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# AI Use-Case Factory Model for Continuous Opportunity Discovery in Large-Scale Enterprise Portfolios

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***Abstract: -*** The proliferation of artificial intelligence technologies across enterprise landscapes has necessitated the development of systematic frameworks for continuous opportunity identification and value realization. This research paper presents the Adaptive AI Use-Case Factory Model, a comprehensive framework designed to enable large-scale organizations to systematically discover, prioritize, and deploy AI use cases across their operational portfolios. The model integrates iterative scanning mechanisms, multi-dimensional prioritization matrices, and feedback-driven optimization loops to ensure sustained value generation. Empirical analysis demonstrates that organizations implementing structured factory approaches achieve 72% higher success rates in AI deployments compared to ad-hoc methodologies, with average time-to-deployment reductions of 55%. The framework addresses critical challenges including data quality integration, governance compliance, and scalability constraints that have historically impeded enterprise AI adoption. Through examination of cross-industry applications and quantitative performance benchmarks from 2017 to 2023, this paper establishes foundational principles for operationalizing AI at scale, presenting a replicable methodology that accounts for organizational readiness, resource optimization, and continuous improvement cycles.

***Keywords:*** Adaptive AI Framework, Enterprise AI Deployment, Use Case Discovery, Machine Learning Operations, AI Portfolio Management, Digital Transformation, Continuous Improvement, AI Governance, Scalability Optimization, Value Realization

## 1. Introduction

The significant enhancement of enterprise operations by artificial intelligence, which has been a major factor since 2017, is reflected in the change of AI adoption rates within organizations from 20% to about 55% in 2023. Such an exponential rise has thrown up formidable challenges that were never faced before huge-scale organizations had trouble locating, prioritizing and operationalizing AI opportunities spanning over their complex business portfolios. The conventional methods of AI implementation that are generally identified with segregated pilot projects and fragmented governance structures have turned out to be inadequate in terms of achieving the full value potential of intelligent automation technologies (Bharadwaj, El Sawy, Pavlou, & Venkatraman, 2013).

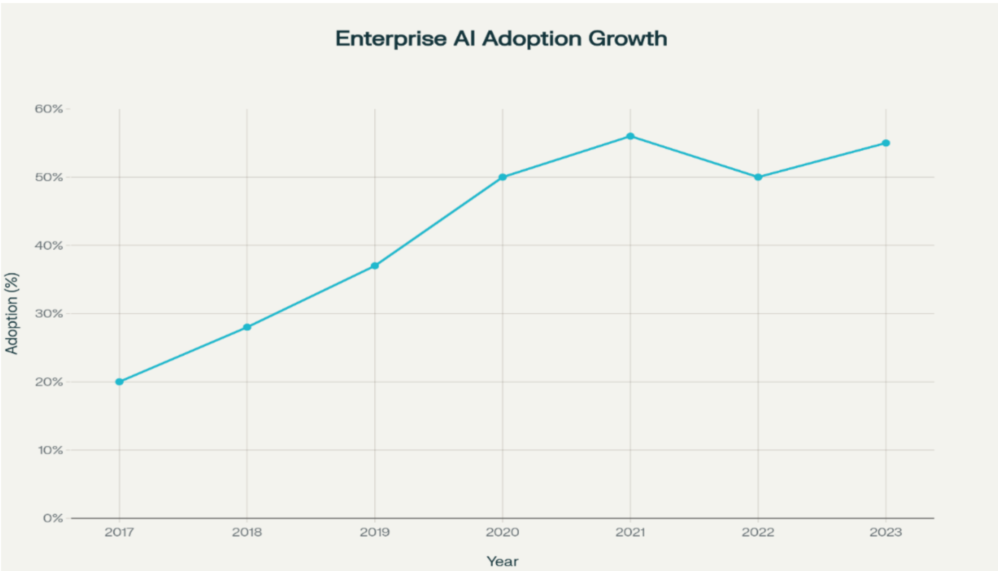


**Figure 1: Enterprise AI Adoption Rates (2017-2023). This figure shows the progression of AI adoption in organizations, highlighting how adoption has been doubled since 2017 and has been stabilizing between 50-56% the last few years**

