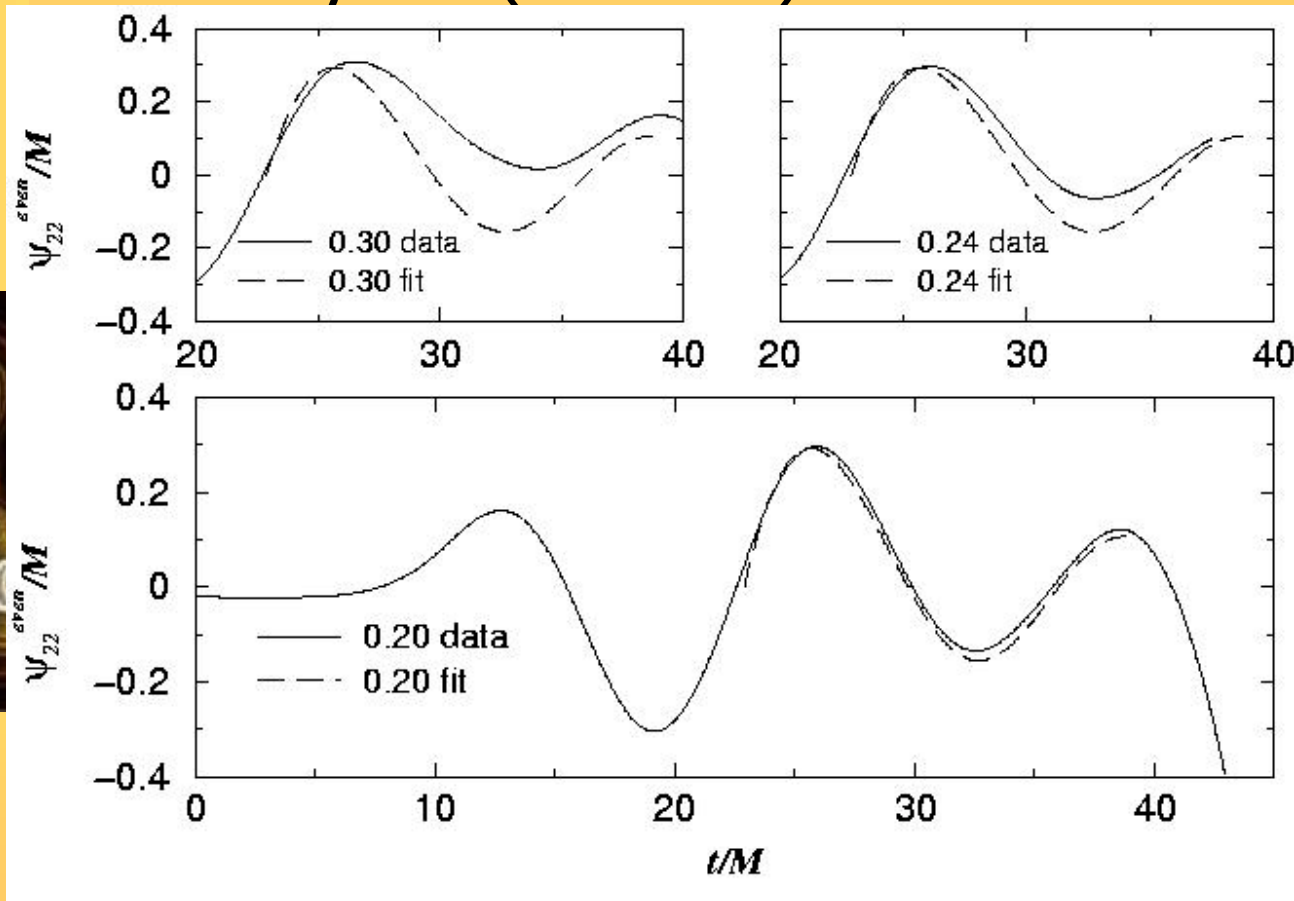


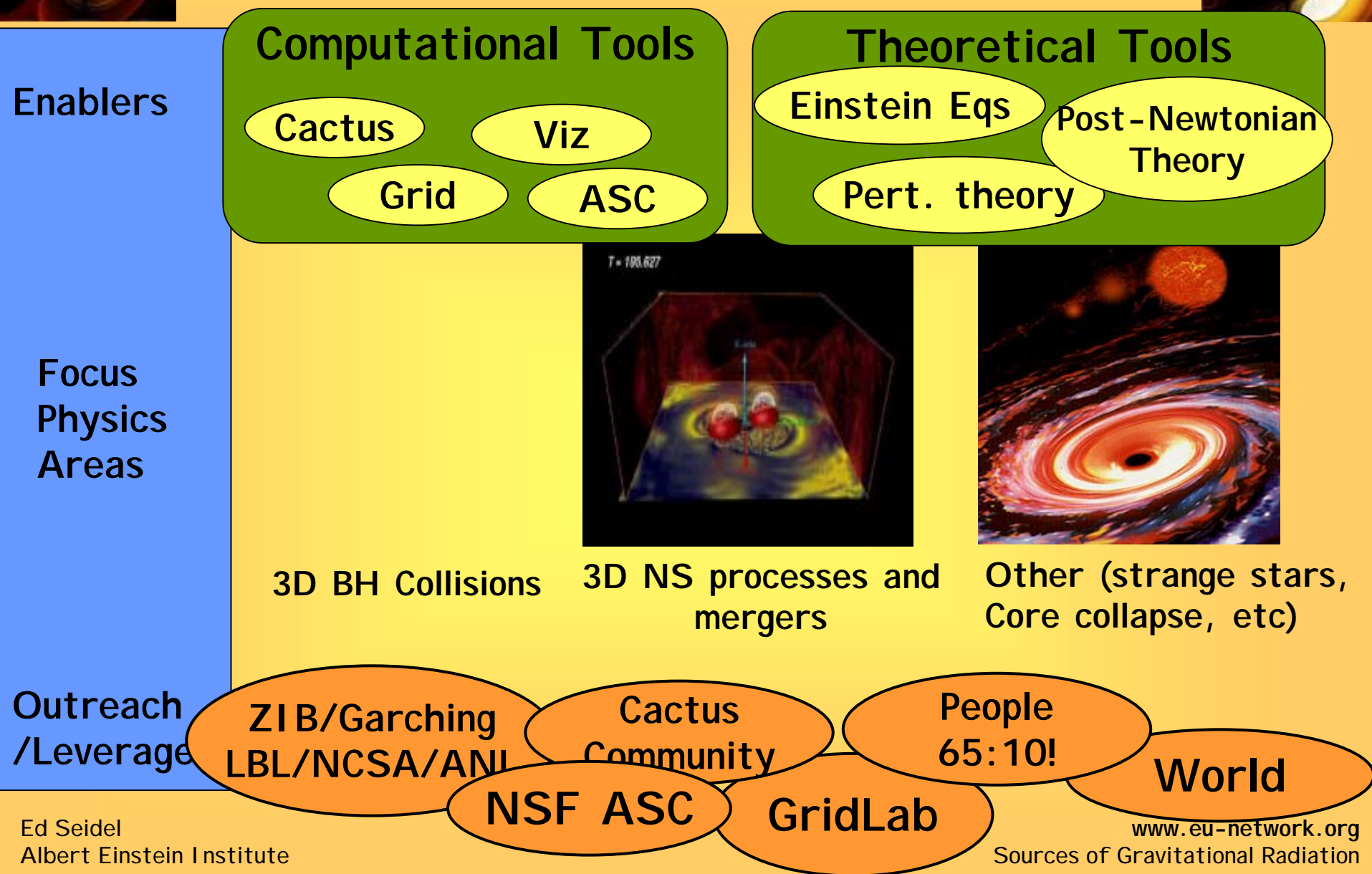
# EU Astrophysics Network Overview

- Progress on 3D BH Collisions (me)
- 3D Hydro (Luciano)



# Objectives of Network

*A Training program to build a community*



# Our Team

*7 Focus areas, links created, strengthened by Network*

Post-Newtonian Schemes

Ports

Potsdam

CS Efforts  
Worldwide

SOTON

Jena

WashU

Meudon

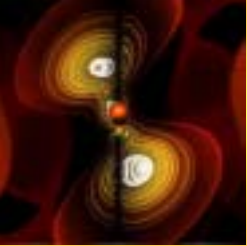
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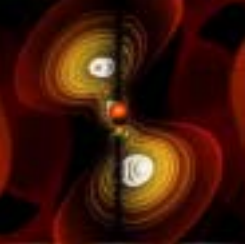


