

Digital Lending Transformation Through Real Time Artificial Intelligence Based Credit Analytics

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ABSTRACT

The global banking and financial services sector has entered a phase of unprecedented transformation driven by the convergence of artificial intelligence, big data analytics, and digital lending infrastructures. Credit risk evaluation, which historically relied on slow, manual, and statistically rigid models, has increasingly become automated, adaptive, and real time. The emergence of algorithmic credit scoring systems integrated into loan platforms has not merely improved operational efficiency but has redefined the epistemology of risk itself. This research article develops a comprehensive theoretical and analytical examination of real time credit scoring and artificial intelligence driven risk analytics, situating these developments within broader institutional, technological, and behavioral frameworks that govern modern banking ecosystems. Drawing upon a multidisciplinary body of literature from financial technology, information systems, behavioral science, and regulatory studies, the article advances a coherent framework for understanding how artificial intelligence reshapes the meaning, measurement, and governance of creditworthiness.

The study is grounded in the growing body of scholarship that recognizes real time decision engines as a structural break from traditional credit risk models. In particular, the work by Modadugu, Venkata, and Venkata (2025) provides a foundational lens by demonstrating how streaming data architectures and artificial intelligence can transform loan approval systems from retrospective evaluators into predictive, continuously learning agents. Building on this perspective, the present article argues that algorithmic credit scoring is not simply a technological innovation but a socio technical reconfiguration of financial power, inclusion, and accountability. Through extensive theoretical elaboration, the article integrates acceptance models, organizational behavior theories, and machine learning frameworks to show how artificial intelligence based credit systems operate simultaneously as computational tools, institutional mechanisms, and social arbiters.

The discussion extends this analysis by situating real time credit scoring within broader debates on automation, technological trust, and financial regulation. By comparing contrasting scholarly positions, the article demonstrates that artificial intelligence driven lending systems embody both emancipatory and exclusionary potentials. On one hand, they can democratize access to credit by leveraging alternative data and continuous learning. On the other hand, they risk entrenching algorithmic opacity and structural bias if not properly governed, as warned by Gupta, Parra, and Dennehy (2022). The article concludes by articulating a future research agenda that emphasizes explainable artificial intelligence, hybrid human machine decision frameworks, and cross cultural analyses of algorithmic trust.

In sum, this research offers an original, deeply elaborated contribution to the understanding of artificial intelligence in credit risk management by synthesizing technological, behavioral, and institutional perspectives into a unified analytical narrative.

KEYWORDS

Artificial intelligence in banking, real time credit scoring, financial technology platforms, algorithmic risk management, technology acceptance, digital lending systems

INTRODUCTION

The contemporary financial system is undergoing a transformation that is both structural and epistemic, driven by the integration of artificial intelligence into the core mechanisms through which creditworthiness is assessed and financial risk is managed. For more than a century, banking institutions have relied on relatively static models of credit evaluation, often based on historical financial statements, collateral valuation, and standardized credit bureau scores. These approaches, while statistically grounded, were inherently retrospective, slow, and limited in their capacity to capture the dynamic and multifaceted nature of borrower behavior. The rise of digital platforms, mobile banking, and data intensive financial services has fundamentally altered this landscape, creating both the technological infrastructure and the economic imperative for real time, algorithmically driven credit risk assessment (Assef and Steiner, 2020).

Artificial intelligence has emerged as the central enabling force in this transformation, allowing financial institutions to process vast volumes of structured and unstructured data, detect subtle behavioral patterns, and update risk profiles continuously rather than episodically. In this context, real time credit scoring represents not merely an incremental improvement over traditional methods but a qualitative shift in how financial institutions conceptualize and operationalize risk. The work of Modadugu, Venkata, and Venkata (2025) is particularly instructive in this regard, as it demonstrates how the integration of artificial intelligence with streaming data architectures enables loan platforms to perform continuous risk assessment, adjusting credit decisions in response to real time changes in borrower behavior and market conditions. This model of adaptive credit intelligence challenges the foundational assumption of conventional banking that risk can be adequately measured through periodic snapshots of financial status.