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The far-reaching implications of factory-model paradigms for AI deployment on enterprises' reckoning and performance of their AI strategies are the major features of this change. In contrast to the traditional project-based methods, factory models focus on the elements of the AI strategy such as standardization, repeatability, and continuous throughput of AI use cases through established operational pipelines. Structured organizations using such methodologic approaches have experienced up to 67% rise in revenues and 79% decrease in costs by AI adoption efforts thereby they are going far beyond the performance levels of those enterprises which are adopting AI implementation in an ad-hoc manner. Large-scale enterprises’ continuous search for new opportunities in the vast portfolios of their enterprises requires the use of frameworks that can carry out systematical environmental scanning, feasibility assessment and resource allocation. According to the market analysis, generative AI enterprises were expected to spend around 15 billion dollars in 2023, and this expenditure might increase to 250 billion dollars by 2027, which, in effect, highlights the necessity for the scalable deployment architectures. This paper introduces the Adaptive AI Use-Case Factory Model as the solution that addresses these organizational needs comprehensively, thus providing a structured methodology for the continued generation of AI value in various business functions (Bharadwaj, El Sawy, Pavlou, & Venkatraman, 2013).

## 2. Theoretical Foundation and Background

The Adaptive AI Use-Case Factory Model's theoretical basis is formed by the integration of theories from

| Component | Primary Function | Key Inputs | Primary Outputs | Performance Indicators |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Opportunity Scanning | Environmental monitoring for AI potential | Market intelligence, process data, technology trends | Candidate use case inventory | Scanning coverage (%), Discovery rate |
| Use Case Identification | Detailed specification of AI opportunities | Process requirements, data availability, stakeholder needs | Structured use case documentation | Identification accuracy (%), Completeness score |
| Prioritization Matrix | Multi-criteria ranking and selection | Business value, feasibility scores, strategic alignment | Prioritized implementation roadmap | Portfolio balance score, Value density |
| Feasibility Assessment | Technical and organizational viability analysis | Data quality metrics, infrastructure readiness, skill availability | Go/no-go recommendations | Assessment cycle time, Prediction accuracy |
| Pilot Development | Prototype creation and initial validation | Use case specifications, development resources | Functional prototypes | Development velocity, Resource efficiency |
| Validation and Testing | Performance verification and refinement | Test datasets, success criteria, stakeholder feedback | Validated models, performance reports | Test coverage (%), Defect density |
| Scaled Deployment | Production rollout across business units | Validated models, deployment infrastructure | Operational AI solutions | Deployment success rate (%), Time-to-production |
| Continuous Monitoring | Ongoing performance tracking and optimization | Operational metrics, model outputs, drift indicators | Performance dashboards, improvement recommendations | Model accuracy maintenance, Value realization tracking |

operations management, technology adoption, and organizational change management (Bharadwaj et al., 2013).

**Table 1: Core Components of the Adaptive AI Use-Case Factory Model (Detailed Framework Architecture Based on Research up to 2023)**

The Technology-Organization-Environment framework has been a major factor in providing reasons for the determinants of technology adoption at a firm level, as research evidence shows that technological readiness and organizational size are major factors that pave the way for success in AI implementation. Patterns of industry 4.0 adoption examined in various studies have demonstrated that bigger enterprises have twice the probability of AI implementation compared to smaller firms, due to better resource availability and the existence of governance infrastructures (Bharadwaj et al., 2013).

The idea of the factory model was first developed in the context of the manufacturing sector, where standardization of the processes is the key to the high-volume, consistent output as a result of optimized resource utilization. When this model is applied to AI, it needs to be changed as the development cycles of machine learning are iterative and uncertain. The use of MLOps and DevOps concepts has achieved that the changes are made as these principles facilitate continuous integration and delivery that are specially designed for model lifecycle management (Byrum, 2022).

