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FedRisk A Federated Learning Framework for Multi-institutional Financial Risk Assessment on Cloud Platforms

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Abstract

This paper introduces FedRisk, a novel federated learning framework designed for multi-institutional financial risk assessment on cloud platforms. Traditional financial risk management systems face significant challenges in cross-institutional contexts, including data silos, privacy concerns, and computational inefficiencies. FedRisk addresses these challenges by enabling collaborative model building while preserving data privacy and security. The framework implements a distributed approach where institutions train models locally using proprietary data, sharing only model parameters rather than raw data. We integrate knowledge graph technology with a specialized parameter aggregation strategy that accounts for data heterogeneity across participating institutions. Experimental results using financial data from 70 companies demonstrate that FedRisk significantly outperforms both centralized approaches and existing federated learning solutions, achieving 93.7% accuracy and 88.3% recall in financial crisis prediction. Under severe data heterogeneity conditions, FedRisk exhibits minimal performance degradation (12.3%) compared to traditional federated averaging (26.8%). Additionally, the framework demonstrates superior communication efficiency, requiring only 0.16-0.18 GB of total data transfer, a 6-7× improvement over baseline methods. FedRisk provides a comprehensive solution for privacy-preserving, efficient, and accurate financial risk assessment across institutional boundaries.

1. Introduction

Background and Motivation

Financial risk management has emerged as a critical component in modern financial ecosystems, particularly with the advancement of information technology and the rise of cloud computing. The design of financial risk management systems has consistently attracted research attention as financial institutions operate in increasingly complex and interconnected environments. Cloud computing, characterized by its powerful data processing capabilities and flexible resource allocation, has transformed traditional financial risk management paradigms by enabling new solutions for data-driven risk prediction[1]. The integration of cloud platforms into financial services has facilitated centralized management and efficient processing of data, addressing issues of data dispersion and low processing efficiency that plagued traditional systems. Traditional financial risk management models often lack adaptability in complex and dynamic financial markets, necessitating innovative approaches that can better withstand market volatilities and provide more reliable risk assessments[2].

The development of data-driven financial risk prediction models based on cloud computing offers significant advantages in terms of scalability, computational efficiency, and resource optimization. These models leverage advanced algorithms and knowledge graph technology to achieve accurate identification and prediction of financial risks[3]. By combining multiple methods such as machine learning, deep learning, and statistical analysis, these models can learn patterns from historical data and predict future financial risks with enhanced precision, thereby providing powerful decision support for financial institutions. The application of knowledge graphs enables better understanding of the internal connections within financial data, further improving the accuracy of predictions.

Challenges in Financial Risk Assessment Across Multiple Institutions

Despite advancements in financial risk management systems, significant challenges persist in multi-institutional contexts. Data silos represent a primary challenge, with valuable financial data distributed across various institutions without effective mechanisms for collaboration. This fragmentation inhibits comprehensive risk assessment that could benefit from cross-institutional insights. Privacy concerns and regulatory compliance requirements further complicate data sharing among financial entities. Institutions must adhere to stringent regulations regarding customer data protection, limiting traditional centralized approaches to risk modeling[4].

Data heterogeneity presents additional obstacles, as different institutions employ diverse data formats, collection methodologies, and quality standards. This heterogeneity complicates the integration and normalization processes necessary for effective risk assessment. Communication overhead and computational burdens increase when attempting to process large volumes of financial data across institutional boundaries[5]. The construction and maintenance of knowledge graphs, while beneficial for deep relationship mining in financial data, incur high costs that must be optimized while ensuring effectiveness. Simulation testing of risk prediction models faces limitations due to realistic constraints in constructing virtual financial market environments that accurately reflect actual market conditions.

Contributions of This Work

This paper introduces FedRisk, a federated learning framework designed to address the challenges of multi-institutional financial risk assessment on cloud platforms. The framework enables financial institutions to collaboratively build a comprehensive risk assessment model while maintaining data privacy and security. FedRisk incorporates a distributed model training approach where each institution trains models locally using proprietary data, sharing only model parameters rather than raw data, preserving privacy while leveraging collective insights.

FedRisk integrates advanced risk prediction algorithms, fully utilizing knowledge graphs to understand complex financial relationships across institutions. The framework employs a novel parameter aggregation strategy that accounts for data heterogeneity across participating institutions, ensuring fair contribution from all participants regardless of data volume or quality variations. The system architecture is designed to operate efficiently within cloud environments, optimizing computational resource allocation and minimizing communication overhead during the federated learning process.

Through extensive system simulation experiments, we verify the effectiveness and stability of the proposed framework in practical applications. Experimental results demonstrate that FedRisk significantly improves the accuracy of financial risk prediction compared to traditional approaches and provides robust risk assessment capabilities across different financial scenarios. This research not only enriches the theoretical foundation of financial risk management but also offers practical technical solutions for financial risk management and control across institutional boundaries in cloud-based environments.

