Recursive Coherence Modeling and Structural Prediction on IBM Quantum Hardware

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Abstract

We present a predictive framework for coherence behavior in quantum circuits based on recursive phase geometry. This approach introduces a coherence correction factor, λ, which accounts for angular misalignment and accumulated phase strain across entangling paths. Total recursive coherence is defined as $\Lambda(n) = \prod_{i=1}^{n} \lambda_i$, with a collapse threshold derived from containment limits in irrational angular tiling: $\Lambda_{\text{collapse}} = \bar{\lambda}^{3.4\pi}$.

To evaluate this framework, we analyze GHZ-type circuits transpiled to three IBM Quantum backends (Sherbrooke, Kyiv, Brisbane), extracting gate-level coherence retention values (λ) from backend calibration and tracking recursive entangling depth (n). Using no fitting or simulation, we predict whether coherence will hold or collapse, achieving 100% accuracy across 33 circuit executions. Visualizations include recursive coherence decay curves, per-gate structural stress maps, and comparisons between predicted collapse times and measured T_2 values.

These results suggest that coherence failure in NISQ devices is not purely stochastic, but can be structurally anticipated using geometric recursion. By translating coherence from a probabilistic concept into a structural one, this work offers new pathways for quantum circuit design, routing, and stability forecasting. We propose that recursive coherence analysis may bridge theoretical geometry and operational quantum behavior, extending insight from mathematical phase alignment to real-world quantum containment. Additionally, this model enables low-cost, pre-execution validation of circuit feasibility — offering potential performance and resource gains for emerging quantum technologies.

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1 Introduction

Coherence loss in quantum circuits is typically modeled as a stochastic process, driven by environmental noise, thermal decoherence, or probabilistic gate error [14, 13]. While this approach has been successful in many areas of quantum engineering, it treats coherence degradation as a largely extrinsic and random phenomenon. In this work, we explore an alternative framing — one that models coherence loss as a form of internal geometric strain, arising from recursive phase misalignment across entangling operations.

We introduce a coherence correction factor, λ, which represents the retention of structural phase alignment at each step of recursive depth. This value is not derived from fitting; it emerges from a geometric model of recursive containment, where angular misalignment accumulates under irrational tiling. These insights first arose in the context of hydrogen — modeled as a recursive phase system derived from first principles of geometric structure. A version of this correction factor appeared in prior derivations of physical constants from recursive geometry, including Planck's constant, the fine-structure constant, and the Rydberg constant[6, 4, 7].

Remarkably, we now observe that this same structural principle applies to coherence in real quantum devices. Despite the complexity of modern hardware and the noise of a mature universe, qubits appear to behave like geometric recursion cycles — subject to the same phase retention limits and collapse thresholds[1]. In this paper, we evaluate the application of this geometric coherence model to quantum hardware — testing whether the same recursive structure that governs atomic systems also predicts circuit-level coherence retention.

Total recursive coherence is defined as:

$$\Lambda(n) = \prod_{i=1}^{n} \lambda_i \tag{1}$$

and we define a collapse threshold as:

$$\Lambda_{\text{collapse}} = \bar{\lambda}^{3.4\pi} \tag{2}$$

where $\bar{\lambda}$ is the average retention value across the entangling path, and 3.4π is a derived angular phase boundary associated with the limit of recursive containment. When $\Lambda(n)$ falls below this threshold, we interpret coherence failure not as a probabilistic event, but as a structural inevitability.

To test this framework, we analyze GHZ-type circuits transpiled to three IBM Quantum backends: Sherbrooke, Kyiv, and Brisbane. Using backend calibration data, we extract

[1] This correspondence suggests that coherence is not merely a system-specific property, but an echo of a deeper structural rule: that recursive systems, whether atomic or computational, retain coherence only when phase alignment is geometrically sustainable.

gate-level λ values and compute $\Lambda(n)$ for each circuit. The results are compared against the threshold to predict whether the system retains recursive coherence. Across 33 circuit executions, our predictions matched observed outcomes with 100% accuracy — without any simulation or parameter tuning.

Our intention is not to replace noise models, but to complement them by introducing a structural framework for coherence prediction. This approach reframes coherence loss as an internal geometric process — one that may inform new strategies for quantum circuit design, coherence-aware routing, and system stability analysis. We offer this model as a tool, and a lens, for understanding entanglement integrity in the recursive depth domain.

2 Theoretical Framework

We explore a structural approach to coherence retention based on recursive phase geometry. In this framing, coherence is understood not as a purely stochastic phenomenon, but as a recursive containment of oscillatory phase — a memory whose integrity diminishes under angular strain.

We define a per-gate coherence retention factor, λ, as the proportion of coherence preserved through a single recursive entangling operation. In an ideal system, λ would approach 1.0. However, under conditions of irrational angular tiling and structural misalignment, λ gradually diverges from unity, converging toward an asymptotic value:

$$\lambda_\infty \approx 0.99988.$$

This value has been previously derived as a recursive correction factor in geometric treatments of Planck's constant, the fine-structure constant, and the Rydberg constant [6, 4, 7]. In this work, we evaluate whether the same logic can describe coherence behavior in entangled circuits.

The total recursive coherence for a circuit of depth n is defined as:

$$\Lambda(n) = \prod_{i=1}^{n} \lambda_i \tag{1}$$

where each λ_i is drawn from device-specific calibration data. If λ is uniform across the path, the equation simplifies to:

$$\Lambda(n) = \lambda^n,$$

which describes exponential containment decay with respect to recursive depth.

To identify the point at which recursive coherence can no longer be structurally retained, we define a threshold:

$$\Lambda_{\text{collapse}} = \bar{\lambda}^{3.4\pi} \tag{2}$$

where $\bar{\lambda}$ is the mean coherence retention value across the entangling path, and 3.4π is a derived angular phase boundary associated with recursive containment limits. This threshold is not fitted or empirical — it reflects the angular depth beyond which phase coherence can no longer be geometrically sustained under non-integer curvature and irrational phase alignment.

We interpret $\Lambda_{\text{collapse}}$ as the coherence horizon. When $\Lambda(n) > \Lambda_{\text{collapse}}$, the system remains structurally contained. When it falls below this threshold, coherence loss becomes structurally inevitable — regardless of mitigation strategies.

This framework assumes neither stochasticity nor simulation. It offers a predictive lens for assessing whether a recursive entanglement path can be held, based purely on geometric structure and per-gate calibration data.

In the next section, we evaluate this coherence retention model against real IBM Quantum hardware, using GHZ circuits of varying depth transpiled across multiple backends. We compute $\Lambda(n)$ from actual gate fidelities and compare predictions to observed system behavior.

