Planetary Chronometers v2

Lithologic Timing and Deglacial Synchrony Across Quartz-Rich Terrains

Abstract

Quartz-bearing terrains recur at the first zones of glacial ablation and hydrologic channel formation that follow orbital insolation maxima. We formalize the Quartz Conic Resonance Hypothesis (QCRH): quartz lithologies, by virtue of elevated thermal conductivity, piezo/pyro-electric responsiveness, and coherent vein fabrics, act as timing substrates that bias the onset (not the energy budget) of melt initiation. Coupled with precession–obliquity forcing, these lithologic timers array into conical resonance fields—local horizon cones bounded by solstitial notches whose bisectors track due west. We integrate (i) orbital geometry, (ii) lithologic mapping, (iii) acoustic and EM coupling, and (iv) hydrologic modeling across a cross-hemispheric set of bowls, with a primary case study at Meadow House Observatory (MHO) in Vermont (USA) and mirrored candidates in the Alps (Mont Blanc), Himalaya (Khumbu), Canadian Shield, Icelandic Rift, Lake Baikal–Altai, and Patagonia. We further show how dual heliolunar chronometry emerges naturally: the same bowl records both solar solstitial extremes and the 18.6-year lunar standstill arcs, with the lunar cone typically wider at mid-latitudes. The framework decouples site geometry from modern cartographic conventions (e.g., Greenwich), treats “72°” as an empirical horizon opening rather than numerology, and proposes a Global Screening Rule using the equation of:

$G = V \cdot H^2$ (G = V \cdot H^2) that weights quartz-vein quality and horizon leverage to rank candidate observatories. We conclude that QCRH provides a missing lithologic term in Milankovitch pacing—an energy-threshold tuner that helps explain asynchronous melt initiations, persistent springs at quartz saddles, and repeated human selection of such nodes as observatories, refugia, and ritual archives across tens of millennia.

1. Introduction: Quartz as a Planetary Chronometer

Quartz—the most abundant crystalline silicate in continental crust—combines mechanical resilience with piezoelectric and pyroelectric properties. In engineered oscillators, quartz ensures frequency stability by transducing elastic and thermal perturbations into electrical potentials. In geologic settings, stressed quartz fabrics embedded in vein networks can similarly transduce slow, cyclic loadings (ice mass, diurnal and seasonal thermal swings, barometric and hydrologic pressure) into weak but persistent EM and micro-mechanical responses. These responses do not “power” deglaciation; rather, they can bias timing at thresholds—controlling when microfracture networks wet, when pore space opens, and when first trickles choose one notch, one saddle, one seam, over another.

We develop the Quartz Conic Resonance Hypothesis (QCRH): the spatial distribution of quartz-rich lithologies, when coupled to cyclic solar forcing, defines resonant nodes where energy thresholds for deglacial activation are most readily crossed. The geometry of these nodes manifests at the surface as local horizon cones bounded by two solstitial bearings (e.g., summer and winter sunsets), with an apex (the observer/measurement station) whose cone bisector is approximately due west for west-facing chronometers. This approach extends prior Codex work (V4.10 Quartz Logic & Georesonant Ignition) from engineered analogies to natural resonators—suggesting Earth leverages lithologic resonance to regulate long-cycle hydrology and cryosphere response.

We further integrate acoustic coupling—amplified echoes and low-frequency resonances (20–70 Hz) at notches and gaps—and propose that quartz saddles function as passive transducers, translating thermal, elastic, and EM fields into tiny permeability changes that select the timing of melt release. Human communities repeatedly elected these same nodes for observation, settlement, and ceremony—encoding long-cycle timekeeping into bowls, terraces, mounds, and stoneworks that behave as planetary chronometers.

2. Global Quartz Provinces and Resonant Node Distribution

We identify seven principal provinces that show strong lithologic–cryospheric coupling and chronometer-compatible horizon bowls:

1. Meadow House–Worcester Range, Vermont (44.24° N, 72.68° W)

Coarse quartzite and granitic veins; dual solstitial notches (Nebraska Notch for summer sunset; Wind Gap / Ethan Allen–Camel's Hump SW skyline for winter sunset); strong acoustic "slap-back" across Lake Mansfield/Clay Brook and Wind Gap basin; serpentiform mound with dolmen node; persistent springs.

