

# No-boundary measure in cosmic landscape

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Study of fuzzy instantons

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## Based on

- Hartle, Hawking and Hertog, arXiv:0711.4630, 0803.1663
- Hwang, Sahlmann and DY, arXiv:1107.4653
- Hwang, Lee, Sahlmann and DY, in preparation

What is the no-boundary measure?

Brief introduction



# Problem of singularity

The singularity theorem:

Our universe should begin from the initial singularity. How to resolve?

Maybe, by using the Schrodinger equation for fields:

so-called, the Wheeler-DeWitt equation.

$$\left( G_{ijkl} \frac{\delta}{\delta \gamma_{ij}} \frac{\delta}{\delta \gamma_{kl}} + \gamma^{1/2} {}^{(3)}R \right) \Psi[{}^{(3)}\mathcal{G}] = 0$$

(quantized)  
Hamiltonian constraint

3-metric (and fields)  $\in$  superspace  
Wave function of universe

# No-boundary proposal

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What is the boundary condition of WDW eqn?

Perhaps, the ground state?

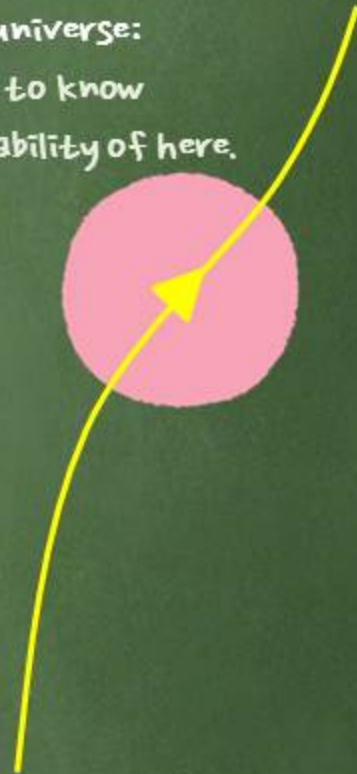
Hartle-Hawking wave function

$$\Psi_0[h_{ij}] = N \int \delta g \exp(-I_E[g])$$

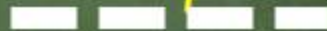
Euclidean action

path integral  
over regular compact manifold

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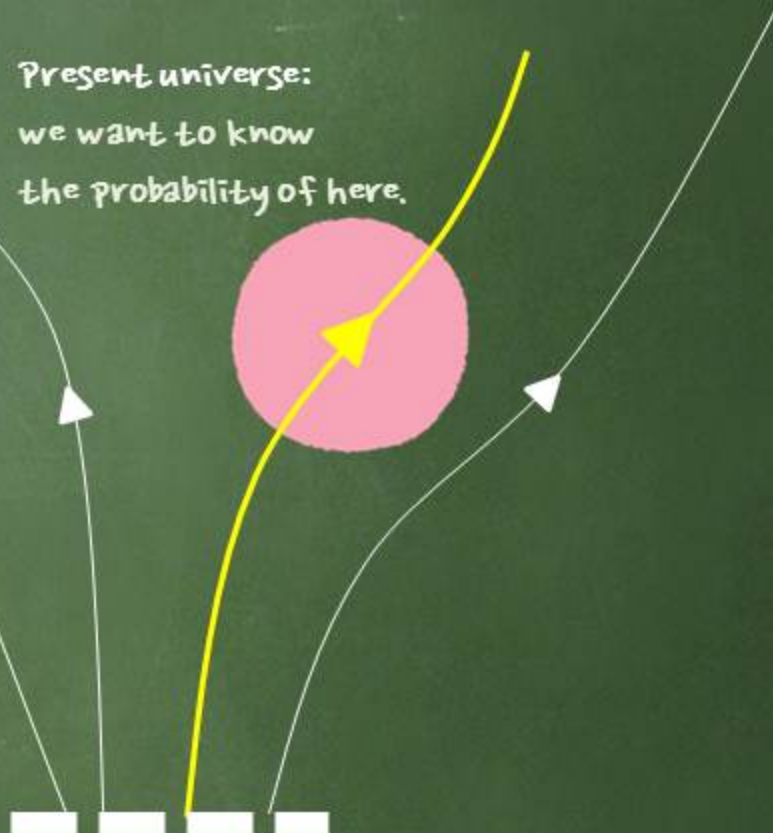


