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Study & Comparative Analysis of Industry 4.0 & Industry 5.0

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Abstract
The evolution of industrial automation has been characterized by two significant technological transitions: Industry 4.0 and Industry 5.0. Industry 4.0, which involves the integration of cyber-physical systems (CPS), IoT, AI, and Big Data, is largely focused on increasing productivity and operational effectiveness through automation, intelligent factories, and data-driven decision-making. But excessive dependence on automation may restrict flexibility and human responsiveness in manufacturing. To counter this, Industry 5.0 has come into being, advocating human-machine collaboration, sustainability, and flexible manufacturing in favor of a balanced industrial strategy.
This research investigates how Industry 5.0 deviates from Industry 4.0 using the case study of Mecgale Pneumatics Pvt. Ltd. The investigation analyzes the effectiveness of IoT-led predictive maintenance, AI-based analysis, wearable smart devices, and collaborative robots for enhancing industrial efficiency. Although production efficiency is increased by Industry 4.0 technologies like auto-CNC cutting and AI-accelerated quality control, Industry 5.0 considers cobot inclusion, worker protection innovation, and eco-friendly production to create an environment that prioritizes humans during production.
The results indicate that Industry 4.0 enhances automation, minimizes downtime, and increases total productivity, whereas Industry 5.0 provides greater flexibility, personalization, and worker involvement. While automation minimizes the need for human intervention, it is possibly not ideal for low-volume, flexible, or custom production. Industry 5.0 combines automation and human intelligence, which fosters a sustainable and innovative industrial ecosystem. Therefore, in summary, this research suggests the integration of the efficiency of Industry 4.0 and the human advantage of Industry 5.0. Nevertheless, these challenges as high capital investments, upscaling workers, and integration complexities ought to be overcome through staged adoption to facilitate transitioning to next-generation, sustainable industrial systems smoothly.
Keywords
- ***Industry 4.0,***
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- ***Smart Manufacturing,***
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- ***Sustainability***

1.Introduction

The manufacturing sector has seen substantial development over the last few decades, with drives from automation, artificial intelligence (AI), the Internet of Things (IoT), and cyber-physical systems (CPS). Industry 4.0 saw the introduction of smart manufacturing, which empowers industries to make data-driven decisions, utilize predictive maintenance, and improve processes through combined technology. These technologies have helped companies to become more efficient, cut costs, and offer greater accuracy in production, bringing the manufacturing environment closer to automation and digital linkage.

Despite all these innovations, Industry 4.0 is limited in certain areas, particularly human flexibility, flexible production, and sustainability. While automation enhances mass production and effective operation, it tends to detract from the role of humans, with the limitations of customization, creativity, and employee engagement. Automatic mechanisms may not be able to adapt to shifting demands in the market as necessary in areas of customized production and rapid innovation. Furthermore, job displacement, the moral application of AI, and long-term sustainable thinking emphasize the necessity of an answer that meshes human expertise with technological advancement.

To address these challenges, Industry 5.0 has emerged, which focuses on human-machine collaboration, sustainability, and flexibility. Industry 4.0 concentrates on full automation, whereas Industry 5.0 integrates human judgment with advanced technology to create a more flexible, resilient, and worker-centric manufacturing environment. This shift promotes collaborative robotics (cobots), AI-driven augmentation, smart wearables, and environmentally friendly production procedures, which make sure that technological advancements complement rather than replace human capabilities.

Rather than phasing out Industry 4.0, Industry 5.0 incorporates its building blocks and blends the optimum of automation with human capability and adaptability. It seeks to create a more inclusive, sustainable, and tailored system of production with the same efficacy and precision that automation has to deliver. It is an industry model of the future wherein technology and human ability work together to enhance innovation, sustainability, and industrial progress.

2. Literature Review

2.1 Industry 5.0 and the Future of Sustainable Manufacturing

Industry 5.0 advances the use of human imagination and modern technologies during production towards the aim of boosting customization and productivity. It emphasizes sustainability through green technologies, minimizing waste, and maximizing stewardship of resources. The model incorporates collaboration among robots and humans (cobots) to maximize productivity while minimizing environmental degradation. It also encourages principles of circular economy by recycling and reusing products. Industry 5.0 seeks to counterbalance technological advancements with environmental sustainability in manufacturing activities.

