



# Vacuum densities for branes orthogonal to AdS boundary

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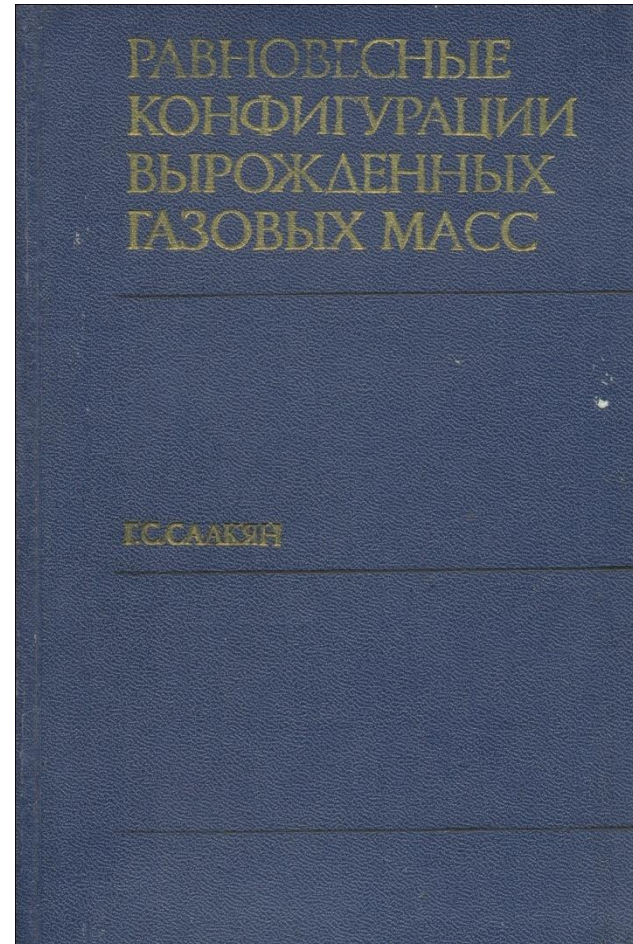
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# Outline

- Anti-de Sitter spacetime as a background geometry in QFT
- Geometry, field and boundary conditions
- Mean field squared
- VEV of the energy-momentum tensor and the Casimir forces
- Conclusions

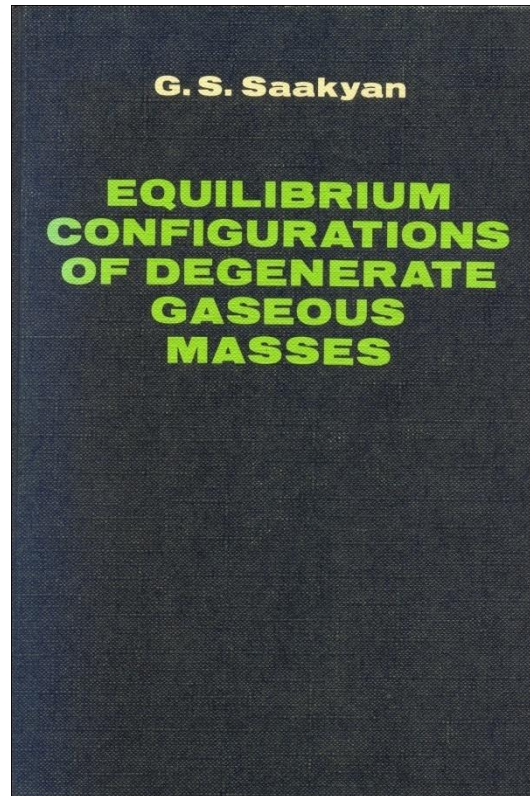


Equilibrium configurations  
of degenerate gaseous masses

G.S. Sahakyan

Moscow, 1972

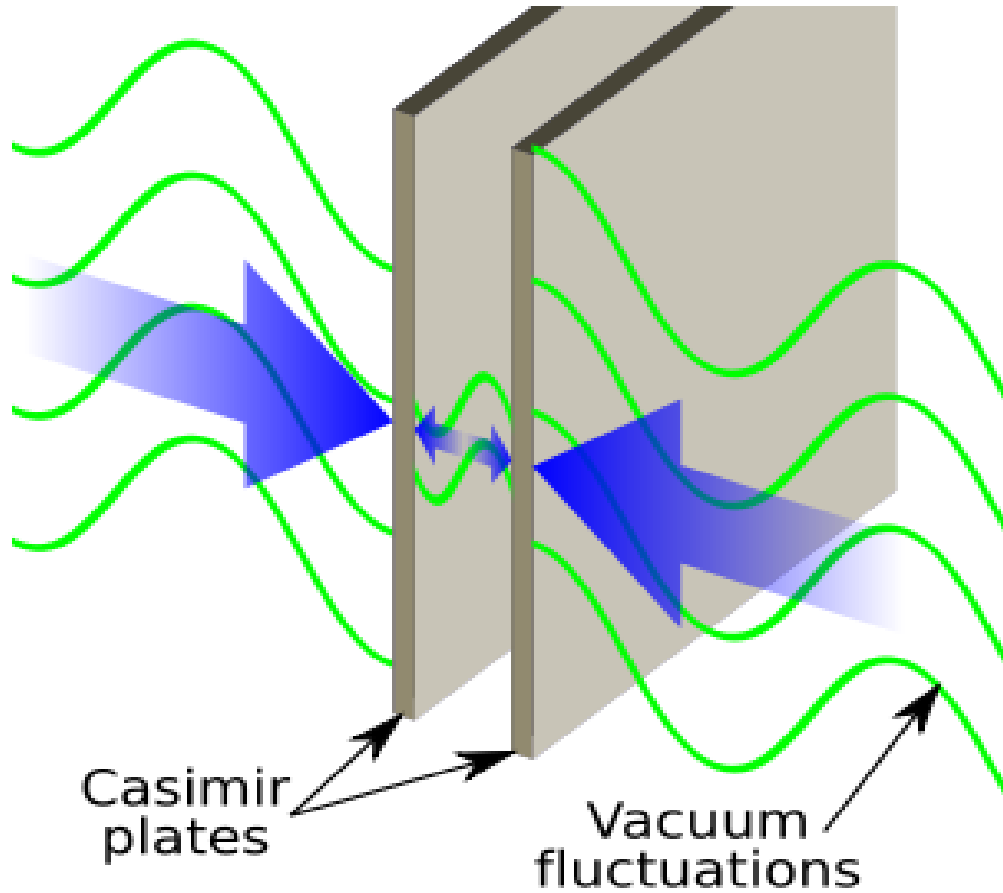
It was translated into English and was issued abroad **in 2 years period,**  
**that was very short in those days.**



The English edition of the  
monograph by G.S.  
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in 1974.

# Casimir effect

Parallel metallic plates



$$\frac{F_C}{S} = -\frac{\partial E_C}{\partial a} = -\frac{\hbar c \pi^2}{240a^4}$$

# Aim

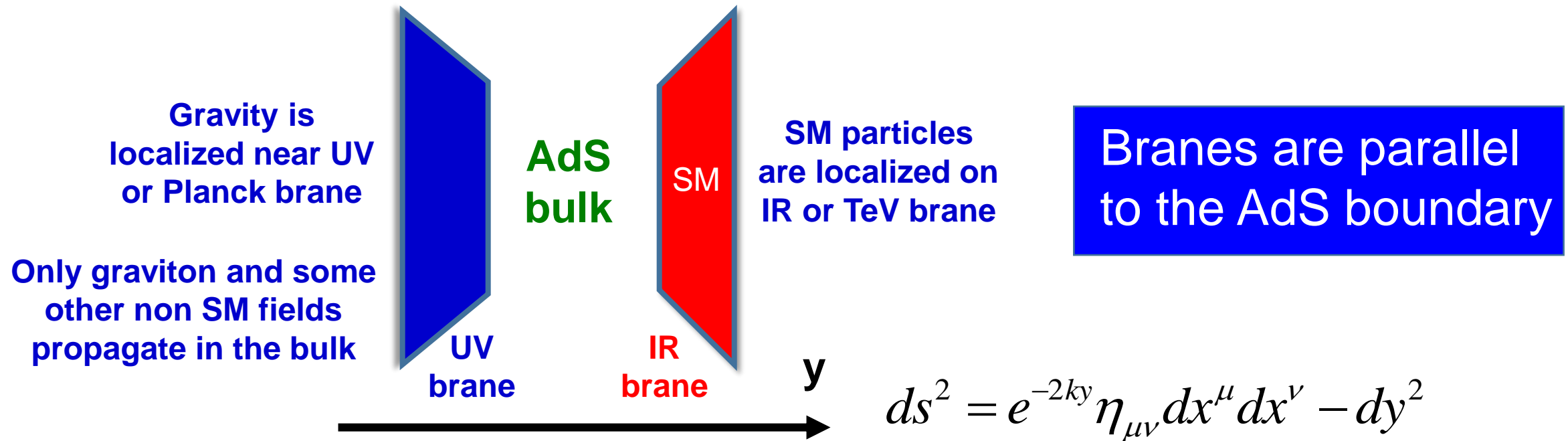
- We aim to consider combined effects of **boundaries** and **gravity** on the properties of quantum vacuum
- Gravitational field is considered as a **classical curved background**
- **Back-reaction** of quantum effects is described by Einstein equations with the expectation value of the energy-momentum tensor for quantum fields in the right-hand side
- This hybrid but very useful scheme is an important intermediate step to the development of **quantum gravity**
- Among the most interesting effects in this field are the **particle production** and the **vacuum polarization** by strong gravitational fields
- As a background geometry we consider **AdS spacetime**

# Importance of AdS in QFT on curved backgrounds

- Because of the **high symmetry**, numerous problems are **exactly solvable** on AdS bulk and this may shed light on the influence of a classical gravitational field on the quantum matter in more general geometries
- **Questions of principal nature** related to the quantization of fields propagating on curved backgrounds
- AdS spacetime generically arises as a **ground state** in extended supergravity and in string theories
- **AdS/Conformal Field Theory correspondence**: Relates string theories or supergravity in the bulk of AdS with a conformal field theory living on its boundary
- **Braneworld models**: Provide a solution to the hierarchy problem between the gravitational and electroweak scales
- Braneworlds naturally appear in **string/M-theory** context and provide a novel setting for discussing phenomenological and cosmological issues related to extra dimensions

