

Bounds on spin-two KK masses

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Introduction

KK spectrum: one of the most important piece of data associated to a compactification

- Full spectrum: relevant for holography
- Smallest masses: scale separation, massive graviton models

[Kim, Romans, Van Nieuwenhuizen '85;
Fabbri, Fré, Gualtieri, Termonia '99;
Ceresole, Dall'Agata, D'Auria, Ferrara '99...]

[Lüst, Palti, Vafa '19;
Klaewer, Lüst, Palti '18...]
[Karch, Randall '00...]

Explicit computation relies on symmetries:

- Homogeneous spaces
- Exceptional/generalized geometry:

[Kim, Romans, Van Nieuwenhuizen '85;
Fabbri, Fré, Gualtieri, Termonia '99;
Ceresole, Dall'Agata, D'Auria, Ferrara '99...]

[Malek, Samtleben, '19;
Malek, Nicolai, Samtleben, '20...]

- gauge fixing; disentangling different spins; ...

⇒ problem is reduced to eigenvalues of **internal diff. operators**

Example:
Freund–Rubin

Table 5 review: [Duff, Nilsson, Pope '86]
Mass operators from the Freund–Rubin ansatz

Spin	Mass operator
2^+	Δ_0 ← Laplace–Beltrami
$(3/2)^{(1), (2)}$	$\not{D}_{1/2} + 7m/2$
$1^{-(1), (2)}$	$\Delta_1 + 12m^2 \pm 6m(\Delta_1 + 4m^2)^{1/2}$
1^+	Δ_2 ← Laplace–de Rham
$(1/2)^{(4), (1)}$	$\not{D}_{1/2} - 9m/2$
$(1/2)^{(3), (2)}$	$3m/2 - \not{D}_{3/2}$
$0^{+(1), (3)}$	$\Delta_0 + 44m^2 \pm 12m(\Delta_0 + 9m^2)^{1/2}$
$0^{+(2)}$	$\Delta_L - 4m^2$
$0^{-(1), (2)}$	$Q^2 + 6mQ + 8m^2$

Lichnerowicz

- For spin-two, operator is always **weighted Laplacian**

$$\Delta_f \psi \equiv -e^{-f} \nabla^m (e^f \nabla_m \psi)$$

[Csaki, Erlich, Hollowood, Shirman'00; Bachas, Estes '11]

$$f = (D - 2)A$$

total dimension

$$ds_D^2 = e^{2A} (ds_d^2 + ds_n^2)$$

warping

internal 'de-warped' metric

This talk: mathematical bounds on KK masses

- unwarped case: Laplace eigenvalues, long history

many bounds require assumptions about curvature.

for example: Ricci positive definite $\Rightarrow \frac{\pi^2}{4\text{diam}^2} \leq m_1^2 \leq \frac{2n(n+4)}{\text{diam}^2}$ [Li, Yau '80]
[Cheng '75]

dimension

smallest mass

- warping seemingly spoils the old results

but more recent ideas: Bakry–Émery geometry, optimal transport
of current mathematical interest!

[Sturm '06; Lott, Villani '07;
Ambrosio, Gigli, Savaré 14...]

luckily, Ricci+warping combine in EoM in the 'right' mathematical way.

Plan

- Einstein equations

Curvature, warping, and the weighted Raychaudhuri equation

- Overview of bounds

in terms of Planck mass; Cheeger constant; diameter

- Examples and applications

gravity localization; scale separation

Einstein equations

Consider a **higher-dimensional** gravity $m_D^{D-2} \int d^D x \sqrt{-g_D} R_D + \text{matter}$

