

# Nanotechnology and the Industrial Landscape: Applications, Integration, and Future Trends

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*Abstract- Nanotechnologies are on the verge of revolutionizing applications in myriad businesses and far surpassing the expectations of what was once thought of as a laboratory-scale science. In this review we wish to emphasize how nanotechnology has been widely proposed today for the modernization and optimization of several industries. Adopting an all-round system in retrieval of data on state-of-the-art sources of science, it gives an extensive overview on applications and technologies. It highlights the transformation of nanotechnology from a largely academic pursuit, into a key enabler of cutting-edge product development and economic growth, not only in the sphere of specialty and fast-growing applications but also in mature sectors. The results indicated that nanotechnology can currently be considered as an established discipline finding its way in several sectors including agriculture, food production, medicine, textiles, construction, civil engineering, automotive industry, cosmetics, biotechnology, and environmental management. Nanoscale technology has been widely used in various sectors of industry for improving structural design, functional performance, and energy – saving and quality of products. These developments are changing the way we produce and are fostering an environmentally friendly and economically sustainable future as well. Furthermore, the review highlights the need for a collaborative approach between multiple stakeholders (scientists, technologists, industrialists, environmentalists, and educators) to ensuring responsible growth of nanotechnologies. Together they are building grounds for nanotechnological industries that are more sustainable and even disruptive in a sense that could improve the worldwide economy and environment. The paper states that Nanotechnology is not something the world needs to wait for in the future, the concept is far from futuristic propeller head concept and more like the cornerstone of*

*current long term industrial transformations that will drive the future of the industries worldwide.*

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## I. INTRODUCTION

Nanotechnology is increasingly infiltrating the majority of global industries and heralds a notable change in technical development. Its widespread adoption, especially in developed countries, illustrates that AI is becoming a transformative and pervasive technology. In last years, four generations of nanomaterials have developed—from passive and active nano-building blocks and all the way to the general nanosystems and molecular scale devices each exhibiting growing complexity and multidisciplinary applicability [1].

The rapid development of nanoscience further reinforces the inescapable incorporation of nanoscale manufacturing in to almost every scientific and technological field. This review presents an overview of various applications of nanotechnology in agriculture, food processing, cosmetics, medicine, healthcare, automotive, oil, and gas, chemical, and mechanical industry [2, 3]. In addition to reviewing what is known about transformation, the paper also critically examines the associated limitations and risks in these areas, thus offering a more balanced impression of its impact.



Figure 1: Nanotechnology Journey to Global Impact

Nanotechnology works at a scale in which biological, chemical and physical processes converge. At the nanoscale, new phenomena emerge; shrinkage increases surface area-to-volume ratios; novel types of chemical bonding come into play, affecting reactivity; and new treatments, such as site-specific drug delivery, become possible [4,5]. Such phenomena also provide a link between classical and quantum mechanics in a mesoscopic domain, with potential applications in the field of nanomedicine, precision agriculture, and diagnostic nanotools [6]. Diseases that were once thought incurable can now be treated through nano-based therapeutics and sensors.

Whereas conventional bulk manufacturing changes phase and constructs a structure that is conscious of material subtraction, nanotechnology is based on a bottom-up principle borrowed from nature. This dissection opportunity allows for atomic scale additive manufacturing, providing unprecedented fine control of the material properties and functionalities [7].



Figure 2: Nanotechnology Impact to Global Industries

Worldwide investment in nanotechnology is in the billions and growing, especially in the U.S., Europe, and China, due to its anticipated industrial and strategic importance [8]. On the other hand, many developing countries fall behind on the advancements due to economic limitations, which don't allow them to keep pace with evolution rate of technologies that developed countries have [9]. However, scientific consensus worldwide considers nanotechnology as a key next-generation infrastructure, capable of raising the industry capacity and the competitive edge [10].

With growing concerns related to resources depletion and ecological balance, industries are looking for cost effective, safe and green options. This has been responded by nanotechnology in providing cleaner processes and more efficient utilizations of materials [11]. It has 'cross-cutting' potential in applications from nanoelectronics, nanomedicine to nanomaterials [12, 13], meaning nanoscience will be much needed in future technology training and development.

