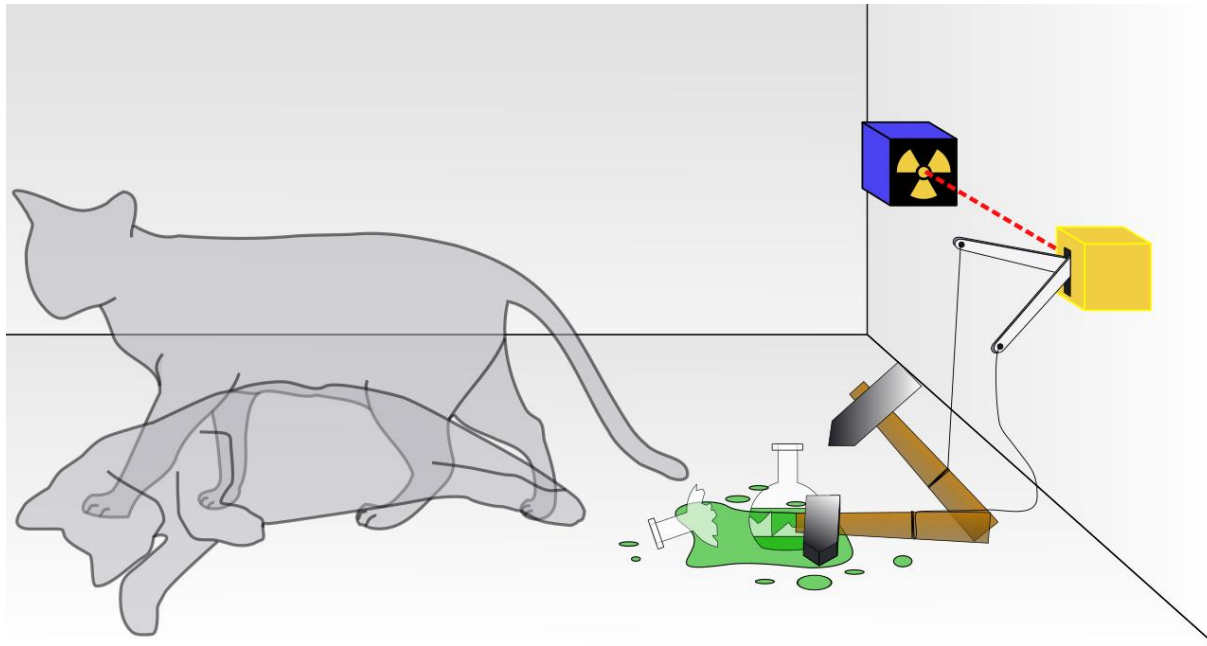




Elasto-Plastic Finite Element Simulations on Quantum Annealers

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Introduction to Quantum Computing

- Bits vs. Qubits:

- Superposition of states:

- A quantum bit can be 0 or 1 at the same time

- State vector of a qubit

- Computational basis $|0\rangle = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$ & $|1\rangle = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$

- Notations:
$$\begin{cases} |\phi\rangle = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha \\ \beta \end{pmatrix} = \alpha|0\rangle + \beta|1\rangle \\ \langle\phi| = (\alpha^* \quad \beta^*) \end{cases} \quad |\alpha|^2 + |\beta|^2 = 1$$

- Qubit represented on the surface of the Bloch Sphere

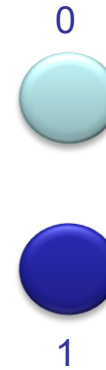
$$|\phi\rangle = e^{i\delta} \left(\cos\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right) |0\rangle + e^{i\varphi} \sin\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right) |1\rangle \right)$$

- Global phase $e^{i\delta}$ has no observable consequence
(NB relative phase has consequence)

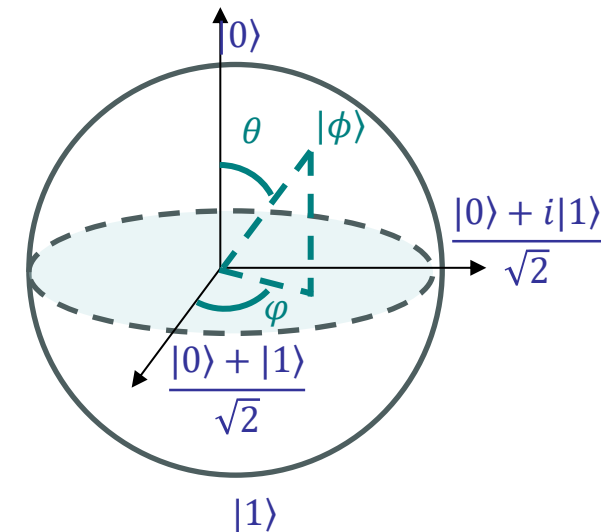
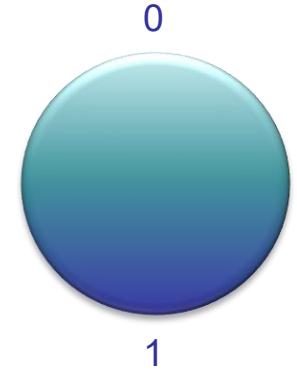
- At measurement (in the computational basis)

- Either $|0\rangle$ or $|1\rangle$ with respective probability $|\alpha|^2$ and $|\beta|^2$

