

Introduction to the Einstein Toolkit

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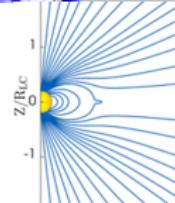
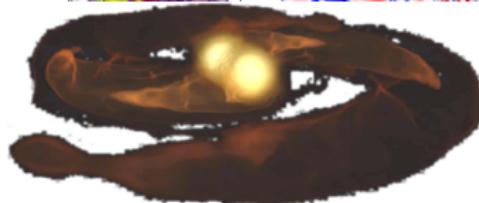
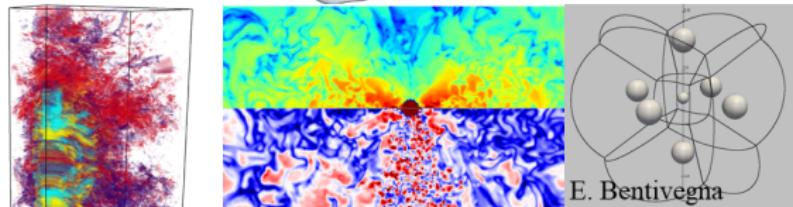
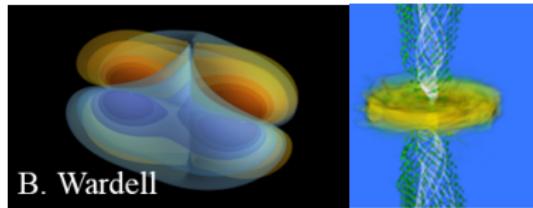
- Collection of scientific software components and tools to simulate and analyze general relativistic astrophysical systems
- Freely available as open source at <http://www.einsteintoolkit.org>
- Supported by NSF 1550551/1550461/1550436/1550514, NSF 1212401/1212426/1212433/1212460, NSF 0903973/0903782/0904015 (CIGR), 0701566/0855892 (XiRel), 0721915 (Alpaca), 0905046/0941653(PetaCactus/PRAC)
- State-of-the-art set of tools for numerical relativity, open source
- Currently 356 members from 249 sites and 43 countries
- > 396 publications, > 53 theses building on these components (as of June 2022)
- Regular, tested releases
- User support through various channels



Einstein Toolkit

Science

- Binary Black Hole Mergers
- Neutron Star Mergers
- Supernovae
- Accretion Disks
- Boson Stars
- Hairy Black Holes
- Cosmic Censorship



Community Effort!



Why?

Computational Challenges

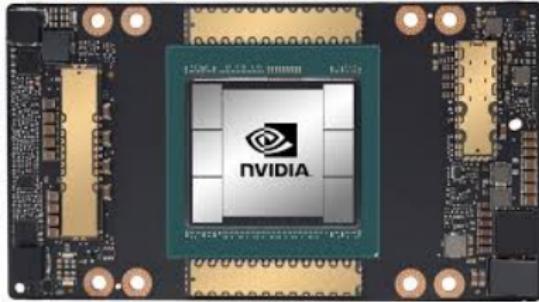
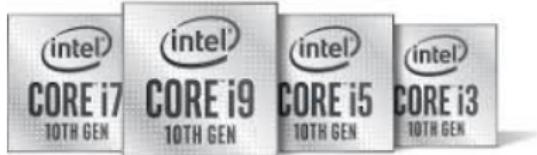


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More and more diverse hardware





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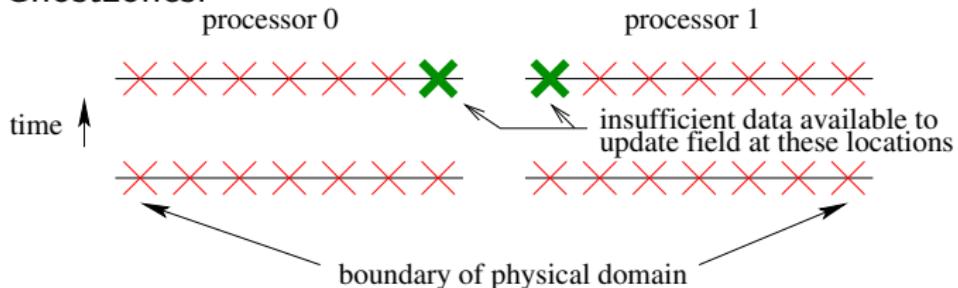


