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# Sustainable Oceans through Quantum Tech: Shaping the Future of Marine Conservation and Maritime Operations

## WHITE PAPER



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## Overview

Marine ecosystems play a pivotal role in sustaining life on Earth yet face mounting threats from various sources such as harmful algal blooms, pollution, and inefficient maritime operations. The intricate balance of these ecosystems is imperiled, necessitating sophisticated solutions to ensure their preservation and the sustainable management of marine resources. Within the vast expanses of oceans, lakes, and rivers, both beneficial and harmful algae coexist. Beneficial algae contribute to the ecosystem by absorbing carbon dioxide and releasing oxygen, enhancing the vital dissolved oxygen levels for marine organisms.

However, the proliferation of harmful algae due to industrial and agricultural runoff introduces excess nutrients into water bodies, a phenomenon known as eutrophication. This excess nutrient influx fosters the growth of Harmful Algal Blooms (HABs), which discharge toxins into the water, posing grave threats to marine life and depleting dissolved oxygen levels. Traditional land-based methods of analysis fall short in effectively monitoring and mitigating these phenomena.

In addition to the challenges posed by harmful algal blooms, inefficient maritime operations exacerbate the threats to marine ecosystems. Activities such as pollution from air and waterborne contaminants, noise pollution, and habitat disruption from maritime operations endanger marine life and increase the risk of catastrophic oil spills. The cumulative impact of these factors underscores the urgent need for innovative approaches to marine conservation and management.

Conventional computational methods have limitations in accurately identifying and addressing these threats, highlighting the necessity for a paradigm shift in marine conservation strategies. Quantum technology emerges as a promising avenue for addressing the multifaceted challenges faced by marine ecosystems. Through its unparalleled computational power and capability to process vast amounts of data simultaneously, quantum technology offers new possibilities for environmental monitoring, species classification, and optimization of maritime logistics.



By harnessing the potential of quantum technology, it becomes feasible to develop advanced models and algorithms that enhance our understanding of marine ecosystems and facilitate informed decision-making for their preservation and sustainability.

In this white paper, we explore the transformative potential of quantum technology in tackling the complexities of marine conservation.

From real-time environmental monitoring to the optimization of maritime operations, quantum technology presents innovative solutions that can revolutionize the way we approach marine life preservation and ecosystem sustainability. By leveraging the unique capabilities of quantum computing, we can pave the way towards a more resilient and thriving marine ecosystem, ensuring the continued well-being of both marine life and human society.

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# Introduction – Quantum Technology



Quantum technology refers to a broad field of science and engineering that explores and exploits the principles of quantum mechanics to develop new technologies with capabilities far beyond those of classical technologies. At its core, quantum technology harnesses phenomena such as superposition and entanglement, which are inherent to quantum mechanics, to manipulate and process information in fundamentally different ways from classical systems. Examples of quantum technology include quantum computing, quantum cryptography, quantum sensing, and quantum communication.

## Quantum Optimization

Quantum optimization algorithms provide powerful tools for solving combinatorial optimization problems with unprecedented efficiency, offering potential applications in areas such as logistics, finance, and drug discovery. As quantum technology continues to advance, its transformative potential across various domains,

These emerging technologies have the potential to revolutionize various fields, from computational science and cybersecurity to healthcare and materials science, by offering unprecedented levels of speed, security, and computational power. Quantum technology represents a revolutionary approach to computing and information processing. At its core, quantum computing harnesses the power of quantum bits, or qubits, which can exist in multiple states simultaneously. This inherent parallelism enables quantum computers to tackle complex problems exponentially faster than classical computers.

## Quantum Machine Learning (QML)

One of the key areas of innovation in quantum technology is Quantum Machine Learning (QML), which explores how quantum computing can enhance machine learning algorithms and data analysis techniques.

including quantum machine learning and optimization, holds immense promise for addressing complex real-world challenges. Overall, the integration of quantum technology into marine conservation strategies promises to enhance our understanding of marine ecosystems and empower us to make informed decisions for their preservation and sustainable management.

By leveraging the unique properties of quantum systems, such as superposition and entanglement, QML promises to revolutionize fields such as pattern recognition, optimization, and data classification.

## Quantum Simulation (QS)

Another exciting frontier in quantum technology is Quantum Simulation (QS), with profound implications for Computational Fluid Dynamics (CFD) and engineering applications. Unlike traditional computers that struggle with complex simulations of many-body systems, quantum computers exploit the principles of quantum mechanics to directly model these systems.

This allows for unparalleled accuracy and efficiency in simulating fluid flow, material behavior, and other intricate phenomena crucial to engineering design and optimization.

QS promises to revolutionize many fields by enabling the simulation of previously intractable problems, leading to breakthroughs in design, performance, and efficiency.

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# Quantum Optimization Use Cases



## Maritime Route Selection Optimization

Optimizing sea routes for ships, as well as other maritime operations, faces the challenge of handling numerous variables to achieve the best outcomes. From wind patterns to marine life presence, these factors significantly impact navigation efficiency and operational effectiveness.

