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## Architectures for AI Integration in Next-Generation Cloud Infrastructure, Development, Security, and Management

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### Abstract

The rapid advancement of artificial intelligence (AI) technologies has opened new possibilities for enhancing the capabilities of next-generation cloud computing. This research discusses the applications of AI in four key categories of cloud computing technologies: infrastructure and virtualization, application development and deployment, security and compliance, and cloud management and optimization. The study presents architectures for each category, detailing the components and their interconnected dependencies. In the infrastructure and virtualization, AI techniques are employed for resource allocation, edge computing, container orchestration, network optimization, and automated infrastructure management. For application development and deployment, AI assists in microservices design, scaling and management of cloud-native applications, DevOps processes, workload balancing, and low-code/no-code platforms. Security and compliance benefit from AI-powered threat detection, identity and access management, encryption key management, automated compliance checks, and fraud detection in blockchain transactions. Cloud management and optimization uses AI for cost optimization, workload migration, autoscaling, performance monitoring, and disaster recovery planning. The architectures showcase the integration of AI algorithms and tools within each layer of the cloud computing stack. The study highlights the dependencies between components, emphasizing the need for an all-embracing approach when implementing AI in cloud

environments. This research aims to provide a basis for further exploration and development of AI-driven cloud computing solutions.

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### Introduction

Cloud computing has become an integral part of the modern world, with a growing number of organizations and individuals relying on internet-based services for data storage, application hosting, and resource access (1). This shift towards cloud-based solutions is driven by the need for scalability, cost-efficiency, and flexibility in an increasingly digital world. Cloud computing providers offer a wide range of services, including servers, storage, databases, networking, software, analytics, and artificial intelligence delivered through the internet. Users can avoid the substantial upfront costs associated with purchasing and maintaining physical infrastructure by leveraging these services, instead opting for a pay-as-you-go model that allows them to scale resources up or down based on their specific requirements (2, 3).

Users can access and utilize resources on an as-needed basis. This on-demand model enables organizations and individuals to quickly adapt to changing workloads and requirements without the need for significant capital investments in hardware and infrastructure. Users can focus on their core business objectives and innovation by shifting the responsibility of maintaining and updating the underlying technology to the cloud service provider. As organizations entrust sensitive information to cloud providers, they must carefully assess the security measures and compliance standards employed by these providers to ensure the protection of their data. Additionally, the ease of resource provisioning and scalability offered by cloud computing can lead to unexpected costs if not properly managed, requiring users to implement robust monitoring and cost optimization strategies (4, 5).

Cloud computing offers a cost-effective solution for organizations by eliminating the need for substantial upfront investments in hardware, software, and infrastructure. Adopting a pay-as-you-go model allows users to optimize their IT spending, paying only for the resources they consume. This approach enables organizations to better align their IT costs with their actual usage, reducing the need for overprovisioning and minimizing waste (6, 7).

Scalability enables organizations to quickly adapt to changing workloads and requirements without the need for time-consuming and expensive hardware procurement and installation processes. Cloud computing providers offer a wide range of services and resource options, allowing users to select the most appropriate solutions for their specific needs. This flexibility empowers organizations to respond rapidly to market changes, launch new applications and services, and accommodate sudden spikes in traffic or usage.

Cloud computing providers invest heavily in maintaining robust and resilient infrastructure to ensure high levels of reliability and uptime for their users. Cloud providers can minimize the impact of hardware failures, network outages, and other disruptions by distributing resources across multiple data centers and employing redundancy and failover mechanisms. This level of reliability is often difficult and expensive for individual organizations to achieve on their own, especially for smaller businesses with limited IT budgets.

Cloud computing enables collaboration and accessibility by allowing users to access applications, data, and services from anywhere with an internet connection. This remote access capability is particularly valuable for organizations with distributed teams, remote workers, or mobile employees who need to stay connected and productive regardless of their location. Cloud-based collaboration tools, such as document sharing, video conferencing, and project management platforms, facilitate real-time communication and teamwork, improving efficiency and fostering innovation (8, 9).

Cloud computing providers employ advanced security measures and technologies to protect their users' data and applications. These measures include encryption, firewalls, intrusion detection and prevention systems, and regular security audits. Organizations can often achieve a higher level of security by leveraging the expertise and resources of cloud providers, especially if they lack dedicated cybersecurity personnel or budgets.

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#### 1. Infrastructure and Virtualization:

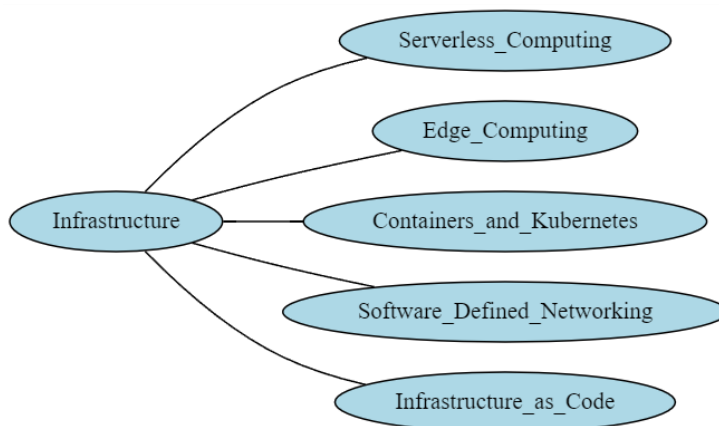


Figure 1

Serverless Computing, Edge Computing, and Containers and Kubernetes are transforming the way applications are deployed and managed in the cloud. Serverless Computing allows developers to focus on writing code without worrying about the underlying infrastructure, while Edge Computing brings processing closer to the data source, reducing latency and improving performance. Containers and Kubernetes provide a lightweight and scalable approach to application deployment, enabling organizations to quickly deploy and manage applications across multiple environments. Software-Defined Networking (SDN) and Infrastructure as Code (IaC) further enhance the flexibility and automation of cloud infrastructure, allowing organizations to programmatically manage and configure their networks and infrastructure resources (10, 11).

