

## Proving the Conjecture of Arnold Scholz

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FIGURE 1. My Website Devoted to the Memory of Arnold Scholz


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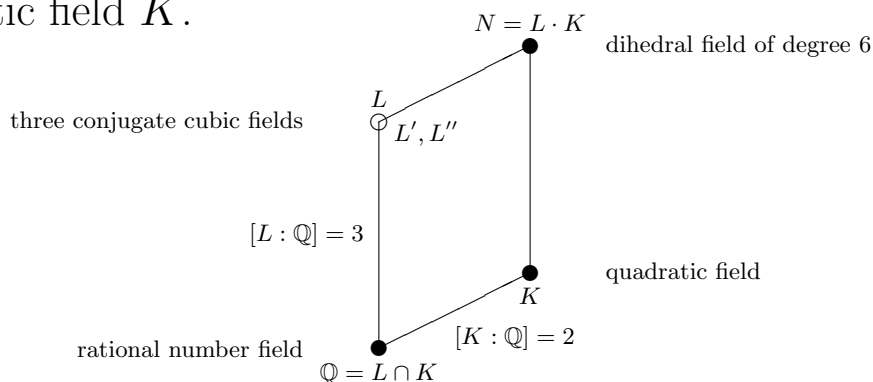
**Kurz-Biographie von Arnold Scholz:**

1904: geboren in **Berlin-Charlottenburg**  
 1911 - 1915: Vorschule  
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 1923 - 1928: Studium der Mathematik, Philosophie und Musikwissenschaft an der **Universität Berlin**  
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 1928: Promotio magna cum laude ("spondeo et polliceor") bei **Issai Schur**  
 1928 - 1930: Assistent an der **Berliner Universität**  
 1930 - 1935: Privat-Dozent in **Freiburg** (im Breisgau)  
 1935 - 1940: Lehrauftrag und Mitglied der Prüfungskommission in **Kiel**  
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 1942: gestorben in Flensburg

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## 1. HISTORICAL ORIGIN OF SCHOLZ'S CONJECTURE

Let  $L$  be a non-cyclic *totally real cubic field*. Then  $L$  is non-Galois over the rational number field  $\mathbb{Q}$  with two conjugate fields  $L'$  and  $L''$ . The Galois closure  $N$  of  $L$  is a totally real dihedral field of degree 6, which contains a unique real quadratic field  $K$ .



In **1930**, **Helmut Hasse** [4] determined the *discriminants* of  $L$  [4, pp. 567 and 575] and  $N$  [4, p. 566], in dependence on the discriminant of  $K$  and on the class field theoretic *conductor*  $f = f(N/K)$  of the cyclic cubic, and thus abelian, relative extension  $N/K$ :

$$(1.1) \quad d_L = f^2 \cdot d_K, \quad \text{and} \quad d_N = f^4 \cdot d_K^3.$$

Three years later, in **1933**, **Arnold Scholz** [19, p. 216] determined the *relation*

$$(1.2) \quad h_N = \frac{I}{9} \cdot h_L^2 \cdot h_K$$

*between the class numbers* of the fields  $N$ ,  $L$  and  $K$ , in dependence on the *index of subfield units*,  $I = (U_N : U_0) = 3^E$ , where  $U_0 = \langle U_K, U_L, U_{L'}, U_{L''} \rangle$  and  $E \in \{0, 1, 2\}$ .

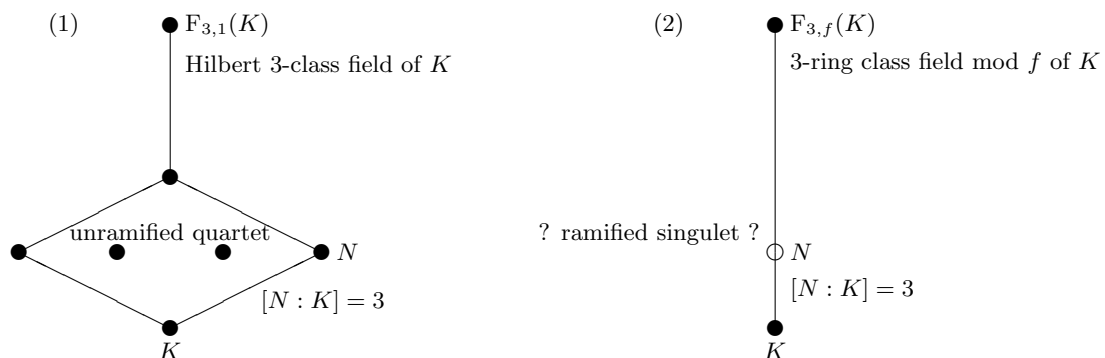
Note that  $E = 0$ , resp.  $I = 1$ , is the *distinguished case* where the unit group  $U_N$  of the normal field  $N$  is entirely generated by all proper subfield units, that is  $U_N = U_0$ .

Scholz was able to give explicit numerical examples [19, p. 216], for  $E = 1$  ( $d_L = 229$ ), resp.  $E = 2$  ( $d_L = 148$ ), but not for  $E = 0$ , and he formulated the following hypothesis.

