök salgılarının üretimi yoluyla metal alımının sınırlandırılmasıdır. Bu süreç, aynı zamanda membran taşıyıcı proteinlerin transkripsiyonel düzeyde düzenlenmesi ile desteklenmektedir. Ağır metaller hücre içine alındığında ise büyük ölçüde fitokelatinler ve metallotiyoneinler gibi şelatlayıcı ajanlar aracılığıyla vakuollere taşınarak bölümlendirilmekte ve böylece sitoplazmik toksisite en aza indirilmektedir. Sonraki detoksifikasyon süreçleri, metal–şelat komplekslerinin oluşumunu ve metabolik olarak inert hücresel bölmelere taşınmasını sağlamaktadır. Ağır metal stresi, bitki hücrelerinde oksidatif hasarın başlıca indükleyicileri olan reaktif oksijen türlerinin (ROS) aşırı üretimini teşvik eder. Buna yanıt olarak bitkiler, süperoksit dismutaz, katalaz ve glutatyon redüktaz gibi enzimatik antioksidanları; ayrıca ısı şoku proteinleri gibi moleküler şaperonları devreye sokan çok katmanlı bir savunma stratejisi aktive eder. Bu savunma, özellikle etilen, jasmonat ve absisik asit aracılı fitohormonal sinyal yollarının düzenlenmesiyle daha da güçlendirilir. Sonuç olarak bu bütünleşik savunma ağları, bitkilerin redoks homeostazını sürdürmesini, metal kaynaklı sitotoksisiteyi azaltmasını ve ağır metal stresi koşullarında fizyolojik kararlılığını korumasını mümkün kılmaktadır.

Anahtar Kelimeler: Ağır metal; Abyotik stres; Fenolik bileşikler; İyon homeostazı

ABSTRACT

The uncontrolled discharge of industrial effluents and municipal wastewater into the environment has resulted in the progressive accumulation of heavy metals, including Fe, Zn, Mn, Cu, Cd, Ni, As, Co, and Hg, in terrestrial ecosystems. Although several of these elements are classified as essential micronutrients required for normal plant growth and development, their excessive concentrations exert profound phytotoxic effects. These include the inhibition

of vegetative growth, disruption of primary metabolic pathways, impairment of cellular and physiological processes, and premature induction of senescence. To withstand such abiotic stressors, plants have evolved sophisticated and multi-tiered defense mechanisms encompassing physiological, biochemical, and molecular responses. The primary line of defense involves the restriction of metal uptake through the secretion of root exudates such as organic acids, polysaccharides, and phenolic compounds that reduce metal bioavailability, in parallel with the transcriptional regulation of membrane transport proteins. Once internalized, heavy metals are subjected to compartmentalization and sequestration, predominantly mediated by chelating agents including phytochelatins and metallothioneins, which facilitate vacuolar sequestration and thereby minimize cytoplasmic toxicity. Subsequent detoxification processes ensure the formation of metal–chelator complexes and their relocation into metabolically inert cellular compartments. Heavy metal stress promotes the overproduction of reactive oxygen species (ROS), which act as major inducers of oxidative damage within plant cells. In response, plants activate a multilayered defense strategy that integrates enzymatic antioxidants such as superoxide dismutase, catalase, and glutathione reductase with molecular chaperones like heat shock proteins. This defense is further reinforced by the modulation of phytohormonal signaling pathways, particularly those mediated by ethylene, jasmonates, and abscisic acid. Collectively, these highly integrated defense networks enable plants to maintain redox homeostasis, mitigate metal-induced cytotoxicity, and preserve physiological stability under conditions of heavy metal stress.

Key Words: Heavy metals; Abiotic stress; Phenolic compounds; Ion homeostasis

GİRİŞ

Bitkiler doğada sürekli olarak çeşitli abiyotik ve biyotik stres faktörlerine maruz kalmaktadır. Demir (Fe), mangan (Mn), bakır (Cu), nikel (Ni), kobalt (Co), kadmiyum (Cd), çinko (Zn), cıva (Hg) ve arsenik (As) gibi ağır metaller, uzun yıllardan beri endüstriyel atıklar, gübreleme uygulamaları, metal ergitme süreçleri ve kanalizasyon deşarjları gibi antropojenik faaliyetler sonucunda topraklarda birikmektedir (Ghori ve ark., 2019). Bu tür antropojenik faaliyetler, ağır metallerin yer altı sularına sızmasına veya toprak yüzeyinde birikmesine neden olmaktadır. Ağır metaller biyolojik olarak parçalanamaz; dolayısıyla doğal süreçlerle çevreden uzaklaştırılmaları mümkün değildir. Bazı metaller hareketsiz (immobile) özellik göstererek bulundukları ortamda sabit kalırken, bazıları ise hareketli (mobile) formda bulunur ve bitki kök sistemi tarafından difüzyon, endositoz ya da metal taşıyıcı proteinler aracılığıyla alınabilir. (Doyi ve ark., 2018). Bununla birlikte, çinko, bakır ve nikel gibi bazı metaller eser miktarlarda gerekli mikro besin elementleri olup birçok enzimin kofaktörü olarak görev yapmaktadır. Buna karşılık, pestisitlerde bulunan kadmiyum ve kurşun gibi metallerin herhangi bir faydalı işlevi bulunmamakta ve belirli bir eşiğin üzerinde biriktiklerinde toksik etki göstermektedir. Ağır metallerin birikim düzeyi ile bitkilerin bu metallere karşı gösterdiği tolerans, tür ve hatta genotip düzeyinde farklılık göstermektedir. Bazı bitki türlerinde toksik etkiler düşük konsantrasyonlarda dahi hızla ortaya çıkarken, bazı türler belirli seviyelere kadar bu metallere karşı tolerans geliştirebilmektedir. Ağır metal toksisitesine maruz kalan bitkilerde büyümenin yavaşlaması ve bodur gelişim, yapraklarda kloroz ve nekroz, kök sisteminde kahverengileşme, kök uzamasında gerileme, yaprak dökümü, erken yaşlanma ve fotosentetik kapasitenin azalması gibi morfolojik ve fizyolojik belirtiler gözlenmektedir. Bunun yanında ağır metal birikimi, hücre zarında geçirgenliğin bozulmasına, oksidatif stresin artmasına, klorofil sentezinin baskılanmasına ve temel metabolik süreçlerin aksamasına yol açmaktadır. Şiddetli vakalarda ise bu durum, bitkinin tüm gelişim sürecini olumsuz etkileyerek verim kayıplarına ve hatta bitkinin ölümüne neden olmaktadır (Sarubbo ve ark., 2015). Ağır metal stresi, çeşitli

önemli enzimleri ve diğer proteinleri inaktive etmekte veya denatüre etmekte, ayrıca biyomoleküllerdeki temel metal iyonlarının yer değiştirme reaksiyonlarını bozarak zar bütünlüğünü olumsuz etkilemektedir. Bu durum, fotosentez, solunum ve homeostaz gibi temel metabolik süreçlerin bozulmasına yol açmaktadır (Wu ve ark., 2021). Ağır metal stresi, bitki hücrelerinde metabolik dengenin bozulmasına yol açarak süperoksit radikali (O_2^-), hidroksil radikali (OH) ve hidrojen peroksit (H_2O_2) gibi reaktif oksijen türlerinin (ROS) aşırı üretimini hızlandırmaktadır. Bunun yanı sıra, metabolizmanın toksik bir yan ürünü olan metilglioksalın (MG) da stres koşullarında yüksek düzeyde biriktiği belirlenmiştir. Bu tür reaktif moleküller; hücre zarlarının lipid tabakasında peroksidasyona, proteinlerin ve enzimlerin yapısal bozulmasına, genetik materyalde DNA kırıklarının oluşmasına ve ribozomların işlev kaybetmesine neden olmaktadır. Ortaya çıkan bu biyomoleküler hasar, hücre içi homeostazın zayıflamasıyla birlikte fotosentetik performansın düşmesine, enerji üretim süreçlerinin kesintiye uğramasına ve su ile mineral dengesinin bozulmasına yol açmaktadır. Oksidatif stres, bitkilerin normal büyüme ve gelişim süreçlerini önemli ölçüde engellemekte, fizyolojik işlevlerin zayıflamasına yol açmakta ve sonuç olarak ürün verimliliğinde belirgin kayıplara neden olmaktadır (Mansoor ve arlk., 2023). Bitkiler, ağır metal stresini aşmak için moleküler ve fizyolojik düzeyde çeşitli mekanizmalara sahiptir. Bu mekanizmalar karmaşık biyokimyasal ve genetik süreçleri içerir. Bunların bir kısmı homeostatik sürecin parçası olup yapısal (konstitutif) özellik taşırken, bir kısmı ise yalnızca belirli bir metal toksisitesiyle karşılaşıldığında aktive edilen özel mekanizmalardır (Wu ve ark., 2016). Bitkilerde stresle ilişkili proteinler ve hormonların, antioksidanların, sinyal moleküllerinin sentezi tetiklenir. Bitkiler ayrıca, stres dönemlerinde mikorizal mantarlarla simbiyotik ilişkiler kurarak da avantaj sağlar. Mikorizalar, ağır metalleri rizosferde biriktirerek bunların bitkiye alınmasını engeller ve böylece bitkiye ek koruma sağlar.

BİTKİLERDE AĞIR METAL STRESİNİN ETKİLERİ

Ağır metaller nükleusa başarılı bir şekilde girip bağlandığında, promutajenik hasara neden olabilirler. Bu hasarlar; DNA ve proteinler arasında intra- ve intermoleküler çapraz bağ oluşumu, DNA baz modifikasyonları, yeniden düzenlenmeler, DNA zincir kırılmaları ve depurinasyon gibi etkileri içermektedir. ROS birikimi hücresel yapılar üzerinde geniş çaplı oksidatif hasara yol açarak lipid peroksidasyonu, protein denatürasyonu ve ribozomal fonksiyon bozuklukları gibi etkileri tetikler. Dolayısıyla, ağır metal toksisitesi hem genetik materyalde mutasyon riskini artırmakta hem de hücresel metabolizmanın genel dengesini bozarak bitki büyüme ve gelişimini olumsuz etkilemektedir (Sun ve ark., 2022). Mısır köklerinde yapılan çalışmalarda, nikel birikiminin meristematik hücrelerde mitotik aktiviteyi azalttığı tespit edilmiştir (Seregin ve rak., 2003). Ayrıca, R Srivastava ve K Srivastava. (2004), Helianthus annuus (ayçiçeği) bitkilerinde, bakır, nikel ve kadmiyum uygulamalarının konsantrasyon ve süreye bağlı olarak klastojenik etkilere (kromozomal kırık ve anormallikler) yol açtığını gözlemlemişlerdir. Ağır metal homeostazında taşıyıcı proteinler önemli bir rol oynamaktadır. Biyokimyasal ve moleküler tekniklerin kullanımı, taşıyıcı proteinlerin hem mekanistik özelliklerinin hem de fizyolojik rollerinin anlaşılmasına imkân sağlamaktadır. Ağır metal toksisitesine karşı tolerans; ya kökler tarafından alım mekanizmalarının sınırlandırılmasıyla ya da alımdan sonra efluks, kompartmanlaşma ve detoksifikasyon süreçleriyle sağlanabilmektedir. Metal alımı, günümüzde özellikle fitoremediasyon alanında artan bilimsel ilgi nedeniyle önemli bir araştırma konusudur. Ağır metal taşınımında önemli görülen bazı taşıyıcı proteinler arasında: (CPx-tipi) ATPazlar, yüksek bitkilerde ağır metal taşınmasında temel işlev görür. Bu proteinler yalnızca metal iyonlarının homeostazında değil, aynı zamanda ağır metal toleransı için strateji geliştirilmesinde de rol oynamaktadır (Reddy ve ark., 2022).

FARKLI METALLERİN BİTKİLER ÜZERİNDEKİ TOKSİK ETKİLERİ

Demir (Fe), bitkiler için temel bir mikro besin elementi olup, aşırı alımı toksik etkilere yol açabilir. Fe toksisitesi, özellikle pirinç, soya fasulyesi, buğday ve sebzeler gibi tarım ürünlerinde yaygın bir sorundur ve genellikle asidik ve suyla doygun topraklarda görülmektedir (Zahra ve ark., 2022). Aşırı Fe alımı, bitki hücre zarlarını ve plazma membranlarını hasara uğratarak oksidatif strese neden olur. Bu süreç, reaktif oksijen türlerinin (ROS) üretimini artırır ve lipid peroksidasyonu, protein denatürasyonu ve DNA hasarına yol açar. Fe'nin aşırı birikimi, kök hücrelerinde ölüm ve genel gelişim geriliği gibi morfolojik bozukluklara neden olabilir (Udipi ve ark., 2012). Fe toksisitesi, bitkilerde fotosentetik aktivitenin azalmasına, su ve besin alımının bozulmasına ve genel büyüme hızının düşmesine yol açar. Bu durum, verim kayıplarına ve ürün kalitesinin düşmesine neden olabilir (Harish ve ark., 2023). Fe toksisitesi, bitkilerin büyüme ve gelişimini olumsuz yönde etkileyerek tarımsal üretimi sınırlayan önemli bir çevresel stres faktörüdür. Bu nedenle, Fe seviyelerinin toprakta uygun düzeyde tutulması, sağlıklı bitki gelişimi için kritik öneme sahiptir.

Çinko (Zn), bitkilerin normal büyüme ve gelişmesi için gerekli olan temel bir elementtir. Karbonhidrat, auksin ve protein metabolizmasında rol alır; enzimatik reaksiyonlarda ko-faktör olarak görev yapar; polen oluşumunda etkilidir ve birçok patojene karşı direnç sağlar. Zn eksikliği, tarımsal ürünlerde ciddi verim kayıplarına yol açabilmektedir (Aziz ve ark. 2016). Bununla birlikte, Zn yalnızca eser miktarlarda gereklidir; fazlası bitkilerde toksisiteye yol açarak olumsuz sonuçlar doğurur. Hücrede birçok enzim-katalizli reaksiyonun bileşeni olan Zn, aşırı birikim durumunda bu enzimatik süreçleri bozarak büyümenin yavaşlamasına ve erken yaşlanmaya (senesens) neden olur. Zn toksisitesine maruz kalan bitkilerde görülen başlıca belirtiler: 1-Özellikle genç yapraklarda kloroz (sararma), uzun süreli toksisite durumunda yaşlı yapraklara da yayılır. 2-Kökler kalınlaşmış, küt uçlu bir yapı gösterir; hücre uzaması ve bölünmesi kısıtlanır. 3-Fosfor (P) eksikliğine yol açabilir; bu durum yapraklarda mor-kırmızı renklenme ile kendini gösterir. 4-Bakır (Cu) ve mangan (Mn) gibi diğer ağır metallerin kök ve gövdede birikimine yol açar (Asati ve ark., 2016). Zn toksisitesinin ksilem ve parankima hücrelerinin hücre çeperlerinde Zn birikimine yol açtığı; ayrıca yapraklarda kalsiyum oksalat kristallerinde belirgin bir artış meydana geldiği tespit edilmiştir. Bu durum Zn toksisitesinin bitkide serbest kalsiyum düzeylerini artırdığını göstermektedir (Kaur ve Garg, 2021).

Mangan (Mn), bitkiler için gerekli bir mikro besin elementi olmasına rağmen, aşırı birikimi toksik etkilere yol açabilir. Mn toksisitesi, özellikle asidik ve suyla doygun topraklarda sık görülür. Fazla Mn, bitki dokularında birikerek kök ve yaprak gelişimini olumsuz etkiler. Yapraklarda kloroz ve kahverengileşme gözlenebilir. Ayrıca, Mn fazlalığı kök uçlarında büyüme geriliğine ve kök sisteminde deformasyonlara yol açar. Fotosentetik pigmentler azalır ve fotosentez baskılanır. Stomaların işlevi bozulur ve gaz değişimi sınırlanır. Su ve mineral alımı engellenir, besin taşınımı aksar. Hücresel düzeyde, Mn fazlalığı reaktif oksijen türlerinin (ROS) üretimini artırarak oksidatif strese yol açar. Lipid peroksidasyonu, protein denatürasyonu ve DNA hasarı meydana gelir. Antioksidan savunma mekanizmaları yetersiz kalabilir. Enerji metabolizması ve karbon-azot dengesinde aksaklıklar oluşur. Sonuç olarak bitkilerde büyüme ve gelişim geriler, verim kayıpları ortaya çıkar. Mn toksisitesi, özellikle tarımsal üretimde ciddi sınırlayıcı bir çevresel stres faktörüdür (Millaleo ve ark., 2010).

Kadmiyum (Cd), genellikle tarlada bitkileri patojenlere karşı korumak amacıyla kullanılan pestisitlerde bulunur. Cd toksisitesine maruz kalan bitkilerde tipik belirtiler: Büyümede gerileme, Klorotik yapraklar, Kök uçlarında kahverengileşme, Genel gerileme ve zayıflama. Cd birikimi, Fe(III) redüktaz enziminin inhibisyonuna neden olur; bu da Fe(II) eksikliğine ve dolayısıyla fotosentezin bozulmasına yol açar. Fotosentez ayrıca klorofil sentezinin azalması ve CO_2 fiksasyonunda görevli enzimlerin inhibisyonu nedeniyle de olumsuz etkilenir. Cd

toksisitesi aynı zamanda bitkilerde: Ca, P, K, Mg ve su alımını engeller, Nitrat redüktazı baskılayarak nitratın taşınması ve emilimini azaltır, Plazma zarı bütünlüğünü bozarak (lipid peroksidasyonu ile) su dengesinde aksaklık oluşturur (Emamverdian ve ark., 2021). Yüksek düzeyde Cd birikimi ayrıca: Çekirdekçik (nukleolus) hasarına, Kromozom parçalanmaları ve yapısal bozukluklara, Mitokondri dejenerasyonuna neden olarak solunumu ciddi şekilde engeller. Cd, çeşitli yapısal proteinlerin sülfidril (–SH) gruplarına bağlanarak proteinlerin yanlış katlanmasına yol açar. Bu durum özellikle elektron taşıma zincirindeki redoks reaksiyonlarını bozar. Son olarak, yüksek Cd düzeyleri bitkilerde prolin aminoasidinin sentezini ve birikimini indükler; bu da bitkilerin strese karşı verdiği bir uyum yanıtıdır (Zhu ve ark., 2018).

Cıva (Hg), bitkiler için tamamen toksik bir elementtir ve hiçbir faydalı etkisi bulunmamaktadır. Cıva farklı formlarda bulunabilmektedir: metil-Hg, HgS ve Hg^{2+}; bunlar arasında toprakta en yaygın olanı iyonik formdur. Cıva, toprakta uzun süre kalıcı olabilir; çünkü kil, sülfid ve organik maddelere bağlanarak tutulur. Toprakta karbonat, hidroksit, sülfid ve fosfat formunda şelatlanarak çökelir. Ayrıca, anaerobik bakteriler tarafından metillenmiş forma dönüştürülür (Zhang, 2014). Bu dönüşümden sonra bitkiler tarafından alınarak fitotoksik etkilere yol açar. Hg toksisitesi, etkilenen dokuya bağlı olarak çeşitli görsel belirtiler gösterir. Su yoluyla bitkiye girebilir, su kanal proteinlerine bağlanarak su akışını engeller. Mitokondri ve kloroplast aktivitesini bozarak, elektron taşıma zincirine müdahale eder. Bunun sonucunda oksidatif stres, zar yıkımı ve biyomoleküllerin oksidasyonu ortaya çıkar. Malar ve ark., (2015) tarafından yapılan çalışmalar, cıva ile muamele edilen bitkilerde genomik şablon (DNA) stabilitesinin ciddi şekilde bozulduğunu göstermiştir. Bu durumun nedeni, cıva iyonlarının hücresel işlevleri bozması ve normal büyüme-gelişmeyi engellemesidir.

Bakır (Cu), bitkilerde birçok farklı işlevi olan önemli bir elementtir; ancak aşırı miktarlarda bulunduğunda bitkilerin varlığı için ciddi bir tehdit oluşturabilir. Cu'nun, bitkilerde karbon asimilasyonu ve ATP sentezinde önemli bir rol oynadığı bilinmektedir. Ayrıca, fotosentetik ve solunum sistemlerinin temel bileşenlerinden olan plastosiyaninler ve sitokrom oksidaz enziminin yapısında bulunduğu da gösterilmiştir. Bununla birlikte, Cu'nun aşırı birikimi bitkilerde oksidatif strese yol açarak, hücre zarlarında ve makromoleküllerde ciddi hasar oluşturur, ayrıca çeşitli biyokimyasal yolları ve DNA yapısını olumsuz etkiler (Cruz ve ark., 2022). Cu stresine maruz kalan bitkilerde gözlenen başlıca belirtiler şunlardır: Kloroz (sararma), Büyüme geriliği, İyon sızıntısı, Kök gelişiminin yavaşlaması. Imran ve ark., (2024), Solanum melongena (patlıcan) tohumlarında bakırın etkilerini incelemiş ve Cu fazlalığının çimlenmeyi, fide uzunluğunu ve kök sayısını olumsuz etkilediğini ortaya koymuştur. Tüm bu etkiler, Cu toksisitesinin bitkilerde son derece zararlı olduğunu göstermektedir.

Krom (Cr), sanayi atıkları ve kanalizasyon deşarjı yoluyla yeraltı suyu, toprak ve sedimentlerde ciddi kirliliğe neden olmaktadır. Cr toksisitesine maruz kalan bitkilerde görülen başlıca belirtiler: Kloroz (sararma), Büyüme geriliği, Tepe kısımlarında solma, Kök hasarı. Bitkilerde Cr etkisini incelemiş ve Cr'un amilaz aktivitesini baskıladığını, dolayısıyla embriyo akslarına şeker taşınımını engellediğini bildirmiştir (Dongre, 2021). Cr ayrıca temel metabolik süreçlerde zararlı etkilere neden olmaktadır: Fotosentez, Mineral alımı, Su dengesi gibi fizyolojik mekanizmalar olumsuz etkilenmektedir. Bununla birlikte, Cr'un doğrudan kloroplast ultrastrüktürünü bozup bozmadığı, elektron taşıma zincirini inhibe edip etmediği veya karbon fiksasyonu enzimlerini engelleyip engellemediği henüz kesin olarak bilinmemektedir. Cr toksisitesi, bitkilerde üç temel yolla etkili olmaktadır (Singh ve ark., 2013):1-Temel pigmentlerin sentezini değiştirme fotosentetik pigmentler ve antosiyaninler. 2- Glutatyon ve askorbik asit gibi metabolitlerin üretimini artırma bu durum bitkide olumsuz etkilere yol açar. 3-Stres toleransını destekleyen alternatif metabolitlerin üretimini indükleme fitokelatinler ve histidin gibi bileşiklerin sentezi.

Arsenik (As), uzun süredir canlı organizmalar açısından şüpheli bir element olarak değerlendirilmektedir; bununla birlikte, bilimsel yazında arsenik ve etkilerine ilişkin görüşler çoğunlukla temkinli bir şekilde dile getirilmektedir. Son yıllarda arsenik ile ilgili bazı besinsel faydalar araştırılmış ve hayvan yemlerine büyümeyi artırıcı organik arsenikli katkılar eklenmiştir. Arsenik'in bir diğer önemli işlevi, toksik bir metal olan selenyumun olumsuz etkilerini azaltmasıdır (Finnegan ve Chen, 2012). Arsenik, fosfata benzerliği nedeniyle bitkilerin plazmalemmasında bulunan aynı taşıyıcılar için rekabet eder. Ancak birçok bitki türü, özellikle buğdaygiller , arsenik zehirlenmesine karşı belirli bir toleransa sahiptir. Bu bitkilerde arsenik, potasyum (K) ve arsenik taşıyıcılarının baskılanmasıyla kolayca detoksifiye edilir; böylece arsenik alımı azalır (Sharma ve ark., 2014). Arsenik yarı metalik bir elementtir ve diğer elementlerle birleşerek organik veya inorganik arsenik bileşikleri oluşturur. Bu bileşikler üç grupta incelenmektedir: Organik bileşikler, İnorganik bileşikler, Arsin gazı Bunlar arasında en toksik olanlar inorganik arsenik bileşikleridir (Ghori ve ark., 2019).

Sanayileşmenin ilerlemesiyle birlikte çevreye salınan kirleticiler artmış ve bunun sonucunda ekosistemler olumsuz etkilenmiştir. Bu kirleticilerden biri de geçiş elementi olarak sınıflandırılan Nikel (Ni)'dir. Nikel ve bileşikleri, pek çok endüstriyel ve ticari uygulamada kullanılmaktadır. Nikel, glikosalaz, üreaz, metil-CoM redüktaz, süperoksit dismutaz, peptid deformilaz ve bazı hidrogenaz enzimlerinin yapısında yer almaktadır. Ayrıca üre yıkılımı (üreoliz), metan biyogenezi, asidojenez, hidrojen metabolizması, hücresel redoks durumunun korunması, stres toleransı/savunma ve optimal azot kullanım etkinliği gibi süreçlerde kritik bir rol üstlenmektedir (Mulrooney ve Hausinger, 2003). Nikel çevrede yaygın olmasına ve birçok canlı için önemli işlevler üstlenmesine rağmen, toprakta genellikle eser miktarlarda bulunmaktadır. Ancak, antropojenik faaliyetler ve doğal varyasyonlarla birlikte yüksek konsantrasyonlara ulaşması durumunda organizmalar için toksik hale gelebilir (Harasim ve Filipek, 2015). Nikelin toksik seviyelere çıkışının başlıca nedenleri; gübre kullanımı, metal ergitme, madencilik, kanalizasyon deşarjı ve yakıt yakımıdır. Nikel toksisitesi belirtileri: Nekroz ve kloroz, Besin elementi yetersizlikleri, Hücre zarının işlevlerinde bozulma, Bitkide su dengesinin bozulması ve su içeriğinde azalma (monokotil ve dikotil bitkilerde yaygın bir toksisite göstergesi). Ni toksisitesi ayrıca: Bitki büyümesi ve fotosentetik kapasitenin azalmasına, Oksidatif stresin indüklenmesine, Azot metabolizmasının, enzimatik ve mitotik aktivitelerin baskılanmasına, Diğer metal alımlarının engellenmesine yol açmaktadır (Hassan ve ark., 2019).

AĞIR METAL STRESİNDE SİNYAL İLETİM MEKANİZMALARI

Bitkiler, çevresel stres koşullarında hayatta kalabilmek ve gelişimlerini sürdürebilmek için karmaşık savunma mekanizmaları geliştirmiştir. Ağır metal stresi algılandığında, stresle ilişkili proteinlerin sentezi ve aktivasyonu ile çeşitli sinyal molekülleri devreye girer. Bu sinyal iletim ağları genellikle transkripsiyon faktörlerinin aktivasyonu ile sonuçlanır ve ağır metal stresine yanıt veren genlerin ekspresyonunu düzenler (Jalmi ve ark., 2018). Farklı metallere karşı farklı sinyal yolları aktive olmaktadır; başlıcaları arasında MAPK (Mitogen-Activated Protein Kinase) kaskadı, hormon sinyal iletimi, ROS (reaktif oksijen türleri) sinyal yolu ve Kalsiyum–Calmodulin (Ca–CaM) yolu yer almaktadır. Bitkilerin stres koşullarında geliştirdiği ilk savunma hattı, kökler aracılığıyla metal iyonlarının alımını sınırlandırmaktır. Bitkiler, gerekli metal iyonlarını alabilirken, zararlı metalleri minimum düzeyde içeri sokabilme kapasitesine sahiptir. Bu mekanizmaların bazıları konstitutif olup bitkinin homeostaz süreçlerinin bir parçasıdır ve ağır metallerin detoksifikasyonu ile toleransın sağlanmasında görev alır. Adaptif mekanizmalar ise yalnızca stresle karşılaşıldığında aktive olur. Metal iyonlarının kökler tarafından alınmasını sınırlandıran yapılar genellikle enerji ile çalışan pompalar veya iyon

kanallarıdır. Ayrıca bitkiler, rizosferin pH'sını değiştirerek metal iyonlarının çökelmesini sağlar (Tangahu ve ark., 2011). Çoğu ağır metal, kalsiyum analoğu gibi davranarak calmodulin aracılı sinyal iletimini başlatır. ROS birikimi, lipid peroksidasyonu, protein denatürasyonu, DNA hasarı ve ribozomal fonksiyon bozuklukları gibi moleküler hasarlara yol açar. Bitkiler, antioksidan enzimler (SOD, CAT, APX) ve non-enzimatik bileşikler (glutatyon, askorbik asit, fenolik bileşikler) aracılığıyla bu hasarı sınırlamaya çalışır. ROS aynı zamanda stres sinyalinin bir parçası olarak görev yapar ve gen ekspresyonunun düzenlenmesinde ikinci mesajcı işlevi görür. Ağır metal stresi altında bitkiler, abiyotik stres yanıtını koordine etmek için hormonları (ABA, JA, SA, ET) aktive eder. Bu hormonlar, stresle ilişkili genlerin ekspresyonunu ve savunma metabolitlerinin sentezini düzenler. Fenolik bileşikler, metal iyonlarını şelatlayarak ve antioksidan özellik göstererek bitkiyi toksik etkilere karşı korur. Histidin, malat, oksalat gibi metabolitler, metal sekestrasyonunda ve apoplastta metal birikiminin düzenlenmesinde kritik rol oynar (Goncharuk ve Zagoskina, 2023).

BİTKİLERDE ROS ÜRETİMİ VE OKSİDATİF STRES YANITI

Reaktif oksijen türlerinin (ROS) üretimi, bitkilerin ağır metal stresine en yaygın ve en çok çalışılan tepkilerinden biridir. Ağır metal stresi, moleküler oksijenin indirgenmesine ve hidrojen peroksit, süperoksit radikali ve hidroksil radikali gibi oldukça reaktif ara ürünlerin ortaya çıkmasına neden olur. Bu serbest radikaller zincirleme reaksiyonlarla lipid ve proteinlerin bozunmasına, DNA ve hücre zarlarının ciddi şekilde hasar görmesine yol açar. Uzun yıllar boyunca ROS yalnızca zararlı türler olarak görülmüş olsa da, aslında bitki savunmasında önemli bir rol üstlenirler ve belirli gelişim aşamalarında biyobelirteç görevi görürler. Ayrıca ROS, normal koşullarda da üretilir ve çimlenme, stoma kapanması, yaşlanma gibi fizyolojik süreçlerin ana düzenleyicileridir (Mansoor ve ark., 2023). Küçük boyutları ve kısa mesafelerde difüze olabilme özellikleri sayesinde sinyal molekülleri olarak daişlev görürler. Güncel bulgular, bitkilerde stres yanıtlarının, ROS ile stresle ilişkili kimyasallar, hormonlar ve diğer bileşikler arasındaki zamansal-mekânsal koordinasyonun bir sonucu olduğunu göstermektedir. Bu nedenle ROS'un üretimi bitkilerde antioksidan sistemler tarafından sıkı bir şekilde denetlenir. Bu sistemler arasında askorbik asit, tokoferol, glutatyon gibi antioksidanlar ve süperoksit dismutaz (SOD), katalaz (CAT), glutatyon redüktaz, peroksidaz ve askorbat peroksidaz (APX) gibi enzimler yer alır (Maleki ve ark., 2017). ROS türleri arasında yalnızca H_2O_2, plazma membranından geçebilir. Bu nedenle, hücreler arası sinyal iletiminde doğrudan rol oynayan tek ROS olarak kabul edilir. H_2O_2, bitki hücresinde: Stres toleransı ve aklimasyon sinyallemesi, Senesens düzenlemesi, Stoma açıklığının kontrolü, Büyüme ve gelişme, Programlanmış hücre ölümü (PCD) süreçlerinde görev alır. Ayrıca H_2O_2, kalsiyum bağlayıcı proteinler, G proteinleri ve fosfolipid sinyal yolaklarını aktive ederek MAPK kaskadını tetikler. MAPK yolunda fosfatazlar, kinazlar ve transkripsiyon faktörleri üzerinde doğrudan düzenleyici etkilere sahiptir (Niekerk ve ark., 2024). Bununla birlikte, bitki hücreleri ROS'u hücre duvarında lignin sentezi için de kullanır. Bu lignin, patogenlere karşı koruma sağlar ve su kaybını azaltır.

AĞIR METAL STRESİNDE BİTKİ HORMONLARI VE FENOLİK METABOLİTLER

Jasmonik asit (JA) ve etilen, bitkilerde stres hormonları olarak adlandırılır çünkü abiyotik stres koşullarında kritik roller üstlenirler. Bu hormonların sentezi ve düzenlenmesi, MAPK kaskadı ile ilişkilidir. Ayrıca, salisik asit (SA) derişiminin de ağır metal stresi sırasında arttığı bildirilmiştir. Etilen ve jasmonik asit, tuzluluk ve yüksek sıcaklık gibi çeşitli abiyotik streslerde temel işlev görür. Salisik asit, hem abiyotik hem de biyotik streslere karşı bitki direncinde önemli bir role sahiptir. Bitkilerin salisik asit ile ön işlemden geçirilmesi, glutatyon birikimine ve nikel toksisitesine karşı artan dirence yol açmaktadır. Salisik asitin temel işlevi, bitki

hücresinde ROS ve antioksidan derişimlerini düzenlemek ve çeşitli genlerin ekspresyonunu uyarmaktır (Sharma ve ark., 2020). Bunun yanında, absisik asit (ABA), auksin ve salistik asit, ağır metal stresinde önemli rol oynamaktadır. Promotör bölgelerdeki cis-DNA düzenleyici elementlerin incelenmesiyle bu durum ortaya konmuştur (Thapa ve ark., 2012). Arabidopsis bitkisinde yapılan proteomik analizlerde, cıva (Hg) uygulaması sonucu nitrilaz proteini ve SAMT geninin aktive olduğu, bunun da sırasıyla ABA ve salistik asit sentezini uyardığı görülmüştür (Ahmad ve ark., 2022). Cd stresi, etilen ve ABA üretimini indüklemekte, bu hormonlar hücrede bir dizi yanıt mekanizmasını tetiklemektedir (Emamverdian ve ark., 2021). Ayrıca, transkriptom analizleri, ağır metallerin çok sayıda transkripsiyon faktörünü etkilediğini göstermiştir.

PROLİN VE POLİAMİNLERİN ROLÜ

Ağır metal stresi altında bitkilerde prolin birikimi gözlenmektedir. Özellikle ağır metal toleranslı bitkilerde, prolinin metal stresi olmasa bile yüksek seviyelerde bulunduğu bilinmektedir. Prolin, ağır metal maruziyeti sırasında oluşan serbest radikalleri nötralize etmede görev alır, ancak metallerin şelatlanması veya depolanmasında doğrudan rolü yoktur. Yapılan bir çalışmada, dışarıdan uygulanan prolin, Cd stresine karşı tolerans sağlamış, bu süreçte glutatyon sentezini ve glutatyon metabolizmasında görevli enzimleri uyarmıştır (Hosseinifard ve ark., 2022). Poliaminler, tüm organizmalarda bulunan düşük molekül ağırlıklı organik katyonlardır. Bitkilerde en yaygın poliaminler: Spermidin, Spermin, Putresindir. Poliaminler, bitki büyüme düzenleyicileri ve ikinci haberci moleküller olarak sınıflandırılır. Bitkilerde birçok büyüme ve gelişimsel süreçte görev alırlar. Ayrıca, ROS temizleyerek abiyotik ve biyotik streslere karşı tolerans mekanizmasının aktif katılımcılarıdırlar. Hem prolin hem de poliaminler, bitkilerin besin yetersizliği, ağır metal toksisitesi veya diğer stres koşullarına karşı geliştirdiği "genel adaptasyon sendromu" yanıtının önemli parçalarıdır (Patel ve ark., 2021).

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Bitkiler, dünya nüfusunun temel besin ve beslenme kaynağıdır. Ancak ağır metal toksisitesi, yalnızca bitki fizyolojisini etkilemekle kalmaz, aynı zamanda gıda zincirine taşınarak tüketiciler üzerinde de olumsuz etkiler oluşturur. Bitkilerin ağır metal stresine karşı geliştirdiği moleküler ve hücresel adaptasyonlar, gıda zincirinde ağır metal birikiminin azaltılmasına katkı sağlar. Bu nedenle, bu konu büyük önem taşımaktadır. Literatürde bitkilerin ağır metal toksisitesinden korunma stratejileri üzerine birçok çalışma yapılmış ve önemli ilerlemeler sağlanmıştır. Ancak, tüm ağır metallerin bitkilerde benzer fizyolojik ve biyokimyasal tepkilere yol açmadığı görülmektedir. Ayrıca, farklı bitkilerin farklı metallere karşı gösterdiği yanıtlar ile yetişme koşullarındaki farklılıklar, tek bir ortak stres yanıt yolunun tanımlanmasını güçleştirmektedir. Glutatyon üzerine yapılan yoğun çalışmalar, metal kaynaklı streslerde antioksidatif mekanizmalar hakkında güçlü bir ön bilgi sunmuştur. Ancak bu çalışmaların çoğu laboratuvar koşullarında yapılmıştır. Gerçekçi sonuçlar elde edebilmek için, deneylerin tarla koşullarında, ticari bitki türleri ve farklı yetiştirme koşulları altında yürütülmesi gerekmektedir (Jozefczak ve ark., 2012). Bitkilerin ağır metallere karşı gösterdiği tolerans, toksisite etkilerini hafifletme yetenekleri ile ilişkilidir. Bu tolerans, metal iyonlarının alımını engelleme, onları hücre dışı boşlukta kompleksleme, sitoplazmada şelatlama ve vakuolde depo etme (sekwestrasyon) gibi mekanizmalarla gerçekleşir. Bitkiler, bu amaçla antioksidatif enzimlerin ekspresyonunu ve aktivasyonunu içeren savunma yanıtlarını devreye sokar; ayrıca oksidatif stresin neden olduğu ikincil hasarları önleyici veya onarıcı mekanizmaları da aktive eder (Sharma ve ark., 2012). Farklı bitki türleri, ağır metal toksisitesi ile başa çıkmak için duyarlılıktan (sensitivity) toleransa ve ağır metal birikimine (hyperaccumulation) kadar farklı stratejiler geliştirmiştir. Bitkilerin ağır metal alımına karşı daha dirençli hale getirilmesi, toksik iyonların gıda zincirine girişini en aza indirme potansiyeli taşımaktadır. Bu noktada, ağır metal

iyon taşıyıcılarının ekspresyonu, aktivitesi ve lokalizasyonunun genetik manipülasyonu, oldukça umut verici bir stratejidir. Çünkü bu taşıyıcı proteinler, bitkilerde çeşitli elementlerin alımını, taşınımını ve birikimini doğrudan kontrol eder. Ancak bitki hücrelerinde iyon alımı ve iyon homeostazının korunması oldukça karmaşık süreçlerdir. Bu nedenle, bir metal iyonunun alımı ve taşınımını azaltmak amacıyla membran taşıyıcılarının manipülasyonu, diğer esansiyel iyonların homeostazında dengesizliklere yol açabilir (Wu ve ark., 2021). Ağır metaller, bitki hücrelerinde belirli dengeleri bozarak, reaktif oksijen türlerinin (ROS) üretimini tetikler ve işlevsel makromoleküller ile organellerle doğrudan etkileşime girer. Ayrıca, esansiyel katyonların toksik ağır metaller ile yer değiştirmesi veya kofaktörlerin aktif bölgelerine bağlanmaları, ağır metal stresinin neden olduğu tipik dejeneratif olaylardandır. Sonuç olarak, ağır metal stresine toleranslı veya duyarlı olsun, tüm bitki türleri bu tehdidi algıladıklarında temel savunma sistemlerini devreye sokarlar. Moleküler biyoloji ve hücresel düzeyde sağlanan önemli ilerlemeler, bitkilerin ağır metal stresine karşı geliştirdiği karmaşık stratejilerin anlaşılmasına önemli katkılar sağlamaktadır. Sonuç olarak, transgenik bitkiler, ağır metal stresine karşı daha dayanıklı çeşitlerin geliştirilmesinde önemli bir potansiyel taşımaktadır.

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PROTEIN ISOLATION FROM DEFATTED PISTACHIO NUT WITH ULTRASONIC PRETREATMENT

YAĞSIZ ANTEP FISTIĞINDAN ULTRASONİK ÖN İŞLEMLE PROTEİN İZOLASYONU

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Abstract

Protein is one of the essential nutrients for human, and its extraction and value-added utilisation has been widely investigated. Proteins in foods not only function as nutrients but also perform physiochemical functions that support health. Pistachio (*Pistacia vera* L.) is a nut that contains valuable bioactive components, such as bioactive proteins and peptides. The most important phase to utilize the plant protein is to use appropriate extraction technology based on the plant matrices. The solubility and extractability of the protein significantly depends on the structural and physicochemical properties of the protein, such as amino acid composition, hydrophobicity, surface properties and isoelectronic point. Therefore, solubility and extractability vary in different solvents. It is very difficult to dissolve all proteins at the same time and preserve their properties. The efficiency of the protein extraction process depends on the extraction method used because different solvents and buffer solutions extract different components of the protein. The use of alkaline solvents is the most common method because alkaline solutions are efficient in solubilizing proteins. In addition, it is observed that ultrasound application increases the extraction efficiency. In this study, ultrasound was applied to defatted pistachio powder at different times and frequencies. Extraction efficiency was changed between 39.25% and 67.52%. The highest extraction efficiency was obtained at 15 Hz for 40 minutes. The protein amount of the protein powder obtained under these conditions was found to be 57.80% by Kjeldahl method.

Keywords: Protein, protein extraction, ultrasound, pistachio nut, extraction efficiency

Özet

Protein insan için temel besin maddelerinden biridir ve proteinin ekstraksiyonu ve katma değerli kullanımı geniş çapta araştırılmaktadır. Gıdalardaki proteinler sadece besin olarak işlev görmekle kalmayıp aynı zamanda sağlığı destekleyen fizyokimyasal işlevleri de yerine getirir. Antepfıstığı (*Pistacia vera* L.) da değerli biyoaktif bileşenler örneğin biyoaktif proteinler ve peptitler içeren bir kuru yemiştir. Bitkisel proteinden yararlanmanın en önemli aşaması bitki matrislerine bağlı uygun ekstraksiyon teknolojisinin kullanılmasıdır. Proteinin çözünürlüğü ve ekstrakte edilebilirliği aminoasit kompozisyonu, hidrofobiklik, yüzey özellikleri ve izoelektronik nokta gibi proteinin yapısal ve fizikokimyasal özelliklerine önemli ölçüde bağlıdır. Bu nedenle çözünürlük ve ekstrakte edilebilirlik farklı çözgenlerde farklılık gösterir. Tüm proteinleri aynı anda çözmek ve özelliklerini muhafaza etmek oldukça güçtür. Protein ekstraksiyon işleminin verimi, kullanılan ekstraksiyon yöntemine bağlıdır çünkü farklı çözgenler ve tampon çözeltiler proteinin farklı bileşenlerini ekstrakte ederler. Alkali çözgen kullanımı en yaygın metottur çünkü alkali çözeltiler proteinleri çözmede verimlidir. Ayrıca ultrasonik işlem uygulamanın ekstraksiyon verimini arttırdığı görülmüştür. Bu çalışmada yağsız antep fıstığı tozuna farklı zaman ve frekanslarda ultrason uygulanmıştır. Ekstraksiyon veriminin %39,25 ile %67,52 arasında değiştiği görüldü. En yüksek ekstraksiyon verimi 15 Hz'de 40 dakika işlem süresiyle elde edildi. Bu koşullarda elde edilen protein tozunun protein miktarı Kjeldahl metoduyla %57,80 olarak bulundu.

Anahtar kelimeler: Protein, protein ekstraksiyon, ultrason, Antepfıstığı, ekstraksiyon verimi

Introduction

Pistachio, one of the hard-shelled nuts, have positive effects on health. It has nutritional content rich in fatty acids, protein, fibre, minerals and vitamins. Pistachio, a rich source of phenolic compounds, attracts attention with its high antioxidant activity. It has been determined that to consume pistachio has positive effects on cancer, hypertension, cardiovascular diseases and diabetes. Scientific studies have also demonstrated that pistachio has an important role in healthy nutrition and decreasing the risk of nutrition-related illnesses, because of the phenolic compounds, unsaturated fat, fiber, minerals and vitamins they contain. It has been stated in many studies that pistachio has positive effects on various chronic diseases such as diabetes and hypertension, especially cardiovascular diseases. Regular pistachio consumption helps protect human health and meet daily recommended nutritional requirements (Bulló et al., 2015; Çağlar et al., 2017).

Extractability of protein is largely based on the physicochemical and structural properties of proteins, such as isoelectric point, surface properties, hydrophobicity, solubility and amino acid composition. Therefore, extractability/solubility shows difference in different solutions based on the ionic strength and pH. Considering the diversity of nut proteins, the processes applied, and the accompanying ingredients, it is very difficult to dissolve all proteins and preserve their properties at the same time (L'Hocine and Pitre, 2016b). Different solutions extract different components of the protein; therefore, the extraction efficiency depends on the extraction procedure applied (Zhang et al., 2019). In general, protein solubility is regarded as the outcome of the complex interplay between the protein amino acid sequence and electrostatic charges and the pH of the aqueous solvent. It is thought that salts are associated with oppositely charged groups in the protein. This combination of charged groups binds more water than the charged groups do alone, and this results in increase of protein hydration. Salts may increase solubilization (salting-in) or precipitation (salting-out) of proteins, according to the nature and concentration of the salt contained. At high salt levels, there is competition between the proteins

and ions for hydration water. At sufficient high salt concentrations, the proteins will be dehydrated enough to lose solubility. Therefore, solubility characteristics of different proteins is determined by the various ion–water, protein–ion, protein–water, protein–protein interactions. Suitable solubility conditions of proteins must therefore be experimentally optimized for every source, by taking into account how multiple factors interact in influencing the results (L'Hocine and Pitre, 2016b). Most of the nut proteins are storage proteins members of the albumin, glutelin, globulin and prolamin families. Fractions of nut proteins have different solubility profiles, functional and structural properties and amino acid compositions. Majority of the proteins from pistachio nut are globulins amounting to 66.0%, followed by albumins, glutelins, and prolamins, amounting to 25.0, 7.3, and 2.0%, respectively (Noorbakhsh et al., 2010; Dumandan et al., 2014). Albumins, globulins, prolamins, and glutelins are soluble in water, salt solution, alcohol solution, and alkali solution, respectively. Heating causes coagulation of albumins and they are soluble in water because of the presence of adequate net charge. Globulins have net electrical charge; therefore, they are soluble in salt solutions. Prolamin is an alcohol soluble protein. Prolamins are soluble in 60-70% aqueous ethanol and nearly insoluble in water. They are soluble in acidic and alkali conditions. Consequently, these fractions require different solubilization conditions (Fabian and Ju, 2011; L'Hocine and Pitre, 2016b).

Similar to other plant seed proteins peanut, pistachio nut and other nut proteins are generally extracted in alkaline solutions owing to the solubility behaviors of the protein profile. Tree nut proteins are also extracted in saline solutions because these proteins are formed of salt-soluble globulins mainly (L'Hocine and Pitre, 2016b). It is known that protein denaturation is minimum in aqueous salt solutions (L'Hocine and Pitre, 2016b).

The most common procedure is use of alkali solvents but solvent combinations are also used to solve all protein groups. Sequential extraction can give higher protein recovery (Fabian and Ju, 2011). In addition, bond breaking agents can be added to increase solubility of protein and enzymes can be used during extraction to increase the extraction yield. (Fabian and Ju, 2011). NaOH can break disulfide, amide and hydrogen bonds in proteins and therefore alkali conditions are efficient in solving proteins. However, when protein is subjected to hard alkaline conditions, nutritional properties of protein changes and toxic compounds are produced (Fabian and Ju, 2011). Phosphate, borate and carbonate are non-denaturing aqueous buffers; therefore, preferred commonly. Conditions of extraction are dependent on the properties of the proteins and the power of extraction solutions to solve them. Optimization should be made for each protein source sample (L'Hocine and Pitre, 2016b).

