The Role of Industry 5.0 in Society's Future: Problems, Opportunities, and Human-Centered Solutions

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Abstract

Industry 5.0, a potential evolution beyond the current Industry 4.0, promises to revolutionize the industrial landscape with advanced technologies and automation. This paper explores the societal implications of Industry 5.0, examining the problems it may pose, the opportunities it presents, and the imperative for human-centered solutions. The problems associated with Industry 5.0 encompass challenges like technological disruption leading to job displacement, concerns about data privacy and security in an increasingly connected world, potential environmental impacts, inequalities in access to benefits and opportunities, escalating cyber threats, the need for robust regulatory and ethical frameworks, and the social acceptance of these transformative changes. A sample size of 280 was gathered using a convenient sampling method, targeting Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (SMEs) responses. Leveraging the power of statistical analysis through SPSS and employing multiple regression techniques, this study delves into the multifaceted impact of Industry 5.0 on SMEs. By examining various factors, this research seeks to uncover the intricate relationship between Industry 5.0, societal progress, and the role of SMEs. The findings are instrumental in providing insights into the complex interplay of factors that influence the future of society in the Industry 5.0 era and in developing human-centered solutions to maximize the benefits and mitigate potential challenges in this dynamic landscape. It emphasizes the importance of policies and practices prioritizing inclusivity, fairness, ethical considerations, and the workforce's well-being. In doing so, it seeks to guide the evolution of Industry 5.0 towards a future where technology is harnessed to benefit society.

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1. Introduction

Industry 4.0 is a transformative paradigm in manufacturing and industry that leverages cutting-edge digital technologies to reshape how businesses operate, produce products, and deliver value to customers. It represents a fundamental shift in the way industries function and offers several key attributes and impacts (Asih et al. 2019; Bowen, Park, and Elvery 2013). At the core of Industry 4.0 is the digitalization of processes and operations. This involves the integration of digital technologies, such as sensors, RFID, and automation, throughout the entire production and supply chain, resulting in improved data capture and analysis. This digital transformation empowers companies to make data-driven decisions, optimize processes, and enhance overall operational efficiency (Tiwari 2023; Wan and Ng 2021). The IoT is a central component of Industry 4.0, connecting everyday objects, machinery, and devices to the internet. This connectivity enables real-time monitoring, data collection, and remote control of equipment, leading to more efficient operations and predictive maintenance (Dadhich et al. 2022). Industry 4.0 generates massive volumes of data. Advanced analytics, including artificial intelligence and machine learning, allow businesses to extract actionable insights from this data. This enables predictive maintenance, quality control, and smarter decision-making (Golovianko et al. 2023). Moreover, smart factories are a hallmark of Industry 4.0. These facilities use automation, robotics, and data exchange to create highly flexible and agile production environments. They can quickly adapt to changes in demand, allowing for customized and cost-effective production (Sector 2020). Cyber-physical systems combine the digital and physical realms. For example, robots and machines equipped

with sensors can communicate with each other and with central control systems. This integration enhances manufacturing efficiency, productivity, and safety (Sansana et al. 2021).
In the line of the above, Industry 5.0 is reshaping traditional industries by promoting greater efficiency, flexibility, and responsiveness. It also brings new challenges, such as cybersecurity concerns and the need for a skilled workforce that can navigate this high-tech landscape (Purohit, Dadhich, and Ajmera 2022). As this revolution continues to evolve, it is likely to profoundly impact how businesses operate, how products are made, and how value is delivered to consumers. It also holds the potential for more sustainable and resource-efficient industrial processes, which can contribute to a greener and more responsible approach to manufacturing (Leng et al. 2022; Sadaf, Ovais, and Majava 2021).

