

AI and Cloud-Driven Transformation in Finance, Insurance, and the Automotive Ecosystem: A Multi-Sectoral Framework for Credit Risk, Mobility Services, and Consumer Protection

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ABSTRACT

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Artificial intelligence (AI) applications are rapidly entering all walks of life, affecting decision-making and the quality of outcomes. Being primarily data-driven, AI utilizes the cloud and the associated vast array of facilities provided by cloud environments to create a tremendous variety of decision-support systems. These systems raise a host of legal, ethical, social, privacy, and regulatory challenges. The combination of AI, cloud, and data is equally capable of providing transformative solutions in specialized domains such as finance, insurance, and the automotive ecosystem. The use of AI on comprehensive data has the potential to create accurate credit-risk scoring, enabling useful economic activities that were earlier part of the shadow economy; the automotive ecosystem is undergoing a shift from the traditional vehicle ownership model to a shared and eventually completely autonomous transportation model. In this chapter, we provide a deep-dive exposition of these transformative applications, the trade-offs involved, and some of the dominant research issues that are at the cusp of technologies driven by data, AI, and the cloud.

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1. Introduction

Artificial Intelligence (AI) and cloud-driven transformation, along with associated technology mega-trends such as machine learning, analytics, big data, cybersecurity, and high-performance computing, are setting the foundations of society 5.0. This new organization sees people at the center of innovation, taking advantage of real-time, anywhere, any services. These technologies are altering the competitive landscape across industry verticals, resulting in powerful momentum through which every industry – from finance to health, retail to real estate, media to manufacturing – finds itself simultaneously databasing, sensing, thinking, acting, and evolving through the four technology vectors of cloud, AI, 5G, and IoT across intelligent edge platforms. Many traditional industry ecosystems now have participants looking to outperform current business models and business process performance by using real-time insights to iterate various aspects of the customer experience, delivering products and services, operational efficiency, and overall business transformation. The AI ecosystem replaces traditional human effort with a disaggregation in automated devices and technologies. This transformation is connecting everything through the established, consolidated, and matured cloud-driven internet. In particular, the confluence of AI, data, and the cloud opens necessary frameworks for enterprise value chain disruption with more in-memory cognitive computing capabilities. The pervasiveness of AI is growing in sync with the cloud infrastructure, enabling various online applications to improve user engagement in the digital globe. With these capabilities, applications are carrying intelligence, reaching endpoints in real-time, and reacting to observation signals to enhance the user experience.



Fig 1 : AI Transforms the Insurance Industry

1.1. Overview of Key Trends in Financial Technology

Over the past two decades, innovation in financial services has created a significant and disruptive force. By challenging traditional, conservative service models, a new competitive sector has arisen. This has changed the way that consumers and micro, small, and medium-sized enterprises (MSMEs) manage and understand their finances, made financial inclusion more possible, and opened new pathways to credit. Fintech is transforming the customer experience, simplifying operations, reducing bank costs and risk, and democratizing access to basic financial services. Due to COVID-19, both the presence and significance of fintechs have increased around the world.

While digitization is upending incumbent business models in financial services, significant barriers to full-scale digital transformation also remain. These include aging IT infrastructure, issues related to compliance, and a range of other functional and strategic obstacles. Many traditional financial services companies have been underwhelming their stakeholders because of attempts to repackage their existing products into a version that resembles one that is already on the market. This preference to streamline over reevaluating their branch network has created the demise of local businesses. Additionally, moving to a full-fledged digital strategy is challenging and requires significant investment, the quickening pace of change further adding pressure. However, while these trends expose numerous challenges, a steadily growing number of fintechs in the world have emerged as clear leaders, delivering significant efficiencies and value to consumers and businesses. No longer is fintech's role only that of a disrupter; it is quickly becoming integral to the functioning of the finance industry.

2. The Role of AI in Finance

Finance is an incredibly diverse industry. To name just a few activities, it includes lending, real-time interconnected trading around the world, the transfer of money between countries, saving money for hundreds of millions of individuals, and managing financial risk for firms. All of these activities involve decision-making that can be improved by using AI. We are at a point in the development of technology where AI systems can read contracts faster and better than humans, meaning they can extract and interpret the key terms and the context, and in that way reach judgment to enable financial institutions to manage risk and to report on how they allocate resources. We have reached a point where AI can account for and understand what it sees in real-time, as is necessary to enable a tour through a trading room to appreciate the speed of decision-making that takes advantage of a wealth of information.

The finance and insurance world is based heavily on the use of data to report and drive decision-making. Much of that data is locked in the form of soft information. Done well, AI can unlock valuable intelligence held in data. AI augments human capacity to make decisions. Great use of AI is based on delivering decisions that are ethical, auditable, and transparent. So where is AI being used in the financial industry?

Artificial Intelligence provides great tools for the automation of repetitive tasks. In the context of the financial and insurance ecosystem, these include functions such as anti-money laundering. They also include electronic trading systems that can carry out operations at a high speed across the globe. The order of millisecond trades constitutes a considerable proportion of global financial trades. In both cases, AI is embedded in the business process to enable the automation of these decisions. Compliance processes of financial institutions are themselves increasingly automated and at their best leverage a wealth of internal and external data to deliver decisions that are both compliant with regulation and proportionate to the case in hand through the use of AI techniques. Compliance can be viewed as required risk management, and risk management generally is the key role of AI in the financial industry.

