

# Massive modes on brane

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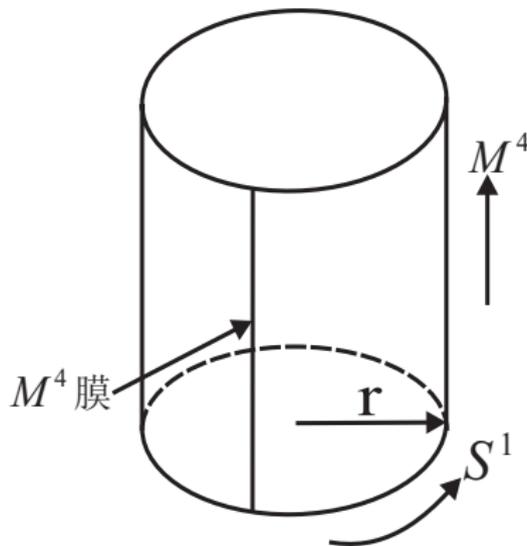
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# 1. Introduction

## Compact extra dimensions:

- Kaluza-Klein theory [Kaluza, 1921; Klein, 1926]
- String theory [Veneziano, 1968]
- Large extra dimensions [Arkani-Hamed, Dimopoulos, and Dvali, 1998]
- Warp extra dimension [Randall and Sundrum, 1999]



# 1. Introduction

## Infinite extra dimensions (1):

### Domain wall (DW) scenario [Akama, Rubakov, Shaposhnikov, 1983]

$$ds^2 = \eta_{\mu\nu} dx^\mu dx^\nu + dy^2$$

- Our 4D world is a DW embedded in 5D flat space-time.
- It is generated by a scalar field:

$$\mathcal{L} = -\frac{1}{2}(\partial\phi)^2 - a(\phi^2 - v^2)^2, \quad \phi(y) = v_0 \tanh(ky)$$

- Fermions can be localized on the DW by

$$\eta\phi\bar{\Psi}\Psi$$

- **Newtonian potential cannot be recovered**

$$U(r) \propto \frac{1}{r^2}$$

# 1. Introduction

## Infinite extra dimensions (2):

### Thin brane scenario

[Randall and Sundrum (RS), 1999]

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

- Our 4D world is a brane embedded in a 5D space-time.
- **Newtonian potential can be recovered on brane:**

$$U(r) = G_N \frac{m_1 m_2}{r} \left( 1 + \frac{1}{k^2 r^2} \right)$$

- **The energy density:**  $\rho(y) \propto \sigma \delta(y)$

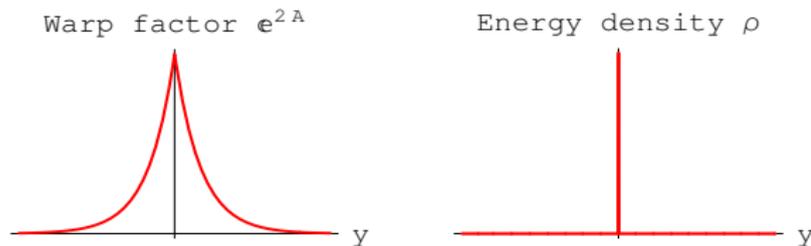


图: Thin brane

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## Infinite extra dimensions (3):

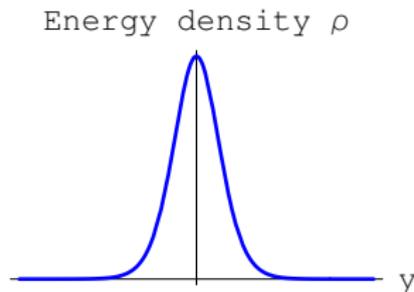
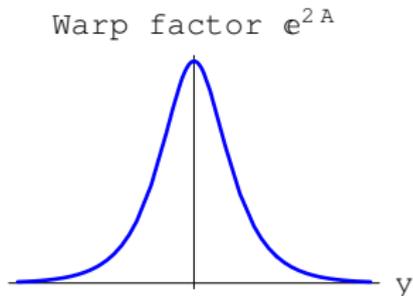
### Thick brane scenario (Domain Wall)

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

- Infinite but **warped** extra dimension.
- The brane is generated by a scalar field, e.g.

$$\mathcal{L} = R - \frac{1}{2}(\partial\phi)^2 - V(\phi), \quad \phi(y) = v_0 \tanh(ky)$$