The significance of this shift extends far beyond technical efficiency. Credit scoring systems function as gatekeepers to economic opportunity, determining who can access loans, at what price, and under what conditions. As such, the move toward algorithmic, real time decision making has profound implications for financial inclusion, consumer protection, and the distribution of economic power. Scholars have increasingly recognized that artificial intelligence in banking must be analyzed not only as a computational tool but as a socio technical system embedded within organizational cultures, regulatory frameworks, and societal values (Hassan et al., 2023). The adoption of real time credit scoring thus raises critical questions about transparency, accountability, and trust, particularly in contexts where algorithmic decisions can be difficult for both customers and regulators to interpret.

The theoretical foundation for understanding these dynamics draws on several interrelated streams of research. Technology acceptance models have long been used to explain how individuals and organizations adopt new digital systems, emphasizing perceived usefulness, ease of use, and trust as key determinants of adoption behavior (Ghazizadeh et al., 2012; Khatri et al., 2020). In the context of artificial intelligence driven credit systems, these constructs take on new dimensions, as users must not only learn to interact with complex interfaces but also to trust opaque algorithmic processes that may challenge their intuitive understanding of fairness and rationality. Dwivedi and Kochhar (2023) highlight that in the Indian banking sector, employee attitudes toward artificial intelligence are shaped by a combination of perceived efficiency gains and concerns about job displacement and ethical risk, a tension that is equally relevant in global banking contexts.

At the organizational level, the implementation of artificial intelligence in risk management intersects with broader strategic and governance considerations. Banks operate within highly regulated environments, where compliance with prudential standards, data protection laws, and anti discrimination regulations is paramount. The deployment of machine learning models in credit scoring must therefore be aligned with regulatory expectations regarding explainability and auditability, even as these models derive their predictive power from complex, non linear relationships that resist simple interpretation (Kim et al., 2020). The tension between predictive accuracy and regulatory transparency represents one of the central dilemmas of contemporary financial technology, shaping both technological design and institutional policy.

From a methodological perspective, the study of artificial intelligence in credit risk management has increasingly relied on advanced statistical and structural modeling techniques to capture the multidimensional nature of technology adoption and performance. Partial least squares structural equation modeling has become a prominent tool in this domain, enabling researchers to analyze complex causal relationships among latent constructs such as trust, perceived risk, organizational readiness, and system effectiveness (Hair et al., 2017; Hair et al., 2021). These methods provide a robust framework for integrating behavioral, technological, and performance variables, which is essential for understanding how real time credit scoring systems function in practice.

Despite the growing body of literature on artificial intelligence in banking, significant gaps remain in the theoretical integration of real time credit scoring with broader models of risk governance and organizational behavior. Many studies focus either on the technical

performance of machine learning models or on user attitudes toward automation, but few offer a comprehensive synthesis that connects these perspectives into a coherent explanatory framework. Moreover, much of the existing research treats credit scoring as a discrete process rather than as a continuous, adaptive system embedded within digital loan platforms. The framework proposed by Modadugu et al. (2025) provides an important starting point for addressing this gap, but further theoretical elaboration is needed to fully understand how real time data processing reshapes the institutional logic of lending.

The present article seeks to address this gap by developing an integrative analysis of artificial intelligence driven credit scoring that encompasses technological architecture, organizational adoption, and socio regulatory implications. By synthesizing insights from financial technology research, technology acceptance theory, and risk management literature, this study aims to provide a comprehensive account of how real time credit intelligence transforms the meaning and practice of creditworthiness in modern banking. In doing so, it contributes not only to academic debates but also to practical discussions among policymakers, bank executives, and technology developers who must navigate the opportunities and risks of algorithmic lending.

The importance of such an integrative approach is underscored by the rapid expansion of digital lending platforms, particularly in emerging and middle income economies where traditional banking infrastructure has often been limited. Machine learning based credit scoring has been shown to enable micro credit and small business lending by leveraging alternative data sources such as mobile phone usage, e commerce activity, and social media behavior (Ampountolas et al., 2021). These innovations have the potential to promote financial inclusion, but they also raise concerns about data privacy, surveillance, and the reproduction of social inequalities through algorithmic bias, as emphasized by Gupta et al. (2022). Understanding these tradeoffs requires a theoretical framework that goes beyond narrow measures of predictive accuracy to encompass ethical and institutional dimensions of artificial intelligence.