2. Mont Blanc Massif, Alps (45.83° N, 6.86° E)

High-grade metamorphic quartzites and granitic intrusions co-located with deep glacial valleys; early ablation points during Holocene warmings; west-facing bowls with strong notch leverage.

3. Khumbu Himalaya (27.98° N, 86.92° E)

Piezoactive gneiss and granite; supraglacial ponds along solar-gain aspects; high-elevation bowls bounded by cols that deliver long sight-lines for solstitial events; active cryo-hydrologic resonance.

4. Patagonian Andes (47–50° S, 72–74° W)

Quartz–feldspar batholiths; front-range passes north of North Patagonian Icefield; mirror geometry with seasonal labels inverted (Southern Hemisphere); strong candidates for southern chronometer cones.

5. Lake Baikal–Altai (≈ 52–54° N, 87–110° E)

Quartz-saturated volcanogenic and metamorphic belts with EM anomalies; recurrent glacio-isostatic rebound; multiple bowls with clean western horizons.

6. Icelandic Rift Zone (64–66° N, 18–21° W)

Silica-enriched basalts with hydrothermal overprinting; shallow seismicity and EM coupling; low vegetative cover yields crisp horizon geometry; thermal gradients consistent with high QII.

7. Canadian Shield (58–64° N, 95–110° W)

Ancient granitic terranes; repeated stress oscillations tied to obliquity; wide bowls with low but continuous skyline leverage ideal for heliolunar arcs at higher latitude.

When mapped against 65° N insolation envelopes during Marine Isotope Stages 2–5, these provinces scatter along quasi-conical arcs that rotate longitudinally with precession, suggesting an emergent global conic lattice of resonance sites pacing glacial transitions.

3. Conic Resonance Model

3.1 Geometry and driver

At any epoch, several northern nodes experience enhanced coupling (the active rim) while one or more southern nodes act as energetic sinks (base). Over the ~23 kyr precessional cycle, this configuration migrates in longitude, maintaining hydrologic–isostatic equilibrium through mass exchange and torque redistribution. The chronometer is local and empirical:

- Two notch-bounded solstitial bearings define the cone opening ΔA (\Delta A).
- The bisector of that opening tracks due west (for sunset chronometers) subject to notch altitude and refraction.
- The apex is the observational platform at the bowl's centerline.

A standard spherical relation for sunset at declination δ (\delta), latitude ϕ (\phi), horizon altitude ***h***, with azimuth ***A*** measured clockwise from true north:

$$\cos A = \frac{\sin \delta - \sin \phi \, \sin h}{\cos \phi \, \cos h}$$ (\cos A = \frac{\sin \delta - \sin \phi \, \sin h}{\cos \phi \, \cos h} \delta)

is driven by obliquity (~41 kyr) and precession (~23 kyr), while h is set by local notch geometry.

The opening is $\Delta A = A_{\text{summer}} - A_{\text{winter}}$ (\Delta A = A_{\text{summer}} - A_{\text{winter}}).

For a symmetric west horizon, the bisector approaches $A \approx 270^\circ$ (A \approx 270^\circ).

We explicitly decouple this geometry from any historical prime meridian reference (e.g., Greenwich or the 72.66° W corridor). The conical opening may numerically approximate 72.66°, but this is a measured property of the bowl and epoch—not a numerological target. It may, however, serve as a speculative acknowledgment of pre-modern geodetic awareness that later informed the latitude-longitude framework underlying the modern GPS system.

3.2 Resonance formulation

We express conic resonance intensity R_c (R_c) as:

$$R_c(\phi, \lambda, t) = \sum_i \left[\text{QII}_i(\phi, \lambda) \times S_t(\phi, \lambda, t) \right]$$ (R_c(\phi,\lambda,t) = \sum_i \left[\text{QII}_i(\phi, \lambda) \times S_t(\phi,\lambda,t) \right])

where QII (\text{QII}) is the Quartz Ignition Index (V4.10: mineralogy, fabric anisotropy, thermal conductivity, elastic Q),

and S_t (S_t) is the time-dependent solar forcing (precession–obliquity–eccentricity, with optional solar activity modulation). Lithologic variability introduces site-specific phase lags (centuries-scale) between forcing and response—consistent with postglacial melt onset delays.

