

Quantum Gravity and the Holographic Mass

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ABSTRACT

We find an exact quantized expression of the Schwarzschild solution to Einstein's field equations utilizing spherical Planck units in a generalized holographic approach. We consider vacuum fluctuations within volumes as well as on horizon surfaces, generating a discrete spacetime quantization and a novel quantized approach to gravitation. When applied at the quantum scale, utilizing the charge radius of the proton, we find values for the rest mass of the proton within $0.069 \times 10^{-24} gm$ of the CODATA value and when the recent muonic proton charge radius measurement is utilized we find a deviation of $0.001 \times 10^{-24} gm$ from the proton rest mass. We identify a fundamental mass ratio between the vacuum oscillations on the surface horizon and the oscillations within the volume of a proton and find a solution for the gravitational coupling constant to the strong interaction. We derive the energy, angular frequency, and period for such a system and determine its gravitational potential considering mass dilation. We find the force range to be closely correlated with the Yukawa potential typically utilized to illustrate the exponential drop-off of the confining force. Zero free parameters or hidden variables are utilized.

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1. INTRODUCTION

In 1916, Karl Schwarzschild published an exact solution to Einstein's field equations for the gravitational field outside a spherically symmetric body [1,2]. The Schwarzschild solution determined a critical radius, r_s for any given mass where the escape velocity equals c , the speed of light. The region where $r = r_s$ is typically denoted as the horizon or event horizon and is given by the well known definition

$$r_s = \frac{2Gm}{c^2} \quad (1)$$

where G is the gravitational constant, and m is the mass. John Archibald Wheeler in 1967 described this region of space as a "black hole" during a talk at the NASA Goddard Institute of Space Studies. In 1957 Wheeler had already, as an implication of general relativity, theorized the presence of tunnels in spacetime or "wormholes" and in 1955, as a consequence of quantum mechanics, the concept of "spacetime foam" or "quantum foam" as a qualitative description of

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28 subatomic spacetime turbulence [3]. The theory predicts that the very fabric of spacetime is a
29 seething foam of wormholes and tiny virtual black holes at the Planck scale as well as being the
30 source of virtual particle production. In Wheeler's own words: "*The vision of quantum gravity is a*
31 *vision of turbulence – turbulent space, turbulent time, turbulent spacetime... spacetime in small*
32 *enough regions should not be merely "bumpy," not merely erratic in its curvature; it should*
33 *fractionate into ever-changing, multiply-connected geometries. For the very small and the very*
34 *quick, wormholes should be as much a part of the landscape as those dancing virtual particles*
35 *that give to the electron its slightly altered energy and magnetism [Observed as the Lamb shift]."*
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38 On the cosmological scale, black hole singularities were initially thought to have no physical
39 meaning and probably did not occur in nature. As general relativity developed in the late 20th
40 century it was found that such singularities were a generic feature of the theory and evidence for
41 astrophysical black holes grew such that they are now accepted as having physical existence and
42 are an intrinsic component of modern cosmology. While the Schwarzschild solution to Einstein's
43 field equations results in extreme curvature at the origin and the horizon of a black hole, it is
44 widely utilized to give appropriate results for many typical applications from cosmology to
45 planetary physics. For instance, the Newtonian gravitational acceleration near a large, slowly
46 rotating, nearly spherical body can be derived by $g = r_s c^2 / 2r^2$ where g is the gravitational
47 acceleration at radial coordinate r , r_s is the Schwarzschild radius of a gravitational central body,
48 and c is the speed of light. Similarly, Keplerian orbital velocity can be derived for the circular
49 case by

$$50 \quad v = \sqrt{\frac{r_s c^2}{2r}} \quad (2)$$

51 where r is the orbital radius. This can be generalized to elliptical orbits and of course the
52 Schwarzschild radius is utilized to describe relativistic circular orbits or photon spheres for rapidly
53 rotating objects such as black holes. There are many more examples of the ubiquitous nature of
54 the Schwarzschild solution and its applications to celestial mechanics and cosmology.
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56 In developments over the past decade event horizons have been demonstrated to be dynamically
57 fluctuating regions at a scale where quantum mechanical effects occupy a central role. Early
58 explorations of spacetime fluctuations at the quantum level predicted that the vacuum at those
59 scales undergoes extreme oscillations as formulated in the Wheeler model. Indeed, in quantum
60 field theory, the vacuum energy density is calculated by considering that all the vibrational modes
61 have energies of $\hbar\omega/2$. When summed over all field modes, an infinite value results unless
62 renormalized utilizing a Planck unit cutoff [5]. Yet, while the high curvature of general relativity
63 and the vacuum fluctuations of quantum field theory converge and meet at the Planck cutoff,
64 efforts to define gravitational curvature in a discrete and elegant manner, as in quantum gravity
65 have proven elusive.
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67 In the early 1970s, expanding from Hawking temperature theorems for black hole horizons,
68 Bekenstein conjectured that the entropy of a black hole is proportional to the area of its event
69 horizon divided by the Planck area times a constant on the order of unity [6]. Hawking confirmed
70 Bekenstein's conjecture utilizing the thermodynamic relationships between energy and
71 temperature [7].

$$72 \quad S = \frac{kA}{4\ell^2} \quad (3)$$

73 where A is the area of the event horizon, k is Boltzmann's constant, and ℓ is the Planck length.
74 The Bekenstein bound conjecture and the entropy of a black hole eventually led to the
75 holographic principle (generally given as an analogy to a hologram by Gerard 't Hooft) [8] where
76 the covariant entropy bound demands that the physics in a certain region of space is described
77 by the information on the boundary surface area, where one bit is encoded by one Planck area

78 [8,9]. Since the temperature $T_H = \frac{k}{2\pi}$ determines the multiplicative constant of the Bekenstein-
79 Hawking entropy of a black hole which is

$$80 \quad S = \frac{A}{4} \quad (4)$$

81 therefore, Hawking fixes the proportionality constant at 1/4 of the surface area, which we note is
82 equivalent to the surface area of the equatorial disc of the system.

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84 In this paper, we generalize the holographic principle by utilizing a spherical Planck unit rather
85 than a surface area Planck unit, ℓ^2 as a minimum-size vacuum energy oscillator on which
86 information encodes, which we term "Planck spherical unit" (PSU). This approach is consistent
87 with the dimensional reduction of the holographic principle, which states explicitly that all the
88 information of the interior volume of a black hole is encoded holographically on its horizon
89 surface. We consider the interior vacuum energy density ratio, in terms of PSU packing, to the
90 surface horizon and find a generalized holographic principle which broadens the applicability of
91 the holographic method to other areas of physics, such as gravitation, hadronic mass, and
92 confinement.

