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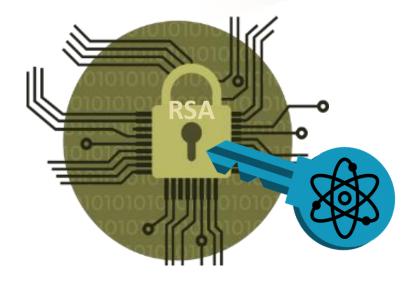
















Breaking RSA security with Quanutm Annealing



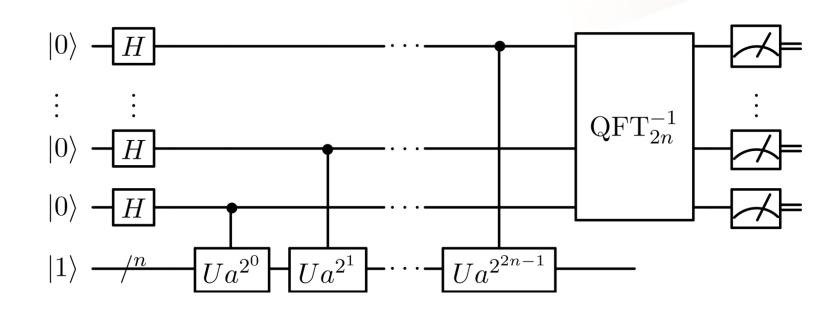
Overview:

Today we use several encryption schemes

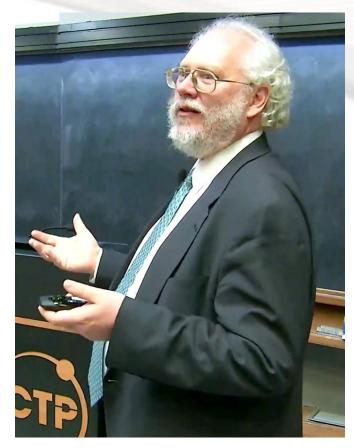
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Overview: Shor's algorithm (1994)



Exponential Speedup





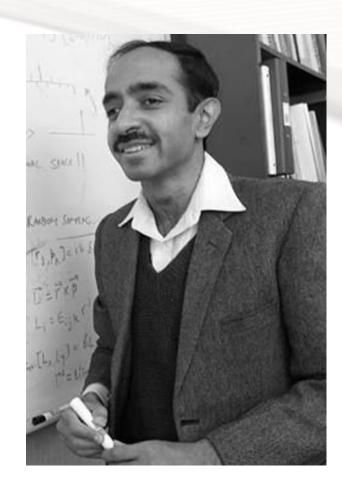
Overview: Grover search

Run-time brute-force algorithm: d^N

Run-time Grover search:

$$\sqrt{d^N}$$

Quadratic Speedup





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Overview

Quantum Computing



In theory could hack Cryptosystems

WHY?

Shor's quantum factorization algorithm is exponentially faster than the best classical algorithm



But there is currently no <u>scalable</u> general purpose quantum computer that implements Shor's algorithm

Circuit	N Qubits	N Operations	Time
Simplicity	10240	$\simeq 8$ billions	$\simeq 23~{ m mins}$
Speed	$\simeq 5$ millions	$\simeq 15000$	$\simeq 2.5~\mathrm{ms}$
Qubits	4096	$\simeq 256$ billions	$\simeq 12~\mathrm{hours}$
Tradeoff I	$\simeq 100000$	$\simeq 1$ billion	$\simeq 3 \text{ mins}$
Tradeoff II	$\simeq 10000$	$\simeq 6$ millions	$\simeq 1~{ m sec}$



Objective

It is possible to formulate the factorization problem as a QUBO problem solvable via Quantum Annealing

Objective

Factorization of prime numbers ($N = p \times q$) with D-Wave quantum annealer



Problem formulation

Given N integer umber

The problem is to find prime numbers p and q such that

$$N = p \times q$$

Eg. For N=143, its prime factors are p=11 and q=13



$$N = p \times q$$

Expressing the above numbers N, p and q in binary

$$N = \sum_{i=0}^{L_n - 1} 2^i n_i, \qquad p = \sum_{j=0}^{L_p - 1} 2^j p_j \qquad \text{and} \qquad q = \sum_{k=0}^{L_q - 1} 2^k q_k.$$

Eg. N =143 in binary (1, 0, 0, 0, 1, 1, 1, 1)



1) Direct Method

Objective function:

$$O(p,q) = (N - p \cdot q)^2$$

Substituting binary form

$$O(p,q) = \left[\left(\sum_{i=0}^{L_n - 1} 2^i n_i \right) - \left(\sum_{j=0}^{L_p - 1} 2^j p_j \right) \cdot \left(\sum_{k=0}^{L_q - 1} 2^k q_k \right) \right]^2$$



1) Multiplication Table Method

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Multiplication table associated to N=p*q



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Multiplication table associated to N=p*q is divided in blocks in order to reduce the number of carries, hence variables involved



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Only three terms in the Objective function



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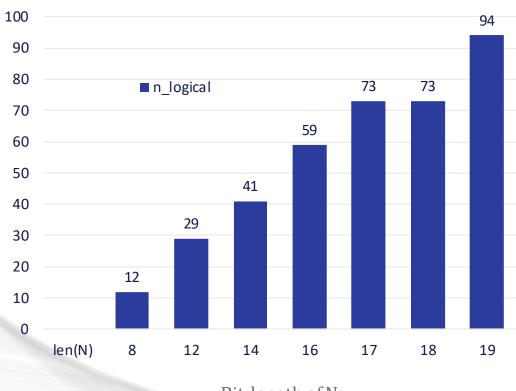
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143	13	11	8	12	55
3127	59	53	12	29	252
8881	107	83	14	41	463
59989	251	239	16	59	737
103459	307	337	17	73	1159
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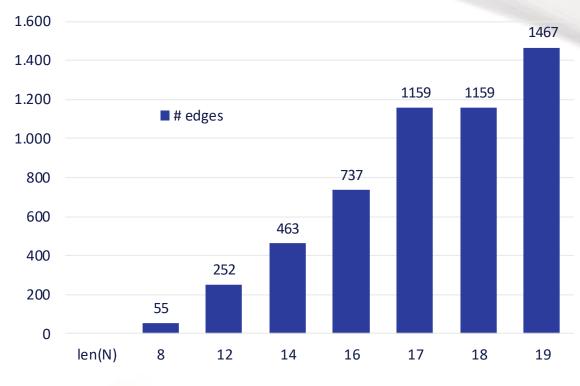
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Bit-length of N

