

# COCAL and binary neutron star initial data

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## Initial data means initial value problem

$$G_{\alpha\beta} = \frac{8\pi G}{c^4} T_{\alpha\beta}$$

where  $G_{\alpha\beta} = R_{\alpha\beta} - \frac{1}{2}g_{\alpha\beta}R$        $R_{\alpha\beta} = \partial_\mu \Gamma^\mu_{\alpha\beta} - \partial_\alpha \Gamma^\mu_{\mu\beta} + \Gamma^\mu_{\alpha\beta} \Gamma^\nu_{\nu\mu} - \Gamma^\mu_{\alpha\nu} \Gamma^\nu_{\mu\beta}$

$$G_{\mu\nu} = \frac{1}{2}g^{\alpha\beta}(\partial_\beta \partial_\nu g_{\mu\alpha} + \partial_\beta \partial_\mu g_{\nu\alpha} - \partial_\alpha \partial_\beta g_{\mu\nu} - \partial_\mu \partial_\nu g_{\alpha\beta})$$

$$+ \frac{1}{2}g_{\mu\nu}g^{\alpha\beta}g^{\rho\sigma}(\partial_\alpha \partial_\beta g_{\rho\sigma} - \partial_\beta \partial_\rho g_{\sigma\alpha}) + f_{\mu\nu}(g, \partial g)$$

### Theorem: Cauchy-Kowalewski

Given the system

$$\frac{\partial^2 g_{\mu\nu}}{\partial t^2} = F_{\mu\nu} \left( t, x, y, z; g_{\alpha\beta}, \frac{\partial g_{\alpha\beta}}{\partial t}, \frac{\partial g_{\alpha\beta}}{\partial x^b}, \frac{\partial^2 g_{\alpha\beta}}{\partial t \partial x^b}, \frac{\partial^2 g_{\alpha\beta}}{\partial x^b \partial x^c} \right)$$

where  $F_{\mu\nu}$  analytic function of its variables, and given the initial data

$$g_{\mu\nu}(t_0, x, y, z) = A_{\mu\nu}(x, y, z), \quad \frac{\partial g_{\mu\nu}}{\partial t}(t_0, x, y, z) = B_{\mu\nu}(x, y, z)$$

then there exists unique analytic solution (in a ngh of  $t_0$ ).

## Analysis of the equations

Problem: We DO NOT have 10 equations with  $\frac{\partial^2 g_{\alpha\beta}}{\partial t^2}$ , but ONLY 6.  
Components  $G_{00}$ ,  $G_{01}$ ,  $G_{02}$ ,  $G_{03}$  do not contain ANY second time derivatives, they depend only on the initial data.

Structure of Einstein equations

$$\boxed{4 \text{ constraints eqs}} \quad + \quad \boxed{6 \text{ second order evolution eqs}}$$

Einstein system is underdetermined. This underdetermination is not physical.

Similar in Maxwell system  $\partial^\alpha(\partial_\alpha A_\beta - \partial_\beta A_\alpha) = 0$ . We have 3 evolution and 1 constraint (Gauss law) eqs. But  $\{A_\mu, \frac{\partial A_\mu}{\partial t}\}$  determine a unique solution up to a gauge. Use Lorentz gauge to bring Maxwell system in C-K form.

A geometric evolution problem: Can the Einstein system be written as an initial value problem so as we can apply C-K? and if yes, what are going to be the dynamical functions?

A spacetime identification problem: How can we identify a spacetime, as a solution of the Einstein eqs, in other words how can we tell that two phenomenally different spacetimes are essentially the same?

## Two dimensional Riemannian analogue

Regular surface  $S: \mathbf{x}(u, v) = (x(u, v), y(u, v), z(u, v))$

$$E = \mathbf{x}_u \cdot \mathbf{x}_u, \quad F = \mathbf{x}_u \cdot \mathbf{x}_v, \quad G = \mathbf{x}_v \cdot \mathbf{x}_v$$

Any tangent vector:  $w = u_0 \mathbf{x}_u + v_0 \mathbf{x}_v$

**First Fundamental Form (FFF):**  $I(w) = w \cdot w$

measures lengths  $I(w) = Eu_0^2 + 2Fu_0v_0 + Gv_0^2$

$$\text{Metric or FFF: } \begin{bmatrix} g_{11} & g_{12} \\ g_{21} & g_{22} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} E & F \\ F & G \end{bmatrix}$$

Gauss map:  $N : S \rightarrow S^2$

$$N \circ \mathbf{x} = \frac{\mathbf{x}_u \times \mathbf{x}_v}{|\mathbf{x}_u \times \mathbf{x}_v|}$$

Weingarten map:  $\mathbf{S} : T_p(S) \rightarrow T_p(S)$

$$\mathbf{S}(w) = -dN(w)$$

**Second Fundamental Form (SFF):**  $II(w) = -w \cdot dN(w)$

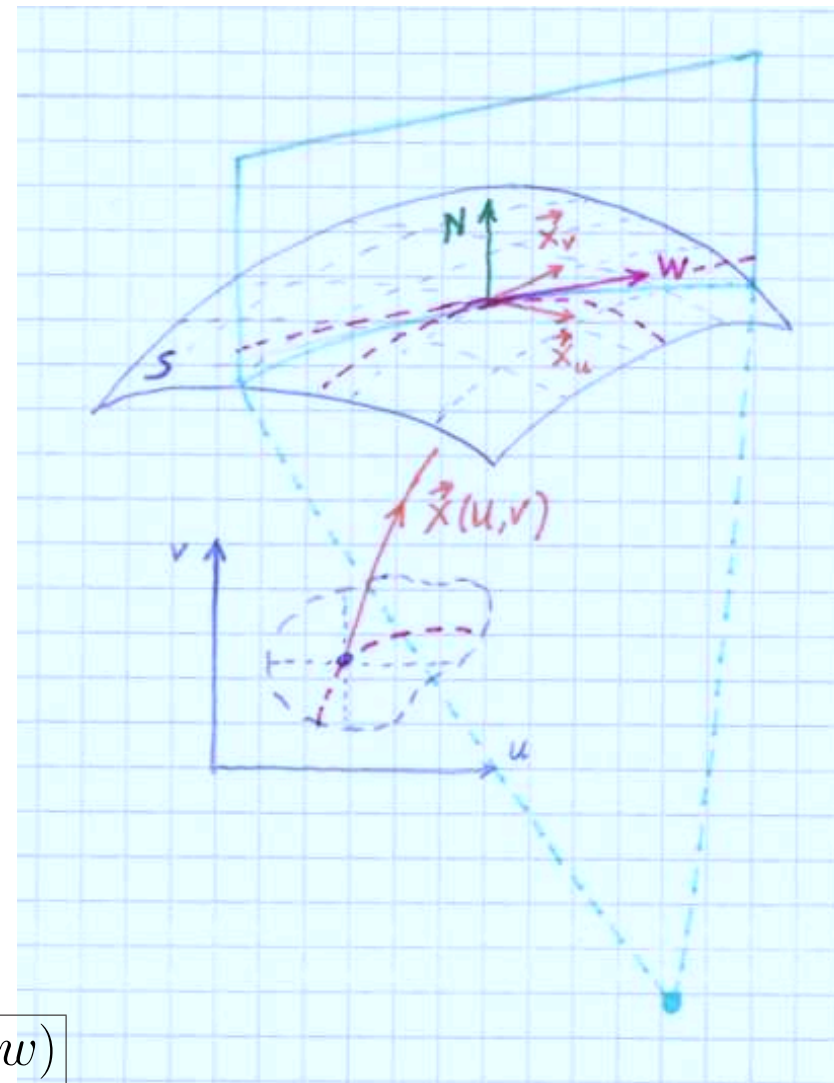
measures the curvature of the normal section  $II(w) = eu_0^2 + 2fu_0v_0 + gv_0^2$

$$e = -N_u \cdot \mathbf{x}_u = N \cdot \mathbf{x}_{uu}$$

$$f = -N_v \cdot \mathbf{x}_u = N \cdot \mathbf{x}_{uv}$$

$$g = -N_v \cdot \mathbf{x}_v = N \cdot \mathbf{x}_{vv}$$

$$\text{SFF: } \begin{bmatrix} K_{11} & K_{12} \\ K_{21} & K_{22} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} e & f \\ f & g \end{bmatrix}$$



Gauss-Weigarten eqs:

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{x}_{uu} &= \Gamma_{11}^1 \mathbf{x}_u + \Gamma_{11}^2 \mathbf{x}_v + eN \\ \mathbf{x}_{uv} &= \Gamma_{12}^1 \mathbf{x}_u + \Gamma_{12}^2 \mathbf{x}_v + fN \\ \mathbf{x}_{vu} &= \Gamma_{21}^1 \mathbf{x}_u + \Gamma_{21}^2 \mathbf{x}_v + fN \\ \mathbf{x}_{vv} &= \Gamma_{22}^1 \mathbf{x}_u + \Gamma_{22}^2 \mathbf{x}_v + gN \\ N_u &= -K_1^1 \mathbf{x}_u - K_1^2 \mathbf{x}_v \\ N_v &= -K_2^1 \mathbf{x}_u - K_2^2 \mathbf{x}_v\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\Gamma_{11}^1 &= \frac{GE_u - 2FF_u + FE_v}{2(EG - F^2)}, \dots \\ K_1^1 &= -\frac{fF - eG}{EG - F^2}, \dots\end{aligned}$$

PDE of surfaces  $\{\mathbf{x}_u, \mathbf{x}_v, N\}$

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{x}_{ij} &= \Gamma_{ij}^k \mathbf{x}_k + K_{ij} N \quad (\text{Gauss eqs}) \\ N_i &= -K_i^j \mathbf{x}_j \quad (\text{Weingarten eqs})\end{aligned}$$

