

# $p$ -Capitulation over Number Fields with $p$ -Class Rank Two

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## Abstract

Theoretical foundations of a new algorithm for determining the  $p$ -capitulation type  $\varkappa(K)$  of a number field  $K$  with  $p$ -class rank  $\varrho = 2$  are presented. Since  $\varkappa(K)$  alone is insufficient for identifying the second  $p$ -class group  $\mathfrak{G} = \text{Gal}(\mathbb{F}_p^2 K | K)$  of  $K$ , complementary techniques are developed for finding the nilpotency class and coclass of  $\mathfrak{G}$ . An implementation of the complete algorithm in the computational algebra system Magma is employed for calculating the Artin pattern  $\text{AP}(K) = (\tau(K), \varkappa(K))$  of all 34631 real quadratic fields  $K = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{d})$  with discriminants  $0 < d < 10^8$  and 3-class group of type  $(3, 3)$ . The results admit extensive statistics of the second 3-class groups  $\mathfrak{G} = \text{Gal}(\mathbb{F}_3^2 K | K)$  and the 3-class field tower groups  $G = \text{Gal}(\mathbb{F}_3^\infty K | K)$ .

## Keywords

Hilbert  $p$ -Class Field Tower, Maximal Unramified Pro- $p$  Extension,  $p$ -Capitulation of Class Groups, Real Quadratic Fields  $(3, 3)$

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## 1. Introduction

Let  $p$  be a prime number. Suppose that  $K$  is an algebraic number field with  $p$ -class group  $\text{Cl}_p K := \text{Syl}_p \text{Cl}_K$  and  $p$ -elementary class group  $\text{E}_p K := \text{Cl}_p K \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}_p} \mathbb{F}_p$ . By class field theory ([1] Cor. 3.1, p. 838), there exist precisely  $n := \frac{p^\varrho - 1}{p - 1}$  distinct (but not necessarily non-isomorphic) unramified cyclic extensions  $L_i | K$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq n$ , of degree  $p$ , if  $K$  possesses the  $p$ -class rank  $\varrho := \dim_{\mathbb{F}_p} \text{E}_p K$ . For each  $1 \leq i \leq n$ , let  $j_{L_i|K} : \text{Cl}_p K \rightarrow \text{Cl}_p L_i$  denote the class extension homomorphism induced by the ideal extension monomorphism ([2] 1, p. 74). We let  $U_K$ , resp.  $U_{L_i}$ , be the group of units of  $K$ , resp.  $L_i$ .

**Proposition 1.1.** (Order of  $\ker j_{L_i|K}$ )

The kernel  $\ker j_{L_i|K}$  of the class extension homomorphism associated with an unramified cyclic extension  $L_i | K$  of degree  $L_i : K = p$  is a subgroup of the  $p$ -elementary class group  $\text{E}_p K$  and has the  $\mathbb{F}_p$ -dimension

$$1 \leq \dim_{\mathbb{F}_p} \ker j_{L_i|K} = \log_p \left( L_i : K \cdot (U_K : \text{Norm}_{L_i|K} U_{L_i}) \right) \leq \varrho. \quad (1)$$

*Proof.* The proof of the inclusion  $\ker j_{L_i|K} \leq E_p K$  was given in ([2] 1, p. 74) for  $p = 3$ , and generally in ([3] Prop. 4.3.(1), p. 484). The relation  $\#\ker j_{L_i|K} = L_i : K \cdot (U_K : \text{Norm}_{L_i|K} U_{L_i})$  for the unramified extension  $L_i | K$  is equivalent to the Theorem on the Herbrand quotient ([4] Thm. 3, p. 92) and was proved in ([3] Prop. 4.3, pp. 484-485]. According to Hilbert's Theorem 94 ([5] p. 279), the kernel  $\ker j_{L_i|K}$  cannot be trivial.  $\square$

**Definition 1.1.** For each  $1 \leq i \leq n$ , the elementary abelian  $p$ -group  $\ker j_{L_i|K}$  is called the  $p$ -capitulation kernel of  $L_i | K$ . We speak about total capitulation [6] [7] if  $\dim_{\mathbb{F}_p} \ker j_{L_i|K} = \varrho$ , and partial capitulation if  $1 \leq \dim_{\mathbb{F}_p} \ker j_{L_i|K} < \varrho$ .

If  $p \geq 3$  is an odd prime, and  $K = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{d})$  is a quadratic field with fundamental discriminant  $d := d_K$  and  $p$ -class rank  $\varrho \geq 1$ , then there arise the following possibilities for the  $p$ -capitulation kernel in any of the unramified cyclic relative extensions  $L_i | K$  of degree  $p$ , which are absolutely dihedral extensions  $L_i | \mathbb{Q}$  of degree  $2p$ , according to ([3] Prop. 4.1, p. 482).

**Corollary 1.1.** (Partial and total  $p$ -capitulation over  $K = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{d})$  with  $\varrho \geq 2$ )

$$\dim_{\mathbb{F}_p} \ker j_{L_i|K} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } K \text{ is complex, } d < 0, \\ 1 & \text{if } K \text{ is real, } d > 0, \text{ and } L_i \text{ is of type } \delta, \\ 2 & \text{if } K \text{ is real, } d > 0, \text{ and } L_i \text{ is of type } \alpha. \end{cases} \quad (2)$$

The  $p$ -capitulation over  $K$  is total if and only if  $K$  is real with  $\varrho = 2$ , and  $L_i$  is of type  $\alpha$ .

*Proof.* In this special case of a quadratic base field  $K$ , the extensions  $L_i | K$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq n$ , are pairwise non-isomorphic although they share a common discriminant which is the  $p$ th power  $d_{L_i} = d_K^p$  of the fundamental discriminant of  $K$  ([1] Abstract, p. 831]. If  $K$  is complex, the unit norm index equals 1, since the cyclotomic quadratic fields do not possess unramified cyclic extensions of odd prime degree. If  $K$  is real, we have  $(U_K : \text{Norm}_{L_i|K} U_{L_i}) = 1 \Leftrightarrow L_i$  is of type  $\delta$ , and  $(U_K : \text{Norm}_{L_i|K} U_{L_i}) = p \Leftrightarrow L_i$  is of type  $\alpha$  ([3] Prop. 4.2, pp. 482-483].  $\square$

The organization of this article is the following. In §2, basic theoretical prerequisites for the new capitulation algorithm are developed. The implementation in Magma [8] consists of a sequence of computational techniques whose actual code is given in §3. The final §4 demonstrates the results of an impressive application to the case  $p = 3$ , presenting statistics of all 3-capitulation types  $\varkappa(K)$ , Artin patterns  $\text{AP}(K)$ , and second 3-class groups  $\mathfrak{G} = \text{Gal}(\mathbb{F}_3^2 K | K)$  of the 34631 real quadratic fields  $K = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{d})$  with discriminants  $0 < d < 10^8$  and 3-class group of type  $(3, 3)$ , which beats our own records in [3] §6 and [9] §6. Theorems concerning 3-tower groups  $G = \text{Gal}(\mathbb{F}_3^\infty K | K)$  with derived length  $2 \leq \text{dl}(G) \leq 3$  perfect the current state of the art.

## 2. Theoretical Prerequisites

In this article, we consider algebraic number fields  $K$  with  $p$ -class rank  $\varrho = 2$ , for a given prime number  $p$ . As explained in §1, such a field  $K$  has  $n = p + 1$  unramified cyclic extensions  $L_i$  of relative degree  $p$ .

**Definition 2.1.** By the Artin pattern of  $K$  we understand the pair consisting of the family  $\tau(K)$  of the  $p$ -class groups of all extensions  $L_1, \dots, L_n$  as its first component (called the transfer target type) and the  $p$ -capitulation type  $\varkappa(K)$  as its second component (called the transfer kernel type),

$$\text{AP}(K) := (\tau(K), \varkappa(K)), \quad \tau(K) := (\text{Cl}_p L_i)_{1 \leq i \leq n}, \quad \varkappa(K) := (\ker j_{L_i|K})_{1 \leq i \leq n}. \quad (3)$$

**Remark 2.1.** We usually replace the group objects in the family  $\tau(K)$ , resp.  $\varkappa(K)$ , by ordered abelian type invariants, resp. ordered numerical identifiers ([10] Rmk. 2.1).

