

Blackfolds as fluids and materials

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Motivations for Blackfold approach



- New insights into GR/geometry
- find BHs in higher dimensions and discover their properties
- effective theory that integrates out gravitational degrees of freedom
- AdS/CFT (fluid/gravity) inspired new way to look at gravity
- find universal features of black branes in long wave length regime described by “every day” physics
- reduce complicated gravitational physics to simple response coefficients

Reviews:


Harmark,Niarchos,NO
Empanan,Reall/Empanan
NO/Empanan,Harmark,Niarchos,NO
Harmark,NO(to appear)

Intro +overview

- blackfold (BF) method developed in the last five years
 - effective theory of black brane dynamics
- dynamics of BHs in higher dimensions (especially $D > 5$) too complex to be described by conventional methods
- BF is an **effective description for black objects** in terms of a fluid living on a dynamical worldvolume
- validity: horizon exhibits two (or more) widely separated length scales (not possible in 4D pure Einstein gravity)

but: can infer properties that go beyond by extrapolation

e.g. instabilities, horizon topology changing mergers,
hints for new (extremal) exact solutions, checks on numerics

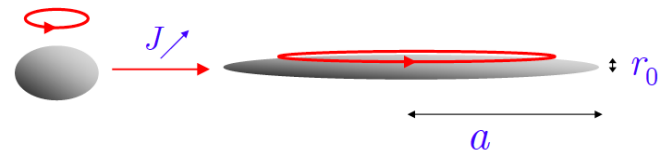
- **reveals that black branes have both “fluid” and “solid” properties**
 - for multi-charged branes of SUGRA/ST: anisotropic fluids
- when applied to D-branes in ST: description of thermal D-branes that goes **beyond the DBI description**  new method for thermal probe branes

Plan

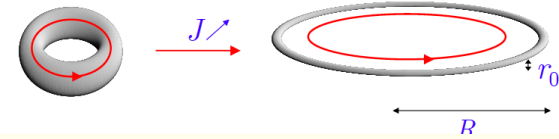
- **Introduction** : **Separation of scales** in higher-dimensional black holes
 - Effective worldvolume theory: **Blackfold** (BF) approach
 - Fluid and Solid properties of black branes
 - Intrinsic perturbations: viscosities
 - Extrinsic perturbations: relativistic Young-modulus, piezo electric moduli
 - Discussion and outlook
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- In this talk: restrict mostly to **asymptotically flat BH solutions of pure gravity and supergravity** (including those relevant to ST)
but:
 - interesting parallels with BHs in KK spaces
 - techniques are easily applied to AdS/dS space

Hierarchy of scales

- reason for new dynamics in higher-dimensional black holes:
 - possibility of **different length scales** along the horizon



ultraspinning MP BH



ultraspinning black ring

→ natural framework:

- organize black holes according to **scale hierachy**



Kerr behavior



mergers, connections

-numerics

e.g. Dias, Figueras, Monteiro, Santos, Emparan

-conifold-type transitions

Kol/Emparan,Haddad

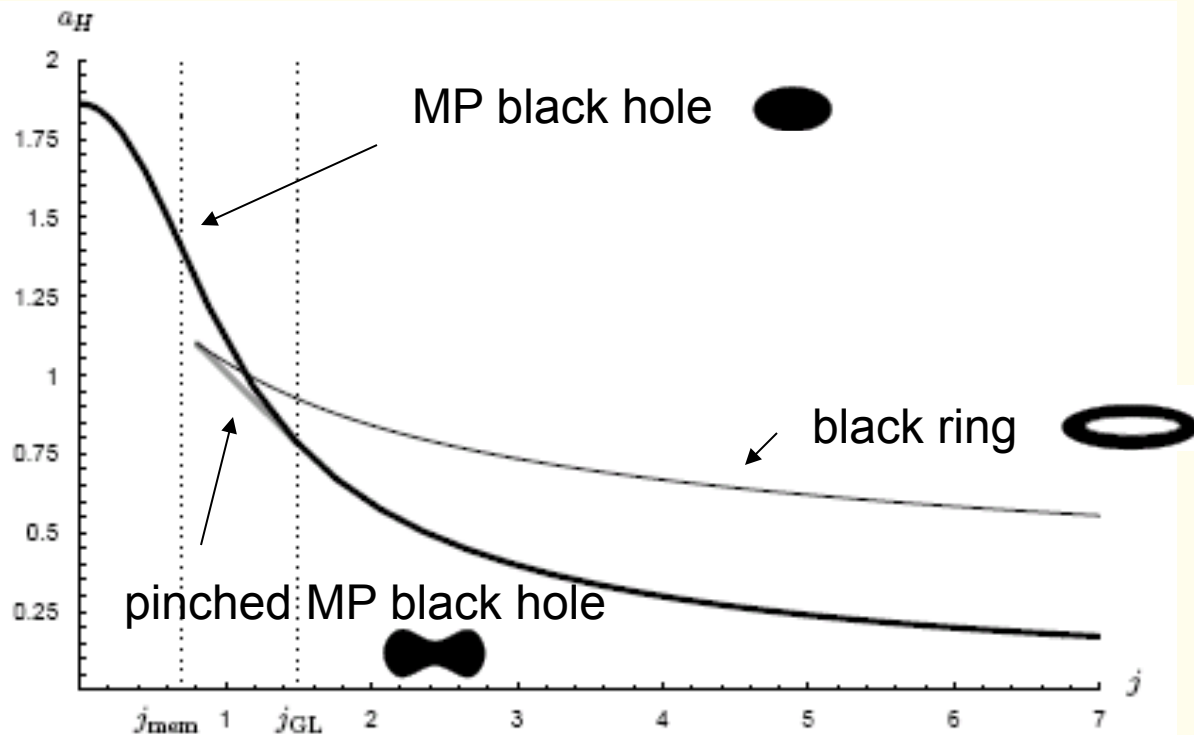


develop new tool:

- **effective theory** at long wavelengths

Illustration of hierarchies of scales

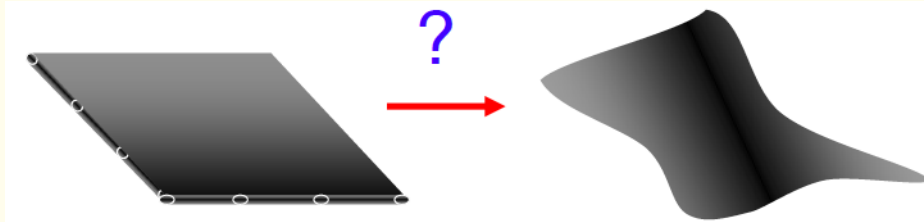
- Kerr regime
- regime of mergers and connections
 - i) new solution branches (via 0-modes_
 - ii) topology changing transition
- BF regime (ultraspinning)



Blackfolds: A new framework

effective fluid living on a dynamical worldvolume:

- based on bending/vibrating of (flat) black branes

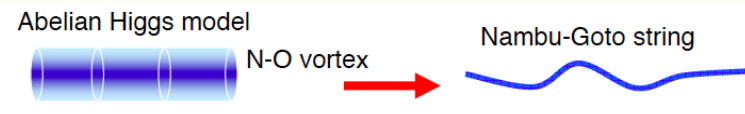


blackfold = **black** brane wrapped on a compact submanifold of spacetime

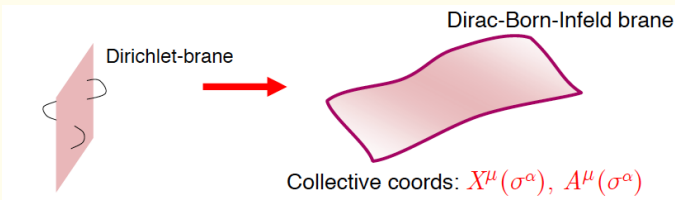


very much like other solitonic objects:

- Nielsen-Olesen vortices and NG strings



- open strings and DBI action



for blackfolds in addition: [worldvolume thermodynamics](#)

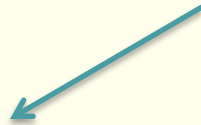
Main ingredients

Ingredients:

- classical brane dynamics (Carter)
- long wavelengths: dynamics of fluid that lives on dynamical worldvolume
- black branes correspond to specific type of fluid

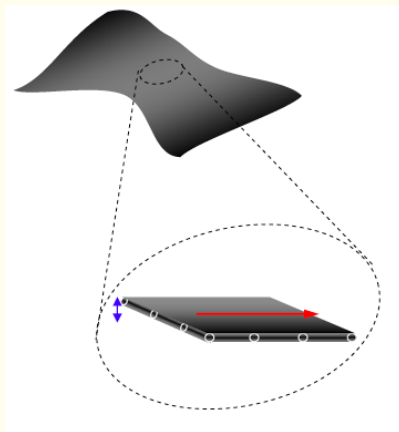
to leading order: perfect fluid

$$T^{ab} = (\varepsilon + P)u^a u^b + P\gamma^{ab}$$



for charged black branes of sugra:
novel type of (an)isotropic charged fluids

black hole looks locally like a flat black brane



- identify collective coordinates of the brane
- blackfold equations of motion follow from conservation laws (stress tensor, currents,..)

