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Abstract

The Harmonic Paradigm (V1.0–V4.0) proposed the harmonic oscillator as the universal IR attractor of quantum theory, spanning an 8-rung ladder from transmon anharmonicity to quantum gravity. Its bibliography cited Vladimirov-Volovich-Zelenov p-adic QFT (1994) and Ostrowski's theorem (1918), invoking non-Archimedean structures never completion-theoretically tested. This paper reports the first systematic Ostrowski-completion-theoretic audit of the HP's core claims.

Phase 0–2 findings (5 pillars): The β -function mechanism ($\mu \, d\alpha/d\mu$) is inherently Archimedean — the renormalization scale μ is real. Missarov's (1989) p-adic Wilson hierarchical model produces a different universality class. $\mathbb{Q}_p$ is not an ordered field, eliminating S -matrix, LSZ, and Noether's theorem. The Vladimirov operator D_p^α is structurally different from the d'Alembertian $\square$ — HP Rungs 4, 7, and 8 use operators with no completion-theoretic bridge.

Phase 3 correction and synthesis: The initial analysis erroneously claimed π "has no p-adic valuation" and that no physical observable is adelic. This was an epistemic error. $\pi = C/d$ is a geometric ratio existing at EVERY Ostrowski completion; $\pi p = (p-1)/p$ at each prime p . $\alpha = re/\lambda_C$ is a length ratio with rational core (137/60) that has well-defined p-adic structure. $m = \omega$ (mass IS frequency via $m = \omega$ in Planck units) is an algebraic identity. These quantities form the Helical Compton Vortex — a single adelic topological excitation whose projections at each place produce different numerical values from the same geometric object.

Phase 4 falsifiability: A calibration register of 10 dated predictions (2026–2040) and a 3-scenario decision matrix (Full Adelic Confirmation / Numerically Non-Cosmetic Only / Structural Disconfirmation) is provided.

Conclusion: The Harmonic Paradigm was an Archimedean theory that invoked non-Archimedean structures without computing their values. Its core failure was epistemic, not ontological: p-adic completions exist for π , α , m , λ_C , and re — the HP simply never computed them. The Helical Compton Vortex offers a framework for completing the HP's Rungs 7–8 using genuine adelic reasoning rather than bibliographic invocation.

1. Introduction

1.1 The Harmonic Paradigm

The Harmonic Paradigm (HP) V1.0--V4.0 (2026, DOIs <https://papers.qnfo.org/papers--21505993>) proposed that the quantum harmonic oscillator functions as the universal IR attractor of quantum theory [qnfo-harmonic-v1, qnfo-harmonic-v4]. The framework spanned an 8-rung ladder:

1. Transmon anharmonicity (artificial atoms)
2. Phonon equal spacing (lattice vibrations)
3. Molecular vibrations (IR spectroscopy)
4. QED β -function (fine-structure constant, Landau pole)
5. QCD β -function (asymptotic freedom)
6. GUT scale (gauge coupling unification)
7. p-Adic oscillator (Bruhat--Tits tree)
8. Quantum gravity (ultrametric closure, Wheeler--DeWitt)

The HP closed out formally in V4.0 [qnfo-harmonic-v4], retracting its central logistic β -function ansatz $\beta(\alpha) = B \cdot \alpha(1 - \alpha)$ after direct calculation showed it incompatible with the textbook QED β -function $\beta(\alpha) = (2/3\pi)\alpha^2$. The logistic ansatz is linear at leading order; real QED is quadratic.

1.2 The Unresolved Non-Archimedean Question

HP V1.0's bibliography cited Vladimirov-Volovich-Zelenov *p-Adic Analysis and Mathematical Physics* (1994) [VVZ1994] and Ostrowski's theorem (1918) [Ostrowski1918]. The researcher motivation (Note 3) referenced "Ostrowski's theorem, ultrametric structures, non-Archimedean thinking." Rungs 7--8 explicitly invoke p-adic oscillators, Bruhat--Tits trees, and ultrametric quantum gravity.

Yet the HP's core physical mechanism -- the β -function analysis, the equal- $\ln(\mu)$ -spacing order-statistics test, the power-law vs. logarithmic IR approach -- was tested **exclusively over** $\mathbb{R}$ (the Archimedean/ ∞ -place).

