Introduction to the Einstein Toolkit

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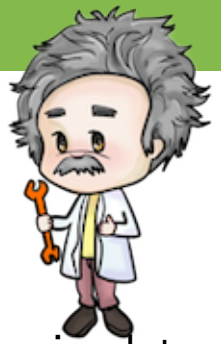
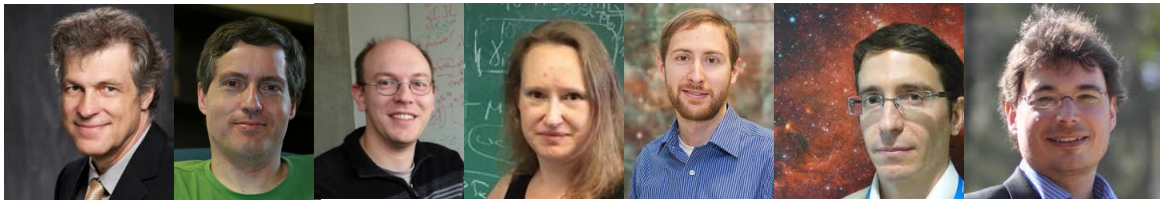


- Collection of scientific software components and tools to simulate and analyze general relativistic astrophysical systems
- Freely available as open source at http://einsteintoolkit.org
- Supported by NSF 1550551/1550461/1550436/1550514, NSF 1212401/1212426/1212433/1212460, NSF 0903973/0903782/0904015 (CIGR), 0701566/0855892 (XiRel), 0721915 (Alpaca), 0905046/0941653(PetaCactus/PRAC)
- State-of-the-art set of tools for numerical relativity, open source
- Currently 259 members from 172 sites and 39 countries
- $>$ 200 publications, $>$ 30 theses building on these components (as of 2013)
- Regular, tested releases
- User support through various channels



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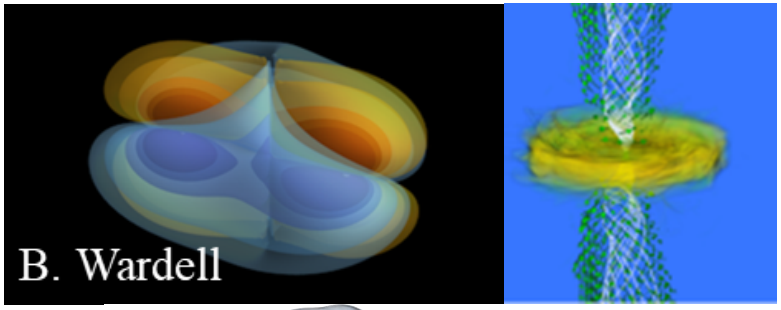
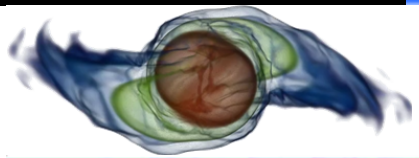
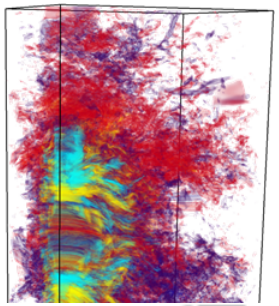
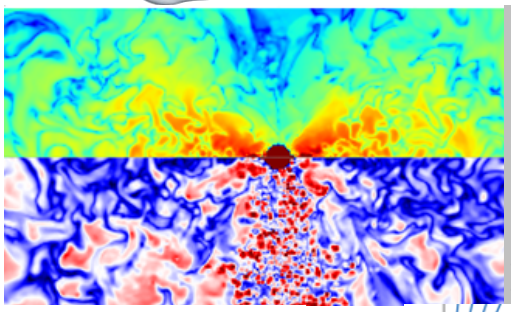
Science

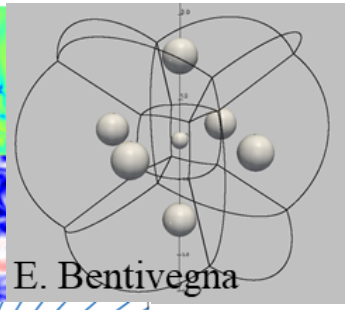
- Binary Black Hole Mergers
- Neutron Star Mergers
- Supernovae
- Accretion Disks
- Boson Stars
- Hairy Black Holes
- Cosmic Censorship

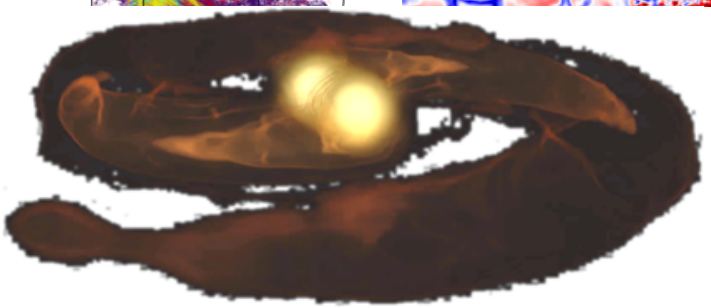


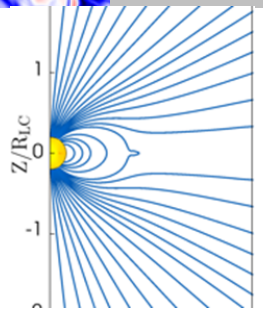












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Community Effort!

Why?

Computational Challenges

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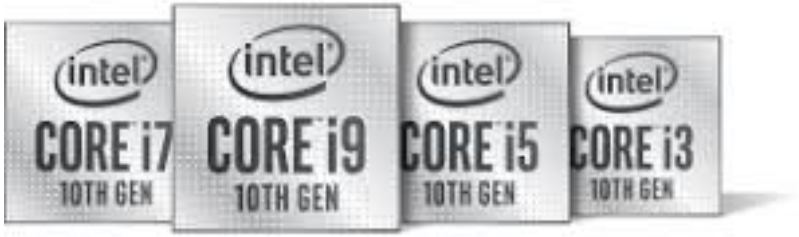
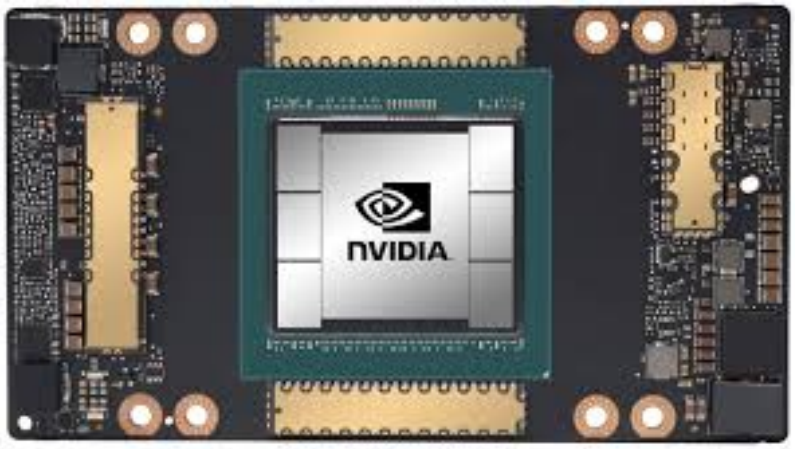
More and more diverse hardware





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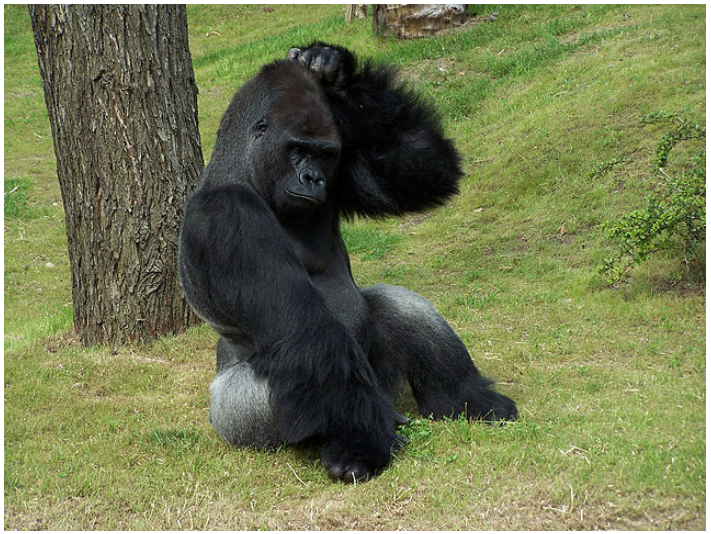