Bit



Qubit



- Multiple (connected) qubits:

- Product state of 2 1-qubit states:

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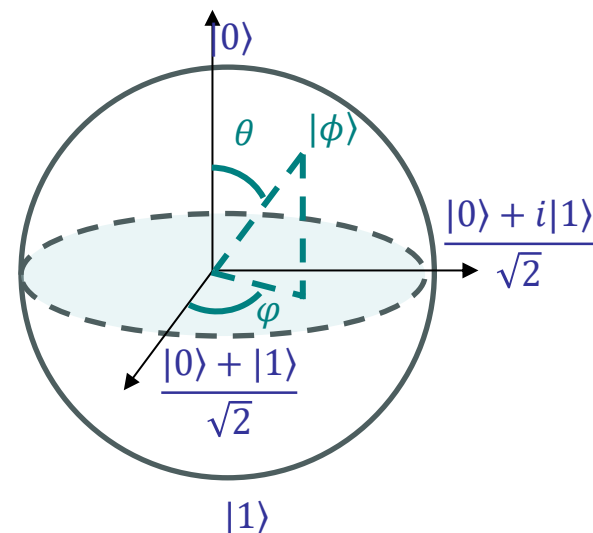
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- A system of K coupled qubits

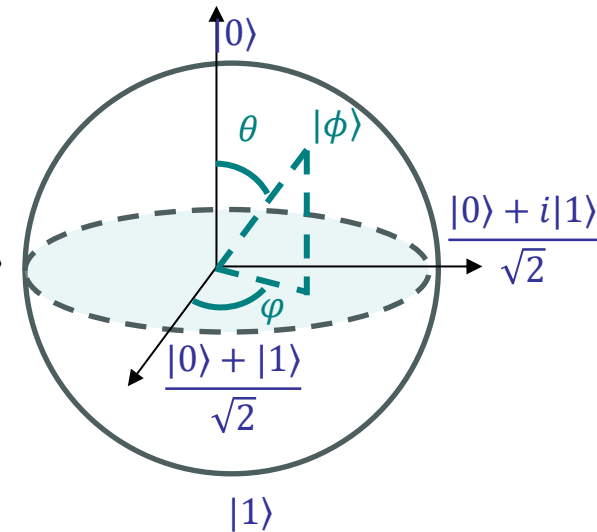
- Is a 2^K -state quantum-mechanical system
- Whose state can be represented by any normalised linear combination of 2^K basis states:

$$|\phi\rangle = \phi_0|0\rangle \otimes |0\rangle \dots \otimes |0\rangle + \phi_1|0\rangle \otimes |0\rangle \dots \otimes |1\rangle + \dots + \phi_{2^K-1}|1\rangle \dots \otimes |1\rangle \otimes |1\rangle$$

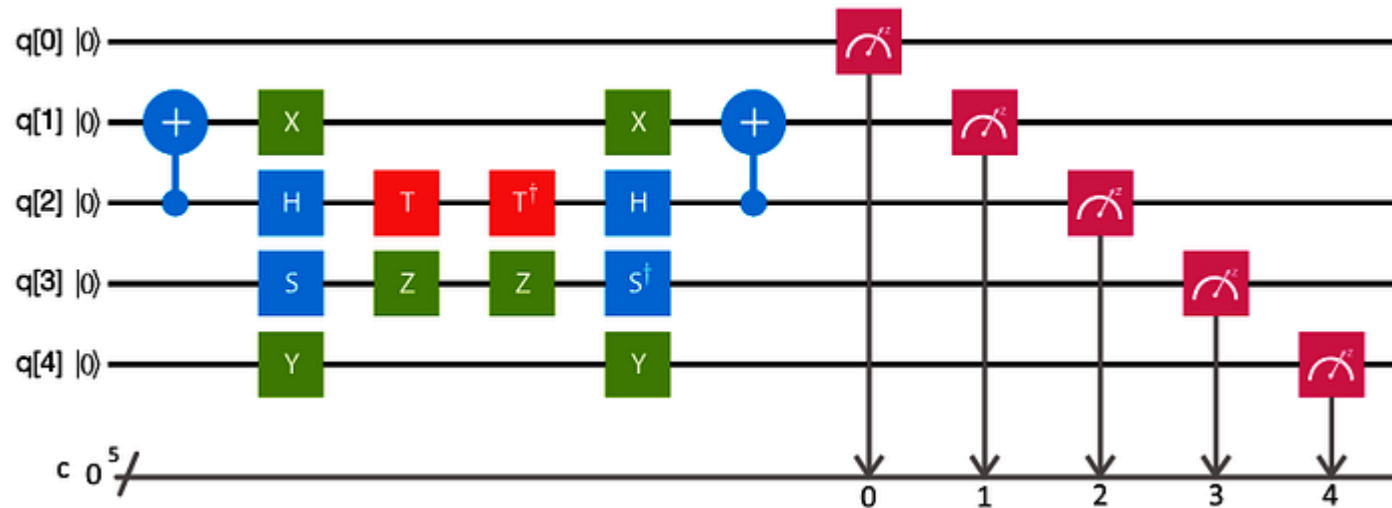
with $\sum_{i=0}^{2^K-1} |\phi_i|^2 = 1$



Because of superposition, potentially, a quantum computer with K qubits can take 2^K bitstrings of size K in parallel at the same time. A classical computer can only take 1 bitstring of size K