2. Review of Literature

Many academic papers and articles discuss the background and evolution of Industry 5.0, which serves as a precursor to the concept of Industry 5.0. These sources trace technological advancements and their impact on industries. (Sharma and Narula 2020) delved into the challenges and opportunities posed by Industry 4.0 and its potential evolution to Industry 5.0. This includes discussions on technological disruptions, workforce adaptation, cybersecurity, and the potential for innovation and sustainability. (Kashyap and Saurav 2022) explored the technologies that underpin Industry 4.0 and its potential extensions. This includes discussions on the Internet of Things (IoT), big data, artificial intelligence (AI), and automation. (Lepore and Spigarelli 2020) discussed the economic implications of these industrial transformations, considering the effect on GDP, employment, and international competitiveness. They also address the societal impacts, including ethical concerns, social acceptance, and environmental sustainability. (Nayeri, Sazvar, and Heydari 2023) focused on the role of governments and regulatory bodies in shaping the future of Industry 4.0 and beyond, considering the need for updated policies and guidelines.
(Ghobakhloo et al. 2022) have traced the evolution of industrial technology from the early mechanization of Industry 1.0 to the digital integration of Industry 4.0. They argue that Industry 5.0 represents a fundamental shift toward human-centric manufacturing, emphasizing the importance of involving human intelligence, creativity, and decision-making in production. Smith's work highlights the transformative potential of Industry 5.0 in creating more meaningful and fulfilling roles for the workforce, aligning with the theme of "human-centered solutions. (Wan and Ng 2021) delved into the challenges and opportunities posed by Industry 5.0. Their work underscores the critical importance of addressing the potential issues of job displacement and privacy concerns, which have been raised as challenges in the transition to this advanced industrial paradigm. At the same time, they identify opportunities related to resource optimization and enhanced quality, emphasizing the potential for sustainability and resource efficiency. (Majumdar, Garg, and Jain 2021) stressed the significance of establishing robust regulatory and ethical frameworks to guide its responsible implementation. The author argues that these frameworks are essential in ensuring the safe and ethical use of technology, protecting personal and industrial data, and safeguarding societal values. They emphasize the role of global collaboration in addressing challenges and capitalizing on the opportunities associated with Industry 5.0. This research recognizes that international cooperation and knowledge-sharing are essential for addressing global challenges related to industrial transformation.
The emerging literature on Industry 5.0 highlights the potential for a transformative shift in manufacturing and industry. It addresses the problems and challenges associated with this paradigm, including workforce adaptation, data security, and ethical concerns. Simultaneously, it underscores the numerous opportunities, such as increased efficiency, sustainability, and innovation, that Industry 5.0 presents. This literature review serves as a foundation for understanding the multi-faceted dimensions of Industry 5.0 and the need for human-centered solutions to shape its future.

3. Research Methodology

a. Research Design

This study employed quantitative approaches to comprehensively explore the role of Industry 5.0 in society's future. This approach allows for a holistic examination of problems, opportunities, and human-centered solutions in the context of Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (SMEs) in Rajasthan.

b. Population and Sample:

The study's target population consists of individuals working in SMEs in the Rajasthan region. A convenient sampling technique used to select participants for the study. The sample size for this research is set at 280 respondents, ensuring a representative cross-section of SME employees in the region.
c. Data Collection: Quantitative data collected through structured questionnaires. These questionnaires are distributed among the selected respondents, focusing on their perspectives regarding Industry 5.0, the problems they foresee, the opportunities they identify, and the human-centered solutions they envision. Independent variables are human-centered solutions (HCS) and dependent variables is adoption of Industry 5.0 in SMEs. The study adhered to ethical guidelines, ensuring informed consent, confidentiality, and the voluntary participation of respondents. Participants will be informed of the study's objectives and their right to withdraw at any time (Hair, J. F., Ringle, C. M., Sarstedt 2018).

4. Data Analysis and Discussion

4.1 Potential Societal Problems Associated with I 5.0

Technological Disruption

Industry 5.0's advanced automation and integration of technologies may lead to concerns about job displacement. As more tasks become automated, there could be a significant impact on employment in certain sectors (Gaurav Kumar Singh & Manish dadhich 2023). Reskilling and upskilling the workforce to adapt to new roles and responsibilities will be essential to mitigate this disruption's social and economic consequences.

Privacy and Data Security

The extensive use of sensors, IoT devices, and data analytics in Industry 5.0 may raise significant privacy and data security concerns. The sheer volume of data collected could be vulnerable to breaches, and there will be a need for robust data protection measures and clear regulations governing the collection and use of personal and industrial data.

Environmental Impact

Industry 5.0 should prioritize sustainability and environmental responsibility. The increased use of technology may lead to concerns about energy consumption and its impact on the environment. Developing eco-friendly technologies and sustainable practices to minimize waste and emissions will be crucial for a greener and more responsible future.

Inequality

There's a risk that not everyone will have equal access to the benefits of Industry 5.0. Socioeconomic disparities may widen, with some populations having more access to advanced education and technology, while others are left behind. Ensuring equitable access to education and technology is vital to address this challenge.

Cybersecurity Threats

Greater connectivity and automation in Industry 5.0 may make critical infrastructure and manufacturing processes more vulnerable to cyberattacks. Protecting against these threats and maintaining the security and integrity of data and systems will require ongoing investment and vigilance.

