

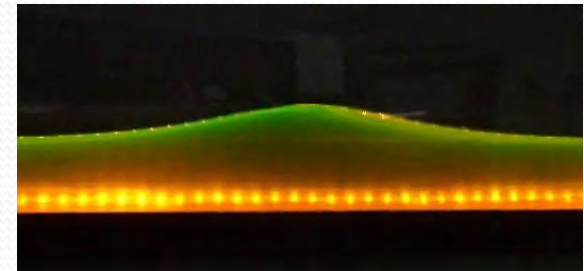
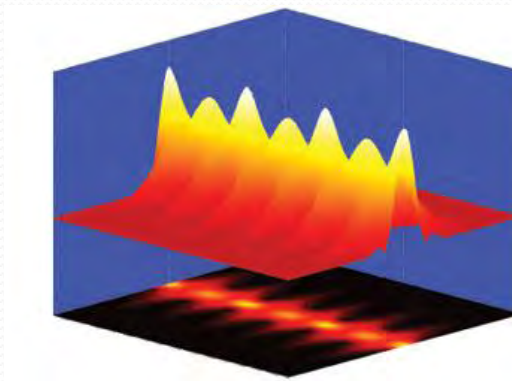
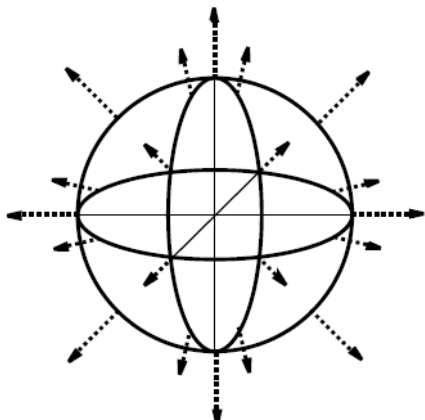
# Deformation constraints- Applications to solitons, D branes and spatial modulation

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# Introduction

- **Solitons**- classical static configurations of finite energy show up in a wide range of physical systems
- Solitons are known for instance in **hydrodynamics** and **non linear optics** .
- In field theory we have encountered sine-Gordon solitons, 't Hooft Polyakov **monopoles** , **Skyrmions** and **Instantons** ( solitons of 5d YM theory)
- In recent years solitons take the form of Wilson-lines, Dbranes etc.



# Introduction

- Determining soliton solutions typically means solving **non linear** differential equations.
- One would like to find tools to handle such configurations without solving for them explicitly.
- Two important issues are:
  - (i) **Existence proofs**
  - (ii) **Stability** of the solutions.

# Derrick theorem

- Consider a scalar field in  $d+1$  dimensions with

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{2} \partial_\mu \phi \partial^\mu \phi - V(\phi).$$

non negative,  
vanishes for  $\phi=0$

- The energy associated with a **static** configuration

$$E = \int d^d x \left[ \frac{1}{2} (\nabla \phi(\vec{x}))^2 + V(\phi(\vec{x})) \right]$$

- Consider a **scaling deformation** ( not a symmetry)

$$\phi(x^i) \rightarrow \phi(\lambda x^i)$$

# Derrick theorem

- The energy of the rescaled configuration

$$E(\lambda) = \int d^d x \left[ \frac{1}{2} (\nabla \phi(\lambda \vec{x}))^2 + V(\phi(\lambda \vec{x})) \right]$$

- The **minimum of the energy** is for the un-rescaled soliton with  $\lambda=1$

$$dE(\lambda = 1)/d\lambda = 0$$

$$d^2 E/d\lambda^2 > 0$$

# Derrick theorem

- We now change the integration variable  $x^\mu \rightarrow x^\mu / \lambda$

- The re-scaled energy is

$$= \lambda^{-d} \int d^d x \left[ \frac{1}{2} \lambda^2 (\nabla \phi(\vec{x}))^2 + V(\phi(\vec{x})) \right]$$

- The variation of the energy has to obey

$$\frac{dE(\lambda)}{d\lambda} \Big|_{\lambda=1} = \int d^d x \left[ \frac{1}{2} (d-2) (\nabla \phi(\vec{x}))^2 + dV(\phi(\vec{x})) \right] = 0$$

- For  $d > 2$  each term has to vanish separately and for  $d=2$  the potential has to vanish. Both cases occur only for the vacuum.

- **Solitons can exist only for  $d=1$**

# Manton's integral constraints

- For a static configuration the conservation of the **energy-momentum tensor** implies a **spatial** conservation of the stress tensor

$$\partial^j T_{ij} = 0.$$

- Define the vector

$$P_i = V^j T_{ij}$$

- Then

$$\int d^d x (\partial^i P_i) = \oint d^{d-1} \sigma^i P_i = \int d^d x (\partial^i V^j) T_{ij}$$

# Manton's integral constraints

• Let's take

$$V^j = A_k^j x^k$$

• For this choice we get

$$A_k^j \int d^d x (\partial^i x^k) T_{ij} = A^{ji} \int d^d x T_{ij} = A_k^j \oint d^{d-1} \sigma^i x^k T_{ij}$$

• In particular when the surface term vanishes we get

**Manton integral constraint**

$$\int d^d x T_{ij}(x) = 0$$



# Introduction- questions

- The questions that we have explored are
- Can Derrick's theorem and Manton's integral constraints be unified?
- Can one generalize these constraints to other types of deformations?
- What are their implications on Solitons, Wilson lines, static solutions of gravity, D branes and spatially modulated configurations.

# Outline

- Part I- General formalism
- **A. Geometrical deformations** of solitons
- B. Deformations by **global transformations**
- C. Deformation, and stress forces of **periodic solutions**
- **D.** “Elasticity requirements” ( or minimizing and not only extremizing)

# Outline

## Part II- Applications-

- (i) **Higher derivative** actions and sigma models
- (ii) Current constraints on known solitons
- (iii) Solitons of non linear **(DBI)Electromagnetism**

# Outline

- (v) Constraints on **D brane** and string actions
- (vii) Probe branes in brane backgrounds
- (vii) D<sub>3</sub> brane with electric and magnetic fields
- (viii) Adding **Wess –Zumino terms**
- (ix) **Flavor branes in M- theory MQCD**
- (x) Application to the Ooguri Park **spatial modulation** models

# General formalism

Part I-

# General formalism

## (i) Geometrical deformations

- Consider a theory of several scalar fields  $\phi^a$
- Take  $\phi_0^a(x)$  to be a **soliton** with (finite) energy

