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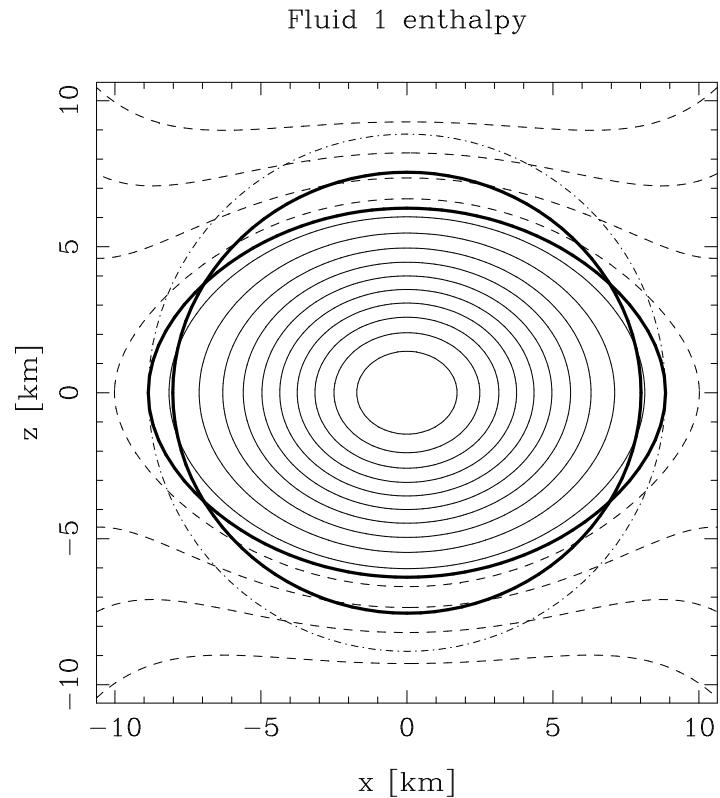
Superfluidity inside neutron stars

B. Carter, N. Chamel & J. Novak

Collaborations: Erevan, Southampton (SOTON)

Recent results:

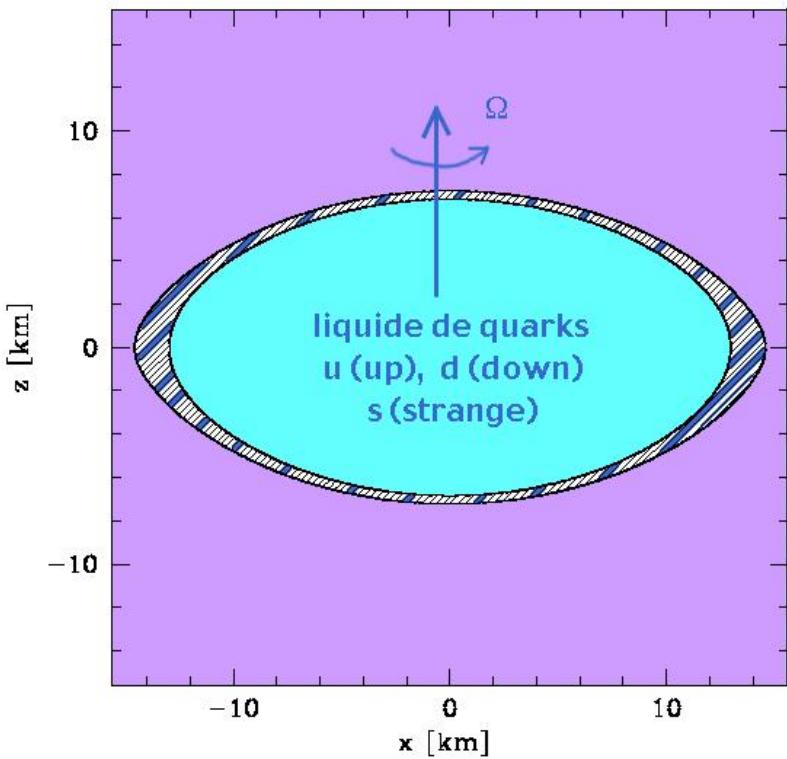
- Treatment of magnetic vortices in a rotating superconductor
- Global numerical models of superfluid neutron stars in general relativity
- Pinning between the solid crust and the vortices
- New mechanism (centrifugal buoyancy) to explain the glitches observed in pulsars