# Steps to BBH Orbits

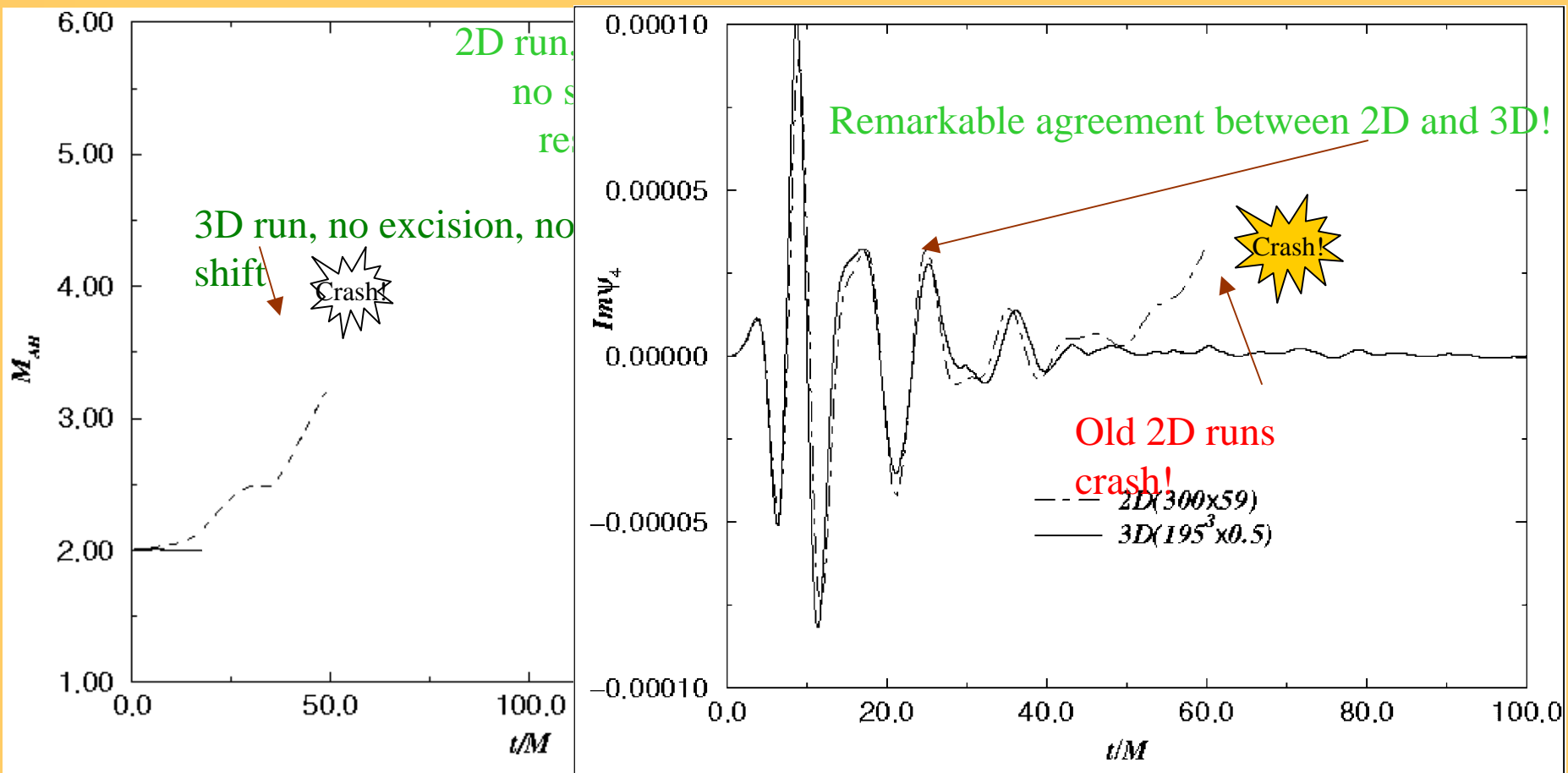
(AEI / UT - Brownsville / Meudon)



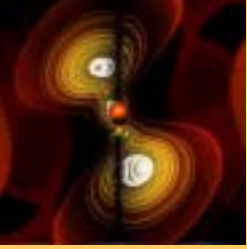
- Step 0: Better Formulations (BSSN), gauges, excision
- Step 1: Do 3D single, rotating distorted BHs individually
  - $t \sim 100s - 1000s M$  with convergence, solid masses, waveforms
  - Some instability may appear after  $t \sim 200 - 500M$  in full 3D
- Step 2: Do head -on BH collisions
  - $100s - 1000s M$  with convergence, solid masses, waveforms
- Step 3: Go to co-rotating frame for orbits!
  - Can just about do this today...



