Prediction of Ω_M and Estimate of Ω_Λ [*]

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Abstract

We predict that the baryon/photon ratio at the time of nucleogenesis is $\eta = 1/256^4$, $\Omega_{DM}/\Omega_B = 12.7$ and (for a cosmological constant of $\Omega_\Lambda = 0.6$) that $0.325 > \Omega_M > 0.183$. The predictions of Ω_M and estimate of Ω_Λ were in excellent agreement with Glanz' analysis in 1998, and are still in excellent agreement with Lineweaver's recent analysis.

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The theory on which I base my predictions is unconventional. Hence it is easier for me to show you first the consequences of the predictions in comparison with observation, in order to establish a presumption that the theory *might* be interesting, and then show you how these predictions came about.

The predictions are that (a) the ratio of baryons to photons was $\eta = 1/256^4 = 2.328... \times 10^{-10} = 10^{-10}\eta_{10}$ at the time of nucleogenesis, (b) $\Omega_{DM}/\Omega_B = 127/10 = 12.7$ and the estimate that $\Omega_\Lambda = 0.6 \pm 0.1$ by E.D,Jones (private communication). Comparison of prediction (a) with observation is straightforward because it clearly falls within the region allowed by Olive and Schramm in [8], p. 119.

Comparison with observation of prediction (b) that the ratio of dark to baryonic matter is *not* straightforward, as was clear at DM98; this question remained unresolved at this conference (DM2000). However, according to the standard cosmological model, the baryon-photon ratio remains fixed *after* nucleogenesis. In the theory I am relying on the same is true of the of the dark matter to baryon ratio. Consequently, *if* we know the Hubble constant, *and* assume that only dark and baryonic matter contribute, the normalized matter parameter Ω_M can *also* be predicted, as we now demonstrate.

We know from the currently observed photon density (calculated from the observed $2.728\ ^oK$ cosmic background radiation) that the normalized baryon density is given by $\Omega_B = 3.67 \times 10^{-3}\eta_{10}h_0^{-2}$ (see Ref. 8, pp 117-119) and hence, from our prediction and assumptions about dark matter, that the total mass density will be 13.7 times as large. Therefore we have that $\Omega_M = 0.11706h_0^{-2}$. Hence, for $0.8 \geq h_0 \geq 0.6$ (see Ref.8, pp 122-124), Ω_M runs from 0.18291 to 0.32517. This clearly puts no restriction on Ω_Λ.

Our second constraint comes from integrating the scaled Friedman-Robertson-Walker (FRW) equations from a time after the expansion becomes matter dominated with no pressure to the present. Here we assume that this initial time is close enough to zero on the time scale of the integration so that the lower limit of integration can be approximated by zero. Then the age of the universe as a function of the current values of Ω_M and Ω_Λ is given by $t_0 = 9.77813h_0^{-1}f(\Omega_M, \Omega_\Lambda)\ Gyr =$

$9.77813 h_0^{-1} f(0.11706 h_0^{-2}, \Omega_\Lambda) \, Gyr$ where

$$f(\Omega_M, \Omega_\Lambda) = \int_0^1 dx \sqrt{\frac{x}{\Omega_M + (1 - \Omega_M - \Omega_\Lambda)x + \Omega_\Lambda x^3}}$$

For the two limiting values of h_0, we see that $h_0 = 0.8 \Rightarrow t_0 = 12.223 f(0.18291, \Omega_\Lambda) \, Gyr$ and $h_0 = 0.6 \Rightarrow t_0 = 16.297 f(0.32517, \Omega_\Lambda) \, Gyr$.
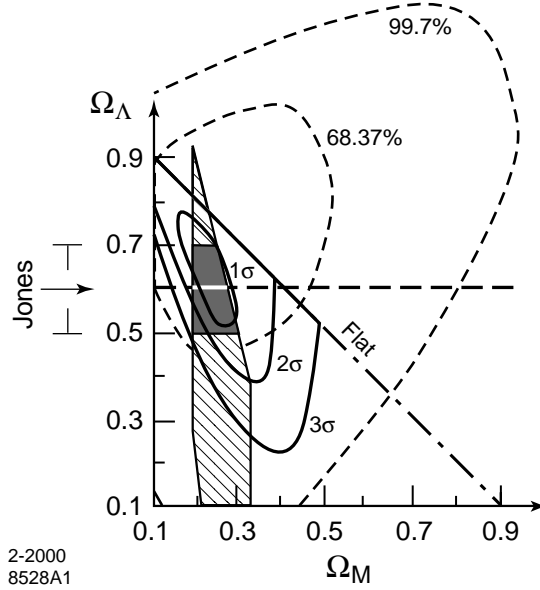