The risk in question involves uncertainty whereby AI is used in statistical and mathematical models to manage that risk. Those managing that risk in finance and insurance are not seeking to remove uncertainty in the manner of deterministically planning an AI-controlled robot's reach. Rather, risk management generally relies on 'variance-based uncertainty.' In other words, the management of the collection and conclusions drawn from predictive models that estimate outcomes using the distributions seen in historical data to manage the risk without eliminating the possibility of those distributions being inaccurate predictors of the future. A subset of that variance is the management of specific outlier actions or the rare black swan events. Companies now use AI for automating repetitive tasks and are beginning to use AI for decision support rather than solely for decision automation across the financial and insurance sectors. This

means that skilled staff have more time for complex tasks and decision complexity, and a far greater role for human expertise, human care, and human judgment.

$$\text{Equation 1 : Credit Risk Adjustment via AI (CRA)} \quad CRA = \frac{ML_s \cdot D_v}{R_f}$$

Where:

ML_s = Machine Learning Scoring

D_v = Data Volume from Cloud Platforms

R_f = Risk Factor Threshold

2.1. AI in Credit Risk Assessment

The claimed advantages of AI are especially relevant for the analysis of large volumes of complex data. Financial institutions are actively experimenting with these technologies. In the field of scoring and risk assessment of borrowers, the features of artificial intelligence can be an important improvement over traditional models because they allow you to automate and refine the scoring significantly. Combining more complex data sources with smarter algorithms can deliver significant gains in credit quality prediction, typically yielding improvement in default prediction, as well as being able to predict fraud and recoveries more accurately. Typical alternative data that add value for scoring include: - Transaction data from the customer, - Fintech services provided by the potential borrower, - Social media data of the borrower, and data from customer loyalty programs.

In comparison to traditional models, AI scoring enables performing analysis of alternative data sources and developing scoring models based on the specified areas of a lender's lending activity. The advantages of this approach are significantly improved risk prediction, better assessment of the customer's creditworthiness, the possibility of quick risk analysis of the client's request for consumer lending of different types, the use of additional alternative data sources that make prediction more reliable, such as non-credit customer data; the possibility of linking the scoring model to a board decision-making policy, as well as testing various model variants in the real credit process. In the presence of scoring models that are easy to interpret, the reasons for the failure or pass of the scoring process are transparent and understandable.

2.2. Fraud Detection and Prevention

Ecosystem players, such as banks, insurance underwriters, and OEMs, believe that their most critical risk challenges for the portfolio are around the detection and prevention of potential fraudulent activities. In these use cases, large training data volumes with the right combinations of labels are the keys to model innovation. Combined with on-the-fly trained models with dynamically adapting feature vectors and contextual links around users and profiles, model interaction and model governance become a luxury and necessity in fraud detection and prevention applications. Such adaptive models can reduce the cybersecurity risk with anti-adversarial components and can also capture the non-stationarity of, for example, automotive feature vectors with different contexts over various financial products.

Fraud detection and prevention applications typically include the use of machine learning and artificial intelligence for such functions as anomaly detection, optimization, and rule induction, with applications including tax compliance, public safety, and fraud analysis. Traditional methods involve using expert systems, rules, queries, and simple algorithms, and these have been combined with AI techniques to more effectively detect unknown complex fraud patterns. The RiskTech ecosystem has now had considerable success in introducing machine learning, statistics, and AI in fraud detection, but AI enablement hasn't kept

up with the rise in artificial financial crimes. All five players need urgent aid in terms of AI innovation, explainable AI, and AI model trust.

2.3. Customer Service Automation

Enhance customer service by enabling faster and more natural interactions with more cost-effective and efficient support. Various tools enable this transformation, such as virtual agents or chatbots. These virtual agents provide 24/7 help on the website, smartphone, or various other ways to answer customer questions on the current or prospective regulatory framework, manage their bank accounts, or understand financial products offered by the bank without either having to sacrifice scale or increase the organization's headcount. It is also conceivable that AI and natural language techniques can be applied to send automatic alerts to address emerging customer needs and activities, offer more appropriate options, and accelerate the identification and solution of many customer demand interactions. On average, the potential value of virtual agents lies in their cost reduction and their ability to place human agents on more intricate and value-added tasks. Legitimate concerns about omitting genuine human interactions and the risk of losing sales opportunities should be taken into account, however. Banks should evaluate current volumes and forms of customer contact to decide which calls would be most realistic to handle automatically and to ensure that, if necessary, sufficient human resources are available.

3. Cloud Computing in Finance

In the financial services sector, a significant boost in speed is possible by taking advantage of cloud computing, particularly when it comes to areas such as real-time trade settlements. Even without using the cloud, several comprehensive solutions for making financial services function more effectively have been developed. These services include software development and engineering for producing robust and efficient software packages aimed at improving loan servicing, factoring, and banking customer experience, targeting retail banking, SME, and commercial banking, and also enhancing payment and transfer systems. Order management, banking front-office services, payment cards, and banking data processing solutions are further vital factors in banking and finance services offerings. With the cloud playing such an important part in modern financial services and its cyber-resilience capabilities, collaboration with cloud providers delivers the best cloud software solutions for financial services clients. In the banking and finance area, existing technological trends include the use of Kubernetes to run cloud applications and the continuation of the enterprise sector deciding in favor of major cloud computing opportunities.

