

Title: Fully General Relativistic Simulations of Black Hole-Neutron Star Mergers: A Current Overview

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Abstract: Black hole-neutron star binary (BHNS) mergers are likely sources for detectable gravitational radiation and candidate engines for short-hard gamma-ray bursts. However, accurate modeling of these mergers requires fully general relativistic simulations, incorporating both relativistic hydrodynamics for the matter and Einstein's field equations for the (strong) gravitational fields. I will review techniques and results from recent fully general relativistic BHNS merger simulations. These simulations examine the effects of the BH:NS mass ratio, BH spin, and NS equation of state, focusing on both the gravitational waveforms and remnant disk.

# BHNSs: SGRB progenitors?

- Short-hard gamma-ray burst (SGRB) progenitor

– Plausible scenario:

## SGRB engine:

- BH+NS binary inspiral
- Tidal disruption of NS → massive, high temp. disk

• Huge amount of EM energy radiated (lasting  $\sim 10 - 10^3$  ms) → SGRB!

– So, SGRB engine **may need substantial disk, not direct plunge** into BH

- i.e., tidal disruption @ orbital separation  $d \gtrsim r_{\text{ISCO}}$ .

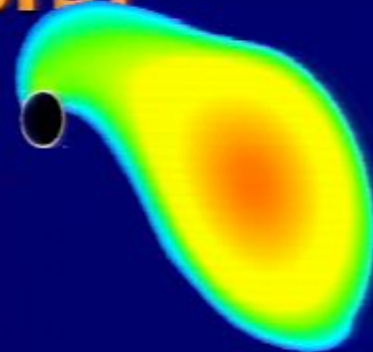
grav. force @ NS surf. →  $\frac{M_{\text{NS}}}{R_{\text{NS}}^2} \sim \frac{M_{\text{BH}}}{d^3} R_{\text{NS}}$  ← BH tidal force

$$c = \frac{M_{\text{NS}}}{R_{\text{NS}}}, \quad q = \frac{M_{\text{BH}}}{M_{\text{NS}}} \implies \frac{d}{M_{\text{BH}}} \sim q^{-2/3} c^{-1}$$

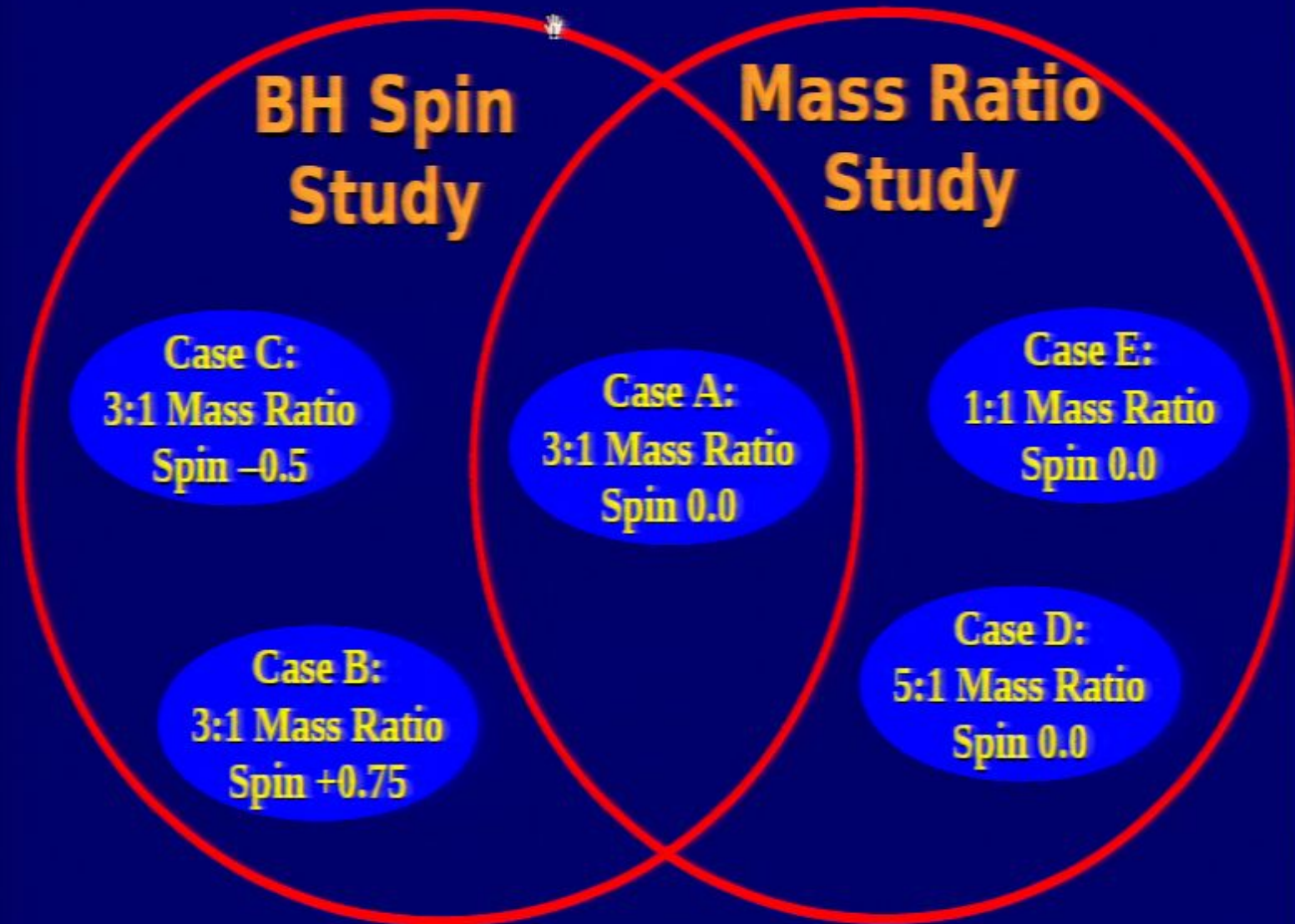
–  $d \gtrsim r_{\text{ISCO}}$  → NS tidally disrupts before BH ISCO → Substantial disk?

– *Note:* Test particle around Kerr BH →  $r_{\text{ISCO}}$  decreases as aligned spin increases

- → Expect more disk as aligned spin increases



# Example: Illinois Case Studies



# BHNS Initial Data

## Conformal Thin-Sandwich

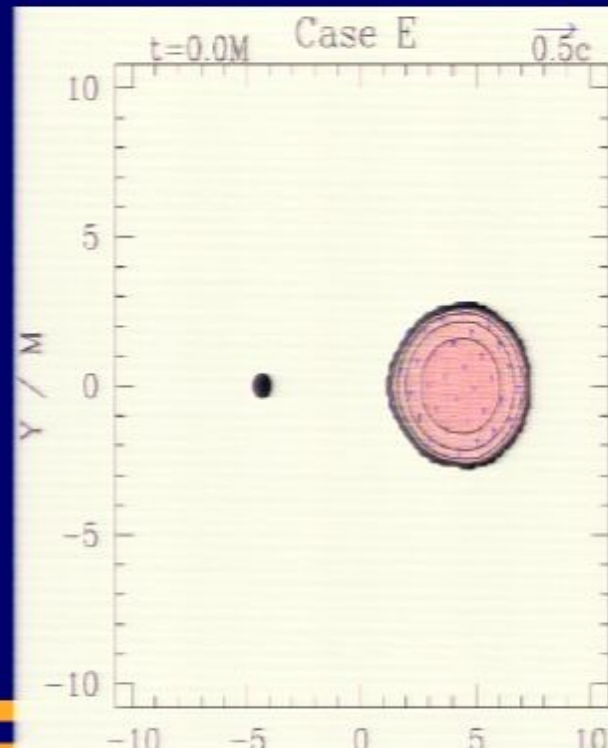
- Chawla et al.
- Cornell
- Illinois

## Puncture

- Japan

## BH

- Default case: BH spin parameter=0,
- 3:1 Mass ratio
  - ~7:1 preferred by pop. synth.



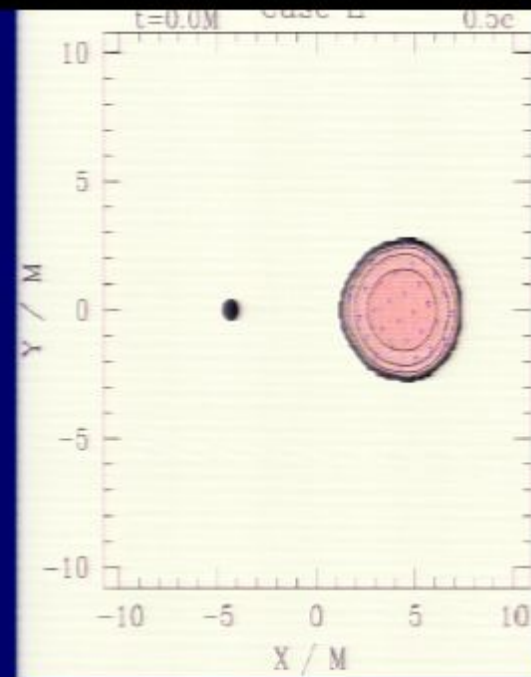
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  - Other EOSs, irrotational NS: Japan, Cornell
- Conformal thin-sandwich (CTS) initial data (all except Japan)
  - CTS: GR soln for quasieq. binaries in circular orbit
  - Models BH spin, mass via boundary condition on AH
    - $-0.5 < J_{\text{BH}} / M_{\text{BH}}^2 < 0.75$
    - Puncture evolutions: Fill with smoothly extrapolated data from exterior (“junk” initial data)
      - [Etienne et al. PRD 76, 101503(R) (2007)]
      - [Brown et al. PRD 76, 081503(R) (2007)]
      - [Brown et al. PRD 79, 044023 (2009)]
    - Magnetic fields added by Chawla et al. (2010)
- Moving puncture framework initial data (Japan)
  - So far, nonspinning BH initial data only
  - Extra degree of freedom, allows for better match to PN
    - Corresponding reduction in eccentricity



# Have BHNS Initial Data

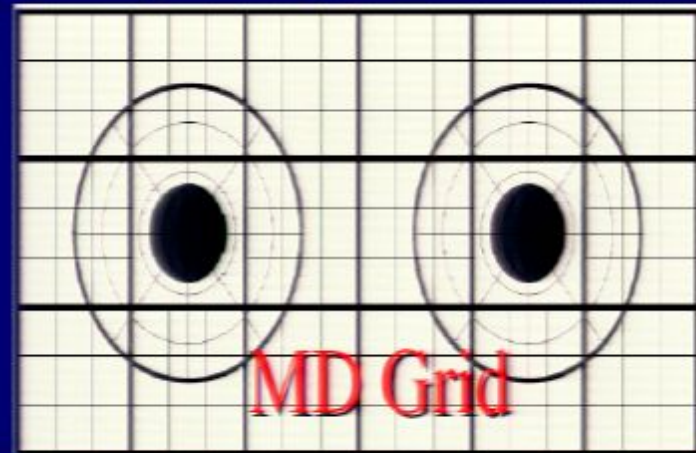
## Next Step: Evolve!



- Basic Equations
  - Gravitational fields  $G^{\mu\nu} = 8\pi T^{\mu\nu}$ 
    - Generalized Harmonic formalism
      - Cornell, Chawla et al
    - BSSN (Baumgarte-Shapiro Shibata-Nakamura) formalism
      - Illinois, Japan
  - Fluids
    - General Relativistic Hydrodynamics
    - Magnetic fields added (MHD approximation)
      - Chawla et al
      - Illinois (*in progress*)

## Evolution Codes

- Time evolution: 4<sup>th</sup> order finite differences (RK4)
- Einstein's equations for metric (BSSN/GH formalism)
  - Spatial derivatives: 4<sup>th</sup> order + finite differences ← Cornell: Spectral!
- Coordinates: “puncture gauge” or “generalized harmonic coordinates”
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- Chawla, Illinois, Japan: AMR infrastructure
- Cornell: Multi-Domain (MD) spectral grid + hydro unigrid





## Cornell Movie Details

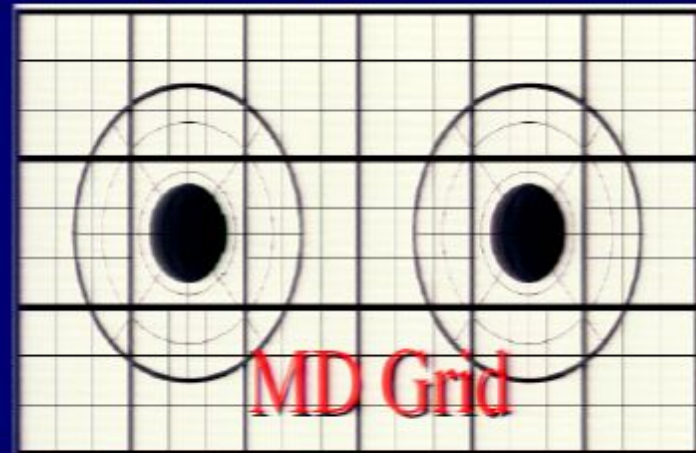
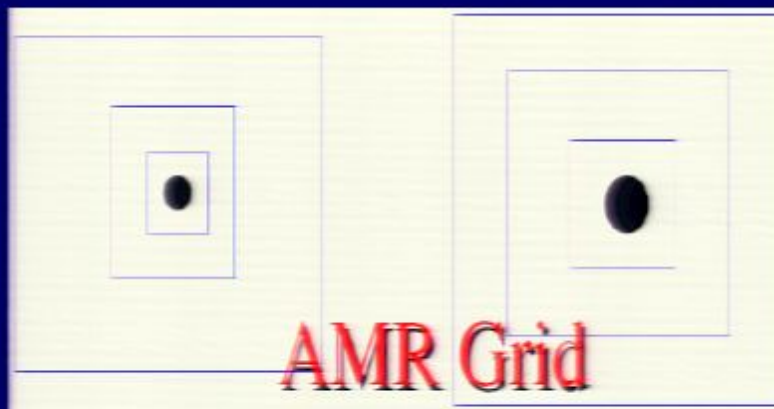


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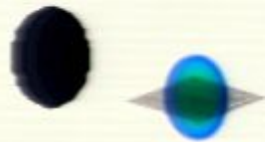
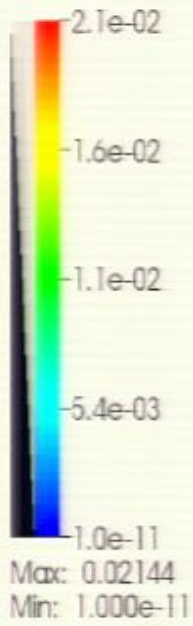
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Edge-On View



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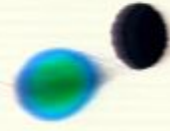
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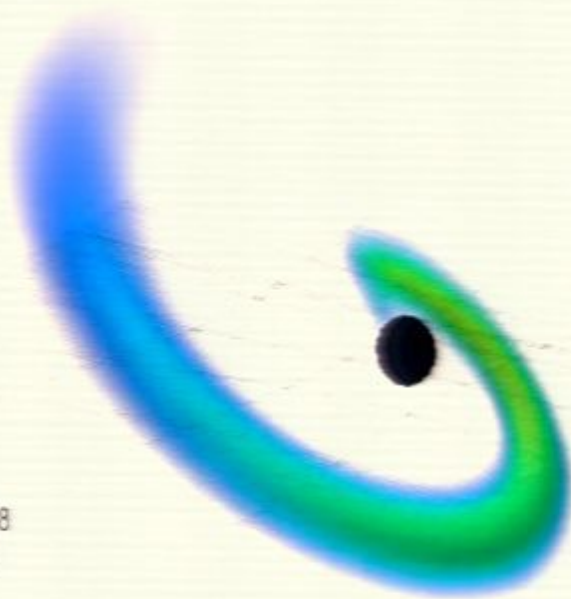
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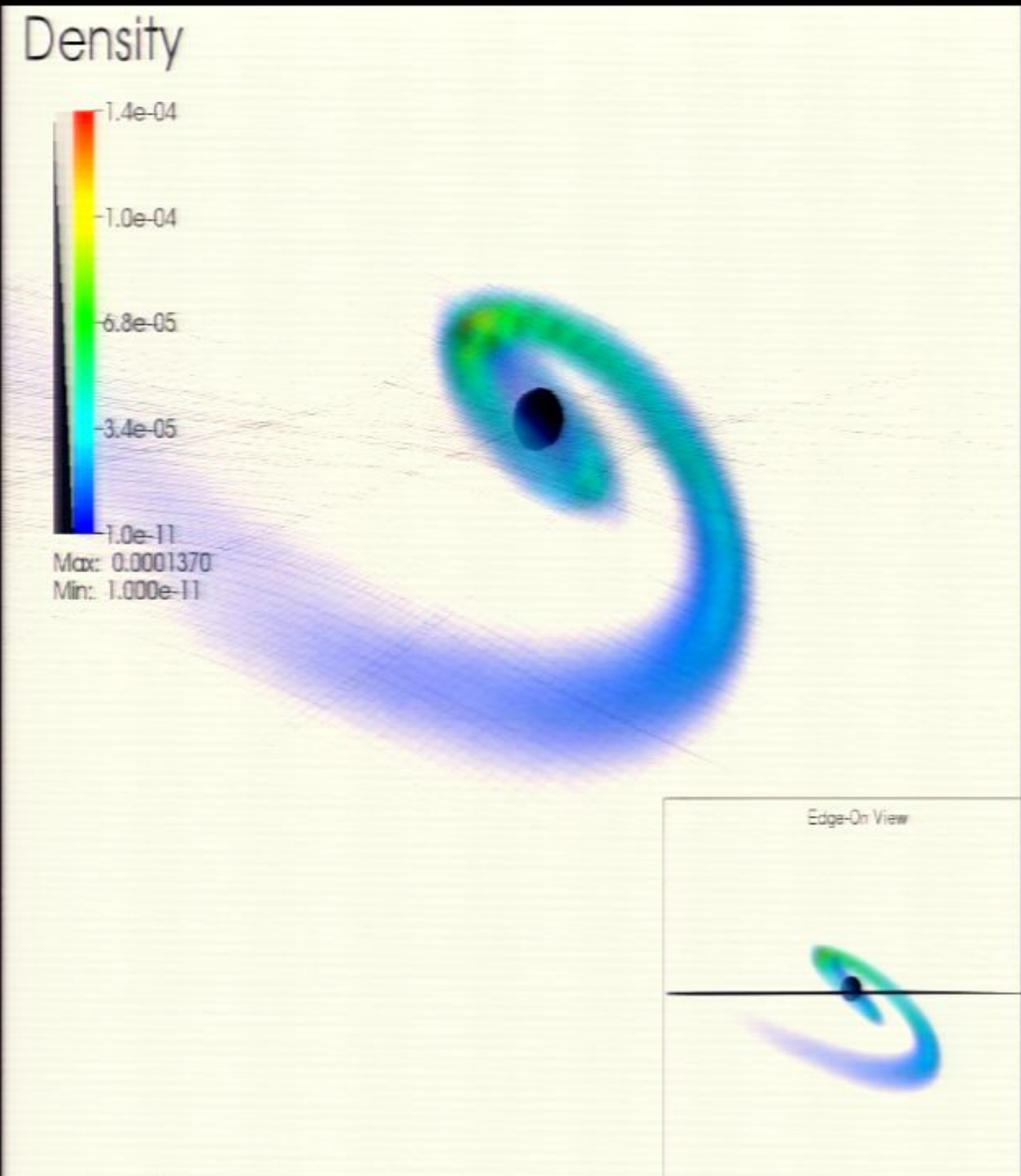