[De Luca, AT '20]

previous attempts in
[Gautason, Schillo,
Van Riet, Williams '15]

and a compactification $ds_D^2 = e^{2A} (ds_d^2 + ds_n^2)$

max. symmetric \nearrow 'de-warped' internal

$$\text{EoM: } R_{MN} = \frac{1}{2} m_D^{2-D} \left(T_{MN} - \frac{1}{D-2} g_{MN} T \right) \equiv \hat{T}_{MN}$$

internal:

$$R_{mn} + (D-2)(-\nabla_m \nabla_n A + \partial_m A \partial_n A) = \underbrace{\left(\Lambda - \frac{1}{d} \hat{T}_{(d)} \right)}_{\parallel} g_{mn} + \hat{T}_{mn}$$

$$= \Lambda g_{mn} + \underbrace{\left(\hat{T}_{mn} - \frac{1}{d} g_{mn} \hat{T}_{(d)} \right)}_{\text{non-negative}} \geq \Lambda g_{mn}$$

non-negative

["Reduced Energy Condition"]

- for all bulk fields in type II and $d = 11$ sugra

- potentials

- for brane sources

But sources create **singularities**. It would be best to avoid derivatives...

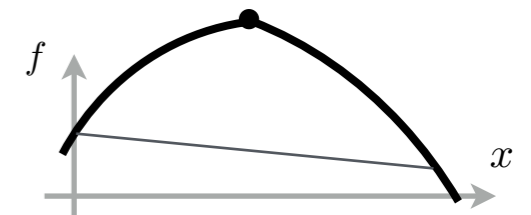
- Inspiration: functions of one variable

$$f'' \leq 0$$

generalize to **non-smooth** functions:



concavity



- Consider a distribution of particles moving geodesically:

Entropy: $S = - \int_M \sqrt{g} \rho \log \rho$

$$\rho(x) \text{ such that } \int_M \sqrt{g} \rho = 1$$

$$\partial_t^2 S = - \int_M \sqrt{g} \rho (\nabla_m U_n \nabla^m U^n + R_{mn} U^m U^n)$$

velocity field



$$R_{mn} \geq 0$$

generalize to **non-smooth spaces**:



$$\partial_t^2 S \leq 0$$

- Weighted ‘Tsallis entropy’: homogeneous (rather than extensive) [$\sim \log$ Rényi entropy]

[Havrda, Charvat '67;
Patil, Taillie '82; Tsallis '88]

$$S_{N,f} \equiv N \left(1 - \int_M \sqrt{g} e^f \rho^{\frac{N-1}{N}} \right)$$

$$\partial_t^2 S_{N,f} \leq - \int_M \sqrt{g} e^f \rho^{\frac{N-1}{N}} \left(\underbrace{R_{mn} - \nabla_m \nabla_n f + \frac{1}{n-N} \nabla_m f \nabla_n f}_{R_{mn}^{N,f}} \right) U^m U^n$$

“Bakry–Émery curvature”

[Bakry, Émery '85]

N ‘effective dimension’:
played \sim role of rank of $\nabla_m U_n$

$$R_{mn}^{N,f} \geq 0 \xrightarrow{\text{generalize to non-smooth spaces:}} \partial_t^2 S_{N,f} \leq 0$$

this leads to the ‘Riemann-Curvature-Dimension’ [RCD] condition

[Sturm '06; Lott, Villani '07;
Ambrosio, Gigli, Savaré 14]

[One can also reformulate the Einstein equations in this language]

[McCann '19; Mondino, Suhr '19;
De Luca, De Ponti, Mondino, AT '22]

- our earlier EoM bound in terms of BE curvature:

$$R_{mn}^{N,f} = R_{mn} + (D - 2)(-\nabla_m \nabla_n A + \partial_m A \partial_n A) \geq \Lambda g_{mn}$$

