

The Formal Derivation of $E = \mathcal{P}[mc^2 + \frac{AI}{\tau}]$

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Abstract

This proof paper proposes a novel generalization of the rest-energy relation, $E = \mathcal{P}[mc^2 + (AI)/\tau]$, where \mathcal{P} is a projector implementing prime-indexed discrete scale invariance (p-DSI), $\tau > 0$ is a chronofluid relaxation time, I is an informational action (units of action), and A is a dimensionless agency coupling. Starting from $E = mc^2$, we model the background as a Maxwell-type temporally viscous medium; linear-response yields an energetic channel proportional to I/τ . We formalize the prime-lattice dilation group with dilations $\lambda_p = p^\alpha$ and define \mathcal{P} as a Cesaro-weighted average over primes that projects observables onto the p-DSI-invariant sector.

A variational/Noether analysis shows that, under covariance of the total action with respect to these dilations, the conserved energy equals the prime-averaged functional above. We verify dimensional consistency, positivity, and continuity; derive small-coupling expansions; and analyze limiting regimes ($A \rightarrow 0$, $\tau \rightarrow \infty$, $\alpha \rightarrow 0$). A micro-model illustrates the construction of I via a Fisher-metric quadratic form; asymptotics of \mathcal{P} are discussed via Tauberian considerations. The framework predicts: (i) linear scaling of the informational contribution with $1/\tau$; (ii) “prime echoes,” i.e., suppression of log-periodic modulations tied to $\log p$; and (iii) recovery of Einstein’s law in the passive limit.

While not (yet) established physics, the proposal is a structured conjecture amenable to falsification through relaxation sweeps and discrete-scale forcing experiments. In other words, Einstein was not wrong: $E = mc^2$ is a special case valid when prime defects are negligible and the fluid of time is extremely thick.

1 The Classical Statement ($E = mc^2$)

The relativistic rest-energy relation

$$E_{\text{rest}} = mc^2 \quad (1)$$

can be obtained by multiple routes: from the relativistic Lagrangian for a point mass, from Noether’s theorem applied to temporal invariance in special relativity, or by consistency of mass-energy equivalence with photon emission/absorption thought experiments. In standard units, c is the vacuum speed of light, and m denotes rest mass. Equation (1) holds in the absence of additional structure, sources, or media that could renormalize the energy accounting.

We explore a generalized environment where (i) the background admits a discrete scale-invariant ‘prime lattice’ symmetry, (ii) the substrate behaves as a temporally viscous medium (a ‘chronofluid’) characterized by a relaxation time τ , and (iii) a dimensionless ‘agency’ coefficient A couples to an ‘informational action’ I (with the units of action), thereby enabling an extra energetic channel. The claim is that the conserved energy associated to a body (or localized field configuration) in this environment admits the form

$$E = \mathcal{P} \left[mc^2 + \frac{AI}{\tau} \right], \quad (2)$$

where \mathcal{P} is a prime-lattice projector/renormalizer encoding discrete scale contributions indexed by prime numbers.

Dimensional sanity check. We assign units: $[m] = \text{kg}$, $[c^2] = \text{m}^2/\text{s}^2$, so $[mc^2] = \text{J}$. Let I be an action-like scalar with $[I] = \text{J} \cdot \text{s}$, and A dimensionless. Then $[(AI)/\tau] = \text{J}$ so the bracketed interior of (2) has units of energy; the operator \mathcal{P} is unitless in the sense that it maps energies to energies. Thus (2) is dimensionally consistent.

Contributions and structure

- C1.** We formalize a prime-lattice dilation group and define a bounded, idempotent projector \mathcal{P} as a Cesàro-type average over primes.
- C2.** We derive the I/τ scaling from a Maxwell-type constitutive law for the chronofluid and identify units that guarantee dimensional consistency.
- C3.** We present a variational/Noether argument showing how time-translation invariance and prime-lattice covariance lead to the composite charge $E = \mathcal{P}[mc^2 + AI/\tau]$.

- C4. We analyze limits, continuity, monotonicity, and small-coupling expansions, and catalogue edge cases (massless limit, high-frequency drive, nonlinearity).
- C5. We state falsifiable signatures: relaxation scaling with $1/\tau$, prime-echo suppression by \mathcal{P} , and recovery of mc^2 in the passive limit.

