

Introduction

Adiabatic Quantum Computers (AQC) excel in solving **Quadratic Unconstrained Binary Optimization Problems**:

$$\arg \min_{\mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{B}} \mathbf{x}^\top \mathbf{Q} \mathbf{x} \quad (\text{QUBO})$$

In most vision problems, constraints are required:

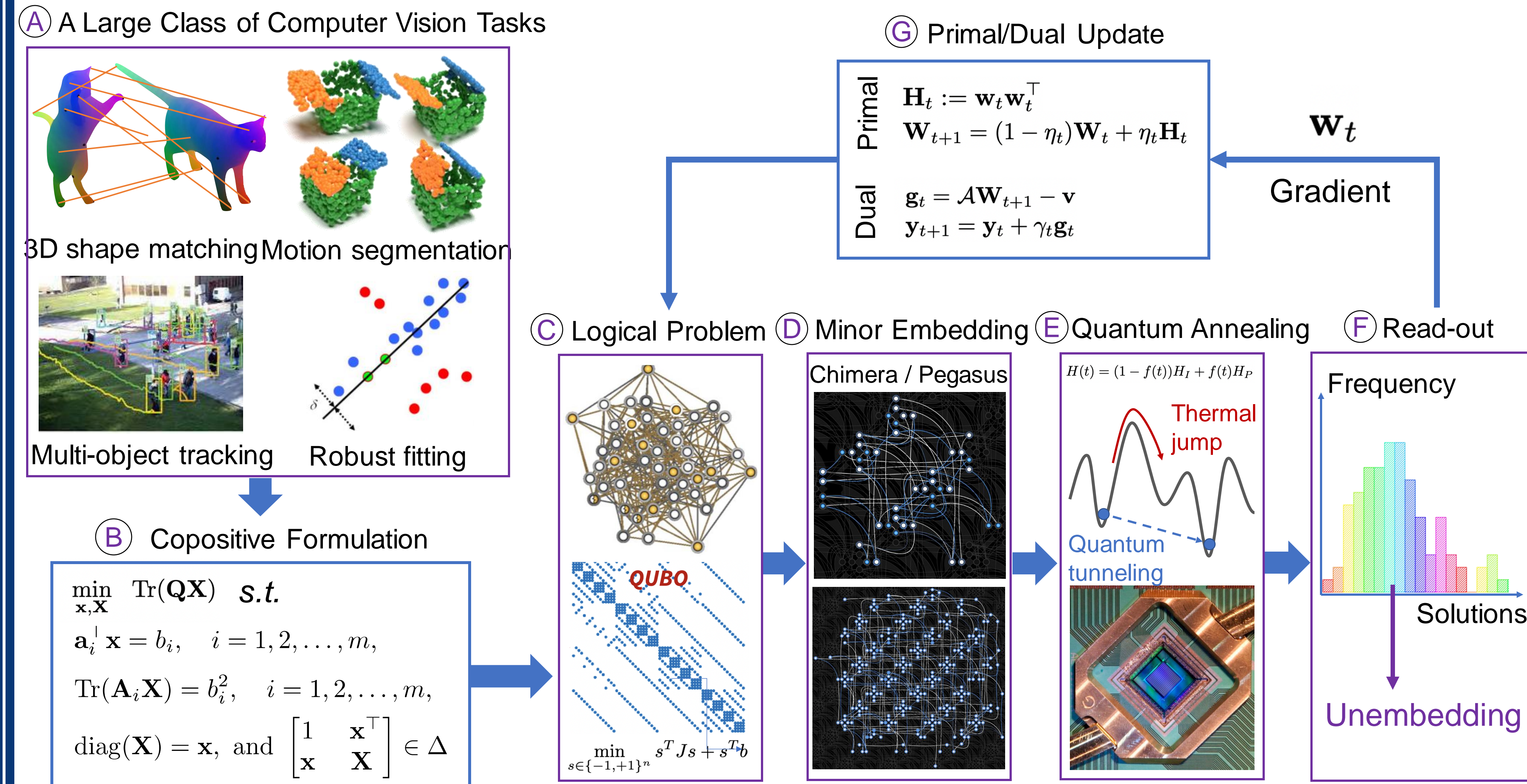
$$\min_{\mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{B}} \mathbf{x}^\top \mathbf{Q} \mathbf{x} \text{ s.t. } \mathbf{a}_i^\top \mathbf{x} = b_i, \quad i = 1, \dots, m$$

This can be turned into a QUBO with **regularization**. Yet, constraints are not **exactly** satisfied.

