



# *Industry 5.0 and the Future of Robotic Automation*

How Robots Are Being Used For Applications Across Industrial Operations

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# Today's Agenda



Introduction to IDC's Research Focus and Strategy

The Status of Industry 4.0

What is Industry 5.0?

How are AI and robotic advancements driving innovation?

Final Takeaway Thoughts

# My Background

## Journey from Engineering to Research

- B.S. in Mechanical Engineering, Manhattan College, 2007
- M.S. in Mechanical Engineering, Columbia University, 2010
- Sikorsky Aircraft, 2007 -2014
  - Engineering design team for the UH-60MU, S76-D, & CH-53K
- Engineering Journalist, 2015-2022
  - Machine Design
  - Hydraulics & Pneumatics
  - ASME's Mechanical Engineering Magazine
- IDC Research Analyst, 2022-Present
  - Operational Technology
  - Industrial IoT & Intelligence Strategies



# IDC's Research Focus and Strategy

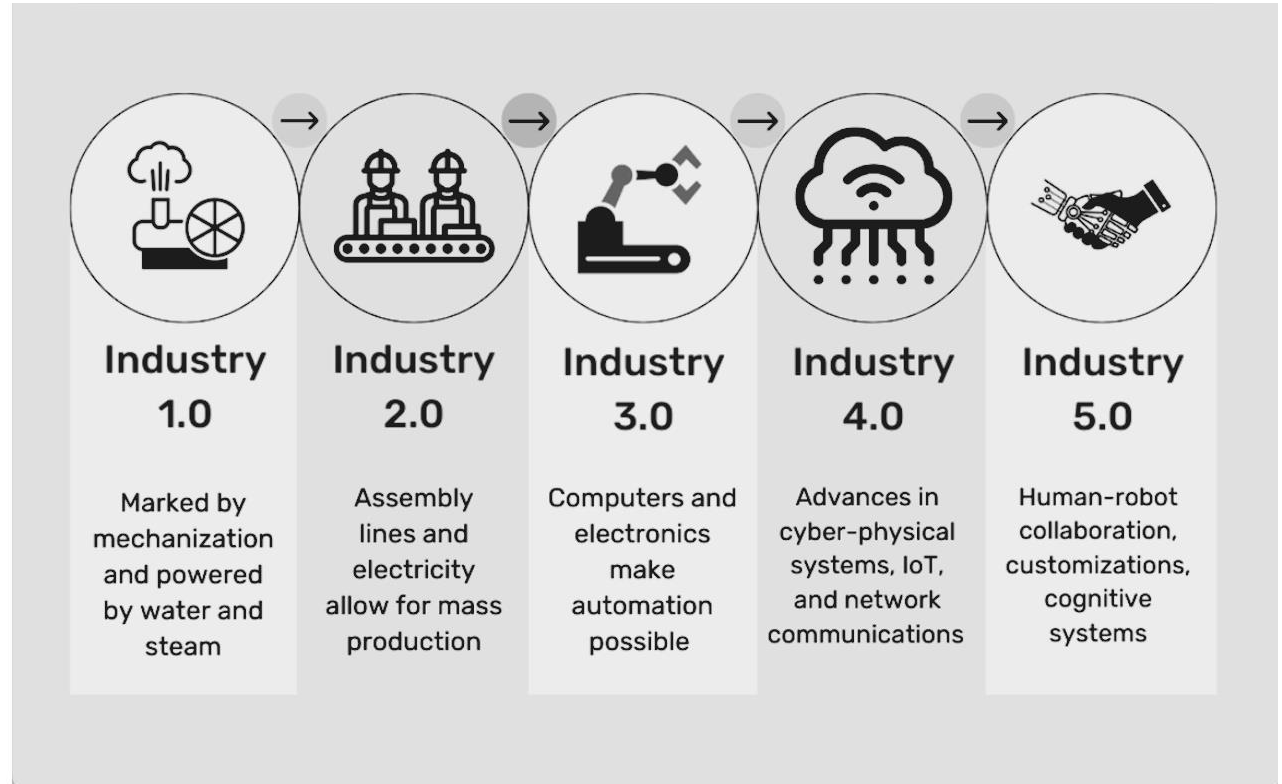
IDC's Industrial IoT & Intelligence Strategies research objective is to gauge how industrial operations are evolving/changing with increasing digital technology innovation and adoption. This includes the impacts on organizational structure and decision-making.

- Understanding operational challenges and how digital technology helps to address them.
- Determine the correlation between the use of data and performance.
- Gauge the adoption of AI and its impact on IoT operations.
- Assess the maturity of automation and data-driven operations.
- Evaluate the role of leadership and the evolution of workforce.