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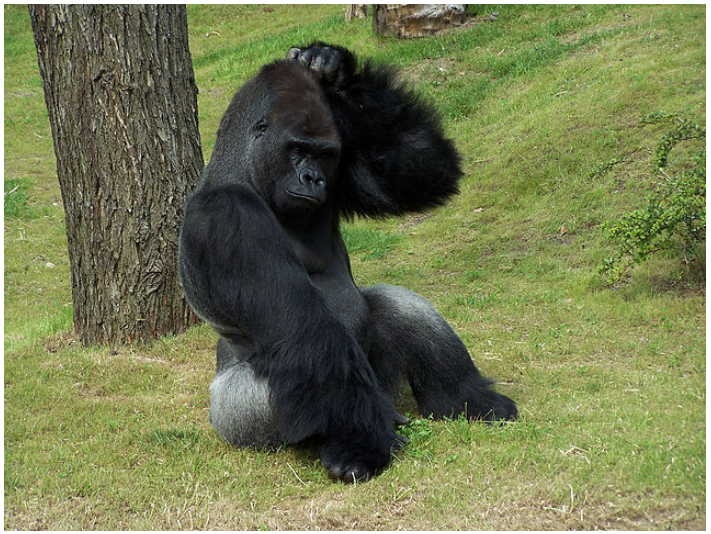

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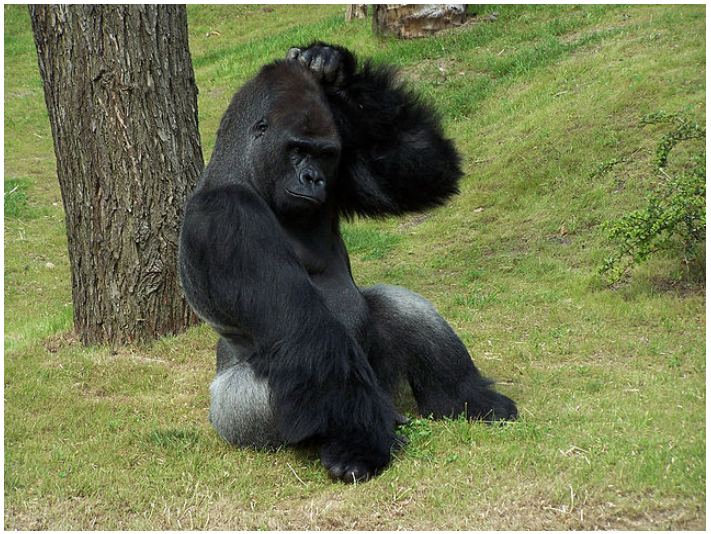

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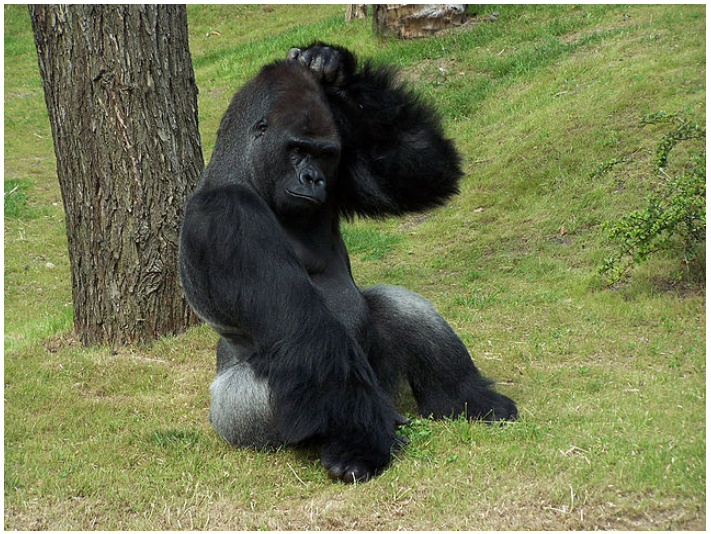

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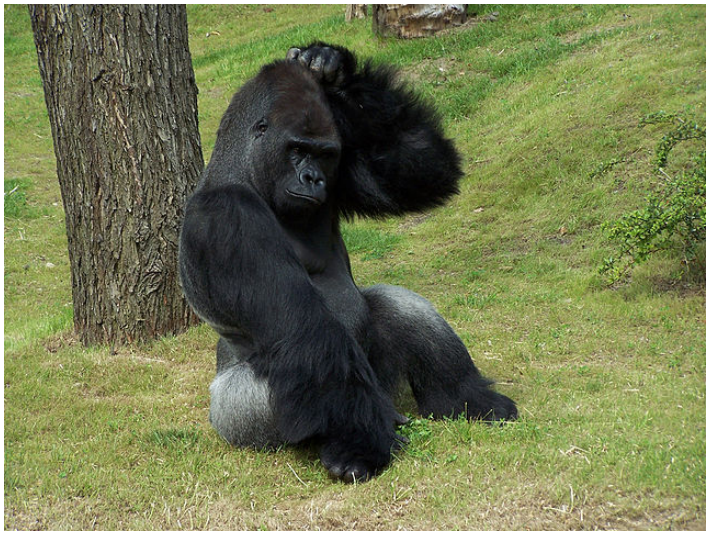

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Computational Challenges

- 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.

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Domain Decomposition

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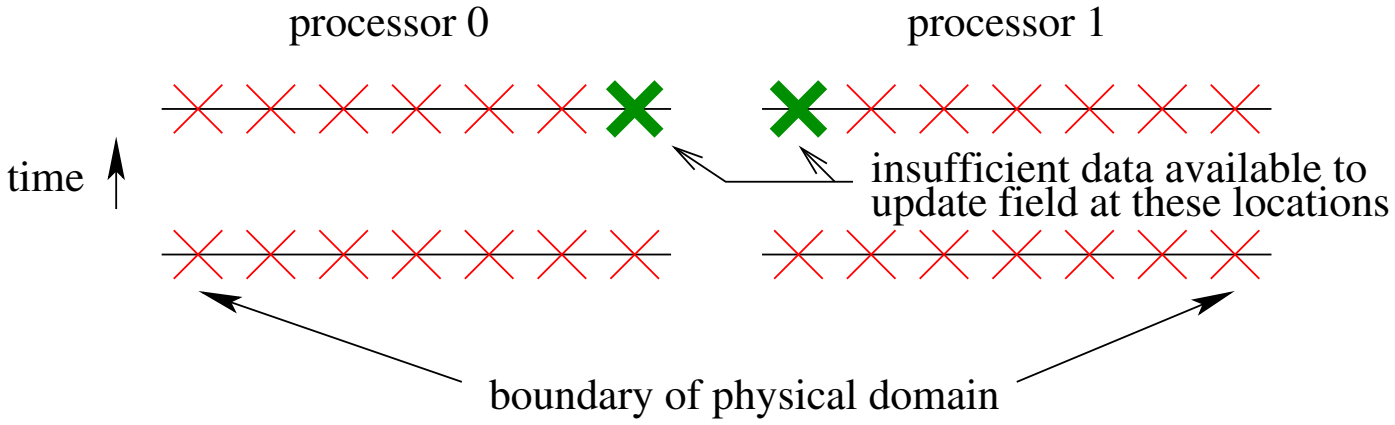

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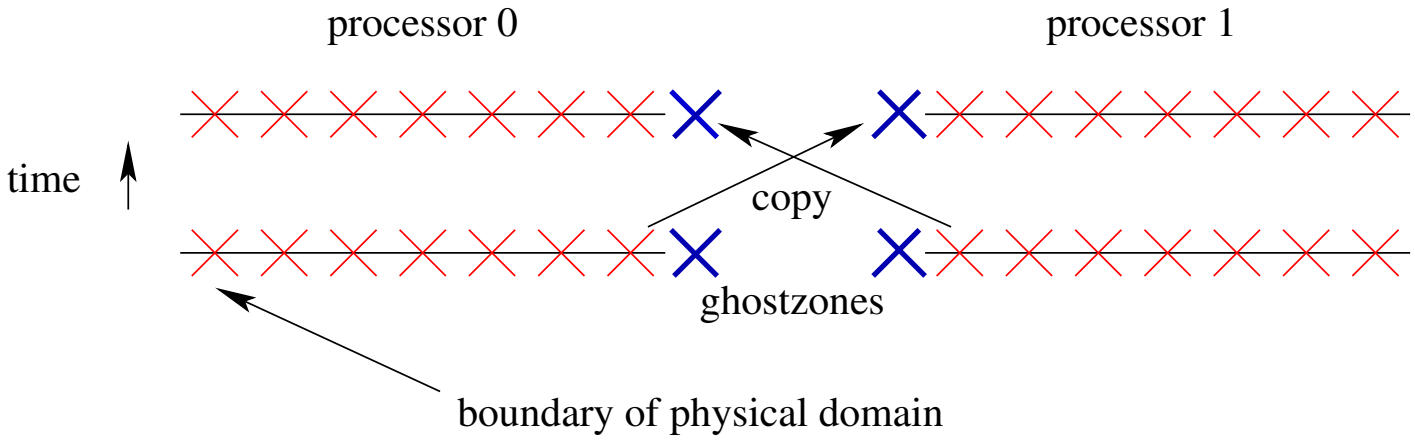