### 2. Application Development and Deployment:

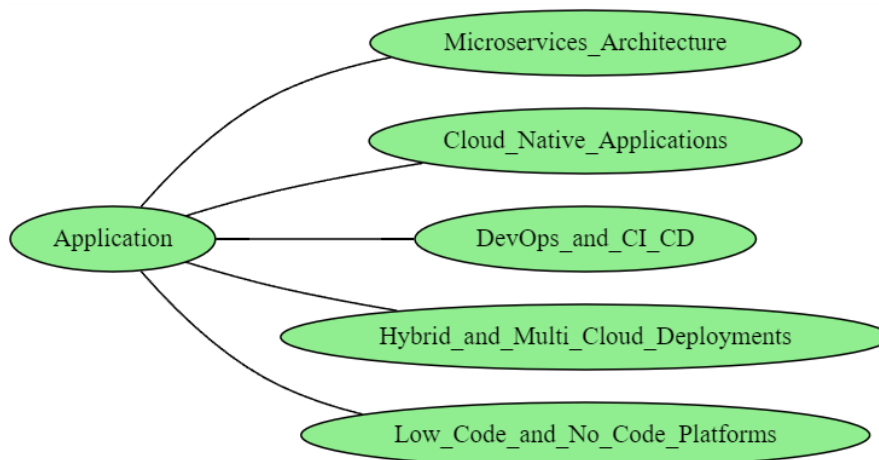


Figure 2

Microservices Architecture, Cloud-Native Applications, and DevOps and CI/CD are enabling organizations to develop and deploy applications faster and more efficiently than ever before. Microservices Architecture breaks down monolithic applications into smaller, loosely coupled services, making it easier to develop, test, and deploy individual components (12, 13). Cloud-Native Applications are designed specifically for the cloud, taking advantage of the scalability, reliability, and flexibility of cloud infrastructure. DevOps and CI/CD practices automate the application development and deployment process, reducing the risk of errors and improving the speed and frequency of releases.

### 3. Security and Compliance:

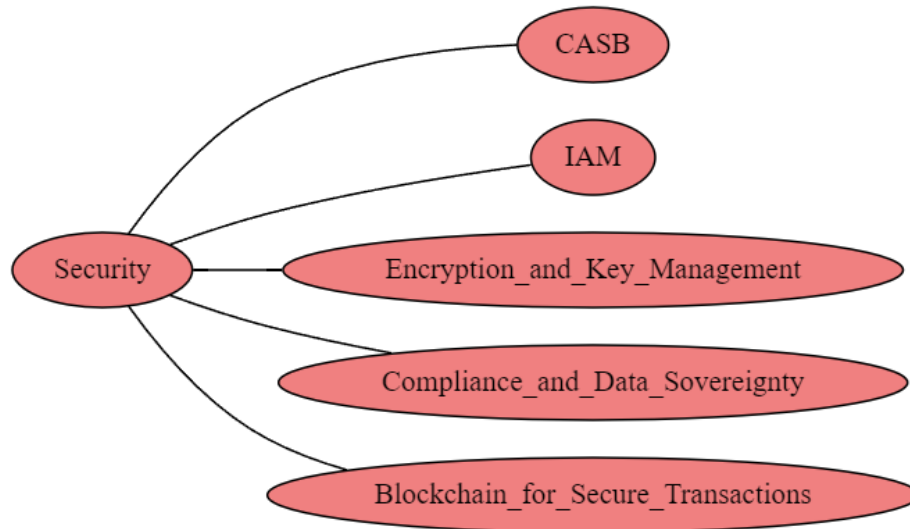


Figure 3

Cloud Access Security Brokers (CASB), Identity and Access Management (IAM), and Encryption and Key Management are critical technologies for ensuring the security and compliance of cloud environments. CASB solutions provide visibility and control over cloud applications and data, helping organizations to detect and prevent unauthorized access and data leakage. IAM solutions enable organizations to manage user identities and access permissions across multiple cloud services and applications. Encryption and Key Management solutions protect sensitive data both at rest and in transit, ensuring that only authorized users can access the data.

#### 4. Cloud Management and Optimization:

Cloud Cost Optimization and Management, Cloud Migration and Modernization, and Cloud Workload Balancing and Scaling are essential technologies for managing and optimizing cloud environments. Cloud Cost Optimization and Management solutions help organizations to identify and eliminate waste, optimize resource utilization, and reduce overall cloud spending. Cloud Migration and Modernization solutions enable organizations to move existing applications and workloads to the cloud, while also modernizing and optimizing

them for cloud environments. Cloud Workload Balancing and Scaling solutions ensure that applications and services are always available and performing optimally, even during periods of high demand.