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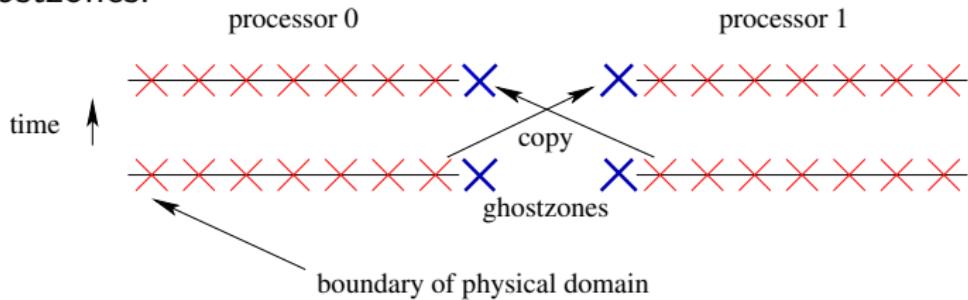
- Efficient use of all hardware is complex and tedious.
- Requires experts from different disciplines
- Requires good data layouts and APIs
- To ensure correctness, need good modularization on a number of levels and understanding of advanced programming concepts.
- Design and implementation needs to be carefully thought out in order to ensure extensibility and portability.

Domain Decomposition

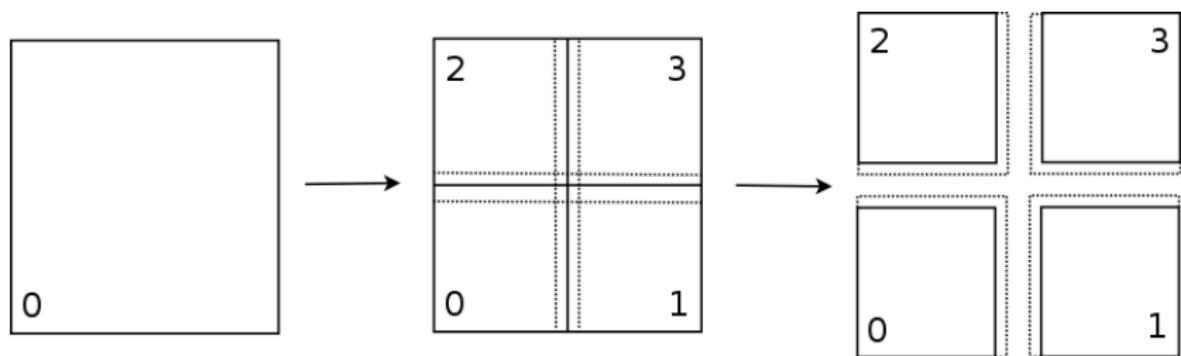
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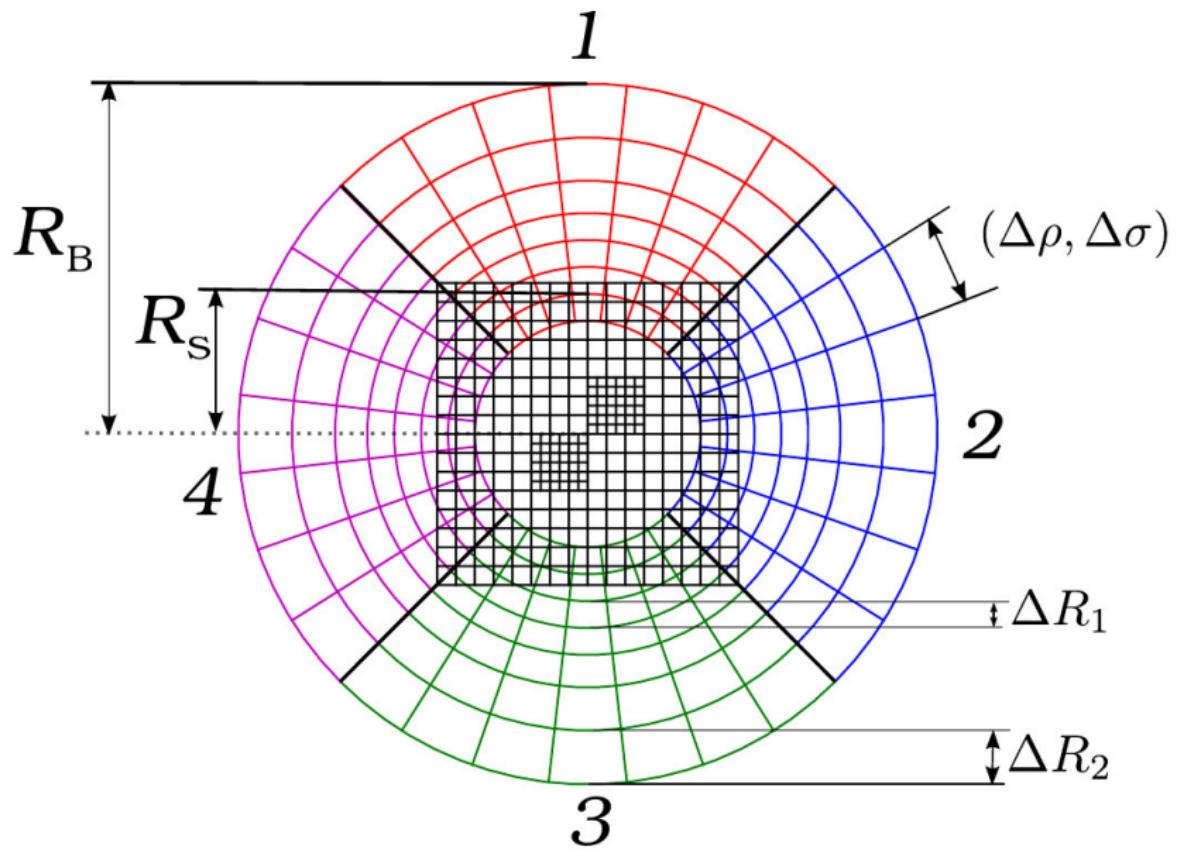
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Multiblock and refinement



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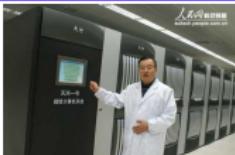
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Workshop





