

ZEO, Adelic Physics, and Genes

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Abstract

Zero energy ontology (ZEO) solving the basic problem of quantum measurement theory has become a cornerstone of quantum TGD, and together with the vision about physics as infinite-D geometry of the "world of classical worlds" (WCW) and number theoretical vision about physics as adelic physics fusing the real number based physics of sensory experience and the p-adics physics of cognition and intentionality dictates to high degree the key structures of TGD.

The basic prediction of ZEO is that "big" (ordinary) state function reduction (BSFR) changes the arrow of time meaning "death" and "reincarnation" with opposite arrow of time. In "small" state function identifiable as TGD counterparts of "weak" measurements reduction this does not occur. This leads to a new view about self-organization in which time reversal making possible dissipation with non-standard arrow of time makes possible for a system to extract (for instance thermal) energy from the environment: this allows to circumvent the heat death predicted by standard thermodynamics.

In this chapter the implications of the ZEO for the understanding of genetic code and DNA are considered.

1. The relation between zero energy ontology (ZEO) based quantum measurement theory and adelic vision is clarified. One can generalize classical cognitive representations as number theoretical discretizations of space-time surfaces in the extension of rationals considered to their quantum counterparts as wave functions in the Galois group of the extension and introduce also fermions as spinors in the group algebra of Galois group. The strongest option is purely number theoretical representations of fermionic Fock spaces in terms of spinors in this group algebra. Presumably however M^8 spinors are required as a building brick and have interpretation in terms of octonion structure.
2. Adelic physics, $M^8 - H$ duality, and zero energy ontology lead (ZEO) to a proposal that the dynamics involved with "small" state function reductions (SSFRs) as counterparts of weak measurements could be basically number theoretical dynamics with SSFRs identified as reduction cascades leading to completely un-entangled state in the space of wave functions in Galois group of extension of rationals identifiable as wave functions in the space of cognitive representations. As a side product a prime factorization of the order of Galois group is obtained.
3. The question what basic processes of biology could have time time reversals is discussed. Here the basic restriction comes from CPT theorem and chiral selection in living matter and it turns out that very restricted set of basic bio-processes can have time reversal catalyzed by enzymes.

The time reversals of the basic processes like transcription and replication turn out to be possible only for the conjugate (passive) strand - this is basically due to the CPT theorem and chiral selection: enzymes can catalyze processes but not their time reversals. The picture involving time reversal is applied to understand recombination which is a poorly understood step of meiosis.

TGD predicts that consciousness is possible even at the level of DNA. Could also DNA have a longitudinal electric field with direction correlating with the arrow of time of DNA at the (magnetic body) MB of DNA. Could there be a switch changing the direction of this electric field? This inspires a model for the DNA as ferro-electret based on the properties of the negatively charged sticky ends of chromosome and dark DNA codons as proton triplets along a magnetic flux tube parallel to DNA strand.

1 Introduction

Zero energy ontology (ZEO) solving the basic problem of quantum measurement theory has become a cornerstone of quantum TGD, and together with the vision about physics as infinite-D geometry of the "world of classical worlds" (WCW) [K17] and number theoretical vision about physics as adelic physics [L16, L17] fusing the real number based physics of sensory experience and the p-adics physics of cognition and intentionality dictates to high degree the key structures of TGD. In this chapter the implications of the ZEO for the understanding of genetic code are considered.

1.1 Summary of Zero Energy Ontology (ZEO)

Zero energy ontology (ZEO) [L38] lies behind TGD based quantum measurement theory in turn giving rise to a theory of consciousness by making observed part of system as a conscious entity - self. ZEO solves the basic paradox of quantum measurement theory forcing to give up ontology altogether in the Copenhagen interpretation. ZEO has become a key aspect of the entire TGD based physics.

In this section I will consider more precise mathematical formulation and physical interpretation of ZEO. ZEO forms also the cornerstone of TGD inspired theory of consciousness and quantum biology. I will consider also some related aspects of ZEO such as the notions of free will and intentionality, the notions of memory and precognition as its time reversal, intuitive in contrast to formal reasoning, and remote metabolism as a universal thermodynamical mechanism of metabolism in ZEO based thermodynamics.

1.2 About quantum measurement theory in ZEO

The relation between zero energy ontology (ZEO) based quantum measurement theory and adelic vision is clarified. The considerations suggest a more precise picture about cognitive representations and formulation of quantum measurement theory for them. One can generalize classical cognitive representations as number theoretical discretizations of space-time surfaces in the extension of rationals considered to their quantum counterparts as wave functions in the Galois group of the extension and introduce also fermions as spinors in the group algebra of Galois group. The strongest option is purely number theoretical representations of fermionic Fock spaces in terms of spinors in this group algebra. Presumably however M^8 spinors are required as basic building bricks and have interpretation in terms of octonion structure.

An attractive vision is that number theoretical quantum measurements reduce to measurement cascades involving a sequence of state function reductions reducing the entanglement between wave functions in sub-Galois group H and group G/H and ends up to a prime Galois group for group algebra has prime dimension and represents Hilbert space prime not decomposable to tensor product.

Also time measurement is considered from the number theoretic perspective assuming $M^8 - H$ duality. Clock readings are realized as roots of the rational polynomial determining the space-time surface. Time measurement would involve a localization to a definite extension of rationals, whose dimension n must be proportional to the temporal distance T between the tips of causal diamond (CD) to guarantee fixed time and energy resolution.

1.3 The dynamics of SSFRs as quantum measurement cascades in the group algebra of Galois group

Adelic physics, $M^8 - H$ duality, and zero energy ontology lead (ZEO) to a proposal that the dynamics involved with “small” state function reductions (SSFRs) as counterparts of weak measurements could be basically number theoretical dynamics with SSFRs identified as reduction cascades leading to completely un-entangled state in the space of wave functions in Galois group of extension of rationals identifiable as wave functions in the space of cognitive representations. As a side product a prime factorization of the order of Galois group is obtained.

The result looks even more fascinating if the cognitive dynamics is a representation for the dynamics in real degrees of freedom in finite resolution characterized by the extension of rationals. If cognitive representations represent reality approximately, this indeed looks very natural and would provide an analog for adelic formula expressing the norm of a rational as the inverse of the product of its p -adic norms. The results can be applied to the TGD inspired model of genetic code.

1.4 DNA and time reversal

The recently (towards end of year 2020) added section about DNA time reversal is written together with Reza Rastmanesh and devoted to the view about DNA inspired by zero energy ontology (ZEO) forming the basis of the quantum measurement theory of Topological Geometro-dynamics (TGD) and by the notion of dark DNA inspired by the TGD view about dark matter as phases of the

ordinary matter with effective Planck constant $h_{eff} = nh_0 > h$ at magnetic body (MB) - the third key notion distinguishing TGD from standard model. The basic prediction of ZEO is that "big" (ordinary) state function reduction (BSFR) changes the arrow of time meaning "death" and "reincarnation" with opposite arrow of time. This leads to a new view about self-organization.

The time reversals of the basic processes like transcription and replication turn out to be possible only for the conjugate (passive) strand - this is basically due to the CPT theorem in TGD context and chiral selection. By chiral selection enzymes can catalyze processes but not their time reversals. For instance, conjugate strand polymerizes in reverse time direction - this looks like depolymerization in standard time direction. Polymerization of the conjugate strand however occurs in standard time direction but in reverse direction along strand.

The recombination of DNA strands during meiosis is poorly understood. This could correspond to reconnections for the flux tubes associated with the active DNA strands. Time reversal would occur in BSFR and formerly passive conjugate DNA strands would depolymerize to "loose" codons (not independent letters) by the time reversed polymerization, the flux tubes associated with the formerly active strands would suffer reconnections inducing recombination without assistance of enzymes, second BSFR would occur, and be followed by the replication of recombined active strands.

According to the findings of Becker, the direction of the electric field along the body axis determines whether the system is awake or sleeps. By the properties of electric field under time reflection, the arrow of time correlates also with the direction of the electric field. TGD predicts that consciousness is possible even at the level of DNA. Could also DNA have a longitudinal electric field with direction correlating with the arrow of time of DNA at the (magnetic body) MB of DNA. Could there be a switch changing the direction of this electric field?

This inspires a model for the DNA as ferro-electret based on the properties of the negatively charged sticky ends of chromosome and dark DNA codons as proton triplets along a magnetic flux tube parallel to DNA strand. A simple proposal for the time switch based on the analog of Becker's DC currents emerges: proton flow of the dark protons of sticky end to the opposite sticky end would change the arrow of time. The model could generalize also to proteins known to be ferro-electrets and could be accompanied also by their dark analogs.

2 Some comments related to Zero Energy Ontology (ZEO)

Zero energy ontology (ZEO) lies behind TGD based quantum measurement theory in turn giving rise to a theory of consciousness by making observed part of system as a conscious entity - self [L18]. ZEO solves the basic paradox of quantum measurement theory forcing to give up ontology altogether in the Copenhagen interpretation. ZEO has become a key aspect of the entire TGD based physics.

The basic prediction of ZEO is that ordinary ("big") state function reductions (BSFRs) involve change of the arrow of time. There is a lot of support for this prediction. The recent highly counterintuitive findings of Mineev *et al* provided support for the time reversal in atomic systems [L29] [L29]. Fantappie [J3] proposed decades ago time reversal in living systems and introduced syntropy as time reversed entropy. In living matter the generation of more complex molecules from their building bricks can be seen as decay in time reversed direction. Phase conjugate laser beams are known to obey time reversed second law.

Also Libet's findings [J1] related to the active aspects of conscious experience find a nice explanation in terms of the time reversal. The latest application is to the understanding of the mysterious looking findings about earthquakes and volcanic eruptions suggesting that macroscopic quantum jumps involving time reversal are in question [L31]. This suggests that experimental verification of the time reversal and occurrence of macroscopic quantum jumps is possible by studying causal anomalies. For these reasons it is important to try to develop the details of the view about ZEO as precise as possible.

In the sequel I will consider more precise mathematical formulation and physical interpretation of ZEO. ZEO forms also the cornerstone of TGD inspired theory of consciousness and quantum biology and I will consider also some related aspects of ZEO such as the notions of free will and intentionality, the notions of memory and precognition as its time reversal, intuitive in contrast to formal reasoning, and remote metabolism as a universal thermodynamical mechanism of

metabolism in ZEO based thermodynamics.

2.1 General view about ZEO

The details of ZEO - in particular the technical details related to the conservation laws BSFR and SSFR - are from well-understood and the following is an attempt to fix these details by using analogy with cosmology.

2.1.1 Rough view about ZEO

Consider first what ZEO roughly means.

1. The realization of ZEO [L40, L18, L22, L37] involves besides the notions of “small” (SSFR) and “big” state function reduction (BSFR) also the notion of causal diamond (CD). CD defines perceptive field of conscious entity as a 8-D region $cd \times CP_2$, where cd is the 4-D causal diamond of M^4 defined as the intersection of future and past directed light-cones.
2. At the classical level the basic entity is space-time surface connecting 3-surfaces at the opposite boundaries of CD. The space-time surfaces inside sub-CD continue outside and there is a hierarchy of CDs with largest CD beyond which space-time surfaces do not continue. This defines a space-time correlate for the hierarchy of selves.

Space-time surfaces are preferred extremals of the basic action principle defined by the twistor lift of TGD [L24]. Minimal surfaces with 2-D string world sheets as singularities would be in question. They connect 3-surfaces at the boundaries of CD and are analogous to Bohr orbits so that not any pair is possible and the conditions characterizing preferred extremal property might even imply 1-1 correspondence between these 3-surfaces.

3. Zero energy states are superpositions of preferred extremals. One can also understand zero energy states as superpositions of deterministic programs - quantum programs, functions in the sense of quantum biology, or quantum behaviors. ZEO allows to solve the basic paradox of quantum measurement theory since the non-determinism of quantum jump between zero energy states corresponds to the causality of free will and is not in conflict with the classical determinism realizing the causality of field equations. Experienced time and geometric time are not same but there is a strong correlation between them.
4. In SSFRs the active boundary of CD shifts to future - at least in statistical sense. This is preceded by a unitary time evolution generating superposition of CDs with different sizes but having fixed passive boundary and same superposition of 3-surfaces at it. SSFR involves time-localization to single CD with fixed temporal distance between its tips. Essentially time measurement is in question.
5. In BSFR the arrow of time changes and one can say that state function reduction measuring set of observables takes place at the active boundary of CD, which becomes a passive boundary at which state does not change during subsequent SSFRs in which CD increases in opposite direction with the former passive boundary becoming an active boundary. The change of the arrow of time in BSFR creates the illusion that instantaneous quantum jump corresponds to a smooth and deterministic time evolution leading to the final state [L29] [L29].

The mathematical and physical details of the picture are not completely nailed down, and the best manner to proceed is to return to basic questions again and again and to challenge the details of the existing picture. In the following I will do my best to invent nasty arguments against ZEO.

2.1.2 ZEO and conservation laws

The geometry of CD breaks Poincare invariance. Lorentz invariance with respect to the either tip of CD is exact symmetry and is extremely attractive in the construction of members of state pairs in ZEO. Classically Poincare invariance is exact and one can deduce expressions for conserved quantities for both bosonic and fermionic sector: the latter have interpretation as operators, whose

eigenvalues in Cartan algebra are by quantum classical correspondence (QCC) identified as classical values of conserved quantities.

ZEO involves the somewhat questionable assumption that one can assign well-defined Poincare quantum numbers to both boundaries and that these quantum numbers are opposite: this motivates the term ZEO.

1. M^8-H duality [L33] allows to assign to CDs with either boundary fixed a moduli space, which corresponds to Poincare group. The proposal is that Poincare invariance is realized at this level and that the values of conserved charges in Cartan algebra correspond to the Poincare quantum numbers labelling these wave functions. The wave functions at the boundaries of CD could be arranged in representations of Lorentz group acting as exact symmetry of the boundary.
2. There is further little nuisance involved. Only time translations, which correspond to a non-negative time value as distance from the fixed boundary of CD are possible. One would obtain momentum eigenstates restricted to a future or past light-cone. This is of course what happens in TGD based cosmology. Maybe one must just accept this as a physical fact forcing to give up mathematical idealization.

Formally one would replace the plane wave basis with a basis multiplied by characteristic function for future or past light-cone equal to 1 inside the light-cone and vanishing elsewhere. This basis is closed with respect to summation. This would mean that the states are not anymore exact eigenstates of momentum globally but superposition of Lorentz boosts of the basic momentum obtained by Fourier expanding the characteristic function of future/past light-cone.

But what about CD which is intersection of future and past directed light-cones? Can one really assign to both boundaries wave functions defined in entire future (or past) directed light-cone? It seems that this is the case. Zero energy state would be entangled state as a superposition of products of boosted momentum eigenstates with opposite momenta representing the characteristic function of CD.

The usual idea about unitary time evolution for Schrödinger amplitude would be given up inside CD, and replaced by a sequence of unitary time evolutions producing de-localization of the active boundary of CD and followed by a localization.

3. There is still a problem. A complete de-localization for the boundaries of CD is not consistent with the intuitive idea that CD has definite size scale. In wave mechanics the plane waves are only idealizations and in the real world one replaces plane waves with wave packets. Gaussian wave packets have the nice feature that they remain Gaussian in Fourier transformation.

If one has Gaussian wave packet for the temporal distance between the tips of CD concentrated on certain value of time, the Fourier transform for this is Gaussian wave packet concentrated around certain relative energy, which is two times the energy assignable to say passive boundary of CD. Instead of sharp value of time as distance between the tips of CD one would have Gaussian distribution for its value. This is consistent with Lorentz invariance since zero energy states allow superposition over states with varying momenta assignable to say active boundary. The wave function would be essentially Gaussian in energy in the rest system and one can consider also wave functions in Lorentz group leaving the passive boundary of CD invariant.

2.1.3 SSFRs in ZEO

In the proposed picture the sequence of SSFRs could mean gradual widening of the Gaussian wave packet for the value of measured time as the temporal distance between the tips of CD by discrete steps.

The basic condition is that the states at passive boundary of CD identified as superpositions of 3-surfaces remain unaffected during the sequences of SSFRs increasing the size of CD. This corresponds to generalized Zeno effect and in consciousness theory the unchanging part of zero energy state corresponds to unchanging part of self, one might call it soul. One can imagine two options.

Option I: CD increases statistically in SSFRs but classical energy is conserved for space-time surfaces connecting its boundaries. Energy density would decrease as CD increases. This does not seem too bad actually: it would be analogous to matter dominated cosmology.

Not only superpositions of 3-surfaces at passive boundary of CD would be conserved but also their 4-D tangent spaces would be unaffected: this is unnecessarily strong a condition for generalized Zeno effect.

Option II: CD increases but classical energies decrease. This looks more plausible- if not the only - option and is strongly favoured by the analogy of CD with expanding cosmology. It also conforms with uncertainty principle. The process would be essentially quantum analog of cooling or analog for what happens for particle in a box expanding adiabatically. The classical energies of the space-time surfaces in zero energy state would thus decrease as CD increases.

Also this option allows the states as superpositions of 3-surfaces to at passive boundary of CD to remain unaffected in expansion of CD. The classical energies can however decrease because the space-time surfaces - tangent spaces of space-time surfaces at passive boundary - can change so that also energies can change.

This option is completely analogous to quantum adiabatic change in which the coefficients in the superposition of energy eigenstates are unaffected but energies change.

Option II looks more natural and will be considered in more detail.

1. The constraint that SSFRs as quantum measurements are for observables, which commute with observables, whose eigenstate the state at the passive boundary is, poses very strong constraints on what happens SSFR. Furthermore, preferred extremal is analog of Bohr orbit and cannot be arbitrary pair of 3-surfaces. Therefore, when the CD changes, the preferred extremal also changes as a whole meaning also that also energy changes. These conditions could force adiabatic picture and the analog of Uncertainty Principle for classical energies as function of CD size.
2. The sequence of SSFRs could be also analogous to what happens for a particle in box as the size of the box increases adiabatically: adiabaticity would actually be a hypothesis about what happens in the steps consisting of unitary evolution and SSFR. In adiabatic approximation the coefficients in the superposition of the energy eigenstates do not change at all: only the energies would change.
3. In thermodynamics this kind of process would correspond to a cooling, which could serve as a natural quantum correlate for the cooling in cosmology. In accordance with the idea that quantum TGD in ZEO corresponds to a complex square root of thermodynamics, one could interpret zero energy state as complex square root of thermal partition function for cosmology assignable to CD. The hierarchy of CDs would define Russian doll cosmology.
4. A further manner to understand this is in terms of Uncertainty Principle. As the size scale of CD given by temporal distance between its dips increases, the classical energy decreases. Intuitively the reduction of the classical energy is easy to understand. Increasing CD and keeping the 3-surface as such at passive boundary reduces time gradients at the passive boundary and space-time surface becomes more flat. Energy density is proportional to time gradients of coordinates and its therefore reduced. This argument is also used in inflation theories.
5. Change is the prerequisite of conscious experience and there would be indeed change also at the passive boundary of CD contributing to conscious experience. But in some sense this contribution - the "soul" - should *not* be changing! "Adiabaticity" would translate this idea to the language of physics.

What happens to CD in long run? There are two options.

1. The original assumption was that the location of formerly passive boundary is not changed. This would mean that the size of CD would increase steadily and the outcome would be eventually cosmology: this sounds counter-intuitive. Classically energy and other Poincare charges are conserved for single preferred extremal could fail in BSFRs due to the fact that zero energy states cannot be energy eigenstates.

2. The alternative view suggested strongly $M^8 - H$ duality [L11] is that the size of CD is reduced in BSFR so that the new active boundary can be rather near to the new passive boundary. One could say that the reincarnated self experiences childhood. In this case the size of CD can remain finite and its location in M^8 more or less fixed. One can say that the self associated with the CD is in a kind of Karma's cycle living its life again and again. Since the extension of rationals can change in BSFR and since the number of extensions larger than given extension is infinitely larger than those smaller than it, the dimension of extension identifiable in terms of effective Planck constant increases. Since $n = h_{eff}/h_0$ serves as a kind of IQ, one can say that the system becomes more intelligent.

Also the temperature assignable to CD remains finite. In cosmological scales it could correspond to the analog of the temperature assignable to CMB. TGD based view about stars as blackhole like entities [L30] leads to the identification of the Hagedorn temperature assignable to the volume filling flux tube giving rise to star with the Hawking temperature of dark radiation at gravitational flux tubes. Even CMB temperature could be assigned with dark photons at gravitational flux tubes. The asymptotic temperature for CD before BSFR could correspond to this temperature.

One expects that the center of mass coordinates of cm do not appreciably change during the quantum evolution. The hierarchy of CDs would imply that the Universe decomposes effectively to sub-Universes behaving to some degree independently. The view about Karma's cycles provides a more precise formulation of the pre-ZEO idea that systems are artists building themselves as 4-D sculptures. In particular, this applies to mental images in TGD based view about brain. The assumption that stars correspond to repeatedly re-incarnating conscious entities allows to solve several time anomalies in cosmology [L30] so that there would be a direct connection between cosmology and theory of consciousness.

There could be a relationship between quantal flow of geometric time by SSFRs and p-adic variant of time coordinates giving a reason why for p-adicity.

1. TGD predicts geometric time as a real variant and p-adic variants in extensions of various p-adics induced by given extension of rationals (adelic space-time and adelic geometric time). Real and p-adic times share discrete points in the extension of rationals considered: roots of octonionic polynomials defining space-time surfaces as roots for their "real" and "imaginary" parts in quaternionic sense [L32]. The roots of the real polynomial with rational coefficients giving octonionic polynomial as its continuation define space moments of M^4 linear time assignable to special SSFRs. p-Adic time associated with the p-adic balls assignable the points are not well-ordered. One cannot tell about two moments of time which is earlier and which later.
2. This could relate to the corresponding lack of well ordering related to "clock time" associated with self at given level of evolutionary hierarchy defined by the extension of rationals. The increase of "clock time" as a distance between tips of CD for a sequence of small state function reductions (weak measurements) occurs only in statistical sense and "clock time" can also decrease. The moments of time correspond to roots of the real polynomial define "special moments in the life of self", one might say.

At the limit of infinite-D extension the roots of the polynomial define algebraic numbers forming a dense set in the set of reals. Cognitive representation becomes dense set. These "special moments" need not however become dense.

3. One can raise an interesting question inspired by self inspection. As one types text, it often happen that the letters of the word become in wrong order, change places, and even jump from a word to another one. The experienced order of letters assignable to a sequence of SSFRs is not the same as the order of letters representing the order for the moments of geometric time. When one is tired, the phenomenon is enhanced.

Neuroscientists can certainly propose an explanation for this. But could this be at deeper level quantum effect based on the above mechanism and have a description in terms of p-adicity assignable to prime p defining a ramified prime for the extension of rationals involved? When one is tired the metabolic resources have petered out and the IQs $n = h_{eff}/h_0$ defined

by dimensions of extensions of rationals for the distribution of extensions tend to reduce, cognitive resolution for time becomes lower and mistakes of this kind become worse.

There is a further technical detail involved. For SSFRs the temporal distance between active boundary and passive boundary increases at least in statistical sense. It seems that one must define the inner product in S-matrix elements for the unitary step preceding SSFR using the previous state basis as sub-basis of the new state basis in the case that CD increases. In adiabatic approximation the S-matrix elements would be overlaps for the states with different size of CD and analogous to matrix elements between states of particle in boxes with the same fixed end but different moving end.

2.1.4 BSFRs in ZEO

Details of BSFR are not completely fixed. One can consider two options. Both options must satisfy the condition that the states at passive boundary of CD identified as superpositions of 3-surfaces remain invariant during the sequence of SSFRs. The tangent space-to the space-time surfaces need not however remain invariant. Therefore the classical energies of space-time surfaces can change since the energy densities are proportional to time derivatives of embedding space coordinates.

1. The size of CD increases steadily as was the original proposal and is thus not reduce in BSFRs. The problem with the steady increase seems to be that the size of CD becomes infinite eventually and the state evolves to what looks like cosmology. If the energy assignable with zero energy state is conserved, the energy density of matter inside CD increasing without limit becomes arbitrarily small. Is this a catastrophe?

For TGD inspired cosmology this is the case at the limit of big bang in the sense that the energy density goes like $1/a^2$ (cosmic string dominance) and energy in a co-moving volume vanishes like a , where a is light-cone proper time. One can think that CD defines only perceptive field and that space-time surfaces continue also outside CD up to the maximal size of CD in the hierarchy of selves involved. The zero energy state would have finite energy but density of energy would go to zero at the boundary of CD. The perceptive field of conscious entity would increase steadily in size.

As found, energy need not be conserved in the subsequence SSFRs because Gaussian wave packets of CDs around given size are required so that eigenstates of energy are not in question and the reduction of the width of Gaussian in the sequence of SSFRs implies reduction of average energy. Only the superpositions of 3-surfaces at the passive boundary of CD would be conserved.

Even the conservation of energy combined with the increase of CD need not be a catastrophe. In matter dominated cosmology the conservation of mass takes place with respect to cosmological time which corresponds to the proper time measured as temporal distance from the passive tip of CD. This cosmological mass is not energy but closely relates to it. What looks of course counter-intuitive is that every self would evolve to a cosmology.

2. The size of CD could be also reduced in BFSR [L32]. $M^8 - H$ duality and existence of “braney” solutions encourages to take this option serious. The 6-D brane like entities correspond to $t = \text{constant}$ sections for linear M^4 time t . They would represent special moments in the life of self. The exceptional 6-D roots of octonionic polynomials as branes would emerge to the perceptive field conscious entity at these moment. Discontinuity of classical space-time evolution as SSFR. Every time-reversed re-incarnation of self would have have “childhood” and experience increase of CD from some minimal size to maximal size.

Since the size of CD can be reduced, it could happen that the CD remains stuck below certain maximal size for ever. The associated mental images would continue living in the geometric past of bigger CD associated with self. The sub-CDs in past would represent memories of self. Cosmos in 4-D sense would be full of life. The interpretation of CD as perceptive field allows this. CD could also increase and become even a cosmology! This picture looks attractive from the view point of consciousness.

3. One can however invent an objection against ZEO, one might even speak about paradox.

(a) Suppose that in biological death I indeed re-incarnate with opposite arrow of time and continue to live towards geometric past. Suppose also that I re-incarnate as more advanced human being - at least in statistical sense. Human beings have parents. But how can I have parents in the former geometric future, if my parents how have already died live in the former geometric past?

