

# Quantum Artificial Intelligence Techniques for Next-Generation Wireless Communication: A Comprehensive Review

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## ABSTRACT

Next-generation wireless communication systems should have very low latency, high reliability, the ability to connect a lot of devices, and better security. Artificial intelligence (AI) is an important part of intelligent network management because it makes channel estimation, spectrum allocation, beamforming, and network optimization more efficient. But classical AI methods have a lot of problems when used on large wireless networks, such as being very hard to compute, using a lot of energy, and not being able to grow.

Recently quantum artificial intelligence i.e.QAI which combines quantum computing with machine learning has become a promising way to get around these problems. By using quantum mechanics ideas like superposition, entanglement and quantum parallelism QAI could speed up optimization tasks, make pattern recognition better and make secure communication better.

This paper gives a full overview of QAI and how it could be used in the next generation of wireless communication systems. The study talks about the basics of quantum computing, how AI can help wireless networks, and new quantum machine learning models that are being developed. Also, quantum algorithms like Grover's search algorithm and the Quantum Approximate Optimization Algorithm (QAOA) are looked at in relation to problems with optimizing wireless networks. Lastly, we talk about the problems that QAI-enabled wireless communication systems face right now and the research that needs to be done in the future.

## General Terms

Algorithms, Design, Performance, Theory.

## Keywords

Quantum Artificial Intelligence, Quantum Machine Learning, Wireless Communication, 6G Networks, Quantum Optimization, Quantum Security, Beamforming, Spectrum Management.

## 1. INTRODUCTION

Wireless communication systems have evolved significantly from first generation(1G) analog communication technologies to modern fifth generation i.e.5G networks capable of delivering high speed data services, massive connectivity, and intelligent communication infrastructures. The increasing demand for high bandwidth applications such as immersive media, Internet of Things (IoT), autonomous vehicles and industrial automation has pushed wireless networks toward the development of sixth generation i.e.6G communication systems [10,11,27].

Future wireless networks are expected to provide ultra reliable

low latency communication (URLLC) terabit per second data rates and intelligent network automation. These requirements introduce complex optimization problems involving high dimensional data processing, large scale network management and dynamic decision making. Traditional computational techniques often struggle to efficiently address these challenges. Artificial Intelligence is one of the keys enabling technologies for improving the performance of wireless communication systems. AI based approaches allow networks to adapt dynamically to changing conditions by learning patterns in data optimizing resource allocation strategies. However classical AI approaches require significant computational resources and large training datasets, which may limit their applicability in large scale and latency sensitive wireless environments [8,34,35]. Quantum computation present an innovative computational paradigm that can resolve specific categories of problems more effectively than classical computers. Quantum computers can handle a lot of information at once by using quantum mechanical effects like superposition, entanglement and interference. This method, when combined with machine learning, leads to the new field of Quantum Artificial Intelligence (QAI) [40].

Even though classical AI techniques have made a lot of progress, the next generation of wireless networks is becoming more complicated, which makes computing harder. In today's wireless world, you need to be able to make decisions in real time, optimize things on a large scale, and process huge amounts of data quickly that connected devices create. Because of problems with computation and scalability traditional AI algorithms might have a hard time meeting these needs. Quantum Artificial Intelligence i.e.QAI is one of the new and exciting field that combines quantum computing with machine learning to make computer work faster and learn more [22]. This Paper examines the essential principles of QAI and investigates its prospective applications in next generation wireless communication systems. The paper also talks about the problems that already exist and suggests new research opportunities in this new field of study.

### 1.1 Related Work

Several studies have investigated the integration of artificial and quantum computing in wireless communication systems. Classical AI techniques have been widely applied to optimize wireless networks [8][34][35]. However recent research has explored the potential of quantum computing to improve learning efficiency and solve large scale optimization problems [40][22]. Table 1 summarizes key contribution in the literature related to AI, quantum computing and wireless communication systems.

