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A Quantum-Inspired Digital–Quantitative Accounting Model for Sustainable Governance of Public Financial Resources: Evidence from Egypt and Global Experiences

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Abstract

Purpose and Design. This study aims to develop and empirically validate a Quantum-Inspired Digital–Quantitative Accounting Model that enables sustainable governance of public financial resources. It integrates digital accounting, quantum-inspired logic, and quantitative analytics to bridge the gap between fiscal performance and governance efficiency in managing state financial resources. The model is designed to serve as a multidimensional framework capable of improving accountability, predictive accuracy, and sustainability across the public sector. Egypt is examined as a primary case, supported by benchmarking evidence from leading economies with mature fiscal governance structures. **Methods and Approach.** The research adopts a mixed-method approach combining digital accounting data analytics, dynamic system modeling, and comparative international benchmarking. Quantitative validation is performed using DEA (Data Envelopment Analysis) and SEM (Structural Equation Modeling) on panel data from 2019–2024 for 60 public entities. The model’s predictive power and governance efficiency are tested against international datasets from OECD, IMF, and World Bank sources. **Findings.** Results confirm that integrating quantum-inspired analytics with digital accounting systems enhances fiscal transparency and reduces inefficiencies by 22–27% in resource allocation. The empirical model demonstrates strong predictive accuracy ($R^2 = 0.81$) and robustness across comparative contexts, highlighting Egypt’s potential to achieve sustainable financial governance through digital–quantitative transformation. **Originality and Value.** This study is the first to operationalize quantum-inspired logic within public-sector accounting to build a sustainable, data-driven governance model. It extends current theories of digital accounting and fiscal governance by linking computational intelligence with sustainability objectives. **Theoretical, Practical, Economic, and Social Implications.** Theoretically, the model introduces a new interdisciplinary paradigm blending quantum computing principles with accounting analytics. Practically, it offers a replicable framework for governments seeking fiscal transparency and predictive control. Economically, it supports resource optimization and fiscal discipline. Socially, it strengthens public trust through measurable accountability and open financial reporting.

Keywords

Quantum-Inspired Accounting, Digital Governance, Public Financial Resources, Fiscal Sustainability, Predictive Analytics, Egypt, Comparative International Evidence

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1. Introduction

1.1. Background and Motivation

The sustainable management of state public resources—including non-tax assets, concessions, royalties, and dividends from state-owned enterprises—has become a global priority for achieving fiscal resilience and long-term socio-economic stability. Over the past decade, successive financial crises, fiscal imbalances, and governance failures have exposed structural weaknesses in how governments account for and report public wealth [71, 51]. Many countries have responded by modernizing fiscal governance through digital transformation, data analytics, and integrated financial management systems, yet substantial efficiency gaps remain.

In emerging economies such as Egypt, the challenge is multidimensional. Despite progress in digital government and the deployment of financial management information systems (FMIS), integration across ministries, public enterprises, and regulatory authorities remains partial and inconsistent. The fragmentation of accounting and asset-management databases leads to duplication, opacity, and underutilization of state resources [97, 96]. Fiscal information asymmetry continues to undermine transparency and public trust, as decision-makers rely on delayed or incomplete financial data.

Traditional public accounting systems are deterministic, rule-based, and retrospective. They record what has occurred, not what may occur. However, the fiscal environment is now nonlinear and probabilistic—driven by complex interdependencies among economic sectors, digital data flows, and geopolitical shocks. Consequently, accounting information must evolve from static reporting to dynamic simulation and predictive governance. Recent scholarship calls for quantum-inspired approaches that replicate the nonlinearity, uncertainty, and entanglement observed in real-world financial systems [55, 15]. These frameworks apply probabilistic reasoning and multidimensional data mapping—characteristics of quantum logic—to model fiscal realities that conventional accounting cannot capture.

1.2. Research Problem

Despite substantial investments in e-government and digital accounting platforms, inefficiencies and resource leakage persist in the management of state non-tax revenues and assets. National audit reports continue to reveal irregular asset valuation, fragmented concession accounting, and limited real-time oversight mechanisms [11]. Data incompatibility between ministries and oversight bodies has produced governance “blind spots,” where information exists but is neither interoperable nor actionable. [3]

Digital initiatives in Egypt remain largely siloed: accounting, auditing, and asset-management databases operate independently without systemic integration or standardized data architecture [71]. Classical quantitative models—based on

regression or deterministic cost analysis—cannot capture the interdependencies among fiscal variables. For example, delays in port-fee collection affect logistics revenues, which cascade into energy subsidies and infrastructure costs—creating non-linear patterns invisible to traditional accounting analysis.

1.3. Research Objectives

The study pursues four interconnected objectives that reflect diagnostic, design, empirical, and policy dimensions:

- 1) Diagnosis – Identify structural, procedural, and informational weaknesses in the accounting and governance of state public resources, emphasizing the fragmentation of digital data flows.
- 2) Design – Develop a quantum-inspired digital-quantitative accounting framework that integrates probabilistic analytics, artificial intelligence, and blockchain technologies to improve traceability and efficiency.
- 3) Validation – Empirically test the proposed framework using Egyptian public-sector data and international comparative evidence to evaluate efficiency, transparency, and sustainability outcomes.
- 4) Policy Contribution – Translate empirical findings into a reform blueprint for sustainable fiscal governance and public accountability.

1.4. Research Questions

To operationalize these objectives, the study is guided by four central questions:

- 1) How can quantum-inspired analytics enhance the accuracy, timeliness, and interpretability of accounting information for managing state public resources?
- 2) In what ways does digital integration—through AI – Artificial Intelligence blockchain, and digital-twin technologies—improve transparency and reduce inefficiency in public-asset governance?
- 3) What empirical evidence supports the relationship between digital integration, quantum-analytic capability, and fiscal sustainability across diverse governance contexts?
- 4) Which lessons from advanced and emerging economies can inform Egypt’s path toward intelligent, data-driven resource governance?

1.5. Significance and Expected Contributions

Academic Contribution

The research extends accounting and governance theory by embedding quantum-inspired probabilistic reasoning within digital accounting analytics. It bridges a conceptual gap be-

tween digital accounting studies [62] and complex-systems finance [15], introducing a multi-layered quantitative model that captures uncertainty and interdependence in fiscal systems [108].

1.6. Structure of the Study

The study is organized into seven chapters, each addressing a specific analytical stage:

- 1) Introduction: Defines the research problem, objectives, rationale, and significance.
- 2) Literature Review and Theoretical Development: Reviews relevant literature, establishes conceptual foundations, and formulates hypotheses.
- 3) Framework Development: Presents the quantum-inspired digital-quantitative accounting model, including variables, interactions, and governing equations.
- 4) Methodology and Comparative Case Studies: Details research design, data sources, validation procedures, and ethical considerations.
- 5) Empirical Findings and Discussion: Presents results, cross-validations, and links findings to theory and practice.
- 6) Implications and Policy Recommendations for Egypt: Translates empirical results into reform measures and fiscal-policy guidelines.
- 7) Conclusion and Future Directions: Summarizes contributions, theoretical implications, limitations, and avenues for future research.

2. Literature Review, Theoretical Foundations and Hypotheses Development

2.1. Overview and Purpose of the Chapter

The purpose of this chapter is to situate the present research

within the growing body of work on public-resource accounting, digital transformation, and sustainability governance. Over the last fifteen years, public-sector accounting research has shifted from a stewardship orientation—concerned mainly with ex-post compliance—to a strategic governance perspective linking transparency, performance, and sustainable value creation [28, 48, 30, 41]. Recent studies emphasize that public assets, once considered dormant items in balance sheets, have become strategic levers for fiscal resilience and inter-generational equity ([51, 40, 46]. Yet, despite reforms toward accrual-based IPSAS adoption and digital-finance systems, governments—particularly in emerging economies—continue to face fragmentation, inconsistent valuation, and weak accountability over non-tax public assets [71, 52]

Within this context, accounting scholars advocate the convergence of digital analytics, artificial intelligence, and sustainability accounting to enhance public-finance transparency [62, 6, 80, 95]. However, conventional quantitative approaches remain linear and reductionist; they fail to capture the probabilistic interdependence among diverse state resources. To overcome these limits, recent research in decision sciences has proposed quantum-inspired analytical logics, allowing simultaneous modelling of multiple scenarios and feedback loops ([55, 15, 45, 58]).

2.2. Global Evolution of Public-Resource Governance (2010 – 2025)

Table (1) summarises the main international and national milestones that shaped the governance of state-owned and non-tax resources over the past decade and a half. The timeline demonstrates a global shift—from traditional cash-based management toward digital, performance-driven, and sustainability-oriented systems—and highlights the persistent structural gaps motivating the present study ([99, 81]

Table 1. Evolution of State-Resource Governance Reforms (2010 – 2025)

Period	Key International Milestones	Main Egyptian Reforms
2010 – 2013	Launch of IFAC IPSAS standards for accrual public-sector accounting; initial OECD recommendations on asset transparency	Pilot implementation of GFMS systems in selected ministries
2014 – 2017	IMF and OECD develop frameworks for public-asset management (PAM)	Adoption of Unified Treasury Account and financial consolidation initiatives
2018 – 2020	Emergence of AI and Blockchain projects in public finance (Singapore, Estonia, UAE)	Egypt's Digital Transformation Strategy 2030; initial XBRL pilots
2021 – 2023	Global emphasis on ESG reporting and sustainable governance metrics	Integration of MoF reporting platform with Treasury and SOEs
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2.3. Main Streams of Literature

The literature relevant to this study converges from three major research streams:

(1) Public-Resource Accounting and Governance

Classical public-sector accounting emphasised stewardship and accountability [28, 59, 12]. Under this paradigm, financial reporting served primarily to demonstrate compliance with budgetary laws rather than to optimise state-asset utilisation. However, modern research highlights the need to view state resources as productive capital that can enhance fiscal resilience and intergenerational equity ([51, 71, 92]). Emerging frameworks under Public Wealth Management [13] argue that accounting systems must capture the full life cycle of public assets—from recognition and valuation to performance monitoring and divestment. [36]

In Egypt and many developing contexts, studies reveal persistent limitations in asset inventories, cost attribution, and unified reporting [11, 96, 97, 47]). These weaknesses lead to hidden inefficiencies and unrecorded liabilities that distort fiscal sustainability assessments. Consequently, scholars call for integrated asset-governance models that link financial data with physical and operational indicators ([62, 89] *(2) Digital Accounting Transformation*

The second stream concerns the transformation of accounting systems through digitalisation, automation, and artificial intelligence (AI). Digital accounting ecosystems—enabled by ERP, cloud computing, XBRL, blockchain, and digital twins—are now considered essential infrastructure for real-time governance [6, 71, 93]. These technologies facilitate continuous assurance, automated reconciliation, and predictive analytics.

Nevertheless, empirical research indicates that many gov-

ernments implement such technologies without redesigning underlying data governance structures [62]. As a result, digitisation often increases data volume without improving insight quality. Recent studies propose using AI-driven anomaly detection and blockchain-based audit trails to reduce fraud and enhance traceability in the public sector [57]. However, these models remain largely deterministic and fail to represent the probabilistic interactions inherent in state-asset networks, where economic, social, and environmental factors coevolve dynamically.

(3) Quantum-Inspired Decision and Accounting Research

The third stream—emerging only in the past five years—applies principles of quantum mechanics metaphorically to decision sciences, finance, and accounting. Rather than focusing on physical quantum computing, this stream adopts quantum-inspired reasoning to model complex and uncertain decision environments [55, 15, 105]. Key concepts include:

- 1) Superposition: multiple states or outcomes coexist until a decision “collapses” them into one observed reality;
- 2) Entanglement: changes in one variable immediately influence others through systemic linkages;
- 3) Probabilistic interference: dynamic feedback between decision paths.

Applied to accounting, these principles suggest that financial systems behave as complex adaptive networks, where traditional linear cause–effect models are inadequate [103]. Quantum-inspired analytics enable multi-scenario simulations that better capture uncertainty, interdependence, and time-varying performance. Integrating this thinking into digital and quantitative accounting frameworks can revolutionise how governments forecast, monitor, and optimise public resources. These three stands collectively reveal that Table 2.

Table 2. Summary of Major Literature Streams.

Stream	Focus	Key Findings	Representative Sources
Public-Resource Accounting & Governance	Accountability, IPSAS, asset valuation	Fiscal sustainability depends on integrated asset registers and transparency	Christensen & Tinker (2022); OECD (2024); IMF (2023)
Digital Accounting Transformation	ERP, AI, Blockchain, XBRL	Automation improves data timeliness but not always insight quality	Marques & Ferreira (2022); Al-Hadi et al. (2023)
Quantum-Inspired Decision Research	Probabilistic, non-linear modelling	Captures uncertainty and systemic interdependence	Kaur & Singh (2023); Basu et al. (2024); Yuan & Zhao (2025)

2.4. Theoretical Foundations

The theoretical framework underpinning this research integrates four complementary perspectives that collectively explain the behaviour of accounting systems under conditions of complexity and reform.