Regulatory and Ethical Frameworks

Defining and implementing appropriate regulations and ethical guidelines for Industry 5.0 will be complex. Striking the right balance between promoting innovation and safeguarding human rights, safety, and ethical conduct is an ongoing challenge. This will require cooperation between governments, industry leaders, and other stakeholders.

Social Acceptance

The introduction of new technologies and automation might face resistance from parts of society. People may be uncomfortable with the rapid pace of change or have concerns about job security and privacy. Bridging the gap between technological advancements and public acceptance will be a challenge.

Economic Transition

Transitioning from traditional manufacturing models to Industry 5.0 may be economically disruptive for regions and industries reliant on older methods. Managing this shift without causing economic hardship and job losses will require thoughtful planning and investment in retraining and development programs.

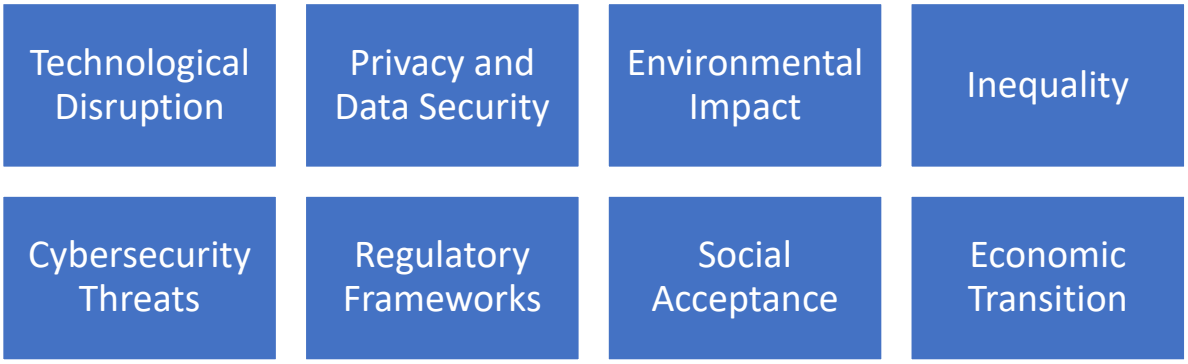

Fig. 1: Core Challenges of I 5.0

These challenges highlight the need for careful consideration and proactive solutions as industries continue to advance and embrace the possibilities of Industry 5.0 (see figure 1). Addressing these issues will be crucial for industrial technology's responsible and sustainable evolution and integration into society (Dadhich, Manish, Shalendra Singh Rao, Renu Sharma 2023).

4.2 Opportunities of I 5.0

Industry 5.0, with its advanced technologies and automation, presents a host of significant opportunities across various sectors. Some of the key opportunities include:

Increased Efficiency

Industry 5.0 streamlines processes through automation and data-driven decision-making. For manufacturers, this means faster production cycles, reduced downtime, and the ability to respond quickly to changes in demand. Improved efficiency can also result in cost savings and higher profitability.

Customization and Personalization

The ability to customize products on a mass scale is a game-changer. From tailored clothing to personalized medical devices, Industry 5.0 allows companies to cater to individual customer preferences. This enhances customer satisfaction and opens up new markets and revenue streams.

Resource Optimization

Industry 5.0 prioritizes resource efficiency. By monitoring and optimizing resource consumption, companies can reduce energy and raw material usage, lowering costs and minimizing their environmental impact. This aligns with sustainability goals and regulatory requirements.

Sustainability

It is a major focus of Industry 5.0. By adopting cleaner and more efficient production methods, industries can contribute to a greener future. This includes reducing carbon emissions, minimizing waste, and conserving resources.

Workforce Empowerment

Automation in Industry 5.0 doesn't necessarily mean job losses; it means job transformation. Mundane and repetitive tasks can be automated, freeing up the workforce to engage in more creative and complex tasks. This fosters job satisfaction, enhances employee skills, and ultimately boosts productivity.

Data-Driven Decision-Making

With real-time data analytics, businesses can make informed decisions. This data is invaluable for improving processes, predicting maintenance needs, and even understanding customer behavior. It drives better strategic planning and increases competitiveness.

Innovation and Research

Industry 5.0 is a catalyst for innovation. Companies are investing in research and development to stay ahead of the curve. This can lead to technological breakthroughs and innovations that have far-reaching implications beyond the industrial sector.