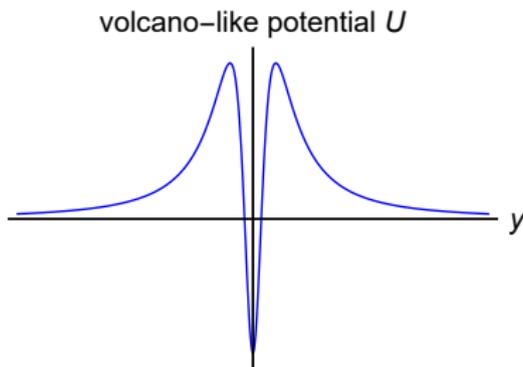
- The graviton zero mode is localized on the brane. Newtonian potential can be recovered.



# 1. Introduction

## KK modes of thick brane with volcano-like potential

- The zero mode is localized on the brane.
- Massive KK modes cannot be localized on the brane.
- Some KK modes could be quasi-localized on the brane (**resonances**).
- The thick brane is **a dissipative system** for massive KK modes, which means that the brane may possess **quasinormal modes**.



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## 2. Resonant KK modes on thick brane

### The braneworld model

- The action of a thick brane model:

$$S = \int d^5x \sqrt{-g} \left( \frac{1}{2\kappa_5^2} R - \frac{1}{2} g^{MN} \partial_M \varphi \partial_N \varphi - V(\varphi) \right). \quad (1)$$

- The five-dimensional metric

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

- The dynamical field equations

$$3A'' = -\phi'^2, \quad (3)$$

$$6A'^2 = \frac{1}{2}\phi'^2 - V, \quad (4)$$

$$\phi'' + 4A'\phi' = \frac{\partial V}{\partial \phi}. \quad (5)$$

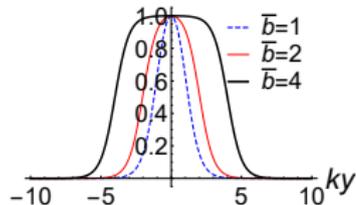
## 2. Resonant KK modes on thick brane

One solution is given by

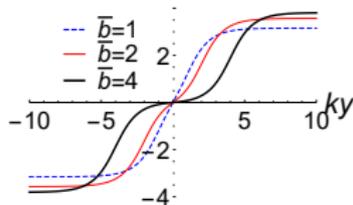
$$A(y) = \ln \left[ \tanh(k(y+b)) - \tanh(k(y-b)) \right]. \quad (6)$$

$$\phi(y) = -i\sqrt{3}\operatorname{sech}(kb) \left[ \cosh(2kb)F(iky; \tanh^2(kb) + 1) - 2\sinh^2(kb)\Pi(\operatorname{sech}^2(kb); iky; \tanh^2(kb) + 1) \right], \quad (7)$$

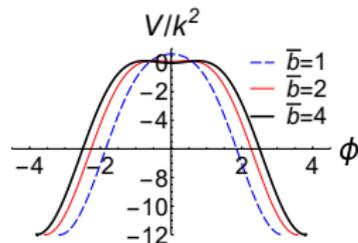
$$V(\phi(y)) = \frac{3}{4}k^2 \left[ -4(\tanh(k(y-b)) + \tanh(k(b+y)))^2 + \operatorname{sech}^2(k(y-b)) + \operatorname{sech}^2(k(b+y)) \right]. \quad (8)$$



(a) The warp factor



(b) The scalar field



(c) The scalar potential

## 2. Resonant KK modes on thick brane

Based on this braneworld background, we consider a **free massless test scalar field** and study its evolution.

- With  $dz = e^{-A} dy$ , the metric (2) becomes

$$ds^2 = e^{2A(z)} (\eta_{\mu\nu} dx^\mu dx^\nu + dz^2). \quad (9)$$

- The field equation  $\square^{(5)}\psi = 0$ :

$$[\partial_z^2 + 3(\partial_z A)\partial_z + \eta^{\mu\nu}\partial_\mu\partial_\nu] \psi = 0. \quad (10)$$

