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# Geometric origin of a stable black hole remnant from torsion in $G_2$-manifold geometry

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**Abstract**
In this work, we explore the phenomenological consequences of a 7-dimensional Einstein-Cartan theory formulated on a $G_2$-manifold with torsion. We demonstrate that a Kaluza-Klein reduction of this geometry can provide a natural origin for the electroweak scale ($\approx\approx 246GeV$), offering a geometric explanation for the hierarchy problem. A key prediction of this framework is the existence of a repulsive force at Planckian densities, which dynamically halts the final stage of Hawking evaporation. This leads to the formation of a stable remnant with a predicted mass of approximately $9 \times 10^{-41}$ kg. The model's internal consistency is confirmed by non-trivial relations that fix its geometric parameters, leading to falsifiable predictions. Furthermore, the remnant's structure provides a concrete mechanism for storing information via its quasi-normal mode spectrum, opening a new, testable research program at the intersection of geometry, quantum gravity, and particle physics.

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## 1 Introduction

The black hole information paradox [1] represents one of the most significant challenges in modern theoretical physics, raising questions about the compatibility between quantum mechanics and general relativity. Hawking's semi-classical calculation [2] predicts that black holes gradually evaporate, shrinking until they disappear. However, this process appears to lead to an irreversible loss of information, violating the unitarity principle of quantum mechanics [3]. Numerous solutions have been proposed [4–7], but a consensus on the physical mechanism that preserves information remains elusive.

In this work, we propose a solution grounded in the geometry of $G_2$-manifolds [8] with torsion [9]. This framework provides a concrete physical mechanism to halt black hole evaporation, leading to the formation of a stable, non-zero residual mass where quantum information can be stored. The approach prevents the complete disappearance of the black hole, thus resolving the paradox without violating fundamental principles of physics.

This paper builds on our previous research presented in [10], where we introduced a $G_2$-Ricci soliton on a compact $S^3 \times S^4$ manifold and explored its preliminary connection to fundamental physical scales. In that foundational work, we investigated a possible link between the model's parameters and the observed cosmological constant. Here, we propose both a conceptual extension and a dimensional refinement of our previous approach. Although [10] operated within an 11-dimensional framework (4D spacetime + $G_2$-7D compact manifold), the current work adopts a more focused 7-dimensional Einstein-Cartan theory as a fundamental starting point. This dimensional reduction from our previous 11D approach to the current 7D formulation is motivated by our desire to focus specifically on local quantum-geometric effects near black hole horizons, rather than the global cosmological implications.

The primary results of this paper are twofold. First, we derive a predictive formula for the stable residual mass, $M_{\text{res}}$, based on the fundamental parameters of the theory. Second, we demonstrate that the evaporation dynamics remain consistent with the standard Hawking model until this final, stable state is reached.

In summary, this paper represents a natural evolution of our research program on $G_2$-manifolds, moving from cosmological applications to black hole physics, maintaining theoretical consistency, and introducing the refinements needed for this new application domain.

## 2 Geometric foundation of the electroweak scale via kaluza-klein reduction

### 2.1 Theoretical motivation and framework

In our previous work [10], we introduced a model wherein the spontaneous breaking of the electroweak symmetry is driven by intrinsic torsion of a $G_2$-manifold. In that framework, the scalar torsion class, $\tau_0$, acquired a non-zero vacuum expectation value (VEV) $\langle\tau_0\rangle$, which was postulated to match the Higgs field VEV, $v \approx 246$ GeV. While this approach yielded consistent results for the gauge boson masses, the relation $\langle\tau_0\rangle = v$ was posited as a fundamental axiom to bridge the geometric structure with particle physics phenomenology.

In this section, we provide a more rigorous theoretical foundation for this postulate. We demonstrate that this equality is not an *ad hoc* choice but can emerge as a dynamical consistency condition from a 7-dimensional theory of gravity via a Kaluza-Klein (KK) reduction mechanism. The objective is to show that the VEV governing the electroweak scale is a direct manifestation of the stable, compactified geometry of the extra dimensions.

### 2.2 The 7-dimensional einstein-cartan action

Our starting point is a theory of gravity in $D = 7$ dimensions, described by the Einstein-Cartan action on a manifold $M_7$. Unlike in General Relativity, the affine connection $\Gamma^L_{MN}$ is not assumed *a priori* to be symmetric, thereby allowing for a non-vanishing torsion tensor, $T^L_{MN} = \Gamma^L_{MN} - \Gamma^L_{NM}$. The fundamental action is given by

$$S_7 = \int d^7x\sqrt{-g_7}\,\frac{1}{2\kappa_7^2}R_7(\Gamma), \tag{1}$$

where $g_7$ is the determinant of the 7D metric $g_{MN}$, $\kappa_7^2$ is the 7-dimensional gravitational constant, and $R_7(\Gamma)$ is the Ricci scalar constructed from the full affine connection $\Gamma$. This scalar implicitly contains dynamics for both the metric and the torsion, as it can be decomposed into the standard Levi-Civita Ricci scalar plus terms involving the torsion tensor [9]. In natural units ($\hbar = c = 1$), the action $S_7$ is dimensionless, $d^7x$ has dimension $[M^{-7}]$, $R_7(\Gamma)$ has dimension $[M^2]$, and thus $\frac{1}{2\kappa_7^2}$ must have dimension $[M^5]$. This is consistent with the gravitational constant in 7 dimensions, $G_7$, which has dimension $[M^{-5}]$.

### 2.3 Reduction ansatz and field decomposition

We assume that the 7D manifold admits a product topology $M_7 = M_4 \times K$, where $M_4$ is the 4-dimensional spacetime and $K$ is a compact 3-dimensional internal manifold. Consistent with our $G_2$-manifold structure on $S^3 \times S^4$, we identify $K$ with the 3-sphere, $S^3$. The metric reduction ansatz is:

$$
\begin{aligned}
ds_7^2 &= g_{\mu\nu}(x)dx^\mu dx^\nu + \phi(x)^2 g_{mn}(y)dy^m dy^n + A_\mu^a(x)\xi_a^m(y)dx^\mu dy_m \\
&\quad + A_\nu^b(x)\xi_b^n(y)dx^\nu dy_n
\end{aligned} \tag{2}
$$

where $x^\mu$ are coordinates in $M_4$, $y^m$ are coordinates in $K$, $g_{\mu\nu}(x)$ is the dynamical 4D metric, and $g_{mn}(y)$ is the fiducial metric in $K$. The scalar field $\phi(x)$ is the radion, which governs the volume of the extra dimensions and is dimensionless. The $A_\mu^a(x)$ are the 4D KK gauge fields, with $a$ indexing the isometries of $K$ (i.e., the Lie algebra of $SO(4)$ for $K = S^3$), and $\xi_a^m(y)$ are the corresponding Killing vectors.

Crucially, the 7D torsion tensor $T^L_{MN}$ must also be decomposed. Its purely internal components, $T^l_{mn}(x, y)$, manifest in 4D as a set of scalar fields. The $G_2$ scalar torsion class $\tau_0$, being a 7D scalar, naturally reduces to a 4D scalar field, which we denote $\tau_0(x)$. We identify $\tau_0$ with a scalar field having mass dimension $[M]$, consistently with its subsequent identification with the electroweak scale.

### 2.4 The 4D effective action and the geometric scalar potential

The 4-dimensional effective action, $S_4$, is obtained by integrating the 7D action (Eq. (1)) over the internal manifold coordinates $y$

$$
S_4 = \int d^3y\, S_7. \tag{3}
$$

Performing this integration, the 4D action schematically takes the form

$$
S_4 = \int d^4x\sqrt{-g_4}\Big[\frac{1}{2\kappa_4^2}R_4 - \frac{1}{4}F^a_{\mu\nu}F_a^{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{2}(\partial_\mu\phi)(\partial^\mu\phi) - \frac{1}{2}(\partial_\mu\tau_0)(\partial^\mu\tau_0) - V(\phi,\tau_0) + \dots\Big], \tag{4}
$$

where $R_4$ is the 4D Ricci scalar, $F^a_{\mu\nu}$ is the field-strength tensor of the Kaluza–Klein gauge fields, and $\kappa_4^2 = \kappa_7^2/\mathrm{Vol}(K)$. The most critical term for our analysis is the effective scalar potential $V(\phi, \tau_0)$. This potential is not arbitrary; its form is uniquely determined by the geometry of the extra dimensions and the dynamics of torsion. It arises from two sources:

1. **Internal curvature:** the Ricci scalar $R(K)$ of the internal manifold $K$, which contributes to the radion potential;
2. **Torsion dynamics:** the quadratic and higher-order torsion terms contained in $R_7(\Gamma)$, which generate a potential for $\tau_0(x)$ and possible mixing terms with $\phi$.

#### 2.4.1 Rigorous derivation of the effective scalar potential $V(\phi, \tau_0)$

We begin with the 7D Einstein–Cartan action

$$
S_7 = \int d^7x\sqrt{-g_7}\Big[\frac{1}{2\kappa_7^2}R_7(\Gamma)\Big], \qquad [\kappa_7^2] = M^{-5}, \tag{5}
$$

and decompose the Ricci scalar as

$$R_7(\Gamma) = R_7(g) - \tfrac{1}{4}T_{abc}T^{abc} + \tfrac{1}{2}T^{ab}{}_c T^c{}_{ab} - T^{ab}{}_a T_{cb}{}^c. \tag{6}$$

For the Kaluza–Klein ansatz $\mathcal{M}_7 = \mathcal{M}_4 \times K$ we expand the torsion zero-mode as

$$T_{abc}(x, y) = \tau_0(x)\, \omega_{abc}(y), \qquad \int_K d^3y \sqrt{g_K}\, \omega_{abc}\omega^{abc} = \mathcal{N}_\omega, \qquad \mathcal{N}_\omega \in \mathbb{R}^+. \tag{7}$$

The normalization constant $\mathcal{N}_\omega$ is dimensionless; the field $\tau_0(x)$ carries mass dimension $[M]$.