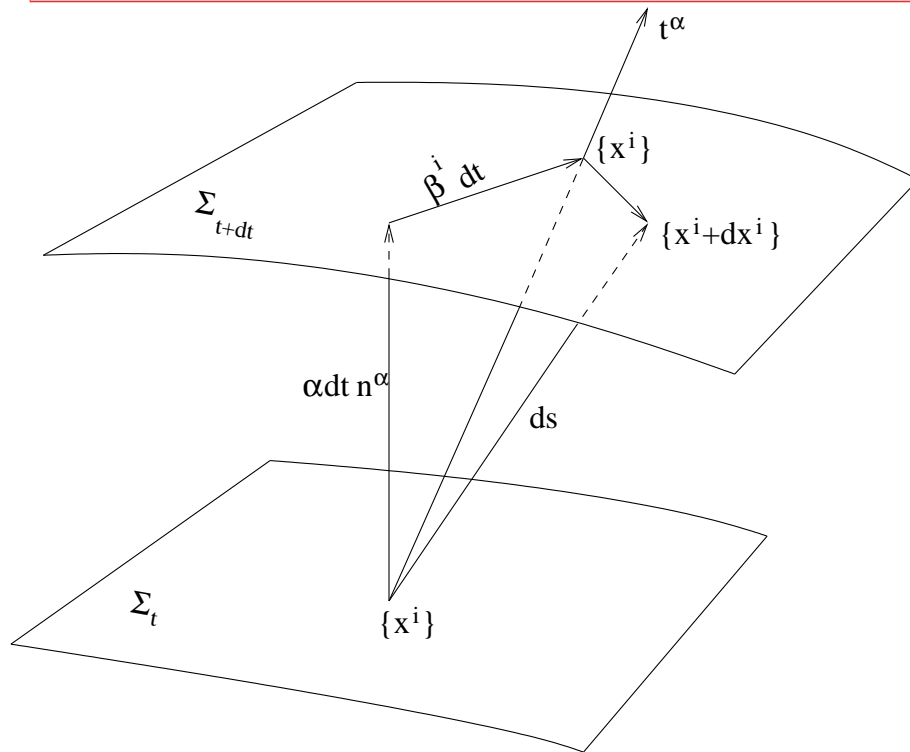
15 eqs for 9 functions. But...

Compatibility eqs:  $\mathbf{x}_{ijk} = \mathbf{x}_{ikj}$  &  $N_{uv} = N_{vu}$

$$\begin{aligned}-E \frac{eg - f^2}{EG - F^2} &= (\Gamma_{12}^2)_u - (\Gamma_{11}^2)_v + \Gamma_{12}^1 \Gamma_{11}^2 + \Gamma_{12}^2 \Gamma_{12}^2 - \Gamma_{11}^2 \Gamma_{22}^2 - \Gamma_{11}^1 \Gamma_{12}^2 \\ e_v - f_u &= e\Gamma_{12}^1 + f(\Gamma_{12}^2 - \Gamma_{11}^1) - g\Gamma_{11}^2 \\ f_v - g_u &= e\Gamma_{22}^1 + f(\Gamma_{22}^2 - \Gamma_{12}^1) - g\Gamma_{12}^2\end{aligned}$$

(Bonnet, Fundamental theorem of surfaces:) Given  $E, F, G, e, f, g$  and assuming that they satisfy the Gauss and Mainardi-Codazzi eqs, there exists  $\mathbf{x}$  such that the regular surface has  $E, F, G, e, f, g$  as coefficients of the FFF and SFF. Also any other solution  $\mathbf{y}$  that satisfies the same conditions differs from  $\mathbf{x}$  by an isometry.

# The initial value problem in general relativity



$$D_{\mathbf{u}}\mathbf{w} = \nabla_{\mathbf{u}}\mathbf{w} + \mathbf{K}(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{w})\mathbf{n}$$

$$ds^2 = -\alpha^2 dt^2 + \gamma_{ij}(dx^i + \beta^i dt)(dx^j + \beta^j dt)$$

$\alpha = \alpha(t, x, y, z)$  the **lapse**, shows how time coordinate evolves

$\beta^i = \beta^i(t, x, y, z)$  **shift vector**, shows how spatial coord. evolve

$\gamma_{\alpha\beta} = g_{\alpha\beta} + n_\alpha n_\beta$  First Fundamental Form of 3-geometry

$K_{\alpha\beta} = -D_\alpha n_\beta = -\gamma_\alpha^\mu \gamma_\beta^\nu \nabla_\mu n_\nu$  Second Fundamental Form of 3 geometry

Initial data 12 functions:  $\{\gamma_{ij}, K_{ij}\}$ .

## Constraint equations

$$\mathcal{R} - K_{ij}K^{ij} + K^2 = 16\pi\rho_H$$

$$D_j(K^{ij} - \gamma^{ij}K) = 8\pi S^i$$

where

$$\rho_H = T^{\alpha\beta}n_\alpha n_\beta,$$

$$S^i = -\gamma^{ij}n^\alpha T_{\alpha j}$$

## Evolution equations

$$\partial_t \gamma_{ij} = -2\alpha K_{ij} + 2D_i \beta_j + 2D_j \beta_i$$

$$\begin{aligned} \partial_t K_{ij} = & -D_i D_j \alpha + \alpha(\mathcal{R}_{ij} - 2K_{ik}K^k_j + K K_{ij}) + \\ & + \beta^k \partial_k K_{ij} + K_{ik} \partial_j \beta^k + K_{kj} \partial_i \beta^k - \\ & - 8\pi\alpha(S_{ij} - \frac{1}{2}\gamma_{ij}(S - \rho_H)) \end{aligned}$$

where  $S_{ij} = \gamma_{i\alpha}\gamma_{j\beta}T^{\alpha\beta}$  and  $S = \gamma^{ij}S_{ij}$

## Solving the constraint equations: Conformal methods

Under a conformal transformation  $\gamma_{ij} = \psi^\lambda \tilde{\gamma}_{ij}$  we have

- The Hamiltonian constraint

$$\tilde{D}_i \tilde{D}^i \psi = \frac{\psi}{2\lambda} \tilde{\mathcal{R}} - \frac{\lambda - 4}{4\psi} \tilde{D}^i \psi \tilde{D}_i \psi - \frac{\psi^{\lambda+1}}{2\lambda} K_{ij} K^{ij} + \frac{\psi^{\lambda+1}}{2\lambda} K^2 - \frac{8\pi \rho_H \psi^{\lambda+1}}{\lambda}$$

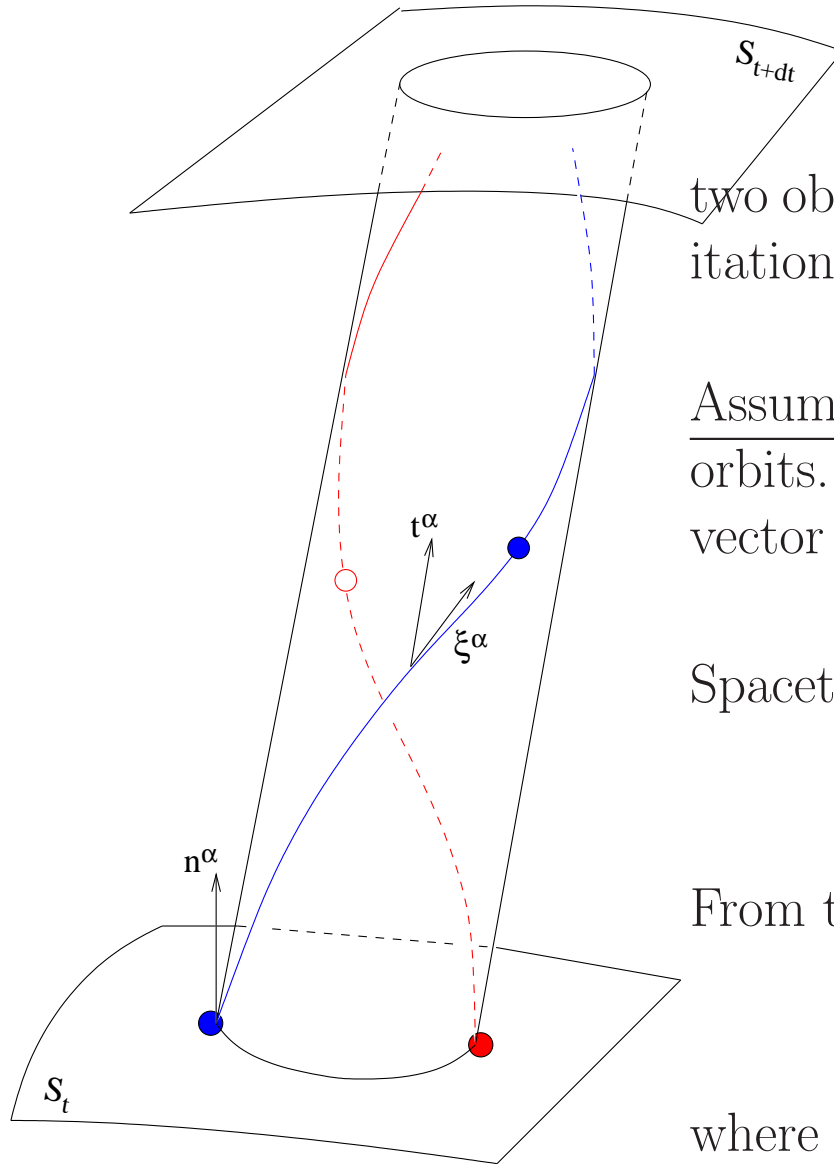
- The momentum constraint

$$\tilde{D}_j K^{ij} + \frac{5\lambda}{2\psi} K^{ij} \tilde{D}_j \psi - \frac{\lambda}{2\psi^{\lambda+1}} K \tilde{D}^i \psi - \psi^{-\lambda} \tilde{D}^i K = 8\pi j^i$$

- The spatial trace of the second evolution equation is written

$$\tilde{D}_i \tilde{D}^i \alpha = -\frac{\lambda}{2\psi} \tilde{D}_i \psi \tilde{D}^i \alpha + \psi^\lambda \alpha [K_{ij} K^{ij} + 4\pi(\rho_H + S)] - \mathcal{L}_n(K)$$

# Solving the constraint equations for a binary system



Real physics: because of radiation reaction the two objects are **spiraling** towards each other. Also gravitational radiation reaction **circularizes** the orbits.

