

Twin paradox and chaos

Particles' trajectories in standing gravitational
waves field

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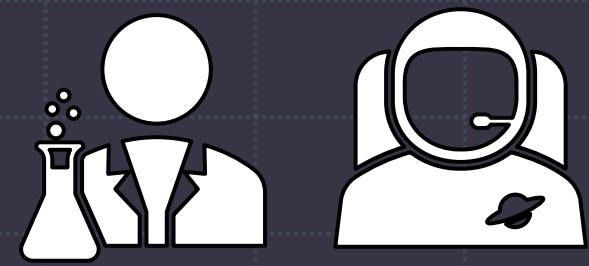
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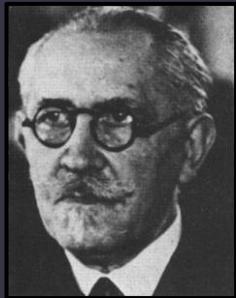
1. The twin paradox
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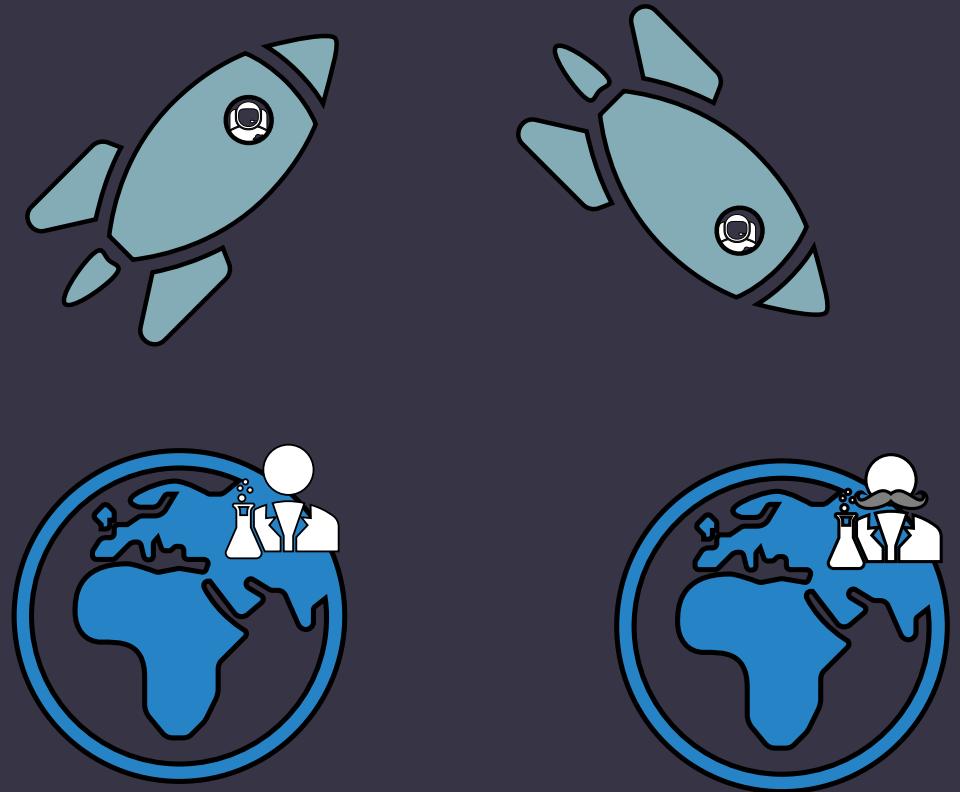
The twin paradox