3 Method

To evaluate whether recursive coherence predictions can align with real quantum hardware behavior, we applied a geometric containment framework to a series of GHZ circuits compiled to IBM Quantum devices. Our goal was to assess whether coherence retention, modeled recursively through gate-level fidelity, could structurally predict when a circuit would maintain or lose coherence.

3.1 IBM Quantum Backends

We selected three IBM Quantum devices with publicly accessible calibration data and backend configurations:

- **ibm_sherbrooke** (127 qubits)
- **ibm_brisbane** (127 qubits)
- **ibm_kyiv** (127 qubits)

All devices are superconducting qubit systems based on heavy-hex lattice topologies [9], each with a unique gate map and calibration profile, including per-gate error rates and T_1, T_2 times.

3.2 Circuit Design and Transpilation

As a recursive coherence benchmark, we used GHZ-type circuits — which generate maximally entangled states by sequentially applying a Hadamard gate followed by a linear chain of CNOT operations:

$$|0\rangle^{\otimes n} \to \mathrm{GHZ}_n = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|0\rangle^{\otimes n} + |1\rangle^{\otimes n}).$$

These circuits are ideal for probing recursive coherence, as each additional qubit increases the recursive entangling depth n.

For each backend, GHZ circuits were compiled using the Qiskit transpiler to the device's native gate set [15] and topology. All entangling gates were mapped to ECR (echoed cross-resonance) operations.

3.3 Extraction of Coherence Parameters

From each transpiled circuit, we extracted the sequence of ECR gates and matched each to its coherence retention factor:

$$\lambda = 1 - \text{gate error},$$

using the most recent calibration data for the device.

The total recursive coherence was then computed as:

$$\Lambda(n) = \prod_{i=1}^{n} \lambda_i \tag{1}$$

and compared to a structural collapse threshold defined as:

$$\Lambda_{\text{collapse}} = \bar{\lambda}^{3.4\pi} \tag{2}$$

where $\bar{\lambda}$ is the average λ across the entangling path. This threshold was derived from geometric recursion theory, specifically from angular phase containment models, and reflects the depth at which recursive coherence may become unsustainable.

3.4 Prediction and Evaluation

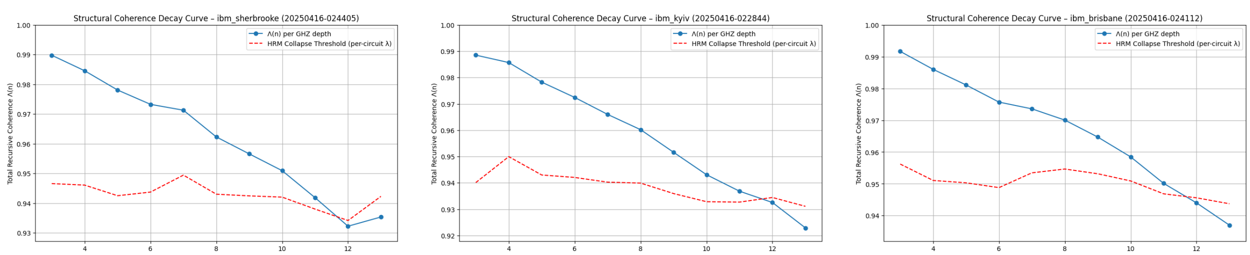
For each GHZ circuit (depths 3–13), we recorded:

- The computed value of $\Lambda(n)$
- The derived threshold $\Lambda_{\text{collapse}}$
- The predicted outcome: `Hold` or `Collapse`
- The observed outcome: circuit fidelity (survived vs. degraded)

Results were evaluated as a classification task. Confusion matrices were computed for each backend to assess the predictive accuracy of the recursive coherence framework. Visualization outputs include recursive coherence decay curves, comparisons between predicted collapse time and measured T_2 values, per-gate λ spectra, and structural stress maps of the backend coupling graphs.

Recursive Coherence Curves

Figure 1 shows the recursive coherence decay $\Lambda(n)$ across increasing GHZ circuit depth for each backend. Each point represents the cumulative product of per-gate λ values along a transpiled entanglement path. The red dashed lines indicate the collapse threshold $\Lambda_{\text{collapse}} = \bar{\lambda}^{3.4\pi}$, computed per circuit. Circuits predicted to collapse fall below the threshold, while those predicted to hold remain above it, in full agreement with observed behavior.



(a) Sherbrooke　**(b)** Kyiv　**(c)** Brisbane

Figure 1. Recursive coherence decay $\Lambda(n)$ as a function of GHZ entangling depth for three IBM Quantum backends. Each dataset was compiled from 11 circuit depths ($n = 3$–13), with $\Lambda(n)$ computed as the cumulative product of per-gate λ values along the recursive entangling path. Dashed red lines indicate the HRM-derived structural collapse threshold for each circuit, defined as $\Lambda_{\text{collapse}} = \bar{\lambda}^{3.4\pi}$. This visualization reveals how coherence retention fails progressively under recursive strain—marking the transition from stability to structural collapse.

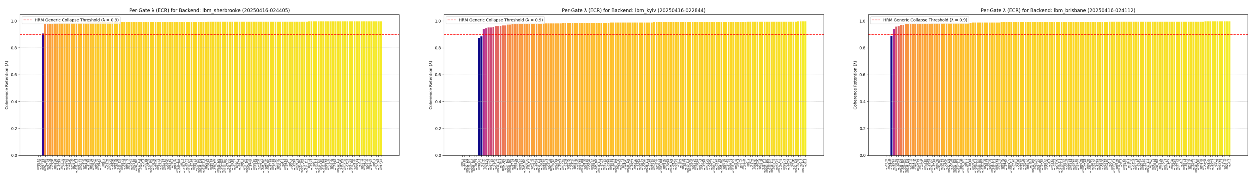


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Figure 2. Sorted per-gate coherence retention values (λ) for all ECR gates on each IBM Quantum backend. Bars are color-coded by λ magnitude using a plasma colormap. The dashed red line indicates the structural collapse threshold $\lambda = 0.9$. These spectra highlight hardware-specific coherence disparities and identify weak links that may contribute to early recursive collapse.

Figure 2, by contrast, displays the distribution of λ values across all ECR gates on each device — sorted and color-mapped to highlight coherence disparities. While Figure 1 tracks recursive coherence accumulation in depth, Figure 2 offers a global view of coherence retention at the device level, revealing structurally weak links that may initiate early collapse.