Maritime route selection optimization using quantum optimization represents a cutting-edge approach to enhancing efficiency and sustainability in marine transportation. Traditional route optimization methods often struggle to account for the dynamic and complex nature of marine environments, leading to suboptimal routes, increased fuel consumption, and higher emissions. Quantum optimization algorithms, however, leverage quantum computing principles to quickly analyze vast amounts of data and identify optimal routes based on multiple variables, such as weather patterns, sea currents, traffic density, and fuel consumption rates, all while considering real-time changes. This ability to rapidly process complex data sets and find optimal solutions makes quantum optimization superior to classical methods, leading to significant reductions in fuel usage, greenhouse gas emissions, and overall transportation costs for maritime industries.

Moreover, the application of quantum optimization in maritime route selection has profound implications for marine conservation and life. By minimizing fuel consumption and emissions through optimized route planning, quantum-based approaches contribute directly to reducing the ecological footprint of maritime transportation activities. This reduction in environmental impact helps mitigate the negative effects of shipping on marine ecosystems, including noise pollution, habitat disruption, and the risk of marine accidents such as oil spills. Moreover, by optimizing routes to avoid sensitive marine habitats and biodiversity hotspots, quantum optimization supports marine conservation efforts by reducing the likelihood of ship strikes on marine mammals, protecting critical spawning grounds for fish populations, and minimizing the overall ecological disturbance caused by maritime traffic. In essence, quantum optimization not only enhances the efficiency and cost-effectiveness of maritime transportation but also promotes sustainable practices that safeguard marine ecosystems and biodiversity for future generations.

# Marine Hybrid Propulsion: Transient Control Optimization

The increasing demands for energy conservation and environmental protection have led to stricter regulations on ship energy efficiency. To meet these requirements, the shipping industry has accelerated the development of marine hybrid propulsion systems (MHPS). However, optimizing power distribution through intelligent algorithms can result in ship oscillations and speed fluctuations, negatively impacting the overall system's economy.

Optimizing marine hybrid propulsion systems (MHPS) is crucial for meeting the increasingly strict regulations on ship energy efficiency and reducing environmental impact. These systems offer energy-saving and environmentally friendly solutions, but the optimization of power distribution through traditional algorithms can result in oscillations and speed fluctuations in ships that negatively impact the system's economy.

To address these challenges and improve energy control, there is a need for new power systems and advanced optimization technologies. This has led to the development of quantum computing-based approaches for MHPS optimization. Quantum optimization algorithms offer a promising solution to the computational challenges faced by classical algorithms and computers in optimizing MHPS. One approach, Quantum Inspired Evolutionary Optimization (QIEO), is a heuristic method that can systematically find better solutions for multi-time interval discrete optimization problems. QIEO considers multiple objectives, constraints, and input parameters to optimize power delivery in MHPS. By minimizing energy consumption, reducing greenhouse gas emissions, and meeting regulatory requirements, QIEO can enhance the performance of MHPS and power delivery efficiency.

In addition, quantum computing techniques, such as Quantum Annealing and Quantum Gate-based computing, are particularly relevant for quadratic unconstrained binary optimization (QUBO) problems, which are common in combinatorial optimization.

These techniques leverage the adiabatic evolution under changing external conditions to find low-energy states that represent optimal solutions for optimization problems. This enables faster and more accurate simulation-based optimization, leading to improved energy efficiency and reduced environmental impact of MHPS.

Simulation-based optimization covers a range of approaches where an optimal (or close to optimal) solution is found by simulating a system for many potential decision-variable configurations. These include methods with theoretical guarantees, such as dynamic programming, as well as metaheuristic approaches, such as evolutionary algorithms and particle swarm optimization. The simulation of MHPS using Quantum algorithms can optimize performance while reducing greenhouse emissions, reducing impacts on marine ecosystems.

Quantum simulation-based optimization strategies offer a new horizon for the shipping industry, addressing the complexities of MHPS and providing more effective power distribution solutions. By leveraging quantum computing, we can overcome the limitations of classical algorithms and computers, achieving higher accuracy, real-time analysis, and improved performance in MHPS. This will contribute to the goal of energy conservation, environmental protection, and sustainable shipping practices.

## **QIEO Algorithm for Tackling Computational Hurdles:**

Linear and non-linear characteristics, and multiple criteria and objectives, are making these optimization problems. It is challenging for classical algorithms and classical computers. Firstly, it is hard to model these problems and get higher accuracy results as well. Secondly, real-time analysis of these hybrid propulsion systems becomes more difficult for conventional computers.

For example, Quantum Annealing and Quantum Gate-based computing provide a more limited form of quantum computing based on adiabatic evolution under gradually changing external conditions. Quantum Annealing is specifically relevant for quadratic unconstrained binary optimization (QUBO) problems, which are a problem class within combinatorial optimization. A coupled lattice of qubits is first initialized into an easy-to-prepare low-energy ground state, and then the qubit lattice is slowly controlled so that it remains in a low-energy state, which eventually represents the solution of an optimization problem.

These optimization strategies focus on finding approximate solutions for nonlinear problems that are not amenable to exact methods and can efficiently reduce emissions by optimizing MHPS, hence, improving marine life.