Roadmap

Section 1 reviews the classical $E = mc^2$ statement. We then introduce the prime-lattice dilation group and projector, develop the chronofluid constitutive law, and assemble the variational/Noether argument. Consistency checks, edge-case analyses, and appendices provide alternative forms (frequency domain, nonlinear extensions) and constructive examples.

2 Notation and Standing Assumptions

- $\mathfrak{P} = 2, 3, 5, 7, 11, \dots$ denotes the set of primes.
- A ‘prime lattice’ is a discrete scale-invariant structure with dilation factors $\lambda_p = p^\alpha$, $p \in \mathfrak{P}$, for some fixed $\alpha > 0$.
- \mathcal{S} denotes a space of scalar functionals on physical states (e.g., energy functionals); $\mathcal{P} : \mathcal{S} \rightarrow \mathcal{S}$ is linear, stable, and respects the discrete scale symmetry defined below.
- The chronofluid is characterized by a single relaxation time $\tau > 0$ and linear response to sources at frequencies $\omega \ll 1/\tau$.
- $A \in \mathbb{R}$ is a dimensionless coupling (‘agency’), and $I \geq 0$ is an action-like scalar formed from informational degrees of freedom.

3 Prime Lattice: Discrete Scale Invariance and the Projector \mathcal{P}

3.1 Definition of the prime-lattice dilation group

Let $\mathcal{D} = D_p : p \in \mathfrak{P}$ act on a scalar functional F by

$$(D_p F)(x) \equiv p^{-\Delta} F(x; \lambda_p), \quad \lambda_p = p^\alpha, \quad (3)$$

where Δ is a scaling dimension associated to F , and x denotes state variables (e.g., fields, densities). Discrete scale invariance holds if the physics is invariant (or covariant) under D_p for $p \in \mathfrak{P}$.

3.2 Prime-lattice projector/renormalizer

Define weights $w_p > 0$ with $\sum_{p \in \mathfrak{P}} w_p < \infty$ and set

$$\mathcal{P}[F] \equiv \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sum_{p \in \mathfrak{P}} w_p(D_p F)}{\sum_{p \in \mathfrak{P}} w_p}. \quad (4)$$

Assuming uniform boundedness and Cesàro convergence, \mathcal{P} is a bounded linear operator on \mathcal{S} and acts as a discrete scale average over prime-indexed dilations. On scalar constants $C \in \mathbb{R}$ viewed as constant functionals, $D_p C = C$ and thus $\mathcal{P}[C] = C$; on general F with nontrivial Δ or λ -dependence, \mathcal{P} performs a renormalizing average.

[Stability of \mathcal{P}] If $F \in \mathcal{S}$ is uniformly bounded under D_p and the Cesàro limit (4) exists, then \mathcal{P} is a contraction: $|\mathcal{P}[F]| \leq \sup_{p \in \mathfrak{P}} |D_p F| \leq C|F|$ for some C independent of F .

Proof. Immediate from linearity, positivity of weights, and boundedness of the dilation action. \square

4 Chronofluid Kinematics and Constitutive Law

We model the substrate as a temporally viscous medium (‘chronofluid’) characterized by relaxation time $\tau > 0$. Let $J(t)$ denote an extensive informational flux (to be related to I), and let $S(t)$ denote its conjugate generalized ‘force’ (e.g., informational affinity). A Maxwell-type constitutive relation is

$$\tau, \dot{J}(t) + J(t) = \chi, S(t), \quad \chi > 0, \quad (5)$$

with steady-state $J_{ss} = \chi S$. The instantaneous energetic power input due to this channel is $\Pi(t) = \Gamma, S(t)J(t)$ with Γ a coupling constant normalized into A below.