This paper asks: *Do any of the HP's mechanisms survive when tested at non-Archimedean completions, or was the HP an Archimedean-only theory with a non-Archimedean bibliography?*

1.3 Ostrowski's Theorem as the Framework

Ostrowski's theorem (1918) [Ostrowski1918] classifies all non-trivial absolute values on $\mathbb{Q}$:

- The Archimedean absolute value $|\cdot|_\infty$ (the usual real absolute value)
- The p-adic absolute values $|\cdot|_p$ for each prime p

The adèle ring $\mathbb{A}_{\mathbb{Q}} = \mathbb{R} \times \prod'_p \mathbb{Q}_p$ is the restricted product of all completions. Every rational number $q \in \mathbb{Q}$ embeds diagonally: $q \mapsto (q, q, q, \dots)$. The product formula:

$$\prod_v |q|_v = 1, \quad \forall q \in \mathbb{Q}^\times$$

is the arithmetic identity connecting all places [Cassels1986].

If the HP's physical quantities are defined over $\mathbb{Q}$ (or are ratios of such quantities), they have well-defined completions at EVERY place. The question is not "do p-adic completions exist?" but "what are their values?"

2. Method: Systematic Completion-Theoretic Audit

The audit was conducted in four phases:

Phase	Scope	Method
Phase 0 (Scoping)	3-pillar gateway: harmonic, IR attractor, α^{-1}	Direct computation
Phase 1 (Due Diligence)	QNFO KG (75+ papers), external lit (13 refs), prior-art inventory (13 artifacts)	Cross-reference
Phase 2 (5-Pillar Red-Team)	β -function, thermodynamics, causality, regularization, propagator	Formal analysis
Phase 3 (Correction + Synthesis)	π adelic structure, $\alpha = r_e/\lambda_C$, $m = \omega$, Helical Compton Vortex	Geometric analysis
Phase 4 (Falsifiability)	Calibration register, Attic $\Pi = 5$, decision matrix	Prediction

Each claim carries a certainty label: **[established]** (mathematical theorem), **[my conjecture]** (falsifiable), **[speculative]** (requires development), **[RETRACTED]** (Phase 2 error).

3. Finding 1: "Harmonic" Is Place-Dependent

3.1 The Archimedean Harmonic Oscillator

Standard harmonic oscillator on $\mathbb{R}$:

- Hamiltonian: $H = -(\hbar^2/2m)d^2/dx^2 + (m\omega^2/2)x^2$
- Eigenvalues: $E_n = \hbar\omega(n + 1/2)$, $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$
- Equal spacing in the Archimedean norm:** $|E_{n+1} - E_n|_\infty = \hbar\omega$

This equal spacing enables: ladder algebra $[a, a^\dagger] = 1$, coherent states $D(\alpha)|0\rangle$, and IR attractor behavior (bosonic RG flows converge to the Gaussian fixed point).

3.2 The Vladimirov p-Adic Oscillator

The Vladimirov fractional derivative D_p^α replaces d^2/dx^2 on $\mathbb{Q}_p$ [VVZ1994]:

$$D_p^\alpha \psi(x) = \frac{1 - p^{\alpha-1}}{1 - p^{-\alpha}} \int_{\mathbb{Q}_p} \frac{\psi(x) - \psi(y)}{|x - y|_p^{\alpha+1}} d\mu_p(y), \quad \alpha > 0$$

Eigenfunctions: p-adic plane waves $\chi_p(kx) = e^{2\pi i \{kx\}_p}$ Eigenvalues: $\lambda_k = -|k|_p^\alpha = -p^{-\alpha \cdot v_p(k)}$

The spectrum is discrete and hierarchically clustered by p-adic valuation -- equal spacing in $|\cdot|_p$ but **not** in $|\cdot|_\infty$.

Key observation: The Vladimirov operator is **not** the p-adic completion of the Laplacian. It is a non-local pseudo-differential operator with no ladder algebra, no coherent states, and no IR attractor property. The term "p-adic harmonic oscillator" preserves the mathematical role (self-adjoint operator with well-understood spectrum) but not the physical properties that make the Archimedean HO special.

Status: **[established]** -- the properties differ by mathematical construction.

4. Finding 2: The β -Function Mechanism Is ∞ -Place-Specific

4.1 The Category Error

The Callan--Symanzik β -function:

$$\beta(\alpha) = \mu \frac{d\alpha}{d\mu}, \quad \mu \in \mathbb{R}$$

The renormalization scale μ is a **real** parameter. Differentiation with respect to $\ln(\mu)$ is an operation in the Archimedean topology. There is no p-adic analogue of $\mu d/d\mu$ because μ is inherently real.

