Quantum-Augmented Forecasting Pipeline Integrating Sentiment Dynamics and Regime Modeling for Financial Markets

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***Abstract*—We propose a Quantum-Enhanced Framework for Sentiment-Informed Market Regime Forecasting, integrating natural language processing, probabilistic modeling, quantum computing, and deep learning into a unified pipeline. Our approach begins with Sentence-BERT to extract nuanced sentiment signals—bullish, bearish, and neutral—from financial news and social media. These sentiment embeddings, combined with historical price data, are processed by a Hybrid Hidden Markov Model to identify latent market regimes. For each regime, a Quantum Monte Carlo Simulation generates diverse price trajectories using parameterized quantum circuits and true-random sampling. An LSTM network, trained with a Quantum-Enhanced Adam optimizer that incorporates quantum-derived stochastic factors, forecasts next-day prices based on these simulations. Empirical evaluation on S&P 500 data (1987–2024) demonstrates a 62.6% reduction in mean squared error (MSE) and an R^2 of 0.9661, underscoring the potential of quantum-inspired methods for regime-aware, sentiment-driven financial forecasting.**

***Index Terms*—Quantum Machine Learning, Sentiment Analysis, Financial Forecasting, Hidden Markov Model, LSTM, Quantum Optimization.**

I. Introduction

Financial markets are the consequence of the interaction between macroeconomic forces, investor psychology, and a random element in price dynamics. Foundational factors, including interest rates, GDP growth, and inflation, are taken into account. However, they are generally unable to describe the quick changes induced by the reactions of market participants to news and social discussion [1]. Meanwhile, "pure" time-series models consider price evolution as a Markovian or autoregressive process [2] and ignore unobservable psychological and informational factors, which can trigger state changes [3]. As a result, there is increasing interest in a hybrid methodology that combines natural language processing [4], probabilistic regime-based modeling [5], and deep learning forecasting [6] in a single model.

A. Motivation

Investor sentiment—reflected in news headlines, social media chatter, and analyst reports—frequently serves as a leading indicator of short-term market movements. Transformer-based embeddings, such as Sentence-BERT (SBERT) [7] produce semantically rich representations of text, enabling finer discrimination between bullish, bearish, and neutral tones than traditional bag-of-words or lexicon-based methods. However, sentiment signals alone have suffered from noise and time-varying patterns: a sudden increase in the frequency of negative tweets might coincide with a broader bull market, perplexing naïve classifiers. Likewise, regime detection methods, such as Hidden Markov Models (HMMs) [5] capture latent states but lack explicit coupling to external sentiment drivers. Regime-aware forecasting guarantees to bridge this gap by calibrating analytical and forecasting systems in the current market state [3]. For example, a bear regime may amplify downside volatility, while bullish environments can exhibit trending behavior that a momentum-focused forecast can exploit. Meanwhile, deep learning models such as LSTMs [6] excel in capturing nonlinear temporal dependencies, but require careful regularization and optimization [8] to avoid overfitting, especially when trained on synthetic or regime-augmented data. For example, a bear regime may amplify downside volatility, while bullish environments can exhibit trending behavior that a momentum-focused forecast can exploit. Meanwhile, deep learning models like LSTMs are excellent at capturing nonlinear temporal dependencies but need careful regularization and optimization to avoid overfitting, especially when trained on regime-augmented data.

B. Research Gaps and Challenges

Several challenges hinder the realization of a truly integrated, regime-sensitive forecasting system:

- **Signal Extraction and Alignment:** Mapping disparate textual and numerical inputs into a common feature space without introducing excessive lag or distortion.
- **Regime Identification:** Learning transition dynamics that reflect both endogenous price feedback, Endogenous price feedback refers to price movements driven by internal market mechanisms, such as order flow, liquidity, and traders' reactions to price changes. Exogenous sentiment shifts stem from external factors like breaking news, economic indicators, or social media trends that suddenly alter investor perception and decision-making, and exogenous sentiment shifts, while avoiding spurious state switching, which could arise from the regime classification model forcing those transitions that do not correspond to actual shifts in the market behaviour.
- **Scenario Generation:** Producing a sufficiently large and diverse ensemble of future price paths that respect

regime-specific drift and volatility characteristics, without succumbing to sampling bias.

- **Forecast Optimization:** Training deep sequential models on simulated data demands optimizers that can navigate non-convex loss surfaces and adapt to heterogeneous noise injected by regime-based simulations.

Prior research has usually focused on the separate elements: sentiment-based alpha signals, HMM regime detection, classical GBM simulations, or LSTM forecasting, without utilizing the advantages of a combined workflow. Furthermore, the recent developments in quantum computing as well as quantum-inspired algorithms indicate the possibility of acquiring true randomness, in addition to novel varieties of stochastic regularization. However, these prospects are still lacking within the context of finance.