2.2 A Framework to Design Smart Manufacturing Systems for Industry 5.0

A system of intelligent manufacturing systems in Industry 5.0 combines technologies like AI, IoT, and robotics with a focus on human-centered design. The system aims to design flexible and adaptive systems to improve efficiency, customization, and sustainability. It encourages human-machine collaboration, enhancing creativity, safety, and innovation. It also employs data-driven insights to optimize the utilization of resources and minimize waste. Overall, the focus is on creating sustainable, flexible, and efficient manufacturing processes for the future.

2.3 Industry 4.0 Technologies: Implementation Patterns in Manufacturing Companies

Industry 4.0 technologies, including IoT, AI, and automation, are revolutionizing manufacturing by improving efficiency and decision-making. These technologies are adopted by firms in phased implementation, pilot projects, and employee training. Challenges include high cost, cybersecurity threats, and system compatibility. Best practices like predictive maintenance and digital twins enhance production optimization. Industry 4.0 typically enables smart factories, increased productivity, and improved market position.

2.4 Intelligent Manufacturing Systems Towards Industry 4.0 Era

Intelligent Manufacturing Systems (IMS) are at the core of Industry 4.0 through AI, IoT, and data analytics for optimizing production. IMS increase automation, real-time monitoring, and decision-making for greater efficiency and flexibility. Smart machinery, predictive maintenance, and adaptive manufacturing methods are used by companies to install IMS. Significant challenges include high cost, cybersecurity threats, and the necessity of specialized expertise. IMS ultimately drive innovation, sustainability, and competitiveness in modern manufacturing.

2.5 The Challenges, Approaches, and Used Techniques of CPS for Manufacturing in Industry 4.0

Cyber-Physical Systems (CPS) are essential elements of Industry 4.0 because they connect digital and physical manufacturing processes. The main challenges are cyber-physical security attacks, integration, high investment, and complex data management. Firms overcome these challenges through the use of modular configurations, secure networks, and real-time monitoring methods. Technologies such as digital twins, edge computing, and analytics with AI propel CPS performance to a higher level. These systems eventually facilitate intelligent, automated, and data-intensive manufacturing, increasing efficiency and competitiveness.

2.6 Manufacturing in the Age of Human Centric and Sustainable Industry 5.0

Industry 5.0 redefines production as it integrates smart technology with human innovation. It emphasizes sustainable manufacturing, intelligent consumption of resources, and minimal industrial waste. Human-machine synergy is developed through the use of collaborative robots working in tandem with experienced operators to produce customized, innovative products. This human-centric approach enhances flexibility and resilience in production systems. Overall, it provides a balanced manufacturing system with equal focus on technological progress and environmental stewardship.

2.7 Towards Industry 5.0: Intelligent Reflecting Surface (IRS) in Smart Manufacturing

Intelligent Reflecting Surfaces (IRS) are increasingly being considered a pioneering technology in Industry 5.0 for smart manufacturing.They maximize wireless communications by the thoughtful rerouting of signals, facilitating secure connection across industry.The technology enables rapid, real-time data exchange essential for efficient production.When integrated with IoT and AI, IRS facilitate more interactive and precise manufacturing systems.

Lastly, IRS pave the way for flexible, green, and people-oriented manufacturing processes.

2.8 Sustainable manufacturing in Industry 4.0: an emerging research agenda

Industry 4.0 sustainable manufacturing research is evolving rapidly, with the emphasis on harmonizing advanced digital technologies with environmentally friendly strategies.The approach is centered on reducing energy consumption, minimizing waste, and maximizing the use of resources through smart systems.New technologies like IoT, AI, and big data analytics are being used to monitor and improve environmental performance.The research also discusses the dilemma of balancing technological progress at an accelerated pace and sustainable development goals.Lastly, the focus is on developing industrial policies that help sustain economic development together with environmental and social welfare.

2.9 Adoption Case of IIoT and Machine Learning to Improve Energy Consumption at a Process Manufacturing Firm, under Industry 5.0 Model

A process manufacturing firm embraced IIoT and machine learning to monitor and reduce its energy use. Continuous data collection allowed it to identify areas of energy inefficiency to adjust operations accordingly. Predictive analytics predicted upcoming issues, rendering maintenance and operational planning easier. The solution represents Industry 5.0 by coupling better technology with human judgment. This strategy led to enhanced energy efficiency, cheaper costs, and a lesser environmental footprint.

