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Notes on the integration of numerical relativity waveforms

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Motivation

Computation of the strain h

- ▶ The gravitational strain, h , is the quantity that gravitational-wave detectors measure.
- ▶ Most NR computations **do not directly** compute h .
- ▶ Instead, the complex Weyl component ψ_4 is often used:

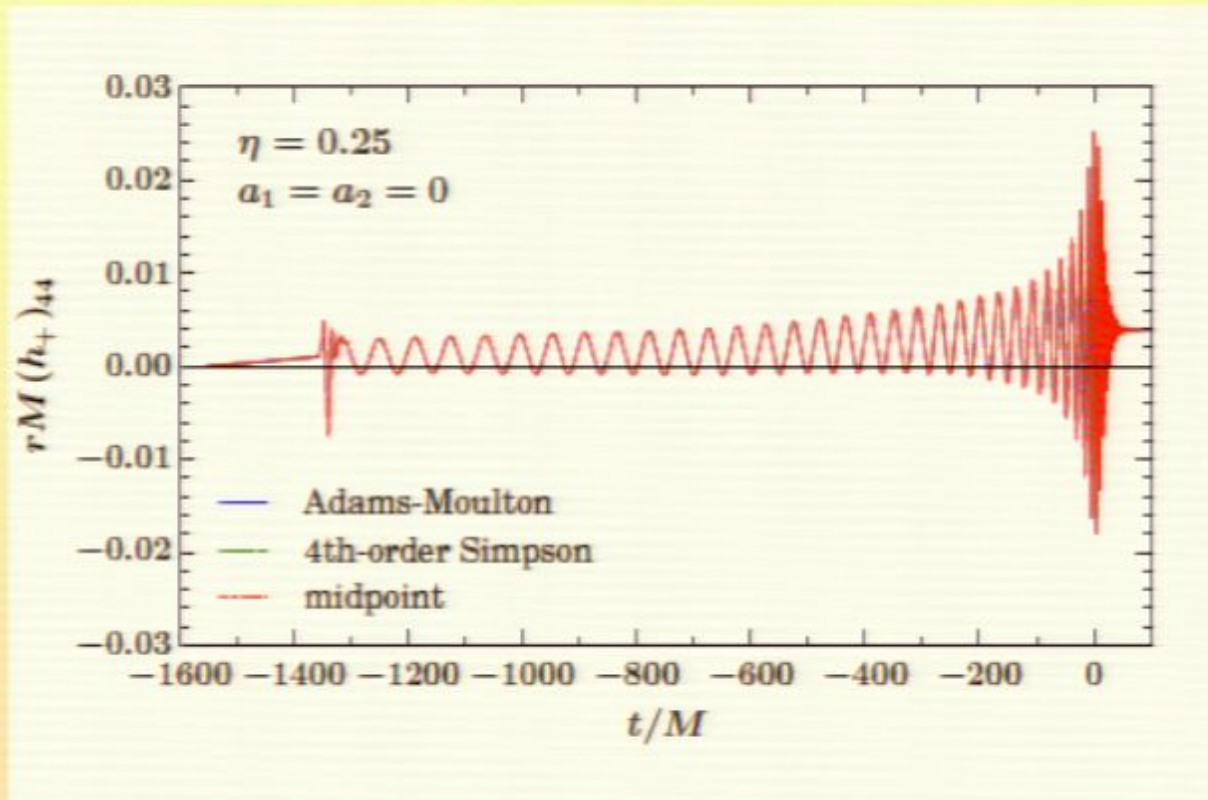
$$h = h_+ - ih_\times = \int_{-\infty}^t dt' \int_{-\infty}^{t'} dt'' \psi_4. \quad (1)$$

- ▶ Unfortunately, integrating twice in time introduces **spurious drifts**.

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- ▶ The effect is shown below for the $(\ell, m) = (4, 4)$ wavemode of an equal-mass non-spinning binary black hole merger.



- ▶ This drift is independent of the integration method used.
- ▶ This drift is not a gauge- or finite radius effect: the wavemode above has been extracted at future null infinity \mathcal{J}^+ .

The problem

Computation of the strain h

- ▶ We identify two different sources of the problem:
 - ▶ In time domain, numerical noise induces a **random walk**.
 - ▶ In Fourier domain, finite length of the signal causes **spectral leakage**.

