

# Thick-Brane Cosmology

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# Outline

- Introduction and motivation.
- Randall–Sundrum models; a brief review.
- Thick-brane models.
- Cosmology with static thick-branes.
- Cosmology with dynamical thick-branes.
- Summary.

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# Why extra-dimensions

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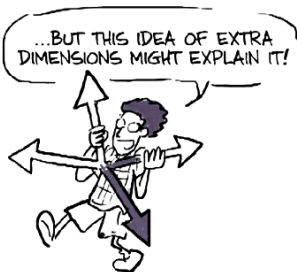
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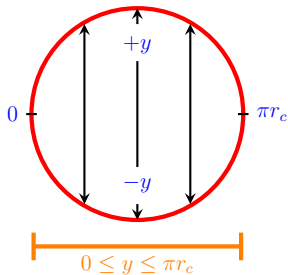
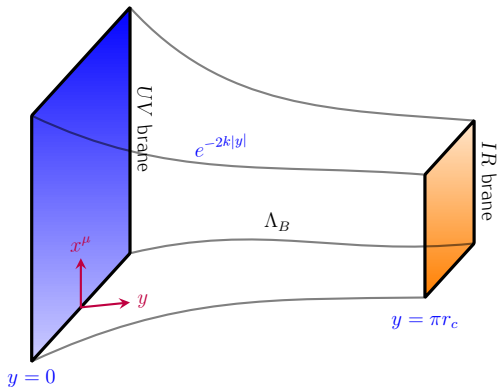
## Large extra-dimensions

- Flat extra-dimensions (e.g. ADD, UED).
- Warped extra-dimensions (e.g. RS).

# RS model with two branes (RS1)

A 5D model with two D3-branes on  $S_1/Z_2$  orbifold along the extra-dimension.

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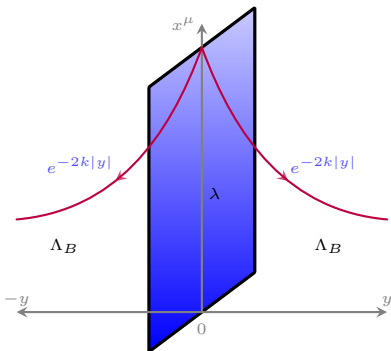
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# RS2: alternative to compactification

A model with one D3-brane embedded in an infinite extra-dimension.

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$$S = \int d^4x \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dy \sqrt{-g} \left\{ 2M_*^3 R - \Lambda_B - \lambda \delta(y) \right\}$$



- Solution respecting 4D Poincaré symmetry:

$$ds^2 = e^{-2k|y|} \eta_{\mu\nu} dx^\mu dx^\nu + dy^2$$

- Possible if

$$\lambda = \sqrt{-24M_*^3 \Lambda_B}$$

4D Planck mass:  $M_{Pl}^2 \simeq \frac{M_*^3}{k}$

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## “Un”-attractive features

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- Thin (singular) branes considered in RS-like models are not dynamically generated.
- Presence of a negative tension thin brane in RS1.



# Smoothing the RS models

## 5D scalar-gravity action

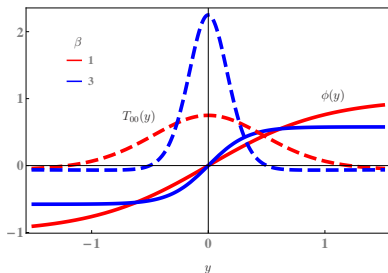
$$S = \int d^5x \sqrt{-g} \left\{ 2M_*^3 R - \frac{1}{2} g^{MN} \nabla_M \phi \nabla_N \phi - V(\phi) \right\}$$

- Metric ansatz

$$ds^2 = a^2(y) \eta_{\mu\nu} dx^\mu dx^\nu + dy^2$$

- Scalar field profile

$$\phi(y) = \frac{\kappa}{\sqrt{\beta}} \tanh(\beta y)$$



# Background solutions

- Einstein equations

$$24M_*^3 \left(\frac{a'}{a}\right)^2 = \frac{1}{2}(\phi')^2 - V(\phi)$$

$$12M_*^3 \left(\frac{a''}{a}\right) + 12M_*^3 \left(\frac{a'}{a}\right)^2 = -\frac{1}{2}(\phi')^2 - V(\phi)$$

- Scalar potential ansatz

$$V(\phi) = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\partial W(\phi)}{\partial \phi}\right)^2 - \frac{1}{6M_*^3} W(\phi)^2$$

