5 Witten's twistor string approach and TGD

The twistor Grassmann approach has led to a phenomenal progress in the understanding of the scattering amplitudes of gauge theories, in particular the $\mathcal{N}=4$ SUSY.

As a non-specialist I have been frustrated about the lack of concrete picture, which would help to see how twistorial amplitudes might generalize to TGD framework. A pleasant surprise in this respect was the proposal of a particle interpretation for the twistor amplitudes by Nima Arkani Hamed et al in the article "Unification of Residues and Grassmannian Dualities" [14] (see `http://arxiv.org/pdf/0912.4912.pdf`) // In this interpretation incoming particles correspond to spheres CP_1 so that n-particle state corresponds to $(CP_1)^n/Gl(2)$ (the modding by $Gl(2)$ might be seen as a kind of formal generalization of particle identity by replacing permutation group S_2 with $Gl(2)$ of 2×2 matrices). If the number of "wrong" helicities in twistor diagram is k, this space is imbedded to $CP^n_{k-1}/Gl(k)$ as a surface having degree $k-1$ using Veronese map to achieve the imbedding. The imbedding space can be identified as Grassmannian $G(k,n)$. This surface defines the locus of the multiple residue integral defining the twistorial amplitude.

The particle interpretation brings in mind the extension of single particle configuration space E^3 to its Cartesian power E^{3n}/S_n for n-particle system in wave mechanics. This description could make sense when point-like particle is replaced with 3-surface or partonic 2-surface: one would have Cartesian product of WCWs divided my S_n. The generalization might be an excellent idea as far calculations are considered but is not in spirit with the very idea of string models and TGD that many-particle states correspond to unions of 3-surfaces in H (or light-like boundaries of causal diamond (CD) in Zero Energy Ontology (ZEO).

Witten's twistor string theory [22] is more in spirit with TGD at fundamental level since it is based on the identification of generalization of vertices as 2-surfaces in twistor space.

1. There are several kinds of twistors involved. For massless external particles in eigenstates of momentum and helicity null twistors code the momentum and helicity and are pairs of 2-spinor and its conjugate. More general momenta correspond to two independent 2-spinors.

   One can perform twistor Fourier transform for the conjugate 2-spinor to obtain twistors coding for the points of compactified Minkowski space. Wave functions in this twistor space characterized by massless momentum and helicity appear in the construction of twistor amplitudes. BCFW recursion relation [21] allows to construct more complex amplitudes assuming that intermediate states are on mass shells massless states with complex momenta.

   One can perform twistor Fourier transformation (there are some technical problems in Minkowski signature) also for the second 2-spinor to get what are called momentum twistors providing in some aspects simpler description of twistor amplitudes. These code for the four-momenta propagating between vertices at which the incoming particles arrive and the differences if two subsequent momenta are equal to massless external momenta.

2. In Witten's theory the interactions of incoming particles correspond to amplitudes in which the twistors appearing as arguments of the twistor space wave functions characterized by momentum and helicity are localized to complex curves X^2 of twistor space CP_3 or its Minkowskian counterpart. This can be seen as a non-local twistor space variant of local interactions in Minkowski space.

   The surfaces X^2 are characterized by their degree d (of the polynomial of complex coordinates defining the algebraic 2-surface) the genus g of the algebraic surface, by the number k of "wrong" (helicity violating) helicities, and by the number of loops of corresponding diagram of SUSY amplitude: one has $d=k-1+l$, $g\leq l$. The interaction vertex in twistor space is not anymore completely local but the n particles are at points of the twistorial surface X^2.

In the following a proposal generalizing Witten's approach to TGD is discussed.

1. The fundamental challenge is the generalization of the notion of twistor associated with massless particle to 8-D context, first for $M^4 = M^4\times E^4$ and then for $H=M^4\times CP_2$. The notion of twistor

space solves this question at geometric level. As far as construction of the TGD variant of Witten's twistor string is considered, this might be quite enough.

2. $M^8 - H$ duality and quantum-classical correspondence however suggest that M^8 twistors might allow tangent space description of four-momentum, spin, color quantum numbers and electroweak numbers and that this is needed. What comes in mind is the identification of fermion lines as light-like geodesics possessing M^8 valued 8-momentum, which would define the long sought gravitational counterparts of four-momentum and color quantum numbers at classical point-particle level. The M^8 part of this four-momentum would be equal to that associated with imbedding space spinor mode characterizing the ground state of super-conformal representation for fundamental fermion.

   Hence one might also think of starting from the 4-D condition relating Minkowski coordinates to twistors and looking what it could mean in the case of M^8. The generalization is indeed possible in $M^8 = M^4 \times E^4$ by its flatness if one replaces gamma matrices with octonionic gamma matrices.

   In the case of $M^4 \times CP_2$ situation is different since for octonionic gamma matrices $SO(1,7)$ is replaced with G_2, and the induced gauge fields have different holonomy structure than for ordinary gamma matrices and octonionic sigma matrides appearing as charge matrices bring in also an additional source of non-associativity. Certainly the notion of the twistor Fourier transform fails since CP_2 Dirac operator cannot be algebraized.

   Algebraic twistorialization however works for the light-like fermion lines at which the ordinary and octonionic representations for the induced Dirac operator are equivalent. One can indeed assign 8-D counterpart of twistor to the particle classically as a representation of light-like hyper-octonionic four-momentum having massive M^4 and CP_2 projections and CP_2 part perhaps having interpretation in terms of classical tangent space representation for color and electroweak quantum numbers at fermionic lines.

   If all induced electroweak gauge fields - rather than only charged ones as assumed hitherto - vanish at string world sheets, the octonionic representation is equivalent with the ordinary one. The CP_2 projection of string world sheet should be 1-dimensional: inside CP_2 type vacuum extremals this is impossible, and one could even consider the possibility that the projection corresponds to CP_2 geodesic circle. This would be enormous technical simplification. What is important that this would not prevent obtaining non-trivial scattering amplitudes at elementary particle level since vertices would correspond to re-arrangement of fermion lines between the generalized lines of Feynman diagram meeting at the vertices (partonic 2-surfaces).

3. In the fermionic sector one is forced to reconsider the notion of the induced spinor field. The modes of the imbedding space spinor field should co-incide in some region of the space-time surface with those of the induced spinor fields. The light-like fermionic lines defined by the boundaries of string world sheets or their ends are the obvious candidates in this respect. String world sheets is perhaps too much to require.

   The only reasonable identification of string world sheet gamma matrices is as induced gamma matrices and super-conformal symmetry requires that the action contains string world sheet area as an additional term just as in string models. String tension would correspond to gravitational constant and its value - that is ratio to the CP_2 radius squared, would be fixed by quantum criticality.

4. The generalization of the Witten's geometric construction of scattering amplitudes relying on the induction of the twistor structure of the imbedding space to that associated with space-time surface looks surprisingly straight-forward and would provide more precise formulation of the notion of generalized Feynman diagrams forcing to correct some wrong details. One of the nice outcomes is that the genus appearing in Witten's formulation naturally corresponds to family replication in TGD framework.

5.1 Basic ideas about twistorialization of TGD

The recent advances in understanding of TGD motive the attempt to look again for how twistor amplitudes could be realized in TGD framework. There have been several highly non-trivial steps of progress leading to a new more profound understanding of basic TGD.

1. $M^4 \times CP_2$ is twistorially unique [39] in the sense that its factors are the only 4-D geometries allowing twistor space with Kähler structure (M^4 corresponds to S^4 in Euclidian signature) [3]. The twistor spaces in question are CP_3 for S^4 and its Minkowskian variant for M^4 (I will use P^3 as short hand for both twistor spaces) and the flag manifold $F = SU(3)/U(1) \times U(1)$ parametrizing the choices of quantization axes for color group $SU(3)$ in the case of CP_2. Recall that twistor spaces are S^2 bundles over the base space and that all orientable four-manifolds have twistor space in this sense. Note that space-time surfaces allow always almost quaternionic structure and that that preferred extremals are suggested to be quaternionic [39].

2. The light-likeness condition for twistors in M^4 is fundamental in the ordinary twistor approach. In 8-D context light-likeness holds in generalized sense for the spinor harmonics of H: the square of the Dirac operator annihilates spinor modes. In the case M^8 one can indeed define twistors by generalizing the standard approach by replacing ordinary gamma matrices with octonionic ones [38, **?**]. For H octonionic and ordinary gamma matrices are equivalent at the fermionic lines defined by the light-like boundaries of string world sheets and at string world sheets if they carry vanishing induced electro-weak gauge fields that is have 1-D CP_2 projection.

3. Twistor spaces emerge in TGD framework as lifts of space-time surfaces to corresponding twistor spaces realized as 6-surfaces in the lift of $M^4 \times CP_2$ to $T(H) = P^3 \times F$ having as base spaces space-time surfaces. This implies that that generalized Feynman diagrams and also generalized twistor diagrams can be lifted to diagrams in T and that the construction of twistor spaces as surfaces of T has very concrete particle interpretation.

   The modes of the imbedding space spinor field defining ground states of the extended conformal algebras for which classical conformal charges vanish at the ends of the space-time surface (this defines gauge conditions realizing strong form of holography [40]) are lifted to the products of modes of spinor fields in $T(H)$ characterized by four-momentum and helicity in M^4 degrees of freedom and by color quantum numbers and electroweak quantum numbers in F degrees of freedom. Thus twistorialization provides a purely geometric representation of spin and electro-weak spin and it seems that twistorialization allows to a formulation without H-spinors.