- Then, we introduce the following decomposition

$$\psi(x^M) = e^{-\frac{3}{2}A(z)} \Phi(t, z) \Xi(x^i). \quad (11)$$

- Substituting Eq. (11) into Eq. (10) yields

$$-\partial_t^2 \Phi + \partial_z^2 \Phi - U(z)\Phi - a^2 \Phi = 0, \quad (12)$$

where the effective potential  $U(z)$  is

$$U(z) = \frac{3}{2}\partial_z^2 A + \frac{9}{4}(\partial_z A)^2. \quad (13)$$

## 2. Resonant KK modes on thick brane

- The function  $\Phi(t, z)$  can be further decomposed into oscillating modes as  $\Phi(t, z) = e^{i\omega t} u(z)$ , which yields

$$-\partial_z^2 u(z) + U(z)u(z) = m^2 u(z), \quad (14)$$

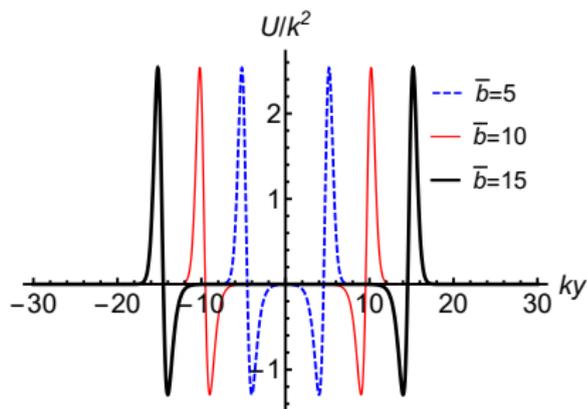
where  $m = \sqrt{\omega^2 - a^2}$  is the mass of the KK mode  $u(z)$ .

- Solving Eq. (14) we could get a series of resonant modes, which can be treated as the initial data of the scalar field.
- The evolution is dominated by Eq. (12):

$$-\partial_t^2 \Phi + \partial_z^2 \Phi - U(z)\Phi - a^2 \Phi = 0. \quad (12)$$

## 2. Resonant KK modes on thick brane

- The effective potential in the coordinate  $y$ :



- The resonant modes can be studied by the relative probability method [YXL et al, PRD 80 (2009) 065019]:

$$P(m^2) = \frac{\int_{-z_b}^{z_b} |u(z)|^2 dz}{\int_{-10z_b}^{10z_b} |u(z)|^2 dz}. \quad (15)$$

## 2. Resonant KK modes on thick brane

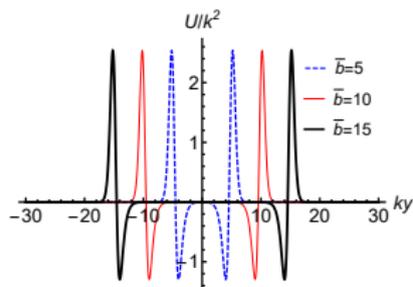
- The wave functions can be even or odd since the potential is symmetric.
- Boundary conditions for Eq. (14):

$$u_{\text{even}}(0) = 1, \quad \partial_z u_{\text{even}}(0) = 0; \quad (16)$$

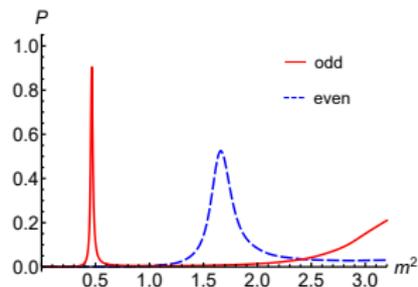
$$u_{\text{odd}}(0) = 0, \quad \partial_z u_{\text{odd}}(0) = 1. \quad (17)$$

- Then we can get the relative probability  $P(m^2)$  of scalar KK modes.

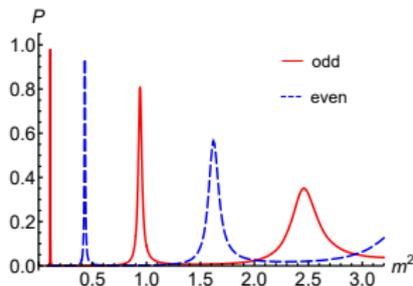
## 2. Resonant KK modes on thick brane



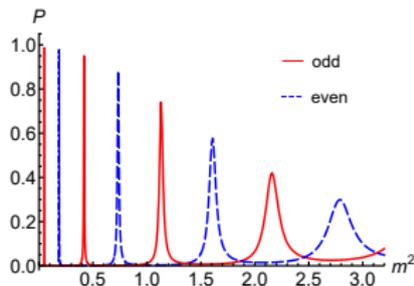
(a) The effective potential



(b)  $P$  with  $\bar{b} = kb = 5$



(c)  $kb = 10$



(d)  $kb = 15$

## 2. Resonant KK modes on thick brane

- Treating the scalar resonances as the initial data, we can evolve the scalar field under the evolution equation (12):

$$-\partial_t^2 \Phi + \partial_z^2 \Phi - U(z)\Phi - a^2 \Phi = 0. \quad (12)$$

- We impose the maximally dissipative boundary condition:

$$\partial_n \Phi = \partial_t \Phi, \quad (18)$$

$n$  is the outward unit normal vector to the boundary.

