

HAVE WE ALL BE

IN A NUTSHELL

Big Bang theory

The Big Bang is usually regarded as being the start of everything – even space and time. But new theories of space and time point to a radically different picture, in which the Big Bang was really a Big Bounce from an earlier universe. Some theorists even claim it may be possible to probe back before the Big Bang, to find out about the universe before our own. These claims are about to be tested with the launch of Planck, an orbiting observatory able to detect signs that the Universe is just the latest in an endless series of cycles.