Number of Quadratic terms in QUBO

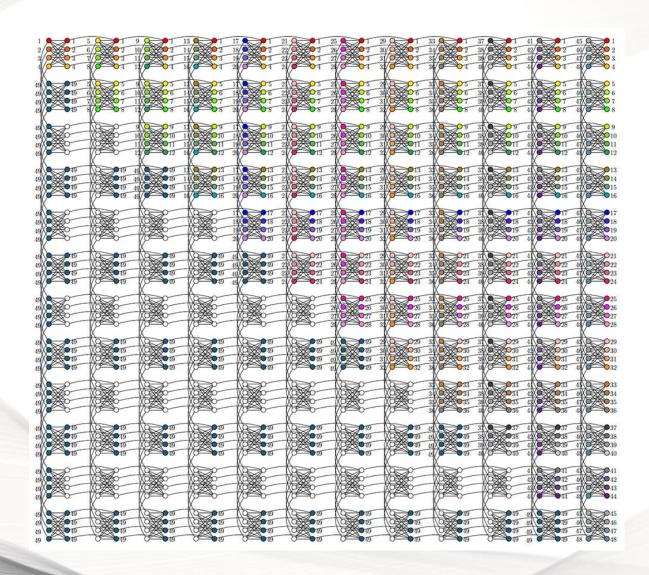


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Embedding QUBO problem into the D-Wave topology

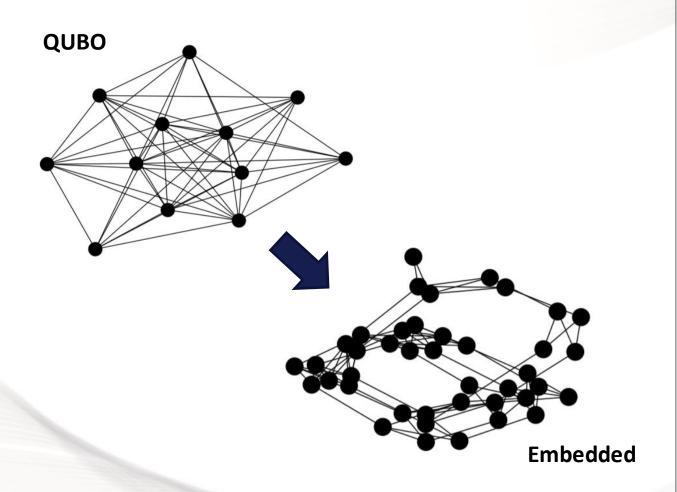


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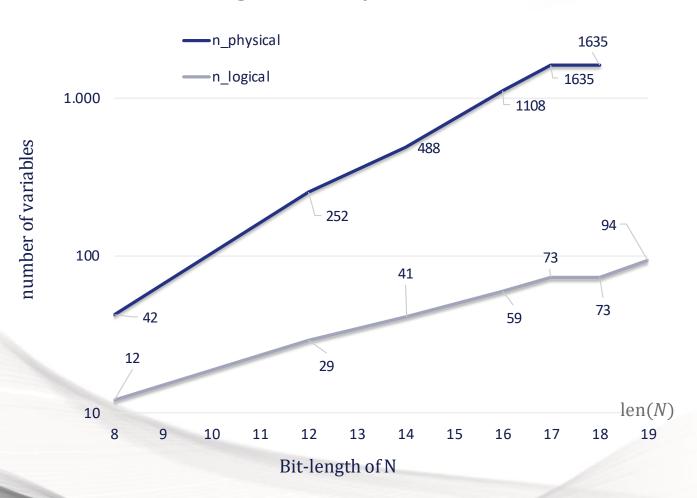
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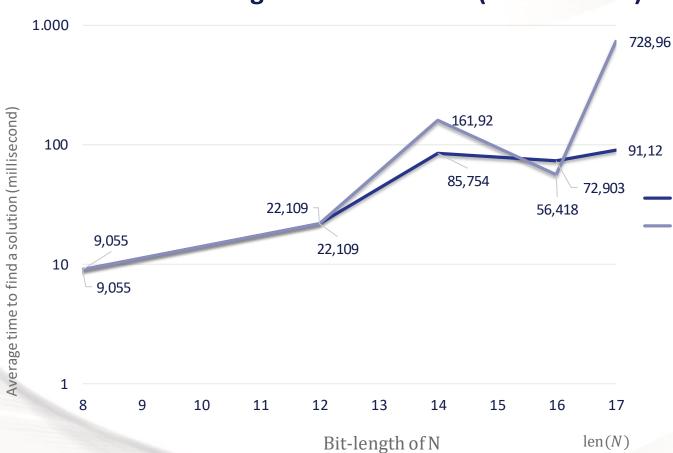
- n_physical: number of physical variables (physical qubits) found with minor embedding algorithm
- n_logical: number of logical variables of the QUBO problem
- Increase in the gap between physical qubits and logical variables as the number to be factored increases N





D-Wave Runs: Time To Solution (TTS)

Average time to solution (milliseconds)



Advanced settings:

- Extended J range
- Flux drift compensation
- Annealing offsets

advanced settings

default settings

$$\text{TTS} = \frac{total \; QPU \; access \; time}{number \; of \; times \; N \; is \; factored \; correctly}$$



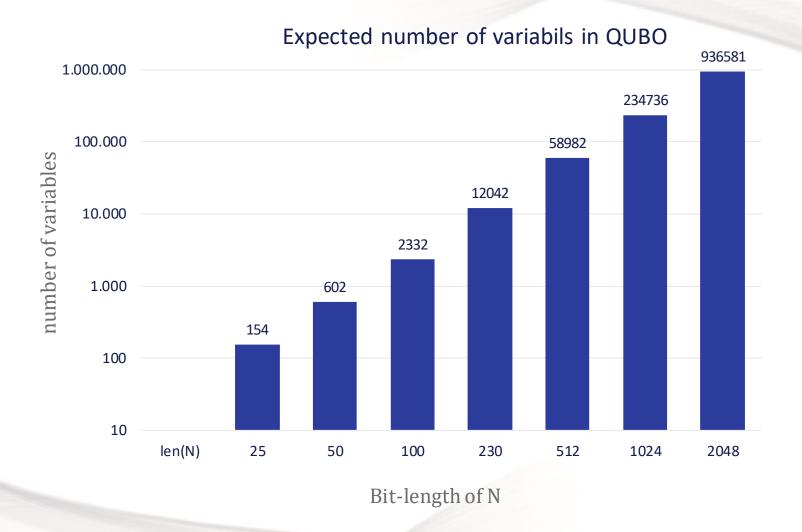
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59989	16	56,418	72,903
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231037	18	not found	not found
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Stimiamo che il più potente supercomputer al mondo, Summit (150mila TFlop/s), riesca a fattorizzare un RSA-80 in 90 millisecondi



Expected QUBO variables increasing problem size

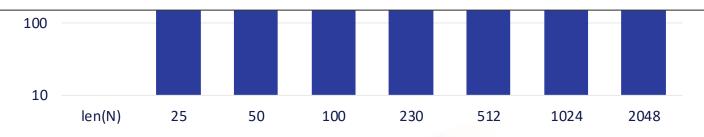




Expected QUBO variables increasing problem size



RSA type	N Qubits (with actual graph)	Supposed Date	N Qubits (with full graph)	Supposed Date
RSA-768	589824	$\simeq 2033$	147456	$\simeq 2029$
RSA-1024	1048576	$\simeq 2035$	262144	$\simeq 2031$
RSA-2048	4194304	$\simeq 2039$	1048576	$\simeq 2035$