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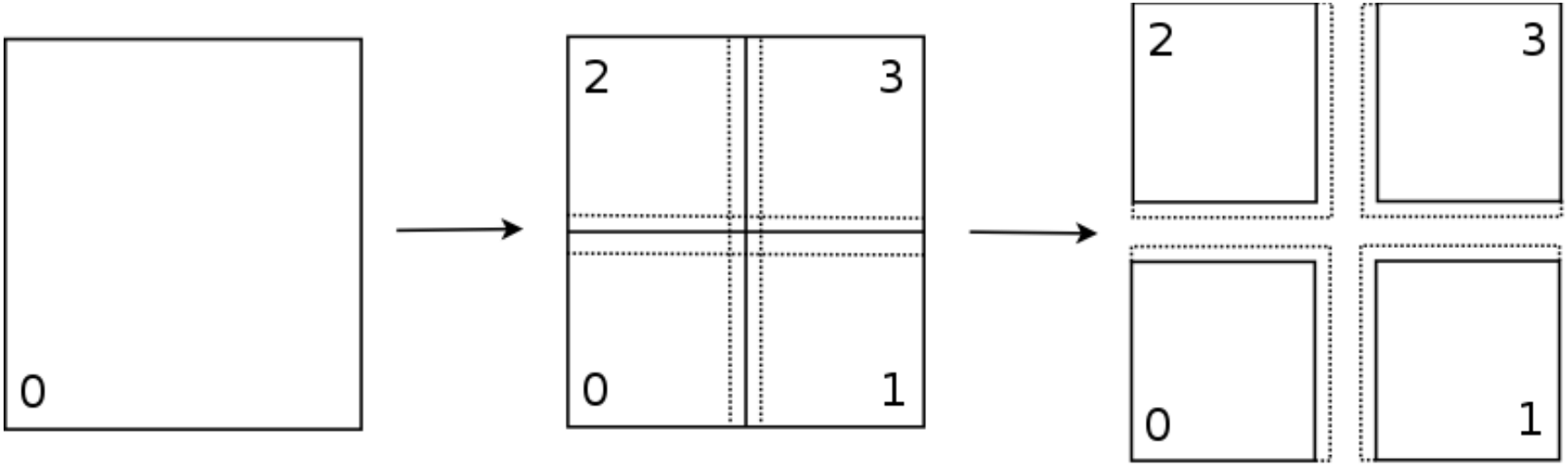

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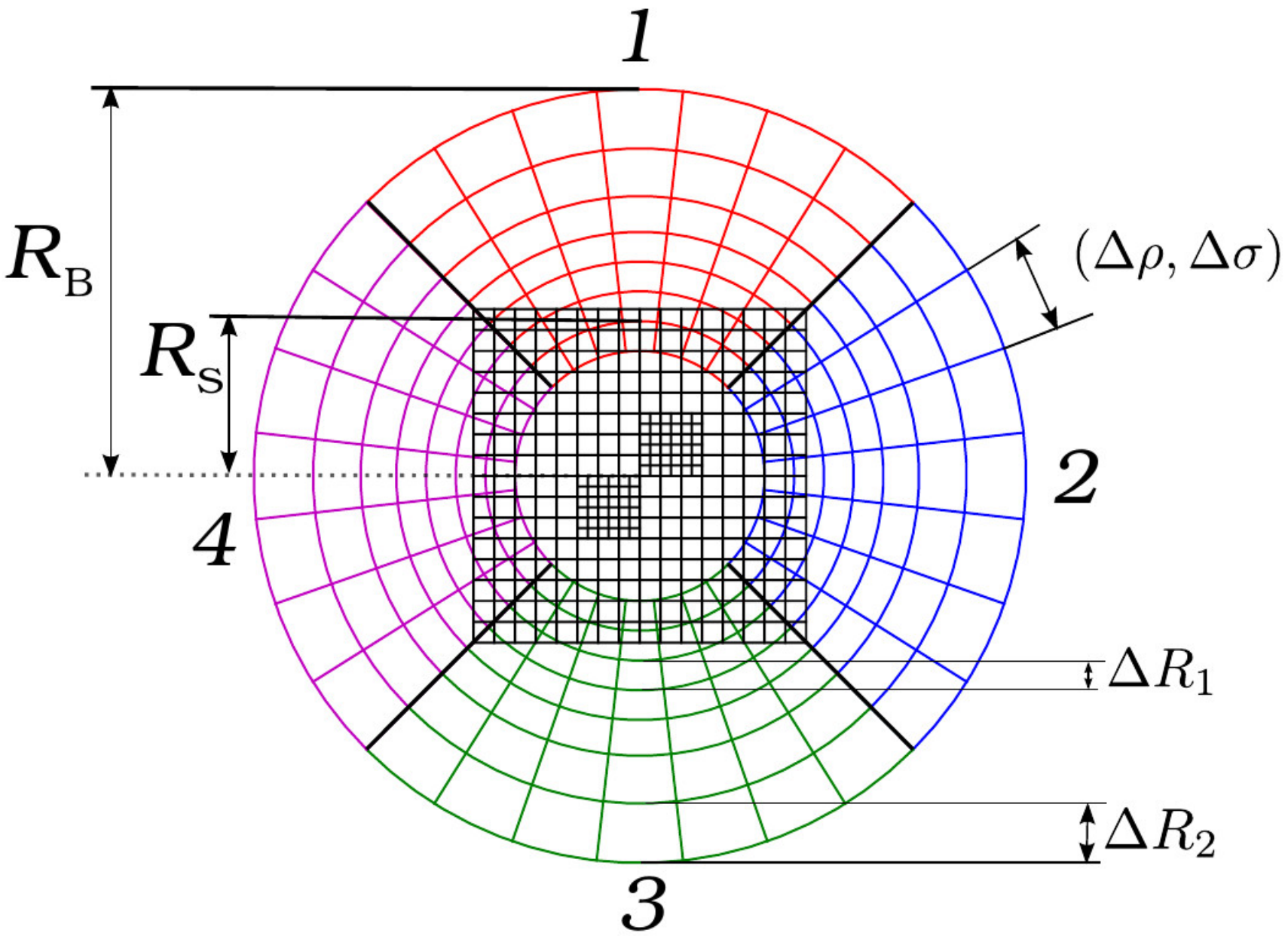

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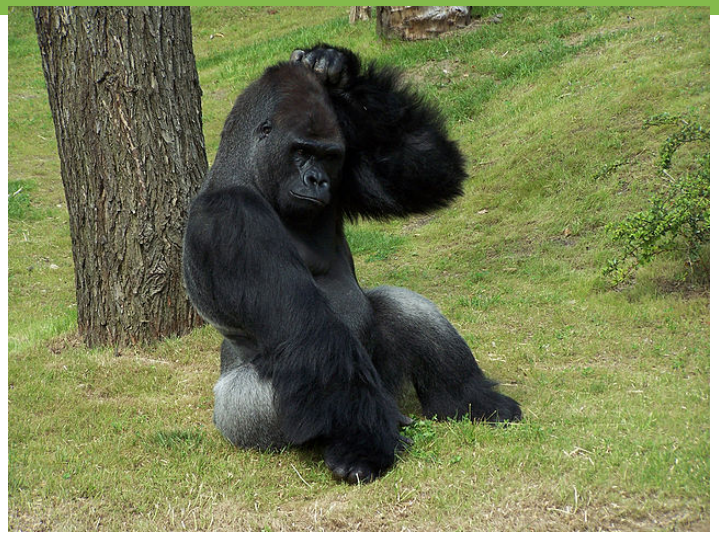