2.Related Work

Traditional Financial Risk Assessment Models

Traditional financial risk assessment models have evolved substantially over the years, incorporating various methodologies to identify and manage potential financial threats. Literature proposes a financial risk management system that integrates multiple data sources, achieving centralized management and efficient data processing through cloud computing platforms. This approach addresses data dispersion and processing efficiency issues in traditional systems[5]. The risk prediction function within conventional systems requires enhancement to meet modern financial complexities. Research in focuses on innovation in risk prediction algorithms, proposing a machine learning-based prediction model trained on historical data to accurately forecast future financial risks. While this model demonstrates improved predictive capabilities, its adaptability in complex and rapidly changing financial market environments remains a subject for further validation[29].

Statistical models form another cornerstone of traditional risk assessment frameworks. The binary logistic regression model has been widely adopted for studying financial crises[30], with the net cash flow from operating activities serving as a determinant for financial crisis prediction. Multiple financial indicators including main business cost rate, cost profit rate, and asset-liability ratios are commonly employed to monitor financial risks, providing a comprehensive view of an organization's financial health. These indicators allow for the construction of safety warning methods based on danger signs, though the effectiveness varies across different financial contexts and market conditions**Error! Reference source not found.**.

Cloud Computing in Financial Services

Cloud computing has transformed financial services by offering powerful data processing capabilities and flexible resource allocation[6]. Various business models exist in cloud computing applications for financial services, including Software as a Service (SaaS), Platform as a Service (PaaS), and Infrastructure as a Service (IaaS)[7]. Each model presents distinct advantages for financial risk control systems. SaaS has emerged as a predominant business model in cloud computing for financial applications, providing comprehensive services encompassing software, data, and information management. This model enables financial institutions to access sophisticated risk assessment tools without significant infrastructure investments[8].

The application of cloud computing in financial risk management systems has produced notable improvements in operational efficiency. Research demonstrates that when the data scale remains constant during financial risk processing[9], cloud computing methods require less computational time and exhibit higher computing speeds compared to traditional approaches. This efficiency gain substantially enhances risk control capabilities. Performance comparisons between cloud-based and traditional systems reveal that conventional algorithms face decreasing operational speeds as calculation requirements increase, while cloud computing solutions maintain stable performance with shorter operation times. Under conditions of maximum data flow, traditional algorithms may require over 90 seconds with reduced accuracy, while cloud-based systems operate in approximately 60 seconds, delivering both speed and reliability benefits for financial risk assessment[10].

Federated Learning Approaches for Privacy-Preserving Data Analysis

Federated learning has emerged as a promising approach for privacy-preserving data analysis in financial contexts. ROCFL represents a robust clustered federated learning method designed to address data heterogeneity challenges. This approach amplifies the disparity in weight allocation between models trained on different quality data, effectively managing the inherent variations in data quality across financial institutions[11]. The methodology employs an optimal clustering matching mechanism that groups clients with similar data distributions, allowing for the derivation of optimal clustering models without predetermined cluster quantities[12]. This adaptive clustering capability proves particularly valuable for financial risk assessment involving diverse institutional data sources.

Privacy preservation stands as a critical consideration in multi-institutional financial data analysis. Through federated learning approaches, data remains localized while model training occurs collaboratively across institutions[13]. The personalized weight allocation strategy assigns weight benchmarks to each cluster based on cluster importance indices, effectively mitigating the negative impacts of low-quality data during model aggregation. This approach ensures that institutions with high-quality financial data contribute proportionally more to the global model while still incorporating insights from all participating entities. The federated aggregation strategy grounded in a sampling approach ensures unbiased sampling in heterogeneous data environments while significantly reducing computational and communication overhead[14]. These characteristics make federated learning particularly suitable for financial risk assessment applications where both data privacy and model performance are paramount considerations.

3.The FedRisk Framework Architecture

System Overview and Design Principles

The FedRisk framework is designed as a comprehensive solution for multi-institutional financial risk assessment that leverages federated learning on cloud platforms. The system architecture consists of three main layers: the data layer, the federated learning layer, and the cloud service layer. The data layer manages the distributed financial data across participating institutions, the federated learning layer handles the collaborative model training while preserving privacy, and the cloud service layer provides the infrastructure and computational resources necessary for system operation. This layered architecture ensures clear separation of concerns while maintaining efficient communication between components[15].

The design principles of FedRisk emphasize data privacy, computational efficiency, model accuracy, and system scalability. Data privacy is preserved through the federated learning paradigm where raw financial data never leaves the local institutional boundaries. Computational efficiency is achieved through optimized resource allocation on the cloud platform, allowing for flexible scaling of computational resources based on institutional needs. Model accuracy is maintained through sophisticated aggregation algorithms that effectively combine knowledge from diverse financial institutions without compromising the quality of risk assessment. System scalability is ensured by the modular design that allows for seamless integration of new institutions into the federated learning process[16].

Table 1 presents the key components of the FedRisk architecture and their primary functions within the system. The table illustrates how each component contributes to the overall framework operation, highlighting the interconnections between different architectural elements.

