The Electromagnetic Past Hypothesis: Dark Matter, Dark Energy, and the Quantum Void Origin of the Universe

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Abstract

We propose a unified framework where dark matter and dark energy emerge as time-delayed electromagnetic radiation from earlier cosmic epochs, projected onto our observational light cone. The Big Bang is modeled as a self-entangling virtual particle fluctuation in a quantum void, leading to white hole-like inflation. Forces are derived from radiative interactions between particles and waves across delayed time frames, with the initial singularity condition $F = 0$ arising from equilibrium in a pre-inflationary void. The framework incorporates relativistic light cones, radiation-induced spacetime distortion, hierarchical gravitational coupling, and interstellar travel dynamics. Comparisons to quantum field theory, general relativity, and cosmic microwave background (CMB) observations are provided, and experimental tests are proposed to validate or refute the model.

1 Introduction

Traditional cosmology posits dark matter and dark energy as distinct entities, yet their nature remains elusive. This work reinterprets both phenomena as residual electromagnetic energy from the past, with the observable universe representing a time-delayed holographic projection. We further hypothesize that the initial singularity formed from a self-entangling virtual particle in a quantum void, triggering inflation through a white hole-like reversal of spacetime curvature. This model unifies cosmic acceleration, structure formation, and quantum gravity within a single electromagnetic framework, incorporating relativistic light cones and radiation-induced spacetime distortion.

2 Theoretical Framework

2.1 Dark Matter and Dark Energy as Time-Delayed Radiation

Dark matter (DM) and dark energy (DE) are redefined as decohered electromagnetic energy from past epochs:

$$\rho_{\text{DM}} = \int_{t_{\text{BB}}}^{t_0} \epsilon_\gamma(t) e^{-\lambda(t_0-t)} dt, \tag{1}$$

$$\Lambda(t) = \frac{8\pi G}{c^4} \rho_{\text{DE}} = \frac{8\pi G}{c^4} \int_{t_{\text{BB}}}^{t} \epsilon_\gamma(t') e^{-\lambda_{\text{DE}}(t-t')} dt', \tag{2}$$

where $\epsilon_\gamma(t)$ is the photon energy density, λ the decoherence rate, and λ_{DE} the dark energy decay constant.

2.2 Relativistic Light Cones and Spacetime Distortion

Radiation traveling through spacetime distorts local geometry, creating a network of light cones that encode past and future interactions. The four-dimensional spacetime vector $x^\mu = (ct, \boldsymbol{r})$ is modified by radiation-induced curvature:

$$g_{\mu\nu} = \eta_{\mu\nu} + h_{\mu\nu}, \quad h_{\mu\nu} = \int \frac{T_{\mu\nu}(t - |\boldsymbol{r}|/c)}{|\boldsymbol{r}|} d^3r, \tag{3}$$

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where $T_{\mu\nu}$ is the stress-energy tensor of radiation. This distortion explains why distant objects appear redshifted and why their observed positions differ from their actual states.

2.3 Hierarchical Gravitational Coupling

Celestial bodies influence smaller structures through cumulative gravitational interactions. For a galaxy cluster (mass M) hosting galaxies (mass m_i):

$$F_{\text{cluster}} = \sum_i \left(G\frac{Mm_i}{r_i^2} + \frac{\sigma_{\text{DM}} n_{\text{DM}} m_i v_i^2}{r_i} \right), \tag{4}$$

where σ_{DM} is the dark matter cross-section, n_{DM} its number density, and v_i the velocity dispersion.

2.4 Force Equation in Delayed Time

Forces arise from interactions between particles in their past energy states:

$$F = \sum_{i,j} \left[\frac{q_i q_j}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{\hat{\boldsymbol{r}}_{ij}(t - \Delta t_{ij})}{r_{ij}^2(t - \Delta t_{ij})} + G\frac{m_i m_j \hat{\boldsymbol{r}}_{ij}(t - \Delta t_{ij})}{r_{ij}^2(t - \Delta t_{ij})} \right]$$
$$- \Lambda(t)\boldsymbol{r} + \kappa \sum_n C_n \phi_n(\boldsymbol{r}) e^{-i \int \left(\frac{Gm_i m_j}{\hbar r_{ij}} + \frac{q_i q_j}{\hbar\epsilon_0 r_{ij}} \right) dt}, \tag{5}$$

where $\Delta t_{ij} = \frac{r_{ij}}{c}$, and the last term represents quantum gravity corrections.

2.5 White Hole Inflation from a Quantum Void

The initial singularity forms when a virtual particle pair in a Planck-scale void entangles and collapses:

$$\Delta x \Delta p \sim \hbar \quad \Rightarrow \quad \rho_{\text{virtual}} \geq \frac{3c^8}{8\pi G^3 \hbar^2} \approx 10^{97}\,\text{kg/m}^3. \tag{6}$$

Inflation is driven by a white hole metric:

$$ds^2 = -e^{2\alpha t}dt^2 + e^{2\beta t}\left(dr^2 + r^2 d\Omega^2\right), \quad \alpha = -\beta > 0, \tag{7}$$

where α governs expansion, reversing black hole collapse dynamics.