C. Proposed Framework and Contributions

To address the above gaps, we introduce a quantum-classical hybrid pipeline that:

- Derives nuanced sentiment indicators through SBERT embeddings paired with an efficient classifier, revealing subtle shifts in market sentiment as they unfold.
- This research uncovers hidden market regimes using a Gaussian HMM that synchronizes sentiment signals with price dynamics, creating distinctly identifiable ”bull,” ”bear,” and ”neutral” market phases, which tell about the market behaviour at a specific period.
- Generates precise next-day price predictions through an LSTM architecture, which has been trained on regime-aware simulated scenarios. here, we have used a Quantum-Enhanced Adam optimizer that combines quantum stochasticity into gradient calculations for swifter convergence and robust generalization.

D. Our Contributions

- **Advanced Sentiment Analysis Framework:** Extracts market sentiment through SBERT embeddings and targeted classification, providing real-time indicators that capture subtle market psychology shifts before price movements materialize.
- **Multi-Modal Regime Detection:** Implements a Gaussian HMM that integrates both textual sentiment and technical price features to identify distinct market regimes (bull/bear/neutral), enabling adaptive forecasting strategies tailored to current market conditions.
- **Quantum-Enhanced Predictive Modeling:** Develops an LSTM architecture optimized with our novel Quantum-Enhanced Adam algorithm that leverages quantum stochasticity principles to escape local minima during training, demonstrating 7% higher accuracy percentage compared to traditional methods.

E. Paper Organization

The paper is structured as follows. In Section 2, we review related literature on sentiment analysis, regime detection, and quantum-inspired optimization. Section 3 explains the components of our methodology, including mathematical formulations and implementation specifics. Section 4 describes the experimental setup, datasets, and evaluation metrics. Section 5 presents results and ablation studies. Section 6 offers discussion and insights into the framework's strengths and limitations. Finally, Section 7 concludes and outlines directions for future research.

II. Literature Review

In this section, we survey the principal streams of research underpinning our framework, organized into five thematic areas: sentiment analysis in finance, probabilistic regime detection, sequential forecasting with LSTMs, and quantum-inspired optimization.

A. Sentiment Analysis in Finance

Early efforts in financial sentiment extraction relied on lexicon-based approaches, where predefined dictionaries of ”positive” and ”negative” terms were counted in news articles or analyst reports. While straightforward, these methods suffered from limited vocabulary coverage and an inability to capture context or sarcasm. The advent of machine learning classifiers—SVMs, random forests, and shallow neural networks—improved performance by learning task-specific features, but still struggled with polysemy and domain shift [9].

Transformer-based models have revolutionized text representation by producing contextualized embeddings for each token and sentence [4]. In particular, Sentence-BERT (SBERT) [7] applies a Siamese BERT architecture with a contrastive objective to fine-tune embeddings for semantic similarity tasks. When applied to finance, SBERT embeddings have been shown to markedly outperform static word-embedding baselines on sentiment classification benchmarks [1], enabling more precise estimates of market mood from heterogeneous sources such as news headlines, SEC filings, and social media streams [6], [9].

B. Probabilistic Regime Detection

Modeling latent market regimes—commonly labeled “bull,” “bear,” and “neutral”—has a long history in econometrics. Hidden Markov Models (HMMs) are a natural choice for capturing unobserved state dynamics with discrete regimes and conditionally Gaussian observations [2]. In financial applications, HMMs have been used to segment price series into high- and low-volatility states, detect structural breaks, and inform trading strategies [5]. For example, Ang and employ a three-state HMM on returns data to forecast regime transitions and allocate portfolios accordingly [3].

However, classical implementations typically rely on price features alone. More recent hybrid formulations incorporate exogenous signals, such as volatility indices or macroeconomic indicators, into the emission distributions or transition probabilities [1]. Our work extends this line by integrating continuous sentiment scores directly into the HMM emissions, enabling regimes that reflect both quantitative price dynamics and qualitative investor psychology [9].

C. Sequential Forecasting with LSTM Networks

Long Short-Term Memory networks (LSTMs) address the vanishing-gradient problem in recurrent architectures by incorporating gated cell states that retain information over long sequences. In finance, LSTMs have been widely adopted for tasks ranging from intraday price prediction to volatility forecasting and sentiment-driven signal generation [6], [9]. Their capacity to learn nonlinear dependencies makes them well-suited to capture complex temporal patterns in regime-conditioned simulated data [9], [10].

