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Transforming Payment Systems Through AI And ML: A Cloud-Native Approach

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ARTICLE INFO **ABSTRACT**

Payment systems, powered with AI and ML, entail smart routing of payment transactions. Payment systems, which handle billions of dollars in e-commerce transactions all over the world, are fraught with failures. These failures leave the customers disappointed and the payment providers with enormous losses. This work studies a payment transaction routing problem to improve the success rate for the payments. A large payment processor handles millions of payment transactions, which are routed to a specific terminal and processed further. However, this process is fraught with failures, which leaves the customers disappointed and the payment channel operators (PCOs) with enormous losses. The success rate for the payment transactions is computed using routing metalearning and cloud-native architecture. The architecture of the payment systems in which the pipelines are to be integrated is presented, along with the high-level components of such systems. A real-world payment dataset is presented, which contains timestamped records of all the payment transactions processed during a week in a mid-sized European country. It is well known that understandability, simplicity, and scalability are some of the great boons of early machine learning (ML) models/families. Data drift is a very dangerous problem in ML models, which refers to changes in the training data distribution that can lead to a decrease in the model performance . For some time, sophisticated models with higher predictive powers overshadowed the early models. But it later turned out that the black box nature of the sophisticated models renders them more vulnerable, especially in cases like payment systems, where an explanation is of utter importance .

Key words: AI in Payment Systems, Machine Learning in Fintech, Cloud-Native Payments, Intelligent Transaction Processing, Real-Time Fraud Detection, Predictive Analytics in Payments, Scalable Payment Infrastructure, Digital Payment Transformation, Automation in Financial Services, AI-Driven Risk Management, Payment System Modernization, ML for Transaction Insights, Cloud-Based Payment Solutions, Adaptive Fraud Prevention, Smart Payment Gateways.

1. Introduction

The payments industry is rapidly adopting AI and machine learning (ML) technologies to establish robust data-driven systems for managing increasing volumes of transactions. Massive amounts of data generated through customer interactions, e-commerce sales, and app usage can be mined to gain insights and significantly improve the payment systems' performance. With the necessities of processing hundreds to thousands of transactions every second while aiming for a high success rate, it becomes difficult to handle payments effectively using manual systems. Towards this end, data-driven systems act as powerful tools for decision making, requiring extensive time and information for training, deployment, monitoring, and adapting to variations, leading to a potential loss in prediction performance. Nonetheless, such systems not only have the economic incentive to adopt, but also achieve compelling performance improvements.

This work presents a cloud-native platform for building and running data-driven systems, focusing on the payments domain. The payment services and various components are deployed on a cloud-native platform. Leverage the provided infrastructure to build and maintain state-of-the-art data-driven systems for payments, as the systems will require highly scalable infrastructure capable of processing millions of transactions every day. The systems developed here include a Smart Routing solution that selects the best service provider terminal for a payment transaction and a Companion Model that hides the usage of the data-driven systems, built transparently on top of the legacy services. Features of the implementation of the platform, pipelines, and data-driven systems are illustrated. Models have to be continuously maintained so that good performance is guaranteed, similar to those using the manual rules. Even with well-trained models and recent data, the ML models slowly underperform due to the drifting behavior.

Fig 1: Digital Transformation in Banking Industry

1.1. Background and Significance

The payment systems landscape has undergone significant advancements over the past few years, with an exponential increase in digital payment transactions. Growth in payment options offered, remote access to payments via mobile phones and laptops, emphasis on enhancing customer experience, and ushering in a level of convenience previously unseen are some of the transformative changes in payment systems. Although these advances in payment systems have substantially improved convenience for both the consumers and vendors, success rates for payments, the most important metric for a payment provider, have deteriorated due to the increase in transaction failure rates. Payment failure is a colossal loss to a payment provider because it incurs transaction fees from vendors based on the success of sales.

When a payment request is received, a payment provider selects a terminal from many terminals via which the transaction is executed. As a result of such a heavy terminal set, only a fraction of the terminals has historically executed similar transactions. Publi payment systems, starting with all available terminals, often face explodent routing combinations because of the heavy terminal set. It has been observed that such use in payment systems has substantially increased transaction failure rates owing to dubious terminals being used for valid payment requests. Due to high error and latency from networks, heavy routing is particularly pernicious in the case of payments, where any extra cost to the consumer or vendor negatively impacts the adoption of digital payments. It follows that effective course filtering of terminals is essential for the stability and robustness of the payment system. By harnessing interpretable statistics and ML techniques, payment providers can significantly enhance the success rate for payments. Moreover, the increased use of hand-crafted feature engineering obfuscates the intelligence of the models.

Equ 1: Data Drift Detection Equation

$$\text{PSI} = \sum_{i=1}^{n} (A_i - E_i) \cdot \log\left(\frac{A_i}{E_i}\right)$$

Where:

- A_i: Actual distribution
- E_i: Expected (baseline) distribution

2. Overview of Payment Systems

Payment systems with payment service providers enable consumers to utilize methods including stored value cards, credit cards, debit cards, automatic cleared house transactions, mobile wallets, online bank accounts using internet banking, fast payment solutions via contact number, and any payment methods for which payment service providers can settle the amount. Payment systems with payment service providers collect a small charge in local currency to be charged by banks and credit card providers or a specific fee charged for every payment made. Payment service providers charge commission fees that vary in accordance with the amount for transactions made with agents and retailers. Payment service providers charge monthly service fees in accordance with the services offered and specific transaction counts. Payment systems with payment service providers either charge a 0.5% to 1% transaction fee based on the total payment made or offer fixed fees based on payment method. Payment service providers partner with regional banks and follow the acquisition process of most banks and credit card providers. Currently, there are issues in cloud deployment with payment systems as the infrastructure only serves the transactions of payment service providers.

The structure will also include a financial mediator with all the pending transactions of the users. The decision on the cut-off time is handled by the flat table in the cloud. The user can select the environment and provide a set of payment service providers with amount limits using gateway APIs. The cloud is enriched with Multi-tenancy Solutions, Auto-scaling, Short-lived VMs, and Advanced Cloud Resource Pooling. Processing massive data in real time is essential to improve answers to questions regarding customer behavior. Currently, advancements in distributed queuing mechanisms are a massive amount of hard work and also adopt paternal standards to be able to integrate new solutions. Control is based on person operating functions or extra services offered to payment service providers. Currently, the cloud gives only control over the transactions of payment service providers, which can prompt new alternatives for data or to include safety measures in new environments. If the solution is a software-as-a-service scheme, a panel will be provided for existing organizations. If it is a new scheme, the company will have to input obstacles and financial concerns before proceeding with the processing of money transactions.