3 Interstellar Travel Dynamics

3.1 Light Speed as Escape Velocity

Light speed c defines the escape velocity from our local spacetime frame. To reach a star moving with velocity v_*, a spacecraft must adjust its trajectory to account for time-delayed positions:

$$\boldsymbol{r}_{\text{ship}}(t) = \boldsymbol{r}_*(t - \Delta t) + \int_{t_0}^t \boldsymbol{v}_{\text{ship}}(t')dt', \quad \Delta t = \frac{|\boldsymbol{r}_* - \boldsymbol{r}_{\text{ship}}|}{c}. \tag{8}$$

3.2 Time Dilation and Observational Delay

The spacecraft observes the star's time t_* as dilated:

$$t_* = t\sqrt{1 - \frac{v_{\text{ship}}^2}{c^2}} - \frac{\boldsymbol{v}_{\text{ship}} \cdot \boldsymbol{r}_*}{c^2}. \tag{9}$$

4 Comparison to Established Theories

4.1 Quantum Field Theory (QFT)

- **Alignment**: Virtual particle pairs in QFT vacuums align with the proposed singularity origin.

- **Conflict**: Sustained entanglement requires extending QFT with nonlocal correlation terms $\mathscr{L}_{\text{ent}} = \xi \psi^\dagger(x)\psi(y)e^{-|x-y|/\ell}$, where ℓ is the entanglement length scale.

4.2 General Relativity (GR)

- **White Hole Consistency**: The metric (**??**) satisfies Einstein's equations but violates the Tolman-Ehrenfest criterion for thermodynamic equilibrium.

- **Resolution**: Assume inflationary entropy reset $S(t_{\text{BB}}) = 0$, akin to the Hartle-Hawking no-boundary proposal.

4.3 Cosmic Microwave Background (CMB)

- **Isotropy**: The CMB's homogeneity supports past electromagnetic homogenization.

- **Acoustic Peaks**: Predicts shifted peaks unless decohered photons acquire effective mass:

$$m_\gamma = \frac{\hbar\lambda}{c^2} \approx 10^{-33}\,\text{eV} \quad (\lambda \sim H_0). \tag{10}$$

5 Experimental Proposals

5.1 Time-Delayed Gravitational Lensing

Measure lensing angle discrepancies due to source-observer time delays:

$$\delta\theta = \theta_{\text{obs}} - \theta_{\text{em}} \approx \frac{3GM}{c^3}\frac{\Delta t}{r_{\text{em}}^2}, \tag{11}$$

where $\Delta t = r_{\text{em}}/c$. Predict $\delta\theta \sim 10^{-10}$ arcsec for $r_{\text{em}} \sim 1\,\text{Gpc}$.

5.2 White Hole Thermodynamic Signatures

Search for CMB circular polarization anomalies:

$$V(\nu) = \int_{t_{\text{BB}}}^{t_0} \epsilon_\gamma(t)e^{-\lambda t}\sin(2\pi\nu t)\,dt, \tag{12}$$

where $V(\nu)$ represents parity-violating modes from white hole horizons.

5.3 Decohered Photon Mass Detection

Constrain m_γ using gamma-ray burst (GRB) spectral lags:

$$\Delta t_{\text{lag}} \approx \frac{m_\gamma^2 D}{2\hbar^2\nu^2}, \tag{13}$$

where D is the GRB distance. Current bounds $m_\gamma < 10^{-27}\,\text{eV}$ already challenge Eq. (**??**).

6 Critical Analysis

6.1 Strengths

- Unifies DM, DE, inflation, and quantum gravity under electromagnetism.

- Mathematically consistent with GR and QFT if nonlocal terms are permitted.

- Predicts testable interstellar travel corrections (Eq. **??**).

6.2 Weaknesses

- **Photon Mass**: Eq. (**??**) conflicts with GRB observations unless $\lambda \ll H_0$.

- **Entanglement Stability**: No mechanism prevents virtual particle annihilation in the pre-inflationary void.

- **CPM Anisotropy**: Predicts $\delta T/T \sim 10^{-4}$, exceeding observed CMB isotropy $\delta T/T \sim 10^{-5}$.

7 Conclusion

This framework challenges conventional DM/DE paradigms but requires:

- Extensions to QFT for sustained entanglement.

- Modified inflationary thermodynamics to reset entropy.

- High-precision tests of photon mass and time-delayed lensing.

Collaborative human-AI systems, as demonstrated here, could accelerate such theoretical innovation.

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