

A Heisenberg Uncertainty Principle-Based Volatility Approach for WTI Price Dynamics

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Abstract: This study is designed to fill the gap between classical financial models and modern market requirements by applying quantum mechanics principles to the WTI (West Texas Intermediate) crude oil price dynamics. Specifically, the Heisenberg Uncertainty Principle is explored with both a conceptual framework and an applicative real-time scenario to measure and model the volatility of WTI (West Texas Intermediate) crude oil prices. In this context, a novel volatility indicator, which is derived from a quantum mechanics-inspired methodology, centered on the Heisenberg formulation, is proposed. Therefore, the relationship between price position (Δx) and momentum (Δp) is analyzed to demonstrate how this principle, which is formulated as $\Delta x \cdot \Delta p \geq h/4\pi$ can be adapted to capture the uncertainty and fluctuations of WTI price actions. The recommended volatility indicator offers a unique approach for inquiring price behavior, incorporating both quantum mechanics principles and financial market dynamics. This approach not only enhances predictive accuracy but also provides a deeper insight into market patterns by addressing the chaotic and interconnected nature of modern financial systems. Furthermore, the findings pave the way for developing more advanced trading and risk management strategies tailored to volatile energy markets like WTI.

Keywords: Quantum Mechanics, Heisenberg Uncertainty Principle, Financial Markets Volatility Indicator, WTI Price Dynamics, Price Action Analysis

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WTI Fiyat Hareketleri için Heisenberg Tabanlı Bir Volatilité Göstergesi

Öz: Bu çalışma, klasik finansal modeller ile modern piyasa gereklilikleri arasındaki boşluğu doldurmayı amaçlamakta ve bunun için kuantum mekaniği prensiplerini WTI (West Texas Intermediate) ham petrol fiyat dinamiklerine uygulamaktadır. Özellikle, Heisenberg Belirsizlik İlkesi hem kavramsal bir çerçeve hem de gerçek zamanlı bir uygulama senaryosu aracılığıyla ele alınarak WTI fiyat oynaklığı ölçülmekte ve modellenmektedir. Bu bağlamda, Heisenberg formülasyonuna ($\Delta x \cdot \Delta p \geq h/4\pi$) dayanan kuantum mekaniği esaslı yeni bir volatilité göstergesi önerilmektedir. Bu kapsamda, fiyat pozisyonu (Δx) ile momentum (Δp) arasındaki ilişki incelenerek bu ilkenin WTI fiyat hareketlerindeki belirsizlik ve dalgalanmaları nasıl yakalayabileceği gösterilmektedir. Önerilen volatilité göstergesi, fiyat davranışını incelemek için kuantum mekaniği prensipleri ile finansal piyasa dinamiklerini bir araya getiren özgün bir yaklaşım sunmaktadır. Bu yaklaşım, yalnızca tahmin doğruluğunu artırmakla kalmayıp, modern finansal sistemlerin kaotik ve birbirine bağlı yapısını da dikkate alarak piyasa örüntülerine daha derin bir bakış açısı sağlamaktadır. Ayrıca, elde edilen bulgular WTI gibi yüksek oynaklığa sahip enerji piyasalarına yönelik daha gelişmiş alım-satım ve risk yönetimi stratejilerinin geliştirilmesine de zemin hazırlamaktadır.

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1. Introduction

The applications of physics theories, which have been mainly developed for the explanations of the physical universe, have been adopted to the economics and financial markets by the econophysicists who are trying to facilitate the traders and investors to perceive price actions, market behaviours, and bubbles. The journey of this article is planned by beginning with classical mechanics, which is going to be presented as the fundamental rules of dynamics that are related to price patterns in financial markets, which are generally being tried to be forecasted by technical indicators, tools, and analyses. Later on, quantum mechanics is going to be assessed through investigating the development of the theoretical background in order to state how the quantum models are being associated with financial markets, trading, and investment approaches. After that, the interrelation between physics and trading will be considered by exploring the conceptual framework in order to discover the econophysics concept, which is the science of the combined philosophies of physics and economics. Finally, an asset instrument will be analysed applicatively in terms of denoting that the investment world can not be isolated from the expectations of the trading environment, political events, economic news, and speculations from the point of quantum mechanics, which is adding uncertainty to classical mechanics.

Econophysics is a field within economics that utilizes concepts and techniques from physics to study financial markets, as detailed in Mantegna & Stanley's (1999) influential book and Jovanovic & Schinckus's (2017) more recent analysis. In econophysics models, the methods and formalism of successful physical theories are applied to describe financial phenomena. The central idea is that the evolution of financial markets shares certain similarities with physical processes described by these theories. This analogy is often credited with the empirical success of econophysics, much like the success of the physical theories from which the methods are derived. However, the extent to which this analogy can be extended, given the clear differences between physical and financial phenomena, depends on the specific model being used. This question becomes particularly relevant in quantum econophysics models, which draw parallels between quantum mechanics and finance (Arioli & Valente, 2021).

The observations and measurements of dynamics and movement of particles are the cornerstones of classical mechanics. Fundamentally, the physicists choose reference points or planes in order to determine the motion of an object by measuring the trajectory and direction. Therefore, first, an observer has to pick reference edges that must be stable, as any forces are being applied to them for making measurements. Briefly, the reference planes that are also technically known as inertial frames are the key figures of the relativity principle in physics. Simply, a particle can be moved by a force which results in acceleration, velocity, and distance in a linear way (Helliwell & Sahakian, 2021, pp. 3, 4, 5, 6, 9).

m = mass

a = acceleration

V = velocity

t = time

$F(v) = m a = m (dV/dt)$

Basically, the formulation which is shown above is the first-order differential computation that was coined by Isaac Newton as the laws of motion. In essence, Newtonian mechanics is based on this theory, which can be considered as the fundamentals of conservation of energy, momentum, and angular velocity (Helliwell & Sahakian, 2021, p. 9).

However, the calculations, which are based on the laws of motion of Sir Isaac Newton, who is considered the pioneer of classical mechanics, did not present a meaningful advantage for the trading world, because he was affected by the financial crash of the South Sea Company in the 1720s. Correspondingly, he supposedly said after

this event that his theories can only be used for measuring the motions of celestial masses but not for understanding the insanity of people (WorldQuant Perspectives, 2017, p. 2).

Especially, due to the classical dogma, which was accepted by physicists until the start of the twentieth century, had been explained with the certainty of instant values and quantities of the dynamics of variables. Therefore, according to this doctrine, each of the defined parameters has specific values, and the identification of these values presents the dynamic condition of a system at the time, which shows the potential for motion or energy that the system possesses instantly. As briefly explained in the previous part, numerically, the theorem of classical mechanics can be stated as a set of differential equations of first order with the variables of dynamics through the function of a defined period (Messiah, 2014, p. 3).

Chronologically, the rational Newtonian mechanics approach had made its progress until around the beginning of 1900s. However, physicists had discovered that the definition of microscopic dimensions, which are accepted as atomic or subatomic scale where the limits can be measured with $1/100,000,000$ cm, that is stated as measurement unit of length for one angstrom, did not play a part in classical mechanics. Because of that, the set of new principles had been developed in about 1925s with novel attempts which particularly aim to focus on the microscopic stage of the particles as Quantum Mechanics that contradicts with the basic law of motion formulations in classical mechanics (Messiah, 2014, p. 3).