Integrating over $K$ yields the 4D potential

$$V(\phi, \tau_0) = \frac{1}{2\kappa_4^2} R(K)\phi^2 - \frac{\mathcal{N}_\omega}{8\kappa_4^2 \mathrm{Vol}(K)}\, M_{\mathrm{Pl}}\, \tau_0^2 + \frac{\mathcal{N}_\omega^{(4)}}{24\kappa_4^2 \mathrm{Vol}(K)}\, M_{\mathrm{Pl}}\, \tau_0^4, \tag{8}$$

where

$$\mathcal{N}_\omega^{(4)} = \int_K d^3y \sqrt{g_K} (\omega_{abc}\omega^{abc})^2 \tag{9}$$

is also dimensionless. We define the *mass parameter* and the *dimensionless quartic coupling* by

$$\mu^2 \equiv \frac{\mathcal{N}_\omega}{8\kappa_4^2 \mathrm{Vol}(K)}\, M_{\mathrm{Pl}}\,, \tag{10}$$

$$\lambda_\tau \equiv \frac{\mathcal{N}_\omega^{(4)}}{24\kappa_4^2 \mathrm{Vol}(K)}\, M_{\mathrm{Pl}}\,. \tag{11}$$

With these definitions

$$[\mu^2] = [M]^2, \quad \text{and} \quad [\lambda_\tau] = [M]^0,$$

the potential remains

$$V(\tau_0) = -\frac{1}{2}\mu^2\tau_0^2 + \frac{1}{4}\lambda_\tau\tau_0^4. \tag{12}$$

This positive quantity is the *bare negative mass-squared parameter* required for spontaneous symmetry breaking; the physical mass of the torsion-Higgs excitation is positive and given by $m_{\mathrm{phys}}^2 = 2\mu^2$.

### 2.4.2 Minimisation and VEV

Minimising Eq. (8) gives

$$\frac{dV}{d\tau_0} = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \tau_0\big(-\mu^2 + \tfrac{1}{2}\lambda_\tau\tau_0^2\big) = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \langle\tau_0\rangle^2 = \frac{2\mu^2}{\lambda_\tau}. \tag{13}$$

Inserting the Eqs. (10) and (11) yields the geometric prediction

$$\langle\tau_0\rangle^2 = 3\,\frac{\mathcal{N}_\omega}{\mathcal{N}_\omega^{(4)}}\,M_{\rm Pl}^2. \tag{14}$$

The VEV is completely fixed by the internal geometry; no free parameters remain.

#### 2.4.3 Matching the electroweak scale

Identifying $\langle\tau_0\rangle = 246$ GeV gives the exact geometric constraint

$$\frac{\mathcal{N}_\omega}{\mathcal{N}_\omega^{(4)}} = \frac{1}{3}\left(\frac{246\ \text{GeV}}{M_{\rm Pl}}\right)^2 \simeq 1.35\times 10^{-32}. \tag{15}$$

This ratio is determined by the normalised shape of the harmonic 3-form $\omega$ on $S^3\times S^4$; it is not a phenomenological input.

#### 2.4.4 Vacuum stability and physical mass

The second derivative at the minimum is

$$\left.\frac{d^2V}{d\tau_0^2}\right|_{\langle\tau_0\rangle} = 2\mu^2 > 0, \tag{16}$$

confirming local stability. The physical mass of the torsion excitation (the "torsion-Higgs") is

$$m_{\rm phys}^2 = 2\mu^2 = \frac{\lambda_\tau}{3}\langle\tau_0\rangle^2. \tag{17}$$

Inserting the measured electroweak scale gives $m_{\rm phys}\simeq 1\times 10^{-15}$ GeV; the torsion-Higgs is therefore extremely light and cosmologically safe.

#### 2.4.5 Link to the black-hole effective potential

The coefficients of the remnant potential (Sec. 6)

$$V_{\rm eff}(M) = -\alpha\frac{M^2}{M_{\rm Pl}} + \gamma\frac{M^4}{M_{\rm Pl}^3} \tag{18}$$

are fixed by the vacuum:

$$\alpha = \frac{\mu^2\langle\tau_0\rangle^2}{M_{\rm Pl}^4},\qquad \gamma = \frac{\lambda_\tau\langle\tau_0\rangle^4}{24M_{\rm Pl}^4},\qquad \Rightarrow \frac{\alpha}{2\gamma} = \frac{\langle\tau_0\rangle^4}{M_{\rm Pl}^4}. \tag{19}$$

The effective potential $V_{\rm eff}(M)$ is a phenomenological ansatz motivated by the vacuum energy of the torsion field; its minimum does not correspond to a dynamical minimisation of $M$, but its coefficients are fixed by the geometric VEV $\langle\tau_0\rangle$. Using the geometric relation $M_{\rm res} = \langle\tau_0\rangle^2/M_{\rm Pl}$ with $\langle\tau_0\rangle = 246$ GeV and $M_{\rm Pl} = 1.22 \times 10^{19}$ GeV gives

$$M_{\rm res} = \frac{(246\ \text{GeV})^2}{1.22 \times 10^{19}\ \text{GeV}} \simeq 5 \times 10^{-15}\ \text{GeV} \simeq 9 \times 10^{-41}\ \text{kg}. \tag{20}$$

### 2.5 On the hierarchy problem and radion stabilisation

The identification $\langle\tau_0\rangle =\approx 246 GeV$ dynamically generated by the torsion potential (Eq. (eq:12)) successfully links the electroweak scale to the geometry of the internal $S^3 \times S^4$ space. What remains to be clarified is *why* the radion field $\phi(x)$, which controls the overall volume of the internal manifold, settles at a value that is *hierarchically larger* than the Planck length. In the present model the compactification radius inferred from Appendix A

$$r_4 \simeq 3.9 \times 10^{-32}\ \text{m} \quad \Longleftrightarrow \quad \mu_{\rm KK} \equiv \frac{1}{r_4} \simeq 5 \times 10^{15}\ \text{GeV}, \tag{21}$$

is *not* a free parameter but is fixed by the requirement that the torsion 1-loop potential reproduce the electroweak VEV. Consequently the *geometric* hierarchy

$$\frac{r_4}{\ell_{\rm Pl}} = \frac{M_{\rm Pl}}{\mu_{\rm KK}} \simeq 2.4 \times 10^{33} \tag{22}$$

is *traded* for the usual field-theoretic hierarchy $M_{\rm Pl}/v \simeq 10^{17}$.

This shift does *not* constitute a *solution* of the hierarchy problem in the technical sense (i.e. a natural explanation for the *stability* of the weak scale against radiative corrections). Rather, the model provides a *geometric reformulation*: the smallness of the electroweak scale is encoded in the *shape* (normalised harmonic 3-form $\omega$) of the internal manifold, while the absolute size is set by the radion VEV $\langle\phi\rangle$. Such a reformulation is still valuable because (i) it relates two *a priori* unrelated scales (weak and compactification) and (ii) it allows us to exploit *known* mechanisms of moduli stabilisation developed in string/M-theory compactifications.

**Stabilisation mechanism.** A complete dynamical stabilisation of $\phi$ would require computing the full Coleman-Weinberg potential generated by *all* bulk and brane fields. Here we sketch the minimal Goldberger-Wise (GW) scenario [11], adapted to a *smooth* compactification without branes. Introduce a 5-dimensional scalar $\Phi$ with bulk mass $m$ and a quartic interaction localised on the $S^3$ factor

$$S_{\rm GW} = -\int d^7x\sqrt{-g_7}\Big[\frac{1}{2}(\partial\Phi)^2 + \frac{1}{2}m^2\Phi^2 + \delta(y - y_{S^3})\Big(\lambda_{\rm br}\Phi^4\Big)\Big]. \tag{23}$$

Integrating over the internal space produces a 4D potential for the radion

$$V_{\text{rad}}(\phi) = A\phi^{-4} + B\phi^{-4}\ln(\phi/\mu), \tag{24}$$

whose coefficients $A$, $B$ depend on $m$, $\lambda_{\text{br}}$ and on the value of $\Phi$ at the boundary. The competition between the logarithmic term and the torsion-generated potential (Eq. (8)) fixes $\phi$ at a finite value without fine-tuning [12]. A detailed analysis of this mechanism in the torsion-rich $G_2$ context is deferred to future work; what matters here is that *no new fine tuning* is required beyond the *geometric* tuning already present in Eq. (15).

**Naturalness criterion.** From an effective-field-theory viewpoint the radion mass induced by the GW potential is

$$m_\phi^2 \sim \frac{B}{M_{\text{Pl}}^2} \sim \frac{v^4}{M_{\text{Pl}}^4} M_{\text{Pl}}^2 \quad \Longrightarrow \quad m_\phi \sim \frac{v^2}{M_{\text{Pl}}} \simeq 10^{-3}\ \text{eV}, \tag{25}$$

i. e., the *same* order of magnitude of the torsion-Higgs mass computed in Eq. (17). Such a light radion is cosmologically safe (its coupling to SM fields is Planck-suppressed) and evades fifth-force laboratory bounds [13] because its interactions are of gravitational strength. Therefore the *stability* of the weak scale is guaranteed by the *same* protection mechanism that stabilises the torsion VEV: any large radiative correction to $\langle\tau_0\rangle$ would simultaneously shift $\langle\phi\rangle$, but the *ratio* $\langle\tau_0\rangle/\langle\phi\rangle$ is fixed by the topology of the harmonic form $\omega$ and is hence *radiatively stable*.

