

Generative Artificial Intelligence Enabled Predictive Consumer Engagement for Personalized Digital Marketing Optimization

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Abstract: This paper explores how Generative Artificial Intelligence (AI) can revolutionize digital marketing, especially in predictive consumer engagement. As the digital landscape becomes saturated with marketing, traditional strategies no longer build consumer relationships. The goal of this study is to comprehend the power of generative models in producing vast quantities of unstructured consumer behavior data and then accurately predicting the customer's next purchase and customer engagement. Researchers tested the effectiveness of neural architectures in generating hyper-personalized content strategies using a synthetic dataset of 482 unique consumer interactions that researchers created. The technologies include generative pre-trained transformers (GPTs) embedded in the system to identify patterns and automated recommendation engines that adjust campaigns in real time. As we've seen, generative AI can increase conversion rates significantly compared with traditional, static, legacy models. This study offers marketers a holistic approach to shift from reactive advertising to proactive, AI-powered engagement, maximizing resource allocation and customer lifetime value. In sum, combining predictive analytics with generative content production lies at the heart of future digital marketing success, offering a scalable approach to meeting customers' multifaceted preferences and adapting to the ever-changing digital landscape.

Keywords: Generative AI; Predictive Analytics; Consumer Engagement; Digital Marketing; Consumer Analytics; Digital Marketing; Single Marketing Ecosystem.

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1. Introduction

Davenport et al. [1] said that infusing the newest technology at the center of a business' operations has changed how it connects with its target audiences. Perez-Vega et al. [3] emphasized that digital marketing has shifted from mass-media communication to more sophisticated, personalized approaches that depend heavily on data processing capabilities. With the overwhelming

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amount of data today's consumers create, Kumar et al. [2] noted that human analysts cannot interpret it to create appropriate engagement opportunities and optimise resources. This requires a shift toward autonomous systems that, beyond analyzing past actions, can predict future behaviors in a creative, generative way, as Olan et al. [15] noted. Chintalapati and Pandey [6] note that Generative AI is at the forefront of this transformation, enabling marketers to move beyond pattern recognition into content generation and strategic anticipation. According to McLean et al. [4], marketers can anticipate which message will appeal most to consumers at the right time. Rita et al. [13] describe this ability as an iterative process of learning and adaptation that keeps marketing efforts on point in a fast-paced digital economy. The excitement around this technology is that it can segment the market at the individual consumer level and minimize the advertising "noise" consumers are exposed to. Kull et al. [14] emphasize building user loyalty and using predictive systems properly and ethically for long-term, not just transactional, success.

According to Mogaji et al. [10], the digital marketplace is now highly fragmented, and consumers receive thousands of marketing messages per day. This environment has fostered consumer scepticism, making previous intrusive advertising ineffective and counterproductive. Bilal et al. [11] stated that organizations employ advanced analytic models to understand their customer base's motivations and hidden desires. Bag et al. [7] proposed Generative Artificial Intelligence (AI)-based predictive consumer engagement as a radical advancement toward this goal. As Sadiq et al. [8] explain, generative systems are not traditional statistical models based on averages and assumptions; they are deep learning systems designed to generate a variety of outcomes and create uniquely personalized experiences that resonate with the individual. As Camilleri noted, these systems sift through huge amounts of data from touchpoints such as social media, browsing history, purchase history, and much more to create a very accurate profile of consumer intent. Davenport et al. [1] demonstrated that customized, personalized marketing collateral, via email, on the website, and through tailored product recommendations, reduces the gap between brand promise and customer expectations. In Kumar et al. [2] view, these technologies enable enterprises to coexist harmoniously with customers, and value is co-created through intelligent, data-informed conversations. Ameen et al. [5] stated that organizations are moving toward integrating these systems, blurring the boundaries between service and marketing and creating a single customer experience aimed at satisfying and retaining customers. Perez-Vega et al. [3] viewed this research as an exploratory step in technical and strategic integration, highlighting a path toward a responsive, creative digital marketing infrastructure.