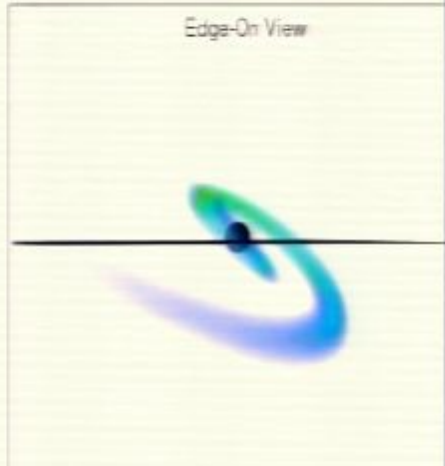
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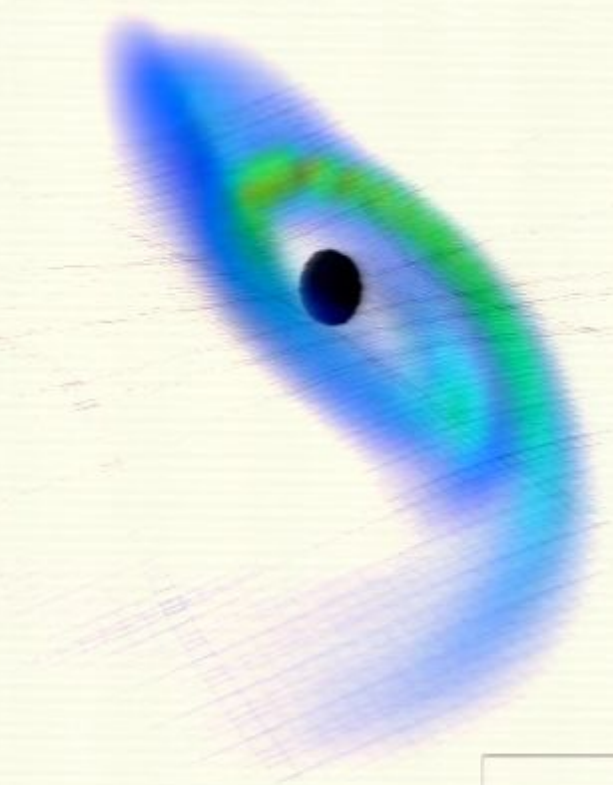


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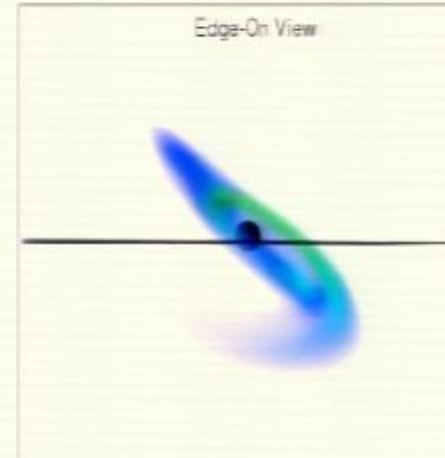
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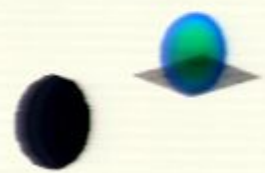


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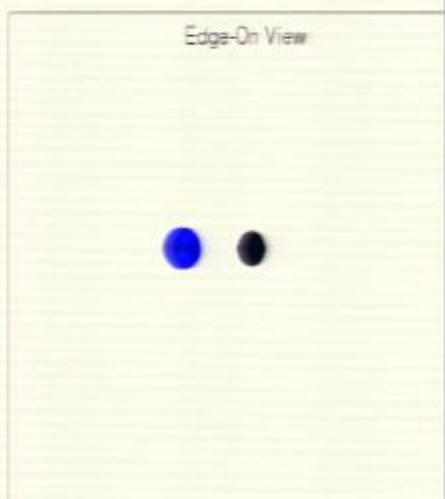
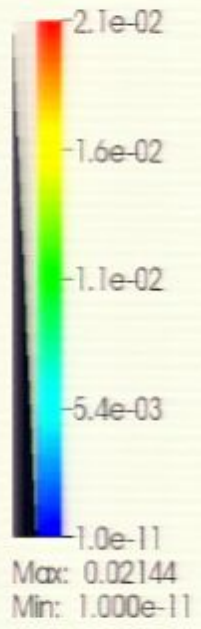


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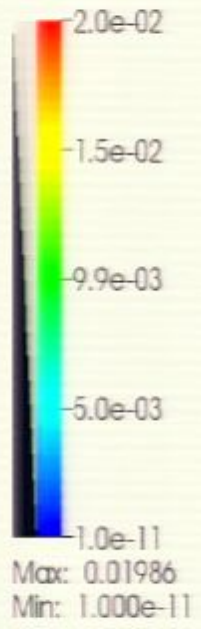
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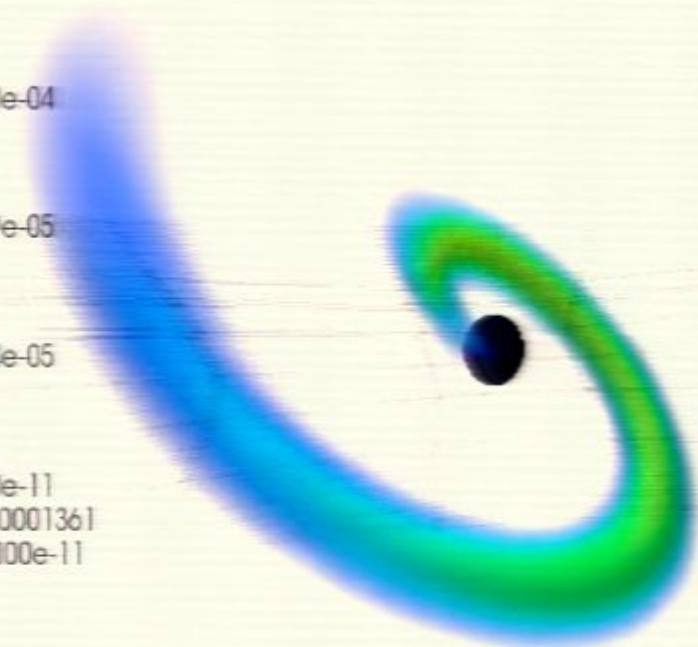
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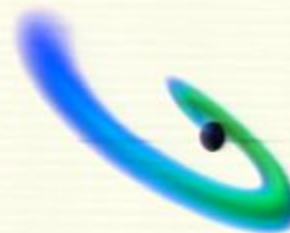
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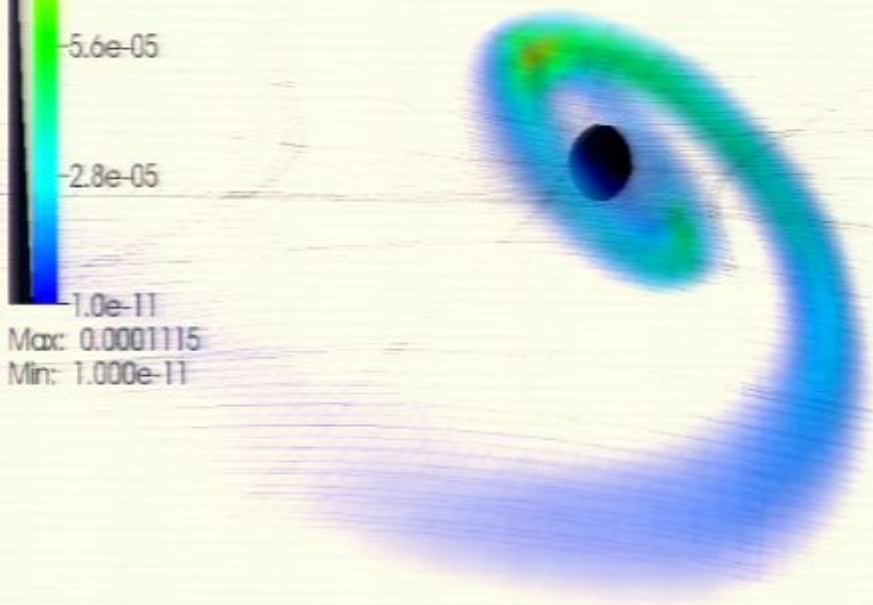
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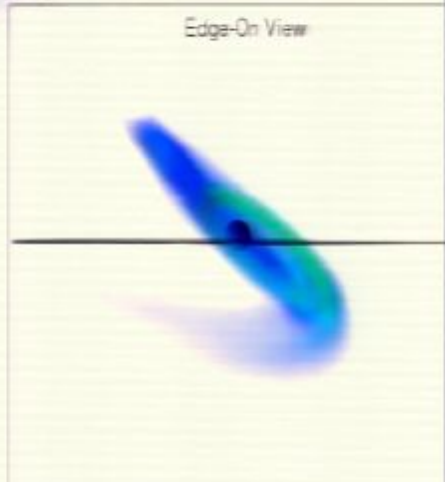
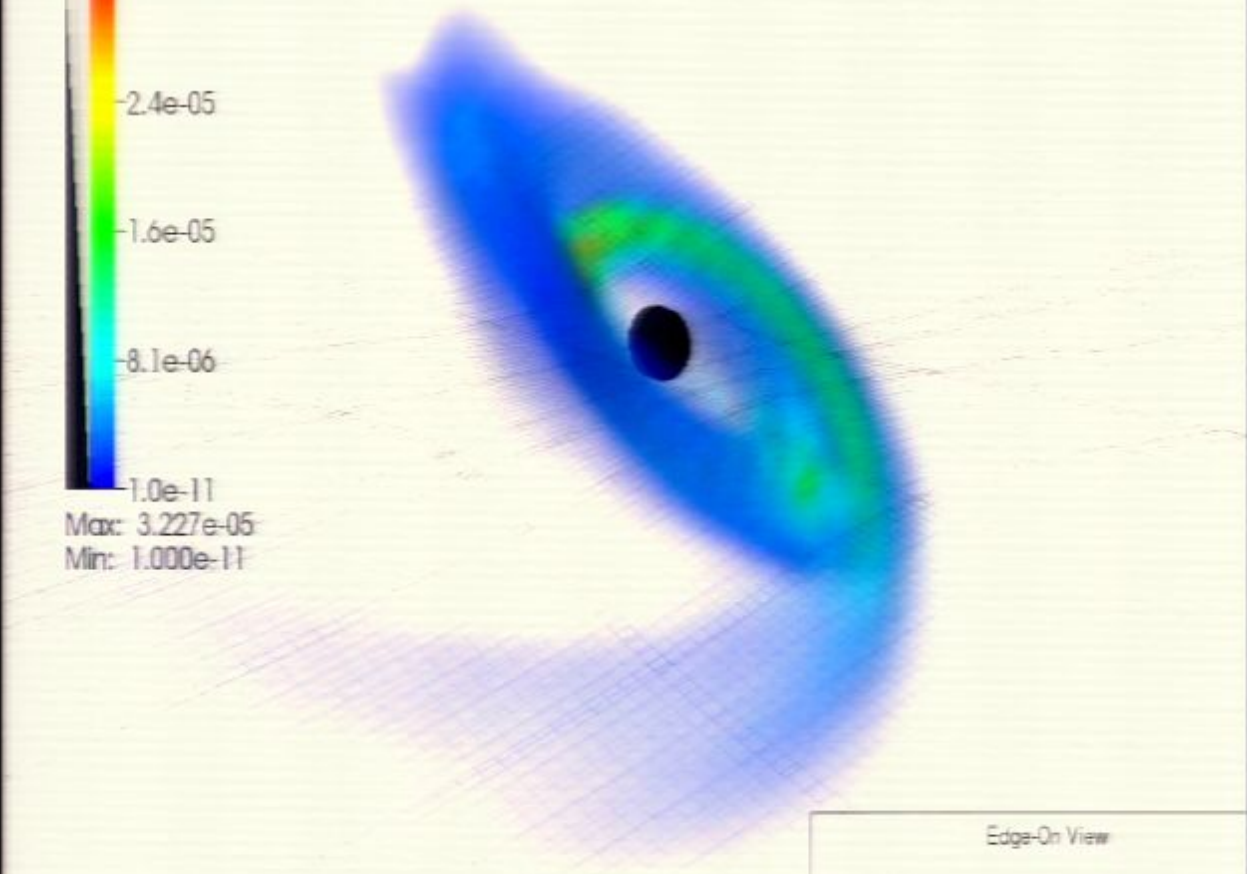


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A screenshot of an Adobe Reader window. The window title bar reads "zachariahettienne-PI-2010-Jun25-InvitedTalk.pdf - Adobe Reader". The window content is mostly blank white space, with a small red icon in the top right corner. The window is overlaid on a dark terminal background.

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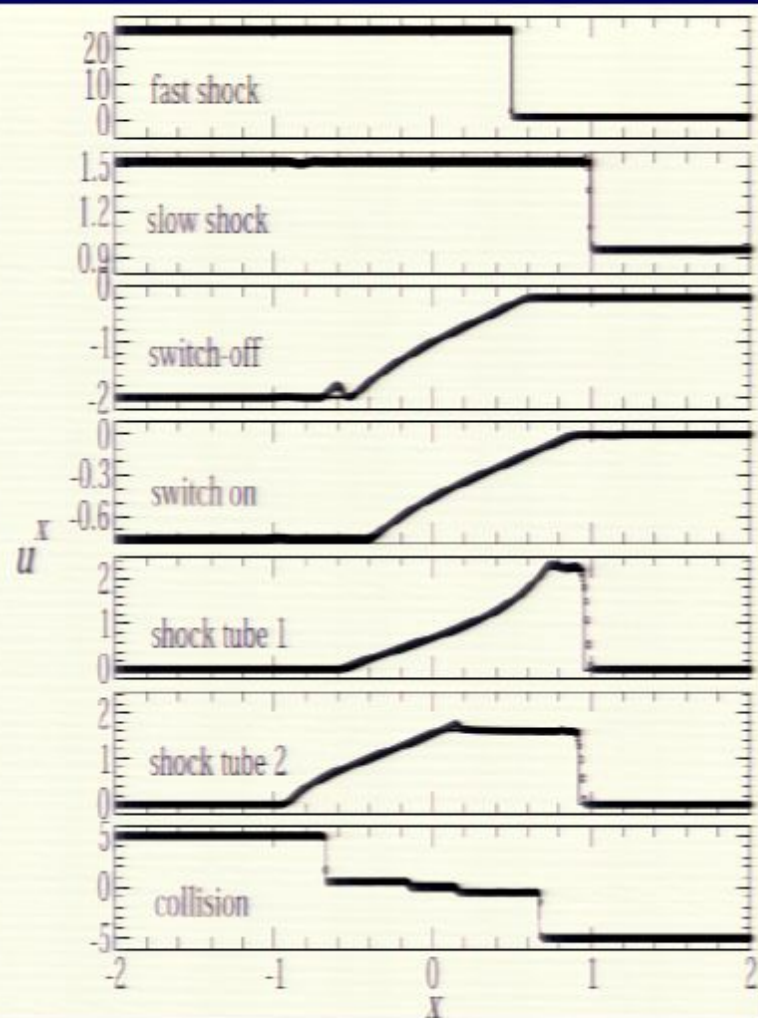
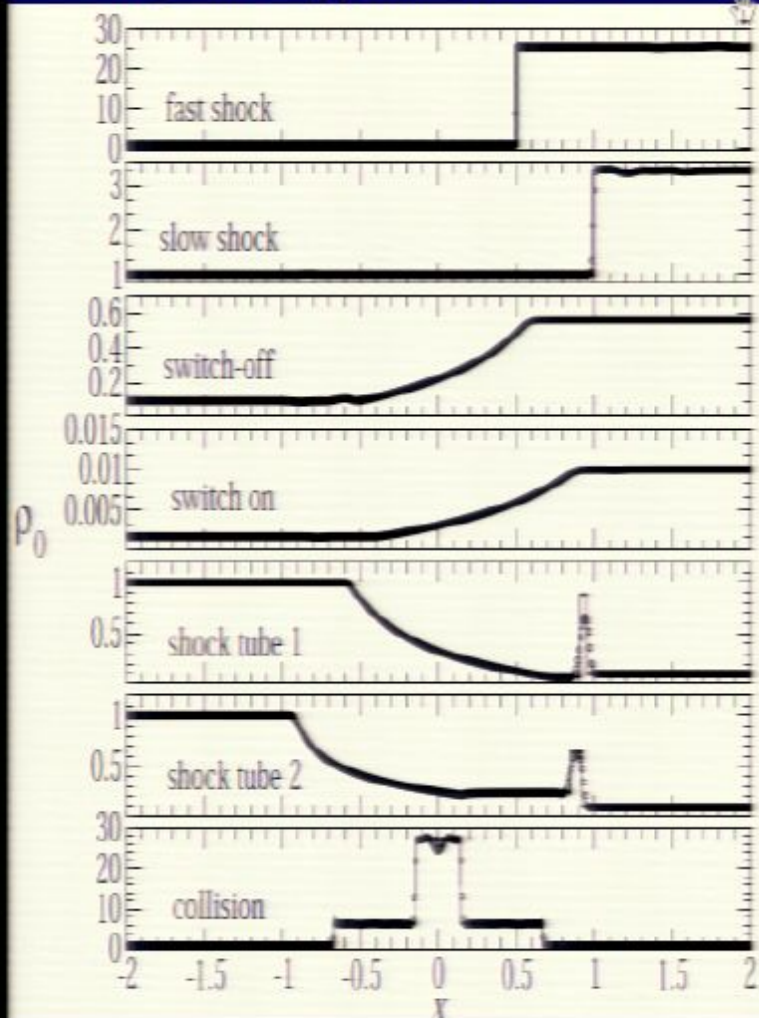


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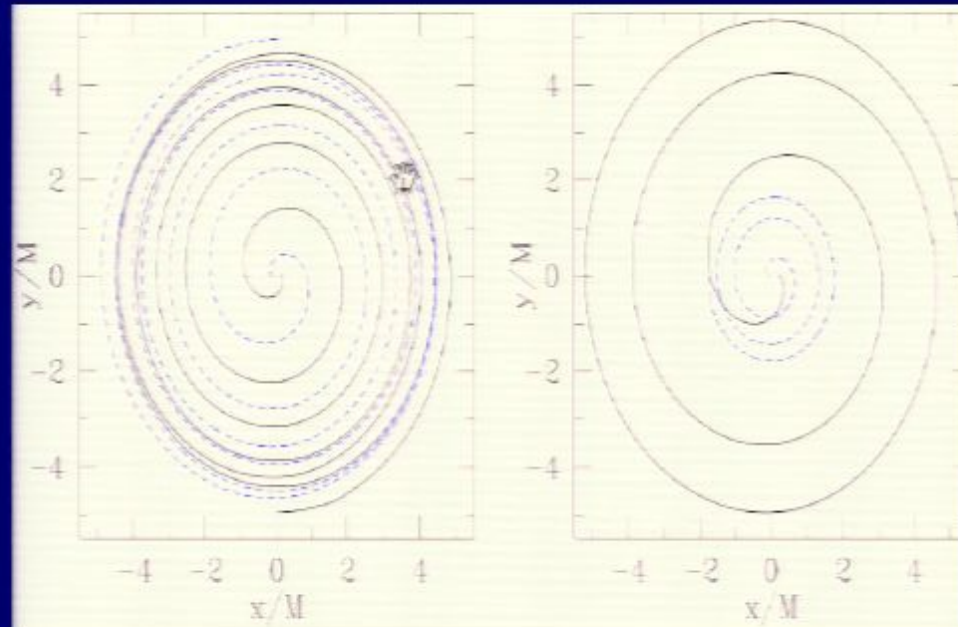
- Tests with analytic solutions
  - Shock tube, OS collapse, Bondi flow
- Tests against other codes (Japan)
  - Magnetized hypermassive NSs



[Duez et al. PRD 72 (2005) 024028]

## Illinois AMR Code Tests, Part I: BHBH Binary

- BHBH: equal & unequal mass (Equal: 7 orbits, Unequal 3:1: 5 orbits)
- (9 ref. levels)