This review offers a comprehensive summary for nanotechnology's present and future role in modern industry and how its development is influencing the vision for the future of sustainable development and the industrial transformation for the whole world [14].

## II. LITERATURE REVIEW

Nanotechnology has been spreading into various scientific fields such as physics, biology, and chemistry and it is revolutionizing industrial production with its micro- and nano-level performance. It has led to the development of new interdisciplinary area such as nanomedicine, nanoengineering, nanoinformatics, nanoagriculture, nanofood etc. In the era of nanomedicine which it is witnessing some of the most revolutionary discoveries, the domains of materials science and mechanical engineering are also undergoing tremendous developments in low-cost, efficient, high-performance inventions.

### 2.1 In computer industry

Nanotechnology has transformed computing into compact, efficient and powerful devices. Led by pioneers such as Feynman and Drexler [13, 15, 16], nanotubes are even supplanting silicon chips. Major advances are nanochips, quantum computing devices, intelligent sensors, and lab-on-a-chip applicators upgrading ICT infrastructures [17, 18]. Such innovations can pave the way toward the Internet of Nano Things (IoNT), which is the collection of nanoscale sensors and reactors to improve automation and connectivity [23, 24]. Nanosensors and robotics for collecting and processing data further enables AI, machine learning and big data platforms [19, 20]. The combination of nanomaterials and drones/robots devices allows more automation, precision, reduced errors, and operating costs [25–27]. Furthermore, the 3D printing of nanotechnology can achieve sustainable, autonomous, and on-demand production with very low waste [28, 29]. As research continues and new markets are established, the role of nanotechnology has been and will continue to play a major role in enabling computing across various fields, ranging from environmental monitoring to aerospace and bioinformatics [30–33].

### 2.2 In Bioprocessing Sectors

The food safety, quality and sustainability can be improved with the help of nanotechnology, especially used in bioprocessing. Nanotechniques such as

nanoencapsulation enhance nutrient delivery and stability of bioactive compounds in food [15, 34]. The pathogen detection and food monitoring are recently reported to adopt nanosensors and biosensors, whereas the use of smart biodegradable packaging is not limited to hygienic and shelf-life extension [20, 35, 36]. Food-processing technologies that are more energy-efficient, not only decrease energy use, but can also contribute to a more sustainable environment [37]. In the field of fermentation, nanomaterials are used in the cost-effective production of biocompatible compounds [35]. Molecular, immunological, and electrochemical sensors-based diagnostic assays improve precision and specificity in food quality control [34, 39]. Biodegradable polymeric nanocomposites display better mechanical and antimicrobial properties and are suitable candidates for both food and biomedical applications [40–44]. Consumer trust and regulatory acceptance of nanoformulated functional foods: Challenges and issues that deserve some attention Functional foods developed using nanoformulations contribute health, yet safety evaluations are required to guarantee public trust and regulatory acceptance [45–47]. In general, bioprocessing industries are benefited with efficiency and innovation due to nanotechnology.

### 2.4 In Agriculture

Nanotechnology has the potential to facilitate agricultural productivity with precision tools, improved inputs, and added sustainability. Applications include intelligent fertilisers, nanopesticides, pathogen-sensitive nanosensors for soils and plants and the monitoring of soils and plants [48, 49]. Nanoclays and zeolites facilitate nutrient delivery and soil fertility recovery and smart polymer coatings on seeds stimulate germination and crop yield [50]. Nano-disinfectants have also been utilized in management of livestock and poultry health, food safety and biosecurity. Water conservation and diminishment of the agrochemical burden on the growing environment are also helped by nanotechnology. With the addition of nanosensors to precision farming, real-time data about crops can be used to make decisions. Nanopackaging has helped to prevent post-harvest losses by keeping foods fresh for longer as well as extending shelf life. These improvements lead to optimal productivity with a

minimal environmental footprint. But for it to be widely used, it must be regulated and the public must have knowledge that it is safe and works. Under effective regulation, nanotechnology in farm and food promises us higher crop yields, food security and a more sustainable farming future in the face of climate change and a growing population.

