Rediscovering the origins of modern Cosmology

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Some facts *(a few rather surprising...)*

- **Adam Riess**, NP 2011, at Starmus (Tenerife), about Hubble:
  - “Hubble obtained the distances and redshifts of distant nebulae…”
  - “Hubble discovered that the Universe was expanding…”
  - No mention to Vesto Slipher, Henrietta Leavitt, …

- **Brian Schmidt**, NP 2011, at Starmus (Tenerife) & Lisa Randall, Harvard U, in Barcelona, about Einstein:
  - “Einstein was the first to think about the possibility of a ‘dark energy’…”
  - No mention to Fritz Zwicky, another extraordinary astronomer
  - Fritz Zwicky *discovered dark matter* in the early 1930s while studying how galaxies move within the Coma Cluster
  - He was also the first to postulate and use nebulae as gravitational lenses (1937)

- How easily* brilliant astronomers get dismissed

- How easily* scientific myths arise *in few decades
Univers d’Anaximandre 610–546 BC

Univers de Ptolomeu, s.II

Univers de Copèrnic, Thomas Digges 1576

Diversos models d’Univers
Henrietta S Leavitt 1912 period-luminosity relationship of Cepheid variable stars: linear dependence of luminosity on period of variable stars (Eddington valve) "standard candles" for measuring H
THE GREAT DEBATE

HARLOW SHAPLEY VS HEBER CURTIS

GREAT DEBATE

SMITHSONIAN WASHINGTON
26 APRIL 1920

WORLD HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPIONSHIP
WBA / IBF / WBO / IBO
MOSCOW 2013
Apr 26, 1920: The Great Debate – Shapley vs Curtis

Harlow Shapley – the Milky Way was the entire Universe

Heber Curtis – many novae in Andromeda: “island Universe” (I Kant)
November 23, 1924

FINDS SPIRAL NEBULAE ARE STELLAR SYSTEMS; Dr. Hubbell Confirms View That They Are 'Island Universes' Similar to Our Own

WASHINGTON, Nov. 22. -- Confirmation of the view that the spiral nebulae, which appear in the heavens as whirling clouds, are in reality distant stellar systems, or "island universes," has been obtained by Dr. Edwin Hubbell of the Carnegie Institution's Mount Wilson observatory, through investigations carried out with the observatory's powerful telescopes.

In 1929 Hubble formulated the Redshift Distance Law, [Hubble's law](#).

Ernst J. Öpik

Estonian astronomer and astrophysicist (1893-1985) worked at the Armagh Observatory in Northern Ireland. In 1922 published a paper estimating the distance to Andromeda using an original method based on observed rotational velocities of the galaxy: 450 kpc. Was the first to calculate the density of a white dwarf.

His result was closer to recent estimates (775 kpc) than Hubble's result (285 kpc) of Nov 23, 1924; E Öpik, ApJ 55, 406, 1922.
On September 17, 1912, obtained the first radial velocity of a "spiral nebula" - Andromeda. Using the 24-inch telescope at Lowell Observatory, AZ, he got more Doppler shifts, establishing that large velocities, usually in recession, were a general property of the spiral nebulae.

Slipher presented his results of the speed of 15 nebulae to the Am Astronomical Society in 1914, and received a standing ovation.
Table 1: Radial velocities in km/s of 25 spiral nebulae published by VM Slipher in 1917

Table 1: Distances in Mpc of spiral nebulae published by E Hubble in 1929

At large scale, the dominant movement of our Universe is dictated by the law:

\[ V = H_0 \, D \]

\( H_0 = (67.8 \pm 0.9) \text{ km/s/Mpc} \) \[500\text{ Hubble, 1929}\]

**Interpretation:**

1. **Proper** movement of the galaxies
2. Movement of the reference system, **of space-time**

Both are right! –But the second prevails at large distances
Hubble acknowledged Slipher's seminal contribution to his own work by declaring that:

“... the first steps in a new field are the most difficult and the most significant. Once the barrier is forced further development is relatively simple.”

In a letter by Hubble to Willem De Sitter in 1931, he stated his thoughts about the velocities by saying

"... we use the term 'apparent velocities' in order to emphasize the empirical feature of the correlation. The interpretation, we feel, should be left to you and the very few others who are competent to discuss the matter with authority."

Sten Odenwald and Rick Fienberg, "Redshifts Reconsidered", Sky Pub Co (1993)

Einstein was convinced in `31 by Eddington, Tolman, and de Sitter (not by Hubble) of the facts that his static model was unstable and that the universe was expanding.  