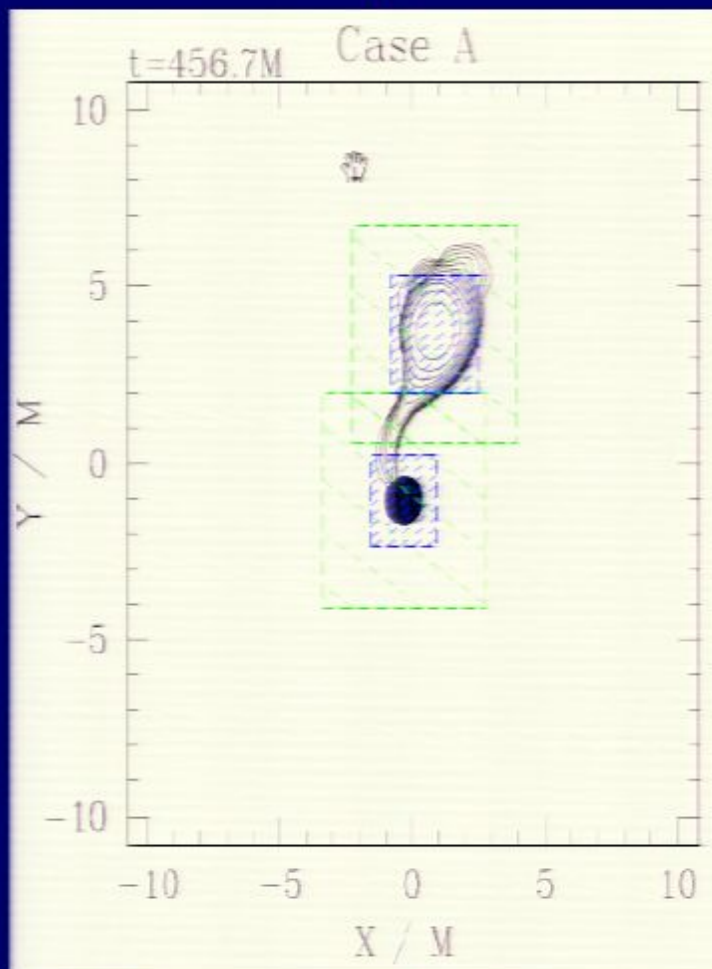


	equal mass (known value)	unequal mass ( $q = 3$ ) (known value)
$M_{\text{BH}}/M$	0.96 (0.95)	0.981 (0.978)
$J_{\text{BH}}/M_{\text{BH}}^2$	0.685 (0.686)	0.541 (0.545)
$v_{\text{kick}}$	—	174 ( $\sim 175$ ) $\text{km s}^{-1}$
$\delta E$	$4 \times 10^{-4}$	$-2 \times 10^{-4}$
$\delta J$	$4 \times 10^{-3}$	$9 \times 10^{-4}$

Where  $\delta E \equiv (M - M_f - \Delta E_{\text{GW}})/M$ ,

$\delta J \equiv (J - J_f - \Delta J_{\text{GW}})/J$

## Illinois AMR Code Tests, Part II: AMR+Matter

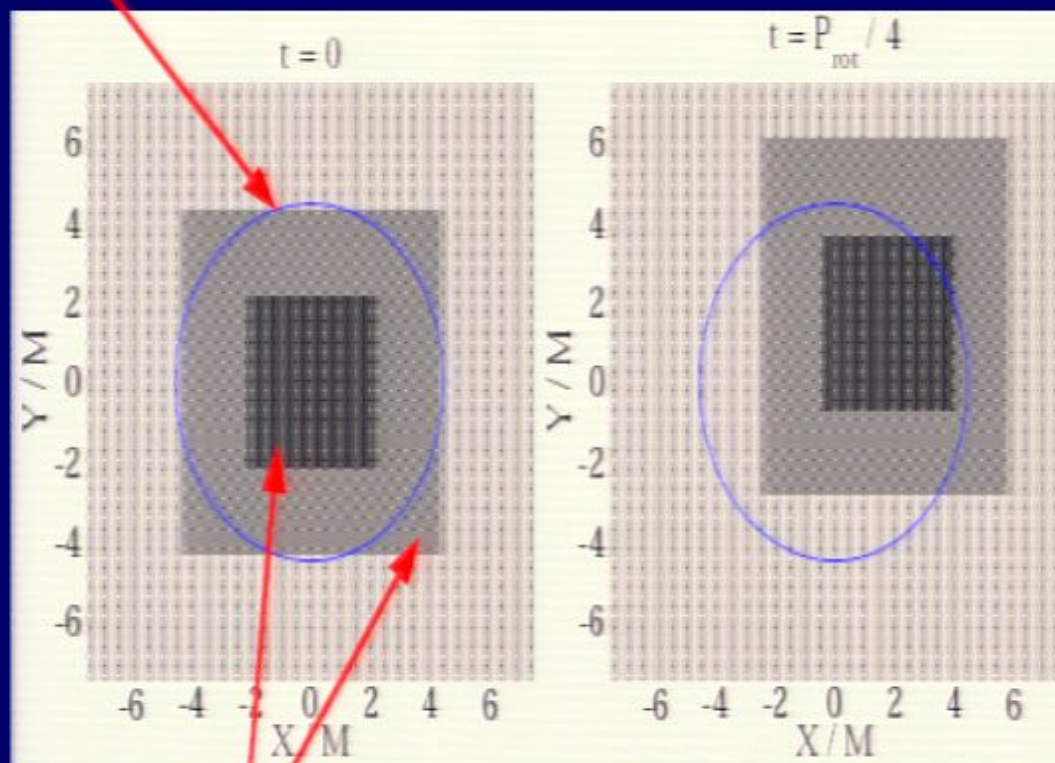


- Typical BHNS during merger phase
- Matter crosses refinement boundaries!
- Unigrid  $\rightarrow$  Hydro. scheme preserves rest mass
- AMR  $\rightarrow$  Rest mass conservation not guaranteed. **How much error?**



## Illinois AMR Code Tests, Part II: AMR+Matter

Equilibrium, rapidly rotating neutron star

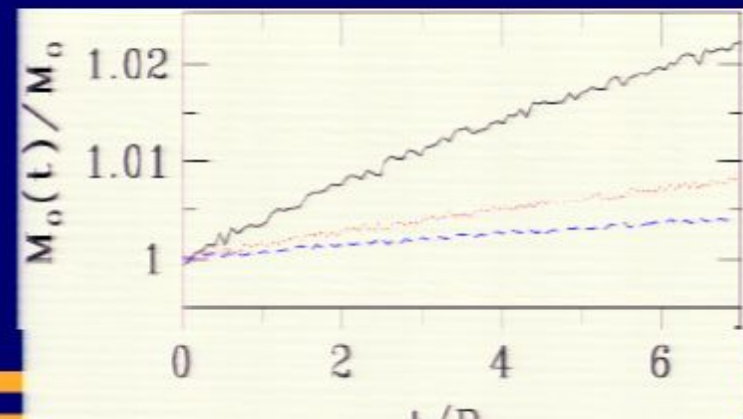
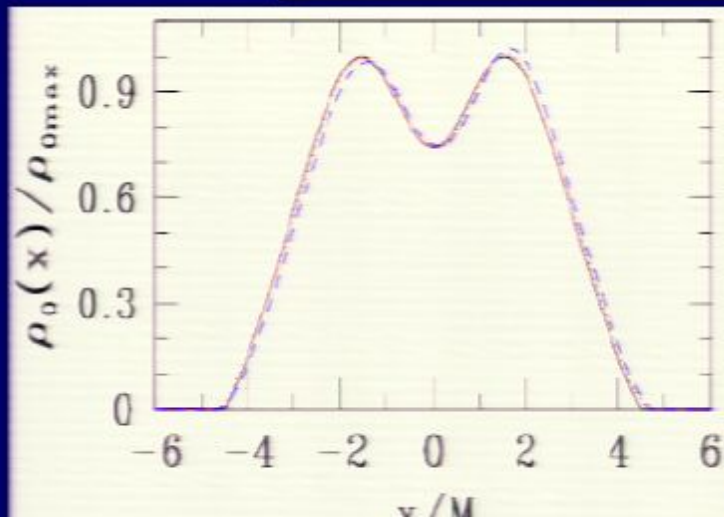
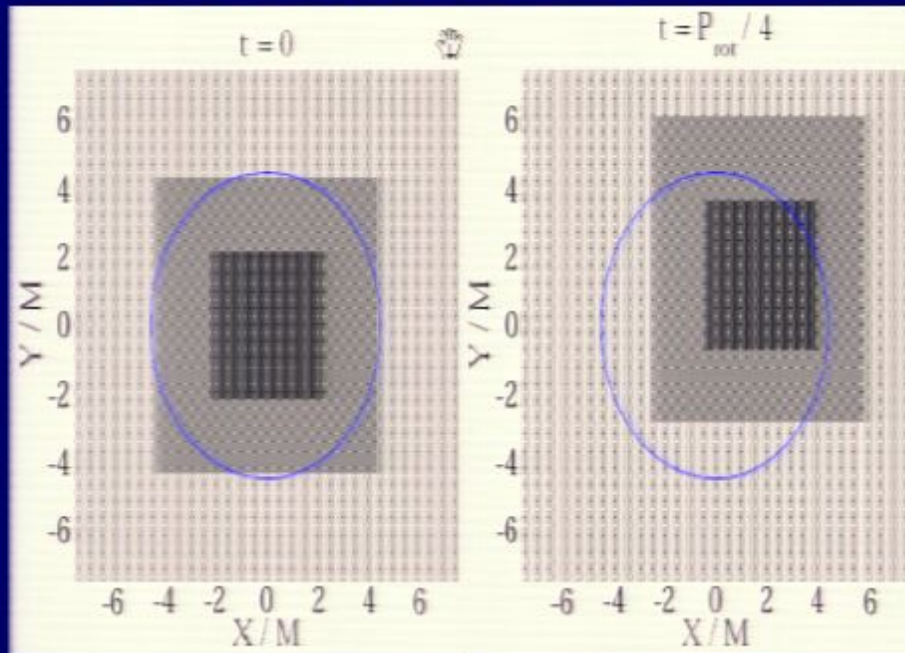


Moving AMR boxes:  
(darker  $\rightarrow$  higher resolution)



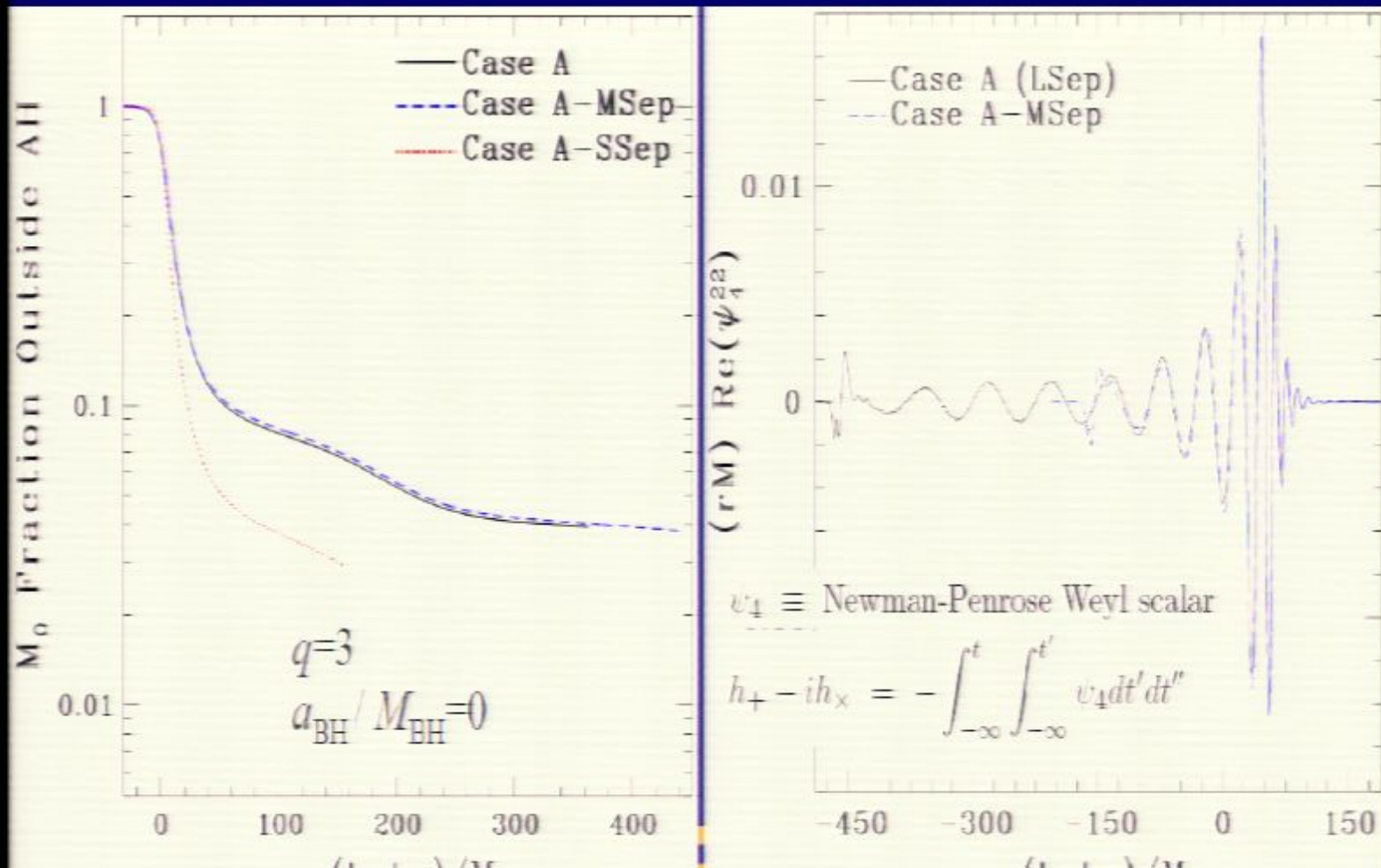
## Illinois AMR Code Tests, Part II: AMR+Matter

- Equil., rapidly rotating star maintains equilibrium, many rotation periods
- Rest-mass violation error converges to zero @  $>2^{\text{nd}}$  order,  $<1\%$

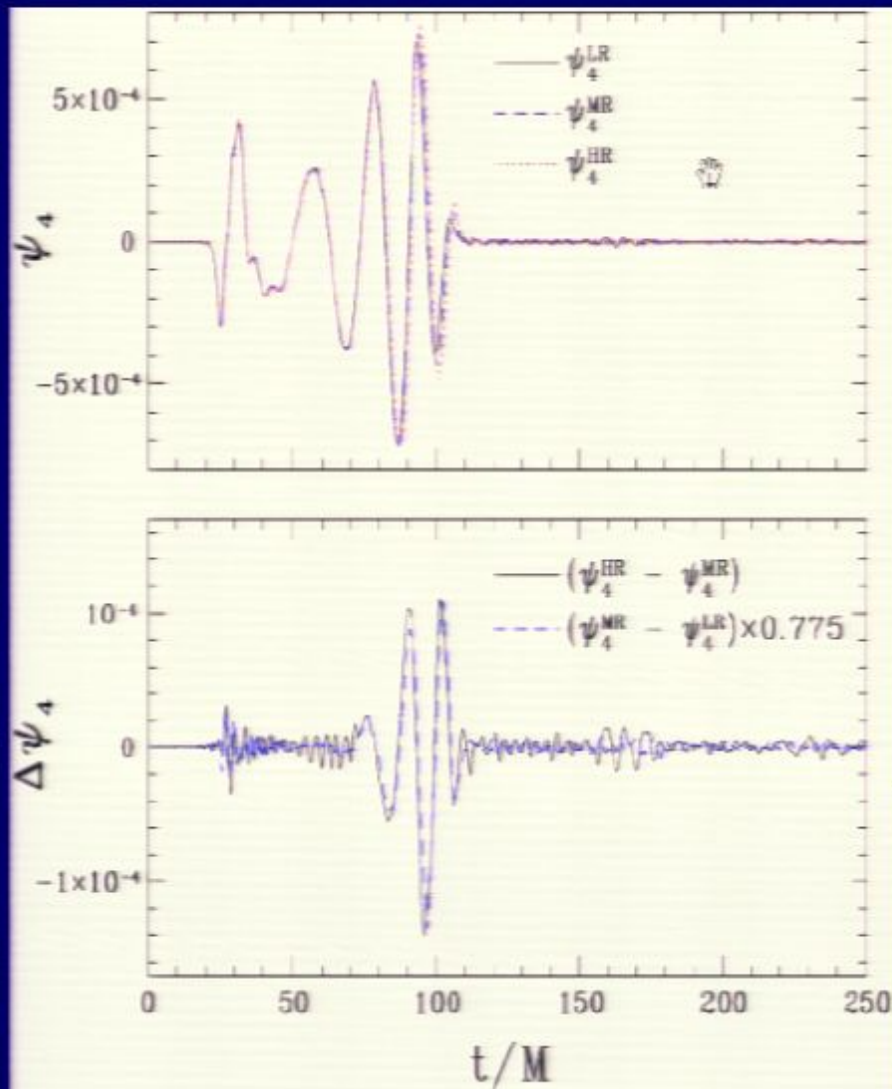


## Illinois Code Tests, Part III: BHNS Initial Data

- CTS imposes circularity condition on binary orbit  $\leftarrow$  HKV
  - Smaller seps  $\rightarrow$  Radial infall increases  $\rightarrow$  Circular data inconsistent!
- Have CTS initial data at very small separations
  - How far apart must we start binaries to ensure consistent results?
- Code test: evolve same binary config. at diff. separations



# Illinois Code Tests, Part IV: BHNS Convergence



$q=3, a_{\text{BH}}/M_{\text{BH}}=0.75, D_0=5.5M$

Resolution in the innermost refinement box:

$M(1.5 \text{ (LR)}), M(17.0 \text{ (MR)}), M(61.8 \text{ (HR)})$

In a typical BHNS simulation:

Normalized constraint violations

$$\sim 10^{-3} - 10^{-2}$$

$$\delta E = (M_i - M_f - \Delta E_{\text{GW}}) / M_i \sim 10^{-4}$$

$$\delta L = (L_i - L_f - \Delta L_{\text{GW}}) / L_i \sim 10^{-2}$$



## Other Groups' Code Tests

- Japan:
    - Convergence tests
      - rest mass violation convergence with AMR+NSNS: 2<sup>nd</sup> order
      - BHNS: second order convergence
    - Self-consistency:
      - $J$  &  $E$  conservation; BHNS vs post-Newtonian
  - Cornell:
    - Convergence tests:
      - Field sector: spectral, well-tested with BHBH
      - Matter (no AMR): NS tests; second-order convergent BHNS
    - Self-consistency:  $J$  &  $E$  conservation
  - LSU/BYU/PI/etc:
    - Evolve TOV star unigrid, ~2.4 order convergence
    - Spherical accretion onto stationary Schw. BH
      - converges to analytic as more AMR levels added
    - AMR spherical blast wave: HDC improves  $\text{div } B = 0$
    - Convergence for BHNS unpublished
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# BHNS Evolutions: Case Studies

## BH Spin Study

- Illinois



## NS

## Compaction Study

- Cornell

- Japan

## Mass Ratio Study

- Illinois

- Japan

## Equation of State Study

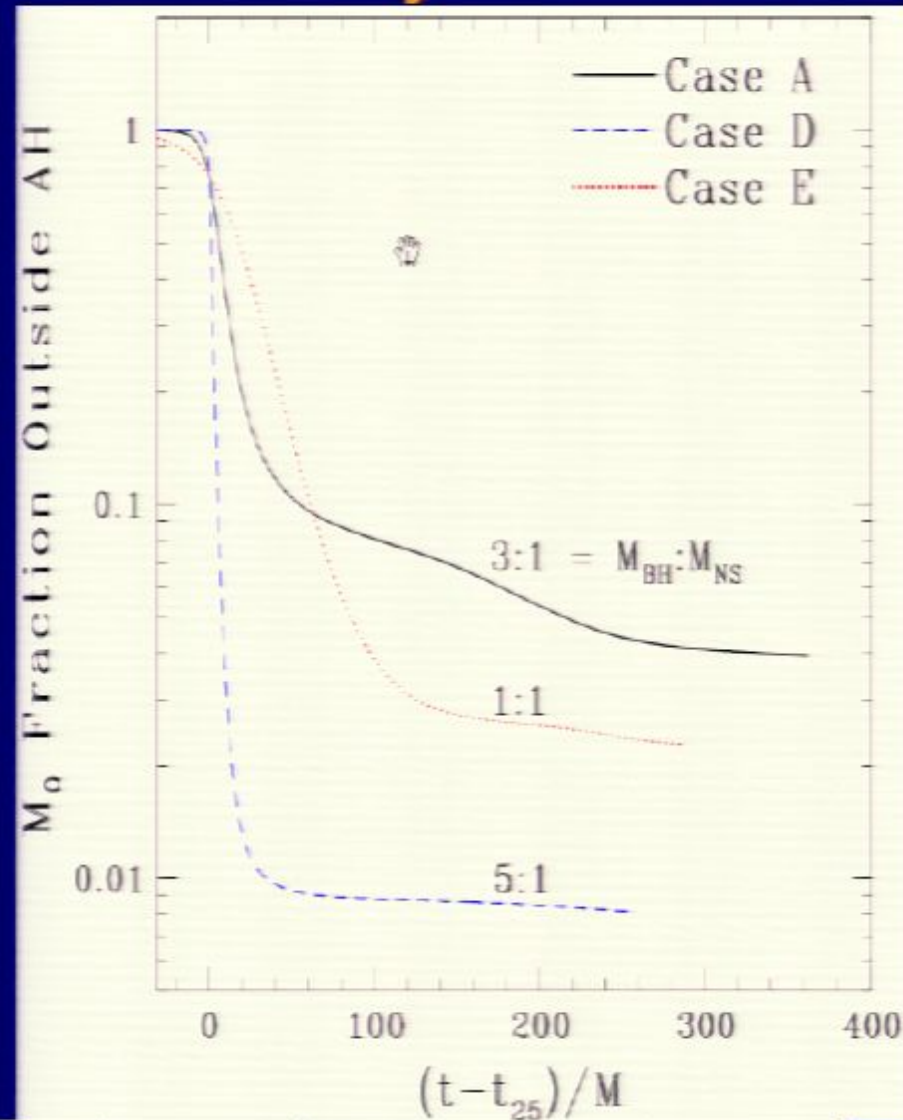
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## Magnetic Field Study

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(LSU, BYU, IU, PI,  
UG, ULI)

## Mass Ratio Study: Accretion History



Case	$J_{\text{BH}}/M_{\text{BH}}^2$	$M_{\text{BH}} : M_{\text{NS}}$	$N_{\text{orb}}$	$M_{\text{disk}}/M_0$
E	0.0	1:1	2.25	$\lesssim 2.3\%$
A	0.0	3:1	4.5	$\lesssim 3.9\%$
D	0.0	5:1	6.25	$\lesssim 0.8\%$

→ SGRB?