(b) The only solution of the paradox seems to be that the magnetic body (MB) - the boss - does not disappear in the death of biological body (BB). The MBs of my parents continue their existence and in my biological death means their separation in stanard time direction and meeting in the new time direction. They meet, fall in love, and give rise to my birth but all this in opposite time direction.

This would provide an answer to a long-standing question about whether MBs are preserved in biological death or not. My view has been that biological death is more or less that MB loses interest in my BB and directs attention to something more interesting. One could however argue that also MB is generated in birth and genes code also for it so that it would die. If directing attention corresponds to BSFR MB would continue to exist after biological death. This particular reincarnation - CD - would be like vortex in the flow of time.

(c) Can one find any support for this crazy looking proposal? TGD Universe is fractal and lower levels in the length scale hierarchies are slaves. In particular, bio-chemical level serves as the slave of MB expected to obey kind of shadow dynamics. If the proposed topological dynamics of MBs solving the above paradox has a miniature representation at the level of DNA, one could take the proposal with some seriousness.

In meiosis (<http://tinyurl.com/n5eqkdn>) germ cells, whose chromosomes are cocktails of paternal and maternal chromosomes (PCs and MCs), are formed. In fertilization (<http://tinyurl.com/ngzwhcq>) - in some sense a (time?) reversal of meiosis - pairs of PCs and MCs are formed. The fusion of paternal and maternal germ cells could be indeed seen in topological sense as a time reversal of replication. The replication of soma cells involves mitosis (<http://tinyurl.com/p351kwr>) forming pairs of chromosomes of PCs and MCs.

Could the chromosomal dynamics be a miniature version of the proposed dynamics at the level of MB even at the level of organisms? If so, mitosis at the level of MB would correspond to a loose pairing of paternal and maternal MBs - formation of a relationship. Our personal MBs as analogs of germ cells would be cocktails of MBs of PCs and MCs formed by reconnection process.

What about replication? In the case of asexual reproduction (<http://tinyurl.com/y8odomtf>) one could speak about replication at the level of MB of the entire organism. Also cell - and DNA replication would represent examples of asexual reproduction and in meiosis sexual reproduction of also DNA would take place.

When does BSFR occur? I have imagined several options, which need not exclude each other.

1. Could BSFR occur, when there are no observables at the active boundary commuting with those diagonalized at passive boundary. Measurement of observable at means generation of eigenstate in the extension of rationals and it typically occurs that the resulting state is outside the extension. Could BSFR occur when there are no observables in the extension of rationals in question.
2. $M^8 - H$ duality predicts universal special solutions besides 4-D space-time surfaces. These 6-D analogs of branes correspond to n moments of linear M^4 time, where n is the polynomial whose octonionic continuation defines space-time surfaces in M^4 as roots of its real or imaginary part in quaternionic sense. At these branes 4-D space-time surfaces are glued together along their ends- space-time looks is analogous to piecewise continuous curve in time direction - and they would correspond to "special moments in the life of self" [L32]. When all these moments as special roots of the octonionic polynomial are experienced, BSFR would be the only possibility. The polynomial with rationals coefficients defining the octonionic polynomial defines the extension of rationals used so that this option could be consistent with the first option.

3. Is BSFR is forced to occur because there are no preferred extremals connecting the pairs of 3-surfaces exists anymore. Could it happen that the state becomes increasingly classical during the sequence of SSFRs and thus becoming more and more local in WCW (the “world of classical worlds”, which is essentially the space of 3-surfaces at either boundary of CD). The unchanging part of the zero energy state associated with the time-reversed state as outcome of BSFR at the new passive boundary would be maximally classical. This might relate to the fact that the world looks so classical. Also the fact BSFRs themselves look classical smooth time evolution ending to the outcome of BSFR, creates the illusion of classicality [L29].

2.2 ZEO, life, and consciousness

The most important implications of ZEO relate to consciousness and quantum biology. One can understand act of free will and motor action in terms of BSFR. BSFR corresponds to motor action and its time-reversal. SSFRs correspond to sensory perception in either direction of time [L23]. Model for memory is one prediction and predicts precognition as time reversal of memory [K16] [L41]. Also the relationship between generation of insight and mechanical logic deductions can be understood. In biology ZEO leads to remote metabolism as a universal purely thermodynamical mechanism of metabolism. One can also understand zero energy states as superpositions of deterministic programs - quantum programs, functions in the sense of quantum biology, or quantum behaviors.

2.2.1 Act of free will, intentionality, and ZEO

Act of free will would correspond to BSFR that is quantum jump leading to final state with opposite arrow of time. Final state is a superposition of deterministic time evolution connecting the 3-surfaces in the superpositions defining initial and the final states. In this picture state function reduction leads to final state inducing time reversed time evolution so that classically the causal order is changed. What in standard picture - say neural activities - causes the outcome, is caused by the outcome. Could it be that mere volitional act with sharp enough intention is needed? The correct deterministic time evolution is dictated by intention as consequence rather than cause!

Here I cannot avoid the temptation to tell about my own strange experiences. At this age one must remember to take the pills every morning. I have the habit of filling my pill dispenser every Monday morning. I do not bother to count the pills one by one. I just take randomly a bunch of them hoping that their number is correct. And it is! Quite too often! Similar thing happens in market when I pay with coins: I do not count the coins but just take a handful of them. The sum of the coins is correct quite too often! Could a mere sharp intention dictate the outcome. Could one learn gradually this kind of sharp intentions.

Could this be crucial for various skills like playing tennis or computer game, where one simply cannot react rapidly by computing the outcome since time does not allow it? Could this explain also mathematical/physical/.. intuition as skill to solve problems by making quantum jump directly to the solution of the problem.

2.2.2 Precognition and ZEO

It seems that neuroscientists are beginning to take remote mental interactions such as precognition, telepathy, and psychokinesis seriously. The popular article entitled “*Scientists Discover That The Heart & Brain Respond To Future Events – Before They Happen*” (see <http://preview.tinyurl.com/y494hw5u>) describes changing views of neuroscientists towards precognition.

In ZEO precognitions are naturally time-reversed memories. Classical signals giving rise to sensory experience arrive from geometry future in the standard frame. During sleep state precognition should be possible if sleep corresponds to time-reversed state for the self.

In the associative and computational models of brain our ability to predict the future is taken to be an extrapolation based on memories and experience of earlier life. This looks very reasonable but when one asks how these memories are represented, problems begin to appear. In TGD framework ZEO predicts that memories correspond to mental images in geometric past, in the simplest case,

when the original event took place. This solves a huge problem of standard since memory storage becomes brain in 4-D sense rather than in 3-D sense [K16].

ZEO however implies that also time reversed memories are possible. If sleep state correspond to time reversed self about which we do not have direct memories, memories with reversed arrow of time would be possible in this state. Precognition becomes possible if these memories can be communicated to the wake-up state with the ordinary arrow of time. In dreams some parts of brain are awake and they could make possible this communication. The communicated information could be also conscious to some selves above or below us in the hierarchy. Dreams can indeed predict what happens during the next day. The classical book “*An Experiment with Time*” (see <http://tinyurl.com/jtqysty>) of J. W. Dunne tells about precognitive dreams that he experienced.

2.2.3 Intuitive and formal logical reasoning in ZEO

The basic vision is that adelic space-time geometry provides correlates for sensory experience and cognition/imagination. Fermionic degrees of freedom would represent quantal Boolean mind. In ZEO given deterministic time evolution for 3-surface and induced spinor fields would give rise to sensory and cognitive time evolution and to Boolean evolution having interpretation as analog of logical deduction leading from premises to conclusions.

1. The basis of fermionic Fock states can be regarded as Boolean algebra. Superpositions and thus entanglement of fermionic qubits are however possible and one can speak about quantum Boolean logic. In standard view concepts are formally regarded as sets containing the instances of concept as elements. Quantum concepts could be superposition of quantum states representing the instances so that quantum abstraction would be much more complex notion than ordinary abstraction. Non-classical Boolean states would be superpositions of statements identifiable as abstractions. Schrödinger cat would be seen abstraction. “Dead” and “alive” would represent instances of this abstraction.
2. Zero energy states are superpositions of initial and final fermion states and there is also a superposition over 3-surfaces, and could be interpreted as representations for implications. The sum $\sum_n S_{mn}|n\rangle$, where S denotes unitary S-matrix, represents a superposition over all transitions $|m\rangle \rightarrow |n\rangle$ allowed by laws of physics. These transitions could be interpreted as logical implications.

One could argue that by diagonalizing S-matrix one obtains only diagonal transitions and the situation is rather trivial: just logical identities. The point is however that in number theoretical physics the diagonalization of S would in general lead outside the extension of rationals determining the adèle and is therefore not possible. Same number theoretical mechanism would also stabilize negentropic entanglement and could force BSFR. Only state big state function reduction extending the extension of rationals can reduce this kind of entanglement.

3. Probably every mathematician has pondered the mystery of mathematical insight. How for instance mathematical insight is generated? What eureka experience is basically? Insight would correspond naturally to a big state function reduction leading to a new state reversing the arrow of time.

Truth can be deduced in given system of axioms also mechanically - at least in principle. How does insight relate to a logical deduction leading to a theorem? The final state of quantum jump is superposition of classical time evolutions leading from the final state to geometric past. With respect to standard arrow of time it is superposition of logical deductions leading from various initial states- initial assumptions - to the final state - to the outcome of the deduction. Superposition of states at boundary of CD could be seen as an abstraction. Deterministic time evolutions would represent the mechanical deductions.

Note however that in the time reversed state arbitrary long time evolution in opposite time direction is in principle possible and would correspond to an arbitrary long ordinary deduction or computation [L7]. After that a return to the original arrow of time would take place and provide the solution. The formal deduction leading to the outcome would be indeed forced by the outcome rather than vice versa?

2.2.4 Metabolism in ZEO

ZEO has also deep implications for biology. As already explained, ZEO allows to understand what behaviors, biological functions are at fundamental level.

Why metabolism is needed can be understood in TGD view about dark matter as phases of ordinary matter labelled by the value of effective Planck constant $h_{eff} = n \times h_0$, where n has also interpretation as dimension of extension of rationals giving rise to the extension of adeles [L17, L16]. n serves as a kind of IQ labelling different evolutionary levels and is bound to increase in statistical sense. Not only biology but also self-organization involving also energy feed could be understood in terms of the hierarchy of Planck constant.

In ZEO remote metabolism suggests itself as a completely universal purely thermodynamical mechanism of metabolism. Usually system loses its energy by dissipation. If the arrow of time is non-standard, systems seems to receive energy from environment. Note that the duration of time spent in time reversed state does not matter! What matters is the increment of time between states with same arrow of time! Sleep state could be seen also as a way to collect metabolic energy. BSFR can be seen as an act of free will - motor action and sucking of metabolic energy from "environment" would be very natural.

The interpretation for the return to the original time direction by second BSFR would be as beginning of sensory perceptions in standard arrow of time as sequences of SSFRs. During this period subsystem would be dissipating energy to environment.

2.3 Under what conditions does BSFR take place and what happens in it?

In the following the question under what conditions "Big" state function reduction (BSFR) takes place and what happens in it.

2.3.1 Two kinds of state function reductions

The discussion however requires the basic ideas of ZEO as background.

1. "Small" state function reductions (SSFRs)

Small state function reductions (SSFRs) are counterparts of so called "weak measurements", which are rather near to classical measurements in the sense that nothing drastic happens.

1. The passive boundary of CD does not shift but changes in size because active boundary shifts and this induces change of size. For state pairs defining zero energy states the members at passive boundary do not change and the coefficients of possibly time-entangled state defined as their superposition do not change. The members of state pairs at active boundary change and this change is induced by unitary time evolution between two SSFRs. This time evolution could be regarded as a generalization of adiabatic time evolution.
2. In statistical sense the active boundary shifts towards future and the size of CD increases. The temporal distance between the tips defines clock time in one-one correspondence with SSFRs. Note that the unitary evolution forms a superposition of CDs with different sizes and SSFR means localization to single CD size.
3. The moment "Now" of self would naturally correspond to the M^4 hyper-plane dividing CD into two pieces of identical size. The radius of this 3-ball would be $r = T/2$, where T is the temporal distance between the tips of CD. At this hyperplane expansion of 3-ball with light-velocity would transform to contraction.
4. The mental images of self would correspond sub-CDs and also they would shift towards geometric future in the sequence SSFRs. They would form a kind of log file about the life history of self such that geometric time order would be opposite to subjective time order. Self could remember these experiences by sending signals to geometric future reflecting back in time direction - seeing in time direction would be in question.

What is in sharp conflict with natural expectation is that the memories would be stored in geometric future and part of them would become un-changing permanent part for the time reversed re-incarnation of self- kind of Karma.

Note however that self might have also mental images represented as sub-CDs in geometric past.

$M^8 - H$ -duality suggests space-time picture about the “log files”.

1. 4-D space-time surfaces in complexified M^8 having interpretation as complexified octonions are 4-D roots for octonion valued polynomial obtained as an algebraic continuation of a real polynomial with rational or even algebraic coefficients. $M^8 - H$ correspondence maps these surfaces to minimal surfaces with 2-D singularities in H [L33, L32].
2. Besides this one obtains for any polynomial also special solutions as analogs of branes in M-theory. They have topology of 6-D ball and their projection to M^4 is $t = r_n$ hyperplane intersecting CD and with topology of 3-ball. r_n is a root of P and thus an algebraic number. I have called $t = r_n$ “very special moments in the life of self”. Generalized vertices for particle reactions would correspond to partonic 2-surfaces localized at these 6-surfaces. At these surfaces incoming and outgoing partonic orbits would be glued together along their ends. The roots define positions of external particles at the boundaries of CD.
3. In SSFRs these balls at the active half of CD would shift towards future and new roots would emerge. These roots would define a geometric representation of the memories of CD as “log file” increasing in size. If there are sub-CDs associate with them, one would have mental images shifting towards future.

2. “Big” state function reductions (BSFRs)

“Big” state function reductions (BSFRs) correspond to ordinary state function reductions (SFRs) in ZEO. In BSFR the roles of active and passive boundaries of CD are changed and the arrow of geometric time changes since the formerly passive boundary starts to shift to opposite time direction. State function reduction not commuting with the observables defining states at passive boundary as their eigenstates would takes place and the state at passive boundary would be changed. It would be however fixed by quantum dynamics. The findings of Mineev *et al* provide support for the change of the arrow of time in ordinary SFR [L29].

The passive boundary can be shifted towards future so that the size of CD would decrease. One can say that the re-incarnate would be experience childhood. Note that also part of the “log file” about often personal experiences of self towards end of its life defining the permanent part of self-hood of the re-incarnate would disappear. The interpretation in terms of Karma is suggestive.

Remark: During a discussion with Marko Manninen, Marko noticed that people who have had near death experience often report that they experienced their entire life like a film during these moments. Could the “log file” representing stored mental images give rise to this experience at the moment of death?

2.3.2 What happens in biological death from TGD perspective?

What happens in biological death can be taken as a guideline in attempts to understand what happens in BSFR.

1. Death certainly occurs if there is no metabolic energy feed to the system. Metabolic energy feed is guaranteed by nutrition using basic molecules as metabolites. Since the increase of h_{eff} quite generally requires energy if other parameters are kept constant and since the reduction of h_{eff} can take spontaneously, the metabolic energy is needed to keep the distribution of values of h_{eff} stationary or even increase it - at least during the growth of organism and perhaps also during the mature age when it would go to increase of h_{eff} at MB.

If the size of CD for at least MB correlates with the maximum value of h_{eff} or its average, the size of CD cannot grow and can be even reduced if the metabolic energy feed is too low.

The starving organism withers and its mental abilities are reduced. This could correspond to the reduction of maximum/average value of h_{eff} and also size of CD.

One can argue that if the organism loses metabolic energy feed or is not able to utilize the metabolic energy death and therefore also BSFR must take place.

2. In ZEO self-organization reduces to the second law in reversed direction of geometric time at the level of MB inducing effective change of arrow of time at the level of biological body [L34]. The necessary energy feed correspond to dissipation of energy in opposite time direction. In biological matter energy feed means its extraction from the metabolites fed to the system. One could say that system sends negative energy to the systems able to receive it. A more precise statement is that time reversed sub-system dissipates and metabolites receive the energy but in reversed time direction.

In living matter sub-systems with non-standard arrow of time are necessary since their dissipation is needed to extract metabolic energy. The highest level dissipates in standard time direction and there must be a transfer of energy between different levels. This hierarchy of levels with opposite arrows of geometric time would be realized at the level of MB.

2.3.3 Death as a re-incarnation with opposite arrow of time

These observations suggest that one should consider the reincarnation with opposite arrow of time with wisdom coming from the death of biological systems.

1. We know what happens in death and birth in biological systems. What happens in biological death should have analogy at general level. In particular, in death the decay of the system to components should occur. Also the opposite of this process with reversed arrow of time should take place and lead at molecular level to the replication of DNA and RNA and build-up of basic biomolecules and at the cell level to cell replications and development of organs. How these processes could correspond to each other?
2. The perceived time corresponds to the hyperplane $t = T/2$ dividing CD to parts of same size. Here T is the distance between the tips of CD and therefore to maximal diameter of temporal slice of cd, which is 3-ball. The part of CD above it shifts towards future in SSFRs. In BSFR parts of the boundary of space-time surfaces at the active boundary of CD become unchanging permanent parts of the re-incarnate - kind of log file about the previous life. One can say that the law of Karma is realized.

If CD decreases in size in BSFR the former active boundary keeps its position but its size as distance between its tips is scaled down: $T \rightarrow T_1 \leq T$. The re-incarnate would start from childhood at $T - T_1/2$ and would get partially rid of the permanent part of unchanging self-hood corresponding to interval $[T - T_1/2, T/2]$ so that the permanent part of reincarnate would correspond to $[T - T_1/2, T]$. Reincarnate would start almost from scratch, so to say. The part between $T - T_1/2$ and T would be preserved as analog of what was called BIOS in personal computers.

3. At the moment of birth CD possibly would thus decrease in size and the former passive boundary now in the range $[T - T_1/2, T - T_1]$ and lower tip of new CD at $T - T_1$ would become active and the seat of sensory experience. Arrow of time would change. Where the analog of biological decay is located? The region of CD in the range $[T/2, T - T_1/2]$ disappearing from "log file" is the natural candidate. This region is also the place, where the events related to birth in opposite time direction should take place.
4. The decay of the organism should therefore correspond to the development and birth of re-incarnated organism at the level of MB (it must be also remembered that genuine time reversal takes place at the level of MB and induces only effective time reversal at the level of ordinary bio-matter). The decay of organism dissipates energy in standard time direction: this energy could be used by the re-incarnate as metabolic energy. How long lasting biochemical processes have effective time reversals depends on the quantum coherence scale determined by the size scale of corresponding CD.

2.3.4 Could the re-incarnations with opposite arrow of time be seen in bio-chemistry?

The possible occurrence of effective time reversals at the level of bio-chemistry could be perhaps tested experimentally.

1. Could the replication of DNA and RNA and build-up of various bio-molecules be effective time-reversals for their decays. Could the same apply to the replication of cells and generation of organs. Replication of DNA is self-organization process in which second DNA strand serves as a template for a new one. The decay of DNA should therefore involve two DNA strands such that the second DNA strand serves as a template for the effectively time reversed replication. The double strand structure indeed makes possible for the other strand to decay first. Cell replication should use another cell as replicate and same would happen in the cell decay.
2. An interesting mental exercise is to imagine the time reversals of various basic processes like transcription and translation. In the time reversal of translation of mRNA to amino-acid sequence the amino-acid sequence and mRNA would return to ribosome machinery, and amino-acid and tRNA codon associated with tRNA would return to form tRNA. mRNA strand would shift one step backwards and the process would repeat itself and finally mRNA strand would return to open DNA strand. In the time reversal of transcription of DNA to mRNA, mRNA strand would return to open part of DNA strand, decay to RNA codons and eventually DNA strand would close. It should be easy to check whether these processes really occur in the decay process.
3. The formation of stem cells involves de-differentiation. Could it mean time reversal of the entire process leading to a differentiated cell? Also this idea could be tested.

In biology pairs of various structures often occur. Could they correspond in some sense to effective time reversals of each other whereas at the level of magnetic body one would have genuine time reversals

1. Could the opposite inherent chiralities of MBs of DNA strands correspond to opposite arrows of time at the level of MB of DNA realizing dark genetic code [L5]? Could this be seen as a kind of explanation for the double strand structure of DNA. Could the passivity of DNA strand with respect to transcription correspond to opposite arrow of time at the level of MB? Could the passive strand become active in time reversal?
2. Even brain has this kind of pairing. Right brain hemisphere is passive in the sense that it does not seem to contribute to wake-up intelligence (presumably identified as analytic intelligence). Could either hemisphere serve as a template in the development of brain or could this happen only at the level of MB of brain? Could different time arrows at the level of MB be used to understand the strange passive character of right brain and could one understand the holism of right brain *viz.* analytic reductionism of left brain as reflection of the fact that dissipation as decay corresponds to time reversal for self-organization generating structures at the level of MB.

2.3.5 What about ordinary re-incarnation?

A couple of comments relating to the notion of re-incarnation in standard sense are in order.

1. Eastern philosophies talk about the possibility of liberation from Karma's cycle. Can one imagine something like this? The above picture would suggest that in this kind of process the reduction of the size of CD does not occur at all and therefore there would be no decay process equivalent to the growth of time reversed organism. This would serve as an empirical signature for the liberation - if possible at all. CD would continue to increase in size or perhaps keep its size. It would seem that a new kind of non-biological source of metabolic energy would be needed.

2. Reincarnation is a basic notion in Eastern philosophies. In ordinary reincarnation person has memories about life of a person, who lived earlier. There is evidence for this. This cannot be understood in terms of time reversed re-incarnation.

Recall that there would be a hierarchy of selves and corresponding CDs within CDs. It has remained an open question whether CDs could also overlap? Could re-incarnation in ordinary sense be explained in terms of this kind of overlap?

Suppose that one has two overlapping CDs: CD_1 and CD_2 and that CD_2 extends farther to the future of CD_1 . The sub-CDs of CD_1 shift to future as the active part of CD_1 shifts to future and increases in size giving rise to a kind of log file defining the personal memories of CD_1 . In this kind of situation the mental images of CD_1 can enter to CD_2 and become mental images of CD_2 . This would be sharing of mental images but in different sense as compared to the fusion of mental images by entanglement, which could also require intersection of sub-CDs of mental images.

Could one imagine that the cosmos is full of selves serving as counterparts of memes wandering around and finding for selves hosting them by providing metabolic energy? Note that ZEO means that CD center of mass degrees of freedom do not carry any conserved quantum numbers so that the motion of these lonely CDs would not be restricted by conservation laws!

3. This picture suggests that CD:s form a conscious fractal atlas consisting of charts with various resolutions analogous to the atlas defining a covering of manifold by open sets. The earlier proposal was that in biological death MB redirects its attention to a new system. This picture would be modified: the MB of CD_1 would still attend the time-reversed system and experience time-reversed life. Some sub-CDs of CD_1 would however belong to a new CD in its geometric future - CD_2 . This conforms with the intuitive expectation that space-time surfaces continue outside CD and only the perceptive field of conscious entity is restricted to CD.
4. Mental images should correspond to sub-selves and therefore sub-CDs of CD. Contrary to what I have proposed earlier, it seems that after images cannot correspond to BSFR type re-incarnations of mental images nor re-incarnations in standard sense.

Mental images would shift towards the future together with active part of CD and form a kind of log file. Could after images be memories of previous mental images involving a signal time reflect from the the mental image in log file and creating the after image as a sensory memory of the earlier visual mental image? Or could one understand after images in terms of propagation of dark photon signals along closed magnetic loops giving rise to periodically occurring mental images.

In [L47] I discussed how the evolution of self by BSFRs could correspond to a transition to chaos as iteration of the polynomial defining the space-time surface. The proposed picture was that the evolution by SSFRs corresponds to iteration of a polynomial P assignable to the active boundary of CD. This would predict a continual increase of the degree of the polynomial involved. This is however only one possibility to interpret the evolution of self as iteration leading to chaos.

1. One could argue that the polynomial $P_{nk} = P_n \circ \dots \circ P_n$ associated with the active boundary remains the same during SSFRs as long as possible. This because the increase of degree from nk to $n(k+1)$ in $P_{nk} \rightarrow P_{nk} \circ P_n$ increases h_{eff} by factor $(k+1)/k$ so that the metabolic feed needed to preserve the value of h_{eff} increases.

Rather, when all roots of the polynomials P assignable to the active boundary of CD are revealed in the gradual increase of CD preserving P_{nk} , the transition $P_{nk} \rightarrow P_{nk} \circ P_n$ could occur provided the metabolic resources allow this. Otherwise BSFR occurs and self dies and re-incarnates. The idea that BSFR occurs when metabolic resources are not available is very natural for this option.

2. Could $P_{nk} \rightarrow P_{nk} \circ P_n$ occur only in BSFRs so that the degree n of P would be preserved during single life cycle of self - that n can increase only in BSFRs was indeed the original guess.

While preparing this contribution I learned about a highly interesting claim (<https://tinyurl.com/yap8ss4p>) made by the research group led by Harold Katcher. The claim is that the epigenetic age (there are several measures for it such as methylation level of DNA) of rats has been reduced up to 50 percent. The theory goes that epigenetic age of molecules would be controllable by hormonal signalling globally.

BSFR would mean death of conscious entity and its reincarnation with opposite arrow of time. The system would rejuvenate in the transition starting a new life in opposite time direction from childhood so to say - rejuvenation would be in question. Doing this twice would lead to life with original arrow of time but starting in rejuvenated state. The claim of the group suggests that living matter could do this systematically using hormonal control.

2.3.6 Tukdam and TGD

This piece of text was inspired by a document (<https://rb.gy/abt8za>) about a strange phenomenon known as Tukdam. What happens is that in Tukdam the person is physically dead but is believed to be in a continued meditation. There is no EEG, the heart does not beat, and there is no normal metabolism. However, the decomposition processes do not start. The condition can last up to a couple of weeks. Similar longer-lasting ones have been reported: a yogi can be buried underground for months in an oxygen-free state and then wake up.

