Post-Newtonian theory and gravitational waves

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 $G_{\mu\nu}(g_{\alpha\beta},\partial g_{\alpha\beta},\partial^2 g_{\alpha\beta}) = \frac{8\pi G}{c^4} T_{\mu\nu}$



Matter follows geodesics in this curved spacetime





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Post-Newtonian theory

Perturbative expansion of relativistic effects

$$\bullet 1 \text{ PN} \longrightarrow \left(\frac{v}{c}\right)^2$$

More and more difficulties appear as we go to higher orders

Blanchet-Damour-Iyer formalism









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$$\Box^{-1}\Lambda(x,t) = \int \mathrm{d}^3 x' \frac{\Lambda(x',t-\mid x-x'\mid)}{\mid x-x'\mid}$$

 $\text{Issue:} \quad \Lambda \sim_{r \to 0} \frac{1}{r^k}, \ k \geq 3$

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4.5PN results: Marchand et al, 2016 (accepted to CQG)

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Studying the Vainshtein mechanism in some class of modified gravity theories.