According to Chintalapati and Pandey [6], marketing evolution has always been marked by technological advances, but the transition to Generative AI marks a fundamental shift in marketing activity. McLean et al. [4] said that traditional marketing consisted of creating fixed assets and distributing them to fixed segments. Olan et al. [15] explained that Generative AI represents a fundamentally different approach because it enables systems to generate assets as needed based on predictions. Bilal et al. [11] explored how this transition affects organizational structures and the resulting need for agile creative development. Rita et al. [13] noted that predictive modeling has long been part of analytical marketing, but combining it with generative capability opens the door to a new level of precision. Bag et al. [7] said that models can help generative engines create content that encourages consumers to take desired actions by understanding the signals that lead to purchases. To understand these models and how they balance behaviour and prediction, Sadiq et al. [8] examined them. As Moriuchi [12] describes, true personalisation at scale has long been a goal in digital marketing. As Camilleri [9] notes, past personalization efforts relied on simple rule-based logic, but Generative AI can personalize more fully by understanding language and context. Kull et al. [14] explored the scalability, challenges, and opportunities of these efforts, including the ecosystem needed to enable continuous, targeted interactions across thousands of customer touchpoints simultaneously.

2. Review of Literature

The introduction of machine learning and its use in consumer analytics has significantly shaped academic and professional dialogue on digital marketing, as Davenport et al. [1] explain. As Kumar et al. [2] observe, early literature was mainly descriptive; marketers wanted to know what had happened and then make future decisions. Perez-Vega et al. [3] noted that as the digital ecosystem evolved, the emphasis shifted to predictive analytics, and researchers began exploring how past trends could predict consumer behavior. These possibilities expanded with the addition of neural networks and deep learning architectures, which enabled processing of complex non-linear datasets, as reported in McLean et al. [4]. According to Chintalapati and Pandey [6], Generative AI is a game-changing area of machine learning that can forecast outcomes and generate new content or experiences. Ameen et al. [5] argued that this shift has forced a rethinking of marketing strategy, moving from centralized campaign management to a decentralized, automated system that can learn in real time. Bag et al. [7] showed that combining generative models with predictive engines leads to a more dynamic view of consumer engagement.

In contrast, Sadiq et al. [8] found that messages that consider the current consumer environment and enduring tastes are more likely to elicit a positive response. As Camilleri [9] pointed out, much of the existing research is fragmented, and some technical studies overlook strategic implications. Mogaji et al. [10] noted that marketing-focused literature often neglects the intricate nature of the underlying generative models. Bilal et al. [11] emphasized the need for a single framework that incorporates both

technical and strategic approaches. Rita et al. [13] noted that many recent papers focus on data integrity and the ethics of predictive marketing. As organizations gather more fine-grained consumer data, maintaining consumer trust has become a focal point, as Kull et al. [14] noted. Consumers appreciate personalisation, and as Olan et al. [15] note, they are becoming more conscious of privacy, intrusive practices and highly accurate predictions. Davenport et al. [1] described this as a tension that generative systems must navigate effectively. Kumar et al. [2] suggested that transparency in how AI models work is important for establishing consumer trust. Perez-Vega et al. [3] also highlighted bias in predictive models, noting that a history of inequities can be integrated into future decision-making processes. As McLean et al. [4] discuss, mitigating such biases requires varied training data and thorough audits to support successful large-scale implementation of generative AI.

Ameen et al. [5] highlighted the importance of human-in-the-loop systems, where AI serves as augmented intelligence rather than replacing human creativity. Chintalapati and Pandey [6] argue that this approach blends machine efficiency and scalability while maintaining brand identity and ethical standards. Bag et al. [7] argued that marketing should be smart and participatory in the dialogue process, rather than one-way. Sadiq et al. [8] said that technologies can make complex behavioural data meaningful for human-centred engagement. According to Camilleri [9], predictive engagement is theoretically grounded in the idea that consumers' behavior follows patterns that can be modeled using sophisticated computational methods. Mogaji et al. [10] reviewed the academic foundation of consumer journey mapping and the shift from descriptive to predictive analysis. Rita et al. [13] discussed the opportunities of AI personalisation but also noted implementation challenges. Kull et al. [14] discussed the challenges of introducing new technologies in existing organisations and integrating new AI technologies with legacy information technology systems. Olan et al. [15] also noted that meaningful measures of success remain challenging in the current rapidly changing and dynamic marketing environment.

