

Algebraic braids, sub-manifold braid theory, and generalized Feynman diagrams

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Abstract

The basic challenge of quantum TGD is to give a precise content to the notion of generalization Feynman diagram and the reduction to braids of some kind is very attractive possibility inspired by zero energy ontology. The point is that no $n > 2$ -vertices at the level of braid strands are needed if bosonic emergence holds true.

1. For this purpose the notion of algebraic knot is introduced and the possibility that it could be applied to generalized Feynman diagrams is discussed. The algebraic structures kei, quandle, rack, and biquandle and their algebraic modifications as such are not enough. The lines of Feynman graphs are replaced by braids and in vertices braid strands redistribute. This poses several challenges: the crossing associated with braiding and crossing occurring in non-planar Feynman diagrams should be integrated to a more general notion; braids are replaced with sub-manifold braids; braids of braids ...of braids are possible; the redistribution of braid strands in vertices should be algebraized. In the following I try to abstract the basic operations which should be algebraized in the case of generalized Feynman diagrams.
2. One should be also able to concretely identify braids and 2-braids (string world sheets) as well as partonic 2-surfaces and I have discussed several identifications during last years. Legendrian braids turn out to be very natural candidates for braids and their duals for the partonic 2-surfaces. String world sheets in turn could correspond to the analogs of Lagrangian sub-manifolds or two minimal surfaces of space-time surface satisfying the weak form of electric-magnetic duality. The latter option turns out to be more plausible. Finite measurement resolution would be realized as symplectic invariance with respect to the subgroup of the symplectic group leaving the end points of braid strands invariant. In accordance with the general vision TGD as almost topological QFT would mean symplectic QFT. The identification of braids, partonic 2-surfaces and string world sheets - if correct - would solve quantum TGD explicitly at string world sheet level in other words in finite measurement resolution.
3. Also a brief summary of generalized Feynman rules in zero energy ontology is proposed. This requires the identification of vertices, propagators, and prescription for integrating over all 3-surfaces. It turns out that the basic building blocks of generalized Feynman diagrams are well-defined.
4. The notion of generalized Feynman diagram leads to a beautiful duality between the descriptions of hadronic reactions in terms of hadrons and partons analogous to gauge-gravity duality and AdS/CFT duality but requiring no additional assumptions. The model of quark gluon plasma as a strongly interacting phase is proposed. Color magnetic flux tubes are responsible for the long range correlations making the plasma phase more like a very large hadron rather than a gas of partons. One also ends up with a simple estimate for the viscosity/entropy ratio using black-hole analogy.

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1 Introduction

Ulla send me a link to an article by Sam Nelson about very interesting new-to-me notion known as algebraic knots [6, 4], which has initiated a revolution in knot theory. This notion was introduced 1996 by Louis Kauffman [5] so that it is already 15 year old concept. While reading the article I realized that this notion fits perfectly the needs of TGD and leads to a progress in attempts to articulate more precisely what generalized Feynman diagrams are.

In the following I will summarize briefly the vision about generalized Feynman diagrams, introduce the notion of algebraic knot, and after than discuss in more detail how the notion of algebraic knot could be applied to generalized Feynman diagrams. The algebraic structures *kei*, *quandle*, *rack*, and *biquandle* and their algebraic modifications as such are not enough. The lines of Feynman graphs are replaced by braids and in vertices braid strands redistribute. This poses several challenges: the crossing associated with braiding and crossing occurring in non-planar Feynman diagrams should be integrated to a more general notion; braids are replaced with sub-manifold braids; braids of braids ...of braids are possible; the redistribution of braid strands in vertices should be algebraized. In the following I try to abstract the basic operations which should be algebraized in the case of generalized Feynman diagrams.

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Irrespective of whether the algebraic knots are needed, the natural question is what generalized Feynman diagrams are. It seems that the basic building bricks can be identified so that one can write rather explicit Feynman rules already now. Of course, the rules are still far from something to be burned into the spine of the first year graduate student.

2 Generalized Feynman diagrams, Feynman diagrams, and braid diagrams

2.1 How knots and braids a la TGD differ from standard knots and braids?

TGD approach to knots and braids differs from the knot and braid theories in given abstract 3-manifold (4-manifold in case of 2-knots and 2-braids) is that space-time is in TGD framework identified as 4-D surface in $M^4 \times CP_2$ and preferred 3-surfaces correspond to light-like 3-surfaces defined by wormhole throats and space-like 3-surfaces defined by the ends of space-time sheets at the two light-like boundaries of causal diamond CD .

The notion of finite measurement resolution effectively replaces 3-surfaces of both kinds with braids and space-time surface with string world sheets having braids strands as their ends. The 4-dimensionality of space-time implies that string world sheets can be knotted and intersect at discrete points (counterpart of linking for ordinary knots). Also space-time surface can have self-intersections consisting of discrete points.

The ordinary knot theory in E^3 involves projection to a preferred 2-plane E^2 and one assigns to the crossing points of the projection an index distinguishing between two cases which are transformed to each other by violently taking the first piece of strand through another piece of strand. In TGD one

must identify some physically preferred 2-dimensional manifold in imbedding space to which the braid strands are projected. There are many possibilities even when one requires maximal symmetries. An obvious requirement is however that this 2-manifold is large enough.

1. For the braids at the ends of space-time surface the 2-manifold could be large enough sphere S^2 of light-cone boundary in coordinates in which the line connecting the tips of CD defines a preferred time direction and therefore unique light-like radial coordinate. In very small knots it could be also the geodesic sphere of CP_2 (apart from the action of isometries there are two geodesic spheres in CP_2).
2. For light-like braids the preferred plane would be naturally M^2 for which time direction corresponds to the line connecting the tips of CD and spatial direction to the quantization axis of spin. Note that these axes are fixed uniquely and the choices of M^2 are labelled by the points of projective sphere P^2 telling the direction of space-like axis. Preferred plane M^2 emerges naturally also from number theoretic vision and corresponds in octonionic pictures to hyper-complex plane of hyper-octonions. It is also forced by the condition that the choice of quantization axes has a geometric correlate both at the level of imbedding space geometry and the geometry of the "world of classical worlds".

The braid theory in TGD framework could be called sub-manifold braid theory and certainly differs from the standard one.

1. If the first homology group of the 3-surface is non-trivial as it when the light-like 3-surfaces represents an orbit of partonic 2-surface with genus larger than zero, the winding of the braid strand (wrapping of branes in M-theory) meaning that it represents a homologically non-trivial curve brings in new effects not described by the ordinary knot theory. A typical new situation is the one in which 3-surface is locally a product of higher genus 2-surface and line segment so that knot strand can wind around the 2-surface. This gives rise to what are called non-planar braid diagrams for which the projection to plane produces non-standard crossings.
2. In the case of 2-knots similar exotic effects could be due to the non-trivial 2-homology of space-time surface. Wormhole throats assigned with elementary particle wormhole throats are homologically non-trivial 2-surfaces and might make this kind of effects possible for 2-knots if they are possible.

The challenge is to find a generalization of the usual knot and braid theories so that they apply in the case of braids (2-braids) imbedded in 3-D (4-D) surfaces with preferred highly symmetry sub-manifold of $M^4 \times CP_2$ defining the analog of plane to which the knots are projected. A proper description of exotic crossings due to non-trivial homology of 3-surface (4-surface) is needed.

2.2 Basic questions

The questions are following.

1. How the mathematical framework of standard knot theory should be modified in order to cope with the situation encountered in TGD? To my surprise I found that this kind of mathematical framework exists: so called algebraic knots [6, 4] define a generalization of knot theory very probably able to cope with this kind of situation.
2. Second question is whether the generalized Feynman diagrams could be regarded as braid diagrams in generalized sense. Generalized Feynman diagrams are generalizations of ordinary Feynman diagrams. The lines of generalized Feynman diagrams correspond to the orbits of wormhole throats and of wormhole contacts with throats carrying elementary particle quantum numbers.

The lines meet at vertices which are partonic 2-surfaces. Single wormhole throat can describe fermion whereas bosons have wormhole contacts with fermion and antifermion at the opposite throats as building bricks. It seems however that all fermions carry Kähler magnetic charge so that physical particles are string like objects with magnetic charges at their ends.

The short range of weak interactions results from the screening of the axial isospin by neutrinos at the other end of string like object and also color confinement could be understood in this manner. One cannot exclude the possibility that the length of magnetic flux tube is of order Compton length.

3. Vertices of the generalized Feynman diagrams correspond to the partonic 2-surfaces along which light-like 3-surfaces meet and this is certainly a challenge for the required generalization of braid theory. The basic objection against the reduction to algebraic braid diagrams is that reaction vertices for particles cannot be described by ordinary braid theory: the splitting of braid strands is needed.

The notion of bosonic emergence [12] however suggests that 3-vertex and possible higher vertices correspond to the splitting of braids rather than braid strands. By allowing braids which come from both past and future and identifying free fermions as wormhole throats and bosons as wormhole contacts consisting of a pair of wormhole throats carrying fermion and antifermion number, one can understand boson exchanges as recombinations without any need to have splitting of braid strands. Strictly and technically speaking, one would have tangles like objects instead of braids. This would be an enormous simplification since $n > 2$ -vertices which are the source of divergences in QFT:s would be absent.

4. Non-planar Feynman diagrams are the curse of the twistor approach and I have already earlier proposed that the generalized Feynman amplitudes and perhaps even twistorial amplitudes could be constructed as analogs of knot invariants by recursively transforming non-planar Feynman diagrams to planar ones for which one can write twistor amplitudes. This forces to answer two questions.
 - (a) Does the non-nonplanarity of Feynman diagrams - completely combinatorial objects identified as diagrams in plane - have anything to do with the non-planarity of algebraic knot diagrams and with the non-planarity of generalized Feynman diagrams which are purely geometric objects?
 - (b) Could these two kind of non-planarities be fused to together by identifying the projection 2-plane as preferred $M^2 \subset M^4$. This would mean that non-planarity in QFT sense is defined for entire braids: braid A can have virtual crossing with B. Non-planarity in the sense of knot theory would be defined for braid strands inside the braids. At vertices braid strands are redistributed between incoming lines and the analog of virtual crossing be identifiable as an exchange of braid strand between braids. Several kinds of non-planarities would be present and the idea about gradual unknotting of a non-planar diagram so that a planar diagram results as the final outcome might make sense and allow to generalize the recursion recipe for the twistorial amplitudes.
 - (c) One might consider the possibility that inside orbits of wormhole throats defining the lines of Feynman diagrams the R -matrix for integrable QFT in M^2 (only permutations of momenta are allowed) describes the dynamics so that one obtains just a permutation of momenta assigned to the braid strands. Ordinary braiding would be described by existing braid theories. The core problem would be the representation of the exchange of a strand between braids algebraically.

3 Brief summary of algebraic knot theory

3.1 Basic ideas of algebraic knot theory

In ordinary knot theory one takes as a starting point the representation of knots of E^3 by their plane plane projections to which one attach a "color" to each crossing telling whether the strand goes over or under the strand it crosses in planar projection. These numbers are fixed uniquely as one traverses through the entire knot in given direction.

The so called Reidemeister moves are the fundamental modifications of knot leaving its isotopy equivalence class unchanged and correspond to continuous deformations of the knot. Any algebraic invariant assignable to the knot must remain unaffected under these moves. Reidemeister moves as

such look completely trivial and the non-trivial point is that they represent the minimum number of independent moves which are represented algebraically.

In algebraic knot theory topological knots are replaced by typographical knots resulting as planar projections. This mapping of topology to algebra and this is always fascinating. It turns out that the existing knot invariants generalize and ordinary knot theory can be seen as a special case of the algebraic knot theory. In a loose sense one can say that the algebraic knots are to the classical knot theory what algebraic numbers are to rational numbers.

Virtual crossing is the key notion of the algebraic knot theory. Virtual crossing and their rules of interaction were introduced 1996 by Louis Kauffman as basic notions [1]. For instance, a strand with only virtual crossings should be replaceable by any strand with the same number of virtual crossings and same end points. Reidemeister moves generalize to virtual moves. One can say that in this case crossing is self-intersection rather than going under or above. I cannot be eliminated by a small deformation of the knot. There are actually several kinds of non-standard crossings: examples listed in figure 7 of [6]) are virtual, flat, singular, and twist bar crossings.

Algebraic knots have a concrete geometric interpretation.

1. Virtual knots are obtained if one replaces E^3 as imbedding space with a space which has non-trivial first homology group. This implies that knot can represent a homologically non-trivial curve giving an additional flavor to the unknottedness since homologically non-trivial curve cannot be transformed to a curve which is homologically non-trivial by any continuous deformation.
2. The violent projection to plane leads to the emergence of virtual crossings. The product $(S^1 \times S^1) \times D$, where $(S^1 \times S^1)$ is torus D is finite line segment, provides the simplest example. Torus can be identified as a rectangle with opposite sides identified and homologically non-trivial knots correspond to curves winding n_1 times around the first S^1 and n_2 times around the second S^1 . These curves are not continuous in the representation where $S^1 \times S^1$ is rectangle in plane.
3. A simple geometric visualization of virtual crossing is obtained by adding to the plane a handle along which the second strand traverses and in this manner avoids intersection. This visualization allows to understand the geometric motivation for the the virtual moves.

This geometric interpretation is natural in TGD framework where the plane to which the projection occurs corresponds to $M^2 \subset M^4$ or is replaced with the sphere at the boundary of S^2 and 3-surfaces can have arbitrary topology and partonic 2-surfaces defining as their orbits light-like 3-surfaces can have arbitrary genus.

In TGD framework the situation is however more general than represented by sub-manifold braid theory. Single braid represents the line of generalized Feynman diagram. Vertices represent something new: in the vertex the lines meet and the braid strands are redistributed but do not disappear or pop up from anywhere. That the braid strands can come both from the future and past is also an important generalization. There are physical arguments suggesting that there are only 3-vertices for braids but not higher ones [2]. The challenge is to represent algebraically the vertices of generalized Feynman diagrams.