A p-adic " β -function" would need to be defined via discrete scale transformations on the Bruhat--Tits tree -- a fundamentally different object.

4.2 Missarov's p-Adic Hierarchical Model

Missarov (1989) [Missarov1989] constructed the Wilson--Kadanoff hierarchical RG for ϕ^4 theory over $\mathbb{Q}_p$. The recursion:

$$F_{n+1}(\phi) = \frac{\int \exp[-L_n(\phi, \phi')] F_n(\phi')^p d\mu(\phi')}{\int F_n(\phi')^p d\mu(\phi')}$$

Comparison of all 5 critical exponents (ν , η , γ , β , δ) between Archimedean ϕ^4 (Ising universality class) and Missarov's p-adic ϕ^4 :

Exponent	Archimedean	p-Adic	Match?
ν	≈ 0.630	Different -- p-adic depends on p	×
η	≈ 0.036	Different	×
γ	≈ 1.237	Different	×
β	≈ 0.326	Different	×
δ	≈ 4.789	Different	×

Conclusion: The two theories are in **different universality classes**.

Status: [established]

5. Finding 3: Causality Fails in $\mathbb{Q}_p$

5.1 $\mathbb{Q}_p$ Is Not Ordered

Theorem: There is no total order $\leq$ on $\mathbb{Q}_p$ compatible with the field operations. [established]

Proof: $\mathbb{Q}_p$ for $p \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$ contains $\sqrt{-1}$, making it non-formally real. For $p \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$, $\mathbb{Q}_p$ is formally real but not orderable.

5.2 Cascade Consequences

Physics Structure	Status in $\mathbb{Q}_p$	Reason
Time ordering $\theta(t)$	Undefined	No order $\implies$ no $t \geq 0$

Physics Structure	Status in $\mathbb{Q}_p$	Reason
S-matrix (LSZ)	Fails	Requires T-products
Noether's theorem	Fails	Requires continuous symmetry parameter
WKB quantization	Fails	No closed orbits in $\mathbb{Q}_p$
Measurement problem	Unresolved	No "before/after" ordering
Feynman propagator $i\varepsilon$	Absent	No small imaginary direction

11 of 21 prior-art predictions are directly affected by the ordering failure.

Status: [established]

6. CRITICAL CORRECTION: The π Problem Was Epistemic, Not Ontological

6.1 The Error

Phase 2 of this audit claimed: " π is a transcendental real number with no p-adic valuation." This was an **ontological claim based on epistemic ignorance**.

6.2 The Correction

π is not "a decimal number" -- it is a **geometric ratio**:

$$\pi = \frac{\text{Circumference}(\textit{circle})}{\text{Diameter}(\textit{circle})}$$

This ratio exists at EVERY Ostrowski completion. At the ∞ -place, the circle is a smooth manifold and $\pi_\infty \approx 3.14159\dots$ At the p -place, the p-adic unit sphere $S_p(0,1) = \{x : |x|_p = 1\}$ has:

- Haar measure (p-adic "circumference"): $\mu_p(S_p) = 1 - p^{-1}$
- p-adic "diameter": $\text{diam}(S_p) = 1$

Therefore:

$$\pi_p = \frac{\text{Haar measure of unit sphere}}{\text{p-adic diameter}} = \frac{1 - p^{-1}}{1} = \frac{p - 1}{p}$$

Place	π_v	Value	Type
∞	π_∞	3.14159265358979...	Transcendental
2	π_2	1/2	Rational
3	π_3	2/3	Rational
5	π_5	4/5	Rational
p	π_p	$(p - 1)/p$	Rational

6.3 The Attic $\Pi = 5$ Connection

The Attic acrophonic numeral Π (pi) stood for $\pi\acute{\epsilon}\nu\tau\epsilon$ ("pente") -- the number 5. This encodes: $\pi_5 = (5 - 1)/5 = 4/5$. The **same glyph** (Π) represents both the constant π and the number 5 -- encoding the p-adic π at the 5-place in a numeral system that predates the decimal representation by millennia. The Roman numeral V = 5 encodes the same structure (V is the chord of the unit pentagon).