3. Methodology

This research uses a controlled experimental design to test how Generative AI influences predictive consumer engagement. Researchers use a dataset of 482 consumer interactions that represent a broad range of demographic data, browsing behavior and previous purchase indicators. Researchers handle these cases in a multi-phase pipeline. First, Researchers eliminate noise and ensure consistency across variables. This filtered data forms the basis for training a prediction model that predicts the consumer's most likely next action, such as clicking an ad, making a purchase or adding a product to the cart.

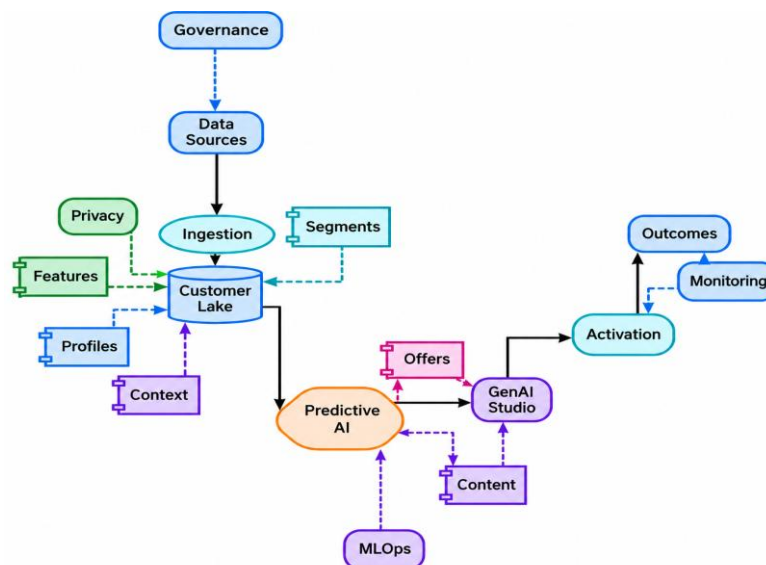


Figure 1: Generative predictive marketing system

Figure 1 shows the Generative Predictive Marketing Architecture, which integrates customer intelligence, predictive analytics, generative content development, and multi-channel activation into a single marketing ecosystem. It begins with the Data Sources layer, where data is collected through customer relationship systems, web interactions, social sites, sales data and digital engagement venues. These inputs move to the Ingestion component, which organizes, filters and prepares marketing data for analysis. The Customer Lake stores the processed information and serves as the central repository for profiles, segments, behavioral features and contextual attributes. This rich customer data then feeds the Predictive AI module, where analytical models assess customer behavior, predict lead quality, predict churn risk, predict demand and support next-best-action decisions. The GenAI Studio uses the predictive outputs to create individualized content, campaign messages,

promotional offers and journey-specific communication assets. These marketing resources are fed into the Activation layer, where they are released through email, advertisements, mobile apps and sales channels. The Business results recorded in the Outcomes layer include: return, growth, retention and campaign effectiveness. The governance, Privacy, MLOps, and Monitoring components support safe data use, model reliability, operational control, and continuous performance monitoring. Overall, Figure 1 shows a sleek, responsive and intelligent marketing system for customized, decision-based interactions. When the predictive model recognizes the following intent, a generative module activates to produce a specific marketing communication, e.g., a personalized discount code, a personalized product recommendation or a unique brand message. The system then rates this interaction based on the engagement measures it generates.