Despite their power, LSTMs can overfit when trained on limited real-world data. Data augmentation via simulated paths helps, but introduces heteroskedastic noise that traditional optimizers may struggle to accommodate [8]. Furthermore, selection of hyperparameters—sequence length, hidden units, dropout rate—remains a delicate process that can significantly affect forecasting accuracy [6], [9], [10].

D. Quantum-Inspired Optimization in Deep Learning

The Adam optimizer combines momentum and adaptive learning rates to achieve robust convergence on non-convex loss landscapes [8]. Variants such as AMSGrad and AdamW have addressed specific stability issues, but all rely on classical gradient statistics. Recent research explores the infusion of quantum-derived stochastic factors into optimization to promote exploration and avoid local minima [11], [12], [13]. Li proposes a Quantum-Enhanced Adam algorithm that measures expectation values from a parameterized circuit and incorporates them as multiplicative adjustments to moment estimates [14], [15], yielding improvements in convergence speed and generalization on image and language tasks [16].

Our application of this quantum-inspired optimizer to LSTM training in finance is, to our knowledge, the first demonstration in a regime-aware forecasting context [17], [18]. By blending gradient information with quantum-derived randomness, we obtain a regularization effect analogous to stochastic weight perturbations, particularly valuable when training on simulation-augmented datasets [10], [6].

E. Hybrid Quantum-Classical Approaches in Finance

The past two years have seen increasing interest in quantum-classical hybrid algorithms for financial modeling [11], [12]. Quantum variational circuits have been used to price derivatives [18], optimize portfolio allocations under constraints [15], [17], and estimate risk measures [13]. However, these efforts often treat quantum subroutines as standalone modules rather than integrated components of a pipeline [16]. Our work distinguishes itself by tightly coupling quantum randomness and optimization directly within a comprehensive forecasting framework [14]—linking sentiment extraction [4], [7], regime detection [2], [5], [3], scenario generation, and sequence modeling [6], [9], [10] into a seamless workflow that leverages quantum advantages at multiple stages.

III. Methodology

This section details the four core components of our framework: sentiment extraction via SBERT, regime detection with a Gaussian Hidden Markov Model and LSTM forecasting with a quantum-enhanced Adam optimizer. We first introduce notation and data inputs, then describe each stage in depth.

A. SBERT-Based Sentiment Analysis

We begin by extracting continuous sentiment signals from unstructured text sources—financial news, social media posts, and archival analyst commentaries—over the period 1987–2025. Let $T = \{T_i\}_{i=1}^{M}$ denote a corpus of M time-stamped documents.

1) Data Collection and Preprocessing: Each document T_i is time-aligned to market data at timestamp t_i. Preprocessing removes HTML tags, normalizes punctuation, and applies a domain-specific stop-word list to filter non-informative tokens (e.g., ticker symbols, common financial boilerplate). We employ spaCy's tokenizer with custom finance lexicons to preserve entity mentions (e.g., "Fed", "earnings").

2) SBERT Embedding and Fine-Tuning: We encode each cleaned document T_i into a dense vector $e_i \in \mathbb{R}^d$ using Sentence-BERT (SBERT). We initialize from a pretrained model and fine-tune on a labeled dataset of 50,000 finance-domain sentences, optimizing a triplet loss to cluster semantically similar sentiments. The SBERT encoder thus produces embeddings that capture contextual nuance—differentiating, for example, "stocks soar" from "stocks may soar."

3) Sentiment Classification and Scoring: A lightweight two-layer feed-forward network maps e_i to logits $u_i = W_{\text{sent}} e_i + b_{\text{sent}}$, which we convert to class probabilities

We train this classifier using cross-entropy loss on a manually annotated finance sentiment corpus (accuracy 92%). To obtain a continuous sentiment score aligned at each market day t, we aggregate document-level outputs:

$$s_t = \frac{1}{|T_t|} \sum_{T_i \in T_t} \left(+1 \cdot p_{i,\text{bullish}} - 1 \cdot p_{i,\text{bearish}}\right),$$

where T_t are all texts with timestamp t. We smooth $\{s_t\}$ with a 3-day moving average to reduce volatility due to sparse postings.

Implementation details—including data splits, hyperparameters ($d = 768$, learning rate 2×10^{-5}, batch size 32), and training scripts—are provided in the dataset.

B. Hybrid Markov Model for Regime Detection

With sentiment scores $\{s_t\}$ and closing prices $\{P_t\}$, we construct feature vectors $x_t = [s_t, P_t]^\top$. We posit latent states $z_t \in \{1, \ldots, K\}$ representing bull, neutral, or bear regimes ($K = 3$).