We know from Proposition 1.1 that each kernel  $\ker j_{L_i|K}$  is a subgroup of the  $p$ -elementary class group  $E_p K$  of  $K$ . On the other hand, there exists a unique subgroup  $S < \text{Cl}_K$  of index  $p$  such that  $S = \text{Norm}_{L_i|K} \text{Cl}_{L_i}$ , according to class field theory. Thus we must first get an overview of the connections between subgroups of index  $p$  and subgroups of order  $p$  of  $\text{Cl}_K$ .

**Lemma 2.1.** Let  $p$  be a prime and  $A$  be a finite abelian group with positive  $p$ -rank and with Sylow  $p$ -subgroup  $\text{Syl}_p A$ . Denote by  $A_0$  the complement of  $\text{Syl}_p A$  such that  $A \cong A_0 \times \text{Syl}_p A$ . Then, any subgroup  $S < A$  of index  $p$  is of the form  $S \cong A_0 \times U$  with a subgroup  $U < \text{Syl}_p A$  of index  $p$ .

*Proof.* Any subgroup  $S$  of  $A \cong A_0 \times \text{Syl}_p A$  is of the shape  $S \cong S_0 \times U$  with  $S_0 \leq A_0$  and  $U \leq \text{Syl}_p A$ . We have  $p = (A : S) = (A_0 \times \text{Syl}_p A : S_0 \times U) = (A_0 : S_0) \cdot (\text{Syl}_p A : U)$ . Since  $(A_0 : S_0)$  is coprime to  $p$ , we conclude that  $S_0 = A_0$  and  $(\text{Syl}_p A : U) = p$ .  $\square$

An application to the particular case  $A = \text{Cl}_K$  and  $S = \text{Norm}_{L_i|K} \text{Cl}_{L_i} < \text{Cl}_K$  shows that  $S \simeq (\text{Cl}_K)_0 \times U$  with  $U = \text{Norm}_{L_i|K} \text{Cl}_p L_i < \text{Cl}_p K$ .

Three cases must be distinguished, according to the abelian type of the  $p$ -class group  $\text{Cl}_p K$ . We first consider the general situation of a finite abelian group  $A$  with type invariants  $(a_1, \dots, a_n)$  having  $p$ -rank  $r_p(A) = 2$ , that is,  $n \geq 2$ ,  $p \mid a_n$ ,  $p \nmid a_{n-1}$ , but  $\gcd(p, a_i) = 1$  for  $i < n - 1$ . Then the Sylow  $p$ -subgroup  $\text{Syl}_p A$  of  $A$  is of type  $(p^u, p^v)$  with integer exponents  $u \geq v \geq 1$ , and the  $p$ -elementary subgroup  $A_p$  of  $A$  is of type  $(p, p)$ . We select generators  $x, y$  of  $\text{Syl}_p A = \langle x, y \rangle$  such that  $\text{ord}(x) = p^u$  and  $\text{ord}(y) = p^v$ .

**Lemma 2.2.** *Let  $p$  be a prime number.*

*Suppose that  $G$  is a group and  $x \in G$  is an element with finite order  $e := \text{ord}(x)$  divisible by  $p$ .*

*Then the power  $x^m$  with exponent  $m := \frac{e}{p}$  is an element of order  $\text{ord}(x^m) = p$ .*

*Proof.* Generally, the order of a power  $x^m$  with exponent  $m \in \mathbb{Z}$  is given by

$$\text{ord}(x^m) = \frac{\text{ord}(x)}{\gcd(m, \text{ord}(x))}. \tag{4}$$

This can be seen as follows. Let  $d := \gcd(m, e)$ , and suppose that  $m = d \cdot m_0$  and  $e = d \cdot e_0$ , then  $\gcd(m_0, e_0) = 1$ . We have  $(x^m)^{e_0} = x^{m_0 d e_0} = (x^e)^{m_0} = 1$ , and thus  $n := \text{ord}(x^m)$  is a divisor of  $e_0$ . On the other hand,  $1 = (x^m)^n = x^{m n}$ , and thus  $e = d \cdot e_0$  divides  $m \cdot n = d \cdot m_0 \cdot n$ . Consequently,  $e_0$  divides  $m_0 \cdot n$ , and thus necessarily  $e_0$  divides  $n$ , since  $\gcd(m_0, e_0) = 1$ . This yields  $n = e_0$ , as claimed.

Finally, put  $m := \frac{e}{p}$ , then  $\text{ord}(x^m) = \frac{e}{\gcd(m, e)} = \frac{e}{\gcd(\frac{e}{p}, e)} = \frac{e}{\frac{e}{p}} = p$ . □

Now, we apply Lemma 2.2 to the situation where  $A$  is a finite abelian group with type invariants  $(a_1, \dots, a_n)$  having  $p$ -rank  $r_p(A) = 2$ , that is,  $n \geq 2$ ,  $p \mid a_n$ ,  $p \nmid a_{n-1}$ .

**Proposition 2.1.** ( *$p$ -elementary subgroup*)

If  $A$  is generated by  $g_1, \dots, g_n$ , then the  $p$ -elementary subgroup of  $A$  is given by  $\langle g_{n-1}^{a_{n-1}/p}, g_n^{a_n/p} \rangle$ .

*Proof.* Let generators of  $A$  corresponding to the abelian type invariants  $(a_1, \dots, a_n)$  be  $(g_1, \dots, g_n)$ , in particular, the trailing two generators have orders  $\text{ord}(g_{n-1}) = a_{n-1}$  and  $\text{ord}(g_n) = a_n$  divisible by  $p$ . According to Lemma 2.2, the powers  $g_{n-1}^{a_{n-1}/p}$  and  $g_n^{a_n/p}$  have exact order  $p$  and thus generate the  $p$ -elementary subgroup of  $A$ . □

**Proposition 2.2.** (*Subgroups of order  $p$* )

If the  $p$ -elementary subgroup  $A_p = \langle w, z \rangle$  of  $A$  is generated by  $w, z$ , then the subgroups of  $A_p$  of order  $p$  can be given by  $M_1 = \langle z \rangle$  and  $M_i = \langle w z^{i-2} \rangle$  for  $2 \leq i \leq p + 1$ .

*Proof.* According to the assumptions,  $A_p$  is elementary abelian of rank 2, that is, of type  $(p, p)$ , and consists of the  $p^2$  elements  $\{w^i z^j \mid 0 \leq i, j \leq p - 1\}$ , in particular,  $w^0 z^0 = 1$  is the neutral element. A possible

selection of generators for the  $\frac{p^2 - 1}{p - 1} = p + 1$  cyclic subgroups  $M_i$  of order  $p$  is to take  $M_1 = \langle z \rangle$  and

$M_i = \langle w z^{i-2} \rangle$  for  $2 \leq i \leq p + 1$ , since the two cycles of powers of  $w z^i$  and  $w z^j$  for  $1 \leq i < j \leq p - 1$  meet in the neutral element only. □

**Proposition 2.3.** (*Connection between subgroups of index  $p$ , resp. order  $p$* )

1) If  $u = v = 1$ , which is equivalent to  $A_p = \text{Syl}_p A$ , then

$$\{U < \text{Syl}_p A \mid (\text{Syl}_p A : U) = p\} = \{U < A_p \mid \#U = p\}.$$

2) If  $u > v = 1$ , then there exists a unique bicyclic subgroup  $\langle x^p, y \rangle$  of index  $p$  which contains  $A_p$ . The other  $p$  subgroups  $U$  of index  $p$  are cyclic of order  $p^u$ , and they only contain the unique subgroup  $\langle x^{p^{u-1}} \rangle$  of  $A_p$  generated by the  $p^{u-1}$ th powers.