BQP's latest case study on Hybrid Quantum-Classical Finite Method (HQCFM) significantly improves in an existing Quantum Linear Solver Algorithm (QLSA). The focus of the HQCFM was to solve the  $Ax = b$  linear system, that solves 2D, transient, incompressible, viscous, non-linear, and coupled the Burger's equation. Such a demonstration of using a quantum linear equation solver coupled with a transient problem is unprecedented.

Therefore, advanced simulations using quantum-based algorithms, and frameworks breakthrough innovation for important performance of marine propulsion systems for large cargo ships while reducing greenhouse emissions.

## **Sustainable Maritime Route Optimization**

In the vast expanse of our oceans, where maritime trade routes intersect with delicate marine ecosystems, efficient ship navigation is crucial. Addressing the complexities of modern navigation while preserving marine environments requires innovative solutions. Quantum-inspired algorithms are emerging as a promising solution to address the complexities of ship navigation and enable the conservation of marine ecosystems. Maritime route planning and ship navigation have traditionally been governed by standards and norms set forth by the International Maritime Organization (IMO). These regulations aim to reduce the risk of shipwrecks and enhance economic benefits for maritime navigation. Increasing complexity of navigation tasks, coupled with the challenges posed by factors such as wind, waves, weather and high-resolution data requirements. Factoring in routes with fragile ecosystems adds another level of complexity, creating a pressing need for more sophisticated path-planning algorithm

## **Navigational Challenges and the Need for Innovation**

Existing maritime path planning algorithms often struggle with low accuracy and operational efficiency, particularly when faced with multiple constraints and long-distance navigation tasks. Traditional approaches have found it difficult to adapt to the intricacies of multi-constraint conditions and high-resolution data demands. However, the emergence of quantum-inspired algorithms offers a promising avenue for overcoming these challenges.

## Benefits of Quantum-Inspired Route Optimization

The key advantage of quantum-inspired algorithms like SPA\* lies in their ability to handle the immense computational complexity inherent in maritime route optimization. By harnessing the power of quantum computing, these algorithms can explore vast search spaces more efficiently, leading to faster and more accurate solutions. This is particularly beneficial for long-distance planning tasks, where traditional algorithms often struggle to find optimal routes within reasonable timeframes.

Moreover, quantum-inspired algorithms have the potential to revolutionize maritime route optimization by enabling real-time decision-making and adaptability to dynamic environmental conditions. By continuously analyzing sensor data and adjusting navigation plans accordingly, ships can navigate more safely and efficiently while minimizing their ecological footprint.

This not only benefits the marine ecosystem but also enhances the economic viability of maritime trade and transportation.

Application of quantum-inspired algorithms in maritime route optimization aligns with broader efforts to promote sustainable development and environmental conservation. By optimizing shipping routes to minimize fuel consumption and emissions, these algorithms contribute to reducing the carbon footprint of maritime transportation, thus mitigating climate change impacts on marine ecosystems.

As technology continues to advance, quantum-inspired algorithms will play an increasingly vital role in shaping the future of maritime navigation and environmental stewardship.

## Maritime Canals Scheduling Optimization

Quantum optimization has the potential to revolutionize the planning and management of maritime canals, offering unprecedented efficiency and sustainability benefits across various areas of application. Quantum optimization algorithms can rapidly analyze complex data sets and identify optimal configurations for maritime canal networks. This capability is particularly valuable for improving navigation efficiency, reducing congestion, and minimizing transit times within canal systems, leading to significant cost savings and operational enhancements for maritime industries.

The application of quantum optimization in the planning and management of maritime canals holds substantial promise for marine life conservation.

By optimizing canal routes to minimize environmental impacts, such as habitat fragmentation and water pollution, quantum-based approaches can help mitigate the negative effects of canal construction and operation on marine ecosystems. Additionally, quantum optimization can facilitate the design of eco-friendly canal features, such as fish passages and shoreline buffers, to enhance habitat connectivity and promote the natural movement of aquatic species through canal networks.

Overall, by promoting sustainable canal management practices and minimizing ecological disturbance, quantum optimization contributes to the preservation of marine biodiversity and the long-term health of coastal ecosystems.

# Maritime Cargo Ship Scheduling Optimization



In maritime industries, quantum optimization presents a transformative opportunity to enhance efficiency and sustainability in shipping operations, port management, and offshore activities. By leveraging quantum computing principles, maritime stakeholders can optimize cargo ship scheduling, port logistics, and offshore supply chain management, leading to significant improvements in operational efficiency, cost savings, and environmental sustainability. Quantum optimization enables the rapid analysis of complex data sets and the identification of optimal routes, schedules, and resource allocations, thereby streamlining maritime operations, reducing fuel consumption, and minimizing ecological impact.

By optimizing shipping routes, port operations, and offshore activities, quantum-based approaches can minimize the ecological footprint of maritime operations, reduce the risk of environmental accidents, and mitigate the negative effects of human activities on marine ecosystems.

By promoting sustainable practices and minimizing environmental impact, quantum optimization contributes to the preservation of marine biodiversity, the protection of sensitive habitats, and the long-term health of coastal and marine environments, ensuring a more sustainable future for our oceans and the life they support.

In conclusion, the integration of these techniques into various maritime operations presents significant opportunities for enhancing efficiency, reducing costs, and minimizing environmental impact.