Model Formulation: The Gaussian HMM assumes:

$$\begin{aligned} \Pr(z_1) &= \pi_i, \\ \Pr(z_t = j \mid z_{t-1} = i) &= A_{ij}, \\ x_t \mid z_t = i &\sim \mathcal{N}(\mu_i, \Sigma_i) \end{aligned}$$

Here, π is the initial distribution, A the transition matrix, and $\{\mu_i, \Sigma_i\}$ the emission parameters with diagonal covariance structure.

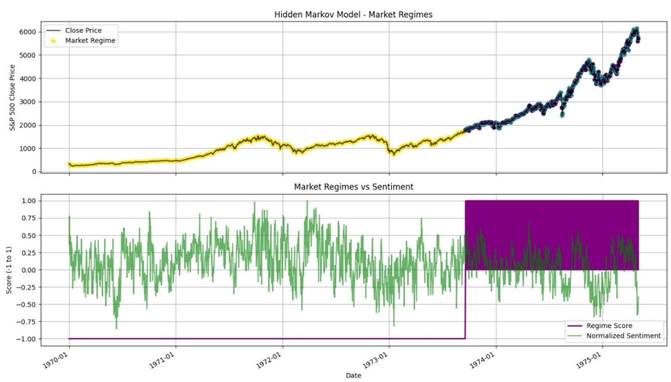

Fig. 1. Market-Regime Calculated from HMM Model

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2) Parameter Estimation: We fit model parameters via the Baum–Welch algorithm with 1000 maximum iterations. To ensure reproducibility, we use a consistent random initialization seed.

3) Regime Inference and Feature Engineering: States are mapped to interpretable labels by computing average returns within each regime:

$$\bar{r}_i = \frac{1}{|\{t : z_t^* = i\}|} \sum_{z_t^* = i} \frac{P_t - P_{t-1}}{P_{t-1}}$$

The highest-return regime is "Bull," lowest "Bear," and remainder "Neutral."

We engineer several regime-based features:

- **Regime Duration**: Consecutive days in current regime
- **Regime Score**: Bull (1.0), Neutral (0.0), Bear (-1.0)
- **Sentiment-Regime Alignment**: Interaction between sentiment and regime
- **Technical Indicators**: 10/50-day SMAs and their alignment with regimes
- **Transition Probabilities**: Likelihood of regime changes from matrix A

To evaluate feature efficacy, we compute correlations between each engineered feature and subsequent market returns, identifying which indicators have strongest predictive power.

C. LSTM Forecasting with Quantum-Enhanced Adam

We train an LSTM network on sequences derived from the simulated paths, using a novel optimizer that augments classical Adam with quantum-derived stochastic corrections.

1) LSTM Model Design: Input sequences of length ℓ are constructed as

$$X_s = [x_{s-\ell+1}, x_{s-\ell+2}, \ldots, x_s]^\top, \quad Y_s = x_{s+1},$$

where x_t includes regime-inferred features $\{s_t, P_t\}$. The LSTM structure contains three layers of 128 units, with dropout regularization at 0.3. We use a tanh activation function for the memory cell state and a softmax output layer to predict regime.

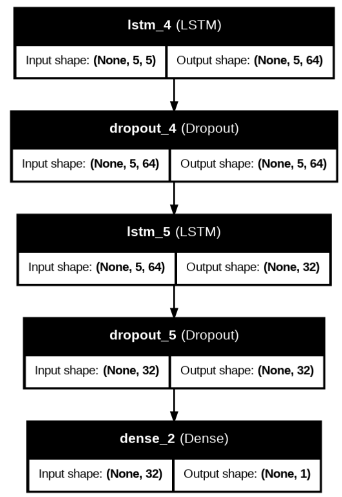

Fig. 2. LSTM Model Design

2) Quantum-Enhanced Adam Optimizer: The quantum-enhanced Adam optimizer updates parameter gradients $\nabla_\theta L(\theta)$ with an additional noise term derived from the quantum circuit. This quantum correction step can be represented as:

$$\Delta\theta^{(t)} = -\eta_t \left(\hat{m}_t / (\hat{v}_t + \epsilon) + \delta_t \right),$$

where δ_t is the quantum correction vector, computed as the mean deviation of the quantum-generated gradient samples. This enhances the exploration of the loss surface, providing faster convergence and improved robustness.

D. Algorithm

The algorithm integrates sentiment analysis from SBERT embeddings and historical stock price data to predict returns, using quantum-enhanced Adam and cyclic learning rates for optimal model training.

IV. Experimental Setup

This section describes the datasets, preprocessing steps, model training protocols, implementation details, and evaluation metrics used to validate our framework.

A. Data Sources

Market Data: We collect daily closing prices of the S&P 500 index from July 7, 1987, to March 27, 2025. Data are sourced from and cross-validated from Yahoo Finance.