**Table 1. Summary of related work**

Reference No.	Author/Year	Method	Application	Key Contribution
[8]	O'Shea & Hoydis (2017)	Deep Learning	Physical Layer Communication	Introduce deep learning approaches for signal detection and channel estimation.
[34]	Ye et al. (2018)	Deep Neural Networks	Channel Estimation	Demonstrated improved accuracy  In wireless channel estimation using DL
[35]	Dai et al. (2019)	AI for wireless Networks	Network Optimization	Surveyed AI enabled wireless communication architectures proposed learning based
[29]	Muppisetty et al. (2019)	Machine Learning	Beamforming	Proposed learning based predictive beamforming for mm Wave systems
[21]	Arulku maran et al. (2017)	Reinforcement Learning	Resource Allocation	Introduced RL techniques for dynamic wireless network control.
[40]	Biamonte et al. (2017)	Quantum Machine Learning	Pattern Recognition	Discussed quantum algorithms for machine learning tasks
[22]	Wittek (2014)	Quantum ML algorithms	Data classification	Presented quantum support vector machines and quantum kernels
[17]	Farhi et al. (2014)	QAOA	Optimization	Introduce quantum approximate optimization algorithm

[36]	Nguyen et al. (2020)	Quantum Annealing	Wireless optimization	Applied quantum optimization to wireless network resource allocation.
[48]	Cacciapuoti et al. (2020)	Quantum Communication	Network Architecture	Proposed quantum assisted communication on networks.

Based on Table 1, it is evident that classical AI approaches, including deep learning and reinforcement learning, have been extensively used in wireless communication systems to address activities such as channel estimation, beamforming, and resource allocation. Nevertheless, such approaches are generally costly in terms of training data and computational resources, and might not be feasible in large-scale networks in real-time. Conversely, quantum machine learning methods have the promise to provide benefits in tackling complex optimization problems via quantum parallelism. However, their real-life use is limited with hardware limitations and noise. Hence, a hybrid between classical AI and quantum computing is becoming a potentially promising future of wireless systems in the next generation.

## 1.2 Research Gap

Despite significant progress in artificial intelligence based wireless communication systems, several challenges remain in managing the increasing complexity of next generation networks. Future 6G communication systems will involve massive device connectivity, dynamic network environments and large scale data processing requirements that may exceed the capabilities of conventional AI techniques[11].Moreover, classical machine learning algorithms often require extensive computational resources and training time, which may limit their effectiveness in real time wireless applications[34].Although quantum computing has shown potential for solving complex optimization problems, its integration with AI for wireless communication system is still an emerging research area [40].Therefore, a comprehensive understanding of Quantum Artificial Intelligence i.e.QAI and its potential role in next generation wireless networks is needed.

## 1.3 Contributions of the Paper

The main contribution of this paper is summarized as follows:

- 1.This paper provides an overview of the fundamental concepts of Quantum Artificial Intelligence i.e.QAI and its underlying principles [22][40].
2. It reviews the role of artificial intelligence in next generation wireless communication systems, particularly in network optimization and intelligent resource management [8][34][35].
- 3This study explore the potential applications of quantum computing techniques in wireless communication network, including optimization and data processing tasks [17][36][48].
4. It analyses recent research developments in quantum machine learning and quantum optimization algorithms relevant to wireless communication [22][40][17].
- 5.The paper discusses key challenges, limitations and future search directions for integrating QAI into next generation wireless communication systems [11][48].

## 2. FUNDAMENTALS OF QUANTUM COMPUTING

Quantum computing represents the significant shift from classical computation by utilizing quantum bits (qubits) instead of classical binary bits. Unlike classical bits that exist in either state 0 or 1, a qubit can exist in a linear combination of both states simultaneously [22][40].

A general quantum state of a qubit can be represented as

$$|\psi\rangle = \alpha|0\rangle + \beta|1\rangle$$

Where  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  are probability amplitudes satisfying the normalization condition [22].

In Quantum systems qubits can represent in more than one state at a time so it can process information parallel. This gives them an edge in some problems [40].

### 2.1 Quantum Superposition and Entanglement

In Quantum superposition qubits be in more than one state at the same time. This lets quantum systems look at many computational states at once [22]. Entanglement is another important part of quantum mechanics that lets qubits show strong connections even when they are far apart [40]. These traits let quantum systems solve hard optimization problems faster than classical systems.

