

## What Might The Fine Structure Constant $1/\alpha = hC/(2\pi e^2) = 137.036$ Mean ?

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**【Abstract】** . Through making the analogous comparisons of Dirac's large number  $1/L_n$  to the fine structure constant  $1/\alpha$ , and of **gravitational force  $F_g$  to  $F_b$** , **the better reasonable conclusion might be that,  $1/\alpha$  could be 137.036 times or proportion of the strong force  $F_n$  to the electromagnetic force  $F_e$  in the atomic nucleus.**

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**【1】** . The fine structure constant  $1/\alpha$  is defined to,  

$$1/\alpha = hC/(2\pi e^2) = 137.036 \quad (1a)$$
 In formula (1a),  $h=6.626 \times 10^{-27} \text{ g}\cdot\text{cm}^2/\text{s}$   
 $=$ Planck constant;  $C = 2.998 \times 10^{10} \text{ cm/s}$  = light speed;  $e = 4.80325 \times 10^{-10} \text{ esu} = 1.6022 \times 10^{-19} \text{ C}$ ;  
 then,  $1/\alpha = hC/(2\pi e^2) = 6.626 \times 10^{-27} \times 2.998 \times 10^{10} / [2\pi (4.80325 \times 10^{-10})^2] = 137,0368 \approx 137.036$ .

Let's explore the physical property of the fine structure constant  $1/\alpha$  below.

**【2】** . Firstly, let's look back the origin of Dirac's large number  $L_n$ . According to the idea of Pual Dirac's "large number hypothesis", comparing the electromagnetic force  $F_e$  to the universal gravitational force  $F_g$ , taking the hydrogen atom as an example, the mass of proton  $m_p = 1.6727 \times 10^{-24} \text{ g}$ , the mass of electron  $m_e = 9.1096 \times 10^{-28} \text{ g}$ , the capacity of electron  $e = -e = 1.602 \times 10^{-19} \text{ C}$ ,  $r$  is the distance between two electrons,  $G =$  gravitational constant  $= 6.6726 \times 10^{-8} \text{ cm}^3/\text{s}^2 \cdot \text{g}$ ,  $k = 9.0 \times 10^9 \text{ N}\cdot\text{m}^2/\text{C}^2$

$$F_g = Gm_p m_e / r^2 = 6.6726 \times 10^{-8} \times 1.6727 \times 10^{-24} \times 9.1096 \times 10^{-28} / r^2 = 101.67 \times 10^{-60} / r^2 \quad (2a)$$

$$F_e = ke^2/r^2 = 9.0 \times 10^9 \text{ N}\cdot\text{m}^2/\text{C}^2 \times (1.6022 \times 10^{-19} \text{ C})^2 / r^2 = 9.0 \times 10^9 \times 10^5 \times 10^4 \times (1.6022 \times 10^{-19} \text{ C})^2 / r^2 = 23.10 \times 10^{-20} / r^2 \quad (2b)$$

$$F_e/F_g = L_n = 23.10 \times 10^{-20} / 101.67 \times 10^{-60} = 2.35 \times 10^{39} \quad (2c)$$

(2c) shows, that under the same distance  $r$ , the non-dimension constant  $L_n = ke^2/Gm_p m_e = 2.35 \times 10^{39}$  is the times of the electromagnetic force  $F_e$  to the universal gravitational force  $F_g$ .

**【3】** . Since  $L_n = F_e/F_g = ke^2/Gm_p m_e$  is equal to a constant  $2.35 \times 10^{39}$ , two patterns of  $Gm_p m_e/e^2$  and  $hC/(2\pi e^2)$  are analogous, and  $1/L_n$  and  $1/\alpha$  are all non-dimension constants,  $1/\alpha = hC/(2\pi e^2)$  might be guessed as a proportion of two different forces. Let's apply some formulas of black holes (BH) as

analogous comparison.  $M_b$  is mass of any black hole,  $m_{ss}$  is a Hawking quantum radiation emitted from the radius of the Event Horizon  $R_b$  of BH  $M_b$ ,

$$\text{so, } \frac{m_{ss} M_b = hC/8\pi G^{1/2}}{\quad} \quad (3a)$$

$$\text{Let } 4Gm_{ss} M_b = hC/2\pi \quad (3b)$$

$$4Gm_{ss} M_b/e^2 = hC/2\pi e^2 \quad (3c)$$

$Gm_{ss} M_b/R_b^2 = F_b$ , which is the gravitational force of  $M_b$  to  $m_{ss}$ , and  $F_e = e^2/r_n^2$ , if  $r_n = 2R_b$ , then,

$$F_n/F_e = hC/2\pi e^2 = 1/\alpha = 137.036 \quad (3d)$$

Correspondingly,  $F_n$  might be strong force, i.e. acting forces between quarks in the atomic nucleus. Therefore, under  $r_n = R_b$ ,

$$F_n = hC/2\pi r_n^2 = F_b \quad (3e)$$

How strong is the strong force  $F_n$ ? 1\*.

Let  $r_n \approx 10^{-13} \text{ cm}$ ,  $F_n = hC/2\pi r_n^2 = 6.626 \times 10^{-27} \times 2.998 \times 10^{10} / 2\pi \times 10^{-26} = 0.316 \times 10^{10} \text{ dyne}$ . And  $F_e = e^2/r_n^2 = (4.80325 \times 10^{-10})^2 / 10^{-26} = 23.07 \times 10^6 \text{ dyne}$ .

Then,  $F_n/F_e = 0.316 \times 10^{10} / 23.07 \times 10^6 = 136.97 \approx 137.036 = 1/\alpha$ . 2\*. Let  $R_b = 10^{-13} \text{ cm}$ , thus,  $M_b = 10^{15} \text{ g}$ ,  $m_{ss} = 1.76 \times 10^{-24} \text{ g} \approx$  mass of a proton. It shows, in case of  $r_n = 2R_b = 10^{-13} \text{ cm}$ , the strong force  $F_n = F_b$ , i.e.  $F_n$  is about equal to the gravitational force of a BH of  $M_b = 10^{15} \text{ g}$  to a  $m_{ss} \approx 1$  proton. The reason why  $F_n$  is analogous to  $F_b$ , is both might accord with quantum mechanics.

**【4】** . Conclusion: Just as  $F_e/F_g = 10^{-39} = 1/L_n$ ,  $F_n/F_e = 137 = 1/\alpha$ . Therefore,  $L_n$  and  $\alpha$  may be considered as the coupling coefficients. Since  $L_n = F_e/F_g$  is the coupling coefficient of the electromagnetic force  $F_e$  to the universal gravitational force  $F_g$ , and  $1/\alpha = F_n/F_e$  might be the coupling coefficient of the strong force  $F_n$  to  $F_e$ . Owing to that  $F_n$  has not been clearly recognized and calculated out right now, some formulas of black holes are applied by author as analogous comparison. I think,  $F_n = hC/2\pi r_n^2$  as

**the strong force in atomic nucleus and  $1/\alpha = F_n / F_e$  as a coupling coefficient is better reasonable.**

====The End====

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