2.10 The Role of Competence Profiles in Industry 5.0 Related Vocational Education and Training

Competency profiles establish industry needs for expertise and knowledge essential to succeed within Industry 5.0 and inform vocational training and education curriculum.

They integrate technical abilities with a focus on human capabilities that are the foundations of today's collaborative working environments. They update curricula to keep up with evolving requirements for digitally enabled manufacturing. They serve as a benchmark for students and teachers, guiding the acquisition of skills and continuous professional development. Competence profiles in general help create an adaptable, future-ready workforce that can meet Industry 5.0 challenges.

3. Discussion

- **Industry 4.0 Implementation: IoT, Automation, and AI for Downtime Reduction**

The use of Industry 4.0 technologies like IoT, AI, and automation has significantly enhanced operational effectiveness through real-time monitoring and predictive maintenance. IoT sensors allow for continuous monitoring of machine performance, and AI-based analytics detect prospective faults, reducing unplanned downtime by X%. Automated processes in manufacturing provide consistent product quality, fewer human errors, and highest possible production output. These developments have improved productivity, reduced material wastage, and reduced maintenance costs. Overall, Industry 4.0 has transformed manufacturing into a more efficient, cost-saving, and reliable system. Overall, Industry 4.0 has transformed manufacturing into a more efficient, cost-saving, and reliable system.

- **Challenges Identified: High Costs of Automation and Workforce Reskilling**

Even with the benefits of Industry 4.0 and Industry 5.0, their implementation poses challenges, especially high costs and reskilling of the workforce requirements. Integrating intelligent technologies like AI, IoT, and cobots entails huge investment in infrastructure, cybersecurity, and software integration, which is a cost barrier to small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs). In addition, as industries' advancements have increased productivity, decreased material waste, and low maintenance costs. Generally, Industry 4.0 has turned manufacturing into a system that is more efficient, less costly, and more reliable.

- **Industry 5.0 Integration: Enhancing Worker Efficiency with Collaborative Robots**

Industry 5.0 change has introduced collaborative robots (cobots) to increase worker efficiency by Y%. Unlike autonomous technology, cobots work in harmony with human employees, assisting with precision-based jobs, handling heavy loads, and eliminating physical strain. Cobots allow workers to focus on advanced problem-solving, customization, and innovative decision-making, as well as a more flexible and responsive production environment. Cobots also improve product customization and quality control, allowing for more agile manufacturing towards market-specific demands. By combining human intelligence with robotic precision, Industry 5.0 creates a sustainable, worker-focused, and innovation-driven industrial environment.

Without formal training programs, there is a possibility of skill shortages and technophobia, slowing the process of implementing Industry 5.0.

- **Automation with Human Intelligence**

There should be a blended solution of automation balanced with human-centered innovations to mitigate these challenges. Rather than complete automation, sectors need to implement cobots and decision-making systems aided by artificial intelligence in steps, so as to facilitate gradual transformation. Investment in employee upskilling initiatives on AI, IoT, and robotics training can enable workers to adjust to new technology. Furthermore, implementation of sustainable manufacturing practices through resource optimization through AI can enhance cost-effectiveness without compromising environmental stewardship. Through the synergy of cutting-edge automation and human creativity and flexibility, this method encourages greater productivity, better worker motivation, and lasting industrial sustainability

FIGURE 1: Comparative Analysis of Industry 4.0 vs. Industry 5.0

Factor	Industry 4.0	Industry 5.0
Focus	Automation, IoT, AI-driven manufacturing	Human-machine collaboration, sustainability
Efficiency	High efficiency, mass production	Balanced efficiency with adaptability
Human Involvement	Minimal human involvement, full automation	Human-centric, AI-assisted decision-making
Flexibility	Low adaptability to customization	High adaptability to personalized production
Worker Safety	Increased safety through automation	Enhanced worker well-being with smart wearables
Sustainability	Focused on cost efficiency, limited sustainability	Green manufacturing, resource optimization
Challenges	High costs, job displacement, lack of flexibility	Workforce training, integration challenges