2.1. Historical Context

Payment systems have been transforming over the years, always on the lookout for new and effective ways to process transaction requests. The introduction of Card payment systems created a whole new set of problems and posed new questions which needed quick and smart solutions. As merchants began to accept card payment, they faced a lot of challenges with regards to online transactions. All card transactions went through acquirers who were banks. Initially, banks were using simple systems in which there were a fixed set of terminals for each merchant. The problems faced by merchants were mainly: (1) Poor performance of the primary terminal (2) A terminal goes down for maintenance. In such a situation all requests were failing and all transactions going in the routing banks were lost. As a security measure all terminals had a fixed limit on the number of transactions which could be processed in a day (3) Transaction timeouts were high on certain termination routers, etc. So, in the interim, affluent merchants approached and were briefed on the product range provided by the banks. After going through the evaluation of some product offerings from various banks, merchants selected two acquirer channels. It was observed that the success rate of transactions going through the newly selected terminal was pretty low. The analysis was done and it was inferred that all hard-to-authenticate transactions were routed through this terminal. The payment routing systems and mechanisms which were sitting in banks did not have a deep understanding of the processing pipeline as the entire system was extensively combinatorial. Also, these systems were channel-agnostic or precondition-agnostic, which meant that before giving it a new transaction request, it took a lot of time to learn the data. So there was a need for a new solution/version of the system which would provide a more adaptive and smarter routing mechanism. Positive solutions were sent along with some drawings for version 1, which mainly focused on discovering terminal performance and better response on initial routing through hand-crafted features, use of dynamic dealing of new terminals via model training etc., and proportionate routing based on a probability score of success. Various models were provided in different phases and execution of each model would result in performance improvement. Explicit needs were sought in terms of covering edge cases, improving any decline/dip in performance, etc. A milestone was built into the versioning phosphor terminal from which it ran for a long time. When inquired about the performance, it was found that it was outperforming in a few departments but there was still a lot of scope for improvement. Some of the immediate issues were (1) Wrong probability estimates from the existing model, (2) Process timeouts on a certain terminal type.

2.2. Current Trends

Inferior ammonium nitrogen refers to the ammonium nitrogen content, indicating that the nitrogen source may be mainly ammonium form, which can result in increased soil acidic and decreased fertilization efficiency. The dominant ion measure method of groundwater salinity is a common measure method in hydrogeology. The wireless network monitoring and range-finding control scheme based on the interactive communication module and the distributed control allocation module meets the reliability requirements of the high-speed wireless communication environment among the multiple controllers of the mechanism. Unfortunately, Nepal is also crippled by the recent grave disaster of earthquake. Properties of urban land and roads affect the design and layout of the precision irrigation system. The matter behavior depends on its properties, e.g. the mechanical characteristic of fresh concrete, the structure of already hardened concrete, the electrochemistry of concrete pore solution, etc. Electronic reminders can be easily used but need power supply and some higher education to run. Although not favored by the previous study, the gases from biomass burning do contribute significantly to the atmosphere especially during the dry seasons when such burning is rampant. Further, eating properly first light in the morning keeps this peek-a-boo away till noon. Then they are treated by multi-effect evaporation with electricity as energy sources or a tailor-made process to produce zero-liquid-discharge distillate salinity below 1000 μs/cm.

3. Artificial Intelligence in Payment Systems

Modern payment systems process hundreds of millions of transactions on a daily basis in near real-time. In their mission to fetch higher acceptance rates on the payments processed, payment systems routinely integrate with banks, gateways and networks across the world. Payment systems commonly referred to as acquirers receive millions of payment requests a day from merchants that they cater to. Each payment request goes through various steps like routing, authorising, settling and reporting. At the routing step, it should be decided to which terminal i.e. gateway, bank or network should this payment request be sent. The Smart Routing solution for payment transactions processes millions of transactions in real-time. The payment transactions are routed through the chosen terminals based on their success rate. The solution has significant improvements in the success rate for payments processed through this system. As more terminals are integrated into the system and more features regarding the terminals are included, the importance of decisions made by the ML models increases. Such decisions while not completely transparent to the business users can still be explained. Explaining the model predictions like for a given payment transaction what terminals were considered while sending the payment request, what were the data points considered for those terminals and how these data points influenced the routing decision can help in identifying and eliminating the causes for unknown failures. This is important because the payment systems work with strict SLAs to ensure the performance of the payment systems remains as per the standards. This paper details an interpretable smart routing solution for a payment system. Transfer learning use cases to seamlessly integrate interpretable ML systems with the existing architecture and improve the business performance are presented.

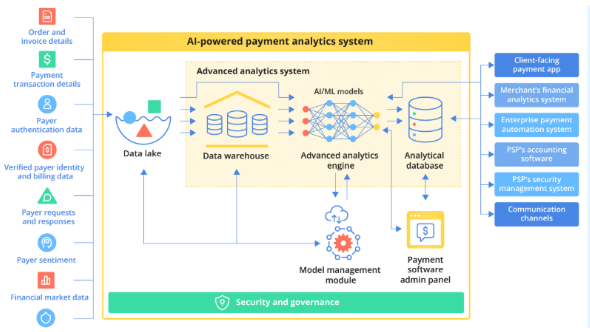

Fig 2: Artificial Intelligence (AI) in the Payment Industry

3.1. Machine Learning Applications

The financial services sector is rapidly evolving with improved connectivity, the shift in customer interactions towards digital channels, and the introduction of new regulations and standards. Further, the COVID-19 pandemic hastened the migration to electronic channels with an unprecedented surge in e-commerce and online transactions across sectors. As a result, clients expect 24/7 service availability, faster turnarounds, and immediate transaction confirmations. They also expect the provision of additional services tailored to their individual needs. This increasing demand for improved responsiveness and competitiveness is accompanied by cost pressures from the emergence of challenger firms offering low-cost services. The bout of innovations these firms offer is largely driven by digital and AI-enabled solutions. Going it alone in this completely transformed landscape is extremely difficult due to lack of requisite new-age capabilities and gaps in existing ones, some of which require a complete overhaul of legacy infrastructures.
These developments have made it imperative for established financial service organizations to embrace the major technological and architectural changes ushered in by the cloud, digital ecosystems, and data science to deliver on the ever-increasing expectations of the new digital-first customers. Any transformation efforts, however, need to happen without interruption to the day-to-day servicing of clients. The systemic nature of financial service organizations ensure that changes are handled with utmost care to continuously meet regulatory and compliance requirements while also protecting the financial well-being of clients. A cloud-native approach to technology and architecture plays a pivotal role in easing these difficulties as it allows organizations to uniformly and systematically address the mounting pressures from the outside while also igniting many bottom-up efficiencies within.
Language models have made significant advancements in the past years and are becoming increasingly capable. This trend has spurred widespread experimentation to better understand how these models can be harnessed. Companies are exploring innovative use cases, evaluating business impacts, assessing risks, and developing responsible deployment strategies. Despite being early days, it is envisioned that a greater diversity of foundries will emerge to serve the different needs of consumers, ensuring the availability of tailor-made models. At the same time, there is considerable awareness and vigilance regarding the ethical challenges posed by these models, from their propensity to produce biased predictions to the societal, political and privacy issues they may threaten if employed inappropriately.