$$f = (D - 2)A$$

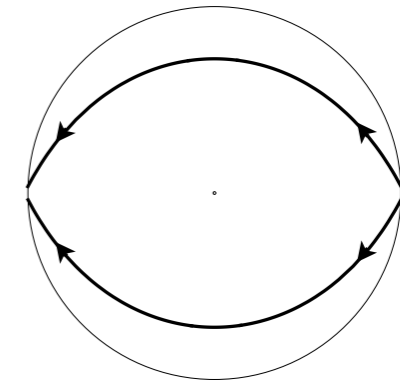
$$N = 2 - d < 0$$

but still OK

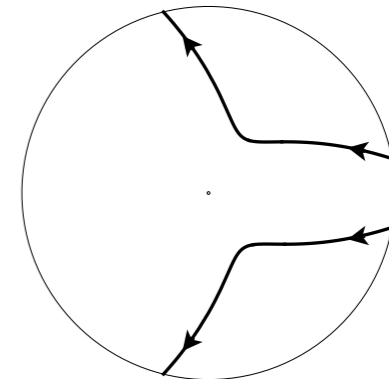
- for brane singularities, generalized to ‘RCD(N, Λ)’: \sim concavity of entropy

[De Luca, De Ponti,
Mondino, AT ‘22]

geodesics attracted
by a **D-brane**...



... but repelled
by an **O-plane**



- for O-planes this doesn't work.

Here we use ‘infinitesimally Hilbertian spaces’: broader class useful for bounds that don't require information about curvature.

[De Luca, De Ponti,
Mondino, AT ‘22]

Overview of bounds

[De Luca, AT '20;
De Luca, De Ponti,
Mondino, AT '21, '22]

- Upper, lower bounds
- On lightest or on higher masses
- Different degrees of generality: smooth spaces, branes, O-planes

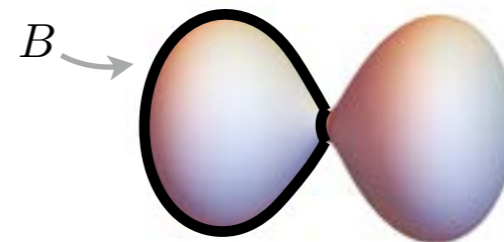
- In terms of

- 4d Planck mass $M_4^2 \sim M_D^{D-2} \int_M \sqrt{g} e^{(D-2)A}$ [if unwarped: int. volume]

- **diameter**: max. distance between any two points in M

- **Cheeger constant** h_1 : small when space has small 'neck'

$$h_1 = \min_B \frac{\text{vol}_A(\partial B)}{\text{vol}_A(B)} \quad \text{'min. of } \frac{\text{perimeter}}{\text{area}}$$



$$\text{vol}_A(B) \equiv \int_B \sqrt{g} e^{(D-2)A}$$

4d Planck mass Cheeger diameter

[presence
of necks]



upper	m_k [smooth; warp.]	m_1 [D-branes; warp.] $\frac{m_k}{m_1^2}$ [O-planes]	m_k [smooth; warp.]
lower		m_k [O-planes]	m_1 [D-branes]

- [smooth] \subset [D-branes] \subset [O-planes]
 spaces with spaces with
 D-brane sing. O-plane sing.

- [warp.]: bound contains $\sigma \equiv \sup_M (D - 2) |dA| \longrightarrow$ sometimes bound becomes useless for M noncompact

- common technique: minimizing $\frac{\int e^f \sqrt{g} |\nabla \psi|^2}{\int e^f \sqrt{g} |\psi|^2}$ [e.g. Cheeger: test ψ related to B]

Gravity localization

- If weighted volume $\text{vol}_A(M) = \int_M \sqrt{g} e^{(D-2)A} = \infty$, no massless graviton.

smallest mass: $m_1^2 \leq \max \left\{ \frac{21}{20} h_1 \sqrt{K}, \frac{22}{20} h_1^2 \right\}$

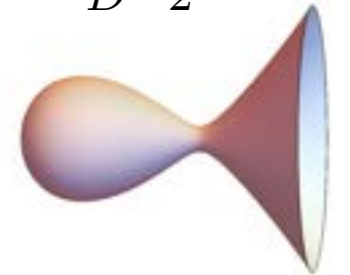
adapting
[De Ponti, Mondino '19]