By harnessing the power of quantum computing to handle large numbers of variables and reach global optima, maritime operators can navigate the complexities of the marine environment with precision and resilience.

# Quantum Machine Learning (QML) Use Cases

The proliferation of harmful algal blooms (HABs) poses a significant threat to marine ecosystems and water bodies worldwide, fueled by excessive industrial and agricultural runoff containing nutrients and chemicals. While certain types of algae play a vital role in oxygen production and ecosystem health, the overabundance of harmful species can have devastating effects on marine life and water quality.

Detection, classification, and removal of these harmful blooms are critical for mitigating their impact and preserving aquatic ecosystems.

Satellite data coupled with machine learning algorithms offer a powerful tool for detecting and classifying algae blooms on a large scale. By analyzing spectral signatures and spatial patterns captured by satellites, machine learning models can accurately identify and classify different types of algae present in water bodies.

However, while classical machine learning techniques have shown promise in this domain, quantum machine learning (QML) holds even greater potential for enhancing algae bloom classification accuracy and efficiency.

Quantum machine learning harnesses the computational power of quantum computing to tackle complex classification tasks more effectively than classical machine learning methods. By leveraging quantum algorithms and quantum data processing techniques, QML models can handle high-dimensional data more efficiently, capture subtle features in spectral signatures, and improve classification accuracy, particularly in scenarios with noisy or sparse data. As a result, quantum machine learning offers a promising approach to enhance the detection and classification of harmful algal blooms, enabling more proactive and effective management strategies to safeguard marine life and water quality.

## QML for Hyperspectral Data Classification

On a local scale, traditional methods of sampling water for algae identification provide valuable insights into the types present, yet they offer only a partial understanding of the overall algae composition. Given the vast diversity of algae species and their abundance in water bodies, achieving a comprehensive understanding demands a broader perspective. This necessitates transitioning to an Earth observation satellite viewpoint, offering a panoramic view of aquatic environments. Hyperspectral Earth observation satellites, with their ability to capture detailed spectral information across a wide range of wavelengths, emerge as a potent tool for this task. Each algae species exhibits a unique spectral signature, enabling precise classification and quantification from satellite imagery.

In comparison to classical machine learning approaches, quantum machine learning (QML) holds distinct advantages in performance and classification accuracy, especially when dealing with large datasets such as hyperspectral imagery. Research indicates that QML can outperform classical methods in various classification tasks, showcasing its potential to revolutionize algae bloom detection and characterization.

The complexity of hyperspectral data, coupled with the potential overlap in spectral signatures between water and different algae species, poses challenges for classical machine learning models. However, QML excels in disentangling intricate spectral patterns and discerning subtle differences, making it particularly adept at classifying overlapping spectral signatures.

Moreover, in scenarios where spectral signatures of different algae species exhibit minimal distinctions or overlap, QML demonstrates its superiority in classification. Its inherent ability to leverage quantum computing principles, such as superposition and entanglement, allows QML models to explore a vast solution space efficiently and uncover nuanced relationships within data.

By harnessing the computational power of quantum algorithms, QML transcends the limitations of classical machine learning, offering unparalleled accuracy and efficiency in algae classification from hyperspectral satellite imagery. As advancements in quantum computing continue to accelerate, the integration of QML into Earth observation systems promises to revolutionize our understanding of aquatic ecosystems and facilitate proactive management strategies for preserving water quality and marine biodiversity.

Once harmful algal blooms (HABs) are accurately detected and classified using advanced technologies like hyperspectral Earth observation satellites and quantum machine learning,

targeted measures can be implemented to mitigate their impact and restore water quality. Strategies for clearing out HABs vary depending on factors such as the type of algae present, the severity of the bloom, and the specific characteristics of the water body. Mechanical methods such as skimming, filtering, and aeration can be employed to physically remove algae from the water surface and improve oxygen levels.

Additionally, biological approaches such as the introduction of algicidal compounds or the deployment of algae-consuming organisms like zooplankton can help control algae populations and prevent bloom recurrence. Chemical treatments may also be utilized to disrupt algal growth or neutralize toxins produced by certain species.

By leveraging the information gleaned from algae detection and classification efforts, targeted interventions can be tailored to address specific HABs and restore affected water bodies to a healthier state, benefiting both aquatic ecosystems and the communities that rely on them.

## **Quantum CNNs for Real-Time Underwater Species Identification:**

Marine life conservation is crucial for maintaining a healthy ecosystem, and rapid detection and identification of underwater species is vital to achieving this objective. However, traditional imaging methods utilized in underwater species identification often face challenges such as low light, murky waters, and image blur, rendering the process time-consuming, costly, and sometimes inaccurate. Leveraging machine learning methods such as quantum convolutional neural networks (CNNs), however, offer significant possibilities. These quantum-enhanced real-time computer vision technologies can improve accuracy while decreasing computational time and required dataset sizes.

By using quantum CNNs, it can advance the image processing and identification of underwater species for improving marine life detection. It will enable underwater identification and tracking of species, including those that are rare or endangered within their habitats, providing crucial data for conservation efforts. Furthermore, with the help of quantum image processing, scientists can quickly detect and locate harmful marine waste, such as plastic waste and oil spills.