- Universal gate
 - Circuit, e.g. on 5-qubits



- Gate-based QC
 - Universal approach (like classical computers operations are performed on qubits)
 - Highly sensitive to noise → difficulty in controlling error
 - Error controlled by using control qubits

- Quantum annealer

- Goal: finding the ground state of a Hamiltonian \mathbf{H}

$$|\phi_0\rangle = \arg \min_{|\phi\rangle} \langle \phi | \mathbf{H} | \phi \rangle$$

- Based on quantum adiabatic theorem:

- Considering a time-varying Hamiltonian $\mathbf{H}_{QA}(t)$ initially at ground state, if its time evolution is slow enough, it is likely to remain at the ground state

- Adiabatic quantum computing:

- Starts from the ground state of an easy to prepare Hamiltonian \mathbf{H}_i
- Evolves to the ground state of the Hamiltonian \mathbf{H} which encodes the sought solution

$$\mathbf{H}_{QA}(t) = \frac{(t_a - t)}{t_a} \mathbf{H}_i + \frac{t}{t_a} \mathbf{H}$$

- Quantum annealing

- Exploits quantum effect such as quantum tunneling
- Less sensitive to noise than Gate-based QC

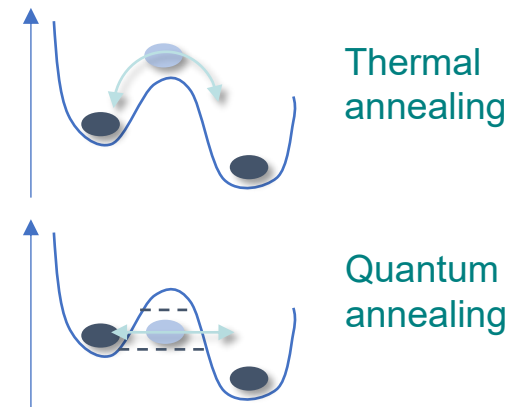


We still need to design error-contained algorithm !!!

- Less versatile than Gate-based QC



But minimizing energy in mechanics is natural !!!



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- Some definitions

- Set of K qubits $V = \{0, \dots, K-1\}$
- Set of interactions between 2 qubits $E \subset \{(i, j) \mid i \in V, j \in V, i < j\}$
- Pauli- Z operator $\mathbf{Z} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$ and identity $\mathbf{I} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$
- Pauli- Z operator applied on qubit i : $\mathbf{Z}_i = \underbrace{\mathbf{I} \otimes \dots \otimes \mathbf{I}}_0 \otimes \underbrace{\mathbf{Z}}_i \otimes \underbrace{\mathbf{I} \otimes \dots \otimes \mathbf{I}}_{K-1}$
- Pauli- Z operator applied on qubits i and j :

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- Ising Hamiltonian represented by an undirected graph (V, E) :

- $\mathbf{H} = \sum_{i \in V} h_i \mathbf{Z}_i + \sum_{(i,j) \in E} J_{ij} \mathbf{Z}_{ij}$
- Is a $2^K \times 2^K$ diagonal operator in the computational basis

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- In terms of spin variables

- Computational basis of \mathbf{H} $|\phi\rangle = |b_0 b_1 \dots b_{K-1}\rangle$ with $b_i \in \{0, 1\}$
- Vector of spin variables: $\mathbf{s} = [(-1)^{b_i} \forall i \in V]$

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- In terms of binary variables

- Vector of binary variables $\mathbf{b} = [b_i \forall i \in V]$
- Spin-binary variable transformation $s_i = 2b_i - 1 : \{0, 1\} \rightarrow \{-1, 1\}$ & property $b_i^2 = b_i$

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- Constitutive model:

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- Finite element formulation

- Displacement field at quadrature point Ξ from nodal displacements vector \mathbf{U}

$$\mathbf{u}(\Xi) = N_a(\Xi) \mathbf{U}_a \quad \xrightarrow{\text{blue arrow}} \quad \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}(\Xi) = \nabla \otimes^s \mathbf{u}(\Xi) = \mathbf{B}_a(\Xi) \mathbf{U}_a$$