Fixed frequency integration

Fixed-frequency integration

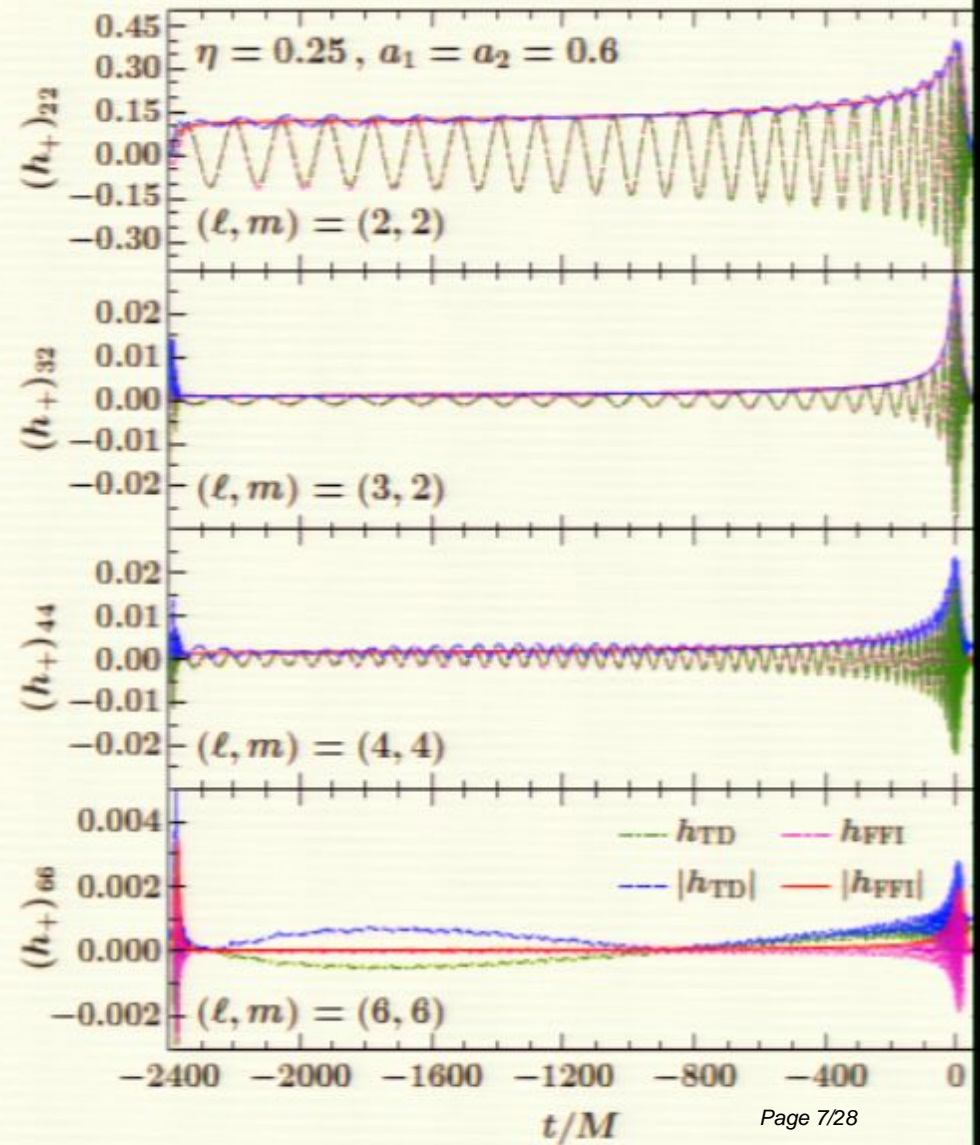
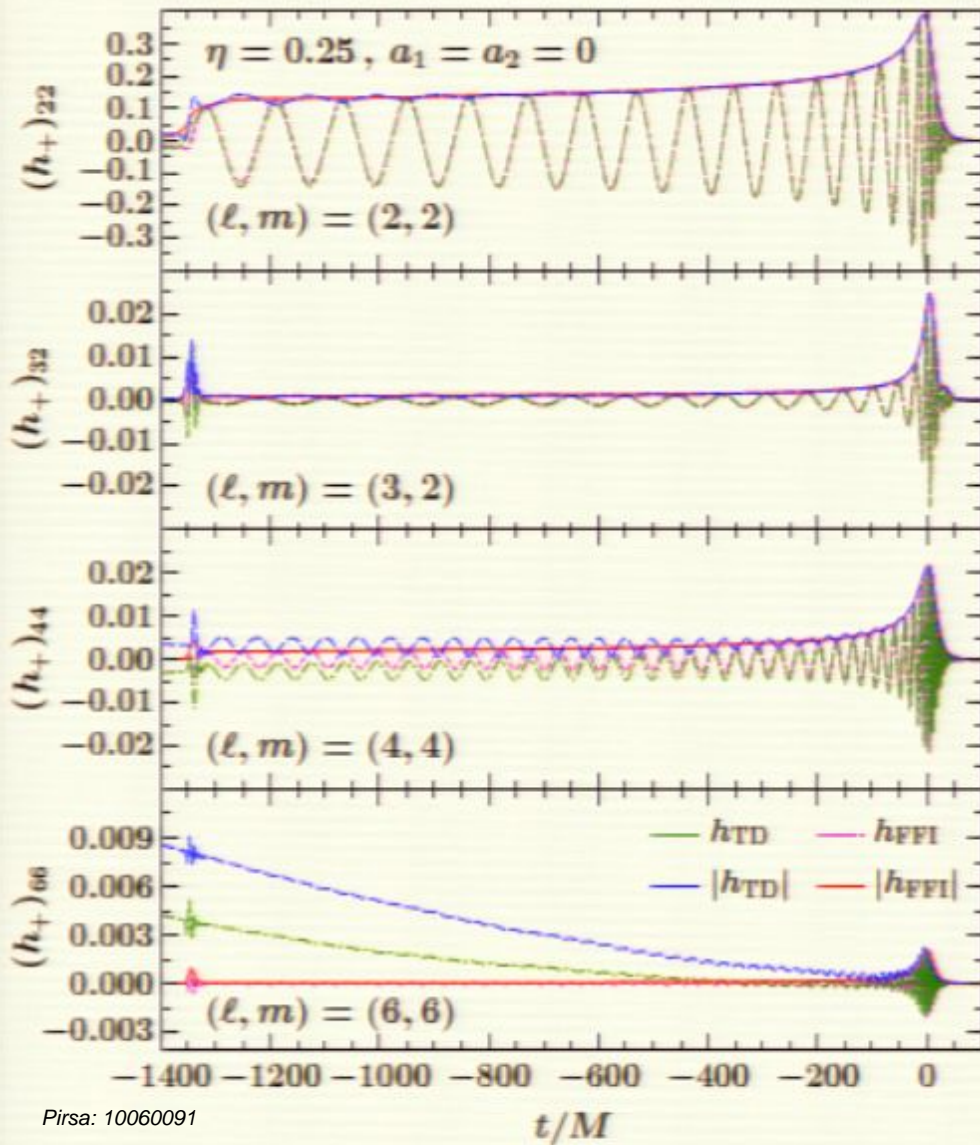
- ▶ We suggest the following scheme:

$$\bar{F}(\omega) = \begin{cases} i\tilde{f}(\omega)/\omega_0, & \omega \leq \omega_0, \\ i\tilde{f}(\omega)/\omega, & \omega > \omega_0. \end{cases} \quad (2)$$

where ω_0 smaller than the lowest physical frequency component.

- ▶ For binary black holes $\omega_0 \leq \omega_{\text{ini}}$.
- ▶ Higher modes: $\omega_0^{\ell m} = \omega_0^{22} m/2$.