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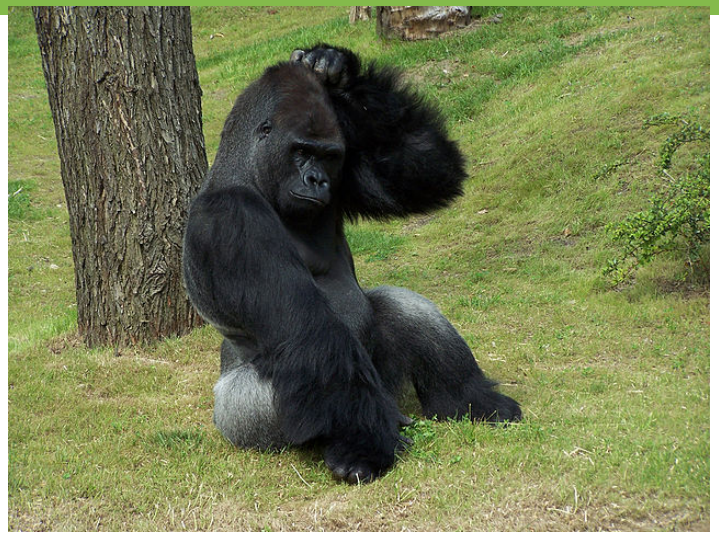

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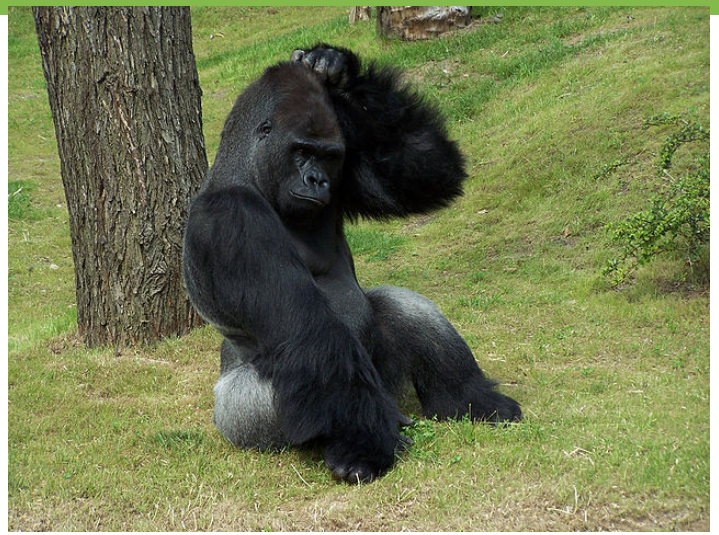

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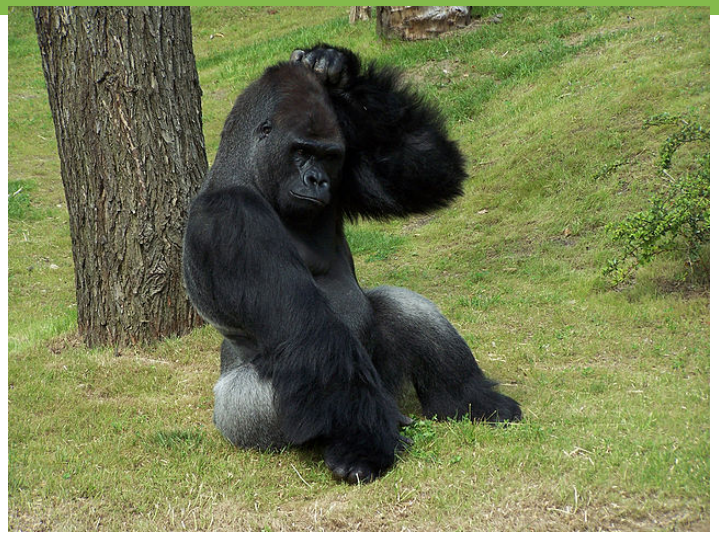

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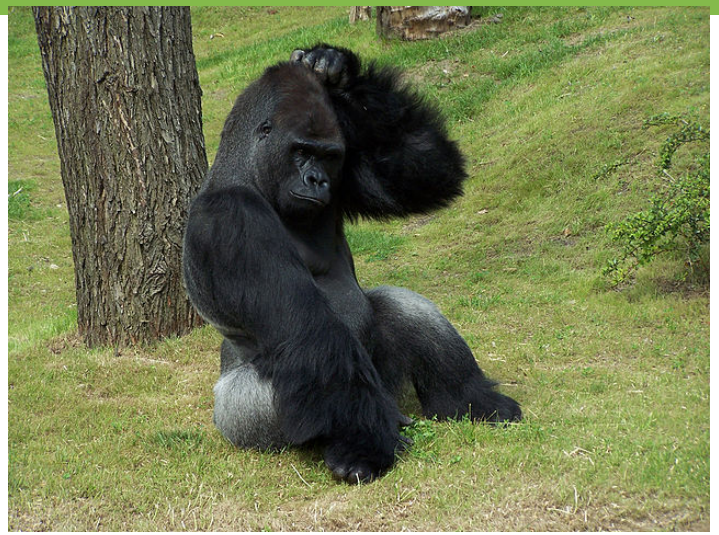

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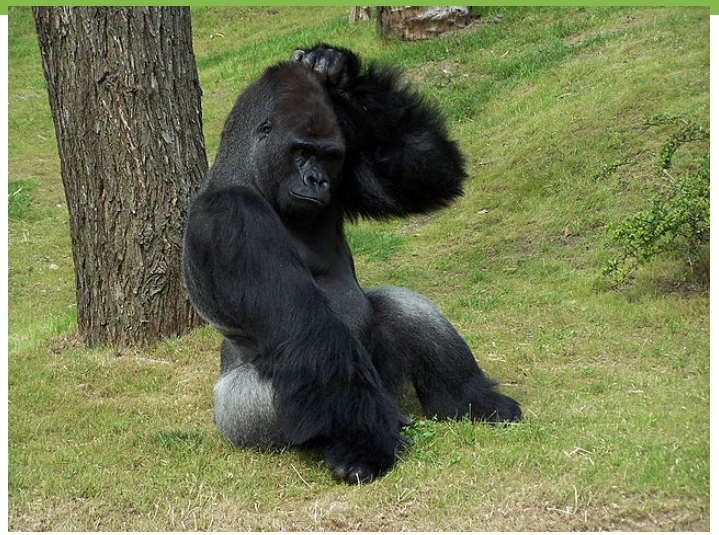

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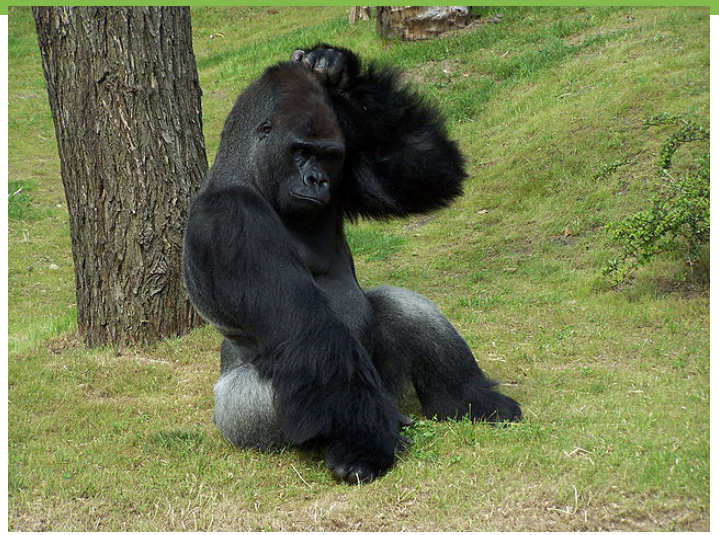

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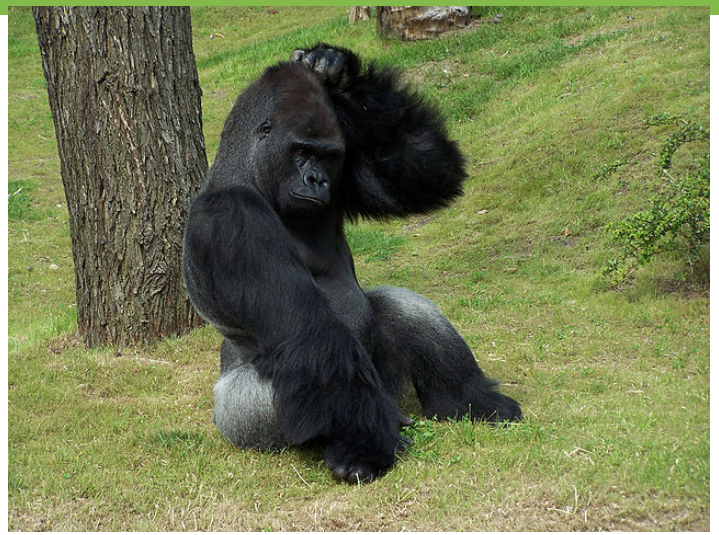