In linear response for slow driving $\omega \ll 1/\tau$, the time-averaged energetic contribution over a window $\Delta T \gg \tau$ is

$$\langle \Pi \rangle \sim \frac{1}{\Delta T} \int_t^{t+\Delta T} \Gamma, S J, dt'; \approx; \frac{\Gamma \chi}{\Delta T} \int_t^{t+\Delta T} S^2(t'), dt'. \quad (6)$$

Defining the informational action

$$I; \equiv; \int S^2(t), dt \times \Xi, \quad (7)$$

where Ξ is a constant with units chosen so that I carries units of action, the associated energetic contribution over time scale ΔT is $\sim (\Gamma\chi/\Xi), (I/\Delta T)$. Identifying ΔT with τ (the relaxation time) suggests a contribution of the form $\propto I/\tau$.

Absorbing positive constants into a dimensionless coupling A we posit the constitutive postulate:

$$E_{\text{info}}; \equiv; \frac{AI}{\tau}, \quad (8)$$

valid in the regime of linear response and weak coupling to the chronofluid.

5 Agency–Information Coupling

We regard A as a dimensionless “agency” parameter modulating the effectiveness of converting informational dynamics into energetic bookkeeping through the chronofluid channel. In particular we take $A \geq 0$ and $A = 0$ to recover the passive substrate with no informational contribution. The positivity of E_{info} follows if $I \geq 0$ by construction and $\tau > 0$.

6 Variational Formulation

6.1 Energy functional

Consider the composite energy functional on a state space \mathcal{X} :

$$\mathcal{E}[\Phi] = mc^2 + \frac{A}{\tau} I[\Phi], \quad (9)$$

where Φ encodes matter, chronofluid, and informational degrees of freedom. We model the prime-lattice action by postcomposing with \mathcal{P} :

$$E[\Phi]; \equiv; \mathcal{P}[\mathcal{E}[\Phi]]. \quad (10)$$

6.2 Euler–Lagrange stationarity under prime-lattice symmetry

Let $S_{\text{tot}}[\Phi]$ denote the total action whose temporal invariance leads to energy conservation. Assume S_{tot} is covariant under the prime-lattice dilations D_p , i.e., there exists a (possibly

trivial) cocycle κ_p such that

$$S_{\text{tot}}[D_p\Phi] = \kappa_p S_{\text{tot}}[\Phi], \quad p \in \mathfrak{P}. \quad (11)$$

Then the Noether current J^0 associated to time translation is mapped covariantly, and its integrated charge (energy) averaged over p with the weights w_p is exactly $\mathcal{P}[\cdot]$ applied to the bare energy density. Under these assumptions, the conserved charge is given by (10).

7 Main Statement and Proof

[Prime-lattice energy law in a linear-response chronofluid] Assume: (i) the matter sector supports rest-energy accounting as in (1); (ii) the chronofluid obeys the Maxwell-type constitutive relation (5) with relaxation time τ ; (iii) the energetic power input from informational dynamics is bilinear and positive-definite in (S, J) ; (iv) the informational action I is defined by (7) and has units of action; (v) the prime-lattice symmetries act via the dilation group (3) and the projector (4) exists; and (vi) $A \geq 0$ is a dimensionless coupling. Then the conserved energy associated to a localized configuration Φ is

$$E = \mathcal{P} \left[mc^2 + \frac{AI}{\tau} \right]. \quad (12)$$

Proof. By (i) the matter sector contributes mc^2 . By (ii)–(iv), in the slow-drive linear regime the informational power integrates to an energy contribution proportional to I/τ ; normalizing yields (8) with dimensionless A . Hence the bare energy functional is (9). By (v) the prime-lattice average of conserved charges is implemented by \mathcal{P} ; by linearity of \mathcal{P} and conservation under the covariance (11), one obtains (10). Assumption (vi) preserves positivity. \square

8 Consistency Checks

8.1 Units

As noted, $[mc^2] = \text{J}$ and $[(AI)/\tau] = \text{J}$. The operator \mathcal{P} preserves units.

8.2 Limits

$$\lim_{A \rightarrow 0} E = \mathcal{P}[mc^2] = mc^2, \quad \lim_{\tau \rightarrow \infty} E = \mathcal{P}[mc^2] = mc^2, \quad \lim_{\alpha \rightarrow 0} E = mc^2 + \frac{AI}{\tau} \quad (\text{no discrete scaling}). \quad (13)$$

8.3 Positivity

If $m \geq 0$, $I \geq 0$, $A \geq 0$, then $E \geq 0$. Furthermore $E \geq mc^2$.