In light of these considerations, the central research objective of this article is to develop a theoretically grounded, empirically informed analysis of real time credit scoring and risk analysis in artificial intelligence enabled loan platforms. By systematically integrating the diverse strands of literature referenced in this study, the article seeks to answer three interrelated questions. First, how does artificial intelligence transform the technical and organizational processes through which credit risk is assessed in real time? Second, how do users and institutions perceive, adopt, and govern these

systems within complex regulatory and cultural contexts? Third, what are the broader implications of algorithmic credit scoring for financial inclusion, fairness, and systemic stability?

Addressing these questions requires not only a review of existing empirical findings but also a deep engagement with the theoretical assumptions that underlie them. The following sections therefore move beyond descriptive summaries to develop a critical, multi layered analysis of artificial intelligence in credit risk management. The methodology section outlines the conceptual and analytical framework used to integrate insights from different research traditions. The results section presents a descriptive and interpretive synthesis of key findings from the literature, while the discussion elaborates their theoretical and practical implications in depth. Together, these sections aim to provide a comprehensive and original contribution to the scholarly understanding of real time credit intelligence in the digital age.

METHODOLOGY

The methodological orientation of this research is rooted in the recognition that artificial intelligence driven credit scoring and real time risk analysis constitute a complex socio technical phenomenon that cannot be adequately captured through single method empirical designs. Instead, this study adopts a theoretically informed synthesis methodology that integrates conceptual, empirical, and methodological insights from the diverse body of literature on financial technology, technology acceptance, and algorithmic risk management. Such an approach is particularly appropriate in contexts where the research object, namely real time artificial intelligence based credit systems, is itself a hybrid of computational architectures, organizational practices, and regulatory frameworks, as emphasized in contemporary banking research (Hassan et al., 2023).

At the core of this methodology lies the interpretive synthesis of peer reviewed studies that examine different dimensions of artificial intelligence in banking, including predictive modeling, user acceptance, governance, and ethical risk. Rather than aggregating numerical effect sizes or performing meta analytic calculations, which would require standardized quantitative measures that are rarely available across heterogeneous studies, this research employs a narrative and conceptual integration strategy. This approach allows for the identification of recurring patterns, theoretical convergences, and critical tensions across the literature, while preserving the contextual richness of individual studies. Such interpretive synthesis is well suited to emerging research domains characterized by rapid technological change and conceptual diversity, as is the case with real time credit scoring systems (Hair et al., 2019).

The analytical framework guiding this synthesis draws heavily on established models from information systems and organizational research, particularly the technology acceptance model and partial least squares structural equation modeling traditions. The technology acceptance model provides a foundational lens for understanding how users, both employees and customers, perceive and interact with artificial intelligence systems in banking contexts (Ghazizadeh et al., 2012; Khatri et al., 2020). Constructs such as perceived usefulness, perceived ease of use, and trust are used as conceptual anchors for interpreting empirical findings on employee attitudes, customer adoption, and institutional readiness for algorithmic decision making. Dwivedi and Kochhar (2023) demonstrate the relevance of these constructs in the Indian banking sector, but their applicability extends to global contexts, where similar psychological and organizational dynamics shape the adoption of artificial intelligence.

Partial least squares structural equation modeling, as elaborated by Hair et al. (2017) and Hair et al. (2021), provides a complementary methodological perspective by offering a way to conceptualize the causal relationships among multiple latent variables in complex systems. Although this study does not perform original statistical modeling, it draws on the logic of PLS SEM to structure its theoretical analysis. Specifically, the relationships among technological capabilities, organizational attitudes, regulatory constraints, and performance outcomes are treated as interconnected components of a broader structural model of artificial intelligence adoption in credit risk management. This allows for a nuanced interpretation of how changes in one domain, such as data processing speed or model explainability, can propagate through the system to affect user trust, compliance, and financial performance.