- Resulting non-linear system of equations on time interval $[t_n, t_{n+1}]$

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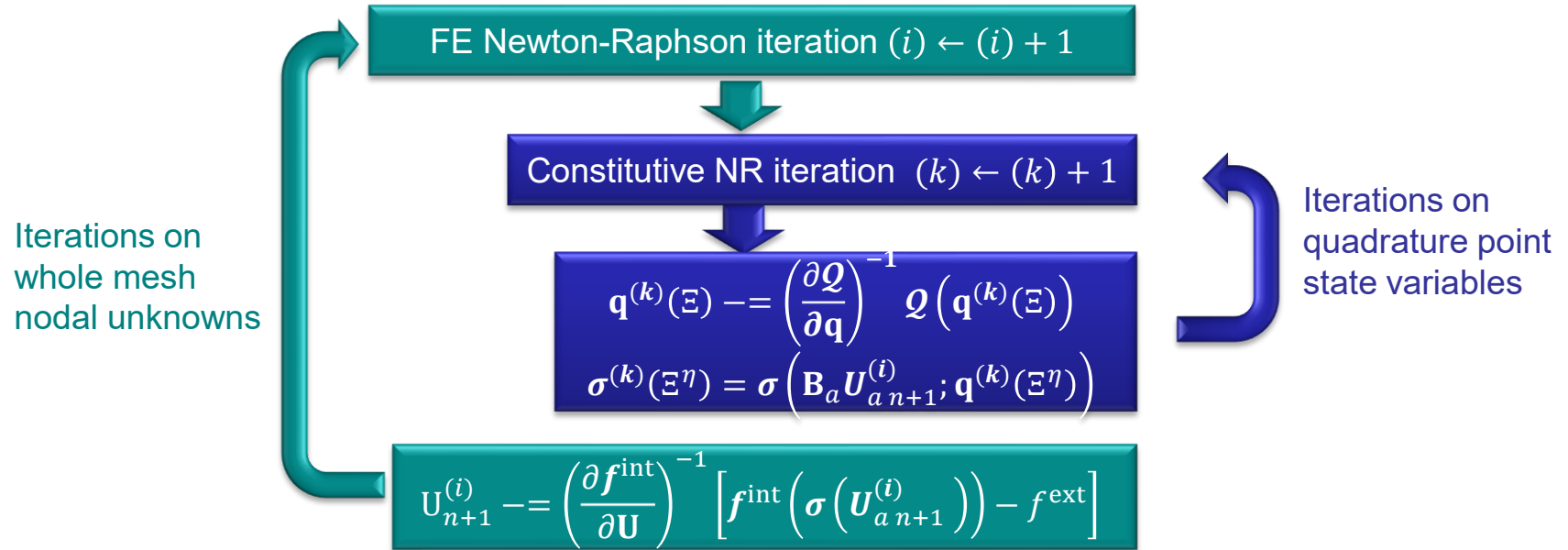
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Omitting surface tractions

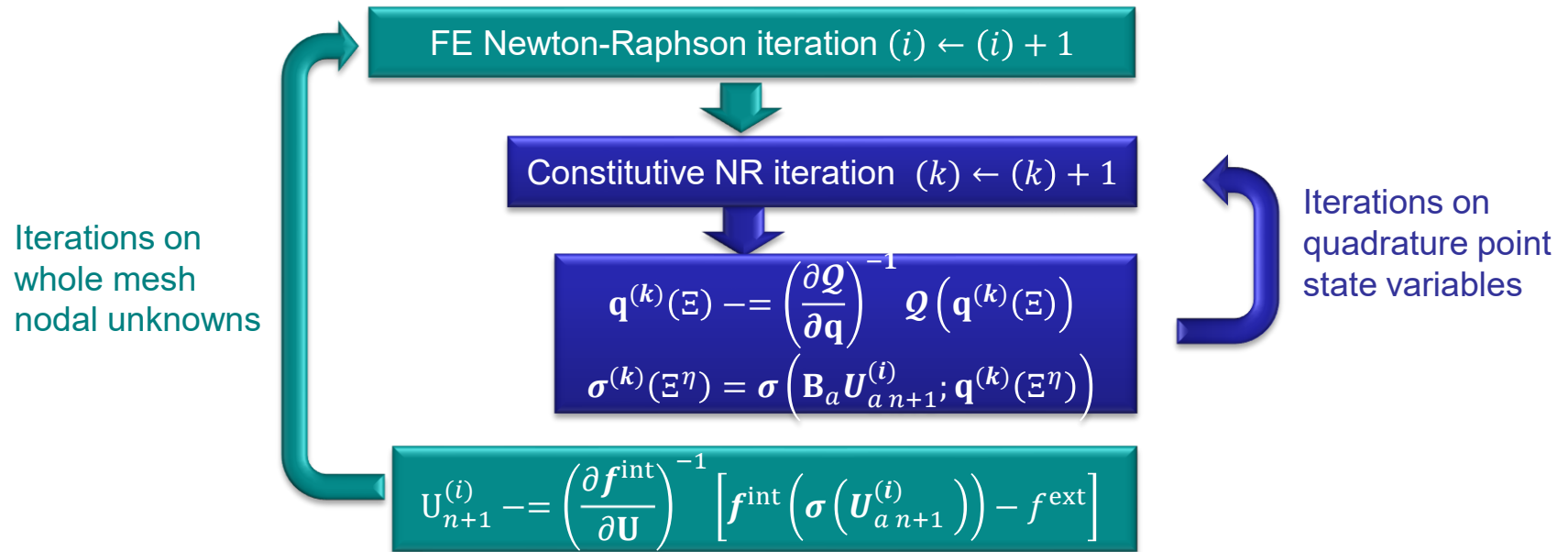
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- What can be solved on a Quantum Computer?
 - Optimization problems can be solved (Actually Quantum Annealers look for a ground state)
 - Some operations can be achieved efficiently on classical computers like assembly
- Do we need the same resolution structure?
 - Do we need intricate NR loops?
 - Do we even need to use the discretized form of the weak form?