## 2.6 In Food Industry

Nanotechnology promises to improve the safety, quality, and shelf life of food products by developing advanced packaging and monitoring systems. Based on the use of nanocomposite materials including polymer/clay mixtures with excellent barrier behavior against moisture, gases, and pollutants [51–56]. Nanoparticles with antimicrobial activity shields the stored products from spoilage, particularly in metal canned and packaged products. Nanosensors for pathogens are used to detect pathogens and toxins thus timely intervening and controlling the quality better. In dairy, the delivery and stability of nutrients, flavors, and functional additives is facilitated by nanocarriers [57–60]. These are the technologies that enable smart diets and fortified foods that can tackle malnutrition. Despite the advantageous use of metal nanoparticles, there are continued concerns about their toxicity requiring risk assessments and regulation strategies. Transparency in labeling and continued safety monitoring are vital for the public's confidence. In general, nanotechnology is changing the food production, storage and safety approaches; leading to a safer, sustainable and secured food supply-chain due to the world population pressures. Safety and Quality Nanotechnology in the poultry, meat, fruit, and wine sectors are innovatively redefining safety, processing and quality control. In the case of poultry, nano-disinfectants, biosensors and smart packaging, reduce contamination and guarantee traceability of the product [61–63]. These machines can detect pathogens including Salmonella and Campylobacter, improving food safety. For fruits and vegetables, nanocoatings and packaging are implemented for managing humidity, oxygen permeability, and microbial development to decrease post-harvest spoilage [64, 65]. In winemaking, nanosensors are used to measure composition parameters as polyphenols and acids, improving fermented-product quality [66, 67]. These assemblies of nanoparticles in form of dots, rods and

metal (e.g. gold and silver) nanoparticles will provide sensitive and rapid testing. These technologies offer extended shelf life, consistent quality and safer products throughout the supply chain. However, large-scale implementation depends on the public acceptance and legal framework. Nanotechnology enables innovation in food and beverage processing with precision, efficiency, and safety.

## 2.7 In Packaging Industry

Along with the development of nanoparticles and nanomaterial, nontoxic and biodegradable materials are introduced into our life. Nanofillers as well as biopolymer blends are used for the generation of packaging with excellent mechanical resistance, barrier properties, and antimicrobial activity [68–70]. Such materials shield products from moisture, oxygen, and biodeterioration, and thus lengthen shelf life. Smart packaging with nanosensors is incorporated in the packaging which continuously record the state of the environment and product freshness. Environmental friendly nanomaterials are replacing the conventional plastics and reducing environmental issues and conforming to the orthodoxy of circular economy. Applications are not restricted to food, but include cosmetics, electronic, and textile. Nanopackaging permits also preservative and nutraceutical release under control. Enhanced consumer products and enhanced waste management are created by novel technologies as active and intelligent packaging. Nevertheless, safety considerations are essential to understand how the nanomaterials interact with food and the environment. Driven by growth and regulation, nanotechnology is driving the future of packaging, delivering solutions that are efficient, sustainable and consumer-friendly.

## 2.8 In Construction and Civil Engineering

Nanotechnology is impacting construction and civil engineering using nanomaterials controlling strength, durability and sustainability. In contrast, addition of nano-SiO<sub>2</sub> and polymeric admixtures into cement provides improved compressive strength, reduced porosity and better workability [71–76]. It has been demonstrated that smart windows with VIPs and

PCMs have the capability for conserving energy and improving indoor air quality [73]. Widening the variety of nanomodified material also includes ferrous materials, which have been subjected to nanomodification to improve their corrosion resistance, weldability, and thermal stability [77–78]. Nanocoatings can provide fire retardance, antibacterial properties, and self-cleaning characteristics [79]. Self-healing in concrete using nano based repair mortars provides the potential of increasing the life of infrastructure [80]. Carbon nanotubes, nanorods, and nanoclays increase the mechanical strength of the bridges, pavement, roads and the buildings [80]. Photocatalytic nanoparticles such as TiO<sub>2</sub> and ZnO are implemented in surface coatings for air cleaning and repellency for water. These innovations also promote green building practices and smart infrastructures according to the sustainable development goals [81].