Machine learning methods are increasingly used for object recognition under such adverse conditions.

These enhanced object recognition methods of images taken from AUV's have potential applications in underwater pipeline and optical fiber surveillance, ocean bed resource extraction, ocean floor mapping, underwater species exploration, etc.

While the classical machine learning methods are very efficient in terms of accuracy, they require large datasets and high computational time for image classification. Therefore, efficient algorithms are needed for better speed of computation with fewer computing resources.

Previous research has showcased hybrid quantum machine learning methods that show an efficiency greater than 65% and reduction in run-time by one-third and require 50% smaller dataset sizes for training the models compared to classical machine learning methods.

This innovative use of technology can be a game-changer in marine conservation, as it can help scientists identify key areas where conservation efforts can be focused, protecting indigenous marine life and ecosystems. It can play a vital role in surveillance and monitoring, identifying species at risk, and informing scientific research of these habitats.

As a result, it will also help policymakers prioritize conservation measures and enhance our understanding of marine life.

By leveraging quantum CNNs and advanced imaging technologies, this could have a significantly positive impact on identifying and protecting marine species. These techniques provide a valuable tool for improving our understanding of the underwater world, enabling effective conservation efforts, and helping to save precious marine lives.

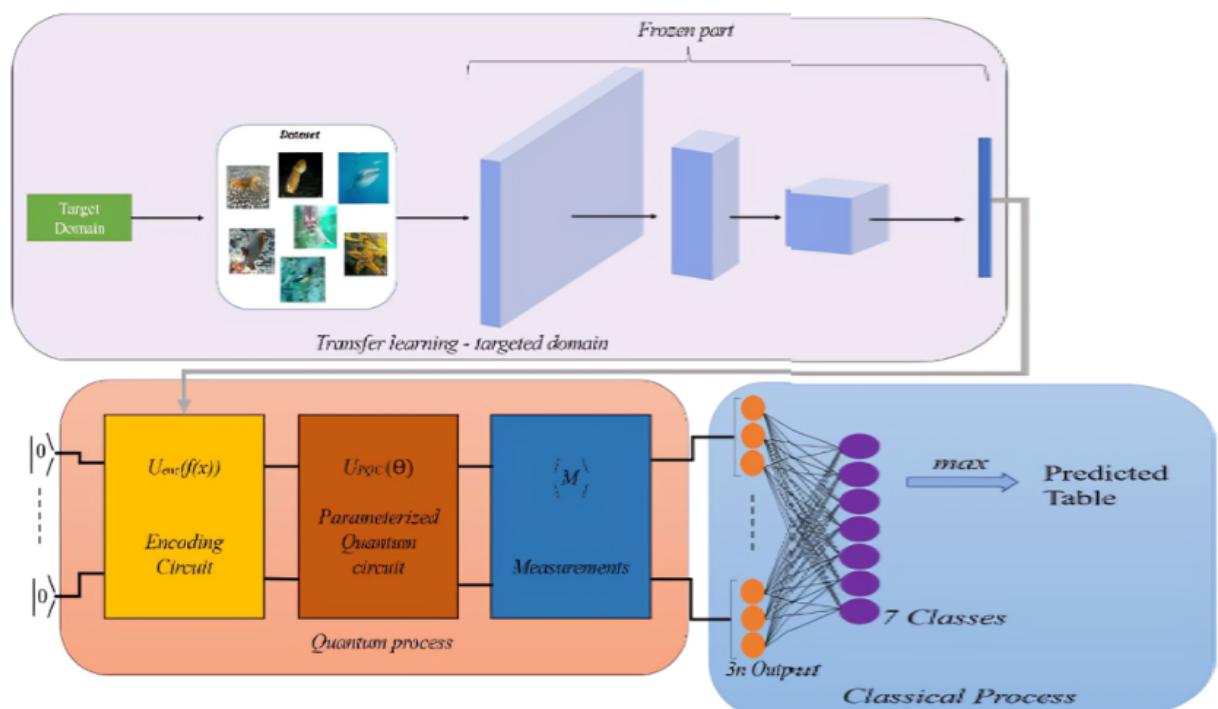


Figure: Hybrid Quantum Classical Convolutional Neural Network

The figure showcases the initial stage involves a classical Convolutional Neural Network (CNN) for feature extraction. Subsequently, the second phase employs a Quantum circuit for classification purposes.

# **Quantum Based Climate Modeling and Prediction**

## **Quantum for Climate Change Detection:**

In the space and aerospace industry, various challenges arise in resource allocation, planning, object scheduling, and AI model training. These tasks often demand significant time, memory space, and electrical consumption.

One innovative approach to address these challenges is the use of quantum approaches. Quantum techniques have been employed to tackle real-world intractable computational problems in industries like aerospace, including flight-gate assignment and satellite mission planning for Earth observation. They have also shown potential in numerical weather modeling, climate simulation, energy optimization, renewable energy, and quantum AI for climate change detection.

However, demonstrating a clear advantage of quantum techniques over conventional classical approaches is still a work in progress. Quantum machines are still in the improvement stages, and it is crucial to determine which practical problems will truly benefit from quantum machines and algorithms.