   What is especially nice, that twistorialization extends to from spin to include also electroweak spin. These two spins correspond correspond to M^4 and CP_2 helicities for the twistor space amplitude, and are non-local properties of these amplitudes. In TGD framework only twistor amplitudes for which helicities correspond to that for massless fermion and antifermion are possible and by fermion number conservation the numbers of positive and negative helicities are identical and equal to the fermion number (or antifermion number). Separate lepton and baryon number conservation realizing 8-D chiral symmetry implies that M^4 and CP_2 helicities are completely correlated.

   For massless fermions in M^4 sense helicity is opposite for fermion and antifermion and conserved. The contributions of initial and final states to k are same and equal to $k_i = k_f = 2(n(F) - n(\overline{F})$. This means restriction to amplitudes with $k = 2(n(F) - n(\overline{F})$. If fermions are massless only in M^8 sense, chirality mixing occurs and this rule does not hold anymore. This holds true in quark and lepton sector separately.

4. All generalized Feynman graphs defined in terms of Euclidian regions of space-time surface are lifted to twistor spaces [27]. Incoming particles correspond quantum mechanically to twistor space amplitudes defined by their momenta and helicities and and classically to the entire twistor space of space-time surface as a surface in the twistor space of H. Of course, also the Minkowskian

regions have this lift. The vertices of Feynman diagrams correspond to regions of twistor space in which the incoming twistor spaces meet along their 5-D ends having also S^2 bundle structure over space-like 3-surfaces. These space-like 3-surfaces correspond to ends of Euclidian and Minkowskian space-time regions separated from each other by light-like 3-surfaces at which the signature of the metric changes from Minkowskian to Euclidian. These "partonic orbits" have as their ends 2-D partonic surfaces. By strong form of General Coordinate Invariance implying strong of holography, these 2-D partonic surfaces and their 4-D tangent space data should code for quantum physics. Their lifts to twistor space are 4-D S^2 bundles having partonic 2-surface X^2 as base.

5. The well-definedness of em charge for the spinor modes demands that they are localized at 2-D string world sheets [40] and also these world sheets are lifted to sub-spaces of twistor space of space-time surface. If one demands that octonionic Dirac operator makes sense at string world sheets, they must carry vanishing induced electro-weak gauge fields and string world sheets could be minimal surfaces in $M^4 \times S^1$, $S^1 \subset CP_2$ a geodesic circle.

   The boundaries of string world sheets at partonic orbits define light-like curves identifiable as carriers of fermion number and they define the analogs of lines of Feynman diagrams in ordinary sense. The only purely fermionic vertices are 2-fermion vertices at the partonic 2-surfaces at which the end of space-time surface meet. As already explained, the string world sheets can be seen as correlates for the correlations between fermion vertices at different wormhole throats giving rise to the counterpart of bosonic propagator in quantum field theories.

   The localization of spinor fields to 2-D string world sheets corresponds to the localization of twistor amplitudes to their 4-D lifts, which are S^2 bundles and the boundaries of string world sheets are lifted to 3-D twistorial lifts of fermion lines. Clearly, the localization of spinors to string world sheets would be absolutely essential for the emergence of twistor description.

6. All elementary particles are many particle bound states of massless fundamental fermions: the non-collinearity (and possible complex character) of massless momenta explains massivation. The fundamental fermions are localized at wormhole throats defining the light-like orbits of partonic 2-surfaces. Throats are associated with wormhole contacts connecting two space-time sheets. Stability of the contact is guaranteed by non-vanishing monopole magnetic flux through it and this requires the presence of second wormhole contact so that a closed magnetic flux tube carrying monopole flux and involving the two space-time sheets is formed. The net fermionic quantum numbers of the second throat correspond to particle's quantum numbers and above weak scale the weak isospins of the throats sum up to zero.

7. Fermionic 2-vertex is the only *local* many-fermion vertex [27] being analogous to a mass insertion. The non-triviality of fundamental 4-fermion vertex is due to classical interactions between fermions at opposite throats of worm-hole. The non-triviality of the theory involves also the analog of OZI mechanism: the fermionic lines inside partonic orbits are redistributed in vertices. Lines can also turn around in time direction which corresponds to creation or annihilation of a pair. 3-particle vertices are obtained only in topological sense as 3 space-time surfaces are glued together at their ends. The interaction between fermions at different wormhole throats is described in terms of string world sheets.

8. The earlier proposal was that the fermions in the internal fermion lines are massless in M^4 sense but have non-physical helicity so that the algebraic M^4 Dirac operator emerging from the residue integration over internal four-momentum does not annihilate the state at the end of the propagator line. Now the algebraic induced Dirac operator defines the propagator at fermion lines. Should one assume generalization of non-physical helicity also now?

9. All this stuff must be lifted to twistorial level and one expects that the lift to S^2 bundle allows an alternative description of fermions and spinor structure so that one can speak of induced twistor

structure instead of induced spinor structure. This approach allows also a realization of M^4 conformal symmetries in terms of globally well-defined linear transformations so that it might be that twistorialization is not a mere reformulation but provides a profound unification of bosonic and fermionic degrees of freedom.

5.2 The emergence of the fundamental 4-fermion vertex and of boson exchanges

The emergence of the fundamental 4-fermion vertex and of boson exchanges deserves a more detailed discussion.

1. I have proposed that the discontinuity of the Dirac operator at partonic two-surface (corner of fermion line) defines both the fermion boson vertex and TGD analog of mass insertion (not scalar but imbedding space vector) giving rise to mass parameter having interpretation as Higgs vacuum expectation and various fermionic mixing parameters at QFT limit of TGD obtained by approximating many-sheeted space-time of TGD with the single sheeted region of M^4 such that gravitational field and gauge potentials are obtained as sums of those associated with the sheets.

2. Non-trivial scattering requires also correlations between fermions at different partonic 2-surfaces. Both partonic 2-surfaces and string world sheets are needed to describe these correlations. Therefore the string world sheets and partonic 2-surfaces cannot be dual: both are needed and this means deviation from Witten's theory. Fermion vertex corresponds to a "corner" of a fermion line at partonic 2-surface at which generalized 4-D lines of Feynman diagram meet and light-like fermion line changes to space-like one. String world sheet with its corners at partonic 2-surfaces (wormhole throats) describes the momentum exchange between fermions. The space-like string curve connecting two wormhole throats serves as the analog of the exchanged gauge boson.

3. Two kinds of 4-fermion amplitudes can be considered depending on whether the string connects throats of single wormhole contact (CP_2 scale) or of two wormhole contacts (p-adic length scale - typically of order elementary particle Compton length). If string worlds sheets have 1-D CP_2 projection, only Minkowskian string world sheets are possible. The exchange in Compton scale should be assignable to the TGD counterpart of gauge boson exchange and the fundamental 4-fermion amplitude should correspond to single wormhole contact: string need not to be involved now. Interaction is basically classical interaction assignable to single wormhole contact generalizing the point like vertex.

4. The possible TGD counterparts of BCFW recursion relations [21] should use the twistorial representations of fundamental 4-fermion scattering amplitude as seeds. Yangian invariance poses very strong conditions on the form of these amplitudes and the exchange of massless bosons is suggestive for the general form of amplitude.

   The 4-fermion amplitude assignable to two wormhole throats defines the analog of gauge boson exchange and is expressible as fusion of two fundamental 4-fermion amplitudes such that the 8-momenta assignable to the fermion and anti-fermion at the opposite throats of exchanged wormhole contact are complex by BCFW shift acting on them to make the exchanged momenta massless but complex. This entity could be called fundamental boson (not elementary particle).

5. Can one assume that the fundamental 4-fermion amplitude allows a purely formal composition to a product of $F\overline{F}B_v$ amplitudes, B_v a purely fictive boson? Two 8-momenta at both $F\overline{F}B_v$ vertices must be complex so that at least two external fermionic momenta must be complex. These external momenta are naturally associated with the throats of the a wormhole contact defining virtual fundamental boson. Rather remarkably, without the assumption about product representation one would have general four-fermion vertex rather than boson exchange. Hence gauge theory structure is not put in by hand but emerges.

5.3 What about SUSY in TGD?

Extended super-conformal symmetry is crucial for TGD and extends to quaternion-super-conformal symmetry giving excellent hopes about calculability of the theory. $\mathcal{N} = 4$ space-time supersymmetry is in the key role in the approach of Witten and others.

In TGD framework space-time SUSY could be present as an approximate symmetry.

1. The many fermion states at partonic surfaces are created by oscillator operators of fermionic Clifford algebra having also interpretation as a supersymmetric algebra but in principle having $\mathcal{N} = \infty$. This SUSY is broken since the generators of SUSY carry four-momentum.

2. More concrete picture would be that various SUSY multiplets correspond to collinear many-fermion states at the same wormhole throat. By fermionic statistics only the collinear states for which internal quantum numbers are different are realized: other states should have antisymmetric wave function in spatial degrees of freedom implying wiggling in CP_2 scale so that the mass of the state would be very high. In both quark and lepton sectors one would have $\mathcal{N} = 4$ SUSY so that one would have the analog $\mathcal{N} = \forall$ SUSY (color is not spin-like quantum number in TGD).

   At the level of diagrammatics single line would be replaced with "line bundle" representing the fermions making the many-fermion state at the light-like orbit of the partonic 2-surface. The fusion of neighboring collinear multifermion stats in the twistor diagrams could correspond to the process in which partonic 2-surfaces and single and many-fermion states fuse.

3. Right handed neutrino modes, which are not covariantly constant, are also localized at the fermionic lines and defines the least broken $\mathcal{N} = 2$ SUSY. The covariantly constant mode seems to be a pure gauge degree of freedom since it carriers no quantum numbers and the SUSY norm associated with it vanishes. The breaking would be smallest for $\mathcal{N} = 2$ variant assignable to right-handed neutrino having no weak and color interactions with other particles but whose mixing with left-handed neutrino already induces SUSY breaking.