Assumption: neglect the in-spiraling and assume closed orbits. In other words assume the existence of a helical vector

$$\xi^\mu = (\partial_t)^\mu + \Omega(\partial_\phi)^\mu$$

Spacetime symmetry:

$$\mathcal{L}_\xi \gamma_{ij} = 0, \quad \mathcal{L}_\xi K_{ij} = 0.$$

From the first evolution equation  $\Rightarrow$

$$K_{ij} = \frac{1}{2\alpha}(D_i B_j + D_j B_i)$$

where  $B^i = \beta^i + \Omega\phi^i$  the corotating shift.



## Fluid equations - Stationary equilibria

$$T_{\alpha\beta} = (\rho + P)u_\alpha u_\beta + P g_{\alpha\beta} = \rho_0 h u_\alpha u_\beta + P g_{\alpha\beta}, \quad h = \frac{\rho + P}{\rho_0} \text{ relativistic enthalpy}$$

$$\boxed{u^\beta \nabla_\beta (h u_\alpha) + \nabla_\alpha h = 0} \quad \text{and} \quad \boxed{\nabla_\alpha (\rho_0 u^\alpha) = 0}$$

The 4-velocity is decomposed as

$$u^\alpha = u^t (\xi^\alpha + V^\alpha), \quad \xi^\alpha = \alpha n^\alpha + B^\alpha, \quad \hat{u}_i = \gamma_i^\alpha h u_\alpha$$

Go to 3+1 and exhibit the Lie derivative wrt  $\xi$

$$\gamma_i^\alpha \mathcal{L}_\xi (h u_\alpha) + D_i \left( \frac{h}{u^t} + \hat{u}_j V^j \right) + V^j (D_j (\hat{u}_i) - D_i (\hat{u}_j)) = 0 \quad \text{Euler on the slice}$$

and

$$\mathcal{L}_\xi (\rho_0 u^t) + \frac{1}{\alpha} D_i (\alpha \rho_0 u^t V^i) = 0 \quad \text{Rest mass conservation on the slice}$$

- case 1: Corotating binaries.  $V^i = 0$  thus  $u^\alpha = u^t \xi^\alpha$
- case 2: Irrotational binaries.  $\hat{u}_i = D_i \Phi \quad \Rightarrow \quad V^i = \frac{1}{h u^t} D^i \Phi - B^i$
- case 3: Spinning binaries.  $\hat{u}_i = D_i \Phi + w_i \quad \Rightarrow \quad V^i = \frac{1}{h u^t} (D^i \Phi + w^i) - B^i$

## recap: Einstein-Euler system: 6 potentials + 2 constants

$$\begin{aligned}
 \nabla^2 \psi &= \left[ -\frac{\psi^5}{32\alpha^2} (L\beta)_{ij} (L\beta)^{ij} \right] + 2\pi\rho_H\psi^5 && = S_{g\psi} + S_{f\psi} = S_\psi \\
 \nabla^2 \alpha &= \left[ -\frac{2}{\psi} \partial_i \psi \partial^i \alpha + \frac{\psi^4}{4\alpha} (L\beta)_{ij} (L\beta)^{ij} \right] + 4\pi\alpha\psi^4(\rho_H + S) && = S_{g\alpha} + S_{f\alpha} = S_\alpha \\
 \nabla^2 \beta^i &= \left[ -\frac{1}{3} \partial^i \partial_j \beta^j + \partial_j \ln \left( \frac{\alpha}{\psi^6} \right) (L\beta)^{ij} \right] + 16\pi\alpha\psi^4 j^i && = S_{g\beta} + S_{f\beta} = S_\beta \\
 \nabla^2 \Phi &= \psi^4 \left\{ \partial_i (hu^t B^i - w^i) + (hu^t B^i - w^i - \frac{\psi^{-4}}{3} \partial^i \Phi) \partial_i \ln \psi^6 + \right. \\
 &\quad \left. + (hu^t B^i - w^i - \psi^{-4} \partial^i \Phi) \partial_i \ln \left( \frac{\alpha\rho_0}{h} \right) \right\} && = S_\Phi
 \end{aligned}$$

with  $(L\beta)_{ij} = \partial_i \beta_j + \partial_j \beta_i - \frac{2}{3} f_{ij} \partial_m \beta^m$ .

Sources:

$$\rho_H = \frac{\rho_0 \alpha^2}{h} (hu^t)^2 - P, \quad S = \frac{\rho_0 \alpha^2}{h} (hu^t)^2 - \rho_0 h + 3P, \quad j^i = \rho_0 \alpha u^t (\psi^{-4} \partial^i \Phi + w^i)$$

$$B^i = \beta^i + \Omega \phi^i \quad \lambda = C + B^i \partial_i \Phi$$

## Inverting the Laplacian: KEH iteration scheme

The field eqs are written in the form

$$\nabla^2\Phi = S(\Phi)$$

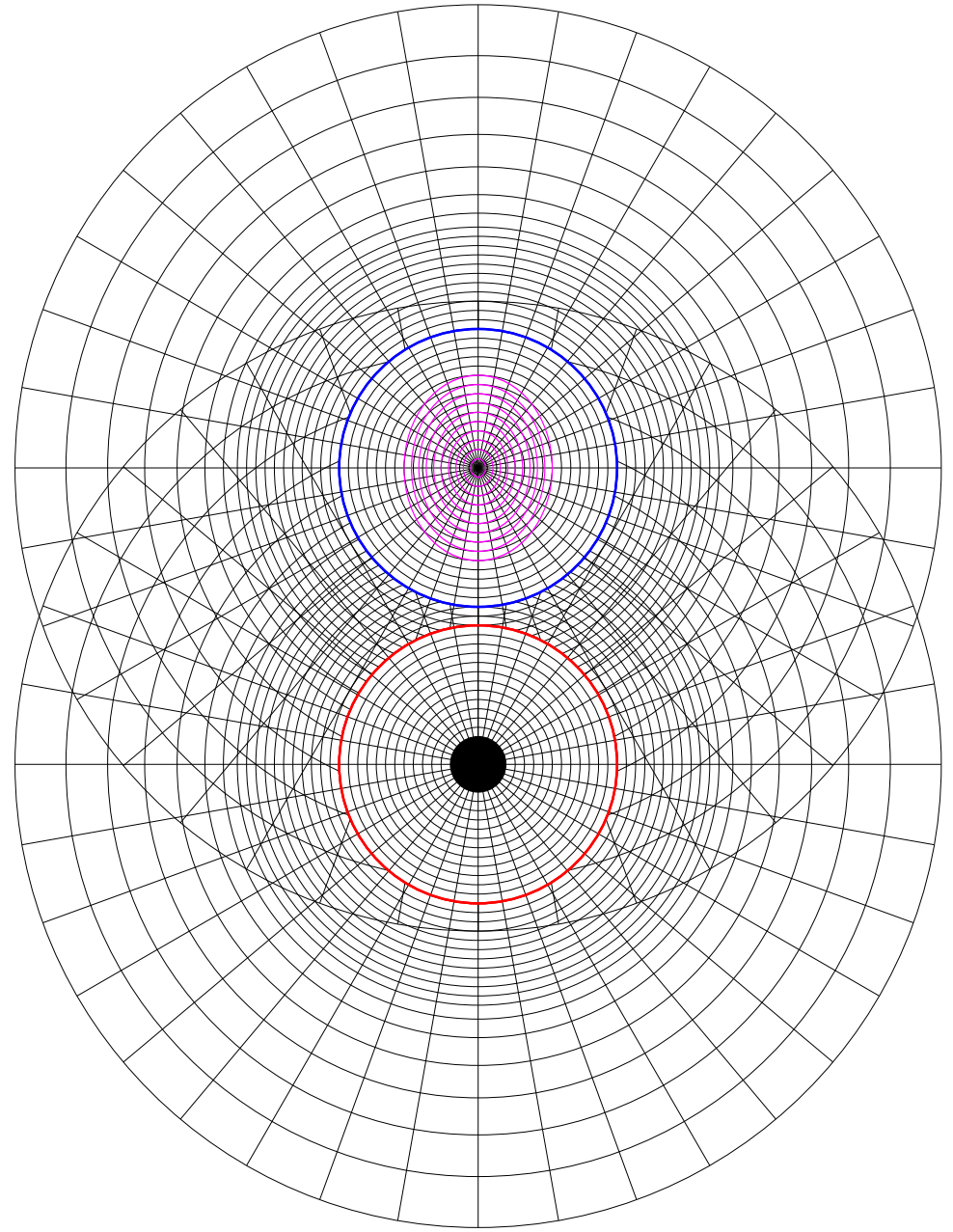
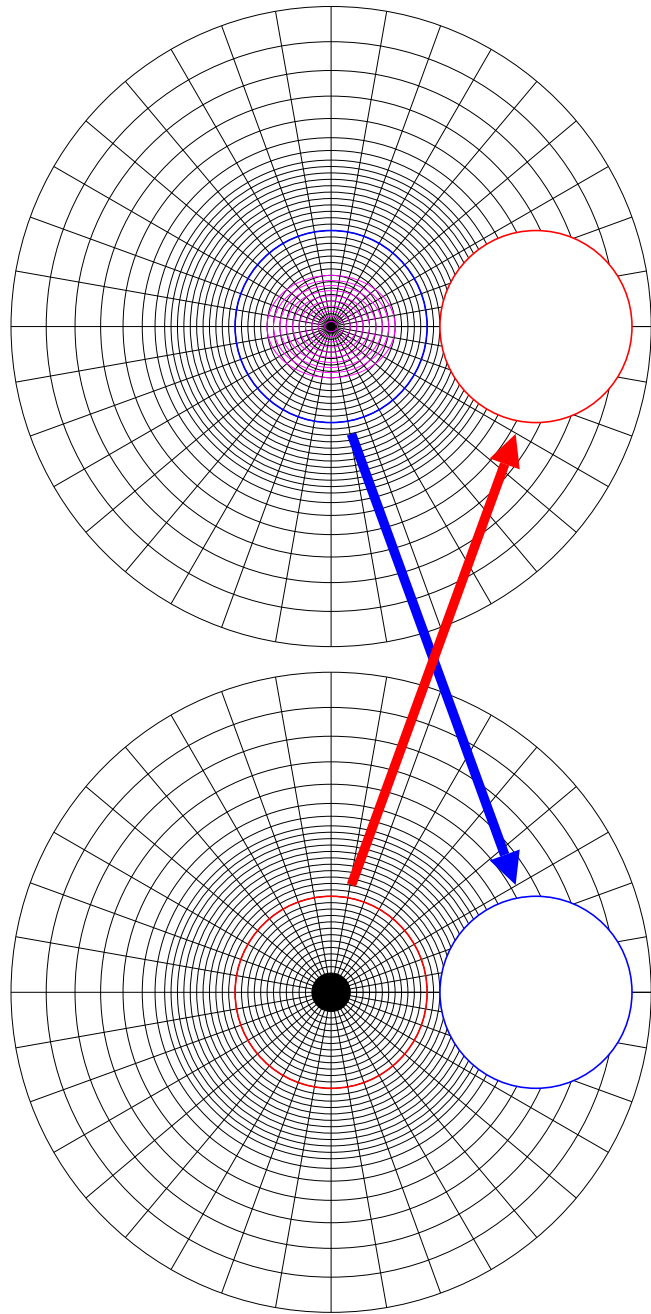
and solved iteratively by using the representation formula of pde.