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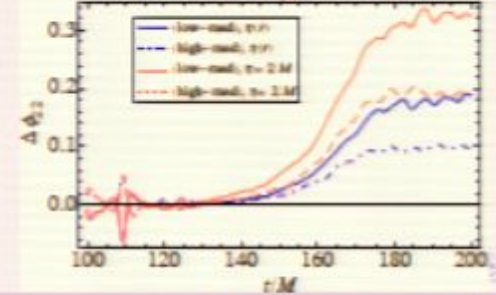
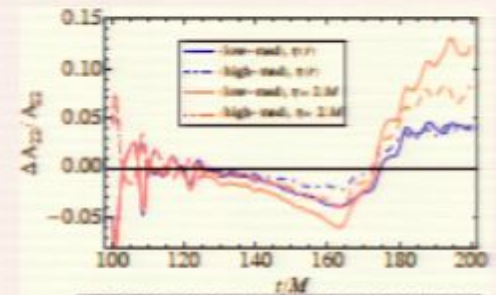
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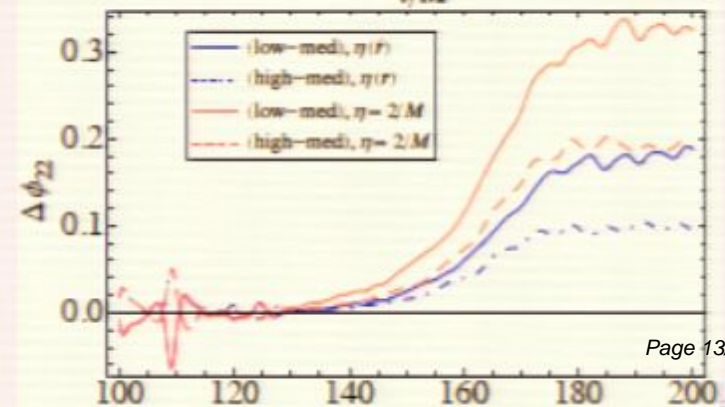
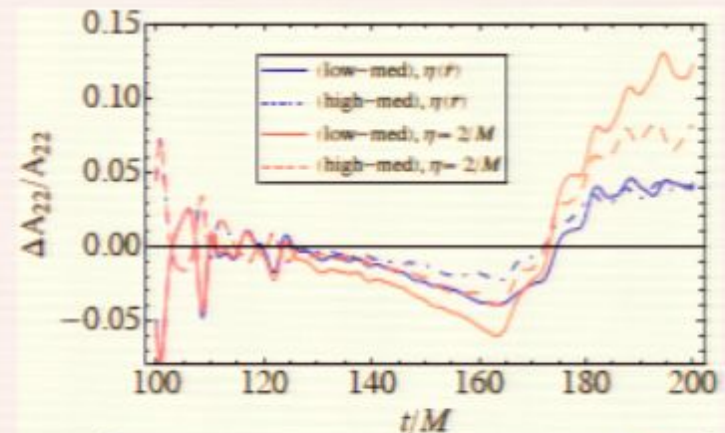
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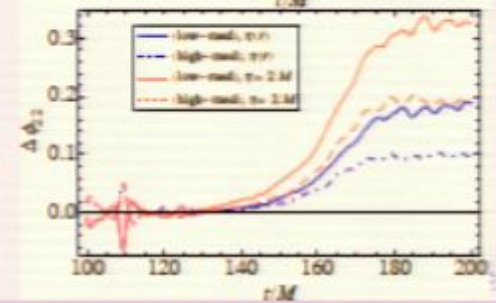