First formulation

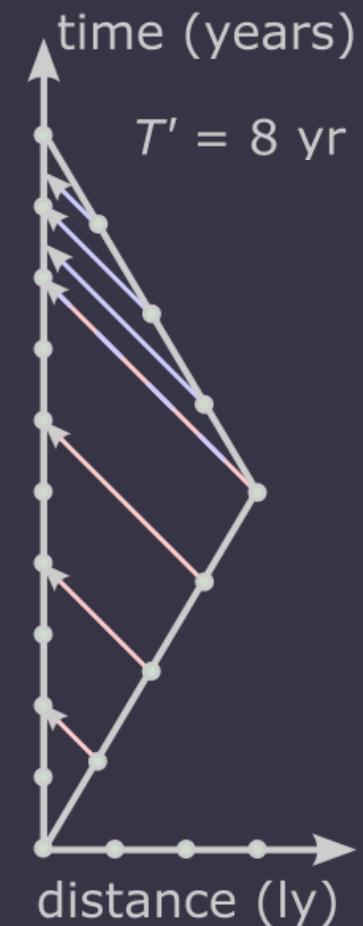
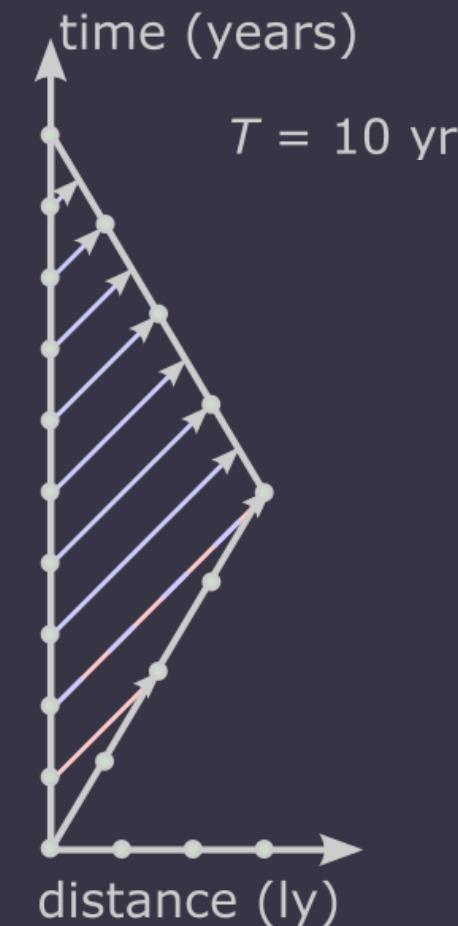


1. 1911 r. Paul Langevin
2. Thought experiment
3. Flat (no gravity) spacetime
4. First twin is setting off on a journey, while second is staying on the Earth



Why the „paradox”?

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- 1. Misunderstanding of Einstein's theory of relativity
 - 2. The twins are not equivalent
 - 3. There is no paradox here
 - 4. The „Traveller” is always younger (in flat spacetime)



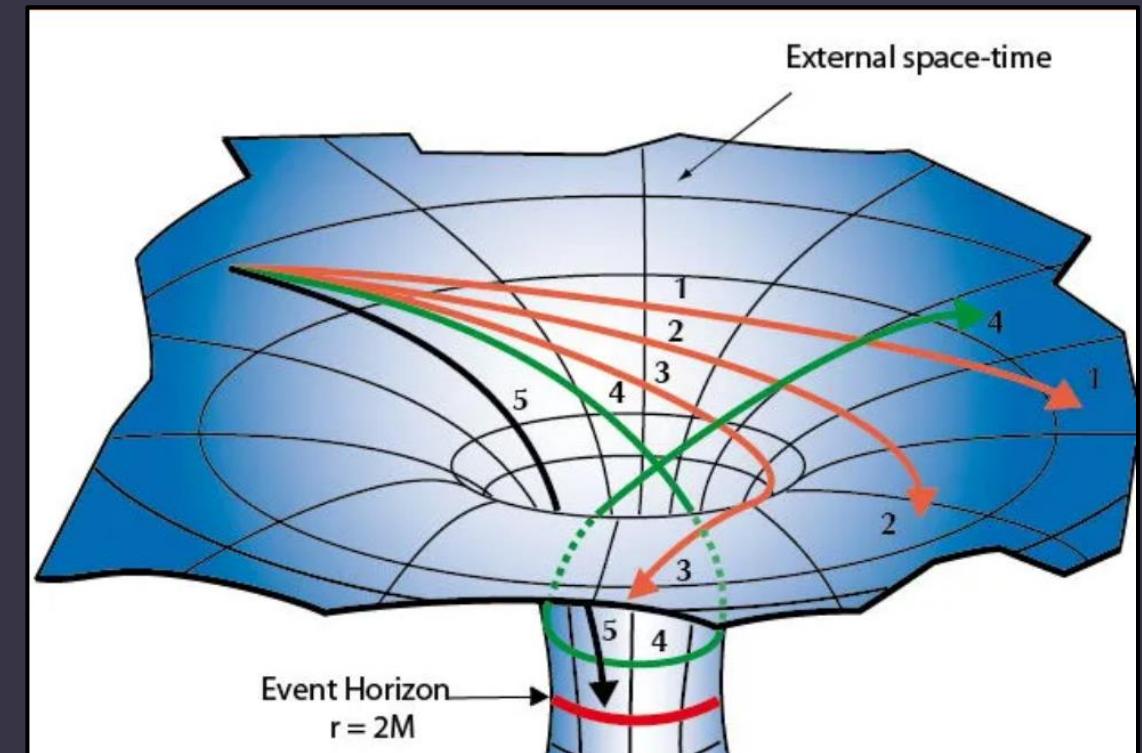
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Schwarzschild spacetime