$$E[\phi_0^a] = \int d^d x \mathcal{E}(\phi_0^a, \partial_i \phi_0^a)$$

- We now deform the soliton

$$\phi_\Lambda^a(x) = \phi_0^a(\Lambda x)$$

- We expand the **geometrical deformation**

$$(\Lambda x)^i \simeq x^i + \xi^i(x).$$

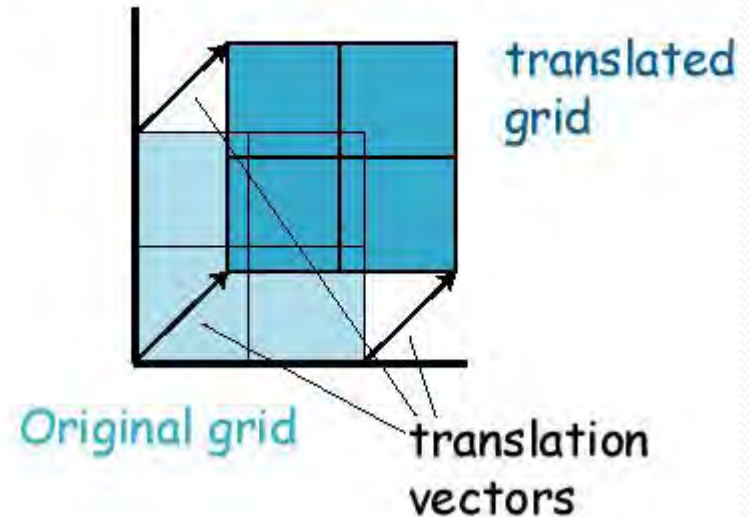
- We take it to be linear

$$(\Lambda x)^i = \Lambda^i_j x^k + b^i \simeq x^i + \lambda^i_k x^k + b^i$$

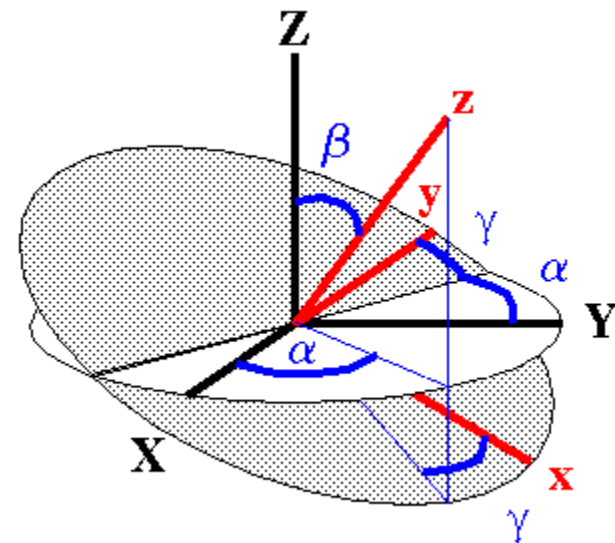
# Geometrical deformations

- $b^i$  - rigid translations

## Rigid translation

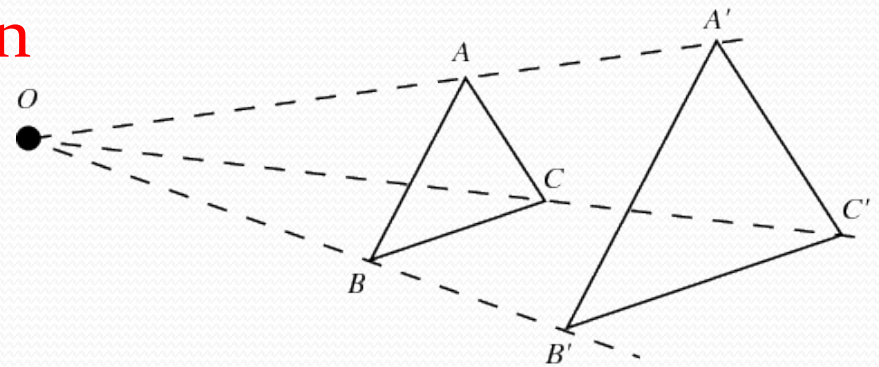


- antisymmetric  $\lambda^i_j$  - rotations

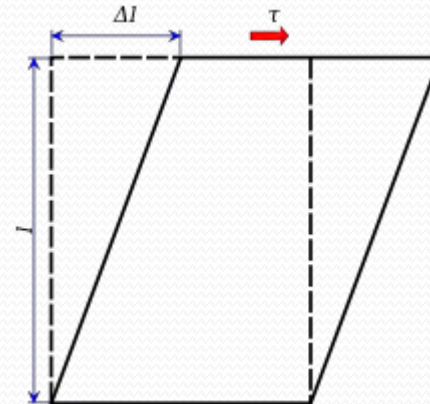


# Geometrical deformations

- diagonal  $\lambda^i_j$  - **dilatation**  
(not necessarily isotropic)



- Symmetric  $\lambda^i_j$  no diagonal components - **shear**





# Geometrical deformation

- The energy of the deformed soliton is

$$\begin{aligned} E[\phi_\Lambda^a] &= \int d^d x \mathcal{E}(\phi_\Lambda^a(x), \partial_i \phi_\Lambda^a(x)) \\ &= \int d^d x' \left\| \frac{\delta x^i}{\delta x^{j'}} \right\| \mathcal{E} \left( \phi_0^a(x'), \frac{\partial x^{j'}}{\partial x^i} \partial'_j \phi_0^a(x') \right) \\ &\simeq \int d^d x' \mathcal{E}(\phi_0^a(x'), \partial_i \phi_0^a(x')) + \int d^d x' \partial_i \xi^j \left[ \delta^i_j \mathcal{E} - \frac{\delta \mathcal{E}}{\delta \partial_i \phi^a} \partial_j \phi_0^a \right] \\ &= E[\phi_0^a] - \int d^d x' \partial_i \xi^j \Pi^i_j(\phi_0^a). \end{aligned}$$

- The **Stress tensor** is  $\Pi^i_j = \frac{\delta \mathcal{E}}{\delta \partial_i \phi^a} \partial_j \phi^a - \delta^i_j \mathcal{E}$

# Geometrical deformation

- Thus the **variation of the energy** relates to the stress tensor as

$$\begin{aligned} E[\phi_\Lambda^a] - E[\phi_0^a] &= \int d^d x \delta \mathcal{E} = - \int d^d x \partial_i \xi^j \Pi^i_j \\ &= - \int d^d x \lambda^j_i \Pi^i_j \end{aligned}$$

- For theories with scalars and no gauge fields  $\mathcal{E} = -\mathcal{L}$
- Hence the stress and energy momentum tensors are related via

$$\Pi^i_j = -T^i_j = -\frac{\delta \mathcal{L}}{\delta \partial_i \phi^a} \partial_j \phi^a + \delta^i_j \mathcal{L}$$

# Geometrical deformation

- Since  $\lambda^i_j$  are arbitrary we get **Manton's integral conditions**

$$\int d^d x \Pi^i_j = 0$$

- More precisely we get

$$\int d^d x \partial_i \xi^j T^i_j = \oint d^{d-1} \sigma_i T^i_j \xi^j = \lim_{|x| \rightarrow \infty} \oint d^{d-1} x \hat{x}_i T^i_j \xi^j$$

- So that for vanishing surface term we get the constraint of **vanishing integral of the stress tensor**

# Geometrical deformation

- As is well known for Maxwell theory, the **canonical energy momentum tensor** is **not gauge invariant** and one has to add to it an **improvement** term

$$\mathcal{E} = T_{\text{can}0}^0 + \partial_i \Psi^{i0}_0$$

$$T^i_j = T_{\text{can}j}^i + \partial_k \Psi^{ki}_j$$

- Such that  $\Psi^{\rho\mu}_\nu = -\Psi^{\mu\rho}_\nu$ , which guarantees the conservation of the improved tensor

- For these cases we get that the variation of the energy

$$\delta\mathcal{E} = -\partial_i \xi^j \Pi^i_j = \partial_i \xi^j T^i_j - \partial_i \left( \delta\Psi^{i0}_0 + \partial_k \Psi^{ki}_j \xi^j \right)$$

# Geometrical deformation

- For the modified case the integral constraint reads

$$\begin{aligned}\int d^d x \partial_i \xi^j \Pi^i_j &= \int d^d x \partial_i \left[ -T^i_j \xi^j + \delta \Psi^{i0}_0 + \partial_k \Psi^{ki}_j \xi^j \right] \\ &= \oint d^{d-1} \sigma_i \left[ -T^i_j \xi^j + \delta \Psi^{i0}_0 + \partial_k \Psi^{ki}_j \xi^j \right].\end{aligned}$$

- Again when the surface term vanishes we get that the **integral of the stress tensor vanishes**

# BPS configurations and the vanishing of the stress tensor

- With right fall off we have

$$\int d^d x \Pi^i_j = 0$$

- What about the **vanishing of the stress tensor itself?**
- For 1+1 dim. solitons the virial theorem reads

$$V = \frac{1}{2}(\partial_1 \phi)^2$$

So the stress tensor

$$T_{11} = \frac{1}{2}(\partial_1 \phi)^2 - V = 0$$

# BPS configurations and the vanishing of the stress tensor

- This result can be related to a 1+1 supersymmetric model

$$S = \int d^2x \left( \frac{1}{2} \partial_\mu \phi \partial^\mu \phi + \frac{i}{2} \bar{\psi} \gamma^\mu \partial_\mu \psi + \frac{1}{2} F^2 + FW(\phi) - \frac{1}{2} W'(\phi) \bar{\psi} \psi \right)$$

for which  $T_{01} = T_{10} = 0, \quad T_{11} = \frac{1}{2} (\partial_1 \phi)^2 - \frac{1}{2} W^2 = \frac{1}{2} (\partial_1 \phi)^2 - V$

Supersymmetry relates the stress tensor  $T_{ij}$  to the supercurrent

$$S^\mu_\alpha = (\gamma^\nu \partial_\nu \phi + iW) \gamma^\mu \psi_\alpha$$

Via the susy Ward Identity

$$\{S^\mu_\alpha, \bar{Q}_\beta\} = 2i \gamma^\nu T_\nu^\mu + 2i \gamma_{3\alpha\beta} W' \epsilon^{\mu\nu} \partial_\nu \phi$$

From the fact that the BPS solutions are invariant under half of the supersymmetris  $\longrightarrow$  vanishing of  $T_{ij}$   
[Moreno Schaposnik]

## (ii) Deformations by global symmetry

- Suppose that our system is invariant under a **global symmetry**.

- The corresponding current conservation for static configurations reads

$$\partial_i J^i = 0.$$

- Deforming the soliton

$$\delta_\theta \phi^a(x) = \theta^A T_{Ab}^a(\phi^b(x)).$$

yields a variation of the energy

$$\delta_\theta E[\phi^a] = \int d^d x [\partial_i \theta^A J_A^i + \partial_i (\delta_\theta \Psi^{i0}_0)] = \int d^d x \partial_i \theta^A J_A^i$$

- For constant  $\theta^A$  it is obviously a symmetry but again we take the transformation parameter

$$\theta^A = C^A_i x^i$$



# Deformations by global symmetry

- Thus we get the integral equation

$$\begin{aligned}\int d^d x \partial_i \theta^A J_A^i &= \int d^d x \partial_i (\theta^A J_A^i) = \oint d^{d-1} \sigma_i \theta^A J_A^i \\ &= \lim_{|x| \rightarrow \infty} \oint d^{d-1} x \hat{x}_i \theta^A J_A^i\end{aligned}$$

- For vanishing surface term the **integral of the space components of the global currents vanishes**

$$\int d^d x J_A^i = 0.$$

# Deformations by global symmetry

- In order to have a **finite surface integral** the current should go as

$$\hat{x}_i J_a^i \sim \frac{1}{|x|^d}$$

- At leading order for large radii the current reads

$$J_a^i = \frac{x^2 \delta^{ij} - dx^i x^j}{|x|^{d+2}} v_{aj} + \dots \quad J_a^i = \partial^i \left( \frac{x^j v_{aj}}{|x|^d} \right) = \partial^i \phi_a$$

- So there must be a massless mode  $\partial^i \partial_i \phi_a = 0$
- This happens generically when the symmetry is **spontaneously broken and the mode is the NG mode**

