

Thermal brane probes as blackfolds

Thermal spinning giant gravitons and null waves

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Plan

- Introduction & blackfold approach
 - closed string (SUGRA) description of thermal probes
- Heating up DBI/NG solutions using:
blackfolds as thermal probe branes/strings in string theory
- 3 applications** (new **qualitative & quantitative** effects)
- Thermal Bion solutions (wormhole & spike)
- Thermal string probes in AdS & finite T Wilson loops
- Thermal (spinning) giant gravitons
- Conclusion & outlook

Introduction

branes/strings have many applications:

- **gauge theory**: low energy dynamics, flavors, geometric picture of FT dualities
 - **quantum gravity**: microstates of BHs, information paradox
 - **gauge/gravity (holography)**
- **Brane/string probes** widely used in ST, including AdS/CFT
- uncover features of backgrounds, phase transitions, stringy observables, non-perturbative aspects of FT, dual operators in CFT, ads/CMT
 - learn new things about fundamentals of ST/M-theory by studying low energy theories on D/M-branes

conventionally used (at weak coupling):

- F-stings: NG** (Wilson loops, q - q bar potential, energy loss of quarks)
- D-branes: DBI** (Wilson loops in large sym/antisym reps, flavors, meson spectroscopy, giant gravitons)
- M-branes: PST** (giant gravitons, self-dual string)

Open/closed perspectives

worldvolume (DBI,NG)
microscopic, open
weak coupling



spacetime (SUGRA)
macroscopic, closed
strong coupling

- for SUSY configs can interpolate between the two (exactly)
- for non-SUSY (finite T): qualitative matching (more control for near-extremal)

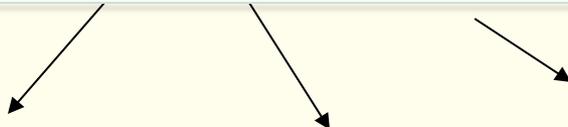
“**shapes of branes/strings**” are determined dynamically

most work on curved D-branes
performed using open string picture:

probe (N=1)



$$K_{ab}{}^{\rho} T^{ab} = J \cdot F^{\rho}$$



extrinsic curvature
(2nd fundamental form)

(DBI) EM tensor
of the brane

external force

can use symmetries, ansatze
consistency to construct the exact
backgrounds in SUGRA (N >> 1)

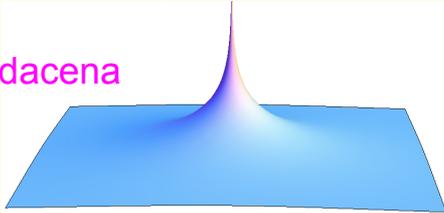
Note: any probe brane will have EOM of this form **Carter**

Example: Blon

DBI

D3-brane DBI with constant electric flux (D3- \rightarrow F1)

Callan, Maldacena



SUGRA

derive appropriate PDEs and prove existence of SUSY sol

Lunin

branes follow harmonic profiles (unique, given BCs)



match: open/closed duality beyond decoupling limit

➡ Q: Can one extend this open/closed picture to finite T ? (non-SUSY)

interesting since:

- develop horizon, learn about BH physics
- branes are used to probe spaces at finite T (hot flat or AdS space, AdS BH)
- thermal states in gauge theories (AdS/CFT)

Intermezzo: conventional method for probe branes in thermal background

conventionally used method: 'Euclidean DBI probe' method:

- Wick rotate background and classical DBI action
- find solns. of EOM
- identify the radii of thermal circle in background and DBI soln.

(see also: Kiritsis/Kiritsis, Taylor/Kiritsis, Kehagias)

boils down to: solving same (local) EOMs but different BCs

$$(T_E)_{\text{DBI}}^{ab} (K_E)_{ab}{}^\rho = (\perp_E)^{\rho\lambda} \frac{1}{4!} (J_E)^{abcd} (F_E)_{\lambda abcd}$$

this global condition is not enough to ensure that probe is in thermal equilibrium with the background

reason: to ensure thermal equilibrium we need to also modify the EOMs (via the stress tensor) since the **brane DOFs get thermally excited**

Example: single D3-brane near extremality (at weak coupling)

- gas of photons (+ superpartners)

$$T_{ab} = -T_{\text{D3}} \eta_{ab} + T_{ab}^{(\text{NE})}, \quad T_{00}^{(\text{NE})} = \rho, \quad T_{ii}^{(\text{NE})} = p, \quad i = 1, 2, 3 \quad \rho = 3p = \pi^2 T^4 / 2.$$

Open/closed at finite T

open (weak coupling) , $N=1$

thermal DBI
(thermal SUSY gauge theory
+ string corrections)

Grignani,Harmark,Marini,Orselli (to appear)

thermal NG: quantize string in
finite T background

de Boer,Hubeny,Rangamani,Shigemori

closed (strong coupling), $N \gg 1$

black branes (solitons)
- curved black brane solutions
in SUGRA

exact solutions already hard at $T=0$



go to regime where brane is
approximately **locally** flat:
-> can use probe approximation
= 0th order **blackfold construction**

gives the geometry to leading order in
perturbative expansion governed r_0/R

like DBI/NG this is (to leading order) **probe** computation:
dynamics in both cases described by Carter equation:



- difference is EM tensor that you put
+ different regime ! (match when $T \rightarrow 0, N=1$)

Blackfold approach

novel treatment of SUGRA solutions:

- uses **effective** (long-wave length) expansion scheme (technically/conceptually closer to worldvolume description)
- provides immediate intuitive information and easy access to **thermodynamical** quantities
- extends to more complicated (less symmetric) configurations that are beyond reach of current exact solution generating techniques

provides effective description of black brane dynamics in terms of **fluid living on dynamical worldvolume** (describes how it fluctuates, spins, bends,..)

roughly: mix of fluid dynamics (cf. fluid/gravity) + “DBI”

- **effective degrees of freedom**: slowly-varying energy density+ fluid velocities + world volume bending scalars + charge/spin densities etc.

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

- **EOMs** for these follow from conservation of stress-energy tensor, charge currents, ...

$$\overline{\nabla}_\mu T^{\mu\rho} = 0.$$

- constructive procedure that maps solutions to **regular bulk spacetimes**
 - but already interesting results at leading order

Blackfold equations

Emparan, Harmark, Niarchos, NO

take **black branes** (possibly charged, intersections/bound states)
and **curve them** (e.g. into black holes with compact horizon topologies)

integrate out brane thickness
→ effective description involving
fluid living on the brane

blackfold equations

- intrinsic equations:
conservation of EM on the w.v.
& charge conservation

$$D_a T^{ab} = 0 \quad D_a J^{aa_1 \dots a_p} = 0$$

- extrinsic equations: $K_{ab}{}^\rho T^{ab} = J \cdot F^\rho$

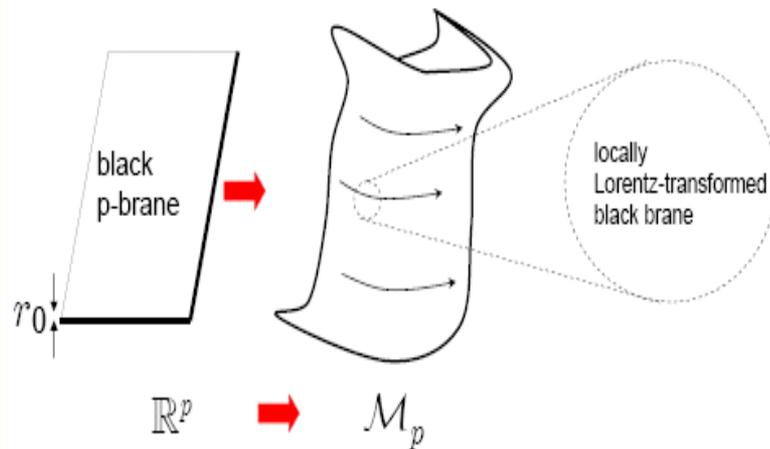
generalization using charged branes:

Emparan, Harmark, Niarchos, NO

Caldarelli, Emparan, v. Pol

Grignani, Harmark, Marini, NO, Orselli

use EM tensor of black brane
instead of DBI EM tensor



size-scale of the brane \ll length scale of the worldvolume W_{p+1}

same form as DBI/NG !

Stationary blackfolds and action principle

powerful action principle to arrive at effective action, yielding BF EOMS:

$$I = \int_{W_{p+1}} \sqrt{-\gamma} P$$

For stationary (i.e. also static) configurations:

extrinsic equations for the embedding can be integrated to an action
= Gibbs free energy

$$\beta I_E = F = M - TS - \Omega J$$

$$M = \int dV_{(p)} T_{00}$$

$$S = \int dV_{(p)} s$$

$$J = \int dV_{(p)} T_{0\phi}$$

extremizing this action for fixed temperature, angular velocity, charge
is equivalent to 1st law of thermo

1st law of thermo = blackfold equations for stationary configurations

effective action = “thermal version” of DBI/NG:
but in supergravity (closed string) regime

Applications

-> Heating up DBI/NG solutions using:
blackfolds as thermal probe branes/strings in string theory

shows new qualitative & quantitative effects

	black probe	background
• Thermal Bion solutions (wormhole & spike) (briefly also: M5-M2 system and self-dual string)	D3-F1	hot flat 10D
	F1	AdS BH
• Thermal string probes in AdS & finite T Wilson loops		hot..
	D3	AdS5 x S5
	M2	AdS7 x S4
• Thermal (spinning) giant gravitons	M5	AdS4 x S7

“Recipe” for stationary blackfold solutions

- find energy momentum tensor (+ charge current) of (charged) black brane configuration one wants to **bend** (perfect fluid with some specific equation of state)
How: use flat black brane (SUGRA) solution
+ determine stress tensor/current that sources it
- describe the geometric setup (background + embedding)
- let the collective modes fluctuate over the brane worldvolume, given the geometric setup
+ impose global temperature, angular velocities + charges constant.
- write down the thermodynamic action (off-shell functional)
- vary action to get equations of motion + solve for embedding
- given solution compute the on-shell thermodynamic quantities
+ analyze

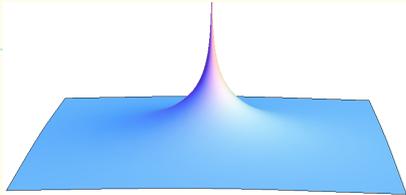
Blon solution of DBI

DBI describes dynamics of U(1) gauge field living on D-brane + scalars describing transverse fluctuations

→ D3-brane with constant w.v. flux F_{01} .