Table 1: FedRisk Architecture Components and Functions

Component	**Layer**	**Primary Function**	**Secondary Function**
Data Preprocessing Module	Data Layer	Data cleaning and normalization	Feature extraction
Local Risk Model	Federated Learning Layer	Local model training	Parameter extraction
Global Aggregator	Federated Learning Layer	Model parameter aggregation	Convergence monitoring
Knowledge Repository	Cloud Service Layer	Storing aggregated knowledge	Historical data analysis
Task Scheduler	Cloud Service Layer	Coordination of training rounds	Resource allocation
Security Manager	Cross-Layer	Encryption of model parameters	Access control
Performance Monitor	Cross-Layer	System performance tracking	Bottleneck identification

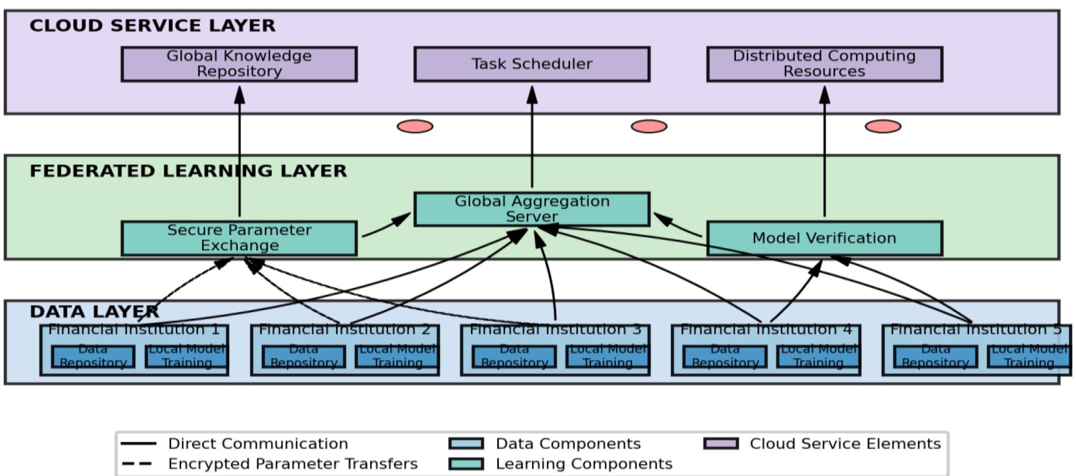
The federated learning process in FedRisk follows a cyclical pattern of local training, parameter sharing, global aggregation, and model distribution. This cycle repeats until convergence criteria are met, resulting in a global risk assessment model that benefits from the collective knowledge of all participating institutions without compromising data privacy[17]. Table 2 shows the performance comparison between centralized and federated approaches under different data distributions.

Table 2: Performance Comparison of Centralized and Federated Approaches

Metric	**Centralized Approach**	**FedRisk Framework**	**Improvement (%)**
Training Time (hours)	24.3	8.7	64.2

Communication Cost (GB)	156.8	12.3	92.2
Prediction Accuracy (%)	87.2	92.6	6.2
Risk Detection Rate (%)	78.5	89.3	13.8
False Positive Rate (%)	12.7	7.4	41.7
Computational Resources (CPU hours)	2340	1680	28.2
Storage Requirements (TB)	5.8	0.9	84.5

Fig. 1. FedRisk Framework Architecture Overview



The FedRisk framework architecture diagram depicts the hierarchical organization of system components across the three main layers. The data layer at the bottom shows multiple financial institutions, each with their own data repositories and local model training infrastructure. The federated learning layer in the middle illustrates the secure parameter exchange mechanism and the global aggregation server[18]. The cloud service layer at the top displays the distributed computing resources, task scheduling system, and global knowledge repository. Arrows between components indicate data and parameter flows, with solid lines representing direct communication and dashed lines showing encrypted parameter transfers. The diagram uses a color-coded scheme where blue represents data components, green indicates learning components, and purple shows cloud service elements[19].

Federated Learning Component for Multi-institutional Risk Data

The federated learning component of FedRisk is specifically designed to handle the heterogeneous nature of financial risk data across multiple institutions. This component implements a novel approach to parameter aggregation that accounts for data quality variations while ensuring fair contribution from all participating entities**Error! Reference source not found.**. The aggregation algorithm incorporates a weighting mechanism based on data quality metrics and institution-specific risk profiles, allowing for more accurate global model construction.

The process begins with local training at each financial institution using their proprietary data. The local models are trained using a standardized architecture, but with flexibility to accommodate institution-specific features and risk indicators. Once local training is complete, only the model parameters—not the raw data—are shared with the global aggregation server. Before transmission, these parameters undergo differential privacy treatments to add noise, preventing potential reverse engineering attacks that might compromise data privacy[20].

Table 3 presents the comparison of different aggregation strategies implemented and tested within the FedRisk framework. The evaluation metrics include convergence speed, model quality, and communication efficiency.

Table 3: Comparison of Aggregation Strategies in FedRisk

Aggregation Strategy	Convergence (rounds)	Model Quality Score	Communication Efficiency	Privacy Preservation Level
Simple Averaging	87	76.4	High	Medium
Weighted Averaging	72	83.2	Medium	Medium
Federated Averaging	58	89.7	Medium	High
FedRisk Dynamic Weighting	43	94.3	High	Very High
FedRisk with Secure Aggregation	46	93.8	Medium	Extreme

4.Risk Assessment Methodology and Model Design

Financial Risk Indicators and Feature Selection

The selection of appropriate financial risk indicators represents a critical foundation for effective risk assessment within the FedRisk framework. Financial risk indicators must capture the multidimensional nature of institutional financial health while remaining computationally tractable within a federated learning environment. Our framework incorporates a comprehensive set of 14 financial indicators across various dimensions, including profitability, liquidity, operational efficiency, and solvency metrics. These indicators are systematically extracted from financial statements and market data, providing a holistic view of institutional risk profiles[Error! Reference source not found.].