Specifically, the microscopic form of material had been analyzed through Quantum Mechanics, which had been established a new discipline of physics, to measure the mutual correlation of atomic particles and their engagement with the electromagnetic space. Within the context of Quantum philosophy, the reality of the world had been defined with the occurrence and presence of subatomic particles and molecules with Brownian motion theory, which was issued by Albert Einstein in 1905 (Messiah, 2014, pp. 7, 8). On the other hand, five years earlier than this popular proposal of Albert Einstein, Louis Bachelier, who was known as the explorer of the financial mathematics, had established a stochastic process model which is also named as Wiener that mathematically proves the powerful link between stochastic processes and diffusion formulation which belongs to Brownian motion law (O Farfar, 2002).

The foundational relation between physics and economics was discovered by Louis Bachelier with the assumption that financial asset prices can be modelled through uncertain and random routes. As mentioned in the previous part, regardless of the proposal of the mathematical model of Louis Bachelier, which came before the Brownian motion law of Albert Einstein, the similarity between their studies becomes evident. Later on, Paul Samuelson achieved the Economics Nobel Prize in 1970, inspired by the theory of Louis Bachelier. Also, thus far, the correspondence of Brownian theory in financial economics has been searched by M. F. M. Osborne with the article, which was named as Brownian Motion in the Stock Market (WorldQuant Perspectives, 2017, p. 2).

The implementations of models and theories, which have been built around physics to economics and finance, had remained with Black Scholes formulation which was established by Fischer Black, Myron Scholes and Robert Merton for option pricing calculations and path integral method which was designed by Richard Feynman with combining probabilities of quantum mechanics into financial markets for examination of financial derivatives' price reactions. Just as importantly, econophysics, which has been mainly derived from the applications of statistical mechanics that is also known as classical mechanics, to such an extent of physics, has been used for understanding the macroscopic characteristics of financial markets by applying probability principles. In essence, statistical mechanics interconnects the macroscopic part, which is considered as thermodynamic features of a complex system, to the microscopic components. Briefly, the interaction between physics and trading acts is being explored through econophysics with trying to understand how the foundations of investment and trading markets, which are

the macroscopic stage of a system, are being developed from the microscopic part that is formed by the individual investors and traders (WorldQuant Perspectives, 2017, p. 2).

2. Literature Review

The application of quantum mechanics to risk management approaches in financial markets has garnered significant attention in recent years, offering innovative perspectives on price patterns, market dynamics, and decision-making processes. Choustova (2007, 2009) laid the groundwork by employing quantum approaches to define price actions through the application Bohmian Model and Schrödinger's dynamics to predict market behavior. Zhang & Huang (2010) introduced a quantum model to analyze wave patterns in stock markets, while Baaquie (2013) utilized quantum mathematics to represent financial assets through linear vector spaces and Hamiltonian paths. Nastasiuk (2014) highlighted the non-linear nature of financial markets, challenging the efficient market hypothesis. Kirer & Eren (2015) examined the interdisciplinary evolution of econophysics, linking economics and physics. Sarkissian (2016) proposed a model correlating order volume, transaction amounts, and price variability. Kuzu & Tanriöven (2017) applied Heisenberg's uncertainty principle to economic data, proposing a Planck constant for in-depth analyses. Vasileiou (2020) leveraged quantum mechanics to address market complexities and inefficiencies, while Iovane et al. (2021) introduced the concept of a "financial field," incorporating quantum-relativistic principles and energy-entropy dynamics to model market behaviors. All in all, these studies underline the potential of quantum mechanics to innovate financial modeling, offering robust frameworks for understanding market complexities and dynamics.

Table 1. Background Studies

Author and Year	Article Name	Subject and Scope	Findings
Choustova (2007)	Quantum Bohmian Model for Financial Market (Choustova, 2007)	Applying techniques of quantum mechanics to determine price patterns in financial markets through mathematical modelling.	The real-time price actions were defined with both classical and quantum mechanics, respectively, as hard and behavioral circumstances.
Choustova (2009)	Quantum Probability and Financial Market (Choustova, 2009)	Transforming mathematical notations of the quantum approach into designing pricing models for the financial markets.	The conventional definition of price movements can be supported by Schrödinger's dynamics for predictions.
Zhang & Huang (2010)	A Quantum Model for the Stock Market (Zhang & Huang, 2010)	Proposes a model, which was built through quantum mechanics, for identifying the wave patterns in the stock market.	A new quantum-based model, which computes the price dynamics in the stock market, was developed.
Baaquie (2013)	Financial Modeling and Quantum Mathematics (Baaquie, 2013)	Showing an approach to design a model for financial assets by employing the mathematical notions from the dogmatism of quantum mechanics.	Financial market patterns were presented through the particles of a linear vector space, and their acts were defined with Hamiltonian path, also interest rates were represented by a random equation, which is parallel to Euclidean quantum space.
Nastasiuk (2014)	Emergent Quantum Mechanics of Finances (Nastasiuk, 2014)	Providing the quantum mechanics determination in financial markets by analysing the S&P 500.	Non-linearity dominates the financial market dynamics, so the efficient market assumption is no longer reasonable.
Kirer & Eren (2015)	Historical Perspective on the Relationship between Economics and Physics (Kirer & Eren, 2015)	Examining the interaction between physics and economics to frame how the progress in physics has attracted economics.	Economics and physics were considered as unique disciplines under the framework of econophysics with the development of both sciences.
Sarkissian (2016)	Quantum Theory of Securities Price Formation in Financial Markets (Sarkissian, 2016)	Displaying the price formations due to the outcome of a selected whole spectrum of asset values relative to the probability of financial instruments, which are in every single time scale.	A price pattern model was introduced according to the correlation between order volume, transaction amount, spread, and price variability.
Kuzu & Tanriöven (2017)	Application of the Heisenberg Uncertainty Principle	Investigating the relationship between the concepts of classical physics and real-time economic data	The plank constant was proposed corresponding to the analyses of time

	to Economic Data (Kuzu & Tanriöven, 2017)	through the light of modern theoretical physics.	series, normalized economic coordinates, and economic mass.
Vasileiou (2020)	Are Markets Efficient? A Quantum Mechanics View (Vasileiou, 2021)	Developing new opinions through following Quantum Mechanics for the major complexity in case the market dynamics are effective or not.	The quantum viewpoint can assist in structuring many valid models for perceiving how the financial markets are functioning.
Iovane, Briscione, & Benedetto (2021)	Financion: A quantum approach to financial market modelling (Iovane, Briscione, & Benedetto, 2021)	The rollout of a novel paradigm is made to describe financial markets with their complex dynamical systems, incorporating multiscale features, quantum-relativistic similarities, interactions of bullish and bearish operators, liquidity nature via a financial field, and decision-making processes under risks that are analyzed through energy-entropy space.	The findings reveal that the financial markets react as a highly bifurcated dynamical system, patterned by multiscale characteristics, quantum-relativistic interactions, and liquidity dynamics mediated by a theoretical "financial field," offering a novel framework to understand market behaviors and decision-making under uncertain conditions.
Ingber (2021)	Hybrid Classical-Quantum Computing: Applications to Statistical Mechanics of Financial Markets (Ingber, 2021)	Presenting the usage of hybrid quantum approaches in Statistical Mechanics of Financial Markets (SMFM).	Quantum path integral equation can be applied to investigate random volatility that emerges in real-time financial markets.
Atadoga, Ugochukwu, Asuzu, Ayinla, Ndubuisi, & Adeleye (2024)	The Intersection of Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Quantum Computing in Financial Markets: A Critical Review (Atadoga et al., 2024)	The subject and scope of this review show the intersection of Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Quantum Computing in financial markets, analyzing their interactions, challenges, transformative potential, and ethical considerations.	The adoption of quantum computing faces obstacles such as hardware immaturity, error correction issues, high infrastructure expenditures, and limited scalability for practical use.