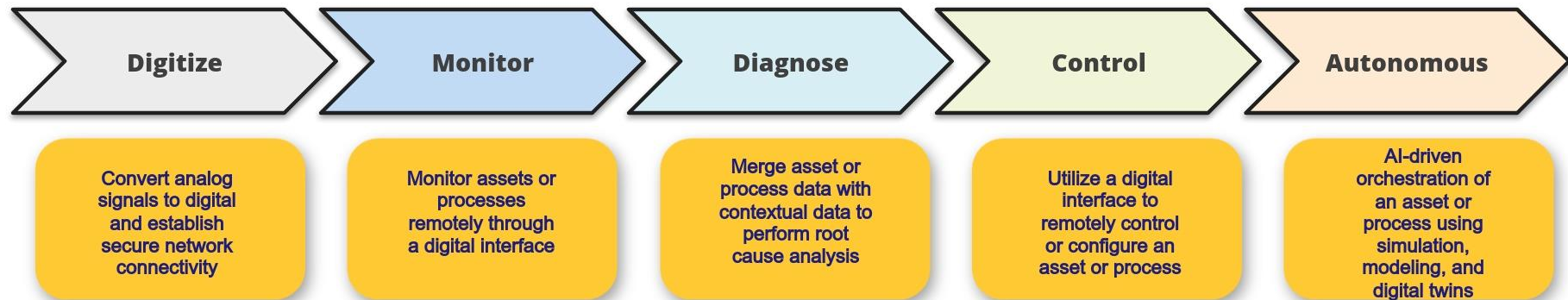


# The Industrial Journey



# The Phases of Digital Transformation

Convert analog signals to digital and establish secure network connectivity



# The Transition from Industry 4.0 to Industry 5.0



**Industry 4.0 driven by data  
collection and insights**



**Emergence of Industry 5.0**



**AI as a transformative  
technology**

**The transition from Industry 4.0 to Industry 5.0 represents a shift towards a more human-centric, sustainable, and resilient approach to manufacturing, enabled by the integration of advanced technologies like AI, robotics, and automation.**