## Mass Ratio vs Disk Mass Multi-Group Comparison

Group	BH:NS Mass Ratio	$(M/R)_{NS}$	EOS	Disk Mass
Illinois	1.0	0.145	$\Gamma = 2$	2.3%
Japan	1.5	–	–	2.3%
Japan	2.0	–	–	1.0%
Illinois	3.0	–	–	3.9%
Japan	–	–	–	Tiny
Japan	4.0	–	–	–
Illinois	5.0	–	–	–
Japan	–	–	–	–

- Discrepancy:
  - Total energy in disk: up to  $\sim 4\%$  of NS mass  $\rightarrow \sim 1\%$  total  $E$ 
    - $E, J$  spuriously lost:
      - $E$ : 0.01% Illinois, 1% Japan;
      - $J$ : 1 – 2% Illinois, Japan





# BHNS Evolutions: Illinois BH Spin Study

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Case C:  
3:1 Mass Ratio  
Spin  $-0.5$

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Spin  $0.0$

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3:1 Mass Ratio  
Spin  $+0.75$

mintaka@mintaka: ~/PI-2010-Jun25-InvitedTalk

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0t: [avc1] 1052x992 24bpp 25,000 fps 0,0 kbps ( 0,0 kbyte/s)
c: No such file or directory
l: Couldn't open: /dev/sga_vid:
c: No such file or directory
l: Couldn't open: /dev/sga_vid:
[TFXFB] Can't open /dev/fb0: Permission denied.
[3DFX] Unable to open /dev/3dfx.
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ing playback...
c: vo config request - 1052 x 992 (preferred colorspace: Planar YV12)
c: using Planar YV12 as output csp (no 0)
e-Aspect is undefined - no prescaling applied.
[xv] 1052x992 => 1052x992 Planar YV12
1.5 0/ 0 29% 5% 0,0% 0 0
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== PAUSE ==
ing... (Quit)
mintaka~/PI-2010-Jun25-InvitedTalk$ nplayer bh-ns-precessing.mp4
er: SVN+1.0/rc3+svn20090425-4.4.3 (C) 2000-2009 NPlayer Team
er: could not connect to socket
er: No such file or directory
ed to open LIRC support. You will not be able to use your remote control.
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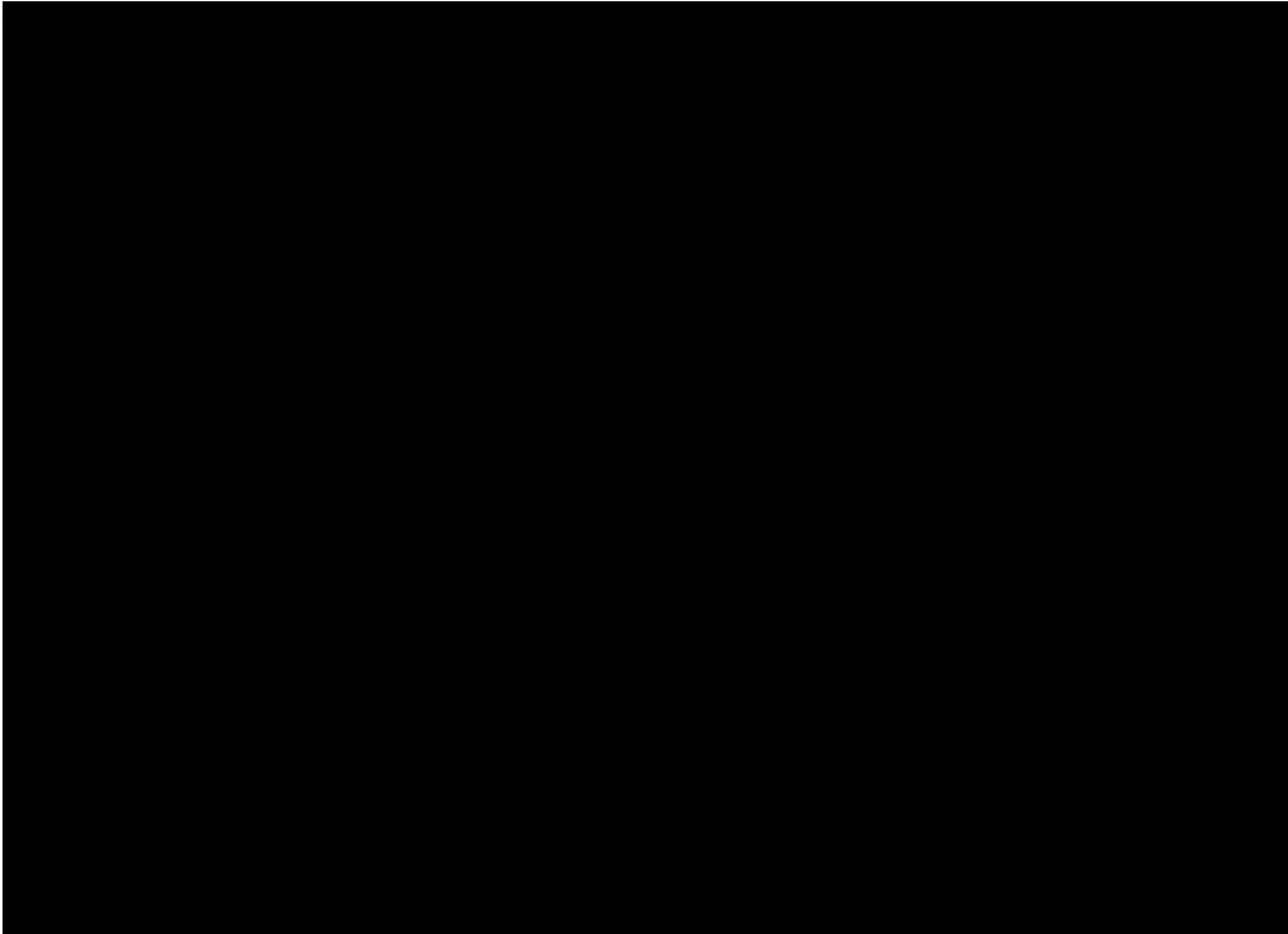
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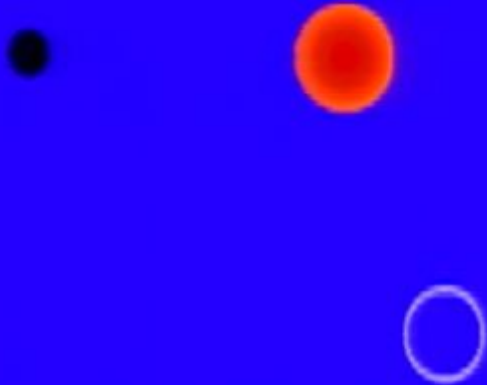
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$$\mathbf{( q = 3.00 )}$$



C

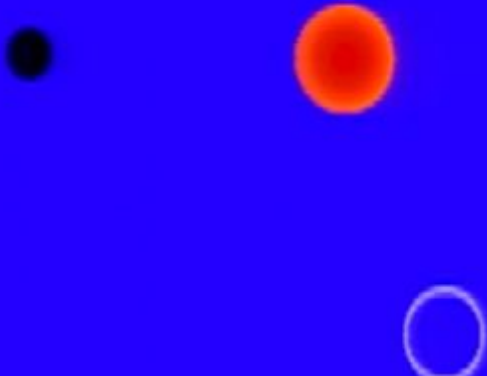


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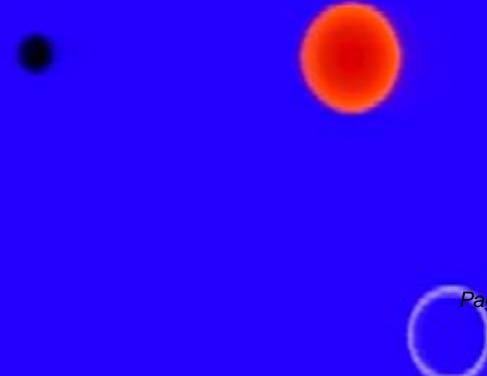
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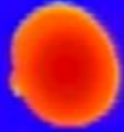


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**C**  
Speed: x 1.00

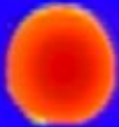


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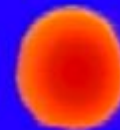
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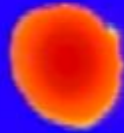
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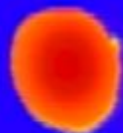


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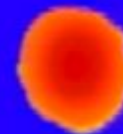
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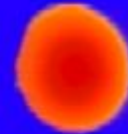
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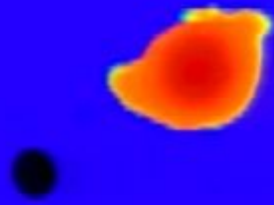
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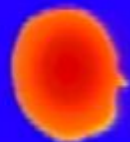


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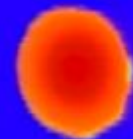
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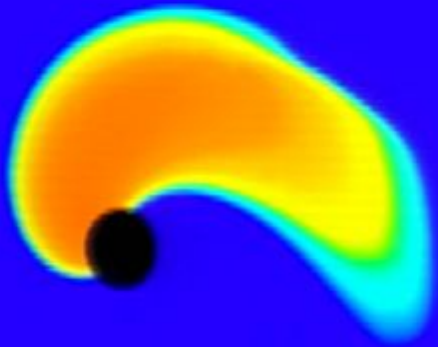


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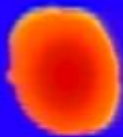


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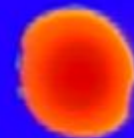
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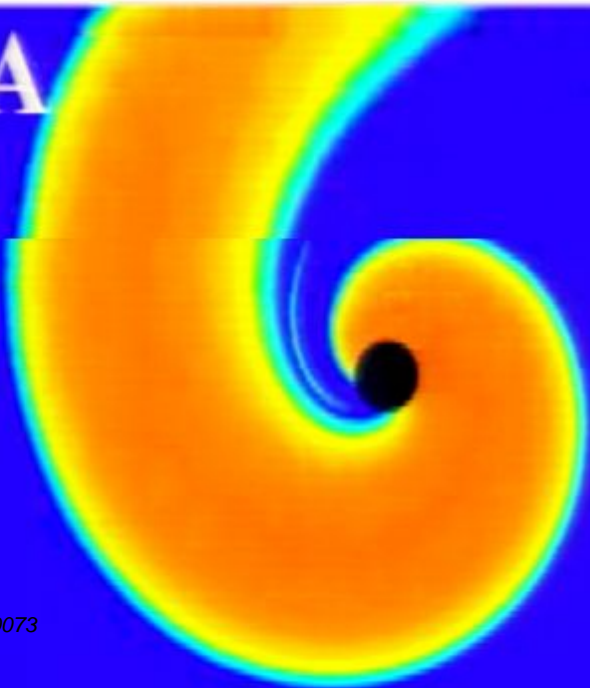


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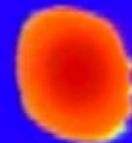
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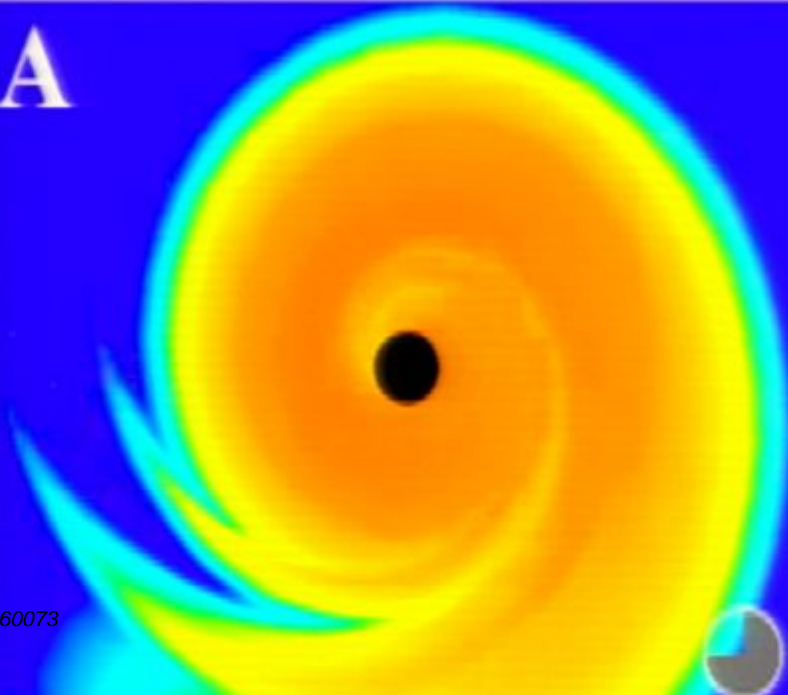


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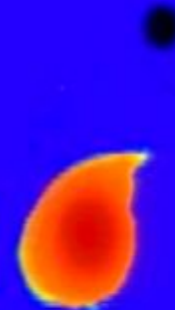
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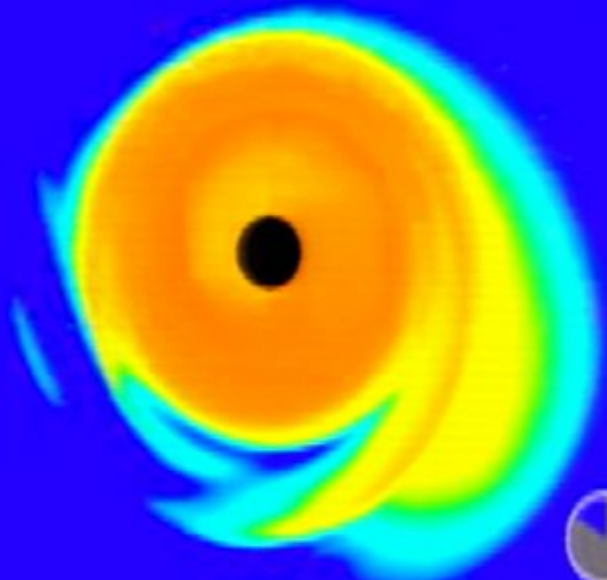


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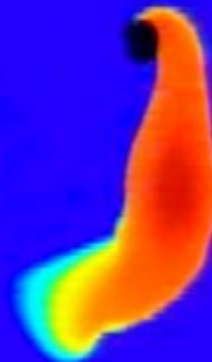
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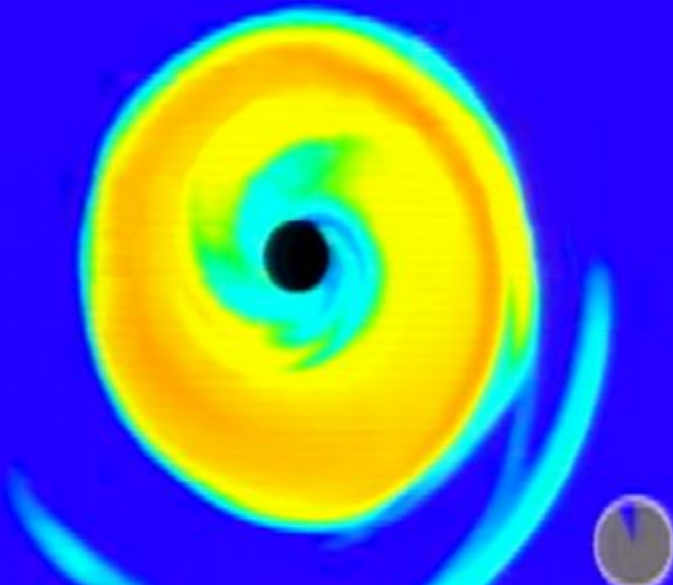


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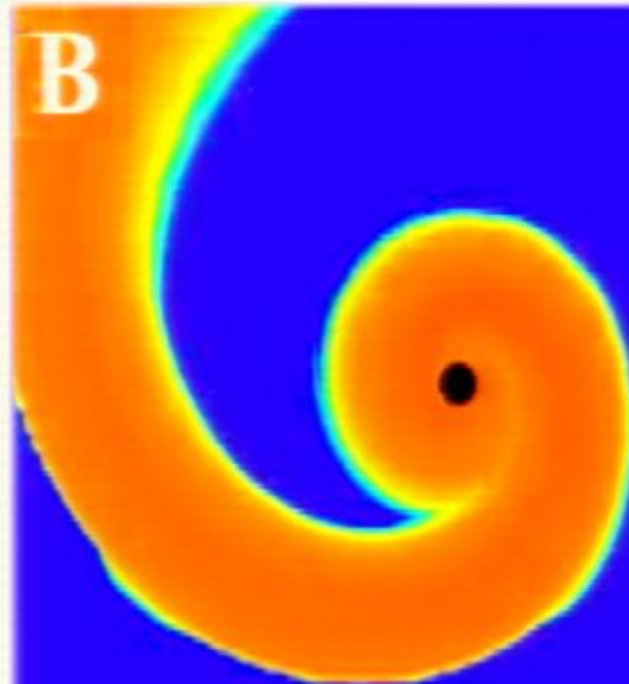
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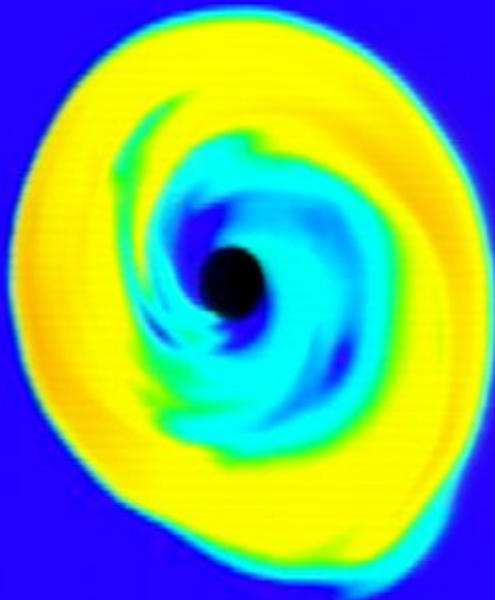