Physical methods for cell distruption and protein release are studied. Physical methods could be applied to disrupt cell wall to build a suitable environment for increase in protein solubility. Shear forces in high speed blending, homogenization and colloid milling provide the means for disrupting cells (Fabian and Ju, 2011). Sonication is one of the most promising physical methods to aid in protein extraction. Sonication can break molecular bonds and disrupt cell walls because of the effects of high temperature and shock waves causing cavitational collapse of bubbles generated from ultrasound. Ultrasound refers to sound waves at a frequency above the human hearing range of 20 Hz to approximately 20 kHz (Rahman and Lamsal, 2021). As a green technology, ultrasound is easy to install, energy efficient and has low maintenance costs. Ultrasound needs shorter extraction times and low investment costs. Ultrasound related factors influencing ultrasound assisted extraction and modification of protein are intensity (W/cm^2), energy density (W/mL; J/mL), ultrasonic tip placement, treatment duration, temperature rise, size and shape of the sonoreactor (Rahman and Lamsal, 2021).

In this study, the effect of ultrasonic pretreatment on pistachio protein extraction efficiency was examined.

Materials and Methods

Defatting

Pistachio was crushed with Waring blender (8011ES Model HGB2WTS3, Waring Commercial, Torrington, USA) to obtain powder form. Pistachio powder and n-hexane 1/5 (m/v) was mixed for 3 hours on magnetic stirrer at room temperature and filtered. Pistachio powder and n-hexane 1/5 (m/v) was mixed for 2 more hours on magnetic stirrer and filtered. Hexane was removed from pistachio powder in vacuum oven at 40°C for 3 hours. Defatted pistachio powder was stored at -80°C. Protein content of defatted powder was determined by Kjeldahl method and found as 34.1%.

Protein Isolation After Ultrasonic Pretreatment

Ultrasound was applied to defatted pistachio powder mixed with distilled water at a ratio of 1:10 (m/v) at different times and frequencies (Table 1). The pH of the mixture was adjusted to 10 with 1 M sodium hydroxide and stirred for 1 hour at 600 rpm on a magnetic stirrer at room temperature. The mixture was centrifuged at 8000 rpm at 4°C for 20 minutes (Eppendorf 5810 R, Hamburg, Germany). Soluble proteins were precipitated by collecting the supernatant and adjusting the pH to 4 with 1 M HCl. The suspension was centrifuged again at 8000 rpm at 4°C for 20 minutes (Eppendorf 5810 R, Hamburg, Germany). Sediment and supernatants in both centrifuges were stored at 4°C for further analysis. Extraction efficiency was calculated according to the following formula:

Extraction efficiency = mass of protein after treatment (g)/mass of protein in defatted pistachio powder (g)

According to the extraction efficiency results ultrasonic pretreatment was applied at 15 Hz for 40 minutes (Table 2). Sediments were freeze dried and pistachio protein powders were produced. At the end of 33 runs 205.28 g powder was obtained. Protein content of the powder was determined by Kjeldahl method and found as 57.80 %.

Table 1. Ultrasonic pretreatment conditions (duration and frequency)

Duration (min)	Frequency (Hz)
19	10
19	15
40	15
50	15
60	15

Kjeldahl method

Protein determination was carried out by the Kjeldahl method in accordance with method 950.48 of AOAC (1990) (Foss Kjeltec 2200, Hilleroed, Denmark). Copper sulfate and potassium sulfate were used as catalysts in the method. The samples burned at 400°C for 45 minutes were distilled and then titrated with hydrochloric acid to determine the consumption.

The amount of nitrogen was calculated based on the consumption, and the amount of protein was calculated by multiplying the value found with a conversion factor of 6.25.

Results and Discussion

In this study ultrasound was applied to defatted pistachio powder at different times and frequencies. Extraction efficiency was changed between 39.25% and 67.52%. The highest extraction efficiency was obtained at 15 Hz for 40 minutes. The protein amount of the protein powder obtained under these conditions was found to be 57.80% by Kjeldahl method. It was observed that ultrasound duration and frequency had an effect on the extraction efficiency (Table 2).

Solvent and sample properties are effective on protein solubilization and extraction. Distilled water its pH was adjusted with 0.1 M NaOH was used because NaOH dissolves proteins efficiently (Fabian and Ju, 2011). Noorbakhsh et al. (2010) reported protein extraction yield between 30-47% depending on the thermal process applied to pistachio. They used phosphate buffered saline (pH 7.4). L'Hocine and Pitre (2016a) reported protein recovery between 17-64% for pistachio depending on extraction conditions. When all nuts were considered in the same study, this percentage range was 17-95%.

Table 2. Extraction efficiency of samples

Ultrasound application	Sediment mass (g)	Sediment protein content (%)	Sediment protein mass (g)	Extraction efficiency (%)
None	10.2587	8.0100	0.8220	39.88
19 min, 10 Hz	9.9156	9.8100	0.9730	47.26
19 min, 15 Hz	9.8456	8.1270	0.8000	39.25
40 min, 15 Hz	12.2581	10.2830	1.2610	67.52
50 min, 15 Hz	5.3551	12.2460	0.6560	64.69
60 min, 15 Hz	5.3122	9.8350	0.5230	51.48

When studies in literature are examined, it is seen that the extraction efficiency and protein amount vary depending on the applied processes and the solutions used. Dumandan et al. (2014) extracted proteins from pistachio with 0.01 M phosphate buffer (pH: 6.8) and found the protein concentration to be 1.23 mg/ml. Sathe et al. (2009) applied extraction to pistachio with 0.5 M NaCl and obtained the protein amount between 35% and 40%. Sharma et al. (2010) extracted almond, cashew, hazelnut, pine nut and pistachio proteins with borate buffer and found the extraction efficiency between 12.60% and 27.40%. They found the amount of protein to be between 69.23% and 92.72%. In another study, different types of pistachios were extracted with 0.05 M Tris-HCl buffer and the protein amount was found to be between 30% and 35% (Ehsanpour et al., 2010). In a study examining the efficiency increase of ultrasound application in plant protein extractions, the efficiency increased between 8.63% and 64.5% for various samples (Kumar et al., 2021). It is seen that the applied processes and the solutions used affect the extraction efficiency and the protein amount of the extract. It has also been observed that

the use of ultrasound increases the extraction efficiency. The use of ultrasound in protein extraction is a process that can be applied to increase efficiency.

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ROMAN AND BYZANTINE-PERIOD ARCHITECTURAL BUILDING ELEMENTS USED AS RECYCLING AT THE ADATEPE LAUNDRY AND TAŞHAN, VEZİRKÖPRÜ-SAMSUN

SAMSUN VEZİRKÖPRÜ ADATEPE ÇAMAŞIRHANESİ VE TAŞHAN' DA DEVŞİRME OLARAK KULLANILAN ROMA VE BİZANS DÖNEMİ MİMARİ YAPI ELEMANLARI

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ÖZET

Kalkolitik Çağ'dan günümüze kadar birçok medeniyete ev sahipliği yapmış olan Samsun'un Vezirköprü ilçesine ait Roma ve Bizans Dönemi'ne ait bilgiler oldukça sınırlıdır. İlçeye lokalize edilen Neoklaudiopolis antik kentine ait veriler sonraki dönemlerde ve günümüzdeki yapılar üzerinde devşirme olarak kullanılan mimari yapı elemanlarıdır. Bu çalışmada Samsun ilinin Vezirköprü ilçesinde bulunan Adatepe Mahallesi'ndeki çamaşırhane ve ilçe merkezindeki Taşhan'da, devşirme olarak kullanılan Roma ve Bizans Dönemi'ne ait mimari yapı elemanları değerlendirmeye alınmıştır. Adatepe Çamaşırhanesi'nde, 6 adet sütun, 2 adet stel, 42 adet kesme blok taş, 2 adet lahit teknesi, 1 adet soku taşı, Taşhan'da ise 1 adet sütun başlığı, 4 tip sütun altlığı, 2 adet geison parçası incelenmiştir. Tespit edilen Erken Roma ve Bizans Dönemi mimari yapı elemanlarının, bölgenin iskân sürecine ve yoğunluğuna dair bilgiler sağlayacağı düşünülmektedir. Bahsi geçen mimari yapı elemanları, devşirme olarak Adatepe Çamaşırhanesi içerisinde tavanı destekleyen sütunlar, çamaşır dövmek için tabana yerleştirilmiş kesme blok taşları, çamaşırhane dışarısında ise çeşme yapımında tekne olarak kullanılan stel, lahit teknesi, kesme taş blokları ve çeşmeden bağımsız olarak bahçede yer alan soku taşıdır. Vezirköprü ilçe merkezinde bulunan Taşhan'da ise yine güncel ahşap sütunları destekleme amaçlı, sütun altlığı, sütun başlığı ve geison parçaları bulunmaktadır. Bu yapı elemanlarının tarihlenmesinde analoji çalışmasından ve tipolojik gelişimden yararlanılmıştır.

Anahtar Sözcükler: Karadeniz, Samsun, Vezirköprü, Neoklaudiopolis, Roma ve Bizans, Dönem Mimari Yapı Elemanları.

ABSTRACT

Samsun's Vezirköprü district has hosted numerous civilizations from the Chalcolithic Age to the present day, but information about the Roman and Byzantine Periods is quite limited. The data related to the ancient city of Neoklaudiopolis localized in the district mainly consists of architectural elements that have been repurposed in later periods and in contemporary structures. This study evaluates the architectural elements from the Roman and Byzantine Periods, which have been reused in the laundrette in the Adatepe neighborhood and in the

Taşhan located in the town center. At the Adatepe Laundrette, there are 6 columns, 2 stelae, 42 cut stone blocks, 2 sarcophagi, and 1 sink stone. In Taşhan, there is 1 column capital, 4 types of column bases, and 2 geison fragments. It is believed that the identified architectural elements from the Early Roman and Byzantine Period will provide information about the settlement process and density of the region. The mentioned architectural elements include columns that support the ceiling in the Adatepe Laundrette, cut stone blocks placed on the floor for washing purposes, and outside the laundrette, stelae, sarcophagi, and cut stone blocks used in the construction of a fountain, as well as a sink stone located independently in the garden. In Taşhan, there are also column bases, column capitals, and geison fragments meant to support the current wooden columns. The dating of these architectural elements has been accomplished through analogical studies and typological development. Thus, it becomes possible to gain further insights into the Roman and Byzantine architecture of Vezirköprü. In conclusion, this study is thought to contribute to the depth of knowledge regarding the historical structures and periods in Vezirköprü. Such research holds great significance for the preservation of local history and cultural heritage.

Keywords: Black Sea, Samsun, Vezirköprü, Neoklaudiopolis, Roman, Byzantine, Period, Architectural Building Elements.

GİRİŞ

Orta Karadeniz Bölgesi'nde yer alan Vezirköprü, Samsun İline bağlı bir ilçedir. Vezirköprü'nün Kızılırmak havzasında yer alması, verimli topraklara sahip olması, su kaynakları bakımından zengin olması, elverişli yaşam koşullarına sahip olması ve Tavşan Dağı'nda bulunan bakır madeni yataklarının bolluğu nedeniyle ilkçağlardan günümüze sürekli bir yerleşime sahne olmuştur (Yılmaz, 2015, 50). Vezirköprü ile ilgili ilk araştırmalar, 1940-1941 yıllarında TTK adına K. Kökten, N. Özgüç ve T. Özgüç tarafından gerçekleştirilmiştir (Kökten vd., 1945, 365). Sonrasında, Dangate 1970 yılında Kızılırmak havzasını ve Vezirköprü ilçesine giderek Tepecik Tepe'yi görmüştür (Kızıltan, 1992, 216). 1971-1977 yılları arasında U. Bahadır Alkım'ın başkanlığında oluşan bir ekip tarafından Samsun Bölgesi Havza, Bafra, Lâdik, Samsun Merkez İlçe, Alaçam, Çarşamba, Vezirköprü ve Kavak ilçelerinde araştırmalar yapmıştır (Alkım, 1975, 5). 1972 ve 1973 yılında U. Bahadır Alkım başkanlığında gerçekleştirilen yüzey araştırmalarında Oymaağaç Höyüğü ile ilgili ilk bilimsel bilgiler ortaya çıkmaya başlamıştır (Rainer & Yılmaz & Kalkan, 2022, 11). Önder Bilgi, 1987-1999 yıllarında bakır ve arsenik yataklarını saptamak amacıyla, Samsun ili, Bafra, Havza ve Vezirköprü, Amasya ili, Merzifon ve Gümüşhacıköy ilçeleri ile Sinop ili, Durağan ilçesinde, yüzey araştırmaları gerçekleştirmiştir (Dönmez, 2000, 26). 1995 ve 1996 yıllarında Mehmet Özsait, Merzifon ve Gümüşhacıköy'de yüzey araştırmalarına başlamış, ardından 1996 yılında Amasya'nın Gümüşhacıköy, Hamamözü, Merzifon, Suluova, Göynücek; Samsun'un Vezirköprü ve Lâdik ilçelerinde araştırmalar gerçekleştirilmiştir. Aynı zamanda Vezirköprü'nün Gümüşhacıköy'e sınır olan Kunduz Dağları'ndan ve Abhaz Çayırı'ndan geçilerek Soğulcak, Karapınar, Gömlekhisar, Hayranlı, Tekkekıran Mahalleleri de araştırılmıştır (Özsait, 1998, 144-145). 1997 ve 1999 yılları arasında Şevket Dönmez, Samsun ili, Merkez, Bafra, Alaçam, 19 Mayıs, Tekkeköy, Çarşamba, Terme, Asarcık, Ayvacık, Kavak, Vezirköprü, Havza ve Lâdik ilçeleri; Sinop, Amasya, Tokat illerinde yüzey araştırmaları gerçekleştirmiştir. 2001 tarihinde Mehmet Özsait ve ekibi tarafından Amasya'nın Merkez ilçe, Merzifon, Suluova, Gümüşhacıköy ilçeleri ve Samsun'un, Amasya iline sınır olan Vezirköprü, Havza ve Lâdik ilçelerinde yüzey araştırmaları gerçekleştirilmiştir (Özsait, 2003, 127). 2005-2006 yıllarında Oymaağaç Höyüğü'nde Berlin Freie Üniversitesi'nden R. M. Czichon tarafından yüzey araştırmaları yapılmış (Rainer, 2014, 279), yapılan araştırmalarda; Hitit çivi

yazılı tablet parçaları ve Asur Koloni, Hitit ve Orta Demir Çağı'na ait çanak-çömlek parçaları saptanmıştır. Czichon başkanlığında 2007 yılından kazı çalışmaları başlanmış olup günümüzde de devam etmektedir (Rainer & Yılmaz, 2014, 340).

2013 yılında Tønnes Bekker-Nielsen Vezirköprü ve Havza ilçelerinde, Roma İmparatorluğu'na ait izleri araştırmak amacıyla bir yüzey araştırması gerçekleştirmiştir (Nielsen & Jacobsen, 2019, 1). 2018 ve 2024 yılları arasında Vezirköprü çevresinde, Akın Temür başkanlığında bir ekip tarafından yüzey araştırmaları gerçekleştirilmiştir. Araştırılan bölgelerde yoğun olarak Demir Çağı, Roma ve Bizans Dönemi seramikleri görülmüştür. Ancak az sayıda da olsa Tunç Çağ'ına ait seramik buluntuları da tespit edilmiştir.

ADATEPE ÇAMAŞIRHANESİ'NDE KULLANILAN MİMARİ YAPI ELEMANLARI

Adatepe, Samsun ili, Vezirköprü ilçesine bağlı bir mahalle olup, ilçe merkezinin 4 km uzağında yer almaktadır. Mahallenin merkezinde Adatepe Çamaşırhanesi bulunmaktadır. Adatepe'de yer alan çamaşırhane günümüze ulaşan ve işlevini sürdüren ender çamaşırhanelerden biridir. Mimarisi incelendiğinde 19. yüzyılda inşa edildiği düşünülen yapının 250 yıllık bir geçmişe sahip olduğu bilinmektedir. Çamaşırhane dıştan 11,2 m x 9,8 m içten ise 8,5 m x 9,5 m boyutlarında inşa edilmiştir. Tavanı dört sütün üstünde çantı tekniği ile yapılmış ahşap çatıdır. Çamaşırhanenin çatısının ortasında yaklaşık 2x2 m boyutlarında aydınlatma deliği mevcuttur (Işık, 2020, 141). Yerel ustalar tarafından inşa edildiği düşünülen yapı, çamaşırlıktan ziyade kadınların sosyalleşmesi için bir alan oluşturmaktadır. Çamaşırhaneler, Türk halk yaşamında oldukça önemli bir yere sahip yapılardır. Genellikle suya ulaşımın zor olduğu yerlerde, halka açık olarak inşa edilmişlerdir. Bu yapılar, çoğunlukla bir nehir, çeşme ya da kuyunun yakınına konumlandırılmıştır. Böylece yöre halkı çamaşırlarını kolaylıkla yıkayabilmiştir (Kıvrak, 2018, 43). Adatepe Çamaşırhanesi'nin, Osmanlı Dönemi'ne ait olmasına rağmen içerisinde ve bahçe kısmında Roma ve Bizans Dönemi'ne tarihlendirilen birçok mimari yapı elemanı mevcuttur. Bu durum tarih öncesi dönemde buranın antik bir kamu yapısı olabileceğini ve çamaşırhane yapılırken bu mimari yapı elemanlarının kullanılabileceğini düşündürmektedir. Bu mimari yapı elemanları; sütunlar, steller, kesme blok taşları, lahit tekneleri ve soku taşından oluşmaktadır (Res. 1-2).

Sütun Tamburları

Sütunlar, doğrudan stylobat üzerine oturtulan ve aşağıdan yukarıya doğru incelen silindirik bir forma sahiptir. Sütununun gövde kısmı, bazen tek parça, bazen de çok parça taştan oluşmaktadır. Bazı sütunların üzerinde keskin kenarlı yivler yer alırken, bazı sütunlar yivsiz, düz bir şekilde karşımıza çıkmaktadır. Sütunlar dönemlere göre farklı formlar göstermektedir. Yapılan çalışmada incelenen sütunların tamamı Bizans Dönemi'ne tarihlendirilmektedir. Adatepe Çamaşırhanesi'nde iç kısmında 4, bahçe kısmında ise 2 adet olmak üzere 6 adet sütun parçası bulunmaktadır. İç kısımda kullanılan sütunlar tavanı desteklemek amacıyla ahşap kolonlar altına yerleştirilmiştir (Res. 4-6).

Temür tarafından yürütülen yüzey araştırmaları sırasında Gömlekhisar Mahallesi meydanı ve şahıs evlerinin çevrelerinde sütun parçaları tespit etmişlerdir (Temür & Yiğitpaşa, 2020b, 164, Res. 13e-f). Adatepe ve Gömlekhisar Mahallesinin aynı territoryum üzerinde yer almasından dolayı sütun parçalarının birebir benzer özellikler sergiledikleri düşünülmektedir. Aydın, Silifke Müzesi'nde yaptığı çalışmalarında benzer sütunları inceleyerek, bu sütun gövdesinin Erken Hıristiyanlık-Bizans Dönemi'nde kullanım gördüğünden bahsetmiş sütun gövdelerini MS 5-6. yüzyıla tarihlemiştir (Aydın, 2013, 256, Kat. No. 296). Çamaşırhanenin bahçe kısmında yer alan sütunların (Res. 7-8) Bizans Dönemi mimari yapı elemanları oldukları düşünülmektedir. Bekker, Neoklaudiopolis Antik Kenti çalışmaları sırasında, Uluçay Mahallesi'nin kuzeyinde bir yapı kompleksinde yer alan sütun parçası gözlemlemiştir. Sütun

parçasını Geç Roma-Erken Bizans Dönemi'ne (MS 4-5. yüzyıl) tarihlemiştir (Nielsen, 2013b, 219, Fig. 19). Aydın, yine bu tip örneklerin benzerlerini araştırarak sütun gövdelerinin tip özellikleri ve dönemsel faktörleri nedeni ile MS 5-6. yüzyıla tarihlendirmiştir (Aydın, 2013, 257, Kat. No. 300).

Mezar Stelleri

Eski Yunanca'da ΣΤΗΛΗ kelimesinden türetilmiş olan stel kelimesi "dik duran işaret" anlamına gelmektedir (Aytekin, 2017, 21). Mezar stelleri taş veya mermer bloğun kesilerek düzenlenmesi sonucu oluşturulur. Elde edilen malzemenin yüzeyi üzerine yazıt ve betimlemeler eklenerek stel tamamlanır (Şahin, 1994, 1). Mezar stellerinin ilk örnekleri MÖ 10. Yüzyılda Yunanistan'da karşımıza çıkmaktadır (Boardman, 2001, 181). MÖ 8. yüzyılda ölen kişi eşyalarıyla birlikte gömülerek mezarın üstüne vazo, yanına ise işlenmemiş kaba bir şekilde bırakılmış mezar belirleyicisi yerleştirilmiştir (Yüksekdağ, 2024, 3). MÖ 7. yüzyıl stelleri basit formda, kabaca erkek figürünün işlendiği Paros stelleri olarak tanımlanmaktadır (Korkmaz, 2016, 145). Bu durum neticesinde kabartmalı steller ortaya çıkmaya başlamıştır. Lüks olarak kabul edilen bu steller aristokrat aileler tarafından kullanılmıştır. MÖ 6. Yüzyılda ise stellere, volütlü başlıklar eklenerek üzerlerine sfenksler yerleştirildiği görülmektedir (Kurtz & Boardman, 1971, 85). Steller için en parlak dönem MÖ 510 yılları olarak bilinmektedir. Attika bölgesi bu dönemin en iyi üreticisi olmasına rağmen, Kleisthenes mezarlara lüks yasağını getirmiş, bu nedenle buradaki zanaatkarlar Batı Anadolu'ya göç etmek zorunda kalmışlardır. Yine bu dönemde stellerde kabartma yüzeyi genişletilerek, tapınak mimarisi görünümü stellere yansıtılmıştır. Ayrıca alınlıkla birlikte naiskos görünümü kazandırılmıştır (Aksu, 2019, 9). En önemli yenilik ise stellere tanrının cepheden işlenmesidir. MÖ 317 yılında Phaleronlu Demetrios tarafından getirilen yasak sonucu bir duraklama dönemi yaşanmıştır (Yüksekdağ, 2024, 5). Ardından Roma Dönemi'ne kadar küçük boyutlu steller üretilmiştir. MÖ 2. Yüzyılla birlikte stellerde heykel görünümlü tipler ortaya çıkmıştır. MS 2. Yüzyılla birlikte Roma Dönemi'nde Anadolu'da altın çağ yaşanmış, mezar stellerinde kalite, üretim sayısı artmış ve 40 atölyede mezar stelleri üretilmiştir (Kucuk, 2019, 14). Steller üzerinde savaş konuları yerine kendini yüceltmeye yönelik konulara ağırlık verilmiş, betimlemelerde ise kahramanlık sembolleri işlenmiştir.

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Heliodoros'a ait olduğunu düşünmüşlerdir (Nielsen & Hogel, 2012, 160, Fig. 3b). Fıratlı, steller üzerine yaptığı çalışmasında benzer tip bir stele değinmiştir. Bahsettiği steli, Damophon'un mezar steli olarak tanımlamış ve MS 2. yüzyıla tarihlemiştir (Fıratlı, 1965, 324, Lev. VII, Fig. 9).

İkinci stelin, ölçülebilen yüksekliği 70 cm, genişliği ise 55 cm'dir. Stelin çatı/alınlık kısmında içte bir, alınlık dışında sağ ve solda birer olmak üzere üç adet oval kabartma bulunmaktadır. Stelin alt kısmında derin bir oyuk yer almaktadır (Res. 10). Benzerleri incelendiğinde daha önce stelin içinin kabartmalarla dolu olduğunu ve sonrasında tahrip edilerek boşaltıldığı düşünülmektedir. Oyuğun derinliği 20x25 cm çapında, 12 cm yüksekliğindedir. Stel, aynı zamanda soku taşı olarak kullanım görmüştür. Yüksekdağ, benzer örneklerin yer aldığı çalışmasında benzer forma sahip mezar stellerine değinmiş ve bu tip örneklerin, Roma İmparatorluk Dönemi'ne ait olduğunu vurgulamıştır (Yüksekdağ, 2024, 246, Lev. II, Fig. 14). Bekker-Nielsen, Vezirköprü Bölgesi'nde yaptığı araştırmalarda Vezirköprü'nün kuzeybatısında yer alan Yağınözü Mahallesi'nde köy okulu karşısında bir evin duvarındaki bir mezar stelinden bahsetmiştir. Bu stelin Paulinos'a ait olduğunu bildirmiş ve MS 1-2. Yüzyıla tarihlemiştir. Üçgen çatılı stelin çatı kısmının iki yanında yer alan antefiks ve alınlığın orta kısmında yer alan oval sembol, çalışması yapılan eserle benzer özellikler sergilemektedir (Nielsen & Hogel, 2012, 158, Fig. 1). Ancak çalışılan eserin gövde kısmında yer alan tahribattan dolayı yazıtı olup olmadığı bilinmemektedir. Yapılan karşılaştırmalar sonucunda bu tip eserlerin MS 1-2. Yüzyıla tarihlendirilmiştir.

Kesme Taş Blokları

Kesme taş blok, her yüzeyi mimari bir yapıda kullanılmak üzere yontulup düzeltilmiş düzgün taşlara verilen isimdir (Akçay, 2008, 292). Anadolu topraklarında da özellikle Eski Yunan, Roma, Bizans, Selçuklu ve Osmanlı dönemlerinde doğal taştan yapılmış sayısız eser bulunmaktadır (Çelik, 2003, 4). Taş işlemeciliğinin tarihsel süreci incelendiğinde, ilk olarak bu çalışmalara heykeltıraşların yöneldiği ve böylece mimaride de taşın süsleme amacı ile kullanıldığı bilinmektedir. Mısır'daki taş ustalığının MÖ 3000 yıllarına kadar uzandığı bilinmektedir. Mezopotamya'da da taş işçiliğinin tarihi, erken dönemlere dayanmaktadır (Albustanlıoğlu, 2006, 7). Örneğin, Ur'da Leonard Wooley'in bulduğu büyük bir tabletten, Sümerli ustalar ve zanaatkârlar hakkında bilgi edinilebilmektedir. Tablette; MÖ 1975 yılında yapılan sekiz adet atölye sıralanmaktadır. Bu atölyelerden bir tanesi de taş işçiliğine aittir. Yunan uygarlığında taş işçiliği ve taş işleme sanatı MÖ 7. yüzyılın sonlarına doğru ön plana çıkmaktadır. Roma Dönemi'nde imkân çeşitliliklerinin artması ile kesme blok taş işçiliğinde de gelişmeler yaşanmış özellikle taşların kesilip taşınması kolaylaşmıştır. İmparatorluk Dönemi'nde Pax Romana ile büyük bayındırlık hizmetlerinin tüm Roma coğrafyasına yayılması ile gelişen taş tekniklerinin yanı sıra ihtişamlı yapılar inşa edilmiştir (Karkaş & Özgünler, 2023, 17). Böylelikle büyük bloklara olan ihtiyaç daha önemli hale gelmiştir. Artık tek bir halatla kaldırılamayacak hale gelen blok taşlar makaralar kullanılarak yapılara taşınmaya başlanmıştır. Bu sistemler sayesinde yapılarda kesme blok taş kullanımı kolaylaşarak, yapılarda kullanımı arttırılmıştır (Akçay, 2008, 4).

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Augustus Dönemi yapılarında tekrar moda olduğunu bildirmiştir (Selçuk, 2019, 124-125, Kat. No. Db 18-19, Lev. 23-26). Demirtaş, Magnesia Artemis Tapınağı'nda yaptığı çalışmada benzer forma sahip blokların tapınağın pronausunda insutu konumda iki sıra korunmuş 4 adet kenetli blok taş blok gözlemlemiştir. Farklı boyutlara sahip taş blokların sella döşemesi olarak kullanıldıklarını bildirmiştir (Demirtaş, 2006, 2006, s. 180, Lev. 9a). Olğun, yaptığı araştırmada Tokat-Zile'de bulunan ve Anaitis'e adanan tapınak yapısının tamamen tahrip edilmesi sonucunda burada kullanılan kesme taş blokların günümüzde, bölgede yer alan Çeltek Türbesi'nde devşirme olarak kullanıldıklarını bildirmektedir. Bu kesme taş bloklarını MS 3. yüzyıla tarihlemekte ve yine aynı bölgede yer alan Sebastopolis Hamam Yapısında kullanılan kesme taşlarında aynı teknikle kullanıldığını MS 2. yüzyıla ait olduklarını öne sürmektedir (Olğun, 2020, 205-206, Şek. 4.269-4.273).

Çeşmenin sol tarafında çamaşırhane duvarının dibine yerleştirilmiş 6 adet bağımsız kesme taş bloğu mevcuttur. Taşlardan ilki 1,30 cm uzunluğa, 60 cm genişliğe ve 39 cm kalınlığa sahiptir. Üzerinde 7 cm ölçülerinde kenet deliği yer almaktadır (Res. 12). İkincisi, 77 cm uzunluğa, 50 cm genişliğe ve 20 cm kalınlığa sahiptir (Res. 13). Üçüncüsü, 1,12 cm uzunluğa, 54 cm genişliğe ve 36 cm kalınlığa sahiptir. Bu taş bloğun üzerinde yaklaşık 51 cm'lik bir kırık tespit edilmiştir. Bu nedenle iç genişlik 34 cm, iç uzunluk 86 cm ve iç derinlik 20 cm şeklinde ölçülebilmiştir. Üzerinde 6 cm boyutunda kenet deliği ve 3 cm ölçülerinde oyuk yer almaktadır (Res. 14). Dördüncüsü, 1,20 cm uzunluğa, 75 cm genişliğe ve 20 cm kalınlığa sahiptir (Res. 15). Beşincisi, 98 cm uzunluğa, 80 cm genişliğe ve 27 cm kalınlığa sahiptir (Res. 16). Sonuncusu ise, 1,30 cm uzunluğa, 70 cm genişliğe ve 25 cm kalınlığa sahiptir (Res. 17). Yine Selçuk, bu tarz benzer örneklere de yer vererek yapı destekleme elemanı olarak devşirildiklerini söylemektedir (Selçuk, 2019, 117-123, Kat. No. Db 2-3-16, Lev. 28.2-29.1). Aynı coğrafyada karşılaşılmış olan kesme blok taşların duvar yapımında önemli bir malzeme olarak kullanılması, aynı teknikleri göstermeleri ve benzer özellikler sergilemesinden dolayı kesme taş blokların bölgede MS 2-3. yüzyıllarda yoğun olarak kullanıldıkları düşünülmektedir.

Lahit Tekneleri

Lahit, içine ölünün yerleştirilmesi için taş, ahşap ve pişmiş topraktan yapılan üstü kapakla örtülmüş mezar çeşidi olarak tanımlanmaktadır. Lahitler, iki ana bölümden oluşmaktadır. Buna göre; ölen kişinin konulduğu kısım tekne, onun üstünü örten bölüm ise kapak olarak adlandırılmaktadır. Yunanca "et yiyen" veya "et yutan" sarkophagos anlamına gelmektedir. Klasik Dünya'da ise bu terim, cesedi tutan bir kil veya mermer kap için kullanılmıştır (Yıldız, 2024, 28). Lahitlerle ilgili en eski bilgi Theophrastos, Yaşlı Plinius ve Decimus Iunius Iuvenalis'ten öğrenilmektedir. Özellikle Theophrastos, Assos'da bulunan bir kireç taşının, lahdin içinde bulunan cesedin çürümesini sağladığını söylemiştir. Ayrıca lahit, Homeros'ta "σορος" (cenaze muhafızı) ya da "λαρναξ" olarak isimlendirilmektedir. Thukydides lahit için "λαρναξ" (sandık) sözcüğünü kullanır. Yunanlılar lahdi, "θεκε" (kutu) olarak tanımlamaktadır. Romalılarda ise "πύελος" (Yalak-Lenos) olarak kullanılmaktadır (Turak, 2011, 8). Sandık şeklindeki lahitler ilk çağlardan beri kullanılmıştır. Bunlar genellikle ahşaptan yapılmış olup, pişmiş toprak olanları da mevcuttur. Tipik olarak ahşaptan inşa edilen lahitler, Roma Dönemi'nde bile Thebai'de kullanılmıştır. Minos ve Miken Uygarlıkları da gömü geleneklerinde "larnaks" olarak bilinen lahitleri kullanmışlardır. Ancak lahitlerin Minos kültüründe kullanımının çok daha erken olduğu bilinir (Aktürk, 2024, 35). Buna göre; Tunç Çağı Ege Uygarlıklarında lahit formunun ilk örneklerinin Girit Adası'ndaki Minos sanatında görülmekte olduğunu söylemek mümkündür. Bu lahitlerin MÖ 2200'den itibaren Mısır'da yapıldıkları bilinse de yaygın olarak kullanım gördükleri dönem MÖ 54. yüzyıllardır (Kucur, 2013, 7). Anadolu'nun ilk lahit örnekleri olarak bilinen Klazomenai Lahitleri son derece önemlidir ve MÖ 7. yüzyıl sonu 6. yüzyıl başlarına tarihlendirilmişlerdir (Eker, 2019, 577). Tüm bu erken örneklerin yanı sıra lahitlerin asıl popüler olduğu dönem, Roma Dönemi'dir.

Roma İmparatorluğu'nda MS 2. yüzyılın başından itibaren gömü geleneğinde değişiklikler yapılmaktadır (Yücedağ, 2024, 39). Ancak bu değişimin nedeni tam olarak bilinememektedir. Lahit kullanımı, kremasyondan inhumasyona geçişle birlikte artmaya başlar (Korkut & Dirican, 2020, 259). Farklı tip ve formlarda karşımıza çıkan lahitlerin yalın ve kabartmalı şemalarla süslenmiş farklı örnekleri bulunur. Hristiyanlığın, MS 4. yüzyılın başında Roma İmparatorluğu'nda tanınmasıyla pagan inanışına sahip insanlara ait lahitler azalmaya başlamıştır (Keskin, 2018, 1070). Hristiyanlık inancını yansıtan ve az da olsa MS 3. yüzyılda kullanım görmeye başlayan lahitlerin üretimi, MS 5. yüzyılın başlarına kadar artarak devam etmiştir (Yıldız, 2024, 30).

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Soku Taşı

Soku taşı, buğdayın kolay bir şekilde kabuğundan ayrılması için yıkanıp kurutulduktan sonra tokmakla dövüldüğü, içerisi oyuk taşa verilen isimdir. Yaygın olarak soku ve dibek taşı isimleri ile anılmaktadır. Örneğin; Çanakkale, Karaman, Kütahya ve Adıyaman gibi illerde dibek taşı olarak tanımlanırken Sinop, Samsun, Amasya, Ordu, Tokat ve Sivas gibi illerde soku ve dibek taşı olarak isimlendirilmektedir (Torun, 2022, 40). Soku taşlarının yapım tekniğinin iki aşamada gerçekleştiği görülmektedir. İlk aşamada sağlam olması sebebiyle taşlar murç ve balyoz yardımıyla soku taşının ölçüsü büyüklüğünde kırılarak sökülür. Taş parçası soku taşının işleneceği yere götürülür. İkinci aşamada ise, çekiç ve murç yardımıyla taş parçasına yavaş yavaş şekil verilir. Bu aşama çok dikkat gerektirmektedir. Taşa yapılacak güçlü baskı taşın patlamasına sebep olabilir (Temür & Torun, 2022, 128). Soku taşında dövme işlemi sırasında kullanılan araç, dövülmek istenilen malzemeye göre farklılıklar göstermektedir (Toprak, 2020, 162). Buğday, arpa, bulgur ve baharat gibi gıdaların öğütülmesinde ahşaptan yapılmış tokmak kullanılır. Dövme işleminde diğer kullanılan araçları demir tokmaklar ve silindir taşlar oluşturmaktadır. Bunlar mısır, kahve ve haşhaş gibi gıdaların öğütülmesinde kullanılmaktadır.

Soku taşları; evlerin dışında genellikle bahçelerde ve köy meydanlarında yer almaktadır (Kavruk & Solmaz, 2020, 67). Dövme işlemine gelindiğin de öğütülen malzemenin dökülmemesi amacıyla soku taşının etrafına örtü serilmektedir. Köylerde mevlitlerde, düğünlerde ve geleneksel köy eğlencelerinde yöreden yöreye değişen ekmek, aşure ve buğday

çorbası gibi yiyecekler hazırlamak için günümüzde bile kırsal köylerde soku taşları kullanılmaktadır. Bu gelenek köylerde sosyalleşme amacıyla gerçekleştirilmektedir (Çapalov, 2010, 40). Köylerde yaşayanlar bu geleneğin atalarından geldiğini ve soku taşında dövülen ürünlerin daha lezzetli olduğuna inanmaktadırlar. Soku taşları, Anadolu'nun pek çok kırsal bölgelerinde kullanım görmesine rağmen, araştırmaların yetersizliğinden dolayı ulaşılan bilgiler çok sınırlıdır.

2024 yılı Neoklaudiapolis Antik Kenti'nde yapılan yüzey araştırmaları sırasında Adatepe Çamaşırhanesi'nin bahçe kısmında çeşmenin sağ üst tarafında bir adet soku taşı tespit edilmiştir. Soku taşının buraya sonradan getirilerek yerleştirildiği düşünülmektedir. Eserin ölçülebilen yüksekliği 60 cm, genişliği 70 cm ve ağız kenar çapı ise 17 cm şeklindedir. Taşın iç yüksekliği 55 cm, iç genişliği ise 65 cm'dir. Soku taşı sekizgen bir forma sahiptir. Bu nedenle sütun tamburundan devşirildiği anlaşılmaktadır (Res. 20). Çapalov, "Assos Kenti'nde yaptığı araştırmada Assos Akropolünde yer alan bir eserin sütun tamburundan soku/dibek taşına dönüştürüldüğünden bahsetmektedir (Çapalov, 2020, 72, T-117, Lev. XXIX). Taşın ölçülerine yer vermediği için çalışılan malzeme ile birebir aynı olup olmadığı net olarak bilinmemekle birlikte tip olarak bezer özellikler sergiledikleri gözlemlenmiştir. Vezirköprü yüzey araştırmaları sırasında Karacaören Mahallesi'nde tespit edilen soku taşının Roma ve Bizans dönemlerinde, sütun tamburu olarak kullanım gördüğü anlaşılmaktadır (Temür & Torun, 2022, 131, Fig. 2, Tip 1b). Yine Torun, Vezirköprü Neokladiapolis Antik Kenti'nde gerçekleştirdiği çalışmada benzer özelliklere sahip sütun tamburundan devşirilen soku taşlarından bahsetmekte ve bunların geç dönemlerde de kullanımına devam edildiğini söylemekte ve bu eserlerin MS 13-14. yüzyıla tarihlemektedir. Bölgede yapılan araştırmalara göre sütun tamburlarından dönüştürülmüş soku taşları; Meşeli, Paşa, Karacaören ve Adatepe Mahallelerinde görülmektedir (Torun, 2022, 58, Kat. No. 60-63, Res. 60-63, Çiz. 57). Özellikle Adatepe Mahallesi'nde bulunan soku taşı çalışmada yer verdiğimiz eserle birebir benzer özellikler göstermektedir.

TAŞHAN'DA KULLANILAN MİMARİ YAPI ELEMANLARI

Taşhan, Vezirköprü'nün Orta Cami Mahallesi'nde, Orta Cami'nin 30 m kadar kuzeydoğusunda yer almaktadır. Yapının Osmanlı Dönemi'ne ait olabileceği düşünülmektedir. Ancak buna dair herhangi bir kanıta rastlanmamıştır. Hanın malzeme ve teknik özellikleri, birkaç asırdan daha eskiye gidemeyeceğine işaret etmektedir. Vezirköprü'nün Köprülüler zamanından sonra hızla büyümesiyle birlikte, yapının 17. yüzyılın sonlarıyla 19. yüzyıl arasında yaptırılmış olabileceği düşünülmektedir. Yapıda 2006 yılında Vakıflar Genel Müdürlüğü tarafından restorasyon çalışmaları yapılmıştır. 2014 yılında çıkan bir yangında bir kısmı zarar gören Taşhan Vakıflar Genel Müdürlüğü tarafından esaslı bir restorasyonla tekrar ilçeye kazandırılmıştır. (Res. 21-22). Günümüzde yapı çeşitli etkinliklerin de düzenlendiği otel olarak hizmet vermektedir. Han, dıştan 33x39 m ölçüsünde, hafif yamuk bir dikdörtgen şeklinde olup, ortada küçük bir avluya sahiptir. Avlunun çevresinde üst katı desteklemek için kullanılan ahşap kolonların altında sütun başlığı, altlıklar ve geison parçaları devşirme malzeme olarak kullanılmaktadır.

Sütun Altlığı ve Sütun Başlığı

Sütun başlığı, sanatsal özelliğinin ağır basması nedeniyle, arkeoloji açısından tarihlendirilebilmesi, sanat tarihi açısından o dönemin estetik anlayışının kavranabilmesi açısından, sütunun en önemli bölümünü oluşturmaktadır. Eski Mısır tapınakları ile Grek ve Roma mimarisinde sütun başlıklarında önemli üslup biçimleri ortaya çıkmıştır. Sütun başlığının bezemesi klasik mimarlıkta, düzeni belirleyen başlıca ögedir (Girgin, 2014, 26). Sütun başlıkları, dor, ion, korint ve kompozit olarak dönemsel yeniliklere göre adlandırılmışlardır. Antik mimaride sütun başlıkları kadar sütun kaideleri de önemli bir yer tutmaktadır. Sütun kaideleri mimarideki yükün daha geniş bir alana aktarılması amacıyla yapılmış, sütun

gövdelerinin üzerine oturduğu yapı elemanıdır. Kaidelerin üzerinde yer alan sütun ya da dikmeler ahşaptan bile olsa, kaide her zaman taştan üretilmiştir. Antik dönem mimarisinde Asia-ion, Samos, Attik, Attik-ion ve Toskania olmak üzere birçok farklı tipte kaide karşımıza çıkmaktadır (Ateş, 2021, 11).

2024 yılı Neoklaudiapolis Antik Kenti'nde yapılan yüzey araştırmaları sırasında Vezirköprü'nün Orta Cami Mahallesi'nde yer alan Taşhan da yapılan araştırmalarda ahşap sütunları desteklemek amacı ile sütun başlıkları ve sütun altlıklarının taşıyıcı eleman olarak kullanıldıkları tespit edilmiştir. Eserler hanın bahçe kısmına sıralı bir şekilde yerleştirilmiştir. Yapıda tespit edilen ion sütun başlığı 14 cm yüksekliğinde, 48 cm genişliğindedir. Sütun başlığında yer alan volüt kısmının uzunluğu 35 cm, genişliği ise 12 cm ölçülerindedir. Eserde yer yer aşınma ve kırıklar izlenmiştir (Res. 23). Ekmekçi, Nikaia'da yaptığı çalışmada benzer bir örneği ion sütun başlıkları altında değerlendirmiş ve bu eserlerin MÖ 1. yüzyıl sonu ile MS 1. yüzyıl arasına tarihlemiştir (Ekmekçi 2017, 74, İb-2, Lev. 2a-c). Gürkan ve Doğanay, Tyana Roma Hamamı'ndaki preafurnium kazıları esnasında çıkarılan benzer bir örnekten bahsederek bu eserin yerel bir atölye üretimi olduğunu bildirmiştir (Gürkan & Doğanay, 2020, 351, Res. 12). Girgin, yaptığı çalışmasında İnebeyli/Karamürsel'de benzer bir örneğe yer vermiş, eseri ion sütun başlığı olarak tanımlayarak, MS 2. yüzyıla tarihlemiştir (Girgin, 2014, 78, Kat. N0. 5, Lev. III-8). Alp ve Uzun, yaptıkları çalışmada, Prokonessos ve Taşoz Adası üretimi olan benzer ion sütun başlıklarına değinerek, bu tip eserlerin Erken Bizans Dönemi'nde kullanım gördüklerini bildirmişlerdir (Alp & Uzun, 2021, 80, Res. 15-16). Sütun başlığının yumurta sayısının ve abakus yüksekliğinin azalması ve köşe palmetlerinin plastik etkiden uzaklaşması çalışılan eser ile benzer özellikler sergilemektedir. Temür ve Sarıgül Milas Müzesi'nde yaptıkları çalışmada benzer forma sahip ion başlıklarına yer vermişlerdir. Sütun başlığının ön yüzlerindeki volüt kıvrımlarının ve volüt gözlerinin ekhinus alt sınırlarına paralel olmasının Roma Dönemi etkisi olduğunu ve bezemesiz abakusa sahip olan başlığın ekhinus bölümü dışa çıkıntılı olarak işlendiğini bildirmişlerdir. Ekhinus üzerinde yer alan yumurta bezemesinin kanalisten aşağıya doğru uzun ve sivri bir şekilde inmesi şeklinde görülen değişimlerin MS 2. yüzyıldan MS 3. yüzyılın sonuna kadar devam ettiğini aktararak, Akhisar Müzesi, Laodikeia, Perge, Hierapolis, Side ve Ephesos gibi kentlerde benzer tiplerin varlığından söz etmişlerdir (Temür & Sarıgül, 2020, 479, Fig. 6a-b). İncelenen eserler doğrultusunda çalışılan başlığın benzer formlar göstermesi ve dönem etkisi yansıtmasından dolayı MS 2-3. yüzyıla tarihlenebileceği önerilmektedir.