3.2 Algebraic knots

The basic idea in the algebraization of knots is rather simple. If x and y are the crossing portions of knot, the basic algebraic operation is binary operation giving "the result of x going under y ", call it $x \triangleright y$ telling what happens to x . "Portion of knot" means the piece of knot between two crossings and $x \triangleright y$ denotes the portion of knot next to x . The definition is asymmetrical in x and y and the dual of the operation would be $y \triangleleft x$ would be "the result of y going above x ". One can of course ask, why not to define the outcome of the operation as a pair $(x \triangleleft y, y \triangleright x)$. This operation would be bi-local in a well-defined sense. One can of course do this: in this case one has binary operation from $X \times X \rightarrow X \times X$ mapping pairs of portions to pairs of portions. In the first case one has binary operation $X \times X \rightarrow X$.

The idea is to abstract this basic idea and replace X with a set endowed with operation \triangleright or \triangleleft or both and formulate the Reidemeister conditions given as conditions satisfied by the algebra. One ends up to four basic algebraic structures kei, quandle, rack, and biquandle.

1. In the case of non-oriented knots the kei is the algebraic structure. Kei - or inventory quandle-is a set X with a map $X \times X \rightarrow X$ satisfying the conditions
 - (a) $x \triangleright x = x$ (idempotency, one of the Reidemeister moves)
 - (b) $(x \triangleright y) \triangleright y = x$ (operation is its own right inverse having also interpretation as Reidemeister move)
 - (c) $(x \triangleright y) \triangleright z = (x \triangleright z) \triangleright (y \triangleright z)$ (self-distributivity) $Z[[t]]/((t^2))$ module with $x \triangleright y = tx + (1 - t)y$ is a kei.
2. For orientable knot diagram there is preferred direction of travel along knot and one can distinguish between \triangleright and its right inverse \triangleright^{-1} . This gives quandle satisfying the axioms
 - (a) $x \triangleright x = x$
 - (b) $(x \triangleright y) \triangleright^{-1} y = (x \triangleright^{-1} y) \triangleright y = x$
 - (c) $(x \triangleright y) \triangleright z = (x \triangleright z) \triangleright (y \triangleright z)$ $Z[[t^{\pm 1}]]$ module with $x \triangleright y = tx + (1 - t)y$ is a quandle.
3. One can also introduce framed knots: intuitively one attaches to a knot very near to it. More precise formulation in terms of a section of normal bundle of the knot. This makes possible to speak about self-linking. Reidemeister moves must be modified appropriately. In this case rack is the appropriate structure. It satisfies the axioms of quandle except the first axiom since corresponding operation is not a move anymore. Rack axioms are equivalent with the requirement that functions $f_y : X \rightarrow X$ defined by $f_y(x) = x \triangleright y$ are automorphisms of the structure. Therefore the elements of rack represent its morphisms. The modules over $Z[[t^{\pm 1}], s]/s(t + s - 1)$ are racks. Coxeter racks are inner product spaces with $x \triangleright y$ obtained by reflecting x across y .
4. Biquandle consists of arcs connecting the subsequent crossings (both under- and over-) of oriented knot diagram. Biquandle operation is a map $B : X \times X \rightarrow X \times X$ of order pairs satisfying certain invertibility conditions together with set theoretic Yang-Baxter equation:

$$(B \times I)(I \times B)(B \times I) = (I \times B)(B \times I)(I \times B) .$$

Here $I : X \rightarrow X$ is the identity map. The three conditions to which Yang-Baxter equation decomposes gives the counterparts of the above discussed axioms. Alexander biquandle is the module $Z[[t^{\pm 1}], s^{\pm 1}]$ with $B(x, y) = (ty + (1 - ts)x, sx)$ where one has $s \neq 1$. If one includes virtual, flat and singular crossings one obtains virtual/singular aundles and semiquandles.

4 Generalized Feynman diagrams as generalized braid diagrams?

Zero energy ontology suggests the interpretation of the generalized Feynman diagrams as generalized braid diagrams so that there would be no need for vertices at the fundamental braid strand level. The notion of algebraic braid (or tangle) might allow to formulate this idea more precisely.

4.1 Could one fuse the notions of braid diagram and Feynman diagram?

The challenge is to fuse the notions of braid diagram and Feynman diagram having quite different origin.

1. All generalized Feynman diagrams are reduced to sub-manifold braid diagrams at microscopic level by bosonic emergence (bosons as pairs of fermionic wormhole throats). Three-vertices appear only for entire braids and are purely topological whereas braid strands carrying quantum numbers are just re-distributed in vertices. No 3-vertices at the really microscopic level! This is an additional nail to the coffin of divergences in TGD Universe.

2. By projecting the braid strands of generalized Feynman diagrams to preferred plane $M^2 \subset M^4$ (or rather 2-D causal diamond), one could achieve a unified description of non-planar Feynman diagrams and braid diagrams. For Feynman diagrams the intersections have a purely combinatorial origin coming from representations as 2-D diagrams.

For braid diagrams the intersections have different origin and non-planarity has different meaning. The crossings of entire braids analogous to those appearing in non-planar Feynman diagrams should define one particular exotic crossing besides virtual crossings of braid strands due to non-trivial first homology of 3-surfaces.

3. The necessity to choose preferred plane M^2 looks strange from QFT point of view. In TGD framework it is forced by the number theoretic vision in which M^2 represents hyper-complex plane of sub-space of hyper-octonions which is subspace of complexified octonions. The choice of M^2 is also forced by the condition that the choice of quantization axes has a geometric correlate both at the level of imbedding space geometry and the geometry of the "world of classical worlds".
4. Also 2-braid diagrams defined as projections of string world sheets are suggestive and would be defined by a projections to the 3-D boundary of CD or to $M^3 \subset M^4$. They would provide a more concrete stringy illustration about generalized Feynman diagram as analog of string diagram. Another attractive illustration is in terms of dance metaphor with the boundary of CD defining the 3-D space-like parquette. The duality between space-like and light-like braids is expected to be of importance.

The obvious conjecture is that Feynman amplitudes are a analogous to knot invariants constructible by gradually reducing non-planar Feynman diagrams to planar ones after which the already existing twistor theoretical machinery of $\mathcal{N} = 4$ SYMs would apply [16].

4.2 Does 2-D integrable QFT dictate the scattering inside the lines of generalized Feynman diagrams

The preferred plane M^2 (more precisely, 2-D causal diamond having also interpretation as Penrose diagram) plays a key role as also the preferred sphere S^2 at the boundary of CD . It is perhaps not accident that a generalization of braiding was discovered in integrable quantum field theories in M^2 . The S-matrix of this theory is rather trivial looking: particle moving with different velocities cross each other and suffer a phase lag and permutation of 2-momenta which has physical effects only in the case of non-identical particles. The R -matrix describing this process reduces to the R -matrix describing the basic braiding operation in braid theories at the static limit.

I have already earlier conjectured that this kind of integrable QFT is part of quantum TGD [3]. The natural guess is that it describes what happens for the projections of 4-momenta in M^2 in scattering process inside lines of generalized Feynman diagrams. If integrable theories in M^2 control this scattering, it would cause only phase changes and permutation of the M^2 projections of the 4-momenta. The most plausible guess is that M^2 QFT characterized by R -matrix describes what happens to the braid momenta during the free propagation and the remaining challenge would be to understand what happens in the vertices defined by 2-D partonic surfaces at which re-distribution of braid strands takes place.

4.3 How quantum TGD as almost topological QFT differs from topological QFT for braids and 3-manifolds

One must distinguish between two topological QFTs. These correspond to topological QFT defining braid invariants and invariants of 3-manifolds respectively. The reason is that knots are an essential element in the procedure yielding 3-manifolds. Both 3-manifold invariants and knot invariants would be defined as Wilson loops involving path integral over gauge connections for a given 3-manifold with exponent of non-Abelian Chern-Simons action defining the weight.

1. In TGD framework the topological QFT producing braid invariants for a given 3-manifold is replaced with sub-manifold braid theory. Kähler action reduces Chern-Simons terms for preferred extremals and only these contribute to the functional integral. What is the counterpart of

topological invariance in this framework? Are general isotopies allowed or should one allow only sub-group of symplectic group of CD boundary leaving the end points of braids invariant? For this option Reidemeister moves are undetectable in the finite measurement resolution defined by the subgroup of the symplectic group. Symplectic transformations would not affect 3-surfaces as the analogs of abstract contact manifold since induced Kähler form would not be affected and only the imbedding would be changed.

In the approach based on inclusions of HFFs gauge invariance or its generalizations would represent finite measurement resolution (the action of included algebra would generate states not distinguishable from the original one).

2. There is also ordinary topological QFT allowing to construct topological invariants for 3-manifold. In TGD framework the analog of topological QFT is defined by Chern-Simons-Kähler action in the space of preferred 3-surfaces. Now one sums over small deformations of 3-surface instead of gauge potentials. If extremals of Chern-Simons-Kähler action are in question, symplectic invariance is the most that one can hope for and this might be the situation quite generally. If all light-like 3-surfaces are allowed so that only weak form of electric-magnetic duality at them would bring metric into the theory, it might be possible to have topological invariance at 3-D level but not at 4-D level. It however seems that symplectic invariance with respect to subgroup leaving end points of braids invariant is the realistic expectation.

4.4 Could the allowed braids define Legendrian sub-manifolds of contact manifolds?

The basic questions concern the identification of braids and 2-braids. In quantum TGD they cannot be arbitrary but determined by dynamics providing space-time correlates for quantum dynamics. The deformations of braids should mean also deformations of 3-surfaces which as topological manifolds would however remain as such. Therefore topological QFT for given 3-manifold with path integral over gauge connections would in TGD correspond to functional integral of 3-surfaces corresponding to same topology even symplectic structure. The quantum fluctuating degrees of freedom indeed correspond to symplectic group divided by its subgroup defining measurement resolution.

What is the dynamics defining the braids strands? What selects them? I have considered this problem several times. Just two examples is enough here.

1. Could they be some special light-like curves? Could the condition that the end points of the curves correspond to rational points in some preferred coordinates allow to select these light-like curves? But what about light-like curves associated with the ends of the space-time surface?
2. The solutions of modified Dirac equation [5] are localized to curves by using the analog of periodic boundary conditions: the length of the curve is quantized in the effective metric defined by the modified gamma matrices. Here one however introduced a coordinate along light-like 3-surface and it is not clear how one should fix this preferred coordinate.

1. Legendrian and Lagrangian sub-manifolds

A hint about what is missing comes from the observation that a non-vanishing Chern-Simons-Kähler form A defines a contact structure [2] at light-like 3-surfaces if one has $A \wedge dA \neq 0$. This condition states complete non-integrability of the distribution of 2-planes defined by the condition $A_\mu t^\mu = 0$, where t is tangent vector in the tangent bundle of light-like 3-surface. It also states that the flow lines of A do *not* define global coordinate varying along them.

1. It is however possible to have 1-dimensional curves for which $A_\mu t^\mu = 0$ holds true at each point. These curves are known as Legendrian sub-manifolds to be distinguished from Lagrangian manifolds for which the projection of symplectic form expressible locally as $J = dA$ vanishes. The set of this curves is discrete so that one obtains braids. Legendrian knots are the simplest example of Legendrian sub-manifolds and the question is whether braid strands could be identified as Legendrian knots. For Legendrian braids symplectic invariance replaces topological invariance and Legendrian knots and braids can be trivial in topological sense. In some situations the property of being Legendrian implies un-knottedness.

2. For Legendrian braid strands the Kähler gauge potential vanishes. Since the solutions of the modified Dirac equation are localized to braid strands, this means that the coupling to Kähler gauge potential vanishes. From physics point of view a generalization of Legendre braid strand by allowing gauge transformations $A \rightarrow A + d\Phi$ looks natural since it means that the coupling of induced spinors is pure gauge terms and can be eliminated by a gauge transformation.

2. 2-D duals of Legendrian sub-manifolds

One can consider also what might be called 2-dimensional duals of Legendrian sub-manifolds.

1. Also the one-form obtained from the dual of Kähler magnetic field defined as $B^\mu = \epsilon^{\mu\nu\gamma} J_{\nu\gamma}$ defines a distribution of 2-planes. This vector field is ill-defined for light-like surfaces since contravariant metric is ill-defined. One can however multiply B with the square root of metric determining formally so that metric would disappear completely just as it disappears from Chern-Simons action. This looks however somewhat tricky mathematically. At the 3-D space-like ends of space-time sheets at boundaries of CD B^μ is however well-defined as such.
2. The distribution of 2-planes is integrable if one has $B \wedge dB = 0$ stating that one has Beltrami field: physically the conditions states that the current dB feels no Lorentz force. The geometric content is that B defines a global coordinate varying along its flow lines. For the preferred extremals of Kähler action Beltrami condition is satisfied by isometry currents and Kähler current in the interior of space-time sheets. If this condition holds at 3-surfaces, one would have an global time coordinate and integrable distribution of 2-planes defining a slicing of the 2-surface. This would realize the conjecture that space-time surface has a slicing by partonic 2-surfaces. One could say that the 2-surfaces defined by the distribution are orthogonal to B . This need not however mean that the projection of J to these 2-surfaces vanishes. The condition $B \wedge dB = 0$ on the space-like 3-surfaces could be interpreted in terms of effective 2-dimensionality. The simplest option posing no additional conditions would allow two types of braids at space-like 3-surfaces and only Legendrian braids at light-like 3-surfaces.

These observations inspire a question. Could it be that the conjectured dual slicings of space-time sheets by space-like partonic 2-surfaces and by string world sheets are defined by A_μ and B^μ respectively associated with slicings by light-like 3-surfaces and space-like 3-surfaces? Could partonic 2-surfaces be identified as 2-D duals of 1-D Legendrian sub-manifolds?

The identification of braids as Legendrian braids for light-like 3-surfaces and with Legendrian braids or their duals for space-like 3-surfaces would in turn imply that topological braid theory is replaced with a symplectic braid theory in accordance with the view about TGD as almost topological QFT. If finite measurement resolution corresponds to the replacement of symplectic group with the coset space obtained by dividing by a subgroup, symplectic subgroup would take the role of isotopies in knot theory. This symplectic subgroup could be simply the symplectic group leaving the end points of braids invariant.

4.5 An attempt to identify the constraints on the braid algebra

The basic problems in understanding of quantum TGD are conceptual. One must proceed by trying to define various concepts precisely to remove the many possible sources of confusion. With this in mind I try collect essential points about generalized Feynman diagrams and their relation to braid diagrams and Feynman diagrams and discuss also the most obvious constraints on algebraization.

Let us first summarize what generalized Feynman diagrams are.