notation: spacetime
worldvolume

$$X^\mu, \mu, \nu \dots = 0, \dots, D - 1.$$

$$\sigma^a, a, b \dots = 0, \dots, p.$$

$$n = D - p - 3$$

Effective worldvolume theory – leading order

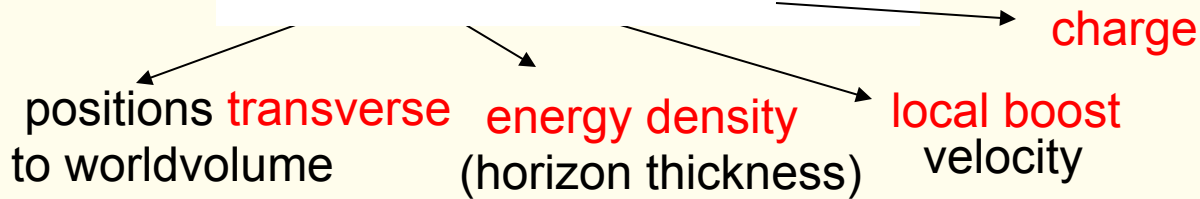
similar to effective theories for other **extended objects**:

- difference: - short-distance d.o.f. = **gravitational** short-wavelength modes
- extended objects possess black hole **horizon**

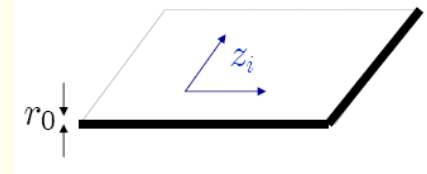
start from flat black brane solution:

- identify symmetries + conserved charges (and 0-modes from SSB): energy, momentum, charges, ...
- construct worldvolume densities as functions of these: $T_{\mu\nu}, J_\mu, \dots$ (integrate thickness)
- promote collective coordinates to slowly varying quantities

$$X^\mu(\sigma), \varepsilon(\sigma), u^\mu(\sigma), q(\sigma), \dots$$



$$T_{\mu\nu}, J_\mu, \dots$$

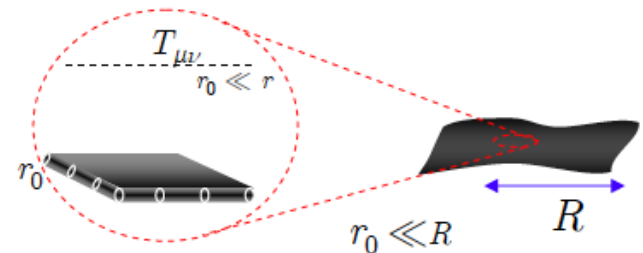


- coordinates : $\sigma^a = (t, z^i)$ on brane worldvolume

- equations of motion are:

$$\bar{\nabla}_\mu T^{\mu\nu} = 0, \bar{\nabla}_\mu J^\mu = 0, \dots$$

validity:



Metric and stress tensor (neutral black branes)

metric of neutral (flat) black boosted branes

$$ds^2 = \left(\eta_{ab} + \frac{r_0^n}{r^n} u_a u_b \right) d\sigma^a d\sigma^b + \left(1 - \frac{r_0^n}{r^n} \right)^{-1} dr^2 + r^2 d\Omega_{n+1}^2$$

introduce slowly varying collective coordinates (derivative expansion):

$$ds_{(\text{short})}^2 = \left(\gamma_{ab}(\sigma) + \frac{r_0^n(\sigma)}{r^n} u_a(\sigma) u_b(\sigma) \right) d\sigma^a d\sigma^b + \frac{dr^2}{1 - \frac{r_0^n(\sigma)}{r^n}} + r^2 d\Omega_{n+1}^2 + \dots$$

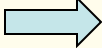
induced metric $\gamma_{ab} = g_{\mu\nu} u_a^\mu u_b^\nu$ $u_a^\mu \equiv \partial_a X^\mu$

stress tensor: $T^{ab}(\sigma) = \frac{\Omega_{(n+1)}}{16\pi G} r_0^n(\sigma) \left(n u^a(\sigma) u^b(\sigma) - \gamma^{ab}(\sigma) \right) + \dots$

$$\varepsilon = \frac{\Omega_{(n+1)}}{16\pi G} (n+1) r_0^n, \quad P = -\frac{1}{n+1} \varepsilon.$$

Blackfold dynamics

consistent coupling of wv. to long-wave length gravitational field


 $\bar{\nabla}_\mu T^{\mu\rho} = 0.$ (stress tensor supported on worldvolume)

$T^{\mu\nu} K_{\mu\nu}{}^\rho + \partial_b X^\rho D_a T^{ab}$ (using embedding tensors, extrinsic curvature tensor etc. etc.)

