

DECOMPOSITION OF PROBLEMS: MAKING PROBLEM EASIER FOR QUANTUM COMPUTING



David E. Bernal Neira

Principal Investigator of SECQUOIA

Assistant Professor - Davidson School of
Chemical Engineering, Purdue University

April 1st, 2024

NSF Workshop on Post Quantum-AI

Indianapolis, Indiana



SECQUOIA

SYSTEMS ENGINEERING VIA CLASSICAL AND QUANTUM OPTIMIZATION FOR INDUSTRIAL APPLICATIONS



PI David E. Bernal



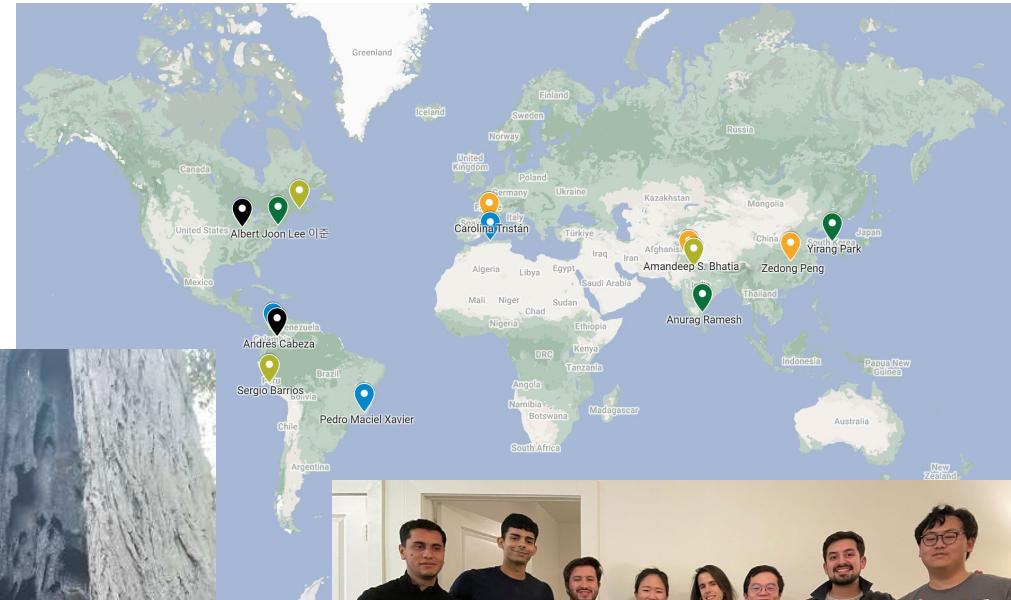
Postdoc Zedong Peng
Nonlinear discrete opt