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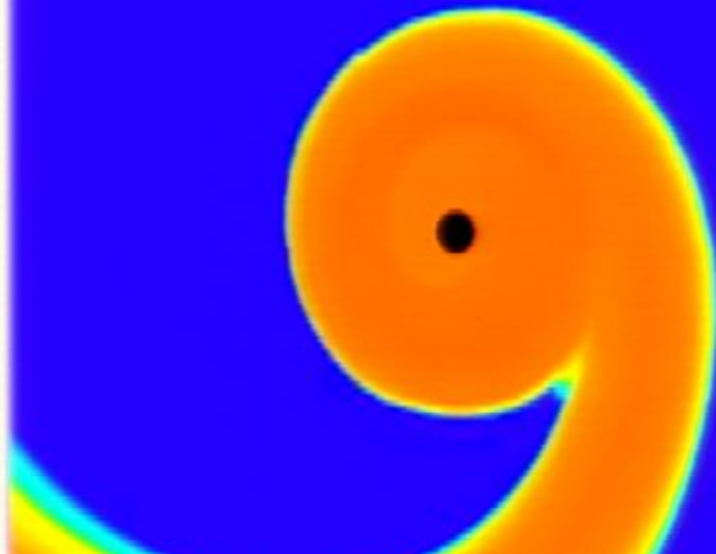
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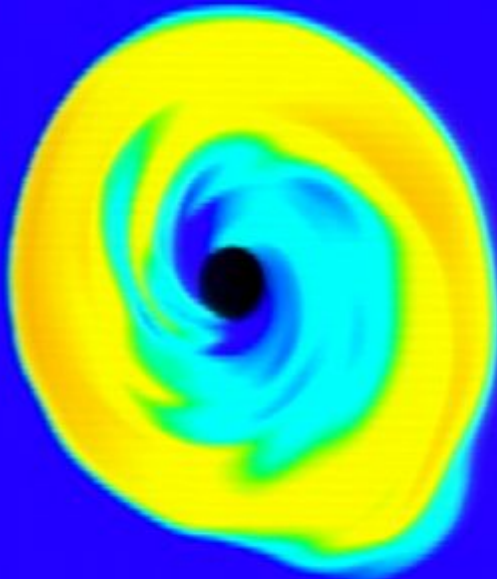


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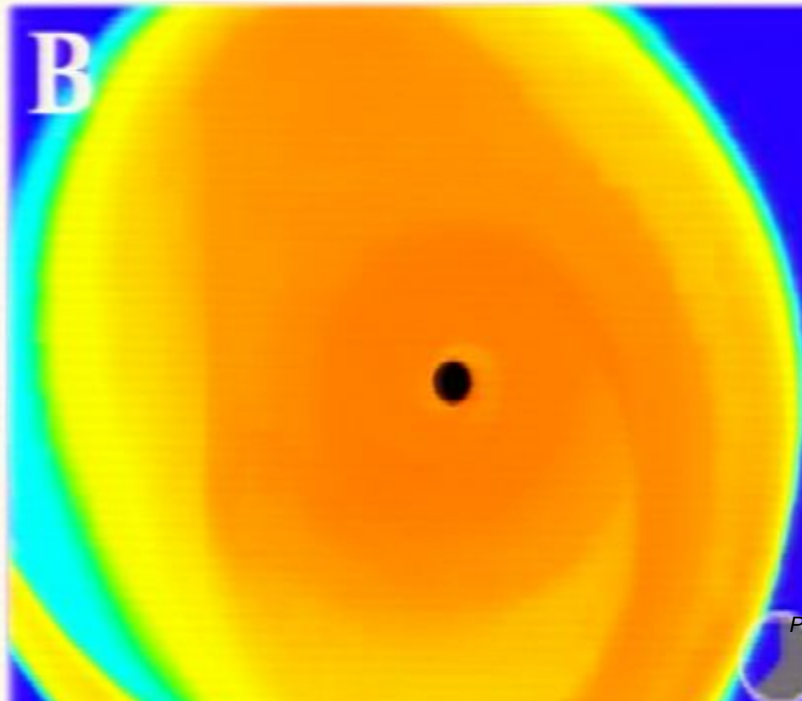
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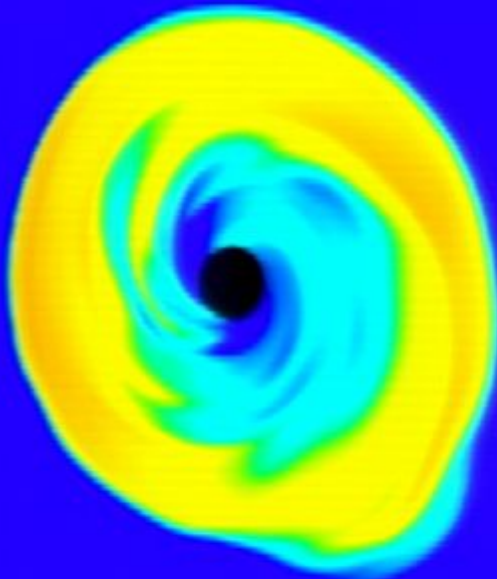


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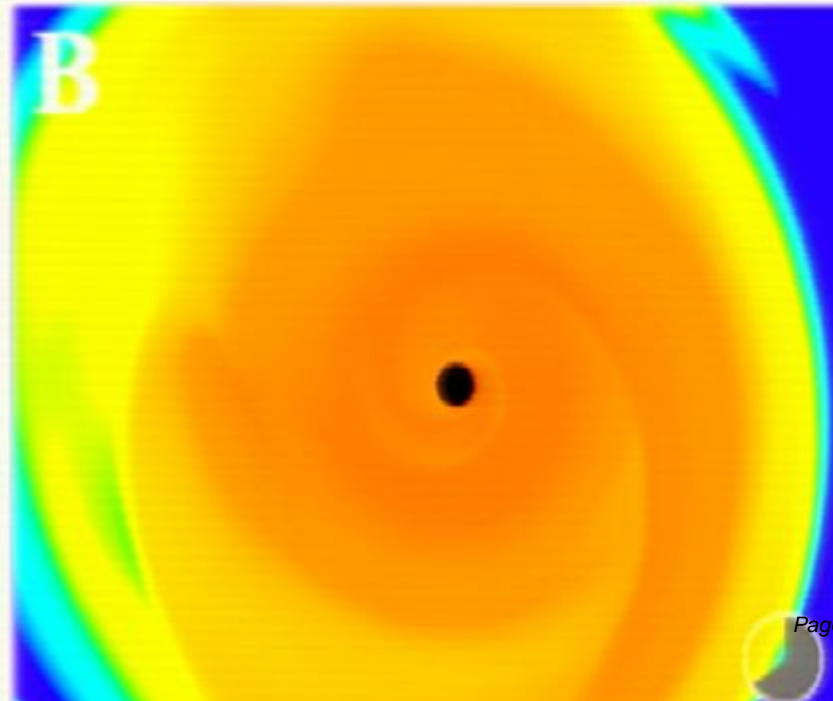
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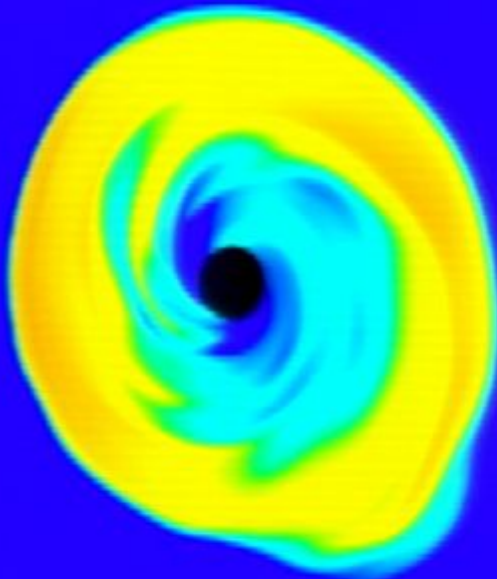


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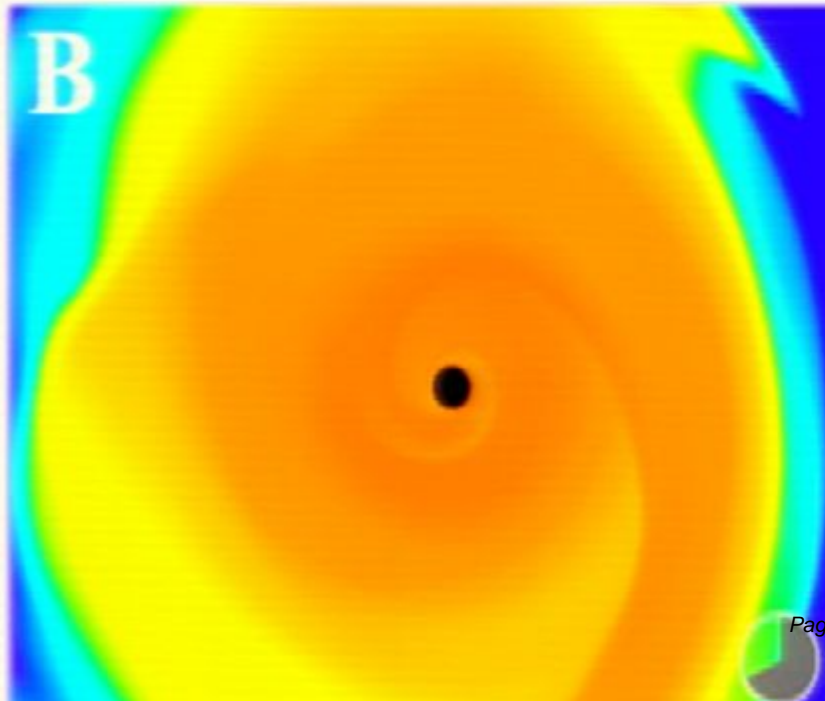
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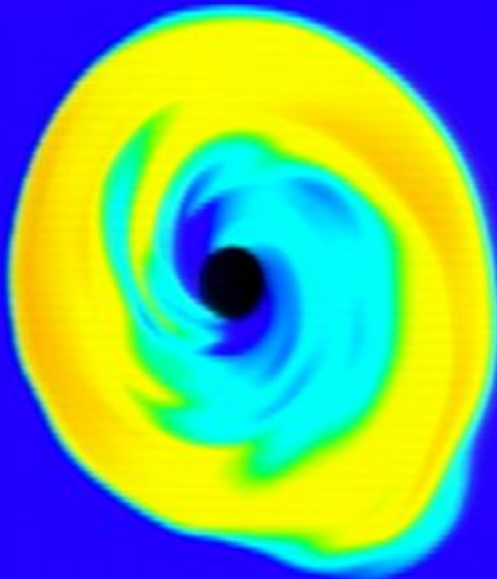


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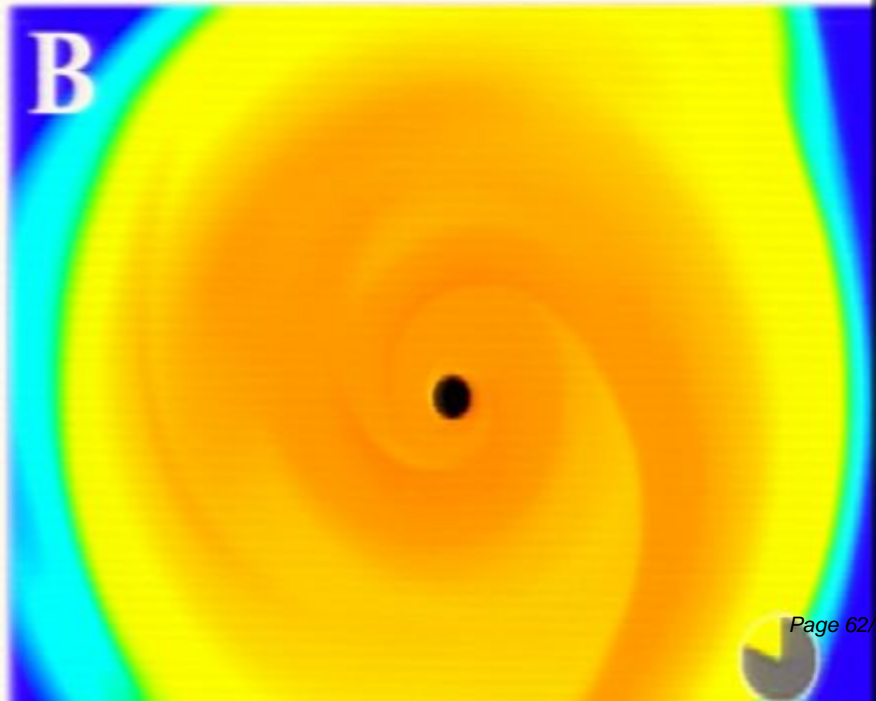
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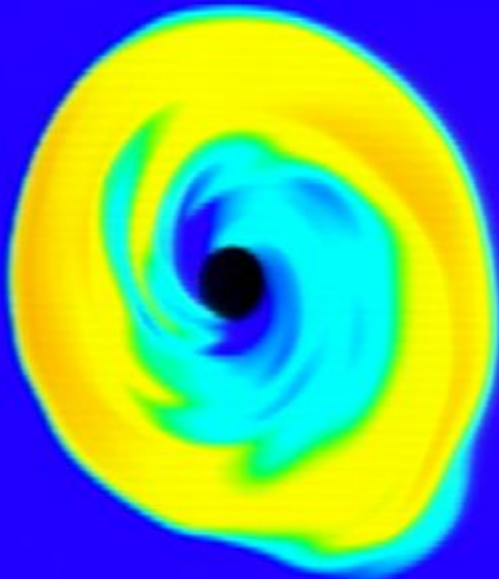


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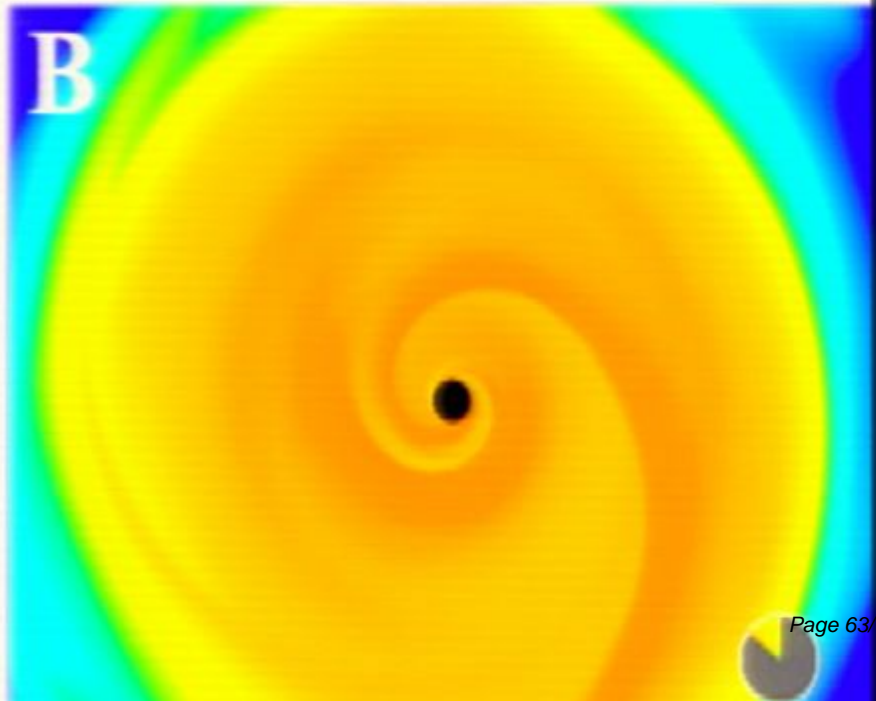
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**C**  
Speed: x 1.77

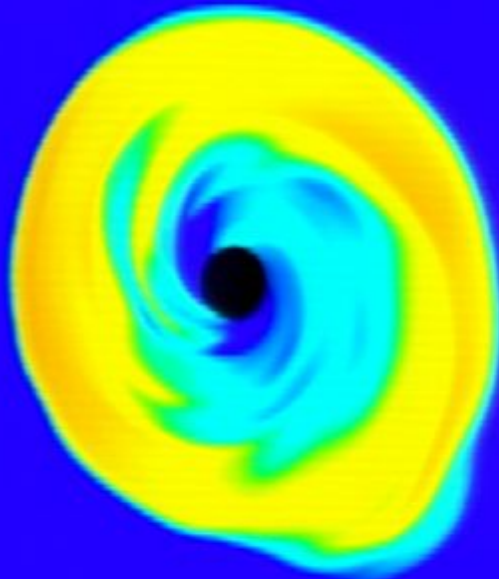


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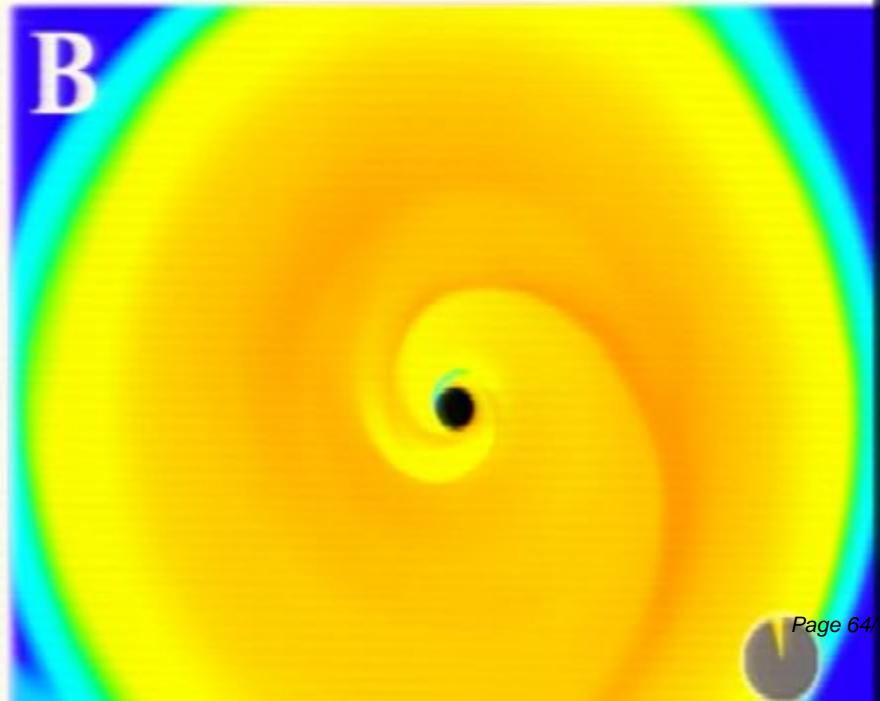
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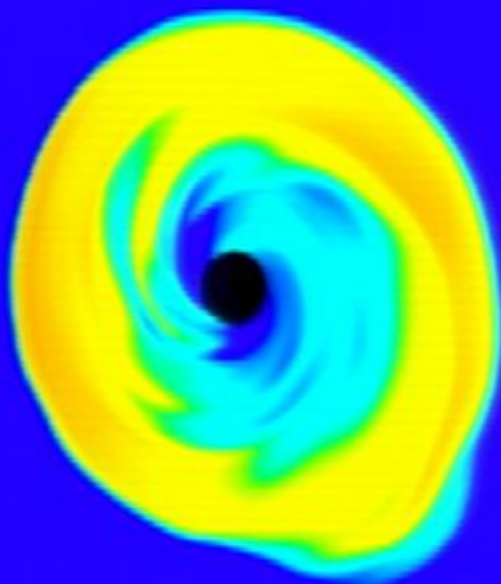


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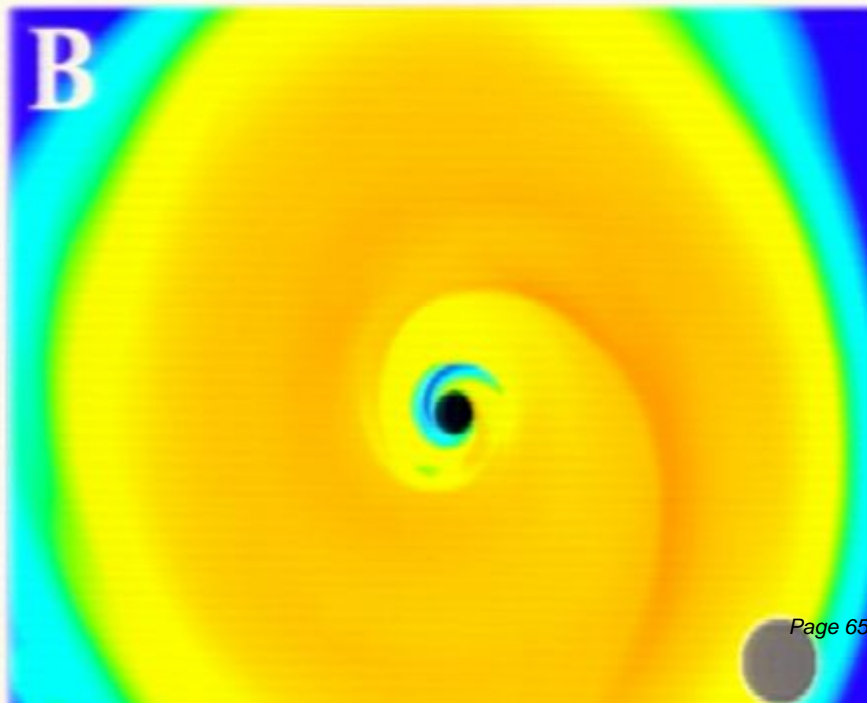
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# BHNS Evolutions: Illinois BH Spin Study