### (iii) Geometric deformation of periodic solutions

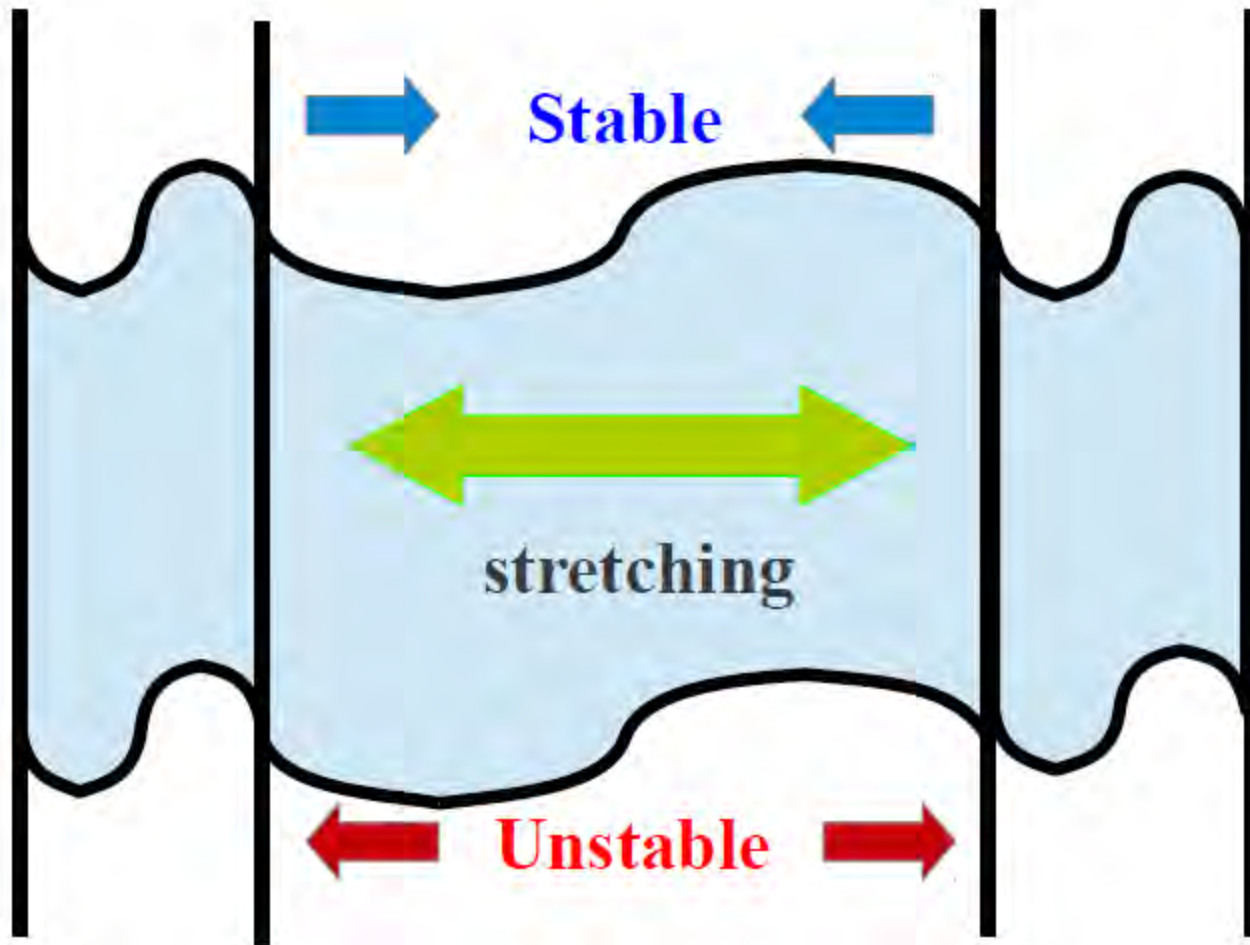
- Apart from solitons there are also static solutions that break translational invariance but have **divergent energy** ( but finite energy density).
- The analysis of above does not apply but **one can do a local analysis on some restricted region.**
- For periodic configurations will take the unit cell
- The total force on the surface surrounding the unit cell of such a solid should be zero.
- The force on a face of the cell is

$$F_i = \int_{\text{face}} d^{d-1} \sigma f_i = - \int_{\text{face}} d^{d-1} \sigma_k T_i^k.$$

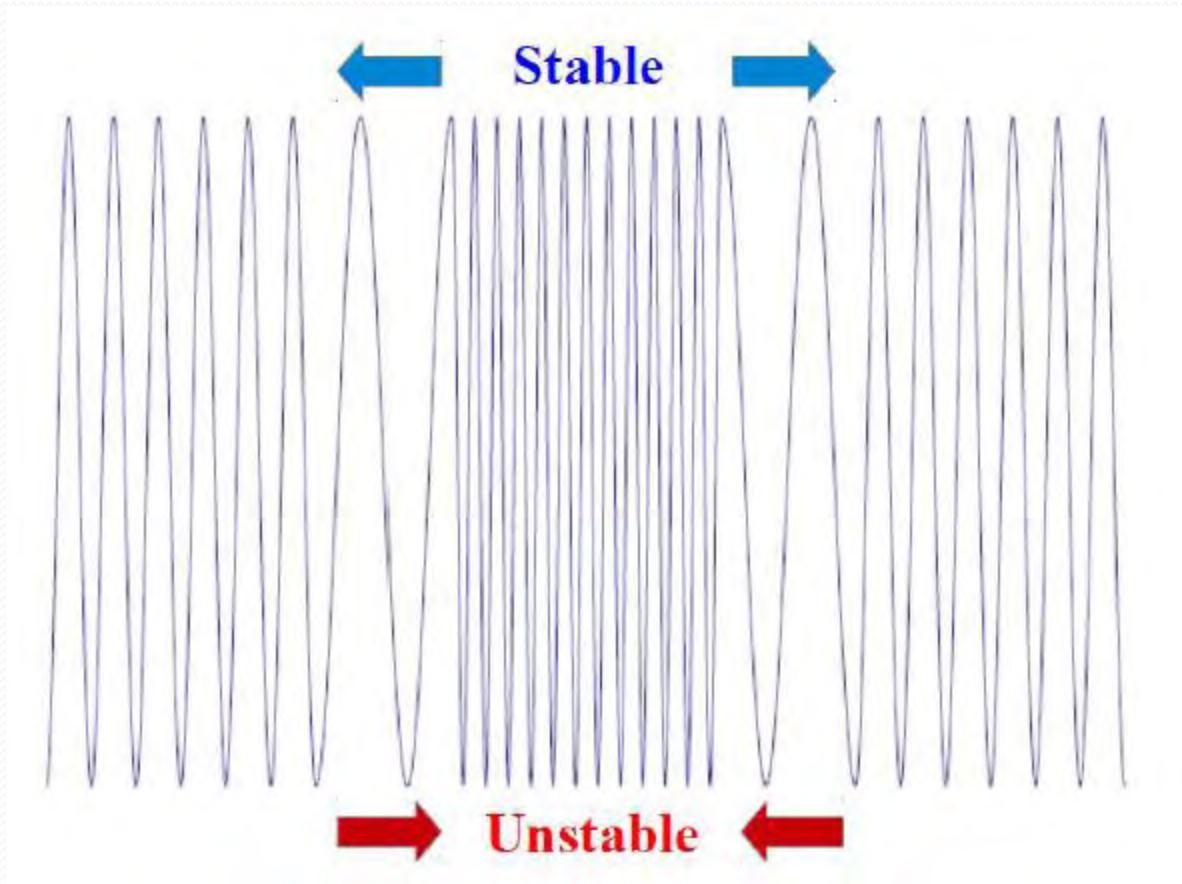
# Geometric deformation of periodic solutions

- We can **increase the size of a unit cell** and at the same time deform the neighboring cells so the periodic solution remains unchanged farther away.
- The forces on the faces of the unit cell **no longer cancel**:
- The net force on the surface after the transformation could be pointing
  - (i) Out of the unit cell - **unstable** since the deformed cell will now continue increasing its size.
  - (ii) Into the unit cell - **restoring stability**

# Geometric deformation of periodic solutions



# Geometric deformation of periodic solutions



## (iv) Elastic properties of inhomogeneous solutions

- We need to **minimize** and not only **extremize** the energy.
- We vary the energy **to second order**.
- We use an analogy with **elasticity theory** and map the minimization to a positivity condition on the stiffness tensor.