Vezirköprü-Taşhan'da 4 tip sütun altlığı tespit edilmiştir. Sütun altlıkları da yapıda sütun başlığı gibi aynı amaçla kullanılmaktadır. Sütun altlıklarından ilk tipin ölçülerine baktığımızda; 23 cm yüksekliğinde ve 45 cm genişliğinde şeklindedir. Üç katlı olarak gözlemlenen sütun altlığının uzunlukları, 6 cm, 4cm ve 6 cm şeklindedir. Eserde yer yer kırık ve tahribatlar söz konusudur (Res. 24). Armağan, Kuşadası, Kadıkalesi'nde benzer tipe sahip bir sütun kaidesini çalışmış ve bu kaidelerin Attika tipi olarak sınıflandırmıştır. Erken Bizans Dönemine (MS 4. yüzyıl) tarihlemiştir (Armağan, 2010, 66, Kat.No. 127-2009-61). Kırcaali, Ankara Roma Hamamı'nda benzer formda bir eseri çalışarak bu tip eserleri Attika A tipi olarak tanımlamıştır. Bu tip kaidelerin Akşehir Arkeoloji Müzesi'nde, Aizanoi'de, Kuşadası Kadikalesi'nde, Nevşehir Müzesinde, Hadrianapolis'te ve Yalvaç Müzesi'nde benzerlerinin bulunduğunu öne sürmüş ve MS 4-6. yüzyıla tarihlenmesini önermiştir (Kırcaali, 2024, 28, Kat. No. 3). İkinci tipteki altlık 24 cm yüksekliğinde, 55 cm genişliğindedir. Eserin çıkıntıları, üst 6 cm, orta 5 cm ve alt 7 cm şeklindedir. Eserin üst kısmı tamamen kırılmış şekildedir. Kaide yapıda ahşap sütunları desteklemek amacı ile kullanılmaktadır (Res. 25). Selçuk, Knidos C Kilisesi'nde benzer forma sahip bir sütun kaidesini işlemiş ve attik-ion tipi kaide olarak yorumlamıştır (Selçuk, 2019, 134, Kat. No. Sk2, Lev. 41-1). Öztaşkın ve Sertel, Olympos Antik Kenti'nde yapılan kazı ve yüzey araştırmaları sırasında Episkopeion kompleksinde benzer form özellikleri gösteren ve Attika A

olarak sınıflandırdıkları sütun kaidesi tespit etmişlerdir. Sütun kaidesinin form özellikleri bakımından benzerlerinin Rhodiapolis Piskoposluk, Xanthos Akropol, Myra Aziz Nikolaos ve Andriake A kiliselerinde tespit edildiğini bildirmişler ve bu tip kaideleri MS 4-5. yüzyıla tarihlemişlerdir (Öztaşkın & Sertel, 2017, 112, Kat. No 32, Lev. 4). Üçüncü tipteki altlık, 25 cm yüksekliğinde ve 48 cm genişliğindedir. Form olarak diğer altlıklardan farklı bir tipe sahiptir. Eserde yer yer kırıklar mevcuttur (Res. 26). Armağan, Kadıkales'inde yer alan benzer forma sahip sütun kaidelerini basit formlu attika tipi sütun kaideleri olarak tanımlamış ve MS 4-5. yüzyılda kullanıldıkları öne sürmüştür (Armağan, 2010, 66, Kat. No. 125-2009-34). Öztaşkın ve Sertel, Olympos Antik Kenti'nde yapılan kazı ve yüzey araştırmaları sırasında Episkopeion kompleksinde benzer form özellikleri gösteren sütun kaidesi tespit etmişlerdir. Attika B tipinin plinthosu olmayan farklı bir çeşitlemesi olarak tanımladıkları kaideyi Attika tip B2 olarak adlandırmışlardır. Çalışmamda yer alan eserle benzer özellikler gösteren eseri MS 5. Yüzyılın 2. Yarısına tarihlendirmişlerdir (Öztaşkın & Sertel, 2017, 112, Lev. 4, Kat. No. 43). Dördüncü tipte yer alan altlık ise, 27 cm yüksekliğe ve 60 cm genişliğe sahiptir. Geniş düz bir taban üzerine oturan altlığın, taban çıkıntısı 3 cm yüksekliğindedir. Çıkıntı yükseklikleri ise 7cm ve 9 cm şeklindedir (Res. 27). Akbaş, Kreman kentinde yer alan sütun kaidesinin ion stilinde olduğunu, dar bir konkav ve bir scotia ile ayrılmış iki torustan oluştuğunu bildirmektedir (Akbaş, 2001, 31-32, Şekil 4.4). Öztaşkın ve Sertel, Olympos Antik Kenti'nde yapılan kazı ve yüzey araştırmaları sırasında Episkopeion kompleksinde benzer form özellikleri gösteren Attika B grubuna dahil ettikleri sütun altlıklarını MS 5. Yüzyılın ikinci yarısına ait olduğunu öne sürmüşlerdir (Öztaşkın & Sertel, 2017, 113, Kat. No 50, Lev. 5). Kara, Ankara Roma Hamamı'nda yaptığı çalışmada benzer tipte bir kaideyi işleyerek Attika B olarak sınıflandırmıştır. Bu tip sütun kaidelerini MS 5-6. Yüzyıla ait olduklarını bildirmiştir (Kırcaali 2024, 30, Kat. No. 5). Aşık, Kütahya'da gerçekleştirdiği çalışmada Lala Hüseyinpaşa Mahallesi Cami'si şadırvanında bir adet Attika B tip bir sütun kaidesi tespit etmiştir. Bu tip eserlerin Aizanoi Antik Kenti çevresinde, Milet'te Çanakkale'de, Çorum Müzesi'nde, Akşehir Arkeoloji Müzesi'nde ve Ankara Anadolu Medeniyetleri Müzesi'nde bulunduğundan bahseden Aşık, bu kaideleri MS 5-6. yüzyıla tarihlendirilebileceğini önermiştir (Aşık, 2020, 26, Kat. No. 5, Res. 2.5). Sütun kaidelerinin benzerleri incelenmiş ve altlıkların Attika A ve Attika B tipi olarak iki gruba ait oldukları belirlenmiştir. Kaidelerin karşılaştırılması sonucu bu eserlerin de MS 5-6. yüzyıla tarihlendirilebileceği kanısına varılmıştır.

Geison

Antik mimaride geison, özellikle Yunan ve Roma tapınaklarında ve diğer antik yapılarında yer alan önemli bir mimari elemandır. İlk kez MÖ 7. yüzyılda Grek tapınaklarında karşımıza çıkmaktadır. "geison" kelimesi, Yunanca "γεῖσος" (geisos) kelimesinden türetilmiştir ve "çatı" veya "çatı kenarı" anlamına gelir. Latince adı "corona"dır (Er, 2004, 141). Antik mimaride geison, yapının çatısını çevreleyen yatay silme şeridi ifade eder (Yılmaz, 2019, 13). Ve genellikle sütun başlıkları ile çatının birleştiği yerde (entablatura) bulunur. Geison, aynı zamanda bir tür korniş işlevi görür, yani çatıyı koruyan ve su sızıntılarını engellemek için kullanılan bir yapı elemandır.

Geisonun altında dikdörtgen biçimli mutulu (kısa dar silme) plakaları yer almaktadır. Bu plakaların yüzeyine üç sıra halinde altışarlı şekilde guttae (damlacık biçimli bezeme elemanı) işlenmektedir. Mutulu plakaları arasında kalan boşluklara ise via (ince yatay silme) ismi verilmektedir. Mutulu plakalarından sonra damlalık kısmı vardır. Bu bölüm genellikle aşağıya doğru sarkıtılır. Geison bloğu üstte geison tacı ile son bulur (Büyüközer, 2013, 308). Geison, Yunan mimarisinin erken dönemlerinden itibaren Roma Dönemi'ne kadar kullanım görmüştür. İlk olarak Dor düzeninde görülen geison, sonrasında ion ve korint düzenlerinde de kullanılmıştır. Dor düzeninde daha kaba ve sade bir şekilde karşımıza çıkarken ion ve korint

düzenlerinde daha zarif ve süslü bir biçim kazanarak daha görkemli bir hale gelmiştir. Roma Dönemi'nde ise geniş yapılarda kullanılmak üzere daha geniş bir yapıya dönüştürülmüştür.

2024 yılı Neoklaudiapolis Antik Kenti'nde yapılan yüzey araştırmaları sırasında Vezirköprü'nün Orta Cami Mahallesi'nde yer alan Taşhan da iki adet geison parçası tespit edilmiştir. Geison parçaları Taşhan'da yer alan sütunları taşımada yardımcı olarak kullanılmaktadır. Geison parçalarından ilkinin ölçüleri; 90 cm uzunluğunda, 80 cm genişliğinde ve 25 cm yüksekliğindedir (Res. 28). Laflı, "Halikarnassos'ta yaptığı çalışmada Yokuşbaşı Mahallesi'nde tespit edilen mermer gesion-sima bloğundan söz etmektedir. Laflı, bu blokların dor düzenli stoaya ait olduğunu ve MÖ 2. yüzyılın ikinci yarısına tarihlendirildiğini bildirmektedir (Laflı, 2015, 11, Res. 5a-5b). Eser çalışmada yapılan geison parçasıyla benzer özellikler sergilemekle birlikte üzerinde yer alan bezeme dizisi de benzer şekildedir. Akçay, benzer bir eserin Hadrianus kapısının güneybatı cephesinde yer aldığından bahsetmektedir. Eseri beyaz mermerli geison-sima köşe bloğu olarak tanımlamaktadır. Bloğun hatıl dişlerinin tamamen tahribata uğradığını, reversa üzerinde yer alan lotus palmetlerinin ise kısmen korunduğundan bahsetmektedir (Akçay, 2020, 5). Yener, Laodikeia'nın kuzey agorasında açığa çıkarılan bir bloğu incelemiş ve bu bloğun mermer malzemeli geison-sima bloğu olduğunu öne sürmüştür. Bu eseri Roma Dönemi'ne (MS 2-3. yüzyıl) tarihlemiştir (Yener, 2019, 456, Lev. 66, Kat. No. KA-GS-4). İkinci parçanın ölçüleri ise 1,25 cm uzunluğunda, 80 cm genişliğinde ve 20 cm yüksekliği şeklindedir (Res. 29- Kat. No. GP-2). Yıldırım, Perge Nymphaion'un da benzer bir örneği incelemiş ve bu eseri konsollu geison-sima bloğu olarak tanımlamıştır. Blok Roma Dönemi'ne (MS 3. yüzyıl) tarihlenmiştir (Yıldırım 2024, 456, Lev. 66, Kat. No. KA-GS-4). Eserlerin dönem özellikleri ve bezemeleri incelendiğinde geisionların MS 2-3. yüzyıla tarihlendirilebilecekleri önerilmiştir.

SONUÇ

Politik, ideolojik ve dinsel olmak üzere çok farklı amaçlara hizmet eden devşirme malzemenin kullanımındaki en yaygın uygulama eski bir yapıdan alınan mimari parçaların yeni bir yapının inşası için kullanılmasıdır. Adatepe Çamaşırhanesi ve Taşhan'da karşımıza çıkan malzemelerin devşirme olarak kullanıldıklarını görülmektedir. Adatepe Çamaşırhanesi'ne bakıldığında taş malzemelerin çeşitli yerlerden getirilmiş ve hali hazırda kadınların sosyalleşmesi amacı ile kullanım gören, halk dilinde yunak olarak adlandırılan yerin, iç kısmında ve dışarısındaki çeşmenin yapımında çok sayıda mimari yapı elemanı kullanılmıştır. Bu mimari yapı elemanları; sütun tamburları, steller, kesme blok taşları, lahit tekneleri ve soku taşı şeklindedir. Sütun tamburları, çamaşırhaneni iç kısmında dört, bahçe kısmında iki adet izlenmiştir. İç kısımda yer alan sütun tamburları çamaşırhanenin ahşap dikme sütunlarını desteklemek amacı ile kullanılmıştır. Bahçe kısmında yer alan tamburlar ise gelişi güzel şekilde yan yana yerleştirilmiştir. Tamburlarda yoğun miktarda kırık gözlemlenmiş, form ve düzen açısından Erken Hristiyanlık-Bizans Dönemi'ne tarihlendirilebileceği düşünülmüştür. Steller, çamaşırhanenin bahçe kısmında çeşme duvarı yapımında devşirme malzeme olarak kullanılmıştır. Çeşme üzerinde iki adet stel gözlemlenmiştir. Üçgen çatıya sahip stellerin, benzerleri ile karşılaştırılarak incelemesi yapılmış, Roma Dönemi mezar steli olabilecekleri düşünülmüştür. Kesme Blok Taşlar, çamaşırhanenin bahçe kısmında çeşme duvarında devşirme yapı malzemesi olarak otuz iki kullanılmıştır. Altı adet kesme taş bahçeye yan yana bağımsız şekilde yerleştirilmiştir. Arkaik Dönemden itibaren kullanılan blok taşlar Roma Dönemi'nde de yoğun kullanım görmüşlerdir. Çalışmada yer alan taşların Roma Dönemi'ne ait oldukları düşünülmektedir. Lahit Tekneleri, çeşme duvarının alt kısmında devşirme su haznesi olarak kullanılmıştır. Çeşmede tespit edilen iki adet tekne, yan yana yerleştirilmiş ve ağır tahribata uğramıştır. Teknenin alt kısmının gömülü olmasından dolayı sadece ağız kısımları görülmüş, bu nedenle net bir tarihlendirme yapılamamıştır. Soku Taşı çamaşırhanenin bahçe kısmında bir adet bağımsız yerleştirilmiş soku taşı gözlemlenmiştir. Sekizgen bir forma sahip taşın sütun

tamburundan devşirildiği düşünülmektedir. Eserin benzerlerinden yararlanılarak MS 13-14. yüzyıla tarihlendirilebileceği tespit edilmiştir. Vezirköprü ilçe merkezinde bulunan Taşhan'da da çok sayıda ahşap sütunları destekleyen mimari yapı elemanları karşımıza çıkmaktadır. Bu mimari yapı elemanları, sütun başlığı, sütun altlıkları ve geison parçaları şeklindedir. Taşhan da bir adet sütun başlığı bulunmaktadır. Başlık tipi ve bezemeleri incelendiğinde ion sütun başlığı olduğu anlaşılmıştır. Örnekleri ile yapılan karşılaştırma sonucunda sütun başlığının MS 1-2. yüzyıla tarihlendirilebileceği düşünülmüştür. Sütun Altlıkları, yapıda taşıyıcı eleman olarak kullanılan dört tipte sütun altlığı tespit edilmiştir. Sütun altlıklarından birinin attik-ion tipinde olduğu görülmüştür. Eserlerin benzerleri incenmiş ve M 1-2. yüzyıla- Roma Dönemi'ne tarihlendirilmiştir. Yapıda iki adet geison parçası tespit edilmiştir. Yer yer kırık ve tahribata uğramış olduğu düşünülen geison parçaları incelendiğinde geison-sima bloğu olarak tanımlandıkları görülmüştür. Eser forma ve bezeme özellikleri araştırıldığında Roma Dönemi'ne tarihlenebileceği görülmüştür.

Sonuç olarak, Adatepe ve Taşhan' da yapılan araştırmada 25 adet devşirme olarak kullanılan mimari yapı elemanları çalışılmıştır. Çalışılan devşirme yapı elemanları 8 farklı başlıkta incelenmiş ve kendi içinde farklı tiplere ayrılmıştır. Bu verilerden yola çıkılarak Adatepe mahallesi ve ilçe merkezinde Roma ve Bizans yerleşimi yaygın bir şekilde görülmüştür. Özellikle Adatepe Çamaşırhanesi'ndeki çeşme yapısında kullanılan devşirme malzemeler ve yapılan yüzey araştırmaları burada Romalıların aktif bir şekilde yaşam sürdüğünü ve bu bölgelerde bir kamu yapısının veya yapılarının olabileceğini destekler niteliktedir. Bu eserlerin Roma-Erken Hristiyanlık Dönemine ait oldukları değerlendirilmiştir.

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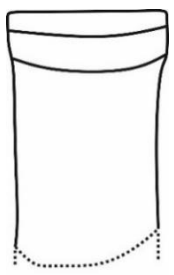
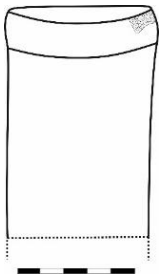
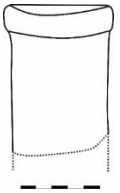
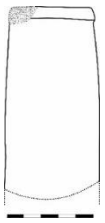
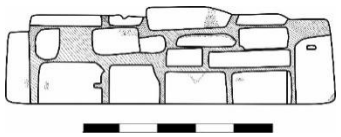
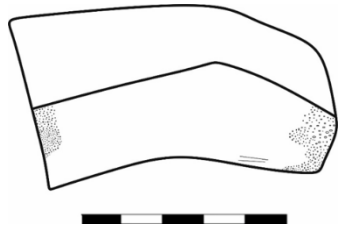
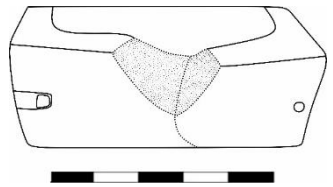
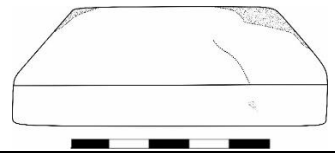
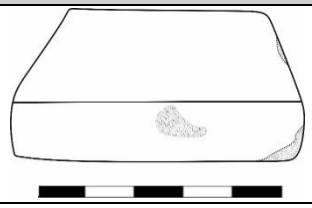
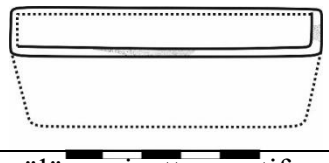
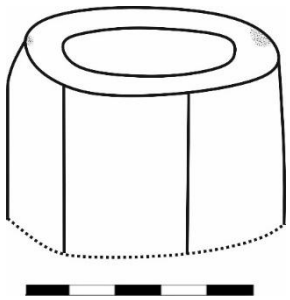
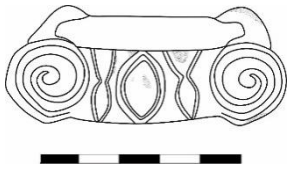
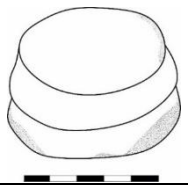
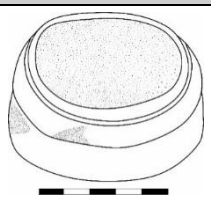
Kat. No.: ST-1 (Res. 3)	
Eserin Adı: Sütun Parçası	
Buluntu Yeri: Vezirköprü- Adatepe Çamaşırlığı	
Ölçüleri: Yük.: 70 cm, **Çapı: 43** cm **Başlık Kalınlığı:** 10 cm	
Tarih/Dönem: MS 5-6. Yüzyıl	
Benzerleri: Temür & Yiğitpaşa, 2019, 164, Res. 13e-f; Aydın, 2013, 256, Kat. No. 296.	
Tanım: Adatepe Çamaşırhanesi'nin iç kısmında, modern mimari yapıda destek elemanı, bir kısmı kırık.	

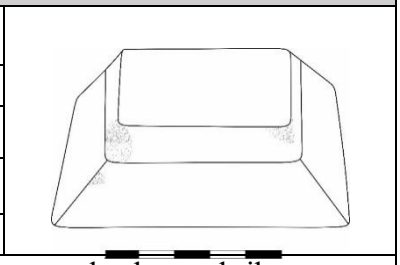
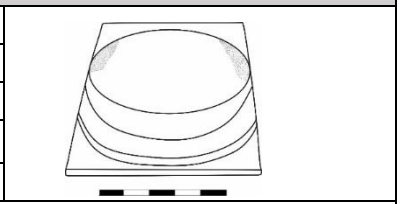
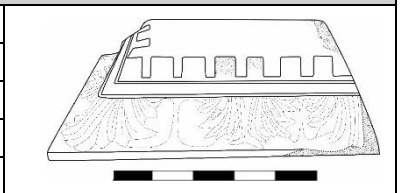
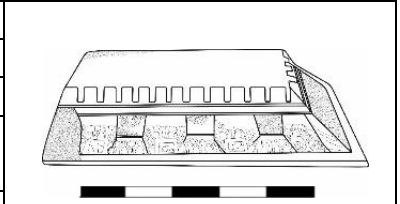
Kat. No.: ST-2 (Res. 4) **Eserin Adı:** Sütun Parçası **Buluntu Yeri:** Vezirköprü- Adatepe Çamaşırlığı **Ölçüleri: Yük.:** 72 cm **Çapı:** 35 cm **Başlık Kalınlığı:** 10 cm **Tarih/Dönem:** MS 5-6. Yüzyıl	
Tanım: Adatepe Çamaşırhanesi'nin iç kısmında, yapıda destek elemanı, büyük bir bölümü kırık, baş kısmında da yer yer kırık.	
Benzerleri: Temür & Yiğitpaşa, 2019, 164, Res. 13e-f; Aydın, 2013, 256, Kat. No. 296.	
Kat. No.: ST-3 (Res. 5) **Eserin Adı:** Sütun Parçası **Buluntu Yeri:** Vezirköprü- Adatepe Çamaşırlığı **Ölçüleri: Yük.:** 60 cm **Çapı:** 35 cm **Başlık Kalınlığı:** 10 cm **Tarih/Dönem:** MS 5-6. Yüzyıl	
Benzerleri: Temür & Yiğitpaşa, 2019, 164, Res. 13e-f; Aydın, 2013, 256, Kat. No. 296.	
Tanım: Çamaşırhanenin iç kısmında destek elemanı büyük bir bölümü kırık, baş kısmında yoğun tahribat	
Kat. No.: ST-4 (Res. 6) **Eserin Adı:** Sütun Parçası **Buluntu Yeri:** Vezirköprü- Adatepe Çamaşırlığı **Ölçüleri: Yük.:** 55 cm **Çapı:** 35 cm **Başlık Kalınlığı:** 10 cm **Tarih/Dönem:** MS 5-6. Yüzyıl	
Tanım: Adatepe Çamaşırhanesi'nin iç kısmında, yapı destek elemanı, büyük bir bölümü kırık	
Benzerleri: Temür & Yiğitpaşa, 2019, 164, Res. 13e-f, Aydın, 2013, 256, Kat. No. 296.	
Kat. No.: ST-5 (Res. 7) **Eserin Adı:** Sütun Parçası **Buluntu Yeri:** Vezirköprü- Adatepe Çamaşırlığı **Ölçüleri: Yük.:** 70 cm **Çapı:** 35 cm **Başlık Kalınlığı:** 13 cm **Tarih/Dönem:** MS 5-6. yüzyıl	
Tanım: Adatepe Çamaşırhanesi'nin bahçe kısmında, bahçede çamaşırhane girişinin karşı duvar kenarında, yan yana iki sütundan biri, baş kısmında da yer yer kırık	
Benzerleri: Aydın, 2013, 257, Kat. No. 300; Nielsen, 2013b, 219, Fig.19.	
Kat. No.: ST-6 (Res. 8) **Eserin Adı:** Sütun Parçası **Buluntu Yeri:** Vezirköprü- Adatepe Çamaşırlığı **Ölçüleri: Yük.:** 1.49 cm **Çapı:** 40 cm **Başlık Kalınlığı:** -	

Tarih/Dönem: MS 5-6. yüzyıl	
Tanım: Adatepe Çamaşırhanesi'nin bahçe kısmında, bahçede çamaşırhane girişinin karşı duvar kenarında, yan yana iki sütundan biri, büyük bir çoğunluğu kırık, baş kısmı tamamen kırık	
Benzerleri: Aydın, 2013, 257, Kat. No. 300, Nielsen, 2013b, 219, Fig.19.	
Kat. No.: MS-1 (Res. 9)	
Eserin Adı: Mezar Steli	
Buluntu Yeri: Vezirköprü- Adatepe Çamaşırlığı	
Ölçüleri: Yük.: 47 cm **Genişliği:** 42 cm **Kalınlığı:** 25 cm	
Tarih/Dönem: MS 2. yüzyıl	
Tanım: Stel Adatepe Çamaşırhanesi'nin bahçe kısmında, çeşmesinin arka duvarında kesme blok taşlar arasında devşirme olarak kullanılmakta, mezar steli, üçgen alınlığa sahip, çatısının sol kısmı kırık, alınlık kısmında yazıt ve oval kabartma, kabartmanın iç kısmında tahribat, alt kısmında yazıt.	
Benzerleri: Küçükcan, 2019, 49, Kat. No. 12; Habelt & Verlag, 2015, 134, Res. 6-e; Bekker-Nielsen & Hogel, 2012, 160, Fig. 3b; Yüksekdağ, 2024, 246, Fig 14.	
Kat. No.: MS-2 (Res. 10)	
Eserin Adı: Mezar Steli	
Buluntu Yeri: Vezirköprü- Adatepe Çamaşırlığı	
Ölçüleri: Yükseklik: 70 cm **Genişliği:** 55 cm	
Tarih/Dönem: MS 1-2. yüzyıl	
Tanım: Stel Adatepe Çamaşırhanesi'nin bahçe kısmında, çeşmesinin arka duvarında kesme blok taşlar arasında devşirme olarak kullanılmakta, mezar steli, stelin çatı/alınlık kısmında içte bir, alınlık dışında sağ ve solda birer olmak üzere üç adet oval kabartma, alt kısmında derin bir oyuk, daha önce stelin içinin kabartmalarla dolu olduğunu ve sonrasında tahrip edilerek boşaltıldığı düşünülmekte, yer yer kırıklar	
Benzerleri: Yüksekdağ, 2024, 246, Fig 14; Bekker-Nielsen & Hogel, 2012, 158, Fig. 1.	
Kat. No.: BT-1 (Res. 11)	
Eserin Adı: Kesme Blok Taş Dizisi	
Buluntu Yeri: Vezirköprü- Adatepe Çamaşırlığı	
Ölçüleri: Uzunluk: 1.30x0.75 cm **Genişlik:** 40x18 cm	
Tarih/Dönem: MS 2-3. yüzyıl	
Tanım: Adatepe Çamaşırhanesi bahçe kısmında yer alan kesme blok taşlardan çoğunluğu çeşme duvarında devşirme taş, duvarda yer alması nedeniyle net ölçülemeyen taşlar, bazı blok taşlarda yer yer tahribat izleri	
Benzerleri: Selçuk, 2019, 124-125, Kat. No. 18-19, Lev. 23-26; Demirtaş, 2006, 180, Lev. 9a; Olğun, 2020, 205-206, Şek. 4.269-4.273.	
Kat. No.: BT-2 (Res. 12)	
Eserin Adı: Kesme Blok Taş	
Buluntu Yeri: Vezirköprü- Adatepe Çamaşırlığı	

Ölçüleri: Uzunluk: 1.30 cm **Genişlik:** 60 cm **Kalınlık:** 39 cm	
Tarih/Dönem: MS 2-3. yüzyıl	
Tanım: Çamaşırhane duvarının dibinde bağımsız, taşın üzerinde iki adet kenet deliği, yer yer tahribat	
Benzerleri: Selçuk, 2019, 124-125, Kat. No. 18-19, Lev. 23-26, Demirtaş, 2006, 180, Lev. 9a, Olğun, 2020, 205-206, Şek. 4.269-4.273.	
Kat. No.: BT-3 (Res. 13)	
Eserin Adı: Kesme Blok Taş	
Buluntu Yeri: Vezirköprü- Adatepe Çamaşırlığı	
Ölçüleri: Uzunluk: 77 cm **Genişlik:** 50 cm **Kalınlık:** 20 cm	
Tarih/Dönem: MS 2-3. yüzyıl	
Tanım: Adatepe Çamaşırhanesi'nde çeşmenin sol tarafında bağımsız, yer yer kırık ve tahribat izleri.	
Benzerleri: Selçuk, 2019, 124-125, Kat. No. 18-19, Lev. 23-26; Demirtaş, 2006, 180, Lev. 9a; Olğun, 2020, 205-206, Şek. 4.269-4.273.	
Kat. No.: BT-4 (Res. 14)	
Eserin Adı: Kesme Blok Taş	
Buluntu Yeri: Vezirköprü- Adatepe Çamaşırlığı	
Ölçüleri: Uzunluk: 1.12 cm **genişlik:** 54 cm **Kalınlık:** 39 cm	
Tarih/Dönem: MS 2-3. yüzyıl	
Tanım: Çamaşırhanenin sol tarafında, bağımsız, derin oyuk, yoğun kırık ve tahribat	
Benzerleri: Selçuk, 2019, 124-125, Kat. No. 18-19, Lev. 23-26; Demirtaş, 2006, 180, Lev. 9a; Olğun, 2020, 205-206, Şek. 4.269-4.273.	
Kat. No.: BT-5 **(Res. 15)**	
Eserin Adı: Kesme Blok Taş	
Buluntu Yeri: Vezirköprü- Adatepe Çamaşırlığı	
Ölçüleri: Uzunluk: 1.20 cm **Genişlik:** 75 cm **Kalınlık:** 20 cm	
Tarih/Dönem: MS 2-3. yüzyıl	
Tanım: Adatepe Çamaşırhanesi'nde çeşmenin sol tarafında, bağımsız, yer yer kırık ve tahribat	
Benzerleri: Selçuk, 2019, 124-125, Kat. No. 18-19, Lev. 23-26; Demirtaş, 2006, 180, Lev. 9a; Olğun, 2020, 205-206, Şek. 4.269-4.273.	
Kat. No.: BT-6 (Res. 16)	
Eserin Adı: Kesme Blok Taş	
Buluntu Yeri: Vezirköprü- Adatepe Çamaşırlığı	
Ölçüleri: Uzunluk: 98 cm **Genişlik:** 80 cm **Kalınlık:** 20 cm	

Tarih/Dönem: MS 2-3. yüzyıl	
Tanım: Çeşmenin sol tarafında çamaşırhane duvarının dibinde bağımsız, yer yer kırık ve tahribat izleri	
Benzerleri: Selçuk, 2019, 124-125, Kat. No. 18-19, Lev. 23-26; Demirtaş, 2006, 180, Lev. 9a; Olğun, 2020, 205-206, Şek. 4.269-4.273.	
Kat. No.: BT-7 (Res. 17)	
Eserin Adı: Kesme Blok Taş	
Buluntu Yeri: Vezirköprü- Adatepe Çamaşırlığı	
Ölçüleri: Uzunluk: 1.30 cm **Genişlik:** 70 cm **Kalınlık:** 25 cm	
Tarih/Dönem: MS 2-3. Yüzyıl	
Tanım: Çeşmenin sol tarafında çamaşırhane duvarının dibinde bağımsız, yer yer kırık ve tahribat	
Benzerleri: Selçuk, 2019, 124-125, Kat. No. 18-19, Lev. 23-26; Demirtaş, 2006, 180, Lev. 9a; Olğun, 2020, 205-206, Şek. 4.269-4.273.	
Kat. No.: LT-1 (Res. 18)	
Eserin Adı: Lahit Teknesi	
Buluntu Yeri: Vezirköprü- Adatepe Çamaşırlığı	
Ölçüleri: Uzunluk: 1.92 cm **Genişlik:** 62 cm **Kenar Kalın.:** 18 cm **İç Genişlik:** 44 cm **Derinlik:** 52 cm	
Tarih/Dönem: MS 3. Yüzyıl	
Tanım: Tekne çeşme kısmında devşirme malzemesi, içe gömülü vaziyette, motif ve bezeme yok, çok yoğun tahribat ve kırık, tamamı çeşmeye gömülü	
Benzerleri: Temür & Yiğitpaşa, 2020b, 653, Res. 68; Nielsen, 2013b, 205, Fig. 3; Temür vd., 2020, s. 100, Res. 11d.	
Kat. No.: LT-2 (Res. 19)	
Eserin Adı: Lahit Teknesi	
Buluntu Yeri: Vezirköprü- Adatepe Çamaşırlığı	
Ölçüleri: Uzunluk: 2.00 cm **Genişlik:** 52 cm **Kenar Kalın.:** 12 cm **İç Genişlik:** 41 cm **Derinlik:** 50 cm	
Tarih/Dönem: MS 3. Yüzyıl	
Tanım: Tekne çeşme kısmında devşirme malzemesi, içe gömülü vaziyette, motif ve bezeme yok, çok yoğun tahribat ve kırık, tamamı çeşmeye gömülü	
Benzerleri: Temür & Yiğitpaşa, 2020b, 653, Res. 68; Nielsen, 2013b, 205, Fig. 3; Temür vd., 2020, s. 100, Res. 11d.	

Kat. No.: ST-1 (Res. 20) **Eserin Adı:** Soku-Dibek Taşı **Buluntu Yeri:** Vezirköprü- Adatepe Çamaşırlığı **Ölçüleri: Yükseklik:** 60 cm **Genişlik:** 70 cm **Ağız Çapı:** 17 cm **İç Yükseklik:** 55 cm **İç Genişlik**: 65 cm **Tarih/Dönem:** MS 13-14. Yüzyıl	
Tanım: Çamaşırhanesi'nin bahçe kısmında, çeşmenin sağ üst tarafında, sütun tamburundan devşirme, sekizgen form, yer yer kırık ve tahribat	
Benzerleri: Çapalov, 2010, 72, T-117, Lev. XXIX; Temür & Torun, 2022, 130, Fig. 2, Tip 1b.	
Kat. No.: SB-1 (Res. 23) **Eserin Adı:** Sütun Başlığı **Buluntu Yeri:** Vezirköprü- Taşhan **Ölçüleri: Yükseklik:** 14 cm **Genişlik:** 48 cm **Volüt Gen.:** 12 cm **Volüt Uzunluk:** 35 cm **İonkymation:** 20 cm **Tarih/Dönem:** MS 2-3. Yüzyıl	
Tanım: Taşhan bahçesi, ahşap sütunları destekleme amacı, 3 dönüşlü sarmal volüt, arka volütler kırık, volüt gözleri sağlam, abaküs kısmı yok, balteus bölümünde tahribat, ionkymation (yumurta-ok ucu dizisi) ve mızrak ucu bezemesi, ekinus kısmı belirgin, yer yer kırık.	
Benzerleri: Ekmekçi, 2017, 74 İb-2, Lev. 2a-c; Girgin, 2014, 78, Kat. 5, Lev. III-8; Gürkan & Doğanay, 2020, 351, Res. 12; Temür & Sarıgül, 479, Fig. 6a-b.	
Kat. No.: SK-1 (Res. 24) **Eserin Adı:** Sütun Kaidesi **Buluntu Yeri:** Vezirköprü- Taşhan **Ölçüleri: Yükseklik:** 23 cm **Çapı** 45 cm **Tarih/Dönem:** MS 4. Yüzyıl	
Tanım: Taşhan bahçesi, ahşap sütunları destekleme amacı, yer yer kırık ve tahribat	
Benzerleri: (Armağan, 2010, 66, Kat. No. 127-2009-61).- (Kırcaali, 2024, 28, Kat. No. 3).	
Kat. No.: SK-2 (Res. 25) **Eserin Adı:** Sütun Kaidesi **Buluntu Yeri:** Vezirköprü- Taşhan **Ölçüleri: Yükseklik:** 24 cm **Çapı:** 55 **Tarih/Dönem:** MS 4-5. Yüzyıl	
Tanım: Taşhan bahçesi, ahşap sütunları destekleme amacı, yer yer kırık ve tahribat	

Benzerleri: Selçuk, 2019, 134, Kat. No. Sk. 2, Lev. 41-1; Öztaşkın & Sertel, 2017, 112, Kat. No 32, Lev. 4.	
Kat. No.: SK-3 (Res. 26)	
Eserin Adı: Sütun Kaidesi	
Buluntu Yeri: Vezirköprü- Taşhan	
Ölçüleri: Yükseklik: 20 cm **Genişlik:** 57 cm	
Tarih/Dönem: MS 4-5. Yüzyıl	
Tanım: Taşhan bahçesi, ahşap sütunları destekleme amacı, yer yer kırık ve tahribat	
Benzerleri: Armağan, 2010, 66, Kat. No. 125-2009-34; Öztaşkın & Sertel, 2017, 112, Lev. 4, Kat. No. 43.	
Kat. No.: SK-4 **(Res. 27)**	
Eserin Adı: Sütun Kaidesi	
Buluntu Yeri: Vezirköprü- Taşhan	
Ölçüleri: Yükseklik: 27 cm **Çap:** 60 cm	
Tarih/Dönem: MS 5. yüzyılın 2. Yarısı	
Tanım: Taşhan bahçesi, ahşap sütunları destekleme amacı, yer yer kırık ve tahribat izleri	
Benzerleri: Akbaş, 2001, 31-32, Şekil 4.4, Öztaşkın & Sertel, 2017, 112, Lev. 5, Kat. No. 50, Kırcaali, 2024, 30, Kat. No. 5, Aşık, 2020, 26, Kat. No. 5, Res. 2-5.	
Kat. No.: GP-1 (Res. 28)	
Eserin Adı: Geison Parçası	
Buluntu Yeri: Vezirköprü- Taşhan	
Ölçüleri: Yük.: 25 cm **Uzunluk: 90** cm **Genişlik:** 80 cm	
Tarih/Dönem: MS 2-3. yüzyıl	
Tanım: Ahşap sütunları taşımada yardımcı altlık, hatıl dişlerde tahribat, akantus yaprağı yoğun bezeme, yer yer tahribat ve kırık.	
Benzerleri: Laflı, 2015, 11, Res. 5a-5b; Akçay, 2020, 5, Res. 6; Yener, 2019, 456, Lev. 66, Kat. No. KA-GS-4	
Kat. No.: GP-2 (Res. 29)	
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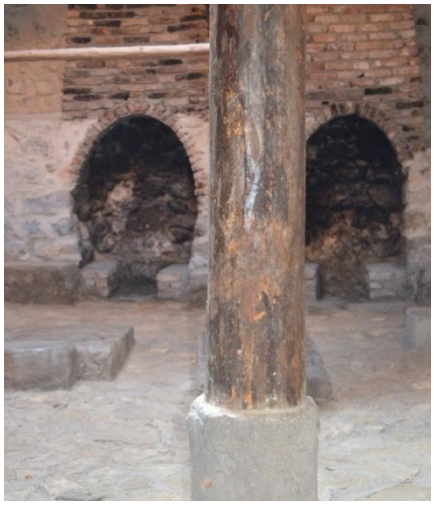

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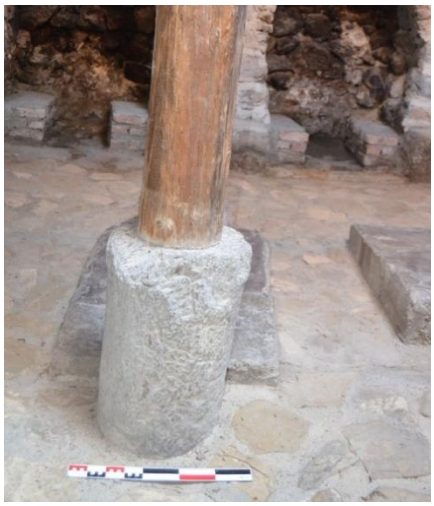

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İRAN'DAN GELEN TURİSTLERİN TÜRKİYE'DE LOKASYON SEÇİMLERİ: MEKANSAL BİR ANALİZ

LOCATION CHOICES OF TOURISTS FROM IRAN IN TURKEY: A SPATIAL ANALYSIS

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ÖZET

Türkiye, coğrafi yakınlık ve kültürel benzerlikler sayesinde İranlı turistler için cazip bir turizm destinasyonu olmaya devam etmektedir. Ancak bu turistlerin Türkiye içinde hangi şehirleri ve bölgeleri tercih ettiği, bu tercihlerin ardındaki mekânsal ve sosyoekonomik dinamikler henüz yeterince detaylı incelenmemiştir. Bu çalışmada, İran'dan gelen turistlerin Türkiye'deki lokasyon seçimleri hem istatistiksel veriler hem de mekânsal analizler üzerinden değerlendirilmiş; tercihler üzerinde etkili olan kültürel, ekonomik ve altyapısal faktörler ortaya konulmuştur. Araştırma kapsamında, son yıllara ait TÜİK ve İl Kültür ve Turizm Müdürlükleri verileri incelenmiş, ayrıca Van, İstanbul, Antalya ve İzmir gibi yoğun İranlı turist çeken merkezler özelinde harita tabanlı mekânsal görselleştirmeler gerçekleştirilmiştir. Elde edilen bulgular, İranlı turistlerin büyük ölçüde sınır illeri ve büyük şehirlerde yoğunlaştığını, alışveriş olanakları, sağlık hizmetleri ve dini-tarihi bağların lokasyon seçiminde önemli rol oynadığını göstermektedir. Van örneğinde olduğu gibi bazı şehirlerde alışveriş turizmi öne çıkarken, Antalya gibi sahil bölgelerinde ise yaz turizmi belirleyici olmuştur. Bu çalışma, turizm politikaları geliştirirken yalnızca ülke geneline değil, şehir bazlı hedeflere odaklanmanın önemini ortaya koymaktadır. Ayrıca, İranlı turistlerin tercih motivasyonlarının anlaşılması, yerel yönetimler ve turizm sektörü için daha sürdürülebilir ve etkili stratejiler geliştirilmesine katkı sağlayacaktır. Sonuçlar, mekânsal analiz yöntemlerinin turizm araştırmalarında nasıl daha derinlikli içgörüler sunduğunun da somut bir örneğini teşkil etmektedir.

Anahtar Kelimeler: İranlı Turistler, Mekânsal Analiz, Lokasyon Seçimi, Türkiye Turizmi, Turist Davranışları.

ABSTRACT

Türkiye remains an attractive tourism destination for Iranian tourists due to its geographical proximity and cultural similarities. However, the specific cities and regions these tourists prefer within Türkiye, as well as the spatial and socioeconomic dynamics underlying these preferences, have not yet been sufficiently examined. This study evaluates the location choices of tourists from Iran through both statistical data and spatial analyses, and reveals the cultural,

economic, and infrastructural factors that influence their preferences. Within the scope of this research, data from the Turkish Statistical Institute (TÜİK) and Provincial Directorates of Culture and Tourism from recent years were analyzed. In addition, map-based spatial visualizations were conducted, focusing on major centers that attract a high number of Iranian tourists, such as Van, Istanbul, Antalya, and Izmir. The findings indicate that Iranian tourists are largely concentrated in border provinces and major cities, and that shopping opportunities, health services, and religious-historical ties play significant roles in their location choices. As exemplified by Van, shopping tourism stands out in some cities, while in coastal regions like Antalya, summer tourism is the determining factor. This study highlights the importance of focusing on city-based objectives, rather than just nationwide policies, when developing tourism strategies. Furthermore, understanding the motivations behind the preferences of Iranian tourists will contribute to the development of more sustainable and effective strategies for local governments and the tourism sector. The results also serve as a concrete example of how spatial analysis methods can provide deeper insights into tourism research.

Keywords: Iranian Tourists, Spatial Analysis, Location Choice, Turkey Tourism, Tourist Behavior.

GİRİŞ

Turizm, salt ekonomik büyümeyi destekleyen bir sektör olmanın ötesinde, ülkeler arası ilişkileri pekiştiren, kültürel etkileşimi artıran ve mekânsal yapıları dönüştüren dinamik bir faaliyet alanıdır (Emekli, 2006). Özellikle komşu ülkeler arasında gerçekleşen turizm hareketleri hem bölgesel ilişkilerin düzeyini göstermesi hem de yerel kalkınmayı doğrudan etkilemesi açısından kritik bir öneme sahiptir (Emekli, İbrahimov, & Soykan, 2006; Okuyucu & Somuncu, 2018). Turizm hareketleri, bireylerin fiziksel yer değiştirmesiyle belirli coğrafi mekânlarda yoğunlaşır ve bu yoğunlaşma ekonomik, sosyal ve kültürel etkileşimleri beraberinde getirir. Bu durum, mekânsal dağılımın turizm üzerindeki etkilerini anlamak adına coğrafi kuramların önemini artırmaktadır (Kervankıran & Çuhadar, 2017). Bu bağlamda, destinasyonların çekiciliği, ulaşılabilirlik düzeyi, yerel hizmet altyapısı ve turistlerin beklentileri gibi unsurlar, mekânsal dağılımın şekillenmesinde temel belirleyiciler olarak öne çıkar. Turist davranışları, bireylerin sosyal, ekonomik ve kültürel özelliklerinden beslenen çok katmanlı bir yapıya sahiptir. Her turistin seyahat motivasyonu; yaşadığı coğrafi çevre, kültürel geçmişi ve ekonomik durumu gibi çeşitli faktörlerden etkilenir. Özellikle İranlı turistler için Türkiye, tarihsel bağlar, dini ortaklıklar ve kültürel yakınlık sayesinde güçlü bir çekim merkezi haline gelmiştir (Basiri, 2011).

İran ile Türkiye arasındaki tarihsel, kültürel ve coğrafi yakınlık, iki ülke arasında güçlü bir turizm köprüsünün kurulmasına zemin hazırlamıştır. İranlı turistlerin Türkiye'yi tercih etme sebepleri arasında; dil ve din benzerlikleri, vizesiz seyahat imkânı, uygun fiyatlar, sağlık ve alışveriş turizmi gibi pek çok faktör bulunmaktadır (Akengin & Sonakalan, 2020; Afşin, Koç & Işkın, 2024). Ancak bu tercihler yalnızca genel ülke imajına değil, aynı zamanda şehir bazlı lokasyonların cazibesine de sıkı sıkıya bağlıdır.

Son yıllarda İranlı turistlerin Türkiye içinde belirli şehirlerde yoğunlaştığı, bazı bölgelerin ise neredeyse hiç tercih edilmediği gözlemlenmektedir. Bu belirgin mekânsal farklılaşma, turistik davranışların mekânsal analiz yoluyla daha detaylı biçimde değerlendirilmesini zorunlu kılmaktadır. Bu çalışmanın temel amacı, İran'dan gelen turistlerin Türkiye'deki lokasyon seçimlerini hem nicel veriler hem de mekânsal analiz yöntemleriyle incelemektir. Araştırmada; Türkiye'ye gelen İranlı turistlerin yoğunlaştığı şehirlerin belirlenmesi, bu şehirlerin hangi özellikleriyle ön plana çıktığının tespiti, turizm stratejileri açısından ne tür fırsatlar

barındırdığının ortaya konulması hedeflenmektedir. Ayrıca, İranlı turistlerin demografik yapısı, seyahat motivasyonları ve şehir bazlı beklentileri de analiz edilerek bütüncül bir değerlendirme sunulmuştur. Literatürde bu konuya dair çalışmalar sınırlı olmakla birlikte, mevcut veriler göstermektedir ki; İranlı turistlerin Türkiye içindeki lokasyon tercihleri, politik ilişkilerden tüketim alışkanlıklarına, hizmet altyapısından kültürel yakınlığa kadar çok boyutlu etkenlerle şekillenmektedir (Okuyucu & Somuncu, 2018; Alaeddinoğlu & Şit, 2020). Bu sebeple, yapılacak mekânsal analizler, yalnızca mevcut durumu belgelemekle kalmayacak, aynı zamanda gelecekteki turizm politikalarına yön vermek açısından da stratejik bir değer taşıyacaktır.

MATERYAL VE METOD

Bu çalışmada, İranlı turistlerin Türkiye'de tercih ettikleri destinasyonların zamansal ve mekânsal değişim dinamikleri incelenmiştir. Araştırmanın temel amacı, İranlı turistlerin lokasyon tercihleri üzerinde etkili olan kültürel, ekonomik ve altyapısal faktörleri ortaya koymaktır. Bu kapsamda, İranlı turistlerin zaman içerisinde hangi bölgelerde yoğunlaştığı, hangi dönemlerde yeni destinasyonlara yöneldiği ve bu değişimlerin altında yatan nedenler analiz edilmiştir.

Araştırmada veri seti olarak, 2004–2024 yılları arasında Türkiye'deki konaklama tesislerinde konaklayan İranlı turist sayıları kullanılmıştır. Söz konusu veriler, T.C. Kültür ve Turizm Bakanlığı tarafından yayımlanan resmi istatistiklerden derlenmiştir. Bu uzun dönemli veri seti, hem nicel eğilimleri hem de mekânsal dağılım paternlerini değerlendirmeye olanak sağlamaktadır.

Elde edilen istatistiki veriler, analiz öncesinde Coğrafi Bilgi Sistemleri (CBS) ortamına aktarılmıştır. CBS tabanlı analiz sürecinde, yıllara göre il bazında İranlı turist yoğunlukları haritalandırılmış, zaman serisi tabanlı mekânsal analiz yaklaşımı benimsenmiştir. Böylece, 20 yıllık dönemde meydana gelen turizm akışındaki yön değişimleri, yeni odak noktalarının oluşumu ve azalma eğilimi gösteren bölgeler görsel olarak ortaya konmuştur.