### 2.2 Quantum Gates and Quantum Circuits

Quantum gates are used to perform some quantum computations that manipulate qubit states through unitary transformations [22]. There are a lot of quantum gates are used for this purpose like Hadamard gate, Pauli-X, Pauli-Y and Pauli-Z gates, controlled-NOT (CNOT) gate, Toffoli gate etc. Quantum circuits composed these different types of gates are used to implement quantum algorithms and quantum machine learning models [17][40].

### 2.3 Physical Implementations of Qubits

Now a days several physical technologies have been proposed for implementing qubits. The most widely studied implementations include superconducting qubits, trapped ion qubits, photonic qubits, nitrogen vacancy centers in diamond and silicon spin qubits [40]. Each implementation offers different advantages in terms of scalability, coherence time and operational complexity.

## 3. ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE IN WIRELESS COMMUNICATION

Artificial Intelligence is one of the most powerful techniques that enhance the performance, efficiency and intelligence of modern wireless communication systems. The rapid growth of connected devices, increasing data traffic and dynamic network environments have made traditional network management techniques insufficient for handling complex wireless systems. AI enables wireless networks to analyze large volume of data, learn patterns from network behavior and make intelligent decisions for efficient resource utilization.

In recent year, AI based techniques have been widely adopted in wireless communication to support various network operations such as channel estimation, interference mitigation, spectrum management, traffic prediction, and network optimization [8][34]. Using machine learning models allows wireless network adapt to dynamically changing conditions, which improve overall network performance. These intelligent features are especially important for future communication systems, such as 5G and upcoming 6G networks. These systems require

advance data driven solution to handle the demand of massive connectivity ultra-low latency [21].

### 3.1 Basic of Artificial Intelligence

Artificial Intelligence refers to the deliberate creation of computing systems that replicate essential features of human cognition, which is both learning, reasoning, pattern recognition and decision-making [35]. These systems are developed with the purpose of executing jobs that would have traditionally necessitated the intellectual capacity of humans, and hence advance the frontiers of machine independence in the fields where expertise is essential.

AI systems regularly process large amounts of data to observe new noteworthy patterns and come up with actionable confidence [35]. The outcome of the generated analytical processes forms the basis of automated decision-making procedures and thus making intelligent agents work with minimal human supervision but with a respect to the existing logical and ethical limits.

In its traditional meaning, in the framework of the academic discussion, Artificial Intelligence can be defined as the methodical engineering of computational paradigms, which attempt to recreate aspects of human cognitive activity, i.e. the process of learning, reasoning, pattern recognition, and decision-making [35]. The modern AI designs are designed in such a manner that they consume large amounts of data, out of which they extract significant patterns using statistical and algorithmic methods, and subsequently produce actionable information which is used to drive automated decision-construction mechanisms. The empirical validation and peer-review of these models, which is based on their optimal refinement, represents the intensive empirical approach that defines the field.

Machine learning (ML) is one of the most critical branches of artificial intelligence, which provides computational systems with the ability to extract knowledge in the form of data without any programming instructions [21]. With repetition of the process, the algorithms in ML optimize their performance through scrutiny of past data and the discovery of latent relationships that permeate the data. Major paradigms used in the area include supervised learning, unsupervised learning and reinforcement learning [21].

Deep Learning is a subdivision of machine learning that uses multilayer artificial neural networks in order to estimate complicated relationships in large data sets [8][34]. It is shown by the empirical data that deep learning methods have become tremendously successful in a variety of areas- in image recognition, natural language processing, speech recognition, and intelligent data analysis. The deep learning models are especially suitable to the modern wireless communication context due to their high-dimensionality processing capabilities, since large amounts of network data are generated at any given time in such contexts [8][34].

### 3.2 AI Application in wireless Network

The artificial-intelligence methods have over the last ten years become largely integrated in the wireless communication infrastructures to not only enhance the efficiency of the system but also offer advanced network control [35]. Another conspicuous example of this assimilation is channel estimation; in this situation, machine-learning models provide very accurate forecasts of channel conditions, which would augment the accuracy of signal capture [34].

