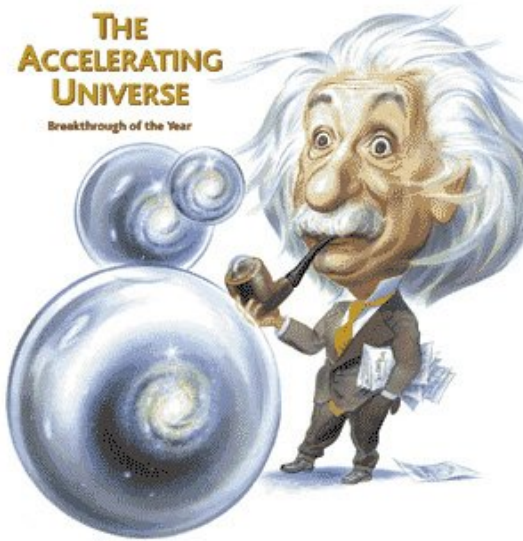


## The Accelerating Universe

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“Some say the world will end in fire; Some say in ice...” What is the fate of the Universe? Probably it will end in ice if we are to believe this year’s Nobel Laureates. They have carefully studied several dozen exploding stars, called supernovae, in faraway galaxies and have concluded that the expansion of the Universe is speeding up. The discovery came as a complete surprise even to the Nobel Laureates themselves. What they saw would be like throwing a ball up in the air, and instead of having it come back down, watching as it disappears more and more rapidly into the sky, as if gravity could not manage to reverse the ball’s trajectory. Something similar seemed to be happening across the entire Universe..... [Read More](#)