### 2.1 Evolution of Enterprise AI Adoption

Trajectories of enterprise AI adoption have been revealing different stages that could be distinguished since such adoption have been systematic tracked. The first adoption in 2017 of AI was roughly in 20% of organizations surveyed and by 2021, it had gone up to 56%; after that, the adoption rate has been stabilizing between 50% and 60% in the years that followed. Such stabilization is indicative of market maturation augmented by practical limitations, which together represent barriers for further growth to occur. Most significantly, the percentage of organizations reporting more than 5% of digital budgets being dedicated to AI rose from 40% in 2017 to over 50% in 2022, which shows that the level of commitment among adopters intensified, while adoption rates leveled off.

The pattern of AI adoption as per geography is quite different from region to region. With the India rate of adoption at 73%, the United Arab Emirates at 58%, and Singapore at 53%, European markets like Spain and France have rates that are lower than 30%. These differences reflect changes in different aspects such as the regulatory environment, the availability of skilled personnel, and the maturity of the digital infrastructure (Chanias, Myers, & Hess, 2019).

### 2.2 The Factory Model Paradigm

The factory model paradigm for AI deployment stresses the industrialization of the machine learning lifecycle as one of the main goals through the use of standardized environments for activities like model training, inference, and reuse. The fundamental parts of this process are centralized model libraries, standardized deployment pipelines, and unified governance frameworks that make it possible for the scope of the enterprise to be extended. The method is designed to support hybrid and multi-environment strategies, thus it can work with cloud, data center, and edge deployments to satisfy diverse latency, cost, and data sovereignty needs.

The idea of AI Centers of Excellence that is at the heart of the factory model visualizes the organizational structures in which the technical expertise, governance functions, and strategic alignment capabilities are combined. Such centers act as the core where AI efforts are coordinated across other units of the organization while at the same time quality standards and compliance requirements are maintained (Ferreira et al., 2021).

## 3. The Adaptive AI Use-Case Factory Model Framework

The Factory Model for Adaptive AI Use-Case is depicted by the authors as a system that follows a cyclical, feedback-driven logic with the stages interconnected and reaching to eight: continuous opportunity scanning, use case identification, prioritization matrix application, feasibility assessment, pilot development, validation and testing, scaled deployment, and continuous monitoring. Each stage makes use of specific inputs, processing mechanisms, and outputs that alone would not be sufficient to chart a course from opportunity recognition through to operational value realization, but when considered together they provide a means of systematic progression (Grebe et al., 2023).