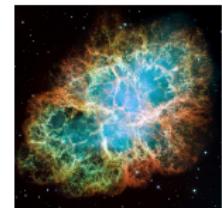
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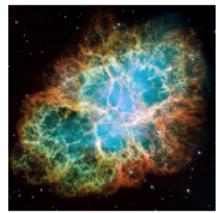
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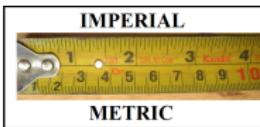
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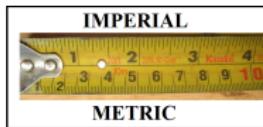
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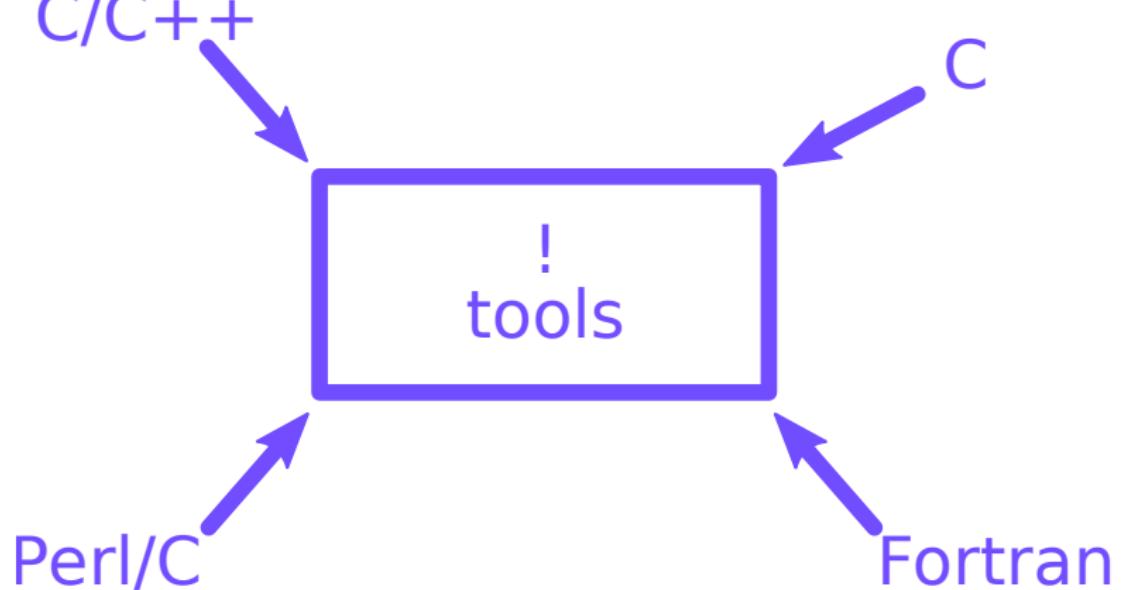
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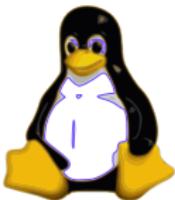


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C/C++

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Perl/C

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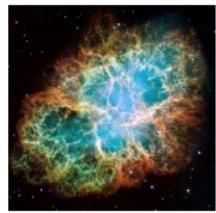
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How can we work together?

- Researchers in the USA

- Arizona
- Florida
- Georgia
- Louisiana
- Illinois
- Indiana
- New York
- Tennessee
- Texas
- Pennsylvania
- California



- In other countries

- Canada
- Germany
- Italy
- Ireland
- Mexico
- Portugal
- Spain
- Turkey
- United Kingdom
- and many more





Goals:

- Community Driven
- Core computational tool for numerical astrophysics
- General purpose tool!

Components:

- Cactus
- Simulation Factory
- Kranc
- NRPy+
- Science Modules



Guiding Principles

- Open
- Community Driven
- Good interfaces
- Separation of physics from computational infrastructure
- Production ready
- High quality code

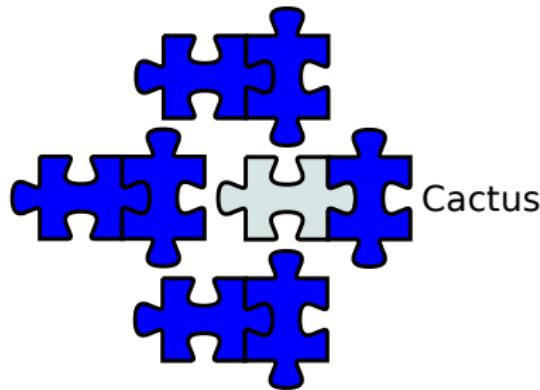
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- Initially: some infrastructure, some application code



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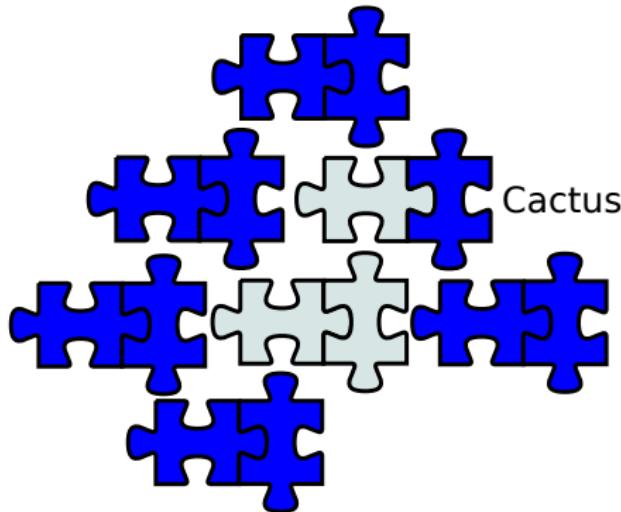
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Cactus