4. Challenges in Adopting Industry 4.0 and 5.0 for Small and Medium- Sized Enterprises (SMEs)

- **High Initial Investment and Implementation Costs**
- The transition to Industry 4.0 and 5.0 requires enormous cost investments, which the majority of SMEs cannot afford. Industry 4.0 is based on IoT, AI-driven 6automation, cloud computing, and cybersecurity, all of which are costly to invest in. Industry 5.0 introduces cobots, AI-driven decision-making, and smart wearables, further increasing the cost burden. In the absence of a budget, the majority of SMEs find it difficult to invest in these advanced automation technologies, hindering their adoption of smart manufacturing.
- **Limited Technical Expertise and Workforce Readiness**

Industry 4.0 and Industry 5.0 need employees to be experienced in AI, automation, IoT, and predictive maintenance. Unfortunately, workers experienced in these functions are scarce in most SMEs. Transition towards Industry 5.0 involves human-robot collaboration and manufacturing based on AI, and thus it is imperative to reskill the labor force. Vocational training in these technologies requires time and finances, which is tricky for SMEs to accomplish when running day-to-day operations. Without structured training modules, firms risk a shortage of trained personnel and resistance to new technology.

- **Infrastructure and Digital Connectivity Limitations**

Industry 4.0 and 5.0 can operate effectively only with good digital infrastructure. Many SMEs, however, possess outdated systems and inadequate access to digital connectivity. Cloud storage, instantaneous data analysis, and connectivity through IoT require rapid internet and safe networks, which may not be available in rural and semi-urban areas where some SMEs are based. Additionally, upgrading existing machines to compatible levels for smart factories is a massive investment, and therefore, it is difficult for SMEs to totally shift to Industry 4.0 and 5.0

- **Cybersecurity and Data Protection Risks**

Increased usage of IoT, AI, and cloud computing under Industry 4.0 and 5.0 makes it vulnerable to security. SMEs lack the cybersecurity framework needed to ward off hacking, data theft, and system crashes. Lacking effective security infrastructure, they become easily susceptible to cyber attacks disrupting precious customer and business information. Having to invest in security software, encryption, and compliance features demands proper data protection protocols, a big expense for small and medium-sized businesses.

- **Challenges in Scaling and System Integration**

The majority of SMEs use traditional manufacturing equipment, which is incompatible with next-generation automation technology. It demands a high degree of cost and technical investment to upgrade the installed base with IoT and AI-driven automation. Industry 5.0 also deals with human-robot collaboration, which demands changing workplace design, software compatibility, and training the workforce. Implementing a transition process without losing business continuity is a key area of concern for SMEs.

- **Uncertain Return on Investment (ROI) and Long Payback Period**

The majority of SMEs are cautious about adopting Industry 4.0 and 5.0 technologies due to uncertainty regarding short-term monetary returns. Although technologies such as AI-based analytics and predictive maintenance reduce costs and improve efficiency, the cost benefits accrue after some time. That SMEs will spend a lot of money upfront, with a long payback, frightens them away from big-bang automation projects. Without cost-benefit analysis knowledge, companies are reluctant to invest in smart manufacturing or skip it altogether.

- **Resistance to Change and Lack of Awareness**

The majority of SMEs are reluctant to adopt automation and AI-based systems due to fear of job loss and complexity. Workers fear that their jobs will be replaced by automation, thus reluctance to embrace new systems. Industry 5.0, which improves human-robot collaboration, is not utilized to its full potential because individuals do not know about its advantages. Moreover, without government subsidies, industry-specific training, and financing, SMEs may struggle to transition to smart manufacturing standards. is underutilized because people lack knowledge of its benefits. In addition, without government subsidies, industry-specific training, and funding, SMEs might find it hard to make the shift to smart manufacturing norms.

5.Research Gap

- **Affordable Implementation for Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs)**

The integration of Industry 4.0 and Industry 5.0 is often hindered by high investment costs, making it challenging for SMEs with limited financial resources to adopt smart automation, AI-driven systems, and predictive maintenance technologies. There is a need for research on cost-effective and scalable solutions that enable SMEs to transition toward smart manufacturing without requiring large capital expenditures.

- **Workforce Training and Human-Machine Collaboration**

With AI and automation handling repetitive tasks, a skills gap is emerging in the workforce. Industry 5.0 highlights the importance of human-machine collaboration, but there is a lack of research on structured workforce training programs, human-robot interaction models, and AI-assisted learning methods. Future studies should explore how employees can be effectively reskilled to work seamlessly with advanced automation and collaborative robotics.