- Superpotential  $W(\phi)$  satisfies

$$\phi' = \frac{\partial W(\phi)}{\partial \phi}$$

&

$$\frac{a'}{a} = -\frac{1}{12M_*^3} W(\phi)$$

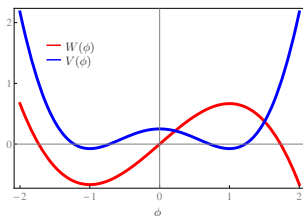
- The scalar field  $\phi(y) = \frac{\kappa}{\sqrt{\beta}} \tanh(\beta y)$  for which,

$$W(\phi) = \kappa \sqrt{\beta} \phi \left( 1 - \frac{\beta}{3\kappa^2} \phi^2 \right)$$

- The warp factor  $a(y)$

$$a(y) = \exp \left\{ \frac{-\kappa^2}{72M_*^3\beta} (\tanh^2(\beta y) + \ln \cosh^4(\beta y)) \right\}$$

- Brane limit ( $\beta \rightarrow \infty$ ):  $a(y) \approx e^{-k|y|}$  where  $k = \frac{1}{24M_*^3} \lambda$ , with  $\lambda \equiv \frac{4}{3} \kappa^2$ .



# Static thick-brane cosmology

- Metric ansatz for cosmology of thick brane,

$$ds^2 = a^2(\tau, y)g_{\mu\nu}dx^\mu dx^\nu + dy^2$$

$g_{\mu\nu}$  is the 4D conformal metric and  $\tau \equiv \int \frac{dt}{a}$  is conformal time.

- Time-independent (static) scalar field and gravity action

$$S = \int d^5x \sqrt{-g} \left\{ 2M_*^3 R - \frac{1}{2} g^{MN} \nabla_M \phi \nabla_N \phi - V(\phi) \right\}$$

- Einstein equations

"overdot" derivative w.r.t.  $\tau$  and "prime" derivative w.r.t.  $y$  and  $4M_*^3 = 1$

$$00 : 3 \left[ \frac{1}{a^2} \frac{\dot{a}^2}{a^2} - \left( \frac{a''}{a} + \frac{a'^2}{a^2} \right) + \frac{k}{a^2} \right] = \frac{1}{2} \phi'^2 + V(\phi),$$

$$ij : \frac{1}{a^2} \left( 2 \frac{\ddot{a}}{a} - \frac{\dot{a}^2}{a^2} \right) - 3 \left( \frac{a''}{a} + \frac{a'^2}{a^2} \right) + \frac{k}{a^2} = \frac{1}{2} \phi'^2 + V(\phi),$$

$$05 : \frac{a'}{a} \frac{\dot{a}}{a} - \frac{\dot{a}'}{a} = 0, \quad 55 : 3 \left[ 2 \frac{a'^2}{a^2} - \frac{1}{a^2} \frac{\ddot{a}}{a} - \frac{k}{a^2} \right] = \frac{1}{2} \phi'^2 - V(\phi).$$

- 05 constraint implies  $a(\tau, y)$  has separable form

$$a(\tau, y) = \hat{a}(\tau)\bar{a}(y)$$

- Einstein equations become;

$$\bar{\Lambda} \equiv \text{4D cosmological constant}$$

$$00: \quad \frac{1}{\hat{a}^2} \frac{\dot{\hat{a}}^2}{\hat{a}^2} + \frac{k}{\hat{a}^2} = \frac{\bar{a}^2}{3} \left[ 3 \left( \frac{\bar{a}''}{\bar{a}} + \frac{\bar{a}'^2}{\bar{a}^2} \right) + \frac{1}{2} \phi'^2 + V(\phi) \right] = \frac{1}{2} \bar{\Lambda},$$

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$$55: \quad \frac{1}{\hat{a}^2} \frac{\ddot{\hat{a}}}{\hat{a}} + \frac{k}{\hat{a}^2} = \frac{\bar{a}^2}{3} \left[ 6 \frac{\bar{a}'^2}{\bar{a}^2} - \frac{1}{2} \phi'^2 + V(\phi) \right] = \bar{\Lambda}.$$

