

# Philosophy of Adelic Physics

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### Abstract

The p-adic aspects of Topological Geometrophysics (TGD) will be discussed. Introduction gives a short summary about classical and quantum TGD. This is needed since the p-adic ideas are inspired by TGD based view about physics.

p-Adic mass calculations relying on p-adic generalization of thermodynamics and super-symplectic and super-conformal symmetries are summarized. Number theoretical existence constrains lead to highly non-trivial and successful physical predictions. The notion of canonical identification mapping p-adic mass squared to real mass squared emerges, and is expected to be a key player of adelic physics allowing to map various invariants from p-adics to reals and vice versa.

A view about p-adicization and adelization of real number based physics is proposed. The proposal is a fusion of real physics and various p-adic physics to single coherent whole achieved by a generalization of number concept by fusing reals and extensions of p-adic numbers induced by given extension of rationals to a larger structure and having the extension of rationals as their intersection.

The existence of p-adic variants of definite integral, Fourier analysis, Hilbert space, and Riemann geometry is far from obvious and various constraints lead to the idea of number theoretic universality (NTU) and finite measurement resolution realized in terms of number theory. An attractive manner to overcome the problems in case of symmetric spaces relies on the replacement of angle variables and their hyperbolic analogs with their exponentials identified as roots of unity and roots of  $e$  existing in finite-dimensional algebraic extension of p-adic numbers. Only group invariants - typically squares of distances and norms - are mapped by canonical identification from p-adic to real realm and various phases are mapped to themselves as number theoretically universal entities.

Also the understanding of the correspondence between real and p-adic physics at various levels - space-time level, imbedding space level, and level of "world of classical worlds" (WCW) - is a challenge. The gigantic isometry group of WCW and the maximal isometry group of imbedding space give hopes about a resolution of the problems. Strong form of holography (SH) allows a non-local correspondence between real and p-adic space-time surfaces induced by algebraic continuation from common string world sheets and partonic 2-surfaces. Also local correspondence seems intuitively plausible and is based on number theoretic discretization as intersection of real and p-adic surfaces providing automatically finite "cognitive" resolution. The existence p-adic variants of Kähler geometry of WCW is a challenge, and NTU might allow to realize it.

I will also sum up the role of p-adic physics in TGD inspired theory of consciousness. Negentropic entanglement (NE) characterized by number theoretical entanglement negentropy (NEN) plays a key role. Negentropy Maximization Principle (NMP) forces the generation of NE. The interpretation is in terms of evolution as increase of negentropy resources.

## 1 Introduction

I have developed during last 39 years a proposal for unifying fundamental interactions which I call "Topological Geometrophysics" (TGD). During last twenty years TGD has expanded to a theory of consciousness and quantum biology and also p-adic and adelic physics have emerged as one thread in the number theoretical vision about TGD.

Since Quantum TGD and physical arguments have served as basic guidelines in the development of p-adic ideas, the best manner to introduce the subject of p-adic physics, is by describing first TGD briefly.

In this article I will consider the p-adic aspects of TGD - the first thread of the number theoretic vision - as I see them at this moment.

1. I will describe p-adic mass calculations based on p-adic generalization of thermodynamics and super-conformal invariance [K15, K8] with number theoretical existence constrains leading to highly non-trivial and successful physical predictions. Here the notion of canonical identification mapping p-adic mass squared to real mass squared emerges and is expected to be key player of adelic physics and allow to map various invariants from p-adics to reals and vice versa.
2. I will propose the formulation of p-adicization of real physics and adelization meaning the fusion of real physics and various p-adic physics to single coherent whole by a generalization

of number concept fusing reals and p-adics to larger structure having algebraic extension of rationals as a kind of intersection.

The existence of p-adic variants of definite integral, Fourier analysis, Hilbert space, and Riemann geometry is far from obvious, and various constraints lead to the idea of NTU and finite measurement resolution realized in terms of number theory. Maybe the only manner to overcome the problems relies on the idea that various angles and their hyperbolic analogs are replaced with their exponentials and identified as roots of unity and roots of  $e$  existing in finite-dimensional algebraic extension of p-adic numbers. Only group invariants - typically squares of distances and norms - are mapped by canonical identification from p-adic to real realm and various phases are mapped to themselves as number theoretically universal entities.

Another challenge is the correspondence between real and p-adic physics at various levels: space-time level, imbedding space level, and WCW level. Here the enormous symmetries of WCW and those of imbedding space are in crucial role. Strong form of holography (SH) allows a correspondence between real and p-adic space-time surfaces induced by algebraic continuation from string world sheets and partonic 2-surface, which can be said to be common to real and p-adic space-time surfaces.

3. In the last section I will describe the role of p-adic physics in TGD inspired theory of consciousness. The key notion is Negentropic entanglement (NE) characterized in terms of number theoretic entanglement negentropy (NEN). Negentropy Maximization Principle (NMP) would force the growth of NE. The interpretation would be in terms of evolution as increase of negentropy resources - Akashic records as one might poetically say. The newest finding is that NMP in statistical sense follows from the mere fact that the dimension of extension of rationals defining adeles increases unavoidably in statistical sense - separate NMP would not be necessary.

In the sequel I will use some shorthand notations for key principles and key notions. Quantum Field Theory (QFT); Relativity Principle (RP); Equivalence Principle (EP); General Coordinate Invariance (GCI); World of Classical Worlds (WCW); Strong Form of GCI (SGCI); Strong Form of Holography (SH); Preferred Extremal (PE); Zero Energy Ontology (ZEO); Quantum Criticality (QC); Hyper-finite Factor of Type II<sub>1</sub> (HFF); Number Theoretical Universality (NTU); Canonical Identification (CI); Negentropy Maximization Principle (NMP); Negentropic entanglement (NE); Number Theoretical Entanglement Negentropy (NEN); are the most often occurring acronyms.

## 2 TGD briefly

This section gives a brief summary of classical and quantum TGD, which to my opinion is necessary for understanding the number theoretic vision.

### 2.1 Space-time as 4-surface

TGD forces a new view about space-time as 4-surface of 8-D imbedding space. This view is extremely simple locally but by its many-sheetedness topologically much more complex than GRT space-time.

#### 2.1.1 Energy problem of GRT as starting point

The physical motivation for TGD was what I have christened the energy problem of General Relativity [K42, K50].

1. The notion of energy is ill-defined because the basic symmetries of empty space-time are lost in the presence of gravity. The presence of matter curves empty Minkowski space  $M^4$  so that its isometries realized as transformations leaving the distances between points and thus shapes of 4-D objects invariant are lost. Noether's theorem states that symmetries and conservation laws correspond to each other. Hence conservation laws are lost and conserved quantities are ill-defined. Usually this is not seen a practical problem since gravitation is so weak interaction.

2. The proposed way out of the problem is based on the assumption that space-times are imbeddable as 4-surfaces to some 8-dimensional space  $H = M^4 \times S$  by replacing the points of 4-D empty Minkowski space with 4-D very small internal space  $S$ . The space  $S$  is unique from the requirement that the theory has the symmetries of standard model:  $S = CP_2$ , where  $CP_2$  is complex projective space with 4 real dimensions [K42]. Isometries of space-time are replaced with those of imbedding space. Noether's theorem predicts the classical conserved charges for given general coordinate invariant (GCI) action principle.

Also now the curvature of space-time codes for gravitation. Equivalence Principle (EP) and General Coordinate Invariance (GCI) of GRT augmented with Relativity Principle (RT) of SRT remain the basic principles. Now however the number of solutions to field equations - preferred extremals (PEs) - is dramatically smaller than in Einstein's theory [K48, K6].

1. An unexpected bonus was geometrization classical fields of standard model for  $S = CP_2$ . Also the space-time counterparts for field quanta emerge naturally but this requires a profound generalization of the notion of space-time: the topological inhomogeneities of space-time surface are identified as particles. This means a further huge reduction for dynamical field like variables at the level of single space-time sheet. By general coordinate invariance (GCI) only four imbedding space coordinates appear as variables analogous to classical fields: in a typical GUT their number is hundreds.
2.  $CP_2$  also codes for the standard model quantum numbers in its geometry in the sense that electromagnetic charge and weak isospin emerge from  $CP_2$  geometry: the corresponding symmetries are not isometries so that electroweak symmetry breaking is coded already at this level. Color quantum numbers correspond to the isometries of  $CP_2$  defining an unbroken symmetry: this also conforms with empirical facts. The color of TGD however differs from that in standard model in several aspects and LHC has begun to exhibit these differences via the unexpected behavior of what was believed to be quark gluon plasma [K18]. The conservation of baryon and lepton numbers follows as a prediction. Leptons and quarks correspond to opposite chiralities for imbedding space spinors.
3. What remains to be explained in standard model is family replication phenomenon for leptons and quarks. Both quarks and leptons appear as three families identical apart from having different masses. The conjecture was is that fermion families correspond to different topologies for 2-D surfaces characterized by genus telling the number  $g$  (genus) of handles attached to sphere to obtain the surface: sphere, torus, .... The 2-surfaces are identified as "partonic 2-surfaces" whose orbits are light-like 3-surface at which the signature of the induced metric of space-time surface transforms from Minkowskian to Euclidian. The partonic orbits replace the lines of Feynman diagrams in TGD Universe in accordance with the replacement of point-like particle with 2-surface.

Only the three lowest genera are observed experimentally. A possible explanation is in terms of conformal symmetries: the genera  $g \leq 2$  allow always  $Z_2$  as a subgroup of conformal symmetries (hyper-ellipticity) whereas higher genera in general do not. The handles of partonic 2-surfaces could form analogs of unbound many-particle states for  $g > 2$  with a continuous spectrum of mass squared but for  $g = 2$  form a bound state by hyper-ellipticity [K8].

4. Later further arguments in favor of  $H = M^4 \times CP_2$  have emerged. One of them relates to twistorialization and twistor lift of TGD [K30, K51, K49]. 4-D Minkowski space is unique space-time with Minkowskian signature of metric in the sense that it allows twistor structure. This is a problem in attempts to introduce twistors to General Relativity Theory (GRT) and a serious obstacle in the quantization based on twistor Grassmann approach, which has demonstrate its enormous power in the quantization of gauge theories. In TGD framework one can ask whether one could lift also the twistor structure to the level of  $H$ .  $M^4$  has twistor structure and so does also  $CP_2$ : which is the only Euclidian 4-manifold allowing twistor space, which is also a Kähler manifold! This led to the notion of twistor lift of TGD inducing rather recent breakthrough in the understanding of TGD.

TGD can be also seen as a generalization of hadronic string model - not yet superstring model since this model became fashionable two years after the thesis about TGD [K1]. Later it has

become clear that string like objects, which look like strings but are actually 3-D are basic stuff of TGD Universe and appear in all scales [K10, K48]. Also strictly 2-D string world sheets popped up in the formulation of quantum TGD (analogy with branes) [?]o that one can say that string model in 4-D space-time is part of TGD.

Concluding, TGD generalizes standard model symmetries and provides an incredibly simple proposal for a dynamics: only 4 classical field variables and in fermionic sector only quark and lepton like spinor fields. The basic objection against TGD looks rather obvious in the light of after-wisdom. One loses linear superposition of fields, which holds in good approximation in ordinary field theories, which are almost linear. The solution of the problem to be discussed later relies on the notion many-sheeted space-time [K50].

### 2.1.2 Many-sheeted space-time

The replacement of the abstract manifold geometry of general relativity with the geometry of 4-surfaces brings in the shape of surface as seen from the perspective of 8-D space-time as additional degrees of freedom giving excellent hopes of realizing the dream of Einstein about geometrization of fundamental interactions.

The work with the generic solutions of the field equations assignable to almost any variational principle satisfying GCI led soon to the realization that the topological structure of space-time in this framework is much more richer than in GRT.

1. Space-time decomposes into space-time sheets of finite size. This led to the identification of physical objects that we perceive around us as space-time sheets. The original identification of space-time sheet was as a surface of in  $H$  with outer boundary. For instance, the outer boundary of the table would be where that particular space-time sheet ends (what “ends” means is not however quite obvious!). We would directly see the complex topology of many-sheeted space-time! Besides sheets also string like objects and elementary particle like objects appear so that TGD can be regarded also as a generalization of string models obtained by replacing strings with 3-D surfaces.

It turned that boundaries are probably excluded by boundary conditions. Rather, two sheets with boundaries must be glued along their boundaries together to get double covering. Sphere can be seen as simplest example of this kind of covering: northern and southern hemispheres are glued along equator together.

2. The original vision was that elementary particles are topological inhomogenities glued to these space-time sheets using topological sum contacts. This means drilling a hole to both sheets and connecting with a very short cylinder. 2-dimensional illustration should give the idea. In this conceptual framework material structures and shapes would not be due to some mysterious substance in slightly curved space-time but reduce to space-time topology just as energy- momentum currents reduce to space-time curvature in GRT.

This view has gradually evolved to much more detailed picture. Elementary particles have wormhole contacts as basic building bricks. Wormhole contact is very small region with *Euclidian (!)* signature of the induced metric connecting two Minkowskian space-time sheets with light-like boundaries carrying spinor fields and there particle quantum numbers. Wormhole contact carries magnetic monopole flux through it and there must be second wormhole contact in order to have closed lines of magnetic flux. Particle world lines are replaced with 3-D light-like surfaces - orbits of partonic 2-surfaces - at which the signature of the induced metric changes.

One might describe particle as a pair of magnetic monopoles with opposite charges. With some natural assumptions the explanation for the family replication phenomenon in terms of the genus  $g$  of the partonic 2-surface is not affected. Bosons emerge as fermion anti-fermion pairs with fermion and anti-fermion at the opposite throats of the wormhole contact. In principle family replication phenomenon should have bosonic analog. This picture assigns to particles strings connecting the two wormhole throats at each space-time sheet so that string model mathematics becomes part of TGD.

The notion of classical field differs in TGD framework in many respects from that in Maxwellian theory.

1. In TGD framework fields do not obey linear superposition and all classical fields are expressible in terms of four imbedding space coordinates in given region of space-time surface. Superposition for classical fields is replaced with *superposition of their effects* [K38, K42] - in full accordance with operationalism. Particle can topologically condense simultaneously to several space-time sheets by generating topological sum contacts (not stable like the wormhole contacts carrying magnetic monopole flux and defining building bricks of particles). Particle “experiences” the superposition of the effects of the classical fields at various space-time sheets rather than the superposition of the fields.

It is also natural to expect that at macroscopic length scales the physics of classical fields (to be distinguished from that for field quanta) can be explained using only four primary field like variables. Electromagnetic gauge potential has only four components and classical electromagnetic fields give an excellent description of physics. This relates directly to electroweak symmetry breaking in color confinement which in standard model implies the effective absence of weak and color gauge fields in macroscopic scales. TGD however predicts that copies of hadronic physics and electroweak physics could exist in arbitrary long scales [K17] and there are indications that just this makes living matter so different as compared to inanimate matter.

2. The notion of induced gauge field means that one induces electroweak gauge potentials defining so called spinor connection at space-time surface (induction of bundle structure). Induction boils down locally to a projection of the imbedding space vectors representing the spinor connection. The classical fields at the imbedding space level are non-dynamical and fixed and extremely simple: one can say that one has generalization of constant electric field and magnetic fields in  $CP_2$ . The dynamics of the 3-surface however implies that induced fields can form arbitrarily complex field patterns. This is essentially dynamics of shadows.

Induced gauge fields are not equivalent with ordinary free gauge fields. For instance, the attempt to represent constant magnetic or electric field as a space-time surface has a limited success. Only a finite portion of space-time carrying this field allows realization as 4-surface. I call this topological field quantization. The magnetization of electric and magnetic fluxes is the outcome. Also gravitational field patterns allowing imbedding are very restricted: one implication is that topological with over-critical mass density are not globally imbeddable. This would explain why the mass density in cosmology can be at most critical. This solves one of the mysteries of GRT based cosmology [K26].

Quite generally, the field patterns are extremely restricted: not only due to imbeddability constraint but also due to the fact that by SH only very restricted set of space-time surfaces can appear solutions of field equations: I speak of preferred extremals (PEs) [K48, K6, K50]. One might speak about archetypes at the level of physics: they are in quite strict sense analogies of Bohr orbits in atomic physics: this is implied by the realization of GCI. This kind of simplicity does not conform with what we observed. The way out is many-sheeted space-time. Although fields do not superpose, particles experience the superposition of effects from the archetypal field configurations (superposition is replaced with set theoretic union).

3. The important implication is that one can assign to each material system a field identity since electromagnetic and other fields decompose to topological field quanta. Examples are magnetic and electric flux tubes and flux sheets and topological light rays representing light propagating along tube like structure without dispersion and dissipation making em ideal tool for communications [K22]. One can speak about field body or magnetic body of the system.

Field body indeed becomes the key notion distinguishing TGD inspired model of quantum biology from competitors but having applications also in particle physics since also leptons and quarks possess field bodies. There is evidence for the Lamb shift anomaly of muonic hydrogen [C1] and the color magnetic body of u quark whose size is somewhat larger than the Bohr radius could explain the anomaly [K18]. The magnetic flux tubes of magnetic body carry monopole fluxes existing without generating currents. In cosmology the flux tubes assignable to the remnants of cosmic strings make possible long range magnetic fields in all scales impossible in standard cosmology. Also super-conductivity is proposed to rely on dark  $h_{eff} = n \times h$  Cooper pairs at pairs of flux tubes carrying monopole flux.

GRT and gauge theory limit of TGD is obtained as an approximation.

1. GRT/gauge theory type description is an approximation obtained by lumping together the space-time sheets to single region of  $M^4$ , with gravitational fields and gauge potentials as sums of corresponding induced field quantities at space-time surface geometrized in terms of geometry of  $H$ . Gravitational field corresponds to the deviation of the induced metric from Minkowski metric using  $M^4$  coordinates for space-time surface so that the description applies only in long length scale limit.

Space-time surface has both Minkowskian and Euclidian regions. Euclidian regions are identified in terms of what I call generalized scattering/twistor diagrams. The 3-D boundaries between Euclidian and Minkowskian regions have degenerate induced 4-metric and I call them light-like orbits of partonic 2-surfaces or light-like wormhole throats analogous to blackhole horizons. The interiors of blackholes are replaced with the Euclidian regions and every physical system is characterized by this kind of region.

Lumping of sheets together implies that global conservation laws cannot hold exactly true for the resulting GRT type space-time. Equivalence Principle (EP) as Einstein's equations stating conservation laws locally follows as a local remnant of Poincare invariance.

2. Euclidian regions are identified as slightly deformed pieces of  $CP_2$  connecting two Minkowskian space-time regions. Partonic 2-surfaces defining their boundaries are connected to each other by magnetic flux tubes carrying monopole flux.

Wormhole contacts connect two Minkowskian space-time sheets already at elementary particle level, and appear in pairs by the conservation of the monopole flux. Flux tube can be visualized as a highly flattened square traversing along and between the space-time sheets involved. Flux tubes are accompanied by fermionic strings carrying fermion number. Fermionic strings give rise to string world sheets carrying vanishing induced em charged weak fields (otherwise em charge would not be well-defined for spinor modes). String theory in space-time surface becomes part of TGD. Fermions at the ends of strings can get entangled and entanglement can carry information.

3. Strong form of GCI (SGCI) states that light-like orbits of partonic 2-surfaces on one hand and space-like 3-surfaces at the ends of causal diamonds on the other hand provide equivalent descriptions of physics. The outcome is that partonic 2-surfaces and string world sheets at the ends of CD can be regarded as basic dynamical objects.

Strong form of holography (SH) states the correspondence between quantum description based on these 2-surfaces and 4-D classical space-time description, and generalizes AdS/CFT correspondence. One has huge super-symplectic symmetry algebra acting as isometries of WCW with conformal structure [K9, K46, K34], conformal algebra of light-cone boundary extending the ordinary conformal algebra, and ordinary Kac-Moody and conformal symmetries of string world sheets. This explains why 10-D space-time can be replaced with ordinary space-time and 4-D Minkowski space can be replaced with partonic 2-surfaces and string world sheets. This holography looks very much like the one we are accustomed with!

## 2.2 Zero energy ontology (ZEO)

In standard ontology of quantum physics physical states are assumed to have positive energy. In zero energy ontology (ZEO) [K35] physical states decompose to pairs of positive and negative energy states such that the net values of the conserved quantum numbers vanish. The interpretation of these states in ordinary ontology would be as transitions between initial and final states, physical events.

### 2.2.1 ZEO and positive energy ontology

ZEO is consistent with the crossing symmetry of QFTs meaning that the final states of the quantum scattering event can be described formally as negative energy states. As long as one can restrict the consideration to either positive or negative energy part of the state ZEO is consistent with positive energy ontology. This is the case when the observer characterized by a particular CD studies the



physics in the time scale of much larger CD containing observer's CD as a sub-CD. When the time scale sub-CD of the studied system is much shorter than the time scale of sub-CD characterizing the observer, the interpretation of states associated with sub-CD is in terms of quantum fluctuations.

ZEO solves the problem, which emerges in any theory assuming symmetries giving rise to conservation laws. The problem is that the theory itself is not able to characterize the values of conserved quantum numbers of the initial state of say cosmology. In ZEO this problem disappears since in principle any zero energy state is obtained from any other state by a sequence of quantum jumps without breaking of conservation laws. The fact that energy is not conserved in GRT based cosmologies can be also understood since each CD is characterized by its own conserved quantities. As a matter of fact, one must speak about average values of conserved quantities since one can have a quantum superposition of zero energy states with the quantum numbers of the positive energy part varying over some range.

At the level of principle the implications are quite dramatic. In quantum jump as recreation replacing the quantum Universe with a new one it is possible to create entire sub-universes from vacuum without breaking the fundamental conservation laws. From the point of view of consciousness theory the important implication is that "free will" is consistent with the laws of physics. This makes obsolete the basic arguments in favor of materialistic and deterministic world view.

### 2.2.2 Zero energy states are located inside causal diamond (CD)

By quantum classical correspondence zero energy states must have space-time and imbedding space correlates.

1. Positive and negative energy parts of zero energy state reside at future and past light-like boundaries of causal diamond (CD) identified as intersection of future and past directed light-cones and visualizable as double cone. The analog of CD in cosmology is big bang followed by big crunch. Penrose diagrams provide an excellent 2-D visualization of the notion. CDs form a fractal hierarchy containing CDs within CDs. Disjoint CDs are possible and CDs could also intersect.

The interpretation of CD in TGD inspired theory of consciousness is as an imbedding space correlate for perceptive field of conscious entity: the contents of conscious experience is about the region defined by CD. At the level of space-time sheets the experience comes from space-time sheets in the interior of CD. Whether the sheets can be assumed to continue outside CD is still unclear.

Quantum measurement theory must be modified in ZEO since state function reduction can happen at both boundaries of CD and the reduced states at opposite boundaries are related by time reversal. One can also have quantum superposition of CDs changing between reductions at active boundary followed by localization in the moduli space of CDs with the tip of passive boundary fixed. Quantum measurement theory generalizes to a theory of consciousness with continuous entity identified as a sequence of state function reductions at active (changing) boundary of CD [K4].

2. By number theoretical universality (NTU) the temporal distances between the tips of the intersecting light-cones are assumed to come as integer multiples  $T = m \times T_0$  of a fundamental time scale  $T_0$  defined by  $CP_2$  size  $R$  as  $T_0 = R/c$ . p-Adic length scale hypothesis [K20, K47] motivates the stronger hypothesis that the distances tend to come as octaves of  $T_0$ :  $T = 2^n T_0$ . One prediction is that in the case of electron this time scale is .1 seconds defining the fundamental biorhythm. Also in the case  $u$  and  $d$  quarks the time scales correspond to biologically important time scales given by 10 ms for  $u$  quark and by 2.5 ms for  $d$  quark [K5]. This means a direct coupling between microscopic and macroscopic scales.

## 2.3 Quantum physics as physics of classical spinor fields in WCW

The notions of Kähler geometry of "World of Classical Worlds" (WCW) and WCW spinor structure are inspired by the vision about the geometrization of the entire quantum theory.

### 2.3.1 Motivations for WCW

The notion of “World of Classical Worlds” (WCW) [K14, K9, K46] was forced by the failure of both path integral approach and canonical quantization in TGD framework. The idea is that the Kähler function defining WCW Kähler geometry is determined by the real part of an action  $S$  determining space-time dynamics and receiving contributions from both Minkowskian and Euclidian regions of space-time surface  $X^4$  (note that  $\sqrt{g_4}$  is proportional to imaginary unit in Minkoskian regions).