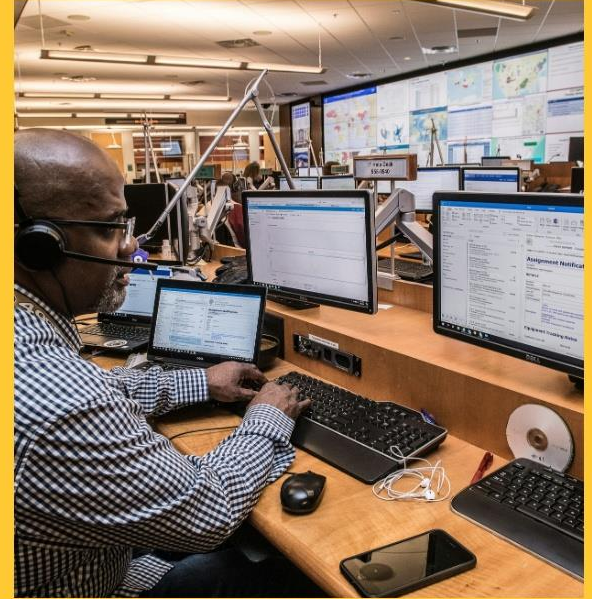
# Key Themes of Industry 5.0



**Human-Centric Focus**

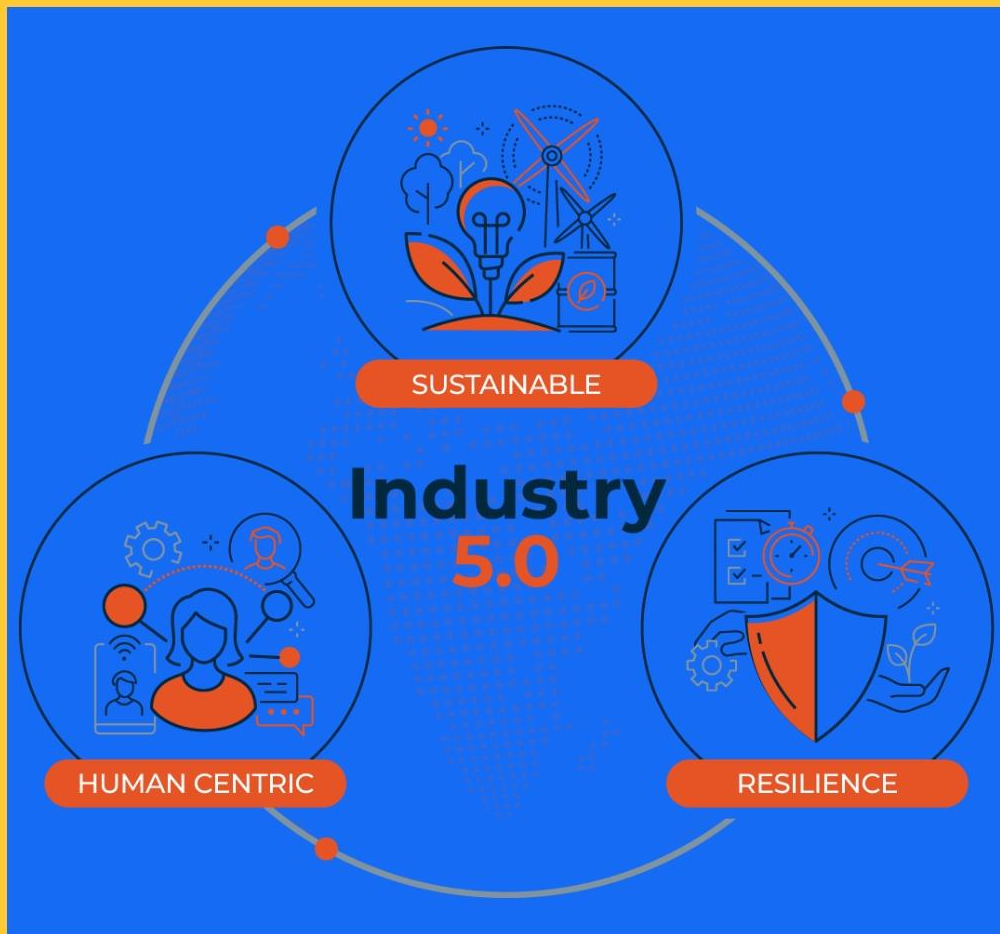


**Sustainability Initiatives**



**Reliable and Resilient  
Operations**





## The Role of AI and Automation

# The Impact of AI on Manufacturing

- Industrial organizations have a mix of legacy and new equipment which are being pushed onto IoT networks.
  - These devices will have conflicting communication languages and exist in data silos.
- Agentic AI will enhance real-time manufacturing adjustments.
- Device OEMs and technology vendors are increasing their adoption of open-source protocols and communication languages such as OPC-UA and MQTT.

## IDC Prediction:

To overcome interoperability challenges with legacy operations technology systems, 30% of the top 500 industrial enterprises will leverage GenAI to communicate across proprietary OT languages by 2029.

IDC FutureScape: Worldwide Future of Operations 2025 Predictions, October 2024

Companies should explore options to expand their data infrastructure. Organized and streamlined data is key for autonomous manufacturing.



# Industry 5.0 and the Role of Robots in Digital Transformation



# Robotic Capabilities in Industry 5.0

- 1 | **AI-Powered Decision-Making**
- 2 | **Adaptive Learning**
- 3 | **Seamless Human-Robot Interaction**
- 4 | **Advanced Sensory Perception**
- 5 | **Predictive Maintenance**
- 6 | **Flexibility and Customization**





# TOP 5 Global Robotics Trends in 2025

PHYSICAL,  
ANALYTIC &  
GENERATIVE  
AI



SINGLE  
PUPOSE  
HUMANOIDS



SUSTAINABILITY  
AND ENERGY  
CONSUMPTION



NEW FIELDS  
OF BUSINESS  
AND  
CUSTOMER  
SEGMENTS



ROBOTS  
ADDRESSING  
LABOR  
SHORTAGE



# Annual Installations of Industrial Robots - World



Source: International Federation of Robotics - 2025 Preliminary Results



# Robot Density in Manufacturing

| Country       | Robot Density (per 10,000 employees) |
|---------------|--------------------------------------|
| South Korea   | 1,012                                |
| China         | 470                                  |
| Germany       | 429                                  |
| Singapore     | 399                                  |
| Japan         | 366                                  |
| United States | 295                                  |
| Sweden        | 274                                  |
| Denmark       | 254                                  |
| Taiwan        | 246                                  |
| Italy         | 237                                  |

\*International Federation of Robotics (IFR), World Robotics Report 2023



# OT Operations Will Evolve Thanks to Robotic Precision

- Robot use outside of automotive and manufacturing increases.
- Collaborative robots have changed the robotic landscape.
- Robots to combat labor shortages.
- Inspection and maintenance robots for hazardous environments.



## IDC Prediction:

**By 2029, 30% of industrial organizations will leverage vision-based mobile robots in localized and mapped environments, boosting workflow efficiency, inventory, and safety management by 10%.**

IDC FutureScape: Worldwide Future of Operations 2025 Predictions

Robotic adoption is becoming easier. However, deployment and integration are still a barrier. Companies should research the best way to integrate robots into their facilities, what layout changes may occur, and which tasks will benefit employees most by becoming automated.