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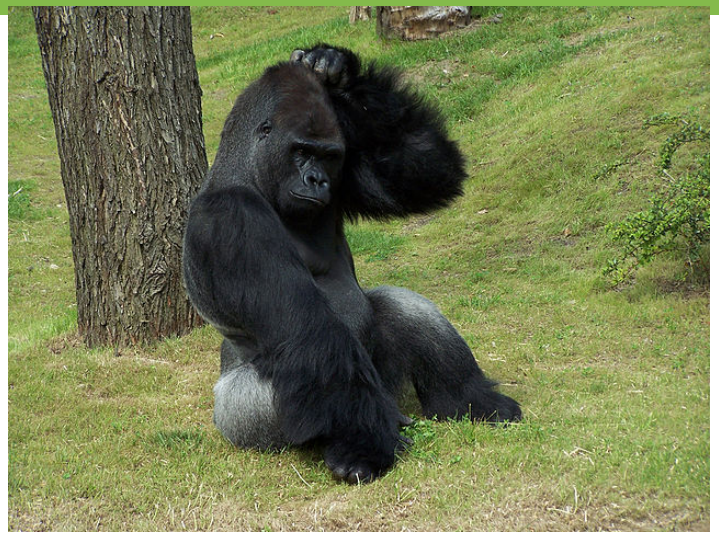

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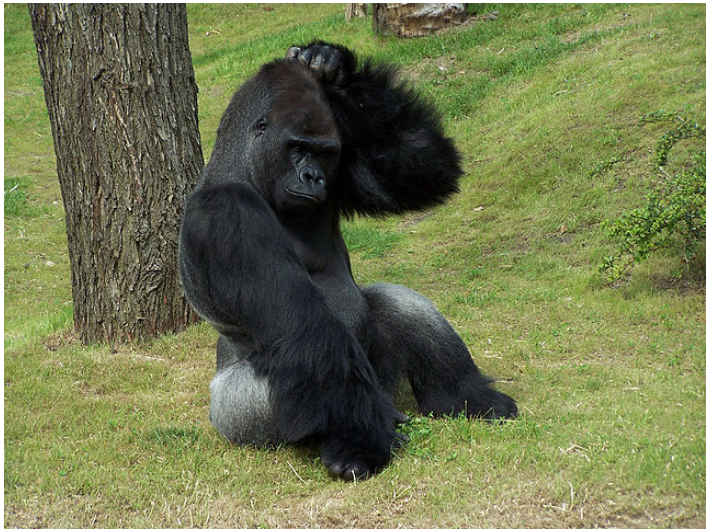

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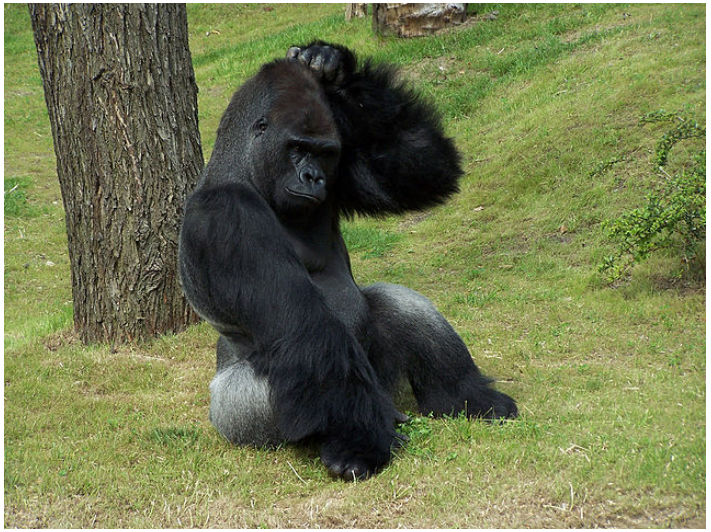

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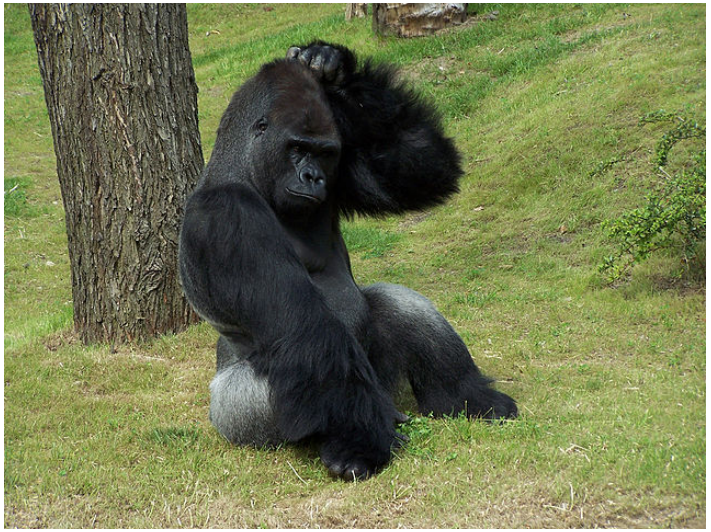

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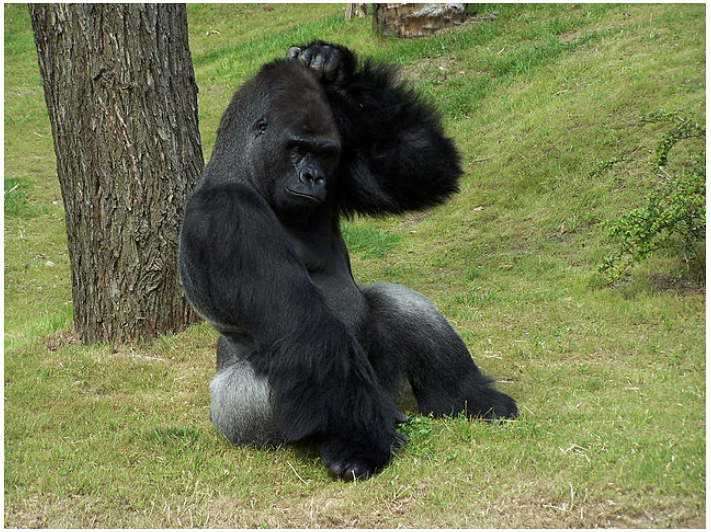

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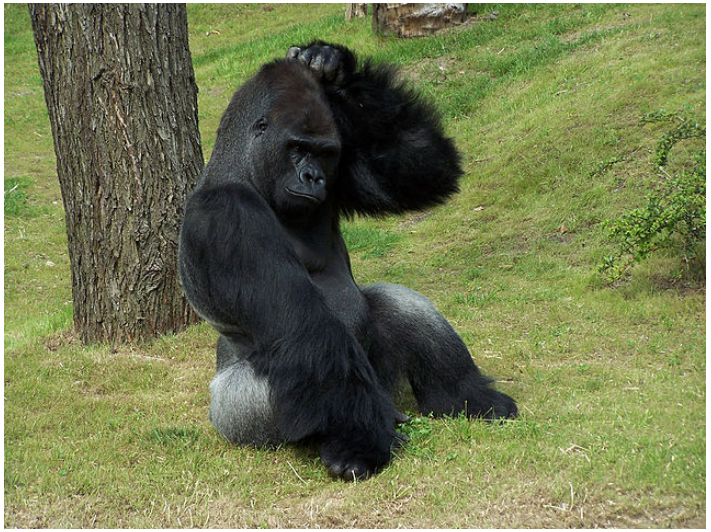

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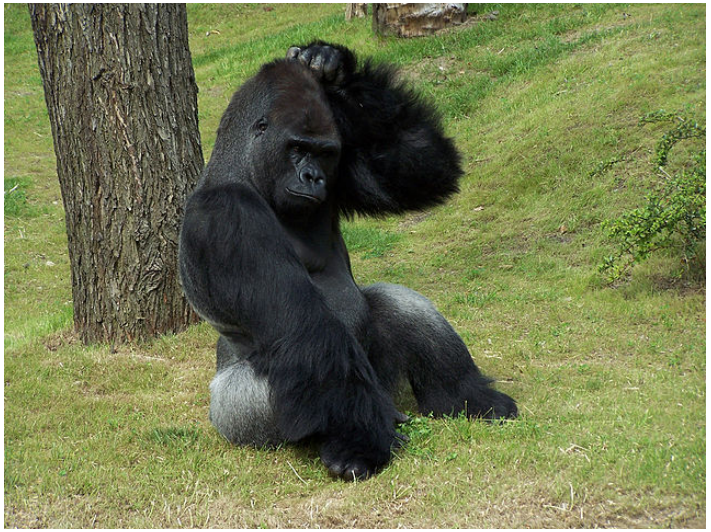