Initial singularity → wave function



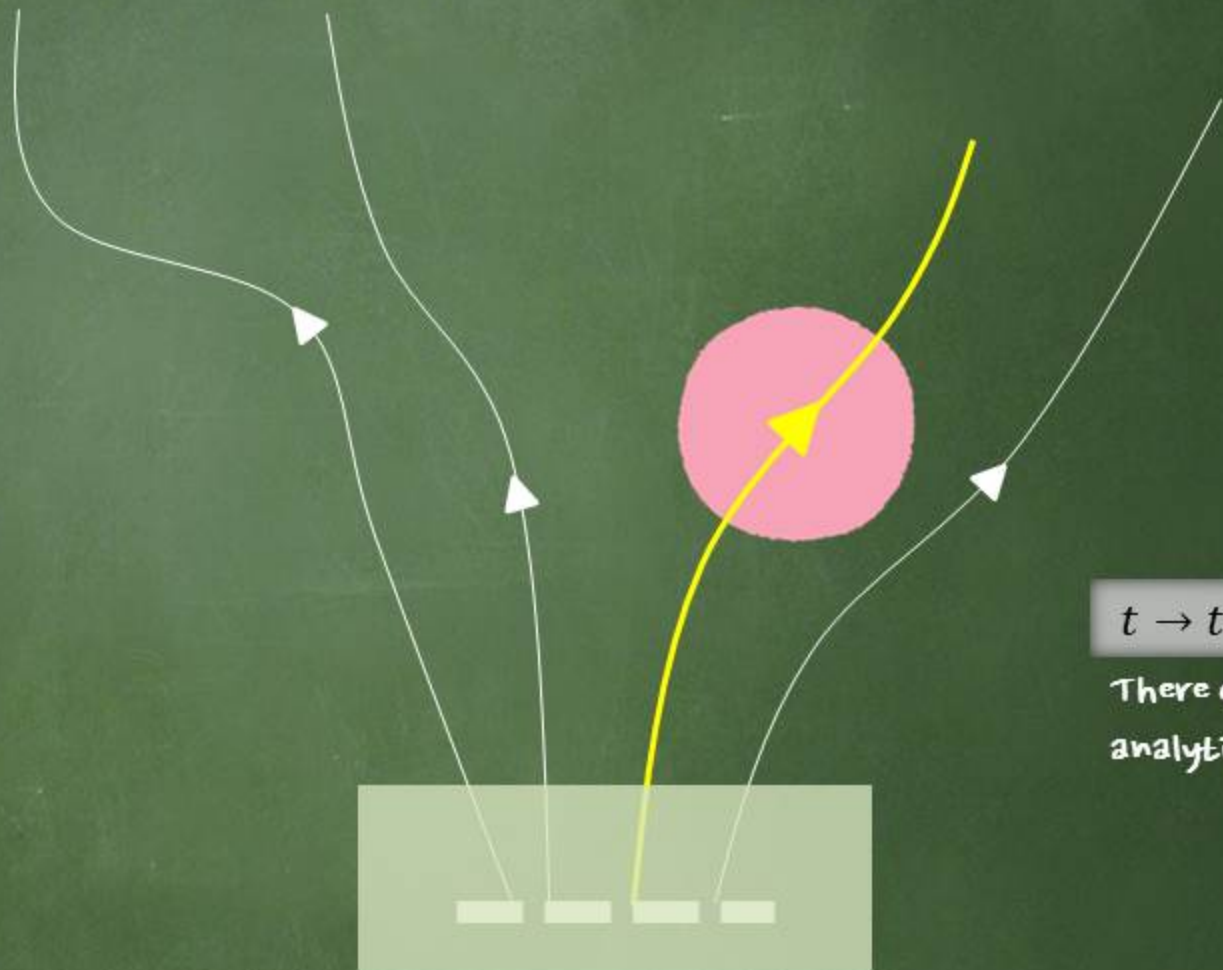
Alternative histories:  
many-world interpretation  
Probabilities will be assigned

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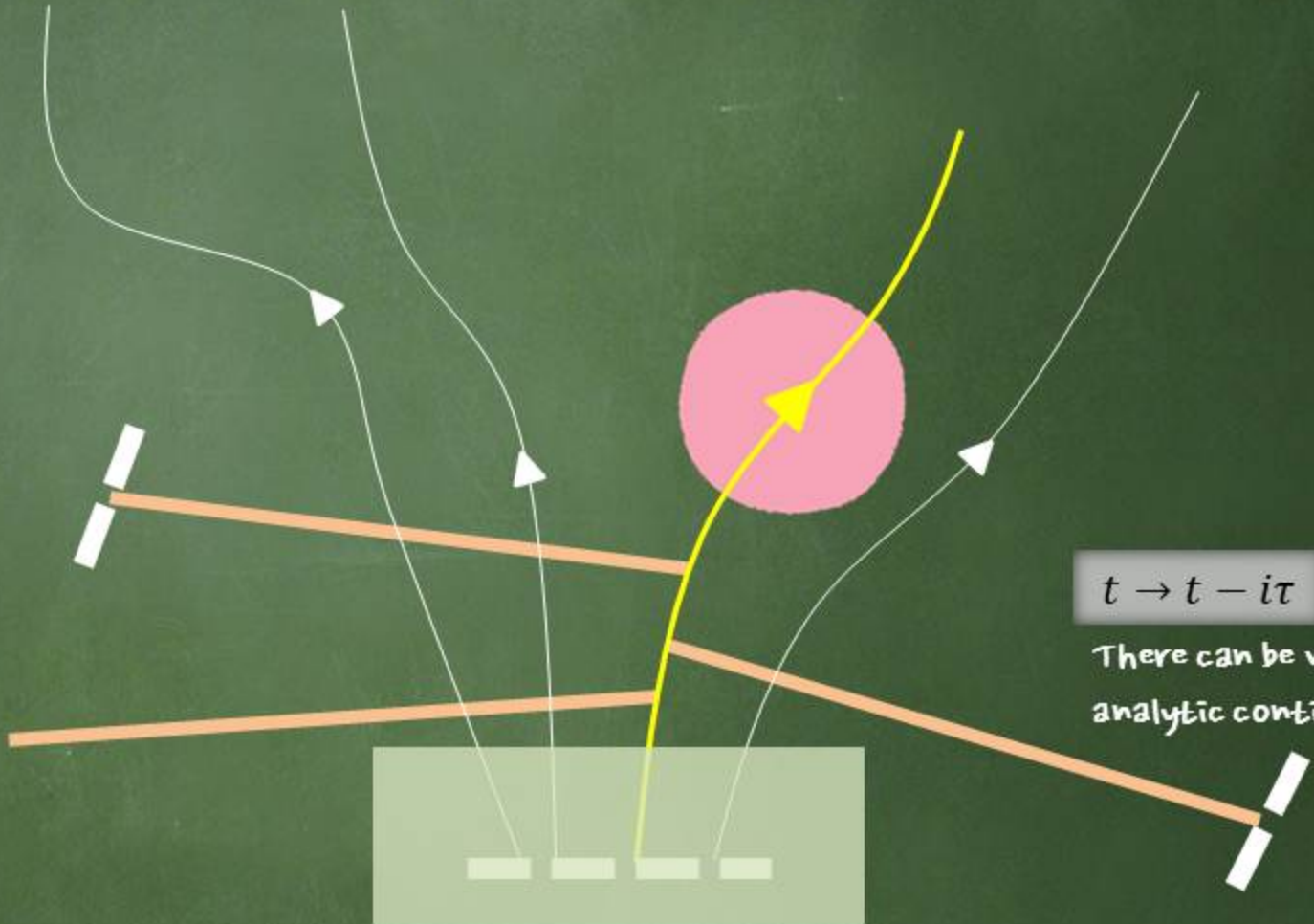