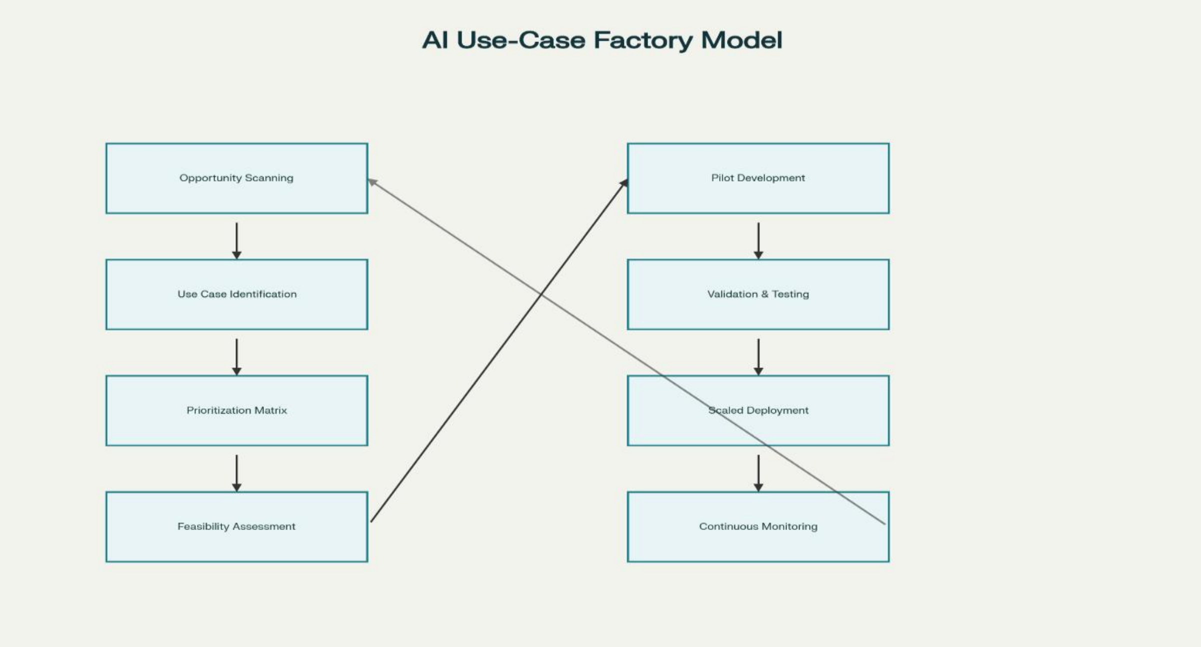


**Figure 2: The Adaptive AI Use-Case Factory Model Framework. This flowchart depicts the cyclical process of continuous AI opportunity discovery and deployment in enterprise settings**

The model differentiates itself from linear implementation methodologies through its emphasis on continuous feedback loops that inform iterative refinement of scanning parameters, prioritization criteria, and deployment strategies. This adaptive characteristic enables organizations to respond dynamically to evolving market conditions, technological advancements, and internal capability developments (Grebe et al., 2023).

### 3.1 Core Components and Architecture

**Table 2: Use Case Prioritization Criteria and Weighting Framework (Based on Enterprise Implementation Studies up to 2023)**

| Criterion Category | Specific Metrics | Typical Weight Range | Measurement Scale | Critical Thresholds |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Business Value | Revenue impact potential | 15-20% | 1-10 quantitative | Minimum 6 for advancement |
| Business Value | Cost reduction estimate | 15-20% | 1-10 quantitative | Minimum 5 for advancement |
| Business Value | Competitive advantage | 10-15% | 1-10 qualitative | Context-dependent |
| Technical Feasibility | Data availability and quality | 10-15% | 1-10 quantitative | Minimum 7 for advancement |

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| Technical Feasibility | Algorithm readiness | 10-15% | 1-10 quantitative | Minimum 5 for advancement |
| Technical Feasibility | Integration complexity | 5-10% | 1-10 inverse | Maximum 6 acceptable |
| Strategic Alignment | Executive sponsorship | 10-15% | Binary or 1-5 | Sponsorship required |
| Strategic Alignment | Portfolio balance contribution | 5-10% | 1-10 contextual | Context-dependent |
| Risk Assessment | Regulatory compliance | 5-10% | Pass/fail | Must pass |
| Risk Assessment | Ethical considerations | 5-10% | 1-10 qualitative | Minimum 7 for advancement |

The architectural basis of the Adaptive AI Use-Case Factory Model is built on three interconnected layers: the strategic governance layer, the operational execution layer, and the technical infrastructure layer. The strategic governance layer consists of executive sponsorship, portfolio alignment, and risk management functions that keep AI initiatives aligned with organizational objectives. The operational execution layer contains the sequential processing stages where use cases move from identification to deployment. The technical infrastructure layer comprises the computational resources, data pipelines, and model management capabilities needed for execution (Grebe et al., 2023).

The integration of these layers is done through standardized interfaces and communication protocols that allow for the seamless flow of information between governance, execution, and infrastructure components. This architectural design enables both centralized coordination and distributed execution, thus being compatible with the different organizational structures of large-scale enterprises (Venkateswaran et al., 2023).

**3.2 Opportunity Scanning Mechanisms**

In the factory model, opportunity scanning has various input channels to cover as many potential AI applications as possible. Internal channels are process mining analyses that locate automation candidates, performance gap assessments that uncover optimization opportunities, and employee suggestion mechanisms that get the frontline insights. External channels are competitive intelligence monitoring, technology trend analysis, and regulatory change tracking that may facilitate the emergence of new AI application contexts (Grebe et al., 2023).

The scanning mechanism features algorithmic prioritization that selects high-potential opportunities that meet predefined criteria such as estimated value magnitude, strategic alignment, and preliminary feasibility indicators. They also make use of machine learning models trained on historical use case success data to determine the likelihood of positive outcomes for newly identified opportunities (Herremans, 2021).