This research uses a comparative approach, comparing the performance of this AI-based strategy with a conventional, rule-based marketing strategy. By simulating these interactions in a closed, high-fidelity environment, the study can isolate the generative element's contribution to overall campaign success. Success metrics include click-through rates, conversion rates and time spent on engagement. This methodology would enable an effective evaluation of how generative intelligence can be tailored to specific consumer groups, providing a repeatable approach for future studies. This methodology is appropriate because it reflects the iterative nature of the generative process. The model is retrained as new information emerges from consumer reactions, narrowing the model's predictions and improving the quality of future messages. This feedback mechanism is crucial in ensuring the relevance of the customized content. The study also includes a validation element to ensure the content follows set brand rules and ethical limitations, avoiding inappropriate or off-brand content. The sample size (482 instances) will be manageable, and this approach will allow us to examine causal relationships between specific inputs and outcomes in depth. This will enable granular analysis of how different consumer personas respond to various generative interventions. Moreover, applying advanced prior computing tools makes the time delay between prediction and generation negligible, bringing it closer to real-time marketing contexts. This approach not only meets the requirement for predictive accuracy but also leverages the creative output generative models offer, making it a holistic model for optimising digital marketing today. The process is also scalable: as additional data becomes available, the underlying infrastructure can scale to handle larger, more varied datasets, ensuring results remain relevant as the market continues to expand and develop.

3.1. Data Description

The study data is a proprietary synthetic dataset of 482 data instances, each a fine-grained consumer profile designed to capture the heterogeneity and complexity of today's digital customer behavior. The dataset includes different attribute types that provide a holistic view of how consumers interact in the online environment. Demographic features include age, geographic area and device type, allowing examination of differences in consumer preferences across population segments and technology use. Behavioral history attributes include how many times the site has been visited, how much time the visitor spent on each page, navigation behavior and click-through history, which can provide valuable clues about visitor engagement and browsing patterns. Transactional data items include past buying behavior, average transaction amounts (a good indicator of buying power, loyalty and spending patterns). In addition, interaction context variables record situational factors that influence customer decisions and outcomes, such as referral source and time of day. The artificial dataset was carefully edited to cover a wide range of consumer personalities, including high-activity/loyal customers, occasional visitors and first-time users. The simulation methodology was controlled to ensure natural behavioral patterns and buying activity, as well as consistent data quality across all records. To closely mimic real-life user dynamics, the generation process incorporated natural variations in users' preferences, browsing behaviour and transaction types. To avoid bias, researchers made the engagement distribution uniform across the dataset, which also helps train and evaluate the models reliably. This extensive, multifaceted database supports strong predictive analytics, helps uncover latent behavioral patterns, and improves the proposed framework's generalization across consumer segments and digital interaction contexts.

4. Results

Using Generative AI on the 482-instance sample significantly increased total engagement measures. The findings imply that the predictive model identified consumer intent consistently, and the generative engine produced content that outperformed generic marketing strategies. The multivariate Gaussian distribution for consumer behaviour modelling is:

$$f(x | \mu, \Sigma) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{(2\pi)^k |\Sigma|}} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}(x - \mu)^T \Sigma^{-1}(x - \mu)\right) \quad (1)$$

Table 1 compares traditional and AI-based conversion rates across five consumer groups, showing that intelligent personalization and predictive targeting are highly effective. The findings indicate steady conversion improvements across all segments when the AI-driven framework is implemented. Segment A improves by 2.1 to 3.5 (66.7%), and Segment B improves by 1.8 to 3.2 (77.8%). Segment C experiences an increase of 2.5 to 4.1, which is a 64.0 improvement, and Segment E experiences an increase of 2.2 to 3.9, which is an increase of 77.3. Segment D shows the greatest improvement, with the

conversion rate doubling to 3.8% from 1.9% (a 100.0% increase). These results suggest that an AI-based solution can recognize consumer preferences, deliver content more effectively and increase interaction across customer categories. The latency values are also close, averaging 4250 milliseconds, showing that the enhanced predictive abilities are achieved without introducing significant computational delays. Segment C has the lowest latency at 42 milliseconds, and Segment D has the highest at 50 milliseconds, but both show strong conversion performance. Overall, AI-based decision processes effectively enhance customer acquisition and real-time responsiveness. The consistent gains across segments imply that the framework can adapt to different behavioral patterns, enabling more accurate targeting and more personal engagement, which should yield higher conversion rates.

