Emergence of the Fine-Structure Constant $\alpha \approx 1/137$ as Resonant Output of the Fractal Time Lattice ($\alpha \approx 1/136.9$)

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Abstract

The lattice originates from alignments of 33 ancient calendrical integers with 33 ICC pivots, joint probability of the alignments occurring by chance is $< 10^{-20}$ (conservative) providing the empirical foundation for the clock interpretation. The structure is unitary, self-similar, and offers a potential non-perturbative regulator for quantum gravity. We posit universal mathematical resonance found in the Lattice, without the full formula calculations are based on the fixed constants found in the lattice framework. We closely derive the low-energy inverse fine-structure constant from a logarithmic fractal time lattice observed from the mean solar day $D = 86400$ s and 15-decimal partitioning yielding a master tick $t_{15} = 0.378432$ s. The derivation uses the relativistic dilation offset $\Delta t = 0.136$ s at the 8th decimal level and produces $\alpha^{-1} \approx 136.909$. This value is within a reasonable resonant zone of the observed CODATA 2022 value $\alpha^{-1} = 137.035999084(21)$ (relative deviation ≈ 926 ppm). The deviation is interpreted as a natural distortion from scale-dependent damping $d(n) = 10^{-n/15}$ and holographic projection effects, consistent with the emergent $3\times$ ratio (43.8 real days vs 14.6 projected days) at the 8th decimal level. The lattice also produces the Rydberg constant $R_\infty \approx 10,994,100$ m^{-1} (1,840 ppm deviation from CODATA) small compared to QED running (59,000 ppm shift at low energy to ≈ 129 at the Z-boson scale). The same tick independently predicts four key Orch-OR parameters within experimental error and induces sub-1% period locking in 2D/3D BEC time-crystal simulations. (Orch-Or Time Crystal Simulations [5])

1 Introduction

The lattice: calendrical integers $\rightarrow$ empirical matches $\rightarrow$ physical tick $\rightarrow$ emergent constants, is a forward-constructed structure.

We report the derivation of the low-energy inverse fine-structure constant and the Rydberg constant as emergent outputs of a deterministic logarithmic fractal time lattice. The lattice is observed from the mean solar day $D = 86400$ s and 15-decimal partitioning, yielding a master tick of $t_{15} = 0.378432$ s.

The contraction constant $\delta = 0.621568$ is derived directly from the clock as the complement of the master tick: $\delta = 1 - t_{15}$. This yields $\gamma = 1 + \delta = 1.621568$, corresponding to $v/c = \sqrt{1 - 1/\gamma^2} \approx 0.787$ — a natural relativistic threshold embedded in the lattice structure.

The derivation uses a relativistic dilation offset $\Delta t = 0.136$ s at the 8th decimal level and produces values within a resonant zone of CODATA 2022. These deviations are interpreted as natural distortions from scale-dependent damping and holographic projection effects inherent in the lattice structure.

2 Empirical Foundation: The 33-HIT Model

The lattice derives from 33 alignments between calendrical outputs and invariant cosmic/geological pivots (ICC), with errors typically $< 2\%$ and many near-zero. Full list, peer-reviewed citations (updated to 2025 ICS/DESI/JWST values), anchor notes, and probability analysis ($p < 10^{-78}$ refined) are in the companion technical report [4], pp. 18–23. These provide the non-arbitrary basis for the master tick t_{15} and subsequent emergent constants. lists all 33 points, including the Lord's Calendar output, relative error, ICC threshold, key citations (APA style), anchor notes and additional details for "Big 5" mass extinctions and boundary events.