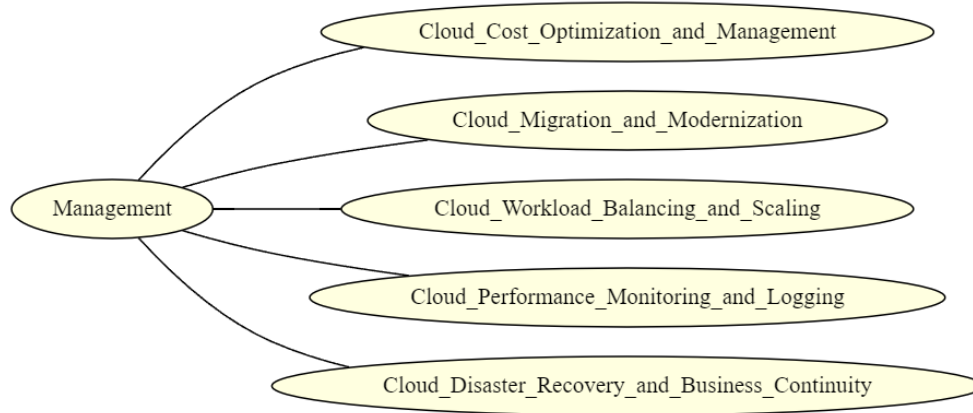


Figure 4

### Problem Statement

There is a growing need to explore and develop architectures that enable the seamless integration of AI into next-generation cloud computing environments. The current research lacks studies that address the applications of AI across the entire cloud computing stack, including infrastructure and virtualization, application development and deployment, security and compliance, and cloud management and optimization. This research aims to bridge this gap by proposing architectures for AI integration in each of these key categories, highlighting the components, their interconnected dependencies, and the challenges associated with their adoption.

### Significance of the Study

This research holds importance in the field of cloud computing and AI. This study provides a foundation for the development of AI-driven cloud computing solutions by proposing architectures for AI integration in next-generation cloud infrastructure, development, security, and management. The architectures offer insights into how AI can be leveraged to enhance the capabilities of cloud computing, such as improving resource allocation, automating infrastructure management, enhancing security threat detection, and optimizing cloud performance. The study also highlights the dependencies between components,

emphasizing the need for a holistic approach when implementing AI in cloud environments. The findings of this research have implications for various stakeholders, including cloud service providers, AI researchers, software developers, and organizations seeking to leverage AI in their cloud-based applications. The architectures can help the practical implementation of AI-driven cloud computing solutions, enabling stakeholders to make informed decisions and drive innovation in their respective domains.

### Objectives

a. To analyze the architectures for AI integration in four key categories of next-generation cloud computing: infrastructure and virtualization, application development and deployment, security and compliance, and cloud management and optimization. b. To identify the components and their interconnected dependencies within each architecture, highlighting the specific AI techniques employed in each layer of the cloud computing stack.

#### 1. AI based infrastructure and virtualization:

AI-based infrastructure and virtualization architecture consists of multiple layers and components. The Physical Infrastructure Layer includes AI-Optimized Servers, Intelligent Storage Systems, and AI-Enabled Networking Equipment, which form the foundation of the architecture. These components are designed to handle AI workloads efficiently, optimize data storage and retrieval, and enhance network performance and management.

Moving up the stack, the Virtualization and Containerization Layer comprises the AI-Driven Hypervisor, AI-Assisted Virtual Machines, Intelligent Container Runtime, and AI-Powered Container Orchestration. The AI-Driven Hypervisor optimizes resource allocation and management of virtual machines, while AI-Assisted Virtual Machines improve resource utilization and performance. The Intelligent Container Runtime enhances container execution and security, and AI-Powered Container Orchestration enables efficient container scheduling, scaling, and management.

The AI-Driven Serverless Computing Layer introduces Intelligent Function as a Service (FaaS) and AI-Optimized Serverless Frameworks. These components leverage AI techniques to optimize function execution, resource allocation, and improve the development and management of serverless applications. The Edge Computing Layer with AI includes AI-Powered Edge Nodes and Intelligent Edge Orchestration. AI-Powered Edge Nodes enable local data processing and decision-making at the edge, while Intelligent Edge Orchestration manages and coordinates edge computing resources and workloads.