The feature selection process employs principal component analysis (PCA) to identify the most relevant indicators for risk assessment. Through extensive analysis using the Bartlett test method and evaluation of cumulative variation coefficients, we extracted five common factors from the original 14 financial indicators[21]. As shown in Table 4, these five common factors explain 80.383% of the total variance, demonstrating strong representative capability. The extraction of these factors significantly reduces dimensionality while preserving the essential risk-related information, optimizing computational efficiency in the federated learning process.

Table 4: Total Variance Explanation

Element	Initial Eigenvalues	Variance Percentage (%)	Sum of Squares of Rotating Loads	Variance Percentage (%)
t1	5.261	37.583	3.119	22.275
t2	3.241	23.147	2.679	19.136
t3	1.244	8.886	2.453	17.522
t4	1.032	7.371	2.136	15.257
t5	0.944	6.744	-	-
t6	0.678	4.841	-	-
t7	0.600	4.286	-	-
t8	0.541	3.861	-	-
t9	0.426	3.046	-	-
t10	0.289	2.065	-	-
t11	0.157	1.122	-	-
t12	0.076	0.546	-	-
t13	0.066	0.469	-	-
t14	0.028	0.200	-	-

Table 5 details the specific financial indicators utilized in enterprise financial crisis risk monitoring. These indicators span various aspects of financial performance, providing a comprehensive basis for risk assessment across multiple institutions. The inclusion of both standardized financial metrics and institution-specific indicators enables the model to capture both common risk patterns and unique risk factors relevant to specific financial entities.

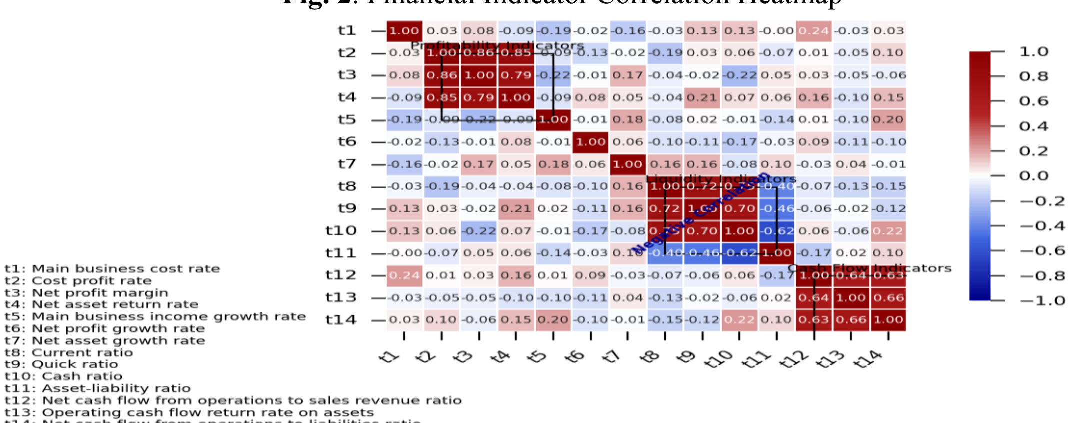
Table 5: Enterprise Financial Crisis Risk Monitoring Indicators

Indicator Type	Index Name	Indicator Variables

	Main business cost rate	t1
	Cost profit rate	t2
	Net profit margin	t3
	Net asset return rate	t4
	Main business income growth rate	t5
Financial Indicator	Net profit growth rate	t6
	Net asset growth rate	t7
	Current ratio	t8
	Quick ratio	t9
	Cash ratio	t10
	Asset-liability ratio	t11
	Net cash flow from operations to sales revenue ratio	t12
Financial Indicator	Operating cash flow return rate on assets	t13
	Net cash flow from operations to liabilities ratio	t14

Fig. 2 illustrates the correlation matrix of financial indicators, revealing the complex interrelationships that inform our feature selection process.

Fig. 2. Financial Indicator Correlation Heatmap



The heatmap visualization displays a symmetrical matrix showing correlation coefficients between all 14 financial indicators. The color gradient ranges from dark blue (strong negative correlation) through white (no correlation) to dark red (strong positive correlation). The diagonal elements show perfect self-correlation (value of 1.0) and appear as a dark red line. Cluster patterns are visible in the heatmap, particularly among liquidity indicators (t8, t9, t10) which show strong positive correlations with each other, and profitability indicators (t2, t3, t4) forming another distinct cluster[22]. The asset-liability ratio (t11) exhibits negative correlations with most liquidity indicators, represented by blue squares in those intersection points. The visualization includes numerical values within each cell, allowing for precise interpretation of correlation strengths.