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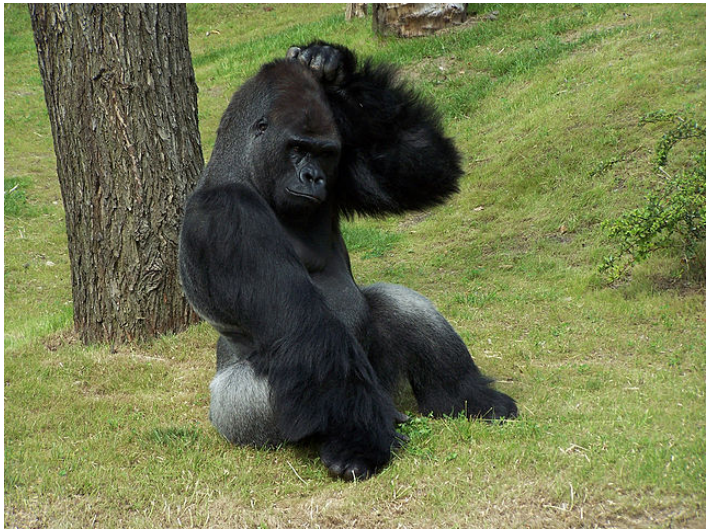

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How can we work together?

- Researchers in the USA
  - Louisiana
  - Illinois
  - Virginia
  - Pennsylvania
  - Georgia
  - California
- Researchers in Other countries
  - Italy
  - Spain
  - Portugal
  - Canada
  - Germany

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Einstein Toolkit

Goals:

- Community Driven
- Core computational tool for GR
- General purpose tool!

Components:

- Cactus
- Simulation Factory

- Kranc

- NRPy+
- Science Modules

Guiding Principles

- Open
- Community Driven
- Good interfaces
- Separation of physics from computational infrastructure
- Code reviews

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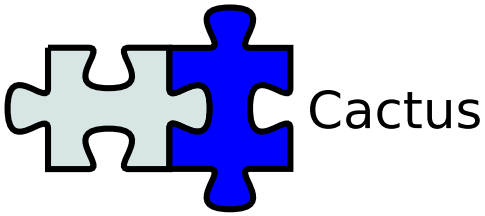
Einstein Toolkit as growing project

- Initially: some infrastructure, some application code



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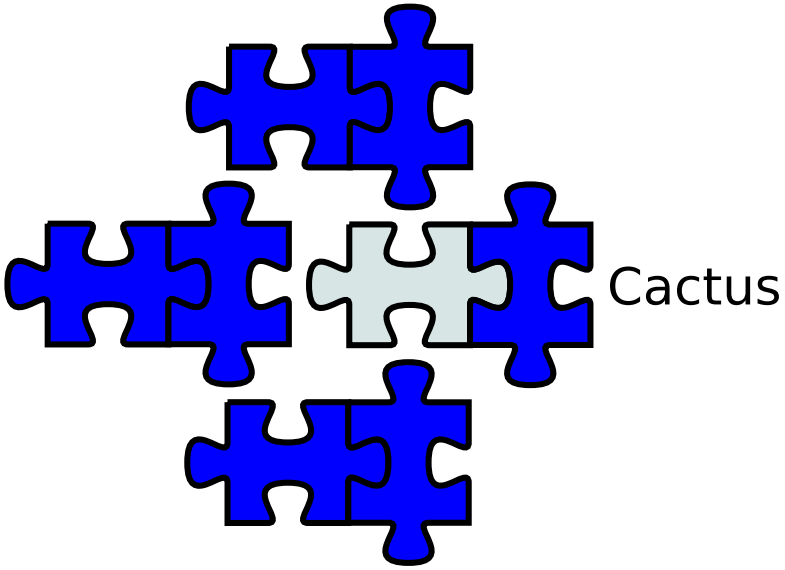

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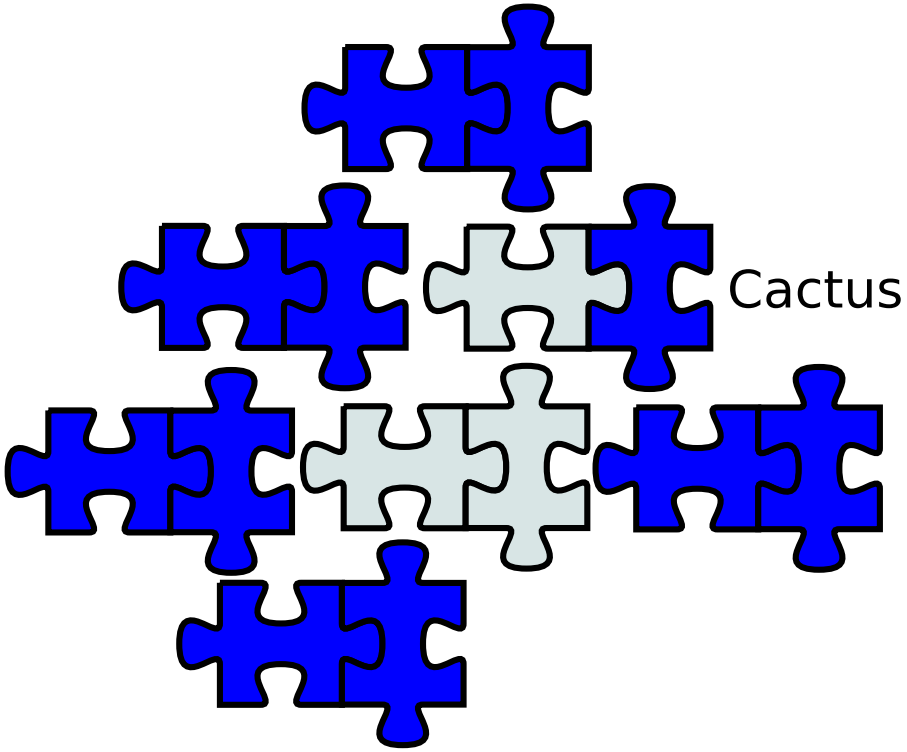
- Growing infrastructure "return"



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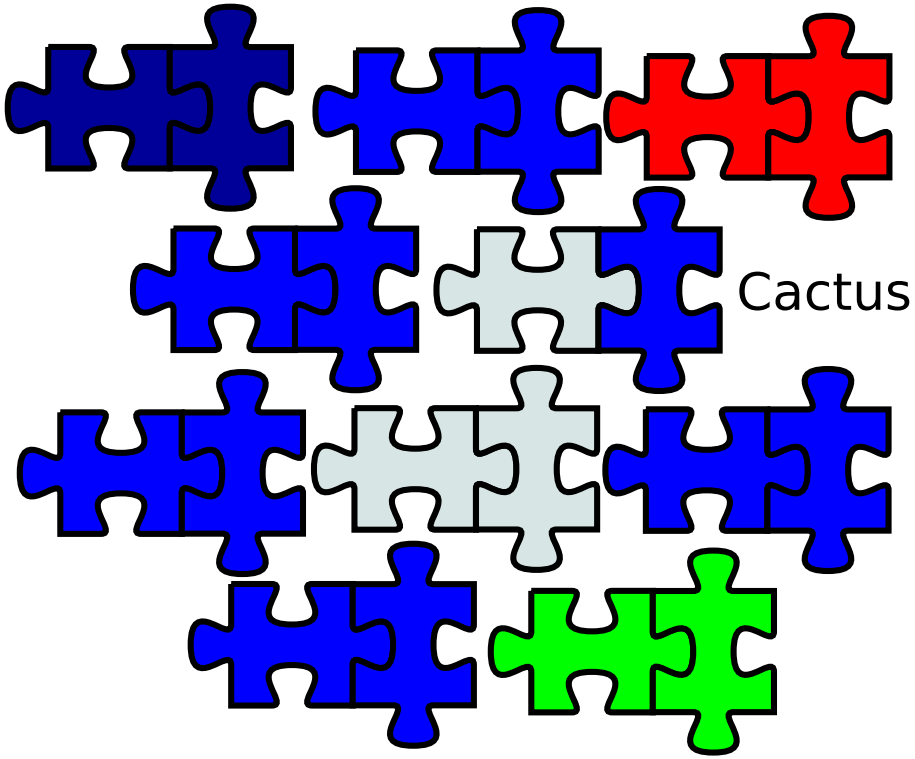
- Users from more fields of science