# Randall-Sundrum-type braneworlds

- Original **Randall-Sundrum model** (RS1) offers a solution to the **hierarchy problem** by postulating 5D AdS spacetime bounded by two (3+1)-dimensional branes

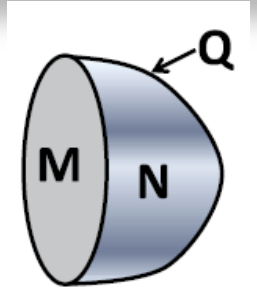


- Hierarchy problem between the gravitational and electroweak scales is solved for ***k · distance between branes = 40***
- The **Casimir effect** has been widely investigated in braneworlds setup and provides an attractive mechanism to **stabilize the interbrane distance**



# Surfaces intersecting AdS boundary and Ryu-Takayanagi conjecture

■ AdS/BCFT correspondence maps **conformal field theory** on a manifold with boundary (**BCFT**) to asymptotically AdS spacetime with additional boundary



■ Consider CFT living on the boundary  $\partial\Sigma$  of AdS spacetime

■ Conjecture provides a **geometric interpretation** of the **entanglement entropy** in CFT

■ Entanglement entropy of CFT in spatial sub-region  $A \subset \partial\Sigma$  with its complement  $\bar{A}$

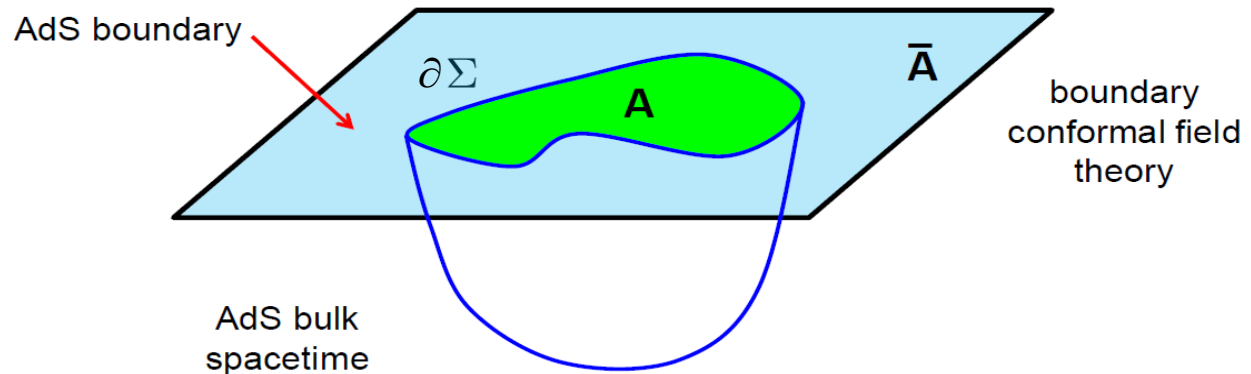
$$S_A = \frac{\text{Area of } \gamma_A}{4G} \quad \text{Ryu-Takayanagi formula}$$

■ Surface  $\gamma_A$  in the bulk satisfies the properties:

- Has the same boundary as  $A$
- Is homologous to  $A$
- Extremizes the area

Compare with **Bekenstein-Hawking** formula for black hole entropy

$$S_A = \frac{\text{Area of event horizon}}{4G}$$



# Geometry

- (D+1)-dimensional AdS spacetime

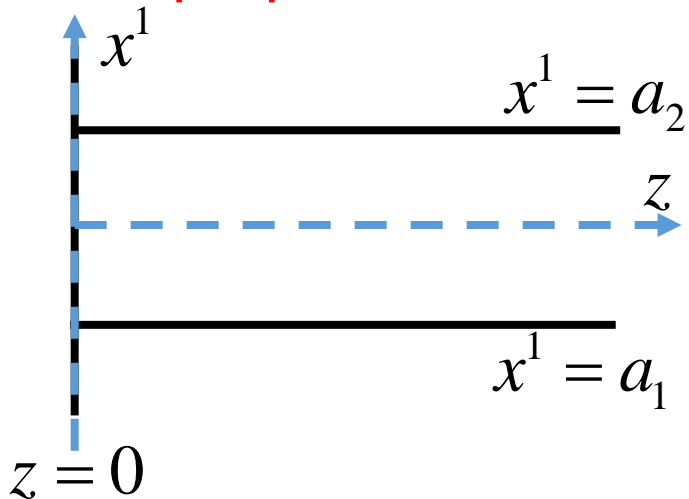
$$ds^2 = g_{\mu\nu} dx^\mu dx^\nu = e^{-2y/a} \eta_{ik} dx^i dx^k - dy^2 \quad \eta_{ik} = \text{diag}(1, -1, \dots, -1)$$

- New coordinate  $z = ae^{y/a}$ ,  $0 \leq z < \infty$

$$ds^2 = (a/z)^2 (\eta_{ik} dx^i dx^k - dz^2)$$

- AdS boundary  $\Rightarrow z=0$ , horizon  $\Rightarrow z=\infty$

- Branes perpendicular to AdS boundary



Proper distance between the branes  $(a/z)(a_2 - a_1)$

# Field, boundary conditions and VEVs

- Scalar field with general curvature coupling parameter

$$(g^{ik}\nabla_i\nabla_k + m^2 + \xi R)\varphi(x) = 0, \quad R = -D(D+1)/\alpha^2$$

- Boundary conditions  $(1 + \beta_j n_j^i \nabla_i)\varphi(x) = 0$ ,  $n_j^i$  ← Normal to the brane at  $x^1 = a_j$

- Boundary condition imposed on the field **modify the spectrum** of vacuum fluctuations and the VEVs of physical observables are changed

**Casimir effect**



- We are interested in the VEVs of the field squared and of the energy-momentum tensor


- Scheme of calculation:

Two-point function → Mean field squared → VEV of the energy-momentum tensor  
→ Forces acting on the branes

# Decomposition of the Wightman function

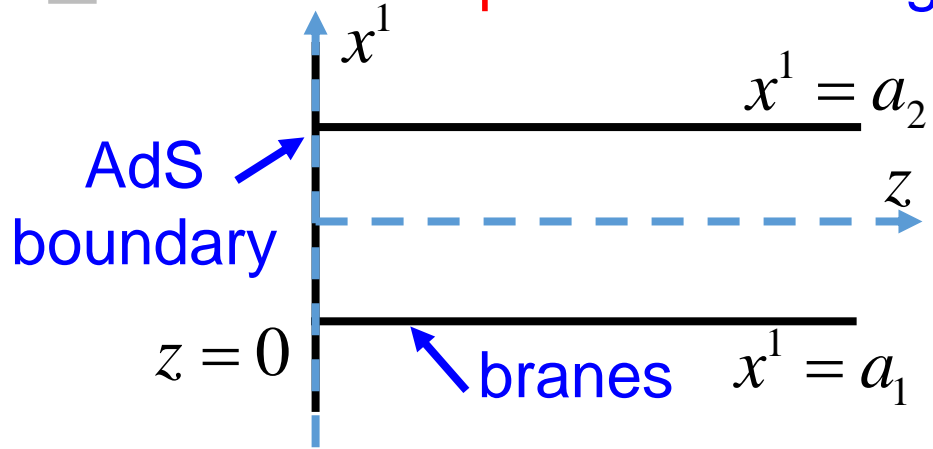
- In the region between the branes the **eigenvalues** of the quantum number corresponding to the direction perpendicular to the branes are expressed in terms of roots of **transcendental equation**
- In the expression of the **Wightman function** for summation of the series of those eigenvalues the **Generalized Abel-Plana formula** is used
- That allows to decompose the Wightman function as:

$$\begin{aligned} \boxed{\text{Wightman function}} &= \boxed{\text{Wightman function for the geometry without branes}} + \boxed{\text{Contribution corresponding to the geometry of a single brane}} \\ &+ \boxed{\text{Contribution when we add the second brane to geometry of a single brane}} \end{aligned}$$

- For points away from the branes the **renormalization** of the local VEVs is reduced to the one in the brane-free geometry
- Similar decomposition is obtained for **Bulk-to-boundary propagator** among the central objects in the **AdS/CFT correspondence** 

# Mean field squared in the single brane geometry

■ Mean field squared in the region between the branes ( $a = a_2 - a_1$ )



$$\langle \varphi^2 \rangle = \langle \varphi^2 \rangle_0 + \frac{(\sqrt{\pi}\alpha)^{1-D}}{2^{D+2\nu}} \int_0^\infty dx x^{D+2\nu-1} \times F_\nu^{D/2}(x) \frac{2 + \sum_{j=1,2} e^{2|x^1-a_j|x/z} c_j(x/z)}{c_1(x/z)c_2(x/z)e^{2ax/z} - 1}$$

Notations:  $F_\nu^\mu(u) = \frac{{}_1F_2(\nu + 1/2; \nu + \mu, -u^2)}{\Gamma(\nu + \mu + 1/2)\Gamma(\nu + 1)}$ ,  $\nu = \sqrt{(D/2)^2 - D(D+1)\xi + m^2\alpha^2}$

$$c_j(\lambda) = \frac{\beta_j\lambda - 1}{\beta_j\lambda + 1} \quad \langle \varphi^2 \rangle_0 \leftarrow \text{VEV for the geometry without branes}$$

■ VEV depends on  $(x^1, a_j, \beta_j)$  in the form of the dimensionless ratios  $x^1 / z$ ,  $a / z$  and  $\beta_j / z$

Proper distance from the brane  $\rightarrow \alpha |x^1 - a_j| / z$   $\curvearrowright$  Maximal symmetry of AdS spacetime