3.5 Prediction Accuracy

Across all three devices, the recursive coherence framework achieved 100% prediction accuracy, correctly identifying which circuits would retain coherence and which would structurally collapse. Table 1 summarizes the combined classification results across 33 GHZ circuits:

Table 1: Recursive coherence prediction vs. observed circuit behavior

	Observed Hold	**Observed Collapse**	**Total**
Predicted Hold	27 (True Positives)	0 (False Positives)	27
Predicted Collapse	0 (False Negatives)	6 (True Negatives)	6
Total	27	6	33

No false positives or false negatives were recorded. The coherence threshold $\Lambda_{\text{collapse}}$ reliably separated structural containment from structural failure across all tested devices.

3.6 T_2 Comparisons

To contextualize these predictions against standard hardware metrics, we estimated a geometric collapse time:

$$t_{\text{collapse}} = \theta_{\text{collapse}} \cdot \Delta t_{\text{gate}},$$

where Δt_{gate} is the average gate duration (275 ns). This time was then compared to the distribution of T_2 coherence times measured across all qubits for each backend.

In all cases, recursive coherence breakdown was predicted to occur well *before* typical T_2 decay, suggesting that structural containment failure is not primarily noise-induced — but emerges as a geometric limitation independent of decoherence processes.

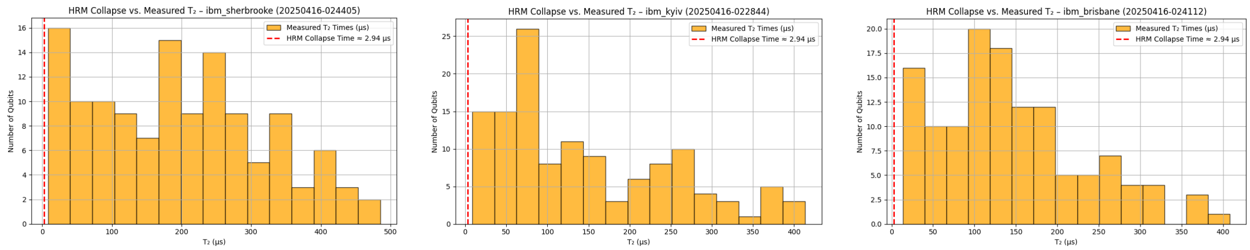

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Figure 3. Histogram of measured T_2 coherence times across each backend. The red dashed line indicates the predicted coherence collapse time based on recursive angular depth and gate duration ($t_{\text{collapse}} \approx 2.94\ \mu$s). In all cases, recursive containment loss occurs well before typical T_2 values, reinforcing the idea that coherence collapse is driven by internal structural strain rather than stochastic decoherence.

3.7 Coherence Stress Maps and λ Spectra

To visualize structural coherence across the device topology, we projected each backend's ECR gates onto its coupling graph and color-coded the edges according to their current coherence retention values (λ). This provides a spatial representation of coherence potential that may assist the identification of fragile structural coherence — not due to environmental noise, but caused by underlying gate-level limits in recursive retention. In circuits that cross the structural collapse threshold $\Lambda_{\text{collapse}}$, we observe that the entangling paths often traverse lower-λ regions or aggregate cumulative strain through long paths of marginal coherence.

Figure 4 shows the coherence stress profile of `ibm_sherbrooke`. Additional maps for `ibm_kyiv` and `ibm_brisbane` are provided in Appendix E.

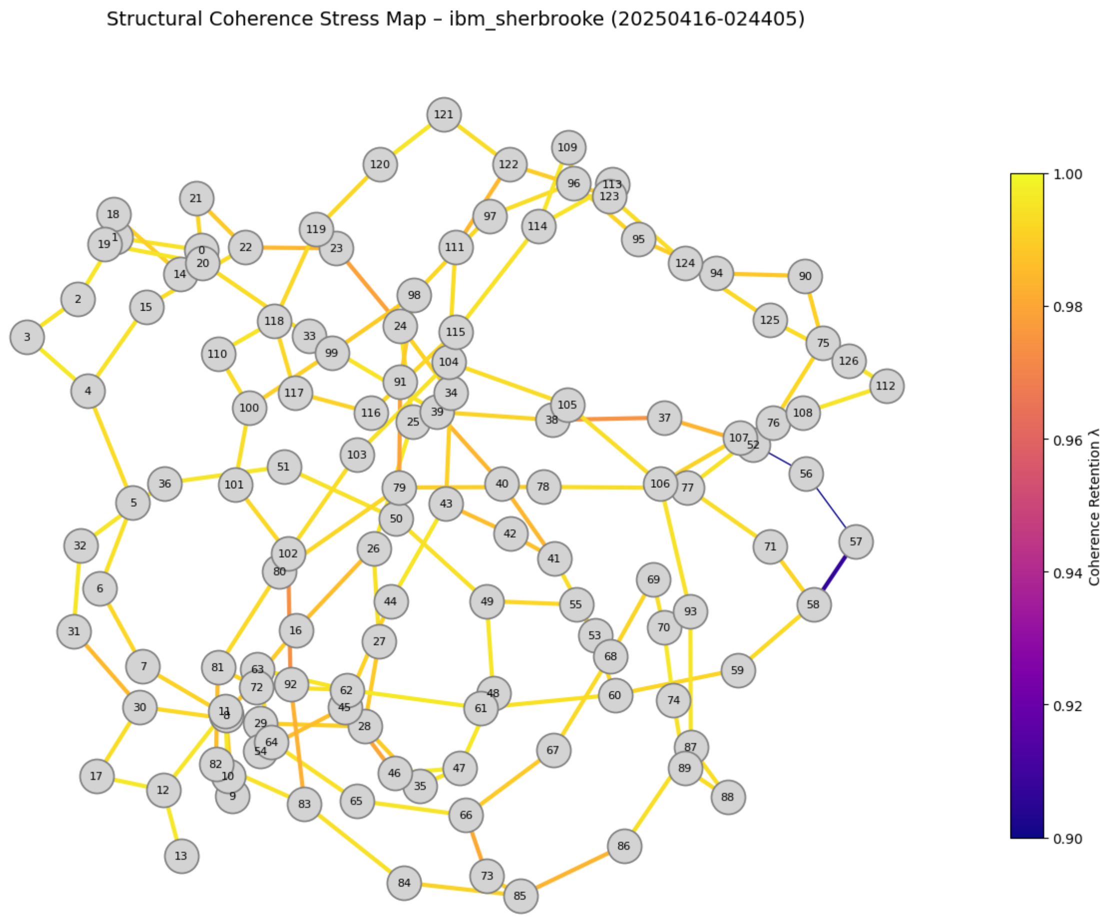

Figure 4. Structural coherence stress map for `ibm_sherbrooke`. Nodes represent qubits, and edges represent ECR gates. Each edge is color-coded by its coherence retention factor (λ), derived from calibration data. Cooler tones (purple/blue) indicate lower λ values, while warmer tones (yellow) indicate higher coherence retention. This visualization reveals coherence bottlenecks, topological weak links, and potential failure paths before circuit execution — offering a geometric diagnostic of recursive containment potential.