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94 As a result, an exact quantized derivation of the Schwarzschild solution to Einstein's field
95 equations is found, yielding a novel approach to quantum gravity. We apply this method to the
96 quantum scale and derive the proton rest mass from geometric considerations alone. When the
97 CODATA charge radius value of the proton is employed, our result yields a very close first-order
98 approximation within ~4% deviation from the CODATA mass value, the difference of which is
99 $0.069 \times 10^{-24} gm$. Utilizing the recent muonic measurement of the proton charge radius however
100 [10], we obtain a more accurate value within $0.001 \times 10^{-24} gm$ or ~0.07% deviation. Employing
101 our generalized holographic approach we predict a precise proton charge radius. Our prediction
102 falls within the reported experimental uncertainty for the muonic measurement of the proton
103 charge radius [10].
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105 By further algebraic derivation, we find a fundamental constant we term ϕ , defined by the mass
106 ratio of vacuum oscillations on the surface horizon to the ones within the volume of the proton.
107 As a result, clear relationships emerge between the Planck mass, the rest mass of the proton,
108 and the Schwarzschild mass of the proton or what we term the holographic gravitational mass.
109 Further, we find that our derived fundamental constant $4\phi^2$ generates the gravitational coupling
110 constant to the strong interaction, thus defining the unification energy for confinement. We also
111 derive the energy, angular frequency, and period for such a system utilizing our generalized
112 holographic approach. We find that the period is on the order of the interaction time of particle
113 decay via the strong force which is congruent with our derivation of the gravitational coupling
114 constant. Moreover, the frequency of the system correlates well with the characteristic gamma
115 frequency of the nucleon decay rate. Finally, we compute the gravitational potential resulting
116 from the mass dilation of the system due to angular velocities as a function of radius and find that
117 the gravitational force of such a system produces a force range drop-off closely correlated with
118 the Yukawa potential typically utilized to define the short range of the strong interaction.
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120 We demonstrate that a quantum gravitational framework of a discrete spacetime defined by
121 spherical Planck vacuum oscillators can be constructed which applies to both cosmological and
122 quantum scales. Our generalized holographic method utilizes zero free parameters and is
123 generated from simple geometric relationships and algebra, yielding precise results for significant
124 physical properties such as the mass of black holes, the rest mass of the proton, and the
125 confining nuclear force.
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127 Note that in this paper, we utilize the full significant digits of the Planck length and other relevant
 128 physical constants as given by CODATA in our derivations to demonstrate the accuracy of our
 129 results.

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131 2. THE SCHWARZSCHILD SOLUTION FROM PLANCK OSCILLATOR SPHERICAL 132 UNITS

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134 In view of the increasingly significant role that quantum field effects or vacuum fluctuations have
 135 played in current cosmology to characterize the information structure of the horizons of
 136 astrophysical black holes, as in the holographic principle and its application to entropy [11], we
 137 examine a hypothetical black hole horizon of the approximate order of magnitude of the well
 138 documented black hole Cygnus X-1 with a radius of $\sim 2.5 \times 10^6 \text{ cm}$.

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140 In order to better represent the natural systems of harmonic oscillators we initiate our calculation
 141 by defining a Planck spherical unit (PSU) oscillator of the Planck mass m_ℓ with a spherical

142 volume V_{ℓ_s} and a Planck length diameter $\ell = 1.616199 \times 10^{-33} \text{ cm}$ with a radius of $\ell_r = \ell/2$.

143 We utilize a spherical volume for our fundamental spacetime quantum foam PSU oscillator
 144 instead of the typical Planck area ℓ^2 or Planck volume ℓ^3 in our generalized holographic

145 approach. Therefore a spherical PSU of radius ℓ_r has a volume of

$$146 \quad V_{\ell_s} = \frac{4}{3} \pi \ell_r^3 \quad (5)$$

147 or $V_{\ell_s} = 2.210462 \times 10^{-99} \text{ cm}^3$. Such a sphere will have an equatorial plane circular area of

$$148 \quad A_{\ell_c} = \pi \ell_r^2 \quad (6)$$

149 or $A_{\ell_c} = 2.051538 \times 10^{-66} \text{ cm}^2$, which will be utilized for the purpose of holographic tiling. In our
 150 generalized holographic approach we consider the volume vacuum oscillation energy in terms of
 151 Planck spherical units as well as the typical tiling of the surface horizon found in the holographic
 152 principle entropy calculations of equations (3) and (4). Our considerations of information within
 153 the volume stems from an exploration of the role of vacuum fluctuations in surface gravity and
 154 spacetime quantization relationships between the interior information network and the external
 155 surface tiling. It is important to note that although, in this exercise, we tile the surface horizon
 156 with Planck circular areas, these are equatorial areas of spherical oscillators.

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158 Consequently, we derive the quantity η , the number of Planck areas A_{ℓ_c} on the surface A of
 159 the horizon of Cygnus X-1 with a radius of $2.5 \times 10^6 \text{ cm}$ and find that

$$160 \quad \eta = \frac{A}{A_{\ell_c}} \quad (7)$$

161 or $\eta = 3.828339 \times 10^{79}$. We calculate R or the quantity of Planck volume oscillators V_{ℓ_s} within
 162 the volume V of the interior of the Cygnus X-1 black hole

$$163 \quad R = \frac{V}{V_{\ell_s}} \quad (8)$$

164 or $R = 2.960912 \times 10^{118}$. We then examine the relationship between the information network of
 165 the horizon η and the interior information network of PSU oscillators R , then multiply it by the
 166 Planck mass, m_ℓ to obtain the mass-energy equivalence of the ratio and we determine that

$$167 \quad m_h = \frac{R}{\eta} m_\ell \quad (9)$$

168 where $m_h = 1.683354 \times 10^{34} \text{ gm}$ is the mass derived from this geometric approach, or what we
 169 term the “*holographic gravitational mass*”. This expression can be written as well in terms of
 170 mass relations by multiplying equation (9) by m_ℓ / m_ℓ

$$171 \quad m_h = \frac{R_\rho}{\eta_\rho} m_\ell \quad (10)$$

172 where R_ρ is the total mass-energy of PSU oscillators within the volume and η_ρ is the mass-
 173 energy of PSU oscillators on the surface horizon, so that all terms are Planck mass quantities,
 174 which clarifies the relationship between masses in the geometry. Equation (10) can then be
 175 written as