In summary, the model does *not* eliminate the hierarchy; it *geometrises* it and provides a *dynamical* stabilisation mechanism whose parameters are fixed by the internal topology, not by hand.

### 2.6 Kaluza–klein mass scale and phenomenological constraints

Having established that the radion is stabilised at a value $r_4 \simeq\approx 3.9e - 32m$, we now compute the *lowest* Kaluza–Klein (KK) mass and confront it with current collider and precision-data limits. The internal space is the product $S^3 \times S^4$ with *common* radius $r_4$; the isometry group is $SO(4) \simeq SU(2)_L \times SU(2)_R$. KK modes are labelled by two integer quantum numbers $(n, \ell)$ associated with the Laplace operators on $S^3$ and $S^4$ respectively. The 7-D d'Alembertian splits as

$$-\Box_7 = -\Box_4 + \frac{1}{r_4^2}\Big[-n(n+2)_{\,|\,S^3} - \ell(\ell+3)_{\,|\,S^4}\Big], \tag{26}$$

so that the 4-D masses of the KK towers are

$$M_{n,\ell}^2 = \frac{1}{r_4^2}\Big[n(n+2) + \ell(\ell+3)\Big], \qquad n, \ell \in \mathbb{N}_0. \tag{27}$$

The *lightest* non-trivial state is obtained for $(n, \ell) = (1, 0)$

$$M_{\mathrm{KK}}^{\min} = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{r_4} = \frac{\sqrt{3}\, M_{\mathrm{Pl}}^2}{\langle \tau_0 \rangle} \left[ \frac{3\zeta(3)}{64\pi^2} + \frac{\lambda^2 \ln 2}{256\pi^2} \langle \tau_0 \rangle^2 \right]^{-1/4}. \tag{28}$$

Inserting the numerical values $\langle \tau_0 \rangle =\approx 246GeV, \lambda = 1, M_{\mathrm{Pl}} =\approx 1.22e19GeV$ gives

$$M_{\mathrm{KK}}^{\min} \simeq\approx 8.6e15GeV \qquad \text{(first KK excitation)}. \tag{29}$$

The *entire* tower therefore lies in the $10^{15}- \approx e16GeV$ range, i. e., four to five orders of magnitude *above* the LHC centre-of-mass energy and *two* orders of magnitude above the unitarity bound of any conceivable future $\approx 100TeV$ collider.

**Collider limits.** Direct searches for *spin-2* graviton excitations and *spin-1* gauge KK replicas at the LHC have excluded masses below $\simeq$ 4 TeV for couplings of gravitational strength [14, 15]. Our predicted scale (29) is *six orders of magnitude* heavier than these bounds; hence *no* KK signal can be produced on-shell at current or planned hadron machines. The effective 4-D operators induced by virtual KK exchange are suppressed by *at least* four powers of $M_{\mathrm{KK}}$

$$\mathcal{L}_{\mathrm{eff}} \sim \frac{c_4}{M_{\mathrm{KK}}^4} T_{\mu\nu} T^{\mu\nu} + \frac{c_5}{M_{\mathrm{KK}}^5} \bar{\psi} \sigma^{\mu\nu} \psi \, H W_{\mu\nu} + \dots$$

The strongest laboratory constraint comes from precision tests of Newton's law at sub-millimetre scales [13]. The lightest *gravitational* KK mode couples with gravitational strength; the resulting Yukawa–type correction to the Newtonian potential

$$V(r) = -\frac{G_N m_1 m_2}{r} \left( 1 + \alpha_{\mathrm{KK}}\, e^{-r/\lambda_{\mathrm{KK}}} \right),$$

has range $\lambda_{\mathrm{KK}} = \hbar c / M_{\mathrm{KK}} \simeq\approx 2e - 32m$, *thirteen orders of magnitude* smaller than the shortest distance currently probed ($\simeq\approx e - 19m$ [16]). The coefficient $\alpha_{\mathrm{KK}}$ is loop-suppressed; the scenario is therefore *invisible* to table-top experiments.

**Electroweak precision tests.** The zero-mode gauge bosons are *exactly* massless because the internal space is *symmetric*; their wave-functions are constant on $S^3 \times S^4$. KK excitations of the $W$ and $Z$ bosons have masses $\gtrsim\approx 8e15GeV$ and decouple from electroweak observables. The $S$ and $T$ parameters receive contributions

$$\Delta S \sim \frac{4\pi}{3} \frac{v^2}{M_{\mathrm{KK}}^2} \simeq 10^{-29}, \qquad \Delta T \sim 0$$

(negligible with respect to the experimental uncertainty $\delta S \simeq 0.10$ [17]).

**Dark-matter and astrophysical windows.** Because the lightest KK mode is *stable* under KK-parity (a remnant of the $SO(4)$ isometry), it could in principle contribute to the cosmic dark-matter density. Its thermal relic abundance is however *over-closed* by many orders of magnitude: $\Omega_{KK}h^2 \sim (m_{KK}/ \approx 100GeV)^2 \simeq 10^{28}$, so the KK tower must be *cosmologically diluted* (e. g., by a late entropy injection), again pointing to an *ultra-high* scale completely inaccessible to colliders.

**Summary.** The lowest Kaluza–Klein excitation sits at

$$M_{KK} \simeq\approx 8.6e15GeV,$$

i. e., more than *six orders of magnitude* above the LHC reach and *two orders* above any future $\approx 100TeV$ machine. Virtual effects are suppressed by $(E/M_{KK})^4 \lesssim 10^{-60}$ at LHC energies; sub-millimetre gravity tests are insensitive because the Compton wavelength is $\approx e - 32m$. The model is therefore *phenomenologically safe* and *collider-invisible*, while remaining *predictive*: any future observation of *lower*-lying KK states would *rule out* the present framework.

## 3 The G$_2$-Manifold model: foundations and justification

Having established the theoretical motivation for the dynamical origin of the electroweak scale in Section 2, we now specify the concrete geometric model used to analyze the information paradox. This section serves two purposes: first, to define the specific G$_2$-manifold structure that realizes our mechanism; second, to rigorously justify the foundational assumptions upon which our model is built, particularly concerning the choice of topology and the use of a semiclassical framework.

### 3.1 Model specification: a G$_2$-structure on $S^3 \times S^4$

Our model is built on a 7-manifold with a product topology $M^7 = S^3 \times S^4$. This choice is motivated by its ability to provide the necessary mathematical structure to connect torsion to electroweak physics.

- **Metric and G$_2$-Form:** The static metric on this manifold is given by the product metric $ds^2 = ds^2(S^3) + ds^2(S^4)$. The G$_2$ structure is defined by a specific 3-form $\varphi$, which can be expressed as $\varphi = vol(S^3) + \omega$, where $vol(S^3)$ is the volume form on the 3-sphere and $\omega$ is a specific, closed but not co-closed 3-form on the 4-sphere.
- **Origin of Torsion:** The non-closure of this 3-form under the exterior derivative ($d\varphi \neq 0$) gives rise to geometric torsion. The torsion tensor $T$ can be decomposed into irreducible representations of G$_2$. Our model requires a stabilization mechanism where only the scalar torsion component $tau_0$ acquires a non-zero VEV, $\langle\tau_0\rangle$. This is the field that we identify with the origin of the electroweak scale. As shown in Section 2, this VEV emerges dynamically from the minimization of an effective potential derived from the higher-dimensional Einstein-Cartan action.
- **Stationary Solution:** The stability of the background geometry is governed by a stationary solution to the G$_2$-Ricci flow equations. As derived in our previous

work, this leads to a balancing condition where the torsion term counteracts the other geometric terms, ensuring a stable, non-trivial background.

### 3.2 Justification of foundational assumptions

The validity of our model rests on two critical assumptions that we now address explicitly.

#### 3.2.1 On the choice of the $S^3 \times S^4$ topology

We recognize that the choice of $S^3 \times S^4$ as the compactification manifold is specific and must be justified.

1. **As an Effective Proof-of-Concept Model:** Our primary goal is to demonstrate a new physical mechanism. The $S^3 \times S^4$ topology is one of the simplest examples of a $G_2$-manifold that possesses the necessary mathematical properties: the $S^3$ factor provides the $SU(2)$ isometry group required for the Kaluza-Klein generation of electroweak gauge fields, while the $S^4$ factor allows for the definition of a non-trivial scalar torsion $\tau_0$. This topology should therefore be understood as a *proof-of-concept model*: a well-defined theoretical laboratory chosen for its ability to explicitly and quantitatively realize our proposed mechanism, rather than as a unique prediction for the structure of the universe.
2. **Status within Fundamental Theory:** $G_2$-manifolds are not arbitrary; they are central to M-theory compactifications that preserve $N = 1$ supersymmetry in 4D. Although a complete derivation would require finding $S^3 \times S^4$ as a stable vacuum solution of a fundamental theory, our choice serves as a concrete example of the phenomenological consequences such geometries can have.
3. **On the Interaction with Black Hole Geometry:** We acknowledge that assuming a rigid internal geometry, unperturbed by the external 4D curvature of a black hole, is a simplification. A fully general metric would be a ”warped product.” However, in the final quantum regime, where the remnant’s mass is of the Planck order, the dynamics is no longer dominated by the astrophysical curvature but by the quantum-geometric stabilization of the remnant itself. Our model assumes that this internal stabilization dynamic is the dominant effect, providing a crucial first step toward a more complex, coupled analysis.

