

Title: Data Mists, Blockchain Republics, and the Moon Shot

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Abstract: To do things together it is not enough to know. We must know what others know, and know that they know we know it, a phenomenon known as Common Knowledge. From the Royal Society to the Science and Nature super-journals, scientists have found waysâ€”however flawedâ€”to achieve it. Iâ€™™I introduce the concept of the Artifact, an abstraction that captures the essence of these institutions, and that may help us, in the 21st Century, to go beyond them. And Iâ€™™I propose, playfully, a few endeavors that may help us achieve it: Data Mists, Blockchain Republics, and the Moon Shot.

# Data Mists, Blockchain Republics and Moon Shots



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# Basic Principle of Science



Benjamin Franklin

“We must hang together or we shall surely hang separately”

# Rousseau's Stag Hunt



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N-player game

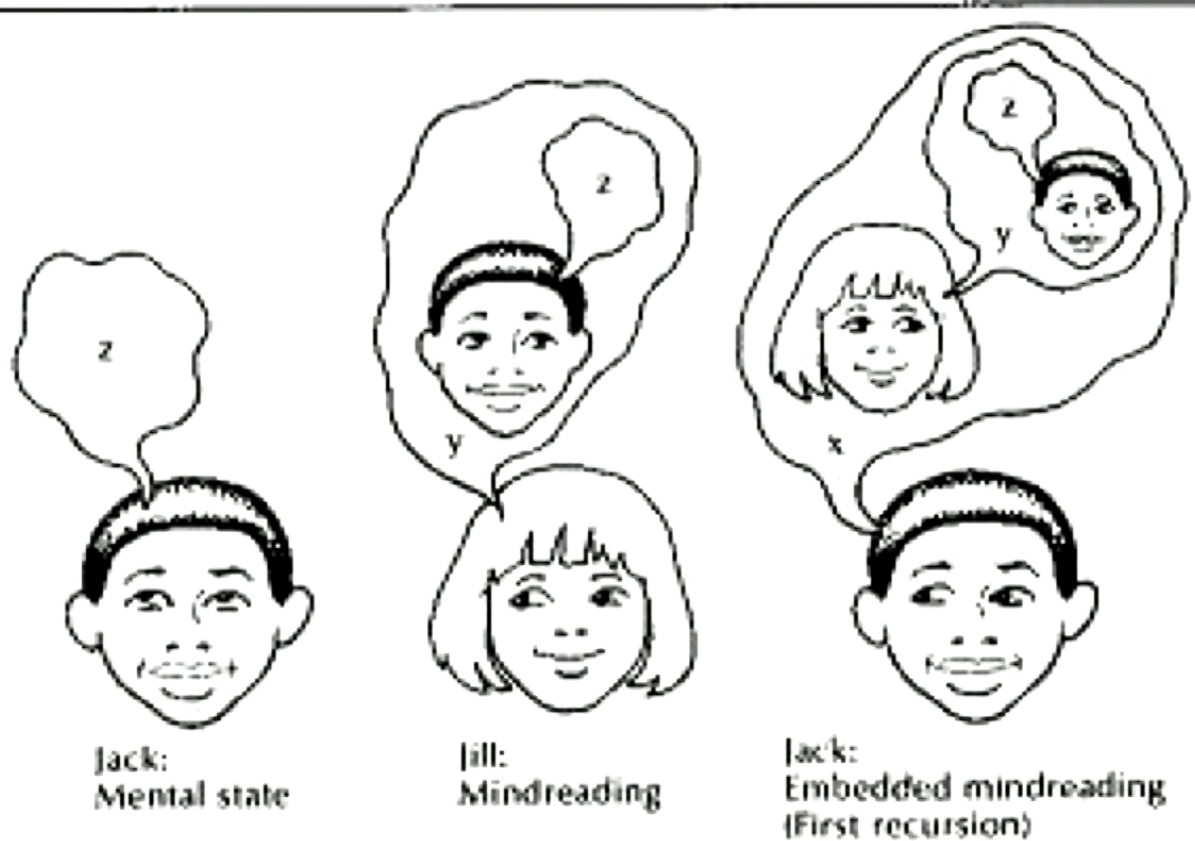
Hunt rabbits separately: small payoff, guaranteed

Hunt stag together: large payoff, but only if *all* go in





# Knowledge of Other Minds



I am willing to hunt stag  
(but fear that others won't)

level-0

I am willing, and I know you are  
willing (but do you know I am?)

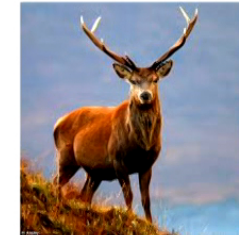
level-1

I am willing, I know you are  
willing, I know you know I  
am willing (but do you know  
that I know?)

level-2

...

Rabbit equilibrium: level-0



Stag equilibrium: level-infinity

**By backwards induction**

(If I'm at level  $N$ , I think you are  $N-1$ , which means  
you think I am  $N-2$ , which means you think I think you are  $N-3$ ...)