Bit-length of N



Conclusions

Factorization of prime numbers with D-Wave quantum annealer

- Formulation and analysis of the associated QUBO problem:
 - Block matrix importance
 - - Linear scaling of logic variables
 - Embedding of QUBO into D-Wave hardware topology:
 - Polinomial Scaling polinomiale of physical variables
 - Max embedding found for *len(N)=17*
 - Average Time To Solution (TTS) found using D-Wave:
- Max problem dimension \rightarrow factorization N=103459 i.e. len(N)=17
- Average Time To Solution (TTS) below 100 millisecondis (with advanced settings)





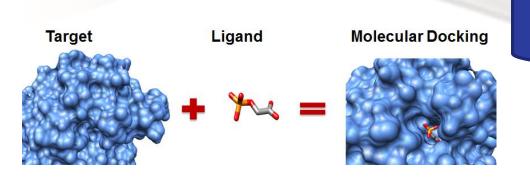


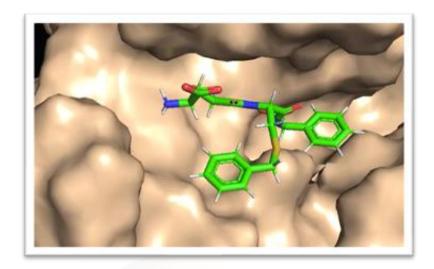
Molecule Unfolding with Quantum Annealing

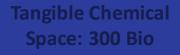


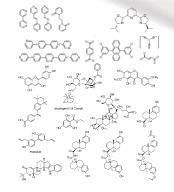
Molecular Docking for Virtual Screening

- Molecular docking is a method to calculate the preferred position and shape of one molecule to a second when bound to each other
 - Shape Complementarity
 - Scoring function to evaluate the binding affinity















3 Phases Process

Ligand Expansion

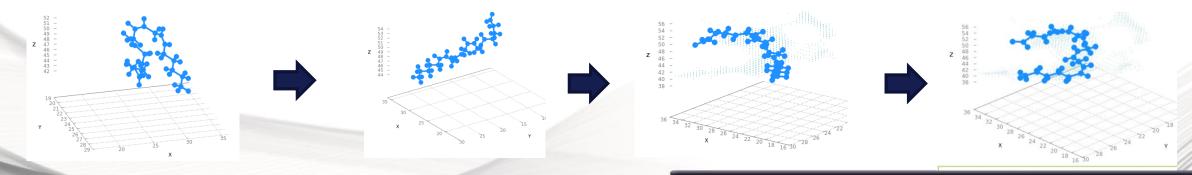
- MOL2 ligand elaboration
- Identification of the rotatable bonds
- Internal distances maximization
- Removes tool related bias (e.g. smile-to-3D)

Initial Placement

- Ligand main fragments decomposition
- Ligand initial poses
 Identification
- Placement of the ligand into the pocket with rigid roto-translations

Shape Refinement

- Use of the rotatable bonds to modify the ligand shape and to match the protein pocket
- Docking Score
 Maximization





3 Phases Process

Ligand Expansion

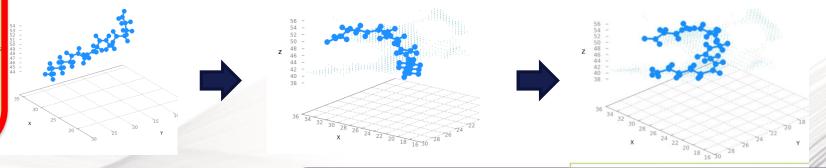
- MOL2 ligand elaboration
- Identification of the rotatable bonds
- Internal distances maximization
- Removes tool related bias (e.g. smile-to-3D)

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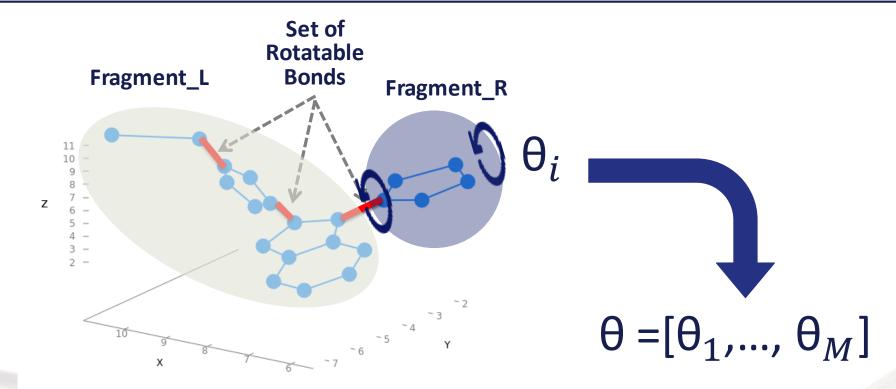
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Problem Definition

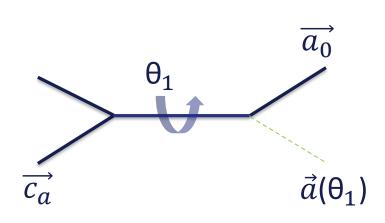
Objective: **find** the unfolded **torsion configuration** that maximizes the molecular volume, or equivalently, that **maximizes the distances between fragments.**



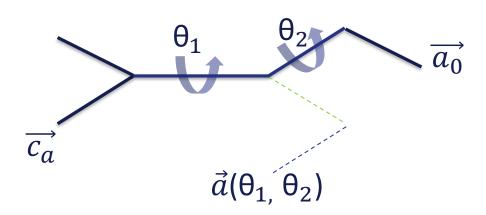


Problem Definition

To each torsion is associated is a rotation matrix R.



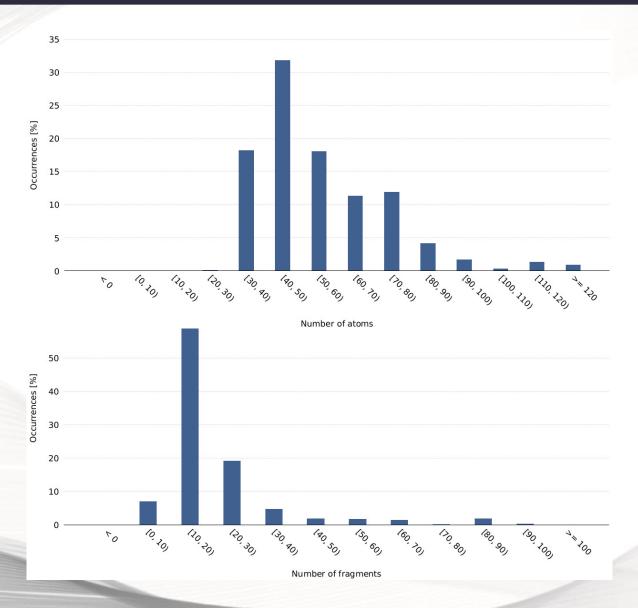
$$\vec{a}(\theta_1) = R(\theta_1) \overrightarrow{a_0}$$