$$176 \quad m_h = \frac{R_\rho}{\eta} \quad (11)$$

177 We then calculate the Schwarzschild mass of a black hole of the same radius as our example
 178 Cygnus X-1. Rearranging equation (1) we have

$$179 \quad \frac{rc^2}{2G} = m_s \quad (12)$$

180 where m_s is the Schwarzschild mass of such a black hole, c is the speed of light and G is the
 181 gravitational constant. We obtain the exact same quantity, $m_s = 1.683354 \times 10^{34} \text{ gm}$ utilizing
 182 CODATA values.
 183 Therefore

$$184 \quad m_h = m_s \quad (13)$$

185 We find that a simple relationship of the internal PSUs within a given volume, to the discrete
 186 “pixelation” of the holographic membrane surface horizon of the black hole yields what we term
 187 the *holographic gravitational mass* of the object which is equivalent to its classical Schwarzschild
 188 mass. This of course, is valid for any system, is free of any relativistic expressions, and utilizes
 189 only discrete Planck quantities, which has implications for quantum gravity.

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 191 From the above geometric analysis we then perform an algebraic derivation to find an elegant
 192 formulation of this quantized relationship. Therefore we can write equation (11) in terms of
 193 equation (7) and R

$$194 \quad \frac{R_\rho}{\eta} = \frac{Rm_\ell}{A / A_{\ell_c}} = \frac{Rm_\ell A_{\ell_c}}{A} \quad (14)$$

195 Utilizing equations (6) and (8) and rearranging terms we have

$$196 \quad = \frac{(V / V_{\ell_s}) m_\ell \pi \ell_r^2}{4\pi r^2} = \frac{(V / V_{\ell_s}) m_\ell \ell_r^2}{4r^2} \quad (15)$$

197 Expanding to the spherical form in terms of r and ℓ_r and reducing,

$$198 \quad = \frac{(\frac{4}{3} \pi r^3 / (\frac{4}{3} \pi \ell_r^3)) m_\ell \ell_r^2}{4r^2} = \frac{(r^3 / \ell_r^3) m_\ell \ell_r^2}{4r^2} \quad (16)$$

199 or,

$$200 \quad \frac{R_\rho}{\eta} = r \frac{m_\ell}{4\ell_r} \quad (17)$$

201 where r is the radius of a system. Given that $\ell_r = \ell / 2$, and utilizing equation (11) we now
 202 obtain what we have previously termed the holographic gravitational mass m_h as,

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$$r \frac{m_\ell}{2\ell} = m_h. \quad (18)$$

204 Of course now a radius we term the *holographic radius* r_h can be calculated for any mass m ,
 205 giving the expression

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$$r_h = 2\ell \frac{m}{m_\ell}. \quad (19)$$

207 Therefore, we find that the number of discrete Planck masses within any given mass m
 208 multiplied by 2ℓ , which is a discrete quantity, will generate the *holographic radius* equivalent to
 209 the well known Schwarzschild radius of equation (1) so that in the case of equation (19) we have
 210 a non-relativistic form derived from discrete vacuum oscillator Planck quantities generating a
 211 quantized solution. The geometric equation (9) and the algebraic derivation (19) are both simple
 212 and meaningful as they clearly demonstrate that the gravitational mass of an object can be
 213 obtained from discrete quantities based on Planck spherical units. Consequently our results are
 214 consistent with the dimensional reduction embodied in the holographic principle, and thus we
 215 have found a unique expression involving the holographic gravitational mass, radius, Planck
 216 mass, and the mass of any black-hole object that is congruent with the usual holographic entropy
 217 computation of equation (3) and (4).
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219 Clearly in both cases c and G are involved since Planck entities are derived from $\ell = \sqrt{\frac{\hbar G}{c^3}}$

220 and $m_\ell = \sqrt{\frac{\hbar c}{G}}$, therefore we can write equation (19) as

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$$r_h = 2m \frac{\ell}{m_\ell} = 2m \frac{\sqrt{\frac{\hbar G}{c^3}}}{\sqrt{\frac{\hbar c}{G}}} = 2m \sqrt{\frac{G^2}{c^4}} \quad (20)$$

222 or

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$$r_s = r_h = \frac{2Gm}{c^2}. \quad (21)$$

224 Here we arrive to the Schwarzschild expression of equation (1) from geometric considerations
 225 alone. It then follows that the Schwarzschild solution to Einstein's field equations could have
 226 been developed in the late 19th Century by computation of tiling Planck quantities independent of
 227 spacetime curvature and singularities, near the time when Max Planck in 1899 derived his units.
 228 His units were, of course, the result of the renormalization of the electromagnetic spectrum of
 229 black body radiation by the utilization of a quantum of action \hbar , which confirmed experimental
 230 results. Planck quantities are natural units, free of any arbitrary anthropocentric measurements,
 231 are based on fundamental physical constants, and can be defined as, for example, the time it
 232 takes a photon to travel one Planck length which is the Planck time. Therefore, in the case of the
 233 generalized holographic solution the difficulties associated with discontinuities and singularity
 234 production are precluded from occurring due to the Planck quantization where the presence of \hbar ,
 235 the quantum of angular momentum or the quantum of action of the energetic vacuum quantizes
 236 spacetime and yields a discrete gravitational mass or quantum gravity.
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238 However, if our holographic solution is a correct representation of quantum gravitational
 239 spacetime structure, then it should be applicable to the quantum world and yield appropriate
 240 results such as fundamental physical quantities from first principles and geometric considerations.
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3. HOLOGRAPHIC MASS AT THE HADRON SCALE

We now apply the above surface to volume relationships of Planck vacuum oscillations of a cosmological scale object to the quantum world. We initially utilize the standard CODATA proton charge radius given as $r_p = 0.8775 \times 10^{-13} \text{ cm}$ due to the fundamental nature of protons in the hadronic picture. We derive the quantity η as the number of Planck areas A_{lc} on the surface area A_p of a proton

$$\eta = \frac{A_p}{A_{lc}}. \quad (22)$$

In this case, $\eta = 4.716551 \times 10^{40}$. Multiplying by the Planck mass, we obtain

$$\eta_\rho = \eta m_\ell = 1.026562 \times 10^{36} \text{ gm} \quad (23)$$

or the holographic mass of the surface horizon of the proton. We then calculate R or the number of PSUs within the proton volume V_p utilizing equation (8), yielding $R = 1.280404 \times 10^{60}$.

