

TGD view about McKay Correspondence, ADE Hierarchy, Inclusions of Hyperfinite Factors, $M^8 - H$ Duality, SUSY, and Twistors

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Abstract

In this article 4 topics are discussed. McKay correspondence, SUSY, and twistors are discussed from TGD point of view, and new aspects of $M^8 - H$ duality are considered.

1. McKay correspondence in TGD framework

There are two mysterious looking correspondences involving ADE groups. McKay correspondence between McKay graphs characterizing tensor products for finite subgroups of $SU(2)$ and Dynkin diagrams of affine ADE groups is the first one. The correspondence between principal diagrams characterizing inclusions of hyper-finite factors of type II₁ (HFFs) with Dynkin diagrams for a subset of ADE groups and Dynkin diagrams for affine ADE groups is the second one.

These correspondences are discussed from number theoretic point of view suggested by TGD and based on the interpretation of discrete subgroups of $SU(2)$ as subgroups of the covering group of quaternionic automorphisms $SO(3)$ (analog of Galois group) and generalization of these groups to semi-direct products $Gal(K) \triangleleft SU(2)_K$ of Galois group for extension K of rationals with the discrete subgroup $SU(2)_K$ of $SU(2)$ with representation matrix elements in K . The identification of the inclusion hierarchy of HFFs with the hierarchy of extensions of rationals and their Galois groups is proposed.

A further mystery whether $Gal(K) \triangleleft SU(2)_K$ could give rise to quantum groups or affine algebras. In TGD framework the infinite-D group of isometries of “world of classical worlds” (WCW) is identified as an infinite-D symplectic group for which the discrete subgroups characterized by K have infinite-D representations so that hyper-finite factors are natural for their representations. Symplectic algebra SSA allows hierarchy of isomorphic sub-algebras SSA_n . The gauge conditions for SSA_n and $[SSA_n, SSA]$ would define measurement resolution giving rise to hierarchies of inclusions and ADE type Kac-Moody type algebras or quantum algebras representing symmetries modulo measurement resolution.

A concrete realization of ADE type Kac-Moody algebras is proposed. It relies on the group algebra of $Gal(K) \triangleleft SU(2)_K$ and free field representation of ADE type Kac-Moody algebra identifying the free scalar fields in Kac-Moody Cartan algebra as group algebra elements defined by the traces of representation matrices (characters).

2. New aspects of $M^8 - H$ duality

$M^8 - H$ duality is now a central part of TGD and leads to new findings. $M^8 - H$ duality can be formulated both at the level of space-time surfaces and light-like 8-momenta. Since the choice of M^4 in the decomposition of momentum space $M^8 = M^4 \times E^4$ is rather free, it is always possible to find a choice for which light-like 8-momentum reduces to light-like 4-momentum in M^4 - the notion of 4-D mass is relative. This leads to what might be called $SO(4) - SU(3)$ duality corresponding to the hadronic and partonic views about hadron physics. Particles, which are eigenstates of mass squared are massless in $M^4 \times CP_2$ picture and massive in M^8 picture. The massivation in this picture is a universal mechanism having nothing to do with dynamics and results in zero energy ontology automatically if the zero energy states are superpositions of states with different masses. p-Adic thermodynamics describes this massivation. Also a proposal for the realization of ADE hierarchy emerges.

4-D space-time surfaces correspond to roots of octonionic polynomials $P(o)$ with real coefficients corresponding to the vanishing of the real or imaginary part of $P(o)$. These polynomials however allow universal roots, which are not 4-D but analogs of 6-D branes and having topology of S^6 . Their M^4 projections are time =constant snapshots $t = r_n, r_M \leq r_n$ 3-balls of M^4 light-cone (r_n is root of $P(x)$). At each point the ball there is a sphere S^3 shrinking to a point about boundaries of the 3-ball. These special values of M^4 time lead to a deeper understanding of ZEO based quantum measurement theory and consciousness theory.

3. *Is the identification of twistor space of M^4 really correct?*

The critical questions concerning the identification of twistor space of M^4 as $M^4 \times S^2$ led to consider a more conservative identification as CP_3 with hyperbolic signature (3,-3) and replacement of H with $H = cd_{conf} \times CP_2$, where cd_{conf} is CP_2 with hyperbolic signature (1,-3). This approach reproduces the nice results of the earlier picture but means that the hierarchy of CDs in M^8 is mapped to a hierarchy of spaces cd_{conf} with sizes of CDs. This conforms with Poincare symmetry from which everything started since Poincare group acts in the moduli space of octonionic structures of M^8 . Note that also the original form of $M^8 - H$ duality continues to make sense and results from the modification by projection from $CP_{3,h}$ to M^4 rather than $CP_{2,h}$.

The outcome of octo-twistor approach applied at level of M^8 together with modified $M^8 - H$ duality leads to a nice picture view about twistorial description of massive states based on quaternionic generalization of twistor (super-)Grassmannian approach. A radically new view is that descriptions in terms of massive and massless states are alternative options, and correspond to two different alternative twistorial descriptions and leads to the interpretation of p-adic thermodynamics as completely universal massivation mechanism having nothing to do with dynamics. As a side product emerges a deeper understanding of ZEO based quantum measurement theory and consciousness theory relying on the universal roots of octonionic polynomials of M^8 , which are not 4-D but analogs of 6-D branes. This part of article is not a mere side track since by $M^8 - H$ duality the finite sub-groups of $SU(2)$ of McKay correspondence appear quite concretely in the description of the measurement resolution of 8-momentum.

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I have considered the interpretation of McKay correspondence in TGD framework already earlier [K14, K3] but the decision to look it again led to a discovery of a bundle of new ideas allowing to answer several key questions of TGD.

1. Asking questions about $M^8 - H$ duality at the level of 8-D momentum space [L4] led to a realization that the notion of mass is relative as already the existence of alternative QFT descriptions in terms of massless and massive fields suggests (electric-magnetic duality). Depending on choice $M^4 \subset M^8$, one can describe particles as massless states in $M^4 \times CP_2$ picture (the choice is M_L^4 depending on state) and as massive states (the choice is fixed M_T^4) in M^8 picture. p-Adic thermal massivation of massless states in M_L^4 picture can be seen as a universal dynamics independent mechanism implied by ZEO. Also a revised view about zero energy ontology (ZEO) based quantum measurement theory as theory of consciousness suggests itself.
2. Hyperfinite factors of type II_1 (HFFs) [K14, K3] and number theoretic discretization in terms of what I call cognitive representations [L8] provide two alternative approaches to the notion of finite measurement resolution in TGD framework. One obtains rather concrete view about how these descriptions relate to each other at the level of 8-D space of light-like momenta. Also ADE hierarchy can be understood concretely.
3. The description of 8-D twistors at momentum space-level is also a challenge of TGD. 8-D twistorializations in terms of octo-twistors (M_T^4 description) and $M^4 \times CP_2$ twistors (M_L^4 description) emerge at imbedding space level. Quantum twistors could serve as a twistor description at the level of space-time surfaces.

1.1 McKay correspondence in TGD framework

Consider first McKay correspondence in more detail.

1. McKay correspondence states that the McKay graphs characterizing the tensor product decomposition rules for representations of discrete and finite sub-groups of $SU(2)$ are Dynkin diagrams for the affine ADE groups obtained by adding one node to the Dynkin diagram of ADE group. Could this correspondence make sense for any finite group G rather than only discrete subgroups of $SU(2)$? In TGD Galois group of extensions K of rationals can be any finite group G . Could Galois group take the role of G ?
2. Why the subgroups of $SU(2)$ should be in so special role? In TGD framework quaternions and octonions play a fundamental role at M^8 side of $M^8 - H$ duality [L4]. Complexified M^8 represents complexified octonions and space-time surfaces X^4 have quaternionic tangent or normal spaces. $SO(3)$ is the automorphism group of quaternions and for number theoretical discretizations induced by extension K of rationals it reduces to its discrete subgroup

$SO(3)_K$ having $SU(2)_K$ as a covering. In certain special cases corresponding to McKay correspondence this group is finite discrete group acting as symmetries of Platonic solids. Could this make the Platonic groups so special? Could the semi-direct products $Gal(K) \triangleleft SU(2)_K$ take the role of discrete subgroups of $SU(2)$?

1.2 HFFs and TGD

The notion of measurement resolution is definable in terms of inclusions of HFFs and using number theoretic discretization of X^4 . These definitions should be closely related.

1. The inclusions $\mathcal{N} \subset \mathcal{M}$ of HFFs with index $\mathcal{M} : \mathcal{N} < 4$ are characterized by Dynkin diagrams for a subset of ADE groups. The TGD inspired conjecture is that the inclusion hierarchies of extensions of rationals and of corresponding Galois groups could correspond to the hierarchies for the inclusions of HFFs. The natural realization would be in terms of HFFs with coefficient field of Hilbert space in extension K of rationals involved.

Could the physical triviality of the action of unitary operators \mathcal{N} define measurement resolution? If so, quantum groups assignable to the inclusion would act in quantum spaces associated with the coset spaces \mathcal{M}/\mathcal{N} of operators with quantum dimension $d = \mathcal{M} : \mathcal{N}$. The degrees of freedom below measurement resolution would correspond to gauge symmetries assignable to \mathcal{N} .

2. Adelic approach [L5] provides an alternative approach to the notion of finite measurement resolution. The cognitive representation identified as a discretization of X^4 defined by the set of points with points having H (or at least M^8 coordinates) in K would be common to all number fields (reals and extensions of various p-adic number fields induced by K). This approach should be equivalent with that based on inclusions. Therefore the Galois groups of extensions should play a key role in the understanding of the inclusions.

How HFFs could emerge from TGD?

1. The huge symmetries of “world of classical worlds” (WCW) could explain why the ADE diagrams appearing as McKay graphs and principal diagrams of inclusions correspond to affine ADE algebras or quantum groups. WCW consists of space-time surfaces X^4 , which are preferred extremals of the action principle of the theory defining classical TGD connecting the 3-surfaces at the opposite light-like boundaries of causal diamond $CD = cd \times CP_2$, where cd is the intersection of future and past directed light-cones of M^4 and contain part of $\delta M_{\pm}^4 \times CP_2$. The symplectic transformations of $\delta M_{\pm}^4 \times CP_2$ are assumed to act as isometries of WCW. A natural guess is that physical states correspond to the representations of the super-symplectic algebra SSA .
2. The sub-algebras SSA_n of SSA isomorphic to SSA form a fractal hierarchy with conformal weights in sub-algebra being n -multiples of those in SSA . SSA_n and the commutator $[SSA_n, SSA]$ would act as gauge transformations. Therefore the classical Noether charges for these sub-algebras would vanish. Also the action of these two sub-algebras would annihilate the quantum states. Could the inclusion hierarchies labelled by integers $\dots < n_1 < n_2 < n_3 \dots$ with n_{i+1} divisible by n_i would correspond hierarchies of HFFs and to the hierarchies of extensions of rationals and corresponding Galois groups? Could n correspond to the dimension of Galois group of K .
3. Finite measurement resolution defined in terms of cognitive representations suggests a reduction of the symplectic group SG to a discrete subgroup SG_K , whose linear action is characterized by matrix elements in the extension K of rationals defining the extension. The representations of discrete subgroup are infinite-D and the infinite value of the trace of unit operator is problematic concerning the definition of characters in terms of traces. One can however replace normal trace with quantum trace equal to one for unit operator. This implies HFFs and the hierarchies of inclusions of HFFs [K14, K3]. Could inclusion hierarchies for extensions of rationals correspond to inclusion hierarchies of HFFs and of isomorphic sub-algebras of SSA ?

Quantum spinors are central for HFFs. A possible alternative interpretation of quantum spinors is in terms of quantum measurement theory with finite measurement resolution in which precise eigenstates as measurement outcomes are replaced with universal probability distributions defined by quantum group. This has also application in TGD inspired theory of consciousness [K3]: the idea is that the truth value of Boolean statement is fuzzy. At the level of quantum measurement theory this would mean that the outcome of quantum measurement is not anymore precise eigenstate but that one obtains only probabilities for the appearance of different eigenstate. One might say that probability of eigenstates becomes a fundamental observable and measures the strength of belief.

1.3 New aspects of $M^8 - H$ duality

$M^8 - H$ duality ($H = M^4 \times CP_2$) [L4] has become one of central elements of TGD. $M^8 - H$ duality implies two descriptions for the states.

1. $M^8 - H$ duality assumes that space-time surfaces in M^8 have associative tangent- or normal space M^4 and that these spaces share a common sub-space $M^2 \subset M^4$, which corresponds to complex subspace of octonions (also integrable distribution of $M^2(x)$ can be considered). This makes possible the mapping of space-time surfaces $X^4 \subset M^8$ to $X^4 \subset H = M^4 \times CP_2$ giving rise to $M^8 - H$ duality.

2. $M^8 - H$ duality makes sense also at the level of 8-D momentum space in one-one correspondence with light-like octonions. In $M^8 = M^4 \times E^4$ picture light-like 8-momenta are projected to a fixed quaternionic $M_T^4 \subset M^8$. The projections to $M_T^4 \supset M^2$ momenta are in general massive. The group of symmetries is for E^4 parts of momenta is $Spin(SO(4)) = SU(2)_L \times SU(2)_R$ and identified as the symmetries of low energy hadron physics.

$M^4 \supset M^2$ can be also chosen so that the light-like 8-momentum is parallel to $M_L^4 \subset M^8$. Now CP_2 codes for the E^4 parts of 8-momenta and the choice of M_L^4 and color group $SU(3)$ as a subgroup of automorphism group of octonions acts as symmetries. This correspond to the usual description of quarks and other elementary particles. This leads to an improved understanding of $SO(4) - SU(3)$ duality. A weaker form of this duality $S^3 - CP_2$ duality: the 3-spheres S^3 with various radii parameterizing the E^4 parts of 8-momenta with various lengths correspond to discrete set of 3-spheres S^3 of CP_2 having discrete subgroup of $U(2)$ isometries.

3. The key challenge is to understand why the MacKay graphs in McKay correspondence and principal diagrams for the inclusions of HFFs correspond to ADE Lie groups or their affine variants. It turns out that a possible concrete interpretation for the hierarchy of finite subgroups of $SU(2)$ appears as discretizations of 3-sphere S^3 appearing naturally at M^8 side of $M^8 - H$ duality. Second interpretation is as covering of quaternionic Galois group. Also the coordinate patches of CP_2 can be regarded as piles of 3-spheres and finite measurement resolution. The discrete groups of $SU(2)$ define in a natural manner a hierarchy of measurement resolutions realized as the set of light-like M^8 momenta. Also a concrete interpretation for Jones inclusions as inclusions for these discretizations emerges.
4. A radically new view is that descriptions in terms of massive and massless states are alternative options leads to the interpretation of p-adic thermodynamics as a completely universal massivation mechanism having nothing to do with dynamics. The problem is the paradoxical looking fact that particles are massive in H picture although they should be massless by definition. The massivation is unavoidable if zero energy states are superposition of massive states with varying masses. The M_L^4 in this case most naturally corresponds to that associated with the dominating part of the state so that higher mass contributions can be described by using p-adic thermodynamics and mass squared can be regarded as thermal mass squared calculable by p-adic thermodynamics.
5. As a side product emerges a deeper understanding of ZEO based quantum measurement theory and consciousness theory. 4-D space-time surfaces correspond to roots of octonionic polynomials $P(o)$ with real coefficients corresponding to the vanishing of the real or imaginary part of $P(o)$.

These polynomials however allow universal roots, which are not 4-D but analogs of 6-D branes and having topology of S^6 . Their M^4 projections are time =constant snapshots $t = r_n, r_M \leq r_n$ 3-balls of M^4 light-cone (r_n is root of $P(x)$). At each point the ball there is a sphere S^3 shrinking to a point about boundaries of the 3-ball.

What suggests itself is following “braney” picture. 4-D space-time surfaces intersect the 6-spheres at 2-D surfaces identifiable as partonic 2-surfaces serving as generalized vertices at which 4-D space-time surfaces representing particle orbits meet along their ends. Partonic 2-surfaces would define the space-time regions at which one can pose analogs of boundary values fixing the space-time surface by preferred extremal property. This would realize strong form of holography (SH): 3-D holography is implied already by ZEO.

This picture forces to consider a modification of the recent view about ZEO based theory of consciousness. Should one replace causal diamond (CD) with light-cone, which can be however either future or past directed. “Big” state function reductions (BSR) meaning the death and re-incarnation of self with opposite arrow of time could be still present. An attractive interpretation for the moments $t = r_n$ would be as moments assignable to “small” state function reductions (SSR) identifiable as “weak” measurements giving rise to sensory input of conscious entity in ZEO based theory of consciousness. One might say that conscious entity becomes gradually conscious about its roots in increasing order. The famous question “What it feels to be a bat” would reduce to “What it feels to be a polynomial?”! One must be however very cautious here.

1.4 What twistors are in TGD framework?

The basic problem of the ordinary twistor approach is that the states must be massless in 4-D sense. In TGD framework particles would be massless in 8-D sense. The meaning of 8-D twistorialization at space-time level is relatively well understood but at the level of momentum space the situation is not at all so clear.

1. In TGD particles are massless in 8-D sense. For M_L^4 description particles are massless in 4-D sense and the description at momentum space level would be in terms of products of ordinary M^4 twistors and CP_2 twistors. For M_T^4 description particles are massive in 4-D sense. How to generalize the twistor description to 8-D case?

The incidence relation for twistors and the need to have index raising and lowering operation in 8-D situation suggest the replacement of the ordinary 1 twistors with either with octo-twistors or non-commutative quantum twistors.

2. I have assumed that what I call geometric twistor space of M^4 is simply $M^4 \times S^2$. It however turned out that one can consider standard twistor space CP_3 with metric signature (3,-3) as an alternative. This option reproduces the nice results of the earlier approach but the philosophy is different: there is no fundamental length scale but the hierarchy of causal diamonds (CDs) predicted by zero energy ontology (ZEO) gives rise to the breaking of the exact scaling invariance of M^8 picture. This forces to modify $M^8 - H$ correspondence so that it involves map from M^4 to CP_3 followed by a projection to hyperbolic variant $CP_{2,h}$ of CP_2 . Note that also the original form of $M^8 - H$ duality continues to make sense and results from the modification by projection from $CP_{3,h}$ to M^4 rather than $CP_{2,h}$.

M^4 in H would not be replaced with conformally compactified M^4 (M_{conf}^4) but conformally compactified cd (cd_{conf}) for which a natural identification is as CP_2 with second complex coordinate replaced with hypercomplex coordinate. The sizes of twistor spaces of cd_{conf} using CP_2 size as unit would reflect the hierarchy of size scales for CDs. The consideration on the twistor space of M^8 in similar picture leads to the identification of corresponding twistor space as HP_3 - quaternionic variant of CP_3 : the counterpart of CD_8 would be HP_2 .

3. Octotwistors can be expressed as pairs of quaternionic twistors. Octotwistor approach suggests a generalization of twistor Grassmannian approach obtained by replacing the bi-spinors with complexified quaternions and complex Grassmannians with their quaternionic counterparts. Although TGD is not a quantum field theory, this proposal makes sense for cognitive

representations identified as discrete sets of spacetime points with coordinates in the extension of rationals defining the adèle [L5] implying effective reduction of particles to point-like particles.

4. The outcome of octo-twistor approach together with $M^8 - H$ duality leads to a nice picture view about twistorial description of massive states based on quaternionic generalization of twistor Grassmannian approach. A radically new view is that descriptions in terms of massive and massless states are alternative options, and correspond to two different alternative twistorial descriptions and leads to the interpretation of p-adic thermodynamics as completely universal massivation mechanism having nothing to do with dynamics. As a side product emerges a deeper understanding of ZEO based quantum measurement theory and consciousness theory relying on the universal roots of octonionic polynomials of M^8 , which are not 4-D but analogs of 6-D branes. By $M^8 - H$ duality the finite sub-groups of $SU(2)$ of McKay correspondence appear quite concretely in the description of the measurement resolution of 8-momentum.

What about super-twistors in TGD framework?

1. The parallel progress in the understanding SUSY in TGD framework [L16] in turn led to the identification of the super-counterparts of M^8 , H and of twistor spaces modifying dramatically the physical interpretation of SUSY. Super-spinors in twistor space would provide the description of quantum states. Super-Grassmannians would be involved with the construction of scattering amplitudes. Quaternionic super Grassmannians would be involved with M^8 description.
2. The great surprise from physics point of view is that in fermionic sector only quarks are allowed by $SO(1,7)$ triality and that anti-leptons are local 3-quark composites identifiable as spartners of quarks. Gauge bosons, Higgs and graviton would be also spartners and assignable to super-coordinates of imbedding space expressible as super-polynomials of quark oscillator operators. Super-symmetrization means also quantization of fermions allowing local many-quark states.
3. SUSY breaking would be caused by the same universal mechanism as ordinary massivation of massless states. The mass formulas would be supersymmetric but the choice of p-adic prime identifiable as ramified prime of extension of rationals would depend on the state of super-multiplet. ZEO would make possible symmetry breaking without symmetry breaking as Wheeler might put it.

What about the interpretation of quantum twistors? They could make sense as 4-D space-time description analogous to description at space-time level. Now one can consider generalization of the twistor Grassmannian approach in terms of quantum Grassmannians.

2 McKay correspondence

Consider first McKay correspondence from TGD point of view.

2.1 McKay graphs

McKay graphs are defined in the following manner. Consider group G which is discrete but not necessarily finite. If the group is finite there is a finite number of irreducible representations χ_I . Select preferred representation V - usually V is taken to be the fundamental representation of G and form tensor products $\chi_I \otimes V$. Suppose irrep χ_J appears n_{ij} times in the tensor product $\chi_I \otimes \chi_0$. Assign to each representation χ_I dot and connect the dots of χ_I and χ_J by n_{ij} arrows. This gives rise to McKay graph.

Consider now the situation for finite-D groups of $SU(2)$. 2-D $SU(2)$ spinor representation as a fundamental representation is essential for obtaining the identification of McKay graphs as Dynkin diagrams of simply laced affine algebras having only single line connecting the roots (the angle between positive roots is 120 degrees) (see <http://tinyurl.com/z48d92t>).

1. For $SU(2)$ representations one has the basic rule $j_1 - 1/2 \leq j \leq j_1 + 1/2$ for the tensor product $j_1 \otimes 1/2$. This rule must be broken for finite subgroups of $SU(2)$ since the number of representations is finite so that branching point appears in McKay graph. In branching point the decomposition of $j_1 \otimes 1/2$ decomposes to 3 lower-dimensional representations of the finite subgroup takes place.
2. Simply lacedness means that given representation appears only once in $chi_I \otimes V$, when V is 2-D representation as it can be for a subgroup of $SU(2)$. Additional exceptional properties is the absence of loops ($n_{ii} = 0$) and connectedness of McKay graph.
3. One can consider binary icosahedral group (double covering of icosahedral group A_5 with order 60) as an example (for the McKay graph see <http://tinyurl.com/y2h55jwp>). The representations of A_5 are $1_A, 3_A, 3'_B, 4_A, 5_A$, where integer tells the dimension. Note that $SO(3)$ does not allow 4-D representation. For binary icosahedral group one obtains also the representations $2_A, 2'_B, 4_B, 6_A$. The McKay graph of E_8 contains one branching point in which one has the tensor product of 6-D and 2-D representations 6_A and 2_A giving rise to $5_A \oplus 3_C \oplus 4_B$.

McKay graphs can be defined for any finite group and they are not even unions of simply laced diagrams unless one has subgroups of $SU(2)$. Still one can wonder whether McKay correspondence generalizes from subgroups of $SU(2)$ to all finite groups. At first glance this does not seem possible but there might be some clever manner to bring in all finite groups.

The proposal has been that this McKay correspondence has a deeper meaning. Could simply laced affine ADE algebras, ADE type quantum algebras, and/or corresponding finite groups act as symmetry algebras in TGD framework?

2.2 Number theoretic view about McKay correspondence

Could the physical picture provided by TGD help to answer the above posed questions?

1. Could one identify discrete subgroups of $SU(2)$ with those of the covering group $SU(2)$ of $SO(3)$ of quaternionic automorphisms defining the continuous analog of Galois group and reducing to a discrete subgroup for a finite resolution characterized by extension K of rationals. The tensor products of 2-D spinor representation of these discrete subgroups $SU(2)_K$ would give rise to irreps appearing in the McKay graph.
2. In adelic physics [L5] extensions K of rationals define an evolutionary hierarchy with effective Planck constant $h_{eff}/h_0 = n$ identified as the dimension of K . The action of discrete and finite subgroups of various symmetry groups can be represented as Galois group action making sense at the level of X^4 [L4] for what I have called cognitive representations. By $M^8 - H$ duality also the Galois group of quaternions and its discrete subgroups appear naturally.

This suggests a possible generalization of McKay correspondence so that it would apply to all finite groups G . Any finite group G can appear as Galois group. The Galois group $Gal(K)$ characterizing the extension of rationals induces in turn extensions of p-adic number fields appearing in the adèle. Could the representation of G as Galois group of extension of rationals allow to generalize McKay correspondence?

Could the following argument inspired by these observations make sense?

1. $SU(2)$ is identified as spin covering of the quaternionic automorphism group. One can define the subgroups in matrix representation of $SU(2)$ based on complex numbers. One can replace complex numbers with the extension of rationals and speak of group $SU(2)_K$ identified as a discrete subgroup of $SU(2)$ having in general infinite order.

The discrete finite subgroups $G \subset SU(2)$ appearing in the standard McKay correspondence correspond to extensions K of rationals for which one has $G = SU(2)_K$. These special extensions can be identified by studying the matrix elements of the representation of G and include the discrete groups Z_n acting as rotation symmetries of the Platonic solids. For instance, for icosahedral group Z_2, Z_3 and Z_5 are involved and correspond to roots of unity.

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2. The semi-direct product $Gal \triangleleft SU(2)_K$ with group action

$$(gal_1, g_1)(gal_2, g_2) = (gal_1 \circ gal_2, g_1(gal_1 g_2))$$

makes sense. The action of $Gal \triangleleft SU(2)_K$ in the representation is therefore well-defined. Since all finite groups G can appear as Galois groups, it seems that one obtains extension of the McKay correspondence to semi-direct products involving all finite groups G representable as Galois groups.

3. A good guess is that the number of representations of $SU(2)_K$ involved is infinite if $SU(2)_K$ has infinite order. For \tilde{A}_n and \tilde{D}_n the branching occurs only at the ends of the McKay graph. For E_k , $k = 6, 7, 8$ the branching occurs in middle of the graph (see <http://tinyurl.com/y2h55jwp>). What happens for arbitrary G . Does the branching occur at all? One could argue that if the discrete subgroup has infinite order, the representation can be completed to a representation of $SU(2)$ in terms of real numbers so that the McKay graphs must be identical.
4. A concrete realization of ADE type Kac-Moody algebras is proposed. It relies on the group algebra of $Gal(K) \triangleleft SU(2)_K$ and free field representation of ADE type Kac-Moody algebra identifying the free scalar fields in Kac-Moody Cartan algebra as group algebra elements defined by the traces of representation matrices (characters).
5. A possible interpretation of quantum spinors is in terms of quantum measurement theory with finite measurement resolution in which precise eigenstates as measurement outcomes are replaced with universal probability distributions defined by quantum group [K3]. TGD inspired theory of consciousness is a possible application.

Also the notion of quantum twistor [L19] can be considered. In TGD particles are massless in 8-D sense and in general massive in 4-D sense but 4-D twistors are needed also now so that a modification of twistor approach is needed. The incidence relation for twistors suggests the replacement of the usual twistors with non-commutative quantum twistors.

3 ADE diagrams and principal graphs of inclusions of hyperfinite factors of type II₁

Dynkin diagrams for ADE groups and corresponding affine groups characterize also the inclusions of hyperfinite factors of type II₁ (HFFs) [K3].

3.1 Principal graphs and Dynkin diagrams for ADE groups

1. If the index $\beta = \mathcal{M} : \mathcal{N}$ of the Jones inclusion satisfies $\beta < 4$, the affine Dynkin diagrams of $SU(n)$ (discrete symmetry groups of n-polygons) and E_7 (symmetry group of octahedron and cube) and $D(2n + 1)$ (symmetries of double 2n+1-polygons) are not allowed.
2. Vaughan Jones [A4] (see <http://tinyurl.com/y8jzvogn>) has speculated that these finite subgroups could correspond to quantum groups as kind of degenerations of Kac-Moody groups. Modulo arithmetics defined by the integer n defining the quantum phase suggests itself strongly. For $\beta = 4$ one can construct inclusions characterized by extended Dynkin diagram and any finite sub-group of $SU(2)$. In this case affine ADE hierarchy appear as principal graphs characterizing the inclusions. For $\beta < 4$ the finite measurement resolution could reduce affine algebra to quantum algebra.
3. The rule is that for odd values of n defining the quantum phase the Dynkin diagram does not appear. If Dynkin diagrams correspond to quantum groups, one can ask whether they allow only quantum group representations with quantum phase $q = \exp(i\pi/n)$ equal to even root of unity.