### 2.9 In Textile Industry

The use of nanotechnology in textiles will provide fundamental improvements in textiles such as resistance, comfort, and functional properties of the fabrics. Nanofinishes are also used to provide water resistance, flame retardancy, wrinkle resistance, and antibacterial property to the fabric [82, 83, 84, 85]. These properties can be retained after washing by means of coating, padding, curing, or plasma treatment. Nanoscopic materials such as silver, zinc oxide, and titanium dioxide are the constituent material for smart clothing and protective ware for the healthcare, military, and industrial sectors [86–88]. Textiles with embedded conductive nanoparticles will develop responsive clothes that will monitor our health status or their surrounding environment. These polymers find applications in geotextiles, fire-retardant fabrics and clothes embedded with electronics [89]. Nanocellulose fibres impart strength, flexibility and breathability, and are also eco-friendly and lightweight [90]. Despite the benefits, questions about nanoparticle release and toxicity over washing still exist, and more work is needed. Nanotextiles provide one of the most promising platforms for adding values and creating innovations in the worldwide textile industry by creating sustainable and smart apparels [82, 91 - 94].

### 2.10 In Transport and Automobile Industry

The transport as well as automobile industry is being revolutionized with the aid of nanotechnology, which provides by performance aspects, efficiency and sustainability. Materials like carbon nanotubes and carbon black are used to improve engine components, coatings and structural frames, making them lighter and stronger vehicles [31,32,95]. Nanocoatings enhance wear, heat and corrosion resistance, which means longer vehicle life. Low-friction nanolubricants improve fuel efficiency and lower emissions. Nanosensors could be used for safety, navigation, and diagnostics in real time [96]. Nanostructured materials for next-generation rechargeable batteries and supercapacitors for electric vehicles for fast charging and extended range. Nanopacked nano coatings beautify and sterilize interiors and exteriors, while nanotextiles increase comfort and keep textiles looking new. While the up-front costs are high to get started on nano-automotive technologies, the bottom-line over the years is lower maintenance costs, better gas mileage plus environmental pluses. Future developments are expected in autonomous nano-enhanced vehicles with built-in electronics which will usher new era of smart, intelligent and energy-efficient transportation systems [95, 96].

### 2.11 In Medical Industry

The breakthroughs in health due to nanotechnology includes advances in nanomedicine, diagnostics and targeted therapies. Nanotherapeutics provides delivery precision and reduce side effects and enhance treatment efficacy [97–99]. Lab-on-a-chip systems and nanosensors provide fast diagnostics for infectious and chronic diseases [100–102]. Nanostructured scaffolds have been used for tissue repair, stem-cell therapy and organ regeneration in regenerative medicine [103–105]. Minimally invasive surgery and intracellular interventions Nanorobots are being developed for minimally invasive surgeries [106–109]. In oncology, nanocarriers such as liposomes and gold nanoparticles make use of the Enhanced Permeation and Retention (EPR) effect, for tumor targeted chemotherapy along with minimal toxicity [111–114]. Antimicrobial nanomaterials provides an alternative point of view to

treat drug-resistant infections. Nano-enabled biomaterials also contribute to the progress of bone tissue engineering and artificial joints [115–117]. Despite tremendous progress, hurdles related to safety, ethics and regulation remain. If more interdisciplinary cooperation is established [102,118–119], nanotechnology can transform personalized medicine, health and disease prevention and control [118,119]. Nanodentistry is revolutionizing Oral Health Care with Nano-enabled diagnostic methods, therapeutic appliances as well as therapeutic technology. Applications and uses such as enamel remineralization, hypersensitivity treatment and orthodontic repositioning with nano composites and nano particles [2,120,121]. Robotic denfritescence and nanotechnology provide real-time mechanical manipulations of the oral microenvironment, responsive dental therandas cautionary devices [4,122]. These structures allow to reduce the colonization of bacteria and to improve the service life of dental implants. Nano-hydroxyapatite and silver nanoparticle-played toothpaste and varnishes are used in cavities prevention and antimicrobial action. Nanofilled fillers enhance aesthetic, strength and wear resistance of composite resins in restorative dentistry. These technologies provide greater patient comfort and need for an invasive procedure. Although the potential rewards of nanodentistry are quite promising, trials, and long-term safety studies are necessary for wider use. Nanotechnology in dentistry progresses, the adoption of the technology may lead to more efficient dental care, as well as new personalized and minimally invasive treatments [118,120,121].