Global Competitiveness

Embracing Industry 5.0 technologies can enhance a nation's global competitiveness. Companies that adopt these technologies can offer better quality products, more efficient services, and lower costs. This strengthens a nation's position in the global market, attracting foreign investment and promoting economic growth.

Improved Quality and Safety
Automation and real-time monitoring ensure consistent product quality. This benefits consumers by reducing defects and enhancing the reliability of products. Additionally, it contributes to workplace safety by automating hazardous tasks and providing early warnings of potential dangers.
New Business Models
Industry 5.0 opens doors to innovative business models. For instance, the "product as a service" model allows companies to offer products on a subscription basis, changing the way consumers access and use products. "Smart contracts" based on blockchain technology enable transparent and automated agreements, which can revolutionize the way businesses engage in transactions (see figure 2).
Incorporating these opportunities into the adoption of Industry 5.0 can be transformative, enabling businesses to adapt to evolving customer demands, contribute to sustainability, and maintain their competitive edge in a rapidly changing world (Gaurav Kumar Singh; Manish Dadhich 2023).

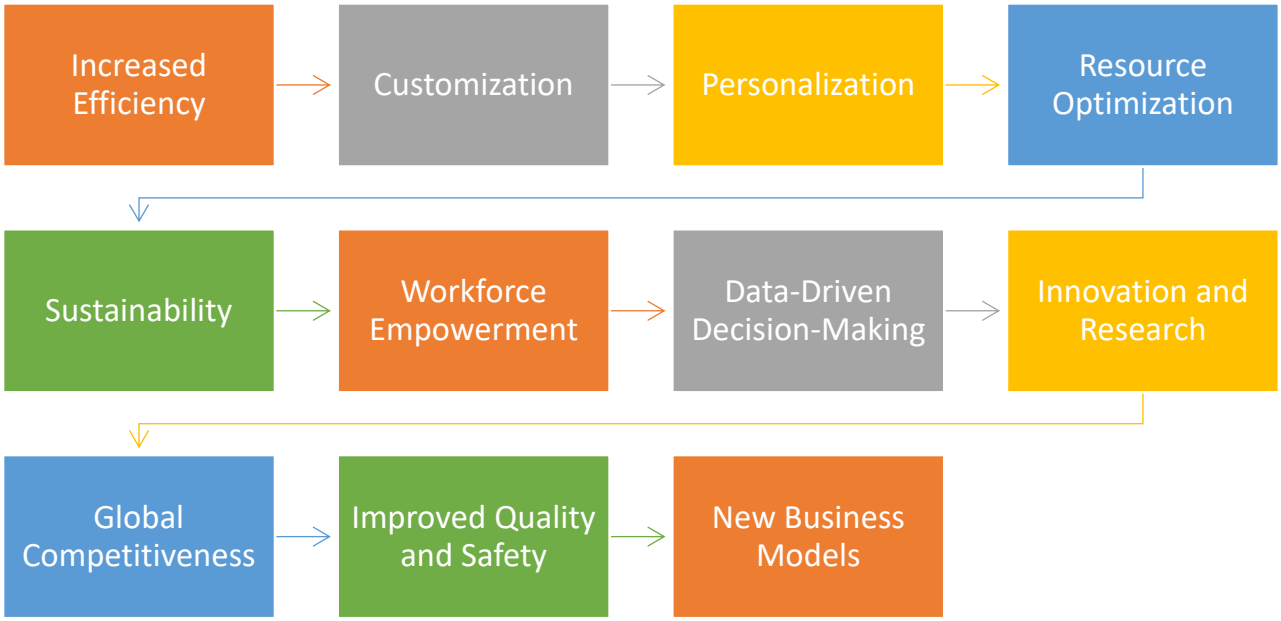

Fig. 2: New Age Opportunities of I 5.0

4.3 Human-Centered Solutions (HCS) to I 5.0
Human-centered solutions are integral to the successful implementation of Industry 5.0, ensuring that advanced technologies are designed, deployed, and operated with the well-being and needs of humans at the forefront. Several key factors contribute to human-centered solutions in Industry 5.0:

Table 1: Model Summary

Model	R	R Square	Adjusted R Square	Std. Error of the Estimate
1	.710[a]	.503	.493	.81825

Table 1 displays key statistical metrics, including its correlation coefficient (R) of .710a, coefficient of determination (R Square) at .503, an adjusted R Square of .493, and a standard error of the estimate of .81825. The correlation coefficient indicates a moderately strong positive relationship between predictor variables and the target variable, while the R Square shows that approximately 50.3% of the variance in the response variable is accounted for by the predictors. The adjusted R Square adjusts for model complexity, suggesting that around 49.3% of the variance is explained. The relatively low standard error of the estimate reflects a reasonably accurate model for predicting the target variable.