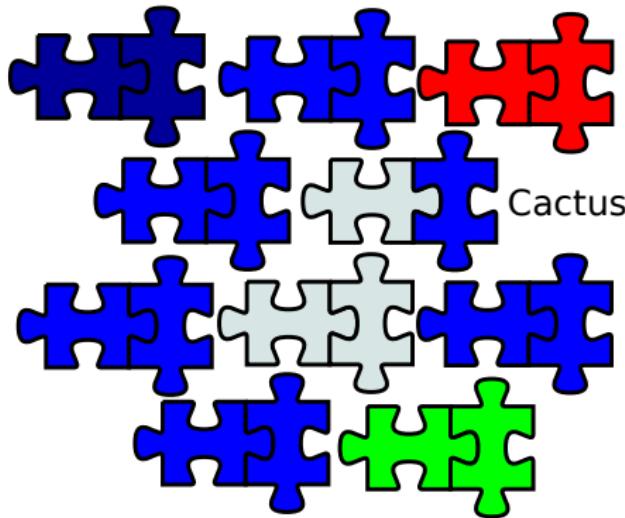
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- Growing infrastructure “return”



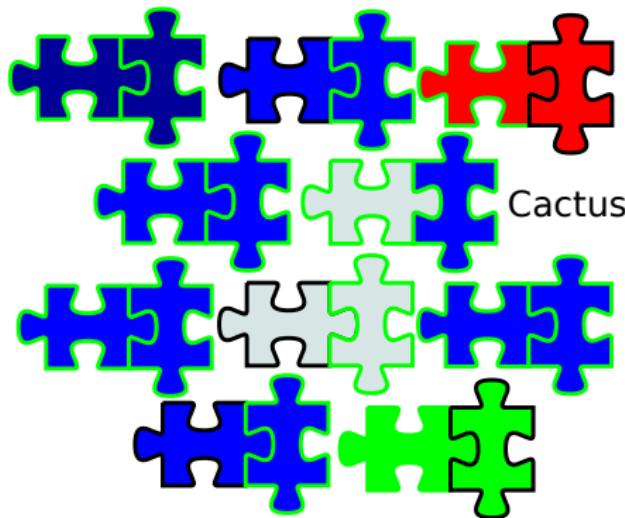
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- Users from more fields of science



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- Most modules open-source, but not necessarily all