## BH Spin Study

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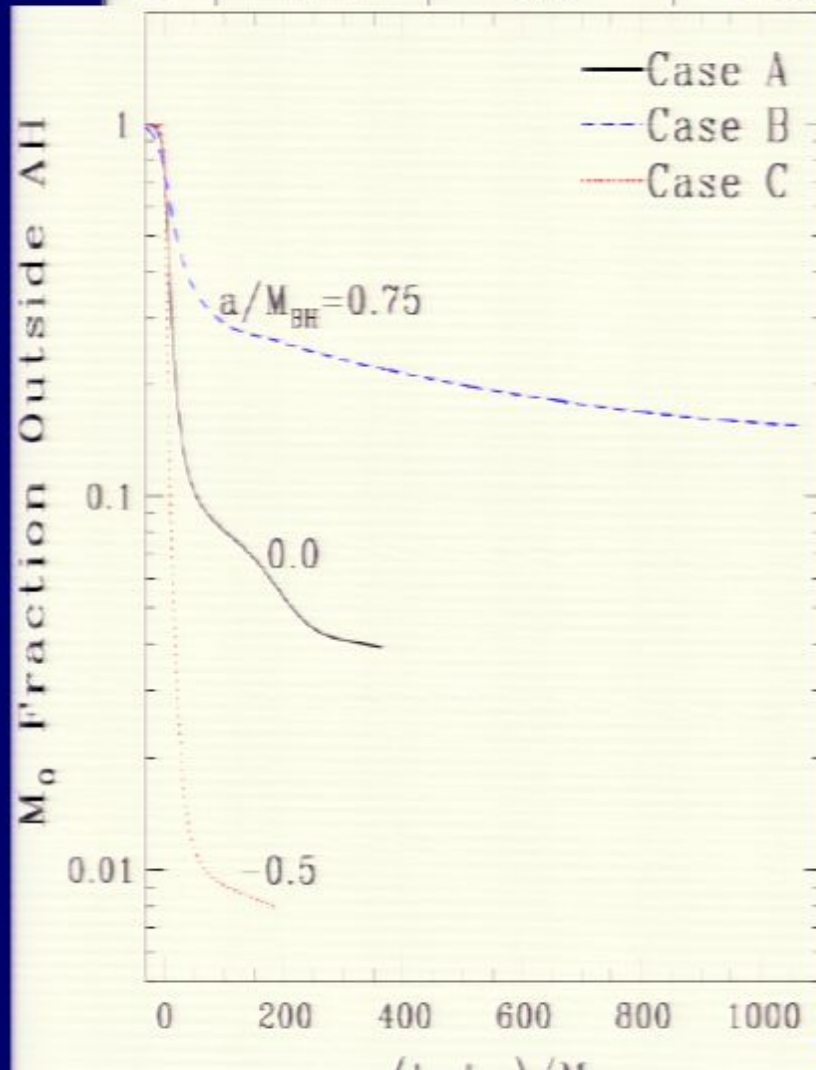
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# Vary BH Spin: Accretion History

Case	$J_{\text{BH}}/M_{\text{BH}}^2$	$M_{\text{BH}} : M_{\text{NS}}$	$M\Omega(t=0)$	$N_{\text{orb}}$	$M_{\text{disk}}/M_0$
C	-0.50	3:1	0.0338	3.25	$\lesssim 0.8\%$
A <sup><math>\hat{r}_g</math></sup>	0.00	3:1	0.0333	4.5	$\lesssim 3.9\%$
B	0.75	3:1	0.0328	6.5	$\lesssim 15\%$

→ SGRB?



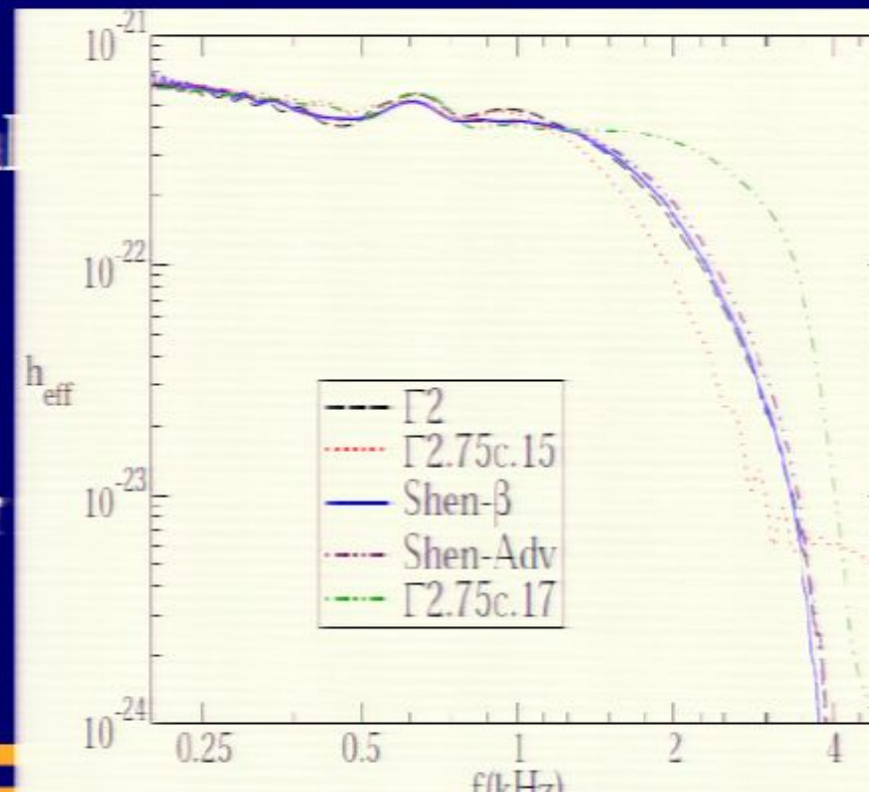
$$a/M_{\text{BH}} = J_{\text{BH}}/M_{\text{BH}}^2$$

# EOS vs. Disk Mass, waveform effects

## Cornell Results

Group	BH:NS Mass Ratio	$(M/R)_{NS}$	EOS	BH Spin	Disk Mass
Cornell	3.0	0.146	$\Gamma = 2.0$	0.5	8%
-	-	0.147	Shen ("realistic")	-	7%
-	-	0.144	$\Gamma = 2.75$	-	13%

- $\Gamma=2.75$ : Huge tidal tail  $\rightarrow$  Larger disk
- Nuclear-theory-based Shen EOS similar to  $\Gamma=2$  EOS in lower density NS regions  $\rightarrow$  similar disk mass



# NS Compaction vs. Disk Mass

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–	–	0.178	–	–	Tiny

*Final disk mass strongly dependent on NS compaction  
Higher compaction, lower disk → Closer to BHBH*



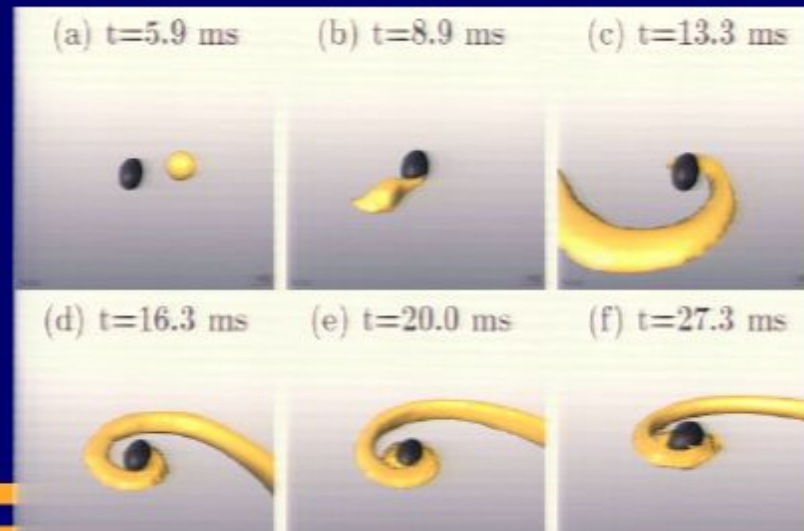
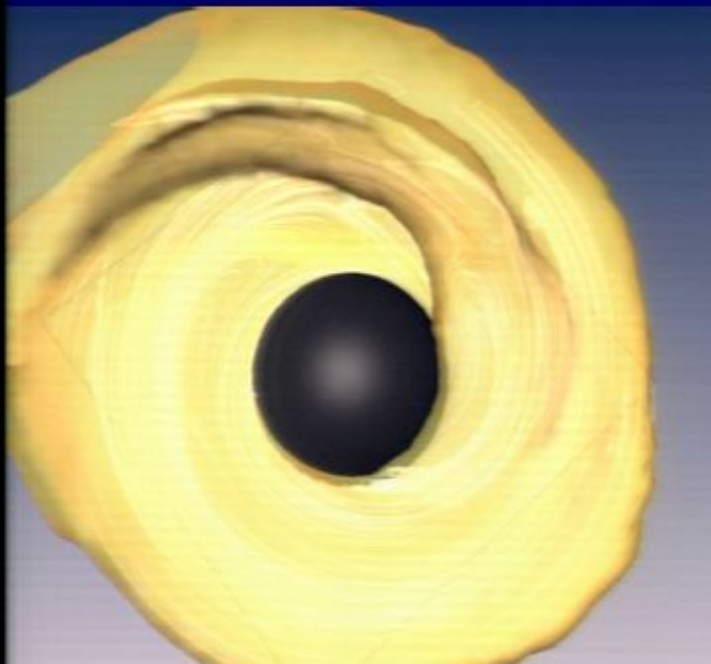
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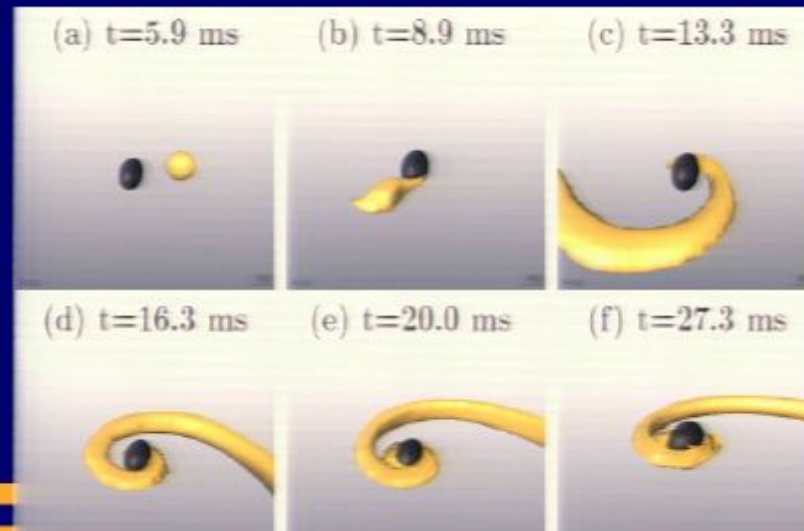
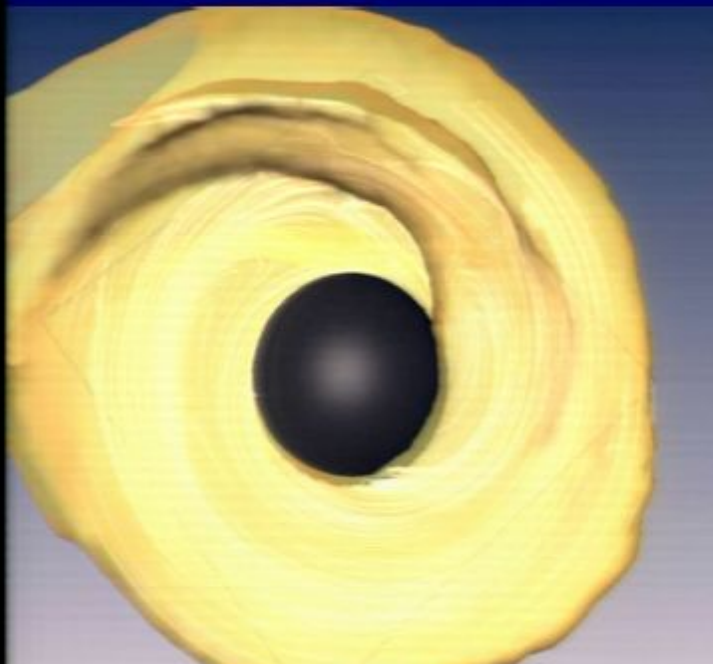
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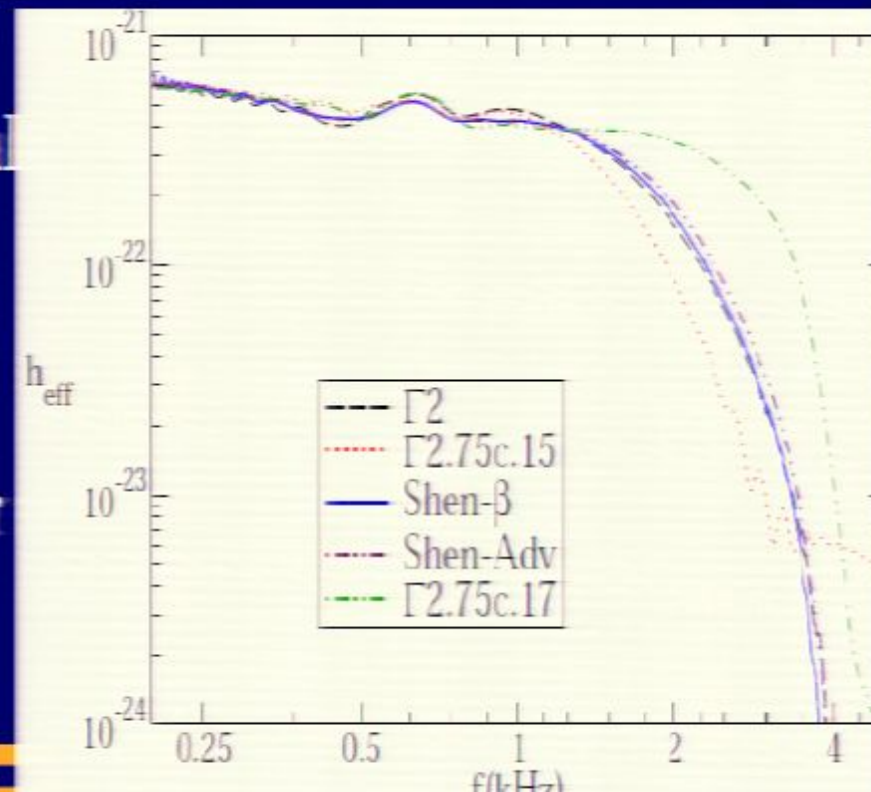
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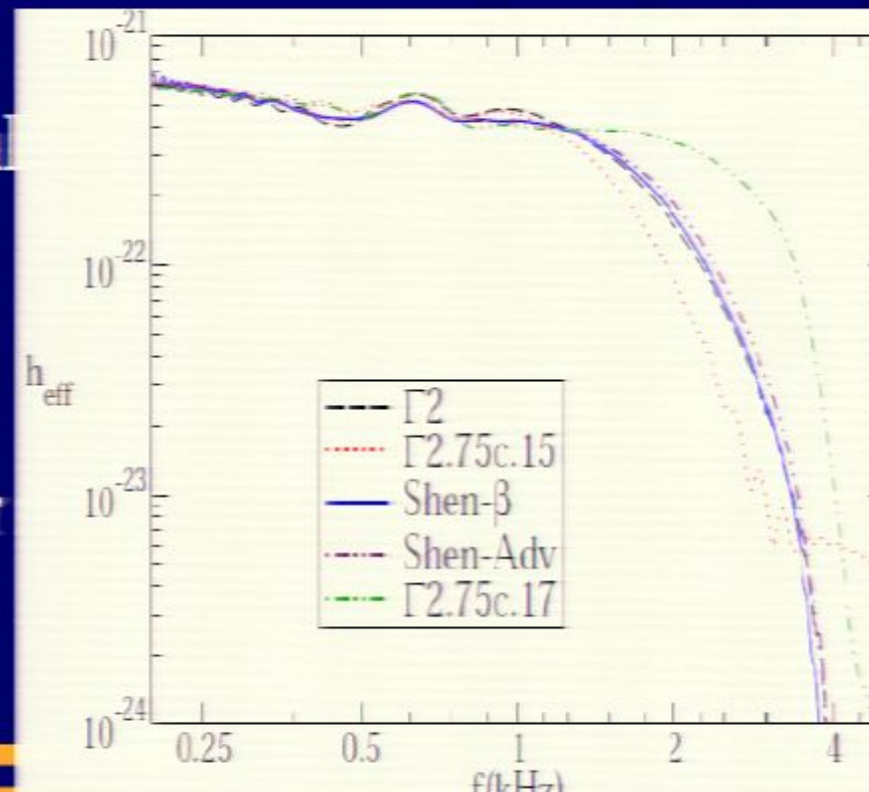
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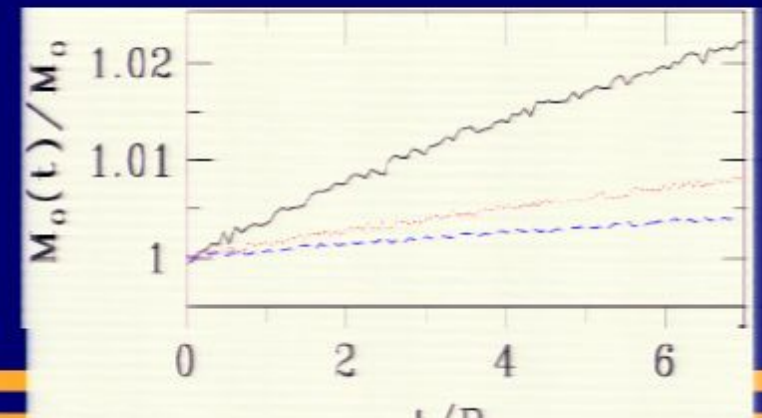
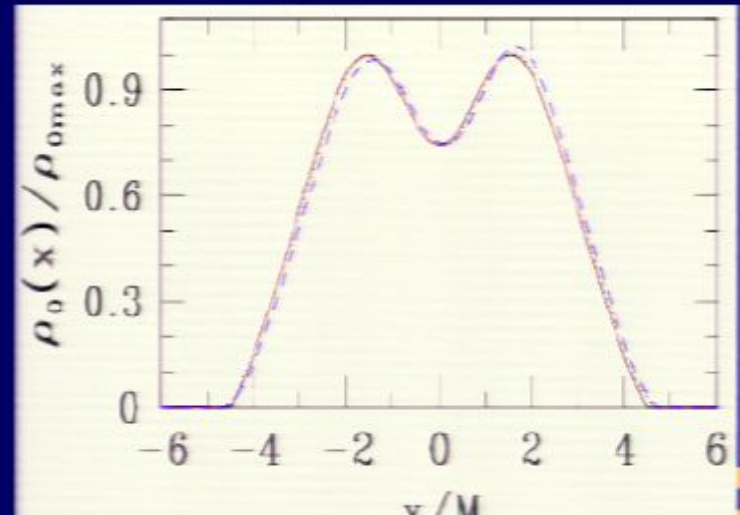
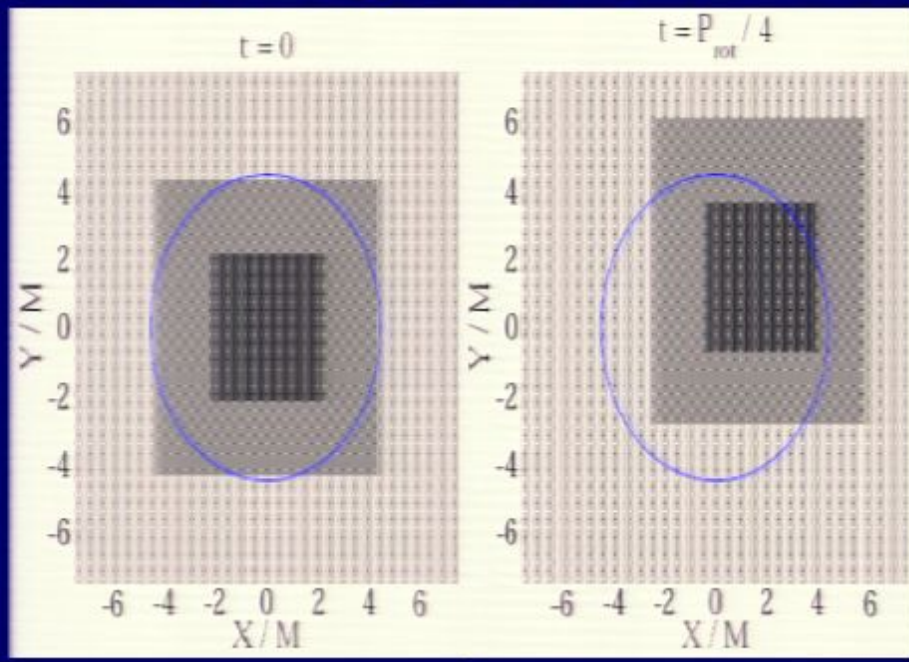