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- We are looking for the solution of a minimization problem

- The potential is convex
 - But it is not quadratic
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 $\boldsymbol{\sigma} = \frac{\partial \Psi}{\partial \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}}$  for an irreversible process: $\mathcal{D} = \mathbf{Y} \cdot \dot{\mathbf{q}} \geq 0$ with $\mathbf{Y} = -\frac{\partial \Psi}{\partial \mathbf{q}}$

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– Power functional \mathcal{E}

- New independent variables $(\dot{\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}}, \dot{\mathbf{q}})$

- $\mathcal{E}(\dot{\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}}, \dot{\mathbf{q}}) = \dot{\Psi} + \theta(\dot{\mathbf{q}}) = \frac{\partial \Psi}{\partial \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}} : \dot{\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}} - \mathbf{Y} \cdot \dot{\mathbf{q}} + \theta(\dot{\mathbf{q}})$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\partial \mathcal{E}}{\partial \dot{\mathbf{q}}} = -\mathbf{Y} + \frac{\partial \theta(\dot{\mathbf{q}})}{\partial \dot{\mathbf{q}}} = \mathbf{0} \Rightarrow \mathcal{E} \text{ has to be minimized with respect to internal state}$$

- Effective power functional* $\mathcal{E}^{\text{eff}}(\dot{\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}}) = \min_{\dot{\mathbf{q}}} \mathcal{E}(\dot{\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}}, \dot{\mathbf{q}})$ with $\boldsymbol{\sigma} = \frac{\partial \Psi}{\partial \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}} = \frac{\partial \mathcal{E}^{\text{eff}}}{\partial \dot{\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}}}$

– The constitutive model is also a minimization problem

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- In elasticity we had

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- Double minimization problem in inelasticity

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- Volume power functional

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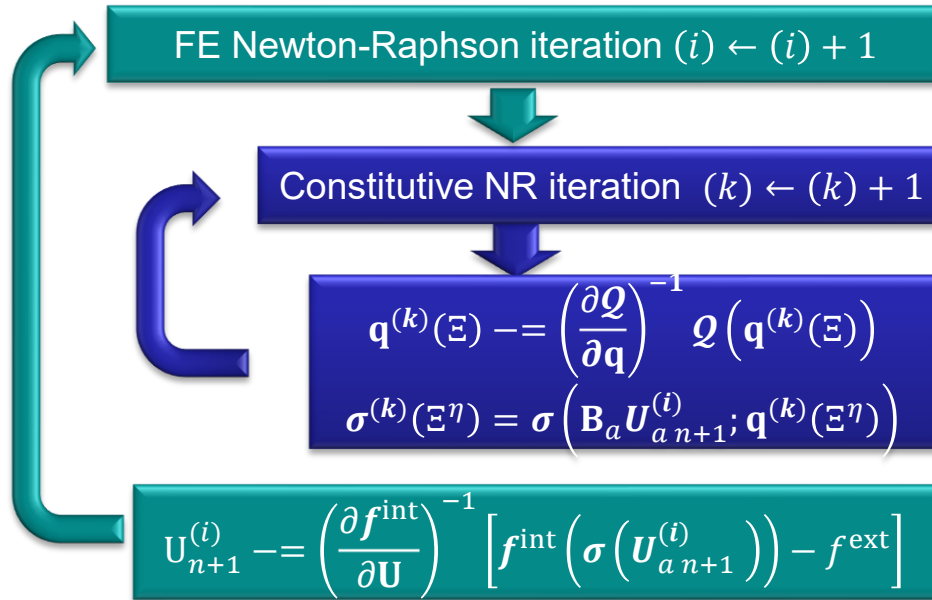
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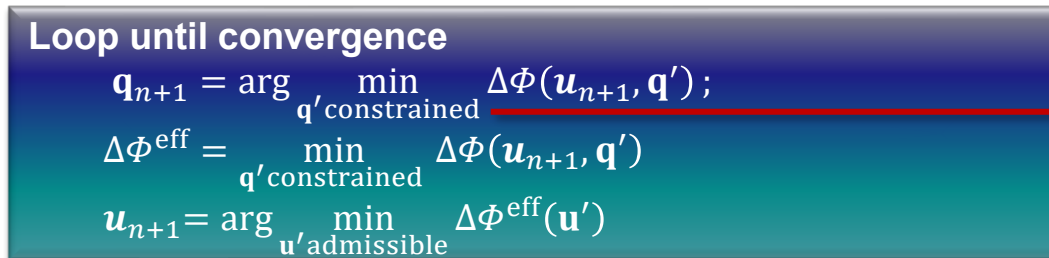
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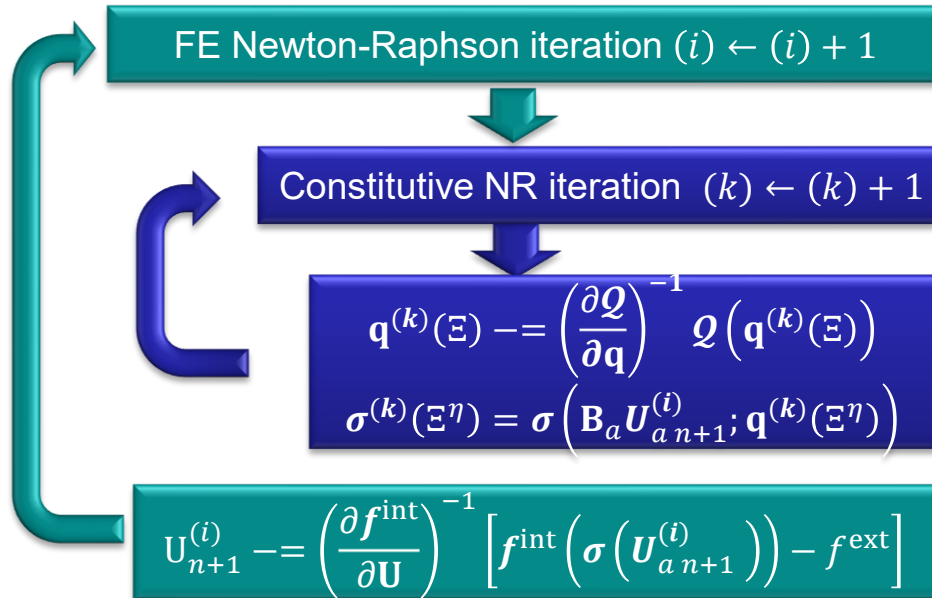