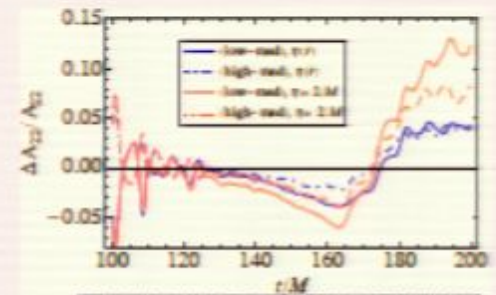
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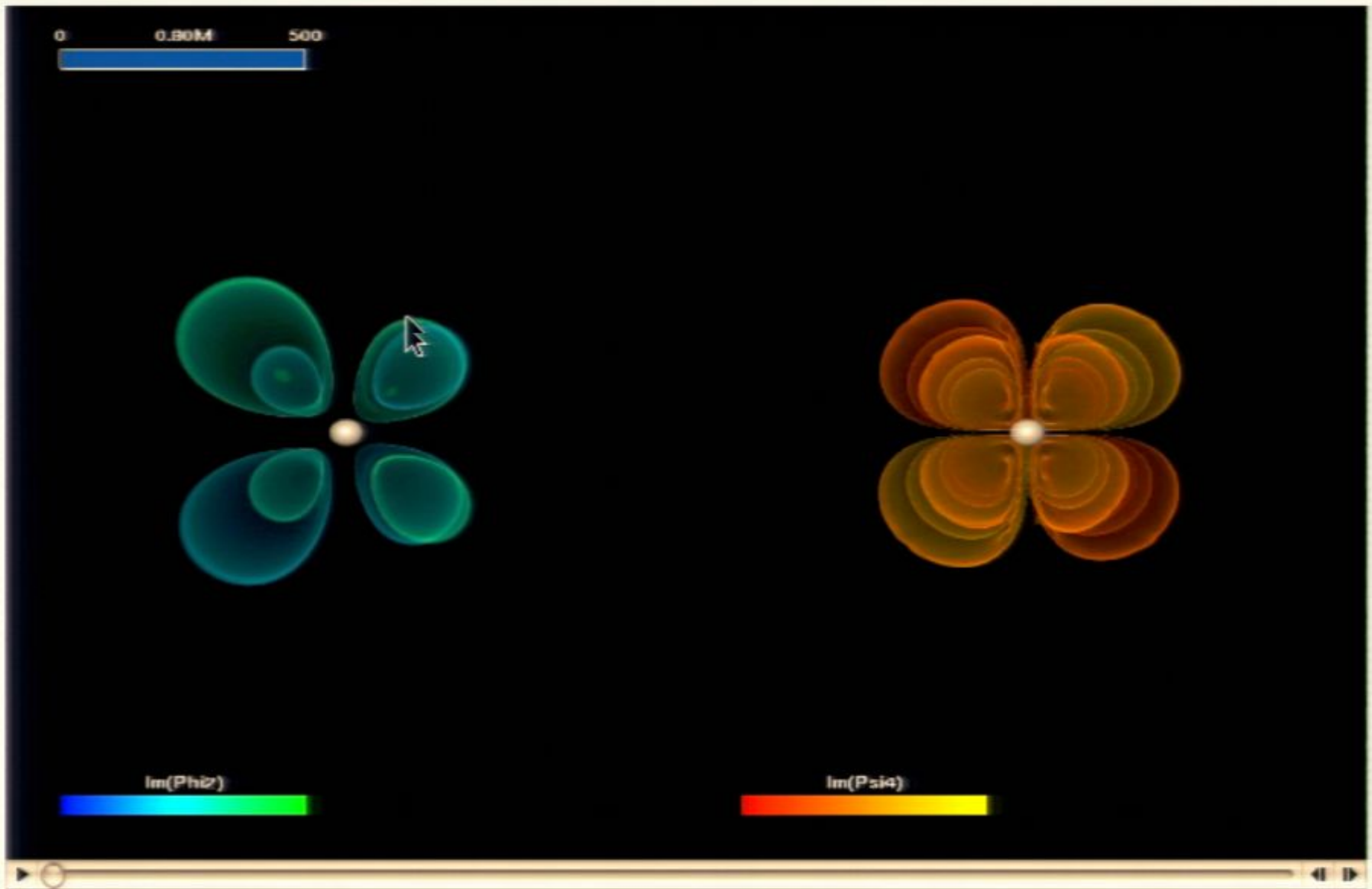
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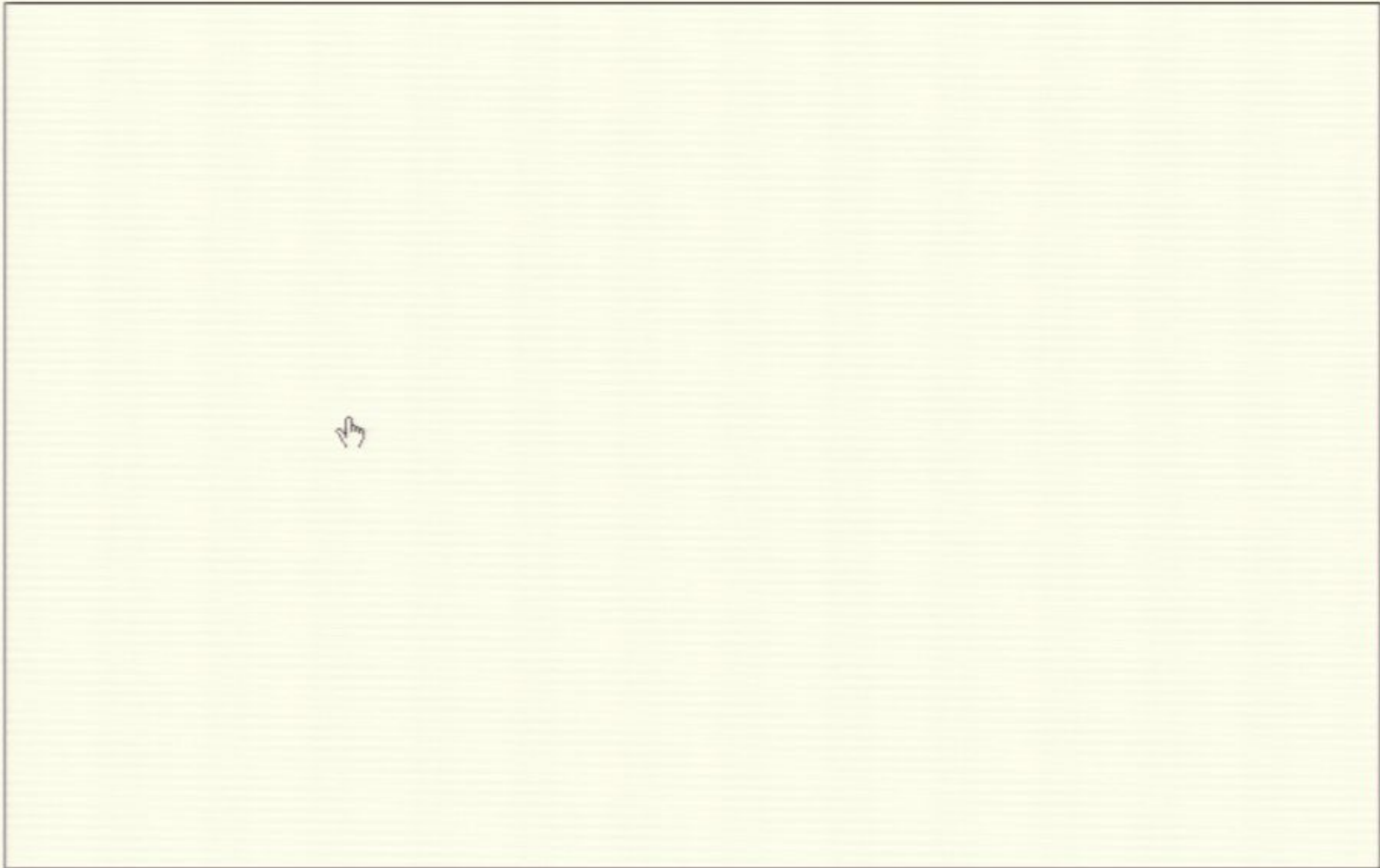
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Hybrid black-hole binary initial data

