

Khovanov homology generalizes the Jones polynomial as knot invariant. The challenge is to find a quantum physical construction of Khovanov homology analogous to the topological QFT defined by Chern–Simons action allowing to interpret Jones polynomial as vacuum expectation value of Wilson loop in non-Abelian gauge theory.

Witten's approach to Khovanov homology relies on fivebranes as is natural if one tries to define 2-knot invariants in terms of their cobordisms involving violent un-knottings. Despite the difference in approaches it is very useful to try to find the counterparts of this approach in quantum TGD since this would allow to gain new insights to quantum TGD itself as almost topological QFT identified as symplectic theory for 2-knots, braids and braid cobordisms. This comparison turns out to be extremely useful from TGD point of view.

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\item Key question concerns the identification of string world sheets. A possible identification of string world sheets and therefore also of the braids whose ends carry quantum numbers of many particle states at partonic 2-surfaces emerges if one identifies the string world sheets as singular surfaces in the same manner as is done in Witten's approach.

In TGD framework the localization of the modes of the induced spinor fields at 2-D surfaces carrying vanishing induced W boson fields guaranteeing that the em charge of spinor modes is well-defined for a generic preferred extremal is natural. Besides string world sheets partonic 2-surfaces are good candidates for this kind of surfaces. It is not clear whether one can have continuous slicing of this kind by string world sheets and partonic 2-surfaces orthogonal to them or whether only discrete set of these surfaces is possible.

\item Also a physical interpretation of the operators Q , F , and P of Khovanov homology emerges. P would correspond to instanton number and F to the fermion number assignable to right handed neutrinos. The breaking of M^4 chiral invariance makes possible to realize Q physically. The finding that the generalizations of Wilson loops can be identified in terms of the gerbe fluxes $\int H_A J$ supports the conjecture that TGD as almost topological QFT corresponds essentially to a symplectic theory for braids and 2-knots. \end{enumerate}

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

\begin{enumerate} \item For this purpose the notion of algebraic knot is introduced and the possibility that it could be applied to generalized Feynman diagrams is discussed. The algebraic structures kei , quandle, rack, and biquandle and their algebraic modifications as such are not enough. The lines of Feynman graphs are replaced by braids and in vertices braid strands redistribute. This poses several challenges: the crossing associated with braiding and crossing occurring in non-planar Feynman diagrams should be integrated to a more general notion; braids are replaced with sub-manifold braids; braids of braidsof braids are possible; the redistribution of braid strands in vertices should be algebraized. In the following I try to abstract the basic operations which should be algebraized in the case of generalized Feynman diagrams.

\item One should be also able to concretely identify braids and 2-braids (string world sheets) as well as partonic 2-surfaces and I have discussed several identifications during last years. Legendrian braids turn out to be very natural candidates for braids and their duals for the partonic 2-surfaces. String world sheets in turn could correspond to the analogs of Lagrangian sub-manifolds or two minimal surfaces of space-time surface satisfying the weak form of electric-magnetic duality. The latter option turns out to be more plausible. This identification - if correct - would solve quantum TGD explicitly at string world sheet level which corresponds to finite measurement resolution.

\item Also a brief summary of generalized Feynman rules in zero energy ontology is proposed. This requires the identification of vertices, propagators, and prescription for integrating over all 3-surfaces. It turns out that the basic building blocks of generalized Feynman diagrams are well-defined.

\item The notion of generalized Feynman diagram leads to a beautiful duality between the descriptions of hadronic reactions in terms of hadrons and partons analogous to gauge-gravity duality and AdS/CFT duality but requiring no additional assumptions. The model of quark gluon plasma as a strongly interacting phase is proposed. Color magnetic flux tubes are responsible for the long range correlations making the plasma phase more like a very large hadron rather than a gas of partons. One also ends up with a simple estimate for the viscosity/entropy ratio using black-hole analogy. \end{enumerate}