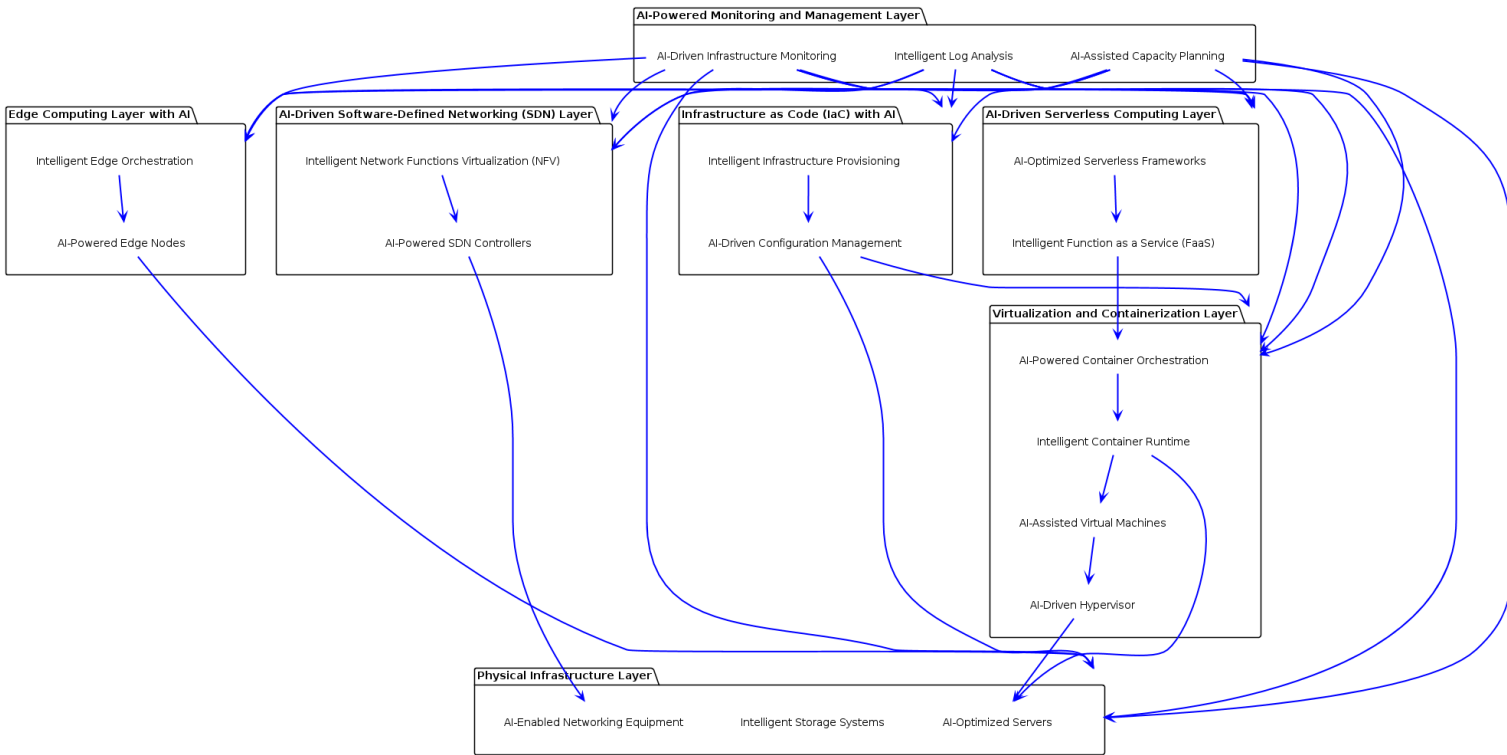


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The AI-Driven Software-Defined Networking (SDN) Layer consists of AI-Powered SDN Controllers and Intelligent Network Functions Virtualization (NFV). These components employ AI algorithms for intelligent network management, traffic optimization, and efficient virtualization of network functions. Infrastructure as Code (IaC) with AI encompasses AI-Driven Configuration Management and Intelligent Infrastructure Provisioning. These tools utilize AI algorithms for intelligent infrastructure configuration, compliance, drift detection, and automated deployment and configuration of resources. AI-Powered Monitoring and Management Layer includes AI-Driven Infrastructure Monitoring, Intelligent Log Analysis, and AI-Assisted Capacity Planning. These components leverage AI techniques for proactive monitoring, anomaly detection, log analysis, and predictive capacity planning across the entire infrastructure stack.



The dependencies between components highlight the interconnected nature of the architecture. For example, the AI-Driven Hypervisor relies on AI-Optimized Servers, while AI-Assisted Virtual Machines depend on the AI-Driven Hypervisor. Similarly, AI-Powered Container Orchestration relies on the Intelligent Container Runtime, which in turn depends on AI-Optimized Servers and AI-Assisted Virtual Machines. The AI-Powered Monitoring and Management Layer components have dependencies on various other layers, as they collect data and provide insights across the entire infrastructure stack. AI-based infrastructure and virtualization architecture integrates AI capabilities at multiple levels to enhance performance, efficiency, automation, and management of the underlying infrastructure and virtualized resources. This architecture aims to optimize resource utilization, improve application performance, and enable intelligent decision-making and automation across the infrastructure stack by leveraging AI techniques.

### **2. AI based application development and deployment:**

AI-driven software development and deployment architecture that leverages various AI techniques to enhance the efficiency and automation of the software development lifecycle. The AI-Driven Development Environment package includes an AI-Assisted IDE, Intelligent Code Repository, and AI-Powered Testing and Debugging. These components utilize AI algorithms to provide intelligent code suggestions, automate code reviews, optimize code storage and retrieval, and enhance testing and debugging processes. The AI-Driven Microservices Architecture package consists of AI-Assisted Microservice Design and Intelligent Service Mesh. AI-Assisted Microservice Design helps in creating efficient and scalable microservice architectures, while Intelligent Service Mesh leverages AI techniques to optimize communication and management of microservices. AI-Powered Containerization includes Intelligent Container Build and AI-Driven Container Registry. Intelligent Container Build automates the process of building container images, optimizing configurations, and ensuring best practices. AI-Driven Container Registry manages and optimizes the storage and retrieval of container images. The AI-Driven DevOps and CI/CD package comprises an AI-Powered CI/CD Pipeline and Intelligent Release Management. The AI-Powered CI/CD Pipeline automates and optimizes the build, test, and deployment processes, while Intelligent Release Management uses AI algorithms to plan, execute, and monitor software releases.