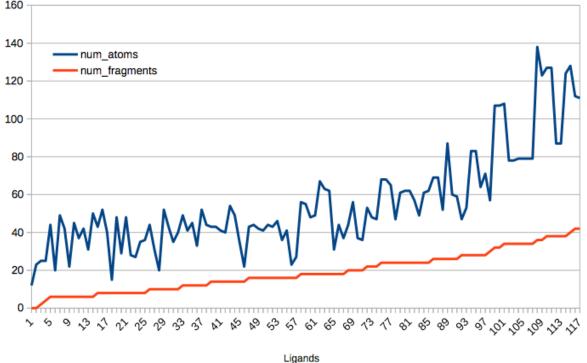


$$\vec{a}(\theta_1, \theta_2) = R(\theta_2)R(\theta_1)\overrightarrow{a_0}$$



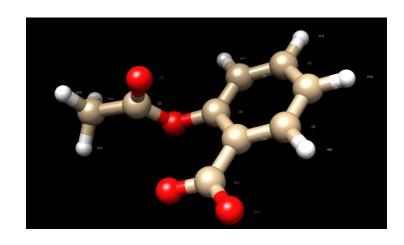
Overview of the problem size (ComplexDB)





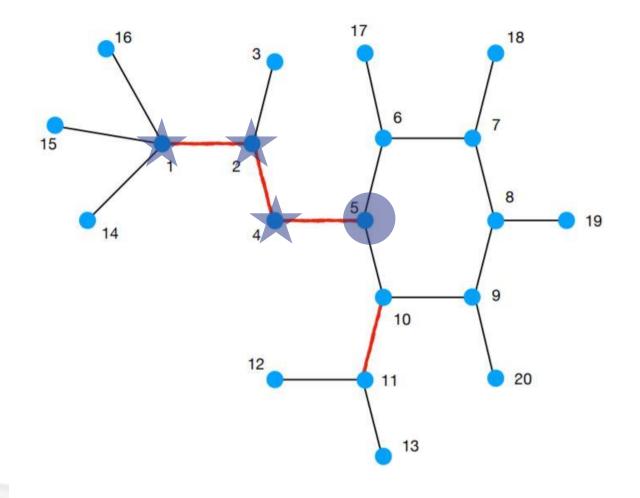


Molecule Unfolding: Rotatable Betweenness Centrality



Betweenness centrality:

$$g(v) = \sum_{s
eq v
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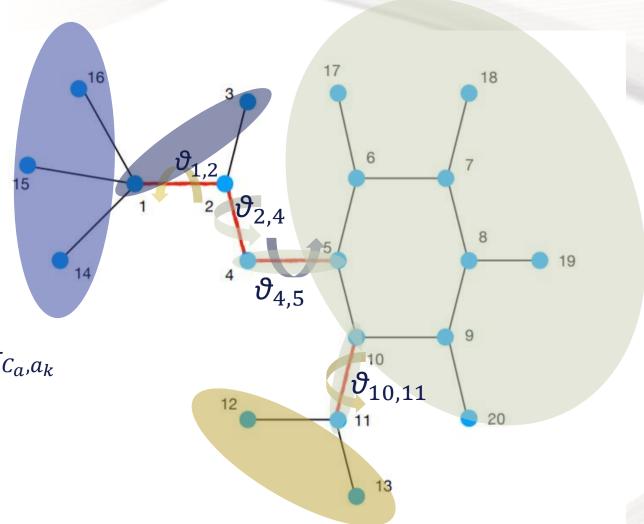
Molecule Unfolding: Rotatables Influence Set

Rotatables Influence set:

$$I_{S} = E_{C_{a},a_{k}} \cap E_{R}$$

 $E_R = Rotable bonds;$

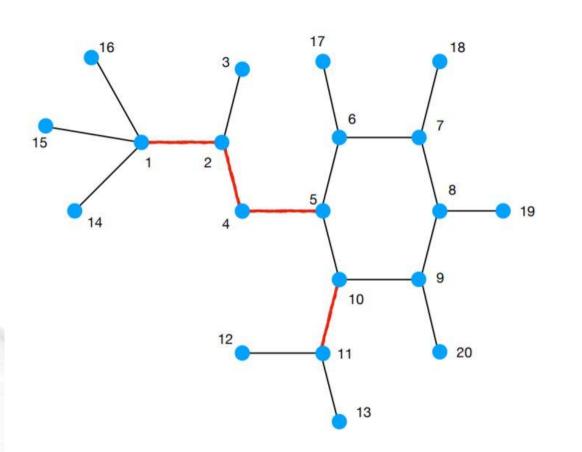
 $E_{C_a,a_k} = Bonds$ on the shortest path σ_{C_a,a_k}





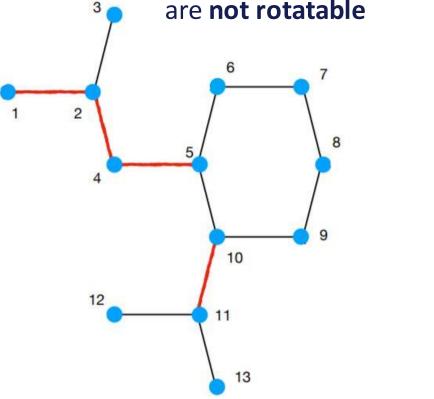
Molecule Unfolding

Original 2D molecule:



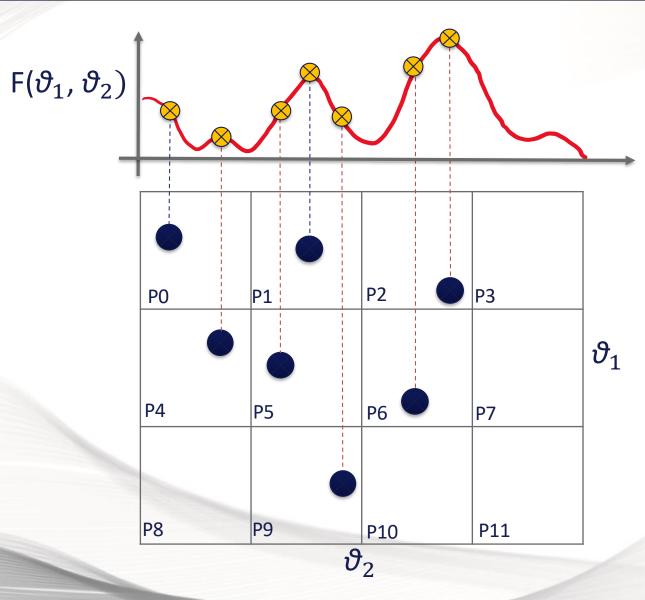
Without Hydrogen:



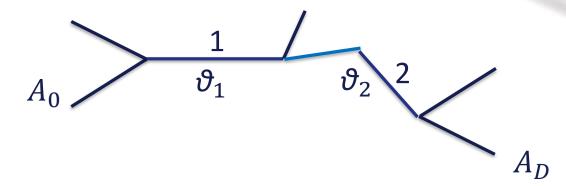




Molecule Conformation Exploration: Random Search



Random Search



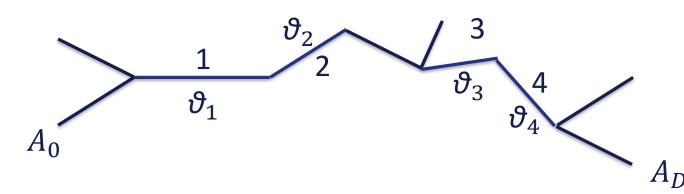


Molecule Conformation Exploration: Greedy

M= Measure total sum of internal distances

GeoDock-inspired

= physical rotation of torsion#
for all possible angles

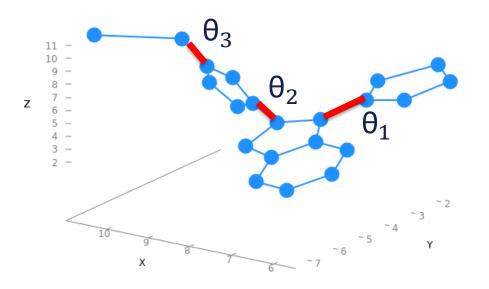


Greedy:

- GeoDock = $\vartheta 1$ M $\vartheta 2$ M $\vartheta 3$ M $\vartheta 4$ M
- Batch = i) ϑ 1, ϑ 2 M ϑ 3, ϑ 4 M ii) ϑ 1, ϑ 2, ϑ 3 M ϑ 4 M iii) ϑ 1, ϑ 2, ϑ 3, ϑ 4 M



Combinatorial Optimization Problem Definition



is convenient to identify a **conformation of a molecule** with M torsions by a **torsion vector**

$$[\theta_1, \ldots, \theta_M]$$

Where each torsion θ_N can assume values in $[0, 2\pi)$.

Objective: find the unfolded torsion configuration that maximizes the molecular volume, or equivalently, that maximizes the distances between fragments



Combinatorial Optimization Problem Definition

Objective: find the unfolded torsion configuration

$$[\theta_1^{unfold}, \ldots, \theta_M^{unfold}]$$

that maximizes the sum of distances $D_{ab}(\theta)$ between fragments a and b

$$D(\theta) = \sum_{a,b} D_{ab}(\theta)^2$$

where
$$D_{ab}(\theta)^2 = ||\vec{a}_0 - R(\theta)\vec{b}_0||^2$$



Constructing the Binary Optimization problem

Consider a discretization of the torsion angle θ_i into d possible values

$$\theta_i = [\theta_i^1, \theta_i^2, \theta_i^3, ..., \theta_i^d]$$

And introduce a **binary variable** x_{ik} with $1 \le k \le d$, such that

$$x_{ik} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } \theta_i = \theta_i^k; \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$
 with the constraint $\sum_{k=1}^a x_{ik} = 1$



Constructing the Binary Optimization problem

This also induces a discretization of the sine and cosine for each torsion

$$\sin(\theta_i) = \sum_{k=1}^d \sin(\theta_i^k) \ x_{ik} \qquad \cos(\theta_i) = \sum_{k=1}^d \cos(\theta_i^k) \ x_{ik}$$

With such encoding, the rotation matrix $R(\theta_i)$ associated the torsion angle θ_i becomes a function of all the binary variables x_{ik} needed to represent the angle θ_i

$$R(\theta_i) = R(x_{i1}, x_{i2}, ..., x_{id})$$



Constructing the High-order Unconstrained Binary Optimization (HUBO) problem

The general form of the HUBO optimization function is

$$O(x_{ik}) = A \sum_{i} \left(\sum_{k=1}^{d} x_{ik} - 1 \right)^{2} - \sum_{a,b} D_{ab}(\theta)^{2}$$

where the pairwise distances are expressed using the binary variables

$$D_{ab}(\theta)^2 = ||\vec{a}_0 - R(\theta)\vec{b}_0||^2$$

In general, if $D_{ab}(\theta)$ depends on m torsions, $D_{ab}(\theta)$ contains terms up to the m-th order, hence the **highest order in the HUBO is** 2m



HUBO Problem Structure

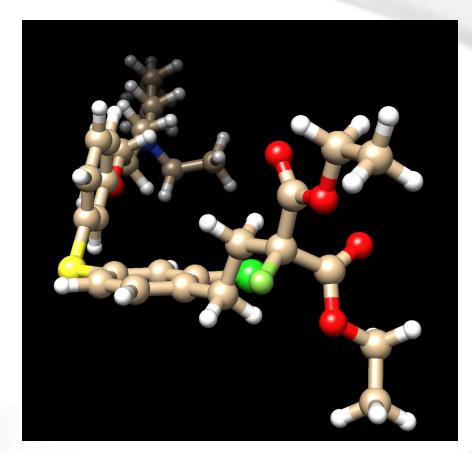
In order to obtain a precision of $\Delta\theta_i$, the number of variables needed for each torsion is

$$d = \frac{2\pi}{\Delta\theta_i} = \frac{2\pi}{\theta_i^{k+1} - \theta_i^k}$$

Given a molecule with M torsions, the total number of binary variables x_{ik} in the HUBO

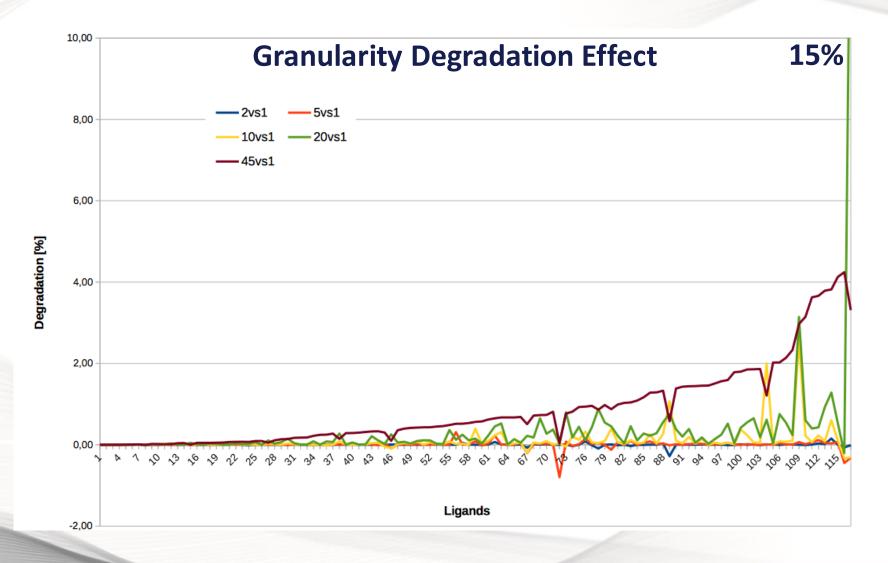
$$n = d \times M = \frac{2\pi}{\Delta\theta_i} \times M$$