Table 2: ANOVA Analysis HCS

Model		Sum of Squares	df	Mean Square	F	Sig.
1	Regression	285.795	9	31.755	47.429	.000[b]
	Residual	281.870	421	.670		
	Total	567.666	430			

Table 2, the "ANOVA Analysis HCS," presents the results of an ANOVA for a statistical model. The ANOVA reveals the model's effectiveness in explaining variance in the dependent variable. The "Regression" section indicates that the model is highly significant ($p < .0001$) with an F-statistic of 47.429, explaining a substantial portion of the variance. Conversely, the "Residual" section represents the unexplained variability within the model. Overall, this ANOVA analysis underscores the strong statistical significance and explanatory power of the regression model in understanding the data, as it accounts for a significant portion of the total variance, while the residuals represent the unexplained variability in the data.

Table 3: Coefficients Analysis of HCS

Model	Unstandardized Coefficients		Standardized Coefficients	t	Sig.
	B	Std. Error	Beta		
User-Centric Design	.457	.034	.516	13.268	.000
Human-Machine Collaboration	-.273	.049	-.298	-5.606	.000
Skill Development and Training	-.075	.052	-.089	-1.423	.155
Transparency	.358	.036	.438	9.924	.000
Ethical Frameworks	-.198	.037	-.228	-5.369	.000
Inclusivity	-.490	.044	-.456	-11.179	.000
Sustainability	.200	.051	.184	3.927	.000
Feedback Loops	-.356	.047	-.359	-7.497	.000
Regulatory Compliance	-.008	.030	-.010	-.275	.783

In Table 3 presents the relationship between various predictor variables and the dependent variable. For "User-Centric Design," the unstandardized coefficient (B) is 0.457, the standardized coefficient (Beta) is 0.516, and the t-statistic is 13.268, with a highly significant p-value of .000. "Human-Machine Collaboration" is negatively associated with the dependent variable, with a B of -0.273, Beta of -0.298, a t-statistic of -5.606, and a highly significant p-value of .000. "Skill Development and Training" has a B of -0.075, Beta of -0.089, a t-statistic of -1.423, and a p-value of 0.155, indicating no statistically significant relationship. Other predictor variables, including "Transparency," "Ethical Frameworks," "Inclusivity," "Sustainability," "Feedback Loops," and "Regulatory Compliance," all show significant relationships with the dependent variable, as evidenced by their respective B, Beta, t-statistics, and low p-values. However, "Regulatory Compliance" has a p-value of 0.783, suggesting a lack of statistical significance.

User-Centric Design

Design thinking and user-centric design principles must underpin the development of Industry 5.0 technologies. This approach involves actively involving end-users in the design process, understanding their needs, and creating technology that is intuitive, user-friendly, and aligns with human capabilities and preferences.

Human-Machine Collaboration

Industry 5.0 emphasizes collaboration between humans and machines. This collaboration should empower individuals to work alongside automated systems, enabling them to make decisions, contribute their expertise, and remain in control of the technology. Ensuring that technology complements human abilities and expertise is crucial.

Skill Development and Training

Human-centered solutions require a commitment to ongoing training and skill development. As technologies evolve, the workforce must be equipped with the skills and knowledge necessary to operate, maintain, and adapt to new tools and systems. Training programs should be accessible and tailored to the needs of employees.

Transparency

In the context of AI and automation, transparency and explain ability are essential. Users need to understand how technology works and why specific decisions are made. Providing clear explanations can build trust and ensure that individuals feel in control when working with advanced systems.

Ethical Frameworks

Industry 5.0 should operate within ethical guidelines. Implementing clear ethical frameworks and principles ensures that technology respects human rights, values, and cultural norms. This includes considerations for data privacy, accountability, and the responsible use of technology.

Inclusivity and Accessibility

Human-centered solutions should be inclusive, ensuring that technology is accessible to all individuals, regardless of their physical or cognitive abilities. This involves designing systems with features like accessibility options and accommodating diverse user needs.

Sustainability

The human-centered approach extends to environmental responsibility. Industry 5.0 solutions should be designed with sustainability in mind, aiming to reduce waste, energy consumption, and environmental impact. Sustainable practices ensure a better future for all. Collaboration across diverse fields such as engineering, psychology, sociology, and ethics is vital for human-centered solutions. Experts from various domains should work together to design and implement technologies that serve the broader societal good.

