Unified Geometrization of Standard Model Parameters: A Holographic Fiber Theory (HFT) Framework

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Abstract

Holographic Fiber Theory (HFT) is a parameter-free topological derivation of the Standard Model's free constants and the leading dark-sector ratios from a single substrate — the Hopf bundle $S^3 \xrightarrow{S^1} S^2$ realised as two-strand framed fibers discretized as a trivalent mesh on its S^2 base with B_3 vertex braiding. A single global $\mathbb{Z}_2$ symmetry-breaking event — the chirality lock — converts the loose pre-EWSB substrate into the post-EWSB vacuum $\mathcal{V}$ (identified with the Higgs vacuum), forward-deriving the two dimensionless couplings $\sin^2\theta_W = 30/128$ and $\alpha^{-1} = 137$ from the topology of the locked mesh.

Mass in this picture is read as the elastic potential energy of strand deformations concentrated on the chirality-locked mesh. The post-lock topological action budget S_E partitions across the visible-matter mass channel, the chirality residue δS_E of $\mathcal{V}$ (driving baryogenesis), and dark-matter writhon excitations (giving $\Omega_c/\Omega_b \approx 5.35$).

Table 1 lists the leading-order parameters derived from this topology — $M_{W,Z,H,t}$, Λ_{QCD}, charged-lepton and Majorana-neutrino masses, and CKM/PMNS mixings — with residual errors converging to the percent level against observation.

1 Introduction

Holographic Fiber Theory (HFT) is a topological framework in which the Standard Model's free parameters are forward-derived from a single substrate: a Hopf bundle [2] $S^3 \xrightarrow{S^1} S^2$ discretized as a trivalent mesh on its base, distinguished by a single chirality-locking event (Sec. 3). The construction is grounded in the Holographic Principle [8]: the substrate admits two complementary quantitative readings — a discrete one through element-level state counting on the trivalent cell complex, and a continuous one through geometric measure (Călugăreanu invariants, lock-induced edge stretch) — which converge on the same closed-form values for the SM parameters. The recurring integers ($N_{\text{Nyquist}} = 128$, $\sum Q_f^2 = 8$, $N_{\text{weak}} = 30$, the Chern-Simons truncation $k = 3$) and continuous ratios (the chirality-lock projection fixing $\sin^2\theta_W$, the edge-stretch increment fixing α^{-1}) are two faces of the same convergence. The rest of the paper develops these into the post-lock action budget that sets the electroweak mass spectrum, the chirality-residue mechanism behind the matter–antimatter asymmetry, and the dark-sector writhon hierarchy.

2 Methodological Position

Position Statement

(1) The substrate is a scale-free topological rule. The Hopf-trivalent substrate of Sec. 3 is not an entity localized at any particular physical scale; it is the set of rules by which the configuration space $\mathcal{Q}$ responds to an observer. The dimensionless geometric outputs of the rule — the post-lock skeleton $N_{\text{skeleton}} = 137$ underlying α^{-1}, the Weinberg angle $\sin^2\theta_W = 30/128$, and the further ratios derived from cell-complex counting — are scale-invariant quantities forward-derived from the topology alone, with no metric input. The geometric vocabulary used throughout the paper — "strands", "knots", "fibers", "mesh", "vertices" — denotes structural elements of the rule rather than physical entities of any specific size; their dimensionless ratios alone carry physical content.

(2) The number of free theory parameters is zero. The integer combinatorics that recur throughout the derivation are forced by the Hopf structure. Physical scales enter the construction only at the stage of quantitative computation, and only through a single dimensional anchor — the Planck mass M_P (equivalently the gravity-sector tension $T_{\text{grav}} = c^4/G$ of Sec. 8.1). All other scales cascade from M_P via the dimensionless ratios of the appendices: the lepton spectrum via exponential suppression $m_e/M_P = e^{-(S_E+\delta S_E)}$ (App. A), and the boson/hadron spectrum via $G_F m_P^2 \to v \to M_W \to M_Z \to \Lambda_{\text{QCD}} \to M_p$ (App. A–B). The anchor is a unit choice that fixes the physical scale of every observable, not an independent fitted parameter.

(3) Dynamics is a single classical tension field. The substrate's dynamics is the classical elastic response of the chirality-locked mesh to perturbations — a single tension field rather than an operator-valued quantum field. Lagrangian densities, gauge actions, and Hilbert-space structures are emergent IR descriptions rather than primitive ingredients (Sec. 8.1 and App. C provide explicit examples).

3 The Theoretical Framework

The Hopf-Trivalent Substrate

Framed Hopf fibers on the trivalent mesh. The Hopf bundle $S^3 \xrightarrow{S^1} S^2$ assigns an S^1 circle to every point of S^2, threading perpendicular to the local tangent plane. The base S^2 is discretized by the dual of the densest 2D packing into the trivalent (honeycomb) mesh, with $N_v = 3$ edges meeting at every vertex. At a *vertex point* the fiber is a single S^1 circle — the *vertex axial fiber* that the chirality lock of Sec. 5 tilts to produce the Weinberg angle. Along each *edge* the fiber acquires a framing as the base point moves and is presented as a *two-strand framed thread*: two parallel strands of common handedness displaced along the framing direction, the minimal structure carrying the $\mathbb{Z}_2$ handedness label on which the chirality lock acts. At the *vertex neighbourhood* the three incoming edges deliver $3 \times 2 = 6$ strands that re-pair within their fibers into three composite outgoing fibers, forming a *three-strand knot*.

Vertex B_3 braid and vertex-fiber identification. The three composite fibers at each vertex braid under B_3 with Yang-Baxter relation $\sigma_1\sigma_2\sigma_1 = \sigma_2\sigma_1\sigma_2$, at the composite-fiber level rather than B_6 at the strand level. The full twist $\Delta^2 = (\sigma_1\sigma_2)^3$ generates the $\mathbb{Z}_3$ centre of B_3, which coincides topologically with the geometric C_3 rotational symmetry of the vertex — braid centre and $120°$ rotation acting on the same three fibers. This *vertex-fiber identification* fixes $N = k = 3$ in the Witten B_n–Chern-Simons correspondence [7], structurally setting the Chern-Simons truncation level used throughout the paper. The IR identification with $SU(3)$ colour and its consequences are developed in Sec. 4.2.

Configuration space. The framing direction at each base point lifts the substrate to the unit tangent bundle $T^1S^2 \cong \mathbb{R}P^3$, a non-trivial S^1 bundle over S^2 with Euler class 2 — topologically distinct from the Hopf bundle (Euler class 1) of the fiber substrate itself. Together with the abelian fiber phase

$\psi \in U(1)$ and the longitudinal tension scalar $\rho \in \mathbb{R}^+$ (Chern class 0 for this factor), the per-vertex configuration space is

$$\mathcal{Q} = T^1S^2 \times \mathbb{R}^+ \times U(1), \tag{1}$$

with the five degrees of freedom split into:

- T^1S^2 **sector (3 dimensions)**: anchor point $p \in S^2$ (2 d.o.f.) plus framing direction θ at that point, encoding the non-abelian gauge structure.
- S^1 **sector (2 dimensions)**: longitudinal tension scalar $\rho \in \mathbb{R}^+$ plus winding phase $\psi \in U(1)$, the abelian fiber substrate governing α and G_F.

Per-cell Nyquist state count

The holographic principle motivates encoding the substrate's bulk state on a 2D base [8]; HFT implements this by Nyquist-binarizing the per-vertex phase space $\mathcal{Q}$ and aggregating over the trivalent cell complex of S^2. Each cell-bounding element carries a portion of $\mathcal{Q}$, gauge-reduced to its independent binary content; the per-cell Nyquist state count is the additive aggregate of these effective bits weighted by the bulk $V{:}E$ sharing ratio (faces enclose vertex/edge content and carry no substrate primitive). The binarization is a computational tool at the Nyquist resolution: the underlying topology is scale-free (Sec. 2), and the discrete state count below coarse-grains naturally into continuous magnitudes at larger scales.

Layer 1 — Raw element-localized phase space. Reading $\mathcal{Q}$ along the natural localization of each factor on the trivalent mesh:

- a *vertex* carries the full 5D phase space at the vertex base point — the non-abelian T^1S^2 sector (3 binary DOF: anchor on S^2 plus framing direction θ) and the abelian $\mathbb{R}^+ \times U(1)$ sector on the axial fiber (2 binary DOF: tension ρ and phase ψ). Total: 5 raw bits per vertex.
- an *edge* carries the two sub-strand binary DOF of the framed Hopf-fiber thread (a homochiral B_2 collective along the edge). Total: 2 raw bits per edge.

Layer 2 — Gauge reduction. Two of the raw axes are substrate-redundant rather than independent state-carrying degrees of freedom:

- at a vertex, the three T^1S^2 bits are gauge-redundant: the vertex position is fixed by mesh combinatorics, and the framing direction is fixed by the orientation of the three incoming edges up to the C_3 rotational symmetry of the vertex–fiber identification introduced above. The effective vertex content reduces to the abelian-sector bits (ρ, ψ) on the axial fiber: $V_{\text{eff}} = 5 - 3 = 2$ bits per vertex.
- along an edge, the relative-phase axis between the two sub-strands is gauge-redundant under the B_2 identification, leaving one collective DOF (the parity of the framing twist Tw along the edge): $E_{\text{eff}} = 2 - 1 = 1$ bit per edge.