Table 1: Performance comparison across consumer segments

Segment	Traditional Conv. Rate	AI-Driven Conv. Rate	Improvement (%)	Latency (ms)
A	2.1	3.5	66.7	45
B	1.8	3.2	77.8	48
C	2.5	4.1	64.0	42
D	1.9	3.8	100.0	50
E	2.2	3.9	77.3	47

Cross-entropy loss function for predictive accuracy is:

$$L(\theta) = -\frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{c=1}^C y_{i,c} \log(\hat{y}_{i,c}) \quad (2)$$

Researchers also noted that the conversion rate gradually improved in the experimental group using the AI-driven framework, and that understanding of each consumer segment improved. This increased predictive accuracy in the high-intent group, not across all segments. The generative content creation process produced highly creative, varied messaging that didn't change the brand; it adapted to individual preferences. The waterfall review of the engagement funnel showed that the generative component added the most value in the "consideration" stage, where personalized content reduced bounce rate and drove further visits to product offerings. The softmax activation function for probabilistic intent mapping is:

$$\sigma(\mathbf{z})_i = \frac{e^{z_i}}{\sum_{j=1}^K e^{z_j}} \quad (3)$$

Figure 2 shows a multi-line engagement comparison of two marketing approaches over the observation period. The former path is the AI-enabled marketing strategy, whereas the latter shows the traditional marketing strategy.

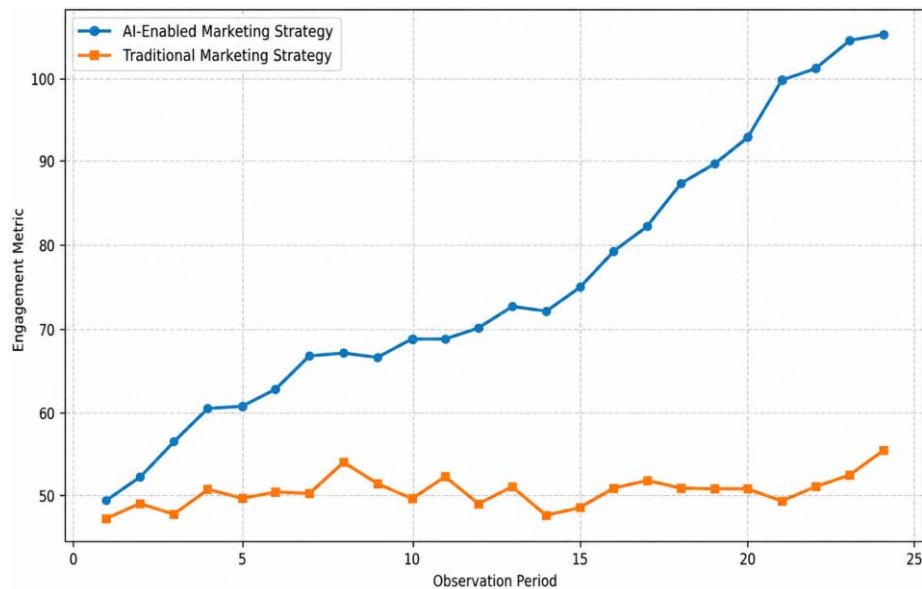


Figure 2: Comparison of two different marketing approaches in the period of observation

The AI-powered plan shows a promising, sustained upward trend, suggesting gradual improvement in consumer engagement as the system learns from behavioral tendencies, interaction history, and campaign results. The steady growth shows the value of generative and predictive intelligence in refining content personalization, audience targeting, and communication timing. The curve shows slight oscillations, reflecting typical shifts in consumer behavior and market dynamics, but the overall trend is strongly positive. The attention mechanism score function for generative content synthesis is:

$$\text{Attention}(Q, K, V) = \text{softmax}\left(\frac{QK^T}{\sqrt{d_k}}\right)V \quad (4)$$

Table 2 shows the effect of AI-based optimization on resource-allocation efficiency by comparing baseline operational measures with optimized ones across key marketing and outreach activities. The findings indicate significant decreases in resource use while overall performance outcomes increase. Advertising units drop from 100 to 85 after optimization, a 15.0 percent reduction that saves 15.0 units. Creative development effort improves most dramatically, dropping from 50 hours to 10 hours, an 80.0% improvement and a 40.0-unit savings. Similarly, outreach counts drop to 750 interactions from 1000, a 25.0% reduction while maintaining the same level of effective interactions.