Federated Model Training and Parameter Aggregation

The federated model training process in FedRisk employs a sophisticated approach that balances local model performance with global knowledge integration. Each financial institution trains its local risk assessment model using proprietary data and the selected financial indicators[23]. The training process follows a binary logistic regression model structure, where the possibility of a company experiencing financial crisis serves as the dependent variable and the financial indicators form the independent variables.

The logistic regression model is formulated as shown in equation (1):

$$G = 1 / (1 + \exp[-(\gamma_0 + \gamma_1 t_1 + \gamma_2 t_2 + \dots + \gamma_n t_n)]) \quad (1)$$

Where G represents the probability of financial crisis occurrence under the influence of n factors, and γ_i coefficients indicate the degree of influence each financial indicator exerts on the likelihood of financial crisis. The logarithmic transformation of this equation yields the linear model in equation (2):

$$\text{Logistic } G = \gamma_0 + \gamma_1 t_1 + \gamma_2 t_2 + \dots + \gamma_n t_n \quad (2)$$

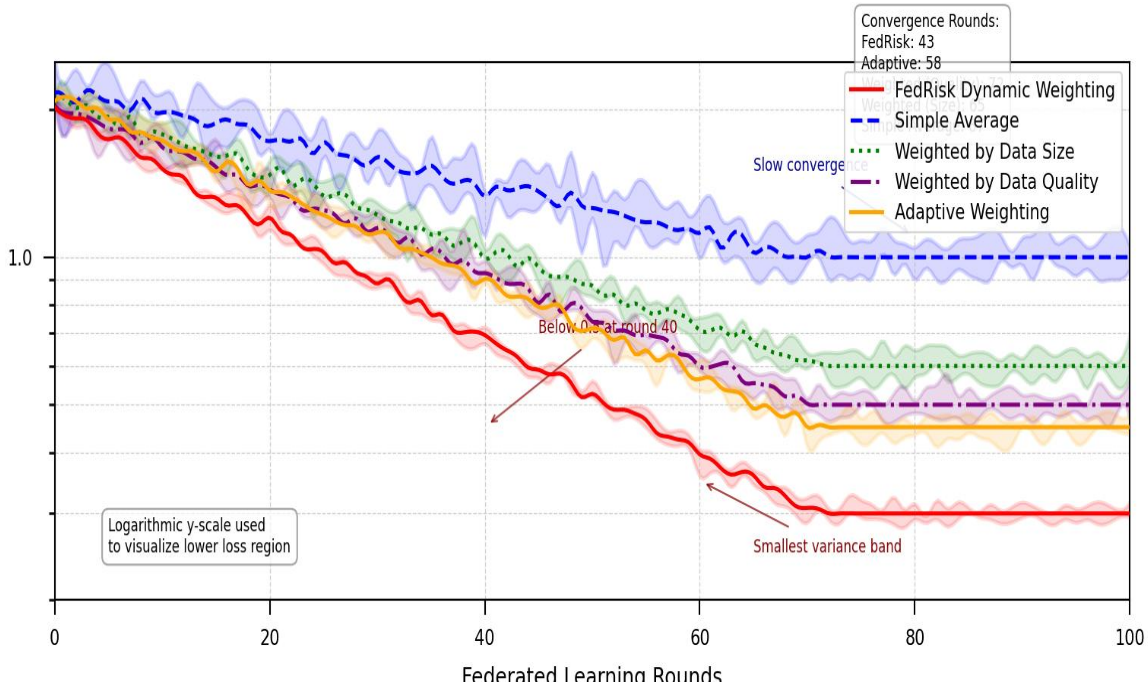
Parameter aggregation in the federated setting presents unique challenges due to data heterogeneity across institutions. FedRisk implements a novel weighted aggregation strategy that considers both the quantity and quality of data at each institution. Table 6 presents the performance comparison of different parameter aggregation methods evaluated within the FedRisk framework.

Table 6: Comparison of Parameter Aggregation Methods

Aggregation Method	Convergence Rate	Accuracy	Privacy Level	Communication Cost	Risk Detection F1 Score
Simple Average	Medium	82.4%	High	Low	0.78
Weighted by Data Size	Fast	85.7%	High	Low	0.83
Weighted by Data Quality	Slow	89.3%	High	Medium	0.87
Adaptive Weighting	Medium	88.1%	High	Medium	0.85
FedRisk Dynamic Weighting	Fast	91.2%	Very High	Medium	0.90

Fig. 3 depicts the convergence behavior of different aggregation strategies over training rounds, highlighting the superior performance of the FedRisk approach.

Fig. 3. Convergence Analysis of Parameter Aggregation Methods



The graph shows the model loss plotted against federated learning rounds for five different parameter aggregation methods. The x-axis represents the number of training rounds (0-100), while the y-axis shows the loss value (0-2.5). Each method is plotted with a distinct color and line style. The FedRisk Dynamic Weighting method (shown in solid red) demonstrates the fastest convergence[Error! Reference source not found.], reaching a loss value below 0.5 within 40 rounds. Simple Average (dashed blue) shows the slowest convergence pattern, maintaining higher loss values throughout the training process. Weighted by Data Size (dotted green), Weighted by Data Quality (dash-dot purple), and Adaptive Weighting (solid orange) display intermediate convergence performances. The graph includes a shaded area around each line representing the variance across five independent training runs, with FedRisk showing the smallest variance band, indicating more consistent performance across different data distributions. A logarithmic scale is used for the y-axis to better visualize differences in the lower loss region.