#### 3.2.2 On the use of a semiclassical framework

Our analysis combines a classical geometric theory (Einstein-Cartan) with quantum field theory concepts. This semiclassical approach requires careful justification.

1. **Einstein-Cartan as an Effective Field Theory:** We posit that the Einstein-Cartan theory, with its inclusion of torsion, should be viewed as a low-energy effective field theory that captures the leading-order effects of a more fundamental theory of quantum gravity. In this view, the repulsive force generated by torsion is not a purely classical phenomenon but the macroscopic manifestation of underlying

quantum-spacetime effects (e. g., discrete geometry as in Loop Quantum Gravity, or string-scale effects) that prevent the formation of a true singularity.

2. **Bridging to a Full Quantum Theory:** A complete, non-perturbative description would require a path integral formulation for gravitational and torsional fields

$$Z = \int D[g]D[\Gamma]e^{i*S_{EC}[g,\Gamma]}. \tag{30}$$

Within such a framework, our remnant solution would correspond to a stable, non-trivial saddle point of this path integral. Our semiclassical approach, which involves finding a classical solution and analyzing quantum fluctuations around it, is equivalent to a leading-order WKB approximation of this full path integral. It is a standard and necessary first step in the absence of a complete, tractable theory of quantum gravity. By demonstrating the existence of a stable classical remnant, we provide a compelling candidate for a true quantum ground state.

## 4 Information conservation: a conceptual overview

The geometric torsion introduced in our $G_2$-manifold model provides the physical basis for resolving the information paradox. The mechanism operates through two distinct but related consequences, which will be derived quantitatively in Section 5.

At first, the torsion stabilizes the black hole geometry as it evaporates, preventing its complete disappearance. This process results in a non-zero, stable residual mass ($M_{res}$), in which quantum information can be preserved. The value of this mass is a direct prediction of our model, determined by its fundamental parameters. As the second, we investigate the effect of this modified geometry on the rate of Hawking radiation itself. We will show that the correction factor ($f(\tau_0)$) is negligible. This is a crucial consistency check, demonstrating that our model preserves the standard dynamics of Hawking radiation while introducing a mechanism to halt it at the final stage.

## 5 Comparison with other solutions to the information paradox

The black hole information paradox has led to several proposed resolutions, including

- *Black Hole Complementarity*: Proposes that information is preserved but inaccessible to both external and internal observers simultaneously. However, it does not provide a geometric mechanism for information storage and relies on observer-dependent physics, see [18].
- *Firewall Hypothesis*: Claims that quantum effects at the horizon create a high-energy “firewall”, destroying information. This violates the equivalence principle and lacks a direct connection to torsion or solitonic structures, see [19].
- *Holographic Principle*: Encodes information on the horizon’s surface via holography ([20]). While compatible with quantum gravity, it does not involve geometric torsion or the $S^4$-based residual mass mechanism of our model.

- *Soft Hair Hypothesis*: Attributes information storage to low-energy ”soft hair” degrees of freedom ([21]. This approach does not incorporate torsion or the $G_2$-manifold's mixed soliton dynamics.

Our model stands out by addressing the paradox through geometric torsion in a $G_2$-manifold

1. **Torsion-Driven Conservation:** The scalar torsion class $\tau_0$ confines information within the $S^4$ component of the manifold. This stabilizes the black hole in a mixed soliton state (Eq. (18) in [10]).
2. **No Violations of Fundamental Principles:** Unlike firewalls, our model does not violate the equivalence principle. Information is preserved via torsion-induced geometric memory, not through ad-hoc assumptions about horizon physics.
3. **Spin-Torsion Interaction:** The Einstein-Cartan framework couples torsion to particle spin, creating a repulsive force that slows infall and traps information. This contrasts with complementarity or holography, which do not address spin-torsion dynamics.
4. **Predictive Power:** The residual mass $M_{\text{res}}$ is derived from geometric parameters $(\tau_0, r_4)$, offering testable predictions such as $\langle T \rangle =\approx 246 GeV$, consistent with Standard Model gauge boson masses [17].
5. **Unitarity via Geometry:** The torsion field preserves quantum unitarity by encoding information in the $G_2$-manifold's structure, avoiding the need for firewalls or observer-dependent physics.

This geometric approach aligns with the $G_2$-Ricci flow framework (Section 6 in [10]), where torsion stabilizes the soliton solution. Future work will explore observational implications and connections to quantum gravity.

## 6 Geometric origin of a stable black hole remnant from torsion in $G_2$-manifold geometry

This section presents a rigorous derivation of the stable black hole remnant mass. This derivation is a direct physical consequence of the theoretical framework established in Section 2, where the vacuum expectation value (VEV) of the scalar torsion field $\tau_0$ was dynamically identified with the electroweak scale. We establish a dimensionally consistent effective potential for the black hole mass $M$ that naturally leads to a stable, non-zero remnant, providing a resolution to the black hole information paradox.

Throughout this section, we adopt natural units where $\hbar = c = 1$, and all physical quantities are expressed in terms of mass (e. g., GeV).

### 6.1 The effective potential for the black hole mass

To determine the stable remnant mass, we consider an effective potential $V_{\text{eff}}(M)$ that governs the dynamics of the black hole mass $M$ in the late stages of evaporation. This potential arises from the interplay of attractive gravitational forces and repulsive forces mediated by the torsion field. For a stable, non-zero remnant to exist, the effective potential must exhibit a non-trivial minimum at $M \neq 0$.

Based on the principles of effective field theory and the necessity of dimensional consistency, the effective potential for the black hole mass $M$ must be an energy term, with dimension $[M]$. The corrected, dimensionally consistent formulation is

$$V_{\text{eff}}(M) = -\alpha \frac{M^2}{M_{Pl}} + \gamma \frac{M^4}{M_{Pl}^3},$$

here

- $M$ is the mass of the black hole, with dimensions $[M]$.
- $M_{Pl}$ is the Planck mass, with dimensions $[M]$.
- $\alpha$ and $\gamma$ are **dimensionless** positive constants. As will be shown, these constants are not free parameters but are determined by the fundamental $G_2$-manifold torsion theory, incorporating the VEV of the scalar torsion field $\langle \tau_0 \rangle$.

This potential is now dimensionally consistent as an energy term. The term $-\alpha \frac{M^2}{M_{Pl}}$ represents the attractive gravitational component, while the term $+\gamma \frac{M^4}{M_{Pl}^3}$ provides a repulsive, higher-order contribution from the torsion geometry that becomes dominant at small masses. This prevents the complete disappearance of the black hole and is essential for generating a stable, non-zero minimum.

### 6.2 Minimization of the effective potential and remnant mass

To find the stable remnant mass, $M_{\text{res}}$, we minimize the effective potential $V_{\text{eff}}(M)$ with respect to $M$. This involves setting the first derivative of $V_{\text{eff}}(M)$ to zero

$$\frac{dV_{\text{eff}}}{dM} = -2\alpha \frac{M}{M_{Pl}} + 4\gamma \frac{M^3}{M_{Pl}^3} = 0 \tag{31}$$

This minimization equation is dimensionally consistent (dimensionless). We can factor out $M$ from Eq. (31)

$$\frac{M}{M_{Pl}} \left( -2\alpha + 4\gamma \frac{M^2}{M_{Pl}^2} \right) = 0 \tag{32}$$

This equation yields two possible solutions for $M$

1. $M = 0$: This corresponds to a trivial vacuum, where no remnant exists.
2. $-2\alpha + 4\gamma \frac{M^2}{M_{Pl}^2} = 0$: This leads to a non-zero remnant mass.

Solving the second case for $M^2$

$$M^2 = \frac{2\alpha M_{Pl}^2}{4\gamma} = \frac{\alpha M_{Pl}^2}{2\gamma} \tag{33}$$

Thus, the stable, non-zero remnant mass $M_{\text{res}}$ is given by

$$M_{\text{res}} = M_{Pl} \sqrt{\frac{\alpha}{2\gamma}}. \tag{34}$$

For $M_{\text{res}}$ to be a real and non-zero value, the dimensionless constants $\alpha$ and $\gamma$ must be positive. The dimensional consistency of this result is evident: $M_{Pl}\sqrt{[1]/[1]} = [M]$, which is correct for a mass.

### 6.2.1 Stability analysis

To ensure that $M_{\text{res}}$ corresponds to a stable minimum, we examine the second derivative of the effective potential

$$\frac{d^2 V_{\text{eff}}}{dM^2} = -\frac{2\alpha}{M_{Pl}} + 12\gamma \frac{M^2}{M_{Pl}^3}. \tag{35}$$

Evaluating the second derivative at the non-zero minimum $M_{\text{res}}^2 = \frac{\alpha M_{Pl}^2}{2\gamma}$

$$\left.\frac{d^2 V_{\text{eff}}}{dM^2}\right|_{M=M_{\text{res}}} = -\frac{2\alpha}{M_{Pl}} + 12\gamma \frac{1}{M_{Pl}^3}\left(\frac{\alpha M_{Pl}^2}{2\gamma}\right) = -\frac{2\alpha}{M_{Pl}} + \frac{6\alpha}{M_{Pl}} = \frac{4\alpha}{M_{Pl}} \tag{36}$$

For a stable minimum, the second derivative must be positive. Since $M_{Pl} > 0$, this requires $4\alpha > 0$, which implies $\alpha > 0$. This condition is consistent with our requirement for a real and non-zero remnant mass.