This challenges neuroscience's view of the brain as the seat of consciousness. According to reports there could be awareness and a sensory experience consisting of different light sensations. The Tibetan Book of the Dead describes these experiences. Near-death experiences have many similar features [L56].

In the body in Tukdam, the area of the heart is reported to feel warmer to the touch than the rest of the body, but the thermometer does not detect this difference. This would indicate that the body receives metabolic energy at the cellular level from some other source than in the normal metabolism, and that living matter can detect what measuring devices based on the recent knowledge provided by modern physics cannot detect. Where could this energy come from? If one wants to answer this, one must also ask what happens in death and what is consciousness and what is life.

1. Dark energy and matter are the two basic puzzles of recent day physics. In the TGD approach, I have identified dark matter as a phase of ordinary matter, for which the effective Planck constant h_{eff} is much larger than normally.

In particular, the gravitational Planck constant $h_{eff} = h_{gr}$ assignable to gravitational flux tubes can be very large and makes quantum coherence possible even on astrophysical scales. Large Planck constants would be associated with the dark matter magnetic body, which would be the TGD counterpart to the magnetic field of Maxwell's theory, but would differ from it in many respects. As a quantum coherent unit, this magnetic body would control the ordinary biological body and induce its coherence. The classical energy of a magnetic body, consisting of volume energy and magnetic energy, would be dark energy.

2. In the TGD Universe dominated by zero energy ontology, consciousness is a universal phenomenon and present on all scales, from elementary particles to the level of the cosmos. Even galaxies, stars and planets would be conscious beings. Also life and death would be universal phenomena. Likewise, the biological decomposition process associated with death would correspond to the universal decomposition process, which would essentially correspond to the decomposition of magnetic monopole flux tubes (magnetic catabolism), which would induce the catabolism of the breakdown of biomolecules. Its time-reversed version would be magnetic anabolism and induce the building of bio-structures such as molecules.
3. The fundamental metabolic processes would be essentially magnetic anabolism and catabolism induced by "big" state function reductions (BSFRs) changing the arrow of time and inducing the biological anabolism and catabolism. Death would mean reincarnation with the opposite arrow of time.

In Tukdam, the biological body would be dead, but the magnetic body would still be alive and prevent the biological decay from starting. The disintegration of the magnetic body would start

in Tukdam much later than normally, and initiate the disintegration of the biological body. The content of the conscious experience in Tukdam, light sensations and deep peace, would come from the magnetic body. The dead biological body would not provide contribution from sensory input, motor activity, and cognition.

By a strange accident, just before seeing the document about Tukdam, I wrote an article [L64, L65] about a seemingly completely unrelated topic, solar flares related to the reversal of the direction of the sun's magnetic field in the solar cycle, which has a period of 11+11 years.

The reversal of the Sun's magnetic field would correspond to magnetic catabolism as the breakdown of long monopole flux tubes into very short parts. It would be followed by magnetic anabolism as their re-fusion into long flux tubes. The solar cycle would correspond to the sleep-wake cycle, or more precisely: a series of lives in different directions of time. Death would only be a change of time's arrow, nothing final.

The model unexpectedly leads to a biological analogy and to understanding what might happen to the magnetic body in biological death.

2.4 Conditions on the periods with reversed arrow of time

In zero energy ontology (ZEO) falling asleep (death at "my" level of self the hierarchy) corresponds to ordinary - or "big" - state function reduction (BSFR) and also means a reincarnation with opposite arrow of time. We would be therefore conscious during sleep and wake-up would correspond to falling sleep of that other, time reversed self.

When I fall asleep, I wake-up later tomorrow morning for instance, not yesterday morning. It is interesting to see what kind of conditions this implies and whether it is possible to satisfy this easily and even more interesting is to see whether a time travel to the geometric past - maybe the Golden Youth - could be possible.

The following assumptions are made about what happens in BSFR.

1. Causal diamond (CD) is a correlate for self. CD is obtained by gluing together two identical half-cones along their bottoms. Moment "Now" corresponds to the largest hyperplane $T_{now} = T$ (origin of time coordinate is at either (call it "lower") tip of CD) .
2. During the sequence of SSFRs defining self, the 3-surfaces at the passive boundary of self are fixed although their 4-D tangent space changes and corresponds to the unchanging part of selfhood - soul one might say. The opposite active boundary of CD and 3-surfaces at it change and shift towards geometric future. This gives rise to wake-up consciousness involving sensory input and thoughts, emotions etc. induced by it. Each SSFR is preceded by the analog of unitary time evolution.
3. BSFR means a death of self (subself) and its reincarnation with an opposite arrow of time. One can equally well speak about the analog of falling in sleep and waking up after that for some level of hierarchy of selves. The self born in the death of the self with an opposite arrow of time self has no direct memories about the state. Self can however have memories about dreams in which part of say brain is awake. These memories store information about what self experienced during the sleep.

In BSFR the active boundary of the CD becomes passive and is frozen. The size of CD is scaled down so that CD becomes small: this implies that the reincarnated self has a childhood and much of the memories - often not pleasant - stored near the active boundary as subelves living forth and back as conscious entities disappear. The surviving memories of self become "silent wisdom" of the reincarnated self.

4. If CD belongs to a larger CD, call it CD_{super} representing a larger unit of consciousness, the sub-CDs must shift to the same direction as the active boundary of CD_{super} . Otherwise the sub-CDs would drop from the flow of consciousness. This is analogous to co-movement of matter in cosmology.

Note that the mental images of self correspond to sub-CDs around T_{now} and shift towards geometric future as CD increases and new mental images emerges at T_{now} plane: by $M^8 - H$ correspondence these special moments in the life of self correspond to roots of the polynomial defining space-time surface and reside are the upper half-cone of the CD. As CD increases,

new roots pop up inside the upper half-cone near the T_{now} hyper-plane for some particular SSFRs. Completely counterintuitively, the mental images about past experiences are therefore in the geometric future of T_{now} hyperplane!

The proposed picture must be consistent with everyday experience. Call the two periods of self sleep wake-up and sleep label the two different BSFRs by "sleep" and "wake-up".

1. In each SSFR CD size increases - at least in statistical sense this implies that T grows. Each SSFR corresponds to a scaling for the CD shifting its active boundary towards the geometric future. During its life cycle CD experiences scaling Λ :

$$T_{now} \rightarrow T_{now,sleep_1} = \Lambda(SSFR)T_{now} \quad , \quad \Lambda(SSFR) > 1 \quad .$$

2. When the system falls in sleep the size of CD is scaled down so that also the value of T_{now} is scaled down by $\Lambda_{BSFR} < 1$:

$$T_{now,sleep_2} = (1 - \Lambda(BSFR))2T_{now,sleep_1} = (1 - \Lambda(BSFR))\Lambda(SSFR)2T_{now} \quad , \quad \Lambda(BSFR) < 1 \quad .$$

After that the CD begins to increase in size by small scalings in SSFRs to opposite time direction and T_{now} begins to decrease from its value $T_{now,sleep}$ begins to decrease.

3. If CD belongs to a bigger CD - call it super-CD - representing a larger unit of consciousness with a longer life cycle, one can argue that the CD must shift to the same direction as the larger CD increases. Otherwise the CD would drop from the flow of consciousness defined by super-CD. This is analogous to co-movement of matter in cosmology. Therefore a given life cycle corresponds also a shift ΔT of sub-CDs towards the growth direction of super-CD takes place and one has for the time coordinate $T_{super,now}$ of the super-CD. Therefore one must perform shift $T \rightarrow T + \Delta T$ for $T_{now,sleep_1}$ and $T_{now,sleep_2}$ to take into account the drifting. This gives for the moments "Now" before and after the shrinking of CD in BSFR (falling asleep):

$$T_{super,now,sleep_1} = T_0 + T_{now,sleep_1} + \Delta T \quad ,$$

$$T_{super,now,sleep_2} = T_0 + (1 - \Lambda(BSFR))2T_{now,sleep_1} + \Delta T \quad .$$

4. Similar formula holds true for the moment of wake-up. In the previous formula T_{now} is replaced with $T_{now,sleep_2}$ and one has

$$T_{super,now,wakeup_1} = T_0 + \Lambda^1(SSFR)T_{now,sleep_2} + \Delta T^1 \quad ,$$

$$T_{super,now,wakeup_2} = T_0 + (1 - \Lambda^1(BSFR))\Lambda^1(SSFR)2T_{now,sleep_2} + \Delta T^1 \quad .$$

The parameter T_0 depends on the choice of the origin of time for super-CD but is irrelevant.

One can deduce a consistency condition for the parameters of the model.

1. During the sleep period the time coordinate $T_{super,now}$ for moment "Now" in the coordinates of larger CD changes in the following manner:

$$\begin{aligned} T_{super,now,sleep} &= T_0 + T_{now,sleep_1} \rightarrow T_{super,now,wakeup} \\ &= T_0 + \Lambda^1(BSFR)T_{super,now,sleep_2} + \Delta T^1 \quad . \end{aligned}$$

T_0 is an irrelevant parameter associated with super-CD. Note that there is breaking of time reversal symmetry since self associated with CD_{super} has fixed arrow of time unlike CD. Hence ΔT has at least in a statistical sense the same sign irrespective of the arrow of time of self.

2. This picture should be consistent with what we observe. When the tired average self fall a sleep at the evening, it wakes wake-up at the morning and is full of energy. Quite generally, wake-up occurs after time $\Delta T(\text{sleep})$ meaning that the value of time T_{super} has increased by

$$T_{\text{super},\text{now},\text{wakeup}} = T_{\text{super},\text{now}}(\text{sleep}_1) + \Delta T(\text{sleep}) .$$

These two expressions for the value of $T_{\text{super},\text{now}}(\text{wakeup})$ must be consistent and this gives a conditions on the parameters involved:

$$\begin{aligned} (1 - \Lambda^1)(\text{BSFR})\Lambda^1(\text{SSFR})2T_{\text{now},\text{sleep}_1} + \Delta T^1 \\ = T_{\text{now},\text{sleep}_1} + \Delta T + \Delta T(\text{sleep}) . \end{aligned}$$

$\Delta T(\text{sleep})$ is given by

$$\Delta T(\text{sleep}) = [(1 - \Lambda^1)(\text{BSFR})\Lambda^1(\text{SSFR})2 - 1]T_{\text{now},\text{sleep}_1} + \Delta T^1 - \Delta T .$$

Intuitively it seems clear that for a given arrow of time it is not possible to wake-up before one falls asleep, and the condition $\Delta T(\text{sleep}) > 0$ for the standard arrow of time gives a constraint on the parameters. One cannot however exclude the possibility of time travel without dying or falling asleep first of the duration of time travel is much longer than that of wave-up period: $\Delta T^1) - \Delta T$.

A special solution corresponds to $\Delta T(\text{sleep}) = \Delta T^1 - \Delta T$ and $(1 - \Lambda^1)(\text{BSFR})2\Lambda^1(\text{SSFR}) = 1$ giving $T_{\text{now},\text{sleep}_2} = T_{\text{now}}$.

3 Still about quantum measurement theory in ZEO

The relation between zero energy ontology (ZEO) based quantum measurement theory and adelic vision could be much clearer. The following considerations suggest a more precise picture about cognitive representations and formulation of quantum measurement theory for them.

In the sequel ZEO based theory of consciousness [L18, L38] as quantum measurement theory is discussed first by starting with a criticism of physicalism and after that introducing ZEO based view about consciousness as quantum measurement theory as a solution to the problems of physicalism.

After this the relation between zero energy ontology (ZEO) based quantum measurement theory and adelic vision [L16, L17] is discussed. The considerations suggest a more precise picture about cognitive representations and formulation of quantum measurement theory for them. One can generalize classical cognitive representations as number theoretical discretizations of space-time surfaces in the extension of rationals considered to their quantum counterparts as wave functions in the Galois group of the extension and introduce also fermions as spinors in the group algebra of Galois group. The strongest option is purely number theoretical representations of spinors as spinors in this group algebra. Presumably however M^8 spinors are required and have interpretation in terms of octonion structure.

An attractive vision is that number theoretical quantum measurements reduce to measurement cascades involving a sequence of state function reductions reducing the entanglement between wave functions in sub-Galois group H and group G/H and ends up to a prime Galois group for group algebra has prime dimension and represents Hilbert space prime not decomposable to tensor product.

Also time measurement is considered from the number theoretic perspective assuming $M^8 - H$ duality [L32]. Clock readings are realized as roots of the rational polynomial determining the space-time surface in M^8 . Time measurement would involve a localization to a definite extension of rationals, whose dimension n must be proportional to the temporal distance T between the tips of causal diamond (CD) to guarantee fixed time and energy resolution.

3.1 ZEO based theory of consciousness as quantum measurement theory

Consider first zero energy ontology (ZEO) based quantum measurement theory as a theory of consciousness.

3.1.1 Criticism of physicalism

It is good to start with a criticism of physicalism.

1. In physicalism consciousness would reduce to a physical property, like energy, momentum or charge and one would have the hard problem. There would be absolutely no idea why for instance sensory qualia emerge and how they correspond to sensory input. For instance, the assignment of sensory qualia to brain regions leads to a mystery: auditory, visual, etc. areas look exactly the same. How they can give rise to so different qualia?

Remark: The answer to the question is that this is not possible. In TGD framework macroscopic quantum coherence and ZEO allow to assume that sensory qualia are seated at sensory organs [L10].

2. This is not the only problem: free will is not possible and we must stop talking about ethics and moral as we have indeed done in modern free market economy, which threatens to destroy our civilization.
3. The third problem of physicalism and also idealism is that conscious experience is about something: it carries information about something, external world, my body, even about my thoughts. It is associated with a pair of systems- me and the rest of the world - rather than single system as consciousness as a physical property implies. This “aboutness”, kills the physicalist view and actually idealism and under reasonable assumptions also dualism. Standard ontologies of consciousness fail.

Physicalistic approach has also problems with quantum measurement theory. The basic problems are basically due to the fact that observer as a conscious entity remains an outsider: observations affect the measured system but theory cannot say anything about observer as subjective entity. In ZEO the situation is different [L38] (<http://tinyurl.com/wd7sszo>).

1. Quantum jump defines the basic building brick of conscious experience. It is something between two different quantum worlds, not in the world as a physical property of quantum system. Consciousness is a moment of re-creation. This solves the hard problem and problem of free will.
2. Also the paradox of state function reduction can be solved if one can understand the problems related to the notion of time. There are two times: experienced time and geometric time, or the clock time. They are very different. Experienced time irreversible and has preferred moment “Now”. Geometric time reversible and without preferred “Now”. For some reason these times have been however identified.

3.1.2 ZEO based quantum measurement theory

In ZEO physical states as time= constant snapshots are replaced by pairs of “initial” and “final” states A and B or - by holography - with superpositions of deterministic time evolutions from A to B with respect to geometric time - note the analogy with computer program in computer science, behavior pattern in neuroscience, and function in biology.

1. In “small” state function reductions (SFRs) - “weak” measurements - the superposition of time evolutions from A to B is replaced with a new one such that states A at passive end - “initial state” - are not changed. Classical determinism is respected although one has quantum jump and generalization of quantum measurement theory. Two times - two causalities. The temporal distance T between A and B increases in statistical sense and this gives the correspondence between experienced time as sequence of state function reductions and geometric time is identified as T . These measurements changing B correspond to “weak” measurements analogous to classical measurements and to sensory input. A represents permanent part of selfness, “soul” one might say.
2. In “big” (ordinary) state function reductions (BSFRs) the roles of “initial” and “final” states change and the arrow of geometric time changes. Self dies and reincarnates with an opposite arrow of geometric time.

3. In more precise view the pairs of time=constant snapshots are replaced with what I call causal diamonds (CDs). The assumption that the size of CD is preserved in BSFR as assumed originally leads to some paradoxical looking implications. For instance, the size of CDs assignable to our sub-selves identifiable as mental images would increase without bound. $M^8 - H$ duality suggests strongly that the sizes of CDs can decrease in BSFR: the formerly active boundary would be frozen but the temporal distance of formerly passive boundary would be reduced so that the size of CD would decrease. One could say that self has childhood and starts from scratch with all sins of previous life forgiven.

This picture about state function reduction finds considerable empirical support.

1. The paradoxical experimental findings of Mineev *et al* in atomic systems challenging standard quantum measurement theory give strong support for the reversal of the arrow of time in BSFR [L29] [L29] (<http://tinyurl.com/yj9prkho>).
2. Also Libet's finding that experience of free will [J1] seems to be preceded - caused - by neural activity, can be understood. It is not anymore support for the claim that free will is an illusion. State function reduction changing time order happens, and free will causes neural activity in the geometric past.
3. There is a lot of support for the new view about time from biology. For instance, self-organization - not only biological - could be understood as involving time reversal meaning that the time reversed reduction of order implied by generalization of second law looks from standard observer's viewpoint like increase of order. Self-assembly and generation of structures in long scales would involve increase of time order. Evolution is second aspect of self-organization and reduces to the unavoidable increase of h_{eff} as dimension for extension of rationals. Also the need for energy feed - metabolic energy feed in living matter - can be understood because the increase of h_{eff} keeping other parameters constant, increases energy scale. Dark matter would be visible everywhere in sharp contrast with standard prejudices.
4. There is support even from cosmology and astrophysics, where TGD predicts quantum jumps in macroscopic scales. For instance, stars older than Universe can be understood in more detailed picture about ZEO [L30, L31] (<http://tinyurl.com/tf38xnx>).

One can of course criticize the view about the role of clock time as the distance T between the tips of CD as over-simplified [L38].

1. The state function reductions preceding SSFRs are preceded by unitary processes U . What one can say about "time evolution" U . First of all, U is assumed to produce a zero energy state de-localized in the space of CDs - in particular with respect to the distance T between the tips of CD.

The simplest guess is that in SSFR a complete localization in T - measurement of T - and other moduli of CD (say boost with respect to the lower tip of CD) occurs. Can one reduce the localization in T to a SSFR reducing quantum entanglement or is time measurement something different? What entanglement of CD sizes with different values of T with the measurement apparatus could mean? What the presence of a measurement apparatus for time T - the clock at fundamental level, could mean mathematically? Later also the question whether one could reduce this measurement to pure number theory emerges?

2. The notion of completely localized state is over-idealization and also mathematically poorly defined. Gaussian wave packet over classical states with well-defined classical conserved energy (by Poincare invariance) with respect to T localized around some value T_0 is a more realistic notion and time measurement would mean localization to a wave packet around T_0 .

In [L38] the proposal that the time evolution of self could be seen as an analog of cooling process analogous to cosmic cooling is considered. This would correspond to an adiabatic time evolution happening for a particle in box whose size increases slowly. In this process the coefficients in a superposition of states with given classical energy remain unaffected but the classical energies of the states themselves decrease. This would conform with Uncertainty Principle stating that the classical energies scale as $1/T$.

3.1.3 A more detailed view about quantum measurement in ZEO

Consider next in more detail what state function as quantum measurement means in TGD.

1. In standard quantum measurement theory quantum measurements are often thought to be performed by humans only. In TGD one assumes that state function reduction as analog of quantum measurement is universal and can take place for any pair of mutually entangled systems unentangled from its complement.
2. Density matrix for the entangled pair of systems is the fundamental observable. This applies to both BSFRs and SSFRs at active boundary of CD, which correspond to “weak” measurements commuting with the observables diagonalized at the passive boundary of CD and thus leaving the states at it invariant.
3. Quantum measurement involves typically measurement of several observables. This is realized as a measurement cascade. First the quantum measurement of density matrix occurs for some pair formed sub-system S_1 and its complement S_2 forming together system S . After the same occurs for S_1 and S_2 . Observables correspond to density matrices in this cascade. One proceeds as along as new decompositions are found. If the final state belongs to a sub-space with prime dimension the cascade stops since there is no further decomposition to tensor product.
4. The density matrix for subsystem in general case decomposes to a sum of projectors to sub-spaces and the state function reduction takes to one of them. The outcome of the measurement can be sub-space rather than ray.

Number theoretic vision suggests also a second possibility. The SSFR would take place only if the eigenvalue of density matrix having probability interpretation associated with the subspace or ray is in the extension of rationals associated with the matrix elements of the density matrix and space-time surfaces considered (defining the cognitive representation). If one assumes frequency interpretation of probability theory, this probability must be rationals. Entanglement can be number theoretically stable. This would that one can have stable entanglement.

It is natural to assume that BSFR can increase the extension of rationals associated with the eigenvalues of density matrix in the extension of the extension associated with its matrix elements.

5. Stable entanglement could be crucial for quantum computation as also the possibility of large values of h_{eff} and of time reversal. One can also assign to entanglement with coefficients in an extension of rationals p-adic variant of entanglement entropy by replacing logarithms of probabilities with the logarithms of their p-adic norms. These p-adic entanglement negentropies can be positive so that the entanglement carries information. This negentropy is different from the real negative entropy due to the loss of precise knowledge about entangled states. Quite generally, the sum of p-adic negentropies can be larger than real entropy. This would explain the paradoxical looking fact that highly evolved biological systems are highly entropic [I14] [L4]. england

3.2 The relationship between adelic physics and ZEO based quantum theory

The challenge is to formulate quantum measurement theory taking into account the constraints from adelic physics [L16, L17]. One can consider the possibility is that the quantum physics could reduce at the level of cognitive representations to purely number theoretic physics. This would mean huge simplification. I have considered quantum theory at the level of cognitive representations from the point of view of number theory in [L36] and from the perspective of scattering amplitudes in [L35].

3.2.1 Two kinds of cognitive representations

One can consider two kinds of cognitive representations. The cognitive representations considered hitherto correspond to number theoretical discretization of space-time surface determined by an extension of rationals, they are “classical”. The bosonic wave functions in Galois group of extension acting on cognitive representations and their fermionic counterparts based on fermionic dynamics in the group algebra of Galois group and its normal subgroups (Galois groups too) would define quantal cognitive representations.

1. There are cognitive representations both at the classical level in terms number theoretical discretizations of space-time surfaces defined by the extension of rationals and at the quantum level based on spinorial wave functions in Galois group of the representation. Also the spinorial wave functions in factor sub-groups and normal subgroups of Galois group are involved.
2. One can assign preferred primes p_{pref} to the classical space-time dynamics as ramified primes p_{ram} of the extension. For these the polynomial defining extension has double root in $O(p) = 0$ approximation. This would be the realization of quantum criticality for cognition: criticality is typically in potential models a situation in which two or more extrema of the potential function coincide - catastrophe theory of Thom is classical example.
3. At the level of state (spinorial) space wave functions in Galois group acting on cognitive representations are natural candidate for a bosonic state space. Quantum states would be wave functions in Galois group G with normal subgroup H acting as a Galois group of lower-D extension.

G/H is group itself and one can express wave functions in G as superpositions of products wave functions in G/H and H . The wave functions in G/H and H define naturally a tensor product and an attractive idea is that state function reduction can be regarded as measurement in G/H or equivalently in H . When H has prime order further reduction is not possible since Hilbert spaces with prime dimension are primes of tensor product.

A natural candidate for preferred primes p_{pref} is as orders of smallest possible normal subgroups of Galois group, kind of primitive generating Galois groups.

Remark: One must consider also the possibility that quark and possibly also leptonic degrees of freedom are present as additional spinor indices. The fact that M^8 has octonionic structure could require also M^8 spinor structure.

4. In TGD dark matter is identified as $h_{eff} = n \times h_0$ phases of ordinary manner. n is identified as the order of Galois group of Galois extensions and thus of the extension itself. For ordinary value of Planck constant empirical inputs suggests the identification $h = 6h_0$ [L6, L20].

Quite interestingly, one has $6 = 2 \times 3$ so that there is factorization to 2-D and 3-D subspaces assignable to massless particles, and massive gauge bosons. This indeed suggests that number theoretical vision could allow to represent all many-particle states in terms of wave functions (spinor fields) in the group algebra of Galois group.

5. How to construct cognitive representations for fermions? A natural generalization of the bosonic dynamics in n -D group algebra of Galois group is introduction of spinor structure in terms of 2^k -dimensional spinors in the group algebra. For $k = n$ both chiralities are present and for $k = n - 1$ only second chirality. In fact, one could pose even more chirality conditions giving $2^{n/2}$ -D ($[n + 1]/2$ -D) spinors for even (odd) n . Indeed, the recent view about SUSY in TGD framework suggests that only quarks - second embedding space chirality - appear as fundamental fermions and that leptons are local composites of 3 quarks - spartners of quarks in well-defined sense [L39] (<http://tinyurl.com/y4pdb2xz>).

The simplest option is that at the level of cognitive representations the fermionic oscillator operator algebra corresponds to the oscillator operator algebra creating fermions states having at most $k = n$, $k = n - 1, \dots, n/2$ ($[n + 1]/2$) fermions assignable to these spinors in finite measurement resolution. Entire quantum dynamics at the level of cognitive representations would reduce to the dynamics of fermions in the group algebra of Galois group and its Galois sub-groups.

6. There is also question about the Galois groups of the extensions of various p-adic number fields Q_p induced by the extension of rationals with dimension n . For p-adic numbers in approximation the extension reduces to a finite field $G(p, k)$, $k \leq n$, and one has k -dimensional extension. Galois group G_p is smaller than the Galois group G for rationals. G_p would act naturally in the p-adic counterparts of cognitive representations and the representations of G would reduce to direct sums of representations of G_p . Note that the distinction between sensory and cognitive (real and p-adic) would emerge only at the quantum level.

For $p < n+1$ the fact that one has $x^{p-1} = 1$ for $G(p)$ implies that the irreducible polynomial P defining the extension Q reduces to a polynomial with degree $n \bmod p - 1 \leq p - 1$. Information is lost for $p < n + 1$. For $p \geq n + 1$ situation is different but also in this case the reduction occurs for ramified primes since polynomial P as in this case multiple roots. This would be the counterpart of quantum criticality at the level of cognitive representations.

7. Could the primes appearing as factors of n be preferred p-adic primes? Since these primes as p-adic primes mean a loss of information, they are distinguished but hardly preferred in p-adic evolution. Ramified primes larger than n are more plausible candidates and can be assigned even with polynomials of order 2. The preferred p-adic primes assignable to elementary particles are indeed large: electron would correspond to $M_{127} = 2^{127} - 1 \sim 10^{38}$ [K12].

3.2.2 Quantum measurement theory for cognitive representations

What can one say about quantum measurement theory for cognitive representations? The basic questions concern the tensor products. How many tensor factorizations there are and can one pose some conditions on them? Assume that fermionic Fock states for second quantized spinor fields in n -D group algebra are enough for quantum physics at the level of cognitive representations.