#### 2.12 In Cosmetics Industry

Nanotechnology Nanotechnology is transforming the cosmetics industry by improving the efficacy, absorption, and appearance of products. Nanocarriers include liposomes, nanoemulsions, and dendrimers enhance the transportation of active principles for skin, hair, and hygiene formulation [101,123–125]. On a sub-micron scale we can achieve improved penetration through the skin barrier, with accompanying improved hydration, sun protection and anti-aging benefits. For example, nanosize titanium dioxide and zinc oxide are used in sunscreens to provide protection from UV without leaving a white film [126]. Den nanogels an nanosponges offer

controlled drug release, increasing the shelf life and efficacy [127]. These advancements result in more specific and durable cosmetic applications. Nevertheless, the public perception regarding the safety of nanoparticles and their penetration through the skin create a need for clear labeling and premarket regulation [128]. Further investigations are necessary for safety assays, in the long-term, of cosmetic nanomaterials. With the increasing market for modern high performance personal care products, the use of nanotechnology can provide new options for performance, safety and cosmetic appeal.

#### 2.11 In the Environmental sector

Environment is one of the field that nanotechnology is competitively advancing through enhancement in pollution control, water cleaning and waste controlling. Nanocatalysts, nanofilters, and nanosorbents have facilitated the removal of heavy metals, organic pollutants, and microbials from water and soil [129–132]. These materials have high surface areas, reactivities, and mechanical stability, and are promising for large scale remediation. In addition to the applications described so far, nanoemulsions and nanocomposites are also used for air purification and optical imaging. Construction materials with improved durability have longer service life under environmental load (e.g. nanotechnology for green-building and sustainable construction to minimize maintenance cost and use of material resources). In developed countries, nanotechnology is incorporated in green technologies dealing with the problems of water, dangerous waste, and the intensity of energy. Studies are aimed at the development of nanomaterials for environmental quality and performance as climate change progresses. For sustainability, risk evaluation, regulatory scenery, and cooperation among disciplines are required. In general, nanotechnology provides sustainable, cost-effective, and environmentally friendly prevention/remediation techniques for addressing global environmental issues.

#### 2.12 Oil and Gas Industry

Oil and gas industry can be transformed with nanotechnology by enhancing extraction, refining

and environmental protection. Through the use of nanofluids that can increase reservoir permeability and thermal conductivity, the EOR process can be enhanced using nanomaterials [133–135]. Easy oil, gas and water separation is achieved in the process with the help of nanocatalysts. Novel nanomembranes and nanofabricated equipment further enhance the purification and treatment of effluents, leading to more economical and environmentally compatible operations. Nanosensors provide real-time monitoring of reservoir conditions and fluid dynamics to support precision drilling. Nanotechnology is sometimes supported by governments and industries for conversion of the infrastructure of fossil fuels, and to meet energy requirements. The potential of nanotechnology in the upstream sector is not yet exploited and it needs more research and support. Nanotechnology could bring us cheaper, lighter, stronger, and safer fossil fuel extraction. Potential topics are nano-enhanced sensors, smart materials, and advanced catalysis for sustainable fossil energy systems. Focus on direction if guided in the right direction, nanotechnology can have a considerable positive impact on efficiency and environmental responsibility in the oil and gas industry.”