Postdoc Amandeep Bhatia
Q Federated Learning



Postdoc Carolina Tristán
Water Processes opt



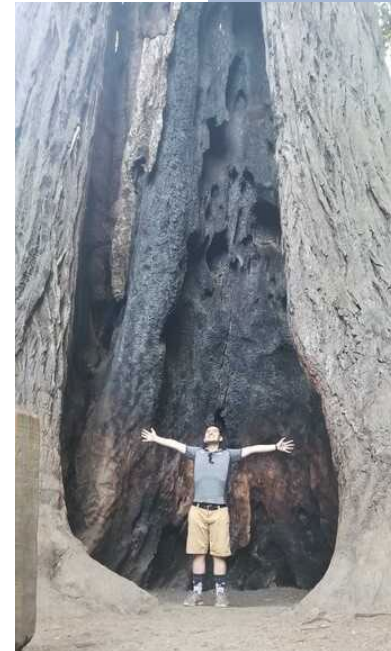
PhD Albert Lee
Process Superstructure



PhD Yirang Park
Quantum for Pharma



PhD Anurag Ramesh
Benchmarking Quantum



April 1, 2024



Visitor Andres Cabeza
Process Intensification



Visitor Pedro Maciel Xavier
Quantum Computing



Visitor Juan Rodriguez
Process Scheduling



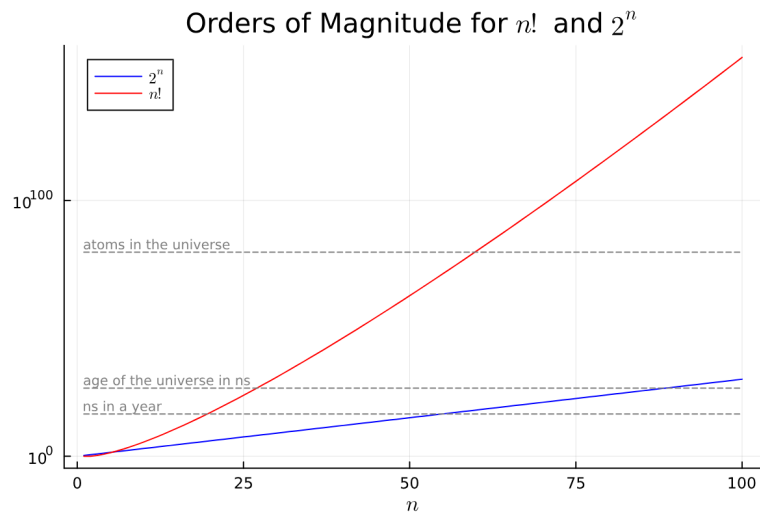
© David E. Bernal Neira, 2024

HOW CAN WE TACKLE COMPUTATIONALLY HARD PROBLEMS?

Enumerating solutions

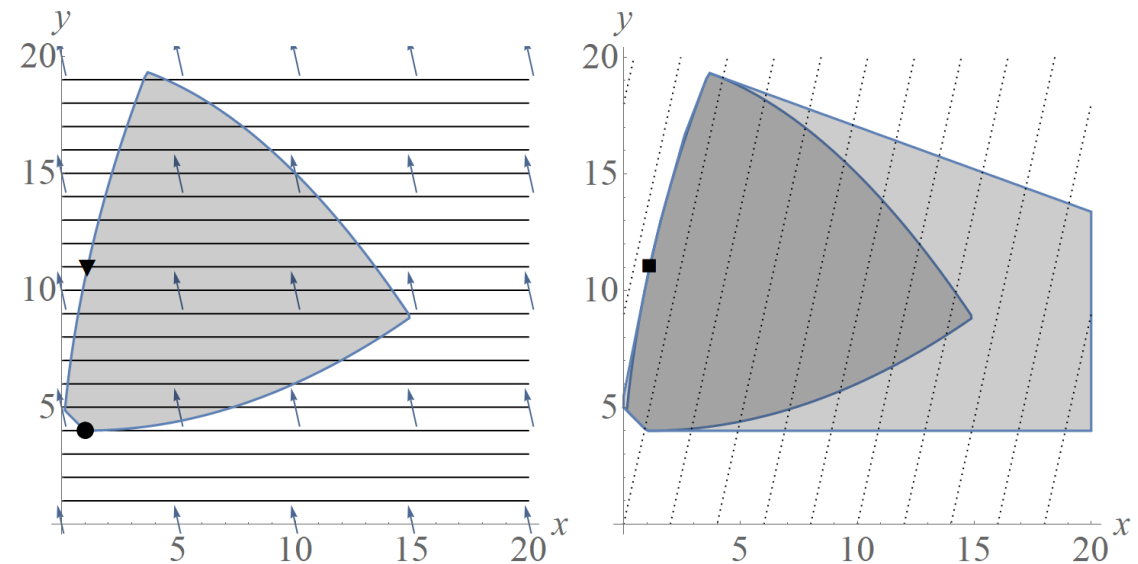
If we just look at **all the possible values**, check if they **satisfy the constraints** (being feasible) and **compare their objective**?

- Assuming only binary variables, the number of solutions grows as 2^n
- Many problems deal with permutations then number of solutions grows as $n!$



Decomposition methods

We can **split** these problems into **easily solvable parts (subproblems)** and **design algorithms** that put those parts together to find the complete solution to the problem.



EXAMPLES ON TACKLING PROBLEMS HARD PROBLEM THROUGH DECOMPOSITION – QUANTUM OPTIMIZATION?