# How deep do we *actually* go?

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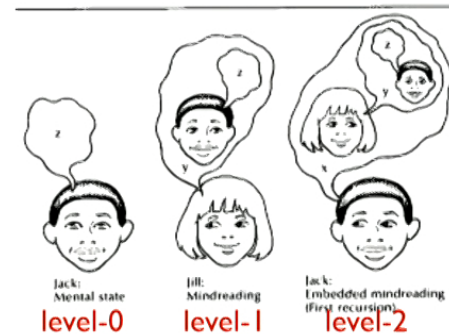
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CMU Undergrads

Actual average: 24.36

Winning guess: 16.23



Random (Level 0): 50

Level 1: 33

Level 2: 22

Level 3: 15

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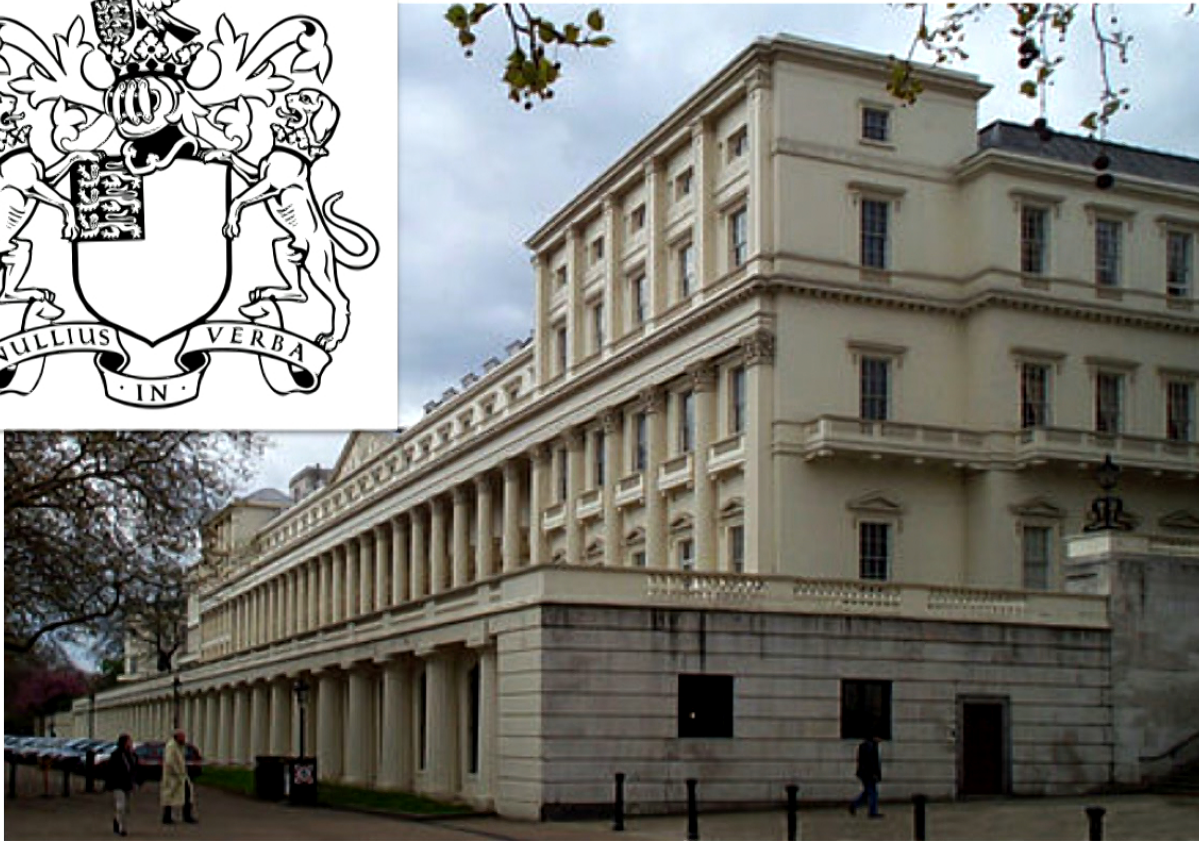
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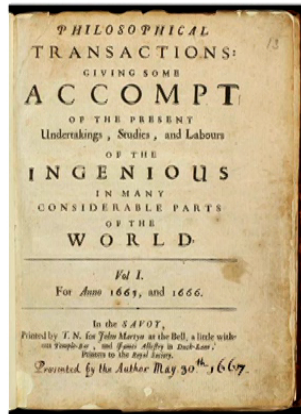


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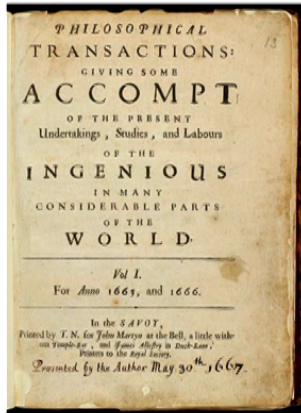
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Sharing of results

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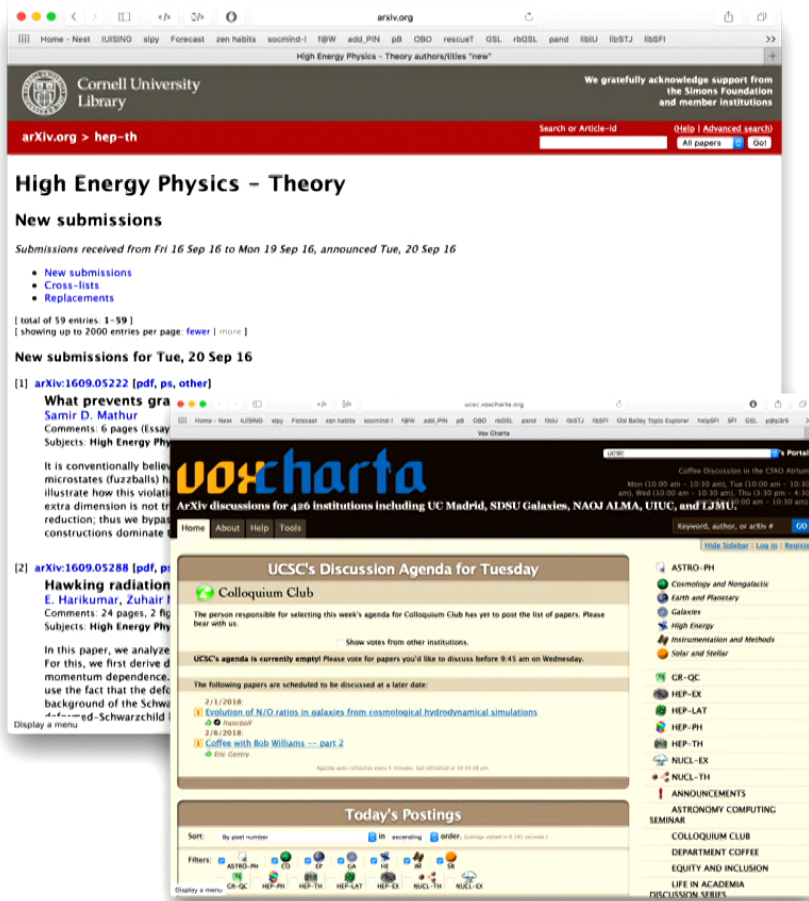
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Answerable to wider scientific community