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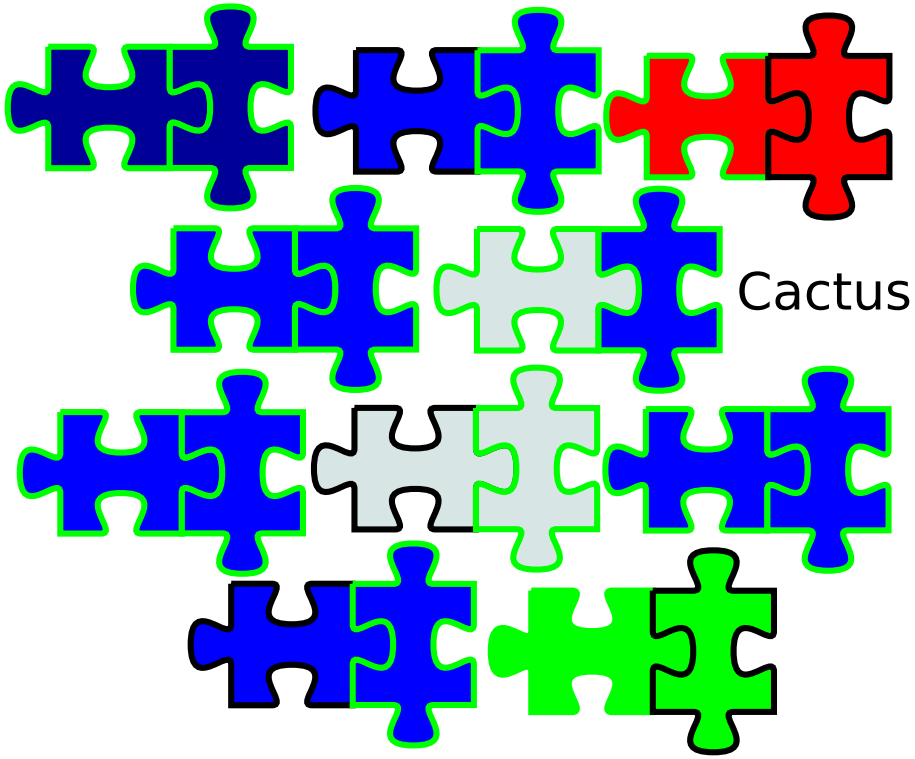