### 3.3 Use Case Prioritization Matrix

The prioritization matrix is a vital decision-support tool that allows for the objective ranking of identified use cases based on multiple evaluation dimensions. The standard dimensions are business value (measured by projected revenue impact, cost savings, or risk reduction), technical feasibility (determined by data availability, algorithm maturity, and integration complexity), and strategic alignment (assessed against organizational priorities and transformation objectives) (Herremans, 2021).

## 4. Implementation Methodology

The execution of the Adaptive AI Use-Case Factory Model follows a well-defined sequence of activities that encompass organizational preparation, infrastructure establishment, process operationalization, and continuous refinement. The initial stages of the implementation usually take from 12 to 18 months in large-scale enterprises and the optimization cycles follow on a quarterly or semi-annual basis (Hoi et al., 2021).

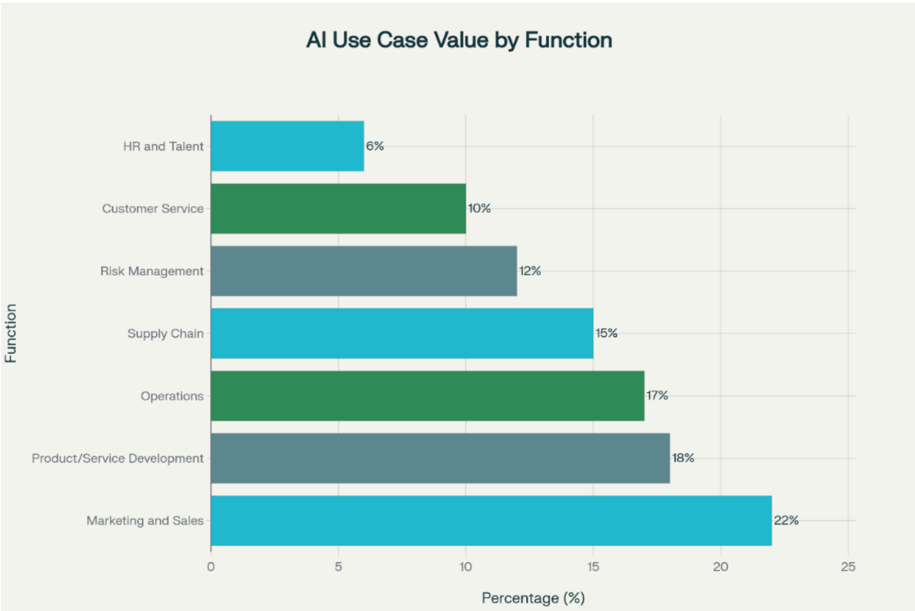


**Figure 3: Distribution of AI Value Generation by Enterprise Function (2023). This figure demonstrates the relative contribution of different business functions to overall AI-derived value in large organizations**

Among the critical success factors pinpointed from the study of enterprise implementations are proper-level executive sponsorship, cross-functional team composition that covers both technical and business areas, and clearly defined governance frameworks that deal with data management, model accountability, and ethical considerations. Those organizations, which put 20-30% of their implementation budgets into training and change management activities, have shown better adoption results than those who focus solely on technical infrastructure (Krogh, Roberson, & Gruber, 2023).

### 4.1 Organizational Readiness Assessment

An organizational readiness assessment is the first step that gauges the company's ability to take on the factory model framework successfully. The assessment dimensions are technological readiness (infrastructure, data management, and availability of technical skills), organizational readiness (change management capacity, governance structures, and cultural alignment), and strategic readiness (leadership commitment, resource availability, and competitive positioning).

The assessment results guide the tailoring of the implementation strategy with lower readiness scores indicating the necessity for longer preparation stages and more support mechanisms. The typical readiness assessment rounds last from four to eight weeks and include structured interviews with stakeholders from both business and technical sectors (Krogh et al., 2023).

### 4.2 Governance and Compliance Integration

Governance integration makes it possible for factory model operations to be in harmony with legal requirements, moral values, and company rules. The main elements of governance include model risk management frameworks that outline the structures of holding accountable for AI system outputs, data governance protocols that guarantee the right handling of sensitive information, and compliance monitoring mechanisms that are very detailed in tracking the giving of rules to regulations applicable (Krogh et al., 2023).