# Step 1: Single 3D BHs Become "Routine"

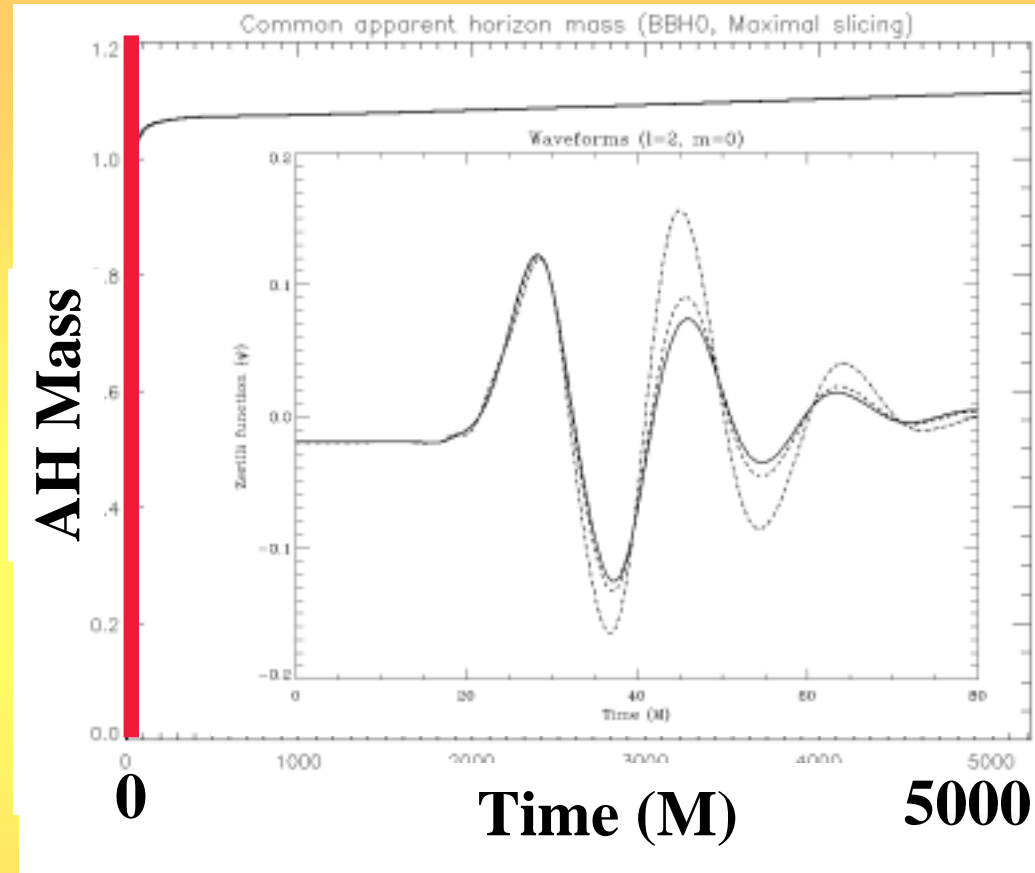


## Comparison of Schwarzschild Highly Distorted Rotating BH



# Step 2: 3D Head-On Collisions "Routine"

- Brill-Lindquist
  - Approx 1 SCO separation
  - No momentum
  - Similar to Misner  $\mu=2.2$
  - New dynamic shift/lapse combo
  - No Excision!!!



From Peter Diener...