“Condició primigènia en la qual existien unes condicions d’una infinita densitat i temperatura” [Wikipedia CAT]

“At some moment all matter in the universe was contained in a single point” [Wikipedia

Georges Lemaître (1894-1966)

Theory, 1927: Solution (Friedmann’s) of Einstein’s Eqs
Annales Société Scientifique Bruxelles 47, 49 (1927), Eddington MNRAS (1930)

Observational evid.: V. Slipher redshifts + E. Hubble distances

"hypothèse de l’atome primitif" Nature 127, 706 (1931)

primeval atom, cosmic egg

James Peebles: "The discovery that the U is expanding", Madrid 21/4/15


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1. Introduction.

According to the theory of relativity, a homogeneous universe may exist such that all positions in space are completely equivalent; there is no centre of gravity. The radius of space $R$ is constant; space is elliptic, i.e. of uniform positive curvature $1/R^2$; straight lines starting from a point come back to their origin after having travelled a path of length $\pi R$; the volume of space has a finite value $\pi^2 R^3$; straight lines are closed lines going through the whole space without encountering any boundary.

Two solutions have been proposed. That of de Sitter ignores the existence of matter and supposes its density equal to zero. It leads to a rigid diffusion of individual atoms of which there

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*(Note: The rest of the document is not transcribed due to the page limitation and the focus on providing a plain text representation of the first page of the document)*
Sir Fred Hoyle (1915–2001) English astronomer noted primarily for the theory of stellar nucleosynthesis (1946, 54 groundbreaking papers)

Work on Britain's radar project with Hermann Bondi and Thomas Gold

William Fowler NP’83: “The concept of nucleosynthesis in stars was first established by Hoyle in 1946”

He found the idea universe had a beginning to be pseudoscience, also arguments for a creator, “…for it's an irrational process, and can't be described in scientific terms”; “…belief in the first page of Genesis”

Hoyle-Gold-Bondi 1948 steady state theory, “creation or C-field”

BBC radio's Third Program broadcast on 28 Mar 1949: “… all matter in the universe was created in one Big Bang at a particular time…”
Hoyle is just remembered as the proposer of the discredited Steady State theory of the universe

“Everybody knows that the rival Big Bang theory won the battle of the cosmologies, but few (not even astronomers) appreciate that the mathematical formalism of the now-favoured version of Big Bang, called inflation, is identical to Hoyle's version of the Steady State model”

The original meaning of “Big Bang”

Thus:

Big Bang = Impossible blow!!

But now:

Big Bang ≈ Inflation!

• Same underlying physics as in steady state theory, “creation or C-field”

• Richard C. Tolman, 1934: “Relativity, Thermodynamics, and Cosmology”
  Explained how a closed universe could equal zero energy: how all mass/energy is positive and all gravitational energy is negative and how they may cancel each other out, leading to a universe of zero energy

• Tolman–Oppenheimer–Volkoff (TOV) equation: constrains in GR the structure of a spherically symmetric body of isotropic material in static equilibrium
Common popular sources on the Big Bang

**Wikipedia webpage:** \``If the known laws of physics are extrapolated to the highest density regime, the result is a singularity ..."\``Since Georges Lemaître first noted in 1927 that an expanding universe could be traced back in time to an originating single point, scientists have built on his idea ...``Extrapolation of the expansion of the universe backwards in time using general relativity yields an infinite density and temperature at a finite time in the past ..."

**French Wikipedia:** \``De façon générale, le terme \``Big Bang\'' est associé à toutes les théories qui décrivent notre Univers comme issu d'une dilatation rapide qui fait penser à une explosion ..."

**Italian version:** \``La fase iniziale calda e densa è denominata \``Big Bang\'' ..."

**National Geographic:** \``Before the big bang, scientists believe, the entire vastness of the observable universe, including all of its matter and radiation, was compressed into a hot, dense mass just a few millimeters across."

**Global Britannica:** \``Its essential feature is the emergence of the universe from a state of extremely high temperature and density: the so-called big bang ..."

**NASA webpage:** \``Was the Big Bang an explosion? No, the Big Bang was not an explosion. We don't know what, exactly, happened in the earliest times, but it was not an explosion in the usual way that people picture explosions. There was not a bunch of debris that sprang out, whizzing out into the surrounding space. In fact, there was no surrounding space. There was no debris strewn outwards. Space itself has been stretching and carrying material with it.\''
Miracle of Physics No. 1

“Gravity can be repulsive”

[Alan Guth, MIT]
Miracle of Physics No. 2

“Energies are not always positive: the gravitational field has negative energy”

[Alan Guth, MIT]
Spatial curvature: But combining the Planck data with BAO:
\[ |\Omega_K| < 0.005 \quad \Omega_K = 0.000 \pm 0.005 \text{ (95%, Planck TT+lowP+lensing+BAO)} \]

This is unchanged when adding JLA supernovae data (SDSS-II/SNLS3 Joint Light-curve Analysis) and the \(H_0\) prior: \(H_0 = (70.6 \pm 3.3) \text{ km s}^{-1}\text{Mpc}^{-1}\)