- **Challenges in Merging Industry 4.0 and 5.0 Technologies**

Many industries have adopted Industry 4.0 automation, but transitioning to Industry 5.0 requires a balanced approach that integrates automation with human-centric innovations. However, there is limited research on how to effectively combine AI-driven automation from Industry 4.0 with the human-machine collaboration model of Industry 5.0 to optimize efficiency and sustainability in manufacturing.

- **Sustainability and Energy Efficiency in Smart Manufacturing**

Although Industry 5.0 encourages sustainable production and energy-efficient processes, much of the existing research focuses on automation and AI-driven operational efficiency. There is a need for further studies on how smart factories can implement energy-efficient solutions, AI-powered resource management, and circular economy principles without affecting overall productivity.

- **Standardization and Interoperability of Smart Technologies**

A major barrier in the adoption of Industry 4.0 and 5.0 is the lack of standardized protocols for ensuring compatibility between IoT devices, AI-driven automation, collaborative robotics, and blockchain security solutions. Future research should focus on developing universal standards for seamless data integration, cybersecurity compliance, and process automation to improve the interoperability of smart technologies across industries.

6. Future Scope

- **AI-Driven Human Augmentation and Collaborative Robotics**

Further studies should investigate the use of AI-enhanced human augmentation tools, such as brain-computer interfaces (BCIs) and adaptive collaborative robots (cobots) that can adjust dynamically to worker inputs. These advancements would enhance precision, reduce physical strain, and improve overall efficiency, ensuring that human expertise remains integral to industrial operations. Additionally, real-time AI-powered error correction systems could further improve manufacturing quality and defect reduction.

- **Advancement of Smart Wearable Technology**

The integration of intelligent wearable devices has the potential to enhance worker safety, efficiency, and adaptability in industrial settings. Technologies such as AI-integrated augmented reality (AR) glasses, biometric monitoring sensors, and robotic exoskeletons can assist employees in physically demanding tasks while reducing fatigue and workplace injuries. Future research should focus on combining wearable technology with IoT and AI-based analytics to improve real-time decision-making and workplace safety.

- **Sustainable and Environmentally Friendly Manufacturing**

While Industry 5.0 talks about sustainability, more research needs to be conducted on how AI-led energy optimization, circular economy principles, and environmentally friendly manufacturing practices need to be applied. Studies can investigate how AI can enhance energy consumption, reduce waste, and improve green material sourcing. Blockchain technology can also enhance supply chain transparency, promoting ethical and environmentally friendly production processes.

- **Industry 4.0 and 5.0 Adoption in Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs)**

While large-scale industries are making swift progress toward smart manufacturing, SMEs cannot afford to adopt expensive AI-based automation due to financial limitations. Future studies need to emphasize making affordable, scalable AI and IoT solutions available to SMEs so that they can implement Industry 5.0 technologies step by step without imposing a heavy economic burden. Phased automation initiatives and government-sponsored policies could further help SMEs shift towards smart manufacturing.

- **Workforce Development and AI-Enhanced Training**

The effective roll-out of Industry 5.0 relies on an AI, robotics, and automation technology-skilled workforce. Future research must investigate adaptive training programs based on AI, industrial simulations based on VR/AR, and certification programs for developing workforce skills more efficiently. Creating customized AI-based learning platforms that are tailored to individual skill levels and industry specifications will ensure the transition to human-machine interaction in contemporary industries becomes seamless.

7. Conclusion

The shift from Industry 4.0 to Industry 5.0 is away from automation-based production towards a human-machine convergence. While Industry 4.0 increases efficiency with AI, IoT, and predictive maintenance, Industry 5.0 incorporates human intellect, imagination, and flexibility for a more flexible and sustainable production system. The case study of Mecgale Pneumatics Pvt. Ltd. illustrates how Industry 4.0 simplifies processes, whereas Industry 5.0 enhances worker engagement and flexibility.

Nonetheless, issues like high expenses, reskilling of the workforce, cybersecurity threats, and integration issues deter widespread adoption, particularly for SMEs. A mixed strategy, with automation complemented by human-centric innovations, supported by low-cost solutions and systematic training programs, is necessary for effective implementation.

Future studies should concentrate on sustainable production, human augmentation through AI, and smart technology standardization to allow for easy adoption of Industry 5.0. Using human-machine synergy, industries can attain increased efficiency, flexibility, and long-term sustainability in order to chart the future of smart manufacturing.

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