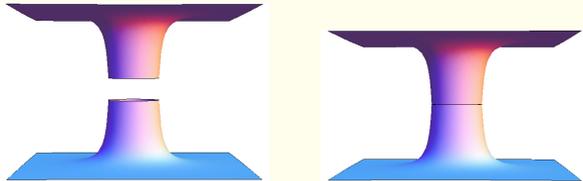
use DBI EOM: embedding profile of D3-brane

F-strings dissolving into D-brane



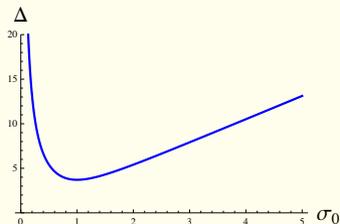
- k F-strings ending on N coincident infinitely extended D3-brane (spike)

$$z(\sigma) = \frac{\kappa}{\sigma} \quad \left. \frac{dH}{dz} \right|_{\sigma=\sigma_0=0} = 4\pi T_{D3}\kappa = kT_{F1}$$



k F-strings stretching between parallel system (wormhole): finite throat size

$$z(\sigma) = \int_{\sigma}^{\infty} d\sigma' \frac{\sqrt{\sigma_0^4 + \kappa^2}}{\sqrt{\sigma'^4 - \sigma_0^4}}$$



Action for thermal Bion + solution

Use black D3-F1 brane SUGRA solution to get stress tensor/currents
action for thermal Bion takes DBI-like form:

$$\mathcal{F}(T, N, k) = \frac{2T_{\text{D3}}^2}{\pi T^4} \int_{\sigma_0}^{\infty} d\sigma \sqrt{1 + z'(\sigma)^2} F(\sigma)$$

$$F(\sigma) = \sigma^2 \frac{1 + 4 \sinh^2 \alpha(\sigma)}{\cosh^4 \alpha(\sigma)}$$

relation to DBI:

$$\lim_{T \rightarrow 0} \mathcal{F} = N H_{\text{DBI}}$$

EOM can be **integrated exactly**

$$z'(\sigma) = - \left(\frac{F(\sigma)^2}{F(\sigma_0)^2} - 1 \right)^{-\frac{1}{2}}$$

reproduces extremal Bion in zero temperature limit

$$-z'(\sigma) = \sqrt{\frac{\kappa^2 + \sigma_0^4}{\sigma^4 - \sigma_0^4}} [1 + \mathcal{O}(\bar{T}^4)]$$

$$\sim \frac{\kappa}{\sigma^2} \quad (\text{for } \sigma_0 = 0)$$

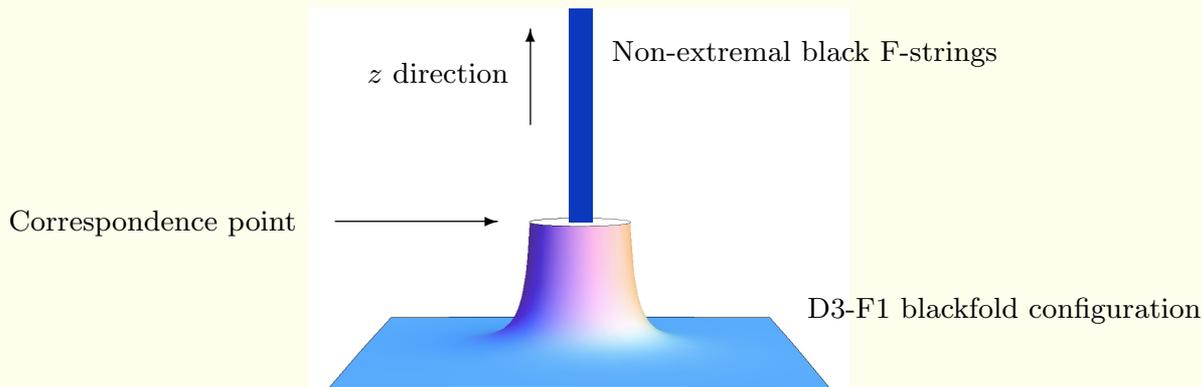
validity of the probe approximation: $\sigma_0^3 \gg \sqrt{k} g_s l_s^3$

Thermal spike ?

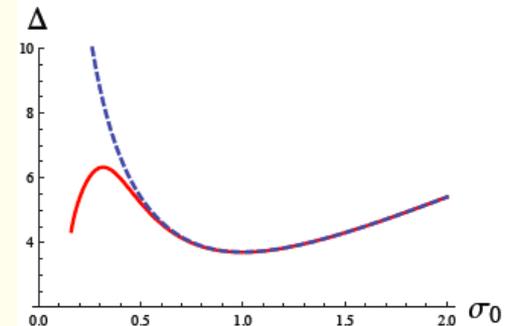
thermal Bion BF solution does not allow for infinite spike

but: configuration in question can be made by matching up a non-extremal black F-string solution with throat solution !

non-trivial: two independent gluing conditions, tension & entropy density agree impressively good



- Thermal wormhole Bion solutions studied in detail: three phases for given brane separation instead of two



Generalization to M2-M5 funnel

Niarchos, Siampos

apply to **M2-M5 brane system** (D1-F3 cousin): fully localized intersection
1/4 BPS intersection described by 3-funnel (spike) solution of effective
5-brane worldvolume theory

$$z(\sigma) = 2\pi \frac{N_2}{N_5} \frac{\ell_P^3}{\sigma^2}$$

self-dual string soliton
in new regime

also: thermal version using BF (wormhole & “spike”)

find: $c \simeq 0.6 \frac{N_2^2}{N_5}$

prediction for **central charge of self-dual string**, valid for large N_2, N_5

use again non-trivial gluing conditions at correspondence point & extrapolation

from dimensional
considerations

$$\frac{1}{\lambda} := \frac{q_2}{q_5^2} = \frac{4N_2}{N_5^2}$$

-> implies
the scaling

$$c \sim 0.04 \frac{N_5^3}{\lambda^2}$$

$$c \sim 0.3 \frac{N_2^{\frac{3}{2}}}{\sqrt{\lambda}}$$

Thermal string probes in AdS

apply BF description of thermal string probes to **finite T Wilson loops** in context of AdS/CFT

- previous studies: **use extremal (Nambu-Goto)** probe in AdS BH background
Brandhuber,Itzhaki,Sonnenschein,Yankielowicz/Rey,Theisen,Yeei

classical NG action becomes increasingly inaccurate since as string approaches event horizon, local temperature for static string probe is redshifted towards infinity

- want to take into account **thermal degrees of freedom** for more accurate description (and see what effects are)
 - one way: **quantize NG action** in finite T background to include thermalization leading quadratic correction for string probing AdS BH
de Boer,Hubeny,Rangamani,Shigemori
- $k = 1, g_s \ll 1$
- other approach (BF): use SUGRA solution **for non-extremal F-string** to describe finite T Wilson loop

SUGRA F-string requires many (k) coincident F-strings:
so describes Wilson loop in k-symmetric product of fundamentals
regime of validity: $1 \ll k \ll N, g_s^2 k \gg 1.$

Set up

consider rectangular Wilson loops in finite T $N=4$ SU(N) SYM in large N limit

expectation value of WL gives potential for Q-Qbar, Q = kth symmetric rep of k quarks

background: black hole in AdS5 (Poincare patch)

Q-Qbar pair dual to k coincident probe F-strings attached to locations of the two particles on the boundary (distance L)

reveals:

- **new correction term**, in small LT expansion of free energy, in Coulomb potential (as compared to first correction of extremal F-string probe), can become leading correction for sufficiently small temperatures
- finite LT: phase transition to phase with two Polyakov loops (one for each charge)
-> Debye screening of charges
order $1/N$ correction to onset of Debye screening relative to extremal F-string
- careful analysis of validity of probe approximation:
breaks down close to event horizon