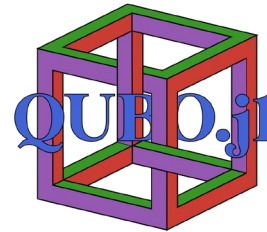
Formulations of many discrete optimization problems in Ising/QUBO

- Mappings of Karp’s 21 NP-Complete problems to Ising and others

Some mappings are inefficient

“Reformulation” of discrete nonlinear optimization to Ising/QUBO

- Continuous variables – Discretize
- Integer variables – Binarize
- Nonlinear Equations – Quadraticize
- Constraints – Penalize with ρ



Problem size growth

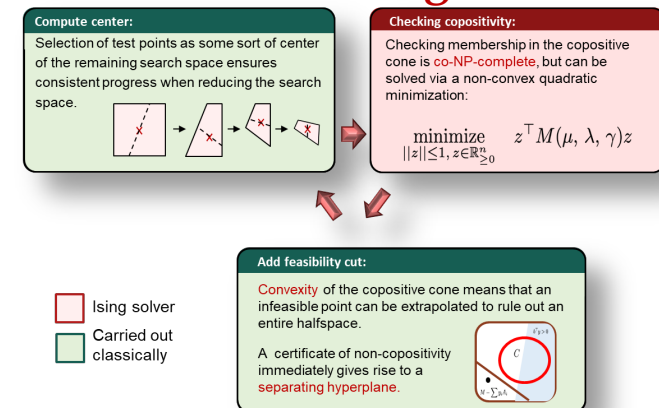
Extra variables and large coefficients

Extra variables

“Softening” of constraints

Decomposition Algorithms

- Alternating Direction Method of Multipliers (ADMM) [2]
- Test-set computation [3]
- Generator Enhanced Optimization [4]
- Copositive Programming-based cutting plane [5, Next slides]
- And many others!



1. Lucas, Andrew. "Ising formulations of many NP problems." *Frontiers in physics* 2 (2014): 5.
2. Gambella, Claudio, and Andrea Simonetto. "Multiblock ADMM heuristics for mixed-binary optimization on classical and quantum computers." *IEEE Transactions on Quantum Engineering* 1 (2020): 1-22.
3. Alghassi, Hedayat, Raouf Dridi, and Sridhar Tayur. "Graver bases via quantum annealing with application to non-linear

4. Alcazar, Javier, et al. "Geo: Enhancing combinatorial optimization with classical and quantum generative models." *arXiv preprint arXiv:2101.06250* (2021).
5. Brown et al. *arXiv:2207.13630* (2022).

QUBO.jl: A Julia Ecosystem for Ising and QUBO optimization



Pedro Maciel Xavier



Pedro Ripper



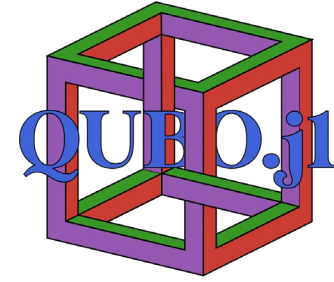
Tiago Andrade



Joaquim Dias Garcia



Nelson Maculan



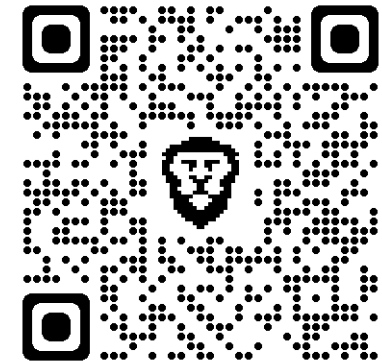
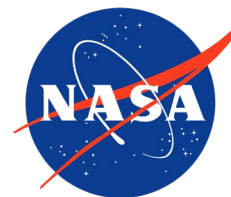
Pedro Maciel Xavier^{1,2}, Pedro Ripper¹, Tiago Andrade¹, Joaquim Dias Garcia¹, Nelson Maculan², DEBN

¹Energy Consulting and Analytics, PSR Inc.

²Department of Systems Engineering and Computer Science, UF Rio de Janeiro



UNIVERSIDADE FEDERAL DO RIO DE JANEIRO



<https://github.com/psrenergy/QUBO.jl>

HOW DO OUR JULIA PACKAGES PERFORM?