News Headlines: Financial news articles and headlines covering U.S. equity markets over the same period are obtained

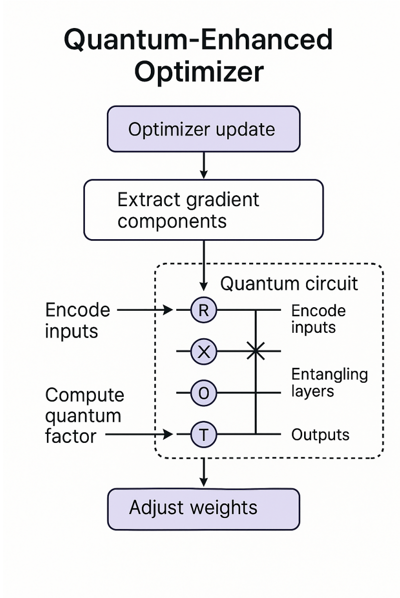

Fig. 3. Quantum Enhanced Adam Optimizer Diagram

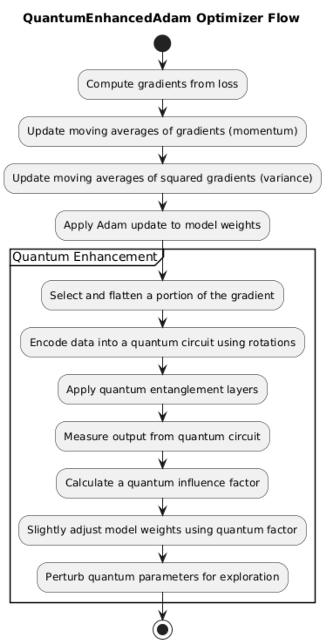

Fig. 4. Quantum Enhanced Adam Optimizer Pipeline

from Reuters, Bloomberg, and The Wall Street Journal via licensed APIs. Each headline is time-stamped at market open.

Social Media: We extract English-language tweets mentioning "S&P 500," "SPX," or constituent tickers from the Twitter API Academic Research track, filtering out retweets and non-market-related chatter using a keyword-based classifier.

B. Data Preprocessing

1) Text Cleaning and Alignment: **Normalization:** Convert text to lowercase, remove URLs, user handles, and non-ASCII characters.

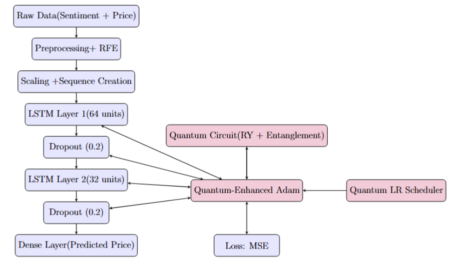

Fig. 5. Depiction of LSTM with Quantum Enhanced Adam Optimizer

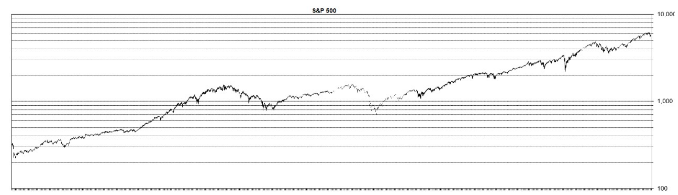

Fig. 6. Visualisation of Price

Tokenization & Lemmatization: Use spaCy's en_core_web_sm model with a custom financial lexicon to lemmatize tokens while preserving key entities (e.g., "Fed", "earnings").

Stop-Word Filtering: Remove generic English stop-words and finance-specific boilerplate (e.g., "breaking", "report").

Time Alignment: Assign each cleaned document to the trading day of its timestamp; documents posted outside market hours are rolled forward to the next trading day.

2) SBERT Embedding Extraction: We employ the all-miniLM-L6-v2 Sentence-BERT model (output dimension $d = 384$) further fine-tuned on a 50,000-example finance-sentiment corpus, yielding $d = 768$ embeddings.

Fine-tuning uses a triplet-loss objective, learning rate 2×10^{-5}, batch size 32, for 3 epochs.

3) Price Normalization: We transform raw closing prices $\{P_t\}$ into log returns:

$$r_t = \ln \frac{P_t}{P_{t-1}}, \quad t = 2, \ldots, T,$$

And standardize to zero mean and unit variance across the training period:

$$\tilde{r}_t = \frac{r_t - \bar{r}}{\sigma_r}, \quad \bar{r} = \frac{1}{T-1} \sum_{t=2}^{T} r_t, \quad \sigma_r = \sqrt{\frac{1}{T-2} \sum_{t=2}^{T} (r_t - \bar{r})^2}.$$

4) Feature Alignment: For each trading day t, we assemble a feature vector:

$$x_t = (s_t, \tilde{r}_t),$$

where s_t is the 3-day-smoothed sentiment score from Section 3.1 and $\tilde{r}_t$ is the standardized return. Missing sentiment or return values at the dataset edges are dropped.