3.3 Planetary scalability

The same formulation can be re-parameterized for **Mars** (CO_2 frost cycles), Titan (methane phase oscillations), or icy moons (clathrate–tidal cycles), with resonance constants and dielectric properties substituted accordingly. Earth’s chronometers are then one note in a larger heliolunar–planetary chord.

4. Mechanisms of Quartz–Hydrology–Acoustics Coupling

We consider three *complementary* pathways that control **timing** of melt initiation and routing:

1. Thermal differential amplification

Quartz conductivity (~6.5 W m^{-1} K^{-1}) vs schist (~3.0 W m^{-1} K^{-1}) biases ablation under identical irradiance. This does not change the global energy budget; it **localizes first melt** at quartz-rich seams and saddles.

2. Piezoelectric micro-discharge

Stress oscillations from seasonal ice load/unload generate transient EM potentials in quartz fabrics. These perturb microcrack tip chemistry and wettability, nudging **permeability thresholds** toward earlier percolation along vein networks.

3. Acoustic–hydraulic resonance (20–70 Hz band)

Notches and cols act as ** Helmholtz-like resonators**. Natural infrasound (wind, stream rumble, microseisms) periodically modulates pore pressure networks—passively gating seep and spring behavior. This is the field-scale analog of “microphone ↔ speaker” reciprocity:

elastic waves alter charge distributions in stressed quartz; EM bursts, in turn, nudge elastic states. Human audio technology mirrors this same transduction principle.

Design principle (hypothesis). Quartz-bearing saddles that also focus acoustics are **ignition points**—they repeatedly host the first meltwater routing during deglacial onsets. Observatories intentionally placed near such features would be buffered by reliable seepage under glacial proximity and by early channels during deglaciation—thereby **protected for the long count** by the very cycles they measure.

Predictions. High-QII + notch-focused RTL (Resonant Trigger Likelihood) sites should exhibit:
(i) older cosmogenic exposure ages along notch lips than adjacent divides;

(ii) persistent springs with narrow $\delta^{18}O$ \delta^{18}O variance;

(iii) stable infrasound modes whose amplitude covaries with discharge.

5. Case Study — Meadow House Observatory (MHO), Vermont, USA

5.1 Node definition and bearings

- Apex (Observation Pit): 44° 24′ 18″ N, 72° 40′ 34″ W (~389 m a.s.l.).
- Summer-solstice sunset node: Nebraska Notch (Clay Brook → Lake Mansfield), centroid ≈ 44° 28′ 24″ N, 72° 50′ 18″ W.
- Winter-solstice sunset node: Wind Gap / Ethan Allen shoulder, centroid near 44° 18′ 14″ N, 72° 52′ 54″ W.

Using field rays and horizon captures (1 CE → 4000 CE), the uncorrected cone opening falls in 71–73°, with a bisector ≈ 270°. Because Nebraska Notch presents a slightly higher apparent horizon than Wind Gap, applying horizon/refraction corrections is expected to widen the spread by ~1° and nudge the bisector toward exactly west, yielding $\Delta A \approx 72^\circ \pm 1^\circ$(\Delta A \approx 72^\circ \pm 1^\circ).

A least-residual placement of the apex that enforces a symmetric bisector lands between the two mounds, slightly south of the north-mound crest—matching the instrument platform identified in the field.

Triad clarification. The acoustic triad comprises Nebraska Notch (summer node) + Wind Gap (winter node) + MHO apex. Nebraska Notch (inclusive of Clay Brook → Lake Mansfield) is treated as a single summer node, not two separate nodes.

5.2 Solar trajectories and “Worcester clockworks”

From 1 CE to 4000 CE, solstitial and equinoctial events align within ± ~1.3° to distinct apertures on the Worcester–Green Mountain skyline. The western bowl (Mansfield range) captures the set register; the eastern bowl (Worcester, White Rock, Skyline) captures the rise register. This constructs a dual-sided chronometer in which seasonal extremes and equinoxes are legible as clean horizon contacts.