### Conjecture 1.1. (The Conjecture of Scholz, 1933)

There should exist non-Galois totally real cubic fields  $L$  whose Galois closure  $N$  is either

- (1) *unramified*, with conductor  $f = 1$  over some real quadratic field  $K$  with 3-class rank  $\rho_3(K) = 2$  whose complete 3-elementary class group capitulates in  $N$ , and such that  $U_N = U_0$  [19, p. 219], or
- (2) *ramified*, with conductor  $f > 1$  over some real quadratic field  $K$  such that also  $U_N = U_0$  [19, p. 221] (here, Scholz calls  $N$  a *ring class field* over  $K$ , by abuse of language).



## 2. COMPLETE PROOF OF SCHOLZ'S CONJECTURE

We point out that, in the *unramified* situation  $f = 1$ ,  $d_L = d_K$  is a quadratic fundamental discriminant, and  $d_N = d_K^3$  is a perfect cube, according to formula (1.1). In this unramified case, the verification of Conjecture 1.1 can be obtained from a more general theorem, since any real quadratic field  $K$  with 3-class rank  $\varrho_3(K) = 2$  possesses a multiplet of four unramified cyclic cubic extensions  $N_1, \dots, N_4$ , that is a *quartet* of absolutely dihedral fields of degree 6 [14] with non-Galois totally real subfields  $L_1, \dots, L_4$ , each of them selected among three conjugate fields.

For such a quartet, Chang and Foote [2] introduced the concept of the *capitulation number*  $0 \leq \nu(K) \leq 4$ , defined as the number of those members of the quartet in which the complete 3-elementary class group of  $K$  capitulates. For this number  $\nu(K)$ , the following theorem holds.

**Theorem 2.1.** *For each value  $0 \leq \nu \leq 4$ , there exists a real quadratic field  $K$  with 3-class rank  $\varrho_3(K) = 2$  and capitulation number  $\nu(K) = \nu$ . It is even possible to restrict the claim to fields with elementary 3-class group of type  $\text{Cl}_3(K) \simeq C_3 \times C_3$ .*

*Proof.* From the viewpoint of finite  $p$ -group theory, this theorem is a proven statement about the possible *transfer kernel types* of finite metabelian 3-groups  $G$  with abelianization  $G/G' \simeq (3, 3)$  applied to the second 3-class group  $G := \text{Gal}(F_{3,1}^2(K)/K)$  of  $K$  [14].  $\square$

*Proof.* (Alternative direct proof.) However, it is easier to give explicit numerical paradigms for each value of  $\nu(K)$ . We have the following minimal occurrences:

$$\begin{aligned} \nu(K) = 4 & \text{ for } d_K = 62\,501, & \nu(K) = 3 & \text{ for } d_K = 32\,009, \\ \nu(K) = 2 & \text{ for } d_K = 710\,652, & \nu(K) = 1 & \text{ for } d_K = 534\,824, \\ \nu(K) = 0 & \text{ for } d_K = 214\,712, \end{aligned}$$

which have been computed by ourselves in [14].  $\square$

**Remark 2.1.** We have the priority of discovering the first examples of real quadratic fields  $K$  with  $\nu(K) \in \{0, 1, 2\}$  in [14]. However, the first examples of real quadratic fields  $K$  with  $\nu(K) \in \{3, 4\}$  are due to Heider and Schmithals [5], who performed a mainframe computation on the CDC Cyber of the University of Cologne, and so the following corollary is proven since 1982 already.

**Corollary 2.1.** (*Verification of Conjecture 1.1, (1) for unramified extensions*)

*There exist non-Galois totally real cubic fields  $L$  whose Galois closure  $N$  is unramified, with conductor  $f = 1$ , over a real quadratic field  $K$  with 3-class rank  $\rho_3(K) = 2$  whose complete 3-elementary class group capitulates in  $N$ , and which therefore has  $U_N = U_0$ . The minimal discriminant of such a field  $L$  is  $d_L = 32\,009$  (three of four fields, 1982 [5], 49 years after 1933 [19]).*

*Proof.* It suffices to take a real quadratic field  $K$  with  $1 \leq \nu(K) \leq 4$  in Theorem 2.1. In view of the minimal discriminant, we select  $\nu(K) = 3$  and obtain  $U_N = U_0$  for three of four fields with  $d_L = d_K = 32\,009$  (unramified quartet).  $\square$

Concerning the *ramified* situation  $f > 1$  in Conjecture 1.1 (2), Scholz does not explicitly impose any conditions on the underlying real quadratic field  $K$ . We suppose that he also tacitly assumed a real quadratic field  $K$  with 3-class rank  $\varrho_3(K) = 2$ .