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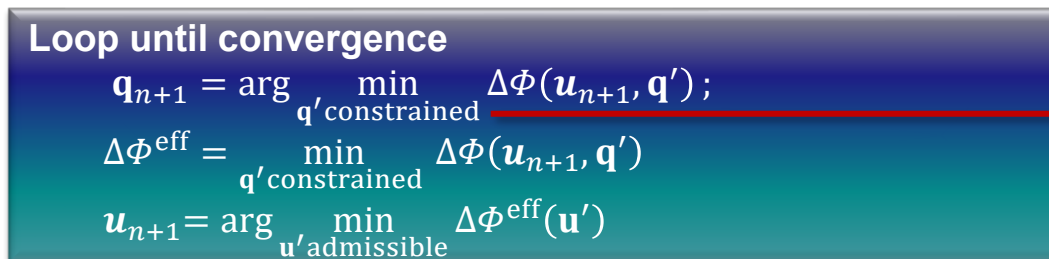


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- Apply the double-minimization framework

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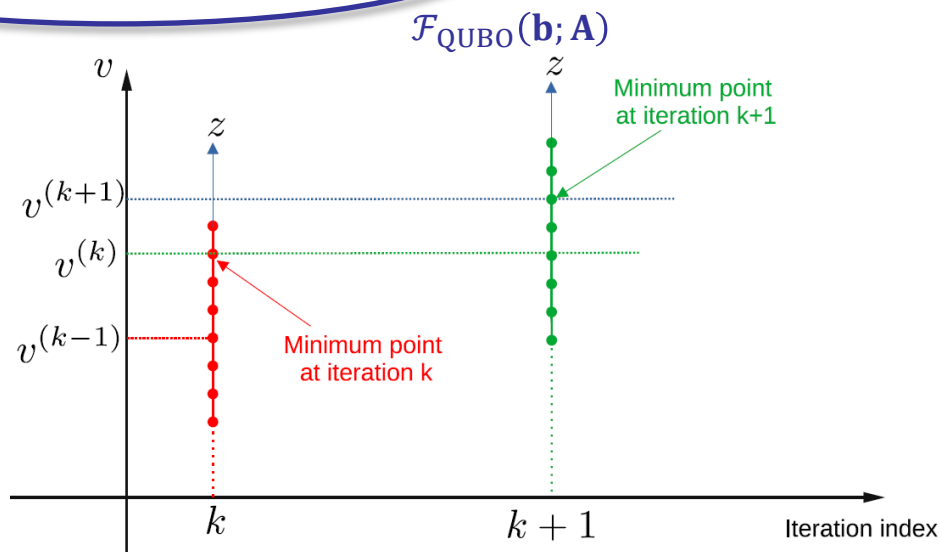
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- Minimization

- Bound $\mathbf{a} = \mathbf{z}^{\min}$ and

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- Updated when building the QUBO



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- Application to the double-minimization problem

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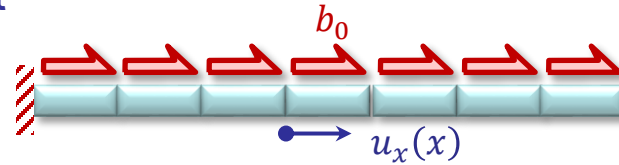


Quantum annealing



Application on 1D problems

- Uniaxial-strain test



- Elasto-plastic case

- Double minimization

- Binarizations L of each nodal displacement and internal variable: $b_{L-1} \dots b_0 \equiv \sum_{j=0}^{L-1} b_j 2^j = \boldsymbol{\beta}^T \mathbf{b}_i$

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Loop on $\mathbf{q}_{n+1} \leftarrow \mathbf{q}_{n+1} + \Delta \mathbf{q}, \lambda \leftarrow \lambda + \Delta \lambda$

$$f(\Delta \mathbf{q}, \Delta \lambda) = [\Delta \mathbf{q}^T \Delta \lambda] \Delta \Phi_{\text{aug},\{\mathbf{q} \lambda\}} + \frac{1}{2} [\Delta \mathbf{q}^T \Delta \lambda] \Delta \Phi_{\text{aug},\{\mathbf{q} \lambda\}\{\mathbf{q} \lambda\}} [\Delta \mathbf{q}^T \Delta \lambda]^T$$

Update $\mathbf{a}_{\mathbf{q}}, \mathbf{D}(\epsilon_{\mathbf{q}})$

$$\mathbf{b}_{\mathbf{q}} = \arg \min_{\mathbf{b}'_{\mathbf{q}}} \left(\frac{1}{2} \mathbf{b}'_{\mathbf{q}}{}^T \mathbf{D}^T \Delta \Phi_{\text{aug},\{\mathbf{q} \lambda\}\{\mathbf{q} \lambda\}} \mathbf{D} \mathbf{b}'_{\mathbf{q}} + \mathbf{b}'_{\mathbf{q}}{}^T \mathbf{D}^T (\Phi_{\text{aug},\{\mathbf{q} \lambda\}} + \Delta \Phi_{\text{aug},\{\mathbf{q} \lambda\}\{\mathbf{q} \lambda\}} \mathbf{a}_{\mathbf{q}}) \right)$$

$$\Delta \Phi^{\text{eff}} = \Delta \Phi_{\text{aug}}(\mathbf{u}_{n+1}, \mathbf{q}_{n+1}, \lambda)$$