Rapidly rotating strange stars

D. Gondek-Rosińska & E. Gourgoulhon

Collaborations: Warsaw, Thessaloniki (AUTH)



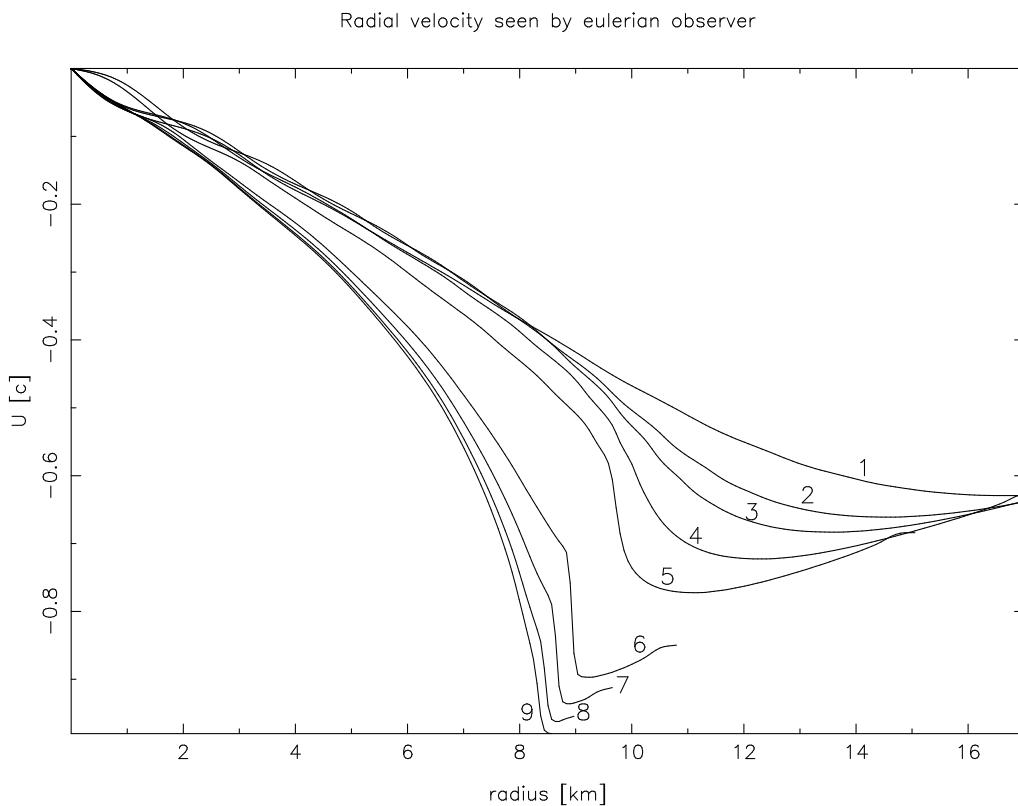
Recent results:

- Constraints on strange quark matter lead by QPO observations in X-ray binaries
- Viscosity-driven bar-mode instability in rapidly rotating strange stars and prospect for gravitational wave detection

Gravitational collapse

J. Novak

Collaborations: Valencia (UVEG)