Peer review  
(?–*Nature* only in 1967)

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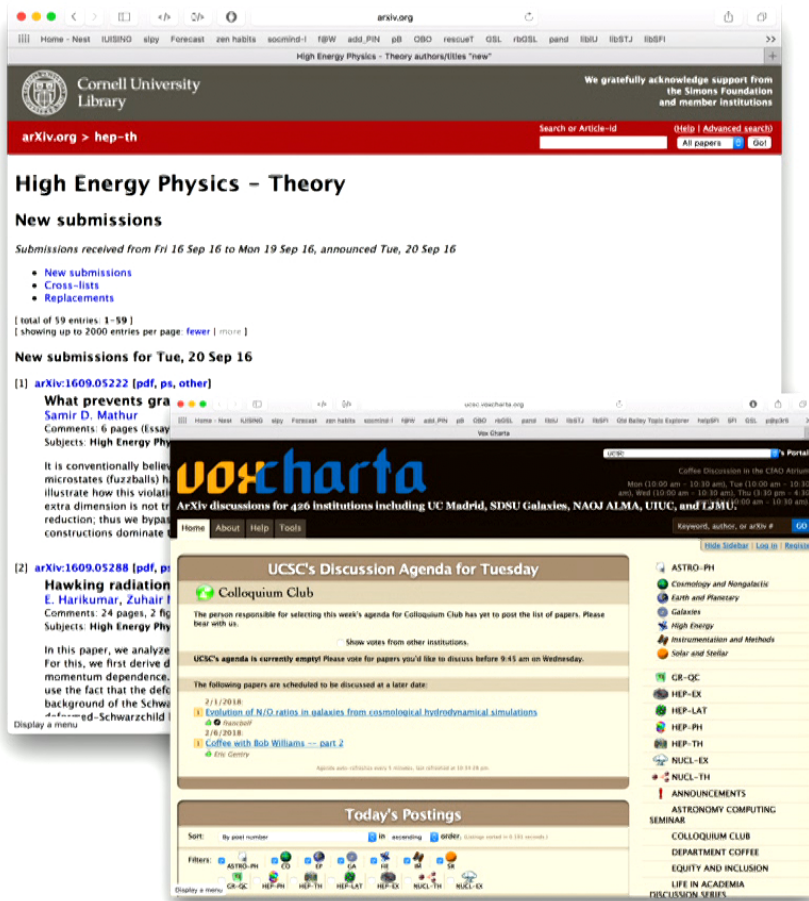


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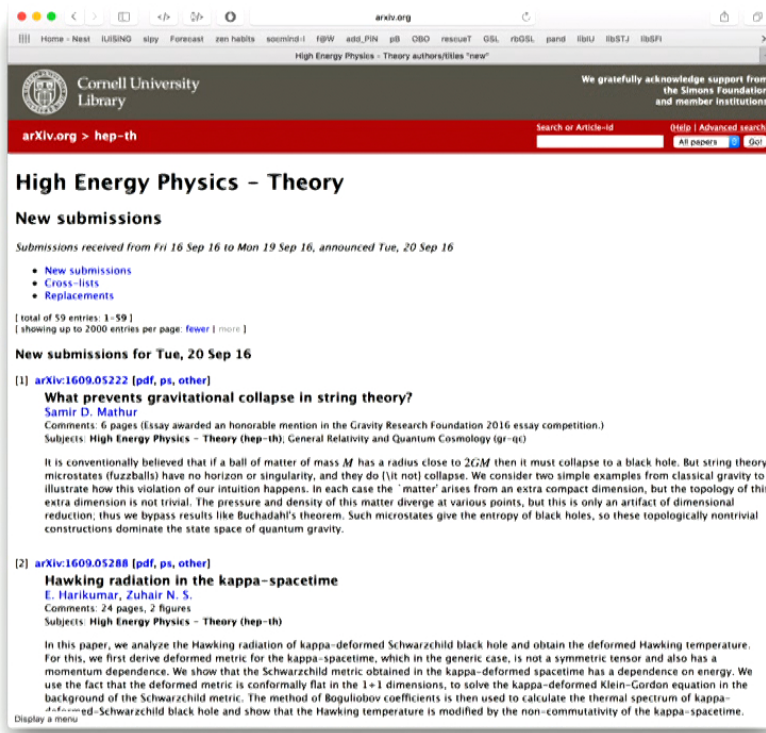
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- [1] arXiv:1609.05222 [pdf, ps, other]**  
**What prevents gravitational collapse in string theory?**  
Samir D. Mathur  
Comments: 6 pages (Essay awarded an honorable mention in the Gravity Research Foundation 2016 essay competition.)  
Subjects: High Energy Physics - Theory (hep-th), General Relativity and Quantum Cosmology (gr-qc)  
It is conventionally believed that if a ball of matter of mass  $M$  has a radius close to  $2GM$  then it must collapse to a black hole. But string theory microstates (fuzzballs) have no horizon or singularity, and they do (it not) collapse. We consider two simple examples from classical gravity to illustrate how this violation of our intuition happens. In each case the “matter” arises from an extra compact dimension, but the topology of this extra dimension is not trivial. The pressure and density of this matter diverge at various points, but this is only an artifact of dimensional reduction; thus we bypass results like Buchdahl’s theorem. Such microstates give the entropy of black holes, so these topologically nontrivial constructions dominate the state space of quantum gravity.
- [2] arXiv:1609.05288 [pdf, ps, other]**  
**Hawking radiation in the kappa-spacetime**  
E. Harikumar, Zuhair N. S.  
Comments: 24 pages, 2 figures  
Subjects: High Energy Physics - Theory (hep-th)  
In this paper, we analyze the Hawking radiation of kappa-deformed Schwarzschild black hole and obtain the deformed Hawking temperature. For this, we first derive deformed metric for the kappa-spacetime, which in the generic case, is not a symmetric tensor and also has a momentum dependence. We show that the Schwarzschild metric obtained in the kappa-deformed spacetime has a dependence on energy. We use the fact that the deformed metric is conformally flat in the  $1+1$  dimensions, to solve the kappa-deformed Klein-Gordon equation in the background of the Schwarzschild metric. The method of Bogoliubov coefficients is then used to calculate the thermal spectrum of kappa-deformed Schwarzschild black hole and show that the Hawking temperature is modified by the non-commutativity of the kappa-spacetime.