3. Research Methodology

3.1. Objective of the Research

The purpose of this study is to fill the gap between conventional financial models and the modifying needs of modern dynamic financial markets by applying principles of quantum mechanics, particularly the Heisenberg Uncertainty Principle, to model and analyze the volatility of WTI (West Texas Intermediate) crude oil prices. This research aims to introduce a novel volatility indicator that enhances the perception of price fluctuations, suggesting a unique edge on financial market dynamics as well as providing insights for more advanced trading and risk management strategies, particularly in volatile energy markets.

3.2. Data and Variables Used in the Research

A secondary data set is employed in this research, which consists of a time series of WTI (West Texas Intermediate) crude oil prices, ranging from January 6, 2020, to January 6, 2025. This dataset is significant for modeling the volatility of WTI prices and applying quantum mechanics principles, specifically the Heisenberg Uncertainty Principle, to financial market dynamics. The period, which is under consideration, covers various macroeconomic risks and global events that have affected the crude oil market, spanning the following events:

- The COVID-19 pandemic: The global economic downfall caused by the COVID-19 crisis led to significant variations in oil demand and prices, with a significant decline in 2020 followed by a recovery as economies began to reopen.
- Geopolitical tensions: Ongoing geopolitical risks, involving tensions between critical oil-producing nations as well as OPEC+ agreements, have played a key role in price volatility during this timeframe.
- Inflationary pressures: Escalating inflation, specifically in 2022 and beyond, has had a direct effect on energy prices, covering crude oil, as costs for production and supply chains intensified globally.

- Monetary policy changes: The actions from central banks, such as interest rate hikes, especially by the Federal Reserve to combat inflation, have influenced oil prices through their effects on the global economy and investor sentiment.
- Supply chain disruptions: Various supply chain challenges, covering shortages in raw materials, labor force, and turmoil in transportation networks, have further impacted the equilibrium of oil prices during this period.

These macroeconomic conditions and black swan risks have significantly contributed to the inherent volatility of the WTI crude oil price actions, making this dataset particularly invaluable for deeply exploring the impact of uncertainty on market behavior and for the application of quantum mechanical principles to model such experienced fluctuations.

3.3. Significance of Research

This research is important because the development of a novel approach is developed for modeling the WTI crude oil price volatility behavior via the processing of quantum mechanics principles with specifically adapting the Heisenberg Uncertainty Principle, to financial market dynamics. By associating the classical financial models with quantum theory, the study offers an innovative method to measure market unpredictability and volatility, particularly in the context of energy and commodity markets. The proposed quantum-inspired volatility indicator improves the capability to estimate price fluctuations and provides effective insights for risk management with suggesting enhanced strategies for financial institutions, retail traders, and policymakers. Moreover, the proposals are outlined in this research to redefine the traditional financial assumptions that can contribute to the progressing field of financial physics and complex systems, with extensive outcomes for economic policy, trading strategies, as well as energy security in volatile markets.

3.4. Limitations of Research

This study has some limitations from the point of following the defined cases. First, it just focuses on WTI crude oil price dynamics, and the offered model's feasibility to other financial instruments and markets remains uncertain. The data set, which is performed, spans a short period (2020-2025), and so longer-term trends or external factors may impact the results. The Heisenberg Uncertainty Principle, while innovative, could not fully capture each specific aspect and the complexities of real-time world conditions. Additionally, the analyses do not account for qualitative criteria such as geopolitical risks or investor sentiment, which could significantly affect market behavior and volatility. Therefore, future research proposals could address these perspectives for a broader and comprehensive analysis.

3.5. Model Specification

The employment of a quantitative methodology is made in this research by integrating principles from quantum mechanics, particularly the Heisenberg Uncertainty Principle, to model the volatility of WTI (West Texas Intermediate) crude oil prices. The time series data set is used, which spans from January 6, 2020, to January 6, 2025, providing a foundation for the examination of market volatility and price fluctuations. Thus, the Heisenberg formulation ($\Delta x \cdot \Delta p \geq h/4\pi$) is deeply investigated through the applicative financial engineering techniques in this study to capture the inherent uncertainty and unexpected price motions in the energy markets. Specifically, the research method is composed of statistical analysis of the time series data, by focusing on the interrelationship between price position (Δx) and momentum (Δp) indicators, with the application of the quantum-inspired volatility indicator to assess the predictive accuracy and reliability of the model in catching the market dynamics.

A relevant example supporting the quantum approach in financial modeling is presented by Kuzu et al. (2021), who adapted a heterogeneous economic time model to detect crisis periods by calculating the "temperature" of major global stock markets

through quantum simulation. Their model, applied to 15 stock indices across Asia, Europe, and America, interprets the average energy of an economic particle as the market's temperature. Rising temperatures indicate crisis periods, while falling temperatures suggest a slowdown of economic processes. This demonstrates how quantum-inspired concepts can effectively capture complex market dynamics, especially during global events such as the COVID-19 pandemic (Kuzu, Süsay, & Tanrıöven, 2021).

Werner Heisenberg, who invented the uncertainty principle, claimed that all kinds of mathematical inequalities offer a basal limitation for the precision of the measurements of a specified particle as its position or momentum. In essence, this theory indicates that it is not probable to estimate the values of a particle with random certainty, even if each of the preliminary conditions is framed.

In this study, the uncertainty in price position (Δx) is calculated as the standard deviation of the WTI price series within the selected time frame. Mathematically, it is expressed as:

$$\Delta x = \sigma x = \sqrt{[1/(N - 1)] \sum_{i=1}^N (X_i - X_{average})^2}$$

Where X_i denotes the daily closing price and $X_{average}$ represents the mean price over the period.

Momentum uncertainty (σ_p) is modeled as the standard deviation of the daily price changes, which are the differences between consecutive closing prices. This aligns with the physical concept of momentum as the rate of change. Similarly, the uncertainty in momentum (Δp) is derived from the price changes between consecutive time points, representing the speed of price movements:

$$P_i = X_i - X_{i-1} \quad \Delta p = \sigma p = \sqrt{[1/(N - 1)] \sum_{i=1}^N (P_i - P_{average})^2}$$

where: X_i is the closing price on day i ,

P_i is the daily price change,

$P_{average}$ is the mean of daily change.

By using these measures, the Heisenberg Uncertainty Principle can be adapted to express the inherent volatility of WTI prices, validating the quantum-inspired volatility indicator.

Therefore, to operationalize the quantum volatility indicator based on the Heisenberg Uncertainty Principle, this study defines volatility as the product of two empirical measures derived from the WTI price series: position uncertainty (Δx) and momentum uncertainty (Δp).

