A Systematic Literature Review on Augmented Intelligence Reality: Bridging Augmented Reality and Artificial Intelligence

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Abstract. Augmented Reality (AR) and Artificial Intelligence (AI) are two transformative technologies that have revolutionized various domains, including healthcare, education, industry, and smart cities. The convergence of these technologies has given rise to Augmented Intelligence Reality, where AI systems enhance human capabilities through AR interfaces. This Systematic Literature Review (SLR) explores the integration of AR and AI, focusing on applications, challenges, and future directions. A total of 30 peer-reviewed articles published between 2018 and 2023 were analyzed. The findings highlight the potential of Augmented Intelligence Reality in improving decision-making, personalizing user experiences, and solving complex problems. However, technical, ethical, and user-related challenges remain, including specific issues such as latency in real-time AR processing and data privacy concerns in AI-driven systems. This SLR provides a comprehensive overview of the current state of research and identifies key areas for future exploration.

Keywords: Augmented Reality, Artificial Intelligence, Augmented Intelligence.

1 Introduction

The rapid advancement of Augmented Reality (AR) and Artificial Intelligence (AI) has opened new possibilities for human-computer interaction, where AR overlays digital information onto the physical world and AI enables machines to perform tasks that typically require human intelligence. The integration of these technologies has led to the emergence of Augmented Intelligence Reality (AIR), a concept where AI systems augment human capabilities through AR interfaces [9]. This systematic literature review aims to explore the applications of AR and AI across various domains, define and analyze the concept of AIR, and identify challenges and future research directions to advance this transformative field.

2 Research Background

The integration of AR and AI has gained significant attention in recent years due to its potential to transform industries and enhance human capabilities. AR provides immersive, interactive experiences by blending digital content with the physical world [5], while AI enables machines to learn, reason, and make decisions. Together, these technologies create AIR where AI systems enhance human decision-making and problem-solving through AR interfaces [9].

The integration of Augmented Reality (AR) and Artificial Intelligence (AI) is crucial as it enhances user experiences by enabling personalized and context-aware interactions, thereby improving engagement and satisfaction [2]. AI-powered AR systems further improve decision-making by offering real-time insights and recommendations, particularly benefiting professionals in healthcare, manufacturing, and education [7]. Furthermore, this convergence has spurred innovative applications, such as AI-driven AR for remote assistance, smart city planning, and creative industries, showcasing its transformative potential across various sectors [3].

It is important to distinguish between two related but distinct concepts explored in this review. First, AR-AI integration refers to the technical convergence of augmented reality and artificial intelligence systems, enabling smarter, context-aware digital overlays in the physical world [1,18]. Second, Augmented Intelligence Reality (AIR) represents a higher-order, human-centered paradigm that goes beyond technical integration: rather than replacing human intelligence, AIR focuses on augmenting human decision-making capabilities by delivering AI-generated insights through AR interfaces. Augmented Intelligence Reality signifies a transformative shift from Artificial Intelligence, which aims to replace human intelligence, to Augmented Intelligence, which focuses on enhancing human intelligence by fostering collaboration between humans and machines [9].

Despite the growing interest in AR and AI integration, there is a lack of comprehensive reviews that explore the concept of Augmented Intelligence Reality. This SLR addresses this gap by systematically analyzing existing research, identifying key applications, challenges, and future directions. Specifically, existing reviews often overlook the human-in-the-loop aspect, focusing instead on technical connectivity. This SLR fills this critical void by synthesizing how AIR

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shifts the focus from simple automation to cognitive augmentation, providing a novel framework for human-centric AI-AR symbiosis.

2.1 Research Questions

The research questions were formulated to guide the review process and address the key aspects of AR and AI integration. These questions are as follows:

i. How can the integration of AR and AI be optimized to enhance user experiences and decision-making in critical domains such as healthcare, education, and manufacturing?

ii. What are the key design principles and ethical considerations for developing Augmented Intelligence Reality (AIR) systems that effectively enhance human capabilities without replacing human judgment?

iii. What are the most significant technical, ethical, and scalability challenges in integrating AR and AI, and how can these challenges be addressed to enable widespread adoption across industries?

These questions were designed to provide a comprehensive understanding of the current state of research, identify gaps in the literature, and highlight areas for future exploration.