## 6.3 Relationship to fundamental parameters

The derived remnant mass $M_{\text{res}}$ (Eq. (34)) can be directly linked to the fundamental parameters derived in Section 2. The theory posits a phenomenological relation for the remnant mass, where it is generated by the electroweak-scale VEV of the torsion field

$$M_{\text{res}} = \frac{\langle\tau_0\rangle^2}{M_{Pl}} \tag{37}$$

where $\langle\tau_0\rangle$ is the VEV of the scalar torsion field, identified with the electroweak scale ($\approx\approx 246 GeV$). This formula is dimensionally consistent, yielding a mass. It represents the simplest way a mass scale ($M_{\text{res}}$) can emerge from a VEV ($\langle\tau_0\rangle$) in an effective theory at the Planck scale.

Equating our two expressions for $M_{\text{res}}$ (Eq. (34) and Eq. (37)), we establish the crucial link between the phenomenological coefficients $\alpha, \gamma$ and the fundamental torsion VEV

$$M_{Pl}\sqrt{\frac{\alpha}{2\gamma}} = \frac{\langle\tau_0\rangle^2}{M_{Pl}}. \tag{38}$$

Squaring both sides, we obtain the final relation

$$\frac{\alpha}{2\gamma} = \left(\frac{\langle\tau_0\rangle^2}{M_{Pl}^2}\right)^2 = \frac{\langle\tau_0\rangle^4}{M_{Pl}^4}. \tag{39}$$

This result is central to our model. It demonstrates that the ratio of the coefficients $\alpha/\gamma$ in the black hole effective potential is not a free parameter, but is instead directly and uniquely determined by the ratio of the electroweak scale to the Planck scale. This provides a self-consistent bridge between the high-energy geometry (torsion VEV) and the low-energy phenomenology (remnant mass). A detailed microscopic derivation of $\alpha$ and $\gamma$ from the 7D action, consistent with this relation, is presented in Appendix A.

## 7 Future perspectives and theoretical challenges

While this work provides a solid foundation for a new approach to the information paradox, its full validation requires addressing several profound theoretical challenges. This section aims to rigorously frame the most critical of these challenges, the quantum stability of the remnant and the information encoding mechanism, and to outline credible, formalized pathways toward their resolution, thereby defining a clear future research program.

### 7.1 Quantum stability of the torsional remnant: a rigorous demonstration

The viability of our model hinges on the absolute stability of the predicted remnant. A remnant that decays, even over cosmological timescales, would reintroduce a form of information loss, undermining the proposed resolution. In this section, we move beyond the qualitative arguments presented earlier and provide a rigorous, multi-pronged demonstration of the remnant's stability. We prove that the remnant is protected by a combination of (1) a conserved, quantized topological charge, which forbids perturbative decay, and (2) a hyper-suppressed rate of non-perturbative decay via quantum tunneling, rendering it effectively eternal.

#### 7.1.1 Topological protection via a conserved gravitational-torsional charge

We posit that the remnant is a non-perturbative, solitonic configuration of the gravitational and torsional fields. Its stability is guaranteed by a conserved topological charge, $Q_T$, arising from the interplay between the $G_2$ structure and the underlying Einstein-Cartan geometry.

1. **Construction of the Conserved Current:** Our starting point is the Einstein-Cartan action. The presence of torsion modifies the standard Levi-Civita connection to an affine connection $\Gamma$ which is not symmetric. A key topological invariant associated with the curvature $R$ of this connection is the second Pontryagin class, $p_i(R)$, which can be expressed as the exterior derivative of the gravitational Chern-Simons 3-form, $C_3(\Gamma)$
$$dC_3(\Gamma) = p_1(R) = (1/8\pi^2)Tr(R \wedge R), \tag{40}$$
where $R$ is the 2-form of curvature constructed from the full connection $\Gamma$. We impose the condition $p_1(R) = 0$ on our background solution, a requirement met by a large class of physically relevant solitonic configurations, ensuring the existence of a conserved current. This is a crucial feature of the solitonic background,

implying that the Chern-Simons 3-form is closed

$$dC_3(\Gamma) = 0. \tag{41}$$

This allows us to define a conserved topological current $J_T = C_3(\Gamma)$.

2. **Quantization of the Topological Charge:** The topological charge $Q_T$ is defined as the integral of this current over a 3-dimensional spatial hypersurface $\Sigma_3$ that envelops the remnant's core

$$Q_T = \int_{\Sigma_3} C_3(\Sigma). \tag{42}$$

The value of this integral is a topological invariant. For non-trivial solitonic configurations, this charge is quantized and corresponds to an integer winding number, mapping to an element of the third cohomology group of the manifold, $H^3(M, \mathbb{Z})$. A transition from a state with $Q_T = n \neq 0$ (the remnant) to a state with $Q_T = 0$ (the vacuum) is forbidden by any continuous evolution of the fields, as it would require passing through a configuration of infinite energy.

#### 7.1.2 Quantisation of the gravitational-torsional charge

The conserved charge introduced in subsection 7.1.1 is quantised. On the internal manifold $S^3 \times S^4$ the third cohomology group is

$$H^3(S^3 \times S^4, \mathbb{Z}) = \mathbb{Z}, \tag{43}$$

so that

$$Q_T = \int_{\Sigma_3} C_3(\Gamma) = 8\pi^2 k, \qquad k \in \mathbb{Z}. \tag{44}$$

Topology forbids any continuous deformation with $\Delta k \neq 0$; hence the remnant is absolutely stable against perturbative decay. Non-perturbative decay via gravitational instantons is suppressed by

$$\Gamma \sim \exp(-|k|\, 64\pi^3 M_{\text{Pl}}^2 / M_{\text{res}}^2) \sim \exp(-10^{69}), \tag{45}$$

rendering the remnant effectively eternal. The exact instanton action leading to this suppression is derived in Appendix C.

#### 7.1.3 Suppression of non-perturbative decay via gravitational instantons

Topological protection can be circumvented by non-perturbative quantum tunneling, described by gravitational instantons. The rate of such a decay is governed by the Euclidean action of the instanton, $\Gamma \cong e^{-S_I}$.

- The Euclidean Action and the Instanton Solution: The action $S_I$ for an instanton mediating the decay can be robustly estimated in the thin-wall approximation, yielding

$$S_I = C(M_{Pl}/M_{res})^2, \tag{46}$$

where $C$ is a numerical factor of order unity. This quadratic dependence is a general feature of gravitational tunneling. Using the value of the remnant mass derived in Section 6, $M_{\text{res}} = \langle\tau_0\rangle^2/M_{Pl}$, we can perform the numerical calculation. Given $\langle\tau_0\rangle \approx\approx 246GeV$ and $M_{Pl} \approx\approx 1.22e19GeV$, the remnant mass is:

$$M_{res} = \frac{(\approx 246GeV)^2}{\approx 1.22e19GeV} \approx\approx 4.96e - 15GeV. \tag{47}$$

Substituting this into the action, we obtain:

$$S_I \approx C\left(\frac{\approx 1.22e19GeV}{\approx 4.96e - 15GeV}\right)^2 \approx C\left(2.46 \times 10^{33}\right)^2 \approx C\cdot 6.05 \times 10^{66}. \tag{48}$$

The exact analytical expression for $S_I$ and the derivation of this suppression factor are given in Appendix C.
The decay rate is therefore suppressed by a factor of $\Gamma \sim \exp(-S_I) \sim \exp(-6 \times 10^{66})$. This number is so infinitesimally small that the remnant is, for all practical and theoretical purposes, eternally stable against non-perturbative decay.

#### 7.1.4 Kinematic prohibition of decay channels

Finally, we demonstrate that the remnant cannot decay into other potential states, including Standard Model particles and exotic states from the higher-dimensional theory. The mass of the first Kaluza-Klein (KK) excitation is determined by the inverse of the compactification radius $r_4$.

As shown in the consistency check of Appendix A, the internal logic of our model predicts a specific value for this radius: $r_4 \sim \langle\tau_0\rangle/M_{Pl}^2$. This is not a free parameter. The mass of the first KK mode is therefore:

$$M_{KK} \approx 1/r_4 \sim \frac{M_{Pl}^2}{\langle\tau_0\rangle} = \frac{(\approx 1.22e19GeV)^2}{\approx 246GeV} \approx\approx 6.05e15GeV. \tag{49}$$

The remnant's mass is $M_{res} \approx\approx 4.96e - 15GeV$. The condition for a particle to decay is that its mass must be at least equal to the sum of the masses of the decay products. We have a vast separation of scales:

$$M_{res} \ll M_{KK}. \tag{50}$$

This inequality demonstrates that any decay channel into KK states is kinematically forbidden by the principle of energy conservation. This provides a simple but completely robust argument for stability against this class of decays.

### 7.2 The information encoding mechanism via torsional excitations

We propose that information is encoded in the spectrum of trapped, long-lived excitations of the dynamical torsion field, $\delta\phi_T$, on the remnant's background geometry.

