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Intelligent Continuous Integration and Delivery for Banking Systems using Machine Learning Driven Risk Detection with Real World Deployment Evaluation

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Abstract: The pressures to keep this system reliable while increasing the software release cycles have never been greater in the banking sector. This study explores the incorporation of risk detection mechanisms utilizing machine learning into CI/CD pipelines for banking systems. It focuses on how deployment safety for financial institutions can be improved and operational risks reduced via balance using various artificial intelligence techniques as it addresses the question that concerns authorities and the general public: due to the fact that financial institutions are subject to highly regulated and risk-averse environments, how can regulatory compliance be enforced and achieved with the use of artificial intelligence? We used a mixed-method approach integrating a quantitative analysis of deployment metrics and qualitative analysis of risk patterns across multiple banks. This hypothesis stated that machine learning methods should be able to use little to no deployment failures and should be less vulnerable to security issues than traditional methods. In results, there was a 67% reduction in production incidents, 82% increase in risk prediction accuracy, and 45% improvement in deployment cycles. The ML-driven risk scores were statistically associated with the actual deployment outcomes. These results demonstrate that smart CI/CD systems can significantly improve banking workflows without compromising on code security. This research provides valuable frameworks for deploying AI-driven deployment strategies at scale at what framework(AI) in regulated financial environments as well as providing insights for digital transformation initiatives.

Keywords: Continuous Integration, Machine Learning, Risk Detection, Banking Systems, Deployment Automation.

1. Introduction

The digital transformation of the banking systems calls for the ability to deploy software rapidly without compromising on security, reliability & regulatory compliance. Banking institutions have historically followed slow, human-led approaches and long review processes as best practices for software development and deployment, causing deployment cycles of weeks or months. Yet, banking has never felt such pressure to go faster, as the current competitive environment means innovation cycles need to be brought closer together, forcing banks to think about continuous integration and continuous delivery (CI/CD) practices that were once limited to tech-native businesses. Artificial Intelligence and machine learning have firstly gained great ground in Banking, thereafter, impacting almost all the domains such as credit analysis, fraud detection, and customer service. As Rahman et al. Hence, as evidenced by (2023), the use of AI technologies in banking services is at the tipping point, whereby service adoption becomes empirical, that not only process efficiency is gained, but also user process delivery improvements. Pivotal will perform the trick using their Cloud Foundry service, which banks can subscribe to individually. Using CI/CD practices, organizations can deliver software changes more frequently and reliably with the help of automated testing, integration, and deployment processes. Yet the challenges of applying these practices in banking environments are different - with ever-present regulatory requirements, complexities in integrating with legacy systems, and production failures already spelled catastrophe. Financial services is a highly regulated industry, one which requires a full audit trail, documented change management, and risk assessment processes — none of which can be adequately handled by traditional CI/CD tools.

Machine learning is the panacea which addresses these challenges with intelligent risk detection for complex patterns in code changes, deployment records, system configurations, and operational metrics. ML-based systems have a better ability to predict likelihood of risk in deployment than traditional rule-based systems, allowing banking institutions to speed up cycles of deployment without sacrificing either stability or system security. AI has shown potential in optimizing decision-making and improving operational risk in banking operations (Sadok et al., 2022). CI/CD practices, when combined with machine learning, open up exciting possibilities for building smart deployment systems that can automatically evaluate riskiness, suggest deployment strategies, and even anticipate failures before they actually happen in production systems. These systems are a big step forward compared to classical deployment methodologies, which are based on strong human judgment and laborious validation steps. This highlights the need for research to explore the different approaches used in implementing artificial intelligence applications in the commercial bank, as there is still little understanding about (Königstorfer and Thalmann, 2020), the importance of behavioral factors and organizational readiness in implementing artificial intelligence applications in commercial banks.

We fill an important gap in the potential application of machine learning inside the continuous integration/continuous deployment (CI/CD) pipelines for banks, the failure in CI/CD pipelines can lead to severe consequences such as financial losses, regulatory fines, and damaged reputation. The article explores practical use cases: what is the difference in terms of ML-based risk detection compared to classic ways, and what factors define successful implementation [14]. This is neither an academic exercise nor a parlor game; banks armed with these frameworks can have an easier time evolving their software deployment capabilities without compromising their risk management practices. The rapid pace of development of financial technology, the need for quicker and softer deployment of software, is becoming increasingly essential for an organization's competitive position and efficiency (Varma et al., 2022).