$$\Phi(x) = -\frac{1}{4\pi} \int_V G(x, x') S(x') d^3x' + \frac{1}{4\pi} \int_{\partial V} \left[ G(x, x') \frac{\partial\Phi(x')}{\partial n'} - \Phi(x') \frac{\partial}{\partial n'} G(x, x') \right] dS'$$

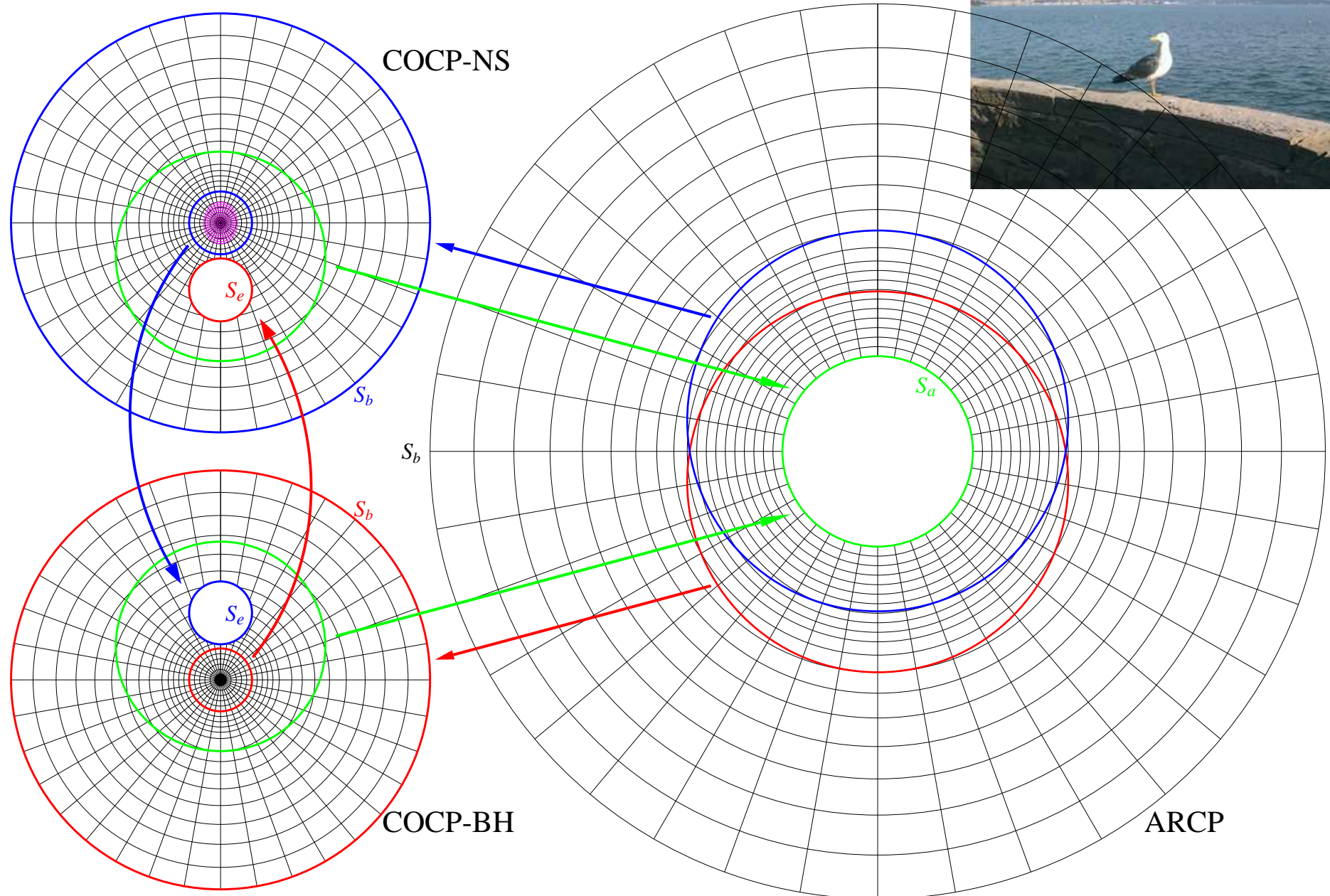
Issues:  $V$ ,  $\partial V$ ,  $G(x, x')$  .

- $V$  : At least 3 coordinate systems. One around each compact object, and one to cover the asymptotic region.
- $\partial V$  : Multiple boundaries (2-3 for each coordinate system). Special care for black holes.
- $G$  : Depends on the shape of  $V$  and the boundaries  $\partial V$ . Different choices have been implemented. Important fact: The convergence of the iteration scheme depends crucially on the choice of the Green's function in conjunction with the boundary conditions.