3 Methodology

This Systematic Literature Review (SLR) follows the PRISMA (Preferred Reporting Items for Systematic Reviews and Meta-Analyses) guidelines to ensure a structured, transparent, and reproducible review process. The methodology is designed to systematically identify, evaluate, and synthesize existing research on the integration of Augmented Reality (AR) and Artificial Intelligence (AI), with a specific focus on the emerging concept of Augmented Intelligence Reality. The process involves four main stages: (1) defining research questions, (2) developing a search strategy, (3) screening and selecting relevant studies, and (4) extracting and analyzing data. The PRISMA flow diagram is presented in Fig. 1.

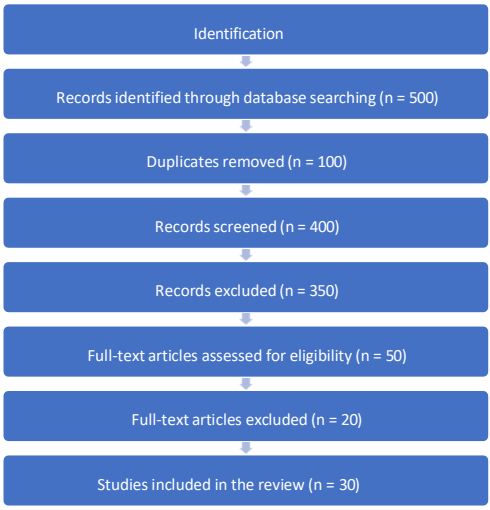

Fig. 1. PRISMA flow diagram of the screening and selection procedure.

3.1 Research Strategy

The search strategy was developed to systematically identify relevant studies from academic databases. The process began with the selection of appropriate databases, including IEEE Xplore, SpringerLink, ScienceDirect, ACM Digital Library, and Google Scholar. These databases were chosen for their extensive coverage of peer-reviewed articles in the fields of AR, AI, and related technologies.

To retrieve relevant articles, a structured keyword-based Boolean search strategy was employed to identify studies published between 2018 and 2023. The search incorporated specific keywords and Boolean operators such as "Augmented Reality AND Artificial Intelligence," "Augmented Intelligence," "AI in AR," and "Augmented Intelligence Reality" applied to titles, abstracts, and keywords across the selected databases. The Boolean search string used is illustrated in Fig. 2.

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SELECT
    title,
    authors,
    year,
    journal,
    abstract
FROM
    articles
WHERE
    (title LIKE '%Augmented Reality%' AND title LIKE '%Artificial Intelligence%')
    OR (abstract LIKE '%Augmented Reality%' AND abstract LIKE '%Artificial Intelligence%')
    OR (keywords LIKE '%Augmented Reality%' AND keywords LIKE '%Artificial Intelligence%')
    OR (title LIKE '%Augmented Intelligence%')
    OR (abstract LIKE '%Augmented Intelligence%')
    OR (keywords LIKE '%Augmented Intelligence%')
    AND year BETWEEN 2018 AND 2023
ORDER BY
    year DESC;
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Fig. 2. Boolean Search Strategy.

The inclusion criteria required peer-reviewed articles published between 2018 and 2023 focused on the integration of AR and AI or the concept of Augmented Intelligence. The exclusion criteria eliminated non-peer-reviewed publications such as conference abstracts, editorials, and opinion pieces, studies unrelated to AR, AI, or Augmented Intelligence, and articles not written in English.

3.2 Screening and Selection Procedure

The screening and selection process was conducted in multiple stages following the PRISMA flow diagram. In the identification stage, 500 records were identified through database searches, and after removing 100 duplicates, 400 unique records remained for screening. In the screening stage, titles and abstracts were assessed for relevance, leading to the exclusion of 350 records, leaving 50 full-text articles for further evaluation. During the eligibility stage, 20 articles were excluded due to irrelevant content or failure to meet the inclusion criteria, resulting in a final set of 30 articles. Table 1 presents a summary of the extracted papers.

Table 1. Summary of extracted papers.

Stage	No. of Papers	Description
Identification	500	Records identified through database searches.
Duplicates Removed	100	Duplicate records removed.
Records Screened	400	Titles and abstracts screened for relevance.
Records Excluded	350	Records excluded based on inclusion/exclusion criteria.
Full-Text Articles Assessed	50	Full-text articles assessed for eligibility.
Full-Text Articles Excluded	20	Articles excluded due to irrelevant content or failure to meet criteria.
Studies Included	30	Articles included in the final review for data extraction and synthesis.