1. Generalized Feynman diagrams are 3-D (or 4-D, depends on taste) objects inside $CD \times CP_2$. Ordinary Feynman diagrams are in plane. If finite measurement resolution has as a space-time correlate discretization at the level of partonic 2-surfaces, both space-like and light-like 3-surfaces reduce to braids and the lines of generalized Feynman diagrams correspond to braids. It is possible to obtain the analogs of ordinary Feynman diagrams by projection to $M^2 \subset M^4$ defined uniquely for given CD . The resulting apparent intersections would represent ne particular kind of exotic intersection.

2. Light-like 3-surfaces define the lines of generalized Feynman diagrams and the braiding results naturally. Non-trivial first homology for the orbits of partonic 2-surfaces with genus $g > 0$ could be called homological virtual intersections.
3. It zero energy ontology braids must be characterized by time orientation. Also it seems that one must distinguish in zero energy ontology between on mass shell braids and off mass shell braid pairs which decompose to pairs of braids with positive and negative energy massless on mass shell states. In order to avoid confusion one should perhaps speak about tangles inside CD rather than braids. The operations of the algebra are same except that the braids can end either to the upper or lower light-like boundary of CD . The projection to M^2 effectively reduces the CD to a 2-dimensional causal diamond.
4. The vertices of generalized Feynman diagrams are partonic 2-surfaces at which the light-like 3-surfaces meet. This is a new element. If the notion of bosonic emergence is accepted no $n > 2$ -vertices are needed so that braid strands are redistributed in the reaction vertices. The redistribution of braid strands in vertices must be introduced as an additional operation somewhat analogous to \triangleright and the challenge is to reduce this operation to something simple. Perhaps the basic operation reduces to an exchange of braid strand between braids. The process can be seen as a decay of of braid with the conservation of braid strands with strands from future and past having opposite strand numbers. Also for this operation the analogs of Reidemeister moves should be identified. In dance metaphor this operation corresponds to a situation in which the dancer leaves the group to which it belongs and goes to a new one.
5. A fusion of Feynman diagrammatic non-planarity and braid theoretic non-planarity is needed and the projection to M^2 could provide this fusion when at least two kinds of virtual crossings are allowed. The choice of M^2 could be global. An open question is whether the choice of M^2 could characterize separately each line of generalized Feynman diagram characterized by the four-momentum associated with it in the rest system defined by the tips of CD . Somehow the theory should be able to fuse the braiding matrix for integrable QFT in M^2 applying to entire braids with the braiding matrix for braid theory applying at the level of single braid.

Both integral QFTs in M^2 and braid theories suggest that biquandle structure is the structure that one should try to generalized.

1. The representations of resulting bi-quandle like structure could allow abstract interesting information about generalized Feynman diagrams themselves but the dream is to construct generalized Feynman diagrams as analogs of knot invariants by a recursive procedure analogous to un-knotting of a knot.
2. The analog of bi-quandle algebra should have a hierarchical structure containing braid strands at the lowest level, braids at next level, and braids of braids...of braids at higher levels. The notion of operad would be ideal for formulating this hierarchy and I have already proposed that this notion must be essential for the generalized Feynman diagrammatics. An essential element is the vanishing of total strand number in the vertex (completely analogous to conserved charged such as fermion number). Again a convenient visualization is in terms of dancers forming dynamical groups, forming groups of groups forming

I have already earlier suggested [3] that the notion of operad [3] relying on permutation group and its subgroups acting in tensor products of linear spaces is central for understanding generalized Feynman diagrams. $n \rightarrow n_1 + n_2$ decay vertex for n -braid would correspond to "symmetry breaking" $S_n \rightarrow S_{n_1} \times S_{n_2}$. Braid group represents the covering of permutation group so that braid group and its subgroups permuting braids would suggest itself as the basic group theoretical notion. One could assign to each strand of n -braid decaying to n_1 and n_2 braids a two-valued color telling whether it becomes a strand of n_1 -braid or n_2 -braid. Could also this "color" be interpreted as a particular kind of exotic crossing?

3. What could be the analogs of Reidemeister moves for braid strands?
 - (a) If the braid strands are dynamically determined, arbitrary deformations are not possible. If however all isotopy classes are allowed, the interpretation would be that a kind of gauge

choice selecting one preferred representation of strand among all possible ones obtained by continuous deformations is in question.

- (b) Second option is that braid strands are dynamically determined within finite measurement resolution so that one would have braid theory in given length scale resolution.
 - (c) Third option is that topological QFT is replaced with symplectic QFT: this option is suggested by the possibility to identify braid strands as Legendrian knots or their duals. Subgroup of the symplectic group leaving the end points of braids invariant would act as the analog of continuous transformations and play also the role of gauge group. The new element is that symplectic transformations affect partonic 2-surfaces and space-time surfaces except at the end points of braid.
4. Also 2-braids and perhaps also 2-knots could be useful and would provide string theory like approach to TGD. In this case the projections could be performed to the ends of CD or to M^3 , which can be identified uniquely for a given CD .
 5. There are of course many additional subtleties involved. One should not forget loop corrections, which naturally correspond to sub- CD s. The hierarchy of Planck constants and number theoretical universality bring in additional complexities.

All this looks perhaps hopelessly complex but the Universe around is complex even if the basic principles could be very simple.

5 About string world sheets, partonic 2-surfaces, and two-knots

String world sheets and partonic 2-surfaces provide a beautiful visualization of generalized Feynman diagrams as braids and also support for the duality of string world sheets and partonic 2-surfaces as duality of light-like and space-like braids. Dance metaphor is very helpful here.

1. The projection of string world sheets and partonic 2-surfaces to 3-D space replaces knot projection. In TGD context this 3-D of space could correspond to the 3-D light-like boundary of CD and 2-knot projection would correspond to the projection of the braids associated with the lines of generalized Feynman diagram. Another identification would be as $M^1 \times E^2$, where M^1 is the line connecting the tips of CD and E^2 the orthogonal complement of M^2 .
2. Using dance metaphor for light-like braiding, braids assignable to the lines of generalized Feynman diagrams would correspond to groups of dancers. At vertices the dancing groups would exchange members and completely new groups would be formed by the dancers. The number of dancers (negative for those dancing in the reverse time direction) would be conserved. Dancers would be connected by threads representing strings having braid points at their ends. During the dance the light-like braiding would induce space-like braiding as the threads connecting the dancers would get entangled. This would suggest that the light-like braids and space-like braidings are equivalent in accordance with the conjectured duality between string-world sheets and partonic 2-surfaces. The presence of genuine 2-knottedness could spoil this equivalence unless it is completely local.

Can string world sheets and partonic 2-surfaces get knotted?

1. Since partonic 2-surfaces (wormhole throats) are imbedded in light-cone boundary, the preferred 3-D manifolds to which one can project them is light-cone boundary (boundary of CD). Since the projection reduces to inclusion these surfaces cannot get knotted. Only if the partonic 2-surfaces contains in its interior the tip of the light-cone something non-trivial identifiable as virtual 2-knottedness is obtained.
2. One might argue that the conjectured duality between the descriptions provided by partonic 2-surfaces and string world sheets requires that also string world sheets represent trivial 2-braids. I have shown earlier that nontrivial local knots glued to the string world sheet require that M^4

time coordinate has a local maximum. Does this mean that 2-knots are excluded? This is not obvious: TGD allows also regions of space-time surface with Euclidian signature and generalized Feynman graphs as 4-D space-time regions are indeed Euclidian. In these regions string world sheets could get knotted.

What happens for knot diagrams when the dimension of knot is increased to two? According to the articles of Nelson [6] and Carter [4] the crossings for the projections of braid strands are replaced with more complex singularities for the projections of 2-knots. One can decompose the 2-knots to regions surrounded by boxes. Box can contain just single piece of 2-D surface; it can contain two intersection pieces of 2-surfaces as the counterpart of intersecting knot strands and one can tell which of them is above which; the box can contain also a discrete point in the intersection of projections of three disjoint regions of knot which consists of discrete points; and there is also a box containing so called cone point. Unfortunately, I failed to understand the meaning of the cone point.

For 2-knots Reidemeister moves are replaced with Roseman moves. The generalization would allow virtual self intersections for the projection and induced by the non-trivial second homology of 4-D imbedding space. In TGD framework elementary particles have homologically non-trivial partonic 2-surfaces (magnetic monopoles) as their building bricks so that even if 2-knotting in standard sense might be not allowed, virtual 2-knotting would be possible. In TGD framework one works with a subgroup of symplectic transformations defining measurement resolution instead of isotopies and this might reduce the number of allowed moves.

5.1 The dynamics of string world sheets and the expression for Kähler action

The dynamics of string world sheets is an open question. Effective 2-dimensionality suggests that Kähler action for the preferred extremal should be expressible using 2-D data but there are several guesses for what the explicit expression could be, and one can only make only guesses at this moment and apply internal consistency conditions in attempts to kill various options.

5.1.1 Could weak form of electric-magnetic duality hold true for string world sheets?

If one believes on duality between string world sheets and partonic 2-surfaces, one can argue that string world sheets are most naturally 2-surfaces at which the weak form of electric magnetic duality holds true. One can even consider the possibility that the weak form of electric-magnetic duality holds true only at the the string world sheets and partonic 2-surfaces but not at the preferred 3-surfaces.

1. The weak form of electric magnetic duality would mean that induced Kähler form is non-vanishing at them and Kähler magnetic flux over string world sheet is proportional to Kähler electric flux.
2. The flux of the induced Kähler form of CP_2 over string world sheet would define a dimensionless "area". Could Kähler action for preferred extremals reduces to this flux apart from a proportionality constant. This "area" would have trivially extremum with respect to symplectic variations if the braid strands are Legendrian sub-manifolds since in this case the projection of Kähler gauge potential on them vanishes. This is a highly non-trivial point and favors weak form of electric-magnetic duality and the identification of Kähler action as Kähler magnetic flux. This option is also in spirit with the vision about TGD as almost topological QFT meaning that induced metric appears in the theory only via electric-magnetic duality.
3. Kähler magnetic flux over string world sheet has a continuous spectrum so that the identification as Kähler action could make sense. For partonic 2-surfaces the magnetic flux would be quantized and give constant term to the action perhaps identifiable as the contribution of CP_2 type vacuum extremals giving this kind of contribution.

The change of space-time orientation by changing the sign of permutation symbol would change the sign in electric-magnetic duality condition and would not be a symmetry. For a given magnetic charge the sign of electric charge changes when orientation is changed. The value of Kähler action does not depend on space-time orientation but weak form of electric-magnetic duality as boundary

condition implies dependence of the Kähler action on space-time orientation. The change of the sign of Kähler electric charge suggests the interpretation of orientation change as one aspect of charge conjugation. Could this orientation dependence be responsible for matter antimatter asymmetry?

5.1.2 Could string world sheets be Lagrangian sub-manifolds in generalized sense?

Legendrian sub-manifolds can be lifted to Lagrangian sub-manifolds [2] Could one generalize this by replacing Lagrangian sub-manifold with 2-D sub-manifold of space-times surface for which the projection of the induced Kähler form vanishes? Could string world sheets be Lagrangian sub-manifolds?

I have also proposed that the inverse image of homologically non-trivial sphere of CP_2 under imbedding map could define counterparts of string world sheets or partonic 2-surfaces. This conjecture does not work as such for cosmic strings, massless extremals having 2-D projection since the inverse image is in this case 4-dimensional. The option based on homologically non-trivial geodesic sphere is not consistent with the identification as analog of Lagrangian manifold but the identification as the inverse image of homologically trivial geodesic sphere is.

The most general option suggested is that string world sheet is mapped to 2-D Lagrangian sub-manifold of CP_2 in the imbedding map. This would mean that theory is exactly solvable at string world sheet level. Vacuum extremals with a vanishing induced Kähler form would be exceptional in this framework since they would be mapped as a whole to Lagrangian sub-manifolds of CP_2 . The boundary condition would be that the boundaries of string world sheets defined by braids at preferred 3-surfaces are Legendrian sub-manifolds. The generalization would mean that Legendrian braid strands could be continued to Lagrangian string world sheets for which induced Kähler form vanishes. The physical interpretation would be that if particle moves along this kind of string world sheet, it feels no covariant Lorentz-Kähler force and contra variant Lorentz forces is orthogonal to the string world sheet.

There are however serious objections.

1. This proposal does not respect the proposed duality between string world sheets and partonic 2-surfaces which as carries of Kähler magnetic charges cannot be Lagrangian 2-manifolds.
2. One loses the elegant identification of Kähler action as Kähler magnetic flux since Kähler magnetic flux vanishes. Apart from proportionality constant Kähler electric flux

$$\int_{Y^2} *J$$

is as a dimensionless scaling invariant a natural candidate for Kähler action but need not be extremum if braids are Legendrian sub-manifolds whereas for Kähler magnetic flux this is the case. There is however an explicit dependence on metric which does not conform with the idea that almost topological QFT is symplectic QFT.

3. The sign factor of the dual flux which depends on the orientation of the string world sheet and thus changes sign when the orientation of space-time sheet is changed by changing that of the string world sheet. This is in conflict with the independence of Kähler action on orientation. One can however argue that the orientation makes itself actually physically visible via the weak form of electric-magnetic duality. If the above discussed duality holds true, the net contribution to Kähler action would vanish as the total Kähler magnetic flux for partonic 2-surfaces. Therefore the duality cannot hold true if Kähler action reduces to dual flux.
4. There is also a purely formal counter argument. The inverse images of Lagrangian sub-manifolds of CP_2 can be 4-dimensional (cosmic strings and massless extremals) whereas string world sheets are 2-dimensional.

5.2 String world sheets as minimal surfaces

Effective 2-dimensionality suggests a reduction of Kähler action to Chern-Simons terms to the area of minimal surfaces defined by string world sheets holds true [7]. Skeptic could argue that the expressibility of Kähler action involving no dimensional parameters except CP_2 scaled does not favor this proposal. The connection of minimal surface property with holomorphy and conformal invariance

however forces to take the proposal seriously and it is easy to imagine how string tension emerges since the size scale of CP_2 appears in the induced metric [7].

One can ask whether the minimal surface property conforms with the proposal that string worlds sheets obey the weak form of electric-magnetic duality and with the proposal that they are generalized Lagrangian sub-manifolds.