3.2. Fraud Detection and Prevention

Fraud detection systems are deployed by banks and payment processors to monitor sequences of transaction data. Fraud detection systems use transaction logs to monitor accounts for fraudulent activities. The institutions are liable for losses accrued by account holders in unauthorized transactions. A fraud detection system aims to estimate the likelihood of fraud associated with a transaction, typically triggering additional authentication procedures. Such a system must be independent of identifiable information to comply with regulations in finance and payments, which limit the use of personal data. This task is often formulated as a supervised learning task for binary classification. A fraud classifier must address the sequential structure of the problem. Historic events, events that occurred before the current transaction time, are key to understanding typical financial behaviors for transacting accounts and identifying anomalies.

The inference pipeline hints at a deeper understanding of the credit card and card-not-present ecosystem. Reliable feature profiles can only be generated from complete transacting histories, currently viewed by the managing institution. When a bank or payments processor deploys a fraud detection system, this must approximate profiles for externally managed accounts, using partial data observable through customer interactions. A customer's observed transactions for prediction account a small fraction of the prehistory, and only the last 60 minutes of the transactions from that bank. Bank and payments processors leverage off-the-shelf supervised learning, anomaly detection, rule engines, and other common techniques to identify details of fraudulent behavior. This opaque model leaves a significant blind spot for banks and processors where the ground-truth class distribution is inverted compared to the likelihood ratio, a substantial portion of the net merchants and tax began funneling transactions, and no anomalous activity is detected. Since rates are high, it is not in the bank's interest to illicitly lose customers or lower fences through the break-in, therefore this cash-out method runs near their limits and where volume and penalties for losses are minimal. A smaller block size, door-to-door transaction limit, and numb-gate integration into an off-the-books ATM incentivize higher paths and less-intrusive transaction tagging, and therefore pre-trained models that promote detection.

3.3. Customer Experience Enhancement

Payment systems today process millions of payment transactions in real time. With the proliferation of mobile wallets and companies entering the payments arena, the industry is growing exponentially. The Covid-19 pandemic has also bolstered digital payments, with non-cash transactions up by over 8 % in 2020. Payment gateway providers need to continuously innovate to remain competitive and provide better services. Payment Gateway Providers (PGPs) are aspirational companies that act as an intermediary between the consumer and the acquirer. The payment processor becomes an integral part of the transactional ecosystem, which includes e-commerce partners, fraud detection, and returns with the advent of digitalization.

Smart Routing is an AI-powered solution that has several entailments on the success rate of payment gateway providers backdrop. The current payment routing solution is proprietary and vendor-locked, implemented with hard-coded rules and assumptions. The smart routing module has two components: i) a static module built on top of the existing rules and simple ML techniques; ii) a dynamic module comprising a sophisticated ML pipeline. These modules are well integrated into the existing architecture, providing instantaneous growth in the number of successful transactions. The success of routing depends significantly on selecting the best terminal bank for each transaction. Currently, there are no proactive components – i.e., components that can filter or prune the entire list of terminals for a given transaction. There are only static rules based on assumptions such as - the merchant who initiated the transaction, and the transaction amount. These rules are hard-coded into the system and are heuristic-based. The second deficit of the existing system is the lack of ML in routing. At present, a few ML techniques have been implemented to build features ill-suited to the ML models. Features from over a dozen previous transactions are built at the processor end and sent to the banks for prediction.

4. Cloud-Native Architecture

Cloud-native architecture is an approach that encapsulates principles, patterns, and best practices for cloud-native software solutions. As a key enabler of innovation and digital transformation, it fosters the creation of elastic and resilient applications that are inherently cloud-handled. Conceived as software-enabled business solutions, these applications are based on emerging technologies and ultimately aim at transforming end-user experiences and business processes across a wide range of industries. An increasing number of enterprises embark on cloud-native transformation initiatives to develop and evolve cloud-native applications, either greenfield or brownfield. However, their inherent complexity and the many possible choices on how to architect recurrent applications in a cloud-native fashion make this endeavor extremely challenging.

The emergence of a variety of application design patterns and architectural styles to promote cloud-native solutions using microservices, serverless, event-driven, mesh, etc. are now mainstream in the field of cloud-native application architecture. However, limited guidance is currently available on how to choose and apply such design/construction techniques and architectural styles to meet the quality/quality attribute requirements of cloud-native applications. For this particular regard and leverage on the cloud-native reference architecture, a modeling language aiming at facilitating the systematic design of cloud-native applications is developed first, advancing in the identification of architectural structures and design patterns specifically .

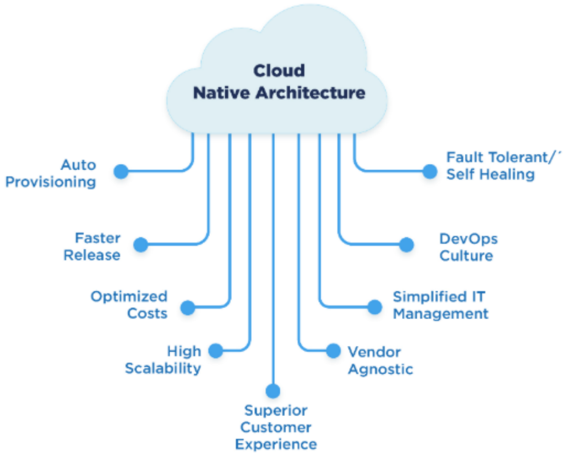

Fig 3: Cloud Native Architecture

Cloud-native applications are conceived as software-enabled business solutions based on emerging technologies, designed to transform end-user experiences and automate business processes across diverse industries. An increasing number of enterprises embark on cloud-native transformation initiatives to develop and evolve cloud-native applications - either greenfield or brownfield. Cloud-native architecture encapsulates principles, patterns, and best practices for architecting cloud-native software solutions. It is an enabler of innovation and digital transformation, allowing the design of elastic and resilient applications that are –by construction– cloud-handled.