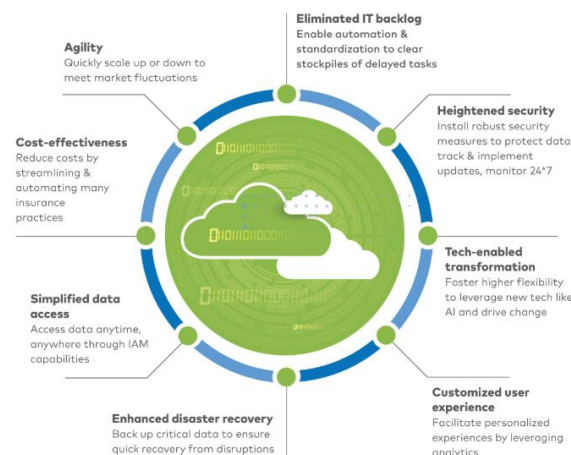


Fig 2 : Cloud computing digital transformation in insurance

3.1. Benefits of Cloud Technology

Cloud technology provides opportunities for business transformation by bridging the gap between enterprise resource planning systems and their surrounding ecosystem of business partners. Consequently, it has opened the door to cheaper and more effective digital integration of the entire demand side of the process, far beyond the first-order benefits of demand forecasting. It also brings cloud benefits to a hundred billion dollar automotive B2B market, overshadowed by the consumer market but crucial to the market success of B2C ventures. Cloud services provide a low-cost way to automate routine operations, gain business insights through analytics, and support new business models. Ready access to AI video analytics in the cloud, in particular, has many attractive potentials beyond automotive manufacturing contexts as well — inbound and outbound logistics for supply chain management, smart commerce applications at showrooms and in service, and automotive aftermarkets that see long-term relationships with technology and service collaboration.

Cloud services also support serverless architecture. Many traditional architectural and operational problems — insufficient utilization, software configuration and updating, system management, and human administration — recede when task duration decreases. Missteps in designing hundreds of simple functions prove cheaper to debug and easier to compensate for than missteps in designing monolithic programs used sequentially much less frequently. Auto-scaling up and down dynamically responds to sudden increases or decreases in demand with a negligible provocation threshold, so users need not pay for the capacity they seldom use. Cloud platforms can help to build service-oriented architecture and expand the possibilities of business partners' values by integrating and exposing ecosystem thinking and providing a set of services for business collaboration. These services are the next level of cloud computing efficiency that goes far beyond traditional internal cloud storage services.

3.2. Challenges and Risks

A broad AI-based approach to all the parts and processes of the insurance industry could be a helpful solution. Nevertheless, achieving breakthroughs in predictive analytics with auto insurance can take years of iterative experimentation and testing more than leaders initially anticipate. They need to face all the risks and complexities of the current systems, with highly ingrained costing assumptions and a heavy regulatory framework. Standalone AI interventions like auto claims or fraud detection will not work when the rest of the company operates according to the old logic. Nevertheless, the highly complex cumulative character of insurance products may stand in the way of a full AI introduction.

Data science isn't a solution in its own right but an enabler of necessary business transformation. The regulations allow guided and limited use of AI and BI algorithms, drawing the lines for both the use and the misuse of the results. The opportunities, as well as the technologies, evolve quickly, leaving time for questions of liability, pricing, and ethics only after the tools have been deployed. However, AI's black-box character makes it difficult to comprehend and scrutinize the reasoning behind any conclusions reached, making the fulfillment of the insurance principle extremely difficult. Thus, if there isn't AI transparency regulation, one should create it.

3.3. Case Studies in Cloud Adoption

The paper provides several case studies showcasing the successful usage of AI-driven applications and advanced cloud infrastructure tailored to specific verticals. The transformation effort is manifold: technology, big data, knowledge, organization, operations, and business. In this context, the case studies are meant to act as a guide for stakeholders in the financial, insurance, and automotive verticals who are

tasked with catalyzing the operational and qualitative innovation their enterprise is undergoing at a methodical and rapid pace.

The first application is a set of AI libraries developed in collaboration with a research department of a global automobile manufacturer. There are three AI libraries developed by this collaboration, each targeting a different use case. The first library uses supervised learning to classify process signals with different fiscal years into two categories. The second library is a model factory to support the modeling of the fiscal year-end process. The third library detects statistical outliers within a given selection of process signals from different fiscal years. The objective is to provide a solution that classifies different process signals to detect business-critical information and detect unusual process steps in terms of timing, calculation, and usage of validations to support the year-end closing process of a group company. AI KPI is then utilized to predict cash flow expectations on a high granularity level based on a large number of transactions. This knowledge is the foundation for a large number of decisions and the ability to react quickly to unexpected developments.

4. Insurance Sector Innovations

In an increasingly competitive market for insurance services, the advantages of a policy are sometimes the deciding factor when switching insurers. This is why many innovative insurance products have been the result of various customer requirements, such as trip insurance, extreme sports insurance, birdwatching, civil liability, life, property, and other types of insurance. Nevertheless, technologies such as big data, data science, the Internet of Things, AI, and cloud computing also play an important role in insurance innovation. For example, car insurance or parametric insurance for bad weather can be provided by using information from a car dashcam, telematics data, automobile ECU data, and weather data.

Weather index insurance is a relatively new concept based on weather parameters that correspond to economic losses. The idea is to assess a customer's financial loss based on weather conditions according to an insurance replacement cost strategy. The safety of policy grants for an imminent risk encourages tourists to travel. If the weather condition that the tourist is worried about occurs, the policy will grant the recipient compensation, which can be used to take a vacation to avoid the impact of the weather condition. To improve the accuracy of the weather index blockade, a detection algorithm based on the XGBoost classifier feature to detect rain and snow data recorded by daily inspection cameras is proposed. The results show that it has a high prediction accuracy for a filter operating at a snow frame rate and accuracy for filters at an average time required by a user. The proposal can accurately detect the data required by different travel weather insurers, and AI can maximize the attractiveness of travel insurance for insured tourists.