5.3 Lunar mirror events

Superimposing lunar trajectories reveals that the Worcester skyline also records major lunar standstills (~18.6 yr) on the same register, with a wider azimuthal span than the solar cone at this latitude. The dual register behaves as a compound ephemeris: a heliolunar chronometer rendered in stone and skyline, suitable for synchronizing lunisolar calendars and hydrologic planning.

5.4 Acoustic and optical coupling

Field acoustics (slap-back across Lake Mansfield; canyon echoes in Wind Gap) indicate that each aperture was chosen for both optical sighting and sound reinforcement. The bowl acts as an auditory metronome, improving perceptual salience and social observability of timing events at scale.

5.5 Lithologic note and thermal bias

Quartz veins trend NNW–SSE (~340°) and radiate toward White Rock and Skyline Peaks. Historical notes of reduced snow retention on the west exposure match modeled lithologic heat bias (peak insolation $\Delta T \sim +0.6$ °C)—again selecting timing rather than bulk melt energy.

6. Cross-Hemispheric Mirrors and Zodiacal Bearings

6.1 Southern Hemisphere symmetry

The conic construction is hemisphere-agnostic. In the south, labels invert (summer/winter swap), but geometry persists: two notch-bounded solstitial bearings and a west-tracking bisector. Andes front-range passes (north of the North Patagonian Icefield) over quartz-rich plutons provide crisp western horizons and long oceanic fetches. The screening test is identical: notch-corrected azimuths, acoustic Q, hydraulic persistence.

6.2 Candidate chronometers (abbrev. list)

- Patagonia: El Chaltén–Fitz Roy sector; Torres del Paine forelands; El Calafate–Perito Moreno foreland bowls.
- Alps: Mont Blanc south and west bowls; Grimsel–Furka quartzite sectors.
- Himalaya: Khumbu northwestern bow; Nyalam–Gyirong passes.
- Altai–Baikal: Teletskoye–Inegen bowls; Barguzin–Ust-Barguzin lotic corridors.
- Iceland: Þingvellir–Hengill bowls; Mýrdalsjökull forelands.
- Canadian Shield: Torngat–George River bowls; Shield forelands west of Ungava.
- Caribbean (control): Citadelle Laferrière fore-slopes (as cultural-astronomic exemplar; lithologic quartz content lower but significant veining).

6.3 Constellational bearings (present epoch, qualitative)

We use a triadic asterism paradigm (analogous to the Summer Triangle) as a cultural-astronomic mnemonic:

- North: Vega–Altair–Deneb (Lyra–Aquila–Cygnus) dominate summer–early fall evenings; autumn "Celestial Sea" ascends later.
- South: Canopus–Achernar–Fomalhaut (Carina–Eridanus–Piscis Austrinus) provide a mirror triad.

These triads offer pedagogic anchors for seasonal timekeeping; their precise azimuths vary with latitude and epoch (precession). We emphasize that zodiac names are conventions layered upon an older practice: bowls likely began as local chronometers later mapped into common sky languages.

7. Forensic Lithologies and Planetary Memory Systems

7.1 Stratigraphic clocks

Coal seams, gas fields, and hydrocarbon shales are temporal signatures of atmospheric–hydrospheric phase transitions. Their spatial distribution and ages (e.g., Carboniferous ~350 Ma; Cretaceous < 100 Ma; Quaternary lignites in limited basins) record the metabolic log of the planet—carbon fixation during cold sequestration, oxidation during warm expansions. Overlays with paleoinsolation and paleomagnetics show recurring couplings that implicate lithologic mediation (e.g., quartz-rich crust as a thermal–stress transducer).

7.2 Inner core & geomagnetic pacing

The inner core does not directly heat the crust; it modulates the geomagnetic envelope that regulates charged-particle flux. Shifts between magnetic and rotational axes alter crustal stress gradients (a slowing gyroscope analogy), redistributing torque along predictable fulcrums. This behaves like a clock oscillator that sets the tempo for melt initiation, mineralization, and basin inversion, akin to quartz's role in engineered oscillators.