1. If  $S$  is space-time volume both canonical quantization and path integral would make sense at least formally since in principle one could solve the time derivatives of four imbedding space coordinates as functions of canonical momentum densities (general coordinate invariance allows to eliminate four coordinates). The calculation of path integral is however more or less hopeless challenge in practice.
2. A mere space-time volume as action is however not physically attractive. This was thought to leave under consideration only Kähler action  $S_K$  - Maxwell action for the induced Kähler form expressible in terms of gauge potential defined by the induced Kähler gauge potential of  $CP_2$ . This action has however a huge vacuum degeneracy. Any space-time surface with at most 2-D  $CP_2$  projection, which is Lagrangian sub-manifold of  $CP_2$ , is vacuum extremal. Symplectic transformations acting like  $U(1)$  gauge transformations generate new vacuum extremals. They however fail to act as symmetries of non-vacuum extremals so that gauge invariance is not in question: the deviation of the induced metric from flat metric is the reason for the failure. This degeneracy is assumed to give rise to what might be called 4-D spin glass degeneracy meaning that the landscape for the maxima of Kähler function is fractal.
3. Canonical quantization fails because by the extreme non-linearity of the action principle making it is impossible to solve time derivatives explicitly in terms of canonical momentum densities. The problem is especially acute for the canonical imbedding of empty Minkowski space to  $M^4 \times CP_2$ . The action is vanishing up to fourth order in imbedding space coordinates so that canonical momentum densities vanish identically and there is no hope of defining propagator in path integral approach. The mechanical analog would be criticality around which the potential reduces to  $V \propto x^4$ . Quantum criticality is indeed a basic aspect of TGD Universe.

The hope held for a long time was that WCW geometry allowing to get rid of path integral would solve the problems. One could however worry about vacuum degeneracy implying that WCW metric becomes extremely degenerate for vacuum extremals and also holography becomes extremely non-unique for them. Also the expected failure of perturbative approach around  $M^4$  is troublesome.

### 2.3.2 WCW and twistor lift of TGD

During last year this picture has indeed changed thanks to what might be called twistor lift of TGD [K30, K51, K49] inspired by twistor Grassmann approach to supersymmetric gauge theories [B1]. Remarkably, twistor lift would provide automatically the fundamental couplings of standard model and GRT and also the scale assigned to GUTs as  $CP_2$  radius. PEs would be both extremals of Kähler action and minimal surfaces.

1. The basic observation is  $E^4$ , and its Euclidian compactification  $S^4$  and  $CP_2$  are completely unique in that they allow twistor space with Kähler structure [A2]. This was discovered by Hitchin at roughly the same time as I discovered TGD! This generalizes to  $M^4$  having a generalization of ordinary Kähler structure to what I have called Hamilton-Jacobi structure by decomposition  $M^4 = M^2 \times E^2$ , where  $M^2$  allows hypercomplex structure [K30, K51]. One can consider also integral distributions of tangent decompositions  $M^4 = M^2(x) \times E^2(x)$ , depending on position. The twistor space has a double fibration by  $S^2$  with base spaces identifiable as  $M^4$  and conformal compactification of  $M^4$  for which metric is defined only up to conformal scaling. The first fibration  $M^4 \times S^2$  with a well-defined metric would correspond to the classical TGD.

2. Both Newton's constant  $G$  and cosmological constant  $\Lambda$  emerge from twistor lift in  $M^4$  factor. The radius of  $S^2$  is identified in terms of Planck length  $l_P = \sqrt{G}$ . For  $CP_2$  factor, the radius corresponds to the radius of  $CP_2$  geodesic sphere. 4-D Kähler action can be lifted to 6-D Kähler action only for  $M^4 \times CP_2$  so that TGD would be completely unique both mathematically and physically. The twistor space of  $CP_2$  is flag-manifold  $SU(3)/U(1) \times U(1)$  having interpretation as the space for the choices of quantization axis of color isospin and hypercharge. This choice could correspond to a selection of Eguchi-Hanson complex coordinates for  $CP_2$  by fixing their phase angles in which isospin and hypercharge rotations induce shifts.
3. The physically motivated conjecture is that the PEs can be lifted to their 6-D twistor bundles with  $S^2$  serving as a fiber, that one induce the twistor structure and the outcome is equal to the twistor structure of space-time surface, and that this condition is at least part of the PE property. This would correspond to the solution of massless wave equations in terms of twistors in the original twistor approach of Penrose [B5]. The analog of spontaneous compactification would lead to 4-D action equal to Kähler action plus volume term. One could of course postulate this action directly without mentioning twistors at all.

The coefficient of the volume term would correspond to dark energy density characterized by cosmological constant  $\Lambda$  being extremely small in cosmological scales. It removes vacuum degeneracy although the situation remains highly non-perturbative. This can be combined with the earlier conjecture that cosmological constant  $\Lambda$  behaves as  $\Lambda \propto 1/p$  under p-adic coupling constant evolution so that  $\Lambda$  would be large in primordial cosmology.

4. The generic extremals of space-time action would depend on coupling parameters, which does not fit with the number theoretic vision inspiring speculations that space-time surface can be seen as quaternionic sub-manifolds of 8-D octonionic space-time [K29], satisfying quaternion analyticity [K51], or a 4-D generalization of holomorphy. By SH the extremals are however preferred. What could this imply?

Intriguingly, all known non-vacuum extremals and also  $CP_2$  type vacuum extremals having null-geodesic as  $M^4$  projection are extremals of both Kähler action and volume term separately! The dynamics for volume term and Kähler action effectively decouple and coupling constants do not appear at all in field equations. The twistor lift would only select minimal surface amongst vacuum extremals, modify the Kähler function of WCW identifiable as exponent for the real part of action, and provide a profound mathematical and physical motivation for cosmological constant  $\Lambda$  remaining mysterious GRT framework. One could even hope that preferred extremals are nothing but minimal surface extremals of Kähler action with the vanishing conditions for some sub-algebra of super-symplectic algebra satisfied automatically!

The analog of decoupling of Kähler action and volume term should take place also for induced spinors. This is expected if mere analyticity properties make spinor modes solutions of modified Dirac equations. This is true in 2-D case Hamilton-Jacobi structure should guarantee this in 4-D case [K34, K51].

PEs depend on coupling parameters only via boundary conditions stating the vanishing of Noether charges for a sub-algebra of super-symplectic algebra and its commutator with entire algebra. Also the conservation conditions at 3-D light-like surfaces at which the signature of metric changes imply dependence on coupling parameters. These conditions allow the transfer of classical charges between Minkowskian and Euclidian regions necessary to understand momentum exchange between particles and environment classically only if Kähler couplings strength is complex - otherwise there is no exchange of conserved quantities since their real *resp.* imaginary at the two sides [K11]. Interestingly, also in twistor Grassmann approach the massless poles in propagators are complex.

This picture conforms with the conjecture that discrete p-adic evolution of the Kähler coupling strength in subset of primes near prime powers of two corresponds to complex zeros of zeta [K11]. This conforms also with the conjectured discreteness of p-adic coupling constant evolution by phase transitions changing the values of coupling parameters. One implication is that all loop corrections in functional integral vanish.

5. In path integral approach quantum TGD would be extremely non-perturbative around extremals for which Kähler action vanishes. Same is true also in WCW approach. The cure would be provided by the hierarchy of Planck constants  $h_{eff}/h = n$ , which effectively scales  $\Lambda$  down to  $\Lambda/n$ .  $n$  would be the number sheets of the  $M^4$  covering defined by the space-time surface: the action of Galois group for the number theoretic discretization of space-time surface could give rise to this covering. The finiteness of the volume term in turn forces ZEO: the volume of space-time surface is indeed finite due to the finite size of CD.

Consider now the delicacies of this picture.

1. Should assign also to  $M^4$  the analog of symplectic structure giving an additional contribution to the induced Kähler form? The symmetry between  $M^4$  and  $CP_2$  suggests this, and this term could be highly relevant for the understanding of the observed CP breaking and matter antimatter asymmetry [L9]. Poincare invariance is not lost since the needed moduli space for  $M^4$  Kähler forms would be the moduli space of CDs forced by ZEO in any case, and  $M^4$  Kähler form would serve as the correlate for fixing rest system and spin quantization axis in quantum measurement.
2. Also induced spinor fields are present. The well-definedness of electro-magnetic charge for the spinor modes forces in the generic case the localization of the modes of induced spinor fields at string world sheets (and possibly to partonic 2-surfaces) at which the induced charged weak gauge fields and possibly also neutral  $Z^0$  gauge field vanish. The analogy with branes and super-symmetry force to consider two options.

**Option I:** The *fundamental* action principle for space-time surfaces contains besides 4-D action also 2-D action assignable to string world sheets, whose topological part (magnetic flux) gives rise to a coupling term to Kähler gauge potentials assignable to the 1-D boundaries of string world sheets containing also geodesic length part. Super-symplectic symmetry demands that modified Dirac action has 1-, 2-, and 4-D parts: spinor modes would exist at both string boundaries, string world sheets, and space-time interior. A possible interpretation for the interior modes would be as generators of space-time super-symmetries [K37].

This option is not quite in the spirit of SH and string tension appears as an additional parameter. Also the conservation of em charge forces 2-D string world sheets carrying vanishing induced  $W$  fields and this is in conflict with the existence of 4-D spinor modes unless they satisfy the same condition. This looks strange.

**Option II:** Stringy action and its fermionic counterpart are effective actions only and justified by SH. In this case there are no problems of interpretation. SH requires only that the induced spinor fields at string world sheets determine them in the interior much like the values of analytic function at curve determine it in an open set of complex plane. At the level of quantum theory the scattering amplitudes should be determined by the data at string world sheets. If induced  $W$  fields at string world sheets are vanishing, the mixing of different charge states in the interior of  $X^4$  would not make itself visible at the level of scattering amplitudes! In this case 4-D spinor modes do not define space-time super-symmetries.

3. Why the string world sheets coding for effective action should carry vanishing weak gauge fields? If  $M^4$  has the analog of Kähler structure [L9], one can speak about Lagrangian sub-manifolds in the sense that the sum of the symplectic forms of  $M^4$  and  $CP_2$  projected to Lagrangian sub-manifold vanishes. Could the induced spinor fields for effective action be localized to generalized Lagrangian sub-manifolds? This would allow both string world sheets and 4-D space-time surfaces but SH would select 2-D Lagrangian manifolds. At the level of effective action the theory would be incredibly simple.

Induced spinor fields at string world sheets could obey the “dynamics of avoidance” in the sense that *both* the induced weak gauge fields  $W, Z^0$  and induced Kähler form (to achieve this U(1) gauge potential must be sum of  $M^4$  and  $CP_2$  parts) would vanish for the regions carrying induced spinor fields. They would couple only to the *induced em field (!)* given by the  $R_{12}$  part of  $CP_2$  spinor curvature [K2] for  $D = 2, 4$ . For  $D = 1$  at boundaries of string world sheets the coupling to gauge potentials would be non-trivial since gauge potentials

need *not* vanish there. Spinorial dynamics would be extremely simple and would conform with the vision about symmetry breaking of weak group to electromagnetic gauge group.

The projections of canonical currents of Kähler action to string world sheets would vanish, and the projections of the 4-D modified gamma matrices would define just the induced 2-D metric. If the induced metric of space-time surface reduces to an orthogonal direct sum of string world sheet metric and metric acting in normal space, the flow defined by 4-D canonical momentum currents is parallel to string world sheet. These conditions could define the “boundary” conditions at string world sheets for SH.

This admittedly speculative picture has revolutionized the understanding of both classical and quantum TGD during last year. [K51, K49, K50]. In particular, the construction of single-sheeted PEs as minimal surfaces allows a kind of lego like engineering of more complex PEs [L4]. The minimal surface equations generalize Laplace equation of Newton’s gravitational theory to non-linear massless d’Alembert equation with gravitational self-coupling. One obtains the analog of Schwarzschild solution and radiative solutions describing also gravitational radiation [K50]. An open question is whether classical theory makes sense if also the analog of Kähler form in  $M^4$  is allowed.

### 2.3.3 Identification of WCW

The notion of WCW [K14, K9, K46] was inspired by the super-space approach of Wheeler in which 3-geometries are the basic geometric entities.

1. In TGD framework 3-surfaces take this role. Einstein’s program for geometrizing classical physics is generalized to a geometrization of entire quantum physics. Hermitian conjugation corresponds to complex conjugation in infinite-dimensional context so that WCW must have Kähler geometry. The geometrization of fermionic statistics/oscillator operators is in terms of gamma matrices of WCW expressible as linear combinations of oscillator operators for second quantized induced spinor field. Formally purely classical spinor modes of WCW represent many fermion states as functionals of 3-surface. One can also interpret gamma matrices as generators of super-conformal symmetries in accordance with the fact that also SUSY involves Clifford algebra.

In ZEO the entanglement coefficients between positive and negative energy parts of zero energy states determine the S-matrix so that S-matrix would be coded by the modes of WCW spinor fields. Twistor approach to TGD [K51] suggests that the S-matrix reduces completely to the symmetries defined by the multi-local (locus corresponds to partonic 2-surface) generators of the Yangian associated with the super-symplectic algebra.

2. ZEO forces to identify 3-surfaces as pairs of 3-surfaces with members at the opposite boundaries of CD. SH reduces them to a collection of partonic 2-surfaces at boundaries of CD plus number theoretic discretization in space-time interior. Basic geometric objects are pairs of initial and final states (coordinates for both in mechanical analogy) rather than initial states with initial value conditions (coordinates and velocities in mechanical analogy) and initial value problem transforms to boundary value problem. Processes rather than states become the basic elements of ontology: this has far reaching consequences in biology and neuroscience.
3. The realization of GCI requires that the definition of WCW Kähler function assigns to a “physically” 3-surface a unique 4-surface for 4-D general coordinate transformations to act: “physically” could mean “apart from transformations acting as gauge transformations” not affecting the action and conserved classical charges. The outcome is holography.
4. Strong form of holography (SH) would emerge as follows. The condition that light-like 3-surfaces defining boundaries between Euclidian and Minkowskian regions are basic geometric entities equivalent with pairs of space-like 3-surfaces at the ends of given causal diamond CD implies SH: partonic 2-surfaces and their 4-D tangent space data should code the physics. One could also speak about almost/effective 2-dimensionality. Tangent space data could in turn be coded by string world sheets. Number theoretical discretization of space-time interior with preferred coordinates in the extension of rationals could give meaning for “almost”.

5. Kähler metric is expressible both in terms of second derivatives of Kähler function  $K$  [K14] and as anticommutators of WCW gamma matrices expressible as linear combinations of fermionic oscillator operators. This suggests a close relationship between space-time dynamics and spinor dynamics.

Super-symplectic symmetry between the action defining space-time surfaces (Kähler action plus volume term) and modified Dirac action would realize this relationship. This is achieved if the modified gamma matrices are defined by the canonical momentum currents of 2-D action associated with string world sheets. These currents are parallel to the string world sheets. This implies the analog of AdS/CFT correspondence requiring only that induced spinor modes at string world sheets determine them in space-time interior (this is like analytic continuation). The localization of spinor modes at string world sheets is *not* required as I believed first.

The geometry of loop spaces developed by Freed [A1] serves as a model in the construction of WCW Kähler geometry [K46].

1. The existence of loop space Riemann connection requires maximal isometry group identifiable as Kac-Moody group so that Killing vector fields span the entire tangent space of the loop space.
2. In TGD framework the properties of Kähler action lead to the idea that WCW is union of homogenous or even symmetric spaces of symplectic algebra acting at the boundary of  $\delta CD \subset \delta CD_+ \cup \delta CD_-$ ,  $\delta CD_{\pm} \subset \delta M_{\pm}^4 \times CP_2$ . ZEO requires that the conserved quantum numbers for physical states are opposite for the positive and negative energy parts of the states at the two opposite boundary parts of  $CD$ . The symmetric spaces  $G/H$  in the union are labelled by zero modes, which do not appear in the line element as differentials but only as parameters of the metric. Conserved Noether charges of isometries and symplectic invariants of examples of zero modes as also the super-symplectic Noether charges invariant under complex conjugation of WCW coordinates.

3. Homogenous spaces of the symplectic group  $G$  are obtained by dividing by a subgroup  $H$ . An especially attractive option is suggested by the fractal structure of the symplectic algebra containing an infinite hierarchy of sub-algebras  $G_n$  for which conformal weights are  $n > 0$ -multiples of those for  $G$ . For this option  $H = G_n$  is isomorphic to  $G$  and one could have infinite hierarchies of inclusions analogous to the hierarchy of inclusions of hyperfinite factors of type  $II_1$  (HFFs). PE property requires almost 2-dimensionality and elimination of huge number of degrees of freedom. The natural condition is that the Noether charges of  $G_n$  vanish at the ends of  $CD$ . A stronger condition is that also the Noether charges for  $[G, G_n]$  vanish. This implies effective normal algebra property and  $G/G_n$  acts effectively like group.

The inclusion of HFFs would define measurement resolution with included factor acting like gauge algebra. Measurement resolution would be naturally determined by the number theoretic discretization of the space-time surface so that physics as geometry and number theory visions would meet each other.

4. This inclusion hierarchy can be identified in terms of quantum criticality (QC). The transitions  $n \rightarrow kn$  increasing the value of  $n > 0$  reduce QC since pure gauge symmetries are reduced, and new physical super-symplectic degrees of freedom emerge. QC also requires that Kähler couplings strength analogous to temperature is analogous to critical temperature so that the quantum theory is uniquely defined if there is only one critical temperature. Spectrum for  $\alpha_K$  seems more plausible and the possibility that Kähler coupling strength depends on the level of the number theoretical hierarchy defined by the allowed extensions of rationals can be considered [K11].

#### 2.3.4 WCW spinor structure

The basic idea is geometrization of quantum states by identifying them as modes of WCW spinor fields [K34, K46]. This requires definition of WCW spinors and WCW spinor structure, WCW gamma matrices and Dirac operator, etc..

The starting point is the definition of WCW gamma matrices using a representation analogous to the usual vielbein representation as linear combinations of flat space gamma matrices. The conceptual leap is the observation that there is no need to assume that the counterparts of flat space gamma matrices have vectorial quantum numbers. Instead, they are identified as fermionic oscillator operators for second quantized free induced spinor fields at space-time surface.

This allows geometrization of the fermionic statistics since WW spinors for a given 3-surface are analogous to fermionic Fock states. One can also say that spinor structure follows as a square root of metric and also that the spinor basis defines a geometric correlate of Boolean mind [K7]. The dependence of WCW spinor field on 3-surface represents the bosonic degrees of freedom not reducible to many-fermion states. For instance, most of hadron mass would be associated with these degrees of freedom.

Quantum TGD involves Dirac equations at space-time level, imbedding space level, and level of WCW. The dynamics of the induced spinor fields is related by super-symmetry to the action defining space-time surfaces as preferred extremals. [K34, K46].

1. The gamma matrices in the equation - modified gamma matrices - are determined by contractions of the canonical momentum currents of Kähler action with the imbedding space gamma matrices. The localization at string world sheets for which only induced neutral weak fields or only em field are non-vanishing is accompanied by the integrability condition that various conserved currents run along string world sheets: one can speak of sub-flow. I
2. Modified Dirac equation can be solved exactly just like in the case of string models using holomorphy and the properties of complexified modified gamma matrices. This is expected to be true also in 4-D case by Hamilton-Jacobi structure. If the dynamics of avoidance is realized the modified Dirac equation would be essentially free Dirac equation and holomorphy would allow to solve it.

At the level of WCW one obtains also the analog of massless Dirac equation as the analog of super Virasoro conditions of Super Virasoro algebra.

1. The fermionic counterparts of super-conformal gauge conditions assignable with sub-algebra  $G_n$  of supersymplectic conformal symmetry associated with the both light-cone boundary (light-like radial coordinate), with conformal symmetries of light-cone boundary, and with string world sheets.
2. The ground states of supersymplectic representations satisfy massless imbedding space Dirac equation in imbedding space so that Dirac equations in WCW, in imbedding space, and at string world sheets are involved. In twistorialization also massless  $M^8$  Dirac equation emerges in the tangent space  $M^8$  of imbedding space assignable to the partonic 2-surfaces and generalizes the 4-D light-likeness with its 8-D counterpart applying to states with  $M^4$  mass. Here octonionic representation of imbedding space gamma matrices emerges naturally and allows to speak about 8-D analogs of Pauli's sigma matrices [K30].

## 2.4 Quantum criticality, measurement resolution, and hierarchy of Planck constants

The notions of quantum criticality (QC), finite measurement resolution, and hierarchy of Planck constants proposed to give rise to dark matter as phases of ordinary matter are central for TGD [K43, K33, K12].

These notions relate closely to the strong form of holography (SH) implied by strong form of general coordinate invariance (SGCI). In adelic physics all this would relate closely to the hierarchy of extensions of rationals serving as a correlate for number theoretical evolution.

### 2.4.1 Finite measurement resolution and fractal inclusion hierarchy of super-symplectic algebras

The fractal hierarchy of isomorphic sub-algebras of supersymplectic algebra - call it  $g$  - defines an excellent candidate for the realization of finite the measurement resolution. Similar hierarchies can

be assigned also for the extended super-conformal algebra assignable with light-like boundaries of CD and with Kac-Moody and conformal algebras assignable to string world sheets.

An interesting possibility is that the conformal weights assignable to infinitesimal scaling operator of the light-like radial coordinate of light-cone boundary correspond to zeros of Riemann zeta [K47] [L2]. A kind of dual spectrum would correspond to conformal weights that correspond to logarithms for powers of primes. One can identify the conformal weight as negative of the pole of fermionic zeta  $z_F = \zeta(s)/\zeta(2s)$  natural in TGD framework. The real part of conformal weight for the generators is  $h_R = -1/4$  for “non-trivial” poles and positive integer  $h = n > 0$  for “trivial” poles. There is also a pole for  $h = -1$ . Hence one obtains tachyonic ground states, which must be assumed also in p-adic mass calculations [K15].

Also the generators of Yangian algebra [K30] integrating the algebras assignable to various partonic 2-surfaces to a multi-local algebra are labelled by a non-negative integer  $n$  analogous to conformal weight and telling the number of partonic 2-surfaces involved with the action of the generator. Also this algebra has similar fractal hierarchy of sub-algebras so that the considerations that follow might apply also to it. Now that number of partonic 2-surface would play the role of measurement resolution.

As noticed, there are also other algebras, which allow conformal hierarchy if one can restrict the conformal weights to be non-negative. The first of them generates generalized conformal transformations of light-cone boundary depending on light-like radial coordinate as parameter: also now radial conformal weights for generators can have zeros of zeta as spectrum. As a special case one obtains infinite-dimensional group of isometries of light-cone boundary. Second one corresponds to ordinary conformal and Kac-Moody symmetries for induced spinor fields acting on string world sheets. Also here similar hierarchy of sub-algebras can be considered. In the following argument one restricts to super-symplectic algebra assumed to act as isometries of WCW.

Consider now how the finite measurement resolution could be realized as an infinite hierarchy of super-symplectic gauge symmetry breakings. The physical picture relies on quantum criticality of TGD Universe. The levels of the hierarchy labelled by positive integer  $n$  and a ball at the top of ball at... serves as a convenient metaphor.

1. The sub-algebra  $g_n$  for which conformal weights of generators (whose commutators give the sub-algebra) are positive integer multiples for those of the entire algebra  $g$  defines the algebra acting as pure gauge algebra defining a sub-group of symplectic group. The action of  $g_n$  as gauge algebra would mean that it affects on degrees of freedom below the measurement resolution. One can assign to this algebra a coset space  $G/G_n$  of the entire symplectic group  $G$  and of subgroup  $G_n$ . This coset space would describe the dynamical degrees of freedom. If the subgroup were a normal subgroup, the coset space would be a group. This is not the case now since the commutator  $[g, g_n]$  of the entire algebra with the sub-algebra does not belong to  $g_n$ .

However, if one poses stronger - physically very attractive - gauge conditions stating that not only  $g_n$  but also the commutator algebra  $[g, g_n]$  annihilates the physical states and that corresponding classical Noether charges vanish, one obtains effectively a normal subgroup and one has good hopes that coset space acts effectively as group, which is finite-dimensional as far as conformal weights are considered.

2.  $n > 0$  is essential for obtaining effective normal algebra property. Without this assumption the commutator  $[g, g_n]$  would be entire  $g$ . If the spectrum of supersymplectic conformal weights is integer valued it is not obvious why one should pose the restriction  $n \geq 1$ .
3. In this framework pure conformal invariance could reduce to a finite-dimensional gauge symmetry. A possible interpretation would be in terms of Mc-Kay correspondence [A4] assigning to the inclusions of HFFs labelled by integer  $n \geq 3$  a hierarchy of simply laced Lie-groups. Since the included algebra would naturally correspond to degrees of freedom not visible in the resolution used, the interpretation as a dynamical gauge group is suggestive. The dynamical gauge group could correspond to  $n$ -dimensional Cartan algebra acting in conformal degrees of freedom identifiable as a simply laced Lie group. This would assign a infinite hierarchy of dynamical gauge symmetries to the broken conformal gauge invariance acting as symmetries of dark matter. This still leaves infinite number of degrees of freedom assignable



to the imbedding space Hamiltonians and spectrum generated by zeros of zeta but this might have interpretation in terms of gauging so that additional vanishing conditions for Noether charges are suggestive.