1. Tensor product decomposition for n -D group algebra corresponds to the factorization $n = k \times l$. All factorizations of n define a possible quantum measurement situation and state function reduction can take place in bosonic sector to k or equivalently l -dimensional space. These factorizations would be highly unique since they correspond to pairs of Galois group G and its Galois subgroup H . They are defined modulo discrete automorphism of G . It is not clear whether the choice of this automorphism has physical content: one might consider a discrete variant of gauge invariance.

For the fermionic oscillator algebra analogous statement holds true. Now the decompositions are induced by $n = k \times l$ decompositions.

2. State function reduction cascades would correspond to sequences of Galois subgroups $G \supset G_1 \supset \dots G_k$ such that G_k corresponds to either trivial group of group with prime order. In this case the final state would be reached by a factorization in which the density matrix for G_k does not allow eigenvalues in the extension considered. This extension could be G , G_1 or perhaps rationals (frequency interpretation for probabilities).

3.2.3 $M^8 - H$ duality and measurement cascade

$M^8 - H$ duality [L32] suggests much more concrete picture about the measurement cascade.

1. $M^8 - H$ duality predicts that the roots r_n of a rational polynomial defining the space-time surfaces at the level of M^8 correspond "very special moments in the life of self" $t = r_n$ for the M^4 linear time in the rest system of CD, and that once these moments have been experienced, BSFR can take place. This is possible but not the only possible interpretation.
2. $M^8 - H$ duality and the view about evolution as analog of genetic evolution in which genes are conserved suggests that the polynomials can be regarded as functional composites of simple polynomials $P = P_{n_1} \circ P_{n_2} \circ \dots P_{n_k}$ satisfying $P_{n_r} = 0$ (n_i refers to the degree of the polynomial). P possesses the roots of P_i and the corresponding Galois groups as normal subgroups as the counterpart for the conservation of genes in evolution.

One can distinguish also primitive polynomials as those defining extensions which do not decompose further. Galois groups with prime number of elements corresponds to such extensions. Note that the same extension can appear at several levels in hierarchy and would

correspond to a realization of extension at different hierarchy level defining a kind of abstraction level.

3. Intuitively the measurement cascade should correspond to a cascade proceeding to shorter time and length scales by increasing the resolution and also to a process in which abstraction is gradually concretized.

Could the measurement cascade for a state localized to a given extension of rationals start with the measurement of the root set $X_1 = \{r_{1,1}\}$ of P_{n_1} corresponding to the lowest time resolution. After that P_2 and the root set $X_2 = \{r_{2,i}\}$ would be measured meaning a refined of time resolution replacing $r_{1,i}$ with as subset of X_2 around it.

Here one must be however very cautious: one could also consider a hierarchy of CDs with decreasing size scales as the counterpart of the measurement cascade. I do not understand well enough the scale hierarchy to answer the question whether these two views might relate.

3.2.4 Measurement of time number theoretically

Could the measurement of clock time T as (average) distance between the tips of CD [L38] be understood as number theoretical measurement?

1. What about the measurement of time as the distance T between tips of CD or more generally as the center of mass value T_0 of T in the case that one has Gaussian wave packets localized around varying T_0 ? How could one realize the measurement apparatus - the clock - in terms of entanglement?

Suppose that the superposition over CDs with different values of T corresponds at the level of space-time surfaces in M^8 to that for space-time surfaces determined by polynomials P_n with varying degrees and rational coefficients. The measurement fixing the extension and Galois group would not fix P_n since there is a large number of polynomials with rational coefficients but same Galois group. The measurement fixing the extension leads to a partial (at least) localization in T or T_0 but this is not expected to be enough.

2. A stronger localization in the state function reduction measuring n would require that T or T_0 correlates with the degree n . How could this be achieved in a natural manner? Intuitively the requirement of some fixed time resolution based on the preferred moments $t = r_n$ interpreted as clock readings has fixed resolution as the average time lapse $\Delta T = \langle \Delta T_{i,i+1} = r_{i+1} - r_i \rangle$ would require $n \propto T$ or $n \propto T_0$. How could this be achieved concretely? Could one specify the zero energy states by giving the time resolution as ΔT and being equivalent to energy resolution. This would also dictate the resolution of the cognitive representation as the set of space-time points in the extension.

4 Some questions concerning zero energy ontology

Zero energy ontology (ZEO) [L38] gives rise to quantum measurement theory, which naturally extends to a theory of consciousness. In this article also consciousness aspect is central and my sincere hope is that it would not expel those physicist readers for whom consciousness still remains an unscientific notion.

4.0.1 Zero energy ontology (ZEO) briefly

ZEO provides a new ontology solving the key problem of the standard quantum measurement theory and quantum theory itself. It must be emphasized that ZEO is not a new interpretation created to put under the rug the logical paradox due to the conflict between non-determinism of state function reduction (SFR) and the determinism of unitary time evolution. Also the problem about the scale in which quantum world becomes classical disappears: the Universe is quantal in all scales and ZEO view about quantum jump makes the Universe to look like classical.

1. At the level of space-time dynamics, the notion of preferred extremal (PE) as a space-time surface is central: PE is an extremal of an action principle, which by general coordinate

invariance must be highly unique once its intersection with either boundary of causal CD = $cd \times CP_2$ (cd is the intersection of future and past directed light-cones of M^4) is given. In the ideal situation this implies holography. Space-time surface is an analog of Bohr orbit and classical theory is an exact part of quantum theory.

There is probably a finite and discrete non-determinism analogous to that associated with soap films spanned by a frame: space-time is indeed a minimal surface as also soap films, and the 3-surfaces at its ends at boundaries of CD are part of the frame. Besides space-time surface is an external for Kähler action analogous to Maxwell action. The challenge is to interpret this finite non-determinism.

2. Quantum states, which I call zero energy states, can be interpreted as pairs of analogs of ordinary 3-D quantum states with positive energy. The members of the pair are at the opposite boundaries of CD. The convenient convention used also in quantum field theories (QFTs) is that the conserved quantum numbers at opposite boundaries sum up to zero classically: this brings in nothing new. At quantum level, 4-momenta are conserved only at the limit when CD has infinite size whereas classically the conservation holds true for all CD sizes: this reflects the Uncertainty Principle [L60]. Also in QFTs exact momentum conservation is obtained only at the limit of infinite quantization volume.

At the space-time level, zero energy states can be regarded also as superpositions of deterministic time evolutions: this is central for the interpretation.

3. SFRs are quantum jumps between zero energy states. SFR does not affect any deterministic time evolution but only replaces their superposition with a new one. This solves the paradox that was one of the key motivations for ZEO.
4. Zeno effect strongly suggests that there are 2 kinds of quantum measurements assignable to SFRs. For "weak measurements", "small" SFRs (SSFRs), the component of zero energy state at the either boundary of CD, to be called passive boundary (PB), is unaffected. Also the PB is unaffected apart from scaling. At the active boundary (AP) state changes and AP is scaled up (at least in statistical sense) and due to the scaling shifts to the geometric future.

The unitary time evolution preceding each SSFR corresponds to a scaling of CD (or rather, its M^4 projection cd) rather than time translation as its counterpart in string models. In A unitary evolution B between two SSFRs a superposition of CDs with varying sizes is formed and SFR localizes CD to a fixed size, which means the measurement of geometric time identifiable as the distance between the tips of CD. This geometric time correlates with the subjective time defined by the sequences of SSFRs. Subjective and geometric times are not identical as in standard ontology but only correlated.

5. "Big" SFRs (BSFRs) are the counterparts of ordinary quantum measurements. In the BSFR the roles of AB and PB of CD change so that the arrow of time changes since CD increases in the opposite direction of time (at least in statistical sense). For an observer with an opposite arrow of time, BSFR looks like an average deterministic time evolution leading to the final state of BSFR as observed experimentally by Mineev *et al* [L29] [L29]. This illusion makes BSFR look classical in all scales although the TGD based dynamics is quantal in all scales due to the hierarchy of Planck constants predicted by TGD.

The possibility of time reversal forces a generalization of thermodynamics to allow both arrows of time: this kind of generalization was proposed long ago by Fantappie [J3] with motivation coming from biology. Quite generally, self-organization processes seem to violate the arrow of time. External energy feed explains this partially but BSFR would be an important additional element of self-organization [L34, L59], especially so in living matter.

The assignment of "free will" to BSFR allows us to understand how free will can be consistent with the classical non-determinism of physics which would be exact.

ZEO based quantum measurement theory and therefore also physics naturally extends to a theory of consciousness, and one cannot avoid using this word, which is still a cursed word in the physicalistic camp.

4.0.2 Problems related to the mathematical realization of ZEO

There are several open questions related to ZEO and TGD inspired theory of consciousness and the existing view involves several working hypothesis which should be reduced to deeper principles or shown to be wrong.

At least the following questions related to physical interpretation of ZEO are still waiting for a detailed answer.

1. Preferred extremal (PE) property of space-time surfaces is central for quantum TGD [L50]. It follows from holography forced by general coordinate invariance (GCI), which however need not be ideal. How uniquely does the PE property of the space-time surface fix the space-time surface inside a given CD? The simplest situation is that the data at the end of the space-time surface at either boundary of the CD, fixes it completely. Space-time surface would be an analog of Bohr orbit.

Full determinism would imply that WCW for CD effectively reduces to the space of 3-surfaces assignable to either end of CD. The dynamics of SSFRs would reduce to that in fermionic degrees of freedom assignable to Boolean cognition since WCW degrees of freedom assignable to sensory perception would be fixed.

However, the dynamics of soap films spanned by frames suggests that this is not the case. The 3-D ends of the space-time surface define a frame and also dynamically generated portions of frame are allowed by the variational principle defined by the sum of a volume term and Kähler action as an analog of Maxwell action. The coefficient of the volume term has an interpretation in terms of a length scale dependent cosmological constant Λ .

Outside the frame space-time surface would be at least for a very large portion of extremals an analog of complex surface and therefore a minimal surface [L61] and also an extremal of Kähler action. At the frames only the equations for the entire action (sum of volume term and Kähler action) would be satisfied. The divergences of the conserved isometry currents for the volume term and Kähler action would have delta function type singularities but they would cancel each other. The portions of the frame could be analogous to singularities of analytic functions such as cuts and poles.

2. Number theoretic universality [L17, L16] in turn suggests that the inherent non-determinism of p-adic differential equations [K15] [L38] proposed to be a correlate of imagination could also relate to this non-determinism. How do the non-determinism of space-time surface, p-adic non-determinism, and non-determinism of the state function reduction relate to each other: could they be even one and the same thing?

ZEO based quantum measurement theory defines a theory of consciousness. How unique is the interpretation of zero energy ontology (ZEO) [L38]? Here 3 options suggest themselves corresponding to "western" and "eastern" world views and their hybrid.

1. For the western option, the space-time surface continues outside any CD as external world, in particular sub-CD and sub-CD is a correlate for the perceptive field of self.
2. For the eastern option, space-time ends at the boundary of any CD and sub-CD is not a correlate for the perceptive field of self and there is no constraint from the external world at boundaries of CD.
3. For the hybrid of these two options, conscious entity corresponds to a hierarchy of CD for which the highest level corresponds to CD for which space-time does not continue outside the CD. The highest level represents a God-like entity.

4.0.3 Problems related to ZEO based theory of consciousness

The new picture about sub-CDs at WCW level raises questions related to the TGD inspired theory of consciousness. This view involves several ad hoc assumptions related to the notions such as attention, mental image, memory, volition and intentions. Do these assumptions follow from more general assumptions or can some of them be simply wrong?

1. CD is a correlate for the perceptive field of self. Sub-CDs of CD define perceptive fields of subselves identified as mental images. What is the precise definition of sub-CD? Can one say that a sub-CD is created when a mental image is created. How does this happen? What determines the position and size of the sub-CD?

The sub-CD is defined by the restriction of zero energy state to sub-CDs so that sub-CDs are induced by CD. This condition is analogous to boundary condition in classical physics and freezes WCW degrees of freedom of sub-CD at the passive boundary (PB) but the failure of determinism leaves discrete degrees of freedom at the active boundary (AB) so that the dynamics of SSFRs is restricted to these sub-WCW degrees of freedom and fermionic degrees of freedom.

2. Where sub-CDs and subselves are located? The natural location for a minimal sub-CD and mental images is around 3-surface at which the classical non-determinism fails: the frames of the soap film in soap film analogy. One can develop a rather detailed picture about frames [L61] based on number theoretic vision realized in terms of $M^8 - H$ duality [L45, L46, L54].
3. How sub-selves (sub-CDs) are created? Can they disappear? The notion of attention as generation of sub-CD achieved by a location of WCW ("world of classical worlds") spinor field at spacetime surfaces having their intersection with the PB of CD in a fixed set of 3-surfaces defining the sub-WCW is highly suggestive. This also affects the WCW spinor field of CD.

The attention can be directed in several ways. Redirection of attention means a movement of the region defining the content of mental images in the interior of a CD. Entanglement and classical communications would be naturally associated with attention defined in this manner. If minimal subselves are associated with the frames as loci of classical non-determinism, the set of targets of attention is discrete and finite.

This view about attention makes it possible to see also memory, anticipation, and intentions as special cases of attention.

4. The time evolution of CD itself would correspond to a scaling of CD (rather than translation), which by the failure of strict determinism brings in new discrete degrees of freedom related to the new frames becoming into the daylight as space-time surfaces increase. In the new picture, the sub-WCW property poses strong restrictions to the earlier picture about the development of sub-CD. The idea about silent wisdom as mental images preserved from the previous life after BSFR is not lost but is considerably modified.

In this picture, the small failure of classical determinism would be an absolutely essential element in that it makes possible a non-trivial theory of consciousness at the level of CD and at space-time level. Otherwise would have only fermionic degrees of freedom forgiven sub-CD. What is intriguing is that everything would be finite. SFRs would involve choices between finitely many alternatives and in this respect the theory would be analogous to the computationalistic approach: in fact, preferred extremals are analogous to computer programs.

4.1 Some background

In the sequel, some understanding of the basic ideas and notions of TGD proper [L50] is needed. Also ZEO as the target of critical discussion is briefly summarized.

4.1.1 TGD view briefly

Very concisely, TGD emerges as fusion of special and general relativities and has Poincare invariance of special relativity and General Coordinate Invariance (GCI) and Equivalence Principle (EP) as basic principles. Also the interpretation as a generalization of string models is possible: point-like particles are replaced by 3-surfaces instead of strings and world lines become space-time surfaces.

The notion of induction makes it possible to eliminate classical boson fields as primary dynamical variables and reduce them to the sub-manifold geometry of the space-time surface. For the

simplest option, free second quantized quark fields of the embedding space $H = M^4 \times CP_2$ induced to the space-time surface remain as fundamental fermion fields and quarks serve as basic building bricks of both bosons and fermions as elementary particles [L39, L55].

Some understanding of notions such as the "world of classical worlds" (WCW) [K17], preferred extremal (PE) [K3], and various variants of holography [L45, L46] implied by general coordinate invariance (GCI) in TGD framework is assumed. Inclusions of hyperfinite factors of type II₁ (HFFs) [K19, K11] are central elements of quantum TGD proper.

Adelic physics [L16, L17] replacing real number based with number theoretical universal physics based on the hierarchy of adeles defined by extensions of rationals (EQs) and $M^8 - H$ duality (see Appendix 4.6) allowing number theoretic and geometric views about physics dual to each other is also assumed as the background.

Hierarchy of Planck constants $h_{eff} = n \times h_0$, with n identified as dimension of EQ, is the basic implication of adelic physics and central for quantum TGD. The phases labelled by h_{eff} behave like dark matter [K4, K5, K6, K7]. This hierarchy serves as a correlate for quantum criticality in arbitrarily long length scales.

Cognitive representations identified as points of space-time surface for which preferred coordinates of embedding space are in an extension of rationals are also central for the construction of the theory using $M^8 - H$ duality [L45, L46]. Galois group of EQ becomes number theoretical symmetry and is central in the description of quantum variants of cognitive representations [L2, L51].

Zero energy ontology (ZEO) [L38] is a key notion of quantum measurement theory. The basic prediction is that time reversal occurs in the ordinary state function reduction (SFR). This has profound implications for the interpretation of the quantum measurement theory [L29].

TGD inspired theory of consciousness can be seen as an extension of quantum measurement theory and relies on Negentropy Maximization Principle (NMP) as a basic dynamical principle [K14] [L59] implying second law for ordinary entanglement entropy.

4.1.2 $M^8 - H$ duality as it is towards the end of 2021

The view of $M^8 - H$ duality (see Appendix 4.6) has changed considerably towards the end 2021 [L60] after the realization that this duality is the TGD counterpart of momentum position duality of wave mechanics, which is lost in QFTs. Therefore M^8 and also space-time surface is analogous to momentum space. This forced us to give up the original simple identification of the points $M^4 \subset M^4 \times E^4 = M^8$ and of $M^4 \times CP_2$ so that it respects Uncertainty Principle (UP).

The first improved guess for the duality map was the replacement with the inversion $p^k \rightarrow m^k = \hbar_{eff} p^k / p^2$ conforming in spirit with UP but turned out to be too naive.

The improved form [L60] of the $M^8 - H$ duality map takes mass shells $p^2 = m^2$ of $M^4 \subset M^8$ to cds with size $L(m) = \hbar_{eff} / m$ with a common center. The slicing by mass shells is mapped to a Russian doll like slicing by cds. Therefore would be no CDs in M^8 contrary to what I believed first.

Quantum classical correspondence (QCC) inspires the proposal that the point $p^k \in M^8$ is mapped to a geodesic line corresponding to momentum p^k starting from the common center of cds. Its intersection with the opposite boundary of cd with size $L(m)$ defines the image point. This is not yet quite enough to satisfy UP but the additional details [L60] are not needed in the sequel.

The 6-D brane-like special solutions in M^8 are of special interest in the TGD inspired theory of consciousness. They have an M^4 projection which is $E = E_n$ 3-ball. Here E_n is a root of the real polynomial P defining $X^4 \subset M_c^8$ (M^8 is complexified to M_c^8) as a "root" of its octonionic continuation [L45, L46]. E_n has an interpretation as energy, which can be complex. The original interpretation was as moment of time. For this interpretation, $M^8 - H$ duality would be a linear identification and these hyper planes would be mapped to hyperplanes in $M^4 \subset H$. This motivated the term "very special moment in the life of self" for the image of the $E = E_n$ section of $X^4 \subset M^8$ [L32]. This notion does not make sense at the level M^8 anymore.

The modified $M^8 - H$ duality forces us to modify the original interpretation [L60]. The point $(E_n, p = 0)$ is mapped $(t_n = \hbar_{eff} / E_n, 0)$. The momenta (E_n, p) in $E = E_n$ plane are mapped to the boundary of cd and correspond to a continuous time interval at the boundary of CD: "very special moment" becomes a "very special time interval".

The quantum state however corresponds to a set of points corresponding to quark momenta, which belong to a cognitive representation and are therefore algebraic integers in the extension

determined by the polynomial. These active points in E_n are mapped to a discrete set at the boundary of $cd(m)$. A "very special moment" is replaced with a sequence of "very special moments".

So called Galois confinement [L54] forces the total momenta for bound states of quarks and antiquarks to be rational integers invariant under Galois group of extension of rationals determined by the polynomial P [L60]. These states correspond to states at boundaries of sub-CDs so that one obtains a hierarchy. Galois confinement provides a universal number theoretic mechanism for the formation of bound states.

4.1.3 ZEO

The TGD based view of consciousness relies on ZEO solving the basic paradox of quantum measurement theory. First, a brief summary of the recent view of ZEO [L38] is required. Some aspects of this view will be challenged in the sequel for sub-CDs.

1. The notion of a causal diamond (CD) (see **Fig. ??**) is a central concept. Its little cousin "cd" can be identified as a union of two half-cones of M^4 glued together along their bottoms (3-D balls). The half-cones are mirror images of each other. $CD = cd \times CP_2$ is the Cartesian product of cd with CP_2 and obtained by replacing the points of cd with CP_2 . The notion of CD emerges naturally in the number theoretic vision of TGD (adelic physics [L17]) via the $M^8 - H$ duality [L33, L45, L46].
2. In the ZEO, quantum states are not 3-dimensional if the classical determinism does not fail as it actually does, but superpositions of 4-dimensional deterministic time evolutions connecting ordinary 3-dimensional states. By holography forced by general coordinate invariance, time evolutions are equivalent to pairs of ordinary 3-D states identified as initial and final states of time evolution.

Quantum jumps replace this state with a new one: a superposition of deterministic time evolutions is replaced by a new superposition. The classical determinism of individual time evolution is not violated. This solves the basic paradox of quantum measurement theory. There are two kinds of SFRs: BSFRs (counterparts of ordinary SFRs) changing the arrow of time (AT) and SSFRs (analogs of "weak" measurements) preserving the arrow of time that give rise to an analog of the Zeno effect (<https://cutt.ly/y17oIUy>) [L38]. The findings of Mineev *et al* [L29] provide strong support for ZEO [L29].

To avoid confusion, one may emphasize some aspects of ZEO.

1. ZEO does not mean that the physical states identified in standard quantum theory as 3-D time= constant snapshots - and assigned in ZEO to the opposite boundaries of a causal diamond (CD) - would have zero energy. Rather, these 3-D states have the same conserved quantities, such as energy. Conservation laws allow us to adopt the convention that the values of conserved quantities are opposite for these states so that their sum vanishes.

This is not new: in quantum field theories (QFTs), one speaks, instead of incoming and outgoing particles, external particles arriving from the geometric past and future and having opposite signs of energy. That conserved quantities vanish in the 4-D sense, expresses only the content of conservation laws. A weaker form of this condition [L58] states that the total conserved Poincare charges are opposite only at the limit of infinitely large CD. CD would be an analog of quantization volume in QFTs, whose finiteness implies a small conservation of momentum.

2. ZEO implies *two* times: subjective time as a sequence of quantum jumps and geometric time as a space-time coordinate: for instance, the proper time of the observer. Since subjective time does not correspond to a real continuum, these times are not identifiable but are strongly correlated. This correlation has led to their identification although they are different.

4.2 How uniquely PE property fixes the space-time surface?

How uniquely the PE property fixes the space-time surface if its 3-D intersections with the boundaries of CD are given? This is the key question in this section.

4.2.1 Various variants of holography

General coordinate invariance (GCI) forces holography in the TGD framework. One can however consider several variants of holography [L45, L46, L59].

1. Holography in the standard sense would fix the space-time surface from the data of its intersection with either boundary of CD or the data associated with the light-like 3-surfaces at which the signature of the induced metric changes.
2. Strong form of holography (SH) states that 2-D data at the intersections of the light-like 3-surfaces and boundary of CD are enough to determine the space-time surface.
3. The strongest form of holography inspired by $M^8 - H$ duality [L45, L46, L58] states that space-time region is determined by a rational value coefficients of a real polynomial extended to an octonionic polynomials, whose "root" is the space-time surface in M^8 . The n roots of a real polynomial would determine a 4-D region in M^8 and its image in $H = M^4 \times CP_2$ would be interpreted as space-time surface.
4. There is a variant of holography, which gives up the full determinism of classical field equations and gives rise to what look like classical topological analogs of Feynman diagrams.
 - (a) Consider first the particle level at the level of H . Particle lines generalized to 4-D orbits of 3-D surfaces representing particles. Particles as 4-D orbits of 3-surfaces contain light-line 3-D orbits of partonic 2-surfaces.
 - (b) Partons as building bricks of particles in the information theoretic sense, and correspond to partonic 2-surfaces at which the orbits of partonic 2-surfaces meet. Their orbits are 3-D light-like surfaces at which the signature of the induced metric of the space-time surface changes.

The partonic 2-D surfaces defining topological vertices belong to the 3-D sections of space-time surface with a constant value of M^4 time coordinate t to which one can map the 6-D brane-like entities of M^8 predicted by $M^8 - H$ duality [?]

This picture suggests that, besides the data at the boundaries of CD, also the data at the partonic 2-surfaces in the interior of CD are needed. This failure of classical determinism brings in the failure of the strongest form of holography. There would be a large number of PEs connecting the 3-surfaces at the ends of CD and they would correspond to the analogs of Feynman diagrams.

Zero energy state as a scattering amplitude would be a superposition over these diagrams. This superposition would not be however pre-determined as in the path integral but the zero energy state would define the superposition of paths in question.

4.2.2 Is the failure of classical determinism possible?

The possibility of classical non-determinism is suggested by the interpretation of space-time surfaces as generalized Feynman diagrams. These Feynman diagram entities would not however define an analog of path integral in TGD framework. Classical non-determinism would be a space-time correlate for the non-nondeterminism at quantum level.

In this framework partonic 2-surfaces or equivalently the 3-D sections of the space-time surfaces with constant value of M^4 time would act as 3-surfaces at which the deterministic time evolution as a minimal surface would fail.

Another option is that light-like 3-surfaces containing the partonic 2-surfaces at very special moments of M^4 time define frames. These special values $t = t_n$ of M^4 time would be associated with 6-D branes predicted by M^8 picture as universal special solutions and their images in H would define "very special moments in the life of self" defined by the sequences of SSFRs defining the self.

1. The first hint comes from the dynamics of soap films. Soap films are minimal surfaces. The soap films spanned by 1-D frames consist of minimal surfaces glued together at the frames and this dynamics is non-deterministic in the sense that it allows several soap film configurations due to the different branchings at frames. At frames the minimal surface equations fail.

2. In TGD framework space-time surfaces as PEs are both minimal surfaces and extremals of Kähler action. In this case the 3-surfaces associated with "very special moments of time" $t = t_n$ could define an analog of a dynamically generated frame defining a 4-D soap film. The 3-surfaces at the ends of the CD would be fixed frames like those for soap films.

This realizes quantum criticality in the sense that the field equations outside frame do not involve the parameters of the action which sum of volume term and Kähler action. The interpretation as a non-linear analog of massless free field theory outside the frame conforms with the basic spirit of quantum field theory. These solutions of field equations rely on a generalization of holomorphy to 4-D situation so that field equations reduce to purely algebraic conditions involving only the first derivatives of embedding space coordinates. The analogy is defined by the solution of 2-D Laplacian equation in terms of real or imaginary part of an analytic function.