We introduce **Q-FW**, a true quantum-classical hybrid solver tailored for **binary** optimization problems subject to **linear equality and inequality constraints**.

Such problems occur frequently in computer vision. Our solver enables the use of quantum hardware for computer vision, paving the way to **quantum computer vision**.

Q-FW: A Hybrid Solver for Quantum Computer Vision



Evaluations

Graph Matching on Random Problems

$$\max_{\Pi} \text{vec}(\Pi)^\top \mathbf{Q}_{\text{QGM}} \text{vec}(\Pi) \text{ subject to } \Pi \in \mathcal{P}$$

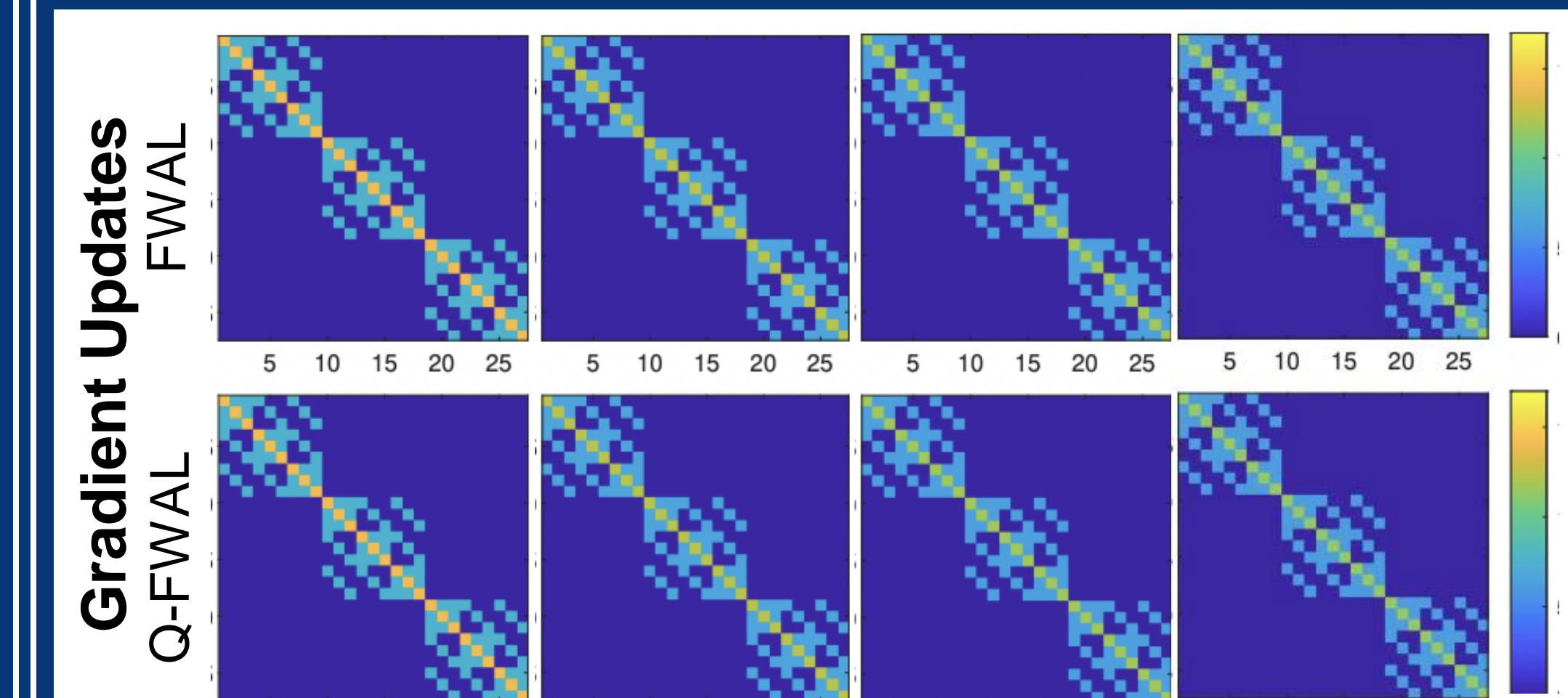
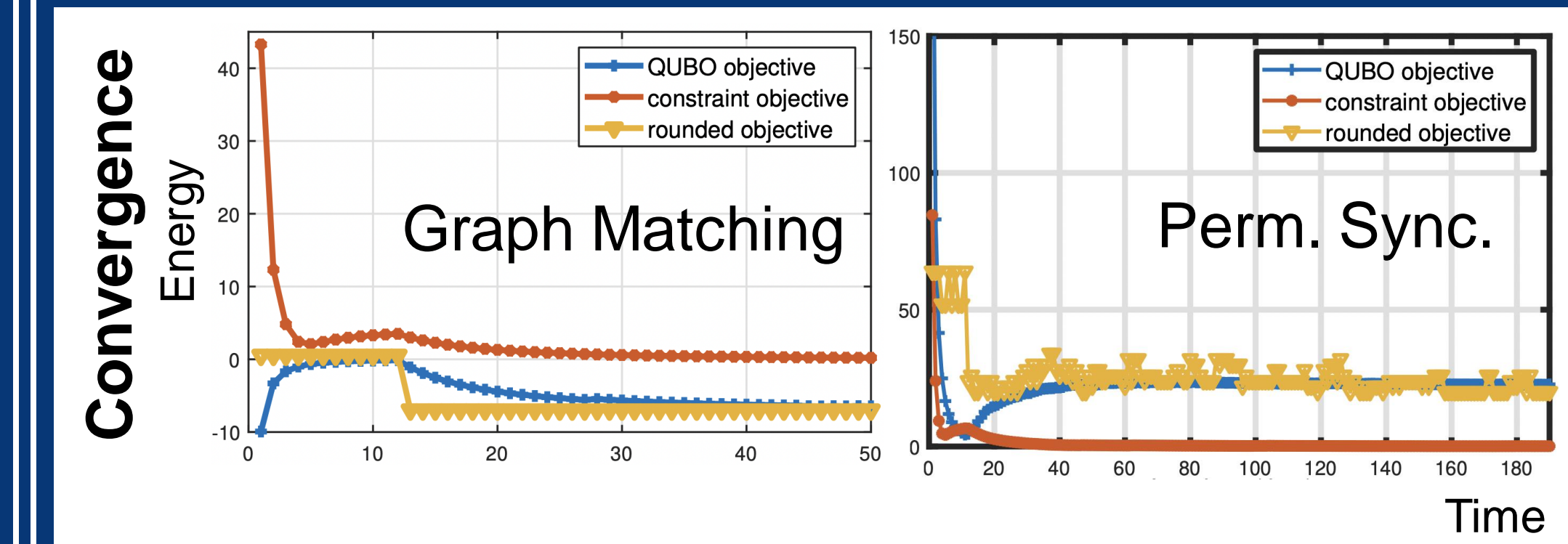
N	[72] ins.	[72] row.	[7] DS*	[51] SA	Q-FWAL FWAL	(250)
3	1.49	2.12	0.85	0.82	7e-4	7e-4
4	5.68	7.37	0.43	2.43	1.3e-3	1.43e-3