# Elastic properties of inhomogeneous solutions

- In general in thermodynamics we have

$$d\varepsilon = Tds + \sigma^{ij} du_{ij}$$

Stress tensor

Strain

$$u_{ij} = \frac{1}{2}(\partial_i u_j + \partial_j u_i)$$

- For ideal isotropic fluid  $\sigma^{ij} = -p\delta^{ij}$  displacement vector

$$\sigma^{ij} = \left( \frac{\partial \varepsilon}{\partial u_{ij}} \right)_s$$



# Elastic properties of inhomogeneous solutions

- **Hook's law** for small deformations

$$\sigma^{ij} = C^{ijkl} u_{kl}$$

- The energy is minimized if for any two unit vectors

**a** and **b** the stiffness tensor obeys

$$C_{jm}^{il} \hat{a}_i \hat{a}_l \hat{b}^j \hat{b}^m > 0$$

# Elastic properties of inhomogeneous solutions

- Consider fluctuations of the coordinates

$$\tilde{x}^i = x^i - \xi^i(x),$$

- The variation of the energy of a scalar field theory to second order is

$$E[\phi_\Lambda^a] - E[\phi_0^a] = \frac{1}{2} \int d^d \tilde{x} C_{jm}^{il} \tilde{\partial}_i \xi^j \tilde{\partial}_l \xi^m$$

- The stiffness tensor is

$$C_{jm}^{il} = \delta_j^l \tilde{\partial}_m \phi^a \frac{\delta \mathcal{E}}{\delta \tilde{\partial}_i \phi^a} + \delta_m^i \tilde{\partial}_j \phi^a \frac{\delta \mathcal{E}}{\delta \tilde{\partial}_l \phi^a} + \left( \delta_j^i \delta_m^l - \delta_m^i \delta_j^l \right) \mathcal{E} + \tilde{\partial}_j \phi^a \tilde{\partial}_m \phi^b \frac{\delta^2 \mathcal{E}}{\delta \tilde{\partial}_i \phi^a \delta \tilde{\partial}_l \phi^b}$$

# Elastic properties of inhomogeneous solutions

- For a gauge theory the stiffness tensor is

$$C_{j m}^{i l} = \delta_j^l \pi_m^i + \delta_m^i \pi_j^l + \left( \delta_j^i \delta_m^l - \delta_m^i \delta_j^l \right) \mathcal{E} \\ + \frac{\delta \mathcal{E}}{\delta F_{i l}} F_{j m} + \frac{1}{2} \frac{\delta^2 \mathcal{E}}{\delta A_i \delta A_l} A_j A_m + 2 \frac{\delta^2 \mathcal{E}}{\delta F_{0 i} \delta F_{0 l}} F_{0 j} F_{0 m} + 2 \frac{\delta^2 \mathcal{E}}{\delta F_{i n} \delta F_{l s}} F_{j n} F_{m s}$$

- Where

$$\pi_l^i = \frac{\delta \mathcal{E}}{\delta A_i} A_l + 2 \frac{\delta \mathcal{E}}{\delta F_{0 i}} F_{0 l} + 2 \frac{\delta \mathcal{E}}{\delta F_{i j}} F_{l j}$$



# Part II-

# Applications

# 1. (warm-up) Sigma models

- One can easily generalize Derrick's theorem to a case of a **sigma model**

$$\mathcal{L} = -\frac{1}{2}G^{ab}(\phi)\partial_\mu\phi_a\partial^\mu\phi_b - V(\phi_a)$$

- Repeating the procedure of above yields

$$\left.\frac{dE(\lambda)}{d\lambda}\right|_{\lambda=1} = -\int d^d x \left[ \frac{1}{2}(d-2)G^{ab}\nabla\phi_a\nabla\phi_b + dV(\phi_a) \right] = 0$$

- When the **signature of the metric**  $G^{ab}(\phi)$  is **positive** then the conclusions for the generalized case are the same .
- If the signature is not positive there is **no constraints** in any dimension.

## 2. Higher derivative actions

- Consider the **higher derivative** lagrangian density

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{2} [(\partial_\mu \phi)^2 + a(\partial_\mu \partial^\mu \phi)^2] - V(\phi)$$

- The corresponding **equations of motion**

$$\partial_\mu \partial^\mu \phi - a \partial^2 (\partial^2 \phi) + \frac{\partial V(\phi)}{\partial \phi} = 0$$

- The **conserved energy momentum tensor**

$$T_{\mu\nu} = \partial_\mu \phi \partial_\nu \phi + a[\partial^2 \phi \partial_\mu \partial_\nu \phi - \partial_\mu (\partial^2 \phi) \partial_\nu \phi] - \eta_{\mu\nu} \mathcal{L}.$$

# Higher derivative actions

- The Hamiltonian of the static system

$$H = \int d^d x \left[ \frac{1}{2} (\nabla \phi)^2 + \frac{1}{2} a (\nabla^2 \phi)^2 + V(\phi) \right]$$

- Under isotropic re-scaling of the coordinates

$$x \rightarrow \lambda x$$

- Requiring **extremality** for  $\lambda = 1$

$$\frac{dH}{d\lambda} \Big|_{\lambda=1} = \int d^d x \left[ \frac{1}{2} (2-d) (\nabla \phi)^2 + \frac{1}{2} a (4-d) (\nabla^2 \phi)^2 - dV(\phi) \right]$$

# Higher derivative actions

- The **higher derivative** terms thus ease the restriction on solitonic solutions for pure scalar field theories: we can get solitons for  $d < 4$ .
- That's the mechanism in the **Skyrme model**
- Generalizing this result to any higher order derivative Lagrangian density, where the derivative terms are quadratic in the fields of the form

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{2} [(\partial_\mu \phi)^2 + \sum_n^N a_n (\partial^n \phi)^2] - V(\phi),$$

- Now the constraint in principle allows solitons for any **dimension  $d < 2N$** .



### 3. integral of the current constraint

- Let's examine this constraints on familiar solitons for: Topological currents, global and local currents.
- Topological currents** are conserved without the use of equations of motion.
- The general structure of these currents in d space dimensions

$$J_\mu = \epsilon_{\mu\nu_1\dots\nu_d} \tilde{J}^{\nu_1\dots\nu_d} \quad J = {}^* F_d$$

is a tensor of degree d composite of the underlying fields and their derivatives

- If the current is composed of only scalar fields, abelian or non-abelian, the spatial components have to **include a time derivative**
- So we conclude that  $J_i = 0 \quad i = 1, \dots, d$

# The current constraint in the 't Hooft Polyakov monopole

- The system is based on  $SO(3)$  gauge fields and **isovector scalars** described by

$$\mathcal{L} = -\frac{1}{4}F_a^{\mu\nu}F_{\mu\nu}^a + \frac{1}{2}D_\mu\vec{\phi} \cdot D^\mu\vec{\phi} - \frac{1}{4}\lambda(|\phi|^2 - v^2)^2$$

- The  **$SO(3)$  current** is

$$J_\mu^a = \epsilon_{bc}^a (D_\mu\phi)^b \phi^c \quad (D_\mu\phi)^a = \partial_\mu\phi^a - e\epsilon_{bc}^a A_\mu^b \phi^c$$

- The equations of motion

$$(D_\nu F^{\nu\mu})^a = J_\mu^a \quad (D^\mu D_\mu\phi)_a = -\lambda\phi^a(|\phi|^2 - v^2)^2$$

# The current constraint in the 't Hooft Polyakov monopole

- The relevant ansatz for the classical configurations

$$\phi^a(\vec{r}) = H(evr) \frac{r^a}{er^2} \quad A^{ia}(\vec{r}) = -\epsilon_j^{ai} \frac{r^j}{er^2} [1 - K(evr)]$$

- Asymptotically they behave as

$$H \sim evr \text{ and } K \sim evre^{-evr}$$

- Substituting the ansatz to the current

$$J_i^a = \left( \frac{H(evr)}{er^2} \right)^2 K(evr) \epsilon_{ij}^a r^j$$

- It is obvious that

$$\int d^3x J_i^a = 0$$

- The **current constraint is obeyed**

# The constraint on the axial current of the skyrme model

- The two flavor **Skyrme model** is invariant under both the  $SU(2)$  vector and axial flavor global transformations.

- The currents read

$$J_{\mu}^{\frac{V}{A}} = \frac{iN_c}{8\pi} [(g^{-1}\partial_{\mu}g \pm g\partial_{\mu}g^{-1}) + \epsilon_{\mu\nu}(g^{-1}\partial^{\nu}g \mp g\partial^{\nu}g^{-1})]$$

- plus higher derivative corrections that follow from the Skyrme term.

- The space integral of the non-abelian **(axial)current**

$$J_{i\ ax}^a = \frac{1}{4}F_{\pi}\frac{B}{r^3}[(\tau_i - 3\vec{\tau} \cdot \hat{x}\hat{x}_i)\tau_a] + \dots$$

is

$$\int d^3x J_{i\ ax}^a = -\frac{2}{3}F_{\pi}^3 B\pi\delta_i^a$$

In accordance with the fact that there is an SSB

## 4. Soliton of non linear electromagnetism

- Let us analyze the constraints on EM expressed in terms of a DBI action.

- We check first the ordinary **Maxwell theory**

- The energy is  $E = \frac{1}{2} \int d^d x [(\vec{B})^2 + (\vec{E})^2]$ .

- The scaling of E and B are  $\vec{E} \rightarrow \lambda \vec{E}$  and  $\vec{B} \rightarrow \lambda^2 \vec{B}$ .