Outcome:

We provide the fastest and most complete reformulator of traditional optimization problems to Ising/QUBO as open-source

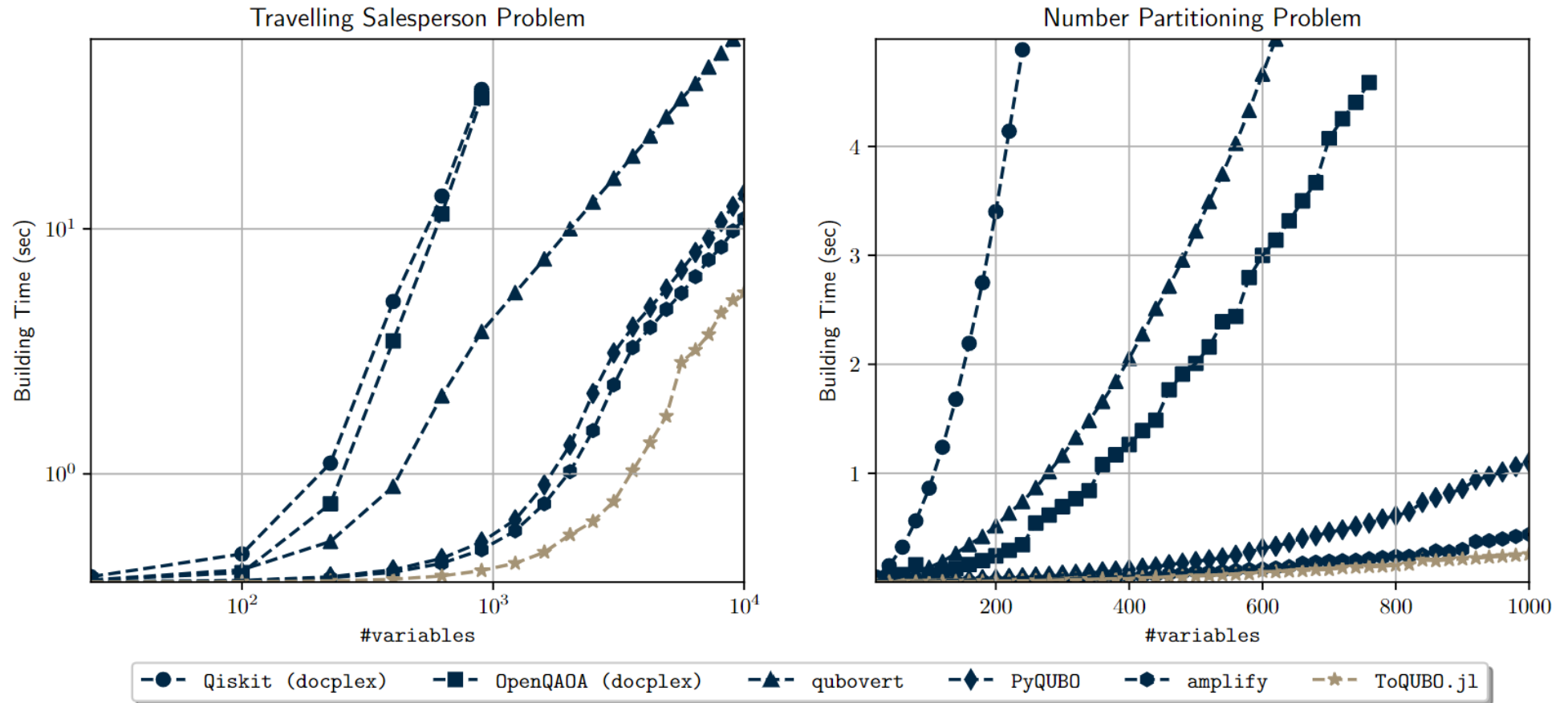


Figure 2 Travelling Salesperson Problem in $\sqrt{\text{\#variables}}$ cities and NPP over $[\text{\#variables}] = \{1, \dots, n\}$