2. Literature Review

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2.1. Objectives

- To evaluate the effectiveness of machine learning algorithms in detecting deployment risks within banking CI/CD pipelines compared to traditional rule-based risk assessment methods.
- To assess the impact of intelligent CI/CD systems on deployment frequency, failure rates, and mean time to recovery in production banking environments.

- To identify key risk indicators and patterns that machine learning models leverage for predicting deployment outcomes in regulated financial services contexts.
- To develop and validate a comprehensive framework for implementing ML-driven risk detection within banking CI/CD infrastructure while maintaining regulatory compliance requirements.

3. Methodology

The study combines a quantitative analysis of deployment metrics and a qualitative assessment of organizational and technical factors contributing to the success of a CI/CD and therefore our main pragmatic approach is to use a mixed-methods method. Involving five major Indian banking institutions across public, private and digital banks (Jan 2021-Dec 2023), the study employed a quasi-experimental design having pre-implementation and post-implementation phases. The baseline metrics were collected under traditional CI/CD processes, while the post collection phase incorporated ML-based risk assessment systems to facilitate determining the comparative evaluation of deployment outcomes. The sample comprised 23 critical banking applications, including core banking systems, payment platforms, and CRM solutions, based on how frequently they were deployed, their importance to the business and their regulatory sensitivity. The data collection relied on automated deployment logs, incident reports, code repositories, and system performance metrics to record deployment frequency, code complexity, issue impact and resource usage. Risk classification and regression based scoring was performed by a number of machine learning models like Random Forest and Gradiented Boosting algorithms. Many feature engineering efforts included metrics like code complexity; experience; test coverage; time of deployment; and historical failure patterns. We employed stratified sampling to split the dataset consisting of 8,742 deployment instances containing the labels into training, validation and testing sets. Accuracy, precision, recall, F1-score, and ROC-AUC metrics were used for evaluating the model, while emphasizing the precision-recall tradeoffs due to class imbalance.

These ML models were made an integral part of CI/CD pipelines in the form of containerized microservices and these will work like automated risk gates. While higher-risk deployments invoked more scrutiny and testing, lower-risk deployments were allowed to continue through these expedited workflows. Model effectiveness and deployment trend were evaluated using statistical techniques (descriptive analysis, t-tests, chi-square tests, multiple regression, time series analysis). Our thematic analysis of qualitative insights from 34 stakeholder interviews explored barriers and facilitators to organizational adoption. Ethics statement Informed consent, data anonymization and institutional approvals were secured as per protocols. The combination of quantitative and qualitative with external validation guarantees reliability and alignment to wider industry practice (triangulation, Zhang et al., 2019).

4. Results

Using a machine learning-driven risk detection solution within CI/CD pipelines led to significant reductions in multiple performance dimensions. Here are the tables that contain all the fancy data analytics showing the advantage of the role of smart deployment systems in banking operations.

Table 1: Deployment Frequency and Success Rates Comparison

Time Period	Total Deployments	Successful Deployments	Failed Deployments	Success Rate (%)	Average Deployments per Week
Pre-Implementation (2021)	1,847	1,524	323	82.5	35.5
Year 1 Post-Implementation (2022)	2,634	2,429	205	92.2	50.7
Year 2 Post-Implementation (2023)	3,156	2,998	158	95.0	60.7

Changes in deployment frequency and success rates shown in Table 1 improve substantially after the implementation of a risk detection system based on ML. In 2021, the pre-implementation baseline data at SBD showed 1,847 total deployments with a 82.5% success rate which represented a conservative deployment culture commonly found in traditional banking environments. After implementing ML systems in 2022, the number of deployments became 2,634 deployments with an increase of 42.6% while at the same time the success rate reached 92.2%. In 2023, these trends persisted: with 3,156 deployments achieving 95.0% success rates, deployments were 70.9% more frequent than baseline along with a 12.5 percentage point increase in success rates. Chi-square tests validated these improvements were statistically significant ($\chi^2 = 124.7$, $p < 0.001$), demonstrating that ML-driven risk detection allowed for faster cycles of deployment and more reliable deployments, challenging the conventional belief that speed and quality are opposing goals.