There is currently an ongoing effort to identify complex computational problems in the space and aerospace industry that can be handled more efficiently using quantum machines compared to supercomputers. Additionally, researchers are exploring how to leverage both quantum machines and supercomputers to maximize their potential and achieve superior results.

## **There are two possible quantum approaches to tackle this problem:**

### **1. Variational Quantum Algorithms (VQAs):**

VQAs are a class of Quantum Machine Learning (QML) models aimed at the application in the NISQ era. These algorithms employ jointly parameterized quantum Circuits (PQCs) and classical optimization techniques for finding optimal quantum circuits that have desirable properties from the point of a given application. VQAs require less training datasets compared to conventional D Learning models - it implies faster training time than its counterpart classical technique,

whereas quantum machines also consume less electric power than supercomputers at the same time. VQAs are already applied to change detection, chlorophyll concentration estimation in water, and detecting clouds. It can be used to predict small, medium or major changes in marine ecosystems, opening scope for better understanding and preserving marine habitats.

### **2. Quantum for Advanced Machine Learning:**

Quantum algorithms are revolutionizing machine learning approaches for climate modeling. By integrating physics laws and models with practical datasets and Quantum Machine Learning (QML) models, researchers can more accurately predict and analyze the impacts of climate change on marine habitats and wildlife.

For instance, this approach enables modelling rainfall-runoff models, which can be further extended for the prediction of flooding and drought analysis.

Relying on physics-based approaches, quantum algorithms can leverage the benefits of physical laws to solve complex Partial Differential Equations (PDEs) involved in computational fluid dynamics (CFDs). Quantum-assisted machine learning models, unlike conventional neural networks, can use QML models to handle climate-related challenges with accurate modeling.

Moreover, it can generate better prediction and projection probabilities for both current and future climate events affecting marine ecosystems.

This novel technique showcases the potential of quantum algorithms for advanced machine learning in the context of climate change detection. These approaches can provide critical insights into the behavior of marine life, enabling researchers to better protect our planet's fragile ecosystems.

## **Quantum for Climate Modeling:**

Utilizing quantum algorithms and models for climate modeling presents a promising solution to the challenges posed by the large-scale and computationally intensive nature of climate modeling. Traditional climate modeling involves extensive data and hundreds of millions of grid cells, each with multiple associated variables, resulting in a complex and resource-intensive computational process.

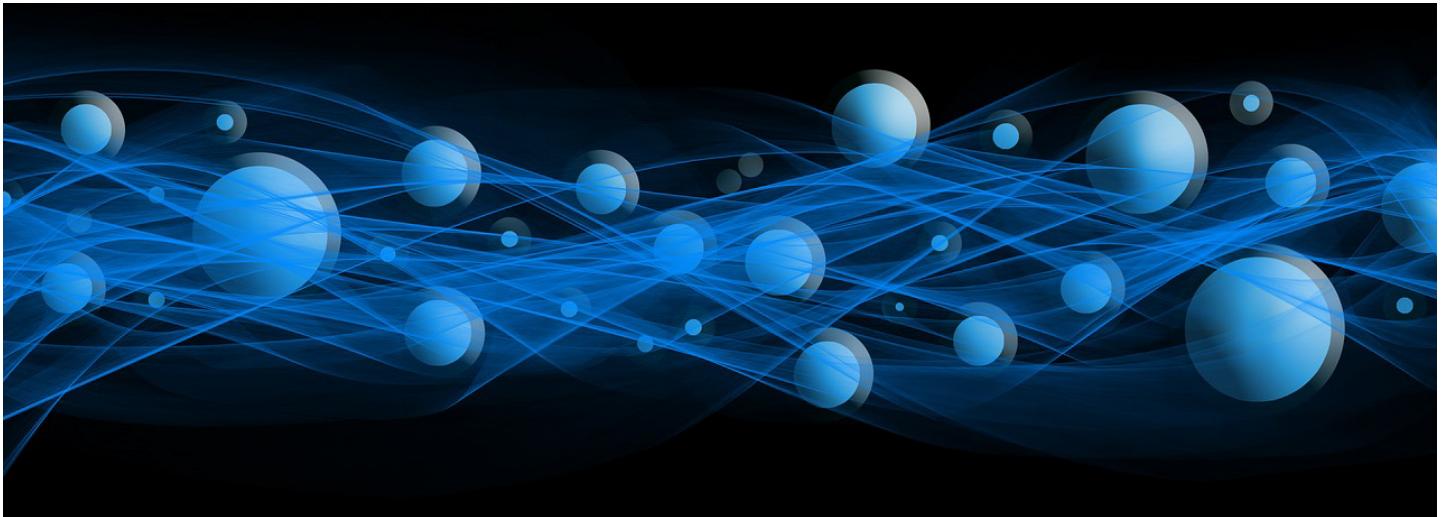
Quantum algorithms, leveraging principles of quantum information science, offer the potential to significantly enhance computational speed for these complex problems. They can transform climate models into linear equations, reducing the computational resources required and expediting the overall process. As a result, quantum algorithms can offer solutions to computationally expensive climate modeling and climate Partial Differential Equations (PDEs).