Why this SUSY has not been observed? One can consider two scenarios [42].

1. The first scenario relies on the absence of weak and color interactions: one can argue that the bound states of fermions with right-handed neutrino are highly unstable since only gravitational interaction so that sparticle decays very rapidly to particle and right-handed or left-handed neutrino. By Uncertainty Principle this makes sparticle very massive, maybe having mass of order CP_2 mass. Neutrino mixing caused by the mixing of M^4 and CP_2 gamma matrices in induced gamma matrices is the weak point of this argument.

2. The mixing of left and right-handed neutrinos could be characterized by the p-adic mass scale of neutrinos and be long. Sparticles would have same p-adic mass scale as particles and would be dark having non-standard value of Planck constant $h_{eff} = n \times h$: this would scale up the lifetime by factor n and correlate with breaking of conformal symmetry assignable to the mixing [42].

What implications the approximate SUSY would have for scattering amplitudes?

1. $k = 2(n(F) - n(\overline{F})$ condition reduces the number of amplitudes dramatically if the fermions are massless in M^4 sense but the presence of weak iso-spin implies that the number of amplitudes is 2^n as in non-supersymmetric gauge theories. One however expects broken SUSY with generators consisting of fermionic oscillator operators at partonic 2-surfaces with symmetry breaking taking place only at the level of physical particles identifiable as many particle bound states of massless (in 8-D sense) particles. This motivates the guess that the formal $F\overline{F}B_v$ amplitudes defining fundamental 4-fermion vertex are expressible as those associated with $\mathcal{N} = 4$ SUSY in quark and lepton sectors respectively. This would reduce the number of independent amplitudes to just one.

2. Since SUSY and its breaking emerge automatically in TGD framework, super-space can provide a useful technical tool but is not fundamental.

   Side note: The number of external fermions is always even suggesting that the super-conformal anomalies plaguing the amplitudes with odd n (`http://arxiv.org/pdf/0903.2083v3.pdf`) [18] are absent. //

5.4 What does one really mean with the induction of imbedding space spinors?

The induction of spinor structure is a central notion of TGD but its detailed definition has remained somewhat obscure. The attempt to generalize Witten's approach has made it clear that the mere restriction of spinor fields to space-time surfaces is not enough and that one must understand in detail the correspondence between the modes of imbedding space spinor fields and those of induced spinor fields.

Even the identification of space-time gamma matrices is far from obvious at string world sheets.

1. The simplest notion of the space-time gamma matrices is as projections of imbedding space gamma matrices to the space-time surface - induced gamma matrices. If one assumes that induced spinor fields are defined at the entire space-time surfaces, this notion fails to be consistent with fermionic super-conformal symmetry unless one replaces Kähler action by space-time volume. This option is certainly unphysical.

2. The notion of Kähler-Dirac matrices in the interior of space as gamma matrices defined as contractions of canonical momentum densities of Kähler with imbedding space gamma matrices allows to have conformal super-symmetry with fermionic super charges assignable to the modes of the induced spinor field. Also Chern-Simons action could define gamma matrices in the same manner at the light-like 3-surfaces between Minkowskian and Euclidian space-time regions and at space-like 3-surfaces at the ends of space-time surface. Chern-Simons-Dirac matrices would involve only CP_2 gamma matrices.

It is however not at all clear whether the spinor fields in the interior of space-time surface are needed at all in the twistorial approach and they seems to be only an un-necessary complication. For instance, their modes would have well-defined electromagnetic charge only when induced W gauge fields vanish, which implies that CP_2 projection is 2-dimensional. This forces to consider the possibility that induced spinor fields reside at string world sheets only.

What about the space-time gamma matrices at string world sheets and their boundaries?

1. The first option would be reduction of Kähler-Dirac gamma matrices by requiring that they are parallel to the string world sheets. This however poses additional conditions besides the vanishing of W fields already restricting the dimension to two in the generic case. The conditions state that the imbedding space 1-forms defined by the canonical momentum densities of Kähler action involve only 2 linearly independent ones and that they are proportional to imbedding space coordinate gradients: this gives Frobenius conditions. These conditions look first too strong but one can also think that one fixes first string world sheets, partonic 2-surfaces, and perhaps also their light-like orbits, requires that the normal components of canonical momentum currents at string world sheets vanish, and deduces space-time surface from this data. This would be nothing but strong form of holography!

   For this option the string world sheets could emerge in the sense that it would be possible to express Kähler action as an area of string world sheet in the effective metric defined by the anticommutator of K-D gamma matrices appearing also in the expressions for the matrix elements of WCW metric. Gravitational constant would be a prediction of the theory.

2. Second possibility is to use induced gamma matrices automatically parallel to the string world sheet so that no additional conditions would result. This would also conform with the ordinary view about string world sheets and spinors.

   Supersymmetry would require the addition of the area of string world sheet to the action defining Kähler function in Euclidian regions and its counterpart in Minkowskian regions. This would bring in gravitational constant, which otherwise remains a prediction. Quantum criticality could fix the ratio of $\hbar G/R^2$ (R is CP_2 radius). The vanishing of induced weak gauge fields requires that string world sheets have 1-D CP_2 projection and are thus restricted to Minkowskian regions with at most 3-D CP_2 projection. Even stronger condition would be that string world sheets are minimal surfaces in $M^4 \times S^1$, S^1 a geodesic sphere of CP_2.

   There are however grave objections. The presence of a dimensional parameter G as fundamental coupling parameter does not encourage hopes about the renomalizibility of the theory. The idea that strings connecting partonic 2-surfaces gives rise to the formation of gravitationally bound states is suggested by AdS/CFT correspondence. The problem is that the string tension defined by gravitational constant is so large that only Planck length sized bound states are feasible. Even the replacement $\hbar \rightarrow \hbar_{eff}$ fails to allow gravitationally bound states with length scale of order Schwartschild radius. For the K-D option the string tension behaves like $1/\hbar^2$ and there are no problems in this respect.

At this moment my feeling is that the first option - essentially the original view - is the correct one. The short belief that the second option is the correct choice was a sidetrack, which however helped to become convinced that the original vision is indeed correct, and to understand the general mechanism for the formation of bound states in terms of strings connection partonic 2-surfaces (in the earlier picture I talked about magnetic flux tubes carrying monopole flux: the views are equivalent).

Both options have the following nice features.

1. Induced gammas at the light-like string boundaries would be light-like. Massless Dirac equation would assign to spinors at these lines a light-like space-time four-momentum and twistorialize it. This four-momentum would be essentially the tangent vector of the light-like curve and would not have a constant direction. Light-likeness for it means light-likeness in 8-D sense since light-like curves in H correspond to non-like momenta in M^4. Both M^4 mass squared and CP_2 mass would be conserved. Even four-momentum could be conserved if M^4 projection of stringy curve is geodesic line of M^4.

2. A new connection with Equivalence Principle (EP) would emerge. One could interpret the induced four-momentum as gravitational four-momentum which would be massless in 4-D sense and correspond to inertial 8-momentum. EP wold state in the weakest form that only the M^4 masses associated with the two momenta are identical. Stronger condition would be that that the Minkowski parts of the two momenta co-incide at the ends of fermion lines at partonic 2-surfaces. Even stronger condition is that the 8-momentum is 8-momentum is conserved along fermion line. This is certainly consistent with the ordinary view about Feynman graphs. This is guaranteed if the light-like curve is light-like geodesic of imbedding space.

The induction of spinor fields has also remained somewhat imprecise notion. It how seems that quantum-classical correspondence forces a unique picture.

1. Does the induced spinor field co-incide with imbedding space spinor harmonic in some domain? This domain would certainly include the ends of fermionic lines at partonic 2-surfaces associated with the incoming particles and vertices. Could it include also the boundaries of string world sheets and perhaps also the string world sheets? The Kähler-Dirac equation certainly does not allow this for entire space-time surface.

2. Strong form of holography suggest that the light-like momenta for the Dirac equation at the ends of light-like string boundaries has interpretation as 8-D light-like momentum has M^4 projection equal to that of H spinor-harmonic. The mass squared of M^4 momentum would be same as the CP_2 momentum squared in both senses. Unless the gravitational four-momentum assignable to the induced Dirac operato r is conserved one cannot pose stronger condition.

3. If the induced spinor mode equals to imbedding space-spinor mode also at fermion line, the light like momentum is conserved. The fermion line would be also light-like geodesic of the imbedding space so that twistor polygons would have very concrete interpretation. This condition would be clearly analogous to the conditions in Witten's twistor string theory. A stronger condition would be that the mode of the imbedding space spinor field co-incides with induced spinor field at the string world sheet.

4. p-Adic mass calculations require that the massive excitations of imbedding space spinor fields with CP_2 mass scale are involved. The thermodynamics could be for fermion line, wormhole throat carrying possible several fermions, or wormhole contact carrying fermion at both throats. In the case of fermions physical intuition suggests that p-adic thermodynamics must be associated with single fermionic line. The massive excitations would correspond to light-like geodesics of the imbedding space.

To minimize confusion I must confess that until recently I have considered a different options for the momenta associated with fermionic lines.

1. The action of the Kähler-Dirac operator on the induced spinor field at the fermionic line equals to that of 4-D Dirac operator $p^k\gamma_k$ for a massless momentum identified as M^4 momentum [27].

   Now the action reduces to that of 8-D massless algebraic Dirac operator for light-like string boundaries in the case of induced gamma matrices. Explicit calculation shows that in case of K-D gamma matrices and for light-like string boundaries it can happen that the 8-momentum of the mode can be tachyonic. Intriguingly, p-adic mass calculations require a tachyonic ground state?