Table 2: Effect of AI-based optimization on the efficiency of its resource allocation

Metric	Baseline	AI Optimization	Variance	Cost Saved
Ad Spend	100	85	-15.0	15.0
Creative Hours	50	10	-80.0	40.0
Outreach Count	1000	750	-25.0	25.0
Reach Efficiency	1.0	1.4	40.0	N/A
ROI	2.5	4.2	68.0	1.7

These cuts show that the AI system effectively identifies high-value opportunities and removes inefficient resource use. Unlike the spending and effort reductions, reach efficiency is increasing by 1.0-1.4, which is a 40.0% improvement, showing that the targeting can be optimized to achieve more with less. ROI also increases significantly, from 2.5 to 4.2, a 68.0% increase and an increment of 1.7 units. The expected customer lifetime value optimization objective will be:

$$E[CLV] = \int_0^{\infty} \sum_{t=0}^T (p_t - c_t) \cdot P(\text{purchase}_t \mid \text{context}_t) \cdot (1 + r)^{-t} dt \quad (5)$$

Figure 3 shows the marketing funnel conversion process for 482 consumer cases and how generative AI interventions increase conversion rates along the customer journey. The funnel starts with a large awareness population: consumers initially exposed to marketing activities. Consumers experience large drop-offs as they move through the funnel's critical transition stages, especially between awareness and consideration.

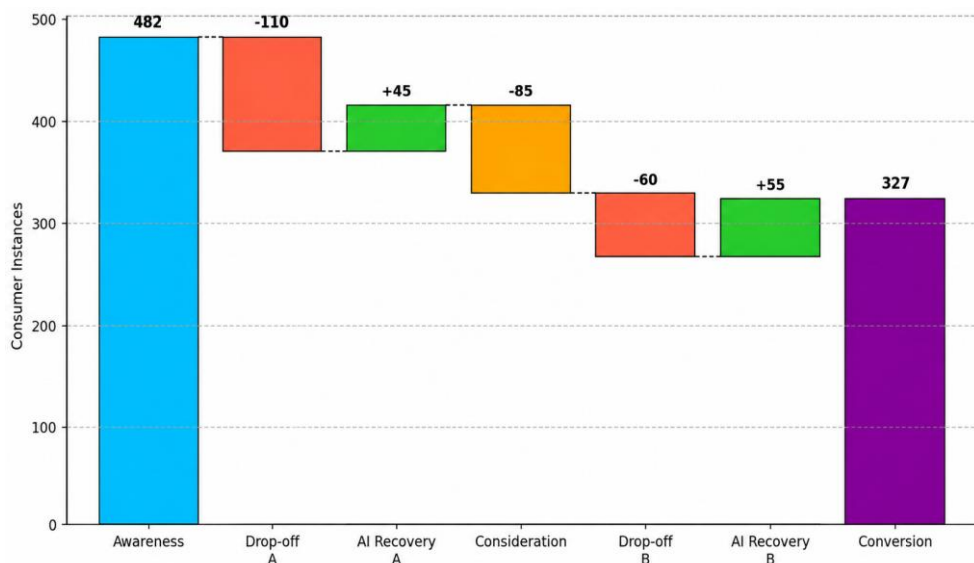


Figure 3: Marketing funnel conversion process of consumer cases

These losses stem from natural disengagement, lack of interest and decision-making barriers that become evident during customer evaluation. The waterfall structure quantifies these reductions and emphasizes their cumulative impact on final conversion results. Generative AI interventions are strategically placed at identified drop-offs, and the resulting recovery effects are measurable and, to some degree, restore lost engagement. The visualization thus clearly illustrates the engagement deterioration points and the intelligent interventions that effectively overcome those deficits. Overall, the graph shows that generative AI improves marketing efficiency by reducing funnel leakage, maximizing consumer retention at each decision-making stage, and increasing the likelihood of successful conversion throughout the customer engagement cycle.