We can now examine the relationship between η_ρ and R and find

$$m_{p'} = \frac{2\eta_\rho}{R} = 1.603498 \times 10^{-24} \text{ gm} \quad (24)$$

where $m_{p'}$ is the holographic derivation of the mass of the proton. The result is a close approximation to the measured CODATA value for the proton mass $m_p = 1.672622 \times 10^{-24} \text{ gm}$ with a $0.069 \times 10^{-24} \text{ gm}$ or $\sim 4\%$ deviation from the CODATA value.

Therefore a simple reversal of the holographic “pixelation” relationship in equation (11) produces a close approximation to the rest mass of the proton; whereas the above geometric holographic gravitational mass (which is equivalent to the Schwarzschild solution) is generated by dividing the mass of PSUs in the interior by the number of PSUs on the surface, conversely the proton rest mass is extrapolated from the mass of PSUs on the surface divided by the number of PSUs in the interior. Clearly both equation (11) and its inverse in equation (24) can be utilized to describe a relationship between the interior information to the screening on the surface horizon and is consistent with the dimensional reduction associated with the holographic approach. In the following sections we will clarify the nature of this relationship, which has significant implications to the gravitational coupling constant and confinement.

The usual method of determining the charge radius of the proton is to measure the Lamb shift of a bound proton-lepton system via spectroscopy. A prior method was to measure the Sachs electric form factor with a scattering experiment, such as electron-proton scattering. The Sachs form factors are the spatial Fourier transforms of the proton’s charge distribution in the Breit frame [12]. Recently an international research team from the Paul Scherrer Institut (PSI) in Villigen (Switzerland) and scientists from the Max Planck Institute of Quantum Optics (MPQ) in Garching, the Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität (LMU) Munich and the Institut für Strahlwerkzeuge (IFWS) of the Universität Stuttgart (both from Germany), and the University of Coimbra, Portugal obtained measurements recently published in *Nature* of the spectrum of muonic hydrogen that found a significantly lower value of $r_p = 0.84184 \times 10^{-13} \text{ cm}$ [10] compared to the CODATA value of the proton charge radius. In the case of measuring the Lamb shift of a bound proton-muon system it was anticipated to reduce the error by an order of magnitude compared to measurements from proton-electron scattering and typical proton-electron spectroscopy [13]. While it did indeed reduce the error by an order of magnitude, the fact that the new measurement

286 is five standard deviations from the CODATA value has raised significant questions about the
 287 implications of this new result on Quantum Electrodynamics, and so far no experimental errors
 288 have been found despite thorough scrutiny by the physics community [14-20].
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290 We now proceed to calculate the rest mass of the proton as above, utilizing the new muonic
 291 hydrogen measured proton charge radius $r_p = 0.84184 \times 10^{-13} \text{ cm}$ and find $\eta = 4.340996 \times 10^{40}$,
 292 $\eta_p = 9.448222 \times 10^{35} \text{ gm}$, and $R = 1.130561 \times 10^{60}$. Again utilizing equation (24) we obtain

$$293 \quad m_{p'} = \frac{2\eta_p}{R} = 1.6714213 \times 10^{-24} \text{ gm}. \quad (25)$$

294 This result is now a much closer approximation to the measured CODATA value for the proton
 295 mass $m_p = 1.672622 \times 10^{-24} \text{ gm}$ with a $0.0012 \times 10^{-24} \text{ gm}$ or $\sim 0.07\%$ deviation from the
 296 CODATA value. This extremely close result is supportive of the new muonic hydrogen
 297 measurement of the proton charge radius, and of our generalized holographic approach applied
 298 to the quantum scale. Considering that this method yields an exact solution to the gravitational
 299 mass of an object, we can now make a prediction of the precise radius of the proton from
 300 theoretical tenets. Assuming that the current CODATA mass measurement of the proton (which
 301 has been measured to a high level of precision empirically) is accurate, we can solve equation
 302 (25) for the radius of an object of mass $m_p = 1.672622 \times 10^{-24} \text{ gm}$ by utilizing algebraic
 303 computations from the geometric consideration. Consequently

$$304 \quad m_{p'} = \frac{2\eta_p}{R} = 2 \frac{(A / A_{lc}) m_\ell}{V / V_{ts}}. \quad (26)$$

305 Substituting equations (5) and (6) on the right side and canceling common terms we have

$$306 \quad = 2 \frac{(4\pi r^2 / \pi \ell_r^2) m_\ell}{\frac{4}{3} \pi r_p^3 / (\frac{4}{3} \pi \ell_r^3)} = 2 \frac{(4r^2 / \ell_r^2) m_\ell}{r_p^3 / \ell_r^3} \quad (27)$$

307 and reducing to

$$308 \quad = \frac{8m_\ell}{r_p / \ell_r} = \frac{8\ell_r m_\ell}{r_p}. \quad (28)$$

309 Since $\ell_r = \ell / 2$, we can reduce this to

$$310 \quad m_{p'} = 4\ell \frac{m_\ell}{r_p}. \quad (29)$$

311 Therefore the mass of the proton can be simply extrapolated from the relationship of the Planck
 312 length times the Planck mass divided by the proton charge radius. Again, as in section 2 we find
 313 a simple and elegant quantized solution to a fundamental physical quantity utilizing an intrinsic
 314 generalized holographic relationship.
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316 We now can predict a precise radius for the proton, which we term $r_{p'}$, from the CODATA value
 317 for the proton mass by inverting equation (29)

$$318 \quad r_{p'} = 4\ell \frac{m_\ell}{m_p} = 0.841236 \times 10^{-13} \text{ cm} \quad (30)$$

319 a difference of $0.000604 \times 10^{-13} \text{ cm}$ from the muonic measurement of the proton charge radius of
 320 $r = 0.84184(67) \times 10^{-13} \text{ cm}$ and therefore falls within less than one standard deviation
 321 $0.00067 \times 10^{-13} \text{ cm}$, or within their reported standard experimental error value [10]. More precise
 322 measurement may confirm this theoretical result.