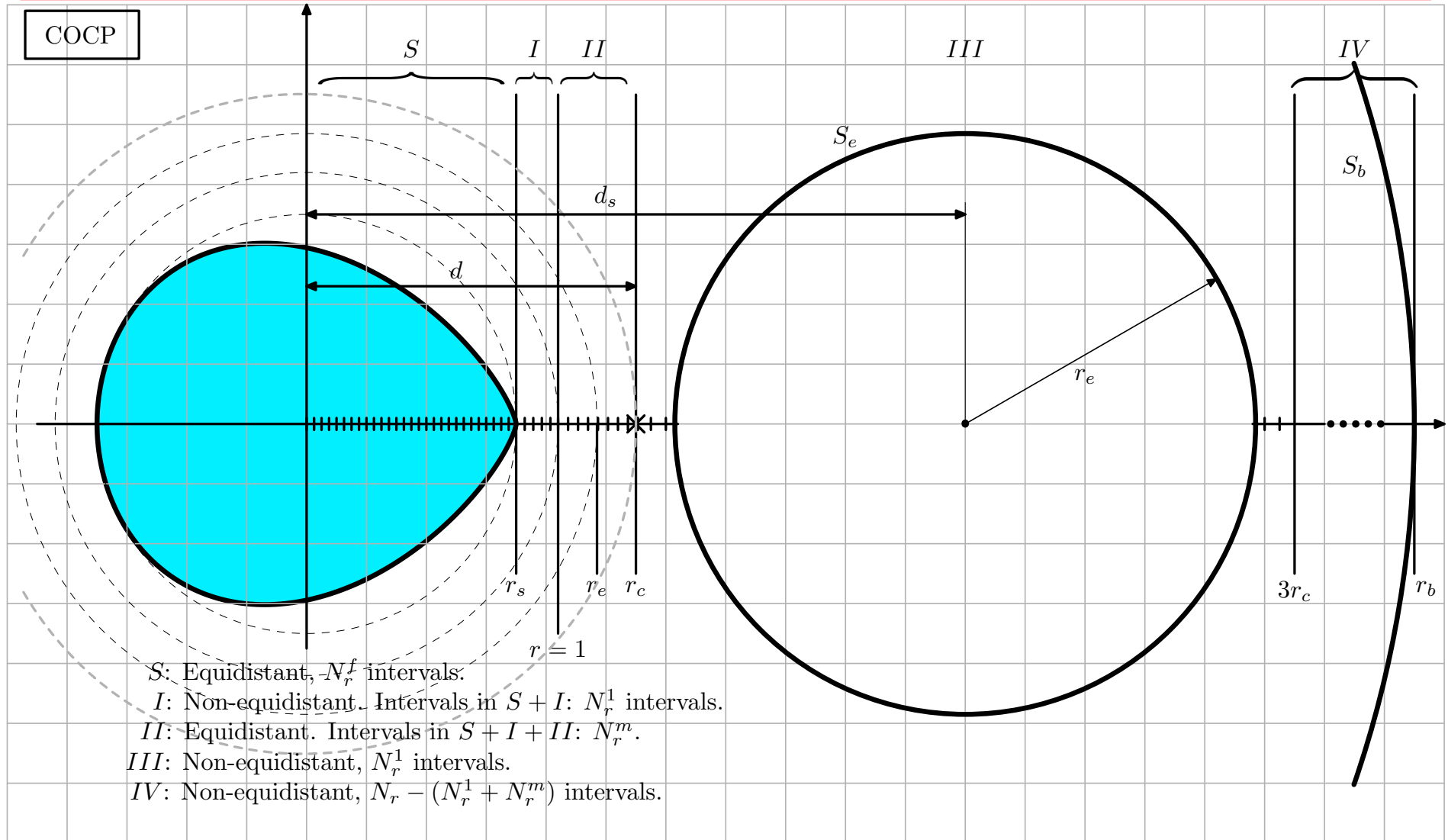
# Setup for the binary grids



# Compact Object CALculator = COCAL



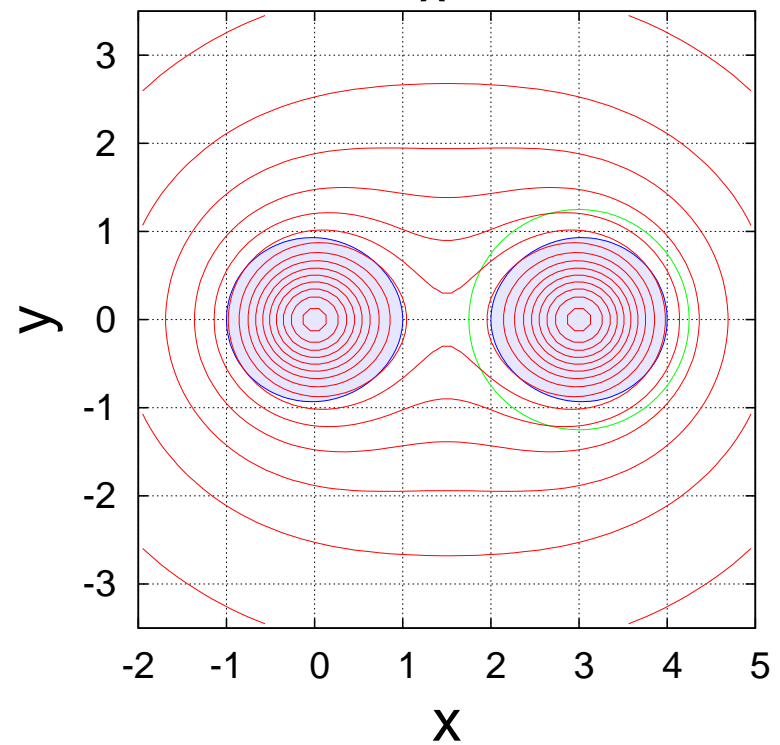
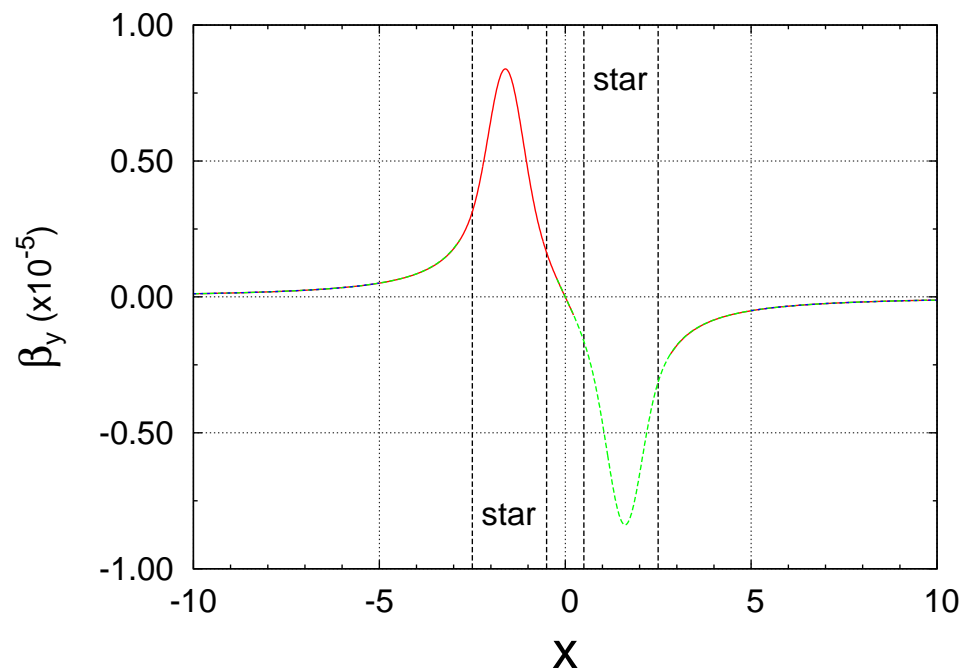
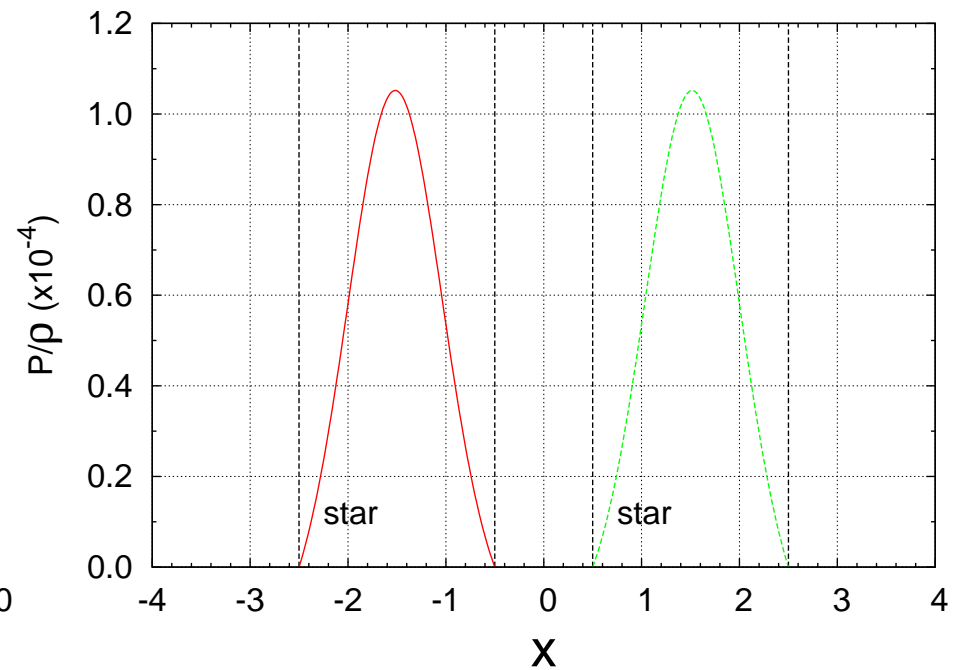
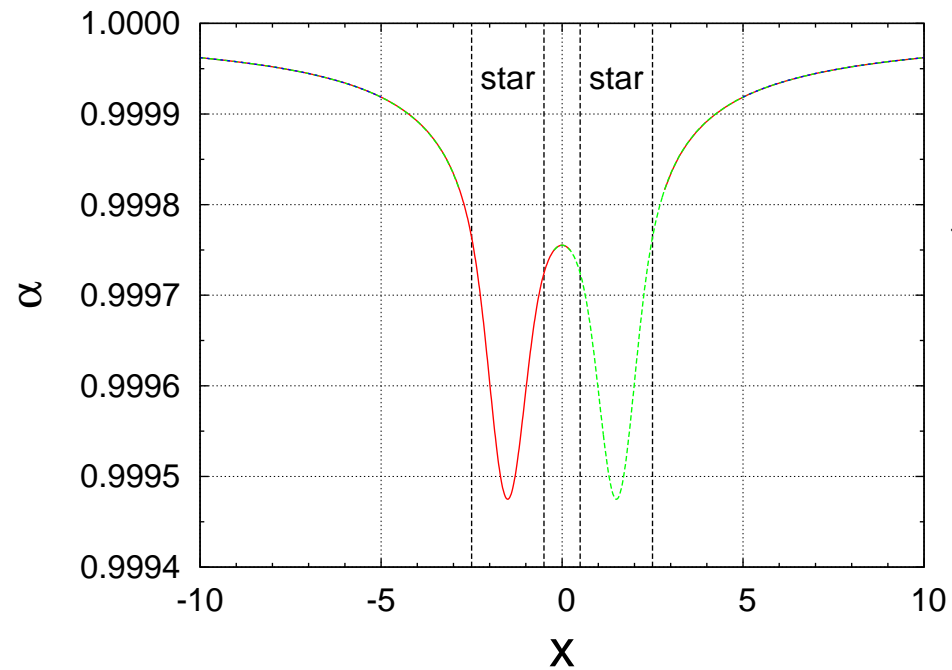
# Gravitational grid in COCP and surface fitted coordinates



Fluid coordinates  $r_f = \frac{r}{R(\theta, \phi)}, \quad \theta_f = \theta, \quad \phi_f = \phi$