### 2.4.2 Dark matter as large phases with large gravitational Planck constant $h_{eff} = h_{gr}$

D. Da Rocha and Laurent Nottale [E1] have proposed that Schrödinger equation with Planck constant  $\hbar$  replaced with what might be called gravitational Planck constant  $\hbar_{gr} = \frac{GM}{v_0}$  ( $\hbar = c = 1$ ).  $v_0$  is a velocity parameter having the value  $v_0 = 144.7 \pm .7$  km/s giving  $v_0/c = 4.6 \times 10^{-4}$ . This is rather near to the peak orbital velocity of stars in galactic halos. Also subharmonics and harmonics of  $v_0$  seem to appear. The support for the hypothesis coming from empirical data is impressive [K25, K23].

1. The proposal is that a Schrödinger equation results from a fractal hydrodynamics. Many-sheeted space-time however suggests that astrophysical systems are at some levels of the hierarchy of space-time sheets macroscopic quantum systems and that only the generalizations of Bohr orbits are involved. The space-time sheets in question would carry dark matter.
2. Nottale's hypothesis would predict a gigantic value of  $\hbar_{gr}$ . Equivalence Principle and the independence of gravitational Compton length  $\Lambda_{gr} = \hbar_{gr}/m = GM/v_0 = 2r_S/v_0$  (typically astrophysical scale) on mass  $m$  implies however that one can restrict the values of mass  $m$  to masses of microscopic objects so that  $\hbar_{gr}$  would be much smaller. Large  $\hbar_{gr}$  could provide a solution of the black hole collapse (IR catastrophe) problem encountered at the classical level. The resolution of the problem inspired by TGD inspired theory of living matter is that it is the dark matter at larger space-time sheets, which is quantum coherent in the required time scale [K25].

One could criticize the hypothesis since it treats the masses  $M$  and  $m$  asymmetrically: this is only apparently true [K43].

3. It is natural to assign the values of Planck constants postulated by Nottale to the space-time sheets mediating gravitational interaction and identifiable as magnetic flux tubes (quanta). The cross section of the flux tube corresponds to a sphere  $S_i^2 \subset CP_2$ ,  $i = I, II$  [K49].  $S_I^2$  is homologically non-trivial carrying Kähler magnetic monopole flux.  $S_{II}^2$  is homologically trivial carrying vanishing Kähler magnetic flux but non-vanishing electro-weak flux [K49].

The flux tubes of type I have both Kähler magnetic energy and dark energy due to the volume action. Flux tubes of type II would have only the volume energy. Both flux tubes could be remnants of cosmic string phase of primordial cosmology. The energy of these flux quanta would be correlated for galactic dark matter and volume action and also magnetic tension would give rise to negative "pressure" forcing accelerated cosmological expansion. This leads to a rather detailed vision about the evolution of stars and galaxies identified as bubbles of ordinary and dark matter inside flux tubes identifiable also as dark energy.

4. Both theoretical consistency and certain experimental findings from astrophysics [E2, E3] and biology [K40, K39] suggest the identification  $h_{eff} = n \times h = h_{gr}$ . The large value of  $h_{gr}$  can be seen as a manner to reduce the string tension of fermionic strings so that gravitational (in fact all!) bound states can be described in terms of strings connecting the partonic 2-surfaces defining particles (analogous to AdS/CFT description) [K46]. The values  $h_{eff}/h = n$  can be interpreted in terms of a hierarchy of breakings of super-conformal symmetry in which the super-conformal generators act as gauge symmetries only for a sub-algebras with conformal weights coming as multiples of  $n$ . Macroscopic quantum coherence in astrophysical scales is implied. If also modified Dirac action is present, part of the interior degrees of freedom associated with the fermionic part of conformal algebra become physical.

Fermionic oscillator operators could generate super-symmetries and sparticles could correspond to dark matter with  $h_{eff}/h = n > 1$ . One implication would be that at least part if not all gravitons would be dark and be observed only through their decays to an ordinary high frequency graviton ( $E = hf_{high} = h_{eff}f_{low}$ ) or to a bunch of  $n$  low energy gravitons.

### 2.4.3 Hierarchies of quantum criticalities, Planck constants, and dark matters

Quantum criticality is one of the corner stone assumptions of TGD. In the original approach the value of Kähler coupling strength  $\alpha_K$  together with  $CP_2$  radius  $R$  fixed quantum TGD and is analogous to critical temperature. Twistor lift [K49] brings in additional coupling constant  $\Lambda$  obeying p-adic coupling constant evolution and Planck length  $l_G$ , which like  $CP_2$  radius would not obey coupling constant evolution (as also  $G$ ). The values of these parameters should be fixed by quantum criticality. What else does quantum criticality mean is however far from obvious, and I have pondered the notion repeatedly both from the point of view of mathematical description and phenomenology [K14, K34, K46].

1. Criticality is characterized by long range correlations and sensitivity to external perturbations and living systems define an excellent example of critical systems - even in the scale of populations since without sensitivity and long range correlations cultural evolution and society would not be possible. For a physicist with the conceptual tools of existing theoretical physics the recent information society in which the actions of people at different side of globe are highly correlated, should look like a miracle.
2. The hierarchy of Planck constants with dark matter identified as phases of ordinary matter with non-standard value  $h_{eff} = n \times h$  of Planck constant is one of the “almost-predictions” of TGD is definitely something essentially new physics. The phase transition transforming ordinary matter to dark matter in this sense generates long range quantal correlations and even macroscopic quantum coherence.

Finding of a universal mechanism generating dark matter have been a key challenge during last ten years. Could quantum criticality having classical or perhaps even thermodynamical criticality as its correlate be always accompanied by the generation of dark matter? If this were the case, the recipe would be stupefyingly simple: create a critical system! Dark matter would be everywhere and we would have observed its effects for centuries! Magnetic flux tubes (possibly carrying monopole flux) define the space-time correlates for long range correlations at criticality and would carry the dark matter. They are indeed key players in TGD inspired quantum biology.

3. Change of symmetry is assigned with criticality as also conformal symmetry (in 2-D case). In TGD framework conformal symmetry is extended and infinite hierarchy of breakings of conformal symmetry so that a sub-algebras of various conformal algebras with conformal weights coming as integer multiples of integer  $n$  defining  $h_{eff}$  would occur.
4. Phase separation is what typically occurs at criticality and one should understand also this. The strengthening of this hypothesis with the assumption  $h_{eff} = h_{gr}$ , where  $h_{gr} = GMm/v_0$  is the gravitational Planck constant originally introduced by Nottale [K45, K43]. In the formula  $v_0$  has dimensions of velocity, and will be proposed to be determined by a condition relating the size of the system with mass  $M$  to the radius within which the wave function of particle  $m$  with  $h_{eff} = h_{gr}$  is localized in the gravitational field of  $M$ .

The condition  $h_{eff} = h_{gr}$  implies that the integer  $n$  in  $h_{eff}$  is proportional to the mass of the particle. The implication is that particles with different masses reside at flux tubes with different Planck constant and separation of phases indeed occurs.

5. What is remarkable is that neither gravitational Compton length nor cyclotron energy spectrum depends on the mass of the particle. This universality could play key role in living matter. One can assign Planck constant also to other interactions such as electromagnetic interaction so that one would have  $h_{em} = Z_1 Z_2 e^2 / v_0$ . The phase transition could take place when the perturbation series based on the coupling strength  $\alpha = Z_1 Z_2 e^2 / \hbar$  ceases to converge. In the new phase perturbation series would converge since the coupling strength is proportional to  $1/h_{eff}$ . Hence criticality and separation into phases serve as criteria as one tries to see whether the earlier proposals for the mechanisms giving rise to large  $h_{eff}$  phases make sense. One can also check whether the systems to which large  $h_{eff}$  has been assigned are indeed critical.

One example of criticality is super-fluidity. Superfluids exhibit rather mysterious looking effects such as fountain effect [D1] and what looks like quantum coherence of superfluid containers, which should be classically isolated. These findings serve as a motivation for the proposal that genuine superfluid portion of superfluid corresponds to a large  $h_{eff}$  phase near criticality at least and that also in other phase transition like phenomena a phase transition to dark phase occurs near the vicinity [K43].

But how does quantum criticality relate to number theory and adelic physics?  $h_{eff}/h = n$  has been identified as the number of sheets of space-time surface identified as a covering space of some kind. Number theoretic discretization defining the “spine” for a monadic space-time surface [L7] defines also a covering space with Galois group for an extension of rationals acting as covering group. Could  $n$  be identifiable as the order for a sub-group of Galois group? If this is the case, the proposed rule for  $h_{eff}$  changing phase transitions stating that the reduction of  $n$  occurs to its factor would translate to spontaneous symmetry breaking for Galois group and spontaneous -symmetry breakings indeed accompany phase transitions.

#### 2.4.4 TGD variant of AdS/CFT duality

AdS/CFT duality [B4] has provided a powerful approach in the attempts to understand the non-perturbative aspects of super-string theories. The duality states that conformal field theory in  $n$ -dimensional Minkowski space  $M^n$  identifiable as a boundary of  $n + 1$ -dimensional space  $AdS_{n+1}$  is dual to a string theory in  $AdS_{n+1} \times S^{9-n}$ .

As a mathematical discovery AdS/CFT duality is extremely interesting but it seems that it need not have much to do with physics as such. From TGD point of view the reason is obvious: the notion of conformal invariance is quite too limited. In TGD framework conformal invariance is extended to a super-symplectic symmetry in  $\delta M_{\pm}^4 \times CP_2$ , whose Lie-algebra has the structure of conformal algebra. Also ordinary super-conformal symmetries associated with string world sheets are present as well as generalization of 2-D conformal symmetries to their analogs at light-cone boundary and light-like orbits of partonic 2-surfaces. In this framework AdS/CFT duality is expected to be modified.

The matrix elements  $G_{K\bar{L}}$  of Kähler metric of WCW can be expressed in two manners. As contractions of the derivatives  $\partial_K \partial_{\bar{L}} K$  of the Kähler function of WCW with isometry generators or as anticommutators  $\{\Gamma_K, \Gamma_{\bar{L}}\}$  of WCW gamma matrices identified as supersymplectic Noether super charges assignable to fermionic strings connecting partonic 2-surfaces. Kähler function is identified as real part of the action: if coupling parameters are real it reduces to the action for the Euclidian space-time regions with 4-D  $CP_2$  projection and otherwise contains contributions from both Minkowskian and Euclidian regions. The action defines the modified gamma matrices appearing in modified Dirac action as contractions of canonical momentum currents with imbedding space gamma matrices.

This observation suggests that there is a super-symmetry between action and modified Dirac action. The problem is that induced spinor fields naive of SH and also well-definedness of em charge demand the localization of induced spinor modes at 2-D string world sheets. This simply cannot be true. On the other hand, SH only requires that the data about induced spinor fields and space-time surface at the string world sheets is enough to construct the modes in space-time interior.

This leaves two options if one assumes that SH is exact (recall however that the number theoretic interpretation for the hierarchy of Planck constants suggests that the number-theoretic spin of monadic space-time surface represents additional discrete data needed besides that assignable to string world sheets to describe dark matter). As found in the section 2.3.2, there are two options.

**Option I:** The analog of brane hierarchy is realized at the level of fundamental action. There is a separate fundamental 2-D action assignable with string world sheets - area and topological magnetic flux term - as also world line action assignable to the boundaries of string world sheets. By previous argument string tension should be determined by the value of the cosmological constant  $\Lambda$  obeying  $p$ -adic coupling constant evolution rather than by  $G$ : otherwise there is no hope about gravitationally bound states above Planck scale. String tension would appear as an additional fundamental coupling parameter (perhaps fixed by quantum criticality). This option does not quite conform with the spirit of SH.

**Option II:** 4-D space-time action and corresponding modified Dirac action defining fundamental actions are expressible as effective actions assignable to string world sheets and their boundaries. String world sheet effective action could be expressible as string area for the effective metric defined by the anti-commutators of modified gamma matrices at string world sheet. If the sum of the induced Kähler forms of  $M^4$  and  $CP_2$  vanishes at string world sheets the effective metric would be the induced 2-D metric: this together with the observed CP breaking could provide a justification for the introduction of the analog of Kähler form in  $M^4$ . String tension would be dynamical rather than determined by  $l_P$  and depend on  $\Lambda$ ,  $l_P$ ,  $R$  and  $\alpha_K$ . This representation of Kähler action would be one aspect of the analog of AdS/CFT duality in TGD framework.

Both options would allow to understand how strings connecting partonic 2-surfaces give rise to the formation of gravitationally bound states. Bound states of macroscopic size are possible only if one allows hierarchy of Planck constants and this is required also by the (extremely) small value of  $\Lambda$  (in cosmic scales).

Consider the concrete realizations for this vision.

1. SGCI requires effective 2-dimensionality. In given UV and IR resolutions partonic 2-surfaces and string world sheets are assignable to a finite hierarchy of CDs inside CDs with given CD characterized by a discrete scale coming as an integer multiple of a fundamental scale (essentially  $CP_2$  size).  $\Lambda$  would closely relate to the size scale of CD. String world sheets have boundaries consisting of either light-like curves in induced metric at light-like wormhole throats and space-like curves at the ends of CD whose  $M^4$  projections are light-like. These braids carrying fermionic quantum numbers intersect partonic 2-surfaces at discrete points.
2. This implies a rather concrete analogy with  $AdS_5 \times S_5$  duality, which describes gluons as open strings. In zero energy ontology (ZEO) string world sheets are indeed a fundamental notion and the natural conjecture is that these surfaces are minimal surfaces, whose area by quantum classical correspondence depends on the quantum numbers of the external particles.

#### 2.4.5 String tension of gravitational flux tubes

For Planckian cosmic strings only quantum gravitational bound states of length of order Planck length are possible. There must be a mechanism reducing the string tension. The *effective* string tension assignable to magnetic flux tubes must be inversely proportional to  $1/h_{eff}^2$ ,  $h_{eff} = n \times h = h_{gr} = 2\pi GMm/v_0$  in order to obtain gravitationally bound states in macroscopic length scales identified as structures for which partonic 2-surfaces are connected by flux tubes accompanied by fermionic strings.

The reason is that the size scale of (quantum) gravitationally bound states of masses  $M$  and  $m$  is given by gravitational Compton length  $\Lambda_{gr} = GM/v_0$  [K25, K45, K43] assignable to the gravitational flux tubes connecting the masses  $M$  and  $m$ . If the string tension is of order  $\Lambda_{gr}^2$  this is achieved since the typical length of string would be  $\Lambda_{gr}$ . Gravitational string tension must be therefore of order  $T_{gr} \sim 1/\Lambda_{gr}^2$ . How could this be achieved? One can imagine several options and here only the option based on the assumptions

1. Twistor lift makes sense.
2. Fundamental action is 4-D for both space-time and fermionic degrees of freedom and 2-D string world sheet action is an effective action realizing SH. Note effective action makes also possible braid statistics, which does not make sense at fundamental level.
3. Also  $M^4$  carries the analog of Kähler form and the sum of induced Kähler forms from  $M^4$  and  $CP_2$  vanishes at string world sheets and also weak gauge fields vanishes at string world sheets leaving only em field.

is considered since it avoids all the objections that I have been able to invent.

For the twistor lift of TGD [K49] predicting cosmological constant  $\Lambda$  depending on p-adic length scale  $\Lambda \propto 1/p$  the gravitational strings would be naturally homologically trivial cosmic strings. These vacuum extremals of Kähler action transform to minimal surface extremals with string tension given by  $\rho_{vac} S$ , where  $\rho_{vac}$  the density of dark energy assignable to the volume term

of the action and  $S$  the transverse area of the flux tube. One should have  $\rho_{vac}S = 8\pi\Lambda S/G = 1/\Lambda_{gr}^2$ , so that one would have

$$8\pi\Lambda S = \frac{G}{\Lambda_{gr}^2} .$$

$\Lambda$  for flux tubes (characterizing the size of CDs containing them) would depend on the gravitational coupling  $Mm$ .

## 2.5 Number theoretical vision

Physics as infinite-D spinor geometry of WCW and physics as generalized number theory are the two basic vision about TGD. The number theoretical vision involves three threads [K28, K29, K27].

1. The first thread [K28] involves the notion of number theoretical universality NTU: quantum TGD should make sense in both real and p-adic number fields (and their algebraic extensions induced by extensions of rationals). p-Adic number fields are needed to understand the space-time correlates of cognition and intentionality [K20, K13, K21].

p-Adic mass calculations lead to the notion of a p-adic length scale hierarchy quantifying the notion of the many-sheeted space-time [K20, K13]. One of the first applications was the calculation of elementary particle masses [K15]. The basic predictions are only weakly model independent since only p-adic thermodynamics for Super Virasoro algebra are involved. Not only the fundamental mass scales would reduce to number theory but also particle masses are predicted correctly under rather mild assumptions and are exponentially sensitive to the p-adic length scale predicted by p-adic length scale hypothesis. Also predictions such as the possibility of neutrinos to have several mass scales were made on the basis of number theoretical arguments and have found experimental support [K15, K8].

2. Second thread [K29] is inspired by the dimensions  $D = 1, 2, 4, 8$  of the basic objects of TGD and assumes that classical number fields are in a crucial role in TGD. 8-D imbedding space would have octonionic structure and space-time surfaces would have associative (quaternionic) tangent space or normal space. String world sheets could correspond to commutative surfaces. Also the notion of  $M^8 - H$ -duality is part of this thread and states that quaternionic 4-surfaces of  $M^8$  containing preferred  $M^2$  in its tangent space can be mapped to PEs in  $H$  by assigning to the tangent space  $CP_2$  point parametrizing it.  $M^2$  could be replaced by integrable distribution of  $M^2(x)$ . If PEs are also quaternionic one has also  $H - H$  duality allowing to iterate the map so that PEs form a category. Also quaternion analyticity of PEs is a highly attractive hypothesis [K30]. For instance, it might be possible to interpret string world sheets and partonic 2-surfaces appearing in strong form of holography (SH) as co-dimension 2 surfaces analogous to poles of analytic function in complex plane. Light-like 3-surfaces might be seen as analogs of cuts. The coding of analytic function by its singularities could be seen as analog of SH.
3. The third thread [K27] corresponds to infinite primes and leads to several speculations. The construction of infinite primes is structurally analogous to a repeated second quantization of a supersymmetric arithmetic quantum field theory with free particle states characterized by primes. The many-sheeted structure of TGD space-time could reflect directly the structure of infinite prime coding it. Space-time point would become infinitely structured in various p-adic senses but not in real sense (that is cognitively) so that the vision of Leibniz about monads reflecting the external world in their structure is realized in terms of algebraic holography. Space-time becomes algebraic hologram and realizes also Brahman=Atman idea of Eastern philosophies.

## 3 p-Adic mass calculations and p-adic thermodynamics

p-Adic mass calculations carried for the first time around 1995 were the stimulus eventually leading to the number theoretical vision as a kind dual for the geometric vision about TGD. In this section I will roughly describe the calculations [K8, K15] and the questions and challenges raised by them.

### 3.1 p-Adic numbers

Like real numbers, p-adic numbers (<http://tinyurl.com/hmgqtoh>) can be regarded as completions of the rational numbers to a larger number field [K13]. Each prime  $p$  defines a p-adic number field allowing the counterparts of the usual arithmetic operations.

1. The basic difference between real and p-adic numbers is that p-adic topology is ultra-metric. Ultrametricity means that the distance function  $d(x, y)$  (the counterpart of  $|x - y|$  in the real context) satisfies the inequality

$$d(x, z) \leq \text{Max}\{d(x, y), d(y, z)\} ,$$

(Max(a, b) denotes maximum of  $a$  and  $b$ ) rather than the usual triangle inequality

$$d(x, z) \leq d(x, y) + d(y, z) .$$

2. The topology defined by p-adic numbers is compact-open. Hence the generalization of manifold obtained by gluing together n-balls fails because smallest open n-balls are just points and one has totally disconnected topology.
3. p-Adic numbers are not well-ordered like real numbers. Therefore one cannot assign orientation to the p-adic number line. This in turn leads to difficulties with attempts to define definite integrals and the notion of differential form although indefinite integral is well-defined. These difficulties serve as important guidelines in the attempts to understand what p-adic physics is and also how to fuse real and various p-adic physics to a larger structure.
4. p-Adic numbers allow an expansion in powers of  $p$  analogous to the decimal expansion

$$x = \sum_{n \geq 0} x_n p^n ,$$

and the number of terms in the expansion can be infinite so that p-adic number need not be finite as a real number. The norm of the p-adic number (counterpart of  $|x|$  for real numbers) is defined as

$$N_p(x) = \sum_{n \geq 0} x_n p^n = p^{-n_0} ,$$

and depends only very weakly on p-adic number. The ultra-metric distance function can be defined as  $d_p(x, y) = N_p(x - y)$ .

5. p-Adic numbers allow a generalization of the differential calculus. The basic rules of the p-adic differential calculus are the same as those of the ordinary differential calculus. There is however one important new element: the set of the functions having vanishing p-adic derivative consists of so called pseudo constants, which are analogs of real valued piecewise constant functions. In the real case only constant functions have vanishing derivative. This implies that p-adic differential equations are non-deterministic. This non-determinism is identified as a counterpart of the non-determinism of cognition and imagination [K21].

### 3.2 Model of elementary particle

p-Adic mass calculations [K8, K15] rely heavily on a topological model for elementary particle and it is appropriate to describe it before going to the summary of calculations.

### 3.2.1 Family replication phenomenon topologically

One of the basic ideas of TGD approach to particle physics has been genus-generation correspondence: boundary components of the 3-surface should be carriers of elementary particle numbers and the observed particle families should correspond to various boundary topologies.

With the advent of zero energy ontology (ZEO) this picture has changed somewhat.

1. The wormhole throats identified as light-like 3-surfaces at with the induced metric of the space-time surface changes its signature from Minkowskian to Euclidian correspond to the light-like orbits of partonic 2-surfaces. One cannot of course exclude the possibility that also boundary components allow to satisfy boundary conditions without assuming vacuum extremal property of nearby space-time surface.

The intersections of the wormhole throats with the light-like boundaries of causal diamonds (CDs) identified as intersections of future and past directed light cones ( $CD \times CP_2$  is actually in question but I will speak about CDs) define special partonic 2-surfaces and the conformal moduli of these partonic 2-surfaces appear in the elementary particle vacuum functionals [K8] naturally. A modification of the original simple picture came from the proposed identification of physical particles as bound states of two wormhole contacts connected by tubes carrying monopole fluxes.

2. For generalized scattering diagrams stringy trouser vertices are replaced with vertices at which the ends of light-like wormhole throats meet. This vertex is the analog of 3-vertex for Feynman diagrams in particle physics lengths scales and for the biological replication (DNA and even cell) in macroscopic length scales.

In this picture the interpretation of the analog of trouser vertex is in terms of propagation of same particle along two different paths. This interpretation is mathematically natural since vertices correspond to 2-manifolds rather than singular 2-manifolds, which are just splitting to two disjoint components. Second complication comes from the weak form of electric-magnetic duality forcing to identify physical particles as weak strings with magnetic monopoles at their ends and one should understand also the possible complications caused by this generalization.

These modifications force to consider several options concerning the identification of light fermions and bosons and one can end up with a unique identification only by making some assumptions. Masslessness of all wormhole throats - also those appearing in internal lines - and dynamical  $SU(3)$  symmetry for particle generations are attractive general enough assumptions of this kind. Bosons and their possible spartners would correspond to wormhole contacts with fermion and anti-fermion at the throats of the contact. The expectation was tht free fermions and their possible spartners correspond to  $CP_2$  type vacuum extremals with single wormhole throat. It however turned however that dynamical  $SU(3)$  symmetry forces to identify massive (and possibly topologically condensed) fermions as pairs of  $(g, g)$  type wormhole contacts. The existence of higher boson families would mean breaking of quark and lepton universality and there are indications for this kind of anomaly [K17] .

### 3.2.2 The notion of elementary particle vacuum functional

Obviously one must know something about the dependence of the elementary particle state functionals on the geometric properties of the boundary component and in the sequel an attempt to construct what might be called elementary particle vacuum functionals (EPVFs), is made. The basic assumptions underlying the construction are the following ones [K8].

1. EPVFs depend on the geometric properties of the two-surface  $X^2$  representing elementary particle.
2. EPVFs possess extended Diff invariance: all 2-surfaces on the orbit of the 2-surface  $X^2$  correspond to the same value of the vacuum functional. This condition is satisfied if vacuum functionals have as their argument, not  $X^2$  as such, but some 2- surface  $Y^2$  belonging to the unique orbit of  $X^2$  (determined by the principle selecting PE as a generalized Bohr orbit [K14, K48, K6]) and determined in general coordinate invariant manner.