2. For this option the helicities for virtual fermions were assumed to be non-physical in order to get non-vanishing fermion lines by residue integration: momentum integration for Dirac operator would replace Dirac propagators with Dirac operators. This would be the counterpart for the disappearance of bosonic propagators in residue integration.

3. This option has problems: quantum classical correspondence is not realized satisfactorily and the interpretation of p-adic thermodynamics is problematic.

5.5 About the twistorial description of light-likeness in 8-D sense using octonionic spinors

The twistor approach to TGD [39] require that the expression of light-likeness of M^4 momenta in terms of twistors generalizes to 8-D case. The light-likeness condition for twistors states that the 2×2 matrix representing M^4 momentum annihilates a 2-spinor defining the second half of the twistor. The determinant of the matrix reduces to momentum squared and its vanishing implies the light-likeness. This should be generalized to a situation in one has M^4 and CP_2 twistor which are not light-like separately but light-likeness in 8-D sense holds true.

5.5.1 The case of $M^8 = M^4 \times E^4$

$M^8 - H$ duality [38] suggests that it might be useful to consider first the twistorialiation of 8-D light-likeness first the simpler case of M^8 for which CP_2 corresponds to E^4. It turns out that octonionic representation of gamma matrices provide the most promising formulation.

In order to obtain quadratic dispersion relation, one must have 2×2 matrix unless the determinant for the 4×4 matrix reduces to the square of the generalized light-likeness condition.

1. The first approach relies on the observation that the 2×2 matrices characterizing four-momenta can be regarded as hyper-quaternions with imaginary units multiplied by a commuting imaginary unit. Why not identify space-like sigma matrices with hyper-octonion units?

2. The square of hyper-octonionic norm would be defined as the determinant of 4×4 matrix and reduce to the square of hyper-octonionic momentum. The light-likeness for pairs formed by M^4 and E^4 momenta would make sense.

3. One can generalize the sigma matrices representing hyper-quaternion units so that they become the 8 hyper-octonion units. Hyper-octonionic representation of gamma matrices exists ($\gamma_0 = \sigma_z \times 1$, $\gamma_k = \sigma_y \times I_k$) but the octonionic sigma matrices represented by octonions span the Lie algebra of G_2 rather than that of $SO(1,7)$. This dramatically modifies the physical picture and brings in also an additional source of non-associativity. Fortunately, the flatness of M^8 saves the situation.

4. One obtains the square of $p^2 = 0$ condition from the massless octonionic Dirac equation as vanishing of the determinant much like in the 4-D case. Since the spinor connection is flat for M^8 the hyper-octonionic generalization indeed works.

This is not the only possibility that I have by-passingly considered [27].

1. Is it enough to allow the four-momentum to be complex? One would still have 2×2 matrix and vanishing of complex momentum squared meaning that the squares of real and imaginary parts are same (light-likeness in 8-D sense) and that real and imaginary parts are orthogonal to each other. Could E^4 momentum correspond to the imaginary part of four-momentum?

2. The signature causes the first problem: M^8 must be replaced with complexified Minkowski space M^4_c for to make sense but this is not an attractive idea although M^4_c appears as sub-space of complexified octonions.

3. For the extremals of Kähler action Euclidian regions (wormhole contacts identifiable as deformations of CP_2 type vacuum extremals) give imaginary contribution to the four-momentum. Massless complex momenta and also color quantum numbers appear also in the standard twistor approach. Also this suggest that complexification occurs also in 8-D situation and is not the solution of the problem.

5.5.2 The case of $M^8 = M^4 \times CP_2$

What about twistorialization in the case of $M^4 \times CP_2$? The introduction of wave functions in the twistor space of CP_2 seems to be enough to generalize Witten's construction to TGD framework and that algebraic variant of twistors might be needed only to realize quantum classical correspondence. It should correspond to tangent space counterpart of the induced twistor structure of space-time surface, which should reduce effectively to 4-D one by quaternionicity of the space-time surface.

1. For $H = M^4 \times CP_2$ the spinor connection of CP_2 is not trivial and the G_2 sigma matrices are proportional to M^4 sigma matrices and act in the normal space of CP_2 and to M^4 parts of octonionic imbedding space spinors, which brings in mind co-associativity. The octonionic charge matrices are also an additional potential source of non-associativity even when one has associativity for gamma matrices.

   Therefore the octonionic representation of gamma matrices in entire H cannot be physical. It is however equivalent with ordinary one at the boundaries of string world sheets, where induced gauge fields vanish. Gauge potentials are in general non-vanishing but can be gauge transformed away. Here one must be of course cautious since it can happen that gauge fields vanish but gauge potentials cannot be gauge transformed to zero globally: topological quantum field theories represent basic example of this.

2. Clearly, the vanishing of the induced gauge fields is needed to obtain equivalence with ordinary induced Dirac equation. Therefore also string world sheets in Minkowskian regions should have 1-D CP_2 projection rather than only having vanishing W fields if one requires that octonionic representation is equivalent with the ordinary one. For CP_2 type vacuum extremals electroweak charge matrices correspond to quaternions, and one might hope that one can avoid problems due to non-associativity in the octonionic Dirac equation. Unless this is the case, one must assume that string world sheets are restricted to Minkowskian regions. Also imbedding space spinors can be regarded as octonionic (possibly quaternionic or co-quaternionic at space-time surfaces): this might force vanishing 1-D CP_2 projection.

   (a) Induced spinor fields would be localized at 2-surfaces at which they have no interaction with weak gauge fields: of course, also this is an interaction albeit very implicit one! This would not prevent the construction of non-trivial electroweak scattering amplitudes since boson emission vertices are essentially due to re-groupings of fermions and based on topology change.

   (b) One could even consider the possibility that the projection of string world sheet to CP_2 corresponds to CP_2 geodesic circle so that one could assign light-like 8-momentum to entire string world sheet, which would be minimal surface in $M^4 \times S^1$. This would mean enormous technical simplification in the structure of the theory. Whether the spinor harmonics of imbedding space with well-defined M^4 and color quantum numbers can co-incide with the solutions of the induced Dirac operator at string world sheets defined by minimal surfaces remains an open problem.

   (c) String world sheets cannot be present inside wormhole contacts which have 4-D CP_2 projection so that string world sheets cannot carry vanishing induced gauge fields.

5.6 How to generalize Witten's twistor string theory to TGD framework?

The challenge is to lift the geometric description of particle like aspects of twistorial amplitudes involving only algebraic curves (2-surfaces) in twistor space to TGD framework.

1. External particles correspond to the lifts of H-spinor harmonics to spinor harmonics in the twistor space and are labeled by four-momentum, helicity, color, and weak helicity (isospin) so that there should be no need to included fermions explicitly. The twistorial wave functions would be superpositions of the eigenstates of helicity operator which would become a non-local property in twistor space. Light-likeness would hold true in 8-D sense for spinor harmonics as well as for the corresponding twistorial harmonics.

2. The surfaces X^2 in Witten's theory would be replaced with the lifts of partonic 2-surfaces X^2 to 4-D surfaces with bundle structure with X^2 as base and S^2 as fiber. S^2 would be non-dynamical. Whether X^2 or its lift to 4-surface allows identification as algebraic surface is not quite clear but it seems that X^2 could be the relevant object identifiable as surface of the base space of $T(X^4)$. If X^2 is the basic object one would have the additional constraint (not present in Witten's theory) that it belongs to the base space X^4. The genus of the lift of X^2 would be that of its base space X^2. One obtains a union of partonic 2-surfaces rather than single surface and lines connecting them as boundaries of string world sheets.

   The n points of given X^2 would correspond to the ends of boundaries of string world sheets at the partonic 2-surface X^2 carrying fermion number so that the helicities of twistorial spinor modes would be highly fixed unless M^4 chiralities mix making fermions massive in M^4 sense. This picture is in accordance with the fact that the lines of fundamental fermions should correspond to QFT limit of TGD.

3. In TGD genus g of the partonic 2-surface labels various fermion families and $g < 3$ holds true for physical fermions. The explanation could be that Z^2 acts as global conformal symmetry (hyper-ellipticity) for $g < 3$ surfaces irrespective of their conformal moduli but for $g > 3$ only in for special moduli. Physically for $g > 2$ the additional handles would make the partonic 2-surface to behave like many-particle state of free particles defined by the handles.

   This assumption suggests that assigns to the partonic surface what I have called modular invariant elementary particle vacuum functional (EVPF) in modular degrees of freedom such that for a particle characterized by genus g one has $l \geq g$ and $l > g$ amplitudes are possible because the EPVF leaks partially to higher genera [26]. This would also induce a mixing of boundary topologies explaining CKM mixing and its leptonic counterpart. In this framework it would be perhaps more appropriate to define the number of loops as $l_1 = l - g$.

   A more precise picture is as follows. Elementary particles have actually four wormhole throats corresponding to the two wormhole contacts. In the case of fermions the wormhole throat carrying the electroweak quantum numbers would have minimum value g of genus characterized by the fermion family. Furthermore, the universality of the standard model physics requires that the couplings of elementary fermions to gauge bosons do not depend on genus. This is the case if one has quantum superposition of the wormhole contacts carrying the quantum numbers of observed gauge bosons at their opposite throats over the three lowest genera $g = 0, 1, 2$ with identical coefficients. This meas SU(3) singlets for the dynamical SU(3) associated with genus degeneracy. Also their exotic variants - say octets - are in principle possible.

4. This description is not complete although already twistor string description involves integration over the conformal moduli of the partonic 2-surface. One must integrate over the "world of classical worlds" (WCW) -roughly over the generalized Feynman diagrams and their complements consisting of Minkowskian and Euclidian regions. TGD as almost topological QFT reduces this integration to that of the boundaries of space-time regions.