3.2 Number theoretic view about inclusions of HFFs and preferred role of $SU(2)$

Consider next the TGD inspired interpretation.

1. TGD suggests the interpretation in terms of representations of $Gal(K(G)) \triangleleft G$ for finite subgroups G of $SU(2)$, where $K(G)$ would be an extension associated with G . This would generalize to subgroups of $SU(2)$ with infinite order in the case of arbitrary Galois group. Quantum groups have finite number of representations in 1-1-correspondence with terms of finite-D representations of G . Could the representations of $Gal(K(G)) \triangleleft G$ correspond to the representations of quantum group defined by G ?

This would conform with the vision that there are two manners to realize finite measurement resolution. The first one would be in terms of inclusions of hyper-finite factors. Second would be in terms cognitive representations defining a number theoretic discretization of X^4 with imbedding space coordinates in the extension of rationals in which Galois group acts.

In fact, also the discrete subgroup of infinite-D group of symplectic transformations of $\Delta M_+^4 \times CP_2$ would act in the cognitive representations and this suggests a far reaching implications concerning the understanding of the cognitive representations, which pose a formidable looking challenge of finding the set of points of X^4 in given extension of rationals [L15].

2. This brings in mind also the model for bio-harmony in which genetic code is defined in terms of Hamiltonian cycles associated with icosahedral and tetrahedral geometries [L1, L10]. One can wonder why the Hamiltonian cycles for cubic/octahedral geometry do not appear. On the other hand, according to Vaughan the Dynkin diagram for E_7 is missing from the hierarchy of so principal graphs characterizing the inclusions of HFFs for $\beta < 4$ (a fact that I failed to understand). Could the genetic code directly reflect the properties of the inclusion hierarchy?

How would the hierarchies of inclusions of HFFs and extensions of rationals relate to each other?

1. I have proposed that the inclusion hierarchies of extensions K of rationals accompanied by similar hierarchies of Galois groups $Gal(K)$ could correspond to a fractal hierarchy of sub-algebras of hyperfinite factor of type II_1 . Quantum group representations in ADE hierarchy would somehow correspond to these inclusions. The analogs of coset spaces for two algebras in the hierarchy define would quantum group representations with quantum dimension characterizing the inclusion.
2. The quantum group in question would correspond to a quantum analog of finite-D group of $SU(2)$ which would be in completely unique role mathematically and physically. The infinite-D group in question could be the symplectic group of $\delta M_+^4 \times CP_2$ assumed to act as isometries of WCW. In the hierarchy of Galois groups the quantum group of finite group $G \subset SU(2)$ would correspond to Galois group of an extension K .
3. The trace of unit matrix defining the character associated with unit element is infinite for these representations for factors of type I. Therefore it is natural to assume that hyper-finite factor of type II_1 for which the trace of unit matrix can be normalized to 1. Sub-factors would have trace of projector with trace smaller than 1.
4. Do the ADE diagrams for groups $Gal(K(G)) \triangleleft G$ indeed correspond to quantum groups and affine algebras? Why the finite groups should give rise to affine/Kac-Moody algebras? In number theoretic vision a possible answer would be that depending on the value of the index β of inclusion the symplectic algebra reduces in the number theoretic discretization by gauge conditions specifying the inclusion either to Kac-Moody group ($\beta = 4$) or to quantum group ($\beta < 4$).

What about subgroups of groups other than $SU(2)$? According to Vaughan there has been work about inclusion hierarchies of $SU(3)$ and other groups and it seems that the results generalize and finite subgroups of say $SU(3)$ appear. In this case the tensor products of finite sub-groups

McKay graphs do not however correspond to the principal graphs for inclusions. Could the number theoretic vision come in rescue with the replacement of discrete subgroup with Galois group and the identification of $SU(2)$ as the covering for the Galois group of quaternions?

3.3 How could ADE type quantum groups and affine algebras be concretely realized?

The questions discussed are following. How to understand the correspondence between the McKay graph for finite group $G \subset SU(2)$ and ADE (affine) group Dynkin diagram for $\beta < 4$ ($\beta = 4$)? How the nodes of McKay graph representing the irreps of finite group can correspond to the positive roots of a Dynkin diagram, which are essentially vectors defined by eigenvalues of Cartan algebra generators for complexified Lie-algebra basis.

The first thing that comes in mind is the construction of representation of Kac-Moody algebra using scalar fields labelled by Cartan algebra generators (see <http://tinyurl.com/y91keelk>): these representations are discussed by Edward Frenkel [A1]. The charged generators of Kac-Moody algebra in the complement of Cartan algebra are obtained by exponentiating the contractions of the vector formed by these scalar fields with roots to get $\alpha \cdot \Phi = \alpha_i \Phi^i$. The charged field is represented as a normal ordered product : $exp(i\alpha \cdot \Phi)$:. If one can assign to each irrep of G a scalar field in a natural manner one could achieve this.

Neglect first the presence of the group algebra of $Gal(K(G)) \triangleleft G$. The standard rule for the dimensions of the representations of finite groups reads as $\sum_i d_I^2 = n(G)$. For double covering of G one obtains this rule separately for integer spin representations and half-odd integers spin representations. An interesting possibility is that this could be interpreted in terms of supersymmetry at the level of group algebra in which representation of dimension d_I appears d_I times.

The group algebra of G and its covering provide a universal manner to realize these representations in terms of a basis for complex valued functions in group (for extensions of rationals also the values of the functions must belong to the extension).

1. Representation with dimension d_I occurs d_I times and corresponds to $d_I \times d_I$ representation matrices D_{mn}^I of representation χ_I , whose columns and rows provide representations for left- and right-sided action of G . The tensor product rules for the representations χ_I can be formulated as double tensor products. For basis states $|J, n\rangle$ in χ_I and $|J, n\rangle$ in χ_J one has

$$|I, m\rangle_{\otimes} |J, n\rangle = c_{I,m|J,n}^{K,p} |K, p\rangle ,$$

where $c_{J,n|J,n}^{K,p}$ are Glebsch-Gordan coefficients.

2. For the tensor product of matrices D_{mn}^I and D_{mn}^J one must apply this rule to both indices. The orthogonality properties of Glebsch-Gordan coefficients guarantee that the tensor product contains only terms in which one has same representation at left- and right-hand side. The orthogonality rule is

$$\sum_{m,n} c_{I,m|J,n}^{K,p} c_{I,r|J,s}^{K,q} \propto \delta_{K,L} .$$

3. The number of states is $n(G)$ whereas the number $I(G)$ of irreps corresponds to the dimension of Cartan algebra of Kac-Moody algebra or of quantum group is smaller. One should be able to pick only one state from each representation D^I .

The condition that the state X of group algebra is invariant under automorphism gXg^{-1} implies that the allowed states as function in group algebra are traces $Tr(D^I)(g)$ of the representation matrices. The traces of representation matrices indeed play fundamental role as automorphism invariants. This suggests that the scalar fields Φ_I in Kac-Moody algebra correspond to Hilbert space coefficients of $Tr(D^I)(g)$ as elements of group algebra labelled by the representation. The exponentiation of $\alpha \cdot \Phi$ would give the charged Kac-Moody algebra generators as free field representation.

4. For infinite sub-groups $G \subset SU(2)$ $d(G)$ is infinite. The traces are finite also in this case if the dimensions of the representations involved are finite. If one interprets the unit matrix as a function having value 1 in entire group $Tr(Id)$ diverges. Unit dimension for HFFs provide a more natural notion of dimension $d = n(G)$ of group algebra $n(G)$ as $d = n(G) = 1$. Therefore HFFs would emerge naturally.

It is easy to take into account $Gal(K(G))$. One can represent the elements of semi-direct product $Gal(K(G)) \triangleleft G$ as functions in $Gal(K(G)) \times G$ and the proposed construction brings in also the tensor products in the group algebra of $Gal(K(G))$. It is however essential that group algebra elements have values in K . This brings in tensor products of representations Gal and G and the number of representations is $n(Gal) \times n(G)$. The number of fields Φ_I as also the number of Cartan algebra generators of ADE Lie algebra increases from $I(G)$ to $I(Gal) \times I(G)$. The reduction of the extension of coefficient field for the Kac-Moody algebra from complex numbers to K splits the Hilbert space to sectors with smaller number of states.

4 $M^8 - H$ duality

The generalization of the standard twistor Grassmannian approach to TGD remains a challenge for TGD and one can imagine several approaches. $M^8 - H$ duality is essential for these approaches and will be discussed in the sequel. The original form of $M^8 - H$ duality assumed $H = M^4 \times CP_2$ but quite recently it turned out that if one replaces the twistor space of M^4 identified as $M^4 \times S^2$ with $CP_{3,h}$, which is hyperbolic variant of CP_3 one must replace H with $H = CP_{2,h} \times CP_2$. The symmetry between two factors is amazing!

4.1 $M^8 - H$ duality at the level of space-time surfaces

$M^8 - H$ duality [L4] relates two views about space-time surfaces X^4 : as algebraic surfaces in complexified octonionic M^8 and as minimal surfaces with singularities in $H = M^4 \times CP_2$.

1. Octonion structure at the level of M^8 means a selection of a suitable decomposition $M^8 = M^4 \times E^4$ in turn determining $H = M^4 \times CP_2$. Choices of M^4 share a preferred 2-plane $M^2 \subset M^4$ belonging to the tangent space of allowed space-time surfaces $X^4 \subset M^8$ at various points. One can parameterize the tangent space of $X^4 \subset M^8$ with this property by a point of CP_2 . Therefore X^4 can be mapped to a surface in $H = M^4 \times CP_2$: one M^8 -duality. One can consider also the possibility that the choice of M^2 is local but that the distribution of $M^2(x)$ is integrable and defines string world sheet in M^4 . In this case $M^2(x)$ is mapped to same $M^2 \subset H$.
2. Since 8-momenta p_8 are light-like one can always find a choice of $M_L^4 \subset M^8$ such that p_8 belongs to M_L^4 and is thus light-like. The momentum has in the general case a component orthogonal to M^2 so that M_L^4 is unique by quaternionicity: quaternionic cross product for tangent space quaternions gives the third imaginary quaternionic unit. For a fixed M^4 , call it M_T^4 , the M^4 projections of momenta are time-like. When momentum belongs to M^2 the choices is non-unique and any $M^4 \subset M^2$ is allowed.
3. Space-time surfaces $X^4 \subset M^8$ have either quaternionic tangent- or normal spaces. Quantum classical correspondence (QCC) requires that charges in Cartan algebra co-incide with their classical counterparts determined as Noether charges by the action principle determining X^4 as preferred extremal. Parallelity of 8-momentum currents with tangent space of X^4 would conform with the naive view about QCC. It does not however hold true for the contributions to four-momentum coming from string world sheet singularities (string world sheet boundaries are identified as carriers of quantum numbers), where minimal surface property fails.

An important aspect of $M^8 - H$ duality is the description of space-time surfaces $X^4 \subset M^8$ as roots for the real or imaginary part (real and imaginary parts of octonion are quaternions) of octonionic polynomial with real coefficients: these options correspond to quaternionic tangent or normal spaces.

One cannot exclude rational functions and or even real analytic functions in the sense that Taylor coefficients are octonionically real (proportional to octonionic real unit). Number theoretical vision - adelic physics [L5], suggests that polynomial coefficients are rational or perhaps in extensions of rationals. The real coefficients could in principle be replaced with complex numbers $a + ib$, where i commutes with the octonionic units and defines complexification of octonions. i appears also in the roots defining complex extensions of rationals.

1. In general the zero loci for imaginary or real part are 4-D but the 7-D light-cone δM_+^8 of M^8 with tip at the origin of coordinates is an exception [L4]. At δM_+^8 the octonionic coordinate o is light-like and one can write $o = re$, where 8-D time coordinate and radial coordinate are related by $t = r$ and one has $e = (1 + e_r)/\sqrt{2}$ such that one as $e^2 = e$.

Polynomial $P(o)$ can be written at δM_+^8 as $P(o) = P(r)e$ and its roots correspond to 6-spheres S^6 represented as surfaces $t_M = t = r_N$, $r_M = \sqrt{r_N^2 - r_E^2} \leq r_N$, $r_E \leq r_N$, where the value of Minkowski time $t = r = r_N$ is a root of $P(r)$ and r_M denotes radial Minkowski coordinate. The points with distance r_M from origin of $t = r_N$ ball of M^4 has as fiber 3-sphere with radius $r = \sqrt{r_N^2 - r_E^2}$. At the boundary of S^3 contracts to a point.

2. These 6-spheres are analogous to 6-D branes in that the 4-D solutions would intersect them in the generic case along 2-D surfaces X^2 . The boundaries $r_M = r_N$ of balls belong to the boundary of M^4 light-cone. In this case the intersection would be that of 4-D and 3-D surface, and empty in the generic case (it is however quite not clear whether topological notion of "genericity" applies to octonionic polynomials with very special symmetry properties).
3. The 6-spheres $t_M = r_N$ would be very special. At these 6-spheres the 4-D space-time surfaces X^4 as usual roots of $P(o)$ could meet. Brane picture suggests that the 4-D solutions connect the 6-D branes with different values of r_n .

The basic assumption has been that particle vertices are 2-D partonic 2-surfaces and light-like 3-D surfaces - partonic orbits identified as boundaries between Minkowskian and Euclidian regions of space-time surface in the induced metric (at least at H level) - meet along their 2-D ends X^2 at these partonic 2-surfaces. This would generalize the vertices of ordinary Feynman diagrams. Obviously this would make the definition of the generalized vertices mathematically elegant and simple.

Note that this does not require that space-time surfaces X^4 meet along 3-D surfaces at S^6 . The interpretation of the times t_n as moments of phase transition like phenomena is suggestive. ZEO based theory of consciousness suggests interpretation as moments for state function reductions analogous to weak measurements and giving rise to the flow of experienced time.

4. One could perhaps interpret the free selection of 2-D partonic surfaces at the 6-D roots as initial data fixing the 4-D roots of polynomials. This would give precise content to strong form of holography (SH), which is one of the central ideas of TGD and strengthens the 3-D holography coded by ZEO alone in the sense that pairs of 3-surfaces at boundaries of CD define unique preferred extremals. The reduction to 2-D holography would be due to preferred extremal property realizing the huge symplectic symmetries and making $M^8 - H$ duality possible as also classical twistor lift.

I have also considered the possibility that 2-D string world sheets in M^8 could correspond to intersections $X^4 \cap S^6$? This is not possible since time coordinate t_M constant at the roots and varies at string world sheets.

Note that the complexification of M^8 (or equivalently octonionic E^8) allows to consider also different variants for the signature of the 6-D roots and hyperbolic spaces would appear for $(\epsilon_1, \epsilon_i, \dots, \epsilon_8)$, $\epsilonpsilon_i = \pm 1$ signatures. Their physical interpretation - if any - remains open at this moment.

4.2 $M^8 - H$ duality at the level of momentum space

$M^8 - H$ duality occurs also at the level of momentum space and has different meaning now.

1. At M^8 level 8-momenta are quaternionic and light-like. The choices of $M_L^4 \supset M^2$ for which 8-momentum in M_L^4 , are parameterized by CP_2 parameterizing also the choices of tangent or normal spaces of $X^4 \subset M^8$ at space-time level. This maps M^8 light-like momenta to light-like M_L^4 momenta and to CP_2 point characterizing the M^4 and depending on 8-momentum. One can introduce CP_2 wave functions expressible in terms of spinor harmonics and generators of a tensor product of Super-Virasoro algebras.
2. For a fixed choice M_T^4 momenta in general time-like and the E^4 component of 8-momentum has value equal to mass squared. E^4 momenta are points of 3-sphere so that $SO(3)$ harmonics with $SO(4)$ symmetry could parametrize the states. The quantum numbers are $M_T^4 \supset M^2$ momenta with fixed mass and the two angular momenta with identical values for S^3 harmonics, which correspond to the quantum states of a spherical quantum mechanical rigid body, and are given by the matrix elements $D_{m,n}^j$ $SU(2)$ group elements ($SO(4)$ decomposes to $SU(2)_L \times SU(2)_R$ acting from left and right).

This picture suggests what one might call $SO(4) - SU(3)$ duality at the level of momentum space. There would be two descriptions of states: as massless states with $SU(3)$ symmetry and massive states with $SO(4)$ symmetry.

3. What about the space formed by the choices of the space of the light-like 8-momenta? This space is the space for the choices of preferred M^2 and parameterized by the 6-D (symmetric space $G_2/SU(3)$, where $SU(3) \subset G_2$ leaving complex plane M^2 invariant is subgroup of quaternionic automorphic group $G(2)$ leaving octonionic real unit defining the rest system invariant. This space is moduli space for octonionic structures each of which defines family of space-time surfaces. 8-D Lorent transformations produce even more general octonionic structures. The space for the choices of color quantization axes is $SU(3)/U(1) \times U(1)$, the twistor space of CP_2 .

4.2.1 Do M_L^4 and M_T^4 have analogs at the space-time level?

As found, the solutions of octonionic polynomials consisting of 4-D roots and special 6-D roots coming as 6-sphere S^6 s at 7-D light-cone of M^8 . The roots at $t = r$ light-cone boundary are given by the roots $r = r_N$ of the polynomial $P(t)$ and correspond to M^4 slices $t_M = r_N, r_M \leq r_N$. At point r_M S^3 fiber as radius $r(S^3) = \sqrt{r_N^2 - r_M^2}$ and contracts to a point at its boundaries.

Could M_L^4 and M_T have analogies at the space-time level?

1. The sphere S^3 associated M_T^4 could have counterpart at the level of space-time description. The momenta in M_T^4 would naturally be mapped to momenta in the section $t = r_n$ in this case the S^3 :s of different mass squared values would naturally correspond to S^3 :s assignable to the points of the balls $t = r_n$ and code for mass squared value.

The counterpart of M_L^4 should correspond to light-cone boundary but what does CP_2 correspond? Could the pile of S^3 associated with $t = r_n$ correspond also to CP_2 . Could this be the case if there is wormhole contact carrying monopole flux at the origin so that the analog for the replacement of 3-sphere at $r_{CP_2} = \infty$ with homologically non-trivial 2-sphere would be realized?

2. Does the 6-sphere as a root polynomial have counterpart in H ? The image should be consistent with $M^8 - H$ duality and correspond to a fixed structure depending on the root r_n only. Since S^3 associated with the E^4 momenta reduces to a point for M_L^4 , the natural guess is that S^6 reduces to $t = r_n, 0 \leq r_M \leq r_n$ surface in H .

4.2.2 $S^3 - CP_2$ duality

$S^3 - CP_2$ duality at the level of quantum numbers suggest strongly itself. What does this require? One can approach the problem from two different perspectives.

1. The first approach would be that the representations of $SU(3)$ and $SO(4)$ groups somehow correspond to each other: one could speak of $SU(3) - SO(4)$ duality [K11, K18]. The original form of this duality was this. The color symmetries of quark physics at high energies would

be dual to the $SO(4) = SU(2)_L \times SU(2)_R$ symmetries of the low energy hadron physics. Since the physical objects are partons and hadrons formed from the one cannot expect the duality to hold true at the level of details for the representations, and the comparison of the representations makes this clear.

2. The second approach relies on the notion of cognitive representation meaning discretization of CP_2 and S^3 and counting of points of cognitive representations providing discretization in terms of M^8 or H points belonging to the extension of rationals considered. In this case it is more natural to talk about $S^3 - CP_2$ duality.

The basic observation is that the open region $0 \leq r < \infty$ of CP_2 in Eguchi-Hanson coordinates with r labeling 3-spheres $S^3(r)$ with finite radius can be regarded as pile of $S^3(r)$. In discretization one would have discrete pile of these 3-spheres with finite number of points in the extension of rationals. They points of given S^3 could be related by isometries in special cases.

How $S^3 - CP_2$ duality at the level of light-like M^8 momenta could emerge?

1. Consider first the situation in which one chooses $M^4 \supset M^2$ sub-spaces so that momentum projection to it is light-like. For cognitive representation the choices of $M^4 \supset M^2$ correspond to ad discrete set of points of CP_2 and thus points in the pile of S^3 with discrete radii since all E^4 parts of momenta with fixed length squared to zero in this choice and each E^4 momentum with fixed length and thus identifiable as discrete point of S^3 would correspond to one choice.

All these choices would give rise to a pile of S^3 's identifiable as set $0 \leq r < \infty$ of CP_2 . The number of CP_2 points would be same as total number of points in the pile of discrete S^3 's. This is what $S^3 - CP_2$ duality would say.

Remark: The volumes of CP_2 and S^3 with unit radius are $8\pi^2$ and $2\pi^2$ so that ration is rational number.

2. Consider now the situation for M^4_T so that one has non-vanishing M^4 mass squared equal to E^4 mass squared, having discretized values. The E^4 would momenta correspond to points for a pile of discretized S^3 and thus to the points of CP_2 by above argument. One would have $S^3 - CP_2$ correspondence also now as one indeed expects since the two manners to see the situation should be equivalent.
3. In the space of light-like M^8 momenta E^8 momenta could naturally organize into representations of finite discrete subgroups of $SU(2)$ appearing in McKay correspondence with ADE groups: the groups are cyclic groups, dihedral groups, and the isometry groups associated with tetrahedron, octahedron (cube) and icosahedron (dodecahedron) (see <http://tinyurl.com/yyyn9p95>).
4. Could a concrete connection with the inclusion hierarchy of HFFs be based on increasing momentum resolution realized in terms of these groups at sphere S^3 . Notice however that for cyclic and dihedral groups the orbits are circles and pairs of circles for dihedral groups so that the discretization looks too simple and is rotationally asymmetric. Discretization should improve as n increases.

One can of course ask why C_n and D_n with single direction of rotation axes would appear? Could it be that the directions of rotation axis correspond to the directions defined by the vertices of the 5 Platonic solids. Or could the orbits of fixed axis under the 5 Platonic orbits be allowed. Also this looks still too simple.

Could the discretization labelled by n_{max} be determined by the product of the groups up to n_{max} and define a group with infinite order. One can consider also groups defined by subsets $\{n_1, n_2, \dots, n_3\}$ and these a pair of sequences with larger sequence containing the smaller one could perhaps define an inclusion. The groups C_n and D_n allow prime decomposition in obvious manner and it seems enough to include to the product only the groups C_p and D_p , where p is prime as generators so that one would have set $\{p_1, \dots, p_n\}$ of primes labelling these groups besides the Platonic groups. The extension of rationals used poses a cutoff on the

number of groups involved and on the group elements representable since since too high roots of unity resulting in the multiplication of C_{p_i} and D_{p_j} do not belong to the extension.

At the level of momentum space the hierarchy of finite discrete groups of $SU(2)$ would define the notion measurement resolution. The discrete orbits of $SU(2) \times U(1)$ at S^3 would be analogous to tessellations of sphere S^2 known as Platonic solids at sphere S^2 and appearing in the ADE correspondence assignable to Jones inclusions as description of measurement resolution. This would also explain also why Z_2 coverings of the subgroups of $SO(3)$ appear in ADE sequence.

This picture is probably not enough for the needs of adelic physics [L5] allowing all extensions of rationals. Besides roots of unity only the roots of small integers 2, 3, 5 associated with the geometry of Platonic solids would be included in these discretizations. One could interpret these discretizations in terms of subgroups of discrete automorphism groups of quaternions. Also the extensions of rationals are probably needed.

Could $S^3 - CP_2$ duality make sense at space-time level? Consider the space-time analog for the projection of M^8 momenta to fixed M_T^4 .

1. Suppose that the 3-surfaces determining the space-time surfaces as algebraic surfaces in $X^4 \subset M^8$ are given at the surfaces $t = r_N, r_M \leq r_N$ and have a 3-D fiber which should be surface in CP_2 . One can assign to each point of this ball $S^3(r_M)$ with radius going to zero at $r_M = r_N$. One has pile of $S^3(r_M)$ which corresponds to the region $0 \leq r < \infty$ of CP_2 . This set is discretized. Suppose that the discretization is like momentum discretization. If so, the points would correspond to points of CP_2 . It is not however clear why the discretization should be so symmetric as in momentum discretization.
2. The initial values could be chosen by choosing discrete set of points in this pile of S^3 :s and this would give rise to a discrete set of points of CP_2 fixing tangent or normal plane of X^4 at these points. One should show that the selection of a point of S^6 at each point indeed determines quaternionic tangent or normal plane plane for a given polynomial $P(o)$ in M^8 .

It would seem that this correspondence need not hold true.

4.3 $M^8 - H$ duality and the two manners to describe particles

The isometry groups for $M^4 \times CP_2$ is $P \times SU(3)$ (P for Poincare group). The isometry group for $M^8 = M^4 \times E^4$ with a fixed choice of M^4 breaks down to $P \times SO(4)$. A further breaking by selection $M^4 \subset M^2$ of preferred octonionic complex plane M^2 necessary in the algebraic approach to space-time surfaces $X^4 \subset M^8$ brings in preferred rest system and reduces the Poincare symmetry further. At the space-time level the assumption that the tangent space of X^4 contains fixed M^2 or at least integral distribution of $M^2(x) \subset M^4$ is necessary for $M^8 - H$ duality [L4].

The representations $SO(4)$ and $SU(3)$ could provide alternative description of physics so that one would have what I have called $SO(4) - SU(3)$ duality [K11]. This duality could manifest in the description of strong interaction physics in terms of hadrons and quarks respectively (conserved vector current hypothesis and partially conserved axial current hypothesis based on $Spin(SO(4)) = SU(2) \times SU(2)_R$. The challenge is to understand in more detail this duality. This could allow also to understand better how the two twistor descriptions might relate.

$SO(4) - SU(3)$ duality implies two descriptions for the states and scattering amplitudes.

Option I: One uses projection of 8-momenta to a fixed $M_T^4 \supset M^2$.

Option II: One assumes that $M_L^4 \supset M^2$ is defines the frame in which quaternionic octonion momentum is parallel to M_L^4 : this M_L^4 depends on particle state and describes this dependence in terms of wave function in CP_2 .

4.3.1 Option I: fixed $M_T^4 \supset M^2$

For Option I the description would be in terms of a fixed $M_T^4 \subset M^8 = M_T^4 \times E^4$ and $M^2 \subset M_T^4$ fixed for both options. For given quaternionic light-like M^8 momentum one would have projection

to M_T^4 , which is in general massive. E^4 momentum would have same the length squared by light-likeness.

De-localization M_T^4 mass squared equal to $p^2(M_T^4) = m^2$ in E^4 can be described in terms of $SO(4)$ harmonics at sphere having $p^2(E^4) = m^2$. This would be the description applied to hadrons and leptons and particles treated as massive particles. Particle mass would be due to the fixed choice of M_T^4 . What dictates this choice is an interesting question. An interesting question is how these descriptions relate to QFT Higgs mechanism as (in principle) alternative descriptions: the choice of fixed M_T^4 could be seen as analog for the generation of vacuum expectation of Higgs selecting preferred direction in the space of Higgs fields.

4.3.2 Option II: varying $M_L^4 \supset M^2$

For Option II the description would use $M_L^4 \supset M^2$, which is *not fixed* but chosen so that it contains light-like M^8 momentum. This would give light-like momentum in M_L^4 identifiable as quaternionic sub-space of complexified octonions.

1. One could assign to the state wave function function for the choices of M^4 and by quaternionicity of 8-momenta this would correspond to a state in super-conformal representation with vanishing M_L^4 mass: CP_2 point would code the information about E^4 component light-like 8-momentum. This description would apply to the partonic description of hadrons in terms of massless quarks and gluons.
2. For this option one could use the product of ordinary M^4 twistors and CP_2 twistors. One challenge would be the generalization of the twistor description to the case of CP_2 twistors.

4.3.3 p-Adic particle massivation and ZEO

The two pictures about description of light-like M^8 momenta do not seem to be quite consistent with the recent view about TGD in which H -harmonics describe massivation of massless particles. What looks like a problem is following.

1. The resulting particles are massive in M^4 . But they should be massless in $M^4 \times CP_2$ description. The non-vanishing mass would suggest the correct description in terms of Option I for which the description in terms of E^4 momenta with length equal to mass and thus identifiable as points of S^3 . Momentum space wave functions at S^3 - essentially rigid body wave functions given by representation matrices of $SU(2)$ could characterize the states rather than CP_2 harmonic.
2. The description based on CP_2 color partial waves however works and this would favor Option II with vanishing M^4 mass. What goes wrong?

To understand what might be involved, consider p-adic mass calculations.

1. The massivation of physical fermion states includes also the action of super-conformal generators changing the mass. The particles are originally massless and p-adic mass squared is generated thermally and mapped to real mass squared by canonical identification map.

For CP_2 spinor harmonics mass squared is of order CP_2 mass squared and thus gigantic. Therefore the mass squared is assumed to contain negative tachyonic ground state contribution due to the negative half-odd integer valued conformal weight $h_{vac} < 0$ of vacuum. The origin of this contribution has remained a mystery in p-adic thermodynamics but it makes possible to construct massless states. h_{vac} cancels the spinorial contributions and the contribution from positive conformal weights of super-conformal generators so that the particle states are massless before thermalization. This would conform with the idea of using varying M_L^4 and thus CP_2 description.