Figure 1: Limits on $(\Omega_M, \Omega_\Lambda)$ set by combining the Supernovae Type Ia data from Perlmutter, et al. with the Cosmic Ray Background Experiment (COBE) satellite data (see J.Glanz, *Science*, **280**, 1008; dotted curves at the 68.37% and 99.7% confidence levels) and more recent much improved limits (see C.H.Lineweaver,*Science*, **284**, 1503-7, solid curves at $1\sigma, 2\sigma, 3\sigma$) compared with the predictions of bit-string physics that $\eta_{10} = 10^{10}/256^4$ and $\Omega_{DM}/\Omega_B = 12.7$. We accept the constraints on the scaled Hubble constant $h_0 = 0.7 \pm 0.1$ and on the age of the universe $t_0 = 12.5 \pm 1.5 \, Gyr$ (boundary of hatched area). The Jones estimate of $\Omega_\Lambda = 0.6 \pm 0.1$ is included (upper and lower boundary of shaded area).

The results are plotted in Figure 1. We emphasize that these predictions were made and published over a decade ago when the observational data were vague and

the theoretical climate of opinion was very different from what it is now. The current calculation was presented at ANPA20 (Sept. 3-8, 1998, Cambridge, England) and given wider circulation in[6]; it remains unchanged. The estimate that $\Omega_\Lambda = 0.6$ was made by Jones (private communication) before there was any observational evidence for a cosmological constant, let alone a positive one. The precision of the relevant observational limits has improved considerably since DM98. It is gratifying that our *prior* prediction and estimate are still close to the center of the allowed region, indicating that it will take a lot more work to show that they are wrong!

The theory I am using has a long history[4], starting with the discovery of the *combinatorial hierarchy* in 1961 and the first publication of the work on this idea by Amson, Bastin, Kilmister and Parker-Rhodes in 1966[1]. The theory is unusual in that it starts from minimal assumptions about what is needed for a physical theory and tries to let the structure of the theory grow out of them. My own preferred choice of basic assumptions are that a physicist must (a) be able to tell something from nothing, (b) be able to tell whether things are the same or different, and (c) must assume a basic arbitrariness in the universe which underlies the stochastic effects exhibited by quantum events. I further assume that we should use the simplest possible mathematical structures to model and develop these concepts. (a) is simply modeled by bit multiplication; (b) is simply modeled by bit addition (addition modulo 2, XOR, symmetric difference,...) or, as it is referred to in the ANPA program, *discrimination*.

The third requirement, together with the usual scientific assumption that we can keep *historical records* and examine them at later times, is accomplished by constructing a computer model called *program universe*[5] which yields a growing universe of ordered strings of the integers "0" and "1". Here we remind the reader of how we use *discrimination* ("$\oplus$") between ordered strings of zeros and ones (*bit-strings*) defined by $(\mathbf{a}(W) \oplus \mathbf{b}(W))_w = (a_w - b_w)^2$ where $a_w, b_w \in 0, 1; \quad w \in 1, 2, ..., W$ to generate a growing universe of bit-strings which at each step contains $P(S)$ strings of length S. The algorithm is very simple. We start with a rectangular block of rows and columns containing only the bits "0" and "1". We then PICK two rows arbitrarily and if their discriminant is non-null, adjoin it to the table as a new row. If it is null, we simply

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adjoin an arbitrary column (Bernoulli sequence) to the table and recurse to PICKing two arbitrary rows. The second operation is called TICK. That this model contains arbitrary elements and (if interpretable in terms of known aspects of the practice of physics) an historical record (ordered by the number of TICK's, or equivalently by the row length) should be clear from the outset. The forging of rules that will indeed connect the model to the *actual* practice of physics is the primary problem that has engaged me ever since the model was created.