# Step 3: Co-rotating frame for Orbits

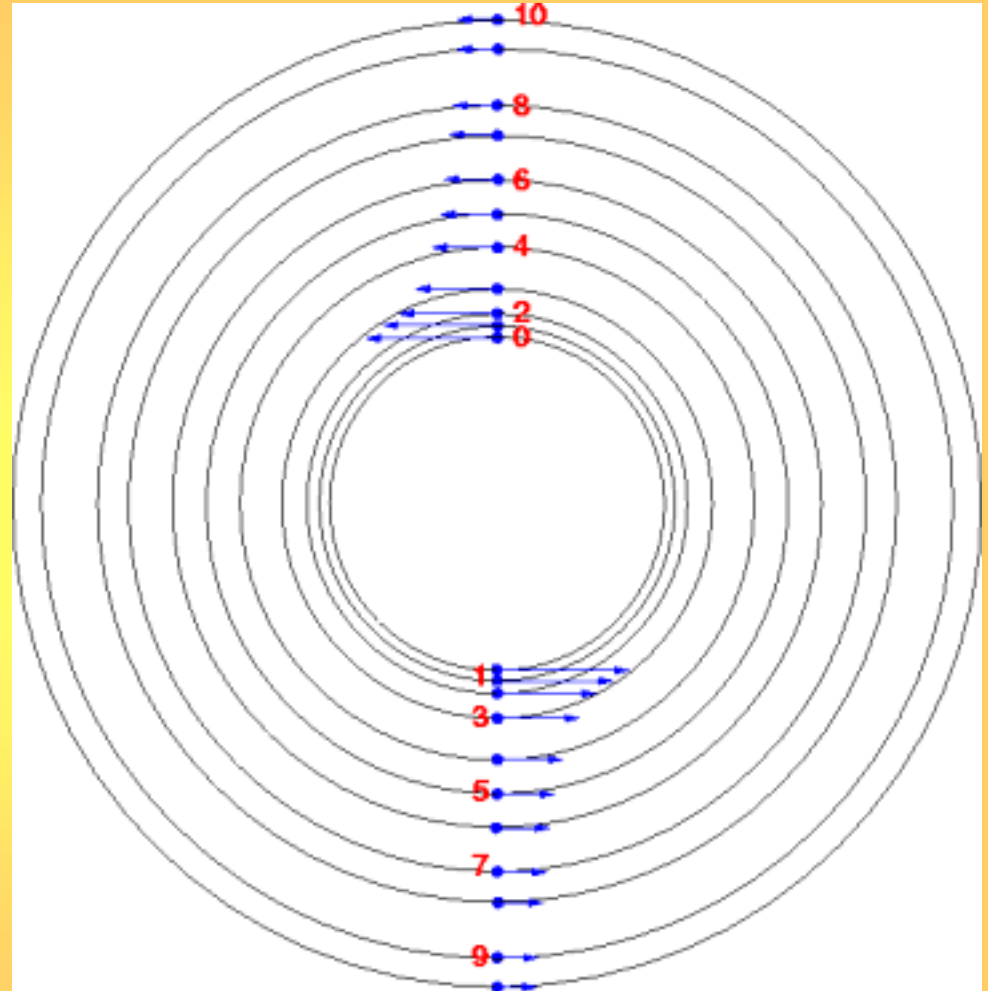
## ■ New Techniques

- Excision
- Gauges, formulations
- Co-rotating frame

## ■ Baumgarte initial data

- Estimated Innermost Stable Circular Orbit (ISCO)
- Other circular orbits, too ("Pre-ISCO" sequence: PI-1-10)

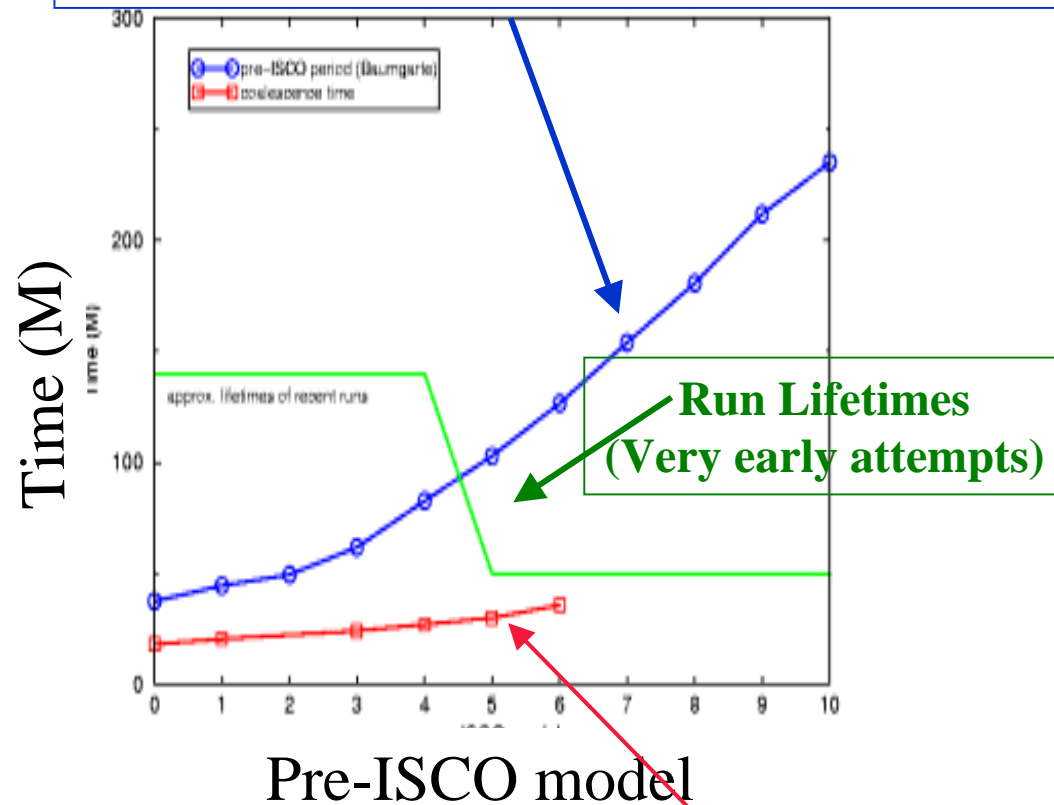
From Denis Pollney...