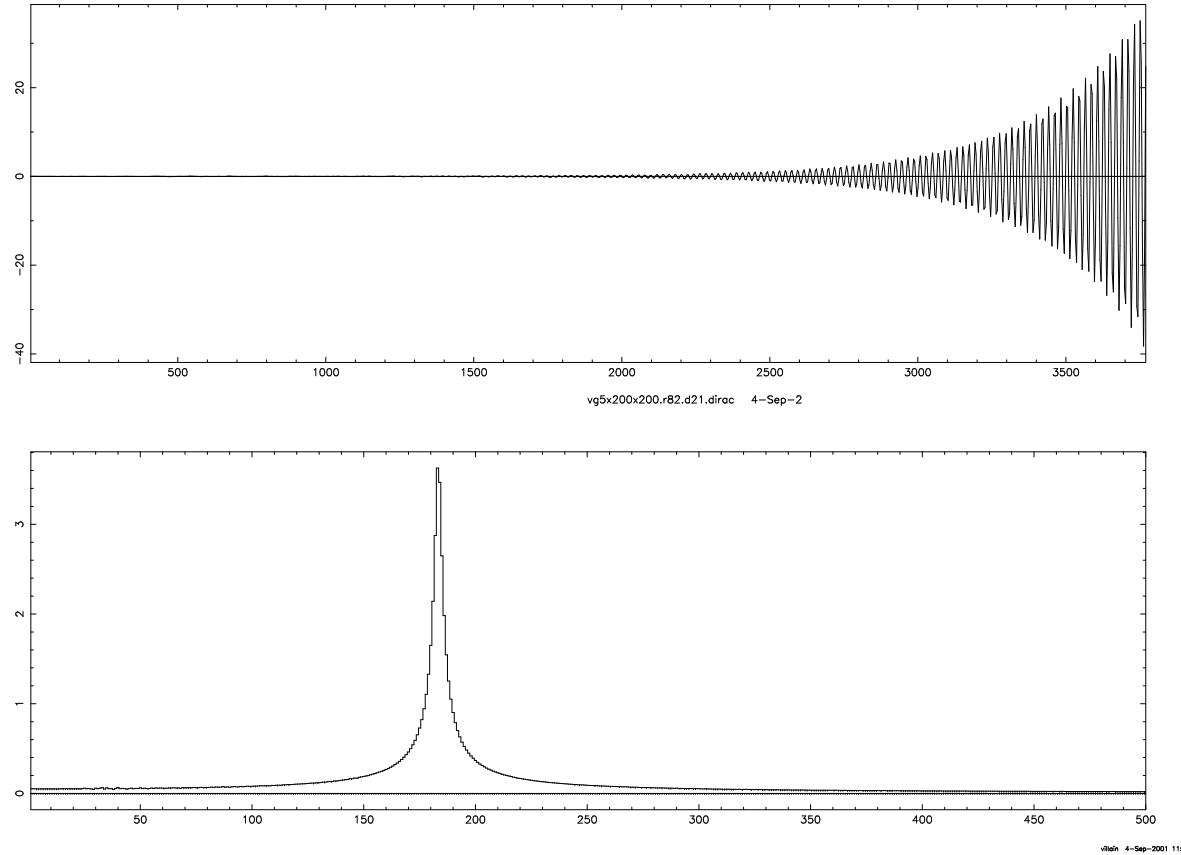
Recent results:

- Computation of the monopolar gravitational waves emitted by a supernova in the framework of tensor-scalar theory of gravitation
- Minimal mass of a black hole formed in the gravitational collapse of a neutron star