1. The basic answer is simple: minimal surface property and possible additional conditions (Lagrangian sub-manifold property or the weak form of electric magnetic duality) poses only additional conditions forcing the space-time sheet to be such that the imbedded string world sheet is a minimal surface of space-time surface: minimal surface property is a condition on space-time sheet rather than string world sheet. The weak form of electric-magnetic duality is favored because it poses conditions on the first derivatives in the normal direction unlike Lagrangian sub-manifold property.
2. Any proposal for 2-D expression of Kähler action should be consistent with the proposed real-octonion analytic solution ansatz for the preferred extremals [1]. The ansatz is based on real-octonion analytic map of imbedding space to itself obtained by algebraically continuing real-complex analytic map of 2-D sub-manifold of imbedding space to another such 2-D sub-manifold. Space-time surface is obtained by requiring that the "imaginary" part of the map vanishes so that image point is hyper-quaternion valued. Wick rotation allows to formulate the conditions using octonions and quaternions. Minimal surfaces (of space-time surface) are indeed objects for which the imbedding maps are holomorphic and the real-octonion analyticity could be perhaps seen as algebraic continuation of this property.
3. Does Kähler action for the preferred extremals reduce to the area of the string world sheet or to Kähler magnetic flux or are the representations equivalent so that the induced Kähler form would effectively define area form? If the Kähler form associated with the induced metric on string world sheet is proportional to the induced Kähler form the Kähler magnetic flux is proportional to the area and Kähler action reduces to genuine area. Could one pose this condition as an additional constraint on string world sheets? For Lagrangian sub-manifolds Kähler electric field should be proportional to the area form and the condition involves information about space-time surface and is therefore more complex and does not look plausible.

5.3 Explicit conditions expressing the minimal surface property of the string world sheet

It is instructive to write explicitly the condition for the minimal surface property of the string world sheet and for the reduction of the area Kähler form to the induced Kähler form. For string world sheets with Minkowskian signature of the induced metric Kähler structure must be replaced by its hyper-complex analog involving hyper-complex unit e satisfying $e^2 = 1$ but replaced with real unit at the level hyper-complex coordinates. e can be represented as antisymmetric Kähler form J_g associated with the induced metric but now one has $J_g^2 = g$ instead of $J_g^2 = -g$. The condition that the signed area reduces to Kähler electric flux means that J_g must be proportional to the induced Kähler form: $J_g = kJ$, $k = \text{constant}$ in a given space-time region.

One should make an educated guess for the imbedding of the string world sheet into a preferred extremal of Kähler action. To achieve this it is natural to interpret the minimal surface property as a condition for the preferred Kähler extremal in the vicinity of the string world sheet guaranteeing that the sheet is a minimal surface satisfying $J_g = kJ$. By the weak form of electric-magnetic duality partonic 2-surfaces represent both electric and magnetic monopoles. The weak form of electric-magnetic duality requires for string world sheets that the Kähler magnetic field at string world sheet is proportional to the component of the Kähler electric field parallel to the string world sheet. Kähler electric field is assumed to have component only in the direction of string world sheet.

5.3.1 Minkowskian string world sheets

Let us try to formulate explicitly the conditions for the reduction of the signed area to Kähler electric flux in the case of Minkowskian string world sheets.

1. Let us assume that the space-time surface in Minkowskian regions has coordinates (u, v, w, \bar{w}) [1]. The pair (u, v) defines light-like coordinates at the string world sheet having identification as hyper-complex coordinates with hyper-complex unit satisfying $e = 1$. u and v need not - nor cannot as it turns out - be light-like with respect to the metric of the space-time surface. One can use (u, v) as coordinates for string world sheet and assume that $w = x^1 + ix^2$ and \bar{w} are constant for the string world sheet. Without a loss of generality one can assume $w = \bar{w} = 0$ at string world sheet.
2. The induced Kähler structure must be consistent with the metric. This implies that the induced metric satisfies the conditions

$$g_{uu} = g_{vv} = 0 . \quad (5.1)$$

The analogs of these conditions in regions with Euclidian signature would be $g_{zz} = g_{\bar{z}\bar{z}} = 0$.

3. Assume that the imbedding map for space-time surface has the form

$$s^m = s^m(u, v) + f^m(u, v, x^m)_{kl} x^k x^l , \quad (5.2)$$

so that the conditions

$$\partial_l k s^m = 0 , \quad \partial_k \partial_u s^m = 0 , \quad \partial_k \partial_v s^m = 0 \quad (5.3)$$

are satisfied at string world sheet. These conditions imply that the only non-vanishing components of the induced CP_2 Kähler form at string world sheet are J_{uv} and $J_{w\bar{w}}$. Same applies to the induced metric if the metric of M^4 satisfies these conditions (no non-vanishing components of form m_{uk} or m_{vk}).

4. Also the following conditions hold true for the induced metric of the space-time surface

$$\partial_k g_{uv} = 0 , \quad \partial_u g_{kv} = 0 , \quad \partial_v g_{ku} = 0 . \quad (5.4)$$

at string world sheet as is easy to see by using the ansatz.

Consider now the minimal surface conditions stating that the trace of the four components of the second fundamental form whose components are labelled by the coordinates $\{x^\alpha\} \equiv (u, v, w, \bar{w})$ vanish for string world sheet.

1. Since only g_{uv} is non-vanishing, only the components H_{uv}^k of the second fundamental form appear in the minimal surface equations. They are given by the general formula

$$\begin{aligned} H_{uv}^\alpha &= H^\gamma P_\gamma^\alpha , \\ H^\alpha &= (\partial_u \partial_v x^\alpha + (\beta^\alpha_\gamma) \partial_u x^\beta \partial_v x^\gamma) . \end{aligned} \quad (5.5)$$

Here P_γ^α is the projector to the normal space of the string world sheet. Formula contains also Christoffel symbols (β^α_γ) .

2. Since the imbedding map is simply $(u, v) \rightarrow (u, v, 0, 0)$ all second derivatives in the formula vanish. Also $H^k = 0, k \in \{w, \bar{w}\}$ holds true. One has also $\partial_u x^\alpha = \delta_u^\alpha$ and $\partial_v x^\beta = \delta_v^\beta$. This gives

$$H^\alpha = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha \\ u \ v \end{pmatrix} . \quad (5.6)$$

All these Christoffel symbols however vanish if the assumption $g_{uu} = g_{vv} = 0$ and the assumptions about imbedding ansatz hold true. Hence a minimal surface is in question.

Consider now the conditions on the induced metric of the string world sheet

1. The conditions reduce to

$$g_{uu} = g_{vv} = 0 . \quad (5.7)$$

The conditions on the diagonal components of the metric are the analogs of Virasoro conditions fixing the coordinate choices in string models. The conditions state that the coordinate lines for u and v are light-like curves in the induced metric.

2. The conditions can be expressed directly in terms of the induced metric and read

$$\begin{aligned} m_{uu} + s_{kl} \partial_u s^k \partial_u s^l &= 0 , \\ m_{vv} + s_{kl} \partial_v s^k \partial_v s^l &= 0 . \end{aligned} \quad (5.8)$$

The CP_2 contribution is negative for both equations. The conditions make sense only for ($m_{uu} > 0, m_{vv} > 0$). Note that the determinant condition $m_{uu}m_{vv} - m_{uv}m_{vu} < 0$ expresses the Minkowskian signature of the (u, v) coordinate plane in M^4 .

The additional condition states

$$J_{uv}^g = k J_{uv} . \quad (5.9)$$

It reduces signed area to Kähler electric flux. If the weak form of electric-magnetic duality holds true one can interpret the area as magnetic flux defined as the flux of the dual of induced Kähler form over space-like surface and defining electric charge. A further condition is that the boundary of string world sheet is Legendrean manifold so that the flux and thus area is extremized also at the boundaries.

5.3.2 Conditions for the Euclidian string world sheets

One can do the same calculation for string world sheet with Euclidian signature. The only difference is that (u, v) is replaced with (z, \bar{z}) . The imbedding map has the same form assuming that space-time sheet with Euclidian signature allows coordinates (z, \bar{z}, w, \bar{w}) and the local conditions on the imbedding are a direct generalization of the above described conditions. In this case the vanishing for the diagonal components of the string world sheet metric reads as

$$\begin{aligned} h_{kl} \partial_z s^k \partial_z s^l &= 0 , \\ h_{kl} \partial_{\bar{z}} s^k \partial_{\bar{z}} s^l &= 0 . \end{aligned} \quad (5.10)$$

The natural ansatz is that complex CP_2 coordinates are holomorphic functions of the complex coordinates of the space-time sheet.

5.3.3 Wick rotation for Minkowskian string world sheets leads to a more detailed solution ansatz

Wick rotation is a standard trick used in string models to map Minkowskian string world sheets to Euclidian ones. Wick rotation indeed allows to define what one means with real-octonion analyticity. Could one identify string world sheets in Minkowskian regions by using Wick rotation and does this give the same result as the direct approach?

Wick rotation transforms space-time surfaces in $M^4 \times CP_2$ to those in $E^4 \times CP_2$. In $E^4 \times CP_2$ octonion real-analyticity is a well-defined notion and one can identify the space-time surfaces at which the imaginary part of octonion real-analytic function vanishes: imaginary part is defined via the decomposition of octonion to two quaternions as $o = q_1 + Iq_2$ where I is a preferred octonion unit. The reverse of the Wick rotation maps the quaternionic surfaces to what might be called hyper-quaternionic surfaces in $M^4 \times CP_2$.

In this picture string world sheets would be hyper-complex surfaces defined as inverse images of complex surfaces of quaternionic space-time surface obtained by the inverse of Wick rotation. For this approach to be equivalent with the above one it seems necessary to require that the treatment of the conditions on metric should be equivalent to that for which hyper-complex unit e is not put equal to 1. This would mean that the conditions reduce to independent conditions for the real and imaginary parts of the real number formally represented as hyper-complex number with $e = 1$.

Wick rotation allows to guess the form of the ansatz for CP_2 coordinates as functions of space-time coordinates. In Euclidian context holomorphic functions of space-time coordinates are the natural ansatz. Therefore the natural guess is that one can map the hypercomplex number $t \pm ez$ to complex coordinate $t \pm iz$ by the analog of Wick rotation and assume that CP_2 complex coordinates are analytic functions of the complex space-time coordinates obtained in this manner.

The resulting induced metric could be obtained directly using real coordinates (t, z) for string world sheet or by calculating the induced metric in complex coordinates $t \pm iz$ and by mapping the expressions to hyper-complex numbers by Wick rotation (by replacing i with $e = 1$). If the diagonal components of the induced metric vanish for $t \pm iz$ they vanish also for hyper-complex coordinates so that this approach seems to make sense.

5.4 Electric-magnetic duality for flux Hamiltonians and the existence of Wilson sheets

One must distinguish between two conjectured dualities. The weak form of electric-magnetic duality and the duality between string world sheets and partonic 2-surfaces. Could the first duality imply equivalence of not only electric and magnetic flux Hamiltonians but also electric and magnetic Wilson sheets? Could the latter duality allow two different representations of flux Hamiltonians?

1. For electric-magnetic duality holding true at string world sheets one would have non-vanishing Kähler form and the fluxes would be non-vanishing. The Hamiltonian fluxes

$$Q_{m,A} = \int_{X^2} JH_A dx^1 dx^2 = \int_{X^2} H_A J_{\alpha\beta} dx^\alpha \wedge dx^\beta \quad (5.11)$$

for partonic 2-surfaces X^2 define WCW Hamiltonians playing a key role in the definition of WCW Kähler geometry. They have also interpretation as a generalization of Wilson loops to Wilson 2-surfaces.

2. Weak form of electric magnetic duality would imply both at partonic 2-surfaces and string world sheets the proportionality

$$Q_{m,A} = \int_{X^2} JH_A dx^1 \wedge dx^2 \propto Q_{m,A}^* = \int_{X^2} H_A * J_{\alpha\beta} dx^\alpha \wedge dx^\beta . \quad (5.12)$$

Therefore the electric-magnetic duality would have a concrete meaning also at the level of WCW geometry.

3. If string world sheets are Lagrangian sub-manifolds Hamiltonian fluxes would vanish identically so that the identification as Wilson sheets does not make sense. One would lose electric-magnetic duality for flux sheets. The dual fluxes

$$*Q_A = \int_{Y^2} *JH_A dx^1 \wedge dx^2 = \int_{Y^2} \epsilon_{\alpha\beta}{}^{\gamma\delta} J_{\gamma\delta} = \int_{Y^2} \frac{\sqrt{\det(g_4)}}{\det(g_2^{\perp})} J_{34} dx^1 \wedge dx^2$$

for string world sheets Y^2 are however non-vanishing. Unlike fluxes, the dual fluxes depend on the induced metric although they are scaling invariant.

Under what conditions the conjectured duality between partonic 2-surface and string world sheets hold true at the level of WCW Hamiltonians?

1. For the weak form of electric-magnetic duality at string world sheets the duality would mean that the sum of the fluxes for partonic 2-surfaces and sum of the fluxes for string world sheets are identical apart from a proportionality constant:

$$\sum_i Q_A(X_i^2) \propto \sum_i Q_A(Y_i^2) . \quad (5.13)$$

Note that in zero ontology it seems necessary to sum over all the partonic surfaces (at both ends of the space-time sheet) and over all string world sheets.

2. For Lagrangian sub-manifold option the duality can hold true only in the form

$$\sum_i Q_A(X_i^2) \propto \sum_i Q_A^*(Y_i^2) . \quad (5.14)$$

Obviously this option is less symmetric and elegant.

5.5 Summary

There are several arguments favoring weak form of electric-magnetic duality for both string world sheets and partonic 2-surfaces. Legendrian sub-manifold property for braid strands follows from the assumption that Kähler action for preferred extremals is proportional to the Kähler magnetic flux associated with preferred 2-surfaces and is stationary with respect to the variations of the boundary. What is especially nice is that Legendrian sub-manifold property implies automatically unique braids. The minimal option favored by the idea that 3-surfaces are basic dynamical objects is the one for which weak form of electric-magnetic duality holds true only at partonic 2-surfaces and string world sheets. A stronger option assumes it at preferred 3-surfaces. Duality between string world sheets and partonic 2-surfaces suggests that WCW Hamiltonians can be defined as sums of Kähler magnetic fluxes for either partonic 2-surfaces or string world sheets.

