

Editorial Note

Pramana, in the recent past, has published the proceedings of selected specialized meetings in the area of particle physics (December 1993 and October 1995) and also a substantial collection of invited articles in the area of nonlinear science (January–February 1997). It has sometimes been suggested that we could also carry the proceedings of meetings which have a different, broader character. One such was held in 1995 at the Physical Research Laboratory in Ahmedabad. Since many of the participants felt that the meeting successfully brought together stimulating ideas from a wide range of topics in physics, we are attempting, as an experiment, to convey the original flavour, even when it involves elements of speculation and controversy. This is part of an ongoing process of finding new ways in which *Pramana* can be useful to its readers, and ultimately their reactions will guide our future efforts.

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