[includes D-branes]

small 'neck' \Rightarrow **Light** massive spin-two

$$h_1 = \min_B \frac{\text{vol}_A(\partial B)}{\text{vol}_A(B)}$$

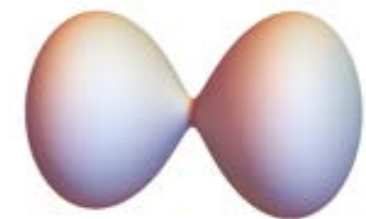
$$K \equiv |\Lambda| + \frac{\sigma^2}{D-2}$$



- If M is compact, lightest spin-two above graviton:

[relevant for 'bigravity' models]

smallest mass: $m_1^2 \leq \max \left\{ \frac{21}{10} h_1 \sqrt{K}, \frac{22}{5} h_1^2 \right\}$



[De Luca, De Ponti, Mondino, AT '21, '22]

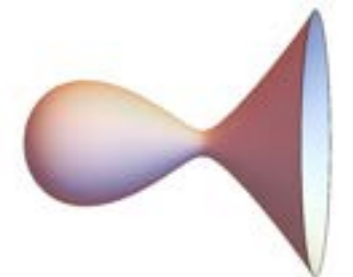
- For localization we would also like $m_2 \gg m_1$.

$$\frac{h_k^2}{Ck^6} < m_k^2 \quad \text{[includes O-planes]}$$

for example
 m_2 large on

‘higher’ Cheeger detect presence of ‘more necks’

$$h_k \equiv \inf_{B_0, \dots, B_k} \max_{0 \leq i \leq k} \frac{\text{vol}_A(\partial B_i)}{\text{vol}_A(B_i)}$$



- Concrete class of examples: $\mathcal{N} = 4$ AdS₄ vacua

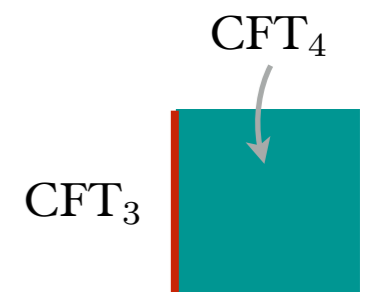
[D’Hoker, Estes, Gutperle ’07]
[Assel, Bachas, Estes, Gomis ’11]
[Bachas, Lavdas ’17, ’18]

- we can show quickly that gravity localizes

- string realization of Karch–Randall model [Karch, Randall ’00]

Cheeger constant has a holographic interpretation:

$$h_1 \propto \frac{\mathcal{F}_0(\text{CFT}_4)}{\mathcal{F}_0(\text{CFT}_3)}$$



- bonus: no localization with non-constant zero modes

[De Luca, De Ponti, Mondino, AT WIP]

- On the other hand:

$$m_k^2 \leq \frac{128k^2 m_1^4}{h_1^2}$$

[includes O-planes]

+ previous result on m_1



$$m_k^2 < 600k^2 \max \left\{ m_1^2, |\Lambda| + \frac{\sigma^2}{D-2} \right\}$$

so: $m_1^2 > |\Lambda| + \frac{\sigma^2}{D-2} \Rightarrow m_k^2 < 600k^2 m_1^2$

above this threshold, no mass hierarchy;
in agreement with ‘Spin-2 conjecture’

\Rightarrow KK scale $\sim m_1$

[Klaewer, Lüst, Palti '18]
[de Rham, Heisenberg, Tolley '18]
[Bachas '19]

Scale separation

- Can we make $\sqrt{\Lambda} \ll m_1$ for AdS vacua?

our earlier upper bounds don't exclude this, not even without sources

[unless a nontrivial bound on diameter is found]

empirical bound on d among SE's:
[Collins, Jafferis, Vafa, Xu, Yau '22]
and among sphere quotients:
[Gorodski, Lange, Lytchak, Mendes '19]