2. What does the choice of M^4 mean in terms of super-conformal representations? Could the mysterious vacuum conformal weight h_{vac} provide a description for the effect of the needed $SU(3)$ rotation of M^4 from standard orientation on super-conformal representation. The

effect would be very simple and in certain sense reversal to the effect of Higgs vacuum expectation value in that it would cancel mass rather than generate it.

An important prediction would be that heavy states should be absent from the spectrum in the sense that mass squared would be p-adically of order $O(p)$ or $O(p^2)$ (in real sense of order $O(1/p)$ or $O(1/p^2)$). The trick would be that the generation of h_0 as a representation of $SU(3)$ rotation of M^4 makes always the dominating contribution to the mass of the state vanishing.

Remark: If the canonical identification I mapping the p-adic mass integers to their real numbers is of the simplest form $m = \sum_n x_n p^n \rightarrow I(m) = \sum_n x_n p^{-n}$, it can happen that the image of rational m/n with p-adic norm not larger than 1 represented as p-adic integer by expanding it in powers of p , can be near to the maximal value of p and the mass of the state can be of order CP_2 mass - about 10^{-4} Planck masses. If the canonical identification is defined as $m/n \rightarrow I(m)/I(n)$ the image of the mass is small for small values of m and n .

3. Unfortunately, it is easy to get convinced that this explanation of h_{vac} is not physically attractive. Identical mass spectra at the level of M^8 and H looks like a natural implication of $M^8 - H$ -duality. $SU(3)$ rotation of M^4 in M^8 cannot however preserve the general form of $M^4 \times CP_2$ mass squared spectrum for the M^4 projections of M^8 momenta at level of M^8 .

Remark: For $H = M^4 \times CP_2$ the mass squared in given representation of Super-conformal symmetries is given as a sum of CP_2 mass squared for the spinor harmonic determining the ground state and of a Virasoro contribution proportional to a non-negative integer. The masses are required to independent of electroweak quantum numbers.

One can imagine two further identifications for the origin of h_{vac} .

1. Take seriously the possibility of complex momenta allowed by the complexification of M^8 by commuting imagine unit i and also suggested by the generalization of the twistorialization. The real and imaginary parts of light-like complex 8-momenta $p_8 = p_{8,Re} + ip_{8,Im}$ are orthogonal to each other: $p_{8,Re} \cdot p_{8,Im} = 0$ so that both real and imaginary parts of p_8 are light-like: $p_{8,Re}^2 = p_{8,Im}^2 = 0$. The M^4 mass squared can be written has $m^2 = m_{Re}^2 - m_{Im}^2$ with $h_{vac} \propto -m_{Im}^2$. The representations of Super-conformal algebra would be labelled by $h_{vac} \propto m_{Im}^2$.

Could the needed wrong sign contribution to CP_2 mass squared mass make sense? CP_2 type extremals having light-like geodesic as M^4 projection are locally identical with CP_2 but because of light-like projection they can be regarded as CP_2 with a hole and thus non-compact. Boundary conditions allow analogs of CP_2 harmonics for which spinor d'Alembertian would have complex eigenvalues.

Does quantum-classical correspondence allow complex momenta: can the classical four-momenta assignable to 6-D Kähler action be complex? The value of Kähler coupling strength allows the action to have complex phase but parts with different phases are not allowed. Could the imaginary part to 4-momentum could come from the CP_2 type extremal with Euclidian signature of metric?

2. Second - not necessarily independent - idea relies on the observation that in TGD one has besides the usual conformal algebra acting on complex coordinate z also its analog acting on the light-like radial coordinate r of light-cone boundary. At light-cone boundary one has both super-symplectic symmetries of $\Delta M_+^4 \times CP_2$ and extension of super-conformal symmetries of sphere S^2 to analogs of conformal symmetries depending on z and r and it seems that one must chose between these two options. Also the extension of ordinary Kac-Moody algebra acts at the light-like orbits of partonic 2-surfaces.

There are two scaling generators: the usual $L_0 = zd/dz$ and the second generator $L_{0,1} = ird/dr$. For $L_{0,1}$ at light-cone boundary powers of z^n are replaced with $(r/r_0)^{ik} = exp(iku)$, $u = log(r/r_0)$. Could it be that mass squared operator is proportional to $L_0 + L_{0,1}$ having eigenvalues $h = n - k$? The absence of tachyons requires $h \geq 0$. Could k characterize given Super-Virasoro representation? Could $k \geq 0$ serve as an analog of positive energy

condition allowing to analytically continue $exp(iku)$ to upper u -plane? How to interpret this continuation?

The 3-D generalization of super-symplectic symmetries at light-cone boundary and extended Ka-Moody symmetries at partonic 2-surfaces should be possible in some sense. Could the continuation to the upper u -plane correspond to the continuation of the extended conformal symmetries from light-cone boundary to future light-one and from light-partonic 2-surfaces to space-time interior?

Why p-adic massivation should occur at all? Here ZEO comes in rescue.

1. In ZEO one can have superposition of states with different 4-momenta, mass values and also other charges: this does not break conservation laws. How to fix M^4 in this case? One cannot do it separately for the states in superposition since they have different masses. The most natural choice is as the M^4 associated with the dominating contribution to the zero energy state. The outcome would be thermal massivation described excellently by p-adic thermodynamics [K4]. Recently a considerable increase in the understanding of hadron and weak boson masses took place [L20].
2. In ZEO quantum theory is square root of thermodynamics in a well-defined formal sense, and one can indeed assign to p-adic partition function a complex square root as a genuine zero energy state. Since mass varies, one must describe the presence of higher mass excitations in zero energy state as particles in M^4 assigned with the dominating part of the state so that the observed particle mass squared is essentially p-adic thermal expectation value over thermal excitations. p-Adic thermodynamics would thus describe the fact that the choice of M_L^4 cannot not ideal in ZEO and massivation would be possible only in ZEO.
3. Current quarks and constituent quarks are basic notions of hadron physics. Constituent quarks with rather large masses appear in the low energy description of hadrons and current quarks in high energy description of hadronic reactions. That both notions work looks rather paradoxical. Could massive quarks correspond to M_T picture and current quarks to M_L^4 picture but with p-adic thermodynamics forced by the superposition of mass eigenstates with different masses.

The massivation of ordinary massless fermion involves mixing of fermion chiralities. This means that the $SU(3)$ rotation determined by the dominating component in zero energy state must induce this mixing. This should be understood.

4.4 $M^8 - H$ duality and consciousness

$M^8 - H$ duality is one of the key ideas of TGD and one can ask whether it has implications for TGD inspired theory of consciousness and it indeed forces to challenge the recent ZEO based view about consciousness [L6] .

4.4.1 Objections against ZEO based theory of consciousness

Consider first objections against ZEO based view about consciousness.

1. ZEO (zero energy ontology) based view about conscious entity can be regarded as a sequence of “small” state function reductions (SSRs) identifiable as analogs of so called weak measurements at the active boundary of causal diamond (CD) receding reduction by reduction farther away from the passive boundary, which is unchanged as also the members of state pairs at it. One can say that weak measurements commute with the observables, whose eigenstates the states at passive boundary are. This asymmetry assigns arrow of time to the self having CD as imbedding space correlate. “Big” state function reductions (BSRs) would change the roles of boundaries of CD and the arrow of time. The interpretation is as death and re-incarnation of the conscious entity with opposite arrow of time.

The question is whether quantum classical correspondence (QCC) could allow to say something about the time intervals between subsequent values of temporal distance between weak state function reductions.

2. The questionable aspect of this view is that $t_M = \text{constant}$ sections look intuitively more natural as seats of quantum states than light-cone boundaries forming part of CD boundaries. The boundaries of CD are however favoured by the huge symplectic symmetries assignable to the boundary of M^4 light-cone with points replaced with CP_2 at level of H . These symmetries are crucial for the existence of the geometry of WCW (“world of classical worlds”).
3. Second objection is that the size of CD increases steadily: this nice from the point of view of cosmology but the idea that CD as correlate for a conscious entity increases from CP_2 size to cosmological scales looks rather weird. For instance, the average energy of the state assignable to either boundary of CD would increase. Since zero energy state is a superposition of states with different energies classical conservation law for energy does not prevent this [L17]: essentially quantal effect due to the fact that the zero energy states are not exact eigenstates of energy could be in question. In BSRs the energy would gradually increase. Admittedly this looks strange and one must be keen for finding more conventional options.
4. Third objection is that re-incarnated self would not have any “childhood” since CD would increase all the time.

One can ask whether $M^8 - H$ duality and this braney picture has implications for ZEO based theory of consciousness. Certain aspects of $M^8 - H$ duality indeed challenge the recent view about consciousness based on ZEO (zero energy ontology) and ZEO itself.

1. The moments $t = r_n$ defining the 6-branes correspond classically to special moments for which phase transition like phenomena occur. Could $t = r_n$ have a special role in consciousness theory?
 - (a) For some SSRs the increase of the size of CD reveals new $t = r_n$ plane inside CD. One can argue that these SSRs define very special events in the life of self. This would not modify the original ZEO considerably but could give a classical signature for how many special moments of consciousness have occurred: the number of the roots of P would be a measure for the lifetime of self and there would be the largest root after which BSR would occur.
 - (b) Second possibility is more radical. One could one think of replacing CD with single truncated future- or past-directed light-cone containing the 6-D universal roots of P up to some r_n defining the upper boundary of the truncated cone? Could $t = r_n$ define a sequence of moments of consciousness? To me it looks more natural to assume that they are associated with very special moments of consciousness.
2. For both options SSRs increase the number of roots r_n inside CD/truncated light-one gradually and thus its size? When all roots of $P(o)$ would have been measured - meaning that the largest value r_{max} of r_n is reached -, BSR would be unavoidable.

BSR could replace $P(o)$ with $P_1(r_1 - o)$: r_1 must be real and one should have $r_1 > r_{max}$. The new CD/truncated light-cone would be in opposite direction and time evolution would be reversed. Note that the new CD could have much smaller size if it contains only the smallest root r_0 . One important modification of ZEO becomes indeed possible. The size of CD after BSR could be much smaller than before it. This would mean that the re-incarnated self would have “childhood” rather than beginning its life at the age of previous self - kind of fresh start wiping the slate clean.

One can consider also a less radical BSR preserving the arrow of time and replacing the polynomial with a new one, say a polynomial having higher degree (certainly in statistical sense so that algebraic complexity would increase).

4.4.2 Could one give up the notion of CD?

A possible alternative view could be that one the boundaries of CD are replaced by a pair of two $t = r_N$ snapshots $t = r_0$ and $t = r_N$. Or at least that these surfaces somehow serve as correlates for mental images. The theory might allow reformulation also in this case, and I have actually used this formulation in popular lectures since it is easier to understand by laymen.

1. Single truncated light-cone, whose size would increase in each SSR would be present now since the spheres correspond to balls of radius r_n at times r_n . If $r_0 = 0$, which is the case for $P(o) \propto o$, the tip of the light-cone boundary is one root. One cannot avoid association with big bang cosmology. For $P(0) \neq r_0$ the first conscious moment of the cosmology corresponds to $t = r_0$. One can wonder whether the emergence of consciousness in various scales could be described in terms of the varying value of the smallest root r_0 of $P(o)$.

If one allows BSR:s this picture differs from the earlier one in that CDs are replaced with alternation of light-cones with opposite directions and their intersections would define CD.

2. For this option the preferred values of t for SSRs would naturally correspond to the roots of the polynomial defining $X^4 \subset M^8$. Moments of consciousness as state function reductions would be due to collisions of 4-D space-time surfaces X^4 with 6-D branes! They would replace the sequence of scaled CD sizes. CD could be replaced with light-one and with the increasing sequence (r_0, \dots, r_n) of roots defining the ticks of clock and having positive and negative energy states at the boundaries r_0 and r_n .
3. What could be the interpretation for BSRs representing death of a conscious entity in the new variant of ZEO? Why the arrow of time would change? Could it be because there are no further roots of $P(o)$? The number of roots of $P(o)$ would give the number of small state function reductions?

What would happen to $P(o)$ in BSR? The vision about algebraic evolution as increase of the dimension for the extension of rationals would suggest that the degree of $P(o)$ increases as also the number of roots if all complex roots are allowed. Could the evolution continue in the same direction or would it start to shift the part of boundary corresponding to the lowest root in opposite direction of time. Now one would have more roots and more algebraic complexity so that evolutionary step would occur.

In the time reversal one would have naturally $t_{max} \geq r_{n_{max}}$ for the new polynomial $P(t-t_{max})$ having $r_{n_{max}}$ as its smallest root. The light-cone in M^8 with tip at $t = t_{max}$ would be in opposite direction now and also the slices $t - t_{max} = r'_n$ would increase in opposite direction! One would have two light-cones with opposite directions and the $t = r_n$ sections would replace boundaries of CDs. The reborn conscious entity would start from the lowest root so that also it would experience childhood.

This option could solve the argued problems of the previous scenario and give concrete connection with the classical physics in accordance with QCC. On the other hand, a minimal modification of original scenario combined with $M^8 - H$ duality with moments $t = r_n$ as special moments in the life of conscious entity allows also to solve these problems if the active boundary of CD is interpreted as boundary beyond which classical signals cannot contribute to perceptions.

4.4.3 What could be the minimal modification of ZEO based view about consciousness?

What would be the minimal modification of the earlier picture? Could one *assume* that CDs serve as imbedding space correlates for the perceptive field?

1. Zero energy states would be defined as before that is in terms of 3-surfaces at boundaries of CD: this would allow a realization of huge symmetries of WCW and the active boundary A of CD would define the boundary of the region from which self can receive classical information about environment. The passive boundary P of CD would define the boundary of the region providing classical information about the state of self. Also now BSR would mean death and reincarnation with an opposite arrow of time. Now however CD would shrink in BSR before starting to grow in opposite time direction. Conscious entity would have "childhood".
2. If the geometry of CD were fixed, the size scale of the $t = r_n$ balls of M^4 would first increase and then start to decrease and contract to a point eventually at the tip of CD. One must however remember that the size of $t = r_n$ planes increases all the time as also the size of CD in the sequences of SSRs. Moments $t = r_n$ could represent special moments in the life of conscious entity taking place in SSRs in which $t = r_n$ hyperplane emerges inside CD with

increased size. The recent surprising findings challenging the Bohrian view about quantum jumps [L11] can be understood in this picture [L11].

3. $t = r_n$ planes could also serve as correlates for memories. As CD increases at active boundary new events as $t = r_n$ planes would take place and give rise to memories. The states at $t = r_n$ planes are analogous to seats of boundary conditions in strong holography and the states at these planes might change in state function reductions - this would conform with the observations that our memories are not absolute.

To sum up, the original view about ZEO seems to be essentially correct. The introduction of moments $t = r_n$ as special moments in the life of self looks highly attractive as also the possibility of wiping the slate clear by reduction of the size of CD in BSR.

4.5 Challenging the identification $H = M^4 \times CP_2$

One can challenge the identification $H = M^4 \times CP_2$. Poincare invariance is realized at level of the moduli space of the octonionic structures of M^8 : given octonion structure breaks Poincare invariance to that for $T \times SO(2)$, which corresponds to a choice of rest frame and spin quantization axis. Therefore one can consider the replacement of M^4 with a space without Poincare symmetries. There is also a breaking of scaling invariance characterized by a hierarchy of 8-D causal diamonds (CD_8) inducing 4-D hierarchy of causal diamonds (cds).

The proposed identification of twistor space of M^4 as $M^4 \times S^2$ is different from the standard identification as hyperbolic variant $CP_{3,h}$ of CP_3 . What if the twistor space could be $CP_{3,h}$ after all?

The key idea is that the twistor space and its base space represents CD so that one obtains scale hierarchy of twistor spaces with varying sizes as a realization of broken scale invariance giving rise to the p-adic length scale hierarchy.

1. I have identified the twistor space of M^4 simply as $T(M^4) = M^4 \times S^2$. The interpretation would be at the level of octonions as a product of M^4 and choices of M^2 as preferred complex sub-space of octonions with S^2 parameterizing the directions of spin quantization axes. Real octonion axis would correspond to time coordinate. One could talk about the space of light-like directions. Light-like vector indeed defines M^2 . This view could be defended by the breaking of both translation and Lorentz invariance in the octonionic approach due to the choice of M^2 and by the fact that it seems to work.

Remark: $M^8 = M^4 \times E^4$ is complexified to M_c^8 by adding a commuting imaginary unit i appearing in the extensions of rationals and ordinary M^8 represents its particular sub-space. Also in twistor approach one uses often complexified M^4 .

2. The objection is that it is ordinary twistor space identifiable as CP_3 with (3,-3) signature of metric is what works in the construction of twistorial amplitudes. CP_3 has metric as compact space and coset space. Could this choice of twistor space make sense after all as geometric twistor space?

Here one must pause and recall that the original key idea was that Poincare invariance is symmetry of TGD for $X^4 \subset M^4 \times CP_2$. Now Poincare symmetry has been transformed to a symmetry acting at the level of M^8 in the moduli space of octonion structures defined by the choice of the direction of octonionic real axis reducing Poincare group to $T \times SO(3)$ consisting of time translations and rotations. Fixing of M^2 reduces the group to $T \times SO(2)$ and twistor space can be seen as the space for selections of quantization axis of energy and spin.

3. But what about the space H ? The first guess is $H = M_{conf}^4 \times CP_2$. According to [B1] (see <http://tinyurl.com/y35k5wwo>) one has $M_{conf}^4 = U(2)$ such that $U(1)$ factor is time-like and $SU(2)$ factor is space-like. One could understand $M_{conf}^4 = U(2)$ as resulting by addition and identification of metrically 2-D light-cone boundaries at $t = \pm\infty$. This is topologically like compactifying E^3 to S^3 and gluing the ends of cylinder $S^3 \times D^1$ together to the $S^3 \times S^1$. The conformally compactified Minkowski space M_{conf}^4 should be analogous to a base space of CP_3 regarded as bundle with fiber S^2 . The problem is that one cannot imagine an analog

of fiber bundle structure in CP_3 having $U(2)$ as base. The identification $H = M^4_{conf} \times CP_2$ does not make sense.

4. In ZEO based breaking of scaling symmetry it is CD that should be mapped to the analog of M^4_{conf} - call it cd_{conf} . The only candidate is $cd_{conf} = CP_2$ with one hypercomplex coordinate. To understand why one can start from the following picture. The light-like boundaries of CD are metrically equivalent to spheres. The light-like boundaries at $t = \pm\infty$ are identified as in the case of M^4_{conf} . In the case of CP_2 one has 3 homologically trivial spheres defining coordinate patches. This suggests that cd_{conf} is simply $CP_{2,h}$: CP_2 with second complex coordinate made hypercomplex. M^4 and E^4 differ only by the signature and so would do $cd_{conf} = CP_{2,h}$ and CP_2 .

The twistor spheres of CP_3 associated with points of M^4 intersect at point if the points differ by light-like vector so that one has singular bundle structure. This structure should have analog for the compactification of CD. CP_3 has also bundle structure $CP_3 \rightarrow CP_2$. The S^2 fibers and base are homologically non-trivial and complex analogs of mutually orthogonal line and plane and intersect at single point. This defines the desired singular bundle structure via the assignment of S^2 to each point of CP_2 .

The M^4 points must belong to the interior of cd and this poses constraints on the distance of M^4 points from the tips of cd . One expects similar hierarchy of cds at the level of momentum space.

5. In this picture $M^4_{conf} = U(2)$ could be interpreted as a base space for the space of CDs with fixed direction of time axis identified as direction of octonionic real axis associated with various points of M^4 and therefore of M^4_{conf} . For Euclidian signature one would have base and fiber of the automorphism sub-group $SU(3)$ regarded as $U(2)$ bundle over CP_2 : now one would have CP_2 bundle over $U(2)$. This is perhaps not an accident, and one can ask whether these spaces could be interpreted as representing local trivialization of $SU(3)$ as $U(2) \times CP_2$. This would give to metric cross terms between $U(2)$ and CP_2 .

The outcome of these considerations is surprising.

1. For modified $M^8 - H$ duality one would have $T(H) = CP_3 \times F$ and $H = CP_{2,H} \times CP_2$, where $CP_{2,H}$ has hyperbolic metric with metric signature $(1, -3)$ having M^4 as tangent space so that the earlier picture could be understood as an approximation. This would reduce the construction of preferred extremals of 6-D Kähler action in $T(H)$ to a construction of polynomial holomorphic surfaces and also the minimal surfaces with singularities at string world sheets should result as bundle projection. Since $M^8 - H$ duality must respect algebraic dynamics the maximal degree of the polynomials involved must be same as the degree of the octonionic polynomial in M^8 .
2. The hyperbolic variant Kähler form and also spinor connection of $CP_{2,h}$ brings in new physics beyond standard model. This Kähler form would serve as the analog of Kähler form assigned to M^4 earlier, and suggested to explain the observed CP breaking effects and matter anti-matter asymmetry for which there are two explanations [L16].

Note that also the original form of $M^8 - H$ duality continues to make sense and results from the modification by projection from $CP_{3,h}$ to M^4 rather than $CP_{2,h}$. Therefore one cannot say that $H = M^4 \times CP_2$ identification with CDs realizing the scale hierarchy in M^4 is wrong.

5 SUSY in TGD Universe

What SUSY is in TGD framework is a longstanding question, which found a rather convincing answer rather recently. In twistor Grassmannian approach to $\mathcal{N} = 4$ SYM [B11, B5, B6, B8, B15, B12, B2] twistors are replaced with supertwistors and the extreme elegance of the description of various helicity states using twistor space wave functions suggests that super-twistors are realized both at the level of M^8 geometry and momentum space.

In TGD framework $M^8 - H$ duality allows to geometrize the notion of super-twistor in the sense that at the level of M^8 different components of super-field correspond to components of super-octonion each of which corresponds to a space-time surfaces satisfying minimal surface equations with string world sheets as singularities - this is geometric counterpart for masslessness.

5.1 New view about SUSY

The progress in understanding of $M^8 - H$ duality [L14] throws also light to the problem whether SUSY is realized in TGD [L16] and what SUSY breaking cold mean. It is now rather clear that sparticles are predicted and SUSY remains exact but that p-adic thermodynamics causes thermal massivation: unlike Higgs mechanism, this massivation mechanism is universal and has nothing to do with dynamics. This is due to the fact that zero energy states are superpositions of states with different masses. The selection of p-adic prime characterizing the sparticle causes the mass splitting between members of super-multiplets although the mass formula is same for all of them. Super-octonion components of polynomials have different orders so that also the extension of rational assignable to them is different and therefore also the ramified primes so that p-adic prime as one them can be different for the members of SUSY multiplet and mass splitting is obtained.

The question how to realize super-field formalism at the level of $H = M^4 \times CP_2$ led to a dramatic progress in the identification of elementary particles and SUSY dynamics. The most surprising outcome was the possibility to interpret leptons and corresponding neutrinos as local 3-quark composites with quantum numbers of anti-proton and anti-neutron. Leptons belong to the same super-multiplet as quarks and are antiparticles of neutron and proton as far quantum numbers are considered. One implication is the understanding of matter-antimatter asymmetry. Also bosons can be interpreted as local composites of quark and anti-quark.

Hadrons and perhaps also hadronic gluons would still correspond to the analog of monopole phase in QFTs. Homology charge could appear as a space-time correlate for color at space-time level and explain color confinement. Also color octet variants of weak bosons, Higgs, and Higgs like particle and the predicted new pseudo-scalar are predicted. They could explain the successes of conserved vector current hypothesis (CVC) and partially conserved axial current hypothesis (PCAC).

One ends up with an improved understanding of quantum criticality and the relation between its descriptions at M^8 level and H -level. Polynomials describing a hierarchy of dark matters describe also a hierarchy of criticalities and one can identify inclusion hierarchies as sub-hierarchies formed by functional composition of polynomials: the criticality is criticality for the polynomials interpreted as p-adic polynomials in $O(p) = 0$ approximation meaning the presence of multiple roots in this approximation.

5.2 Connection of SUSY and second quantization

The monomials of theta parameters appearing in super-fields are replaced in case of hermitian H super coordinates consisting of monomials with vanishing quark number. For super-spinors of H the monomials carry odd quark number. Monomials of theta parameters are replaced by local monomials of quark oscillator operators labelled besides spin and weak isospin also by points of cognitive representation with imbedding space coordinates in an extension of rationals defining the adele. Discretization allows anti-commutators which are Kronecker deltas rather than delta functions. If continuum limit makes sense, normal ordering must be assumed to avoid delta functions at zero coming from the contractions.

The monomials (not only the coefficients appearing in them) are solved from generalized classical field equations and are linearly related to the monomials at boundary of CD playing the role of quantum fields and classical field equations determine the analogs of propagators.

The Wick contractions of quark-antiquark monomials appearing in the expansion of super-coordinate of H could define the analog of radiative corrections in discrete approach. $M^8 - H$ duality and number theoretic vision require that the number of non-vanishing Wick contractions is finite. The number of contractions is bounded by the finite number of points in cognitive representation and increases with the degree of the octonionic polynomial and gives rise to a discrete coupling constant evolution parameterized by the extensions of rationals. The polynomial

composition hierarchies correspond to inclusion hierarchies for isomorphic sub-algebras of super-symplectic algebra having interpretation in terms of inclusions of hyper-finite factors of type II_1 .

5.3 Proposal for S-matrix

One also ends up to the first completely concrete proposal for how to construct S-matrix directly from the solutions of super-Dirac equations and super-field equations for space-time super-surfaces. The idea inspired by WKB approximation is that the exponent of the super variant of Kähler function including also super-variant of Dirac action defines S-matrix elements as its matrix elements between the positive and negative energy parts of the zero energy states formed from the corresponding vacua at the two boundaries of CD annihilated by annihilation operators and *resp.* creation operators. The states would be created by the monomials appearing in the super-coordinates and super-spinor.

Super-Dirac equation implies that super-Dirac action vanishes on-mass-shell. The proposed construction allows to get also scattering amplitudes between all possible states using the exponential of super-Kähler action. Super-Dirac equation however makes possible to express derivatives of the quark oscillator operators (values of quark field at points of cognitive representation) so that one can use only the points of cognitive representation without introducing lattice discretization. Discrete coupling constant evolution follows from the fact that the contractions of oscillator operators occur at the boundary of CD and their number is limited by the finite number of points of cognitive representation.

S-matrix is trivial unless CD contains the images of 6-D analogs of branes as universal special solutions of the algebraic equations determining space-time surfaces at the level of M^8 . 4-D space-time surfaces representing particle orbits meet at the partonic 2-surfaces associated with the 3-D surfaces at $t = r_n$ hyper-surfaces of M^4 . The values of $t = r_n$ correspond to the roots of the real polynomial with rational coefficients determining the space-time surface. These transitions are analogs of weak measurements, and in TGD theory of consciousness they give rise to the experience flow of time and can be said to represent "very special moments" in the life of self [L13].

The creation and annihilation operators at vertices associated with the monomials would be connected to the points assignable to cognitive representations at opposite boundaries of CD and also to partonic 2-surfaces in the interior of CD possibly accompanied by sub-CDs. This would give analogs of twistor Grassmannian diagrams containing finite number of partonic 2-surfaces as vertices containing in turn ordinary vertices defined by the monomials. Their number would be finite and they would be basically completely classical objects in accordance with the fact that quantum TGD is completely classical theory apart from state function reduction.

This view allows a formulation also at the continuum limit since the monomials appearing in the action density in interior of CD are linear superposition of the monomials at the points of boundary of CD involving 3-D integral so that contractions of oscillator operators only reduce one integration without introducing divergence. One can also normal order the monomials at boundary of CD serving as initial values.

5.4 SUSY and TGD

What SUSY is in TGD framework is a longstanding question. In the following the most plausible picture assuming $M^8 - H$ duality is discussed.

One can imagine two options for SUSY at the fundamental level.

5.4.1 Does TGD allow SUSY at fundamental level?

Generalization of SUSY is strongly suggestive at the level of cognitive representations, where it makes sense to have fermion fields at same point, and would mean that each point can carry all possible quark and lepton states. Consider the situation in M^8 picture for which space-time is a surface in M^8 .

1. The formulation of the theory for cognitive representations effectively replaces X^4 with a set of points with M^8 coordinates in extension of rationals. This set of points defines also the WCW coordinates of space-time surface. This set can fix the space-time surface uniquely if it corresponds to a root of octonionic polynomial.