Table reports mean normalized energies over ten instances.

		Average
Permutation Synchronization	MatchEIG [57]	0.83 ± 0.088
	MatchALSS [80]	0.87 ± 0.092
	MatchLIFT [45]	0.87 ± 0.094
	MatchBirkhoff [10]	0.87 ± 0.093
	QuantumSync [9]	0.87 ± 0.096
	[9]-search	0.88 ± 0.104
	Q-FWAL (ours)	0.94 ± 0.076

Table reports accuracies as in [9].

$$\arg \min_{\{\mathbf{X}_i \in \mathcal{P}_n\}} \sum_{(i,j) \in \mathcal{E}} \|\mathbf{P}_{ij} - \mathbf{X}_i \mathbf{X}_j^\top\|_F^2 = \arg \min_{\{\mathbf{x}_i \in \mathcal{P}_n\}} \mathbf{x}^\top \mathbf{Q}_{\text{QPS}} \mathbf{x}$$



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Copositive Programming

Copositive Programming concerns optimization over the set of **completely positive matrices**:

$$\Delta := \text{conv}\{\mathbf{w}\mathbf{w}^\top : \mathbf{w} \in \mathcal{B}\}$$

The standard form (CP) is:

$$\min_{\mathbf{W} \in \Delta} \text{Tr}(\mathbf{C}\mathbf{W}) \text{ s.t. } \mathcal{A}\mathbf{W} = \mathbf{v} \quad (\text{CP})$$

(CP) has the modeling power of non-convex optimization with the interpretability of convex optimization.