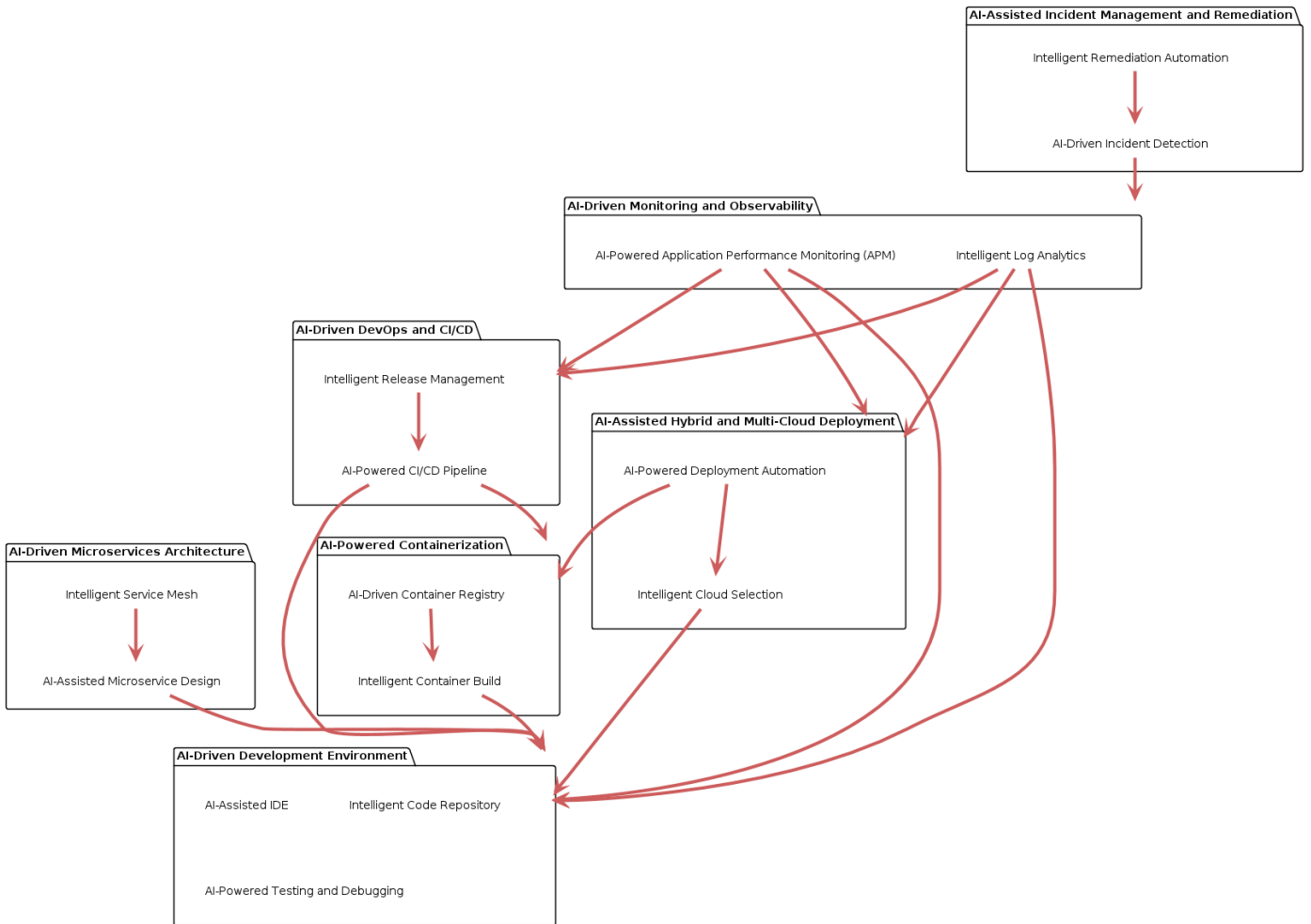


Figure 6

AI-Assisted Hybrid and Multi-Cloud Deployment includes Intelligent Cloud Selection and AI-Powered Deployment Automation. Intelligent Cloud Selection helps in choosing the most suitable cloud platform based on application requirements and performance metrics. AI-Powered Deployment Automation streamlines and automates the deployment process across multiple cloud environments. The AI-Driven Monitoring and Observability package consists

of AI-Powered Application Performance Monitoring (APM) and Intelligent Log Analytics. AI-Powered APM uses AI techniques to monitor and optimize application performance, detect anomalies, and provide actionable insights. Intelligent Log Analytics employs AI algorithms to analyze log data, identify patterns, and detect potential issues. The AI-Assisted Incident Management and Remediation package includes AI-Driven Incident Detection and Intelligent Remediation Automation. AI-Driven Incident Detection proactively identifies and alerts about potential incidents, while Intelligent Remediation Automation uses AI techniques to automatically resolve or mitigate incidents.

The dependencies between components highlight the interconnected nature of the architecture. For example, AI-Assisted Microservice Design and Intelligent Container Build depend on the AI-Driven Development Environment. The AI-Powered CI/CD Pipeline relies on both the AI-Driven Development Environment and AI-Powered Containerization. AI-Powered Deployment Automation depends on Intelligent Cloud Selection and AI-Powered Containerization. AI-Powered Application Performance Monitoring (APM) and Intelligent Log Analytics have dependencies on the AI-Driven Development Environment, AI-Driven DevOps and CI/CD, and AI-Assisted Hybrid and Multi-Cloud Deployment, as they collect data and provide insights across the entire software development and deployment lifecycle. Incident Detection depends on the AI-Driven Monitoring and Observability package, while Intelligent Remediation Automation relies on AI-Driven Incident Detection.