Molecules: 20 to 50 atoms - 10 torsions

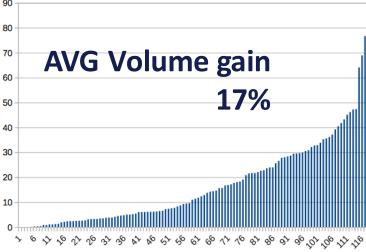




Angle subsampling effect on the unfolding degradation



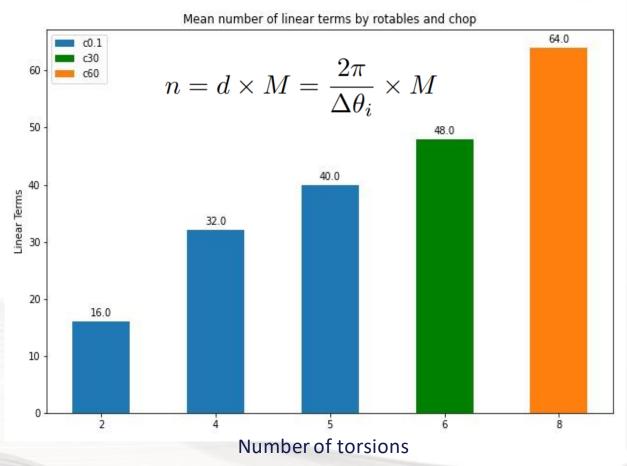
Unfolded vs Initial



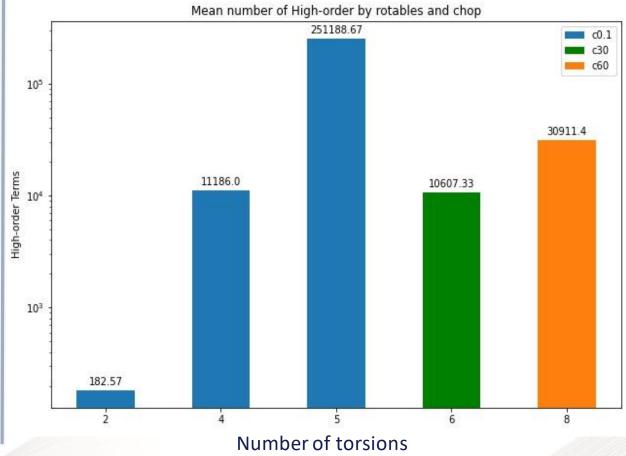


HUBO Problem Structure at $\Delta\theta_i = \pi/4$

HUBO linear terms



HUBO high order terms (Log-scale)





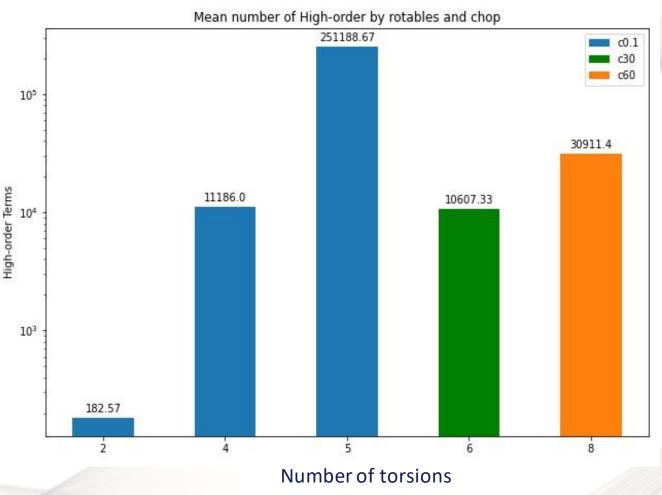
HUBO Problem Approximation

Delete HUBO terms below a certain **threshold.** Applied in **two phases:**

- Speed up the construction of the HUBOs;
- 2. Speed up the transformation of HUBOs into QUBOs (done via dimod.make_quadratic);

Approximated HUBO problems solvable with *DW2000Q* and *Advantage*

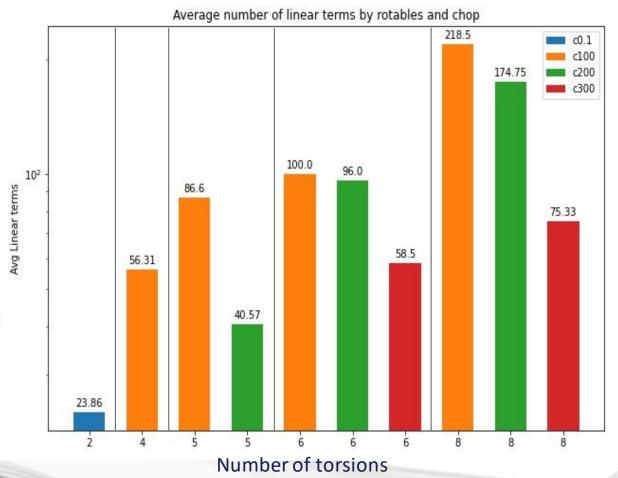
HUBO high order terms (Log-scale)