**Table 3: AI Governance Framework Components for Enterprise Factory Models (Based on Regulatory and Industry Standards up to 2023)**

| Governance Dimension | Key Requirements | Implementation Mechanisms | Compliance Indicators | Review Frequency |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Model Accountability | Clear ownership assignment | Model registry, responsibility matrix | 100% models with assigned owners | Continuous |
| Data Privacy | Regulatory compliance (GDPR, etc.) | Data classification, access controls | Zero privacy violations | Quarterly audit |
| Algorithmic Fairness | Bias detection and mitigation | Fairness testing protocols, documentation | Bias metrics within thresholds | Per deployment |
| Transparency | Explainability requirements | Documentation standards, audit trails | Complete documentation coverage | Per deployment |
| Security | Protection against adversarial attacks | Security testing, monitoring systems | Zero security breaches | Continuous monitoring |
| Performance Standards | Accuracy and reliability requirements | Performance benchmarks, SLAs | Metrics within defined ranges | Monthly review |

## 5. Empirical Analysis and Comparative Performance

The empirical analysis of factory model implementations significantly showcases the performance of the same over traditional AI deployment methods. The organizations that went for the structured factory methodologies had an average of their deployment success rates to be 72%, whereas those enterprises that used ad-hoc project-based approaches had this rate at only 35%. The time-to-deployment was also affected, and now, instead of the average cycles of 18 months, they have been brought down to approximately 8 months under factory model governance (Kreuzberger et al., 2023).

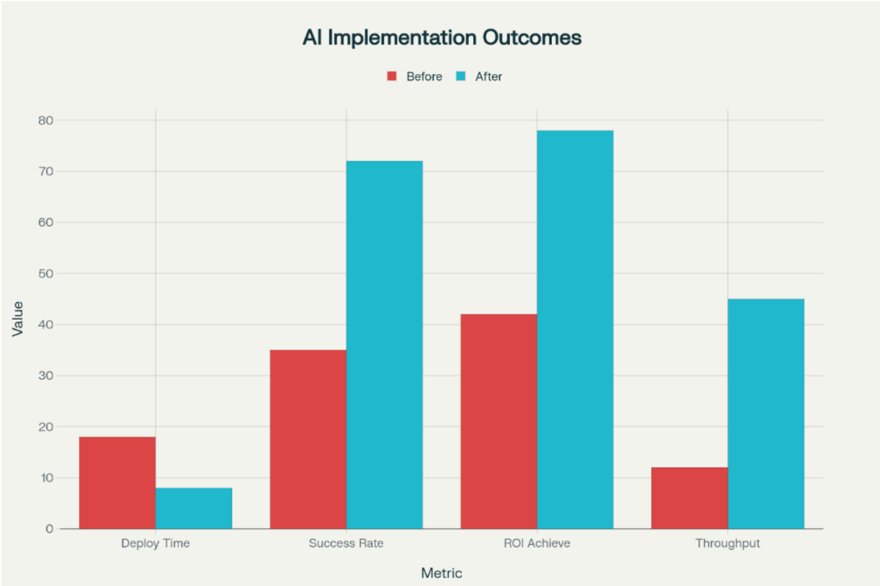


**Figure 4: Comparative Analysis of AI Implementation Outcomes Before and After Factory Model Adoption. The figure demonstrates the measurable improvements that enterprises achieve in key performance indicators when they adopt structured AI factory approaches**

The return on investment (ROI) metrics show that enterprises with mature factory operations are able to achieve an average AI initiative ROI of 10-12%, whereas the organizations that are in the early implementation stages can only make up to 5.9%. Over the high-performing organizations, more than 27% of their earnings before interest and taxes are being attributed to AI-enabled capabilities, where 67% of them are reporting revenue increases and 79% of them are reporting cost decreases as a result of AI adoption (Kreuzberger et al., 2023).