- The scaled energy  $E(\lambda) = \frac{1}{2} \int d^d x \lambda^{-d} [\lambda^4 (\vec{B})^2 + \lambda^2 (\vec{E})^2]$

- Derrick's condition

$$\frac{dE(\lambda)}{d\lambda} \Big|_{\lambda=1} = \frac{1}{2} \int d^d x [(4-d)(\vec{B})^2 - (d-2)(\vec{E})^2] = 0$$

- No solitons apart from d=3 for self duals**  $\vec{E} = \pm \vec{B}$

# Soliton of DBI non-linear electromagnetism

- The DBI action of EM in  $d+1=4$  is

$$S_{DBI} = T_3 \int d^4x \left[ 1 - \sqrt{1 - (\vec{E})^2 + (\vec{B})^2 - (\vec{E} \cdot \vec{B})^2} \right]$$

- The associated energy density

$$\mathcal{E} = \sqrt{1 + (\vec{B})^2 + (\vec{D})^2 + (\vec{B} \times \vec{D})^2} - 1,$$

- Derrick's constraint

$$\frac{dE(\lambda)}{d\lambda} \Big|_{\lambda=1} = \int d^3x \left[ 3 - \frac{3 + 4(\vec{B})^2 - 6(\vec{E} \cdot \vec{B})^2 - 4(\vec{E})^2 + (\vec{B})^2((\vec{B})^2 - 2(\vec{E} \cdot \vec{B})^2)}{\sqrt{(1 - (\vec{E})^2 + (\vec{B})^2 - (\vec{E} \cdot \vec{B})^2)^3}} \right]$$

- **Electric and magnetic solitons are not excluded**

## 5. Constraints on string and D-brane actions

- If the generalized constraints are fulfilled by some string or **D brane configuration** it may indicate about possible states apart from the trivial ones.
- The constraints are based on comparing configurations with the same boundary conditions
- For finite volume ones, the variation may **change the boundary conditions**.
- Satisfying the constraints is **not a proof of existence**
- The constraints may **exclude** classes of solitons

# Constraints on string and D-brane actions

- The action of the low energy dynamics of D-branes

$$S_{DBI} = -T_p \int d^{p+1}x e^{-\phi} \sqrt{-\det(g_{\mu\nu} + 2\pi\alpha' F_{\mu\nu} + B_{\mu\nu})}$$

Dp brane  
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dilaton

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of the NS form

- D-branes can also carry charge that couples to a RR flux. This corresponds to a WZ (CS) action

$$S_{WZ} = T_p \int d^{p+1}x \sum_k C_k \wedge e^{2\pi\alpha' F+B}$$

pullback of the RR k-form



# Constraints on strings

- Similarly the NG action describes the fundamental string

$$S_{NG} = -\frac{1}{2\pi\alpha'} \int d^2x \sqrt{-\det(g_{\mu\nu})}$$

- The string is charged under the NS two form

$$S_B = \frac{1}{2\pi\alpha'} \int d^2x B$$

- The induced metric is

$$g_{\mu\nu} = G_{MN} \partial_\mu X^M \partial_\nu X^N$$

$X^M(x)$ ,  $M = 1, \dots, D$  the embedding coordinates

# Fixing diffeomorphism

- The brane ( string) action is **invariant under diffeomorphism** hence the constraints are trivially satisfied.
- For instance for the NG string the energy

$$\begin{aligned} E(\lambda) &= -S_{NG} = \frac{1}{2\pi\alpha'} \int dt dx \sqrt{-G_{MN} \partial_x X^M(\lambda x) \partial_x X^N(\lambda x)} \\ &= \frac{1}{2\pi\alpha'} \int dt dx' \lambda^{-1} \sqrt{-\lambda^2 G_{MN} \partial_{x'} X^M(x') \partial_{x'} X^N(x')} = E(1). \end{aligned}$$

- To get non-trivial constraints we **must gauge fixed the diffeomorphis invariance**

# Fixing diffeomorphism

- We use the usual static gauge.
- We split the coordinates

$$X^\mu(x) = x^\mu \quad X^\mu \quad (\mu = 0, 1, \dots, p) \text{ -worldvolume}$$

$$X^a(x) = Y^a(x) \quad Y^a \quad (a = p + 1, \dots, D - 1) \text{ -transverse}$$

We impose

- (i) space-time translation invariance on the worldvolume
- (ii)  $\partial_t Y^a = 0$ . truly static

# Constraints on D brane action without gauge fields

- In the static gauge the pull-back metric reads

$$g_{00} = G_{00}, \quad g_{0i} = G_{0i}, \quad g_{ij} = G_{ij} + G_{ab} \partial_i Y^a \partial_j Y^b$$

- The energy is

$$E(\{\lambda_i\}) = T_p \int d^p x e^{-\epsilon\phi} \left( \prod_{i=1}^p \lambda_i^{-1} \right) \left[ \sqrt{-\det(g[\{\lambda_i\}])} - \sqrt{-\det G} \right]$$

•  $\epsilon = 1$  -Dbrane

•  $\epsilon = 0$  -string

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subtraction for

$$\partial_i Y^a = 0$$

$$E=0$$

# Constraints on D brane action without gauge fields

- Derrick's condition is now

$$0 = \frac{dE}{d\lambda_i} = -T_p \int d^p x e^{-\epsilon\phi} \left( \sqrt{-\det g} - \sqrt{-\det G} - \sqrt{-\det g} \sum_l g^{il} (g_{il} - G_{il}) \right)$$

- Where we have used

$$\frac{dg_{kl}}{d\lambda_i} = 2\delta_k^i \lambda_l G_{ab} \partial_i Y^a \partial_l Y^b = 2\delta_k^i \lambda_l (g_{il} - G_{il})$$

- After some algebra we find that the condition is

$$p - \text{tr}(M^{-1}) + \delta > 0$$

$$M = I + \hat{G}^{-1}(Y \cdot Y) \quad \delta = \frac{\hat{g}^{kl} G_{0k} G_{0l} - G_{ij} \hat{g}^{ik} \hat{g}^{jl} G_{0k} G_{0l}}{G_{00} - \hat{g}^{kl} G_{0k} G_{0l}}$$

- This can be obeyed so we **can not exclude Dbrane solitons**

# Constraints on D brane action without gauge fields

- However for  $Y^a$  depending only on a single  $x$

$$\left. \frac{dE}{d\lambda} \right|_{\lambda=1} = 0 = T_p \int d^p x \sqrt{\frac{-\det G}{1 + \hat{G}^{xx} G_{ab} \partial_x Y^a \partial_x Y^b}} \left\{ \sqrt{1 + \hat{G}^{xx} G_{ab} \partial_x Y^a \partial_x Y^b} - 1 \right\}$$

- Since for non-trivial  $\partial_x Y^a$  the integrand is positive the constraints cannot be satisfied.
- **There are no solitons D-branes ( even for  $p=1$ ) that depend on only one coordinate**

# Probe brane in Dp brane background

- The near horizon background has the metric

$$ds^2 = \left(\frac{R}{r}\right)^{(7-p)/2} dr^2 + \left(\frac{r}{R}\right)^{(7-p)/2} \eta_{\mu\nu} dx^\mu dx^\nu + R^2 \left(\frac{r}{R}\right)^{(p-3)/2} d\Omega_{8-p}^2$$

- The dilaton

$$e^\phi = e^{\phi_0} \left(\frac{R}{r}\right)^{(7-p)(3-p)/4}$$

- A RR form

$$C_{p+1} = \frac{1}{a_\epsilon} \left(\frac{r}{R}\right)^{7-p} dx^0 \wedge \dots \wedge dx^p$$

- The DBI+ CS actions read

$$S = -T_p \int d^{p+1}x \left[ e^{-\phi} \sqrt{-g} - C_{p+1} \right] = -\frac{T_p}{g_s} \int d^{p+1}x \left[ \sqrt{-g} - \left(\frac{r}{R}\right)^{7-p} \right]$$

# Probe brane in Dp brane background

- Derrick's condition is now

$$0 = \left. \frac{dE}{d\lambda} \right|_{\lambda=1} = \int d^p x \left( -pL + \frac{r'^2}{\sqrt{1 + r^{p-7} r'^2}} \right)$$

- The **second derivative** condition is  $r^{7-p} \left[ \sqrt{1 + r^{p-7} r'^2} - 1 \right]$

$$\left. \frac{d^2 E}{d\lambda^2} \right|_{\lambda=1} = \int d^p x \left( -(p-2) \frac{r'^2}{\sqrt{1 + r^{p-7} r'^2}} - \frac{r^{p-7} r'^4}{(1 + r^{p-7} r'^2)^{3/2}} \right)$$

- **There are no soliton solutions for any p that obey the stronger condition** of vanishing of the integrand.



# Generalized conditions for Branes with gauge fields

- When electric field is turned on the energy is not just  $-L_{DBI}$  but rather the **Legendre transform**

$$E_{\text{can}} = \int d^p x \frac{\delta S_{DBI}}{\delta \partial_0 A_i} \partial_0 A_i - S_{DBI}.$$

- It is convenient to define  $M$  such that

$$g_{\mu\nu} + 2\pi\alpha' F_{\mu\nu} = g_{\alpha\nu} M_{\mu}^{\alpha}, \quad M_{\mu}^{\nu} = \delta_{\mu}^{\nu} + 2\pi\alpha' F_{\mu}^{\nu}$$

- The energy can be written as

$$E = \frac{T_p}{2} \int d^p x e^{-\phi} \sqrt{-\det g \det M} \left[ 1 + \frac{\det \hat{M}}{\det M} \right]$$

# Deformation constraints on D branes with gauge fields

- Rather than deriving Derrick's condition let's look this time on Manton's constraints

$$\int d^d x \Pi^i_j = 0.$$

- The explicit form of the **stress tensor** reads

$$\begin{aligned} \Pi^i_j = & \mathcal{E} \left( g^{ik} G_{ab} \partial_k Y^a \partial_j Y^b - \delta^i_j \right) \\ & + \frac{1}{2} \left[ \frac{\delta S_{DBI}}{\delta F_{0l}} \left[ 1 - \frac{\det \hat{M}}{\det M} \right] - 2 \frac{S_{DBI}}{\det M} \frac{\delta \det \hat{M}}{\delta F_{0l}} \right] \left( (F_0^i \delta_l^k + F_0^k \delta_l^i) G_{ab} \partial_k Y^a \partial_j Y^b - \delta_l^i F_{0j} \right) \\ & + \frac{1}{2} \left[ \frac{\delta S_{DBI}}{\delta F_{nl}} \left[ 1 - \frac{\det \hat{M}}{\det M} \right] - 2 \frac{S_{DBI}}{\det M} \frac{\delta \det \hat{M}}{\delta F_{nl}} \right] \left( (F_n^i \delta_l^k + F_n^k \delta_l^i) G_{ab} \partial_k Y^a \partial_j Y^b - 2 \delta_n^i F_{jl} \right) \end{aligned}$$