- Equation (12) is solved numerically.

## 2. Resonant KK modes on thick brane

- To display the evolution of the scalar field, we define the energy [V. Pavlidou et al, PRD 62 (2000) 084020].

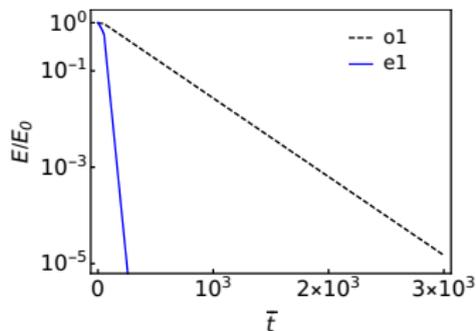
$$E(t) = \int_{-10z_b}^{10z_b} \frac{1}{2} \left( (\partial_t \Phi)^2 + \left( \partial_z \Phi - \frac{3}{2} \partial_z A \Phi \right)^2 \right) dz, \quad (19)$$

- The energy decay can be fitted as an exponential function:

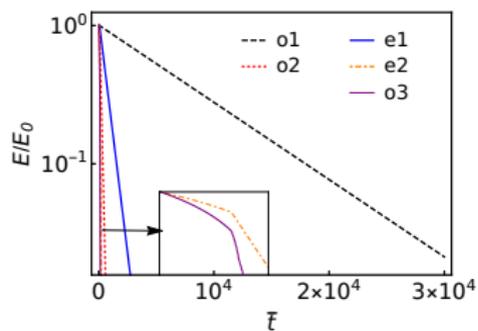
$$E(t) = E_0 \exp(-s\bar{t}), \quad (20)$$

$s$  is the fitting parameter,  $\bar{t} = kt$ .

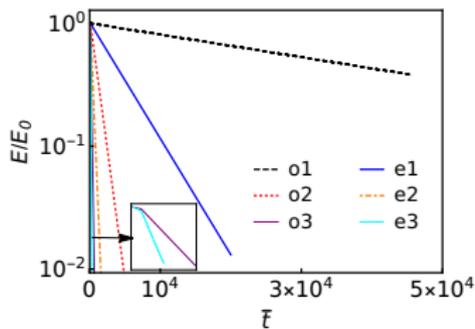
## 2. Resonant KK modes on thick brane



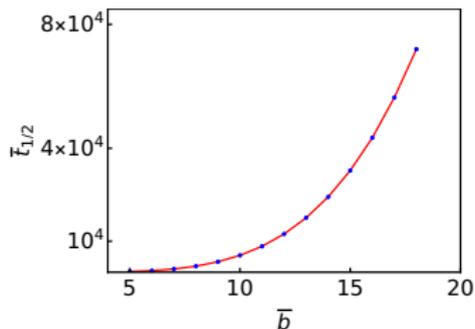
(a)  $E(t)$  with  $kb = 5$



(b)  $E(t)$  with  $kb = 10$



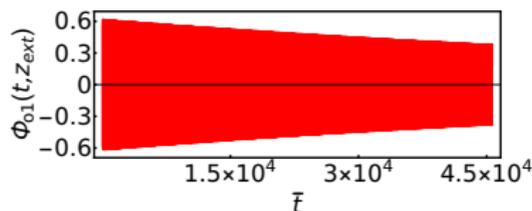
(c)  $E(t)$  with  $kb = 15$



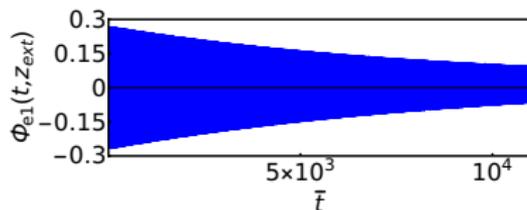
(d)  $\bar{t}_{1/2} \sim kb$

## 2. Resonant KK modes on thick brane

In addition, we analyze the numerical evolution by extracting a time series for the resonance amplitude at a fixed point  $z_{\text{ext}}$ . We set  $kb = 15$ .



first odd resonance at  $kz_{\text{ext}} = 3$ .



first even resonance at  $kz_{\text{ext}} = 3$ .