4.1. AI for Underwriting Processes

We discuss a well-established area of applying AI in the operations and systems of insurance underwriting, including changes in global and country-specific risks, rating policies, and using additional sources of data for underwriting decisions, specifically behavioral and telematics data in life and non-life insurance segments. AI for automation not only supports the acceptance of insurance products by the population but also changes the front-office user experience, customer journey, and sales operations. This includes the automation of revisiting rates and policies to reflect portfolio evolution and growth, quality of rating adjustment, avoidance of losing potential customers and clients at different steps of onboarding to insurance products, and decisions on cross-selling or upselling of other insurance products in the company or group of companies.

There is an AI opportunity in the combination of credit risk assessment in addition to loss ratio estimation to adjust mathematical portfolio valuation, used in investment portfolios for investment benchmarks,

financial statements, and financial guides for policyholders, and creating forward-looking performance indicators for insurance product steering, risk management, and solvency control. We draw attention to the practical and ethical challenges of excessive usage of AI for risk mitigation in areas like life insurance: there is a significant possibility of large-scale negative discrimination against a potential pool of customers who genuinely try to improve their lifestyle and take care of their health and life. Therefore, the provision of additional engagement and wellness services or a business concept based on shared values makes sense for insurance companies to support and retain their loyal policyholders and clients.

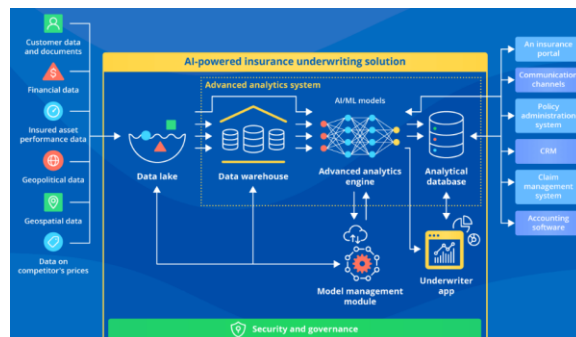


Fig 3 : Artificial Intelligence (AI) for Insurance Underwriting

4.2. Claims Processing Automation

One of the major topics for an insurance company is to process claims quickly and efficiently, optimizing the chain to minimize financial impacts. In practice, this is not so easy to achieve, as claims can be quite varied, from a letter to a single fax or a simple email or directly through the website, CRM, or mobile app. It is much worse if we have accidents with all insured in cross-claims that do not end. To reduce this percentage of operational risk, some insurance companies resort to a widely automated centralized service equipped with cognitive computing solutions, which can take care of managing the various types of events and understand the customer's expectations from historical data available, even the words used.

This is the same classic story that should lead banks towards complete digitalization and open channels available 24/7, or insurance companies offering all the tools to self-manage the policy, and above all to conclude contracts, using cognitive engines that allow asking questions described in natural language. If the vast majority of claims are associated with sea navigation and property, on which today there are already relatively advanced machine learning algorithms, the real strategic market now seems to be motor TPL if only to carry out dynamic risk assessment from which to trace a user/insured profile. This is the reason why insurance companies are increasingly turning to startups and collaborations not so much for obtaining algorithms but for deriving, from historical data, cognitive models on which to train themselves.

Equation 2 : Mobility Intelligence Index (MII)

$$MII = \frac{S_d + T_i}{P_c}$$

Where:

S_d = Sensor Data Integration

T_i = Telematics Intelligence

P_c = Policy Compliance Factor

4.3. Predictive Analytics in Risk Management

Predictive analytics is an area of statistics that deals with extracting information from data and using it to predict trends and behavior patterns. The area of formal predictive analytic techniques has been used in the financial sector well before the term was used, from the development of strategies brought from statistics, data mining, and text mining during the 1960s. The intention is to provide, otherwise prohibitive due to data complexity, trends, and predictions about some features, such as customers and regions that can signal an eventual financial risk. Among these features are the possibility of predicting the customer's cash position, the debt recovery rate, the default rates for financial products, and others that allow operating the defined enterprise rules. The predictive analytics techniques can also be used in the back office, in operational reliability, fraud detection, and others that are not visible from the client angle. Techniques such as logistic and multiple regressions, decision trees, discriminant analysis, and neural networks allow these predictions and trends to be described both at a macroeconomic level and at an individual level. They not only allow explaining, for example, that a 0.1% increase in the unemployment rate leads to an increase in housing credit defaults of 0.2%, but also to generate a classification score for the customer segment, which explains the probability of a similar client in this segment stopping payment on their loan in the next year.

5. Cloud Solutions in Insurance

Cloud solutions are used by insurance companies to innovate and enter new markets, meet the demands of the end customer and ecosystem members, and meet the requirements of the regulator. The most advanced players build their solutions using artificial intelligence. AI and cloud solutions will be the drivers of the new post-crisis era. In the early 20th century, companies managed operations on their own while managing risks through insurance companies. Digitalization made it possible to transfer these risks to insurance companies as well. However, at the end of the development of digitalization, a new round began in the form of expansion of the insurance ecosystem. Now any player can provide insurance services to end consumers. In the simplest case, you can implement the API of an insurance company into your product, creating a new combined offer for the end consumer. Cloud and AI technologies bring great opportunities, reduce the entry threshold, and allow technology to support innovations.

Both P&C and life insurance companies understand the advantages of the cloud solutions they use. The most important advantages include standardization and automation of business processes, ease of managing and changing software, increased flexibility, rapid access to services, and the technical ability to innovate. As a priority, a significant percentage of P&C insurance companies rated moving all existing solutions to the cloud, while others rated building new solutions in the cloud. Another portion is going to build corporate solutions based on the cloud. In life insurance companies, the main goals were to build new solutions on the cloud and transition all existing solutions. It is worth emphasizing that in comparison with the banking sector, where the main priority was the transition of all corporate solutions to the cloud, P&C, and life insurance companies are trying to combine compliance with corporate solutions with agility and flexibility in innovation.