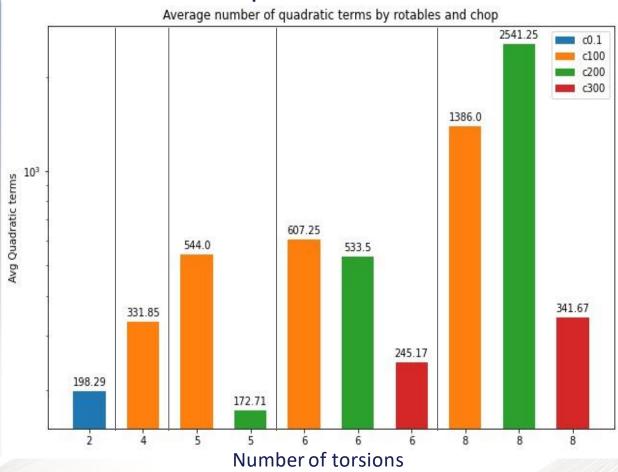


Form HUBOs to QUBOs

QUBO linear terms



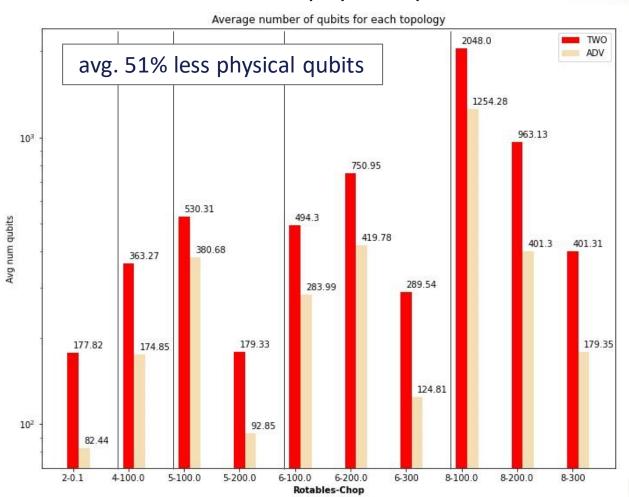
QUBO quadratic terms





Embeddings DW2000Q & Advantage

Number of physical qubits

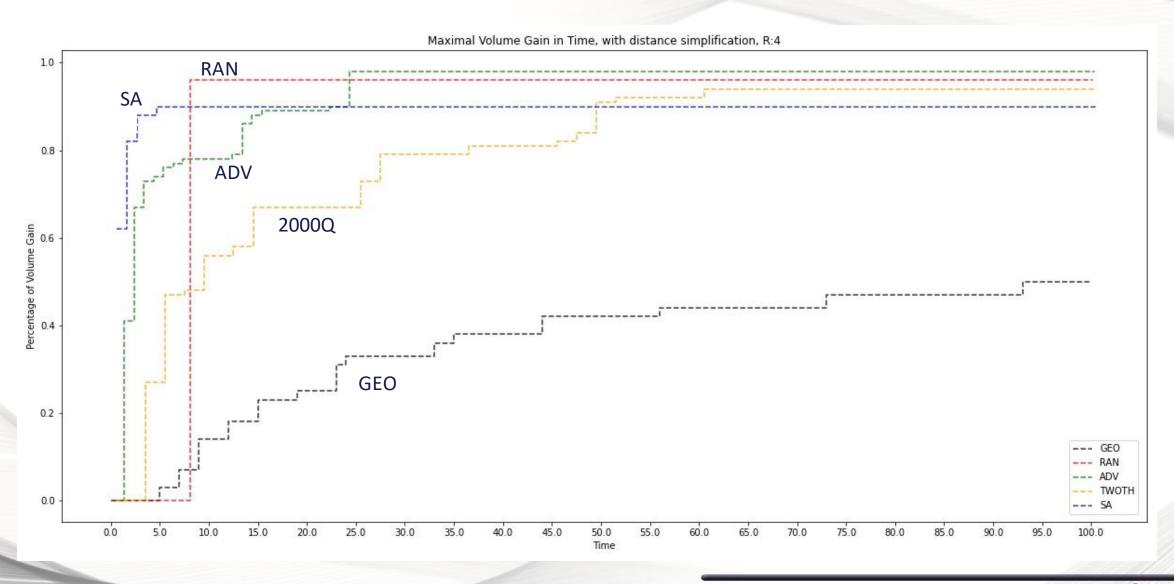


AVG chain length



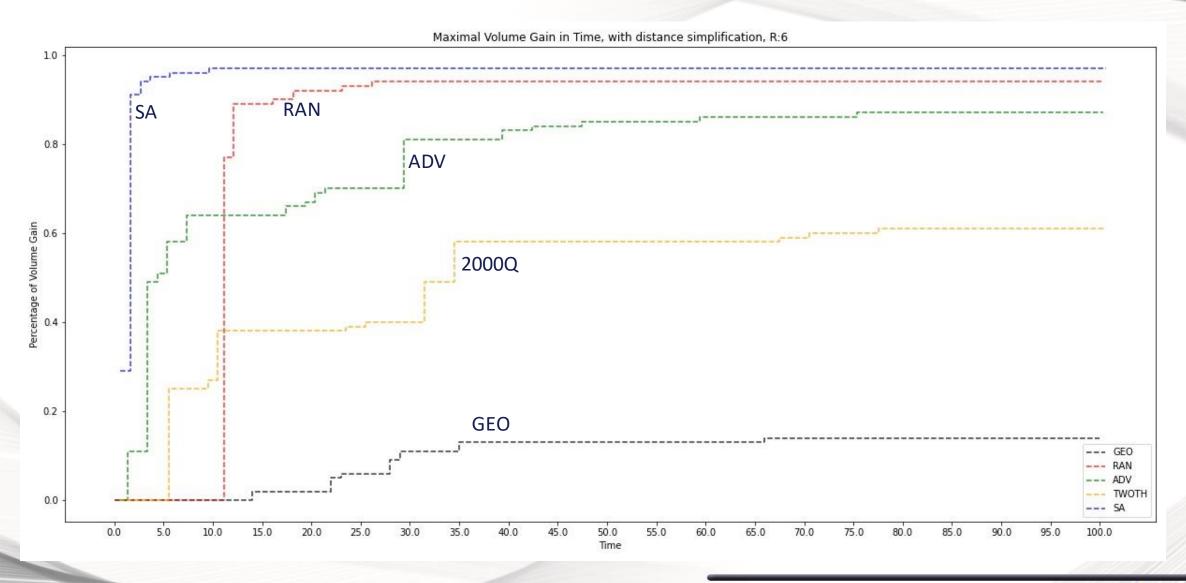


Results, 4 Torsions: Volume Gain in Time (seconds)



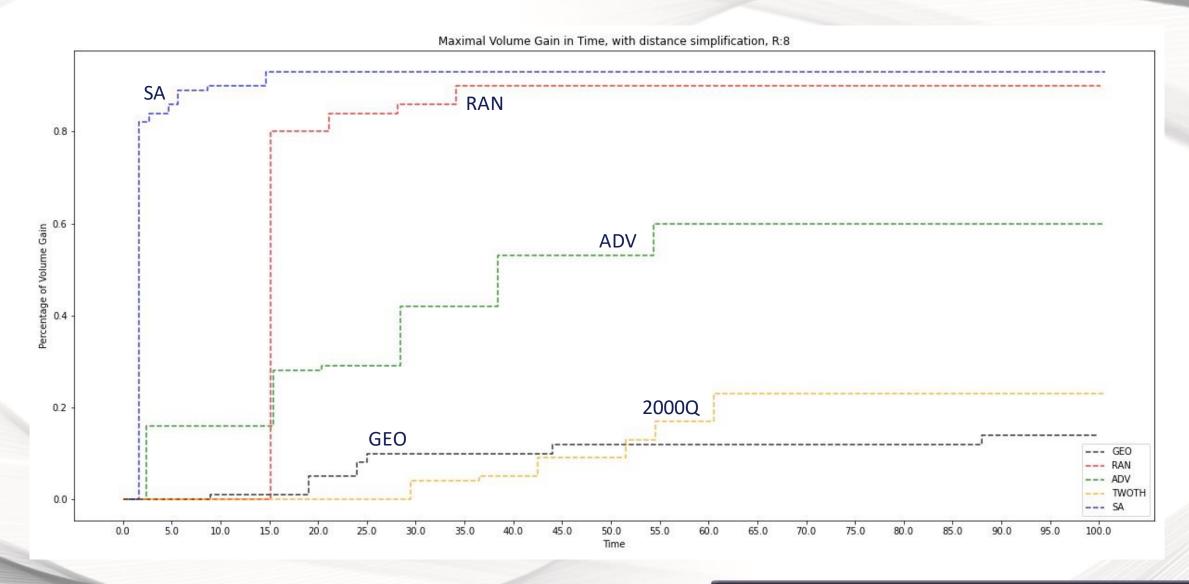


Results, 6 Torsions: Volume Gain in Time (seconds)