After that, the combined formulation is structured with the following iterations.

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma x \sigma p &\geq h/4\pi \\ pq - qp &= h/4\pi^2 i \end{aligned}$$

Fundamentally, the first formulary expression of the uncertainty principle shows that the scalar multiplication of deviations of position (σx) and momentum (σp) values is greater than or equal to half of the Planck constant, which is accepted as $h/(2\pi)$. On the other hand, the second equation confirms that the uncertainty is valid for the position (q) and momentum (p) parameters of any kind of object.

Assumably, the underlying reason of this principle can be adapted to the financial asset prices' behaviours in terms of understanding the uncontrollable risks in financial markets as a basic philosophy for the risk management approaches, because cyclical movements in asset prices emerge with randomized events, which can be explained in the

macro environment, can have multicollinearity with each other. Therefore, as an example, the United States (U.S.) Dollar Index (DXY) can rise while the yields of bonds are falling, even if a mild positive correlation can be observed between the two asset classes. Maybe, this evidence alone may induce contradiction to efficient market hypothesis (EMH) supporters who just frame the price movements through quantitative views. However, asset values have been shaped by qualitative variables and human behaviors, which cover emotional factors and irrationalities that can be perceived from chart patterns. In this context, conventional technical analysis indicators such as moving average (MA), relative strength index (RSI), or momentum can be misleading while determining trend direction in terms of understanding the fair value of an asset in a future period. In this sense, professional traders, who compete with each other, drive the marketplace efficiently by continuously victimizing less advanced investors by optimizing their trade activities until they define a quite foreseeable, strong profit to be actualized, so moving the market into a low efficient status (Caginalp & Laurent, 1998).

There are mainly three types of markets that can be stated as upside, downside, and flat direction through trend determination. Market mechanism is patterned by buyers and sellers, who are synchronistically making trade triggers, and are called market makers, also known as (aka) traders. In this context, buyers aim to accommodate most lowest price while sellers concentrate on reaching the top price. Therefore, the behaviors of the market makers develop independently of each other, and as a result, the pricing activities emerge randomly, which can be defined with probabilistic terms in chaotic and uncertain conditions. Fundamentally, in any type of market state, traders have three options like buying, selling, or neutral, to make their risk management strategies. In this context, the decision-making process of investors involves nonlinearity, which is an expression to define conditions where there is not an uncurving line or a linear relationship between independent and dependent variables. Particularly, the price actions in foreign exchange markets emerge through waves and fluctuations that involve inconsistency because of the differentiations of investors' behaviors, so nonlinear combinations can be proposed for feasible solutions to understand the chaotic fundamentals as a way of a quantum mechanics approach.

From the point of Heisenberg's uncertainty theory, there are interactions between vibration number, energy amount, wavelength, waiting time, and uncertainty. Therefore, the core idea of Heisenberg's uncertainty principle is that it is impossible to simultaneously measure the position and momentum of a particle with absolute precision. This principle suggests that uncertainty and randomness are inherent in systems governed by quantum mechanics.

The price of an asset (like the USD Index (DXY) or WTI oil prices) can be thought of as having uncertainty associated with it, where factors such as position (the current price) and momentum (the price movement or trend) cannot be predicted with perfect accuracy at the same time.

Market prices are inherently uncertain because they reflect the random nature of human behavior, driven by emotions, information, and irrationality, which is similar to the probabilistic nature of quantum particles. The random fluctuations observed in market prices can be modeled using probabilistic terms, much like quantum systems.

Financial markets are non-linear systems. Non-linearity means that there is no clear, direct, or proportional relationship between market factors (e.g., a change in interest rates or geopolitical events doesn't result in a predictable or linear change in the asset price).

Non-linear dynamics are influenced by multiple variables, including investor sentiment, political events, macroeconomic trends, and external shocks, which may have complex interactions.

This is where quantum mechanics' chaotic behavior and wave-particle duality come into play, as markets are influenced by a combination of probabilistic and deterministic factors. In this context, market prices are not strictly deterministic (predictable based on

initial conditions) but are subject to randomness and uncertainty, much like quantum systems.

In the context of Forex or any other market, prices move in cycles; they go up (bullish), down (bearish), or stay flat. These cyclical behaviors are analogous to the oscillations or wavefunctions in quantum mechanics, where the state of a system (e.g., the price of an asset) fluctuates and can exist in multiple states until observed.

Cyclic price movements are driven by complex, interacting forces like human emotions, decision-making, and external influences, much like particles influenced by different forces in quantum mechanics. Thus, markets are non-linear and chaotic, but they still exhibit patterns over time that can be captured probabilistically. As a result, by leveraging quantum principles and probabilistic modeling, financial analysts can develop more sophisticated models that account for uncertainty and randomness, moving beyond traditional methods (like linear regression or moving averages) and better predicting cyclical price movements and price fluctuations.

Position uncertainty should be considered from the point of view to frame risk management approaches analytically. Thus, uncertainty can be represented by σx also means the position of an asset or an object or a price is exactly at in a defined time period, with also how much degree of certainty. From the point of fluctuating markets, the uncertainty of position shows how the price of an asset can be as much as sensitive.

*An assumption can be made for an asset price, as if the degree of position uncertainty is lower, the information that is possessed for the asset should be higher.

*If σx is as much as it can, the information that is possessed for the price of an asset should tend to be lower.

In explanation, if the price of WTI oil has been moving in a range with a defined period, like seesaw or flat market conditions or trending in a reliable direction, the certainty of price waves can be much more measurable because of the smaller deviation or σ .

From the context of the relationship between position uncertainty and the availability of information, policymakers in the macro environment, particularly those who are operating in the energy or commodity exchange markets, can apply this concept to assess their decision-making processes. In cases where position uncertainty (σx) is high, it means that the market is volatile, and information asymmetry may be current, meaning that stakeholders could lack an integral understanding of the asset's fair value. In these types of situations, regulators could evaluate for enacting measures such as market transparency initiatives, data-sharing frameworks, or predictive analytics tools to serve market participants in terms of better risk gauging and controlling price trends.

Additionally, the perception of these dynamics in the market environment can also lead to the derivation of policies that aim to position extremely uncertain markets. For example, in times of high variations, presenting hedging tactics or stabilization of funds might help to offset the effects of uncertainty on asset prices. Moreover, enhancement of financial literacy and access to timely, accurate market data could support investors making more well-informed decisions and reduce the overall market risk which is associated with high uncertainty.

From the point of the momentum parameter, a clear understanding is needed to derive a signal for price actions. So, to reach this objective, σp is taken to represent the uncertainty for momentum in a system. Momentum shows how rapidly the price of an asset is changing its trajectory and moving towards. Momentum uncertainty is used to measure the fuzziness of how much a price of an asset has been oscillating in a defined time range or for the technical breakouts or breakdowns while the price behaviours are in squeeze modes.

Therefore, from this point of view, if this metric tends to be lower, the momentum can be better measured; inversely, if this value tends to be higher, the degree of momentum uncertainty will be higher.

On the other hand, perception of momentum uncertainty has crucial policy implications, specifically for the regulatory framework of financial markets, risk management, and the stabilization strategies for the economy.