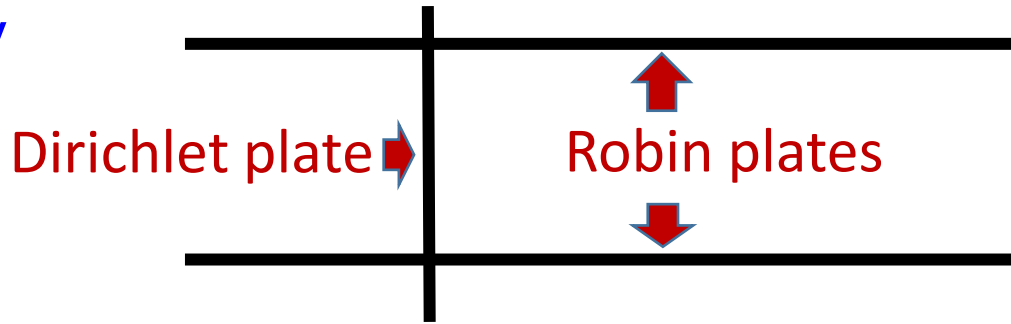
# Mean field squared: Special cases and asymptotes

- Conformally coupled massless field:  $m = 0$ ,  $\xi = \frac{D-1}{4D} \Rightarrow v = \frac{1}{2}$

$$\langle \varphi^2 \rangle = \langle \varphi^2 \rangle_0 + (z/\alpha)^{D-1} \langle \varphi^2 \rangle_{(M)},$$

$$\langle \varphi^2 \rangle_{(M)} = \frac{1}{2^D \pi^{\frac{D}{2}}} \int_0^\infty d\lambda \lambda^{D-2} \left[ \frac{1}{\Gamma(D/2)} - \frac{J_{D/2-1}(2z\lambda)}{(z\lambda)^{D/2-1}} \right] \frac{2 + \sum_{j=1,2} e^{2|x^1 - a_j|\lambda} c_j(\lambda)}{c_1(\lambda)c_2(\lambda)e^{2a\lambda} - 1}$$

VEV in Minkowski spacetime for geometry



- Small distances from the brane ( $|x^1 - a_j| \ll z, |\beta_j|$ ) for non-Dirichlet BC

$$\langle \varphi^2 \rangle \approx \frac{\Gamma(\frac{D-1}{2})}{(4\pi)^{\frac{D+1}{2}}} \left( \frac{z}{\alpha|x^1 - a_j|} \right)^{D-1} \quad (\text{opposite sign for Dirichlet BC})$$

# Mean field squared: Special cases and asymptotes

- Points near the AdS boundary:  $z \ll |x^1 - a_j|, j = 1, 2,$

$$\langle \varphi^2 \rangle \approx \langle \varphi^2 \rangle_0 + \frac{F_{\nu}^{\frac{D}{2}}(0) z^{D+2\nu}}{2^{D+2\nu} (\sqrt{\pi\alpha})^{D-1}} \int_0^{\infty} d\lambda \lambda^{D+2\nu-1} \frac{2 + \sum_{j=1,2} e^{2|x^1 - a_j|\lambda} c_j(\lambda)}{c_1(\lambda) c_2(\lambda) e^{2a\lambda} - 1}$$

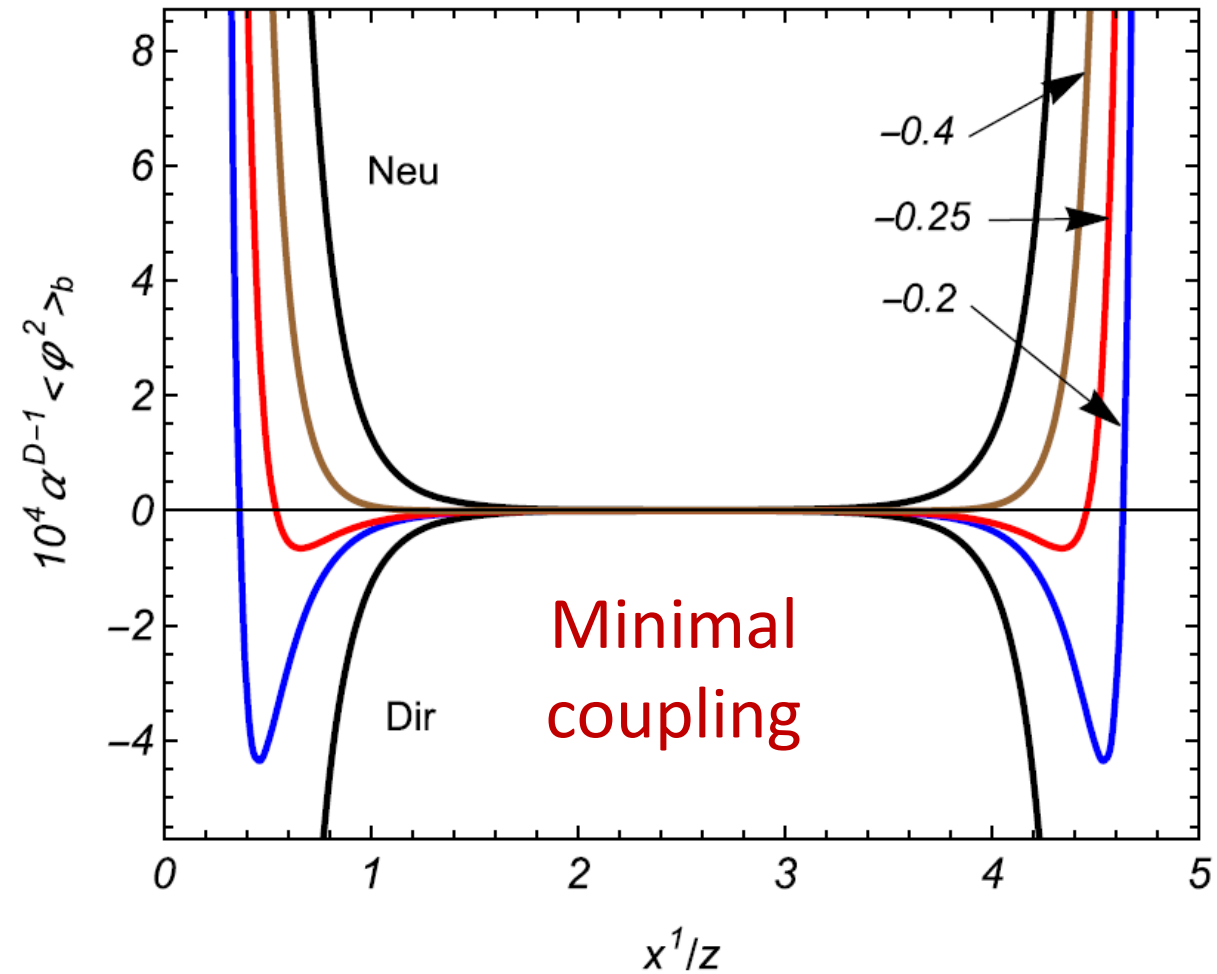
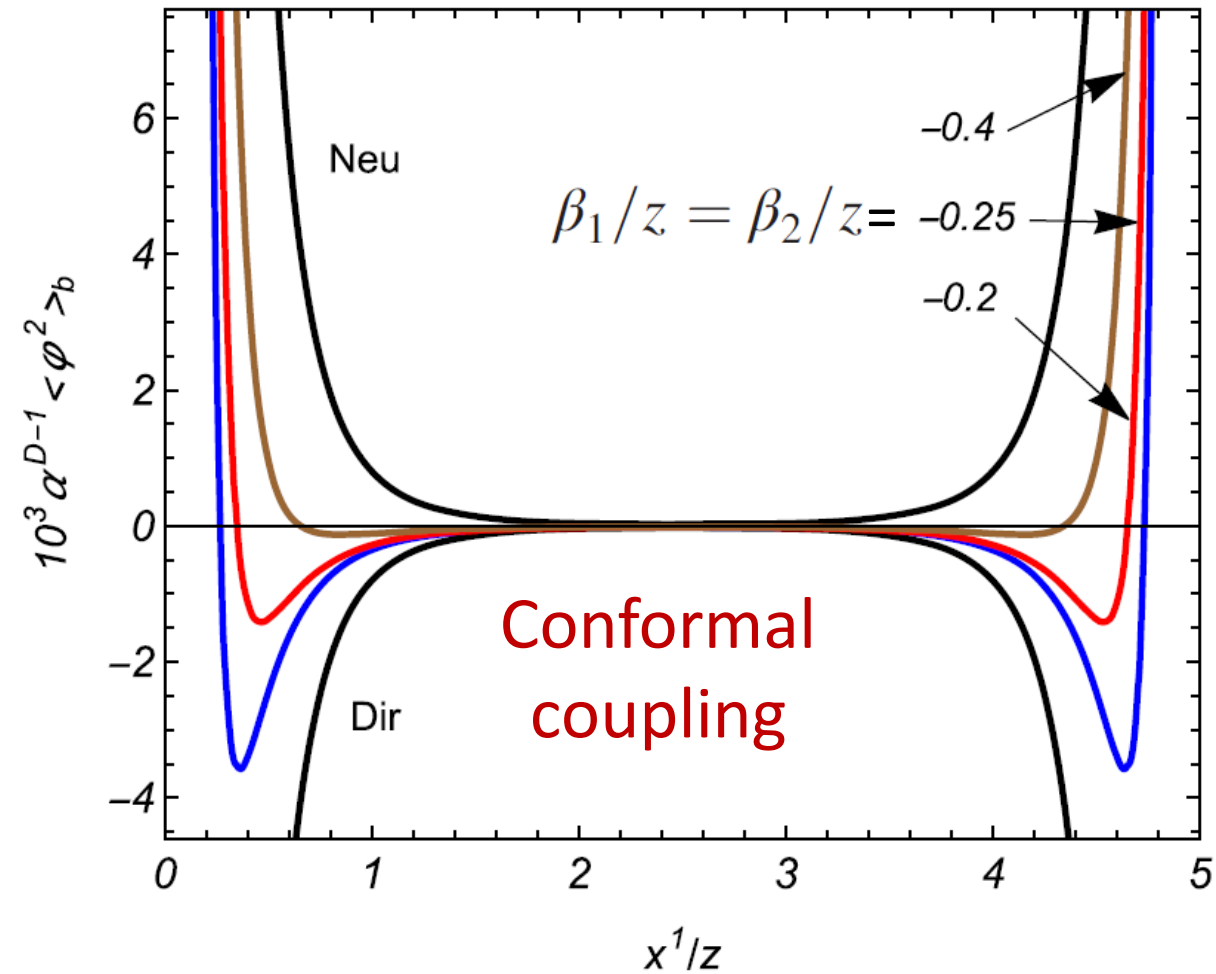
For points near the AdS boundary and not too close to the branes, the brane-induced part in the mean field squared tends to zero like  $z^{D+2\nu}$