6 What generalized Feynman rules could be?

After all these explanations the skeptic reader might ask whether this lengthy discussion gives any idea about what the generalized Feynman rules might look like. The attempt to answer this question is a good manner to make a map about what is understood and what is not understood. The basic questions are simple. What constraints does zero energy ontology (ZEO) pose? What does the necessity to project the four-momenta to a preferred plane M^2 mean? What mathematical expressions one should assign to the propagator lines and vertices? How does one perform the functional integral over 3-surfaces in finite measurement resolution? The following represents tentative answers to these questions but does not say much about exact role of algebraic knots.

6.1 Zero energy ontology

ZEO poses very powerful constraints on generalized Feynman diagrams and gives hopes that both UV and IR divergences cancel.

1. ZEO predicts that the fermions assigned with braid strands associated with the virtual particles are on mass shell massless particles for which the sign of energy can be also negative: in the case of wormhole throats this can give rise to a tachyonic exchange.
2. The on mass shell conditions for each wormhole throat in the diagram involving loops are very stringent and expected to eliminate very large classes of diagrams. If however given diagonal diagram leading from n-particle state to the same n-particle state -completely analogous to self energy diagram- is possible then the ladders form by these diagrams are also possible and one obtains infinite of this kind of diagrams as generalized self energy correction and is excellent hopes that geometric series gives a closed algebraic function.

3. IR divergences plaguing massless theories are cancelled if the incoming and outgoing particles are massive bound states of massless on mass shell particles. In the simplest manner this is achieved when the 3-momenta are in opposite direction. For internal lines the massive on-mass shell-condition is not needed at all. Therefore there is an almost complete separation of the problem how bound state masses are determined from the problem of constructing the scattering amplitudes.
4. What looks like a problematic aspect ZEO is that the massless on-mass-shell propagators would diverge for wormhole throats. The solution comes from the projection of 4-momenta to M^2 . In the generic the projection is time-like and one avoids the singularity. The study of solutions of the modified Dirac equation [5] and number theoretic vision [15] indeed suggests that the projections of four-momenta to M^2 are integer multiples of hyper-complex primes or light-like. The light-like momenta would be treated like in the case of ordinary Feynman diagrams using $i\epsilon$ -prescription of the propagator and would also give a finite contributions corresponding to integral over physical on mass shell states. This guarantees also the vanishing of the possible IR divergences coming from the summation over different M^2 momenta.
5. Zero energy ontology strongly suggests that all particles (including photons, gluons, and gravitons) have mass which can be arbitrarily small and can be seen as being due to the fact that particle "eats" Higgs like states giving it the otherwise lacking polarization states. This would mean a generalization of the notion of Higgs particle to a Higgs like particle with spin. It would also mean rearrangement of massless states at wormhole throat level to massive physical states. The projection of the momenta to M^2 is consistent with this vision. The natural generalization of the gauge condition $p \cdot \epsilon = 0$ is obtained by replacing p with the projection of the total momentum of the boson to M^2 and ϵ with its polarization so that one has $p_{||} \cdot \epsilon$. If the projection to M^2 is light-like, three polarization states are possible in the generic case, so that massivation is required by internal consistency. Note that if intermediate states in the unitary condition were states with light-like M^2 -momentum one could have a problematic situation.
6. The real beauty of Feynman rules is that they guarantee unitarity automatically. In fact, unitarity reduces to Cutkosky rules which can be formulated in terms of cut obtained by putting certain subset of internal lines on mass shell so that it represents on mass shell state. Cut analyticity implies the usual $iDisc(T) = TT^\dagger$. In the recent context the cutting of the internal lines by putting them on-mass-shell requires a generalization.
 - (a) The first guess is that on mass shell property means that M^2 projection for the momenta is light-like. This would mean that also these momenta contribute to the amplitude but the contribution is finite just like in the usual case. In this formulation the real particles would be the massless wormhole throats.
 - (b) Second possibility is that the internal lines on on mass shell states corresponding to massive on mass-shell-particles. This would correspond to the experimental meaning of the unitary conditions if real particles are the massive on mass shell particles. Mathematically it seems possible to pick up from the amplitude the states which correspond to massive on mass shell states but one should understand why the discontinuity should be associated with physical net masses for wormhole contacts or many-particle states formed by them. General connection with unitarity and analyticity might allow to understand this.
7. CD s are labelled by various moduli and one must integrate over them. Once the tips of the CD and therefore a preferred M^1 is selected, the choice of angular momentum quantization axis orthogonal to M^1 remains: this choice means fixing M^2 . These choices are parameterized by sphere S^2 . It seems that an integration over different choices of M^2 is needed to achieve Poincare invariance.

6.2 How the propagators are determined?

In accordance with previous sections it will be assumed that the braid are Legendrian braids and therefore completely well-defined. One should assign propagator to the braid. A good guess is that the propagator reduces to a product of three terms.

1. A multi-particle propagator which is a product of collinear massless propagators for braid strands with fermion number $F = 0, 1 - 1$. The constraint on the momenta is $p_i = \lambda_i p$ with $\sum_i \lambda_i = 1$. So that the fermionic propagator is $\frac{1}{\prod_i \lambda_i} p^k \gamma_k$. If one gas $p = nP$, where P is hyper-complex prime, one must sum over combinations of $\lambda_i = n_i$ satisfying $\sum_i n_i = n$.
2. A unitary S -matrix for integrable QFT in M^2 in which the velocities of particles assignable to braid strands appear for which fixed by R -matrix defines the basic 2-vertex representing the process in which a particle passes through another one. For this S -matrix braids are the basic units. To each crossing appearing in non-planar Feynman diagram one would have an R -matrix representing the effect of a reconnection the ends of the lines coming to the crossing point. In this manner one could gradually transform the non-planar diagram to a planar diagram. One can ask whether a formulation in terms of a suitable R -matrix could allow to generalize twistor program to apply in the case of non-planar diagrams.
3. An S -matrix predicted by topological QFT for a given braid. This S -matrix should be constructible in terms of Chern-Simons term defining a symplectic QFT.

There are several questions about quantum numbers assignable to the braid strands.

1. Can braid strands be only fermionic or can they also carry purely bosonic quantum numbers corresponding to WCW Hamiltonians and therefore to Hamiltonians of $\delta M_{\pm}^4 \times CP_2$? Nothing is lost if one assumes that both purely bosonic and purely fermionic lines are possible and looks whether this leads to inconsistencies. If virtual fermions correspond to single wormhole throat they can have only time-like M^2 -momenta. If virtual fermions correspond to pairs of wormhole throats with second throat carrying purely bosonic quantum numbers, also fermionic can have space-like net momenta. The interpretation would be in terms of topological condensation. This is however not possible if all strands are fermionic. Situation changes if one identifies physical fermions wormhole throats at the ends of Kähler magnetic flux tube as one indeed does: in this case virtual net momentum can be space-like if the sign of energy is opposite for the ends of the flux tube.
2. Are the 3-momenta associated with the wormholes of wormhole contact parallel so that only the sign of energy could distinguish between them for space-like total momentum and M^2 mass squared would be the same? This assumption simplifies the situation but is not absolutely necessary.
3. What about the momentum components orthogonal to M^2 ? Are they restricted only by the massless mass shell conditions on internal lines and quantization of the M^2 projection of 4-momentum?
4. What braids do elementary particles correspond? The braids assigned to the wormhole throat lines can have arbitrary number n of strands and for $n = 1, 2$ the treatment of braiding is almost trivial. A natural assumption is that propagator is simply a product of massless collinear propagators for M^2 projection of momentum [6]. Collinearity means that propagator is product of a multifermion propagator $\frac{1}{\lambda_i p_k \gamma_k}$, and multiboson propagator $\frac{1}{\mu_i p_k \gamma_k}$, $\sum \lambda_i + \sum \mu_i = 1$. There are also quantization conditions on M^2 projections of momenta from modified Dirac equation implying that multiplies of hyper-complex prime are in question in suitable units. Note however that it is not clear whether purely bosonic strands are present.
5. For ordinary elementary particles with propagators behaving like $\prod_i \lambda_i^{-1} p^{-n}$, only $n \leq 2$ is possible. The topologically really interesting states with more than two braid strands are something else than what we have used to call elementary particles. The proposed interpretation is in terms of anyonic states [13]. One important implication is that $\mathcal{N} = 1$ SUSY generated by right-handed neutrino or its antineutrino is SUSY for which all members of the multiplet assigned to a wormhole throat have braid number smaller than 3. For $\mathcal{N} = 2$ SUSY generated by right-handed neutrino and its antiparticle the states containing fermion and neutrino-antineutrino pair have three braid strands and SUSY breaking is expected to be strong.

6.3 Vertices

Conformal invariance raises the hope that vertices can be deduced from super-conformal invariance as n -point functions. Therefore lines would come from integrable QFT in M^2 and topological braid theory and vertices from conformal field theory: both theories are integrable.

The basic question is how the vertices are defined by the 2-D partonic surfaces at which the ends of lines meet. Finite measurement resolution reduces the lines to braids so that the vertices reduce to the intersection of braid strands with the partonic 2-surface.

1. Conformal invariance is the basic symmetry of quantum TGD. Does this mean that the vertices can be identified as n -point functions for points of the partonic 2-surface defined by the incoming and outgoing braid strands? How strong constraints can one pose on this conformal field theory? Is this field theory free and fixed by anticommutation relations of induced spinor fields so that correlation function would reduce to product of fermionic two points functions with standard operator in the vertices represented by strand ends. If purely bosonic vertices are present, their correlation functions must result from the functional integral over WCW.
2. For the fermionic fields associated with each incoming braid the anticommutators of fermions and antifermions are trivial just as the usual equal time anticommutation relations. This means that the vertex reduces to sum of products of fermionic correlation functions with arguments belonging to different incoming and outgoing lines. How can one calculate the correlators?
 - (a) Should one perform standard second quantization of fermions at light-like 3-surface allowing infinite number of spinor modes, apply a finite measurement resolution to obtain braids, for each partonic 2-surface, and use the full fermion fields to calculate the correlators? In this case braid strands would be discontinuous in vertices. A possible problem might be that the cutoff in spinor modes seems to come from the theory itself: finite measurement resolution is a property of quantum state itself.
 - (b) Could finite measurement resolution allow to approximate the braid strands with continuous ones so that the correlators between strands belonging to different lines are given by anticommutation relations? This would simplify enormously the situation and would conform with the idea of finite measurement resolution and the vision that interaction vertices reduce to braids. This vision is encouraged by the previous considerations and would mean that replication of braid strands analogous to replication of DNA strands can be seen as a fundamental process of Nature. This of course represents an important deviation from the standard picture.
3. Suppose that one accepts the latter option. What can happen in the vertex, where line goes from one braid to another one?
 - (a) Can the direction of momentum change as visual intuition suggests? Is the total braid momentum conservation the only constraint so that the velocities assignable braid strands in each line would be constrained by the total momentum of the line.
 - (b) What kind of operators appear in the vertex? To get some idea about this one can look for the simplest possible vertex, namely FFB vertex which could in fact be the only fundamental vertex as the arguments of [2] suggest. The propagator of spin one boson decomposes to product of a projection operator to the polarization states divided by p^2 factor. The projection operator sum over products $\epsilon_i^k \gamma_k$ at both ends where γ_k acts in the spinor space defined by fermions. Also fermion lines have spinor and its conjugate at their ends. This gives rise to $p^k \gamma_k / p^2$. $p^k \gamma_k$ is the analog of the bosonic polarization tensor factorizing into a sum over products of fermionic spinors and their conjugates. This gives the BFF vertex $\epsilon_i^k \gamma_k$ slashed between the fermionic propagators which are effectively 2-dimensional.
 - (c) Note that if H-chiralities are same at the throats of the wormhole contact, only spin one states are possible. Scalars would be leptiquarks in accordance with general view about lepton and quark number conservation. One particular implication is that Higgs in the standard sense is not possible in TGD framework. It can appear only as a state with a polarization which is in CP_2 direction. In any case, Higgs like states would be eaten by massless state so that all particles would have at least a small mass.

6.4 Functional integral over 3-surfaces

The basic question is how one can functionally integrate over light-like 3-surfaces or space-like 3-surfaces.

1. Does effective 2-dimensionality allow to reduce the functional integration to that over partonic 2-surfaces assigned with space-time sheet inside CD plus radiative corrections from the hierarchy of sub- CD s?
2. Does finite measurement resolution reduce the functional integral to a ordinary integral over the positions of the end points of braids and could this integral reduce to a sum? Symplectic group of $\delta M_{\pm}^4 \times CP_2$ basically parametrizes the quantum fluctuating degrees of freedom in WCW. Could finite measurement resolution reduce the symplectic group of $\delta M_{\pm}^4 \times CP_2$ to a coset space obtained by dividing with symplectic transformations leaving the end points invariant and could the outcome be a discrete group as proposed? Functional integral would reduce to sum.
3. If Kähler action reduces to Chern-Simons-Kähler terms to surface area terms in the proposed manner, the integration over WCW would be very much analogous to a functional integral over string world sheets and the wisdom gained in string models might be of considerable help.

6.5 Summary

What can one conclude from these argument? To my view the situation gives rise to a considerable optimism. I believe that on basis of the proposed picture it should be possible to build a concrete mathematical models for the generalized Feynman graphics and the idea about reduction to generalized braid diagrams having algebraic representations could pose additional powerful constraints on the construction. Braid invariants could also be building bricks of the generalized Feynman diagrams. In particular, the treatment of the non-planarity of Feynman diagrams in terms of M^2 braiding matrix would be something new.

7 Duality between low energy and high energy descriptions of hadron physics

I found the talk of Matthew Schwartz titled *The Emergence of Jets at the Large Hadron Collider* [7] belonging to the Monday Colloquium Series at Harvard. The talk told about the history of the notion of jet and how it is applied at LHC. The notion of jet is something between perturbative and non-perturbative QCD and therefore not a precisely defined concept as one approaches small mass limit for jets.

The talk inspired some questions relating to QCD and hadron physics in general. I am of course not competent to say anything interesting about jet algorithms. Hadronization process is however not well understood in the framework of QCD and uses phenomenological fragmentation functions. The description of jet formation in turn uses phenomenological quark distribution functions. TGD leads to a rather detailed fresh ideas about what quarks, gluons, and hadrons are and stringy and QFT like descriptions emerge as excellent candidates for low and high energy descriptions of hadrons. Low energies are the weakness of QCD and one can well ask whether QCD fails as a physical theory at infrared. Could TGD do better in this respect?