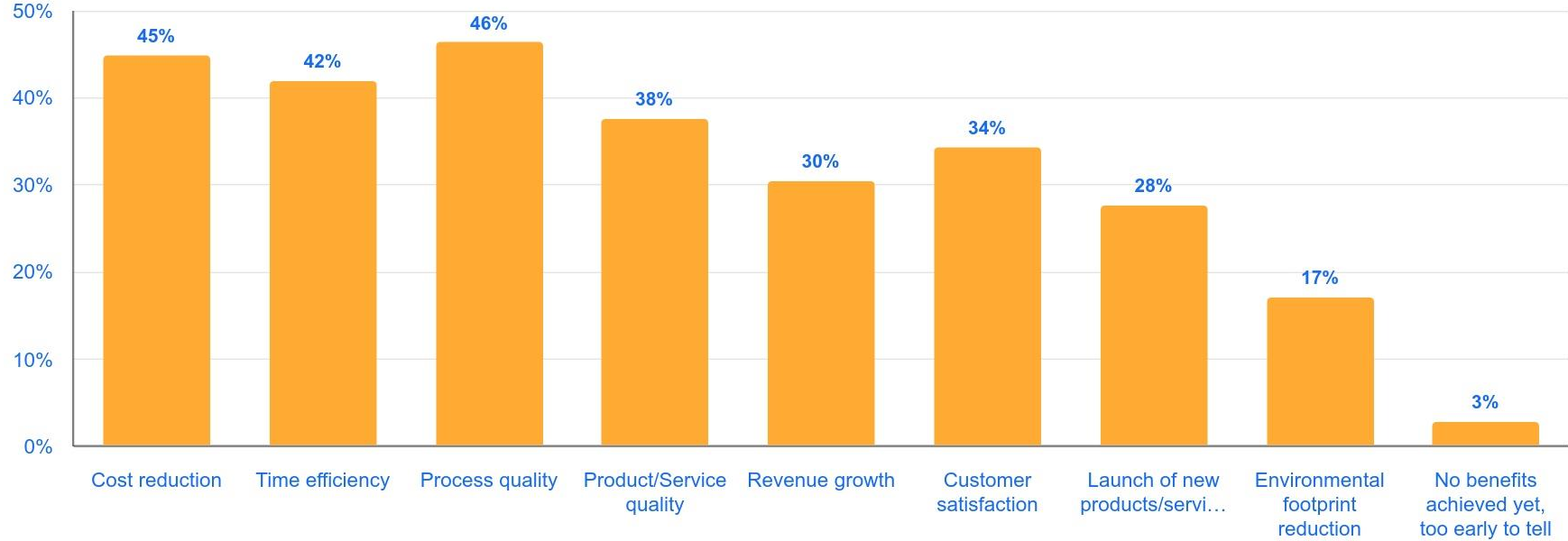


# Robots Addressing Labor Shortage

- 1 | Shortage of competences and skills on shopfloor workers**
- 2 | Augmenting Human Productivity**
- 3 | Democratization through ease of use**
- 4 | Flexible applications to fill gaps when and where needed**
- 5 | Increased Mobility**



