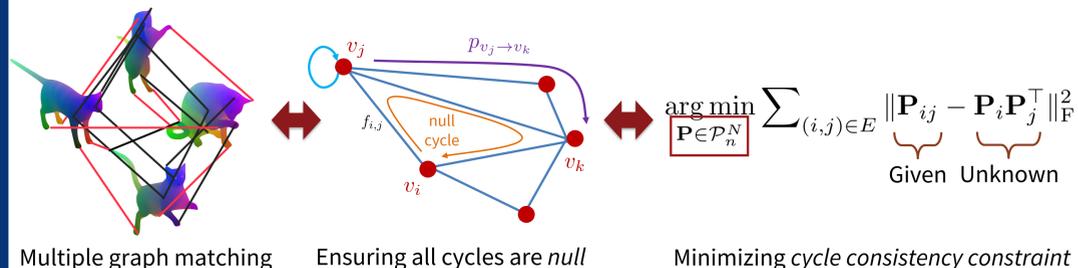


Introduction

Our Problem: Permutation Synchronization

Matching not just two, but n different sets of objects to each other, **jointly** [1]. In other words, a *multi-way matching*. In the scenario where correspondences are bijective, the problem converts to ensuring *cycle consistency* in the graph of **permutations** [2]:



We solve the **non-convex, combinatorial** permutation synchronization problem **without relaxation** on a **real quantum computer**.

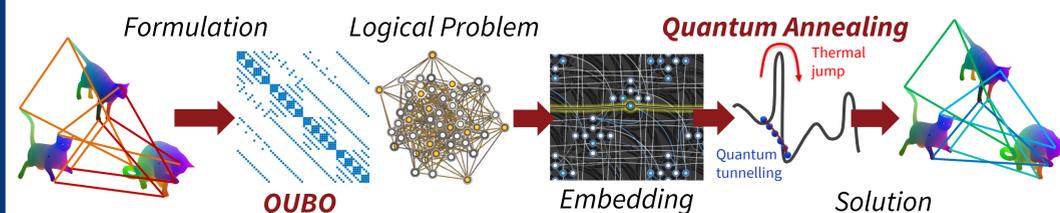
Adiabatic Quantum Computer Vision (AQC-V)

| | QUBO Suppression ECCV'20 | Quantum Alignment CVPR'20 | Quantum Graph Matching 3DV'2020 | Quantum Sync This Paper |
|-------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--|
| Quantum Processor | D-Wave 2X 1000 qubits | D-Wave 2000Q 2048 qubits | D-Wave 2000Q 2048 qubits | D-Wave Advantage 1.1 5436 qubits |
| AQC Problem | Non- maximum suppression | Pairwise point set alignment | Pairwise graph matching | Permutation synchronization |
| QPU Time | N/A | 1 minute | 2-3 minutes | >15 minutes |

Contributions

- (a) Formulating a **QUBO** for permutation synchronization with **permutation-ness** as a **linear** constraint
- (b) Extensive evaluation on a **real Quantum Computer, D-Wave Advantage 1.1**

Our Approach: QuantumSync



1. Formulating the Vanilla QUBO

Proposition 1. Permutation synchronization under the Frobenius norm can be written in terms of a QUBO:

$$\arg \min_{\{X_i \in \mathcal{P}_n\}} \sum_{(i,j) \in \mathcal{E}} \|P_{ij} - X_i X_j^T\|_F^2 = \arg \min_{\{x_i \in \mathcal{P}_n\}} x^T Q' x, \quad \text{QUBO}$$

where $x_i = \text{vec}(X_i)$, $x = [\dots x_i^T \dots]^T$ and:

$$Q' = - \begin{bmatrix} I \otimes P_{11} & I \otimes P_{12} & \dots & I \otimes P_{1m} \\ I \otimes P_{21} & I \otimes P_{22} & \dots & I \otimes P_{2m} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ I \otimes P_{m1} & I \otimes P_{m2} & \dots & I \otimes P_{mm} \end{bmatrix}. \quad \text{Q is symmetric and no other constraints are needed.}$$

2. Permutations as Linear Constraints

Group of permutations : $\mathcal{P}_n := \{P \in \{0, 1\}^{n \times n} : P \mathbf{1}_n = \mathbf{1}_n, \mathbf{1}_n^T P = \mathbf{1}_n^T\}$

Binary Rows sum to 1 Cols sum to 1

Hence, for all variables we would like to solve for : $\text{diag}(A_1, \dots, A_n)x = \mathbf{1}, \quad A_i = \begin{bmatrix} I \otimes \mathbf{1}^T \\ \mathbf{1}^T \otimes I \end{bmatrix}$

