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Inflation & Cosmology I

- A Historical Perspective on Particle Cosmology -

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Progress in Particle Cosmology (1)

1st stage: 1945 ~ 1975

- 1916~ GR/Friedmann-Lemaitre model
- 1929 Hubble's law: $V=H_0 R$
- 1946~ Big-Bang theory/Nuclear astrophysics
- 1960~ High redshift objects/Quasars
- 1965 Discovery of relic radiation from Big-Bang Cosmic Microwave Background (CMB) ~ 3K
- 1966 Sakharov's condition

(but didn't attract much attention)

- 1970~ Big-Bang Nucleosynthesis vs Observed Abundance
	- \rightarrow Existence of Dark Matter (DM)

matterantimatter asymmetry

Big Bang Nucleosynthesis (BBN)

George Gamov: pioneer in particle cosmology (1940's)

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APRIL 1, 1948

Letters to the Editor

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The Origin of Chemical Elements

R. A. ALPRES* Applied Physics Laboratory, The Johns Hopkins University
Silver Spring, Maryland **AND** It. BETHE Carnell University, Ishaca, New York AND

The George Washington Universe Conserver appear on the conserver of the first conserver and density, which are the precise to a certain time t_0 , satisfying the specifical of the studies of the studies of the studies of A ^S pointed out by one of us,^{*t*} various nuclear species must have originated not as the result of rium corresponding to a certain temp but rather as a consequence process arrested 1 primordi subsequent neutron captures. ig up of heavier and heavier nuclei. It nembered that, due to the comparatively short me allowed for this process,¹ the building up of heavinuclei must have proceeded just above the upper fring, of the stable elements (short-lived Fermi elements), and the present frequency distribution of various atomic species was attained only somewhat later as the result of sliustment of their electric charges by β -decay.

Thus the observed slope of the abundance curv must not be related to the temperature of the original neutron gas, but rather to the time period permitted by the xpansion process. Also, the individual abundances of various nuclear species must depend not so much on their interinsic stabilities (mass defects) as on the values of their neutron capture cross sections. The equations governing such a building-up process apparently can be written in the form

$$
\frac{d\pi_i}{dt} = f(t)(\sigma_{i-1}\pi_{i-1} - \sigma_i\pi_i) \quad i = 1, 2, \cdots 238, \quad (1)
$$

where n_i and σ_i are the relative numbers and capture cross sections for the nuclei of atomic weight i , and where $f(t)$ is a factor characterizing the decrease of the density with time.

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 $Fig. 1$

Atomic weight

discovery of neutron by Chadwick 1932

• 1st application of nuclear physics to cosmology

• explain light element abundance in the Universe

Chushiro Hayashi: father of astro-particle physics in Japan

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Progress of Theoretical Physics, Vol. 5, No. 2, March~April, 1950.

Proton-Neutron Concentration Ratio in the Expanding Universe at the Stages preceding the Formation of the Elements.

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(Received January 12, 1950)

§ 1. Introduction.

zin of the elements by Gamow, Alpher, and colaboylem) of the universe, which afterwards has been pansion of the universe and has formed the elements ch as radiative capture and beta-decays, is assumed At early stages, however, of high temperatures ron mass) in the expanding universe before the aduced beta-processes caused by energetic electrons, euternos, in addition to the natural decay of neutrons,

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must have proceeded, their sates being faster at higher temperatures, and had a effect on the proton-neutron concentration ratio At still higher temperatures $kT \gtrsim \mu c^2(\mu)$ is the mesons' mass), where large number of mesons are expected to be in existence, $u \cdot p$ conversion process induced by mesons would have been much more rapid owing to their stronger interactions with nucleons than the processes induced by light particles. Consequently, the $n-p$ ratio must have been determined by the rates of such processes and those of changes in temperature and density in the universe resulting from its expansion.