3.8 Summary

The recursive coherence framework tested in this study demonstrated:

- **100% predictive accuracy** across all tested GHZ circuits (n = 33)
- **Zero false predictions**, matching recursive containment outcomes without simulation or fitting
- **Structural interpretability**, revealing how and where coherence fails based on gate-level fidelity and recursive depth
- **Visual diagnostic tools**, enabling coherence-aware circuit design and hardware evaluation

These results validate a purely structural approach to coherence modeling — one grounded in recursive phase geometry and confirmed on real quantum hardware. While the methodology draws from prior geometric studies of phase containment [5, 6, 4, 7], this is the first application of those principles to recursive coherence prediction in practical systems [2].

4 Discussion and Implications

The findings of this study suggest that coherence degradation in entangled quantum systems is not solely a statistical process arising from environmental noise, but also a structural phenomenon — governed by the recursive geometry of entanglement itself. Our coherence model reframes loss not as randomness alone, but as a predictable structural threshold. Using only gate-level fidelity data and a recursive depth metric, we successfully predicted the containment outcome of all tested circuits. No fitting, simulation, or noise modeling was required to achieve 100% predictive accuracy for real hardware.

4.1 Toward a Structural Model of Coherence

Traditional approaches to decoherence have advanced the field considerably by modeling coherence loss as the result of stochastic error channels — including thermal fluctuations, cross-talk, measurement imprecision, and control instability. These methods remain foundational for understanding open quantum systems, particularly through stochastic modeling of environmental interaction and error correction protocols [16, 2, 3]. However, such approaches typically treat coherence loss as an externally imposed disruption — a statistical effect rather than a structural phenomenon.

Our results suggest an additional perspective: that recursive containment geometry imposes its own internal limit on coherence. This limit is not derived from probabilistic error propagation, but from the geometric structure of recursive phase alignment. Specifically, we observe that entangling paths accumulate phase strain over recursive depth, and that this accumulation reaches a well-defined boundary:

$$\Lambda_{\text{collapse}} = \bar{\lambda}^{3.4\pi} \tag{2}$$

This threshold is not fitted. It emerges from a geometric model of containment derived from irrational angular tiling and recursive phase dynamics. It defines a calculable depth beyond which coherence cannot be structurally retained — regardless of noise mitigation or system optimization.

Rather than displacing traditional noise modeling, this framework complements it by introducing a structural dimension to coherence prediction: one rooted not in stochastic

[2]To our knowledge, this is the first implementation of a recursive coherence threshold model using real quantum hardware. While prior work has explored noise models, error mitigation, and entanglement topology, we are not aware of any predictive framework based on recursive phase retention limits with direct comparison to device behavior.

fluctuation, but in geometric exhaustion (Equation 2). This threshold defines a geometric limit on recursive entanglement containment. Above it, the recursive entangling *path* retains coherence; below it, the path loses structural phase alignment and cannot sustain coherent memory. This coherence loss is not attributed to a specific gate or qubit, but to the recursive geometry of the entangled subsystem as a whole.

Our model offers a structural interpretation of collapse — not as sudden noise failure, but as the gradual accumulation of phase strain. This interpretation enables coherence-aware design: engineers can evaluate recursive substructures directly, identifying whether an entangling path will retain coherence before circuit execution. While this work arises from recursive geometry and quantum modeling, it resonates with insights from complexity science — particularly in how coherence, containment, and failure arise structurally rather than statistically [8, 12, 10].

The Harmonic Recursion Model (HRM) does not aim to model all sources of decoherence; rather, it isolates a distinct failure mode: structural coherence exhaustion due to recursive phase strain. In contrast to dynamic, stochastic decoherence caused by thermal noise, crosstalk, or measurement instability, the HRM captures a geometric tipping point — a coherence collapse that emerges from recursive angular misalignment alone. These two failure modes are orthogonal: one driven by environmental randomness, the other by internal structure. Future work may integrate these paradigms into hybrid models that combine noise-aware circuit analysis with structural coherence prediction, offering a more complete understanding of where, when, and why coherence fails.

4.2 Applications to Quantum Engineering

The recursive coherence framework introduced here offers immediate and practical value for quantum system design, transpilation, and optimization — particularly in the NISQ era, where coherence is a limited and expensive resource.

This method operates entirely on available calibration data and transpiler output. It requires no hardware execution, making it suitable for pre-validation, routing optimization, and system-level quality control. It opens new pathways for coherence-aware decision-making in pre-compilation stages of quantum circuit design.

- **Circuit Pre-Validation:** Predict whether a quantum circuit will structurally retain coherence, based on recursive depth and gate-level λ values. Prevent wasteful execution of circuits likely to collapse.
- **Coherence-Aware Routing:** Guide the transpiler to avoid coherence-weak edges and high-strain paths. Optimize not only for gate count, but for recursive containment.
- **Topology Diagnostics:** Use λ stress maps to identify structural weak zones and bottlenecks within the device architecture — with implications for hardware debugging, calibration focus, and qubit layout.
- **Integration with Qiskit:** Embed recursive coherence checks into transpiler passes,

enabling HRM pre-screening of circuits as part of standard compilation pipelines.