Layer 3 — Per-cell aggregation. In the hex-bulk limit of the trivalent mesh, each vertex is shared by three cells and each edge by two, so a single cell aggregates $V{:}E = 2{:}3$ effective elements. The per-cell bit count is the additive sum of independent effective bits,

$$b_{\text{cell}} \;=\; 2\,V_{\text{eff}} + 3\,E_{\text{eff}} \;=\; 2{\cdot}2 + 3{\cdot}1 \;=\; 7, \tag{2}$$

giving the per-cell Nyquist state count

$$\boxed{N_{\text{Nyquist}} \;=\; 2^{b_{\text{cell}}} \;=\; 2^7 \;=\; 128.} \tag{3}$$

Chirality lock: a brief geometric picture

The substrate undergoes a single global $\mathbb{Z}_2$ symmetry-breaking transition — the *chirality lock* — that converts a loose, parity-symmetric configuration into a tightened, chirality-fixed mesh.

Pre-lock state. Each Hopf fiber admits a mirror image of opposite handedness, the two strands sharing each edge sit parallel at near-zero tension, the S^1 fiber sits perpendicular to the S^2 tangent plane at every vertex, and the trivalent mesh is loose with no stress communication between fiber and base.

The lock event. A single global event simultaneously (i) picks one handedness for every fiber, (ii) winds each pair of edge strands mutually once ($Lk = 1$, the minimum non-trivial topological invariant), and (iii) tilts the vertex axial fiber by the Weinberg angle θ_W.

Post-lock state. The post-lock state is the **chirality-locked EW vacuum** $\mathcal{V}$, identified with the same physical state that the SM calls the post-EWSB Higgs vacuum. Topologically, $\mathcal{V}$ is the per-vertex compensating-Wr structure forced at every trivalent vertex by the Călugăreanu–White–Fuller balance $Lk = Tw + Wr$ [10, 11, 12] once the lock deposits Tw_L on each edge; its detailed internal mechanism — the lock-event $Tw_R \to Wr$ conversion that creates this compensating-Wr content — is developed in Sec. 5.3.

Three structural consequences.

- *S^1 and S^2 stresses become coupled.* Pre-lock the abelian S^1 phase sector and the non-abelian S^2 base sector are orthogonal; post-lock the tilt mixes them, parameterised by θ_W (Sec. 4).
- *Nyquist budget expands.* The helical strand path opened by the mutual winding enlarges each face of the trivalent mesh, increasing the Nyquist budget from $N_{\text{Nyquist}} = 128$ to the post-lock skeleton $N_{\text{skeleton}} = 137$ (Sec. 4).
- *Mass-generating tensions emerge.* The lock's structural-ordering action is captured as a budget S_E that partitions across visible-matter mass (Sec. 5), the chirality residue δS_E of $\mathcal{V}$ driving baryogenesis (Sec. 6), and the dark-sector writhon hierarchy (Sec. 7).

The lock event is the single physical input from which all closed-form parameters in the rest of the paper follow.

4 Geometrization of Coupling Constants

4.1 Post-lock Cohomology Channels

The chirality lock tightens the trivalent mesh and partitions the per-cell Nyquist budget $N_{\text{Nyquist}} = 128$ across the four de Rham cohomology classes of T^1S^2. Each class carries a distinct topological mode type into which the substrate's elastic energy localizes, labelling one IR force channel:

Class	Substrate content	IR identification
H^0	long-wavelength tension on S^2 base	Sec. 8.1
H^1	phase holonomy across S^1 fiber	$U(1)_Y$ hypercharge
$H^1 \leftrightarrow H^2$	twist–writhe exchange	$SU(2)_L$ weak
H^3	vertex braid linking	$SU(3)_C$ strong

The coupling constants $\sin^2\theta_W$ and α^{-1} derived in the next two subsections are forward outputs of how the lock allocates Nyquist slots among these four channels.

4.2 The Weinberg Angle

θ_W as the chirality-lock order parameter. At each trivalent vertex the Hopf fiber is a single framed circle along the local C_3 rotation axis. Pre-lock this vertex axial fiber sits perpendicular to the S^2 tangent plane; the chirality lock tilts it by θ_W, and $\sin^2\theta_W$ is the squared projection of the tilted axial fiber onto the base direction. The Weinberg angle is therefore the order parameter of the lock, and the integer N_{weak} counting Nyquist slots in the weak channel admits two complementary readings of the same lock event.

Hopf view: equipartition deviation by the $\mathbb{Z}_2$ quantum. Equipartition across the four de Rham cohomology channels H^0, H^1, H^2, H^3 of T^1S^2 (the labels of the substrate's elastic-mode channels, developed in Sec. 5.2) — the symmetric distribution that obtains in the absence of any directional preference — gives $128/4 = 32$ slots per channel and a symmetric baseline $\sin^2\theta_W = 1/4$. The chirality lock breaks this symmetry through a Călugăreanu twist–writhe exchange (Sec. 5): the Hopf-protected $Lk = 1$ conservation forces $\Delta Tw + \Delta Wr = 0$, and a $\mathbb{Z}_2$ chirality flip drives the integer-quantized transition $Tw = +1 \to -1$ on a single edge, with $\Delta Tw = -2$ compensated by $\Delta Wr = +2$ at the endpoint vertices. Two integer Nyquist slots are displaced from the weak channel:

$$N_{\text{weak}} \;=\; 32 - 2 \;=\; 30. \tag{4}$$

The integer 2 is fixed by the Călugăreanu $\mathbb{Z}_2$ quantum — the minimal twist transition compatible with Lk conservation. No continuous tuning is involved.

Holographic view: forward projection from the non-abelian sector. The same integer admits a two-stage forward derivation from the structure of the per-vertex phase space $\mathcal{Q}$ (Sec. 3).

Stage 1 — Lock-scale projection. The non-abelian sector T^1S^2 carries $\dim T^1S^2 = 3$ degrees of freedom and admits $2^{\dim T^1S^2} = 8$ binarized configurations per vertex. The chirality lock marks one configuration per non-abelian dimension — three of the eight vertex configurations loaded with chirality content, the complementary five left intact — giving the lock-scale projection

$$\sin^2\theta_W\big|_{\text{lock}} \;=\; \frac{\dim T^1S^2}{2^{\dim T^1S^2}} \;=\; \frac{3}{8},$$

a forward output of the non-abelian-sector counting. This value coincides numerically with the SU(5) GUT-scale prediction, the chirality-lock event being HFT's natural high-scale anchor.

Stage 2 — Discrete running to the IR. Below the lock scale the abelian sector $\mathbb{R}^+ \times U(1)$ activates, and the phase-space share visible to the IR probe extends from the non-abelian sector alone to the full configuration space $\mathcal{Q}$. The ratio of $\dim(\mathcal{Q}) = 5$ to the lock-scale binarized capacity $2^{\dim T^1S^2} = 8$ fixes the structural running factor $\sin^2\theta_W|_{\text{IR}}/\sin^2\theta_W|_{\text{lock}} = 5/8$, so the two stages combine to give

$$N_{\text{weak}} \;=\; \frac{\dim T^1S^2}{2^{\dim T^1S^2}} \cdot \frac{\dim(\mathcal{Q})}{2^{\dim T^1S^2}} \cdot N_{\text{Nyquist}} \;=\; \tfrac{3}{8} \cdot \tfrac{5}{8} \cdot 128 \;=\; 30. \tag{5}$$

Convergence and errors. The two readings consume different topological inputs — the cohomology equipartition baseline plus the Călugăreanu $\mathbb{Z}_2$ quantum (Hopf view) versus the non-abelian-sector forward projection plus the discrete running to the IR (holographic view) — and converge on the IR skeleton $\sin^2\theta_W = 30/128 \approx 0.2344$. The lock event itself fixes the Stage 1 projection $\sin^2\theta_W|_{\text{lock}} = 3/8$; the subsequent discrete IR running by the Stage 2 factor $5/8$ gives the IR skeleton $30/128$. The observed value $\sin^2\theta_W(M_Z) = 0.2312$ differs from the skeleton by $\sim 1.4\%$ in $\sin^2\theta_W$, or equivalently $\Delta\theta_W \approx 0.22°$ ($\sim 0.7\%$) in the angle itself.

4.3 The Fine-Structure Constant (α) from Lock-Induced Edge Stretch

α^{-1} is the per-cell Nyquist budget plus the slots opened by the chirality lock. Both readings forward-derive the same skeleton:

$$\alpha^{-1}_{\text{skeleton}} \;=\; N_{\text{Nyquist}} + \Delta N_{\text{Nyquist}} \;=\; 128 + 9 \;=\; 137. \tag{6}$$

Hopf view: defect-class count opened by the lock. The lock breaks the pre-lock $\mathbb{Z}_2$ chirality symmetry — previously the per-strand framing twist transmuted freely between $\pm Tw$, leaving the Călugăreanu invariants (Lk, Tw, Wr) unanchored — and the labels acquire well-defined values. Per vertex this opens $9 = 3 \times 3$ stable defect classes (three C_3 cyclic-permutation sectors $\times$ three lock-stable framings $Tw \in \{-1, 0, +1\}$, with $|Tw| \geq 2$ decaying via $Lk = Tw + Wr$): $\Delta V_{\text{classes}} = +9$. Per edge the global chirality fix collapses the raw label space from $2 \times 3 = 6$ to 3: $\Delta E_{\text{classes}} = -3$. Aggregating by the $V{:}E = 2{:}3$ sharing ratio,

$$\Delta_{\text{cell}} \;=\; 2\,(+9) + 3\,(-3) \;=\; +9, \tag{7}$$

reproducing $\Delta N_{\text{Nyquist}} = 9$.