COPOSITIVE OPTIMIZATION FOR MIXED-BINARY QUADRATIC OPTIMIZATION VIA ISING SOLVERS



Robin Brown



Davide Venturelli



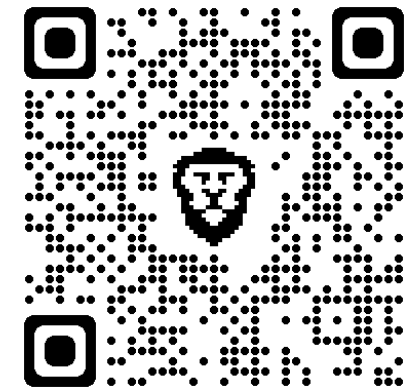
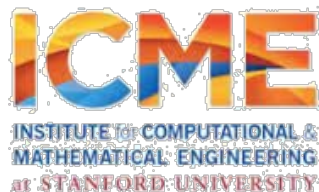
Marco Pavone

Robin Brown¹, DEBN, Davide Venturelli^{2,3}, Marco Pavone¹

¹Institute of Computational and Mathematical Engineering, Stanford University

²Quantum Artificial Intelligence Laboratory, NASA Ames Research Center

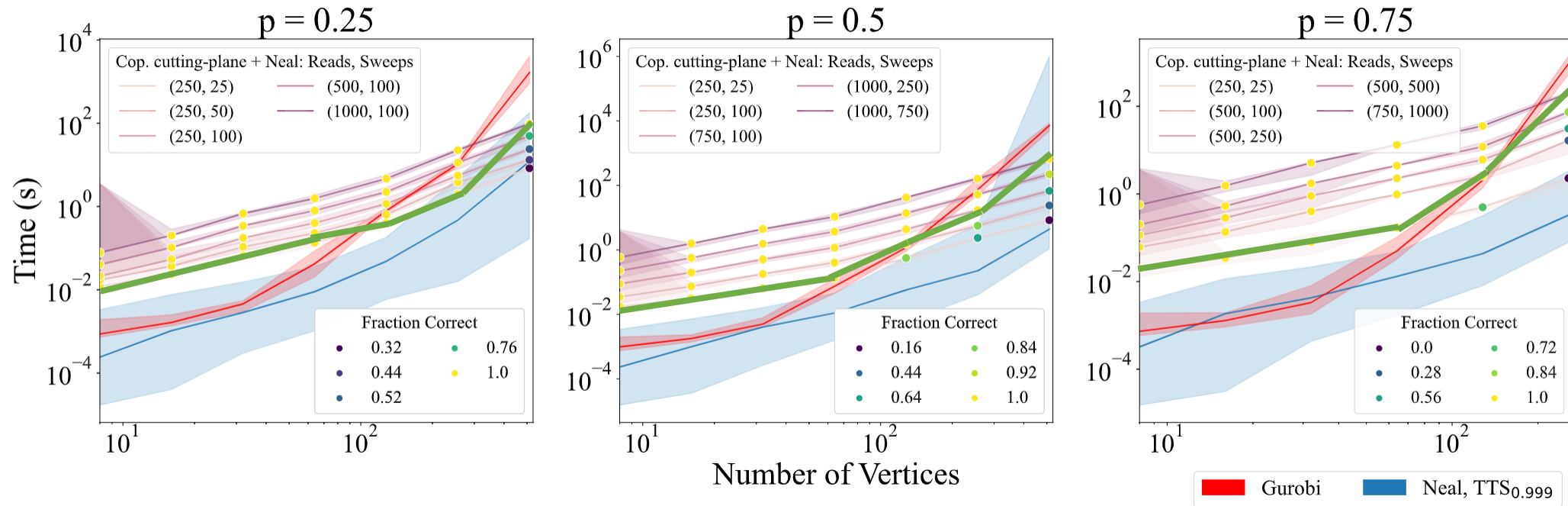
³Research Institute of Advanced Computer Science, USRA



arxiv.org/abs/2207.13630

HOW DOES THIS PERFORM?