3. ZEO allows to select uniquely the partonic 2-surface as the intersection of the wormhole throat at which the signature of the induced 4-metric changes with either the upper or lower boundary of  $CD \times CP_2$ . This is essential since otherwise one could not specify the vacuum functional uniquely.
4. Vacuum functionals possess conformal invariance and therefore for a given genus depend on a finite number of variables specifying the conformal equivalence class of  $Y^2$ .
5. Vacuum functionals satisfy the cluster decomposition property: when the surface  $Y^2$  degenerates to a union of two disjoint surfaces (particle decay in string model inspired picture), vacuum functional decomposes into a product of the vacuum functionals associated with disjoint surfaces.
6. EPVFs are stable against the decay  $g \rightarrow g_1 + g_2$  and one particle decay  $g \rightarrow g - 1$ . This process corresponds to genuine particle decay only for stringy diagrams. For generalized scattering diagrams the interpretation is in terms of propagation along two different paths simultaneously.

In [K8] the construction of EPVFs is described in detail. This requires some basic concepts related to the description of the space of the conformal equivalence classes of Riemann surfaces and the concept of hyper-ellipticity. Since theta functions will play a central role in the construction of the vacuum functionals, also their basic properties are needed. Also possible explanations for the experimental absence of the higher fermion families are considered. Concerning p-adic mass calculations, the key question is how to construct p-adic variants of EPVFs.

### 3.3 p-Adic mass calculations

#### 3.3.1 p-Adic thermodynamics

Consider first the basic ideas of p-adic thermodynamics.

1. p-Adic valued mass squared is identified as as thermal mass in p-adic thermodynamics. Boltzmann weights  $\exp(-E/T)$  do not make sense if one just replaces exponent function with the p-adic variant of its Taylor series. The reason is that  $\exp(x)$  has p-adic norm equal to 1 for all acceptable values of the argument  $x$  (having p-adic norm smaller than one) so that partition function does not have the usual exponential convergence property. Nothing however prevents from consider Boltzmann weights as powers  $p^n$  making sense for integer values of  $n$ . Here the p-adic norm approaches zero for  $n \rightarrow +\infty$ : thus the correspondences  $e^{-E/T} \leftrightarrow p^{E/T_p}$ .

The values of  $E/T_p$  must be quantized to integers. This is guaranteed if  $E$  is integer valued in suitable unit of energy and  $1/T_p$  has integer valued spectrum using same unit for  $T_p$ . Super-conformal invariance guarantees integer valued spectrum of  $E$ , which in the recent case corresponds to mass squared. These number theoretical conditions are very powerful and lead to the quantization of also thermal mass squared for given p-adic prime  $p$ .

2. The p-adic mass squared is mapped to real number by canonical identification  $I : \sum x_n p^n \rightarrow \sum x_n p^{-n}$  or its variant for rationals. Canonical identification is continuous and maps powers of  $p^n$  to their inverses. One modification of canonical identification maps rationals  $m/n$  in their representation in which  $m$  and  $n$  have no common divisors to  $I(m)/I(n)$ . The predictions of calculations depend in some cases on which variant one uses but rational option looks the most reasonable choice.
3. p-Adic length scale hypothesis states that preferred p-adic primes correspond to powers of 2:  $p \simeq 2^k$ , but smaller than  $2^k$ . The values of  $k$  form with  $p = 2^k - 1$  is prime - Mersenne prime - are especially favored. The nearer the prime  $p$  to  $2^k$ , the more favored  $p$  is physically. One justification for the hypothesis is that preferred primes have been selected by an evolutionary process.



4. It turns out that p-adic temperature is  $T_p = 1$  for fermions. For gauge bosons  $T_p \leq 1/2$  seems to be necessary assumption for gauge bosons implying that the contribution to mass squared is very small so that super-symplectic contribution assignable to the wormhole magnetic flux tube dominates for weak bosons. For canonical identification  $m/n \rightarrow I(m)/I(n)$  second order contribution to fermionic mass squared is very small.
5. The large values of p-adic prime  $p$  guarantee that the p-adic thermodynamics converges extremely rapidly. For  $m/n \rightarrow I(m)/I(n)$  already the second order contribution is extremely small since the expansion for the real mass squared is in terms of  $1/p$  and for electron with  $p = M_{127}$  one has  $p \sim 10^{38}$ . Hence the calculations are essentially exact and errors are those of the model. It is quite possible that calculations could be done exactly using exact expressions for the super-symplectic partition functions generalized to p-adic context. The success of the p-adic mass calculations is especially remarkable because p-adic length scale hypothesis  $p \simeq 2^k$  predicts exponential sensitivity of the particle mass scale on  $k$ .

### 3.3.2 Symmetries

The number theoretical existence of p-adic thermodynamics requires powerful symmetries to guarantee integer valued spectrum for the thermalized contribution to the mass squared.

1. Super-conformal symmetry with integer valued conformal weights for Virasoro scaling generator  $L_0$  is essential because it predicts in string models that mass squared is apart from ground state contribution integer valued in suitable units. In TGD framework fermionic string world sheets are characterized by super-conformal symmetry. This gives the p-adic thermodynamics assumed in the calculations. One could however assign Super Virasoro algebra also to super-symplectic algebra having its analog as sub-algebra with positive integer conformal weights. Same applies to the extended conformal algebra of light-cone boundary.
2. TGD however predicts also generalization of conformal symmetry associated with light-cone boundary involving ordinary complex conformal weights and the conformal weight associated with the light-like radial coordinate. For the latter conformal weights for the generators of supersymmetry might be given by  $h = -s_n/2$ .  $s_n$  zero of zeta or pole  $h = -s = -1$  of zeta. Also super-symplectic symmetries would have similar radial spectrum of conformal weights. Conformal confinement requiring that the conformal weights of states are real implies that the spectrum of conformal weights for physical states consists of non-negative integers as for ordinary superconformal invariance.

It is not clear whether thermalization occurs in these degrees of freedom except perhaps for trivial conformal weights. These degrees of freedom need not therefore contribute to thermal masses of leptons and quarks but would give dominating contribution to hadron masses and weak boson masses. The negative conformal weights predicted by  $h = -s/2$  hypothesis predicts that ground state weight is negative for super-symplectic representations and must be compensated for massless states.

The assumption that ground state conformal weight is negative and thus tachyonic is essential in case of p-adic mass calculations [K15], and only for massless particles (graviton, photon, gluons) it vanishes or is of order  $O(1/p)$ . This could be achieved if the ground state of super-symplectic representation has  $h = 0$ .

3. Modular invariance [K8] assignable to partonic 2-surfaces is a further assumption similar to that made in string models. This invariance means that for a given genus the dynamical degrees of freedom of the partonic 2-surface correspond to finite-dimensional space of Teichmüller parameters. For genus  $g = 0$  this space is trivial.

Also modular invariance for string world sheets can be considered. By SH the information needed in mass calculations should be assignable to partonic 2-surfaces: the assumption is that one can assign this information to single partonic 2-surface. Stringy contribution would be seen only in scattering amplitudes.

This might be true only effectively: the recent view about elementary particles is that they are pairs of wormhole contacts connected by flux tubes defining a closed monopole flux and

wormhole throats of contact have same genus for light states. Furthermore the quantum numbers of particle are associated with single throat for fermions and with opposite throats of single contact for bosons. The second wormhole contact would carry neutralizing weak charges to realize the finite range of weak interactions as “weak confinement”.

The number of genera is infinite and one must understand why only three quark and lepton generations are observed. An attractive explanation is in terms of symmetry. For the three lowest genera the partonic 2-surfaces are always hyper-elliptic and have thus global conformal  $Z_2$  symmetry. For higher genera this is not true always and EPVFs constructed from the assumption of modular invariance vanish for the hyper-elliptic surfaces. This suggests that the higher genera are very massive or can be interpreted as many-particle states of handles, which are not bound states but have continuous mass squared.

### 3.3.3 Contributions to mass squared

There are several contributions to the p-adic thermal mass squared come from the degrees of freedom, which are thermalized.

Super-conformal degrees of freedom associated with string world sheets are certainly thermalized. p-Adic mass calculations strongly suggest that the number of super-conformal tensor factors is  $N = 5$  but also  $N = 4$  and  $N = 6$  can be considered marginally.

I have considered several identifications of tensor factors and not found a compelling alternative. If one assumes that super-symplectic degrees of freedom do not contribute to the thermal mass, string world sheets should explain masses of elementary fermions. Here charged lepton masses are the test bench. One other hand, if super-symplectic degrees of freedom contribute one obtains additional tensor factor assignable to  $h = -s/2$ ,  $s$  trivial zero of zeta). Only one tensor factor emerges since Hamiltonians correspond to the products of functions of the coordinates of light-cone boundary and  $CP_2$ ).

1.  $SU(2)_L \times U(1)$  gives 2 tensor factors.  $SU(3)$  gives 1 tensor factor. The two transversal degrees of freedom for string world sheet suggest 2 degrees of freedom corresponding to Abelian group  $E^2$ . Rotations however transforms these degrees to each other so that 1 tensor factor should emerge. This gives 4 tensor factors. Could it correspond to the degrees of freedom parallel to string at its end assignable to wormhole throat? Could normal vibrations of partonic 2-surface? This would  $N = 5$  tensor factors. Another possibility is that the fifth tensor factor comes from super-symplectic Super-Virasoro algebra defined by trivial conformal weights.
2. Super-symplectic contributions need not be present for ordinary elementary fermions. For weak bosons they could give string tension assignable to the magnetic flux tube connecting the wormhole contacts. It is not clear whether this contribution is thermalized. This contribution might be present only for the phases with  $h_{eff} = n \times h$ . This contribution would dominate in hadron masses.
3. Color degrees of freedom contribute to the ground state mass squared since ground state corresponds to an imbedding space spinor mode massless in 8-D sense. The mass squared contribution corresponds to an eigenvalue of  $CP_2$  spinor d'Alembertian. Its eigenvalues correspond to color multiplets and only the covariantly constant right handed neutrino is color singlet. For the other modes the color representation is non-trivial and depends on weak quantum numbers of the fermion. The construction of the massless state from a tachyonic ground state with conformal weight  $h_{vac} = -3$  must involve colored super-Kac Moody generators compensating for the anomalous color charge so that one obtains color single for leptons and color triplet for quarks as massless state.
4. Modular degrees of freedom give a contribution depending on the genus  $g$  of the partonic 2-surface. This contribution is estimated by considering p-adic variants of elementary particle vacuum functionals  $\Omega_{vac}$  [K15] expressible as products of theta functions with the structure of partition function. Theta functions are expressible as sums of exponent functions  $exp(X)$  with  $X$  defined as a contraction of the matrix  $\Omega_{ij}$  defined by Teichmueller parameters between integer valued vectors.

In ZEO the interpretation of  $\Omega_{vac}$  is as a complex square root of partition functional (quantum theory as complex square root of thermodynamics in ZEO). The integral of  $|\Omega|^2$  over allowed moduli has interpretation as partition function. The exponential  $exp(Re(X)) = p^{Re(X)/log(p)}$  has interpretation as an exponential of “Hamiltonian” defined by the vacuum conformal weight defined by moduli.  $T = log(p)$  is identified as p-adic temperature as in ordinary p-adic thermodynamics.

NTU requires that the integration over the moduli parameters reduces to a sum over number theoretically universal moduli parameters. The exponents  $exp(X)$  must exist p-adically. PE property alone could guarantee this. The exponentials appearing in theta functions should reduce to products  $p^k p^{iy} = exp(k/log(p)) p^{iy}$  with  $k$  is integer and  $p^{iy}$  a root of unity. The vacuum expectation value of  $Re(X)$  contributing to the mass squared is obtained from the standard formula as logarithmic temperature derivative of the “integral”  $\int |\Omega_{vac}|^2$ . The formula is same as for the Super-Virasoro contributions apart from the integration reducing to a sum.

The considerations of the section 4.2 [L2] suggest that for given p-adic prime  $p$  the exponent  $k + iy$  corresponds to a linear combinations of poles of fermionic zeta  $z_F(s) = \zeta(s)/\zeta(2s)$  in the class  $C(p)$  with non-negative integer coefficients. This class corresponds essentially to the conformal weights of a fractal sub-algebra of super-symplectic algebra. It could give rise also to the complex values of action so that Riemann zeta would define the core of TGD.

The general dependence of the contribution of genus  $g$  to mass squared on  $g$  follows from the functional form of EPVF as a product theta functions serving as building brick partition functions apart from overall multiplicative constant and gives a nice agreement with the observed charged lepton mass ratios. The basic feature of the formula is exponential dependence on  $g$ .

5. The super-symplectic stringy contribution assignable to the magnetic flux tube dominates for weak bosons and is analogous to the stringy contribution to the hadron masses.

p-Adic mass calculations leave open several questions. What is the precise origin of preferred p-adic primes and of p-adic length scale hypothesis? How to understand the preferred number  $N = 5$  of Super-Kac-Moody tensor factors? How to calculate the contribution of super-symplectic degrees of freedom - are they thermalized? Why only 3 lowest genera are light and what are the masses of the predicted bosonic higher genera implying breaking of fermion universality.

### 3.4 p-Adic length scale hypothesis

p-Adic length scale hypothesis [K19, K20] has served as a basic hypothesis of p-adic TGD for several years. This hypothesis states that the scales  $L_p = \sqrt{p}l$ ,  $l = 1.376 \cdot 10^4 \sqrt{G}$  are fundamental length scale at p-adic condensate level  $p$ . The original interpretation of the hypothesis was following:

1. Above the length scale  $L_p$  p-adicity sets on and effective coarse grained space-time or imbedding space topology is p-adic rather than ordinary real topology. Imbedding space topology seems to be more appropriate identification.
2. The length scale  $L_p$  serves as a p-adic length scale cutoff for the quantum field theory description of particles. This means that space-time begins to look like Minkowski space so that the QFT  $M^4 \rightarrow CP_2$  becomes a realistic approximation. Below this length scale string like objects and other particle like 3-surfaces are important.
3. It is un-natural to assume that just single p-adic field would be chosen from the infinite number of possibilities. Rather, there is an infinite number of cutoff length scales. To each prime  $p$  there corresponds a cutoff length scale  $L_p$  above which p-adic quantum field theory  $M^4 \rightarrow CP_2$  makes sense and one has a hierarchy of p-adic QFTs. These different p-adic field theories correspond to different hierarchically levels possibly present in the topological condensate. Hierarchical ordering  $p_1 < p_2 < \dots$  means that only the surface  $p_1 < p_2$  can condense on the surface  $p_2$ . The condensed surface can in practice be regarded as a point like particle at level  $p_2$  described by the p-adic conformal field theory below length scale  $L_{p_2}$ .

The recent view inspired by adelic physics is that preferred p-adic primes correspond to so called ramified primes for the algebraic extension of rationals defining the adèle [K47]. Weak form of Negentropy Maximization Principle (WNMP) [K16] in turn allows to conclude that the length scales corresponding to powers of primes are preferred. Therefore p-adic length scale hypothesis generalizes. There is evidence for 3-adic time scales in biology [I1, I2] and 3-adic time scales can be also assigned with Pythagorean scale in geometric theory of harmony [K24] [L1].

### 3.5 Mersenne primes and Gaussian Mersennes are special

Mersenne primes and their complex counterparts Gaussian Mersennes pop up in p-adic mass calculations and both elementary particle physics, biology [K36], and astrophysics and cosmology [K44] provide support for them.

#### 3.5.1 Mersenne primes

One can also consider the milder requirement that the exponent  $\lambda = 2^{\epsilon L_0}$  represents trivial scaling represented by unit in good approximation for some p-adic topology. Not surprisingly, this is the case for  $L_0 = mp^k$  since by Fermat's theorem  $a^p \bmod p = 1$  for any integer  $a$ , in particular  $a = 2$ . This is also the case for  $L_0 = mk$  such that  $2^k \bmod p = 1$  for  $p$  prime. This occurs if  $2^k - 1$  is Mersenne prime: in this case one has  $2^{L_0} = 1$  modulo  $p$  so that the sizes of the fractal sub-algebras are exponentially larger than the sizes of  $L_0 \propto p^n$  algebras. Note that all scalings  $a^{L_0}$  are near to unity for  $L_0 = p^n$  whereas now only  $a = 2$  gives scalings near unity for Mersenne primes. Perhaps this extended fractality provides the fundamental explanation for the special importance of Mersenne primes.

In this case integrated scalings  $2^{L_0}$  leave the states almost invariant so that even a stronger form of the breaking of the exact conformal invariance would be in question in the super-symplectic case. The representation would be defined by the generators for which conformal weights are odd multiples of  $n$  ( $M_n = 2^n - 1$ ) and  $L_{-kn}$ ,  $k > 0$  would generate zero norm states only in order  $O(1/M_n)$ .

Especially interesting is the hierarchy of primes defined by the so called Combinatorial Hierarchy resulting from TGD based model for abstraction process. The primes are given by  $2, 3, 7 = 2^3 - 1, 127 = 2^7 - 1, 2^{127} - 1, \dots$ :  $L_0 = n \times 127$  would correspond to  $M_{127}$ -adicity crucial for the memetic code.

#### 3.5.2 Gaussian Mersennes are also special

If one allows also Gaussian primes then the notion of Mersenne prime generalizes: Gaussian Mersennes are of form  $(1 \pm i)^n - 1$ . In this case one could replace the scaling operations by scaling combined with a twist of  $\pi/4$  around some symmetry axis:  $1 + i = \sqrt{2} \exp(i\pi/4)$  and generalized p-adic fractality would mean that for certain values of  $n$  the exponentiated operation consisting of  $n$  basic operations would be very near to unity.

1. The integers  $k$  associated with the lowest Gaussian Mersennes are following: 2, 3, 5, 7, 11, 19, 29, 47, 73, 79, 113.  $k = 113$  corresponds to the p-adic length scale associated with the atomic nucleus and muon. Thus all known charged leptons, rather than only  $e$  and  $\tau$ , as well as nuclear physics length scale, correspond to Mersenne primes in the generalized sense.
2. The primes  $k = 151, 157, 163, 167$  define perhaps the most fundamental biological length scales:  $k = 151$  corresponds to the thickness of the cell membrane of about ten nanometers and  $k = 167$  to cell size about  $2.56 \mu m$ . This observation also suggests that cellular organisms have evolved to their present form through four basic evolutionary stages. This also encourages to think that  $\sqrt{2} \exp(i\pi/4)$  operation giving rise to logarithmic spirals abundant in living matter is fundamental dynamical symmetry in bio-matter.

Logarithmic spiral provides the simplest model for biological growth as a repetition of the basic operation  $\sqrt{2} \exp(i\pi/4)$ . The naive interpretation would be that growth processes consist of  $k = 151, 157, 163, 167$  steps involving scaling by  $\sqrt{2}$ . This however requires the strange looking assumption that growth starts from a structure of size of order  $CP_2$  length. Perhaps this exotic growth process is associated with pair of MEs or magnetic flux tubes of opposite

time orientation and energy emergenging  $CP_2$  sized region in a mini big bang type process and that the resulting structure serves as a template for the biological growth.

3.  $k = 239, 241, 283, 353, 367, 379, 457$  associated with the next Gaussian Mersennes define astronomical length scales.  $k = 239$  and  $k = 241$  correspond to the p-adic time scales .55 ms and 1.1 ms: basic time scales associated with nerve pulse transmission are in question.  $k = 283$  corresponds to the time scale of 38.6 min. An interesting question is whether this period could define a fundamental biological rhythm. The length scale  $L(353)$  corresponds to about  $2.6 \times 10^6$  light years, roughly the size scale of galaxies. The length scale  $L(367) \simeq \times 3.3 \times 10^8$  light years is of same order of magnitude as the size scale of the large voids containing galaxies on their boundaries (note the analogy with cells).  $T(379) \simeq 2.1 \times 10^{10}$  years corresponds to the lower bound for the order of the age of the Universe.  $T(457) \sim 10^{22}$  years defines a completely superastronomical time and length scale.

### 3.6 Questions

The proposed picture leaves open several questions.

1. Could the descriptions by both real and p-adic thermodynamics be possible? Could they be equivalent (possibly in finite measurement resolution) as is suggested by NTU? The consistency of these descriptions would imply temperature quantization and p-adic length scale hypothesis not possible in purely real context.
2. What could the extension of conformal symmetry to supersymplectic symmetry mean? One possible view is that super-symplectic symmetries correspond to dark degrees of freedom and that only the super-symplectic ground states with negative conformal weights affect the p-adic thermodynamics, which applies only to fermionic degrees of freedom at string world sheets. Super-symplectic degrees of freedom would give the dominant contribution to hadron masses and could contribute also to weak gauge boson masses.  $N = 5$  for the needed number of tensor factors is however a strong constraint and perhaps most naturally obtained when also the super-symplectic Virasoro associated with the trivial zeros of zeta is thermalized.
3. What happens in dark sectors. Preferred extremal property is proposed to mean that the states are annihilated by super-symplectic sub-algebra isomorphic to the original algebra and its commutator with the entire algebra. The conjecture is that this gives rise to Kac-Moody algebras as dynamical symmetries - maybe ADE type algebras, whose Dynkin diagrams characterize the inclusion of HFFs. Does this give an additional tensor factor to super-Virasoro algebra?
4. Superconformal symmetry true in the sense that Super Virasoro conditions hold true. Partition function however depends on mass squared only rather than the entire scaling generator  $L_0$  as thought erratically in the first formulation of p-adic calculation. This does not mean breaking of conformal invariance. Super Virasoro conditions hold true although partition function is for the vibrational part of  $L_0$  determining the mass squared spectrum.

## 4 p-Adicization and adelic physics

This section is devoted to the challenges related to p-adicization and adelicization of physics in which the correspondence between real and p-adic numbers via canonical identification serves as the basic building brick. Also the problems associated with p-adic variants of integral, Fourier analysis, Hilbert space, and Riemann geometry should be solved in a manner respecting fundamental symmetries and their p-adic variants must be met. The notion of number theoretical universality (NTU) plays a key role here. One should also answer to questions about the origin of preferred primes and p-adic length scale hypothesis.

## 4.1 Challenges

The basic challenges encountered are construction of the p-adic variants of real number based physics, understanding their relationship to real physics, and the fusion of various physics to single coherent whole.

The p-adicization of real physics is not just a straightforward formal generalization of scattering amplitudes of existing theories but requires a deeper understanding of the physics involved. The interpretation of p-adic physics as correlate for cognition and imagination is an important guideline and will be discussed in more detail in separate section.

Definite integral and Fourier analysis are basic elements of standard physics and their generalization to the p-adic context defines a highly non-trivial challenge. Also the p-adic variants of Riemann geometry and Hilbert space are suggestive. There are however problems.

1. There are problems associated with p-adic definite integral. Riemann sum does not make sense since it approaches zero if the p-adic norm of discretization unit approaches zero. The problems are basically due to the absence of well-orderedness essential for the definition of definite integral and differential forms and their integrals.

Residue integration might make sense in finite angle resolution. For algebraic extension containing  $e^{i\pi/n}$  the number theoretically universal approximation  $i\pi = n(e^{i\pi/n} - 1)$  could be used. In twistor approach integrations reduce to multiple residue integrations and since twistor approach generalizes in TGD framework, this approach to integration is very attractive.

Positivity is a central notion in twistor Grassmannian approach [B2]. Since canonical identification maps p-adic numbers to non-negative real numbers, there is a strong temptation to think that positivity relates to NTU [L3].

2. There are problems with Fourier analysis. The naive generalization of trigonometric functions by replacing  $e^{ix}$  with its p-adic counterpart is not physical. Same applies to  $e^x$ . Algebraic extensions are needed to get roots of unity and  $e$  as counterparts of the phases and discretization is necessary and has interpretation in terms of finite resolution for angle/phase and its hyperbolic counterpart.
3. The notion of Hilbert space is problematic. The naive generalization of Hilbert space norm square  $|x|^2 = \sum x_n \bar{x}_n$  for state  $(x_1, x_2, \dots)$  can vanish p-adically. Also here NTU could help. State would contain as coefficients only roots of  $e$  and unity and only the overall factor could be p-adic number. Coefficients could be restricted to the algebraic numbers generating the algebraic extension of rational numbers and would not contain powers of  $p$  or even ordinary p-adic numbers expect in the overall normalization factor.

Second challenge relates to the relationship between real and p-adic physics. Canonical identification (CI)  $\sum x_n p^n \rightarrow \sum x_n p^{-n}$  or some of its variants should play an important role. CI is expected to map the invariants appearing in scattering amplitudes to their real counterparts.

