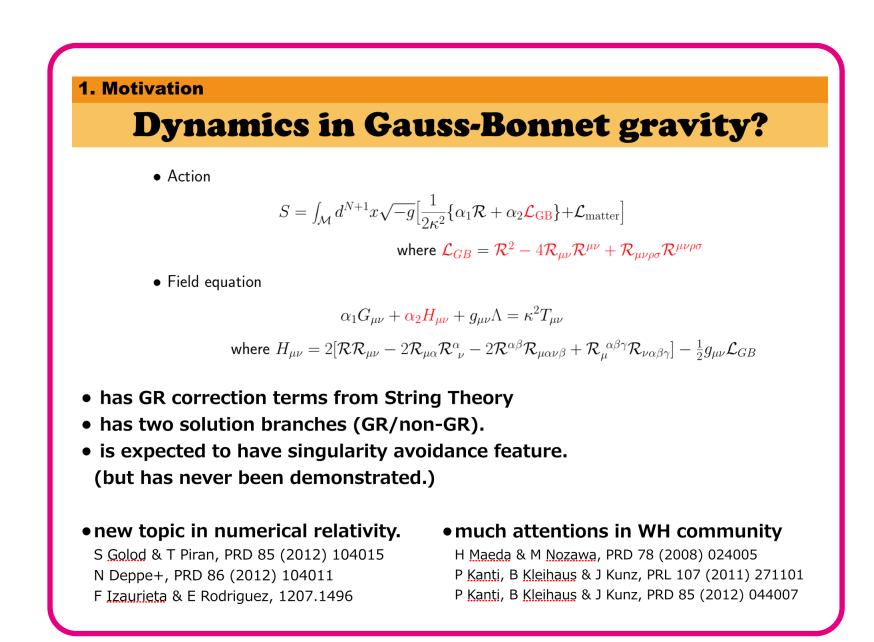
Singularity Formation in n-dim Gauss-Bonnet gravity

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Outline & Summary

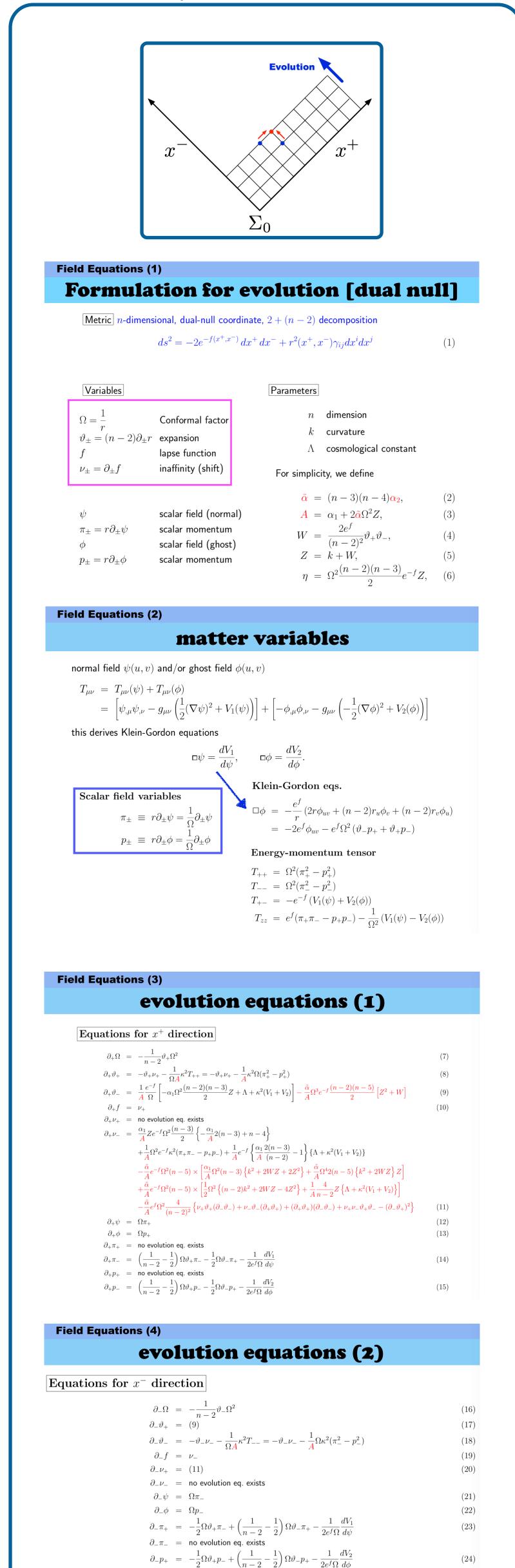
We numerically investigated how the dynamics depend on the dimensionality and how the higher-order curvature terms affect to singularity formation in two models:

(i) colliding scalar pulses in planar space-time, and (ii) perturbed wormhole in spherical symmetric space-time.