2. In TGD quarks do not carry color as spin like number so that Fermi statistics allows all many-fermion-anti-fermion states such that fermions (antifermions) do not have identical electroweak and spin quantum numbers. Fermi statistics allows finite number of many-fermion and many-anti-fermion states at given point: one has 4 different states corresponding to 2 helicity states and 2 possible electroweak states (U and D type quarks, lepton and corresponding neutrino). These states correspond to the components states of $\mathcal{N} = 4$ super-multiplet or even $\mathcal{N} = 8$ SUSY (conserved B and L and both fermion and antifermion as generators of super-symmetries) with conserved B and L . This picture is almost “must” for cognitive representation for which fermions could reside at the points of cognitive representation having coordinates in extension of rationals defined the adèle in adelic physics [L5].
3. For this option SUSY would not be broken: the same mass formula would hold true for all members of the SUSY multiplet but mass scale could be different in massivation by p-adic thermodynamics. p-Adic prime characterizing the mass scale of the particle would depend on its quantum numbers. Mass splitting inside SUSY multiplet would occur and spartners could be very heavy.
4. In TGD massless fields correspond to minimal surfaces (apart from string world sheet singularities). The superposition of fields is replaced with the disjoint union of space-time surfaces carrying the superposed fields: a particle touching unavoidably sheets with common M^4 projection experiences the sum of effects of the fields at different space-time sheets. This allows to understand how many-sheeted space-time leads to QFT limit. Octonions replace the space of primary fields and the roots of octonionic polynomial correspond to space-time sheets. The replacement of octonions with super-octonions assigns to each component of super-octonion polynomial a space-time surface so that the super field is geometrized.

The geometric description of SUSY would be in terms of super-octonions and components of SUSY multiplet would correspond to components of a real polynomial of super-octonion and would in general give rise to minimal space-time surfaces as their roots: one space-time sheet for each component of the super-polynomial.

What is of crucial importance is that the components would have different degrees so that the extensions defined by the roots would be different. Therefore also the p-adic primes characterizing corresponding particles would be different as ramified primes of extension and in p-adic mass calculations this would mean different p-adic mass scales and breaking of SUSY although the mass formulas would be same for the members of SUSY multiplet. The remaining question is how the ramified prime defining the p-adic prime is selected.

5. Particles are proposed to correspond to points of cognitive representation, whose points have preferred imbedding space coordinates in the extension of rationals defining the particular adèle in adelic physics [L5]. These points would be also belong to partonic 2-surfaces identified as intersections of 6-D universal roots r_n of octonionic polynomials in 1-1 correspondence with the roots of the real polynomial with rational coefficients defining the octonionic polynomial. The projections of these surface to M^4 would be $t = r_n, 0 \leq r_M \leq r_n$ balls inside light-cone. The data at partonic 2-surfaces - the points in extension of rationals - would dictates the space-time surface in accordance with strong form of holography. This generalizes to polynomials of super-octonions.
6. This option might be free of divergences, and number theoretical vision requires that loops vanish since they would lead out of extension of rationals essential for adelic physics to make sense. Coupling constant evolution would reduce to discrete sequence of phase transitions between phases characterized by different coupling constants determined by quantum criticality.

If SUSY is realized, the vertices could be those of SUSY with conserved B and L and describe the decay or fusion of states consisting of some number of elementary fermions and antifermions at same point and describable using $\mathcal{N} = 4$ or maybe even $\mathcal{N} = 8$ SUSY (generated by quarks, leptons, and their antiparticles).

7. One could also argue that the formation of stable enough many-fermion states with many fermions at single point is most plausible if there are no gauge interactions between fermions.

Right handed neutrino corresponding to covariantly constant CP_2 spinor has no color and electroweak interactions. This would suggest that $\mathcal{N} = 2$ SUSY generated by neutrinos is the least broken one.

8. The counterpart of SUSY at the level of $H = M^4 \times CP_2$ would be obtained by $M^8 - H$ duality in relatively straightforward manner.

This option is definitely the most elegant and most general and there would be strong connections with SUSYs and even understanding of SUSY breaking in terms of p-adic thermodynamics and different extensions of rationals for various members of the SUSY multiplets.

5.4.2 Does TGD allow dynamically generated SUSY at fundamental level?

I have also played with what might be called dynamically generated SUSY. Consider first no-SUSY option.

1. A stronger condition would be that only single fermion or antifermion at given point of space-time surface is possible. At continuum limit one might argue that this kind of states are too singular and therefore excluded. Particle interaction vertices would involve only rearrangement of fermion and anti-fermion lines and turning of them backwards in time. There would be no SUSY.
2. For this option one expects that the scattering amplitudes could be obtained as composites of scattering amplitudes for fundamental fermions. If so, the construction should be very simple.

One can however imagine a kind of dynamically generated broken SUSY also for this option.

1. Suppose that fermions and antifermions are associated with singularities of space-time surface at which sheets intersect each other. For 4-D space-time surface in 8-D space these self-intersections are unavoidable but intersections of more than two branches are expected to be very rare unless some special conditions are required.
2. If one allows fermion-right-handed neutrino pairs at intersections of two branches, one would have almost $\mathcal{N} = 2$ SUSY: the states with fermion and pair or right-handed neutrino and antineutrino would be missing.
3. Space-time surfaces would be mapped by $M^8 - H$ duality to $H = M^4 \times CP_2$. Since the tangent space of of point is parameterized as CP_2 point, and because tangent spaces of coinciding points at singularity are different, the image would consist of several points of CP_2 but same point of M^4 . The points at different sheets would have collinear light-like momenta so that they could be interpreted as members of SUSY multiplet.
4. In this case number theory would not provide a mechanism of SUSY breaking since the intersecting roots correspond to the same polynomial and same extension of rationals.

One could argue that for this option the formation of sparticles are than fundamental sfermions is extremely rare occurrence so that SUSY cannot be realized in this manner.

If SUSY is realized at the level of M^8 , it should have a formulation also at the level of H .

1. $M^8 - H$ duality is non-local and means that the dynamics at the level of H is not strictly local but dictated by partial differential equations for super-fields having interpretation as describing purely local many-fermion states made of fundamental fermions with quantum numbers of leptons and quarks (quarks do not possess color as spin like quantum number) and their antiparticles.
2. Classical field equations and modified Dirac equation must result from this picture. Induction procedure for the spinors of H must generalize so that spinors are replaced by super-spinors Ψ_s having multi-spinors as components multiplying monomials of θ . The determinant of metric and modified gamma matrices depend on imbedding space coordinates h replaced with

super coordinates h_s so that monomials of θ appear in two different manners. Hermiticity requires that sums of monomial and its hermitian conjugate appear in h_s . Monomials must also have vanishing fermion numbers. Otherwise one can obtain fermionic states propagating like bosons. For Dirac action one must assume that Ψ_s involves only odd monomials of θ possibly multiplied by monomials appearing in h_s to get only fermionic states and correct kind of propagators.

3. One Taylor expands both bosonic action density (Kähler action plus volume term) Super-Dirac action with respect to the super-coordinates h_s . The coefficients of the monomials of θ :s are obtained as partial derivatives of the action. Since the number of θ parameters is finite and corresponds to the number of spin-weak-isospin states of quarks and leptons, the number of terms is finite if the θ parameters anti-commute to zero. If not, one can get an infinite number of terms from the Taylor series for the action. Number theoretical considerations do not favor this and there should exist a cancellation mechanism for the radiative corrections coming from fermionic Wick contractions.
4. One can interpret the superspace as the exterior algebra of the spinors of H . This reminds of the result that the sections of the exterior algebra of Riemann manifold codes for the Riemann geometry (see <http://tinyurl.com/yxrcr8xv>). This generalizes the observation that one can hear the shape of a drum since the sound spectrum is determined by its frequency spectrum defined by Laplacian.

Super-fields define a Clifford algebra generated by θ parameters as a kind of square root of exterior algebra which corresponds to the Clifford algebra of gamma matrices. Maybe this algebra could code also for the spinor structure of imbedding space or even that of space-time surface so that the super-fields could be seen as carriers of geometric information about space-time surface as a preferred extremal. In 8-D case there is also $SO(1, 8)$ triality suggesting that corresponding three Clifford algebras correspond to exterior algebra fermionic and anti-fermionic algebras.

5. At M^8 level the components of super-octonion correspond to various derivatives of the basic polynomial $P(t)$ so that space-time geometry correlates with the quantum numbers assignable to super-octonion components - this is in accordance with QCC (quantum-classical correspondence). This is highly desirable at the level of H too.
6. Could the space-time surface in M^8 be same for super-field components with degree $d < d_{max}$ in some special cases? The polynomial associated with super octonion components are determined by the derivatives of the basic polynomial $P(t)$ with order determined by the degree of the super-monomial. If they have decomposition $P(t) = P_1^k(t)$, the monomials with degree $d < k$ the roots corresponding to the roots $P_1(t)$ co-incide. Besides this there are additional roots of $d^r P_1/dt^r$ for super-octonion component with r θ parameters.

A possible interpretation could be as quantum criticality in which there is no SUSY breaking for components having $d < k$ (masses in p-adic thermodynamics could be the same since the extension defined by P_1 and corresponding ramified primes would be same). This would conform with the general vision about quantum criticality.

7. Usual super-field formalism involves Grassmann integration over θ parameters to give the action. M^8 formalism does not involve the θ integral at all. Should this be the case also at the level of H ? This would guarantee that different components of H - coordinates as super-field would give rise to different space-time surface and QCC would be realized. θ integration produces SUSY invariants naturally involved with the definition of vertices involving components of super-fields. Also vertices involving fermionic and bosonic states emerge since bosonic super-field components appear in super-coordinates in super-Dirac action.

5.5 Could super coordinates of H be treated like super-octonion in M^8 ?

Could one treat super-fields in H in the same manner as in M^8 ? One would perform the θ integration to obtain action principle for the dynamics of space-time surface or of induced spinor fields. The first guess is that the multi-spinors appearing in bosonic action are classical fields. The

super-components of Dirac spinor would be however second quantized. Here one must however keep mind open.

The coefficient actions would be spinorial quantities multiplied by monomials of θ :s and one would solve field equations separately for each multi-spinor component This would be in accordance with the replacement of superposition of fields with disjoint union for space-time surfaces with induced fields.

It seems that the analog of SYM-Super-Dirac action is the only physical option. Bosonic action as analog of SYM action would describe bosons and their spartners and Super-Dirac action fermions and their spartners.

5.5.1 Bosonic action as an analog of SYM action

In bosonic action imbedding space coordinates are supersymmetrized. This option is analogous to pure SYM action without fermions.

1. Space-time would be super-surface in super counterpart of $H = M^4 \times CP_2$ with coordinates h^k having super components proportional to multi-spinors multiplying the monomials of θ parameters treated as independent fields. For M^4 this is expected to work but in the case of CP_2 this approach is not so straightforward. The symmetries and projective space property allowing to use projective coordinates might help to overcome the possible technical problems.
2. The θ parameters associated with θ and $\bar{\theta}$ cannot anti-commute to zero but can be regarded as fermionic creation operators and annihilation operators. Θ parameters and their conjugates can be assigned with both leptons and quarks (or with quarks only as it turns out). If θ parameters and their conjugates anti-commute in standard manner to unity, one can regard them as fermionic oscillator operators. The vacuum expectation value of the action contains only monomials with vanishing B and L .

A stronger condition is that h_s is hermitian and thus contains only sums of monomials and their conjugates having vanishing B and L . This guarantees super-symmetrization respecting bosonic statistics at the level of propagators since all kinetic terms involve two covariant derivatives - one can indeed transform ordinary derivatives of monomials coming from the Taylor expansion to covariant derivatives involving also the coupling to Kähler form since the total Kähler charge of terms vanishes.

The lack of anti-commutativity of θ :s and their conjugates (also representable as θ derivatives) or equivalently of fermionic oscillator operators implies problems.

1. For anti-commuting θ parameters the series would involve a finite number of partial derivatives of action. Wick contractions of oscillator operators would give rise to an infinite series. As such this need not be a problem if the sum converges to a well-defined algebraic extension defining general coordinate invariant action as a kind of effective action expressible as a Taylor series of super field components with vanishing net fermion numbers B and L . The appearance of infinite Taylor series defining the coefficients of super-polynomial is however troublesome from the point of view of number theoretic vision since there is no guarantee that the coefficients are rational functions.

One manner to avoid problems is to normal order the terms in the action. One can however hope that the normal ordered form results automatically due to the vanishing of c-number terms emerging in the normal ordering process. This condition would be analogous to the vanishing of fermionic loops and this is indeed the basic vision of TGD. By quantum criticality coupling constant evolution is discrete so that loops vanish. This would imply a huge simplification of twistor amplitudes [L9] since only the counterparts of tree diagrams would be obtained.

2. The terms in the action would typically involve n-tuples of partial derivatives

$$L_{k_1\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n k_n} = \frac{\partial_n L}{\partial h_{|\alpha_1}^{k_1} \dots \partial h_{|\alpha_n}^{k_n}}$$

coming from super-Taylor expansion of action The Taylor expansion must be define recursively by substituting repeatedly the Taylor expansion of Γ_k in terms of super-coordinates. This expansion should stop in finite order. This should be due to the vanishing of terms involving anti-commutators of oscillator operators. In the case of Γ^α and Γ_k the expansion must be carried out recursively and if the contractions coming from anti-commutators of oscillator operators do not vanish, the recursion process is infinite.

The partial derivatives $L_{k_1\alpha_1,\dots,\alpha_n k_n}$ are contracted with quantities $\gamma_{k_1}\dots\gamma_{k_n}D_{\alpha_1}O_1\dots D_{\alpha_n}O_n$, where O_n are monomials of θ parameters. The resulting terms can be denoted by $\Gamma^{\alpha_1\dots\alpha_n}O_1D_{\alpha_1}\dots D_{\alpha_n}O_n$.

The terms O_n in the bosonic expectation value representing contributions for Δh_s involve Wick contractions of type $\langle|h_s\bar{h}_s\rangle$. The vacuum expectation values $\langle\Gamma^{\alpha_1\dots\alpha_n}\prod_i D_{\alpha_i}\Delta h_{s,i}\rangle$ must vanish.

The vanishing of these divergences could be interpreted in terms of conserved Noether currents and therefore symmetries. This condition would be analogous to the vanishing of loops and would be guaranteed by preferred extremal property and field equations for $h_{s,i}$. The experience with preferred extremals of bosonic action, which is sum of Kähler action and volume term tells that preferred extremals are minimal surface apart from string world sheet singularities and the field equations reduce to algebraic conditions. In recent case one might hope that something similar happens.

The simplest situation would be that the vacuum expectations have vanishing multi-divergences:

$$\Gamma^{\alpha_1\dots\alpha_n}\langle\prod_i D_{\alpha_i}\Delta h_{s,i}\rangle = 0 .$$

$n - 1$ -fold divergence would define a conserved current perhaps assignable to a symmetry as a Noether current. Also for more general assumption that the monomials involve even number of θ and their conjugates similar conservation conditions are obtained. An interesting possibility is that these conditions code for the conjectured Yangian symmetry characterizing also twistorial amplitudes [L9].

3. One does not obtain free field equations. The reason is that the Taylor expansion of the non-linear geometric action gives higher powers of super-parts of imbedding space coordinates.

An interesting possibility in line with the speculations of Nima-Arkani Hamed and others is that space-time as a 4-surface of imbedding space could emerge from anti-commutators of the θ monomials as radiative corrections so that the bosonic action would vanish when the super-part of h_s vanishes.

5.5.2 Super-Dirac action

Before doing anything one can recall what happens in the case of modified Dirac action.

1. One has separate modified Dirac actions $\bar{\Psi}D\Psi$, $D = \Gamma^\alpha D_\alpha$ for quarks and leptons (later it will be found that modified Dirac action for quarks might be enough) and the covariant derivatives differ since there is a coupling to n -ple of included Kähler potential. For leptons one has $n = -3$ and for quarks $n = 1$. This guarantees that em charges come out correctly. This coupling appears in the covariant derivative D_α of fermionic super field.
2. One obtains modified Dirac equations for quarks and leptons by variation with respect to spinors. The variation with respect to the imbedding space coordinates gives quantized versions of classical conservation laws with respect to isometries. One also obtains and infinite number of super-currents as contractions of modes of the modified Dirac operator with Ψ .
3. Classical field equations for the space-time surface emerge as a consistency condition guaranteeing the modified Dirac operator is hermitian: canonical momentum currents of classical action must be conserved and define conserved quantum when contracted with Killing vectors of isometries. Quantum-classical correspondence (QQC) requires than for Cartan algebra of symmetry algebra the classical Noether charges are same as the fermionic Noether charges.

It turns out that the super-symmetrization of modified Dirac equation gives only fermions and they fermionic superpartners in this manner if one requires that propagators are consistent with statistics.

H coordinates are super-symmetrized and induced spinor field becomes a super-spinor $\Psi = \Psi_N O_N(\theta, \bar{\theta})$ with Psi_N depending on h_s .

1. As in the case of bosonic action the vacuum expectation value gives modified Dirac action conserving fermion numbers but one could assume that the monomials in the leptonic (quark) modified Dirac action have either non-vanishing L (B) and vanishing B (L). It seems that the lepton (baryon -) number of monomials can vary from 1 to maximum value. A more restrictive condition would be that the value is 1 for all terms.
2. Super-Dirac spinor is expanded in monomials $O_N(\theta, \bar{\theta})$ of θ and its conjugate $\bar{\theta}$, whose anti-commutator is non-trivial. One can equally well talk about quark like oscillator operators. The sum $\Psi = \Psi^N O_N$ defining super-spinor field. The multi-spinors Ψ_N are functions of space-time coordinates, which are ordinary numbers. Quark oscillator operators are same as appearing in the imbedding space super-coordinates. Only monomials O_N having odd quark number are allowed. Super-spinor field however contains terms involving quark pairs giving rise to spartners of multiquark states with fixed quark number. The conjugate of super-spinor is defined in an obvious manner.
3. The metric determinant and modified gamma matrices appearing in the Dirac action are expanded as Taylor series in hermitian super-coordinate $h_s + \bar{h}_s$ with $h = h^N O_N$. This as as in the case of bosonic action.

There are also couplings to gauge potentials defined by the spinor connection of CP_2 and the expansion of them with respect to the imbedding space coordinates gives at the first step rise covariant derivatives of gauge potentials giving spinor curvature. At next steps one obtains covariant derivatives of spinor curvature, which however vanish so that the number of terms coming from the dependence of spinor connection on CP_2 coordinates is expected to be finite. Constant curvature property of CP_2 is therefore be essential (not that also M^4 would have covariantly constant spinor curvature in twistor lift and give rise to CP breaking).

The super-coordinate expansion of the metric determinant \sqrt{g} and modified gamma matrices Γ^α and covariant derivatives D_α involving dependence on H coordinates give additional monomials of θ parameters appear as hermitian monomials. Classical field equations correspond to $D_\alpha \Gamma^\alpha = 0$ guaranteeing the hermiticity of $D = \Gamma^\alpha D_\alpha$.

4. When super-coordinates of H are replaced with ordinary imbedding space coordinates the only Wick contractions are between O^N and \bar{O}^N in the vacuum expectation of Dirac action, and the action reduces to super-Dirac action with components satisfying modified Dirac equation. Propagator is Dirac propagator for all terms and the presence of only odd components in Ψ and even components in h^s guarantees that Fermi statistics is not violated at the level of propagators. The dependence on h_s induces coupling between different components of the super-spinor. The components of super-spinor are interpreted as second quantized objects.
5. The terms in the action would typically involve n-tuples of partial derivatives $L_{k_1 \alpha_1 \dots k_n 1 \alpha_n}$ defined earlier for $L = \sqrt{g}$ coming from super-Taylor expansions. Similar derivatives come from the modified gamma matrices Γ^α .

Also now one obtains loops from the self contractions in the terms coming from the expression of action and gamma matrices. These terms should vanish and as already found this would require vanishing of currents perhaps identifiable as Noether currents of symmetries. This guarantees that the Taylor expansion contains only finite number of terms as required by number theoretic vision.

The multi-fermion vertices defined by the action would be non-trivial but involve always contraction of all fermion indices between monomials formed from θ :s in Ψ and their conjugates in $\bar{\Psi}$ if the loop contractions sum up to zero. One could interpret these supersymmetric vertices as a redistribution of fermions of a local many-fermion state between external local many-fermion states

particles represented by the monomials appearing in the vertices. The fermions making the initial state would be same as in final state and all distributions of fermion number between sfermion lines would be allowed. The action obtained by contraction would have SUSY as symmetry but the propagation of different sfermions is fermionic and does not look like that for ordinary spartners.

5.5.3 Feedback to M^8 level

Super-symmetrization of bosonic action identified as sum of Kähler action and volume term plus super-Dirac action [L9] seem to define an excellent candidate for the description of TGD basic physics. One could however worry about the asymmetry between M^8 and H . The original speculations related to [L4] super-octonions were too naive and is not consistent with the picture at H level.

1. Should one introduce super-spinors also at the level of M^8 as octonion analytic fields and defined scattering amplitudes in terms of them just as in the case of H ? The fact is that scattering amplitudes cannot be defined in terms of octonionic surfaces alone.

Also spinor fields are needed and here $SO(1,3)$ triality is suggestive. Spinor fields and anti-spinor fields could be octonion analytic functions (polynomials) of octonion coordinate, which are conjugates of each other. $SO(1,3)$ triality however suggests that only fermions correspond to second imbedding space chirality are allowed: the trio would be formed by fermions, antifermions, and octonionic coordinates. It turns out that one could indeed understand leptons and neutrinos as local analogs of proton and neutron so that only quark chirality would be present at fundamental level. This would simplify dramatically the picture about elementary particles and interactions.

2. This picture forces to consider alternative interpretation for octonion analyticity. Could the vanishing of the real or imaginary part in quaternionic sense have interpretation as a condition of super-spinor - kind of super-selection rule.

So: what super-octonions could be?

1. The key idea is that the powers o^n of octonion appearing are associative. If the coefficients of $P(o)$ are real or possibly even complex rationals $m + in$ commuting with octonions, associativity is not lost. Octonion o would be multiplied by a super-polynomial p_s with (possibly complex-) rational coefficients to get super-octonion $o_s = op_s$. The conjugate octonion \bar{o} would be treated analogously. The terms in o_s would be proportional to super-monomials $O_N(\theta, \bar{\theta})$. One would have $o_s^n = o^n p_s^n$ so that associativity would be preserved.

θ *resp.* $\bar{\theta}$ would transform like components of 8-D spinor *resp.* its conjugate and have interpretation as quark *resp.* anti-quark like spinors. $SO(1,7)$ triality allows only leptonic or quark-like spinors and quark-like spinors are the only physical choice. $O_N(\theta, \bar{\theta})$ would behave like quark multi-spinors.

2. Super-polynomial $P_s(o)$ would be defined by super-analytic continuation as $P(o_s)$ by Taylor expanding it with respect to the super-part of o_s . The outcome is super-polynomial with coefficients of monomials O_N given by ordinary octonionic polynomials P_N . Each P_N would define 4-surface by requiring that the imaginary or real part of P_N (in quaternionic sense) vanishes. The polynomials P_N are expressible in terms of P and its derivatives.
3. The geometric description of SUSY would be in terms of super-octonions and their super-polynomials and the components of SUSY multiplet would correspond to components of a real polynomial of super-octonion and would in general give rise to minimal space-time surfaces as their roots: one space-time sheet for each component of the super-polynomial.

What is of crucial importance is that the components would have different degrees so that the extensions defined by the roots would be different. Therefore also the p-adic primes characterizing corresponding particles would be different as ramified primes of extension and in p-adic mass calculations this would mean different p-adic mass scales and breaking of SUSY although the mass formulas would be same for the members of SUSY multiplet. The remaining question is how the ramified prime defining the p-adic prime is selected.

4. $SO(1, 7)$ triality implies that 8-spinors, their conjugates, and 8-vector form a triplet. Super-field formalism in $M^4 \times CP_2$ suggests that there bosonic action defining space-time surface and super-Dirac action are fundamental. This should have analog at M^8 level. This would suggest that super-variants of ordinary octonions serve as arguments of octonion valued super-fields having interpretation as quarks and antiquarks. Θ parameters are same in all cases.

The bosonic super-monomials in o_s would be of form $O_N(\theta, \bar{\theta})$ with vanishing quark number and monomial and its conjugate would appear as sum: the interpretation would be in terms of local bosonic states with vanishing quark number. Quark-like octonionic super-field q_s would be odd polynomial of θ with coefficients polynomials of o_s . For antiquark-like super-field \bar{q}_s θ would be replaced with its conjugate. The interpretation would be in terms of states with odd quark or anti-quark number. Also in this interpretation the vanishing of the real or imaginary part of the quark- or antiquark-like polynomial would define a space-time surface in M^8 and one would have bosonic, quark-like, and antiquark-like space-time surfaces.

5.6 Could SYM action plus Super-Dirac action for quarks explain elementary particle spectrum?

TGD based SUSY involves super-spinors and super-coordinates. Suppose that one has a cognitive representation defined by the points of space-time surface with coordinates in an extension of rationals defining adele and belonging to the partonic 2-surfaces defined by the intersections of 6-D roots of octonionic polynomials with 4-D roots. This representation has H counterpart.

Cognitive representation gives rise to a tensor product of these algebras and the oscillator operators define a discretized version of fermionic oscillator operator algebra of quantum field theories. One would have interpretation as many-fermion states but the local many-fermion states would have particle interpretation. This would replace fermions of the earlier identification of elementary particles with SUSY multiplets in the proposed sense. This brings in large number of new particles. One can however ask whether the return to the original picture in which single partonic 2-surface corresponds to elementary particle could be possible. Certainly it would simplify the picture dramatically.

Could this picture explain elementary particle spectrum and how it would modify the recent picture?: these are the questions.

5.6.1 Attempt go gain bird's eye of view

Rather general arguments suggest that SYM action plus Super-Dirac action could explain elementary particle spectrum. Some general observations help to get a bird's eye of view about the situation.

1. The antisymmetric tensor products for fermions and anti-fermions produce states with same spectrum of electro-weak quantum numbers irrespectively of whether the fermion and anti-fermion are at same point or at different points. Which option is correct or are these options correspond analogous to two different phases of lattice gauge theory in which nodes *resp.* links determine the states? Only multi-local states containing fermions with identical spin and weak isospin at different points are not possible as local states.

There is no point in denying the existence of either kind of states. What suggests itself is the generalization of electric-magnetic duality relating perturbative Coulomb phase in which ordinary particles dominate and the non-perturbative phase in which magnetic monopoles dominate. I have considered what I have called weak form of electric-magnetic duality already earlier [K15] but as a kind of self-duality stating that for homologically charged partonic 2-surfaces electric and magnetic fluxes are identical. The new picture would conform with the view of ordinary QFT about this duality.

2. The basic distinction between TGD and standard model is that color is not spin-like quantum number but represented as color partial waves basically reducing to the spinor harmonics plus super-symplectic generators carrying color quantum numbers. Spinor harmonics as such have

non-physical correlation between color and electro-weak quantum numbers [K4] although quarks and leptons correspond to triality $t = 1$ and triality $t = 0$ states.

3. It turns out that one could understand quarks, leptons, and electro-weak gauge bosons and their spartners as states involving only single partonic 2-surface [K2]: this would give essentially the original topological model for family replication in which partonic 2-surfaces were identified as boundary components of 3-surface. In principle one can allow also quarks and gluons with unit charge matrix with color partial waves defining Lie-algebra generator as bosonic states. Could these states correspond to free partons for which perturbative QCD applies at high energies?

Also color octet partial waves of electro-weak bosons and Higgs and the predicted additional pseudo-scalar - something totally new - are possible as both local and bi-local states. There would be no mixing of $U(1)_Y$ state and neutral $SU(2)_w$ states for color octet gluon. In this sense electro-weak symmetry breaking would be absent.

4. Electro-weak group as holonomy group of CP_2 can be mapped to the Cartan group of color group, and electro-weak and color quantum numbers would relate like spin and angular momentum to each other. This encourages to think that there are deep connections between electro-weak physics and color physics, which have remained hidden in standard model.

The conserved vector current hypothesis (CVC) and partially conserved axial current hypothesis (PCAC) of hadron physics suggests a strong connection between color physics and electro-weak physics. There is also evidence for so called X bosons with mass 16.7 MeV [?] [L3] suggesting in TGD framework that weak physics could have fractally scaled down copy in hadronic and even nuclear scales.

Could ordinary gluons be responsible for CVC whereas colored variants of weak bosons and Higgs/pseudo-scalar Higgs would be responsible for PCAC? Usually strong force in hadronic sense is assigned with pion exchange. This approach does not work perturbatively. Could one assign strong force with the exchange of pseudo-scalar, and colored variants of gluons, pseudo-scalar, and Higgs?

5. Hitherto it has been assumed that homology charges (Kähler magnetic charges) characterize flux tubes connecting the two wormhole throats associated with the monopole flux of elementary particle. Could one understand the bi-local or multi-local objects of this kind as exotic phase analogous to magnetic monopole dominated phase of gauge theories as dual of Coulomb phase?

Hadrons would certainly be excellent candidates for monopole dominated phase. Gluons would be pairs of quarks associated with homologically charged partonic 2-surfaces with opposite homology charges. Gluons would literally serve as “glue” in the spirit of lattice QCD. Gluons and hadrons would be multi-local states made from quarks and gluons as homologically trivial configurations with vanishing total homology charge.

6. Is there a correlation between color hyper-charge and homology charge forcing quarks and gluons to be always in this phase and forcing leptons to be homologically neutral? This could provide topological realization of color confinement. The simplest option is that valence quarks have homology charges 2, -1 , -1 summing up to zero. This was one of the first ideas in TGD about 38 years ago.