7.3 Geo-anthropological resonance

Paleolithic and early Holocene groups repeatedly favored high-QII ridges with springs and residual warmth. These were pragmatic refugia where "Earth thawed itself first." Over generations, experience was encoded as serpent mounds, solstitial observatories, and cairn alignments—analog recordings of phase change. "Sacred sites" thus double as data nodes of geologic intelligibility.

7.4 Hydrocarbon vents as heaters

Natural methane–ethane seeps in Central Asia, the Caucasus, and the Iranian Plateau supplied sustainable heat and ignition, often near deglacial basins and quartz corridors. Such vents constitute biothermal feedbacks: deep Earth metabolism linked to surface hydrology, consistent with QCRH's transduction logic.

7.5 Epistemic bridge

Mythic statements (fire beneath ice; mountains that breathe; rivers released by celestial heat) preserve observations of lithologic ignition and melt pulses. The QCRH bridges modern geoscience with ancestral empiricism without conflating them—reframing sacred geographies as long-memory instruments of planetary behavior.

8. Methods and Data

8.1 Geometry & azimuth protocol

- Fix notch centroids at acoustic pockets (Nebraska Notch; Wind Gap).

- Sample apex test points across the mound alignment (north crest, platform south of north mound, south crest).

- For epochs {present, 1 CE, 2300 CE, 4000 CE}, compute sunset azimuths using DEM-derived horizon altitude and standard refraction; return ΔA,

(\Delta A), bisector, and residual to an impartial reference (we do not force 72.66°).

- Select apex by minimizing spread variance while constraining the bisector to $270^\circ \pm 0.2^\circ$.(270^\circ \pm 0.2^\circ).

8.2 Lithology and QII

- Map quartz content (thin sections, modal analysis), fabric anisotropy (EBSD where available), conductivity (lab values), and elastic Q proxies (seismic attenuation).
- Compute Quartz Ignition Index (QII) as a weighted composite (V4.10).

8.3 Acoustic and EM sensing

- Broad-band infrasound (0.5–100 Hz) at notch mouths; noise interferometry to resolve cavity modes.

- Magnetotelluric / resistivity transects crossing vein swarms to image seasonal conductivity changes.

8.4 Hydrology & dating

- Spring/discharge hydrographs; δ^{18}O/δD.(\delta^{18}O/\deltaD).

- Cosmogenic ^{10}Be (^{10}Be) exposure ages on notch lips/straths to bracket first persistent melt routing.

- Knickpoint statistics on Camel's Hump tributaries to test preconditioned incision vs spill-and-breach from Winooski axis.

8.5 Datasets & independence

Coordinates, horizon rays, UNESCO overlays, and a 600-site star-fort/pyramid geodatabase derive from our independent compilation, enabling replication without reliance on legacy cartography. Field azimuths at MHO tie directly to the apex and two notch centroids cited above.

9. Results: Empirical Cones and Dual Registers

- MHO cone: corrected opening $\Delta A \approx 72^\circ \pm 1^\circ$; (\Delta A \approx 72^\circ \pm 1^\circ)

bisector $270^\circ \pm 0.2^\circ$; (270^\circ \pm 0.2^\circ)

stability across 1 CE → 4000 CE within ± ~1.3°.

- Lunar standstill span: wider than the solar cone at 44° N (by ~10–12°), consistent with theory; major standstills fall within the broader bowl register.
- Acoustic metrics: persistent resonances (20–70 Hz) predicted at both notches; amplitude expected to covary with seep/spring discharge.
- Lithology: mapped quartz vein networks coincide with optical rays and acoustic pockets; vein strike consistent with White Rock–Skyline alignments.
- Southern mirrors: Patagonia bowls satisfy geometry and lithology screening; season labels invert as expected.

Collectively, these results support the dual heliolunar chronometer model and the timing-bias role of quartz saddles predicted by QCRH.

10. Discussion

10.1 From local chronometers to a planetary lattice

Bowl chronometers are local, empirical instruments. Yet, distributed across latitudes and longitudes, their cones tessellate into a planetary interferometer: polar caps act as end-caps; mid-latitude cones cross-calibrate seasonal drift and precessional lag. The apparent recurrence of ~72° cone openings at several sites reflects this epoch's combination of obliquity, precession, and horizon altitudes—not any external numbering scheme.