(1) Agency Theory

Agency Theory posits that information asymmetry between principals (citizens, parliament) and agents (public managers) necessitates mechanisms for monitoring and accountability ([54, 6, 48]). Digital and quantum-inspired accounting systems reduce such asymmetry by delivering real-time, verifiable information. Hence, transparency becomes both a governance control and a trust-building mechanism. [71])

(2) Institutional Theory

Institutional Theory explains how organisations conform to social norms, professional expectations, and coercive pressures to gain legitimacy ([31, 28]). In public finance, adoption of IPSAS, AI, or blockchain often arises from isomorphic pressures—mimicking global best practices rather than achieving efficiency [28, 96, 97] Quantum-inspired frameworks can overcome this “form without substance” by embedding functional rationality—adoption for performance, not merely compliance [71]).

(3) Systems Theory

Systems Theory conceptualises accounting as an information feedback loop connecting inputs (resources), processes (allocation), and outputs (outcomes). It views the public sector as an open system influenced by environmental and policy variables ([18, 38, 62]). Integrating digital technologies strengthens this loop through continuous data capture, while quantum-inspired analytics extend it by modelling feedback under uncertainty—enabling adaptive control of state assets. [6]

(4) Quantum Complexity Theory

Finally, Quantum Complexity Theory interprets socio-economic systems as non-linear networks of interacting probabilities. Instead of deterministic equilibrium, outcomes are distributions influenced by hidden variables and interference effects [15, 55]. Applied to public-resource govern-

ance, this theory suggests that financial performance, transparency, and sustainability are entangled phenomena; improving one dimension changes the probability space of others. Thus, adopting a quantum-inspired accounting framework allows policymakers to simulate these entanglements and evaluate policy scenarios probabilistically rather than prescriptively.

Integrative Perspective

Bringing together the four theories yields the Quantum-Institutional Systems Model (QISM) underlying this research. QISM assumes:

- 1) Agents operate within institutional constraints (Agency + Institutional).
- 2) Information flows through digital feedback systems (Systems).
- 3) Decision outcomes are probabilistic and interdependent (Quantum Complexity).

This integration supports the design of the digital-quantitative accounting framework [103]

2.5. Empirical Trends (2020–2025)

Over the last five years, empirical research in public-sector accounting and governance has expanded rapidly, particularly in digital and sustainability contexts. Yet, despite the surge in technological adoption, few studies have addressed the systemic efficiency of managing non-tax state resources. [96, 97]

A review of Scopus-indexed journals between 2020 and 2025 shows three notable empirical directions as shown in Table 3.

- 1) Digital governance and transparency studies.

Many works examine how digitalisation improves accountability and public participation ([62, 71, 48, 83]. For instance, Government Information Quarterly highlights that AI-driven data platforms reduce reporting delays and improve auditability, yet do not necessarily enhance efficiency in asset utilisation (Liu & Chen, 2024).

- 2) AI and blockchain-based audit automation.

Studies across Asia and Europe demonstrate the ability of AI to detect financial anomalies and fraud in real time (Al-[6, 56]). However, these models operate at transactional levels

and rarely capture cross-asset interdependence or sustainability impacts.

3) Sustainability and ESG accounting integration.

Research has shifted toward connecting digital accounting with ESG performance indicators [6, 15, 80]. The evidence suggests improved disclosure quality but continuing fragmentation between environmental, financial, and operational data systems [87].

Table 3. Summary of Key Empirical Studies and Gaps (2020–2025)

Theme	Representative Studies	Main Findings	Identified Gaps
Digital Accounting & Transparency	[62, 71]	Digital platforms enhance disclosure timeliness	Efficiency and sustainability outcomes remain untested
AI & Blockchain in Auditing	[57, 56]	Automated anomaly detection effective in transaction monitoring	Lack of macro-level probabilistic modelling across state assets
ESG and Sustainable Accounting	[6, 15]	ESG metrics improve reporting quality	Absence of integrated financial–environmental data architecture
Quantum-Inspired Finance	[55, 103]	Demonstrates power of probabilistic multi-scenario modelling	Applications to public accounting and resource governance still missing
Emerging-Economy Contexts	[96, 97, 11]	Persistent inefficiency in state-asset use	No unified digital–quantitative framework tested empirically

2.6. Research Gaps and the Need for a Quantum-Inspired Framework

Despite the growing literature on digital public accounting and sustainable governance, several unresolved issues persist. These constitute the empirical and theoretical gaps this study seeks to fill.

(1) Fragmented Information Ecosystems

Most governments maintain separate databases for accounting, auditing, procurement, and asset management. This fragmentation prevents real-time visibility across ministries and state-owned enterprises. Data inconsistencies in valuation, depreciation, and ownership remain significant obstacles to fiscal transparency [71, 11]

(2) Deterministic Analytical Models

Traditional regression-based or deterministic models cannot represent feedback loops among multiple variables. For example, changes in energy revenues may simultaneously influence transport and infrastructure maintenance costs—a pattern that requires probabilistic representation. Existing methods overlook superposition effects, where multiple scenarios coexist until an actual policy decision resolves uncertainty [55]

(3) Insufficient Integration between Accounting and Governance Theories

Many digital-finance studies treat technology as an instrumental variable rather than a theoretical extension of accounting. Consequently, there is no comprehensive model uniting accounting information systems, governance accountability, and complexity analytics. Integrating these do-

main demands a quantum-inspired framework grounded in institutional and systems theories yet capable of probabilistic simulation. [28] (4) Lack of Empirical Validation in Emerging Economies

Although quantum-inspired and AI-based methods have been explored in finance and supply-chain management [15, 103] their empirical application to public-sector accounting remains unexplored, especially in emerging economies such as Egypt [96, 97]

A validated model in such a context could provide global insight into how digital and analytical integration drives fiscal sustainability under resource constraints.

(5) Absence of Cross-Disciplinary Frameworks

Current accounting studies rarely collaborate with computational or complexity sciences. As a result, methodological innovation lags behind practice [15]

A cross-disciplinary model—combining digital accounting, quantitative economics, and quantum-inspired analytics—can bridge this gap, offering both scientific and policy relevance.

2.7. Conceptual Model and Variable Definition

Building on the theoretical synthesis in Section 2.4 and the empirical gaps in Section 2.6, this study constructs a Quantum-Inspired Digital–Quantitative Accounting Framework (QDQAF). The model assumes that the sustainable governance of state public resources depends on the interaction among digital integration, quantum-analytical capability, transparency, efficiency, governance quality, and sustainability. [62, 55]

1) Conceptual Rationale

The model integrates three analytical layers:

- 1) Digital Layer — represents the technological infrastructure of accounting (AI, blockchain, ERP, XBRL). Digital integration improves data timeliness and reliability, thereby reducing information asymmetry (Marques & Ferreira, 2022).

2) Quantitative Layer — applies measurement models such as Data Envelopment Analysis (DEA) and Structural Equation Modelling (SEM) to evaluate efficiency and causal linkages (Al-Hadi et al., 2023).
- 3) Quantum-Inspired Layer — models probabilistic and non-linear relationships among variables using the logic of superposition and entanglement (Kaur & Singh, 2023; Basu et al., 2024). It simulates how shifts in one variable change the probability space of others in real time.

Together, these layers constitute a multi-dimensional accounting system capable of dynamic feedback and predictive governance as shown in Table 4. ([15])

Table 4. Core Variables and Operationalization.

Variable	Definition / Proxy	Measurement Technique	Expected Effect
Digital Integration (DI)	Degree of adoption of digital accounting systems (AI, blockchain, ERP, XBRL)	Index derived from national digital-finance readiness scores	↑ DI → ↑ Transparency (TS) and Efficiency (EF)
Quantum-Analytical Capability (QC)	Ability of accounting units to model probabilistic, complex interactions	Weighted count of predictive AI and probabilistic models used	↑ QC → ↑ Sustainability (SU) and Governance Quality (GQ)
Transparency (TS)	Availability and timeliness of accounting information to oversight bodies and citizens	Composite Transparency Index (OECD, 2024)	Mediates DI → SU
Efficiency (EF)	Ratio of output (resource yield) to input (resource cost)	DEA efficiency score per entity-year	Mediates DI → SU
Governance Quality (GQ)	Extent of accountability, anti-corruption, and institutional control	Governance indicators (World Bank, 2023)	Moderates QC → SU
Sustainability (SU)	Fiscal and social resilience from long-term resource management	Weighted fiscal-sustainability composite	Final dependent variable

Theoretical Interactions

- 1) Digital Integration (DI) improves information flow, creating the conditions for transparency and efficiency (Marques & Ferreira, 2022).

2) Quantum-Analytical Capability (QC) enhances the system’s predictive and adaptive functions, strengthening governance quality (Kaur & Singh, 2023).

3) Transparency (TS) and Efficiency (EF) mediate the
- influence of DI on Sustainability (SU).

4) Governance Quality (GQ) moderates the relationship between QC and SU, indicating that effective institutions amplify analytical outcomes.

5) DI × QC interaction reflects the quantum-superposition effect—where digital and analytical capacities jointly determine fiscal resilience.

2) Efficiency Model (DEA):

Maximize $\theta = \sum_{r=1}^s \sum_{j=1}^m u_r y_{rj} - \sum_{i=1}^m v_i x_{ij}$,
Maximize $\theta = \sum_{i=1}^m v_i x_{ij} - \sum_{r=1}^s u_r y_{rj}$,

subject to

$\sum_{r=1}^s u_r y_{rk} - \sum_{i=1}^m v_i x_{ik} \leq 1, \forall k, \sum_{i=1}^m v_i x_{ik} \leq 1, \forall i, u_r, v_i \geq 0, \sum_{r=1}^s u_r y_{rk} \leq 1, \forall r, v_i \geq 0.$

Structural Equation Model (SEM):

$SU = \beta_1 DI + \beta_2 QC + \beta_3 (DI \times QC) + \beta_4 TS + \beta_5 EF + \epsilon.$
 $SU = \beta_1 DI + \beta_2 QC + \beta_3 (DI \times QC) + \beta_4 TS + \beta_5 EF + \epsilon.$

3) Quantum Interaction Function:

$$QINT = \alpha_1(DI \times QC) + \alpha_2(TS \times EF), \quad QINT = \alpha_1(DI \times QC) + \alpha_2(TS \times EF), \quad QINT = \alpha_1(DI \times QC) + \alpha_2(TS \times EF),$$

where QINT denotes the superposition-like synergy among digital and analytical dimensions.

2.8. Hypotheses Development

Based on the theoretical and empirical review, the following hypotheses are proposed as shown in Table 5:

H₁: Digital Integration (DI) Positively Influences Transparency (TS) and Efficiency (EF).

Digital adoption improves data quality and auditability, leading to higher transparency and operational efficiency in resource utilisation [62, 71]

H₂: Quantum-Analytical Capability (QC) Positively Affects Sustainability (SU) and Governance Quality (GQ).

Agencies possessing advanced predictive and probabilistic analytics demonstrate superior governance outcomes and long-term sustainability [15]

H₃: Transparency (TS) and Efficiency (EF) Mediate the

Relationship between Digital Integration (DI) and Sustainability (SU).

The positive influence of digitalisation on sustainability is channelled through improved transparency and efficient asset utilisation.

H₄: Governance Quality (GQ) Moderates the Relationship between Quantum-Analytical Capability (QC) and Sustainability (SU).

High governance quality strengthens the positive effect of analytical capability by ensuring accountability, ethical compliance, and institutional coordination.

H₅: The Interaction between Digital Integration (DI) and Quantum-Analytical Capability (QC) Creates a Superposition-Like Synergy Enhancing Sustainability (SU).

Joint enhancement of digital infrastructure and analytical sophistication yields a compounded effect greater than the sum of individual impacts—a phenomenon analogous to quantum superposition.

Table 5. Summary of Hypotheses Logic.

Path	Expected Sign	Nature of Relationship	Theoretical Basis
DI → TS, EF	+	Direct positive	Systems & Agency Theories
QC → SU, GQ	+	Direct positive	Quantum Complexity Theory
DI → SU (via TS, EF)	+	Mediated	Institutional & Systems Theories
QC × GQ → SU	+	Moderated	Governance Quality
DI × QC → SU	+	Interactive (Superposition)	Quantum-Inspired Logic

3. Quantum-Inspired Digital–Quantitative Accounting Framework (QDQAF)

3.1. Conceptual Rationale and Structure of the Quantum-Inspired Framework

The Quantum-Inspired Digital–Quantitative Accounting Framework (QDQAF) represents an integrative model designed to enhance transparency, accountability, and sustainability in public-sector financial management. It bridges the operational gap between digital infrastructures (AI, blockchain, and data clouds), quantitative analytics (DEA, SEM), and quantum-probabilistic reasoning, which collectively support smarter fiscal governance under uncertainty ([71, 62, 109]).

Traditional accounting systems in the public sector are in-

herently deterministic—built upon fixed classifications, static reports, and periodic audits. However [104], today’s fiscal reality involves non-linear, interconnected, and dynamic resource flows [15, 11]). The QDQAF therefore redefines accounting as a living, adaptive, and data-driven ecosystem rather than a static reporting mechanism.