3) If  $u \geq v > 1$ , then each subgroup  $U < \text{Syl}_p A$  of index  $p$  completely contains the  $p$ -elementary subgroup  $A_p$ .

*Proof.* If  $u = v = 1$ , then  $\text{Syl}_p A \simeq (p, p) \simeq A_p$ . Thus,  $p^2 = (A_p : 1) = (A_p : U) \cdot (U : 1)$  implies  $(A_p : U) = (U : 1) = p$ , for each proper subgroup  $U$ .

If  $u > v = 1$ , then a subgroup  $U$  of index  $p$  is either of type  $(p^u)$ , i.e., cyclic, or of type  $(p^{u-1}, p) \geq (p, p)$ .

If  $u \geq v > 1$ , then each subgroup  $U$  of index  $p$  is either of type  $(p^u, p^{v-1}) > (p, p)$  or of type

$(p^{u-1}, p^v) > (p, p)$ .

**Theorem 2.1.** (Tausky's conditions A and B, see Formula (5))

Let  $L|K$  be an unramified cyclic extension of prime degree  $p$  of a base field  $K$  with  $p$ -class rank  $\varrho = 2$ . Suppose that  $S = \text{Norm}_{L|K} \text{Cl}_L < \text{Cl}_K$  and  $U = \text{Norm}_{L|K} \text{Cl}_p L < \text{Cl}_p K$  are the subgroups of index  $p$  associated with  $L|K$ , according to class field theory.

Then, we generally have  $\ker j_{L|K} \cap S = \ker j_{L|K} \cap U$ , and in particular:

1) If  $u = v = 1$ , then

$L$  is of type A if either  $\ker j_{L|K} = \text{E}_p K$  or  $\ker j_{L|K} = U$ , and

$L$  is of type B if  $\ker j_{L|K} \notin \{\text{E}_p K, U\}$ .

2) If  $u > v = 1$ , let  $N := \langle x^p, y \rangle < \text{Cl}_p K$  denote the unique bicyclic subgroup of index  $p$ , then

$L$  is of type A if either  $\ker j_{L|K} = \text{E}_p K$  or  $U = N$  or  $U \neq N$  and  $\ker j_{L|K} = \langle x^{p^{u-1}} \rangle$ , and

$L$  is of type B if  $U \neq N$  and  $\ker j_{L|K} \notin \{\text{E}_p K, \langle x^{p^{u-1}} \rangle\}$ .

3) If  $u \geq v > 1$ , then  $L$  is always of type A.

*Proof.* This is an immediate consequence of Proposition 2.3.  $\square$

**Theorem 2.2.** (Orbits of TKTs expressing the independence of renumeration)

1) If  $u = v = 1$ , then  $\varkappa \sim \lambda$  if and only if  $\lambda = \sigma_0^{-1} \circ \varkappa \circ \sigma$  for some permutation  $\sigma \in S_{p+1}$  and its extension  $\sigma_0 \in S_{p+2}$  with  $\sigma_0(0) = 0$ .

2) If  $u > v = 1$ , then  $\varkappa \sim \lambda$  if and only if  $\lambda = \pi_0^{-1} \circ \varkappa \circ \rho_*$  for two permutations  $\pi, \rho \in S_p$  and the extensions  $\pi_0 \in S_{p+2}$  with  $\pi_0(0) = 0$ ,  $\pi_0(p+1) = p+1$ , and  $\rho_* \in S_{p+1}$  with  $\rho_*(p+1) = p+1$ .

3) If  $u \geq v > 1$ , then  $\varkappa \sim \lambda$  if and only if  $\lambda = \sigma_0^{-1} \circ \varkappa \circ \tau$  for two permutations  $\sigma, \tau \in S_{p+1}$  and the extension  $\sigma_0 \in S_{p+2}$  with  $\sigma_0(0) = 0$ .

*Proof.* The proof for the case  $u = v = 1$  was given in ([2] p. 79) and ([11] Rmk. 5.3, pp. 87-88). It is the unique case where subgroups of index  $p$  coincide with subgroups of order  $p$ , and a renumeration of the former enforces a renumeration of the latter, expressed by a single permutation  $\sigma \in S_{p+1}$  and its inverse  $\sigma^{-1}$ .

If  $u > v = 1$ , then the distinguished subgroups  $U_{p+1} = N = \langle x^p, y \rangle \simeq (p^{u-1}, p)$  of index  $p$ , and  $V_{p+1} = \langle x^{p^{u-1}} \rangle$  of order  $p$ , should have the fixed subscript  $p+1$ . The other  $p$  subgroups  $U_i$ , resp.  $V_i$ , can be renumerated completely independently of each other, which can be expressed by two independent permutations  $\pi, \rho \in S_p$ . For details, see ([11] Rmk. 5.6, p. 89).

In the case  $u \geq v > 1$ , finally, the  $p+1$  subgroups of index  $p$  of  $\text{Cl}_p K$  and the  $p+1$  subgroups of order  $p$  of  $\text{Cl}_p K$  can be renumerated completely independently of each other, which can be expressed by two independent permutations  $\sigma, \tau \in S_{p+1}$ .  $\square$

### 3. Computational Techniques

In this section, we present the implementation of our new algorithm for determining the Artin pattern  $\text{AP}(K)$  of a number field  $K$  with  $p$ -class rank  $\varrho = 2$  in MAGMA [8] [12] [13], which requires version V2.21-8 or higher. Algorithm 3.1 returns the entire class group  $C := \text{Cl}_K$  of the base field  $K$ , together with an invertible mapping  $mC$  from classes to representative ideals.

**Algorithm 3.1** (Construction of the base field  $K$  and its class group  $C$ )

**Input:** The fundamental discriminant  $d$  of a quadratic field  $K = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{d})$ .

**Code:**

```
SetClassGroupBounds("GRH");
if (IsFundamental(d) and not (1 eq d)) then
  ZX<X> := PolynomialRing(Integers());
  P := X^2-d;
  K := NumberField(P);
  O := MaximalOrder(K);
  C,mC := ClassGroup(O);
end if;
```

**Output:** The conditional class group  $(C, mC)$  of the quadratic field  $K$ , assuming the GRH.

**Remark 3.1.** By using the statement  $K := \text{QuadraticField}(d)$ ; the quadratic field  $K = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{d})$  is constructed

directly. However, the construction by means of a polynomial  $P(X) \in \mathbb{Z}X$  executes faster and can easily be generalized to base fields  $K$  of higher degree.

For the next algorithm it is important to know that in the MAGMA computational algebra system [8], the composition  $A \times A \rightarrow A$ ,  $(x, y) \mapsto x + y$ , of an abelian group  $A$  is written *additively*, and abelian type invariants  $(a_1, \dots, a_n)$  of a finite abelian group  $A$  are arranged in *non-decreasing* order  $a_1 \leq \dots \leq a_n$ .

Given the situation in Proposition 2.1, where  $A$  is a finite abelian group having  $p$ -rank  $r_p(A) = 2$ , Algorithm 3.2 defines a natural ordering on the subgroups  $S$  of  $A$  of index  $(A : S) = p$  by means of Proposition 2.2, if the Sylow  $p$ -subgroup  $\text{Syl}_p A$  is of type  $(p, p)$ .