Double minimization iterations

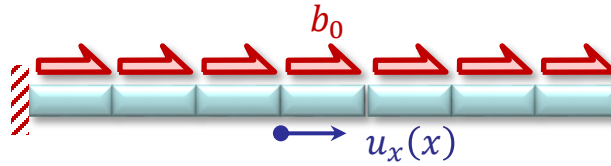
Local iterations

Quantum annealing

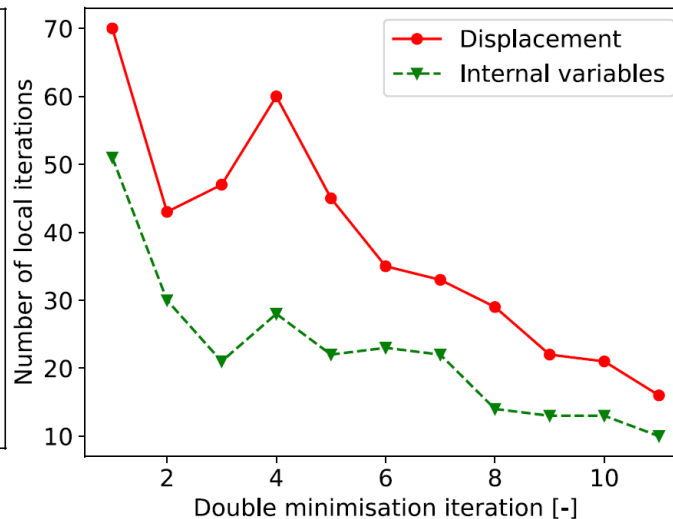
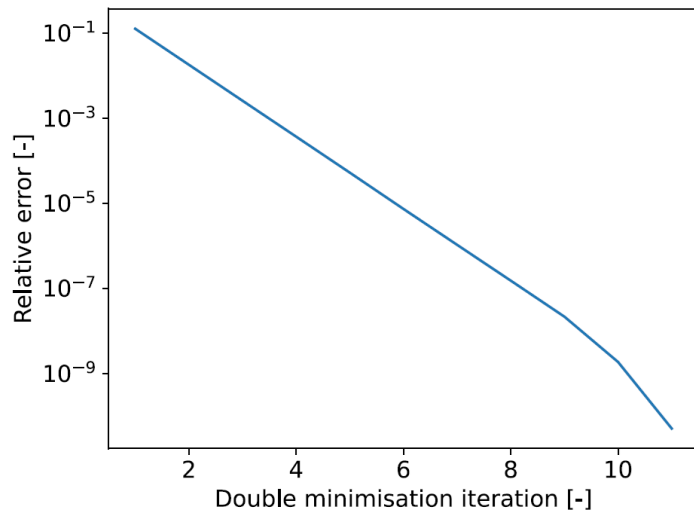
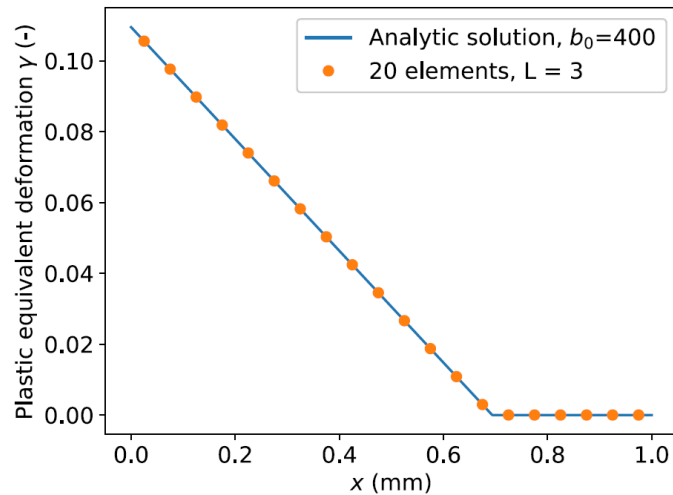
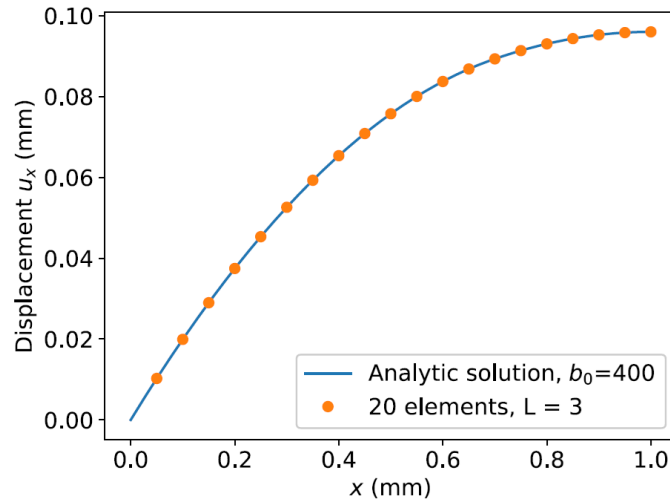
Quantum annealing