#### 2.13 In Renewable Energy (Solar) Sector

Nanotechnology is improving and making sustainable renewable energy especially in solar energy. In photovoltaic devices, nanomaterials such as quantum dots, carbon nanotubes, and nanocomposites are connected with devices to enhance light absorption and conversion efficiency [136–138]. Applications range from nano-engineered solar panels to direct absorption collectors and parabolic troughs utilising nanofluids for enhanced heat transfer. These advances minimize the materials costs and improve the energy proceeds, making solar energy more feasible and scalable. Solar panels gain mechanical strength through nanostructures, increasing their useful life. Such progress notwithstanding, challenges still persist in the cost-effective optimization and mass production of nano-enhanced compact devices. Efforts are now underway to mitigate the later-life performance variability and long-term environmental impact. Nanotechnology is anticipated to be instrumental in the development of clean, efficient and affordable renewable energy, while the world's energy needs

continue to grow. The incorporation of CsPbI<sub>3</sub> into solar device technologies is an important step towards the sustainability of energy markets for reduction of fossil dependency.

#### 2.14 In Wood Industry

Nanotechnology helps in achieving sustainability in wood industry with development of products that are high-strength, lightweight, and ecofriendly. Nanocellulose originated in forest biomass is presented as a bio-based factor to increase mechanical properties, fire retardation and UV stability in wood products [139–144]. Preservatives encapsulated in nanoparticles enhance chemical retention and restrain leaching, thus prolonging their service life and lessening toxicity. Applications range from biodegradable packaging, high end composites to coatings for advanced products within the timber, pulp and furniture industries. The use of nanomaterials, such as nanozinc oxide or nanotitanium oxide provide enhanced water-repellence and antimicrobial effects. The advancement of these technologies facilitates the transition to environmentally friendly wood and minimizes a risk of deforestation. We also find applications of nanocellulose in electronics, food, and medical products which increases its level of industrial applicability. Although it has many good aspects, public acceptance and cost-effective production is also the challenge [145,146]. More studies are required for making the devices compatible, to take the production to scale and to fill up knowledge gaps. In general, the nanotechnology contributes to innovation and sustainability in the wood-based industries.

#### 2.15 In Chemical Industry

The chemical industry will benefit from nanotechnology since material properties can be controlled and cleaner, more efficient processes will become possible. Catalysis, polymer reinforcement, and reaction efficacy are enhanced by nanomaterials, particularly in the coatings, electronics, and pharmaceuticals applications [76,132,138]. Silver, gold, and magnetic nanoparticles were found to be utilized in energy systems, water purification, and environmental solutions [147,148]. In surfactant

production, nanotechnology strives for biobased and enzymatic alternatives with low toxicity and less environmental burden. Nanoscale catalysts speed-up reactions, minimize the by-product, in good agreement with the recommendations of the green chemists. Applications exist in the biomedical, agricultural, and industrial fields. With this nanoscale manipulation, new and advanced materials can be fabricated, resulting in improved thermal, electrical and mechanical capabilities. Nevertheless, further safety evaluations and lifecycle assessment studies are needed to minimize risks of nanochemicals exposure. Nanotechnology and circular economy Material resources are used in the nanoproduct life cycle to the minimum level, which has an impact on the effectiveness of recovery. Further investment and research is necessary to maximize the benefits, safety and spread of adoption of nano-enabled advancements in chemical manufacturing [3,149].

### III. INSIGHT FROM LITERATURE REVIEW

The bottom line for nanotechnology is to make products easier to produce and improve their quality. With the introduction of new nanoenabled technologies every year, the stage has been set for the emergence of nanobased industries. Yet, this advancement has to come along with broadening the research field to harvest benefits as well as taking preemptive actions concerning potential risks.

In the field of computing, miniaturization has certainly come a long way, but there is a need to scale processors and electronic components to even smaller sizes. Safe operation by design as well as by negative control mechanisms In order to enjoy the full power of nano electronics, it is crucial to have controlled production and usage protocols of these, such that the expected benefits could be realized without adverse effects [5]. Likewise, nanotechnology is already making an impact on sustainable development in the areas of precision agriculture, nanoformulated pesticides and fertilizers and improved food processing and packaging. However, even with these advantages, comprehensive risk assessment and toxicity assessment are necessary for preserving food chains and public health [63].