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There can be various analytic continuations.

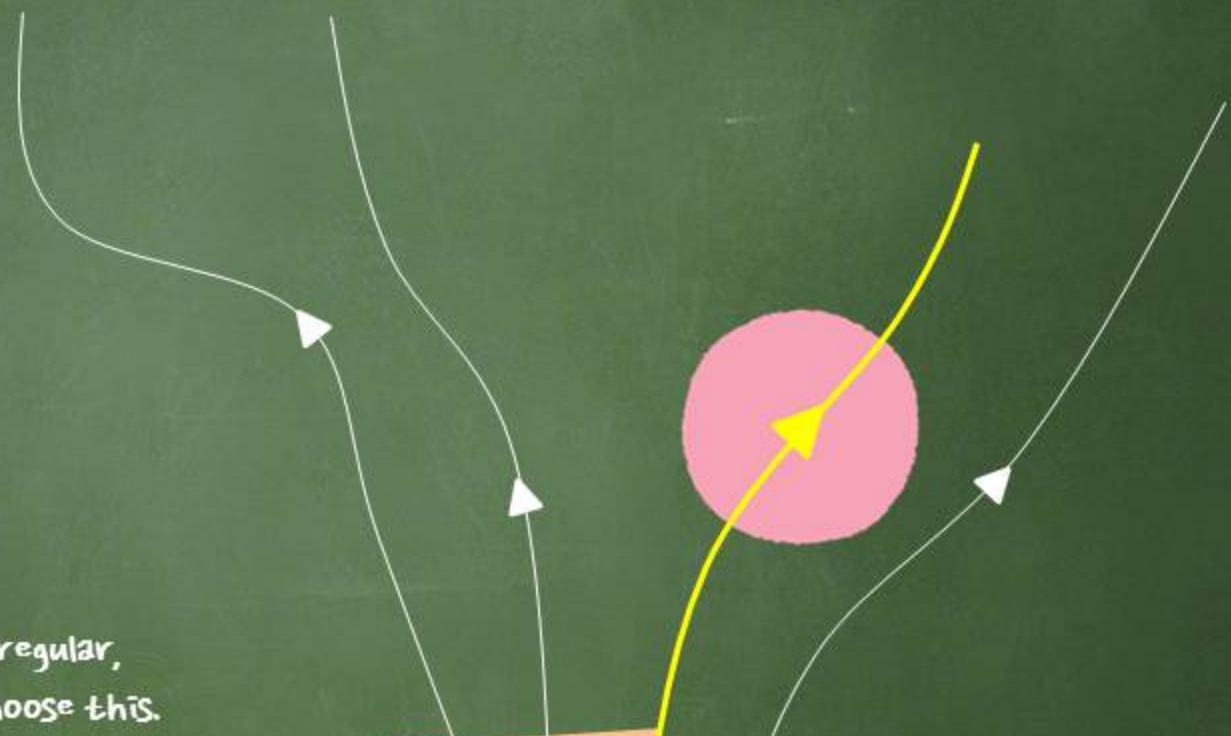




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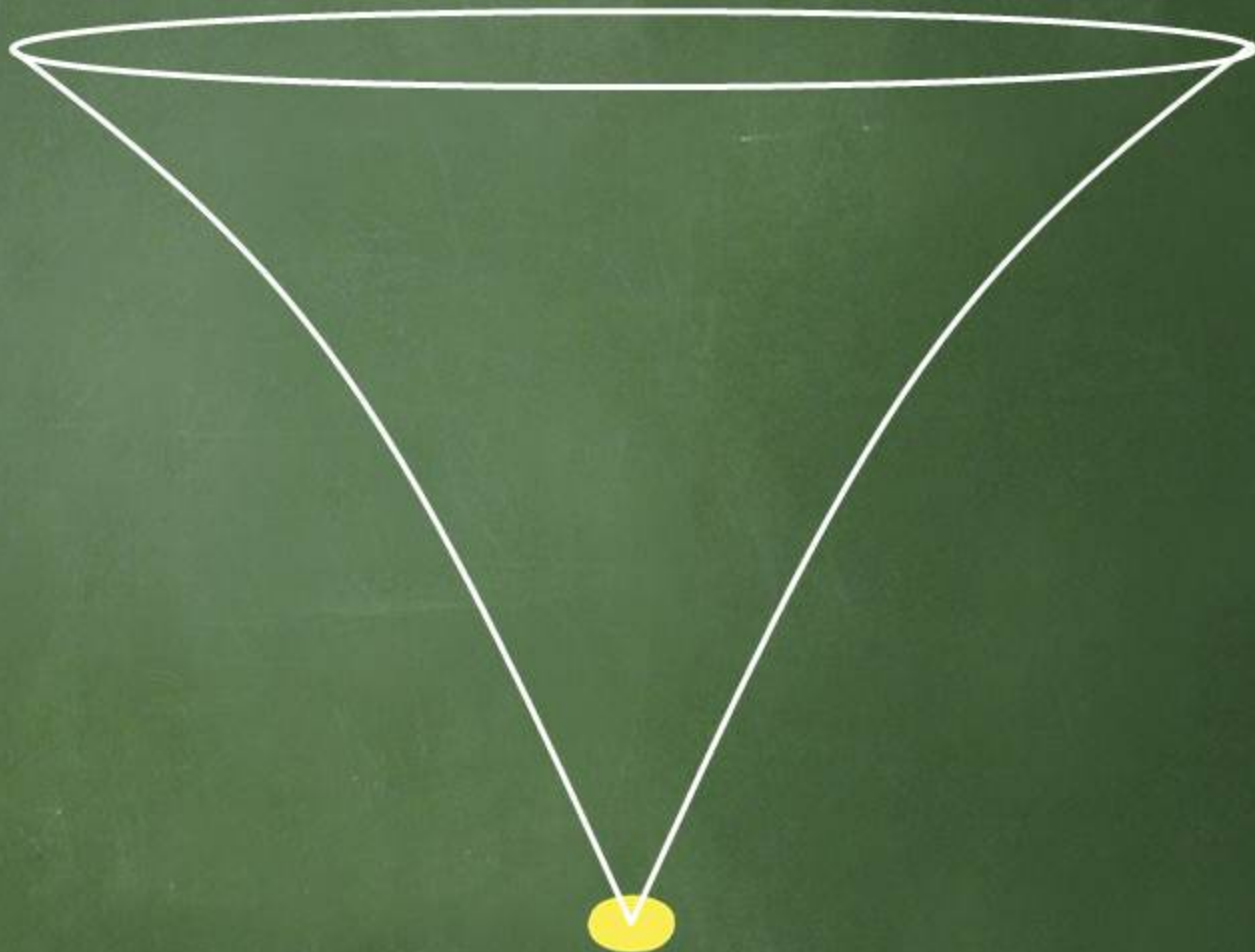


If this path is regular,  
then we will choose this.



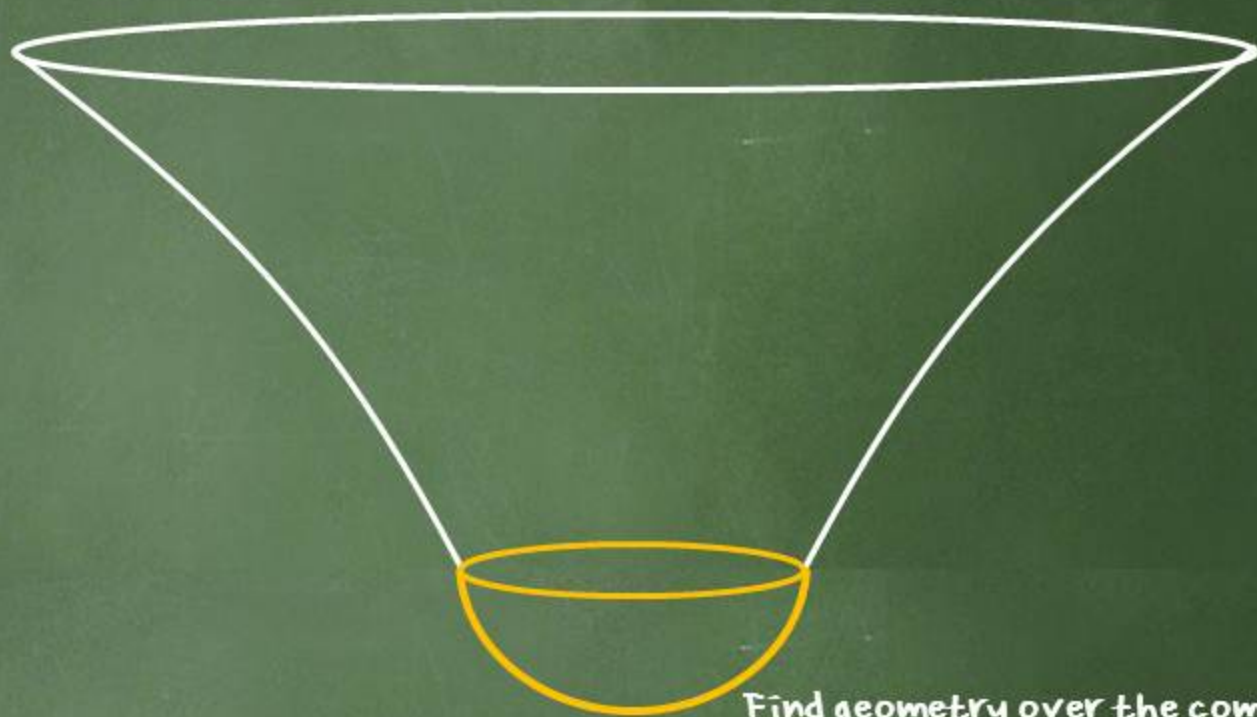
Due to analyticity, the path-integral  
still makes sense,  
even though we analytically continue  
to Euclidean time.





Big-bang singularity





Find geometry over the complex time,  
until the geometry to be regular.



How to use the no-boundary measure?

use of fuzzy instantons

# Fuzzy instantons

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No-boundary wave function may have the problem of divergence.

This can be cured, if we analytically continue all functions (metric and fields) to complex functions (Halliwell and Hartle, 1990).