- Points near the horizon:  $\langle \varphi^2 \rangle \approx \langle \varphi^2 \rangle_0 + (z/\alpha)^{D-1} \langle \varphi^2 \rangle_{(M)}^{(0)}|_{m=0}$

Near the horizon the effects of the curvature on the brane induced VEV are weak

# Brane induced mean field squared

$$D = 4, m\alpha = 0.5, a_1 = 0, a_2 / z = 5$$





# Vacuum energy-momentum tensor

## ■ VEV of the energy-momentum tensor

$$\langle T_{ik} \rangle = \frac{1}{2} \lim_{x' \rightarrow x} (\partial_i \partial'_k + \partial_k \partial'_i) W(x, x') + \hat{B}_{ik} \langle \varphi^2 \rangle, \quad \hat{B}_{ik} = \left( \xi - \frac{1}{4} \right) g_{ik} g^{lm} \nabla_l \nabla_m - \xi (\nabla_i \nabla_k + R_{ik})$$

## ■ Diagonal components

$$\begin{aligned} \langle T^i_i \rangle = & \langle T^i_i \rangle_0 - \frac{\alpha^{-1-D}}{2^{D+2\nu} \pi^{\frac{D-1}{2}}} \int_0^\infty dx x \left\{ \frac{E_i x^{D+2\nu} F_\nu^{\frac{D}{2}}(x)}{c_1(x/z) c_2(x/z) e^{2ax/z} - 1} \right. \\ & \left. + \frac{2 + \sum_{j=1,2} e^{2|x^1 - a_j|x/z} c_j(x/z)}{c_1(x/z) c_2(x/z) e^{2ax/z} - 1} \left[ A_i x^{D+2\nu} F_\nu^{\frac{D}{2}+1}(x) + \hat{B}_i x^{D+2\nu} F_\nu^{\frac{D}{2}}(x) \right] \right\} \end{aligned}$$

## ■ Off-diagonal component

$$\langle T^1_D \rangle = - \frac{2\alpha^{-1-D}}{2^{D+2\nu} \pi^{\frac{D-1}{2}}} \int_0^\infty dx \frac{\sum_{j=1,2} (-1)^j e^{2|x^1 - a_j|x/z} c_j(x/z)}{c_1(x/z) c_2(x/z) e^{2ax/z} - 1} \left[ \left( \xi - \frac{1}{4} \right) x \partial_x + \xi \right] x^{D+2\nu} F_\nu^{\frac{D}{2}}(x)$$

# Covariant conservation and trace relation

■ Covariant conservation equation  $\nabla_k \langle T_i^k \rangle_b = 0$

$$\partial_1 \langle T_1^1 \rangle_b + \partial_D \langle T_1^D \rangle_b - \frac{D+1}{z} \langle T_1^D \rangle_b = 0,$$

$$\partial_1 \langle T_D^1 \rangle_b + \partial_D \langle T_D^D \rangle_b - \frac{D}{z} \langle T_D^D \rangle_b + \frac{1}{z} \sum_{k=0}^{D-1} \langle T_k^k \rangle_b = 0.$$

■ Trace relation

$$\langle T_i^i \rangle_b = D(\xi - \xi_D) \nabla_l \nabla^l \langle \varphi^2 \rangle_b + m^2 \langle \varphi^2 \rangle_b$$

# Vacuum energy-momentum tensor: Asymptotes

## ■ VEV of the energy-momentum tensor near branes

$$\langle T^0_0 \rangle_b \approx \frac{(1-D)\langle T^1_1 \rangle_b}{(|x^1 - a_j|/z)^2} \approx \frac{z\langle T^1_D \rangle_b}{x^1 - a_j} \approx \frac{2D(\xi_D - \xi)\Gamma(\frac{D+1}{2})}{\pi^{\frac{D+1}{2}}(2\alpha|x^1 - a_j|/z)^{D+1}}$$

## ■ Minkowski limit $\alpha \rightarrow \infty$

$$\langle T^i_i \rangle_{(M)}^{(0)} = -\frac{(4\pi)^{-\frac{D}{2}}}{D\Gamma(D/2)} \int_m^\infty d\lambda \frac{(\lambda^2 - m^2)^{D/2}}{c_1(\lambda)c_2(\lambda)e^{2a\lambda} - 1} \quad i \neq 1$$

$$\times \left[ 2 + \frac{4D(\xi - \xi_D)w^2 - m^2}{\lambda^2 - m^2} \sum_{j=1,2} e^{2|x^1 - a_j|\lambda} c_j(\lambda) \right],$$

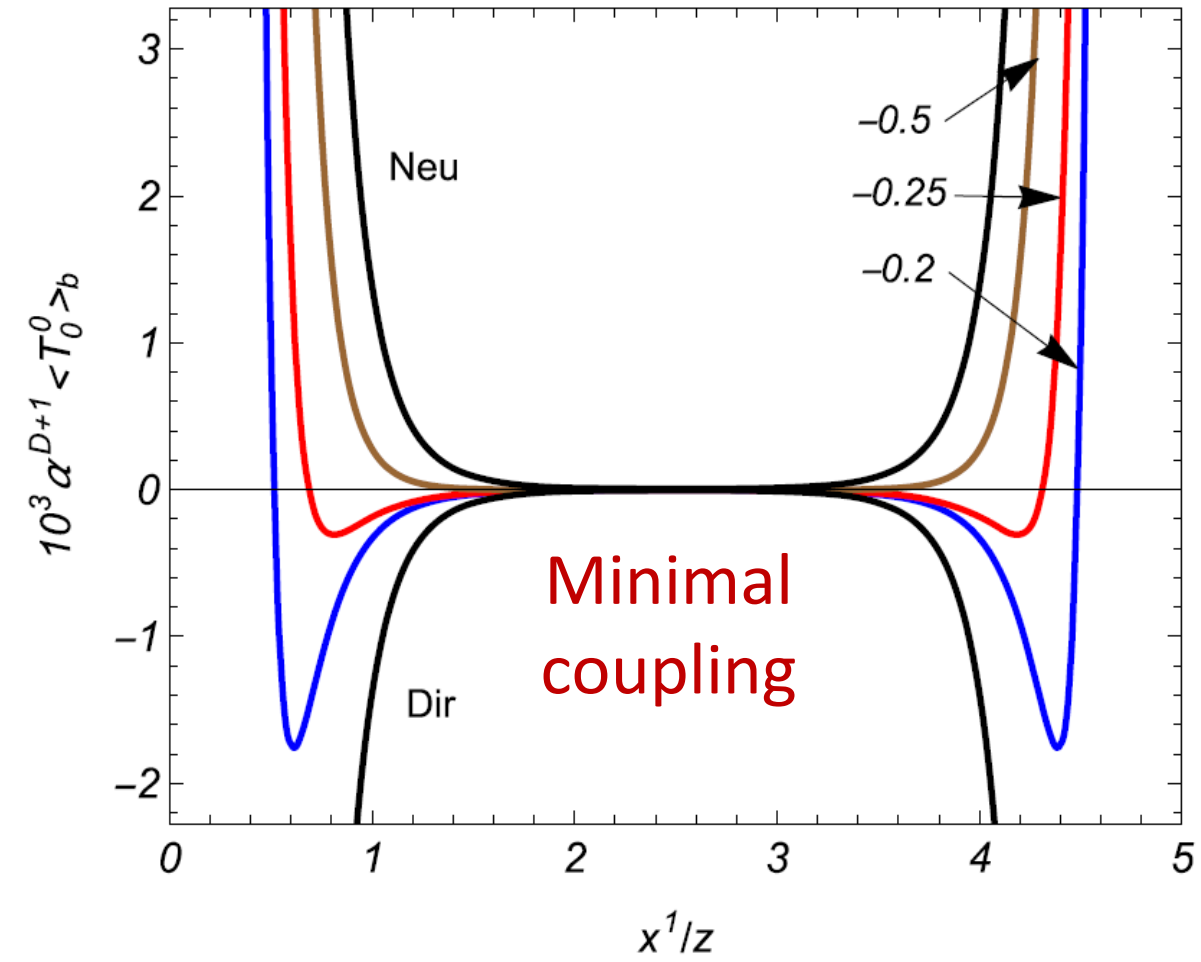
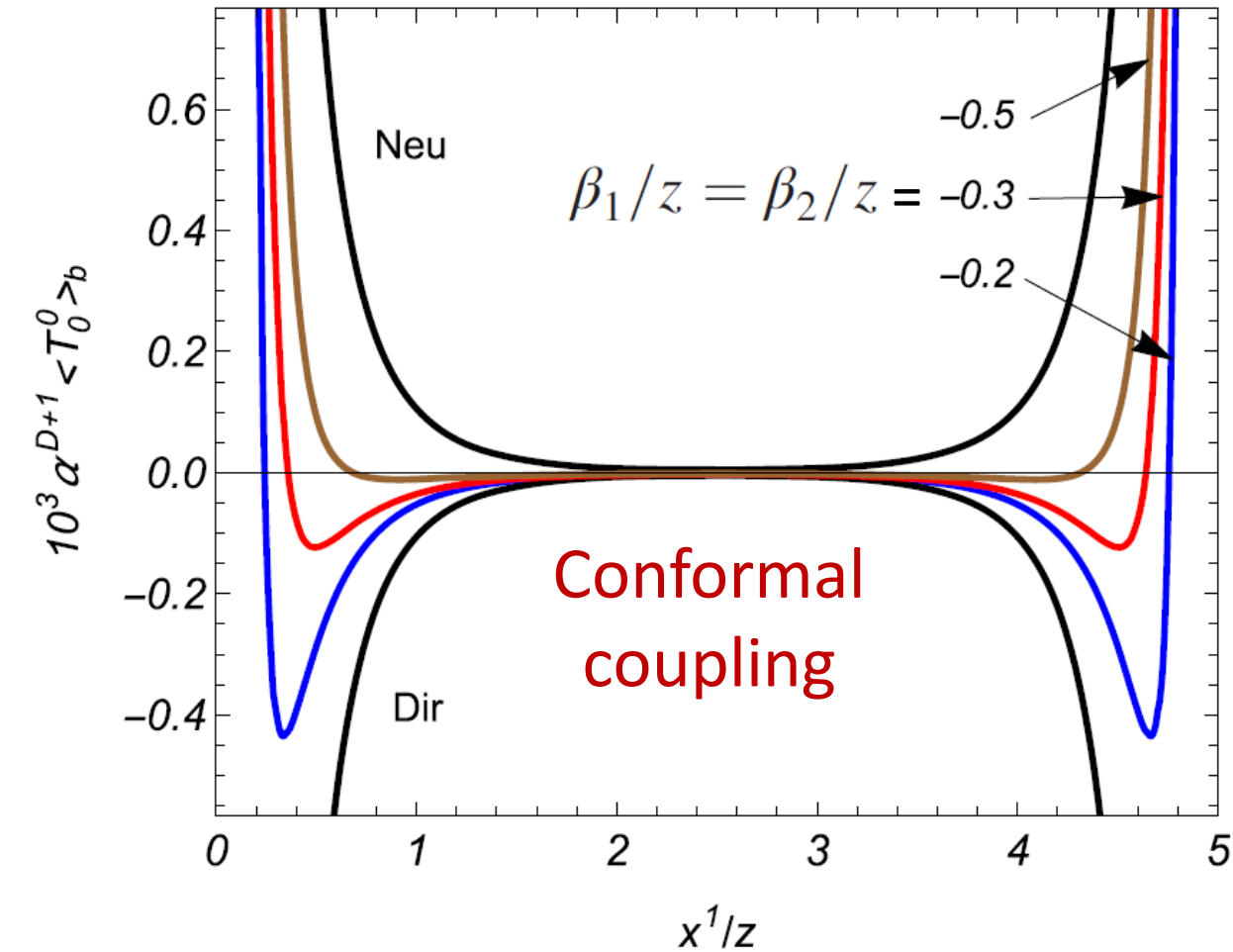
$$\langle T^1_1 \rangle_{(M)}^{(0)} = \frac{2(4\pi)^{-\frac{D}{2}}}{\Gamma(D/2)} \int_m^\infty d\lambda \frac{\lambda^2(\lambda^2 - m^2)^{D/2-1}}{c_1(\lambda)c_2(\lambda)e^{2a\lambda} - 1},$$