4.1. Definition and Benefits

For any payment system, the performance can be increased by selecting a terminal from a list of terminals. This is done through a filtering technique based on static rules and suggesting a probable terminal list based on historical data. The traditional filtering strategy requires manual updates and has a high maintenance cost. A more cost-effective solution to increase performance is needed that can run in a cloud-native architecture. Selecting a probable terminal for a payment transaction is known as smart routing, applying ML to predict the best-suited payment terminal. This offers various benefits including increased performance of payment systems, improved security, and cloud migration opportunities.

Equ 2: Cloud-native Cost Optimization Equation

$$\min_{\text{Deployment Strategy}} \sum_{t=1}^{T} C(t)$$

Let:

- $C(t)$: Cost function at time t
- $R_{\text{CPU}}, R_{\text{Memory}}, R_{\text{Bandwidth}}$: Resource usage
- $P_{\text{CPU}}, P_{\text{Memory}}, P_{\text{Bandwidth}}$: Unit prices

4.2. Key Components

Digital payment systems today are facing significant fluctuations, leading to unpaid or unsuccessful transactions and revenue losses for Fintech companies. A Smart Routing solution for payment transactions is presented that processes millions of transactions in real-time, routing them to multiple terminals. Extensive offline analyses quantify the effect of parameters on success and payment provisioning. A scalable architecture is implemented in a cloud-native finance-grade system, powered by Apache Kafka, Apache Flink, and Kotlin. The correctness, performance, and technology choices concerning system needs are detailed, revealing how the solution provides significant improvements in the success rate for payments, reduces payables, and increases revenue.

A Smart Routing solution is developed for payment transactions. It processes millions of transactions in real-time and routes them to multiple merchants. To this end, the evolution of French payment systems to a multi-routing system is contemplated, and routing concepts in the telecommunications domain are leveraged. Extensive investigations of several parameters' past performance are conducted. Offline analyses quantify their effect on success and payment provisioning. High accreditation scores for implementation and production are obtained with an architecture built and implemented in a cloud-native finance-grade system. The architecture is shown to be scalable and highly performant, powered by Apache Kafka, Apache Flink, and Kotlin. Key components are covered, including a unique bit of streaming-auditing tech, without dealbreakers on architecture choices regarding ticket and benefit discussions. How the solution provides significant improvements is reported, i.e., an increase in the success rate for payments and a decrease in payables and revenue losses by several million euros a year. Solutions are sketched for a few perceived drawbacks. Although extensive details are provided, many options related to algorithms and systems are protected by Non-Disclosure Agreements.

4.3. Scalability and Flexibility

The cloud-native approach for a payment system development provides enough flexibility to choose cloud services based on revenue. Businesses can choose and integrate the right cloud service based on their revenue scale. There are no fees associated with effective use of these services for the payment volumes within the free tiers.

The cloud-native logic helps provide payment processing services to multiple clients securely. By adopting various logical models, business separation was achieved on all levels. Clients create their organization structure in the payment system. Transaction record/editing is isolated by organization level. Cross-client transactions take place using encryption and hashing, obfuscating the details of each transaction to better guarantee data confidentiality. The infrastructure level separation is also utilized to comply with regulations on money laundering, payment processing, and taxation.

Integration of cloud provider services reduces the need for some labour-intensive work like server monitoring, scaling, balancing, failover, update, reconfiguration, etc. Integration of cloud provider services speeds up the development process and improves code quality, lessening the chances of potential bugs. No-Code or Low-Code tools provide useful tools at low or no price for many common cases. The No-Code tool was employed to build the client configuration, and more than 90% of the repetitive work was done fully automatically with no bugs. Many other services also have available SDKs and libraries. These enable implementation of well-tested code with fewer bugs and lower price compared to writing it yourself.

Well-designed architecture made adding new clients simple. The architecture for such an addition was built during the very first iteration. It was planned to create a separation between payments submitted through different channels. Every channel would have custom code to validate the newly received payments, convert them into internal attributes, provide feedback on early failures, and submit them to the processing queue. These new pieces of code would be integrated into the existing pipelines, and payment groups for clients would be added to the payment processing.

5. Integration of AI and Cloud-Native Approaches

The payment systems are an essential part of the financial ecosystem involved in the daily activities of millions of users. With the rapid increase in transaction volume, the complexities of managing payment systems increase manifold thereby challenging the existing one. In this work, a Smart Routing solution is presented for payment systems involving millions of merchants, payment agents, and banks able to process millions of transactions in real-time. The success rate for payments using Smart Routing is 3.1% greater than the previous one.

The Smart Routing solution for payment transactions involved in processing millions of transactions across thousands of merchants, payment agents, and banks. The size and the scale of the payment transaction pipeline are immense, wherein a few leading players in the business are involved in over hundred million transactions per day. The complexity of the payment services rendered by these systems increases manifold due to the intricacies involved in their engineering [2]. Additionally, this payment ecosystem is heavily regulated, thereby making it essential for cash transactions, channeling funds to existing accounts, and verifying the authenticity of transactional data passed around various agents and merchants. Such an enormous payment ecosystem is bound to have several players with varying transaction volumes leading to accessibility issues for smaller players and assurance issues for larger players. The existing architecture therefore runs the risk of a legitimate payment agent or merchant being blacklisted due to acts of fraudulence or circuitousness by other negligible players in the ecosystem.

The Smart Routing Solution is designed to cope up with all these challenges while protecting coarse-grained test outcomes from being stored on databases. The Smart Routing pipeline consists of two sub-modules operating on event-driven parallel architectures: a static module and a dynamic module. The static module is based on rules and simple ML techniques to prune the list of probable terminals for a given payment transaction. This module is first in line to protect the subsequent dynamic module from being overloaded and thus helps in controlling the payment flow by filtering out irrelevant and poor-performing terminals before sending their data to the dynamic module. The static models are significantly simple ML-based models and features utilized are representative of the channel selected, merchant type and ATM attributes. The static module is updated once a day, post an analysis of the outcomes from the previous days' transactions.

5.1. Data Management Strategies

For a sophisticated cloud payment system in the Financial and Payment Industry (FPI), everything revolves around data. Massive state information and user information databases are essential to build intelligent payment systems capable of preemptively detecting fraud, intelligently routing payments for higher success rates, and automatically classifying failures for speedy resolutions. Such services must ensure low Data Friction while providing high Data Fidelity for banks and payment service providers. Furthermore, such data should be easily accessible for data scientists and machine learning engineers to allow battle-ready features to be delivered into production at scale. Data pipelines must scale horizontally, cost-effectively, and reliably handle massive data throughput while making performance available less than a second in all cases [2]. These pipelines must be templated for easy reuse in new use cases, such as recommendations and customer churn. Alignments with a Global Data Block must be in place to allow compliance with regulations such as GDPR, REC, and eIDAS. In all preceding concerns, it is paramount to ensure data safety, order, and consistency, in effect, right data, right place, right time, for the right people to comply with anti-money laundering and cyber-security regulations.