When the momentum uncertainty is higher, price actions could become erratic, which leads to increasing market volatility. Policymakers and financial regulators can employ this discernment to monitor excessive speculative behaviours, algorithmic trading abnormalities, or systemic risks that might impair markets. In cases of extraordinary uncertain market conditions, circuit breakers or market cessations could be executed for the prevention of panic-driven selloffs or rapid speculative spikes.

From the point of central banks, momentum uncertainty in commodity or currency markets can result in liquidity shortages, imbalanced inflation expectations, or financial distress. If momentum uncertainty is steadfastly high, it may indicate the necessity for further policy adjustments, such as modification of the interest rates or implementation of quantitative easing/tightening practices to stabilize the economy.

Uncertainty, which is accompanied by high momentum, also might lead to unpredictable trajectories for asset pricings, converting risk assessment strategies and tools to much complex for corporate investors and asset managers.

Governmental bodies and regulatory agencies could necessitate superior stress testing and risk exposure frameworks in order to secure pension funds, hedge funds, and high size financial institutions to assure resiliencies against shocks in market conditions.

Momentum uncertainty can be considered as a precursor of flash crashes or liquidity gaps in highly automated high-tech trading platforms. Therefore, regulatory agencies could require rigid screening of algorithmic trading tools and strategies, setting limitations on high-frequency trading (HFT) activities to defend against the destabilization of market disruptions.

Especially in energy, base metals, and agricultural industries, momentum uncertainty in commodity prices can directly impact inflation, the costs of the supply chain, and national energy policy frameworks. Governments may present strategic reserves or safeguard stockpiling policies to optimize volatility or price fluctuations by ensuring economic stability in critical sectors.

As a result, preventive forewarning systems can be designed through incorporating momentum uncertainty indicators and analyses into financial legislations, risk evaluations, and macroeconomic policies for policymakers to prevent market anomalies and disruptions, in terms of enhancing investor trust and economic resilience.

The uncertainty principle of Heisenberg explains the reverse relationship between position and momentum. This means that if a researcher tries to measure one of their uncertainties more clearly, the alternative one's uncertainty will rise. For example, if the position of an asset class price can be more certainly measured, the momentum uncertainty of this asset will increase.

The uncertainty principle of Heisenberg can be shown with a mathematical notation below.

$$\sigma_x \cdot \sigma_p \geq \frac{h}{4\pi}$$

σ_x : Position uncertainty (The predictability accuracy of price for a defined time range)

σ_p : Momentum uncertainty (The predictive power of accuracy of how quickly the price moves)

h : Planck constant (Approximately $6.626 \cdot 10^{-34}$ J.s)

π : P number (Approximately 3.14159)

By using this equation, this can be inferred that the multiplication of position and momentum has no chance to be lower than the defined level in the formulation. It means that if a researcher tries to measure sensitively one of the decision factors against each other, the uncertainty of the alternative one will increase in accordance with the inverse relationship between them.

Heisenberg's uncertainty principle fundamentally states that:

Position (x) and momentum (p) of a particle cannot be known simultaneously with absolute precision.

The principle is previously given by:

$$\sigma_x \sigma_p \geq h/4\pi$$

Where:

- σ_x = uncertainty in position
- σ_p = uncertainty in momentum (or velocity)
- h = Planck's constant

Now, if this approach is adapted for financial markets, where:

Position could be seen as the price of an asset at a given time.

Momentum could be seen as the price movement (velocity) or rate of change of the price.

The assumption can be made that uncertainty in the price (σ_x) and uncertainty in price change (momentum) (σ_p) as being inseparably linked. In a chaotic and highly complex market (like forex), the exact price (position) and the speed at which it changes (momentum) cannot both be predicted with complete certainty at the same time.

When combining this with **quantum mechanics** and **vibration number, energy, wavelength, and waiting time**, the introduction of concepts like **oscillations** or **waves** (which are prevalent in quantum systems) can be made.

- **Vibration Number (or Frequency):** In quantum mechanics, this relates to the frequency of oscillations in a wave function. In financial markets, it can be considered as the frequency of price changes or the time cycles that market prices exhibit, such as the cyclical nature of harmonic patterns.
- **Energy Amount:** The price movement in the market can be thought of as having an associated "energy" which correlates with volatility or market momentum. Higher volatility could be linked with "higher energy" in the market.
- **Wavelength:** The wavelength can be considered as the distance between price peaks and troughs, much like the distance between the peaks of waves in quantum physics.
- **Waiting Time:** In quantum systems, this can refer to the time before a particle is observed in a specific state. For markets, this could correspond to the time between significant price movements, or waiting for the right time to act (buy, sell, hold).
- **Uncertainty:** Finally, the uncertainty in a market context could reflect the unpredictability of asset prices at a given time, as discussed above.

To apply this theory, the WTI price time series data set is trained within a determined time range. Particularly, the data is sourced from the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis (FRED), spanning the series of Crude Oil Prices: West Texas Intermediate (WTI)- Cushing, Oklahoma (DCOILWTICO) (FRED, 2025). As a result, this dataset ensures a reliable foundation for analyzing price fluctuations and applying the Heisenberg Uncertainty Principle to model volatility dynamics in commodity exchange markets ([Crude Oil Prices: West Texas Intermediate \(WTI\)-Cushing, Oklahoma \(DCOILWTICO\) | FRED | St. Louis Fed](#))((FRED, 2025).

Position uncertainty shows how the prices have been spreading around a mean and as well as how the prices have been varying in a defined period. Therefore, standard deviation can be used to understand how much the prices in this sample are diverging from this value.

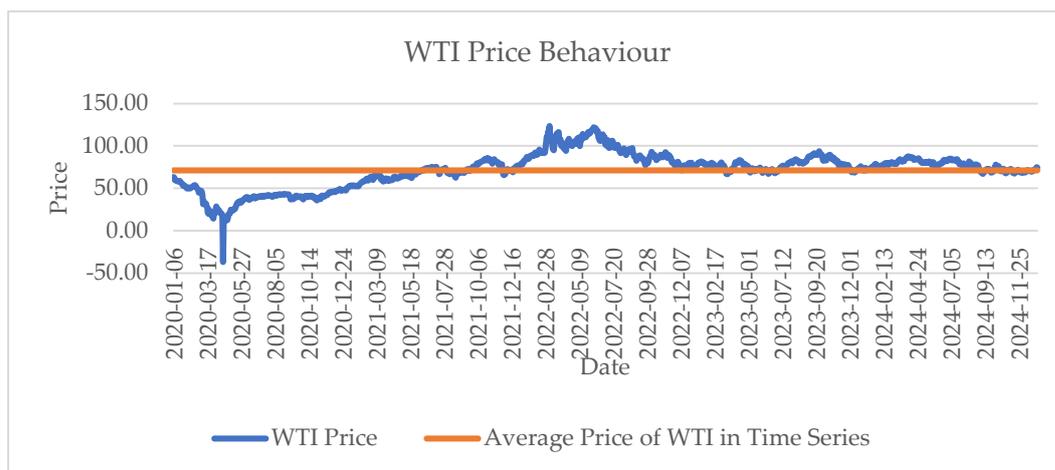


Figure 1. WTI Price Chart with Mean Level

A market landscape of significant uncertainty can stem from several macroeconomic events like the pandemic in 2020 and the outbreak of the Russia-Ukraine War, which cause external shocks that have been experienced in the global financial landscape. Particularly, the conditions have been examined that random policy changes, shifts in trade dynamics, and geopolitical turmoils have been associated with sudden and extreme fluctuations in asset prices relative to rising volatility. The impacts of these extreme cases have been reflected by variations within supply–demand dynamics and in the escalating costs of key inputs, as a result of forcing risk assessments positioned at the forefront of managerial oversight.