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# arXiv norms in practice



The BICEP2 instrument (background) at the South Pole has detected signs of ripples from the Universe's first moments.

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## Telescope captures view of gravitational waves

Images of the infant Universe reveal evidence for rapid inflation after the Big Bang.

BY BEN COWEN IN CAMBRIDGE.

WASHINGTON

Astronomers have peered back to nearly the dawn of time and found what seems to be the long-sought smoking gun for the theory that the Universe underwent a spurt of wondrous, exponential growth called inflation during the first tiny fraction of a second of its existence.

Using a radio telescope at the South Pole, the U.S.-led team has detected the first evidence of primordial gravitational waves, ripples in space that inflation generated 13.8 billion years ago when the Universe first started to expand.

The telescope captured a snapshot of the Universe some 380,000 years later, when stars had not yet formed and matter was still

scattered across space as a broth of plasma. The image was seen in the cosmic microwave background (CMB), the glow that radiated from that white-hot plasma and that over billions of years of cosmic expansion has cooled to microwave energies. The fact that inflation, a quantum

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For more on cosmic ripples from the Big Bang, visit [npr.com/135](http://npr.com/135)

## BICEP2 I: Detection Of B-mode Polarization at Degree Angular Scales

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(Submitted on 17 Mar 2014 (v1), last revised 23 Jun 2014 (this version, v3))

(abridged for arXiv) We report results from the BICEP2 experiment, a cosmic microwave background (CMB) polarimeter specifically designed to search for the signal of inflationary gravitational waves in the B-mode power spectrum around  $\ell \sim 80$ . The telescope comprised a 26 cm aperture all-cold refracting optical system equipped with a focal plane of 512 antenna coupled transition edge sensor 150 GHz bolometers each with temperature sensitivity of  $\approx 300 \mu\text{K}_{\text{CMB}} \sqrt{\text{s}}$ . BICEP2 observed from the South Pole for three seasons from 2010 to 2012. A low-foreground region of sky with an effective area of 380 square deg was observed to a depth of 87 nK deg in Stokes  $Q$  and  $U$ . We find an excess of B-mode power over the base lensed- $\Lambda$ CDM expectation in the range  $30 < \ell < 150$ , inconsistent with the null hypothesis at a significance of  $> 5\sigma$ . Through jackknife tests and simulations we show that systematic contamination is much smaller than the observed excess. We also examine a number of available models of polarized dust emission and find that at their default parameter values they predict power  $\sim (5 - 10)\times$  smaller than the observed excess signal. However, these models are not sufficiently constrained to exclude the possibility of dust emission bright enough to explain the entire excess signal. Cross correlating BICEP2 against 100 GHz maps from the BICEP1 experiment, the excess signal is confirmed and its spectral index is found to be consistent with that of the CMB, disfavoring dust at  $1.7\sigma$ . The observed B-mode power spectrum is well fit by a lensed- $\Lambda$ CDM + tensor theoretical model with tensor-to-scalar ratio  $r = 0.20^{+0.07}_{-0.05}$ , with  $r = 0$  disfavored at  $7.0\sigma$ . Accounting for the contribution of foreground dust will shift this value downward by an amount which will be better constrained with upcoming data sets.

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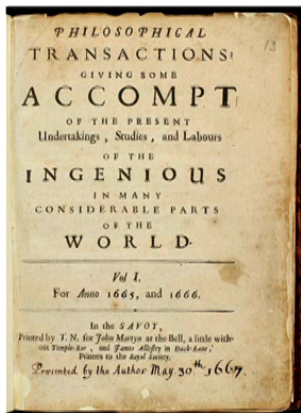
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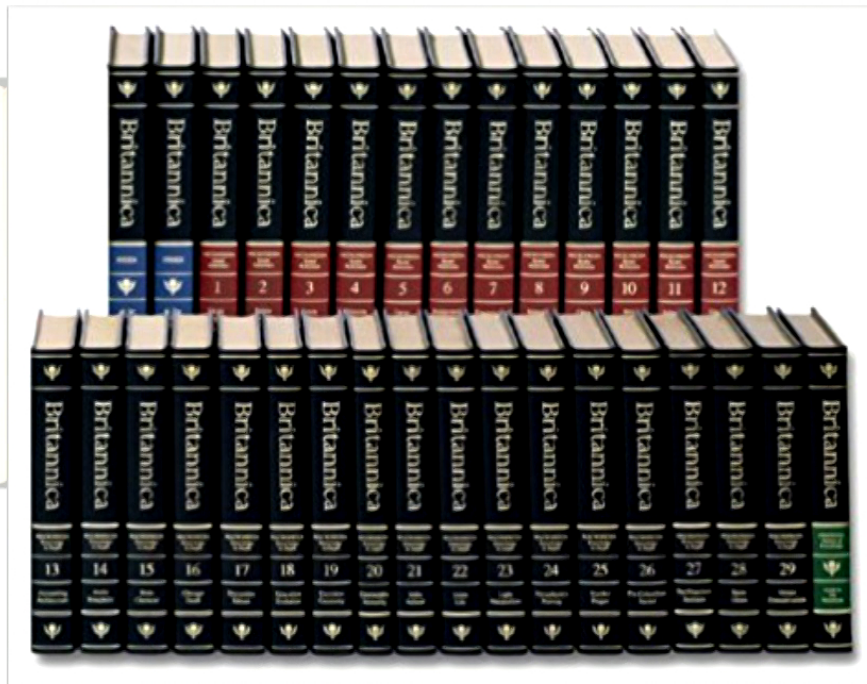
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## Wikipedia: What Wikipedia is not