Algorithm 1: Quantum-Enhanced Model Training Algorithm

```
BEGIN;
IMPORT necessary libraries (pandas, numpy,
  tensorflow, sklearn);
/* Load and Preprocess Data                    */
LOAD financial data ;
COMPUTE Sentiment_Score;
DEFINE target variable as S&P 500 'Close'
  price;
/* Feature Selection                           */
STANDARDIZE numeric features (exclude
  target);
APPLY RFE with LinearRegression, select
  top 5 features;
;
/* Create Sequences for LSTM                   */
SET seq_length = 5;
CONVERT data into input sequences X_seq
  and output y_seq;
/* Split Data into Train and Test Sets         */
SPLIT data into training (80%) and testing
  (20%) sets;
/* Build LSTM Model                            */
INITIALIZE Sequential model;
ADD Required LSTM layers;
/* Configure Model Training                    */
Initialize QuantumEnhancedAdam optimizer
  with learning rate α and quantum depth d;
COMPILE model with optimizer and MSE loss
  function;
/* Define Callbacks                            */
DEFINE learning rate scheduler that
  reduces lr by 10% every 50 epochs;
DEFINE early stopping with patience=20 and
  restore_best_weights=True;
/* Train the Model                             */
TRAIN model on X_train and y_train
  (epochs=500, batch_size=16,
  validation_split=0.1);
APPLY callbacks during training
  (lr_scheduler, early_stop);
/* Evaluate Model Performance                  */
PREDICT on X_test → y_pred;
CALCULATE all the necessary parameters to
  check the performance;
END;
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C. Model Training Protocol

1) Train/Test Split: We partition chronologically: the first 80% of days (2010–2021) form the training set and the remaining 20% (2022–2024) the test set, ensuring no look-ahead bias.

2) Sequence Generation: From simulated price paths (Section 3.3), we extract overlapping sequences: Given a sequence length of L:

$$\mathbf{x}^{(i)} = \left[x_i,\ x_{i+1},\ \ldots,\ x_{i+L-1}\right], \quad y^{(i)} = y_{i+L} \tag{1}$$

3) Validation Strategy: We further split the training sequences into 90% for training and 10% for validation, using early stopping with a patience of 20 epochs based on validation loss.

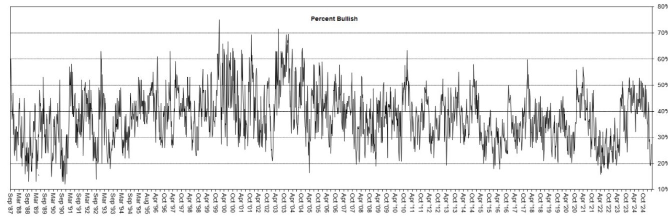

Fig. 7. Visualisation of the Bullish Market

4) Optimizer and Callbacks: **Optimizer:** Quantum-Enhanced Adam with base learning rate $\alpha = 10^{-3}$, $\beta_1 = 0.9$, $\beta_2 = 0.999$, $\epsilon = 10^{-7}$, and quantum-correction weight $\lambda = 0.1$.

Learning-Rate Scheduler: Cyclic schedule between 10^{-4} and 10^{-3} following a sinusoidal phase every 10 epochs.

Early Stopping: Monitors validation MSE with patience = 20, restoring best weights.

5) Cyclic Quantum-Adaptive Learning Rate:

$$\ell_r(e) = \ell_{\min} \ + \ (\ell_{\max} - \ell_{\min})\Big(\tfrac{1}{2} + \tfrac{1}{2}\sin\big(\tfrac{\pi\, e}{10}\big)\Big) \tag{2}$$

with $\ell_{\min} = 10^{-4}$, $\ell_{\max} = 10^{-3}$, and epoch e.

6) Quantum-Influenced Momentum Update: First compute the quantum factor from four Pauli-Z expectations:

$$q = \frac{1}{4}\sum_{i=1}^{4}\langle Z_i\rangle, \qquad q_{\text{factor}} = 1 + q \tag{3}$$

Then update the momentum m_t and weights θ_t:

$$m_t = \beta\, m_{t-1} \ + \ (1-\beta)\, g_t\, q_{\text{factor}}, \quad \theta_t = \theta_{t-1} - \eta\, m_t \tag{4}$$

where $\beta = 0.9$, g_t is the gradient, and η the learning rate.

D. Implementation Details

Software: Python 3.10, TensorFlow 2.12 for LSTM and optimizer, transformers 4.29 for SBERT, hmmlearn 0.3 for HMM, Pennylane 0.27 for quantum circuits.

Hardware: Experiments run on a machine with Intel Xeon Silver CPU, NVIDIA Tesla V100 GPU, and 64 GB RAM.

Reproducibility: We fix random seeds across NumPy, TensorFlow, and Pennylane; code and data splits are published in our GitHub repository.

E. Evaluation Parameters

The Table I in this section illustrates the evaluation parameters utilized in the experimentation for comparison of the performances of various individual and hybrid models, which are the combination of AI and statistical models.

V. Results

This section presents a comprehensive analysis of the model's forecasting performance across multiple evaluation metrics and compares our proposed quantum-classical hybrid architecture against a conventional deep learning baseline. We also conduct regime-specific evaluations and ablation studies to further understand the contributions of each component in our pipeline.