Instabilities in rotating neutron stars

S. Bonazzola & L. Villain

Computation of the inertial modes in the non-linear regime

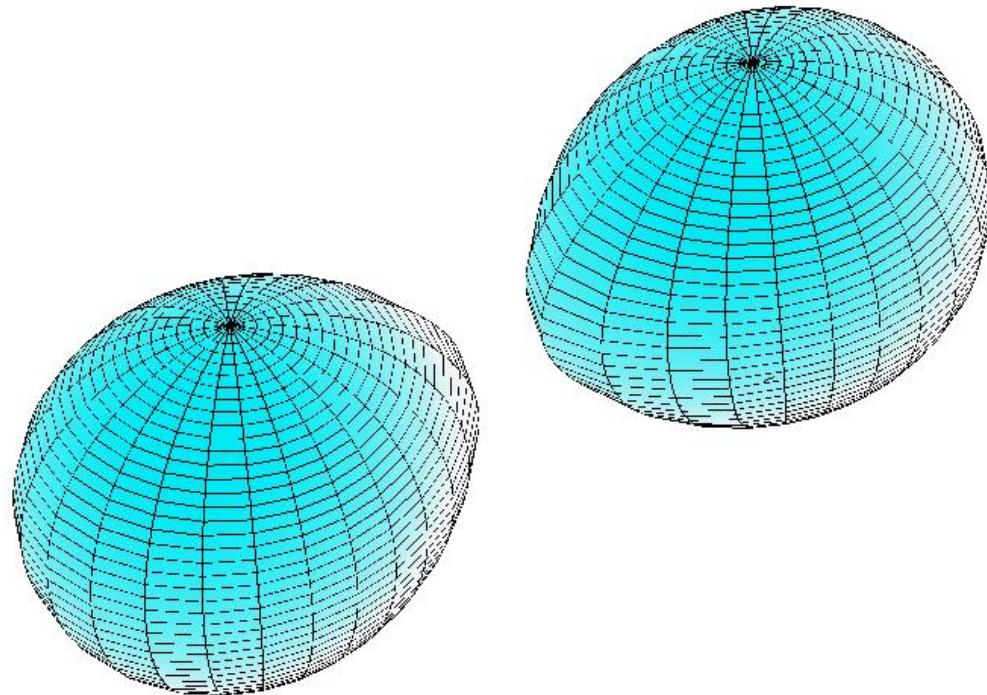


Binary neutron stars

S. Bonazzola, E. Gourgoulhon & P. Grandclément

Collaborations: Golm (AEI)

Quasi-equilibrium configuration of binary stars in general relativity (5/10 Einstein equations)



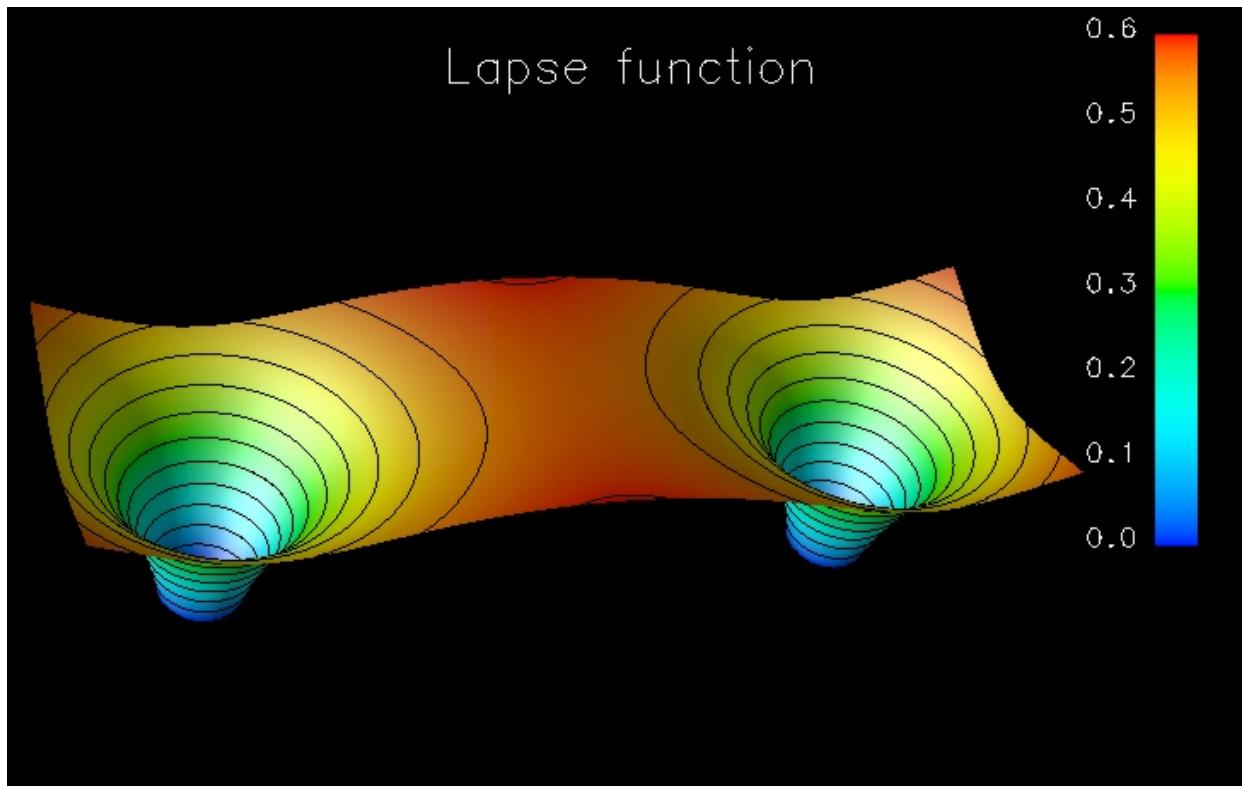
Multi-domain spectral
methods (**C++/LORENE**)

