

Blackfolds

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Intro +overview

■ motivation to study black holes ? (topic of this conference...):

will review aspects of blackfold (BF) method developed in the last five years

- effective theory of black brane dynamics

(reviews see e.g. [Emparan, Harmark, Niarchos, NO](#), [Emparan, NO](#))

dynamics of BHs in higher dimensions (especially $D > 5$) too complex to be described by conventional methods

BF is an **effective description** 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

when applied to D-branes in ST: description of thermal D-branes that goes **beyond the DBI description**

Relevance of BF method

- **new stationary BH solutions:**
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
(see talk by [Maria Jose Rodriguez](#))
- **BH instabilities and response coefficients:**
understand GL instabilities in long wavelength regime, dispersion relation,
elastic (in) stabilities, new long wavelength response coefficients for BHs,
Young modulus (hydro + material science)
(see talk by [Joan Camps](#))
- **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)
(see talk by [Troels Harmark](#))
- **AdS/CFT:**
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 !

Plan

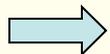
- **Introduction** : Separation of scales in higher-dimensional black holes
 - Effective worldvolume theory: **Blackfold** (BF) approach
 - **Blackfolds** in string theory and supergravity
 - **(An)isotropic effective** fluids and new (non)-external ST BHs
 - Discussion and outlook
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- BF as a tool for thermal probe branes/strings (hot bion) (TH)
 - Instabilities, correlated stability conjecture, viscosity and fine structure of BFs (internal spin, Young modulus) (JC)

Higher-dimensional gravity/ST

- 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 readily generalized to AdS/dS space

Dynamics of BHs in $D > 4$ much richer than four dimensions

- $D=4$: **black hole uniqueness**
- $D=5$: - **4D inspired techniques** successful
e.g. pure gravity:
assuming 2 axial Killing vector fields \longrightarrow integrability (inv. scattering)
(see talk by MJR)
- $D > 5$: only few known exact solutions
- **full dynamics too complex** to be captured by conventional approaches



blackfold approach

Higher D black holes organized according to scales

- dynamics of higher-dimensional black holes naturally organized in **relative value of scales**



$$\ell_J \lesssim \ell_M$$



$$\ell_J \approx \ell_M$$



$$\ell_J \gg \ell_M$$

- single length scale: **Kerr BH behavior**
- regime of **mergers and connections** between phases when two horizon scales meet $r_0 \gg R$
 - not accessible to effective methods;
requires extrapolation or numerics

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

- separation of scales allows effective description of **long-wavelength description physics**

black hole is locally a flat (possibly boosted)
black brane (cf. known examples)

Based on idea that when

$$\ell_J \gg \ell_M$$

Effective theory describes how to bend black brane wv in background spacetime

Blackfold = **Black** brane whose worldvolume extends along a curved submanifold of background spacetime

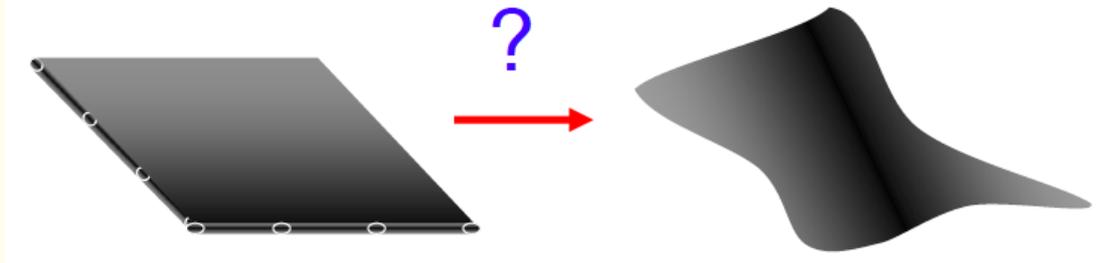
- to leading order in ℓ_M/ℓ_J 'test' blackfold (neglect backreaction)