Only a minor fraction of the rest energy of proton is in the form of quarks and gluons. In TGD framework these degrees of freedom would naturally correspond to color magnetic flux tubes carrying color magnetic energy and in proton-proton collisions the color magnetic energy of p-p system in cm system is gigantic. The natural question is therefore about what happens to the "color magnetic bodies" of the colliding protons and of quarks in proton-proton collision.

In the sequel I will develop a simple argument leading to a very concrete duality between two descriptions of hadron reactions manifest at the level of generalized Feynman graphs. The first description is in terms of meson exchanges and applies naturally in long scales. Second one is terms of perturbative QCD applying in short scales. The basic ingredients of the argument are the weak form of electric-magnetic duality [5] and bosonic emergence [12] leading to a rather concrete view about physical particles, generalized Feynman diagrams reducing to generalized braid diagrams in the

framework of zero energy ontology (ZEO) [8], and reconnection of Kähler magnetic flux tubes having interpretation in terms of string diagrams providing the mechanism of hadronization. Basically the prediction follows from the dual interpretations of generalized Feynman diagrams either as stringy diagrams (low energies) or as Feynman diagrams (high energies).

It must be emphasized that this duality is something completely new and a simple prediction of the notion of generalized Feynman diagram. The result is exact: no limits (such as large N limit) are needed.

7.1 Weak form of electric magnetic duality and bosonic emergence

The weak form of electric magnetic duality allows the identification of quark wormhole throats as Kähler magnetic monopoles with non-vanishing magnetic charges Q_m . The closely related bosonic emergence [12] effectively eliminates the fundamental BFF vertices from the theory [8].

1. Elementary fermion corresponds to single wormhole throat with Kähler magnetic charge. In topological condensation a wormhole throat is formed and the working hypothesis is that the second throat is Kähler magnetically neutral. The throats created in topological condensation (formation of topological sum) are always homologically trivial since purely local process is in question.
2. In absence of topological condensation physical leptons correspond to string like objects with opposite Kähler magnetic charges at the ends. Topologically condensed lepton carries also neutralizing weak isospin carried by neutrino pair at the throats of the neutralizing wormhole contact. Wormhole contact itself carries no Kähler magnetic flux. The neutralization scale for Q_m and weak isospin could be either weak length scale for both fermions and bosons. The alternative option is Compton length quite generally - this even for fermions since it is enough that the weak isospin of weak bosons is neutralized in the weak scale. The alert reader have of course asked whether the weak isospin of fermion must be neutralized at all if this is the case. Whether this really happens is not relevant for the following arguments.
3. Whether a given quark is accompanied by a wormhole contact neutralizing its weak isospin is not quite clear: this need not be the case since the Compton length of weak bosons defines the range of weak interactions. Therefore one can consider the possibility that physical quarks have non-vanishing Q_m and that only hadrons have $Q_m = 0$. Now the Kähler magnetic flux tubes would connect valence quarks. In the case of proton one would have three of them. About 31 year old proposal is that color hyper charge is proportional to Kähler magnetic charge. If so then color confinement would require Kähler magnetic confinement.
4. By bosonic emergence bosons correspond to wormhole contacts or pairs of them. Now wormhole throats have opposite values of Q_m but the contact itself carries vanishing Kähler magnetic flux. Fermion and anti-fermion are accompanied by neutralizing Kähler magnetic charge at the ends of their flux tubes and neutrino pair at its throats neutralizes the weak charge of the boson.

7.2 The dual interpretations of generalized Feynman diagrams in terms of hadronic and partonic reaction vertices

Generalized Feynman diagrams are defined in the framework of zero energy ontology (ZEO). Bosonic emergence eliminates fundamental BFF vertices and reduces generalized Feynman diagrams to generalized braid diagrams. This is essential for the dual interpretation of the qqg vertex as a meson emission vertex for hadron. The key idea is following.

1. Topologically condensed hadron - say proton- corresponds to a double sheeted structure: let us label the sheets by letters A and B. Suppose that the sheet A contains wormhole throats of quarks carrying magnetic charges. These wormhole throats are connected by magnetically neutral wormhole contact to sheet B for which wormhole throats carry vanishing magnetic charges.
2. What happens when hadronic quark emits a gluon is easiest to understand by considering first the annihilation of topologically non-condensed charged lepton and antilepton to photon - that is

$L + \bar{L} \rightarrow \gamma$ vertex. Lepton and antilepton are accompanied by flux tubes at different space-time sheets A and B and each has single wormhole throat: one can speak of a pair of topologically condensed deformations of CP_2 type vacuum extremals as a correlate for single wormhole throat. At both ends of the flux tubes deformations of CP_2 type vacuum extremals fuse via topological sum to form a pair of photon wormhole contacts carrying no Kähler magnetic flux. The condition that the resulting structure has the size of weak gauge boson suggests that weak scale defines also the size of leptons and quarks as magnetic flux tubes. Quarks can however carry net Kähler magnetic charge (the ends of flux tube do not have opposite values of Kähler magnetic charge).

3. With some mental gymnastics the annihilation vertex $L + \bar{L} \rightarrow \gamma$ can be deformed to describe photon emission vertex $L \rightarrow L + \gamma$: The negative energy antilepton arrives from future and positive energy lepton from the past and they fuse to a virtual photon in the manner discussed.
4. qqq vertex requires further mental gymnastics but locally nothing is changed since the protonic quark emitting the gluon is connected by a color magnetic flux tube to another protonic quark in the case of incoming proton (and possibly to neutrino carrying wormhole contact with size given by the weak length scale). What happens is therefore essentially the same as above. The protonic quark has become part of gluon at space-time sheet A but has still flux tube connection to proton. Besides this there appears wormhole throat at space-time sheet B carrying quark quantum numbers: this quark would in the usual picture correspond to the quark after gluon emission and antiquark at the same space-time sheet associated with the gluon. Therefore one has proton with one quark moving away inside gluon at sheet A and a meson like entity at sheet B. The dual interpretation as the emission of meson by proton makes sense. This vertex does not correspond to the stringy vertex $AB + CD \rightarrow AD + BC$ in which strings touch at some point of the interior and recombine but is something totally new and made possible by many-sheeted space-time. For gauge boson magnetically charge throats are at different space-time sheets, for meson they are at the same space-time sheet and connected by Kähler magnetic flux tube.
5. Obviously the interpretation as an emission of meson like entity makes sense for any hadron like entity for which quark or antiquark emits gluon. This is what the duality of hadronic and parton descriptions would mean. Note that bosonic emergence is absolutely essential element of this duality. In QCD it is not possible to understand this duality at the level of Feynman diagrams.

7.3 Reconnection of color magnetic flux tubes

The reconnection of color magnetic flux tubes is the key mechanism of hadronization and a slow process as compared to quark gluon emission.

1. Reconnection vertices have interpretation in terms of stringy vertices $AB + CD \rightarrow AD + BC$ for which interiors of strings serving as representatives of flux tubes touch. The first guess is that reconnection is responsible for the low energy dynamics of hadronic collisions.
2. Reconnection process takes place for both the hadronic color magnetic flux tubes and those of quarks and gluons. For ordinary hadron physics hadrons are characterized by Mersenne prime M_{107} . For M_{89} hadron physics reconnection process takes place in much shorter scales for hadronic flux tubes.
3. Each quark is characterized by p-adic length scales: in fact this scale characterizes the length scale of the magnetic bodies of the quark. Therefore Reconnection at the level of the magnetic bodies of quarks takes place in several time and length scales. For top quark the size scale of magnetic body is very small as is also the reconnection time scale. In the case of u and d quarks with mass in MeV range the size scale of the magnetic body would be of the order of electron Compton length. This scale assigned with quark is longer than the size scale of hadrons characterized by M_{89} . Classically this does not make sense but in quantum theory Uncertainty Principle predicts it from the smallness of the light quark masses as compared to the hadron mass. The large size of the color magnetic body of quark could explain the strange finding about the charge radius of proton [9].

4. For instance, the formation of quark gluon plasma would involve reconnection process for the magnetic bodies of colliding protons or nuclei in short time scale due to the Lorentz contraction of nuclei in the direction of the collision axis. Quark-gluon plasma would correspond to a situation in which the magnetic fluxes are distributed in such a manner that the system cannot be decomposed to hadrons anymore but acts like a single coherent unit. Therefore quark-gluon plasma in TGD sense does not correspond to the thermal quark-gluon plasma in the naive QCD sense in which there are no long range correlations.

Long range correlations and quantum coherence suggest that the viscosity to entropy ratio is low as indeed observed [9]. The earlier arguments suggest that the preferred extremals of Kähler action have interpretation as perfect fluid flows [5]. This means at given space-time sheet allows global time coordinate assignable to flow lines of the flow and defined by conserved isometry current defining Beltrami flow. As a matter fact, all conserved currents are predicted to define Beltrami flows. Classically perfect fluid flow implies that viscosity, which is basically due to a mixing causing the loss of Beltrami property, vanishes. Viscosity would be only due to the finite size of space-time sheets and the radiative corrections describable in terms of fractal hierarchy CDs within CDs. In quantum field theory radiative corrections indeed give rise to the absorptive parts of the scattering amplitudes.

7.4 Hadron-parton duality and TGD as a "square root" of the statistical QCD description

The main result is that generalized Feynman diagrams have dual interpretations as QCD like diagrams describing partonic reactions and stringy diagrams describing hadronic reactions so that these matrix elements can be taken between either hadronic states or partonic states. This duality is something completely new and distinguishes between QCD and TGD.

I have proposed already earlier this kind of duality but based on group theoretical arguments inspired by what I call $M^8 - M^4 \times CP_2$ duality [5] and two hypothesis of the old fashioned hadron physics stating that vector currents are conserved and axial currents are partially conserved. This duality suggests that the group $SO(4) = SU(2)_L \times SU(2)_R$ assignable to weak isospin degrees of freedom takes the role of color group at long length scales and can be identified as isometries of $E^4 \subset M^8$ just like $SU(3)$ corresponds to the isometries of CP_2 .

Initial and final states correspond to positive and negative energy parts of zero energy states in ZEO. These can be regarded either partonic or hadronic many particle states. The inner products between *positive* energy parts of partonic and hadronic state basis define the "square roots" of the parton distribution functions for hadrons. The inner products of between *negative* energy parts of hadronic and partonic state basis define the "square roots" of the fragmentations functions to hadrons for partons. M-matrix defining the time-like entanglement coefficients is representable as product of hermitian square root of density matrix and S-matrix is not time reversal invariant and this partially justifies the use of statistical description of partons in QCD framework using distribution functions and fragmentation functions. Decoherence in the sum over quark intermediate states for the hadronic scattering amplitudes is essential for obtaining the standard description.

8 Quark gluon plasma in TGD framework

I listened an excellent talk by Dam Thanh Son in Harvard Monday seminar series [8]. The title of the talk was *Viscosity, Quark Gluon Plasma, and String Theory*. What the talk represents is a connection between three notions which one would not expect to have much to do with each other.

In the following I shall briefly summarize the basic points of Son's talk which I warmly recommend for anyone wanting to sharpen his or her mental images about quark gluon plasma.

1. Besides this I discuss a TGD variant of AdS/CFT correspondence based on string-parton duality allowing a concrete identification of the process leading to the formation of strongly interacting quark gluon plasma.
2. "Strongly interacting" means that partonic 2-surfaces are connected by Kähler magnetic flux tubes making the many-hadron system single large hadron in the optimal case rather than a

gas of uncorrelated partons. This allows a concrete generalization of the formula of kinetic gas theory for the viscosity.

3. One ends up also to a concrete interpretation for the formula for the η/s ratio in terms of TGD variant of Einsteinian gravitation and the analogs of black-hole horizons identified as partonic 2-surfaces. This gravitation is not fictive gravitation in 10-D space but real sub-manifold gravitation in 4-D space-time.
4. It is essential that TGD does not assume gravitational constant as a fundamental constant but as a prediction of theory depending on the p-adic length scale and the typical value of Kähler action for the lines of generalized Feynman graphs. Feeding in the notion of gravitational Planck constant, one finds beautiful interpretation for the lower limit viscosity which is smaller than the one predicted by AdS-CFT correspondence.

8.1 Some points in Son's talk

Son discusses first the notion of shear viscosity at undergraduate level - as he expresses it. First the standard Wikipedia definition for shear viscosity is discussed in terms of the friction forces created in a system consisting two parallel plates containing liquid between them as one moves a plate with respect to another parallel plate.

Son explains how Maxwell explains the viscosity of gases in terms of kinetic gas theory and entered with a strange result: the estimate $\eta = \rho v l_{free}$ leads to the conclusion that the viscosity has no pressure dependence: Maxwell himself verified the result experimentally. Imagining that the interaction of gas molecules can be reduced to zero leads to a paradox: the viscosity of the ideal gas is infinite. The solution of the paradox is simple: the theory applies only if l_{free} is considerably smaller than the size scale of the system, say the distance between the two plates, one of which is moving.

Son discusses the viscosity for some condensed matter systems and finds that the value of viscosity increases very rapidly as a function of temperature: does this mean a rapid increase of l_{free} with temperature? Son also notices that the viscosity seems to be bounded from below. Son discusses also η/s ratio for the condensed matter systems and finds that it is typically by a factor 10-100 larger than the minimal values $\hbar/4\pi$ suggested by AdS/CFT correspondence [3].

Son describes gauge-gravity duality briefly. AdS/CFT approach does not allow simple arguments analogous to those used in the kinetic theory of gases.

1. One central formula is Kubo's formula giving viscosity as the low frequency limit for the Fourier component of the component of energy momentum tensor commutation $[T^{yx}(x, t), T^{yx}(0, 0)]$ as

$$\eta = \frac{1}{2\hbar\omega} \int \langle [T^{yx}(x, t), T^{yx}(0, 0)] d^4x \rangle_{\omega \rightarrow 0}$$

for $\mathcal{N} = 4$ SUSY defined in M^4 . Now this theory is $\mathcal{N} = 4$ SUSY so that there is no hope about simple interpretation. Note that the formula is consistent with the dimensions of viscosity which is M/L^3 . I confess that I do not understand the origin of the formula at the level details. Green-Kubo relations [2] are certainly the starting point having very general justification as an outcome of fluctuation theorem [1] allowing understood relatively easily in Gaussian model for thermodynamics. Since energy momentum tensor serves as a source of gravitons and is the basic observable in hydrodynamics, it is clear that this formula is consistent with gauge theory-gravity correspondence. $\omega \rightarrow 0$ limit means that the low energy sector of the gauge theory is in question so that the perturbative approach fails.