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4. DETERMINING A FUNDAMENTAL GEOMETRIC MASS RATIO AND THE GRAVITATIONAL COUPLING CONSTANT

329 As in section (2), we now replace ℓ and m_ℓ in equation (29) by their respective fundamental
330 constant Planck unit definitions, to derive deeper meaning. Therefore, canceling terms and
331 simplifying

$$332 \quad m_{p'} = 4\ell \frac{m_\ell}{r_p} = \frac{4\sqrt{\frac{\hbar G}{c^3} \frac{\hbar c}{G}}}{r_p} = \frac{4\sqrt{\frac{\hbar^2}{c^2}}}{r_p} = \frac{4\frac{\hbar}{c}}{r_p} = \frac{4\hbar}{r_p c}. \quad (31)$$

333 We rewrite the last term and multiply the numerator and denominator by c/G ,

$$334 \quad = 2 \frac{\hbar}{r_p c / 2} = 2 \frac{\hbar c / G}{r_p c^2 / 2G} \quad (32)$$

335 and since $m_\ell = \sqrt{\frac{\hbar c}{G}}$, we substitute

$$336 \quad = 2 \frac{m_\ell^2}{r_p c^2 / 2G}. \quad (33)$$

337 Here the Schwarzschild condition $m_s = rc^2/2G$ appears in the denominator which is equivalent
338 to our holographic solution $m_h = rm_\ell/2\ell$. We can now write equation (33) as

$$339 \quad m_{p'} = 2 \frac{m_\ell^2}{m_h}. \quad (34)$$

340 This is a significant result as we now observe a direct relationship between the rest mass of the
341 proton m_p , the Planck mass m_ℓ , and the Schwarzschild mass or holographic gravitational mass
342 m_h , which we denote as m_h to indicate the holographic gravitational mass specific to the proton.

343 Thus, the presence of a strong gravitational potential equivalent to the Schwarzschild mass in
344 equation (34) relates the rest mass of the proton to our cosmological generalized holographic
345 mass solution, confirming that the holographic principle, typically consistent with strong
346 gravitational objects, is potentially involved in the strong field confinement environment of the
347 femtometer scale due to Planck fluctuations. Here our generalized holographic approach has led
348 us to a direct relationship between a cosmological gravitational solution and the Planck scale to
349 produce the mass of a quantum object. From equation (11)

$$350 \quad m_h = \frac{Rm_\ell}{\eta} \quad (35)$$

351 where R is the number of PSUs within the interior and η is the number of PSUs on the surface
352 horizon, we now clearly discern that both the holographic gravitational mass (equivalent to the
353 Schwarzschild mass) and the rest mass of the proton are a consequence of the Planck mass m_ℓ ,
354 and the geometrical considerations of Planck vacuum oscillators alone.

355 Although equation (35) has a simple and elegant form, we now explore a little further the algebra
356 to better understand the geometric relationship between $m_{p'}$, m_ℓ and m_h .
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359 Starting from equation (34) and multiplying by $m_{h'}/m_{h'}$ we have

$$360 \quad m_{p'} = 2 \frac{m_\ell^2}{m_{h'}} = 2 \frac{m_\ell^2}{m_{h'}^2} m_{h'}. \quad (36)$$

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364 Expanding $m_{h'}$ in the denominator with equation (35) and rearranging terms we have

$$365 \quad = 2 \frac{m_\ell^2}{\left(\frac{Rm_\ell}{\eta}\right)^2} m_{h'} = 2 \left(\frac{\eta m_\ell}{Rm_\ell}\right)^2 m_{h'}. \quad (37)$$

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367 We now express this in terms of η_ρ and R_ρ

$$368 \quad m_{p'} = 2 \left(\frac{\eta_\rho}{R_\rho}\right)^2 m_{h'} \quad (38)$$

369 where η_ρ is the mass of PSUs on the surface horizon and R_ρ is the mass of PSUs in the interior
370 volume as in equation (10). Here the geometric mass relationship clearly emerges. Significantly,
371 the rest mass of the proton is generated by the square of the simple mass relationship of the
372 surface mass of PSUs to the interior mass of PSUs multiplied by the holographic gravitational
373 mass of the proton. Of course we can also express this relationship in terms of dimensionless
374 quantities. We divide by m_ℓ in the numerator and denominator

$$375 \quad m_{p'} = 2 \left(\frac{\eta_\rho / m_\ell}{R_\rho / m_\ell}\right)^2 m_{h'} \quad (39)$$

376 yielding

$$377 \quad = 2 \left(\frac{\eta}{R}\right)^2 m_{h'}. \quad (40)$$

378 Yet, another step can be taken to further elucidate the nature of the relationship by expanding
379 $m_{h'}$ utilizing equation (9)

$$380 \quad = 2 \left(\frac{\eta}{R}\right)^2 \frac{R}{\eta} m_\ell \quad (41)$$

381 which reduces to

$$382 \quad m_{p'} = 2 \frac{\eta}{R} m_\ell \quad (42)$$

383 which can be converted back to a mass only expression by multiplying the dimensionless
384 quantities by m_ℓ , yielding

$$385 \quad m_{p'} = 2 \frac{\eta_\rho}{R_\rho} m_\ell. \quad (43)$$

386 The relationships between the proton mass, the Planck mass and the holographic gravitational
387 mass clearly emerge from this algebraic sequence of equations. One of the most significant
388 challenges of modern physics has been to find a comprehensive framework to explain the
389 significant discrepancy between the relatively large Planck mass, the mass of the proton, and the
390 gravitational force or what is known as the *hierarchy problem*. Frank Wilczek, whose

391 fundamental contribution of asymptotic freedom to the strong interaction theory, states “We see
 392 that the question it poses is not, ‘Why is gravity so feeble?’ but rather, ‘Why is the proton’s mass
 393 so small?’ For in natural (Planck) units, the strength of gravity simply is what it is, a primary
 394 quantity, while the proton’s mass is the tiny number...” [21]
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396 Here the hierarchy problem between the Planck mass and the proton rest mass is resolved as we
 397 clearly demonstrate that the rest mass of the proton is a function of the Planck vacuum oscillators
 398 holographic surface to volume geometric relationship of spacetime, the energy levels of which
 399 include the gravitational mass-energy $m_{h'}$, derived from the same primary quantity of Planck
 400 entities. We express the relationship of the proton surface horizon to its volume Planck
 401 oscillators as a fundamental constant we term ϕ

$$402 \quad \phi = \frac{\eta}{R} = \frac{\eta_p}{R_p} = 3.839682 \times 10^{-20} \quad (44)$$

403 which appears as a fundamental geometric ratio from equations (38) to (43), whether in
 404 dimensionless quantities or in mass ratios. The inverse relationship

$$405 \quad \frac{1}{\phi} = \frac{R}{\eta} = \frac{R_p}{\eta_p} = 2.604382 \times 10^{19} \quad (45)$$