# Future Directions

- Incorporate more physics to better model disk;  
Can BHNSs produce GRBs?
    - Neutrino radiation
    - EM radiation
  - Improve software
    - Long-term disk evolution: implicit timestepping scheme?
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      - *Need an Apple-to-Apples code validation test for GRMHD!*
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# Have BHNS Initial Data

## Next Step: Evolve!

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    - Generalized Harmonic formalism
      - Cornell, Chawla et al
    - BSSN (Baumgarte-Shapiro Shibata-Nakamura) formalism
      - Illinois, Japan
  - Fluids
    - General Relativistic Hydrodynamics
    - Magnetic fields added (MHD approximation)
      - Chawla et al
      - Illinois (*in progress*)

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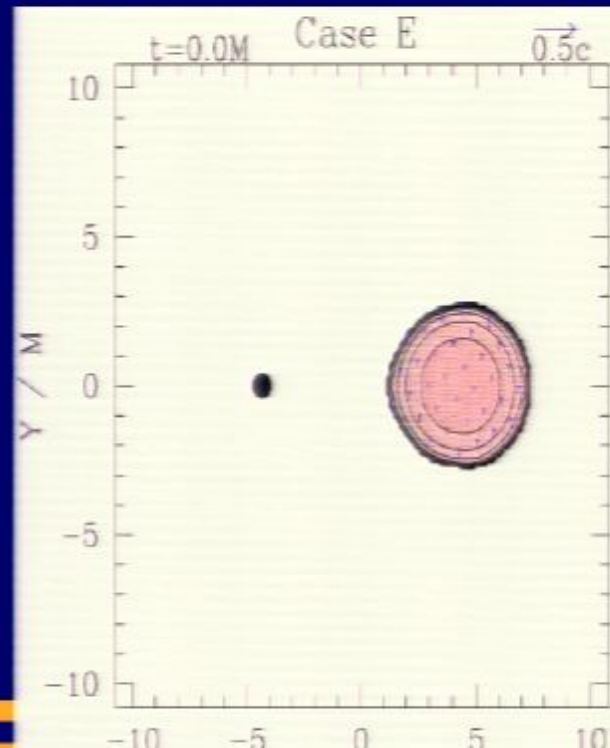
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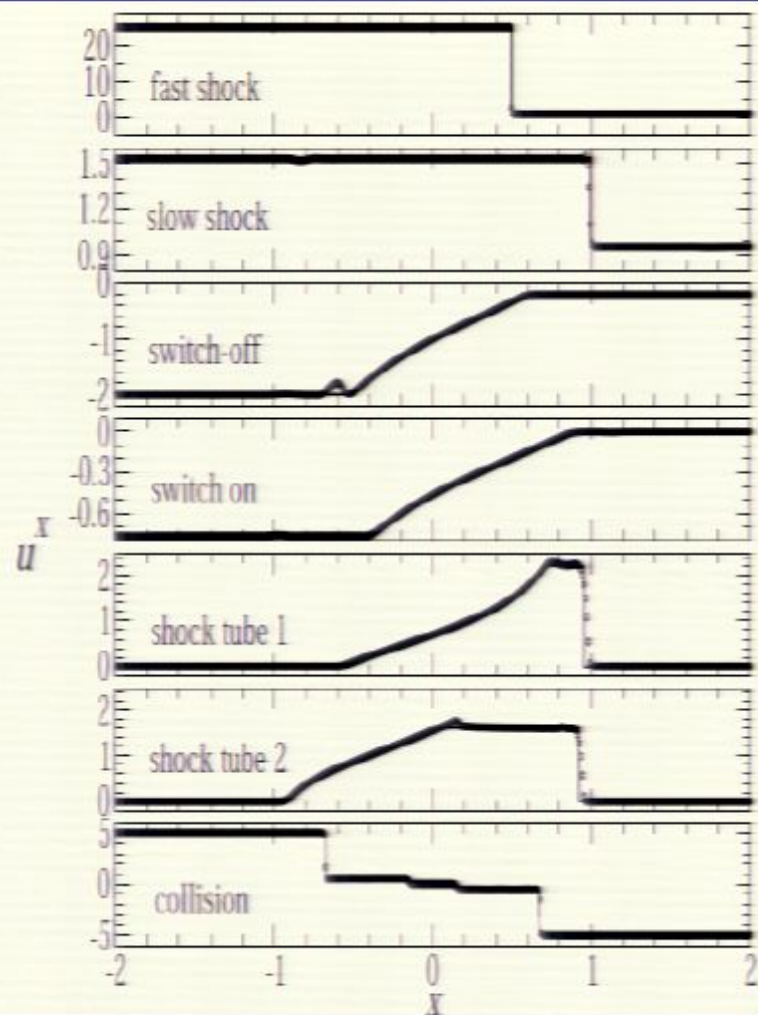
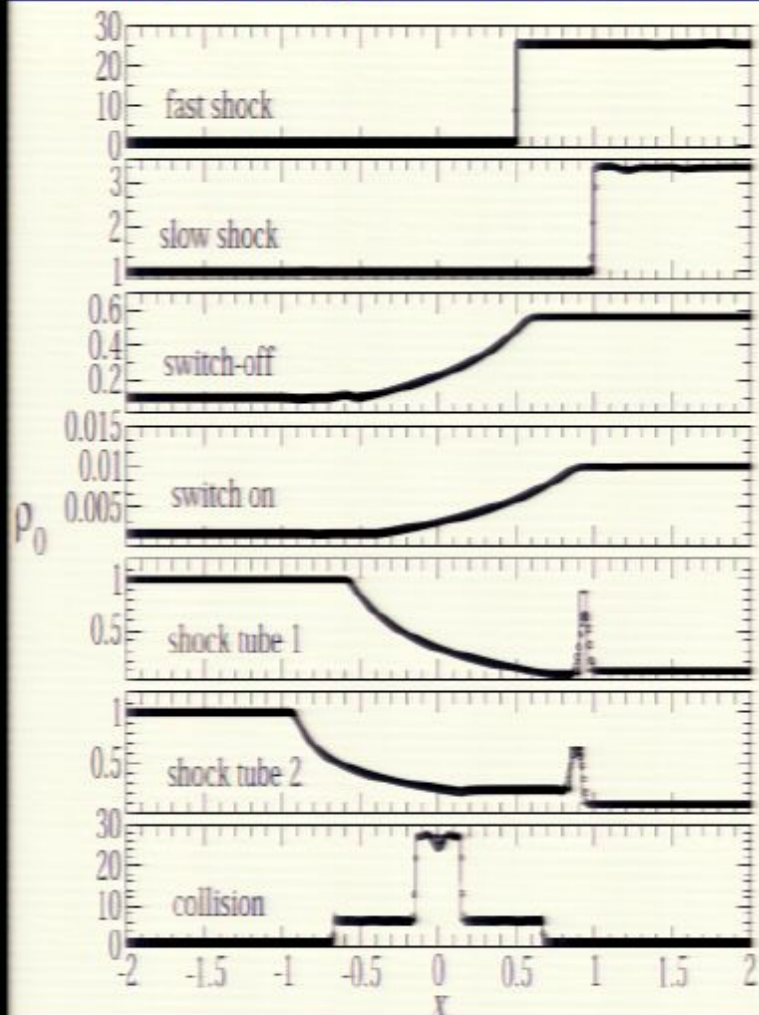
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- Tests with analytic solutions
  - Shock tube, OS collapse, Bondi flow
- Tests against other codes (Japan)
  - Magnetized hypermassive NSs



[Duez et al. PRD 72 (2005) 024028]

# BHNS Evolutions: Case Studies

## BH Spin Study

– Illinois

## Mass Ratio Study

– Illinois  
– Japan

## NS Compaction Study

– Cornell  
– Japan

## Equation of State Study

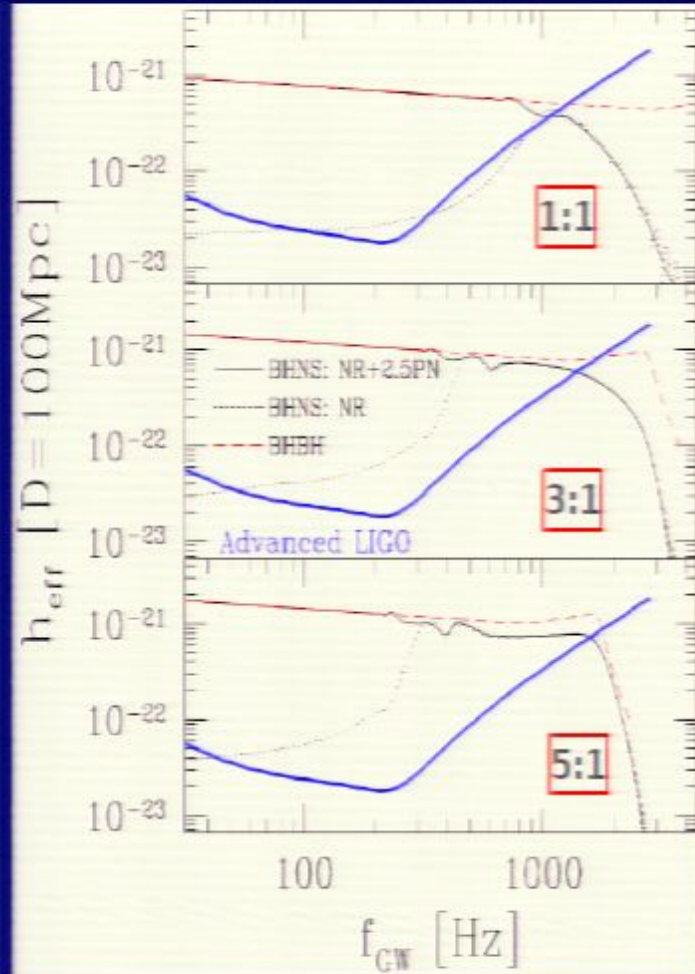
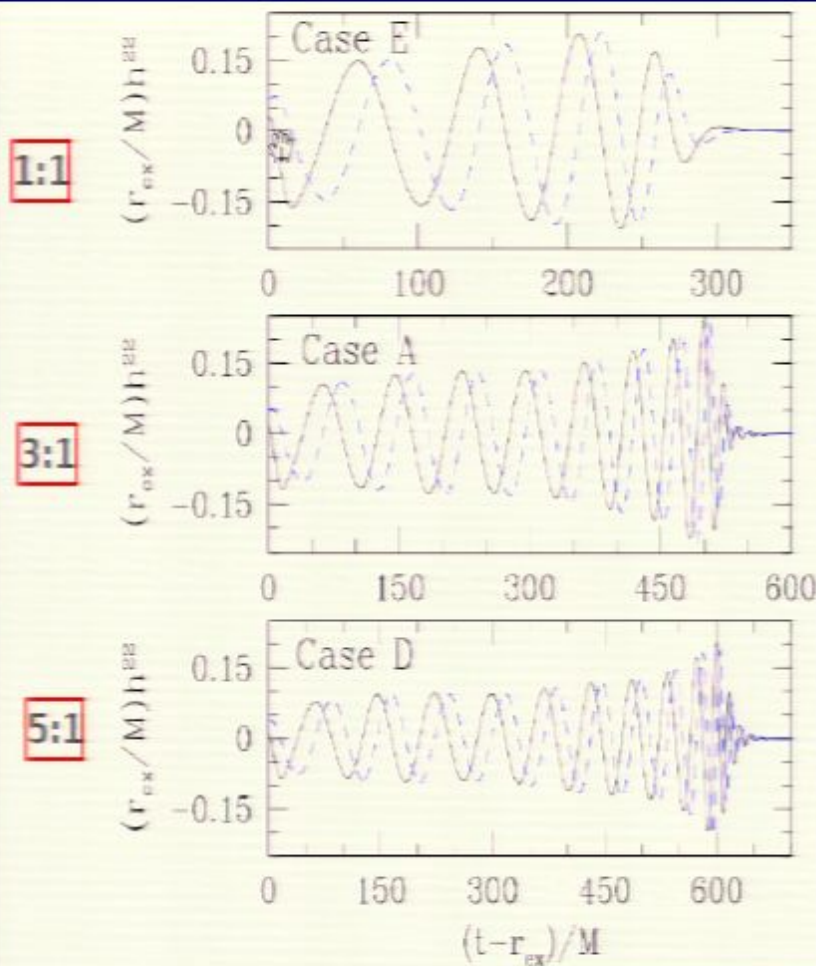
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## Magnetic Field Study

– Chawla et al.  
(LSU, BYU, IU, PI,  
UG, ULI)



# $M_{\text{BH}}:M_{\text{NS}}$ Mass Ratio Study: Gravitational Wave Analysis



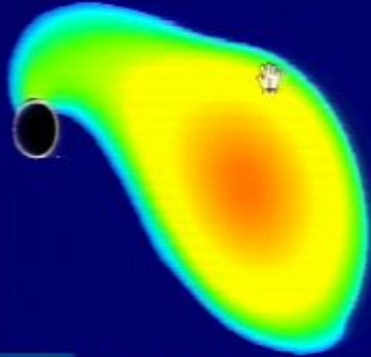
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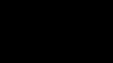
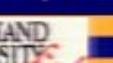


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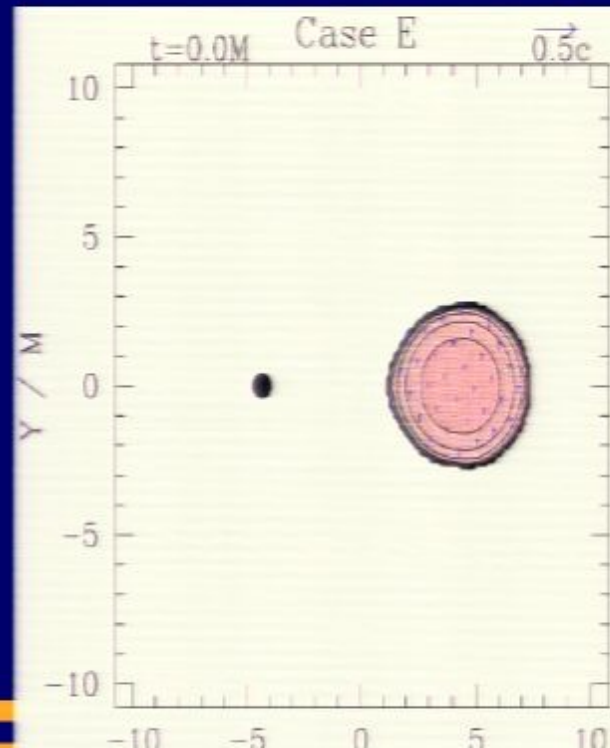
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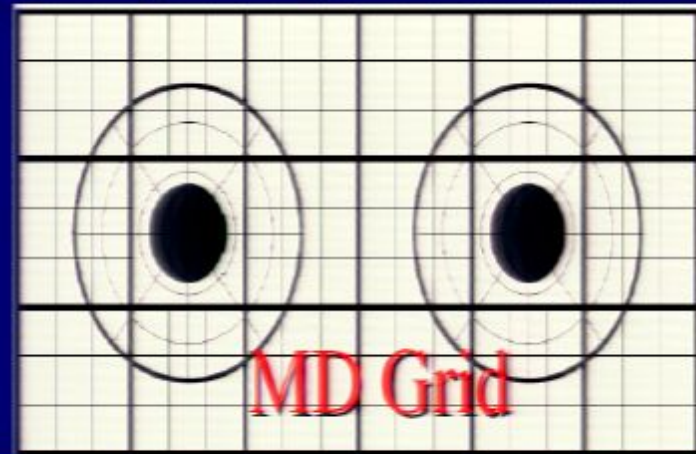
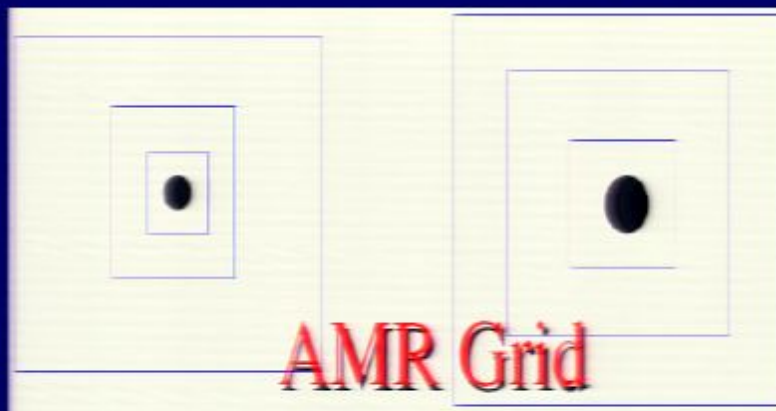


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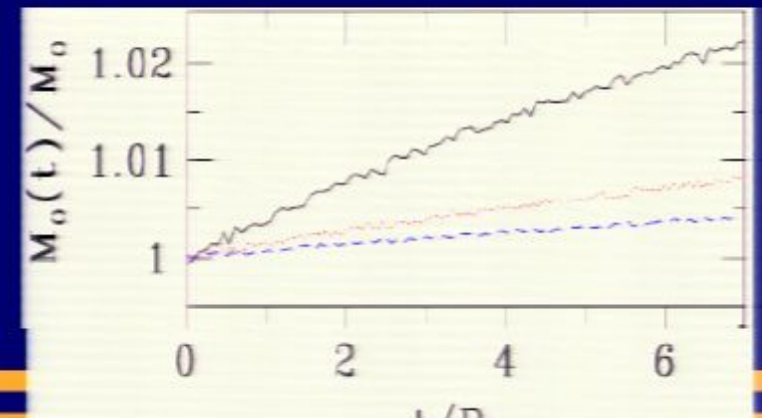
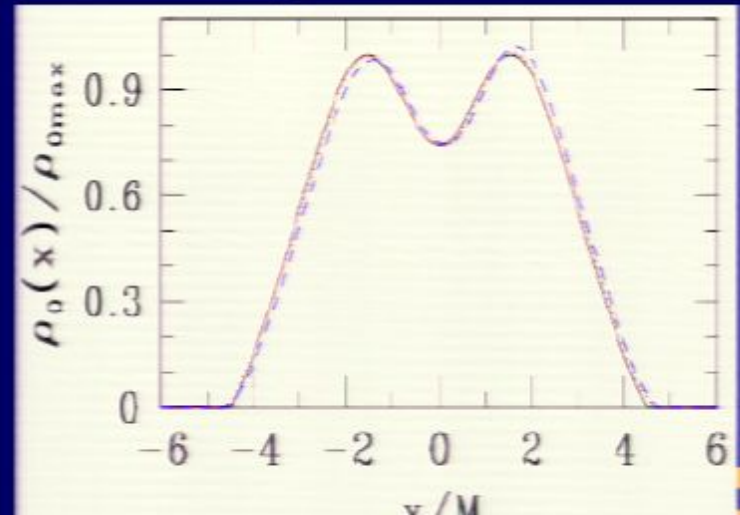
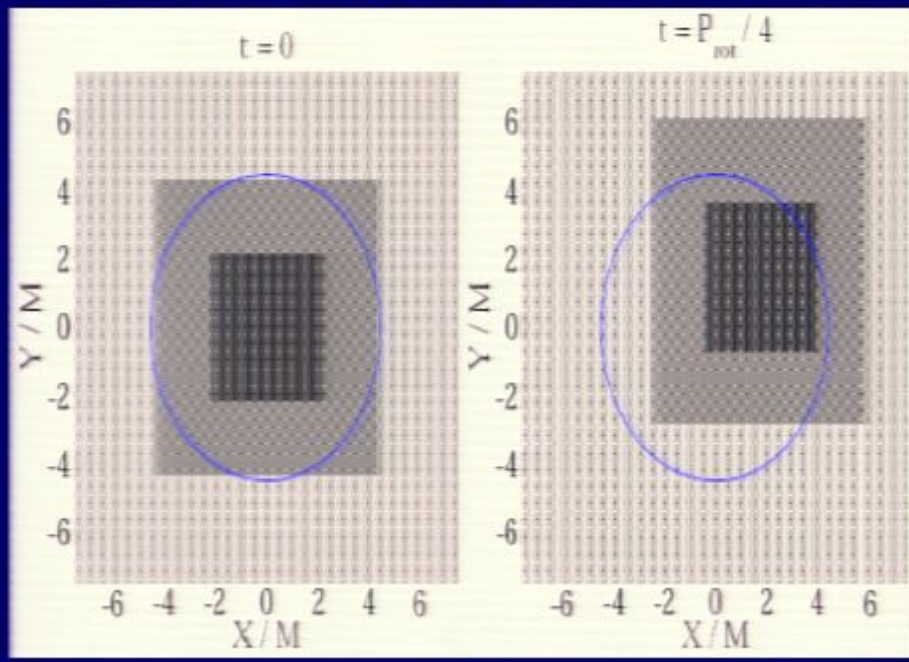
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- Time evolution: 4<sup>th</sup> order finite differences (RK4)
- Einstein's equations for metric (BSSN/GH formalism)
  - Spatial derivatives: 4<sup>th</sup> order+ finite differences ← Cornell: Spectral!
- Coordinates: “puncture gauge” or “generalized harmonic coordinates”
  - Puncture coords avoid BH physical singularity → stability!
  - Generalized harm. coords use excision: BC @ BH
- General relativistic hydro/MHD equations: conservative, HRSC scheme
  - Reconstruction: 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> order accurate, for smooth flows
  - MHD: div B
- Chawla, Illinois, Japan: AMR infrastructure
- Cornell: Multi-Domain (MD) spectral grid + hydro unigrid