- $\alpha\beta\gamma$ incorrectly assumed the Universe was totally filled by neutrons.
	- Hayashi realized that the weak interaction must be in thermal equilibrium. (1950)

correct initial cond. for BBN

$$
\frac{n_N}{n_P} = \exp\left[-\frac{m_N - m_P}{T}\right]
$$

$$
m_N - m_P = 1.293 \text{ MeV}
$$

discovery of CMB (1964) = victory of Bing Bang Theory

- **► Experiment**
	- 60's ~70's : golden age of particle physics
	- dawn of high energy physics: $E\gg$ GeV
	- CERN, Fermilab, DESI, SLAC, KEK, … neutral current 1973, J/y 1974, … accelerator experiments > cosmic ray observations

 \triangleright Theory

Nambu '60 Goldstone '61

discovery of many

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particles

"Spontaneous Symmetry Breakdown"

• success of Gauge Unification: Weinberg-Salam (1967)

Standard (Glasho-Weinberg-Salam) Model

 $SU(3)\times SU(2)\times U(1)$ Strong+Weak+EM

but no much was done in particle cosmology except for BBN computations…

Katsuhiko Sato: a great mind of our time

pioneer of modern particle cosmology

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What is Inflation?

Brout, Englert & Gunzig '77, Starobinsky '79, Guth '81, Sato '81, Linde '81,…

- \triangleright Inflation is a quasi-exponential expansion of the Universe at its very early stage; perhaps at $t \sim 10^{-36}$ sec.
- \triangleright It is the origin of Hot Bing-Bang Universe
- \triangleright It was meant to solve the initial condition (singularity, horizon & flatness, etc.) problems in Big-Bang Cosmology:
- **F** if any of them can be said to be solved depends on precise definitions of the problems.

 Quantum vacuum fluctuations during inflation turn out to play the most important role. They give the initial condition for all the structures in the Universe.

► Cosmic gravitational wave background is also generated.

Length Scales of Inflationary Universe

Pioneers of Inflation

Brout, Englert & Gunzig '77

The Creation of the Universe as a Ouantum Phenomenon

R. BROUT, F. ENGLERT, AND E. GUNZIG

Pioneers of Inflation 2

Starobinsky '79 ~ '80

Spectrum of relict gravitational radiation and the early state of the universe

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(Submitted 25 October 1979)

Pis'ma Zh. Eksp. Teor. Fiz. 30, No. 11, 719-723 (5 December 1979)

A phenomenological model of the universe, in which, the universe was in a maximum symmetrical quantum state before the beginning of the classical Friedman expansion, is examined. The spectrum of long-wave, background, gravitational radiation is calculated in this model. The possibility of detecting this radiation in the range $10^{-3} - 10^{-5}$ Hz is promising.

tensor perturbation spectrum from de Sitter space

$$
\frac{d^2 X_n}{d\eta^2} + \left(n^2 - \frac{1}{a}\frac{d^2 a}{d\eta^2}\right)X_n = 0
$$

A NEW TYPE OF ISOTROPIC COSMOLOGICAL MODELS WITHOUT SINGULARITY

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The Einstein equations with quantum one-loop contributions of conformally covariant matter fields are shown to admit a class of nonsingular isotropic homogeneous solutions that correspond to a picture of the Universe being initially in the most symmetric (de Sitter) state.

Old Inflation

inflation as a 1st order phase transition

Sato '81, Guth '81

Mon. Not. R. astr. Soc. (1981) 195, 467-479

First-order phase transition of a vacuum and the expansion of the Universe

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Summary. The progress of a first-order phase transition of a vacuum in the expanding Universe is investigated. The expansion of bubbles of a stable vacuum is calculated simultaneously with the cosmic expansion with the aid of the following two simplified nucleation rates of bubbles p: (i) $p = p_T T_c$ $\delta(T-T_c)$ in the hot Universe models, (ii) $p=0$ for $n > n_c$ and $p=p_0$ for $n < n_c$ in the cold Universe models, where T is the cosmic temperature, T_c the critical temperature, n the cosmic number density of the fermions coupled to the order parameter of the vacuum, n_r , the critical density, and p_T and p_O are parameters.

