

Interstellar Travel by Means of Wormhole Induction Propulsion (WHIP)

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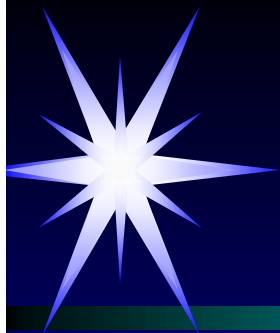
Abstract

➤ Space flight by means of wormholes is described whereby the traditional rocket propulsion approach can be abandoned in favor of a new paradigm involving the manipulation of spacetime. Maccone (1995) extended Levi-Civita's 1917 magnetic gravity solution to the Morris and Thorne (1988) wormhole solution and claimed that static homogeneous magnetic/electric fields can create spacetime curvature manifesting itself as a traversable wormhole. Furthermore, Maccone showed that the speed of light through this curvature region is slowed by the magnetic (or electric) induced gravitational field there. Maccone's analysis immediately suggests a way to perform laboratory experiments whereby one could apply a powerful static homogeneous magnetic field in a vacuum, thereby creating spacetime curvature, and measure the speed of a light beam through it. Magnetic fields employed in this scenario must achieve magnitudes $> 10^{10}$ *Tesla* in order for measurable effects to appear. Current magnetic induction technology is limited to static fields of $\sim \text{several} \times 10^3$ *Tesla*. However, destructive chemical (implosive/explosive) magnetic field generation technology has reached peak rate-of-rise field strengths of $\sim 10^9$ *Tesla/sec*. It is proposed that this technology be exploited to take advantage of the high rate-of-rise field strengths to create and measure spacetime curvature in the lab.



Introduction

- **Conventional rocket propulsion is constrained by limiting specific impulse, speed, energy conversion & large fuel mass fractions.**
- **Rapid interplanetary and interstellar flight by means of wormholes is possible, in principle, via spacetime manipulation.**
- **Speed of light is circumvented, spacecraft no longer carry large propellant mass, travel time over large distances reduced by orders of magnitude.**
- **Spacetime manipulation accomplished by linking magnetic fields & gravity thru general relativity.**
- **Einstein published General Relativity Theory (GTR) in 1915.**
- **Levi-Civita (1917) introduces creation of artificial gravity field (spacetime curvature) by virtue of static homogeneous magnetic/electric fields as a GTR solution.**
- **Morris & Thorne (1988) derive GTR solution for spacetime wormholes.**
- **Maccone (1995) extended Levi-Civita's magnetic gravity metric to Morris & Thorne's metric and claimed that static homogeneous magnetic fields can induce worm-hole effect in spacetime.**



Theoretical Brief

- **Levi-Civita's spacetime metric in cylindrically symmetric magnetic field:**

$$ds^2 = (dx^1)^2 + (dx^2)^2 + (dx^3)^2 + \frac{(x^1 dx^1 + x^2 dx^2)^2}{a^2 - [(x^1)^2 + (x^2)^2]} - \left[c_1 \exp\left(\frac{x^3}{a}\right) + c_2 \exp\left(\frac{-x^3}{a}\right) \right]^2 (dx^4)^2$$

where c_1 & c_2 are integration constants determined by boundary conditions and $x^1 \dots x^4$ are Cartesian coordinates with orthographic projection, and

$a = \frac{c^2}{\sqrt{\frac{4\mu_0}{m_0} B}} = 3.4840 \times 10^{+18} \frac{1}{B} \text{ meters}$ is the radius of spacetime curvature $\{G = \text{gravitational constant}, c = \text{speed of light}, B = \text{magnetic field strength in Tesla}, \mu_0 = \text{vacuum permeability} - \text{all in mks units}\}$

- **Maccone derived the “speed of light function” from coefficient of dx^4 term:**

$$v(z) = c \frac{2 \exp\left(\frac{L}{2a}\right)}{\exp\left(\frac{L}{a}\right) + 1} \cosh\left(\frac{z}{a}\right) \text{ m / sec} \quad \text{where } L \text{ is assumed to be length of a long magnetic solenoid, centered around } x^3 = z \text{ axis.}$$