An on-shell solution of Euclidean complexified fields are called by fuzzy instanton (Hartle, Hawking and Hertog, 2007).

# How to calculate path integral?

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Approximation 1: Mini-superspace

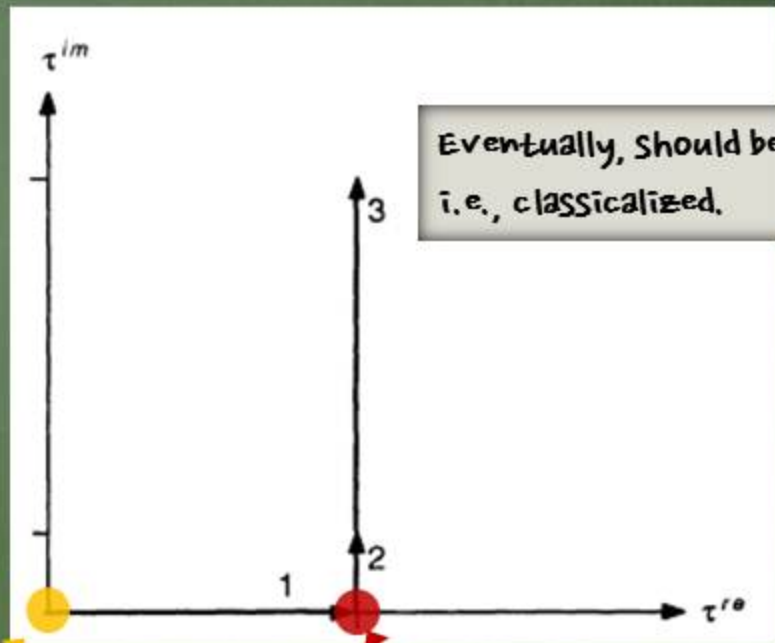
$$ds_{\text{E}}^2 = N^2(\eta)d\eta^2 + \rho^2(\eta)(d\chi^2 + \sin^2 \chi(d\theta^2 + \sin^2 \theta d\varphi^2))$$

Approximation 2: Steepest-descent (sum-over fuzzy instantons)

$$\Psi_{\text{HH}}(q) \approx \sum_{\text{ext}} P(q_{\text{ext}}) e^{-S_{\text{E}}[q_{\text{ext}}]/\hbar}$$



# classicality



$$|(\nabla I_R)^2| \ll |(\nabla S)^2|$$

No-boundary condition

Turn to the Lorentzian time

# Example (Einstein gravity)

$$S_E = - \int d^4x \sqrt{+g} \left( \frac{1}{16\pi} R - \frac{1}{2} (\nabla\phi)^2 - V(\phi) \right)$$

$$\ddot{\phi} = -3 \frac{\dot{\rho}}{\rho} \dot{\phi} \pm V',$$

$$\ddot{\rho} = -\frac{8\pi}{3} \rho (\dot{\phi}^2 \pm V)$$

For given initial field amplitude,  
by tuning the phase angle and the turning point,  
we find a classical fuzzy instanton!

$$\rho(0)^{\text{Re}} = \rho(0)^{\text{Im}} = 0,$$

$$\dot{\rho}(0)^{\text{Re}} = 1,$$

$$\dot{\rho}(0)^{\text{Im}} = 0,$$

$$\dot{\phi}(0)^{\text{Re}} = \dot{\phi}(0)^{\text{Im}} = 0.$$

Initial conditions for no-boundary

$$\phi(0) = \phi_0 e^{i\theta}$$

The remained initial conditions.

$$\underline{\rho}(t=0) = \rho(\eta = X), \quad \underline{\dot{\rho}}(t=0) = i\dot{\rho}(\eta = X),$$

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Junction conditions at the turning point

# Summarize

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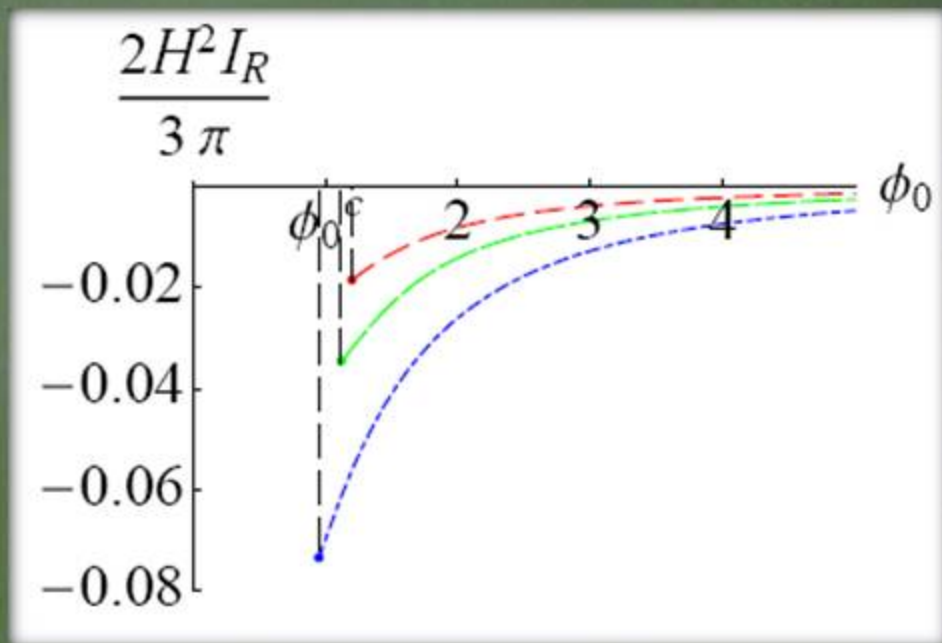
Step 1: We impose the mini-superspace metric.