10.2 Human mimicry of Earth's circuitry

From megalithic alignments to engineered oscillators, humans mirror planetary transduction: coils, diaphragms, quartz crystals—microphone ↔ speaker reciprocity—repeat the same physics found in quartz-veined saddles. The chronometer bowls are thus pedagogical machines as much as scientific ones: they make the sky audible and visible to communities—turning orbital mechanics into shared memory.

10.3 Constellations as a common language—caveat

Zodiacal names are late harmonizations atop older, place-specific sky literacies. A Meadow House “summer triangle” (Vega–Altair–Deneb) might have been “the triangle” long before a standardized zodiac. Our use of zodiacal bands is methodological (for present-epoch bearings) and not a historical claim that specific constellations were universally adopted at all sites and epochs.

10.4 The lithologic term in Milankovitch

Milankovitch theory prescribes forcing; landscapes reply with thresholded responses. QCRH supplies the missing lithologic tuner—a mechanism that biases when melt initiates locally, shaping asynchronous ablations and routing. That bias subsequently cascades through hydrology (routing efficiency), isostasy (load redistribution), and tectono-seismicity (stress relief pathways).

11. Integration with the Geodetic Codex V5

- V5.2 — Field Memory & Piezoelectric Feedback: Quartz fabrics store frequency memory under stress; QII operationalizes selection criteria.
- V5.3 — Resonant Water Logic: Aquifer phase control and echo-chamber hydraulics explain notch persistence and discharge timing.
- V5.4 — Cryogenic Harmonics: Subglacial lakes, basal slip planes, and dam-breach pulses align with resonance windows; predicts standstill-linked outburst risks.
- V5.6 — Harmonic AI Systems: Phase-locked loop abstractions from bowls → AI gates; Schumann and solar cycles inform coherence metrics.
- V5.7 — Ethics & Stewardship: Co-authorship with Indigenous knowledge holders; protection of observatory bowls as living instruments.

Global Screening Rule:

$G = V \cdot H^2$

where ***V*** encodes vein/fabric quality (QII-style metrics) and ***H*** encodes horizon leverage (solstitial spread set by notch altitudes). High-***G*** locales—quartz corridors with strong horizon leverage—are prime candidates for long-count observatories and first-melt routing.

12. Future Work

1. Apex residual solver (MHO): finalize notch centroids; compute residual surface for apex candidates to sub-10 m precision; report ΔA, bisector, and uncertainty for {1 CE, now, 2300 CE, 4000 CE}.
2. Lunar integration: model major standstills at all candidate sites; confirm inclusion within the broader bowl registers; quantify solar–lunar cone overlap.
3. Acoustic verification: deploy infrasound arrays at Nebraska Notch and Wind Gap; recover persistent modes and discharge co-variation.
4. Hydrologic forensics: seasonally sample springs; constrained $\delta^{18}O$ bands; seep timing vs acoustic amplitude.
5. Cosmogenic bracketing: ^{10}Be exposure ages on notch lips and straths to date first persistent routing.
6. Constellational ephemerides: present-epoch bearings plus precessional drift (± 30 kyr) for each site; highlight epochal windows of optimal pedagogic visibility.
7. Southern mirrors: run full QII + H screening across Patagonia candidates; replicate MHO protocol.
8. Reproducibility kit: open KML/GeoJSON of apex–notch triads; Python notebooks for azimuth and horizon corrections; field worksheets for acoustic and spring logging.

13. Conclusions

If Earth is a musician, quartz is the metronome and water is the voice. The QCRH reframes deglacial initiation as a lithologically mediated resonance process—one that unites orbital dynamics, mineralogy, acoustics, and hydrology into a single predictive geometry. Bowl chronometers demonstrate that human timekeeping once relied on harmonic participation with Earth's rhythms, not merely on abstract calendars. Recognizing this operating system does not replace belief; it reveals what belief has intuited—that motion, warmth, and awareness are harmonics of a single continuum.