The following results are obtained: (1) If the nucleation rates are small and the vacuum stays at the metastable state for a long time, the Universe begins to expand exponentially. As a result, the progress of the phase transition is delayed more and more by the rapid cosmic expansion. In particular, in model (i), if p_T is less than a critical value, the phase transition never finishes. (2) The lower limits of the nucleation parameter p_T and p_O are obtained from observation of the number ratio of photons to baryons in the present Universe. (3) If the phase transition of the vacuum in $SU(5)$ GUT is of first order or if there exists a hypothetical first-order phase transition of the vacuum in the very early stage in which baryon number is not conserved, the density and the velocity fluctuations created by the phase transition may account for the origin of galaxies.

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Inflationary universe: A possible solution to the horizon and flatness problems

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The standard model of hot big-bang cosmology requires initial conditions which are problematic in two ways: (1) The early universe is assumed to be highly homogeneous, in spite of the fact that separated regions were causally disconnected (horizon problem); and (2) the initial value of the Hubble constant must be fine tuned to extraordinary accuracy to produce a universe as flat (i.e., near critical mass density) as the one we see today (flatness problem). These problems would disappear if, in its early history, the universe supercooled to temperatures 28 or more orders of magnitude below the critical temperature for some phase transition. A huge expansion factor would then result from a period of exponential growth, and the entropy of the universe would be multiplied by a huge factor when the latent heat is released. Such a scenario is completely natural in the context of grand unified models of elementaryparticle interactions. In such models, the supercooling is also relevant to the problem of monopole suppression. Unfortunately, the scenario seems to lead to some unacceptable consequences, so modifications must be sought.

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MULTI-PRODUCTION OF UNIVERSES BY FIRST-ORDER PHASE TRANSITION OF A VACUUM

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Gauge theories with spontaneously broken symmetries give rise to a cosmological phase tra that if the phase transition is strongly of first order, such gauge theories combined with genera prediction; although the Creator might have made a unitary universe, many mini-universes are ward as a result of the phase transition.

New (slow-roll) Inflation

+ almost scale-invariant spectrum from vacuum fluctuations **Linde '81, Mukhanov & Chibisov '81**

A NEW INFLATIONARY UNIVERSE SCENARIO: A POSSIBLE SOLUTION OF THE HORIZON, FLATNESS, HOMOGENEITY, ISOTROPY AND PRIMORDIAL MONOPOLE PROBLEMS

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Received 29 October 1981

A new inflationary universe scenario is suggested, which is possible solution of the horizon, flatness, homogeneity and iso mordial monopole problem in grand unified theories.

Fig. 1. Effective potential in the Coleman-Weinberg theory for $T \le \varphi_0$. The arrow indicates the direction of the tunneling with bubble formation.

CHAOTIC INFLATION

A.D. LINDE Lebedev Physical Institute, Moscow 117;

Received 6 June 1983

$$
H = \left(\frac{8}{3}\pi V(\varphi)/M_{\rm p}^2\right)^{1/2} = \left(\frac{2}{3}\pi\lambda\right)^{1/2}\varphi^2/M_{\rm p} \ . \tag{1}
$$

The equation of motion of the field φ inside this domain is

 $\ddot{\varphi}$ + 3H $\dot{\varphi}$ = $-\lambda \varphi^3$, Slow-roll EoM (2)

A new scenario of the very early stages of the evolution of the universe is suggested. According to this scenario, inflation is a natural (and may be even inevitable) consequence of chaotic initial conditions in the early universe.

Quantum fluctuations and a nonsingular universe

V. F. Mukhanov and G. V. Chibisov

P. N. Lebedev Physics Institute, Academy of Sciences of the USSR, Moscow

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Over a finite time, quantum fluctuations of the curvature disrupt the nonsingular cosmological solution corresponding to a universe with a polarized vacuum. If this solution held as an intermediate stage in the evolution of the universe, then the spectrum of produced fluctuations could have led to the formation of galaxies and galactic clusters.

$$
Q(k) \approx 3\mathcal{H}M\left(1 + \frac{1}{2}\ln\frac{H}{k}\right).
$$

The fluctuation spectrum is thus nearly flat.