relevant configurations

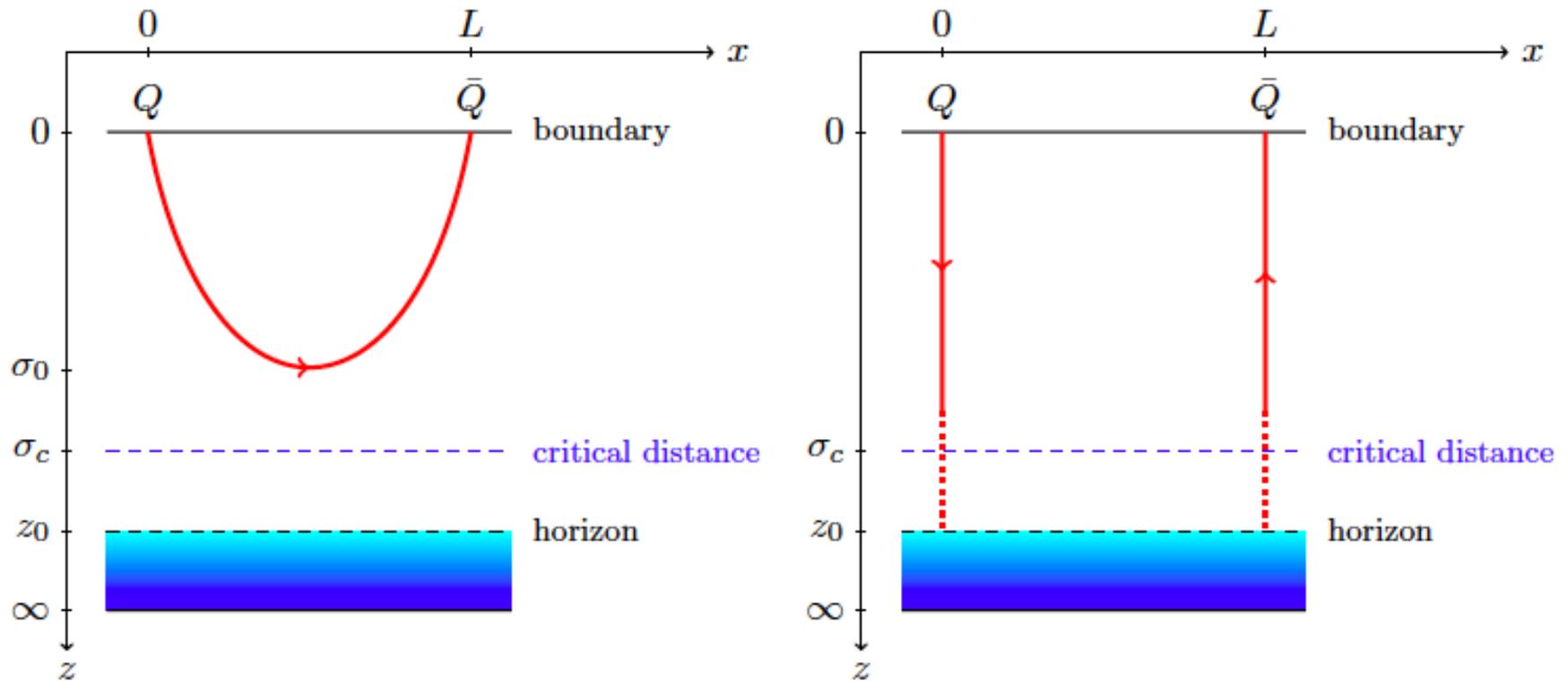
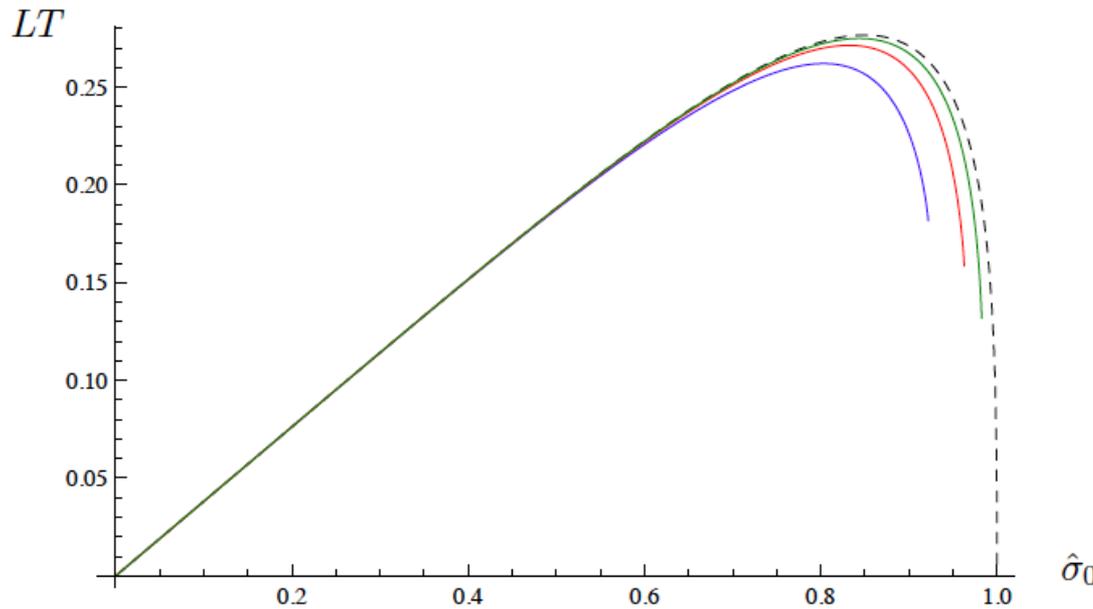


Figure 1. Left side: F-strings stretched between the Q - \bar{Q} pair corresponding to a rectangular Wilson loop. Right side: Two straight strings stretching from the two charges to the event horizon corresponding to two Polyakov loops.

find **critical distance** to event horizon beyond which the probe cannot go
(consequence of thermal equilibrium & fact that non-extremal F-strings have a max T)

finite LT results



dashed line: NG result

$$LT|_{\kappa=0} = \frac{2\sqrt{2\pi}}{\Gamma(\frac{1}{4})^2} \hat{\sigma}_0 \sqrt{1 - \hat{\sigma}_0^4} {}_2F_1\left(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{3}{4}; \frac{5}{4}; \hat{\sigma}_0^4\right)$$

$$\kappa = \frac{2^7 k \sqrt{\lambda}}{3^6 N^2}$$

$$\hat{\sigma}_0 = \pi T \sigma_0$$

$$LT = \frac{2\sqrt{2\pi}}{\Gamma(\frac{1}{4})^2} \hat{\sigma}_0 + \left(\frac{\sqrt{2\pi}}{3\Gamma(\frac{1}{4})^2} - \frac{1}{6} \right) \sqrt{\kappa} \hat{\sigma}_0^4 - \frac{2\sqrt{2\pi}}{5\Gamma(\frac{1}{4})^2} \hat{\sigma}_0^5 + \mathcal{O}(\hat{\sigma}_0^7)$$

$$\mathcal{F}_{\text{loop}} = -\frac{\sqrt{\lambda} k}{L} \left(\frac{4\pi^2}{\Gamma(\frac{1}{4})^4} + \frac{\Gamma(\frac{1}{4})^4}{96} \sqrt{\kappa} (LT)^3 + \frac{3\Gamma(\frac{1}{4})^4}{160} (LT)^4 + \dots \right)$$

thermal probe correction

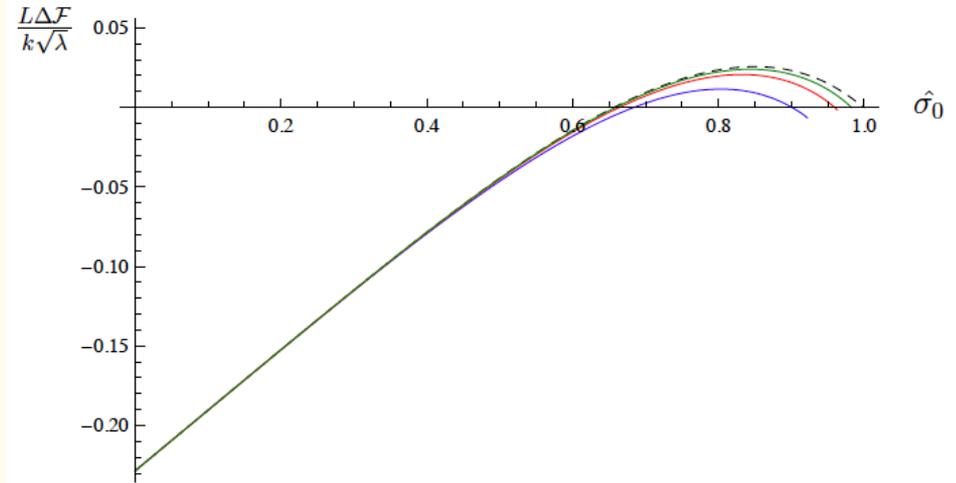
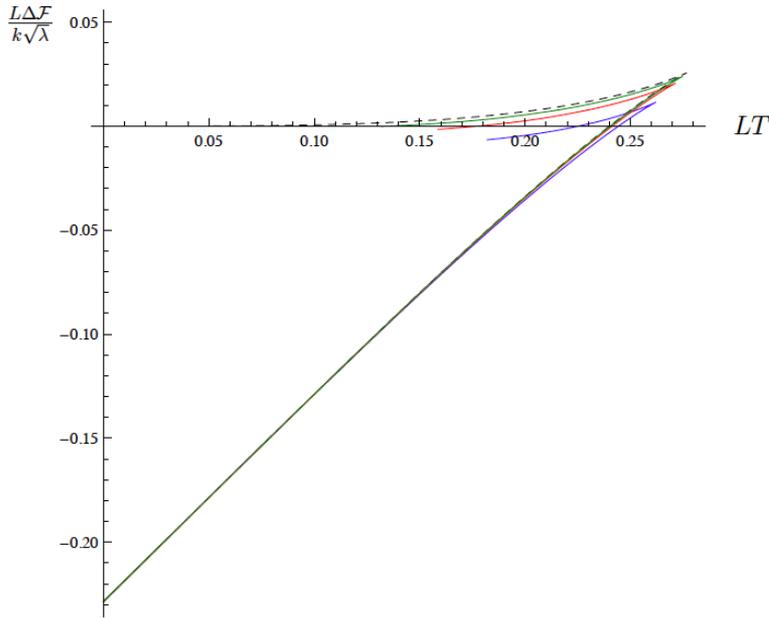
extremal (NG) probe



dominant for

$$LT \ll \frac{\sqrt{k\lambda}^{1/4}}{N}$$

Debye screening



$$\Delta\mathcal{F} = \mathcal{F}_{\text{loop}} - 2\mathcal{F}_{\text{charge}}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta\mathcal{F}|_{\kappa=0} &= \sqrt{\lambda}kT \left[-\frac{1}{\hat{\sigma}_0} + 1 + \int_0^{\hat{\sigma}_0} d\hat{\sigma} \frac{1}{\hat{\sigma}} \left(\hat{\sigma}_0^2 \sqrt{\frac{\hat{\sigma}^4 - 1}{\hat{\sigma}^4 - \hat{\sigma}_0^4}} - 1 \right) \right] \\ &= \sqrt{\lambda}kT \left[1 - \frac{\sqrt{2}\pi^{3/2} (1 - \hat{\sigma}_0^4)}{\hat{\sigma}_0 \Gamma(\frac{1}{4})^2} {}_2F_1\left(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{3}{4}; \frac{1}{4}; \hat{\sigma}_0^4\right) \right], \end{aligned}$$

$$(LT)|_{\Delta\mathcal{F}=0} \simeq 0.240038 + 0.0379706\sqrt{\kappa}$$

onset of screening increases
(slightly less easily screened)

Thermal giant gravitons

Armas, Harmark, NO, Orselli, Vigand-Pedersen

apply thermal probe-brane method to giant graviton (GG)

- archetypical case: **D3 wrapped on three-sphere** and with CM moving along five-sphere (blown up version of point particle graviton, uses DBI)

dual gauge theory: GG moving with ang. mom. J dual to multi-trace op. with R-charge J and $\Delta = J$.