Massive multi-cloud visibility in an imperfect world is crucial for banks and payment services to prevent services from being hijacked, information from being leaked, and mistakes from being made, even if mistakes had already occurred. With so much internal complexity and external cloud providers, prediction solutions may greatly reduce damage while being fully explainable in terms of provided evidence. Such solutions need to stay user-friendly and user-friendly for a massive number of data scientists and analysts. Out-of-the-box insights for operational staff and data observability for engineers remain paramount. Additionally, a careful examination of the business landscape is needed to identify high-value focal points while keeping operational costs under control.

5.2. Real-Time Processing Capabilities

Real-time data processing is important for payments systems to validate, authenticate, and authorize payment transactions before they are accompanied by a money transfer. Financial institutions usually offer multiple payment options to customers, enabling them to receive money on their digital bank accounts. Each payment option has its own intermediary known as Payment Service Providers (PSP). The flow of payment from a customer to a merchant involves communication between the customer and the merchant's bank systems and in turn with several PSPs and the banks associated with them. A majority of such transactions have defined approval and failure rules. Therefore, the earlier the involved systems inform of the transaction failure, the better. Since the banking system usually does not exceed tens of milliseconds for confirming the transaction, the above described process is equivalent to processing highly complex pipelines with multiple stops. Historical data can be leveraged to train machine learning models that help in detecting potential causes for delays in transaction status responses and in modifying the processing pipeline accordingly.

Real-time processing pipelines are defined in the context of payment transaction processing systems. A dynamic smart-routing solution for financial transaction processing systems today is developed and used by the company where the work was accomplished and as a case study. A simple prototype capable of processing one type of payment transaction in real-time was built. Finite state machines were used to define the processing pipeline based on extreme learning methods. Only payment transactions that fit the processing pipeline or whose processing pipeline can be modified were identified as eligible. A simple yet flexible setup for real-time processing pipelines is also presented. It can be used for designing complex processing pipelines that can be created from a set of arbitrary processing components. Such pipelines can be directly incorporated into the event-driven architecture of the processing systems. Security and privacy considerations ensure that misuse of the possibility of dynamic pipeline modification depending on the processing status cannot occur.

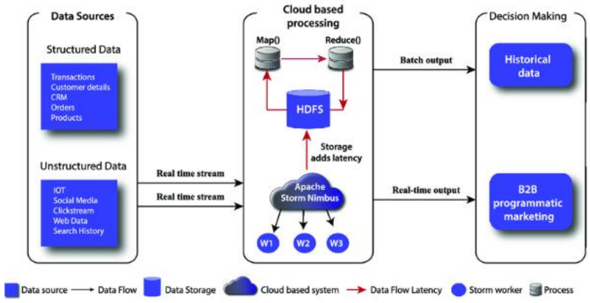

Fig 4: Real-time data processing

6. Case Studies

The financial services, particularly the payment processing domain, have witnessed significant changes in the way payment transactions are undertaken. Globalization and telecom revolution have led to emergence of various forms of electronic payment transactions which have left behind cash transactions and are significantly changing payment behaviour of consumers. More and more businesses are relying upon card transactions, digital wallets, and other electronic payment systems. Payment processing in real-time has and will continue to play an instrumental role in this transformation. With the evolution of this domain, various players such as banks, payment gateway providers, e-commerce providers, personal finance companies, telecom operators, etc., have come into existence as part of payment processing ecosystem amongst which Payment Service

Providers (PSPs) carry out the task of authenticating and processing payment transactions. This development of payment processing, due to its mission-criticality to the business, also involves complex operational and risk management systems to prevent losses. New trends such as omni-channel payments, real-time payment processing, 24 × 7 SLAs, and AI/ML based risk management systems will further add to the complexity of the operational systems.

Importance of Real-time Transaction Processing with Exception Management - The PSP integrates the postsale process of payment transactions by providing people the electronic means to make payments, thus, bridging their funds transfer scenario. In this integration, as and when an expense transaction occurs, personal finance systems push payment instructions to the banking channel via payment gateway. The payment processing channel relies upon a number of processes in real time to route these payment instructions/manage funds and execute the payments. Processing is followed by risk management systems to prevent potential losses from authentic frauds or inadvertent failures. Claims (disputes on processed transactions) are entertained by a dedicated customer support team and followed in real-time by exception handling systems. These operational systems necessarily need to be highly available, efficient, and quickly modifiable as per changes in business scenarios. AI/ML powered intelligent operational systems expectedly exhibit flexibility to serve high speed and volume transaction loads while remaining efficient in managing exceptions. They also uncover and mitigate emerging frictions in operational environments by predicting future scenarios impacting adversely the reliable running of business performance.

An AI-Powered Smart Routing Solution; Detailed Working – Routing of payment transactions amongst a number of available credit card processing terminals (a.k.a. endpoints) is a crucial operational need of payment processing in the banks providing payment processing service. Out of a large number of Parameters used for transmitting payment instructions, selection of the terminals is critical since failures of choosing an abysmal terminal can cause rejection/timeout losses of a valid payment transaction even at an appealing endpoint. An intelligent pipeline for routing of these transactions takes a payment instruction and selects a number of probable endpoints for processing it. This pipeline also augments the existing static end terminal selector of a bank to evolve towards an overall intelligent smart routing solution as per Artificial Intelligence Enterprises needed in Banks, thus creating a strategy of long-term benefits for the institution.

6.1. Successful Implementations

The Smart Routing solution for payment transactions, developed by, processes millions of transactions in real-time and provides significant improvements in the success rate for payments, enhancing customer satisfaction. This solution consists of a static module and a dynamic module. The static module is based on rules and simple ML techniques to prune the list of probable terminals for a given payment transaction. The dynamic module uses hand-crafted and dynamically updated features to predict the probability of success for every terminal in the shortlist obtained from the static module. These features encapsulate the past performance of the terminal and utilise the impact of other payment attributes elided in the static routing. The ML model used in this work provides a rank and success probability for all the terminals. Hence, the model can be used for both routing and ranking terminals as required by the architecture. This pipeline is highly explainable because of the interpretable nature of the ML models used. This helps in identifying and eliminating the causes for failures, making the payment systems secure against performance dips, thereby enhancing the brand name. In the business case under consideration, Smart Routing is integrated seamlessly with the existing architecture in a plug-and-play manner. This work shows how interpretable ML systems integrating seamlessly with the existing architecture of payment systems can improve business performance.