5.1. Scalability and Flexibility

The financial services industry has been one of the earliest adopters and is today one of the key consumers of speed in computing. The rush to respond, with massive amounts of processing power, to major changes in conditions or architecture is as pronounced in commercial and investment banks as it is in the world's most advanced video gaming shops. Thus, AI practices and AI-friendly IT systems have emerged, evolved,

and been refined in the search for business opportunities and profitable services. The capabilities incumbent in business offerings from cloud vendors and AI's general IT are a leading indicator of the capabilities available right now in a wide range of major players and challengers to markets distributed around the globe.

To respond effectively, traditional CSPs have been compelled to re-architect cost and structure. Furthermore, public cloud leaders have been compelled to reposition, reassess, and redefine the scope of their original data center-based economic models, pausing only to stop any redirection of early rush within the loyalty of their entrenched community of developers. At the junction of AI and business needs, chip-multithreading regimes can access the internalization of AI acceleration in general cloud IT footprints. The enablement of AI has gained scale of deployment in hypervisors. Concurrently, the new requirements will necessitate significant changes in current cross-chip interconnect performance.

5.2. Data Security Concerns

Concerns about data security are often cited as some of the top barriers to adopting the cloud. Effective cloud security requires addressing a much larger stakeholder base than that which is typically involved in setting practices and policies for on-premise solutions. Bridging the chasm between operations and information or security requirements necessitates the adoption of agile security practices. As we find current technical and legislative guidelines for the protection of privacy, data security and ownership can become a real bottleneck to the full adoption of the cloud in certain sectors such as banking, insurance, or government where security concerns are extremely stringent. It is particularly the ethical dimension that is often underlined by decision-makers to justify their choice. This ethical question is often accompanied by the problem of procrastination by some sectors that are reluctant to entrust the management of their information to others.

However, the issues related to security, confidentiality, or the outflow of data can be raised both inside and outside the cloud. Specifically, the safety of data in the cloud is also a semi-legal issue, underpinned by a much more technical and specialized one. It includes the flooding and theft of data, decryption, and segregation of emails, but also more sensitive data operations such as the integrity and proper conduct of cryptographic modules and acts, the implementation of control and detection policies on emails, and certificates of confidentiality and authenticity of flows, information about data flows according to the level of confidentiality decreed, etc. All these elements are crucial, while data security in the cloud is subject to the same customer requirements that we could expect on dedicated platforms.

5.3. Regulatory Compliance Challenges

One of the biggest challenges exists in the regulatory compliance arena. Without proper attention, collaboration, and proactive strides, there is potential for the targeting of specific entities or verticals, resulting in punitive actions, and more importantly, hindering the potential of these disruptive adoption trends quickly solving the problems within their specific domains. Financial services are heavily regulated by various federal, state, and international oversight bodies. These span banking, credit, securities and investments, and insurance, and significantly focus on consumer protection. In financial services industries, compliance functions have contributed significantly to excessive operational costs and low rates of innovation.

Banks are spending lavishly on meeting obligations associated with various regulatory acts, spending far more per unit of revenue than technology firms in almost any other industry have to spend. In the same way, insurance companies and asset management verticals have to address anti-money laundering, anti-fraud, insider trading, and sales practice compliance with extensive manual and personal human-based

efforts into reporting, verification, and assessment processes on activity-specific information. Due to this, numerous distinct compliance functions continue to operate in silos undertaking similar compliance tasks. These systems usually operate on fragmented, centralized IT systems that manage banking, as well as corporate and investment banking. Such systems have been built over the years through custom configuration and require tremendous manual efforts to extrapolate relevant information into layered software tools.

6. Automotive Ecosystem Evolution

The global automotive ecosystem is undergoing its largest transformation over the past half-century. Attempts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, combined with the improvement of electric motors' power characteristics, have led to the rapid development of electric vehicles (EVs). Electric vehicles differ significantly in their construction from their internal combustion engine-powered counterparts, requiring the rearrangement of vehicle production considerations. When driving an internal combustion engine, a vehicle emits a significant amount of exhaust gases harmful to both the environment and human health. Although in some cases, the emission standards for internal combustion engines drove some countries and car-producing brands to abandon traditional internal combustion engines in the segment of small- and middle-class passenger cars and light commercial vehicles, their usage still dominates the world.

This applies to both light and heavy commercial transport. The volume of harmful emissions from the real use of vehicles equipped with internal combustion engines directly depends on fuel composition and the quality of their combustion process. Although a lot of attention and resources are spent on the improvement of fuel quality and ongoing tightening of emission regulations, a significant amount of particles and hazardous substances is emitted into the air from vehicle tailpipes and is slowly absorbed by the environment, which is significantly harmful to human health as well as to the environment in general. However, the construction of an EV allows for its power sources to be located in places where the air laden with harmful substances is exhausted. The constructive differences in powering EVs allow for significant changes in vehicle traction systems.



Fig 4 : Automotive Cloud Technology Drives Industry

6.1. AI in Mobility Services

Car ownership is no longer the only way to have access to cars, and important developments in services are happening in the transportation and automotive industry, with shared mobility driving the change. It offers various services, including car sharing, carpooling, ride-sharing, ride-hailing, and car rental. Moreover, most cities are facing traffic congestion and pollution created by cars, and the objective of shared mobility is to remove the need for car ownership by offering mobility services at a competitive cost for urban transport. For that reason, shared mobility operators must be ready with vehicles at the cheapest and fastest

place and time to meet customer demand in real time, and this is where AI can play an essential role, in transforming autonomous and mobility services.