- **Wormhole is created by the solenoid, and at center of its throat $v(z=0)$ is:**

$$v(0) = c \frac{2 \exp\left(\frac{L}{2a}\right)}{\exp\left(\frac{L}{a}\right) + 1} = 2c \frac{\exp\left(\frac{LB}{2K}\right)}{\exp\left(\frac{LB}{K}\right) + 1} \text{ m / sec} \quad 0 < L \ll a, \quad K = \frac{c^2}{\sqrt{\frac{4\mu_0}{m_0}}} = 3.4840 \times 10^{+18} \text{ Tesla} \cdot \text{meter}$$

- **Invert $v(0)$ and solve for B :**

$$B = \frac{2K}{L} \ln \left[\frac{c \pm \sqrt{c^2 - v^2(0)}}{v(0)} \right] \text{ Tesla}$$



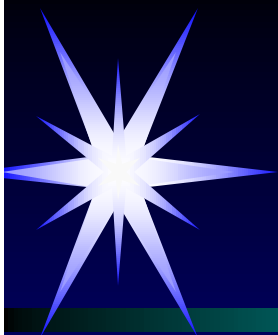
Levi-Civita's Metric Does Not Give A Wormhole!

$$ds^2 = -\left[c_1 \exp\left(\frac{z}{a}\right) + c_2 \exp\left(\frac{-z}{a}\right)\right]^2 dt^2 + \left(1 - \frac{r^2}{a^2}\right)^{-1} dr^2 + r^2 d\mathbf{j}^2 + dz^2$$

$$ds^2 = -\left[c_1 \exp\left(\frac{z}{a}\right) + c_2 \exp\left(\frac{-z}{a}\right)\right]^2 dt^2 + a^2 \left[d\mathbf{q}^2 + \sin^2 \mathbf{q} d\mathbf{j}^2 \right] + dz^2$$

$$a = \frac{c^2}{B} \left(\frac{4pG}{m_0} \right)^{-1/2} = 3.4840 \times 10^{18} B^{-1} \text{ is the radius of curvature}$$

$$d\mathbf{S}^2 = a^2 \left[d\mathbf{q}^2 + \sin^2 \mathbf{q} d\mathbf{j}^2 \right] + dz^2 \text{ is the hypercylinder 3-metric } S^2 \times \hat{\mathbf{A}}$$



Radius of Spacetime Curvature Induced by B-Field

B ($\times 3.484$ Tesla)	a (meters)
1	10^{18} (105.7 ly)
10^2	10^{16} (1.06 ly)
10^3	10^{15} (0.11 ly)
10^5	10^{13} (66.7 AU)
10^7	10^{11} (0.67 AU)
10^9	10^9 (1.44 Solar Radii)
10^{12}	10^6 (0.16 Earth Radii)
10^{15}	10^3
10^{18}	1

B = magnetic field strength

a = radius of spacetime curvature

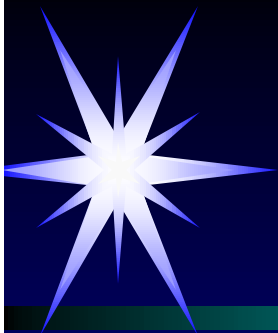
ly = light-year

AU = Astronomical Unit



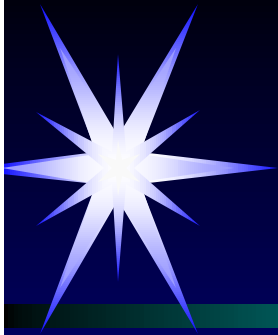
Wormhole Throat Size (b) *Induced* by Applied Tension (t)

b (m)	t ($\times 5.0$ N/m ²)
10^{18} (105.7 ly)	10^6
10^{16} (1.06 ly)	10^{10}
10^{15} (0.11 ly)	10^{12}
10^{13} (66.7 AU)	10^{16}
10^{11} (0.67 AU)	10^{20}
10^9 (1.44 Solar Radii)	10^{24}
10^6 (0.16 Earth Radii)	10^{30}
10^3	10^{36}
1	10^{42}