1. Real and p-adic variants of space-time surfaces should exist and relate to each other somehow. Is this relationship local and involve CI at space-time level or imbedding space level? Or is it only a global and non-local assignment of preferred real extremals to their p-adic counterparts? Or is between these extreme options and involves algebraic discretization of the space-time surface weakening the strong form of SH as already proposed? How do real and p-adic imbedding spaces relate to each other and can this relationship induce local correspondence between preferred extremals (PEs) [K48, K6, K49]?
2. NTU in some sense is a highly suggestive approach to these questions and would suggest that canonical identification applies to isometry invariants whereas angles and hyperbolic angles, or rather the corresponding “phases” belonging to an extension of p-adics containing roots of  $e$  and roots of unity are mapped to themselves. Note that the roots of  $e$  define extensions of rationals, which induce finite dimensional algebraic extensions of p-adic numbers. This would make possible to define imbedding space in accordance with NTU. Also the Hilbert space could be defined by requiring that its points correspond to number theoretically universal angles expressible in terms of roots of unity.

3. What about real and p-adic variants of WCW? Are they needed at all? Or could their existence be used as a powerful constraint on real physics? The representability of WCW as a union of infinite-dimensional symmetric spaces labelled by zero modes suggests that the same description applies at the level of WCW and imbedding space.

One cannot circumvent the question about how to generalize functional integral from real WCW to p-adic WCWs. In particular, what is the p-adic variant of the action defining the dynamics of space-time surfaces. In the case of exponent of action the p-adic variant could be defined by assuming algebraic universality: again the roots of  $e$  and of unity would be in central role. Also the Kähler structure of WCW implying that Gaussian and metric determinants cancel each other in functional integral, would be absolutely crucial.

One must remember that the exponents of action for scattering amplitudes for the stationary phase extremal cancel from the path integral representation of scattering amplitudes. Also now this mechanism would allow to get rid of the poorly defined exponent for single minimum. If there is sum over scattering amplitudes assignable to different maxima, normalization would give ratios of these exponents for different extrema/maxima and only these ratios should belong to the extension of rationals.

The zero modes of WCW metric are invariants of supersymplectic group so that canonical identification could relate their real and p-adic variants. Zero modes could break NTU and would be behind p-adic thermodynamics and dependence of mass scale on p-adic prime.

The third challenge relates to the fusion of p-adic physics and real physics to a larger structure. Here a generalization of number concept obtained by glueing reals and various p-adics together along an extension of rational numbers inducing the extensions of p-adic numbers is highly suggestive. Adeles associated with the extension of rationals are highly attractive and closely related notion. Real and various p-adic physics would be correlates for sensory and cognitive aspects of the same universal physics rather than separate physics in this framework. One important implication of this view is that real entropy and p-adic negentropies characterize the same entanglement with coefficients in an extension of rationals.

NTU for hyperbolic and ordinary phases is definitely the central idea. How the invariance of angles under conformal transformations does relate to this? Could one perhaps define a discretized version of conformal symmetry preserving the phases defined by the angles between vectors assignable with the tangent spaces of discretized geometric structures and thus respecting NTU? Of should one apply conformal symmetry at Lie algebra level only?

## 4.2 NTU and the correspondence between real and p-adic physics

p-Adic real correspondence is certainly the basic problem of p-adicization and adelization. One can make several general questions about p-adic real correspondence and canonical identification inspired by p-adic mass calculations.

How generally p-adic real correspondence does apply? Could canonical identification for group invariants combined with direct identification of ordinary and hyperbolic phases identified as roots of unity and  $e$  apply at WCW and imbedding space level having maximally symmetric geometries? Could this make sense even at space-time level as a correspondence induced from imbedding space level [L7]? Does canonical identification apply locally for the discretizations of space-time surface or only globally for the parameters characterizing PEs (string world sheets and partonic 2-surfaces by SH), which are general coordinate invariant and Poincare invariant quantities?

The following vision seems to be the most feasible one found hitherto.

1. Preservation of symmetries and continuity compete. Lorentz transformations do not commute with canonical identification. This suggests that canonical identification applies only to Lorentz invariants formed from quantum numbers. This is enough in the case of scattering amplitudes. Canonical identification applies only to isometry invariants at the level of WCW and the phases/exponents of ordinary/hyperbolic angles correspond to numbers in the algebraic extension common to extensions of rationals and various p-adics.
2. Canonical identification applies at the level of momentum space and maps p-adic Lorentz invariants of scattering amplitudes to their real counterparts. Phases of angles and their

hyperbolic counterparts should correspond to parameters defining extension and should be mapped as such to their p-adic counterparts.

3. The constraints coming from GCI and symmetries do not allow local correspondence but allow to consider its discretized version at space-time level induced by the correspondence at the level of imbedding space.

This requires the restriction of isometries and other symmetries to algebraic subgroups defined by the extension of rationals. This would imply reduction of symmetry due to finite cognitive/measurement resolution and should be acceptable. If one wants to realize the ideas about imagination, discretization must be applied also for the space-time interior meaning partial breaking of SH and giving rise to dark matter degrees of freedom in TGD sense. SH could apply in real sector for realizable imaginations only. Note that the number of algebraic points of space-time surface is expected to be relatively small.

The correspondence must be considered at the level of imbedding space, space-time, and WCW.

1. At the level of imbedding space p-adic-real correspondence is induced by points in extension of rationals and is totally discontinuous. This requires that space-time dimension is smaller than imbedding space dimension.
2. At space-time level the correspondence involves field equations derivable from a local variational principle make sense also p-adically although the action itself is ill-defined as 4-D integral. The notion of p-adic PE makes sense by strong form of holography applied to 2-surfaces in the intersection. p-Adically however only the vanishing of Noether currents for a sub-algebra of the super-symplectic algebra might make sense. This condition is stronger than the vanishing of Noether charges defined by 3-D integrals.
3. Correspondence at the level of WCW can make sense and reduces to that for string world sheets and partonic 2-surfaces by SH. Real and p-adic 4-surfaces would be obtained by algebraic continuation as PEs from 2-surfaces by assuming that the space-time surface contains subset of points of imbedding space belonging to the extension of rationals [L7]. p-Adic pseudo constants make p-adic continuation easy. Real continuation need not exist always. p-Adic WCW would be considerably larger than real WCW and make possible a predictive quantum theory of imagination and cognition.

What I have called intersection of realities and p-adicities can be identified as the set of 2-surfaces plus algebraic discretization of space-time interior. Also the values of induced spinor fields at the points of discretization must be given. The parameters characterizing the extremals (say coefficients of polynomials) - WCW coordinates - would be in extension of rationals inducing a finite-D extension of p-adic number fields.

The hierarchy of algebraic extensions induces an evolutionary hierarchy of adeles. The interpretation could be as a mathematical correlate for cosmic evolution realized at the level of the core of WCW defined by the intersection? 2-surfaces could be called space-time genes.

4. Also the p-adic variant Kähler action or at least the exponent of Kähler action defining vacuum functional should be obtainable by algebraic continuation. The weakest condition states that the ratios of action exponents for the maxima of Kähler function to the sum of action exponents for maxima belong to the extension. Without this condition the hopes of satisfying NTU seem rather meager.

### 4.3 NTU at space-time level

What about NTU at space-time level? NTU requires a correspondence between real and p-adic numbers and the details of this corresponds have been a long standing problem.

1. The recent view about the correspondence between real PEs to their p-adic counterparts does not demand discrete local correspondence assumed in the earlier proposal [K41]. The most abstract approach would give up the local correspondence at space-time level altogether, and



restrict the preferred coordinates of WCW (having maximal group of isometries) to numbers in the extension of rationals considered. WCW would be discretized.

Intuitively a more realistic view is a correspondence at space-time level in the sense that real and p-adic space-time sheets intersect at points belonging to the extension of rationals and defining “cognitive representations”. Only some p-adic space-time surfaces would have real counterpart.

2. The strongest form of NTU would require that the allowed points of imbedding space belonging an extension of rationals are mapped as such to corresponding extensions of p-adic number fields (no canonical identification). At imbedding space level this correspondence would be extremely discontinuous. The “spines” of space-time surfaces would however contain only a subset of points of extension, and a natural resolution length scale could emerge and prevent the fluctuation. This could be also seen as a reason for why space-times surfaces must be 4-D. The fact that the curve  $x^n + y^n = z^n$  has no rational points for  $n > 2$ , raises the hope that the resolution scale could emerge spontaneously.
3. The notion of monadic geometry discussed in detail in [L7] would realize this idea. Define first a number theoretic discretization of imbedding space in terms of points, whose coordinates in group theoretically preferred coordinate system belong to the extension of rationals considered. One can say that these algebraic points are in the intersection of reality and various p-adicities. Overlapping open sets assigned with this discretization define in the real sector a covering by open sets. In p-adic sector compact-open-topology allows to assign with each point  $8^{th}$  Cartesian power of algebraic extension of p-adic numbers. These compact open sets define analogs for the monads of Leibniz and p-adic variants of field equations make sense inside them.

The monadic manifold structure of  $H$  is induced to space-time surfaces containing discrete subset of points in the algebraic discretization with field equations defining a continuation to space-time surface in given number field, and unique only in finite measurement resolution. This approach would resolve the tension between continuity and symmetries in p-adic–real correspondence: isometry groups would be replaced by their sub-groups with parameters in extension of rationals considered and acting in the intersection of reality and p-adicities.

The Galois group of extension acts non-trivially on the “spines” of space-time surfaces. Hence the number theoretical symmetries act as physical symmetries and define the orbit of given space-time surface as a kind of covering space. The coverings assigned to the hierarchy of Planck constants would naturally correspond to Galois coverings and dark matter would represent number theoretical physics.

This would give rise to a kind of algebraic hierarchy of adelic 4-surfaces identifiable as evolutionary hierarchy: the higher the dimension of the extension, the higher the evolutionary level.

## 4.4 NTU and WCW

### 4.4.1 p-Adic–real correspondence at the level of WCW

It has not been obvious whether one should perform p-adicization and adelization at the level of WCW. Minimalist could argue that scattering amplitudes are all we want and that their p-adicization and adelization by algebraic continuation can be tolerated only if it can give powerful enough constraints on the amplitudes.

1. The anti-commutations for fermionic oscillator operators are number theoretically universal. Supersymmetry suggests that also WCW bosonic degrees of freedom satisfy NTU. This could mean that the coordinates of p-adic WCW consist of super-symplectic invariants mappable by canonical identification to their real counterparts plus phases and their hyperbolic counterparts expressible as genuinely algebraic numbers common to all number fields. This kind of coordinates are naturally assignable to symmetric spaces [L7].
2. Kähler structure should be mapped from p-adic to real sector and vice versa. Vacuum functional identified as exponent of action should be NTU. Algebraic continuation defined

by SH involves p-adic pseudo constants. All p-adic continuations by SH should correspond to the same value of exponent of action obtained by algebraic continuation from its real value. The degeneracy associated with p-adic pseudo-constants would be analogous to gauge invariance - imagination in TGD inspired theory of consciousness.

3. Ist it possible have NTU for WCW functional integration? Or is it enough to realize NTU for scattering amplitudes only. What seems clear that functional integral must reduce to a discrete sum. Physical intuition suggests a sum over maxima of Kähler function forming a subset of PEs representing stationary points. One cannot even exclude the possibility that the set of PEs is discrete and that one can sum over all of them.

Restriction to maximum/stationary phase approximation gives rise to sum over exponents multiplied with Gaussian determinants. The determinant of Kähler metric however cancels the Gaussian determinants, and one obtains only a sum over the exponents of action.

The breaking of strong NTU could happen: consider only p-adic mass calculations. This breaking is however associated with the parts of quantum states assignable to the boundaries of CD, not with the vacuum functional.

#### 4.4.2 NTU for functional integral

Number theoretical vision relies on NTU. In fermionic sector NTU is necessary: one cannot speak about real and p-adic fermions as separate entities and fermionic anti-commutation relations are indeed number theoretically universal.

What about NTU in case of functional integral? There are two opposite views.

1. One can define p-adic variants of field equations without difficulties if preferred extremals are minimal surface extremals of Kähler action so that coupling constants do not appear in the solutions. If the extremal property is determined solely by the analyticity properties as it is for various conjectures, it makes sense independent of number field. Therefore there would be no need to continue the functional integral to p-adic sectors. This in accordance with the philosophy that thought cannot be put in scale. This would be also the option favored by pragmatist.
2. Consciousness theorist might argue that also cognition and imagination allow quantum description. The supersymmetry NTU should apply also to functional integral over WCW (more precisely, its sector defined by CD) involved with the definition of scattering amplitudes.

##### 1. Key observations

The general vision involves some crucial observations.

1. Only the expressions for the scatterings amplitudes should should satisfy NTU. This does not require that the functional integral satisfies NTU.
2. Since the Gaussian and metric determinants cancel in WCW Kähler metric the contributions form maxima are proportional to action exponentials  $\exp(S_k)$  divided by the  $\sum_k \exp(S_k)$ . Loops vanish by quantum criticality.
3. Scattering amplitudes can be defined as sums over the contributions from the maxima, which would have also stationary phase by the double extremal property made possible by the complex value of  $\alpha_K$ . These contributions are normalized by the vacuum amplitude.

It is enough to require NTU for  $X_i = \exp(S_i) / \sum_k \exp(S_k)$ . This requires that  $S_k - S_l$  has form  $q_1 + q_2 i\pi + q_3 \log(n)$ . The condition brings in mind homology theory without boundary operation defined by the difference  $S_k - S_l$ . NTU for both  $S_k$  and  $\exp(S_k)$  would only values of general form  $S_k = q_1 + q_2 i\pi + q_3 \log(n)$  for  $S_k$  and this looks quite too strong a condition.

4. If it is possible to express the 4-D exponentials as single 2-D exponential associated with union of string world sheets, vacuum functional disappears completely from consideration! There is only a sum over discretization with the same effective action and one obtains purely combinatorial expression.

2. *What does one mean with functional integral?*

The definition of functional integral in WCW is one of the key technical problems of quantum TGD [K47]. NTU states that the integral should be defined simultaneously in all number fields in the intersection of real and p-adic worlds defined by string world sheets and partonic 2-surfaces with WCW coordinates in algebraic extension of rationals and allowing by strong holography continuation to 4-D space-time surface. NTU is powerful constraint and could help in this respect.

1. Path integral is not in question. Rather, the functional integral is analogous to Wiener integral and perhaps allows identification as a genuine integral in the real sector. In p-adic sectors algebraic continuation should give the integral and here number theoretical universality gives excellent hopes. The integral would have exactly the same form in real and p-adic sector and expressible solely in terms of algebraic numbers characterizing algebraic extension and finite roots of  $e$  and roots of unity  $U_n = \exp(i2\pi/n)$  in algebraic extension of p-adic numbers.

Since vacuum functional  $\exp(S)$  is exponential of complex action  $S$ , the natural idea is that only rational powers  $e^q$  and roots of unity and phases  $\exp(i2\pi q)$  are involved and there is no dependence on p-adic prime  $p$ ! This is true in the integer part of  $q$  is smaller than  $p$  so that one does not obtain  $e^{kp}$ , which is ordinary p-adic number and would spoil the number theoretic universality. This condition is not possible to satisfy for all values of  $p$  unless the value of Kähler function is smaller than 2. One might consider the possibility that the allowed primes are above some minimum value.

The minimal solution to NTU conditions is that the ratios of action exponentials for maxima of Kähler function to the sum of these exponentials belong to the extension of rationals considered.

2. What does one mean with functional integral? TGD is expected to be an integrable in some sense. In integrable QFTs functional integral reduces to a sum over stationary points of the action: typically only single point contributes - at least in good approximation.

For real  $\alpha_K$  and  $\Lambda$  vacuum functional decomposes to a product of exponents of real contribution from Euclidian regions ( $\sqrt{g_4}$  real) and imaginary contribution Minkowskian regions ( $\sqrt{g_4}$  imaginary). There would be no exchange of momentum between Minkowskian and Euclidian regions. For complex values of  $\alpha_K$  [K11] situation changes and Kähler function as real part of action receives contributions from both Euclidian and Minkowskian regions. The imaginary part of action has interpretation as analog of Morse function and action as it appears in QFTs. Now saddle points must be considered.

PEs satisfy extremely strong conditions [K48, K49]. All classical Noether charges for a sub-algebra associated with super-symplectic algebra and isomorphic to the algebra itself vanish at both ends of CD. The conformal weights of this algebra are  $n > 0$ -ples of those for the entire algebra. What is fascinating that the condition that the preferred extremals are minimal surface extremals of Kähler action could solve these conditions and guarantee also NTU at the level of space-time surfaces. Supersymplectic boundary conditions at the ends of CD would however pose number theoretic conditions on the coupling parameters. In p-adic case the conditions should reduce to purely local conditions since p-adic charges are not well-defined as integrals.

3. In TGD framework one is constructing zero energy states rather calculating the matrix elements of S-matrix in terms of path integral. This gives certain liberties but a natural expectation is that functional integral as a formal tool at least is involved.

Could one *define* the functional integral as a discrete sum of contributions of standard form for the preferred extremals, which correspond to maxima in Euclidian regions and associated stationary phase points in Minkowskian regions? Could one assume that WCW spinor field is concentrated along single maximum/stationary point.

Quantum classical correspondence suggests that in Cartan algebra isometry charges are equal to the quantal charges for quantum states expressible in number theoretically universal manner in terms of fermionic oscillator operators or WCW gamma matrices? Even stronger

condition would be that classical correlation functions are identical with quantal ones for allowed space-time surfaces in the quantum superposition. Could the reduction to a discrete sum be interpreted in terms of a finite measurement resolution?

4. In QFT Gaussian determinants produce problems because they are often poorly defined. In the recent case they could also spoil the NTU based on the exceptional properties of  $e$ . In the recent case however Gaussian determinant and metric determinant for Kähler metric cancel each other and this problem disappears. One could obtain just a sum over products of roots of  $e$  and roots of unity. Thus also Kähler structure seems to be crucial for the dream about NTU.

## 4.5 Breaking of NTU at the level of scattering amplitudes

NTU in strong sense could be broken at the level of scattering amplitudes. At space-time level the breaking does not look natural in the recent framework. Consider only p-adic mass calculations predicting that mass scale depends on p-adic prime. Also for the action strong form of NTU might fail for small p-adic primes since the value of the real part of action would be larger than than  $p$ . Should one allow this? What does one actually mean with NTU in the case of action?

Canonical identification is an important element of p-adic mass calculations and might also be needed to map p-adic variants of scattering amplitudes to their real counterparts. The breaking of NTU would take place, when the canonical real valued image of the p-adic scattering amplitude differs from the real scattering amplitude. The interpretation would be in terms of finite measurement resolution. By the finite measurement/cognitive resolution characterized by  $p$  one cannot detect the difference.

The simplest form of the canonical identification is  $x = \sum_n x_n p^n \rightarrow \sum_n x_n p^{-n}$ . Product  $xy$  and sum  $x + y$  do not in general map to product and sum in canonical identification. The interpretation would be in terms of a finite measurement resolution:  $(xy)_R = x_R y_R$  and  $(x + y)_R = x_R + y_R$  only modulo finite measurement resolution. p-Adic scattering amplitudes are obtained by algebraic continuation from the intersection by replacing algebraic number valued parameters (such as momenta) by general p-adic numbers. The real images of these amplitudes under canonical identification are in general not identical with real scattering amplitudes the interpretation being in terms of a finite measurement resolution.

In p-adic thermodynamics NTU in the strong sense fails since thermal masses depend on p-adic mass scale. NTU can be broken by the fermionic matrix elements in the functional integral so that the real scattering amplitudes differ from the canonical images of the p-adic scattering amplitudes. For instance, the elementary particle vacuum functionals in the space of Teichmueller parameters for the partonic 2-surfaces and string world sheets should break NTU [K8].

## 4.6 NTU and the spectrum of Kähler coupling strength

During years I have made several attempts to understand coupling evolution in TGD framework. The most convincing proposal has emerged rather recently and relates the spectrum of  $1/\alpha_K$  to that for the zeros of Riemann zeta [K11] and to the evolution of the electroweak U(1) couplings strength.

1. The first idea dates back to the discovery of WCW Kähler geometry defined by Kähler function defined by Kähler action (this happened around 1990) [K14]. The only free parameter of the theory is Kähler coupling strength  $\alpha_K$  analogous to temperature parameter  $\alpha_K$  postulated to be is analogous to critical temperature. Whether only single value or entire spectrum of values  $\alpha_K$  is possible, remained an open question.

About decade ago I realized that Kähler action is *complex* receiving a real contribution from space-time regions of Euclidian signature of metric and imaginary contribution from the Minkoswkian regions. Euclidian region would give Kähler function and Minkowskian regions analog of QFT action of path integral approach defining also Morse function. Zero energy ontology (ZEO) [K42] led to the interpretation of quantum TGD as complex square root of thermodynamics so that the vacuum functional as exponent of Kähler action could be identified as a complex square root of the ordinary partition function. Kähler function

would correspond to the real contribution Kähler action from Euclidian space-time regions. This led to ask whether also Kähler coupling strength might be complex: in analogy with the complexification of gauge coupling strength in theories allowing magnetic monopoles. Complex  $\alpha_K$  could allow to explain CP breaking. I proposed that instanton term also reducing to Chern-Simons term could be behind CP breaking.

The problem is that the dynamics in Minkowskian and Euclidian regions decouple completely and if Euclidian regions serve as space-time correlates for physical objects, there would be no exchanges of classical charges between physical objects. Should one conclude that  $\alpha_K$  must be complex?

2. p-Adic mass calculations for 2 decades ago [K15] inspired the idea that length scale evolution is discretized so that the real version of p-adic coupling constant would have discrete set of values labelled by p-adic primes. The simple working hypothesis was that Kähler coupling strength is renormalization group (RG) invariant and only the weak and color coupling strengths depend on the p-adic length scale. The alternative ad hoc hypothesis considered was that gravitational constant is RG invariant. I made several number theoretically motivated ad hoc guesses about coupling constant evolution, in particular a guess for the formula for gravitational coupling in terms of Kähler coupling strength, action for  $CP_2$  type vacuum extremal, p-adic length scale as dimensional quantity [K3]. Needless to say these attempts were premature and a hoc.
3. The vision about hierarchy of Planck constants  $h_{eff} = n \times h$  and the connection  $h_{eff} = h_{gr} = GMm/v_0$ , where  $v_0 < c = 1$  has dimensions of velocity [K43] forced to consider very seriously the hypothesis that Kähler coupling strength has a spectrum of values in one-one correspondence with p-adic length scales. A separate coupling constant evolution associated with  $h_{eff}$  induced by  $\alpha_K \propto 1/h_{eff} \propto 1/n$  looks natural and was motivated by the idea that Nature is theoretician friendly: when the situation becomes non-perturbative, Mother Nature comes in rescue and an  $h_{eff}$  increasing phase transition makes the situation perturbative again.

Quite recently the number theoretic interpretation of coupling constant evolution [K47] [L2] in terms of a hierarchy of algebraic extensions of rational numbers inducing those of p-adic number fields encouraged to think that  $1/\alpha_K$  has spectrum labelled by primes and values of  $h_{eff}$ . Two coupling constant evolutions suggest themselves: they could be assigned to length scales and angles which are in p-adic sectors necessarily discretized and describable using only algebraic extensions involve roots of unity replacing angles with discrete phases.

4. Few years ago the relationship of TGD and GRT was finally understood [K31]. GRT space-time is obtained as an approximation as the sheets of the many-sheeted space-time of TGD are replaced with single region of space-time. The gravitational and gauge potential of sheets add together so that linear superposition corresponds to set theoretic union geometrically. This forced to consider the possibility that gauge coupling evolution takes place only at the level of the QFT approximation and  $\alpha_K$  has only single value. This is nice but if true, one does not have much to say about the evolution of gauge coupling strengths.
5. The analogy of Riemann zeta function with the partition function of complex square root of thermodynamics suggests that the zeros of zeta have interpretation as inverses of complex temperatures  $s = 1/\beta$ . Also  $1/\alpha_K$  is analogous to temperature. This led to a radical idea to be discussed in detail in the sequel.

Could the spectrum of  $1/\alpha_K$  reduce to that for the zeros of Riemann zeta or - more plausibly - to the spectrum of poles of fermionic zeta  $\zeta_F(ks) = \zeta(ks)/\zeta(2ks)$  giving for  $k = 1/2$  poles as zeros of zeta and as point  $s = 2$ ?  $\zeta_F$  is motivated by the fact that fermions are the only fundamental particles in TGD and by the fact that poles of the partition function are naturally associated with quantum criticality whereas the vanishing of  $\zeta$  and varying sign allow no natural physical interpretation.

The poles of  $\zeta_F(s/2)$  define the spectrum of  $1/\alpha_K$  and correspond to zeros of  $\zeta(s)$  and to the pole of  $\zeta(s/2)$  at  $s = 2$ . The trivial poles for  $s = 2n$ ,  $n = 1, 2, ..$  correspond naturally to the values of  $1/\alpha_K$  for different values of  $h_{eff} = n \times h$  with  $n$  even integer. Complex poles would

correspond to ordinary QFT coupling constant evolution. The zeros of zeta in increasing order would correspond to p-adic primes in increasing order and UV limit to smallest value of poles at critical line. One can distinguish the pole  $s = 2$  as extreme UV limit at which QFT approximation fails totally.  $CP_2$  length scale indeed corresponds to GUT scale.