\mathcal{O}_{gg}

heating up: thermal state resulting from ensemble of ops. that are fluctuations around \mathcal{O}_{gg}

true up to T_{HP} : AdS BH is formed

find following features for thermal GG

- solutions have $J > J_{min}$ (cf. extremal where $J \rightarrow 0$ for point particle)
- **thermal GG is forced to blow up** (cf Bion, which has minimal radius)
- we find T_{max} , sets scale of soln, but probe requires $T_{max} \gg T_{HP}$
so if we should be well below HP, we have $T/T_{max} \ll 1$

(cf thermal rectangular Wilson loop)

- free energy in low T limit:

$$F(T, J) = \frac{J}{L} - \frac{\pi^4}{4} N_{D3}^2 L^3 T^4 + \mathcal{O}(T^8)$$

- for $J_{min} < J < J_{max}$: two available solutions (stable +unstable)
(cf Bion +WL, where number of solutions changes)
- also: new stable branch for the extremal GG

Extremal GG in AdS5xS5

parameterize S5 as

$$d\Omega_{(5)}^2 = L^2 \left[d\zeta^2 + \cos^2 \zeta d\phi_1^2 + \sin^2 \zeta d\Omega_{(3)}^2 \right]$$

embedding of D3

$$t = \tau, \quad \phi_1 = \Omega\tau, \quad \phi_2 = \sigma_1, \quad \phi_3 = \sigma_2, \quad \theta = \sigma_3, \quad \zeta = \text{const.}$$

induced metric on D3-brane

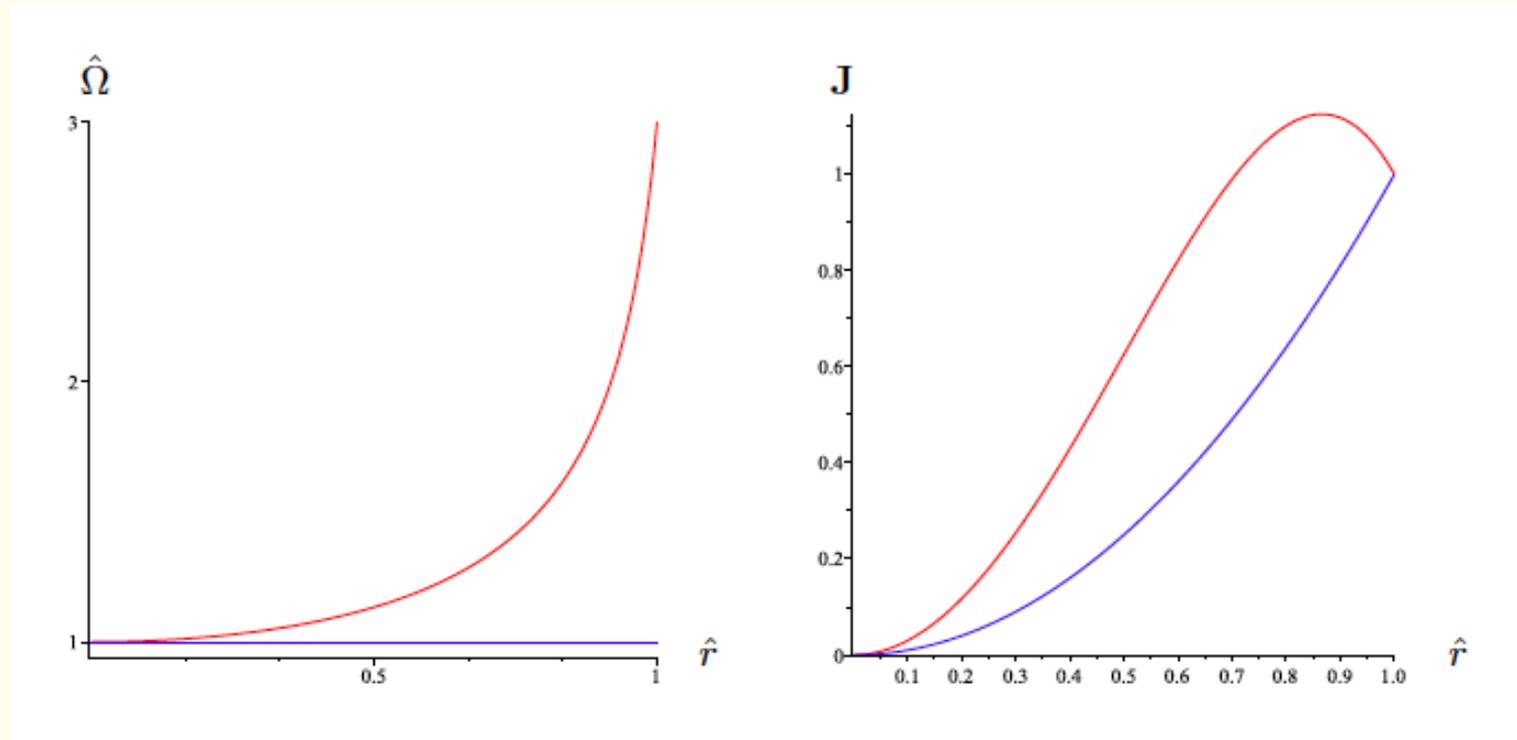
$$\gamma_{ab} d\sigma^a d\sigma^b = -\mathbf{k}^2 d\tau^2 + r^2 d\Omega_{(3)}^2$$

$$\mathbf{k} \equiv |k| = \sqrt{1 - \Omega^2(L^2 - r^2)}$$

DBI action

$$L_{\text{DBI}} = -T_{\text{D3}} \Omega_{(3)} r^3 (\mathbf{k} - r\Omega)$$

Extremal GG solutions



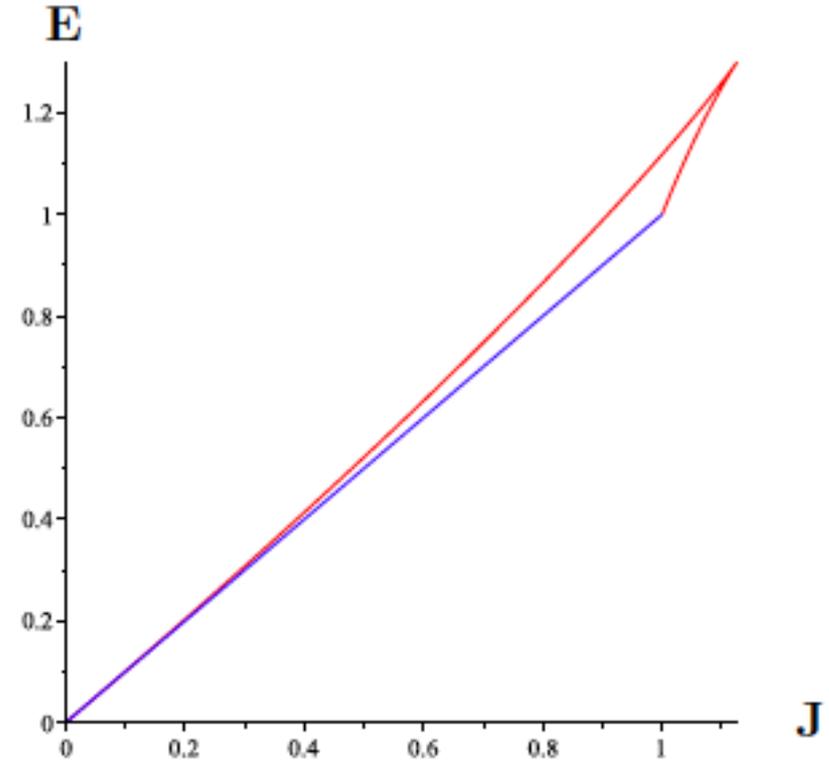
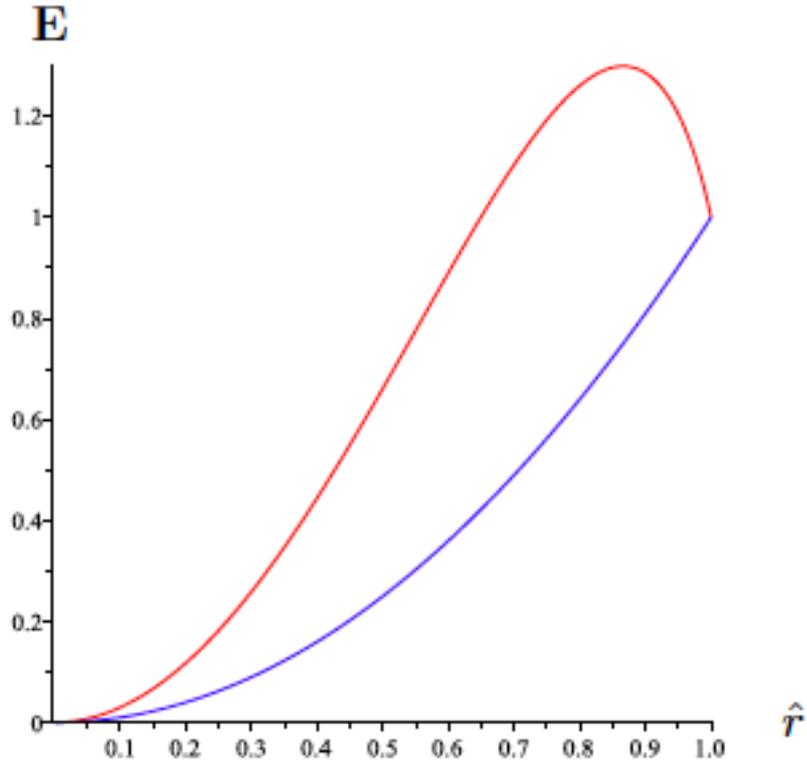
lower branch: usual BPS branch

upper branch: non-BPS branch (1/2 BPS in limit $r=L$)

stable for $\sqrt{3}/2 < r/L < 1$

- two solutions for $0 < J < 9N/8$ (one stable, one unstable)

Extremal GG: energy & stability



lower (blue) branch for $0 \leq J \leq 1$ always stable (conventional)
upper (red) branch has stable part for $1 \leq J \leq 9/8$