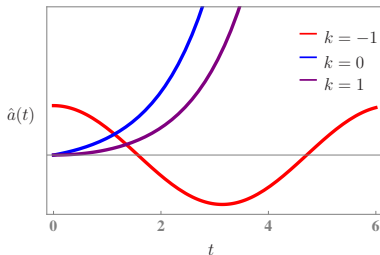
- Friedman-like equations follow from 00 and  $ij$  components,

$$\frac{\dot{\hat{a}}^2}{\hat{a}^2} - \frac{\bar{\Lambda}}{2} \hat{a}^2 + k = 0$$

$$\frac{\ddot{\hat{a}}}{\hat{a}} - 2 \frac{\dot{\hat{a}}^2}{\hat{a}^2} - k = 0$$

# Evolution of the scale factor $\hat{a}$

$$\hat{a}(t) = \sqrt{\frac{2}{|\bar{\Lambda}|}} \begin{cases} \operatorname{sech}[\operatorname{arctanh}[\tan(t)]] & k = -1 & (\bar{\Lambda} < 0) \\ e^t & k = 0 & (\bar{\Lambda} > 0) \\ \cosh(t) & k = 1 & (\bar{\Lambda} > 0) \end{cases}$$



- For  $\bar{\Lambda} = 0$ , we get the scale factor

$$\hat{a}(t) \propto \begin{cases} t & k = -1 & \text{Milne universe} \\ a_0 & k = 0 & \text{Static universe} \end{cases}$$

# Extra-dimensional profiles

- For the warp factor  $\bar{a}(y) \equiv e^{A(y)}$ , Einstein equations reduced to

$$\begin{aligned}3A'' + \frac{3}{2}\bar{\Lambda}e^{-2A} &= -\phi'^2 \\6A'^2 - 3\bar{\Lambda}e^{-2A} &= \frac{1}{2}\phi'^2 - V(\phi)\end{aligned}$$

where  $\bar{\Lambda}$  is 4D effective cosmological constant.

- For  $\bar{\Lambda} = 0$  we recover the static solutions, e.g., [AA and Grzadkowski, JHEP 01 \(2013\) 177](#).
- For  $\bar{\Lambda} \neq 0$  we find de Sitter or anti-de Sitter static solutions.

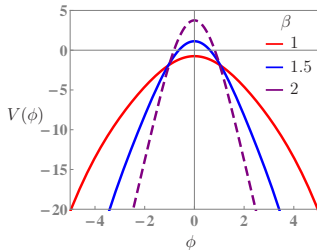
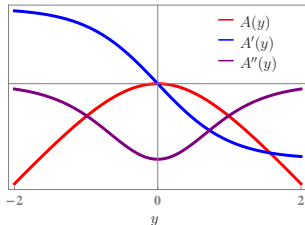
- We consider the warp function  $A(y)$  as

$$A(y) = -\ln \cosh(\beta y)$$

where  $\beta$  is the parameter which controls the thickness of the brane such that

$$\beta \rightarrow \infty \quad \Rightarrow \quad A(y) \rightarrow -|y| \quad \text{RS solution}$$

- We found the analytic and numerical exact solutions for the scalar field  $\phi(y)$  and  $V(\phi)$ .





# Dynamical thick-brane cosmology

- Metric ansatz for cosmology of thick brane,

$$ds^2 = a^2(\tau, y)g_{\mu\nu}dx^\mu dx^\nu + dy^2$$

- With time-dependent (dynamical) scalar field the Einstein equations are

$$00 : \quad 3 \left[ \frac{1}{a^2} \frac{\dot{a}^2}{a^2} - \left( \frac{a''}{a} + \frac{a'^2}{a^2} \right) + \frac{k}{a^2} \right] = \frac{1}{2} \phi'^2 + \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{a^2} \dot{\phi}^2 + V(\phi),$$

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where  $k = 0, \pm 1$ .

## Generalized superpotential method

- For more general time-dependent solution, we generalized the superpotential method by defining:

$$\frac{a'}{a} \equiv -\frac{1}{3}W(\phi), \quad \frac{\dot{a}}{a} \equiv -\frac{1}{3}H(\phi)$$

- From the 05 component of the Einstein equation,

$$\frac{\partial W(\phi)}{\partial \phi} = \phi', \quad \frac{\partial H(\phi)}{\partial \phi} = \dot{\phi}$$

- The Einstein equations gives the scalar potential  $V(\phi)$ ,

$$V(\phi) = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\partial W(\phi)}{\partial \phi} \right)^2 - \frac{2}{3}W(\phi)^2$$

with the constraint:

$$\frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\partial H(\phi)}{\partial \phi} \right)^2 - \frac{1}{3}H(\phi)^2 - 3k = 0$$