One can also imagine that the homological quark charges $(3, -2, -1)$ summing up to zero define a classical correlate for the color triplet of quarks, a realization of Fermi statistics, and allow to understand color confinement topologically. The color partial waves in H would emerge at the imbedding space level and characterize the ground states of super-symplectic representations. Color triplets of quarks and antiquarks could thus correspond to homology charges $(3, -2, -1)$ and $(-3, 2, 1)$ and neutral gluons could be superpositions of pairs of form $(q, -q)$, $q = 3, -1, -1$. Charged gluons as flux tubes would not be possible in the confined phase.

7. Is monopole phase possible also for leptons as general QFT wisdom suggests? For instance, could Cooper pairs could be flux tubes having members of Cooper pair - say electrons - at

its ends and photons in this phase be superposition of fermion and anti-fermion at the ends of the flux tube and monopole confinement would make the length of flux tube short and photon massive in superconducting phase.

5.6.2 Comparing the new and older picture about elementary particles

The speculative view held hitherto about elementary particles in TGD Universe correspond to the TGD analog of the magnetic monopole dominated phase of QFTs. This view is considerably more complicated than the new view and involves unproven assumptions.

1. Identification of elementary particles

Old picture: Ordinary bosons (and also fermions) are identified as multilocal many-fermion states. The fermions and anti-fermions would reside at different throats of the 2 wormhole contacts associated with a closed monopole flux tube associated with the elementary particle and going through wormhole contact to second space-time sheet. All elementary particles are analogous to hadron-like entities involving closed monopole flux tubes.

One can raise objections against this idea. Leptons are known to be very point-like. One must also assume that the topologies of monopole throats are same for given genus in order that p-adic mass calculations make sense. The assumption that quarks correspond to monopole pairs makes things unnecessarily complex: it would be enough to assume that they correspond to partonic 2-surfaces with monopole charge at the "ends" of flux tubes at given space-time sheet.

One must assume that the genus of the 4 throats is same for known elementary particles: this assumption looks rather natural but can be criticized. The correlations forced by preferred extremal property should of course force the genera of wormhole throats to be identical.

New picture: Elementary fermions would be partonic 2-surfaces. Leptons would have vanishing homology charge. Elementary bosons could be simply pairs of fermion anti-fermion located at the opposite ends of flux tubes. This would dramatically simplify the topological description of particle reactions. In the case of quarks however the homological space-time correlate of color confinement is attractive and would force monopole flux tubes. It turns out that this picture corresponds to the simplest level in the $h_{eff} = nh_0$ hierarchy. One could also see leptons and quarks as analogs of perturbative and non-perturbative monopole dominated phases of gauge theories.

Flux tubes could allow to understand phases like super-conductivity involving massivation of photons (Meissner effect). For instance, Cooper pairs could correspond closed flux tubes involving charged fermions at their "ends". In high Tc super-conductivity Cooper pairs in this sense would be formed at higher critical temperature and at lower critical temperature they would form quantum coherent phase [K8, K9]. Flux tube picture could also allow to understand strongly interacting phases of electrons.

2. Electroweak massivation

Old picture: Electro-weak massivation has been assumed to involve screening of electro-weak isospin by a neutrino pair at the second wormhole contact. The screening is not actually necessary in p-adic thermodynamics in its recent form since the thermal massivation is due to the mixing of different mass eigenstates.

New picture: There is no need to add pairs of right- and left-handed neutrino to screen the weak charges in the scale of flux tube.

3. Identification of vertices

Old picture: In old picture one could do almost without vertices: in the simplest proposal particle reactions would correspond to re-arrangements of fermions and antifermions so that fermion and antifermion number would be conserved separately. Therefore one needs an analog of vertex in which partonic 2-surface turns back in time in order to describe creation of particle pairs and emission of bosons identified as fermion-antifermion pairs.

New picture: In vertices fermions and antifermions assignable to super spinor component would be redistributed between different orbits of partonic 2-surfaces meeting along their

ends at the 6-D braney object in M^8 picture or turn backwards in time - the interpretation for this might be in terms of interaction with classical induce gauge field. What is new are the new vertices corresponding to the monomials of oscillator operators in the super-spinor. The original identification of particles (given up later) as single partonic 2-surface predicts genus-generation correspondence without additional assumptions. Both old and new picture predict also higher gauge boson genera for which some evidence exists: TGD predictions for the masses are correct [K6].

5.6.3 Are quarks enough as fundamental fermions?

For the first option - call it Option a) - quarks and leptons would define their own super-spinors. Whether only quark or lepton-like spinors are enough remains still an open question.

1. I have also considered the possibility that quarks are actually anti-leptons carrying homology charge and have anomalous em charge equal to $-1/3$ units. One might perhaps say that quarks are kind of anyonic states [K7]. It is however difficult to understand how the coupling to Kähler form could be dynamical and have values $n = -3$ and $n = 1$ for homologically neutral and charged states respectively. This would mean that only lepton like θ parameters appear in super-coordinates and only leptonic Dirac action is needed.
2. For this option proton would be bound state of homologically charged leptons. This in principle allows decays of type $p \rightarrow e^+ \dots$ and $p \rightarrow e^+ + e^+ + \bar{\nu}$ requiring that the 3 partonic 2-surfaces fused with non-trivial homology charges fuse to single homologically trivial 2-surface. This form of proton instability would be different from that of GUTs. The topology changing process is expected to be slow. Is the introduction of two super-octonionic θ parameters natural assignable to B and L or is single parameter enough?
3. The coupling to Kähler form is not explicitly visible on the bosonic action but is visible in modified Dirac action. Could leptonic modified Dirac action transform to quark type modified Dirac action? This does not seem plausible.

The super-Dirac action for quarks however suggests another option, call it Option b). Leptons could be local 3-quark states.

1. Could one identify leptons as local 3 quark composites - essentially anti-baryons as far as quantum numbers are considered - but with different p-adic scale and emerging from the super-Dirac action for quarks as purely local states with super-degree $d = 3$? Could one imagine totally new approach to the matter antimatter asymmetry?

Leptons would be purely local 3-quark composites and baryons non-local 3-quark composites so that charge neutrality alone would guarantee matter-antimatter symmetry at fundamental level. Anti-quark matter would prefer to be purely local and quark matter 3-local. The small CP violation due to the M^4 part of Kähler action forced by twistor lift should explain this asymmetry.

2. The local baryons would have much simpler spectrum and would correspond for given genus g (lepton generation) to the baryons formed from u and d quarks having however no color. There would be no counterparts for higher quarks. This would suggests that (L, ν_L) could be local analog of (p, n) .

For ordinary baryons statistics is a problem and this led to the introduction of quark color absent for local states. The isospin structure of the local analogs of p and n is not a problem. In uud (udd) type states allowed by statistics the spins of the u (d) quarks must have opposite spin. The analogs of Δ resonances are not possible so that one would obtain only the analogs of p and n !

3. The widely different mass scales for leptons and quarks would be due to locality making possible different ramified primes for the extension of rationals. The widely differing p-adic length scales of leptons and neutrinos could be understood if the ramified prime for given extension can be different for the particles super-multiplets with same degree of octonionic

polynomial. This could be caused by electroweak symmetry breaking. The vanishing electroweak quantum numbers of right-handed neutrino implies a dynamics in sharp contrast with that of neutron, whose dynamics would be dictated by non-locality.

Also local pions are possible. The lepto-pions of lepto-hadron hypothesis [K13] could correspond to either local pions or to pion-like bound states of lepton and anti-leptons. There is evidence also for the muon- and tau-pions.

4. This idea might provide a mathematically extremely attractive solution to the matter anti-matter asymmetry: matter and antimatter would be staring us directly into eyes. The alternative TGD inspired solution would be that small CP breaking would induce opposite matter-antimatter asymmetries inside long cosmic strings and in their exteriors so that annihilation period would lead to the observed asymmetry.

The life-time for the decay modes predicted by GUTs is extremely long - longer than 1.67×10^{34} years (see <http://tinyurl.com/nqco2j7>). This fact provides a killer test for the proposal.

One should estimate the life-time of proton in number theoretic approach. The corresponding SUSY vertex corresponds to a Wick contraction involving 4 terms in super-Dirac action: the trilinear term for quarks and 3 linear terms.

1. The vertex would associated with a partonic 2-surface at which 3 incoming quark space-time sheets and outgoing electron space-time sheet meet. At quark level the vertex means an emanation of 3 quark lines from single 3-quark line at a point of partonic 2-surface in the intersection of the ends of 4 space-time surfaces with 6-sphere $t = r_n$ defining a universal root of octonionic polynomial $P(o)$. t is M^4 time coordinate [L14]. The vertex itself does not seem to be small.
2. A fusion of 3 homologically non-trivial partonic 2-surfaces to single partonic 2-surface with trivial homology charge cannot occur since partonic 2-surfaces with different homology charge cannot co-incide.

The reaction $p \rightarrow e^+ + ..$ can occur only if the quark-like partonic 2-surface fuse first to single homologically trivial partonic 2-surface: this would correspond to de-confinement phase transition for quarks. After that the 3 quark lines would fuse to single e^+ line.

- (a) To gain some intuition consider two oppositely oriented circles around a puncture of a plane with opposite homology charges. The circles can reconnect to homologically trivial circle. Instead of circles one would now have 3 homologically trivial quark-like 2-surfaces at three light-like boundaries between Minkowskian and Euclidian regions of the space-time surface representing proton. First 2 quark-like 2-surfaces would touch and develop a wormhole contact connecting them. After that the resulting di-quark 2-surface and third quark 2-surface would fuse. The 3 quarks would be now analogous to de-confined quarks.
- (b) At the next step the 3 separate quark lines would fuse to single one. This process must occur in single step since di-quark cannot correspond to single point because the Dirac super-polynomial is odd in θ parameters. The fusion point would correspond to 3 degenerate roots of the octonionic polynomial associated with the partonic 2-surface. This partonic 2-surface would be associated with $t = r_n$ hyperplane of M^4 and it would become leptonic 3-surface.
- (c) 3 4-D sheets defined by the roots of the octonionic polynomial should meet at the vertex assignable to $t = r_n$ hyper-plane. This gives 2 additional conditions besides the conditions defining space-time sheets. This for both the protonic and positronic space-time sheets. One would have double quantum criticality. The tip of a cusp catastrophe serves as an analog. Since the coefficients of the octonionic polynomial are rational numbers, it might be possible to estimate the probability for this to occur: the probability could be proportional to the ratio N_2/N_0 of the number N_2 of doubly critical points to the number N_0 of all points with coordinates in the extension. This could make the process very rare.

5.6.4 What bosons the super counterpart of bosonic action predicts?

It has been already noticed that the spectra of fermion-antifermion states are identical for local and bi-local states if one assumes that the wave function in the relative coordinate of fermion and anti-fermion is symmetric. This does not yet imply that the particle spectrum is realistic in the case of the bosonic action.

The situation is simplified considerably by the facts that color is not spin-like quantum number but analogous to momentum and can therefore be forgotten, family replication can be explained topologically, and depending B and L are separately conserved for Option a) but for Option b) L reduces to B since leptons would be local 3-quark composites. Let us restrict first the considered to Option b).

- (a) What kind of spectrum would be predicted? Consider first quark Clifford algebra formed by θ parameters defining the spartners of quark. Forgetting color, one has 8 states coming from left and right handed weak doublet and their anti-doublets. The numbers of elements in Clifford algebra with given lepton number $N(q) - N(\bar{q})$ is given by $N(q) - N(\bar{q}) = \sum_{0 \leq k \leq 4 - q} B(4, q+k) \times B(4, k)$ in terms of binomial coefficients. For $B = 0$ one obtains $N(0) = \sum_{0 \leq k \leq 4} B(4, k)^2 = 70$ states. The states corresponding to the same degree of octonion polynomial and therefore having fixed $q + \bar{q} = B + \bar{B}$ have same masses. For $q - \bar{q} = 0$ bosonic state having $q = \bar{q} = 0$ with fixed k one has $q + \bar{q} = 4 + k$ so that one has $N(k) = B(4, k)^2$ ($N(k)$ states with same mass even after p-adic massivation). The numbers $N(k)$ are $(1, 4^2 = 16, 6^2 = 36, 4^2 = 16, 1)$.

- (b) The number of $q\bar{q}$ type states is 16. If one considers super-symmetrization of the bosonic action, these states would correspond to bosons. Could these states allow an interpretation in terms of the known gauge bosons and Higgs? Weak bosons correspond to 4 helicity doublets giving 8 states. Higgs doublet corresponds to doublet and its conjugate. There is also a pseudo-scalar doublet and its conjugate.

Gluon cannot belong to this set of states, which actually conforms with the fact that gluon corresponds to CP_2 isometries rather than holonomies and gluon corresponds to CP_2 partial wave since color is not spin-like quantum number. Known particle would give $8+2+2=12$ states and pseudo-scalar doublets the remaining 4. This kind of pseudo-scalar states are predicted both as local and the bi-local states. As already explained, one can however also understand gluons in this picture as octet color partial waves. Also color octet variants of $SU(2)_w$ weak bosons are predicted.

- (c) There are actually some indications for a Higgs like state with mass 96 GeV (see <http://tinyurl.com/yxnmy8c7>). Could this be the pseudo-scalar state. Higgs mass 125 GeV is very nearly the minimal mass for $k = 89$. The minimal mass for $k = 90$ would be 88 GeV so that the interpretation as pseudo-scalar with $k = 90$ might make sense. The proposal that gluons could have also weak counterparts suggests that also the pseudo-scalar could have this kind of counterpart. The scaling of the mass of the Higgs like state with $k = 90$ to $k = 112$ ($k = 113$ corresponds to nuclear p-adic scale) would give mass $m(107) = 37.5$ MeV. Kh.U. Abraamyan et al have found evidence for pion like boson with mass 38 MeV [?, ?, ?] (see <http://tinyurl.com/y7zer8dw>).

Option b) involving only quarks as fundamental fermions does not predict unobserved gauge bosons whereas Option a) involving both leptons and quarks as fundamental fermions does so.

- (a) For Option a) taking into account quarks and restricting to electro-weak bosonic states to those with $(B = L = 0)$ leads to a doubling of bosonic states at $k = 2$ level. The couplings of gauge bosons require that the states are superpositions of quark and lepton pairs with coefficients proportional to the coupling parameters. There are two orthogonal superpositions of quark and lepton pairs having orthogonal charge matrices with inner product defined by trace for the product. Ordinary gauge bosons correspond to the first combination.

The orthogonality of charge matrices gives a condition on them. The charged matrices having vanishing trace can be chosen that they have opposite signs for opposite H -chiralities. For charge matrices involving unit matrix one must have charge matrices proportional to $(-3,1)$ for (L,q) one must have $(1,3)$ for second state. For gluons there is no condition if one treats color octet as Lie algebra generator with vanishing trace. The problem is that there is no experimental evidence for these bosons.

- (b) For Option b) leptons would be local 3-quark states and spartners of quarks. There would be no doubling gauge bosons since only one H -chirality would be present. The observed bosons would be basically superpositions of quark-anti-quark pairs - either local or non-local.

There would be two phases of matter corresponding to local and bi-local states (baryons would be 3-local states).

- (a) For both phases electro-weak bosons and also gluons with electro-weak charge matrix 1 to bosonic super action as states involving only single partonic 2-surface. As already mentioned, also color counterparts of $SU(2)_w$ bosons are possible. Also graviton could correspond to spartner for bosonic super-action. This would give essentially the original model for family replication. 2-surfaces would be homologically trivial in this phase analogous to Coulomb phase.
- (b) In the dual phase the bi-local states would correspond to non-vanishing homology charges for quarks at least. In this phase one should assign also to leptons 2 wormhole contacts. In super-conducting phase it could be the second electron of Cooper pair. Massive photons in this phase would consist of homologically charged fermion pairs. Lepton could also involve screening lepton-neutrino pair at second wormhole contact.

The universality of gauge boson couplings provides a test for the model.

- (a) In bi-local model gauge bosons would correspond to representations of a dynamical symmetry group $SU(3)_g$ associated with the 3 genera [K2]. Bosons would correspond to octet and singlet representations and one expects that the 3 color neutral states are light. This would give 3 gauge boson generations. Only the couplings of the singlet representation of $SU(3)_g$ would be universal and higher generations would break universality both for both gluons and electro-weak bosons. There is evidence the breaking of universality as also for second and third generation of some weak bosons and the mass scales assigned with Mersenne primes above M^{89} are correct [K6].
- (b) If also fermions correspond to closed flux tubes with 2 wormhole contacts, the fermion boson couplings would correspond to the gluing of two closed flux tube strings along their both "ends" defined by wormhole contacts. A pair of 3-vertices for Feynman diagrams would be in question. If fermions are associated with single wormhole contact, it is not so easy to imagine how the closed bosonic flux tube could transform to single wormhole contact in the process. The wormhole contacts that meet and have opposite fermion numbers should disappear. This is allowed in the scenario involving 6-branes if the magnetic flux is trivial as it must be. For quarks and gluons the homology charges must be opposite if wormhole contact is to disappear.
- (c) If gauge bosons correspond to local fermion pairs, the most natural boson states have fixed value of g apart from topological mixing giving rise to CKM mixing just like fermions and universality is not natural. One can of course assume topological mixing guaranteeing it. Ordinary gauge bosons should be totally de-localized in the space of 3 lowest genera [K2] (analogous to constant plane waves) in order to have universality. The vertices could be understood as a fusion of partonic 2-surfaces. One should however understand why the mixing is so different for fermions and bosons. SUSY would suggest identical mixings.

The simplest model corresponds to quarks as fundamental fermions. Leptons and various bosons would be local composites in perturbative phase. In monopole dominate phase

hadronic quarks would have homology charges and gluons would be pairs of quark and anti-quark at opposite throats of closed monopoleflux tube. Basically particle reaction vertices would correspond to gluing of 3-surfaces along partonic 2-surfaces at 3-spheres defining $t = r_n$ hyperplanes of M^4 .

5.6.5 What is the role of super-symplectic algebra?

This picture is not the whole story yet. Super-symplectic approach predicts that the super-symplectic algebra (SSA) generated essentially by the Hamiltonians of $S^2 \times CP_2$ assignable to the representations of $SO(3) \times SU(3)$ localized with the respect to the light-like radial coordinate of light-cone boundary characterize the states besides electro-weak quantum numbers. Color quantum numbers would correspond to Hamiltonians in octet representation. This would predict huge number of additional states.

There are however gauge conditions stating that sub-algebra of SSA having radial conformal weights coming as n-plets of SSA and isomorphic to SSA and its commutator with SSA annihilate physical states. This reduces the degrees of freedom considerably but the number of symplectic Hamiltonians is still infinite: measurement resolution very probably makes this number to finite.

5.7 Finiteness for the number of non-vanishing Wick contractions, quantum criticality, and coupling constant evolution

The consistency with number theoretic vision requires that the number of terms in the super-Taylor expansion of action is finite - otherwise one is led out from the extension: this applies both to the action determining space-time surfaces and to the corresponding modified Dirac action. There are several options that one can consider.

- (a) Normal ordering of the fermionic oscillator operators would be a straightforward manner to handle the situation. One would obtain finite number of terms since the number of quark oscillator operators is $d = 4+4 = 8$. The maximal degree m_{max} of multiple partial derivative of action with respect to gradient of H -coordinate h would be $m_{max} = d = 8$ and correspond to monomial with 4+4 quark oscillator operators. Note that the normal ordering of this term gives rise to c-number.

It however seems that the natural solution of the problem must involve cancellation of the Wick contractions when the degree m of the multiple partial derivative satisfies $m > m_{max}$. Some cancellation mechanism for $m \geq m_{max}$ should guarantee that Wick-contractions give in this case a vanishing contribution to each of the $d = 8$ monomials in the super-action.

- (b) The strongest condition would be that all Wick contraction terms coming from the normal ordering vanish. The contraction terms are expressible as divergences of currents and the interpretation would be in terms of Noether current associated with some symmetry. Super-symplectic symmetry is the best candidate in this respect. Note that besides these currents also the Noether currents coming from the super-symplectic variations should have a vanishing divergence.

One can argue that if continuum variant of this picture exists, all contractions must vanish since one would obtain powers of delta functions.

- (c) One can consider also a weaker condition. Wick contractions vanish for $m > m_{max}$ such that $m_{max} > 8$ is possible. This would give rise to the analog of radiative corrections, and if m_{max} can vary, one obtains the analog coupling constant evolution and discrete coupling constant evolution corresponds to the variation of m_{max} .

How the value of m_{max} could be determined?

- (a) $M^8 - H$ duality requires that M^8 - and H -pictures are structurally similar. Octonionic polynomials are characterized by their order n and also the super-extremals should

be characterized by n and even the individual terms of super-polynomial should have counterparts at H -level.

One can define super-octonionic polynomials at M^8 -level and also for these normal ordering terms appear. Ordinary derivatives of $P(o)$ with respect to o replace those of the action with respect to the gradients of H coordinates, and one obtains only finite number of Wick contractions. There is no need to require their vanishing now, and the hierarchy of degrees $n = h_{eff}/h_0$ for P defines a discrete coupling constant evolution with each level corresponding to its own values of coupling constants differing by the number of Wick contractions. This gives a connection with the ordinary coupling constant evolution with Wick contractions taking the role of loops.

This picture should have direct image at H -side. In particular, one should have $m_{max} = n$.

- (b) The cancellation of Wick contractions for the action containing both Kähler term and cosmological term probably happens only for critical values of cosmological constant determined dynamically from the mechanism of dimensional reduction reducing 6-D surface in the product of twistor spaces $T(M^4) = M^4 \times S^2$ and $T(CP_2) = SU(3)/U(1) \times U(1)$ to S^2 bundle over space-time surface representing induced twistor structure. The cancellation condition for the higher terms could fix the value of cosmological constant emerging from the mechanism.
- (c) The picture could be interpreted in terms of quantum criticality. The polynomials $P(o)$ characterize quantum critical phases. Also Taylor series can be considered but they would not be critical and infinite amount of information would be required to specify them whereas the specification of critical dynamics requires by its universality only a finite number of parameters coded by the rational coefficients of polynomial.

Criticality corresponds to the vanishing of not only function but also some of its derivatives at critical point. The criticality would be now infinite in the sense that all derivatives of $P(o)$ higher than n would vanish. This is indeed the view about quantum criticality that I ended up to long time ago. This implies that the parameter space for the functions describing criticality is finite-dimensional.

In Thom's catastrophe theory which essentially describes a hierarchy of criticalities concretely, the finite-dimension of the space of control parameters is essential. For cusp catastrophe this space is 2-dimensional and catastrophe graph is defined by a fourth order polynomial so that all higher order derivatives vanish identically also now.

- (d) At the level of H criticality would mean that m -fold partial derivatives of action only up to $m = m_{max} = n$ -fold partial derivatives contribute to the radiative corrections. The action would be polynomial of finite order in the multi-spinor components of super-coordinates and discrete coupling constant evolution would be realized. The ordinary variations of the action would be of course non-vanishing to arbitrary high order.

Coupling constant evolution would reduce to the hierarchy of extensions of rationals since the degree n of P determines the dimension of extension. Evolution in terms of the hierarchy of extensions of rationals would dictate also coupling constant evolution. This evolution would also dictate the preferred p-adic length scales if preferred p-adic primes are identifiable as ramified primes. Ramified primes at the lowest level of hierarchy are ramified primes at higher levels if $P(0) = 0$ condition is true for them. Evolutionary hierarchies correspond to functional composition hierarchies for polynomials with degrees n_i such that n_{i+1} is divisible with n_i that is $n_{i+1}/n_i = k_i$.

Remark: Functional composition occurs also in the construction of fractals like Mandelbrot fractal and as a special case one iterates single polynomial to get a hierarchy in powers of integers n_1 . This interpretation would conform with the interpretation of the symmetries guaranteeing the cancellation of Wick terms as super-symplectic symmetries.

- (e) A connection with the inclusion hierarchies for super-symplectic algebra is highly suggestive. The fractal hierarchy of super-symplectic sub-algebras (fractality and conformal symmetry - now in generalized sense - are essential for quantum criticality) with levels

labelled by n would naturally give rise to counterparts of the functional composition hierarchies.

Inclusion hierarchies would correspond to sub-hierarchies of super-symplectic algebras formed by sequences of sub-algebras with weights divisible by integer n_i such that n_i divides n_{i+1} . n_i would correspond to a degree of polynomial in the hierarchy formed by their compositions in accordance with functional composition of polynomials.

- (f) The inclusion hierarchies of super-symplectic algebras would have interpretation in terms of inclusions of hyper-finite factors of type II_1 . The ratios $n_{i+1}/n_i = k_i$ appearing in the composition hierarchies would correspond to the integers labelling the inclusions of HFFs and defining quantum phases $U = \exp(i\pi/k_i)$ characterizing quantum algebras and quantum spaces as analogs of state spaces modulo finite measurement resolution [K14, K3].

The interpretation of finite measurement resolution as an ability to detect only space-time sheets characterized by polynomials of order n below some fixed integer is natural. n would characterize the measurement resolution.

To sum up, this picture rather neatly fuses together several speculative visions about quantum TGD. The reduction of dynamics to polynomial dynamics at the level of M^8 has interpretation in terms of quantum criticality with finite-D space of control parameters implying universal dynamics involving very few coupling parameters, which are fixed points of coupling constant evolution for given value of n . $M^8 - H$ duality maps M^8 dynamics to the level of H , where it is realized in terms of a hierarchy of sub-algebras of super-symplectic algebra and sub-hierarchies correspond to sequences of integers n_i dividing n_{i+1} . A connection with the inclusions of HFFs and finite measurement resolution emerges. The notion of discrete coupling constant evolution finds a precise formulation, and the notion of radiation correction is realized in terms of Wick contractions.

5.7.1 How the earlier vision about coupling constant evolution would be modified?

In [L12, L8] I have considered a vision about coupling constant evolution assuming twistor space $T(M^4) = M^4 \times S^2$. In this model the interference of the Kähler form made possible by the same signature of $S^2(M^4)$ and $S^2(CP_2)$ gives rise to a length scale dependent cosmological constant appearing defining the running mass squared scale of coupling constant evolution.

For $T(M^4)$ identified as $CP_3(3, h)$ the signatures of twistor spheres are opposite and Kähler forms differ by factor i (imaginary unit commuting with octonion units) so that the induced Kähler forms do not interfere anymore. The evolution of cosmological constant must come from the evolution of the ratio of the radii of twistor spaces (twistor spheres). This forces to modify the earlier picture.

- (a) $M^8 - H$ duality has two alternative forms with $H = CP_{2,h} \times CP_2$ or $H = M^4 \times CP_2$ depending on whether one projects the twistor spheres of $CP_{3,h}$ to $CP_{2,h}$ or M^4 . Let us denote the twistor space $SU(3)/U(1) \times U(1)$ of CP_2 by F .
- (b) The key idea is that the p-adic length scale hierarchy for the size of 8-D CDs and their 4-D counterparts is mapped to a corresponding hierarchy for the sizes of twistor spaces $CP_{3,h}$ assignable to M^4 by $M^8 - H$ -duality. By scaling invariance broken only by discrete size scales of CDs one can take the size scale of CP_2 as a unit so that $r = R^2(S^2(CP_{3,h}))/R(S^2(F))$ becomes an evolution parameter.

Coupling constant evolution must correspond to a variation for the ratio of $r = R^2(S^2(CP_{3,h}))/R(S^2(F))$ and a reduction to p-adic length scale evolution is expected. A simple argument shows that Λ is inversely proportional to constant magnetic energy assignable to $S^2(X^4)$ divided by $1/\sqrt{g_2(S^2)}$ in dimensional reduction needed to induce twistor structure. Thus one has $\Lambda \propto 1/r^2 \propto 1/L_p^2$. Preferred p-adic primes would be identified as ramified primes of extension of rationals defining the adèle so that coupling constant evolution would reduce to number theory.

- (c) The induced metric would vanish for $R(S^2(CP_{3,h})) = R(S^2(F))$. Λ would be infinite at this limit so that one must have $R(S^2(CP_{3,h})) \neq R(S^2(F))$. The most natural assumption is that one $R(S^2(CP_{3,h})) > R(S^2(F))$ but one cannot exclude the alternative option. Λ behaves like $1/L_p^2$. Inversions of CDs with respect to the values of the cosmological time parameter $a = L_p$ would produce hierarchies of length scales, in particular p-adic length scales coming as powers of \sqrt{p} . CP_2 scale and the scale assignable to cosmological constant could be seen as inversions of each other with respect to a scale which is of order 10^{-4} meters defined by the density of dark energy in the recent Universe and thus biological length scale.
- (d) The original model for the length scale evolution of coupling parameters [L12] would reduce to that along paths at $S^2(CP_2)$ and would depend on the ends points of the path only. This picture survives as such. Also in the modified picture the zeros of Riemann zeta could naturally correspond to the quantum critical points as fixed points of evolution defining the coupling constants for a given extension of rationals. Space-time surfaces the level of M^8 would be determined by octonionic polynomials determined by real polynomials with rational coefficients. The non-critical values of couplings might correspond to the values of the couplings for space-time surfaces associated with octonion analytic functions determined by real analytic functions with rational Taylor coefficients.