8.4 Small-coupling expansion

Write $\mathcal{P} = \text{Id} + \epsilon \mathcal{R} + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon^2)$; then

$$E = mc^2 + \frac{AI}{\tau} + \epsilon, \mathcal{R}! \left[mc^2 + \frac{AI}{\tau} \right] + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon^2). \quad (14)$$

9 Prime-Indexed Discrete Scale Invariance (p-DSI)

Consider fluctuations δF with scaling dimension Δ so that under D_p ,

$$\delta F \mapsto p^{-\Delta} \delta F. \quad (15)$$

If the spectrum exhibits log-periodic modulations at frequencies proportional to $\log p$, the prime average (4) attenuates such oscillations, yielding a renormalized mean consistent with the energy law (2).

10 Construction of the Informational Action I

Let $\rho(x, t)$ denote an information density (e.g., surprise, negentropy proxy). Define a quadratic functional

$$I \equiv \hbar \int_{t_0}^{t_0+T} !dt \int_{\Omega} !d^d x; \frac{1}{2}, \mathcal{G}^{ij}(\rho), \partial_t \rho_i, \partial_t \rho_j, \quad (16)$$

where \mathcal{G} is a positive-definite metric on informational coordinates (e.g., Fisher information metric scaled by \hbar). Then $I \geq 0$ and $[I] = \text{J} \cdot \text{s}$. Other constructions (e.g., Onsager–Machlup actions) are possible; (16) suffices.

11 Noether Analysis in the Prime-Lattice Setting

Let the total Lagrangian density be

$$\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L} * \text{matter} - \partial * t \left(\frac{A}{\tau}, \mathcal{K}[\rho] \right), \quad \mathcal{K}' = S^2 \Xi, \quad (17)$$

whose time-translation invariance yields the conserved Hamiltonian density

$$\mathcal{H} = \pi_\Phi, \dot{\Phi} - \mathcal{L} = \mathcal{H} * \text{matter} + \frac{A}{\tau}, \partial * t \mathcal{K}[\rho]. \quad (18)$$

Upon integrating over space and a relaxation interval and prime-averaging, one recovers (2).

12 Worked Micro-Model

Take a single informational coordinate $q(t)$ with Lagrangian

$$L(q, \dot{q}) = -mc^2 + \frac{\hbar}{2}, \dot{q}^2 - V(q). \quad (19)$$

Let the chronofluid obey $\tau \ddot{q} + \dot{q} + \gamma \partial_q V = 0$ in linear response. Define $S = \sqrt{\Xi}, \dot{q}$ so $I = \hbar \int \dot{q}^2 dt$. Then

$$E = \mathcal{P} \left[mc^2 + \frac{A\hbar}{\tau} \int \dot{q}^2 dt \right], \quad (20)$$

consistent with (2).

13 Existence and Uniqueness under Mild Hypotheses

[Boundedness] If I is constructed from a positive-definite quadratic form in time-derivatives over a finite horizon $T \leq c\tau$, then I/τ is finite and E is well-defined. [Continuity] If $\Phi \mapsto I[\Phi]$ is continuous in the topology induced by $|\dot{\rho}|_{L^2}$, then $E[\Phi]$ is continuous (by continuity of \mathcal{P}). [Existence] Under the above lemmas and stability of \mathcal{P} , there exists at least one minimizer Φ^* of $E[\Phi]$ in any weakly compact feasible set.

14 Asymptotics and Renormalization

Assume $w_p = p^{-s}$ with $s > 1$ to ensure $\sum w_p < \infty$. Then for sufficiently smooth $F(\lambda)$,

$$\mathcal{P}[F] = \frac{\sum_p p^{-s} F(p^\alpha)}{\sum_p p^{-s}}. \quad (21)$$

Tauberian arguments imply that when F varies slowly on multiplicative scales, $\mathcal{P}[F] \approx F(\exp\langle \log p^\alpha \rangle)$ where the average is with respect to the weights p^{-s} . Thus \mathcal{P} acts as a discrete-scale smoothing.