## 2. Resonant KK modes on thick brane

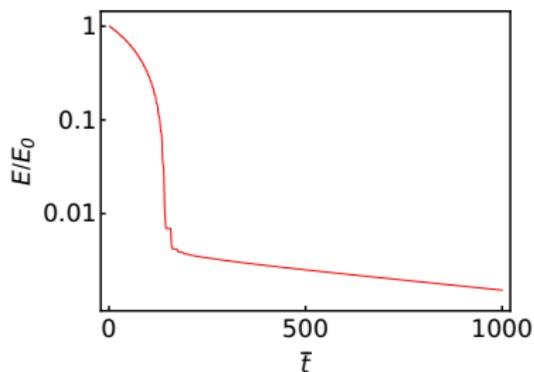
$kb$	$\bar{m}_1^2$	$s$	$t_{1/2}$ ( if $k = 10^{-2}\text{eV}$ )
6	0.3177	$1.4624 \times 10^{-3}$	$3.0714 \times 10^{-11}$ seconds
8	0.1736	$3.6373 \times 10^{-4}$	$1.2349 \times 10^{-10}$ seconds
10	0.1088	$1.2867 \times 10^{-4}$	$3.4908 \times 10^{-10}$ seconds
12	0.0744	$5.6502 \times 10^{-5}$	$7.9494 \times 10^{-10}$ seconds
14	0.0540	$2.8609 \times 10^{-5}$	$1.5700 \times 10^{-9}$ seconds
16	0.0410	$1.6000 \times 10^{-5}$	$2.8072 \times 10^{-9}$ seconds
18	0.0322	$9.6335 \times 10^{-6}$	$4.6625 \times 10^{-9}$ seconds

表: The first resonant mass spectrum  $\bar{m}_1^2$ , fitting parameter  $s$ , and half-life  $t_{1/2}$  for different values of the parameter  $kb$ .

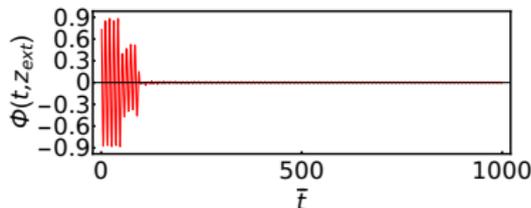
**The lifetime of the first resonance increases with the brane width.**

## 2. Resonant KK modes on thick brane

- We also consider the evolution of the **non-resonances**. The energy and amplitude of non-resonances decay very fast at early stage, but later they decay like those of resonances.



(a)  $E(t)$  with  $kb = 15$



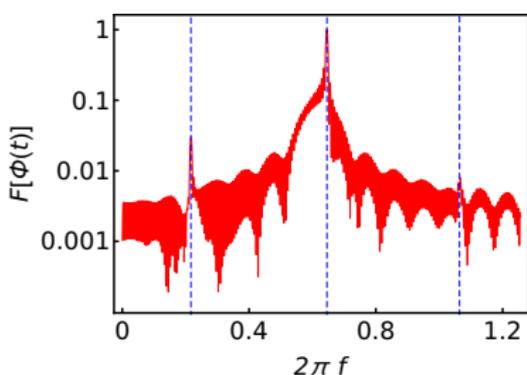
(b)  $kz_{\text{ext}} = 30$

## 2. Resonant KK modes on thick brane

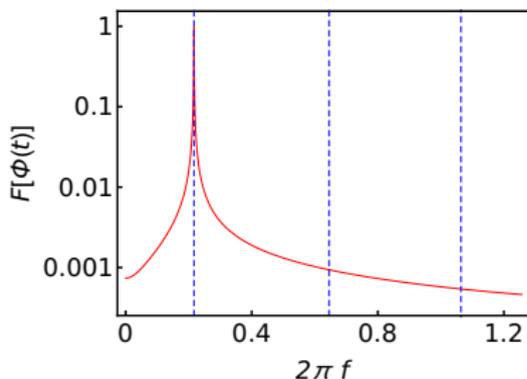
- To have a better understanding of the above results, we calculate the **discrete Fourier transform** in time of the scalar field

$$F[\Phi(t)](f) := \left| A \sum_p \Phi(t_p, z_j) \exp(-2\pi i f t_p) \right|, \quad (21)$$

$t_p$  are the discrete time values.



