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Cosmic code

UNIVERSITY of Queensland mathematician Dr Michael Bulmer and physicist Dr Kevin Pimblet have produced random numbers from cosmic rays which could help researchers develop more secure computer codes. The problem with random number sets created by computers is that the code can be broken if the algorithm used to generate them is deciphered. "The method we have developed is truly random as it is from a physically random process," Bulmer said. The researchers believe that any photos can be used to produce the same results and have posted a web site where visitors can try it.

www.maths.uq.edu.au/~mrb/cosmic