406 is clearly seen in equation (41) where $m_{h'}$ is fully expanded in its holographic expression from
 407 equation (9) of section 2. Therefore, ϕ and its inverse relate the gravitational curvature of a
 408 Schwarzschild metric to the quantum scale so that

$$409 \quad m_{p'} = 2\phi^2 \frac{1}{\phi} m_\ell = 2\phi^2 m_{h'} \quad (46)$$

410 and relates the proton rest mass to the Planck mass

$$411 \quad m_\ell = \frac{m_{p'}}{2\phi} \quad (47)$$

412 and of course the Planck mass to the holographic gravitational mass is ϕ

$$413 \quad m_\ell = \phi m_{h'} . \quad (48)$$

414 Consequently ϕ acts as a fundamental constant relating the background Planck vacuum
 415 fluctuation field to the cosmological and quantum scale where it may be the source of
 416 confinement so that scaling from the proton rest mass to the Planck mass requires a proportional
 417 mass-energy conversion of 2ϕ while from the Planck mass to the holographic gravitational mass
 418 requires a factor of ϕ , which yields a total scaling from the proton rest mass to the holographic
 419 gravitational mass of

$$420 \quad 2\phi^2 = 2.948632 \times 10^{-39} . \quad (49)$$

421 Exploring the ϕ relationships relative to quantum gravity confinement, we utilize equation (47),
 422 and we determine

$$423 \quad m_{p'} = 2\phi m_\ell = 2\phi \sqrt{\frac{\hbar c}{G}} . \quad (50)$$

424 Squaring both sides
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$$426 \quad m_{p'}^2 = 4\phi^2 \frac{\hbar c}{G} . \quad (51)$$

427 Multiplying both sides by $\frac{G}{\hbar c}$ we have

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$$4\phi^2 = \frac{Gm_{p'}^2}{\hbar c} = \frac{Gm_{p'}m_{p'}}{\hbar c}. \quad (52)$$

429 where $4\phi^2=5.897264\times 10^{-39}$ is the exact value for the coupling constant between gravitation
 430 and confinement at the proton scale or the strong interaction. The typical computation given for
 431 the gravitational coupling constant is

432
$$\frac{F_g}{F_s} = \frac{F_g}{F_e} \frac{F_e}{F_s} = \frac{Gm_p m_p / r^2}{e^2 / r^2} \alpha = \frac{Gm_p^2}{e^2} \alpha = 5.905742 \times 10^{-39} \quad (53)$$

433 where e is the elementary charge and α is the fine structure constant. Note that the slightly
 434 different value of equation (53) from $4\phi^2$ of equation (52) is due to our utilization of the new
 435 muonic measurement of the radius of the proton, and that utilizing our predicted radius $r_{p'}$ from
 436 equation (30) yields the exact value.

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 438 Hence the gravitational force coupling constant is computed directly from the geometric
 439 relationship of the Planck oscillator surface tiling to the interior volume oscillations of the proton
 440 which as well clearly relate the Planck mass to the proton rest mass, and the $2\phi^2$ ratio of the
 441 proton mass to the holographic gravitational mass or the Schwarzschild mass. Consequently, the
 442 unifying energy required for confinement is generated by holographic derivations directly from first
 443 principles of simple geometric Planck vacuum fluctuation relationships. Furthermore, the rest
 444 mass of the proton is computed without requiring the complexities introduced by a Higgs
 445 mechanism, which also utilizes a non-zero vacuum expectation value, but which only predicts 1 to
 446 5 percent of the mass of baryons, and in which the Higgs particle mass itself is a free parameter
 447 [22]. The current QCD approach accounts for the remaining mass of the proton by the kinetic
 448 back reaction of massless gluons interacting with the confining color field utilizing special relativity
 449 to determine masses. Yet it is critical to note that after almost a century of computation, there is
 450 still no analytical solution to the Lattice QCD model for confinement. This problem is thought to
 451 be one of the most obscure processes in particle physics and a Millennium Prize Problem from
 452 the Clay Mathematics Institute has been issued to find a resolution [23, 24]. Since there is no
 453 analytical solution to LQCD and no framework for the energy source necessary for confinement,
 454 associating the remaining mass of the proton to the kinetic energy of massless gluons is based
 455 on tenuous tenets. Our results demonstrate that the holographic gravitational mass-energy of the
 456 proton $m_{h'}$ is the unification energy scale for hadronic confinement and that the mass of
 457 nucleons is a direct consequence of vacuum fluctuations. Keeping in mind that a neutron quickly
 458 decays into a proton when free of the nucleus, we have therefore addressed the fundamental
 459 nature of the nucleon by deriving the proton rest mass and the confining force from holographic
 460 considerations. In future publications we will address the confinement string-like gluon jet flux
 461 tube structures of the QCD vacuum model as potentially arising from high curvature within the
 462 spacetime Planck vacuum collective behavior background, acting as vortices near the
 463 holographic screen topological horizon. This will be addressed utilizing an extended center vortex
 464 picture which has been significantly developed by 't Hooft [25] and in which the surface area of a
 465 Wilson loop is related to a confining force. In the next section, we explore the energy and angular
 466 frequency associated with our model and we compute the gravitational potential range of our
 467 confining force utilizing special relativity.

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 469 **5. FREQUENCY, ENERGY AND THE YUKAWA POTENTIAL**

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 471 From equations (29) and (47) we have

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$$m_{p'} = 2\phi m_\ell = 4\ell \frac{m_\ell}{r_p}. \quad (54)$$

473 Dividing by $2m_\ell$ on both sides we find

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$$\phi = \frac{2\ell}{r_p} \quad (55)$$

475 or

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$$r_p = \frac{2\ell}{\phi} \quad (56)$$

477 Calculating Einstein's mass-energy equivalence for the proton we have

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$$E_p = m_p c^2 \quad (57)$$

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481 From equation (47) we can then write

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$$= 2\phi m_\ell c^2 \quad (58)$$

483 where $m_\ell c^2$ is the Planck energy. Now we expand the terms

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$$= 2\phi \sqrt{\frac{\hbar c^5}{G}} = 2\phi \sqrt{\frac{\hbar \hbar c^2 c^3}{\hbar G}} = 2\phi \sqrt{\frac{\hbar^2 c^2 c^3}{\hbar G}} = 2\phi \hbar c \sqrt{\frac{c^3}{\hbar G}} = \frac{2\phi \hbar c}{\sqrt{\frac{\hbar G}{c^3}}} = \frac{2\phi \hbar c}{\ell} \quad (59)$$