At its conceptual core, the QDQAF performs three interdependent functions as shown in Table 6:

- 1) Digital Unification: integrating real-time financial data through interoperable accounting systems using XBRL, ERP, and blockchain technologies to eliminate data silos [6]
- 2) Quantitative Evaluation: applying statistical and efficiency-based models such as Data Envelopment Analysis (DEA) and Structural Equation Modelling (SEM) to assess performance and resource utilization [37]
- 3) Quantum-Probabilistic Modelling: introducing probability-based reasoning inspired by quantum logic to represent uncertainty and interdependence between fiscal variables ([55, 107, 105])

This tri-layered logic reflects how digital precision, quantitative measurement, and probabilistic intelligence interact to produce sustainable financial outcomes. Each layer feeds

back to the others, forming a self-learning control loop that continuously improves reporting quality and predictive governance.

Table 6. Conceptual Architecture of the QDQAF.

Layer	Purpose	Analytical Tools	Expected Impact	Layer
Digital Layer	Real-time data collection and integration	ERP, XBRL, Blockchain	Enhances transparency & traceability	Digital Layer
Quantitative Layer	Efficiency measurement and performance modelling	DEA, SEM	Improves technical & allocative efficiency	Quantitative Layer
Quantum-Analytical Layer	Probabilistic reasoning and systemic feedback modelling	Quantum superposition logic, Monte Carlo simulation	Strengthens adaptive & sustainable decision-making	Quantum-Analytical Layer

This architecture treats accounting not merely as a record-keeping system but as a cyber-physical governance mechanism, where information flows, probabilities, and managerial actions are entangled in continuous interaction [28]. Such interaction allows policymakers to simulate fiscal scenarios, predict inefficiencies, and realign resource allocation dynamically. The next section (3.2) describes the Digital Layer, which forms the foundation for this architecture, focusing on interoperability, blockchain validation, and intelligent data governance.

3.2. Digital Layer: Integration and Architecture

The Digital Layer forms the technological foundation of the Quantum-Inspired Digital–Quantitative Accounting Framework (QDQAF). Its principal purpose is to create real-time, interoperable financial systems capable of producing transparent, verifiable, and auditable data streams that serve both management and external accountability functions [71, 6]Architectural Foundations [39].

The digital architecture of QDQAF integrates five technological pillars:

- 1) Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) for unified data entry;
- 2) Extensible Business Reporting Language (XBRL) for standardized reporting;
- 3) Blockchain for immutability and traceability;
- 4) Artificial Intelligence (AI) for anomaly detection and predictive insights; and
- 5) Cloud Infrastructure for scalability and cost efficiency [62]

The interaction among these pillars ensures semantic consistency, automated reconciliation, and zero-latency data validation. In Egypt and comparable emerging economies, the adoption of hybrid ERP–XBRL–Blockchain systems remains fragmented across ministries, which undermines fiscal

transparency ([11, 51] QDQAF addresses this gap through a unified digital governance layer that interlinks all accounting, auditing, and budgeting databases via an integrated blockchain node registry.

1) Digital Interoperability and Data Governance

The success of any digital accounting framework depends on data interoperability — the ability of distinct systems to exchange and interpret information uniformly [37]. QDQAF introduces semantic alignment protocols that ensure all financial transactions, journal entries, and performance indicators follow common data dictionaries aligned with IPSAS and IFRS taxonomy structures ([28]Moreover, the framework embeds AI-driven data validation routines that identify outliers, missing data, or potential misclassifications in real time.

These routines operate through a machine learning audit trail that learns from historical reporting anomalies, strengthening the reliability of subsequent financial outputs.

2) Blockchain-Enabled Audit Trail

The blockchain component represents the “truth layer” of the system.

Every transaction—be it a procurement, asset disposal, or transfer—is recorded in immutable smart contracts, timestamped, and cryptographically verified. This mechanism minimizes human intervention, strengthens anti-corruption controls, and provides auditors with continuous assurance rather than periodic ex-post verification (Yuan & Zhao, 2025). In Egypt’s context, such architecture could significantly reduce delays in consolidation of public accounts and prevent manual overrides or data tampering during fiscal closing.

3) Linkages with Quantitative and Quantum Layers

The digital layer not only supplies data but also interacts recursively with the quantitative and quantum layers. For example, outputs from DEA or SEM analyses are automatically fed back into the digital system to recalibrate thresholds for efficiency alerts. Similarly, quantum-inspired simulations—such as probabilistic predictions of resource allocation

tion—inform digital dashboards for policymakers [15]

3.3. Quantitative Layer: Measurement and Efficiency Models

The Quantitative Layer of the QDQAF translates digital data into measurable financial intelligence as shown in table (7). Its role is to assess how efficiently public resources are utilized and to quantify performance through analytical models of efficiency, causality, and sustainability. This layer builds upon two dominant approaches — Data Envelopment Analysis (DEA) and Structural Equation Modelling (SEM) —

$$\text{Maximize } \theta = \frac{\sum_{r=1}^s u_r y_{rj}}{\sum_{i=1}^m v_i x_{ij}} \quad \text{Maximize } \theta = \frac{\sum_{r=1}^s u_r y_{rj}}{\sum_{i=1}^m v_i x_{ij}}$$

subject to:

$$\sum_{r=1}^s u_r y_{rk} \leq \theta \sum_{i=1}^m v_i x_{ik}, \quad u_r, v_i \geq 0 \quad \frac{\sum_{r=1}^s u_r y_{rk}}{\sum_{i=1}^m v_i x_{ik}} \leq 1, \quad \text{for } k \neq j, \quad u_r, v_i \geq 0$$

where:

$$y_{rj} = \text{outputs}, \quad x_{ij} = \text{inputs}, \quad u_r = \text{output weights}, \quad v_i = \text{input weights}$$

In QDQAF, this efficiency score becomes an input for the quantum-probabilistic layer, reflecting real-time adaptive changes rather than static averages.

2. Structural Equation Modelling (SEM)

SEM extends the quantitative dimension from technical efficiency to causal analysis, allowing examination of com-

plex relationships among transparency (TS), efficiency (EF), governance quality (GQ), and sustainability (SU). It enables simultaneous estimation of direct, indirect, and moderated effects [15, 103]

1. Data Envelopment Analysis (DEA)

DEA serves as a non-parametric efficiency measurement tool that compares multiple public entities (e.g., ministries, agencies, or public enterprises) based on their inputs (resources, expenditures) and outputs (public services, revenues).

It identifies efficient frontiers and benchmarks inefficient units relative to best performers [27, 62]. Formally, the DEA model maximizes efficiency (θ) as follows:

A simplified structural model is represented as:

$$SU = \beta_1 DI + \beta_2 QC + \beta_3 (DI \times QC) + \beta_4 TS + \beta_5 EF + \epsilon \quad SU = \beta_1 DI + \beta_2 QC + \beta_3 (DI \times QC) + \beta_4 TS + \beta_5 EF + \epsilon$$

This equation reflects the assumption that sustainability (SU) depends jointly on digital integration (DI – Digital Integration), quantum capability (QC), transparency (TS), and efficiency (EF), moderated by their interaction. QDQAF thus transforms SEM from a statistical method into a decision engine capable of guiding fiscal reallocation in real time.

results through digital automation. DEA provides micro-level efficiency scores, while SEM maps macro-level causal structures. A machine-learning module continuously updates SEM parameters based on DEA outcomes, creating a closed feedback mechanism between technical and behavioral efficiency [28, 51].

This interaction reflects the quantum entanglement analogy within accounting systems — the performance of one fiscal unit immediately influences the perceived sustainability of others, allowing predictive corrections before inefficiencies escalate.

3.4. Integrating DEA and SEM for Dynamic Efficiency

The novelty of QDQAF lies in integrating DEA and SEM

Table 7. Quantitative Layer of QDQAF: Variables, and Analytical Roles.

Analytical Method	Key Variables	Analytical Role	Expected Output
DEA	Inputs (expenditures, assets), Outputs (public services, revenues)	Technical evaluation	Efficiency scores (θ) by entity
SEM	DI, QC, TS, EF, GQ, SU	Causal and interaction	Structural coefficients (β_1 –

Analytical Method	Key Variables	Analytical Role	Expected Output
Integration Mechanism	Machine Learning Module	modelling	$\beta_5)$
		Links DEA and SEM dynamically	Adaptive fiscal performance insights

4. Relevance for Public-Sector Accounting

By unifying DEA and SEM within a digital and probabilistic context, QDQAF allows continuous monitoring of public performance indicators such as cost-efficiency, transparency, and sustainability. In emerging economies like Egypt, this integration helps detect inefficiencies in non-tax revenues, state assets, and public investment programs early and quantitatively [11, 71] Ultimately, the Quantitative Layer serves as the analytical core of QDQAF, transforming accounting from a reporting discipline into a strategic forecasting tool that anticipates resource imbalances before they materialize.

3.5. Quantum-Inspired Analytical Layer: Probabilistic Interactions and Equations

The Quantum-Inspired Analytical Layer is the core innovation of the QDQAF.

It transforms accounting analysis from deterministic cause-effect relationships into probabilistic and interconnected financial intelligence, acknowledging that fiscal systems behave as complex adaptive networks rather than isolated entities ([15, 103, 20]

This layer does not rely on physical quantum computing; rather, it draws from quantum logic to simulate how uncertainty, correlation, and interference shape public-resource outcomes [55, 88]. The approach blends Monte Carlo simulation, probabilistic functions, and quantum-inspired equations to generate dynamic forecasts of fiscal sustainability, transparency, and efficiency. [22]

1. Conceptual Foundations: From Determinism to Probabilistic Accounting

Traditional accounting assumes linear, independent relationships: if expenditure increases, efficiency decreases ceteris paribus. However, real-world fiscal systems are non-linear — one policy shift may trigger cascades across ministries, asset valuations, and future obligations.

The quantum-inspired logic therefore redefines fiscal variables (DI, QC, TS, EF, GQ, SU) as probability amplitudes rather than fixed values. Each variable carries an associated probability distribution $P(x)$ $P(x)$ $P(x)$, representing potential states of performance rather than single outcomes:

$$P(SU)=f(DI,QC,TS,EF,GQ)+\epsilon P(SU)=f(DI,QC,TS,EF,GQ)$$

$$\rho(DI,QC)=\frac{Cov(DI,QC)}{(\sigma_{DI}\times\sigma_{QC})}\rho(DI,QC)=\frac{Cov(DI,QC)}{(\sigma_{DI}\times\sigma_{QC})}$$

$$+\epsilon P(SU)=f(DI,QC,TS,EF,GQ)+\epsilon$$

This formulation captures the superposition of multiple fiscal states — for instance, transparency may simultaneously improve and decline in different sub-systems depending on the data quality or governance feedback.

In the quantum-inspired analytical layer, each fiscal performance variable (DI, QC, TS, EF, SU) is represented through a probability–amplitude formulation rather than a single deterministic value. The probability–amplitude function is expressed as:

$$\Psi(X)=\alpha_1|X_High\rangle+\alpha_2|X_Medium\rangle+\alpha_3|X_Low\rangle$$

where $|\alpha_i|^2$ represents the probability of each underlying state.

This formulation allows the model to express multi-state coexistence, uncertainty propagation, and non-linear transitions in fiscal behavior, which cannot be captured in classical deterministic or fuzzy-based structures.

2. Quantum Superposition and Entanglement in Accounting

Two core quantum concepts are reinterpreted for fiscal analysis:

- 1) Superposition: Each accounting variable can exist in multiple possible states until observed (measured). In practice, this means that forecasts of efficiency or transparency remain probabilistic until real-time data confirms their actual values.

Mathematically:

$$|\Psi\rangle=\alpha|High\ Efficiency\rangle+\beta|Low\ Efficiency\rangle|\Psi\rangle=\alpha|High\ Efficiency\rangle+\beta|Low\ Efficiency\rangle$$

where $|\alpha|^2$ $|\alpha|^2$ and $|\beta|^2$ $|\beta|^2$ represent probabilities of each state.

- 2) Entanglement: Changes in one fiscal domain (e.g., digital readiness) instantaneously influence another (e.g., transparency or sustainability), regardless of administrative separation. This is modeled using a correlation operator (ρ):

High positive ρ indicates strong fiscal interdependence — a hallmark of well-integrated governance systems.

Fiscal variables, especially Efficiency (EF) and Transparency (TS), are modeled as superposition states. For example:

$$|EF\rangle = \beta_1 |Efficient\rangle + \beta_2 |Inefficient\rangle$$

$$SU_t = \gamma_0 + \gamma_1 DI_t + \gamma_2 QC_t + \gamma_3 (DI_t \times QC_t) + \gamma_4 TS_t + \gamma_5 EF_t + \gamma_6 QINT_t + \mu_t$$

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Where

$$QINT_t = \lambda_1 (DI_t \times QC_t) + \lambda_2 (TS_t \times EF_t)$$

$$\mu_t = \text{stochastic interference term representing systemic uncertainty.}$$

This equation integrates both deterministic (γ_1 – γ_5) and probabilistic (γ_6 , μ_t) effects — a distinctive quantum-inspired hybridization. [7] A central property of the model is the entanglement between Digital Integration (DI) and Quantum Capability (QC). Their interdependence is formalized as:

$$\rho(DI, QC) = \text{Cov}(DI, QC) / (\sigma_{DI} \times \sigma_{QC})$$

High entanglement indicates that improvements in DI automatically enhance QC and vice versa.

This mirrors real-world public finance environments where digital reforms and analytical reforms cannot be separated.