5.8 S-matrix and SUSY

The construction of S-matrix has been one of the eternity projects of TGD. There are many proposals such as the construction based on the quaternionic generalization of twistor Grassmannian approach for cognitive representations involving huge simplification due to the vanishing of loop diagrams [L9, L19, L18] but also this approach is indirect. SUSY in TGD sense finally suggests a quite concrete fundamental approach.

- (a) The construction would be based on the explicit solution of the super-symmetrized field equations. In principle everything reduces formally to classical partial differential equations for super-space-time surface and super-spinors. One solves preferred extremal as its super-variants which means solving the space-time evolution of multi-spinors defining super-coordinates and in this background one solves super-Dirac equation. This is highly non-trivial but in principle a well-defined procedure. If one gives initial values of various multi-spinor mods at the first light-like boundary of causal diamond (CD), one can deduce super-spinor field at opposite boundary of CD and express it as a superposition of its basic modes with well-defined quark number and other quantum numbers. This gives S-matrix.
- (b) Situation simplifies dramatically for discrete cognitive representation replacing space-time surface with the set of points having imbedding space coordinates in extension of rationals defining the adèle. Since finite set of points defining the preferred time scales $t = r_n$ as roots of a real polynomial determines the octonionic polynomials, $M^8 - H$ duality raises the hope that the discretization provided by cognitive representation is exact and improvement in UV/IR resolution means addition of new space-time sheets with smaller/bigger size.
- (c) Partonic 2-surfaces define topological vertices. They are identified as intersections of incoming particle like 4-surfaces as roots of octonionic polynomials with 6-sphere defining analogs of branes in M^8 as universal roots of octonionic polynomials and having M^4 time $t = r_n$ hyperplanes of M^4 as their intersections.

Multi-quark-antiquark vertices at partonic 2-surfaces are points of cognitive representation having H -coordinates in an extension of rationals (or at least their pre-images in M^8 have this property). Lines defining local multi-quark states fuse and split again into new states in quark number conserving manner. Vertices are super-symmetric in TGD sense and determined as vacuum expectations of the bosonic action and super-Dirac action and analogous to those defined by θ integration in SUSY.

- (d) The counterparts of radiative corrections of QFTs are Wick contraction terms for the fermionic oscillator operators. $M^8 - H$ duality requires that their contribution from partial multi-derivatives of order higher than the order n of the octonionic polynomial are vanishing. This leads to the conditions having interpretation as conservation of Noether currents of symmetries. As n increases, the number of Wick contractions increases and this gives rise to discrete coupling constant evolution as function of the dimension of extension of rationals defined by the octonionic polynomial.
- (e) No further quantization is needed since super-symmetrization corresponds to second quantization. This is part of the realization of the dream about geometrizing also quantum theory. This should have been realized long time ago also by colleagues since SUSY algebra is Clifford algebra like also oscillator operator algebra.

5.9 $M^8 - H$ duality and SUSY

$M^8 - H$ duality and $h_{eff}/h_0 = n$ hypothesis pose strong constraints on SUSY in TGD sense.

- (a) $h_{eff}/h_0 = n$ interpreted as dimension of extension of rationals gives constraints. Galois extensions are defined by irreducible monic polynomials $P(t)$ extended to octonionic polynomials, whose roots correspond to 4-D space-surfaces and in special case 6-spheres at 7-D light-cones of M^8 taking the role of branes.

The condition that the roots of extension defined by Q are preserved for larger extension $P \circ Q$ is satisfied if P has zero as root:

$$P(0) = 0 .$$

This simple observation is of crucial importance, and suggests an evolutionary hierarchy $P \circ Q$ with simplest possible polynomials Q at the bottom of the hierarchy are very naturally assignable to elementary particles. These polynomials have degree two and are of form $Q = x^2 \pm n$. Discriminant equals to $D = 2n$ and has the prime factors of n as divisors defining ramified primes identified as p -adic primes assignable to particles.

Remark: Also polynomials $P(t) = t - c$ are in principle possible. The corresponding space-time surfaces at the level of H would be M^4 and CP_2 and they are extremals of Kähler action but do not have particle interpretation.

- (b) Octonionic super-polynomials decompose to a sum of octonionic polynomials with θ monomials having varying degree d . One can assign octonionic super-coordinates to both leptons and quarks for Option a). Option b) identifying leptons as local 3-quark local composites and thus spartners of quarks would mean that quarks (anti-quark) appear in the octonionic polynomial (its conjugate). This would realize $SO(1, 7)$ triality.
- (c) This has important implications for SUSY in TGD sense. The degree d for the monomial of super-octonion polynomial in M^8 would corresponds to the degree $d = F + \bar{F}$ for the super-field in H . The number of fermions and anti-fermions giving rise to spartner is d . If the degree n of the octonionic polynomial is smaller than the number $N = 16$ of maximal degree of θ polynomial, only a fraction of spartners are possible. SUSY is realized only partially and one can say that part of spartners are absent at the lowest levels of evolutionary hierarchy. At the lowest level of hierarchy corresponding to $n = 2$ only fermions (quarks) would be present as local states and would form non-local states such as baryons and mesons. Gauge bosons and Higgs like state would be bi-local states and graviton 4-local state.

Remark: Gauge bosons and Higgs like states as local fermion-anti-fermion composites at level $n = 2 \times 2$. For the option involving only quarks (color is not spin like quantum number). Note that the value of $n_0 = 3 \times 2 = 6$ in $h = n_0 \times h_0$ suggested by the findings of Randel Mills [L2, L7] would allow the known elementary particles.

5.10 How is the p-adic mass scale determined?

p-Adic prime identified as a ramified prime of extension of rationals is assumed to determine the p-adic mass scale. There are however several ramified primes and somehow the quantum numbers of particle should dictate with ramified prime is chosen. There are two options to consider depending on whether both the extension and ramified prime are same for all spartners Option 1) or whether spartners can have different ramified primes (Option 2)). There also options depending on whether both leptons and quarks appear in their own super-Dirac actions (Option a) or whether only quarks appear in super-Dirac action (Option b). Call the 4 composite options Option 1a), 2a), 1b), 2b) respectively.

- (a) Consider first Options 1a) and 1b). The ramified prime is same for all states corresponding to the same degree of θ monomial and thus same value of $F + \bar{F}$. At the lowest $k = 2$ level containing only fermions as local states the p-adic thermal masses of quarks and leptons are same for Option 1a) at least for single generation and for all generations if Q_2 does not depend on the genus g of the partonic 2-surface. For Option 1b) the masses would *not* be same for leptons and quarks since they would correspond to different degrees of super-octonionic polynomials. For both options would have $n = n(g)$.
- (b) For Option 2 ramified prime depends on the state of the SUSY multiplet. This would require that for fermions with $k = 2$ the integer n in $Q_2(x) = x^2 \pm n$ has the p-adic primes assignable to leptons and quarks as factors.

There are 6 different quarks and 6 different leptons with different p-adic mass scales. For Option 2a) n should have 12 prime factors which are near to power of 2. For leptons the factors correspond to Mersenne primes M_k , $k \in \{107, 127\}$ and Gaussian Mersenne $k = 113$. Gaussian Mersenne is complex integer. TGD requires complexification of octonions with imaginary unit i commuting with octonionic units so that also Gaussian primes are possible. This would resolve the question whether $P(t)$ can have complex coefficients $m + in$.

For option 2b) quarks and leptons as local proton and neutron would have different extensions since the polynomials would be different. The p-adic primes for 6 quark states quarks would depend on genus. The value of n need not depend on genus g since the ramified primes p depends on g : $p = p(g)$.

Since the polynomials describing higher levels of the dark hierarchy would be composites $P \circ Q_2$ with $P(0) = 0$, Q_2 would be a really fundamental polynomial in TGD Universe. For Option 2b) it would be associated with quarks and would code for the elementary particles physics. The higher levels such as leptons would represent dark matter levels.

- (c) The crucial test is whether the mass scales of gauge bosons can be understood. If one assumes additivity of p-adic mass squares so that the masses for 2-local bosons would be p-adically sums of mass squared at the “ends” of the flux tube. If the discriminant $D = 2n$ of Q_2 contains high enough number of factors this is possible. The value of the factor p for photon would be rather larger from the limits on photon mass. For graviton the value p would be even larger.

To sum up, the vision about dark phases suggests that the monopole phase is possible already for the minimal value $n = 2$ involving only fundamental quarks for Option 2b), which is the simplest one and could solve the problem of matter antimatter asymmetry. Bosons and leptons as purely local composites of quarks are possible for $n = 6$. Rather remarkably, also empirical constraints [L2, L7] led to the conclusion $h = 6h_0$. The condition is actually weaker: $h/h_0 \bmod 6 = 0$.

6 Could standard view about twistors work at space-time level after all?

While asking what super-twistors in TGD might be, I became critical about the recent view concerning what I have called geometric twistor space of M^4 identified as $M^4 \times S^2$ rather

than CP_3 with hyperbolic metric. The basic motivations for the identification come from M^8 picture in which there is number theoretical breaking of Poincare and Lorentz symmetries. Second motivation was that M_{conf}^4 - the conformally compactified M^4 - identified as group $U(2)$ [B1] (see <http://tinyurl.com/y35k5wwo>) assigned as base space to the standard twistor space CP_3 of M^4 , and having metric signature (3,-3) is compact and is stated to have metric defined only modulo conformal equivalence class.

As found in the previous section, TGD strongly suggests that M^4 in $H = M^4 \times CP_2$ should be replaced with hyperbolic variant of CP_2 , and it seems to me that these spaces are not identical. Amusingly, $U(2)$ and CP_2 are fiber and base in the representation of $SU(3)$ as fiber space so that the their identification does not seem plausible.

One can however ask whether the selection of a representative metric from the conformal equivalence class could be seen as breaking of the scaling invariance implied also by ZEO introducing the hierarchy of CDs in M^8 . Could it be enough to have M^4 only at the level of M^8 and conformally compactified M^4 at the level of H ? Should one have $H = cd_{conf} \times CP_2$? What cd_{conf} would be: is it hyperbolic variant of CP_2 ?

6.1 Getting critical

The only way to make progress is to become very critical now and then. These moments of almost despair usually give rise to a progress. At this time I got very critical about the TGD inspired identification of twistor spaces of M^4 and CP_2 and their properties.

6.1.1 Getting critical about geometric twistor space of M^4

Let us first discuss the recent picture and how to modify it so that it is consistent with the hierarchy of CDs. The key idea is that the twistor space and its base space represents CD so that one obtains scale hierarchy of twistor spaces as a realization of broken scale invariance giving rise to the p-adic length scale hierarchy.

- (a) I have identified the twistor space of M^4 simply as $T(M^4) = M^4 \times S^2$. The interpretation would be at the level of octonions as a product of M^4 and choices of M^2 as preferred complex sub-space of octonions with S^2 parameterizing the directions of spin quantization axes. Real octonion axis would correspond to time coordinate. One could talk about the space of light-like directions. Light-like vector indeed defines M^2 . This view could be defended by the breaking of both translation and Lorentz invariance in the octonionic approach due to the choice of M^2 and by the fact that it seems to work.

Remark: $M^8 = M^4 \times E^4$ is complexified to M_c^8 by adding a commuting imaginary unit i appearing in the extensions of rationals and ordinary M^8 represents its particular sub-space. Also in twistor approach one uses often complexified M^4 .

- (b) The objection is that it is ordinary twistor space identifiable as CP_3 with (3,-3) signature of metric is what works in the construction of twistorial amplitudes. CP_3 has metric as compact space and coset space. Could this choice of twistor space make sense after all as geometric twistor space?

Here one must pause and recall that the original key idea was that Poincare invariance is symmetry of TGD for $X^4 \subset M^4 \times CP_2$. Now Poincare symmetry has been transformed to a symmetry acting at the level of M^8 in the moduli space of octonion structures defined by the choice of the direction of octonionic real axis reducing Poincare group to $T \times SO(3)$ consisting of time translations and rotations. Fixing of M^2 reduces the group to $T \times SO(2)$ and twistor space can be seen as the space for selections of quantization axis of energy and spin.

- (c) But what about the space H ? The first guess is $H = M_{conf}^4 \times CP_2$. According to [B1] (see <http://tinyurl.com/y35k5wwo>) one has $M_{conf}^4 = U(2)$ such that $U(1)$ factor is time-like and $SU(2)$ factor is space-like. One could understand $M_{conf}^4 = U(2)$ as resulting by addition and identification of metrically 2-D light-cone boundaries at

$t = \pm\infty$. This is topologically like compactifying E^3 to S^3 and gluing the ends of cylinder $S^3 \times D^1$ together to the $S^3 \times S^1$.

The conformally compactified Minkowski space M_{conf}^4 should be analogous to base space of CP_3 regarded as bundle with fiber S^2 . The problem is that one cannot imagine an analog of fiber bundle structure in CP_3 having $U(2)$ as base. The identification $H = M_{conf}^4 \times CP_2$ does not make sense.

- (d) In ZEO based breaking of scaling symmetry it is CD that should be mapped to the analog of M_{conf}^4 - call it cd_{conf} . The only candidate is $cd_{conf} = CP_2$ with one hypercomplex coordinate. To understand why one can start from the following picture. The light-like boundaries of CD are metrically equivalent to spheres. The light-like boundaries at $t = \pm\infty$ are identified as in the case of M_{conf}^4 . In the case of CP_2 one has 3 homologically trivial spheres defining coordinate patches. This suggests that cd_{conf} is simply CP_2 with second complex coordinate made hypercomplex. M^4 and E^4 differ only by the signature and so would do cd_{conf} and CP_2 .

The twistor spheres of CP_3 associated with points of M^4 intersect at point if the points differ by light-like vector so that one has and singular bundle structure. This structure should have analog for the compactification of CD. CP_3 has also bundle structure $CP_3 \rightarrow CP_2$. The S^2 fibers and base are homologically non-trivial and complex analogs of mutually orthogonal line and plane and intersect at single point. This defines the desired singular bundle structure via the assignment of S^2 to each point of CP_2 .

The M^4 points must belong to the interior of cd and this poses constraints on the distance of M^4 points from the tips of cd. One expects similar hierarchy of cds at the level of momentum space.

- (e) In this picture $M_{conf}^4 = U(2)$ could be interpreted as a base space for the space of CDs with fixed direction of time axis identified as direction of octonionic real axis associated with various points of M^4 and therefore of M_{conf}^4 . For Euclidian signature one would have base and fiber of the automorphism sub-group $SU(3)$ regarded as $U(2)$ bundle over CP_2 : now one would have CP_2 bundle over $U(2)$. This is perhaps not an accident, and one can ask whether these spaces could be interpreted as representing local trivialization of $SU(3)$ as $U(2) \times CP_2$. This would give to metric cross terms between $U(2)$ and CP_2 .
- (f) The proposed identification can be tested by looking whether it generalizes. What the twistor space for entire M^8 would be? $cd = CD_4$ is replaced with CD_8 and the discussion of the preceding chapter demonstrated that the only possible identification of the twistor space is now is as the 12-D hyperbolic variant of HP_3 whereas $CD_{8,conf}$ would correspond to 8-D hyperbolic variant of HP_2 analogous to hyperbolic variant of CP_2 .

The outcome of these considerations is surprising.

- (a) One would have $T(H) = CP_3 \times F$ and $H = CP_{2,H} \times CP_2$ where $CP_{2,H}$ has hyperbolic metric with metric signature $(1, -3)$ having M^4 as tangent space so that the earlier picture can be understood as an approximation. This would reduce the construction of preferred extremals of 6-D Kähler action in $T(H)$ to a construction of polynomial holomorphic surfaces and also the minimal surfaces with singularities at string world sheets should result as bundle projection. Since $M^8 - H$ duality must respect algebraic dynamics the maximal degree of the polynomials involved must be same as the degree of the octonionic polynomial in M^8 .
- (b) The hyperbolic variant Kähler form and also spinor connection of hyperbolic CP_2 brings in new physics beyond standard model. This Kähler form would serve as the analog of Kähler form assigned to M^4 earlier, and suggested to explain the observed CP breaking effects and matter antimatter asymmetry for which there are two explanations [L16].

Some comments about the Minkowskian signature of the hyperbolic counterparts of CP_3 and CP_2 are in order.

- (a) Why the metric of CP_3 could not be Euclidian just as the metric of F ? The basic objection is that propagation of fields is not possible in Euclidian signature and one completely loses the earlier picture provided by $M^4 \times CP_2$. The algebraic dynamics in M^8 picture can hardly replace it.
- (b) The map assigning to the point M^4 a point of CP_3 involves Minkowskian sigma matrices but it seems that the Minkowskian metric of CP_3 is not explicitly involved in the construction of scattering amplitudes. Note however that the antisymmetric bi-spinor metric for the spin 1/2 representation of Lorentz group and its conjugate bring in the signature. $U(2, 2)$ as representation of conformal symmetries suggests (2, 2) signature for 8-D complex twistor space with 2+2 complex coordinates representing twistors.

The signature of CP_3 metric is not explicitly visible in the construction of twistor amplitudes but analytic continuations are carried out routinely. One has also complexified M^4 and M^8 and one could argue that the problems disappear. In the geometric situation the signatures of the subspaces differ dramatically. As already found, analytic continuation could allow to define the variants of twistor spaces elegantly by replacing a complex coordinate with a hyperbolic one.

Remark: For E^4 CP_3 is Euclidian and if one has $E_{conf}^4 = U(2)$, one could think of replacing the Cartesian product of twistor spaces with $SU(3)$ group having $M_{conf}^4 = U(2)$ as fiber and CP_2 as base. The metric of $SU(3)$ appearing as subgroup of quaternionic automorphisms leaving $M^4 \subset M^8$ invariant would decompose to a sum of M_{conf}^4 metric and CP_2 metric plus cross terms representing correlations between the metrics of M_{conf}^4 and CP_2 . This is probably mere accident.

6.1.2 $M^8 - H$ duality and twistor space counterparts of space-time surfaces

It seems that by identifying $CP_{3,h}$ as the twistor space of M^4 , one could develop $M^8 - H$ duality to a surprisingly detailed level from the conditions that the dimensional reduction guaranteed by the identification of the twistor spheres takes place and the extensions of rationals associated with the polynomials defining the space-time surfaces at M^8 - and twistor space sides are the same. The reason is that minimal surface conditions reduce to holomorphy meaning algebraic conditions involving first partial derivatives in analogy with algebraic conditions at M^8 side but involving no derivatives.

- (a) The simplest identification of twistor spheres is by $z_1 = z_2$ for the complex coordinates of the spheres. One can consider replacing z_i by its Möbius transform but by a coordinate change the condition reduces to $z_1 = z_2$.
- (b) At M^8 side one has either $RE(P) = 0$ or $IM(P) = 0$ for octonionic polynomial obtained as continuation of a real polynomial P with rational coefficients giving 4 conditions (RE/IM denotes real/imaginary part in quaternionic sense). The condition guarantees that tangent/normal space is associative.

Since quaternion can be decomposed to a sum of two complex numbers: $q = z_1 + Jz_2$ $RE(P) = 0$ correspond to the conditions $Re(RE(P)) = 0$ and $Im(RE(P)) = 0$. $IM(P) = 0$ in turn reduces to the conditions $Re(IM(P)) = 0$ and $Im(IM(P)) = 0$.

- (c) The extensions of rationals defined by these polynomial conditions must be the same as at the octonionic side. Also algebraic points must be mapped to algebraic points so that cognitive representations are mapped to cognitive representations. The counterparts of both $RE(P) = 0$ and $IM(P) = 0$ should be satisfied for the polynomials at twistor side defining the same extension of rationals.
- (d) $M^8 - H$ duality must map the complex coordinates $z_{11} = Re(RE)$ and $z_{12} = Im(RE)$ ($z_{21} = Re(IM)$ and $z_{22} = Im(IM)$) at M^8 side to complex coordinates u_{i1} and u_{i2} with $u_{i1}(0) = 0$ and $u_{i2}(0) = 0$ for $i = 1$ or $i = 2$, at twistor side.

Roots must be mapped to roots in the same extension of rationals, and no new roots are allowed at the twistor side. Hence the map must be linear: $u_{i1} = a_i z_{i1} + b_i z_{i2}$ and $u_{i2} = c_i z_{i1} + d_i z_{i2}$ so that the map for given value of i is characterized by $SL(2, Q)$ matrix $(a_i, b_i; c_i, d_i)$.

- (e) These conditions do not yet specify the choices of the coordinates (u_{i1}, u_{i2}) at twistor side. At CP_2 side the complex coordinates would naturally correspond to Eguchi-Hanson complex coordinates (w_1, w_2) determined apart from color $SU(3)$ rotation as a counterpart of $SU(3)$ as sub-group of automorphisms of octonions.

If the base space of the twistor space $CP_{3,h}$ of M^4 is identified as $CP_{2,h}$, the hyper-complex counterpart of CP_2 , the analogs of complex coordinates would be (w_3, w_4) with w_3 hypercomplex and w_4 complex. A priori one could select the pair (u_{i1}, u_{i2}) as any pair $(w_{k(i)}, w_{l(i)})$, $k(i) \neq l(i)$. These choices should give different kinds of extremals: such as CP_2 type extremals, string like objects, massless extremals, and their deformations.

String world sheet singularities and world-line singularities as their light-like boundaries at the light-like orbits of partonic 2-surfaces are conjectured to characterize preferred extremals as surfaces of H at which there is a transfer of canonical momentum currents between Kähler and volume degrees of freedom so that the extremal is not simultaneously an extremal of both Kähler action and volume term as elsewhere. What could be the counterparts of these surfaces in M^8 ?

- (a) The interpretation of the pre-images of these singularities in M^8 should be number theoretic and related to the identification of quaternionic imaginary units. One must specify two non-parallel octonionic imaginary units e^1 and e^2 to determine the third one as their cross product $e^3 = e^1 \times e^2$. If e^1 and e^2 are parallel at a point of octonionic surface, the cross product vanishes and the dimension of the quaternionic tangent/normal space reduces from $D = 4$ to $D = 2$.
- (b) Could string world sheets/partonic 2-surfaces be images of 2-D surfaces in M^8 at which this takes place? The parallelity of the tangent/normal vectors defining imaginary units e_i , $i = 1, 2$ states that the component of e_2 orthogonal to e_1 vanishes. This indeed gives 2 conditions in the space of quaternionic units. Effectively the 4-D space-time surface would degenerate into 2-D at string world sheets and partonic 2-surfaces as their duals. Note that this condition makes sense in both Euclidian and Minkowskian regions.
- (c) Partonic orbits in turn would correspond surfaces at which the dimension reduces to $D=3$ by light-likeness - this condition involves signature in an essential manner - and string world sheets would have 1-D boundaries at partonic orbits.

6.1.3 Getting critical about implicit assumptions related to the twistor space of CP_2

One can also criticize the earlier picture about implicit assumptions related the twistor spaces of CP_2 .

- (a) The possibly singular decomposition of F to a product of S^2 and CP_2 would have a description similar to that for CP_3 . One could assign to each point of CP_2 base homologically non-trivial sphere intersecting it orthogonally.
- (b) I have assumed that the twistor space $T(CP_2) = F = SU(3)/U(1) \times U(1)$ allows Kaluza-Klein type metric meaning that the metric decomposes to a sum of the metrics assignable to the base CP_2 and fiber S^2 plus cross terms representing interaction between these degrees of freedom. It is easy to check that this assumption holds true for Hopf fibration $S^3 \rightarrow S^2$ having circle $U(1)$ as fiber (see <http://tinyurl.com/qbvktxs>). If Kaluza-Klein picture holds true, the metric of F would decompose to a sum of CP_2 metric and S^2 metric plus cross terms representing correlations between the metrics of CP_2 and S^2 .
- (c) One should demonstrate that $F = SU(3)/U(1) \times U(1)$ has metric with the expected Kaluza-Klein property. One can represent $SU(3)$ matrices as products XYZ of 3 matrices. X represents a point of base space CP_2 as matrix, Y represents the point of the fiber $S^2 = U(2)/U(1) \times U(1)$ of F in similar manner as $U(2)$ matrix, and the Z represents $U(1) \times U(1)$ element as diagonal matrix [B1](see <http://tinyurl.com/y6c3pp2g>).

By dropping $U(1) \times U(1)$ matrix one obtains a coordinatization of F . To get the line element of F in these coordinates one could put the coordinate differentials of $U(1) \times U(1)$ to zero in an expression of $SU(3)$ line element. This should leave sum of the metrics of CP_2 and S^2 with constant scales plus cross terms. One might guess that the left- and right-invariance of the $SU(3)$ metric under $SU(3)$ implies KK property.

Also CP_3 should have the KK structure if one wants to realize the breaking of scaling invariance as a selection of the scale of the conformally compactified M^4 . In absence of KK structure the space-time surface would depend parametrically on the point of the twistor sphere S^2 .

6.2 The nice results of the earlier approach to M^4 twistorialization

The basic nice results of the earlier picture should survive in the new picture.

- (a) Central for the entire approach is twistor lift of TGD replacing space-time surfaces with 6-D surfaces in 12-D $T(M^4) \times T(CP_2)$ having space-time surfaces as base and twistor sphere S^2 as fiber. Dimensional reduction identifying twistor spheres of $T(M^4)$ and $T(CP_2)$ and makes these degrees of freedom non-dynamical.
- (b) Dimensionally reduced action 6-D Kähler action is sum of 4-D Kähler action and a volume term coming from S^2 contribution to the induced Kähler form. On interpretation is as a generalization of Maxwell action for point like charge by making particle a 3-surface.

The interpretation of volume term is in terms of cosmological constant. I have proposed that a hierarchy of length scale dependent cosmological constants emerges. The hierarchy of cosmological constants would define the running length scale in coupling constant evolution and would correspond to a hierarchy of preferred p-adic length scales with preferred p-adic primes identified as ramified primes of extension of rationals.

- (c) The twistor spheres associated $M^4 \times S^2$ and F were assumed to have same radii and most naturally same Euclidian signature: this looks very nice since there would be only single fundamental length equal to CP_2 radius determining the radius of its twistor sphere. The vision to be discussed would be different. There would be no fundamental scale and length scales would emerge through the length scale hierarchy assignable to CDs in M^8 and mapped to length scales for twistor spaces.

The identification of twistor spheres with same radius would give only single value of cosmological constant and the problem of understanding the huge discrepancy between empirical value and its naive estimate would remain. I have argued that the Kähler forms and metrics of the two twistor spheres can be rotated with respect to each other so that the induced metric and Kähler form are rotated with respect to each other, and the magnetic energy density assignable to the sum of the induced Kähler forms is not maximal.

The definition of Kähler forms involving preferred coordinate frame would give rise to symmetry breaking. The essential element is interference of real Kähler forms. If the signatures of twistor spheres were opposite, the Kähler forms differ by imaginary unit and the interference would not be possible.

Interference could give rise to a hierarchy of values of cosmological constant emerging as coefficient of the Kähler magnetic action assignable to $S^2(X^4)$ and predict length scale dependent value of cosmological constant and resolve the basic problem related to the extremely small value of cosmological constant.

- (d) One could criticize the allowance of relative rotation as adhoc: note that the resulting cosmological constant becomes a function depending on S^2 point. For instance, does the rotation really produce preferred extremals as minimal surfaces extremizing also Kähler action except at string world sheets? Each point of S^2 would correspond to space-time surface X^4 with different value of cosmological constant appearing as a parameter. Moreover, non-trivial relative rotation spoils the covariant constancy and

$J^2(S^2) = -g(S^2)$ property for the S^2 part of Kähler form, and that this does not conform with the very idea of twistor space.

- (e) One nice implication would be that space-time surfaces would be minimal surfaces apart from 2-D string world sheet singularities at which there is a transfer of canonical momentum currents between Kähler and volume degrees of freedom. One can also consider the possibility that the minimal surfaces correspond to surfaces give as roots of 3 polynomials of hypercomplex coordinate of M^2 and remaining complex coordinates. Minimal surface property would be direct translation of masslessness and conform with the twistor view. Singular surfaces would represent analogs of Abelian currents. The universal dynamics for minimal surfaces would be a counterpart for the quantum criticality. At M^8 level the preferred complex plane M^2 of complexified octonions would represent the singular string world sheets and would be forced by number theory. Masslessness would be realized as generalized holomorphy (allowing hyper-complexity in M^2 plane) as proposed in the original twistor approach but replacing holomorphic fields in twistor space with 6-D twistor spaces realized as holomorphic 6-surfaces.

6.3 ZEO and twistorialization as manners to introduce scales in M^8 physics

M^8 physics as such has no scales. One motivation for ZEO is that it brings in the scales as sizes of causal diamonds (CDs).

6.3.1 ZEO generates scales in M^8 physics

Scales are certainly present in physics and must be present also in TGD Universe.