Application on 1D problems

- Uniaxial-strain test
- Elasto-plastic case



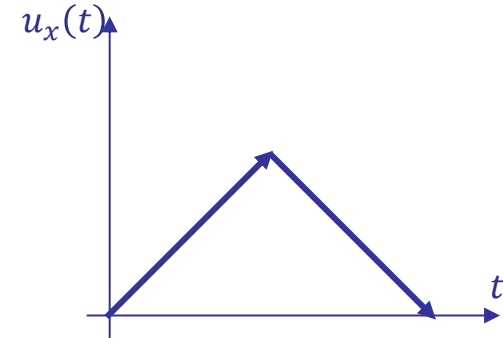
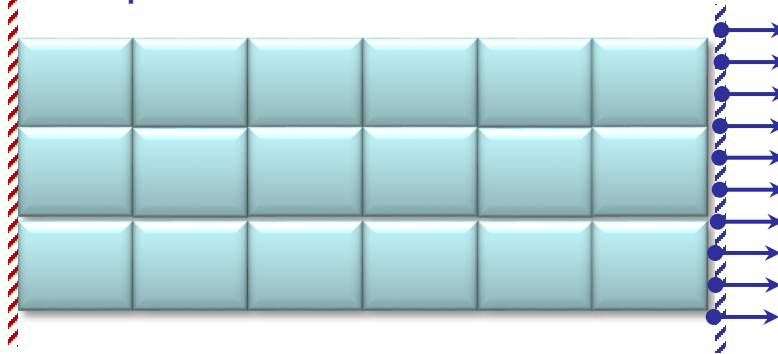
– Effect of double-minimization & local iterations



The number of local iterations decreases as the double minimisation iterations proceed

Application on 2D problems

- 2D-elasto-plastic case

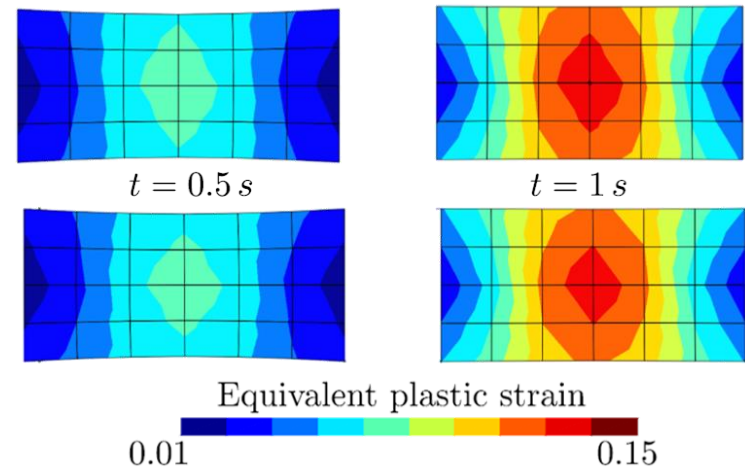
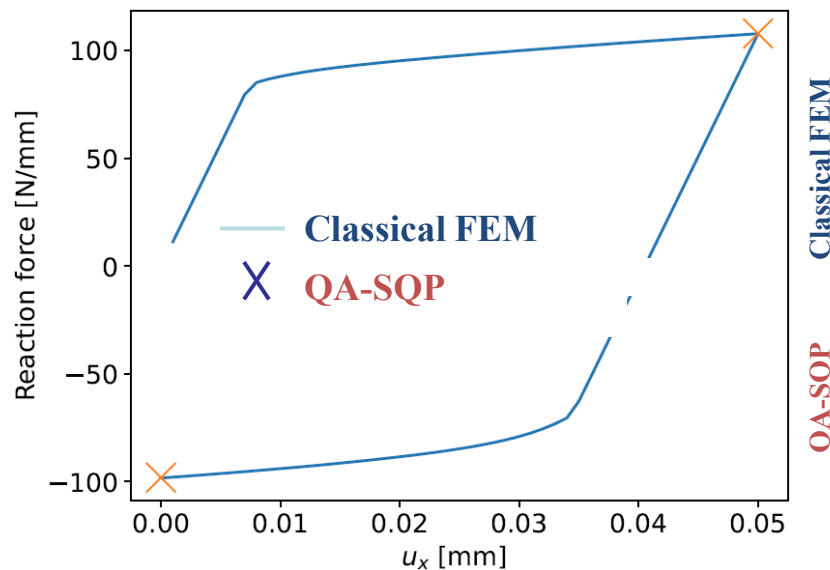


- Double minimization

- Binarizations L of each nodal displacement and internal variable:

$$b_{L-1} \dots b_0 \equiv \sum_{j=0}^{L-1} b_j 2^j = \boldsymbol{\beta}^T \mathbf{b}_i$$

- Resolution by quantum annealing on DWave Advantage QPU



- Application of QC to FEM
 - FE resolution needs to be rethought
 - It will probably stay advantageous to solve part of the problem on classical computers
 - Binarization remains a limitation
- Quantum annealing
 - Real annealers can now be used
 - Efficient to solve optimization problem.... FEM is actually a minimization problem
 - Main current limitation is the number of connected qubits
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