Base Modules



The Einstein Equations

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spacetime
curvature



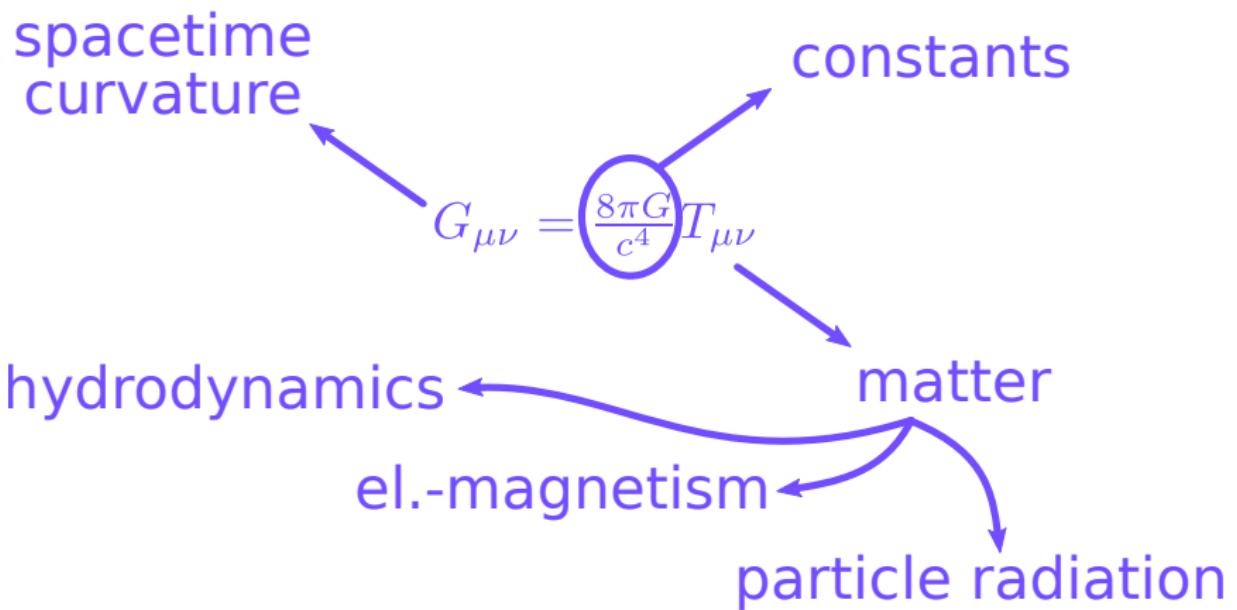
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A diagram illustrating the components of the Einstein field equation. At the center is the equation $G_{\mu\nu} = \frac{8\pi G}{c^4} T_{\mu\nu}$. Three arrows point from the equation to three labels: "spacetime curvature" (top-left), "constants" (top-right), and "matter" (bottom-right).