Self-healing concrete and lightweight composites and other nano-enhanced materials could promote sustainability in construction and automotive applications. Particularly in densely populated areas where there are material needs, nanomaterials can provide enduring infrastructure with energy efficiencies. To guarantee a successful and thoughtful integration, their sustainability and health impacts should be carefully evaluated, and sectorial commitment to life cycle management and green branding applied [32,150].

In addition, nanotechnologies are being applied in the textiles and cosmetic sectors to add functionality like UV-blocking, antimicrobial and improved longevity. Not only do these applications satisfy the demands of changing consumer needs, they also mitigate issues related to climate. Nanotechnology is believed to play a more solid role in shaping the future of aesthetic and textile applications given more support and market attention [73, 90, 123].

One of the most groundbreaking fields is nanomedicine, which provides the possibility of personalized, targeted therapies, as well as new diagnostic techniques. If taken up at scale, it has the potential to transform patient care, based off of personalized therapies. Yet this future-promise requires the translation of laboratory findings to clinical practice, which involves the integration of research work from the medicine, technologic, and policy domains to guarantee safety and effectiveness.

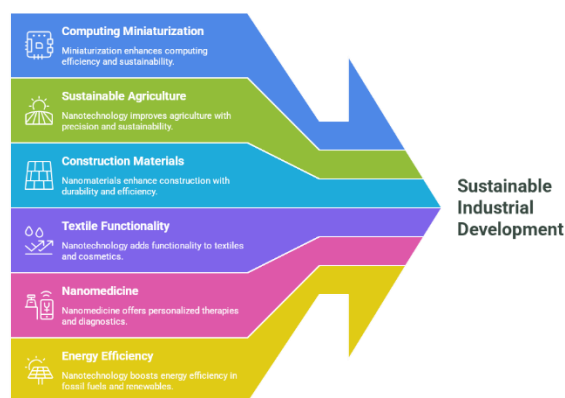


Figure 3: Nanotechnology Impact on Sustainable Development

The impact of nanotechnology is now being felt throughout the energy industry including fossil fuels and renewables. For oil and gas, it's nanofluids and catalysts that increase efficiency, for solar power, it's nanomaterials that increase photovoltaic power. Cost and efficiency comparison of nanotechnology with respect to conventional strategies is an important key factor for future acceptance [48, 135, 138].

But, just like promising medicine, nanotechnology is also fraught with ethical, social, environmental and human health issues. These issues need to be confronted through interdisciplinary research, strong regulation, and public dialogue to guide its responsible incorporation across different sectors. A wide collaboration between engineers, researchers, industrialists, and policy makers is imperative to the realization of the nanotechnology potential as a core of the sustainable, innovative industrial development.

#### CONCLUSION

Nanotechnology is making dramatic impact on materials and mechanical sciences with the introduction of new materials and more efficient and less costs for production methodologies. This review is such a broad (but yet focused) overview, and it tries to help the potential researchers, technologists, as well as practitioners from various domains to explore and adopt nanotechnology for application in their respective areas of interest.

However, the rapid development of nanotechnology cannot be unchecked without significant concerns for its long-term risks, especially in nanotoxicology. Therefore, there is a need for more focused studies to facilitate our understanding of and to minimize potential health, environmental and ecological impacts associated with nano-scale materials and processes.

For the true benefits of nanotechnology to be achievable, it is necessary to bring together interdisciplinary research, academics and industry—at ease with real-world and field-based experimentation. In addition, it is essential that continuing advancement and rigorous assessment of nano-enabled technologies should be put in place before the safe and beneficial

accommodation of these materials within society is taken forward.

Although nanotechnology is likely to be incorporated in virtually every industry, it must be done with forethought and responsibility. Efforts of awareness campaign and education needs to be focused on the potential hazards of nanomaterial to human health and environment. These are crucial, especially at a time when the world is becoming more focused on sustainable development.

If we coordinate the development of nanotechnology with the premise of sustainability, we will be able to build a future in which innovation is compatible with ecological responsibility. Responsible innovation based on scientific excellence and ethical awareness will help to maintain nanotechnology as a robust and positive basis for future industrial and social development.

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