## Generalized superpotential method

- The solution for  $H(\phi)$  from the above constraint is (with  $k = 0$ ):

$$H(\phi) = H_0 e^{\pm \sqrt{\frac{2}{3}} \phi}, \quad \text{where } H_0 \text{ constant}$$

- Solution for  $W(\phi)$  is,

$$W(\phi) = A_0 H(\phi) + W_0, \quad \text{where } A_0 \text{ \& } W_0 \text{ constants}$$

- The solution for scalar field  $\phi(t, y)$  is

$$\phi(t, y) \equiv \phi(\eta) = \mp \sqrt{\frac{3}{2}} \ln \left( -\frac{2}{3} H_0 \eta + e^{\mp \sqrt{\frac{2}{3}} \phi_0} \right)$$

where  $\eta = ct + dy$  and we choose for simplicity  $c = d = 1$ .

## Generalized superpotential method

- From the superpotential equations, one can find

$$a(t, y) \equiv a(\eta) = a_0 (1 + 2b_0\eta)^{1/2}$$

where  $a_0$  &  $b_0$  constants

- The scalar potential  $V(\phi)$  is,

$$V(\phi) = -\frac{1}{3} \left( A_0 H_0 e^{\pm \sqrt{\frac{2}{3}}\phi} + 2W_0 \right)^2 + \frac{2}{3} W_0^2$$

- The time-independent analogue of these solutions appear in Linear Dilaton warped geometries as discussed independently by Antoniadis et al. PRL 108 (2012) 081602.

## Boosted solutions

- Static solutions discussed earlier with  $a(y)$  and  $\phi(y)$  can be promoted to time-dependent solution through the boost:

$$y \rightarrow y' = \gamma(vt + y) \quad \text{where} \quad \gamma = 1/\sqrt{1 - v^2}$$

- Let us rewrite the metric as,

$$ds^2 = a^2(z) (g_{\mu\nu} dx^\mu dx^\nu + dz^2)$$

- One can show that with Lorentz transformations  $t' = \gamma(t + vz)$  and  $z' = \gamma(vt + z)$ ;

$$a[\gamma(-vt + z(y))]$$

and

$$\phi[\gamma(-vt + z(y))]$$

is solution!

# Summary

- Extra-dimensions could answers some of the most fundamental puzzles of particle physics.
- The smooth generalizations of RS-like models were obtained with a scalar field.
- Static thick-brane cosmology was discussed for different values of spacial curvature  $k$ .
- Two classes of dynamical thick-brane cosmology were presented including boosted and twisted solutions.
- A generalized superpotential method was introduced for dynamical thick-brane cosmology.

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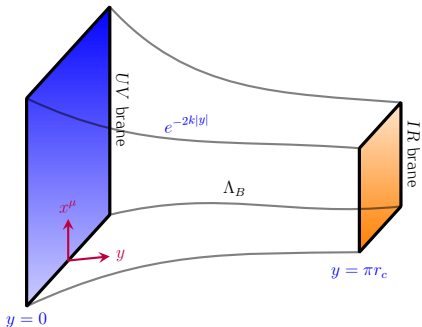


# RS1 solutions

$$S_1 = \int d^4x \int_0^{\pi r_c} dy \sqrt{-g} \left\{ 2M_*^3 R - \Lambda_B - \lambda_1 \delta(y) - \lambda_2 \delta(y - \pi r_c) \right\}$$

- Solution preserving 4D Poincaré symmetry:

$$ds^2 = e^{-2k|y|} \eta_{\mu\nu} dx^\mu dx^\nu + dy^2$$



$$k \equiv \sqrt{\frac{-\Lambda_B}{24M_*^3}}$$

$$\lambda_1 = -\lambda_2 = \sqrt{-24M_*^3 \Lambda_B}$$

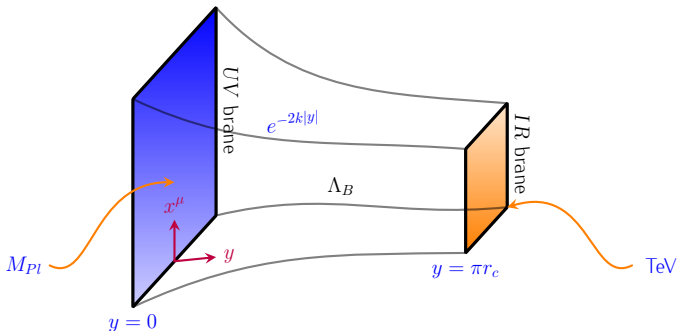
# RS solution to hierarchy problem

- For  $m_0 \sim M_{Pl} \sim 10^{19}$  GeV, the physical mass on *IR* brane (our brane) is:

$$m_{obs} = e^{-\pi k r_c} m_0 \sim \text{TeV}$$

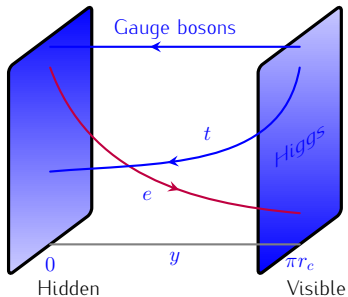
with

$$k r_c \approx 10$$



# RS solution to fermion mass hierarchy

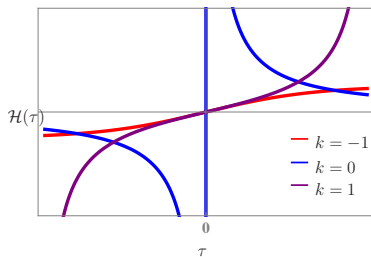
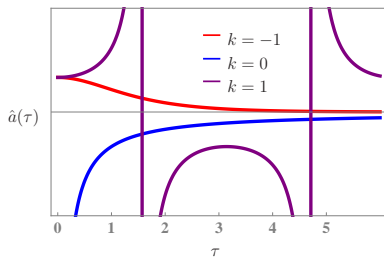
- Why  $m_\nu \sim 10^{-9} \text{ GeV} \ll M_t \sim 10^3 \text{ GeV}$ ?
- Higgs field  $H$  is localized at visible brane (our brane).
- Geometric localization of fermions.
- Overlap of fermionic fields with Higgs field determines their mass.



- Hubble parameter  $\mathcal{H}(\tau) \equiv \dot{\hat{a}}/\hat{a}$

$$\mathcal{H}(\tau) = \begin{cases} \tanh(\tau) & k = -1 \\ \frac{1}{\tau} & k = 0 \\ \tan(\tau) & k = 1 \end{cases}$$

- Graph shows  $\hat{a}(\tau)$  and  $\mathcal{H}(\tau)$  for  $k = 0, \pm 1$ .



# Hierarchy problem

- Why gravity is so weak as compared to the other fundamental forces?

## Gravity

$$F = G_N \frac{m_p^2}{r^2}$$
$$\approx \frac{m_p^2}{M_{Pl}^2} \frac{1}{r^2}$$

$$\alpha_g = \frac{1 \text{ GeV}^2}{M_{Pl}^2} \approx 10^{-38}$$

## Electromagnetism

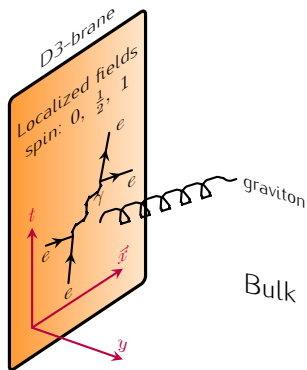
$$F = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{e^2}{r^2}$$
$$\approx \frac{e^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{1}{r^2}$$

$$\alpha_e = \frac{e^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \approx \frac{1}{137} \approx 10^{-2}$$

- Why  $m_{EW} \sim \alpha_{EW}^{-1/2} \sim 10^3 \text{ GeV} \ll M_{Pl} \sim \alpha_g^{-1/2} \sim 10^{19} \text{ GeV}$ ?

# Large extra-dimensions

- Arkani-Hamed, Dimopoulos and Dvali (ADD) proposed that large extra dimensions can solve the hierarchy problem. [hep-ph/9803315](https://arxiv.org/abs/hep-ph/9803315)
- SM fields are localized on the D3-brane while the gravity can propagate to  $n$  extra-dimensions.



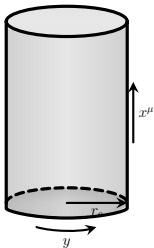
# ADD solution to hierarchy problem

- Newton's law in  $D = 4 + n$  dimensions:

$$F \approx G_{(4+n)}^N \frac{m_1 m_2}{r^{2+n}} \approx \frac{1}{M_*^{2+n}} \frac{m_1 m_2}{r^{2+n}}.$$