Program universe provides a separation into a conserved set of "labels", and a growing set of "contents" which can be thought of as the space-time "addresses" to which these labels refer. To see this, think of all the left-hand, finite length S portions of the strings which exist when the program TICKs and the string-length goes from S to $S+1$. Call these *labels* of length $L = S$, and the number of them at the critical TICK when we decide to separate label from content $N_0(L)$. Further PICKs and TICKs can only add to this set of labels those which can be produced from it by pairwise discrimination, with no impact from the (growing in length and number) set of content labels with length $S_C = S - L > 0$. If $N_I \leq N_0(S_L)$ of these labels are *discriminately independent*, then the maximum number of distinct labels they can generate, no matter how long program universe runs, will be $2^{N_I} - 1$, because this is the maximum number of ways we can choose combinations of N_I distinct things taking them $1, 2, ..., N_I$ times. We will interpret this fixed number of possibilities as a representation of the quantum numbers of systems of "elementary particles" allowed in our bit-string universe and use the growing content-strings to represent their (finite and discrete) locations in an expanding space-time description of the universe.

This label-content schema then allows us to interpret the events which lead to TICK as four-leg Feynman diagrams representing a stationary state scattering process. Note that for us to find out that the two strings found by PICK are the same, we must either pick the same string twice or at some previous step have produced (by discrimination) and adjoined the string which is now the same as the second one picked. Although it is not discussed in bit-string language, a little thought about the solution of a relativistic three body scattering problem Ed Jones and I have found [7] shows

that the driving term ($^{>}\!\_^{<}$) is always a four-leg Feynman diagram ($> - <$) plus a spectator ($-$) whose quantum numbers are *identical* with the quantum numbers of the particle in the intermediate state connecting the two vertices. The step we do not take here is to show that the labels do indeed represent quantum number conservation and the contents a finite and discrete version of relativistic energy-momentum conservation. But we hope that enough has been said to show how we could interpret program universe as representing a sequence of contemporaneous scattering processes, and an algorithm which tells us how the space in which they occur expands.

At this point we need a guiding principle to show us how we can "chunk" the growing information content provided by the discriminate closure of the label portion of the strings in such a way as to generate a hierarchical representation of the quantum numbers that these labels represent. Following a suggestion of David McGoveran's (private communication), we note that *we can guarantee that the representation has a coordinate basis and supports linear operators by mapping it to square matrices.*

The mapping scheme originally used by Amson, Bastin, Kilmister and Parker-Rhodes [1] satisfies this requirement. This scheme requires us to introduce the multiplication operation ($0 \cdot 0 = 0 = 0 \cdot 1 = 0 = 1 \cdot 0$, $1 \cdot 1 = 1$), converting our bit-string formalism into the *field Z_2*. First note, as mentioned above, that any set of n discriminately independent (*d.i.*) strings will generate exactly $2^n - 1$ discriminately closed subsets (*dcss*). Start with two d.i. strings **a**, **b**. These generate three d.i. subsets, namely $\{\mathbf{a}\}$, $\{\mathbf{b}\}$, $\{\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}, \mathbf{a} \oplus \mathbf{b}\}$. Require each dcss ($\{ \quad \}$) to contain only the eigenvector(s), of three 2×2 *mapping matrices* which (1) are non-singular (do not map onto zero) and (2) are d.i. Rearrange these as strings. They will then generate seven dcss. Map these by seven d.i. 4×4 matrices, which meet the same criteria (1) and (2) just given. Rearrange these as seven d.i. strings of length 16. These generate $127 = 2^7 - 1$ dcss. These can be mapped by 127 16×16 d.i. mapping matrices, which, rearranged as strings of length 256, generate $2^{127} - 1 \approx 1.7 \times 10^{38}$ dcss. But these cannot be mapped by 256×256 d.i. matrices because there are at most 256^2 such matrices and $256^2 \ll 2^{127} - 1$. Thus this *combinatorial hierarchy* terminates at the fourth level. The mapping matrices are not unique, but exist, as has been proved by direct construction and an abstract proof [2]. It is easy to see that the four level