# Adding the WZ terms

- Again like the DBI action we have first to gauge fix
- The pullback of the RR fields is

$$S_{WZ} = T_p \int d^{p+1}x \sum_{n=0}^p \frac{1}{(p-1+n)!} \epsilon^{\mu_1 \dots \mu_n \alpha_1 \dots \alpha_{p+1-n}} C_{\mu_1 \dots \mu_n a_1 \dots a_{p+1-n}} \partial_{\alpha_1} Y^{a_1} \dots \partial_{\alpha_{p+1-n}} Y^{a_{p+1-n}}$$

- For instance for D1 brane the **WZ action** reads

$$\begin{aligned} S_{WZ,D1} &= T_1 \int d^2x \left[ \frac{1}{2} \epsilon^{\mu\nu} C_{\mu\nu}^{(2)} + 2 \frac{1}{2} \epsilon^{\mu\alpha} C_{\mu a}^{(2)} \partial_\alpha Y^a + \frac{1}{2} \epsilon^{\alpha\beta} C_{ab}^{(2)} \partial_\alpha Y^a \partial_\beta Y^b + \frac{1}{2} C^{(0)} \epsilon^{\mu\nu} \tilde{F}_{\mu\nu} \right] \\ &= T_1 \int d^2x \left[ C_{01}^{(2)} + C_{0a}^{(2)} \partial_1 Y^a + C^{(0)} \tilde{F}_{01} \right], \end{aligned} \quad (4.89)$$

- The **contribution to the stress tensor** is

$$\Delta \Pi_1^1 = -T_1 \left[ C_{0a}^{(2)} \partial_1 Y^a + 2\pi\alpha' C^{(0)} F_{01} \right] + T_1 \left[ C_{01}^{(2)} + C_{0a}^{(2)} \partial_1 Y^a + 2\pi\alpha' C^{(0)} F_{01} \right] = T_1 C_{01}^{(2)}$$

- In the absence of gauge fields

$$0 < \int dx \Pi_1^1.$$

- Hence we see again that **there is no D1 soliton solution**

# The D3 brane case

- For the **D3 brane case** the **WZ term** is

$$\begin{aligned}
 S_{WZ,D3} = T_3 \int d^4x \left[ C_{0123}^{(4)} + \frac{1}{2} \epsilon^{ijk} C_{0ajk}^{(4)} \partial_i Y^a + \frac{1}{2} \epsilon^{ijk} C_{0abk}^{(4)} \partial_i Y^a \partial_j Y^b \right. \\
 + \frac{1}{3!} \epsilon^{ijk} C_{0abc}^{(4)} \partial_i Y^a \partial_j Y^b \partial_k Y^c + \frac{1}{2 \cdot 3!} \epsilon^{ijk} C_{0i}^{(2)} \tilde{F}_{jk} + \frac{1}{2 \cdot 3!} \epsilon^{ijk} C_{0a}^{(2)} \partial_i Y^a \tilde{F}_{jk} \\
 \left. + \frac{1}{2 \cdot 3!} \epsilon^{ijk} C_{ij}^{(2)} \tilde{F}_{0k} + \frac{1}{3!} \epsilon^{ijk} C_{ia}^{(2)} \partial_j Y^a \tilde{F}_{0k} + \frac{1}{2 \cdot 3!} \epsilon^{ijk} C_{ab}^{(2)} \partial_i Y^a \partial_j Y^b \tilde{F}_{0k} + \frac{1}{2 \cdot 3!} C^{(0)} \epsilon^{ijk} \tilde{F}_{0i} \tilde{F}_{jk} \right]
 \end{aligned}$$

- The contribution of the WZ term to the **stress tensor**

$$\begin{aligned}
 \Delta \Pi^i_j = -T_3 \left[ \frac{1}{2} \epsilon^{ikl} C_{0akl}^{(4)} \partial_j Y^a + \epsilon^{ikl} C_{0abl}^{(4)} \partial_j Y^a \partial_k Y^b + \frac{1}{2} \epsilon^{ikl} C_{0abc}^{(4)} \partial_j Y^a \partial_k Y^b \partial_l Y^c \right. \\
 + \frac{1}{3!} \epsilon^{ikl} C_{0l}^{(2)} \tilde{F}_{jk} + \frac{1}{3!} \epsilon^{ikl} C_{0a}^{(2)} \partial_l Y^a \tilde{F}_{jk} + \frac{1}{2 \cdot 3!} \epsilon^{ikl} C_{0a}^{(2)} \partial_j Y^a \tilde{F}_{kl} \\
 + \epsilon^{kli} E_j \left( \frac{1}{2 \cdot 3!} C_{kl}^{(2)} + \frac{1}{3!} C_{la}^{(2)} \partial_l Y^a + \frac{1}{2 \cdot 3!} C_{ab}^{(2)} \partial_l Y^a \partial_l Y^b + \frac{1}{2 \cdot 3!} C^{(0)} \tilde{F}_{kl} \right) \\
 \left. + \epsilon^{kil} E_l \left( \frac{1}{3!} C_{ka}^{(2)} \partial_j Y^a + \frac{1}{3!} C_{ab}^{(2)} \partial_k Y^a \partial_j Y^b - \frac{1}{3!} C^{(0)} \tilde{F}_{jk} \right) \right] - \delta^i_j \mathcal{E}_{WZ}.
 \end{aligned}$$

# Application to gravitational backgrounds

- Upon gauge **fixing the diffeomorphism** and parameterizing the metric the dilaton and fluxes we get an action of a bunch of scalar fields with a potential.
- In case that there is a dependence only on the radial direction it is a **1+1 dimensional action**.
- Generically the “kinetic terms” are not positive definite.
- It turns out that the integrand of Derrick’s condition translates to the “**null energy condition**”.
- Let’s demonstrate this

# Application to gravitational backgrounds

- Consider the DC on d **brane solutions of gravity**
- The bosonic part of the SUGRA action in D dimensions

$$S = \int d^D x \sqrt{G} e^{-2\phi} \left( R + 4(\partial\phi)^2 + \frac{c}{\alpha'} \right) \longrightarrow \frac{c}{\alpha'} = \frac{10-D}{\alpha'}$$

$$-\frac{e^{-2\phi}}{2} \int H_{(3)} \wedge \star H_{(3)} - \sum_p \frac{1}{2} \int F_{(p+2)} \wedge \star F_{(p+2)},$$

$H_{(3)}$  is the NS three form

$F_{p+2}$  is a RR form

- We take the metric in the string frame

$$l_s^{-2} ds^2 = d\tau^2 + e^{2\lambda(\tau)} dx_{\parallel}^2 + e^{2\nu(\tau)} d\Omega_k^2$$

$$D = n + k + 1$$

$dx_{\parallel}^2$  is  $n$  dimensional flat metric

$k$  dimensional sphere

# Application to gravitational backgrounds

- In terms of the metric fields and the dilaton

$$S = l_s^{-2} \int d\rho \left( [-n(\lambda')^2 - k(\nu')^2 + (\varphi')^2 + ce^{-2\varphi} + (k-1)ke^{-2\nu-2\varphi}] \right. \\ \left. - Q_{RR}^2 \rho e^{n\lambda - k\nu - \varphi} - Q_{NS}^2 e^{-2k\nu - 2\varphi} \right) \quad d\tau = -e^{-\varphi} d\rho$$

- The “null energy” condition which is a Gauss law associated with fixing  $g_{\tau\tau} = 1$

- It is identical to the integrand of Derrick's condition

$$\left. \frac{dE(\lambda)}{d\lambda} \right|_{\lambda=1} = \int d\tau \left[ n(\partial_\tau \lambda)^2 + k(\partial_\tau \nu)^2 - (\partial_\tau \varphi)^2 + c + (k-1)ke^{-2\nu} \right. \\ \left. - Q_{RR}^2 e^{n\lambda - k\nu + \varphi} - Q_{NS}^2 e^{-2k\nu} \right]$$

# Application to gravitational backgrounds

- Consider the following 1+1 dim model with N degrees of freedom

$$\mathcal{L} = \sqrt{g_0(x) + \sum_{i=1}^N g_i [(\dot{\phi}_i)^2 - \phi_i'^2]} - V(\phi_i)$$