Blackfolds: A new framework

- identify why there is novel dynamics
 - **different length scales** along the horizon
- find new organizing framework
 - organize black holes according to **scale hierachy**
- develop new approaches to deal with it – new tools
 - **effective theory** at long wavelengths

→ effective fluid living on a dynamical worldvolume

based on bending/vibrating of (flat) black branes



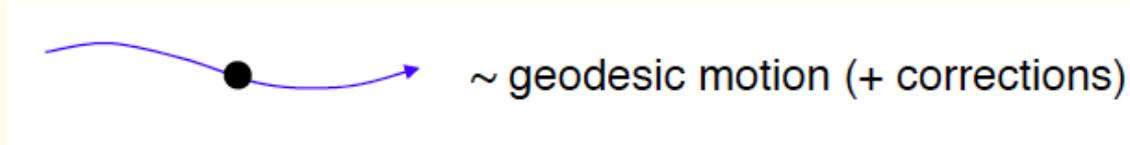
very much like other solitonic objects
(with in addition: worldvolume thermodynamics)

Similar systems

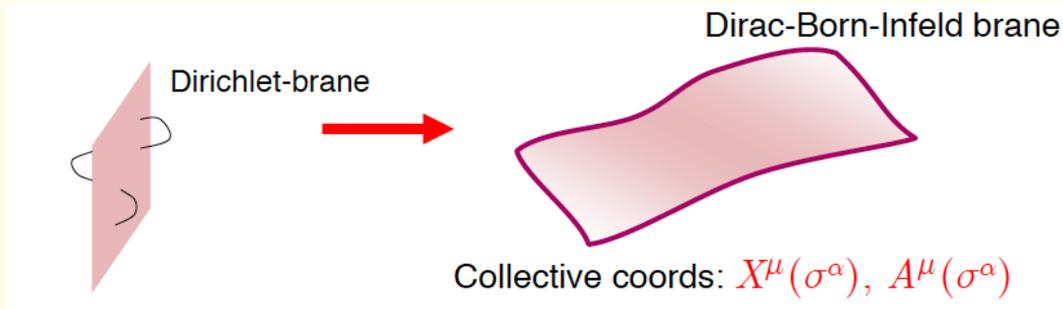
- Nielsen-Olesen vortices and NG strings



- small black holes in point-particle limit



- open strings and DBI action (effective theory for massless modes)



- fluid/gravity duality
(long-wavelength fluctuations of worldvolume = fluid dynamics)

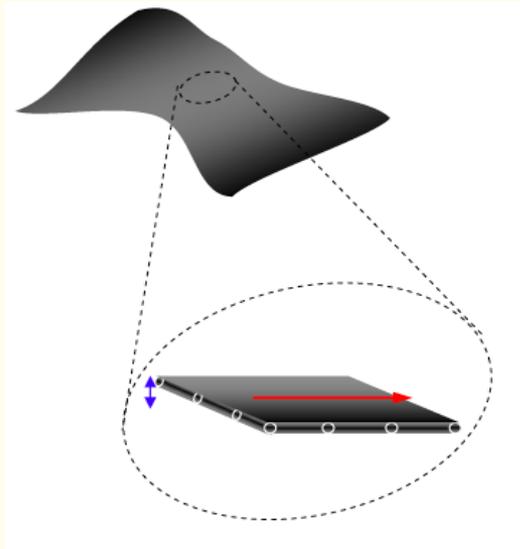
Main ingredients + results

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



black hole looks locally like a flat black brane



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

BF equations

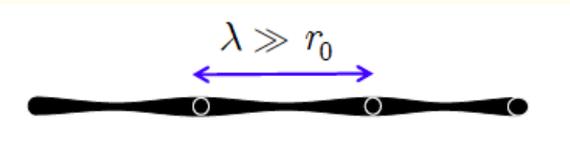
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blackfold equations

(liquid)

intrinsic (Euler equations of fluid
+ charge conservation)