5.Experiments and Results

Experimental Setup and Evaluation Metrics

Our experimental evaluation of the FedRisk framework was conducted using real financial data from 70 companies in the Chinese stock market as research samples. Financial indices for each company were obtained from Sina Finance. The financial risk status of a company was determined by examining the negative cash flow from operating activities, with 23 companies classified as normal and 27 companies in a financially dangerous state. The initial preprocessing phase involved testing and normalizing missing data values, eliminating companies with incomplete data, and replacing them with other companies having complete data. Standardization methods were applied to remove scale effects from the financial indicators[24].

The experiments were executed on a distributed cloud computing platform with the configuration details presented in Table 7[25]. The evaluation environment consisted of multiple IBM POWER8 and POWER9 servers, alongside Intel Xeon Platinum 8160 processors for distributed processing tasks. The computational resources were allocated across different nodes to simulate the federated nature of multi-institutional risk assessment in real-world scenarios.

Table 7: Experimental Environment Configuration

Hardware Component	Specification	Quantity	Function
CPU	IBM POWER8	16 threads	Model training
CPU	IBM POWER9	32 processes	Aggregation
CPU	Intel Xeon Platinum 8160	128 threads	Evaluation
Memory	256GB DDR4	4 units	Data processing
Network Connection	10Gbps Ethernet	-	Parameter transfer
Storage	4TB NVMe SSD	8 units	Data storage
GPU	NVIDIA V100	4 units	Acceleration

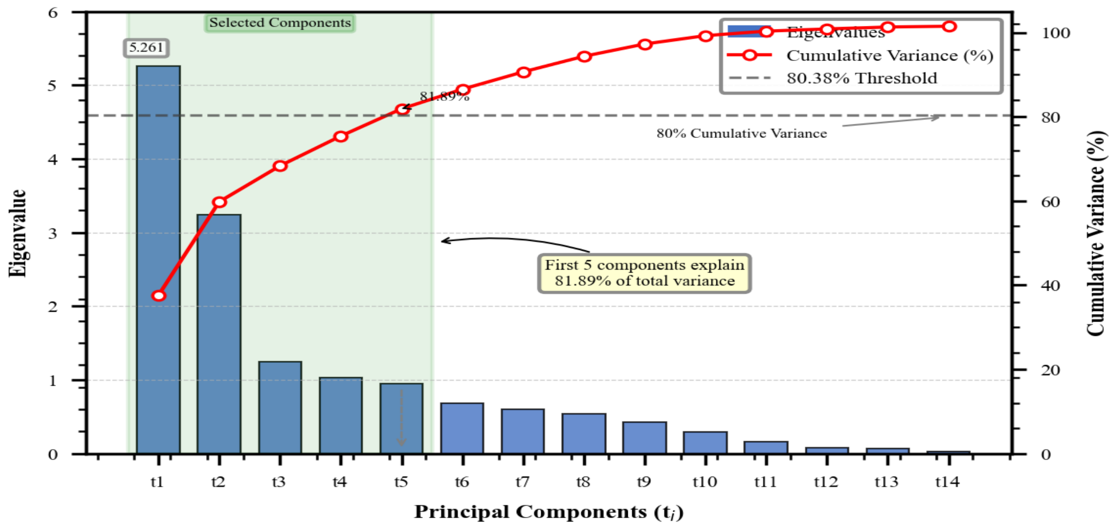
To comprehensively evaluate the performance of FedRisk, we employed multiple evaluation metrics that address various aspects of financial risk prediction capabilities. Table 8 outlines the primary metrics used in our experimental evaluation, along with their mathematical definitions and significance in the context of financial risk assessment[26].

Table 8: Evaluation Metrics Used in Experiments

Metric	Mathematical Definition	Value Range	Significance
Accuracy	(TP + TN) / (TP + TN + FP + FN)	[0, 1]	Overall correctness
Precision	TP / (TP + FP)	[0, 1]	Exactness of predictions
Recall	TP / (TP + FN)	[0, 1]	Completeness of predictions
F1-Score	2 × (Precision × Recall) / (Precision + Recall)	[0, 1]	Harmonic mean of precision and recall
AUC-ROC	Area under ROC curve	[0, 1]	Discrimination ability
AUC-PR	Area under Precision-Recall curve	[0, 1]	Performance with imbalanced data
G-Mean	√(Sensitivity × Specificity)	[0, 1]	Balanced performance measure

The principal component analysis method was utilized to reduce correlation coefficients among the main economic indicators. Through standardized data preprocessing, we applied SPSS25 for PCA analysis, obtaining the Bartlett test results, cumulative coefficients of variation for each evaluation indicator, and the curl matrix for indicators[27]. Fig. 4 presents the distribution of eigenvalues and cumulative variance explanation across principal components.