**Algorithm 3.2.** (Natural ordering of subgroups of index  $p$ )

**Input:** A prime number  $p$  and a finite abelian group  $A$  with  $p$ -rank  $r_p(A) = 2$ .

**Code:**

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if (2 eq #pPrimaryInvariants(A,p)) then
  n := Ngens(A);
  x := (Order(A.(n-1)) div p)*A.(n-1);
  y := (Order(A.n) div p)*A.n;
  seqS := Subgroups(A: Quot:=[p]);
  seqI := [];
  for i in [1..p+1] do Append(~seqI,0); end for;
  NonCyc := 0;
  Cyc := 0;
  i := 0;
  for S in seqS do
    i := i+1;
    Pool := [];
    if y in S`subgroup then Append(~Pool,1); seqI[1] := i; end if;
    for e in [0..p-1] do
      if x+e*y in S`subgroup then Append(~Pool,e+2); seqI[e+2] := i; end if;
    end for;
    if (2 le #Pool) then
      NonCyc := i;
    else
      Cyc := Pool[1];
    end if;
  end for;
  if (0 lt NonCyc) then
    for i in [1..p+1] do seqI[i] := i; end for;
  end if;
end if;

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**Output:** Generators  $x, y$  of the  $p$ -elementary subgroup  $A_p$  of  $A$ , two indicators, NonCyc for one or more non-cyclic maximal subgroups of  $\text{Syl}_p A$ , Cyc for one or more cyclic maximal subgroups of  $\text{Syl}_p A$ , an ordered sequence seqS of the  $p+1$  subgroups of  $A$  of index  $p$ , and, if there are only cyclic maximal subgroups of  $\text{Syl}_p A$ , an ordered sequence seqI of numerical identifiers for the elements  $S$  of seqS.

*Proof.* This is precisely the implementation of the Propositions 2.1, 2.2 and 2.3 in MAGMA [8].  $\square$

**Remark 3.2.** The modified statement  $\text{seqS} := \text{Subgroups}(A: \text{Quot} := [p, p])$ ; yields the biggest subgroup of  $A$  of order coprime to  $p$ , and can be used for constructing the Hilbert  $p$ -class field  $F_p^1 K$  of the base field  $K$  in Algorithm 3.3, if the  $p$ -class group  $\text{Cl}_p K$  is of type  $(p, p)$ .

The class group  $(C, mC)$  in the output of Algorithm 3.1 is used as input for Algorithm 3.2. The resulting sequence seqS of all subgroups of index  $p$  in  $C$ , together with the pair  $(C, mC)$ , forms the input of Algorithm 3.3, which determines all unramified cyclic extensions  $L_t | K$  of relative degree  $p$  using the Artin correspondence as described by Fieker [14].

**Algorithm 3.3.** (Construction of all unramified cyclic extensions of degree  $p$ ).

**Input:** The class group  $(C, mC)$  of a base field  $K$  and the ordered sequence  $\text{seqS}$  of all subgroups  $S$  of index  $p$  in  $C$ .

**Code:**

```
seqAblExt := [AbelianExtension(Inverse(mQ)*mC
    where Q,mQ := quo<C|S`subgroup>: S in seqS];
seqRelFld := [NumberField(ae): ae in seqAblExt];
seqRelOrd := [MaximalOrder(ae): ae in seqAblExt];
seqAbsFld := [AbsoluteField(rf): rf in seqRelFld];
seqAbsOrd := [MaximalOrder(af): af in seqAbsFld];
seqOptRep := [OptimizedRepresentation(af): af in seqAbsFld];
seqOptAbsFld := [NumberField(DefiningPolynomial(opt)): opt in seqOptRep];
seqOptAbsOrd := [Simplify(LL(MaximalOrder(oaf))): oaf in seqOptAbsFld];
```

**Output:** Three ordered sequences,  $\text{seqRelOrd}$  of the relative maximal orders of  $L_i|K$ ,  $\text{seqAbsOrd}$  of the corresponding absolute maximal orders of  $L_i|\mathbb{Q}$ , and  $\text{seqOptAbsOrd}$  of optimized representations for the latter.

**Remark 3.3.** Algorithm 3.3 is independent of the  $p$ -class rank  $\varrho$  of the base field  $K$ . In order to obtain the adequate coercion of ideals, the sequence  $\text{seqRelOrd}$  must be used for computing the transfer kernel type  $\varkappa(K)$  in Algorithm 3.4. The trailing three lines of Algorithm 3.3 are optional but highly recommended, since the size of all arithmetical invariants, such as polynomial coefficients, is reduced considerably. Either the sequence  $\text{seqAbsOrd}$  or rather the sequence  $\text{seqOptAbsOrd}$  should be used for calculating the transfer target type  $\tau(K)$  in Algorithm 3.5.

**Algorithm 3.4.** (Transfer kernel type,  $\varkappa(K)$ ).

**Input:** The prime number  $p$ , the ordered sequence  $\text{seqRelOrd}$  of the relative maximal orders of  $L_i|K$ , the class group mapping  $mC$  of the base field  $K$  with  $p$ -class rank  $\varrho=2$ , the generators  $x, y$  of the  $p$ -elementary class group  $E_p$  of  $K$ , and the ordered sequence  $\text{seqI}$  of numerical identifiers for the  $p+1$  subgroups  $S$  of index  $p$  in the class group  $C$  of  $K$ .

**Code:**

```
TKT := [];
for i in [1..#seqRelOrd] do
  Collector := [];
  I := seqRelOrd[i]!!mC(y);
  if IsPrincipal(I) then Append(~Collector,seqI[1]); end if;
  for e in [0..p-1] do
    I := seqRelOrd[i]!!mC(x+e*y);
    if IsPrincipal(I) then Append(~Collector,seqI[e+2]); end if;
  end for;
  if (2 le #Collector) then
    Append(~TKT,0);
  else
    Append(~TKT,Collector[1]);
  end if;
end for;
```

**Output:** The transfer kernel type TKT of  $K$ .

**Remark 3.4.** In 2012, Bembom investigated the 5-capitulation over complex quadratic fields  $K$  with 5-class group of type  $(5,5)$  ([15] p. 129). However, his techniques were only able to distinguish between permutation types and nearly constant types, since he did not use the crucial sequence of numerical identifiers. We refined his results in ([16] §3.5, pp. 445-451) by determining the cycle decomposition and, in particular, the fixed points of the permutation types, which admitted the solution of an old problem by Tausky ([16] §3.5.2, p. 448).

**Algorithm 3.5.** (Transfer target type,  $\tau(K)$ ).

**Input:** The prime number  $p$  and the ordered sequence  $\text{seqOptAbsOrd}$  of the optimized absolute maximal orders of  $L_i | \mathbb{Q}$ .

**Code:**

```
SetClassGroupBounds("GRH");
TTT := [];
for i in [1..#seqOptAbsOrd] do
  CO := ClassGroup(seqOptAbsOrd[i]);
  Append(~TTT,pPrimaryInvariants(CO,p));
end for;
```

**Output:** The conditional transfer target type TTT of  $K$ , assuming the GRH.

With Algorithms 3.4 and 3.5 we are in the position to determine the Artin pattern  $\text{AP}(K) = (\tau(K), \varkappa(K))$  of the field  $K$ . For pointing out fixed points of the transfer kernel type  $\varkappa(K)$  it is useful to define a corresponding *weak* TKT  $\kappa = \kappa(K)$  which collects the Taussky conditions A, resp. B, of Theorem 2.1, for each extension  $L_i | K$ :

$$\kappa_i := \begin{cases} \text{A} & \text{if } \ker j_{L_i|K} \cap \text{Norm}_{L_i|K} \text{Cl}_p L_i > 1, \\ \text{B} & \text{if } \ker j_{L_i|K} \cap \text{Norm}_{L_i|K} \text{Cl}_p L_i = 1. \end{cases} \quad (5)$$

**Algorithm 3.6.** (Weak transfer kernel type,  $\kappa(K)$ , containing Taussky's conditions A, resp. B)

**Input:** The indicators NonCyc, Cyc, and the TKT.

**Code:**

```
TAB := [];
if (0 lt NonCyc) then
  if (1 eq NonCyc) then
    for i in [1..#TKT] do
      if ((Cyc eq TKT[i]) and not (NonCyc eq i))
        or (NonCyc eq i) or (0 eq TKT[i]) then
        Append(~TAB,"A");
      else
        Append(~TAB,"B");
      end if;
    end for;
  else
    for i in [1..#TKT] do Append(~TAB,"A"); end for;
  end if;
else
  for i in [1..#TKT] do
    if (i eq TKT[i]) or (0 eq TKT[i]) then
      Append(~TAB,"A");
    else
      Append(~TAB,"B");
    end if;
  end for;
end if;
```