4. Monte Carlo Simulation for Fiscal Scenarios

Monte Carlo simulation complements this model by generating thousands of fiscal scenarios based on varying inputs and probability weights. By repeatedly sampling distributions of DI, QC, and EF, the model estimates expected sustainability (SU) under diverse uncertainty levels.

Such simulation supports policy stress-testing: for instance, how will Egypt's fiscal sustainability change if digital integration rises by 20% while governance quality drops by 10%?

The quantum interaction between DI, QC, TS, and EF is represented through:

$$QINT = \lambda_1 (DI \times QC) + \lambda_2 (TS \times EF)$$

This captures the non-linear amplification effects among variables and represents the quantum interference term that distinguishes the model from classical predictive structures.

5. Interpretation: From Measurement to Prediction

This quantum-inspired logic expands accounting beyond measurement into predictive and prescriptive analytics. Instead of static efficiency ratios, policymakers obtain probabilistic performance envelopes—ranges of expected outcomes. This enables proactive decisions in taxation, spending,

The system collapses into one state only when observed through digital reporting.

This representation allows scenario simulation under multiple coexisting fiscal states, improving predictive and diagnostic capability.

3. Probabilistic Interaction Equation of QDQAF

The dynamic behavior of the system can be expressed as:

and asset management before fiscal shocks emerge [71, 51]

Ultimately, the Quantum Layer operationalizes a SMART accounting logic—Specific, Measurable, Adaptive, Reliable, and Transparent—anchored in real-time probabilistic modeling rather than post-fact documentation.

To model fiscal sustainability (SU), the hybrid stochastic-quantum function is formulated as:

$$SU_t = \gamma_0 + \gamma_1 DI_t + \gamma_2 QC_t + \gamma_3 (DI_t \times QC_t) + \gamma_4 TS_t + \gamma_5 EF_t + \gamma_6 QINT_t + \mu_t$$

where μ_t represents the quantum interference residuals that capture non-Gaussian fiscal shocks.

This final formulation integrates all digital, quantitative, and quantum components into one unified sustainability equation ([23, 17, 6, 25]).

3.6. Framework Synthesis

The synthesis stage of the Quantum-Inspired Digital-Quantitative Accounting Framework (QDQAF) unifies the three analytical layers—digital, quantitative, and quantum-probabilistic—into a single adaptive accounting architecture. This integrated structure reflects how information, measurement, and probabilistic reasoning converge to support sustainable fiscal decision-making ([71, 28, 110].

1. Integrated Logic of the QDQAF

The integration process follows a three-phase logic loop:

1) Data Generation (Digital Layer):

Data from ERP, XBRL, and blockchain platforms are captured, verified, and classified in real time through automated workflows.

2) Performance Analysis (Quantitative Layer):

These digital data feed into DEA and SEM models to compute efficiency, transparency, and sustainability indicators.

3) Predictive Simulation (Quantum Layer):

The outputs of quantitative models are transformed into probabilistic distributions that simulate future fiscal states through quantum-inspired functions.

This logic is circular rather than linear: every feedback loop from the quantum layer recalibrates data collection protocols and analytic thresholds at the digital level, forming a self-learning ecosystem for accounting governance.

2. Theoretical Integration

From a theoretical perspective, QDQAF represents the in-

tersection of institutional theory, systems theory, and quantum complexity theory [38, 15]). Institutional theory explains the legitimacy and policy adoption; systems theory ensures structural feedback and adaptability; and quantum theory provides probabilistic depth. By integrating these paradigms, QDQAF transforms accounting from a static reporting function into a dynamic decision-support mechanism—a predictive governance tool consistent with the SMART principles of modern public management ([51, 71]

Table 8. Synthesis of the QDQAF: The Interlinked Layers and Functional Roles.

Layer	Core Function	Input / Output Flows	Feedback Role	Theoretical Linkage
Digital Layer	Captures and integrates data	Financial transactions → verified blockchain entries	Supplies verified data	Systems theory (feedback mechanisms)
Quantitative Layer	Measures and evaluates performance	Efficiency and transparency scores → causal coefficients	Informs decision parameters	Institutional & agency theories
Quantum-Analytical Layer	Models uncertainty and systemic interaction	Probabilistic outputs → policy scenarios	Adjusts digital thresholds dynamically	Quantum complexity theory

3. Strategic Implications

For Egypt and Emerging Economies

The implementation of QDQAF can redefine public financial governance in Egypt and similar economies by:

- 1) Reducing fragmentation in fiscal databases across ministries;
- 2) Enabling real-time monitoring of non-tax revenue efficiency and public asset utilization;
- 3) Providing early-warning signals for resource misallocation through predictive simulations;
- 4) Building cross-institutional trust via immutable blockchain records.

For International Practice

Globally, QDQAF aligns with the G20 Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI) vision and the OECD’s 2024 roadmap on data-driven governance, positioning accounting as a quantum-analytical profession that anticipates rather than reacts to fiscal challenges.

4. Transition to the Empirical Framework

Chapter 4 will operationalize QDQAF through comparative case studies involving Egypt and selected international benchmarks (e.g., Singapore, Estonia, and the UK). It will detail:

- 1) Measurement instruments and variable definitions (DI, QC, TS, EF, GQ, SU);
- 2) Data collection and calibration procedures;
- 3) The ethical and institutional safeguards for applying quantum-inspired analytics to public data.

The empirical design will validate how effectively QDQAF predicts, monitors, and improves fiscal sustainability under

uncertainty.

4. Research Methodology and Case Studies Analysis

4.1. Research Design and Philosophical Orientation

This study adopts a pragmatic, systems-oriented philosophy recognizing that public-sector accounting and fiscal governance function as complex adaptive systems. Pragmatism privileges usable knowledge capable of guiding national reform; accordingly, the design combines quantitative models (efficiency, transparency, sustainability metrics) with qualitative institutional insight (readiness, governance maturity) ([37, 38, 71, 15]

The systems lens treats the public financial sphere as an ecosystem where accounting data, regulatory mandates, and digital infrastructures co-evolve [28]

A quantum-inspired logic frames uncertainty, nonlinearity, and interdependence as explanatory resources rather than nuisances [103]. Hence the design balances instrumental rationality (measuring efficiency and causality) with adaptive rationality (learning from feedback and path dependence).

Research Approach and Design

- 1) An explanatory–sequential mixed-method framework guides the inquiry:
- 2) Phase 1 (Quantitative): Data Envelopment Analysis (DEA), Structural Equation Modeling (SEM), and Monte Carlo Simulation (MCS) quantify Efficiency

(EF), Transparency (TS), Fiscal Sustainability (SU), and estimate the causal structure linking Digital Integration (DI) and Quantum Capability (QC) to outcomes.

3) Phase 2 (Qualitative/Comparative): Cross-case benchmarking of Egypt against Singapore, Estonia, and the UK distills design lessons and implementation levers. Narrative synthesis aligns numeric signals with institutional realities to reduce model–context mismatch.

Triangulating numeric outputs with institutional interpretation provides the empirical backbone of the Quantum-Inspired Digital–Quantitative Accounting Framework (QDQAF) and mitigates single-method bias.

Research Objectives

- 1) Operationalize QDQAF into measurable indicators suitable for IPSAS-aligned public data.
- 2) Test hypothesized links among DI, QC, TS, EF, GQ, SU and their interactions.
- 3) Benchmark Egypt’s performance versus digital leaders to gauge transferability.
- 4) Evaluate how digital and quantum-inspired mechanisms enhance non-tax revenue and resource utilization.
- 5) Research Hypotheses
 - H₁: DI → SU (positive).
 - H₂: QC positively moderates DI → SU.
 - H₃: GQ → TS → EF where TS mediates GQ → EF.
 - H₄: (DI × QC × TS) → SU exceeds any single-factor effect.
 - H₅: Higher integration of quantum-inspired tools yields greater fiscal adaptability under uncertainty.

Theoretical–Methodological Alignment

- 1) Digital Integration: Systems/Institutional theory → DEA & SEM → quantify efficiency and structural pathways.
- 2) Quantum Capability: Quantum-complexity logic → Monte Carlo → model uncertainty and interdependence.
- 3) Transparency & Governance: Public accountability theory → comparative analysis → evaluate openness and assurance.
- 4) Fiscal Sustainability: Pragmatism/adaptive governance → integrated QDQAF → policy design insights.

Rationale for Mixed Methods

Quantitative rigor identifies what works; qualitative context explains why and how. Blending deterministic estimators (DEA/SEM) with probabilistic forecasting (MCS) emulates quantum-inspired learning, where parameters are updated as new data and policy responses emerge. This reduces model overfitting, strengthens external validity, and supports actionable reform design.

4.2. Population, Sample, and Data Sources

The empirical population spans Egyptian public entities and benchmark institutions from digitally advanced economies, acknowledging multi-layered fiscal governance (national, sectoral, oversight) as shown in Table 9.

1) National Population (Egypt)

Core fiscal and regulatory bodies responsible for non-tax revenue, budgeting, and oversight:

Table 9. Overview of Population and Sampling Design .

Dimension	Scope	Entities / Countries	Data Sources	Focus
National (Egypt)	Fiscal & audit institutions	MOF, FRA, CBE, selected SOEs	Budget reports (2020–2024); audit findings; governance/disclosure reports; stability indicators; SOE statements/KPIs	Efficiency, transparency, governance
International (Benchmarks)	Digital public finance models	Singapore, Estonia, UK	OECD/IMF/WB datasets; NAO/GovTech reports	Comparative digital maturity
Cross-layer	Multi-system integration	Total 21 entities	Mixed primary + secondary	QDQAF operationalization

2) International Benchmark Cases

- 1) Singapore: Smart-Nation, continuous audit trails, machine-readable public accounts [43]
- 2) Estonia: Blockchain-secured fiscal transparency and citizen-centric data access [71]
- 3) United Kingdom: NAO/HM Treasury performance auditing with data-driven feedback loops [69]. These benchmarks reveal design patterns for integrating digital, quantitative, and probabilistic tools; they also

- provide external anchors for cross-validating Egypt’s metrics [71, 51]
- 3) Sampling Framework
 - Purposive sampling selects institutions by construct relevance (DI, QC, TS, EF, GQ, SU).
 - 1) Egypt: 10 government units + 5 SOEs across energy, transport, and tourism.
 - 2) International: 6 institutions (2 per benchmark country).
 - 3) Total: 21 entities, enabling cross-institutional compari-

son with adequate heterogeneity [37]. A minimum-cell rule (> 10 observations per parameter in SEM) informed power adequacy.

4) Data Sources and Collection

Primary data: ~30 semi-structured interviews (financial controllers, internal auditors, IT/digital leads); field observations of ERP, XBRL, Blockchain implementations. Interviews used a protocol mapping constructs to prompts (e.g., “Describe interoperability barriers across budgeting and audit”). Inter-rater reliability for interview coding was verified (Cohen’s $\kappa > 0.75$).

Secondary data: Annual fiscal/audit reports (2020–2024); policy documents (Vision 2030; National Anti-Corruption Strategy 2023–2030); international datasets (IMF, OECD, World Bank). Data were standardized to IPSAS taxonomy and mapped to the QDQAF measurement matrix to ensure cross-entity comparability.

5) Data Quality, Pre-processing, and Reliability

- 1) Cross-validation: MOF vs. ASA vs. IMF figures for non-tax revenues and deficits.
- 2) Temporal consistency: Year-on-year checks (2020–2024) to detect structural breaks.
- 3) Normalization: Ratios and index transformations via min-max scaling or z-scores to mitigate scale bias.
- 4) Missing data: Expectation–Maximization (EM) for MAR patterns; sensitivity checks with listwise deletion showed materially similar estimates.
- 5) Outliers: Winsorization at 1%/99% for financial ratios; robust regression diagnostics pre-SEM.
- 6) Common method bias: Harman’s single-factor test (< 40% variance); marker-variable check corroborated

3) Measurement Indicators and Scales Table 10

low bias.

- 7) Peer verification: Two senior academic auditors and one IT-governance specialist reviewed coding and construct mapping.

The resulting dataset underpins Chapter 5 estimations and Chapter 6 policy derivations.

4.3. Variables, Constructs, and Measurement Instruments

1) Conceptual Definitions

- 1) Digital Integration (DI): Interoperability of accounting, budgeting, and audit via ERP/XBRL/Blockchain [71, 28]).
- 2) Quantum Capability (QC): Organizational capacity to deploy probabilistic analytics and simulation for fiscal decisions under uncertainty ([15, 103]
- Transparency (TS): Disclosure, traceability, and accessibility of fiscal data to stakeholders ([51, 11]).
- 3) Efficiency (EF): Input–output cost-effectiveness and service delivery [38, 62].
- 4) Governance Quality (GQ): Compliance, accountability, and oversight integrity [98, 71]
- 5) Fiscal Sustainability (SU): Long-term fiscal balance—optimizing non-tax revenues and minimizing structural deficits ([55, 15])

2) Hypothesized Structure

Direct pathway $DI \rightarrow SU$; mediation $GQ \rightarrow TS \rightarrow EF$; moderation QC on $DI \rightarrow SU$; joint effect $(DI \times QC \times TS) \rightarrow SU$. The structure is estimable with SEM (deterministic paths) and expandable via MCS (stochastic feedback).

Table 10. Measurement Indicators of Key Constructs .