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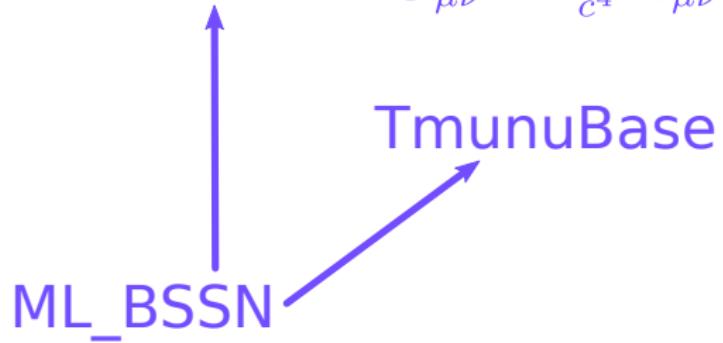
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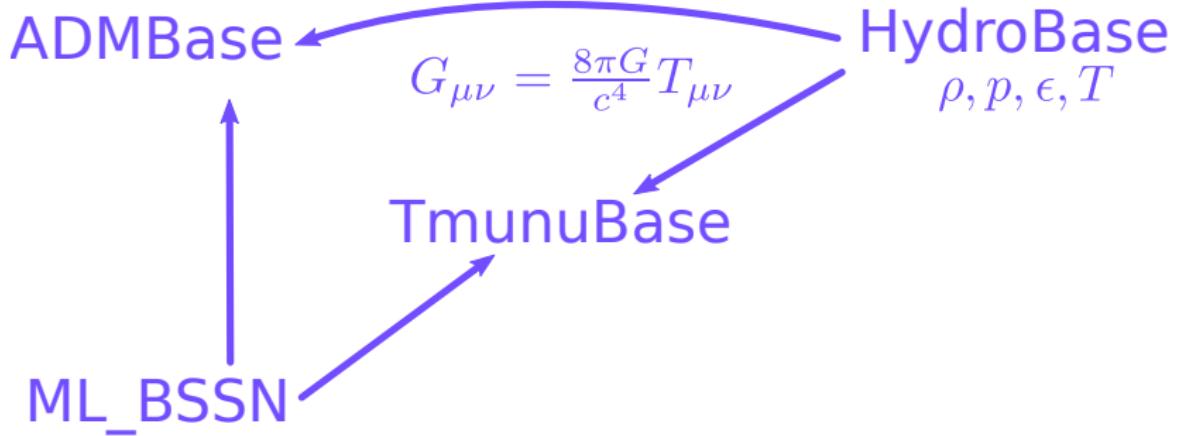
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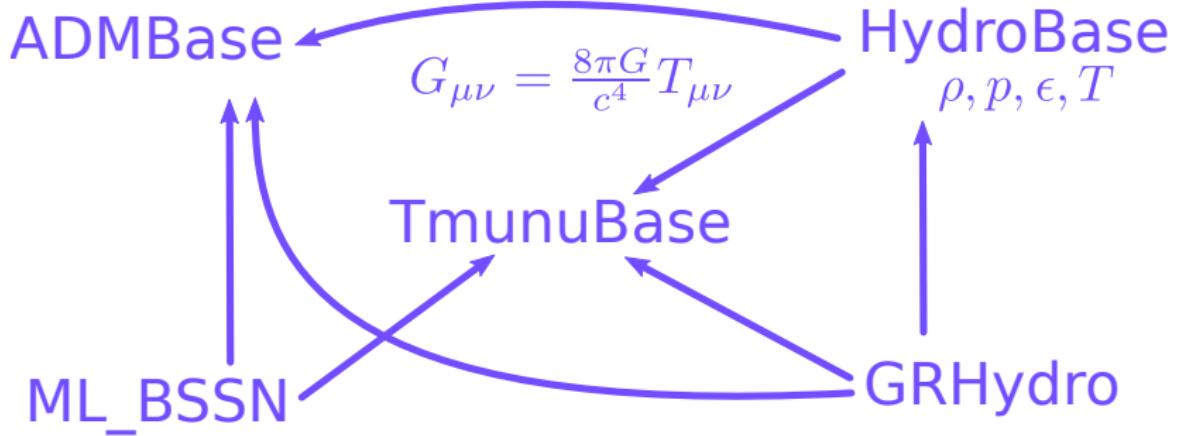
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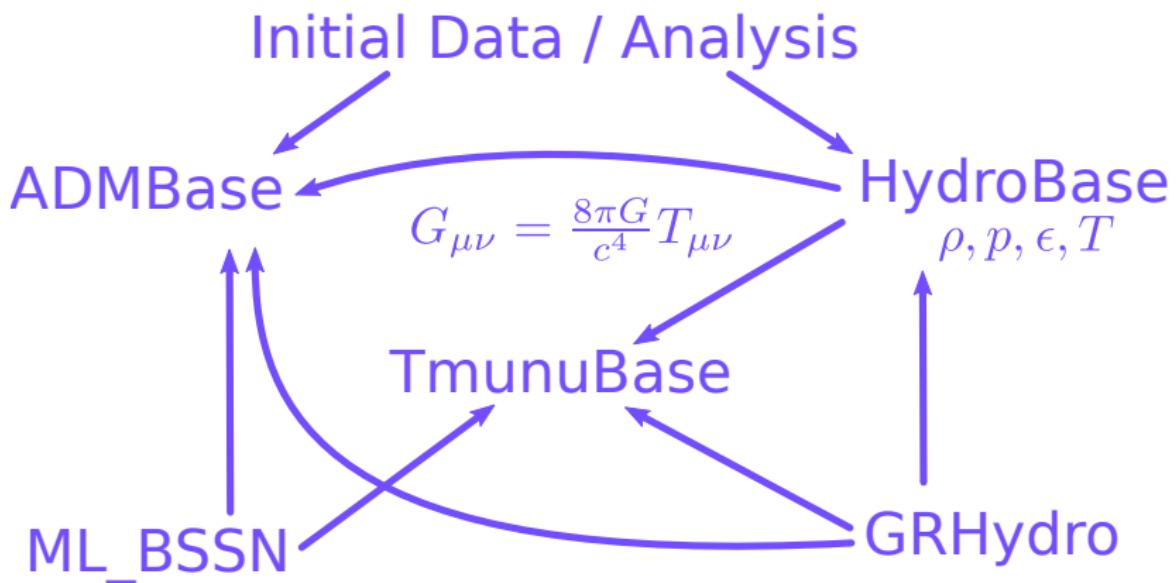
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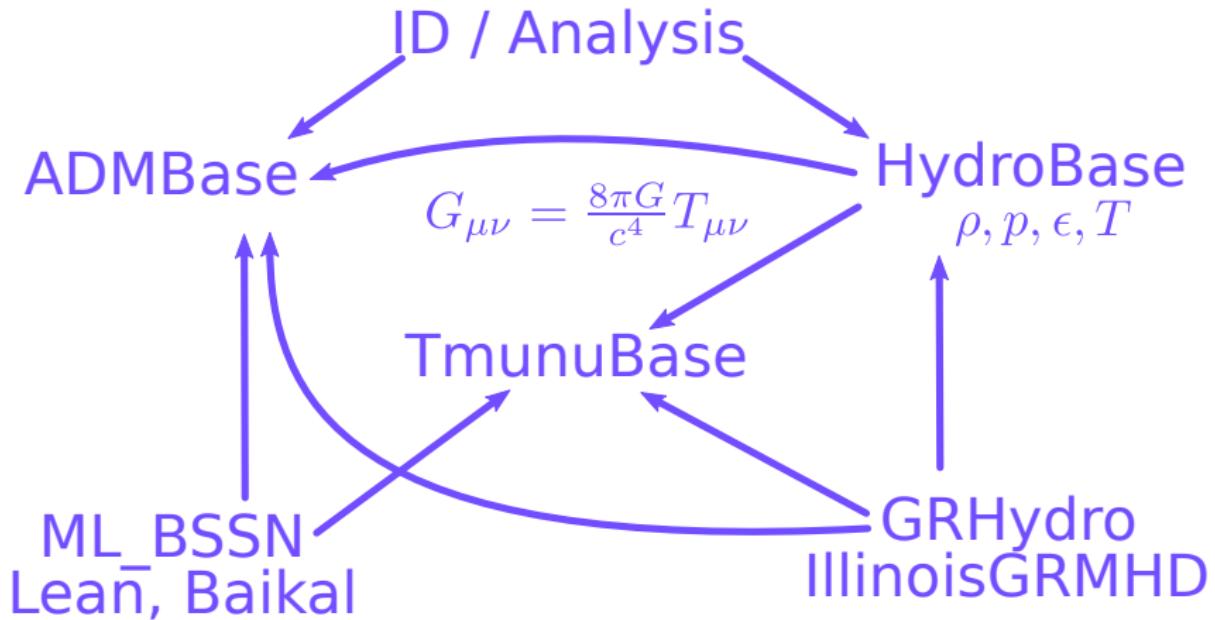
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- Open, community-driven software development
- Separation of **physics** software and **computational** infrastructure
- Stable interfaces, allowing extensions
- Simplify usage where possible:
 - Doing science >> Running a simulation
 - Students need to know a lot about physics
(meaningful initial conditions, numerical stability, accuracy/resolution, have patience, have curiosity, develop a “gut feeling” for what is right ...)
 - Einstein Toolkit **cannot** give that, **however**:
Open codes that are easy to use allow to concentrate on these things!



Credits, Citations

In academics: citations, citations, citations!

For Einstein Toolkit:

- Open and free source
- No **requirement** to cite anything
- However: **requested** to cite
 - The DOI doi:10.5281/zenodo.3350841
 - Maybe the ET or Cactus papers
 - Some papers for the components list a few as well
 - List published on website and manage through publication database
- Soon: auto-generate list of citations during simulation run



Cutting Edge / Future

- New Driver Thorn: CarpetX
- New Spherical Coordinates Thorn (RIT)
- New Python Code Generator: Full thorn output from NRPy+
- Kerr background support in SelfForce1D



Recent

- PN based initial data and eccentricity reduction
- New Declarative Synchronization: Presync
- Python based simulation analysis: kuibit



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- <http://www.einsteintoolkit.org/>
- Tools for high-performance computing in numerical relativity
- Open Source
- World-wide, open Community
- Used in high-end research

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