### **Several effective approaches can be employed:**

- Variational Quantum Algorithms (VQAs) demonstrate increased expressive power compared to their classical counterparts, making them suitable for testing and solving climate PDEs.
- To address limitations in memory capacity and large-scale climate datasets, Quantum-based Neural Networks (QPINNs) can be utilized to predict and project climate states, particularly where conventional deep learning (DL) models struggle to generalize well with smaller datasets.
- Climate Quantum Machine Learning (QML) models offer a promising approach to maintain accuracy while reducing the spatial resolution of grid cells, enabling interpolation similar to conventional classical methods.
- Quantum machines can be leveraged to simulate atmospheric chemistry, providing fast and highly accurate methods for these simulations, which are crucial as the complexity of reaction pathways increases with the size of the molecules involved.

These quantum-assisted approaches demonstrate the potential to revolutionize climate modeling, offering efficient and accurate solutions to critical climate-related challenges.

# Quantum Simulation Use Cases



## Quantum Algorithm for Submarine Tephra Dispersal:

When a submarine volcano erupts, the hot gases and ash produce tephra, which is then dispersed through advection. This means that the tephra is carried by the movement of fluids, such as air or water, in a semi-infinite horizontal buoyant region. The buoyant region refers to the area where these fluids rise due to their lower density.

The horizontal aspect means that the tephra is moving in a direction perpendicular to the vertical direction of the buoyant region. In summary, this phrase describes how the tephra from a submarine volcanic eruption is dispersed by the movement of fluids in a certain region.

The study of tephra dispersal through advection in the semi-infinite horizontal buoyant region of a submarine volcanic eruption is important for marine life for several reasons:

- **Impact on marine ecosystems:** Tephra deposition and associated changes in water chemistry can affect the health and biodiversity of marine ecosystems, potentially disrupting the food chain and harming marine organisms.
- **Navigation and safety:** Understanding tephra dispersal is crucial for maritime navigation and the safety of ships, as accumulation of tephra can pose hazards to vessels and marine infrastructure.
- **Environmental monitoring:** Monitoring tephra dispersal provides insights into the environmental impact of submarine volcanic eruptions, allowing for better assessment and management of potential risks to marine life and coastal communities.
- **Fisheries and aquaculture:** Tephra deposition can influence water quality and nutrient levels, affecting the productivity of fisheries and aquaculture operations, making it important for assessing and mitigating potential impacts.

This is a perfect use-case where an efficient partial differential equation (PDE) solver uses principles of quantum information science to help study volcanic eruptions to improve marine lives. In engineering, Multiphysics processes are often represented using differential equations, therefore, efficient solvers can enhance the efficiency of computation processes by reducing the time, and complexities involved in the process.

Based on that, one such problem is the solution of viscous fluid flow governed by the Navier–Stokes equations. These equations universally represent scenarios ranging from turbulence in aerospace design in engineering to magneto-hydrodynamics in plasma physics. Hence, it is interesting though that these PDEs have only recently been attempted to be solved using quantum algorithms such as lattice models or some other quantum simulation methods.

Efficient classical-quantum hybrid algorithms developed by BosonQ Psi have successfully solved differential equations such as the Navier stokes equation, heat dissipation equations representing airflow, and heat flow. BosonQ Psi has achieved computational efficiencies during computation processes compared to other classical approaches. Therefore, solving complex differential equations for volcanic eruptions can help predict the impact on marine lives.

For example, in one of the use-cases, BQP's algorithm has shown significant improvements in simulation using Quantum Linear Solver Algorithms (QLSA) and variational algorithms suitable on High-Performance Computers (HPC). Additionally, it has reduced the number of computing resources and efficiently solves highly complex simulations.

## Ocean Climate with Quantum (ClimateDT):



Figure: Digital twins of the Earth attempt to replicate the behavior of certain aspects of the planet based on Earth Observation data and physical models.

A precise digital model of the Earth's oceanic climate activity can forecast and evaluate the impacts of human-made or natural oceanic activities, offering opportunities to study their effects on marine life. Quantum algorithms and quantum computers are ideal candidates for creating an accurate ocean model due to the large volume of data needed.

## **Limitations of Current Climate Models**

Cloud feedback and cloud-aerosol interactions significantly impact the equilibrium climate sensitivity range. Previous models inadequately represented clouds in Earth System Models (ESMs) due to the complexities of cloud formation and limitations in computational scale.

## **Quantum Approaches for ClimateDT**

Key challenges include the quantum computer compatibility with "Big data" problems inherent in climate models.

Quantum computers excel in solving complex equations efficiently with a moderate amount of input and output variables, leveraging quantum parallelism.

For quantum computing to surpass classical methods, algorithms must be deep and encompass a high number of basic operations.

To monitor and simulate interactions between the environment and human activities with high precision, quantum algorithms can be used to build digital twins. This enables the study of how natural phenomena and human actions influence the climate, moving towards comprehensive risk assessments from local climate plausibility evaluations.

Recent advancements in cloud modeling have shifted towards probabilistic approaches in small-scale simulations. Accuracy can be enhanced through classical supercomputing and eventual quantum-accelerated HPC integration.