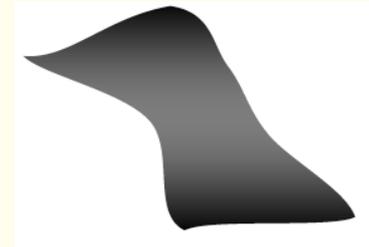
fluid excitations (+ charge waves)



(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)

cf. closely related precedents of mappings black holes to fluid dynamics

- membrane paradigm
- fluid/AdS-gravity correspondence

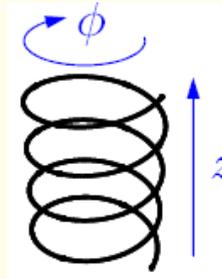
Neutral blackfolds

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First applied to neutral black branes of higher dim gravity:

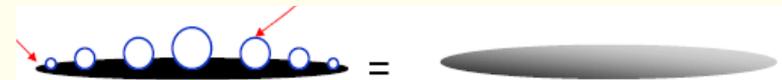
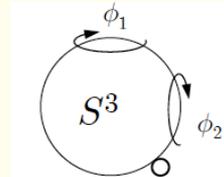
Quick overview of results:

- new **helical** black strings and rings
- odd-branes wrapped on **odd-spheres**
(generalizes 5D black ring)



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

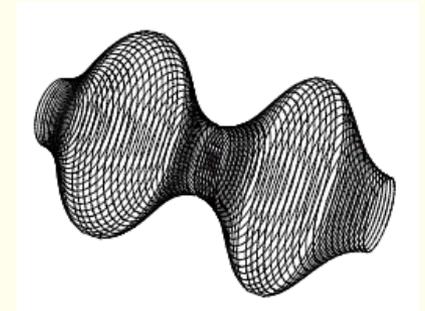
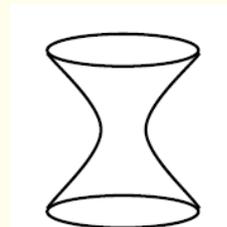
$$(\prod_{p_a=\text{odd}} S^{p_a}) \times S^{n+1}$$



- **non-uniform** black cylinders

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

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



Blackfold Bestiary

blackfold construction shows existence of **new types** of asymptotically flat stationary black holes in higher dimensions

$D = 4$	$D = 5$	$D = 6$	$D = 7$	$D = 8$	$D = 9$
S^2	S^3	S^4	S^5	S^6	S^7
		$B_2 \otimes s^2$	$B_2 \otimes s^3$	$B_2 \otimes s^4$ $B_4 \otimes s^2$	$B_2 \otimes s^5$ $B_4 \otimes s^3$
	$S^1 \times s^2$	$S^1 \times s^3$	$S^1 \times s^4$	$S^1 \times s^5$	$S^1 \times s^6$
		$T^2 \times s^2$	$T^2 \times s^3$	$T^2 \times s^4$	$T^2 \times s^5$
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				$S^1 \times S^3 \times s^2$	$S^1 \times S^3 \times s^3$ $T^4 \times s^3$

Kerr, MP BH

ultraspinning
MP BH

black ring

black torus

for **product odd-sphere and even-ball blackfolds**
with equal sizes and angular momenta (at fixed mass):

$$s(j) \sim j^{-\frac{p}{D-p-3}}$$



tori dominate entropically

Blackfolds in supergravity and string theory

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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

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

First: **p-branes that carry (p+1)-form charge**

(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

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

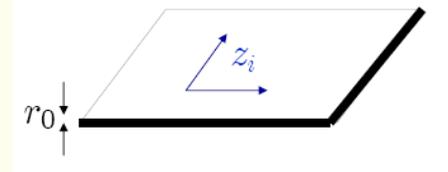
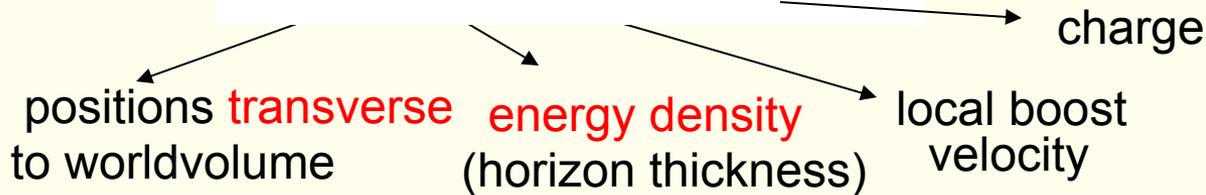
similar to effective theories for other **extended objects**:

- 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

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

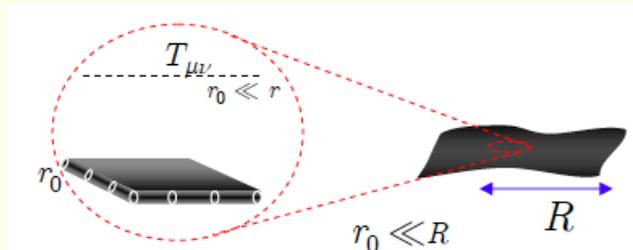


- coordinates $\sigma^a = (t, z^i)$ on brane worldvolume

- equations of motion are:

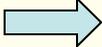
$$\bar{\nabla}_\mu T^{\mu\nu} = 0, \bar{\nabla}_\mu J^\mu = 0, \dots$$

validity:



Blackfold dynamics

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

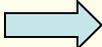

 $\bar{\nabla}_\mu T^{\mu\rho} = 0.$ (stress tensor supported on worldvolume)

$T^{\mu\nu} K_{\mu\nu}{}^\rho + \partial_b X^\rho D_a T^{ab}$ (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:

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

Perfect fluid with conserved p-brane charge

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

$$J = Q_p \hat{V}_{(p+1)}$$

$$d\varepsilon = \mathcal{T} ds, \quad \varepsilon + P = \mathcal{T} s,$$

local potential $\Phi_p(\sigma^a) = \frac{\partial \varepsilon(s; Q_p)}{\partial Q_p}$

blackfold equations

- intrinsic: $D_a T^{ab} = 0 \quad \partial_a Q_p = 0.$

- extrinsic $-PK^\rho = \perp^\rho{}_\mu s \mathcal{T} \dot{u}^\mu$

- blackfolds represent **objects with horizon**
 - reflected in effective theory in entropy and local thermodynamics
- assume **regularity of event horizon** under long-wave length perturbations when blackfold equations are satisfied
- no rigorous derivation but significant evidence:
 - **thin black rings, black tori**
(first correction computed using MAE = matched asymptotic expansion)
 - cf. black branes in AdS

Effective fluid

for **charged dilatonic p-branes**:

use exact sugra solution to read off the properties of the fluid:

$$\varepsilon = \frac{\Omega_{(n+1)}}{16\pi G} r_0^n (n + 1 + nN \sinh^2 \alpha), \quad P = -\frac{\Omega_{(n+1)}}{16\pi G} r_0^n (1 + nN \sinh^2 \alpha),$$

$$\mathcal{T} = \frac{n}{4\pi r_0 (\cosh \alpha)^N}, \quad s = \frac{\Omega_{(n+1)}}{4G} r_0^{n+1} (\cosh \alpha)^N,$$

$$Q_p = \frac{\Omega_{(n+1)}}{16\pi G} n \sqrt{N} r_0^n \sinh \alpha \cosh \alpha, \quad \Phi_p = \sqrt{N} \tanh \alpha.$$

functions of r_0 and α ,

$N = 1, 2, 3$ (depending on case)

stress tensor
takes form:

$$T_{ab} = \mathcal{T} s \left(u_a u_b - \frac{1}{n} \gamma_{ab} \right) - \Phi_p Q_p \gamma_{ab}$$

near extremality:

$$T_{ab}^{(\text{exc})} \simeq \mathcal{T} s \left(u_a u_b + \left(\frac{N}{2} - \frac{1}{n} \right) \gamma_{ab} \right)$$

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

$$r_0 = \frac{n\sqrt{1-V^2}}{2\kappa}$$

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

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**:

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

- compute **mass and angular momentum** by integrating appropriate stress tensor components over brane worldvolume + entropy from total area

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

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

Odd-sphere blackfolds with dipole p-brane charge

- can solve stationary BF equations on round odd-spheres (most sym. case)
 - > find **new odd-sphere** (+products) stationary black hole solutions with **dipole-like** (local) charge (checks with exact 5D dipole rings (**Empanan**))
- new stationary black holes in string/M-theory, w. novel horizon topology
- **new type of charge** (generalizing dipole charge of ring) entering 1st law of thermo (cf. Copsey, Horowitz)
- (presumably) **stable** for sufficiently high charge (positive specific heat)
- standard extremal limit gives Dirac:

$$T_{ab} = P\gamma_{ab}$$

- interesting **new extremal limits with null waves** (beyond DBI):

$$T_{ab} = \mathcal{K}l_a l_b - \sqrt{N}Q_p \gamma_{ab} \quad l_a l^a = 0$$

obey:
$$\frac{1}{p+1}M = \sqrt{N}V_{(p)}Q_p = \frac{1}{p}\frac{J}{\mathcal{R}}$$

(for 5D fundamental string:
winding=momentum)

Odd-sphere blackfolds in string theory

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Brane (IIA)	Worldvolume	\perp Sphere
F1	S^1	s^7
D2	T^2	s^6
D4	$S^3 \times S^1, T^4$	s^4
NS5	$S^5, S^3 \times T^2$	s^3
D6	$S^3 \times S^3, S^5 \times S^1$	s^2

Brane (IIB)	Worldvolume	\perp Sphere
D1	S^1	s^7
F1	S^1	s^7
D3	S^3, T^3	s^5
D5	$S^5, S^3 \times T^2$	s^3
NS5	$S^5, S^3 \times T^2$	s^3

Table 1: A list of horizon topologies for stationary non-extremal black holes in type IIA/IIB string theory based on the singly-charged blackfolds of the theory with worldvolumes curved into products of odd-spheres. The s^{n+1} denotes the ‘small’ sphere in horizon directions orthogonal to the worldvolume. The number ℓ of ‘large’ odd-spheres spanned by the worldvolume is limited by (3.11).

Brane	Worldvolume	\perp Sphere
M2	T^2	s^7
M5	$S^5, S^3 \times T^2, T^5$	s^4

Table 2: The analogue of Table 1 in M-theory for M2 and M5 black branes.

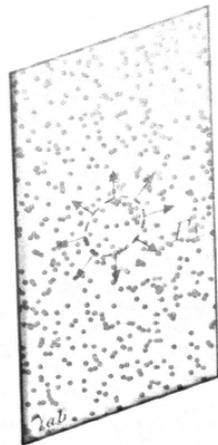
Blackfolds with brane currents

- can perform general analysis of **blackfolds with brane currents** on them (q=0 and q=1 simplest): **anisotropic charged perfect fluids** (entirely new type of fluid dynamics)
 - is able to **capture thermal excitations of e.g. D-branes** with lower D-brane or F-string currents

brane currents induce differences in pressures in directions parallel and transverse to them (due to effective tension $\Phi_q Q_q$ along the current)

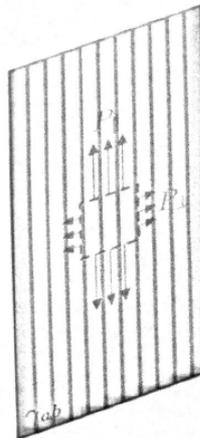


p-brane



+ 0-brane charge

+ q-brane charge



- **charge density conserved** along the q-brane but can redistribute itself in transverse directions

- **stability of charge waves** governed by isothermal permittivity

$$\epsilon_q \equiv \left(\frac{\partial \Phi_q}{\partial Q_q} \right)_{Q_p, T}$$

Examples (2 charges)

blackfolds based on **2-charge brane systems**: D0-Dp (p=2,4,6) F1-Dp (p >0)