486 From equation (56) it follows that

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$$= \frac{4\phi \hbar c}{2\ell} = \frac{4\hbar c}{\frac{2\ell}{\phi}} = \frac{4\hbar c}{r_p} \quad (60)$$

488 Given that $\hbar = \frac{h}{2\pi}$, then

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$$E_p = \frac{4\hbar c}{2\pi r_p} = \frac{4\hbar c}{C_p} = 4\hbar f_p \quad (61)$$

490 Thus we have obtained an expression for the energy where $C_p = 2\pi r_p$ is the circumference of

491 the proton and the angular frequency $f_p = \frac{c}{C_p}$. Therefore the energy of such a system can be

492 written in terms of \hbar as $E_p = 8\pi \hbar f_p$ which yields a frequency

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$$f_p = \frac{E_p}{8\pi \hbar} = \frac{E_p}{4h} = 5.667758 \times 10^{22} \text{ Hz} \quad (62)$$

494 characteristic to high-energy nuclear gamma emission, and a period of

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$$t_p = \frac{1}{f_p} = 1.764366 \times 10^{-23} \text{ sec} \quad (63)$$

496 where 10^{-23} sec is typically given as the interaction time of the strong force [26]. From equation

497 (58) we find that 2ϕ multiplied by the Planck energy yields an angular frequency with a period of

498 t_p , which is the time it takes for a particle to decay via the strong interaction. Hence from the

499 generalized holographic geometric relations of Planck entities, we have derived clear quantum

500 gravitational mass-energy formulations that define the characteristics of the strong nuclear force

501 such as the energies to produce it from gravitational coupling and its interaction time.

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503 Yet, the short range of the nuclear force as defined by the Yukawa potential demands that the
 504 force strength drops off at an exponential rate close to the horizon where $r = r_p$. To explore this
 505 force strength to radius relation in our approach, we begin by refining our derivation from
 506 reference [27] where we theorize that the difference between the Schwarzschild energy potential
 507 and the rest mass of the proton may be the result of mass dilation near the horizon where velocity
 508 is relativistic. Therefore, we begin with the known relativistic mass dilation expression

$$509 \quad M = \frac{m_0}{\sqrt{1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2}}} \quad (64)$$

510 where m_0 is a rest mass and M is the dilated mass and v is the velocity. Solving for $\frac{v}{c}$, we
 511 find

$$512 \quad \frac{v}{c} = \sqrt{1 - \left(\frac{m}{M}\right)^2} \quad (65)$$

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 514 Substituting $m_0 = m_p$ and $M = m_h$

$$515 \quad \frac{v}{c} = \sqrt{1 - \left(\frac{m_{p'}}{m_{h'}}\right)^2} = \sqrt{1 - 4\phi^4}. \quad (66)$$

516 Therefore the dilated mass-energy yielding the Schwarzschild unifying energy potential occurs at
 517 $\frac{v}{c}$ extremely close to 1. We compute the result and examine how close v is to c and find

$$519 \quad 1 - \frac{v}{c} = 4.347214 \times 10^{-78}. \quad (67)$$

520 That is, the Schwarzschild energy potential is reached when v is 4.34×10^{-78} less than c , which
 521 can be computed as well, with an accuracy of some 76 significant digits, to be $2\phi^4$. We now
 522 seek an expression for v as a function of r utilizing an orbital velocity formula. Our purpose is
 523 to identify velocities at the Schwarzschild horizon or the holographic horizon described in earlier
 524 sections. The use of relativistic velocity equations produces results describing velocities at the
 525 photon sphere or the ergosphere in the case of the Kerr Metric where the ergosurface is situated
 526 at 1.5 times the Schwarzschild radius at the equator (the photon sphere) and is oblate so that the
 527 poles are coincident with the Schwarzschild surface. We note that the relativistic photon sphere
 528 solution corresponds closely with the Compton wavelength of the proton. However, for our
 529 purpose in this work our intent is to compute the velocity at the Schwarzschild surface or
 530 holographic surface rather than the ergosphere. For that purpose a simple semi-classical form
 531 can be utilized. Therefore

$$532 \quad v(r) = \sqrt{2ar} = \sqrt{2 \frac{Gm}{r^2} r} = \sqrt{\frac{2Gm}{r}} \quad (68)$$

533 and multiplying by c^2 in the numerator and denominator and utilizing the Schwarzschild radius
 534 equation

$$535 \quad = c \sqrt{\frac{2Gm}{rc^2}} = c \sqrt{\frac{r_s}{r}}. \quad (69)$$

536 Substituting $v(r)$ into the mass dilation equation (64) we have

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$$M = \frac{m}{\sqrt{1 - \frac{[v(r)]^2}{c^2}}} = \frac{m}{\sqrt{1 - \frac{c^2 r_s}{rc^2}}} = \frac{m}{\sqrt{1 - \frac{r_s}{r}}} \quad (70)$$

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Substituting $m_{h'}$ for m and r_p for r_s , we can derive that the radius at which the unification

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energy $m_{h'} = 5.668464 \times 10^{14} \text{ gm}$ is achieved due to mass dilation can be computed as

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$$r = r_p \frac{m_{h'}^2}{m_{h'}^2 - m_{p'}^2} = r_p \frac{m_{h'}^2}{(m_{h'}^2 - (2\phi^2 m_{h'}^2))} = r_p \frac{m_{h'}^2}{m_{h'}^2 (1 - 4\phi^4)} = \frac{r_p}{(1 - 4\phi^4)} \quad (71)$$

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or the dimensionless quantity $(r - r_p)/r_p = 8.694428 \times 10^{-78}$. Consequently we can assert for

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all intent and purposes, that the Schwarzschild mass occurs at or extremely close to horizon. We

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now compute the mass dilation from the velocity found at ℓ from r_p utilizing equation 1 and find

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$$m_{pd}^\ell = \frac{m_{p'}}{\sqrt{1 - \frac{r_p}{r_p + \ell}}} = \sqrt{\frac{2(r_p + \ell)}{\phi} \frac{m_{p'}}{r_p}} = 1.206294 \times 10^{-14} \text{ gm} \quad (72)$$

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where m_{pd}^ℓ is the dilated mass at one Planck length from r_p . Evidently an asymptotic drop of the

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dilated mass-energy $m_{h'}$ occurs, reducing by some 28 orders of magnitude within one Planck

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length from the horizon. We note that $\frac{m_{pd}^\ell}{2}$ is equivalent to the geometric mean $\sqrt{m_{p'} m_{h'}}$

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between the Planck mass and the rest mass of the proton, which may represent a harmonic

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relationship between m_{pd}^ℓ and $m_{p'}$.