Heating up the GG

need to generalize BF approach slightly

- **BF EOM for charged branes in backgrounds with fluxes**
(also: extra contributions to conserved quantities, action etc.)
- brane probe moves with **constant velocity along Killing direction**,
(not stationary solution), but not accelerating since moving along geodesic
we call this **quasi-stationary blackfolds** (boosted stationary BFs)
cf. **Camps, Emparan, Figueras, Giusto, Saxena**
- * does not emit radiation/can go beyond probe using MAE

interpretation of conserved quantities:

properties of the BF probe moving in the background

(not of probe +background

cf energy + momentum of particle moving with constant velocity)

BF in flux backgrounds

BF EOM
$$T^{ab} K_{ab}{}^\mu = \frac{1}{(p+1)!} \perp^\mu{}_\nu F^{\nu\rho_1\dots\rho_{p+1}} J_{\rho_1\dots\rho_{p+1}}$$

conserved quantities

$$E = \int_{\mathcal{B}_p} dV_{(p)} \gamma_\perp^{-1} [T^{\mu\nu} + \mathcal{V}^{\mu\nu}] n_\mu \xi_\nu, \quad J = - \int_{\mathcal{B}_p} dV_{(p)} \gamma_\perp^{-1} [T^{\mu\nu} + \mathcal{V}^{\mu\nu}] n_\mu \chi_\nu$$

$$\mathcal{V}^{\mu\nu} \equiv \frac{1}{p!} A^\nu{}_{\mu_1\dots\mu_{p-1}} J^{\mu\mu_1\dots\mu_{p-1}}$$

γ_\perp transverse Lorentz contraction factor

mechanical action

$$I = \int_{\mathcal{W}_{p+1}} \{ \omega_{(p+1)} P + Q_p \mathcal{P}[A_{(p+1)}] \}$$

extra “WZ” term

= thermodynamic action

$$\frac{I_E}{\beta} = F = E - \Omega J - TS$$

finite T Giant Graviton

use data of black D3-brane

$$T_{ab} = (\epsilon + P)u_a u_b + P\gamma_{ab}$$

$$\epsilon = \mathcal{T}s - P, \quad P = -\mathcal{G}(1 + 4\sinh^2 \alpha), \quad \mathcal{T}s = 4\mathcal{G}, \quad \mathcal{G} \equiv \frac{\pi^2}{2} T_{\text{D3}}^2 r_0^4$$

$$\mathcal{T} = \frac{1}{\pi r_0 \cosh \alpha}, \quad s = 2\pi^3 T_{\text{D3}}^2 r_0^5 \cosh \alpha$$

$$J_{(4)} = Q d\tau d\sigma^1 d\sigma^2 d\sigma^3, \quad Q = 4\mathcal{G} \sinh \alpha \cosh \alpha = N_{\text{D3}} T_{\text{D3}}$$

thermal GG EOM

$$\Omega^2 r^2 (1 - \mathcal{R}_1(\alpha)) + 3k^2 + 4k\Omega r \mathcal{R}_2(\alpha) = 0$$

$$\mathcal{R}_1(\alpha) \equiv \frac{\mathcal{T}s}{P} = -\frac{4}{1 + 4\sinh^2 \alpha} \quad \text{and} \quad \mathcal{R}_2(\alpha) \equiv \frac{Q}{P} = -\frac{4 \sinh \alpha \cosh \alpha}{1 + 4\sinh^2 \alpha}$$

subject to charge conservation:

$$N_{\text{D3}} T^4 = \frac{2T_{\text{D3}}}{\pi^2} \frac{\sinh \alpha}{\cosh^3 \alpha} k^4$$

local temperature is redshifted:

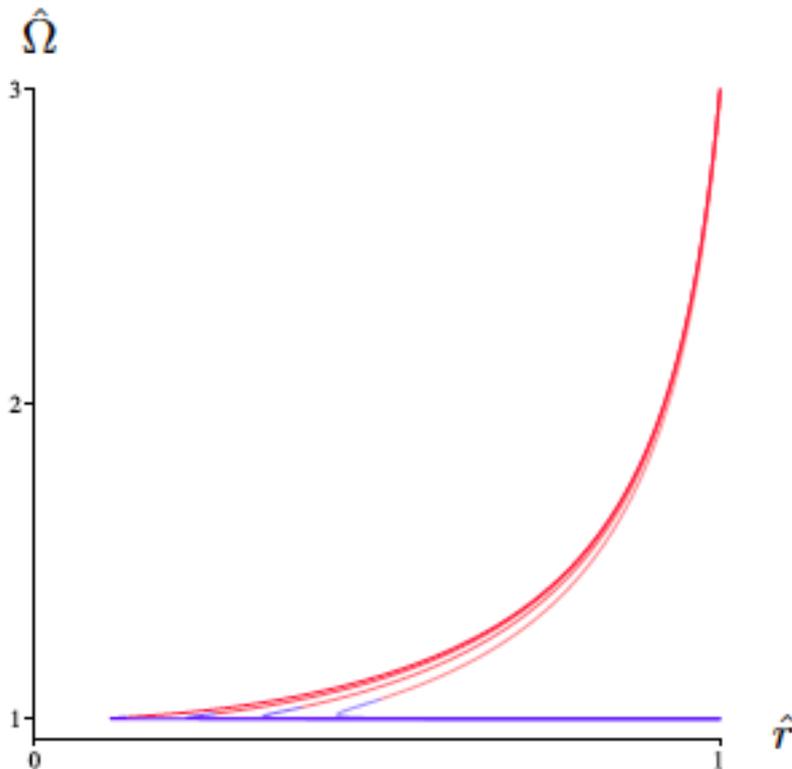
$$\mathcal{T} = T/k$$

Thermal GG solution space

system has
max temperature

$$\hat{T} \equiv \frac{T}{T_{\max}}, \quad T_{\max} \equiv \left(\frac{8\sqrt{5} T_{D3}}{27\pi^2 N_{D3}} \right)^{1/4}$$

$$\hat{T} \leq k \leq 1$$



- minimal possible size
no point particle limit !
- upper/lower branch connected

interesting regimes & validity

- low temperatures: expand around extremal case
- maximal size, expand around $r=L$ ($k=1$)
- minimal charge parameter limit: expand around $k=T$, i.e. the point where the two branches meet

validity (D3-branes in sugra approximation)
probe approx of BF

$$N_{D3} \gg 1 \text{ and } N \ll \lambda N_{D3}$$
$$N_{D3} \ll N$$

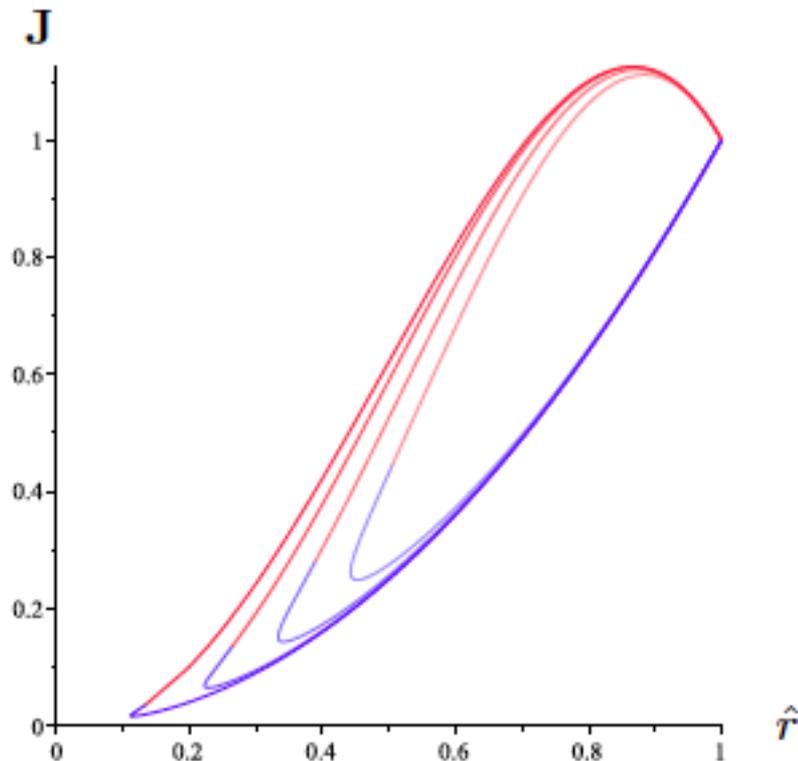
validity: $1 \ll N_{D3} \ll N \ll \lambda N_{D3}$

$$\frac{T_{\max}}{T_{HP}} \sim \left(\frac{N}{N_{D3}} \right)^{1/4} \gg 1$$

-> so need $T \ll T_{\max}$,
otherwise in regime where AdS BH
background dominates