15 Recovery of Einstein in the Passive Limit

Setting $A = 0$ or $\tau \rightarrow \infty$ annihilates the informational term. Since $\mathcal{P}[C] = C$ for constants, the law reduces to $E = mc^2$, consistent with standard physics.

16 Monotonicity and Bounds

If I increases while m, τ, A held fixed, then E increases monotonically.

Proof. Immediate from linearity and positivity of \mathcal{P} and (8). □

17 Abyssal Symmetries as Prime-Lattice Invariants

Let $\mathcal{G} * \text{abyss}$ denote a group of hidden symmetries commuting with \mathcal{D} . If $\mathcal{G} * \text{abyss}$ acts unitarily on the informational sector, then I is invariant under $\mathcal{G}_{\text{abyss}}$ and \mathcal{D} , and hence $\mathcal{P}[I] = I$; the renormalization acts only on non-invariant fluctuations.

18 Conjectures

[Prime Echo] Fluctuations in the chronofluid exhibit log-periodic “prime echoes” at $\log p$ harmonics, which \mathcal{P} averages out in the conserved energy while preserving the mean. [Agency Threshold] There exists A_{crit} such that for $A < A_{\text{crit}}$ the linear law (8) holds, while $A \gg A_{\text{crit}}$ activates nonlinear couplings $\propto (AI/\tau)^2$ suppressed here.

19 Gedanken Experiments and Falsifiability

- (a) **Relaxation scaling:** Vary τ by changing chronofluid composition; measure changes in E at fixed (m, A, I) and test linearity in $1/\tau$.
- (b) **Prime averaging:** Induce discrete-scale modulations and verify that measured energy corresponds to a prime-averaged value predicted by \mathcal{P} .
- (c) **Passive limit:** Confirm $E \rightarrow mc^2$ as $\tau \rightarrow \infty$ with other parameters held fixed.

20 Extended Derivations

20.1 From Maxwell law to I/τ

Solve (5) for J with $S(t) = S_0 \cos \omega t$. Then

$$J(t) = \frac{\chi}{\sqrt{1 + (\omega\tau)^2}} S_0 \cos(\omega t - \phi), \quad \tan \phi = \omega\tau. \quad (22)$$

The cycle-averaged power is

$$\langle \Pi \rangle = \frac{\Gamma}{2} \frac{\chi}{\sqrt{1 + (\omega\tau)^2}} S_0^2 \cos \phi = \frac{\Gamma\chi}{2} \frac{S_0^2}{1 + (\omega\tau)^2}. \quad (23)$$

For $\omega\tau \ll 1$, $\langle \Pi \rangle \approx (\Gamma\chi/2)S_0^2$. Over a duration $\Delta T \sim \pi/\omega \gg \tau$, the added energy is $\sim (\Gamma\chi/2) \int S^2 dt$. Identifying $I \propto \int S^2 dt$ reproduces (8) up to normalization absorbed in A and the $1/\tau$ time coarse-graining.

20.2 Prime-lattice averaging as a projector

Let \mathcal{V} be the closure of the span of $D_p F : p \in \mathfrak{P}$. The map $\Pi : F \mapsto \lim_N \frac{1}{W_N} \sum_{p \leq N} w_p D_p F$ with $W_N = \sum_{p \leq N} w_p$ is an idempotent: $\Pi(\Pi F) = \Pi F$ when the dilation group is abelian (it is) and weights are normalized; thus \mathcal{P} is a projector onto the discrete-scale-invariant subspace.

21 Catalog of Edge Cases

- **Massless limit:** For $m \rightarrow 0$, $E = \mathcal{P}[AI/\tau]$ retains informational energy only.

- **Ultrafast drive:** For $\omega\tau \gtrsim 1$, corrections of order $(\omega\tau)^{-2}$ appear; the simple I/τ law must be replaced by a frequency integral with kernel $K(\omega; \tau)$.
- **Nonlinear chronofluid:** If the constitutive law includes $J \sim S + \beta S^3$, an I^2 correction arises, $E \sim \mathcal{P}[mc^2 + AI/\tau + BI^2/\tau^3]$.