However, more recent extensions of the theory of dihedral fields by means of *differential principal factorizations* and *Galois cohomology* revealed that for  $U_N = U_0$  no constraints on the  $p$ -class rank  $\varrho_p(K)$  are required. In 1975, Nicole Moser [18] used the *Galois cohomology*  $H^0(G, U_N) \simeq U_K/N_{N/K}(U_N)$  of the unit group  $U_N$  of the normal closure  $N$  as a module over  $G = \text{Gal}(N/K)$  to establish a *fine structure* with five possible types  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma, \delta, \varepsilon$  on the *coarse* classification by three possible values of the index  $(U_N : U_0)$  of subfield units:

$$\begin{aligned} (U_N : U_0) = 1 &\iff \text{type } \alpha \text{ with } (U_K : N_{N/K}(U_N)) = 3, \\ (U_N : U_0) = 3 &\iff \text{type } \beta \text{ with } (U_K : N_{N/K}(U_N)) = 3 \text{ or} \\ &\quad \text{type } \delta \text{ with } (U_K : N_{N/K}(U_N)) = 1, \\ (U_N : U_0) = 9 &\iff \text{type } \gamma \text{ with } (U_K : N_{N/K}(U_N)) = 3 \text{ or} \\ &\quad \text{type } \varepsilon \text{ with } (U_K : N_{N/K}(U_N)) = 1. \end{aligned}$$

Thus, Moser's refinement does not illuminate the situation  $U_N = U_0$  ( $\iff$  type  $\alpha$ ) of Scholz's conjecture more closely. Meanwhile, Barrucand and Cohn [1] had coined the notion of *differential principal factorization* (DPF) for pure cubic fields. In 1991, we generalized the theory of DPFs for dihedral fields of both signatures [10], and we obtained a *hyperfine structure* by splitting Moser's types further according to the  $\mathbb{F}_p$ -dimensions  $C$  of the capitulation kernel  $\ker(T_{K,N})$  and  $R$  of the space of relative DPFs of  $N/K$ .

In particular, type  $\alpha$  with  $U_N = U_0$  splits into three subtypes:  
 type  $\alpha_1 \iff C = 2, R = 0$ , which implies  $\varrho_p(K) \geq 2$ ,  
 type  $\alpha_2 \iff C = 1, R = 1$ , which implies  $\varrho_p(K) \geq 1$  and a  
     split prime divisor of  $f$  ( $s \geq 1$ ),  
 type  $\alpha_3 \iff C = 0, R = 2$ , which is compatible with any  
      $\varrho_p(K) \geq 0$ , but requires  $s \geq 2$ .

Consequently, we were led to the following refinement of Conjecture 1.1 (2).

**Conjecture 2.1. (Conjecture of D.C. Mayer, 1991)**

Non-Galois totally real cubic fields  $L$  whose Galois closure  $N$  is *ramified*, with conductor  $f > 1$ , over some real quadratic field  $K$ , and is of type  $\alpha$ , with  $U_N = U_0$ , should exist for each of the following three situations:

(2.1) type  $\alpha_1$  with  $\dim_{\mathbb{F}_3}(\ker(T_{K,N})) = \varrho_3(K) = 2, s = 0$ ,

(2.2) type  $\alpha_2$  with  $\dim_{\mathbb{F}_3}(\ker(T_{K,N})) = \varrho_3(K) = 1, s = 1$ ,

(2.3) type  $\alpha_3$  with  $\dim_{\mathbb{F}_3}(\ker(T_{K,N})) = \varrho_3(K) = 0, s = 2$ ,

where  $T_{K,N} : \text{Cl}_3(K) \rightarrow \text{Cl}_3(N)$ ,  $\mathfrak{a} \cdot \mathcal{P}_K \mapsto (\mathfrak{a}\mathcal{O}_N) \cdot \mathcal{P}_N$ , denotes the *transfer homomorphism* of 3-classes from  $K$  to  $N$ , and  $s$  counts the prime divisors of the conductor  $f$  which *split* in  $K$ .

**Theorem 2.2. (Verification of Conjecture 2.1, (2.3))**

*There exist non-Galois totally real cubic fields  $L$  whose Galois closure  $N$  is ramified, with conductor  $f > 1$  divisible by two prime divisors which split in  $K$ , over a real quadratic field  $K$  with 3-class rank  $\varrho_3(K) = 0$ , without capitulation in  $N$ , but which nevertheless has  $U_N = U_0$ . The minimal discriminant of such a field  $L$  is  $d_L = 146\,853 = (7 \cdot 9)^2 \cdot 37$  (singulet, 1991 [11], 58 years after 1933 [19]).*