### 3. AI base cloud security and compliance:

The AI-Driven Identity and Access Management (IAM) includes Intelligent Authentication, AI-Assisted Access Control, and AI-Powered User Behavior Analytics. These components leverage AI algorithms to enhance user authentication, automate access control decisions, and analyze user behavior patterns to identify potential security risks. The AI-Enhanced Cloud Access Security Broker (CASB) package consists of Intelligent Shadow IT Discovery and AI-Powered Data Loss Prevention (DLP). Intelligent Shadow IT Discovery uses AI techniques to identify and monitor unauthorized cloud applications and services, while AI-Powered DLP employs AI algorithms to detect and prevent data leakage and unauthorized data access. Encryption and Key Management includes Intelligent Encryption Algorithms and AI-Assisted Key Management. These components utilize AI techniques to optimize encryption algorithms, enhance key management processes, and ensure secure storage and distribution of encryption keys. The AI-Powered Threat Detection and Prevention package comprises Intelligent Intrusion Detection, AI-Driven Malware Detection, and AI-Assisted Threat Intelligence. These components leverage AI algorithms to detect and prevent

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intrusions, identify and block malware, and gather and analyze threat intelligence data to proactively identify potential security threats.

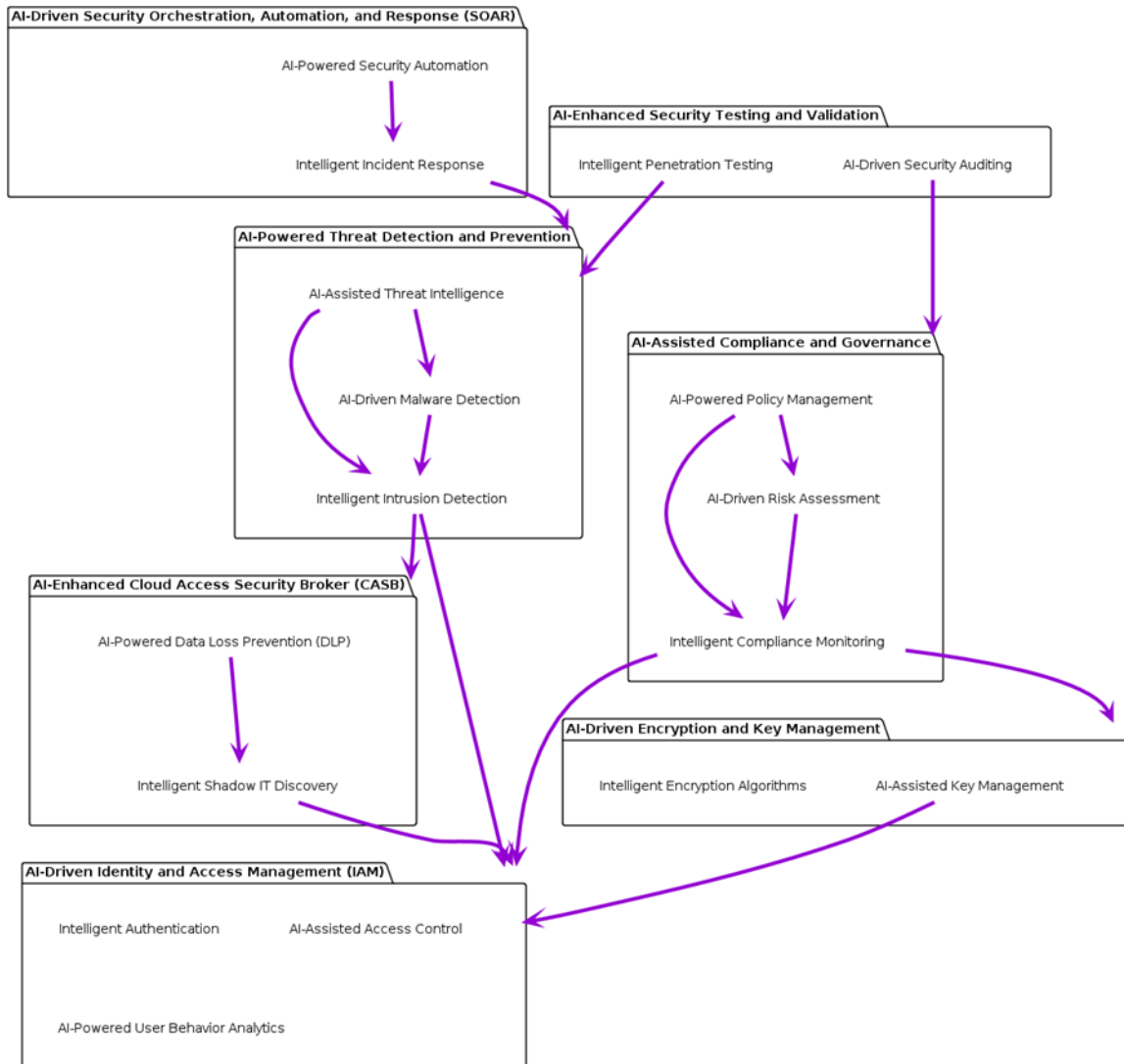


Figure 7

AI-Driven Security Orchestration, Automation, and Response (SOAR) includes Intelligent Incident Response and AI-Powered Security Automation. These components use AI techniques to automate and optimize incident response processes, streamline security workflows, and enable rapid remediation of security incidents. The AI-Assisted Compliance and Governance package consists of Intelligent Compliance Monitoring, AI-Driven Risk Assessment, and AI-Powered Policy Management. These components employ AI algorithms to continuously monitor compliance status, assess security risks, and automate policy management and enforcement. The AI-Enhanced Security Testing and Validation package includes Intelligent Penetration Testing and AI-Driven Security Auditing. These components leverage AI techniques to automate and optimize penetration testing processes, identify vulnerabilities, and conduct comprehensive security audits.