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- 1.1 Wikipedia is not a paper encyclopedia

### 2 Encyclopedic content

- 2.1 Wikipedia is not a dictionary
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of crabs-eyes, &c. according to the substances dissolved. If, instead of evaporating the liquor, a fixed alkali be mixed therewith, the absorbent matter, that was dissolved by the acid, will precipitate in the form of a white powder, which is called the *magnifery of coral*, of pearls, &c.  
*The Acid of Vinegar combined with copper. Verdegris. Crystals of Copper. This Combination decomposed. Spirit of Verdegris.*

## h2g2

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

*h2g2 is an initialism for [The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy](#).*

The **h2g2** website is a British-based collaborative online encyclopedia project. It describes itself as "an unconventional guide to life, the universe, and everything", in the spirit of the fictional publication *The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy* from the science fiction comedy series of the same name by Douglas Adams.<sup>[1]</sup> It was founded by Adams in 1999 and was run by the BBC between 2001 and 2011.<sup>[2][3][4]</sup>

The intent is to create an Earth-focused guide that allows members to share information about their geographic area and the local sites, activities and businesses, to help people decide where they want to go and what they may find when they get there. It has grown to contain subjects from restaurants and recipes, to quantum theory and history. Explicit advertising of businesses was forbidden when the site was run by the BBC, but customer reviews were permitted.<sup>[5]</sup>

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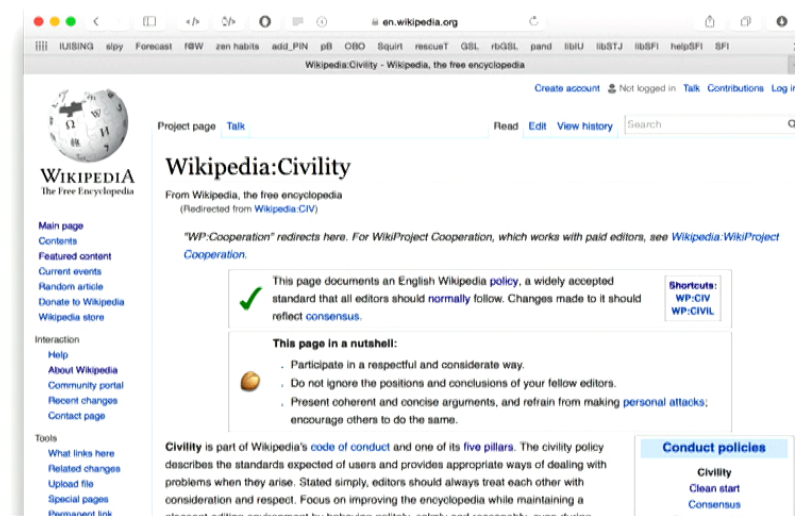
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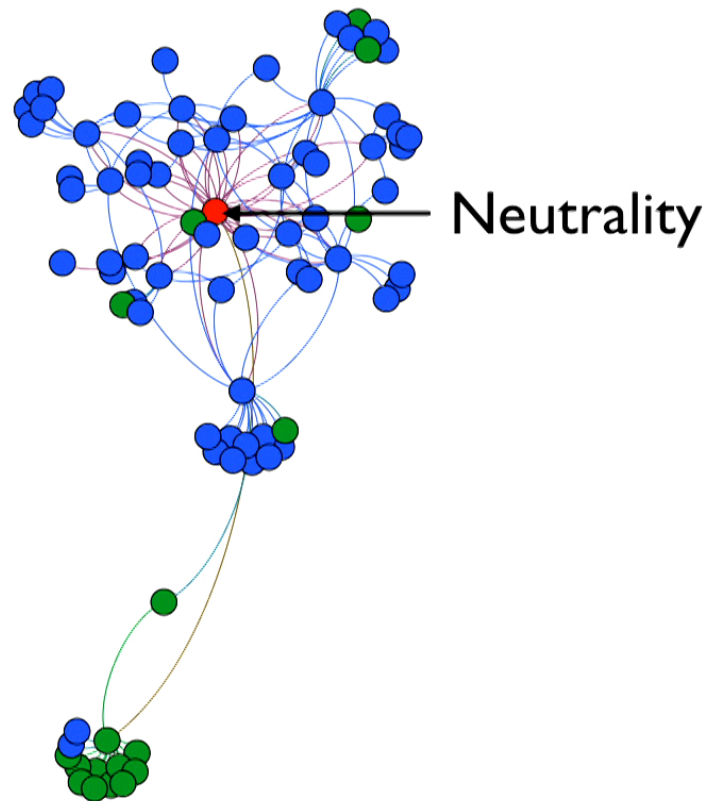
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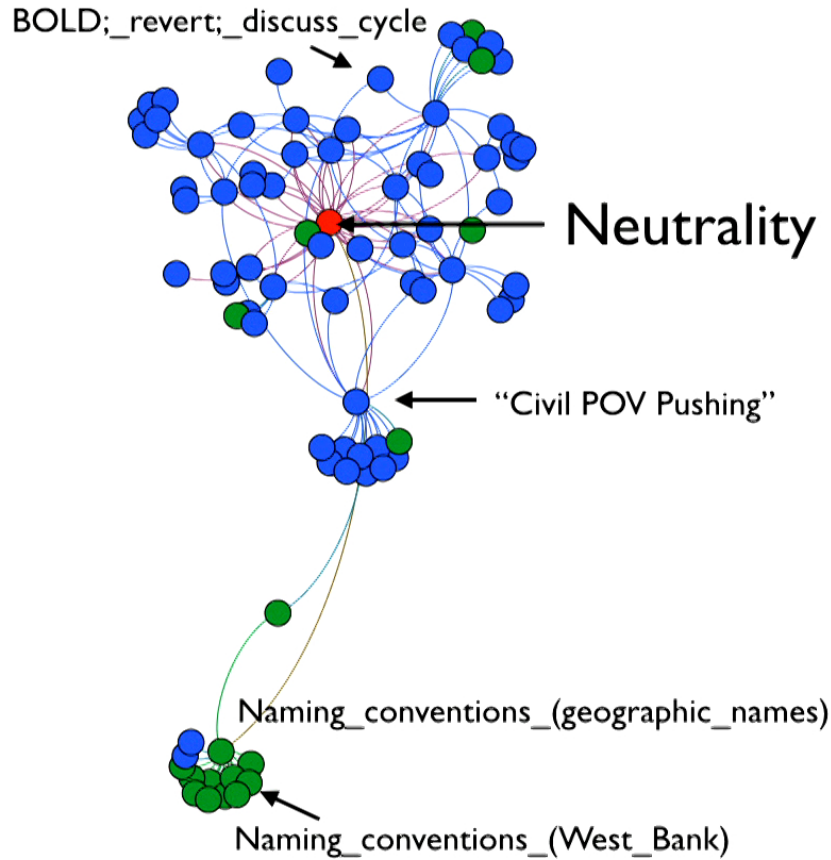
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no top-down solutions allowed  
(committees of review, specialist editors,  
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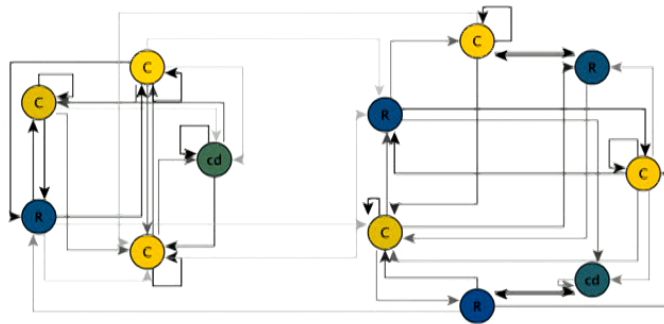