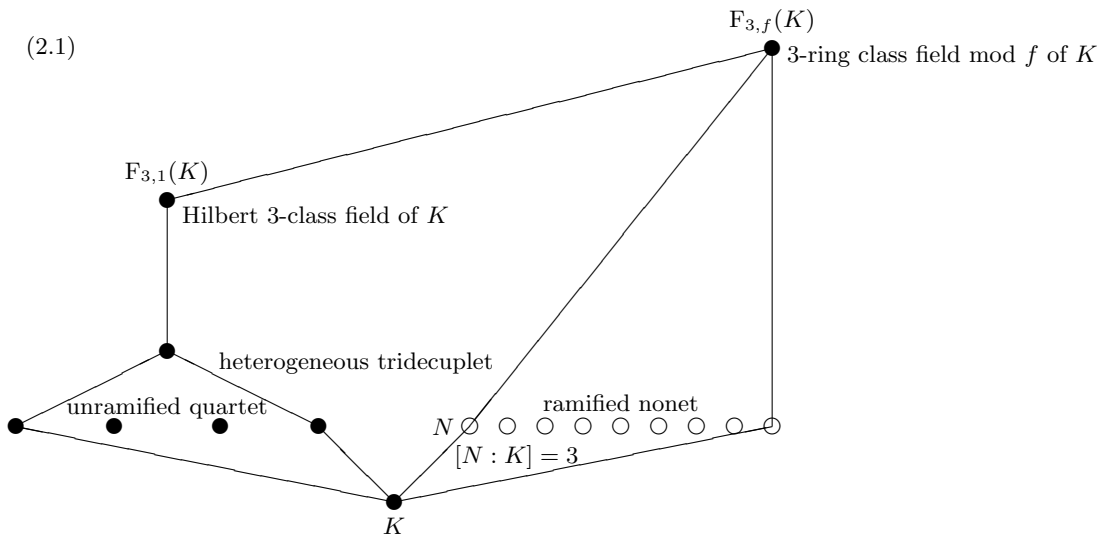


*Proof.* This was proved in the numerical supplement [11] of our paper [10] by computing a gapless list of all 10 015 totally real cubic fields  $L$  with discriminants  $d_L < 200\,000$  on the AMDAHL mainframe of the University of Manitoba. There occurred the minimal discriminant  $d_L = 146\,853 = f^2 \cdot d_K$  with  $d_K = 37$  and conductor  $f = 63 = 3^2 \cdot 7$  divisible by two primes which both split in  $K$ , i.e.  $s = 2$ . This is a necessary requirement for a two-dimensional relative principal factorization with  $R = 2$  and is unique up to  $d_L < 200\,000$ . Only a single field  $L$  has discriminant  $d_L = 146\,853$ .  $\square$

Our discovery of the truth of Theorem 2.2 with the aid of the list [11] was a random hit without explicit intention to find a verification of Scholz's conjecture. Unfortunately, [11] does not contain examples of the *unique missing* DPF type  $\alpha_2$ . It required more than 25 years until we focused on an attack against this lack of information. In contrast to the techniques of [11], we did not use the Voronoi algorithm [20] after cumbersome preparation of generating polynomials for totally real cubic fields, but rather the *class field theory routines* of Magma [8] for a direct generation of the fields as subfields of 3-ray class fields modulo conductors  $f > 1$ .

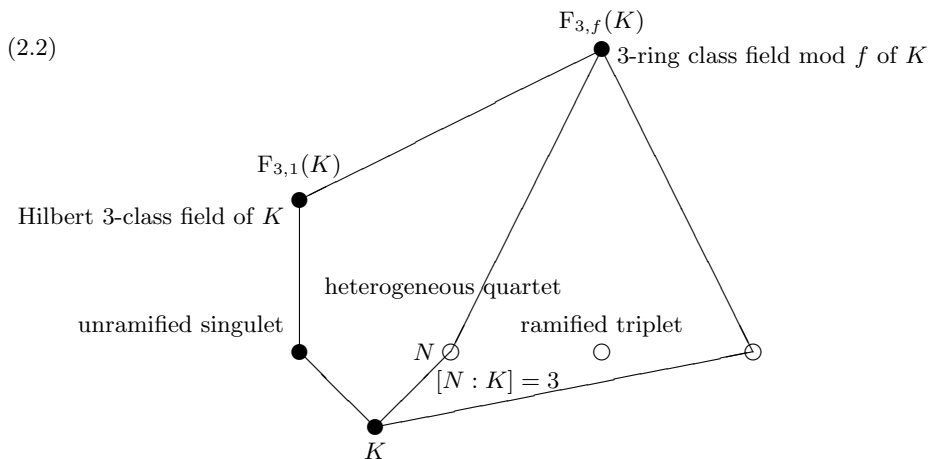
**Theorem 2.3.** (*Verification of Conjecture 2.1, (2.1)*)

*There exist non-Galois totally real cubic fields  $L$  whose Galois closure  $N$  is ramified, with conductor  $f > 1$  divisible only by prime divisors which do not split in  $K$ , over a real quadratic field  $K$  with 3-class rank  $\rho_3(K) = 2$ , with complete capitulation of the elementary 3-class group in  $N$ , and thus with  $U_N = U_0$ . The minimal discriminant of such a field  $L$  is  $d_L = 18\,251\,060 = 2^2 \cdot 4\,562\,765$  (five of nine fields, 23 November 2017, 84 years after 1933 [19]).*



**Theorem 2.4.** (*Verification of Conjecture 2.1, (2.2)*)

There exist non-Galois totally real cubic fields  $L$  whose Galois closure  $N$  is ramified, with conductor  $f > 1$  divisible by a single prime divisor that splits in  $K$ , i.e.  $s = 1$  over a real quadratic field  $K$  with 3-class rank  $\rho_3(K) = 1$ , with complete capitulation of the elementary 3-class group in  $N$ , but nevertheless with  $U_N = U_0$ . *The minimal discriminant of such a field  $L$  is  $d_L = 966\,397 = 19^2 \cdot 2\,677$  (two of three, 19 November 2017, 84 years after 1933 [19]).*



*Proof.* The proof of Theorem 2.3 and Theorem 2.4 is conducted in the following sections on real quadratic base fields with 3-class rank 1 and 2.  $\square$

### 2.1. Real quadratic base fields with 3-class rank 1.

In Table 1, we present the results of our search for the *minimal discriminant*  $d_L$ , resp.  $d_N$ , of a non-Galois totally real cubic field  $L$ , resp. its normal closure  $N$ , with *differential principal factorization type*  $\alpha_2$ . The unramified component is a *singulet* which must be of DPF type  $\delta_1$ . For each member of the ramified *triplet* the DPF types  $\alpha_2, \beta_1, \beta_2, \delta_1, \delta_2, \varepsilon$  would be possible, but only the types  $\alpha_2, \delta_1, \delta_2$  occur actually.

