Technical Review Document

Timing and Phase-Alignment Constraints at the Classical–Quantum Interface

Purpose

This document is provided for technical review only. It presents a narrowly scoped analysis of timing and phase-alignment constraints that arise when classical control systems interface with coherence-sensitive quantum or quantum-adjacent subsystems. It is not a commercial disclosure, system description, or request for collaboration.

Abstract

Hybrid classical–quantum systems require interfaces that respect strict timing, phase, and jitter constraints to avoid premature loss of coherence. This document examines the fundamental limits imposed by classical clocking, signal latency, and phase noise when interacting with coherence-sensitive subsystems. The goal is to identify regimes in which such interaction is theoretically plausible, as well as conditions under which failure is unavoidable. No specific architecture or implementation is proposed.

1. Problem Statement

As quantum and quantum-adjacent technologies advance, practical systems increasingly rely on classical electronics for control, measurement, and coordination. The interface between these domains introduces nontrivial constraints. Classical systems operate under discrete clocking, finite latency, and stochastic noise sources, while coherence-sensitive systems require phase stability and timing precision within strict bounds.

2. Scope of Analysis

This analysis is intentionally limited to abstract timing and phase considerations. It does not describe or assume any specific system topology, control hierarchy, signaling method, or hardware implementation.

3. Conceptual Timing Model

We consider a classical control domain characterized by a clock frequency f_{clk}, timing uncertainty Δt, and phase noise ε_ϕ. This domain interacts with a coherence-sensitive subsystem characterized by a coherence timescale τ_c.

4. Constraint Regimes

Latency-dominated, jitter-dominated, and phase-drift regimes define boundaries beyond which classical control becomes incompatible with coherence preservation.

5. Failure Modes

Failure occurs when timing uncertainty approaches τ_c, feedback latency prevents correction, or accumulated phase noise exceeds tolerable limits.

6. Discussion and Open Questions

This analysis highlights fundamental constraints but does not resolve whether practical systems can consistently operate within safe regimes.

7. Conclusion

Any viable hybrid approach must respect timing and phase limits. This document provides a framework for evaluating such constraints.

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