Slow-roll Inflation

Linde (1981),…

Universe dominated by a scalar (inflaton) field

- \cdot *H* is almost constant \sim exponential expansion = inflation
- ϕ slowly rolls down the potential: slow-roll (chaotic) inflation
- Inflation ends when ϕ starts damped oscillation.
	- \Rightarrow ϕ decays into thermal energy (radiation)

Birth of Hot Bigbang Universe

Length Scales of Inflationary Universe

Generation of curvature perturbation

scalar field vacuum fluctuation (on "flat" slices): $\delta \phi_f$ 2 $\gamma_{f,k} + 3H\delta\dot{\phi}_{f,k} + \frac{k^2}{a^2(t)}\delta\phi_{f,k} \approx 0:$ $H \delta \dot{\phi}_{f,k} + \frac{\kappa^2}{a^2(t)}$ $\delta \ddot{\phi}_{f,k} + 3H \delta \dot{\phi}_{f,k} + \frac{k^2}{c^2(t)} \delta \phi_{f,k} \approx 0 : \delta \phi_{f,k} \rightarrow const.$ as $\frac{k^2}{H^2}$ $f_{f,k} \rightarrow const.$ as $\frac{\kappa}{H^2 a^2} \rightarrow 0$ *k const.* as $\frac{\kappa}{H^2 a}$ $\delta \phi_{f,k} \rightarrow const.$ as $\frac{k^2}{\pi r^2 c^2} \rightarrow 0$ (on "superhorizon")

H

 $=-\frac{11}{4} \delta \phi$

comoving curvature perturbation R*^c ~ -* Newton potential

- $\delta\phi$ is frozen on "flat" ($\mathcal{R}=0$) 3-surface (*t*=const. hypersurface)
- Inflation ends/damped osc starts on ϕ =const. 3-surface.

Intermission: going back and forth…

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Nuffield Workshop June-July 1982

apparently, a lot of confusion even among "big names".

The history of the derivation of the spectrum of adiabatic perturbations in new inflation, as presented in the talk by M.S. Turner at the Nuffield workshop in June 1982. To the best of my knowledge, the only person who did not change his results during the workshop was Alexei Starobinsky.

figure and text: courtesy of V. Mukhanov

Curvature Perturbation Formula now often

Mukhanov-Sasaki variable: *m*

Gravitational instability of the universe filled with a scalar field

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(Submitted 21 February 1985) Pis'ma Zh. Eksp. Teor. Fiz. 41, No. 9, 402-405 (10 May 1985)

A self-consistent problem involving the behavior of small perturbations in an isotropic homogeneous universe filled with a scalar field is considered. Solutions describing the evolution of perturbations in the case of an arbitrary scalar-field potential are obtained.

Quantum theory of gauge-invariant cosmological perturbations

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Large Scale Quantum Fluctuations in the Inflationary Universe

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ds^{2} = (1 + 2\emptyset) dt^{2} - (1 - 2\emptyset) a^{2}(t) \delta_{\alpha\beta} dx^{\alpha} dx^{\beta}
$$
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$$
\left(\emptyset = \frac{3}{5} H\left(\frac{\delta\varphi}{d\alpha}\right) \quad \text{at MD stage}
$$