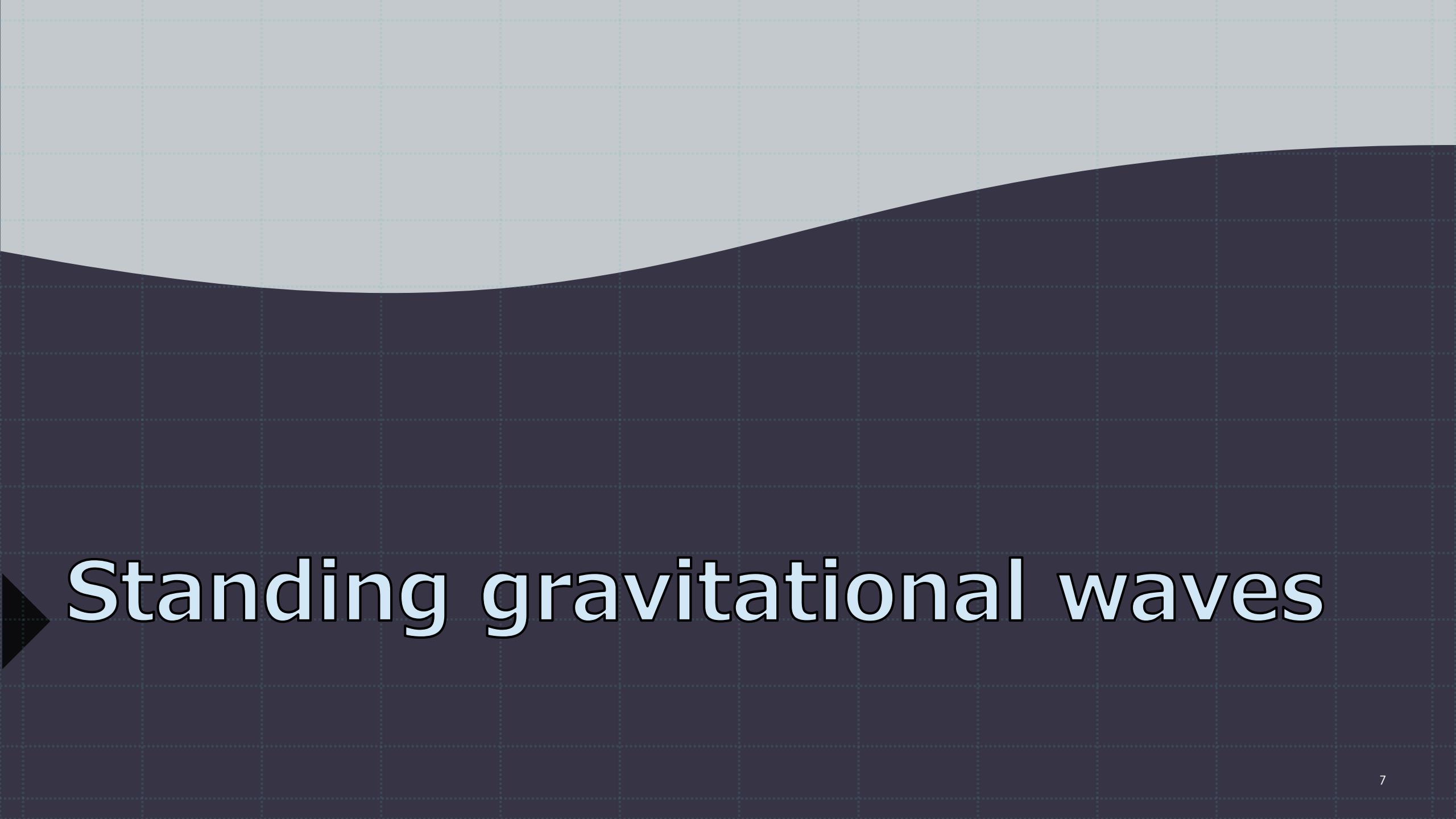
1. More complicated
2. Sokołowski (2012)
3. Trajectory matters (neither velocity nor acceleration)
4. The twin on radial geodesics ($\phi = \text{const}$) always the oldest