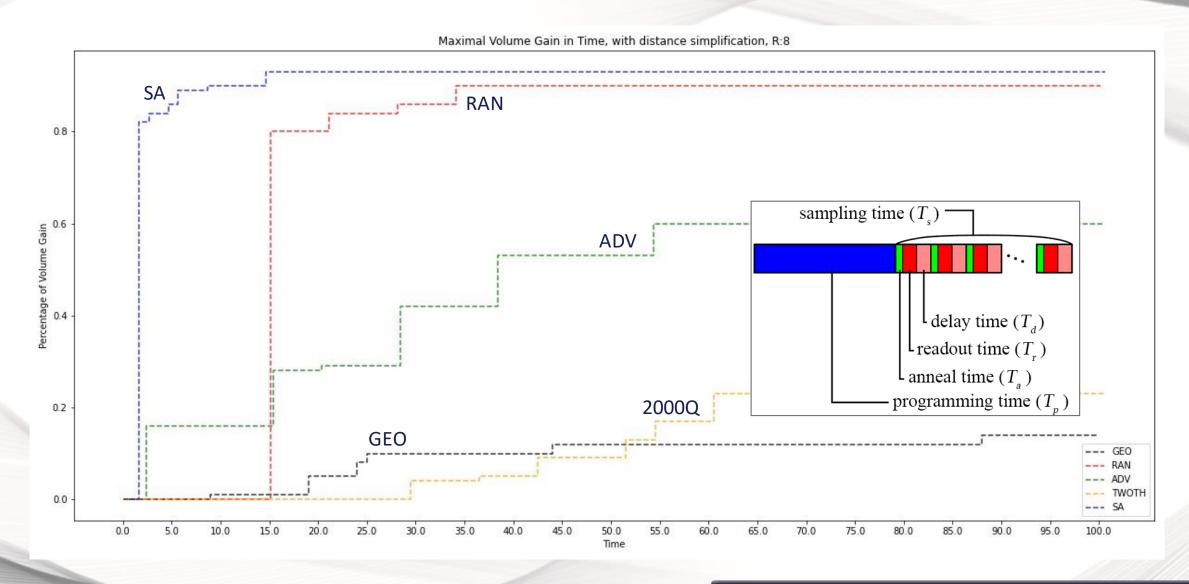


Results, 8 Torsions: Volume Gain in Time (seconds)



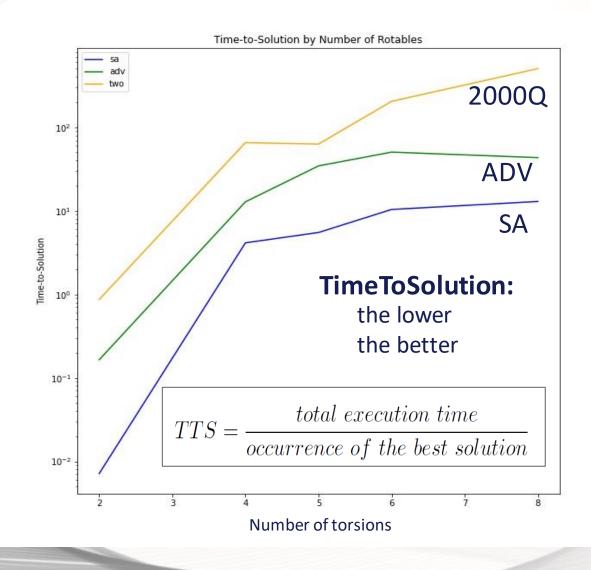


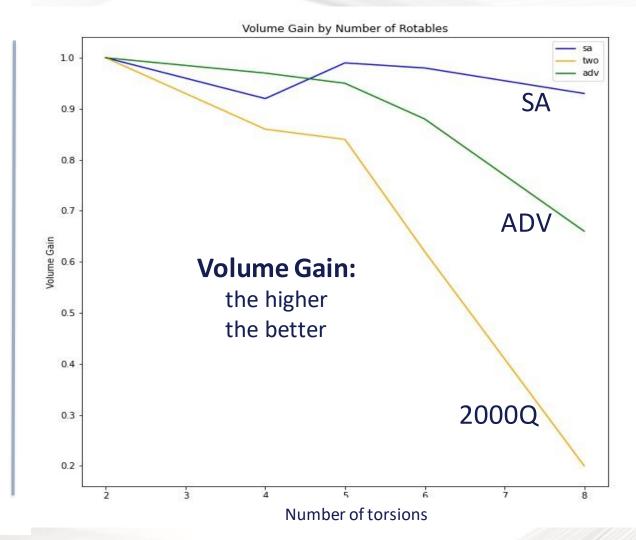
Results, 8 Torsions: Volume Gain in Time (seconds)





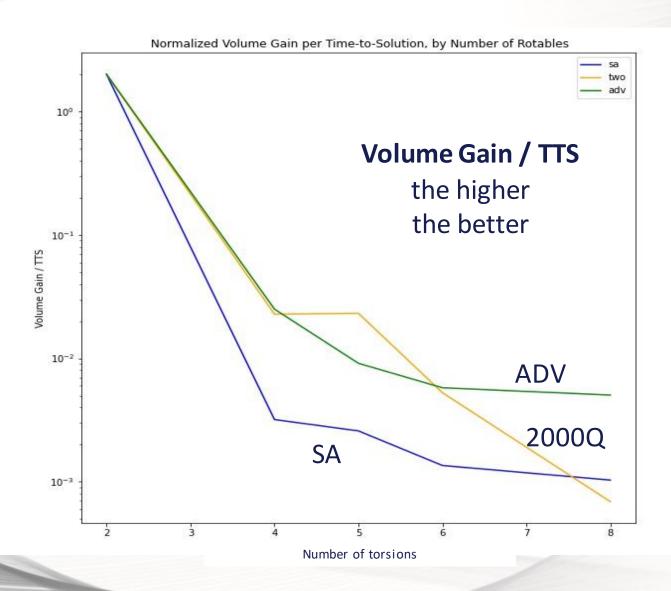
Results: Time To Solution (TTS) & Volume Gain







Results: Normalized Volume Gain per TTS



Normalized Volume Gain per TTS:

- Takes into account both quality of solution and TTS
- Measures how fast the method fails to provide good solutions
- Advantage has lower avg. slope with respect to SA and DW2000Q

sa	two	adv
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Conclusions

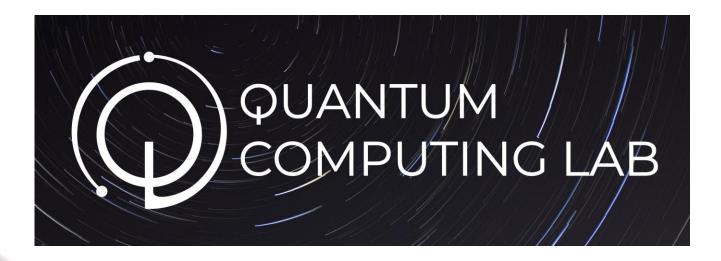
- We tackled the problem of Molecular Unfolding, an important step in molecular docking.
- New HUBO formulation that can be solved on D-WAVE annealers has been developed.
- We have observed that by **increasing** the **approximation threshold with** the **problem size**, it is **possible to embed** formulations that couldn't be otherwise.
- Embedding our problems on Advantage, compared to the DW2000Q, cost 51% less in terms of physical qubits and with chains 52% shorter.
- In terms of absolute time (seconds), SA is the fastest method to provide close to optimal solutions.
- Advantage significantly outperforms DW2000Q in terms of TTS and VolumeGain by increasing torsions. Advantage also show a better NormalizedVolumeGain/TTS scaling w.r.t. SA



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