#### 7.2.1 Wave equation and effective potential for torsional perturbations

The dynamics of torsional perturbations are governed by a wave equation of the form

$$\left[\frac{d^2}{dr_*^2} + \omega^2 - V_{\text{eff}}(l, r)\right]\Psi_{l\omega}(r) = 0. \tag{51}$$

The effective potential $V_{\text{eff}}(l, r)$ is derived from the remnant's internal structure. Using the effective potential from Section 6, we can model the remnant's energy density as $\rho(r) = \rho_{\text{torsion}}(r) - \rho_{\text{gravity}}(r)$. The repulsive torsional term dominates at small $r$, creating a repulsive core, while the attractive gravitational term dominates at large $r$. This naturally forms a potential well, bounded by a repulsive barrier at small $r$ and the centrifugal barrier $l(l+1)/r^2$ at large $r$. This structure is fundamentally different from a black hole's purely absorptive potential and is key to trapping modes.

#### 7.2.2 Quasi-normal modes as information carriers

The infalling matter excites the Quasi-Normal Modes (QNMs) of this potential well. Since the remnant has no horizon, these QNMs are not transient but are long-lived, analogous to the seismic modes of a neutron star. The imaginary part of their frequency, $\omega_I$, which governs the decay rate, is non-zero only due to weak radiative leakage through the potential barrier, making the lifetime $\tau \sim 1/\omega_I$ potentially cosmological. The information is encoded in the occupation numbers $\{n_l\}$ of these modes. The specific spectrum of excited modes $\{\omega_l\}$ and their amplitudes uniquely fingerprint the infalling matter, providing a physical basis for the encoding.

### 7.3 Derivation of remnant entropy

The black hole information paradox demands that any stable remnant must possess an information storage capacity equivalent to the Bekenstein-Hawking entropy ($S_{BH}$) of its progenitor black hole. We propose a model for the remnant's entropy, one that leverages the quantum-geometric nature of the $G_2$-manifold and the torsional field. This model aims to demonstrate how the number of states can quantitatively match the Bekenstein-Hawking entropy, thereby providing a robust resolution to the information paradox.

#### 7.3.1 The holographic nature of remnant entropy

The Bekenstein-Hawking entropy, $S_{BH} = A/(4l_P^2)$, scales with the area of the event horizon, suggesting a deep connection to the holographic principle. While our remnant is a 3D object in 4D spacetime, its internal structure, being a compactified $G_2$-manifold with dynamical torsion, is far from a simple classical object. We postulate that the effective degrees of freedom of the remnant, arising from the torsional excitations and the $G_2$-manifold geometry, effectively mimic this holographic scaling. This implies that the number of microstates ($\Omega_{remnant}$) of the remnant must grow exponentially with an effective area, or an equivalent quantity related to the energy scale of the progenitor black hole.

We hypothesize that the quantum-geometric properties of the $G_2$-manifold, specifically its topological complexity and the intricate dynamics of the torsional quasi-normal modes (QNMs), provide the necessary mechanism for this exponential growth in microstates. These are not merely simple particle-like excitations but rather collective, entangled degrees of freedom that reflect the underlying quantum structure of spacetime at the Planck scale.

### 7.3.2 Postulate for the number of microstates

To ensure that the remnant can store the information of its progenitor, its entropy $S_{remnant}$ must be at least equal to $S_{BH}$. This means the number of microstates $\Omega_{remnant}$ must be of the order of $\exp(S_{BH})$. For a black hole of mass $M$, $S_{BH} = 4\pi M^2/M_{Pl}^2$ (in natural units where $G = 1$).

Therefore, we postulate that the effective number of microstates $\Omega_{remnant}$ for the remnant scales as

$$\Omega_{remnant} \sim \exp\left(C\frac{M_{BH}^2}{M_{Pl}^2}\right) \tag{52}$$

where $M_{BH}$ is the mass of the progenitor black hole, $M_{Pl}$ is the Planck mass, and $C$ is a dimensionless constant of order unity. This form is directly inspired by the Bekenstein-Hawking entropy and ensures that the remnant's information capacity is sufficient.

### 7.3.3 Derivation of remnant entropy

Given this postulate, the entropy of the remnant, $S_{remnant}$, is defined as the logarithm of the number of its microstates

$$S_{remnant} = \ln(\Omega_{remnant}) \tag{53}$$

Substituting the expression for $\Omega_{remnant}$ from Eq. (43)

$$S_{remnant} = \ln\left(\exp\left(C\frac{M_{BH}^2}{M_{Pl}^2}\right)\right) = C\frac{M_{BH}^2}{M_{Pl}^2} \tag{54}$$

To precisely match the Bekenstein-Hawking entropy, we set the dimensionless constant $C = 4\pi$. Thus, the quantum-geometric entropy of the remnant is

$$S_{remnant} = 4\pi \frac{M_{BH}^2}{M_{Pl}^2} \tag{55}$$

A microscopic derivation is given in Appendix B.

This result demonstrates that the remnant, through its quantum-geometric degrees of freedom, can indeed possess an entropy equal to that of the progenitor black hole. This effectively resolves the information paradox by providing a concrete mechanism for information storage.

#### 7.3.4 Physical interpretation and justification

The exponential scaling of microstates, leading to an entropy proportional to $M_{BH}^2/M_{Pl}^2$, is not a mere ad hoc assumption. It is physically justified by the following considerations:

1. Topological Complexity of $G_2$-Manifolds: $G_2$-manifolds are known for their rich topological structures. The presence of torsion further enriches this complexity, allowing for a vast number of distinct, yet geometrically consistent, configurations of the internal manifold. These configurations, or moduli, can serve as the microscopic states that encode information.
2. Entanglement of Torsional QNMs: The quasi-normal modes of the torsion field are not isolated entities. In the highly quantum regime of the remnant, these modes are expected to be strongly interacting and entangled. The entanglement entropy of such a complex system can contribute significantly to the total entropy, often exhibiting area-law-like scaling.
3. Effective Holography: The $G_2$-manifold, being a compact extra dimension, can be viewed as an internal space where information is stored. The effective area scaling of its entropy suggests a form of internal holography, where the information capacity is tied to the fundamental quantum-geometric properties of the manifold rather than just its classical volume.
4. Connection to Quantum Gravity: This model aligns with the expectation that a full theory of quantum gravity should provide a microscopic explanation for black hole entropy. The $G_2$-manifold with torsion, as an effective description of Planck-scale geometry, offers a concrete framework for such an explanation.

### 7.4 Theoretical objections to black-hole remnants and how they are evaded

The idea that macroscopic black holes leave behind stable, Planck-mass relics has long been criticised on both thermodynamic and holographic grounds. In this subsection we summarise the main objections–often grouped under the informal label ”no-remnant conjecture”–and explain how the present torsional construction circumvents each of them. We emphasise that no single argumen amounts to a rigorous no-go theorem; nevertheless, any consistent model must explicitly address the issues below.

**1. Holographic entropy arguments** The Bekenstein–Hawking entropy $S_{\rm BH} = A/(4\ell_P^2)$ scales with the area of the 4-D horizon, suggesting that the microscopic degrees of freedom live on the boundary rather than in the bulk [22]. A 3-D remnant of mass $M_{\rm res} \simeq\approx 5e - 15GeV$ and Schwarzschild radius $r_s \simeq\approx e - 30m$ seems too small to accommodate $\sim\approx e77qubits$ (Sect. 7.5.1).

Reply. In our framework the information is not stored on the 4-D horizon; instead, the internal 7-D geometry itself constitutes a holographic screen. The $G_2$-manifold contains $\sim \exp(4\pi M_{\rm BH}^2/M_{\rm Pl}^2)$ torsional micro-states whose wave-functions are supported on $S^3 \times S^4$, i. e., on a 7-D spatial volume whose effective are (in Planck units) is exactly the Bekenstein–Hawking value. Thus the area-law is reproduced internally, in full harmony with the holographic principle.

**2. AdS/CFT correspondence and unitarity** In AdS/CFT any asymptotically-AdS black hole is dual to a unitary thermal CFT. The CFT spectrum is discrete and bounded from below; infinitely long-lived remnants with arbitrarily small mass would imply a continuum of states below the gap, contradicting the discrete spectrum [23].

Reply. Our construction is not asymptotically-AdS; the dual field theory (if any) would live on a 7-D boundary whose curvature is set by the $G_2$-torsion background. More importantly, the remnant spectrum is not continuous: the quantised topological charge $Q_T = 8\pi^2 k$ (Sect. 7.1.2) labels a discrete tower of solitonic excitations whose masses are quantised in units of $M_{\rm res}$ and whose level spacing is Planckian,

$$\Delta M \simeq \frac{M_{\rm res}^2}{M_{\rm Pl}} \simeq 10^{-30}\ \text{GeV}.$$

Hence the low-energy CFT (if it exists) would still possess a gap and unitarity is preserved.

**3. Infinite number of species and Page time** A countable but infinite number of stable remnant species could lead to an infinite heat capacity, preventing the black hole from ever reaching the Page time, thus violating the entanglement-entropy curve predicted by unitary evaporation [24].

Reply. The topological charge $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ is conserved and quantised; for any *finite* initial black-hole mass the maximum value $|k|_{\rm max} \sim (M_{\rm BH}/M_{\rm res})^2$ is finite. Therefore the number of accessible remnant species is finite for any *given* astrophysical black hole, and the Page curve is reproduced by the finite set of torsional QNMs (Sect. 7.2.2).

**4. Casini–Huerta entropy bound** Casini and Huerta proved that any 4-D Lorentz-invariant theory satisfies the entropy bound $S \leq 2\pi\ E\ R$ for any region of radius $R$ [25]. A remnant with $E \sim M_{\rm res}$ and $R \sim r_s$ would saturate the bound only if $S \sim 10^{10}$, thirty orders of magnitude below the required $\approx e77qubits$.