Step 2: We only consider on-shell solutions (fuzzy instantons), that begins from the no-boundary condition.

Step 3: Between on-shell fuzzy instantons, we only restrict that satisfies classicality.

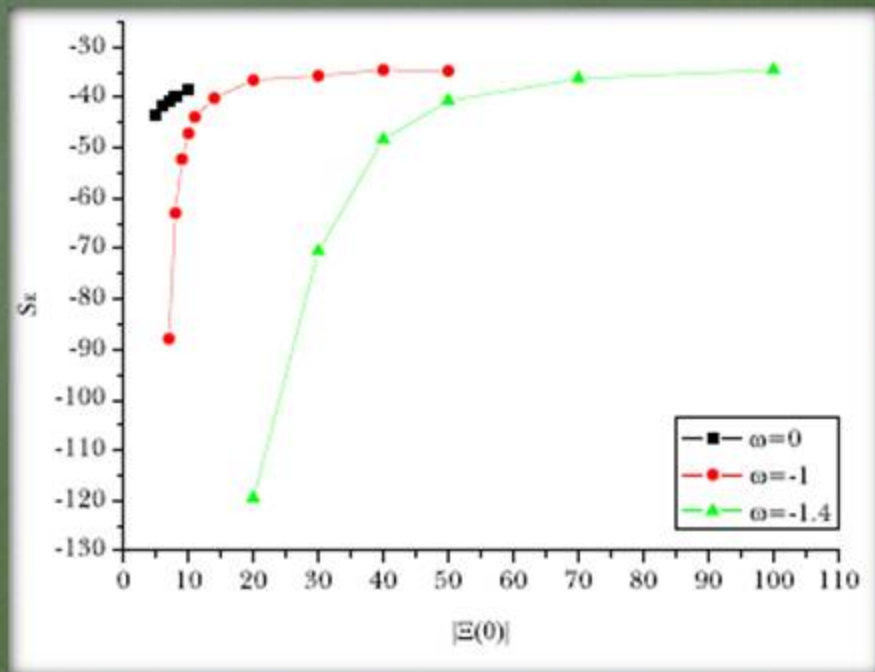
- on-shell:  $\text{dof} = 8+1$
- on-shell + no-boundary:  $\text{dof} = 8+1 - 6$
- on-shell + no-boundary + classicality:  $\text{dof} = 8+1 - 6 - 2 = 1$

# Example (Einstein gravity, quadratic potential)



(Hartle, Hawking and Hertog, 2007)

# Example (Brans-Dicke gravity, quadratic potential)



(Hwang, Sahlmann and DY, 2011)

Two types of fuzzy instantons

Slow-rolling vs. fast-rolling

# Two types of fuzzy instantons

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Let us observe near the local maximum.

$$V(\phi) = V_0 - (1/2)m^2\phi^2$$

According to Hartle, Hawking and Hertog, the probability will be approximately as follows.

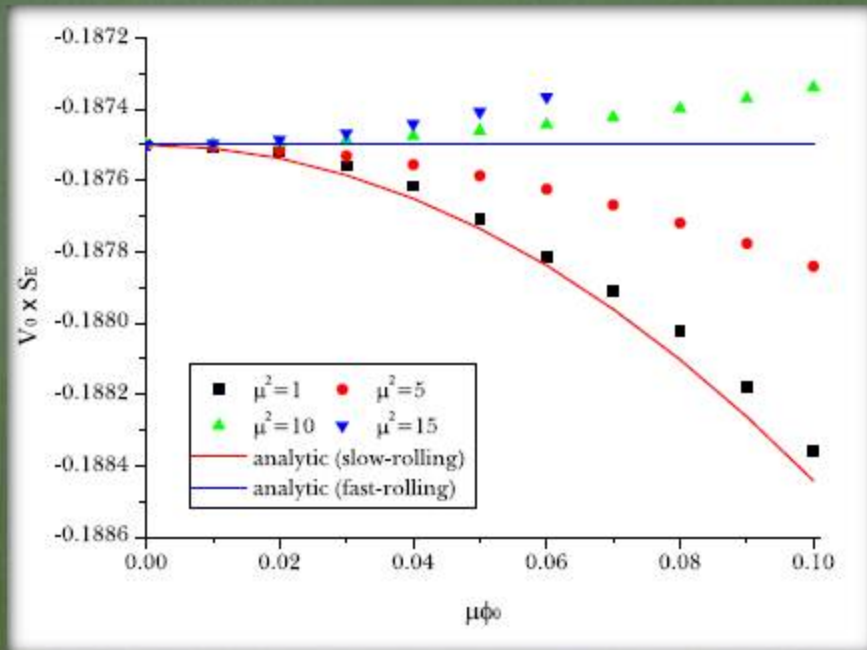
$$V_0 S_E \approx -\frac{3}{16\tilde{V}(\phi_0)}$$

$$\approx -\frac{3}{16} \left(1 - \frac{1}{2}\mu^2\phi_0^2\right)^{-1}$$

$$\mu^2 = m^2/V_0$$

However, in general, it is not true.