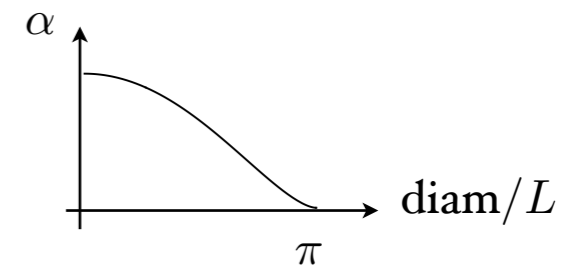
- **lower** bounds can be useful for establishing scale separation in a given solution.

$$\frac{h_1^2}{4} \leq m_1^2$$

[includes O-planes]

$$\alpha \left(\frac{\text{diam}}{L_{\text{AdS}}} \right) \frac{1}{\text{diam}^2} \leq m_1^2$$

[includes D-branes]



[De Luca, De Ponti,
Mondino, AT '21, '22];
diam. bound inspired by
[Calderon '19]

- famous example: f_0, f_4, h (NSNS 3-form), O6

[DeWolfe, Giriyavets, Kachru, Taylor '05]

violates the REC \Rightarrow no curvature bound

$$\text{large } N \propto \int F_4$$

\Rightarrow can use internal CY

$$r \sim N^{1/4} \ll r_{\text{AdS}} \sim N^{3/4} \quad \checkmark$$

\exists approximate 10d 'uplift'

[Acharya, Benini, Valandro '06;
Junghans '20; Marchesano, Palti, Quirant, AT '20]

estimate of
Cheeger constant:

- B tube around O6: $\frac{\text{per}(B)}{\text{vol}(B)} \rightarrow \infty$

$$m_1^2 \geq \frac{h_1^2}{4} \sim N^{-1/2}$$

- B tube elsewhere: $\frac{\text{per}(B)}{\text{vol}(B)} \sim 1/r \quad \checkmark$

$$\Downarrow \\ |\Lambda| \quad \checkmark$$

- A potentially simpler example: T-dualize, lifting to M-theory

\Rightarrow smooth AdS₄ \times (weak G₂)₇ ?

[Cribiori, Junghans, Van Hemelryck,
Van Riet, Wrase '19]

$$F_4 \sim N \text{vol}_{\text{AdS}_4}$$

$$L \sim N^{7/6}$$

$$\text{diam} \sim N^{11/12}$$

$$m_1^2 \geq \frac{c}{\text{diam}^2} \sim N^{-11/24} \gg |\Lambda| \sim N^{-7/12} \quad \checkmark$$

- Another way to obtain scale separation: Casimir energy

violates the REC \Rightarrow no curvature bound

\Rightarrow can use internal torus

[De Luca, De Ponti,
Mondino, AT '22]

similar to
[Arkani-Hamed, Dubovsky,
Nicolis, Villadoro '07]

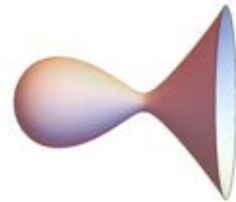
'Freund-Rubin' $\text{AdS}_4 \times T^7$:

$$\langle T_{\mu\nu}^{\text{Cas}} \rangle = \frac{\ell_P}{R_7^{11}} g_{\mu\nu}$$

$$\langle T_{mn}^{\text{Cas}} \rangle = -\frac{4}{7} \frac{\ell_P}{R_7^{11}} g_{mn}$$

$$\Rightarrow L \sim N^{11/3} \quad \text{diam} \sim N^{2/3}$$

Conclusions

- Einstein equations imply bound on ‘Bakry–Émery curvature’ (Ricci+warping)
- ‘Synthetic’ point of view: local curvature as **entropy concavity**
 - ⇒ bound still makes sense on ‘attractive’ singularities
- Upper and lower bounds on **spin-2 KK masses**
 - in terms of Planck mass; Cheeger constant; diameter
 - ⇒ gravity localization in solutions with ‘necks’ 
 - ⇒ confirms scale separation for some approximate solutions