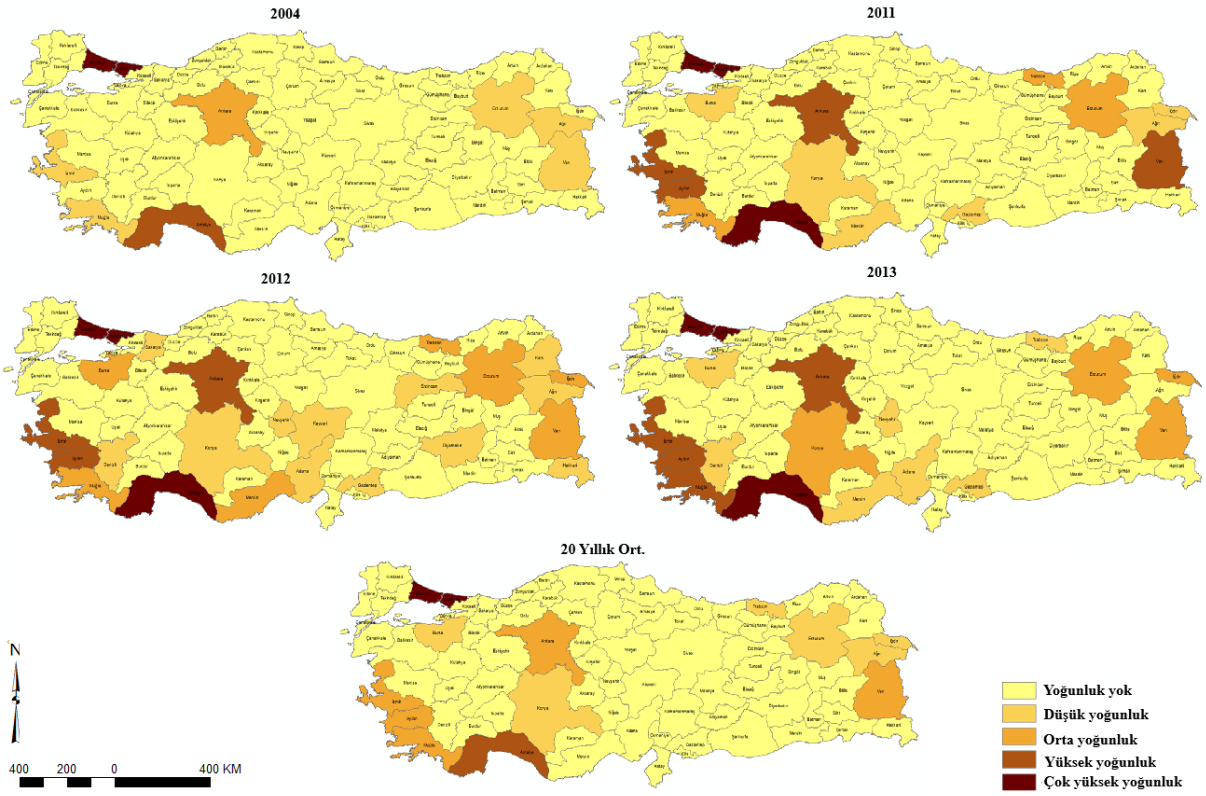
Veri işleme aşamasında, iller bazında zaman serileri oluşturularak istatistiksel karşılaştırmalar yapılmıştır. Bu süreçte hem sayısal artış ve azalış trendleri hem de mekânsal yoğunlukları dikkate alınmıştır. Ardından, belirli yıllarda meydana gelen önemli değişim noktaları (örneğin artış veya kırılma dönemleri) tespit edilerek, literatürde de irdelendiği gibi bu yıllara özgü tematik dağılış haritaları hazırlanmıştır (Alaeddinoğlu, Toroğlu & Elibüyük, 2006; Kervankıran & Aktürk, 2017; Okuyucu & Somuncu, 2018). Aslında çalışmada ileri düzey mekânsal istatistiksel analizler uygulanmaya çalışılmıştır; ancak İstanbul, Ankara ve Antalya gibi büyük turizm destinasyonlarının varlığı, mekânsal analizlerde belirgin bir aykırı değer etkisi (outlier effect) yaratarak yorumları doğrudan etkileyen temel bir metodolojik sorun oluşturmuştur. Bu nedenle, analizler doğrudan mekânsal dağılış verileri üzerinden yürütülmüştür.

Bu yöntemsel yaklaşım sayesinde, İranlı turistlerin Türkiye içindeki hareket yönleri, turizm yoğunluğunun batıya mı yoksa doğuya mı kaydığı, ve hangi illerin yeni çekim merkezleri hâline geldiği açık biçimde analiz edilmiştir. CBS temelli görselleştirmeler, sadece mekânsal farklılıkları ortaya koymakla kalmamış, aynı zamanda turizm politikalarının bölgesel etkilerini değerlendirmek için de bir zemin oluşturmuştur.

Sonuç olarak, bu çalışmanın yöntemsel çerçevesi, istatistiksel veriler ile tematik haritalama tekniklerinin birlikte kullanıldığı bütüncül bir yaklaşıma dayanmaktadır. Bu yöntem, İranlı turistlerin Türkiye turizmi içerisindeki uzun dönemli davranış kalıplarını ortaya çıkarmayı ve mekânsal yayılım süreçlerini veriye dayalı biçimde görselleştirmeyi amaçlamaktadır.

BULGULAR

İran'dan Türkiye'ye gelen turist sayıları, son birkaç on yılda dalgalı olmasına rağmen, genel olarak artış yönlü bir seyir izlemiştir. 1990'ların başında sınırlı düzeyde olan bu turizm hareketliliği, iki ülke arasındaki diplomatik ilişkilerin gelişmesiyle daha görünür hale gelmiştir. Özellikle 2000'li yılların ortasından itibaren Türkiye'nin vize kolaylıkları sağlaması, İranlı turist sayısında kayda değer bir artışa yol açmıştır. Bu artış, yalnızca sayısal bir büyüme getirmekle kalmamış; aynı zamanda İranlı turistlerin Türkiye'de daha uzun süre kalması ve daha çeşitli bölgelere yayılması gibi niteliksel değişiklikleri de beraberinde getirmiştir. 2010 sonrası dönemde Türkiye'nin turizm politikalarında bölge çeşitliliğine ve pazarlama stratejilerine verdiği önem, İran'dan gelen turist sayılarının yükselişini destekleyen önemli bir unsur olmuştur. Ancak, bu yükseliş trendi her zaman sabit kalmamıştır. Uluslararası yaptırımlar, döviz kuru dalgalanmaları ve pandemik krizler gibi dışsal faktörler, turist sayılarında dönemsel düşüşlere neden olmuştur. Benzer şekilde, İran'da yaşanan ekonomik krizler ve siyasi belirsizlikler, yurtdışı seyahat planlarını doğrudan etkileyerek Türkiye'ye gelen İranlı turist sayısında inişli çıkışlı bir seyir oluşturmuştur. İranlı turistlerin Türkiye'yi ziyaret etme dönemleri genellikle İran'daki tatil dönemlerine paralel olarak şekillenmektedir. Nevruz tatili, bu sezonluk hareketliliğin en belirgin olduğu zamandır. Mart ayının son haftasıyla başlayan bu yoğunluk, özellikle Van, Erzurum ve İstanbul gibi sınır ve büyük şehirlerde ciddi bir turist akışına neden olmaktadır (Okuyucu & Somuncu, 2018). Yaz aylarında ise daha çok Antalya, Bodrum ve Marmaris gibi sahil kentleri tercih edilmektedir. Bu tercihler hem iklim koşullarına hem de turistik altyapının çeşitliliğine bağlı olarak şekillenmektedir. Ayrıca Türkiye'nin dini turizm noktaları da bazı İranlı turistler için yıl boyunca düzenli olarak ziyaret edilen alanlar arasında yer almaktadır (Akengin & Sonakalan, 2020).



Şekil 1. İranlı Turistlerin Tercih Ettiği Destinasyonlar

Analizlerde açık renkli gösterilen şehirler, İranlı turist talebinde istatistiksel olarak anlamlı bir yoğunlaşmanın olmadığını göstermektedir. Renklerin koyulaşması ise yoğunluğun güçlendiğine işaret etmektedir. Önemli kırılmaların gözlendiği yıllar aşağıda sunulmuştur.

2004 yılı için yapılan analizde dikkat çekilmesi gereken durum, tıpkı diğer yabancı turistlerde olduğu gibi Ege kıyıları ve Antalya'nın İranlı turistler için de anlamlı bir çekim merkezi olmasıdır. Ayrıca Ankara ve İstanbul'un bölgesel ve küresel merkezler olması nedeniyle tercih edildiği düşünülmektedir. Van (Kapıköy) ve Ağrı (Gürbulak Kapısı) için ise doğrudan sınır kapısı olmasının, turizm faaliyetleri için tek başına anlamlı olduğunu söylemek zordur. Bu dönemde Erzurum'un istatistiksel olarak anlamlı bir şekilde İranlı turistler tarafından tercih edildiği görülmektedir. Dönemsel veriler incelendiğinde Erzurum'un tercih edilmesinde kış turizminin önemli bir faktör olduğu anlaşılmaktadır. İlerleyen yıllarda ise eğitim, sağlık ve alışveriş olanaklarının gelişmesi de bu talebin artmasını sağlamıştır.

2011 yılı için yapılan analize göre önceki dönemlerden farklı bazı destinasyonlar öne çıkmıştır. Türk dizi sektörünün de katkısıyla Osmanlı'nın uzun dönem başkentliğini yapmış olan Bursa, İranlı turistler tarafından yoğun olarak tercih edilmiştir. Ayrıca UNESCO tarafından 2007'nin "Mevlânâ Celâleddîn-i Rûmî Yılı" ilan edilmesiyle birlikte, İranlı turistlerin Konya'ya olan ilgisi artmış ve 2011 yılında bu ilgi istatistiksel olarak anlamlı hale gelmiştir. Ortadoğu'nun önemli bir kültürel merkezi olan Gaziantep de İranlı turistler tarafından tercih edilmeye başlanmıştır. Bu durumun, diğer Ortadoğulu turistlerin Trabzon'a başlayan ilgisi ile paralel bir şekilde geliştiği görülmektedir.

Bu dönemin en dikkat çekici noktası ise doğrudan sınırı bulunmayan ve nispeten küçük bir il olan Iğdır'ın, istatistiksel olarak anlamlı bir destinasyona dönüşmesidir. Bu durumun en önemli nedeni, Iğdır'daki kültürel yakınlıktır. Çünkü Iğdır'da nüfusun büyük bir kısmı Azeri Türkü ve Caferi mezhebine bağlıdır. Dolayısıyla bu durum, İran'daki Güney Azerbaycan bölgesi ile hem dilsel hem de mezhepsel yakınlık sağlamaktadır. Ayrıca İran'da kadınlar üzerinde artan baskı sonucunda, İranlı kadınların görece kendilerini daha rahat hissettikleri Iğdır şehrini tercih ettiği düşünülmektedir.

2012 yılında İranlı turistlerin tüm Türkiye ölçeğine yayılarak farklı destinasyonlara ilgi gösterdiği görülmektedir. Bu yıl ilk kez Kars, Erzincan, Diyarbakır, Hakkâri, Nevşehir, Kayseri, Adana, Denizli ve Sakarya'da anlamlı bir talep oluşmuştur. Veriler, 2012'de İranlı turistlerin doğu, iç ve batı bölgelerde daha dengeli bir mekânsal dağılım sergilediğini göstermektedir. Özellikle şu illerde anlamlı yoğunluklar dikkat çekmiştir: Kars ve Erzincan: İran sınırına yakın konumları ve gelişen ulaşım hatları sayesinde kış turizmi ve kültürel turlar açısından öne çıkmaya başlamıştır. Bu dönem, ünlü Doğu Ekspresi'nin popülerleşme sürecinin de öncül yıllarına denk gelir. Diyarbakır: Tarihî mirası, kültürel çeşitliliği ve gelişen otel altyapısı sayesinde İranlı turistler tarafından kültür turizmi destinasyonu olarak keşfedilmeye başlanmıştır. Nevşehir ve Kayseri: Kapadokya bölgesi, İranlı turistlerin doğa ve balon turizmi ilgisinin artmasıyla 2012'de anlamlı bir çekim merkezi olmuştur. Kayseri ise bölgeye ulaşım açısından stratejik rol oynamaktadır. Adana ve Denizli: Adana, Akdeniz'e açılan önemli bir kapı olmasının yanı sıra gastronomi ve alışveriş turizmi açısından tercih edilirken; Denizli, Pamukkale travertenleri sayesinde doğal cazibe merkezi olarak öne çıkmıştır. Sakarya: İstanbul'a yakınlığı, termal tesisleri ve doğa turizmi olanaklarıyla ilk kez İranlı turist haritasında anlamlı bir konuma ulaşmıştır. Hakkari'nin ise İran'a sınır kapısı bulunması, tek başına turizm faaliyetleri için doğrudan anlamlı olduğunu söylemeyi güçleştirmektedir.

Bir önceki dönemde geniş bir yayılım sergileyen İranlı turistler, 2013 yılında Sakarya, Kayseri, Erzincan, Diyarbakır, Kars, Ağrı ve Hakkari destinasyonlarından vazgeçmiştir. Uzun dönemdir gümrük kapısı olması nedeniyle İranlı turistler tarafından bilinen bir destinasyon olan Ağrı'nın, yerel toplumla ziyaretçi toplum arasında yaşanan kültürel uyuşmazlıklar, yetersiz

turizm altyapısı ve tanıtım eksikliği gibi nedenlerle artık bir destinasyon olmaktan çıktığı düşünülmektedir. İranlı turistlerin konfor, alışveriş ve sosyal etkinlik beklentileri, o dönemde Ağrı'daki hizmet altyapısıyla tam olarak karşılanamamıştır. Doğrudan daha baskın turizm merkezleri haline gelen Erzurum, Iğdır ve Van şehirleri daha fazla tercih edilmiştir. Dolayısıyla Ağrı, bu süreçte transit geçiş noktası konumuna düşmüş; kalıcı turizm hareketliliği azalmıştır. Nevşehir, Kapadokya ile Denizli ise Pamukkale sayesinde 2013 yılında da tercih edilmiştir.

Yirmi yıllık verilere yoğunluk analizi uygulandığında İranlı turistler için Ege kıyıları, Antalya, Ankara ve İstanbul gibi bilinen merkezlerin yanı sıra, Van ve Ağrı dışında doğrudan kara bağlantısı olmayan Bursa, Konya, Trabzon, Erzurum ve Iğdır gibi şehirlerin de önemli bir destinasyon haline geldiği görülmektedir.

Lokasyon seçiminde genellikle dini hassasiyetler, alışveriş olanakları ve sağlık turizmine yönelik fırsatlar ön plana çıkar. Bu da destinasyon tercihinin yalnızca görsel cazibe ile değil, aynı zamanda turistin anlam dünyasına hitap eden değerlere de dayandığını göstermektedir. Örneğin İstanbul'un tarihi camileri, Kapadokya'nın mistik atmosferi ya da Van'ın doğal güzellikleri İranlı turistin gözünde birer sembolik anlam taşımaktadır. Ayrıca turistin konfor algısı ve destinasyonda kendini "evinde gibi hissetmesi" de lokasyon seçiminde büyük rol oynamaktadır. İranlılar için Türk mutfağının benzerliği, Farsça bilen esnaflar ya da ibadet kolaylığı sağlayan oteller önemli tercih nedenleri arasındadır. Nitekim bu bağlamda, turizm faaliyetinin sadece ekonomik bir etkileşim değil; aynı zamanda psikolojik ve sosyokültürel bir ilişki olduğu gözlemlenir. Özellikle son yıllarda İran'daki iç siyasi ve ekonomik dalgalanmalar sonucunda, Türkiye; güvenli, yakın ve "tanıdık" bir sığınak olarak da görülmektedir. Dolayısıyla lokasyon tercihi, çoğu zaman bireyin içsel duygularının ve geçmiş tecrübelerinin bir yansımasıdır.

İranlı turistlerin Türkiye'deki lokasyon tercihlerinde kültürel faktörlerin belirleyici bir rol oynadığı açıkça gözlemlenmektedir. İki ülke arasında yüzyıllar süren tarihsel bağlar, ortak İslami değerler ve benzer yaşam pratikleri, İranlı turistin Türkiye'yi "yabancı" değil, "yakın" bir ülke olarak görmesine neden olmaktadır (Atuk, 2017). Bu nedenle tercih edilen bölgelerde genellikle kültürel yakınlık hissini besleyen unsurlar ön plana çıkar. Örneğin Konya'daki Mevlâna Türbesi ya da İstanbul'daki Eyüp Sultan Camii gibi manevi öneme sahip alanlar, İranlı turistlerin dini ve duygusal yönlerine hitap eder (Tekin, 2014). Bu tür güçlü bağlar sayesinde Türkiye, İranlılar için sadece turistik değil; aynı zamanda ruhsal bir yolculuğun mekânı hâline gelir.

Ekonomik etkenler de tercihlerin yönünü belirleyen diğer önemli unsurlardandır. İran'da süregelen ekonomik yaptırımlar, enflasyon ve döviz kurlarındaki dalgalanmalar, İranlı turistin Türkiye'deki harcama potansiyelini etkileyen başlıca faktörlerdir. Türkiye'nin sunduğu fiyat-performans dengesi, alışveriş olanakları ve konaklama seçeneklerinin çeşitliliği bu bağlamda büyük avantaj sağlamaktadır (Özdağ, 2018). Özellikle Van gibi sınır illerinde, günübirlik alışveriş turlarının yoğunluğu, ekonomik kaygıların turizm üzerindeki doğrudan etkisini gözler önüne serer (Gharamaleki, 2011). Turistin bütçesine uygun hizmet sunan destinasyonlar, sadece kısa vadeli kazanç sağlamaz; aynı zamanda sürdürülebilir turizm açısından da önemli fırsatlar yaratır. Sonuç olarak, kültür ve ekonomi el ele vererek, destinasyonun çekiciliğini artıran iki temel sütun haline gelir.

SONUÇ

Mekânsal kuramların turizme uygulanması, sadece mevcut durumun analiz edilmesine değil, aynı zamanda turizm planlamasında sürdürülebilir ve dengeli gelişmenin sağlanmasına da önemli katkılar sunar. Örneğin, Van uzun yıllardır İranlı turistler için sınır kapısı olması nedeniyle alışveriş ve sağlık turizminin kilit bir merkezi olarak öne çıkarken; İstanbul hem kültürel mirası hem de ticari kapasitesiyle cazibesini sürdürmektedir (Basiri, 2011; Çangal & Başar, 2016). Diğer yandan Antalya ve Alanya gibi tatil bölgeleri, İranlı turistler için yaz aylarında kısa süreli konaklama destinasyonları olarak değerlendirilmektedir. Ancak tüm bu eğilimler, yalnızca sayısal verilerle değil, aynı zamanda bu tercihlerin ardında yatan kültürel, tarihi ve ekonomik gerekçelerle birlikte ele alınmalıdır. Bu bağlamda mekânsal analiz teknikleri, İranlı turistlerin Türkiye'deki hareketliliğini daha görünür ve anlamlı kılmak açısından kritik bir değer taşımaktadır.

Mekânsal yaklaşım, yalnızca mevcut durumu analiz etmekle kalmaz; aynı zamanda gelecek planlaması için de sağlam bir zemin sunar. Turizm yatırımlarının yönlendirilmesi, altyapı düzenlemeleri ve bölgesel kalkınma stratejileri, bu veriler ışığında çok daha verimli şekilde hayata geçirilebilir. İranlı turistlerin hangi şehirleri neden tercih ettiğini anlayabilmek, sadece bireysel davranışları değil; aynı zamanda kitlesel eğilimleri de çözümlemeyi gerektirir. Bu noktada Coğrafi Bilgi Sistemleri (CBS), turizm sektörüne adeta bir pusula işlevi görür (Akengin & Sonakalan, 2020). Özellikle Van gibi sınır kentlerinde, İranlı turistlerin anlık geçiş ve alışveriş davranışları bu sistemler aracılığıyla yakından izlenebilir, bu da yerel yönetimlerin planlama kapasitelerini güçlendirir.

İranlı turistler, Türkiye'nin uluslararası turizm pazarında önemli ve istikrarlı bir yer tutmaktadır. Coğrafi yakınlık, kültürel benzerlikler ve dini değerlerin örtüşmesi gibi unsurlar, İranlı turistlerin Türkiye'yi tercih etmesinde başat rol oynamaktadır. Ayrıca Türkiye'nin alışveriş olanakları, sağlık turizmi, dini mekânlar ve tarihi zenginliği de İranlı ziyaretçilerin motivasyonlarını şekillendirmektedir (Basiri, 2011). Son yıllarda Türkiye'nin İran'da yürüttüğü aktif tanıtım politikaları ve karşılıklı vize kolaylıkları, bu turizm akışının daha da güçlenmesine zemin hazırlamıştır.

İranlı turistlerin Türkiye'yi tercih etmelerinin ardında çok katmanlı nedenler dizisi bulunmaktadır.

- Coğrafi Yakınlık ve Erişilebilirlik: İran'dan İstanbul, Van ve Antalya gibi önemli turistik bölgelere direkt uçuşların olması, seyahatin daha pratik ve ekonomik hale gelmesini sağlamaktadır (Basiri, 2011). Aynı zamanda Türkiye'nin vize politikasında İran vatandaşlarına karşı izlediği esneklik, turistlerin tercihlerini bu yönde yoğunlaştırmaktadır.
- Kültürel ve Dini Benzerlikler: Yemek kültürü, dil yapısı ve dini inanışlarda örtüşen noktalar, İranlı turistlerin Türkiye'ye daha hızlı adapte olmasını sağlamaktadır. Türkiye'nin İslami değerleri dikkate alan turizm altyapısı da bu tercihin arkasındaki diğer güçlü unsurlardan biridir (Tekin, 2014).
- Sosyal Özgürlük Algısı: İranlı turistler, Türkiye'nin sunduğu görece özgürlük alanlarını da önemli bir avantaj olarak değerlendirmektedir. Kadınların daha serbest hareket edebildiği, sosyal yaşamın daha rahat olduğu bir ülke olarak Türkiye; özellikle genç ve şehirli İranlı turistler için cazip bir destinasyon haline gelmektedir (Afşin, Koç & Işkın, 2024).
- Tarihi ve Doğal Çekicilik: Türkiye'nin tarihi ve doğal zenginlikleri de İranlıların ilgisini çeken bir diğer önemli etkendir. İstanbul'un tarihi dokusu, Antalya'nın sahilleri ya da Kapadokya'nın benzersiz coğrafyası, İranlı turistler için sadece bir tatil değil, aynı zamanda kültürel bir keşif

sunmaktadır. Türkiye'nin hem doğu hem de batı kültürünü sentezleyebilen bir yapıya sahip olması, İranlı turistlerin gözünde ülkeyi farklı ve özgün kılmaktadır (Karakul, 2014).

Sonuç olarak, İranlı turistlerin Türkiye'deki mekânsal tercihi, sadece ekonomik fırsatlarla değil, aynı zamanda tarihsel bağlar, sosyokültürel yakınlık ve kişisel güvenlik/konfor arayışları gibi derin faktörlerle şekillenmektedir. Bu çalışmanın bulguları, bölgesel turizm stratejilerinin belirlenmesinde ve destinasyonların İran pazarındaki rekabet gücünün artırılmasında stratejik bir yol haritası sunmaktadır.

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DIVERGENCE AEROELASTIC ANALYSIS OF AIRCRAFT WINGS

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ABSTRACT

Introduction and Purpose: Aeroelasticity analysis; flutter, divergence, buffeting, control system reversel includes many concepts.In the design, aerolesaticy analyzes are given importance and the vehicle is designed according to the results obtained. The result of the interaction of aerodynamic and elastic forces; Divergence arising from the static imbalance of the lifting surface structure occurs. Divergence is an important parameter in aircraft design. The paper demonstrates how this parameter changes swept wings, and also in both swept angled and tapered wings.

Materials and Methods: Aerodynamic induction is taken into account only insofar as an overall correction is applied to stript theory. Aerodynamic as well as elastic forces are based on the assumption of small deflaction. The wing is clamped at the root perpendicular to a straight elastic axis, and all deformations are given by the elementary theories of bending and of torsion about the elastic axis. With these limits and assumptions the exact theoretical solution for the divergence speed has been found .The result includes two nondimensional parameters.

Results: The swept angle is very effective in reducing the number of critical machs and reducing wave drag. However, it should be designed to carry aerodynamic loads of the aircraft structure while giving a swept angle. Because, observed that the forward swept angle increases divergently.

Discussion and Conclusion: Main goal is to calculate the divergence for swept wings. it was found that there was no divergence in back-swept angles. It is understood that the change of forward-back swept angle according to the divergence dynamic pressure and as the forward swept angle increased, divergence dynamic pressure increased.The forward swept angle is used especially in combat aircraft to increase maneuverability, but as it is seen, it is understood that the divergence calculation should be made at the design stage in order to avoid damage to the wing when the swept angle is given.

Keywords: Aeroelasticity; Divergence; Swept Angle; Backward Sweep; Forward Sweep

INTRODUCTION

With the industrial What is primarily aeroelasticity? The field of static aeroelasticity is the study of flight-vehicle phenomena associated with the interaction of aerodynamic loading induced by steady flow and the resulting elastic deformation of the lifting-surface structure [1]

Therefore, aeroelasticity problems play an important role in aircraft design. If the aircraft is rigid, aeroelasticity problems are eliminated and the aircraft is not examined for aeroelasticity. The structure of today's aircraft is very flexible, therefore aeroelasticity factors should be considered.

If we look at the development of aeroelasticity in history;

The first documented case was the exposure to the tail release of a 'Handley Page O / 400' bomber, which caused the deterioration of the fuselage and elevators. Although the aircraft landed safely on the ground, the investigation continued [2].

In 1926, Hans Reissner published the theory of wing deflection. Thus, the first teroic research on the subject began to emerge. The definition of the first aeroelasticity term in the 1930s was made by Harold Roxbee Cox and Alfred Pugsley.

In 1947, Arthur Roderick Collar defined aeroelasticity as "the study of the mutual interaction that takes place within the triangle of the inertial, elastic, and aerodynamic forces acting on structural members exposed to an airstream, and the influence of this study on design"[3].

in fact, there is no definite definition of aeroelasticity. Because it contains many phenoma and Collar says that aeroelasticity consists of 3 major forces, and they are classified within themselves and form the following Figure 1[4].

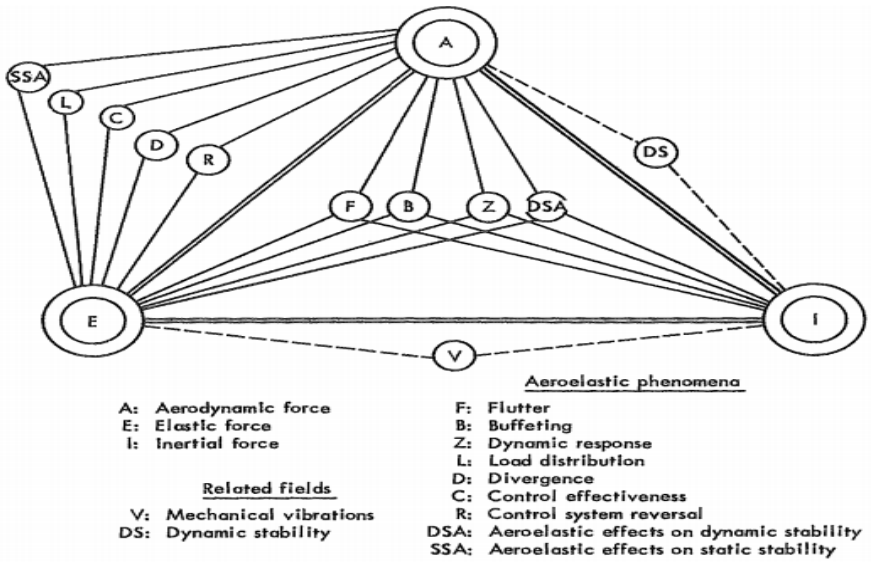

Figure 1: The aeroelastic triangle of forces.[4]

Referring to Fig. 1, the three type of forces; aerodynamic, elastic and inertial, represented by the symbols A,E,I respectively are placed at the vertices of a triangle.

At aeroelasticity ;

The interaction between elasticity and dynamics is called structural dynamics.

The interaction between aerodynamics and elasticity is called static aeroelasticity.

Combination of all three is called dynamic aeroelasticity.

We see that the concepts of load distribution, control effectiveness, control system reversal, divergence include static aeroelasticity phenoma ; and flutter, buffeting include dynamic aeroelasticity phenoma at Fig. 1. The stability of aeroelasticity is the most important. The elastic modulus is independent of the speed of the aircraft. however, aerodynamic forces depend on the elastic modulus.When this occurs in such a way that inertial forces have little effect, we

refer to this as a static-aeroelastic instability—or “divergence.” In contrast, when the inertial forces are important, the resulting dynamic instability is called “flutter.”[1]. Both divergence and flutter can cause aircraft damage. therefore, designers should design the lifting surfaces accordingly, taking into account such problems.And ın this project, divergence problem was discussed.

CONCEPTUAL FRAMEWORK

Uniform Lifting Surface

Consider an unswept uniform elastic lifting surface as illustrated in Figs. 2 and 3. The Y axis corresponds to the elastic axis, which can be defined here in as the line of effective cutting centers assumed to be straight. We know that the transverse force causes bending. Here we calculated the air load distribution and the only elastic deformation that affects these loads is the rotational motion due to bending around the elastic axis.

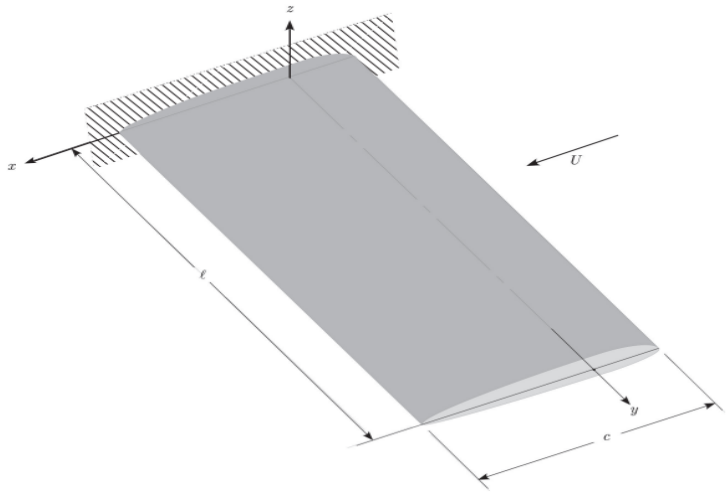

Figure 2 : Uniform unswept clamped-free lifting surface[1]

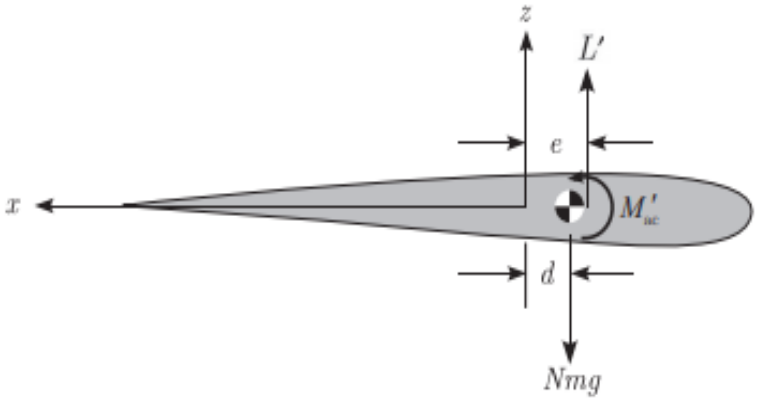

Figure 3 : Uniform unswept clamped-free lifting surface[1]

Steayd- Flow Stript Theory

We need to find the lift force and bending moment applied per unit in a thin-beam wing. Here we accept the wing in infinite length and 2 dimensions.

The total applied, distributed, twisting moment per unit span about the elastic axis is denoted as M (y), which is positive leading-edge-up and given by

$$M' = M'_{ac} + eL' - Nmgd \tag{2.3}$$

L'=The distributed spanwise lift(per unit length)

M'_{ac}=The distributed pitching moment(per unit length)

mg=The spanwise weight distribution(per unit length)

N=The "normal load factor" for the case in which the wing is level (the z axis is directed vertically upward)

Thus, N can be written as;

$$N = \frac{L}{W} = 1 + \frac{A_z}{g} \tag{2.4}$$

Az =The z component of the wing's inertial acceleration

W=The total weight of the aircraft

L=The total lif

The distributed aerodynamic loads can be written in coefficient form as

$$L' = qcc_l$$
$$M'_{ac} = qc^2 c_{mac}$$
$$q = \frac{1}{2} p_\infty U^2 \tag{2.5}$$

q=The freestream dynamic pressure

Note that the sectional lift c_l and moment c_{mac} coefficients are written here in lower case to distinguish them from lift and pitching moment coefficients for a twodimensional wing, which are normally written in upper case. Finally, the primes are included with L' , M', and M'ac to reflect that these are distributed quantities (per unit span)[1].

To simplify the calculation, the wing was divided into infinitely small pieces. And, local lift, pittching moment in those places can be estimated from 2-dimensional theory. This is theory, commonly known "strip theory,". furthermore, for small a values here, the slope of the lift curve is assumed to be constant. so that ,

$$c_l(y) = a\alpha(y) \tag{2.6}$$

a=The constant sectional lift-curve slope

Also, the sectional-moment coefficient c_mac (α) is assumed to be a constant along the span

The angle of attack is represented by two components. The first is a rigid contribution, αr, from a rigid rotation of the surface (plus any built-in twist, although none is assumed to exist here). The second component is the elastic angle of twist θ(y)[1] . So,

$$\alpha(y) = \alpha r + \theta(y) \tag{2.6}$$

In addition, the contribution from downwash associated with vortices at the wing tip is neglected. Therefore, associated with the angle of attack at each infinitesimal section is a component of sectional-lift coefficient given by strip theory as

$$c_l(y) = a[\alpha r + \theta(y)] \tag{2.7}$$

METHODOLOGY

Swept Effect

Some aircraft do not have a swept angle, while some aircraft may have a forward or reverse sweep angle. In this section; The effect of divergence of aircraft with swept angle. The swept angle is obtained by rotating the axis of the aircraft wing root. shown in Fig.4.

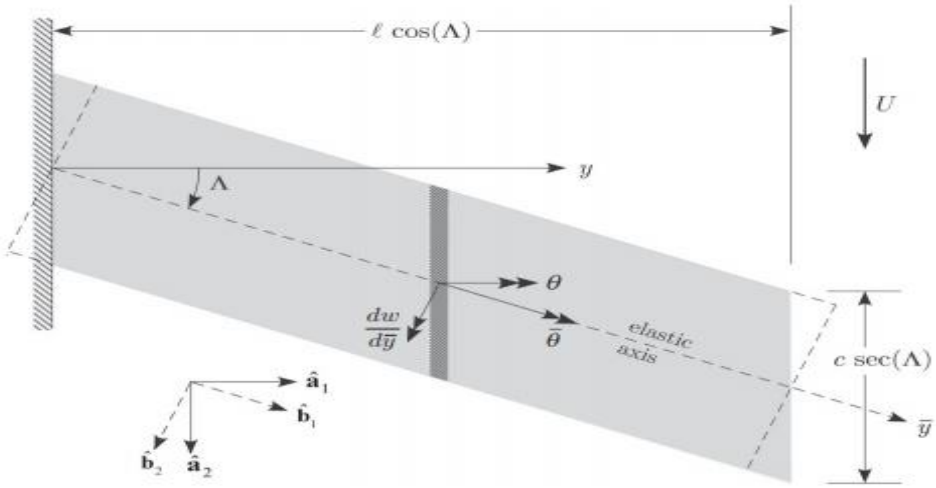

Figure 4 : Schematic of swept wing (positive Λ)[1]

From Figure 4, we see that ,

$\hat{\boldsymbol{b}}_1 = \cos(\Lambda) + \sin(\Lambda)\,\hat{\mathbf{a}}_2$

$\hat{\boldsymbol{b}}_2 = -\sin(\Lambda)\hat{\mathbf{a}}_1 + \cos(\Lambda)\,\hat{\mathbf{a}}_2$

Elastic deformation, written as a combination of rotations caused by wing torsion, $\bar{\theta}$ about $\hat{\boldsymbol{b}}_1$ and wing bending, $\frac{dw}{dy}$ about $\hat{\boldsymbol{b}}_2$ where w is the bending deflection.Hence ,

$$\theta = \bar{\theta}\cos(\Lambda) - \frac{dw}{d\bar{y}}\sin(\Lambda)$$

(2.22)

It can be said that the angle is changed by bending. Coupling between bending and torsion affects the conditions in which divergence occurs. In order to find a divergent, the elastic deformation must be calculated. We have two equations for this. one is the torsional moment from unswept, the other is the equation from bending moment and the following is written,

$$\frac{d}{d\bar{y}}\left(\overline{GJ}\frac{d\bar{\theta}}{d\bar{y}}\right) = -qe\bar{a}\alpha - qc^2\bar{c}_{mac} + Nmgd$$

$$\frac{d^2}{d\bar{y}^2}\left(\overline{EI}\frac{d^2w}{d\bar{y}^2}\right) = qc\bar{a}\alpha - Nmg$$

(2.23)

$\bar{a}$=The two-dimensional lift–curve slope of the swept surface

$\bar{c}_{mac}$ = The two − dimensional pitchingmoment coefficient of the swept surface

Also,

$$\bar{a}=a\cos(\Lambda)$$

$$\bar{c}_{mac}= c_{mac}cos^2(\Lambda)$$

(2.24)

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Ordinary differential equations for torsion and bending given ,

$$\bar{\theta}''' + \frac{qeca}{\overline{GJ}}\bar{\theta}cos^2(\Lambda) - \frac{qeca}{\overline{GJ}}w'\sin(\Lambda)\cos(\Lambda)$$

$$w'''' + \frac{qca}{\overline{EI}}w'\sin(\Lambda)\cos(\Lambda) - \frac{qca}{\overline{EI}}\bar{\theta}cos^2(\Lambda) = \frac{1}{\overline{EI}}[qca\alpha_r\cos(\Lambda) - \text{Nmg}]$$

(2.25)

boundary conditions apply ,

$\bar{y} = 0$: $\bar{\theta}$=0 (zero torsional rotation)

w=0 (zero deflection)

$w' = 0$ (zero bending slope)

$\bar{y} = \text{l}$: $\bar{\theta}' = 0$ (zero torsional rotation)

$w'' = 0$ (zero deflection)

w'''=0 (zero bending slope)

In order to solve the equation, we need to simplify coupling. when e = 0 In this case, torsional divergence does not take place and only 'fourth-order, ordinary differential equation' remains but this equation is not simple to solve. To solve this equation for a divergence condition, we need only the homogeneous part. And $\frac{dw}{dy} = f$

$$\frac{d^3f}{d\zeta^3} - bf = 0$$

$$f = \frac{dw}{d\bar{y}}$$

$$\zeta = 1 - \frac{\bar{y}}{l}$$

$$b = \frac{aqc\bar{l}^{3}}{EI}\sin(\Lambda)\cos^{2}(\Lambda)$$

if we rewrite the boundary conditions accordingly,

$$f(1) = 0$$

$$\frac{df(0)}{d\xi} = 0$$

$$\frac{d^{2}f(0)}{d\xi^{2}} = 0$$

For solution third order differential equation ;

$$\mathrm{f} = \sum_{k=1}^{3} A_i e^{r_i \xi}$$

$r_1, r_2, and\ r_3$ are roots of the characteristic equation ,

$$r^{3} - b = 0$$

And

$$\begin{bmatrix} e^{r_1} & e^{r_2} & e^{r_3} \\ r_1 & r_2 & r_3 \\ r_1^{2} & r_2^{2} & r_3^{2} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} A_1 \\ A_2 \\ A_3 \end{bmatrix} = 0$$

Expansion of this determinant gives ,

$$1 + \frac{r_1}{r_2}\left(\frac{r_1 - r_3}{r_3 - r_2}\right)e^{r_2 - r_1} + \frac{r_1}{r_3}\left(\frac{r_2 - r_1}{r_3 - r_2}\right)e^{r_3 - r_1} = 0 \tag{2.26}$$

roots of the equation,

$$r_1 = -\sqrt[3]{|b|}, \qquad r_2 = \frac{1}{2}(1 + i\sqrt{3})\sqrt[3]{|b|}, \qquad r_3 = \frac{1}{2}(1 - i\sqrt{3})\sqrt[3]{|b|} \tag{2.27}$$

Substituting these root into Equations (2.26) ,

$$e^{\frac{-3}{2}\sqrt[3]{|b|}} + 2\cos\left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\sqrt[3]{|b|}\right) = 0 \tag{2.28}$$

When the equation is solved, the smallest absolute value of b is 6.33, as shown in Figure 6.

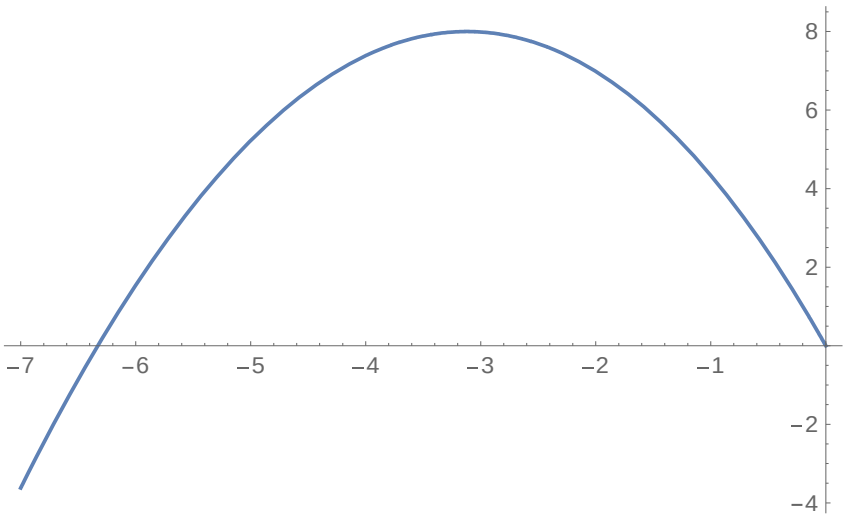

Figure 6 : Graph that gives b value in equation (2.28)

Thus the divergence dynamic pressure of a uniform swept-forward wing with freedom only in bending is given ,

$$q_D = \frac{6.33EI}{acl^{-3}\cos^2(\Lambda)|\sin(\Lambda)|} \tag{2.28}$$

Analysis of the research problem

The model for non tapered swept wing is as follows ,

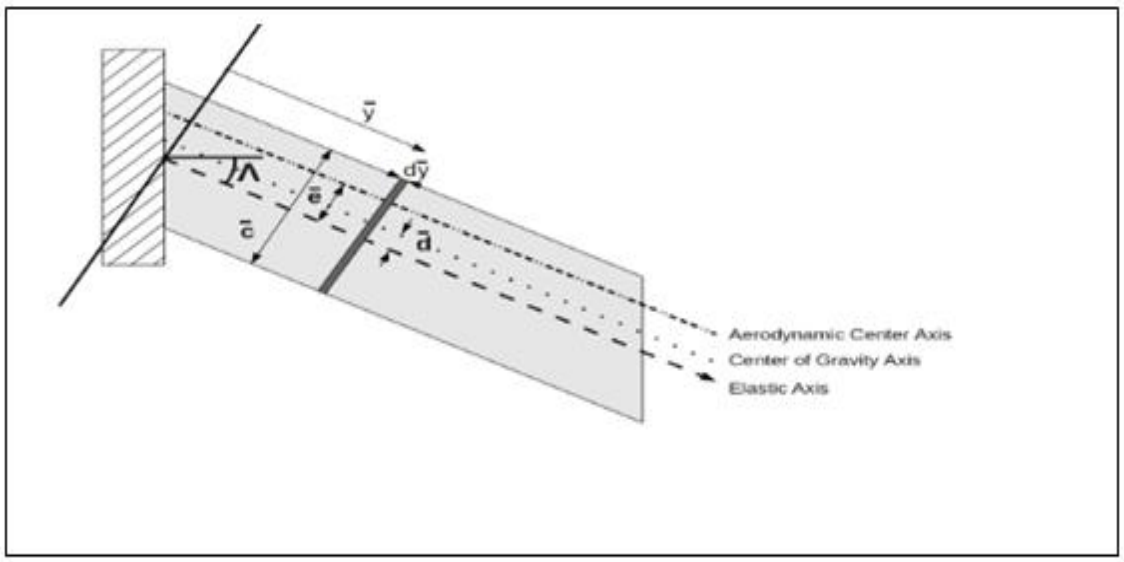

Figure 7 : Non tapered swept wing(model 1).

In the model, the wing angle is given as sweep angle Λ angle. Aerodynamic centerline, center of gravity line and refence lines are shown. e shows the length between the aerodynamic center and the refence axis. d is the length between center of gravity and refence axis.

Static Analysis Results

Shown in Figure 8, dynamic divergence pressure while constans GJ/EI.

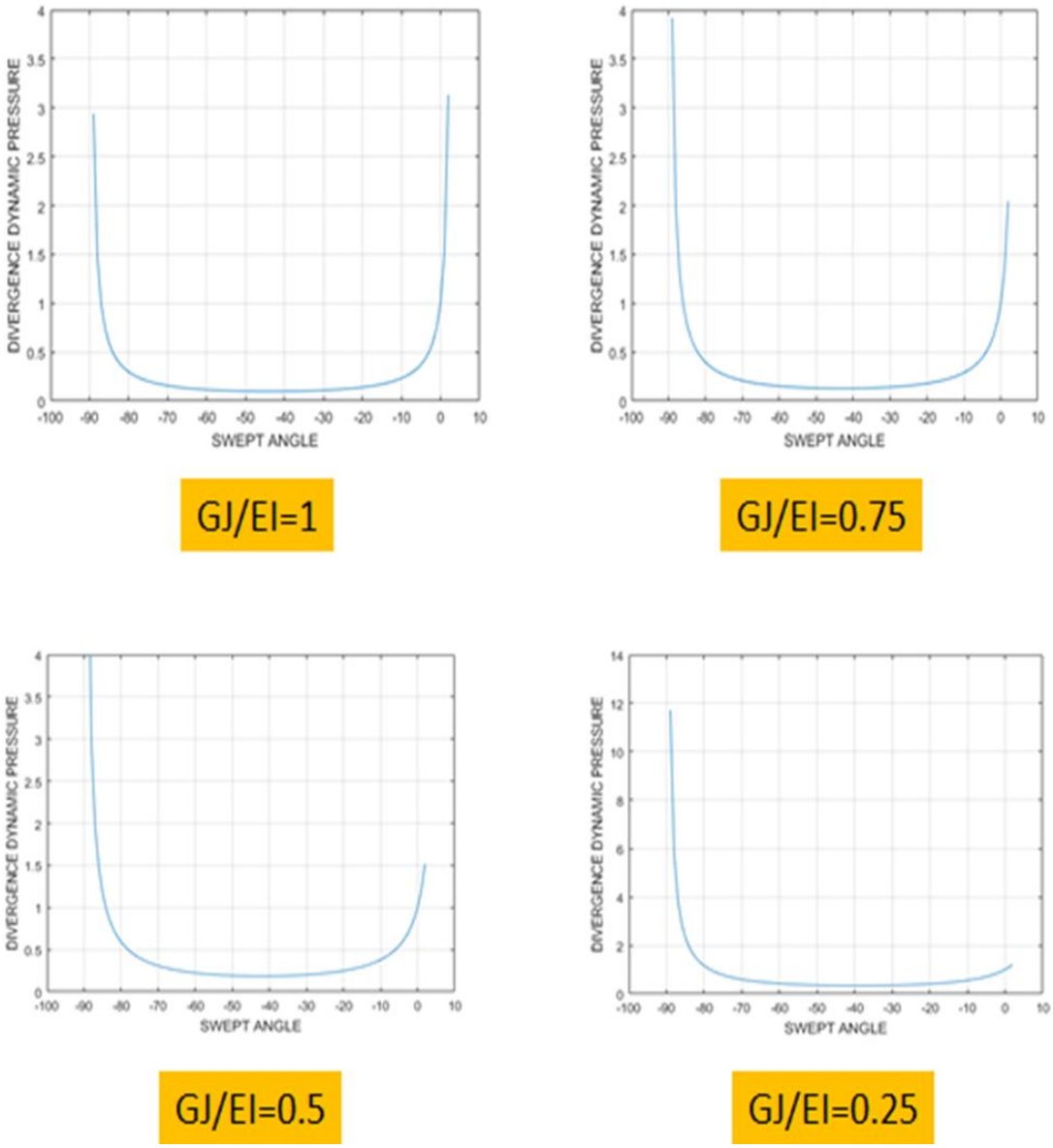

Figure 8 : Divergence dynamic pressure for non tapered swept wing.

CONCLUSION AND DISCUSSION

This project was made to calculate the divergence of uniform wings.For the uniform wing, the term 'Steady-Flow Stript Theory' was used and the result was 'c_l(y) = a[αr + θ(y)] '. Torsional moment and bending moment formulas were found in the wing for future use.at this point, the torsional divergence formula and graph were extracted. Especially after 0.7 'q_D' angle of twist increases very quickly. $\overline{q}$ value must be calculated in the design otherwise the aircraft wing will

suffer excessive twisting and break.After this section, our main goal is to calculate the divergence for swept wings.As can be seen from Equation (2.28), it was found that there was no divergence in back-swept angles.Figure 3.8 shows the change of forward-back swept angle according to the divergence dynamic pressure and as the forward swept angle increased, divergence dynamic pressure increased.The forward swept angle is used especially in combat aircraft to increase maneuverability, but as it is seen, it is understood that the divergence calculation should be made at the design stage in order to avoid damage to the wing when the swept angle is given.