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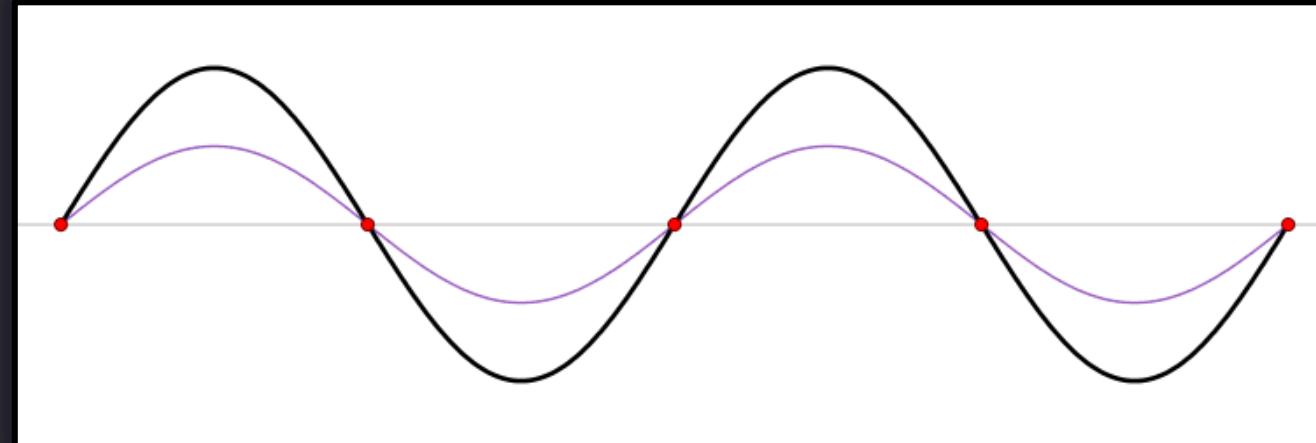
<https://weinsteing.wordpress.com/2017/12/14/the-geodesics-of-the-schwarzschild-metric-3/>