action + angular momentum

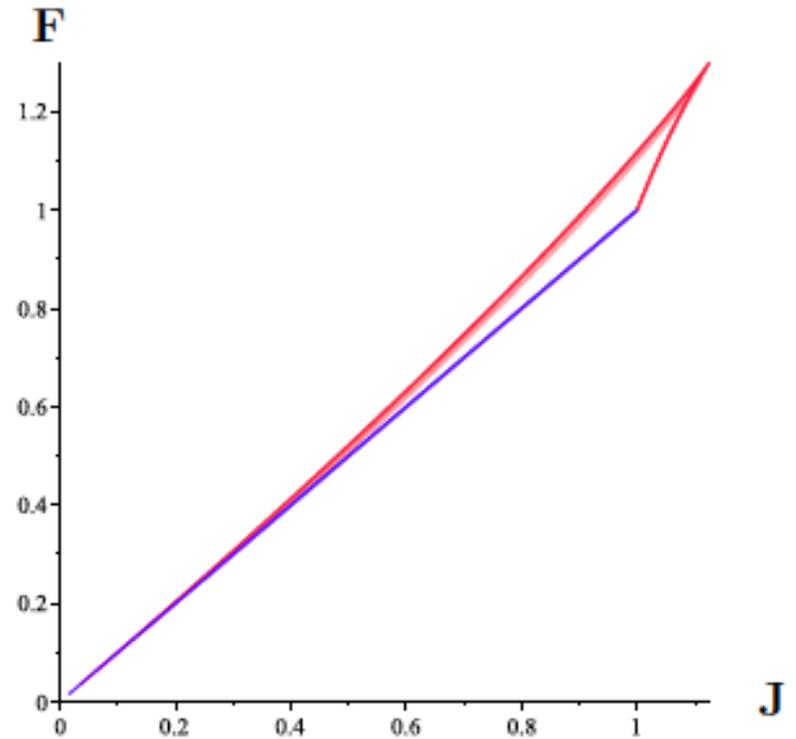
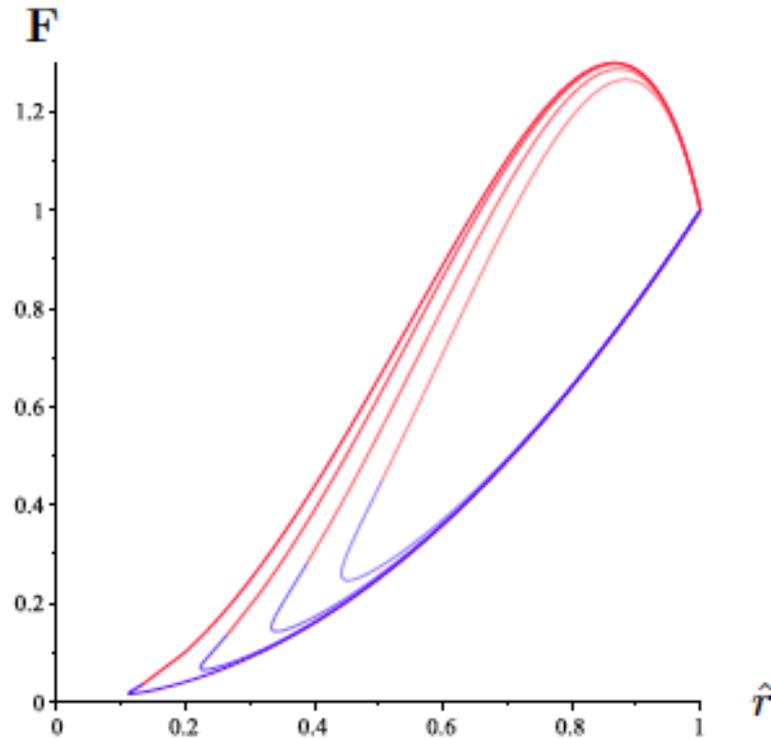
$$\beta I_E = F = E - TS - \Omega J = -\Omega_{(3)} \frac{T_{D3}^2}{2} (r^3 k P + r^4 \Omega Q)$$



$$J_{\min}(\hat{T}) \leq J \leq J_{\max}(\hat{T})$$

- less phase space as temperature increases

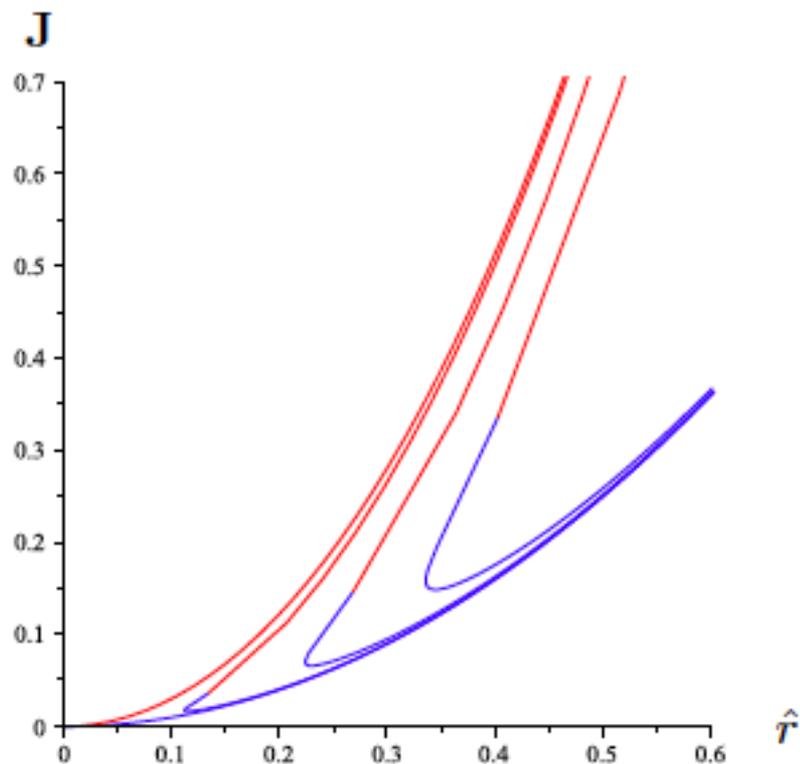
thermodynamics/stability



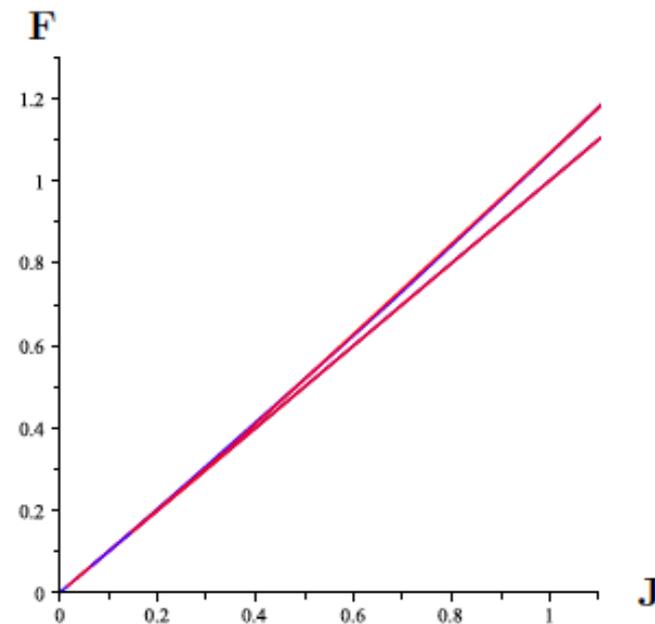
$$F(T, J) = \frac{J}{L} - \frac{\pi^4}{4} N_{D3}^2 L^3 T^4 + \mathcal{O}(T^8)$$

prediction for dual
GT at strong coupling

thermal GG moving on AdS5



only (part of) lower branch
is stable



again:

$$F(T, J) = \frac{J}{L} - \frac{\pi^4}{4} N_{D3}^2 L^3 T^4 + \mathcal{O}(T^8)$$

Spinning Giant Gravitons

Armas,NO,Vigand-Pedersen (to appear)

one can **spin** up the thermal giant graviton in the **internal S3** directions

- not possible for the SUSY GG because of Lorentz invariance on the w.v.

$$k_F^a \partial_a = \partial_\tau + \omega \sum_j \partial_{\phi_j}$$

angular velocity ω on the two U(1) directions in S3

interesting to consider effect of **extra quantum number** (spin S) on the phase space (EOM still solvable)

- maximum possible internal spin S (for given T)
- stable branch
- for maximum size GG: $E \sim S$

+ **new extremal limit** describing a **nullwave giant** obtained by taking a double scaling limit:

$$\begin{aligned} \phi &= (\cosh^2 \alpha)^{-1} \rightarrow 0, \quad |\mathbf{k}| \rightarrow 0 \\ \phi/|\mathbf{k}|^2 &= \mathcal{P} = \text{fixed} \end{aligned}$$

\mathcal{P} = null momentum density

Low T spinning giants

free energy around the extremal GG

$$F = \frac{J}{N} + \Delta F, \quad \Delta F < 0$$

D3 on S3

$$\Delta F \sim \frac{1}{L} N_3^2 (LT)^4$$

$$S \propto T^4$$

M5 on S5

$$\Delta F \sim \frac{1}{L} N_5^3 (LT)^6$$

$$S \propto T^6$$

M2 on S2

$$\Delta F \sim \frac{1}{L} N_2^{\frac{3}{2}} (LT)^3$$

cannot spin on S2

thermal states have free energies that are (up to numerical factors)
those for the D3,M5,M2 field theories

Nullwave Giant

spectrum

$$\mathbf{E} = \frac{1}{\hat{\omega}} (1 + \mathcal{P}\hat{\omega}^2\hat{r}^2) \hat{r}^{n-3} \quad , \quad \mathbf{J} = \mathbf{E}\hat{\rho}\sqrt{1 - \hat{\omega}^2\hat{r}^2} + \hat{r}^{n-1}$$

$$\mathcal{S} = \beta\mathcal{P}\hat{\omega}^2\hat{r}^{n+1} \quad , \quad \hat{T}\mathcal{S} = 0 \quad , \quad \beta = \frac{2}{(p+1)(m-1)}$$

$$\mathbf{E} = \mathbf{J} + \frac{\mathcal{S}}{\beta}$$

for maximum size GG: $\mathbf{E} = \mathbf{J} + \mathcal{P}$

- new extremal solution: not SUSY + not captured by DBI

- action $I[X^\mu] = -Q_p \int_{\mathcal{W}_{p+1}} \sqrt{-\gamma} \left(1 + \frac{1}{2} \mathcal{P} k_a k^a \right)$

- EM tensor $T^{ab} = Q_p \mathcal{P} l^a l^b - Q_p \gamma^{ab}$

- zero temperature excitation of the ground state (in the closed string regime)
- open string counterpart: presumably need non-abelian DBI
(but perhaps related to EM waves on GG: ->
open-closed duality between electromagnetic and mechanical waves)

Summary & Outlook

- proposed a new method for F-string/D-brane probes in thermal backgrounds
- (can be used for all types of brane probes in thermal backgrounds (M-brane, NS5-brane) -> based on blackfold approach

+ applied to three cases:

(Bion in hot flat space, F-string in AdS BH, thermal GG)

discussed relation of this method to previous work:

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

generalize hot Bion to D_p -F1: qualitatively different features ? (cf M2-M5)

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 (sym)/D5(antisym)
- revisit other previously studied cases

F-string in AdS: generalize to heavy quarks (BCs for string close to bdr)
energy loss of heavy quark moving thru plasma

examine correction term in quark potential at weak 't Hooft coupling

Summary & Outlook (cont'd)

