



AI Future Directions

## **Bonus Task Quantum Computing Simulation and Application for AI Optimization**

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👉 [Grp39-wk6-assignment-AI4SE \(GitHub Repository\)](#)

👉 [Quantum Simulation Notebook](#)

## **Title: Quantum Computing Simulation and Application for AI Optimization**

### **Quantum Circuit Simulation**

A quantum circuit was implemented using IBM Quantum Experience. The circuit employs a Hadamard gate on the first qubit to create a superposition, followed by a CNOT gate to entangle two qubits, resulting in a Bell state. This demonstrates quantum entanglement—a foundational resource in quantum computing.

### **Application: Optimizing AI for Drug Discovery**

Drug discovery involves exploring vast molecular spaces to identify promising compounds. Classical AI models require extensive computational resources to simulate molecular interactions, often limiting the speed of discovery.

Quantum computing offers significant advantages by natively simulating quantum mechanical properties of molecules. Entangled states, such as those created in the Bell-state circuit, enable quantum algorithms to represent and manipulate complex molecular interactions more efficiently than classical methods.

### **AI Task Optimization Workflow**

- **Data Inputs:** Molecular structures and chemical properties
- **Quantum-Enhanced Model:**
  - Uses quantum circuits to evaluate molecular energy states
  - Searches chemical space via quantum superposition and entanglement
- **Classical AI Integration:**
  - Receives quantum-evaluated candidate compounds
  - Trains generative models to propose new molecules
  - Iteratively refines drug candidates through combined quantum-classical pipelines

### **Societal Benefits**

- Accelerated discovery of new, effective drugs
- Cost reductions in pharmaceutical development
- Potential treatments for currently incurable diseases

## **Societal Risks**

- Ethical concerns about equitable access to advanced medicines
- Possibility of misuse in developing harmful biological agents
- Security risks associated with sensitive biomedical data

## **Conclusion**

The simulated quantum circuit illustrates foundational principles of quantum entanglement, which underpin more advanced quantum algorithms. Integrating quantum computing into AI workflows has the potential to revolutionize drug discovery by enabling faster, more accurate exploration of chemical spaces, ultimately benefiting global health outcomes.