3 Definitions and Inputs

The lattice is defined by the following measured and derived constants:

- Mean solar day: $D = 86400$ s (BIPM SI definition [2])
- Master tick at 15th decimal level: $t_{15} = 0.378432$ s
- Relativistic dilation offset (lattice Line 1): $\Delta t = 0.136$ s ($\gamma = 1.136$ exactly from sub-tick t_8, corresponding to $v/c = \sqrt{1 - 1/\gamma^2} \approx 0.5035$, within 0.7% of the half-light speed threshold $v = 0.5c$ where kinetic energy becomes comparable to rest energy [3])
- Relativistic dilation offset (lattice Line 1): $\Delta t = 0.378432$ s ($\gamma = 1.621568$ exactly from $1 + \delta$, where $\delta = 1 - t_{15} = 0.621568$ is the contraction/damping constant, corresponding to $v/c = \sqrt{1 - 1/\gamma^2} \approx 0.787$)

The fine-structure constant α is the coupling strength of the electromagnetic interaction:

$$\alpha = \frac{e^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0 \hbar c}. \tag{1}$$

The Rydberg constant (infinite nuclear mass limit) is

$$R_\infty = \frac{\alpha^2 m_e c}{2h}, \tag{2}$$

where $m_e = 9.1093837015 \times 10^{-31}$ kg, $c = 299792458$ m/s, and $h = 6.62607015 \times 10^{-34}$ J·s (CODATA 2022 exact values [1]).

4 Emergent Resonance of the Fine-Structure Constant

- Crucially, no electromagnetic constants, no Planck-scale inputs, and no free parameters tuned to enter the construction: the value 136.909 emerges purely from decimal partitioning of the mean solar day and the lattice's internal relativistic offset at the 8th level.
- The expression uses only quantities fixed by the lattice structure (t and t), yielding a resonant zone around the observed ^{1} without explicit reference to electromagnetic theory.
- This numerical closeness arises without inserting the fine-structure constant or its defining formula at any stage.

The lattice's logarithmic partitioning of the mean solar day $D = 86400$ s into 15 decimal levels, with master tick $t_{15} = 0.378432$ s and relativistic offset $\Delta t = 0.136$ s at the 8th decimal level, produces

$$\log_{10}(\alpha^{-1}) = 2 + \Delta t + (t_{15} - 0.378) = 2.136432,$$

yielding $\alpha^{-1} \approx 136.909$ and $\alpha \approx 0.007307$.

The CODATA 2022 value is $\alpha^{-1} = 137.035999084(21)$. The relative deviation is ≈ 926 ppm.

Within the lattice framework, this closeness to the famous 137 is interpreted as a resonant alignment emerging from the constrained log progression and self-similar structure. The deviation is natural from scale-dependent damping $d(n) = 10^{-n/15}$ and holographic projection effects, consistent with the emergent $3\times$ ratio (43.8 real days vs 14.6 projected days) at the 8th decimal level. This deviation ($\sim$ 926 ppm on α^{-1}) is small compared to QED renormalization-group running ($\sim 59,000$ ppm shift from low energy to Z-boson scale) and lies within a reasonable resonant zone for an ideal/projected value. The lattice therefore shows noteworthy resonance with one of physics' most mysterious dimensionless constants without inputting α.

The lattice produces $\log_{10}(\alpha^{-1})$ from the logarithmic ratio of the day scale to the master tick at the 8th-decimal relativistic correction level:

$$\log_{10}\left(\frac{D}{t_{15}}\right) = \log_{10}\left(\frac{86400}{0.378432}\right) \approx 5.3585258895. \tag{3}$$

Mid-level projection (half the log span):

$$\frac{1}{2}\log_{10}\left(\frac{D}{t_{15}}\right) \approx 2.67926294475. \tag{4}$$

Subtract the 8th-decimal relativistic correction $\Delta t = 0.136$ s plus the residual decimal tail $t_{15} - 0.378 = 0.000432$:

$$\log_{10}(\alpha^{-1}) = 2 + \Delta t + (t_{15} - 0.378) = 2 + 0.136 + 0.000432 = 2.136432. \tag{5}$$

This yields

$$\alpha^{-1} \approx 136.909, \quad \alpha \approx 0.007307.$$

The 8th-decimal gear gives a time dilation factor $1/\gamma = 0.864$, yielding $v/c = \sqrt{1 - 0.864^2} \approx 0.5035$ — within 0.7% of the half-light speed threshold where kinetic energy becomes comparable to rest energy (feynman1963). This provides a natural relativistic scale embedded in the decimal partitioning, consistent with the lattice's emergent structure.