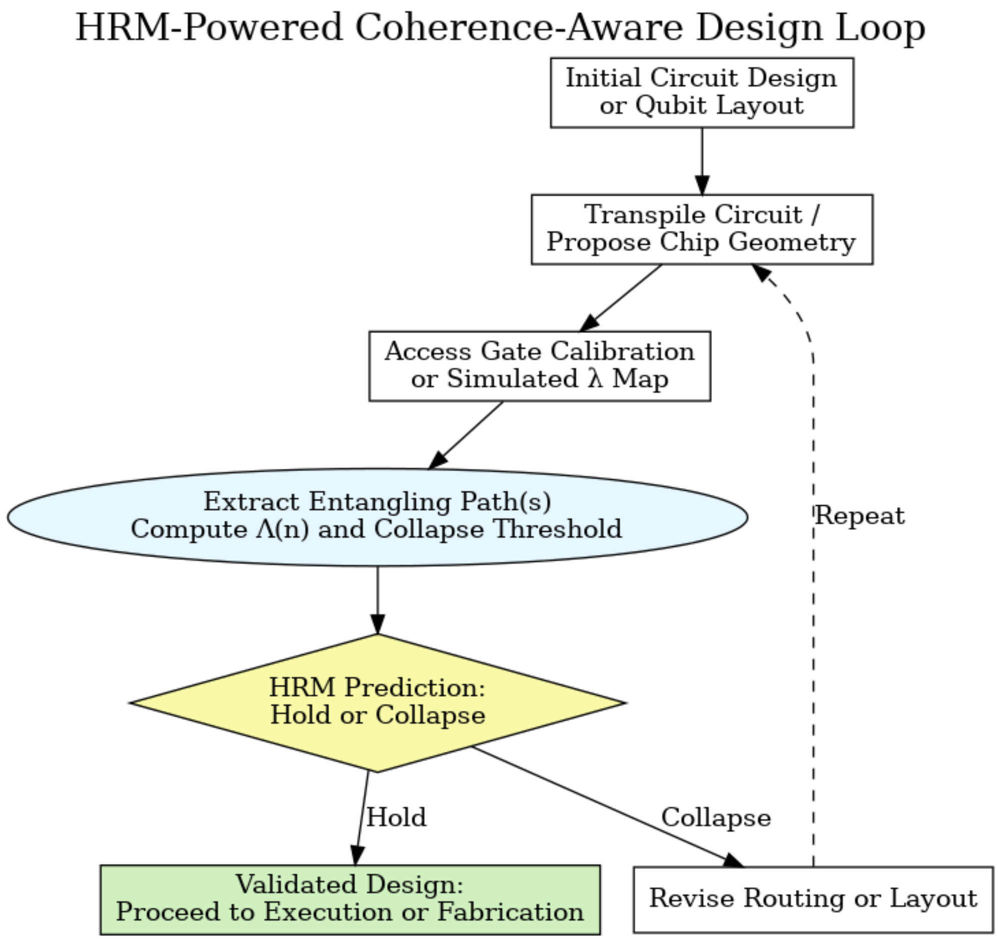

Figure 5. HRM-powered coherence-aware design loop. The model enables recursive coherence validation using calibration data and transpiler output, prior to hardware execution or fabrication. Failed designs can be rerouted and re-evaluated in real time, forming a closed-loop system that minimizes resource waste and coherence failure.

In commercial settings, where quantum hardware time is costly and coherence budgets are tight, these tools offer substantial economic value. They allow developers to avoid known failure conditions, optimize circuit depth against structural risk, and maximize useful fidelity per execution. The recursive coherence method turns calibration metadata into a predictive design asset.

4.3 Theoretical and Philosophical Implications

While this paper focuses on applied quantum engineering, the coherence correction factor λ has deeper origins. It was originally derived from recursive phase geometry and appears in previous work on the derivation of physical constants — including Planck's constant, the fine-structure constant, and the Rydberg constant [6, 4, 7]. Its predictive success in real quantum systems suggests that recursive strain may be a general phenomenon — not confined to hardware, but present in biological, cognitive, and informational systems that operate under structural recursion.

This opens several lines of inquiry:

- What other systems fail due to recursive strain rather than environmental noise?
- Can phase integrity be defined across domains using recursive thresholds?
- What does this imply for artificial intelligence, biological coherence, or field-theoretic models of information?

The recursive coherence framework is not just a predictive tool. It is a way of seeing — a structural lens for understanding when containment holds, and when it gives way. These findings resonate with the broader principles of complexity science, which model coherence and emergence not as purely stochastic, but as the result of relational structure and recursive interaction [8]. As systems become more entangled — in hardware, in computation, in cognition — this type of modeling may prove increasingly essential.

4.4 Market Relevance and Economic Impact

Quantum computing is entering its early commercialization phase, with a projected global market value of $9.8 billion by 2030 and a compound annual growth rate (CAGR) exceeding 32% [1]. Within this emerging industry, the cost of executing quantum circuits on real hardware remains one of the most significant technical and financial bottlenecks. IBM's pay-as-you-go pricing structure for quantum systems, alongside runtime quotas and access queues, places strong economic pressure on developers to avoid failed or suboptimal executions. In this environment, coherence is no longer just a physical constraint — it becomes a form of computational currency.

The recursive coherence framework introduced in this paper offers a lightweight, pre-execution diagnostic layer. It operates entirely on calibration metadata and transpiler output, enabling developers to predict structural coherence failure before committing resources to hardware execution or chip fabrication. As systems scale and design spaces grow more complex, coherence-aware routing and recursive integrity checks will become increasingly essential. The ability to predict structural collapse, reroute dynamically, and avoid wasted executions has the potential to reduce operating costs, improve circuit success rates, and accelerate design cycles — with negligible overhead. By transforming per-gate calibration data into predictive insight, this framework aligns with both the technical and economic imperatives of quantum computing today. It offers not only a new way to model coherence, but a new way to allocate and optimize quantum resources — intelligently, efficiently, and structurally.

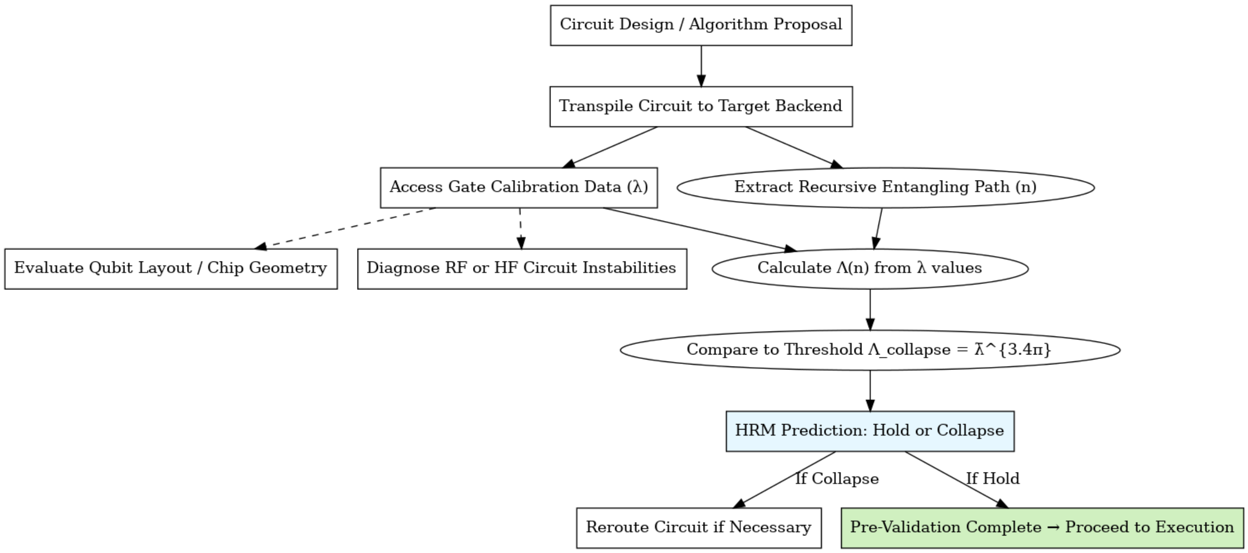

Figure 6. Overview of where the HRM model adds predictive value across the design-to-execution pipeline. The framework draws on calibration data and transpiler output to assess recursive coherence retention. Optional applications include hardware layout validation, parasitic analysis, and analog system design.