$$\langle T^1_D \rangle \approx -\frac{2(4\pi)^{-\frac{D}{2}}}{\Gamma(D/2)\alpha} \int_m^\infty d\lambda \frac{\sum_{j=1,2} (-1)^j e^{2|x^1 - a_j|\lambda} c_j(\lambda)}{c_1(\lambda)c_2(\lambda)e^{2a\lambda} - 1}$$

$$\times \lambda(\lambda^2 - m^2)^{D/2-2} \left[ D(\xi - \xi_D)\lambda^2 - \left( 2\xi - \frac{1}{4} \right) m^2 \right].$$

# Vacuum energy density

$$D = 4, m\alpha = 0.5, a_1 = 0, a_2 / z = 5$$

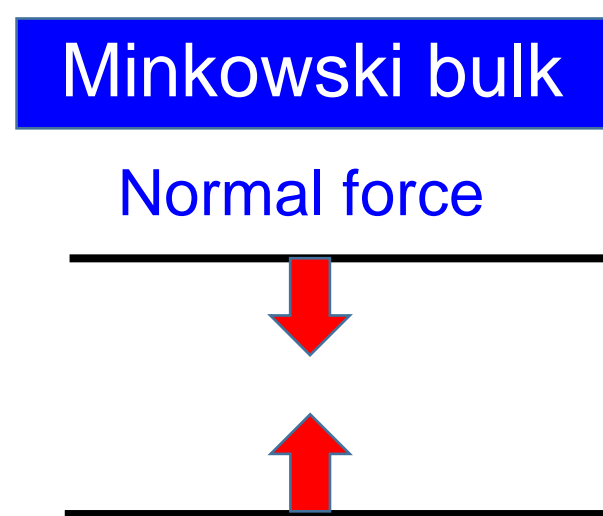
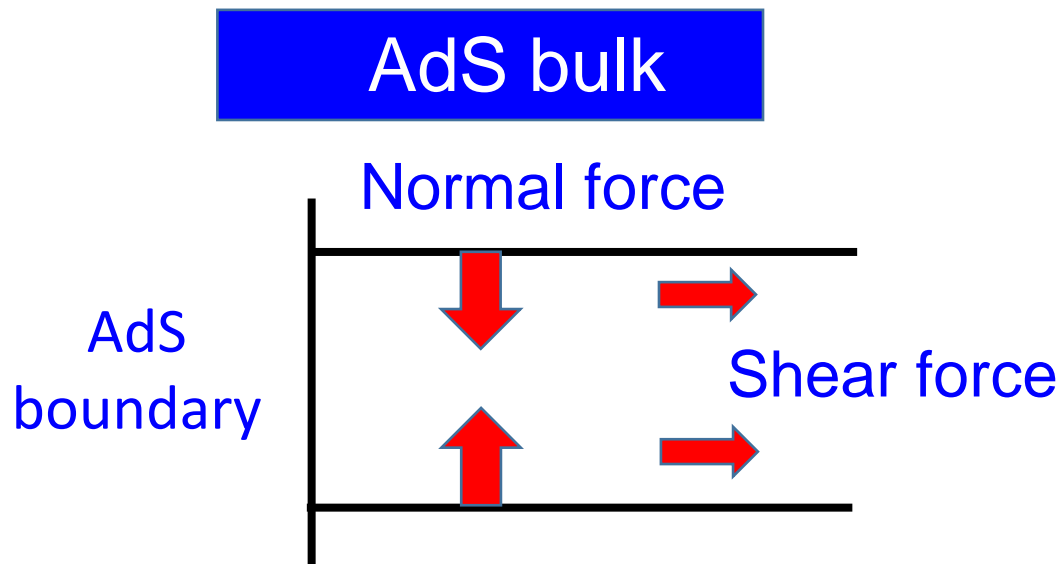


# The Casimir forces

- The  $i$ -th component of the force acting on the surface element  $dS$  of the brane at  $x^1 = a_j$  is given by

$$dF_{(j)}^i = \langle T_1^i \rangle \Big|_{x^1=a_j+0}^{x^1=a_j-0} dS$$

Due to the nonzero off-diagonal stress, in addition to the normal component this force has nonzero component parallel to the brane (shear force)



**Directions** of the forces depend on the coefficients in the boundary conditions on the branes

# Normal force

■ Normal force acting on the brane at  $x^1 = a_j$  :  $dF_{(j)}^1 = \langle T_1^1 \rangle \Big|_{z=a_j+0}^{z=a_j-0} dS$

■ Vacuum effective pressure

$$P_j = \frac{\alpha^{-1-D}}{2^{D+2\nu} \pi^{\frac{D-1}{2}}} \int_0^\infty dx x \frac{-2 + [2 + c_j(x/z) + 1/c_j(x/z)] \hat{B}_1}{c_1(x/z) c_2(x/z) e^{2ax/z} - 1} x^{D+2\nu} F_{\nu}^{\frac{D}{2}}(x)$$

$$\hat{B}_1 = \left( \xi - \frac{1}{4} \right) \partial_x^2 + \left[ \frac{D-1}{4} - (D-2)\xi \right] \frac{\partial_x}{x} - \frac{D\xi}{x^2}$$

■ Small separations between the branes

$$P_j \approx - \frac{D\zeta(D+1)}{(2\sqrt{\pi}\alpha/z)^{D+1}} \Gamma\left(\frac{D+1}{2}\right) \text{ Attractive force}$$

■ For non-Dirichlet BC one brane and Dirichlet BC on other:

$$P_j \approx \frac{D\zeta(D+1)}{(2\sqrt{\pi}\alpha/z)^{D+1}} \left(1 - \frac{1}{2^D}\right) \Gamma\left(\frac{D+1}{2}\right) \text{ Repulsive force}$$

At small separations  
the effect of gravity is  
weak

# Normal force

- The effect of gravity is essential at **large separations** between the branes

$$P_j \approx -\frac{2(D+2\nu+1)(4\nu B_\nu \beta_j^2/z^2 + 1)}{\pi^{\frac{D}{2}}\Gamma(1+\nu)\alpha^{D+1}(2a/z)^{D+2\nu+2}} \zeta(D+2\nu+2)\Gamma\left(\frac{D}{2}+\nu+1\right)$$

For non-Neumann boundary conditions on both branes  $B_\nu = (D+2\nu+1)\xi - \frac{D+2\nu}{4}$

- For non-Neumann BC on the brane and Neumann BC on the second brane

$$P_j \approx \frac{2(D+2\nu+1)(4\nu B_\nu \beta_j^2/z^2 + 1)}{\pi^{\frac{D}{2}}\Gamma(1+\nu)\alpha^{D+1}(2a/z)^{D+2\nu+2}} \left(1 - \frac{1}{2^{D+2\nu+1}}\right) \zeta(D+2\nu+2)\Gamma\left(\frac{D}{2}+\nu+1\right)$$