(for particle worldline: $ma^\nu + (D_\tau m)u^\mu = 0$)

◆ stress tensor conservation:

$T^{\mu\nu} K_{\mu\nu}{}^\rho = 0$ extrinsic equations (D-p-1)
 $D_a T^{ab} = 0$ intrinsic equations (p+1)

 determine the collective brane coords.

generalized geodesic equation

$T^{ab} (D_a \partial_b X^\rho + \Gamma_{\mu\nu}^\rho \partial_a X^\mu \partial_b X^\nu) = 0$

◆ charge conservation:

$D_a J^{a_1 \dots a_{p+1}} = 0$

BF equations

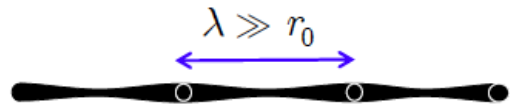
blackfold equations

Empanan, Harmark, Niarchos, NO

(liquid)

intrinsic (Euler equations of fluid
+ charge conservation)

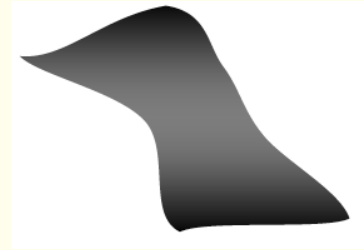
fluid excitations (+ charge waves)



(solid)

extrinsic (generalized geodesic eqn. for
brane embedding)

elastic deformations



- gives novel stationary black holes (metric/thermo) + allows study of time evolution
- generalizes (for charged branes) DBI/NG to non-extremal solns. (thermal)
- possible in principle to incorporate higher-derivative corrections (self-gravitation + internal structure/multipole)

recently: BF equations have been derived from Einstein equations !

Camps, Empanan

- cf. closely related precedents of mappings black holes to fluid dynamics
- membrane paradigm
 - fluid/AdS-gravity correspondence

Stationary solutions

- ◆ equilibrium configurations stationary in time = **stationary black holes**

$$u = \frac{k}{|k|}, \quad \nabla_{(\mu} k_{\nu)} = 0, \quad \mathcal{T}(\sigma^a) = \frac{T}{|k|}, \quad k = \xi + \Omega\chi$$

can solve intrinsic blackfold equations explicitly (e.g. for thickness and velocity)

→ only need to solve **extrinsic equations** for the embedding

$$\tau_0 = \frac{n\sqrt{1-V^2}}{2\kappa}$$

$$V^2 = \sum_i \Omega_i^2 R_i^2(\sigma)$$

velocity
field

- blackfolds with boundaries: fluid approaches **speed of light** at bdry. (horizon closes off !)

extrinsic equations: $K^\rho = \perp^{\rho\mu} \partial_\mu \ln(-P)$

→ derivable from **action** $\tilde{I} = \int_{\mathcal{W}_{p+1}} d^{p+1}\sigma \sqrt{-\gamma} P$

- **thermodynamics**: all global quantities: mass, charge, entropy, chemical potentials by integrating suitable densities over the worldvolume

Action principle for stationary blackfolds and 1st law

- for any embedding (not nec. solution) the “mechanical” action is proportional to **Gibbs free energy**:

$$\beta^{-1}I = G = M - \sum_i \Omega_i J_i - TS$$

varying $G \rightarrow$ 1st law of thermodynamics

$$dM = TdS + \Omega dJ \quad (\text{fixed } Q_p)$$

⇒ 1st law of thermo = blackfold equations for stationary configurations

- can also use Smarr relation to show that:
total tension vanishes for stationary blackfolds

$$(D - 3)M - (D - 2)(TS + \Omega J) - n\Phi_H^{(p)} Q_p = \mathcal{T}_{\text{tot}}$$

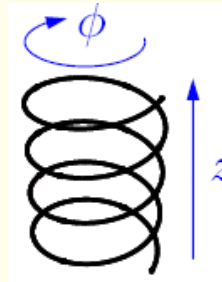
Neutral stationary blackfolds

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using neutral and black branes of higher dim gravity:

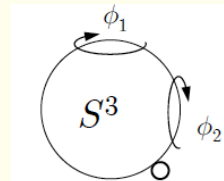
Quick overview of results:

- new **helical** black strings and rings

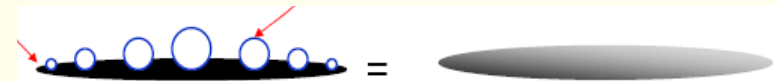


- odd-branes wrapped on **odd-spheres**
(generalizes 5D black ring)

$$(\prod_{p_a=\text{odd}} S^{p_a}) \times s^{n+1}$$

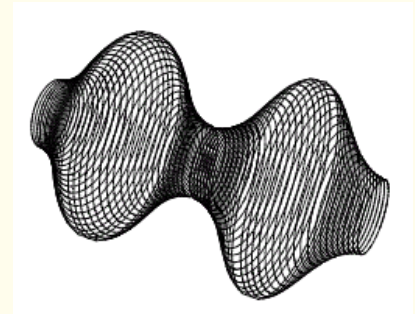


- even-branes wrapped on **even-balls**
correctly reproduce MP BHs in
ultraspinning (pancaked) limit

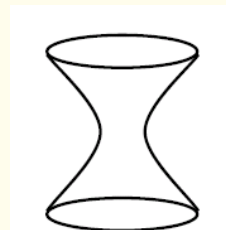


- **non-uniform** black cylinders

$$(\mathbb{R} \times S^1) \times s^{n+1}$$



- static **minimal blackfolds**
(non-compact)



Blackfolds in supergravity and string theory

Empanan, Harmark, Niarchos, NO
Caldarelli, Empanan, v. Pol
Grignani, Harmark, Marini, NO, Orselli

- BF method originally developed for neutral BHs, but even richer dynamics when considering charged branes
- simplest case: curving the fundamental **black branes of string/M-theory** into black holes with compact horizon topologies (F1, Dp, NS5, M2, M5)

more generally: consider dilatonic black branes that solve action

$$I = \frac{1}{16\pi G} \int d^D x \sqrt{g} \left(R - \frac{1}{2}(\nabla\phi)^2 - \frac{1}{2(p+2)!} e^{a\phi} F_{(p+2)}^2 \right)$$

(p=0: particle charge, p=1: **string dipole charge**, etc.)

+ important generalizations when having furthermore dissolved charges (**anisotropic charged fluids**), e.g. using multi-charge black branes

Also many interesting cases with charged q=0 or 1 branes dissolved in neutral p-brane

- electric rotating black holes (near-extr, w. slow rotation, new instabilities)
- new classes of black holes with string dipoles

Intermezzo: blackfolds in art



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Black branes as fluids and solids

Goal: show that (charged) black branes have both fluid and solid properties

Method: perturb \rightarrow consider derivative corrections

two ways

- intrinsic perturbations along worldvolume (wiggle)
- extrinsic perturbations transverse to the worldvolume (bend)



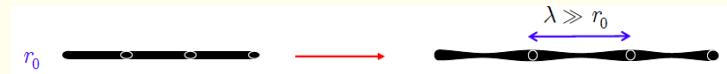
Punchline: a new parallel between (electro)elasticity theory and gravitational physics

Gregory-Laflamme instability

- blackfold approach captures **perturbative dynamics** of BH when $\lambda \gg r_0$
 - can be intrinsic variations (thickness, local velocity) or extrinsic (embedding)
 - > generally coupled

simple case: $r_0 \ll \lambda \ll R$ -> worldvolume looks flat

- decoupling between intrinsic/extrinsic



for a general perfect fluid:

- **transverse (elastic) perturbations**

$$c_T^2 = -\frac{P}{\varepsilon}$$

- **longitudinal (soundmode) perturbations**

$$c_L^2 = \frac{dP}{d\varepsilon}$$

e.g. charged p-brane blackfolds $c_s^2 = -\frac{1}{n+1} \frac{1 + (2 - Nn) \sinh^2 \alpha}{1 + \left(2 - \frac{Nn}{n+1}\right) \sinh^2 \alpha}$ (can become positive)

- ◆ sound mode instability is **long-wavelength part of GL instability** !

$$\delta r_0 \sim e^{\Omega t + i k_i z^i}$$

$$\Omega = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n+1}} k$$

good agreement with slope of GL curve

also: $\Omega = \sqrt{\frac{s}{|c_v|}} k$

cf. correlated stability conjecture (Gubser, Mitra)