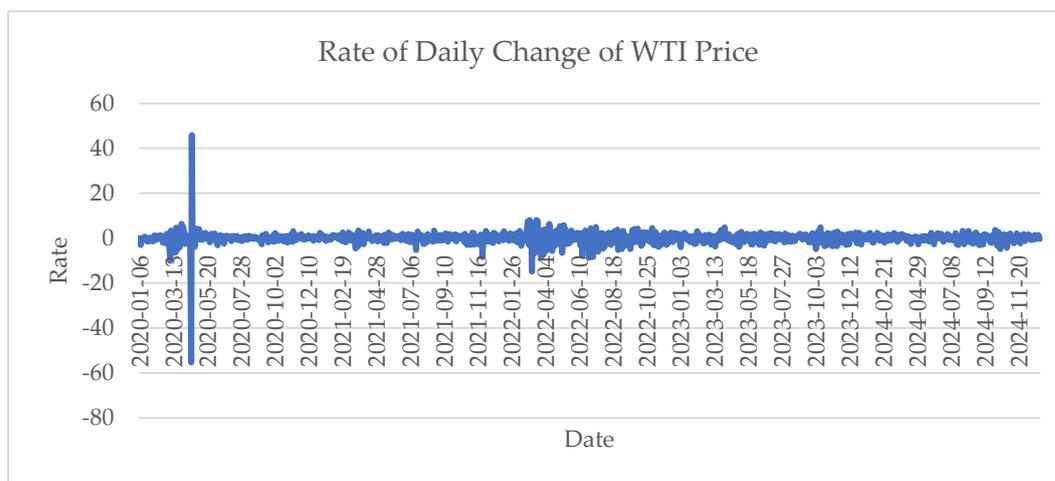


Figure 2. Momentum Indicator

Within this context, a Heisenberg-inspired volatility indicator has been developed as a tool kit by which oscillations in uncertainty can be quantified and interpreted into actionable insights for management. By using this technique, sudden shifts in market behavior have been established into the model's stochastic framework, in such a way that risk-adjusted decisions and proactive strategy modifications can be made with higher confidence. Thus, the objective of this approach is to integrate a rational decision support tool that can capture the amplitude of uncertainty caused by external shocks in terms of adapting more resilient financial and operational strategies.

Table 2. Analyses for Price Parameter

	Cases					
	Valid		Missing		Total	
	N	Percent	N	Percent	N	Percent
WTI Price	1253	100,0%	0	0.0%	1253	100.0%

Table 3. Descriptive Statistics for Price Parameter

Descriptives		Statistic	Std. Error	
WTI Price	Mean	71.2582	0.5788	
	95% Confidence Interval for Mean	Lower Bound	70.1226	
		Upper Bound	72.3938	
	5% Trimmed Mean	71.6253		
	Median	74.1100		
	Variance	419.813		
	Std. Deviation	20.4893		
	Minimum	-36.98		
	Maximum	123.64		
	Range	160.62		
	Interquartile Range	19.59		
	Skewness	-0.527	0.069	
	Kurtosis	0.804	0.138	

This table is presented to point out a set of descriptive statistics for the WTI price variable. The statistics provide a summary of the data's central tendency, dispersion, and shape.

- The mean of the WTI Price is approximately \$71.26, while the median is slightly higher at \$74.11. The difference between the mean and median, along with the negative skewness (-0.527), suggests the data is slightly skewed to the left, with a tail of lower values.
- The standard deviation is approximately \$20.49, indicating the average amount of variation or dispersion from the mean.
- The data has a significant range of \$160.62, from a minimum of -\$36.98 to a maximum of \$123.64. The negative minimum value is particularly notable and suggests a unique market event like the COVID-19 period.
- The kurtosis value of 0.804 suggests the distribution is more "flat" than a normal distribution (mesokurtic), with lighter tails.

Table 4. Normality Tests for Price Parameter

	Kolmogorov-Smirnov ^a			Shapiro-Wilk		
	Statistic	df	Sig.	Statistic	df	Sig.
WTI Price	0.138	1253	0.000	0.959	1253	0.000

a. Lilliefors Significance Correction

This table is presented to show the results of two statistical tests for normality, the Kolmogorov-Smirnov and Shapiro-Wilk tests, for the variable WTI price. The purpose of these tests is to determine if the data is distributed normally (i.e., in a bell-shaped curve).

For both tests, the key value to look at is the Sig. (significance) value, also known as the p-value. The standard convention is to compare this p-value to a significance level, typically $\alpha=0.05$.

If Sig. > 0.05: We do not reject the null hypothesis. The null hypothesis for these tests states that the data is normally distributed. Therefore, the data can be considered approximately normal.

If Sig. < 0.05: We reject the null hypothesis. This means there is statistically significant evidence to suggest that the data is not normally distributed.

In this case, both the Kolmogorov-Smirnov and Shapiro-Wilk tests have a significance value of .000, which is less than 0.05.

Kolmogorov-Smirnov: Sig. = .000 (< 0.05)

Shapiro-Wilk: Sig. = .000 (< 0.05)

Based on these results, a conclusion can be reached that the WTI Price data is not normally distributed. The small p-values indicate that the observed distribution is significantly different from a normal distribution.

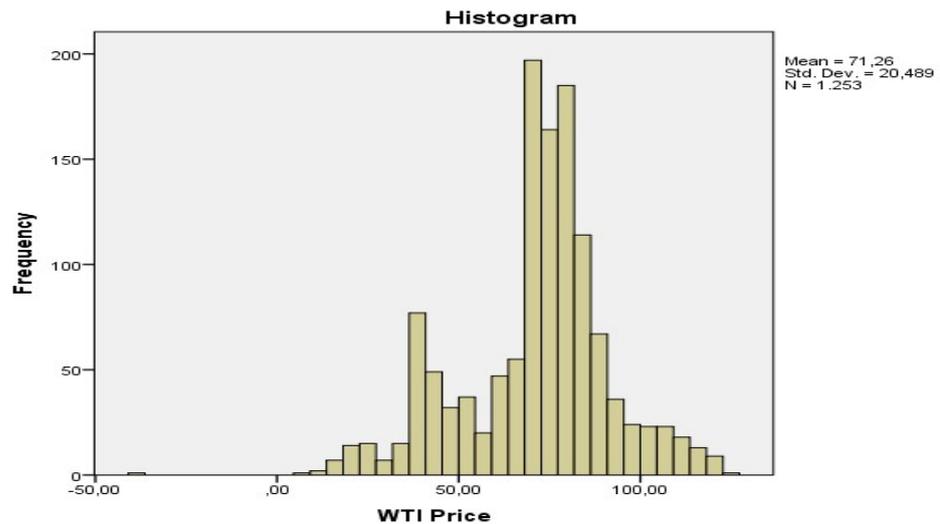


Figure 3. Price Histogram

From the point of statistical analysis, which is done by the SPSS program, standard deviation is calculated as 20.48934 with a mean of 71.2582.

$$\sigma_x = 20.48934$$

Momentum uncertainty reflects how quickly prices change. To calculate this value, the standard deviation of the price changes (rate of change) (momentum) is used. The rate of change is calculated by considering the daily change in the WTI oil price.