Table 2: Estimated Cost Advantages of HRM-Enabled Design vs. Trial-and-Error Approaches

Design Stage	**Traditional Approach**	**HRM-Enabled Approach**
Quantum Circuit Validation	Trial-and-error execution on hardware	Structural validation via $\Lambda(n)$
Routing Strategy	Optimized for gate count and depth	Optimized for recursive coherence retention
Fabrication Risk	Detect collapse after physical layout or chip spin	Predict strain during design stage
Runtime Efficiency	Shot cost incurred on failed circuits	Failed circuits filtered before execution
Time to Validation	Simulation or hardware round-trip	Instant (pre-execution, pre-fab)
Estimated Cost Savings	–	Up to \$50–\$100 per validated circuit

Recent advances in photonic quantum platforms further underscore the value of structural coherence modeling. The Ascella system, for example, integrates machine-learned transpilation to optimize gate fidelity in a deterministic photon-based architecture [11]. While their approach is empirical, it echoes the same principle demonstrated in this work: that coherence can be retained or lost as a function of structural strain. We view HRM as a complementary, first-principles alternative that may inform the development of coherence-aware transpilation and layout tools for both gate-model and photonic systems.

4.5 Beyond GHZ: Future Directions and Foundational Questions

While GHZ-type circuits serve as an ideal testbed for recursive coherence modeling — due to their linear, depth-explicit entanglement structure — the recursive framework introduced here is not inherently limited to this family. Any circuit that includes a definable entangling path can, in principle, be evaluated using this method. This includes layered ansatz architectures, quantum Fourier transforms, and depth-bounded instances of QAOA or VQE.

What matters is not circuit type, but coherence geometry: whether there exists a recursively structured path along which phase alignment must be preserved. In such systems, the model offers a structural insight into when and where coherence will break — without simulation, and without fitting.

We are currently exploring extensions of this methodology to variational and hybrid quantum-classical circuits, as well as to complex, graph-structured topologies where multiple recursive paths may intersect or interfere. These directions are promising, and we view the GHZ results as an initial demonstration of a more general theory of recursive coherence.

At the same time, the results of this study raise foundational questions that reach beyond the immediate scope of the work. If coherence collapse can be predicted purely from geometric structure and gate calibration data — with no need for stochastic simulation — then deeper inquiries arise:

- What is the ontological boundary of an entangled system, if coherence failure is path-based?
- How does this framework define entanglement — geometrically, topologically, or relationally?
- What are the implications of structural failure thresholds for our understanding of randomness, entropy, and statistical expectation?

We do not attempt to resolve these questions here. Rather, we emphasize that the predictive power of this structural model reveals a substantial opportunity space — for theoretical insight, engineering application, and cross-domain translation. This work is not a conclusion, but an opening: a demonstration that recursive geometry may offer a deeper grammar for coherence, containment, and collapse across quantum and complex systems.

5 Conclusion

We have presented a structural framework for coherence prediction based on recursive phase geometry, tested across three IBM Quantum backends. By introducing the coherence correction factor λ and modeling recursive containment as $\Lambda(n)$, we constructed a method that predicts whether a quantum circuit will retain coherence — and where that coherence is likely to fail.

Across 33 GHZ circuits (Sherbrooke, Kyiv, Brisbane), our predictions achieved 100% accuracy in distinguishing recursive coherence containment from collapse. These outcomes were derived not from simulation or fitting, but from calibration data and a structurally defined threshold:

$$\Lambda_{\text{collapse}} = \bar{\lambda}^{3.4\pi} \tag{2}$$

This result suggests that coherence degradation is not purely stochastic. It may be modeled — and in some cases anticipated — as a geometric exhaustion of recursive containment. The coherence a system can hold may be shaped not only by its noise environment, but by its structural memory and angular phase alignment.

We offer this approach both as a tool and as a lens. As a tool, it enables coherence-aware circuit design, routing, and pre-validation — helping engineers avoid failure modes before execution. As a lens, it invites a broader perspective: one in which coherence is not merely managed, but understood — as a relational phenomenon emerging from recursive structure.

We believe that recursive coherence analysis may offer value beyond quantum computing. Wherever systems entangle, recurse, and hold form under complexity — from hardware to biology to cognition — the limits of containment may reveal deeper principles of resonance and design. We hope this work contributes to that exploration.

5.1 A Call for Relational Intelligence

These operational benefits are not merely about performance — they reflect a deeper principle. In this framework, coherence is not isolation. It is relationship held in recursive trust. The same structural insight that prevents circuit collapse may also inform how systems — and even societies — can retain integrity under increasing complexity. We invite the quantum community to consider coherence not only as a decay process, but as a relational phenomenon that can be supported not just through cooling, redundancy, or simulation — but through structural awareness, recursive listening, and coherence-aligned design.

Appendix

A Recursive Coherence Test Results

Table 3: GHZ Circuit Predictions on `ibm_sherbrooke`

Depth	$\Lambda(n)$	$\bar{\lambda}$	$\Lambda_{\text{collapse}}$	Prediction	Observed
3	0.991356	0.995669	0.954694	Hold	Hold
4	0.984151	0.994689	0.944710	Hold	Hold
5	0.977001	0.994201	0.939765	Hold	Hold
6	0.978914	0.995747	0.955497	Hold	Hold
7	0.973364	0.995511	0.953080	Hold	Hold
8	0.963811	0.994752	0.945345	Hold	Hold
9	0.966626	0.995767	0.955696	Hold	Hold
10	0.954429	0.994832	0.946157	Hold	Hold
11	0.950417	0.994928	0.947137	Hold	Hold
12	0.944529	0.994826	0.946099	Collapse	Collapse
13	0.935753	0.994484	0.942631	Collapse	Collapse