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## Other Groups' Code Tests

- Japan:
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      - BHNS: second order convergence
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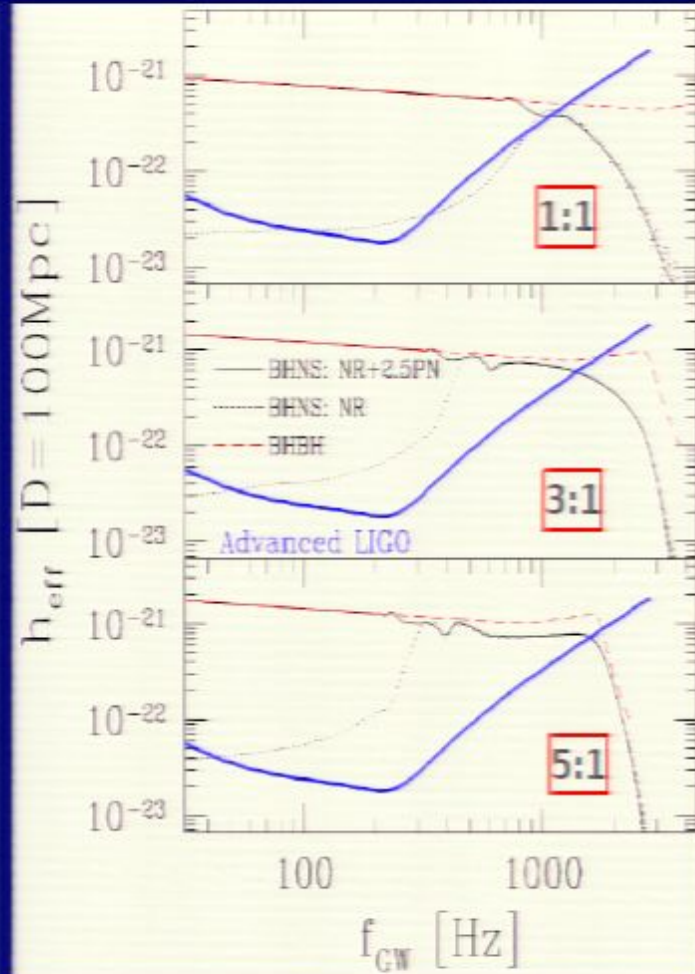
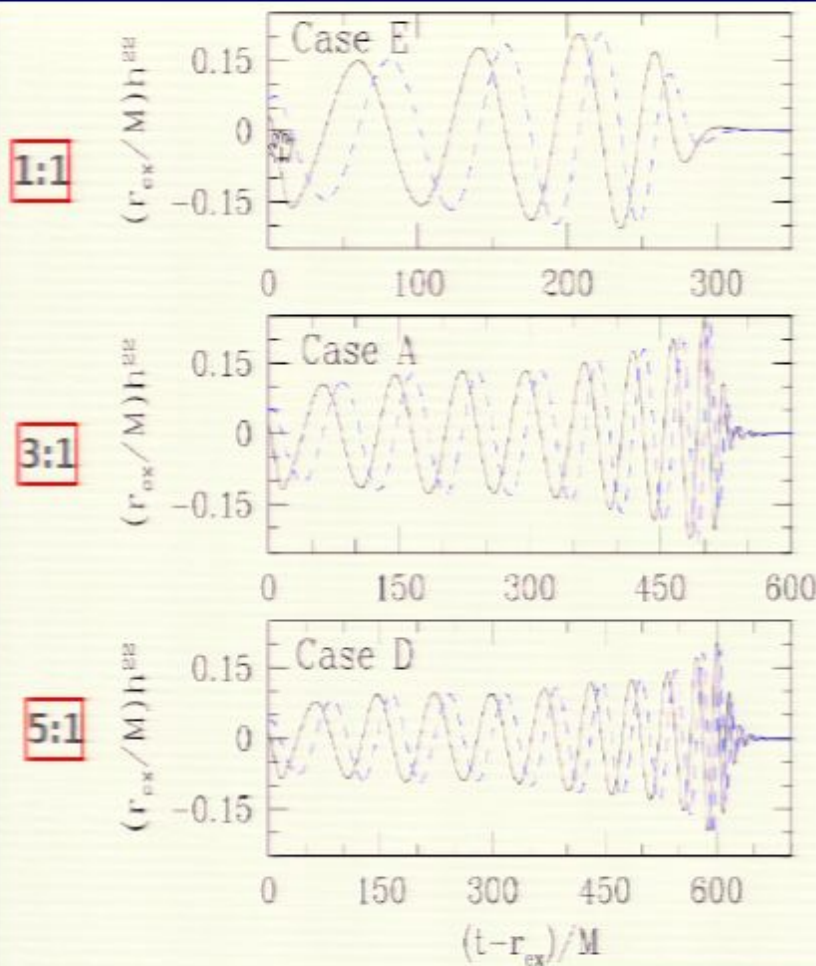


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- Discrepancy:
  - Total energy in disk: up to  $\sim 4\%$  of NS mass  $\rightarrow \sim 1\%$  total  $E$ 
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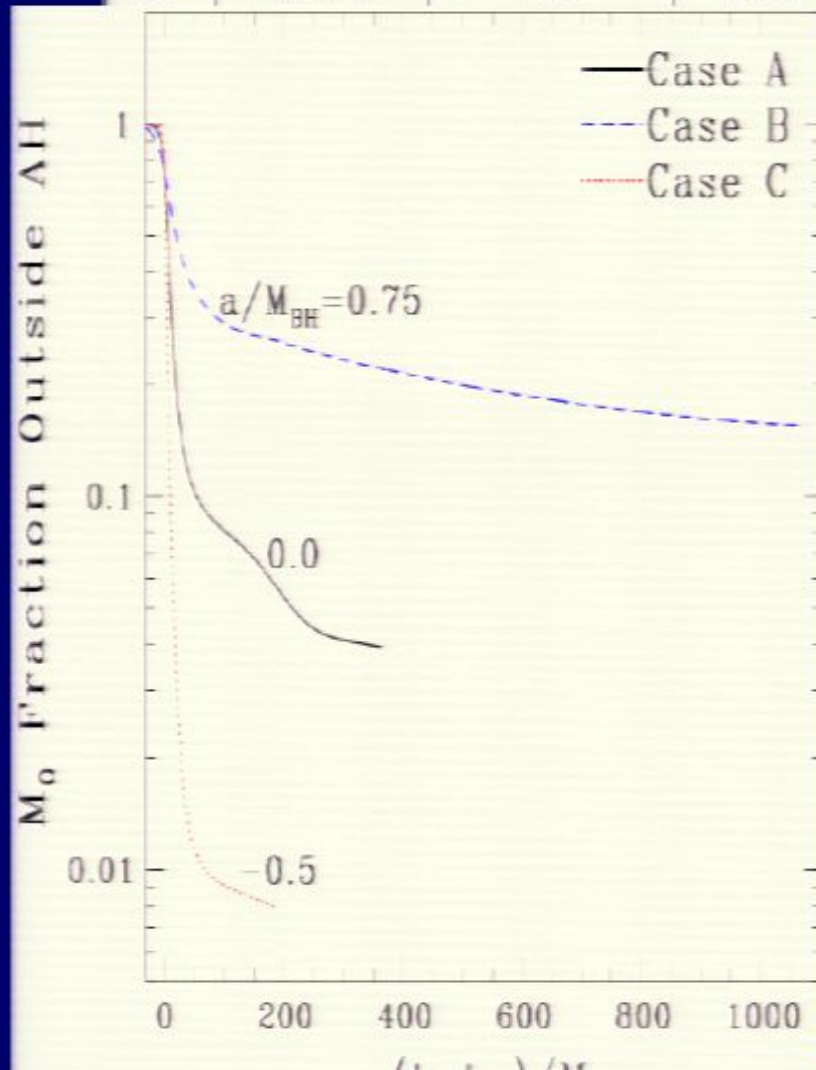
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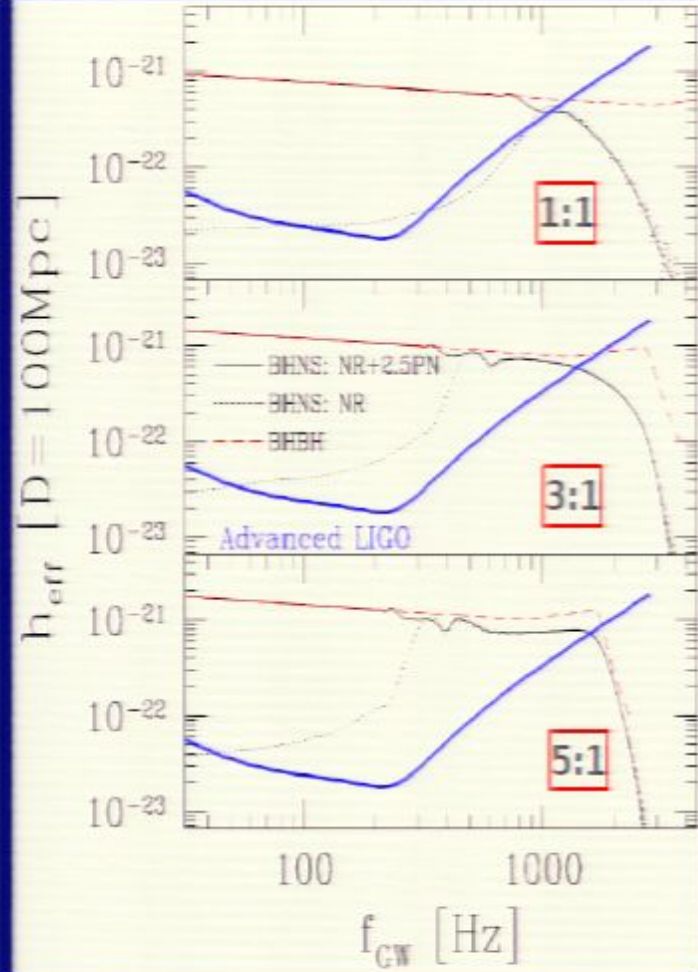
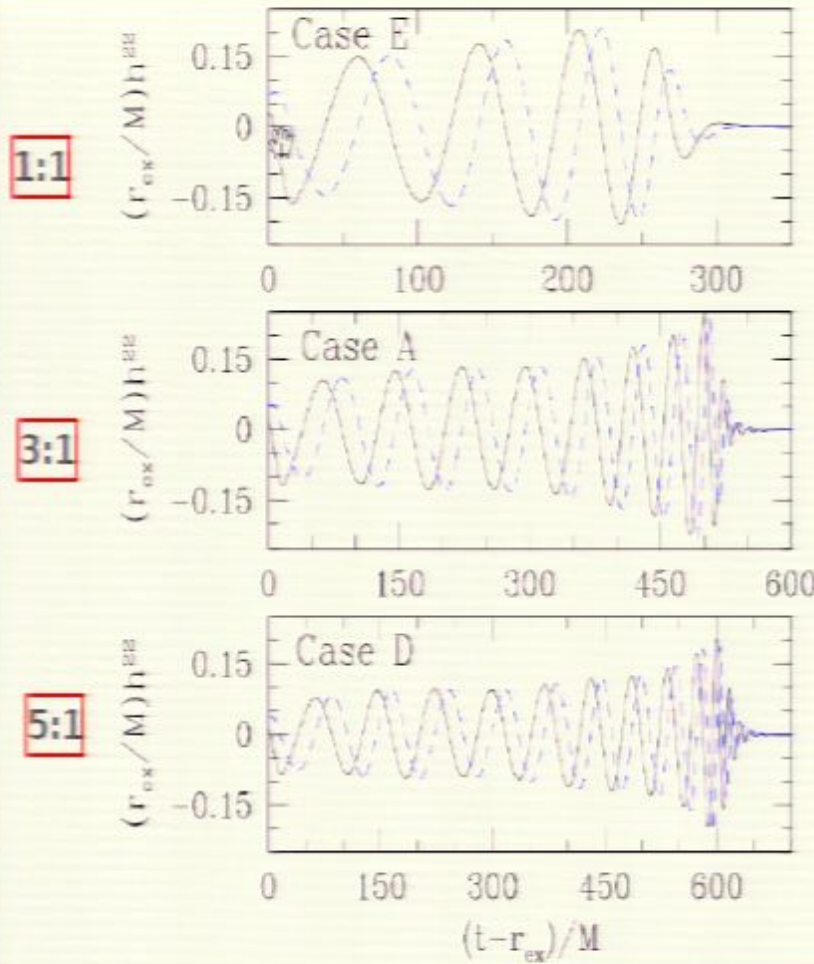
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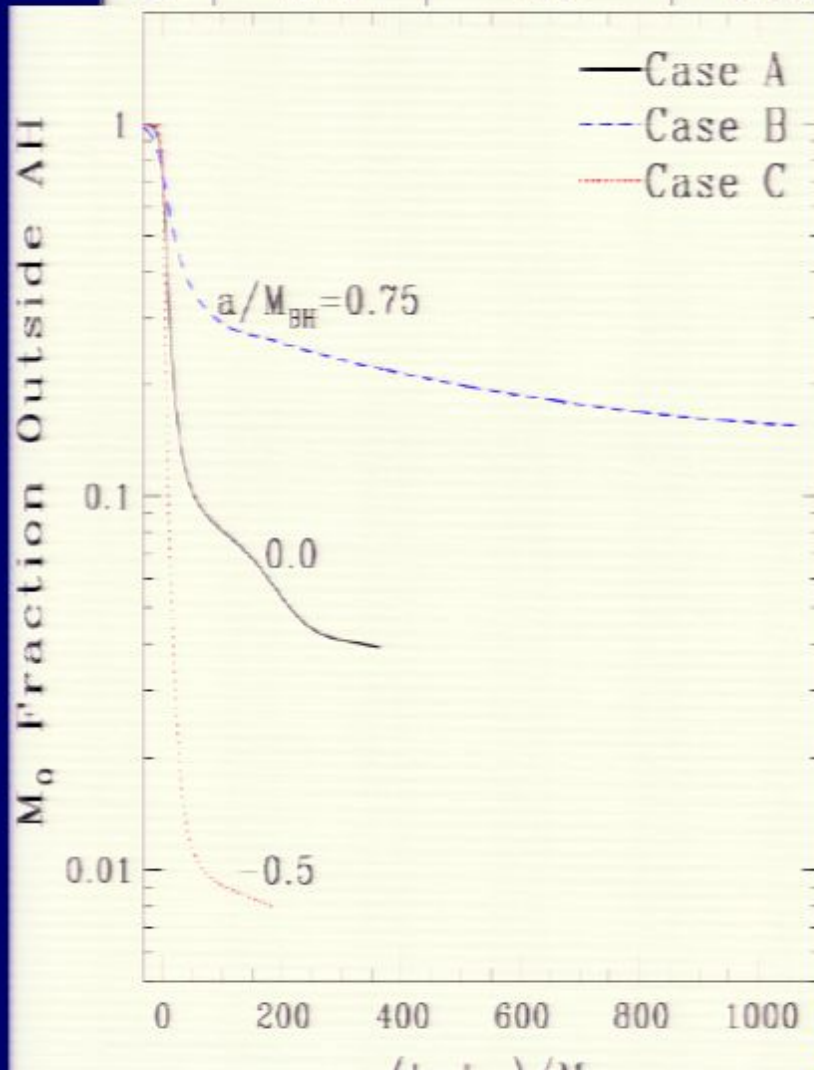
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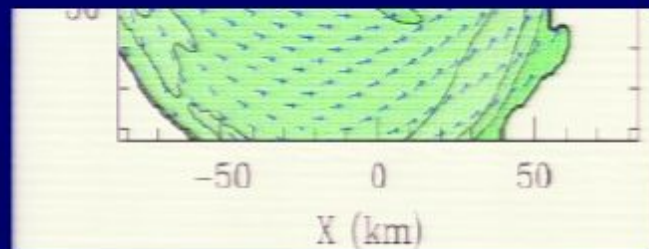
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- EOS: Initial:  $P = P_{\text{cold}} = K \rho_0^{\Gamma=2}$  at  $t = 0$ ,  
Adiabatic evolution:  $P = (\Gamma - 1) \rho_0 \epsilon$  at  $t > 0$ .
- Split internal energy into 2 parts ( $\epsilon_{\text{th}}$  from shock heating)

$$\epsilon = \epsilon_{\text{cold}} + \epsilon_{\text{th}}, \text{ where}$$

$$\epsilon_{\text{cold}} = - \int P_{\text{cold}} d \left( \frac{1}{\rho_0} \right) = \frac{K}{\Gamma - 1} \rho_0^{\Gamma}$$

- Estimate temperature as follows:  
(cf. Popham, Woosley, & Fryer (1999))

$$\epsilon_{\text{th}} \sim \frac{3kT}{2m_n} + f \frac{aT^4}{\rho_0}$$

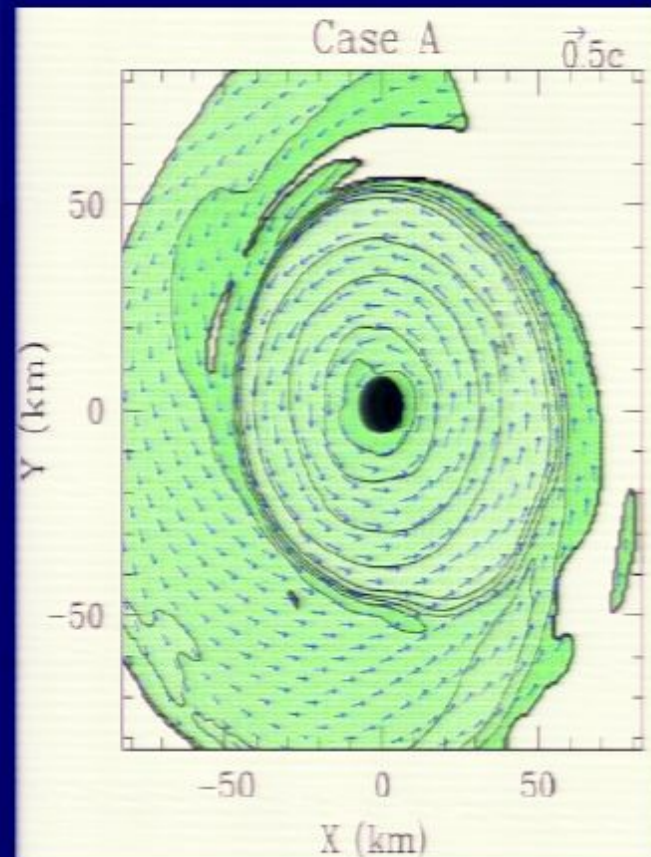
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