

Electromagnetic Gravity? Examination of the Electric Universe Theory

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The Electric Universe (EU) theory postulates that gravity is just another manifestation of electromagnetism, albeit at an almost inconceivably lower force ($\sim 10^{-39}$ as strong). This paper examines the EU conjecture about an electromagnetic basis for gravity based on simplified mathematical analysis for an idealized arrangement of three hydrogen atoms. Results suggest that the possibility of an electromagnetically-induced distortion of a hydrogen to create an atomic dipole is at least plausible.

1. Introduction

The Electric Universe (EU) theory postulates that gravity is just another manifestation of electromagnetism, albeit at an almost inconceivably lower force ($\sim 10^{-39}$ as strong): [1]

“Gravity is due to radially oriented electrostatic dipoles inside the Earth’s protons, neutrons and electrons. The force between any two aligned electrostatic dipoles varies inversely as the fourth power of the distance between them and the combined force of similarly aligned electrostatic dipoles over a given surface is squared. The result is that the dipole-dipole force, which varies inversely as the fourth power between co-linear dipoles, becomes the familiar inverse square force of gravity for extended bodies. The gravitational and inertial response of matter can be seen to be due to an identical cause. The puzzling extreme weakness of gravity (one thousand trillion trillion trillion trillion times less than the electrostatic force) is a measure of the minute distortion of subatomic particles in a gravitational field. Celestial bodies are born electrically polarized from a plasma z-pinch or by core expulsion from a larger body. The 2,000-fold difference in mass of the proton and neutron in the nucleus versus the electron means that gravity will maintain charge polarization by offsetting the nucleus within each atom (as shown). The mass of a body is an electrical variable — just like a proton in a particle accelerator. Therefore, the so-called gravitational constant — ‘G’ with the peculiar dimension $[L]^3/[M][T]^2$, is a variable! That is why ‘G’ is so difficult to pin down.”

Perusing the arrangement depicted in Figure 1, I decided to try to examine the EU conjecture about an electromagnetic basis for gravity.

2. Electric Forces between Hydrogen Atoms

To enable a fairly simplified analysis, I constructed the geometry for three hydrogen atoms as shown in Figure 2. Three hydrogen atoms of radius R are aligned and equally spaced, 3R from center to center. We are interested in the distortion on the leftmost (reference) atom due to its two neighbors, i.e., the net electrical force from each neighbor’s proton (grey circle) and electron (dotted orbit) on the reference proton and electron (open circle). On average, the electron spends half its time in each hemisphere in each neighbor, with the average position being along the alignment at a distance 0.6366R (shown by triangles). Both the reference proton and electron will be subject to six forces, attractive when of opposite charge, repulsive when of same charge. The vector sum of these six forces will constitute the net electrical force on the

reference proton and electron and indicate the degree of distortion imposed on the reference atom from its two neighbors. Based on symmetry, the center atom should experience no distortion, being affected equally by its two neighbors, while the rightmost atom should experience the exact opposite distortion to the reference atom, again based on symmetry. From trigonometry, $d = (R^2 + [3R - 0.6366R]^2 - 2[3 - 0.6366]R^2 \cos [\pi - \theta])^{0.5}$ and $\phi = \sin^{-1}([R/d] \sin [\pi - \theta])$. These values will change depending upon which position is being analyzed. Note that the electron(s) is assumed to spend half the time in positions 1, 3, 4 and 6 relative to the proton(s) in positions 2 and 5.

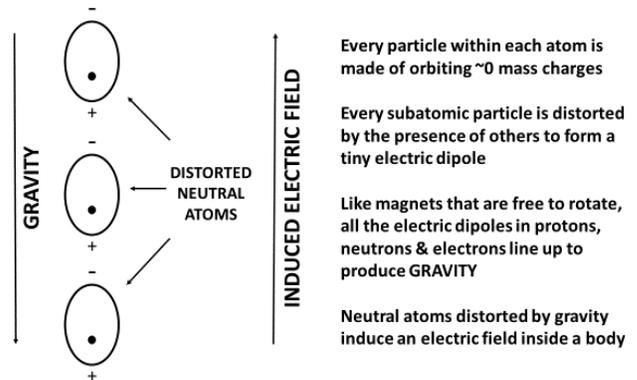


FIGURE 1. Explanation of Gravity by the Electric Universe Theory (Adapted from [1])