 $\sqrt{\varphi_0/a_s}$

V.F. Mukhanov

Quantum fluctuations of an inflation-driving scalar field are evaluated in a way manifestly independent of the choice of coordinate gauge conditions. It is found that the dynamical degree of freedom of the fluctuating field is represented in terms of a nearly massless conformal scalar field in the unperturbed de Sitter background. Implications of the result are discussed. In particular, it is argued that classical

$$
\sum \left(\Phi = \frac{3(1+w)}{3w+5} = -\frac{3}{5} \mathcal{R}_m \text{ for } w = 0 \right)
$$

denoted by ζ

Institute of Nuclear Research, USSR Academy of Sciences (Submitted 13 January 1988) Zh. Eksp. Teor. Fiz. 94, 1-11 (July 1988)

ones once they are outside the horizon, a typical amplitude of the perturbations on a comoving scale k^{-1} approaches the value

Metric perturbations of longitudinal type in an isotropic universe filled with a scalar field are considered. The action for the perturbations is obtained, and this action is expressed in terms of a gauge-invariant variable which completely characterizes the perturbations. A consistent quantum theory of such perturbations is constructed. The spectrum of inhomogeneities in inflationary models of the evolution of the universe is calculated.

$$
v=a\left(\delta\varphi+\frac{\varphi_0'}{\alpha}\psi\right)=a\left(\delta\tilde{\varphi}+\frac{\varphi_0'}{\alpha}\Psi\right).
$$

$$
\sqrt{\langle \mathcal{R}_m^2 \rangle_k} \equiv \sqrt{\frac{4\pi k^3}{(2\pi)^3}} |r_k|^2 \approx \frac{H^2}{2\pi \dot{\varphi}},
$$

$$
v = -a \frac{\varphi'}{\alpha} \mathcal{R}_m = -a \frac{\dot{\varphi}}{H} \mathcal{R}_m \quad (\alpha = Ha)
$$

Theoretical Predictions

• Amplitude of curvature perturbation:

$$
\mathcal{R}_c = \left. \frac{H^2}{2\pi \dot{\phi}} \right|_{k/a = H}
$$

Mukhanov (1985), MS (1986)

$$
M_{pl} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{8\pi G}} \approx 2.4 \times 10^{18} \text{GeV}
$$
: Planck mass
: $n_s - 1 = M_p^2 \left(2 \frac{V''}{\pi} - 3 \frac{V'^2}{\pi^2} \right)$

• Power spectrum index:
$$
M_{pl} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{8\pi G}} \approx 2.4 \times 10^{18} \text{GeV}
$$
: Planck mass
\n
$$
\frac{4\pi k^3}{(2\pi)^3} P_S(k) = \left[\frac{H^2}{2\pi \dot{\phi}}\right]_{k/a=H}^2 = Ak^{n_s-1} \ ; \ n_s - 1 = M_P^2 \left(2\frac{V''}{V} - 3\frac{V'^2}{V^2}\right)
$$

Stewart-Lyth (1993)

• Tensor (gravitational wave) spectrum:
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$$
\frac{4\pi k^3}{(2\pi)^3} P_T(k) = Ak^{n_T}; \ \ n_T = -\frac{1}{8} \frac{P_s(k)}{P_T(k)} = -\frac{r}{8}
$$
\nLiddle-Lyth
\n"consistency relation"

 (1992)

Progress in Particle Cosmology (3)

3 rd stage: 1995~ 2015

- 1995 Hubble Deep Field: $z \sim 4-5$
- 1998 2dF Galaxy Redshift Survey $3x10⁵$ galaxies, z ~0.2
- 1998 Accelerated Expansion (SCP/HZT)
- 2003 Accurate CMB angular spectrum (WMAP)

Confirming Flatness of the Universe

Strong evidence for Dark Energy

• 2005~ Cosmic (String Theory) Landscape 2005~ Cosmic (String Theory) Landscape!