**Output:** The weak transfer kernel type TAB of  $K$ .

*Proof.* This is the implementation of Theorem 2.1 in MAGMA [8]. □

## 4. Interpretation of Numerical Results

By means of the algorithms in §3, we have computed the Artin pattern  $\text{AP}(K) = (\tau(K), \varkappa(K))$  of all 34,631

real quadratic fields  $K = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{d})$  with  $\text{Cl}_3 K \simeq (3, 3)$  in the range  $0 < d < 10^8$  of fundamental discriminants. The results are presented in the following four tables, arranged by the coclass  $\text{cc}(\mathfrak{G})$  of the second 3-class group  $\mathfrak{G} = G_3^2 K$ . Each table gives the type designation, distinguishing ground states and excited states  $(\uparrow, \uparrow^2, \dots)$ , the transfer kernel type  $\varkappa = \varkappa(K)$ , the transfer target type  $\tau = \tau(K)$ , the absolute frequency AF, the relative frequency RF, that is the percentage with respect to the total number of occurrences of the fixed coclass, and the minimal discriminant MD ([17] Dfn. 5.1). Additionally to this experimental information, we have identified the group  $\mathfrak{G}$  by means of the strategy of pattern recognition via Artin transfers ([10] §4), and computed the factorized order of its automorphism group  $\text{Aut}(\mathfrak{G})$  and its relation rank  $d_2(\mathfrak{G}) := \dim_{\mathbb{F}_p} H^2(\mathfrak{G}, \mathbb{F}_p)$ . Groups are specified by their names in the SmallGroups Library [18] [19]. The nilpotency class  $c = \text{cl}(\mathfrak{G})$  and coclass  $r = \text{cc}(\mathfrak{G})$  were determined by means of ([20] Thm. 3.1, p. 290, and Thm. 3.2, p. 291), resp. ([17] Thm. 3.1).

### 4.1. Groups $\mathfrak{G}$ of Coclass $\text{cc}(\mathfrak{G})=1$

The 31,088 fields whose second 3-class group  $\mathfrak{G}$  is of maximal class, i.e. of coclass  $\text{cc}(\mathfrak{G})=1$ , constitute a contribution of 89.77%, which is dominating by far. This confirms the tendency which was recognized for the restricted range  $0 < d < 10^7$  already, where we had  $\frac{2303}{2576} \approx 89.4\%$  in ([3] Tbl. 2, p. 496) and ([9] Tbl. 6.1, p. 451). However, there is a slight increase of 0.37% for the relative frequency of  $\text{cc}(\mathfrak{G})=1$  in the extended range.

**Theorem 4.1.** (Coclass 1) *The Hilbert 3-class field tower of a real quadratic field  $K$  whose second 3-class group  $\mathfrak{G} = \text{Gal}(\mathbb{F}_3^2 K | K)$  is of coclass  $\text{cc}(\mathfrak{G})=1$  has exact length  $\ell_3 K = 2$ , that is, the 3-class tower group  $G = \text{Gal}(\mathbb{F}_3^\infty K | K)$  is isomorphic to  $\mathfrak{G}$ , and  $K < \mathbb{F}_3 K < \mathbb{F}_3^2 K = \mathbb{F}_3^\infty K$ .*

*Proof.* This is Theorem 5.3 in [17]. □

In **Table 1**, we denote two crucial mainline vertices of the unique coclass-1 tree  $\mathcal{T}^{-1}(\langle 3^2, 2 \rangle)$  by  $M_7 := \langle 3^7, 386 \rangle$  and  $M_9 := M_7(-\#1; 1)^2$ , and we give the results for  $\text{cc}(\mathfrak{G})=1$ .

The large scale separation of the types a.2 and a.3, resp. a.2 $\uparrow$  and a.3 $\uparrow$ , in **Table 1** became possible for the first time by our new algorithm. It refines the results in ([3] Tbl. 2, p. 496) and ([9] Tbl. 6.1, p. 451), and consequently also the frequency distribution in ([16] Fig. 3.2, p. 422).

Inspired by Boston, Bush and Hajir’s theory of the statistical distribution of  $p$ -class tower groups of complex quadratic fields [21], we expect that, in **Table 1** and in view of Theorem 4.1, the asymptotic limit of the relative frequency RF of realizations of a particular group  $\mathfrak{G} = G_3^2 K \simeq G = G_3^\infty K$  is proportional to the reciprocal of the order  $\#\text{Aut}(\mathfrak{G})$  of its automorphism group. In particular, we state the following conjecture about three do-

**Table 1.** Statistics of 3-capitulation types  $\varkappa = \varkappa(K)$  of fields  $K$  with  $\text{cc}(\mathfrak{G})=1$ .

Type	$\varkappa$	$\tau$	AF	RF	MD	$\mathfrak{G} = G_3^2$	$\#\text{Aut}$	$d_2$
a.1	0000	$2^2, (1^2)^3$	2180	7.01%	62,501	$\langle 3^6, 99 \dots 101 \rangle$	$2^1 3^8$	3
a.2	1000	$21, (1^2)^3$	7104	22.85%	72,329	$\langle 3^4, 10 \rangle$	$2^1 3^5$	3
a.3	2000	$21, (1^2)^3$	10,514	33.82%	32,009	$\langle 3^4, 8 \rangle$	$2^2 3^4$	3
a.3*	2000	$1^3, (1^2)^3$	10,244	32.95%	142,097	$\langle 3^4, 7 \rangle$	$2^2 3^4$	3
a.1 $\uparrow$	0000	$3^2, (1^2)^3$	58	0.19%	2,905,160	$M_7 - \#1; 5 \dots 7$	$2^1 3^{12}$	3
a.2 $\uparrow$	1000	$32, (1^2)^3$	242	0.78%	790,085	$\langle 3^6, 96 \rangle$	$2^1 3^9$	3
a.3 $\uparrow$	2000	$32, (1^2)^3$	713	2.29%	494,236	$\langle 3^6, 97   98 \rangle$	$2^2 3^8$	3
a.1 $\uparrow^2$	0000	$4^2, (1^2)^3$	3		40,980,808	$M_9 - \#1; 5 \dots 7$	$2^1 3^{16}$	3
a.2 $\uparrow^2$	1000	$43, (1^2)^3$	9	0.03%	25,714,984	$M_7 - \#1; 2$	$2^1 3^{13}$	3
a.3 $\uparrow^2$	2000	$43, (1^2)^3$	20	0.06%	10,200,108	$M_7 - \#1; 3   4$	$2^2 3^{12}$	3
a.2 $\uparrow^3$	1000	$54, (1^2)^3$	1		37,304,664	$M_9 - \#1; 2$	$2^1 3^{17}$	3
Total of $\text{cc}(\mathfrak{G})=1$			31,088		89.77% with respect to 34,631			

minating types, a.3\*, a.3 and a.2.

**Conjecture 4.1.** For a sufficiently extensive range  $0 < d < B$  of fundamental discriminants, both, the absolute and relative frequencies of realizations of the groups  $\langle 3^4, 7 \rangle$ ,  $\langle 3^4, 8 \rangle$  and  $\langle 3^4, 10 \rangle$ , resp.  $\langle 3^6, 97 \rangle$ ,  $\langle 3^6, 98 \rangle$  and  $\langle 3^6, 96 \rangle$ , as 3-class tower groups  $G_3^\infty K = G_3^2 K$  of real quadratic fields  $K = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{d})$  satisfy the proportion  $3:3:2$ .

*Proof.* (Attempt of an explanation) A heuristic justification of the conjecture is given for the ground states by the relation for reciprocal orders

$$\#\text{Aut}(\langle 3^4, 7 \rangle)^{-1} = \#\text{Aut}(\langle 3^4, 8 \rangle)^{-1} = \frac{1}{2^2 3^4} = \frac{3}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{2^1 3^5} = \frac{3}{2} \cdot \#\text{Aut}(\langle 3^4, 10 \rangle)^{-1},$$

which is nearly fulfilled by  $10244 \approx 10514 \approx \frac{3}{2} \cdot 7104$ , resp.  $32.95\% \approx 33.82\% \approx \frac{3}{2} \cdot 22.85\%$ , for the bound

$B = 10^8$ , and disproves our oversimplified conjectures at the end of ([10] Rmk. 5.2).