Standing gravitational waves

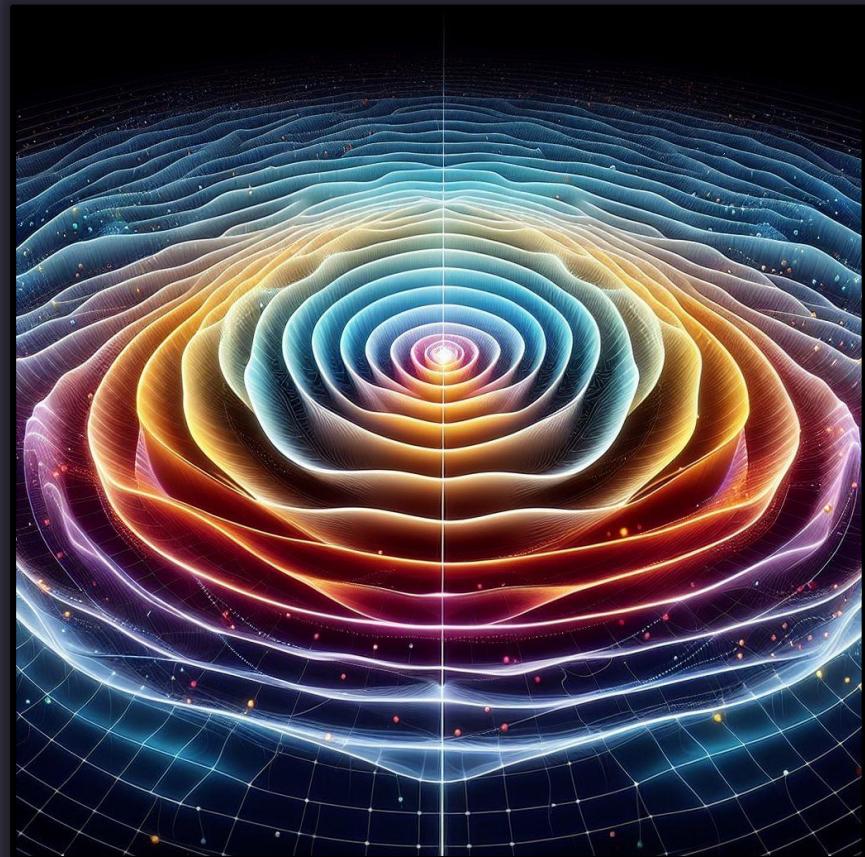
Standing mechanical waves

1. Not moving in space
2. Result of interference
3. Music (string) instruments



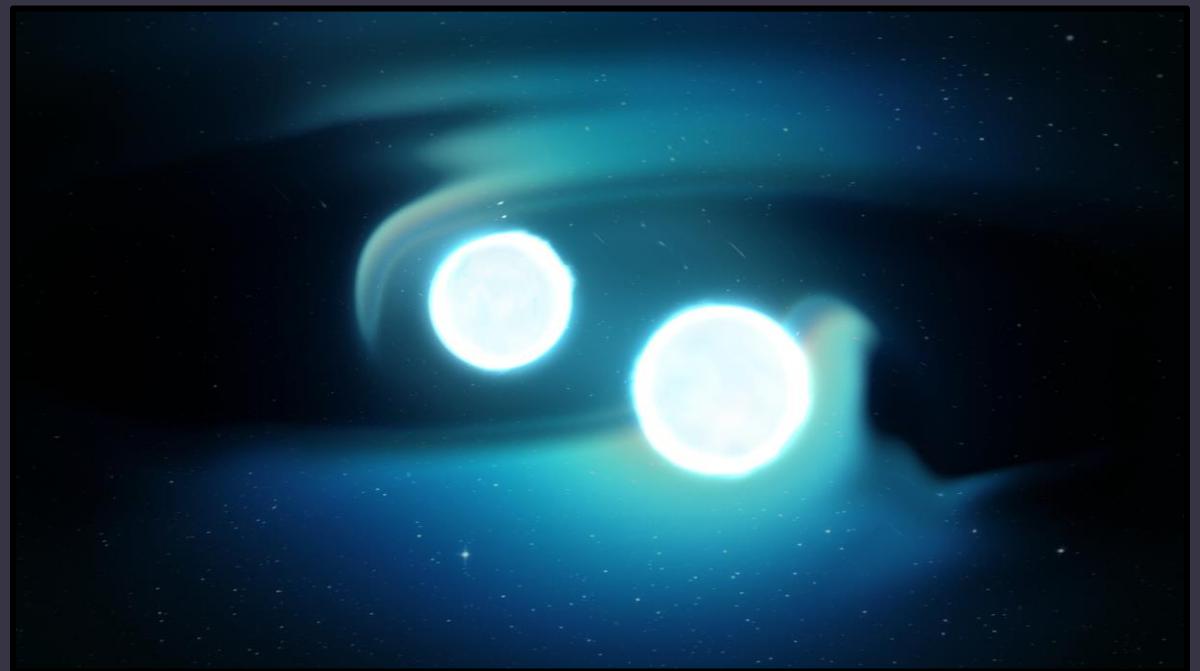
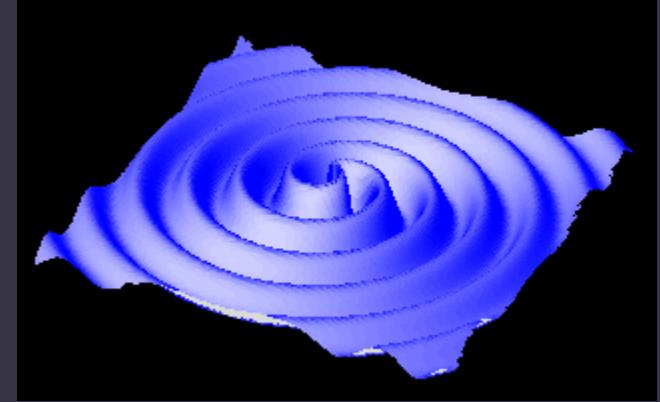
Standing Gravitational Waves (GW)