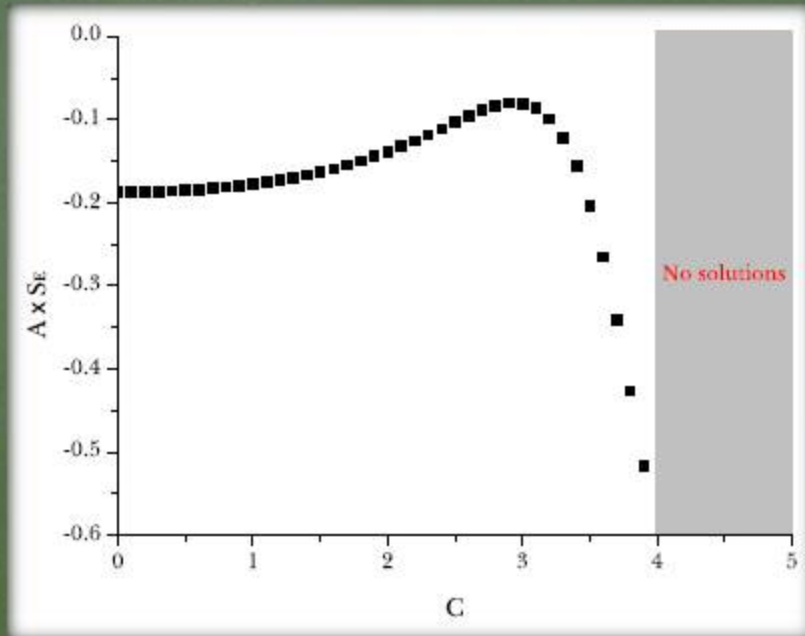
# Two types of fuzzy instantons



As the slow-roll parameter increases,  
the action only depends on  
the vacuum energy of the **local maximum!**



# can it be run-away fuzzy instantons?



$$V(\phi) = Ae^{-C\phi}$$

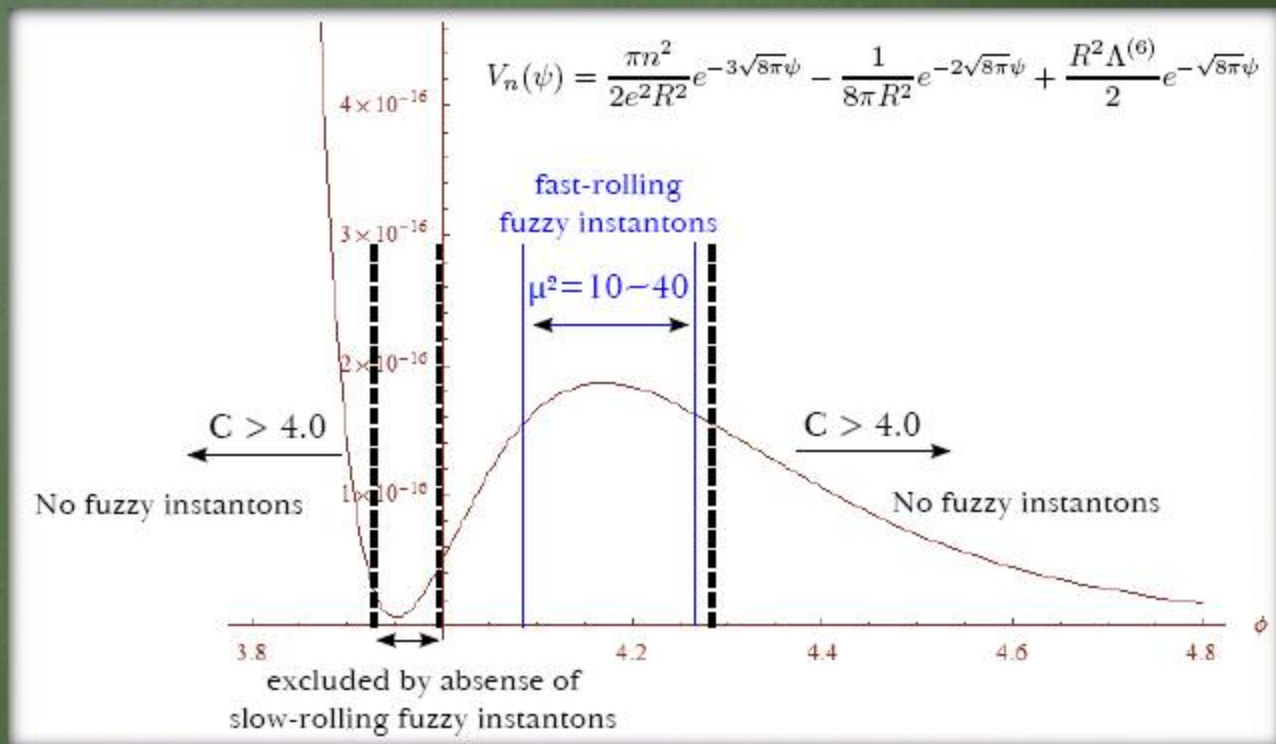
If  $c > 4$ , then there is no run-away fuzzy instantons!