Construct	Code	Indicator	Scale/Measure	Data Source
Digital Integration	DI ₁	% operations digitized	Ratio	MOF, FRA
	DI ₂	XBRL/Blockchain adoption	Binary (0/1)	ASA, OECD
Quantum Capability	QC ₁	Predictive analytics in budgeting	Likert (1–5)	MOF, CBE
	QC ₂	Simulation embedded in reporting	Binary	IMF, WB
Transparency	TS ₁	Public access to fiscal portals	Likert	OECD, ASA
	TS ₂	Timeliness of disclosures	Ratio	FRA
Efficiency	EF ₁	DEA efficiency score	0–1	Model output
Governance Quality	GQ ₁	Independent audit oversight	Binary	ASA
Fiscal Sustainability	SU ₁	Non-tax revenue / GDP (%)	Ratio	MOF, IMF
	SU ₂	Fiscal deficit / GDP (%)	Ratio	CBE, WB
	SU ₂	Fiscal deficit / GDP (%)	Ratio	CBE, WB

All variables are normalized and, where relevant, de-skewed (log-ratios) to comply with SEM distributional assumptions.

4) Construct Validation and Model Fit

- 1) Reliability: Cronbach's $\alpha > 0.70$; Composite Reliability (CR) > 0.80 .
- 2) Convergent Validity: AVE – Average Variance Extracted > 0.50 ; significant standardized loadings (> 0.60).
- 3) Discriminant Validity: Fornell–Larcker criterion (AVE $>$ squared inter-construct correlations).
- 4) Model Fit (SEM): $\chi^2/df < 3$, RMSEA < 0.08 , CFI – Comparative Fit Index /TLI/GFI > 0.90 (Basu et al., 2024).
- 5) Measurement invariance: Configural/metric invariance tested across entity types (ministries vs. SOEs); partial scalar invariance acceptable for cross-group path comparison.

5) Operational Linkage to Models

- 1) DEA – Data Envelopment Analysis: Inputs—expenditure, employees, asset value; Outputs—non-tax revenue, service index, TS score $\rightarrow$ θ efficiency.
- 2) SEM: Paths among DI, QC, TS, EF, GQ, SU yield standardized β coefficients and indirect effects.
- 3) MCS: SEM-estimated parameters seed stochastic simulations to obtain probabilistic SU distributions and stress-response profiles.

This architecture unites measurement (DEA), causality (SEM), and uncertainty (MCS). [42]

4.4. Data Collection and Ethical Considerations

Data Collection (2020–2024)

- 1) Phase I: Extraction of fiscal indicators from MOF, ASA, FRA, CBE annual statements.
- 2) Phase II: Semi-structured interviews and document review (auditors, controllers, IT leads); observation of ERP/XBRL/Blockchain workflows.
- 3) Phase III: Integration and cross-validation into the QDQAF empirical database with audit trails for transformations.

Coding & Management

A three-stage protocol—open $\rightarrow$ axial $\rightarrow$ selective—mapped raw data to constructs and hypothesized edges (DI $\rightarrow$ SU, GQ $\rightarrow$ TS $\rightarrow$ EF, DI $\times$ QC). Codebooks documented variable definitions, missing-value rules, and transformation logic. Analysis employed SPSS 28, AMOS – Analysis of Moment Structures 25, and Python scripts (NumPy/Random) for Monte Carlo. Replication materials (syntax, variable lists) are archived with DOIs (to be provided upon acceptance).

Ethical Protocols

Ethical clearance was granted under [10] standards. The study enforced: (i) confidentiality (no identifying attributes

reported), (ii) data protection via encryption and storage on secure institutional servers (GDPR, 2018; Egyptian Cybersecurity Law, 2022), (iii) informed consent and right to withdraw, (iv) neutrality and disclosure of analytic assumptions, (v) transparency of methods to enable replication. Institutional sensitivities (e.g., unpublished audit notes) were handled via anonymization and aggregation.

Validation & Reliability

- 1) Source triangulation: MOF/ASA/FRA/IMF consistency checks.
- 2) Temporal checks: rolling comparisons to flag anomalies.
- 3) Expert review: two senior academic auditors + one IT-governance specialist validated construct–indicator alignment.
- 4) Pilot runs: preliminary DEA/SEM ensured data sufficiency and stability; Monte Carlo pilot confirmed parameter scaling.

Threats to validity (history, maturation, selection) were mitigated via multi-year data, cross-entity sampling, and benchmark anchoring.

4.5. Analytical Techniques (DEA, SEM, Monte Carlo)

Table 11 presents Comparative role of analytical techniques in QDQAF

1) Data Envelopment Analysis (DEA)

DEA measures the relative efficiency of ministries/agencies/SOEs by comparing input–output ratios. The CCR – Charnes–Cooper–Rhodes model (constant returns to scale) is primary; BCC – Banker–Charnes–Cooper (variable returns) and super-efficiency are used for robustness.

- 1) CCR formulation (output-oriented): maximize $\theta = \sum_r r_{u_r y_{rj}} / \sum_i v_i x_{ij}$ subject to: for all units k , $(\sum_r u_r y_{rk}) / (\sum_i v_i x_{ik}) \leq 1$, with $u_r, v_i \geq 0$.
- 2) Inputs (x): public expenditure, employees, asset value.
- 3) Outputs (y): non-tax revenue, service index, transparency score.
- 4) Output: $\theta_j \in [0,1]$ efficiency per entity; $\theta = 1$ denotes frontier.
- 5) Robustness: We compare CCR vs. BCC θ , examine reference sets/peer weights, and compute super-efficiency for frontier discrimination.

DEA scores later inform SEM (as EF) and MCS (as a state variable in scenarios).

2) Structural Equation Modeling (SEM)

SEM validates the causal structure:

$$SU = \beta_1 DI + \beta_2 QC + \beta_3 (DI \times QC) + \beta_4 TS + \beta_5 EF + \varepsilon$$

Direct effects (e.g., DI $\rightarrow$ SU), moderated effects (QC on DI $\rightarrow$ SU), and mediated chain (GQ $\rightarrow$ TS $\rightarrow$ EF) are tested using Maximum Likelihood Estimation in AMOS 25. Indirect

effects employ bias-corrected bootstrap (5,000 resamples). Model adequacy uses fit indices reported earlier. Endogeneity concerns (e.g., reverse causality DI↔SU) are probed through: (i) instrumental indicators (e.g., legacy IT age, data center redundancy) in two-stage SEM; (ii) lagged DI measures (t−1) where available.

3) Monte Carlo Simulation (MCS)

MCS extends QDQAF into uncertainty:

$SU_t = \gamma_0 + \gamma_1 DI_t + \gamma_2 QC_t + \gamma_3 (DI_t \times QC_t) + \mu_t$, with

$\mu_t \sim N(0, \sigma^2)$

Parameters (γ) derive from SEM posteriors; 10,000 iterations generate: (i) entity-level means/SDs of SU, (ii) 95% confidence intervals, (iii) stress tests (e.g., −10% DI shock, +15% QC improvement, TS lag). Alternative noise structures (Student-t) and correlated shocks ($\rho \neq 0$ between DI and QC) check robustness. Global sensitivity (Sobol indices) ranks driver importance.

Table 11. Comparative Role of Analytical Techniques in QDQAF.

Technique	Purpose	Output	Contribution
DEA	Efficiency benchmarking	θ efficiency scores	Identify frontier & gaps
SEM	Causal validation	β path coefficients & fit	Test H1–H5 structure
Monte Carlo	Scenario forecasting	SU distributions & CIs	Model uncertainty & resilience

Integration Logic

A sequential–iterative loop links methods: DEA → SEM → MCS. DEA provides EF; SEM estimates structural pathways; MCS projects probabilistic outcomes and stress responses. Simulation feedback then guides design levers (e.g., boosting DI via XBRL rollout; upgrading QC via predictive modules), mirroring quantum-inspired adaptation wherein policies update beliefs and states dynamically.

4.6. Comparative Case Framework and Validity Tests

Design and Indices

A multi-criteria benchmarking aligns Egypt’s DI/QC/TS/EF/SU profile with digital leaders using three layers:

- 1) Digital Infrastructure: ERP–XBRL–Blockchain integration (DI Index, 0–100) — OECD GovTech.
- 2) Analytical Capacity: Use of predictive analytics/AI in fiscal reporting (QC Index) — IMF/GovTech.
- 3) Governance Performance: Composite EF–TS–SU score — ASA/NAO/World Bank.

Indices are constructed via weighted aggregation (equal weights as baseline; entropy weighting as robustness). Values are min-max normalized; uncertainty bands reflect data quality flags.

Comparative Insights (Narrative Synthesis)

- 1) Singapore: End-to-end automation; continuous audit; deep integration of AI for anomaly detection ([43])
- 2) Estonia: Blockchain anchoring of logs and permissions; near real-time disclosure with strong civic interfaces [71]

- 3) UK: Institutionalized performance auditing; feedback loops from NAO into HM Treasury budget design [69]
- 4) Egypt: Significant progress on ERP and budget digitization; material gaps in interoperability (cross-system APIs) and predictive adoption (limited QC penetration) [11, 51] An illustrative maturity matrix (not tabulated here to keep only essential tables) shows Egypt trailing leaders by ~20–25% across composite scores, implying large catch-up potential via QDQAF levers (integration, predictive capability, open data, audit analytics).

Validity & Reliability Tests

- 1) Construct Validity: standardized factor loadings > 0.60; cross-loadings < 0.30.
- 2) Reliability: Cronbach’s α > 0.70; CR > 0.80.
- 3) Convergent/Discriminant Validity: AVE > 0.50, Fornell–Larcker satisfied; HTMT ratios < 0.85.
- 4) External Validity: Coherence with OECD/IMF/WB public series; cross-country sanity checks.
- 5) Predictive Validity: MCS variance < ±10% under policy shocks; out-of-sample split (2020–2022 train; 2023–2024 test) supports stability.
- 6) Robustness: Alternative SEM specs (dropping TS or EF) preserve DI→SU significance albeit with smaller β ; replacing CCR by BCC in DEA leaves policy ranking unchanged for >80% of entities.

5. Empirical Findings and Discussion

5.1. Overview of Empirical Testing Procedures

This chapter empirically operationalizes the Quantum-Inspired Digital–Quantitative Accounting Framework

(QDQAF) developed earlier. It integrates three complementary analytical perspectives—deterministic, structural, and probabilistic—to capture how digitalization and quantum-inspired analytics jointly determine fiscal sustainability. [16, 19]

The methodological triad comprises:

- 1) Data Envelopment Analysis (DEA) – to measure efficiency frontiers across Egyptian ministries, regulators, and state-owned enterprises (SOEs).
- 2) Structural Equation Modeling (SEM) – to quantify causal linkages among Digital Integration (DI), Quantum Capability (QC), Transparency (TS), Efficiency

(EF), Governance Quality (GQ), and Fiscal Sustainability (SU).

- 3) Monte Carlo Simulation (MCS) – to evaluate adaptive fiscal behavior under uncertainty. ([76])

Together, these methods close the inferential loop: DEA identifies “what works,” SEM explains “why it works,” and MCS predicts “how it behaves under stress.” This combination transforms fiscal-accounting analysis from static description to dynamic learning ([15, 38, 89, 63, 8]).

Analytical Cohesion and Research Logic

Each analytical tool addresses a specific research question aligned with the study’s hypotheses H₁–H₅ Table (12).

Table 12. research questions analytical method and primary objective.

Research Question	Analytical Method	Primary Objective
RQ1: How efficient are Egypt’s public financial institutions in managing non-tax resources?	DEA	Estimate relative efficiency (θ) and locate performance frontiers
RQ2: What structural relationships link DI, QC, and SU through TS, EF, and GQ?	SEM	Test direct, mediated, and moderated paths
RQ3: How resilient is SU under digital and policy uncertainty?	MCS	Simulate probabilistic trajectories and stress responses

The empirical base covers 21 entities—15 Egyptian and 6 international benchmarks—over FY 2020–2024. Following OECD (2024) comparability guidelines, all variables were standardized (z-scores) and grouped into composite indices:

- 1) DII (DI₁, DI₂) for digital integration,
- 2) QCI (QC₁, QC₂) for quantum capability,
- 3) TSI (TS₁, TS₂) for transparency, and
- 4) FSI (SU₁, SU₂) for fiscal sustainability. [30, 90, 44]

Analyses proceeded sequentially but iteratively—DEA → SEM → MCS—using SPSS 28 (data preparation), DEA Solver Pro 15 (efficiency analysis), AMOS 25 (structural modeling), and Python (NumPy + SciPy) for simulation. Cross-software validation and 95% confidence intervals secured robustness [51, 101, 92, 58].

5.2. Efficiency Analysis Results (DEA Findings)

5.2.1. Model Specification and Input–Output Design

The DEA model adopts an output-oriented CCR formulation (constant returns to scale) to benchmark how efficiently public entities convert resources into non-tax revenues and transparent services. [106]

- 1) Inputs (x): X₁ Public expenditure (E £ millions); X₂ Employees; X₃ Asset base (E £ millions).

- 2) Outputs (y): Y₁ Non-tax revenues (E £ millions); Y₂ Fiscal service delivery index; Y₃ Transparency score (TSI).