# Overview of Evolutions So Far

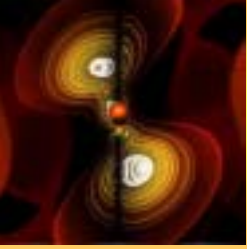
- Major problem is finding data sets that want to orbit!
- Baumgarte data
  - Seem to have momentum too low for circular orbits
  - $\Omega$  seems to be overestimated by factor of 2
- Evolutions solid (e.g., horizon mass accurate to 10% at  $t \sim 100M$ )

## Baumgarte Orbital Period Estimate



Coalescence time





# Example: Pre-ISCO 3



$K_{zz}$  in x-y plane,

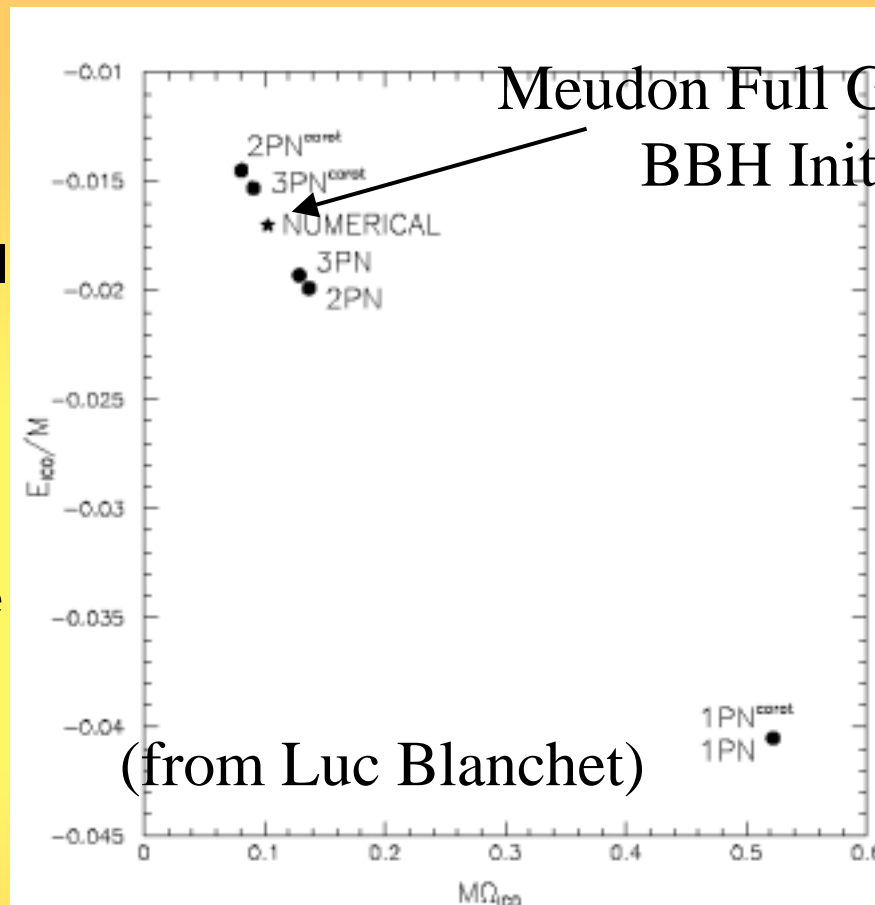
AHs and  $\Psi_4$

showing excision (corotating) (Corotation taken out)

# Increasing sophistication in IVP

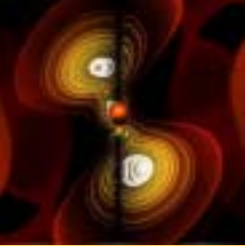
## Grandclement (Meudon) BBH data

- Builds in approx helical Killing vector
- Has orbital period of  $\sim 2x$  that of potential method (also what we see in evolutions!)
- Post-Newtonian expansions seem to converge towards the numerical BBH data



(from Luc Blanchet)

- Meudon Group: most astrophysically relevant binary BH data to date. Now in Cactus as EU Network Project