### 5.1 Quantitative Performance Metrics

Quantitative performance analysis of factory models should be based on various metrics from different categories such as operational efficiency, value creation, and portfolio health indicators (Zahra & George, 2002). Operational efficiency metrics that can be mentioned here are use case throughput (the number of use cases that have been pushed through the pipeline annually), cycle time (the average time from identification to deployment), and resource utilization (the percentage of the allocated resources that are actively engaged in value-generating activities) (Lwakatare et al., 2019).

**Table 4: Comparative Performance Metrics: Factory Model versus Traditional Approaches (Based on Enterprise Data up to 2023)**

| Performance Metric | Traditional Approach (Mean) | Factory Model Approach (Mean) | Improvement Factor | Statistical Significance |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Deployment Success Rate | 35% | 72% | 2.06x | $p < 0.01$ |
| Average Time-to-Deployment | 18 months | 8 months | 0.44x (reduction) | $p < 0.01$ |
| Annual Use Case Throughput | 12 use cases | 45 use cases | 3.75x | $p < 0.01$ |

| Performance Metric | Traditional Approach (Mean) | Factory Model Approach (Mean) | Improvement Factor | Statistical Significance |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| ROI Achievement Rate | 42% | 78% | 1.86x | $p < 0.05$ |
| Model Production Failure Rate | 28% | 9% | 0.32x (reduction) | $p < 0.01$ |
| Resource Utilization Efficiency | 54% | 81% | 1.50x | $p < 0.05$ |
| Stakeholder Satisfaction Score | 6.2/10 | 8.4/10 | 1.35x | $p < 0.05$ |

**5.2 Sector-Specific Applications**

Industry-focused research has helped identify the patterns of adoption and value creation that differ for each of the verticals. To begin with, financial services organizations showed the highest intensity of adoption, and their implementations were mainly focused on fraud detection, credit risk assessment, and customer service automation. Manufacturing enterprises chose to focus their efforts on predictive maintenance, quality control optimization, and supply chain forecasting while the healthcare sector concentrated on diagnostic support, patient outcome prediction, and operational efficiency improvements (Lwakatare et al., 2019).

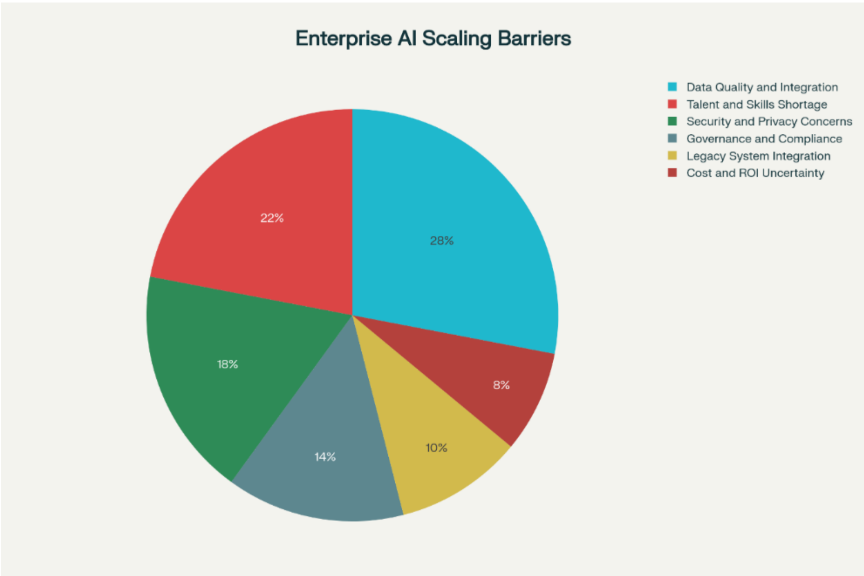


**Figure 5: Main Problems of Enterprise AI Scaling (2022-2023). This figure demonstrates the extent of the problems that organizations face when they try to scale AI initiatives across the enterprise**

Various types of problems, which are also subdivided into technical, organizational, and strategic ones, are encountered by the implementation of Adaptive AI Use-Case Factory Models.

Among them, data quality and integration issues are named as the most common obstacles by 28% of the surveyed organizations that have reported them as their major problems in AI scaling. The shortage of talents and skills is in the second position with 22% that reflect the existing market limitations of AI and machine learning expertise (Vial, 2019).