Feedback Loops

Establishing feedback mechanisms is crucial. Users should have the means to provide feedback and suggest improvements to technology. Feedback loops allow for continuous refinement, ensuring that solutions remain aligned with human needs and expectations. Ensuring safety in human-machine interactions is paramount. Industry 5.0 systems should be equipped with safety features and redundancy measures to prevent accidents and protect users from harm.

Regulatory Compliance

Complying with existing and evolving regulations is essential. Human-centered solutions need to adhere to industry-specific and regional regulatory standards to guarantee safety, security, and ethical use. Industry 5.0 should respect and accommodate cultural and societal diversity (Manish Dadhich; Himanshu Purohit; Ritesh Tirole; Sumit Mathur; Aman Jain 2023). Systems and technologies should be adaptable to different contexts, acknowledging the unique requirements and perspectives of various communities.

Incorporating these factors into the development and deployment of Industry 5.0 technologies ensures that the advancements benefit society, empower the workforce, and promote a sustainable and equitable future.

5. Implications of the study

Industry 5.0 represents a significant technological transformation that could revolutionize industries, bringing both opportunities and challenges. It has the potential to reshape the job market, creating opportunities for automation while simultaneously requiring extensive reskilling and upskilling efforts to adapt to these changes. The implications also extend to data privacy and security, emphasizing the need for stringent measures to protect sensitive information in a hyper-connected environment (Iman 2018).

Furthermore, Industry 5.0 offers an opportunity to prioritize sustainability and environmental responsibility, potentially reducing the industrial footprint on the environment. Yet, it may also exacerbate socio-economic disparities, requiring inclusive policies, equitable access to education and technology, and strategies to bridge gaps among different segments of society. Managing the transition to Industry 5.0 necessitates robust regulatory and ethical frameworks and strategies for ensuring social acceptance and effective change management (Gaurav Kumar Singh; Manish Dadhich 2023; Khan et al. 2021). While the future is uncertain, these implications underscore the significance of taking a human-centered approach to the adoption of Industry 5.0, emphasizing equity, ethics, and a sustainable future.

6. Limitations and future scope

The discussion of Industry 5.0, while illuminating the potential challenges and opportunities, is constrained by its speculative nature. Since Industry 5.0 had not yet reached widespread implementation, the analysis is rooted in conjecture and forecasts. The absence of concrete data can affect the accuracy and comprehensiveness of any conclusions drawn. Furthermore, the global variability in industries and regulatory environments adds complexity to the discussion, as implications may differ significantly across regions. The rapid pace of technological advancement presents another limitation, as predictions and observations may quickly become outdated as new innovations emerge. The future scope for Industry 5.0 is multifaceted and dynamic. Research efforts should prioritize gathering real-world data as Industry 5.0 evolves to gain a more empirical understanding of its challenges and opportunities. Policymakers and regulatory bodies have an essential role in shaping the responsible implementation of Industry 5.0, necessitating the development of supportive policies and regulations. Preparing the workforce for the changes brought by Industry 5.0 will require extensive educational and training programs focused on upskilling and reskilling. Ethical considerations surrounding data privacy and automation will remain a focal point for future research and the development of ethical frameworks. Global collaboration and knowledge-sharing will be pivotal in addressing challenges on a global scale, and a strong emphasis on sustainable practices in manufacturing and industry will be a central theme in future initiatives.

7. Conclusion

The emergence of Industry 5.0, with its promise of advanced technologies and automation, brings forth a host of complex challenges and promising opportunities for society. The problems it poses, such as job displacement, data privacy concerns, environmental impacts, inequalities, and cybersecurity threats, underscore the need for careful consideration and proactive measures. However, this paper also highlights the vast array of opportunities Industry 5.0 offers, including increased efficiency, resource optimization, and sustainability. These opportunities hold the potential to reshape industries and create a more responsible and innovative future. The concept of human-centered solutions is central to navigating the path of Industry 5.0. This notion emphasizes the importance of policies and practices prioritizing inclusivity, fairness, ethics, and the workforce's well-being. By placing humans at the forefront of this technological transformation, we can steer Industry 5.0 towards a future where advanced technology drives industrial progress and benefits society. As we stand on the precipice of this industrial evolution, collaboration among stakeholders—governments, industries, and individuals—will be paramount in addressing the challenges, capitalizing on the opportunities, and ensuring that Industry 5.0 becomes a force for positive and sustainable change in society's future.

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