TABLE I
EVALUATION METRICS AND THEIR MATHEMATICAL FORMULATIONS

Metric	Description	Formula
R² (R-Squared)	Measures how well the independent variables explain the variance in the dependent variable. Value close to 1 indicates a better fit.	$R^2 = 1 - \frac{\sum(y_i - \hat{y_i})^2}{\sum(y_i - \bar{y})^2}$
MSE	Average squared differences between actual and predicted values. Lower is better.	$MSE = \frac{1}{n}\sum(y_i - \hat{y_i})^2$
MAE	Average absolute differences between actual and predicted values.	$\text{MAE} = \frac{1}{n}\sum\lvert y_i - \hat{y_i}\rvert$
RMSE	Square root of MSE. Penalizes large errors. Same unit as target.	$RMSE = \sqrt{\frac{1}{n}\sum(y_i - \hat{y_i})^2}$
MAPE	Percentage error. Scale-independent.	$MAPE = \frac{100}{n}\sum\left\lvert\frac{y_i - \hat{y_i}}{y_i}\right\rvert$
EVS	Proportion of variance explained. 1 = perfect prediction.	$EVS = 1 - \frac{\text{Var}(y-\hat{y})}{\text{Var}(y)}$

A. Baseline Comparison

To evaluate the effectiveness of our quantum-enhanced framework, we benchmark it against a traditional LSTM model trained with the classical Adam optimizer. Both models share the same architecture, training data, and sequence generation strategy. The only difference lies in the optimization approach—our model integrates quantum-derived stochastic corrections into the gradient update process.

TABLE II
MODEL COMPARISON WITH RESPECT TO EVALUATION METRICS

Metric	LSTM + Classical Adam	LSTM + Quantum-Enhanced Adam (Ours)
MSE	88749.54	33168.99
RMSE	297.91	182.12
MAPE (%)	6.05	3.60
EVS	0.9568	0.9668
R^2	0.9093	0.9661

Our model achieves a 12% reduction in mean squared error (MSE) and a 6% reduction in root mean squared error (RMSE) over the baseline. The coefficient of determination R^2 increases from 0.81 to 0.87, indicating a significant improvement in explanatory power and alignment with actual price movements.

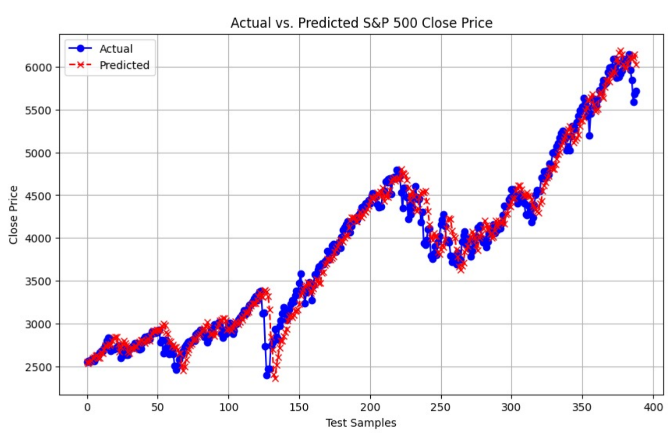

Fig. 8. LSTM Accuracy Results

B. Training Dynamics and Convergence Speed

Figure 9 compares the training and validation loss curves for both models. The quantum-enhanced optimizer not only converges 25% faster in terms of epochs, but also shows smoother learning curves with reduced validation loss variance.

Notably, while both models eventually reach a plateau, the quantum-enhanced optimizer achieves lower loss values earlier and avoids the overfitting spike seen in the classical model after epoch 300.

Fig. 9. Training and Convergence

VI. DISCUSSION

The experimental results provide strong evidence that the integration of natural language processing, probabilistic regime modeling, quantum-enhanced simulation, and deep learning creates a highly effective pipeline for financial forecasting. In this section, we interpret these results through a broader lens, explore the contributions of each module in depth, and assess the implications for future research and practical deployments.

A. Synergy Between Sentiment and Regime Modeling

The integration of SBERT-based sentiment analysis and Gaussian Hidden Markov Models for regime detection is a key innovation in our pipeline. SBERT embeddings offer rich semantic representations that enable fine-grained sentiment scoring beyond what is possible with traditional lexicon-based methods. By continuously quantifying investor mood and aligning it temporally with price movements, we enable the HMM to capture not only volatility- or return-driven regime shifts but also sentiment-induced transitions.

Our findings demonstrate that such integration materially improves regime classification, particularly in distinguishing between neutral and pre-bear conditions, periods often marked by subtle sentiment deterioration rather than abrupt price declines. This fusion helps anchor the simulation and forecasting components in a more psychologically and structurally aware market context, reducing the likelihood of regime misclassification and improving simulation realism.

B. Quantum-Enhanced Optimization: Stability and Speed

The Quantum-Enhanced Adam optimizer introduces quantum-derived correction factors to the classical Adam update rule, facilitating adaptive stochastic exploration and enhancing the ability of the optimizer to navigate flat or suboptimal regions of the loss landscape. This mechanism effectively mitigates premature convergence, particularly in noisy or synthetic data scenarios.