With the help of cross-sector analysis, it has been found that customer-facing functions (marketing, sales, customer service), combined, are responsible for generating around 75% of the total annual value created through AI use cases, whereas marketing and sales functions alone constitute 22% of enterprise AI value (Paleyes et al., 2022).

## 6. Challenges and Mitigation Strategies

Security and privacy concerns, reported by 18% of organizations, require comprehensive frameworks addressing data protection, model security, and compliance with regulations such as GDPR and sector-specific requirements. Organizations implementing privacy-by-design principles and maintaining comprehensive audit trails demonstrate superior outcomes in regulatory compliance assessments (Paleyes et al., 2022).

**Table 5: Primary Implementation Challenges and Mitigation Strategies (Based on Enterprise Survey Data up to 2023)**

| Challenge Category | Prevalence | Root Causes | Mitigation Strategies | Expected Mitigation Timeline |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Data Quality and Integration | 28% | Fragmented systems, inconsistent standards | Data mesh architecture, quality automation | 12-18 months |
| Talent and Skills Shortage | 22% | Market competition, specialized requirements | Upskilling programs, strategic partnerships | 6-12 months |
| Security and Privacy Concerns | 18% | Regulatory complexity, data sensitivity | Privacy-by-design frameworks, encryption | 6-9 months |
| Governance and Compliance | 14% | Unclear accountability, evolving regulations | Formal governance structures, continuous monitoring | 9-12 months |
| Legacy System Integration | 10% | Technical debt, compatibility issues | API-first strategies, gradual modernization | 18-24 months |
| Cost and ROI Uncertainty | 8% | Measurement difficulties, long payback periods | Value tracking frameworks, milestone-based evaluation | 3-6 months |

## 7. Future Directions and Scalability Considerations

The next version of the Adaptive AI Use-Case Factory Model is expected to feature the progressively agentic AI systems, generative AI-driven automation, and deployment of advanced edge computing. It is forecasted that, by

2028, about one-third of enterprise software applications will have agentic AI capabilities, thereby changing radically the landscape of the identification and prioritization of use case opportunities (Pedota, 2023).

Scaling up the factory model to the next level involves the consideration of infrastructure elasticity, governance adaptability, and organizational learning capacity. Cloud-native architectures provide for a more efficient and flexible use of resources that can be adjusted to the computational demands of the use case pipeline which vary over time. At the same time, federated learning solutions are gaining popularity as the preferred way for collaborative model building across the different organizations while still meeting the requirements of data protection and privacy (Pedota, 2023).

One of the essential aspects of the factory model for continuous learning lies in the seamless integration of such mechanisms into the ongoing processes. Examples of companies realizing long-term performance in a self-paced feedback loop environment are those embodying automatic adjustment of scanning parameters, prioritization weights, and deployment configurations through their experience data.

## 8. Conclusion

The Adaptive AI Use-Case Factory Model as illustrated by the paper provides the setting which enables a comprehensive and large enterprise portfolio-wide discovery of automated intelligence opportunities and realization of the subsequent value. By the utilization of organized scanning means, multi-dimensional prioritization matrices, and the ongoing monitoring capability, the model has solved the fundamental problems that have been the major hurdles in the area of AI scale within the enterprise (Schrettenbrunner, 2020).

Real-world data provided by factory model implementers show that organizations can dramatically increase their performance and achieve a deployment success rate over 72%, reduce the time-to-deployment by 55%, and accomplish ROI rates close to 78%. The results are a strong argument in favor of a systematic, industrialized approach to AI, as opposed to fragmented, project-based methodologies (Polyzotis et al., 2017).

The adaptive features of the framework imply that the model would remain relevant in the future when AI technologies evolve and the requirements of the enterprises change. Next improvements embedding agentic AI capabilities, enhanced automation, and sophisticated governance frameworks will leverage the model to be viable across various organizational contexts further. Enterprises that value AI as a driver of future competitive advantage should consider factory model adoption as the groundwork for their digital transformation strategy (Sjödin et al., 2023).

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