Artificial intelligence is also being used in dynamical spectrum management, where complex algorithms are used to analyze

utilization patterns of the spectrum, and intelligently assign frequency resources to prevent interference and improve spectral efficiency [35]. The other critical usage is in beamforming optimization; in this case, AI-based methods reoptimize the beam of the antennas to support signal intensity and enhance communication resilience [29].

More so, artificial intelligence techniques are also applied in forecasting network traffic, hence allowing network operators to predict congestion and efficiently redistribute resources [35]. Reinforcement learning, in this case, is very effective in the adaptive control of the network; agents achieve optimal strategies of resource allocation and management of the network through continuous interaction with the wireless environment [21].

Altogether, the use of artificial intelligence in wireless communication systems leads to smart, dynamic, and effective network functions, a condition that meets the standards of performance defined in the future communication networks [11].

Although AI based techniques significantly enhance wireless network performance, they introduce challenges such as high computational complexity, increased energy consumption, and dependency on large scale datasets. These limitations restrict their deployment in ultra-low latency and large-scale environments, thereby necessitating more efficient computational paradigms such as quantum enhanced approaches.

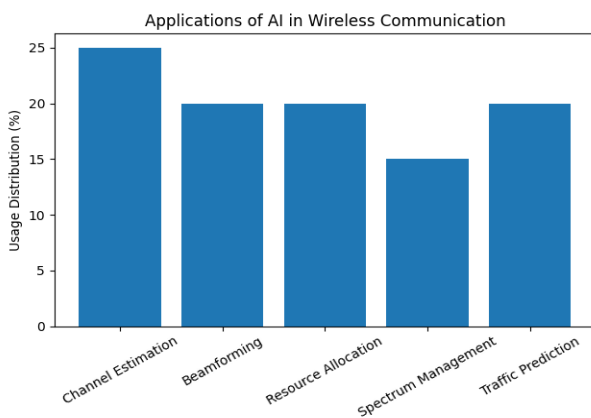


Fig 1: Applications of AI in Wireless Communication

The above figure illustrates the major application areas of artificial intelligence in wireless communication systems, with significant usage in channel estimation, beamforming, and resource allocation.

## 4. LIMITATIONS OF CLASSICAL AI IN NEXT GENERATION NETWORK

Despite the advantages of artificial intelligence in wireless communication systems classical AI techniques face several limitations when applied to large scale networks [8][34][35].

### 4.1 Computational Complexity

Computational complexity is the number of computational resources, amount of memory and processing time required to implement artificial intelligence systems [35]. The extensive use of deep learning models requiring deep network data comes at a heavy computational cost to the hardware infrastructure [8][34].

### 4.2 Latency Constraints

Numerous artificial intelligence applications involve complex

pipelines of inferences and thus, create latency, which can be incompatible with Ultra-Low-Latency applications [11][34].

### 4.3 Energy Consumption

Training and deploying deep neural architectures have significant energy needs, and the problem is especially relevant in the case of battery-powered devices [8][34].

### 4.4 Scalability Issues

It is expected that future wireless networks will support billions of devices that are connected, which makes scales quite daunting to traditional artificial intelligence systems [11][35].

These limitations indicate that classical Artificial techniques alone may not be sufficient to address the increasing complexity of next generation wireless networks thereby motivating the exploration of advanced paradigms such as Quantum Artificial Intelligence. The major limitations of classical AI techniques in wireless communication systems are illustrated in Figure 2

Limitations of Classical AI in Wireless Networks

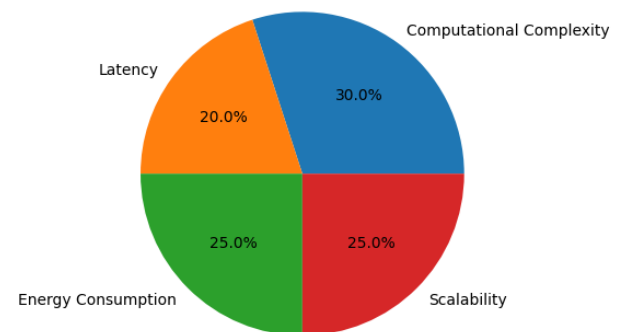


Fig 2: Limitations of Classical AI in Wireless Networks

This figure shows that computational complexity and energy consumption are the most significant challenges, followed by scalability and latency issues. These limitations restrict the effective deployment of classical AI techniques in large scale and real time wireless communication environments.