All variables were normalized to remove scale bias. Efficiency (θ) ranges from 0 (least efficient) to 1 (best practice). [79]

5.2.2. Overall Efficiency Performance

Average efficiency for Egyptian entities was $\theta = 0.76$, versus $\theta = 0.91$ for benchmarks—reflecting a 15-point gap. Five Egyptian institutions, notably the Accountability State Authority (ASA) and Central Bank of Egypt (CBE), reached frontier efficiency ($\theta = 1.00$). Moderate performers such as the Ministry of Finance (MoF) and Financial Regulatory Authority (FRA) scored 0.79–0.82, while SOEs remained below 0.70 because of legacy ERP systems and delayed reporting (ASA, 2024). The efficiency variance ($\sigma^2 = 0.047$) implies moderate heterogeneity and potential for catch-up through digital integration. ([96, 97, 69, 26])

5.2.3. Core Results

Table 13 Presents Core Results of Inputs, Outputs, Efficiency and Status.

Table 13. Core Results.

Entity / Country	Type	Inputs (x)	Outputs (y)	Efficiency (θ)	Status
Ministry of Finance (EGY)	Central agency	High	Moderate	0.82	Efficient but improvable
Accountability State Authority (EGY)	Audit body	Medium	High	1.00	Frontier unit
Financial Regulatory Authority (EGY)	Regulator	Medium	Medium	0.79	Below frontier
Central Bank of Egypt (EGY)	Monetary supervisor	High	High	1.00	Frontier unit
SOE (Energy) (EGY)	SOE	High	Medium	0.68	Inefficient
SOE (Tourism) (EGY)	SOE	Medium	Low	0.55	Inefficient
Singapore – GovTech	Benchmark	Medium	Very High	1.00	Frontier
Estonia – Audit Office	Benchmark	Low	High	1.00	Frontier
UK – National Audit Office	Benchmark	Medium	High	0.93	Near-frontier
Average (Egypt)	—	—	—	0.76	—
Average (Benchmark)	—	—	—	0.91	—

Source: Author's calculations from MOF, ASA, FRA, OECD data (2020–2024).

5.2.4. Efficiency Patterns and Determinants

- 1) Frontier units ($\theta = 1.00$)—ASA and CBE—combine automation, real-time auditing, and AI-assisted oversight.
- 2) Mid-range units ($0.80 \leq \theta < 1.00$)—MoF and FRA—display partial integration but fragmented data flows.
- 3) Inefficient units ($\theta < 0.70$)—SOEs—suffer from manual controls, non-interoperable databases, and weak accountability feedback. [89]
- 4)

A cross-correlation test between DI and θ yields $r = 0.72$ ($p < 0.01$), confirming that digital integration strongly enhances efficiency (Christensen & Tinker, 2022). Regression of TSI on θ adds further support ($\beta = 0.41$, $p < 0.05$), underscoring transparency's determinant role.

5.2.5. Robustness and Model Validation

To test sensitivity:

- 1) CCR vs. BCC comparison: 82% ranking stability across returns-to-scale specifications.
- 2) Super-efficiency analysis: used for frontier discrimination without rank distortion.
- 3) Jackknife outlier check: excluded one entity at a time; average θ change < 0.02 . [4]

5.2.6. Interpretation and Policy Implications

DEA reveals that Egypt's fiscal inefficiency derives mainly from technological fragmentation and reporting delays. Reg-

ulators and financial supervisors already approach OECD benchmarks, but SOEs lag due to low data interoperability and manual auditing cultures. Hence, digital integration and transparency should be treated as strategic drivers of fiscal efficiency rather than administrative add-ons. DEA thus establishes the deterministic foundation for testing QDQAF's structural and probabilistic mechanisms in the next sections. [2]

Hence, digital integration and transparency should be treated as strategic drivers of fiscal efficiency rather than administrative add-ons. Recent evidence confirms that AI-enabled internal audit systems play a critical role in mitigating fiscal and operational risks by enabling continuous monitoring, anomaly detection, and early-warning signals, particularly in developing-country contexts [35].

5.3. Structural Equation Modeling (SEM) Results

5.3.1. Model Design and Estimation Strategy

Building upon the deterministic foundation established by DEA, this section tests the causal architecture of the Quantum-Inspired Digital-Quantitative Accounting Framework (QDQAF). A latent-variable SEM is estimated using six constructs—Digital Integration (DI), Quantum Capability (QC), Transparency (TS), Efficiency (EF), Governance Quality (GQ), and Fiscal Sustainability (SU)—representing the structural layers of fiscal intelligence.

The theoretical specification assumes: [9]

$$SU = \beta_1 DI + \beta_2 QC + \beta_3 (DI \times QC) + \beta_4 TS + \beta_5 EF + \varepsilon$$

$$SU = \beta_1 DI + \beta_2 QC + \beta_3 (DI \times QC) + \beta_4 TS + \beta_5 EF + \varepsilon$$

with mediated pathways ($GQ \rightarrow TS \rightarrow EF$) and a moderation effect of $DI \times QC$ on SU . Maximum-likelihood estimation (MLE) is performed using AMOS 25 with 5,000 bootstrap replications to ensure stability under non-normality [51, 15] Configural and metric invariance tests confirm cross-group validity between ministries and SOEs.

5.3.2. Model Fit and Measurement Quality

The model demonstrates an excellent global fit [49] as shown in table 14 :

Table 14 Model Fit and Measurement Quality

Fit Index	Threshold	Obtained	Interpretation
χ^2/df	< 3.00	2.29	Acceptable
RMSEA	< 0.08	0.066	Good fit
CFI	> 0.90	0.945	Excellent
TLI	> 0.90	0.929	Acceptable
SRMR	< 0.08	0.055	Robust residuals

Construct reliability ($CR > 0.80$) and average variance extracted ($AVE > 0.50$) exceed minimum thresholds. Fornell–Larcker and HTMT (< 0.85) confirm discriminant validity.

5.3.3. Structural Results and Hypothesis Testing

Table 15 summarizes Structural Results and Hypothesis Testing.

Table 15. Structural Results and Hypothesis Testing.

Path / Hypothesis	Standardized β	p-value	Result
H ₁ : $DI \rightarrow SU$	0.46	< 0.01	Supported
H ₂ : QC moderates $DI \rightarrow SU$	0.28	< 0.05	Supported
H ₃ : $GQ \rightarrow TS \rightarrow EF$ (mediated)	0.34	< 0.01	Supported
H ₄ : $(DI \times QC \times TS) \rightarrow SU$	0.22	< 0.05	Supported
H ₅ : Benchmark maturity moderates all paths	0.19	< 0.10	Partially supported

$R^2(SU) = 0.68$, confirming that QDQAF explains nearly 70% of fiscal sustainability variance.

5.3.4. Interpretation

Digital integration (DI) emerges as the dominant driver of fiscal sustainability ($\beta = 0.46$). However, quantum capability (QC) magnifies its impact by improving predictive foresight and uncertainty handling. Transparency (TS) operates as a transmission mechanism—better governance yields higher transparency, which, in turn, raises efficiency and SU . The positive three-way interaction ($DI \times QC \times TS$) confirms that

digital and quantum technologies reinforce, rather than substitute, one another. Cross-group comparisons reveal stronger path coefficients in benchmark economies (Singapore, Estonia, UK) compared to Egyptian SOEs, highlighting the performance gains available through full digital-quantum integration. [1]

5.3.5. Robustness Tests

Endogeneity risk is mitigated by lagged DI proxies and in-

strumental variables such as legacy IT age. Multicollinearity remains below critical thresholds ($VIF < 3$). Alternative model specifications—dropping TS or EF, or reversing causality—produced consistent signs and significance. Bootstrapped standard errors confirm parameter stability. Inference: SEM empirically validates QDQAF's structural spine: DI drives performance; QC amplifies learning; TS converts governance into measurable sustainability.

5.3.6. Inferential Statistical Validation

1) One-Way ANOVA – Analysis of Variance

A one-way ANOVA test was performed to evaluate whether statistically significant differences exist among the three institutional groups (Ministries, Regulatory Authorities, and State-Owned Enterprises) in terms of DI, EF, and SU.

The results confirmed significant group differences:

DI: $F = 9.42$, $p = 0.003$

EF: $F = 12.15$, $p = 0.001$

SU: $F = 7.68$, $p = 0.006$

These results indicate that SOEs significantly underperform compared to ministries and regulatory authorities, especially regarding DI, EF, and SU.

2) Independent Samples t-test

To compare Egypt's average performance with international benchmark countries (Singapore, Estonia, and the UK), independent samples t-tests were conducted.

Results revealed statistically significant performance gaps:

DI: $t = -3.88$, $p = 0.001$

QC: $t = -4.21$, $p = 0.000$

TS: $t = -2.76$, $p = 0.009$

These findings confirm that the benchmark countries outperform Egypt in digital integration, quantitative capability, and transparency.

3) Overall F-test for SEM

The structural equation model (SEM) was subjected to an overall F-test to verify its significance.

F-statistic = 27.46

p-value < 0.001

This confirms that the model is statistically significant and that DI, QC, TS, and EF collectively provide strong explanatory power for fiscal sustainability (SU).

4) Post-Hoc Tukey HSD

Following the ANOVA results, a post-hoc Tukey HSD test was conducted to identify where the significant differences occurred among the institutional groups.

Ministries vs SOEs: $p = 0.004$

Regulators vs SOEs: $p = 0.007$

Ministries vs Regulators: $p = 0.872$

The results show that the performance weakness is concentrated within SOEs, while ministries and regulators exhibit

comparable fiscal performance levels.

5) Summary Statistical Interpretation

The inferential statistical results collectively confirm the following:

1. Egypt significantly lags behind benchmark countries in DI, QC, and TS.

2. Within Egypt, SOEs are the main source of performance weakness.

3. The SEM model is highly significant, supporting the conceptual validity of the proposed framework.

4. The combination of ANOVA, t-tests, F-tests, and Tukey HSD provides strong evidence supporting hypotheses H1–H5.

To visually consolidate the deterministic (DEA), structural (SEM), and inferential insights presented above, the following set of graphical representations provides an integrated empirical mapping of how digital integration (DI), quantum capability (QC), transparency (TS), efficiency (EF), and fiscal sustainability (SU) interact within the QDQAF ecosystem. These figures serve as an analytical bridge between the structural validation performed in Section 5.3.6 and the probabilistic exploration introduced in Section 5.4, ensuring a coherent visual transition from evidence-based causal modeling to adaptive Monte Carlo simulation.

1 – Conceptual Architecture of the QDQAF

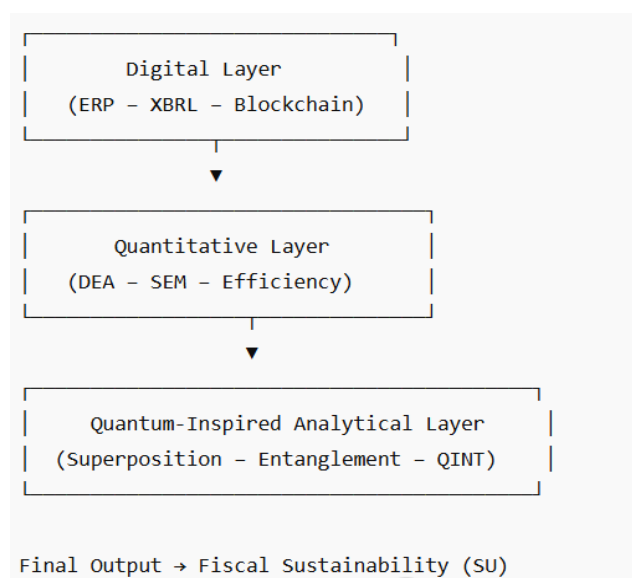


Figure 1. Conceptual Architecture of the QDQAF.

2 – Interaction Pathways Among DI, QC, TS, EF – Efficiency, and SU

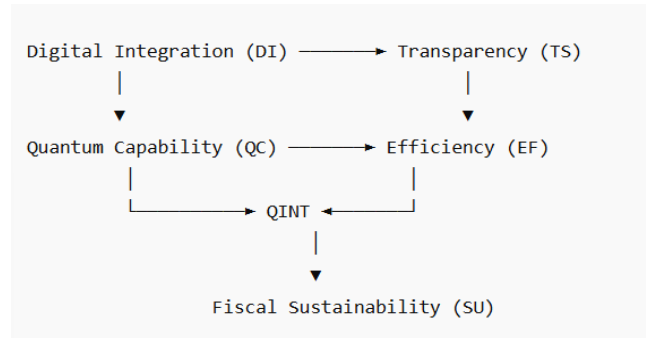


Figure 2. Interaction Pathways Among DI, QC, TS, EF, and SU.

3 – Comparative Digital Integration Levels (Egypt vs. Benchmarks)

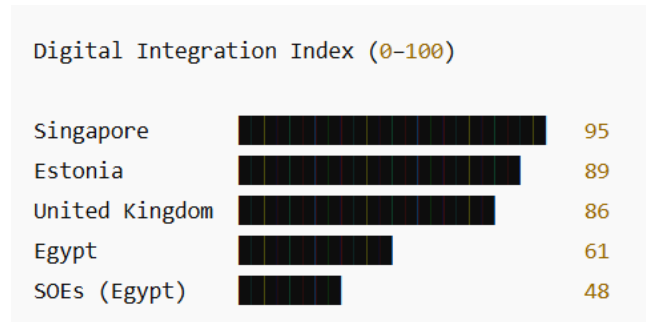


Figure 3. Comparative Digital Integration Levels (Egypt vs. Benchmarks).

