

Expansion of our universe through the eyes of a microbiologist

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Abstract

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According to the empirical Hubble equation, the speed of recession of galaxies is proportional to the radial distance from the Earth. Now it is considered as a cosmological law describing the expansion of the Universe [1]. The Hubble equation is:

$$\frac{d}{dt}r = H_0 \cdot r \quad \text{differential form}$$

$$r(t) = r_0 \cdot e^{H_0 \cdot t} \quad \text{integral form}$$

Here $H_0 = 2.2 \cdot 10^{-18}$ Hz is the Hubble constant; r is the radial distance between the Earth and the galaxy.

From the point of view of a microbiologist, the Hubble equation describes the expansion of the Universe like an exponential phase of the expansion of a colony of microbes on the surface of a nutrient medium [2,3]. In this case, H_0 is the specific growth rate of the galaxy colony and r_0 is the starting radius of the colony. Figure 1 shows the exponential phase of the expansion of a galaxy colony over the surface of a dark medium. The starting radius corresponds to the distance to the nearest galaxy, Andromeda.

Figures 2-3 show Hubble plots for this process.

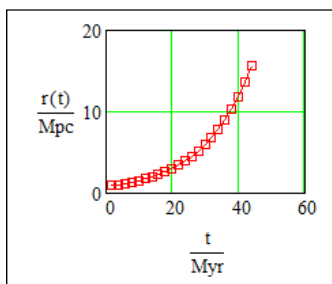


Fig.1 Exponential phase of the expansion of a colony of galaxies.

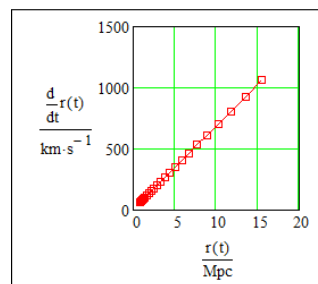
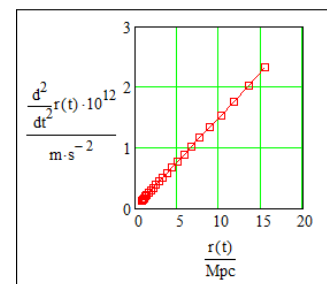


Fig. 2-3. Velocity and acceleration of the exponential phase of the expansion of a galaxy colony over the surface of a dark medium.



If we consider the expansion of a colony of galaxies within the framework of the diffusion-wave model, then the criterion relation will be valid for it:

$$\frac{u^2}{D \cdot H_0} = 1 \quad ,$$

here u is the wave velocity, D is the diffusion coefficient or specific action.

Curiously, - the common features of colonies of microbes and galaxies are also manifested in the similarity of patterns, schemes-images of their life, accessible to our visual perception. Figure 4 shows photographs of a colony of bacteria and a galaxy - their vortex spiral-like lifestyle is clearly visible.



Fig. 4. Photographs of a bacterial colony on agar jelly [4] (left) and the galaxy NGC 1232 (right).

The principle of similarity of analogies seems to be a useful tool in helping us to live creatively in the visible universe. In particular, he allows one to look at dark matter as a medium for galaxies, and at their stellar arms as external organs of the body - like the cilia of bacteria - then we can assume that our life in the stellar arm is a part of the galaxy's communication system. By the way, this, according to Vladimir Vernadsky, is indicated by the empirical principle of cephalization, which consists in the continuous complication of the nervous communication system of earthly life.

Figure 5 shows 3 frames of a GIF animation of the growth of a microbial colony on agar gel [5] as a microbial model of the expansion of the Universe. Figure 6 shows the dynamics of microbial colony expansion in integral and differential form for GIF animation.

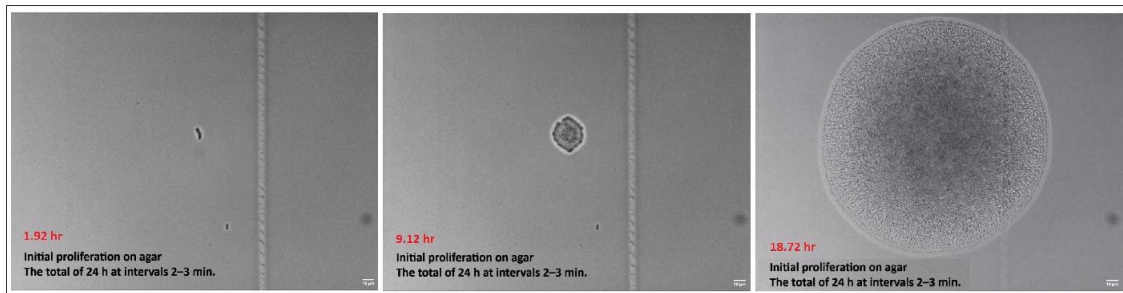


Fig.5. Microbial Model of the Expansion of the Universe

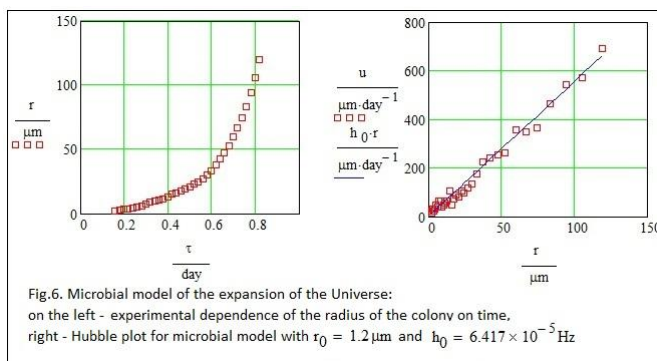


Fig.6. Microbial model of the expansion of the Universe:
 on the left - experimental dependence of the radius of the colony on time,
 right - Hubble plot for microbial model with $r_0 = 1.2 \mu\text{m}$ and $h_0 = 6.417 \times 10^{-5} \text{ Hz}$

Fig.6. Dynamics of the Microbial Model of the Expansion of the Universe

Links

1. https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hubble%27s_law
2. https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bacterial_growth
3. https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Exponential_growth
4. <http://www.uvm.edu/pdodds/files/papers/others/everything/ben-jacob1997a.pdf>
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