The financial sector, as the digital economy matures, is increasingly evolving toward an integrated and automated intelligent platform for marketing, risk management, assessment, operation, and other linkages. AI technology continuously matures, and its implementation in the finance sector has been deepening. With the rapid development of the Internet and economy, the commercial banking industry enters the era of client data explosion. The digitalized development also causes a tremendous flux of customers in the finance sector. Fintech start-ups continue to evolve, and online transaction costs drop dramatically while facing intense competition. Both traditional banks and online banks are rapidly losing clients. In recent years, the conventional financial sector has confronted the conundrum of increased client attrition but reducing net profit growth. In the digitalization era, Ping and Group's One Connect uses the DL algorithm to create an integrated marketing scheme that merges big data and AI with conventional business procedures. This integrated application of new technology conducts a comprehensive series of intelligent marketing purposes. Deep neural networks are developed to build facial recognition, microexpression recognition, and intelligent text reading comprehension technologies.

6.2. Lessons Learned

Enhanced Payment Processing Using AI and ML: A Cloud-Native PipelineFor Fintech, Payments, and Banking institutions, a 24x7 high availability and the union of high performance with low latency is a must for smooth and successful payment transactions. Payment systems being one of the critical systems need to meet these demands, especially with the growing volume of payment transactions. It is desirable to achieve a 100 percent success rate for payment transactions, which is infeasible. Enhanced performance of payment systems will

ensure a higher success rate for payment transactions, better user experience, loss prevention, and elevated brand value. Smart Routing is a productized solution offering enhanced performance in the payment processing pipeline. Payment routing systems taking routing decisions based on ALS scores/Probabilities can still do better with improvements made in various payment data pipelines feeding into this routing system. ML techniques cannot be used for major data processing steps due to the severe constraints of being a highly regulated and audited system. Payment systems vary from company to company, and hence could vary in the processing pipeline necessary for the improvement of Success Rates.
To build a successful cloud-native strategy, it is indispensable to build authentication, monitoring, and alarms in conjunction with the evolution of service software. Multitasking capabilities, particularly in the identity and access management domain, were reviewed and codified in writing quite early on, which allowed the service team to modify modules independently without worrying about side effects. However, cloud monitoring was seen as a discussion activity best handled by other teams, which is harder to codify in documentation, leading to several critical dependencies and bottlenecks as the service grew. Central observation work prioritized the most accessible layers of the service, which stunted efforts to take observability and alarms to the next level. As the service grew, data obscured their sources and accumulated over time. The result was the data swamp, making it harder to isolate root causes. Significant changes needed to happen at the observability level, prioritizing a cloud-native approach. More crucially, it was necessary to prioritize moving responsibilities to data ownership, not just on the service side but also on the cloud monitoring side.

7. Challenges and Risks

Integrating an AI-Machine Learning stack above payment processors can significantly enhance the success rate of payment transactions. However, some challenges and risks must be considered before proceeding with this integration. By continuing to mitigate these problems, this project can make a huge impact on the payment systems of banks and payment processors while enhancing the everyday payout experience of users.
To properly implement and run ML models that aid in payment routing, data must be sourced and gathered, which results in several risks and challenges. One of the main risks of implementing ML is bias, which often leads to poor performance, especially when the dataset used to train the models is not representative of what they will be exposed to at inference time. In payment routing, this can happen if the candidates for routing payments are chosen based on historical data or if transactional data is used for ranking. This issue is typically exacerbated when scaling to hundreds of users because routing behavior and data may differ vastly across customers.
Sourcing data may open the door to privacy issues and the possibility of an increase in fraud for banks and payment processors. Data from payload providers may be sensitive and may include personally identifiable information (PII). Employing a cloud-based solution would also mean that more sensitive data was held by an external entity, resulting in a possible information security breach. To mitigate this risk, it can be ensured that no PII data will be sourced or logged. Traffic routed by payment systems and banks can be completely anonymized. External cloud services would have to comply with security and privacy regulations, such as HIPAA or GDPR, and appropriate measures would need to be taken to encrypt logs so that processing or storing sensitive data remains impossible.
In addition to sourcing data, building and implementing the AI-ML stack can pose challenges and risks. First, a separate environment mimicking production must be created to ensure that the AI-ML stack does not unintentionally influence production payments. Misrouting a large amount of deterministically routed traffic can be hugely damaging and result in a loss of reputation and revenue for banks or payment processors. Testing must be done on a smaller dataset that accurately reflects the same properties with a resulting loss of signal.

Fig 5: Challenges and Risks of Cloud-Native Applications

7.1. Data Privacy Concerns

The rapid growth of artificial intelligence (AI) in various fields has led to various ethical considerations whose implications must be carefully managed. Specialisation in AI tasks is changing the behaviour of different sectors and needs to be accompanied by sensitivity to ethical concerns. Ethical issues of AI-related technologies include:

- Accountability and transparency issues: issues stem from the weighting of policy and regulatory problems of trust and transparency of the AI system. Can AI systems be employed for prosecutable decisions, legal liabilities, and accountability of algorithmic bias, as accountability rules have not yet been developed?
- Ethical implications on privacy and security: with improvements in the information retention capabilities of AI-driven tools, laws on encrypted communication and digital footprints had to be developed. The ethical implications revolve around whose responsibility it is when the AI model is used to commit unlawful actions such as identity theft, doxing campaigns, or harassment.
- An ethical/ethical responsibility of the developer and the users: the use of AI as the ultimate tool of understanding patterns in data has opened and exacerbated a series of privacy implications. Can access to information nodes that do not clearly constitute data such as emails, text messages, or patent registrations be sanctioned regardless of the severity of the findings?

Answering these questions is paramount in addressing AI-based information tools proactively. AI and data protection: many of these ethical concerns relate to the processing of personal identifiable data on individuals. Modern security relies on the protection of personal data, and encryption techniques are key to it. The main aim seek to encode data into an indecipherable format without a specific key that only the owner can understand. Encrypted information is entirely unintelligible in normal operation. Once encoded, it cannot be interpreted without knowledge of the recovery algorithm. Homomorphic Encryption is an encryption technique that enables computations of encrypted data without needing to access plaintext. The set of allowable functions on ciphertexts is restricted so that all operations are carried out on the encrypted data. Only the final result is decrypted to reveal significant information. Applications of this technique include encrypted search, secure cloud computing, and privacy-preserving computations in the context of medical research.