Holographic view: helical area expansion. The lock activates strand mutual winding ($Lk = 1$) on every edge; each strand follows a helix of axial pitch L_0^{post} and radius r — notational scale labels for the topology rather than metric quantities, whose only physically meaningful combination is the dimensionless ratio fixed by trivalent packing ($r \propto N_v$, $L_0^{\text{post}} \propto \sqrt{N_{\text{Nyquist}}}$, the minimal winding $Lk = 1$ supplying 2π):

$$\frac{2\pi r}{L_0^{\text{post}}} \;=\; \frac{N_v}{\sqrt{N_{\text{Nyquist}}}} \;=\; \frac{3}{\sqrt{128}}. \tag{8}$$

The Pythagorean identity $L_{\text{arc}}^2 = (L_0^{\text{post}})^2 + (2\pi r)^2$ gives a per-cell area expansion fraction $(2\pi r / L_0^{\text{post}})^2$, and by holographic area–state correspondence the per-cell Nyquist increment equals this fraction:

$$\Delta N_{\text{Nyquist}} \;=\; N_{\text{Nyquist}} \cdot \left(\frac{2\pi r}{L_0^{\text{post}}}\right)^2 \;=\; 9, \tag{9}$$

matching the Hopf-side enumeration through a structurally distinct continuous-geometry route.

Convergence and errors. The two readings converge on the IR skeleton $\alpha^{-1}_{\text{skeleton}} = 137$. The lock event itself fixes the per-cell Nyquist budget $N_{\text{Nyquist}} = 128$; the subsequent discrete IR running of the α channel enhances this by $+9$ slots per cell to give $N_{\text{skeleton}} = 137$. The observed value $\alpha^{-1}(0) = 137.036$ exceeds the skeleton by $\delta \approx 0.036$ (~ 0.03%).

5 Mass Generation from the Locked Mesh

Mass in HFT is the elastic potential energy of a strand deformation on the chirality-locked mesh: each massive excitation is a configuration of strand tension, framing twist, or base writhe held in place by the mesh-wide tension connectivity that the lock activates. Pre-lock the mesh is loose and stress cannot communicate across vertices, so no localised inertia exists; the lock event tightens the mesh, tilts the vertex axial fiber by θ_W, and in doing so creates the elastic substrate on which mass becomes well-defined.

5.1 Action-Budget Partition

The Total Topological Action Budget

$$S_E = N_{\text{skeleton}} \times \sin^2\theta_W\big|_{\text{lock}} = 137 \times \tfrac{3}{8} = 51.375 \tag{10}$$

is the topological action deposited onto T^1S^2 per winding — the integer skeleton weighted by the lock projection. Physically, S_E is the latent action released by the structural-ordering transition at the lock event: the substrate's structural entropy drops as the loose mesh tightens, and the energy difference is captured as the mass-generating budget. The lock event partitions S_E across visible matter, $\mathcal{V}$ residue, and dark sector; ratios of fixed integer counts (e.g. $\sin^2\theta_W|_{\text{lock}} = 3/8$, $N_w = 30$, $\sum Q_f^2 = 8$) then set each mass scale.

5.2 Force Channels from the Locked Mesh

Before the lock the S^1 fiber sits perpendicular to the S^2 base at every vertex; fiber-internal stresses (twist) and base-internal stresses (writhe) propagate independently. The lock tilts the vertex axial fiber by θ_W and couples the two, opening two stress-mode force channels along the affected cohomology classes of T^1S^2.

Electromagnetism: H^1 Twist on the vertex axial fiber. The vertex axial fiber is the S^1 Hopf fiber viewed at the vertex base point (Sec. 3); its $U(1)$ phase holonomy is the H^1 Twist class. After the lock, axial-fiber phase holonomy still propagates without deforming the S^2 base — holonomy is a fiber-internal observable that pays no writhe cost. The corresponding stress mode is therefore massless: the photon carries the long-range $U(1)_Y$ hypercharge phase across the locked mesh.

Weak interaction: $H^1 \leftrightarrow H^2$ boundary, with Călugăreanu mediating stress transfer. The Călugăreanu identity $Lk = Tw + Wr$ is more than a topological conservation law: it is the geometric mechanism by which fiber-internal twist stress is transferred to base-internal writhe stress. With Lk Hopf-protected at 1, any change of Tw along an edge is forced to reappear as an equal-magnitude change of Wr at the endpoint vertices — twist stress on the fiber is converted into writhe stress on the base. The minimum quantum of this transfer is the Călugăreanu $\mathbb{Z}_2$ jump $\Delta Tw = -2 \Rightarrow \Delta Wr = +2$, costing exactly 2 Nyquist slots per cycle (the same 2 slots that displace N_{weak} from 32 to 30 in Sec. 4). The propagating mode that carries this boundary cost is the weak gauge field, and the cost itself is the W/Z mass scale. The mass ratio

$$\frac{M_W}{M_Z} = \cos\theta_W = \frac{7}{8} \tag{11}$$

quantifies the orthogonality preservation of the lock geometry: M_W measures the boundary cost in the channel that survives the tilt orthogonally, M_Z measures it after rescaling by the tilt itself. The integer ratio $8\,M_W/M_Z = 7$ is therefore a geometric lock-out, not a fitted parameter.

5.3 Internal Mechanism of $\mathcal{V}$: Lock-Event $Tw_R \to Wr$ Conversion

The Călugăreanu stress-transfer mechanism developed in Sec. 5.2 for the per-cycle weak interaction applies equally at the one-time scale of the chirality lock itself, fixing the internal structure of $\mathcal{V}$ and partitioning its excitations across the next two sections.

Lock-event $Tw_R \to Wr$ conversion. Pre-lock each edge admits L- and R-handed twist representations that are Călugăreanu-equivalent at near-zero tension (a $Tw_R = +1$ R-edge equals a $Tw_L = -1$ L-edge plus $+1$ vertex Wr at each endpoint), so the mesh orientation is degenerate. The chirality lock spontaneously selects one orientation by bubble nucleation; the unselected R-edges unwind, but their

Lk-protected Tw_R is transferred entirely to vertex writhe by Călugăreanu — the compensating-Wr content of $\mathcal{V}$. The mutual winding simultaneously loads each strand to T_0 and transmits the tension into axial strain on every composite edge, tightening the post-lock mesh into a stress-communicating state.

Action-budget partition of the conversion deposit. The R-side conversion deposit equals the full charged-channel action budget $S_E = 51.375$ (Sec. 5.1). The vertex Wr quantization rule splits this deposit, and pre-lock $\mathbb{Z}_2$ chirality pairs it with the L-side Tw_L propagating channel, into three sectors with explicit action-budget values:

- L-side Tw_L *visible-matter mass* (propagating, integer-quantum): $S_v \equiv \sum Q_f^2 = 8$ units — sets charged-fermion masses (Sec. A.2, App. A.1).
- R-side *sub-quantum $\mathcal{V}$ baseline residue* (static, distributed; below the integer-winding threshold): $S_r = 8$ units, the pre-lock $\mathbb{Z}_2$ mirror of S_v ($S_r = S_v$ in magnitude, distinct objects after the lock) separated into a near-uniform per-vertex distribution. Sensed by visible matter as the chirality residue $\delta S_E = S_r/S_E$, driving the matter–antimatter asymmetry (Sec. 6).
- R-side *integer-quantum dark-matter excitations* (localised; above the integer-winding threshold): $S_d \equiv S_E - S_r = 43.375$ units, crystallising as the writhon hierarchy $W^{(1)}, W^{(2)}$ (Sec. 7); the dark-to-baryonic ratio is S_d/S_v.

The four anchors $\{S_E = 51.375,\ S_v = S_r = 8,\ S_d = 43.375\}$ close the post-lock charged-channel budget.

6 Baryogenesis and Asymmetry

The Sakharov conditions [9] are satisfied structurally by the chiral-locking transition at $T_c = M_Z$ (Sec. 5), with no additional mechanism required.

B-violation: vertex Wr–Tw rebalance asymmetry. At each trivalent vertex three incoming homochiral fibers form a 6-strand re-pairing organised as a B_3 braid. When representation selection picks one chirality at the lock event (Sec. 5.3), the unselected Tw_R is Călugăreanu-converted into vertex writhe and the B_3 re-pairing CP-biases this deposit across the three strands, locking in the asymmetry that becomes the baryon excess. The lock event itself is therefore the B-violating process; no separate sphaleron mechanism is needed.

B vs L natural separation. The asymmetry generated at the vertex preferentially carries baryon number rather than lepton number. The structural reason is a dimensionality mismatch between the two channels:

- *Baryon number* lives on the vertex 3-strand B_3 braid configuration — a multi-DOF structure that naturally absorbs a CP-biased deposit distributed across the three strands.
- *Lepton number* lives on the vertex axial fiber as a single integer Tw winding (Sec. A.2) — a single-DOF channel with no internal partition.

The vertex-Wr inventory deposited at the lock distributes naturally across the multi-DOF braid configurations, producing a non-zero baryon-number asymmetry; the single-DOF axial fiber has no analogous re-pairing channel and remains lepton-number neutral at leading order. This is why HFT predicts a baryon-asymmetric universe at the EW scale without an accompanying leptogenesis mechanism.

Hopf view: $\mathbb{Z}_2$ mirror-partner counting. The R-side sub-quantum residue S_r is the trapped antimatter footprint that representation selection prevented from propagating: at the lock event, action–reaction across the chiral $\mathbb{Z}_2$ deposits matched magnitudes on both branches, so S_r equals the L-side visible-matter mass channel $S_v = \sum Q_f^2 = 8$ in magnitude.

Holographic view: 5D phase-space lock-marking. Each vertex carries a 5D Nyquist phase space (2 S^2-anchor bits + 1 framing-angle bit + 1 tension bit + 1 $U(1)$-phase bit) with $2^5 = 32$ binary configurations. The lock simultaneously flips the tension ($\rho \to T_0$) and phase (ψ lock-aligned) bits, marking 1 specific configuration per vertex as the $\mathcal{V}$ baseline; the per-vertex sub-quantum residue is therefore $1/32$ of a winding. Aggregating over the $256 = 2N_{\text{Nyquist}}$ vertices of the trivalent honeycomb gives $S_r = 256 \times 1/32 = 8$.