(a) non-resonance with  $m^2 = 0.36$  for  $kb = 15$



(b) first resonance with  $m^2 = 0.047$  for  $kb = 15$

## 2. Resonant KK modes on thick brane

- The results show that, **non-resonances** can evolve into **combinations of resonances**.
- From this point of view, resonances seem to play a similar role in the braneworld as **the quasinormal modes** in black holes physics.

## 2. Resonant KK modes on thick brane

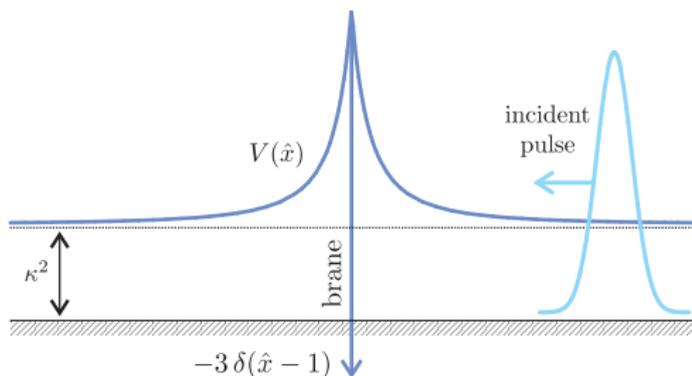
### Summary 1:

- We investigated the evolution of a free massless scalar field in a thick brane model.
- The resonances decay very slowly compared to the non-resonances and can exist on the brane for a very long time.
- Such resonances might be a candidate for dark matter.
- Nonresonances can evolve into combinations of resonances. This arouses our interest in quasinormal modes in thick brane models.

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### 3. Quasinormal modes on thick brane

- In 2005, Seahra studied the scattering of KK gravitons in the Randall-Sundrum-II model and found that the brane possesses a series of discrete quasinormal modes (QNMs) [S.S. Seahra, PRD 72 (2005) 066002].



- As a smooth extension of the Randall-Sundrum-II model, a thick brane should also have QNMs.

### 3. Quasinormal modes on thick brane

#### The braneworld model

- The action and the metric:

$$S = \int d^5x \sqrt{-g} \left( \frac{1}{2\kappa_5^2} R - \frac{1}{2} g^{MN} \partial_M \varphi \partial_N \varphi - V(\varphi) \right),$$
$$ds^2 = e^{2A(y)} \eta_{\mu\nu} dx^\mu dx^\nu + dy^2.$$

- To investigate the QNMs of a thick brane, we consider the following thick brane solution <sup>1</sup>

$$A(y) = -b \ln(\cosh(ky)),$$

$$\varphi(y) = \sqrt{6b} \arctan \left( \tanh \left( \frac{ky}{2} \right) \right),$$

$$V(\varphi) = \frac{3bk^2}{8} \left( 1 - 4b - (1 + 4b) \cos \left( \sqrt{\frac{8}{3b}} \varphi \right) \right).$$

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<sup>1</sup>O. DeWolfe, D. Z. Freedman, S. S. Gubser, and A. Karch, Phys. Rev. D 62, 046008 (2000).

### 3. Quasinormal modes on thick brane

- Next, we consider the **linear transverse-traceless tensor perturbation** of the metric:

$$g_{MN} = \begin{pmatrix} e^{2A(y)}(\eta_{\mu\nu} + h_{\mu\nu}) & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad (22)$$

$$\partial_\mu h^{\mu\nu} = 0 = \eta^{\mu\nu} h_{\mu\nu}. \quad (23)$$

- The linear equation of the tensor fluctuation is

$$\left( e^{-2A} \square^{(4)} h_{\mu\nu} + h''_{\mu\nu} + 4A' h'_{\mu\nu} \right) = 0, \quad (24)$$

where  $\square^{(4)} = \eta^{\alpha\beta} \partial_\alpha \partial_\beta$ .