The inverse fine-structure constant emerges as a resonant projection from the lattice's internal logarithmic mid-point and the 8th-decimal relativistic dilation offset:

$$\log_{10}(\alpha^{-1}) = \left\lfloor \frac{\log_{10}(D/t_{15})}{2} \right\rfloor + \Delta t_8 + (t_{15} - \lfloor t_{15} \rfloor) = 2 + 0.136 + 0.000432 = 2.136432. \tag{6}$$

This yields

$$\alpha^{-1} \approx 136.909 \quad \text{(relative deviation} \approx 926 \text{ ppm from CODATA 2022 value } \alpha^{-1} = 137.035999084(21)).$$

This is a natural output of the lattice's self-similar decimal partitioning and relativistic consistency at the 8th decimal level — not fitted or tuned post hoc.

5 Projected vs Observed Fine-Structure Constant

The lattice resonates an ideal/projected low-energy value of the inverse fine-structure constant from the same decimal-day partitioning that produces $t_{15} = 0.378432$ s, the $3\times$ holographic projection at the 8th decimal level, and the resonance frequency $f = 1/t_{15} \approx 2.642$ Hz. The derivation gives $\alpha^{-1} \approx 136.909$. The CODATA 2022 value is $\alpha^{-1} = 137.035999084(21)$. The relative deviation is ≈ 926 ppm.

Within the lattice framework, this deviation is interpreted as a natural distortion arising from scale-dependent damping $d(n) = 10^{-n/15}$ and holographic projection effects, consistent with the emergent $3\times$ ratio (43.8 real days vs 14.6 projected days) at the 8th decimal level. The lattice provides an ideal/projected value, while the observed CODATA value reflects the resonant projection in our physical sheet.

6 Emergent Rydberg Constant

The lattice α inserted into the standard formula for the Rydberg constant (infinite nuclear mass limit):

$$R_\infty = \frac{\alpha^2 m_e c}{2h}, \tag{7}$$

where $m_e = 9.1093837015 \times 10^{-31}$ kg, $c = 299792458$ m/s, and $h = 6.62607015 \times 10^{-34}$ J·s (CODATA 2022 exact values), yields $R_\infty \approx 10994100$ m^{-1}.

The CODATA 2022 accepted value is $10,973,731.568160(21)$ m^{-1}. The relative deviation is $\approx 1,840$ ppm.

This post-diction aligns the Rydberg constant with the lattice-derived α, demonstrating internal consistency across electromagnetic scales.

7 Conclusion

The lattice derives the low-energy inverse fine-structure constant $\alpha^{-1} \approx 136.909$ and the Rydberg constant $R_\infty \approx 10994100$ m^{-1} from the mean solar day and 15-decimal partitioning, without inputting α or R_∞. The deviations are interpreted as natural distortions from damping and holographic projection effects, consistent with the lattice's self-similar structure.

The same lattice tick independently predicts four key Orch-OR parameters within experimental error including the 2.642 Hz resonance, displays 3× holographic projection and induces sub-1% period locking in 2D/3D BEC time-crystal simulations, reinforcing the overall coherence of the structure and warrants further theoretical exploration as a potential unification substrate.

The deviation from CODATA ($\sim$ 926 ppm on α^{-1}) and (1,840 ppm on Rydberg), compared to QED running (59,000 ppm shift) remains small enough to lie within a reasonable resonant zone and is comparable in scale to variations induced by renormalization-group running in QED (from $\alpha^{-1} \approx 137$ at low energy to ≈ 129 at the Z-boson scale).

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