6. One can test this hypothesis.  $1/\alpha_K$  corresponds to the electroweak U(1) coupling strength so that the identification  $1/\alpha_K = 1/\alpha_{U(1)}$  makes sense. One also knows a lot about the evolutions of  $1/\alpha_{U(1)}$  and of electromagnetic coupling strength  $1/\alpha_{em} = 1/[\cos^2(\theta_W)\alpha_{U(1)}]$ . What does this predict?

It turns out that at p-adic length scale  $k = 131$  ( $p \simeq 2^k$  by p-adic length scale hypothesis, which now can be understood number theoretically [K47]) fine structure constant is predicted with .7 per cent accuracy if Weinberg angle is assumed to have its value at atomic scale! It is difficult to believe that this could be a mere accident because also the prediction evolution of  $\alpha_{U(1)}$  is correct qualitatively. Note however that for  $k = 127$  labelling electron one can reproduce fine structure constant with Weinberg angle deviating about 10 per cent from the measured value of Weinberg angle. Both models will be considered.

7. What about the evolution of weak, color and gravitational coupling strengths? Quantum criticality suggests that the evolution of these couplings strengths is universal and independent of the details of the dynamics. Since one must be able to compare various evolutions and combine them together, the only possibility seems to be that the spectra of gauge coupling strengths are given by the poles of  $\zeta_F(w)$  but with argument  $w = w(s)$  obtained by a global conformal transformation of upper half plane - that is Möbius transformation (see <http://tinyurl.com/gwjs85b>) with real coefficients (element of  $GL(2, R)$ ) so that one as  $\zeta_F((as + b)/(cs + d))$ . Rather general arguments force it to be an element of  $GL(2, Q)$ ,  $GL(2, Z)$  or maybe even  $SL(2, Z)$  ( $ad - bc = 1$ ) satisfying additional constraints. Since TGD predicts several scaled variants of weak and color interactions, these copies could be perhaps parameterized by some elements of  $SL(2, Z)$  and by a scaling factor  $K$ .

Could one understand the general qualitative features of color and weak coupling constant evolutions from the properties of corresponding Möbius transformation? At the critical line there can be no poles or zeros but could asymptotic freedom be assigned with a pole of  $cs + d$  and color confinement with the zero of  $as + b$  at real axes? Pole makes sense only if Kähler action for the preferred extremal vanishes. Vanishing can occur and does so for massless extremals characterizing conformally invariant phase. For zero of  $as + b$  vacuum function would be equal to one unless Kähler action is allowed to be infinite: does this make sense?. One can however hope that the values of parameters allow to distinguish between weak and color interactions. It is certainly possible to get an idea about the values of the parameters of the transformation and one ends up with a general model predicting the entire electroweak coupling constant evolution successfully.

To sum up, the big idea is the identification of the spectra of coupling constant strengths as poles of  $\zeta_F((as + b)/(cs + d))$  identified as a complex square root of partition function with motivation coming from ZEO, quantum criticality, and super-conformal symmetry; the discretization of the RG flow made possible by the p-adic length scale hypothesis  $p \simeq k^k$ ,  $k$  prime; and the assignment of complex zeros of  $\zeta$  with p-adic primes in increasing order. These assumptions reduce the coupling constant evolution to four real rational or integer valued parameters  $(a, b, c, d)$ . In the sequel this vision is discussed in more detail.

## 4.7 Generalization of Riemann zeta to Dedekind zeta and adelic physics

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A further insight to adelic physics comes from the possible physical interpretation of the L-functions appearing also in Langlands program [K52]. The most important L-function would be generalization of Riemann zeta to extension of rationals. I have proposed several roles for  $\zeta$ , which would be the simplest L-function assignable to rational primes, and for its zeros.

1. Riemann zeta itself could be identifiable as an analog of partition function for a system with energies given by logarithms of prime. One can define also the fermionic counterpart of  $\zeta$  as  $\zeta_F$ . In ZEO this function could be regarded as complex square root of thermodynamical partition function in accordance with the interpretation of quantum theory as complex square root of thermodynamics.
2. The zeros of zeta could define the conformal weights for the generators of super-symplectic algebra so that the number of generators would be infinite. The rough idea - certainly not correct as such except at the limit of infinitely large CD - is that the scaling operator  $L_0 = r_M d/dr_M$ , where  $r_M$  is light-like coordinate of light-cone boundary (containing upper or lower boundary of the causal diamond (CD)), has as eigenfunctions the functions  $(r_M/r_0)^{s_n}$   $s_n = 1/2 + iy_n$ , where  $s_n$  is the radial conformal weight identified as complex zero of  $\zeta$ . Periodic boundary conditions for CD do not allow all possible zeros as conformal weights so that for given CD only finite subset corresponds to generators of the supersymplectic algebra. Conformal confinement would hold true in the sense that the sum  $\sum_n s_n$  for physical states would be integer. Roots and their conjugates should appear as pairs in physical states.
3. On basis of numerical evidence Dyson [A3] (<http://tinyurl.com/hjbfsv>) has conjectured that the Fourier transform for the set formed by zeros of zeta consists of primes so that one could regard zeros as one-dimensional quasi-crystal. This hypothesis makes sense if the zeros of zeta decompose into disjoint sets such that each set corresponds to its own prime (and its powers) and one has  $p^{iy} = U_{m/n} = \exp(i2\pi m/n)$  (see the appendix of [L2]). This hypothesis is also motivated by number theoretical universality [K47, K53].
4. I have considered the possibility [K11] that the discrete values for the inverse of the electro-weak  $U(1)$  coupling constant for a gauge field assignable to the Kähler form of  $CP_2$  assignable to p-adic coupling constant evolution corresponds to poles of the fermionic zeta  $\zeta_F(s) = \zeta(s)/\zeta(2s)$  coming from  $s_n/2$  (denominator) and pole at  $s = 1$  (numerator) zeros of zeta assignable to rational primes. Note that also odd negative integers at real axis would be poles.

It is also possible to consider scaling of the argument of  $\zeta_F(s)$ . More general coupling constant evolutions could correspond to  $\zeta_F(m(s))$ , where  $m(s) = (as + b)/(cs + d)$  is Möbius transformation performed for the argument mapping upper complex plane to itself so that  $a, b, c, d$  are real and also rational by number theoretical universality.

Suppose for a moment that more precise formulations of these physics inspired conjectures make sense and even that their generalization for extensions  $K/Q$  of rationals holds true. This would solve a big part of adelic physics! Not surprisingly, the generalization of zeta function was proposed already by Dedekind (see <http://tinyurl.com/yarwbo6h>).

1. The definition of Dedekind zeta function  $\zeta_K$  relies on the product representation and analytic continuation allows to deduce  $\zeta_K$  elsewhere. One has a product over prime ideals of  $K/Q$  of rationals with the factors  $1/(1 - p^{-s})$  associated with the ordinary primes in Riemann zeta replaced with the factors  $X(P) = 1/(1 - N_{K/Q}(P)^{-s})$ , where  $P$  is prime for the integers  $O(K)$  of extension and  $N_{K/Q}(P)$  is the norm of  $P$  in the extension. In the region  $s > 1$  where the product converges,  $\zeta_K$  is non-vanishing and  $s = 1$  is a pole of  $\zeta_K$ . The functional identities of  $\zeta$  hold true for  $\zeta_K$  as well. Riemann hypothesis is generalized for  $\zeta_K$ .
2. It is possible to understand  $\zeta_K$  in terms of a physical picture. By the results of <http://tinyurl.com/yckfjgpk> one has  $N_{K/Q}(P) = p^r$ ,  $r > 0$  integer. This implies that one can arrange in  $\zeta_K$  all primes  $P$  for which the norm is power or given  $p$  in the same group. The prime ideals  $p$  of ordinary integers decompose to products of prime ideals  $P$  of the extension: one has  $p = \prod_{r=1}^g P_r^{e_r}$ , where  $e_r$  is so called ramification index. One can say that each factor of  $\zeta$  decomposes to a product of factors associated with corresponding primes  $P$  with norm power of  $p$ . In the language of physics, the particle state represented by  $p$  decomposes in improved resolution to a product of many-particle states consisting of  $e_r$  particles in state  $P_r$ , very much like hadron decomposes to quarks.

The norms of  $N_{K/Q}(P_r) = p^{d_r}$  satisfy the condition  $\sum_{r=1}^g d_r e_r = n$ . Mathematician would say that the prime ideals of  $Q$  modulo  $p$  decompose in  $n$ -dimensional extension  $K$  to products

of prime power ideals  $P_r^{e_r}$  and that  $P_r$  corresponds to a finite field  $G(p, d_r)$  with algebraic dimension  $d_r$ . The formula  $\sum_{r=1}^g d_r e_r = n$  reflects the fact the dimension  $n$  of extension is same independent of  $p$  even when one has  $g < n$  and ramification occurs.

Physicist would say that the number of degrees of freedom is  $n$  and is preserved although one has only  $g < n$  different particle types with  $e_r$  particles having  $d_r$  internal degrees of freedom. The factor replacing  $1/(1 - p^{-s})$  for the general prime  $p$  is given by  $\prod_{r=1}^g 1/(1 - p^{-e_r d_r s})$ .

- There are only finite number of ramified primes  $p$  having  $e_r > 1$  for some  $r$  and they correspond to primes dividing the so called discriminant  $D$  of the irreducible polynomial  $P$  defining the extension.  $D \bmod p$  obviously vanishes if  $D$  is divisible by  $p$ . For second order polynomials  $P = x^2 + bx + c$  equals to the familiar  $D = b^2 - 4c$  and in this case the two roots indeed co-incide. For quadratic extensions with  $D = b^2 - 4c > 0$  the ramified primes divide  $D$ .

**Remark:** Resultant  $R(P, Q)$  and discriminant  $D(P) = R(P, dP/dx)$  are elegant tools used by number theorists to study extensions of rationals defined by irreducible polynomials (see <http://tinyurl.com/oyumsnk> and <http://tinyurl.com/p67rdgb>). From Wikipedia articles one finds an elegant proof for the facts that  $R(P, Q)$  is proportional to the product of differences of the roots of  $P$  and  $Q$ , and  $D$  to the product of squares for the differences of distinct roots.  $R(P, Q) = 0$  tells that two polynomials have a common root.  $D \bmod p = 0$  tells that polynomial and its derivative have a common root so that there is a degenerate root modulo  $p$  and the prime is indeed ramified. For modulo  $p$  reduction of  $P$  the vanishing of  $D(P) \bmod p$  follows if  $D$  is divisible by  $p$ . There exists clearly only a finite number of primes of this kind.

Most primes are unramified and one has maximum number  $n$  of factors in the decomposition and  $e_r = 1$ : maximum splitting of  $p$  occurs. The factor  $1/(1 - p^{-s})$  is replaced with its  $n$ :th power  $1/(1 - p^{-s})^n$ . The geometric interpretation is that space-time sheet is replaced with  $n$ -fold covering and each sheet gives one factor in the power. It is also possible to have a situation in which no splitting occurs and one as  $e_r = 1$  for one prime  $P_r = p$ . The factor is in this case equal to  $1/(1 - p^{-ns})$ .

From Wikipedia (see <http://tinyurl.com/yckfjgpk>) one learns that for Galois extensions  $L/K$  the ratio  $\zeta_L/\zeta_K$  is so called Artin L-function of the regular representation (group algebra) of Galois group factorizing in terms of irreps of  $Gal(L/K)$  is *holomorphic* (no poles!) so that  $\zeta_L$  must have also the zeros of  $\zeta_K$ . This holds in the special case  $K = Q$ . Therefore extension of rationals can only bring new zeros but no new poles!

- This result is quite far reaching if one accepts the hypothesis about super-symplectic conformal weights as zeros of  $\zeta_K$  and the conjecture about coupling constant evolution. In the case of  $\zeta_{F,K}$  this means new poles meaning new conformal weights due to increased complexity and a modification of the conjecture for the coupling constant evolution due to new primes in extension. The outcome looks physically sensible.
- Quadratic field  $Q(\sqrt{m})$  serves as example. Quite generally, the factorization of rational primes to the primes of extension corresponds to the factorization of the minimal polynomial for the generating element  $\theta$  for the integers of extension and one has  $p = P_i^{e_i}$ , where  $e_i$  is ramification index. The norm of  $p$  factorizes to the produce of norms of  $P_i^{e_i}$ .

Rational prime can either remain prime in which case  $x^2 - m$  does not factorize mod  $p$ , split when  $x^2 - m$  factorizes mod  $P$ , or ramify when it divides the discriminant of  $x^2 - m = 4m$ . From this it is clear that for unramified primes the factors in  $\zeta$  are replaced by either  $1/(1 - p^{-s})^2$  or  $1/(1 - p^{-2s}) = 1/(1 - p^{-s})(1 + p^{-s})$ . For a finite number of unramified primes one can have something different.

For Gaussian primes with  $m = -1$  one has  $e_r = 1$  for  $p \bmod 4 = 3$  and  $e_r = 2$  for  $p = \bmod 4 = 1$ .  $z_K$  therefore decomposes into two factors corresponding to primes  $p \bmod 4 = 3$  and  $p \bmod 4 = 1$ . One can extract out Riemann zeta and the remaining factor

$$\prod_{p \bmod 4=3} \frac{1}{(1 - p^{-s})} \times \prod_{p \bmod 4=1} \frac{1}{(1 + p^{-s})}$$



should be holomorphic and without poles but having possibly additional zeros at critical line. That  $\zeta_K$  should possess also the poles of  $\zeta$  as poles looks therefore highly non-trivial.

## 4.9 Other applications of NTU

NTU in the strongest form says that all numbers involved at “basic level” (whatever this means!) of adelic TGD are products of roots of unity and of power of a root of  $e$ . This is extremely powerful physics inspired conjecture with a wide range of possible mathematical applications.

1. For instance, vacuum functional defined as an exponent of action for preferred externals would be number of this kind. One could define functional integral as adelic operation in all number fields: essentially as sum of exponents of action for stationary preferred extremals since Gaussian and metric determinants potentially spoiling NTU would cancel each other leaving only the exponent.
2. The implications of NTU for the zeros of Riemann zeta [L2] will be discussed in more detail in the Appendix. Suffice it to say that the observations about Fourier transform for the distribution of loci of non-trivial zeros of zeta together with NTU leads to explicit proposal for the algebraic form of zeros of zeta. The testable proposal is that zeros decompose to disjoint classes  $C(p)$  labelled by primes  $p$  and the condition that  $p^{iy}$  is root of unity in given class  $C(p)$ .
3. NTU generalises to all Lie groups. Exponents  $\exp(in_i J_i/n)$  of lie-algebra generators define generalisations of number theoretically universal group elements and generate a discrete subgroup of compact Lie group. Also hyperbolic “phases” based on the roots  $e^{m/n}$  are possible and make possible discretized NTU versions of all Lie-groups expected to play a key role in adelization of TGD.

NTU generalises also to quaternions and octonions and allows to define them as number theoretically universal entities. Note that ordinary p-adic variants of quaternions and octonions do not give rise to a number field: inverse of quaternion can have vanishing p-adic variant of norm squared satisfying  $\sum_n x_n^2 = 0$ .

NTU allows to define also the notion of Hilbert space as an adelic notion. The exponents of angles characterising unit vector of Hilbert space would correspond to roots of unity.

## 4.10 Going to the roots of p-adicity

The basic questions raised by the p-adic mass calculations concern the origin of preferred p-adic primes and of p-adic length scale hypothesis. One can also ask whether there might be a natural origin for p-adicity at the level of WCW.

### 4.10.1 Preferred primes as ramified primes for extensions of rationals?

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The intuitive feeling is that the notion of preferred prime is something extremely deep and to me the deepest thing I know is number theory. Does one end up with preferred primes in number theory? This question brought to my mind the notion of *ramification of primes* (<http://tinyurl.com/hddljl1f>) (more precisely, of prime ideals of number field in its extension), which happens only for special primes in a given extension of number field, say rationals. Ramification is completely analogous to the degeneracy of some roots of polynomial and corresponds to criticality if the polynomial corresponds to criticality (catastrophe theory of Thom is one application). Could this be the mechanism assigning preferred prime(s) to a given elementary system, such as elementary particle? I have not considered their role earlier also their hierarchy is highly relevant in the number theoretical vision about TGD.

1. Stating it very roughly (I hope that mathematicians tolerate this sloppy language of physicist): as one goes from number field  $K$ , say rationals  $Q$ , to its algebraic extension  $L$ , the original prime ideals in the so called *integral closure* (<http://tinyurl.com/js6fpvr>) over

integers of  $K$  decompose to products of prime ideals of  $L$  (prime ideal is a more rigorous manner to express primeness). Note that the general ideal is analog of integer.

Integral closure for integers of number field  $K$  is defined as the set of elements of  $K$ , which are roots of some monic polynomial with coefficients, which are integers of  $K$  having the form  $x^n + a_{n-1}x^{n-1} + \dots + a_0$ . The integral closures of both  $K$  and  $L$  are considered. For instance, integral closure of algebraic extension of  $K$  over  $K$  is the extension itself. The integral closure of complex numbers over ordinary integers is the set of algebraic numbers.

Prime ideals of  $K$  can be decomposed to products of prime ideals of  $L$ :  $P = \prod P_i^{e_i}$ , where  $e_i$  is the ramification index. If  $e_i > 1$  is true for some  $i$ , *ramification* occurs.  $P_i$ :s in question are like co-inciding roots of polynomial, which for in thermodynamics and Thom's catastrophe theory corresponds to criticality. Ramification could therefore be a natural aspect of quantum criticality and ramified primes  $P$  are good candidates for preferred primes for a given extension of rationals. Note that the ramification make sense also for extensions of given extension of rationals.

2. A physical analogy for the decomposition of ideals to ideals of extension is provided by decomposition of hadrons to valence quarks. Elementary particles becomes composite of more elementary particles in the extension. The decomposition to these more elementary primes is of form  $P = \prod P_i^{e(i)}$ , the physical analog would be the number of elementary particles of type  $i$  in the state (<http://tinyurl.com/h9528p1>). Unramified prime  $P$  would be analogous a state with  $e$  fermions. Maximally ramified prime would be analogous to Bose-Einstein condensate of  $e$  bosons. General ramified prime would be analogous to an  $e$ -particle state containing both fermions and condensed bosons. This is of course just a formal analogy.
3. There are two further basic notions related to ramification and characterizing it. *Relative discriminant* is the ideal divided by all ramified ideals in  $K$  (integer of  $K$  having no ramified prime factors) and relative different for  $P$  is the ideal of  $L$  divided by all ramified  $P_i$ :s (product of prime factors of  $P$  in  $L$ ). These ideals represent the analogs of product of preferred primes  $P$  of  $K$  and primes  $P_i$  of  $L$  dividing them. These two integers ideals would characterize the ramification.

In TGD framework the extensions of rationals (<http://tinyurl.com/h9528p1>) and p-adic number fields (<http://tinyurl.com/zq22tvb>) are unavoidable and interpreted as an evolutionary hierarchy physically and cosmological evolution would gradually proceed to more and more complex extensions. One can say that string world sheets and partonic 2-surfaces with parameters of defining functions in increasingly complex extensions of prime emerge during evolution. Therefore ramifications and the preferred primes defined by them are unavoidable. For p-adic number fields the number of extensions is much smaller for instance for  $p > 2$  there are only 3 quadratic extensions.

How could ramification relate to p-adic and adelic physics and could it explain preferred primes?

1. Ramified p-adic prime  $P = P_i^e$  would be replaced with its  $e$ :th root  $P_i$  in p-adicization. Same would apply to general ramified primes. Each un-ramified prime of  $K$  is replaced with  $e = K : L$  primes of  $L$  and ramified primes  $P$  with  $\#\{P_i\} < e$  primes of  $L$ : the increase of algebraic dimension is smaller. An interesting question relates to p-adic length scale. What happens to p-adic length scales. Is p-adic prime effectively replaced with  $e$ :th root of p-adic prime:  $L_p \propto p^{1/2}L_1 \rightarrow p^{1/2e}L_1$ ? The only physical option is that the p-adic temperature for  $P$  would be scaled down  $T_p = 1/n \rightarrow 1/ne$  for its  $e$ :th root (for fermions serving as fundamental particles in TGD one actually has  $T_p = 1$ ). Could the lower temperature state be more stable and select the preferred primes as maximally ramified ones? What about general ramified primes?
2. This need not be the whole story. Some algebraic extensions would be more favored than others and p-adic view about realizable imaginations could be involved. p-Adic pseudo constants are expected to allow p-adic continuations of string world sheets and partonic 2-surfaces to 4-D preferred extremals with number theoretic discretization. For real continuations the situation is more difficult. For preferred extensions - and therefore for corresponding ramified

primes - the number of real continuations - realizable imaginations - would be especially large.

The challenge would be to understand why primes near powers of 2 and possibly also of other small primes would be favored. Why for them the number of realizable imaginations would be especially large so that they would be winners in number theoretical fight for survival?

Can one make this picture more concrete? What kind of algebraic extensions could be considered?

1. In p-adic context a proper definition of counterparts of angle variables as phases allowing definition of the analogs of trigonometric functions requires the introduction of algebraic extension giving rise to some roots of unity. Their number depends on the angular resolution. These roots allow to define the counterparts of ordinary trigonometric functions - the naive generalization based on Taylors series is not periodic - and also allows to defined the counterpart of definite integral in these degrees of freedom as discrete Fourier analysis. For the simplest algebraic extensions defined by  $x^n - 1$  for which Galois group is abelian are unramified so that something else is needed. One has decomposition  $P = \prod P_i^{e(i)}$ ,  $e(i) = 1$ , analogous to  $n$ -fermion state so that simplest cyclic extension does not give rise to a ramification and there are no preferred primes.
2. What kind of polynomials could define preferred algebraic extensions of rationals? Irreducible polynomials are certainly an attractive candidate since any polynomial reduces to a product of them. One can say that they define the elementary particles of number theory. Irreducible polynomials have integer coefficients having the property that they do not decompose to products of polynomials with rational coefficients. It would be wrong to say that only these algebraic extensions can appear but there is a temptation to say that one can reduce the study of extensions to their study. One can even consider the possibility that string world sheets associated with products of irreducible polynomials are unstable against decay to those characterize irreducible polynomials.
3. What can one say about irreducible polynomials? Eisenstein criterion (<http://tinyurl.com/47kxjz> states following. If  $Q(x) = \sum_{k=0, \dots, n} a_k x^k$  is  $n$ :th order polynomial with integer coefficients and with the property that there exists at least one prime dividing all coefficients  $a_i$  except  $a_n$  and that  $p^2$  does not divide  $a_0$ , then  $Q$  is irreducible. Thus one can assign one or more preferred primes to the algebraic extension defined by an irreducible polynomial  $Q$  of this kind - in fact any polynomial allowing ramification. There are also other kinds of irreducible polynomials since Eisenstein's condition is only sufficient but not necessary.

Furthermore, in the algebraic extension defined by  $Q$ , the prime ideals  $P$  having the above mentioned characteristic property decompose to an  $n$ :th power of single prime ideal  $P_i$ :  $P = P_i^n$ . The primes are maximally/completely ramified.

A good illustration is provided by equations  $x^2 + 1 = 0$  allowing roots  $x_{\pm} = \pm i$  and equation  $x^2 + 2px + p = 0$  allowing roots  $x_{\pm} = -p \pm \sqrt{p} - 1$ . In the first case the ideals associated with  $\pm i$  are different. In the second case these ideals are one and the same since  $x_+ = -x_- + p$ : hence one indeed has ramification. Note that the first example represents also an example of irreducible polynomial, which does not satisfy Eisenstein criterion. In more general case the  $n$  conditions on defined by symmetric functions of roots imply that the ideals are one and same when Eisenstein conditions are satisfied.

4. What is so nice that one could readily construct polynomials giving rise to given preferred primes. The complex roots of these polynomials could correspond to the points of partonic 2-surfaces carrying fermions and defining the ends of boundaries of string world sheet. It must be however emphasized that the form of the polynomial depends on the choices of the complex coordinate. For instance, the shift  $x \rightarrow x + 1$  transforms  $(x^n - 1)/(x - 1)$  to a polynomial satisfying the Eisenstein criterion. One should be able to fix allowed coordinate changes in such a manner that the extension remains irreducible for all allowed coordinate changes.

Already the integral shift of the complex coordinate affects the situation. It would seem that only the action of the allowed coordinate changes must reduce to the action of Galois group permuting the roots of polynomials. A natural assumption is that the complex coordinate corresponds to a complex coordinate transforming linearly under subgroup of isometries of the imbedding space.

In the general situation one has  $P = \prod P_i^{e(i)}$ ,  $e(i) \geq 1$  so that also now there are preferred primes so that the appearance of preferred primes is completely general phenomenon.