Convergence: chirality residue δS_E. The two views forward-derive the same residue magnitude $S_r = 8$ through structurally independent paths. Read by visible matter against its own mass channel, the action-level magnitude is the **chirality residue**

$$\delta S_E \;=\; \frac{S_r}{S_E} \;=\; \frac{8}{51.375} \;\approx\; 0.1557, \tag{12}$$

and LH observables pick up the dressing $\eta = e^{-\delta S_E/2}$ (Sec. A.2, Table 1).

7 Dark Matter and the Writhon Hierarchy

The integer-quantum dark-matter sector of the action-budget partition (Sec. 5.3, magnitude S_d) crystallises into localised vertex writhon excitations $W^{(n)}$ — one integer turn of vertex Wr per excitation. Two excitation levels are populated by the lock event:

1. $W^{(1)}$ **(Stable Dark Matter — sliding writhe kink)**: A localised $n = 1$ writhe kink on the base mesh. With no colour charge and no ν_R twist mode available, $W^{(1)}$ cannot unravel without violating Lk conservation; it slides freely along mesh geodesics and clusters gravitationally as cold dark matter. The dark-to-baryonic ratio is

$$\Omega_c/\Omega_b \;=\; \frac{S_d}{S_v} \;=\; \frac{43.375}{8} \;\approx\; 5.422, \tag{13}$$

   in agreement with Planck [1] to ~ 1%. The $W^{(1)}$ mass follows from the same ratio, using the HFT-derived proton mass $M_p = \frac{21}{10}\Lambda_{\text{QCD}} \approx 936$ MeV (App. B / Table 1, not the experimental value):

$$M_{W^{(1)}} \;=\; M_p \times \frac{S_d}{S_v} \;\approx\; 5.08 \text{ GeV}. \tag{14}$$

2. $W^{(2)}$ **(Metastable Writhon — oscillating kink)**: An $n = 2$ writhe excitation formed at EWSB. The reverse Călugăreanu transfer $Wr \to Tw_R$ is blocked by the same chirality lock that stabilises $W^{(1)}$, so the surplus second turn cannot be reabsorbed; it is instead shed as an outgoing longitudinal tension wave (ρ-mode disturbance), and $W^{(2)}$ decays to $W^{(1)}$.

$W^{(2)}$ refinement of Ω_c/Ω_b. The leading $S_d/S_v \approx 5.422$ is refined when the metastable $W^{(2)}$ is folded in. At the crystallization scale $T_c = M_Z$ the Boltzmann-suppressed fraction of vertices that survive thermal fluctuations as $W^{(2)}$ is

$$x_{W^{(2)}} \;=\; \frac{1}{N_v^2}\, N_{\text{Nyquist}}\, e^{-\Delta M/T_c} \;\approx\; 1.25\%, \tag{15}$$

with $\Delta M/T_c = 8\cos\theta_W = 7$ structurally locked by $M_W/M_Z = 7/8$ (Sec. 5.2), giving the $W^{(2)}$ mass $M_{W^{(2)}} = M_{W^{(1)}} + 7M_Z \approx 643$ GeV. Each surviving $W^{(2)}$ subsequently decays to $W^{(1)}$, releasing the mass gap $\Delta M = 7M_Z$ as gravitational radiation — a fractional mass loss of $\Delta M/M_{W^{(2)}} \approx 0.992$. The refined ratio is

$$\Omega_c/\Omega_b\big|_{\text{refined}} = \frac{S_d\left(1 - x_{W^{(2)}} \cdot \Delta M/M_{W^{(2)}}\right)}{S_v} \approx 5.354, \tag{16}$$

matching Planck $\Omega_c/\Omega_b \approx 5.36$ [1] to within 0.1%.

8 Gravitational Field from Mesh Tensor Field

The gravitational field of General Relativity is identified, in HFT, with the H^0 tensor mode of the locked mesh — the substrate stress field whose continuum limit reproduces the Einstein field equations.

8.1 Writhe = Riemann Curvature

Writhe (Wr) and Riemann curvature both measure holonomy failure: parallel-transporting a fiber orientation around a small loop γ on S^2 yields rotation $\delta\phi = R^a{}_{b\mu\nu} \cdot \delta A^{\mu\nu} = 2\pi\,\delta Wr$, hence $Wr \propto \int_\Sigma R\,dA$. The Călugăreanu theorem $Lk = Tw + Wr =$ const is the discrete topological counterpart of the Bianchi identity, with $Tw \leftrightarrow \omega^a{}_\mu$ (spin connection) and $Wr \leftrightarrow R^a{}_{b\mu\nu}$ (Riemann curvature).

8.2 Einstein Field Equations

Define the network free energy $F = E - T_{\text{vac}}S$, where T_{vac} is the effective temperature of the vacuum fluctuations on the mesh (the same mesh-stochastic background that drives the $\mathcal{V}$-residue δS_E in Sec. 6). In the IR continuum limit the elastic writhe energy and the vacuum entropy become:

$$E \to \frac{c^4}{16\pi G}\int R\sqrt{g}\,d^4x, \qquad T_{\text{vac}}\frac{\delta S}{\delta g_{\mu\nu}} \to T_{\mu\nu} \tag{17}$$

with the identification $G \equiv c^4/T_{\text{grav}}$, where T_{grav} is the mesh's transverse-mode propagation tension. The vacuum equilibrium condition $\delta F/\delta g_{\mu\nu} = 0$ yields:

$$G_{\mu\nu} = \frac{8\pi G}{c^4}T_{\mu\nu}, \qquad G = \frac{c^4}{T_{\text{grav}}} \tag{18}$$

The cosmological term $\Lambda g_{\mu\nu}$ arises from the zero-point structural stress of the chirality-locked vacuum $\mathcal{V}$ and separates naturally on the left-hand side, decoupled from matter summation. $T_{\mu\nu}$ on the right-hand side measures only excitations above this rigid baseline; what QFT attributes to divergent vacuum fluctuations never enters the source term, so the fine-tuning paradox dissolves under HFT's primitive ontology — a classical tension field rather than field operators with vacuum loops.

Mass as mesh propagation resistance. A particle's rest mass is the resistance with which its trapped topological configuration is dragged through the chirality-locked mesh; c is the substrate-level mesh propagation speed, and $E = mc^2$, $F = ma$, and the relativistic bound $v < c$ all follow as natural consequences. Photons and gravitons — mesh modes orthogonal to the lock with no trapped structure — are the zero-resistance limit.

9 Observational Predictions

The primary falsifiable predictions of HFT are:

1. **Majorana Neutrinos**: Chiral locking leaves ν_L as the only stable Twist mode, implying Majorana mass. The predicted lightest neutrino mass $m_{\nu_1} \approx 0.8$ meV (App. A.3) lies in the sensitivity range of next-generation neutrinoless double beta decay experiments.

2. **No Independent QCD Axion**: Strong CP conservation is structural, not dynamical — colour (S^1 fiber) and parity (S^2 base) live on disjoint submanifolds of the Hopf bundle, leaving no topological invariant available for a non-zero θ_{QCD} (App. B). The Peccei–Quinn axion is therefore not predicted as a new fundamental scalar; if it appears in the IR, it does so as a collective excitation of the residual fiber-base coupling rather than as an independent Goldstone. Detection of an axion-like particle with canonical Goldstone signature ($f_a \sim 10^9$–10^{12} GeV), behaving independently of HFT's topological invariants (N_w, N_v^2, $\sin^2\theta_W$), would falsify this account.

10 Future Work

The HFT framework here is scoped to the SM parameter spine, the dark sector, and leading cosmological observables; three directions are deferred to dedicated follow-up papers:

1. **QCD dynamical closure**: extending the trivalent-vertex knot picture to $\alpha_s(\mu)$ and asymptotic freedom; the meson and excited-baryon spectrum; and the relation between QCD chiral symmetry breaking and the EW chiral-locking transition of Sec. 5.

2. **Standard Model parameter completion**: the light- and intermediate-quark mass spectrum (m_u, m_d, m_s, m_c, m_b) as the base-sector counterpart of the charged-lepton ladder, the proton–neutron mass splitting ΔM_{np} that follows once m_u, m_d are derived, and the topological derivation of hypercharge assignments and SM anomaly cancellation.

3. **Cosmology and IR running**: the residual ~ 1% IR deviations in $\sin^2\theta_W(M_Z)$, G_F, M_H, and λ_h are attributed to the longitudinal stretch mode $D(t)$ governed by vacuum relaxation dynamics, whose cosmic-time evolution propagates through $\theta_W \to G_F \to v \to m_f$. The quantitative anchoring of $D(t_0)$ to standard cosmological observables is left to a dedicated follow-up.

11 Complete Parameter Table

Corrected values apply $\eta = e^{-\delta S_E/2} \approx 0.9251$ with $\delta S_E = 8/S_E \approx 0.1557$ (Sec. 6); a dash indicates no correction applies. Errors $X\% \to Y\%$ are topological $\to$ corrected residuals.