Field equations consist of two terms, which are divergences for the conserved currents (4-momentum currents plus color currents) defined by the induced metric in the case of volume term. In the interior of the space-time surface these divergences vanish separately for the volume term and Kähler action but not at the frame.

3. The field equations must hold true also at the 3-D frame but this need not be true for both volume term and Kähler action separately. The coupling parameters of the theory make themselves visible only via the frame. For the volume action the divergences of the conserved currents are orthogonal to the space-time surface. For Kähler action, the divergences of the conserved currents contain terms. The first term is proportional to the energy momentum tensor of Kähler action and orthogonal to the space-time surface.

Second term is not orthogonal to the space-time surface. For twistor lift the Kähler also has an M^4 part with a similar decomposition.

The sums of the parts of divergences orthogonal to the space-time surface and parallel to it must sum up to zero separately. This gives 8 conditions altogether so that the number of field equations is doubled at the frame.

4. Could it happen that the divergences of these two isometry currents are singular and proportional to 3-D delta function but that their sum vanishes and conservation laws are respected? The part of the frame in the space-time interior would be dynamically generated whereas the part of the frame at the ends of CD would be fixed.
5. The restriction to 3-D frames is not the most general option. The delta function singularities could be located also at 2-D partonic 2-surfaces, at light-like 3-surfaces at which the induced metric changes its signature, and at string world sheets which connect these light-like 3-surfaces and have 1-D light-like boundaries at them. The light-like 3-D surfaces would be analogs of the cuts for analytic functions. Partonic 2-surfaces at the ends of light-like 3-surfaces could be analogs for the ends of the cuts. String world sheets could serve as analogs of poles.
6. The non-determinism associated with the soap films and with frames suggests that there is a large number of 4-D "soap films with a given frame", which is fixed at the boundaries of CD but not in the interior of CD.

4.3 Questions related to the theory of consciousness

At the level of TGD inspired theory of consciousness theory, causal diamond (CD) defines a correlate of self or of its perceptive field. CD has sub-CDs which correspond to subselves experienced by self as mental images [L38, L59].

Concerning the evolution of self, the basic notions of "small" state function reduction (SSFR) as an analog of "weak measurement" and "big" SFR (BSFR) as an analog of ordinary SFR.

1. The first deviation from the standard ontology is that BSFR changes the arrow of time defined by the selection of PB of CD at which 3-D part of zero energy states remains unchanged during SSFRs.

2. The second deviation is that either boundary of CD and states at it remain unaffected in SSFRs whose sequence defines self as a conscious entity. This is the TGD counterpart for the Zeno effect of ordinary quantum theory in which repeated measurements of the same observable leave the state unaffected.

The details of the evolution of self are not fully understood and the proposed general view can be criticized.

1. How the constraint that sub-CD serves as a correlate for a classical perceptive field can be taken into account?
2. What is the precise definition of mental images as subselves? Are they at some special positions inside space-time surface?
3. What are the precise definitions of memories and conscious memory recall? The same question applies to the notions of intention, anticipation and attention.
4. Can the mental images be destroyed or do they only experience BSFR and continue to live with an opposite arrow of time and become unconscious to self? If a mental image can completely disappear, what could be the physical mechanism leading to its disappearance?
5. One can challenge the detailed picture of the notion of time evolution by SSFRs. The assumption about the drift of mental images towards future in the second half-cone of CD is ad hoc. Should it be replaced with a deeper assumption. Could one simply assume that they are stationary.

4.3.1 Three ontological options

The basic problem of ZEO is whether the causal diamond (CD) represents a perceptive field in the sense that the space-time surface continues outside the CD or whether CD is an independent entity in the sense that space-time surfaces do not continue outside CD. Conservation laws do not exclude either option.

ZEO allows 3 ontological options which might be called eastern, western, and intermediate views.

Option I: Space-time surfaces are restricted inside CDs. Quantum universe is a collection of CDs containing space-time surfaces, which have ends at the boundaries of CD.

In this framework, space-time in cosmological scales is an idealization and could be perhaps explained in terms of the correlations between CDs. CDs do not form a fractal atlas of something unless one says that the atlas *is* the territory. CD is an independent entity rather than a perceptive field of sub-self.

One can argue that for sub-CDs this picture is problematic since it seems that one loses totally the notion of objective reality as something existing outside CD. There are no sensory perceptions. Could the overlaps with other CDs create the experience about the existence of the external world?

Cosmology would be a mental construct and correspond to a very large CD. One would have a multiverse but only at the level of conscious experience. Option I is consistent with the eastern view that only subjective experience exists but not with the western view.

Option II: Space-time surface continues always outside all CDs and CDs can be interpreted always as perceptive fields. Option II conforms with the western option and implies that cosmology is something real.

Option III: Self is a hierarchy of CDs such that for sub-CDs the space-time surfaces continue outside the CD but for the largest CD this would not be the case. Sub-CDs would represent perceptive fields but the largest CD would be a God-like entity experiencing itself as the entire cosmos.

Meditators report altered states of consciousness in which the separation to self and external world ceases and the mind is empty. Also the experience of timelessness is mentioned. Could these states correspond to experiences without mental images (sub-CDs) created by SFRs at this highest level?

Option III is roughly consistent with both western and eastern views about consciousness. If one requires the notion of the external world as objective reality and accepts the proposed explanation of altered states of consciousness, option III remains the only possible option.

4.3.2 A general picture about the dynamics of sub-CDs

The ZEO based view of quantum measurement theory and the theory of consciousness inspired by it have not been precisely formulated for sub-CDs. In particular, the question of how sub-CDs as mental images are created, has remained unanswered.

The following proposal provides such a formulation and is consistent with Options I and III.

1. CDs form a fractal atlas of conscious maps but the map would be the territory since in general the space-time surfaces need not continue outside the CD. There would be no external particles as 4-D lines for generalized Feynman diagrams outside CD.
2. Sub-CDs correspond to mental images of CD as a conscious entity. From the point of view of consciousness theory, there are only experiencers (CDs) which can have experiences as mental images (have sub-CDs), be mental images of experiencers (be sub-CDs) and share mental images (intersecting CDs with common sub-CDs).
3. Consistency conditions for the quantum dynamics of CDs and sub-CDs and for the overlapping CDs give rise to correlations between the regions of the map. The shared regions are geometrically analogs for the intersections of the intersections of a covering of a manifold by open sets.
4. For sub-CD the interpretation of sub-CD as a perceptive field would be natural.

The first question is what does one really mean with sub-CD at the level of space-time surfaces.

1. Do the space-time surfaces of sub-CD continue outside sub-CD as space-time surfaces of CD? Does this imply that the quantum dynamics of sub-CDs in ZEO is completely dictated by that of CD? This is certainly not the case. Fermionic zero energy states associated with the sub-CD are possible and are analogous to quantum fluctuations. Note that in the TGD framework all elementary particles can be constructed from fundamental fermions (quarks).
2. If the PE (PE) property fixes completely the space-time surface, its intersections with the boundary of CD, this seems to be the case. If the classical dynamics is not completely deterministic, as suggested by the analogy with minimal surfaces spanned by frames, the situation changes.

Sub-CD defines a subsystem of CD with boundary conditions at the boundary of CD which do not completely fix the quantum dynamics of sub-CD. Quantum states as WCW spinor fields inside sub-CD could change in SFRs of sub-CD.

The tensor product of sub-CD with CD would not be ordinary tensor product but much more restricted one and Connes tensor product, related to inclusions of HFFs, would be a possible identification. A sub-system would be like an included hyper-finite factor of type II_1 (HFF).

Suppose that the classical dynamics is indeed non-deterministic and sub-CDs are defined in the proposed manner. How the view about WCW spinor fields changes as one restricts the consideration to sub-WCW.

1. The failure of the classical determinism forces to replace each 3-surface at PB with a discrete tree-like structure consisting of all PEs connecting it to AB. Sub-WCW as the space of PEs is larger than the space of 3-surfaces X^3 at PB. Zero energy states are defined in this sub-WCW and assign to a given X^3 a wave function in this discrete set allowing interpretation as wave function in a set of paths of the tree.

One cannot avoid the association with cognitive representations of adelic physics involving the number theoretic degrees of freedom characterized by Galois group of the extension of rationals associated with the polynomial defining the space-time region [L9, L51].

2. The activation of sub-WCW would mean an SFR selecting in WCW of CD such sub-WCW for which the space-time surfaces are such that their ends at sub-CD are fixed. This would correspond to SFR creating a sub-CD and corresponding mental image. This would answer the long standing question whether and how mental images can appear as if from scratch.

This SFR would also represent a third kind of SFR having interpretation as a partial localization in WCW associated with CD. This also suggest that mental images could disappear suddenly. This "activation" could be seen as a directed attention.

3. WCW degrees of freedom at the boundaries of sub-CD are fixed. Also sub-WCW spinor fields make sense. One can allow the tensor product of Fock spaces of many-fermion states associated with the boundaries of CD. One would have a QFT like picture with sub-WCW degrees of freedom fixed at boundaries of sub-CD.
4. The tensor product of fermionic state spaces at the boundaries of sub-WCW makes sense and one can define zero energy states in the same manner as proposed hitherto. The only difference is that WCW degrees of freedom are frozen at the boundaries of sub-CD. At the level of conscious experience this means that the subself experiences the external world as fixed. This would be by definition the meaning of being subself.

The fermionic Fock state basis has an interpretation as a Boolean algebra so that fermionic zero energy states have an interpretation as Boolean statements of form $A \rightarrow B$. This would mean that consciousness of the subself would be Boolean, cognitive consciousness, thinking. This conforms with the Eastern view that ordinary consciousness is essentially thinking and that the higher level of consciousness as that associated with the highest level of the CD hierarchy of self is pure consciousness. Thinking assignable to the fermionic degrees of freedom would be seen as an endless generation of illusions. "Reality" in this interpretation would correspond to WCW degrees of freedom.

What restrictions must one pose on the quantum dynamics of CDs in the case of sub-CDs? Does the subjective evolution of sub-CD states by SSFRs and BSFRs make sense for sub-CDs?

1. The increase of the size of sub-CD makes sense and the proposed subjective evolution by scalings and SSFRs makes sense. The time evolution is also now induced by the increase of the perceptive field of a subself defined by the WCW associated with increasing sub-CD bringing in new 4-surfaces due to the classical non-determinism.
2. What about the interaction between CD and sub-CDs. Does this time evolution respect the condition that the space-time surfaces meet the fixed 3-surfaces at boundaries of sub-CD or is it possible that the SSFRs of CD destroy the subself by delocalization so that sub-CD as a mental images must be regenerated by localization in WCW.
3. Also the interaction between overlapping CDs and the sharing of mental images can be understood in this framework.

4.4 Comparison of the revised view of self with the earlier one

The revised view about TGD inspired theory of consciousness relies on the definition of subself at the level of WCW unlike the older view. In the following the new view is compared with the old view.

4.4.1 The view about SSFRs

Earlier picture

The earlier view about SSFRs was inspired by the M^8 picture.

1. The dynamics was assumed to involve both scaling of CD with respect to either tip of CD. The lower half-cone was only scaled whereas the upper half-cone was also shifted as required by the stationarity of the passive boundary. Dynamics at PB was passive in the sense that only a portion of the space-time surface became visible making also new states visible at it (Zeno effect) in the sequence of SSFRs . The idea about scaling leads to a rather concrete proposal for the S-matrix characterizing the scalings of CD.
2. The surfaces inside CD (or sub-CD) were assumed to be mirror symmetric with respect to the middle plane of CD. This assumption does not conform with the assumption that these surfaces define a perceptive field in the sense that they are parts of large space-times and continue outside CD.

The old view had several ad hoc features.

1. The creation of mental images was implicitly assumed without specifying what this could mean mathematically. These mental images were assumed to be created in the upper half-cone just above the $t = T$ mid-plane of CD and shift to the geometric future with the upper half-cone of CD. The asymmetry between upper and half-cone could be seen as reflecting geometrically the future-past asymmetry but was ad hoc.
2. One can criticize the assumption that the memories about the events of the subjective past are located in the geometric future with respect to the mid-plane of CD.
3. Whether mental images can disappear or only die and reincarnate by BSFR, was not specified.

New picture

In the new picture the situation is the following.

1. Also in the new picture, the time evolution by SSFRs would be a sequence of scalings of CD. The assumption about reflection symmetry of space-time surfaces is given up since it is inconsistent with the identification of sub-CD as a perceptive field. Also now the time evolution is passive in the sense that only a new portion of the space-time surface extending outside sub-CD is revealed at each step.
2. As in the previous picture, new discrete WCW degrees of freedom appear during the sequence of SSFRs and complexity increases. For both options only fermionic degrees of freedom remain if full determinism is assumed and if QCC is required also at the level of SFRs.
3. In the new view both directed attention, memory, and intention correspond to a generation of sub-CD by a localization in WCW fixing a subset of 3-surfaces at the PB of CD. Redirecting of attention would allow apparent movement of the sub-CD in the interior of CD and as a special case shifting the mental images in the time direction assumed in the earlier picture.
4. In the new view the loci of mental images are naturally associated with the loci of classical non-determinism that is 3-surfaces at the 4-D minimal surface branches.
5. $M^8 - H$ duality suggests that the branchings occur at H image points of the M^8 cognitive representation defined by the quark momenta which are algebraic integers for the extension of rationals defined by the polynomial defining $X^4 \subset M^8$. The non-determinism at $X^4 \subset H$ point set would correspond to non-determinism assignable to a bound state of quarks at corresponding point of M^8 .

Note that physical states correspond to total quark momenta which are rational integers, one can speak of Galois confinement meaning that physical states are Galois singlets. This gives an infinite hierarchy of bound states formed by a universal, purely number theoretical mechanism. All bound states could be formed in this manner.

The non-determinism at $X^4 \subset H$ point which corresponds to a subset of points as images of quark momenta composing the bound state would correspond to non-determinism assignable to a bound state of quarks at corresponding point of M^8 . There would be a hierarchy of CDs within CDs and hierarchy of mental images corresponding to the hierarchy of bound states.

The bound state momenta are mapped to $X^4 \subset H$ by $M^8 - H$ duality already described. In particular, the positions of quarks contained in 6-branes X^6 with a constant energy $E = E_n$ are mapped to a sequence of points at the boundary of cd of the system by M^8 -duality and it can be said to represent the positions of these quarks. These point sets define sequences of "very special moments in the life of self".

The targets of attention would therefore form a discrete set assignable to bound states of quarks and antiquarks. Note however that each 3-surface X^3 in the superposition defining the WCW spinor field at the PB of CD has its own discrete set loci of non-determinism. BSFRs can change the superposition of these 3-surfaces. The selection between branches is possible in BSFR but not in SSFRs.

6. An attractive idea motivated by ZEP is that volitional action could be interpreted in the new view as an SFR selecting one path at the node of a tree characterizing the non-determinism. Single deterministic time evolution analogous to a computer program would be selected rather than modifying the deterministic time evolution as in standard ontology. In the M^8 picture, the very special moments $t = r_n$ in the life of self correspond to the roots of a real polynomial. What happens when all roots have been experienced? Does NMP force the BSFR to occur since nothing new can be learned?

4.4.2 Comparison of the views about BSFR

Those aspects of BSFR in which old and new views differ are of special interest.

Earlier view

The fact that the notion of sub-CD and mental image were not properly formulated led to several ad hoc assumptions.

1. The possible failure of a strict determinism was realized. The failure of strict determinism was assigned to "very special moments in the life of self" associated with the images $E = E_n$ planes of $M^4 \subset M^8$ at which the partonic vertices as loci of non-determinism were assigned.
2. The mental images of previous life near the AB of CD were assumed to be inherited as "silent wisdom". Their contents was from the early period of life with opposite arrow of time and one can of course ask whether they were really "wisdom".
3. There were also assumptions about the change of the size scale of CD in BSFR. The idea that the reduction of the size scale guarantees that re-incarnate has childhood was considered. This assumption also prevents unlimited increase of the size scale of sub-CD.

New view

The new view makes it possible to develop a more detailed picture of what happens in BSFR.

1. The WCW localization at the AB of CD selects one of the branches of the space-time surface beginning at the PB. This selection of the branch happens to each 3-surface in the superposition of 3-surfaces at the PB defined by the WCW spinor field before BSFR.
2. The future directed tree becomes a past directed tree beginning from one particular branch at the AB. The initial and final space-time surface share a common space-time surface connecting the roots of the old and new trees. This is essential for having a non-trivial transition amplitude for BSFR at WCW level.

In the earlier view, the mental images interpreted as memory mental images and located near the boundary of CD were assumed to be inherited as "silent wisdom" by the time-reversed reincarnate. What happens now?

The notion of "silent wisdom" as inherited information still makes sense.

1. The new space-time surfaces originate from 3-surface which was selected by WCW localization in BSFR. Therefore the new space-time surfaces carry classical information about previous life.
2. The space-time surfaces originating from the new root are near to the space-time surface connecting the old and new roots. The WCW spinor field before and after BSFR must have a strong overlap in order to make the transition amplitude large. This implies that information about previous life is transferred to the new life.
3. The nearness property could imply that they are easily re-created as perceptions by directed attention so that they would indeed be "silent" wisdom. These mental images are from the later part of the life cycle rather than from the early life as in the earlier picture. If aging means getting wisdom, then silent wisdom would be in question.

Does the notion of "silent wisdom" as mental images make sense?

1. Mental images - this includes both sensory and memory mental images and intentions) are naturally assignable to the loci of classical non-determinism at the images of the planes $E = E_n$ of the branched space-time surfaces associated with the new root ("very special moments in the life of self").

For the special space-time surface connecting the roots of old and new space-time surface, the surfaces $E = E_n$ in M^8 would not change and the mental images would carry information about previous life. Could one talk about potentially conscious "silent wisdom".

2. What happens to the mental images of self in BSFR? Can they be preserved or do they disappear or do they reincarnate by BSFR? The idea about preservation makes sense only for space-time surfaces connecting the roots.
3. What can happen to the size scale of CD in BSFR? The extreme option that CD decreases in size by shift of the formerly PB such that the time evolutions are fully deterministic in the superposition of 3-surfaces. There would be no inherited silent wisdom and the self would start from scratch, live a childhood. Otherwise these loci would define candidate for inherited silent wisdom.

In the earlier picture the mental images corresponding to sub-CD could not disappear although it could die by BSFR and reincarnate with a reversed arrow of time. Can the mental image disappear now? Creation of mental image require metabolic energy feed: this explains 7 ± 2 rule for the number of simultaneous mental images. Could this happen when attention is redirected? Therefore one could argue that mental image must totally disappear when the attention is redirected.

On the other hand, time reversed mental image apparently feeds energy to the environment in the original arrow of time, i.e. apparently dissipates. Could this dissipation be interpreted as an energy feed for its time reversal.

Note that the total disappearance of the mental image means delocalization at the level of WCW and seems possible. The new view clearly challenges the idea about the Karma's cycle of self. This cycle appears in many applications of BSFR.

4.5 Conclusions

Also the article *Some comments related to Zero Energy Ontology (ZEO)* [L38] written for few years ago challenged the basic assumptions of ZEO. One tends to forget the unpleasant questions but now it was clear that it is better to face the fear that there might be something badly wrong. ZEO however survived and several ad hoc assumptions were eliminated.

4.5.1 Progress at the level of basic TGD

The basic goal is to improve the understanding about quantum-classical correspondence. The dynamics of soap films serves as an intuitive starting point.

1. In TGD frame 3-surfaces at the boundaries of CD define the analog of frame for a 4-D soap film as a minimal surface outside frame. This minimal surface would be an analog of a holomorphic minimal surface and simultaneous extremal of Kähler action except at the frame where one would have delta function singularities analogous to sources for massless d'Alembert equation.
2. There is also a dynamically generated part of the frame since the action contains also Kähler action. The dynamically generated parts of the frame would mean a failure of minimal surface property at frame and also the failure of complete determinism localized at these frames.
3. At the frame only the equations for the entire action containing both volume term and Kähler term would be satisfied. This guarantees conservation laws and gives very strong constraints to what can happen at frames.

The frame portions with various dimensions are analogous to the singularities of analytic functions at which the analyticity fails: cuts and poles are replaced with 3-, 2-, and 1-D

singularities acting effectively as sources for volume term or equivalently Kähler term. The sum of volume and Kähler singularities vanish by field equations. This gives rise to the interaction between volume and Kähler term at the loci of non-determinism.

4. H -picture suggests that the frames as singularities correspond to 1-D core for the deformations of CP_2 type extremals with light-like geodesic as M^4 projection, at partonic 2-surfaces and string world sheets, and at 3-D $t = t_n$ balls of CD as "very special moments in the life of self" which integrate to an analog of catastrophe. T

Deformations of Euclidean CP_2 type extremals, the light-like 3-surfaces as partonic orbits at which the signature of the induced metric changes, string world sheets, and partonic 2-surfaces at $r = t_n$ balls taking the role of vertices give rise to an analog of Feynman (or twistor -) diagram. The external particles arriving the vertex correspond to different roots of the polynomial in M^8 picture co-inciding at the vertex.

The proposed picture at the level of $H = M^4 \times CP_2$ has dual at the level of (complexified) M^8 identifiable as complexified octonions. The parts of frame correspond to loci at which the space-time as a covering space with sheet defined by the roots of a polynomial becomes degenerate, i.e. touch each other.

Concerning the physical interpretation, a crucial step of progress was the interpretation of M^8 as analog of momentum space allowing to interpret $M^8 - H$ duality as an analog of momentum-position duality and of complementarity principle of wave mechanics [L60]. This forced to modify $M^8 - H$ duality in M^4 degrees of freedom to satisfy the constraints posed by UP.

There is a nice analogy with the catastrophe theory of Thom [?, ?]. The catastrophe graph for cusp catastrophe serves as an intuitive guide line. embedding space coordinates serve as behaviour variables and space-time coordinates as control variables. One obtains a decomposition of space-time surface to regions of various dimension characterized by the degeneracy of the root.

4.5.2 Progress in the understanding of TGD inspired theory of consciousness

The improved view about ZEO makes it possible to define the basic notions like self, sub-self, BSFR and SSFR at the level of WCW. Also the WCW correlates for various aspects of consciousness like attention, volition, memory, memory recall, anticipation are proposed. Attention is the basic process: attention creates sub-CD and subself by a localization in WCW and projects WCW spinor field to a subset of WCW. This process is completely analogous to position measurement at the level of H . At the level of M^8 it is analogous to momentum measurement.

One can distinguish between the Boolean aspects of cognition assignable to WCW spinors as fermionic Fock states (WCW spinor field restricted to given 3-surface). Fermionic consciousness is present even in absence of non-determinism. The non-determinism makes possible sensory perceptions and spatial consciousness.

A precise definition of sub-CD as a correlate of perceptive field at WCW level implies that the space-time surfaces associated with sub-CDs continue outside it. This gives powerful boundary conditions on the dynamics. For the largest CD in the hierarchy of CDs of a given self, this constraint is absent, and it is a God-like entity in ZEO. This leads to a connection between the western and eastern views about consciousness.

A connection with the minimal surface dynamics emerges [L61]. The sub-CDs to which mental image as subselves are assigned would be naturally associated with portions of dynamically generated frames as loci of non-determinism. If one identifies partonic 2-surfaces as vertices, one can interpret the collection of possible space-time surfaces for a fixed 3-surface at PB as a tree. All paths along the tree are possible time-evolutions of subself. The dynamics of consciousness for fixed 3-surface at PB becomes discrete and provides discrete correlate for a volitional action as selection of a path or a subset of paths in the tree. The reduction of dynamics of mental images to discrete dynamics would mean a huge simplification and conforms with the discreteness of cognitive representations.

4.5.3 Challenges

There are many challenges to be faced. The discrete dynamics of sub-self consciousness certainly correlates with the notion of cognitive representation based on adelic physics [L16, L17] and imply-

ing a discretization at both space-time level and WCW level. The Galois group for the extension of rationals acting on the roots of the polynomial plays a key role in this dynamics [L51, L54].

One teaser question remains. Localization requires energy quite generally and this conforms with the fact that mental images demand metabolic energy feed. It is possible to redirect attention and it remains unclear whether the mental image disappears totally or suffers BSFR.

This relates directly to the question whether consciousness continues after the physical death. If mental images (and corresponding sub-CDs) can disappear, the same can happen to us since we are mental images of some higher level self. If this cannot happen, BSFR means death and reincarnation with an opposite arrow of time in a completely universal sense. For instance, sleep period could correspond to a kind of death at some level of the personal self hierarchy generalizing the Id-ego-superego hierarchy of Freud. This would explain why we have no memories of the sleep period.

4.6 Appendix: M^8 - and H views about classical non-determinism and particle reactions

4.6.1 M^8 picture and $M^8 - H$ duality

In M^8 picture, space-time surfaces correspond to real projections of 4-D complex "roots" of octonionic polynomials obtained from real polynomials with rational coefficients by algebraic continuation, i.e. by replacing real coordinate by complexified octonion coordinate [L12, L13, L14] [L45, L46]. The interested reader finds a rather detailed summary of $M^8 - H$ duality in Appendix 4.6.

$M^8 - H$ duality maps the point of $M^4 \times E^4$ to a point of $M^4 \times CP_2$ such that the point of $M^4 \subset M^4 \times E^4$ is mapped to some point of $M^4 \subset M^4 \times CP_2$. $M^8 - H$ duality is not a local map. Rather, the normal space of a $x \in X^4 \subset M^8$ goes to a point of CP_2 characterizing its quaternionic normal space.

1. To be a 4-D "root" in the complex sense means that the real part of a complexified octonionic polynomial determining the space-time surfaces vanishes. The number theoretic content of this condition is that the normal space of the space-time surface is quaternionic and therefore associative. The second option would be that the tangent space is associative but this gives only M^4 as a solution.
2. At a given point there are n roots and some of them can coincide in some regions of the space-time surface. These regions correspond to the branchings of the space-time surface at which particle-like entities identified as space-time surfaces meet and interact.

The quaternionic normal plane at this intersection is not unique so that several CP_2 points of $X^4 \subset H$ correspond to a single point of $X^4 \subset M^8$. The extreme situation is encountered in a point-like singularity when the normal plane at a given point of M^4 is a sub-manifold of CP_2 .

The interpretation is as particle vertices. The intuitive expectation is that they correspond to partonic 2-surfaces and perhaps also string world sheets. These surfaces are mapped to those in $M^4 \times CP_2$ by $M^8 - H$ correspondence.