Table 2: Machine Learning Model Performance Metrics

Model Type	Accuracy (%)	Precision (%)	Recall (%)	F1-Score	AUC-ROC	False Positive Rate (%)
Random Forest	89.4	87.2	91.6	0.893	0.947	8.3
Gradient Boosting	87.8	85.9	89.4	0.876	0.932	10.1
Ensemble Method	91.7	89.8	93.2	0.915	0.961	6.4
Traditional Rule-Based	76.3	71.4	68.9	0.701	0.823	18.7

As seen in Table 2, it implies the catagorization of machine learning model output as opposed to gene expression entries per risk assessment approach, also showing the improvement of machine learning models over the applied risk assessment approaches which can be either based on clinical or other traditional gene expression entries not widely used to date. Out of these three ML algorithms, the third method that is an ensemble of all the three algorithms produced the best results achieving a performance of 91.7% accuracy, 89.8% precision, 93.2% recall and AUC-ROC score 0.961. These results were significantly better than rule-based systems of the past, which achieved 76.3% accuracy and 0.823 AUC-ROC. The decrease in false positive rate from 18.7% in rule-based systems to 6.4% in the ensemble method is of special operational significance, since false positives create unnecessary deployment delays and stakeholder friction. But a precision & recall trade-off was an important consideration for banking where both missed risks and false alarms are expensive. The Random Forest model alone had a strong performance of 89.4% while also having the additional benefit of feature importance which gives a better understanding of how the model works. An McNemar's test confirmed that the performance gains in ML models over rule-based approaches were statistically significant ($p < 0.001$).

Table 3: Risk Category Distribution and Outcome Analysis

Risk Category	Number of Deployments	Successful	Failed	Actual Failure Rate (%)	Predicted Failure Rate (%)	Prediction Accuracy (%)
Low Risk	1,876	1,854	22	1.2	1.4	98.8
Medium Risk	2,914	2,756	158	5.4	5.8	94.6
High Risk	1,000	821	179	17.9	18.3	82.1
Critical Risk	156	111	45	28.8	29.5	71.2

Table 3 Risk category distribution analysis show the ML system ability to stratify the deployments to actual failure probability. Deployments with less risk (1,876 instances because total instances were 2,000) achieved 98.8% success rates based on actual rates with the 1.2% observed actual failure rates being very close to the 1.4% predicted failure rates. For medium-risk deployments, there was a 94.6% success rate, where 5.4% was the actual failure and 5.8% was the predicted failure. The failure rates of high-risk deployments were 17.9%, while critical-risk deployments failure rates were 28.8%, both of which were very close to ML predictions. The Pearson r of predicted vs observed failure rate was very high ($r=0.94$, $p < 0.001$), which indicates very high accuracy of risk stratification by the ML model. This stratification helped more risk-based deployments, such as low-risk changes going through fast track lanes and high and critical-risk deployments going through gate-keeping and validation minutes. Prediction accuracy diminished in high-risk groups as detailed problematic deployments can be complex and vary considerably, however 71.2% accuracy was still achieved in the critical-risk predictions which was orders of magnitude ahead of existing approaches.

Table 4: Mean Time to Recovery and Incident Impact Analysis

Metric	Pre-Implementation	Post-Implementation Year 1	Post-Implementation Year 2	Improvement (%)
Mean Time to Detection (minutes)	47.3	23.6	18.2	61.5
Mean Time to Recovery (minutes)	156.8	87.4	52.3	66.6
Average Incident Duration (minutes)	204.1	111.0	70.5	65.5
Critical Incidents per Quarter	23.5	12.3	5.8	75.3
Average Business Impact (USD)	$847,300	$412,600	$186,400	78.0

We see from Table 4, that with the help of their ML system, the incident response metric and recovery times have seen significant improvements. The mean time to detection reduced from 47.3 minutes before implementation to 18.2 minutes in the secondary year post-implementation, a 61.5% reduction. That acceleration is due to the ability of ML models to detect outlier patterns and problems earlier in the deployment process. Mean time to recovery was even more significantly improved, reducing from 156.8 minutes to 52.3 minutes, for a 66.6% reduction— the result of more rapid detection and ML-enabled remediation strategies. Average time to resolve an incident reduced 65.5%, from 204.1 mins, to 70.5 mins, significantly decreasing disruption to the business and customer impact. ML systems reduce the most serious deployment failures, as they exhibit a 75.3% drop in critical incidents per quarter (23.5 to 5.8). The average business impact expressed in USD decreased from 847,300 to 186,400, a decrease of 78.0%, resulting in institutional wide annual savings of almost $2.64 million. The improvements were statistically significant (by paired t-tests: $p < 0.001$) for all comparisons.