Combined constraints show impressive consistency with a flat universe:
- Total Energy of the Universe is zero with a precision of more than 0.5%
- In fact, our Universe appears to be spatially flat to a 1\(\sigma\) accuracy of 0.25%
- Impressive confirmation of the theoretical arguments above

“The six-parameter base \(\Lambda\)CDM model continues to provide a very good match to the more extensive 2015 Planck data, including polarization. This is the most important conclusion of Planck 2015 results”

By combining the Planck TT+lowP+lensing data with other astrophysical data, including the JLA supernovae, the Equation of State for dark energy is constrained to: \(w = -1.006 \pm 0.045\)

It is compatible with a cosmological constant \(\Lambda\)CDM cosmology
Stigler's law of eponymy

- Univ. Chicago statistics Prof. Stephen Stigler (1980)

Stigler’s law of eponymy:

“No scientific discovery is named after its actual discoverer”

- Hubble's law derived by Georges Lemaître at least two years before Edwin Hubble

- Pythagoras Theorem was known to Babylonian mathematicians one Millennium before Pythagoras

- Halley's comet was observed by astronomers since 240 BC

- Stigler recognizes the sociologist Robert K. Merton as the discoverer of “Stigler's law”: it follows its own decree!
What does “Big Bang” mean?

The Big Bang Singularity

Singularity Theorems: Roger Penrose, Stephen Hawking, ...
R Penrose, "Gravitational collapse and space-time singularities", Phys Rev Lett 14 (1965) 57
S Hawking, GFR Ellis, “The Large Scale Structure of Space-Time” (Cambridge U P, 1973)
http://www.hawking.org.uk/the-beginning-of-time.html

Extended Theorems: Arvind Borde, Allan Guth, Alexander Vilenkin

The Big Bang Cosmological Models

Cold Big Bang Model

Hot Big Bang Model
http://www.damtp.cam.ac.uk/research/gr/public/bb_home.html
https://faraday.physics.utoronto.ca/PVB/Harrison/GenRel/BigBangModel.html
According to the most recent and accurate astronomical observations, it is very likely that our universe had an origin from nothing (e.g., from a vacuum state of a tiny quantum system including space-time and a scalar field) some 13.8 billion years ago and is currently in accelerated expansion.

Recall the 2nd Friedmann Eq.

\[ \frac{\ddot{a}}{a} = -\frac{4\pi G}{3} \left( \rho + \frac{3p}{c^2} \right) + \frac{\Lambda c^2}{3} \]

Fluid

\[ p = w \rho \]

Three possibilities for its fundamental parameter of state \( w \) (\( w \approx -1 \), obs.):

1. \( w = -1 \) cosmological constant case, the simplest and most natural in general relativity
   - difficult to explain, need for a symmetry
   - the cosmological constant problem

2. \( w > -1 \) so-called quintessence case
   - ordinary, evolving scalar field

3. \( w < -1 \) the phantom case
   - phantom field (negative kinetic energy)
   - future singularities at finite (or infinite) time
1. If the universe is indeed in the LCDM era, it might remain in such era, becoming asymptotically de Sitter, i.e., a regular universe

2. For a phantom or quintessence dark energy era, four finite-time futures:
      In the limit $t = t_s$ (a finite value of time in the future) all quantities, as the scale factor, effective energy density and pressure of the universe diverge
   b. Sudden Singularity, or Type II, discovered in J.D. Barrow, Class. Quant. Grav. 21 (2004) L79
      In the limit $t = t_s$ only the effective pressure of the universe becomes infinite
   c. Type III future singularity
      For $t = t_s$ both effective energy density and pressure of the universe diverge
d. Type IV future singularity

In the limit $t = t_s$ scale factor, effective energy density, pressure do not diverge. However, **higher derivatives of $H$ become divergent**, as discovered in S. Nojiri, S.D. Odintsov, S. Tsujikawa, Phys. Rev. D71 (2005) 063004 where a full classification was given. Eventually, the universe may survive the passage through a type IV singularity Sudden Singularity, or type II, discovered in J.D. Barrow, Class. Quant. Grav. 21 (2004) L79

3. Little Rip universe, where the future singularity occurs at infinite time

Typically, when the **scale factor increases rapidly**, as $a(t) = \exp[\exp(t)]$ or higher exp P.H. Frampton, K.J. Ludwick and R.J. Scherrer, Phys. Rev. D84 (2011) 063003 I. Brevik, E. Elizalde, S. Nojiri, S.D. Odintsov, Phys. Rev. D84 (2011) 103508

- Different combinations also possible, as an **oscillating universe (bounce)**
- **Quantum gravity effects** may affect this future evolution, preventing a Big Rip by quantum effects, E. Elizalde, S. Nojiri, S.D. Odintsov, Phys. Rev. D70 (2004) 043539 or by a similar **Casimir-type effect**


Thank You

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