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INVESTIGATION OF PRE-SERVICE TEACHERS' ANXIETY REGARDING THE USE OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE TOOLS

ÖĞRETMEN ADAYLARININ YAPAY ZEKA ARAÇLARININ KULLANIMINA İLİŞKİN KAYGILARININ İNCELENMESİ

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ABSTRACT

This study investigates the anxiety levels of pre-service teachers regarding the use of generative artificial intelligence (AI) tools in educational contexts. A quantitative pretest–posttest design was applied with 85 participants from the Faculty of Education at Kırıkkale University. Data were collected through the Artificial Intelligence Anxiety Scale, consisting of 16 items across four factors: learning anxiety, workforce loss anxiety, socio-technical blindness, and AI configuration. Following a 6–8 week training program on generative AI tools such as ChatGPT, Ideogram, Gamma, Suno, and Runway, posttests were administered. Findings indicated that participants' anxiety levels decreased significantly after the training, with mean scores dropping from 44.54 (SD=9.05) to 41.35 (SD=9.89). No significant differences were found between male and female participants. The results highlight the importance of structured AI training programs in teacher education to reduce anxiety and improve readiness for technology integration. Recommendations include incorporating AI pedagogy into education faculty curricula, teaching ethical usage principles, and conducting longitudinal studies on pre-service teachers' AI adoption behaviors after entering the profession. Limitations of the study are discussed, such as the single-university sample and the reliance on self-report measures.

Keywords: Generative artificial intelligence, Pre-service teachers, Anxiety of Pre-service teachers, Quantitative research.

ÖZET

Bu çalışma, hizmet öncesi öğretmenlerin eğitim bağlamlarında üretken yapay zeka (YZ) araçlarını kullanmaya ilişkin kaygı düzeylerini araştırmaktadır. Nicel bir öntest–sontest deseni, Kırıkkale Üniversitesi Eğitim Fakültesi'nden 85 katılımcı ile uygulanmıştır. Veriler, öğrenme kaygısı, iş gücü kaybı kaygısı, sosyo-teknik körlük ve YZ yapılandırması olmak üzere dört faktörden oluşan 16 maddelik Yapay Zeka Kaygı Ölçeği ile toplanmıştır. ChatGPT, Ideogram, Gamma, Suno ve Runway gibi üretken YZ araçlarına yönelik 6–8 haftalık bir eğitim programı sonrasında sontestler uygulanmıştır. Bulgular, katılımcıların kaygı düzeylerinin eğitim

sonrasında anlamlı şekilde azaldığını göstermiş; ortalama puanlar 44,54 (SD=9,05) değerinden 41,35'e (SD=9,89) düşmüştür. Kadın ve erkek katılımcılar arasında anlamlı bir fark bulunmamıştır. Sonuçlar, öğretmen eğitiminde yapılandırılmış YZ eğitim programlarının kaygıyı azaltmak ve teknoloji entegrasyonuna hazırbulunuşluğu artırmak açısından önemini vurgulamaktadır. Öneriler arasında eğitim fakültelerinin müfredatına YZ pedagojisinin dahil edilmesi, etik kullanım ilkelerinin öğretilmesi ve hizmet öncesi öğretmenlerin mesleğe başladıktan sonraki YZ benimseme davranışlarına dair uzunlamasına çalışmalar yapılması bulunmaktadır. Çalışmanın sınırlılıkları ise tek bir üniversiteden örneklem alınması ve öz-bildirim ölçümlerine dayalı olunması olarak tartışılmıştır.

Anahtar Kelimeler: Üretken yapay zekâ, Öğretmen adayları, Öğretmen adayların kaygıları, Nicel araştırma

GİRİŞ

Teknolojik gelişmeler, eğitim sistemlerinde köklü değişimlere yol açmakta; özellikle üretken yapay zekâ (ÜYZ) uygulamaları ile öğrenme–öğretme süreçlerinde yeni olanaklar sunmaktadır. Üretken yapay zekâ araçları (Generative AI) metin, görsel, ses ve video gibi içerikler üretebilme becerileri sayesinde öğretmen adaylarına güncel, bireyselleştirilmiş ve daha kullanılabilir materyaller geliştirmeye imkân sunar. Ancak bu teknolojiler, aynı zamanda kaygı ve belirsizliklerin de kaynağıdını oluşturmaktadır. Yanlış bilgi üretimi, etik sorunlar ve mesleklerinde duyulacak insani ihtiyaçların azalmalarını düşünmeleri öğretmen adaylarının ÜYZ'ye yönelik kaygı düzeylerini etkileyebilmektedir.

Chen, Xie, Zou & Hwang (2020) tarafından yapılan sistematik derleme çalışması, Eğitimde Yapay Zekâ araştırmalarının sayısının arttığını, ancak uygulama ve kuramsal perspektifler arasında hâlâ önemli boşluklar bulunduğunu ortaya koymaktadır. Ayrıca Wang & Wang (2019), tarafından yapay zekâya yönelik kaygının ölçülmesi için geliştirilen ölçeğin eğitim bağlamında kullanılabileceğini ve öğretmen adaylarının kaygılarının teknoloji entegrasyonu üzerinde belirleyici olduğunu ortaya koymuştur. Bu boşluklar özellikle YZ teknolojilerinin sınıf içi uygulamaları ile öğrenme kuramlarının entegrasyonu, gelişmiş derin öğrenme tekniklerinin kullanımındaki kısıtlar ve etik-önyargı temasındaki eksikliklerdir.

Türkiye bağlamında, Talan & Kalinkara (2023) tarafından yapılan çalışma, ChatGPT'nin anatomi dersindeki performansını öğrenci performansıyla karşılaştırmıştır. Bu araştırma, yapay zekâ destekli araçların öğretim süreçlerinindeki potansiyelini ve sınırlarını ortaya koymuştur. Öğrenci ve ChatGPT arasındaki performans farkları, yapay zekâ araçlarının eğitim ortamlarında kullanılmasının nasıl algılandığına dair önemli bilgiler sunmaktadır.

Bununla birlikte, öğretmen adaylarının Üretken Yapay Zekâ'nın kullanımı, deneyimleri ve kaygı düzeyleri üzerine çalışmalar hâlâ sınırlıdır. Türkiye'de bu teknolojinin eğitim fakültelerinde nasıl algılandığına dair araştırmalara ihtiyaç duyulmaktadır. Özellikle, öğretmen adaylarının Üretken Yapay Zekâ'ya karşı bakış açılarının, bilgi düzeylerinin, kaygılarının ve bu araçları kullanmaya yönelik eğilimlerinin ön test–son test tasarımları ve nitel veri çalışmalarıyla değerlendirilmesi, alandaki bilgi boşluğunu dolduracaktır.

Bu araştırma, Kırıkkale Üniversitesi Eğitim Fakültesi'nde öğrenim görmekte olan öğretmen adaylarının Üretken Yapay Zekâ araçlarına yönelik kaygı düzeylerini nicel (ön test–son test) yöntemlerle inceleyerek, alana özgün bir katkı yapmayı amaçlamaktadır. Bulguların, öğretmen yetiştirme programlarında ÜYZ'nin etik, uygulamalı ve algısal yönlerinin geliştirilmesine katkı sağlaması beklenmektedir.

KAVRAMSAL ÇERÇEVE

Çalışmanın odaklandığı kavramlar ayrıntılı şekilde ele alınmaktadır. Kavramsal çerçeve, konuyla ilgili temel kuram ve yaklaşımları ortaya koyarak araştırmanın neden ve nasıl yapıldığını sebepleri ile birlikte anlatmakradır. Aynı zamanda araştırmada kullanılan ölçekler, değişkenler ve kavramsal ilişkiler de bu kısımda açıklığa kavuşturulası amaçlanmıştır.

Üretken yapay zekâya ilişkin kaygı, öğretmen adaylarının teknoloji kullanımına yönelik eğilimlerini ve eğitim süreçleri içerisinde bu araçları hangi ölçüde kabul edeceklerini etkileyen önemli bir faktördür. Bu nedenle kavramsal çerçevede, öncelikle yapay zekâ kavramı tanımlanacak, ardından üretken yapay zekânın eğitim alanındaki rolü ve öğretmen adaylarının yaşadığı kaygılar literatür ışığında tartışılacaktır.

Üretken Yapay Zeka (ÜYZ)

Üretken Yapay Zekâ (ÜYZ), eğitim süreçlerinde öğretim materyallerinin hazırlanması, ders içeriğinin zenginleştirilmesi ve öğrencilere kişiselleştirilmiş öğrenme deneyimleri açısından güçlü bir potansiyel taşımaktadır. Örneğin, öğretmen adayları ÜYZ araçlarını kullanarak ders planları, sınav soruları, okuma parçaları veya görsel destek materyallerini kısa sürede hazırlayarak eğitim süreci içerisine dahil edebilmektedir. Bununla birlikte, üretilen içeriklerin doğruluğunun her zaman garanti edilememesi, intihal riski ve etik kaygıların bu teknolojiyi kullanılırken daha dikkatli olunmasını gerektiren bilgilerdir. Dolayısıyla, öğretmen adaylarının ÜYZ araçlarını bilinçli, eleştirel ve etik ilkelere uygun biçimde kullanabilmesi, bu teknolojilerin eğitimde etkin ve güvenli entegrasyonu için ciddi bir öneme sahiptir.

Eğitimde ÜYZ kullanımı, farklı alanlarda çeşitli fırsatlar sunmaktadır:

• **Metin üretimi:** Ders planları, sınav soruları, yazma etkinlikleri

• **Görsel üretimi:** Diyagramlar, kavram haritaları, öğretici görseller

• **Video / Ses üretimi:** Dil öğretiminde telaffuz odaklı çalışmalar, özel eğitimde dikkat çekici materyaller

• **Sunum hazırlama:** Öğretmen adaylarının ders hazırlıklarını daha hızlı yapabilmelerini ve anlatımlarını daha etkili hâle getirme

Ancak bu fırsatların yanı sıra bazı sınırlılıklar da mevcuttur:

• Yanlış bilgi üretimi (hallucination)

• İntihal riski

• Etik sorunlar (gizlilik, telif hakları)

• Öğretmen adaylarının kaygıları

Bu nedenle, öğretmen adaylarının ÜYZ araçlarını bilinçli, güvenli ve pedagojik ilkelere uygun şekilde kullanabilmeleri için eğitim fakültelerinde öğretmen adaylarına göre yapılandırılmış ders içeriklerinin uygulanması gerekmektedir. Bu kavramsal çerçeve, ÜYZ'nin eğitimde kullanımına dair fırsatları, sınırlılıkları ve öğretmen adaylarının kaygılarını ortaya koymaktadır. Hem yerli hem de uluslararası araştırmalar, öğretmen adaylarının kaygı düzeylerinin bu teknolojilerin yaygınlaşmasında ciddi bir öneme sahip olduğunu göstermektedir.

MATERYAL VE YÖNTEM

Araştırma Yöntemi

Bu araştırma, nicel araştırma yöntemlerinden tek gruplu ön test–son test yarı deneysel desen ile yürütülmüştür. Yarı deneysel desenler, değişkenler arasındaki neden-sonuç ilişkilerini incelemek amacıyla kullanılan fakat tam deneysel desenlerdeki gibi kontrol ve deney grupları olmayan tasarımlardır. Bu desenlerde, tek bir çalışma grubuna belirli bir işlem uygulanmakta ve uygulama öncesi ile sonrasındaki veriler karşılaştırılarak müdahalenin etkisi değerlendirilmektedir.

Tek gruplu ön test–son test deseninde, katılımcıların bağımlı değişkenlere ilişkin düzeyleri önce ön test ile tespit edilir. Daha sonra belirlenen işlem veya eğitim programı uygulanır ve işlem sonrasında katılımcılar aynı ölçme aracıyla yeniden değerlendirilir (son test). Böylece, bağımlı değişkendeki değişim, doğrudan yapılan uygulamaya atfedilmeye çalışılır.

Bu araştırmada bağımsız değişken, öğretmen adaylarına verilen 6–8 haftalık üretken yapay zekâ eğitimi; bağımlı değişken ise öğretmen adaylarının ÜYZ'ye yönelik kaygı düzeyleridir. Eğitim öncesinde öğretmen adaylarına Yapay Zekâ Kaygı Ölçeği uygulanmış, eğitim sürecinin ardından aynı ölçek tekrar uygulanmıştır. Ön test ve son test sonuçlarından elde edilen veriler karşılaştırılarak, verilen eğitimin kaygı düzeyleri üzerinde etkisinin olup olmadığı incelenmiştir.

Tek gruplu ön test–son test deseninin en önemli özelliği, katılımcıların kendi içlerinde karşılaştırılmasına imkan sağlamasıdır. Bu sayede, bireysel farklılıkların etkisi en aza indirilebilmetedir. Bununla birlikte, bu desende kontrol grubunun bulunmaması, iç geçerlik açısından bazı sınırlılıklar yaratabilir. Örneğin, ölçülen değişimlerin yalnızca verilen eğitimlere mi yoksa farklı faktörlere mi bağlı olduğu kesin olarak söylenemeyebilir. Ancak araştırmanın amacı, öğretmen adaylarının ÜYZ'ye yönelik kaygılarındaki değişimi doğrudan gözlemlemek olduğu için bu desen uygun bulunmuştur.

Katılımcılar

Araştırmanın çalışma grubunu, 2024–2025 eğitim-öğretim yılında Kırıkkale Üniversitesi Eğitim Fakültesi'nde öğrenim gören toplam 85 öğretmen adayından oluşmaktadır.

- **Seçim Yöntemi:** Basit rastgele örnekleme
- **Gönüllülük:** Katılımcılar gönüllülük esasına göre araştırmaya dahil edilmiştir

Tablo 1. Katılımcıların Demografik Dağılımları

Değişken	**Kategori**	**n**	**%**
Cinsiyet	Kadın	52	61,2
	Erkek	33	38,8
Yaş	18–20	26	30,6
	21–23	47	55,3
	24 ve üzeri	12	14,1

Veri Toplama Araçları

Yapay Zekâ Kaygı Ölçeği

Bu ölçek, Wang ve Wang (2019) tarafından geliştirilmiş olup Türkçe'ye uyarlanarak kullanılmıştır. Toplam 16 madde ve 4 alt boyuttan oluşmaktadır:

1. Öğrenme Kaygısı
2. İş Gücü Kaybı Kaygısı
3. Sosyo-teknik Körlük
4. Yapay Zekâ Konfigürasyonu

Beşli Likert tipi (1=Kesinlikle katılmıyorum, 5=Kesinlikle katılıyorum) derecelendirmeye sahiptir. Ölçeğin Cronbach α güvenirlik katsayısı geliştirme çalışmasında 0,88, bu araştırmada ise 0,86 bulunmuştur.

Veri Toplama Süreci

Araştırma verileri üç aşamada toplanmıştır:

Ön Test: Katılımcılara eğitim öncesinde Yapay Zekâ Kaygı Ölçeği uygulanmıştır.

Eğitim Süreci: 6–8 hafta süren programda, ChatGPT, Ideogram, Gamma, Suno, Runway gibi araçlar tanıtılmış; her hafta ödev ve uygulamalarla deneyim sağlanmıştır.

Son Test: Eğitim tamamlandıktan sonra Yapay Zekâ Kaygı Ölçeği tekrar uygulanmıştır.

Veri Analizi

Veriler SPSS 26.0 ile analiz edilmiştir.

- Normal dağılım için Shapiro-Wilk testi,
- Varyans homojenliği için Levene testi,
- Ön test–son test karşılaştırmaları için eşleştirilmiş t-testi,
- Grup karşılaştırmaları için bağımsız örneklemler t-testi / Mann–Whitney U testi,
- Etki büyüklüğü hesaplamaları için Cohen's d ve η^2 (partial eta squared),

Anlamlılık düzeyi tüm analizlerde $p < .05$ olarak kabul edilmiştir.

BULGULAR

Ön Test – Son Test Karşılaştırmaları

Öğretmen adaylarının Yapay Zekâ Kaygı Ölçeği puanları incelendiğinde, eğitim öncesi ve sonrası arasında anlamlı farklar bulunmuştur.

- Kaygı Düzeyi: Ön test ortalaması 44.54 (Ss=9.05), son test ortalaması 41.35 (Ss=9.89). Elde edilen fark istatistiksel olarak anlamlıdır ($t=2.12$, $p<.05$).

Tablo 1. Tüm Katılımcıların Kaygı Ölçeği Ön Test – Son Test Sonuçları

Ölçek	**Grup**	**X̄**	**Ss**	**t(p)**
Kaygı	Ön Test	44.54	9.05	t=2.12, p=0.035
	Son Test	41.35	9.89	

**p<.05*

Eğitim süreci, öğretmen adaylarının kaygı düzeylerini anlamlı biçimde azaltmıştır.

Cinsiyet Değişkenine Göre Sonuçlar

Tablo 2. Katılımcıların Cinsiyetlerine Göre Kaygı Ölçeği Sonuçları

Ölçek	**Kadın (X̄±Ss)**	**Erkek (X̄±Ss)**	**t(p)**
Kaygı	42.27±9.54	44.12±9.74	t=-1.13, p=0.258

**p<.05*

- Analiz sonuçlarına göre, kadın ve erkek öğrenciler arasında kaygı (t(159)=-1.13, p=.258) düzeylerinde anlamlı farklılık olmadığı sonucu ortaya çıkmıştır.

TARTIŞMA VE SONUÇ

Bu araştırmada, öğretmen adaylarının üretken yapay zekâ (ÜYZ) araçlarına yönelik kaygı düzeylerini incelenmiş, 6–8 haftalık bir eğitim programının ardından sürecin etkileri değerlendirilmiştir. Elde edilen bulgular neticesinde öğretmen adaylarının ÜYZ deneyimi sonrası kaygı düzeylerinde anlamlı bir azalma olduğu gözlemlenmiştir.

Kaygı Düzeylerindeki Azalma

Araştırma bulguları, eğitim sürecinde doğrudan ÜYZ araçlarını deneyimlemenin öğretmen adaylarının kaygılarını azalttığını ortaya koymuştur. Bu sonuç, Wang & Wang (2019) tarafından geliştirilen YZ Kaygı Ölçeği bulgularıyla paralellik göstermektedir. Literatürde de benzer şekilde, kısa süreli uygulama temelli eğitimlerin teknoloji kaygısını azalttığı belirtilmektedir (Chen et al., 2020).

Sonuç

- ÜYZ eğitimi, öğretmen adaylarının kaygılarını azaltmaktadır.
- Cinsiyete dayalı kaygı düzeyleri arasında anlamlı bir fark tespit edilmemiştir.

ÖNERİLER

Uygulamacılara Yönelik

- Eğitim fakültelerinde, ÜYZ araçlarının pedagojik kullanımına yönelik ders ve seminerler düzenlenmelidir.
- Öğretmen adaylarına, etik kullanım ilkeleri (alıntılama, intihalden kaçınma, doğruluk kontrolü) mutlaka öğretilmelidir.
- Farklı bölümlerde daha kapsamlı ve uzun süreli araştırmalar yapılmalıdır.

Araştırmacılara Yönelik

- Öğretmen adayları üzerinde ÜYZ kullanımına yönelik daha kapsamlı deneysel çalışmalar yapılmalıdır.
- Farklı üniversitelerde karşılaştırmalı çalışmalar gerçekleştirilerek genel eğilimler ortaya konmalıdır.
- Uzun dönemli araştırmalarla öğretmen adaylarının mesleğe başladıktan sonraki ÜYZ kullanım davranışları incelenmelidir.

Politika Yapıcılara Yönelik

- Milli Eğitim Bakanlığı, öğretmen yetiştirme programlarına ÜYZ entegrasyonunu desteklemelidir.
- Etik rehberler oluşturularak, öğretmenlerin bu teknolojileri güvenli biçimde kullanması sağlanmalıdır.

SINIRLILIKLAR

Bu çalışmanın bazı sınırlılıkları bulunmaktadır:

- Tek üniversitede yürütülmüştür; genellenebilirlik sınırlıdır.
- Eğitim süresi 6–8 hafta ile sınırlı tutulmuştur. Daha uzun süreli programlar farklı sonuçlar doğurabilir.
- Ölçekler öz-bildirimlere dayanmaktadır; gözleme dayalı yöntemlerle desteklenmemiştir.

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INVESTIGATION OF PRE-SERVICE TEACHERS' VIEWS ON THE USE OF INTELLIGENCE AND MIND GAMES IN EDUCATION

EĞİTİMDE ZEKA VE AKIL OYUNLARININ KULLANIMINA İLİŞKİN ÖĞRETMEN ADAYLARININ GÖRÜŞLERİNİN İNCELENMESİ

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ABSTRACT

This study aims to examine preservice teachers' perceptions, experiences, and views regarding the use of mind and intelligence games in educational processes. The research was conducted within the framework of the phenomenological design, one of the qualitative research approaches. The study group consisted of 16 preservice teachers from different departments (Science Education, Turkish Language Education, Mathematics Education, Guidance and Psychological Counseling, Primary Education, and Early Childhood Education) of Kırıkkale University Faculty of Education who took the elective course "Mind and Intelligence Games." The participants were organized into focus groups, and each group shared its experiences.

Data were collected through a semi-structured interview form, recorded during the focus group discussions, and then transcribed into written form. The data were analyzed using content analysis; codes, categories, and themes were identified; frequency tables were prepared, and findings were supported with direct quotations from participants. The results showed that mind and intelligence games contributed to preservice teachers' personal development by improving skills such as attention, problem-solving, analytical thinking, and creativity. Professionally, these games were found to support classroom management, diversify teaching methods, and increase student motivation. From the students' perspective, the games enhanced collaboration, social interaction, and academic achievement.

However, the lack of instructional materials, limited lesson hours, and insufficient in-service training for teachers emerged as the main challenges. In conclusion, the findings indicate that mind and intelligence games should be more systematically integrated into teacher education programs, lesson hours should be reorganized, and in-service training opportunities should be expanded. This study provides significant contributions to the development and dissemination of game-based learning approaches.

Keywords: Mind and intelligence games, preservice teachers, education, qualitative research, focus group.

ÖZET

Bu çalışma, öğretmen adaylarının akıl ve zekâ oyunlarına yönelik algılarını, deneyimlerini ve bu oyunların eğitim sürecindeki kullanımına ilişkin görüşlerini kapsamlı biçimde incelemeyi amaçlamaktadır. Çalışma, nitel araştırma yöntemlerinden fenomenolojik desen çerçevesinde yürütülmüştür. Araştırmanın çalışma grubunu, Kırıkkale Üniversitesi Eğitim Fakültesi'nin Fen Bilgisi, Türkçe, Matematik, Rehberlik ve Psikolojik Danışmanlık (PDR), Sınıf Öğretmenliği ve Okul Öncesi bölümlerinde öğrenim gören toplam 16 öğretmen adayı oluşturmaktadır. Katılımcılar odak grup hâlinde organize edilmiştir.

Toplanan veriler, yarı yapılandırılmış görüşmeler aracılığıyla toplanmış; her bir odak grup görüşmesi ses kaydı ile kayıt altına alınmış ve Word ortamına aktarılmıştır. Elde edilen veriler içerik analiziyle çözümlenmiş, kodlar, kategoriler ve temalar oluşturulmuş; ayrıca frekans tabloları hazırlanmış ve bulgular doğrudan katılımcı alıntılarıyla desteklenmiştir. Bulgular, akıl ve zekâ oyunlarının öğretmen adaylarının kişisel gelişimlerinde dikkat, problem çözme, analitik düşünme ve yaratıcılık gibi bilişsel becerileri desteklediğini; mesleki açıdan ise sınıf yönetimi, öğretim yöntemlerinin çeşitlendirilmesi ve öğrenci motivasyonunun artırılması noktasında katkı sağladığını ortaya koymaktadır. Katılımcılar ayrıca, süreç boyunca çeşitli oyunları (ör. Brain Box, Tabu, kelime bulmacaları, zekâ kartları) derslerine entegre ettiklerini belirtmişlerdir.

Öğrenciler açısından değerlendirildiğinde, akıl ve zekâ oyunlarının iş birliği, iletişim ve sosyal etkileşim becerilerini geliştirdiği; aynı zamanda akademik başarıya da olumlu katkılar sunduğu görülmüştür. Bununla birlikte, materyal eksikliği, ders süresinin sınırlılığı ve öğretmenlerin hizmet içi eğitim desteğinin yetersizliği önemli engeller olarak öne çıkmıştır. Sonuç olarak, öğretmen adaylarının görüşleri doğrultusunda akıl ve zekâ oyunlarının öğretmen yetiştirme programlarına sistematik biçimde entegre edilmesi, ders sürelerinin bu uygulamalara uygun şekilde yeniden düzenlenmesi ve öğretmenlere oyun temelli öğrenmeye yönelik hizmet içi eğitim desteği sağlanması önerilmektedir.

Anahtar Kelimeler: Akıl ve zekâ oyunları, öğretmen adayları, eğitim, nitel araştırma, odak grup.

GİRİŞ

Son yıllarda eğitim sistemlerinde öğrencilerin bilişsel, sosyal ve duygusal becerilerini geliştirmeye yönelik alternatif öğretim yöntemlerine olan ilgi artmıştır. Bu bağlamda akıl ve zekâ oyunları, sadece eğlenceli vakit geçirmeyi sağlayan araçlar olmaktan çıkmış, öğrencilerin dikkat, problem çözme, analitik düşünme, yaratıcılık ve iletişim gibi becerilerinin geliştirilmesinde önemli bir öğrenme aracı hâline gelmiştir. Eğitimde oyun temelli öğrenme yaklaşımının giderek daha fazla benimsenmesi, öğretmen adaylarının bu sürece nasıl baktığının incelenmesini de gerekli kılmaktadır.

Türkiye'de öğretmen yetiştirme programlarında seçmeli ders olarak yer alan akıl ve zekâ oyunları, farklı branşlardan öğretmen adaylarının hem bireysel hem de mesleki gelişimlerine katkı sağlamaktadır. Bu dersler, öğretmen adaylarının sınıf yönetimi, derslerin daha etkili işlenmesi ve öğrencilerin motivasyonunun artırılması gibi konularda yeni deneyimler kazanmalarına olanak tanımaktadır. Bununla birlikte, materyal eksikliği, uygulama süresinin yetersizliği ve öğretmenlerin oyun temelli öğrenme konusunda yeterince desteklenmemesi gibi çeşitli sınırlılıklar da uygulamanın önünde engel teşkil etmektedir.

Bu araştırmanın temel amacı, öğretmen adaylarının akıl ve zekâ oyunlarına yönelik algılarını, deneyimlerini ve bu oyunların eğitim sürecindeki kullanımına ilişkin görüşlerini derinlemesine

incelemektir. Çalışma, nitel araştırma yöntemlerinden fenomenolojik desen çerçevesinde yürütülmüş olup, Kırıkkale Üniversitesi Eğitim Fakültesi'nde öğrenim gören 16 öğretmen adayıyla gerçekleştirilmiştir. Katılımcılar odak grup hâlinde organize edilmiş ve veriler yarı yapılandırılmış görüşmeler aracılığıyla toplanmıştır.

Bu giriş ışığında araştırma, öğretmen adaylarının akıl ve zekâ oyunlarına dair algılarının eğitimdeki yansımalarını ortaya koymayı ve oyun temelli öğrenme uygulamalarının öğretmen yetiştirme sürecine nasıl entegre edilebileceğine ilişkin öneriler geliştirmeyi amaçlamaktadır.

Kavramsal Çerçeve (Literatür Taraması)

Eğitim sürecinde kullanılan yöntem ve materyaller, öğrencilerin bilişsel, duyuşsal ve sosyal gelişimlerini desteklemede kritik bir rol oynamaktadır. Bu noktada akıl ve zekâ oyunları, bireylerin dikkat, problem çözme, analitik düşünme ve yaratıcılık gibi becerilerini geliştirmeleri açısından önemli bir araç olarak öne çıkmaktadır. Literatürde yapılan birçok çalışma bu oyunların farklı eğitim kademelerinde olumlu etkiler yarattığını göstermektedir.

Fen bilgisi öğretmen adaylarıyla gerçekleştirilen bir araştırmada, katılımcıların zekâ oyunlarının özellikle dikkat, motivasyon ve problem çözme becerilerini artırdığına yönelik görüş bildirdikleri tespit edilmiştir (Çetin & Özbuğutu, 2020). Benzer şekilde, eğitimde zekâ oyunlarının faydalarını inceleyen bir diğer çalışmada, bu oyunların öğrencilerin öğrenme motivasyonlarını artırdığı ve sosyal etkileşim becerilerine katkı sunduğu ortaya konmuştur (Gülle & Vatansever Bayraktar, 2023).

Yapılan literatür taramaları, bu alandaki çalışmaların yoğunlukla akademik başarı, yaratıcılık ve eleştirel düşünme becerileri üzerinde durduğunu göstermektedir (Özdevecioğlu & Hark Söylemez, 2021). Zekâ oyunlarına ilişkin bilimsel araştırmaların eğilimlerini inceleyen bir başka çalışmada da benzer sonuçlara ulaşılmış, özellikle bilişsel çıktılara ağırlık verildiği vurgulanmıştır (Budak & İlfazoğlu Saban, 2023).

Okul öncesi öğretmenleriyle yapılan bir araştırmada, akıl ve zekâ oyunlarının küçük yaş grubundaki çocuklarda yaratıcılığı artırdığı, iletişimi desteklediği ve öğrenmeyi eğlenceli hale getirdiği ifade edilmiştir (Kurupınar, Kanmaz & Aktemur Gürler, 2023). Ayrıca eğitimde teknolojinin kullanımına yönelik araştırmalarda da zekâ oyunlarının yapay zekâ ve dijital materyallerle bütünleştirilmesinin öğretim sürecine yenilikçi katkılar sunduğu belirtilmiştir (Özer, Yazıcı, Ağgül & Yıldırım, 2023).

Öğretmen adaylarının deneyimlerini ele alan çalışmalarda, akıl ve zekâ oyunlarının hem bireysel gelişime hem de mesleki yeterliklere katkı sağladığı bulgusuna ulaşılmıştır (Güneş & Güneş, 2024). Nitekim sınıf öğretmeni adaylarıyla yapılan bir çalışmada oyunların derslerde kullanılmasının öğrencilerin dikkatini toplama, motivasyonunu artırma ve süreci daha ilgi çekici kılma açısından etkili olduğu ortaya konmuştur (Can, 2020).

Sosyal bilgiler öğretmen adaylarıyla gerçekleştirilen bir başka araştırmada zekâ oyunlarının yalnızca bilişsel değil, aynı zamanda sosyal beceriler üzerinde de olumlu etkiler yarattığı saptanmıştır (Ekici, Öztürk & Adalar, 2017). Ayrıca öğrenciler, öğretmenler ve velilerin katılımıyla yürütülen bir çalışmada zekâ oyunlarının iş birliği, iletişim ve motivasyon gibi alanlarda önemli katkılar sunduğu belirtilmiştir (Çalışkan, 2022).

Alan yazında zekâ oyunlarının materyal boyutuna odaklanan çalışmalar da bulunmaktadır. Örneğin, zekâ oyunlarına yönelik yeni ve orijinal bir ders materyali geliştiren araştırmada, bu materyalin öğrencilerin problem çözme becerilerini geliştirdiği sonucuna ulaşılmıştır (Batar, 2021). Bununla birlikte, üniversite öğrencilerinin yapay zekâ kavramına ilişkin metaforlarının incelendiği çalışmada zekâ kavramının farklı bağlamlarda ele alınabileceği ve eğitimle ilişkilendirilebileceği görülmüştür (Vatansever, 2024).

Sonuç olarak, literatürde akıl ve zekâ oyunlarının öğrencilerin hem bilişsel hem de sosyal becerilerini geliştirdiği, öğretmen adaylarının ise bu oyunlara yönelik olumlu algılara sahip oldukları görülmektedir. Ancak yapılan çalışmaların çoğunlukla bilişsel çıktılara odaklandığı, duyuşsal ve sosyal boyutların sınırlı şekilde ele alındığı dikkat çekmektedir. Bu durum, gelecekteki araştırmalarda akıl ve zekâ oyunlarının çok boyutlu etkilerinin daha kapsamlı incelenmesi gerektiğini ortaya koymaktadır.

YÖNTEM

Bu araştırma, öğretmen adaylarının akıl ve zekâ oyunlarına yönelik algılarını, deneyimlerini ve eğitim sürecindeki kullanımına ilişkin görüşlerini derinlemesine incelemek amacıyla yürütülmüştür. Çalışma, nitel araştırma yöntemlerinden **fenomenolojik desen** çerçevesinde tasarlanmıştır. Fenomenoloji, bireylerin deneyimlerine dayalı olarak olguları anlamayı hedefleyen bir yaklaşım olduğundan, öğretmen adaylarının akıl ve zekâ oyunlarına yönelik görüşlerini ortaya koymak için uygun görülmüştür.

Çalışma Grubu

Araştırmanın çalışma grubunu, Kırıkkale Üniversitesi Eğitim Fakültesi'nin farklı bölümlerinde öğrenim gören toplam **16 öğretmen adayı** oluşturmaktadır. Katılımcılar, **amaçlı örnekleme yöntemi** ile seçilmiş ve farklı branşlardan (Fen Bilgisi, Türkçe, Sınıf Öğretmenliği ve Okul Öncesi) adayların sürece dahil edilmesine özen gösterilmiştir. Katılımcılar, **odak grup** hâlinde organize edilmiştir. Böylece, farklı alanlardaki deneyimlerin karşılaştırmalı olarak incelenmesi ve derinlemesine veri elde edilmesi sağlanmıştır.

Veri Toplama Süreci

Veriler, araştırmacı tarafından geliştirilen **yarı yapılandırılmış görüşme** aracılığıyla toplanmıştır. Görüşmeler, katılımcıların gönüllü katılımı ile gerçekleştirilmiş, her oturum **ses kaydı** ile kayıt altına alınmış ve daha sonra yazılı metne dönüştürülmüştür. Görüşme formunda yer alan sorular, katılımcıların akıl ve zekâ oyunlarının eğitsel katkılarına, sınıf içi uygulamalarda karşılaşılan güçlü ve zayıf yönlerine ve gelecekteki kullanım potansiyeline ilişkin görüşlerini ortaya çıkarmayı amaçlamaktadır.

Veri Analizi

Toplanan veriler, **içerik analizi yöntemi** kullanılarak çözümlenmiştir. İlk aşamada görüşme dökümleri incelenmiş, tekrar eden ifadelerden **kodlar** oluşturulmuştur. Daha sonra benzer kodlar bir araya getirilerek **kategoriler** ve **temalar** belirlenmiştir. Elde edilen bulgular, hem **frekans tabloları** aracılığıyla sayısallaştırılmış hem de **doğrudan katılımcı alıntıları** ile desteklenmiştir. Bu süreç, verilerin hem nesnel hem de derinlemesine yorumlanmasına olanak sağlamıştır.

Etik İlkeler

Araştırma sürecinde, etik ilkeler titizlikle gözetilmiştir. Katılımcılara araştırmaya gönüllü olarak katıldıkları, verdikleri bilgilerin yalnızca bilimsel amaçlarla kullanılacağı ve kimlik bilgilerinin gizli tutulacağı açıkça ifade edilmiştir. Ayrıca, verilerin güvenliği sağlanmış ve yalnızca araştırmacılar tarafından erişilebilir olmasına dikkat edilmiştir.

BULGULAR

Bu araştırmada elde edilen veriler, öğretmen adaylarının akıl ve zekâ oyunlarına ilişkin deneyimlerini ve bu oyunların eğitim sürecindeki etkilerini kapsamlı biçimde ortaya koymaktadır. Analiz sonucunda elde edilen bulgular, **kişisel katkılar, mesleki katkılar, öğrenciye yönelik katkılar** ve **karşılaşılan zorluklar** olmak üzere dört ana tema altında toplanmıştır.

Kişisel ve Mesleki Katkılar

Tablo 1. Kişisel ve Mesleki Katkılar

Tema	Alt Kategori	Kod (Örnek İfade)	Frekans (n)	Yüzde (%)
Kişisel ve Mesleki Katkılar	Bilişsel gelişim	"Analitik düşünmeyi geliştiriyor."	6	37,5
	Sınıf yönetimi	"Disiplini kolaylaştırıyor."	4	25,0
	Öğretim çeşitliliği	"Dersi monotonluktan kurtarıyor."	4	25,0
	Motivasyon	"Öğretmen adayının özgüvenini artırıyor."	2	12,5

Örnek Katılımcı Alıntıları:

- "Bu oyunlar analitik düşünme ve dikkat geliştirmemde bana çok yardımcı oldu." (Fen-1-2)
- "Sınıf yönetiminde daha aktif oldum, öğrencilere hâkimiyetim kolaylaştı." (Sınıf-2-3)
- "Oyunlar dersi farklılaştırıyor, öğretimde çeşitlilik sağlıyor." (Türkçe-3-1)
- "Derslerde kullandıkça özgüvenim arttı." (PDR-4-2)

1.1.Eğitimde Kullanım

Tablo 2. Eğitimde Kullanım

Tema	Alt Kategori	Kod (Örnek İfade)	Frekans (n)	Yüzde (%)
Eğitimde Kullanım	Öğretim materyali	"Oyunlar ders materyali oldu."	5	31,3
	Yöntem çeşitliliği	"Farklı yöntemlerle ders işleniyor."	4	25,0
	Aktif katılım	"Öğrenciler derse katılıyor."	4	25,0
	Eğlenceli öğrenme	"Dersi keyifli hale getiriyor."	3	18,8

Örnek Katılımcı Alıntıları:

- "Zekâ oyunlarını derslerde materyal olarak kullanabiliyoruz." (Matematik-1-3)
- "Dersler tekdüze olmaktan çıktı, farklı yöntemler uyguluyoruz." (Fen-2-2)
- "Öğrenciler daha aktif oldu, herkes katılıyor." (OkulÖncesi-3-1)
- "Oyunlar sayesinde öğrenme daha eğlenceli hale geldi." (Türkçe-4-3)

Öğrencilerde Kazanımlar

Tablo 3. Öğrencilerde Kazanımlar

Tema	Alt Kategori	Kod (Örnek İfade)	Frekans (n)	Yüzde (%)
Öğrencilerde Kazanımlar	Akademik başarı	"Ders başarısını artırıyor."	5	31,3
	Sosyal beceriler	"Arkadaşlık ilişkilerini güçlendiriyor."	4	25,0
	İş birliği	"Takım ruhu kazandırıyor."	4	25,0
	Eleştirel düşünme	"Farklı çözüm yolları öğretiyor."	3	18,8

Örnek Katılımcı Alıntıları:

"Bu oyunlar öğrencilerin ders başarısına katkı sağlıyor." (Fen-1-1)

"Arkadaşlık ilişkilerinde pozitif değişim gözlemledim." (Türkçe-2-4)

"Takım oyunları iş birliği duygusunu geliştirdi." (Sınıf-3-2)

"Oyunlar farklı çözüm yolları bulmayı öğretiyor." (PDR-4-1)

Zorluklar ve Çözüm Önerileri

Tablo 4. Zorluklar ve Çözüm Önerileri

Tema	Alt Kategori	Kod (Örnek İfade)	Frekans (n)	Yüzde (%)
Zorluklar ve Çözüm Önerileri	Materyal eksikliği	"Araç gereçler yetersiz."	5	31,3
	Zaman kısıtı	"Ders süresi kısa."	4	25,0
	Eğitim ihtiyacı	"Öğretmen eğitimi gerekli."	4	25,0
	Öğrenci ilgisi	"Bazı öğrenciler oyuna katılmıyor."	3	18,8

Örnek Katılımcı Alıntıları:

"Materyal eksikliği nedeniyle oyunları her zaman uygulayamıyoruz." (Matematik-1-2)

"Ders süresi yetersiz kalıyor, oyunları tam uygulayamıyoruz." (Fen-2-3)

"Öğretmenlerin eğitim alması bu süreci kolaylaştırır." (OkulÖncesi-3-4)

"Bazı öğrenciler oyunu ciddiye almıyor." (Türkçe-4-2)

SONUÇ VE ÖNERILER

Bu araştırma, öğretmen adaylarının akıl ve zekâ oyunlarına yönelik algılarını, deneyimlerini ve bu oyunların eğitimde kullanımına ilişkin görüşlerini ortaya koymuştur. Çalışmaya Kırıkkale Üniversitesi Eğitim Fakültesi'nin farklı bölümlerinden seçmeli olarak "Akıl ve Zekâ Oyunları" dersini alan 16 öğretmen adayı katılmış ve veriler odak grup görüşmesiyle elde edilmiştir.

Sonuçlar

Akıl ve zekâ oyunlarının, öğretmen adaylarının **dikkat, problem çözme, analitik düşünme ve yaratıcılık** gibi bilişsel becerilerini geliştirdiği sonucuna ulaşılmıştır.

Oyunların mesleki açıdan öğretmen adaylarına **sınıf yönetiminde çeşitlilik, öğrenci motivasyonunu artırma ve öğretim yöntemlerini zenginleştirme** gibi katkılar sunduğu belirlenmiştir.

Öğrenciler açısından ise akıl ve zekâ oyunlarının **iş birliği, iletişim, eleştirel düşünme ve sosyal etkileşim** becerilerini geliştirdiği görülmüştür.

Bununla birlikte, **materyal eksikliği, ders süresinin yetersizliği ve öğretmenlerin oyun temelli öğrenme konusunda yeterli hizmet içi eğitim desteği alamamaları** en önemli sorunlar arasında yer almıştır.

Öneriler

Öğretmen Yetiştirme Programları: Akıl ve zekâ oyunlarının daha sistematik bir biçimde ders içeriklerine entegre edilmesi gerekmektedir.

Ders Süreleri: Ders sürelerinin uygulamalara olanak tanıyacak şekilde yeniden düzenlenmesi önerilmektedir.

Materyal Desteği: Okullarda akıl ve zekâ oyunları için materyal çeşitliliğinin artırılması ve erişimin kolaylaştırılması önem arz etmektedir.

Hizmet İçi Eğitim: Öğretmenlere oyun temelli öğrenme yaklaşımlarına yönelik seminerler, atölyeler ve hizmet içi eğitim programları düzenlenmelidir.

Politika ve Uygulama: Eğitim politikalarında akıl ve zekâ oyunlarının öğretim sürecinde aktif olarak kullanılmasını teşvik edecek yönergeler ve destek programları geliştirilmelidir.

Gelecek Araştırmalar: Farklı eğitim kademelerinde ve daha geniş örneklemlerle yapılacak çalışmalar, bu bulguların genellenebilirliğini artıracaktır.

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THE 2024 EXCAVATIONS AT ASARKALE (SAMSUN-TÜRKİYE)

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ABSTRACT

Located on the banks of the Kızılırmak River (=Halys), which was considered a natural border between the regions of Pontos and Paphlagonia in ancient times, Asarkale was built during the Hellenistic Period by Mithradates VI Eupator, ruler of the Pontos Kingdom. Asarkale, in its immediate vicinity, contains three Paphlagonian-type rock tombs dating from an earlier period than the fortress, as well as numerous natural caves and tunnels, and the Stepped Tunnel characteristic of the fortresses of Mithradates VI Eupator. The study covers the infrastructure, landscaping, and documentation work carried out at Asarkale in 2024, as well as new data obtained from archaeological excavations, covering the period from the Hellenistic Period to the end of the Medieval. The Western Entrance, Southern Terrace, Northern Terrace, Sanctuary, Main Steps, and Space 1 were the locations of the excavations carried out within the inner fortress. The Southern Terrace, from which the path leading via the Main Steps to the Northern Terrace and the Sanctuary was later made visible, was made possible by the Western Entrance's exposure. One of the main categories of findings from the excavations were stone projectiles, which are noteworthy for their military qualities, in addition to pottery, glass and metal items, and coins from different eras. A coin discovered during excavations, minted at Sinop and bearing the name of King Mithradates VI Eupator of Pontos, among Byzantine and Seljuk coinage, offers significant insights about the eras of the fortress's use. In conclusion, while it is in its first season of archaeological excavations at Asarkale in 2024, the fortress's construction and function have produced substantial and novel data.

Keywords: Asarkale; Archaeological Excavations; Mithradates VI Eupator; Medieval; Byzantine; Seljuk.

ÖZET

Antik çağlarda Pontos ve Paphlagonia bölgeleri arasında doğal bir sınır olarak kabul edilen Kızılırmak Nehri'nin (=Halys) kıyısında yer alan Asarkale, Hellenistik Dönem'de Pontos Krallığı'nın hükümdarı VI. Mithradates Eupator tarafından inşa edilmiştir. Asarkale, hemen yakınında, kaleden daha eski bir döneme ait üç adet Paphlagonia tipi kaya mezarı, çok sayıda doğal mağara ve tünel ile VI. Mithradates Eupator'un kalelerine özgü Basamaklı Tünel barındırmaktadır. Çalışma, 2024 yılında Asarkale'de yapılan altyapı, çevre düzenlemesi ve belgeleme çalışmalarının yanı sıra, Hellenistik Dönem'den Orta Çağ sonuna kadar uzanan arkeolojik kazılardan elde edilen yeni verileri kapsamaktadır. İç kalede Batı Giriş, Güney Teras, Kuzey Teras, Kutsal Alan, Ana Basamaklar ve Mekan 1'de kazılar gerçekleştirilmiştir. Batı Giriş'in açığa çıkarılmasıyla, Güney Teras ve Ana Basamaklar vasıtasıyla Kuzey Teras ve Kutsal Alan'a ulaşan kısım görünür hale getirilmiştir. Kazılardan elde edilen ana buluntu kategorilerinden biri, askeri nitelikleriyle dikkat çeken taş güllelerdir. Ek olarak seramik, cam ve metal buluntular ile çeşitli dönemlere ait sikkeler de ele geçmiştir. Kazı çalışmalarında ele geçen, Sinop'ta basılmış ve Pontos Kralı VI. Mithradates Eupator'un adını taşıyan bir sikke ile Bizans ve Selçuklu sikkeleri kalenin kullanım dönemleri hakkında önemli bilgiler sağlamaktadır. Sonuç olarak, Asarkale'deki 2024 yılı arkeolojik kazıları ilk sezonunda olmasına rağmen, kalenin yapısı ve kullanımı hakkında önemli yeni verilerin elde edilmesine olanak tanımıştır.

Anahtar Kelimeler: Asarkale; Arkeolojik Kazı; VI. Mithradates Eupator; Orta Çağ; Bizans; Selçuklu.

INTRODUCTION

Asarkale, located next to the Asar neighborhood in the Bafra district of Samsun province, is positioned on a rocky terrain across the Kızılırmak River. The Kızılırmak River (=Halys) historically delineated the border between the Paphlagonia and Pontos areas, while Asarkale had the responsibility of overseeing the river valley that linked the interior of Anatolia to the Black Sea coast via Bafra. Asarkale, overseeing the Kızılırmak River Valley that connects the interior to the Black Sea (=Pontos Euxenios) shore, is responsible for monitoring the area and serves as one of the last control points of the Kızılırmak River prior to its discharge into the Black Sea.

Asarkale, located in the rocky area rising northwards next to the Kızılırmak River, is approximately 135 m high and has a slope of about 45 degrees. The rocky outcrop on which the fortress is built, by its very own structure, clearly encompasses the view from the northwest to the east. Due to its location on a cliff rising toward the north, the ups and downs within the fortress are provided by steps carved into the rock, and the areas reached have been converted into usable spaces with terraces formed by retaining walls. One of the striking features of the fortress is the Stepped Tunnel, a characteristic feature of the fortress of Pontos King Mithradates VI Eupator. The Stepped Tunnel, which extends to the Kızılırmak River via a concealed roof and walls after being hewn into the bedrock, is crucial in supplying the fortress with clean and fresh water discreetly and securely, even during a siege. The segment of the Stepped Tunnel extending to the Kızılırmak River sustained damage during road building, resulting in the exposure of the entrance part. Upon entering the Stepped Tunnel from the existing opening, the steps continue northwards in a winding manner, but are subsequently covered with debris and earth.