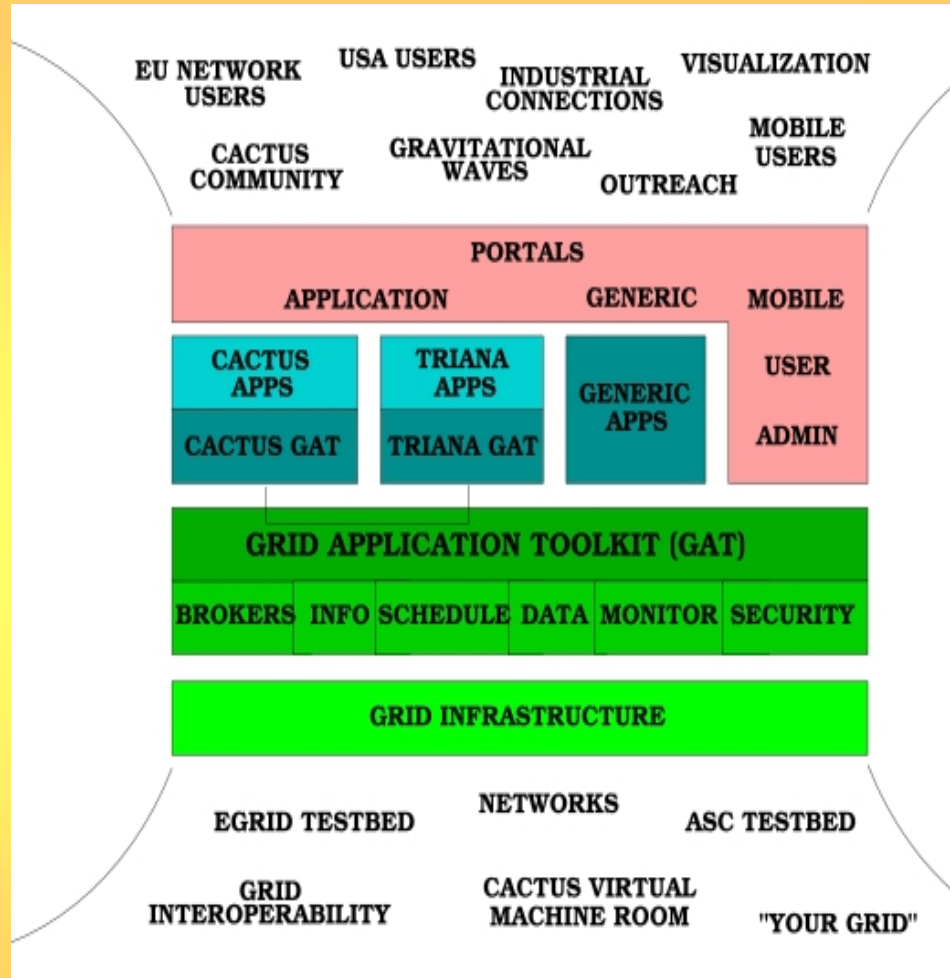
# GridLab:

[www.gridlab.org](http://www.gridlab.org)

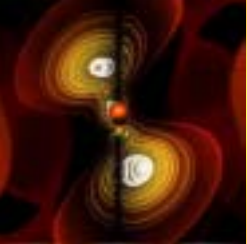
Enabling Dynamic Grid Applications



- EU Project (€5M)
  - AEI, ZIB, PSNC, Lecce, Athens, Cardiff, Amsterdam, SZTAKI, Brno, ISI, Argonne, Wisconsin, Sun, Compaq
- Grid Application Toolkit for application developers (APIs/Tools)
- Develop new grid scenarios for 2 main apps:
  - Numerical relativity
  - Grav wave data analysis



# Discovery Channel wants Pre-ISCO 3! This June...

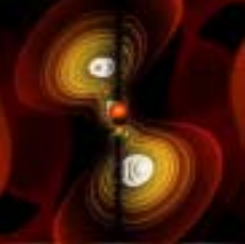




# Building a Community (through) Code: Advantages



- Sharing of Expertise: No single group or community can do these problems
- Sharing of Code among projects
  - Infrastructure
  - BH routines apply directly to NS work, etc...
  - But free to keep routines in group as long as desired
- Better Code
  - Open source encourages people to be more careful in coding!
  - Encourages documentation
  - Encourages deeper thinking about how it interfaces to another code
- More trusted code, results
  - When code becomes open, and people can run it for themselves, they will begin to believe the results
- Improvements propagate quickly through community
- Not well accepted yet, but we are starting a good trend...



# Cactus User Community

## Using and Developing Physics Thorns

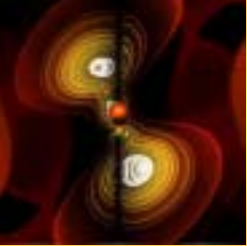
### Numerical Relativity/Astrophysics

- AEI
- Soton
- UNAM
- Wash U
- RIKEN
- Goddard
- Monash
- Thessaloniki
- Pitt
- PSU
- Tuebingen
- TAC
- SISSA
- Portsmouth
- UT
- EU Astrophysics Network
- NASA
- Arizona