3. Also 6-D brane like entities are predicted as universal "roots" they correspond to 6-spheres in M^8 with M^4 projection which is a 3-ball with constant value $E = E_n$ of energy as counterpart of the Minkowski time coordinate such that E_n is the root of the real polynomial defining the octonionic polynomial. The momenta $(E_n, p = 0)$ are mapped to points $t_n = (\hbar_{eff}/E_n, 0)$ and define "very special moments of time in the life of self".

The points with $p \neq 0$, in particular the points corresponding to quark momentum, however correspond to $t < t_n$ at the boundary of cd with size $L(p) = \hbar_{eff}/\sqrt{E_n^2 - p^2}$. To these moments the failure of classical determinism giving rise to one particular kind of quantum non-determinism is concentrated. Note that points of double hyperboloid of M^4 with opposite energies are mapped to opposite boundaries of cd.

4. The intersections of 4-D "roots" with 6-D brane-like entities are 2-D and it might be possible to interpret them as analogs of either partonic 2-surfaces or string world sheets at which

several roots become degenerate of octonionic polynomial coincide. Outside the singularity, the roots do not coincide and define separate space-time sheets and it is natural to interpret them as external particles of a particle reaction.

5. At the light-like orbits of partonic 2-surfaces the induced metric for the H -image of the space-time surface becomes degenerate since its signature changes. Could one say that the Minkowskian and Euclidean roots coincide at the partonic orbits?

One can also wonder what the M^8 interpretation of wormhole contacts having two throats could be. Do the two throats correspond to two coinciding roots at the level of M^8 having different normal spaces and mapped to separate 2-surfaces in H ?

4.6.2 Catastrophe theoretic analogy

Consider the analogy with the catastrophe theory of Thom [?] in more detail.

1. Catastrophe map is the graph of solutions for the vanishing of the gradient of a potential function as a function of control parameters. One considers only real roots as function of variable control parameters and the number of real roots varies as a function of parameters and one obtains lower-dimensional regions at which the number of roots to catastrophe polynomial changes as roots become degenerate [?, ?]. Cusp catastrophe serves as the school example.
2. In the recent case, space-time surfaces correspond to roots of complexified octonionic polynomials and the coefficients of the polynomial appear as control parameters. Also complex roots are allowed and real 4-D space-time surface is obtained as a real projection and mapped to H by $M^8 - H$ duality and conjectured to correspond to a preferred extremal of an action determined by the twistor lift of TGD.
3. The basic motivations for this assumption are quantum criticality requiring preferred extremal property, which requires at the level of H the independence of the dynamics on coupling parameters of the twistor lift of Kähler action outside the loci of non-determinism demanded by M^8 level.

4.6.3 Connection between singularities and preferred extremals of various types

The above picture suggests the characterization of the space-time surfaces in terms of their singularities as surfaces of M^8 .

At the level of H one can consider 4 kinds of very simple preferred extremals, which give rise to prototype singularities.

1. Einsteinian spacetime $X^4 \subset M^8$ with a 4-D M^4 projection and a unique normal space as a point of CP_2 . $X^4 = M^4$ defines a prototype.
2. Cosmic string extremal $X^2 \times Y^2$ with Y^2 a complex surface in CP_2 and defining a set of normal spaces assignable to a point of X^2 . $M^2 \times S^2$, S^2 a geodesic sphere defines a prototype. S^2 can be either homological trivial or non-trivial.
3. $X^3 \times S^1 \subset M^4 \times CP_2$, where S^1 is a geodesic circle of CP_2 , is a candidate for a preferred extremal and singular surface. Both $M^3 \times S^1$ and $E^3 \times S^1$ are minimal surfaces and vacuum extremals of Kähler action.

For the Euclidean signature, X^3 could be space-like and define a 3-ball compactifying to S^3 as a sub-manifold of the S^6 brane. The very special moments t_n would be singular in the sense that the normal space at a given point of $X^3 \subset M^4 \subset M^8$ would not be unique and would give rise S^1 singularity.

4. CP_2 type extremal with light-like geodesic as $M^4 \subset H$ projection and corresponding to a light-like geodesic in M^8 with normal spaces forming a 3-D surface in CP_2 . Also $M^1 \times Y^3 \subset M^4 \times CP_2$ can be considered but is probably not a preferred extremal.

The intuitive picture is that these 4 types of preferred extremals correspond to singularities of the normal space of $X^4 \subset M^8$ of dimension $d = 0, 1, 2, 4$ and codimension $d_c = 4 - d$.

4.6.4 Analogy with knot theory

In knot theory a knot in 3-D space is projected to 2-plane where one obtains a diagram containing crossings. Knot invariants can be constructed in terms of this diagram. A knot theory inspired intuition is that space-time surfaces near to these special cases are projected to these special surfaces to get the toy model.

1. Canonically embedded $M^4 \subset M^8$ (or $M^4 \subset M^4 \times CP_2$) is an analog of the plane to which the knot is projected. One can project the space-time regions with 4-D M^4 projection to M^4 . In particular, those with a Minkowskian signature of the induced metric.
2. The M^4 projection of CP_2 type extremal is 1-D light-like geodesic. One must project the deformations of CP_2 type external to CP_2 type extremal at the level of H . At the level of H , CP_2 type extremal could correspond to a light-like geodesic of M^8 such that each point of the geodesic is singular point such that the union of quaternionic normal spaces defines a 3-D quaternionic surface in CP_2 .

A puncture in E^3 as an infinitesimal hole serves as an analogy. At the puncture, one can say that all normal spaces labelled by points of S^2 are realized.

At the given point of the light-like geodesic, the quaternionic normal space of point is not unique but a 3-D union of normal spaces and defines a 3-D subset CP_2 .

3. For the $X^2 \times Y^2 \subset M^4 \times CP_2$ type cosmic string extremals and their small deformations, one must project to $M^2 \times S^2 \subset CP_2$. For a point of X^2 the normal spaces define $Y^2 \subset CP_2$ so that the singularity is milder.

For $X^3 \times S^1 \subset M^4 \times CP_2$ the normal spaces at a point of X^3 would define $S^1 \subset CP_2$. If X^3 is Euclidean, these 3-D singularities could correspond to the $t = t_n$ planes associated with the branes. The small deformations of these surfaces would project to $M^3 \times S^1$. This picture would integrate all 3 kinds of singularities and various types of preferred extremals to a single unified picture.

4.6.5 A toy model for the singularities

The following toy model for the singularities in the case of CP_2 type extremals generalizes also to other singularities.

1. A rather general class of CP_2 type extremals can be represented as a map $M^4 \rightarrow CP_2$ given by

$$m^k = p^k f(r) \ ,$$

where p^k is light-like momentum and r is radial $U(2)$ invariant CP_2 coordinate labelling 3-spheres of CP_2 such that $r = \infty$ gives homologically non-trivial geodesic 2-sphere instead of 3-sphere.

If $f(r)$ approaches constant value for $r \rightarrow \infty$, one can say that M^4 time stops at this limit, and one obtains a homologically non-trivial geodesic sphere instead of 3-D surface identifiable as an intersection with 6-D brane. Various external particles of the vertex would correspond to $m^k = p_k f_i(r)$ such that their values at $r = \infty$ coincide.

It is not possible to obtain homologically trivial 2-sphere in this manner.

2. Outside the vertex, the CP_2 type space-time sheets have distinct light-like geodesics as M^4 projections and they can be continued to distinct regions of M^4 in the toy model.

The analog of the knot diagram would be a set of M^4 :s with different constant values of CP_2 coordinates. The CP_2 type extremals would be glued along light-like geodesics to various M^4 s.

The CP_2 points of M^4 :s meeting at the same geodesic sphere must belong to the same geodesic sphere S^2 . The S^2 :s associated with different vertices are different. Note that any two geodesic spheres must have common points.

3. In the toy model for the string world sheets $X^2 \times Y^2$ would be projected to a piece of $M^2 \times S^2$ connecting two partonic vertices with the same S^2 . S^2 :s would be at the ends of the string, whose orbit is a piece of M^2 .
 $B^3 \times S^1$ could be interpreted as a subset of 6-D brane with B^3 identified as the $t = t_n$ cross section of M^4 light-cone.

This picture would suggest that the singularities could be indeed located to $t = t_n$ planes and integrated together to form a rough analog of catastrophe map.

4.6.6 Some examples of minimal surfaces with 1-D CP_2 projection

This subsection is not directly relevant to the basic topic and is added to give ideas about the possible role of volume term.

The original proposal was that preferred extremals are extremals of Kähler action but the twistor lift introduced the volume term as an additional term. This removed the huge vacuum degeneracy of Kähler action meaning that any 4-surface for which CP_2 projection was so called Lagrange manifold with the property that induced Kähler form vanishes, was a solution of field equations. For these surface induced Kähler potential is pure gauge.

The addition of the volume term removes this degeneracy and only minimal surfaces of this kind are possible as extremals. It is however not clear whether they are preferred extremals (are they analogs of complex surfaces?).

These solutions have not been studied previously [K3]. Space-time surfaces representing a warped embedding of M^4 with a flat metric represent the simplest example.

1. Denoting the angle coordinate of the geodesic sphere S^1 by Φ and the metric of S^1 by $ds^2 = -R^2 d\Phi^2$ the ansatz reads in linear Minkowski coordinates as $\Phi = k \cdot m$, where k is analog of four-momentum. The induced metric is flat and the second fundamental form vanishes by the linearity of Φ in m so that the field equations are satisfied.

Boundary conditions require the vanishing of the normal components of momentum currents and give $(\eta^{\alpha\beta} - R^2 p^\alpha p^\beta) n_\beta = 0$. This condition cannot be satisfied so that these solutions should have infinite size, which looks unphysical.

The presence of the volume term in the action implies that the induced metric appears in the boundary conditions and this represents a problem quite generally. The only way to overcome the problem is that there are no boundaries. The many-sheetedness indeed makes this possible.

The warped extremals could represent a reasonable approximation of the space-time surface in the regions which are almost empty.

2. The light velocity defined in terms of time taken to get from the M^4 position A to B, is reduced to $c_1 = \sqrt{1 - |k \cdot k|}$. If k is light-like this does not happen.

Although the analog of gravitational force is vanishing in warped metric, the deviation the flat metric from M^4 metric given by $|k \cdot k|$ in flat case could it be interpreted as gravitational potential and the gravitational potential energy of test mass would be given by $E_{gr} = -m|k \cdot k|$.

Could Nature provide a kind of cognitive representation or toy model of a gravitational field as a piecewise constant function in terms of CDs with which warped vacuum extremals would be associated? The representation would contain length scale dependent Λ as second parameter assigning momentum 4-momentum proportional to Λp^k to the CD. The volume energy would include its gravitational potential energy represented in terms of warping?

For warped solutions the space-time light cone - to be distinguished from its embedding space counterpart - would be defined by $c_1^2 t^2 - r^2 = 0$ and space-time CD would be modified accordingly.

Only single extremal - canonically embedded M^4 - remains from the spectrum of cosmological vacuum extremals for Kähler action having 1-D CP_2 projection and defined by $\Phi = f(a)$, where f is an arbitrary function of light-cone proper time coordinate $a = \sqrt{t^2 - r_M^2}$.

At QFT-GRT limit, the many-sheeted space-time is approximated with Einsteinian cosmology with the deviation of the induced metric from M^4 metric defined by the sum of the corresponding deviations for the sheets. Since the value of Λ becomes large in short p-adic length scales, a cosmology resembling GRT type cosmology could emerge and Einstein's equations would be a remnant of Poincare symmetry.

The induced metric for the solutions has very little to do with the metric appearing at the Einsteinian limit. The models of cosmology as space-time surfaces based on Kähler action with vanishing Λ could however make sense in very long scales for which Λ approaches zero.

For string dominated cosmology, the comoving mass is proportional to a [K18, K3, K13]. One has a silent whisper amplified to a Big bang in GRT sense. Also critical cosmology [K3] as an analog of inflationary cosmology for which curvature scalar as dimensional quantity vanishes can be regarded as a silent whisper amplified to a Big Bang and also it becomes Euclidean for a critical value $a = a_0$ of cosmic time.

5 The dynamics of SSFRs as quantum measurement cascades in the group algebra of Galois group

Adelic physics [L15, L16] is a proposal for the physics of both sensory experience having real physics as correlate and cognition having various p-adic physics as correlates. Adele is a book-like structure formed by real numbers and the extensions of p-adic number fields induced by a given extension of rationals with the pages of the book glued together along its back consisting of numbers belonging to the extension of rationals. This picture generalizes to space-time level. Adelic physics relies on the notion of cognitive representation as unique number theoretic discretization of the space-time surface. This discretization has also fermionic analog in terms of spinor structure associated with the group algebra of the Galois group of extension.

Adelic physics, $M^8 - H$ duality, and zero energy ontology lead (ZEO) to a proposal that the dynamics involved with “small” state function reductions (SSFRs) as counterparts of weak measurements could be basically number theoretical dynamics with SSFRs identified as reduction cascades leading to completely un-entangled state in the space of wave functions in Galois group of extension of rationals identifiable as wave functions in the space of cognitive representations. As a side product a prime factorization of the order of Galois group is obtained.

The result looks even more fascinating if the cognitive dynamics is a representation for the dynamics in real degrees of freedom in finite resolution characterized by the extension of rationals. If cognitive representations represent reality approximately, this indeed looks very natural and would provide an analog for adèle formula expressing the norm of a rational as the inverse of the product of its p-adic norms.

5.1 Adelic physics very briefly

Number theoretic vision leading to adelic physics [L15] provides a general formulation of TGD complementary to the vision [K17] (<http://tinyurl.com/sh42dc2>) about physics as geometry of “world of classical words” (WCW).

1. p-Adic number fields and p-adic space-time sheets serve as correlates of cognition. Adele is a Cartesian product of reals and extensions of all p-adic number fields induced by given extension of rationals. Adeles are thus labelled by extensions of rationals, and one has an evolutionary hierarchy labelled by these extensions. The larger the extension, the more complex the extension which can be regarded as $n - D$ space in K sense, that is with K -valued coordinates.
2. Evolution is assigned with the increase of algebraic complexity occurring in statistical sense in BSFRs, and possibly also during the time evolution by unitary evolutions and SSFRs following them. Indeed, in [L47] (<http://tinyurl.com/quoftt1>) I considered the possibility that the time evolution of self in this manner could be induced by an iteration of polynomials - at least in approximate sense. Iteration is a universal manner to produce fractals as Julia sets and this would lead to the emergence of Mandelbrot and Julia fractals and their 4-D

generalizations. In the sequel will represent and argument that the evolution as iterations could hold true in exact sense.

Cognitive representations are identified as intersection of reality and various p-adicities (cognition). At space-time level they consist of points of embedding space $H = M^4 \times CP_2$ or M^8 ($M^8 - H$ duality [L12, L13, L14] allows to consider both as embedding space) having preferred coordinates - M^8 indeed has almost unique linear M^8 coordinates for a given octonion structure.

3. Given extension of given number field K (rationals or extension of rationals) is characterized by its Galois group leaving K - say rationals - invariant and mapping products to products and sums to sums. Given extension E of rationals decomposes to extension E_N of extension E_{N-1} of ... of extension E_1 - denote it by $E \equiv H_N = E_N \circ E_{N-1} \dots \circ E_1$. It is represented at the level of classical space-time dynamics in M^8 (<http://tinyurl.com/quofttl>) by a polynomial P which is functional composite $P = P_N \circ P_{N-1} \circ \dots \circ P_1$. with $P_i(0) = 0$. The Galois group of $G(E)$ has the Galois group $H_{N-1} = G(E_{N-1} \circ \dots \circ E_1)$ as a normal subgroup so that $G(E)/H_{N-1}$ is group.

The elements of $G(E)$ allow a decomposition to a product $g = h_{N-1} \times h_{N-1} \times \dots$ and the order of $G(E)$ is given as the product of orders of H_k : $n = n_0 \times \dots \times n_{N-1}$. This factorization of prime importance also from quantum point of view. Galois groups with prime order do not allow this decomposition and the maximal decomposition and are actually cyclic groups Z_p of prime order so that primes appear also in this manner.

Second manner for primes to appear is as ramified primes p_{ram} of extension for which the p-adic dynamics is critical in a well-defined sense since the irreducible polynomial with rational coefficients defining the extension becomes reducible (decomposes into a product) in order $O(p) = 0$. The p-adic primes assigned to elementary particles in p-adic calculation have been identified as ramified primes but also the primes labelling prime extensions possess properties making them candidates for p-adic primes.

Iterations correspond to the sequence $H_k = G_0^{ok}$ of powers of generating Galois groups for the extension of K serving as a starting point. The order of H_k is the power n_0^k of integer $n_0 = \prod p_{0i}^{k_i}$. Now new primes emerges in the decomposition of n_0 . Evolution by iteration is analogous to a unitary evolution as ex^{iHt} power of Hamiltonian, where t parameter takes the role of k .

4. The complexity of extension is characterized by the orders n and the orders n_k as also the number N of the factors. In the case of iterations of extension the limit of large N gives fractal.
5. Galois group acts in the space of cognitive representations and for Galois extensions for which Galois group has same order as extensions, it is natural do consider quantum states as wave functions in $G(E)$ forming n -D group algebra. One can assign to the group algebra also spinor structure giving rise to $D = 2^{M/2}$ fermionic states where one has $N = 2M$ or $N = 2M + 1$). One can also consider chirality constraints reducing D by a power of 2. An attractive idea is that this spinor structure represents many-fermion states consisting of $M/2$ fermion modes and providing representation of the fermionic Fock space in finite measurement resolution.

5.2 Number theoretical state function reductions as symmetry breaking cascades and prime factorizations

The proposed picture has very important quantal implications and allows to interpret number theoretic quantum measurement as a number theoretic analog for symmetric breaking cascade and also as a factorization of an integer into primes.

1. The wave functions in $G(E)$ - elements of group algebra of $G(E)$ can be decomposed to tensor products of wave functions in $G(E)/H_{N-1}$ and H_{N-1} : these wave functions in general represent entangled states. One can decompose the wave functions in H_{N-1} in similar manner and the process can be continued so that one obtains a maximal decomposition allowing no further decomposition for any factor. These non-decomposable Galois groups have prime

order since its group algebra as Hilbert space of prime dimension has no decomposition into tensor product.

2. In state function reduction of wave function $G(E)$ the density matrices associated with pairs $G(E)/H_{N-1}$ and H_{N-1} are measured. The outcome is an eigenstate or eigen-space and gives rise to symmetry breaking from $G(E) \equiv H_N$ to $E_N \times H_{N-1}$. The sequence of state function reductions should lead to a maximal symmetry breaking corresponding to a wave function as a produce of those associaetd with Galois groups of prime order. This define a prime factorization of the dimension n of Galois group/extension to $n = \prod_{i=1}^N p_i^{k_i}!$. The moments of consciousness for self would correspond to prime factorizations! Self would be number theoretician quite universally!

Also also the fermionic cognitive representation based on finite-D Fock states defined by spinor components of $G(E)$ is involved. The interpretation of Fock state basis as a a basis of Boolean algebra in TGD: the spinor structure of WCW could be representation for Boolean logic as a “square root” of Kähler geometry of WCW. Cognition indeed involves also Boolean logic.

5.3 SSFR as number theoretic state function reduction cascade and factorization of integer

A highly interesting unanswered question is following. “Small” state function reductions (SSFRs) define the life cycle of self as their sequence. What are the degrees of freedom where SSFRs occur?

1. SSFRs take place at the active boundary of CD which shifts in statistical sense towards future in the sequence of state function reductions. State at the passive boundary is not changed.
2. The idea that quantum randomness could correspond to classical chaos (or complexity) associated with the iteration of polynomials (Mandelbrot and Julia fractals) [L47] led to reconsider the hypothesis that the polynomial representing space-time decomposes to a product $P = P_2(T - r) \times P_1(r)$. T corresponds to the distance between the tips of CD and $r = t$ to the radial coordinate of M^4 assignable to the passive boundary of CD and equal to time coordinate t . $P_i(0) = 0$ is assumed to hold true.

P_2 would change in SSFRs whereas P_1 and state at passive boundary would not. SSFRs (analogous to so called weak measurements) at active boundary would give rise to sensory input and various associations - Maya in Eastern terminology. P_1 would correspond to the unchanging part of self - “soul” or real self as one might say.

I was also led to consider a simplified hypothesis that P_2 is obtained as iteration $P_2 = Q_1^{on}$ in n :th n unitary evolution preceding SSFR. One would start from some iterate Q_1^{ok} . This would reduce quantum dynamics to iteration of polynomials and to a deep connection with Mandelbrot and Julia fractals but it was quite clear why this would be true.

3. The mere factorization $P = P_2 \times P_1$ implies that the Galois groups associated with active and passive boundary of CD commute and number theoretic state function reduction cascade for the wave functions in $G(E)$ for the extension determined by P_2 at active boundary could correspond to SSFR. Or course, also other commuting degrees of freedom are possible but number theoretic degrees of freedom could be the most important degrees of freedom involved with SSFRs.

5.4 The quantum dynamics of dark genes as factorization of primes

Gene level provides a fascinating application of this picture.

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1. As found, dark photons and dark protons forming DNA codons as triplets could correspond to triplet representations for prime factor Z_3 of Galois group of Z_6 . Codon and conjugate codon could in turn correspond to the prime factor Z_2 of Galois group Z_6 so that double strand would correspond to Z_6 suggested by findings of Mills [L6] and TGD inspired model color vision [L20].
2. DNA codons could correspond to extension with Galois group Z_3 , and one can consider an entire hierarchy of extensions of extensions of .. extensions with dimensions n_i satisfying thus $n = \prod_{i=1}^N n_i$ and having Z_6 as subgroup at the lowest level of the hierarchy. The number N of factors would be the number of polynomials in the functional composition and thus define a kind of abstraction levels (abstractions are thoughts about thoughts about..., maps of maps of ...). N is expected to increase in evolution.
3. Could this abstraction hierarchy be realized at gene level? Genes decompose into transcribed regions - exons - and introns. Could different decomposition of genes to exons and introns correspond to different values of N and n_i and to different Galois groups. Could genes themselves form larger composites?

Could genomes form even large structures such as chromosomes with larger Galois groups. Years ago I considered the possibility of a collective gene expression based on the collective MB of organelle, organ, or even population: could this correspond to an extension associated with several genomes?

4. Could SSFR correspond to a sequence of symmetry breakings for the Galois groups of these structures decomposing them to sub-groups? Number theoretic interpretation would in terms of decompositions of integers to primes! Genome would be a quantum computer performing number theory!
5. Metabolic energy feed would increasing h_{eff} would also increase the orders $n_i = h_{eff}/h_0$ of the extensions appearing in the composition of extensions and thus the orders of polynomial factors P_i in the functional composite defining the extensions. Therefore the decompositions would be dynamical.

Metabolic energy feed requires BSFR changing the arrow of time if metabolic energy feed is actually feed of negative energy to environment. The emergence of a new prime factorization would require BSFR. That the time evolution by iterations would not require BSFR would support the proposal that time evolution by BSFRs could be induced by iteration dynamics for the polynomial P_2 assignable to the active boundary of CD.

5.5 The relationship of TGD view about consciousness to computationalism

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To my view computationalism is one of the failed approaches to consciousness - it cannot cope with free will for instance. It however contains an essential aspect which is correct: the idea of deterministic program leading from A to B. Problem solving be can regarded as attempt to find this program. You fix A as initial data and try to find a program leading from A to a final state characterized by data B. The program has duration T and can be very long and it is not clear whether it exists at all. You try again and again and eventually you might find it. In the real conscious problem solving this process means making guesses so that the process cannot be deterministic.

What does this view about problem solving correspond to in ZEO? We have states A and B represented as quantum states and we try to find quantum analog of classical program leading from A to B in some time T which can be varied.

1. A and B are realized as superpositions of 3-surfaces and fermionic states at them - located at time values $t=0$ and $t=T$. T can vary. Can we find by varying T a (superposition of) deterministic time evolution(s) - preferred extremal(s) (PE) - connecting A and B?

In ZEO and for fixed A and T PE in general does not exist. In ideal situation (infinite measurement resolution) and for given A and T, B is unique if it exists at all. One has analog of Bohr orbit and the quantum analog of classical program as the superposition of Bohr orbits starting from A and hopefully leading to B as a solution of the problem.

Remark: These superpositions can be regarded as counterparts of functions in biology and behaviors in neuroscience. The big difference to standard physics is that time=constant snapshot in time evolution of say bio-system is replaced with quantum superposition of very special time evolutions - PEs. Darwinian selection of also behaviors in biology correlates strongly with this.

2. So: given A and B, we try to find a value of T for which superposition of PEs from A to B exists. This would be the quantum program leading from A to B, and solving our problem.

Actually, not only ours, universe is full of conscious entities solving problems at various levels of self hierarchy. This takes place by a sequences of "small" SFRs (SSFRs, weak measurements) increasing T in statistical sense and replacing the state at B with a new one determined by state A for given value of T. At the level of conscious experience this is sensory perception and all that which is associated with it.

Finding the solution is analogous to the halting of quantum Turing machine by ordinary state function reduction, which corresponds in ZEO to a "big" (ordinary) SFR (BSFR). This would mean death in universal sense and reincarnation with reversed arrow of time in ZEO? Or is BSFR and death failure to solve the problem? I cannot answer.

Remark: The notion of self-reference is replaced with much more concrete notion of becoming conscious of what one was conscious of before SSFR. SSFR indeed gives rise to conscious experience and one avoids the infinite regress associated with genuine self-reference. As an additional bonus one obtains evolution since the extension of rationals characterizing space-time surfaces can increase meaning higher level of consciousness. At the limit algebraic numbers the cognitive representation is dense subset of space-time surface.

3. Also finite measurement resolution and discreteness characterizing computation emerge from number theory.

To be a solution classically means that the 3-surface(s) representing B to have fixed discrete cognitive representation given by finite number of embedding space points in the extension of rationals defining the adele. Quantally, quantum superpositions of these points with fixed quantum numbers represent the desired final state.

Also Boolean logic emerges at fundamental level as square root of Kähler geometry one might say. Many-fermion state basis defines a Boolean algebra and time evolution for induced spinors is analogous to truth preserving Boolean map in which truths code for infinite number of conservation laws associated with symmetries of WCW.