For the first excited states, we have the reciprocal orders

$$\#\text{Aut}(\langle 3^6, 97 \rangle)^{-1} = \#\text{Aut}(\langle 3^6, 98 \rangle)^{-1} = \frac{1}{2^2 3^8} = \frac{3}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{2^1 3^9} = \frac{3}{2} \cdot \#\text{Aut}(\langle 3^6, 96 \rangle)^{-1},$$

but here no arithmetical invariants are known for distinguishing between  $\langle 3^6, 97 \rangle$  and  $\langle 3^6, 98 \rangle$ , whence we have  $713 \approx 3 \cdot 242$ , resp.  $2.29\% \approx 3 \cdot 0.78\%$ , with cumulative factor  $2 \cdot \frac{3}{2} = 3$ . □

#### 4.2. Groups $\mathfrak{G}$ of Coclass $\text{cc}(\mathfrak{G}) = 2$

The 3328 fields whose second 3-class group  $\mathfrak{G}$  is of second maximal class, i.e. of coclass  $\text{cc}(\mathfrak{G}) = 2$ , constitute a moderate contribution of 9.61%. The corresponding relative frequency for the restricted range  $0 < d < 10^7$  is  $\frac{260}{2576} \approx 10.1\%$ , which can be figured out from ([3] Tbl. 4-5, pp. 498-499) or, more easily, from

([9] Tbl. 6.3, Tbl. 6.5, Tbl. 6.7, pp. 452-453). So there is a slight *decrease* of 0.49% for the relative frequency of  $\text{cc}(\mathfrak{G}) = 2$  in the extended range.

**Theorem 4.2.** (Section D) *The Hilbert 3-class field tower of a real quadratic field  $K$  whose second 3-class group  $\mathfrak{G} = \text{Gal}(\mathbb{F}_3^2 K | K)$  is isomorphic to either of the two Schur  $\sigma$ -groups  $\langle 3^5, 5 \rangle$  or  $\langle 3^5, 7 \rangle$  has exact length  $\ell_3 K = 2$ , that is, the 3-class tower group  $G = \text{Gal}(\mathbb{F}_3^\infty K | K)$  is isomorphic to  $\mathfrak{G}$ , and  $K < \mathbb{F}_3^1 K < \mathbb{F}_3^2 K < \mathbb{F}_3^\infty K$ .*

*Proof.* This statement has been proved by Scholz and Taussky in ([22] 3, p. 39). It has been confirmed with different techniques by Brink and Gold in ([23] Thm. 7, pp. 434-435), and by Heider and Schmithals in ([24] Lem. 5, p. 20). All three proofs were expressed for complex quadratic base fields  $K$ , but since the cover ([25] Dfn. 5.1, p. 30) of a Schur  $\sigma$ -group  $\mathfrak{G}$  consists of a single element,  $\text{cov}(\mathfrak{G}) = \{\mathfrak{G}\}$ , the statement is actually valid for any algebraic number field  $K$ , in particular also for a real quadratic field  $K$ . □

**Table 2** shows the computational results for  $\text{cc}(\mathfrak{G}) = 2$ , using the relative identifiers of the ANUPQ package [26] for groups  $\mathfrak{G}$  of order  $\#\mathfrak{G} \geq 3^8$ , resp.  $G$  of order  $\#G \geq 3^8$ . The possibilities for the 3-class tower group  $G$  are complete for the TKTs c.18, c.21, E.6, E.8, E.9 and E.14, constituting the cover of the corresponding metabelian group  $\mathfrak{G}$ . For the TKTs c.18 $\uparrow$ , c.21 $\uparrow$ , the cover  $\text{cov}(\mathfrak{G})$  is given in ([25] Cor. 7.1, p. 38, and Cor. 8.1, p. 48), and for E.6 $\uparrow$ , E.8 $\uparrow$ , E.9 $\uparrow$  and E.14 $\uparrow$ , it has been determined in ([27] Cor 21.3, p. 187). A selection of densely populated vertices is given for the sporadic TKTs G.19\* and H.4\*, according to ([17] Tbl. 4-5). We denote two important branch vertices of depth 1 by  $N_{9,j} := \langle 3^7, 303 \rangle - \#1; 1 - \#1; j$  for  $j \in \{3, 5\}$ .

Whereas the sufficient criterion for  $\ell_3 K = 2$  in Theorem 4.4 is known since 1934 already, the following statement of 2015 is brand-new and constitutes one of the few sufficient criteria for  $\ell_3 K = 3$ , that is, for the long desired three-stage class field towers [28].

**Theorem 4.3.** (Section c) *The Hilbert 3-class field tower of a real quadratic field  $K$  whose second 3-class group  $\mathfrak{G} = \text{Gal}(\mathbb{F}_3^2 K | K)$  is one of the six groups  $\langle 3^6, 49 \rangle$ ,  $\langle 3^6, 54 \rangle$ ,  $\langle 3^7, 285 \rangle - \#1; 1$ ,  $\langle 3^7, 303 \rangle - \#1; 1$ ,  $\langle 3^7, 285 \rangle(-\#1; 1)^3$ ,  $\langle 3^7, 285 \rangle(-\#1; 1)^3$  has exact length  $\ell_3 K = 3$ , that is,*

$$K < \mathbb{F}_3^1 K < \mathbb{F}_3^2 K < \mathbb{F}_3^3 K = \mathbb{F}_3^\infty K.$$

*Proof.* This is the union of Thm. 7.1, Cor. 7.1, Cor 7.3, Thm 8.1, Cor 8.1, and Cor 8.3 in [25]. □

**Table 2.** Statistics of 3-capitulation types  $\varkappa = \varkappa(K)$  of fields  $K$  with  $\text{cc}(\mathfrak{G}) = 2$ .

