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## (I) Multiples in Scientific Discovery

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When an interesting idea appears in natural science there is a good chance that someone else has already thought of it, independently, or will think of it if news does not travel fast enough. Sociologists recognize this as a phenomenon that has something to teach us about the nature of research in science. I will offer examples to be found in the discovery of the idea of the hot big bang cosmology.

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