4. How to find the possibly existing solution at given step (unitary evolution plus SSFR) with $t=T$? One performs cognitive quantum measurements at each step represented by SSFR. They reduce to cascades of quantum measurements for the states in the group algebra of Galois group - call it Gal - of Galois extension considered.

Gal has hierarchical decomposition to inclusion hierarchy of normal subgroups implying the representation of states in group algebra of Gal as entangled states in the tensor product of the group algebras of normal sub-groups of Gal. The hope is that this Galois cascade of SFRs produces desired state as an outcome and one can shout "Eureka!".

6 DNA and Time Reversal

This section is devoted to the view about DNA inspired by (zero energy ontology) ZEO [L53, L42] forming the basis of the quantum measurement theory of Topological Geometrostatics (TGD) [K2, K1] and by the notion of dark DNA [L25] inspired by the TGD view about dark matter as phases of the ordinary matter with effective Planck constant $h_{eff} = nh_0 > h$ [L16, ?, K5, K6, K7, L19] at (magnetic body) MB [L1, L26, L8, L66] - the third key notion distinguishing TGD from standard model.

6.1 Basic picture

The basic prediction of ZEO is that "big" (ordinary) state function reduction (BSFR) changes the arrow of time meaning "death" and "reincarnation" with opposite arrow of time. For dark matter at the MB the periods with a given arrow of time would be long and induce the long-lasting effective change of the arrow of time for the ordinary matter.

This leads to a new view about self-organization [L44] involving in an essential manner time reversed dissipation looking like energy feed in the standard direction and quantum coherent MB as a master quantum controlling the ordinary matter. The energy feed is necessary since the increase of h_{eff} requires energy.

6.1.1 Time reversal and the dynamics of DNA

The time reversals of the basic processes like transcription and replication turn out to be possible only for the conjugate strand - this is basically due to the chiral selection and CPT theorem in TGD context. CPT C denotes charge conjugation, P spatial reflection, and T geometric time reflection to be distinguished from thermo-dynamical time reversal and time reversal occurring in BSFR. The trivality of C (matter-antimatter asymmetry) implies that T acts like P mapping molecules to their mirror images. By chiral selection enzymes can catalyze processes but not their time reversals. For instance, conjugate strand polymerizes in reverse time direction - this looks like depolymerization in standard time direction. Polymerization of the conjugate strand however occurs in standard time direction but in reverse direction along strand.

The recombination of DNA strands during meiosis is poorly understood. This could correspond to reconnections for the magnetic flux tubes associated with the active DNA strands. Time reversal would occur in BSFR and formerly passive conjugate DNA strands would depolymerize to "loose" codons [L52] (not independent letters) by the time reversed polymerization, the flux tubes associated with the formerly active strands would suffer reconnections inducing recombination without assistance of enzymes, second BSFR would occur, and be followed by the replication of recombined active strands.

6.1.2 Does DNA have longitudinal electric field with direction correlating with the arrow of time?

According to the findings of Becker [J2, J4], the direction of the electric along the body axis field determines whether the system is awake or asleep. By the properties of electric field under time reflection, the arrow of time correlates also with the direction of the electric field. TGD predicts that consciousness is possible even at the level of DNA. Could also DNA have a longitudinal electric field with direction correlating with the arrow of time of DNA at the MB of DNA? Could there be a switch changing the direction of this electric field?

There is an inspiring analogy with microtubules, which are highly dynamical and carry a longitudinal electric field, whose strength correlates with the microtubule length [I15, I16]. Could sticky ends generate a longitudinal field along DNA double strand with strength determined by the lengths of the sticky ends?

In the standard picture the flux of the longitudinal electric field would be proportional to the difference of the negative charges associated with the sticky ends. In TGD framework DNA strands are accompanied by the dark analog of DNA with codons realized as 3-proton units neutralizing the negative charge of the ordinary DNA except at sticky ends.

A simple proposal for the time switch based on the analog of Becker's DC currents emerges: proton flow of the dark protons between sticky ends would change the arrow of time. The model

could generalize also to proteins known to be ferro-electrets and accompanied also by their dark analogs.

6.2 DNA and time reversal

TGD inspired theory of consciousness based on ZEO [L53] predicts that also DNA is a conscious system: actually TGD Universe is in a well-defined sense panpsychic. In a "big" (ordinary) state function (BSFR) system "dies" and "reincarnates" with a reversed arrow of time. The hierarchy of effective Planck constants $h_{eff} = nh_0$ [?, K5, K6, K7] having a number theoretical interpretation [L16] labels the phases of the ordinary matter behaving like dark matter and will be referred to as "dark matter" in the sequel. Large values of h_{eff} make quantum coherence possible in arbitrarily long length and time scales.

The dark matter at the layers of the MB of the system (MB means a deviation from Maxwell's electrodynamics) controls the ordinary bio-matter. Dark matter resides at the flux tubes carrying monopole flux not possible in the Maxwellian world. The TGD based model [L3] identifies the negatively charged exclusion zones (EZs) generated in Pollack effect [I2, ?] as regions from which part of protons transferred to flux tubes as dark protons. Applied to the water environment of DNA this leads to the notion of dark DNA as flux tubes carrying dark proton triplets representing genetic codons [L25]. Also mRNA, aminoacids, and tRNA would have these representations. Dark DNA strands would accompany the ordinary DNA strands. The positive charge of the dark DNA and mRNA would screen the negative charge of ordinary DNA and stabilize it.

The attention is in the recent article in the dynamical processes associated with DNA. Could time reversal play a key role in various processes related to DNA. The basic process considered are DNA transcription and replication and meiosis and it is interesting to view them in ZEO. Could one imagine a switch inducing time reversal of DNA as a "big" (ordinary) state function (BSFR) in the scale of entire DNA double strand + dark DNA double strand accompanying it?

6.2.1 Deassembly as a time reversal of assembly and time reversal switch for DNA?

In ZEO one must seriously consider the possibility of reverse translation, reverse transcription and reverse polymerization. The recombination of DNA strands, which is the least well-understood part of meiosis, might involve time reversal of the polymerization of the passive strand and also DNA repair might involve time reversal. Time reversal might allow the healing of genetic defects.

Time reversed processes might occur at least in DNA scale but it is an open question whether they occur in long time scales. As already found, matter-antimatter asymmetry and chiral selection pose strong constraints on the allowed time reversals: they can occur only for the conjugate DNA strand as catalyzed processes. The time reversal of translation is not possible but time reversal of transcription using the conjugate strand is.

1. Few natural scientists like the branch of philosophy called deconstructionism (in particular, "anything goes" irritates any TOE builder) but it would seem that deconstruction is an excellent characterization of assembly and de-assembly as time reversals of each other.

Deconstruction would not be actually a new idea. Sustainable development means that nowadays wastes are treated systematically. Various mechanical and electric devices are de-constructed into their basic building bricks to be used again.

Why not the same in biology? For instance, could proteins be deconstructed to tRNA and mRNA, which in turn would be deconstructed to mRNA codon? It turns out that chiral selection prevents time reverse translation.

2. Deconstruction at the level of DNA would naturally involve time reversed DNA + dark DNA and very naturally the passive strand related by a conjugation to active strand would be now active. Deconstruction would be a construction in a reversed time direction. Could this give a reason why for the presence of the passive DNA strand?

One must clarify how the strands are related? What does time reversal do to the strands?

- (a) Since charge conjugation replacing protons with antiprotons does not occur, C must act trivially. $CPT = 1$ which is identity in quantum field theories but in TGD states that

the states at the boundaries of CD are permuted - the corresponding fermionic vacua are analogous to Dirac sea and its conjugate. This implies that PT acts trivially and T acts as a reflection P changing the chiralities and direction of the strands.

- (b) Time reversal would transform left-handed strand to right-handed vice versa and the 3' and 5' ends would be permuted. The effect would be a permutation of the strands geometrically. DNA strands would become their mirror images geometrically and for the 3' → 5' orientation the order codons would be the same.
 - (c) The strands of DNA have opposite chiralities. Chiral selection can explain why only the second DNA strand is active: there are no enzymes catalyzing its transcription. In the time reversal the passive strand would become active and the time reversed DNA transcription would begin from 3' end so that the resulting mRNA would conjugate of the mRNA associated with the active strand. For standard time direction the process would look like conjugate mRNA sequence approaching the usually passive strand and decaying to the "loose" mRNA codons [L52] (nucleotides in standard picture).
 - (d) If the processes proceed from 3' → 5' direction determined by chemistry, the time reversed transcription would produce the same mRNA. In standard time direction mRNA consistent with conjugate DNA strand would attach to conjugate DNA strand and split to RNA codons (in TGD and to RNA nucleotides in standard picture).
3. How could one achieve the deconstruction of say mRNA as a time reversal at the level of DNA? Could there exist a simple time reversal switch in DNA reversing the electric field of DNA+dark DNA? Could there be an enzyme changing the position of this switch?

What could be this switch? In next section it will be proposed that switch would just move the part of the dark proton sequence associated with sticky end nucleotides to the opposite end of the DNA strand! There would be a proton current flowing along the ordinary DNA strand.

These switching currents could be the counterparts for the direct currents of Becker [J2, J4] and would change the direction of DNA's electric field! This mechanism would change the arrow of time and direction of the electric also at the level of the entire body as it falls in sleep or wakes up! Same applies to the electric field from the frontal lobes to hindbrain.

6.2.2 DNA transcription and replication and their time reversals

Could the time reversals of DNA replication and transcription occur? Is the depolymerization of the DNA strand equivalent to the time reversal or polymerization or are these separate processes? Does the time reversal of the replication make sense?

The basic constraint comes from the discrete symmetries. By matter-antimatter asymmetry charge conjugation is trivial - otherwise also antiprotons would define representation of the dark code. Since the generalization of quantum field theoretic identity $CPT = 1$ holds true one must have that a generalization of $PT = 1$ holds true. Time reversal would change the chirality of DNA strands.

Chirality selection for enzymes in turn poses a second powerful constraint meaning that time reversed processes can occur for the passive conjugate DNA strand only (having opposite chirality as compared to active DNA strand). The implication is that enzyme, which have a fixed chirality, can catalyze in standard time direction only processes for the active DNA strand but not for the passive strand. Enzymes can however catalyze time reversed processes for the conjugate strand. In particular, the degradation of active DNA strand cannot be equivalent with time reversal of polymerization since the latter cannot be catalyzed by enzymes.

Consider first the discrete symmetries in more detail.

1. The key constraints emerge from the ZEO based generalization of the $CPT = 1$ identity of quantum field theories generalized to ZEO. Here C is charge conjugation, P is reflection and T time reflection. In ZEO "1" is replaced by permutation of states at the opposite boundaries of CD defining the zero energy state and the replacement of Dirac vacuum with its conjugate. Call this permutation operation P_{ZEO} so that one has $CPT = P_{ZEO}$.

2. Since antiprotons are not involved in biology by matter-antimatter asymmetry, $C = 1$ is true and one obtains $PT = P_{ZEO}$. Therefore T must act as reflection and map DNA strand to its mirror image. Chirality is changed and the order of codons becomes opposite and 3' and 5' ends are permuted. The DNA strand looks like the original one as far as codons are considered but is its geometric mirror image so it is not expected to be active - unless P permutes 3' and 5'. From Wikipedia [I1] one learns that this is not the case. Hence the conjugate strand would become active in the time reversal.

In particular, the time reversed catalyzed processes can use only the conjugate strand as a template since only in this case the enzymes satisfy the chirality constraint. In particular, this applies to polymerization and depolymerization, which are not time reversed process as was the first guess. Furthermore, the polymerization for conjugate strand is depolymerization in reversed time direction.

Matter-antimatter asymmetry and chiral selection therefore imply that catalyzed processes for the active DNA strands are in the standard time direction and for the passive DNA strands in the opposite time direction.

Some examples help to understand what would be involved.

1. Consider first the time reversal of the transcription. If the time reversal occurs it must attach mRNA strand to the time reversed conjugate strand and the time reversed transcription would mean splitting of mRNA to "loose" codons [L52]: this process can be catalyzed by enzymes with standard chirality. If the conjugate of the gene coding for mRNA does not exist as a gene, this process is not possible. Therefore mRNA must allow also the ordinary depolymerization catalyzed by enzymes. Same is expected to apply to the depolymerization of DNA and proteins. Loose codons would be analogous to tRNAs.

This raises a question about how symmetric the spectrum of genes is. How often does the conjugate of gene exist? If there is strong symmetry breaking the reverse transcription rarely occurs.

2. An interesting challenge is to understand the details of DNA replication and its possible time reversal. What constraints does the chiral selection for enzymes pose? The replication of both strands is catalyzed by the same enzyme: DNA polymerase and the processes occur simultaneously. Since enzymes have single chirality only, this leaves only one possibility: the replication of the conjugate strand involves time reversal and is depolymerization in the reversed arrow of time.

Indeed, the replication of the conjugate strand occurs in a direction opposite to the ordinary ($3' \rightarrow 5'$). The replication of the conjugates strand would be the decay to codons but in reversed time direction. Note that the splitting of the DNA double strand to separate strands (unentangled quantum systems) is necessary to change the arrow of time only for the conjugate strand.

6.2.3 Meiosis and time reversal

Meiosis is an especially interesting application since the reshuffling of DNA strands in meiosis is not well-understood in biology-as-nothing-but-chemistry approach. The crucial step is the shuffling of the corresponding pieces of homologous DNA strands. Could the reshuffling involve de-assembly regarded as a time reversal of the assembly followed by re-assembly meaning a return to the original arrow of time: this would be completely analogous to what mechanic does when repairing a machine. Also the DNA repair could rely on this mechanism.

1. The first observation made already earlier is that the formation of several reconnections between - say - active DNA strand involving touching at several points with subsequent reconnection at the level of magnetic flux tubes would give an elegant description for the reconnection at the level of say active strands. Here magnetic flux tubes would demonstrate their explanatory power.

The problem is that if this occurs for pairs of both active and passive strands, there is no guarantee that the reconnection patterns determining the re-shuffling are consistent. How can one guarantee this?

2. Here time reversal of polymerization for the passive DNA strand comes in rescue. Two BSFRs changing the arrow of time would take place.
 - (a) The arrow of time changes for both strands of DNA. At the de-assembly step the passive strand decays to codons. This is just time reversal for polymerization and by the chirality selection for enzymes only the passive strand can de-assemble in this manner. This happens for the conjugate strands of both double DNA strands involved.
 - (b) At the shuffling step the two formerly active time reversed DNA strands pair with each other and the repeated reconnections about as a sequence of SSFRs inducing shuffling of the pieces of DNA. This process cannot be catalyzed by enzymes since the required chirality would be wrong. Since the outcome is non-deterministic the situation must be quantum critical in the sense that the classical time evolutions defining the zero energy state are initial value sensitive and state function reduction selects superposition of evolutions corresponding to the same outcome.
 - (c) At the re-assembly step the arrow of time changes back to the original for the resulting shuffled active DNA strands replicate.

Whether the translation of mRNA to proteins could have a time reversal was asked in the earlier article [L49]? This does not seem to be possible. Due to the chiral selection proteins do not have double strand structure with strands possessing opposite chiralities. Also mRNA has only one chirality. Therefore the time reversal of translation proceeding from mirror proteins and mirror tRNA to mirror mRNA is not possible.

6.3 Could the sticky ends make DNA double strand a conscious ferro-electret?

The basic motivation for this section could be Becker's finding [J2, J4]; its direction determines whether the system is awake or asleep. In ZEO [L53] these states could correspond to opposite arrows of time at some level of the fractal hierarchy of the layers of MB labelled by the values of h_{eff} . The arrow of time would change in BSFR. The sign of the longitudinal electric field correlates with the arrow of time on basic of the basic properties of electromagnetic field tensor so that BSFR should change the direction of electric field: this suggests some kind of switch changing the arrow of time and in standard ontology turning consciousness on/off.

Could the same be true for DNA + dark DNA system as well? In the sequel the idea that sticky ends make the DNA double strand + its dark counterpart with $h_{eff} > h$ a ferro-electret carrying longitudinal electric field is considered. The longitudinal electric field is non-vanishing also in standard framework without dark DNA if the lengths at the ends of the DNA double strand are different. This field would be analogous to the electric field along the body axis.

This model is discussed also in a related article [L67]. As far as contents are considered, the recent discussion is more or less identical except that the main emphasis is on consciousness.

6.3.1 Different ends of DNA double strand

There is a variety of different ends of DNA double strand and of telomere.

1. Blunt ends contain two paired bases so that they do not define a full codon.



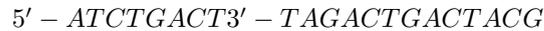
Straight cut by exonuclease enzyme produce blunt ends.

2. Overhangs are short, minimally just one nucleotide A in 3' end: one could have for instance following configuration



Overhangs are most often palindromic.

3. An example of longer sticky end is following:



The length of the unpaired portion of sticky end can be hundreds of nucleotides.

4. Frayed ends correspond to sequence of basic pairs breaking the A-T, C-G pairing rules.



6.3.2 Empirical evidence for the ferroelectret property of DNA

To the best of our knowledge, there is no reported evidence for longitudinal static electric fields in DNA in an extensive Web search. This might be simply because of inability to measure them in past. Indeed, a model for DNA nucleotides A,T,C,G as ferroelectrets based solely on standard chemistry is discussed [I22] and would imply that also DNA can be ferroelectret. This could in a special case give rise to a longitudinal electric field, and if there is an electric field in the absence of external electric field (spontaneous ferroelectricity), it could be also in the direction of DNA strand.

The reported existence of electric currents along DNA perhaps analogous to Becker's DC currents is one indirect evidence for the longitudinal electric field. A very interesting test would be so called DNA crystals [I13, I3] (see also the popular article at <https://cutt.ly/Hd3fvMW>) in electric field, heated, or put under mechanical stress.

DNA is analogous like cell interior being negatively charged with one negative charge per nucleotide assignable to the phosphate. The stability of DNA against Coulomb force is however not well-understood and TGD would solve the problem with a pairing of DNA strand with a parallel helical flux tube carrying 3 dark protons per codon with dark proton triplet realizing genetic codon. Ordinary chemical codons would be a secondary representation of the code. Could this make possible ferroelectret property of DNA?

6.3.3 Could the sticky ends of the telomeres give rise to a longitudinal electric field along DNA?

In the standard picture about DNA different negative charges at the sticky ends could give a longitudinal electric field proportional to the difference of the charges. DNA double strand would however have a net charge now. Second possibility is that the nucleotides behave as dipoles even in the absence of the external electric field. If these dipoles are forced to be parallel to DNA by an external electric field they give rise to a longitudinal electric field.

TGD based view is that DNA is paired with dark analog of DNA. This view leads to the suggestion that sticky ends/overhangs give rise to positive or negative charges at the end of DNA and that opposites at the ends of DNA generate strong longitudinal electric field along DNA. For DNA with blunt ends there would be no electric field.

What would be needed for chromosome as dipole like entity is that the ends of the chromosome carrying the telomeres have charges of opposite sign: in the simplest case they would have the same magnitude so that one would have a dipole.

1. *Could telomeres be analogous to microtubules?*

Microtubules are highly dynamical having a varying length. They also have a longitudinal electric field [I15, I16]. Likewise, the the ends of chromosomes are dynamical and their length is changing and controlled by the telomerase enzyme [I21, I23]. Could telomeres or entire chromosomes be analogous to microtubules? Could chromosomes (<https://cutt.ly/Ud21bjd>) carry longitudinal electric fields? That would not be surprising since living matters are populated by ferroelectrets [I8].

Remark: The option that only telomeres could carry these fields would require that the joint between the coding portion of DNA and telomere is charged. This does not look natural.

Due to the properties of the electric field under time reversal, the direction of the bio-electric field would in TGD Universe correlate with the arrow of time [L53] changing in "big" (ordinary) state function reductions (BSFRs) meaning "death" or "falling asleep" and re-incarnation with an

opposite arrow of time. In particular, sleep could correspond to conscious experience but with a different arrow of time at some level of the hierarchy of layers of MB) [L27] serving as master controlling the biological body (BB).

Remark: The hierarchy of Planck constants $h_{eff} = nh_0$ labelling phases of ordinary matter behaving like dark matter predicts [L16, L27] macroscopic quantum coherence explaining the coherence of biomatter. This allows BSFRs in arbitrarily long length and time scales, for instance, the scales of chromosomes.

The first guess motivated by the findings of Becker about bio-electric fields [J2, J4] is that when the telomere shortens, the electric field associated with DNA weakens, and eventually the organism dies [I4]. Telomere length is controlled by telomerase enzyme and for stem cells, germ cells and cancer cells the shortening does not occur [I10].

Telomeres are dynamical and could somehow provide DNA with a longitudinal electric field closely related to this dynamics. The strength of the electric field associated with the DNA double strand could correlate with the properties of telomeres and in particular the lengths of their negatively charged sticky ends at the ends of the chromosome.

2. *The TGD based model for DNA as ferroelectret*

Although most of the telomere has a normal base-pairing, there is an additional unpaired nucleotide sequence - overhang - associated with either strand. In the minimal case it is just one nucleotide A. What could this mean in TGD framework: could it give the desired constant electric field along DNA strand. Is its strength proportional to the length of the overhang determined by the number of its nucleotides? There would be 1 negative charge per nucleotide.

1. Suppose that both strands are accompanied by dark DNA strands parallel to them and having opposite charge neutralizing the DNA in the scale of this pairing. Dark codon would be identified as a 3-proton unit. Dark RNA, tRNA and amino-acids are predicted. Vertebrate genetic code is predicted correctly in the sense that the number of DNA codons corresponding to given dark amino-acid is the same as for vertebrate genetic code [L25, L43].
2. What could be the counterpart of the sticky end for dark DNA sequence? Suppose that the dark DNA strands be equally long so that there would be no symmetry breaking. This leaves two natural options for a given sticky end.
 - (a) Both dark DNA strands have portions associated with the sticky end. Since the sticky end/overhang would be neutralized, this would give for the end of the double strand a positive charge $Q = ne$, n the number of nucleotides in the sticky end.
 - (b) Both dark DNA strand portions are missing at the sticky end. Now the charge would be negative and equal to the charge $Q = -ne$ of the sticky end.
3. The magnitude of the electric field along DNA flux tube created by a single sticky end would be

$$E = \frac{Q}{S} = \frac{en}{S} ,$$

where S is the thickness of the system DNA + dark DNA. The fields of the sticky ends sum up and there would be a net electric field along DNA double strand +dark DNA given by

$$E = \frac{Q_1 - Q_2}{S} = \frac{e(n_1 - n_2)}{S} .$$

One can consider two options.

Option I: There is dark DNA present (TGD option) and the situation is a) at the first end of the chromosome and b) at the opposite end. One obtains opposite signs of charges $Q_1 = n_1e$ and $Q_2 = -n_2e$ and electric field is $E = (n_1 + n_2)e/S$.

Option II: There is no dark DNA (standard physics option). The charges at the sticky ends are negative and one has $E = e(n_1 - n_2)/S$.

4. The video about telomeres [I18] (<https://cutt.ly/Mfi0Cc1>) suggests that the sticky ends are associated with different DNA strands and are of the same length. For the standard physics option (no dark DNA) charges at the sticky ends have the same sign and one has $E = e(n_1 - n_2)/S$. The field vanishes for Option II and equals to $E = 2n/S$ for Option I.

This field would be quite strong. The electric fields at opposite ends of the chromosome sum up and cancel each other along DNA if the charges are of the same sign : there is however positive interaction energy causing a repulsive force. For the TGD option the Coulomb energy is negative. For the standard physics option it would be positive and would not favor the stability of DNA.

Quantitative estimates

In the sequel some simple quantitative estimates are performed.

1. *Minimization of electrostatic energy taking into account only the nearest neighbor interactions*

The system must minimize its electrostatic energy to be stable. Assume that the charges of the overhangs are opposite: $n_1 = -n_2 = n$. For the more general situation with $n_1 \neq n_2$. For the same sign for n_1 and n_2 there would be a repulsion between the ends of DNA.

1. In this case overhangs would give a negative contribution to the electrostatic energy of the system.

$$E_{ends} = -\frac{n^2 e^2 L}{S} ,$$

where L is the length of DNA double strand without overhangs and S is its transversal area. Otherwise the contribution is positive.

2. The negative electrostatic energies between dark strand and ordinary strand with opposite charges. There are two pairs of this kind. In the first approximation one has

$$E_{OD} = -2N \frac{e^2}{R_{OD}} .$$

N is the total number of nucleotides in DNA without overhangs and R_{OD} is the distance between dark and ordinary DNA strands. One has $N = (dn/dl)L$, where dn/dl is the number of codons per unit length. One has approximately $dn/dl = 10$ nucleotides per nanometer.

This gives

$$E_{OD} = -2 \frac{(dn/dl)e^2 L}{R_{OD}} .$$

The ratio of the two negative contributions tending to stabilize the system is

$$r = \frac{E_{OD}}{E_{ends}} = 2 \frac{(dn/dl)S}{R_{OD}} \simeq \frac{20S}{nm \times R_{OD}} .$$

3. There are positive electrostatic interaction energies between dark strands with distance $R = R_{DD}$ and ordinary strands with distance $R = R_{OO}$. The energy is given by

$$E = \frac{Ne^2}{R} = \frac{(dn/dl)e^2 L}{R} .$$

The total contribution to the electrostatic energy is positive and given by

$$E_{OO} + E_{DD} = (dn/dl)e^2 L \times \left(\frac{1}{R_{OO}} + \frac{1}{R_{DD}} \right) .$$

The total electrostatic energy in this approximation is

$$E = e^2 L \left[-\frac{n^2}{S} - 2(dn/dl) \left(\frac{1}{R_{OD}} - \frac{1}{R_{OO}} - \frac{1}{R_{DD}} \right) \right] .$$

4. The generalized electrostatic force in the longitudinal direction is given by

$$F = -\frac{dE}{dL} = -e^2 \left[-\frac{n^2}{S} - 2(dn/dl) \left(\frac{1}{R_{OD}} - \frac{1}{R_{OO}} - \frac{1}{R_{DD}} \right) \right] .$$

For $n > n_{min}$ DNA tends to get longer and for $n < n_{min}$ it tends to get shorter.