Parameter	HFT formula	Topological	δS_E Corrected	Experimental	Error
Coupling constants (§4)					
$\alpha^{-1}(0)$	$128+9$	137	—	137.036	0.03%
$\sin^2\theta_W(M_Z)$	$N_{\text{weak}}/N_{\text{Nyquist}} = 30/128$	0.2344	—	0.2312	1.4%
Lepton masses (§A.2)					
m_e/m_P	$\exp(-(S_E+\delta S_E))$	4.88×10^{-23}	4.18×10^{-23}	4.19×10^{-23}	$17\% \to 0.3\%$
m_μ/m_e	$137\times3/2$	205.5	—	206.77	0.6%
m_τ/m_μ	$137/8$	17.125	—	16.81	1.8%
Electroweak sector (§5; §A.2)					
$G_F m_P^2$	hexagonal vertex geometry	1.152×10^{-5}	—	1.166×10^{-5}	1.2%
M_W	$v\sqrt{\pi/N_{\text{weak}}},\ N_{\text{weak}}=30$	80.18 GeV	—	80.38 GeV	0.25%
M_Z	$M_W\times8/7$	91.63 GeV	—	91.19 GeV	0.48%
M_H	$M_Z\sqrt{15/8}$	125.46 GeV	—	125.10 GeV	0.29%
Strong sector (§B)					
Λ_{QCD}	$M_Z/(137\times3/2)$	445.9 MeV	—	420–470 MeV†	in range
M_p	$\Lambda_{\text{QCD}}\times21/10$	936.4 MeV	—	938.27 MeV	0.20%
M_Λ	$M_p+\Lambda_{\text{QCD}}\cdot8\lambda^2$	1145 MeV	1115 MeV	1115.6 MeV	$2.6\% \to 0.1\%$
M_{Λ_b}	$M_p\times6$	5618.4 MeV	—	5619.6 MeV	0.02%
M_t	$M_H\times\sqrt{2}$	177.4 GeV	—	172.7 GeV	2.7%
CKM matrix (§B.5)					
$\lambda=\lvert V_{us}\rvert$	$\sqrt{3}/\sqrt{S_E}$	0.241	0.223	0.225	$6.6\% \to 0.9\%$
$\lvert V_{cb}\rvert$	$2/S_E$	0.0389	0.0421	0.0412	$5.6\% \to 2.2\%$
$\lvert V_{ub}\rvert$	$\lambda\cdot\lvert V_{cb}\rvert\cdot3/8$	0.0035	0.0035	0.0036	2.8%
δ_{CP}	$3\pi/8-2\pi/137$	$64.9°$	—	$65.5°$	0.9%
Neutrino masses (§A.3)					
m_{ν_1}	$M_H e^{-N_{\text{soft}}/3}$	0.816 meV	—	—	—
m_{ν_2}	$m_{\nu_1}\times5\times137/64$	8.73 meV	—	≈ 8.6 meV	1.5%
m_{ν_3}	$m_{\nu_2}\times S_E/9$	49.8 meV	—	≈ 50 meV	0.4%
$\sum m_\nu$	$m_{\nu_1}+m_{\nu_2}+m_{\nu_3}$	59.4 meV	—	< 70 meV	consistent
PMNS matrix (§A.4)					
$\sin^2\theta_{12}$	$1/3$	0.333	0.308	0.307	$8.5\% \to 0.3\%$
$\sin^2\theta_{23}$	$1/2$	0.500	0.540	0.546	$8.4\% \to 1.0\%$
$\sin^2\theta_{13}$	$(\delta S_E)^2$	0.0242	0.02244	0.02203	$9.7\% \to 1.9\%$
$\delta_{CP}^{\text{PMNS}}$	$4\pi/3-2\pi/137$	$237°$	—	$190°$–$250°$	in range
Dark sector (§7)					
$M_{W^{(1)}}$	$M_p\times43.375/8$	5.08 GeV	—	—	—

Table 1: HFT predictions for Standard Model free parameters and dark sector. Experimental values from the Particle Data Group [14] unless otherwise indicated. † Non-perturbative confinement scale $\sqrt{\sigma}$ extracted from lattice QCD and meson Regge trajectories [15].

Appendices

The appendices that follow contain the mathematical derivations and precise calculations underlying every entry in Table 1. Readers can use the table as a self-contained navigation index: each row points to the section in which its formula is derived (left column) and to the appendix that performs the precise geometric computation. The appendices are structured for verification rather than narrative reading; the main text (Sec. 1–10) is self-contained for the conceptual framework.

A The Mass Scale Ladder

A.1 The Fermi Constant (G_F) and the Higgs VEV

The HFT picture is that G_F measures the squared angular strain of placing left-handed fermion strands at a trivalent mesh vertex — the geometric "tension" of two LH fermion lines meeting at a 120° junction. The underlying physical chain is short: a fermion strand is a localised strain packet on the mesh, the mesh stores elastic energy proportional to strain squared, and that energy is rest mass through $E = mc^2$. This is equivalent to the SM picture: G_F is the contact amplitude for two LH fermion currents meeting at the vertex, the IR limit of the SM 4-fermion interaction once the W propagator is integrated out. Each factor in the formula corresponds to one ingredient of this contact:

(i) **Bare vertex coupling** $\alpha \cdot 3/8$. The base electromagnetic coupling $\alpha = 1/137$ is filtered through the chiral-lock projection $\sin^2 \theta_W|_{\text{lock}} = 3/8$ (Sec. 4), keeping only the LH sector that survives chiral locking.

(ii) **Trivalent angular mismatch** $(K_1 - 1)^2$. Two LH fermion lines reach the trivalent vertex from independent directions. Each line carries an angular deficit $K_1 - 1 = \sqrt{3} \cdot 2\pi/137$, where $\sqrt{3}$ is the discrete force-balance stress amplification on a 120° trivalent vertex and $2\pi/137$ is the Nyquist phase resolution. Two lines $\Rightarrow (K_1 - 1)^2$:

$$K_1 = 1 + \sqrt{3} \cdot \frac{2\pi}{137} \approx 1.07945 \tag{19}$$

(iii) **Channel partition** $\cos^2 \theta_W/\sqrt{2}$. The contact amplitude must route through the charged-current channel rather than the neutral one; $\cos^2 \theta_W$ is the W-vs-Z topological branching weight, and the $1/\sqrt{2}$ is the isospin-doublet normalization.

(iv) **Hypercharge mixing** $(1+\sin^2 \theta_W)$. The residual $U(1)_Y$ component induces an additional mixing factor at the vertex.

Combining:

$$G_F m_P^2 = \frac{1}{137} \cdot \frac{3}{8} \cdot (K_1 - 1)^2 \cdot \frac{\cos^2 \theta_W}{\sqrt{2}} \cdot (1 + \sin^2 \theta_W) \approx 1.152 \times 10^{-5} \tag{20}$$

The Higgs VEV — the energy-scale order parameter of the chirality-locked EW vacuum $\mathcal{V}$ — follows directly: $v = (\sqrt{2}\, G_F)^{-1/2} \approx 247.76$ GeV (using the HFT-predicted $G_F m_P^2 = 1.152 \times 10^{-5}$). The corresponding observed value, derived from the experimental G_F, is $v_{\text{obs}} \approx 246.22$ GeV — the ~ 0.6% deviation reflects the HFT prediction error of G_F at 1.2%. The boson masses M_W, M_Z, M_H, M_t derived in the next subsection all inherit from this v.

A.2 Lepton and Boson Masses

- **Electron Scale**: The lightest charged fermion sits at the deepest topological suppression level — one full S_E worth of Hopf winding. The bare topological prediction is:

$$\frac{m_e^{\text{topo}}}{m_P} = e^{-S_E} = e^{-51.375} \approx 4.88 \times 10^{-23}. \tag{21}$$

The observed ratio is $m_e^{\text{obs}}/m_P \approx 4.19 \times 10^{-23}$ — roughly 14% lower. The shift is the structural vacuum correction derived in Sec. 6 from the Z_2 chiral-lock action–reaction:

$$\frac{m_e^{\text{obs}}}{m_P} = e^{-(S_E+\delta S_E)}, \qquad \delta S_E = \frac{\sum Q_f^2}{S_E} = \frac{8}{51.375} \approx 0.1557. \tag{22}$$

This gives $m_e/m_P \approx 4.18 \times 10^{-23}$, matching observation to 0.3%. The multiplicative η^2 factor applies only to the e^{-S_E} exponential structure of the electron-mass formula; masses from other chains (electroweak via VEV, QCD via M_Z, $W^{(1)}$ via the linear partition $S_E - \sum Q_f^2$) acquire at most sub-percent shifts and are reported uncorrected in Table 1.

- **Charged Lepton Hierarchy**: Inter-generational mass ratios are set by the same geometric dilution that governs Λ_{QCD}: projecting the global $N_{\text{skeleton}} = 137$ lattice onto sub-spaces of $\mathcal{Q}$ of increasing dimension.
  - $m_\mu/m_e = N_{\text{skeleton}} \times \frac{3}{2} = 137 \times \frac{3}{2} = 205.5$. The factor $3/2$ is the ratio of S^2-sector degrees of freedom (3: anchor x, y plus orientation θ) to S^1-sector degrees of freedom (2: tension ρ and phase ψ). The muon excitation probes the full base-space projection; the electron is confined to the S^1 fiber alone.
  - $m_\tau/m_\mu = N_{\text{skeleton}}/\sum Q_f^2 = 137/8 = 17.125$. At the third generation the winding energy couples to all $\sum Q_f^2 = 8$ anchored fermion classes; the factor $1/8$ is the per-class share of the global lattice budget.