We reformulate (QUBO) with constraints as a (CP):

$$\min_{\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{X}} \text{Tr}(\mathbf{Q}\mathbf{X}) \text{ s.t. } \mathbf{a}_i^\top \mathbf{x} = b_i, \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, m,$$

$$\text{Tr}(\mathbf{A}_i \mathbf{X}) = b_i^2, \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, m,$$

$$\text{diag}(\mathbf{X}) = \mathbf{x}, \text{ and } \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \mathbf{x}^\top \\ \mathbf{x} & \mathbf{X} \end{bmatrix} \in \Delta$$

This reformulation is tight.

Quantum Frank Wolfe

Challenge : Solving (CP) is NP-Hard.

Opportunity : Linear Minimization over Δ is a (QUBO).

$$\mathbf{u} = \arg \min_{\mathbf{w} \in \mathcal{B}} \text{Tr}(\mathbf{w}^\top \mathbf{C} \mathbf{w}) \iff \mathbf{u}\mathbf{u}^\top = \arg \min_{\mathbf{W} \in \Delta} \text{Tr}(\mathbf{C}\mathbf{W}) \quad (\text{LM})$$

Idea: Design a Frank-Wolfe-type algorithm and solve (LM) step with an AQC.

Consider the **Augmented Lagrangian**: $L_\beta(\mathbf{W}; \mathbf{y}) = \text{Tr}(\mathbf{C}\mathbf{W}) + \mathbf{y}^\top (\mathcal{A}\mathbf{W} - \mathbf{v}) + \frac{\beta}{2} \|\mathcal{A}\mathbf{W} - \mathbf{v}\|^2$ for $\mathbf{W} \in \Delta$.

Algorithm 1 Q-FW for Quadratic Binary Optimization.

Initialization: $\mathbf{W} \leftarrow \mathbf{0}$, $\mathbf{y} \leftarrow \mathbf{0}$, $\mathbf{g} \leftarrow -\mathbf{v}$, $\beta_0 > 0$ Main loop

[FWAL]:

for $t = 1, \dots, T$ do

$\eta \leftarrow 2/(t+1)$, and $\beta \leftarrow \beta_0 \sqrt{t+1}$

$\mathbf{G} \leftarrow \mathbf{C} + \mathcal{A}^\top (\mathbf{y} + \beta \mathbf{g})$

$\mathbf{w} \leftarrow \arg \min_{\mathbf{w} \in \mathcal{B}} \{\mathbf{w}^\top \mathbf{G} \mathbf{w}\}$

$\mathbf{W} \leftarrow (1 - \eta)\mathbf{W} + \eta \mathbf{w}\mathbf{w}^\top$

$\mathbf{g} \leftarrow \mathcal{A}\mathbf{W} - \mathbf{v}$

$\mathbf{y} \leftarrow \mathbf{y} + \gamma \mathbf{g}$

Primal step, inspired by FW

▷ QUBO subproblem

Dual step, gradient ascent

▷ In practice, we use $\gamma = \beta_0$

Rounding: Extract \mathbf{X} by removing the first row and first column of \mathbf{W} . Compute \mathbf{x} as the top singular vector of \mathbf{X} . - Project \mathbf{x} onto \mathcal{B} .

Output: Solution $\mathbf{W} \in \Delta$ for (CP), and $\mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{B}$ for (QBO).

Theoretical guarantees:

$$\text{Tr}(\mathbf{C}\mathbf{W}_t) - \text{Tr}(\mathbf{C}\mathbf{W}_*) \leq \mathcal{O}(1/\sqrt{t})$$

$$\|\mathcal{A}\mathbf{W}_t - \mathbf{v}\| \leq \mathcal{O}(1/\sqrt{t})$$

(QUBO) subproblem, solved at AQC

AQCs classically work for binary valued optimization problems. By integrating it with the FW algorithm, we lay the first stone for using AQCs on real-valued problems in CV and ML.