		Worldvolume	\perp Sphere
	F1-D1	(helical) S^1	s^7
D0-D2	F1-D2	T^2	s^6
	F1-D3	S^3, T^3	s^5
D0-D4	F1-D4	$S^3 \times S^1, T^4$	s^4
	F1-D5	$S^5, S^3 \times T^2$	s^3
D0-D6	F1-D6	$S^3 \times S^3, S^5 \times S^1$	s^2

have **non-trivial extremal limits**:

- extremal branes with subluminal worldvolume velocity
(boost along direction perpendicular to at least one of currents)
- null-wave branes
(only when current is parallel to the wave)

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

Examples (3 charges)

3-charge example: D1-D5-P (e.g. in D=6: $S^1 \times s^3$ horizon)
with **finite entropy** in extremal limit

could be first example of stable, asymptotically flat, extremal,
non-supersymmetric brane in ST with non-spherical horizon topology in $D > 5$

(instability might occur via coupling of intrinsic/extrinsic perturbations)

Dimension (non-compact)	Worldvolume	\perp Sphere
$D = 10$	$S^5, S^3 \times \mathbb{T}^2$	s^3
$D = 9$	$S^3 \times S^1, \mathbb{T}^4$	s^3
$D = 8$	S^3, \mathbb{T}^3	s^3
$D = 7$	\mathbb{T}^2	s^3
$D = 6$	S^1	s^3

Table 4: *A list of horizon topologies for stationary extremal rotating black holes with D1-D5 dipoles in a spacetime with D non-compact dimensions and $10 - D$ compact KK circles. We do not distinguish whether the D1-P current wraps some of the compact directions, which gives different kinds of black holes.*

other **new extremal black holes** in ST ?

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**

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

p-brane blackfolds have: $c_s^2 = -\frac{1}{n+1} \frac{1 + (2 - Nn) \sinh^2 \alpha}{1 + \left(2 - \frac{Nn}{n+1}\right) \sinh^2 \alpha}$ (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)

Further connections (w. some recent work, not exhaustive!)

- new charge and/or dipole rings:
Rocha,Rodriguez.Virmani/Compere, de Buyl, Stotyn,Virmani/ Rodriguez
Kleihaus, Kunz, Schnulle
Bena, Giusto, Ruef
- near-horizons analysis of supersymmetric non-spherical BHs
Kunduri, Lucietti/Gutowski, Papadopoulos,
- new instabilities of spinning BHs
Dias,Figueras,Monteiro,Santos,...
- domain structure (generalizing rod-structure) and horizon topologies
Harmark/Armas,Harmark,Caputa
- self-similar critical geometries at horizon intersections and mergers
Kol/Emparan,Haddad
- response coefficients for BHs (Love numbers) Kol
- 3-charge microstate geometries
Bena,de Boer,Shigemori,Warner

Outlook

- charged blackfolds with **multiple charges/extremal limits**
 - developed general theory of **anisotropic p'-form charged fluids**
 - opens up new interesting dynamics (cf. supertubes)
 - new extremal black holes in ST (microscopics ?)
- method can also be applied to **blackfolds in other backgrounds** (AdS, dS)
 - + turning on other fields
 - black rings in (A)dS
 - blackfolds in (A)dS **Caldarelli, Empran, Rodriguez Armas, NO**
- duality of higher D black holes to **plasma balls + rings** in SS AdS (cf. **Lahiri, Minwalla**) – many similar features
- relation to **fluid/gravity correspondence** (recently: Wilsonian approach)
- **higher-order analysis** (beyond pole approximation, dipole effects, intrinsic spin, MAE/CIEFT)
Armas, Camps, Harmark, NO
- perturbations/stability analysis (new response coefficients, combined intrinsic/extrinsic perturbations, time-dependent BF)
- further elucidate relation of BFs with **DBI/NG**

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**
- talk of TH: finite T brane/anti-brane wormhole configuration of Blon: behaves **qualitatively different from zero-temperature counterparts**
 - 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.
Grignani, Harmark, Marini, NO ,Orselli (to appear)