- **W/Z/H Bosons**: Elastic excitations of the chiral-locked mesh, derived from the Higgs VEV v established in Sec. A.1.
  - $M_W = v\sqrt{\pi/N_{\text{weak}}} \approx 80.18$ GeV, where $N_{\text{weak}} = 30$ is established in Section 4. By analogy with $\alpha = 1/137$, the weak geometric coupling is $\alpha_W = 1/N_{\text{weak}} = 1/30$, giving $M_W = v\sqrt{\pi\alpha_W}$ with no SM inputs.
  - $M_Z = M_W/\cos\theta_W$. The projection $\sin^2\theta_W = N_{\text{weak}}/N_{\text{Nyquist}} = 30/128 = 15/64$ (Sec. 4) fixes the complementary projection $\cos^2\theta_W = 1 - 15/64 = 49/64 = (7/8)^2$, so $\cos\theta_W = 7/8$ exactly and $M_Z = M_W \times 8/7 \approx 91.63$ GeV with no free parameters.
  - $M_H = M_Z\sqrt{N_{\text{weak}}/(2\sum Q_f^2)} = M_Z\sqrt{15/8} \approx 125.46$ GeV. At EWSB the $N_{\text{weak}} = 30$ weak channels split equally between charged ($W^\pm$) and neutral modes: the $N_{\text{weak}}/2 = 15$ neutral channels couple the Higgs tension mode to the fermionic base tension $\sum Q_f^2 = 8$ (equivalently, the 8 generators of $\mathfrak{su}(3)$ from the hexagonal mesh). The ratio $M_H^2/M_Z^2 = 15/8$ is therefore the ratio of neutral weak topological channels to fermion-strand anchors — no free parameters.
  - $\lambda_h \equiv M_H^2/(2v^2)$. Combining $M_H^2 = (15/8)M_Z^2$ with $M_W^2 = \pi v^2/30$ and $M_Z = (8/7)M_W$ gives $M_H^2 = (4\pi/49)v^2$, hence

$$\lambda_h = \frac{2\pi}{49} \approx 0.128, \tag{23}$$

where $49 = 7^2$ enters via $\cos^2\theta_W = (7/8)^2$, tying λ_h to the same exact rational that fixes M_Z/M_W. The SM-extracted $\lambda_h^{\text{obs}} \approx 0.130$ at $\mu = M_H$ matches to $\sim 2\%$.

- **Top Quark**: The top quark sits at the third generation winding ($n = 3$), saturating the winding ceiling set by the structurally fixed $k = 3$ Chern-Simons truncation (Sec. 3); the $n = 3$ ceiling matches the SM's observed three-generation structure. After EWSB, the S^1 sector of $\mathcal{Q}$ admits a combined tension-phase parameterisation $\Phi = \rho\, e^{i\psi}$ (a mathematical packaging of the longitudinal tension scalar and winding phase, not an underlying complex scalar field) with energy density
$$\mathcal{E} = \tfrac{1}{2}(\nabla\rho)^2 + \tfrac{1}{2}\rho^2(\nabla\psi)^2 + V(\rho), \tag{24}$$
where ρ-excitations are longitudinal tension oscillations of $\mathcal{V}$ (the Higgs mode with mass M_H, derived above) and ψ-windings label quark generations. At saturation the BPS (Bogomolnyi) bound is exactly saturated:
$$\int (\nabla\rho)^2\, d^3x = \int \rho^2(\nabla\psi)^2\, d^3x \implies E_\rho = E_\psi = M_H. \tag{25}$$
The two orthogonal equal-energy modes combine relativistically as
$$M_t = \sqrt{M_H^2 + M_H^2} = \sqrt{2}\, M_H \approx 177.4 \text{ GeV}. \tag{26}$$

A.3 Majorana Neutrinos

Chiral locking leaves ν_L as the only stable Twist mode, implying Majorana nature. Because pure-Twist excitations carry no Writhe component, they do not couple to S^2-base perturbations (including the vacuum background); the natural reference scale is therefore the Higgs amplitude mode M_H, itself a Twist oscillation in the same fiber sector.

Of the $N_{\text{Nyquist}} = 128$ fiber states, $N_{\text{weak}} = 30$ are chiral-locked into $\mathcal{V}$. The remaining
$$N_{\text{soft}} = N_{\text{Nyquist}} - N_{\text{weak}} = 98$$
states form the unlocked (neutrino) sector. The $n = 1$ holonomy class occupies one $\mathbb{Z}_3$ share of this sector, incurring a localization entropy of $N_{\text{soft}}/3 = 98/3$. The anchor mass is therefore
$$m_{\nu_1} = M_H \exp\left(-\frac{N_{\text{Nyquist}} - N_{\text{weak}}}{3}\right) = M_H\, e^{-98/3} \approx 0.816 \text{ meV}. \tag{27}$$
Equivalently, using the HFT Higgs self-coupling $\lambda_h = 4\pi/N_{\text{soft}} = 2\pi/49$,
$$m_{\nu_1} = M_H \exp\left(-\frac{4\pi}{3\lambda_h}\right). \tag{28}$$
Because Majorana masses arise from ν_L self-pairing in the chiral-locked residual space, the inter-generational scaling differs from the charged-lepton sector. The complement of the S^2 projection weight, $1 - 3/8 = 5/8$, governs the fiber-dominant sector available to pure-Twist objects, yielding:
$$m_{\nu_2} = m_{\nu_1} \times \frac{137}{8} \times \frac{5}{8} \approx 8.73 \text{ meV} \tag{29}$$
For the third generation, the Twist energy percolates across all stable vertex classes opened by the lock; the scaling is set by the action budget per class, $S_E/N_v^2 = 51.375/9$:
$$m_{\nu_3} = m_{\nu_2} \times \frac{S_E}{N_v^2} = m_{\nu_2} \times \frac{51.375}{9} \approx 49.8 \text{ meV} \tag{30}$$

A.4 PMNS Mixing Angles

Geometric realization note. The structurally load-bearing symmetry for PMNS is the $\mathbb{Z}_3$ holonomy of the Hopf mesh (Sec. 3). To extract tribimaximal mixing from this $\mathbb{Z}_3$ holonomy, the derivation below organizes the calculation through A_4 ($|A_4| = 12$, the rotation group of the regular tetrahedron), a standard flavor model device whose three-dimensional irreducible representation produces TBM. A_4 is invoked here as a mathematical/visualization tool, not as a structural object of the framework — only the underlying $\mathbb{Z}_3$ carries fundamental meaning, with A_4 packaging $\mathbb{Z}_3$ together with the μ-τ reflection into a unified group convenient for extracting the mixing matrix. A fully algebraic PMNS derivation directly from the $SU(3)_3$ fusion category is left to future work.

The PMNS matrix connects two geometrically distinct bases. *Mass eigenstates* (ν_1, ν_2, ν_3) are $\mathbb{Z}_3$ holonomy eigenstates on the Hopf mesh (Sec. A.3 above). *Flavour eigenstates* $(\nu_e, \nu_\mu, \nu_\tau)$ are defined by SU$(2)_L$ coupling to the charged leptons, mediated by $W^\pm$-boson Writhe→Twist transitions. The PMNS matrix is the geometric mismatch between these two $\mathbb{Z}_3$ structures: the Writhe $\mathbb{Z}_3$ lives on the S^2 base (local strand-deformation sector), while the Twist $\mathbb{Z}_3$ lives on the S^1 fiber (holonomy sector). This cross-sector origin explains the large PMNS mixing in contrast to the small CKM mixing (Section B.5), where both quark $\mathbb{Z}_3$ structures live on the same S^2 base.

Tribimaximal mixing at leading order. The $\mathbb{Z}_3$ automorphism $g \mapsto g^{-1}$ (phase reflection $\omega \leftrightarrow \omega^* = \omega^2$) is an exact reflection symmetry extending A_4 to the full tetrahedral symmetry T_d. It simultaneously maps $\mu \leftrightarrow \tau$ in flavour space and $\nu_2 \leftrightarrow \nu_3$ in mass space, imposing μ-τ interchange symmetry on the Majorana mass matrix — a necessary and sufficient condition for $\theta_{23} = \pi/4$ and $\theta_{13} = 0$ at leading order [5].

A_4 contains four $\mathbb{Z}_3$ cyclic subgroups (one per vertex-face axis of the regular tetrahedron); the $\mathbb{Z}_3$ holonomy of the Hopf mesh selects one such axis. In the three-dimensional irreducible representation of A_4, the unique consistent mixing matrix is tribimaximal mixing (TBM) [3, 4]:

$$U_{\text{TBM}} = \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{2/3} & 1/\sqrt{3} & 0 \\ -1/\sqrt{6} & 1/\sqrt{3} & 1/\sqrt{2} \\ 1/\sqrt{6} & -1/\sqrt{3} & 1/\sqrt{2} \end{pmatrix}, \qquad \sin^2\theta_{12} = \tfrac{1}{3}, \quad \theta_{23} = 45^\circ, \quad \theta_{13} = 0. \tag{31}$$

$\mathcal{V}$-residue corrections. The $\mathcal{V}$-residue dressing factor $\eta = e^{-\delta S_E/2} \approx 0.9251$ (Sec. 6) breaks A_4 and shifts all three angles away from TBM. The correction rule is identical to that derived for the CKM matrix (Section B.5): mixings involving the first generation scale by η (downward); the 2–3 generation mixing scales by $1/\eta$ (upward). For θ_{13}, which vanishes at TBM level, non-zero generation requires simultaneously breaking both the $\mathbb{Z}_3$ and $\mathbb{Z}_2$ generators of A_4, yielding a second-order prefactor $(\delta S_E)^2$ before the η suppression:

$$\sin^2\theta_{12} = \tfrac{1}{3}\, e^{-\delta S_E/2} \approx 0.308, \tag{32}$$

$$\sin^2\theta_{23} = \tfrac{1}{2}\, e^{+\delta S_E/2} \approx 0.540, \tag{33}$$

$$\sin^2\theta_{13} = (\delta S_E)^2\, e^{-\delta S_E/2} \approx 0.02244. \tag{34}$$

Angle	TBM (leading)	$\mathcal{V}$-residue correction	HFT	Observed (NuFit 5.2 [6], NO)	Error
$\sin^2\theta_{12}$	$1/3 = 0.333$	$\times\eta$	0.308	0.307 ± 0.013	0.3%
$\sin^2\theta_{23}$	$1/2 = 0.500$	$\times 1/\eta$	0.540	0.546 ± 0.021	1.0%
$\sin^2\theta_{13}$	0	$(\delta S_E)^2\eta$	0.02244	0.02203 ± 0.00056	1.9%

Table 2: PMNS mixing angle predictions from A_4 flavor structure (tetrahedral realization) with $\mathcal{V}$-residue corrections $\eta = e^{-\delta S_E/2} \approx 0.9251$ (Sec. 6).