Intrinsic transport coefficients: viscosities

Camps,Empanan,Haddad

- can study in derivative expansion the **intrinsic perturbations** for flat branes
 - to first order in derivative expansion

$$T^{ab} = \left(\epsilon u^a u^b + P P^{ab} - 2\eta \sigma_{ab} - \zeta \vartheta P^{ab} \right) \delta^{n+2}(x^\rho - X^\rho)$$

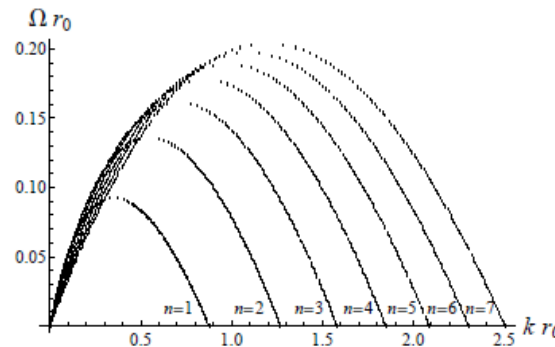
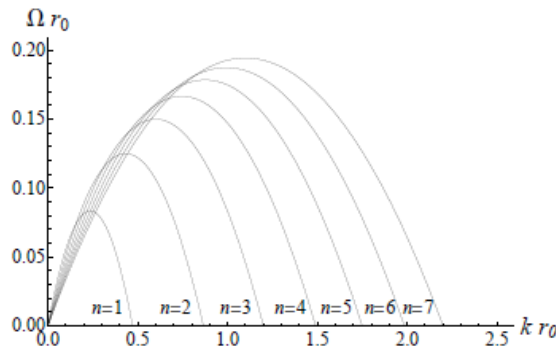
$$\eta = \frac{s}{4\pi}, \quad \zeta = 2\eta \left(\frac{1}{p} - c_s^2 \right)$$

shear and bulk viscosity

can apply e.g. to GL instability: include viscous damping of the **soundmode perturbations** in dispersion relation

$$\Omega = \frac{k}{n+1} \left(1 - \frac{n+1}{n\sqrt{n+1}} k r_0 \right)$$

fits very well
with GL curve



recent work:
Skenderis et al

Fine structure corrections to blackfolds

Armas, Camps, Harmark, NO

- can explore corrections in BF approach that probe the **fine structure**:
go beyond approximation where they are approximately thin

$$T^{\mu\nu}(x^\alpha) = \int_{\mathcal{W}_{p+1}} d^{p+1}\sigma \sqrt{-\gamma} \left[B^{\mu\nu}(\sigma^a) \frac{\delta^{(D)}(x^\alpha - X^\alpha)}{\sqrt{-g}} - \nabla_\rho \left(B^{\mu\nu\rho}(\sigma^a) \frac{\delta^{(D)}(x^\alpha - X^\alpha)}{\sqrt{-g}} \right) + \dots \right]$$

accounts for:

- **dipole moment** of wv stress energy
- **internal spin** degrees of freedom
(conserved angular momentum density)

corrected pole/dipole BF equations:

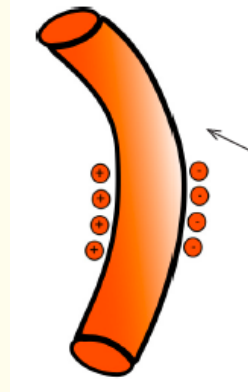
$$D_a T^{ab} = K_c^b{}_\mu \nabla_a d^{ac\mu}$$

$$T^{ab} K_{ab}^\rho = -K_{ac}{}^\rho K^{(c}{}_{b\lambda} d^{a)b\lambda} - \perp^\rho{}_\sigma \nabla_b \nabla_a d^{ab\sigma}$$

$$d^{ab\rho} = u_\mu^a u_\nu^b \perp^\rho{}_\lambda B^{\mu\nu\lambda} = B_\perp^{\rho ab}$$

$$j^{a\mu\nu} = 2u_\rho^a \perp^\mu{}_\sigma \perp^\nu{}_\lambda B^{\rho[\sigma\lambda]} = 2B_\perp^{a\mu\nu},$$

$$u_a^\mu \equiv \partial_a X^\mu$$



(including internal spin: generalizes Papapetrou equations of **spinning point particle** in GR to extended objects)

Extrinsic response coefficients: Young modulus

- bending of black string (or brane) induces **dipole moments of stress**
can be measured from approximate analytic solution (obtained using MAE)

$$g_{\mu\nu} = \eta_{\mu\nu} + h_{\mu\nu}^{(M)} + h_{\mu\nu}^{(D)} + \mathcal{O}(r^{-n-2})$$

$$\nabla_{\perp}^2 \bar{h}_{\mu\nu}^{(D)} = 16\pi G d_{\mu\nu}{}^{r_{\perp}} \partial_{r_{\perp}} \delta^{(n+2)}(r)$$