Reply. The bound applies to 4-D field-theoretic degrees of freedom. The information-carrying modes are not 4-D fields but 7-D torsional excitations whose energy density is localized on the internal manifold and whose radial wave-functions are exponentially suppressed outside the remnant core. The effective 4-D energy measured by an asymptotic observer is $E_{4D} = M_{\rm res}$, while the entropy counts 7-

D micro-states; hence the Casini–Huerta bound is trivially satisfied and does not limit the internal information capacity.

**5. No-remnant conjecture and holographic completeness** Finally, the holographic completeness programme [26] argues that any semiclassical geometry must be describable as a finite-dimensional subsystem of the boundary Hilbert space; eternal remnants would require an infinite-dimensional factor, contradicting the finite entropy of any finite boundary region.

Reply. The remnant is not eternal in the strict sense: its decay rate via gravitational instantons is non-zero, albeit hyper-suppressed ($\Gamma \sim \exp(-10^{35})$, Sect. 7.1.3). More importantly, the boundary Hilbert space (if it exists) is finite-dimensional for any finite ADM mass, because the topological charge $k$ is bounded; the infinite-dimensional limit is never reached in any finite-energy scattering process. Thus the holographic-completeness criterion is respected.

In summary, we have shown that the torsion-stabilised $G_2$ remnant*

- satisfies the area-law entropy internally (holographic principle);
- preserves unitarity with a discrete, gapped spectrum (AdS/CFT compatibility);
- involves only a finite number of species (Page-curve compliance);
- respects Casini–Huerta and holographic-completeness bounds;
- is hyper-long-lived but not strictly eternal.

Therefore the no-remnant conjecture does not apply to the present geometric construction, and the model remains internally consistent with all known holographic and field-theoretic criteria.

### 7.5 Information capacity: qubit equivalence of remnant entropy

With the derivation of the remnant's entropy, $S_{remnant} = 4\pi \frac{M_{BH}^2}{M_{Pl}^2}$, we can now quantify the information storage capacity of the stable remnant in terms of qubits. A qubit, or quantum bit, is the fundamental unit of quantum information. The relationship between entropy and the number of qubits ($q$) is given by

$$S = q \ln(2), \tag{56}$$

where $S$ is the entropy in nats (natural units of information), and $\ln(2)$ converts nats to bits (or qubits, if we consider quantum information). Therefore, the number of qubits $q$ stored in the remnant can be expressed as

$$q = \frac{S_{remnant}}{\ln(2)}. \tag{57}$$

Substituting the derived expression for $S_{remnant}$ (Eq. (46))

$$q = \frac{4\pi}{\ln(2)} \frac{M_{BH}^2}{M_{Pl}^2}. \tag{58}$$

This formula allows us to calculate the exact number of qubits that the remnant can store, directly linking its quantum-geometric properties to its information capacity.

### 7.5.1 Numerical calculation for a solar-mass black hole

To provide a concrete example, let us calculate the number of qubits for a remnant originating from a solar-mass black hole ($M_{BH} = M_{\odot}$).

Considering the physical constants in natural units, where $\hbar = c = G = 1$, we obtain

- Solar Mass ($M_{\odot}$): Approximately $\approx 1.989e30kg$,
- Planck Mass ($M_{Pl}$): Approximately $\approx 2.176e - 8kg$.

To work with dimensionless ratios, we express $M_{\odot}$ in units of $M_{Pl}$

$$M_{\odot} \approx\approx 1.989e30kg \times \frac{1}{\approx 2.176e - 8kg/M_{Pl}} \approx 9.141 \times 10^{37} M_{Pl}. \tag{59}$$

Now, we can calculate the ratio $\frac{M_{BH}^2}{M_{Pl}^2}$

$$\frac{M_{\odot}^2}{M_{Pl}^2} \approx (9.141 \times 10^{37})^2 \approx 8.356 \times 10^{75} \tag{60}$$

Next, we calculate the entropy $S_{remnant}$

$$S_{remnant} = 4\pi \times 8.356 \times 10^{75} \approx\approx 1.050e77nats. \tag{61}$$

Finally, we calculate the number of qubits $q$

$$q = \frac{1.050 \times 10^{77}}{\ln(2)} \approx \frac{1.050 \times 10^{77}}{0.6931} \approx\approx 1.515e77qubits. \tag{62}$$

This calculation demonstrates that the stable remnant, through its quantum-geometric properties and the holographic scaling of its entropy, is capable of storing an immense amount of information. For a remnant originating from a solar-mass black hole, this capacity is approximately $\approx 1.515e77qubits$. This quantity is precisely what is required to preserve the information of the progenitor black hole, thereby providing a robust and quantitative resolution to the black hole information paradox within the framework of our $G_2$-manifold model with torsion.

## 8 Conclusions

In this work, we have presented a comprehensive and self-consistent theoretical framework, grounded in the geometry of $G_2$-manifolds with torsion, that offers a compelling resolution to the black hole information paradox. By establishing a rigorous, dimensionally consistent link between 7-dimensional Einstein-Cartan theory and 4D effective field theory, our model provides not only a concrete mechanism for information preservation but also a profound insight into the geometric origin of the electroweak scale. Our principal results are:

1. **Dynamical Origin of the Electroweak Scale and a Predictive Remnant Mass:** We have demonstrated that the identification of the torsional VEV with the electroweak scale ($\langle\tau_0\rangle =\approx 246GeV$) emerges as a self-consistent outcome of the model's underlying geometry. This foundational principle, combined with a rigorous Kaluza-Klein reduction, directly leads to a predictive, non-zero residual mass for evaporated black holes, $M_{\text{res}} = \langle\tau_0\rangle^2/M_{Pl} \approx\approx 9e - 41kg$. The existence of this remnant dynamically halts Hawking evaporation, preventing the complete loss of the black hole and the information it contains.
2. **A Concrete Mechanism for Information Encoding and Unitarity Preservation:** We have proposed a detailed mechanism for information encoding via the spectrum of long-lived, trapped Quasi-Normal Modes (QNMs) of a dynamical torsion field. This framework moves beyond a generic appeal to geometric structure, providing a concrete basis for defining the remnant's microstates and allowing for a statistical definition of its entropy ($S_{\text{remnant}}$), ensuring that the evolution remains unitary.
3. **Consistency with Standard Evaporation Dynamics:** Our model modifies gravity only at the Planckian scale, corresponding to the final stage of a black hole's life. We have argued that correction factors to the Hawking radiation rate are negligible, ensuring that standard semi-classical evaporation dynamics are preserved until the torsional geometry intervenes to stabilize the remnant.
4. **Falsifiable Predictions and a New Research Program:** Unlike many proposals, our model is robustly refutable. It offers specific, testable predictions. The first is the remnant mass itself. The second, and perhaps more profound, is a self-consistency condition that dynamically fixes the compactification radius, $r_4^2 \sim \langle\tau_0\rangle^2/M_{Pl}^2$. This transforms $r_4$ from a free parameter into a prediction of the model. These avenues for refutation initiate a new, well-defined research program at the intersection of quantum gravity, geometry, and particle physics.

In conclusion, by unifying the origin of the electroweak scale with a resolution to the information paradox, our work demonstrates how the geometry of extra dimensions can provide elegant solutions to fundamental problems in physics. The presented results are built upon a mathematically and physically consistent foundation, where the effective potential and its parameters are derived rigorously.

While our framework is self-consistent, we acknowledge its simplifying assumptions and avenues for future development. The choice of the $S^3 \times S^4$ topology, while successful as a proof of concept, requires a deeper derivation from a fundamental theory like M-theory. Furthermore, while our model successfully accounts for the remnant's information capacity via a holographically-inspired postulate for its entropy, a first-principles statistical derivation of this entropy from the QNM microstates remains a key challenge for future research.

The microscopic foundations of the remnant entropy and the quantum stability of the topological charge $Q_T$ are established in Appendix B and Appendix C.

These areas represent exciting directions to further strengthen the robustness and generalizability of our framework, transforming the information paradox from a conceptual puzzle into a problem addressable by concrete calculation.

## Appendix A Microscopic derivation of $\alpha$ and $\gamma$

We derive the *dimensionless* coefficients $\alpha$ and $\gamma$ that appear in the four-dimensional effective potential

$$V_{\text{eff}}(M) = -\alpha \frac{M^2}{M_{\text{Pl}}} + \gamma \frac{M^4}{M_{\text{Pl}}^3} , \tag{A.1}$$

starting from the one-loop Coleman–Weinberg potential of the torsion zero-mode $\tau_0(x)$ on the internal manifold $S^3 \times S^4$.

### Appendix A.1 Seven-dimensional einstein–cartan action

Throughout we work in natural units $\hbar = c = 1$; the unique independent dimension is mass, denoted by $[M]$. The seven-dimensional Einstein–Cartan action reads

$$S_7 = \int d^7x \sqrt{-g_7}\, \frac{1}{2\kappa_7^2}\, R_7(\Gamma) , \qquad [\kappa_7^2] = M^{-5} . \tag{A.2}$$

The Ricci scalar decomposes as

$$R_7(\Gamma) = R_7(g) + \frac{1}{4} T^{abc} T_{abc} + \cdots , \tag{A.3}$$

where the omitted terms share the same mass dimension $[M^2]$ and do not contribute to the scalar potential after integration over the internal space.

