# Wormhole Dynamics in Gauss-Bonnet gravity

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### **Outline & Summary**

- (a) "Fate of Morris-Thorne (Ellis) wormhole" was investigated in 2002. [HS & Hayward, PRD66, 044005].
  Dynamics was followed numerically, using dual-null formulation.
  - The fate is either black-hole collapse or inflationary expansion, depending on the excessed energy.
- (b) The higher-dimensional Ellis wormholes are constructed, and evolved. The same features as 4-dim are observed.
- (c) The same configuration is also evolved with Gauss-Bonnet field equations. A preliminal result suggests that GB correction term prevents black hole collapse.

### **Motivations**

#### Why wormholes? BH and WH are interconvertible ? (New Duality?) Morris-Thorne's "Traversable" wormhole M.S. Morris and K.S. Thorne, Am. J. Phys. 56 (1988) 395 M.S. Morris, K.S. Thorne, and U. Yurtsever, PRI 61 (1988) 3182 H.G. Ellis, J. Math. Phys. 14 (1973) 104 (G. Clément, Am. J. Phys. 57 (1989) 967) S.A. Hayward, Int. J. Mod. Phys. D 8 (1999) 373 They make great science fiction – short cuts between otherwise distant regions. Morris & Thorne 1988, Sagan "Contact" etc They are very similar – both contain (marginally) trapped surfaces and can be defined by trapping horizons (TH) . They increase our understanding of gravity when the usual energy conditions are not Only the causal nature of the THs differs, wh plus / minus density. ther THs evolve in satisfied, due to quantum effects (Casimir effect, Hawking radiation) or alternative gravity theories, brane-world models etc. Desired properties of traversable WHs 1. Spherically symmetric and Static $\Rightarrow$ M. Visser, PRD 39(69) 3162 & NPB 326 (69) 203 2. Einstein gravity 3. Asymptotically flat • They are very similar to black holes -both contain (marginally) trapped surfaces and can Black Hole be defined by trapping horizons (TH). Wormhole Temporal (timelike) outer THs ⇒ 2-way traversable Achronal(spat outer TH => 1-way trave atial/null) Locally Wormhole = Hypersurface foliated by marginally trapped surfaces defined by No horizon for travel through Tidal gravitational forces should be small for traveler BH and WH are interconvertible? r should cross it in a finite and reasonably small proper time Positive energy density normal matter Negative energy density Finstein eas Travelet shows cross a manufacture of the second stress-energy tensor Weak Energy Condition is violated at the WH throat. New duality? "exotic" matter (or vacuum) How the stability changes in 5-d GR? How the stability changes in Gauss-Bonnet gravity? Unlikely to occur n naturally Should be perturbatively stat Should be possible to assemble mble

Results in 4-dim. GR PRD66 (2002) 044005

## Field Eqs.





## N-dim. Ellis Wormhole sol.



# WH evolution in 5-dim. GB



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