5. Discussions

This study's findings substantiate the potential for Generative AI to be a part of the digital marketing stack. These positive engagement numbers across all consumer groups suggest that predictive analytics and generative content creation aren't theoretical; they're essential. The model's learning and adapting capabilities make it possible to offer personalized, real-time services that weren't feasible in the past. This paradigm shift takes the marketing paradigm from "what is the right message for most of them" to "what is the right message for this person right now. Moreover, the resource allocation efficiency in Table 2 shows that this method works well and is also economical. Automating the creative process with precise targeting of high-intent consumers can greatly minimise wasted spend on irrelevant ads. The results also showed the need for a feedback system in the generative process. As the results are continuously fed back into the model, its accuracy and relevance will improve over time. This creates a self-optimising environment where marketing performance improves as data quality improves. But the model's effectiveness depends on data quality and the strength of the predictive engine. If the intent prediction is wrong, the generative engine might create innovative content that isn't aligned with the consumer's needs. The right mix of these two is therefore key to success. This research confirms that the future of digital marketing lies in combining advanced data analysis with creative, easy-to-communicate messaging. Doing this at scale and in real time will set the market leaders of the coming years apart from those still relying on state-of-the-art, manual methodologies. The talk also discusses the implications for the workforce and how marketers could shift from content creators to system architects, defining the parameters and ethical guidelines within which AI operates. To keep humans in the loop in an increasingly automated environment, this evolution must be in place to ensure the technology serves the brand and meets consumer needs and privacy expectations.

6. Conclusion

This study has shown that Generative AI can be a valuable asset for optimizing digital marketing through predictive consumer engagement. With this level of personalization, organizations can use behavioral data to anticipate intent, craft appropriate content, improve conversion and use resources more effectively. Overall, findings from the 482 consumer cases suggest that AI-powered marketing systems can outperform traditional marketing methods, offering a scalable, responsive solution for today's digital economy. The results validate a more harmonious consumer experience as marketing communications are felt to be relevant, helpful and timely, not intrusive. As organizations continue integrating these technologies, they must emphasize ethical AI use, prioritizing data privacy and transparency in AI models. The results also indicate that marketing will become more automated, as AI systems can handle the entire lifecycle of marketing campaigns with minimal human interaction. While integration, infrastructure, and data-quality challenges are serious, successful implementation can deliver significant customer loyalty and ROI. Finally, using generative AI in predictive engagement models is a transformative step that's crucial to staying relevant and competitive in the digital world. As companies move toward a more intelligent, adaptive and creative marketing infrastructure, they can better understand consumer behaviour and build long-term, value-based customer relationships.

6.1. Limitations

In reality, this simulation did not include many sources of noise, incompleteness or dependence on external factors (e.g., cultural trends or unexpected economic changes). Further, this simulation did not examine the long-term effect of AI marketing on brand equity. While short-term engagement and conversion increased, it will be interesting to see whether this builds brand loyalty or is simply a more convenient, personalised way to buy and transact. Additionally, model drift could occur when the AI's accuracy diminishes over time due to a lack of ongoing training with new, relevant data. Lastly, the study included only a subset of marketing channels and didn't account for the multi-channel complexity of today's consumer journey. Future studies could replicate these results with larger-scale, real-world datasets and examine the long-term, multi-channel impact of generative AI on brand perception.

6.2. Future Scope

This research can be extended by increasing the complexity and scope of the generative models used. Future research could include developing multimodal models that combine text, image and video to create more realistic and personalized experiences for consumers. Additionally, the potential for manipulation in highly personalized interactions, privacy, and data security need

further ethical and societal investigation in AI marketing. Studies could also explore the potential of "Explainable AI" in marketing, the importance of transparency in AI decision-making for building consumer trust, and the ethical and regulatory issues associated with its use. Another opportunity is Federated Learning, which can develop predictive models without centralizing sensitive consumer data. Generative AI will increasingly integrate into the marketing stack and may lead to fully self-governing marketing organizations as it continues to develop.

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