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Post-Newtonian metric: ADM-TT coordinates

- Tichy *et al* (2003) adapted the 2.5PN ADM-TT results to puncture initial data for numerical relativity.
- We start from the PN expression for the spatial metric:

$$\gamma_{ij}^{PN} = \psi_{PN}^4 \delta_{ij} + h_{ij}^{TT}, \quad (1)$$

- The post-Newtonian expansion for the conjugate momenta is simply:

$$\pi_{PN}^{ij} = \psi_{PN}^{-4} \left(\epsilon^3 \tilde{\pi}_{(3)}^{ij} + \epsilon^5 \tilde{\pi}_{(5)}^{ij} \right) \quad (2)$$

- Advantages of ADM-TT data:
 - 3-metric and extrinsic curvature expressions easily found.
 - No logarithmic divergences (as in the harmonic coordinates).
 - Single BH data reduces to Schwarzschild in isotropic coordinates.
 - Up to 1.5PN the data looks similar to the puncture approach: conformally flat and Bowen-York extrinsic curvature.

Realistic gravitational wave content

- What about h_{ij}^{TT} ?
- Schäfer (1985) suggested a “near zone” approximation for h_{ij}^{TT} , by splitting the retarded inverse d'Alembertian with an inverse Laplacian:

$$h_{ij}^{TT} = -[\Delta^{-1} + (\square_{ret}^{-1} - \Delta^{-1})] \delta_{ij}^{TT\ kl} \left[\sum_{a=1}^N \frac{p_{ak} p_{al}}{m_a} \delta_a + \frac{1}{4} \phi_{,k}^{(2)} \phi_{,l}^{(2)} \right] \quad (3)$$

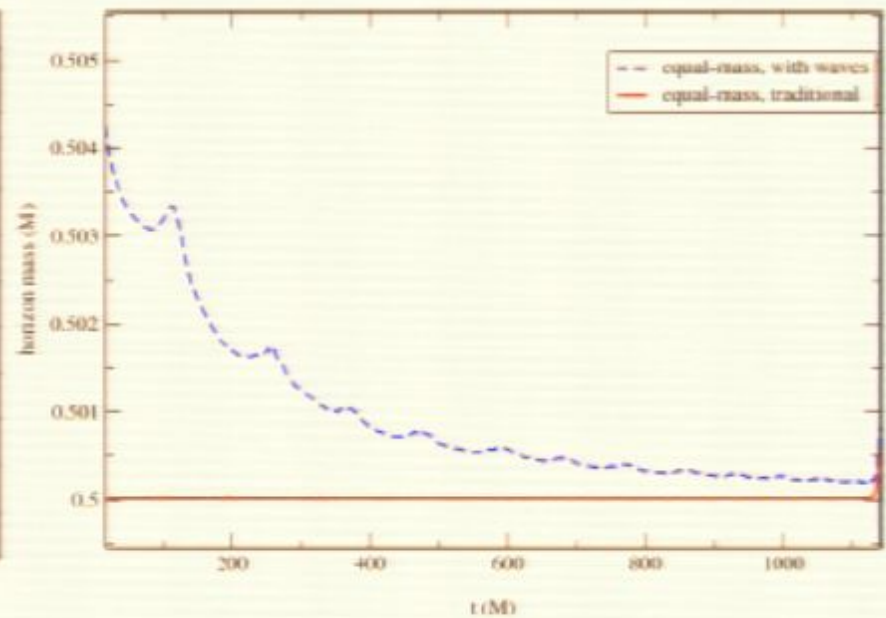
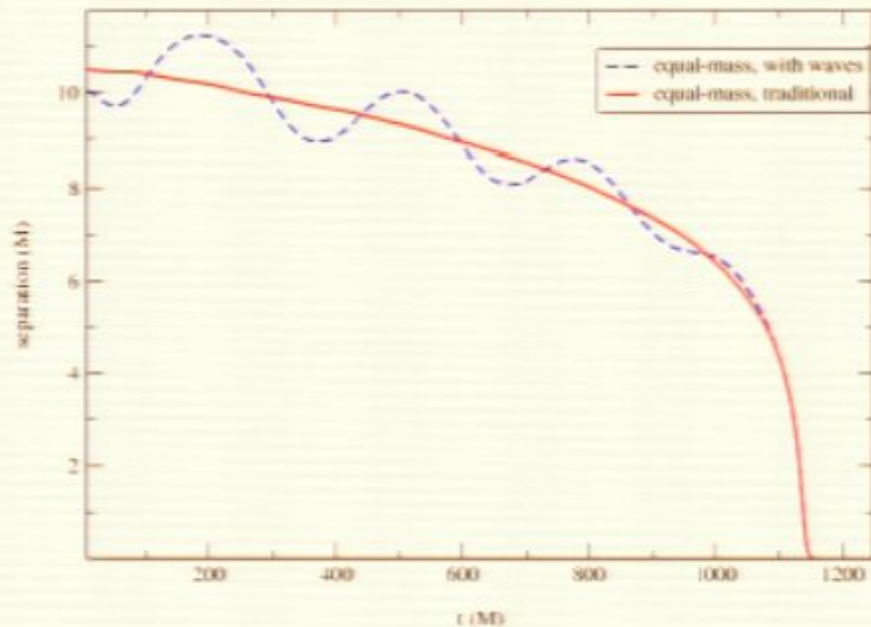
$$= h_{ij}^{TT(NZ)} + h_{ij}^{TT(remainder)} + O(\epsilon^5). \quad (4)$$

- A few years later, Kelly *et al* (2007) completed the picture for nonspinning black-holes by determining the “remainder” TT term, $h_{ij}^{TT(remainder)}$ to 2PN order.
- The structure of the remainder term divides into three segments, according to time of evaluation:

$$h_{ij}^{TT(remainder)} = h_{ij}^{TT(present)} + h_{ij}^{TT(retarded)} + h_{ij}^{TT(interval)}. \quad (5)$$

Numerical implementation: early evolutions

- Initial evolutions carried out with BAM, LazEv and Hahndol moving puncture codes.
- Data show strong eccentricity and apparent horizon mass drops gradually over the course of the inspiral.