- ◆ dipole correction is **induced elastically** by bending of black brane
- long wave length linear response coefficient capturing this effect

$$d_{ab}^{\hat{\rho}} = \mathcal{C}(n) Y_{ab}{}^{cd} K_{cd}^{\hat{\rho}}$$

relativistic generalization of **Young modulus of elastic materials**

➡ **linear relation between stress and strain** (Hookean regime)

new **response coefficient** for black objects !

computed for neutral black strings (and p-branes)

$$Y^{ttzz} = Y^{zztt} = -\frac{\Omega_{(n)}(n+2)}{16\pi G r_0^2} (n^2 + 3n + 4) \xi(n)$$

$$Y^{tttt} = Y^{zzzz} = \frac{\Omega_{(n)}(n+2)(n+4)}{16\pi G r_0^2} (3n + 4) \xi(n)$$

Fine structure: Charged black branes

- branes **charged under Maxwell** fields: multipole expansion of **current**

$$\hat{J}^\mu(x^\lambda) = \int_{\mathcal{W}_{p+1}} dV \left[\frac{J_{(0)}^\mu(\sigma^a)}{\sqrt{-g}} \delta^{(D)}(x^\lambda - X^\lambda(\sigma^a)) - \nabla_\rho \left(\frac{J_{(1)}^{\mu\rho}(\sigma^a)}{\sqrt{-g}} \delta^{(D)}(x^\lambda - X^\lambda(\sigma^a)) \right) + \dots \right]$$

electric dipole moment: $p^{a\rho} = u_\mu^a \perp^{\rho\nu} J_{(1)}^{\mu\nu}$ ← dipoles of charge

(resulting corrected BF equations generalize those of the charged spinning point particle)

- for **piezo electric** materials: dipole moment proportional to strain

$$p^{a\rho} = \tilde{\kappa}^{abc} K_{cd}{}^\rho$$

- can be measured in gravity by computing the first order correction to bent charged black branes

example: **charged black branes of EMD theory**

obtained by uplift-boost-reduce from neutral charged branes

(other examples with higher p-form charge also possible: To appear)

Extrinsic response coefficients: Piezo-electric moduli

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- bending of charged black string (or brane) induces **dipole moments of charge** can be measured from approximate analytic solution (obtained using MAE)

$$A_\mu = A_\mu^{(M)} + A_\mu^{(D)} + \mathcal{O}(r^{-n-2}) \quad \nabla_\perp^2 A_\nu^{(D)} = 16\pi G p_\nu r_\perp \partial_{r_\perp} \delta^{(n+2)}(r)$$

- ◆ electric dipole correction is **induced elastically** by bending of charged black brane

$$p^{a\rho} = \tilde{\kappa}^{abc} K_{cd}{}^\rho$$

relativistic generalization of piezo-electric modulus found in electro-elasticity

➡ new **response coefficient** for charged black objects !

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{\kappa}^{tzz} &= \left(\tilde{k} - \frac{2(n+2)}{n+1} \xi(n) \right) r_0^2 J_{(0)}^t & J_{(0)}^a &= Qu^a \\ \tilde{\kappa}^{zzz} &= -\tilde{k} r_0^2 J_{(0)}^z, \end{aligned}$$

- can also compute the relativistic Young moduli (which depend on charge param.)

Full 1st order corrected stress tensor and current

corrected blackfold equations take simple form:

$$D_a T^{ab} = 0, \quad T^{ab} K_{ab}{}^\rho = 0, \quad D_a J^a = 0$$

$$T^{ab} = T_{(0)}^{ab} + \tau_{(1)}^{ab} ; \quad J^a = J_{(0)}^a + \Upsilon_{(1)}^a$$

$$\tau_{(1)}^{ab} = \tilde{Y}^{abcd} K_{cd}{}^\rho K_\rho, \quad \Upsilon_{(1)}^a = \tilde{\kappa}^{abc} K_{bc}{}^\rho K_\rho$$

full first-order corrected stress tensor:

$$T_{ab} = \left(\varepsilon u_a u_b + P P_{ab} - 2\eta \sigma_{ab} - \zeta \vartheta P_{ab} + \tilde{Y}_{ab}{}^{cd} K_{cd}{}^i \partial_i \right) \delta_\perp^{(n+2)} (x^i - X^i(\sigma^a))$$

Relativistic Elasticity of Stationary Fluid Branes

Armas,NO

Question:

can we formulate the extrinsic dynamics more generally in terms of **relativistic elasticity theory** ?