The desired minimum is clearly given by  $d_L = 19^2 \cdot 2677 = 966\,397$  with two occurrences of ramified extensions with DPF type  $\alpha_2$ .

TABLE 1. Heterogeneous quartets of dihedral fields with a splitting prime  $f$

$f$	$d_K$	$d_L = f^2 \cdot d_K$	unramified component	ramified components		
			$\delta_1$	$\alpha_2$	$\delta_1$	$\delta_2$
$3^2$	14 197	1 149 957	1	3	0	0
7	21 781	1 067 269	1	2	1	0
13	9 749	1 647 581	1	2	0	1
19	2 677	966 397	1	2	1	0
31	3 877	3 725 797	1	2	0	1
37	5 477	7 498 013	1	1	0	2
43	4 933	9 121 117	1	3	0	0
61	3 981	14 813 301	1	3	0	0
67	4 493	20 169 077	1	2	0	1
73	10 733	57 196 157	1	3	0	0

### 2.2. Real quadratic base fields with 3-class rank 2.

In this situation, the unramified *quartet* is non-trivial, since the two DPF types  $\alpha_1$  and  $\delta_1$  are possible. These quartets have been studied thoroughly in [14], and in the Tables 2 and 3, we use the corresponding notation for *capitulation types*.

In Table 2, we present the results of the crucial search for the *minimal discriminant*  $d_L$ , resp.  $d_N$ , of a non-Galois totally real cubic field  $L$ , resp. its normal closure  $N$ , with *differential principal factorization type*  $\alpha_1$  such that  $N/K$  is a *ramified* extension of a real quadratic field  $K$  with 3-class rank  $\rho_3 = 2$ . We tried to fix the minimal possible conductor  $f > 1$ , namely  $f = 2$ . This experiment was motivated by the fact that the conductor  $f$  enters the expression  $d_L = f^2 \cdot d_K$  in its second power, whereas the quadratic discriminant  $d_K$  enters linearly. Consequently, the probability to find the minimum of  $d_L$  is higher for small  $f$  than for small  $d_K$ .

The table is ordered by increasing quadratic fundamental discriminants  $d_K$  and gives  $d_L = 2^2 \cdot d_K$  and the *extended Artin pattern* of the *heterogeneous tridecuplet* of cyclic cubic relative extensions  $N/K$  consisting of an *unramified quartet*  $(N_{1,1}, \dots, N_{1,4})$  with conductor  $f' = 1$  and a *ramified nonet*  $(N_{2,1}, \dots, N_{2,9})$  with conductor  $f = 2$ , grouped by the possible two, resp. four, DPF types. Capitulation kernels  $\varkappa$  are abbreviated by digits, 0 for two-dimensional and  $1, \dots, 4$  for one-dimensional principalization, and an asterisk  $*$  for a trivial kernel. Transfer targets  $\tau$  are abbreviated by logarithmic abelian type invariants of 3-class groups. Symbolic exponents always denote repetition.

The desired minimum is given by  $d_L = 4 \cdot 4\,562\,765 = 18\,251\,060$  with five occurrences of ramified extensions with DPF type  $\alpha_1$ . Generally, there is an abundance of ramified extensions with two-dimensional capitulation kernel: at least three and at most all nine of a nonet.