- The **extremum condition** reads

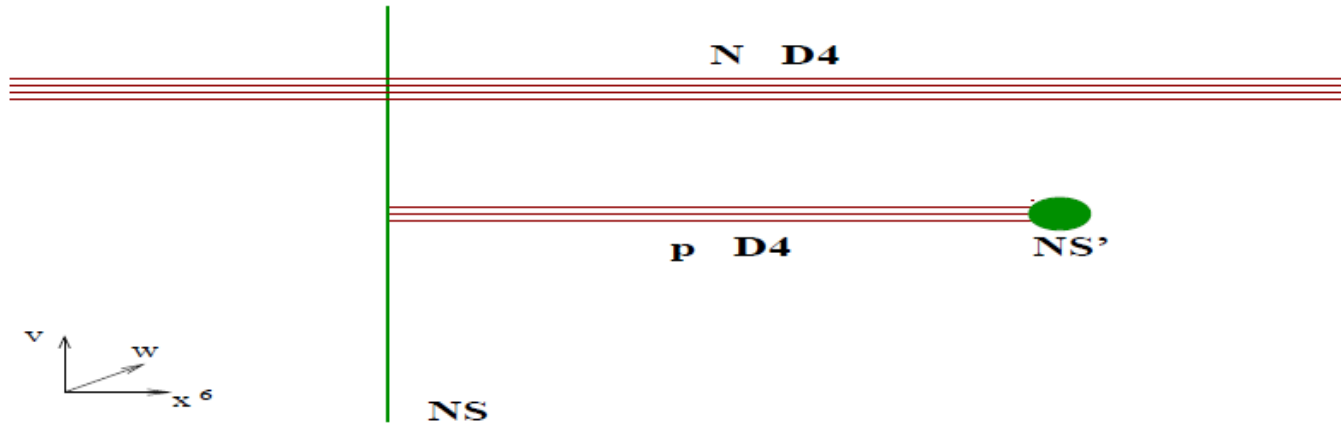
$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dE(\lambda)}{d\lambda} \Big|_{\lambda=1} &= \int dx \left\{ -\sqrt{g_0(\phi_i) - \sum_{i=1}^N g_i [(\phi_i')^2]} + V(\phi_i) - \frac{\sum_{i=1}^N g_i [(\phi_i')^2]}{\sqrt{g_0(x) - \sum_{i=1}^N g_i [(\phi_i')^2]}} \right\} \\ &= \int dx \left\{ V(\phi_i) - \frac{g_0(\phi_i)}{\sqrt{g_0(x) - \sum_{i=1}^N g_i [(\phi_i')^2]}} \right\} = 0 \end{aligned}$$

- The integrand is just the energy of a 0+1 dim. where x is taken to be the time. **Thus the vanishing of the integrand is identical to the "null energy condition"**



# Flavor branes in MQCD

- The type IIA brane configuration [Aharony, Kutasov, Lunin, Yankielowicz]



- Can be uplifted to M theory background

$$ds^2 = H^{-1/3} (dx_\mu^2 + dx_6^2 + dx_{11}^2) + H^{2/3} (|dv|^2 + |dw|^2 + dx_7^2)$$
$$C_6 = H^{-1} d^4x \wedge dx_6 \wedge dx_{11}, \quad H = 1 + \frac{\pi \lambda_N l_s^2}{|\vec{r} - \vec{r}_0|^3},$$

# Flavor branes in MQCD

- The shape of the curved five brane

$$v = u(x_6)e^{i\phi(x_{11})} \sin \alpha(x_6), \quad w = u(x_6)e^{-i\phi(x_{11})} \cos \alpha(x_6)$$

- The induced metric is

$$ds_{ind}^2 = H^{-1/3} \left\{ dx_\mu^2 + [1 + H((u\alpha')^2 + (u')^2)] dx_6^2 + (1 + H(u\dot{\phi})^2) dx_{11}^2 \right\}$$

- The Lagrangian density

$$L = H^{-1} \sqrt{1 + H(u\dot{\phi})^2} \sqrt{1 + H((u\alpha')^2 + (u')^2)} - H^{-1}$$

# Flavor branes in MQCD

- The **Noether charges** associated with the shifts of  $x_6$  and  $\alpha$  are

$$J = \frac{u^2 \alpha' \sqrt{1 + H u^2 / \lambda_p^2}}{\sqrt{1 + H [(u \alpha')^2 + (u')^2]}}$$
$$E = H^{-1} - \frac{H^{-1} \sqrt{1 + H u^2 / \lambda_p^2}}{\sqrt{1 + H [(u \alpha')^2 + (u')^2]}}$$

- Applying Derrick's condition yields

$$\frac{dE(\lambda)}{d\lambda} \Big|_{\lambda=1} = \int dx H^{-1} \left\{ 1 - \frac{\sqrt{1 + H u^2 / \lambda_p^2}}{\sqrt{1 + H [(u \alpha')^2 + (u')^2]}} \right\} = 0$$

- The integrand is identical to the Noether charge  $E$  thus the condition translates to “**null energy condition**”

# Application to spatially modulated models

- **Spatial modulation** (S.M) was identified in YM+CS theory on an **AdS<sub>5</sub> black-hole**

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{\sqrt{-g}}{\alpha^2} \left[ -\frac{1}{4} \tilde{F}_{IJ} \tilde{F}^{IJ} + \frac{1}{3! \sqrt{-g}} \epsilon^{IJKLM} \tilde{A}_I \tilde{F}_{JK} \tilde{F}_{LM} \right]$$

- The background metric is given by

$$ds^2 = -H(r)dt^2 + H(r)^{-1}dr^2 + r^2 d\vec{x}^2 \quad \text{with} \quad \vec{x} = (x_2, x_3, x_4)$$

- With the warp factor

$$H(r) = r^2 \left[ 1 - \left( \frac{r_+}{r} \right)^4 \right]$$

# Application to spatially modulated models

- The background electric field is given by

$$\lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} \tilde{F}_{0r} = \frac{E}{r^3} = -\frac{2r_+^3}{\pi T r^3}$$

- The **spatially modulated solution**

$$\tilde{A}_0 = f(r), \quad \tilde{A}_3 + i\tilde{A}_4 = h(r)e^{ikx_2}$$

- The equations of motion

$$\begin{aligned} \partial_r (r^3 f' + 2kh^2) &= 0 \\ \partial_r (rHh') - \frac{k^2}{r}h + 4f'kh &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

# Application to spatially modulated models

- Integrating the first equation we end up with

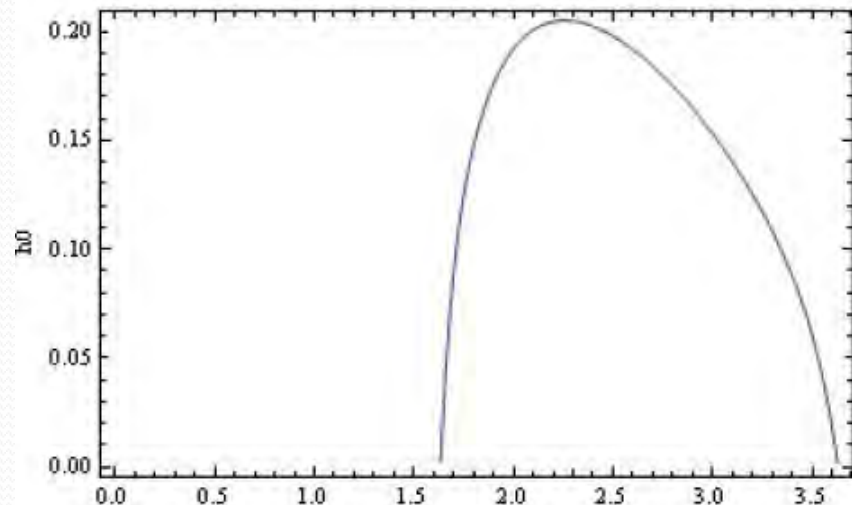
$$r^3 \partial_r (r H h') - r^2 k^2 h - 4kh \left( \tilde{E} + 2kh^2 \right) = 0$$

$$r^3 f' + 2kh^2 = -\tilde{E}$$

- This equation admits solution with amplitude

$$h(r_+) = h_0 \text{ nonzero}$$

- The relation between  $h_0$  and  $k$

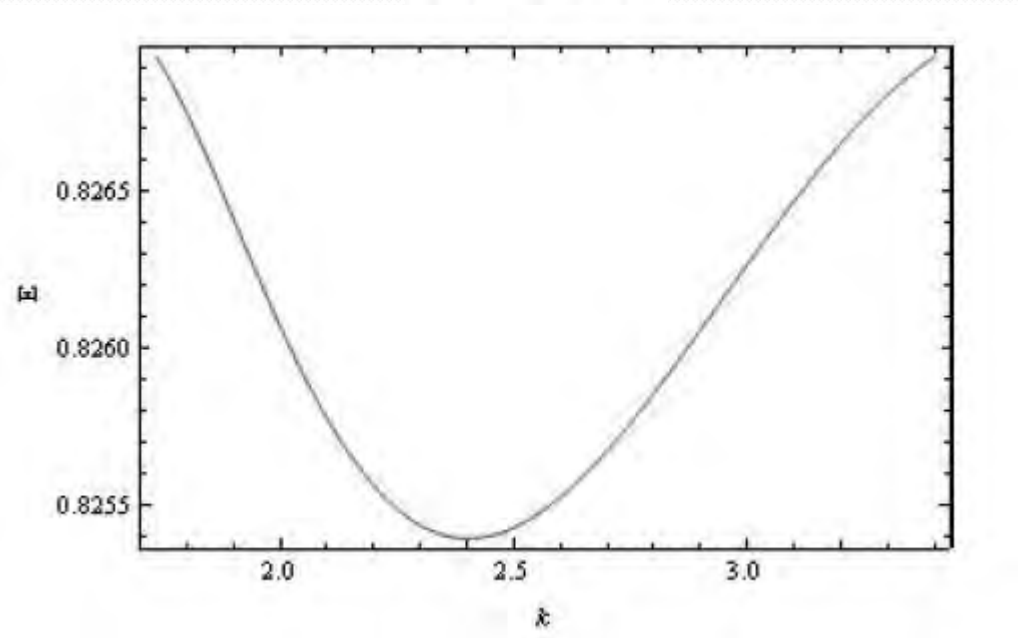


# Application to spatially modulated models

- The **energy density** of the boundary field theory is

$$\langle \mathcal{E} \rangle = \int_{r_+}^{\infty} dr \left[ \frac{1}{2r^3} \left( \tilde{E} + 2kh^2 \right)^2 + \frac{k^2 h^2}{2r} + \frac{r H h'^2}{2} \right]$$