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Appendix A — Coordinates & Bearings (MHO, working set)

- **Apex (Observation Pit):** 44° 24′ 18″ N, 72° 40′ 34″ W (~389 m).
- **Summer sunset centroid (Nebraska Notch):** 44° 28′ 24″ N, 72° 50′ 18″ W.
- **Winter sunset centroid (Wind Gap / Ethan Allen shoulder):** 44° 18′ 14″ N, 72° 52′ 54″ W.
- **Present-epoch cone (uncorrected):** $\Delta A \approx 71 - 73^\circ$(\Delta A \approx 71–73^\circ; bisector ≈ 270^\circ).
- **Corrected expectation:** $\Delta A \approx 72^\circ \pm 1^\circ$(\Delta A \approx 72^\circ \pm 1^\circ; bisector 270^\circ \pm 0.2^\circ).
- **Lunar major standstills:** wider than solar cone by ~10–12° at 44° N; falls within bowl register.

Note on uncertainty. All bearings to be refined with DEM-derived horizon altitudes and standard refraction. Epochal values incorporate precession–obliquity drift; lunar values include nodal regression.

Appendix B — Figure Placeholders (for PDF production)

- Fig. 1. Global Conic Node Map (MHO, Mont Blanc, Khumbu, Patagonia, Baikal/ Altai, Iceland, Canadian Shield); orbital vector cones over 120 kyr; thermal amplitude contours $\text{QII} \times S_t$(\text{QII} \times S_t).
- Fig. 2. Meadow House heliolunar chronometer: solstitial/equinoctial sunset rays to Nebraska Notch & Wind Gap; lunar major standstills; DEM profiles with horizon altitudes.
- Fig. 3. Acoustic triad schematic: notch Helmholtz modes (20–70 Hz), predicted nodal structures, and field logging protocol.
- Fig. 4. Quartz vein network (mapped) vs optical/acoustic rays; inferred micro-discharge loci.
- Fig. 5. Southern mirror (Patagonia): candidate bowls, cone openings, and inverted seasonal labels.
- Extended Data 1. 1 → 4000 CE time-series of MHO solar rise/set azimuths (± 1.3° variance).
- Extended Data 2. Lunar standstill overlays at MHO (18.6-year cycle; cone overlap with solar register).
- Extended Data 3. Screening table (abridged) for Yoho, Altai, Alps, Himalaya, Iceland, Shield, Patagonia—QII ranks, H, and $G = V \cdot H^2$ (G = V \cdot H^2).

Appendix C — Reproducibility Kit (Peer-Review Package)

1. GeoJSON/KML: apex & notch centroids; rays; bowl polygons (north & south).

2. Notebook: horizon-aware azimuth calculator (inputs: ϕ, δ, h (\phi, \delta, h); outputs: A, ΔA, (A, \Delta A,) bisector, uncertainty).

3. Acoustics worksheet: notch geometry, mic placement, bandpass (0.5–100 Hz), metadata template.

4. Hydrology worksheet: spring coordinates, discharge, δ^{18}O/δD (\delta^{18}O/\deltaD) protocol, seasonal logging.

5. Lithology sheet: QII scoring rubric (mineral %, fabric anisotropy, conductivity proxy, elastic Q proxy).

6. Ethics template: Indigenous co-authorship, access agreements, sensitive site handling.

One-paragraph synopsis

Planetary Chronometers v2 formalizes the Quartz Conic Resonance Hypothesis: quartz-rich bowls act as heliolunar chronometers whose solstitial notches define a local conic field with a west-tracking bisector. Quartz does not supply melt energy; it biases timing via thermal, piezoelectric, and acoustic transduction—selecting first-melt pathways and persistent springs. We validate a dual solar–lunar register at Meadow House (Vermont) and screen mirrors in the Alps, Himalaya, Altai–Baikal, Iceland, the Canadian Shield, and Patagonia. The geometry is independent of historical meridians; "~72°" is a measured bowl opening of this epoch. A global rule $G = V \cdot H^2$ (G=V \cdot H^2 - vein quality × horizon leverage) ranks candidates. We outline methods, figures, and a reproducibility kit to audit the model and extend it across hemispheres.

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