### 3. Quasinormal modes on thick brane

- Introducing  $dz = e^{-A} dy$  and decomposing  $h_{\mu\nu}$  as

$$h_{\mu\nu} = e^{-\frac{3}{2}A(z)} \Phi(t, z) e^{-ia_j x^j} \epsilon_{\mu\nu}, \quad \epsilon_{\mu\nu} = \mathbf{constant}, \quad (25)$$

we obtain the wave equation for  $\Phi(t, z)$

$$-\partial_t^2 \Phi + \partial_z^2 \Phi - U\Phi - a^2 \Phi = 0. \quad (26)$$

- Further decomposing  $\Phi(t, z) = e^{-i\omega t} \phi(z)$ , we have

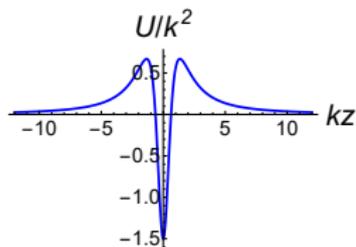
$$[-\partial_z^2 + U] \phi(z) = m^2 \phi(z), \quad U = \frac{3}{2} \partial_z^2 A + \frac{9}{4} (\partial_z A)^2, \quad (27)$$

where  $m^2 = \omega^2 - a^2$ .

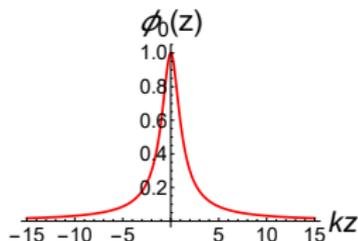
- The effective potential  $U(z)$  is given by [O. DeWolfe, D.Z. Freedman, S.S. Gubser, and A. Karch, PRD 62 (2000) 046008]

$$U(z) = \frac{3k^2 (5k^2 z^2 - 2)}{4(k^2 z^2 + 1)^2}, \quad (28)$$

### 3. Quasinormal modes of thick brane



(a) Effective potential

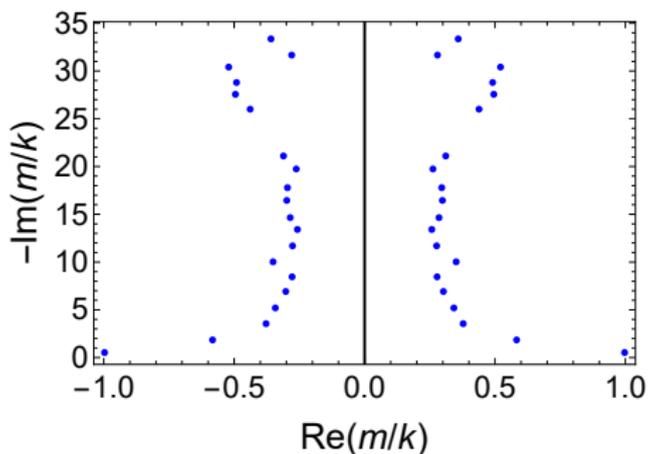


(b) Zero mode

- The boundary conditions for the QNMs are

$$\phi(z) \propto \begin{cases} e^{+imz}, & z \rightarrow \infty, \\ e^{-imz}, & z \rightarrow -\infty. \end{cases} \quad (29)$$

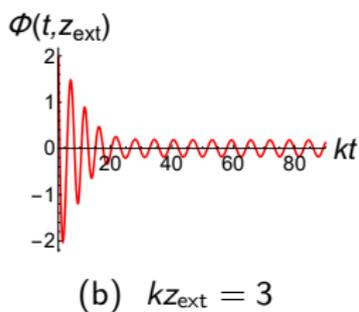
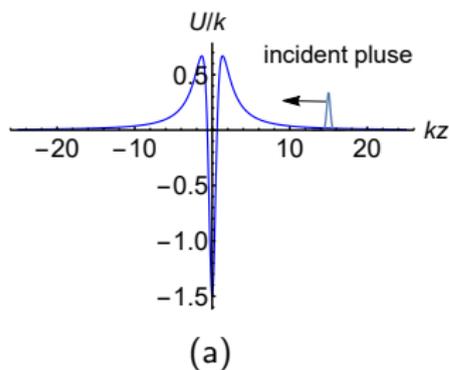
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$n$	Asymptotic iteration method		WKB method	
	$\text{Re}(m/k)$	$\text{Im}(m/k)$	$\text{Re}(m/k)$	$\text{Im}(m/k)$
1	0.997018	-0.526366	1.04357	-0.459859
2	0.582855	-1.85056	0.536087	-1.71224
3	0.377996	-3.55174	0.279715	-3.70181

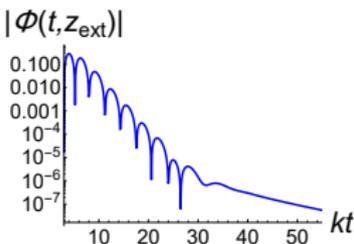
### 3. Quasinormal modes of thick brane

- Numeric evolution of an initial wave packet (Gauss pulse) at a fixed location.