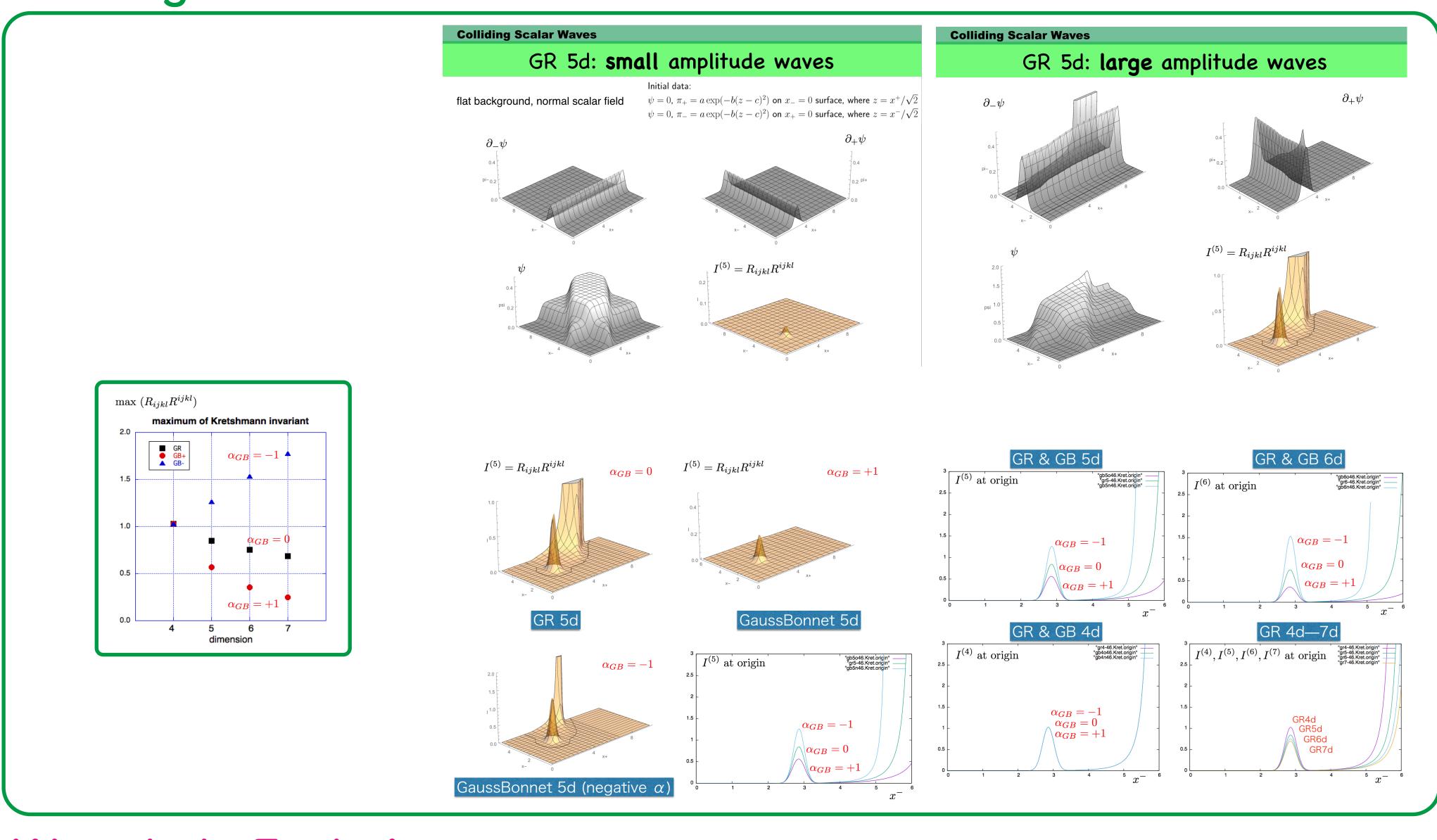
Our numerical code uses dual-null formulation, and we compare the dynamics in 5, 6 and 7-dimensional General Relativity and Gauss-Bonnet (GB) gravity.

- (1) For scalar wave collisions, we observe that curvarure evolutions (Kretschmann invariant) are milder in the presence of GB term and/or in higher-dimensional space-time.
- (2) For wormhole dynamics, we observe that the perturbed throat will be easily enhance in the presence of GB term. Both suggest that the thresholds for the singularity formation become higher in higher dimension and/or in presence of GB terms, although it is not evitable.