   By quaternion conformal invariance [39] this functional integral could reduce to ordinary integration over the quaternionic-conformal moduli space of space-time surfaces for which the moduli space of partonic 2-surfaces should be contained (note that strong form of holography suggests that only the modular invariants associated with the tangent space data should enter the description). One might hope that twistor space approach allows an elegant description of the moduli assignable to the tangent space data.

5.7 Yangian symmetry

One of the victories of the twistor Grassmannian approach is the discovery of Yangian symmetry [2], [16, 13], [39], whose variant associated with extended super-conformal symmetries is expected to be in key role in TGD.

1. The very nature of the residue integral implies that the complex surface serving as the locus of the integrand of the twistor amplitude is highly non-unique. Indeed, the Yangian symmetry [39] acting as multi-local symmetry and implying dual of ordinary conformal invariance acting on momentum twistors, has been found to reduce to diffeomorphisms of $G(k, n)$ respecting positivity property of the decomposition of $G(k, n)$ to polyhedrons. It is quite possible that this symmetry corresponds to quaternion conformal symmetries in TGD framework.

2. Positivity of a given regions means parameterization by non-negative coordinates in TGD framework a possible interpretation is based on the observation that canonical identification mapping reals to

p-adic number and vice versa is well-defined only for non-negative real numbers. Number theoretical Universality of spinor amplitudes so that they make sense in all number fields, would therefore be implied.

3. Could the crucial Yangian invariance generalizing the extended conformal invariance of TGD could reduce to the diffeomorphisms of the extended twistor space $T(H)$ respecting positivity. In the case of CP_2 all coordinates could be regarded as angle coordinates and be replaced by phase factors coding for the angles which do not make sense p-adically. The number theoretical existence of phase factors in p-adic case is guaranteed if they belong to some algebraic extension of rationals and thus also p-adics containing these phases as roots of unity. This implies discretization of CP_2.

   Zero energy ontology allows to reduce the consideration to causal diamond CD defined as an intersection of future and past directed light-cones and having two light-like boundaries. CD is indeed a natural counterpart for S^4. One could use as coordinates light-cone proper time a invariant under Lorentz transformations of either boundary of CD, hyperbolic angle η and two spherical angles (θ, ϕ). The angle variables allow representation in terms of finite algebraic extension. The coordinate a is naturally non-negative and would correspond to positivity. The diffeomorphisms perhaps realizing Yangian symmetry would respect causality in the sense that they do not lead outside CD.

   Quaternionic conformal symmetries the boundaries of $CD \times CP_2$ continued to the interior by translation of the light-cones serve as a good candidates for the diffeomorphisms in question since they do not change the value of the Minkowski time coordinate associated with the line connecting the tips of CD.

5.8 Does BCFW recursion have counterpart in TGD?

Could BCFW recursion for tree diagrams and its generalization to diagrams with loops have a generalization in TGD framework? Could the possible TGD counterpart of BCFW recursion have a representation at the level of the TGD twistor space allowing interpretation in terms of geometry of partonic 2-surfaces and associated string world sheets? Supersymmetry is essential ingredient in obtaining this formula and the proposed SUSY realized at the level of amplitudes and broken at the level of states gives hopes for it. One could however worry about the fact that spinors are Dirac spinors in TGD framework and that Majorana property might be essential element.

5.8.1 How to produce Yangian invariants

Nima Arkani-Hamed et al [13] (`http://arxiv.org/pdf/1008.2958v2.pdf`) describe in detail various manners to form Yangian invariants defining the singular parts of the integrands of the amplitudes allowing to construct the full amplitudes. The following is only a rough sketch about what is involved using particle picture and I cannot claim of having understood the details.

1. One can *add* particle $((k, n) \rightarrow (k+1, n+1))$ to the amplitude by deforming the momentum twistors of two neighboring particles in a manner depending on the momentum twistor of the added particle.

2. One can *remove* particle $((k, n) \rightarrow (k-1, n-1))$ by contour integrating over the momentum twistor variable of one particle.

3. One can *fuse* invariants simply by multiplying them.

4. One can *merge* invariants by identifying momentum twistors appearing in the two invariants. The integration over the common twistor leads to an elimination of particle.

5. One can form a *BCFW bridge* between n_1+1-particle invariant and n_2+1-particle invariant to get $n = n_1 + n_2$-particle invariant using the operations listed. One starts with the *fusion* giving the

product $I_1(1,...,n_1,I)I_2(n_1+1,..n,I)$ of Yangian invariants followed by *addition* of n_1+1 to I_1 between n_1 and I and 1 to I_2 between I and n_1+1 (see the first item for details). After that follows the *merging* of lines labelled by I next to n_1 in I_1 and the predecessor of n_1+1 in I_2 reducing particle number by one unit and followed by residue integration over Z_I reducing particle number further by one unit so that the resulting amplitude is n-particle amplitude.

6. One can perform *entangled removal* of two particles. One could remove them one-by-one by independent contour integrations but one can also perform the contour integrations in such a manner that one first integrates over two twistors at the same complex line and then over the lines: this operation adds to n-particle amplitude loop.

5.8.2 BCFW recursion formula

BCFW recursion formula allows to express n-particle amplitudes with l loops in terms of amplitudes with amplitudes having at most $l-1$ loops. The basic philosophy is that singularities serve as data allowing to deduce the full integrands of the amplitudes by generalized unitarity and other kinds of arguments.

Consider first the arguments behind the BCFW formula.

1. BCFW formula is derived by performing the canonical momentum twistor deformation $Z_n \to z_n + zZ_{n-1}$, multiplying by $1/z$ and performing integration along small curve around origin so that one obtains original amplitude from the residue inside the curve. One obtains also and alternative of the residue integral expression as sum of residues from its complement. The singularities emerge by residue integral from poles of scattering amplitudes and eliminate two lines so that the recursion formula for n-particle amplitude can involve at most $n+2$-particle amplitudes.

   It seems that one must combine all n-particle amplitudes to form a single entity defining the full amplitude. I do not quite understand what how this is done. In ZEO zero energy state involving different particle numbers for the final state and expressible in terms of S-matrix (actually its generalization to what I call M-matrix) might allow to understand this.

2. In the general formula for the BCFW bridge of the "left" and "right" amplitudes one has $n_L+n_R = n+2$, $k_L+k_R = k-1$, and $l_L+l_R = l$.

3. The singularities are easy to understand in the case of tree amplitudes: they emerge from the poles of the conformally invariant quantities in the denominators of amplitudes. Physically this means that the sum of the momenta for a subset of particles corresponds to a complex pole (BCFW deformation makes two neighboring momenta complex). Hence one obtains sum over products of $j+1$-particle amplitudes BCFW bridged with $n-j$-particle amplitude to give n-particle amplitude by the merging process.

4. This is not all that is needed since the diagrams could be reduced to products of 1 loop 3-particle amplitudes which vanish by the triviality of coupling constant evolution in $\mathcal{N}=4$ SUSY. Loop amplitudes serving as a kind of source in the recursion relation save the situation. There is indeed also a second set of poles coming from loop amplitudes.

   One-loop case is the simplest one. One begins from $n+2$ particle amplitude with $l-1$ loops. At momentum space level the momenta the neighboring particles have opposite light-like momenta: one of the particles is not scattered at all. This is called forward limit. This limit suffers from collinear divergences in a generic gauge theory but in supersymmetric theories the limit is well-defined. This forward limit defines also a Yangian invariant at the level of twistor space. It can be regarded as being obtained by entangled removal of two particles combined with merge operation of two additional particles. This operation leads from $(n+2,l-1)$ amplitude to (n,l) amplitude.

5.8.3 Does BCFW formula make sense in TGD framework?

In TGD framework the four-fermion amplitude but restricted so that two outgoing particles have (in general) complex massless 8-momenta is the basic building brick. This changes the character of BCFW recursion relations although the four-fermion vertex effectively reduces to $F\overline{F}B$ vertex with boson identified as wormhole contact carrying fermion and antifermion at its throats.

The fundamental 4-fermion vertices assignable to wormhole contact could be formally expressed in terms of the product of two $F\overline{F}B_v$ vertices (MHV expression), where B_v is purely formal gauge boson, using the analog of MHV expression and taking into account that the second $F\overline{F}$ pair is associated with wormhole contact analogous to exchanged gauge boson.

If the fermions at fermion lines of the same partonic 2-surface can be assumed to be collinear and thus to form single coherent particle like unit, the description as superspace amplitude seems appropriate. Consequently, the effective $F\overline{F}B_v$ vertices could be assumed to have supersymmetry defined by the fermionic oscillator operator algebra at the partonic 2-surface (Clifford algebra). A good approximation is to restrict this algebra to that generating various spinor components of imbedding space spinors so that $\mathcal{N} = 4$ SUSY is obtained in leptonic and quark sector. Together these give rise to $\mathcal{N} = 8$ SUSY at the level of vertices broken however at the level of states.

Side note: The number of external fermions is always even suggesting that the super-conformal anomalies plaguing the SUSY amplitudes with odd n (`http://arxiv.org/pdf/0903.2083v3.pdf`) [18] are absent in TGD: this would be basically due to the decomposition of gauge bosons to fermion pairs.

The leading singularities of scattering amplitudes would naturally correspond to the boundaries of the moduli space for the unions of partonic 2-surfaces and string world sheets.

1. The tree contribution to the gauge boson scattering amplitudes with $k = 0, 1$ vanish as found by Parke and Taylor who also found the simple twistorial form for the $k = 2$ case (`http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/MHV_amplitudes`). In TGD framework, where lowest amplitude is 4-fermion amplitude, this situation is not encountered. According to Wikipedia article the so called CSW rules inspired by Witten's twistor theory have a problem due to the vanishing of $++-$ vertex which is not MHV form unless one changes the definition of what it is to be "wrong helicity". $++-$ is needed to construct $++++$ amplitude at one loop which does not vanish in YM theory. In SUSY it however vanishes.