Type	$\varkappa$	$\tau$	AF	RF	MD	$\mathfrak{G} = G_3^2$ $G = G_3^\infty$	#Aut	$d_2$
c.18	0313	$2^2, 21, 1^3, 21$	347	10.4%	534,824	$\langle 3^5, 49 \rangle$ $\langle 3^7, 284   291 \rangle$	$2^2 3^8$ $2^2 3^8   2^1 3^8$	4 3
c.21	0231	$2^2, (21)^3$	358	10.8%	540,365	$\langle 3^6, 54 \rangle$ $\langle 3^7, 307   308 \rangle$	$2^2 3^8$ $2^2 3^8   2^1 3^8$	4 3
c.18 $\uparrow$	0313	$3^2, 21, 1^3, 21$	8	0.2%	13,714,789	$\langle 3^7, 285 \rangle - \#1; 1$	$2^2 3^{12}$	4
c.21 $\uparrow$	0231	$3^2, (21)^3$	12	0.4%	1,001,957	$\langle 3^7, 303 \rangle - \#1; 1$	$2^2 3^{12}$	4
D.5	4224	$1^3, 21, 1^3, 21$	546	16.4%	631,769	$\langle 3^5, 7 \rangle$	$2^2 3^6$	2
D.10	2241	$21, 21, 1^3, 21$	1122	33.7%	422,573	$\langle 3^5, 5 \rangle$	$2^1 3^6$	2
E.6	1313	$32, 21, 1^3, 21$	40	1.2%	5,264,069	$\langle 3^7, 288 \rangle$ $\langle 3^6, 49 \rangle - \#2; 4$	$2^1 3^{10}$ $2^1 3^{10}$	3 2
E.8	1231	$32, (21)^3$	30	0.9%	6,098,360	$\langle 3^7, 304 \rangle$ $\langle 3^6, 54 \rangle - \#2; 4$	$2^1 3^{10}$ $2^1 3^{10}$	3 2
E.9	2231	$32, (21)^3$	83	2.5%	342,664	$\langle 3^7, 302   306 \rangle$ $\langle 3^6, 54 \rangle - \#2; 2   6$	$2^1 3^{10}$ $2^1 3^{10}$	3 2
E.14	2313	$32, 21, 1^3, 21$	63	1.9%	3,918,837	$\langle 3^7, 289   290 \rangle$ $\langle 3^6, 49 \rangle - \#2; 5   6$	$2^1 3^{10}$ $2^1 3^{10}$	3 2
E.6 $\uparrow$	1313	$43, 21, 1^3, 21$	1		75,393,861	$\langle 3^7, 285 \rangle - \#1; 1 - \#1; 4$	$2^1 3^{14}$	3
E.8 $\uparrow$	1231	$43, (21)^3$	2		26,889,637	$\langle 3^7, 303 \rangle - \#1; 1 - \#1; 2$	$2^1 3^{14}$	3
E.9 $\uparrow$	2231	$43, (21)^3$	1		79,043,324	$\langle 3^7, 303 \rangle - \#1; 1 - \#1; 4   6$	$2^1 3^{14}$	3
E.14 $\uparrow$	2313	$43, 21, 1^3, 21$	1		70,539,596	$\langle 3^7, 285 \rangle - \#1; 1 - \#1; 5   6$	$2^1 3^{14}$	3
G.16	4231	$32, (21)^3$	27	0.8%	8,711,456	$\langle 3^7, 301   305 \rangle - \#1; 4$	$2^2 3^{12}$	4
G.16 $\uparrow$	4231	$43, (21)^3$	1		59,479,964	$N_{9,35} - \#1; 2$	$2^1 3^{16}$	4
G.19*	2143	$(21)^4$	156	4.7%	214,712	$\langle 3^6, 57 \rangle$ $\langle 3^7, 311 \rangle$ $\langle 3^6, 45 \rangle$	$2^2 3^8$ $2^2 3^8$ $2^2 3^8$	4 3 4
H.4*	4443	$(1^3)^2, 21, 1^3$	493	14.8%	957,013	$\langle 3^7, 270   271 \rangle$ $\langle 3^7, 272   273 \rangle$	$2^2 3^8   2^2 3^9$ $2^1 3^9   2^1 3^8$	3 3
H.4	3313	$32, 21, 1^3, 21$	37	1.1%	1,162,949	$\langle 3^7, 286   287 \rangle - \#1; 2$	$2^2 3^{12}$	4
Total of $\text{cc}(\mathfrak{G}) = 2$			3328		9.61% with respect to 34,631			

A sufficient criterion for  $\ell_3 K = 3$  similar to Theorem 4.3 has been given in ([29] Thm. 6.1, pp. 751-752) for complex quadratic fields with TKTs in section E. Due to the relation  $\text{rank } d_2$  of the involved groups, only a weaker statement is possible for real quadratic fields with such TKTs.

**Theorem 4.4.** (Section E) *The Hilbert 3-class field tower of a real quadratic field  $K$  whose second 3-class group  $\mathfrak{G} = \text{Gal}(\mathbb{F}_3^2 K | K)$  is one of the twelve groups  $\langle 3^7, 288 \dots 290 \rangle$ ,  $\langle 3^7, 302 | 304 | 306 \rangle$ ,  $\langle 3^7, 285 \rangle - \#1; 1 - \#1; 4 \dots 6$ ,  $\langle 3^7, 303 \rangle - \#1; 1 - \#1; 2 | 4 | 6$  has either length  $\ell_3 K = 3$ , that is,  $K < \mathbb{F}_3^1 K < \mathbb{F}_3^2 K < \mathbb{F}_3^3 K = \mathbb{F}_3^\infty K$ , or length  $\ell_3 K = 2$ , that is,  $K < \mathbb{F}_3^1 K < \mathbb{F}_3^2 K = \mathbb{F}_3^\infty K$ .*

*Proof.* This is the union of Thm. 4.1 and Thm. 4.2 in [17]. □

**Example 4.1.** That both cases  $\ell_3 K \in \{2, 3\}$  occur with nearly equal frequency has been shown for the ground states in Thm. 5.5 and Thm. 5.6 of [17]. Due to our extended computations, we are now in the position to

prove that the same is true for the first excited states. We have  $\ell_3 K = 3$  for the two fields  $K = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{d})$  with  $d = 70539596$ , type E.14 $\uparrow$ , and  $d = 75393861$ , type E.6 $\uparrow$ , but only  $\ell_3 K = 2$  for the three fields with  $d = 79043324$ , type E.9 $\uparrow$ , and  $d \in \{26889637, 98755469\}$ , both of type E.8 $\uparrow$ ,

Recently, we have provided evidence of asymptotic frequency distributions for three-stage class field towers, similar to Conjecture 4.1 for two-stage towers.

**Conjecture 4.2.** For a sufficiently extensive range  $0 < d < B$  of fundamental discriminants, both, the absolute and relative frequencies of realizations of the groups  $\langle 3^7, 284 \rangle$  and  $\langle 3^7, 291 \rangle$ , resp.  $\langle 3^7, 307 \rangle$  and  $\langle 3^7, 308 \rangle$  as 3-class tower groups  $G_3^\infty K = G_3^3 K$  of real quadratic fields  $K = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{d})$  satisfy the proportion 1:2.

*Proof.* (Attempt of a heuristic justification of the conjecture)

For the first two groups, which form the cover of  $\langle 3^6, 49 \rangle$ , we have the reciprocal order relation

$$\#\text{Aut}(\langle 3^7, 291 \rangle)^{-1} = \frac{1}{2^2 3^8} = 2 \cdot \frac{1}{2^2 3^8} = 2 \cdot \#\text{Aut}(\langle 3^7, 284 \rangle)^{-1},$$

which is nearly fulfilled by the statistical information  $18 \approx 2 \cdot 10$ , resp.  $64\% \approx 2 \cdot 36\%$ , given in ([25] Thm. 7.2, pp. 34-35) for  $B = 10^7$ .

For the trailing two groups, which form the cover of  $\langle 3^6, 54 \rangle$ , only arithmetical invariants of higher order are known for distinguishing between  $\langle 3^7, 307 \rangle$  and  $\langle 3^7, 308 \rangle$ . It would have been too time consuming to compute these invariants for ([25] Thm. 8.2, p. 45).  $\square$

**Conjecture 4.3.** For a sufficiently extensive range  $0 < d < B$  of fundamental discriminants, both, the absolute and relative frequencies of realizations of the groups  $\langle 3^7, 270 \rangle$ ,  $\langle 3^7, 271 \rangle$ ,  $\langle 3^7, 272 \rangle$  and  $\langle 3^7, 273 \rangle$  as 3-class tower groups  $G_3^\infty K = G_3^3 K$  of real quadratic fields  $K = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{d})$  satisfy the proportion 3:1:2:6.

