# Capra Wrap-up

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# Historical perspective

- Capra began when a LISA mission appeared possible
- Its purpose was (and is) to deliver waveforms for EMRIs
- Many successes behind us (1st order, tests, ... 2nd order fluxes, 0PA and 1PA waveforms)
- We still face many hard challenges in the decade ahead of us
- EDI has an important role:
  - At my 1st Capra meeting in 2001, there were about 22 attendees, including 2 females, 1 who officially spoke
  - 2021: 244 registrants (44 institutes), 10 women speakers
  - 2022: 70 in person, 82 online, 9 women speakers, some new institutes
  - 2023: 114 in person, 46 online, 8 women speakers, 94 institutes, ~1.7 psi

# This Capra Meeting

- Second Order are we seeing a sea-change in how we do things?
  - Guidance coming on how to get involved!
- Role of comparisons: PN EOB GSF NR?
- Scattering fascinating results; how to cultivate synergy?
- Resonances essential to consider; how to manage in practice?
- Numerical Techniques improving what we can already do!
- EDI Can it help keeping Capra coherent?

#### My Impressions

- We are becoming very systematic! Started with first talk
- We have a good sense of a common goal
- There is strength in our diversified backgrounds
- We continue to build as a community
- Serious thought goes into the organized discussions
- Does anybody really understand the global picture?

# Recent Capra changes

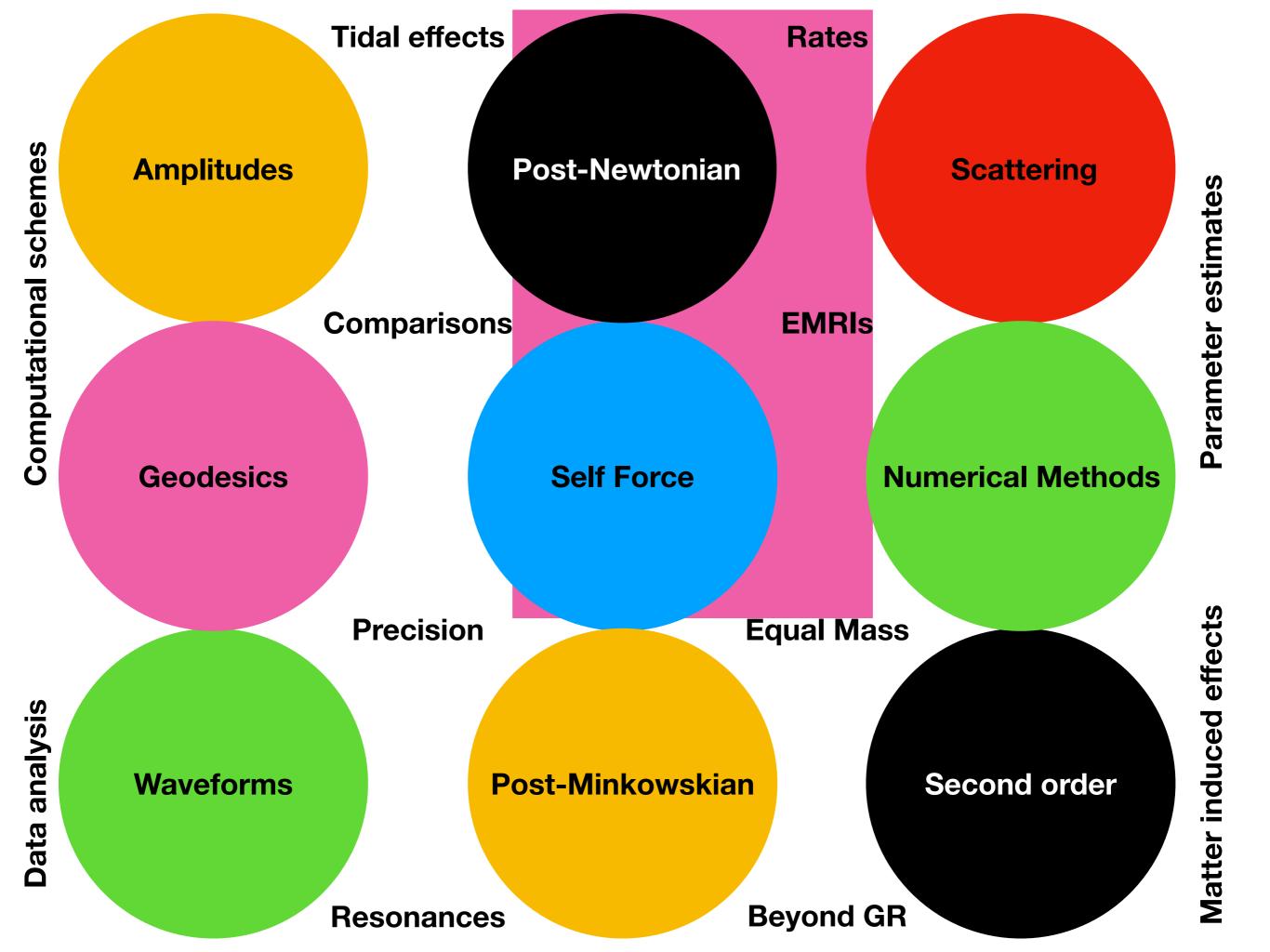
- Our community now has its own EDI team
- An online presence seems a future necessity
- Tremendous presence of young researchers fantastic!
- Are we becoming like a collaboration (should we)?
- Some of us are members of LISA, or Kagra/LIGO/Virgo/ET
- ~50-90 at talks and discussions, ~15-30 participate online