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We now utilize equation 1 to compute mass dilation as a function of radius, which we convert to a

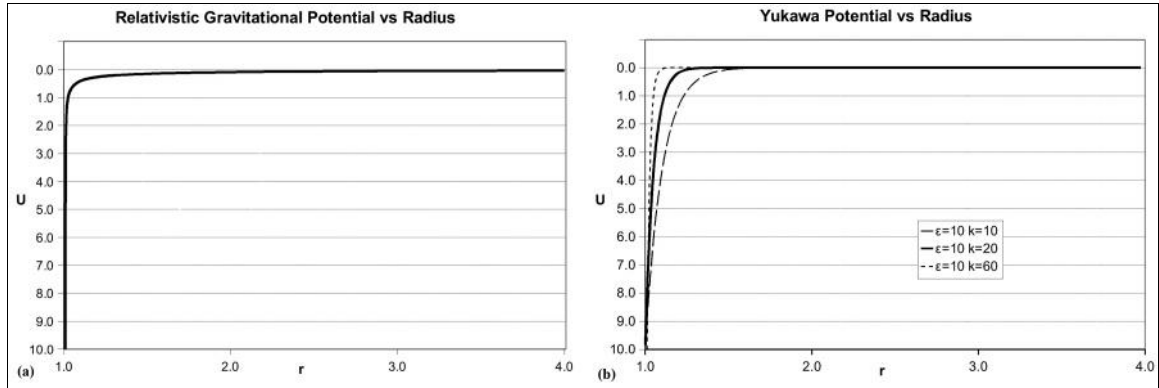
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gravitational energy potential Gm/r . We graph our results and compare them with the Yukawa

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potential, see figure 1a.

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Figure 1. (a) The relativistic gravitational potential U resulting from mass dilation near the horizon r_p . (b)

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The Yukawa potential U typically given as the short range energy potential of the strong force where ϵ is

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the hard-core surface potential and k is the inverse screening length (inverse Debye length).

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From Figure 1(a) we find that the gravitational potential from the mass dilation of a proton due to

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the angular velocity of an accelerated frame generates an asymptotic curve with a force potential

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drop-off as a function of r characteristic of the short range force of nuclear confinement

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equivalent to the Yukawa potential in figure 1(b). Therefore, we have derived a relativistic source

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564 for the confining energy with a quantum gravitational potential equivalent to the unification energy
565 of a Schwarzschild mass or the holographic gravitational mass of the proton m_h , yielding a
566 gravitational coupling with a Yukawa-like short range, and the appropriate interaction time of the
567 strong force t_p , resulting in an analytical solution to confinement. These results are derived from
568 first principles and classical considerations alone, with zero free parameters or hidden variables,
569 and extend our generalized holographic solution to generate a complete picture of confinement
570 whether at the quantum scale or the cosmological scale of black holes. Furthermore,
571 considerations of equations (38) and (43), where the rest mass of the proton is derived from
572 relationships of Planck oscillators PSUs of an energetic structured vacuum at the holographic
573 horizon, may provide us with a source for mass. This is analogous to the non-zero vacuum
574 expectation value of the Higgs field where the Yukawa interaction describes the coupling between
575 the Higgs mechanism and massless quark and lepton fields or fermions. However, this Higgs
576 mechanism only accounts for a small percentage of the mass of baryons where the rest is
577 thought to be due to the mass added by the kinetic energies of massless gluons inside the
578 baryons. Our generalized holographic model accounts for all of the rest mass of protons and the
579 energy of confinement in addition to predicting the mass of cosmological objects directly out of
580 geometric considerations of the energetic vacuum.

581 582 **6. CONCLUSION**

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584 We have generalized the holographic principle to considerations of spherical tiling of
585 Planck vacuum fluctuations within volumes as well as on horizon surfaces. From these
586 discrete spacetime quantization relationships we extract the Schwarzschild solution to
587 Einstein's field equations, generating a novel quantized approach to gravitation. We
588 apply this resulting quantum gravitational method to the nucleon to confirm its relevance
589 at the quantum scale and we find values for the rest mass of the proton within
590 $0.069 \times 10^{-24} gm$ or $\sim 4\%$ deviation from the CODATA value and $0.0012 \times 10^{-24} gm$ or
591 $\sim 0.07\%$ deviation when the recent muonic radius measurement is utilized. As a result,
592 we predict a precise proton charge radius utilizing our holographic method which falls
593 within the reported experimental uncertainty for the muonic measurement of the proton
594 charge radius. More precise experiments in the future may confirm our predicted
595 theoretical proton charge radius.

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597 We determine a fundamental constant ϕ defined by the mass ratio of vacuum
598 oscillations on the surface horizon to the ones within the volume of the proton. As a
599 result, clear relationships emerge between the Planck mass, the rest mass of the proton,
600 and the Schwarzschild mass of the proton or what we term the holographic gravitational
601 mass. Furthermore, we find that $4\phi^2$ generates the coupling constant between
602 gravitation and the strong interaction, thus defining the unification energy for
603 confinement. We also derive the energy, angular frequency, and period for such a
604 system utilizing our holographic approach and find that the frequency is the
605 characteristic gamma frequency of the nucleon and the period is on the order of the
606 interaction time of particle decay via the strong force. Finally, we calculate the mass
607 dilation due to velocity as a function of radius and plot the resulting gravitational potential
608 range. We find the range to be a close correlation to the Yukawa potential typically
609 utilized to illustrate the sharp drop-off of the confining force. **In future work we will
610 examine the application of this approach to more complex systems. We will consider as
611 well some of the seminal work done in defining maximal particle momentum and its
612 applicability to our approach [28].**
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614 In this paper, we demonstrate that a quantum gravitational framework of a discrete
615 spacetime defined by spherical Planck vacuum oscillators can be constructed which
616 applies to cosmology and quantum scale. Our generalized holographic method utilizes
617 zero free parameters and is generated from simple geometric relationships and algebra,
618 yielding precise results for significant physical properties. In the words of Einstein, “*One
619 can give good reasons why reality cannot at all be represented by a continuous field.
620 From the quantum phenomena it appears to follow with certainty that a finite system of
621 finite energy can be completely described by a finite set of numbers (quantum numbers).
622 This does not seem to be in accordance with a continuum theory and must lead to an
623 attempt to find a purely algebraic theory for the representation of reality.*” [29]
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