- for GG find description of thermal state in dual gauge theory (compute free energy and compare)
 - examine what happens above HP temperature (AdS BH bgr.)
 - many GG moving along equator of S^5 (smeared along circle)
horizon topology change (when horizons overlap)
study difference between smeared/non-smeared phases
connection to superstar, LLM $\frac{1}{2}$ BPS bubbling spaces (+ finite T generalization)
 - further examine new extremal GG with nullwave
 - heat up less SUSY GG (1/4, 1/8)

more generally:

- use blackfold formalism to:
 - go beyond probe level (backreaction effects)
 - study time evolution and stability

Camps, Emparan, Haddad
Armas, Camps, Harmark, NO
Camps, Emparan
Armas, Gath, NO

find first principles derivation from ST of the action describing thermal D-brane probes

- go beyond tree-level: effect of one or higher string loops

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:** GHMOO
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:**
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

The end

More on DBI-action and EOM

DBI action (restrict to D3 for simplicity)

$$I_{\text{DBI}} = -T_{\text{D3}} \int_{\text{w.v.}} d^4\sigma \sqrt{-\det(\gamma_{ab} + 2\pi l_s^2 F_{ab})} + T_{\text{D3}} \int_{\text{w.v.}} P[C_{(4)}]$$

EOMs by varying wrt embedding map

$$T^{ab} K_{ab}{}^\rho = \perp^{\rho\lambda} \frac{1}{4!} J^{abcd} F_{\lambda abcd}$$

with

$$T^{ab} = -\frac{T_{\text{D3}}}{2} \frac{\sqrt{-\det(\gamma + 2\pi l_s^2 F)}}{\sqrt{\gamma}} \left[((\gamma + 2\pi l_s^2 F)^{-1})^{ab} + ((\gamma + 2\pi l_s^2 F)^{-1})^{ba} \right]$$

$$J^{abcd} = T_{\text{D3}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{\gamma}} \epsilon^{abcd}$$

Bion solution: stress tensor = extremal D3-F1 sugra solution (due to SUSY)

heating up the Bion: take stress tensor of non-extremal D3-F1 sugra solution

Example: Blon

■ DBI = low energy effective action for **D-brane dynamics** (integrating out massive open d.o.f.):

◆ 1st example that exploited full non-linear dynamics: **Blon solution**

new phenomena:

- multiple coincident F-strings described in terms of D-branes
- 1D F-string with zero thickness is blown up into higher-dim brane wrapped on sphere

→ many important applications of DBI in ST & AdS/CFT
(giant gravitons, blown up Wilson loops as D3 or D5 branes, ...)

likewise: **NG for string probes** (Wilson loops, ..)



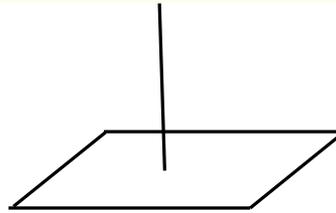
Blon solution of DBI

DBI describes dynamics of U(1) gauge field living on D-brane + scalars describing transverse fluctuations

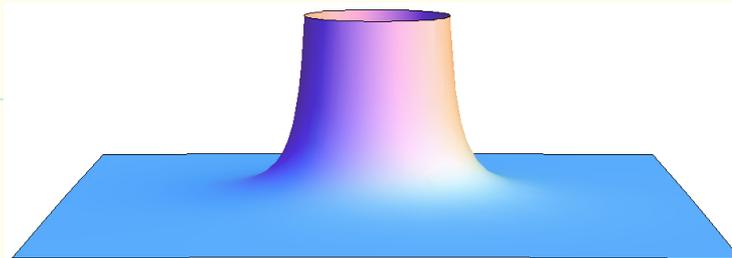
linearized regime: Maxwell for gauge field + free, massless scalars

soln. in lin. regime: Maxwell point charge with delta-function source

→ string ending in point charge
on the brane



use full non-linear DBI: brane curves before it reaches the point charge
F-strings dissolving into D-brane



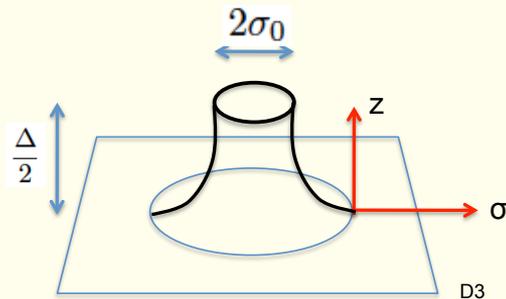
described by an embedding profile that follows from DBI EOM

Setup and solution

specialize to: 10D flat background metric + zero 4-form

$$ds^2 = -dt^2 + dr^2 + r^2(d\theta^2 + \sin^2 \theta d\phi^2) + \sum_{i=1}^6 dx_i^2$$

embedding of 3-brane $t = \tau$, $r = \sigma_1 \equiv \sigma$, $x_1 = z(\sigma)$, $\theta = \sigma_2$, $\phi = \sigma_3$
 + turn constant w.v. gauge field F_{01} .



- k F-strings ending on N coincident infinitely extended D3-branes
- or stretching between two parallel systems

$$z(\sigma) \rightarrow 0 \text{ for } \sigma \rightarrow \infty$$

$$z'(\sigma) \rightarrow -\infty \text{ for } \sigma \rightarrow \sigma_0$$

soln of EOM

$$z(\sigma) = \int_{\sigma}^{\infty} d\sigma' \frac{\sqrt{\sigma_0^4 + \kappa^2}}{\sqrt{\sigma'^4 - \sigma_0^4}}$$

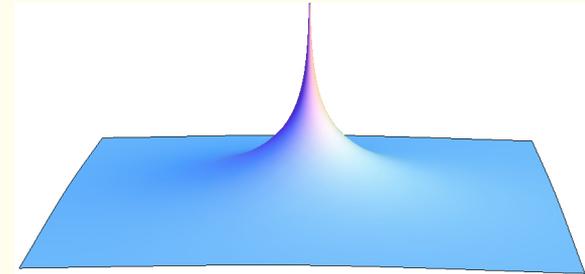
$$\kappa \equiv \frac{k T_{F1}}{4\pi T_{D3}} = k\pi g_s \tilde{l}_s^2.$$

Spike and wormhole solution (T=0)

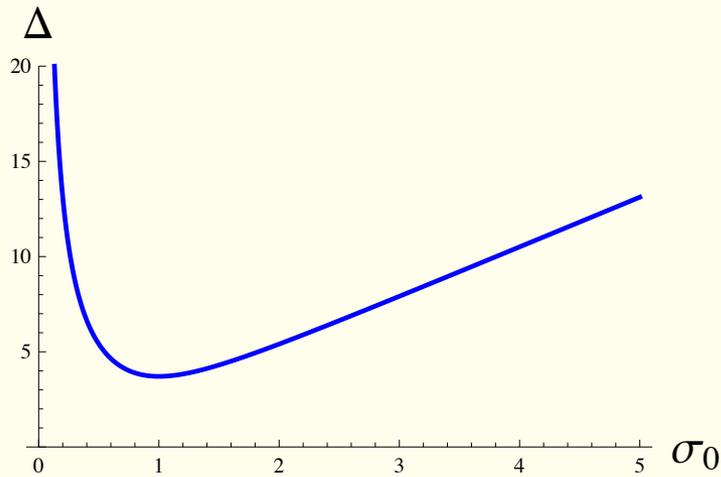
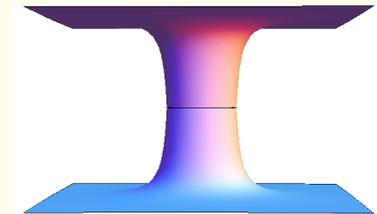
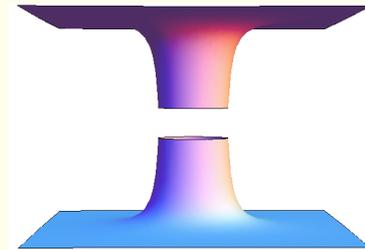
spike:

$$z(\sigma) = \frac{\kappa}{\sigma}$$

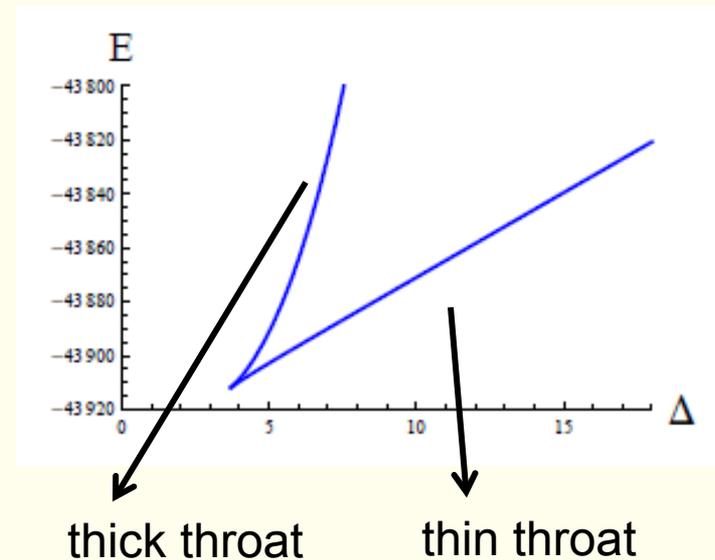
$$\left. \frac{dH}{dz} \right|_{\sigma=\sigma_0=0} = 4\pi T_{D3}\kappa = kT_{F1}$$



wormhole from solution with finite throat size:
attach mirror configuration



$$\Delta_{\min} \sim \sqrt{\kappa} \text{ at } \sigma_0 = \sqrt{\kappa}$$



Heating up the Bion using blackfold approach

Grignani, Harmark, Marini, NO, Orselli

go to regime in which we have larger number N of coincident D3-branes and large $g_s N$: compute EM tensor from sugra solution of D3-F1 bound st.

$$ds^2 = D^{-\frac{1}{2}} H^{-\frac{1}{2}} (-f dt^2 + dx_1^2) + D^{\frac{1}{2}} H^{-\frac{1}{2}} (dx_2^2 + dx_3^2) + D^{-\frac{1}{2}} H^{\frac{1}{2}} (f^{-1} dr^2 + r^2 d\Omega_5^2)$$

$$f = 1 - \frac{r_0^4}{r^4}, \quad H = 1 + \frac{r_0^4 \sinh^2 \alpha}{r^4}, \quad D^{-1} = \cos^2 \zeta + \sin^2 \zeta H^{-1}$$