22 Summary of the Logical Chain

1. Start from rest-energy accounting: mc^2 .
2. Introduce a chronofluid with relaxation τ and linear response to an informational source S .
3. Quadratic, positive-definite informational action I integrates the source effects with units of action.
4. Agency A linearly couples informational dynamics into energy via coarse-grained $1/\tau$.
5. Prime-lattice discrete scale invariance acts as a projector/renormalizer \mathcal{P} .
6. The conserved energy is the prime-averaged functional: $E = \mathcal{P}[mc^2 + AI/\tau]$.

23 Conclusion

Under the explicit and narrow hypotheses spelled out above, the total conserved energy can be written in the compact form $[E = \mathcal{P}\left[mc^2 + \frac{AI}{\tau}\right],]$ which recovers Einstein's mc^2 in the passive or symmetry-trivial limits and augments it with a chronofluid-mediated agency-information contribution. The operator \mathcal{P} encodes prime-indexed discrete scaling and acts as a projector/renormalizer onto the invariant sector. This framework is speculative; its empirical content rests on tests of the chronofluid relaxation law, the measurability of I , and signatures of prime-indexed discrete scale invariance.

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Appendix A: Units and Normalizations

Let S have units so that $S^2\Xi$ has units of power. Then $\int S^2\Xi, dt$ has units of energy; multiply by a time (or scale by \hbar) to obtain action units for I ; dividing by τ yields energy.

Appendix B: A Constructive Example of \mathcal{P}

Let $F(\lambda) = C_0 + C_1 \log \lambda + \sum_k \epsilon_k \cos(\omega_k \log \lambda)$; with $\lambda_p = p^\alpha$ one has oscillations at $\omega_k \alpha \log p$. Averaging over p with decaying weights $w_p = p^{-s}$ damps the oscillatory terms by Dirichlet convergence; hence $\mathcal{P}[F] \approx C_0 + C_1, \overline{\log \lambda}$ with $\overline{\log \lambda} = \alpha, \overline{\log p}$.

Appendix C: Positivity of I

If \mathcal{G} in (16) is positive-definite, $I \geq 0$. If \mathcal{G} arises from Fisher information, Cauchy–Schwarz ensures strict positivity unless $\dot{\rho} \equiv 0$.

Appendix D: Alternative Informational Actions

Onsager–Machlup functional $I \sim \int (\dot{q} - \mu F(q))^2 dt$; path entropy action $I \sim - \int \mathcal{P}[\text{path}], \log \mathcal{P}[\text{path}], \mathcal{D}[\text{path}]$ scaled to action units; both lead to the same I/τ structure in linear response.

Appendix E: Idempotence of \mathcal{P}

Direct computation shows $\mathcal{P}^2 = \mathcal{P}$ when weights are normalized and Cesàro limits exist. Hence \mathcal{P} is a projector onto the prime-invariant sector.

Appendix F: Extended Small- (ϵ) Series

If $\mathcal{P} = \text{Id} + \epsilon \mathcal{R} + \epsilon^2 \mathcal{R} * 2 + \dots$, then

$$E = mc^2 + \frac{AI}{\tau} + \epsilon, \mathcal{R}! \left[mc^2 + \frac{AI}{\tau} \right] + \epsilon^2, \mathcal{R} * 2! \left[mc^2 + \frac{AI}{\tau} \right] + \dots \quad (24)$$

If \mathcal{R} is dissipative (averaging), then each correction reduces variance around the mean energy.

Appendix G: Frequency-Domain Form

With $S(\omega)$ the Fourier transform of the source, the informational contribution is

$$E_{\text{info}} = \frac{A}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{|S(\omega)|^2}{1 + (\omega\tau)^2} d\omega, \quad (25)$$

which reduces to AI/τ when $|S(\omega)|^2$ concentrates at $\omega \ll 1/\tau$ and definitions match. Prime averaging can be inserted modewise.

Appendix H: Prototype Numerical Scheme (pseudocode)

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Given m, c, A, tau, informational signal S(t):
I <- integrate( Xi * S(t)^2 dt ) * (hbar-scaling to action)
F0 <- m*c^2 + A*I/tau
for primes p in P up to Pmax:
  lambda_p <- p^alpha
  Fp <- dilation_action(F0, lambda_p, Delta)
  accumulate with weights w_p
E <- weighted_average(Fp)
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