### Other Applications

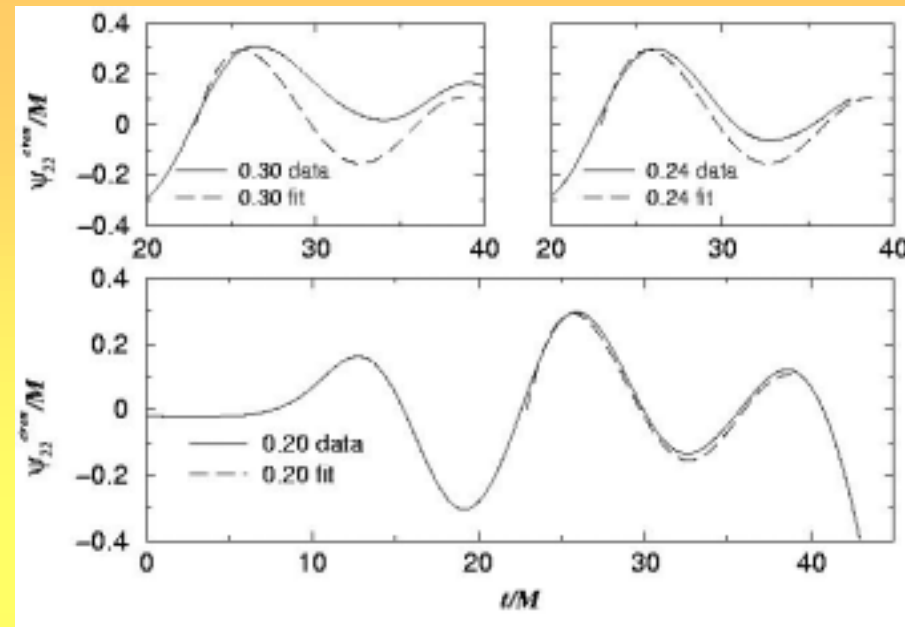
- Chemical Engineering (U.Kansas)
- Climate Modeling (NASA,AMS)
- Bio-Informatics (Canada)
- Geophysics (Stanford)
- Early Universe (LBL)
- Plasma (Princeton)
- Astrophysics (Zeus)
- Etc...

Meeting in May:  
 Theoretical Foundations of Einstein's Equations for Numerical Relativity  
 (Using Cactus to investigate and compare different implementations)



# Previous 3D BH Results

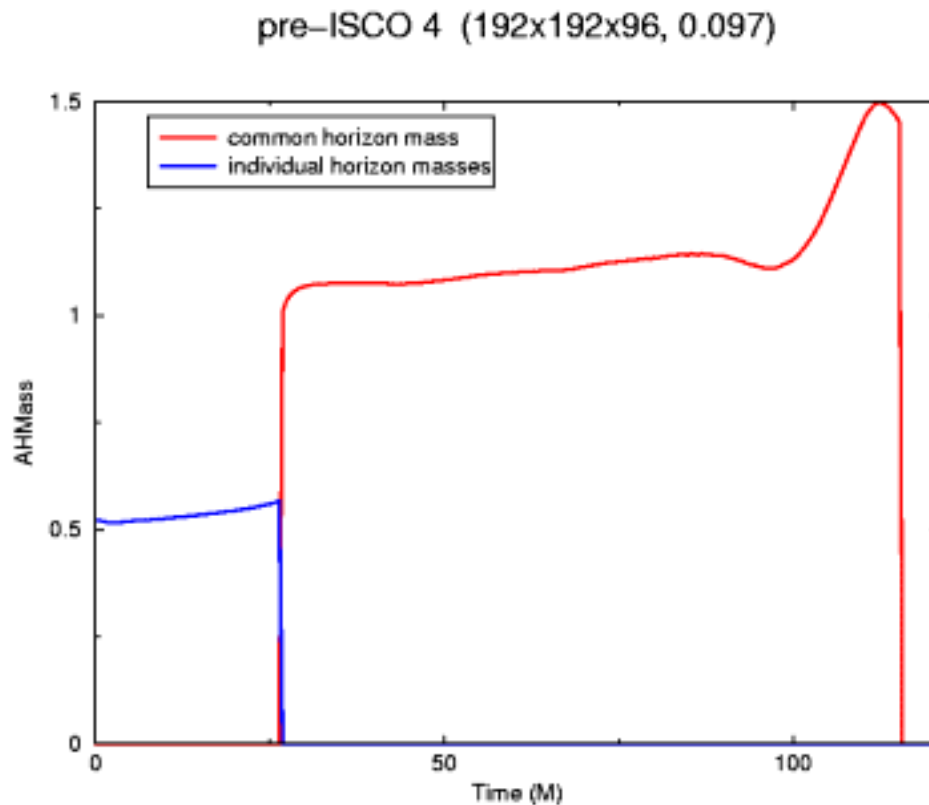
*new formulations, no shift, no excision*



## ■ Grazing Collision 1999

- Big Advance: 3D, unequal mass, spin, J
- Physics!
- But Code crash by 40M

# Horizon Mass for Pre-ISCO 4



- Low resolution (192x192x96), but mass conserved to  $\sim 10\%$  until  $\sim 100M$
- Now exploring parameters to find orbital configurations