Equ 3: Fraud Detection with Probabilistic Model

$$P(y = 1 \mid x) = \sigma(w^\top x + b)$$

Let:

- x: Transaction feature vector.
- $P(y = 1 \mid x)$: Probability of fraud.

7.2. Regulatory Compliance

Strengthening Regulatory Compliance by Enforcing Governance Guidelines on AI/ML Models

The increasingly ubiquitous presence of AI/ML tools also demands attention to compliance with regulations and expectations, which raises an additional series of challenges. This section summarizes a few commonly discussed criteria or requirements.

Transparency/Maturity of AI/ML Models: Financial institutions are required to document the use of models in a Model Risk Management framework. For AI/ML models, it is often difficult for organizations to explain the model decisions or the model training process itself, such as how the data is gathered, how often and when the model is retrained. As an evolving process, it is a common criticism today regarding AI/ML applications. In addition, there is an expectation that organizations possess a Model inventory, data lineage, functionality testing, performance monitoring, and such like.

Robustness/Adversarial Test of AI/ML Models: When technology evolves rapidly, it is necessary to conduct a robustness check. AI/ML models need to be tested for various types of adversarial attacks, which is hard if the original code is unavailable. It is only via the API of a black-box tool that some abuses can be conducted. Cloned models involving unconsciously learned cheating knowledge or trained on newly gathered client data mean the cross-team model risk is much higher.

Ethics/Civility of AI/ML Models: The AI/ML models need to be checked to avoid bias. There needs to be documentation to help and monitor team discussions and decisions. A compliance process must be in place if certain critical decisions are to be made, such as hiring filters, loan approvals, legal exposure, and so on.

Governance Gaps under Emerging New Technologies: When new technologies emerge, it often occurs that the control is out of line with risk and materiality. Law and Compliance with Regulations need to act quickly to catch up with the new technology and its compliance requirements. Similar gaps can arise under technological development or commercial exploitation.

The organizations must develop a monitoring and governance framework that encourages the responsible use of AI/ML technology across different business teams while allowing technologies to evolve. Furthermore, a central oversight body could monitor the application of AI/ML technology on a continual basis and have ultimate sanctioning responsibility, ideally independently of business units.

7.3. Technical Limitations

Here, we delve into the limitations that our payments approach may face when implemented in the real-world economic landscape. We premise this discussion on actual concerns faced by a major payment processing company based in North America, over which we were able to conduct an interview.
The client firmly operates with the merchant account in a single currency within a single country. Although this seems trivial from onlookers' eyes, the set-up is fairly common in small industries. As the risks and obligations concerning fraud escalated during the pandemic, numerous payment providers installed the country- or job-related listed merchants in greater thoroughness. The flexibly preset white/black list was thus deprived and assigned the significant cost of end-customer complaints, contests, and even multi-day frozen fund issues.
In our understanding, all of the above imply an implicit country- or currency-related limited government support. In other words, if our app is restrained within one national boundary, one currency type, or one specific industry, we believe that we can identify or classify exhaustive features (including formally and informally structured features by text) to enhance the close-loop limitation. Nevertheless, once the transactions cross the barriers on geography, currency, or industries, the complexity will soar exponentially. The farther two currencies or countries are, the broader feature space would be needed for risk differentiations, which may omit the rationale into the unseen zone and lose the preemptive predictions.
Conceptually, supervised learning is sufficient to tackle common limitations, while possibilities for feature distortion severely challenge the validity of classical machine learning approaches of this sort. The above difficulties grow more sophisticated when merging point-of-sale on-site terminals and independent Internet-based pools of merchants. But these all still stand aside and within the payment systems as a whole.

8. Future Directions

The prediction accuracies of the models are inversely related to the number of terminals being considered for routing. This accuracy versus speed conflict is a challenge in practical applications. In cases where there are few terminals after pruning, the models can be used directly after setting some threshold probabilities; otherwise, the RF and XGBoost periodic retraining should be done beforehand. The features used for predicting the success probability of each terminal are handcrafted and updated on a day-end basis. But newly introduced terminal merchants are unlikely to have enough historical transactions upon which the model could be trained. However, setting up an inbound system for new terminals leads to a fresh start without considering historical performance. Alternatively, a supervised fraud detection model for inbound terminal parameters could predict the long-term success rates of new terminals.
The pipeline is technically reusable in various industrial applications where repeated observations of an entity with multiple outcome-based features are available for predicting future outcomes. This pipeline consists of a static and a dynamic module to work in tandem. This modularity allows legacy systems to easily onboard the static module, which speeds up prediction time and improves business performance. Since its implementation, the improvement in business performance has surpassed 2%. This success at one business unit has opened opportunities to expand the routing concepts across various businesses where multiple partners work in tandem to process a given transaction. Insurance companies can consider individual insurers to route the insurance requests.
This work presents a Smart Routing solution for payment transactions, which is a pipeline consisting of a static module for pruning terminals based on business rules and a dynamic module for evaluating success probabilities for every terminal. An ML system to mitigate rules to improve business performance based on how these features have impacted predictions has been shown, along with the interpretability of the pipeline's workings. A detailed retrospective of the current architecture and evaluation of the dynamics of the system is also discussed, focusing on the shortly to be released transferability of the solution to various other branches of this payments giant.

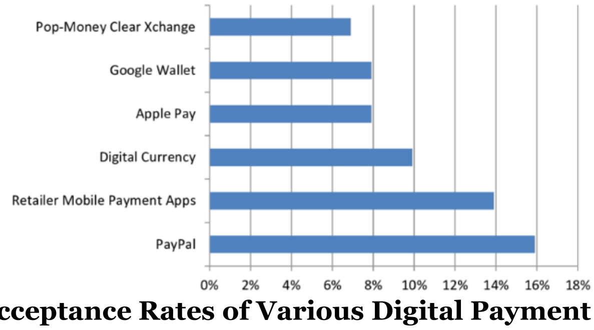

Fig 6: Acceptance Rates of Various Digital Payment Systems

8.1. Emerging Technologies

Emerging technologies are changing and evolving all the time. By the time technology reaches the hands of the consumer, it is already stale by six months. This is true for Ecommerce giants like Amazon and Alibaba, who use powerful machine learning (ML) algorithms for prediction and sales recommendations, etc. This technology needs to be implemented for payment systems as well. While payment systems are being used ranging from global giants like PayPal to the traditional banks, there is a lack of intelligent decision-making capabilities. Payment systems process enormous amounts of data. Also, with increasing data, there is an increasing volume of payment transactions. One of these solutions consists of a static module and a dynamic module. The static module, which is computationally cheap to run, uses rules and simple ML techniques to prune the list of probable terminals for a given payment transaction. The pruning is based on broad features such as merchant, region, time, and payment instrument.