3. Incorporating Linear Constraints into QUBO

Proposition 2. The constrained problem can be formulated into an unconstrained QUBO:

$$\arg \min_{x \in \mathcal{B}^n} x^T Q x + s^T x \quad \text{QUBO}$$

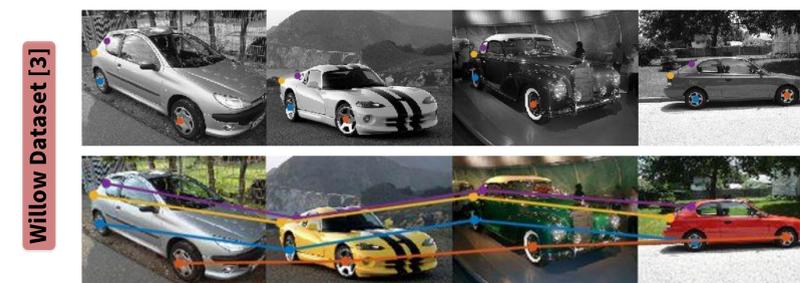
Binary Variables Quadratic Term Linear Term

$$Q = Q' + \lambda A^T A \quad s = -2\lambda A^T b$$

Experimental Evaluation

1. Solving Real Problems on D-Wave Advantage 1.1

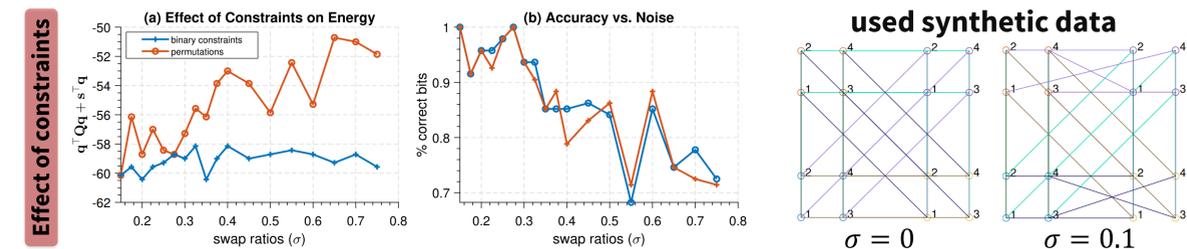
D-Wave Python API: docs.ocean.dwavesys.com/en/stable/



We can match the state-of-the-art methods in small problems ($n=4, m=4$).

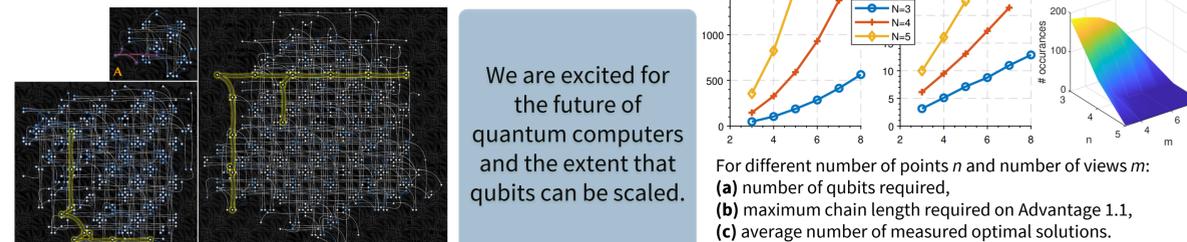
| | Average |
|--------------|---------------------|
| Exhaustive | 0.88 ± 0.104 |
| EIG | 0.83 ± 0.088 |
| ALS | 0.87 ± 0.092 |
| LIFT | 0.87 ± 0.094 |
| Birkhoff | 0.87 ± 0.093 |
| D-Wave(Ours) | 0.87 ± 0.096 |

2. Impact of regularization (Binary variables vs. Permutations)



Our constraint injection scheme yields valid permutations while maintaining the solution quality.

3. Insights into hardware implementation



We are excited for the future of quantum computers and the extent that qubits can be scaled.

For different number of points n and number of views m :
 (a) number of qubits required,
 (b) maximum chain length required on Advantage 1.1,
 (c) average number of measured optimal solutions.

- Our forward-looking experiments demonstrate that quantum hardware has reached the level that it can be applied to real-world problems.
- We hope to inspire and foster new and exciting **research in quantum computer vision**.

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