Figure 2: Hidden Markov model for the collective (group-level) cooperation and conflict patterns on the George W. Bush page. States are labeled by the probability of emitting each of the two output symbols; “C” ( $P(C) > 0.8$ , lighter yellow), “R” ( $P(R) > 0.8$ , darker blue) or “cr” (otherwise). Edge weights show transition probabilities; the lightest lines, connecting the two subspaces, correspond to probabilities of order  $10^{-4}$ . The system is dominated by a transition logic that, on short timescales, confines the system to one of two separate modules with a high density of internal transitions.

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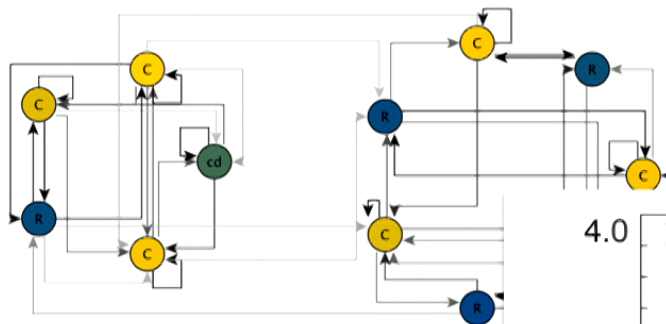
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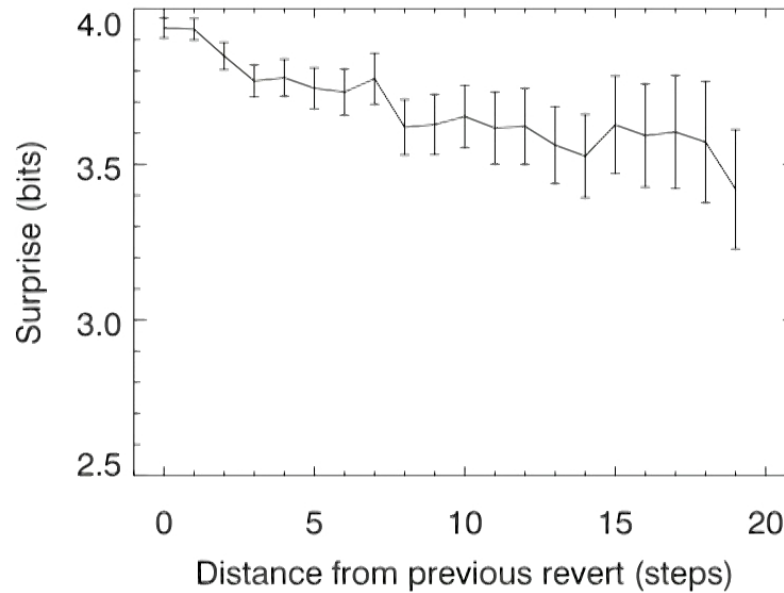
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## General relativity

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*For the book by Robert Wald, see [General Relativity \(book\)](#).  
For a more accessible and less technical introduction to this topic, see [Introduction to general relativity](#).*