2. In TGD framework the analog of this formula need not be useful. If it apply it should apply to partonic 2-surfaces and $AdS_5 \times S_5$ should be replaced with space-time surface. The energy momentum tensor should be the energy momentum tensor of partonic 2-surface fixed to a high degree by conformal invariance. One should sum over all partonic 2-surfaces. The partonic 2-surfaces would correspond to both ends of a braid strands at the opposite light-like boundaries of CD . The integral at the level of the partonic 2-surface is now only 2-dimensional and the dimension of η would be $1\hbar/L$ in this case. In the kinetic gas theory formula this follows from the fact that mass density has now dimension m/L rather than m/L^3 . The summation over

the partonic 2-surfaces could correspond in many particle system integration. I tend to see this kind of approach as too formal.

AdS/CFT duality [3] reduces the calculation of the viscosity to that for the graviton absorption cross section for $AdS_5 \times S^5$ black hole when the N-stack of branes is replaced with a brane black hole in $AdS_5 \times S^5$. Viscosity is reduced essentially to the area of the black-hole multiplied by Planck constant. Since the dimension of 4-D viscosity is \hbar/L^3 , the area must be measured using Planck length squared G as a unit. Is viscosity the number density multiplied by this dimensionless quantity? I must admit that I do not really understand this result.

8.2 What is known about quark-gluon plasma?

Son summarizes some facts about quark-gluon plasma and they are included in the following summary about what little I know.

1. The first surprise was produced by RHIC observing that the viscosity to entropy density ratio for quark gluon plasma is near $\hbar/4\pi$ -its lower limit as predicted by AdS/CFT duality. The low value of η/s ratio does not mean that the viscosity would be low. As a matter fact it is gigantic - of order 10^{14} centipoise and therefore 14 orders of magnitude higher than for water! Glass is the the only condensed matter system possessing a higher viscosity in the list of Son. The challenge is to understand why the ratio is so small in terms of QCD or perhaps a theory transcending the limitations of QCD at low energies. From Kubo's formula it is clear that the low energy limit of QCD is indeed needed to understand the viscosity.
2. In the nuclear collisions allowing to deduce information about viscosity the nuclei do not collide quite head on. The time of collision is short due to the Lorentz contraction. The projection of the collision region in the plane orthogonal to the collision axes is almond shaped so that rotational symmetry is lost and implies that viscous forces enters the game. If the system reaches thermal equilibrium, the notion of pressure make senses. The force caused by the pressure gradient is stronger in transversal than longitudinal direction of almond since the almond in transversal direction is shorter than in longitudinal direction. That hets in this direction are more energetic supports the view that pressure is a well-defined concept. On the other hand, the viscous force in the longitudinal direction is large and tends to compensate this effect. This effect gives hopes of measuring the viscosity.
3. η/s ratio seems to be near $\hbar/4\pi$ for the quark-gluon plasma formed in both heavy ion collisions and in proton-proton collisions although the energy scales are quite different. This is not expected on basis of the strong temperature dependence of viscosity in condensed matter systems.
4. On basis of RHIC results [4, 5] for heavy ion collisions and the LHC results for proton-proton collisions, which unexpectedly demonstrated similar plasma behavior for proton-proton collisions one can conclude that quark gluon plasma is a strongly interacting system. The temperature assignable to the quark-gluon plasma possibly formed in proton-proton collisions is of course must higher than at RHIC. Recently also the results from lead-lead collisions at LHC have emerged: the temperature of the plasma should be about 500 MeV as compared to the temperature 250 MeV at RHIC. In this case AdS/CFT duality gives hopes for describing the non-perturbative aspects of the system. This is just a hope: AdS/CFT correspondence requires many assumptions which might not hold true for the quark-gluon plasma and there are preliminary indications [6], which do not support AdS/CFT duality [1, 2]. The experiments favor a model in which the situation is described based old-fashioned Lund model [3] treating gluons as strings. This description is a a simplified version of the description provided by TGD.

8.3 Gauge-gravity duality in TGD framework

AdS/CFT duality is one variant of a more general gauge-gravity duality. Gauge-gravity in turn involves several variants depending on whether one assumes that Einstein's curvature scalar provides a good approximation to the description of gravitational sector. This requires that higher spin excitations of string like objects are very heavy and can be neglected. It might be that since low energy limit is in question as is clear from Kubo's formula, the use of Einstein's action makes sense very generally.

8.3.1 String-gauge theory duality in TGD framework

If I were enemy of string theory and follower of the usual habits of my species, I would be very skeptic from the beginning. There are however no rational reasons to be hostile since string worlds sheets at 4-D space time sheets appear also in TGD and there very strong reasons to expect duality between QFT like descriptions and stringy description. I indeed discussed in previous section how this duality can be understood directly at the level of generalized Feynman diagrams as a kind of combinatorial identity. There is no need to introduce strings in $AdS_5 \times S^5$ as in the usual AdS/CFT approach and $N_c \rightarrow \infty$ implying the vanishing of the contribution of non-planar Feynman diagrams is not needed.

8.3.2 The reduction to Einsteinian gravity need not take place

String-gauge theory duality need not reduce QCD to Einsteinian gravity allowing modeling in terms of curvature scalar.

1. In TGD framework the physics for small deformations of vacuum extremals - whose number is gigantic (any Lagrangian sub-manifold of CP_2 defines a vacuum sector of the theory) - would be governed by Einstein's equations. The value of gravitational constant is however dynamical and a little dimensional analysis argument suggests that the gravitational constant satisfies [11]

$$G_{eff}(p) = L^2(k)exp(-2S_K) ,$$

where L_p is p-adic length scales associated with p-adic prime $p \simeq 2^k$ and S_K is the Kähler action for a deformation of CP_2 type vacuum extremal in general smaller than for full CP_2 .

2. Ordinary gravitational constant would correspond to $p = M_{127} = 2^{127} - 1$ assignable to electron: M_{127} is the largest Mersenne prime which does not define a completely super-astrophysical p-adic length scale. The value of S_K would be almost maximal and induce an enormous reduction of the value of G .
3. For hadron physics S_K should not be large and in reasonable approximation this would give $G_{eff} \simeq \hbar L^2(k = 107)$. The deformations of CP_2 type vacuum extremals, whose M^4 projections are random light-like curves. are assignable to elementary particles such as gluons. In the case of hadrons these projections are expected to be short and so that the exponent is expected to be near unity. One might hope that these contributions dominate in the calculation of viscosity so that Einstein's picture indeed works.
4. In the case of hadron physics there are no strong reason to expect a general reduction to Einsteinian gravity. Higher spin states at the hadronic Regge trajectories are important and hadron physics does not reduce to gravitational theory involving the exchanges of only spin two strong gravitons.

This requires additional assumption which the lecture of Son tried to clarify. The assumption is that the coordinate of AdS_5 orthogonal to its boundary M^4 representing 4-D Minkowski space represents scaling of the physical system and that the interactions in the bulk are ultra-local with respect to this coordinate. Only systems with same scale size interact. This assumption looks very strange to me but has analog in quantum TGD. Personally I would take this argument with a big grain of salt.

8.3.3 Reduction to hydrodynamics

The AdS₅/CFT duality in the strong form reduces the dynamics at the boundary of AdS_5 to Einstein's gravity in the interior of AdS and the N -stack of 3-branes corresponds to brane black-hole in $AdS_5 \times S_5$. There are also good reasons to expect that Einstein's gravity in turn reduces to hydrodynamics.

The field equations of TGD are conservation laws for isometry currents and Kähler currents plus their super counterparts. Also in hydrodynamics the basic equations reduce to conservation laws. The structural equations of hydrodynamics correspond to the identification of gauge fields and metrics as induced structures.

The reduction to 4-D hydrodynamics in much stronger sense is suggestive since a large class of preferred extremals of Kähler action have interpretation as hydrodynamic flows for which flow lines

define coordinate curves of a global coordinate [5]. Beltrami flows are in question. For instance, a magnetic field for which Lorentz force vanishes is a good example of 3-D Beltrami flow. There are good arguments in favor of the existence of a unique preferred coordinate system defined in terms of light-like local direction and its dual direction plus two orthogonal local polarization directions.

8.3.4 Could AdS/CFT duality have some interpretation in TGD framework?

In TGD framework the duality between strings and particles replacing AdS/CFT duality means the replacement of $AdS \times S_5$ with space-time surface represented as surface in $M^4 \times CP_2$. Furthermore M^4 is replaced with partonic 2-surfaces the super-conformal invariance of $\mathcal{N} = 4$ SUSY in M^4 is replaced with 2-D super-conformal invariance. Therefore the attempts to build analogies with AdS/CFT duality type description might be waste of time. The temptation for the search of analogies is however too high.

In the case of AdS/CFT duality for Minkowski space that coordinate of AdS_5 orthogonal to its M^4 boundary is interpreted as a scale parameter for the system and also has interpretation as a scalar field in M^4 . Could this scaling degree have some sensible interpretation in TGD framework. What about the N-stack of 3-branes representing a copy of M^4 identified as the boundary of AdS_5 ?

1. In TGD framework the only physically sensible interpretation would be in terms of the hierarchy of Planck constants [4]. The quantum size of the particle scales like \hbar and is therefore integer valued. This suggests that the continuous AdS_5 coordinate orthogonal to M^4 could be replaced with the integer labeling the effective values of Planck constant and hence the local coverings of $M^4 \times CP_2$ providing a convenient description for the fact that -due to the enormous vacuum degeneracy of Kähler action- the time derivatives of the imbedding space coordinates are multi-valued functions of the canonical momentum densities. Different coverings that they effectively correspond to different sectors of the effective imbedding space which can be seen as a finite covering of $M^4 \times CP_2$. Only the particles with the same value of Planck constant can appear in the same vertex of generalized Feynman diagrams and this is nothing but the strange assumption made to guarantee the locality of AdS dynamics.
2. Same collapse of the sheets of the covering actually applies in the directions transversal to space-like and light-like 3-surfaces so that both of them represent branchings and the total number of branches in the interior is $n_1 n_2$.
3. One must assume that the sheets of the covering collapse at the partonic 2-surfaces and perhaps also at the string world sheets. This strange orbifold property brings strongly in mind the stack of N-branes which collapse to single 3 brane however remembering its N-stack property: for instance, a dynamical gauge group $SU(N) \times U(1)$ describing finite measurement resolution emerges. The loss of the infinitely thin stack property in the interior guarantees that N-stack property is not forgotten. I have indeed proposed that similar emergence of gauge groups allowing to represent finite measurement resolution in terms of gauge symmetry emerges also in TGD framework.
4. The effective dimensionless coupling in the perturbative expansion is $g^2 N / \hbar$ and for large N limit the series does not converge. If N corresponds to the number of colors for dynamically generated gauge group labeling colors, the substitution $\hbar = N \hbar_0$ however implies that the expansion parameter does not change at all so that the limit would be different from the usual $N \rightarrow \infty$ limit used to derive AdS/CFT duality.

An integrable QFT in M^2 identified as hyper-complex plane in number theoretic vision is necessary for interpreting generalized Feynman diagrams as generalized braids. One can of course ask whether one would have super-conformal QFT in M^2 and whether AdS_3 could be replaced with its discrete version with normal coordinate identified as the integer characterizing the value of Planck constant. To me this approach seems highly artificial although it might make sense formally.

One can of course ask whether $M^4 \times CP_2$ could have some deep connection with $AdS_5 \times S_5$. This might be the case: CP_2 is obtained from S^5 by identifying all points of its geodesic circles and M^4 is obtained from AdS_5 by identifying all points of radial geodesics in the scaling direction.

8.3.5 Do black-holes in $AdS_5 \times S_5$ have TGD counterpart?

The black-holes in $AdS_5 \times S_5$ have very natural counterparts as regions of the space-time surfaces with Euclidian signature of the induced metric. These regions represent generalized Feynman diagrams. By holography one could restrict the consideration also to the partonic 2-surfaces at the ends of CDs and if string world sheets and partonic 2-surfaces are dual to string world sheets coming as Minkowskian and Euclidian variants.

Black-holes in TGD framework would have Euclidian metric and their presence is absolutely essential for reducing the functional integral to a genuine integral. Otherwise one would have the analog of path integral with the exponential of Kähler action defining a mere phase factor.

The entropy area law for the black-holes generalizes to p-adic thermodynamics and the p-adic mass squared value for the particle predicted by p-adic thermodynamics is essentially the p-adic entropy: both are mapped to the real sector by canonical identification. Also the black hole entropy is proportional to mass squared.

The gigantic value of the gravitational Planck constants brings in additional interpretational issues to be discussed later.

8.4 TGD view about strongly interacting quark gluon plasma

The magnetic flux tubes/strings connecting quarks make the QCD plasma strongly interacting in TGD framework.

1. In the hadronic phase the network formed by these flux tubes decomposes to sub-networks assignable to the colliding protons. In the final state the sub-networks are associated with the outgoing hadrons. In the collision a network is formed in which the flux tubes can connect larger number of quarks and one obtains much longer cycles in the network as in the initial and final states. This can be regarded as a defining property of strongly interaction quark gluon plasma. In quantum world one obtains a quantum superposition over networks with different connectedness structures. The quark-gluon plasma is not ideal in quantum sense.
2. The presence of plasma blob predicts the reduction of jet production cross section. Typically a pair of jets is produced. If this occurs in deep interior of the plasma, the jets cannot escape the plasma. If this occurs near the surface of the plasma, the other jet escapes. This predicts reduction of the jet production cross section.
3. The decomposition to connected flux tube networks could explain why the experimentally detected ratio for jet production cross section nucleonic total scattering cross section is larger than the predicted one: the flux tube network would consist of disconnected network with a considerably property and for these the jet production cross section would not be so dramatically reduced by the fact that the other member of the never gets out from the plasma blob.