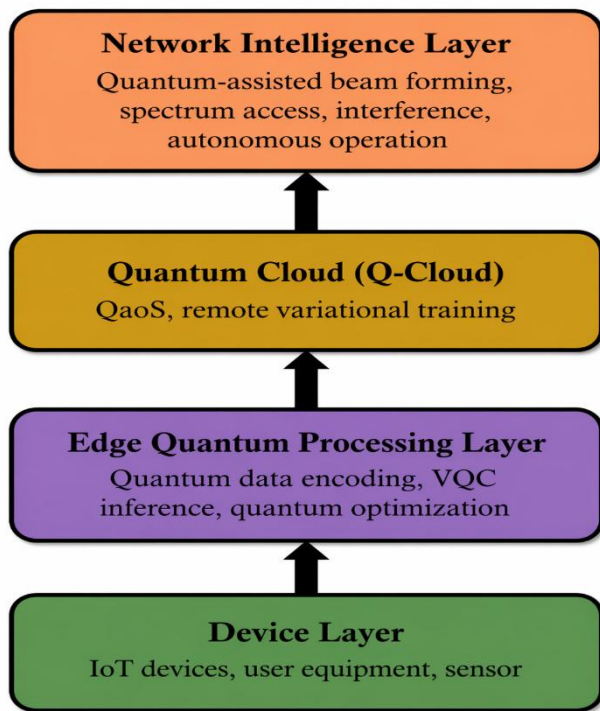
## 5. QUANTUM ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

Quantum artificial intelligence or QAI is a blend of quantum computing and machine learning which promises to bring significant computational benefits and improvement in learning capabilities [22][40]. Quantum machine learning paradigms exploit quintessentially quantum concepts (such as superposition, entanglement and quantum parallelism) in processing high dimensional data streams with a superiority over classical methodologies [22][40].

These inherent properties enable quantum systems to explore complex solution spaces and perform certain computational tasks often with a speed that is much better than what has been realized in machine learning algorithms [17][22].

Consequently, QAI has solidified as a captivating unofficial route to deal with computationally intensive issues in the analysis and optimization of data [22][40]. In this section, we will be discussing the principal quantum AI models, namely Quantum Neural Network and Variational Quantum Circuits [22][40].

## 5.1 QAI Architecture for Wireless Networks



**Fig 3. Proposed Quantum Artificial Intelligence architecture for wireless networks**

The proposed architecture adds a multi-layered QAI framework to the 6G network stack [11][22][40].

### 5.1.1 Device Layer

This layer has devices that connect to the Internet, User equipment (UE), Sensors and motors.

These devices send classical wireless data (CSI, mobility, interference patterns) to the QAI system through encoders [11][34].

### 5.1.2 Edge Quantum Processing Layer

This layer has quantum-enhanced computing units that are set up at: i) Edge data centers, ii) Base stations, iii) RIS controllers and there are three functions of this layer respectively Encoding quantum data, VQC reasoning and Quantum optimization for planning and distributing resources [22][40]. For better channel responses, RIS controllers use phase configurations that have been optimized for quantum use.

### 5.1.3 Layer of the Quantum Cloud(Q-Cloud)

Cloud-hosted quantum processors take care of hard tasks like QAOA, HHL, and QGAN training [17][22][40]. Quantum-as-a-Service (QaaS) makes it possible to execution that can be scaled, Training with variations from a distance well as Base stations sharing quantum resources [40].

### 5.1.4 Layer of Network Intelligence

This layer takes the results of quantum models and combines them with 6G control systems [11][22]:

- i) Beam forming with the help of quantum mechanics
- ii) Choices about spectrum access
- iii) Aligning interference
- iv) Network operation without help

The outputs from the quantum processor go back into classical radio management modules, which lets both types of decision-making happen [34].