cosmological applications

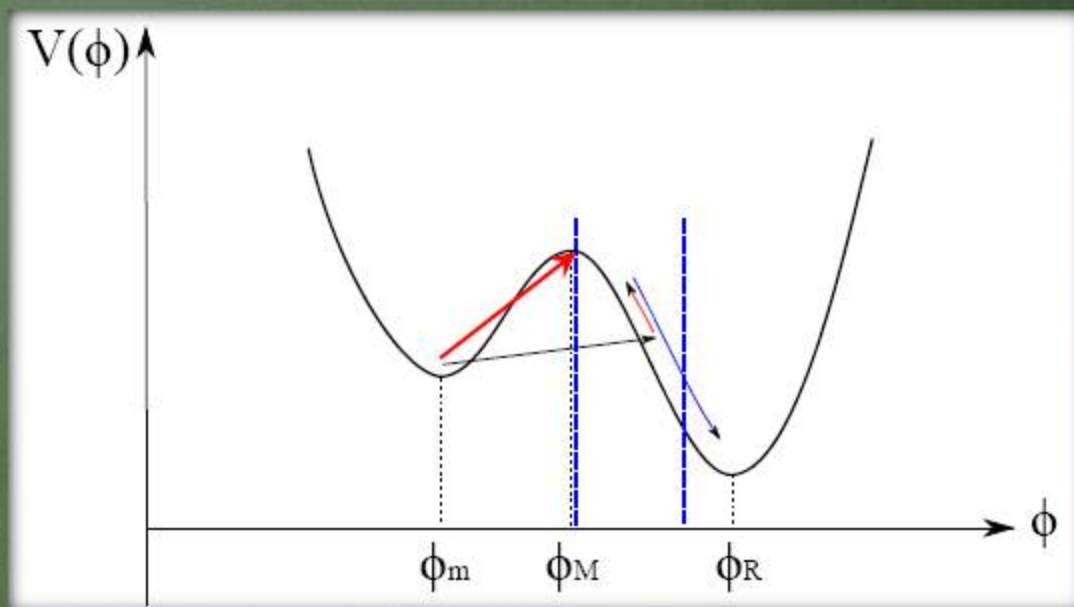
with string theory



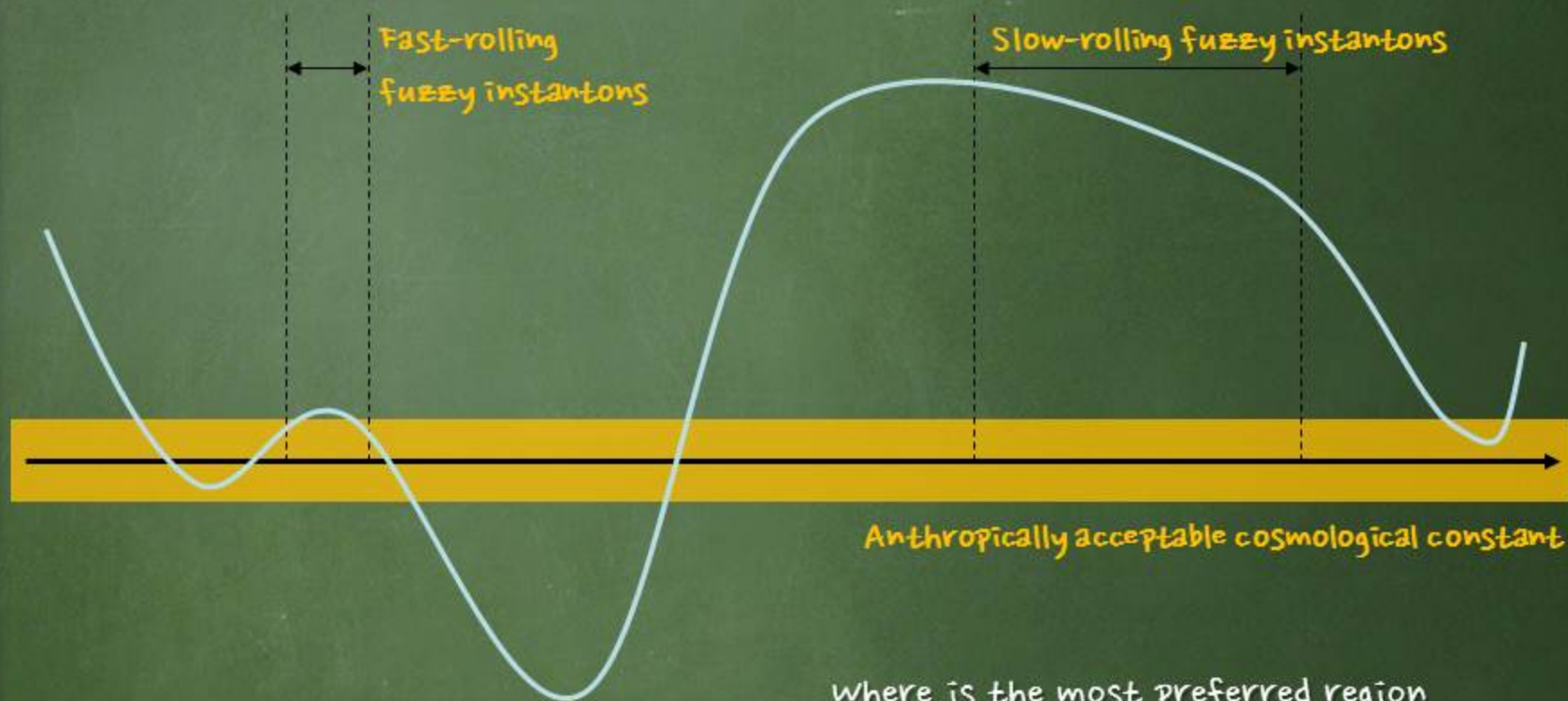
# Applications I: Moduli/dilaton stabilization



## Applications 2: Generalized HM instanton



# Applications 3: Multiverse vs. manyworld?



where is the most preferred region,  
in terms of the wave function?

# conclusion

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- The Euclidean path integral/the no-boundary measure can be approximated by sum-over **fuzzy instantons**.
- We classified two types of fuzzy instantons: **slow-rolling** and **fast-rolling**. Also, we know the existence/absence condition for **run-away** potentials.
- These bring interesting issues in the context of cosmology/string theory.
  - Should be generalized to multifields
  - Should be compared with Hawking-Moss instantons
  - can it compatible with string theory?