Intelligent Shadow IT Discovery depends on the AI-Driven Identity and Access Management (IAM) package, while AI-Powered Data Loss Prevention (DLP) relies on Intelligent Shadow IT Discovery. Intelligent Intrusion Detection has dependencies on both the AI-Driven Identity and Access Management (IAM) and AI-Enhanced Cloud Access Security Broker (CASB) packages. AI-Driven Malware Detection and AI-Assisted Threat Intelligence depend on Intelligent Intrusion Detection. Intelligent Incident Response relies on the AI-Powered Threat Detection and Prevention package, while AI-Powered Security Automation depends on Intelligent Incident Response. Intelligent Compliance Monitoring has dependencies on the AI-Driven Identity and Access Management (IAM) and AI-Driven Encryption and Key Management packages. AI-Driven Risk Assessment and AI-Powered Policy Management depend on Intelligent Compliance Monitoring, with AI-Powered Policy Management also relying on AI-Driven Risk Assessment. Penetration Testing depends on the AI-Powered Threat Detection and Prevention package, while AI-Driven Security Auditing relies on the AI-Assisted Compliance and Governance package.

#### **4. AI based cloud management and optimization:**

AI-driven cloud management architecture leverages AI techniques to optimize resource provisioning, cost management, performance monitoring, workload optimization, security, compliance, and disaster recovery. The AI-Driven Cloud Resource Provisioning package includes Intelligent Capacity Planning and AI-Assisted Resource Scheduling. These components utilize AI algorithms to predict resource requirements, optimize resource allocation, and automate the scheduling of cloud resources based on workload demands.