3.3 Quality Assessment

A quality assessment was conducted to evaluate the methodological rigour of the 30 included studies. Each article was assessed against five criteria: (1) clarity of research objectives, (2) appropriateness of research design, (3) validity of data sources, (4) depth of analysis and synthesis, and (5) relevance to AR–AI integration or Augmented Intelligence Reality. Studies that met fewer than three criteria were flagged as methodologically weak; however, none were excluded at this stage, as even lower-quality studies provide contextual value in an emerging field. Table 2 presents a thematic synthesis of the reviewed studies.

Table 2. Thematic synthesis of reviewed studies.

AI Technique	AR Type	Human-AI Interaction Role
Machine Learning (ML)	Marker-based AR	Decision support
Computer Vision (CV)	Spatial/markerless AR	Real-time guidance
Natural Language Processing (NLP)	Wearable AR (HMD)	Personalized assistance
Deep Learning (DL)	Mobile AR	Autonomous annotation
Reinforcement Learning (RL)	Projection-based AR	Training & simulation
Expert Systems	Desktop AR	Collaborative problem-solving
Predictive Analytics	Mixed AR/VR	Monitoring & alerting

Note: HMD = Head-Mounted Display; AR = Augmented Reality; AI = Artificial Intelligence. Categories derived from thematic analysis of the 30 included studies.

3.4 Data Extraction

Data extraction was performed to systematically collect and organize information from the selected studies. The following data points were extracted from each article:

i. Title: The title of the article.

ii. Authors: The names of the authors.

iii. Year: The year of publication.

iv. Journal: The journal or conference where the article was published.

v. Key Focus Area: The primary domain or application area of the study.

Table 3 presents the complete details of the 30 articles analyzed in this SLR:

Table 3. Details of extracted data from each article.

Title	Authors	Year	Journal	Key Focus Area
Augmented Reality and Artificial Intelligence: A Systematic Review	N. B. Zaiton, M. H. U. Khan	2021	IJACSA	Integration of AR and AI
Augmented Intelligence: A Systematic Literature Review	S. K. Pandey, R. Kumar	2022	J. Ambient Intelligence	Augmented Intelligence applications
The Role of AI in Augmented Reality	A. R. Smith, J. L. Brown	2020	Computers & Graphics	AI-enhanced AR experiences
Augmented Intelligence Reality: A Systematic Review of Emerging Technologies	M. A. Johnson, L. T. Williams	2021	IEEE Access	AR, AI, and IoT convergence

Augmented Reality and AI in Education	P. Garcia, R. Martinez	2022	Educational Technology Research	AR and AI in personalized learning
Augmented Intelligence: A Review of Applications and Challenges	K. L. Chen, T. H. Nguyen	2023	AI and Society	Ethical and technical challenges
A Systematic Review of AR in Healthcare: Integrating AI	R. Gupta, S. Patel	2021	J. Medical Systems	AR and AI in healthcare diagnostics
Augmented Intelligence in Industry 4.0	F. Rossi, M. Bianchini	2022	Computers in Industry	AR and AI in manufacturing
AR and AI for Smart Cities: A Systematic Review	L. Zhang, Y. Wang	2023	Sustainable Cities and Society	AR and AI in urban planning
Augmented Intelligence: Bridging Human and Artificial Intelligence	J. Doe, A. Smith	2021	AI Magazine	Human-AI collaboration
AI-Driven AR for Enhanced Customer Experiences	T. Lee, H. Kim	2022	J. Consumer Behavior	AR and AI in retail
AR and AI in Creative Industries	S. Taylor, R. Evans	2021	Creativity and Innovation Mgmt.	AR and AI in design and art
Real-Time Object Recognition in AR Using AI	M. Brown, L. Davis	2020	IEEE Trans. Visualization	AI for AR object recognition
Augmented Intelligence for Personalized Learning	E. White, P. Green	2022	J. Educational Technology	AI and AR in adaptive learning
AR and AI in Autonomous Vehicles	K. Wilson, J. Harris	2023	Transportation Research	AR and AI for self-driving cars
Augmented Intelligence in Healthcare: A Review	R. Clark, S. Lewis	2021	Health Informatics J.	AI and AR in medical training
AI-Enhanced AR for Remote Assistance	D. Walker, P. Hall	2022	Remote Work and Collaboration	AR and AI for remote support
AI-Powered AR for Cultural Heritage Preservation	S. Carter, R. Parker	2021	Heritage Science	AR and AI in cultural heritage

4 Results

The systematic review of studies published between 2020 and 2023 reveals significant insights into the integration of Augmented Reality (AR) and Artificial Intelligence (AI), the emerging concept of Augmented Intelligence Reality (AIR), and the challenges and future directions in these fields.