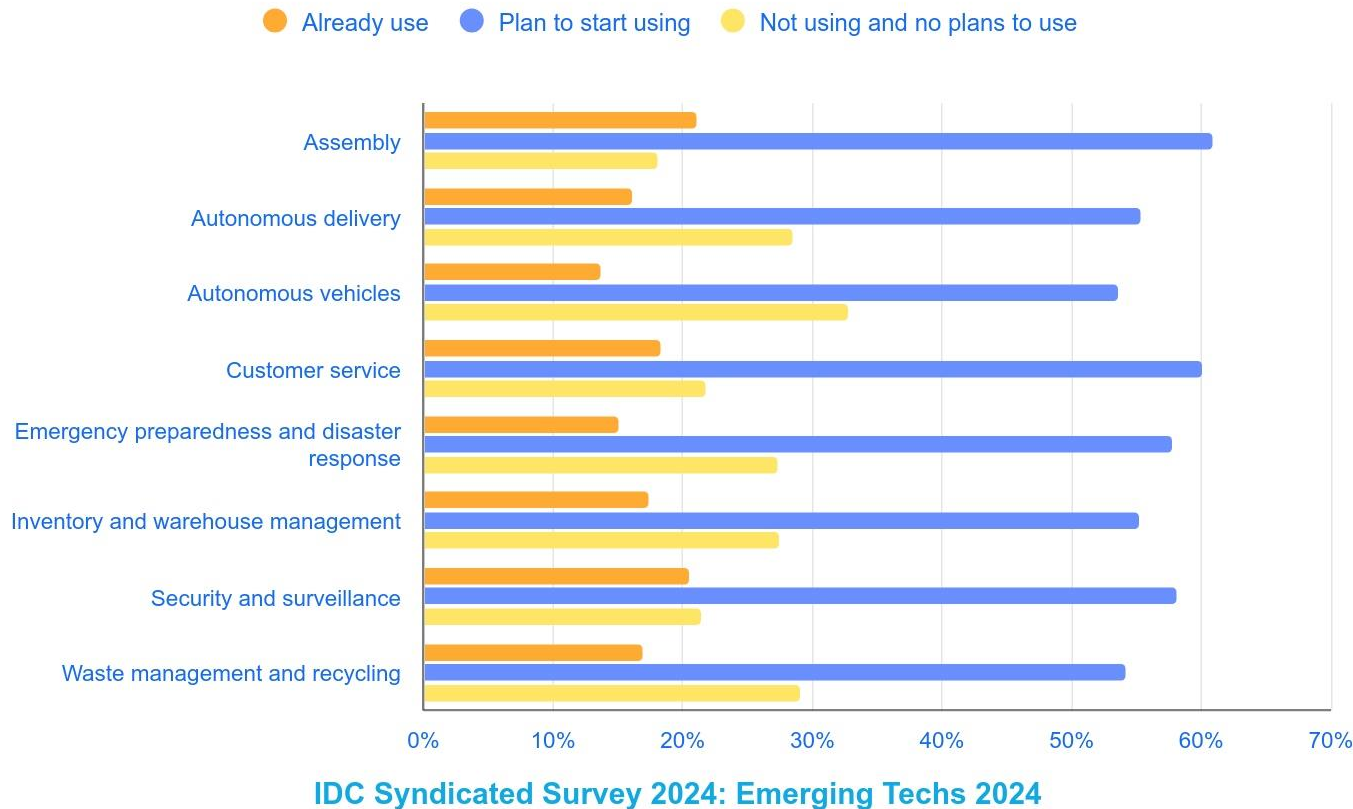
# Measurable Results Achieved via Advanced Robotics



IDC Syndicated Survey 2024: Emerging Techs 2024



# Areas of Industry Deploying Advanced Robotics Over the Next Two Years



# The New Robots on the Block

## **Cobots: Human-Robot Collaboration**

Cobots, equipped with safety features, automate diverse industries by seamlessly collaborating with workers, boosting productivity.

## **AMRs: Navigating Autonomously**

Autonomous mobile robots have progressed, utilizing sensors and AI to navigate without infrastructure. Improved simulations optimize paths, enhancing automation's efficiency and flexibility.

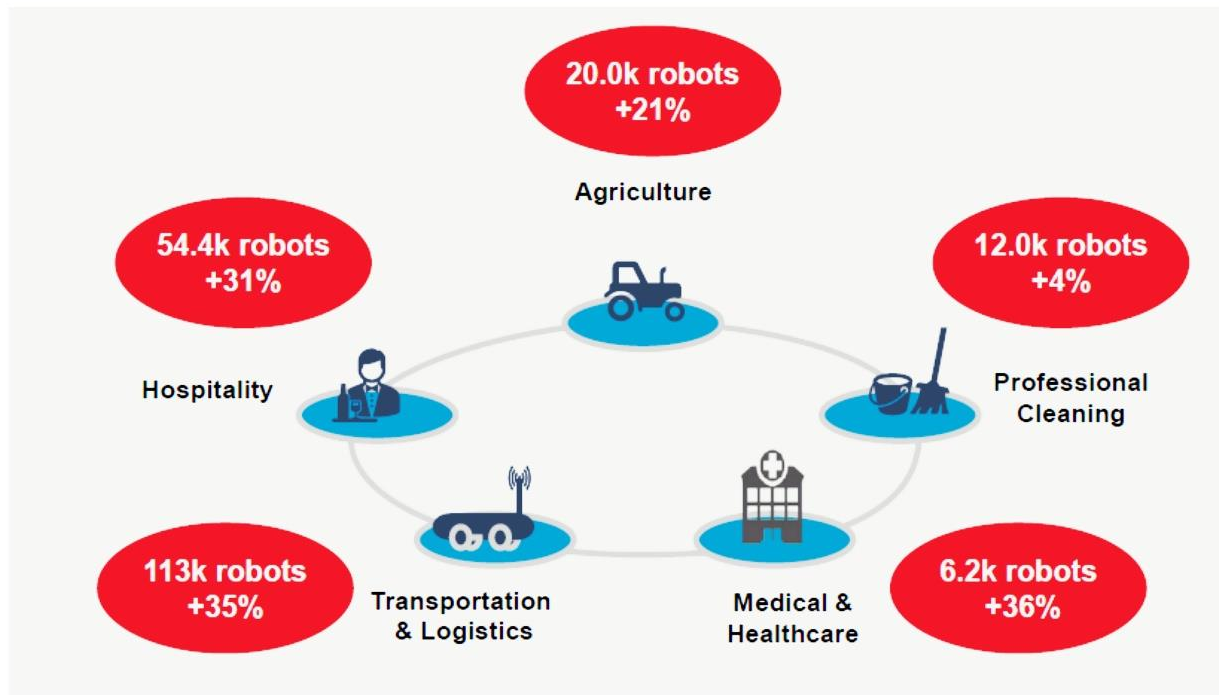
## **Humanoid Robots: An Extra Set of Hands**