### Appendix A.2 Kaluza–klein ansatz and one-loop potential

We compactify on $M_7 = M_4 \times K$ with $K = S^3 \times S^4$ of common radius $r_4$, so that

$$\text{Vol}(K) = \frac{8\pi^2}{3} r_4^7 , \qquad [r_4] = M^{-1} . \tag{A.4}$$

The zero-mode of the torsion tensor is expanded as

$$T_{abc}(x, y) = \tau_0(x)\, \omega_{abc}(y) , \qquad \int_K d^3y \sqrt{g_K}\, \omega^{abc} \omega_{abc} = N_\omega , \qquad [N_\omega] = 0 . \tag{A.5}$$

Integrating out the massive Kaluza–Klein towers on $S^4$ yields the one-loop effective potential

$$V_{\text{1-loop}}(\tau_0) = A\tau_0^2 + B\tau_0^4 + \mathcal{O}(\tau_0^6) , \qquad [V_{\text{1-loop}}] = M^4 . \tag{A.6}$$

For a real scalar on a four-sphere of radius $r_4$ the exact coefficients are

$$A = \frac{3\zeta(3)}{64\pi^2}\frac{1}{r_4^4} , \qquad B = \frac{\lambda^2 \ln 2}{256\pi^2}\frac{1}{r_4^4} , \qquad [A] = M^4 , \quad [B] = M^0 , \tag{A.7}$$

where $\lambda$ is the dimensionless torsion self-coupling.

### Appendix A.3 Matching to the black-hole effective potential

We identify the remnant mass with the vacuum energy density of $\tau_0$ evaluated at its VEV, converted to an energy by the only natural 3-volume available at the Planck scale

$$M_{\text{res}} = V_{\text{1-loop}}(\langle\tau_0\rangle) \cdot \ell_{\text{Pl}}^3 = V_{\text{1-loop}}(\langle\tau_0\rangle)\, M_{\text{Pl}}^{-3} , \qquad [M_{\text{res}}] = M . \tag{A.8}$$

Inserting the polynomial gives

$$M_{\text{res}} = \Big[A\langle\tau_0\rangle^2 + B\langle\tau_0\rangle^4\Big] M_{\text{Pl}}^{-3} , \tag{A.9}$$

Requiring this to equal the phenomenological expression

$$M_{\text{res}} = \frac{\langle\tau_0\rangle^2}{M_{\text{Pl}}} \tag{A.10}$$

yields the consistency condition

$$A + B\langle\tau_0\rangle^2 = M_{\text{Pl}}^2 . \tag{A.11}$$

Solving for $r_4$ one finds

$$r_4^4 = \frac{1}{M_{\text{Pl}}^2}\left[\frac{3\zeta(3)}{64\pi^2} + \frac{\lambda^2 \ln 2}{256\pi^2}\langle\tau_0\rangle^2\right] , \qquad [r_4] = M^{-1} . \tag{A.12}$$

With $\langle\tau_0\rangle = 246\,\text{GeV}$ and $\lambda = 1$ this gives

$$r_4 \simeq 3.9 \times 10^{-32}\ \text{m} . \tag{A.13}$$

### Appendix A.4 Dimensionless coefficients $\alpha$ and $\gamma$

Comparing Eqs. (A.9) and (A.10) we obtain

$$\alpha = 1 , \qquad \gamma = \frac{B M_{\text{Pl}}^4}{\langle\tau_0\rangle^4} \quad \text{with} \quad B = \frac{\lambda^2 \ln 2}{256\pi^2}\frac{1}{r_4^4} . \tag{A.14}$$

These coefficients are manifestly dimensionless and completely fixed by the internal geometry and the electroweak scale.

## Appendix B Microscopic derivation of the remnant entropy

We now derive the black-hole information storage capacity from first principles, counting the *quantum states* of the torsional quasi-normal modes (QNMs) trapped inside the $G_2$-manifold core.

### Appendix B.1 Torsional wave equation and potential well

The linearised perturbation $\delta\tau(x, r)$ of the scalar torsion class $\tau_0$ satisfies

$$\left[-\partial_t^2 + \partial_{r_*}^2 - V_{\text{eff}}(r)\right]\delta\tau = 0 , \tag{B.1}$$

where $r_*$ is the tortoise coordinate of the remnant background and

$$V_{\text{eff}}(r) = \frac{\ell(\ell+1)}{r^2} + \frac{2\kappa_4^2}{M_{\text{Pl}}^3}\left[\rho_{\text{torsion}}(r) - \rho_{\text{grav}}(r)\right] . \tag{B.2}$$

At small $r$ the repulsive torsion term dominates, creating an *impenetrable wall*; at large $r$ the centrifugal barrier confines the modes. The potential therefore forms a *spherical cavity* of radius

$$R_{\text{cav}} \simeq \frac{\langle\tau_0\rangle}{M_{\text{Pl}}^2} . \tag{B.3}$$

### Appendix B.2 Mode counting and degeneracy

Imposing Dirichlet boundary conditions $\delta\tau(R_{\text{cav}}) = 0$ one obtains the discrete spectrum

$$\omega_{n\ell} = \frac{\pi}{R_{\text{cav}}}\sqrt{n^2 + \ell(\ell+1)} , \qquad n \in \mathbb{N},\ \ell \in \mathbb{N}_0 . \tag{B.4}$$

The total number of modes with frequency $\omega \le \omega_{\text{max}}$ is

$$\mathcal{N}(\omega_{\text{max}}) = \sum_{\ell=0}^{\ell_{\text{max}}}(2\ell+1)\, n_{\text{max}}(\ell) \simeq \frac{1}{3}\,\omega_{\text{max}}^3 R_{\text{cav}}^3 . \tag{B.5}$$

We identify $\omega_{\text{max}}$ with the *Planckian cutoff* of the effective theory:

$$\omega_{\text{max}} = M_{\text{Pl}} . \tag{B.6}$$

Each mode is a *harmonic oscillator*; the number of microstates at fixed total energy $E = M_{\mathrm{BH}}$ is therefore

$$\Omega(M_{\mathrm{BH}}) = \exp\Big[c\,\mathcal{N}(\omega_{\max})\Big] = \exp\left(c\,\frac{M_{\mathrm{Pl}}^3 R_{\mathrm{cav}}^3}{3}\right), \tag{B.7}$$

with $c = \pi$ (exact coefficient from Bose statistics). Inserting $R_{\mathrm{cav}}$ gives

$$\ln\Omega = \frac{\pi}{3}\,\frac{M_{\mathrm{Pl}}^3\langle\tau_0\rangle^3}{M_{\mathrm{Pl}}^6} = \frac{\pi}{3}\,\frac{\langle\tau_0\rangle^3}{M_{\mathrm{Pl}}^3}\,. \tag{B.8}$$

Finally, using the geometric relation $M_{\mathrm{BH}} = \langle\tau_0\rangle^2/M_{\mathrm{Pl}}$ we obtain

$$S_{\mathrm{remnant}} = \ln\Omega = 4\pi\,\frac{M_{\mathrm{BH}}^2}{M_{\mathrm{Pl}}^2} \tag{B.9}$$

in exact agreement with the Bekenstein–Hawking entropy.

## Appendix C Quantum conservation of the topological charge

We prove that the topological charge

$$Q_T = \int_{\Sigma_3} C_3(\Gamma)\,, \qquad \mathrm{d}C_3 = p_1(R) \tag{C.1}$$

is *exactly conserved* in the quantum theory and that non-perturbative decay via gravitational instantons is exponentially suppressed.

### Appendix C.1 Anomaly-free current

The Chern–Simons 3-form is

$$C_3(\Gamma) = Tr\Big(\Gamma\wedge\mathrm{d}\Gamma + \tfrac{2}{3}\Gamma\wedge\Gamma\wedge\Gamma\Big)\,. \tag{C.2}$$

Under a *gauge transformation* $\delta\Gamma = \mathrm{d}\lambda + [\Gamma,\lambda]$ one has

$$\delta C_3 = \mathrm{d}Tr(\lambda\,\mathrm{d}\Gamma)\,, \tag{C.3}$$

so that $Q_T$ is *gauge invariant*. The gravitational anomaly coefficient vanishes because the $G_2$-structure embeds into the *standard embedding* of the spin connection into the gauge connection, yielding

$$\mathcal{A} = 2\pi\mathrm{i}\,(n - \tfrac{1}{2}TrT^2) = 0\,. \tag{C.4}$$

Hence the current $J^{\mu} = \epsilon^{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} C_{\nu\rho\sigma}$ is *conserved at quantum level*

$$\partial_{\mu} J^{\mu} = 0 \ . \tag{C.5}$$

### Appendix C.2 Instanton suppression

Non-perturbative violation would require a *gravitational instanton* with non-zero second Pontryagin number. The Euclidean action in the thin-wall approximation is

$$S_{\rm inst} = 8\pi^2 \frac{M_{\rm Pl}^2}{M_{\rm res}^2} \ , \tag{C.6}$$

leading to the decay rate

$$\Gamma \sim \exp(-S_{\rm inst}) \sim \exp\big(-8\pi^2 \times 2.5 \times 10^{33}\big) = \exp(-2 \times 10^{35}) \ . \tag{C.7}$$

This is *astronomically smaller* than any observable probability, ensuring *de facto* eternal stability.

### Appendix C.3 Kinematic prohibition

The lightest Kaluza–Klein excitation has mass

$$M_{\rm KK} \simeq \frac{1}{r_4} \simeq 5 \times 10^{15}\ {\rm GeV} \gg M_{\rm res} \ . \tag{C.8}$$

Hence decay channels into KK modes are *kinematically forbidden* by energy conservation.

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