MAXCLIQUE comparison against MIP formulation and Ising heuristic



Solution time for the copositive cutting-plane algorithm with Simulated Annealing as the Ising solver, the solution time when solving a mixed-integer programming (MIP) formulation of maximum-clique directly with Gurobi, and the corresponding best penalty version of Simulated Annealing TTT to 99.9% confidence

QUANTUM COMPUTING IN CHEMICAL ENGINEERING

PERSPECTIVES ARTICLE AS INVITED CONTRIBUTION



PERSPECTIVE | Full Access

Perspectives of quantum computing for chemical engineering

David E. Bernal, Akshay Ajagekar, Stuart M. Harwood, Spencer T. Stober, Dimitar Trenev, Fengqi You

First published: 25 February 2022 | <https://doi.org/10.1002/aic.17651>



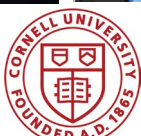
Current state of Quantum Computing leads us to identify **3 areas for ChemE with potential quantum advantage**

- Computational Chemistry
- Optimization
- Machine Learning

Although potential, there are still **challenges** to overcome



Carnegie Mellon University



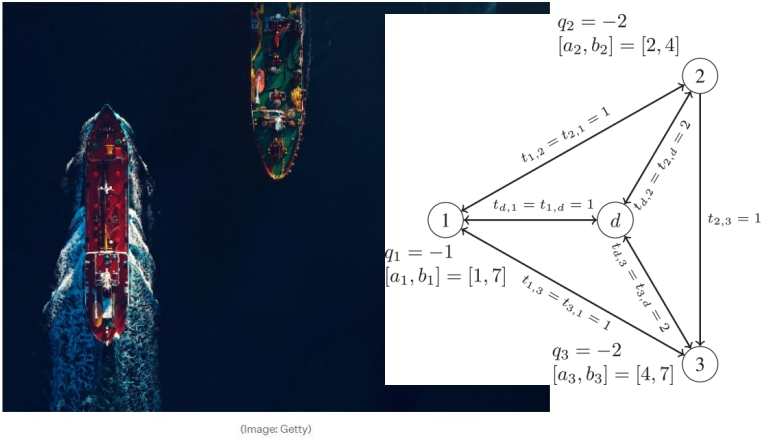
ExxonMobil
Research and Engineering



HYBRID QUANTUM CLASSICAL RESEARCH

Optimization [1]

Computational Chemistry



ExxonMobil & IBM Explore Quantum Algorithms to Solve Routing Formulations

<https://ibm-research.medium.com/exxonmobil-ibm-scientists-explore-state-of-art-quantum-algorithms-to-solve-routing-formulations-e7ce39f8741c>

Inside IBM Research 4 days ago · 5 min read

Computers and Chemical Engineering 184 (2024) 108627

Contents lists available at ScienceDirect

Computers and Chemical Engineering

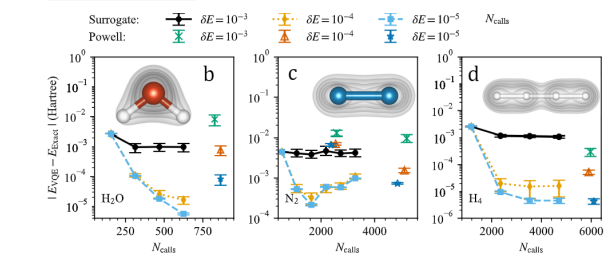
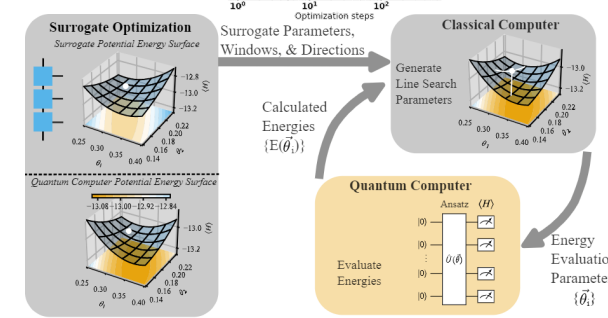
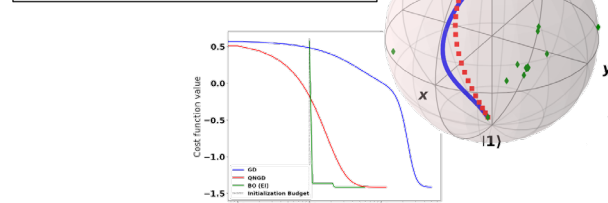
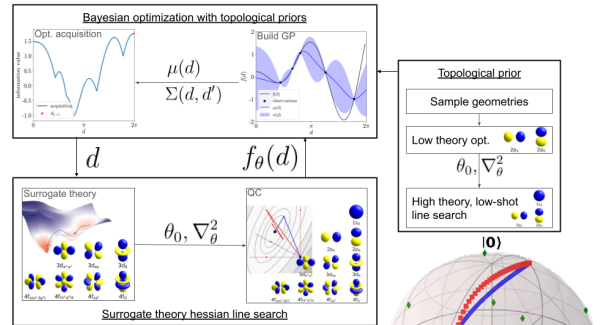
journal homepage: www.elsevier.com/locate/cace