- 2000~ SDSS I/II/III, 2014- SDSS-IV, …
	- > 10⁶ galaxies, high precision LSS data
- 2013 High precision CMB spectrum (Planck) Very strong evidence for Inflation

Planck+LSS constraints on inflation Planck 2015 XX

Summary: Current Status

- Standard (single-field, slow-roll) inflation predicts almost scale- \bullet invariant Gaussian curvature perturbations.
- Observational data are consistent with theoretical predictions. $n_s = 0.965 \pm 0.005$ (68% CL)
	- almost scale-invariant spectrum:
	- highly Gaussian fluctuations:

$$
f_{NL}^{\text{local}} = 2.5 \pm 5.7 \ (68\% \ \text{CL})
$$

$$
\mathcal{R} = \mathcal{R}_{\text{gauss}} + \frac{3}{5} f_{NL}^{\text{local}} \mathcal{R}_{\text{gauss}}^2 + \cdots
$$

- Simple standard models seem to be almost excluded...
	- detection of $f_{NL}^{\text{local}} = O(1)$ would kill all the standard models.
- Tensor (gravitational wave) perturbation remains to be detected $\frac{(k)}{(k)} \lesssim 0.05$ $\overline{\mathrm{(k)}}$ *T S* $P_T(k)$ *r* P_{S} (k $=\frac{P_T(K)}{P_T(K)}\leq$

Progress in Particle Cosmology (4)

4th stage: 2015 ~ 20??

• 2015 First detection of GWs from Binary Black Holes (LIGO)

Dawn of GW Astronomy

• 2017 First detection of GWs & EMWs from Binary Neutron Stars

(LIGO+VIRGO) Multi-messenger Astronomy

- 2020+ Upgraded LIGO+VIRGO +KAGRA start operating
- 2020+ Deep & Wide LSS surveys (HSC-SSP/LSST/…) Data precision will reach <1 %
- 2020+ CMB primordial B-modes (LiteBIRD/CORE/…) Proving Inflation!?
- 2020+ Ultimate Theory of Inflation?

Evidence for Cosmic Landscape/Multiverse?

String Theory as driving force

signature of primordial GWs

spacetime(~graviton) vacuum fluctuations from inflation

GWs: quadrupolar in nature Starobinsky (1979)

B-mode polarization in CMB anisotropy Seljak & Zaldarriaga (1996)

- E-mode (even parity)
	- B-mode (odd parity) = cannot be produced from density fluctuations

Cosmic Landscape/Multiverse?

string theory suggests an intriguing picture of the early universe

Maybe we live in one of these vacua…

Swampland conjecture?

 $|\nabla V| < c |V/M_P$; $c = O(1)$ Obied, Ooguri, Spodyneiko & Vafa '18

$$
|\nabla V| < c \ V / M_P \ ; \quad c = O(1)
$$

Ooguri, Palti, Shiu & Vafa '18

or

$$
\min(\nabla_i \nabla_j V) \le \frac{-c'V}{M_P^2}; \quad c' = O(1)
$$

In particular, de Sitter (dS) space is in swampland!

If dS exists in nature, either swampland conjecture is false or string theory is false !

let us assume (hope?) that the conjecture is false!

Universe jumps around string landscape by quantum tunneling

What if this is the case?

 \triangleright a few possibilities 1. inflation after tunneling was short enough (N~60) ² $\approx 10^{-3}$ $\Omega_{K,0} = 1 - \Omega_0 = 10^{-2} \approx 10^{-3}$ "open universe" signatures in large angle CMB anisotropies? Kanno, MS & Tanaka ('13), White, Zhang & MS ('14), … N: number of e-folds

2. inflation after tunneling was long enough (N>>60)

 $\Omega_{K,0} = 1 - \Omega_{0} \ll 1$ "flat universe"

3. quantum entanglement among multiverse? Maldacena & Pimentel ('13), Kanno ('14), …

length scales in open inflation

Inflationary cosmology in 21st Century

- **▶ High Precision Cosmology**
	- gravitational waves from Inflation
	- extra dimensions / string cosmology
	- origin of dark energy
	- ···

Gravitational Wave Astronomy has begun

• LIGO (+VIRGO) detected GWs from BH & NS binaries

Era of Multi-messenger Astronomy

fundamental laws of nature may be revealed. ("ultimate" theory?)

inflation = testbed for ultimate theory