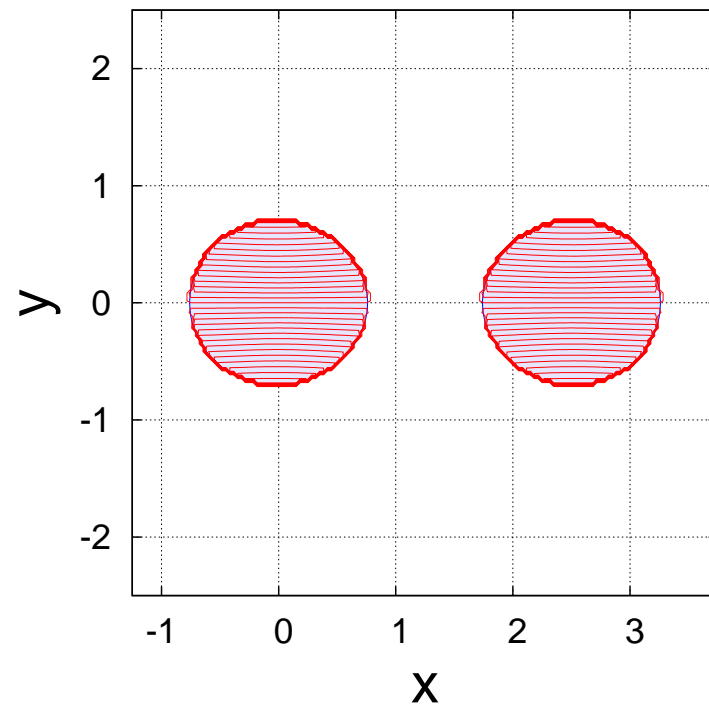
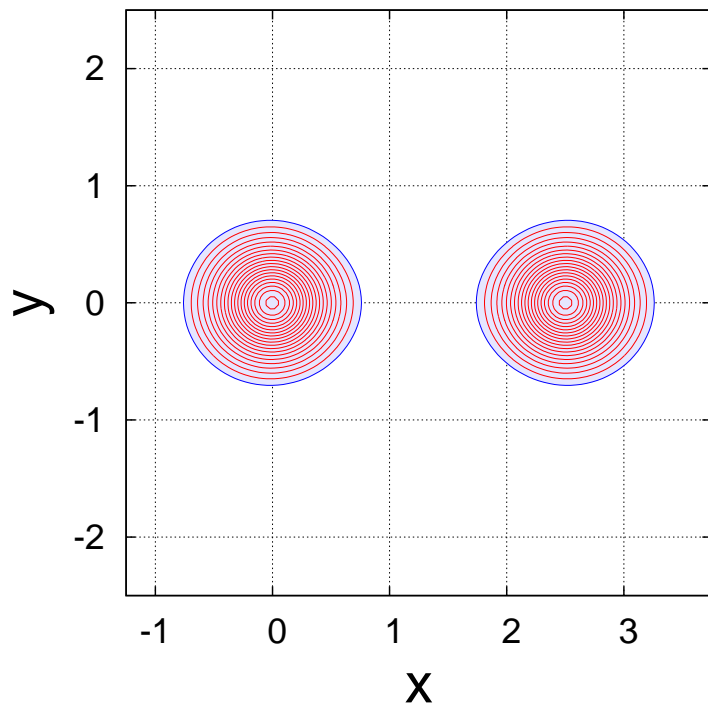
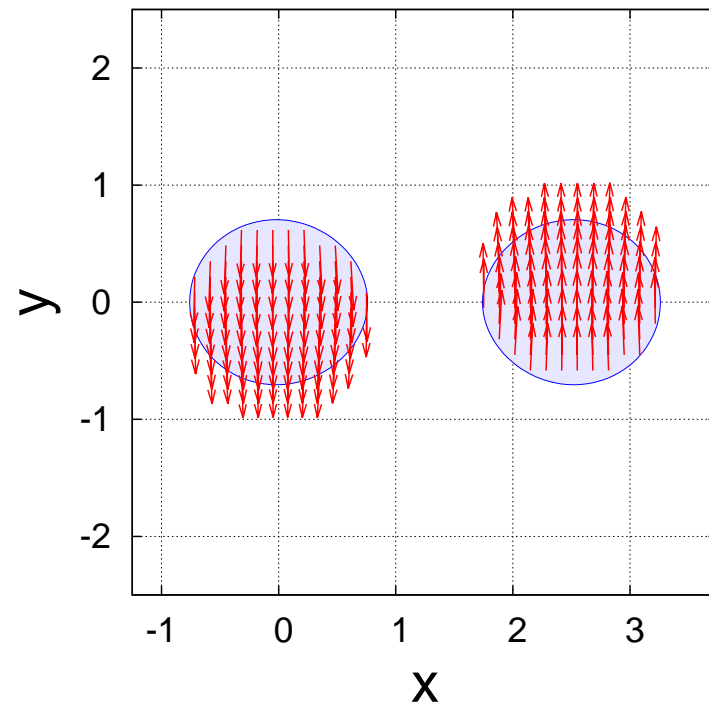
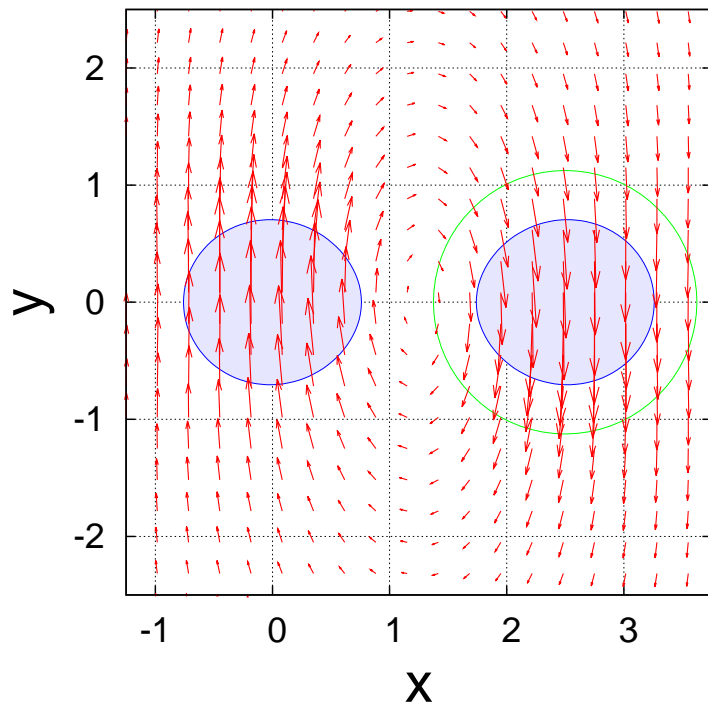
Rescaling factor  $R_0 : \frac{R(\pi/2, 0)}{R_0} = r_s = \frac{R(\pi/2, \pi)}{R_0}$

# A binary corotating white dwarf solution: $C=0.0002$





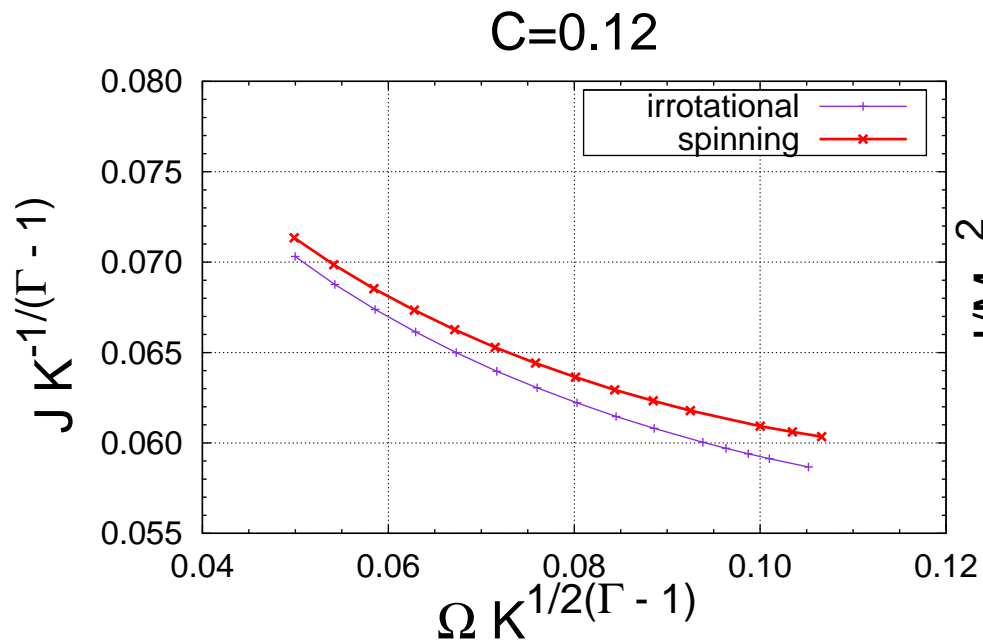
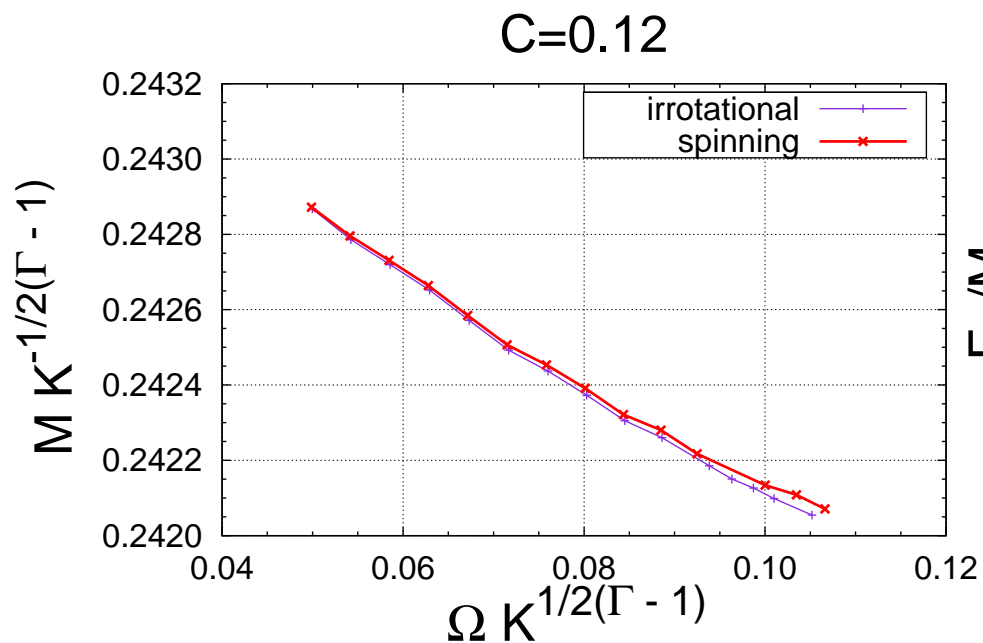
# A binary irrotating neutron star solution: $C=0.18$