## 5.2 Quantum Neural Network

Quantum Neural Networks i.e. QNNs combine classical neural network architectures with quantum computational layers [22][40]. These models can represent complex functions using fewer parameters which may improve learning efficiency and reduce computational complexity [22].

## 5.3 Variational Quantum Circuits

Variational Quantum Circuits i.e. VQC are hybrid quantum models consisting of parameterized quantum circuits optimized using classical algorithms [22][40]. These models are particularly suitable for current noisy intermediate scale quantum i.e. NISQ devices [40].

While QI offers promising computational advantages, its practical implementation faces challenges such as quantum hardware limitations, noise and scalability issues. Furthermore, the integration of quantum models with classical wireless systems remains a complex research problem that require further investigation.

## 6. CLASSICAL AI Vs QUANTUM AI: COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS

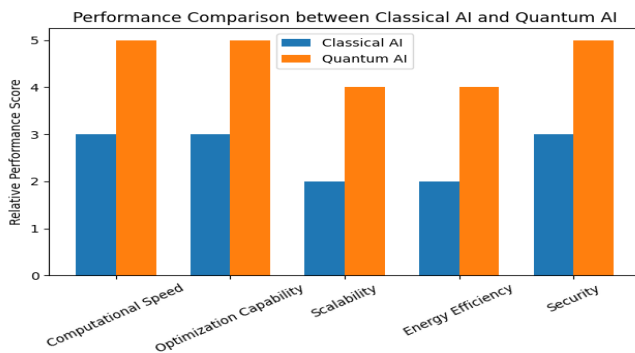
Table 2 presents a comparison between classical Artificial intelligence techniques and quantum artificial intelligence approaches in the context of wireless communication systems. That contain the different types of parameters like computational model, data representation, processing capabilities and many more.

**Table 2: Comparison between Classical AI and Quantum AI**

Feature	Classical AI	Quantum AI
Computational model	Classical Processors	Quantum processors using qubits
Data Representation	Binary bits (0 or 1)	Quantum states using superposition
Processing capability	Sequential or parallel computing	Quantum parallelism enabling simultaneous computations
Optimization Performance	Often trapped in local minima	Quantum tunnelling helps escape local minima
Model Complexity	Require large neural networks	Can achieve similar performance with fewer parameters
Computational Speed	Polynomial scaling	Potential exponential speedup for certain tasks
Energy consumption	High for deep learning models	Potentially lower due to compact representations

Security	Classical cryptographic methods	Quantum cryptography with information theoretic security
Scalability	Limited by hardware and data availability	Promising scalability with quantum algorithms
Wireless Applications	Channel estimation, beamforming, routing	Quantum enhanced optimization, spectrum sensing, security

Table 2 shows that, Quantum Artificial Intelligence can possibly surpass classical AI in terms of computational speed and optimization potential, especially with high-dimensional problems. Such benefits are, however, mostly theoretical, since in practice quantum systems are restricted by hardware limitations and noise. On the other hand, classical AI methods are older and more broadly implementable, but have scalability and energy-efficiency problems. Thus, although QAI has a higher potential in the future, classical AI is more feasible to the existing wireless communication systems.



**Fig 2: Performance Comparison between Classical AI and Quantum AI**

This graphical comparison highlights that Quantum Artificial Intelligence demonstrates superior potential in terms of computational speed, optimization capabilities, scalability and security. However classical AI remains more practical for current deployment due to its maturity and lower implementation complexity.

## 7. QUANTUM ALGORITHMS FOR WIRELESS OPTIMIZATION

There are some quantum algorithms which provide powerful tools for solving optimization problems in wireless communication systems [17][22][40].

### 7.1 Quantum Approximate optimization algorithm

The Quantum Approximate Optimization Algorithm i.e. QAOA is mainly designed for solving combinatorial optimization problems [17]. In wireless communication systems, QAOA can be used for resource allocation, beamforming optimization and power control [17][40].