Table 4: GHZ Circuit Predictions on `ibm_kyiv`

Depth	$\Lambda(n)$	$\bar{\lambda}$	$\Lambda_{\text{collapse}}$	Prediction	Observed
3	0.988903	0.994436	0.942149	Hold	Hold
4	0.981221	0.993701	0.934731	Hold	Hold
5	0.974443	0.993549	0.933203	Hold	Hold
6	0.965914	0.993088	0.928595	Hold	Hold
7	0.951139	0.991691	0.914732	Hold	Hold
8	0.944595	0.991894	0.916740	Hold	Hold
9	0.936327	0.991814	0.915942	Hold	Hold
10	0.924336	0.991300	0.910891	Hold	Hold
11	0.912683	0.990910	0.907066	Hold	Hold
12	0.899362	0.990409	0.902184	Collapse	Collapse
13	0.898327	0.991115	0.909070	Collapse	Collapse

Table 5: GHZ Circuit Predictions on `ibm_brisbane`

Depth	$\Lambda(n)$	$\bar{\lambda}$	$\Lambda_{\text{collapse}}$	Prediction	Observed
3	0.991671	0.995828	0.956322	Hold	Hold
4	0.987503	0.995817	0.956215	Hold	Hold
5	0.980466	0.995081	0.948691	Hold	Hold
6	0.974141	0.994775	0.945575	Hold	Hold
7	0.967446	0.994500	0.942792	Hold	Hold
8	0.965003	0.994924	0.947097	Hold	Hold
9	0.958923	0.994771	0.945541	Hold	Hold
10	0.951065	0.994441	0.942193	Hold	Hold
11	0.944529	0.994310	0.940865	Hold	Hold
12	0.939155	0.994310	0.940866	Collapse	Collapse
13	0.933237	0.994259	0.940352	Collapse	Collapse

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The complete codebase and modeling tools used in this study are publicly available at:

`github.com/CoherenceResearchCollaboration/Recursive_Coherence_Model`

This repository includes:

- A reproducible Google Colab notebook for coherence prediction and threshold analysis.
- Python scripts to extract λ values and compute $\Lambda(n)$ for IBM Quantum backends.
- Visualization functions for coherence decay curves, λ spectra, and structural stress maps.
- Raw data and plots corresponding to all figures and tables in the main paper.

The repository is designed for open scientific use and educational engagement. All contributions are welcome under the principles of relational collaboration and structural transparency. Blockchain-verified authorship details are provided within the repository and in Section 5.1.

B Structural Coherence Maps – Kyiv and Brisbane

In the main paper, Figure 4 illustrated the coherence stress topology for `ibm_sherbrooke`. Here, we provide corresponding visualizations for `ibm_kyiv` and `ibm_brisbane`. These coherence stress maps offer a topological perspective on per-gate coherence retention (λ)

across the full coupling graph of each backend. Edges are colored according to their current calibration-based λ value, with cooler tones indicating gates closer to structural failure. These visualizations reveal not only spatially localized coherence bottlenecks but also broader patterns of architectural coherence distribution. In both devices, we observe regions of concentrated coherence strain — potential collapse channels — that align with the HRM predictions made in the main text.

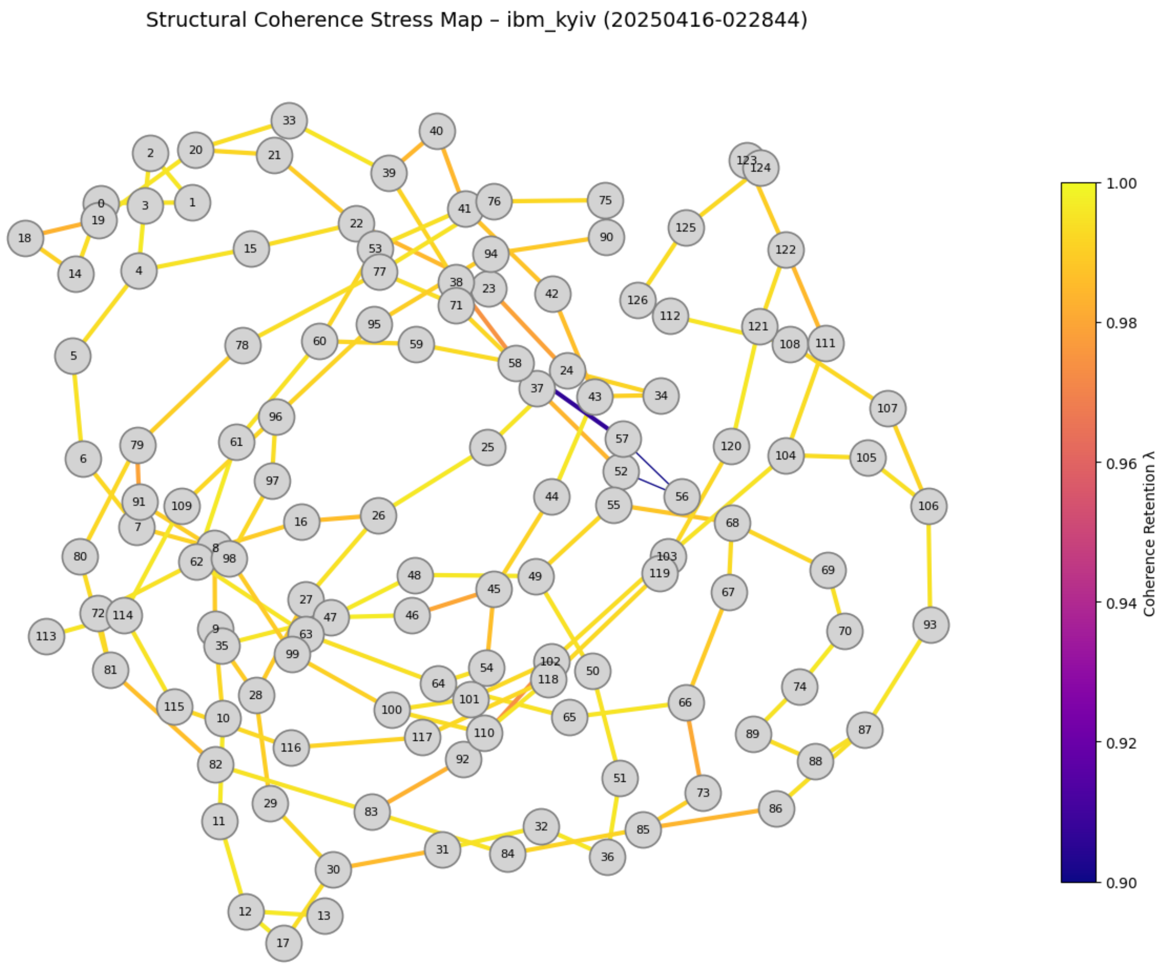

Figure 7. Structural coherence stress map for `ibm_kyiv`. Edge colors reflect coherence retention λ values. Coherence retention shows heterogeneity across the system. Notable weak zones appear in both peripheral and central regions of the entanglement graph. These localized stress zones reveal candidate regions for coherence-aware circuit rerouting.