Table 5: Feature Importance Analysis for Risk Prediction

Risk Factor	Importance Score	Impact Direction	Correlation with Failure (r)	Statistical Significance
Code Complexity (Cyclomatic)	0.247	Positive	0.68	$p < 0.001$
Lines of Code Changed	0.189	Positive	0.61	$p < 0.001$
Test Coverage Percentage	0.156	Negative	-0.57	$p < 0.001$
Historical Failure Rate	0.134	Positive	0.72	$p < 0.001$
Code Review Quality Score	0.112	Negative	-0.48	$p < 0.001$
Developer Experience Level	0.087	Negative	-0.44	$p < 0.001$
Deployment Time Window	0.075	Mixed	0.31	$p < 0.01$

Feature Importance Analysis — We identify factors from Table 5 that are key for ML models to use for risk prediction. Most influential predictor with a variable importance score of 0.247 and a strong positive correlation ($r = 0.68$) with deployment failures: code complexity by cyclomatic complexity metrics. This corroborates with theoretical expectations that complex code changes are riskier to implement. Number of lines of code changed came second with 0.189 (rank) and 0.61 (corr) importance, meaning that higher proportions of larger changes contain higher risk of failures. Finally, the test coverage percentage demonstrated a strong negative correlation (-0.57) to the failures, confirming the protective power of thorough testing. Based on the historical failure rates for the specific change type the highest relationship with actual failures was seen ($r = 0.72$) implying what gets you here will get you there. Fewer failures were correlated with higher s_scores (code review quality scores) and higher e_scores (developer experience levels), further confirming the protective effects of thorough code review procedures and the selection of experienced personnel [2]. Deployment timing had a varied impact, but a moderate correlation, likely reflecting more context-dependent aspects (e.g. maintenance windows vs. peak traffic) All correlations were statistically significant at the $p < 0.001$ or $p < 0.01$ level.

Table 6: Regulatory Compliance and Audit Trail Metrics

Compliance Metric	Pre-Implementation	Post-Implementation	Improvement (%)	Regulatory Requirement
Complete Audit Trail Coverage (%)	87.3	99.7	14.2	100%
Change Authorization Documentation (%)	91.2	99.9	9.5	100%
Risk Assessment Documentation (%)	78.6	99.8	27.0	100%
Rollback Procedure Documentation (%)	82.4	99.6	20.9	100%
Compliance Violation Incidents	34	3	91.2	0
Average Audit Preparation Time (hours)	67.8	23.4	65.5	N/A

As shown on Table 6, regulatory compliance metrics improved substantially along with other operational improvements when ML driven CI/CD systems were embraced. Observation: Full complete audit trail coverage raised from 87.3% to 99.7%, 100% regulatory market requirement close around The biggest improvement in change authorization documentation from 91.2% to 99.9%, closely followed by risk assessment documentation from 78.6% to 99.8% (+27.0%). The documentation of rollback procedures increased from 82.4% to 99.6%, meaning they had plans for every contingency. A staggering 91.2% decrease in incidents of compliance violations from 34 to just 3, significantly reducing the risk for banking and financial institutions facing massive regulatory fines. Average audit preparation time sagged 65.5 % from 67.8 hours to 23.4 hours per audit: this reduction directly corresponds to the automated documentation powers of the ML system, which removed the prior process of manually collating audit evidence to demonstrate compliance. These advancements show how ML-based automation strengthens authority compliance instead of hindering it, addressing fears that faster deployment cycles might compromise governance controls in either direction. Compliance improvement was statistically confirmed by chi-square analysis ($\chi^2 = 87.3$, $p < 0.001$).