   In TGD framework one does not encounter these problems since 4-fermion amplitudes are the basic building bricks. Fermion number conservation and the assumption that helicities do not mix (light-likeness in M^4 rather than only M^8-sense) implies $k = 2(n(F) - n(\overline{F})$.

   In the general formula for the BCFW bridge of the "left" and "right" amplitudes one has $n_L + n_R = n + 2$, $k_L + k_R = k - 1$. If the TGD counterpart of the bridge eliminates two antifermions with the same "wrong" helicity -1/2, and one indeed has $k_L + k_R = k - 1$ if fermions have well-defined M^4 helicity rather than being in superposition in completely correlated M^4 and CP_2 helicities.

2. In string theory loops correspond to handles of a string world sheet. Now one has partonic 2-surfaces and string world sheets and both can in principle have handles. The condition $l \geq g$ of Witten's theory suggests that $l - g$ defines the handle number for string world sheet so that l is the total number of handles.

   The identification of loop number as the genus of partonic 2-surface is second alternative: one would have $l = g$ and string world sheets would not contain handles. This might be forced by the Minkowskian signature of the induced metric at string world sheet. The signature of the induced metric would be presumably Euclidian in some region of string world sheet since the M^4 projection of either homology generator assignable with the handle would presumably define time loop in M^4 since the derivative of M^4 time coordinate with respect to string world sheet time should vanish at the turning points for M^4 time. Minimal surface property might eliminate Euclidian regions of the string world sheet. In any case, the area of string world sheet would become complex.

3. In the moduli space of partonic 2-surfaces first kind of leading singularities could correspond to pinches formed as n partonic 2-surfaces decomposes to two 2-surfaces having at least single common point so that moduli space factors into a Cartesian product. This kind of singularities could serve as counterparts for the merge singularities appearing in the BCFW bridging of amplitudes. The numbers of loops must be additive and this is consistent with both interpretations for l.

4. What about forward limit? One particle should go through without scattering and is eliminated by entangled removal. In ZEO one can ask whether there is also quantum entanglement between the positive and negative energy parts of this single particle state and state function reduction does not occur. The addition of particle and merging it with another one could correspond to a situation in which two points of partonic 2-surface touch. This means addition of one handle so that loop number l increases.

   It seems that analytically the loop is added by the entangled removal but at the level of partonic surface it is added by the merging. Also now both $l > g$ and $l = g$ options make sense.

5.9 Possible connections of TGD approach with the twistor Grassmannian approach

For a non-specialist lacking the technical skills, the work related to twistors is a garden of mysteries and there are a lot of questions to be answered: most of them of course trivial for the specialist. The basic questions are following.

How the twistor string approach of Witten and its possible TGD generalization relate to the approach involving residue integration over projective sub-manifolds of Grassmannians $G(k, n)$?

1. In [14] Nima et al argue that one can transform Grassmannian representation to twistor string representation for tree amplitudes. The integration over $G(k, n)$ translates to integration over the moduli space of complex curves of degree $d = k - 1 + l$, $l \geq g$ is the number of loops. The moduli correspond to complex coefficients of the polynomial of degree d and they form naturally a projective space since an overall scaling of coefficients does not change the surfaces. One can expect also in the general case that moduli space of the partonic 2-surfaces can be represented as a projective sub-manifold of some projective space. Loop corrections would correspond to the inclusion of higher degree surfaces.

2. This connection gives hopes for understanding the integration contours in $G(k, n)$ at deeper level in terms of the moduli spaces of partonic 2-surfaces possibly restricted by conformal gauge conditions.

Below I try to understand and relate the work of Nima Arkani Hamed et al with twistor Grassmannian approach to TGD.

5.9.1 The notion of positive Grassmannian

The notion of positive Grassmannian is one of the central notions introduced by Nima et al.

1. The claim is that the sub-spaces of the real Grassmannian $G(k, n)$ contributing to the amplitudes for $++--$ signature are such that the determinants of the $k \times k$ minors associated with ordered columns of the $k \times n$ matrix C representing point of $G(k, n)$ are positive. To be precise, the signs of all minors are positive or negative simultaneously: only the ratios of the determinants defining projective invariants are positive.

2. At the boundaries of positive regions some of the determinants vanish. Some k-volumes degenerate to a lower-dimensional volume. Boundaries are responsible for the leading singularities of the scattering amplitudes and the integration measure associated with $G(k, n)$ has a logarithmic singularity at the boundaries. These boundaries would naturally correspond to the boundaries of the moduli space for the partonic 2-surfaces. Here also string world sheets could contribute to singularities.

3. This condition has a partial generalization to the complex case: the determinants whose ratios serve as projectively invariant coordinates are non-vanishing. A possible further manner to generalize this condition would be that the determinants have positive real part so that apart from rotation by $\pi/2$ they would reside in the upper half plane of complex plane. Upper half plane is the hyperbolic space playing key role in complex analysis and in the theory of hyperbolic 2-manifolds for which it serves as universal covering space by a finite discrete subgroup of Lorentz group $SL(2,C)$. The upper half-plane having a deep meaning in the theory of Riemann surfaces might play also a key role in the moduli spaces of partonic 2-surfaces. The projective space would be based - not on projectivization of C^n but that of H^n, H the upper half plane.

Could positivity have some even deeper meaning?

1. In TGD framework the number theoretical universality of amplitudes suggests this. Canonical identification maps $\sum x_n p^n \rightarrow \sum x_n p^{-n}$ p-adic number to non-negative reals. p-Adicization is possible for angle variables by replacing them by discrete phases, which are roots of unity. For non-angle like variables, which are non-negative one uses some variant of canonical identification involving cut-offs [44]. The positivity should hold true for all structures involved, the $G(2,n)$ points defined by the twistors characterizing momenta and helicities of particles (actually pairs of orthogonal planes defined by twistors and their conjugates), the moduli space of partonic 2-surfaces, etc...

2. p-Adicization requires discretization of phases replacing angles so that they come as roots of unity associated with the algebraic extension used. The p-adic valued counterpart of Riemann or Lebesque integral does not make sense p-adically. Residue integrals can however allow to define p-adic integrals by analytic continuation of the integral and discretization of the phase factor along the integration contour does not matter (not however the p-adically troublesome factor 2π!).

3. TGD suggests that the generalization of positive real projectively invariant coordinates to complex coordinates of the hyperbolic space representable as upper half plane, or equivalently as unit disk obtained from the upper half plane by exponential mapping $w = exp(iz)$: positive coordinate α would correspond to the radial coordinate for the unit disk (Poincare hyperbolic disk appearing in Escher's paintings). The real measure $d\alpha/\alpha$ would correspond to $dz = dw/w$ restricted to a radial line from origin to the boundary of the unit disk. This integral should correspond to integral over a closed contour in complex case. This is the case if the integrand is discontinuity over a radial cut and equivalent with an integral over curve including also the boundary of the unit disk. This integral would reduce to the sum of the residues of poles inside the unit disk.

5.9.2 The notion of amplituhedron

The notion of amplituhedron is the latest step of progress in the twistor Grassmann approach [9, 19]. What is so remarkable, is the simplicity of the expressions for all-loop amplitudes and the fact that positivity implies locality and unitarity for $\mathcal{N} = 4$ SUSY.

Consider first tree amplitudes with general value of k.

1. The notion of amplituhedron relies on the mapping of $G(k,n)$ to $G_+(k,k+m)$ $n \geq k+m$. $G_+(k,k+m)$ is positive Grassmannian characterized by the condition that all $k\times k$- minors $k\times(k+m)$ matrix representing the point of $G_+(k,k+m)$ are non-non-negative and vanish at the boundaries $G_+(k,k+m)$. The value of m is $m=4$ and follows from the conditions that amplitudes come out correctly. The constraint $Y = C\cdot Z$, where Y corresponds to point of $G_+(k,k+4)$ and Z to the point of $G(k,n)$ performs this mapping, which is clearly many-to one. One can decompose $G_+(k,k+4)$ to positive regions intersecting only along their common boundary portions. The decomposition of a convex polygon in plane represent the basic example of this kind of decomposition.

2. Each decomposition defines a sum of contributions to the scattering amplitudes involving integration of a projectively invariant volume form over the positive region in question. The form has a logarithmic singularity at the boundaries of the integration region but spurious singularities cancel so that only the contribution of the genuine boundary of $G_+(k,k+4)$ remains. There are additional delta function constraints fixing the integral completely in real case.

3. In complex case one has residue integral. The proposed generalization to the complex case is by analytic continuation. TGD inspired proposal is that the positivity condition in the real case is generalized to the condition that the positive coordinates are replaced by complex coordinates of hyperbolic space representable as upper half plane or equivalently as the unit disk obtained from upper half plane by exponential mapping $w = exp(iz)$. The measure $d\alpha/\alpha$ would correspond to $dz = dw/w$. If taken over boundary circle labelled by discrete phase factors $exp(i\phi)$ given by roots of unity the integral would be numerically a discrete Riemann sum making no sense p-adically but residue theorem could allow to avoid the discretizaton and to define the p-adic variant of the integral by analytic continuation. These conditions would be completely general conditions on various projectively invariant moduli involved.

4. One must extend the bosonic twistors Z_a of external particles by adding k coordinates. Somewhat surprisingly, these coordinates are anticommutative super-coordinates expressible as linear combinations of fermionic parts of super-twistor using coefficients, which are also Grassmann numbers. Integrating over these one ends up with the standard expression of the amplitude using canonical integration measure for the regions in the decomposition of amplituhedron.