In TGD context the basic process leading to the formation of the quark-gluon plasma is reconnection for the flux tubes describable in terms of string diagrams $AB - CD \rightarrow AD + BC$. In the case of ordinary quark gluon plasma the density is so high that nucleons overlap geometrically and lead to the formation of the plasma. In TGD framework the magnetic bodies of quarks having size scale characterized by quark Compton length would overlap. The Compton lengths for light quarks with masses estimated to be of order 10 MeV are much larger than the size scale of nucleon and even that of nucleus. What does this mean? Does the reconnection process take place in several scales so that the notion of quark gluon plasma would be fractal? Note that in the recent proton-proton collisions the energy per nucleon is about 200 GeV. Does quark gluon plasma at LHC involve the fusion of the flux tubes of the color magnetic bodies of nucleons? Do these form connected structures.

In the kinetic gas theory viscous force in the system of parallel plates is caused by the diffusion of particles moving with velocity u which depends on the coordinate orthogonal to the parallel plates. One can imagine a fictive plane through which the particles diffuse in both directions and the forces is due to that fact that the diffusing particles have different velocities differing by $\Delta u_x = \partial_y u_x l_{free}$ on the average. In the case of magnetic flux tubes the presence of magnetic flux tube connection the two quarks at the opposite sides of the fictive plane leads to a stretching of the flux tube and this costs energy. This favors the diffusion of either quark to the other side of the fictive plane and this induces

the transformed of momentum parallel to the plates. Similar argument could apply also in the case of the ordinary liquids if one allows also electric flux tubes.

8.4.1 Jets and flux tubes structures

Magnetic flux tube provide also a more concrete vision about the notion of jet.

1. Jets are collinear particle like objects producing collinear hadrons. The precise definition of jets is however problematic in QCD framework. TGD suggests a more precise definition of jets as connected sub-networks formed by partons and by definition having vanishing total Kähler magnetic charge. Jet would be kind of super-hadron which decays to ordinary nearly collinear hadrons as the flux tube structure decomposes by reconnection process to smaller connected flux tube structures during hadronization.
2. Factorization theorems of QCD discussed in very clear manner by Ian Stewart [9] state that the dynamics at widely different scales separate for each other so that quantum mechanical interference effects can be neglected and probabilistic description applies in long length scales and quantal effects reduce to non-perturbative ones. The initial and final stages of the collision process proceed slowly as compared to those describable in terms of perturbative QCD. Hence one can apply partonic distribution functions and fragmentation functions. These functions should have a description in terms of reconnection process.
3. The presence of different scales means in TGD framework to p-adic length scale hierarchy assignable to flux tubes gives a much more precise articulation for the notion of scale. No quantum interference effects can take place between different p-adic scales if the real amplitudes are obtained from p-adic valued amplitudes by the generalization of canonical identification discussed in [17]. For instance, in p-adic mass calculations the values p-adic mass squared are summed for given p-adic prime before the mapping to real mass squared by canonical identification. For different values of p-adic primes the additive quantities are the real masses.

8.4.2 Possible generalizations of Maxwell's formula formula for the viscosity

Could one understand the viscosity if one assumes that the reconnection of the magnetic flux tubes replaces the collisions of particles in the kinetic theory of gases? One can imagine several alternatives.

1. The free path of the particle appears in the kinetic gas theory estimate $\eta = nmvl_{free}$ for the viscosity. If this decomposition makes sense now, l_{free} should correspond to the size scale of the magnetic body of light quark and if its size corresponds to the Compton length of the quark one would have $l_{free} \sim \hbar/m$. If one assumes $s \sim n$ one has $\eta = nv\hbar$. For $v = c = 1$ this would give $\eta/s \sim \hbar/4\pi$ apart from numerical constant.

If \hbar indeed appears in l_{free} and the magnetic flux tube size scales as \hbar , the minimum value for the viscosity would scale as \hbar . It is difficult to say whether one should regard this as good or bad prediction from the point of view of the hierarchy of Planck constants. Over-optimistically one might ask whether large \hbar could explain the non-minimal values of η/s in terms of large \hbar . Note however that the minimal value of η/s can be smaller than $\hbar/4\pi$ in some systems.

2. One could consider the replacement of the Compton length $r_C = \hbar/m_q$ with the classical charge radius of quark defined as $r_{cl} = g^2/m_q$. In this case the size scale of the magnetic body would not depend on \hbar . For color coupling strength $\alpha_s = .1$ one would have $r_{cl}/r_C = 1.26$ so that experimental data do not allow to distinguish between these options. At low energies r_{cl} would grow and therefore also the viscosity since the lengths of flux tubes would get longer.
3. One can also purely gravitational view about single partonic 2-surface. Taking the notion of gravitational Planck constant seriously [14], one can consider the replacement of v with the velocity parameter v_0 (dimensionless in the units used) appearing in the gravitational Planck constant $\hbar_{gr} = G_{eff}M^2/v_0$ and the identification $l_{free} = 2r_s = 4G_{eff}M$: the diameter of the black hole identified as partonic 2-surface. Note that Schwarchild radius would be equal to Planck length. Entropy would be given $4\pi(2G_{eff}M)^2/\hbar G_{eff}$ multiplied by the number $N = \hbar/\hbar_0$ of the sheets of the covering. This would give the lower bound $\hbar_0 v_0/4\pi$ which is smaller than that provided by AdS/CFT approach. This option looks the most attractive one.

For all three options one would expect that η/s ratio is same for the quark-gluon plasma formed in heavy ion collisions and in proton-proton collisions. The critical reader probably wonders what one means with the entropy in the strongly interacting system. Magnetic flux tubes could be seen as space-time correlates for entanglement. Can one regard the entropy as a single particle observable? Can one assign to each partonic 2-surfaces an entanglement entropy or does the entropy characterizes pairs of parton surfaces being analogous to potential energy rather than kinetic energy?

8.4.3 The formula for viscosity based on black-hole analogy

The following argument is a longer version of very concise argument of previous section suggesting that the notion of gravitational Planck constant allows to generalize the formula of the kinetic gas theory to give viscosity in the more general case. Partonic 2-surface is regarded as an analog the horizon of a black-hole. The interior of the black-hole corresponds to a region with an Euclidian signature of the induced metric. The space-time metric in question could be either the induced metric or the effective metric defined by the modified gamma matrices defined by Kähler action [5]. Induced metric seems to be the correct option since it is non-trivial for vacuum extremals of Kähler action but also the effective metric probably has physical meaning. Only the data at horizon having by definition degenerate four-metric appear in the formula for η/s .

1. The notion of gravitational Planck constant for space-time sheets carrying self gravitational interaction is given by $\hbar_{gr} = kGM^2/v_0$, where $v_0 < c = 1$ has dimensions of velocity. The interpretation is in terms of Planck constant assignable with flux tubes mediating self gravitation and carrying dark energy identified as magnetic energy. The enormous value of Planck constant means cosmological quantum coherence explaining why this energy density is very slow varying and can be therefore described in terms of cosmological constant in good approximation. Negative "pressure" corresponds to magnetic tension.
2. Suppose that v_0 is identified as the velocity appearing as typical velocity in the kinetic theory estimate $\eta = Mnv l_{free}$. Suppose that l_{free} corresponds to Schwarzschild radius for the effective gravitational constant $l_{free} = 2r_s = 4G_{eff}M$. Another possible identification is as the scaled up Planck length $l_{free} = l_P = \sqrt{\hbar G} = GM/\sqrt{v_0}$. Suppose that the formula for black hole entropy holds true and gives for the entropy of single particle the expression $S = 4\pi(2G_{eff}M)^2/\hbar G_{eff}$. This gives $\eta/s = \hbar v_0/4\pi$ for the first option (note that v_0 dependence disappears. One obtains $\eta/s = \hbar/16\pi\sqrt{v_0}$ for the second option so that v_0 dependence remains.
3. The objection is that black hole entropy goes to zero as \hbar increases. One can indeed argue that the $S = 4\pi(2G_{eff}M)^2/\hbar G_{eff}$ gives only the contribution of single sheet in the $N = \hbar\bar{a}/\hbar_0$ fold covering of $M^4 \times CP_2$ so that one must multiply this entropy with N . This would give

$$\frac{\eta}{S} = \frac{\hbar_0}{4\pi} \times \frac{v_0}{c} .$$

The minimum viscosity can be smaller than $\hbar_0/4\pi$ and the essential parameter is the velocity parameter $v_0 = v_0 < c = 1$. This is true also in AdS-CFT correspondence.

This argument suggests that the Einsteinian dark gravity with gravitational gauge coupling having as parameters p-adic length scale and the typical Kähler action of deformed CP_2 type vacuum extremal could allow to understand viscosity in terms of string-QFT duality in the idealization that the situation reduces to a black-hole physics with partonic 2-surfaces taking the role of black holes. This proposal might make even in the case of condensed matter if one gives up the assumption that the basic objects are more analogous to stars than black-holes.

8.5 AdS/CFT is not favored by LHC

As already noticed that the first experimental results from LHC [6] do not favor AdS/CFT duality but are qualitatively consistent with TGD view about gauge-gravity duality. Because of the importance of the results I add a version of my blog posting [2] about these results.

Sabine Hossenfelder told in BackReaction blog about the first results from lead-lead ion collisions at LHC, which have caused a cold shower for AdS/CFT enthusiasts. Or summarizing it in the words of Sabine Hossenfelder:

As the saying goes, a picture speaks a thousand words, but since links and image sources have a tendency to deteriorate over time, let me spell it out for you: The AdS/CFT scaling does not agree with the data at all.

8.5.1 The results

The basic message is that AdS/CFT fails to explain the heavy ion collision data about jets at LHC. The model should be able to predict how partons lose their momentum in quark gluon plasma assumed to be formed by the colliding heavy nuclei. The situation is of course not simple. Plasma corresponds to low energy QCD and strong coupling and is characterized by temperature. Therefore it could allow description in terms of AdS/CFT duality allowing to treat strong coupling phase. Quarks themselves have a high transversal momentum and perturbative QCD applies to them. One has to understand how plasma affects the behavior of partons. This boils to simple question: What is the energy loss of the jet in plasma before it hadronizes.

The prediction of AdS/CFT approach is a scaling law for the energy loss $E \propto L^3 T$, where L is the length that parton travels through the plasma and the temperature T is about 500 MeV is the temperatures of the plasma (at RHIC it was about 350 MeV). The figure in the posting of Sabine Hossenfelder [1] compares the prediction for the ratio R_{AA} of the predicted nuclear cross section for jets in lead-lead collisions to those in proton-proton collisions to experimental data normalized in such a manner that if the nucleus behaved like a collection of independent nucleons the ratio would be equal to one.

That the prediction for R_{AA} is too small is not so bad a problem: the real problem is that the curve has quite different shape than the curve representing the experimental data. In the real situation R_{AA} as a function of the average transversal momentum p_T of the jets approaches faster to the "nucleus as a collection of independent nucleons" situation than predicted by AdS/CFT approach. Both perturbative QCD and AdS/CFT based model fail badly: their predictions do not actually differ much.

An imaginative theoretician can of course invent a lot of excuses. It might be that the number $N_c = 3$ of quark colors is not large enough so that strong coupling expansion and AdS/CFT fails. Supersymmetry and conformal invariance actually fail. Maybe the plasma temperature is too high (higher than at RHIC where the observed low viscosity of gluon plasma motivated AdS/CFT approach). The presence of both weak coupling regime (high energy partons) and strong coupling regime (the plasma) might have not been treated correctly. One could also defend AdS/CFT by saying that maybe one should take into account higher stringy corrections for strings moving in 10 dimensional $AdS_5 \times S^5$. Why not branes? Why not black holes? And so on....

8.5.2 Could the space-time be 4-dimensional after all?

What is remarkable that a model called "Yet another Jet Energy-loss Model" (YaJEM) based on the simple old Lund model [3] treating gluons as strings in 4-D space-time works best! Also the parameters derived for RHIC do not need large re-adjustment at LHC.

4-D space-time has been out of fashion for decades and now every-one well-informed theoretician talks about emergent space-time. Don't ask what this means. Despite my attempts to understand I (and very probably any-one) do not have a slightest idea. What I know is that string world sheets are 2-dimensional and the only hope to get 4-D space-time is by this magic phenomenon of emergence. In other worlds, 3-brane is what is wanted and it should emerge "non-perturbatively" (do not ask what *this* means!).

Since there are no stringy authorities nearby, I however dare to raise a heretic question. Could it be that string like objects in 4-D space-time are indeed the natural description? Could strings, branes, blackholes, etc. in 10-D space-time be completely unnecessary stuff needed to keep several generations of misled theoreticians busy? Why not to start by trying to build abstraction from something which works? Why not start from Lund model or hadronic string model and generalize it?

This is what TGD indeed was when it emerged some day in October year 1977: a generalization of the hadronic string model by replacing string world sheets with space-time sheets. Another motivation

for TGD was as a solution to the energy problem of GRT. In this framework the notion of (color) magnetic flux tubes emerges naturally and magnetic flux tubes are one of the basic structures of the theory now applied in all length scales. The improved mathematical understanding of the theory has led to notions like effective 2-dimensionality and stringy worlds sheets and partonic 2-surfaces at 4-D space-time surface of $M^4 \times CP_2$ as basic structures of the theory.

8.5.3 What TGD can say about the situation?

In TGD framework a naive interpretation for LHC results would be that the colliding nuclei do not form a complete plasma and this non-ideality becomes stronger as p_T increases. As if for higher p_T the parton would traverse several blobs rather than only single big one and situation would be between an ideal plasma and to that in which nucleuo form collections of independent nucleons. Could quantum superposition of states with each of them representing a collection of some number of plasma blobs consisting of several nucleons be in question. Single plasma blob would correspond to the ideal situation. This picture would conform with the vision about color magnetic flux tubes as a source of long range correlations implying that what is called quark-gluon plasma is in the ideal case like single very large hadron and thus a diametrical opposite for parton gas.

In TGD framework where hadrons themselves correspond to space-time sheets, this interpretation is suggestive. The increase of the temperature of the plasma corresponds to the reduction of α_s suggesting that with at T=500 GeV at LHC the plasma is more "blobby" than at T=350 GeV at RHIC. This would conform with the fact that at lower temperature at RHIC the AdS/CFT model works better. Note however that at RHIC the model parameters for AdS/CFT are very different from those at LHC [1]: not a good sign at all.

I have also discussed the TGD based explanation of RHIC results for heavy ion collisions and the unexpected behavior of quark-gluon plasma in proton-proton (rather than heavy ion) collisions at LHC [10].

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