Hybrid initial data

- The largest Hamiltonian violation contributions are due to the ψ_{PN} , since h_{ij}^{TT} is relatively much smaller closer to the punctures.
- **Hybrid initial data prescription:** solve the Hamiltonian constraint for the traditional Bowen-York puncture initial data and then rescale and superpose the higher order PN terms to this solution:
- The Bowen-York extrinsic curvature is used to source the hamiltonian constraint with conformally flat spatial metric:

$$\Delta\psi_{BY} + K_{BY}^{ij} K_{ij}^{BY} / \psi_{BY}^7 = 0, \quad (6)$$

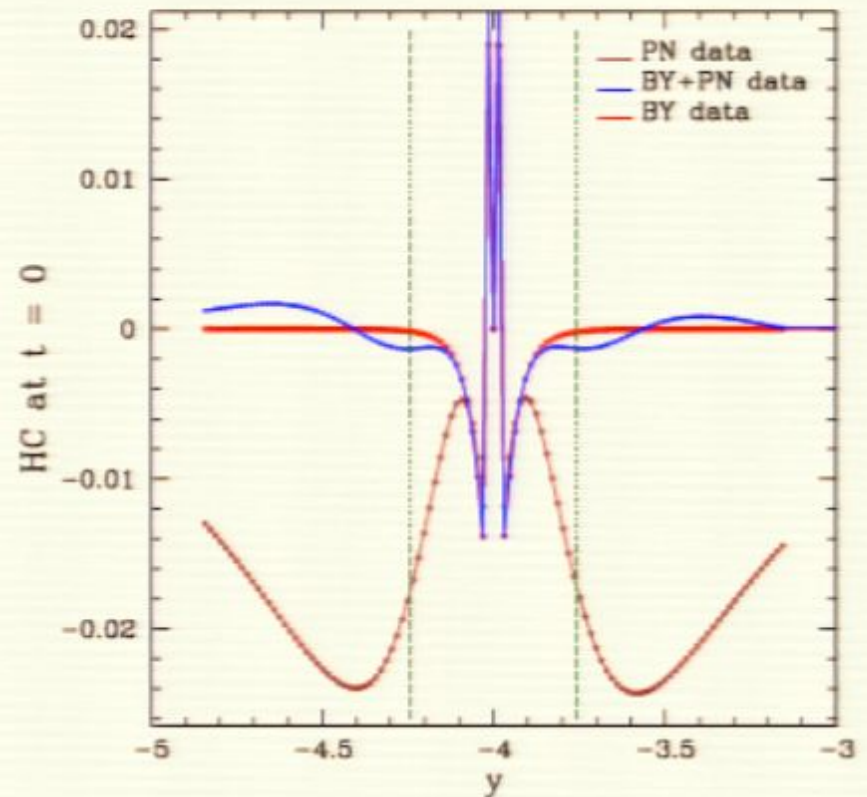
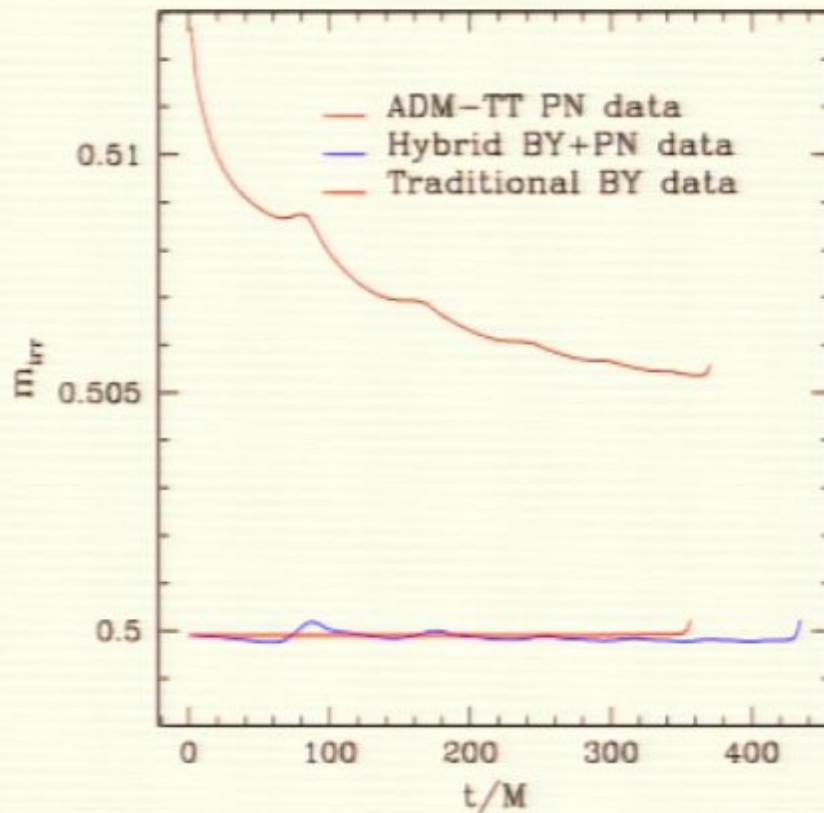
where the solution is $\psi_{BY} = 1 + 1/2(m_1/r_1 + m_2/r_2) + u$. In this new hybrid approach the quantities are rescaled by ψ_{BY} instead of ψ_{PN} :

$$\gamma_{ij} = \psi_{BY}^4 \delta_{ij} + h_{ij}^{TT}, \quad (7)$$

$$\pi^{ij} = \frac{1}{\psi_{BY}^4} \left(\pi_{(3)}^{ij} + \pi_{(5)}^{ij} \right). \quad (8)$$