+ other non-zero fields

solution depends on r_0 , α and ζ

read off stress tensor and D3-brane current

$$T^{00} = \frac{\pi^2}{2} T_{D3}^2 r_0^4 (5 + 4 \sinh^2 \alpha), \quad T^{11} = -\gamma^{11} \frac{\pi^2}{2} T_{D3}^2 r_0^4 (1 + 4 \sinh^2 \alpha)$$

$$T^{22} = -\gamma^{22} \frac{\pi^2}{2} T_{D3}^2 r_0^4 (1 + 4 \cos^2 \zeta \sinh^2 \alpha), \quad T^{33} = -\gamma^{33} \frac{\pi^2}{2} T_{D3}^2 r_0^4 (1 + 4 \cos^2 \zeta \sinh^2 \alpha)$$

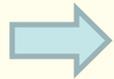
$$J^{0123} = \frac{2\pi^2 T_{D3}^2}{\sqrt{\gamma}} \cos \zeta r_0^4 \cosh \alpha \sinh \alpha$$

charged perfect fluid: r_0 , α , ζ depend on w.v. coordinate σ

→ dependence fixed by requiring constant T and N, k (charge conservation)

Action for thermal Blon

action for thermal Bion takes DBI-like form:



$$\mathcal{F}(T, N, k) = \frac{2T_{\text{D}3}^2}{\pi T^4} \int_{\sigma_0}^{\infty} d\sigma \sqrt{1 + z'(\sigma)^2} F(\sigma)$$

$$F(\sigma) = \sigma^2 \frac{1 + 4 \sinh^2 \alpha(\sigma)}{\cosh^4 \alpha(\sigma)}$$

with alpha a function of w.v. coordinate sigma:

$$\cosh^2 \alpha = \frac{3 \cos \frac{\delta}{3} + \sqrt{3} \sin \frac{\delta}{3}}{2 \cos \delta}$$

$$\cos \delta(\sigma) \equiv \bar{T}^4 \sqrt{1 + \frac{\kappa^2}{\sigma^4}}$$

definitions

$$\bar{T} \equiv \frac{T}{T_{\text{bnd}}}$$

$$T_{\text{bnd}}(N) \equiv \left(\frac{4\sqrt{3}T_{\text{D}3}}{9\pi^2 N} \right)^{\frac{1}{4}}$$

$$\kappa \equiv \frac{kT_{\text{F}1}}{4\pi N T_{\text{D}3}}$$

relation to DBI:

$$\lim_{T \rightarrow 0} \mathcal{F} = N H_{\text{DBI}}$$

Analytic solution

EOM can be **integrated exactly**

$$z'(\sigma) = - \left(\frac{F(\sigma)^2}{F(\sigma_0)^2} - 1 \right)^{-\frac{1}{2}}$$

focus on branch connected to extremal (other one connected to neutral)

→ reproduces extremal Blon in zero temperature limit

$$-z'(\sigma) = \sqrt{\frac{\kappa^2 + \sigma_0^4}{\sigma^4 - \sigma_0^4}} [1 + \mathcal{O}(\bar{T}^4)] \quad \sim \frac{\kappa}{\sigma^2} \quad (\text{for } \sigma_0 = 0)$$

validity of the probe approximation:

$$r_c(\sigma) \ll \sigma$$

$$r_c(\sigma) \ll L_{\text{curv}} = |K^{-1}|$$

charge radius of the brane:

$$r_c^4 \sim \left(1 + \frac{\kappa^2}{\sigma^4} \right) \frac{N}{T_{\text{D3}}}$$

$$\sigma_0^3 \gg \sqrt{k} g_s l_s^3$$

Separation distance in finite T wormhole Blon

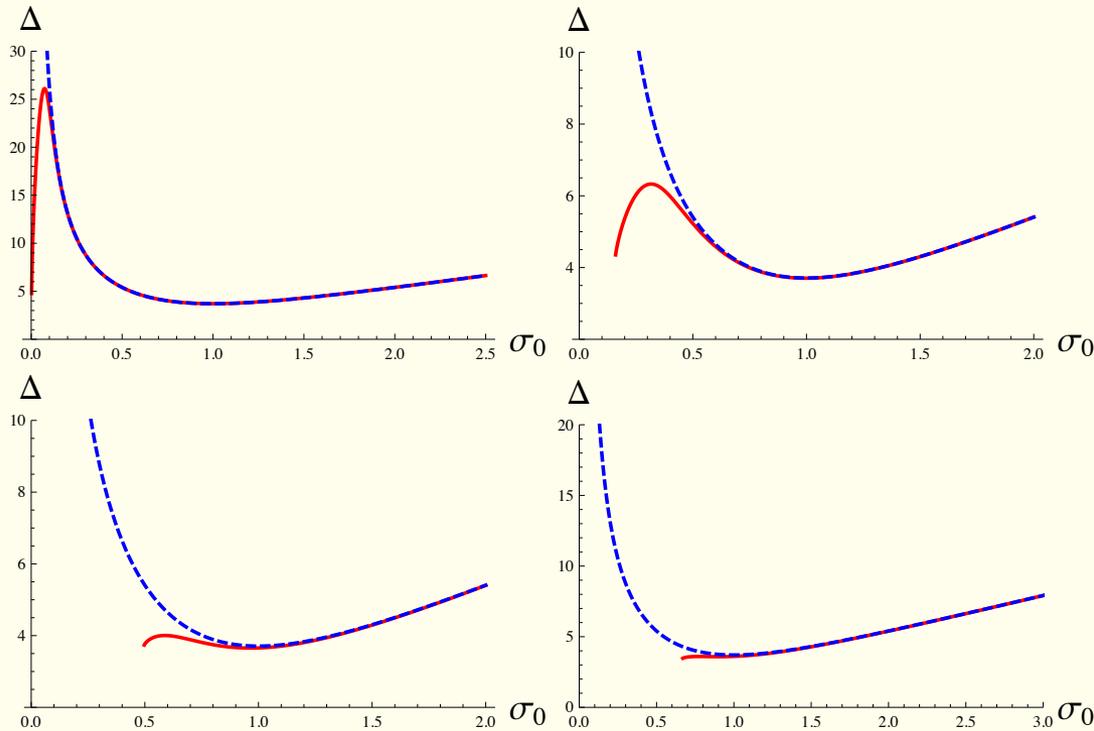


Figure 2: On the figures the solid red line is Δ versus σ_0 for $\bar{T} = 0.05$ (top left figure), $\bar{T} = 0.4$ (top right figure), $\bar{T} = 0.7$ (bottom left figure) and $\bar{T} = 0.8$ (bottom right figure) while the blue dashed line corresponds to $\bar{T} = 0$. We have set $\kappa = 1$.

- new feature: three (or one phases) for given Delta instead of two (at zero T)
- brane separation cannot become arbitrarily large on thin throat branch
 - for low T large part of curve like zero T, but still max brane separation
 - large T: only thick throat branch

Comparison of phases in canonical ensemble

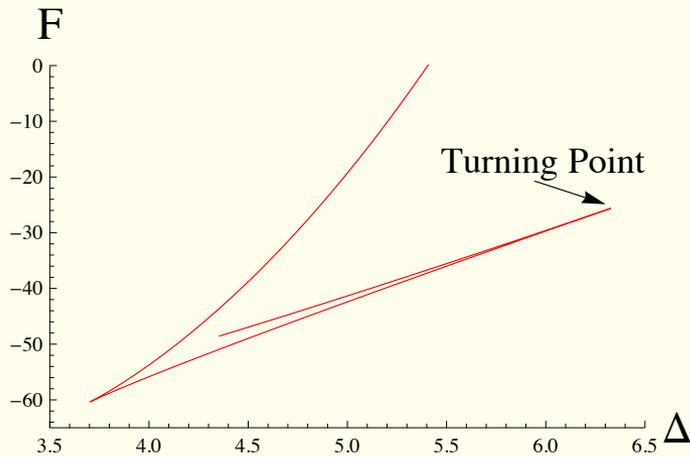


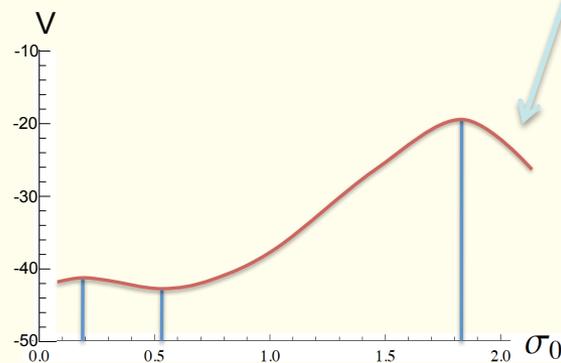
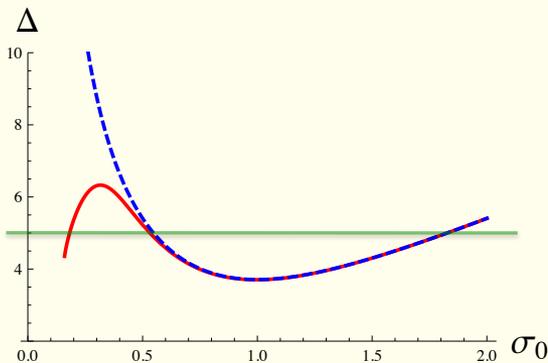
Figure 4: The free energy $\delta\mathcal{F}$ versus Δ for $\bar{T} = 0.4$ and $\kappa = 1$.

which of phases dominate ?

- for Delta below max value: the thin throat branch has lowest free energy
- for Delta above max value: unstable saddle point

(critical temperature)

heuristic picture



perturbing leads to time-dep soln in which wormhole throat increases and brane anti-brane system disappears (tachyon condensation ?)

Thermal spike ?

finite T analogue of Bion does not allow for infinite spike

configuration in question can be made by matching up a non-extremal black F-string solution with throat solution

non-trivial: two independent gluing conditions, tension & entropy density agree impressively good