- (a) In TGD Universe CP_2 scale plays the role of fundamental length scale, there is also the length scale defined by cosmological constant and the geometric mean of these two length scales defining a scale of order 10^{-4} meters emerging in the earlier picture and suggesting a biological interpretation. The fact that conformal inversion $m^k \rightarrow R^2 m^k / a^2$, $a^2 = m^k m_k$ is a conformal transformation mapping hyperboloids with $a \geq R$ and $a \leq R$ to each other, suggests that one can relate CP_2 scale and cosmological scale defined by Λ by inversion so that cell length scale would define one possible radius of cd_{conf} .
- (b) In fact, if one has $R(cd_{conf}) = x \times R(CP_2)$ one obtains by repeated inversions a hierarchy $R(k) = x^k R$ and for $x = \sqrt{p}$ one obtains p-adic length scale hierarchy coming as powers of \sqrt{p} , which can be also negative. This suggests a connection with p-adic length scale hypothesis and connections between long length scale and short length scale physics: they could be related by inversion. One could perhaps see Universe as a kind of Leibnizian monadic system in which monads reflect each other with respect to hyperbolic surfaces $a = constant$. This would conform with the holography.
- (c) Without additional assumptions there is a complete scaling invariance at the level of M^8 . The scales could come from the choice of 8-D causal diamond CD_8 as intersection of 8-D future and past directed light-cones inducing choice of cd in M^4 . CD serves as a correlate for the perceptive field of a conscious entity in TGD inspired theory of consciousness and is crucial element of zero energy ontology (ZEO) allowing to solve the basic problem of quantum measurement theory.

6.3.2 Twistorial description of CDs

Could the map of the surfaces of 4-surfaces of M^8 to $cd_{conf} \times CP_2$ by a modification of $M^8 - H$ correspondence allow to describe these scales? If so, compactification via twistorialization and $M^8 - H$ correspondence would be the manner to describe these scales as something emergent rather than fundamental.

- (a) The simplest option is that the scale of cd_{conf} corresponds to that of CD_8 and CD_4 . One should also understand what CP_2 scale corresponds. The simplest option is that CP_2 scale defines just length unit since it is difficult to imagine how this scale could appear at M^8 level. cd_{conf} scale squared would be multiple of CP_2 scale squared, say prime multiple of it, and assignable to ramified primes of extension of rationals. Inversions would produce further scales. Inversion would allow kind of hologram like representation of physics in long length scales in arbitrary short length scales and vice versa.
- (b) The compactness of cd_{conf} corresponds to periodic time assignable to over-critical cosmologies starting with big bang and ending with big crunch. Also CD brings in mind over-critical cosmology, and one can argue that the dynamics at the level of cd_{conf} reflects the dynamics of ZEO at the level of M^8 .

6.3.3 Modification of H and $M^8 - H$ correspondence

It is often said that the metric of M^4_{conf} is defined only modulo conformal scaling factor. This would reflect projectivity. One can however endow projective space CP_3 with a metric with isometry group $SU(2,2)$ and the fixing of the metric is like gauge choice by choosing representative in the projective equivalence class. Thus CP_3 with signature (3,-3) might perhaps define geometric twistor space with base cd_{conf} rather than M^4_{conf} very much like the twistor space $T(CP_2) = F = SU(3)/U(1) \times U(1)$ at the level. Second projection would be to M^4 and map twistor sphere to a point of M^4 . The latter bundle structure would be singular since for points of M^4 with light-like separation the twistor spheres have a common point: this is an essential feature in the construction of twistor amplitudes.

New picture requires a modification of the view about H and about $M^8 - H$ correspondence.

- (a) H would be replaced with $cd_{conf} \times CP_2$ and the corresponding twistor space with $CP_3 \times F$. $M^8 - H$ duality involves the decomposition $M^2 \subset M^4 \subset M^8 = M^4 \times CP_2$, where M^4 is quaternionic sub-space containing preferred place M^2 . The tangent or normal space of X^4 would be characterized by a point of CP_2 and would be mapped to a point of CP_2 and the point of CP_2 - or rather point plus the space S^2 or light-like vectors characterizing the choices of M^2 - would mapped to the twistor sphere S^2 of CP_3 by the standard formulas.

$S^2(cd_{conf})$ would correspond to the choices of the direction of preferred octonionic imaginary unit fixing M^2 as quantization axis of spin and $S^2(CP_2)$ would correspond to the choice of isospin quantization axis: the quantization axis for color hyperspin would be fixed by the choice of quaternionic $M^4 \subset M^8$. Hence one would have a nice information theoretic interpretation.

- (b) The M^4 point mapped to twistor sphere $S^2(CP_3)$ would be projected to a point of cd_{conf} and define $M^8 - H$ correspondence at the level of M^4 . This would define compactification and associate two scales with it. Only the ratio $R(cd_{conf})/R(CP_2)$ matters by the scaling invariance at M^8 level and one can just fix the scale assignable to $T(CP_2)$ and call it CP_2 length scale.

One should have a concrete construction for the hyperbolic variants of CP_n .

- (a) One can represent Minkowski space and its variants with varying signatures as sub-spaces of complexified quaternions, and it would seem that the structure of sub-space must be lifted to the level of the twistor space. One could imagine variants of projective spaces CP_n , $n = 2, 3$ as and HP_n , $n = 2, 3$. They would be obtained by multiplying imaginary quaternionic unit I_k with the imaginary unit i commuting with quaternionic units. If the quaternions λ involved with the projectivization $(q_1, \dots, q_n) \equiv \lambda(q_1, \dots, q_n)$ are ordinary quaternions, the multiplication respects the signature of the subspace. By non-commutativity of quaternions one can talk about left- and right projective spaces.

- (b) One would have extremely close correspondence between M^4 and CP_2 degrees of freedom reflecting the $M^8 - H$ correspondence. The projection $CP_3 \rightarrow CP_2$ for E^4 would be replaced with the projection for the hyperbolic analogs of these spaces in the case of M^4 . The twistor space of M^4 identified as hyperbolic variant of CP_3 would give hyperbolic variant of CP_2 as conformally compactified cd . The flag manifold $F = SU(3)/U(1) \times U(1)$ as twistor space of CP_2 would also give CP_2 as base space.

The general solution of field equations at the level of $T(H)$ would correspond to holomorphy in general sense for the 6-surfaces defined by 3 vanishing conditions for holomorphic functions - 6 real conditions. Effectively this would mean the knowledge of the exact solutions of field equations also at the level of H : TGD would be an integrable theory. Scattering amplitudes would in turn constructible from these solutions using ordinary partial differential equations [L16].

- (a) The first condition would identify the complex coordinates of $S^2(cd_{conf})$ and $S^2(CP_2)$: here one cannot exclude relative rotation represented as a holomorphic transformation but for $R(cd_{conf}) \gg R(CP_2)$ the effect of the rotation is small.
- (b) Besides this there would be vanishing conditions for 2 holomorphic polynomials. The coordinate pairs corresponding to $M^2 \subset M^4$ would correspond to hypercomplex behavior with hyper complex coordinate $u = \pm t - z$. t and z could be assigned with $U(1)$ fibers of Hopf fibrations $SU(2) \rightarrow S^2$.
- (c) The octonionic polynomial $P(o)$ of degree $n = h_{eff}/h_0$ with rational coefficients fixes the extension of rationals and since the algebraic extension should be same at both sides, the polynomials in twistor space should have same degree. This would give enormous boos concerning the understanding of the proposed cancellation of fermionic Wick contractions in SUSY scattering amplitudes forced by number theoretic vision [L16].

6.3.4 Possible problems related to the signatures

The different signatures for the metrics of the twistor spheres of cd_{conf} and CP_2 can pose technical problems.

- (a) Twistor lift would replace X^4 with 6-D twistor space X^6 represented as a 6-surface in $T(M^4) \times T(CP_2)$. X^6 is defined by dimensional reduction in which the twistor spheres $S^2(cd_{conf})$ and $S^2(CP_2)$ are identified and define the twistor sphere $S^2(X^4)$ of X^6 serving as a fiber whereas space-time surface X^4 serves as a base. The simplest identification is as $(\theta, \phi)_{S^2(M^4)} = (\theta, \phi)_{S^2(CP_2)}$: the same can be done for the complex coordinates $z_{S^2(M^4_{conf})} = z_{S^2(CP_2)}$. An open question is whether a Möbius transformation could relate the complex coordinates. The metrics of the spheres are of opposite sign and differ only by the scaling factors $R^2(cd_{conf})$ and $R^2(CP_2)$.
- (b) For cd_{conf} option the signatures of the 2 twistor spheres would be opposite (time-like for cd_{conf}). For $R(cd_{conf})/R(CP_2) = 1$. $J^2 = -g$ is the only consistent option unless the signature of space is not totally positive or negative and implies that the Kähler forms of the two twistor spheres differ by i . The magnetic contribution from $S^2(X^4)$ would give rise to an infinite value of cosmological constant proportional to $1/\sqrt{g_2}$, which would diverge $R(cd_{conf})/R(CP_2) = 1$. There is however no need to assume this condition as in the original approach.

6.4 Hierarchy of length scale dependent cosmological constants in twistorial description

At the level of M^8 the hierarchy of CDs defines a hierarchy of length scales and must correspond to a hierarchy of length scale dependent cosmological constants. Even fundamental scales would emerge.

- (a) If one has $R(cd_{conf})/R(CP_2) \gg 1$ as the idea about macroscopic cd_{conf} would suggest, the contribution of $S^2(cd_{conf})$ to the cosmological constant dominates and the relative rotation of metrics and Kähler form cannot affect the outcome considerably. Therefore different mechanism producing the hierarchy of cosmological constants is needed and the freedom to choose rather freely the ratio $R(cd_{conf})/R(CP_2)$ would provide the mechanism. What looked like a weakness would become a strength.
- (b) $S^2(cd_{conf})$ would have time-like metric and could have large scale. Is this really acceptable? Dimensional reduction essential for the twistor induction however makes $S^2(cd_{conf})$ non-dynamical so that time-likeness would not be visible even for large radii of $S^2(cd_{conf})$ expected if the size of cd_{conf} can be even macroscopic. The corresponding contribution to the action as cosmological constant has the sign of magnetic action and also Kähler magnetic energy is positive. If the scales are identical so that twistor spheres have same radius, the contributions to the induced metric cancel each other and the twistor space becomes metrically 4-D.
- (c) At the limit $R(cd_{conf}) \rightarrow RCP_2$ cosmological constant coming from magnetic energy density diverges for $J^2 = -G$ option since it is proportional to $1/\sqrt{g_2}$. Hence the scaling factors must be different. The interpretation is that cosmological constant has arbitrarily large values near CP_2 length scale. Note however that time dependence is replaced with scale dependence and space-time sheets with different scales have only wormhole contacts.

It would seem that this approach could produce the nice results of the earlier approach. The view about how the hierarchy of cosmological constants emerges would change but the idea about reducing coupling constant evolution to that for cosmological constant would survive. The interpretation would be in terms of the breaking of scale invariance manifesting as the scales of CDs defining the scales for the twistor spaces involved. New insights about p-adic coupling constant evolution emerge and one finds a new “must” for ZEO. $H = M^4 \times CP_2$ picture would emerge as an approximation when cd_{conf} is replaced with its tangent space M^4 . The consideration of the quaternionic generalization of twistor space suggests natural identification of the conformally compactified twistor space as being obtained from CP_2 by making second complex coordinate hyperbolic. This need not conform with the identification as $U(2)$.

7 How to generalize twistor Grassmannian approach in TGD framework?

One should be able to generalize twistor Grassmannian approach in TGD framework. The basic modification is replacement of 4-D light-like momenta with their 8-D counterparts. The octonionic interpretation encourages the idea that twistor approach could generalize to 8-D context. Higher-dimensional generalizations of twistors have been proposed but the basic problem is that the index raising and lifting operations for twistors do not generalize (see <http://tinyurl.com/y241kwce>).

- (a) For octonionic twistors as pairs of quaternionic twistors index raising would not be lost working for M_T option and light-like M^8 momenta can be regarded sums of M_T^4 and E^4 parts as also twistors. Quaternionic twistor components do not commute and this is essential for incidence relation requiring also the possibility to raise or lower the indices of twistors. Ordinary complex twistor Grassmannians would be replaced with their quaternionic counterparts. The twistor space as a generalization of CP_3 would be 3-D quaternionic projective space $T(M^8) = HP_3$ with Minkowskian signature (6,6) of metric and having real dimension 12 as one might expect.

Another option realizing non-commutativity could be based on the notion of quantum twistor to be also discussed.

- (b) Second approach would rely on the identification of $M^4 \times CP_2$ twistor space as a Cartesian product of twistor spaces of M^4 and CP_2 . For this symmetries are not broken,

$M_L^4 \subset M^8$ depends on the state and is chosen so that the projection of M^8 momentum is light-like so that ordinary twistors and CP_2 twistors should be enough. $M^8 - H$ relates varying M_L^4 based and M_T^4 based descriptions.

- (c) The identification of the twistor space of M^4 as $T(M^4) = M^4 \times S^2$ can be motivated by octonionic considerations but might be criticized as non-standard one. The fact that quaternionic twistor space HP_3 looks natural for M^8 forces to ask whether $T(M^4) = CP_3$ endowed with metric having signature (3,3) could work in the case of M^4 . In the sequel also a vision based on the identification $T(M^4) = CP_3$ endowed with metric having signature (3,3) will be discussed.

7.1 Twistor lift of TGD at classical level

In TGD framework twistor structure is generalized [K21, K23, K19, L9]. The inspiration for TGD approach to twistorialization has come from the work of Nima Arkani-Hamed and colleagues [B11, B5, B6, B8, B15, B12, B2]. The new element is the formulation of twistor lift also at the level of classical dynamics rather than for the scattering amplitudes only [K21, K19, K23, L9].

- (a) The 4-D light-like momenta in ordinary twistor approach are replaced by 8-D light-like momenta so that massive particles in 4-D sense become possible. Twistor lift of TGD takes places also at the space-time level and is geometric counterpart for the Penrose's replacement of massless fields with twistors. Roughly, space-time surfaces are replaced with their 6-D twistor spaces represented as 6-surfaces. Space-time surfaces as preferred extremals are minimal surfaces with 2-D string world sheets as singularities. This is the geometric manner to express masslessness. X^4 is simultaneously also extremal of 4-D Kähler action outside singularities: this realizes preferred extremal property.
- (b) One can say that twistor structure of X^4 is induced from the twistor structure of $H = M^4 \times CP_2$, whose twistor space $T(H)$ is the Cartesian product of geometric twistor space $T(M^4) = M^4 \times CP_1$ and $T(CP_2) = SU(3)/U(1) \times U(1)$. The twistor space of M^4 assigned to momenta is usually taken as a variant of CP_3 with metric having Minkowski signature and both CP_1 fibrations appear in the more precise definition of $T(M^4)$. Double fibration [B14] (see <http://tinyurl.com/yb4bt741>) means that one has fibration from $M^4 \times CP_1$ - the trivial CP_1 bundle defining the geometric twistor space to the twistors space identified as complex projective space defining conformal compactification of M^4 . Double fibration is essential in the twistorialization of TGD [K20].
- (c) The basic objects in the twistor lift of classical TGD are 6-D surfaces in $T(H)$ having the structure of twistor space in the sense that they are CP_1 bundles having X^4 as base space. Dimensional reduction to CP_1 bundle effectively eliminates the dynamics in CP_1 degrees of freedom and its only remnant is the value of cosmological constant appearing as coefficient of volume term of the dimensionally reduced action containing also 4-D Kähler action. Cosmological term depends on p-adic length scales and has a discrete spectrum [L9, L8].

CP_1 has also an interpretation as a projective space constructed from 2-D complex spinors. Could the replacement of these 2-spinors with their quantum counterparts defining in turn quantum CP_1 realize finite quantum measurement resolution in M^4 degrees of freedom? Projective invariance for the complex 2-spinors would mean that one indeed has effectively CP_1 .

7.2 Octonionic twistors or quantum twistors as twistor description of massive particles

For M_T^4 option the particles are massive and the one encounters the problem whether and how to generalize the ordinary twistor description.

7.3 Basic facts about twistors and bi-spinors

It is convenient to start by summarizing the basic facts about bi-spinors and their conjugates allowing to express massless momenta as $p^{aa'} = \lambda^a \tilde{\lambda}^{a'}$ with $\tilde{\lambda}$ defined as complex conjugate of λ and having opposite chirality (see <http://tinyurl.com/y6bnznyn>).

- (a) When λ is scaled by a complex number $\tilde{\lambda}$ suffers an opposite scaling. The bi-spinors allow the definition of various inner products

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \lambda, \mu \rangle &= \epsilon_{ab} \lambda^a \mu^b , \\ [\tilde{\lambda}, \tilde{\mu}] &= \epsilon_{a'b'} \tilde{\lambda}^{a'} \tilde{\mu}^{b'} , \\ p \cdot q &= \langle \lambda, \mu \rangle [\tilde{\lambda}, \tilde{\mu}] , \quad (q_{aa'} = \mu_a \tilde{\mu}_{a'}) . \end{aligned} \quad (7.1)$$

- (b) Spinor indices are lowered and raised using antisymmetric tensors $\epsilon^{\alpha\beta}$ and $\epsilon_{\dot{\alpha}\dot{\beta}}$. If the particle has spin one can assign it a positive or negative helicity $h = \pm 1$. Positive helicity can be represented by introducing arbitrary negative (positive) helicity bispinor μ_a ($\mu_{a'}$) not parallel to λ_a ($\mu_{a'}$) so that one can write for the polarization vector

$$\begin{aligned} \epsilon_{aa'} &= \frac{\mu_a \tilde{\lambda}_{a'}}{\langle \mu, \lambda \rangle} , \quad \text{positive helicity} , \\ \epsilon_{aa'} &= \frac{\lambda_a \tilde{\mu}_{a'}}{[\tilde{\mu}, \tilde{\lambda}]} , \quad \text{negative helicity} . \end{aligned} \quad (7.2)$$

In the case of momentum twistors the μ part is determined by different criterion to be discussed later.

- (c) What makes 4-D twistors unique is the existence of the index raising and lifting operations using ϵ tensors. In higher dimensions they do not exist and this causes difficulties. For octonionic twistors with quaternionic components possibly only in $D = 8$ the situation changes.

To get a very rough idea about twistor Grassmannian approach idea, consider tree amplitudes of $\mathcal{N} = 4$ SUSY as example and it is convenient to drop the group theory factor $Tr(T_1 T_2 \cdots T_n)$. The starting point is the observation that tree amplitude for which more than $n - 2$ gluons have the same helicity vanish. MHV amplitudes have exactly $n - 2$ gluons of same helicity- taken by a convention to be negative- have extremely simple form in terms of the spinors and reads as

$$A_n = \frac{\langle \lambda_x, \lambda_y \rangle^4}{\prod_{i=1}^n \langle \lambda_i, \lambda_{i+1} \rangle} \quad (7.3)$$

When the sign of the helicities is changed $\langle .. \rangle$ is replaced with $[..]$.

An essential point in what follows is that the amplitudes are expressible in terms of the anti-symmetric bi-linears $\langle \lambda_i, \lambda_j \rangle$ making sense also for octotwistors and identifiable as quaternions rather than octonions.

7.3.1 $M^8 - H$ duality and two alternative twistorializations of TGD

$M^8 - H$ duality suggests two alternative twistorializations of TGD.

- (a) The first approach would be in terms of M^8 twistors suggested by quaternionic light-likeness of 8-momenta. M^8 twistors would be Cartesian products of M^4 and E^4 twistors. One can imagine a straightforward generalization of twistor scattering amplitudes in terms of generalized Grassmannian approach replacing complex Grassmannian with quaternionic Grassmannian, which is a mathematically well-defined notion.

- (b) Second approach would rely on $M^4 \times CP_2$ twistors, which are products of M^4 twistors and CP_2 twistors: this description works nicely at classical space-time level but at the level of momentum space the problem is how to describe massivation of M^4 momenta using twistors.

7.3.2 Why the components of twistors must be non-commutative?

How to modify the 4-D twistor description of light-like 4-momenta so that it applies to massive 4-momenta?

- (a) Twistor consists of a pair $(\mu_{\dot{\alpha}}, \lambda^{\alpha})$ of bi-spinors in conjugate representations of $SU(2)$. One can start from the 4-D incidence relations for twistors

$$\mu_{\dot{\alpha}} = p_{\alpha\dot{\alpha}} \lambda^{\alpha} .$$

Here $p_{\alpha\dot{\alpha}}$ denotes the representation of four-momentum $p^k \sigma_k$. The antisymmetric permutation symbols $\epsilon^{\alpha\beta}$ and its dotted version define antisymmetric “inner product” in twistor space. By taking the inner product of μ with itself, one obtains the commutation relation $\mu_1 \mu_2 - \mu_2 \mu_1 = 0$, which is consistent with right-hand side for massless particles with $p_k p^k = 0$.

- (b) In TGD framework particles are massless only in 8-D sense so that the right hand side in the contraction is in general non-vanishing. In massive case one can replace four-momentum with unit vector. This requires

$$\langle \mu, \mu \rangle = \mu_1 \mu_2 - \mu_2 \mu_1 \neq 0 .$$

The components of 2-spinor become non-commutative.

This raises two questions.

- (a) Could the replacement of complex twistors by quaternionic twistors make them non-commutative and allow massive states?
- (b) Could non-commutative quantum twistors solve the problem caused by the light-likeness of momenta allowing 4-D twistor description?

7.3.3 Octotwistors or quantum twistors?

One should be able to generalize twistor amplitudes and twistor Grassmannian approach to TGD framework, where particles are massless in 8-D sense and massive in 4-D sense. Could twistors be replaced by octonionic or quantum twistors.

- (a) One can express mass squared as a product of commutators of components of the twistors λ and $\tilde{\lambda}$, which is essentially the conjugate of λ :

$$p \cdot p = \langle \lambda, \lambda \rangle \left[\tilde{\lambda}, \tilde{\lambda} \right] . \quad (7.4)$$

This operator should be non-vanishing for non-vanishing mass squared. Both terms in the product vanish unless commutativity fails so that mass vanishes. The commutators should have the quantum state as its eigenstate.

- (b) Also 4-momentum components should have well-defined values. Four-momentum has expression $p^{aa'} = \lambda^a \tilde{\lambda}^{a'}$ in massless case. This expression should be generalized to massive case as such. Eigenvalue condition and reality of the momentum components requires that the components $p^{aa'}$ are commuting Hermitian operators.

In twistor Grassmannian approach complex but light-like momenta are possible as analogs of virtual momenta. Also in TGD framework the complexity of Kähler coupling strength allows to consider complex momenta. For twistor lift they however differ

from real momenta only by a phase factor associated with the $1/\alpha_K$ associated with 6-D Kähler action.

Remark: I have considered also the possibility that states are eigenstates only for the longitudinal M^2 projection of 4-momentum with quark model of hadrons serving as a motivation.

- i. Could this equation be obtained in massive case by regarding λ^a and $\tilde{\lambda}^{a'}$ as commuting octo-spinors and their complex conjugates? Octotwistors would naturally emerge in the description at imbedding space level. I have already earlier considered the notion of octotwistor [K10] [L4]).
 - ii. Or could it be obtained for quantum bi-spinors having same states as eigenstates. Could quantum twistors as generalization of the ordinary twistors correspond to the reduction of the description from the level of M^8 or H to at space-time level so that one would have 4-D twistors and massive particles with 4-momentum identifiable as Noether charge for the action principle determining preferred extremals? I have considered also the notion of quantum spinor earlier [K3, K16, K5, K12, K17].
- (c) In the case of quantum twistors the generalization of the product of the quantities $\langle \lambda_i, \lambda_{i+1} \rangle$ appearing in the formula should give rise to c-number in the case of quantum spinors. Can one require that the quantities $\langle \lambda_i, \lambda_{i+1} \rangle$ or even $\langle \lambda_i, \lambda_j \rangle$ are c-numbers simultaneously? This would also require that $\langle \lambda, \lambda \rangle$ is non-vanishing c-number in massive case: also incidence relation suggest this condition. Could one think λ as an operator such that $\langle \lambda, \lambda \rangle$ has eigenvalue spectrum corresponding to the quantities $\langle \lambda_i, \lambda_{i+1} \rangle$ appearing in the scattering amplitude?

7.4 The description for M_T^4 option using octo-twistors?

For option I with massive M_T^4 projection of 8-momentum one could imagine twistorial description by using M^8 twistors as products of M_T^4 and E^4 twistors, and a rather straightforward generalization of standard twistor Grassmann approach can be considered.

7.4.1 Could twistor Grassmannians be replaced with their quaternionic variants?

The first guess would simply replace $Gr(k, n)$ with $Gr(2k, 2n)$ 4-D twistors 8-D twistors. From twistor amplitudes with quaternionic M^8 -momenta one could construct physical amplitudes by going from 8-momentum basis to the 4-momentum- basis with wave functions in irreps of $SO(3)$. Life is however not so simple.

- (a) The notion of ordinary twistor involves in an essential manner Pauli matrices σ_i satisfying the well-known anti-commutation relations. They should be generalized. In fact, σ_0 and $\sqrt{-1}\sigma_i$ can be regarded as a matrix representation for quaternionic units. They should have analogs in 8-D case.

Octonionic units ie_i indeed provide this analog of sigma matrices. Octonionic units for the complexification of octonions allow to define incidence relation and representation of 8-momenta in terms of octo-spinors. They do not however allow matrix representation whereas time-like octonions allow interpretation as quaternion in suitable bases and thus matrix representation. Index raising operation is essential for twistors and makes dimension $D = 4$ very special. For naive generalizations of twistors to higher dimensions this operation is lost (see <http://tinyurl.com/y24lkwce>).

- (b) Could one avoid multiplication of more than two octo-twistors in Grassmann amplitudes leading to difficulties with associativity. An important observation is that in the expressions for the twistorial scattering amplitudes only products $\langle \lambda_i, \lambda_j \rangle$ or $[\tilde{\lambda}_i, \tilde{\lambda}_{i+1}]$ but not both occur. These products are associative even if the spinors are replaced by quaternionic spinors.

These operations are antisymmetric in the arguments, which suggests cross product for quaternions giving rise to imaginary quaternion so that the product of objects would

give rise to a product of imaginary quaternions. This might be a problem since a large number of terms in the product would approach to zero for random imaginary quaternions.

An ad hoc guess would be that scattering probability is proportional to the product of amplitude as product $\langle \lambda_i, \lambda_j \rangle$ and its “hermitian conjugate” with the conjugates $[\tilde{\lambda}_i, \tilde{\lambda}_{i+1}]$ in the reverse order (this does not affect the outcome) so that the result would be real. Scattering amplitude would be more like quaternion valued operator. Could one have a formulation of quantum theory or at least TGD view about quantum theory allowing this?

- (c) If ordinary massless 4-momenta correspond to quaternionic sigma matrices, twistors can be regarded as pairs of 2-spinors in matrix representation. Octonionic 8-momenta should correspond to pairs of 4-spinors. As already noticed, octonions do not however allow matrix representation! Octonions for a fixed decomposition $M^8 = M^4 \times E^4$ can be however decomposed to linear combination of two quaternions just like complex numbers to a combination of real numbers. These quaternions would have matrix representation and quaternionic analogs of twistor pair $(\mu, \tilde{\lambda})$. One could perhaps formulate the generalization of twistor Grassmann amplitudes using these pairs. This would suggest replacement of complex bi-spinors with complexified quaternions in the ordinary formalism. This might allow to solve problems with associativity if only $\langle \lambda_i, \lambda_j \rangle$ or $[\tilde{\lambda}_i, \tilde{\lambda}_{i+1}]$ appear in the amplitudes.
- (d) The argument in the momentum conserving delta function $\delta(\lambda_i \tilde{\lambda}_i)$ should be real so that the conjugation with respect to i would not change the argument and non-commutativity would not be problem. In twistor Grassmann amplitudes the argument $C \cdot Z$ of delta momentum conserving function is linear in the components of complex twistor Z . If complex twistor is replaced with quaternionic twistor, the Grassmannian coordinates C in delta functions $\delta(C \cdot Z)$ must be replaced with quaternionic one.

The replacement of complex Grassmannians $Gr_C(k, n)$ with quaternionic Grassmannians $Gr_H(k, n)$ is therefore highly suggestive. Quaternionic Grassmannians (see <http://tinyurl.com/y23jsffn>) are quotients of symplectic Lie groups $Gr_H(k, n) = U_n(H)/(U_r(H) \times U_{n-r}(H))$ and thus well-defined. In the description using $Gl_H(k, n)$ matrices the matrix elements would be quaternions and $k \times k$ minors would be quaternionic determinants.

Remark: Higher-D projective spaces of octonions do not exist so that in this sense dimension $D = 8$ for imbedding space would be maximal.

7.4.2 Twistor space of M^8 as quaternionic projective space HP_3 ?

The simplest Grassmannian corresponds to twistor space and one can look what one obtains in this case. One can also try to understand how to cope with the problems caused by Minkowskian signature.