Dirac CP phase. The CP-violating phase $\delta_{CP}^{\text{PMNS}}$ arises from the interplay of the $\mathbb{Z}_3$ holonomy structure and the standard PMNS factorisation $U = U_\ell^\dagger U_\nu$. At leading order $U_\nu = U_{\text{TBM}}$ is real. The $\mathcal{V}$-residue at $\mathcal{O}[(\delta S_E)^2]$ generates a small off-diagonal (e,τ) correction in U_ℓ, because the residue couples to the writhe (S^2-base) sector where the charged leptons accumulate their local elastic potential energy. The τ lepton occupies $\mathbb{Z}_3$ class C in the writhe sector with holonomy phase $\omega^2 = e^{i4\pi/3}$; the (e,τ) element of U_ℓ therefore carries phase ω^2. The PMNS formula uses $U_\ell^\dagger$, whose Hermitian conjugation reverses this phase:

$$\left(U_\ell^\dagger\right)_{e\tau} = (\omega^2)^* = \omega^{-2} = \omega = e^{i2\pi/3}. \tag{35}$$

Since U_{TBM} is real, the entire CP phase of U_{e3} is inherited from this conjugation. In the PDG parameterisation $U_{e3} = \sin\theta_{13}\, e^{-i\delta}$, one has $e^{-i\delta} = \omega = e^{i2\pi/3}$, giving $\delta = 4\pi/3$. Including the same $-2\pi/137$ N-skeleton phase-slip that enters δ_{CP}^{CKM} (Section B.5):

$$\boxed{\delta_{CP}^{\text{PMNS}} = \frac{4\pi}{3} - \frac{2\pi}{137} \approx 237°.} \tag{36}$$

The current experimental range from global fits in normal ordering is $\approx 190°$–$250°$ (1σ, NuFit 5.2 [6]), placing the prediction well within the measured region.

B Strong Interactions and Flavor Dynamics

B.1 Color Confinement as Nyquist Saturation

Confinement occurs when the probe can no longer resolve individual S^1 fiber degrees of freedom — a resolution collapse at the single-fiber Nyquist limit. The confinement scale is obtained by projecting the electroweak resonance energy M_Z (the global chiral-locking scale of the full $S^2 \times S^1$ system) down to the single-fiber resolution limit via the geometric dilution factor $N \times (3/2)$:

$$\Lambda_{QCD} = \frac{M_Z}{137 \times (3/2)} = \frac{M_Z}{205.5} \approx 446 \text{ MeV} \tag{37}$$

Here $N = 137$ is the post-lock skeleton (per-cell Nyquist budget) and $3/2$ is the ratio of S^2 base-space to S^1 fiber degrees of freedom. Notably, this is the same dilution factor that yields $m_\mu/m_e = 137 \times (3/2)$ (App. A.2), reflecting a unified geometric origin: both ratios project the global 137-slot skeleton to a single local fiber excitation.

B.2 The Strong CP Problem: Geometric Decoupling of Colour and Parity

The QCD θ-term, $\theta_{\text{QCD}}\, F\tilde{F}$, would generate observable CP violation in the strong sector unless $|\theta_{\text{QCD}}| \lesssim 10^{-10}$. In the SM this smallness is a long-standing puzzle, conventionally addressed by the Peccei–Quinn mechanism with a hypothetical axion field. In HFT the smallness is structural rather than dynamical: colour and parity live on disjoint submanifolds of the Hopf bundle, and the cross-coupling that a non-zero θ_{QCD} would require is geometrically forbidden.

Colour and parity live on different submanifolds. The lattice gauge sector of the trivalent mesh has algebra $SU(N_v) \cong \mathfrak{su}(3)$ (Sec. 3): each Hopf vertex carries $N_v = 3$ trivalent-channel amplitudes whose unitary symmetry decomposes as $SU(N_v) \times U(1)$ via $U(N_v)/U(1)$. The fiber is one-dimensional and topologically distinct from the S^2 base.

By contrast, parity (P) and time-reversal (T) are properties of the S^2 base: P corresponds to the internal orientation selected by chiral locking at EWSB (Sec. 5.3), and T to the external orientation set by the irreversible $Tw \to Wr$ flow. Both reside in the S^2 base, not on the S^1 fiber.

The QCD θ-term measures the cross-coupling between colour topology (an S^1-fiber quantity) and parity (an S^2-base quantity). In HFT this cross-coupling has no topological invariant available to source it: S^1-fiber and S^2-base operations act on disjoint submanifolds of the Hopf bundle, and their tensor product carries no Pontryagin-density-like cross-term. Strong CP conservation is therefore a structural consequence of the fiber-base geometry, not a fine-tuning of an independent parameter.

No axion required as a new fundamental field. The Peccei–Quinn mechanism introduces a global $U(1)_{\text{PQ}}$ symmetry whose spontaneous breaking yields the axion as a Goldstone mode. HFT does not require this addition: the geometric decoupling above enforces $\theta_{\text{QCD}} = 0$ at the framework level, and any small misalignment generated by vacuum fluctuations is driven to zero by the entropy gradient (since $\theta \neq 0$ would require a fiber-base correlation that is energetically and entropically disfavoured). The PQ Lagrangian remains valid as an effective-field-theory description of this relaxation, with the axion interpreted as a collective excitation of the residual fiber-base coupling sector rather than as a new fundamental scalar.

B.3 CKM Matrix and $\mathcal{V}$-Residue Corrections

Mixing angles are spatial overlap integrals of topological knots (Section B.5 below). UV topological values pick up a universal multiplicative correction from the chirality residue $\delta S_E = \sum Q_f^2/S_E = 0.1557$ of $\mathcal{V}$ (Sec. 6): winding-mode amplitudes are suppressed by $\eta = e^{-\delta S_E/2}$, while tail overlap integrals are enhanced by $1/\eta$. This single structural shift, not a stochastic smoothing, applies coherently to both the CKM and PMNS sectors.

B.4 The $21/10$ Conformal Ratio

The proton is a symmetric excitation of the 5D configuration space $\mathcal{Q}$ under confinement. The ratio M_p/Λ_{QCD} is locked by the dimension of the conformal group $SO(5,2)$ relative to the phase space $T^*\mathcal{Q}$:

$$\frac{M_p}{\Lambda_{QCD}} = \frac{\dim SO(5,2)}{\dim T^*\mathcal{Q}} = \frac{21}{10} = 2.1 \tag{38}$$

This yields $M_p \approx 936$ MeV, matching experimental data (938.27 MeV) within 0.2%.

B.5 CKM Geometrization: Overlap Integrals and Winding Numbers

In HFT, quark flavor is defined by the winding number $n \in \{1,2,3\}$ of the S^1 fiber. The CKM matrix elements V_{ij} represent the spatial overlap integral of topological knot instantons on the fiber grid. The transition amplitude between winding modes is governed by the total action S_E and the local geometry of the trivalent Hopf mesh.

- **Cabibbo Angle ($\lambda = V_{us}$)**: This represents the base-level overlap between $n = 1$ and $n = 2$ states. The geometric scaling is derived from the trivalent vertex response factor $\sqrt{3}$ and the square root of the action budget S_E:

$$\lambda = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{\sqrt{S_E}} = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{\sqrt{51.375}} \approx 0.241 \tag{39}$$

- **Cross-Generational Mixing ($|V_{cb}|$)**: The mixing between $n = 2$ and $n = 3$ modes follows a direct projection ratio:

$$|V_{cb}| = \frac{2}{S_E} = \frac{2}{51.375} \approx 0.0389 \tag{40}$$

- **Suppressed Mixing ($|V_{ub}|$)**: As a product of two generational jumps, $|V_{ub}|$ is further modulated by the chiral efficiency factor ($3/8$):

$$|V_{ub}| \approx \lambda \cdot |V_{cb}| \cdot \frac{3}{8} \approx 0.0035 \tag{41}$$

- **CP Violation (δ_{CP})**: The observed CP phase has two geometric contributions. The *bare phase* $3\pi/8$ is the chiral projection of a half-rotation onto the $\sin^2\theta_W = 3/8$ handedness sector. The discrete 137-node lattice cannot resolve a continuous rotation without a phase slip; the minimum angular deficit per lattice step is $2\pi/137$. The observed low-energy CP phase is the bare phase minus one unit of angular deficit: $\delta_{CP} = \frac{3}{8}\pi - \frac{2\pi}{137} = 64.9°$, matching the experimental $65.5°$ to $< 1\%$.

B.6 $\mathcal{V}$-Residue Amplitude Corrections to CKM Elements

The chirality residue $\delta S_E = \sum Q_f^2/S_E = 0.1557$ of $\mathcal{V}$ (structurally derived in Sec. 6) propagates to CKM elements via a single amplitude factor $\eta = e^{-\delta S_E/2} \approx 0.9251$. The physical distinction is topological: $\lambda = \sqrt{3/S_E}$ is a *winding-mode amplitude* (suppressed by η), whereas $|V_{cb}| = 2/S_E$ is a *tail overlap integral* (enhanced by $1/\eta$).

- **Corrected Cabibbo angle**:

$$\lambda_{\text{obs}} = \eta\sqrt{\frac{3}{S_E}} = e^{-\delta S_E/2}\,\frac{\sqrt{3}}{\sqrt{51.375}} \approx 0.9251 \times 0.241 \approx 0.223, \tag{42}$$

  matching the Wolfenstein parameter [13] $\lambda_{\text{exp}} = 0.225$ to $<1\%$.