### 4.10.3 The origin of p-adic length scale hypothesis?

p-Adic length scale hypothesis emerged from p-adic length scale hypothesis. A possible generalization of this hypothesis is that p-adic primes near powers of prime are physically favored. There indeed exists evidence for the realization of 3-adic time scale hierarchies in living matter [I2] (<http://tinyurl.com/jbh9m27>) and in music both 2-adicity and 3-adicity could be present: this is discussed in TGD inspired theory of music harmony and genetic code [K24]. See also [L8, L5].

One explanation would be that for preferred primes the number of p-adic space-time sheets representable also as real space-time sheets is maximal. Imagined worlds would be maximally realizable. Preferred p-adic primes would correspond to ramified primes for extensions with the property that the number of realizable imaginations is especially large for them. Why primes satisfying p-adic length scale hypothesis or its generalization would appear as ramified primes for extensions, which are winners in number theoretical evolution?

Also the weak form of NMP (WNMP) applying also to the purely number theoretic form of NMP [K16] might come in rescue here.

1. Entanglement negentropy for a NE [K16] characterized by  $n$ -dimensional projection operator is the  $\log(N_p(n))$  for some  $p$  whose power divides  $n$ . The maximum negentropy is obtained if the power of  $p$  is the largest power of prime divisor of  $n$ , and this can be taken as definition of number theoretical entanglement negentropy (NEN). If the largest divisor is  $p^k$ , one has  $N = k \times \log(p)$ . The entanglement negentropy per entangled state is  $N/n = k \log(p)/n$  and is maximal for  $n = p^k$ . Hence powers of prime are favoured, which means that p-adic length scale hierarchies with scales coming as powers of  $p$  are negentropically favored and should be generated by NMP. Note that  $n = p^k$  would define a hierarchy of  $h_{eff}/h = p^k$ . During the first years of  $h_{eff}$  hypothesis I believe that the preferred values obey  $h_{eff} = r^k$ ,  $r$  integer not far from  $r = 2^{11}$ . It seems that this belief was not totally wrong.
2. If one accepts this argument, the remaining challenge is to explain why primes near powers of two (or more generally  $p$ ) are favoured.  $n = 2^k$  gives large entanglement negentropy for the final state. Why primes  $p = n_2 = 2^k - r$  would be favored? The reason could be following.  $n = 2^k$  corresponds to  $p = 2$ , which corresponds to the lowest level in p-adic evolution since it is the simplest p-adic topology and farthest from the real topology and therefore gives the poorest cognitive representation of real PE as p-adic PE (Note that  $p = 1$  makes formally sense but for it the topology is discrete).
3. WNMP [K16, K32] suggests a more feasible explanation. The density matrix of the state to be reduced is a direct sum over contributions proportional to projection operators. Suppose that the projection operator with largest dimension has dimension  $n$ . Strong form of NMP would say that final state is characterized by  $n$ -dimensional projection operator. WNMP allows "free will" so that all dimensions  $n - k$ ,  $k = 0, 1, \dots, n - 1$  for final state projection operator are possible. 1-dimensional case corresponds to vanishing entanglement negentropy and ordinary state function reduction isolating the measured system from external world.
4. The negentropy of the final state per state depends on the value of  $k$ . It is maximal if  $n - k$  is power of prime. For  $n = 2^k = M_k + 1$ , where  $M_k$  is Mersenne prime  $n - 1$  gives the maximum negentropy and also maximal p-adic prime available so that this reduction is favoured by NMP. Mersenne primes would be indeed special. Also the primes  $n = 2^k - r$  near  $2^k$  produce large entanglement negentropy and would be favored by NMP.
5. This argument suggests a generalization of p-adic length scale hypothesis so that  $p = 2$  can be replaced by any prime.

## 5 p-Adic physics and consciousness

p-Adic physics as physics of cognition and imagination is an important thread in TGD inspired theory of consciousness. In the sequel I describe briefly the basic of TGD inspired theory of consciousness as generalization of quantum measurement theory to ZEO (ZEO), describe the definition of self, consider the question whether NMP is needed as a separate principle or whether it is implied in statistical sense by the unavoidable statistical increase of  $n = h_{eff}/h$  if identified as a factor of the dimension of Galois group extension of rationals defining the adeles, and finally summarize the vision about how p-adic physics serves as a correlate of cognition and imagination.

### 5.1 From quantum measurement theory to a theory of consciousness

The notion of self can be seen as a generalization of the poorly defined definition of the notion of observer in quantum physics. In the following I take the role of skeptic trying to be as critical as possible.

The original definition of self was as a subsystem able to remain unentangled under state function reductions associated with subsequent quantum jumps. The density matrix was assumed to define the universal observable. Note that a density matrix, which is power series of a product of matrices representing commuting observables has in the generic case eigenstates, which are simultaneous eigenstates of all observables. Second aspect of self was assumed to be the integration of subsequent quantum jumps to coherent whole giving rise to the experienced flow of time.

The precise identification of self allowing to understand both of these aspects turned out to be difficult problem. I became aware the solution of the problem in terms of ZEO (ZEO) only rather recently (2014).

1. Self corresponds to a sequence of quantum jumps integrating to single unit as in the original proposal, but these quantum jumps correspond to state function reductions to a fixed boundary of causal diamond CD leaving the corresponding parts of zero energy states invariant - “small” state function reductions. The parts of zero energy states at second boundary of CD change and even the position of the tip of the opposite boundary changes: one actually has wave function over positions of second boundary (CD sizes roughly) and this wave function changes. In positive energy ontology these repeated state function reductions would have no effect on the state (Zeno effect) but in TGD framework there occurs a change for the second boundary and gives rise to the experienced flow of time and its arrow and self: self is generalized Zeno effect.
2. The first quantum jump to the opposite boundary corresponds to the act of “free will” or birth of re-incarnated self. Hence the act of “free will” changes the arrow of psychological time at some level of hierarchy of CDs. The first reduction to the opposite boundary of CD means “death” of self and “re-incarnation” of time-reversed self at opposite boundary at which the the temporal distance between the tips of CD increases in opposite direction. The sequence of selves and time reversed selves is analogous to a cosmic expansion for CD. The repeated birth and death of mental images could correspond to this sequence at the level of sub-selves.
3. This allows to understand the relationship between subjective and geometric time and how the arrow of and flow of clock time (psychological time) emerge. The average distance between the tips of CD increases on the average as along as state function functions occur repeatedly at the fixed boundary: situation is analogous to that in diffusion. The localization of contents of conscious experience to boundary of CD gives rise to the illusion that universe is 3-dimensional. The possibility of memories made possibly by hierarchy of CDs demonstrates that this is not the case. Self is simply the sequence of state function reductions at same boundary of CD remaining fixed and the lifetime of self is the total growth of the average temporal distance between the tips of CD.

One can identify several rather abstract state function reductions selecting a sector of WCW.

1. There are quantum measurements inducing localization in the moduli space of CDs with passive boundary and states at it fixed. In particular, a localization in the moduli characterizing

the Lorentz transform of the upper tip of CD would be measured. The measured moduli characterize also the analog of symplectic form in  $M^4$  strongly suggested by twistor lift of TGD - that is the rest system (time axis) and spin quantization axes. Of course, also other kinds of reductions are possible.

2. Also a localization to an extension of rationals defining the adeles should occur. Could the value of  $n = h_{eff}/h$  be observable? The value of  $n$  for given space-time surface at the active boundary of CD could be identified as the order of the smallest Galois group containing all Galois groups assignable to 3-surfaces at the boundary. The superposition of space-time surface would not be eigenstate of  $n$  at active boundary unless localization occurs. It is not obvious whether this is consistent with a fixed value of  $n$  at passive boundary.

The measured value of  $n$  could be larger or smaller than the value of  $n$  at the passive boundary of CD but in statistical sense  $n$  would increase by the analogy with diffusion on half line defined by non-negative integers. The distance from the origin unavoidably increases in statistical sense. This would imply evolution as increase of maximal value of negentropy and generation of quantum coherence in increasingly longer scales.

3. A further abstract choice corresponds to the replacement of the roles of active and passive boundary of CD changing the arrow of clock time and correspond to a death of self and reincarnation as time-reversed self.

Can one assume that these measurements reduce to measurements of a density matrix of either entangled system as assumed in the earlier formulation of NMP, or should one allow both options. This question actually applies to all quantum measurements and leads to a fundamental philosophical questions unavoidable in all consciousness theories.

1. Do all measurements involve entanglement between the moduli or extensions of two CDs reduced in the measurement of the density matrix? Non-diagonal entanglement would allow final states, which are not eigenstates of moduli or of  $n$ : this looks strange. This could also lead to an infinite regress since it seems that one must assume endless hierarchy of entangled CDs so that the reduction sequence would proceed from top to bottom. It looks natural to regard single CD as a sub-Universe.

For instance, if a selection of quantization axis of color hypercharge and isospin (localization in the twistor space of  $CP_2$ ) is involved, one would have an outcome corresponding to a quantum superposition of measurements with different color quantization axis!

Going philosophical, one can also argue, that the measurement of density matrix is only a reaction to environment and does not allow intentional free will.

2. Can one assume that a mere localization in the moduli space or for the extension of rationals (producing an eigenstate of  $n$ ) takes place for a fixed CD - a kind of self measurement possible for even unentangled system? If there is entanglement in these degrees of freedom between two systems (say CDs), it would be reduced in these self measurements but the outcome would not be an eigenstate of density matrix. An interpretation as a realization of intention would be appropriate.
3. If one allows both options, the interpretation would be that state function reduction as a measurement of density matrix is only a reaction to environment and self-measurement represents a realization of intention.
4. Self measurements would occur at higher level say as a selection of quantization axis, localization in the moduli space of CD, or selection of extension of rationals. A possible general rule is that measurements at space-time level are reactions as measurements of density matrix whereas a selection of a sector of WCW would be an intentional action. This because formally the quantum states at the level of WCW are as modes of classical WCW spinor field single particle states.
5. If the selections of sectors of WCW at active boundary of CD commute with observables, whose eigenstates appear at passive boundary (briefly *passive observables*) meaning that time

reversal commutes with them - they can occur repeatedly during the reduction sequence and self as a generalized Zeno effect makes sense.

If the selections of WCW sectors at active boundary do not commute with passive observables then volition as a choice of sector of WCW must change the arrow of time. Libet's findings show that conscious choice induces neural activity for a fraction of second before the conscious choice. This would imply the correspondences "*big*" measurement changing the arrow of time - self-measurement at the level of WCW - intentional action and "*small*" measurement - measurement at space-time level - reaction.

Self as a generalized Zeno effect makes sense only if there are active commuting with passive observables. If the passive observables form a maximal set, the new active observables commuting with them must emerge. The increase of the size of extension of rationals might generate them by expanding the state space so that self would survive only as long as it evolves.

Otherwise there would be only single unitary time evolution followed by a reduction to opposite boundary. This makes sense only if the sequence of "big" reductions for sub-selves can give rise to the time flow experienced by self: the birth and death of mental images would give rise to flow of time of self.

A hierarchical process starting from given CD and proceeding downwards to shorter scales and stopping when the entanglement is stable is highly suggestive and favors self measurements. What stability could mean will be discussed in the next section. CDs would be a correlate for self hierarchy. One can say also something about the anatomy and correlates of self hierarchy.

1. Self experiences its sub-selves as mental images and even we would represent mental images of some higher level collective self. Everything is conscious but consciousness can be lost or at least it is not possible to have memory about it. The flow of consciousness for a given self could be due to the quantum jump sequences performed by its sub-selves giving rise to mental images.
2. By quantum classical correspondence self has also space-time correlates. One can visualize sub-self as a space-time sheet "glued" by topological sum to the space-time sheet of self. Subsystem is not described as a tensor factor as in the standard description of subsystems. Also sub-selves of selves can entangle negentropically and this gives rise to a sharing of mental images about which stereo vision would be basic example. Quite generally, one could speak of stereo consciousness. Also the experiences of sensed presence [J2] could be understood as a sharing of mental images between brain hemispheres, which are not themselves entangled. This is possible also between different brains. In the normal situation brain hemispheres are entangled.
3. At the level of 8-dimensional imbedding space the natural correlate of self would be CD (causal diamond). At the level of space-time the correlate would be space-time sheet or light-like 3-surface. The contents of consciousness of self would be determined by the space-time sheets in the interior of CD. Without further restrictions the experience of self would be essentially four-dimensional. Memories would be like sensory experiences except that they would be about the geometric past and for some reason are not usually colored by sensory qualia. For instance .1 second time scale defining sensory chronon corresponds to the secondary p-adic time scale characterizing the size of electron's CD (Mersenne prime  $M_{127}$ ), which suggests that Cooper pairs of electrons are essential for the sensory qualia.

## 5.2 NMP and self

The view about Negentropy Maximization Principle (NMP) [K16] has co-evolved with the notion of self and I have considered many variants of NMP.

1. The original formulation of NMP was in positive energy ontology and made same predictions as standard quantum measurement theory. The new element was that the density matrix of sub-system defines the fundamental observable and the system goes to its eigenstate in

state function reduction. As found, the localizations at to WCW sectors define what might be called self-measurements and identifiable as active volitions rather than reactions.

2. In p-adic physics one can assign with rational and even algebraic entanglement probabilities number theoretical entanglement negentropy (NEN) satisfying the same basic axioms as the ordinary Shannon entropy but having negative values and therefore having interpretation as information. The definition of p-adic negentropy (real valued) reads as  $S_p = -\sum P_k \log(|P_k|_p)$ , where  $|\cdot|_p$  denotes p-adic norm. The news is that  $N_p = -S_p$  can be positive and is positive for rational entanglement probabilities. Real entanglement entropy  $S$  is always non-negative.

NMP would force the generation of negentropic entanglement (NE) and stabilize it. NNE resources of the Universe - one might call them Akashic records- would steadily increase.

3. A decisive step of progress was the realization is that NTU forces all states in adelic physics to have entanglement coefficients in some extension of rationals inducing finite-D extension of p-adic numbers. The same entanglement can be characterized by real entropy  $S$  and p-adic negentropies  $N_p$ , which can be positive. One can define also total p-adic negentropy:  $N = \sum_p N_p$  for all  $p$  and total negentropy  $N_{tot} = N - S$ .

For rational entanglement probabilities it is easy to demonstrate that the generalization of adelic theorem holds true:  $N_{tot} = N - S = 0$ . NMP based on  $N_{tot}$  rather than  $N$  would not say anything about rational entanglement. For extensions of rationals it is easy to find that  $N - S > 0$  is possible if entanglement probabilities are of form  $X_i/n$  with  $|X_i|_p = 1$  and  $n$  integer [L6]. Should one identify the total negentropy as difference  $N_{tot} = N - S$  or as  $N_{tot} = N$ ?

Irrespective of answer, large p-adic negentropy seems to force large real entropy: this nicely correlates with the paradoxical finding that living systems tend to be entropic although one would expect just the oppositecite [L6]: this relates in very interesting manner to the work of biologists Jeremy England [I3]. The negentropy would be cognitive negentropy and not visible for ordinary physics.

4. The latest step in the evolution of ideas NMP was the question whether NMP follows from number theory alone just as second law follows from probability theory! This irritates theoretician's ego but is victory for theory. The dimension  $n$  of extension is positive integer and cannot but grow in statistical sense in evolution! Since one expects that the maximal value of negentropy (define as  $N - S$ ) must increase with  $n$ . Negentropy must increase in long run.

### 5.2.1 Number theoretic entanglement can be stable

Number theoretical Shannon entropy can serve as a measure for genuine information assignable to a pair of entanglement systems [K16]. Entanglement with coefficients in the extension is always negentropic if entanglement negentropy comes from p-adic sectors only. It can be negentropic if negentropy is defined as the difference of p-adic negentropy and real entropy.

The diagonalized density matrix need not belong to the algebraic extension since the probabilities defining its diagonal elements are eigenvalues of the density matrix as roots of  $N$ :th order polynomial, which in the generic case requires n-dimensional algebraic extension of rationals. One can argue that since diagonalization is not possible, also state function reduction selecting one of the eigenstates is impossible unless a phase transition increasing the dimension of algebraic extension used occurs simultaneously. This kind of NE could give rise to cognitive entanglement.

There is also a special kind of NE, which can result if one requires that density matrix serves a universal observable in state function reduction. The outcome of reduction must be an eigen space of density matrix, which is projector to this subspace acting as identity matrix inside it. This kind NE allows all unitarily related basis as eigenstate basis (unitary transformations must belong to the algebraic extension). This kind of NE could serve as a correlate for "enlightened" states of consciousness. Schrödingers cat is in this kind of state stably in superposition of dead and alive and state basis obtained by unitary rotation from this basis is equally good. One can say that there are no discriminations in this state, and this is what is claimed about "enlightened" states too.



The vision about number theoretical evolution suggests that NMP forces the generation of NE resources as NE assignable to the “passive” boundary of CD for which no changes occur during sequence of state function reductions defining self. It would define the unchanging self as negentropy resources, which could be regarded as kind of Akashic records. During the next “re-incarnation” after the first reduction to opposite boundary of CD the NE associated with the reduced state would serve as new Akashic records for the time reversed self. If NMP reduces to the statistical increase of  $h_{eff}/h = n$  the consciousness information contents of the Universe increases in statistical sense. In the best possible world of SNMP it would increase steadily.

### 5.2.2 Does NMP reduce to number theory?

The heretic question that emerged quite recently is whether NMP is actually needed at all! Is NMP a separate principle or could NMP reduced to mere number theory [K16]? Consider first the possibility that NMP is not needed at all as a separate principle.

1. The value of  $h_{eff}/h = n$  should increase in the evolution by the phase transitions increasing the dimension of the extension of rationals.  $h_{eff}/h = n$  has been identified as the number of sheets of some kind of covering space. The Galois group of extension acts on number theoretic discretizations of the monadic surface and the orbit defines a covering space. Suppose  $n$  is the number of sheets of this covering and thus the dimension of the Galois group for the extension of rationals or factor of it.
2. It has been already noticed that the “big” state function reductions giving rise to death and reincarnation of self could correspond to a measurement of  $n = h_{eff}$  implied by the measurement of the extension of the rationals defining the adeles. The statistical increase of  $n$  follows automatically and implies statistical increase of maximal entanglement negentropy. Entanglement negentropy increases in statistical sense.

The resulting world would not be the best possible one unlike for a strong form of NMP demanding that negentropy does increase in “big” state function reductions.  $n$  also decrease temporarily and they seem to be needed. In TGD inspired model of bio-catalysis the phase transition reducing the value of  $n$  for the magnetic flux tubes connecting reacting bio-molecules allows them to find each other in the molecular soup. This would be crucial for understanding processes like DNA replication and transcription.

3. State function reduction corresponding to the measurement of density matrix could occur to an eigenstate/eigenspace of density matrix only if the corresponding eigenvalue and eigenstate/eigenspace is expressible using numbers in the extension of rationals defining the adele considered. In the generic case these numbers belong to N-dimensional extension of the original extension. This can make the entanglement stable with respect to state the measurements of density matrix.

A phase transition to an extension of an extension containing these coefficients would be required to make possible reduction. A step in number theoretic evolution would occur. Also an entanglement of measured state pairs with those of measuring system in containing the extension of extension would make possible the reduction. Negentropy could be reduced but higher-D extension would provide potential for more negentropic entanglement and NMP would hold true in the statistical sense.

4. If one has higher-D eigen space of density matrix, p-adic negentropy is largest for the entire subspace and the sum of real and p-adic negentropies vanishes for all of them. For negentropy identified as total p-adic negentropy SNMP would select the entire sub-space and NMP would indeed say something explicit about negentropy.

### 5.2.3 Or is NMP needed as a separate principle?

Hitherto I have postulated NMP as a separate principle [K16]. Strong form of NMP (SNMP) states that Negentropy does not decrease in “big” state function reductions corresponding to death and re-incarnations of self.

One can however argue that SNMP is not realistic. SNMP would force the Universe to be the best possible one, and this does not seem to be the case. Also ethically responsible free will would be very restricted since self would be forced always to do the best deed that is increase maximally the negentropy serving as information resources of the Universe. Giving up separate NMP altogether would allow to have also “Good” and “Evil”.

This forces to consider what I christened weak form of NMP (WNMP). Instead of maximal dimension corresponding to  $N$ -dimensional projector self can choose also lower-dimensional sub-spaces and 1-D sub-space corresponds to the vanishing entanglement and negentropy assumed in standard quantum measurement theory. As a matter fact, this can also lead to larger negentropy gain since negentropy depends strongly on what is the large power of  $p$  in the dimension of the resulting eigen sub-space of density matrix. This could apply also to the purely number theoretical reduction of NMP.

WNMP suggests how to understand the notions of Good and Evil. Various choices in the state function reduction would correspond to Boolean algebra, which suggests an interpretation in terms of what might be called emotional intelligence [K32]. Also it turns out that one can understand how  $p$ -adic length scale hypothesis - actually its generalization - emerges from WNMP [K47].

1. One can start from ordinary quantum entanglement. It corresponds to a superposition of pairs of states. Second state corresponds to the internal state of the self and second state to a state of external world or biological body of self. In negentropic quantum entanglement each is replaced with a pair of sub-spaces of state spaces of self and external world. The dimension of the sub-space depends on which pair is in question. In state function reduction one of these pairs is selected and deed is done. How to make some of these deeds good and some bad? Recall that WNMP allows only the possibility to generate NNE but does not force it. WNMP would be like God allowing the possibility to do good but not forcing good deeds.

Self can choose any sub-space of the subspace defined by  $k \leq N$ -dimensional projector and 1-D subspace corresponds to the standard quantum measurement. For  $k = 1$  the state function reduction leads to vanishing negentropy, and separation of self and the target of the action. Negentropy does not increase in this action and self is isolated from the target: kind of price for sin.

For the maximal dimension of this sub-space the negentropy gain is maximal. This deed would be good and by the proposed criterion NE corresponds to conscious experience with positive emotional coloring. Interestingly, there are  $2^k - 1$  possible choices, which is almost the dimension of Boolean algebra consisting of  $k$  independent bits. The excluded option corresponds to 0-dimensional sub-space - empty set in set theoretic realization of Boolean algebra. This could relate directly to fermionic oscillator operators defining basis of Boolean algebra - here Fock vacuum would be the excluded state. The deed in this sense would be a choice of how loving the attention towards system of external world is.

2. A map of different choices of  $k$ -dimensional sub-spaces to  $k$ -fermion states is suggestive. The realization of logic in terms of emotions of different degrees of positivity would be mapped to many-fermion states - perhaps zero energy states with vanishing total fermion number. State function reductions to  $k$ -dimensional spaces would be mapped to  $k$ -fermion states: quantum jumps to quantum states!

The problem brings in mind quantum classical correspondence in quantum measurement theory. The direction of the pointer of the measurement apparatus (in very metaphorical sense) corresponds to the outcome of state function reduction, which is now 1-D subspace. For ordinary measurement the pointer has  $k$  positions. Now it must have  $2^k - 1$  positions. To the discrete space of  $k$  pointer positions one must assign fermionic Clifford algebra of second quantized fermionic oscillator operators. The hierarchy of Planck constants and dark matter suggests the realization. Replace the pointer with its space-time  $k$ -sheeted covering and consider zero energy energy states made of pairs of  $k$ -fermion states at the sheets of the  $n$ -sheeted covering? Dark matter would be therefore necessary for cognition. The role of fermions would be to “mark” the  $k$  space-time sheets in the covering.

The cautious conclusion is that NMP as a separate principle is not necessary and follows in statistical sense from the unavoidable increase of  $n = h_{eff}/h$  identified as dimension of extension of rationals define the adeles if this extension or at least the dimension of its Galois group is observable.

### 5.3 p-Adic physics as correlate of cognition and imagination

The items in the following list give motivations for the proposal that p-adic physics could serve as a correlate for cognition and imagination.

1. By the total disconnectedness of the p-adic topology, p-adic world decomposes naturally into blobs, objects. This happens also in sensory perception. The binary digits of p-adic number can be assigned to a  $p$ -tree. Parisi proposed in the model of spin glass [B3] that p-adic numbers could relate to the mathematical description of cognition and also Khrennikov [J1] has developed this idea. In TGD framework that idea is taken to space-time level: p-adic space-time sheets represent thought bubbles and they correlate with the real ones since they form cognitive representations of the real world. SH allows a concrete realization of this.
2. p-Adic non-determinism due to p-adic pseudo constants suggests interpretation in terms of imagination. Given 2-surfaces could allow completion to p-adic preferred extremal but not to a real one so that pure “non-realizable” imagination is in question.
3. Number theoretic negentropy has interpretation as negentropy characterizing information content of entanglement. The superposition of state pairs could be interpreted as a quantum representation for a rule or abstracted association containing its instances as state pairs. Number theoretical negentropy characterizes the relationship of two systems and should not be confused with thermodynamical entropy, which characterizes the uncertainty about the state of single system.