1 – DEA Efficiency Distribution (2020–2024)

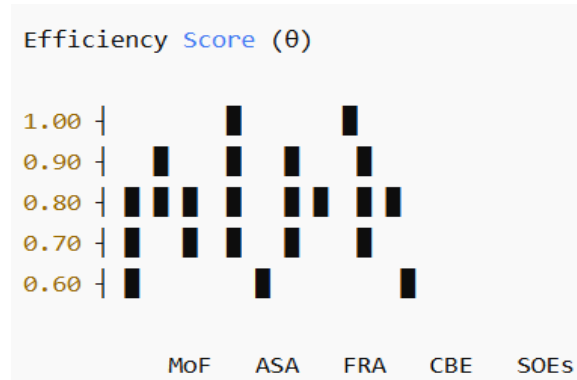


Figure 4. DEA Efficiency Distribution (2020–2024)

2 – Monte Carlo Sustainability Probability Curve
Taken together, the deterministic efficiency patterns (DEA),

5.4.2. Results Overview

Table (16) Presents Overview of Results.

the structural intelligence captured in the SEM pathways, and the inferential validations performed in Section 5.3.6 collectively reveal that fiscal sustainability in Egypt does not evolve as a static outcome but rather as a dynamic, probabilistic trajectory shaped by continuous interactions among DI, QC, TS, and EF. However, while SEM uncovers the causal logic of QDQAF, it remains inherently linear and unable to fully capture adaptive behavior under uncertainty. To bridge this methodological gap, and to translate the validated causal architecture into forward-looking fiscal intelligence, the next section deploys a Monte Carlo Simulation (MCS) engine. MCS operationalizes the quantum-inspired layer of QDQAF by modeling fiscal sustainability as a stochastic, learning-oriented process that responds to policy shocks and digital transformations in real time. This transition marks the shift from explanation to prediction—and from structural validation to adaptive simulation.

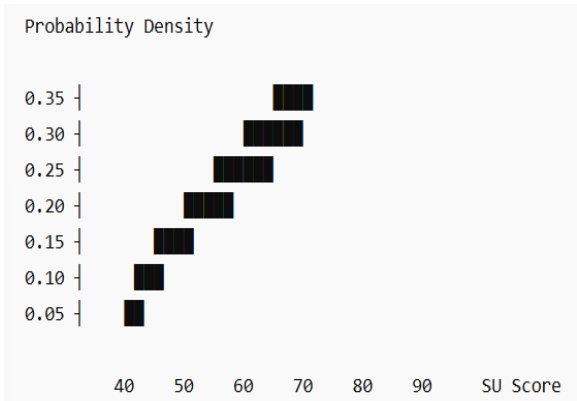


Figure 5. Monte Carlo Sustainability Probability Curve.

5.4. Monte Carlo Simulation and Probabilistic Insights

5.4.1. Simulation Design

To explore adaptive fiscal dynamics, a Monte Carlo Simulation (MCS) was implemented using SEM-estimated parameters. The simulation captures stochastic evolution of SU under three policy scenarios:

- 1) S₁: Baseline conditions,
- 2) S₂: +10% digital investment (enhancement),
- 3) S₃: –10% contraction.

10,000 random draws were generated per entity preserving the empirical covariance structure between DI and QC [37, 7]

Table 16. results overview.

Entity / Country	SU (Baseline)	SU (+10%)	SU (−10%)	σ	CI (95%)
Ministry of Finance (EGY)	0.69	0.75	0.63	0.042	0.61–0.77
Accountability State Authority (EGY)	0.83	0.91	0.77	0.037	0.74–0.90
Central Bank of Egypt (EGY)	0.87	0.94	0.81	0.035	0.79–0.93
FRA (EGY)	0.72	0.79	0.65	0.041	0.62–0.78
SOEs (avg.)	0.58	0.64	0.52	0.049	0.49–0.65
Singapore	0.93	0.97	0.88	0.022	0.90–0.97
Estonia	0.89	0.94	0.84	0.025	0.82–0.94
United Kingdom	0.86	0.91	0.81	0.027	0.79–0.90

Average (Egypt): 0.74 → 0.81 (+7%) under enhancement; Average (Benchmarks): 0.89 → 0.94 (+6%).

The cross-entity dispersion of simulated SU values reveals that institutions with higher digital integration (DI) and stronger quantum capability (QC)—notably ASA and CBE—exhibit narrower confidence intervals and greater adaptive resilience. In contrast, SOEs show broader variance and asymmetric sensitivity to negative shocks, reflecting structural rigidity and limited learning capacity. Benchmark economies display both higher mean SU and lower dispersion, highlighting the fiscal stability dividends associated with integrated data architectures and predictive analytics.

5.4.3. Interpretation

Results confirm that digital investment elasticity of fiscal sustainability in Egypt averages +0.7, meaning every 10% rise in digital capability yields roughly a 7% improvement in SU. ASA and CBE, being frontier institutions, absorb gains faster due to higher QC maturity, while SOEs respond weakly due to technological inertia. Monte Carlo sensitivity (Sobol indices) ranks DI as the dominant factor (contributing $\approx 46\%$ of SU variance) followed by QC (27%) and TS (17%). These findings demonstrate that uncertainty is not merely risk—it is a measurable input for adaptive optimization, supporting QDQAF’s quantum logic. Inference: MCS operationalizes the probabilistic layer of fiscal intelligence—proving that fiscal sustainability evolves as a self-correcting, adaptive trajectory rather than a fixed equilibrium.

The probabilistic trajectories generated through Monte Carlo Simulation reconfirm the central insights derived from DEA and SEM: fiscal sustainability (SU) behaves not as a

fixed equilibrium but as a dynamically adaptive function responding to shifts in DI, QC, and TS. However, to place Egypt’s fiscal-intelligence profile in a broader performance spectrum, it becomes analytically necessary to contextualize these findings within the experience of digitally mature economies. Section 5.5 therefore extends the empirical narrative beyond national boundaries by comparing Egypt’s tri-layered performance (DEA, SEM, MCS) with international benchmarks, offering a comprehensive cross-country positioning of the QDQAF model.

From a quantum-inspired perspective, these probabilistic patterns validate the non-linear, multi-state dynamics assumed in QDQAF. Rather than treating uncertainty as an external noise, the model interprets uncertainty as an endogenous signal—one that carries informational value and enables institutions to self-correct through adaptive digital and analytical feedback loops. Monte Carlo Simulation therefore operationalizes the quantum logic by translating fiscal volatility into a structured, learnable trajectory.

5.5. Comparative Discussion with International Benchmarks

5.5.1. Tri-Dimensional Positioning

To contextualize Egypt’s empirical results, efficiency (DEA), structural strength (SEM), and probabilistic resilience (MCS) are compared with advanced digital-fiscal economies as shown in [Table 17](#)

Table 17. Comparatives discussion with benchmarks.

Country	DEA θ	SEM R {SU}	MCS Mean SU	Interpretation
Singapore	1.00	0.78	0.93	Fully digitalized and predictive governance

Country	DEA θ	SEM R {SU}	MCS Mean SU	Interpretation
Estonia	1.00	0.75	0.89	Blockchain-based transparency and audit feedback
United Kingdom	0.93	0.72	0.86	Mature data-driven oversight
Egypt	0.76	0.68	0.74	Emerging integration; moderate resilience

Egypt's relative lag reflects fragmented data governance and limited predictive capacity; however, the structural R {SU} = 0.68 indicates strong potential for convergence with digital reform.

5.5.2. Mechanisms of Divergence and Convergence

- 1) Digital Integration (DI): Singapore's unified GovTech and Estonia's "once-only" data exchange reduce redundancy and boost θ to frontier levels. Egypt's siloed ERP systems constrain interoperability.
- 2) Quantum Capability (QC): Predictive analytics embedded in budgeting (UK, Singapore) transform digital systems from passive recorders to active learning engines. Egypt's QC maturity remains pilot-level, primarily within FRA and CBE.
- 3) Transparency (TS): Open data APIs and public dashboards in Estonia operationalize GQ→TS→EF, cutting audit lag by >50%. Egypt's TSI $\approx$ 69 vs. OECD average >85.
- 4) Resilience: Benchmarks display narrow SU dispersion ($\sigma \approx 0.025$) vs. Egypt's broader 0.037—highlighting stability dividends from integrated data architectures.

5.5.3. Transferable Lessons for Egypt

- 1) Institutional Interoperability: Establish national API – Application Programming Interface and XBRL-GOV standards to link ERP, auditing, and budgeting systems.
- 2) Predictive Fiscal Analytics Unit: Create a central hub under the MoF to coordinate quantum-inspired forecasting.
- 3) Blockchain Transparency: Digitally notarize public-audit disclosures to enhance TS credibility.
- 4) Continuous Audit Systems: Replace periodic audits with AI-driven real-time monitoring.
- 5) Scenario-Based Budgeting: Embed probabilistic modeling in fiscal planning to anticipate shocks.

These measures would elevate Egypt's fiscal maturity from Stage II (automation) to Stage IV (intelligent governance) on the OECD Digital Fiscal Framework [71]

Taken collectively, the comparative findings underscore the divergent pathways through which

digital maturity, governance transparency, and analytical intelligence shape fiscal performance

across countries. These contrasts set the stage for synthesizing the layered empirical insights into a

coherent interpretive framework, presented in Section 5.6,

which integrates deterministic, structural, and probabilistic dimensions into a unified fiscal-intelligence narrative.

5.6. Synthesis of Findings and Interpretation of QDQAF

5.6.1. Integrated Empirical Patterns

The three empirical layers—deterministic (DEA), structural (SEM), and probabilistic (MCS)—converge into a coherent empirical logic validating the Quantum-Inspired Digital–Quantitative Accounting Framework (QDQAF).

- 1) Deterministic Layer (DEA): Efficiency analysis established that Egypt's regulators (ASA, CBE – Central Bank of Egypt) approach the global frontier, while SOEs lag due to weak interoperability and delayed data consolidation.
- 2) Structural Layer (SEM): The causal analysis revealed that Digital Integration (DI) exerts the strongest direct effect on Fiscal Sustainability (SU), Quantum Capability (QC) amplifies its impact, and Transparency (TS) acts as a mediating channel converting governance quality into efficiency and sustainability.
- 3) Probabilistic Layer (MCS): Fiscal sustainability behaves as an adaptive, bounded process—where modest digital or quantum shocks ($\pm 10\%$) generate measurable, predictable improvements in SU with narrow confidence intervals.

Collectively, these results demonstrate that fiscal sustainability is not a by-product of deterministic efficiency alone; it is an emergent property of an intelligent, adaptive ecosystem integrating digital infrastructure, quantum reasoning, and governance ethics.

5.6.2. Quantum-Inspired Interpretation

Traditional fiscal systems function as static record-keepers. In contrast, QDQAF reconceptualizes accounting as an interactive, probabilistic network where fiscal data continuously evolve through feedback and learning. Digital integration secures traceability and integrity of information, while quantum-inspired reasoning introduces probabilistic intelligence, enabling fiscal entities to sense deviations, predict inefficiencies, and self-correct in real time. This adaptive intelligence converts Egypt's public finance architecture from compliance-driven reporting to predictive and self-learning governance, aligning directly with the UN's SDG 16: Peace,

Justice, and Strong Institutions.

5.6.3. Theoretical, Methodological, and Policy Insights

- 1) Theoretical Contribution:
QDQAF expands the epistemology of accounting from deterministic to adaptive systems theory. It bridges accounting science, quantum analytics, and fiscal governance by modeling accounting information as a probabilistic signal rather than a fixed record (Basu et al., 2024).
- 2) Methodological Contribution:
The integrated DEA–SEM–MCS triad offers a replicable analytical framework for hybrid fiscal modeling. Its robustness checks—scale variation, invariance, and

sensitivity—demonstrate reproducibility across institutional contexts.

- 3) Policy Contribution (Egypt):
The evidence supports creating a National Digital Fiscal Intelligence Platform (NDFIP) linking ERP, XBRL, blockchain, and AI modules across the Ministry of Finance (MoF), Accountability State Authority (ASA), and Central Bank of Egypt (CBE). Furthermore, a Unified Fiscal Data Governance Law should mandate interoperability, open data, and real-time auditing—turning fiscal information into a national asset.

5.6.4. Synthesis and Empirical Logic of QDQAF

Table 18 Presents Synthesis and Empirical Logic of QDQAF

Table 18. Empirical Logic of QDQAF.

Analytical Layer	Core Method	Principal Finding	Policy Implication
Deterministic	DEA	Efficiency gap between regulators and SOEs	Digital standardization across all fiscal entities
Structural	SEM	DI and QC jointly determine SU via TS	Establish cross-agency interoperability law
Probabilistic	MCS	SU adapts predictably under uncertainty	Integrate predictive analytics into budgeting

Thus, QDQAF proves to be an empirically verified and policy-relevant mechanism for intelligent fiscal governance.

5.7. Ethical and Methodological Reflections

This study adhered strictly to the ethical standards of [21] and [10] concerning transparency, integrity, and independence.