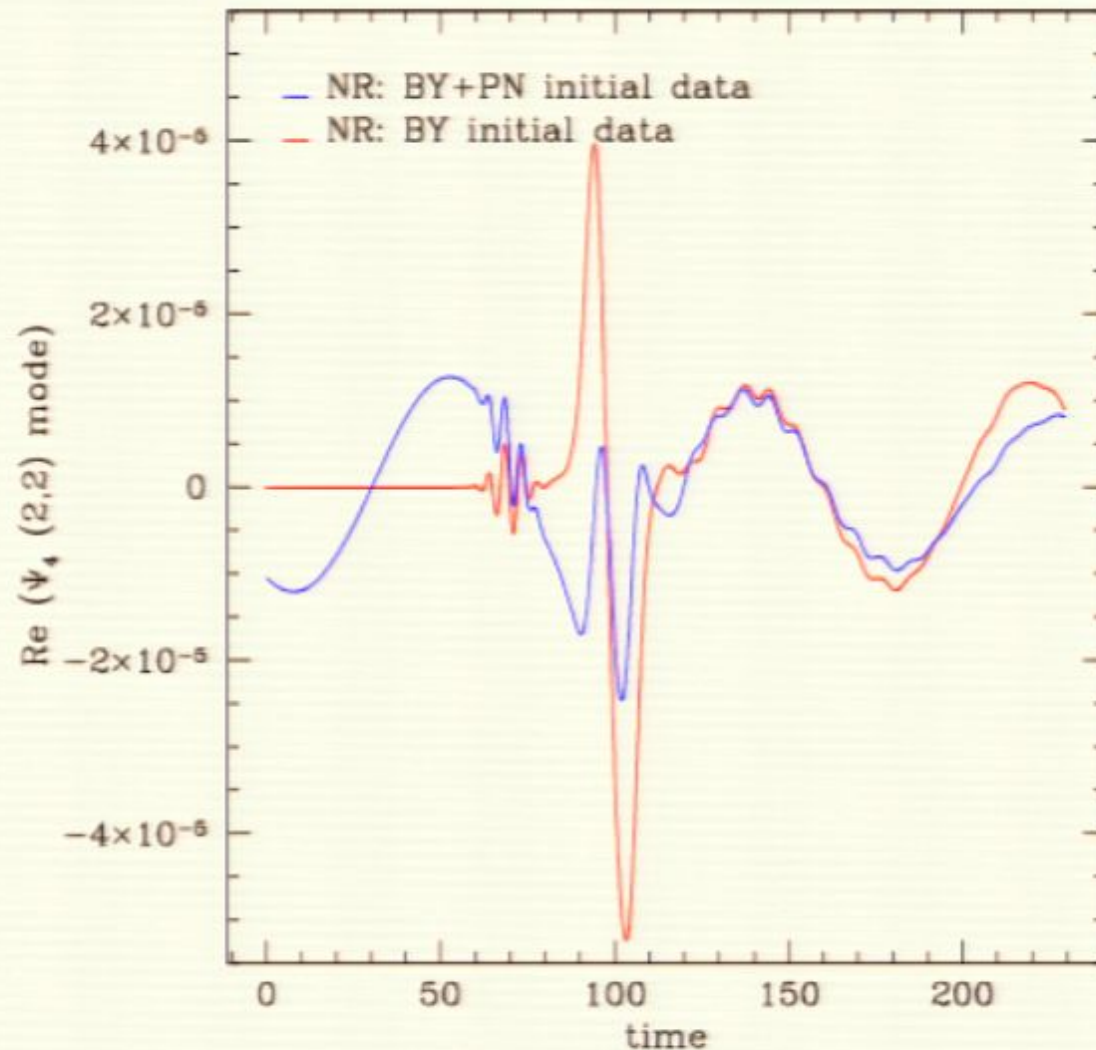
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- The hybrid initial data approach significantly reduces the unphysical horizon mass loss and Hamiltonian constraint violation observed in evolutions of the way ADM-TT PN data.



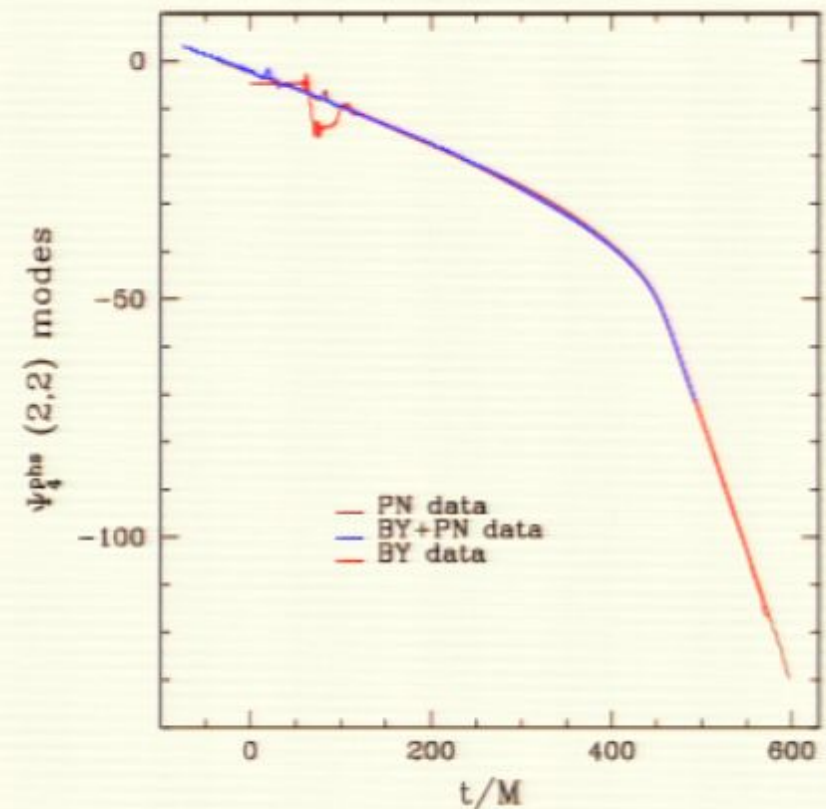
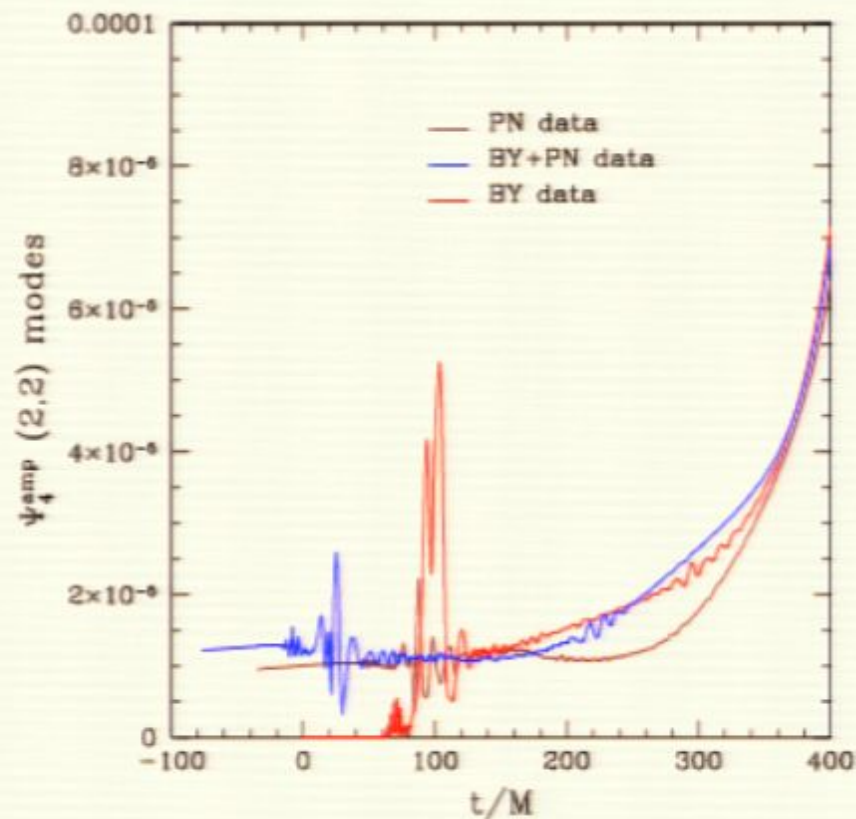
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- Like the wavy ADM-TT PN data, the hybrid data significantly reduces the amplitude of the spurious radiation when compared to pure BY data.