Yes:

given fluid configuration satisfying local thermodynamic laws living on thin space-time surface, assuming diffeomorphism invariance and ignoring backreaction:



extrinsic dynamics in transverse directions to the surface correspond to that of elastic brane

new interpretation:

expected to lead in the future to formal development of general relativistic elasticity theory of branes from gravity

cf. rigorous development of fluid and superfluid dynamics using fluid/gravity correspondence

Elasticity tensor

strain tensor

$$U_{ab} = -\frac{1}{2}(\gamma_{ab} - \bar{\gamma}_{ab})$$

$$dU_{ab} = N_\rho K_{ab}^\rho$$

stress

$$T^{ab} = \rho u^a u^b + \sigma^{ab}$$

$$\rho = \epsilon + P \quad , \quad \sigma^{ab} = P\gamma^{ab}$$

intrinsic fluid dynamics implies
extrinsic elastic dynamics

$$d\rho = \mathcal{T} ds + \sigma^{ab} dU_{ab}$$

Fluid dynamics fixes the properties:

$$T \quad , \quad \Omega_i$$

Elastic dynamics fixes the properties:


$$K \quad , \quad E^{abcd}$$

Modulus of hydrostatic compression:

$$K = \left(\frac{\partial P}{\partial \mathcal{V}} \right)_T = -P$$

Elasticity tensor:

$$E^{abcd} = 2 \left(P\gamma^{a(c}\gamma^{d)b} - \left(\frac{\partial P}{\partial \gamma_{ab}} \right) \gamma^{cd} - 2 \left(\frac{\partial^2 P}{\partial \gamma_{ab} \partial \gamma_{cd}} \right) \right)$$



$$dT^{ab} = E^{abcd} dU_{cd}$$

can compute these quantities for neutral black branes

Relevance of BF method

- **new stationary BH solutions:** EHONR/EHON/ Caldarelli,Emparan,Rodriguez Armas,NO/Camps,Emparan,Giusto,Saxena/..
approximate analytic construction of BH metrics in higher D gravity/
supergravities (cf. String Theory)
 - possible horizon topologies, thermodynamics, phase structure, ...
 - new non-extremal and extremal BH solutions
 - useful for insights/checks on exact analytic/numeric solutions
 - **BH instabilities and response coefficients:** Camps,Emparan,Haddad Armas,Camps,Harmark,NO Camps,Emparan/Armas,Gath,NO/Armas,NO
understand GL instabilities in long wavelength regime, dispersion relation,
elastic (in) stabilities, new long wavelength response coefficients for BHs,
Young modulus (hydro + material science)
 - **Thermal probe branes/strings:**
new method to probe finite T backgrounds with probes that are in thermal
equilibrium with the background (e.g. hot flat space, BHs)
 - **AdS/CFT:** Grignani,Harmark,Marini,NO,Orsell Armas,Harmark,NO,Orselli,Vigand Pedersen
many potential applications
(new black objects in AdS, connection with fluid/gravity, thermal probes
thermal giant gravitons, BHs on branes, ...)
- + interrelations between the four items above

Outlook

- new response coefficients for **higher p-form** charged branes

Armas,Gath,NO (to appear)

AdS backgrounds ? **Caldarelli,Empran,Rodriguez**
Armas,NO

- response coefficients in other backgrounds with **non-zero fluxes** (susceptibility, polarizability)
- interpretation of new response coefficients in **AdS/CFT context**
- relation to **fluid/AdS-gravity correspondence**
- further elucidate relation of BFs with **DBI/NG**
- use of BF as new method for **thermal probe branes** in AdS/CFT

The end

Outlook (con'td)

- blackfold gives a **new method for D-brane (and other) probes in thermal backgrounds**

+ applied to simplest case: **Bion in hot flat space**

■ contrary to previous work:

- takes into account that the probe itself is a thermal object

□ apply new perspective to **AdS probes** (thermal AdS or AdS BH)

- may resolve discrepancies between gravity and gauge theory found for Polyakov loops based on D3/D5
- revisit other previously studied cases

-> Polyakov loops using thermal fundamental string probes in AdS/CFT.

thermal giant gravitons

reveals new qualitative/quantitative effects

Grignani, Harmark, Marini, NO, Orsell
Armas, Harmark, NO, Orselli, Vigand Pedersen