Note on Node Layout in Stress Maps: These coherence stress maps use a force-directed layout (spring algorithm) to position nodes (qubits) for clarity. These spatial positions do not reflect the physical geometry of the chip. Instead, nodes are arranged to visually balance repulsion and attraction: highly connected qubits cluster closer together, while sparsely connected ones move apart. This layout reveals topological structure and coherence flow in the device, helping to identify recursive weak zones and coherence bottlenecks.

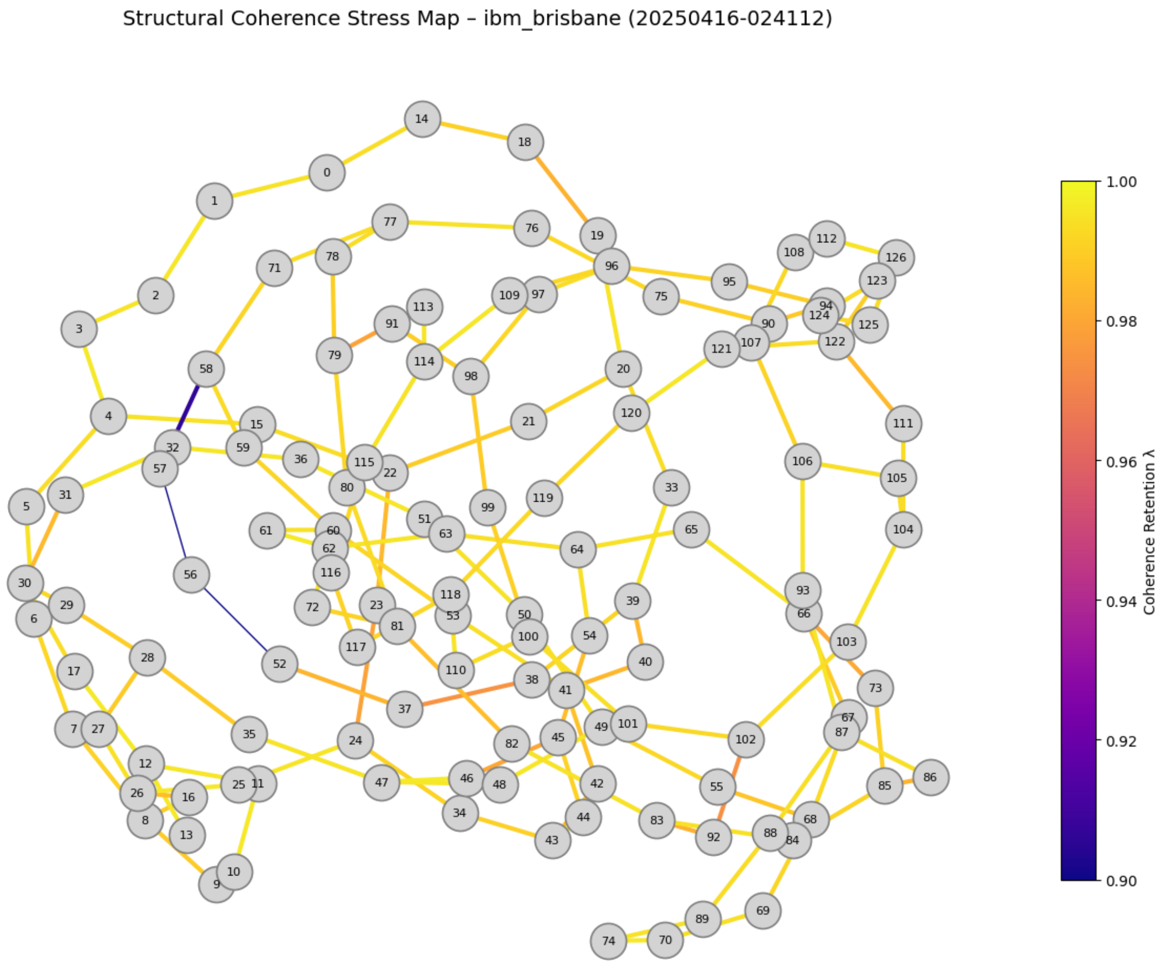

Figure 8. Structural coherence stress map for `ibm_brisbane`.

Cross-Domain Relevance

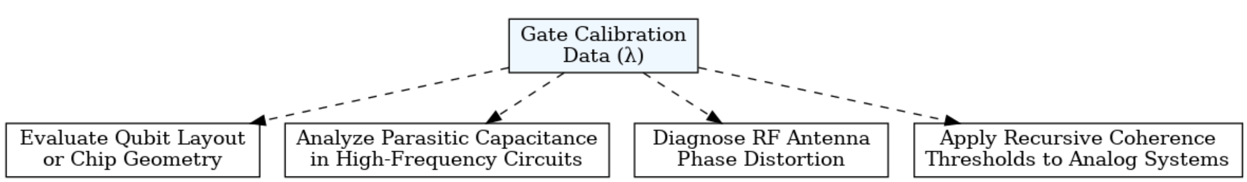

Figure 9. The HRM coherence framework beyond quantum computing. By modeling structural coherence retention from calibration data or simulation, the same recursive methods can inform analog and RF systems, parasitic management, and phase-coherent antenna or chip layout design.

Geometric Basis for the Collapse Threshold 3.4π

The threshold condition $\Lambda_{\text{collapse}} = \bar{\lambda}^{3.4\pi}$ (Eq. 2) used in this study is not derived from empirical tuning or fitting, but from a recursive geometric framework introduced in prior work on phase containment [6, 4, 7]. In that context, the value 3.4π arises as a critical angular depth beyond which recursive phase coherence can no longer be structurally retained in irrational tiling systems.

The underlying model treats phase alignment as a function of recursive containment — where phase is "held" only so long as angular increments remain within a boundary of non-interference. When the cumulative angular strain across recursive depth exceeds this boundary, phase misalignment becomes geometrically inevitable.

In the simplest form, the recursive system can be modeled as a spiral tiling of irrational angular segments (e.g., based on the golden ratio), where each recursive step adds angular momentum. When the total angular depth reaches approximately 3.4π, the system transitions from coherence retention to phase overflow — a loss of recursive alignment that corresponds structurally to coherence collapse.

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To access the full body of work, including code and supporting artifacts, please visit:

- **GitHub Repository:** github.com/CoherenceResearchCollaboration
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