

Can thick braneworlds be self-consistent?

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Introduction

Quantum effects of a bulk scalar field in Randall-Sundrum (RS) braneworld

$$S \sim \int d^5x \sqrt{-g} \left(\frac{5}{R} - (\partial\phi)^2 - 2V(\phi) - \sigma(\phi)\delta(z) \right)$$

Issues about surface divergences

Quantum effects of KK modes suffer divergences as one approaches the brane from the bulk.



How do we regularize them?

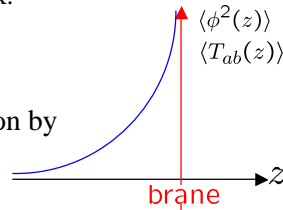
Now we propose a new regularization by

a finite brane *thickness*.

Issues of this work

: Possibility of regularization of the surface divergences

: Theoretical bound on the brane thickness parameter.



A thick de Sitter brane model

A de Sitter domain wall solution supported by χ .

$$S_{\text{wall}} = \frac{1}{2} \int d^{d+1}x \sqrt{-g} \left(\frac{(d+1)}{R} - (\partial\chi)^2 - 2V_0 \left(\cos \left[\frac{\chi}{\chi_0} \right] \right)^{1-\sigma} \right)$$

$$ds^2 = b^2(z) \left(dz^2 + \gamma_{\mu\nu}^{(\text{dS})} dx^\mu dx^\nu \right), \quad \chi = \chi(z)$$

$$b(z) = \left(\cosh \left(\frac{Hz}{\sigma} \right) \right)^{-\sigma}, \quad H^2 = \frac{2\sigma V_0}{(d-1)[1 + (d-1)\sigma]},$$

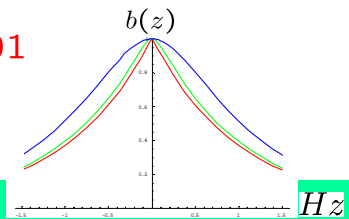
$$\chi(z) = \sqrt{(d-1)\sigma(1-\sigma)} \sin^{-1} \left(\tanh \left(\frac{Hz}{\sigma} \right) \right).$$

$0 < \sigma < 1$: brane thickness

$$\sigma = 0.001$$

$$\sigma = 0.1$$

$$\sigma = 0.5$$



Quantum fluctuations

Quantized scalar field perturbations

$$S = S_{\text{wall}} + \frac{1}{2} \int d^{d+1}x \sqrt{-g} \phi \left(\square_{d+1} - \xi \frac{(d+1)}{R} \right) \phi$$

$$\phi(z, x^\mu) = \sum_n \left(a_n u_n(z, x^\mu) + a_n^\dagger u_n^*(z, x^\mu) \right), \quad [a_n, a_{n'}^\dagger] = \delta_{n,n'}$$

$$\langle \phi^2(z, x^\mu) \rangle = \sum_n |u_n(z, x^\mu)|^2, \quad \partial_z \phi(z)|_{z=0} = 0,$$

$$\text{Mass spectrum: } \frac{m_n^2}{H^2} = q_n^2 + \frac{(d-1)^2}{4}$$

$$q_0 = i \sqrt{\frac{1+4(\xi_c-\xi)(d(d-1)\sigma^2+2d\sigma)-1}{2\sigma}}; \text{ Bound state}$$

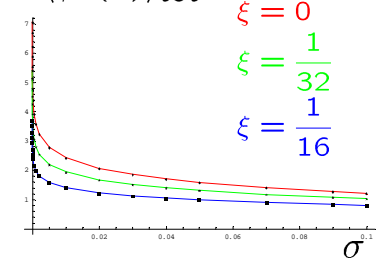
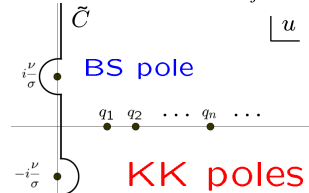
$$q_n > 0, \quad n = 1, 2, 3, \dots; \text{ KK modes}$$

Work in Euclideanized space: $\mathbf{R} \times S^d$ E.g., 2D dS brane: $d_j = 2j + 1$

Integrate over volume of S^d

$$\text{Zeta function } \langle \tilde{\phi}^2(z) \rangle_{\text{tot}} = \lim_{s \rightarrow 1} \tilde{\zeta}(z, s) \quad H^2 \langle \tilde{\phi}^2(0) \rangle_{\text{tot}}$$

$$\tilde{\zeta}(z, s) = \frac{2\mu^{2(s-1)}}{H^{2s}} \oint_C \frac{du}{2\pi i} \frac{\sigma u G(u, z)}{F(u)} \sum_j \frac{d_j}{[u^2 + (j + \frac{1}{2})^2]^s}$$



Quantum fluctuations regularized.

Model independent feature

Quantum Backreaction

$$T_{ab}(z, x^i) = \phi_{;a} \phi_{;b} - \frac{1}{2} g_{ab} \phi^{;c} \phi_{;c},$$

$$x^i = (\theta, \varphi)$$

Untwisted config. $f_n^{(+)}(-z) = f_n^{(+)}(z)$

Twisted config. $f_n^{(-)}(-z) = -f_n^{(-)}(z)$

$$T_{ab}^\pm(z, x^i; s) = \frac{1}{2} \lim_{X' \rightarrow X} \left(\partial_a \partial_{b'} - \frac{1}{2} g_{ab} g^{cd} \partial_c \partial_{d'} \right) \times \zeta^\pm(z, x^i, z', x'^i; s)$$

Zeta function regularization

Then, twisted + untwisted

(Brane) self-consistency

$$G^a_b|_{z=0} = \left(T^a_b + \langle T^a_b \rangle \right)_{z=0}$$

$$|T^a_b| \gg |\langle T^a_b \rangle|$$

Bound on brane thickness

$$\sigma \gtrsim (H/M_5)$$

4-dimensional dS brane

Consistency with $H\ell \gg \sigma$

$$M_{pl} \gg M_5$$

$$\therefore \ell = M_{pl}^2/M_5^3 \text{ (in RS)}$$

Summary & Future Work

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The finite thickness of the brane can naturally regularize the quantum fluctuations.

Roughly speaking, self-consistency on the brane requires $M_{pl} \gg M_5$; *Natural!*

Future work related to these issues

Quantum effects in a co-dim 2 braneworld.

For KK gravitons (i.e., spin 2 fields)