The integration of machine learning and credit scoring literature forms another crucial pillar of the methodology. Studies on micro credit scoring, bankruptcy prediction, and consumer creditworthiness provide detailed insights into the technical architectures and predictive capabilities of artificial intelligence systems (Jayanthi et al., 2011; Ampountolas et al., 2021; Aniceto et al., 2020). These works are analyzed not merely as technical artifacts but as components of a broader socio technical assemblage, in which algorithmic design choices reflect and shape institutional priorities and regulatory constraints. The framework proposed by Modadugu et al. (2025) is particularly central to this analysis, as it articulates a model of real time credit intelligence that integrates streaming data, machine learning, and loan platform architecture into a unified operational system.

To ensure analytical rigor and reduce the risk of interpretive bias, the study draws on established principles for evaluating research quality in structural

and behavioral studies. The criteria developed by Fornell and Larcker (1981) for assessing construct validity and reliability, as well as the guidelines for measurement model quality articulated by Hair et al. (2020), are used as reference points for evaluating the robustness of the empirical findings discussed in this article. Although these criteria are traditionally applied in quantitative modeling, their underlying logic of construct clarity, discriminant validity, and explanatory power is equally relevant in qualitative and interpretive synthesis, where the goal is to integrate findings from studies that may operationalize key concepts in different ways.

The issue of common method bias, which arises when data on multiple variables are collected from the same source using similar measurement instruments, is also considered in the evaluation of the literature (Jordan and Troth, 2020). Many studies on employee attitudes toward artificial intelligence, for example, rely on self reported survey data, which may be influenced by social desirability or organizational pressure. By triangulating these findings with technical performance studies and regulatory analyses, the present research seeks to mitigate the impact of such biases and to develop a more balanced understanding of artificial intelligence adoption in banking.

A further methodological consideration concerns the ethical and cultural dimensions of algorithmic credit scoring. The literature on bias and fairness in artificial intelligence highlights the importance of considering how national culture, organizational values, and historical inequalities shape both data inputs and algorithmic outputs (Gupta et al., 2022). In response, this study adopts a culturally sensitive interpretive lens, recognizing that the implications of real time credit scoring may vary across regions and institutional contexts. While the primary focus is on general theoretical and practical dynamics, examples from diverse financial ecosystems, including emerging markets and developed economies, are incorporated to illustrate the global relevance of the analysis.

The limitations of this methodological approach must also be acknowledged. As a synthesis of existing research rather than an original empirical study, the article is constrained by the scope, quality, and availability of published literature. Rapid technological developments in artificial intelligence and financial technology mean that empirical findings can become outdated quickly, and regulatory frameworks continue to evolve in response to new risks and opportunities. Nevertheless, by grounding the analysis in well established theoretical models and by integrating a broad range of contemporary studies, the research aims to provide a robust and enduring conceptual framework for understanding real time credit scoring in artificial intelligence enabled loan platforms (Hassan et al., 2023; Modadugu et al., 2025).

In sum, the methodology of this study is designed to capture the complexity and dynamism of artificial intelligence driven credit risk management through a theoretically informed, critically reflective synthesis of the literature. By combining insights from technology acceptance theory, structural modeling traditions, and machine learning research, the article provides a comprehensive analytical foundation for the results and discussion that follow.

RESULTS

The interpretive synthesis of the literature reveals a set of interrelated patterns that characterize the implementation and impact of artificial intelligence driven real time credit scoring in modern loan platforms. These patterns can be understood as structural transformations in how risk is identified, evaluated, and managed within financial institutions, as well as behavioral shifts in how employees and customers interact with algorithmic systems. Consistent with the framework articulated by Modadugu, Venkata, and Venkata (2025), the most salient result is the emergence of continuous, data driven credit intelligence that replaces periodic, document based assessment with real time behavioral monitoring.

One of the most significant findings across the literature is that machine learning based credit scoring systems consistently outperform traditional statistical models in terms of predictive accuracy and adaptability. Studies on consumer creditworthiness and micro credit scoring demonstrate that algorithms trained on large, diverse datasets can identify nonlinear relationships and subtle patterns that are invisible to conventional regression based approaches (Aniceto et al., 2020; Ampountolas et al., 2021). This enhanced predictive power translates into more precise risk differentiation, enabling lenders to price credit more accurately and to extend loans to borrowers who would have been excluded under rigid scoring rules. The real time dimension of these systems further amplifies this effect by allowing risk profiles to be updated continuously as new data becomes available, a capability that is central to the model proposed by Modadugu et al. (2025).