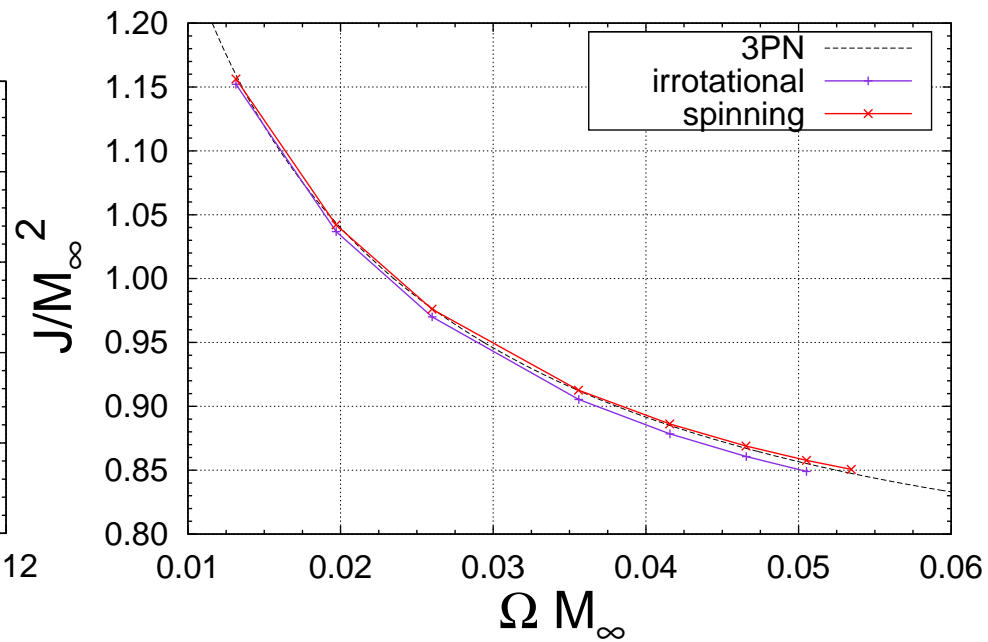
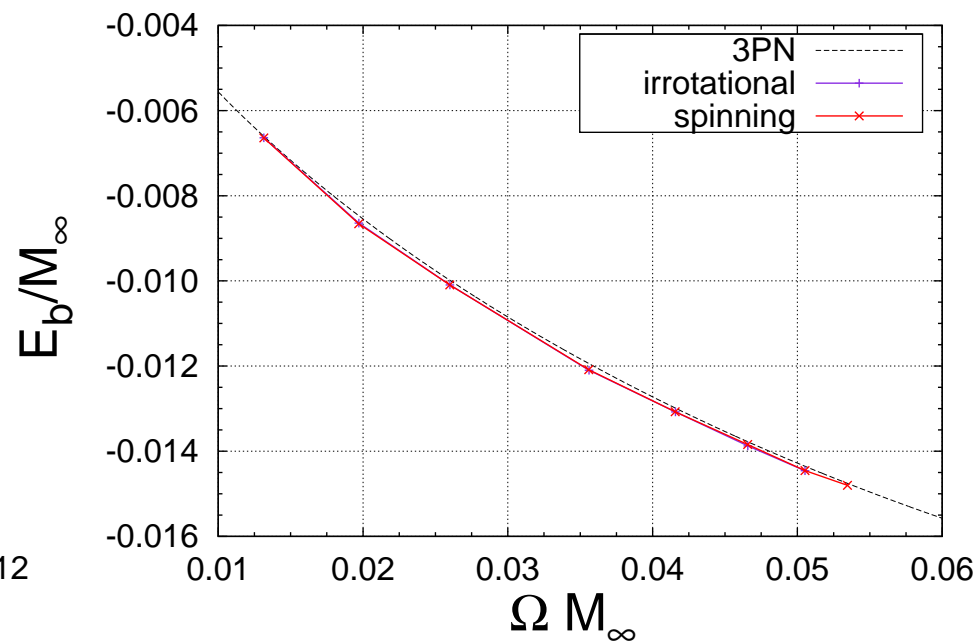


# Quasi-equilibrium spinning sequences

Simple polytrope:

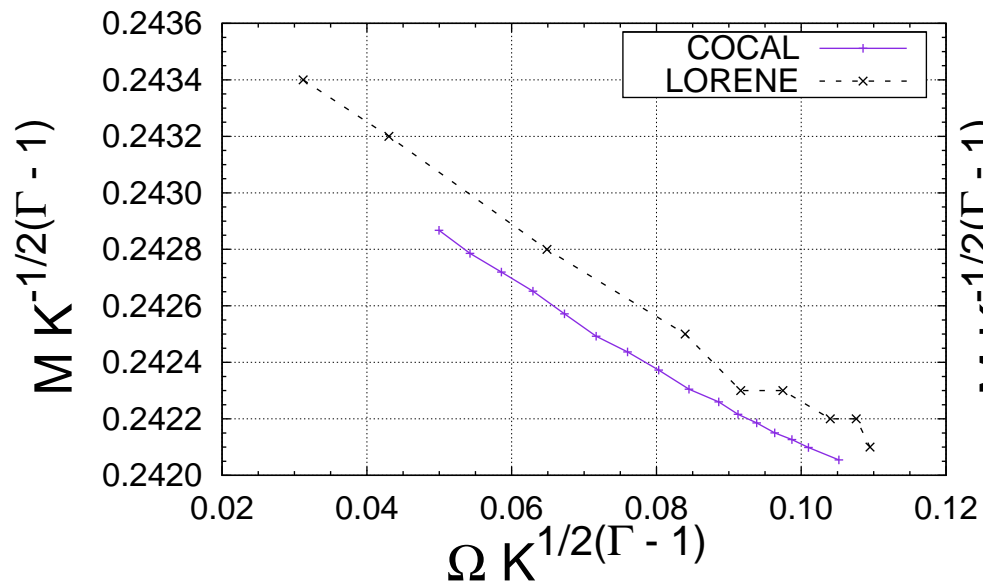


Piecewise polytrope, APR1:  $M = 1.35M_{\odot}$

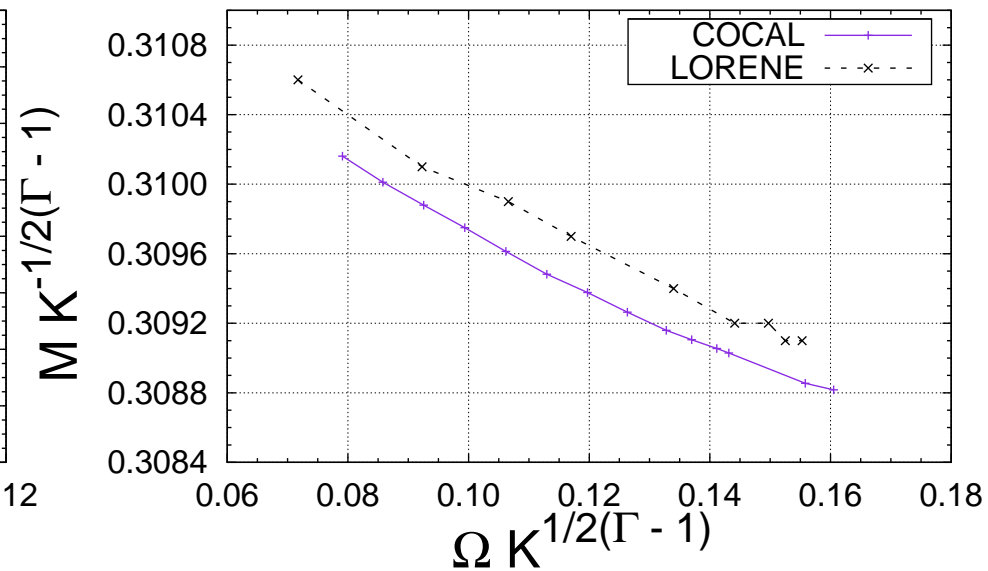


# Comparison with LORENE: irrotational case

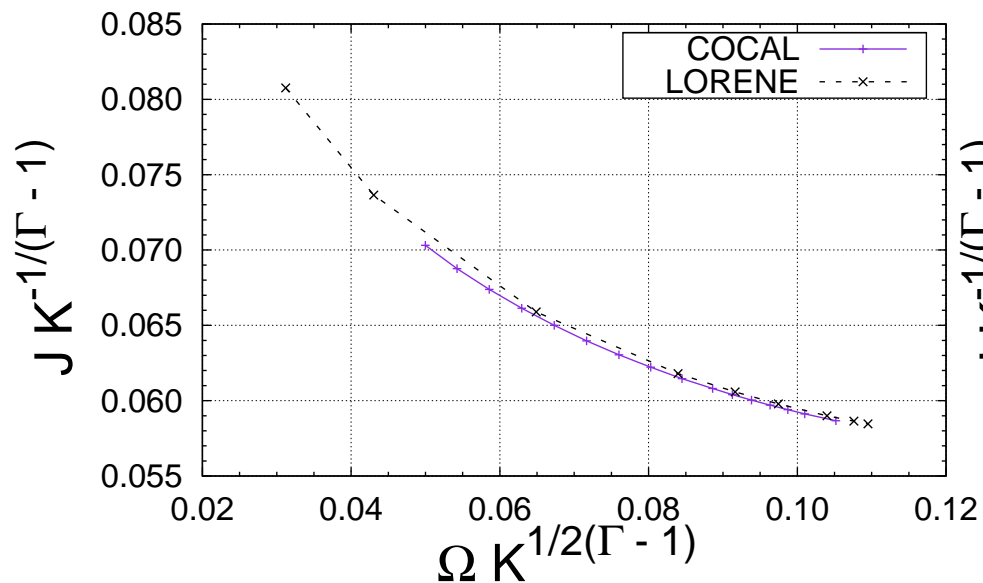
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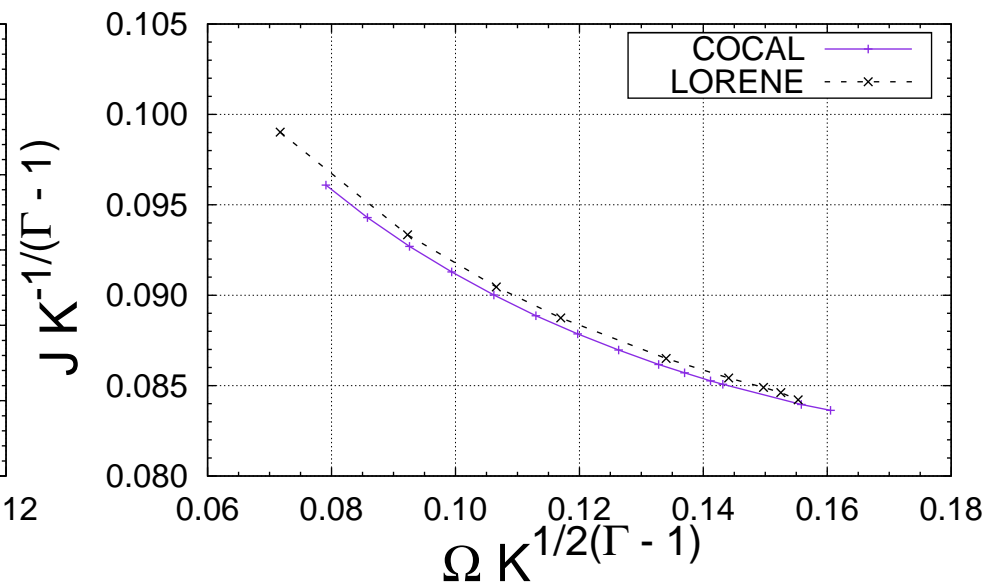
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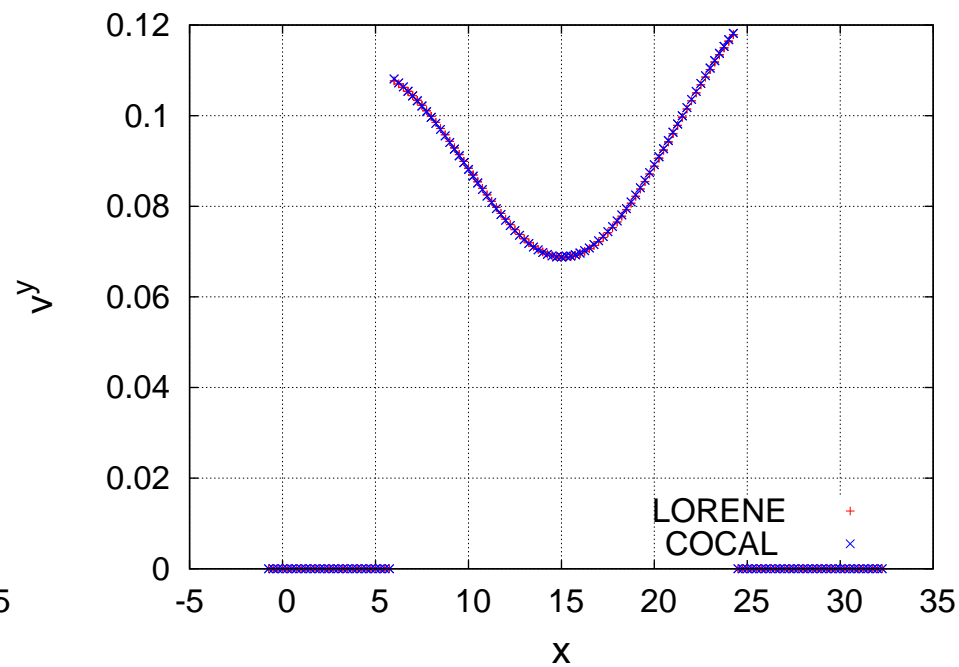
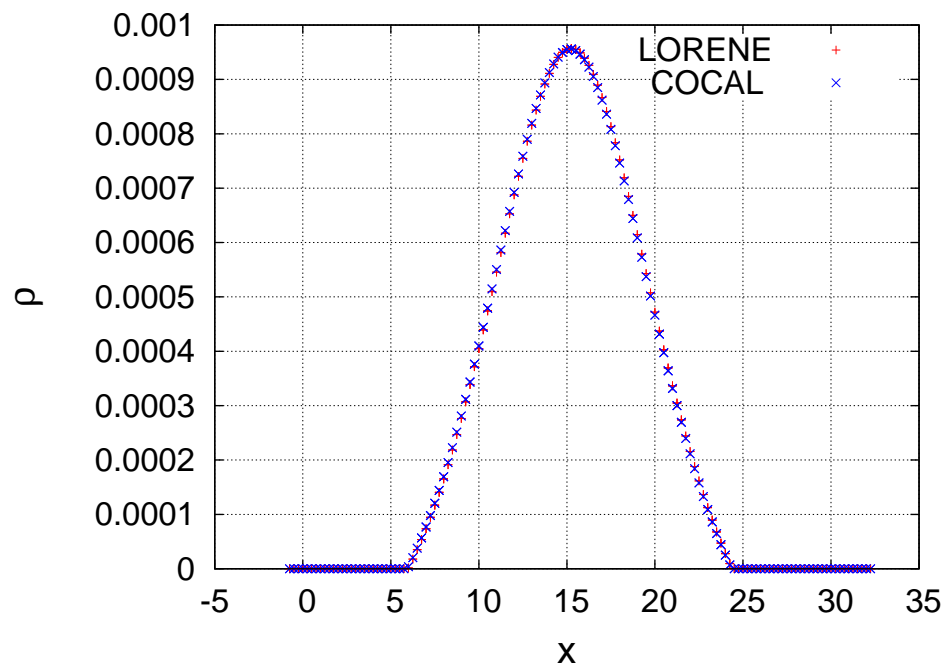
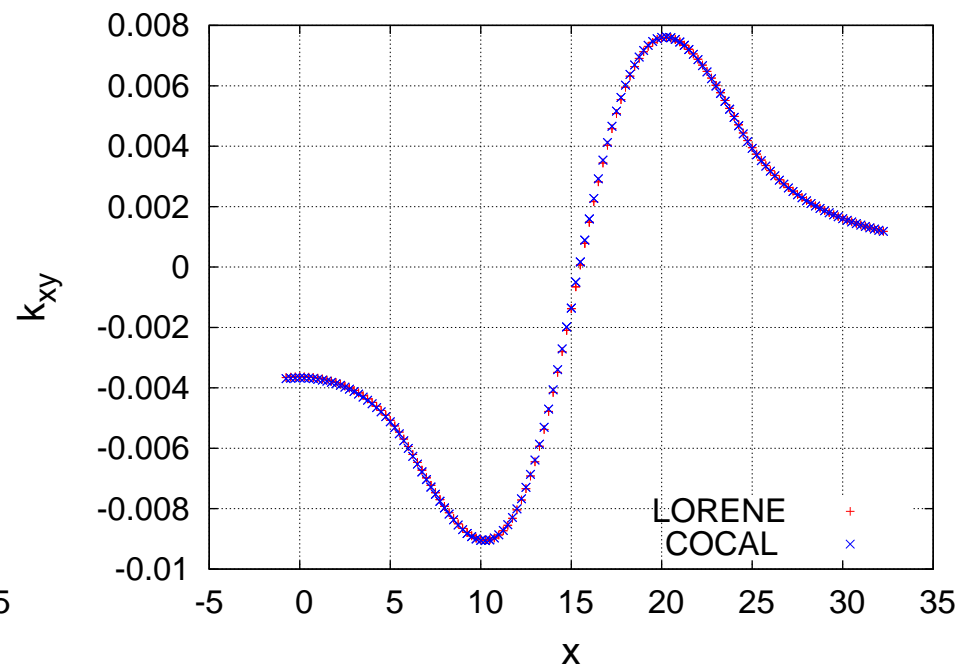
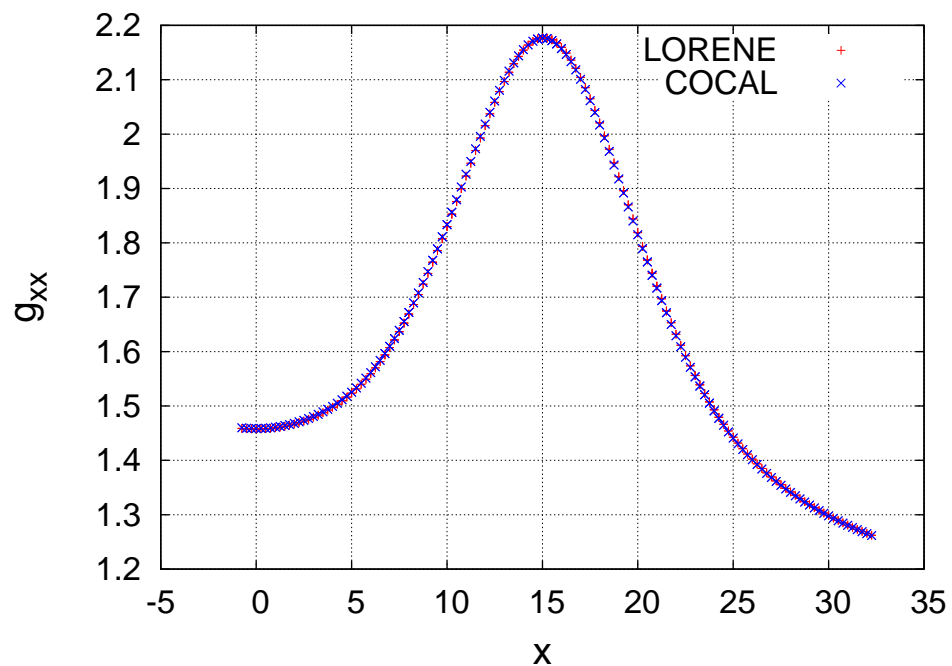
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# Pointwise comparison: COCAL vs LORENE on CACTUS



## COCAL overview

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### COCAL can compute

- Corotating, irrotating, spinning binary black holes in the CF approximation
- Corotating, irrotating, spinning binary neutron stars in the CF approximation
- Single rotating neutron stars with various configurations and magnetic fields, in CF or WL approximation

### Your help is needed...

- Investigate more carefully the spinning binaries.
- Create asymmetric initial data.
- Reduce eccentricity of initial data.
- Try better initial data formulations.
- Parallelize
- .....