- (a) In previous section it was found that the modification of H to $H = cd_{conf} \times CP_2$ with $cd_{conf} = CP_{2,h}$ identifiable as CP_2 with Minkowskian signature of metric is strongly suggestive.
- (b) For E^8 quaternionic twistor space as analog of CP_3 would be its quaternionic variant HP_3 with expected dimension $D = 16 - 4 = 12$. Twistor sphere would be replaced with its quaternionic counterpart $SU(2)_H/U(1)_H$ having dimension 4 as expected. $CD_{8,conf}$ as conformally compactified CD_8 must be 8-D. The space HP_2 has dimension 8 and is analog of CP_2 appearing as analog of base space of CP_3 identified as conformally compactified 4-D causal diamond cd_{conf} . The quaternionic analogy of $M_{conf}^4 = U(2)$ identified as conformally compactified M^4 would be $U(2)_H$ having dimension $D = 10$ rather than 8.

HP_3 and HP_2 might work for E^8 but it seems that the 4-D analog of twistor sphere should have signature (2,-2) whereas base space should have signature (1,-7). Some kind

of hyperbolic analogs of these spaces obtained by replacing quaternions with their hypercomplex variant seem to be needed. The same recipe in the twistorialization of M^4 would give cd_{conf} as analog of CP_2 with second complex coordinate made hyperbolic. I have already considered the construction of hyperbolic analogs of CP_2 and CP_3 as projective spaces. These results apply to HP_2 and HP_3 .

- (c) What about octonions? Could one define octonionic projective plane OP_2 and its hyperbolic variants corresponding to various sub-spaces of M^8 ? Euclidian OP_2 known as Cayley plane exists as discovered by Ruth Moufang in 1933. Octonionic higher-D projective spaces and Grassmannians do not however exist so that one cannot assign OP_3 as twistor spaces.

7.4.3 Can one obtain scattering amplitudes as quaternionic analogs of residue integrals?

Can one obtain complex valued scattering amplitudes (i commuting with octonionic units) in this framework?

- (a) The residue integral over quaternionic C -coordinates should make sense, and pick up the poles as vanishing points of minors. The outcome of repeated residue integrations should give a sum over poles with complex residues.
- (b) Residue calculus requires analyticity. The problem is that quaternion analyticity based on a generalization of Cauchy-Riemann equations allows only linear functions. One could define quaternion (and octonion) analyticity in restricted sense using powers series with real coefficients (or in extension involving i commuting with octonion units). The quaternion/octonion analytic functions with real coefficients are closed with respect to sum and product. I have used this definition in the proposed construction of algebraic dynamics for in $X^4 \subset M^8$ [L4].
- (c) Could one define the residue integral purely algebraically? Could complexity of the coefficients (i) force complex outcome: if pole q_0 is not quaternionically real the function would not allow decompose to $f(q)/(q - q_0)$ with f allowing similar Taylor series at pole. If so, then the formulas of Grassmannian formalism could generalize more or less as such at M^8 level and one could map the predictions to predictions of $M^4 \times CP_2$ approach by analog of Fourier transform transforming these quantum state basis to each other.

This option looks rather interesting and involves the key number theoretic aspects of TGD in a crucial manner.

7.5 Do super-twistors make sense at the level of M^8 ?

By $M^8 - H$ duality [L4] there are two levels involved: M^8 and H . These levels are encountered both at the space-time level and momentum space level. Do super-octonions and super-twistors make sense at M^8 level?

- (a) At the level of M^8 the high uniqueness and linearity of octonion coordinates makes the notion of super-octonion natural. By $SO(8)$ triality octonionic coordinates (bosonic octet 8_0), octonionic spinors (fermionic octet 8_1), and their conjugates (anti-fermionic octet 8_{-1}) would form triplet related by triality. A possible problem is caused by the presence of separately conserved B and L . Together with fermion number conservation this would require $\mathcal{N} = 4$ or even $\mathcal{N} = 4$ SUSY, which is indeed the simplest and most beautiful SUSY.
- (b) At the level of the 8-D momentum space octonionic twistors would be pairs of two quaternionic spinors as a generalization of ordinary twistors. Super octo-twistors would be obtained as generalization of these.

The progress in the understanding of the TGD version of SUSY [L16] led to a dramatic progress in the understanding of super-twistors.

- (a) In non-twistorial description using space-time surfaces and Dirac spinors in H , imbedding space coordinates are replaced with super-coordinates and spinors with super-spinors. Theta parameters are replaced with quark creation and annihilation operators. Super-coordinate is a super-polynomial consisting of monomials with vanishing total quark number and appearing in pairs of monomial and its conjugate to guarantee hermiticity.

Dirac spinor is a polynomial consisting of powers of quark creation operators multiplied by monomials similar to those appearing in the super-coordinate. Anti-leptons are identified as spartners of quarks identified as local 3-quark states. The multi-spinors appearing in the expansions describe as such local many-quark-antiquark states so that super-symmetrization means also second quantization. Fermionic and bosonic states assignable to H-geometry interact since super-Dirac action contains induced metric and couplings to induced gauge potentials.

- (b) The same recipe works at the level of twistor space. One introduces twistor super-coordinates analogous to super-coordinates of H and M^8 . The super YM field of $\mathcal{N} = 4$ SUSY is replaced with super-Dirac spinor in twistor space. The spin degrees of freedom associated with twistor spheres S^2 would bring in 2 additional spin-like degrees of freedom.

The most plausible option is that the new spin degrees are frozen just like the geometric S^2 degrees of freedom. The freezing of bosonic degrees of freedom is implied by the construction of twistor space of X^4 by dimensional reduction as a 6-D surface in the product of twistor spaces of M^4 and CP_2 . Chirality conditions would allow only single spin state for both spheres.

- (c) Number theoretical vision implies that the number of Wick contractions of quarks and antiquarks cannot be larger than the degree of the octonionic polynomial, which in turn should be same as that of the polynomials of twistor space giving rise to the twistor space of space-time surface as 6-surface. The resulting conditions correspond to conserved currents identifiable as Noether currents assignable to symmetries.

Also Grassmannian is replaced with super-Grassmannian and super-coordinates as matrix elements of super matrices are introduced.

- (a) The integrand of the Grassmannian integral defining the amplitude can be expanded in Taylor series with respect to theta parameters associated with the super coordinates C as rows of super $G(k, n)$ matrix.
- (b) The delta function $\delta(C, Z)$ factorizing into a product of delta functions is also expanded in Taylor series to get derivatives of delta function in which only coordinates appear. By partial integration the derivatives acting on delta function are transformed to derivatives acting on integrand already expanded in Taylor series in theta parameters. The integration over the theta parameters using the standard rules gives the amplitudes associated with different powers of theta parameters associated with Z and from this expression one can pick up the scattering amplitudes for various helicities of external particles.

The super-Grassmannian formalism is extremely beautiful but one must remember that one is dealing with quantum field theory. It is not at all clear whether this kind of formalism generalizes to TGD framework, where particle are 3-surfaces [L4]. The notion of cognitive representation effectively reducing 3-surfaces to a set of point-like particles strongly suggests that the generalization exists.

The progress in understanding of $M^8 - H$ duality throws also light to the problem whether SUSY is realized in TGD and what SUSY breaking does mean. It seems now clear that sparticles are predicted and SUSY remains in the simplest scenario exact but that p-adic thermodynamics causes thermal massivation: unlike Higgs mechanism, this massivation mechanism is universal and has nothing to do with dynamics. This is due to the fact that zero energy states are superpositions of states with different masses. The selection of p-adic prime

characterizing the sparticle causes the mass splitting between members of super-multiplets although the mass formula is same for all of them.

The increased understanding of what twistorialization leads to an improved understanding of what twistor space in TGD could be. It turns out that the hyperbolic variant $CP_{3,h}$ of the standard twistor space CP_3 is a more natural identification than the earlier $M^4 \times S^2$ also in TGD framework but with a scale corresponding to the scale of CD at the level of M^8 so that one obtains a scale hierarchy of twistor spaces. Twistor space has besides the projection to M^4 also a bundle projection to the hyperbolic variant $CP_{2,h}$ of CP_2 so that a remarkable analogy between M^4 and CP_2 emerges. One can formulate super-twistor approach to TGD using the same formalism as will be discussed in this article for the formulation at the level of H . This requires introducing besides 6-D Kähler action and its super-variant also spinors and their super-variants in super-twistor space. The two formulations are equivalent apart from the hierarchy of scales for the twistor space. Also M^8 allows analog of twistor space as quaternionic Grassmannian HP_3 with signature (6,6). What about super-variant of twistor lift of TGD? consider first the situation before the twistorialization.

- (a) The parallel progress in the understanding SUSY in TGD framework [L16] leads to the identification of the super-counterparts of M^8 , H and of twistor spaces modifying dramatically the physical interpretation of SUSY. Super-spinors in twistor space would provide the description of quantum states. Super-Grassmannians would be involved with the construction of scattering amplitudes. Quaternionic super Grassmannians would be involved with M^8 description.
- (b) In fermionic sector only quarks are allowed by $SO(1,7)$ triality and that anti-leptons are local 3-quark composites identifiable as spartners of quarks. Gauge bosons, Higgs and graviton would be also spartners and assignable to super-coordinates of imbedding space expressible as super-polynomials of quark oscillator operators. Super-symmetrization means also quantization of fermions allowing local many-quark states.
- (c) SUSY breaking would be caused by the same universal mechanism as ordinary massivation of massless states. The mass formulas would be supersymmetric but the choice of p-adic prime identifiable as ramified prime of extension of rationals would depend on the state of super-multiplet. ZEO would make possible symmetry breaking without symmetry breaking as Wheeler might put it.

7.5.1 Super-counterpart of twistor lift using the proposed formalism

The construction of super-coordinates and super-spinors [L16] suggests a straightforward formulation of the super variant of twistor lift. One should only replace the super-imbedding space and super-spinors with super-twistor space and corresponding super-spinors and formulate the theory using 6-D super-Kähler action and super-Dirac equation and the same general prescription for constructing S-matrix. Dimensional reduction should give essentially the 4-D theory apart from the variation of the radius of the twistor space predicting variation of cosmological constant. The size scale of CD would correspond to the size scale of the twistor space for M^4 and for CP_2 the size scale would serve as unit and would not vary.

The first step is the construction of ordinary variant of Kähler action and modified Dirac action for 6-D surfaces in 12-D twistor space.

- (a) Replace the spinors of H with the spinors of 12-D twistor space and assume only quark chirality. By the bundle property of the twistor space one can express the spinors as tensor products of spinors of the twistor spaces $T(M^4)$ and $T(CP_2)$. One can express the spinors of $T(M^4)$ tensor products of spinors of M^4 - and S^2 spinors locally and spinors of $T(CP_2)$ as tensor products of CP_2 - and S^2 spinors locally. Chirality conditions should reduce the number of 2 spin components for both $T(M^4)$ and $T(CP_2)$ to one so that there are no additional spin degrees of freedom.

The dimensional reduction can be generalized by identifying the two S^2 fibers for the preferred extremals so that one obtains induced twistor structure. In spinorial sector

the dimensional reduction must identify spinorial degrees of freedom of the two S^2 s by the proposed chirality conditions also make them non-dynamical. The S^2 spinors covariantly constant in S^2 degrees of freedom.

- (b) Define the spinor structure of 12-D twistor space, define induced spinor structure at 6-D surfaces defining the twistor space of space-time surface. Define the twistor counterpart of the analog of modified Dirac action using same general formulas as in case of H .

Construct next the super-variant of this structure.

- (a) Introduce second quark oscillator operators labelled by the points of cognitive representation in 12-D twistor space effectively replacing 6-D surface with its discretization and having quantized quark field q as its continuum counterpart. Replace the coordinates of the 12-D twistor space with super coordinates h_s expressed in terms of quark and anti-quark oscillator operators labelled by points of cognitive representation, and having interpretation as quantized quark field q restricted to the points of representation.
- (b) Express 6-D Kähler action and Dirac action density in terms of super-coordinates h_s . The local monomials of q appear in h_s and therefore also in the expansion of super-variants of modified gamma matrices defined by 6-D Kähler action as contractions of canonical momentum currents of the action density L_K with the gamma matrices of 12-D twistor space. In super-Kähler action also the local composites of q giving rise to currents formed from the local composites of 3-quarks and antiquarks and having interpretation as leptons and anti-leptons occur - leptons would be therefore partners of squarks.
- (c) Perform super-expansion also for the induced spinor field q_s in terms of monomials of q . $q_s(q)$ obeys super-Dirac equation non-linear in q . But also q should satisfy super-Dirac action as an analog of quantized quark field and non-linearity indeed forces also q to have super-expansion. Thus both quark field q and super-quark field q_s both satisfy super-Dirac equation.

The only possibility is $q_s = q$ stating fixed point property under $q \rightarrow q_s$ having interpretation in terms of quantum criticality fixing the values of the coefficients of various terms in q_s and in the super-coordinate h_s having interpretation as coupling constants. One has quantum criticality and discrete coupling constant evolution with respect to extension of rationals characterizing adelic physics.

- (d) Super-Dirac action vanishes for its solutions and the exponent of super-action reduces to exponent of super-Kähler action, whose matrix elements between positive and negative energy parts of zero energy states give S-matrix elements.

Super-Dirac action has however an important function: the derivatives of quark currents appearing in the super-Kähler action can be transformed to a linear strictly local action of super spinor connection ($\partial_\alpha \rightarrow A_{\alpha,s}$ effectively). Without this lattice discretization would be needed and cognitive representation would not be enough.

To sum up, the super variants of modified gamma matrices of the 6-surface would satisfy the condition $D_{\alpha,s}\Gamma_s^\alpha = 0$ expressing preferred extremal property and guaranteeing superhermicity of D_s . q_s would obey super-Dirac equation $D_s q_s = 0$. The self-referential identification $q = q_s$ would express quantum criticality of TGD.

8 Could one describe massive particles using 4-D quantum twistors?

The quaternionic generalization of twistors looks almost must. But before this I considered also the possibility that ordinary twistors could be generalized to quantum twistors to describe particle massivation. Quantum twistors could provide space-time level description, which requires 4-D twistors, which cannot be ordinary M^4 twistors. Also the classical 4-momenta, which by QCC would be equal to M^8 momenta, are in general massive so that the ordinary

twistor approach cannot work. One cannot of course exclude the possibility that octo-twistors are enough or that M_L^8 description is equivalent with space-time description using quantum twistors.

8.1 How to define quantum Grassmannian?

The approach to twistor amplitude relies on twistor Grassmann approach [B7, B4, B3, B10, B11, B2] (see <http://tinyurl.com/yx1lwcsn>). This approach should be replaced by replacing Grassmannian $GR(K, N) = Gl(n, C)/Gl(n-m, C) \times Gl(m, C)$ with quantum Grassmannian.

8.1.1 Naive approach to the definition of quantum Grassmannian

Quantum Grassmannian is a notion studied in mathematics and the approach of [A2] (see <http://tinyurl.com/y5q6kv6b>) looks reasonably comprehensible even for physicist. I have already earlier tried to understand quantum algebras and their possible role in TGD [K1]. It is however better to start as ignorant physicist and proceed by trial and error and find whether mathematicians have ended up with something similar.

- (a) Twistor Grassmannian scattering amplitudes involving k negative helicity gluons involve product of $k \times k$ minors of an $k \times n$ matrix C taken in cyclic order. C defines $k \times n$ coordinates for Grassmannian $Gr(k, n)$ of which part is redundant by the analogs of gauge symmetries $Gl(n-m, C) \times Gl(m, C)$. Here n is the number of external gluons and k the number of negative helicity gluons. The $k \times k$ determinants taken in cyclic order appear in the integrand over Grassmannian. Also the quantum variants of these determinants and integral over quantum Grassmannian should be well-defined and residue calculus gives hopes for achieving this.
- (b) One should define quantum Grassmannian as algebra according to my physicist's understanding algebra can be defined by starting from a free algebra generated by a set of elements - now the matrix elements of quantum matrix. One poses on these elements relations to get the algebra considered. What could these conditions be in the recent case.
- (c) A natural condition is that the definition allows induction in the sense that its restriction to quantum sub-matrices is consistent with the general definition of $k \times n$ quantum matrices. In particular, one can identify the columns and rows of quantum matrices as instances of quantum vectors.
- (d) How to generalize from 2×2 case to $k \times n$ case? The commutation relations for neighboring elements of rows and columns are fixed by induction. In 4×4 corresponding to M^4 twistors one would obtain for (a_1, \dots, a_4) . $a_i a_{i+1} = q a_{i+1} a_i$ cyclically ($k = 1$ follows $k = 4$).

What about commutations of a_i and a_{i+k} , $k > 1$. Is there need to say anything about these commutators? In twistor Grassmann approach only connected $k \times k$ minors in cyclic order appear. Without additional relations the algebra might be too large. One could argue that the simplest option is that one has $a_i a_{i+k} = q a_{i+k} a_i$ for k odd $a_i a_{i+k} = q^{-1} a_{i+k} a_i$ for k even. This is required from the consistency with cyclicity. These conditions would allow to define also sub-determinants, which do not correspond to connected $k \times k$ squares by moving the elements to a connected patch by permutations of rows and columns.

- (e) What about elements along diagonal? The induction from 2×2 would require the commutativity of elements along right-left diagonals. Only commutativity of the elements along left-right diagonal be modified. Or is the commutativity lost only along directions parallel to left-right diagonal? The problem is that the left-right and right-left directions are transformed to each other in odd permutations. This would suggest that only even permutations are allowed in the definition of determinant

- (f) Could one proceed inductively and require that one obtains the algebra for 2×2 matrices for all 2×2 minors? Does this apply to all 2×2 minors or only to connected 2×2 minors with cyclic ordering of rows and columns so that top and bottom row are nearest neighbors as also right and left column. Also in the definition of 3×3 determinant only the connected developed along the top row or left column only 2×2 determinants involving nearest neighbor matrix elements appear. This generalizes to $k \times k$ case.

It is time to check how wrong the naive intuition has been. Consider 2×2 matrices as simple example. In this case this gives only 1 condition ($ad - bc = -da + cb$) corresponding to the permutation of rows or columns. Stronger condition suggested by higher-D case would be $ad = da$ and $bc = cb$. The definition of 2×2 in [A2] however gives for quantum 2-matrices $(a, b; c, d)$ the conditions

$$\begin{aligned} ac &= qca \ , & bd &= qda \ , \\ ab &= qba \ , cd &= qdc \ , & \\ bc &= cb \ , & ad - da &= (q - q^{-1})bc \ . \end{aligned} \tag{8.1}$$

The commutativity along left-right diagonal is however lost for $q \neq 1$ so that quantum determinant depends on what row or column is used to expand it. The modification of the commutation relations along rows and columns is what one might expect and wants in order to achieve non-commutativity of twistor components making possible massivation in M^4 sense.

The limit $q \rightarrow 1$ corresponds to non-trivial algebra in general and would correspond to $\beta = 4$ for inclusions of HFFs expected to give representations of Kac-Moody algebras. At this limit only massless particles in 4-D sense are allowed. This suggests that the reduction of Kac-Moody algebras to quantum groups corresponds to symmetry breaking associated with massivation in 4-D sense.

8.1.2 Mathematical definition of quantum Grassmannian

It would seem that the proposed approach is reasonable. The article [A3] (see <http://tinyurl.com/yycflgrd>) proposing a definition of quantum determinant explains also the basic interpretation of what the non-commutativity of elements of quantum matrices does mean.

- (a) The first observation is that the commutation of the elements of quantum matrix corresponds to braiding rather than permutation and this operation is represented by R -matrix. The formula for the action of braiding is

$$R_{cd}^{ab} t_e^c t_f^d = t_d^a t_c^b R_{ef}^{cd} \ . \tag{8.2}$$

Here R -matrix is a solution of Yang-Baxter equation and characterizes completely the commutation relations between the elements of quantum matrix. The action of braiding is obtained by applying the inverse of R -matrix from left to the equation. By iterating the braidings of nearest neighbors one can deduce what happens in the braiding exchanging quantum matrix elements which are not nearest neighbors. What is nice that the R -matrix would fix the quantum algebra, in particular quantum Grassmannian completely.

- (b) In the article the notion of quantum determinant is discussed and usually the definition of quantum determinant involves also the introduction of metric g^{ab} allowing the raising of the indices of the permutation symbol. One obtains formulas relating metric and R -matrix and restricting the choice of the metric. Note however that if ordinary permutation symbol is used there is no need to introduce the metric.

The definition quantum Grassmannian proposed does not involve hermitian conjugates of the matrices involved. One can define the elements of Grassmannian and Grassmannian residue integrals without reference to complex conjugation: could one do without hermitian conjugates? On the other hand, Grassmannians have complex structure and Kähler structure: could this require hermitian conjugates and commutation relations for these?

8.2 Two views about quantum determinant

If one wants to define quantum matrices in $Gr(k, n)$ so that quantal twistor-Grassmann amplitudes make sense, the first challenge is to generalize the notion of $k \times k$ determinant.

One can consider two approaches concerning the definition of quantum determinant.

- (a) The first guess is that determinant should not depend on the ordering of rows or columns apart from the standard sign factor. This option fails unless one modifies the definition of permutation symbol.
- (b) The alternative view is that permutation symbol is ordinary and there is dependence on the row or column with respect to which one develops. This dependence would however disappear in the scattering amplitudes. If the poles and corresponding residues associated with the $k \times k$ -minors of the twistor amplitude remain invariant under the permutation, this is not a problem. In other words, the scattering amplitudes are invariant under braid group. This is what twistor Grassmann approach implies and also TGD predict.

For the first option quantum determinant would be braiding invariant. The standard definition of quantum determinant is discussed in detail in [A3] (see <http://tinyurl.com/yycflgrd>).

- (a) The commutation of the elements of quantum matrix corresponds to braiding rather than permutation and as found, this operation is represented by R-matrix.
- (b) Quantum determinant would change only by sign under the braidings of neighboring rows and columns. The braiding for the elements of quantum matrix would compensate the braiding for quantum permutation symbol. Permutation symbol is assumed to be q-antisymmetric under braiding of any adjacent indices. This requires that permutation $i_k \leftrightarrow i_{k+1}$ regarded as braiding gives a contraction of quantum permutation symbol $\epsilon_{i_1, \dots, 1_k}$ with $R_{i_k i_{k+1}}^{ij}$ plus scaling by some normalization factor λ besides the change of sign.

$$\epsilon_{a_1 \dots a_k a_{k+1} \dots a_n} = -\lambda \epsilon_{a_1 \dots i j \dots a_n} R_{a_k a_{k+1}}^{ji} \quad . \quad (8.3)$$

The value of λ can be calculated.

- (c) The calculation however leads to the result that that quantum determinant \mathcal{D} satisfies $\mathcal{D}^2 = 1!$ If the result generalizes for sub-determinants defined by $k \times k$ -minors (, which need not be the case) would have determinants satisfying $\mathcal{D}^2 = 1$, and the idea about vanishing of $k \times k$ -minor essential for getting non-trivial twistor scattering amplitude as residue would not make sense.

It seems that the braiding invariant definition of quantum determinant, which of course involves technical assumptions) is too restrictive. Does this mean that the usual definition requiring development with respect to preferred row is the physically acceptable option? This makes sense if only the integral but not integrand is invariant under braidings. Braiding symmetry would be analogous to gauge invariance.

8.3 How to understand the Grassmannian integrals defining the scattering amplitudes?

The beauty of the twistor Grassmannian approach is that the residue integrals over quantum $Gr(k, n)$ would reduce to sum over poles (or possibly integrals over higher-D poles). Could residue calculus provide a manner to integrate q-number valued functions of q-numbers? What would be the minimal assumptions allowing to obtain scattering amplitudes as c-numbers?

Consider first what the integrand to be replaced with its quantum version looks like.

- (a) Twistor scattering amplitudes involve also momentum conserving delta function expressible as $\delta(\lambda_a \tilde{\lambda}^a)$. This sum and - as it seems - also the summands should be c-numbers - in other words one has eigenstates of the operators defining the summands.
- (b) By introducing Grassmannian space $Gr(k, n)$ with coordinates $C_{\alpha, i}$ (see <http://tinyurl.com/yx1lwcsn>), one can linearize $\delta(\lambda_a \tilde{\lambda}^a)$ to a product of delta functions $\delta(C \cdot Z) = \delta(C \cdot \tilde{\lambda}) \times \delta(C^\perp \cdot \lambda)$ (I have not written the delta function is Grassmann parameters related to super coordinates). Z is the n -vector formed by the twistors associated with incoming particles.

The $4 \times k$ components of $C_{\alpha, k} Z^k$ should be c-numbers at least when they vanish. One should define quantum twistors and quantum Grassmannian and pose the constraints on the poles.

How to achieve the goal? Before proceeding it is good to recall the notion of non-commutative geometry (see <http://tinyurl.com/yxrcr8xv>). Ordinary Riemann geometry can be obtained from exterior algebra bundle, call it E . The Hilbert space of square integrable sections in E carries a representation of the space of continuous functions $C(M)$ by multiplication operators. Besides this there is unbounded differential operator D , which so called signature operator and defined in terms of exterior derivative and its dual: $D = d + d^*$. This spectral triple of algebra, Hilbert space, and operator D allows to deduce the Riemann geometry.

The dream is that one could assign to non-commutative algebras non-commutative spaces using this spectral triple. The standard q-p quantization is example of this: one obtains now Lagrange manifolds as ordinary commutative manifolds.

Consider now the situation in the case of quantum Grassmannian.

- (a) In the recent case the points defining the poles of the function - it might be that the eventual poles are not a set of discrete points but a higher-dimensional object - would form the commutative part of non-commutative quantum space. In this space the product of quantum minors would become ordinary number as also the argument $C \cdot Z$ of the delta function. This commutative sub-space would correspond to a space in which maximum number of minors vanish and residues reduce to c-numbers.

Thus poles of the integrand of twistor amplitude would correspond to eigenstates for some $k \times k$ minors of Grassmannian with a vanishing eigenvalue. The residue at the pole at given step in the recursion pole by pole need not be c-number but the further residue integrals should eventually lead to a c-number or c-number valued integrand.

- (b) The most general option would be that the conditions hold true only in the sense that some $k \times k$ minors for $k \geq 2$ are c-numbers and have a vanishing eigenvalue but that smaller minors need not have this property. Also $C_{\alpha, k} Z^k$ should be c-numbers and vanish. Residue calculus would give rise to lower-D integrals in step-wise manner.

The simplest and most general option is that one can speak only about eigenvalues of $k \times k$ minors. At pole it is enough to have one minor for which eigenvalue vanishes whereas other minors could remain quantal. In the final reduction the product of all non-vanishing $k \times k$ minors appearing in cyclic order in the integrand should have a well-defined c-number as eigenvalue. Does this allow the appearance of only cyclic minors.

A stronger condition would be that all non-vanishing minors reduce to their eigenvalues. Could it be that only the n cyclic minors can commute simultaneously and serve as analogs of q -coordinates in phase space? The complex dimension of $G_C(n, k)$ is $d = (n - k)k$. If the space spaced by minors corresponds to Lagrangian manifold with real dimension not larger than d , one has $k \leq d = (n - k)k$. This gives $k \leq n/2(1 + \sqrt{1 - 2/n})$. For $k = 2$ this gives $k \leq n/2$. For $n \rightarrow \infty$ one has $k \leq n/2 + 1$. For $k > n/2$ one can change the roles of positive and negative helicities. It has been found that in certain sense the Grassmannian contributing to the twistor amplitude is positive.

The notion of positivity found to characterize the part of Grassmannian contributing to the residue integral and also the minors and the argument of delta function [B9](see <http://tinyurl.com/yd9tf2ya>) would suggest that it is also real sub-space in some sense and this finding supports this picture.

The delta function constraint forcing $C \cdot Z$ to zero must also make sense. $C \cdot Z$ defines $k \times 6$ matrix and also now one must consider eigenvalues of $C \cdot Z$. Positivity suggest reality also now. Z adds $4 \times n$ degrees of freedom and the number $6 \times k$ of additional conditions is smaller than $4 \times n$. $6k \leq 4 \times n$ combined with $k \leq n/2$ gives $k \leq n/2$ so that the conditions seems to be consistent.

- (c) The c-number property for the cyclic minors could define the analog of Lagrangian manifold for the phase space or Kähler manifold. One can of course ask, whether Kähler structure of $Gr(k, n)$ could generalize to quantum context and give the integration region as a sub-manifold of Lagrangian manifold of $Gr(k, n)$ and whether the twistor amplitudes could reduce to integral over sub-manifold of Lagrangian manifold of ordinary $Gr(k, n)$.

To sum up, I have hitherto thought that TGD allows to get rid of the idea of quantization of coordinates. Now I have encountered this idea from totally unexpected perspective in an attempt to understand how 8-D masslessness and its twistor description could relate to 4-D one. Grassmannians are however very simple and symmetric objects and have natural coordinates as $k \times n$ matrices interpretable as quantum matrices. The notion of quantum group could find very concrete application as a solution to the basic problem of the standard twistor approach. Therefore one can consider the possibility that they have quantum counterparts and at least the residue integrals reducing to c-numbers make sense for quantum Grassmannians in algebraic sense.

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