- It is **minimized** at  $kr_+ = 2.38$



# The stiffness tensor

- The **energy density** is given by

$$\mathcal{E} = \int_{r_+}^{\infty} dr \sqrt{-g} \left[ \frac{1}{2} |g^{00}| g^{ij} F_{0i} F_{0j} + \frac{1}{2} |g^{00}| g^{rr} F_{0r} F_{0r} + \frac{1}{2} g^{rr} g^{ij} F_{ri} F_{rj} + \frac{1}{4} g^{ik} g^{jl} F_{ij} F_{kl} \right]$$

- The expression for the **stiffness tensor** is complicated
- For the unit vectors

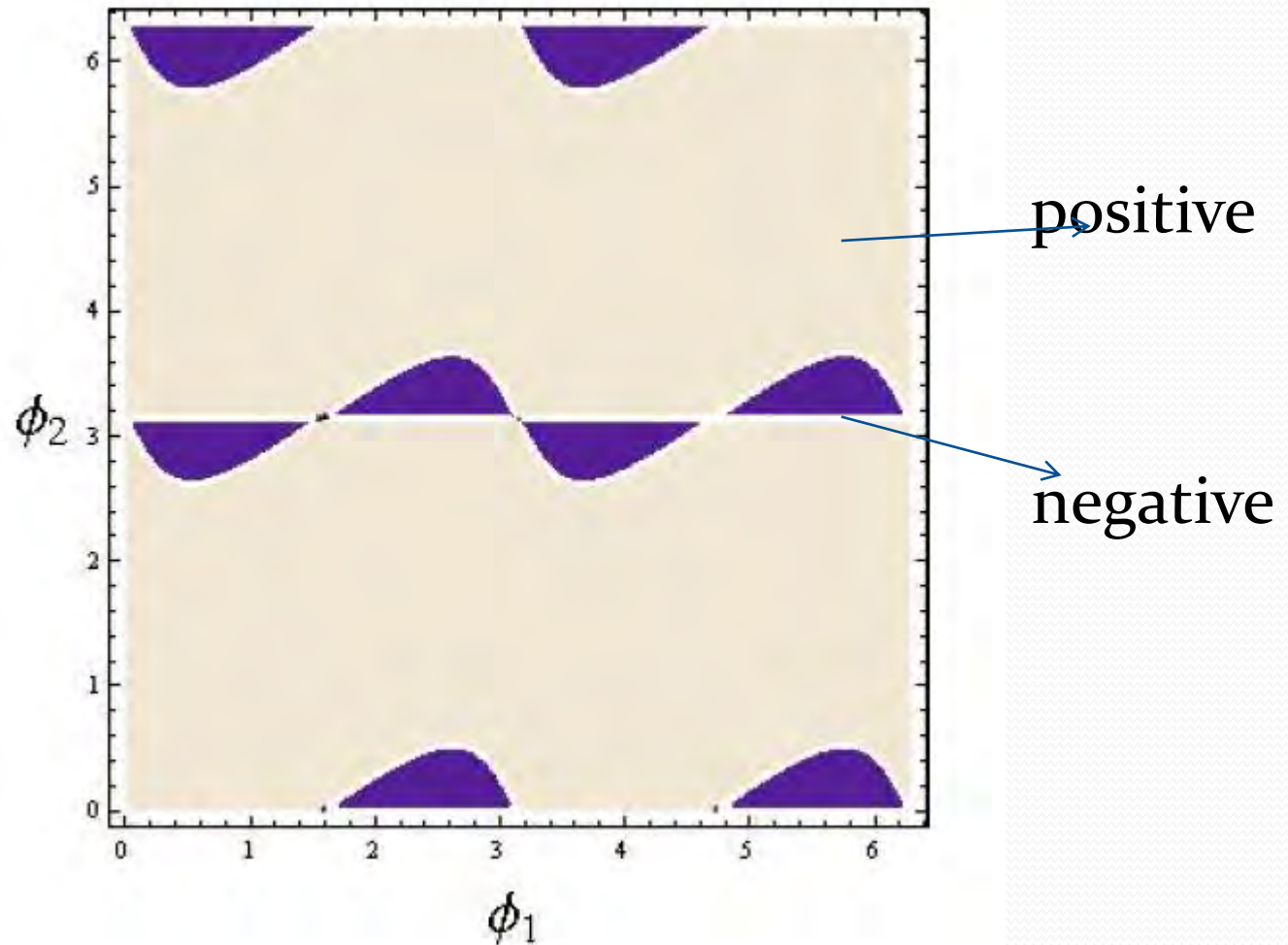
$$\hat{a} = (0, \cos \varphi_1, \sin \varphi_1), \quad \hat{b} = (0, \cos \varphi_2, \sin \varphi_2)$$

It is given by

$$C_{jm}^{il} \hat{a}_i \hat{a}_l \hat{b}^j \hat{b}^m = \int_{r_+}^{\infty} dr \frac{k^2 h^2}{r} \left[ 1 + \frac{1}{2} \cos(2(\varphi_1 - \varphi_2)) - \frac{1}{2} \cos(2(kx_2 - \varphi_1)) - \cos(2(kx_2 - \varphi_2)) \right]$$



# The stiffness tensor



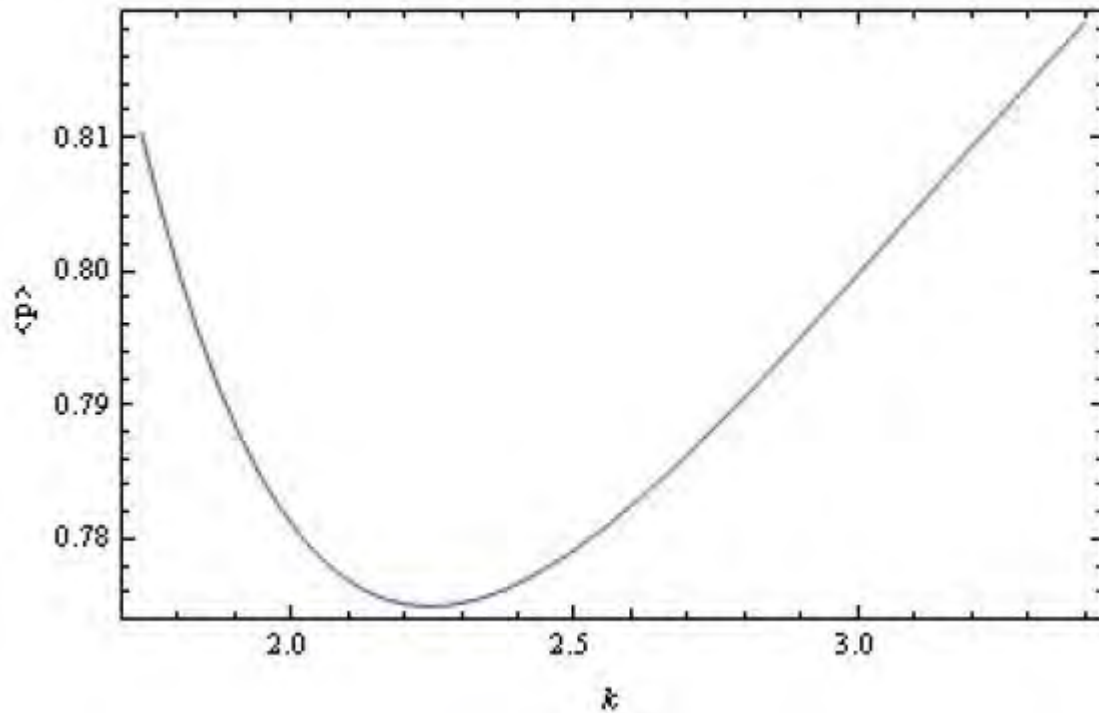
Thus there are regions which indeed correspond to minima but other ( blue ones) correspond to maxima

# Stress foreces

- We check now for the stability against deformation in the  $x_2$  direction

$$p_2 = T_2^2 = -\frac{1}{2r^3} \left( \tilde{E} + 2kh^2 \right)^2 - \frac{k^2 h^2}{2r} + \frac{rHh'^2}{2}$$

- The pressure is negative for all  $k$  and has a maximum for  $kr_+ \simeq 2.25$
- In the region  $\partial_k \langle p \rangle < 0$  the system is **not restored**
- **The** minimum of the free energy at  $kr_+ \simeq 2.4$  is in the **instability region**



# Summary and open questions

- We unified and generalized **Derrick's and Manton constraints on solitons**.
- We have applied the conditions to systems of solutions with **global currents**
- **Sigma model** and higher derivative actions
- **DBI electromagnetism**
- **Dbranes** including the **DBI and WZ** terms
- The method can be applied to many more “modern solitons”
- In particular we are investigating the stability of the **spatially modulated** brane and bulk solutions.