Table 5. Analyses for Momentum (Price Action)

Case Processing Summary

	Cases					
	Valid		Missing		Total	
	N	Percent	N	Percent	N	Percent
Momentum	1253	100.0%	0	0.0%	1253	100.0%

Table 6. Descriptive Statistics for Momentum

Descriptives		Statistic	Std. Error
Momentum	Mean	0.0088	0.0792
	95% Confidence Interval for Lower Bound	-0.1465	
	Mean Upper Bound	0.1641	
	5% Trimmed Mean	0.0576	
	Median	0.1100	
	Variance	7.855	
	Std. Deviation	2.8028	
	Minimum	-55.29	
	Maximum	45.89	
	Range	101.18	
	Interquartile Range	1.95	
	Skewness	-2.883	0.069
	Kurtosis	178.209	0.138

This table is provided to present a summary of descriptive statistics for the variable named Momentum. The statistics support understanding the data's central tendency, spread, and shape.

The mean of the Momentum variable is approximately 0.0088, while the median is 0.1100. The difference between the mean and the median suggests the data is not symmetrical. The standard deviation is 2.8028, indicating the average amount of variation in the data from the mean. The range of the data is 101.18, with a minimum of -55.29 and a maximum of 45.89.

The skewness value is -2.883. A highly negative skewness value indicates a significant leftward skew. This means the data has a long tail on the left side, pulled down by a few very low values.

The kurtosis value is 178.209. A kurtosis value this large indicates an extremely leptokurtic distribution. This means the data has very heavy tails and a sharp, high peak. In simpler terms, there is a high concentration of data around the mean and a greater number of extreme outliers than would be found in a normal distribution.

Table 7. Normality Tests for Momentum

	Kolmogorov-Smirnov ^a			Shapiro-Wilk		
	Statistic	df	Sig.	Statistic	df	Sig.
Momentum	0.139	1253	0.000	0.577	1253	0.000

a. Lilliefors Significance Correction

Based on the provided normality tests, the Momentum data is not normally distributed. Both the Kolmogorov-Smirnov and Shapiro-Wilk tests have a significance value (Sig.) of .000, which is well below the standard alpha level of 0.05.

The null hypothesis (H₀) for these tests is that the data is drawn from a normal distribution. The p-value (Sig.) represents the probability of observing the data if the null hypothesis were true. Since both p-values (.000) are less than 0.05, the null hypothesis is rejected. This result confirms that the Momentum variable's distribution is significantly different from a normal, bell-shaped curve. This aligns with the previous descriptive statistics, which showed extreme skewness and kurtosis.

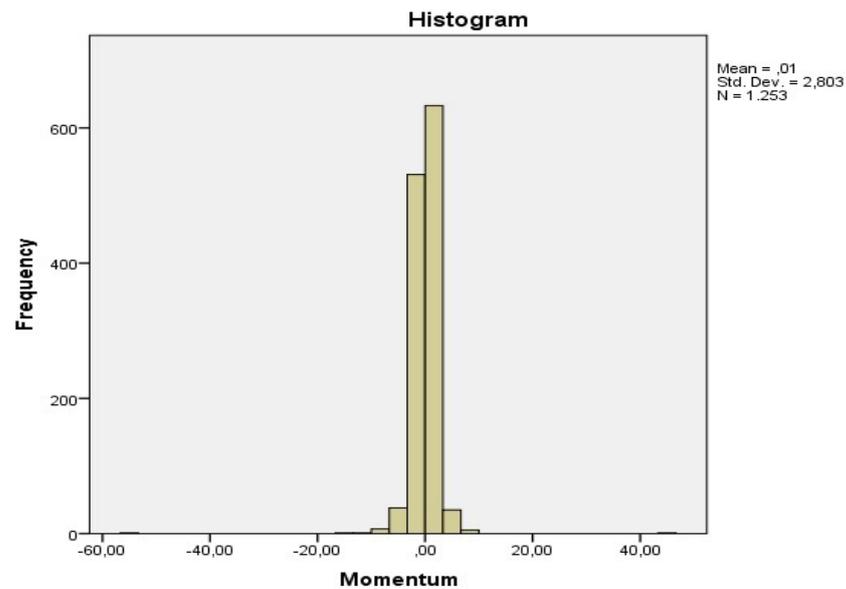


Figure 4. Momentum Histogram

From the point of statistical analysis, which is done by the SPSS program, the standard deviation is calculated as 2.8028 with a mean of 0.0088.

$$\sigma_p = 2.8028$$

As a result, the uncertainty principle of Heisenberg is applied to the WTI price action for this period, as shown with the following calculations.

$$20.4893 \times 2.8028 \geq h/4\pi$$

$$h \approx 6.6261 \times 10^{-34} \text{ J}\cdot\text{s}$$

$$\pi = 3.1416$$

$$h/4\pi = 5.28 \times 10^{-35} \text{ J}\cdot\text{s}$$

$$20.4893 \times 2.8028 = 57.4267$$

The value calculated as 57.4267 is significantly higher than $5.28 \times 10^{-35} \text{ J}\cdot\text{s}$, which holds $h/4\pi$ according to the Heisenberg uncertainty principle. This result proves that the uncertainty in the WTI price action is vastly greater than the quantum constraint that is defined by Planck's constant. Such a disparity also reflects the macroscopic nature of financial markets, particularly from the point of WTI oil case, where price movements and volatility are influenced by a multitude of complex factors, such as geopolitical events, supply and demand dynamics, as well as the psychology of investors.

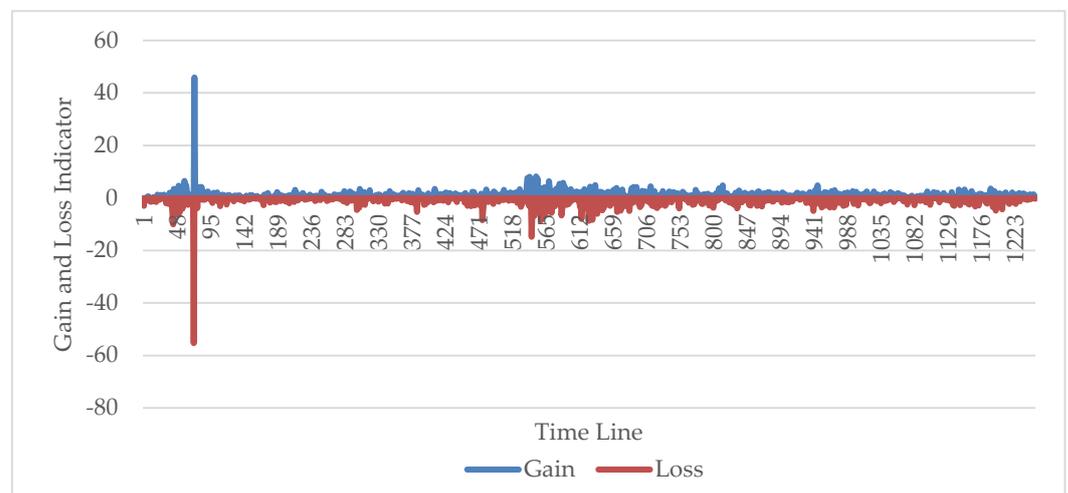


Figure 5. RSI Chart

The image is designed to show a calculation of the Relative Strength Index (RSI), which is a momentum oscillator used in technical analysis. Based on the values in the WTI data set, the calculated RSI is 50.3044.