The automotive industry is undergoing a transformation that will fundamentally change the role of the car and the relationship people have with cars. Car manufacturers are evolving to become mobility service providers, using their vehicle fleets to offer many mobility services. Furthermore, the vast amounts of data generated by mobility services and the transformation of that data into useful and valuable insights are paramount. These insights require big data, advanced data management, real-time event processing, and artificial intelligence to analyze and transform the data into value and to facilitate customer-oriented mobility services. To achieve this goal, numerous technology initiatives and developmental projects explore the infrastructural, cultural, and knowledge challenges.

6.2. Connected Vehicles and Data Utilization

Vehicles of the next generation are not just modes of transportation; rather, they are hyper-dimensional computers supporting interconnected operations and a wide variety of services. The automobile industry is in the midst of a paradigm shift driven by the introduction of digital technologies. The development of various connected services and massive data storage capacities has inspired innovative models for the development and utilization of user services. Today's vehicle is no longer the sole method of transportation; rather, it is part of the information-communication technology ecosystem. These vehicles operate as a complex system of computing technologies, which facilitate connected services such as data utilization, cybersecurity services, the automotive ecosystem, and the facilitation of connected commerce for the driver. The automobile industry is thus moving toward a technology-driven digital ecosystem.

Utilizing the increasing sophistication of the vehicle as a solution-providing device for various industry-embedded services, the automotive ecosystem has started to emerge as a thriving business in areas such as electric car charging services, car sharing, online connected car commerce, and assisted e-commerce timings, to name a few. Furthermore, vehicle-to-everything communication technologies, which help the automotive ecosystem to share road traffic and road infrastructure information between vehicles and roadside infrastructure, are also another use case. Smart cities are deployed with infrastructure to better maintain and manage road infrastructure to provide safety and convenience services for vehicles. However, there exists a regulatory barrier to the deployment of infrastructure. As a result, the automobile industry stimulates the automotive ecosystem through the revolution of the service paradigm of the smart vehicle.

6.3. Impact of Autonomous Driving Technologies

There are going to be four phases of in-vehicle user experience evolution between now and the reality of SAE Level 5 automation: enhancement, delegation, recreation, and transformation. Initially, fleets of fully autonomous commercial vehicles will be in operation, but it will be some time before all drivers will have the opportunity to make use of the benefits brought by L5 autonomous driving. Commute time will instead be handed back to the driving traveler, a traveler who will be in far more relaxed, productive, and safer circumstances compared with those currently in place. Building on a strong user experience and a long heritage of technology investment, a high degree of trustworthiness in AI operating systems from both passengers and other road users will be required to underpin the transformational benefits that SAE Level 5 autonomous driving will finally bring. If that trustworthiness isn't present, it will not be possible to deliver new types of unit economics nor, consequently, deliver new and sustainable recurring revenue streams.

7. Cloud Integration in Automotive Services

An emerging function, also driven by AI as an integral part of cloud offerings, is autonomous connected transportation. Historically, defense spending levels of research investment in vision enhancements for autonomous operation, as well as improving map and programming technology, have driven the value of the automotive ecosystem in the stock market. However, an accelerating trend with equal impact is also evident in the entry and expansion of IT service firms in the financial aspects of this customer-centric industry.

A development environment for connecting a company's information technology (IT) products to the consumer cloud retail voice service illustrates the role played by cloud suppliers in this high-tech ecosystem. A virtual voice-controlled offering motivates car platform suppliers to embed this voice-controlled speaker technology that can skim the stock menu and read AM/FM radio stations, perform audio calls, and amplify music for the rear-seat entertainment system. By calling the cloud, the consumer can use their voice to get directions, which the cloud's GPS mirrors in interfaces with connected calendars and contact info. Even car maintenance can be scheduled and handled with voice commands.

A late acquisition of an entrepreneurial leader in automation technology is described as a customer-driven move because their trucks qualify for enhanced technology tax credits. Public customers in the area are global, so the autonomous vehicle's transition from research and development significance to a known business concern has begun, even among investment analysts. The ubiquitous cloud has become a very important and commercially valuable platform partner.

7.1. Real-Time Data Processing

Data processing is crucial in dealing with the large number of transactions that require real-time processing. It's a network of technologies and computing solutions that integrate and manage data. Typically, these solutions concentrate on the capability to manipulate the core data sets and do everything from basic authentication or transformation of data to complex analytics and finance and risk management models based on processing. These technologies are also known as big data or data lakes. Most systems recognize a certain degree of overlapping capabilities and assets within these systems, which leads some market commentators to source all of these technologies universally. The rise of the cloud, with its broad ability to support these technologies, also contributes to the combination of similar technologies.

The fundamental basis of all AI is based on algorithms, i.e., defined sets of computer commands that allow software applications to understand certain forms of data. There are different levels of complexity in these programs. In deep learning or artificial neural network algorithms, the most intricate forms of the model require extremely large annotation data sets, commonly known as labeled datasets, compared to more traditional machine learning algorithms, but they are often able to resolve the most difficult data processing obstacles. Data processing is essential to the use and application of efficient, compliant, and secure data exchanges across these various AI types. AI can only be as good as the dataset delivered to its machine-learning models. The quality, preparation, and security of feeds of data into AI services are important to guarantee trustworthiness in these services and compliance, especially in areas subject to regulatory standards such as the insurance and banking ecosystems. Significant benefits also depend on integrated data ecosystems that leverage clouds, using advanced methodologies.