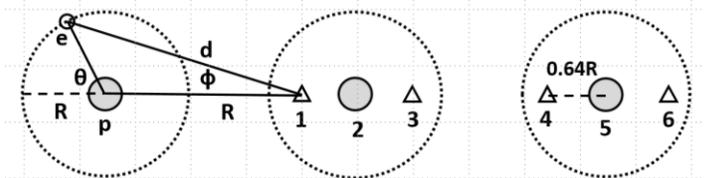


FIGURE 2. Geometric Arrangement of Three Hydrogen Atoms

2.1 Effect on Reference Electron

After one performs all the calculations to derive the net force on the reference electron (a vector, so direction must also be addressed), the results can be plotted as shown in Figure 3. They are presented in terms of the ‘near’ (closer hemisphere to the middle atom) and ‘far’ sides (farther hemisphere from the middle atom) for the electron as it circles the proton. To simplify the presentation, the results are

presented as ‘scaled’ by $4\pi\epsilon_0/q^2$, i.e., $(4\pi\epsilon_0/q^2)(\text{Force})$ with $R = 1$ (q is the equal charge on the electron and proton).

For $\theta = 0$, we have the reference electron at the farthest and nearest positions to its neighbor atoms. Here the difference between the net forces is maximum, nearly 0.1 on the scaled metric (or ~ 2 [200%] relative to the average of their values). This is also the only position where the directions of the two force vectors are exactly aligned. The difference decreases as the electron positions get closer, until they are equal at $\theta = 90^\circ$, where the ‘near’ and ‘far’ side positions coincide. Observe that the difference between the net force directions peaks around $\theta = 45^\circ$. The key observation is that over the entire orbit of the reference electron, the net force from the neighboring atoms is repulsive. This means that the electrons in the neighboring atoms ‘push’ more on the reference electron than the protons in the neighboring atoms ‘pull.’ As a result, there should be some displacement of the electron orbit (and distortion, given the asymmetry between the forces acting on the two hemispheres) away from the neighboring atoms (and, as shown below, opposite to the direction in which the reference proton is ‘pulled’). Figure 4, which assumes a scaled radius of 0.1 for the hydrogen atom to provide enough resolution to see the distortion, illustrates the effect on the orbit of the reference electron. The ‘near’ (right) side experiences greater ‘push’ than the ‘far’ side (left), accounting for the distortion, but the entire orbit experiences a shift away from the neighbor atoms (to the left – See Figure 2).

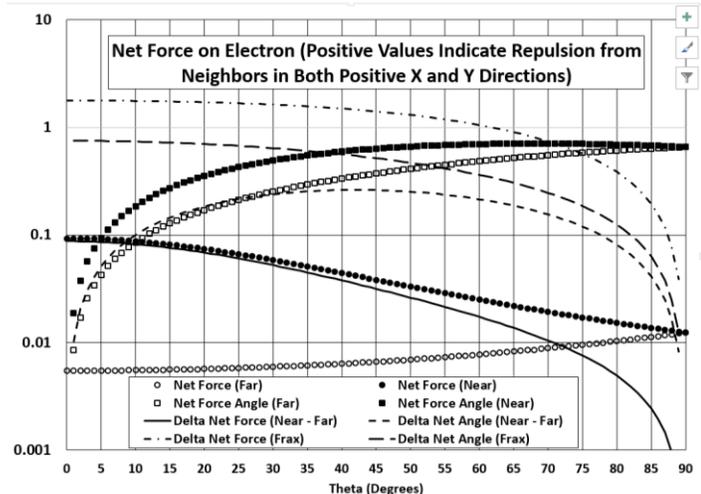


FIGURE 3. Net Force on Electron

2.2 Effect on Reference Proton

The calculations for the reference proton are much simpler, since it is ‘stationary.’ The net force from its neighbor atoms, on the scaled metric, is a ‘pull’ (attraction) of 0.01717, exceeding the ‘push’ on the reference electron over the entire far side of its orbit, but remaining less than that over most of the near side of its orbit, with the amount by which the exceedance over most of the near side exceeds that over the far side being greater. As a result, while the reference electron has its orbit ‘pushed’ away from the neighbor atoms, the reference proton experiences a ‘pull’ toward them. The reference hydrogen atom no longer is symmetric with a circular electron orbit about a centered proton, thereby suggesting the creation of an electric dipole as postulated by the EU theory.