### 7.2 Grover's search Algorithm

Grover's algorithm provides a quadratic speedup for unstructured search problems [40]. This algorithm can be applied to network optimization tasks such as interference

detection and optimal routing [22][40].

Although quantum algorithms such as QAOA and Grover's algorithm provide theoretical speedups, their real-world deployment in wireless communication systems is still limited due to hardware constraints and implementation complexity.

## 8. RESEARCH CHALLENGES

Quantum Artificial Intelligence (QAI) has a lot of potential, but there are still some problems that need to be fixed before it can be widely used in wireless communication systems [22][40]. One of the biggest problems is that current quantum hardware can't be easily scaled up because current quantum processors can only handle a small number of stable qubits [40]. Moreover, quantum noise and decoherence significantly affect the reliability and stability of quantum computations, which makes it difficult to perform long and complex tasks [40].

Another big problem is figuring out how to encode classical wireless communication data into quantum states in a way that works well [22]. This is still an open research question. Also, combining quantum computing systems with current classical wireless network infrastructures is hard both technically and architecturally [48]. More research is needed to address the challenges of creating hybrid quantum classical systems managing resources effectively and improving algorithm performance [22][40]. to make practical QAI applications work in future wireless communication systems and next generation network architectures these problems must be solved [11][48].

## 9. FUTURE RESEARCH DIRECTION

The main purpose of the quantum Artificial Intelligence i.e. QAI in aspect to future is generate next generation wireless systems that should focus on developing hybrid quantum classical architectures that combine the strengths of classical computing and quantum processors to efficiently solve complex optimization problems in large scale networks[22][40]. The integration of quantum computing with edge computing infrastructures can enable low latency intelligence decision making for task such as spectrum allocation, beamforming optimization and inference management[11][34]. Quantum machine learning algorithms including quantum neural networks and variational quantum circuits may play a significant role in processing massive wireless data generated by IoT devices and autonomous systems[22][40]. Another important direction is the application of quantum optimization algorithm to improve resource allocation and network management in future 6G networks[17][11]. Researchers must also address key challenges including quantum hardware scalability ,noise and decoherence, efficient quantum data encoding and seamless integration with existing wireless infrastructures [40][48]. Furthermore the development of quantum secure communication techniques such as quantum cryptography and quantum key distribution can significantly enhance the security of future communication systems[40]. Continued advancement in quantum hardware, algorithms and communication architectures will be essential for realizing the full potential of QAI enabled intelligent wireless networks[11][22][40].

## 10. CONCLUSION

Quantum Artificial intelligence i.e. QAI is considered one of the promising ways to solve the difficult problems that come with next generation wireless communication systems [22][40]. QAI could make important wireless network tasks like network optimization, spectrum management, beamforming and secure communication much better by combining the processing power of quantum computing with advanced machine learning methods [17][34][35].

Quantum computing works using different ideas such as superposition, entanglement and quantum parallelism [22][40]. These principles make it easier to work complicated optimization problems and high dimensional data than traditional methods [22]. Because of this, Quantum Artificial Intelligence can help wireless communication networks have smart and flexible control [11][22]. These features make the future wireless systems more flexible and efficient. Quantum technology is still in its early stages of development though it has a lot of potential benefits. Before it can be widely used, it needs to overcome a number of technical problems [40].

Despite the considerable potential of quantum technology, many challenges remain. For example, current quantum hardware isn't very scalable, quantum systems have noise and decoherence, and quantum technologies need to work with existing classical wireless networks [40][48]. To solve these problems, we need to keep doing research on quantum algorithms, hybrid quantum-classical architectures, and the development of quantum hardware [22][40].

In the overall assessment view, it has to be admitted that even though QAI has a high potential of resolving the complicated optimization and scalability challenges in the next-generation wireless networks, the technology is still not widely implemented, owing to its technological restriction. Thus, it is expected that future studies should be devoted to the hybrid quantum-classical methods which can utilize the advantages of both paradigms.

Overall, improvements in quantum computing and artificial intelligence are likely to speed up the use of QAI-based solutions in real life [22][40]. These kinds of changes will be very important for making future wireless networks, including new 6G technologies, have smart, fast, and safe communication systems [11].

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