5. In equilibrium this force must vanish. $F = 0$ condition fixes the number n of nucleotides in the sticky end:

$$n^2 = n_0^2 = (dn/dl) \times S \left[-\frac{2}{R_{OD}} + \frac{1}{R_{OO}} + \frac{1}{R_{DD}} \right] ,$$

This gives

$$n = n_{min} = \sqrt{(dn/dl) \frac{S}{R_{DD}}} \times \sqrt{-2 \frac{R_{DD}}{R_{OD}} + \frac{R_{DD}}{R_{OO}} + 1} = \sqrt{\frac{10S}{R_{DD}nm}} \sqrt{-2 \frac{R_{DD}}{R_{OD}} + \frac{R_{DD}}{R_{OO}} + 1} .$$

Note that the condition $n_{min} > 0$ requires that without the overhangs at the end the configuration would be unstable.

$$2 \frac{R_{DD}}{R_{OD}} \geq \frac{R_{DD}}{R_{OO}} + 1 .$$

must hold true. Since the right-hand side is larger than unity one must have $2R_{DD} > R_{OO}$. As a special case one could have a maximally symmetric DODO type configuration with $R_{OO} = R_{DD} = R_{OD}$ for which the above inequality becomes equality and one has $n = 0$. $n = 1$ is realized rather generally and is maximally near to this situation

6. n would not depend on the length L of the chromosome in the approximation taking into account only the nearest neighbor interactions between various DNA codons. Taking them into account implies that the electrostatic energy is a nonlinear function of L and n_{min} is predicted to depend on L - probably the dependence is weak suggesting that the dependence of $L = L(coding) + L(telomere)$ - or actually the telomere length $L(telomere)$ - on n_{min} is strong so that it would be an ideal control variable.
7. The increase of the length n of the overhang creates a force increasing the length of DNA and its reduction does the opposite. One can say the situation is critical and that $n = n_{min}$ stabilizes the situation. The reduction of the length of overhang below critical value would have disastrous effects.

This model is certainly not the only one that one can imagine and involves drastic approximations since only the nearest neighbour Coulomb interactions has been taken into account. Also the sticky ends of the chromosome could have different lengths and thus charges so that the chromosome would have a net charge and the stable length for DNA would depend on this charge.

Also the distances between various DNA strands serve as parameters and the stable length depends on these parameters: these parameters could depend on chemical parameters like pH and thermo-dynamical parameters. The length of the sticky end is expected to vary also during the life span of the chromosome and also depend on how many DNA replications preceded the generation of the chromosome. The length of the sticky end has spectrum and implies a spectrum for the telomere length since the length $L(coding)$ of the coding part of the chromosome cannot be changed. In the linear approximation all lengths $L = L(coding) + L(telomere)$ are allowed and if the corrections are small, $L(telomere)$ is very sensitive to $L(stickyend)$.

The length of the sticky end rather than the length of the telomere would be the primary controller. The quite high strength of the longitudinal electric field is a surprise. An interesting

prediction is that prokaryotes with circular DNA strands would have no wake-up-sleep cycle like eukaryotes. Viruses however have both circular and open strands.

2. *Minimization of the electrostatic energy taking into account interaction between non-nearest neighbors*

What kind of corrections the inclusion of the Coulomb interactions of charges which are not nearest neighbors could have?

1. Nearest neighbors have been identified as neighbors in transversal direction and it has been assumed that only DNA-DNA and DDNA-DDNA, and DNA-DDNA interactions matter. A better approximation takes into account also the repulsive nearest- neighbor interactions of phosphates and those of dark protons along dark DNA. The same story applies to DNA-DDNA interactions.

All these terms give a contribution proportional to L and mean only a scaling of the parameter n_0 , whose order of magnitude remains the same and by the presence of the longitudinal dipole electric field can be positive.

2. Consider the contribution of the interactions of given DNA codon and DDNA codon with the non-nearest neighbors along DNA and dark DNA. These interactions can be regarded as dipole and higher multipole interactions since the total charges of the codon pair DNA + DDNA vanish. In the lowest order approximation dipole-dipole interactions depending on the distance r between dipoles like $1/r^3$.
3. Simple dimensional arguments give the general form of the dipole contributions. By dimensional considerations alone, the sum over dipole interaction energies for a given codon or nucleotide gives a contribution proportional to $1/L^2$. Summing over these contributions gives a total contribution proportional to $1/L$.

The dipole contribution is proportional to $(dn/dl)^2$, to the square of the dipole moments of a given nucleotide (codon). Since dipole moments are of the order eR , R the transversal scale of DNA+DDNA system, individual dipole-dipole interaction energy is proportional to e^2S

Therefore the Coulomb interaction energy would be of the general form

$$E = \frac{e^2L}{S}[-n^2 + n_0^2] + ke^2(dn/dl)^2 \frac{S}{L} .$$

where k is a numerical factor determined by the details of the model. Note that dark protons forming a dark variant of ordinary nucleus are expected to have also counterparts of strong interactions expected to be short ranged.

4. The minimization of energy would give

$$F = -\frac{dE}{DL} = \frac{e^2L}{S}[-n^2 + n_0^2] + ke^2(dn/dl)^2 \frac{S}{L} = 0 .$$

This gives for $L(n)$

$$L(n) = \frac{dn}{dl} S \sqrt{\frac{k}{-n^2 + n_0^2}} .$$

The condition that the argument of square root in non-negative, implies that one must have either $(k > 0, n < n_0)$ or $(k < 0, n > n_0)$. $n < n_0$ option seems to be the physical one.

5. $n < n_0$ requires $k > 0$ so that the dipole interaction energy is positive. For $n \rightarrow 0$ L approaches to

$$L(0) = \frac{dn}{dl} S \sqrt{\frac{k}{n_0^2}} .$$

$L(0)$ could correspond to the length for the coding part of DNA (no telomere is allowed). At the limit $n \rightarrow \infty$ $L(n)$ approaches infinite value and the length of the telomere becomes extremely sensitive to the value of n and n becomes an ideal control variable.

For $n > n_0$ one must have $k < 0$ meaning that the contribution of the dipole-dipole interactions to the total energy is negative. The stable DNA length shortens roughly like $L \propto 1/n$ as n increases: this does not conform with the intuitive picture.

6.3.4 Relation to TGD inspired theory of consciousness

Two remarks from the point of view of TGD inspired theory of consciousness based on ZEO are in order.

1. The proposal motivated by the properties of electromagnetic field tensor under time reflection T is that the direction of electric field flux should correlate with the arrow of time. One would expect that the change of the arrow of time requires the change of the direction of the electric field. Somehow the length of dark DNA should be reduced at the first end and increased at the opposite end.

Could the dark protons be added to or removed from the flux tube defining dark DNA to achieve this. Pollack effect [I2, I17] is in TGD framework indeed explained in terms of the transfer of ordinary protons to dark protons (with $h_{eff} = nh_0 > h$) at the dark magnetic flux tubes [L3] and has become basic element of the TGD inspired quantum biology.

The roles of DNA strands are expected to change in time reversal so that the active strand (the transcribed one) would become passive and *vice versa*. The gene expression would come however its time reversal: mRNA would be un-transcribed to mRNA codons by the formerly passive strand.

2. If one could change the roles of active and passive strands by changing the arrow of time - that is the direction of the longitudinal electric field of DNA - by changing the numbers of dark protons at the ends of DNA, one could have a dramatic demonstration for the key idea. An external electric field with direction opposite to that of DNA might allow achieving this. This would be like changing the direction of spontaneous magnetization by using an external magnetic field.

6.4 Tests for the TGD based model of DNA as ferroelectret

The standard physics view is that the possible ferroelectricity for DNA is due to the instantaneous polarization of codons A,T,C,G in external field which is proportional to electric field E if the polarization vanishes for $E = 0$. Ferroelectricity is analogous to spontaneous magnetism that there is electric field also for $E = 0$: this requires permanent electric dipole moments generated by small external field and left when the field is taken to zero.

In [I7] a model for the polarizability of nucleotides A,T,C, G is developed based on standard physics so that the external electric field would generate dipole moment for given nucleotide. What one hopes is model producing ferro-electric behavior. The model calculations give ferroelectric behavior and a square shaped hysteresis curve. In case of entire DNA each nucleotide would behave independently in inhomogeneous electric field with varying direction.

Also in [I22] the dipole moments are estimated for both bases and nucleotides, and the estimated dipole moments are in the range of 2-6 Debyes ($D = .02$ nm) that is $.04 - .12$ nm. TGD estimate for the electric field is about ne/S , $S = \pi R^2$ the effective area of the flux tube assignable to DNA + dark DNA.

The first thing to notice is that the flux would be along entire DNA, not only the telomere and the overhangs portions carry the charges creating the electric field along DNA. Electric flux flows along DNA. Telomere would be a kind of buffer against the evil world. Overhang/sticky ends could play a key role in control of the arrow of time for DNA. Similar mechanism would be at work at the level of entire body changing the direction of endogenous electric field and leading to wake-up to sleep or vice versa [J2, J4].

Suppose that the charges at the opposite ends of DNA are of opposite sign. An unnecessary strong assumption is that they are of the same magnitude. The dipole moment would be roughly

given by the difference $Q_1 - Q_2$ of the charges multiplied by the distance L between ends of the chromosome along the DNA strand. Note that the channeling of electric flux along DNA would be rely on TGD view about space allowing monopole flux tubes whose deformations carry also electric field.

The static electric field would be realized as a conserved electric flux flux along the entire DNA, not only telomere. The order of magnitude is 10 GV/m for $R = 1$ nm so that it would be rather strong. The strength of electric field is proportional to $1/R^2$ and R is expected to vary in the range 1 – 10 nm. Note that $L(151) = 10$ nm corresponds to the p-adic length scaled the thickness of the DNA coil and chromosome thickness.

The effective dipole moment per nucleotide would be $p \simeq ned \simeq n \times .3$ enm and quantized as multiples of n . The estimate is at most by a factor 2.2 – 7.5 larger than the estimates from the atomic contributions and would allow to select between the standard model and TGD based model.

6.4.1 Nanoscopic implications

What could be possible experimental consequences of the proposed electric field? Consider first the situation at the level of single DNA double strand.

1. The accelerated motion of a test charge along DNA could serve as a test for this option. One can consider both quantum motion without dissipation - perhaps along the dark DNA - and Ohmic current along the ordinary DNA. They would runs also in absence of external electric field unlike ordinary Ohmic currents.

These currents could be nanoscopic analogs of the DC currents observed by Becker in body scale and brain scale. If they are steady currents the current is conserved and must return so that a closed current loop is formed. The currents could be also pulselike taking surplus dark protons between ends of the chromosomes and changing the their roles. This would be quantum event associated with BSFR and could mean time reversal.

Electronic (not protonic) currents along DNA [I6] have been observed for single DNA strands in an external electric and it is found that the conductivity is surprisingly high. In the recent case conduction double strand property and sticky ends would be essential.

2. How could the current return in steady situation? This question must be answered also for Becker's current. Does the current flow as ohmic current along ordinary DNA and return back along the dark DNA as non-dissipative current? The proton current along DNA along electric field to negatively charged and dark protons would be accelerating: the quantum description would correspond to a particle in linear potential, which is standard quantum mechanical problem.

The larger the charge (the length of the sticky end), the stronger the current. Its magnitude would be quantized being proportional to the length and charge ne of the sticky end. The variation of sticky end length would vary the strength of the current.

The is evidence for proton AC current conduction in the DNA double strand-imidazole composite material under anhydrous conditions (no water) in the frequency range 4 Hz - 1 MHz [I12]. If the mechanism is the proposed one - probably not - the oscillatory current could correspond to occurrence of BSFRs changing the arrow of time with 2 BSFRs *per* each period of $T = 1/f$. This would predict the current to be $I = 2nef$, where $\pm ne$ are the charges at the ends of the double DNA strand.

6.4.2 How to test whether DNA double strand is ferroelectret?

Possible tests of the model are considered in the sequel.

1. *How to test whether DNA double strand is ferroelectret?*

1. The measurement of the possible longitudinal electric field of DNA and its correlation with the length of the telomer or of the sticky end would be an interesting expermental project. DNA exonuclease restriction enzyme allowing to cut pieces from the end of either DNA

strand could allow creation of desired length of unpaired portion of DNA. Also blunt ends could be created and the prediction is that there is no electric field in this case.

2. The telomere or the entire DNA would be like a dipole and would interact with external electric fields. One should be able to prepare a DNA sample as an electret so that DNAs would have the same dipole direction and this structure could be put in an electric field allowing to measure the dipole moment of DNA as a macroscopic motion in the field.

The external electric field would give rise to a torque acting on the entire DNA double strand. If nucleotides behave as independent dipoles as the standard physics based model suggests, this would not be the case and the dipole moments of the nucleotides would only turn in the direction of the external field.

3. One could also study whether and how the possible DNA dipole moment making sense for short enough DNA double strands is affected by the telomerase affecting the length of telomere. The first guess would be that is the length of the sticky end which is affected and that the length of the telomere correlates with this by stability conditions. Pyroelectricity and piezoelectricity and the use of external electric field produce ferroelectrets from various biological tissues [I8]. These methods applied to DNA crystals [I13, I3] could allow to test the hypothesis.

The measurement of the possible longitudinal electric field of chromosome or DNA double strand and its correlation with its length could serve as a futuristic bioelectric marker: this could be an experimental project. Currently, the measurement of telomere length by quantitative PCR is quite common and for a summary of critical factors and recommendations for assay design, interested readers may see [I11]. Also, a full description and protocol for examination of the telomere G-overhang structure in different plant, human and vertebrate models are available [I5, I9, I19, I20].

6.4.3 Could pyroelectricity, piezoelectricity, or the behavior in external electric fields be used to demonstrate that DNA has a longitudinal internal electric field

One can consider also the consequences at condensed matter level. Athensteadt has found [I8] that it is possible to make various tissues of vertebrates piezoelectric or pyroelectric.

Pyroelectric materials (see <https://cutt.ly/5d3gT8r>) are crystals in which the change of the temperature involving thermal energy flow induces a macroscopic electric polarization and therefore electric field making the material ferroelectric. In piezo-electric materials (<https://cutt.ly/cd3gJ4v>) mechanical stress induces a generation of polarization and macroscopic electric field. Also an external electric field can induce polarization producing a ferroelectret.

One can visualize the situation using a triangle having kinetic, electric, and thermal energies as corners. For piezoelectric materials the motion occurs along the edge connecting electric and mechanical energy. For pyroelectric materials the motion occurs along the edge connecting electric and thermal energy.

The proposal is that DNA double strand + dark DNA strand carries internal electric field is 1-D ferroelectric aperiodic crystal due to its inherent polarization. One cannot exclude the possibility that also single DNA strand + dark strand has this property. DNA should be *n vivo* state. DNA crystals [I13, I3] might allow to test the phenomenon. For instance, it is known that DNA suspended in liquid which is evaporated forms crystal (<https://cutt.ly/Hd3fvMW>). Could DNA crystals become ferroelectrets by heating or cooling or by applying a mechanical stress or an external electric field?

If this would occur, the interpretation would be that DNA strands become parallel and have parallel electric fields giving rise to ferroelectricity. In the positive case, one could test the hypothesis by using DNA preparations with different values of n for the number of overhang nucleotides: electric field in the ideal situation would be proportional to n if the area density of the parallel DNA strands is the same.

7 Mysteries related to gene expression and meiosis

The selection of the allele in gene expression and meiosis still involves mysteries.

1. In mitosis (<https://cutt.ly/3HZfSps>) the chromosome pair of DNA consisting of the chromosomes of parents of cell replicates. Each cell has both mother's and father's genes, which are homologous but not identical. Allele dominance means that in a given cell only either allele tends to be expressed (<https://cutt.ly/ZHJicsQ>). Whether mother's or father's allele dominates, depends on the cell. The origin of this dominance is not understood.
2. In meiosis (<https://cutt.ly/zHZfJV1>) occurring in the formation of gametes the chromosome pair is replaced with a single chromosome and the DNA strands effectively reconnect so that the new strand contains alleles from either parent, which seems to be selected randomly. If the random recombination occurs for both strand pairs, it is difficult to understand how the combination processes can be identical. The recombination process however take in a similar way for both DNA strands. Most naturally, the reconnection would occur only for the other pair of strands from parents. These strands could be the strands which are active in transcription. After this, this strand could serve as a template in DNA replication to form a DNA double strand.

Condensed matter physicists are discovering that the world of electrons at atomic level is governing by knotting and linking (<https://cutt.ly/mHVCrPC>). This picture is just what TGD predicts but applies to all systems, not only electrons, and in all scales from hadron physics to cosmology. Besides particle like entities there would be magnetic flux tubes connecting them to networks. This is completely new from the perspective of quantum field theory based description based on point-like particles.

Since 3-space is a surface in $M^4 \times CP_2$ is 3-D, flux tubes and string world sheets accompanying them are necessarily linked and knotted: this distinguishes TGD from string models. This implies braiding and makes possible topological quantum computation (TQC) like activities at fundamental level, in particular in living matter and especially at the DNA level.

Furthermore, since spacetime is a 4-D, string world sheets and flux tubes can reconnect in a topologically stable manner (in superstring models this is not possible). Reconnection becomes a fundamental aspect of the TGD inspired quantum biology. For instance, reconnection plays a central role in the TGD inspired view of a living system as a topological quantum computer [L62].

Reconnection also plays a key role in the recombination of DNA strands of father and mother chromosomes leading to the formation of gametes. In TGD it would be preceded by a reconnection at the level of dark DNA associated with magnetic flux tubes and occurring in cell divisions. The reconnected flux tubes representing gametes would serve as templates for the recombination of the ordinary DNA strands. This picture leads to surprisingly strong predictions concerning natural selection at cell level and the notion of sex.

7.1 Are DNA expression and the formation of gametes induced by dark gametes?

TGD suggests that the recombination of DNA is induced by a reconnection process at the level of dark DNA [L67]. The reconnection process for dark DNA strands of father and mother at the level of MB would induce the recombination process at the level of ordinary DNA strands. Second suggestion is that dark gametes formed in the replication of cells control the gene expression and induce allele dominance depending on cells. Further implication would be that cells have a well-defined sex. Perhaps even organelles and organs could have such.

1. The recombination process for DNA would be guided by a reconnection process for dark DNA at the magnetic flux tubes. Suppose that the pairs of dark DNA strands at the magnetic flux tubes reconnect to form a pair of strands in which the pieces of strands are mixed just like they are thought to do for ordinary DNA. One obtains for a given strand two outcomes with father \leftrightarrow mother symmetry realized for the corresponding pieces of the strands. The symmetry related pairs correspond to different sexes and if only the other strand is selected, the sex of the descendant is fixed.
2. Dark meiosis as a reconnection process at the level of dark DNA would occur before meiosis, naturally in the previous DNA replication since otherwise the cells would MBs with both sexes. This dark DNA would select from the paternal and material ordinary DNA strands

ordinary codons and fuse them to the ordinary DNA strand of the gamete. The process would rely on resonance mechanism [L28, L48, L57, L63]. This process could occur for both DNA strands or a single strand. It might be possible to test, which option is realized. The ordinary model has problems in understanding why the both strands suffer the same recombination: now this problem would not be encountered.

TGD view about genes involves the notion of dark DNA realized at the level of magnetic body (MB) and suggests a solution to the mystery of allele dominance.

1. The process leading to the DNA of gamete occurs at the level of dark DNA as reconnection. Two strands are formed by reconnection and yield two different gametes with opposite sex and related by father ↔ mother symmetry.
2. Could dark gametes at the level of MB form already in fertilization or considerably before the generation of gametes, say in previous cell replication? If dark gametes form in the fertilization, the ordinary gametes would be copies of these two dark gametes and there would be only two kinds of gametes and only two kinds of children, males and females. This is not certainly true.

If the dark gametes are formed later in the daughter cell, most naturally in cell replication, daughter cells can have different dark DNA producing different gametes as their copies. The members of dark gamete pair related by father ↔ mother symmetry would produce male and female kind gene expressions.

3. Only single gamete DNA can appear in a given gamete, which could be understood if only the second dark gamete DNA can be associated with a given cell. A pair of gametes could form in the cell replication and the members of the pair go to different daughter cells. Allele dominance would emerge after the first replication in which dark meiosis would occur for the first time.

One could say that ordinary mitosis involves dark meiosis leading to allele dominance in a given cell and ordinary meiosis takes place only later. There would male and female cells and one could say that fertilization occurs repeatedly in dark meiosis.

4. The resonance mechanism [L63] allows us to understand the allele dominance quantum mechanically. The dark DNA controls gene expression and is in energy resonance with ordinary DNA. Depending on the dark gene, the resonance selects either the allele of mother or of father.
5. If new dark gametes emerge at each cell division, there is a large number of descendants at the cell level. The survival of a cell with a given dark gamete implies that the ordinary gametes associated with it have a higher chance to participate in sexual reproduction. Only those dark gametes, for which the cells controlled by them survive and have produced ordinary gametes as their images, have a change to participate in sexual production, which is like the finals in Olympics. Evolution would be survival of the fittest already at the level of cells and selection would occur already at the level of cells.
6. The two dark gametes produced in the dark meiosis in cell replication and going to different cells in cell division are related by father ↔ mother symmetry and since XX chromosome pair characterizes female and XY chromosome pair male, sister and brother cells, which are mirror images of each other emerge and are associated with different cells. Therefore cells would have a well-defined sex!

This raises interesting questions. Could organelles and even organs tend to have same cellular sex so that also these could be said to have a well-defined sex? Could the battle between sexes start already at the cell level and possibly lead to extinction of the other sex? Could cells have sexual relationships like us and tend to pair? Could possible multi-cellular structures with a well-defined sex have this kind of relationships? What comes into mind are epithelial layers consisting of two cell layers and various binary structures in the body and brain.

7.2 Summary of the TGD based view of mitosis and meiosis

The above considerations boil down to the following overall view of mitosis and meiosis in the TGD framework.

Consider first ordinary mitosis and meiosis.

1. In the ordinary mitosis two copies of chromosomes are formed. After this cell divides. The same could happen for the dark chromosomes. But this would leave allele dominance a mystery.
2. Ordinary meiosis involves replication of chromosomes of soma cells with chromosomes of father and mother. This is followed by recombination of the chromosomes followed by cell division so that two germ cells are obtained. After that both daughter cells with recombinant genomes split to germ cells giving four germ cells.

The TGD view of meiosis would be different. Dark meiosis and ordinary meiosis need not occur simultaneously and dark meiosis could occur before the ordinary one in some earlier mitosis.

1. Dark DNA can suffer at some cell replication dark meiosis involving recombination of dark DNAs for both chromosomes. The resulting dark DNA strands go to separate cells. The dark parts of the DNA would be analogous to that of gametes which would be different for the two daughter cells.

Since dark DNA controls ordinary DNA, the dark gamete would by resonance mechanism select which allele dominates. One would have two kinds of cells with different allele dominances. One could say that the cells have different sex. This is a testable prediction.

2. If this replication occurs after some replication after the first replication, the dark gametes formed in the dark meiosis of different cells are different, and one can obtain a large number of different dark gametes. This number is not so large as for the ordinary meiosis since dark gametes do not change in the cell replications.
3. The dark gametes, which have formed by dark meiosis already in an earlier cell replication preceding meiosis, would determine the outcome of the recombination of ordinary DNA in the ordinary meiosis following dark meiosis after some cell replications. After this the dark gametes pair with ordinary DNA and give rise to an ordinary gamete.

7.3 Bioharmony, resonance mechanism, and emotions

TGD assigns to the genetic code a bioharmony [L28, L48, L57, L63] has a correlate for emotional states of moods.

1. The working hypothesis is that bioharmony dictates the frequency ratios of genes represent as triplets of dark photons exactly and that the frequency scale does not matter. Codons and genes would play the role of addresses in communications using dark $3N$ -photons as analogs of Bose-Einstein condensates. One would have $3N$ -resonance instead of ordinary (1-)resonance. For instance, gene expression would be guided by dark gametes and the dark gene would select by resonance mechanism the allele of either mother or father.
2. Just as the chords code for musical harmony and emotions, dark codons would code for bioharmony and serve as correlates for emotions at the molecular level. This gene expression would be responsible for emotional intelligence.
3. The 3-chords associated with the genetic code would correspond to a combination of a unique tetrahedral harmony and icosahedral harmony realized as Hamiltonian cycles.

There is a considerable number of icosahedral harmonies, which appear in 3 basic classes. Bioharmony is a fusion of tetrahedral harmony with 3 icosahedral harmonies of type Z_6 , Z_4 and Z_2 . The icosahedral harmony with Z_6 symmetry is unique and corresponds to 3 amino acids (AAs) coded by 6 codons and one AA coded by 2 codons. The two harmonies with Z_4 symmetry correspond to 5 AAs coded by 4 codons. Z_2 can correspond to π rotation or reflection and are coded by 10 codons in absence of symmetry breaking. The number of harmonies with Z_2 symmetry is considerably higher.

There are many open questions.

1. Could the possibly stable molecular bioharmonies correlate or even characterize the dark gametes and correlate with the sex of the cell. Could the molecular bioharmonies characterize genes or cells? Could the two Z_4 harmonies distinguish between the two sexes?
2. If bioharmonies correlate with emotions, one would expect that they can change. I have proposed a model [L21] explaining the strange finding that the RNA from conditioned neurons of a snail induce conditioning in the unconditioned neurons of second snail (<http://tinyurl.com/y92w39gs>). The molecular emotions crucial for the conditions would correlate with the bioharmony assignable to RNA.
3. How stable are the bioharmonies? How long lasting bioharmonies could be? Could they define cellular moods lasting for the entire life and basically determine the personality?
4. Could the change of bioharmony correlate with epigenetic change as suggested by resonance mechanism. A correlation between bioharmony and gene expression controlled by mechanisms like methylation is suggestive.

7.4 About the notion of sex?

Sex is determined by X and Y chromosomes. The females gametes have two X chromosomes and male gametes have both X and Y chromosome. The mixing of sex chromosomes would give two XX and two YX chromosomes and the selection would be determined the sex.

The ordinary cells have both mother and father chromosomes and allele dominance decides about the gene expression. If the proposed picture holds true, each cell division would generate new kinds of dark gametes dictating the gene expression. As far as gene expression is considered there would be a large collection of different descendants, which can have both sexes.

If only the second variant of the dark gamete appears in a given cell, each cell would have a well-defined sex. If organelle or even organ consist dominantly of cells of either kind, it could be said to have a well defined sex. The notion of sex would not boil down to a single bit. We would be composites of cell structures with different sexes and a collective of a large number of descendants. This would force us to give up the naive genetic determinism.

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