1. Similar to mechanical standing waves
2. Cylindrical symmetry
3. Vacuum solution of Einstein time-dependent equations



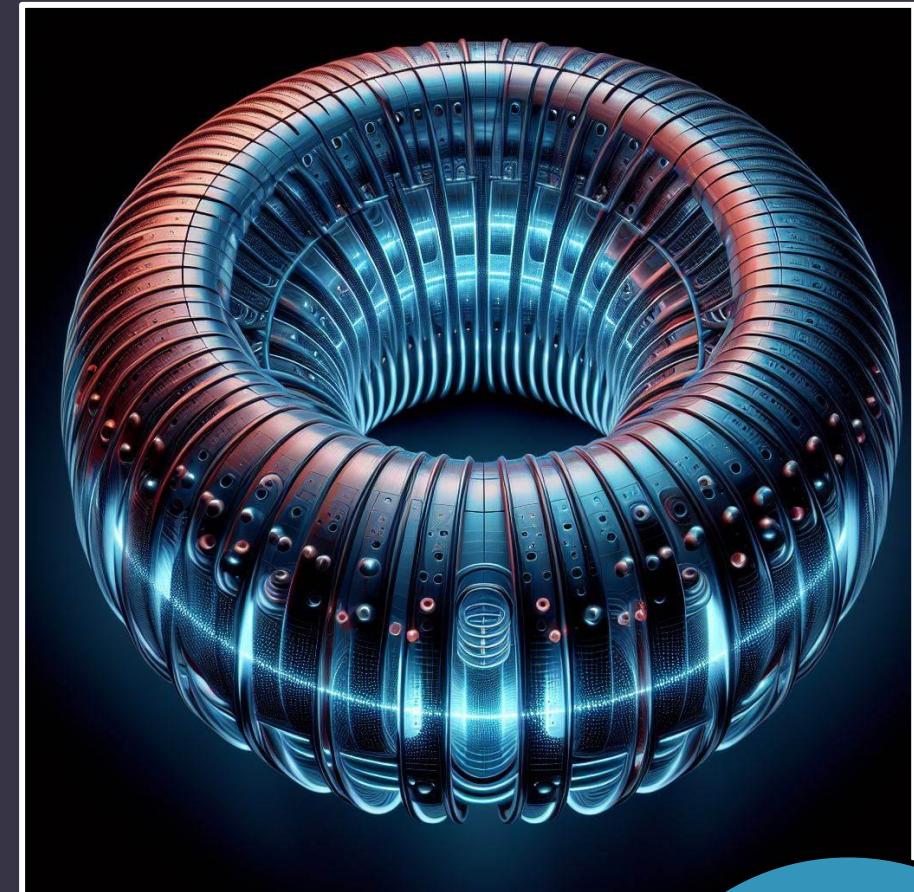
Gravitational wave sources

1. For example: Close binary systems of compact objects
2. What about standing gravitational wave sources?



Experiment

1. Production and detection
2. A source of GW: A Torus with excited altering EM field
3. Interference of produced GW → Standing waves
4. Cylindrical symmetry





Chaos

What is chaos?

1. Sensitivity for initial conditions
2. Deterministic
3. Can „imitate” randomness after enough long time



Examples of chaotic systems

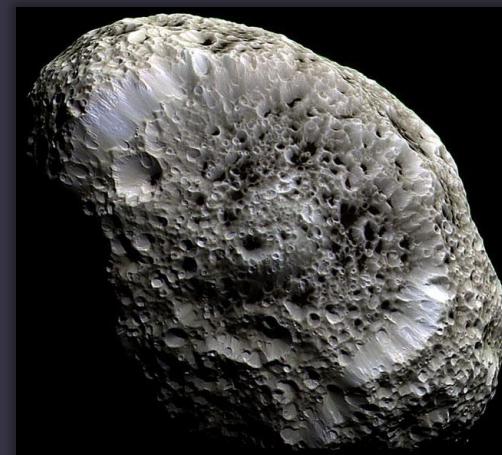
1. „Butterfly effect” and weather forecast