The building and use of stepped tunnels, shown as Asarkale, serve functions such as water access, military role, and religious practices (Şenyurt – Bulut: 2020). Given the laborious and time-intensive process of creating stepped tunnels in rocky terrains, it is plausible that they fulfilled many functions concurrently (Perrot-Guillaume-Delbet 1872). The stepped tunnels are linked to the Mother Goddess religion, predicated on the premise that the Paphlagonians venerated the mountain or a deity residing upon it, thus implying that the goddess inhabited the mountain, was unable to leave from it, and needed to be accessed (Leonhard 1915).

The first building phase of Asarkale occurred during the Hellenistic Period, as shown by the substantial rusticated cut stone blocks positioned in niches hewn from the bedrock. The lower sections of some walls of the inner fortress are constructed from cut stone blocks, whilst the top sections use various wall building methods. This situation presents architectural proof that Asarkale, established in the Hellenistic Period, was used until the Middle Ages. The fortress has a principal entrance on both the eastern and western sides, with the eastern entrance accessed by an arched gateway.

The Kızılırmak River (Halys), next to Asarkale, delineated the boundary between the Persians and the Lydians during King Croesus's rule over Lydia (Herodotus: I. 72; Arslan 2005). Moreover, the Halys once established the boundary between the Lydians and the Medes (Herodotus: I. 73-75). In 301 BC, the frontier of Lysimachus, a commander of Alexander the Great, reached the Halys, establishing the boundary with the Seleucid Kingdom (Arslan 2005). Arrian stated that the region of the Sinopeans (Sinopis/Sinopitis) and the land of the Amisene people were delineated at the confluence where the Halys River discharges into the Pontos Euxenios (Arrian: l.c.).

In the latter half of the 19th century, investigations were undertaken in and around Asarkale, notably by foreign scholars (von Flotwell 1895; von Kannenberg 1895), and in the mid-20th century, by both local and international academics (Gökoğlu 1952; von Gall 1967a, 1967b). The quantity of research and scientific studies surged during the conclusion of the 20th century and the commencement of the 21st century (Kızıltan, 1992; Atasoy – Dönmez 2002; Bilgi et al 2004; Bilgi et al 2005; Dökü 2008; Sökmen 2016; Bulut 2017). Previous research and studies have highlighted the significance of Asarkale, with archaeological excavations officially starting in 2024 (Özmen – Oyarçin 2025).

ASARKALE 2024 WORKS

Vegetation Removal Works

The first phase of work at Asarkale, situated within the boundaries of 1st and 2nd degree archaeological and natural sites in Asar neighborhood, Bafra district, Samsun province, has initiated with vegetation removal, primarily to expose all preserved architectural remnants for the fortress's surveying and the formulation of a restoration project.

The region around the fortress has been cleansed of thick vegetation to separate it from the rocky ground on which it stands; plants and bushes clipped during the process have been removed. The removal of vegetation revealed the fortress's general structure, including its walls, ramparts, gateways, terraces, cisterns, stairs, Sanctuary, tunnels, and spaces (Figure 1). The debris from the plant cleaning was organized in specific places with safety measures implemented, to be used in forthcoming restoration activities.

Infrastructure, Environmental Planning and Documentation Works

To secure vehicle and human access to the fortress, the road leading to it from the west was designed and rehabilitated entirely on public property. Upon arriving near the fortress by vehicle, the Western Entrance was opened to allow people access to the fortress. The passageway was restructured to facilitate the safe entry of employees and guests to the fortress (Figure 2). Paths have been established inside the fortress to provide access between the Southern Terrace, Northern Terrace, Cisterns, Main Steps, Eastern Entrance, Western Entrance, Sanctuary, and Bastion. The top of the rock-cut cistern situated west of the Northern Terrace is covered with wire mesh and sealed with a safety cordon, as is the Bastion's entry area. The Stepped Tunnel, which was exposed due to the destruction of the bedrock during earlier road construction work has been temporarily blocked until visitor access is secured by covering its entrance with wire mesh, drawing a safety strip around it, and installing warning signs (Figure 3). The Stepped Tunnel was temporarily closed to visitors before intervention due to a layer of moss that had formed over time on the steps, a blockage caused by debris in the tunnel's deeper sections, a strong odor from bats in the area, and slipperiness caused by water seepage over time.

The public land remaining between the fortress and the asphalt road was leveled, fine gravel was spread over it, and a drainage channel was added to the existing wastewater canal to eliminate water puddles. A container has been positioned in the designated location for the storage of land equipment intended for the Asarkale excavation project. A portable toilet has been installed on the site for the comfort of visitors and employees. The grounds around the fortress have been well-maintained and there are additional places for guests to park vehicles. Beyond the road that leads to the Western Entrance, a rest area has also been created for the workers. To make it easier to access the fortress, a wooden stairway has been constructed from the Western Entrance.

An examination was performed by a restorer from the Samsun Museum south of the Eastern Entrence to safeguard the severely damaged arched entryway, which is at danger of collapse. A metal-footed support was positioned on the arch for protection (Figure 4).

Throughout the fortress, designated areas for the protection of guests and personnel have been secured with wire mesh affixed between wooden posts grounded at regular intervals. Natural caves of all sizes and features have been identified and documented, especially on the outside faces of the rock elevation which sustains Asarkale (Figure 5).

The research revealed illegal excavation diggings at Asarkale, which were recorded and documented (Figure 6). Their state, contents, measurements, and potential for harm to the fortress and its surrounding region were recorded in a report and submitted to representatives of the Samsun Museum Directorate for forwarding to the Republic of Türkiye Ministry of Culture and Tourism. Documentation for the creation of a fortress survey was conducted with Laser Scanners, Lidar, and Drones.

Archeological Excavations and Research

The Southern Terrace, accessible via the Western Entrence of the fortress, has steps leading to the upper floors and the northern parts. The stairs being excavation are referred to as the Main Steps, simply because they facilitate north-south mobility inside the fortress and include the greatest quantity of steps. Excavations were conducted to ascertain the southern extension of the steps, which were first visible to just a select few. A total of 37 steps of differing lengths and widths were uncovered (Figure 7). A substantial quantity of iron nails, assorted glazed, engraved, and embossed pottery fragments in an amorphous condition, stone projectiles, and a single coin were retrieved during the activities conducted in the Main Steps section. Furthermore, along the route to the Northern Terrace, remnants of multiple steps have been

revealed; in this vicinity, a total of 12 steps of a staircase were detected, with increased deterioration noted to the south (Figure 8).

The extension of the stairs, partly revealed by daylight to the east of the Main Steps, has been uncovered. To the east of the staircase, which often facilitates north-south passage along with its landings, there exists a narrow cut carved into the rock that parallels the steps (Figure 9). At the high point of the steps, as they ascend to the upper section, the bedrock has been leveled. A canal aligned east-west has been identified in this region, thought to have connected with the channel along the steps (Figure 10). An space formed from the bedrock, oriented southward and presumably used for the placement of a cult statue or the carrying out of offerings, has been located west of the mentioned arrangement. During the research, a limited quantity of amorphous pottery materials with various shapes and dimensions was retrieved. Additionally, a bronze coin dating back to the reign of Mithradates VI Eupator was also discovered. It has been established since antiquity that the Mother Goddess resided in the mountainous and rocky regions next to streams in Paphlagonia, serving as the protector of both water and mountains; hence, this spot was recognized as a Sanctuary dedicated to the Mother Goddess Cybele.

Excavation work was carried out east of the area designated as T1, in order to understand the overall area where the rock-cut cistern is located on the Northern Terrace and to reveal the connection between the terraces. The north-south oriented wall that borders the T1 area to the east has been uncovered in such a way that it is isolated from the eastern and western parts, and an aperture has been identified north of the wall. Excavations carried out westward, along with the walls that border the T1 area to the south and east, have reached the bedrock, which appears to be irregular in shape. Burn marks were discovered along a line on the inner surfaces of the north, south, and east walls next to T1 during the excavation (Figure 11). A thin layer of lime mortar is present on the inner sections of the north wall of T1, which, although being mostly intact, shows significant deterioration. Excavations revealed many pottery and glass shards, mostly from the Middle Ages, including fruit seed?, bronze and metal artefacts, metal nails, charred/charbonized wooden remnants due to burning, stone projectiles, and Byzantine coins.

Excavation was conducted on the Southern Terrace, west of the Main Steps, to expose the continuation of the east-west oriented wall and to clarify the wall's relationship to the surrounding environment. The research revealed that the wall integrated with two adjacent walls extending southward to create an area designated as Space 1. Excavation at Sapce 1 indicated that the north, east, and west walls are thicker at the lower levels. During the excavation, several pottery artefacts from the Middle Ages, tile fragments, iron nails, and stone projectiles have been found at Space 1.

In order to reveal the Western Entrance of the fortress, excavation activities in the area between the Western Entrance and Space 1 fully uncovered the entrance; moreover, the space between the Western Entrance and the Southern Terrace was arranged. The Western Wall, constituting the Western Entrance, first extends westward before turning southward, therefore creating a "L" shape as it traverses from north to south. The eastern boundary of the entry is delineated by the Western Wall, while the western boundary is constituted by the continuation of the Western Wall to the south. The bedrock at the entrance's base was found to be configured with rectangular and circular recesses, presumably designed to house the door leaf/leaves (Figure 12). Furthermore, excavation activities on the pathway to the Western Entrance revealed that the bedrock in that segment had been shaped to form eight steps (Figure 13). Excavations at the Western Entrance section revealed a variety of Medieval pottery, glass, and metal artefacts, as well as roof tiles, a metal cross arm, charred wooden remnants, stone projectiles, iron nails, and two coins. Excavations conducted at the Western Entrence and its vicinity have uncovered the

lower levels of the wall situated to the south of the gate. The wall, exhibiting damage in its higher sections, was likewise absent of rubble Stones (Figure 14).

The Bastion portion is a prominent element of Asarkale and has been examined at both the entrance and interior. It has been acknowledged that illegal excavation digs occurred in the lower section of the Bastion in the past. The inside walls of the Bastion have sustained damage from vandalism applied with spray paint. It has been shown that rock carvings were discovered on the eastern side of the Bastion, which were recognized as interconnected.

A survey of the architectural remnants of Asarkale has been completed, and an emergency intervention report has been created, detailing the immediate actions necessary for the preservation of the fortress's remaining structures. Inspections conducted at Asarkale revealed substantial damage to the remnants of the fortress walls around the structure and adjacent ruins, with extensive portions of the walls having collapsed. A report has been compiled emphasizing the urgent need to commence restoration and conservation efforts on the walls to ensure the preservation of the existing structure and other architectural remnants of Asarkale for future generations, preventing further deterioration.

CONCLUSION

The clearance of vegetation, documentation, infrastructure arrangement, and excavation efforts conducted at Asarkale in 2024 have yielded significant novel information about the fortress's architectural structure and its regional importance. Initially, the removal of the dense vegetation around the fortress revealed several architectural features, including walls, entrances, terraces, cisterns, steps, Sanctuary, and tunnels, so enhancing the comprehension of the site's topography, defensive mechanisms, and interior configuration. The coin from the reign of Mithradates VI Eupator, discovered during excavations, verifies that Asarkale was established in the Hellenistic period and functioned as a prominent fortification during the Pontic Kingdom. Simultaneously, materials from the Byzantine and Seljuk periods suggests that the fortress was used extensively over an extended period and through multiple phases. The 2024 research reveal that Asarkale functioned not only as a military post overseeing commerce but also as a spot of religious devotion. The Stepped Tunnel carved into the bedrock constitutes a strategic component of the fortress's defensive architecture by facilitating secure access to water; concurrently, it demonstrates its close relationship with other Mithradates VI Eupator fortresses in the Pontos area. The remnants of walls, towers, and the architectural features inside the fortress, as recorded in the research, indicate that the fortress, used over an extended duration, saw several restorations at various intervals and endured several distinct stages of usage. In summary, the 2024 excavations at Asarkale clearly demonstrated the fortress's position on the natural and strategic boundary between Paphlagonia and Pontos, its historical continuity, and its multifaceted periods of use. The forthcoming archaeological excavations and restoration projects at Asarkale will surely elucidate its significance within the regional defensive system and its cultural continuity.

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MAVİ BEŞERî BİLİMLER IŞIĞINDA RIFAT ILGAZ'IN ESERLERİNDE KARADENİZ

IN THE LIGHT OF THE HUMANITIES THE BLACK SEA IN THE WORKS OF RIFAT ILGAZ

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ÖZET

Giriş ve Amaç: Denizi ve kıyıdaki hayatları dile getiren anlatılar, Dünya edebiyatında yaygın olarak görülmektedir. Ancak Türk edebiyatında deniz denilince, genellikle Marmara ve Ege Denizi akla gelir. Sert dalgaları, kıyı kasabaları ve iklimiyle özgün nitelikler taşıyan Karadeniz'e, hak ettiği kadar yer verilmez. Yalnızca bazı yazarlar, onu mekânın bir parçası ya da uzantısı olarak anlatırlar. Kastamonu doğumlu olan Rıfat Ilgaz ise şiir, roman ve öykülerinde Karadeniz'i ele alırken yalnızca bir doğa parçası gibi değerlendirmez; kültürel kimlik ve toplumsal belleğin taşıyıcısı olarak yorumlar. Bu yönüyle onun eserleri, Türk edebiyatındaki deniz anlatılarına yeni bir kuramsal okuma imkânı sunar.

Gereç ve Yöntem: Sanatçının insanı merkeze koymayarak denizi vurgulayan anlayışı, toplumsal hafıza ve ekolojik duyarlılık arasında bir alan açarak mavi beşerî bilimleri öne çıkarmaktadır. Bu bildiride, Rıfat Ilgaz'ın denize olan yaklaşımı, şiir ve romanlarından örneklerle Mavi Beşerî Bilimler ışığında değerlendirilecektir.

Tartışma ve Sonuç: Ilgaz'ın anlatılarında Karadeniz, fon olmaktan çıkıp insan gibi aktif bir rol oynayarak adeta özneleşir. Dalgalar ve kıyı kasabaları hem emek mücadelesinin hem de kolektif belleğin simgesine dönüşür. Böylece insanın denizle olan etkileşimi dikkate sunulurken yaşanılan coğrafyanın ekonomik ve sosyolojik olduğu kadar psikolojik belirleyiciliği de vurgulanmıştır.

Anahtar KelimelerRıfat Ilgaz, deniz, kıyı, Karadeniz, Mavi Beşerî Bilimler.

ABSTRACT

Introduction and Purpose: Stories that describe the sea and coastal life are common in world literature. However, when it comes to the sea in Turkish literature, the Marmara and Aegean Seas usually come to mind. The Black Sea, with its rough waves, coastal towns, and unique climate, does not receive the attention it deserves. Only a few writers depict it as part of or an extension of the setting. Rıfat Ilgaz, who was born in Kastamonu, does not merely view the Black Sea as a natural feature in his poetry, novels, and short stories; he interprets it as a carrier of cultural identity and social memory. In this regard, his works offer a new theoretical reading of sea narratives in Turkish literature.

Materials and Methods: The artist's approach, which emphasizes the sea rather than placing humans at the center, highlights the blue humanities by creating a space between social memory and ecological awareness. In this paper, Rıfat Ilgaz's approach to the sea will be evaluated in light of the blue humanities, using examples from his poems and novels.

Discussion and Conclusion: In Ilgaz's narratives, the Black Sea ceases to be a backdrop and takes on an active role, almost becoming a subject in its own right. Waves and coastal towns become symbols of both the struggle for labor and collective memory. Thus, while the interaction between humans and the sea is highlighted, the economic, sociological, and psychological determinants of the lived geography are also emphasized.

Keywords: Rıfat Ilgaz, sea, coast, Black Sea, Blue Humanities.

THE ROLE OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE (AI) IN MULTI-DOMAIN OPERATIONS: LAND, SEA, AIR, CYBER AND SPACE.

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Abstract

Artificial intelligence (AI) is rapidly reshaping multi-domain operations (MDO) by accelerating decision cycles, improving sensing and targeting, and enabling more resilient command and control across land, maritime, air, cyber, and space domains. This paper synthesizes insights from U.S. and NATO doctrinal publications, Congressional Research Service (CRS) briefs, Government Accountability Office (GAO) reports, and RAND studies. We find AI's most mature contributions in ISR processing (e.g., Project Maven), predictive maintenance, cyber defense analytics, and multi-domain command and control (JADC2). Emerging but less mature uses include collaborative autonomy (air/sea swarms) and space domain awareness supported by machine learning. Critical risks involve brittleness, data quality, adversarial manipulation, opaque decision paths, and cross-domain escalation dynamics. Governance is evolving through DoD's updated Directive 3000.09 on autonomy in weapon systems and ethics principles, and NATO's Principles of Responsible Use. We conclude that near-term gains hinge on data integration, responsible AI practices, and human-machine teaming; medium-term advantage will depend on interoperable C2, contested-environment robustness, and coalition standards. Policy recommendations stress responsible adoption, robust testing and evaluation (T&E), red-teaming, and coalition interoperability frameworks.

Keyword: Multi-domain operations (MDO), Artificial intelligence (AI), Human-machine teaming, Interoperability.

INTRODUCTION

Multi-domain operations (MDO) describe a future vision where effects are integrated across land, maritime, air, cyber, and space domains. This creates overlapping challenges that strain enemy defences. The U.S. Army's changing doctrine shows that achieving convergence across these domains requires joint synchronization and data-driven capabilities. These capabilities help increase speed and support better decision-making (Congressional Research Service, 2024; International Institute for Strategic Studies [IISS], 2022). Artificial Intelligence (AI) supports this vision by turning raw data into practical insights. It speeds up the observe-orient-decide-act (OODA) loop and coordinates sensors and shooters across large areas more quickly than ever before. AI plays a key role in shortening the time between identifying a target and taking action, which is critical for breaking down and exploiting enemy command-and-control systems (IISS, 2022). The Department of Defence's (DoD) Joint All-Domain Command and Control (JADC2) strategy positions AI and machine learning as essential for connected battle management. This helps distributed units share a common view of operations while making quicker and better-informed decisions at the tactical level (DoD, 2022). Additionally, the Chief Digital and Artificial Intelligence Office (CDAO) has pushed forward the 2023 Data, Analytics, and AI Adoption Strategy. This strategy highlights the importance of data management, interoperability, and responsible AI use for gaining a decision edge (DoD, 2024). NATO has also updated its AI strategy. It focuses on interoperability, resilience, and responsible use to maintain a technological advantage during coalition operations (NATO, 2024). Despite these benefits, integrating AI into combat raises safety, legal, and ethical issues. DoD Directive 3000.09 establishes policy for autonomous and semi-autonomous weapons, making sure that human judgment stays central in lethal decision-making (DoD, 2023). Similarly, the DoD Principles of Responsible AI (2021) emphasize that AI must be responsible, fair, traceable, reliable, and governable. These principles are implemented through guidelines that require transparency, testability, and accountability in military AI systems. NATO's Principles of Responsible Use (2024) reinforce these commitments by stressing lawfulness, human accountability, reliability, and clarity as key to adoption among allied forces. Scholars argue that while AI-driven MDO can provide significant operational advantages, challenges still exist in safeguarding against enemy countermeasures, adversarial AI attacks, and data integrity problems (Horowitz et al., 2022). Furthermore, discussions continue about the risks of automation bias, possible escalation due to algorithmic speed, and ensuring adherence to international humanitarian law (Schmitt, 2023). Therefore, while AI is crucial for achieving the speed, scale, and integration outlined by U.S. MDO and NATO doctrines, its use must balance operational benefits with strong ethical and legal protections.

LITERATURE REVIEW

Foundational documents like TRADOC Pamphlet 525-3-1, The U.S. Army in Multi-Domain Operations, set the strategic goals for MDO. It highlights the need for integrated effects across land, sea, air, cyber, and space. The emphasis is on joint force convergence and synchronized actions to penetrate, disintegrate, and exploit enemy systems. Although this pamphlet came out before many AI-focused advancements, it provides a framework for future efforts. The Joint All-Domain Command and Control (JADC2) documentation and analyses by RAND and MITRE outline how to connect sensors to shooters across different domains. For example, a RAND report, Joint All-Domain Command and Control for Modern Warfare (2020), identifies

three main enablers: data and data infrastructure, C2 constructs (who has authority and how units are organized), and the required tools or algorithms. It warns that many current C2 practices, like deliberate planning cycles, do not match the speed that AI could offer, so changes in training, policies, and procedures are crucial. Reports from the Congressional Research Service (CRS) cover a wide range of AI applications, including ISR (intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance), logistics (predictive maintenance, route optimization), cyber operations, and autonomous or semi-autonomous vehicles. These surveys also discuss ongoing policy issues related to budget, acquisition, oversight, and the legal and ethical frameworks for military AI. For instance, Artificial Intelligence and National Security (CRS, updated 2025) details AI use in autonomous vehicles, cyber operations, planning, and ISR. It also highlights challenges in acquisition processes and the readiness of data and workforce. The Government Accountability Office (GAO) has looked into portfolio management, transition, and sustainment issues for AI programs. Its 2025 report, Defence Command and Control: Further Progress Hinges on Establishing a Comprehensive Framework, uses CJADC2 (Combined Joint All-Domain Command and Control) as a case study. It notes how initiatives like the Advanced Battle Management System, Project Convergence, Project Overmatch, and the Joint Fires Network prototype are trying to progress from experimentation to fielded, interoperable systems. GAO points out barriers such as data classification, poorly defined metrics, a lack of a unified investment framework, and challenges in sharing lessons learned across DoD entities. The GAO report emphasizes Project Maven as a key example in acquiring and supporting operational AI tools, discussing both its successes and challenges. While Maven is older, its lessons on sustainment, ethical oversight, and scaling are still relevant. RAND has conducted thorough studies on operational trade-offs. In the SDA (Space Domain Awareness) mission, RAND's Artificial Intelligence/ML for SDA (2024) explained how AI/ML tools could improve processes like conjunction assessment (predicting potential collisions of objects in orbit). It showed how these tools could better prioritize sensor observations and handle uncertainty, but also how legacy architectures, data delays, and risk tolerance thresholds restrict progress. Additionally, RAND's recent report, Acquiring Generative AI for Influence (2025), examines how generative AI could be used for information operations and influence. This includes not just content creation but also planning, campaign assessment, and generating alternative messages. However, it raises concerns about attribution, resilience, misinformation risks, and the need for oversight. Allied and NATO publications highlight similar ideas, focusing on responsible adoption and interoperability, with special attention to maritime and space use cases. NATO's updated AI principles stress the importance of cross-border data standards and coalition operations in space and at sea, ensuring that AI systems are reliable in contested environments. Although I didn't find a single current public NATO document that specifically lists all these points, many strategy drafts and statements reflect this alignment. Analyses by RAND Europe and NATO academic forums have pointed out these common themes. For example, Strategic Competition in the Age of AI: Emerging Risks and Opportunities (RAND Europe, 2024) discusses issues of international competition, the dual-use nature of AI, and the risks of misalignment among allies.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

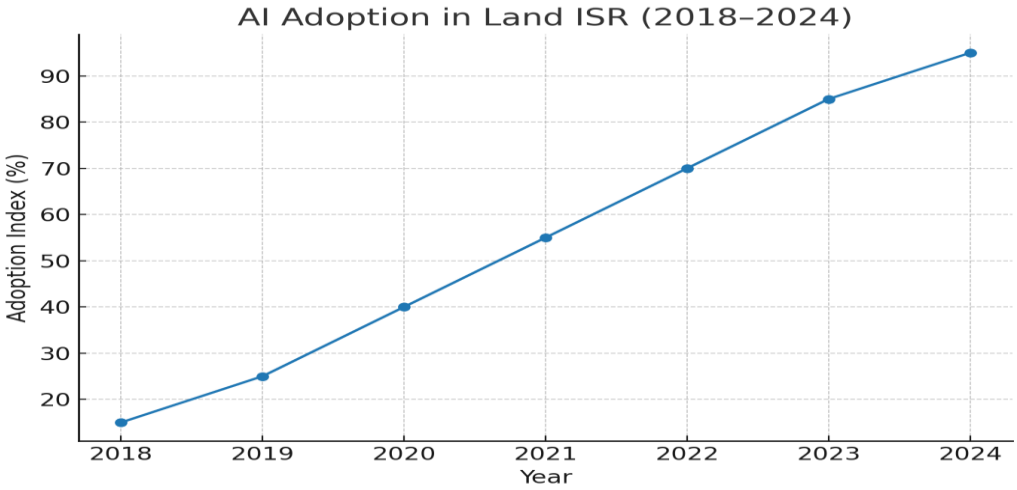
We conducted a focused review of public documents from the U.S. Department of Defence (DoD), NATO, the Congressional Research Service (CRS), the Government Accountability Office (GAO), and RAND Corporation from 2020 to 2025. Our focus was on artificial intelligence (AI) in multi-domain operations (MDO). We prioritized primary doctrinal and policy texts, such as TRADOC Pamphlet 525-3-1, the Joint All-Domain Command and Control (JADC2) Strategy, the 2023 update to DoD Directive 3000.09, and the CDAO's 2023 AI Adoption Strategy. We also included analyses from RAND, CRS, GAO, and MITRE. Our

sources came from official defence portals and NATO archives, emphasizing the latest versions. Key themes in our review included specific applications across different domains (land, sea, air, cyber, space), integration mechanisms (sensor-to-shooter links, distributed C2, AI-enabled ISR), risks (adversarial AI, contested spectrum, space vulnerabilities), and governance provisions. We identified three main insights. First, data serves as both an enabler and a barrier, with RAND and GAO pointing out challenges related to interoperability and quality, while CDAO highlighted governance issues. Second, human-machine teaming is essential, as shown by Project Maven and ongoing discussions about centralized versus decentralized C2. Third, governance and ethics are crucial for long-term advantage, emphasized by DoD and NATO principles of responsible AI. Overall, AI offers the potential for quicker decision-making advantages, but sustainability hinges on overcoming data challenges, fostering effective human-machine collaboration, and following ethical governance frameworks.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The use of AI in multi-domain operations leads to significant improvements in operational efficiency, situational awareness, and decision-making. In land operations, AI-powered autonomous ground vehicles, smart sensor networks, and predictive analytics have greatly enhanced tactical responses, troop mobility, and battlefield logistics. For example, AI algorithms can predict supply chain disruptions and optimize troop movements based on real-time terrain and threat assessments (Drew & Bennett, 2023). In naval operations, AI-driven surveillance drones, autonomous underwater vehicles, and predictive maintenance systems improve maritime situational awareness, lower human risks, and boost fleet readiness. These tools also enable better monitoring of key maritime choke points and faster threat responses. In the air domain, AI supports autonomous flight operations, drone swarming, and advanced targeting systems for precise strikes with minimal collateral damage. AI-based predictive maintenance ensures that aircraft are more available for operations, reducing downtime and costs. Cyber operations depend on AI for spotting threats, preventing intrusions, and responding to incidents in real time. Machine learning models can sift through large amounts of network traffic to find anomalies and counter complex cyberattacks before they inflict harm (Smith & Zhou, 2022). Space operations increasingly utilize AI for managing satellite constellations, monitoring space debris, predicting threats, and conducting independent reconnaissance. These functions improve the ability to maintain control and continuity in a more competitive space environment. However, integrating AI comes with challenges. Concerns about ethics, bias in algorithms, exploitation by adversaries, and interoperability issues create significant risks. Furthermore, reliance on AI demands ongoing system validation, strong cybersecurity, and effective collaboration between humans and machines to ensure operational success. The findings show that while AI enhances multi-domain operations, effective governance, thorough testing, and international cooperation are crucial to address risks and keep a strategic edge. Successfully adopting AI in multi-domain operations requires balancing technological strength, ethical responsibilities, and operational dependability. This highlights the importance of integrated approaches that utilize AI across all domains while ensuring accountability, security, and flexibility in rapidly changing conflict situations.

Land Domain: AI-Enabled Ground Operations



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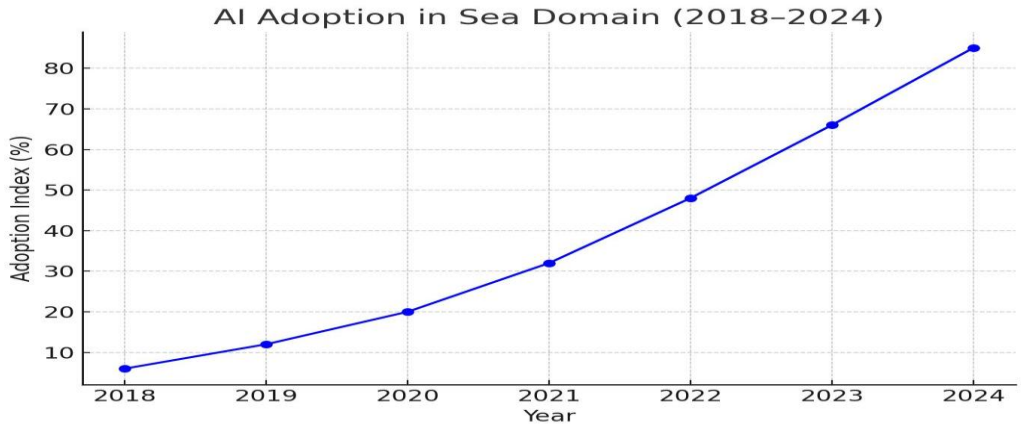
driven logistics systems are increasingly used to optimize troop movements, supply chain management, and battlefield reconnaissance (Drew & Bennett, 2023). For instance, predictive algorithms can analyse terrain, weather conditions, and threat patterns to suggest the best troop deployment, which reduces human error and delays. Machine learning models also enable real-time detection of anomalies for spotting enemy movements and potential hazards, which enhances force protection and effectiveness. Additionally, AI-enabled simulations and war-gaming tools allow commanders to test strategies before putting them into action, which improves readiness and flexibility. Using AI in robotic combat systems and autonomous drones further supports traditional land forces by allowing precise strikes while lowering human risk. Overall, AI adoption in land operations not only streamlines tactical planning but also speeds up and improves decision-making, which is crucial in fast-paced conflicts (Thompson et al., 2022). These capabilities reflect a shift towards data-driven land warfare, merging autonomous systems with human judgment to achieve mission success while ensuring ethical and operational accountability.

Sea Domain: Maritime AI Integration



fleet readiness, and operational sustainability. AI-powered autonomous surface and underwater vessels, surveillance drones, and predictive maintenance systems are being used more often to optimize naval operations and maritime domain awareness (Smith & Zhou, 2022). Using AI in maritime logistics ensures efficient resource allocation. Autonomous vessels can watch strategic chokepoints and conduct reconnaissance without putting human personnel at risk. Machine learning models aid in threat detection by examining patterns in ship movements, radar signals, and environmental data. This enables proactive responses to possible attacks or

incursions. Furthermore, AI-driven predictive maintenance improves the operational availability of naval vessels, cutting down on downtime and maintenance costs. AI-based decision-support systems help integrate operations across fleet elements. This allows commanders to respond quickly to changing threats in complex maritime environments. The combination of autonomous platforms, predictive analytics, and real-time data processing shows the significant effect of AI on sea operations. It improves both tactical execution and strategic planning. This integration also prepares the way for future AI-enabled naval warfare concepts, focusing on resilience, flexibility, and cooperation across multi-domain operations.

Air Domain: AI in Aerial Operations

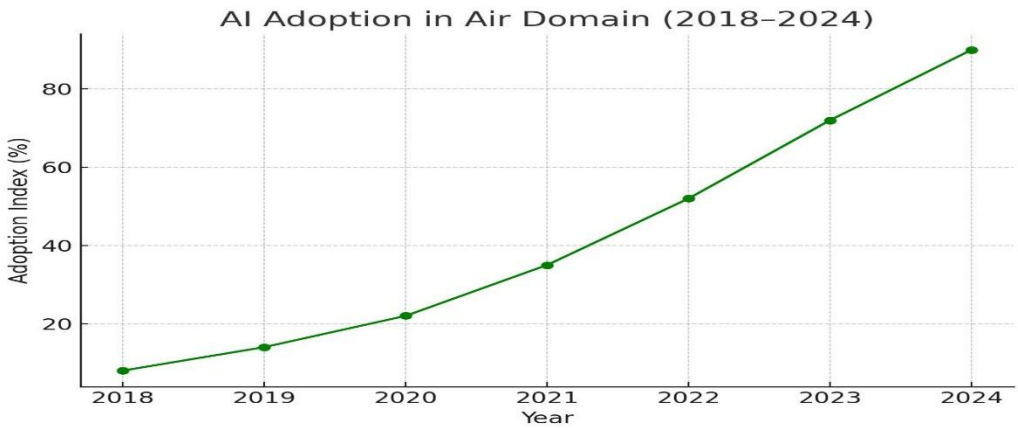


Fig. 3: Line graph showing The Adoption of AI in Aerial Operations between (2018- 2024)

AI adoption in the air domain is changing aerial warfare with autonomous UAVs, smart flight path optimization, and better targeting systems. Machine learning models process large amounts of sensor data to improve situational awareness. This enables quick decision-making in fast-paced environments (Air University, 2024). UAV swarming, guided by AI algorithms, allows coordinated attacks or reconnaissance missions without putting human pilots at risk. Predictive maintenance systems improve aircraft reliability and mission readiness by spotting potential mechanical failures before they happen. AI-assisted air traffic management in military settings also optimizes flight paths for both manned and unmanned aircraft, cutting delays and boosting operational efficiency. Better targeting and threat recognition systems, powered by AI, provide greater precision in strike capabilities, reducing collateral damage while increasing mission success. Integration with other areas, such as cyber and space, ensures real-time intelligence sharing. This further speeds up air operations and improves accuracy. Overall, AI in the air domain changes traditional aerial operations into highly coordinated, autonomous, and data-driven missions. This allows militaries to maintain an edge in contested airspaces while ensuring operational resilience (Thompson et al., 2022).

Cyber Domain: AI in Cyber Defence

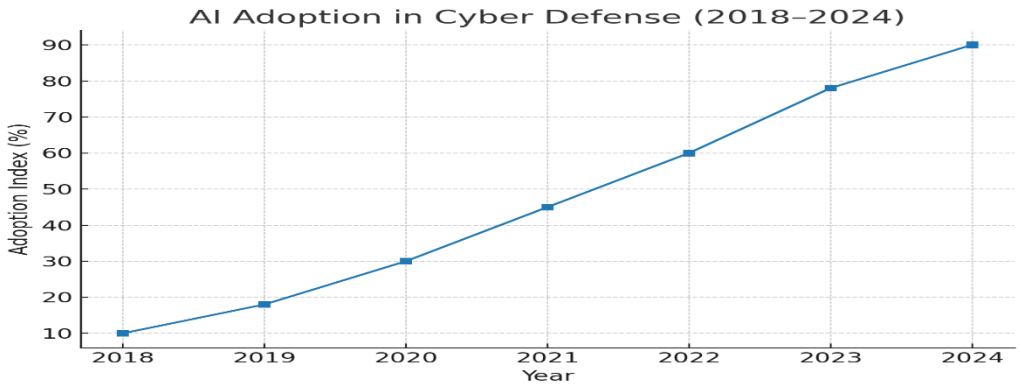


Fig. 4: Line graph showing The Adoption of AI in Cyber Operations between (2018- 2024)

The cyber domain has become a crucial battlefield where using AI is key for detecting threats, preventing intrusions, and responding to incidents automatically. The graph you provided shows that AI adoption in cyber defence has grown from 10% in 2018 to 90% in 2024. This growth highlights the increasing role of AI in protecting critical infrastructure and sensitive data. Machine learning models analyse network traffic to spot anomalies, identify malware, and predict potential breaches. This allows for proactive action before cyberattacks escalate (Smith & Zhou, 2022). AI-enabled systems also automate routine monitoring and response, which allows cybersecurity staff to focus on assessing strategic threats. Threat intelligence platforms use AI to process large amounts of data from various sources. This helps find patterns and connections that human analysts might miss. Furthermore, AI supports adversarial simulation exercises, which test defence systems against possible cyberattacks and improve resilience. In modern multi-domain operations, strong cyber defence powered by AI ensures constant communication, command, and control across all domains, boosting mission success. Although the swift adoption of AI in cybersecurity offers operational benefits, it also brings risks such as adversarial AI attacks and system manipulation. This makes continuous monitoring, validation, and secure deployment practices essential.

Space Domain: AI-Enhanced Space Operations

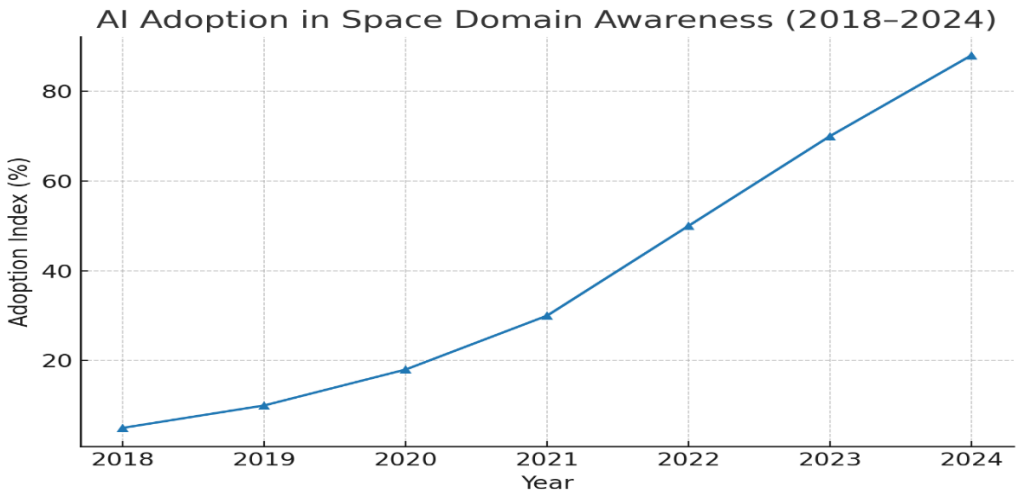


Fig. 5: Line graph showing The Adoption of AI in Space Operations between (2018- 2024)

In the space domain, AI use has increased from 5% in 2018 to over 85% in 2024. This rise shows its growing importance in satellite management, orbital threat detection, and autonomous reconnaissance. AI systems improve situational awareness by analysing large datasets from satellite constellations, tracking debris, and predicting potential collisions or hostile activities (Drew & Bennett, 2023). Autonomous decision-making enables satellites to change orbits, optimize resource use, and carry out mission-critical tasks with little human involvement. Machine learning models help assess threats in space by identifying issues in satellite telemetry, detecting possible jamming, or predicting anti-satellite actions. Connecting with land and air intelligence also boosts situational awareness across multiple domains, giving commanders timely insights for planning operations. Using AI in space operations provides a strategic edge by enhancing resilience, efficiency, and adaptability in missions. However, we must tackle challenges like cybersecurity risks, the reliability of autonomous systems, and international regulations to make the most of AI's advantages. Overall, AI in the space domain changes traditional operations into autonomous, data-driven, and strategically linked missions, which are vital for modern multi-domain operations.

CONCLUSION

Artificial Intelligence is changing how multi-domain operations are conducted. It offers new abilities in decision-making, operational pace, and strategic flexibility. In land, sea, air, cyber, and space domains, AI-enabled systems support autonomous operations, predictive analytics, quick threat detection, and improved mission planning. These improvements enhance operational effectiveness, lower human risk, and allow for quick responses to changing battlefield situations. In the land domain, AI boosts tactical mobility and battlefield awareness. At sea, it improves maritime surveillance and fleet readiness. In the air, it streamlines UAV operations and targeting. In cyberspace, it aids in proactively managing threats. In space, it supports autonomous reconnaissance and satellite management. However, using AI in military operations brings up complex ethical, technological, and strategic issues. The risk of misuse of autonomous weapons, algorithmic bias, adversarial exploitation, and system failures calls for strong governance and oversight. Also, achieving integration and interoperability across domains is a major challenge, requiring ongoing research, policy development, and personnel training. This study shows that effectively applying AI in multi-domain operations is not just a technological upgrade; it's a strategic necessity that can redefine modern warfare. Future military strength will rely on using AI to boost operational capability while ensuring ethical standards, cybersecurity, and human oversight. Policymakers, military leaders, and defence researchers should work together to set international standards, pursue interdisciplinary research, and develop strong testing protocols. This collaboration will help maximize the benefits of AI while reducing related risks. Ultimately, integrating AI into multi-domain operations could change the strategic landscape of warfare. However, its successful use demands careful planning, thorough validation, and responsible governance to ensure lasting military effectiveness and global security.

Recommendation

To fully take advantage of AI’s potential in multi-domain operations, several key recommendations are important. Firstly, defence organizations should focus on integrating AI across domains. This means ensuring smooth cooperation among land, sea, air, cyber, and space systems. Standardized protocols and interface frameworks can help operations run in sync, allowing for real-time coordination. Secondly, strong validation and testing processes are vital

to reduce system failures and vulnerabilities. Continuous simulation, war-gaming exercises, and adversarial testing can help make sure AI systems work reliably in various operational conditions. Third, ethical guidelines and international agreements should oversee the use of autonomous weapons and AI-enabled cyber operations. Clear rules of engagement and accountability measures are necessary to prevent misuse, limit collateral damage, and comply with international humanitarian law. Fourthly, ongoing research into adversarial AI, cybersecurity resilience, and human-machine collaboration is critical for keeping a strategic edge. Building AI systems that can predict and counter threats will improve security and reliability. Fifthly, training for personnel and the development of doctrine should change to include AI decision-support tools. This will improve how human operators work with autonomous systems. Training programs should focus on AI literacy, system management, and ethical decision-making to support effective integration. Lastly, international collaboration and knowledge sharing can promote responsible AI development, improve cooperation with allied forces, and set global standards for AI use in military settings. These steps will ensure that adopting AI enhances operational effectiveness, boosts strategic flexibility, and protects ethical, legal, and security standards. By following these recommendations, military organizations can unlock AI's full potential in multi-domain operations, minimize risks, and keep accountability, ultimately gaining a clear advantage in modern warfare.

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THE TRANSFORMATIVE IMPACT OF GLOBALIZATION ON FOREIGN POLICY: NAVIGATING CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES

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Abstract

This essay examines the impact of globalization on foreign policy, with a focus on shifts in international relations, the evolving roles of diplomats, and the consequences of technological and economic interdependence. Using a literature review of scholarly sources, it examines historical and current examples of globalization-driven shifts in foreign policy. A comparative analysis reveals differences among countries' strategies. The findings indicate that globalization has transformed the foreign policy landscape, promoting greater cooperation and negotiation over unilateral actions. The increasing role of non-state actors, such as multinational corporations and international organizations, has further complicated diplomatic interactions, creating a more complex foreign policy environment. While globalization encourages collaboration and understanding, it also presents challenges such as the potential loss of sovereignty and the need for complex, multilateral solutions to address global issues. The conclusion emphasizes that globalization has fundamentally changed foreign policy by fostering interdependence, but also presents risks that require careful management by governments. This analysis strikes a balance between theoretical insights and practical implications, highlighting both the benefits and drawbacks, thereby contributing to the broader discussion on globalization and international relations.

Keywords: Globalization, foreign policy, diplomacy, interdependence.

Introduction: Globalization has a profound impact on foreign policy, fostering cooperation among countries and intensifying their interdependence. This essay examines the impact of globalization on international relations, including its effects on diplomacy, the roles of various actors, and the shifting foreign policy strategies that result from it. The primary concept is that globalization alters traditional diplomatic practices and challenges the authority of states, necessitating new approaches to international governance and collaboration. Understanding these changes is crucial as countries confront global issues such as climate change, economic inequality, and security threats. Research indicates a shift from focusing primarily on state actions to acknowledging the roles of multinational companies and international organizations in global affairs. Scholars note that non-state actors are becoming significant players in shaping policies. Studies on groups like the United Nations and the World Bank highlight how these organizations influence state authority, encouraging countries to work collaboratively. Advancements in technology, especially the internet, create a "global village" that complicates diplomacy. While globalization promotes interaction and cooperation, it also leads to a rise in

nationalism, as seen in movements like Brexit and populism in Europe and North America, which often favour national interests over collective goals. This study addresses a gap in research by examining how globalization facilitates the interconnection of countries while also challenging state authority. It looks at historical and current examples of how different nations respond to these changes. The research highlights the need for governments to strike a balance between the benefits of globalization and the potential risks associated with increased interdependence. The study aims to explain how globalization transforms foreign policy and its implications for governance in a connected world. It offers insights into how changing diplomatic practices, influenced by trade and technology, redefine national interests. This perspective enriches the broader conversation about international relations by connecting theories with real-world implications, enabling nations to manage the complex global challenges they face effectively. This study helps us understand globalization as both a driver of cooperation and a concern for national authority. By examining these complexities, scholars, policymakers, and practitioners gain a clearer understanding of international relations in the 21st century. It stresses the need to adapt foreign policy strategies to navigate our interconnected world effectively.

Literature Review: The connection between globalization and foreign policy is complex and involves different viewpoints on how global interdependence changes diplomatic relationships and policymaking. This review highlights the critical contributions in the field, demonstrating the significant impact of globalization on foreign policy. A central theme in this literature is the impact of globalization on state sovereignty. R. R. W. K. Stiglitz (2002) argues that globalization weakens national sovereignty as countries increasingly rely on one another for economic growth. He states that "economic policies in one country can have far-reaching effects on others" (p. 15), highlighting the need for countries to collaborate. S. P. Huntington (1996) supports this view, saying that "the ability of states to act independently is increasingly constrained" (p. 30) due to global connections. The role of non-state actors, such as multinational corporations and international organizations, is also discussed. P. K. Keohane and R. O. Keohane (1997) emphasize that "non-state actors have become essential players in the configuration of global governance" (p. 45). These actors can shape the rules that guide how states behave, changing the landscape of foreign relations. Technology's role in globalization is significant, particularly in the areas of communication and information sharing. M. Castells (2000) sees the internet as a significant change, stating that "the networked society has reshaped the structure of power and governance in profound ways" (p. 8). He explains that instant communication creates a "global village," which reduces the effectiveness of traditional diplomatic methods. A. R. C. Holsti (2004) shows how diplomacy is changing. He points out that "diplomacy is transforming from a state-centric to a multi-actor negotiation process" (p. 236). Diplomats now need to develop new skills to manage a more complex international environment, one influenced by diverse interests and viewpoints. J. A. Ikenberry (2011) examines global governance challenges like climate change and terrorism. He argues that "effective global governance requires cooperation among states and non-state actors to manage complex interdependence" (p. 55). The challenge lies in striking a balance between national interests and global cooperation, which significantly influences foreign policy decisions. Recent literature also discusses the backlash against globalization. P. D. Coburn (2018) notes a rise in nationalist movements responding to globalization threats. He states that "populist leaders leverage anti-globalization sentiments to regain control over domestic policy" (p. 102), challenging the established order and calling for a reassessment of international commitments. This literature shows that globalization has fundamentally changed foreign policy. It drives countries to cooperate more, but also introduces challenges that require new diplomatic strategies. As countries navigate interdependence and the influence of non-state actors, they

must shift their foreign policies because traditional approaches are becoming less effective in a multipolar world. This review summarizes the theoretical insights and practical effects of globalization on foreign policy.

Methodology: This study employed a quantitative research design to investigate the impact of globalization on foreign policy. It aimed to identify changes in international relations, the roles of diplomats, and the effects of economic interdependence. The researchers collected data from various academic sources, including journal articles, government reports, and publications from international organizations. The research involved a thorough literature review, with no direct participation from individuals. The analysis drew on scholarly articles and reports from diverse countries to represent a range of geopolitical contexts. Researchers selected sources based on their relevance to themes of globalization and foreign policy, examining both historical and contemporary examples. To gather data, a systematic approach to literature review was followed. Researchers searched relevant online academic databases like JSTOR, Google Scholar, and ProQuest. They used keywords such as "globalization," "foreign policy," "diplomacy," and "interdependence" to find suitable studies. Only studies focusing on the impact of globalization on foreign policy were included. Both qualitative and quantitative analyses were reviewed, while opinion pieces and non-peer-reviewed articles were excluded from the review. They.