**General relativity** (GR, also known as the **general theory of relativity** or **GTR**) is the [geometric theory of gravitation](#) published by [Albert Einstein](#) in 1915<sup>[2]</sup> and the current

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Chong Yidong wrote:  
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> *[[Rotating magnetic field]]*

I know little enough about physics that I can't say anything meaningful about these particulars, but I would say

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(b) if those are \*known\* and \*popular\* crackpot ideas, then we should have an article about them, identifying them \*as\* ideas that are completely rejected by the consensus of leading scientists or NPOV verbiage to that effect

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## [WikiEN-I] Crackpot articles

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Well, it's against my role as 'the Jim crackpots, so I'll avoid that word her mean anyway. ;-)

It has been my long experience, too, t minds, who are drawn to theorizing abo physics. Their struggles against the Romantic and lonely; they are voices o wilderness.

I think this presents challenges for o \_special\_ challenges. As with any con uncontroversial ones, there are mainst singular views.

## [WikiEN-I] Original research

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The phrase originated primarily as a practical means to deal with physics cranks, of which of course there are a number on the web.

The basic concept is as follows: it can be quite difficult for us to make any valid judgment as to whether a particular thing is \_true\_ or not. It isn't appropriate for us to try to determine whether someone's novel theory of physics is valid, we aren't really equipped to do that. But what we \_can\_ do is check whether or not it actually has been published in reputable journals or by reputable publishers. So it's quite convenient to avoid judging the credibility of things by simply sticking to things that have been judged credible by people much better equipped to decide.

The exact same principle will hold true for history, though I suppose the application will in some cases be a bit different and more subtle.



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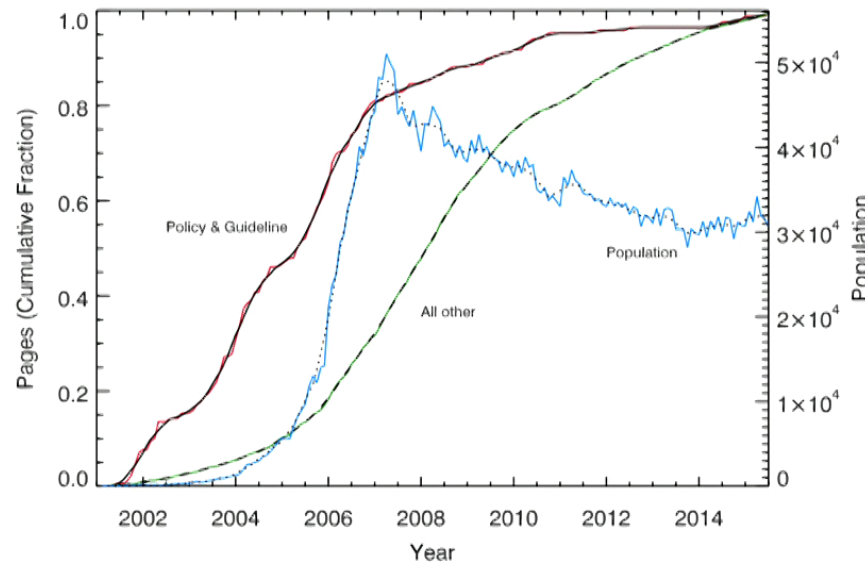
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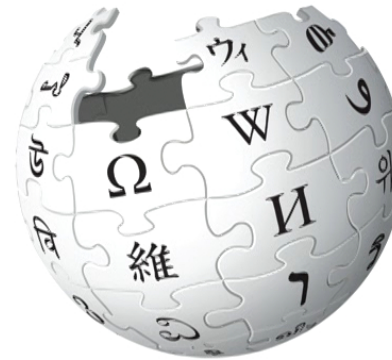
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## BICEP2 I: Detection Of B-mode Polarization at Degree Angular Scales

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## Toward an Understanding of Foreground Emission in the BICEP2 Region

Raphael Flauger, J. Colin Hill, David N. Spergel

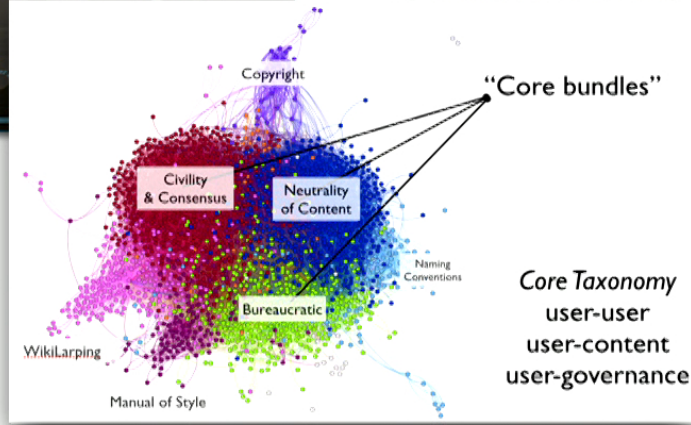
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BICEP2 has reported the detection of a degree-scale B-mode polarization pattern in the Cosmic Microwave Background (CMB) and has interpreted the measurement as evidence for primordial gravitational waves. Motivated by the profound importance of the discovery of gravitational waves from the early Universe, we examine to what extent a combination of Galactic foregrounds and known E-modes could be responsible for the signal. We reanalyze the BICEP2 results and show that the 100GHz L1R and 150GHz L1R data are consistent with a cosmology with  $r=0.2$  and negligible foregrounds, but also with a cosmology with  $r=0$  and a significant dust polarization signal. We give independent estimates of the dust polarization signal in the BICEP2 region using four different approaches. While these approaches are consistent with each other, the reported amplitude of the dust polarization power spectrum remains uncertain by about a factor of three. The lower end of the prediction leaves room for a primordial contribution, but at the higher end the dust in combination with the standard CMB tensor signal could account for the BICEP2 observations, without requiring the existence of primordial gravitational waves. By measuring the cross-correlations between the pre-Planck templates used in the BICEP2 analysis and between different versions of a data-based template, we emphasize that cross-correlations between models are very sensitive to noise in the polarization maps and that measured cross-correlations are likely underestimates of the contribution of foregrounds to the maps. These results suggest that BICEP1 and BICEP2 data alone cannot distinguish between foregrounds and a primordial gravitational wave signal, and that future Keck array observations at 100 GHz and Planck observations at higher frequencies will be crucial to determine whether the signal is of primordial origin.