3. An Electric Dipole?

To try and estimate the actual degree of distortion, one needs to postulate an ‘effective’ time over which the orbiting electrons of the neighbor atoms act upon the reference atom with the effective net forces. For this calculation, we assume the following constants:

$$\text{Radius of H atom} = \text{Bohr radius} = 5.292 \times 10^{-11} \text{ m}$$

Electron charge = Proton charge = $1.602 \times 10^{-19} \text{ C}$
 Coulomb constant = $1/4\pi\epsilon_0 = 8.988 \times 10^9 \text{ N}\cdot\text{m}^2/\text{C}^2$
 Electron mass = $9.109 \times 10^{-31} \text{ kg}$
 Proton mass = $1.672 \times 10^{-27} \text{ kg}$

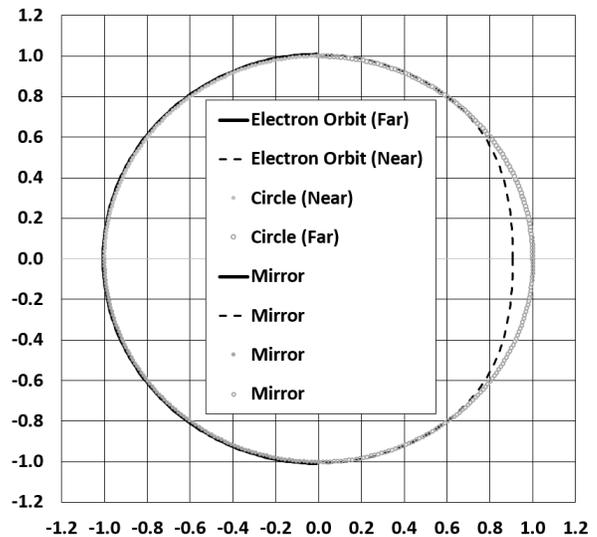


FIGURE 4. Distortion of Electron Orbit due to Neighbor Atoms

If we assume the reference electron orbits its proton at light speed, it will complete one orbit in $2\pi(5.292 \times 10^{-11} \text{ m})/(2.998 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s}) = 1.109 \times 10^{-18} \text{ s}$. Addressing only the locations where the net repulsive forces on the reference electron are maximum per hemisphere, i.e., delta-force (scaled) = 0.08744 at $\theta = 0$, the calculated difference between the forces is $(0.08744)(8.988 \times 10^9 \text{ N}\cdot\text{m}^2/\text{C}^2)(1.602 \times 10^{-19} \text{ C})^2/(5.292 \times 10^{-11} \text{ m})^2 = 7.202 \times 10^{-9} \text{ N}$.¹ Since force (f) = mass (m) x acceleration (a), and displacement (x) over a time interval (t) from a reference position = $at^2/2$, the estimated displacement for the electron orbit becomes $ft^2/2m = (7.202 \times 10^{-9} \text{ N})(1.109 \times 10^{-18} \text{ s})^2/(2[9.109 \times 10^{-31} \text{ kg}]) = 4.863 \times 10^{-15} \text{ m}$, or $\sim 0.01\%$ relative to the Bohr radius. A parallel calculation for the reference proton yields $[(0.01717)(8.988 \times 10^9 \text{ N}\cdot\text{m}^2/\text{C}^2)(1.602 \times 10^{-19} \text{ C})^2/(5.292 \times 10^{-11} \text{ m})^2](1.109 \times 10^{-18} \text{ s})^2/(2[1.672 \times 10^{-27} \text{ kg}]) = 5.201 \times 10^{-19} \text{ m}$, or $\sim 1 \times 10^{-6}\%$ relative to the Bohr radius, i.e., $\sim 10,000$ times smaller. This is consistent with the EU theory that the proton shift, due to its nearly 2,000-times greater mass, is dwarfed by that on the electron. Therefore, while these shifts, even on the atomic scale of hydrogen, are minuscule, if not negligible, they seem sufficient to create an electric dipole out of a hydrogen atom in the presence of neighboring atoms, so long as there are more to one ‘side’ than the other.

4. Conclusion

This exercise attempted to interject some mathematics, greatly simplified, into the paradigm of the EU theory that gravity can be attributed to an electromagnetic effect, albeit almost inconceivably smaller, due to the distortion of atoms by their neighbors into electric dipoles. While we have not attempted to address the mathematics that would be involved in explaining the 10^{39} factor difference between the respective strengths of these forces, the possibility of an electromagnetically-induced distortion to create an atomic dipole appears at least plausible.

5. Reference

1. <http://www.holoscience.com/wp/electric-gravity-in-an-electric-universe/>, ‘Electric Gravity in an Electric Universe.’

¹ For the distance dimension, we assume the Bohr radius for both the reference electron and proton to calculate the force difference.