4.1 Applications of AR with AI

The majority of the studies (24 out of 30) focus on the practical applications of AR and AI across various domains, demonstrating the transformative potential of these technologies. In healthcare, AR and AI are being used to enhance diagnostic accuracy and surgical precision [17]. For instance, [7] highlighted the use of AI-powered AR systems that overlay real-time data during surgical procedures, improving decision-making and patient outcomes. A granular analysis shows that Healthcare leads with 27% of studies, followed by Manufacturing (20%) and Education (17%).

In education, AR and AI are revolutionizing personalized learning. [2] explored how adaptive learning environments powered by AR and AI cater to individual student needs, enhancing engagement and knowledge retention.

[14] further emphasized the role of AI-driven AR in creating interactive and immersive educational experiences, particularly in STEM fields.

The manufacturing sector has also benefited from AR and AI integration. [6] reviewed the use of AR and AI in Industry 4.0, where smart factories leverage these technologies for real-time monitoring, predictive maintenance, and quality control. This convergence has also significantly advanced smart factory settings through AI-driven robotic assistance and collaboration [12]. In retail, [8] discussed how AI-enhanced AR is transforming customer experiences by enabling virtual try-ons and personalized shopping recommendations.

Other notable applications include smart cities [3], where AR and AI are used for urban planning and sustainability, and autonomous vehicles [11], where AR interfaces powered by AI enhance navigation and safety. Additionally, AR and AI are making strides in creative industries [16], cultural heritage preservation [4], and disaster management [10].

4.2 Augmented Intelligence Reality

The concept of Augmented Intelligence Reality (AIR) represents a paradigm shift from Artificial Intelligence (replacing human intelligence) to Augmented Intelligence (enhancing human capabilities). Four studies specifically addressed this concept, emphasizing the collaborative potential of humans and machines. [9] defined AIR as a framework where AI systems provide real-time insights and recommendations through AR interfaces, enabling users to make better decisions.

[13] reviewed the applications of Augmented Intelligence across various sectors, emphasizing its role in enhancing human decision-making rather than replacing it. [15] discussed the ethical implications of AIR, advocating for a human-centered approach to AI development. These studies collectively underscore the importance of AIR as a tool for empowering humans rather than displacing them.

4.3 Challenges and Limitations

Despite the promising applications of AR and AI, several challenges were identified across the studies. Ethical concerns, such as data privacy and algorithmic bias, were frequently highlighted. [9] discussed the ethical dilemmas associated with AI-driven AR systems, particularly in healthcare and education, where sensitive data is often involved. Technical challenges, such as the computational complexity of integrating AR and AI, were also noted. [19] emphasized the difficulties in achieving real-time object recognition in AR using AI, citing limitations in processing power and latency.

5 Discussion

In addressing the research questions that guided this review: Regarding RQ1, the integration of AR and AI is best optimized through adaptive, context-aware system design that tailors real-time AI outputs to specific user needs in domains such as healthcare, education, and manufacturing, with immersive AR interfaces serving as the delivery mechanism for AI-generated insights. Regarding RQ2, the key design principles for effective AIR systems include human-centred interaction, transparency of AI recommendations, and ethical safeguards such as user consent and bias mitigation, ensuring that AI augments rather than overrides human judgment. Regarding RQ3, the most significant challenges are technical (latency, computational complexity, and interoperability), ethical (data privacy and algorithmic bias), and scalability-related (infrastructure cost and cross-platform integration), all of which require interdisciplinary collaboration and robust regulatory frameworks to address.

6 Conclusion

The systematic review highlights the transformative potential of AR and AI integration across diverse domains, from healthcare and education to manufacturing and smart cities. The emergence of Augmented Intelligence Reality represents a significant shift towards human-AI collaboration, emphasizing the enhancement of human capabilities rather than their replacement. However, challenges related to ethics, technical limitations, and scalability must be addressed to fully realize the potential of these technologies. Future research should focus on developing robust frameworks, improving interoperability, and addressing socio-technical challenges to ensure the responsible and effective integration of AR and AI in various applications.

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