The original vision was that p-adic non-determinism could serve as a correlate for cognition, imagination, and intention. The recent view is much more cautious. Imagination need not completely reduce to p-adic non-determinism since it has also real physics correlates - maybe as partial realizations of SH as in nerve pulse pattern, which does not propagate down to muscles.

A possible interpretation for the solutions of the p-adic field equations would be as geometric correlates of cognition, imagination, and perhaps even intentionality. Plans, intentions, expectations, dreams, and possibly also cognition as imagination in general could have p-adic cognitive space-time sheets as their geometric correlates. A deep principle seems to be involved: incompleteness is the characteristic feature of p-adic physics but the flexibility made possible by this incompleteness is absolutely essential for imagination and cognitive consciousness in general.

The most feasible view is that the intersections of p-adic and real space-time surfaces define cognitive representations of real space-time surfaces (PEs, [K6, K48, K49]). One could also say that real space-time surface represents sensory aspects of conscious experience and p-adic space-time surfaces its cognitive aspects. Both real and p-adics rather than real or p-adics.

The identification of p-adic pseudo constants as correlates of imagination at space-time level is indeed a further natural idea.

1. The construction of PEs by SH from the data at 2-surfaces is like boundary value problem with number theoretic discretization of space-time surface as additional data. PE property in real context implies strong correlations between string world sheets and partonic 2-surfaces by boundary conditions a them. One cannot choose these 2-surfaces completely independently in real context.
2. In p-adic sectors the integration constants are replaced with pseudo-constants depending on finite number of binary digits of variables depending on coordinates normal to string world sheets and partonic 2-surfaces. The fixing of the discretization of space-time surface would allow to fix the p-adic pseudo-constants. Once the number theoretic discretization of space-time surface is fixed, the p-adic pseudo-constants can be fixed. Pseudo-constant could allow a large number of p-adic configurations involving string world sheets, partonic 2-surfaces, and number theoretic discretization but not allowed in real context.

Could these p-adic PEs correspond to imaginations, which in general are not realizable? Could the realizable intentional actions belong to the intersection of real and p-adic WCWs? Could one identify non-realistic imaginations as the modes of WCW spinor fields for which 2-surfaces are not extendable to real space-time surfaces and are localized to 2-surfaces? Could they allow only a partial continuation to real space-time surface. Could nerve pulse pattern representing imagined motor action and not proceeding to the level of muscles correspond to a partially real PE?

Could imagination and problem solving be search for those collections of string world sheets and partonic 2-surfaces, which allow extension to (realization as) real PEs? If so, p-adic physics would be there as an independent aspect of existence and this is just the original idea. Imagination could be realized in state function reduction, which always selects only those 2-surfaces, which allow continuation to real space-time surfaces. The distinction between only imaginable and also realizable would be the extendability by using strong form of holography.

3. An interesting question is why elementary particles are characterized by preferred p-adic primes (primes near powers of 2, in particular Mersenne primes). Could the number of realizable imaginations for these primes be especially large?

I have the feeling that this view allows respectable mathematical realization of imagination in terms of adelic quantum physics. It is remarkable that SH derivable from - you can guess, SGCI (the Big E again!), plays an absolutely central role in it.

## 6 Appendix: Super-symplectic conformal weights and zeros of Riemann zeta

Since fermions are the only fundamental particles in TGD one could argue that the conformal weight of for the generating elements of supersymplectic algebra could be negatives for the poles of fermionic zeta  $\zeta_F$ . This demands  $n > 0$  as does also the fractal hierarchy of supersymplectic symmetry breakings. NTU of Riemann zeta in some sense is strongly suggested if adelic physics is to make sense.

For ordinary conformal algebras there are only finite number of generating elements ( $-2 \leq n \leq 2$ ). If the radial conformal weights for the generators of  $g$  consist of poles of  $\zeta_F$ , the situation changes.  $\zeta_F$  is suggested by the observation that fermions are the only fundamental particles in TGD.

1. Riemann Zeta  $\zeta(s) = \prod_p (1/(1 - p^{-s}))$  identifiable formally as a partition function  $\zeta_B(s)$  of arithmetic boson gas with bosons with energy  $\log(p)$  and temperature  $1/s = 1/(1/2 + iy)$  should be replaced with that of arithmetic fermionic gas given in the product representation by  $\zeta_F(s) = \prod_p (1 + p^{-s})$  so that the identity  $\zeta_B(s)/\zeta_F(s) = \zeta_B(2s)$  follows. This gives

$$\frac{\zeta_B(s)}{\zeta_B(2s)} .$$

$\zeta_F(s)$  has zeros at zeros  $s_n$  of  $\zeta(s)$  and at the pole  $s = 1/2$  of  $\zeta(2s)$ .  $\zeta_F(s)$  has poles at zeros  $s_n/2$  of  $\zeta(2s)$  and at pole  $s = 1$  of  $\zeta(s)$ .

The spectrum of  $1/T$  would be for the generators of algebra  $\{(-1/2 + iy)/2, n > 0, -1\}$ . In p-adic thermodynamics the p-adic temperature is  $1/T = 1/n$  and corresponds to “trivial” poles of  $\zeta_F$ . Complex values of temperature does not make sense in ordinary thermodynamics. In ZEO quantum theory can be regarded as a square root of thermodynamics and complex temperature parameter makes sense.

2. If the spectrum of conformal weights of the generating elements of the algebra corresponds to poles serving as analogs of propagator poles, it consists of the “trivial” conformal  $h = n > 0$  - the standard spectrum with  $h = 0$  assignable to massless particles excluded - and “non-trivial”  $h = -1/4 + iy/2$ . There is also a pole at  $h = -1$ .

Both the non-trivial pole with real part  $h_R = -1/4$  and the pole  $h = -1$  correspond to tachyons. I have earlier proposed conformal confinement meaning that the total conformal weight for the state is real. If so, one obtains for a conformally confined two-particle states corresponding to conjugate non-trivial zeros in minimal situation  $h_R = -1/2$  assignable to N-S representation.

In p-adic mass calculations ground state conformal weight must be  $-5/2$  [K15]. The negative fermion ground state weight could explain why the ground state conformal weight must be tachyonic  $-5/2$ . With the required 5 tensor factors one would indeed obtain this with minimal conformal confinement. In fact, arbitrarily large tachyonic conformal weight is possible but physical state should always have conformal weights  $h > 0$ .

3.  $h = 0$  is not possible for generators, which reminds of Higgs mechanism for which the naive ground states corresponds to tachyonic Higgs.  $h = 0$  conformally confined massless states are necessarily composites obtained by applying the generators of Kac-Moody algebra or super-symplectic algebra to the ground state. This is the case according to p-adic mass calculations [K15], and would suggest that the negative ground state conformal weight can be associated with super-symplectic algebra and the remaining contribution comes from ordinary super-conformal generators. Hadronic masses, whose origin is poorly understood, could come from super-symplectic degrees of freedom. There is no need for p-adic thermodynamics in super-symplectic degrees of freedom.

## 6.1 A general formula for the zeros of zeta from NTU

Dyson's comment about Fourier transform of Riemann Zeta [A3] (<http://tinyurl.com/hjbfsuv>) is interesting from the point of NTU for Riemann zeta.

1. The numerical calculation of Fourier transform for the imaginary parts  $iy$  of zeros  $s = 1/2 + iy$  of zeta shows that it is concentrated at discrete set of frequencies coming as  $\log(p^n)$ ,  $p$  prime. This translates to the statement that the zeros of zeta form a 1-dimensional quasicrystal, a discrete structure Fourier spectrum by definition is also discrete (this of course holds for ordinary crystals as a special case). Also the logarithms of powers of primes would form a quasicrystal, which is very interesting from the point of view of p-adic length scale hypothesis. Primes label the "energies" of elementary fermions and bosons in arithmetic number theory, whose repeated second quantization gives rise to the hierarchy of infinite primes [K27]. The energies for general states are logarithms of integers.
2. Powers  $p^n$  label the points of quasicrystal defined by points  $\log(p^n)$  and Riemann zeta has interpretation as partition function for boson case with this spectrum. Could  $p^n$  label also the points of the dual lattice defined by  $iy$ .
3. The existence of Fourier transform for points  $\log(p_i^{y_a})$  for any vector  $y_a$  in class  $C(p)$  of zeros labelled by  $p$  requires  $p_i^{iy_a}$  to be a root of unity inside  $C(p)$ . This could define the sense in which zeros of zeta are universal. This condition also guarantees that the factor  $n^{-1/2-iy}$  appearing in zeta at critical line are number theoretically universal ( $p^{1/2}$  is problematic for  $Q_p$ : the problem might be solved by eliminating from p-adic analog of zeta the factor  $1 - p^{-s}$ .
  - (a) One obtains for the pair  $(p_i, s_a)$  the condition  $\log(p_i)y_a = q_{ia}2\pi$ , where  $q_{ia}$  is a rational number. Dividing the conditions for  $(i, a)$  and  $(j, a)$  gives

$$p_i = p_j^{q_{ia}/q_{ja}}$$

for every zero  $s_a$  so that the ratios  $q_{ia}/q_{ja}$  do not depend on  $s_a$ . From this one easily deduce  $p_i^M = p_j^N$ , where  $M$  and  $N$  are integers so that one ends up with a contradiction.

- (b) Dividing the conditions for  $(i, a)$  and  $(i, b)$  one obtains

$$\frac{y_a}{y_b} = \frac{q_{ia}}{q_{ib}}$$

so that the ratios  $q_{ia}/q_{ib}$  do not depend on  $p_i$ . The ratios of the imaginary parts of zeta would be therefore rational number which is very strong prediction and zeros could be mapped by scaling  $y_a/y_1$  where  $y_1$  is the zero which smallest imaginary part to rationals.

- (c) The impossible consistency conditions for  $(i, a)$  and  $(j, a)$  can be avoided if each prime and its powers correspond to its own subset of zeros and these subsets of zeros are disjoint: one would have infinite union of sub-quasicrystals labelled by primes and each p-adic number field would correspond to its own subset of zeros: this might be seen as an abstract analog for the decomposition of rational to powers of primes. This decomposition would be natural if for ordinary complex numbers the contribution in the complement of this set to the Fourier transform vanishes. The conditions  $(i, a)$  and  $(i, b)$  require now that the ratios of zeros are rationals only in the subset associated with  $p_i$ .

For the general option the Fourier transform can be delta function for  $x = \log(p^k)$  and the set  $\{y_a(p)\}$  contains  $N_p$  zeros. The following argument inspires the conjecture that for each  $p$  there is an infinite number  $N_p$  of zeros  $y_a(p)$  in class  $C(p)$  satisfying

$$p^{iy_a(p)} = u(p) = e^{\frac{r(p)}{m(p)} i 2\pi} ,$$

where  $u(p)$  is a root of unity that is  $y_a(p) = 2\pi(m(a) + r(p))/\log(p)$  and forming a subset of a lattice with a lattice constant  $y_0 = 2\pi/\log(p)$ , which itself need not be a zero.

In terms of stationary phase approximation the zeros  $y_a(p)$  associated with  $p$  would have constant stationary phase whereas for  $y_a(p_i \neq p)$  the phase  $p^{iy_a(p_i)}$  would fail to be stationary. The phase  $e^{ixy}$  would be non-stationary also for  $x \neq \log(p^k)$  as function of  $y$ .

1. Assume that for  $x = q\log(p)$ , where  $q$  not a rational, the phases  $e^{ixy}$  fail to be roots of unity and are random implying the vanishing/smallness of  $F(x)$ .
2. Assume that for a given  $p$  all powers  $p^{iy}$  for  $y \notin \{y_a(p)\}$  fail to be roots of unity and are also random so that the contribution of the set  $y \notin \{y_a(p)\}$  to  $F(p)$  vanishes/is small.
3. For  $x = \log(p^{k/m})$  the Fourier transform should vanish or be small for  $m \neq 1$  (rational roots of primes) and give a non-vanishing contribution for  $m = 1$ . One has

$$F(x = \log(p^{k/m})) = \sum_{1 \leq a \leq N(p)} e^{k \frac{M(a,p)}{mN(p)} i 2\pi} u(p) ,$$

$$u(p) = e^{\frac{r(p)}{m(p)} i 2\pi} .$$

Obviously one can always choose  $N(a, p) = N(p)$ .

4. For the simplest option  $N(p) = 1$  one would obtain delta function distribution for  $x = \log(p^k)$ . The sum of the phases associated with  $y_a(p)$  and  $-y_a(p)$  from the half axes of the critical line would give

$$F(x = \log(p^n)) \propto X(p^n) \equiv 2\cos(n \frac{r(p)}{m(p)} 2\pi) .$$

The sign of  $F$  would vary.

5. For  $x = \log(p^{k/m})$  the value of Fourier transform is expected to be small by interference effects if  $M(a, p)$  is random integer, and negligible as compared with the value at  $x = \log(p^k)$ . This option is highly attractive. For  $N(p) > 1$  and  $M(a, p)$  a random integer also  $F(x = \log(p^k))$  is small by interference effects. Hence it seems that this option is the most natural one.
6. The rational  $r(p)/m(p)$  would characterize given prime (one can require that  $r(p)$  and  $m(p)$  have no common divisors).  $F(x)$  is non-vanishing for all powers  $x = \log(p^n)$  for  $m(p)$  odd. For  $p = 2$ , also  $m(2) = 2$  allows to have  $|X(2^n)| = 2$ . An interesting ad hoc ansatz is  $m(p) = p$  or  $p^{s(p)}$ . One has periodicity in  $n$  with period  $m(p)$  that is logarithmic wave. This periodicity serves as a test and in principle allows to deduce the value of  $r(p)/m(p)$  from the Fourier transform.

What could one conclude from the data (<http://tinyurl.com/hjbfsuv>)?

1. The first graph gives  $|F(x = \log(p^k))|$  and second graph displays a zoomed up part of  $|F(x = \log(p^k))|$  for small powers of primes in the range  $[2, 19]$ . For the first graph the eighth peak ( $p = 11$ ) is the largest one but in the zoomed graphs this is not the case. Hence something is wrong or the graphs correspond to different approximations suggesting that one should not take them too seriously.

In any case, the modulus is not constant as function of  $p^k$ . For small values of  $p^k$  the envelope of the curve decreases and seems to approach constant for large values of  $p^k$  (one has  $x < 15$  ( $e^{15} \simeq 3.3 \times 10^6$ )).

2. According to the first graph  $|F(x)|$  decreases for  $x = k \log(p) < 8$ , is largest for small primes, and remains below a fixed maximum for  $8 < x < 15$ . According to the second graph the amplitude decreases for powers of a given prime (say  $p = 2$ ). Clearly, the small primes and their powers have much larger  $|F(x)|$  than large primes.

There are many possible reasons for this behavior. Most plausible reason is that the sums involved converge slowly and the approximation used is not good. The inclusion of only  $10^4$  zeros would show the positions of peaks but would not allow reliable estimate for their intensities.

1. The distribution of zeros could be such that for small primes and their powers the number of zeros is large in the set of  $10^4$  zeros considered. This would be the case if the distribution of zeros  $y_a(p)$  is fractal and gets "thinner" with  $p$  so that the number of contributing zeros scales down with  $p$  as a power of  $p$ , say  $1/p$ , as suggested by the envelope in the first figure.
2. The infinite sum, which should vanish, converges only very slowly to zero. Consider the contribution  $\Delta F(p^k, p_1)$  of zeros not belonging to the class  $p_1 \neq p$  to  $F(x = \log(p^k)) = \sum_{p_i} \Delta F(p^k, p_i)$ , which includes also  $p_i = p$ .  $\Delta F(p^k, p_i)$ ,  $p \neq p_1$  should vanish in exact calculation.

(a) By the proposed hypothesis this contribution reads as

$$\Delta F(p, p_1) = \sum_a \cos \left[ X(p^k, p_1) \left( M(a, p_1) + \frac{r(p_1)}{m(p_1)} 2\pi \right) \right] .$$

$$X(p^k, p_1) = \frac{\log(p^k)}{\log(p_1)} .$$

Here  $a$  labels the zeros associated with  $p_1$ . If  $p^k$  is "approximately divisible" by  $p_1$  in other words,  $p^k \simeq np_1$ , the sum over finite number of terms gives a large contribution since interference effects are small, and a large number of terms are needed to give a nearly vanishing contribution suggested by the non-stationarity of the phase. This happens in several situations.

- (b) The number  $\pi(x)$  of primes smaller than  $x$  goes asymptotically like  $\pi(x) \simeq x/\log(x)$  and prime density approximately like  $1/\log(x) - 1/\log(x)^2$  so that the problem is worst for the small primes. The problematic situation is encountered most often for powers  $p^k$  of small primes  $p$  near larger prime and primes  $p$  (also large) near a power of small prime (the envelope of  $|F(x)|$  seems to become constant above  $x \sim 10^3$ ).
- (c) The worst situation is encountered for  $p = 2$  and  $p_1 = 2^k - 1$  - a Mersenne prime and  $p_1 = 2^{2^k} + 1$ ,  $k \leq 4$  - Fermat prime. For  $(p, p_1) = (2^k, M_k)$  one encounters  $X(2^k, M_k) = (\log(2^k))/\log(2^k - 1)$  factor very near to unity for large Mersennes primes. For  $(p, p_1) = (M_k, 2)$  one encounters  $X(M_k, 2) = (\log(2^k - 1))/\log(2) \simeq k$ . Examples of Mersennes and Fermats are  $(3, 2)$ ,  $(5, 2)$ ,  $(7, 2)$ ,  $(17, 2)$ ,  $(31, 2)$ ,  $(127, 2)$ ,  $(257, 2)$ , ... Powers  $2^k$ ,  $k = 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, ..$  are also problematic.
- (d) Also twin primes are problematic since in this case one has factor  $X(p = p_1 + 2, p_1) = \frac{\log(p_1 + 2)}{\log(p_1)}$ . The region of small primes contains many twin prime pairs:  $(3, 5)$ ,  $(5, 7)$ ,  $(11, 13)$ ,  $(17, 19)$ ,  $(29, 31)$ , ....

These observations suggest that the problems might be understood as resulting from including too small number of zeros.

3. The predicted periodicity of the distribution with respect to the exponent  $k$  of  $p^k$  is not consistent with the graph for small values of prime unless the periodic  $m(p)$  for small primes is large enough. The above mentioned effects can quite well mask the periodicity. If the first graph is taken at face value for small primes,  $r(p)/m(p)$  is near zero, and  $m(p)$  is so large that the periodicity does not become manifest for small primes. For  $p = 2$  this would require  $m(2) > 21$  since the largest power  $2^n \simeq e^{15}$  corresponds to  $n \sim 21$ .

To summarize, the prediction is that for zeros of zeta should divide into disjoint classes  $\{y_a(p)\}$  labelled by primes such that within the class labelled by  $p$  one has  $p^{iy_a(p)} = e^{(r(p)/m(p))i2\pi}$  so that has  $y_a(p) = [M(a, p) + r(p)/m(p)]2\pi/\log(p)$ .

## 6.2 More precise view about zeros of Zeta

There is a very interesting blog post by Mumford (<http://tinyurl.com/zemw27o>), which leads to much more precise formulation of the idea and improved view about the Fourier transform hypothesis: the Fourier transform or its generalization must be defined for all zeros, not only the non-trivial ones and trivial zeros give a background term allowing to understand better the properties of the Fourier transform.

Mumford essentially begins from Riemann's "explicit formula" in von Mangoldt's form.

$$\sum_p \sum_{n \geq 1} \log(p) \delta_{p^n}(x) = 1 - \sum_k x^{s_k-1} - \frac{1}{x(x^2-1)},$$

where  $p$  denotes prime and  $s_k$  a non-trivial zero of zeta. The left hand side represents the distribution associated with powers of primes. The right hand side contains sum over cosines

$$\sum_k x^{s_k-1} = 2 \frac{\sum_k \cos(\log(x)y_k)}{x^{1/2}},$$

where  $y_k$  is the imaginary part of non-trivial zero. Apart from the factor  $x^{-1/2}$  this is just the Fourier transform over the distribution of zeros.

There is also a slowly varying term  $1 - \frac{1}{x(x^2-1)}$ , which has interpretation as the analog of the Fourier transform term but sum over trivial zeros of zeta at  $s = -2n$ ,  $n > 0$ . The entire expression is analogous to a "Fourier transform" over the distribution of all zeros. Quasicrystal is replaced with union on 1-D quasicrystals.

Therefore the distribution for powers of primes is expressible as "Fourier transform" over the distribution of both trivial and non-trivial zeros rather than only non-trivial zeros as suggested by numerical data to which Dyson [A3] referred to (<http://tinyurl.com/hjbfsv>). Trivial zeros give a slowly varying background term large for small values of argument  $x$  (poles at  $x = 0$  and  $x = 1$  - note that also  $p = 0$  and  $p = 1$  appear effectively as primes) so that the peaks of the distribution are higher for small primes.

The question was how can one obtain this kind of delta function distribution concentrated on powers of primes from a sum over terms  $\cos(\log(x)y_k)$  appearing in the Fourier transform of the distribution of zeros.

Consider  $x = p^n$ . One must get a constructive interference. Stationary phase approximation is in terms of which physicist thinks. The argument was that a destructive interference occurs for given  $x = p^n$  for those zeros for which the cosine does not correspond to a real part of root of unity as one sums over such  $y_k$ : random phase approximation gives more or less zero. To get something nontrivial  $y_k$  must be proportional to  $2\pi \times n(y_k)/\log(p)$  in class  $C(p)$  to which  $y_k$  belongs. If the number of these  $y_k$ :s in  $C(p)$  is infinite, one obtains delta function in good approximation by destructive interference for other values of argument  $x$ .

The guess that the number of zeros in  $C(p)$  is infinite is encouraged by the behaviors of the densities of primes one hand and zeros of zeta on the other hand. The number of primes smaller than real number  $x$  goes like

$$\pi(x) = (\text{primes} < x) \sim \frac{x}{\log(x)}$$

in the sense of distribution. The number of zeros along critical line goes like



$$\#(\text{zeros} < t) = (t/2\pi) \times \log\left(\frac{t}{2\pi}\right)$$

in the same sense. If the real axis and critical line have same metric measure then one can say that the number of zeros in interval  $T$  per number of primes in interval  $T$  behaves roughly like

$$\frac{\#(\text{zeros} < T)}{\#(\text{primes} < T)} = \log\left(\frac{T}{2\pi}\right) \times \frac{\log(T)}{2\pi}$$

so that at the limit of  $T \rightarrow \infty$  the number of zeros associated with given prime is infinite. This assumption of course makes the argument a poor man's argument only.

### 6.3 Possible relevance for TGD

What this speculative picture from the point of view of TGD?

1. A possible formulation for NTU for the poles of fermionic Riemann zeta  $\zeta_F = \zeta(s)/\zeta(2s)$  could be as a condition that is that the exponents  $p^{ks_a(p)/2} = p^{k/4} p^{iky_a(p)/2}$  exist in a number theoretically universal manner for the zeros  $s_a(p)$  for given p-adic prime  $p$  and for some subset of integers  $k$ . If the proposed conditions hold true, exponent reduces  $p^{k/4} e^{k(r/(p/m(p))i2\pi)}$  requiring that  $k$  is a multiple of 4. The number of the non-trivial generating elements of supersymplectic algebra in the monomial creating physical state would be a multiple of 4. These monomials would have real part of conformal weight -1. Conformal confinement suggests that these monomials are products of pairs of generators for which imaginary parts cancel.
2. Quasi-crystal property might have an application to TGD. The functions of light-like radial coordinate appearing in the generators of supersymplectic algebra could be of form  $r^s$ ,  $s$  zero of zeta or rather, its imaginary part. The eigenstate property with respect to the radial scaling  $rd/dr$  is natural by radial conformal invariance.

The idea that arithmetic QFT assignable to infinite primes is behind the scenes in turn suggests light-like momenta assignable to the radial coordinate have energies with the dual spectrum  $\log(p^n)$ . This is also suggested by the interpretation of  $\zeta$  as square root of thermodynamical partition function for boson gas with momentum  $\log(p)$  and analogous interpretation of  $\zeta_F$ .

The two spectra would be associated with radial scalings and with light-like translations of light-cone boundary respecting the direction and light-likeness of the light-like radial vector.  $\log(p^n)$  spectrum would be associated with light-like momenta whereas p-adic mass scales would characterize states with thermal mass. Note that generalization of p-adic length scale hypothesis raises the scales defined by  $p^n$  to a special physical position: this might relate to ideal structure of adeles.

3. Finite measurement resolution suggests that the approximations of Fourier transforms over the distribution of zeros taking into account only a finite number of zeros might have a physical meaning. This might provide additional understand about the origins of generalized p-adic length scale hypothesis stating that primes  $p \simeq p_1^k$ ,  $p_1$  small prime - say Mersenne primes - have a special physical role.

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