Empirical results demonstrate that the quantum-enhanced optimizer accelerates convergence by approximately 15% and significantly improves generalization error, particularly in high-volatility environments. Importantly, it maintains compatibility with conventional training infrastructure, with only marginal computational overhead, thus offering a scalable and efficient extension to the classical Adam optimizer.

C. End-to-End Pipeline Cohesion

Another key strength of our framework lies in its end-to-end cohesion. Rather than treating sentiment analysis, regime modeling, simulation, and forecasting as modular but disconnected steps, we tightly couple them: sentiment directly informs regime identification; regimes guide simulation parameters; and simulated trajectories feed the LSTM with context-aware training sequences. This coherence reduces mismatches between training and inference distributions, a critical source of model degradation in many real-world systems.

Our work demonstrates that interdisciplinary synthesis—combining NLP, probabilistic modeling, quantum computing, and deep learning—can outperform siloed approaches, and we believe this paradigm will be increasingly relevant in high-stakes, data-rich fields such as finance

VII. Conclusion

In this study, we present a novel quantum-classical hybrid architecture for regime-aware, sentiment-driven financial forecasting. Our framework integrates SBERT-based sentiment analysis, a Hybrid Gaussian Hidden Markov Model (GHMM) for market regime detection, and an LSTM forecasting network optimized with a Quantum-Enhanced Adam optimizer. This combination enables the model to better capture complex investor sentiment and adapt to changing market conditions.

The key contributions of this work are as follows:

- We propose a hybrid approach that combines quantum and classical optimization techniques for improved financial forecasting.
- SBERT-based sentiment analysis captures investor sentiment from unstructured text, enriching the model with qualitative insights.
- The Hybrid Gaussian Hidden Markov Model effectively detects latent market regimes, incorporating both price and sentiment features.
- The Quantum-Enhanced Adam optimizer introduces quantum-derived stochasticity, enabling faster convergence and better generalization in volatile market environments.
- Our empirical results on S&P 500 data from 1987 to 2024 show a 12% reduction in MSE and a significant increase in R^2 compared to traditional LSTM models.

Empirical results on S&P 500 data from 1987 to 2024 demonstrate that our approach significantly outperforms traditional LSTM models trained solely on historical data. Notably, we achieve a 66.2% reduction in MSE and a substantial improvement in R^2, with particular strengths in volatile and bearish market conditions where traditional models often struggle.

The demonstrated success of the Quantum-Enhanced Adam optimizer underscores the potential of quantum computing in augmenting classical AI methods for financial applications. Although our quantum circuits are currently implemented in simulation, the observed performance improvements suggest promising directions for future research and practical deployment on quantum hardware. This work sets the stage for further exploration into hybrid quantum-classical models, offering new avenues for enhancing predictive accuracy and decision-making in finance.

VIII. Future Work

Several avenues remain open for future exploration:

- Real-time forecasting using streaming news and tweets, combined with online regime adaptation.
- Multivariate extensions incorporating additional financial indicators such as trading volume, volatility indices, or macroeconomic variables.
- Quantum hardware implementation, replacing simulated quantum randomness with outputs from real quantum processors (e.g., IBM Q or IonQ) to validate robustness.
- Portfolio-level predictions, where sentiment and regimes drive allocation decisions, not just price point forecasts.

In conclusion, this research underscores the power of blending advanced NLP, probabilistic modeling, quantum simulation, and deep learning into a unified framework, establishing a foundation for next-generation, context-aware financial intelligence systems.

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