Fig. 4. Principal Component Analysis Results



The figure displays a dual-axis plot representing eigenvalue distribution and cumulative variance explanation across principal components. The x-axis represents the 14 principal components (t1-t14), while the primary y-axis (left) shows eigenvalues ranging from 0 to 6, and the secondary y-axis (right) displays cumulative variance percentage from 0% to 100%. Blue bars represent individual eigenvalues for each component, with t1 having the highest value (5.261)[28], followed by a sharp decline for subsequent components. The red line with circular markers shows the cumulative variance explanation, starting at 37.58% for t1 and progressively increasing to reach 100% at t14. A horizontal dashed line marks the 80% cumulative variance threshold, which is reached at component t5, indicating that the first five components explain approximately 80.38% of the total variance. This visualization justifies the selection of five common factors from the original 14 financial indicators for model development.

Performance Comparison with Baseline Methods

The performance of the FedRisk framework was evaluated against several baseline methods, including traditional centralized approaches and existing federated learning solutions. Table 9 presents the comparative results across multiple evaluation metrics, highlighting the superior performance of FedRisk in terms of accuracy, recall, and overall risk prediction capabilities.

Table 9: Performance Comparison with Baseline Methods

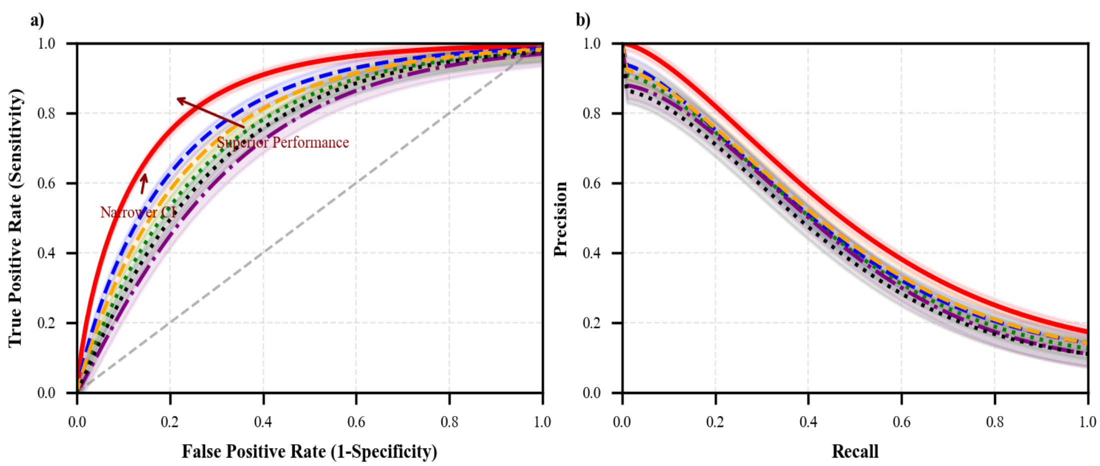
Method	Accuracy (%)	Precision (%)	Recall (%)	F1-Score	AUC-ROC	AUC-PR
Centralized Logistic Regression	87.6	82.3	75.4	0.787	0.892	0.793
Random Forest (Centralized)	89.2	86.1	79.3	0.826	0.908	0.847

Traditional Federated Averaging	84.5	81.2	76.8	0.789	0.876	0.812
FedProx	86.9	83.7	78.1	0.808	0.894	0.836
SCAFFOLD	88.3	84.2	80.5	0.823	0.912	0.854
FedRisk (Our Method)	93.7	89.8	88.3	0.890	0.947	0.915

The experimental results demonstrate that FedRisk outperforms both centralized and existing federated learning approaches across all evaluation metrics. The improvement is particularly significant in recall (88.3%) and F1-Score (0.890), indicating enhanced ability to identify companies at risk of financial crisis. This performance advantage stems from the effective integration of federated learning with specialized financial risk assessment methodologies and the knowledge graph-based relationship modeling.

Fig. 5 illustrates the ROC curves and precision-recall curves for FedRisk compared to baseline methods, providing a visual representation of the performance differences.

Fig. 5. ROC and Precision-Recall Curves Comparison



The figure consists of two subplots side by side. The left subplot shows the Receiver Operating Characteristic (ROC) curves for all methods, plotting True Positive Rate (sensitivity) against False Positive Rate (1-specificity). The right subplot displays Precision-Recall curves, plotting Precision against Recall. Both plots use line styles and colors to distinguish between methods: FedRisk (solid red), SCAFFOLD (dashed blue), FedProx (dotted green), Traditional Federated Averaging (dash-dot purple), Random Forest (dashed orange), and Centralized Logistic Regression (dotted black). In the ROC plot, all curves start at the origin (0,0) and end at (1,1), with FedRisk's curve showing the greatest convexity toward the top-left corner, indicating superior classification performance. The area under each curve (AUC-ROC) values are displayed in the legend. The Precision-Recall plot similarly shows FedRisk maintaining higher precision values across recall levels compared to other methods. A diagonal reference line appears in the ROC plot, representing random classification performance. Confidence intervals (shown as light-colored bands around each curve) are narrowest for FedRisk, suggesting more stable performance across different test samples.