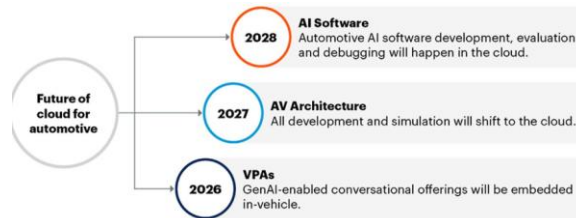


Fig 5 : Cloud computing for automotive

7.2. Enhancing User Experience

A primary focus for businesses is to enhance the user experience year after year. This discusses how AI, automation, and cloud innovations have enhanced the user experience of consumers, financial services firms, and the automotive ecosystem. Chatbots have been made more intelligent and personalized by incorporating AI and automation. AI helps tune these chatbots on an ongoing basis. AI, automation, and cloud innovations help the bank create a personalized user journey for every customer. This personalization is based on an individual customer's financial situation, goals, and transaction history. A user can make money management decisions in their primary language without having to wait in long customer service lines due to the presence of an intelligent chatbot.

Financial services firms are using AI to allow optimized, real-time services across space, time, and platforms in the areas of personal finance, payments, retail banking, corporate banking, asset management, insurance, and blockchain assets. Underwriting processes in insurance have been completely changed by taking advantage of innovations in AI and data. Customers can directly file claims and gain service using chatbots without having to engage intermediaries. Automotive manufacturers have developed AI-driven predictive maintenance chatbots that pass on mechanical data to spot potential failures. The chatbots make recommendations and make reservations for supplies at the next pit stop. Consent must be obtained from individual clients when leveraging chatbot transcripts and AI to promote data-driven segmentation and personalized advice. To promote feedback loops, banks must also use audits with the assistance of AI and transparent AI solutions.

7.3. Collaboration with Tech Giants

The tech giants focus on technology development and substantial investments to speed up ML/DL accessibility across industries but are less engaged in fully supporting industry verticals with specific implementation and consulting services for business objectives, regulatory challenges, and pain points. One company, with its recent partnership, seems to be following a new trend of establishing closer relationships with popular cloud service players together with others, placing the non-exclusive mutual competition on hold for the benefit of their customers in the finance and insurance sectors and the auto ecosystem. This collaboration offers enterprise customers the option of running applications directly on cloud solutions while adopting advanced tensor core GPUs to marry the shared advantages of automating services with the exploitation of advanced capabilities in key areas, such as high availability.

Moreover, one company has been present in the cloud domain already as a direct contender to the other cloud service providers, realizing how critical it is to have business strategies that allow its customers to deploy AI solutions that uniquely cover their operating requirements, regardless of where their data runs. In summary, the collaboration between the two companies is proof of what can be seen as an AI-driven

approach to partnership, as both are bringing their cutting-edge technologies and industry expertise side by side to deliver richer AI products and services.

8. Consumer Protection in a Digital Age

Robotic advisory or "robo-advice" platforms are a recent innovation in financial services driven by advances in FinTech. Such services use proprietary algorithms to match investors to bespoke or pooled asset management strategies. Some have identified a "FinTech data paradox" with consumers being more willing to reveal personal data to a FinTech start-up than to an established bank. Looking to the future, the use of machine learning processes for securing money and investment advice may generate new data privacy and cybersecurity challenges that require deeper understanding along with an adequate regulatory response. This paper explores some of the data privacy and security challenges that accompany a FinTech-driven transformation of the personal investment landscape. The exponential increase in the use of data analytics to develop more targeted and customized value propositions, products, and services in the digital age raises important data privacy challenges. The policy response has hitherto focused on the protection and use of data from a consumer perspective. However, the increased deployment of data analytics across multiple industries from a business point of view generates a need for consumer access to data resources, information, and services to protect against the non-contractual use of their personal information. These risks could be further exacerbated by the growing use of artificial intelligence in financial services, where consumer protection has taken on fresh significance post-crisis. This paper provides an overview of the use of machine learning and advanced algorithms in financial services. It then presents an unusual view of the development of a FinTech structure over time, focusing particularly on data issues and their regulatory response.

8.1. Privacy Concerns with AI and Cloud

Privacy is also a significant concern, as financial institutions have to deal with regulated information, which can include personal confidential data. In cloud ML enables data to be processed directly on the hardware where it is located, rather than having to move access. This is achieved such that the data is processed in an obfuscated form, such that it never becomes exposed to human eyes. For instance, an ML model is trained on obfuscated data in such a way that when it is implemented on a mobile device, it can process the mobile's facial recognition pictures and announce whether the owner (or an unknown stranger) locking the device is recognized. Premature exposure to human eyes far from the hardware precludes the stolen information by a hardware buffer-dump attack. Data obfuscation comprises not only the encryption of data but also the secure shuffling and recovery. As a consequence, the data remains in full compliance with privacy policies, legal regulations, and security guidelines.

The obfuscated data never leaves the premises if the customers demand to keep such a secure status, and this is crucial for finance and insurance ecosystems, which are consistently classified as high-target industries. Both inference and training can be performed wherever the data is located, thus avoiding privacy issues. Even if the data is in different silos with many storage nodes, federated learning can be conducted to train the model without centralizing the data and exposing privacy-sensitive individual details. In addition, the private API provides financial institutions with custom solutions and embedded third-party secure transaction logic, highlighting a common methodology employed by the fintech specialists who solve these issues. The data used in the API is kept as a trade secret. Privacy is maintained during inference by sending model weights that pertain to the way data is stored in a shielded format, as well as by sending

model weights derived from the recipient's input data. The model then executes computations on these weights.