- For Neumann BC on the brane and non-Neumann BC on the second brane

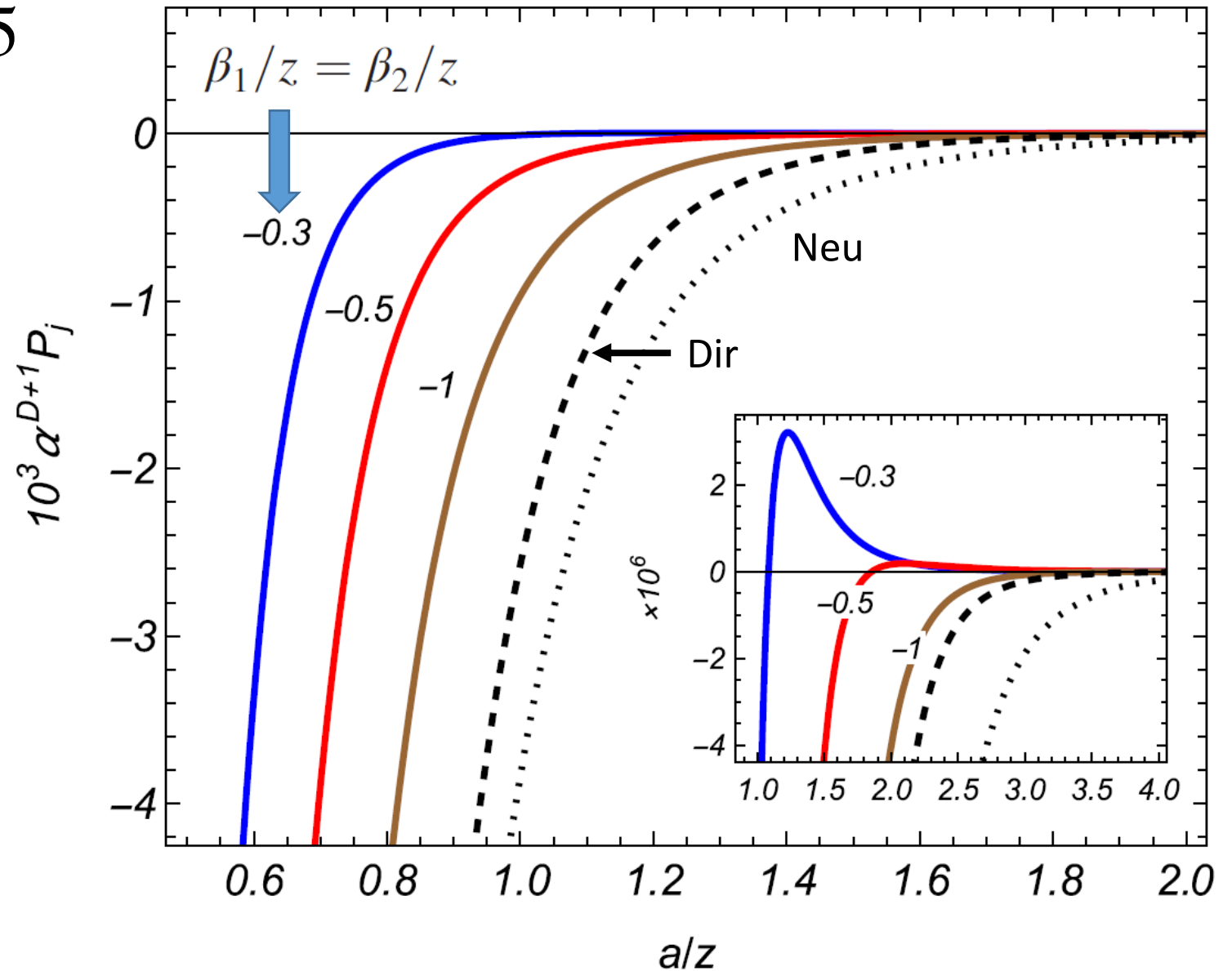
$$P_j \approx -\frac{4\nu B_\nu (1 - 2^{1-D-2\nu})\zeta(D+2\nu)}{\pi^{\frac{D}{2}}\Gamma(1+\nu)\alpha^{D+1}(2a/z)^{D+2\nu}} \Gamma\left(\frac{D}{2}+\nu\right)$$

- For Neumann BC on both branes  $P_j \approx \frac{4\nu B_\nu \zeta(D+2\nu)\Gamma(D/2+\nu)}{\pi^{\frac{D}{2}}\Gamma(1+\nu)\alpha^{D+1}(2a/z)^{D+2\nu}}$

# Casimir normal force

$D = 4, m\alpha = 0.5$

Minimal coupling

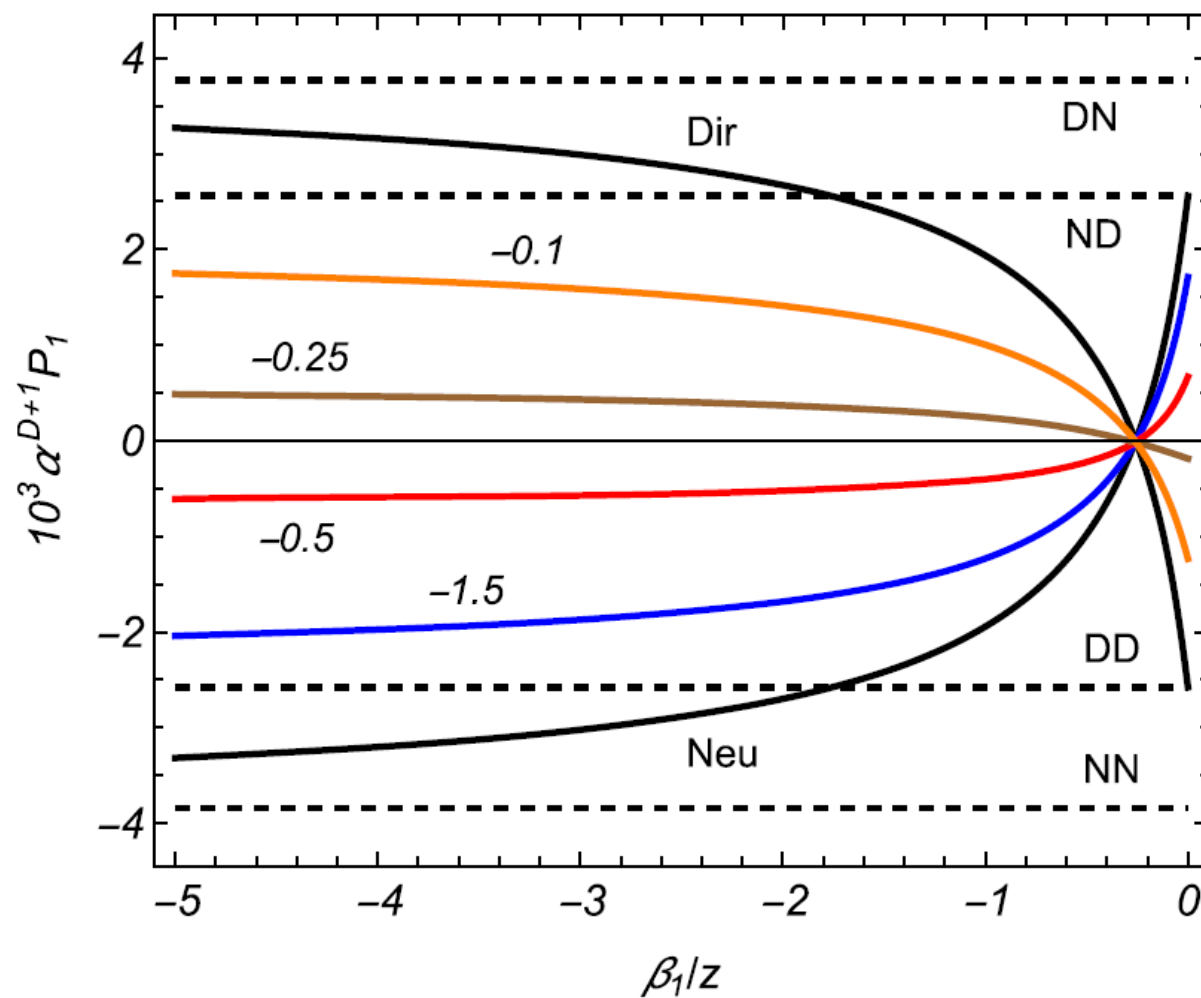
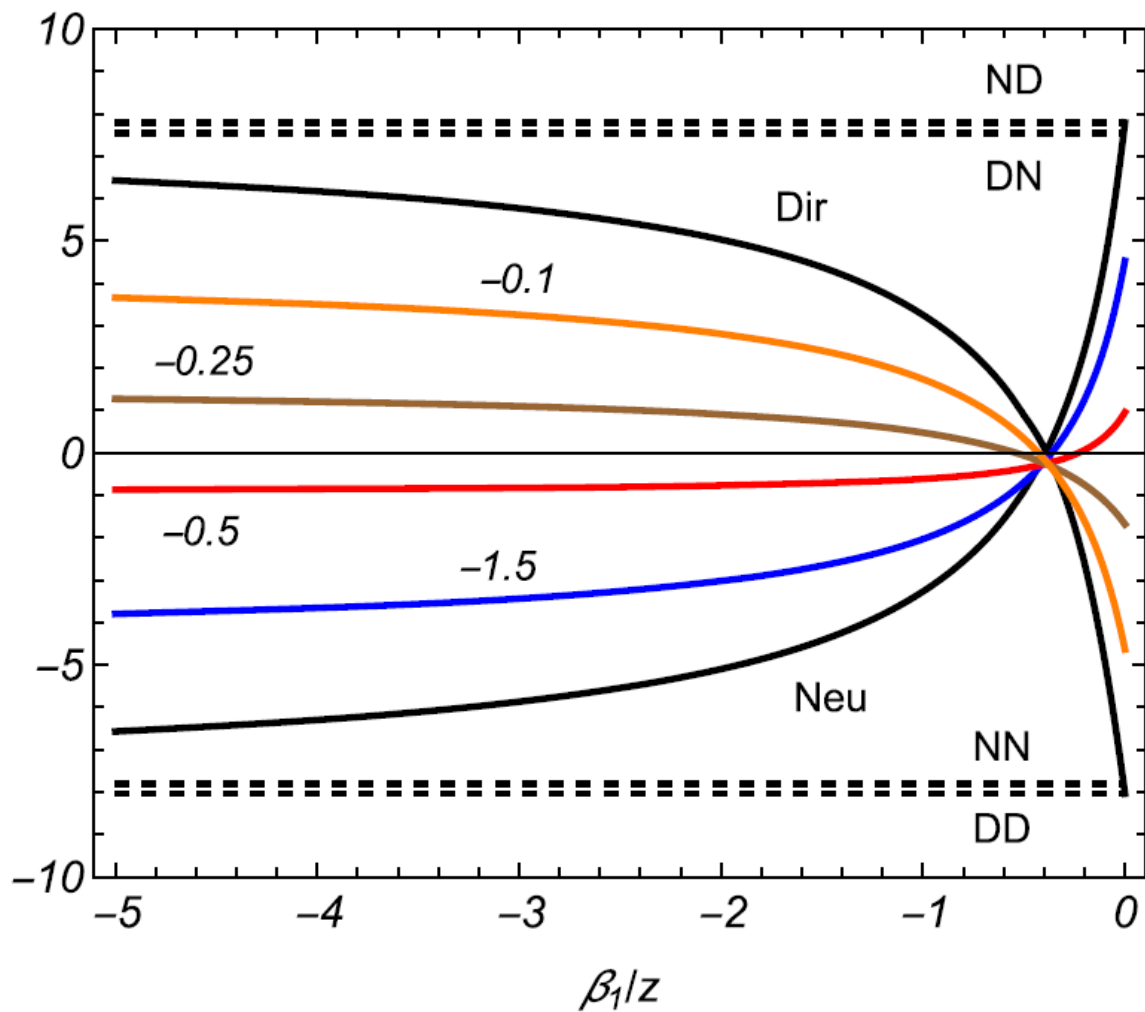