Utilizing modern computer architectures to solve mathematical optimization problems: A survey

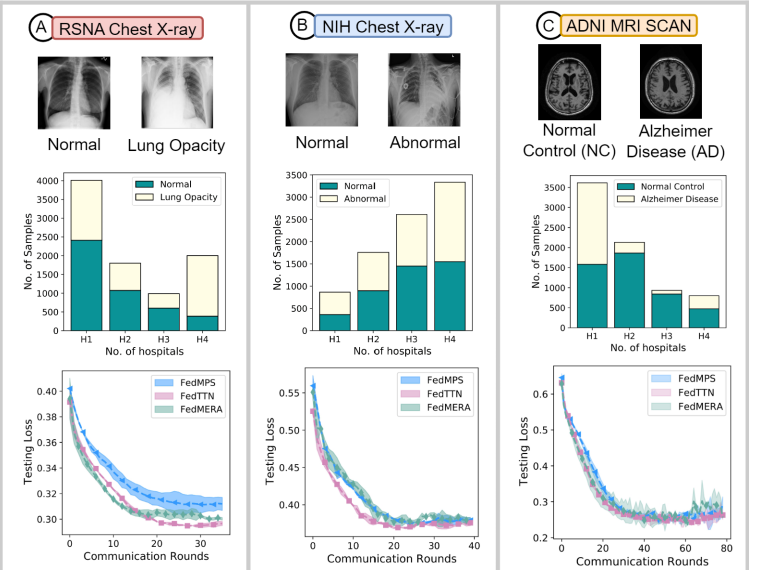
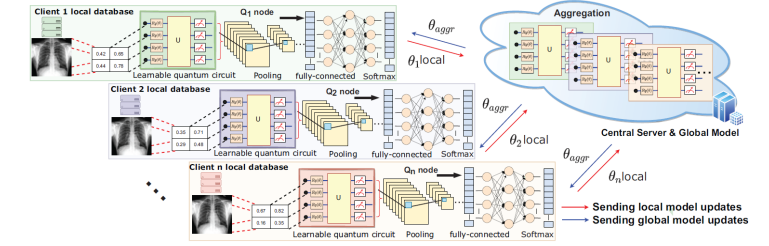
David E. Bernal Neira^{a,d,e}, Carl D. Laird^{b,*}, Laurens R. Lueg^b, Stuart M. Harwood^c, Dimitar Trenev^c, Davide Venturelli^{d,e}

^a Davidson School of Chemical Engineering, Purdue University, West Lafayette IN, United States of America
^b Department of Chemical Engineering, Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh, PA, United States of America
^c ExxonMobil Technology and Engineering Company - Research, Clinton, NJ, United States of America
^d Research Institute for Advanced Computer Science, Universities Space Research Association, Mountain View, CA, United States of America
^e Quantum Artificial Intelligence Laboratory (QAIL), NASA Ames Research Center, Moffett Field, CA, United States of America

1. Harwood, S., Gambella, C., Trenev, D., Simonetto, A., Bernal, D.E., Greenberg, D., "Formulating and Solving Routing Problems on Quantum Computers" 2021



Machine Learning



DECOMPOSITION OF PROBLEMS: MAKING PROBLEM EASIER FOR QUANTUM COMPUTING



David E. Bernal Neira

Principal Investigator of SECQUOIA

Assistant Professor - Davidson School of
Chemical Engineering, Purdue University

April 1st, 2024

NSF Workshop on Post Quantum-AI
Indianapolis, Indiana