## Reanalysis of the BICEP2, Keck and P

J. Richard Gott III (Princeton University), Wesley N. Colley (Princeton University)

A joint analysis of data collected by the Planck and BICEP2-Keck. Analyzing BICEP2 using its published noise estimate, we find joint results for BICEP2. With the Keck data now available, we fit BICEP2 vs. Keck B-mode maps. Knowing the correlation coefficient each map (which we check using the E-modes). We find the null estimate, explaining the anomalously high  $r$  value obtained by Keck. Since  $r > 0$  by definition, this implies a maximum likelihood inflation ( $r = 0.0036$ ) is not ruled out, however. Krauss & Wilczek due to a long-wavelength stochastic background of gravitons quantization of gravity, and, therefore, the existence of gravitons



Norms (not rules!) Matter

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## MOLECULAR STRUCTURE OF NUCLEIC ACIDS

### A Structure for Deoxyribose Nucleic Acid

WE wish to suggest a structure for the salt of deoxyribose nucleic acid (D.N.A.). This structure has novel features which are of considerable biological interest.

A structure for nucleic acid has already been proposed by Pauling and Corey<sup>1</sup>. They kindly made their manuscript available to us in advance of publication. Their model consists of three intertwined chains, with the phosphates near the fibre axis, and the bases on the outside. In our opinion, this structure is unsatisfactory for two reasons: (1) We believe that the material which gives the X-ray diagram is the salt, not the free acid. Without the acidic hydrogen atoms it is not clear what forces would hold the structure together, especially as the negatively charged phosphates near the axis will repel each other. (2) Some of the van der Waals distances appear to be too small.

Another three-chain structure has also been suggested by Fraser (in the press). In his model the phosphates are on the outside and the bases on the inside, linked together by hydrogen bonds. This structure as described is rather ill-defined, and for

is a residue on each chain every 3.4 Å, in the z-direction. We have assumed an angle of 36° between adjacent residues in the same chain, so that the structure repeats after 10 residues on each chain, that is, after 34 Å. The distance of a phosphate atom from the fibre axis is 10 Å. As the phosphates are on the outside, cations have easy access to them.

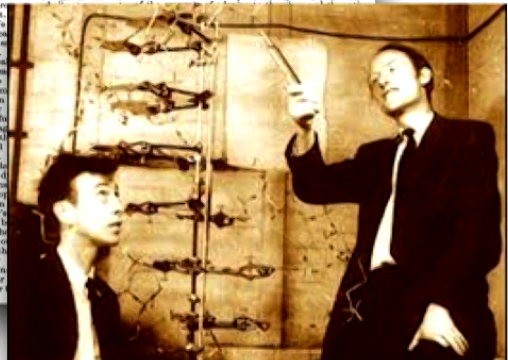
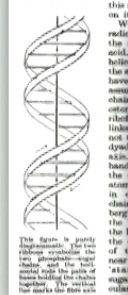
The structure is an open one, and its water content is rather high. At lower water contents we would expect the bases to tilt so that the structure could become more compact.

The novel feature of the structure is the manner in which the two chains are held together by the purine and pyrimidine bases. The planes of the bases are perpendicular to the fibre axis. They are joined together in pairs, a single base from one chain being hydrogen-bonded to a single base from the other chain, so that the two lie side by side with identical *trans*-orientations. One of the pair must be a purine and the other a pyrimidine for bonding to occur. The hydrogen bonds are made as follows: purine position 1 to pyrimidine position 1; purine position 6 to pyrimidine position 6.

If it is assumed that the bases only occur in the structure in the most plausible tautomeric forms (that is, with the keto rather than the enol configuration) it is found that only specific pairs of bases can bond together. These pairs are: adenine (purine) with thymine (pyrimidine), and guanine (purine) with cytosine (pyrimidine).

In other words, if an adenine forms one member of a pair, on either chain, then on the same chain the other member must be thymine; similarly for guanine and cytosine. The sequence of bases on a single chain does not appear to be restricted in any way. However, if only specific pairs of bases can be formed, it follows that if the sequence of bases on one chain is given, then the sequence on the other chain is automatically determined.

It has been found experimentally<sup>2,3</sup> that the ratio



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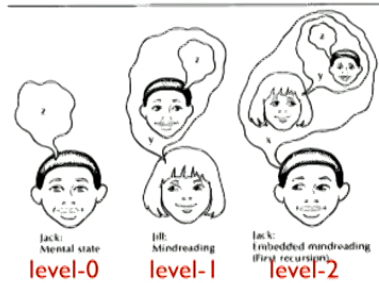
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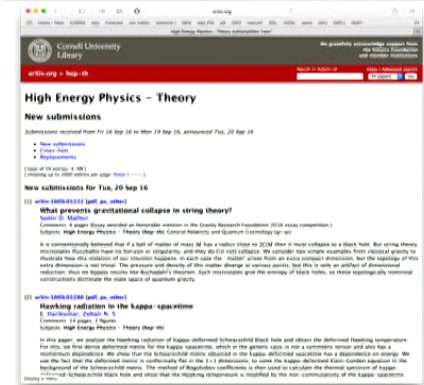
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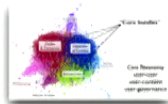
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