#### Where have we come from?

- Twenty years ago, it seemed important to get on to Kerr
- Can compare gauge invariants between SF, PN, and PM?
- We have good understanding of geodesics, resonances, transition to plunge, 1SF effects, 2SF sources, barriers ...
- We can compare with gauge invariants from amplitudes
- We have grown in number and diversity
- Have we (others) understood how far behind we are?

#### Where are we now?

- We are in a position to bring some efforts together
- More and more focus on finishing Schwarzschild
- Enriched by a diversity of interests, experience, skills
- Now many more institutes represented here than there were people at early Capra Meetings
- This Capra meeting ~ a third the size of Virgo Collaboration
- In growing, can we remain efficient and focused?



# Where are we going?

- We are going into countdown and we must strategize for it!
- Need more discussions where we ask:
  - What is now needed? What would improve what we have? How can we help?
- LISA working groups can help focus our efforts. How can we make this work?
- Would more regular meetings during the year, each on a subset of topics, help?
  - Beginning to happen!
- Need to develop a timeline for all to see and be able to respond to
- Need ability to identify & avoid potential show stoppers! May be under control?

#### LISA Consortium

- 1726 members in total
- 79 of those among the 160 participants in this 2023 Capra meeting
  - These include two Waveform Working Group Chairs (Maarten van de Meent and Niels Warburton); Others WGs of relevance: Astrophysics, LISA Data Challenges, Advocacy & Outreach
  - Two Waveform Work Package Chairs (Leor Barack and Anna Heffernan); Others WPs of relevance: Data Analysis Framework and Tools, Detection and Parameter Estimation, Science Interpretation
- We could be more represented, but ...
- LISA Consortium is neither owned nor operated by ESA!

#### Where is ESA taking us?

- LISA Mission adoption is expected at the beginning of 2024
- LISA Science Team (LST) will be formed by ESA(/NASA) before the next Capra
  - Will probably include about 10 scientists
  - Will stay in existence until about two years before mission launch (L-2)
- There will be an open call for Working Group Chairs about the middle of next year
- We can expect a call for Working Group Members by about the beginning of 2025
- LST will establish a set of Science Topical Panels (STP) with Chairs and Co-chairs at L-2
- STPs will work with Dedicated Data Processing Center (DDPC) at APC in Paris
- Where will we be positioned during the next 10-12 years, and into LISA data taking?

# How can we get there?

- Being systematic and coherent across multiple fronts
- Organize more: workshops, code base, connectedness
- With talent here, we can make better progress together
- Make better use of the person power we have
- Determine and obtain the person power we need

#### Summary

- When can we have a comparison of waveforms?
  - timely, important, essential we are now getting there!
- Many-fronted progress could be better coordinated:
  - analytical, conceptual, numerical, theoretical
- Can/should LISA workgroup chairs "recruit" from Capra?
- Discussions becoming more effective room to improve

#### Questions

- Should we have a code workshop for junior members?
- Should we have intermediate meetings on some topics?
- Should we have a strategy component in future Capra events?
- How could we make discussions be more productive?
- Should we define/manage our relationship with LISA?
- Can we introduce a better way to stay more connected?
- How should we invest more heavily in code databases?