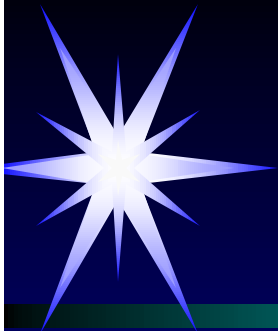
Experimental Approach

- $v(0)$ indicates that light speed slows down in localized region because of artificially induced gravity (space curvature) there.
- Maccone suggests measuring the slowing of light speed inside a large magnetic solenoid; achievable precision in measuring this would be $c - v(0)$ or $c^2 - v^2(0)$.
- Experiments will need B-fields $\geq 10^{10}$ Tesla to produce measurable effects. (Electric field intensity will be 17 times larger to produce the same radius of curvature).
- Experiments using chemical explosive/implosive magnetic technologies look promising.
- Russian designed MC-1 generator produces 10^3 Tesla with very good homogeneity and reliability, ISTC grant to build 2,000 Tesla generator.
- LANL/NHMFL/SNL high B-field generators (ATLAS, SATURN).
- Length of homogeneous field is ~ 10 cm, peak rate-of-rise of field is $\sim 10^9$ Tesla/sec, only a few nanosecs is spent at 10^3 Tesla which is long enough for good measurement of c (to a part in 10^2 or 10^3 with picosecond pulses).
- Exploit peak rate-of-rise of field? Experiments using nuclear explosives/implosives to generate ultrahigh B-fields ($\sim 10^9$ Tesla)?

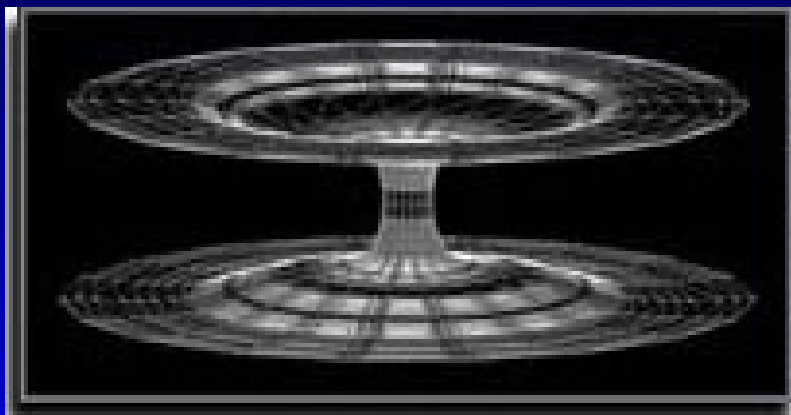


Magnetic Field Generation Technologies

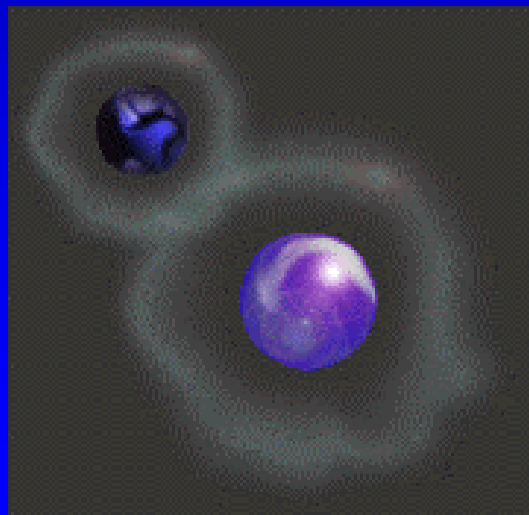
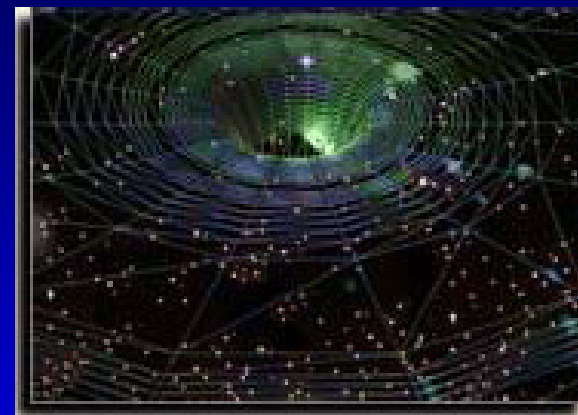
<i>Magnetic Field Strength (Tesla)</i>	<i>Field Generation Technology</i>
10 - 300	Superconductivity, Hybrid Magnets and Pulsed Magnets
360	Magnetic flux compression by electromagnetic force
400	One-turn coil connected to strong laser produced plasma
$\sim 10^3$	High powered pulsed lasers
1000 - 3000	Magnetic flux compression by chemical explosion/implosion
$10^2 - 10^5$	White Dwarf stars
$10^7 - 10^9$	Neutron stars
$\approx 10^9$	Magnetic flux compression by nuclear explosion/implosion