Irrational binary neutron
stars
⇒ initial data for Cactus

Binary black holes

S. Bonazzola, E. Gourgoulhon & P. Grandclément

First realistic computations of quasiequilibrium configurations of a black hole binary system

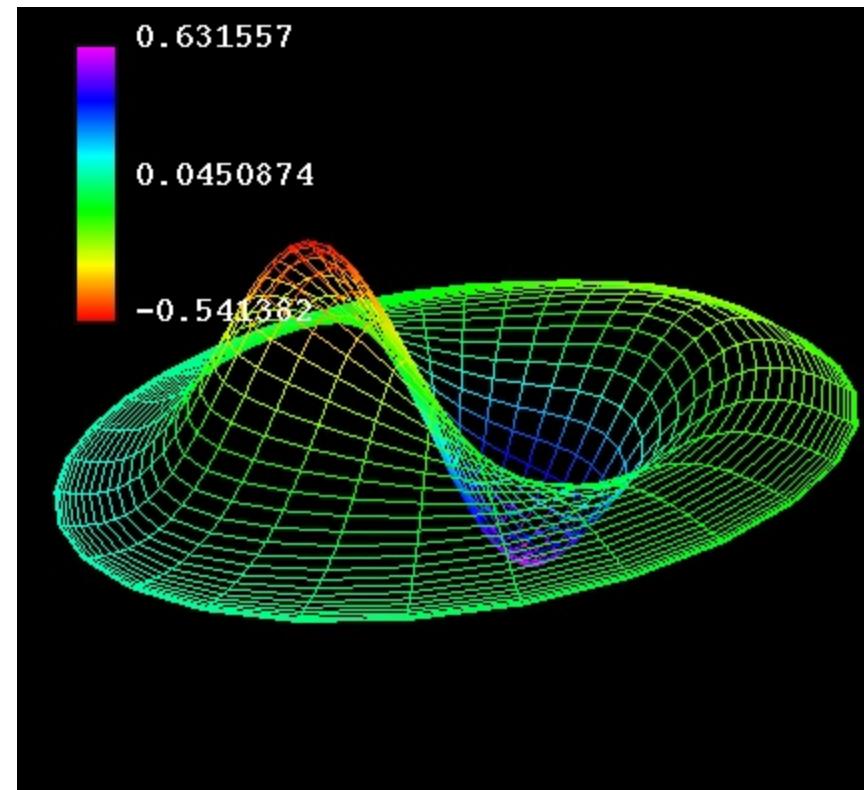


⇒ Initial data for Cactus

Spectral method for the wave equation

J. Novak

New numerical method with accurate outgoing boundary conditions



Post-Newtonian studies

L. Blanchet, T. Damour, G. Esposito-Farèse & O. Poujade

Collaborations: Jena (FSU)

Recent results:

- Equations of motion of two particles at the 3PN order
- Gravitational wave flux at the 3.5PN order
- Phase evolution of inspiraling binary system at 3.5PN order
- Resolution of the divergence problems in the iterative PN expansion
- Inclusion of spin effects in the effective one body approach to binary systems