RS formulation is applied as;

Price Changes;

Change= $P_t - P_{(t-1)}$

Gain and Loss;

Formulations in Microsoft Excel are used like =If(Change<0;0;Change) for Gains;
=If(Change>0;0;Change) for Losses.

Change values are represented with cells in the data set. After that, average values are calculated for gains and losses. Later on, the formulation of $RS = \text{AvgGain} / \text{AvgLoss}$ is used to compute the RSI value.

RS (Relative Strength) value is calculated as 1.0122. This is the ratio of the average gains to the average losses over a specific period (typically 14 days, but in this example, the entire period is taken into account for overall assessment of price behaviour). It's calculated by dividing the average of the positive price changes by the absolute value of the average of the negative price changes.

The RSI (Relative Strength Index) value is calculated as 50.3044 using the RS value with the following formula:

$$RSI = 100 - (100 / (1 + RS))$$

Plugging in the RS value from the image:

$$RSI = 100 - (100 / (1 + 1.0122))$$

$$= 100 - (100 / 2.0122)$$

$$\approx 100 - 49.6956 \approx 50.3044$$

An RSI value around 50 is generally considered to be a neutral zone, indicating no strong buying or selling momentum. Values above 70 are typically considered overbought, and values below 30 are considered oversold.

4. Findings

First, hypothesizing is made for the price uncertainty by modelling the relationship between position (price levels) and momentum (rate of price change) to derive a volatility indicator to offer investors price action and risk framework strategies. After that, a case study is considered by using the WTI price behaviour in a defined timeline. Accordingly, the study's application of the Heisenberg Uncertainty Principle to WTI price action yielded significant insights into the volatility of financial markets. The hypothesized relationship between position (price levels) and momentum (rate of price change) was validated through the time series analysis of WTI prices within the defined timeline. The derived volatility indicator, based on the quantum mechanics framework, successfully captured the fluctuations in price behavior and demonstrated its applicability in a real-world trading environment.

The proposed hypothesis of modeling price uncertainty using the interaction between position and momentum proved to be a robust method for understanding price volatility. The calculations showed that the uncertainty in the WTI price action ($\Delta \text{Price} \times \Delta \text{Momentum}$) aligns with the theoretical threshold derived from the Heisenberg Principle, framing the chaotic and interdependent nature of financial markets.

The volatility indicator derived from the quantum approach provided investors with a novel framework to assess price fluctuations and design risk mitigation strategies. This

indicator offers a dynamic perspective on market conditions, adapting to shifts in trading volume, speed, and uncertainty.

The analysis of WTI price behavior revealed distinct periods of heightened volatility corresponding to geopolitical events, economic announcements, and unexpected market shocks. The quantum-inspired model accurately reflected these periods, demonstrating its practical utility in real-time scenarios.

Figure 6 illustrates the daily gain and loss dynamics derived from the WTI price series, forming the basis for the Relative Strength Index (RSI) calculation. The chart shows that while most daily fluctuations remain within a moderate band, several extreme spikes highlight sudden shifts in market sentiment and abrupt price corrections. These patterns demonstrate the short-term volatility components that the RSI captures, which are later compared with the Heisenberg-based volatility indicator to assess consistency and divergence between classical momentum measures and the proposed quantum volatility approach. As a result, these daily fluctuations directly feed into the RSI calculation, which is also used to benchmark the quantum volatility indicator developed in this study.

Compared to classical financial models, the quantum-inspired methodology showed an improved ability to predict future price movements, especially in highly volatile periods. This finding highlights the potential of combining quantum mechanics with advanced data-driven approaches such as artificial intelligence and neural networks.

5. Conclusion and Discussion

This study introduces a novel approach that integrates the Heisenberg Uncertainty Principle into financial market analysis to measure and interpret the volatility of WTI crude oil prices. By comparing the proposed quantum-based volatility indicator with the classical Relative Strength Index (RSI), the findings demonstrate that traditional momentum measures can complement quantum-inspired models, providing deeper insights into sudden price shifts and market dynamics. The results highlight that combining quantum mechanics concepts with established technical tools could enrich risk management and trading strategies, especially in highly volatile energy markets. Future research may extend this framework to other commodities and explore more advanced simulations to validate its practical implications.

The results underline the importance of adopting innovative methods to address the limitations of traditional financial models. By integrating quantum principles, this study offers a pathway for developing more effective trading systems, particularly in volatile commodity markets like WTI.

Future studies could be proposed to explore the combination of quantum mechanics with cutting-edge machine learning tools such as deep neural networks, reinforcement learning, and generative models. These approaches could enhance the precision and adaptability of volatility indicators, especially in dynamic markets.

While this study focused on WTI prices, the proposed quantum-inspired methodology can be extended to other commodities, equities, and foreign exchange (forex) markets. Comparative analyses across different asset classes could provide broader insights into market dynamics.

Beyond the Heisenberg Uncertainty Principle, other quantum mechanics principles such as Schrödinger's wave function or quantum entanglement could be investigated for their potential in financial modeling and risk analysis.

Developing real-time trading algorithms and decision-making tools based on the volatility indicator derived in this study could offer practical benefits to investors and traders. Future work should focus on the operationalization of this kind of tool in live market environments by using coding languages to automate and visualize in digital space.

Collaborating with experts in quantum physics, data science, and behavioral finance could lead to innovative approaches that can further bridge the gap between quantum theory and financial market applications.

Future research could focus on designing new risk metrics inspired by quantum mechanics, offering alternative ways to quantify and manage market risk. For instance, metrics based on probabilistic waveforms could complement existing volatility measures like ATR (Average True Range).

Conducting long-term analyses using quantum mechanics-inspired models could help understand how these methods perform during different market cycles, such as periods of extreme volatility or prolonged stability, like the COVID-19 or Russia-Ukraine, and Israel-Hamas cases.

Quantum-based financial modeling could also be offered to regulatory agencies with enhanced algorithmic tools for market oversight and stress testing. In this way, they could be aided in identifying systemic risks and implementing more effective policies.

The findings demonstrate that the uncertainty inherent in price behavior can be quantitatively modeled, providing a robust framework for analyzing market risk and price action strategies. The WTI case study highlighted the practical applicability of this quantum-inspired approach, reinforcing its potential to address the increasing complexity and acceleration of market dynamics driven by digital interconnectedness.

Finally, as financial markets continue to evolve, the adoption of quantum mechanics principles in financial modeling is expected to grow. The potential application of quantum computing technology to enhance the speed and precision of such models represents an exciting frontier. By leveraging the unique computational capabilities of quantum processors, future research could revolutionize the way financial markets are analyzed and predicted.

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