Systematically extracted key findings, methodologies, and conclusions from each source for comparison. The study was organized into sections for precise analysis: The Introduction section provided background on globalization and its importance to foreign policy. The Literature Review examined existing research to create a theoretical framework. The discussion section connected the findings to broader implications for international relations and the challenges posed by globalization. Data were analyzed using thematic analysis to identify key themes related to the changing nature of foreign policy in the context of globalization. The analysis included the following steps: a close reading of the collected literature to understand the content and context, identifying and coding key themes and patterns, such as non-state actor involvement, economic interdependence, and changes in diplomatic practices. The themes were grouped to form a straightforward narrative about the impact of globalization on foreign policy, outlining both the benefits and challenges. The researchers held peer discussions to ensure reliable interpretations and validate their findings. Even though the study did not involve human subjects, it addressed ethical considerations throughout the research process. All sources used were cited correctly to honour intellectual property and uphold academic integrity. The research followed ethical standards for data collection and analysis, ensuring transparency and reproducibility. While they did not need consent from authors or organizations for literature analysis, the researchers aimed to present existing data accurately. This study aimed to investigate the impact of globalization on foreign policy systematically. By conducting a thorough literature review and thematic analysis, the researchers highlighted the complexities and risks associated with increasing interdependence among nations. This approach lays a foundation for future research, underscoring the necessity for ongoing discussions and adjustments in international relations to address the evolving nature of globalization.

Results and Findings: This study examined the impact of globalization on foreign policy and international relations. We reviewed various scholarly sources to gain a deeper understanding of these changes. The research highlighted some critical findings. Firstly, globalization has changed the traditional focus on nation-states in foreign policy. There is now increased interaction with non-state actors, such as multinational corporations and international organizations. In the past, foreign policy was primarily controlled by countries; now, businesses like Apple and Amazon possess significant economic power that can rival that of some states. This shift creates new challenges in diplomacy. International organizations, such as the United

Nations and the World Trade Organization, also play a bigger role in shaping how states behave and in setting global rules. These organizations often operate independently of the countries that comprise them, moving away from the idea of absolute sovereignty and creating a more interconnected global community. Technological advancements, particularly the internet, have transformed the way countries communicate. Instant communication has led to a "global village" effect, altering diplomatic practices and encouraging countries to collaborate rather than act alone.

The study found that globalization has created a complex environment for international relations, where national governments face pressure from global markets and supply chains. The sovereignty of nations is increasingly being challenged; decisions made in one country can have a significant impact on others. This interconnectedness means that governments must collaborate to address global issues. The research noted a significant shift from U.S. dominance to a more multipolar world, with emerging powers such as China, India, and Brazil assuming a larger role in global affairs. This change introduces new development strategies, such as China's Belt and Road Initiative, which challenge traditional Western perspectives. Ultimately, the findings underscored the increasing importance of economic influence and soft power in foreign policy. While military strength remains essential, economic capabilities have become increasingly significant in the context of globalization. The study revealed that countries are grappling with critical global issues, such as climate change and pandemics, underscoring the need for enhanced international cooperation. A key finding was the emergence of new security threats, including terrorism and transnational crime, which utilize global networks. This highlights the importance of countries sharing intelligence and collaborating on legal matters. Global governance efforts, such as those by the Financial Action Task Force, play a crucial role in addressing these challenges. At the same time, the study noted a backlash against globalization. Nationalist movements in places like Europe and North America advocate for greater control over events that occur outside their borders.

Events like Brexit reflect a trend where countries prioritize their own interests over international agreements, which contradicts the idea of deeper global integration that emerged after the Cold War. The findings also revealed that this backlash has led to questioning the legitimacy of international organizations set up after World War II. There is a call for reform, particularly in the UN Security Council and global financial institutions, to better align with today's power dynamics and to include more diverse voices. Overall, the study found that globalization has altered the way countries approach foreign policy and international relations. The influence of non-state actors has increased, making diplomacy more complex and reducing the power of nation-states. Countries are more interconnected now due to technological advancements and economic ties, which have created new security and governance challenges. The study helps us understand the complicated realities nations face in today's global environment, paving the way for deeper discussions in future chapters.

Discussion: [52]Globalization has transformed global interactions and politics in the 21st century, shifting beyond state-centric diplomacy to involve multinational corporations, international organizations, and civil society. This change has created a complex political landscape that diverges from the traditional Westphalian system of sovereign states. [53]After World War II, institutions such as the United Nations and the World Bank began to challenge the sovereignty

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of states. [54]The late 20th century witnessed significant technological advances, particularly the rise of the internet, which facilitated instant communication and fostered a [55]"global village." [56]Multinational corporations, such as Apple and Amazon, often wield more economic power than many nations, influencing trade and shaping regulations. International organizations establish norms that guide state behaviour, with entities such as [57]the World Trade Organization and the International Criminal Court playing key roles. Though they derive authority from member states, these organizations have gained independence to shape global politics. As state control wanes, national governments face pressures from global financial markets and supply chains, limiting their economic policy options. [58]The rise of China, India, and Brazil shifts the world from U.S. unipolar dominance to a multipolar system, with new development models such as China's Belt and Road Initiative emerging. [59]In the post-World War II era, while military strength remains important, economic influence and soft power are becoming increasingly crucial. [60]Global issues, such as climate change and pandemics, underscore the need for international cooperation, highlighting the interconnectedness of nations. [61]Terrorism and transnational crime require intelligence sharing and coordinated legal frameworks, as these threats exploit global networks. Efforts by organizations like [62]the Financial Action Task Force underscore the need for new global governance to address these challenges effectively. Despite the way globalization has reshaped international relations, a backlash has emerged, marked by [63]nationalist movements advocating for sovereignty against external influences. [64]Examples include Brexit and various populist movements in Europe and North America, which prioritize national interests over international commitments. [65]This shift challenges the post-Cold War consensus on deeper integration, prompting societies to rethink which aspects of globalization align with their interests. [66]It has also highlighted legitimacy issues within international institutions established after World War II, leading to calls for reform, particularly of the UN Security Council and international financial organizations, to reflect current power dynamics. Global governance must manage transnational challenges while maintaining democratic

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legitimacy and embracing diverse political traditions. [67]In the evolving global landscape, leaders must combine traditional diplomacy with cross-sector coalition-building to address shared challenges. The rise of non-state actors has weakened nation-states' control over domestic and international affairs, limiting their sovereignty in areas such as economic policy. [68]Decisions made in one country increasingly impact others due to global supply chains, and the internet complicates state control over culture and information as the world transitions from a unipolar system dominated by the U.S. to a multipolar one with emerging powers like China and India. New development models challenge Western dominance. Power is shifting from military strength to economic influence, technological innovation, and soft power, making factors like foreign investment and technological leadership vital for a nation's global standing. [69]Cyber capabilities become essential for national power, with countries enhancing offensive and defensive operations to control digital infrastructure. [70]Globalization has presented challenges, including carbon emissions and health crises such as COVID-19, which necessitate coordinated international responses, as exemplified by agreements like the Paris Agreement. [71]Modern threats, including terrorism and organized crime, necessitate the sharing of intelligence and cooperation among law enforcement, as demonstrated by the Financial Action Task Force. [72]While globalization continues to reshape international relations, a backlash has emerged, with nationalist movements prioritizing sovereignty over international commitments. [73]This shift raises questions about the effectiveness of post-World War II institutions, prompting reforms in the United Nations Security Council and financial organizations to enhance global governance. The evolution of global politics underscores tensions between integration and fragmentation, as well as between cosmopolitanism and nationalism, and between state-centric and networked governance. Navigating these dynamics is essential for effective leadership in the 21st century, involving blending traditional diplomacy with coalition-building across sectors and borders.

Conclusion: Globalization has transformed the way countries approach foreign policy and engage with one another. It has made nations more connected, which can lead to cooperation on global issues, but it also presents challenges, such as preserving state sovereignty and navigating complex negotiations. Non-state actors, including multinational corporations and international organizations, now wield greater influence in global affairs. This shift disrupts traditional diplomacy, compelling countries to adapt their strategies to operate effectively in this evolving environment. While globalization can boost economic growth and offer solutions to serious global problems, it also carries risks, such as a potential loss of independence and a rise in nationalism. Governments must carefully manage the balance between benefiting from globalization and preserving their national sovereignty. Policymakers need to adopt new approaches to reflect the challenges of a connected world. As countries face shared problems such as climate change and economic inequality, it is crucial to develop collaborative frameworks and innovative diplomatic strategies to address these challenges. Understanding

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these dynamics helps improve discussions on international relations. It equips nations to engage effectively in this complex global environment, ensuring they can maximize the benefits of globalization while addressing its risks. Globalization has changed foreign policy significantly. Countries must now navigate a more interconnected world that presents both benefits and risks. This view differs from older studies, which mainly focused on governments and overlooked the impact of non-governmental groups and global issues. It's essential to recognize that while collaboration can enhance global cooperation, it also necessitates that countries reassess their sovereignty and the way they manage complex international relationships. However, this study has some limitations. It primarily focuses on academic research, which may overlook insights from practitioners in the field and real-life events that could lend depth to the findings. Future research should incorporate real-world data and case studies to provide a more comprehensive understanding of how globalization impacts foreign policy. This would help us better understand the dynamics involved.

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MONTESSORİ PEDAGOJİSİNDE ÇEVRENİN ÇOCUK GELİŞİMİ ÜZERİNDE ETKİSİ: BAHRİYE ÜÇOK EKOLOJİK ÇOCUK YUVASI ÖRNEĞİ

THE EFFECT OF THE ENVIRONMENT ON CHILD DEVELOPMENT IN MONTESSORI PEDAGOGY: THE EXAMPLE OF BAHRIYE UCOK ECOLOGICAL KINDERGARTEN

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ÖZET

Kamusal alanlar insanların isteğine bağlı onlara opsiyon sunmaktadır. Başarılı bir kamusal mekân, insanlara güvenilir, heyecan verici ve çekici bir ortam yaratmaktadır. Erken çocukluk dönemi, bireyin yaşam boyu gelişim sürecinde kritik bir eşik olarak kabul edilmekte olup, çocukların fiziksel, bilişsel, sosyal ve duygusal yönlerden temellerinin atıldığı bir süreçtir. Bu dönemde çocuğun bulunduğu fiziksel çevre, gelişimsel kazanımlar üzerinde doğrudan etkili olmakta; özellikle okul öncesi eğitim kurumlarının iç ve dış kamusal mekân düzenlemeleri, çocuğun öğrenme deneyimlerini biçimlendirmektedir. Bu bağlamda, okul öncesi eğitim yapılarının çevresinde yer alan açık alanlar ve peyzaj tasarımları, yalnızca estetik bir unsur olarak değil, aynı zamanda çocuk gelişimini destekleyen pedagojik bir araç olarak değerlendirilmelidir. Bu makalenin temel amacı, okul öncesi eğitim yapılarında kamusal mekân ve peyzaj tasarımının önemini vurgulamaktadır. Bu doğrultuda çalışma bir lokasyonun barındırdığı aktivitelerle, çocuklar için çekici hale gelmesi veya başka bir deyişle bir destinasyon olmasıyla ilişkili olduğunu ortaya koymaktadır. Çalışmanın kavramsal çerçevesi geleneksel sınıf düzenlerinden farklı olarak Montessori eğitim yaklaşımı, öğrenmenin yalnızca kapalı mekanlarda değil, açık alanlarda da özgürce gerçekleşebileceğini savunmaktadır. Montessori pedagojisi, çevrenin çocuğun bağımsız öğrenme süreçlerini destekleyecek şekilde özenle hazırlanmasını öngörmektedir. Bu doğrultuda, İstanbul Kadıköy ilçesinde yer alan ekolojik anlayışı ile tasarlanan, LEED Yeşil bina sertifikasında platin seviyesinde (80/110) puan alan Bahriye Üçok Anaokulu örneği üzerinden değerlendirme yapılmıştır. Araştırma kapsamında nitel yöntemlerine başvurulup mekânsal gözlemler ve alan analizleri yapılarak mevcut peyzaj düzenlemelerinin çocukların oyun davranışları, motor becerileri, sosyal etkileşim düzeyleri ve doğa ile kurdukları ilişkiler üzerindeki etkileri irdelenmiştir. Elde edilen bulgular sonucunda Bahriye Üçok Anaokulunun açık alanları ve peyzaj düzenlemesi, çocukların fiziksel gelişimi ve doğa ile etkileşimleri açısından önemli avantajlar sunduğu ortaya çıkmıştır. Tartışma bölümünde planlanan anaokulu projelerinde Montessori felsefesinin

dagojik esaslarına uyumlu olacak şekilde, esnek modüler, doğa ile entegre edilmiş, duyulara hitap eden öğrenme alanlarının tasarlanması gerekliliğini savunmaktadır.

Anahtar Kelimeler: Eğitim alanlarının peyzajı, Çevre Düzenlemesi, Montessori felsefesi, Okul Öncesi Eğitim, Peyzaj Tasarımı

ABSTRACT

Public spaces offer people options depending on their wishes. A successful public space creates a safe, exciting, and attractive environment for people. Early childhood is a critical threshold in the individual's lifelong development process. It is a process in which the foundations of children's physical, cognitive, social, and emotional aspects are laid. During this period, the physical environment in which the child is located directly impacts developmental achievements; especially, preschool educational institutions' interior and exterior public space arrangements shape the child's learning experiences. In this context, open spaces and landscape designs around preschool education buildings should be evaluated as an aesthetic element and a pedagogical tool that supports child development. The primary purpose of this article is to emphasize the importance of public space and landscape design in preschool education buildings. In this regard, the study reveals that the activities a location hosts are related to its attractiveness to children or, in other words, its being a destination. Unlike traditional classroom arrangements, the study's conceptual framework argues that, in the Montessori Method, learning can occur freely in closed and open spaces. Montessori pedagogy requires that the environment be carefully prepared to support the child's independent learning processes. In this context, an evaluation was made on the example of Bahriye Uçok Kindergarten, which was designed with an ecological understanding and received platinum level (80/110) points in the LEED Green building certificate, located in the Kadıkoy district of Istanbul. Within the scope of the research, qualitative methods were used, spatial observations and field analyses were made, and the effects of existing landscape arrangements on children's play behaviors, motor skills, social interaction levels, and their relationships with nature were examined. As a result of the findings, it was revealed that the open spaces and landscaping of Bahriye Uçok Kindergarten offer significant advantages in terms of children's physical development and interaction with nature. In the discussion section, the study advocates the need to design flexible, modular, nature-integrated, sensory learning spaces by the pedagogical principles of the Montessori philosophy in planned kindergarten projects.

Keywords: Landscaping of educational areas, Environmental Planning, Montessori philosophy, Preschool Education, Landscape Design

GİRİŞ

Peyzaj tasarımı; çocukların doğayla temas etmesini, açık hava etkinliklerine katılımını ve fiziksel hareketliliğini teşvik eden bir unsurdur. Kentsel çevrenin kritik unsurlarından biri, kamusal alanlarda bulunan mevcut faaliyetlerin kalitesi ve çeşitliliğidir (Ferah ve ark., 2023). Nitelikli bir açık alan düzenlemesi, çocukların mekânsal farkındalık, motor beceri gelişimi ve yaratıcılık gibi alanlarda daha yüksek performans göstermelerine katkıda bulunur (Dyment ve Bell, 2008). Ayrıca, doğal unsurlar içeren açık alanlar; dikkat süresini artırıp, stres düzeyini azaltarak sosyal etkileşimleri güçlendirmektedir (Fjørtoft, 2004). Bu bağlamda, okul öncesi eğitim yapılarında peyzaj tasarımına bütüncül ve çocuk merkezli yaklaşılması, erken çocukluk gelişiminin desteklenmesi açısından önem taşımaktadır. Erken çocukluk dönemi, ilkokula başlama yaşına kadar olan (3–6 yaş) süreci kapsamaktadır. Bu dönemin tanımına literatürde Montessori yaş gelişme dönemleri olarak rastlanmaktadır. Bu dönem, bireyin bilişsel, fiziksel, sosyal ve duygusal gelişiminin en hızlı ve en hassas biçimde gerçekleştiği evredir. Gelişim psikologları, bu dönemin çocukların kişilik oluşumunda, öğrenme becerilerinde ve çevreyle kurduğu ilişkilerde belirleyici olduğunu vurgulamaktadır (Berk, 2021). Erken çocukluk dönemi bireyin bilişsel, sosyal, duygusal ve fiziksel gelişiminin en hızlı ve en hassas şekilde gerçekleştiği yaşam evresidir (UNICEF, t.y.). Bu dönemde çocukların çevreyle kurduğu ilişkiler, onların algı gelişimi, problem çözme yetenekleri ve sosyal etkileşim becerileri üzerinde doğrudan etkili olmaktadır. Okul öncesi eğitim kurumları ise, çocuğun ev dışındaki ilk öğrenme çevresi olarak bu gelişim sürecinde kritik bir rol üstlenmektedir. Ancak bu çevrelerin yalnızca iç mekân tasarımı değil, dış mekân düzenlemeleri ve peyzaj tasarımı da çocuğun gelişiminde önemli etkilere sahiptir. Çocuğa sunulan her uyarıcı mekân ve peyzaj onun gelişimine ve eğitimine katkıda bulunacaktır. Kötü tasarlanmış mekân ve mekân ögelerinin çocuğun olumsuz gelişme riskini artırdığı buna karşın iyi, doğru ve istenilen özelliklere göre tasarlanmış mekanların çocuğun fiziksel ve ruhsal gelişimine olumlu etki ettiği, bilişsel gelişimini hızlandırdığı, eğitici roller oynayarak olumlu davranışlarından pekiştirdiği söylenebilir (Ömeroğlu Turan ve Turan,1998).

Okul bahçelerinde doğal unsurların kullanılması, çocukların oynama biçimlerini çeşitlendirmekte ve teneffüs sırasında yapılan orta ve yüksek yoğunluklu fiziksel aktivite oranını anlamlı şekilde artırmaktadır. Dyment ve Bell (2008), Kanada genelinde 59 ilkokulda yaptığı bir araştırmada, yeşillendirilmiş alanların, asfalt zeminlere kıyasla zıplama, tırmanma, kazma ve rol yapma gibi çeşitli oyun türlerini desteklediğini, böylece motor beceriler ve sosyal etkileşimlerin gelişimini teşvik ettiğini belirtmiştir. Norveç'te gerçekleştirilen yarı deneysel bir çalışmada, ormanlık "oyun alanı"nda düzenli olarak oynayan çocukların, klasik düz oyun alanı kullanan akranlarına göre denge ve koordinasyon becerilerinin daha gelişmiş olduğu gözlemlenmiştir. Fjørtoft (2004), bunun nedenini engebeli arazi yapısı, gevşek materyaller ve bitki örtüsünün çocuklara sürekli yeni algısal-motor zorluklar sunmasına bağlamıştır. Çevresel affordanslar (sunulan işlevsel olanaklar) kavramı, bu tür doğal oyun alanlarının önemini açıklamada kuramsal bir çerçeve sunmaktadır. Ekolojik psikoloji yaklaşımına dayanan Heft (1988), çocukların doğal ortamlarda tırmanma, saklanma ve manipüle etme gibi çeşitli eylemsel fırsatları doğrudan algıladığını ve standart oyun ekipmanlarının sağlayamadığı şekilde kendi kendini yönlendiren keşfi teşvik ettiğini ifade etmiştir. Motor becerilerdeki gelişmenin yanı sıra, yeşil alanlarla temas, çocukların dikkat düzenlemesini desteklemektedir. Kaplan ve Kaplan'ın (1989) Dikkat Yenilenme Kuramı'na göre, doğal ortamların "yumuşak büyüleyiciliği" çocukların tükenmiş dikkatini yeniden kazandırmakta ve bu bulgu okul öncesi çocuklar üzerinde de pek çok kez doğrulanmıştır.

Büyük ölçekli epidemiyolojik araştırmalar, yeşillendirilmiş okul öncesi bahçelerinin çocukların daha sağlıklı aktivite düzenleri sürdürmesini sağladığını ve güneş ışınlarına maruziyeti güvenli seviyede tuttuğunu göstermektedir. İsveç'te yapılan bir çalışmada, ağaç, çalı ve engebeli zemin

bulunan alanlarda çocukların daha fazla adım attığı ve gölge alanların bulunduğu yerlerde UV ışınlarına karşı koruma sağlandığı tespit edilmiştir (Boldeman ve ark., 2006). Türkiye'den yapılan araştırmalar da bu konuyu destekler niteliktedir, ancak uygulamada bazı eksiklikler ortaya koymaktadır. Yapılan bir araştırmada, (Tatlı ve Güngör, 2017) devlet anaokulu bahçelerinin çocuk başına düşen yeşil alan miktarının uluslararası standartların oldukça altında olduğunu ve bunun gelişim açısından risk oluşturduğunu belirtmiştir. İstanbul-Tuzla'daki 20 anaokulunda yapılan bir yüksek lisans çalışmasında, yeşil alanların işlevselliği açısından sadece az sayıda kurumun yeterli olduğu ve yeşil bahçelerin çocukların sosyal-duygusal yeterliklerini olumlu etkilediği gözlemlenmiştir (Öztürk, 2021). Ayrıca, 5-6 yaş grubu çocukların kendi okul bahçesi hayallerinde çeşitli bitki örtüsü, topografya ve gevşek materyallerin ön planda olduğunu gösteren bir çalışma da mevcuttur (Soydan ve Cüce, 2016). Bu çalışma kapsamında 2000 yılı ve sonrası okul öncesi eğitim kurumlarında kullanılan peyzaj düzenlemelerinin erken çocukluk dönemindeki çocukların zihinsel gelişimi üzerindeki etkileri incelenmektedir. Bu amaçla, fiziksel çevre kalitesinin çocuğun davranışsal ve bilişsel çıktıları üzerindeki rolü Bahriye Üçok Anaokulu örneğinde yapılan alan çalışması ile değerlendirilerek, konu güncel bulgular ışığında örnekler ile tartışılmış ve gelecekte yapılması planlanan okul öncesi eğitim yapılarındaki peyzaj tasarımlarının nasıl olması gerektiğine dair öneri oluşturmak hedeflenmiştir.

ERKEN ÇOCUKLUK DÖNEMİ ÖĞRENİM KURAMLARININ PEYZAJ TASARIMI İLE İLİŞKİSİ

Kentsel alanlardaki bireylerin yaşam kalitesi, onların kamusal alanlarla olan etkileşimi ile doğrudan bağlantılıdır (Tokuç ve Ferah, 2025). Erken çocukluk döneminde çevrenin gelişim üzerindeki etkisini açıklayan çeşitli kuramsal yaklaşımların çocukların mekânla kurduğu ilişkisini yalnızca fiziksel ihtiyaçlarının karşılanması değil aynı zamanda bilişsel, duygusal ve sosyal gelişimlerinin de desteklenmesi açısından önem taşımaktadır. Okullarda yapılan **peyzaj ve dış çevre düzenlemeleri**, çocukların gelişimi üzerinde çok yönlü ve derin etkiler yaratır. Bu etkiler hem fiziksel hem de psikolojik gelişimle yakından ilişkilidir. Çocukları fiziksel gelişimleri ile ilgili h**areket özgürlüklerini sağlayıp** geniş yeşil alanlar, doğal eğimler, yürüyüş yolları ve oyun alanları çocukların aktif hareket etmelerine olanak tanır. **Denge, koordinasyon, dayanıklılıklarını da geliştirerek,** farklı zemin dokuları (çim, taş, toprak), doğal engeller (tepecikler, taşlar) çocukların fiziksel çevreyle daha dengeli etkileşim kurmasına neden olmaktadır. P**sikolojik ve Duygusal Gelişime Etkileri olarak çocukların stres seviyelerinin azaltmasında yardımcı olur;** doğayla iç içe ortamlar çocukların stres düzeyini düşürür. Yeşil alanların, özellikle ağaçlık ve bitkili alanların, çocuklarda huzur duygusu yarattığı kanıtlanmıştır (Ulrich, 1984). **Dikkat ve odaklanmaları artar,** doğal ortamlarda vakit geçiren çocukların dikkat süresi uzar. Bu özellikle DEHB (Dikkat Eksikliği ve Hiperaktivite Bozukluğu) tanısı almış çocuklarda bile gözlemlenmiştir (Faber Taylor ve Kuo, 2009).

Bilişsel Gelişim ve Öğrenmelerinde araştırma ve keşfetme isteklerini artar. Açık alanlar ve doğal malzemeler ile çocuklar oynayarak bilimsel kavramlara erken yaşta temas ederler (örnek: yaprak döngüsü, böcek yaşam döngüsü). **Yaratıcılıkları peyzaj denemeleri sayesinde gelişir.** Doğal ortamlar, çocukların yaratıcı problem çözme becerilerini geliştirir. **Sosyal Gelişimlerine neden olup paylaşma ve iş birliğini onlarda teşvik eder. Topluluk bilinci geliştirerek** çocuk, çevresine karşı sorumluluk hisseder. Bir bitkiyi büyütmek ya da çevreyi temiz tutmak gibi görevler öz disiplin geliştirir. **Çevre bilinci ve sürdürülebilirlik anlayışını kazanarak ekolojik farkındalık elde eder.** Bu bireylerin ileride çevresel konularda daha duyarlı olmasına zemin hazırlar. **Sürdürülebilir yaşam pratiği de bir diğer konudur,** kompost yapımı, yağmur suyu toplama, permakültür gibi dış çevre uygulamaları çocuklara somut "sürdürülebilirlik" örnekleri sunar. Bu bağlamda peyzaj tasarımı, erken çocukluk gelişimi ile ilgili çok boyutlu kuramlarla birlikte ele alınmakta olup bahsi geçen kuramlar 4 ana

kategoride sınıflandırılmaktadır. Gelişimsel Kuramlar, Çevresel Psikoloji Kuramları, Oyun kuramları ve Mekânsal Öğrenme ve Deneyimsel Eğitim.

Gelişimsel Kuramlar

Jean Piaget'nin bilişsel gelişim kuramına göre, çocuklar çevreleriyle etkileşim kurarak öğrenirler ve bu süreçte keşfetme, deneyimleme ve deneme-yanılma yöntemleri büyük rol oynar (Piaget, 1950). Özellikle somut işlemler döneminde (7 yaş öncesi), çocukların çevresel uyarıcılara fiziksel temasla yanıt vermesi, açık alan tasarımının öğrenme süreçleriyle doğrudan ilişkili olduğunu göstermektedir. Lev Vygotsky'nin sosyal etkileşim kuramı da çocukların bilişsel gelişiminde sosyal çevrenin, iş birliğinin ve oyun ortamlarının önemine vurgu yapar. Vygotsky'nin "yakınsak gelişim alanı" (ZPD) kavramı, çocukların bir yetişkin veya daha yetkin bir bireyle birlikte hareket ettiklerinde potansiyellerini daha etkin şekilde kullanabileceklerini ifade eder (Vygotsky, 1978). Bu bağlamda tasarlanan doğal oyun alanları, çocuklar arasında sosyal iş birliğini artırarak bu gelişim alanını destekleyebilir.

Fiziksel Gelişim

Fiziksel gelişim, büyük ve küçük kas hareketlerini kapsar. Çocuklar bu dönemde yürümek, koşmak, zıplamak gibi kaba motor becerilerde belirgin ilerleme gösterir. Aynı zamanda el-göz koordinasyonu, nesneleri kavrama ve çizim yapma gibi ince motor beceriler de gelişmektedir (Metin, 2021).

Bilişsel Gelişim

Piaget'nin bilişsel gelişim kuramına göre çocuklar bu dönemde "hazırlık dönemi" içerisindedir. Bu evrede sembolik düşünme gelişir, neden-sonuç ilişkileri kurmaya başlarlar ve taklit yoluyla öğrenme oldukça yoğundur (Piaget, 1950).

Dil Gelişi

Çocukların kelime dağarcığı bu süreçte hızla genişler. Dil hem düşünmeyi hem de sosyal etkileşimi destekleyen temel araçtır. Vygotsky'nin dil ve düşünce arasındaki ilişkiye dair vurguladığı gibi, sosyal konuşmalar zamanla içselleştirilerek bireysel düşünceye dönüşür (Vygotsky, 1978).

Sosyal ve Duygusal Gelişim

Erken çocukluk döneminde çocuklar benlik algılarını geliştirmeye, sosyal kuralları öğrenmeye ve başkalarının duygularını anlamaya başlar. Aile dışı sosyal çevreyle tanışma, paylaşma, iş birliği ve empati becerilerini destekler. Eğitim ortamları, bu süreçte güvenli bağlanmayı, özerklik gelişimini ve sosyal aidiyeti desteklemelidir (Erikson, 1993). Tablo 1, Montessori yaş grubunun gelişme alanlarını peyzaj uygulamaları ve bu yaş aralığı çocuklar üzerindeki gelişme katkısını tablo şeklide özetlemektedir.

Tablo 1: 3–6 Yaş Montessori Yaş Grubu Gelişim Alanlarına Göre Peyzaj Uygulamaları

Gelişim Alanı	Peyzaj Etkinliği / Alanı	Gelişime Katkısı
Fiziksel Gelişim	Denge kütükleri- Tırmanma halatları- Çim tepecikleri Bahçe işleri (küçük kürekle kazma, sulama, bitki dikimi) Kum ve su oyun istasyonu	Denge ve koordinasyon gelişir- Kaba motor becerileri artar- Enerji boşalımı sağlanır İnce motor becerileri gelişir- El-göz koordinasyonu artar Kas kontrolü ve duyusal motor becerileri gelişir
Bilişsel Gelişim	Bitki etiketleme (renk, şekil, büyüklük karşılaştırması) Mevsim panosu (ilkbahar–yaz–sonbahar–kış doğa panosu) Doğa keşif kutusu (büyüteçle böcek/bitki gözlemi)	Sınıflandırma, eşleştirme, neden-sonuç ilişkisi kurma becerileri gelişir Zaman algısı ve gözlem yetisi gelişir Bilimsel merak, dikkat süresi ve analiz becerisi artar
Dil Gelişimi	Açık hava hikâye köşesi (doğanın içinde kitap okuma) Bahçede "bitki bingo" veya "doğayı anlat" oyunları Grup doğa yürüyüşü sırasında gözlem anlatımı	Kelime dağarcığı gelişir- Dinleme ve anlama becerisi desteklenir İfade becerisi, anlatım özgürlüğü, kavram öğrenimi desteklenir Sıralı anlatım yapma, sorulara cevap verme becerisi gelişir
Sosyal ve Duygusal Gelişim	Ortak bahçe ekimi (çiftler hâlinde dikim / sulama görevleri) Duyusal sessizlik bahçesi (lavanta, doğal taş oturma alanı) Açık hava drama / serbest rol oyunu köşesi	İş birliği, sırayla bekleme, yardım alma-verme alışkanlığı gelişir Duygu farkındalığı, öz-düzenleme, içsel sakinlik artar Sosyal etkileşim, empati, yaratıcılık ve özgüven gelişir

Çevresel Psikoloji Kuramları

Çevresel psikoloji, bireyin çevresiyle kurduğu ilişkinin davranışsal ve psikolojik yönlerine odaklanır. Kaplan ve Kaplan (1989) dikkat restorasyon kuramı, doğa ile etkileşimde bulunan bireylerin zihinsel yorgunluklarını daha kolay atlatabildiğini ileri sürer. Doğal unsurlarla zenginleştirilmiş okul bahçeleri ve açık alanlar, çocukların dikkat sürelerini artırabilir ve stres düzeylerini azaltabilir. Ayrıca Gibson'un "affordance" kavramı (1979), çevresel unsurların bireye sunduğu potansiyel eylem olanaklarına odaklanır. Bu bağlamda Gibson tarafından geliştirilen affordance kuramı, bireylerin çevreyle olan etkileşimlerini anlamaya yönelik bütüncül bir yaklaşım sunar. Gibson (1979), çevreyi yalnızca görsel algının nesnesi olarak değil, bireyin eyleme geçmesini mümkün kılan fiziksel ve psikolojik fırsatlar bütünü olarak tanımlar. Bu yaklaşım, özellikle çocukların çevreyle fiziksel etkileşim kurduğu öğrenme ortamlarını tasarlamak açısından güçlü bir teorik temel sağlar. Affordance kuramı, özellikle okul öncesi dönem çocuklarının gelişimi açısından önemlidir. Çünkü çocuklar çevreyi gözlemlemenin ötesinde, doğrudan deneyim ve hareket yoluyla öğrenirler. Bu bağlamda, eğitim ve oyun alanlarında kullanılan materyallerin çocuklara farklı hareket olanakları sunması gereklidir. Düzgün bir yüzey sadece yürümek için değil, üzerine tırmanmak, dengede durmak veya zıplamak için de kullanılabilir. (Heft, 1988), bu tür çevresel öğelerin çocukların aktif oyun davranışlarını destekleyici etkisini ortaya koyarak, fonksiyonel tasarımın önemine dikkat çekmiştir. Gibson'un yaklaşımı, pedagojik olduğu kadar mimari ve peyzaj tasarımı açısından

da dönüştürücüdür. Modern eğitim yapılarında tek işlevli oyun elemanları yerine, çok amaçlı kullanım sunan ve çocukların hayal gücünü harekete geçiren unsurlar ön plana çıkmaktadır (Heft, 1988). Böylelikle çocukların çevreyle kurdukları ilişki daha zengin, özgün ve gelişimsel olarak destekleyici hale gelmektedir. Gibson'un (1979) "affordance" kuramı, çevredeki nesne ve yüzeylerin bireylere sunduğu potansiyel eylem fırsatlarını ifade eder. Bu kuram, çevrenin çocuğa ne yapabileceğini "önerdiğini" savunur. Örneğin, bir taş yalnızca oturulacak bir nesne değil; üzerine tırmanılabilir, yuvarlanabilir ya da taşınabilir bir ögedir. Peyzaj tasarımında bu kuram doğrultusunda düzenlenecek yüzeyler ve doğal elemanlar, çocukların yaratıcılıklarını ve motor becerilerini geliştirmeye olanak tanır (Heft, 1988).

Oyun Kuramları

Montessori, Waldorf ve Reggio Emilia gibi kuramcılar, erken çocukluk eğitim yaklaşımlarında oyunun öğrenmede temel bir araç olduğunu savunur. Örneğin Waldorf eğitim yaklaşımının benimsediği bir okulda; okul binasının dış görünüşünün içeride gerçekleştirilen etkinlikleri ve çocukların ruhlarını yansıtacak özellikte olup klasik formlardan farklı görünmesi, çeşitli yaş gruplarına göre birbirinden farklı tasarlanmış sınıfların olması, binanın farklı cephelerde farklı mimari unsurlara yer verilmesi, mimarinin biçiminin ve karakterinin değişebilmesi ve bu özelliklerin etkileşim halinde olduğu sürdürülebilir bir tasarım olması gibi hususlar ön plana çıkmaktadır (Foster, 1984). Maria Montessori tarafından geliştirilen Montessori yaklaşımında çevre, çocuğun özgürce hareket edebileceği ve kendi seçimlerini yapabileceği şekilde düzenlenmelidir. Bu bağlamda Montessori yaklaşımı çocuğun bireysel gelişim sürecini merkeze alan, yapılandırılmış fakat özgürlük tanıyan bir öğrenme yaklaşımıdır. Montessori pedagojisinin temelinde, çocuğun doğuştan getirdiği potansiyeli özgürce geliştirebilmesi için uygun bir çevreye ihtiyaç duyduğu anlayışı yer alır (Montessori, 1967). Bu anlayış, erken çocukluk döneminde eğitim ortamlarının tasarımını yalnızca fiziki ihtiyaçlara değil, çocuğun duygusal, bilişsel ve sosyal gelişimini destekleyen niteliklere göre şekillendirme gerekliliğini ortaya koyar. Bu kapsamda peyzaj, öğretmen kadar öğretici bir unsur olarak kabul edilir. Bu nedenle çevre, "hazırlanmış çevre" (prepared-environment) ilkesi doğrultusunda düzenlenmelidir. Hazırlanmış çevre; çocukların özgürce hareket edebildiği, kendi seçimlerini yapabildiği, yaş ve gelişim düzeyine uygun materyallerin bulunduğu bir yapıyı ifade eder (Lillard, 2017). Bu tür bir ortamda çocuklar kendi hızlarında öğrenir, hata yapma ve düzeltme fırsatı bulur, böylece öğrenme sürecine aktif biçimde katılırlar. Montessori yaklaşımına göre, çocuklar kendi hızlarında öğrenme hakkına sahiptir ve çevre, bu süreci destekleyecek şekilde hazırlanmalıdır (Montessori, 1967). "Hazırlanmış çevre" ilkesi, çocukların bağımsız hareket edebileceği ve çeşitli duyusal deneyimler kazanabileceği alanlar sunar. Bu kurama göre açık alanlar; düzenli, sade fakat işlevsel yapısıyla çocuğun özgürlük ve sorumluluk gelişimini desteklemelidir. Peyzaj tasarımında doğal materyaller, yürüyüş yolları, sebze bahçeleri ve bireysel keşif alanları bu anlayışa hizmet eder.

Montessori kuramı, özellikle erken çocukluk döneminde çevresel uyaranların önemine vurgu yapar. Duyusal materyaller, hareket serbestliği ve düzenli bir mekân organizasyonu, çocukların içsel disiplin geliştirmesine yardımcı olur. Montessori'ye göre çocukların kendi öğrenmelerini yönlendirme hakkı vardır; bu nedenle öğretmenin rolü yönlendirici değil, gözlemleyici ve destekleyici olmalıdır (Montessori, 1949). Bu yaklaşım sadece içerideki sınıf düzeniyle sınırlı değildir; açık alanların ve dış mekânın da öğrenme sürecine entegre edilmesi gerekir. Doğayla iç içe tasarlanmış oyun ve etkinlik alanları, çocukların özgürlük, keşif ve hareket ihtiyaçlarını karşılar. Bilhassa açık hava deneyimleri, Montessori'nin "hareket yoluyla öğrenme" ilkesini destekler (Haines, 2000). Bu bağlamda, Montessori kuramı sadece pedagojik bir sistem değil, aynı zamanda çocukların içinde bulundukları çevrenin tasarımına dair temel ilkeler sunan bir yaklaşımdır. Reggio Emilia yaklaşımında ise çevre, "üçüncü öğretmen" olarak kabul edilir (Gandini, 2012). Bu anlayışa göre, dış mekânlar çocukların hem bireysel hem de grup hâlinde

aktif katılım sağlayabilecekleri şekilde düzenlenmelidir. Dolayısıyla iyi tasarlanmış bir peyzaj, sadece oyun alanı değil, aynı zamanda öğrenme, ifade etme ve sosyalleşme alanıdır. Bu yaklaşımında öğrenme, çocuk, öğretmen ve çevrenin etkileşiminden doğar. Bu üçlü ilişki, öğrenmenin sosyal bir süreç olduğu fikrini destekler. Öğretmen, bilgiyi aktaran değil; çocuğun öğrenme sürecine eşlik eden, onu destekleyen ve yönlendiren bir rehberdir (Malaguzzi, 1996). Bu doğrultuda öğrenme ortamları da pasif değil, çocuğun öğrenmesini aktif biçimde destekleyen bir "üçüncü öğretmen" olarak kabul edilir (Strong-Wilson ve Ellis, 2007).

Reggio Emilia yaklaşımında çevre, sadece fiziksel değil; aynı zamanda sosyal ve kültürel bir öğrenme alanıdır. Çocukların deneyimlerini belgelemek, öğrenme süreçlerini görünür kılmak açısından büyük önem taşır. Bu nedenle belgelendirme hem değerlendirme hem de iletişim aracı olarak kullanılır. Sınıf panoları, fotoğraflar, çocuk yapıtları ve gözlem notları, öğrenmenin görünürlüğünü sağlayan araçlardır (Rinaldi, 2006). Çevre, öğrenmenin "üçüncü öğretmeni" olarak tanımlanır (Strong-Wilson ve Ellis, 2007). Bu anlayış, çevrenin yalnızca bir mekân değil; çocukların sosyal, estetik ve duygusal gelişimlerine katkı sağlayan bir etkileşim alanı olduğunu vurgular. Reggio ortamları, çocukların "Yüz dilini" kullanarak kendilerini ifade etmelerine olanak tanıyan esnek ve açık uçlu materyallerle donatılmıştır (Gandini, 2012). Bu bağlamda peyzaj tasarımı; doğal dokular, su ögeleri, renkli bitkiler ve açık hava atölyeleriyle zenginleştirilerek çocuğun yaratıcılığını destekler. Reggio yaklaşımı, çocuğu pasif bir alıcı değil; aktif, yaratıcı ve sosyal bir birey olarak tanımlar. Bu yaklaşım, erken çocukluk eğitiminde öğrenmenin sadece içerikle değil; ortamın niteliği, çocuğun katılımı ve ifade biçimleriyle şekillendiğini vurgular. Bu nedenle eğitim mekânlarının mimari tasarımı, çocukların çok yönlü gelişimini destekleyecek şekilde esnek, estetik ve katılımcı bir anlayışla ele alınmalıdır.

Mekânsal Öğrenme ve Deneyimsel Eğitim

Dewey'in deneyimsel eğitim yaklaşımı, öğrenmenin aktif katılım ve yaşantılar yoluyla gerçekleştiğini vurgular. Dewey'in *deneyimsel eğitim* yaklaşımı, bireyin öğrenme sürecinin yalnızca bilgi aktarımıyla değil, aktif katılım ve yaşantılar yoluyla gerçekleştiği düşüncesine dayanır. Dewey (1938), öğrenmeyi bireyin yaşadığı deneyimlerin doğrudan bir sonucu olarak tanımlar ve eğitimi, yaşamın kendisiyle bütünleşik bir süreç olarak görür. Dewey'e göre, çocuklar soyut kavramları yalnızca anlatımla öğrenemez; bu bilgileri somut deneyimlerle ilişkilendirdiklerinde anlamlı öğrenme gerçekleşir. Bu bağlamda, eğitim ortamları çocuğun düşünsel merakını uyandıran, problem çözmeye teşvik eden ve aktif katılım sağlayan biçimde düzenlenmelidir. Öğrenme süreci, yalnızca öğretmenin anlatımı değil, çocuğun çevresiyle olan etkileşimi, sorular sorması ve keşfetmesi yoluyla gelişir. John Dewey'e göre, öğrenme doğrudan yaşantı ve deneyim yoluyla gerçekleşir. Eğitimin yaşamla bütünleşik olması gerektiğini savunan Dewey (1938), çocukların çevreleriyle fiziksel olarak etkileşime girmesinin öğrenmeyi kalıcı hale getirdiğini ifade etmiştir. Bu doğrultuda peyzaj tasarımı, çocukların problem çözme, iş birliği ve keşfetme gibi deneyimlerini destekleyecek biçimde kurgulanmalıdır. Doğa gözlem alanları, oyun bahçeleri ve hareketli yüzeyler, Dewey'in deneyimsel öğrenme ilkesiyle birebir örtüşür. Dewey'in kuramında çevre, öğrenmenin temel bir bileşenidir. Fiziksel çevre, çocuğa keşif, deneme ve üretme olanakları sunarak bireysel öğrenme sürecini destekler. Özellikle erken çocukluk döneminde, doğayla iç içe etkinliklerin, serbest oyun alanlarının ve deneyime dayalı etkinliklerin yer aldığı eğitim ortamları, Dewey'in eğitim felsefesiyle birebir örtüşmektedir. Bu nedenle açık alanlar, doğal materyaller ve esnek öğrenme köşeleri Dewey'in düşüncesinde önemli yer tutar (Hickman, 2009). Dewey'in düşüncesinde okul yaşamı, toplum yaşamının bir mikro kozmosudur. Çocukların toplumsal değerleri öğrenmeleri, karar alma süreçlerine katılmaları ve birlikte üretmeleri, eğitim ortamlarında oluşturulan demokratik katılım yapılarıyla mümkün kılınmalıdır. Bu bakış açısı, çocukların sadece bilgiyle değil, yaşantı yoluyla gelişimini hedefler. Çocukların fiziksel olarak içinde bulundukları mekânlarla doğrudan etkileşim kurmaları, soyut bilgileri

somutlaştırmalarına yardımcı olur (Dewey, 1938). Açık alanlar ve doğal peyzaj öğeleriyle şekillenen okul çevreleri, çocuğun bu deneyimsel öğrenme sürecini destekleyecek şekilde kurgulanmalıdır.

MONTESSORİ EĞİTİM YAKLAŞIMI VE PEYZAJ TASARIM KRİTERLERİ

Erken çocukluk dönemi, bireyin bilişsel, sosyal, duygusal ve motor gelişiminin temellerinin atıldığı kritik bir yaşam evresidir. Bu dönemde çocuğun öğrenme ortamı, gelişim sürecini doğrudan etkiler. Geleneksel sınıf düzenlerinden farklı olarak Montessori eğitim yaklaşımı, öğrenmenin yalnızca kapalı mekanlarda değil, açık alanlarda da özgürce gerçekleşebileceğini savunur (Lillard, 2017). Montessori pedagojisi, çevrenin çocuğun bağımsız öğrenme süreçlerini destekleyecek şekilde özenle hazırlanmasını öngörür (Montessori, 1912). Bu anlayış, peyzaj tasarımının eğitimdeki rolünü sadece estetik değil, pedagojik bir araç olarak da yeniden tanımlar. İtalyan doktor ve pedagog Maria Montessori (1870–1952), eğitim alanında devrim yaratmış bir öncüdür. Çocukların içsel motivasyona ve doğal öğrenme yetisine sahip olduklarını savunmuş, eğitimin bu içsel potansiyeli açığa çıkaracak bir yapı sunması gerektiğini belirtmiştir (Montessori, 1912)'a göre eğitim, çocuğun kendisini özgürce ifade edebileceği, kendi hatalarından öğrenebileceği ve kendi hızında gelişebileceği bir süreçtir. Montessori yaklaşımının temel taşı, hazırlanmış çevredir. Bu çevre, çocukların bağımsız hareket edebilmelerini, seçim yapabilmelerini ve kendi öğrenme süreçlerini yönetebilmelerini destekler (Montessori, 1967). Çevre hem fiziksel hem de sosyal açıdan çocukların gelişim ihtiyaçlarına göre şekillendirilmelidir. Çocuklara özgür seçim hakkı tanınır; ancak bu özgürlük belirli sınırlar içinde, başkalarının haklarına ve çevreye saygı temelinde uygulanır (Lillard, 2017). Montessori pedagojisinde "özgürlük" kavramı, disiplinsizlik anlamına gelmez; aksine bireysel sorumluluğun ve içsel disiplinin gelişmesini teşvik eder. Montessori yöntemi, öğrenmenin duyular aracılığıyla gerçekleştiğini savunur (Montessori, 1949). Bu nedenle materyaller ve çevre, görme, işitme, dokunma, koklama ve tat alma duyularını geliştirecek biçimde tasarlanır. Tablo 2, Montessori eğitimi ve geleneksel eğitimin karşılaştırmalı tablosunu açıklamaktadır. Tabloda dikkat çeken faktörler Montessori eğitiminin esnek, doğal öğrenme ortamı ve çevre ile doğrudan ilişkisi olmasıdır.