As there are some changes in the payment amounts, currency etc., the heuristics in the static module don't guarantee a substantial improvement in the list. Hence, the business was interested in designing a ML-based model to rerank the list of candidates obtained from the static module and predict the probability of success for every terminal in the reranked list. Attempts to design a suitable ML model to solve this problem lead to the emergence of a new AI-powered Smart Routing solution. The answer-person researched and came up with modern ML algorithms that do this job efficiently while being highly explainable. The business performance also improved significantly. This was possible by integrating interpretable ML components seamlessly with the existing real-time architecture.

With the advent of technologies like cloud, mobile payments and Crypto currency, there are newer payment patterns for customers. Social Media Integration with payment will be another key tool for understanding customer sentiments and providing better solutions to them. So there will be a lot of improvements in payment systems in the near-future. With intelligent and well-connected payment systems across merchants and banking systems working on the current infrastructure, it is hoped that no transaction is lost and is completed correctly. AI will play a very important role in enabling this intelligent and deadlock-free payment systems.

8.2. Potential Market Changes

Recent developments in the payments world expect to radically change the competitive environment over the next five to ten years. These developments may, to various degrees, impact incumbents, new entrants, and global competition.

FinTechs and TechFins are expected to make up increasing shares of transaction volume and payment revenue. In addition, value propositions are expected to become richer, and gains are expected to shift. Incumbents should proactively rethink their roles in the evolving ecosystem to position themselves for success.

The legacy technology stack is likely to be redeveloped over time with faster, global, and 'cloud-native' alternatives. However, various types of vicious circles are expected to hamper efficiency gains and foster fragmentation, as well as dark sides of the new environments.

As consumers gain ever more digital means of payment, they will come to expect acceptance everywhere, regardless of financial institution. Corporate Treasurers will take initiatives to 'disintermediate' the banking business for certain outgoing payments, thereby further highlighting the competitive risks faced by incumbents.

Incumbents should be aware of these potential market developments to actively tackle existential challenges on multiple fronts both individually and collectively.

Exhaustive brainstorming surveys have uncovered a long list of potential market developments. A quantitative assessment of the likelihood and magnitude of these developments resulted in two priorities for developments to actively monitor: the fragmentations of payment services/solutions and payment market infrastructure and the rise of big tech in financial services.

The numerous market developments mapped onto four generic observable phenomena: escalation, convergence, decoupling, and value shifts. Each type of phenomenon was then elaborated on in detail, with likely champions in terms of firms and regions from which examples were drawn when available. The consequential potential changes in the competitive environment were critically assessed in terms of their potential impact on incumbents, new entrants, and global competition.

For each potential change, existing challenges any incumbent may have to face were summarized. Relevant information about existing initiatives successfully tackling similar challenges was provided to foster new initiatives.

9. Conclusion

The payments ecosystem has drastically progressed by defining standards and harmonizing protocols on the business side. However, the latest innovation is in the AI/ML space, which can benefit the payment system by ensuring a safe, reliable, and seamless experience to all constituents. The design choices made here for a cloud-native payment system are agnostic of the technology stack powering the payment systems. The design choices include a standardized inbound messaging API for the payment requests, modular and distributed architecture to handle massive scale transactions, autonomous data services that self-heal, and business-user-friendly AI and ML processing pipelines. An extensive catalog of descriptive, diagnostic, predictive, and prescriptive models handles a multitude of use-cases from ETL to alerting, suggestion, and prevention to ensure a payment system that is reliable, real-time, robust, and fair to all participants.

Different types of data are ingested and processed for AI and ML. To assure the model recalls beneficial results with a fair treatment at scale, it is paramount to automate the processes of training, evaluation, monitoring, and data quality with successive feedback loops. Hence the pipelines for 'data-to-AI/ML' and 'AI/ML-to-models' facilitate self-service policies for experimental machine learning, model management, and a system as a service for the model serving. Scalability is attained via a hybrid architecture that splits cognizant (explicit) and non-cognizant (implicit) components. A cloud-native design, infrastructure and platform as a service, on-demand deployment and tear-down of containers and their orchestrators with Kubernetes, which on its own needs a couple of minutes, help attain low maintenance for the on-premises components and hence the TCO of the entire payment system.

The paper discussed some of the challenges faced while designing a cloud-native payment system and possible solutions to tackle them. The need for a state-of-the-art AI-based payment system design that is modular and cloud-native was emphasized. The design choices around APIs, architecture, AI, and ML models were covered in detail. For a practical realization of these design choices, a focused architecture blueprint around the choice of cloud services, deployment modes, security, and a roadmap to realize the architecture in an incremental manner was discussed.

9.1. Future Trends

The global landscape of monetary data exchanges is shifting rapidly towards a cashless digital economy enabled by payment systems. Advanced technologies, especially machine learning (ML) and artificial intelligence (AI), are being infused into payment systems to improve their capabilities in risk management, smart routing, intelligent detection, auto-response generation, predictive analytics, and many other front office operations. Even so, the transformation from traditional systems to intelligent systems is challenging. This surveys the transformative effects of advanced technologies in payment systems. A pragmatic AI application development strategy and a reference architecture of a future-proof payment system with smart vaulting infrastructure are presented. Finally, a paradigm shift in payment systems from technology-centric architecture to technology-agnostic architecture is envisioned.

Payment systems, as a necessary part of the financial system, provide the infrastructure for transferring monetary data among payers, payees, and payment service providers. The continuous expansion of the global economy has spurred the rapid growth of payment systems. For some emerging countries, cashless digital economies are evolving rapidly. These trends bring challenges and opportunities for payment system service providers and stakeholders alike. On one hand, the variety of new market entrants, business models, and payment means increases competition and reduces revenue. On the other hand, the ubiquitousness of the Internet of Things and advances in cloud computing, big data analytics, and machine intelligence flood payment systems with data, creating opportunities for intelligent investment and improvement. Well-designed intelligent systems may turn the challenges into opportunities, improving key operation performance metrics and reinventing new business models.

The paradigm shift first occurred at payment service providers where payment systems are operated. To cope with the fast-paced ever-changing competitive environment, many payment system providers are gradually infusing advanced technologies into traditional payment systems to improve, automate, and even autonomously run their operational processes at a least cost, high efficiency, and low risk. The automation of predictive analytics—a subset of AI—is catching increasing attention. Since the dawn of the electronic commerce era, automated scoring boards based on statistical methods, such as logistic regressions, have been introduced to evaluate new entrants based on historic records, business background, and transaction attribution. After the data-mining and the machine learning eras, the following changes in payment systems have adjusted to the changes in the corresponding technologies.

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