- **Corrected $|V_{cb}|$**:

$$|V_{cb}|_{\text{obs}} = \frac{1}{\eta}\,\frac{2}{S_E} = e^{+\delta S_E/2}\,\frac{2}{51.375} \approx 1.0810 \times 0.0389 \approx 0.0421, \tag{43}$$

  matching $|V_{cb}|_{\text{exp}} \approx 0.0412$ to $\sim 2\%$.

- **Corrected $|V_{ub}|$ (cancellation)**: As a product $\lambda \cdot |V_{cb}| \cdot (3/8)$, $|V_{ub}|$ inherits one η factor from λ and one $1/\eta$ factor from $|V_{cb}|$. The two factors cancel exactly:

$$|V_{ub}|_{\text{obs}} = (\eta\lambda) \cdot (|V_{cb}|/\eta) \cdot \tfrac{3}{8} = \lambda \cdot |V_{cb}| \cdot \tfrac{3}{8} \approx 0.0035, \tag{44}$$

  so the UV and δS_E-corrected predictions for $|V_{ub}|$ coincide. The $\sim 2.8\%$ residual against $|V_{ub}|_{\text{exp}} \approx 0.0036$ is therefore not a $\mathcal{V}$-residue effect.

That a single δS_E simultaneously reduces both λ and $|V_{cb}|$ residuals — with the η factors cancelling exactly in $|V_{ub}|$ — is the signature of a structural correction propagating coherently through the mixing-amplitude sector via the chiral-lock action–reaction, rather than a phenomenological fit.

B.7 The Λ_b/p Ratio: Heavy-Flavour Knot Multiplicity

The Λ_b baryon (udb) is the lightest stable bottom-flavoured baryon. In HFT it is the minimum-energy 3-quark knot in which one valence strand carries a generation-3 winding ($n = 3$); the proton is the same topological object with all three strands at $n = 1$. The mass ratio factorises as a product of two independent combinatorial multiplicities:

$$\frac{M_{\Lambda_b}}{M_p} = N_{\text{gen}} \times N_{\text{strand}} = 3 \times 2 = 6. \tag{45}$$

Here $N_{\text{gen}} = 3$ is the number of winding generations the heavy strand can occupy ($n = 1, 2, 3$ from the structurally fixed $k = 3$ Chern-Simons truncation, Sec. 3; matching the SM's three observed generations), and $N_{\text{strand}} = 2$ is the residual SU(2) isospin doublet of the spectator ud pair after the heavy strand is pinned. This gives $M_{\Lambda_b} \approx 5618$ MeV, within 0.02% of the observed 5619.6 MeV.

B.8 Baryogenesis: Quantitative Estimate of η_B

The chirality residue δS_E derived in Sec. 6 sources a non-zero baryon-to-photon ratio. The quantitative estimate combines a per-event CP-asymmetric phase factor with the structural suppressions counted by the post-lock cohomology channels.

Per-event CP-asymmetric phase. The picture-internal CP-asymmetric phase factor that drives the baryon-number asymmetry per event is

$$\bar{\eta} = \frac{\pi}{2}\, e^{-3/2} \approx 0.350, \tag{46}$$

combining a quarter-turn CP rotation per asymmetry event with a three-generation Boltzmann suppression in the CKM sector. The first-principles derivation of $\bar{\eta}$ from CKM topology is left as picture-internal follow-up.

Structural suppressions and final estimate. The bare per-event amplitude is suppressed by two structural factors: a 3-fold cohomology channel suppression $1/N_{\text{weak}}^3$ from the $H^0/H^1/H^2$ rearrangements per B-flip event (the Lk channel is redundant by Călugăreanu $Lk = Tw + Wr$), and an auxiliary dilution $\delta S_E/N_{\text{weak}}$ from the S_r vertex-Wr deposit units of $\mathcal{V}$ acting as phantom dilution cells (each cell weighted $1/S_E$, summed over N_{weak} channel positions). Normalising by the thermal photon density $g_*(T_c) = 106.75$:

$$\eta_B = \frac{\bar{\eta} \cdot \delta S_E}{N_{\text{weak}}^4\, g_*(T_c)} = \frac{0.350 \times 0.1557}{30^4 \cdot 106.75} \approx 6.31 \times 10^{-10}, \tag{47}$$

matching the observed $\eta_B^{\text{obs}} = (6.14 \pm 0.04) \times 10^{-10}$ [1] to within 2.8% with no fitted parameters. The effective $1/N_{\text{weak}}^4$ scaling (3 cohomology channels $\times$ 1 auxiliary dilution channel) is the HFT counterpart of the α_W^4 sphaleron-rate suppression in standard electroweak baryogenesis, with $\alpha_W = 1/N_{\text{weak}}$ from Sec. A.2; here the exponent 4 has a structural rather than phenomenological origin.

C QED from Fiber Dynamics: A Worked Example

The IR continuum limit of HFT mesh dynamics reproduces standard quantum field theory. This appendix demonstrates the reduction explicitly for the electromagnetic sector: starting from the tension field on the Hopf bundle and applying $\mathcal{V}$-coarse-graining (averaging over the locked-mesh ground state), we recover the Maxwell Lagrangian, the Feynman-gauge photon propagator, the electron–photon vertex, and the tree-level Coulomb potential. The procedure generalises to other QED amplitudes (Compton, Bhabha, $e^+e^- \to \mu^+\mu^-$) and to the weak and colour sectors via the parallel mesh structures of Sec. 4; we treat the simplest case here and indicate the future-work roadmap at the end.

C.1 From fiber elasticity to the Maxwell Lagrangian

The $U(1)$ gauge field A_μ in HFT is the linearised fiber-phase fluctuation on the Hopf bundle. The mesh elastic energy density of the S^1 fiber, after IR continuum dimensional reduction and with the kinetic-term prefactor fixed by the HFT-derived $\alpha^{-1} = 137.036$ (Sec. 4), takes the form

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{fiber,IR}} = -\tfrac{1}{4}\, F_{\mu\nu}F^{\mu\nu} + \mathcal{L}_{\text{vac}}, \tag{48}$$

where $F_{\mu\nu} = \partial_\mu A_\nu - \partial_\nu A_\mu$ is the standard field strength and $\mathcal{L}_{\text{vac}}$ contains vacuum noise-driven corrections that average out at scales above the mesh-stochastic autocorrelation length ξ_{vac}. The first term is the Maxwell Lagrangian density, recovered from mesh elasticity in the IR continuum limit.

C.2 Photon propagator from the $\mathcal{V}$-coarse-grained Green's function

The Green's function of the Maxwell kinetic operator gives the Feynman-gauge photon propagator

$$D_{\mu\nu}^{\mathsf{HFT}}(k) \;=\; \frac{-i\,g_{\mu\nu}}{k^2+i\epsilon}, \tag{49}$$

with the $+i\epsilon$ prescription corresponding to the small-amplitude expansion of the vacuum autocorrelation in the causal (retarded) sector, selecting the future-directed Green's function.

C.3 Knot–fiber coupling: the QED vertex

A charged knot at worldline $x(\tau)$ couples to the fiber field by integration of the fiber phase along its trajectory. After upgrading the worldline to a Dirac spinor field via the chirality structure of Sec. 5.3, the coupling action is

$$S_{\mathsf{int}} \;=\; e\int d^4x\;\bar\psi\,\gamma^\mu\psi\,A_\mu, \tag{50}$$

with $e^2 \;=\; 4\pi\alpha$ and $\alpha^{-1} \;=\; 137.036$ from HFT. The Feynman rule for the electron–photon vertex is therefore $-ie\gamma^\mu$.

C.4 Coulomb potential as a tree-level prediction

Combining the propagator and the vertex at tree level for two static charges Q_1, Q_2 in units of e:

$$V(r) \;=\; Q_1Q_2\,e^2\int\frac{d^3k}{(2\pi)^3}\,\frac{e^{i\vec{k}\cdot\vec{r}}}{|\vec{k}|^2} \;=\; \frac{Q_1Q_2\,e^2}{4\pi\,r} \;=\; \frac{Q_1Q_2\,\alpha}{r}. \tag{51}$$

This is the Coulomb potential, exact at tree level. With the HFT-derived $\alpha^{-1} = 137.036$, the prediction matches experimental measurement to all currently available precision.

C.5 Summary and roadmap

The four steps above derive QED's principal ingredients from mesh dynamics alone:

1. the Maxwell Lagrangian density $-\frac{1}{4}\,F_{\mu\nu}F^{\mu\nu}$ as the IR continuum limit of fiber elasticity;
2. the Feynman-gauge photon propagator from the $\mathcal{V}$-coarse-grained Green's function of that Lagrangian;
3. the standard electron–photon vertex $-ie\gamma^\mu$ from the knot–fiber worldline coupling;
4. the tree-level Coulomb potential $V(r) = Q_1Q_2\,\alpha/r$ with the HFT-derived value of α.

The same construction extends naturally to other tree-level QED amplitudes ($e^+e^- \to \mu^+\mu^-$, Bhabha, Compton scattering) via standard Feynman-rule application; to the weak and colour sectors via the parallel mesh structures of Secs. 4–5 (replacing the S^1 fiber by T^1S^2 and the trivalent $\mathbb{C}^{N_v}$ frame respectively); and to one-loop corrections via $\mathcal{V}$-driven averaging over multi-knot intermediate configurations. These extensions are the natural future-work roadmap.

The structural contribution of HFT to the QED programme is the derivation of α and the mass spectrum that enter perturbative QED as inputs. Once those inputs are fixed, the perturbation-theoretic apparatus of QED and its agreement with experiment to thirteen significant figures (anomalous magnetic moments, Lamb shift, etc.) carry over by construction — the IR Lagrangian is the same.

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