Backup Slides

- mass bounds in terms of the **diameter**

[largest distance between any two points]

empirical bound on d among SE's:
 [Collins, Jafferis, Vafa, Xu, Yau '22]
 and among sphere quotients:
 [Gorodski, Lange, Lytchak, Mendes '19]

- $m_k^2 \leq n \left(|\Lambda| + \frac{D-1}{D-2} \sigma^2 \right) + \gamma(n) \frac{k^2}{\text{diam}^2}$

[De Luca, AT '21] using [Setti '98]

for now, M_n smooth.

[Using RCD($N < 0$) it *might*
 be possible to get rid of σ .]

[De Luca, De Ponti,
 Mondino, AT: *WIP*]

- $m_1^2 \geq \frac{c(d)}{\text{diam}^2}$

so small diameter does imply scale separation
 for spin-2. For now, no O-planes

[Calderon '19;
 De Luca, De Ponti,
 Mondino, AT: '22 *to appear*]

• bounds in terms of **Cheeger constant**

$$h_1(M_n) \equiv \inf_B \frac{\int_{\partial B} \sqrt{g_{\partial B}} e^{(D-2)A} d^{n-1}x}{\int_B \sqrt{g} e^{(D-2)A} d^n x}$$

[De Luca, De Ponti, Mondino, AT '21]

'min. of $\frac{\text{perimeter}}{\text{area}}$ '

a space where h_1 is small has a small 'neck':



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- ↑ ↑
- broad class, including O-planes RCD(K, ∞) sing.
- [recall: includes D-branes]

adapting [De Ponti, Mondino '19]
 $K \equiv |\Lambda| + \frac{\sigma^2}{D-2}$

[De Luca, De Ponti, Mondino, AT '22 to appear]

- higher masses: $\frac{h_k^2}{Ck^6} < m_k^2 < 600k^2 \max \left\{ K, 2\sqrt{K} h_k, 5h_k^2 \right\}$

$$h_k \equiv \inf_{B_0, \dots, B_k} \max_{0 \leq i \leq k} \frac{\int_{\partial B_i} e^f \overline{dvol}_{n-1}}{\int_{B_i} e^f \overline{dvol}_n}$$

a space where h_2 is small (but not h_3):

here h_1 small, h_2 large:



Raychaudhuri/Bochner eq.

- Consider now a distribution of particles moving along geodesics

expansion $\theta \equiv \nabla_\mu U^\mu$: behavior of density around a point

tangent vector: U^μ

$$\text{Raychaudhuri eq.: } -\nabla_U \theta = \underbrace{\nabla_\mu U_\nu \nabla^\mu U^\nu}_{\forall} + R_{\mu\nu} U^\mu U^\nu$$

$$\{\text{Tr}M^2 \geq \frac{1}{r} (\text{Tr}M)^2\}$$

↖ rank

in many applications: $\frac{1}{r} \theta^2$

in 4d, $r = 1$ (massive) or $r = 2$ (massless)

- with measure $\int \sqrt{g} e^f$, more natural $\theta_f \equiv e^{-f} \nabla_\mu (e^f U^\mu)$

$$\Rightarrow \text{weighted Raychaudhuri: } -\nabla_U \theta_f = \nabla_\mu U_\nu \nabla^\mu U^\nu + (R_{\mu\nu} - \nabla_\mu \nabla_\nu f) U^\mu U^\nu$$

$$N < 0$$

$$\geq \underbrace{(R_{\mu\nu} - \nabla_\mu \nabla_\nu f + \frac{1}{n-N} \nabla_\mu f \nabla_\nu f)}_{\text{III}} U^\mu U^\nu + \frac{1}{N} \theta_f^2$$

‘negative effective dimension’

$$R_{\mu\nu}^{N,f}$$

“Bakry–Émery curvature”

[Bakry, Émery ‘85]