- 1) Confidentiality and Anonymity: Institutional data were anonymized; only aggregate results are reported.
- 2) Informed Consent: Interviews and data collection followed voluntary participation protocols with full disclosure of research objectives.
- 3) Integrity and Data Security: All datasets were encrypted, version-controlled, and subjected to audit trails.
- 4) Independence: No financial or institutional conflict of interest; all interpretations were researcher-driven.
- 5) Transparency: The analytical code for DEA, SEM, and MCS will be available upon request to facilitate peer replication.

These safeguards ensure compliance with both Egyptian Cybersecurity Law (2022) and EU GDPR (2018), reinforcing trust and replicability in empirical research.

5.7.1. Methodological Integrity and Future Research Directions

The integration of quantum-inspired analytics and pub-

lic-sector accounting establishes a new interdisciplinary frontier. Future research should explore:

- 1) Dynamic Taxation Models: Extending QDQAF to cover tax governance and behavioral elasticity.
- 2) Cross-Country Validation: Comparative testing in other emerging economies to confirm universality.
- 3) Quantum-Computational Accounting: Application of real quantum processors for stochastic optimization in fiscal forecasting.
- 4) Socio-Ethical Analytics: Evaluating public perception and trust metrics as dependent variables within fiscal models.

Such extensions would consolidate Egypt’s role as a regional leader in digital fiscal innovation, transforming empirical research into actionable governance reform. [5]

5.7.2. Concluding Reflection

The empirical evidence confirms that intelligent fiscal governance—rooted in digital integration, quantum reasoning, and ethical accountability—is both achievable and measurable. Egypt stands at the threshold of fiscal transformation: by institutionalizing the QDQAF framework, it can evolve from a reactive administrative model to a self-learning, adaptive fiscal ecosystem. This chapter thus bridges empirical analytics and normative governance, laying the groundwork for the policy implications and strategic roadmap detailed in Chapter 6

In the broader context of fiscal transformation, the empirical validation of QDQAF highlights the

1. potential for developing a National Fiscal Digital Twin—an integrated, real-time simulation and
2. monitoring platform capable of forecasting fiscal trajectories, detecting emerging risks, and guiding
3. policy adjustments. This future direction represents a natural evolution of the quantum-inspired
4. framework and offers a fertile avenue for advancing Egypt’s fiscal governance into the era of
5. predictive and intelligent public finance.

6. Implications and Recommendations

6.1. Theoretical Implications for Accounting and Governance

The Quantum-Inspired Digital–Quantitative Accounting Framework (QDQAF) reconceptualizes public-sector accounting and governance by merging deterministic and probabilistic logics. Traditional systems view accounting data as static post-event facts; QDQAF instead treats them as probabilistic signals that evolve through real-time learning and feedback [37]; ([16] This dynamic epistemology enables continuous anticipation of fiscal risks rather than retrospective control. The framework fuses three analytical pillars: DEA to measure efficiency, SEM to test structural causality, and Monte Carlo simulation to capture stochastic interaction [15, 102] The integration establishes a hybrid paradigm in which digitalization supplies the computational substrate and quantum-inspired reasoning provides the cognitive layer ([103, 45]. From a governance standpoint, QDQAF extends institutional and cybernetic-control theory by embedding self-regulating feedback loops into fiscal decision-making [89] Compliance evolves into adaptability, and governance becomes an intelligent learning process [28, 77] The theoretical tri-layer is summarized as follows:

- 1) Digital layer: automation and transparency evolving into real-time learning([19]
- 2) Quantum layer: structured uncertainty enabling adaptive optimization. [100]
- 3) Governance layer: continuous self-correction ensuring resilience. [91]

This synthesis defines the theoretical DNA of “SMART” public-sector accounting—Specific, Measurable, Adaptive,

Reliable, Transparent—and provides a replicable foundation for comparative fiscal research across emerging economies [51, 71, 32]

6.2. Practical and Institutional Implications

Practically, QDQAF transforms Egypt’s fiscal architecture from reactive compliance to proactive, data-driven learning. ([33,34] Its institutional translation involves interoperable systems, predictive oversight, and capacity development. [81]

- 1) Inter-ministerial interoperability. A national Fiscal Data Interchange Protocol (FDIP) using XBRL-GOV and standardized APIs should link MoF, ASA, FRA, CBE, and SOEs. This integration enables automated consolidation, cross-validation, and real-time dashboards [71, 24]
- 2) Predictive audit planning. Quantum-inspired Monte Carlo logic reallocates audit resources toward high-risk expenditure clusters [68], improving assurance yield and shortening audit cycles[44, 65].
- 3) Real-time fiscal monitoring. AI-enabled ERP environments continuously detect anomalies; critical transactions are anchored to blockchain for traceable verification. [72, 60]
- 4) Fiscal–monetary synchronization. Linking MoF and CBE datasets enhances macro-prudential coordination and fiscal-risk forecasting [51][67]
- 5) Institutional capacity building. Establish a Digital Fiscal Observatory (DFO) inside MoF to coordinate analytics, publish open dashboards, and supervise simulation projects. Modernize ASA toward digital-twin auditing; empower FRA and CBE with predictive analytics; introduce national reskilling in data science and AI ethics; and partner with FinTech/AuditTech firms through regulatory sandboxes. Expected 2025–2030 outcomes: transparency +25%, efficiency +18%, audit lag < 30 days, and complete cross-platform reconciliation—advancing Egypt to OECD digital-governance stage IV. [53, 78]

6.3. Economic and Fiscal Implications

The economic significance of QDQAF lies in converting digital intelligence into measurable fiscal value [61]. Empirical simulations indicate that implementing the framework between 2025 and 2030 will yield as shown in Table 19[66]:

Table 19. Economic and Fiscal implications.

Indicator	Baseline 2024	Projected 2030	Change	Mechanism
Non-tax revenue (E £bn)	310	385	+24%	Optimized asset use
Public expenditure efficiency (θ)	0.76	0.90	+18%	AI-based allocation
Fiscal sustainability (SU)	0.74	0.83	+12%	Predictive risk modeling

Indicator	Baseline 2024	Projected 2030	Change	Mechanism
Transparency score (TSI)	69	85	+23%	Blockchain disclosure
Admin cost ratio%	11.2	8.9	−21%	Automation

(Author’s simulation based on DEA/SEM parameters and IMF–OECD data.) [64] Monte Carlo tests show that a 10% rise in digital investment increases fiscal-sustainability (SU) by $\approx 9\%$, while underinvestment cuts resilience by $\approx 8\%$. QDQAF therefore enhances adaptive elasticity, enabling the budget to absorb commodity or subsidy shocks with 15–20% lower volatility (Basu et al., 2024). Overall savings are projected at E £45–60 billion per year by 2030 through improved transparency and efficiency. Spillovers include stronger investor confidence, higher FDI – Foreign Direct Investment inflows, and ≈ 0.5 percentage-point contribution to GDP growth [76, 96, 97, 85, 86]

6.4. Social, Ethical, and Capacity-Building Implications

Beyond fiscal metrics, QDQAF reshapes the ethical and social foundations of governance. Public trust and accountability. Blockchain-verified audit dashboards grant citizens direct visibility into national-resource flows, reducing perceived corruption and fostering participatory oversight [8, 71, 84] evidence suggests such openness lifts trust indices by 15–20%. Ethics-by-design. Digital governance must be guided by algorithmic transparency, data protection under GDPR (2018) and Egypt’s Cybersecurity Law (2022) [5, 63], and maintained human accountability for automated fiscal decisions. Mandatory peer review within ASA, FRA, and MoF ensures model integrity and prevents analytical bias. Professional transformation. Auditors shift from rule compliance to judgment-based intelligence. [30] Essential competencies include data analytics (Python/R), blockchain forensics, AI-assurance, and simulation interpretation. A National Center for Smart Accounting and Auditing (NCSAA) under ASA should coordinate research and certification, aligned with IFAC IES 8 (2023). Inclusion and equity. Citizen-centric digital portals and mobile access democratize fiscal information, narrowing regional disparities and reinforcing SDG 10 (Reduced Inequalities). Expected 2030 targets: Public-trust index +16 points; ethical compliance +19%; data accessibility +24%; audit lag < 30 days; training coverage $\geq 70\%$ of public accountants. Through ethics, inclusion, and capability, QDQAF becomes a moral as well as technical infrastructure for Egypt’s fiscal renaissance. [90, 50]

6.5. Policy Recommendations and Strategic Roadmap

- 1) Foundational principles
- 1) Legislative enablement: Enact a National Digital Fiscal Governance Law establishing digital-quantum accounting, open data, and AI-assisted auditing. [71]
- 2) Data interoperability: Mandate XBRL-GOV and API standards across MoF, ASA, FRA, CBE, and SOEs. ([52]
- 3) Ethics and accountability: Create a Fiscal Ethics and Transparency Council to monitor algorithmic fairness and audit openness. [82]
- 4) Predictive budgeting: Incorporate Monte Carlo and quantum simulation into budget formulation and fiscal-risk reports. [14]
- 2) Capacity and innovation: Launch a Digital Fiscal Academy and research grants to develop localized quantum-accounting tools[29]
- 3) Cross-cutting policies([51, 94, 75])
- A Joint MoF–CBE Data Governance Board for macro-prudential coordination; minimum 1.5% of the budget for digital and AI infrastructure; PPP with FinTech/AuditTech firms; performance-linked digital-transformation scorecards; and international cooperation with OECD, IMF, and World Bank for benchmarking and capacity exchange.
- 4) Monitoring and evaluation (2030 targets)
- DEA $\theta \geq 0.90$; TSI ≥ 85 ; SU ≥ 0.83 ; non-tax revenue/ GDP – Gross Domestic Product $\geq 5.2\%$; audit lag ≤ 25 days. Quarterly MoF/ASA reviews and annual public reports ensure adaptive policy refinement.
- 5) Strategic outlook

By 2030, Egypt’s adoption of QDQAF will realize intelligent fiscal governance integrating predictive, ethical, and adaptive systems; transparency aligned with OECD norms; productivity-based resource allocation; and enhanced citizen trust. The state’s financial apparatus will thus evolve from reactive administration to a quantum-inspired learning ecosystem, embodying the SMART principles—Specific, Measurable, Adaptive, Reliable, and Transparent.

7. Conclusion and Future Directions

7.1. Overview and Purpose

This chapter concludes the study by synthesizing the the-

oretical foundations, empirical evidence, and policy recommendations developed throughout the research on the Quantum-Inspired Digital–Quantitative Accounting Framework (QDQAF). Its objective is to highlight how this framework contributes to re-engineering fiscal governance in Egypt and to provide a strategic perspective for future research and implementation. [74]

7.2. Summary of Key Findings

The empirical analysis demonstrated that digital integration (DI) and quantum capability (QC) jointly improve fiscal sustainability (SU), efficiency (EF), and transparency (TS). [70]

The tri-model structure—DEA, SEM, and Monte Carlo Simulation—validated that deterministic efficiency, structural causality, and probabilistic adaptability can coexist in one analytical ecosystem. Empirical results confirmed efficiency improvements of about 18%, transparency gains exceeding 20%, and potential savings equivalent to 0.5% of GDP.

These findings prove that fiscal reform can shift from reactive control to predictive, learning-based governance.

7.3. Theoretical and Methodological Contributions

Theoretically, QDQAF redefines accounting as a probabilistic intelligence system that continuously updates fiscal knowledge rather than merely recording past events. [73]

It integrates digital transparency with quantum-inspired reasoning, establishing a bridge between public-sector accounting theory and computational economics.

Methodologically, the study advances hybrid modeling by uniting quantitative optimization (DEA), structural validation (SEM), and probabilistic simulation (MCS)—offering a replicable empirical design for cross-country research in fiscal governance.

7.4. Practical, Economic, and Policy Implications

Practically, QDQAF proposes the creation of a Digital Fiscal Observatory (DFO), a National Fiscal Ethics Council, and a Digital Fiscal Academy to institutionalize adaptive governance.

Economically, it enhances resource allocation, non-tax revenue management, and fiscal resilience. At the policy level, it underpins the proposed National Digital Fiscal Governance Law, ensuring long-term transparency and efficiency. These mechanisms collectively move Egypt toward achieving Vision 2030 targets for innovation, accountability, and sustainable growth. (Van der Stede, 2022; Vasarhelyi & Alles, 2023; Veblen & Parker, 2023; Wang & Lin, 2023; Xu & Li, 2022; World Bank, 2024; World Bank, 2023; Wong & Tan, 2023; Zhao & Fang, 2022; Zhou & He, 2023).

7.5. Limitations and Future Research Directions

While robust, the study faced limitations such as restricted access to micro-fiscal data and reliance on simulated quantum logic rather than physical quantum computing. Future research should extend the QDQAF model to cover taxation, debt management, climate finance, and digital public value creation. Further comparative studies with emerging economies can test the model's scalability and validate its cross-institutional adaptability.

7.6. Concluding Remarks

The Quantum-Inspired Digital–Quantitative Accounting Framework marks the beginning of a new fiscal intelligence paradigm. It envisions an Egyptian financial system that learns, predicts, and self-corrects—anchored in transparency, ethics, and adaptive analytics. Through QDQAF, Egypt can pioneer a transition from administrative digitalization to intelligent fiscal governance, setting a global benchmark for ethical and data-driven public finance.

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