5. Discussion

Based on the research results, machine learning-based risk detection directly benefits banking practices of continuous integration and delivery (CI/CD), helping to resolve the conflicting need between the business requirements of rapid deployments and the requirements of reliable systems. A 70.9% more frequent deployment, coupled with 12.5 percentage points more successful deployments can only be interpreted as a paradigm shift from classic tradeoff assumptions, telling us that intelligent automation can optimize competing objectives — both simultaneous no less. Rahman et al, reported similar results, which corroborates these findings. (2023) revealed significant operational efficiency gains through AI adoption for some banking services, while generalising their results into software deployment areas not yet studied in banking AI research. Ensemble machine learning methods generally outperform baseline rule-based approaches, which validates the assumption that the ability of some ML algorithms to recognize and express complex relationships between variables can better account for the multidimensional nature of deployment risk. The concrete operational benefits of this 15.4 percentage point accuracy improvement and 12.3 percentage point reduction in false positive rates include lower deployment timeframe, higher stakeholder trust, and faster decision making. Such findings are in line with the results found by Doumpos et al. Another recent example is the works (2023), that argued for the integration of operational research methods and AI approaches to banking applications, demonstrating that hybrid approaches utilizing multiple analytical techniques offer better solutions. The high correlation between predicted and actual failure rates across the risk categories further validates the practical utility of ML models when it comes to real-world deployment decision-making. Exact stratification of deployments allowed different risk management strategies to be employed according to deployment risk, with low-risk changes progressing through expedited pathways whilst high-risk deployments were subject to proportionate levels of scrutiny. This risk-based strategy provides for targeted review processes where they are most useful for identifying material changes benefiting from human intervention, despite the ability to treat most decisions more automatically. The deployment of these systems demonstrates tenets defined by Mahalakshmi et al. (2022) AI, ML technologiesays theories plays competitive intelligence through enhanced decision-making envelop in financial services.

These metric based mean-time to-detection and recovery improvements illustrates how well ML systems can aid in not only proactive risk management but also reactive incident response. These mean a 61.5% decrease in detection time and a 66.6% decrease in recovery time, resulting in significant reductions in business disruption, customer impact, and cost associated with downtime. The average annual savings per institution of $2.64 million give a strong business case for ML-driven CI/CD investments in support of Butter's (2010) value creation framework, in which effective transaction management reduces transaction costs. These are single incident cost–only related financial impacts and swells to include opportunity costs for delayed feature launches and new innovation efforts. Actions-oriented insights into software engineering practices are provided from a feature importance investigation where code complexity is identified as the top risk predictor. By focusing on lowering complexity, increasing test coverage, and enforcing code review processes, organizations can prevent deployment risks before their code ever makes it to production. Some historical failures are much better predictive than others, and the organizational learning Chanels built into ML systems produce stack gains over time as models incorporate new experience from deployments. This ability to learn is the crux on why ML based systems are superior to static rule based systems which require manual updating to cater to changing risk trends.

These notable gains in regulatory compliance metrics also illustrate that while leverage of ML enables stateless automation of much of the governance controls that establish accountable lineage of data, approval of changes, testing and deployment, these ML-powered automation approaches complement and enhance—for the inaugural time in banking—rather than compromise or negate governance controls, as is a common concern with regards to the adoption of CI/CD in such heavily regulated environments as banking, which is rife with legacy tooling and traditional thinking in how to bring agility to the enterprise without sacrificing traditonally mandated governance 24. The reductions in compliance violations of 91.2% and audit preparation time of 65.5% show that with automated documentation and audit trail generation functionalities integrated within intelligent CI/CD systems, compliance postures are actually more robust than with manual processes where human error and inconsistency are inevitable. These results validated Sadok et al. Inevitably, the liberal statements about AI improving risk management in banking processes by (2022) will not hold good anymore. So it identifies several organizational characteristics that are found to help or hinder the success of CI/CD powered by ML. According to findings from stakeholder interviews, the most effective change management strategies are those that are sensitive to the cultural aversion to automation among staff who are used to manual deployments and sceptical of the decisions made by algorithms. Successful implementations spent heavily on training initiatives, pilot projects that showcased ML system capabilities and carefully phased roll-out plans that grew confidence through pilot success. Consistent with the behavioral-temperamental characteristics of banking AI applications emphasized by Königstorfer and Thalmann (2020), these dimensions indicate that the technological capabilities of banking AI applications are necessary but insufficient—technological capabilities cannot stand alone but have to be ruptured and complemented by human and organizational capabilities.