   What looks to me intriguing is that there is only super-integration involved over the additional k degrees of freedom. In Witten's approach $k-1$ corresponds to the minimum degree of the polynomial defining the string world sheet representing tree diagram. In TGD framework $k+1$ (rather than $k-1$) could correspond to the minimum degree of partonic 2-surface. In TGD approximate SUSY would correspond to Grassmann algebra of fermionic oscillator operators defined by the spinor basis for imbedding space spinors. The interpretation could be that each fermion whose helicity differs from that allowed by light-likeness in M^4 sense (this requires non-vanishing M^4 mass), contributes $\Delta k = 1$ to the degree of corresponding partonic 2-surface. Since the partonic 2-surface is common for all particles, one must have $d = k+1$ at least. The k-fold super integration would be basically integral over the moduli characterizing the polynomials of degree k realizing quantum classical correspondence in fermionic degrees of freedom.

BFCW recursion formula involves also loop amplitudes for which amplituhedron provides also a very nice representation.

1. The basic operation is the addition of a loop to get (n,k,l) amplitude from $(n+2,k,l-1)$ amplitude. That 2 particles must be removed for each loop is not obvious in $\mathcal{N}=4$ SUSY but follows from the condition that positivity of the integration domain is preserved. This procedure removes from $(n+2,k,l-1)$-amplitude 2 particles with opposite four-momenta so that (n,k,l) amplitude is obtained. In the case of L-loops one extends $G(k,n)$ by adding its "complement" as a Cartesian factor $G(n-k,n)$ and imbeds to $G(n-k,n)$ 2-plane for each loop. Positivity conditions can be generalized so that they apply to $(k+2l)\times(k+2l)$-minors associated with matrices having as rows $0 \leq l \leq L$ ordered D_{i_k}:s and of C. The general expressions of the loop contributions are of the same form as for tree contributions: only the number of integration variables is $4\times(k+L)$.

2. As already explained, in TGD framework the addition of loop would correspond to the formation of a handle to the partonic surface by fusing two points of partonic 2-surface and thus creating a surface intermediate between topologies with g and g+1 handles. g would correspond to the genus characterizing fermion family and one would have $L \geq g$. In elementary particle wave functionals loop [26] contributions would correspond to higher genus contributions $l_1 = l - g > 0$ with basic

contribution coming from genus g. For scattering amplitudes loop contributions would involve the change of the genus of the incoming wormhole throat so that they correspond to singular surfaces at the boundaries of their moduli space identifiable as loop corrections. $l_1 = l - g > 0$ would represent the number of pinches of the partonic 2-surface.

5.9.3 What about non-planar amplitudes?

Non-planar Feynman diagrams have remained a challenge for the twistor approach. The problem is simple: there is no canonical ordering of the extrenal particles and the loop integrand involving tricky shifts in integrations to get finite outcome is not unique and well-defined so that twistor Grasmann approach encounters difficulties.

Recently Nima Arkani-Hamed et al have considered also non-planar MHV diagrams [**?**], (having minimal number of "wrong" helicities) of N=4 SUSY, and shown that they can be reduced to non-planar diagrams for different permutations of vertices of planar diagrams ordered naturally. There are several integration regions identified as positive Grassmannians corresponding to different orderings of the external lines inducing non-planarity. This does not however hold true generally.

At the QFT limit the crossings of lines emerges purely combinatorially since Feynman diagrams are purely combinatorial objects with the ordering of vertices determining the topological properties of the diagram. Non-planar diagrams correspond to diagrams, which do not allow crossing-free imbedding to plane but require higher genus surface to get rid of crossings.

1. The number of the vertices of the diagram and identification of lines connecting them determines the diagram as a graph. This defines also in TGD framework Feynman diagram like structure as a graph for the fermion lines and should be behind non-planarity in QFT sense.

2. Could 2-D Feynman graphs exists also at geometric rather than only combinatorial level? Octonionization at imbedding space level requires identification of preferred $M^2 \subset M^4$ defining a preferred hyper-complex sub-space. Could the projection of the Fermion lines defined concrete geometric representation of Feynman diagrams?

3. Despite their purely combinatorial character Feynman diagrams are analogous to knots and braids. For years ago [33] I proposed the generalization of the construction of knot invariants in which one gradually eliminates the crossings of the knot projection to end up with a trivial knot is highly suggestive as a procedure for constructing the amplitudes associated with the non-planar diagrams. The outcome should be a collection of planar diagrams calculable using twistor Grassmannian methods. Scattering amplitudes could be seen as analogs of knot invariants. The reduction of MHV diagrams to planar diagrams could be an example of this procedure.

One can imagine also analogs of non-planarity, which are geometric and topological rather than combinatorial and not visible at the QFT limit of TGD.

1. The fermion lines representing boundaries of string world sheets at the light-like orbits of partonic 2-surfaces can get braided. The same can happen also for the string boundaries at space-like 3-surfaces at the ends of the space-time surface. The projections of these braids to partonic 2-surfaces are analogs of non-planar diagrams. If the fermion lines at single wormhole throat are regarded effectively as a line representing one member of super-multiplet, this kind of braiding remains below the resolution used and cannot correspond to the braiding at QFT limit.

2. 2-knotting and 2-braiding are possible for partonic 2-surfaces and string world sheets as 2-surfaces in 4-D space-time surfaces and have no counterpart at QFT limit.

5.10 Permutations, braidings, and amplitudes

In [11] Nima Arkani-Hamed et al demonstrates that various twistorially represented on-mass-shell amplitudes (allowing light-like complex momenta) constructible by taking products of the 3-particle amplitude and its conjugate can be assigned with unique permutations of the incoming lines. The article describes the graphical representation of the amplitudes and its generalization. For 3-particle amplitudes, which correspond to $++-$ and $+--$ twistor amplitudes, the corresponding permutations are cyclic permutations, which are inverses of each other. One actually introduces double cover for the labels of the particles and speaks of decorated permutations meaning that permutation is always a right shift in the integer and in the range $[1, 2\times n]$.

5.10.1 Amplitudes as representation of permutations

It is shown that for on mass shell twistor amplitudes the definition using on-mass-shell 3-vertices as building bricks is highly reducible: there are two moves for squares defining 4-particle sub-amplitudes allowing to reduce the graph to a simpler one. The first ove is topologically like the s-t duality of the old-fashioned string models and second one corresponds to the transformation black $\leftrightarrow$ white for a square sub-diagram with lines of same color at the ends of the two diagonals and built from 3-vertices.

One can define the permutation characterizing the general on mass shell amplitude by a simple rule. Start from an external particle a and go through the graph turning in in white (black) vertex to left (right). Eventually this leads to a vertex containing an external particle and identified as the image $P(a)$ of the a in the permutation. If permutations are taken as right shifts, one ends up with double covering of permutation group with $2\times n!$ elements - decorated permutations. In this manner one can assign to any any line of the diagram two lines. This brings in mind 2-D integrable theories where scattering reduces to braiding and also topological QFTs where braiding defines the unitary S-matrix. In TGD parton lines involve braidings of the fermion lines so that an assignment of permutation also to vertex would be rather nice.

BCFW bridge has an interpretation as a transposition of two neighboring vertices affecting the lines of the permutation defining the diagram. One can construct all permutations as products of transpositions and therefore by building BCFW bridges. BCFW bridge can be constructed also between disjoint diagrams as done in the BCFW recursion formula.

Can one generalize this picture in TGD framework? There are several questions to be answered.

(a) What should one assume about the states at the light-like boundaries of string world sheets? What is the precise meaning of the supersymmetry: is it dynamical or gauge symmetry or both?

(b) What does one mean with particle: partonic 2-surface or boundary line of string world sheet? How the fundamental vertices are identified: 4 incoming boundaries of string world sheets or 3 incoming partonic orbits or are both aspects involved?

(c) How the 8-D generalization of twistors bringing in second helicity and doubling the M^4 helicity states assignable to fermions does affect the situation?

(d) Does the crucial right-left rule relying heavily on the possibility of only 2 3-particle vertices generalize? Does M^4 massivation imply more than 2 3-particle vertices implying many-to-one correspondence between on-mass-shell diagrams and permutations? Or should one generalize the right-left rule in TGD framework?

5.10.2 Fermion lines for fermions massless in 8-D sense

What does one mean with particle line at the level of fermions?

(a) How the addition of CP_2 helicity and complete correlation between M^4 and CP_2 chiralities does affect the rules of $\mathcal{N}=4$ SUSY? Chiral invariance in 8-D sense guarantees fermion number conservation for quarks and leptons separately and means conservation of the product of M^4 and CP_2 chiralities for 2-fermion vertices. Hence only M^4 chirality need to be considered. M^4 massivation allows more 4-fermion vertices than $\mathcal{N}=4$ SUSY.

(b) One can assign to a given partonic orbit several lines as boundaries of string world sheets connecting the orbit to other partonic orbits. Supersymmetry could be understoond in two manners.

   i. The fermions generating the state of super-multiplet correspond to boundaries of different string world sheets which need not connect the string world sheet to same partonic orbit. This SUSY is dynamical and broken. The breaking is mildest breaking for line groups connected by string world sheets to same partonic orbit. Right handed neutrinos generated the least broken $\mathcal{N}=2$ SUSY.

   ii. Also single line carrying several fermions would provide realization of generalized SUSY since the multi-fermion state would be characterized by single 8-momentum and helicity. One would have $\mathcal{N}=4$ SUSY for quarks and leptons separately and $\mathcal{N}=8$ if both quarks and leptons are allowed. Conserved total for quark and antiquarks and leptons and antileptons characterize the lines as well.