# Casimir normal force

Conformal coupling  $D = 4, m\alpha = 0.5, a/z = 1$

Minimal coupling

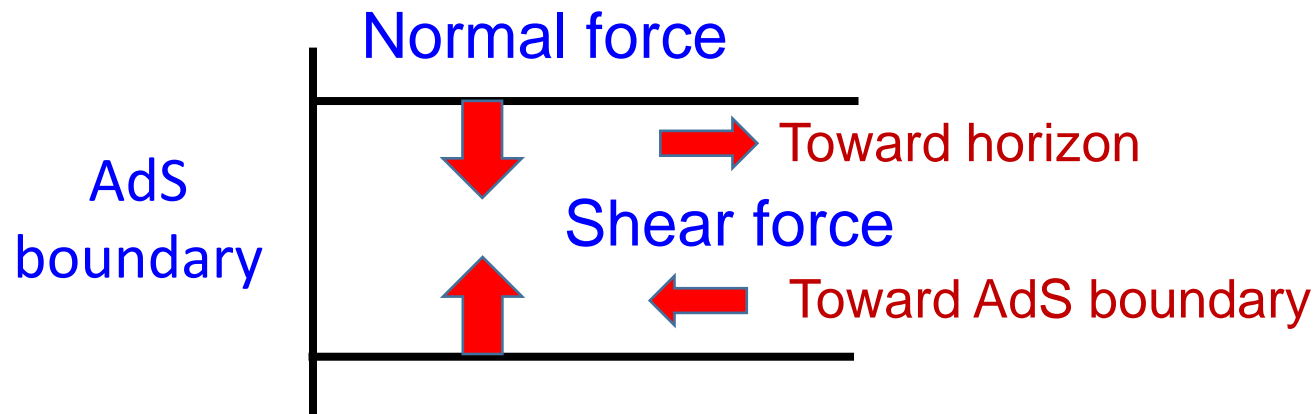


# Shear force

- The part in the **shear force** induced by the second brane

$$f_j^{(\text{int})} = -\frac{2\alpha^{-1-D}}{2^{D+2\nu}\pi^{\frac{D-1}{2}}} \int_0^\infty dx \frac{c_j(x/z) - 1/c_j(x/z)}{c_1(x/z)c_2(x/z)e^{2ax/z} - 1} \left[ \left( \xi - \frac{1}{4} \right) x \partial_x + \xi \right] x^{D+2\nu} F_{\nu}^{\frac{D}{2}}(x)$$

- Shear force is zero for **Dirichlet** and **Neumann** boundary conditions on the brane regardless of boundary conditions on the second brane
- Shear force is directed toward the horizon for  $f_j^{(\text{int})} > 0$  and toward the AdS boundary for  $f_j^{(\text{int})} < 0$



# Shear force: Asymptotes

- Shear force at small separations between the branes

$$f_j^{(\text{int})} \approx \frac{4D(\xi - \xi_D)\zeta(D-1)}{\pi^{\frac{D+1}{2}}\alpha^{D+1}(2a/z)^D b_j} \Gamma\left(\frac{D-1}{2}\right) (2^{2-D} - 1)^{\delta_{0b_j}}, \quad b_j = \beta_j / a$$

At small separations, the shear component of the force has opposite signs for Dirichlet and non-Dirichlet boundary conditions on the second brane

- Shear force at large separations between the branes

$$f_j^{(\text{int})} \approx -\frac{4b_j B_\nu(D+2\nu+1)\zeta(D+2\nu+2)}{\pi^{\frac{D}{2}}\Gamma(\nu+1)\alpha^{D+1}(2a/z)^{D+2\nu+1}} \Gamma\left(\frac{D}{2} + \nu + 1\right) \left(\frac{1}{2^{D+2\nu+1}} - 1\right)^{\delta_{\infty b_j}}$$

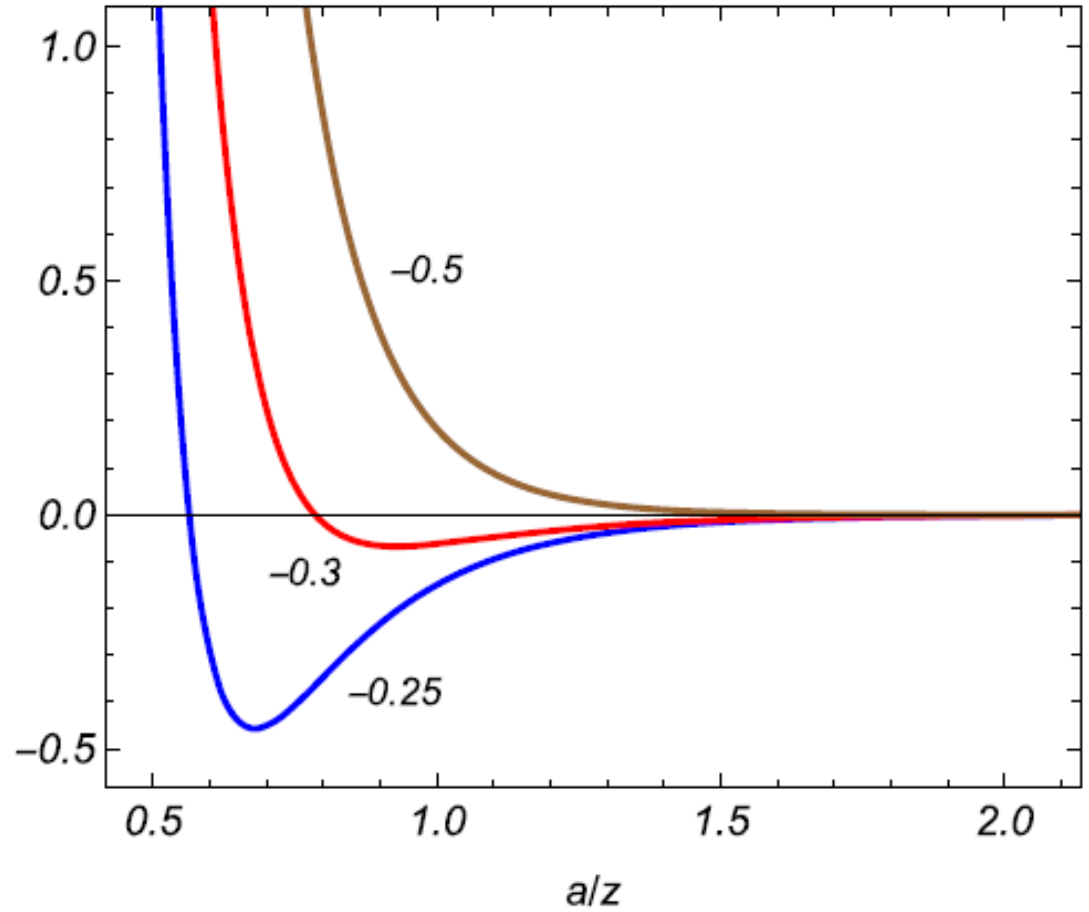
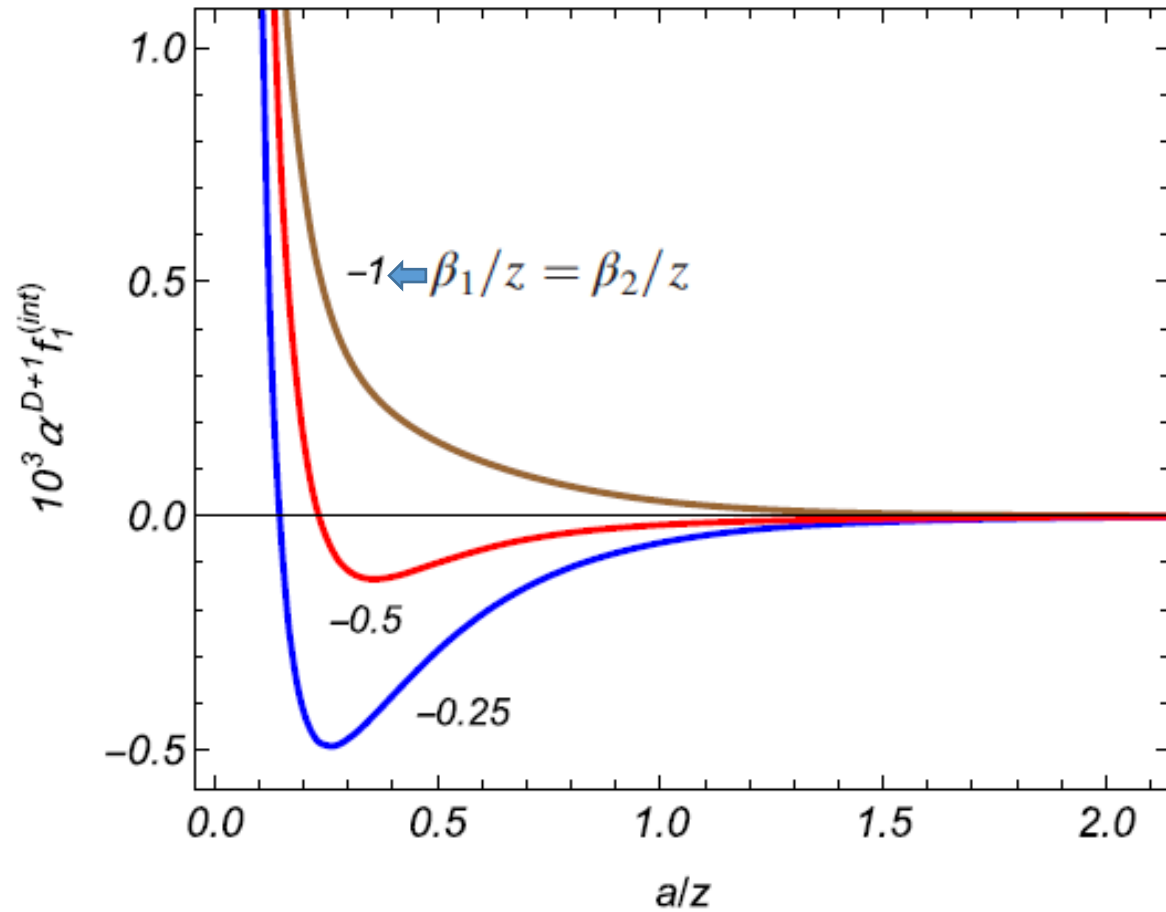
Force has opposite signs for Neumann and non-Neumann boundary conditions on the brane