*Proof.* (Attempt of an explanation) All groups are contained in the cover of  $\langle 3^6, 45 \rangle$ . We have the following relations between reciprocal orders

$$\#\text{Aut}(\langle 3^7, 270 \rangle)^{-1} = \frac{1}{2^2 3^8} = 3 \cdot \frac{1}{2^2 3^9} = 3 \cdot \#\text{Aut}(\langle 3^7, 271 \rangle)^{-1},$$

$$\#\text{Aut}(\langle 3^7, 272 \rangle)^{-1} = \frac{1}{2^1 3^9} = 2 \cdot \frac{1}{2^2 3^9} = 2 \cdot \#\text{Aut}(\langle 3^7, 271 \rangle)^{-1},$$

$$\#\text{Aut}(\langle 3^7, 273 \rangle)^{-1} = \frac{1}{2^1 3^8} = 3 \cdot \frac{1}{2^1 3^9} = 3 \cdot \#\text{Aut}(\langle 3^7, 272 \rangle)^{-1}.$$

Unfortunately, no arithmetical invariants are known for distinguishing between  $\langle 3^7, 271 \rangle$  and  $\langle 3^7, 272 \rangle$ . Therefore, we must replace the two values in the middle of the proportion 3:1:2:6 by a cumulative value 3:3:6, resp. 1:1:2. The resulting proportion is fulfilled approximately by the statistical information  $2 \cdot 5 \approx 2 \cdot 8 \approx 11$ , resp.  $2 \cdot 19\% \approx 2 \cdot 29\% \approx 41\%$ , given in ([17] Thm. 5.7) for  $B = 10^7$ . However, a total of 24 individuals cannot be viewed as a statistical ensemble yet.  $\square$

### 4.3. Groups $\mathfrak{G}$ of Coclass $\text{cc}(\mathfrak{G}) = 3$

There are 190 fields whose second 3-class group  $\mathfrak{G}$  is of coclass  $\text{cc}(\mathfrak{G}) = 3$ . They constitute a very small contribution of 0.55%. The corresponding relative frequency for the restricted range  $0 < d < 10^7$  is  $\frac{10}{2576} \approx 0.4\%$ ,

which can be figured out from ([3] Tbl. 5, p. 499) or, more easily, from ([9] Tbl. 6.2, p. 451). Thus, there is a slight *increase* of 0.15% for the relative frequency of  $\text{cc}(\mathfrak{G}) = 3$  in the extended range.

For the groups  $\mathfrak{G}$  of coclass  $\text{cc}(\mathfrak{G}) \geq 3$ , the problem of determining the corresponding 3-class tower group  $G$  is considerably harder than for  $\text{cc}(\mathfrak{G}) \leq 2$ , and up to now it is still open.

In **Table 3**, we denote two important mainline vertices of the coclass-2 tree  $\mathcal{T}^2(\langle 3^7, 64 \rangle)$  by  $P_7 := \langle 3^7, 64 \rangle$  and  $P_9 := P_7 - \#1; 3 - \#1; 1$ , and we give the statistics for  $\text{cc}(\mathfrak{G}) = 3$ .

### 4.4. Groups $\mathfrak{G}$ of Coclass $\text{cc}(\mathfrak{G}) = 4$

We only have 25 fields whose second 3-class group  $\mathfrak{G}$  is of coclass  $\text{cc}(\mathfrak{G}) = 4$ . They constitute a negligible contribution of 0.07%. The corresponding relative frequency for the restricted range  $0 < d < 10^7$  is

$\frac{3}{2576} \approx 0.1\%$ , which can be seen in ([9] Tbl. 6.9, p. 454). So there is a slight *decrease* of 0.03% for the relative frequency of  $\text{cc}(\mathfrak{G}) = 4$  in the extended range.

In **Table 4**, we denote some crucial mainline vertices of coclass-4 trees  $\mathcal{T}^4(S_{9,j})$  by

$$S_{9,j} := \langle 3^7, 64 \rangle - \#2; j \text{ and } S_{10,39} := S_{9,39} - \#1; 7, \quad S_{10,44} := S_{9,44} - \#1; 1, \quad S_{10,54} := S_{9,54} - \#1; 8, \\ S_{10,57} := S_{9,57} - \#1; 1, \quad S_{10,59} := S_{9,59} - \#1; 6,$$

a sporadic vertex by  $T_9 := \langle 3^7, 64 \rangle - \#2; 34$ , and we give the computational results for  $\text{cc}(\mathfrak{G}) = 4$ .

For the essential difference between the location of the groups  $\mathfrak{G}$  as vertices of coclass trees for the types d.25\* and d.25, see ([30] Thm. 3.3-3.4 and Exm. 3.1, pp. 490-492).

The single occurrence of type H.4 belongs to the *irregular variant* (i), where  $\text{Cl}_3 F_3^1 K \approx (9, 9, 9, 9)$ . This is

**Table 3.** Statistics of 3-capitulation types  $\varkappa = \varkappa(K)$  of fields  $K$  with  $\text{cc}(\mathfrak{G}) = 3$ .

Type	$\varkappa$	$\tau$	AF	RF	MD	$\mathfrak{G} = G_3^2$	#Aut	$d_2$
b.10	0043	$(2^2)^2, (1^3)^2$	95	50.0%	710,652	$P_7 - \#1; 21 \dots 26$	$2^2 3^{12} \mid 2^1 3^{12}$	5
b.10 $\uparrow$	0043	$3^2, 2^2, (1^3)^2$	6	3.2%	17,802,872	$P_9 - \#1; 21 \dots 29$	$2^1 3^{16}$	5
d.19	4043	$32, 2^2, (1^3)^2$	49	26.0%	2,328,721	$P_7 - \#1; 4 \mid 5$	$2^1 3^{12}$	5
d.23	1043	$32, 2^2, (1^3)^2$	16	8.4%	1,535,117	$P_7 - \#1; 6$	$2^1 3^{12}$	5
d.25	2043	$32, 2^2, (1^3)^2$	22	12.0%	15,230,168	$P_7 - \#1; 7 \mid 8$	$2^2 3^{12}$	5
d.19 $\uparrow$	4043	$43, 2^2, (1^3)^2$	1		27,970,737	$P_9 - \#1; 2 \mid 3$	$2^1 3^{16}$	5
d.23 $\uparrow$	1043	$43, 2^2, (1^3)^2$	1		87,303,181	$P_9 - \#1; 4$	$2^1 3^{16}$	5
Total of $\text{cc}(\mathfrak{G}) = 3$			190		0.55% with respect to 34,631			

**Table 4.** Statistics of 3-capitulation types  $\varkappa = \varkappa(K)$  of fields  $K$  with  $\text{cc}(\mathfrak{G}) = 4$ .

Type	$\varkappa$	$\tau$	AF	RF	MD	$\mathfrak{G} = G_3^2$	#Aut	$d_2$
d.25*	0143	$3^2, 32, (1^3)^2$	4	16%	8,491,713	$S_{10,57/59}$	$2^2 3^{16}$	5
F.7	3443	$(32)^2, (1^3)^2$	3	12%	10,165,597	$P_7 - \#2; 55$	$2^1 3^{14}$	4
						$P_7 - \#2; 56 \mid 58$	$2^2 3^{14}$	4
F.11	1143	$(32)^2, (1^3)^2$	3	12%	66,615,244	$P_7 - \#2; 36 \mid 38$	$2^1 3^{14}$	4
F.12	1343	$(32)^2, (1^3)^2$	6	24%	22,937,941	$P_7 - \#2; 43 \mid 46 \mid 51 \mid 53$	$2^1 3^{14}$	4
F.13	3143	$(32)^2, (1^3)^2$	5	20%	8,321,505	$P_7 - \#2; 41 \mid 47 \mid 50 \mid 52$	$2^1 3^{14}$	4
F.7 $\uparrow$	3443	$43, 32, (1^3)^2$	1		24,138,593	$S_{10,39/44} - \#1; 5 \mid 6$	$2^1 3^{18}$	4
F.12 $\uparrow$	1343	$43, 32, (1^3)^2$	1		86,865,820	$S_{10,39} - \#1; 2 \mid 9, \quad S_{10,44} - \#1; 3 \mid 8$	$2^1 3^{18}$	4
						$S_{10,54} - \#1; 2 \mid 4 \mid 6 \mid 8$	$2^1 3^{18}$	4
F.13 $\uparrow$	3143	$43, 32, (1^3)^2$	1		8,127,208	$S_{10,39} - \#1; 3 \mid 8, \quad S_{10,44} - \#1; 2 \mid 9$	$2^1 3^{18}$	4
						$S_{10,57} - \#1; 2 \mid 4, \quad S_{10,59} - \#1; 3 \mid 4$	$2^1 3^{18}$	4
H.4i	4443	$43, 32, (1^3)^2$	1		54,313,357	$T_9 - \#1; 7$	$2^1 3^{16}$	4
Total of $\text{cc}(\mathfrak{G}) = 4$			25		0.07% with respect to 34,631			

explained in ([3] p. 498) and ([9] pp. 454-455). It is the only case in **Table 4** where  $\mathfrak{G}$  is determined uniquely.

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