

Fundamental physics asks philosophers new questions

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Modern fundamental physics poses new questions to philosophy, which not only do not have answers yet, but, rather, are not noticed by philosophy of science. This presentation formulates a number of such questions in order to present them to the attention, first of all, of professional philosophers. A rough list of the main themes is as follows: 1) Irreducible uncertainty of cosmological data (cosmic variance) and the meaning of theoretical cosmology; 2) Epistemological status of the concept of Multiverse and other universes in cosmology; 3) Ensemble meaning of measurement in quantum theory and the operational status of quantum macrostates; 4) Quantum gravity and the wave function of the universe as a special case of quantum macrostates; 5) The meaning of the concept of physical reality in the Max Tegmark principle of mathematical democracy; 6) Application of the item 5 to the physical meaning of string theory.

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