TABLE 2. Heterogeneous tridecuplets of dihedral fields with  $f = 2$ 

$d_K$	unramified components					ramified components						$\varepsilon$	
	Type	$\alpha_1$		$\delta_1$		$\alpha_1$		$\beta_1$		$\delta_1$			
		$\varkappa$	$\tau$	$\varkappa$	$\tau$	$\varkappa$	$\tau$	$\varkappa$	$\tau$	$\varkappa$	$\tau$	$\varkappa$	$\tau$
4 562 765	a.3*	0 <sup>3</sup>	(1 <sup>2</sup> ) <sup>3</sup>	1	1 <sup>3</sup>	0 <sup>5</sup>	2 <sup>2</sup> 1 <sup>2</sup> , (1 <sup>4</sup> ) <sup>4</sup>	1	1 <sup>5</sup>	14 <sup>2</sup>	(21 <sup>3</sup> ) <sup>3</sup>		
7 339 397	a.3*	0 <sup>3</sup>	(1 <sup>2</sup> ) <sup>3</sup>	1	1 <sup>3</sup>	0 <sup>7</sup>	(1 <sup>4</sup> ) <sup>7</sup>	2	21 <sup>3</sup>	1	21 <sup>3</sup>		
7 601 461	a.3	0 <sup>3</sup>	(1 <sup>2</sup> ) <sup>3</sup>	1	21	0 <sup>6</sup>	2 <sup>2</sup> 1 <sup>2</sup> , (1 <sup>4</sup> ) <sup>5</sup>			234	(21 <sup>3</sup> ) <sup>3</sup>		
7 657 037	a.3	0 <sup>3</sup>	(1 <sup>2</sup> ) <sup>3</sup>	1	21	0 <sup>6</sup>	(1 <sup>4</sup> ) <sup>6</sup>	1	21 <sup>3</sup>	12	1 <sup>5</sup> , 21 <sup>3</sup>		
7 736 749	a.3*	0 <sup>3</sup>	(1 <sup>2</sup> ) <sup>3</sup>	1	1 <sup>3</sup>	0 <sup>7</sup>	(1 <sup>4</sup> ) <sup>7</sup>			4 <sup>2</sup>	(21 <sup>3</sup> ) <sup>2</sup>		
8 102 053	a.3*	0 <sup>3</sup>	(1 <sup>2</sup> ) <sup>3</sup>	1	1 <sup>3</sup>	0 <sup>7</sup>	(1 <sup>4</sup> ) <sup>7</sup>			23	1 <sup>5</sup> , 21 <sup>3</sup>		
9 182 229	a.2	0 <sup>3</sup>	(1 <sup>2</sup> ) <sup>3</sup>	4	21	0 <sup>8</sup>	2 <sup>2</sup> 1 <sup>2</sup> , (1 <sup>4</sup> ) <sup>7</sup>			2	21 <sup>3</sup>		
9 500 453	a.3	0 <sup>3</sup>	(1 <sup>2</sup> ) <sup>3</sup>	1	21	0 <sup>8</sup>	2 <sup>2</sup> 1 <sup>2</sup> , (1 <sup>4</sup> ) <sup>7</sup>			3	21 <sup>3</sup>		
9 533 357	a.3	0 <sup>3</sup>	(1 <sup>2</sup> ) <sup>3</sup>	1	21	0 <sup>6</sup>	(1 <sup>4</sup> ) <sup>6</sup>	1	21 <sup>3</sup>	23	(21 <sup>3</sup> ) <sup>2</sup>		
11 003 845	a.3	0 <sup>3</sup>	(1 <sup>2</sup> ) <sup>3</sup>	1	21	0 <sup>4</sup>	(1 <sup>4</sup> ) <sup>4</sup>			12 <sup>2</sup> 4 <sup>2</sup>	1 <sup>5</sup> , (21 <sup>3</sup> ) <sup>4</sup>		
12 071 253	a.3	0 <sup>3</sup>	(1 <sup>2</sup> ) <sup>3</sup>	1	21	0 <sup>7</sup>	(1 <sup>4</sup> ) <sup>7</sup>	3	21 <sup>3</sup>	2	21 <sup>3</sup>		
14 266 853	a.3	0 <sup>3</sup>	(1 <sup>2</sup> ) <sup>3</sup>	1	21	0 <sup>8</sup>	2 <sup>2</sup> 1 <sup>2</sup> , (1 <sup>4</sup> ) <sup>7</sup>			4	21 <sup>3</sup>		
14 308 421	a.3*	0 <sup>3</sup>	(1 <sup>2</sup> ) <sup>3</sup>	1	1 <sup>3</sup>	0 <sup>4</sup>	(1 <sup>4</sup> ) <sup>4</sup>			1 <sup>2</sup> 234	2 <sup>3</sup> 1, (21 <sup>3</sup> ) <sup>3</sup> , 1 <sup>5</sup>		
14 315 765	a.3	0 <sup>3</sup>	(1 <sup>2</sup> ) <sup>3</sup>	1	21	0 <sup>7</sup>	(1 <sup>4</sup> ) <sup>7</sup>			23	(21 <sup>3</sup> ) <sup>2</sup>		
14 395 013	a.3*	0 <sup>3</sup>	(1 <sup>2</sup> ) <sup>3</sup>	1	1 <sup>3</sup>	0 <sup>6</sup>	(1 <sup>4</sup> ) <sup>6</sup>	1	21 <sup>3</sup>	23	(21 <sup>3</sup> ) <sup>2</sup>		
15 131 149	D.10			2414	(21) <sup>3</sup> , 1 <sup>3</sup>	0 <sup>7</sup>	(1 <sup>4</sup> ) <sup>7</sup>	1	21 <sup>3</sup>	1	21 <sup>3</sup>		
16 385 741	a.3*	0 <sup>3</sup>	(1 <sup>2</sup> ) <sup>3</sup>	1	1 <sup>3</sup>	0 <sup>4</sup>	(1 <sup>4</sup> ) <sup>4</sup>			23 <sup>2</sup> 4	(21 <sup>3</sup> ) <sup>4</sup>	*	32 <sup>2</sup> 1

Table 3 shows analogous results for the conductor  $f = 5$ , that is,  $d_L = 5^2 \cdot d_K$ . The minimum  $d_L = 25 \cdot 1\,049\,512 = 26\,237\,800$  is clearly beaten by the [minimum  \$4 \cdot 4\,562\,765 = 18\,251\,060\$](#)  in Table 2.