At the organizational level, the literature indicates that the adoption of real time artificial intelligence systems is associated with significant changes in risk management practices and decision making structures. Gautam (2023) and Hassan et al. (2023) report that banks implementing advanced analytics and machine learning experience improvements in fraud detection, default prediction, and regulatory reporting efficiency. These performance gains are not merely technical but are mediated by organizational factors such as employee attitudes, management support, and data governance structures. Dwivedi and Kochhar (2023) find that positive employee perceptions of artificial intelligence,

particularly regarding its usefulness and reliability, are strongly associated with successful implementation in the banking sector, suggesting that human trust remains a critical component of algorithmic effectiveness.

The results also highlight a recurring tension between automation and explainability in artificial intelligence based credit systems. While complex machine learning models, such as deep neural networks, offer superior predictive performance, they often operate as opaque black boxes that resist straightforward interpretation (Kim et al., 2020). This opacity poses challenges for regulatory compliance, as financial institutions are typically required to provide reasons for credit decisions and to demonstrate that their processes are free from unlawful discrimination. The literature suggests that banks are increasingly investing in explainable artificial intelligence techniques to reconcile these competing demands, but the tradeoff between transparency and accuracy remains a persistent issue (Hassan et al., 2023).

From the perspective of customers and society, the results reveal both opportunities and risks associated with real time credit scoring. On one hand, the use of alternative data sources and adaptive algorithms can enhance financial inclusion by providing credit access to individuals and small businesses with limited traditional credit histories (Ampountolas et al., 2021). On the other hand, concerns about data privacy, surveillance, and algorithmic bias are widespread, particularly when sensitive behavioral data are used to make high stakes financial decisions (Gupta et al., 2022). These concerns are not merely ethical but have practical implications for customer trust and regulatory oversight, which in turn affect the sustainability of artificial intelligence driven lending models.

In summary, the results of this synthesis indicate that real time artificial intelligence based credit scoring represents a powerful but complex innovation in financial risk management. Its technical advantages in prediction and adaptability are well documented, but its successful deployment depends on a delicate balance between automation, human oversight, transparency, and ethical governance, as emphasized in both empirical and conceptual studies across the literature (Modadugu et al., 2025; Dwivedi and Kochhar, 2023).

DISCUSSION

The findings presented in the results section provide a rich foundation for a deeper theoretical and critical discussion of real time artificial intelligence driven credit scoring in contemporary banking. At its core, this phenomenon represents a reconfiguration of the epistemological basis of credit risk, shifting from static, document based representations of borrower reliability to dynamic, data intensive, and probabilistic models of behavior. This shift has profound implications not only

for how banks operate but also for how economic opportunity, trust, and accountability are constructed in digital financial ecosystems (Modadugu et al., 2025).

From a theoretical perspective, the move toward real time credit intelligence can be understood through the lens of socio technical systems theory, which emphasizes the co evolution of technology, organizational practices, and institutional norms. Artificial intelligence algorithms do not simply replace human judgment; they embed particular assumptions, values, and power relations into the technical infrastructure of lending. The selection of data sources, the design of model architectures, and the criteria for risk thresholds all reflect organizational priorities and regulatory constraints, shaping the outcomes of algorithmic decisions in ways that are not always transparent to end users (Hassan et al., 2023).

The technology acceptance literature provides a useful framework for interpreting how these systems are perceived and adopted within organizations. According to Ghazizadeh et al. (2012) and Khatri et al. (2020), perceived usefulness and ease of use are key determinants of user acceptance, but in the context of artificial intelligence, these constructs are intertwined with trust and perceived risk. Employees must trust that algorithmic recommendations are reliable and fair, while also understanding enough about their operation to feel comfortable relying on them. Dwivedi and Kochhar (2023) show that in banking environments, where decisions have significant financial and reputational consequences, even small doubts about algorithmic integrity can undermine adoption, regardless of technical performance.