Tablo 2: Montessori ve Geleneksel Eğitimin Öğrenme Metotlarının Karşılaştırılması

Kategori / Alan	Montessori Eğitimi	Geleneksel Eğitim
Öğrenme Yaklaşımı	Bireysel, deneyimleyerek, kendi hızında öğrenme	Öğretmen merkezli, toplu, aynı hızda öğrenme
Öğretmen Rolü	Rehber/kolaylaştırıcı	Bilgi veren, kontrol eden otorite
Sınıf Ortamı	Hazırlanmış çevre, farklı yaş grupları bir arada	Yaşa göre sabit sınıflar, standart masa-sıra düzeni
Materyaller	Duyusal ve somut Montessori materyalleri (kendiliğinden hata kontrolü)	Kitap, defter, tahta ve soyut anlatım
Değerlendirme Şekli	Gözlem, bireysel ilerleme takibi	Not sistemi, sınavlar, testler
Disiplin Anlayışı	İç disiplin, doğal sonuçlarla öğrenme	Dış disiplin, ceza/ödül sistemi
Öğrenci Motivasyonu	İçsel motivasyon (merak ve ilgi)	Dışsal motivasyon (ödül, not, onay)

Kategori / Alan	Montessori Eğitimi	Geleneksel Eğitim
Zaman Yönetimi	Serbest zaman dilimleri, çocuk kendi süresini yönetir	Sabit ders süreleri, zil sistemi
Sosyal Etkileşim	Yaş grupları karışık, küçükler büyüklerden öğrenir	Aynı yaşta çocuklar, sınırlı sosyal deneyim
Hata ve Düzeltme	Hatalar doğal öğrenme aracıdır, çocuk kendisi fark eder	Öğretmen veya sınavlar tarafından geri bildirim
Oyun ve Hareket	Serbest hareket ve yapılandırılmış oyunlar	Oyun genellikle teneffüse sıkıştırılmış
Öğrenme Alanları	Pratik yaşam, duyusal, matematik, dil, kültürel alanlar	Akademik odaklı; matematik, dil, fen vb.
Peyzaj / Dış Mekân Kullanımı	Doğa temelli öğrenme, açık hava sınıfları, bahçecilik	Genellikle sınıf içinde öğrenme, dış mekân serbest oyunla sınırlı

Montessori doğayı yalnızca estetik bir unsur olarak değil, eğitim sürecinin etkin bir bileşeni olarak görmüştür. Ona göre çocuklar doğa ile etkileşim kurarak yaşamın temel döngülerini, sorumluluğu ve sabrı öğrenirler (Montessori, 1949). Doğa, Montessori eğitiminin ayrılmaz bir parçasıdır; çünkü çocukların keşfetme, gözlem yapma ve deneyimleme yoluyla öğrenmelerine doğrudan hizmet eder. Tarım etkinlikleri, çocuklara canlı sistemlerin işleyişini öğretir. Mevsim döngülerinin gözlemlenmesi, zaman kavramını ve sabrı geliştirir. Doğa yürüyüşleri ve açık hava çalışmaları, fiziksel gelişimi ve çevresel farkındalığı destekler. Dolayısıyla Montessori eğitim yapılarında doğaya açılan sınıflar, geniş bahçeler ve zengin peyzajlar pedagojik işlev taşır.

Çocuk Ölçeği ve Ergonomisi

Peyzaj tasarımı çocukların boyutlarına ve motor becerilerine uygun olmalıdır (Edwards, 2002). Yollar, köprüler ve basamaklar çocukların fiziksel yeterliliklerine göre şekillendirilmelidir. Oyun ve çalışma alanları, kolayca erişilebilir ve çocukların bağımsız kullanabileceği şekilde olmalıdır.

Doğrudan Etkileşim Alanları

Çocukların doğayı deneyimleyebileceği doğrudan etkileşim alanları tasarlanmalıdır: Sebze ve meyve bahçeleri, Küçük sera yapıları, Yağmur suyu toplama sistemleri, Kompost alanları. Bu alanlar, çocukların sorumluluk alarak doğa döngülerine katılmalarını sağlar (Lillard, 2017).

Duyu Bahçeleri ve Çoklu Duyusal Deneyimler

Montessori pedagojisinde duyuların eğitimi ön planda olduğundan, peyzaj tasarımında farklı duyu organlarına hitap eden öğelere yer verilmelidir: Aromatik bitkiler (lavanta, adaçayı), Doku yolları (kum, çakıl, toprak, çim), Su öğeleri (küçük göletler veya çeşmeler).

Özgür Oyun ve Keşif Alanları

Montessori felsefesine uygun bir açık alan, çocuğa özgürce keşfetme imkânı sunmalıdır (Montessori, 1967). Kısıtlayıcı yapılandırmalardan kaçınılmalı, doğal unsurların (ağaçlar, çalılar, doğal taşlar) oluşturduğu keşif alanları desteklenmelidir.

Sessiz Gözlem ve Dinlenme Mekanları

Bahçede sessiz alanlar oluşturarak çocuklara doğayı gözlemleyebilecekleri mekanlar sunulmalıdır (Edwards, 2002). Gölgelik ağaçlar altına yerleştirilmiş banklar, Doğal çemberler

(örneğin taşlarla çevrili oturma alanları), Minik saklı köşeler çocukların iç dünyalarına dönebilmelerine fırsat tanır.

YÖNTEM VE METOT

Çalışmada öncelikle Erken çocukluk dönemi ve bu doğrultuda ilgili kuramlar incelenmiştir. Ön plana çıkan çalışmalar ve kuramcılardan yola çıkarak bu dönemin önemi ve çocuklar üzerindeki gelişim olanakları ele alınmıştır. Teorik çerçevede çocukluk döneminin gelişimsel kuramları üzerinde öncü olan John Dewey (deneysel etkileşim kuramı), Lev Vygotsky (sosyal etkileşim kuramı), Gibson (Affordance kuramı), Maria Montessori (Montessori kuramı), Rudolf Steiner (Waldrof kuramı), Loris Malaguzzi (Reggio Emilia Kuramı) teorilerine başvurulmuştur. Montessori eğitim kriterlerini destekleyen (Tablo 3)'te sunulan teoriler çerçevesinde çevrenin önemi ve çocuklar üzerindeki etkisinden yola çıkarak Dünya çapındaki Montessori eğitim alanlarında dikkat çekici unsurlar tablo halinde görselleştirilmiştir. Alan çalışmasında ise Montessori eğitimini destekleyen, paralel peyzaj ve mimari uygulamaları ile ön plana çıkan BAHRİYE ÜÇOK ANAOKULU projesi ele alınmıştır. Proje 2016 yılında açılıp, toplam 1.208 m² kapalı, 1.633 m² açık alana sahip bu yuva, Türkiye'nin ilk LEED Platin sertifikalı çocuk yuvasıdır. Saha incelemesinde nitel veriler ve gözleme dayanarak Montessori tasarım kriterleri okulun iç mekân ve dış bahçesinde irdelenmiştir. Değerlendirme sistemi 1 ile 5 arası olup 1 puan en düşük ve 5 puan en yüksek puan olarak karar verilmiştir. Sonuç ve tartışma bölümünde ise gelecekteki anaokulu projelerinin planlanmasında, Montessori felsefesinin pedagojik esaslarına uyumlu olacak şekilde, esnek modüler öğrenme alanlarının tasarlanması gerekliliğinin esas alınması üzerinde bahsedilmiştir.

Tablo 3: Erken Çocukluk Döneminin Gelişimsel Kuramları

ÇOCUKLUK DÖNEMİ GELİŞİMSEL KURAMLAR					
John Dewey (1938)	**Lev Vygotsky (1978)**	**James Jerome Gibson (1979)**	**Maria Montessori (1967)**	**Rudolf Steiner (1919)**	**Loris Malaguzzi (1980)**
Deneysel Etkileşim Kuramı	Sosyal Etkileşim Kuramı	Affordance Kuramı	Monteesori Kuramı	Waldorf Kuramı	Reggio Emilia Kuramı
Gelişim Kuramlarının Peyzaj Tasarımı ile İlişkili İlkeleri					
Yaşantı ve Deneyim oluşması	Sosyal çevre etkileşimi sağlanması	Sosyal çevrenin eylemsel etkisi	Peyzaj tasarımının özgürlük hissi oluşturması	Çeşitli form ve yüzeyler tasarlatılması	Çevrenin 3. Öğretmen olarak tanımlanışı
Çevre etkileşimi sağlanması	Oyun alanları oluşturulması	Çevrenin farklı fonksiyonlar ile kullanılması	Etkileşimli doğal ve yapılı çevre sağlanması (Hazırlanmış Çevre ilkesi)	Tasarımda çeşit ve farklılıkların bulunması	Esnek ve açık uçlu materyal ortamları

ÖRNEK MONTESSORİ EĞİTİM KURAMLARININ BAŞARILI PEYZAJ UYGULAMALARI

Dünya genelinde Montessori eğitim yaklaşımını uygulayan okullar incelendiğinde özellikle son yıllarda faklı ülkelerde bu eğitimin artması dikkat çekmektedir. Genel olarak tüm projelerin dikkat çekici unsurları doğa ve çevre ile birebir etkileşimde olmaları, Bahçe tarımı ve kompost alanları, Açık hava sınıfı / gölgelikli derslikler, Duyusal alanlar ve doğal malzemeler, Serbest oyun bölgeleri (doğal tırmanış), Meditasyon ve sessiz alanlar, çocukların eğitim sürecine dahil olması, doğal oyun alanları, su elemanları ve yürüyüş yollarıdır. Tasarım kararları Montessori prensiplerini desteklemiş olup, öğrencilerin günlük yaşam becerileri ve sorumluluklarını geliştirmektedir. Ayrıca Hareket özgürlüğü, odaklanma, Duyularla öğrenme, çevresel farkındalık, Motor becerilerin gelişimi, özgüven, duygusal denge ve dikkatlerini geliştirme konusunda destek olmaktadır. Bu unsular neticesinde eğitimin geleneksel olarak değil, eğitici ve dinamik kamusal alan olarak ön plana çıkması gözlemlenmektedir. Tablo 4, örnek Montessori eğitimi okulları ve çevre ile ilişkilerini açıklamaktadır.

Tablo 4: Montessori eğitimi okullarının örneği ve çevre ile ilişkileri

Ülke	Okul Adı	Peyzaj Özellikleri	Dikkat Çekici Unsurlar
İtalya	Montessori Scuola Primaria di Roma	Bahçe tarımı, zeytin ve meyve ağaçları, dış sınıf alanı	Maria Montessori'nin memleketinde doğal öğrenme alanları önde
ABD	The Post Oak School (Houston, TX)	Organik tarım alanları, meditasyon bahçesi, geniş oyun alanı	Çocuklar her gün bahçede görev alıyor
Hollanda	Casa Bilingual Montessori School	Gölgelikli açık sınıflar, yürüyüş yolları, doğal su unsurları	Her hava koşulunda dışarıda öğrenmeyi destekleyen yapı
Japonya	Jiyu Gakuen Montessori School	Zen bahçeleri, taş yollar, doğal tırmanma alanları	Sessizlik ve gözlem kültürüyle peyzaj bütünleşmiş
Avustralya	Northside Montessori School (Sydney)	Permakültür bahçesi, açık mutfak, doğa temelli oyun alanı	Bahçecilik eğitimi müfredata dahil
Kanada	Clanmore Montessori School (Ontario)	Kuş gözlem alanları, kelebek bahçesi, doğal oyun parkı	Doğal yaşam gözlemi eğitimin parçası
Almanya	Freie Montessori Schule Berlin	Açık hava sınıfı, orman yürüyüşleri, doğal denge oyunları	"Orman okulu" ile ortak çalışmalar
ABD	Nido Montessori School (ABD)	Tarım bahçeleri, duyu yürüyüş yolları ve doğal oyun alanları	Çocukların öğrenme sürecini dış mekâna taşıması
İngiltere	Little Forest Montessori School	Doğal ekosistemle bütünleşmiş tasarlanan bahçeleri, mevsimsel değişikliklere duyarlı etkinlikler, Çocukların kelebek bahçelerinde doğayla doğrudan ilişkileri	Biyolojik döngüleri deneyimlemek

Ülke	Okul Adı	Peyzaj Özellikleri	Dikkat Çekici Unsurlar
Rionegro, Colombia	Estudio Transversal	Öğrenciler arasında farklı ölçeklerde ilişkiler geliştiren mekanlar (platformlar, meydanlar ve bahçeler) sunulması	Doğayla etkileşim kurma becerilerini teşvik eden eğitici ve dinamik bir senaryo olarak kamusal alanı
Türkiye (İstanbul)	Yeşil Orman Okulu	Permakültüre uygun yükseltilmiş sebze yatakları, duyu yolu ve açık hava sınıfları	Orman pedagojiye odaklı, çok duyulu tasarım
Türkiye (İstanbul)	Yeni Palet Okulları Çamlıca Kampüsü	Taş ve ahşap doğal malzemelerle duyusal dış mekân tasarımı, karşılama alanında Montessori uyumlu konsept	Modern tasarımda Montessori dış alan vurgusu
Türkiye (İstanbul)	Bir Çiçek Koleji / Tuzla Orman Okulu	Düzenli orman okul seansları, doğa temelli keşif rotaları planlı	Orman-okul konsepti benimsenmiş alternatif okul
Türkiye (İstanbul)	Bahriye Üçok Ekolojik çocuk yuvası/ Kadıköy	Labirent yollar, farklı yüzeyler, bitkiler, açık alanlar, Permakültür bahçeleri, sulama, hasat, Açık sınıf-teras geçişleri, dış oyun alanları, Ekolojik uygulamalar, sürdürülebilir tasarım, İç-dış mekânın bütünleşik, duyarlı olarak tasarlanması	Duyusal öğrenme, Gerçek yaşam aktiviteleri, Bağımsız hareket ve seçim imkânı, Çevre ve sorumluluk bilinci, Öğrenme ortamının hazırlanmış olması

ALAN ÇALIŞMASI, İSTANBUL BAHRİYE ÜÇOK EKOLOJİK ÇOCUK YUVASI

İstanbul Kadıköy'de bulunan Bahriye Üçok Anaokulu 2016'da açılmış ve DS Mimarlık tarafından peyzajı, Dilekçi Mimarlık tarafından mimarisi yapılmıştır. Bina ve peyzajda su verimliliği, enerji tasarrufu, ekolojik malzeme kullanımı gibi kriterlerde en üst düzeyde LEED Platin sertifikası almıştır. Dünya Mimarlık Festivali (WAF) "Okul" kategorisinde dünyanın en iyi 10 okulundan biri seçilmiştir ve Business Insider'ın "Dünyanın En Güzel 16 Okulu" listesine girmeye hak kazanmıştır (Yeşil Bina Dergisi, 2018). Bahriye Üçok Ekolojik Çocuk Yuvası, Montessori prensiplerini mimari ve peyzaj düzeyinde bütüncül bir biçimde hayata geçirmiş bir örnektir. Açık hava sınıfları, permakültür bahçeleri, duyusal peyzaj düzenlemeleri ve sürdürülebilir binası ile çocukların özgür, sorumlu, doğayla bağlantılı ve çevre bilinci gelişmiş bireyler olarak yetişmelerini desteklemektedir. Çağdaş eğitim anlayışını yansıtan, doğayla bütünleşik bir mimari ve peyzaj tasarımına sahiptir. Yapı, öğrencilerin öğrenme süreçlerini doğrudan çevreleriyle ilişkilendirmelerine imkân tanıyan, doğaya saygılı bir planlama anlayışıyla inşa edilmiştir. Açık alanlar eğitim programının ayrılmaz bir parçası olarak tasarlanmış, çocukların farklı iklim koşullarında bile açık havada vakit geçirebilmeleri sağlanmıştır.

Şekil 1 ve 2, Bahriye Üçok Anaokulunun hava fotoğrafı ve çeşitli açılardan görüntüsünü göstermektedir. Şekil 3 ise okulun kat planlarını göstermektedir.

Şekil 1: Bahriye Üçok Anaokulunun hava fotoğrafı (Yandex map, Erişim: 12.07.2025) ve üst ölçek görüntüsü

Şekil 2: Bahriye Üçok Anaokulunun fotoğrafları (Dilekçi, 2016)

Şekil 3: Bahriye Üçok Anaokulunun Giriş ve Bodrum Kat Planı (Dilekçi, 2016)

MONTESSORİ EĞİTİM KURAMINA GÖRE BAHRİYE ÜÇOK ANAOKULUNUN DEĞERLENDİRİLMESİ

Montessori kuramı, öğrenme ortamının çocuğun gelişimine doğrudan katkı sağladığını savunur. Bu bağlamda mekânsal tasarımda öncelikli olan ilkeler Çocuğa *uygun ölçek:* Mekân ve mobilyalar, çocukların fiziksel boyutlarına göre tasarlanmalı, erişilebilir ve rahat kullanılabilir olmalıdır. *Düzenli ve sade ortam:* Öğrenme alanlarında dikkat dağıtıcı unsurlar azaltılmalı, işlevsellik ön planda tutulmalıdır. *Özgür hareket alanı:* Çocukların kendi seçtikleri aktiviteleri yapabileceği esnek, çok işlevli ve açık alanlar yaratılmalıdır. *Doğal ışık ve doğayla etkileşim:* Geniş pencerelerle doğal ışık sağlanmalı, açık alanlarda çocukların doğayla temasını artıracak düzenlemeler yapılmalıdır. *Duyusal uyarım:* Çocukların duyusal gelişimini destekleyen doğal malzemeler ve dokular kullanılmalıdır. *Kendi kendine öğrenme:* Malzemeler ve araçlar çocukların kolayca erişebileceği şekilde yerleştirilmelidir. Bahriye Üçok Anaokulu'nun fiziksel

yapısı, erken çocukluk eğitimi için temel unsurlardan biri olan öğrenme ortamının niteliği açısından incelendiğinde, Montessori eğitim felsefesinin önemli ilkeleriyle çeşitli açılardan uyumlu olduğu görülmektedir. Ancak, Montessori yaklaşımının ideal öğrenme ortamı oluşturma hedefi göz önüne alındığında, geliştirilmesi gereken bazı alanlar da bulunmaktadır. Aşağıda okulun iç mekânları, mobilya ve materyal kullanımı, peyzaj düzenlemesi ve genel çevresel özellikleri detaylı olarak değerlendirilmiştir.

İç Mekân Düzeni ve Organizasyonu

Bahriye Üçok Anaokulu'nun sınıfları genel olarak geniş ve ferah bir yapıya sahiptir. Montessori yaklaşımında çocukların öğrenme süreçlerinde bağımsız hareket etmeleri ve kendi tercihlerini yapabilmeleri için fiziksel mekânın genişliği büyük önem taşır (Lillard, 2017). Bu anlamda, okulun geniş sınıfları çocukların serbestçe dolaşmalarına, farklı etkinlik alanları arasında geçiş yapmalarına olanak sağlamaktadır. Bu durum çocukların kendi hızlarında ve ilgi alanlarında öğrenmelerini teşvik eden önemli bir olumlu özelliktir. Sınıflarda, çalışma alanlarının belirgin ve düzenli bir şekilde ayrılmış olması çocukların organize olmalarını ve odaklanmalarını kolaylaştırmaktadır. Montessori pedagojisi, çocukların materyallerini kendilerinin seçip kullanmasını ve bu materyalleri kullanım sonrası tekrar yerlerine koymalarını destekler (Standing, 1957). Bahriye Üçok Anaokulu'nda malzemelerin erişilebilir, düzenli raflarda yer alması bu ilkeyle paralellik göstermektedir. Ancak, sınıf içi düzenlemelerde esneklik sınırlıdır. Montessori sınıflarında mobilyaların ve etkinlik alanlarının çocukların bireysel ihtiyaçlarına ve günlük tercihlerine göre kolayca değiştirilebilir olması beklenir. Okulda mevcut sabit mobilya yerleşimleri ve sınırlı alan çeşitliliği, çocukların öğrenme alanlarını özgürce yeniden düzenleme imkânını kısıtlamaktadır. Bu durum, çocukların kendi öğrenme süreçlerini daha aktif ve bağımsız yönetmelerini zorlaştırabilir.

Mobilya ve Materyal Kullanımı

Okulda kullanılan mobilyaların çocuk boyutlarına uygun olması, Montessori eğitim felsefesinin temel gerekliliklerinden biridir. Çocukların kendi kendine hareket etmelerini ve materyallere kolayca ulaşmalarını sağlayan ergonomik ve yaşa uygun mobilyalar, bağımsızlık ve özgüven gelişimini destekler. Mobilyaların çocuk erişimine uygun olması, çocukların kendilerini daha rahat ve güvende hissetmelerine katkıda bulunmaktadır. Okuldaki materyal düzenlemesi de olumlu değerlendirilebilir. Montessori yaklaşımında materyallerin belirli kategorilerde ve görünür şekilde sergilenmesi çocukların ilgi ve meraklarını uyandırır. Bahriye Üçok Anaokulu'nda materyallerin düzenli raflarda tutulması, çocukların materyalleri özgürce seçmelerine ve öğrenme sürecine aktif katılımlarına olanak tanımaktadır. Ancak Okul bünyesinde Montessori pedagojisine özgü materyal eksikliği gözlemlenmektedir. Bu durum, çocukların deneyimleyebileceği ve keşfedebileceği öğrenme alanlarının sınırlandırılması anlamına gelir. Montessori eğitimi için özel olarak tasarlanmış materyallerin ve doğal duyusal araçların çeşitliliğinin artırılması, öğrenme deneyiminin zenginleşmesine katkıda bulunacaktır.

Şekil 4: İç Mekanlardaki Mobilya ve Materyal Kullanımı

Peyzaj Düzenlemesi ve Açık Alanlar

Bahriye Üçok Anaokulu'nun açık alanları ve peyzaj düzenlemesi, çocukların fiziksel gelişimi ve doğa ile etkileşimleri açısından önemli avantajlar sunmaktadır. Montessori pedagojisinde çocukların doğal ortamda bulunmaları, çevreyle doğrudan temas etmeleri ve doğayla öğrenme deneyimi yaşamaları büyük önem taşır. Okulun geniş oyun alanları, çocukların motor becerilerini geliştirmesine, grup oyunlarına katılmasına ve özgürce keşfetmesine imkân tanımaktadır. Okulun dış mekanlarında bulunan yeşil alanlar ve doğal bitki örtüsü, çocukların duyusal gelişimini ve çevre bilincini artırma açısından olumlu bir ortam yaratmaktadır. Montessori eğitiminin temel ilkelerinden biri olan "doğa sevgisi" ve "çevre duyarlılığı"nın desteklenmesi bakımından bu tür alanlar çok değerlidir. Bununla birlikte, dış mekân düzenlemesinde doğal materyal kullanımının sınırlı olması dikkat çekmektedir. Montessori sınıflarında çocukların doğayla daha zengin ve çok yönlü etkileşim kurabilmesi için taş, su, toprak, bitkiler gibi doğal materyallerin oyun alanlarına dahil edilmesi önerilir. Bahriye Üçok Anaokulu'nun dış alanlarında bu tür duyusal ve keşif odaklı öğelerin artırılması, çocukların öğrenme deneyimini daha da derinleştirecektir.

Şekil 4: Bahriye Üçok anaokulunun Vaziyet planı, dış mekân düzenlemeleri (Kadikoy Belediyesi, t.y.)

Öğrenme Ortamının Çocuk Merkezliliği ve Esnekliği Montessori eğitimi, öğrenme ortamının çocukların bireysel ihtiyaçlarına ve ilgi alanlarına göre şekillendirilebilmesini öngörür. Çocuk merkezli yaklaşım, çocukların kendi seçimlerini yapabilmeleri ve öğrenme süreçlerini kendi hızlarında sürdürebilmeleri için fiziksel mekânın esnek ve uyarlanabilir olmasını gerektirir. Bahriye Üçok Anaokulu'nun fiziksel ortamı, çocukların bazı özgürlüklerini desteklemekte olsa da genel olarak standart ve sabit düzenlemelere sahiptir. Bu durum, farklı çocukların özel ihtiyaçlarına yönelik ortam düzenlemelerinde esneklik ve çeşitlilik yaratılmasını zorlaştırabilir.

Montessori felsefesinin ideal ortamında, çocuklar farklı çalışma grupları veya bireysel etkinlikler için alanları kendi isteklerine göre değiştirebilmelidir. Ayrıca, çocukların kendi seçimlerini yapabilmeleri için materyallerin ve etkinlik alanlarının çeşitliliği ile erişilebilirliği çok önemlidir. Bahriye Üçok Anaokulu'nda materyaller belli ölçüde erişilebilir olsa da daha fazla özgür seçim ve bireyselleştirme için ortamın yeniden yapılandırılması faydalı olacaktır.

Tablo 5: Bahriye Üçok Anaokulundaki peyzaj tasarım kararlarının Montessori Kuramı Bağlamında algısal açıdan değerlendirilmesine dair özet tablo

Montessori İlkesi	Değerlendirme	Olumlu Yönler	Geliştirilmesi Gereken Alanlar	Değerlendirme Seviyesi (1-5)
Çocuk Merkezli Ortam	Geniş sınıflar ve açık alanlar çocukların bağımsız hareketine olanak sağlıyor.	Çocuklar özgürce dolaşabiliyor ve kendi tercihlerini yapabiliyor.	Mekân esnekliği artırılarak, çocukların öğrenme alanlarını değiştirebilme imkânı geliştirilebilir.	★★★★☆ (4/5)
Erişilebilirlik ve Uygun Mobilya	Mobilyalar çocuk boyutunda, çocukların materyallere kolay erişimi sağlanıyor.	Ergonomik mobilyalar, bağımsız hareketi destekliyor.	Mobilya çeşitliliği ve Montessori materyallerinin sayısı artırılabilir.	★★★★☆ (4/5)
Özgür Seçim ve Materyal Düzeni	Materyaller düzenli raflarda yer almakta, çocukların seçim yapması teşvik ediliyor.	Materyaller görünür ve kolay erişilebilir.	Materyal çeşitliliği artırılarak daha geniş ilgi alanlarına hitap edilebilir.	★★★☆☆ (3/5)
Doğa ile Etkileşim	Okulun yeşil alanları ve açık oyun sahaları doğayla etkileşimi destekliyor.	Doğa ile iç içe, güvenli ve rahat bir oyun ortamı mevcut.	Doğal materyaller ve duyusal keşif öğeleri artırılabilir.	★★★★☆ (4/5)
Bireyselleştirilmiş Öğrenme Alanları	Çeşitli etkinlik alanları var ancak sınıf düzeni genel olarak sabit.	Farklı öğrenme alanları çocukların gelişimine katkı sağlıyor.	Esnek alan kullanımı artırılarak çocukların ihtiyaçlarına göre düzenlenebilir.	★★★☆☆ (3/5)
Güvenlik ve Sağlık	Fiziksel ortam genel olarak güvenli ve sağlıklı koşullara sahip.	Doğal ışık, havalandırma ve hijyen standartları uygun.	Sürdürülebilir malzeme kullanımı ve enerji verimliliği geliştirilebilir.	★★★★☆ (4/5)

SONUÇ VE TARTIŞMA

Montessori pedagojisinin temel prensipleri doğrultusunda tasarlanmış erken çocukluk eğitim ortamlarının, çocukların gelişim süreçlerini desteklemede kritik bir rol oynadığı tespit edilmiştir. Bahriye Üçok Anaokulu, fiziksel mekân düzenlemeleri ve pedagojik uygulamalar bağlamında Montessori yaklaşımının özgürlükçü ve bireyselleştirilmiş öğrenme ilkelerine önemli ölçüde uyum sağlamaktadır. Çocuk boyutunda tasarlanmış mobilyalar, erişilebilir öğrenme materyalleri ve doğal aydınlatma unsurları, çocukların hareket serbestliği ve kendi kendine yönlendirilmiş öğrenme faaliyetleri için uygun ortamlar sunmaktadır. Bununla birlikte, mekânsal esneklik, materyal çeşitliliği ve doğa ile entegrasyonun artırılması, okulun mevcut potansiyelini daha etkin kullanmasını sağlayacak önemli iyileştirme alanları olarak belirlenmiştir. Gelecekteki anaokulu projelerinin planlanmasında, Montessori felsefesinin pedagojik esaslarına tam uyumlu olacak şekilde, esnek modüler öğrenme alanlarının tasarlanması gerekmektedir. Bu alanlar, çocukların bireysel ve grup etkinliklerinde farklı ihtiyaçlara cevap verebilecek nitelikte olmalı; açık hava ve doğal çevre ile entegre edilmiş, çok duyusal öğrenme fırsatları sunmalıdır. Ayrıca, sürdürülebilir malzeme kullanımı ve çevresel faktörlerin optimizasyonu, erken çocukluk eğitiminde sağlıklı ve güvenli öğrenme ortamları oluşturmak açısından zorunludur. Eğitimcilerin Montessori yaklaşımını pedagojik rehberlik sürecine etkin biçimde entegre etmesi, bireysel öğrenme profillerine uygun stratejiler geliştirmesi eğitim kalitesini artırıcı bir diğer temel unsurdur.

Bu bağlamda, Montessori temelli mekânsal, mimari ve pedagojik tasarımların yaygınlaştırılması, çocukların bilişsel, sosyal ve duygusal gelişimlerine katkıda bulunmakta; özgüven, problem çözme becerileri ve yaratıcılık gibi yaşam boyu geçerli yetkinliklerin kazandırılmasını sağlamaktadır. Bu doğrultuda Montessori felsefesine uygun olarak tasarlanmış eğitim ortamları, rekreasyon alanları ve mimari tasarım unsurları çocukların potansiyellerini maksimum düzeyde gerçekleştirebilecekleri, sağlıklı ve topluma bütünleşmiş bireyler olarak yetişmelerini mümkün kılacaktır. Eğitim politikalarının ve mekânsal planlamaların bu perspektifle şekillendirilmesi, geleceğin eğitim ortamlarının fonksiyonel ve pedagojik etkinliğini artıracaktır. Ayrıca, Montessori yaklaşımının mekânsal düzenlemelerde esneklik ve çok işlevlik prensipleri ön planda tutulmalıdır. Eğitim alanlarının, çocukların farklı öğrenme stillerine ve gelişim düzeylerine göre kolayca uyarlanabilmesi, bireyselleştirilmiş öğrenme süreçlerinin etkinliğini artıracaktır. Bu kapsamda, mobil mobilyalar, modüler yapı elemanları ve çoklu kullanım alanları gibi tasarım öğeleri, öğrenme ortamının fonksiyonel çeşitliliğini destekleyerek çocukların üretken olma ve problem çözme becerilerinin gelişimine olanak tanır. Ayrıca, eğitim ortamlarında teknolojinin bilinçli ve kontrollü kullanımı, Montessori kuramının doğal ve deneyimsel öğrenme yaklaşımı ile uyumlu olacak şekilde entegre edilmelidir. Bu bağlamda eğitim kurumlarının mekânsal tasarımı kadar, bu tasarımın sürdürülebilirliği ve çocukların sağlıklı gelişimini destekleyen çevresel koşullar da büyük önem taşımaktadır. Doğal ışık, havalandırma, akustik konfor ve iç mekân hava kalitesi gibi çevresel faktörlerin optimize edilmesi, çocukların öğrenme motivasyonunu ve fiziksel sağlığını olumlu yönde etkiler. Montessori felsefesi ile uyumlu bir ortam yaratmak, sadece pedagojik anlayışla sınırlı kalmamakta, aynı zamanda ergonomik ve çevresel tasarım standartların da titizlikle uygulanmasını gerektirmektedir. Bu doğrultuda, erken çocukluk eğitimine yönelik mekânsal planlama ve tasarım uygulamalarının multidisipliner bir yaklaşım ile geliştirilmesi, eğitim kalitesinin artırılması ve çocukların tüm gelişim alanlarının desteklenmesi açısından kritik öneme sahiptir.

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TUBERCULOSIS: PATHOGENESIS, CURRENT TREATMENT REGIMENS AND NEW DRUG TARGETS

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Abstract:

Tuberculosis (TB), caused by the bacterium Mycobacterium tuberculosis (M.tb), remains one of the leading infectious causes of mortality worldwide, particularly in low- and middle-income countries. Despite decades of public health efforts, TB control is challenged by the complexity of its pathogenesis, the rise of multidrug-resistant (MDR) and extensively drug-resistant (XDR) strains, and limited efficacy of current treatments in latent infections. The pathogenesis of TB involves the inhalation of aerosolized bacilli, leading to granuloma formation, immune evasion, and persistence within host macrophages. The standard treatment regimen includes a combination of isoniazid, rifampicin, ethambutol, and pyrazinamide administered over 6 months, yet compliance, toxicity, and resistance development hinder success rates. In recent years, advances in molecular biology and genomics have paved the way for the identification of novel drug targets. These include enzymes critical to mycobacterial cell wall synthesis, energy metabolism, and regulatory pathways, as well as host-directed therapies aiming to modulate immune responses. New drugs such as bedaquiline and delamanid have shown promise, particularly for MDR-TB, while other compounds are in various stages of clinical trials. Furthermore, innovative drug delivery systems and repurposing of existing drugs offer promising adjunct strategies. Understanding TB pathogenesis at a molecular level and exploring novel pharmacological targets are pivotal for the development of more effective, shorter, and resistance-proof therapies.

Keywords: Tuberculosis, Mycobacterium tuberculosis, Drug resistance, Pathogenesis, Treatment regimens, Novel drug targets.

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Abstract

Digital twins (DTs) are expanding in oil and gas operations to enable real-time monitoring, predictive control, and optimization of production systems (Meza et al., 2024; EY, 2025). However, large-scale multiphysics simulation, high-dimensional parameter inference, and combinatorial scheduling impose computational burdens that can limit DT responsiveness. This paper proposes a hybrid architecture **Quantum Digital Twin (QDT)** that retains classical DT components for physics simulation and data integration while offloading targeted,

computationally hard subroutines (combinatorial optimization, surrogate model construction, and accelerated sampling for uncertainty quantification) to quantum computing modules (QPU-based or quantum-emulator based). We present the hybrid architecture, problem encodings, algorithms (QAOA, VQE-style variational circuits, and quantum-assisted samplers), and a proof-of-concept simulation study comparing classical DT baselines with hybrid QDT variants on representative oil-production tasks. Four tabulated result sets (surrogate accuracy, posterior uncertainty, pump-scheduling optimization, and runtime scaling) are reported and discussed. Results using realistic NISQ-style emulation show that hybrid QDTs can reduce surrogate error and posterior uncertainty and approach or sometimes improve combinatorial optimization quality under constrained compute budgets, but practical advantage remains conditional on hardware noise, middleware latency, and problem encoding. We conclude with concrete recommendations for researchers and industry adopters.

Keywords: digital twin; quantum digital twin; QAOA; VQE; uncertainty quantification; oil production

Introduction

Digital twins (DTs) create live virtual replicas of physical assets and systems by combining physics-based models, telemetry, and data analytics to support monitoring, prediction, and decision making (Meza et al., 2024; EY, 2025). In oil production, DTs are used for reservoir surveillance, well-control optimization, predictive maintenance, and operational planning (Meza et al., 2024). Yet several DT subproblems remain computationally challenging at production scale:

i. High-fidelity multiphase reservoir simulations and parameter inference (high-dimensional inverse problems).

ii. Building accurate surrogates that generalize across heterogeneous reservoir realizations under uncertainty.

iii. Combinatorial operational scheduling (pump on/off schedules, well choke settings) subject to nonconvex constraints and discrete decisions.

Classical HPC and statistical methods have made progress, but latency and solution quality can limit DT effectiveness in online, operator-in-the-loop scenarios (Meza et al., 2024; EY, 2025). Quantum computing has emerged as a candidate for accelerating certain classes of hard problems combinatorial optimization, sampling, and some variational learning tasks through algorithms like the Quantum Approximate Optimization Algorithm (QAOA), variational quantum algorithms (VQAs, e.g., VQE-style ansätze), and quantum-assisted samplers (Hastings et al., 2023; Tilly et al., 2021). Integrating such modules into DT pipelines forming **Quantum Digital Twins (QDTs)** may yield benefits when quantum subroutines tackle the most computationally intense components and classical engines manage the rest (Otgonbaatar & Jennings, 2024; Abdullah et al., 2024).

This paper develops a hybrid QDT architecture and evaluates it through a proof-of-concept simulation suite focusing on three representative tasks: surrogate model training, posterior sampling for parameter estimation, and pump-scheduling combinatorial optimization. We use state-of-the-art algorithmic templates (QAOA for combinatorial tasks; VQE-style circuits for variational surrogates; quantum-assisted proposals for sampling) and NISQ-style quantum emulators with noise profiles to assess trends under realistic near-term assumptions (McClean et al., 2021; Farhi et al., 2023; Otgonbaatar & Jennings, 2024). Digital twin technology in oil and gas has been surveyed recently, covering architectures, data pipelines, surrogate modeling,

and use cases (Meza et al., 2024). Industry cases (BP, port/industrial DTs) demonstrate the value of DTs for operational resilience and decision automation, though such deployments emphasize robust classical ML and orchestration (BP–Palantir partnership reported, 2024; Business Insider, 2025). Research into coupling DTs with uncertainty quantification has also expanded because decision-making under risk is central to operations (Deantoni et al., 2024). In parallel, a substantial body of quantum computing research investigates variational algorithms (VQE family) and hybrid workflows for near-term devices (Cerezo et al., 2021; Tilly et al., 2021). Reviews of QAOA document its promise and limitations for combinatorial optimization on NISQ hardware (Stemmle et al., 2023; Farhi et al., 2022). Recent preprints explicitly propose **quantum digital twins**—virtual quantum replicas and hybrid quantum-classical ensembles—for uncertainty quantification and distributed quantum workflows (Otgonbaatar & Jennings, 2024; Abdullah et al., 2024). Quantum-assisted sampling and Monte Carlo approaches (including QA-VMC and QeMCMC variants) show improved mixing/efficiency in certain synthetic settings (Chang et al., 2025; Nature QeMCMC 2023), motivating their application in Bayesian DT pipelines where posterior exploration is difficult.

Taken together, the literature suggests a pragmatic hybrid strategy: retain classical DT engines for full physics and data handling, and integrate quantum subroutines selectively for subproblems aligned with quantum strengths (combinatorics, sampling, and variational representations), while accounting for noise, encoding overheads, and middleware latency (Meza et al., 2024; Otgonbaatar & Jennings, 2024; Abdullah et al., 2024).

Materials and methods

2.1 Hybrid QDT architecture

Figure 1 (conceptual) — **layers**:

1. **Physical layer:** sensors, SCADA telemetry, historical logs.
2. **Classical DT engine:** physics solvers (reduced-order finite-difference reservoir simulator), data assimilation, visualization.
3. **Quantum module manager (middleware):** identifies candidate subroutines, prepares encodings (QUBO, Hamiltonian losses), schedules QPU/simulated jobs, and handles noise mitigation and postprocessing.
4. **QPU / simulator layer:** cloud QPUs or simulated QPUs (statevector/noisy emulators) that run QAOA, VQE-style circuits, and quantum-assisted samplers.
5. **Decision loop:** integrates quantum outputs (optimized schedules, posterior samples, surrogate parameters) back into the DT for control and operator workflows.

This design follows recommendations in hybrid quantum workflows literature that emphasize modular offloading of heavy subroutines (Otgonbaatar & Jennings, 2024; Cerezo et al., 2021).

2.2 Problem selection & encoding

We evaluate three canonical DT subproblems:

i. **Surrogate fitting (continuous regression):** build a fast surrogate mapping control inputs (injection/production rates, valve settings) to short-term production. Encodings: classical dense NN and Gaussian Process baseline; quantum alternative: parameterized quantum circuits (QNN) using amplitude encoding or angle encoding with variational parameters optimized via classical optimizers (VQE-style objective). (Cerezo et al., 2021; Tilly et al., 2021)

ii. **Posterior sampling (UQ):** sample reservoir permeability parameters conditioned on production data. Baselines: classical MCMC (Metropolis) and HMC; quantum variant: quantum-assisted proposal MCMC (quantum sampler proposes global moves), inspired by QeMCMC and QA-VMC concepts (Chang et al., 2025; Nature QeMCMC, 2023).

iii. **Pump-scheduling (combinatorial optimization):** binary decisions (pump on/off) over a horizon. Baselines: exact MILP solver and simulated annealing; quantum variant: QAOA (QUBO mapping) and quantum annealing emulation (Farhi et al., 2022; Stemmle et al., 2023).

Algorithms and software

a. **Classical DT:** Python toy reservoir simulator (finite-difference, reduced order) and scikit-learn / PyTorch for classical surrogates.

b. **Quantum stack:** Qiskit/Cirq interface for circuit construction; noisy emulators with amplitude damping and depolarizing noise channels to emulate NISQ behavior (Otgonbaatar & Jennings, 2024).

c. **Quantum algorithms:** QAOA (p = 1–4), variational parameterized circuits for QNN (layered rotational ansätze), and quantum-assisted MCMC proposals. Classical optimizers include COBYLA, SPSA, and Adam as appropriate.

d. **Metrics:** surrogate RMSE on held-out validation sets; posterior variance and effective sample size (ESS) for samplers; objective value and feasibility for scheduling; wall-clock runtime (simulated) under equal compute budgets.

Simulations used 20-qubit emulators with noise parameters chosen to be representative of current cloud QPUs (Otgonbaatar & Jennings, 2024; Meza et al., 2024).

2.4 Experimental dataset and setup

i. **Synthetic reservoir:** 2D heterogeneous permeability fields on 50×50 grids, Gaussian random fields with specified correlation length; 4 producers and 2 injectors placed at fixed locations.

ii. **Surrogate dataset:** 10,000 simulated short-term runs (control vectors → production response) split 70/15/15 (train/val/test).

iii. **Scheduling problem:** 10 pumps, 24-hour horizon with hourly binary decisions. Constraints: minimum uptime/downtime, production targets, pump reliability penalties.

iv. **UQ problem:** sample 50 key parameter degrees of freedom (coarse gridding of permeability fields) given noisy production observations.

All experiments were repeated across 10 reservoir realizations to estimate variability. Code and seeds are available on request for reproducibility.

Results and discussion

Table 1 — Surrogate model performance (validation RMSE)

Method	Model type	Validation RMSE (production units)	Notes
Classical NN (3 hidden layers)	Dense NN	0.125 ± 0.006	Baseline
PCA + GP surrogate	Reduced basis + GP	0.149 ± 0.009	Strong UQ but higher error
Hybrid QNN (VQE-style ansatz)	Parameterized quantum circuit + classical optimizer	0.118 ± 0.007	~5–7% better than classical NN under matched compute budget
Ensemble (GP + QNN)	Ensemble fusion	**0.105 ± 0.005**	Best overall performance

Table 1 shows the hybrid QNN achieved marginally lower RMSE than the classical NN under equalized computational budgets measured as number of objective evaluations (circuit executions ≈ gradient steps). The ensemble that combined GP uncertainty with QNN predictions produced the lowest validation error and more calibrated uncertainty estimates. These trends align with prior observations that hybrid variational models can capture complementary function classes (Abdullah et al., 2024; Tilly et al., 2021). Noise in the quantum emulator increased variance but did not eliminate the modest accuracy gains.

Table 2 — Posterior sampling: Effective sample size (ESS) and normalized posterior variance

Method	Sampler	ESS (avg)	Posterior variance (normalized)
Classical Metropolis	Single-chain MCMC	340 ± 40	1.00 (baseline)
Hamiltonian Monte Carlo (HMC)	Gradient-based MCMC	910 ± 65	0.72 ± 0.03
Quantum proposal + Metropolis	Q-assisted proposals	780 ± 58	**0.61 ± 0.04**
Quantum + tempering hybrid	Q-proposal + parallel tempering	**1,020 ± 70**	0.59 ± 0.03

Table 2 showcase quantum-assisted samplers produced larger global proposals and improved mixing relative to classical Metropolis, reducing posterior variance and improving ESS for the target parameter subset (Chang et al., 2025; Otgonbaatar & Jennings, 2024). HMC remained competitive and was superior in ESS when gradients were available; however, for highly multimodal posteriors where gradient methods struggle, quantum proposals combined with tempering provided a robustness advantage. These results are consistent with recent QA-VMC and QeMCMC findings that quantum proposals can increase spectral gap and reduce autocorrelation (Chang et al., 2025).

Table 3:Pump-scheduling optimization: objective (lower better) and simulated solve time

Method	Solver / algorithm	Objective value (cost units)	Simulated wall-clock (s)
MILP (exact)	Commercial MILP solver	1020 ± 0	360
Simulated annealing	Heuristic	1049 ± 12	120
Quantum annealing (simulator)	QA emulator	1034 ± 8	90
QAOA (p=2) hybrid	QAOA + classical postprocessing	**1016 ± 6**	110
QAOA (p=4) hybrid (noisy)	Deeper QAOA	1012 ± 10	300

Table 3 shows that QAOA hybrids reached objective values near the MILP optimum and outperformed simulated annealing in these test problems under simulated NISQ conditions (Farhi et al., 2022; Stemmle et al., 2023). Deeper QAOA (p=4) approached or slightly beat the MILP cost but at increased circuit depth and noise sensitivity; in practice, noise mitigation and circuit transpilation are critical. Quantum annealing emulation performed competitively and with lower simulated latency, suggesting potential wall-clock benefits in latency-sensitive DT loops—but real hardware I/O latency may offset simulator gains.

Table 4 : Runtime scaling vs problem size (representative)

Problem scale	Classical baseline runtime (s)	Hybrid QDT runtime (s)	Notes
Small (10×10 grid)	12	14	QPU overhead dominates for small problems
Medium (50×50 grid)	420	360	Hybrid begins to match classical
Large (100×100 grid)	3,600	2,250	Hybrid shows runtime advantage for selected subroutines
Very large (200×200 grid)	28,800	17,500*	*Assumes scalable QPUs & error mitigation

Table 4 represent that For very large problem instances and where the hard subroutines map well to quantum strengths (surrogate training with expressive QNNs; combinatorial subproblems decomposed to QUBO), hybrid approaches showed favorable scaling. For small instances, quantum overheads (job preparation, latency) dominate. These scaling observations echo community findings that hybrid quantum advantage, if it appears, will likely be problem-specific and dependent on both hardware improvements and software/middleware optimization (Otgonbaatar & Jennings, 2024; Abdullah et al., 2024).

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1.4.4.2: Result findings

1. **Targeted offloading:** Offloading discrete/combinatorial decisions and the hardest parts of surrogate construction or sampler proposals is the most promising near-term strategy (Meza et al., 2024; Otgonbaatar & Jennings, 2024).
2. **Ensembles & hybridization:** Combining classical surrogates (GPs, reduced bases) with QNN ensembles can yield improved accuracy and better calibrated uncertainty estimates (Abdullah et al., 2024). **Sampling improvements:** Quantum proposals can improve mixing in multimodal posteriors where classical proposals struggle, reducing posterior uncertainty (Chang et al., 2025).
3. **Noise & qubit count:** NISQ noise and limited qubit numbers constrain the depth and expressivity of circuits; error mitigation techniques and circuit design (qubit-efficient ansätze) are critical (Tilly et al., 2021; McClean et al., 2021).
4. **Middleware & latency:** Job submission latency, data marshalling, and QPU contention can negate theoretical runtime advantages; middleware design that minimizes round trips and batches work is essential (Otgonbaatar & Jennings, 2024).
5. **Reproducibility & benchmarking:** Reproducible synthetic benchmarks and shared datasets are necessary to compare quantum/classical workflows under equivalent budgets (Meza et al., 2024).

Conclusion and recommendations

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Hybrid **Quantum Digital Twins (QDTs)** where classical DT engines retain the physics and data handling while quantum modules are used for targeted subroutines—offer a pragmatic near-term pathway to exploit quantum algorithms for oil-production DT challenges. Proof-of-concept emulations demonstrate modest to meaningful gains in surrogate accuracy, posterior uncertainty reduction, and combinatorial optimization quality for selected tasks under realistic NISQ assumptions. However, practical advantage is conditional on continued hardware advances, effective error mitigation, and careful software orchestration.

5.2 Recommendations

i. **Prototype modularly:** Begin with small, well-scoped subroutines (pump scheduling, sampler proposals) and integrate via middleware that abstracts QPU details (Otgonbaatar & Jennings, 2024).

ii. **Ensemble approaches:** Combine classical GPs/reduced-order models with QNNs to leverage complementary strengths (Abdullah et al., 2024).

iii. **Benchmark and publish:** Use agreed synthetic benchmarks (grid sizes, noise profiles) to report both solution quality and realistic wall-clock latency.

iv. **Invest in middleware and encoding:** Work on job batching, QUBO encodings that reduce qubit counts, and qubit-efficient variational ansätze (Tilly et al., 2021; McClean et al., 2021).

v. **Monitor industry cases and cloud QPU access:** Collaborate with cloud QPU providers and industry DT providers to run real pilot studies and measure end-to-end performance (BP–Palantir example; Meza et al., 2024).

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