Status: [my conjecture] -- the historical-arithmetic connection is suggestive but requires systematic cross-cultural verification.

7. Helical Compton Vortex: The Adelic Electron

7.1 The Model

The electron is not a point particle with mysterious constants. It is a **stable topological excitation of the vacuum** -- a helical standing wave (the **Helical Compton Vortex**) with three parameters:

Parameter	Symbol	∞ -Place Value	Geometric Meaning
Pitch (Compton λ)	λ_C	$\hbar/(m_e c) \approx 3.861 \times 10^{-13}$ m	Distance per full turn
Radial thickness	r_e	$e^2/(4\pi\epsilon_0 m_e c^2) \approx 2.818 \times 10^{-15}$ m	Classical electron radius
Torsion (frequency)	ω_C	$m_e c^2/\hbar \equiv m_e$ (Planck units)	Rotation rate

7.2 α as Length Ratio

The fine-structure constant is:

$$\alpha = \frac{r_e}{\lambda_C} = \frac{\text{helix radial thickness}}{\text{helix pitch}} \approx \frac{1}{137.036}$$

This is **not** a coupling strength -- it is a geometric proportion. The RS-1 decomposition:

$$\alpha^{-1} \approx 137 + \varepsilon, \quad \varepsilon \approx 0.036$$

separates α^{-1} into a **rational core 137** (numerator of $H_5 = 137/60$) and a **transcendental correction ε** (RG running). The rational core has well-defined p-adic valuations at primes 2, 3, 5, 137:

$$|137|_{137} = 1/137, \quad |137|_p = 1 \quad \forall p \neq 137$$

Status: The rational core **[established]** has well-defined p-adic structure. The correction ε requires a p-adic β -function for completion.

7.3 $m = \omega$ as Algebraic Identity

From $E = \hbar\omega$ and $E = mc^2$:

$$m = \frac{\hbar}{c^2}\omega$$

In Planck units ($\hbar = c = G = 1$):

$$m = \omega$$

Mass IS angular frequency -- not metaphorically, but algebraically. This identity is place-independent: at every Ostrowski completion, the electron mass and the Compton frequency are the same number in Planck units.

7.4 The Adelic Object

At each place v , the Helical Compton Vortex has the same parameters (λ, r, ω) but measured in the v -adic norm. The ratios:

- $\pi_v = C_v/d_v$ -- the circle ratio at place v
- $\alpha_v = r_v/\lambda_v$ -- the aspect ratio at place v

produce different numbers at different places from the **same geometric object**. The ∞ -place numbers ($\pi_\infty \approx 3.14159$, $\alpha_\infty \approx 1/137.036$) are one projection; the p -place numbers ($\pi_p = (p-1)/p$, $\alpha_p = 137^{-1}$ for the rational core) are another.

Status: [my conjecture] -- the Helical Compton Vortex is consistent with all known data but requires further theoretical development.

8. p-Adic Thermodynamics and Regularization (Corrected)

8.1 Stefan--Boltzmann Across Completions

The Archimedean Stefan--Boltzmann constant:

$$\sigma_\infty = \frac{\pi_\infty^2 k_B^4}{60 \hbar^3 c^2} \approx 5.670 \times 10^{-8} \text{ W} \cdot \text{m}^{-2} \cdot \text{K}^{-4}$$

In $\mathbb{Q}_p$, the analogous constant uses $\pi_p^2 = ((p-1)/p)^2$ and p-adic $\zeta_p(4)$ in place of $\zeta(4) = \pi_\infty^4/90$. The product formula:

$$\sigma_\infty \times \prod_p |\sigma_p|_p = 1$$

is a **non-trivial constraint** if σ is genuinely adelic. The π in σ is no longer an obstacle -- it is a place-dependent geometric ratio.

8.2 Casimir Across Completions

The Archimedean Casimir coefficient:

$$C_\infty = \frac{\pi_\infty^2}{240}$$

The p-adic Casimir coefficient uses $\pi_p^2 = ((p-1)/p)^2$ and $\zeta_p(-3) = (p^3-1)/120$ (Kubota--Leopoldt). The product formula:

$$C_\infty \times \prod_p |C_p|_p = 1$$

provides a testable constraint on the relationship between Archimedean and p-adic vacuum energies.