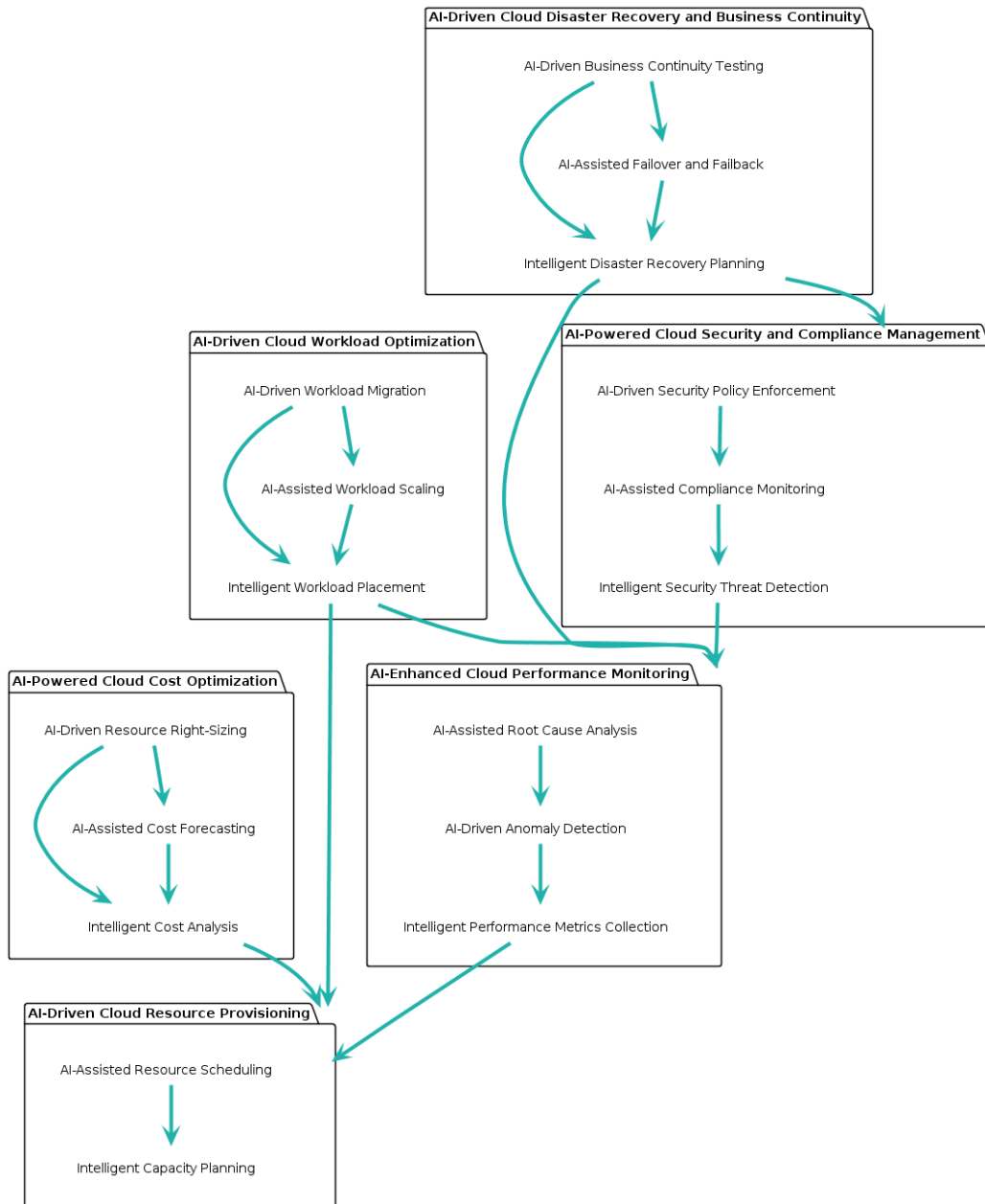


Figure 8

The AI-Powered Cloud Cost Optimization package consists of Intelligent Cost Analysis, AI-Assisted Cost Forecasting, and AI-Driven Resource Right-Sizing. These components employ AI techniques to analyze cost data, forecast future costs, and optimize resource sizing to minimize costs while maintaining performance. AI-Enhanced Cloud Performance Monitoring includes Intelligent Performance Metrics Collection, AI-Driven Anomaly Detection, and AI-Assisted Root Cause Analysis. These components leverage AI algorithms to collect and analyze performance metrics, detect anomalies and performance issues, and assist in identifying the root causes of performance problems.

The AI-Driven Cloud Workload Optimization package comprises Intelligent Workload Placement, AI-Assisted Workload Scaling, and AI-Driven Workload Migration. These components utilize AI techniques to optimize workload placement across cloud resources, automatically scale workloads based on demand, and intelligently migrate workloads to optimize performance and cost.

AI-Powered Cloud Security and Compliance Management includes Intelligent Security Threat Detection, AI-Assisted Compliance Monitoring, and AI-Driven Security Policy Enforcement. These components employ AI algorithms to detect security threats, monitor compliance with regulations and policies, and enforce security policies across the cloud environment. The AI-Driven Cloud Disaster Recovery and Business Continuity package consists of Intelligent Disaster Recovery Planning, AI-Assisted Failover and Failback, and AI-Driven Business Continuity Testing. These components leverage AI techniques to create optimal disaster recovery plans, automate failover and failback processes, and continuously test and validate business continuity strategies. AI-Assisted Resource Scheduling depends on Intelligent Capacity Planning, while Intelligent Cost Analysis relies on the AI-Driven Cloud Resource Provisioning package. AI-Assisted Cost Forecasting and AI-Driven Resource Right-Sizing depend on Intelligent Cost Analysis, with AI-Driven Resource Right-Sizing also relying on AI-Assisted Cost Forecasting. Intelligent Performance Metrics Collection depends on the AI-Driven Cloud Resource Provisioning package, while AI-Driven Anomaly Detection relies on Intelligent Performance Metrics Collection. AI-Assisted Root Cause Analysis depends on AI-Driven Anomaly Detection.

Intelligent Workload Placement has dependencies on both the AI-Driven Cloud Resource Provisioning and AI-Enhanced Cloud Performance Monitoring packages. AI-Assisted Workload Scaling and AI-Driven Workload Migration depend on Intelligent Workload Placement, with AI-Driven Workload Migration also relying on AI-Assisted Workload Scaling. Intelligent Security Threat Detection depends on the AI-Enhanced Cloud Performance Monitoring package, while AI-Assisted Compliance Monitoring relies on

Intelligent Security Threat Detection. AI-Driven Security Policy Enforcement depends on AI-Assisted Compliance Monitoring.

Intelligent Disaster Recovery Planning has dependencies on both the AI-Enhanced Cloud Performance Monitoring and AI-Powered Cloud Security and Compliance Management packages. AI-Assisted Failover and Failback and AI-Driven Business Continuity Testing depend on Intelligent Disaster Recovery Planning, with AI-Driven Business Continuity Testing also relying on AI-Assisted Failover and Failback.

### Conclusion

The study primarily focuses on the theoretical aspects of integrating AI into cloud computing architectures. While it provides a detailed overview of the components and their interconnected dependencies, it lacks practical implementation and real-world case studies. The absence of empirical evidence leaves questions about the feasibility, performance, and scalability of the proposed architectures in actual cloud environments. To validate the research findings, future work should include the development of proof-of-concept implementations and the collection of performance metrics from real-world deployments. This would provide valuable insights into the practical challenges and benefits of AI integration in cloud computing.

This study does not adequately address the computational requirements and resource constraints associated with implementing AI in cloud environments. AI algorithms, particularly those involving deep learning and machine learning, often require significant computational power and storage resources. The study does not provide a detailed analysis of the hardware and infrastructure requirements necessary to support AI workloads in cloud computing. It also does not consider the potential impact of AI on the overall performance and resource utilization of cloud systems. To fully understand the implications of AI integration, future research should investigate the resource requirements, scalability limitations, and potential bottlenecks that may arise when deploying AI-powered cloud solutions.

The study mentions cost optimization as a potential benefit, it does not provide a detailed cost analysis or comparison of AI-driven cloud solutions with traditional cloud architectures. Implementing AI technologies often involves additional expenses, such as specialized hardware, software licenses, and skilled personnel. The research does not consider the total cost of ownership (TCO) or the return on investment (ROI) associated with AI integration in cloud environments. To make informed decisions, organizations need a clear understanding of the financial implications and the potential cost savings or increased expenses that may



result from adopting AI-powered cloud solutions. AI systems, specially those that rely on machine learning, can be susceptible to adversarial attacks, data poisoning, and model stealing. The research does not explore the specific security measures and best practices required to mitigate these risks in cloud environments.

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