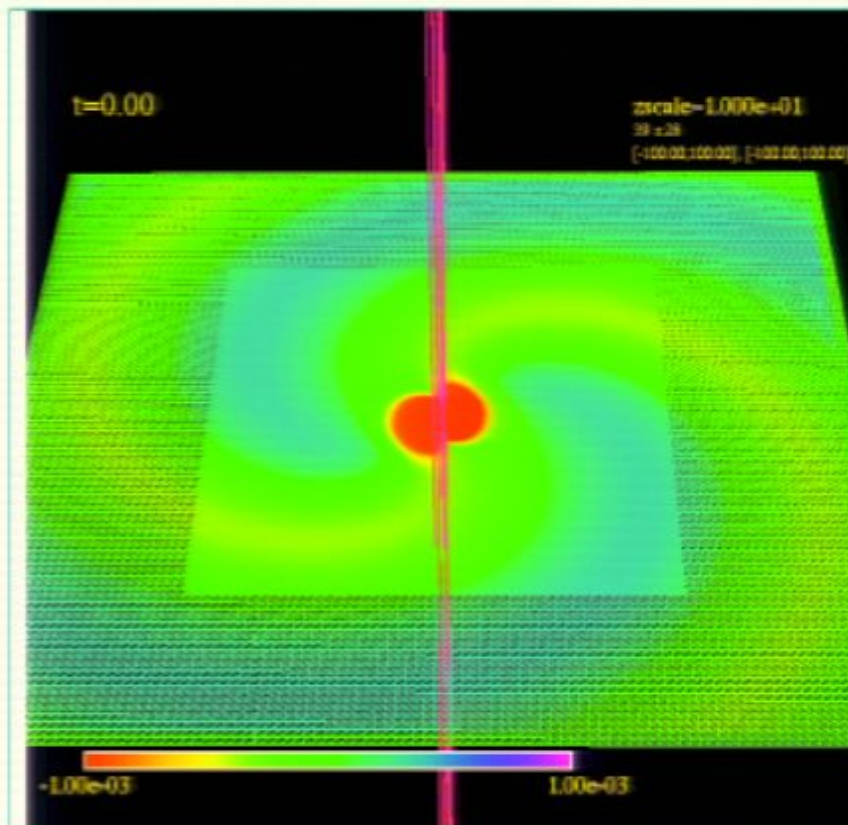
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- Comparison between PN, BY and BY+PN data. PN and BY+PN waveform amplitude (left) and phase (right) shifted by $36M$ and $77M$, respectively. The extraction radius here is $90M$.

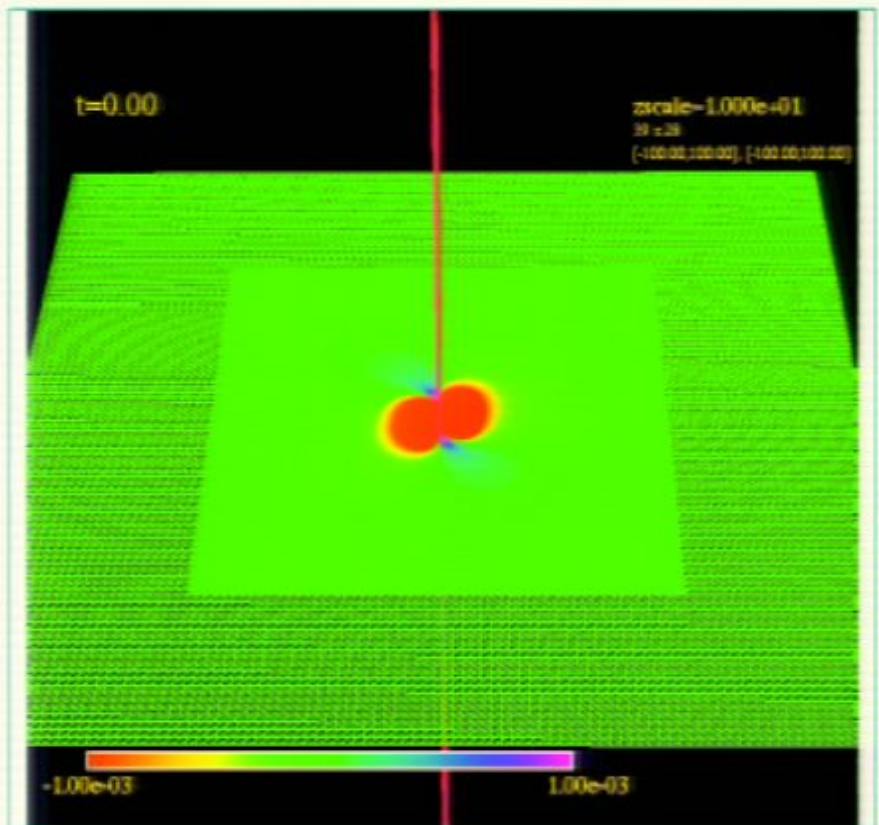


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- Compare the wavy pattern at $t = 0$ present in $r \mathcal{R}e(\psi_4)$ for BY+PN initial data (left) with the traditional BY (right) data.



Hybrid BY+PN initial data.



Traditional BY initial data.