### 3. Quasinormal modes of thick brane

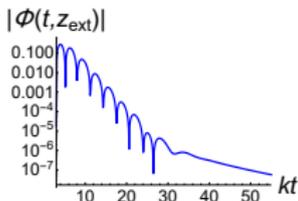
- To investigate the character of the odd QNMs, we give **an odd initial wave packet**.
- We choose  $a/k = 0$  and  $a/k = 1$  to show the effect of the parameter  $a$ .



(a)  $kz_{\text{ext}} = 3$

: The case of  $a/k = 0$ .  $\omega/k = 1.01079 - 0.501256i$ .

### 3. Quasinormal modes of thick brane

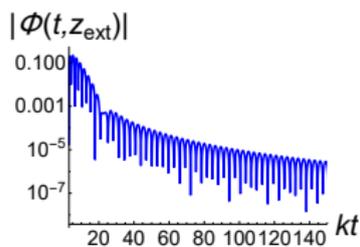


(a)  $kz_{\text{ext}} = 3$

: The case of  $a/k = 0$ .

- For  $a/k = 0$ , there are two stages:
- (1) **The exponentially decay stage.** The frequency and damping time of these oscillations in this stage depend only on the characteristic structure of the thick brane.
- (2) **The power-law damping stage.** This situation is similar to the case of a massless field around a Schwarzschild black hole.

### 3. Quasinormal modes of thick brane



(a)  $kz_{\text{ext}} = 3$

: The case of  $a/k = 1$ .

- For  $a/k = 1$ , the quasinormal ringing governs the decay of the perturbation all the time.
- This is similar to the case of a **massive field** around a Schwarzschild black hole.

### 3. Quasinormal modes of thick brane

#### Summary 2:

- Normal and quasinormal modes in a thick brane model.
  - A normal mode (the zero mode).
  - A series of discrete quasinormal modes.
- This provides a new way to investigate gravitational perturbations in thick brane models.

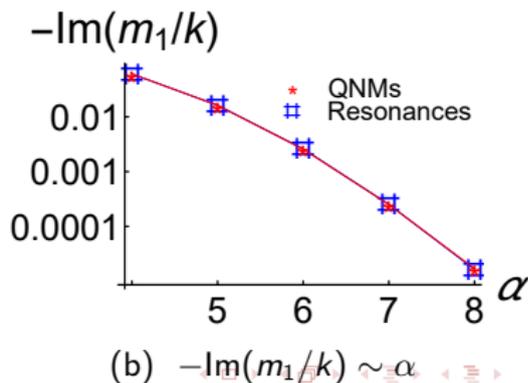
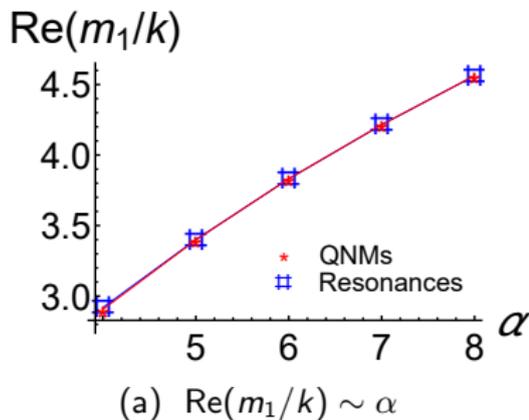
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## 4. Relation between resonances and quasinormal modes

$$A(z) = -\frac{\alpha}{2} \ln(k^2 z^2 + 1). \quad (30)$$

Relation between resonances and quasinormal modes:

- The oscillations of the resonances are equal to the real part of the quasinormal modes.
- While the decay rates of the resonances are equal to the imaginary part of the quasinormal modes.



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- The half-life time of the first quasinormal mode.

$\alpha$	$t_{1/2}$ ( if $k = 10^{-2}$ eV)
4	$1.5588 \times 10^{-12}$ seconds
5	$1.9237 \times 10^{-12}$ seconds
6	$8.5406 \times 10^{-12}$ seconds
7	$8.8909 \times 10^{-11}$ seconds
8	$1.3724 \times 10^{-9}$ seconds
9	$2.6010 \times 10^{-8}$ seconds
10	$8.6655 \times 10^{-7}$ seconds

- For the **Randall-Sundrum-II brane**, the half-life time of the first quasinormal mode is about  $10^{-14}$  seconds with  $k = 10^{-2}$  eV.

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