TABLE 3. Heterogeneous tridecuplets of dihedral fields with  $f = 5$ 

$d_K$	unramified components					ramified components						$\varepsilon$	
	Type	$\alpha_1$		$\delta_1$		$\alpha_1$		$\beta_1$		$\delta_1$			
		$\varkappa$	$\tau$	$\varkappa$	$\tau$	$\varkappa$	$\tau$	$\varkappa$	$\tau$	$\varkappa$	$\tau$	$\varkappa$	$\tau$
1 049 512	a.3	0 <sup>3</sup>	(1 <sup>2</sup> ) <sup>3</sup>	1	21	0 <sup>4</sup>	(1 <sup>4</sup> ) <sup>4</sup>			234 <sup>3</sup>	(21 <sup>3</sup> ) <sup>5</sup>		
2 461 537	a.2	0 <sup>3</sup>	(1 <sup>2</sup> ) <sup>3</sup>	4	21	0 <sup>7</sup>	(1 <sup>4</sup> ) <sup>7</sup>			12	(21 <sup>3</sup> ) <sup>2</sup>		
2 811 613	a.3*	0 <sup>3</sup>	(1 <sup>2</sup> ) <sup>3</sup>	1	1 <sup>3</sup>	0 <sup>5</sup>	2 <sup>2</sup> 1 <sup>2</sup> , (1 <sup>4</sup> ) <sup>4</sup>	2	21 <sup>3</sup>	123	(21 <sup>3</sup> ) <sup>3</sup>		
3 091 133	a.3	0 <sup>3</sup>	(1 <sup>2</sup> ) <sup>3</sup>	1	21	0 <sup>4</sup>	(1 <sup>4</sup> ) <sup>4</sup>	4	21 <sup>3</sup>	1 <sup>3</sup> 2	(21 <sup>3</sup> ) <sup>4</sup>		
5 858 753	G.19			2143	(21) <sup>4</sup>	0 <sup>7</sup>	(2 <sup>2</sup> 1 <sup>2</sup> ) <sup>3</sup> , (1 <sup>4</sup> ) <sup>4</sup>			3	21 <sup>3</sup>	*	21 <sup>4</sup>
6 036 188	D.10			3431	1 <sup>3</sup> , (21) <sup>3</sup>	0 <sup>8</sup>	(1 <sup>4</sup> ) <sup>8</sup>					*	2 <sup>2</sup> 1 <sup>2</sup>

Since we know a small candidate  $d_L = 966\,397$  for the minimal discriminant, and since the smallest quadratic discriminant with  $\varrho_3(K) = 1$  is  $d_K = 229$ , we only have to investigate prime and composite conductors  $f = \sqrt{\frac{d_L}{d_K}}$  with  $s \geq 1$  and

$$f \leq \sqrt{\frac{966\,397}{229}} \approx \sqrt{4220} \approx 64.9,$$

which are divisible by a split prime, that is,

$$f \in \{7, 9 = 3^2, 13, 14 = 2 \cdot 7, 18 = 2 \cdot 3^2, 19, 21 = 3 \cdot 7, 26 = 2 \cdot 13, 31, 35 = 5 \cdot 7, 37, 38 = 2 \cdot 19, 39 = 3 \cdot 13, 42 = 2 \cdot 3 \cdot 7, 43, 45 = 5 \cdot 3^2, 57 = 3 \cdot 19, 61, 62 = 2 \cdot 31, 63 = 7 \cdot 3^2\}.$$

TABLE 4. Heterogeneous quartets of dihedral fields with conductor  $f$

$f$	condition	$d_K$	$d_L = f^2 \cdot d_K$	unramified component	ramified components			
				$\delta_1$	$\alpha_2$	$\delta_1$	$\delta_2$	
7	$d_K \equiv 1 (3)$	21 781	1 067 269	1	2	1	0	
$3^2$		14 197	1 149 957	1	3	0	0	
13		9 749	1 647 581	1	2	0	1	
19		2 677	966 397	1	2	1	0	
31		3 877	3 725 797	1	2	0	1	
37		5 477	7 498 013	1	1	0	2	
43		4 933	9 121 117	1	3	0	0	
61		3 981	14 813 301	1	3	0	0	
$2 \cdot 7$		$d_K \equiv 1 (3)$	6 997	1 371 412	1	3	0	0
$2 \cdot 3^2$			16 141	5 229 684	1	3	0	0
$3 \cdot 7$	$d_K \equiv 3 (9)$		28 137	12 408 417	1	3	0	0
$3 \cdot 7$	$d_K \equiv 6 (9)$		57 516	25 364 556	1	3	0	0
$2 \cdot 13$			21 557	14 572 532	1	3	0	0
$5 \cdot 7$			14 457	17 709 825	1	3	0	0
$2 \cdot 19$			13 765	19 876 660	1	3	0	0
$3 \cdot 13$	$d_K \equiv 3 (9)$		51 528	78 374 088	1	3	0	0
$3 \cdot 13$	$d_K \equiv 6 (9)$		37 176	56 544 696	1	3	0	0
$5 \cdot 3^2$	$d_K \equiv 1 (3)$		24 952	50 527 800	1	1	1	1
$3 \cdot 19$	$d_K \equiv 3 (9)$	24 393	79 252 857	1	3	0	0	
$3 \cdot 19$	$d_K \equiv 6 (9)$	39 417	128 065 833	1	3	0	0	
$2 \cdot 31$		7 573	29 110 612	1	3	0	0	
$7 \cdot 3^2$	$d_K \equiv 1 (3)$	2 941	11 672 829	1	3	0	0	
$7 \cdot 3^2$	$d_K \equiv 2 (3)$	23 993	95 228 217	1	3	0	0	