8.2. Regulatory Frameworks and Compliance

AI adoption in enterprises is constrained by and dependent on various data, technological, ethical, institutional, legal, organizational, financial, and societal barriers surrounding it. These differ by sector and function. This chapter examines and addresses key challenges and opportunities related to AI and cloud-driven transformation across financial services, including banking and payments, insurance, automotive manufacturing, and connected mobility infrastructure. It pays special attention to regulatory frameworks and compliance; data governance and management; audit, risk, and compliance requirements; regulatory mandates for the mitigation of risks in AI; and cloud benefits for insurance. Good judgment and ethical AI use can be promoted through transparency and explainability in AI processes. The chapter concludes with reflective insights curated from participating subject matter experts. Frameworks and paradigms are essential for having, retaining, and restoring trust. The social license for AI and other technologies depends on their deployers and would-be users being trustworthy. Indeed, trust is the key element that determines whether models and algorithms can be accepted and used both internally and externally in companies. No investment or business decision is made without an implied knowledge of trustworthiness or at least the perceived risk of a related loss. Regardless of the trust and risk implications, today's AI and big data often function on black box algorithms that are neither transparent nor understandable by their users. Our purpose in this chapter is to set the key questions that help businesses in adopting priority actions on how to develop and use trustworthy AI and data strategies.

Equation 3 : Consumer Protection Efficiency (CPE)

$$CPE = \frac{A_m \cdot C_s}{E_l}$$

Where:

A_m = Automated Monitoring

C_s = Cloud Security Layer

E_l = Exposure Level to Digital Risks

8.3. Balancing Innovation and Consumer Rights

At the practical level, many applications currently employ AI and cloud services. Examples are chatbots, consumer credit scoring, and personalized product offers. Given the potential range of applications, the challenge will be how existing rights—especially those associated with both consumer rights and the rights of the subjects of personal data—can be given structure in these novel relationships so the rights continue to be meaningful. There is a range of issues. This will involve more than just making an equivalent level of principles or standards for the protection of consumer rights. Attempts at doing so must also balance technological possibilities and efficiency considerations stemming from the underpinning use of AI and cloud solutions.

If the use of AI and cloud solutions requires new and/or clearer standards for the protection of consumer and personal data, this also holds for the protection of employees' rights. As indicated in this respect, there may be definite potential for monitoring the activities of consumers, employees, and many others using voice, video, and image recognition or determining location awareness. Platforms could then apply a degree of control or smart guidance. For AI and robotics solutions, a framework already exists: the European General Data Protection Regulation, which also applies to some types of personal data processing by AI and robotics technologies.

9. Conclusion

The AI and Cloud-driven transformation of the finance, insurance, and automotive ecosystem brings new value propositions to enterprises within the markets. It would eliminate most of the inefficient processes. The ripe season of the traditional financial market will pass, and a new integration model of finance and technology will be formed. A more integrated and open digital financial technology industry structure system is bound to reorganize, and AI, as a core technology of the digital financial transformation, will open the digital economy model to a greater extent and will build an all-round financial digital technology ecosystem. Fintech will grow in a healthier form and reveal value innovation to improve efficiency. The business model will move towards a more open structure and will promote economic and social development. The AI and Cloud-driven new ecosystem and consumption of the automotive market open up a broader, inclusive, and efficient path for the automotive market, as well as more qualitative and moral consumption, contributing to the leapfrog development of the automotive industry and better serve the transformation of the global automotive ecosystem based on the Industry 4.0. Such a transformative path would contribute to the automotive and automotive industry, and enhance both partners and great the value of both parties. To achieve leapfrog AI and Cloud-driven market growth, the automotive ecosystem also needs to pay attention to system openness, be market-driven, explore and improve business models in a more tolerant and conducive regulatory environment, promote system integration, and accelerate technological innovation. These issues are also the inevitable guarantee that market demand can guide changes in the automotive industrial ecosystem, and the essential driving force for leapfrog AI and Cloud-driven development.

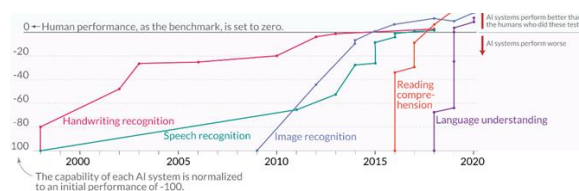


Fig 6 : Embedded Artificial Intelligence (AI) in Financial Services

9.1. Final Thoughts and Future Directions in Financial Technology

In the first chapter of this book, we discussed the accelerating convergence of AI and cloud: the deep composability, leverage, and synergy that comes from the entwining of AI and the cloud. The individual benefits of AI and the cloud are substantial, even transformational, but together AI thrives in and transforms the cloud. We've seen the massive impacts of AI and the cloud in disrupting, transforming, and redefining approaches across all verticals and horizontals. We've also seen that finance, insurance, and automotive are among the most data-rich manufacturing environments that exist, and each is a significant ecosystem of its own: huge user, server, and application bases, vast regulatory impacts, and strong economies of scale. These three sectors collectively drive nearly \$5 trillion in activity, over 20% of global GDP. Each faces unique opportunities and challenges, many uniquely accelerated by AI and the cloud.

What future directions are most interesting in financial technology? The impact of AI and the cloud continues to be substantial. The rise of personalization and real-time decisions provides a springboard for enhanced customer experience and productivity. Enforcement of accountable AI can maintain the trust and integrity of important financial processes. The long-term convergence of blockchain and AI could enhance both FinTech and regulatory detection, transactions, and oversight. Tomorrow's challenges, from the new

payment models through climate and pandemic risk, will benefit from the transformative power of AI-driven platforms that are universally composable, covering, closing, and fit-for-purpose across all technological architecture, governance, and ecosystems. The world will continue to demand increased financial inclusivity through quantum FinTech, enhanced encryption methods engineered for a post-quantum world, and trustworthy solutions for pushing AI to the field edge while maintaining the necessary and supporting privacy concepts. These will pose huge new technical challenges with the potential for profound societal impacts.

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