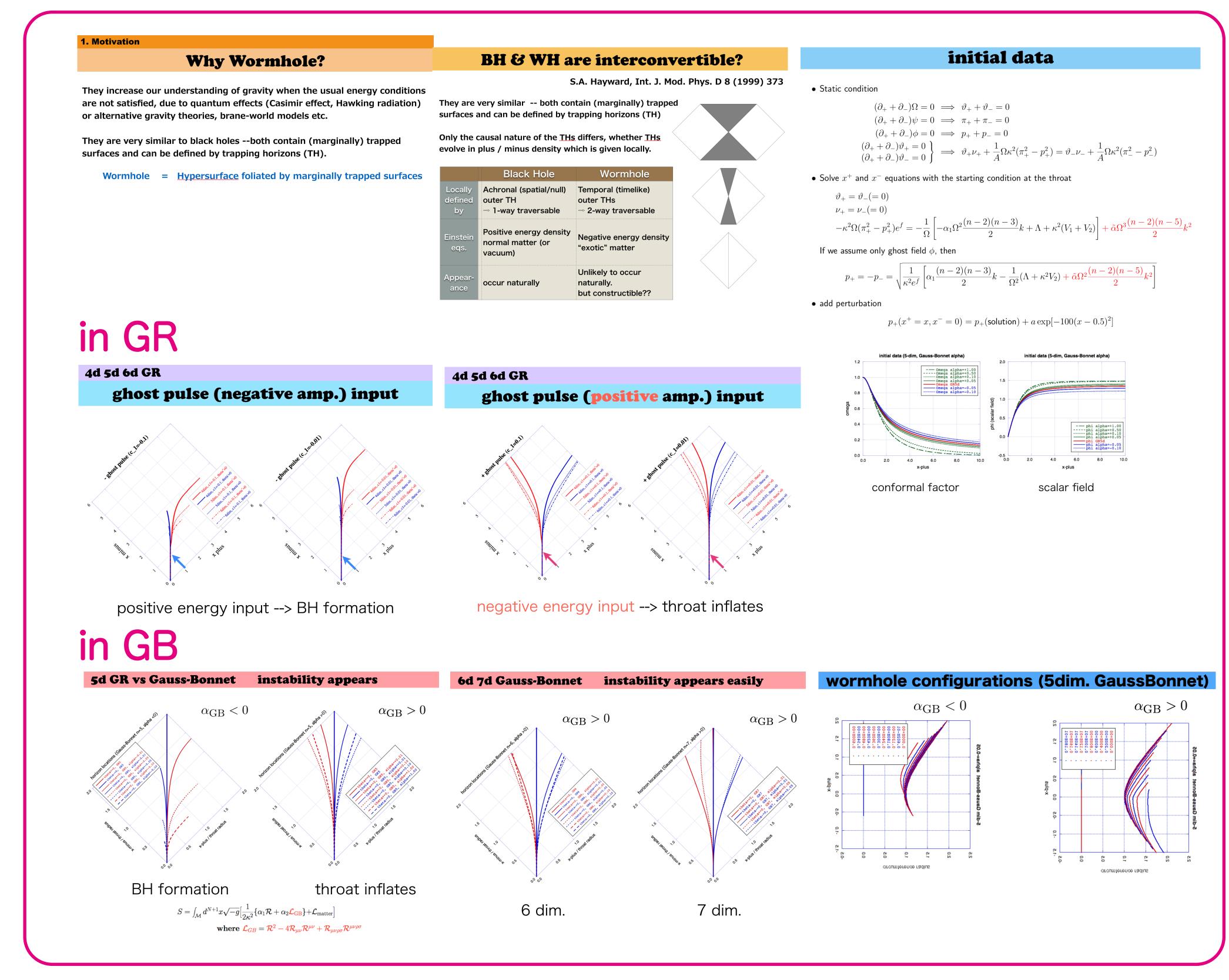
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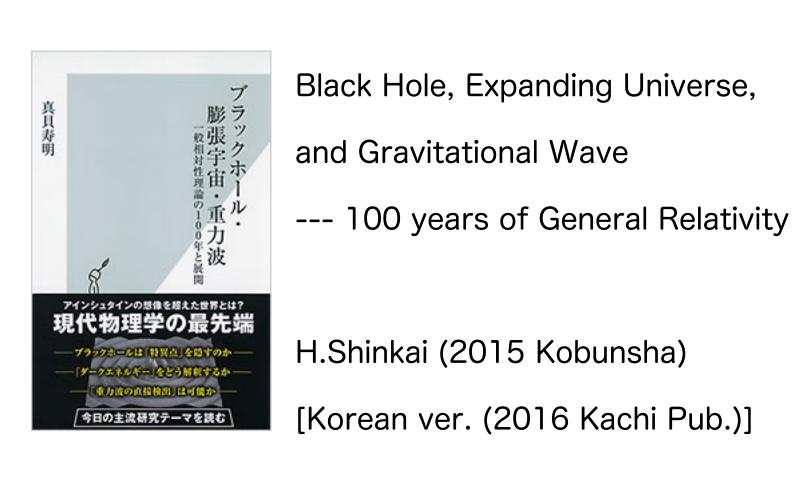


Colliding Scalar Waves



Wormhole Evolutions





This constitutes the first-order dual-null form, suitable for numerical coding