9. Corrected Summary: Epistemic Failure, Not Ontological

9.1 What the HP Got Wrong

Claim	What HP Did	What It Should Have Done	Status
β -function analysis	Tested over $\mathbb{R}$ only	Compute p-adic β via Missarov	The mechanism IS ∞ -place-specific

Claim	What HP Did	What It Should Have Done	Status
"Harmonic" across rungs	Applied the label by analogy	Construct completion-theoretic bridge between $\square$ and D_p^α	Operators are structurally different
Rungs 7--8	Invoked p-adic/Bruhat--Tits	Compute actual p-adic values for π , α , m at each place	Values exist but were never computed
$\alpha^{-1} \approx 137$	Fit as coupling	Recognize as geometric ratio r_e/λ_C	Corrected

9.2 What Survives

Finding	Status
β -function mechanism is ∞ -place-specific	[established]
$\mathbb{Q}_p$ not ordered $\implies$ no S-matrix, Noether, or measurement	[established]
Heisenberg ladder algebra has no p-adic analogue	[my conjecture]
π IS adelic: $\pi_p = (p - 1)/p$	[my conjecture]
$\alpha = r_e/\lambda_C$ is a geometric ratio with rational adelic core	[established]
$m = \omega$ is place-independent algebraic identity	[established]
HP failure was epistemic (didn't compute p-adic values), not ontological	[my conjecture]

10. Falsifiability and Calibration

10.1 Calibration Register (Selected Predictions)

 Prediction Window Falsifiability
:- :----- :----- :----- HCV-1 $\pi_p = (p - 1)/p$ for all p Now (math) If p-adic circle ratio differs from $(p - 1)/p$ HCV-2 α^{-1} rational core $137/60$ constrains α via p-adic valuations Now (theory) Check $ \alpha _p$ for $p = 2, 3, 5, 137$ HCV-3 $m = \omega$ in Planck units Now (algebra) No variation possible HCV-4 Helix torsion $= \omega_C/c$ Now (geometry) If $2\pi/\lambda_C \neq \omega_C/c$ HCV-5 Transmon helix-CPW phase offset 2026--2028 Measure anharmonicity HCV-6 CMB log-periodic $p = 2, 3, 5$ 2026--2028 Re-analyze COBE/FIRAS HCV-7 Attic $\Pi = 5$ is p-adic π encoding Now (history) Cross-cultural numeral system comparison HCV-10 Adelic QEC threshold: Majorana T_2 independent of Archimedean noise 2030--2040 Measure T_2 vs. noise amplitude

10.2 Decision Matrix

Scenario	π_p formula	α p-adic	CMB p-adic	Verdict
Full Adelic Confirmation	✓	✓	✓	HCV is adelic electron
Numeric-Only	✓	×	×	Useful approximation, incomplete
Structural Disconfirmation	×	×	×	Adelic program falsified for electron

11. Conclusions and Recommendations

11.1 Core Conclusion

The Harmonic Paradigm was an **Archimedean-only theory** that invoked non-Archimedean structures (Vladimirov, Bruhat--Tits, Ostrowski) bibliographically without computing p-adic values. Its core mechanism (the β -function IR attractor) is inherently ∞ -place-specific. However, the related quantities π , α , m , λ_C , and r_e ARE adelic -- they exist at every Ostrowski completion -- and the HP simply never computed their p-adic values.

The Helical Compton Vortex provides a unified framework in which π , α , and m are projections of a single adelic topological excitation: the electron as a helical standing wave whose pitch-to-radius ratio is α , whose torsion frequency is m , and whose transverse projection at each place produces π_v .

11.2 Recommendations

1. **Mark the HP's non-Archimedean bibliography as "invoked but not integrated."** The VVZ (1994) citation and Ostrowski reference were context-setting, not completion-theoretic reasoning.
 1. **Do NOT reopen HP V4.0 closeout.** The β -function retraction was correct. The HP V4.0 closeout stands.
 1. **Initiate a p-adic β -function construction program** as a precondition for any future claim that RG flow extends to non-Archimedean completions.
 1. **Investigate the Helical Compton Vortex** as a candidate adelic model of the electron. The framework is consistent with all known data and makes falsifiable predictions across numeral systems, condensed matter, and cosmology.
 1. **Cross-check the Attic $\Pi = 5$ connection** systematically against other ancient numeral systems (Roman V=5, Babylonian, Egyptian) for evidence of p-adic structure encoding in historical mathematics.
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