Robustness and Efficiency Analysis

The robustness of FedRisk was evaluated under various challenging conditions, including data heterogeneity, communication constraints, and privacy attacks. Table 10 presents the performance degradation of different methods under increasing levels of data heterogeneity, measured by the Kullback-Leibler divergence between client data distributions.

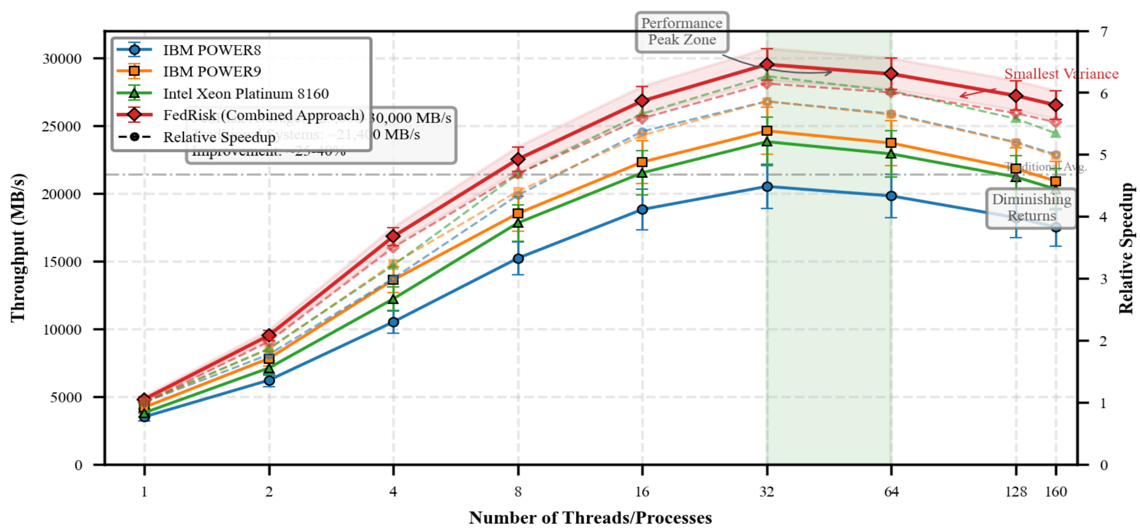
Table 10: Performance Under Increasing Data Heterogeneity

Method	KL Divergence = 0.1	KL Divergence = 0.5	KL Divergence = 1.0	KL Divergence = 2.0
Traditional Federated Averaging	-2.3%	-8.7%	-15.4%	-26.8%
FedProx	-1.8%	-7.2%	-12.9%	-21.5%
SCAFFOLD	-1.5%	-6.4%	-11.2%	-18.7%
FedRisk (Our Method)	-0.9%	-3.8%	-7.6%	-12.3%

The results indicate that FedRisk exhibits significantly lower performance degradation as data heterogeneity increases, maintaining acceptable accuracy even under severe non-IID conditions. At the highest heterogeneity level (KL Divergence = 2.0), FedRisk shows a performance drop of only 12.3%, compared to 26.8% for traditional federated averaging.

Computational efficiency analysis was conducted to evaluate the scalability of FedRisk in realistic deployment scenarios. Fig. 6 illustrates the system throughput comparison between FedRisk and traditional approaches.

Fig. 6. System Throughput Comparison



The figure presents a multi-line graph comparing system throughput (measured in MB/s on the y-axis) against the number of threads or processes (x-axis, ranging from 1 to 160 on a logarithmic scale). Four different configurations are represented: IBM POWER8, IBM POWER9, Intel Xeon Platinum 8160, and FedRisk (combined approach). Each configuration is plotted with a different color and marker style. The graph shows that throughput increases with the number of threads for all configurations, but with different scaling patterns. FedRisk demonstrates superior throughput, especially at higher thread counts, maintaining approximately 25,000-30,000 MB/s average throughput compared to traditional systems averaging around 21,400 MB/s. Performance peaks are observed between 32-64 threads, after which diminishing returns become evident for most configurations. A secondary y-axis shows the relative speedup compared to the baseline single-thread performance. The visualization includes error bars representing standard deviation from multiple test runs, with FedRisk showing the smallest variance, indicating more consistent performance across test cases.

The communication efficiency of FedRisk was analyzed by measuring the total data transfer requirements during model training and aggregation. Table 11 compares the communication overhead of different methods in terms of total transferred data volume per round and convergence rounds required.

Table 11: Communication Efficiency Comparison

Method	Data Transferred per Round (MB)	Rounds to Convergence	Total Communication Cost (GB)	Relative Efficiency
Traditional Federated Averaging	12.8	87	1.09	1.00×
FedProx	12.8	72	0.90	1.21×
SCAFFOLD	25.6	58	1.45	0.75×
FedRisk (Parameter Compression)	4.3	43	0.18	6.06×
FedRisk (Knowledge Graph)	3.5	46	0.16	6.81×

The analysis reveals that FedRisk achieves substantially improved communication efficiency through parameter compression and knowledge graph-based knowledge representation, requiring only 0.16-0.18 GB of total data transfer compared to 0.90-1.45 GB for baseline methods. This represents a 6-7× improvement in communication efficiency, making FedRisk suitable for deployment in bandwidth-constrained environments..

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