Humanoid robots will transform automation, allowing seamless human-robot collaboration through mimicry of movement and AI-powered capabilities, boosting productivity and innovation.





# Top Application of Service Robots



Source: International Federation Robotics - 2024 Results



# The Rise of Collaborative Robots

# Collaborative Robots: Enhancing Human-Machine Collaboration



**What are  
Collaborative Robots?**



**Key Features**



**Applications**



**Benefits**

**Collaborative robots offer a promising future where humans and machines work together harmoniously to drive innovation and productivity.**

# End Effectors



- End effectors are more sophisticated able to handle delicate items.
- Switching end effectors on the same robotic arm creates new applications and use cases.
- End effector market has become universal and democratize.

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# Advanced Machine Vision

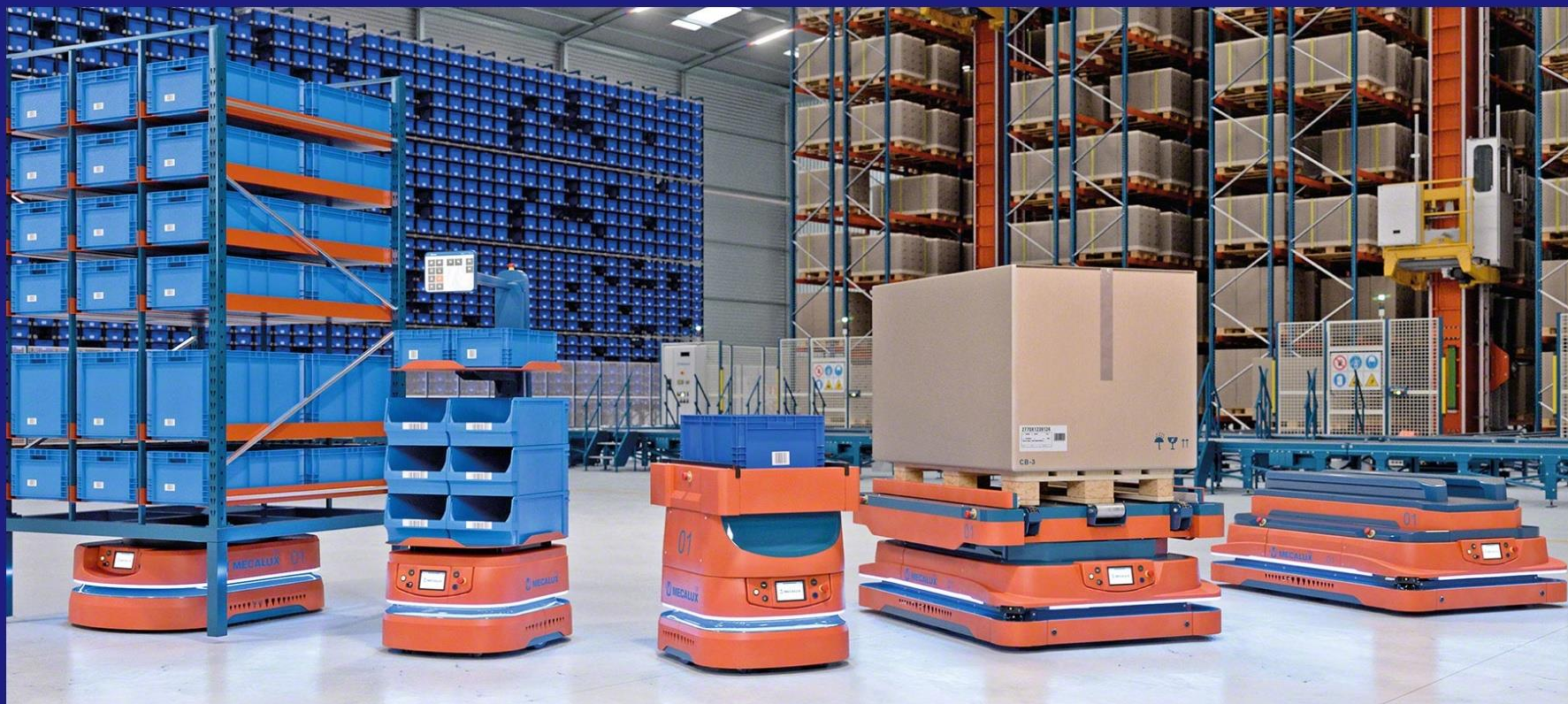


- Today's advanced machine vision cameras are used for inspection, inventory control, and production management.
- Paired with robotic arms and automation, machine vision systems provide eyes to a mechanical process.
- Allows for a higher level of interaction between automated systems and production.

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The Future of Robot Mobility

# Industry Development of AMRs



**Rapid Growth in Professional Service Robots**



**Focus on Transportation and Logistics Sector**



**Adoption of AMRs in Warehouses**

The rapid growth in the sales of professional service robots, including AMRs, with a strong focus on the transportation and logistics sector, demonstrates the increasing adoption of these advanced robotic systems in industrial operations.