This tension between technical capability and human trust is further complicated by issues of transparency and explainability. As Kim et al. (2020) argue, the opacity of many machine learning models challenges traditional notions of accountability in decision support systems. In credit scoring, where customers have legal and moral claims to understand why they were approved or denied a loan, the inability to provide clear explanations can erode trust and invite regulatory scrutiny. The literature suggests that explainable artificial intelligence is not merely a technical add on but a central requirement for the legitimate integration of algorithms into financial governance structures (Hassan et al., 2023).

Another critical dimension of the discussion concerns the ethical and social implications of real time credit scoring. Gupta et al. (2022) demonstrate that algorithmic recommendations can reflect and amplify existing social biases, particularly when training data encode historical inequalities related to race, gender, or socioeconomic status. In a real time system, where models continuously learn from new data, these biases can become self reinforcing, creating feedback loops that systematically

disadvantage certain groups. This raises fundamental questions about fairness and justice in algorithmic lending, challenging the assumption that data driven systems are inherently objective or neutral (Modadugu et al., 2025).

At the same time, it is important to recognize the emancipatory potential of artificial intelligence in credit risk management. By leveraging alternative data and adaptive learning, real time credit scoring systems can identify creditworthy borrowers who have been excluded by traditional metrics, thereby promoting financial inclusion and economic development (Ampountolas et al., 2021). This dual character of algorithmic lending, as both a tool of empowerment and a potential mechanism of exclusion, underscores the need for careful governance and ongoing empirical research.

Regulatory frameworks play a crucial role in mediating these dynamics. Financial authorities around the world are grappling with how to oversee artificial intelligence driven decision systems that evolve rapidly and operate at scale. Requirements for model validation, data protection, and non discrimination impose constraints on how banks can design and deploy real time credit platforms, but they also provide essential safeguards for consumers and the financial system as a whole (Hassan et al., 2023). The challenge for regulators is to strike a balance between encouraging innovation and preventing harm, a task made more complex by the technical sophistication and opacity of modern machine learning models.

In light of these considerations, the theoretical contribution of this article lies in its integration of technological, behavioral, and institutional perspectives on artificial intelligence in credit risk management. By building on the real time credit intelligence framework of Modadugu et al. (2025) and situating it within broader models of technology acceptance and socio technical governance, the study provides a holistic account of how algorithmic lending systems function and why they matter. This integrated perspective is essential for both scholars and practitioners who seek to understand not only whether artificial intelligence works in banking but how and under what conditions it can be deployed responsibly and effectively.

Future research should build on this framework by conducting empirical studies that examine the long term effects of real time credit scoring on financial inclusion, systemic risk, and consumer trust across different cultural and regulatory contexts. As artificial intelligence continues to evolve, so too must the theoretical and methodological tools used to study it, ensuring that the benefits of innovation are realized without compromising the fundamental values of fairness, transparency, and accountability that underpin

the legitimacy of financial institutions (Dwivedi and Kochhar, 2023; Hassan et al., 2023).

CONCLUSION

The integration of artificial intelligence into real time credit scoring and risk analysis represents one of the most significant transformations in modern banking. By enabling continuous, data driven assessment of borrower behavior, these systems redefine the meaning of creditworthiness and the operational logic of lending platforms. Grounded in the theoretical framework articulated by Modadugu, Venkata, and Venkata (2025) and enriched by a broad body of financial technology and organizational research, this article has demonstrated that algorithmic credit intelligence is both a powerful tool for efficiency and inclusion and a complex socio technical system that demands careful governance.

The analysis shows that the success of artificial intelligence driven credit systems depends not only on their predictive accuracy but also on their alignment with human trust, regulatory standards, and ethical principles. As banks and financial technology firms continue to deploy real time risk analytics, they must navigate the delicate balance between automation and accountability, innovation and fairness. By providing a comprehensive, theoretically grounded examination of these dynamics, this study contributes to a deeper understanding of how artificial intelligence can be harnessed to create more resilient, inclusive, and transparent financial systems.

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