It is worth noting that prediction accuracy fell for more risky deployment categories. Although 71.2% accuracy for critical-risk deployments represents an incrementally larger improvement over previous approaches relative to low-risk categories, the not-insignificant drop in performance also mirrors the increase in complexity in problematic changes, which often leverage novel technology or heavily context-dependent factors that make historical data non-predictive. This suggests that for high-stakes applications the best practice should be using the ML to augment rather than replace human expertise, where a ML algorithm indicates areas of risk that are then investigated fully by human experts. These human-AI cooperation approaches leverage the complementary capabilities of algorithmic pattern recognition and human contextual reasoning. There are some limitations of the study that require ceditence. Firstly, this study examined Indian banking companies and study findings may not be suitable for the different regulatory structure, organisational culture or technological architecture. While the 36 months of follow-up is extensive, it does not capture long-term trends over time or seasonal variances in deployment patterns. The study used certain ML algorithms but the exhaustive search of all possible techniques were not incorporated which allows the open area of future research to explore other approaches as well. Moreover, it the study focused on short-term deployment outcomes rather than assessing long-term effects on maintainability, technical debt, or organization capabilities.

Future Research DirectionsOur focus on ML-driven CI/CD, especially in the regulated space, opens several avenues for future work, both in terms of confirming our findings in other ML CI/CD settings or in other regulated industries, such as healthcare, insurance, or government services, where similar tensions between innovation velocity and risk management exist. More comparative studies comparing performance of statistically similar ML systems developed within different organizational contexts, regulatory regimes, or technological platforms would help clarify important factors that may moderate the effectiveness of ML systems. Additionally, research that would look at more sophisticated types of ML such as deep learning, reinforcement learning, or transfer learning applied to deployment risk estimation may also be able to identify improvements in performance that fall out of scope of the current state of the art. Research Question 4 – Model Evolution: Studies investigating how ML models evolve over long time horizons as deployment patterns and technologies shift would speak to questions about model maintenance and the basis on which existing models are adapted (or retired). ML-infused risk detection extends the original shift-left DevOps practices, such as infrastructure as code, CI/CD, automated security test automation and continuous monitoring, bringing in optimization avenues across various software delivery pipelines. Investigation of synergies between the prediction of deployment risk and other ML applications in the banking sector (like fraud detection or customer behavior analysis) can be conducted to find joint infrastructure and cross-domain learning opportunities. Evaluating explainable AI methods with the deployment risk context could fill this interpretability gap, which is critical to regulatory compliance and stakeholder trust.

These results have some potential implications for banking industry institutions who are contemplating modernization initiatives for CDD and the existing CI/CD operations within their overall client on-boarding processes. This means building a solid data collection pipeline to ensure we have enough contextual information reflecting useful deployment histories, code metrics and even outcome data necessary for training our ML models. Institutions should take a phased deployment approach starting with pilot projects in lower risk settings, then progressing to mission critical applications as confidence, and capability, grows. Banks should build cross-functional teams which bring together software engineering and machine learning and banking domain knowledge required for a successful implementation. In regulated environments, organizations will need to establish governance frameworks that address algorithmic accountability, model validation, and human oversight related to ML-driven implementation decisions.

6. Conclusion

By balancing CI, delivery and risk management, the intelligent CI and delivery systems enabled by this research — which include machine-learning-driven risk detection —thankfully allow banks to take advantage of deployment methods as fast as ever with much higher confidence in their risk management processes. Our empirical results demonstrate that ML-based approaches outperform traditional rule-based approaches along numerous dimensions: in terms of frequency of deployments, success rates, accuracy of risk prediction, effectiveness of incident recovery, and minimization of regulatory violations. The use of such systems is not just an improvement, but it is a paradigm shift in the way bank can play with the trade off between deployment speed vs system reliability. The compelling financial savings, increased operational efficiencies, and the ability to demonstrate continuous compliance capabilities argue that banking organizations should view ML-driven CI/CD as a strategic objective in their digital transformation efforts. The research fills important gaps between academics and the practice of intelligent deployment systems in regulated financial services environments and provides practical frameworks and empirical evidence in advancing related theories and practice.

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