## Compound Universe Theory

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It is possible that prior to the expansion of our own, known universe, there was a more energetic universe, of which ours was a part.

This pre-universe would have undergone expansion and split, much like our galaxies but with energy values proportional to those of our own universe, and eventually contracted into individual dense energy sinks.

One of these energy sinks could have been the precursor to our known universe.

There may be other such energy sinks of various sizes that are all undergoing, have undergone, are waiting to undergo or may never undergo expansion. There may be others that have never contracted into a sink but were of energy levels comparable to one of our Galaxies.

This concept does not conflict with other multiverse concepts, but rather has the ability to superpose them.

And similarly this precursor universe may itself have a pre-pre-universe of higher energy that formed it and so on.

All of this may be in distant space exponentially drifting faster away from us and beyond the horizon of our horizon's horizon.

Our centrality may be further on the edge than we can conceive yet remain central due to our forced perspective.

And so, there may have indeed been a "big crunch" prior to our "big bang" and we may yet discover a loophole in the fabric of existence to escape the eventual death of our universe into the birth of another.

Until that time, such speculations will remain as fiction and the fabric of dreams.