- If the  $n$ -dimensions are compactified with size  $L = 2\pi r_c$  then the force law will be:

$$F_{4+n} \approx \frac{1}{M_*^{2+n}} \frac{m_1 m_2}{L^n r^2} \quad r \gg L.$$



- Comparing 4D Newton's law with 4+n-dimensional Newton's law

$$F_4 \approx \frac{1}{M_{Pl}^2} \frac{m_1 m_2}{r^2}$$

$$F_{4+n} \approx \frac{1}{M_*^{2+n}} \frac{m_1 m_2}{L^n r^2}$$

$$M_{Pl}^2 \approx M_*^{2+n} L^n$$

- If the fundamental scale  $M_* \sim 10^3$  GeV and the 4D Planck scale  $M_{Pl} \sim 10^{19}$  GeV, then:

$$L \approx \left( \frac{M_{Pl}^2}{M_*^{2+n}} \right)^{1/n} \approx 10^{32/n} \text{ TeV}^{-1} \approx 10^{32/n} 10^{-17} \text{ cm.}$$

$n = 1$	$L \sim 10^{15} \text{ cm}$	ruled out,
$n = 2$	$L \sim 10^{-1} \text{ cm}$	allowed in 1998,
$n = 3$	$L \sim 10^{-6} \text{ cm}$	allowed.



# 4D effective gravity

- Zero mode solution:

$$ds^2 = e^{-2k|y|} \hat{g}_{\mu\nu}(x) dx^\mu dx^\nu + dy^2$$

where  $\hat{g}_{\mu\nu}(x)$  is 4D localized graviton!

- 4D Graviton action

$$\begin{aligned} S_g &= 2M_*^3 \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dy e^{-2k|y|} \int d^4x \sqrt{-\hat{g}} \hat{R}, \\ &= \frac{2M_*^3}{k} \int d^4x \sqrt{-\hat{g}} \hat{R}. \end{aligned}$$

- 4D Plank mass  $M_{Pl}^2 = M_*^3/k$  is finite.
- Unlike ADD model  $M_{Pl}^2 = M_*^3 y \rightarrow \infty$  for  $y \rightarrow \infty$ .
- **Conclusion:** 4D effective gravity is recovered.

# Generalized RS2

We consider a single D3-brane embedded in an infinite extra-dimension with different cosmological constants on each side.

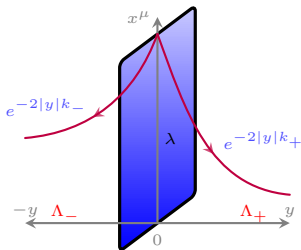
- Action for generalized RS2

$$S = \int d^5x \sqrt{-g} \left\{ 2M_*^3 R - \Lambda_+ \theta(y) - \Lambda_- \theta(-y) - \lambda \delta(y) \right\}$$

- Solution preserving 4D Poincaré symmetry

$$ds^2 = e^{2A(y)} \eta_{\mu\nu} dx^\mu dx^\nu + dy^2$$

$$A(y) = \begin{cases} -|y|k_+ & y > 0 \\ -|y|k_- & y < 0 \end{cases}$$



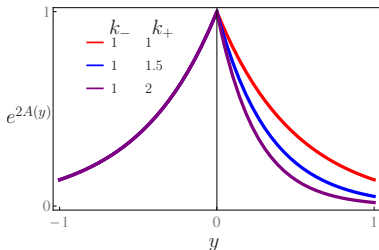
$$k_{\pm} \equiv \sqrt{\frac{-\Lambda_{\pm}}{24M_*^3}} \quad \Lambda_+ \neq \Lambda_-$$

- The above solution is possible if

$$\lambda = \sqrt{-12M_*^3(\Lambda_+ + \Lambda_-)}$$

- The warp function  $A(y)$  is

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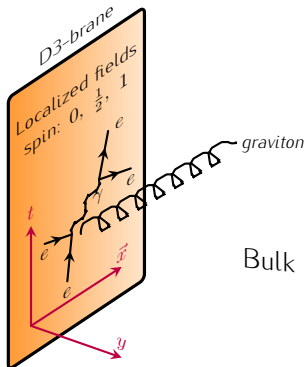
## 4D Effective gravity

$$M_{Pl}^2 = \frac{M_*^3}{2k_-} + \frac{M_*^3}{2k_+}$$

- 4D gravity can be reproduced.

# Branes

- Branes are hypersurfaces with localized energy/fields. (in higher dimensional manifold)
- D-branes play crucial role in string theory. (Localize open strings)
- QFT branes are domain walls (localized energy/fields) and cosmic strings.



- Branes localize spin: 0,  $\frac{1}{2}$ , 1.
- Can spin 2 be localized?  
Only weakly localized!
- Gravity can leak to Bulk.