hierarchy constructed by these rules is *unique* because starting with d.i. strings of length 3 or 4 generates only two levels and the dcss generated by d.i. strings of length 5 or greater cannot be mapped.

Making physical sense out of these numbers is a long story [4], and making the case that they give us the quantum numbers of the standard model of quarks and leptons with exactly 3 generations has only been sketched [3]. However we do not require the completely worked out scheme to make interesting cosmological predictions. The ratio of dark to "visible" (i.e. electromagnetically interacting) matter is the easiest to see. The electromagnetic interaction first comes in when we have constructed the first three levels giving 3+7+127 =137 dcss, one of which is identified with electromagnetic interactions because it occurs with probability $1/137 \approx e^2/\hbar c$. But the construction must first complete the first two levels giving 3+7=10 dcss. Since the construction is "random" and this will happen many, many times as program universe grinds along, we will get the 10 non-electromagnetically interacting labels 127/10 times as often as we get the electromagnetically interacting labels. Our prediction of $M_{DM}/M_B = 12.7$ is that naive.

The $1/256^4$ prediction for N_B/N_γ is comparably naive. Our partially worked out scheme of relating bit-string events to particle physics [3, 4], makes it clear that photons, both as labels (which communicate with particle-antiparticle pairs) and as content strings will contain equal numbers of zeros and ones in appropriately speci-fied portions of the strings. Consequently they can be readily identified as the most probable entities in any assemblage of strings generated by whatever pseudo-random number generator is used to construct the arbitrary actions and bit-strings needed in actually running program universe. This scheme also makes the simplest repre-sentation of fermions and anti-fermions contain one more "1" and one less "0" than the photons (or *visa versa*). (Which we call "fermions" and which "anti-fermions" is, to begin with, an arbitrary choice of nomenclature.) Since our dynamics insures conventional quantum number conservation by construction, the problem — as in conventional theories—is to show how program universe introduces a bias between "0" 's and "1" 's once the full interaction scheme is developed.

Since program universe has to start out with two strings, and both of these cannot

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be null if the evolution is lead anywhere, the first significant PICK and discrimination will necessarily lead to a universe with three strings, two of which are "1" and one of which is "0". Subsequent PICKs and TICKs are sufficiently "random" to insure that (at least statistically) there will be an equal number of zeros and ones, apart from the initial bias giving an extra one. Once the label length of 256 is reached, and sufficient space-time structure ("content strings") generated and interacted to achieve thermal equilibrium, this label bias for a 1 compared to equal numbers of zeros and ones will persist for 1 in 256 labels. But to count the equilibrium processes relevant to computing the ratio of baryons to photons, we must compare the labels leading to baryon-photon scattering compared to those leading to photon-photon scattering. This requires the baryon bias of 1 to appear in one and only one of the four initial (or final, since the diagrams are time symmetric) state labels of length 256 involved in that comparison. As a trivial example take the baryon-antibaryon-photon vertex to be $\mathbf{B} \oplus \bar{\mathbf{B}} \oplus \gamma = \mathbf{0}$ with $\mathbf{B} = (1110)$, $\bar{\mathbf{B}} = (0010)$ and $\gamma = (1100)$. We conclude that, in the absence of further information, $1/256^4$ is the program universe prediction for the baryon-photon ratio at the time of big bang nucleosynthesis.

Since Jones' paper is still in preparation, I note here only that it relies on quite general physical principles which fit together smoothly with bit-string physics. Clearly, pursuing the combination of these two lines of reasoning could prove to be very exciting.

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