# Shear force: Numerics

$$D = 4, m\alpha = 0.5$$

Conformal coupling

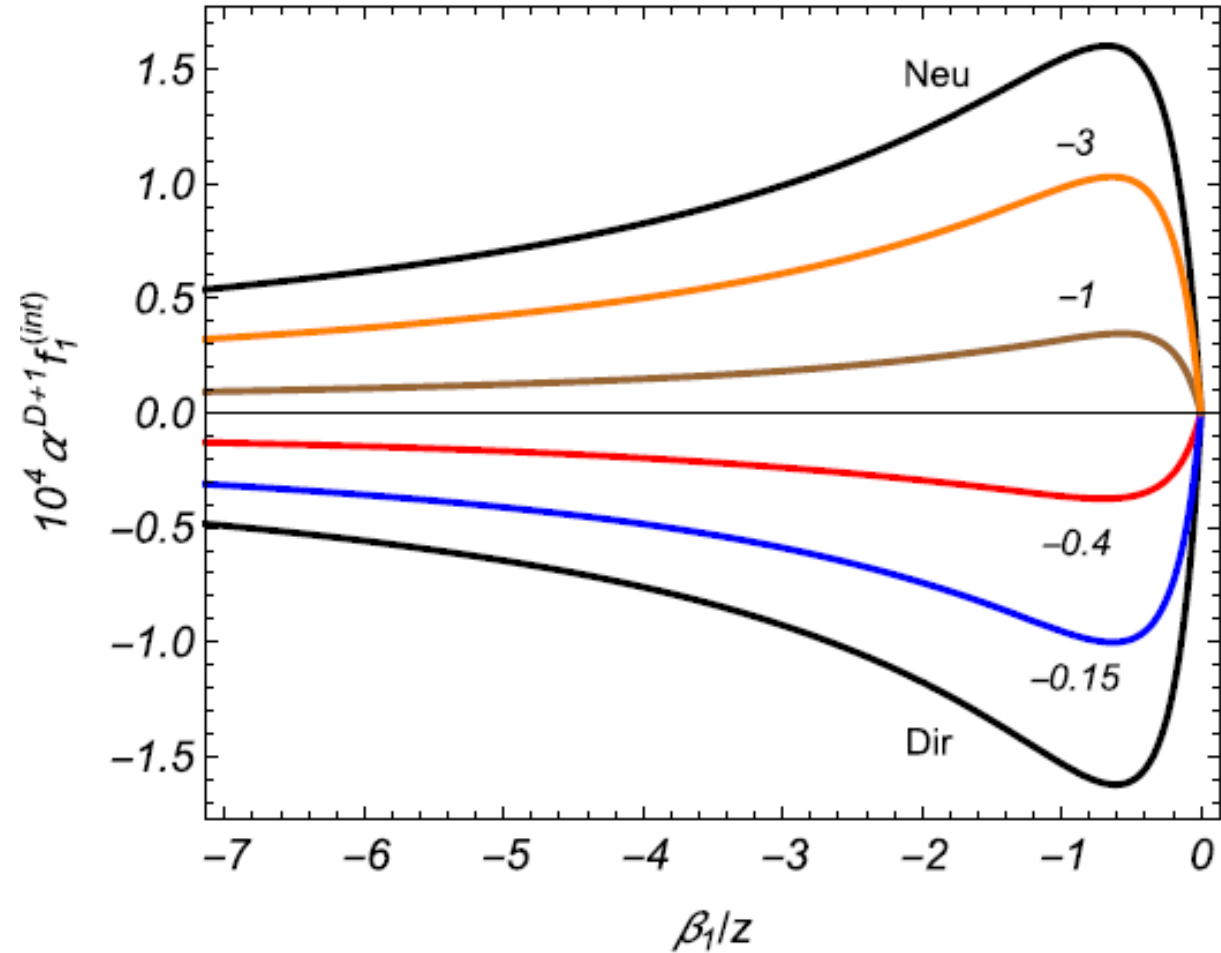
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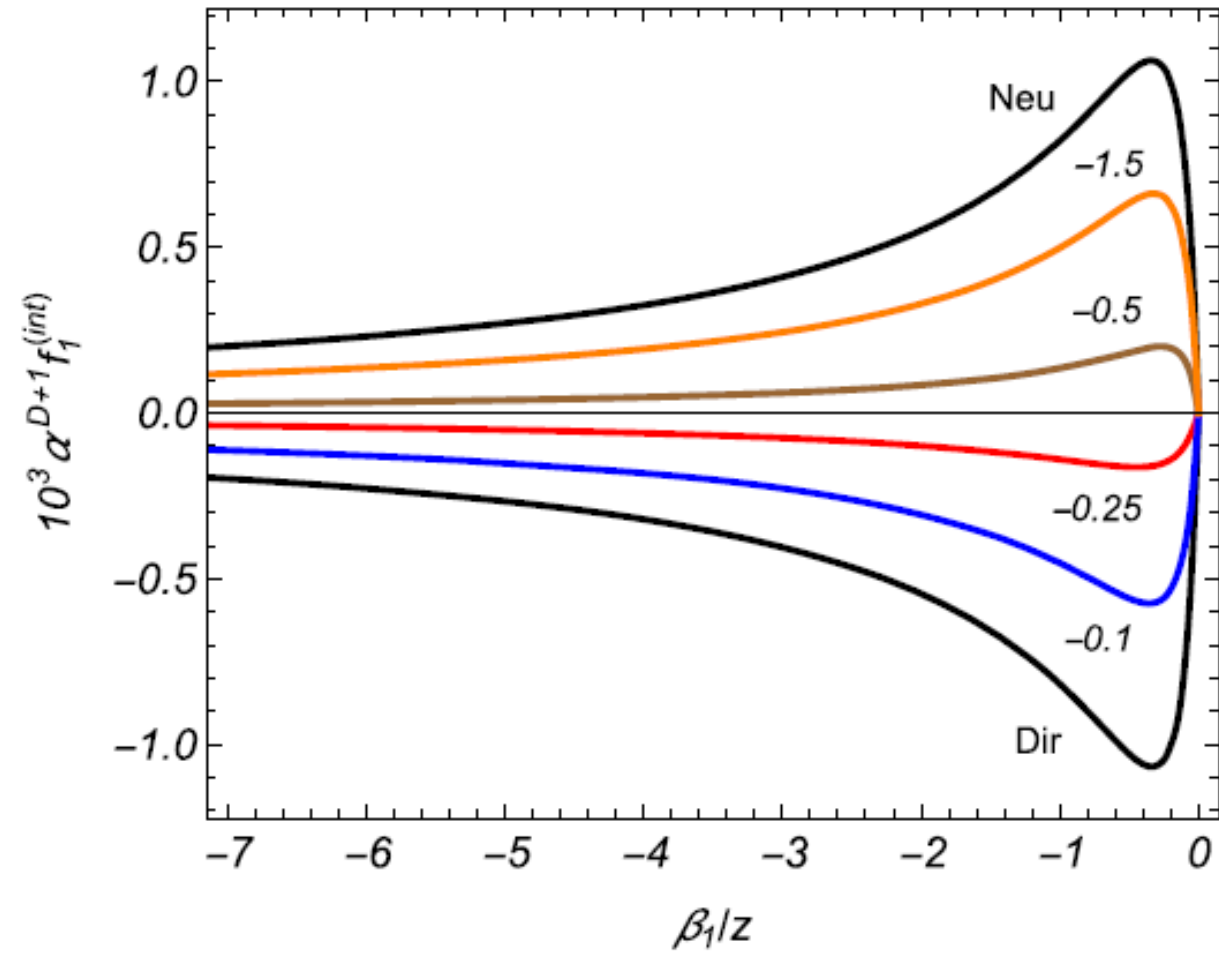
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# Conclusions

- We have investigated combined effects of **gravity** and **boundaries** on local characteristics of the **scalar vacuum**
- **Near the boundaries** the effects of **gravity** on the mean field squared, on the energy density and parallel stresses are **weak**
- The effect of gravity is **essential** at distances from the brane **larger** than the curvature radius
- **Off-diagonal component** of the vacuum energy-momentum tensor is induced that gives rise to **shear force** acting on branes
- VEVs vanish on the **AdS boundary** and diverge on the **horizon**
- **Signs** for both the **normal** and **shear Casimir forces** depend on the Robin coefficients

Thank you