## Innovations for AMRs

- Navigation without infrastructure
- Integration with IoT software platforms
- Dynamic Decision Making
- Companies leading the charge
  - OTTO Motors
  - MiR
  - VisionNav
  - ABB



## Innovations for Quadrupedal Robots

- Flexibility for physical obstacles
- Advanced Sensing Capabilities
- Tools for building digital twins and simulation
- Companies leading the charge:
  - Boston Dynamics
  - ANYbotics
  - Unitree
  - DEEP Robotics

# Robots Growing Data Infrastructure



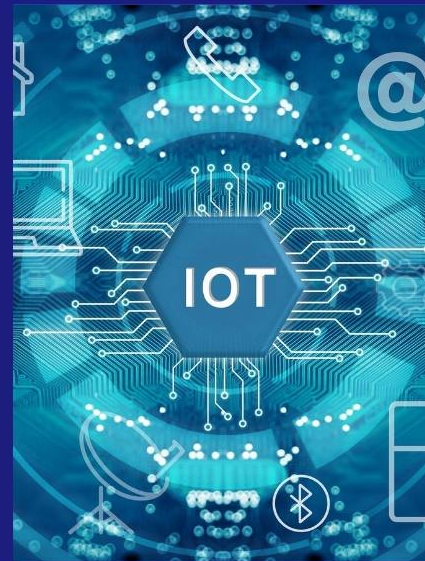
## AMRs as New IoT Data Points



## Data Volume Increase



## On-Premises, Cloud, or Hybrid Data Infrastructure



## Enabling Data-Driven Insights







**HD Atlas**

Boston Dynamics



150cm / 4'11"



**Figure**

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167cm / 5'6"



**Phoenix**

Sanctuary AI



170cm / 5'7"



**Digit**

Agility



175cm / 5'9"



**Atlas**

Boston Dynamics



175cm / 5'9"



**H1**

Unitree



180cm / 5'11"



**Optimus Gen 2**

Tesla



180cm / 5'11"



6.0'

5.0'

4.0'

3.0'

2.0'

1.0'

Humanoid Robots on the Horizon

# Introduction to Humanoid Robots



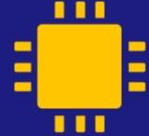
**Defining Humanoid  
Robots**



**Anthropomorphic  
Design**



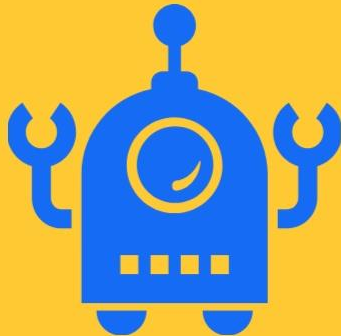
**Advanced Sensors  
and Actuators**



**Intelligent Control  
Systems**

Humanoid robots represent a significant advancement in robotics, blending human-like form and function to tackle a wide range of industrial applications and revolutionize the way we approach automation and human-robot collaboration.