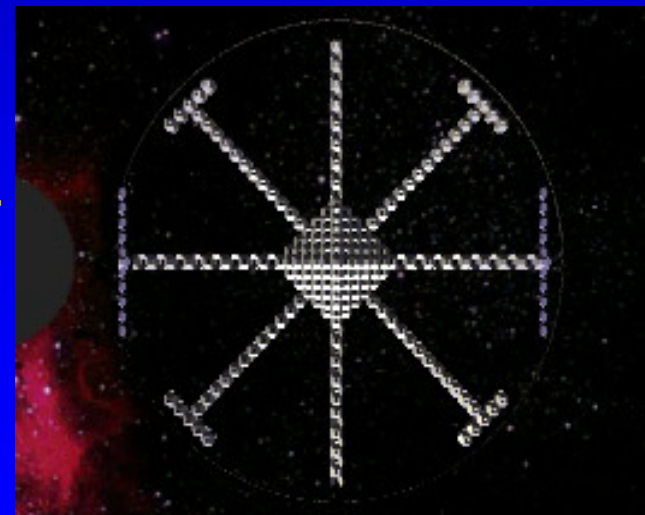
WHIP Spacecraft Concept

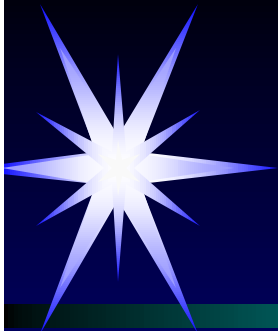


Left and right figures depict the Morris & Thorne wormhole which uses exotic matter-energy.



WHIP spacecraft (r) deploys ultrahigh B-field to generate hypercylinder curvature envelope to stress space into worm-hole configuration. Exotic matter-energy field is applied in small region to create the traversable throat which is patched to the hypercylinder space (l).





Conclusion

- Maccone's analysis is correct with respect to inducing space-time curvature and slowing of light via ultrahigh magnetic or electric fields.
- Maccone's interpretation of Levi-Civita's metric is incorrect as this really describes a hypercylinder with a position dependent gravitational potential.
- There is no asymptotically flat external space, no flared-out wormhole mouth and no throat.
- Radial magnetic or electric fields are borderline exotic, but create wormholes in different geometry.
- There are other exotic matter-energy fields to choose from!
- A lab experiment whereby a hypercylinder curvature effect is created by virtue of ultrahigh B-fields has excellent potential for breakthrough propulsion.
- A measure of the slowing of light speed (c) in this scenario would verify this effect.
- Recommend using chemical explosive/implosive B-field technologies, exploit ultrahigh peak rate-of-rise of field (10^9 Tesla/s).
- Fields $> 10^9 - 10^{10}$ Tesla needed to affect measurable slowing of c .
- B-field technologies based on nuclear explosives/implosives need to be considered to achieve large magnitude results.