The advantage of quantum computing lies in tackling problems from innovative perspectives, especially in Computational Fluid Dynamics (CFD) or Partial Differential Equations (PDEs) processing. Quantum algorithms like the HHL algorithm and QSVT can accelerate CFD simulations by efficiently solving linear systems of equations without relying on conventional matrix inversion methods.

Leveraging hybrid classical/quantum algorithms for the NISQ era allows for fault-tolerant quantum computing advancements in oceanic climate modeling, paving the way for more efficient and accurate modeling techniques.

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# Business Opportunity

The Maritime Freight Transport Market size is estimated at USD 381.69 billion in 2024, and is expected to reach USD 471.81 billion by 2029, growing at a CAGR of 4.33% during the forecast period (2024-2029). The maritime freight transport industry is responsible for the carriage of around 90% of world trade. Seaborne trade continues to expand, bringing benefits for consumers across the world through competitive freight costs. Thanks to the growing efficiency of shipping as a mode of transport and increased economic liberalization, the prospects for the industry's further growth continue to be strong.

The global marine biotechnology market size was reached at USD 5.9 billion in 2022 and it is projected to hit around USD 11.7 billion by 2032 and anticipated to increase at a CAGR of 7.09% during the forecast period from 2023 to 2032.

The environment, conservation and wildlife organizations market size has grown strongly in recent years. It will grow from \$26.22 billion in 2023 to \$28.16 billion in 2024 at a compound annual growth rate (CAGR) of 7.4%.

The growth in the historic period can be attributed to environmental awareness, advocacy and education, conservation projects, legal advocacy.

The environment, conservation and wildlife organizations market size is expected to see strong growth in the next few years. It will grow to \$36.65 billion in 2028 at a compound annual growth rate (CAGR) of 6.8%. The growth in the forecast period can be attributed to climate change mitigation, sustainable practices, renewable energy and green technology, marine conservation. Major trends in the forecast period include climate change mitigation, biodiversity conservation, sustainable agriculture and food systems, green finance and impact investing, eco-friendly technology.

The Global Ocean-Based Climate Solutions Market size was valued at USD 10.2 Bn in 2022 and is expected to reach USD 29.71 Bn by 2029, at a CAGR of 16.5%.

The global quantum computing market size is projected to grow from \$1,160.1 million in 2024 to \$12,620.7 million by 2032, at a CAGR of 34.8%.

## **Other Opportunities:**

### **Coastal Infrastructure Development:**

Quantum climate models can inform coastal infrastructure projects by predicting sea level rise, storm surge patterns, and potential erosion risks.

### **Marine Pollution Mitigation:**

By pinpointing areas vulnerable to pollution dispersion, governments and environmental agencies can develop targeted strategies to protect sensitive ecosystems.

**Carbon Capture and Storage:** Quantum simulations can help optimize the placement and operation of carbon capture facilities, leading to more effective strategies for mitigating climate change.

## About Artificial Brain

Artificial Brain is a quantum computing software company developing optimization solutions for Aerospace, Energy, and Defense. Artificial Brain has a global presence with offices in the USA, Netherlands, and India and ability to tap into diverse markets, talents, and resources.

Artificial Brain also emerged as one of winners of the Prototype Track in the Deep Tech Category of the highly regarded myEUspace competition, organized by the European Union Agency for the Space Programme (EUSPA).

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## About BQP

BosonQ Psi (BQP) is a SaaS simulation software startup leveraging Quantum algorithms that accelerate advanced simulations to design high-quality products faster and more economically. Its product, BQPhy®, is integrated with Quantum algorithms which can overcome simulations which complex, expensive, and time-consuming for customers from mobility, energy, construction, and biotech sectors. BQP currently brings state-of-the-art simulation capabilities integrated with Quantum-inspired algorithms, which can run on today's HPC (High Performance Computing) and provide near-term value.

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Artificial Brain's innovative quantum algorithm, designed to optimize real-time scheduling for multiple Earth Observation Satellites (EOS), clinched the victory, promising to bring groundbreaking solutions in the integration of EU space data with cutting-edge technologies like Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Quantum Computing.

Furthermore, their contributions to sustainability challenges have been featured in Nature India, underscoring their commitment to leveraging quantum based technologies for global sustainability.

It is also working on hybrid-classical algorithms for future simulation capabilities. The company is part of startup programs by IBM, Intel, AWS (Amazon Web Services), Microsoft, TCS (Tata Consulting Service), and Tech Mahindra. It has raised over a million dollars from investors and government grants. It is part of Alchemist Accelerator, Hustle Defense Accelerator program by Griffiss Institute, and UK Innovate's net zero program among others. BQP actively partners with research and academic institutions to produce white papers and disseminate knowledge on engineering simulations and quantum computing, focusing on innovative solutions for sustainability challenges.

## About Quantum Inspire

Quantum Inspire is Europe's first quantum system that is accessible for public use. A world's first is that Quantum Inspire connects to two different kinds of quantum processors: spin qubits and superconducting transmon qubits, allowing users to compare both types of quantum processors.

It also integrates different programming languages, allowing users to compare how languages affect simulations. Quantum Inspire (QI) is initiated by QuTech the advanced research center for quantum computing and quantum internet founded by TU Delft and TNO.

Website: [www.quantum-inspire.com](http://www.quantum-inspire.com)

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