The result of the investigations is summarized in Table 4, which clearly shows that  $d_L = \mathbf{966\,397}$ , for  $d_K = 2\,677$  and splitting prime conductor  $f = 19$  bigger than the conductor  $f = 1$  of unramified extensions  $N/K$ , is the desired **minimal discriminant** of a totally real cubic field with ramified extension  $N/K$ , DPF type  $\alpha_2$  and  $U_N = U_0$ . The information has been computed with class field theoretic routines of Magma [8].

Since we know a small candidate  $d_L = 18\,251\,060$  for the minimal discriminant, and since the smallest quadratic discriminant with  $\varrho_3(K) = 2$  is  $d_K = 32\,009$ , we only have to investigate prime and composite conductors  $f = \sqrt{\frac{d_L}{d_K}}$  with

$$f \leq \sqrt{\frac{18\,251\,060}{32\,009}} \approx \sqrt{570.2} \approx 23.9,$$

that is,

$$f \in \{2, 3, 5, 6 = 2 \cdot 3, 7, 9 = 3^2, 10 = 2 \cdot 5, 11, 13, 14 = 2 \cdot 7, 15 = 3 \cdot 5, 17, 18 = 2 \cdot 3^2, 19, 21 = 3 \cdot 7, 22 = 2 \cdot 11, 23\}.$$

TABLE 5. Heterogeneous tridecuplets of dihedral fields with conductor  $f$

$f$	condition	$d_K$	$d_L = f^2 \cdot d_K$	unramified components		ramified components			
				$\alpha_1$	$\delta_1$	$\alpha_1$	$\beta_1$	$\delta_1$	$\varepsilon$
2		4 562 765	18 251 060	3	1	5	1	3	0
3	$d_K \equiv 3 (9)$	9 964 821	89 683 389	3	1	4	0	4	1
5		1 049 512	26 237 800	3	1	4	0	5	0
7		966 053	47 336 597	3	1	4	0	4	1
$3^2$	$d_K \equiv 1 (3)$	1 482 568	120 088 008	3	1	5	1	2	1
$3^2$	$d_K \equiv 2 (3)$	2 515 388	203 746 428	3	1	6	1	2	0
$3^2$	$d_K \equiv 6 (9)$	621 429	50 335 749	3	1	6	0	3	0
11		476 152	57 614 392	3	1	7	0	2	0
13		1 122 573	189 714 837	3	1	7	0	2	0
17		665 832	192 425 848	3	1	7	0	2	0
19		635 909	229 563 149	3	1	5	3	1	0
23		390 876	206 773 404	3	1	7	1	1	0
$2 \cdot 3$	$d_K \equiv 3 (9)$	5 963 493	214 685 748	3	1	7	2	0	0
$2 \cdot 3$	$d_K \equiv 6 (9)$	4 305 957	155 014 452	0	4	6	3	0	0
$2 \cdot 5$		363 397	36 339 700	3	1	6	3	0	0
$2 \cdot 7$		358 285	70 223 860	4	0	7	2	0	0
$3 \cdot 5$	$d_K \equiv 3 (9)$	4 845 432	1 090 222 200	3	1	6	3	0	0
$3 \cdot 5$	$d_K \equiv 6 (9)$	1 646 817	370 533 825	3	1	6	3	0	0
$2 \cdot 3^2$	$d_K \equiv 1 (3)$	2 142 445	694 152 180	3	1	6	3	0	0
$2 \cdot 3^2$	$d_K \equiv 2 (3)$	635 909	206 034 516	3	1	6	3	0	0
$2 \cdot 3^2$	$d_K \equiv 6 (9)$	2 538 285	822 404 340	3	1	6	3	0	0
$3 \cdot 7$	$d_K \equiv 3 (9)$	3 597 960	1 586 700 360	3	1	6	3	0	0
$3 \cdot 7$	$d_K \equiv 6 (9)$	3 122 232	1 376 904 312	0	4	6	3	0	0
$2 \cdot 11$		2 706 373	1 309 884 532	3	1	6	3	0	0

The result of the investigations is summarized in Table 5, which clearly shows that  $d_L = \mathbf{18\,251\,060}$ , for  $d_K = 4\,562\,765$  and the smallest possible conductor  $f = 2$  bigger than the conductor  $f = 1$  of unramified extensions  $N/K$ , is the desired **minimal discriminant** of a totally real cubic field with ramified extension  $N/K$ , DPF type  $\alpha_1$  and  $U_N = U_0$ . The information has been computed with class field theoretic routines of Magma [8].

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