# The Possibility of Humanoid Robots



**Redefining  
Automation  
with Humanoid  
Robots**

**Automotive  
Industry Leads  
the Way**

**Enhancing  
Human-Centric  
Automation**

**Democratizing  
Advanced  
Robotics**



# Capabilities of Humanoid Robots



**Advanced Sensory Perception**



**Dexterous Manipulation**



**Adaptable Mobility**



**Autonomous Decision-Making**



**Natural Interaction**



# Industrial Applications of Humanoid Robots



**Humanoid Robot in  
Automotive Assembly**



**Humanoid Robot in  
Healthcare Sector**



**Humanoid Robot in  
Disaster Response**



**Humanoid Robot in  
Customer Service**



# Challenges and Limitations

- **High Initial Cost**

Humanoid robots often require significant upfront investment, which can be a barrier for smaller businesses.

- **Maintenance and Upkeep**

Humanoid robots require regular maintenance, repairs, and software updates, adding to the ongoing operational costs.

- **Adaptation to Existing Environments**

Humanoid robots may struggle to seamlessly integrate into existing industrial environments, requiring infrastructure modifications.

- **Safety Concerns**

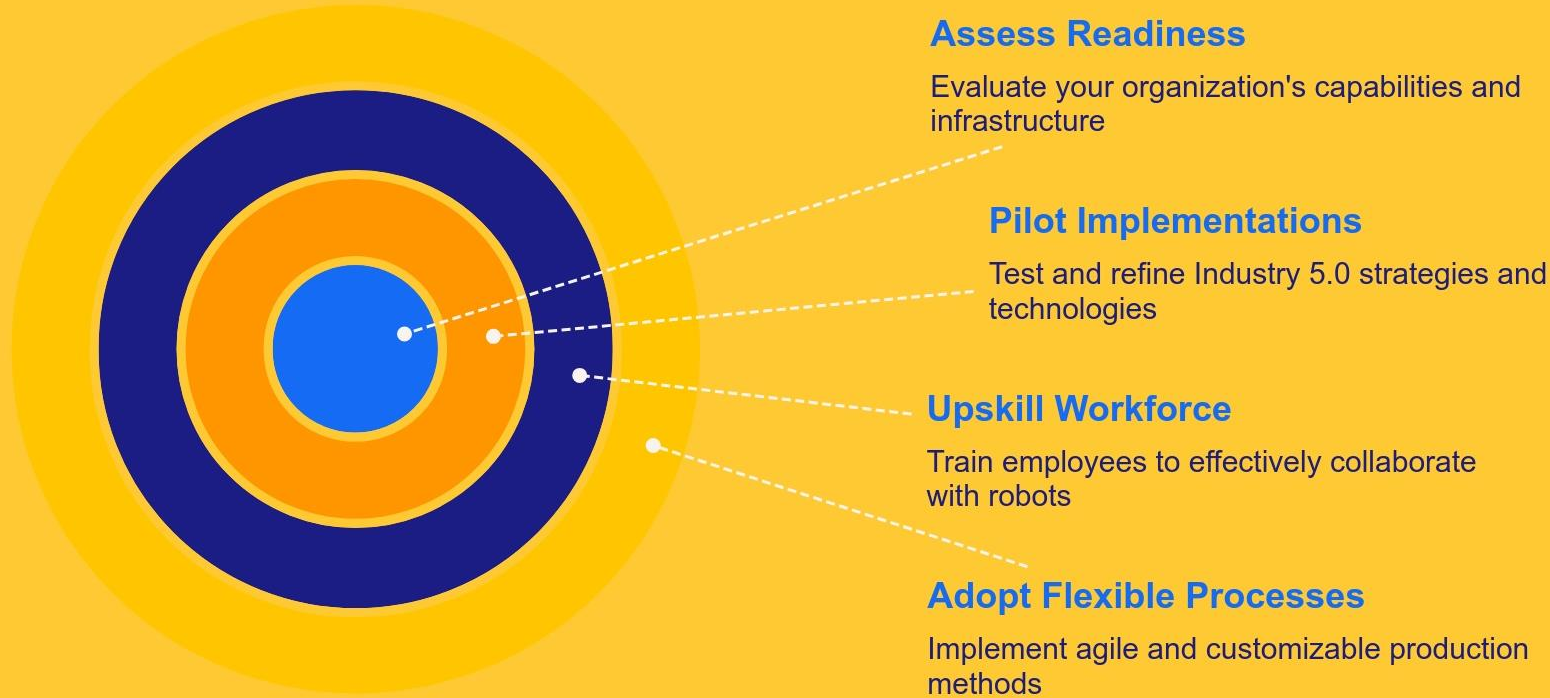
The presence of humanoid robots in close proximity to human workers raises safety concerns and requires robust safety protocols.

- **Limited Dexterity**

While advanced, humanoid robots may still have limitations in terms of fine motor skills and dexterity compared to human workers.



# Embracing Industry 5.0: A Call to Action





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