   What would be the propagator associated with many-fermion line? The first guess is that it is just a tensor power of single fermion propagator applied to the tensor power of single fermion states at the end of the line. This gives power of $1/p^{2n}$ to the denominator, which suggests that residue integral in momentum space gives zero unless one as just single fermion state unless the vertices give compensating powers of p. The reduction of fermion number to 0 or 1 would simplify the diagrammatics enormously and one would have only 0 or 1 fermions per given string boundary line. Multi-fermion lines would represent gauge degrees of freedom and SUSY would be realized as gauge invariance. This view about SUSY clearly gives the simplest picture, which is also consistent with the earlier one, and will be assumed in the sequel

(c) The multiline containing n fermion oscillator operators can transform by chirality mixing in 2^n manners at 4-fermion vertex so that there is quite a large number of options for incoming lines with n_i fermions.

(d) In 4-D Dirac equation light-likeness implies a complete correlation between fermion number and chirality. In 8-D case light-likeness should imply the same: now chirality correspond to fermion number. Does this mean that one must assume just superposition of different M^4 chiralities at the fermion lines as 8-D Dirac equation requires. Or should one assume that virtual fermions at the end of the line have wrong chirality so that massless Dirac operator does not annihilate them?

5.10.3 Fundamental vertices

One can consider two candidates for fundamental vertices depending on whether one identifies the lines of Feynman diagram as fermion lines or as light-like orbits of partonic 2-surfaces. The latter vertices reduces microscopically to the fermionic 4-vertices.

(a) If many-fermion lines are identified as fundamental lines, 4-fermion vertex is the fundamental vertex assignable to single wormhole contact in the topological vertex defined by common partonic 2-surface at the ends of incoming light-like 3-surfaces. The discontinuity is what makes the vertex non-trivial.

(b) In the vertices generalization of OZI rule applies for many-fermion lines since there are no higher vertices at this level and interactions are mediated by classical induced gauge fields and chirality mixing. Classical induced gauge fields vanish if CP_2 projection is 1-dimensional for string world sheets and even gauge potentials vanish if the projection is to geodesic circle. Hence only the chirality mixing due to the mixing of M^4 and CP_2 gamma matrices is possible and changes the fermionic M^4 chiralities. This would dictate what vertices are possible.

(c) The possibility of two helicity states for fermions suggests that the number of amplitudes is considerably larger than in $\mathcal{N} = 4$ SUSY. One would have 5 independent fermion amplitudes and at each 4-fermion vertex one should be able to choose between 3 options if the right-left rule generalizes. Hence the number of amplitudes is larger than the number of permutations possibly obtained using a generalization of right-left rule to right-middle-left rule.

(d) Note however that for massless particles in M^4 sense the reduction of helicity combinations for the fermion and antifermion making virtual gauge boson happens. The fermion and antifermion at the opposite wormhole throats have parallel four-momenta in good approximation. In M^4 they would have opposite chiralities and opposite helicities so that the boson would be M^4 scalar. No vector bosons would be obtained in this manner.

In 8-D context it is possible to have also vector bosons since the M^4 chiralities can be same for fermion and anti-fermion. The bosons are however massive, and even photon is predicted to have small mass given by p-adic thermodynamics [34]. Massivation brings in also the M^4 helicity 0 state. Only if zero helicity state is absent, the fundamental four-fermion vertex vanishes for $++++$ and $----$ combinations and one extend the right-left rule to right-middle-left rule. There is however no good reason for he reduction in the number of 4-fermion amplitudes to take place.

5.10.4 Partonic surfaces as 3-vertices

At space-time level one could identify vertices as partonic 2-surfaces.

(a) At space-time level the fundamental vertices are 3-particle vertices with particle identified as wormhole contact carrying many-fermion states at both wormhole throats. Each line of BCFW diagram would be doubled. This brings in mind the representation of permutations and leads to ask whether this representation could be re-interpreted in TGD framework. For this option the generalization of the decomposition of diagram to 3-particle vertices is very natural. If the states at throats consist of bound states of fermions as SUSY suggests, one could characterize them by total 8-momentum and helicity in good approximation. Both helicities would be however possible also for fermions by chirality mixing.

(b) A genuine decomposition to 3-vertices and lines connecting them takes place if two of the fermions reside at opposite throats of wormhole contact identified as fundamental gauge boson (physical elementary particles involve two wormhole contacts).

The 3-vertex can be seen as fundamental and 4-fermion vertex becomes its microscopic representation. Since the 3-vertices are at fermion level 4-vertices their number is greater than two and there is no hope about the generalization of right-left rule.

5.10.5 OZI rule implies correspondence between permutations and amplitudes

The realization of the permutation in the same manner as for $\mathcal{N} = 4$ amplitudes does not work in TGD. OZI rule following from the absence of 4-fermion vertices however implies much simpler and physically quite a concrete manner to define the permutation for external fermion lines and also generalizes it to include braidings along partonic orbits.

(a) Already $\mathcal{N} = 4$ approach assumes decorated permutations meaning that each external fermion has effectively two states corresponding to labels k and $k + n$ (permutations are shifts to the right). For decorated permutations the number of external states is effectively 2^n and the number of decorated permutations is $2 \times n!$. The number of different helicity configurations in TGD framework is 2^n for incoming fermions at the vertex defined by the partonic 2-surface. By looking the values of these numbers for lowest integers one finds $2n \geq 2^n$: for $n = 2$ the equation is saturated. The inequality $log(n!) > nlog(n)/e) + 1$ (see Wikipedia) gives

$$\frac{log(2n!)}{log(2^n)} \geq \frac{log(2) + 1 + nlog(n/e)}{nlog(2)} = log(n/e)/log(2) + O(1/n)$$

so that the desired inequality holds for all interesting values of n.

(b) If OZI rule holds true, the permutation has very natural physical definition. One just follows the fermion line which must eventually end up to some external fermion since the only fermion vertex is 2-fermion vertex. The helicity flip would map $k \rightarrow k + n$ or vice versa.

(c) The labelling of diagrams by permutations generalizes to the case of diagrams involving partonic surfaces at the boundaries of causal diamond containing the external fermions and the partonic 2-surfaces in the interior of CD identified as vertices. Permutations generalize to braidings since also the braidings along the light-like partonic 2-surfaces are allowed. A quite concrete generalization of the analogs of braid diagrams in integrable 2-D theories emerges.

(d) BCFW bridge would be completely analogous to the fundamental braiding operation permuting two neighboring braid strands. The almost reduction to braid theory - apart from the presence of vertices conforms with the vision about reduction of TGD to almost topological QFT.

To sum up, the simplest option assumes SUSY as both gauge symmetry and broken dynamical symmetry. The gauge symmetry relates string boundaries with different fermion numbers and only fermion number 0 or 1 gives rise to a non-vanishing outcome in the residue integration and one obtains the picture used hitherto. If OZI rule applies, the decorated permutation symmetry generalizes to include braidings at the parton orbits and $k \rightarrow k \pm n$ corresponds to a helicity flip for a fermion going through the 4-vertex. OZI rules follows from the absence of non-linearities in Dirac action and means that 4-fermion vertices in the usual sense making theory non-renormalizable are absent. Theory is essentially free field theory in fermionic degrees of freedom and interactions in the sense of QFT are transformed to non-trivial topology of space-time surfaces.

3. If one can approximate space-time sheets by maps from M^4 to CP_2, one expects General Relativity and QFT description to be good approximations. GRT space-time is obtained by replacing space-time sheets with single sheet - a piece of slightly deformed Minkowski space but without assupmtion about imbedding to H. Induced classical gravitational field and gauge fields are sums of those associated with the sheets. The generalized Feynman diagrams with lines at various sheets and going also between sheets are projected to single piece of M^4. Many-sheetedness makes 1-homology non-trivial and implies analog of braiding, which should be however invisible at QFT limit.

A concrete manner to eliminate line crossing in non-planar amplitude to get nearer to non-planar amplitude could proceed roughly as follows. This is of course a pure guess motivated only by topological considerations. Professional might kill it in few seconds.

1. If the lines carry no quantum numbers, reconnection allows to eliminate the crossings. Consider the crossing line pair connecting AB in the initial state to CD in final state. The crossing lines are

AD and BC. Reconnection can take place in two manners: AD and BC transform either to AB and CD or to AC and BD: neither line pair has crossing. The final state of the braid would be quantum superposition of the resulting more planar braids.

2. The crossed lines however carry different quantum numbers in the generic situation: for instance, they can be fermionic and bosonic. In this particular case the reconnection does not make sense since a line carrying fermion number would transform to a line carrying boson.

   In TGD framework all lines are fermion lines at fundamental level but the constraint due to different quantum numbers still remains and it is easy to see that mere reconnection is not enough. Fermion number conservation allows only one of the two alternatives to be realized. Conservation of quantum numbers forces to restrict gives an additional constraint which for simplest non-planar diagram with two crossed fermion lines forces the quantum numbers of fermions to be identical.

   It seems also more natural to consider pairs of wormhole contacts defining elementary particles as "lines" in turn consisting of fermion lines. Yangian symmetry allows to develop a more detailed view about what this decomposition could mean.

   Quantum number conservation demands that reconnection is followed by a formation of an additional internal line connecting the non-crossing lines obtained by reconnection. The additional line representing a quantum number exchange between the resulting non-crossing lines would guarantee the conservation of quantum numbers. This would bring in two additional vertices and one additional internal line. This would be enough to reduce planarity. The repeated application of this transformation should produced a sum of non-planar diagrams.

3. What could go wrong with this proposal? In the case of gauge theory the order of diagram increases by g^2 since two new vertices are generated. Should a multiplication by $1/g^2$ accompany this process? Or is this observation enough to kill the hypothesis in gauge theory framework? In TGD framework the situation is not understood well enough to say anything. Certainly the critical value of α_K implies that one cannot regard it as a free parameter and cannot treat the contributions from various orders as independent ones.