Base Modules

The Einstein Equations

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hydrodynamics

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particle radiation

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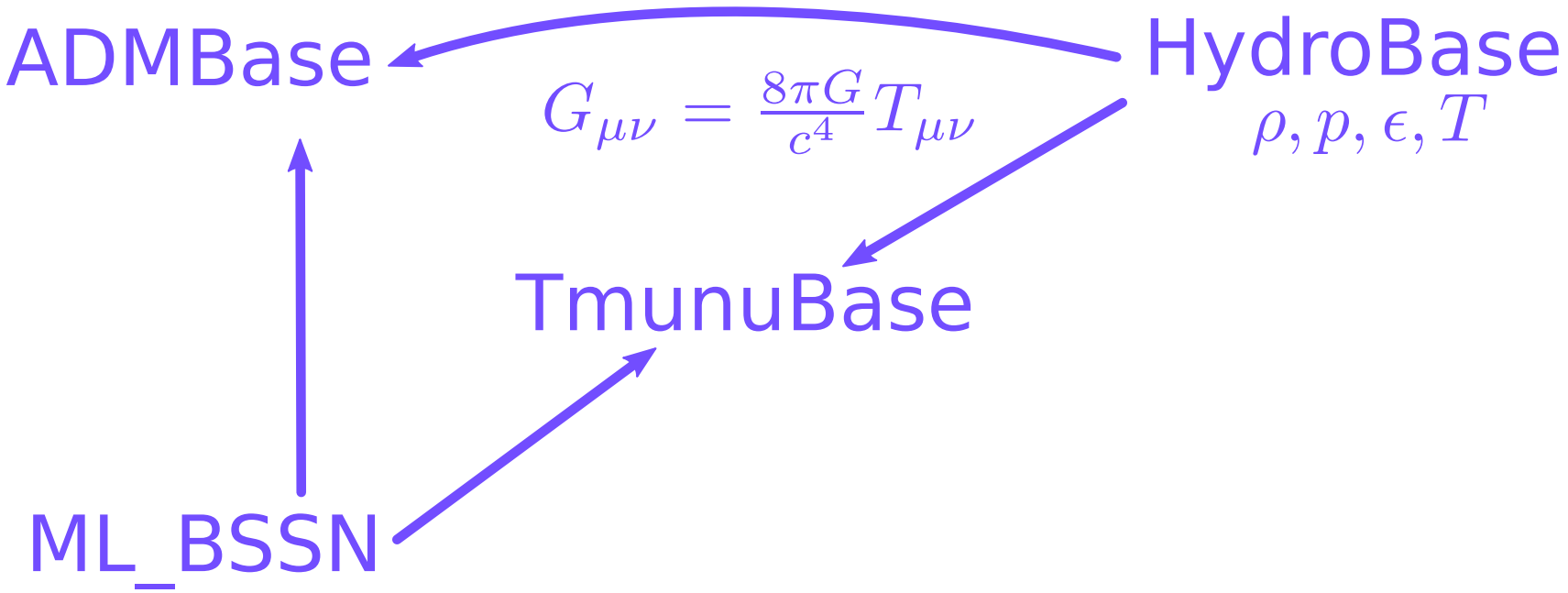
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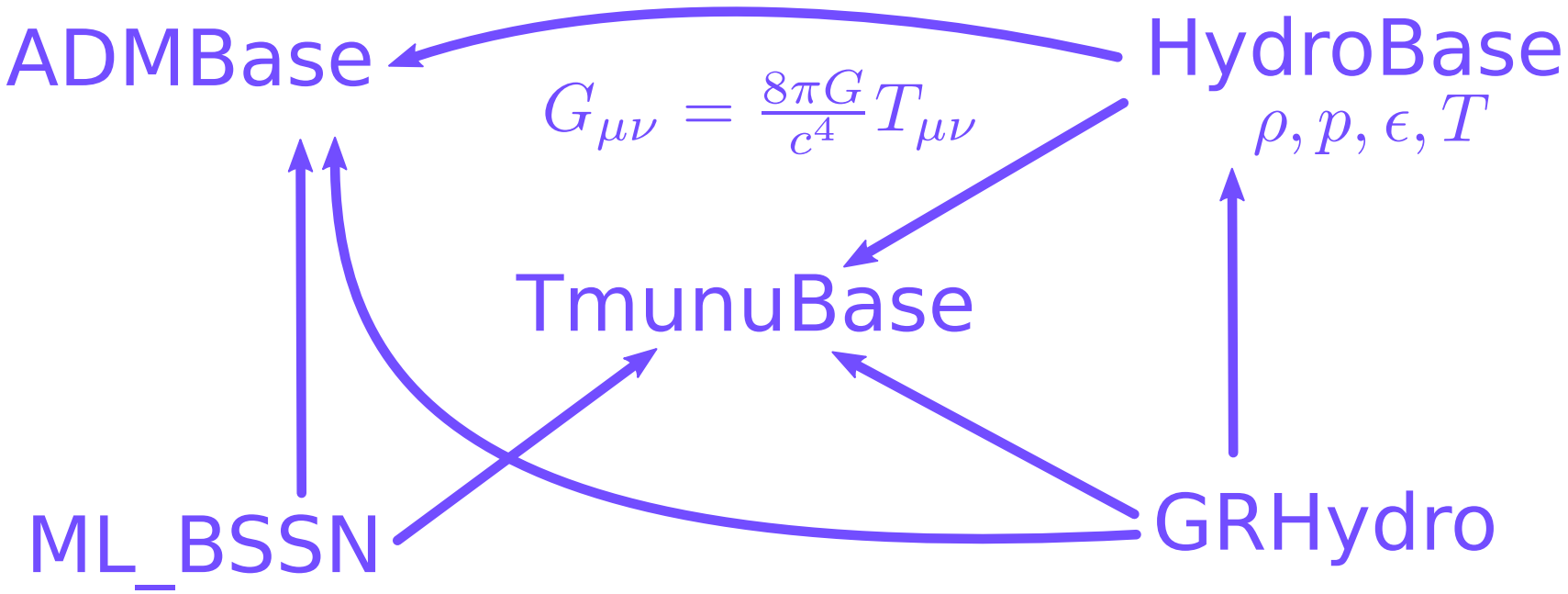
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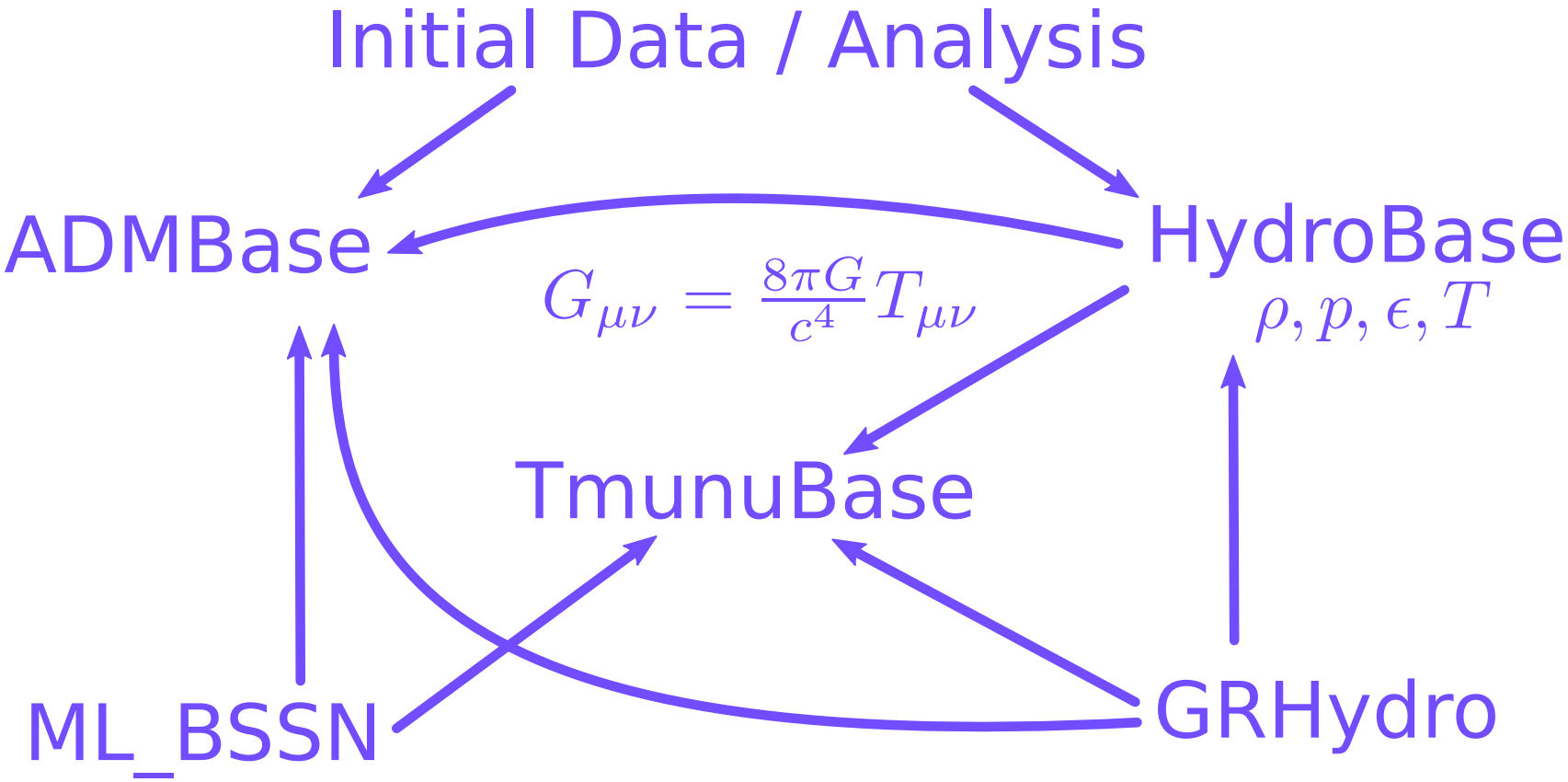
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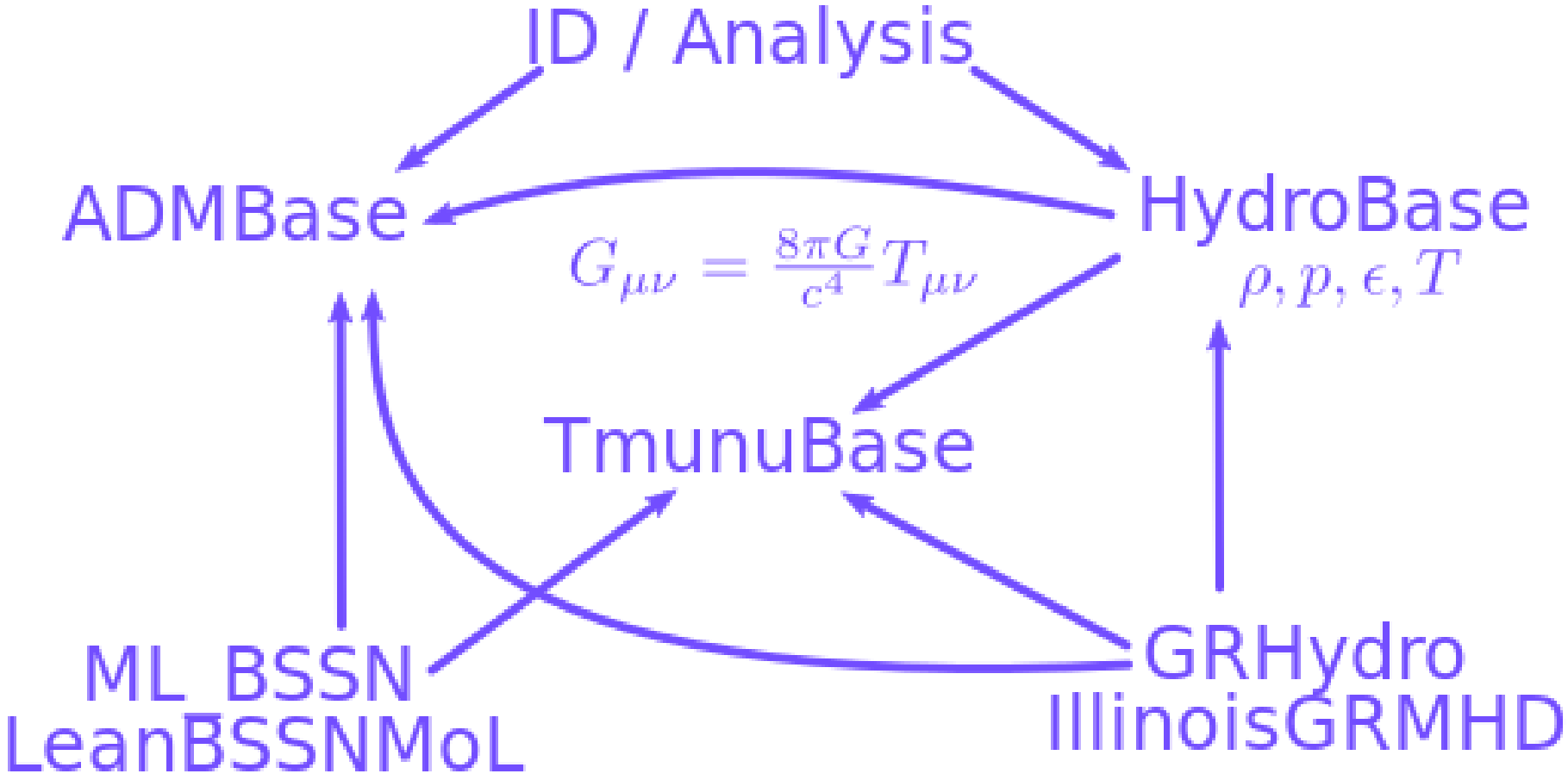
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Guiding Principles

- 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.3866075
  - 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

Vision

Cutting Edge / Future

- New Driver Thorn: AMReX
- New Declarative Synchronization: Presync
- New Spherical Coordinates Thorn (RIT)
- New Python Code Generator: NRPy+

Recent

- Proca Thorns
- LEAN Thorns
- GiRaFFE thorns

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Summary

Einstein Toolkit

- http://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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