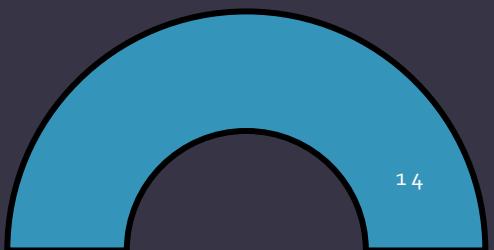
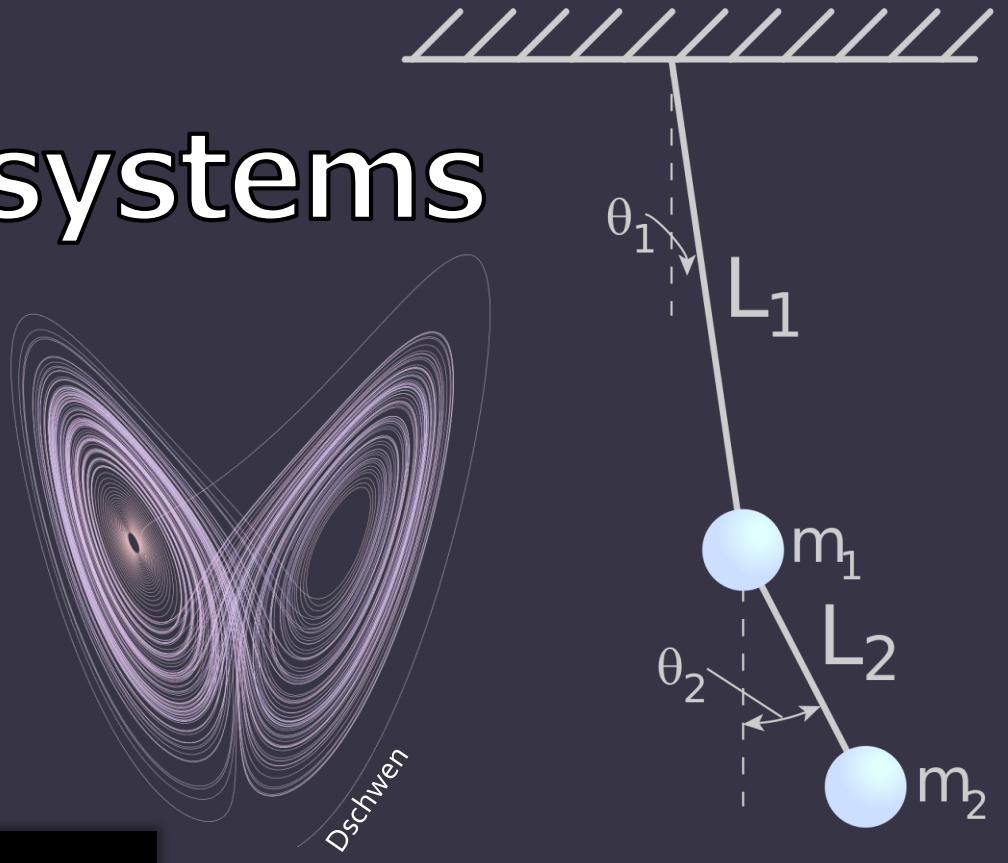
2. Hyperion (Saturn's moon) trajectory



3. Double pendulum



Credit: NASA/JPL/Space Science Institute

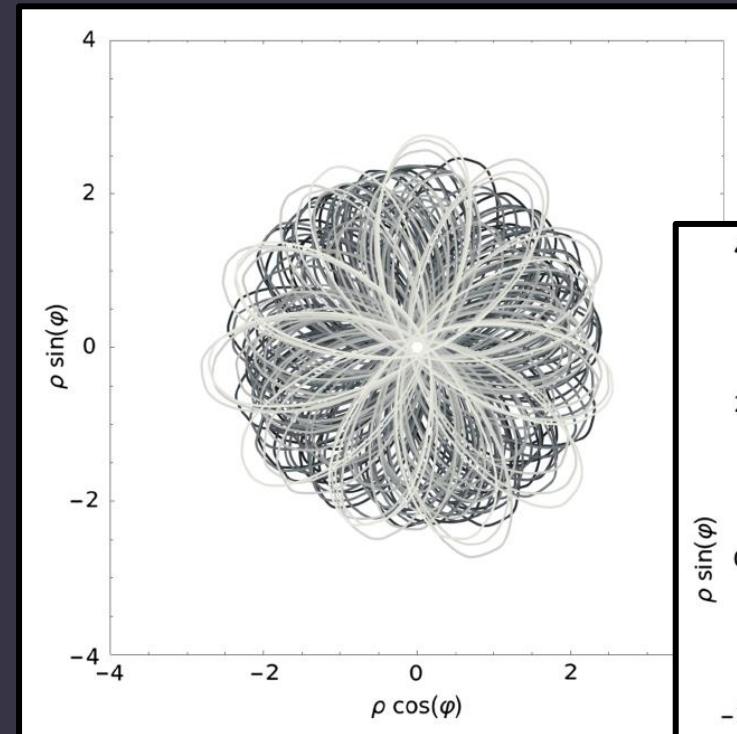




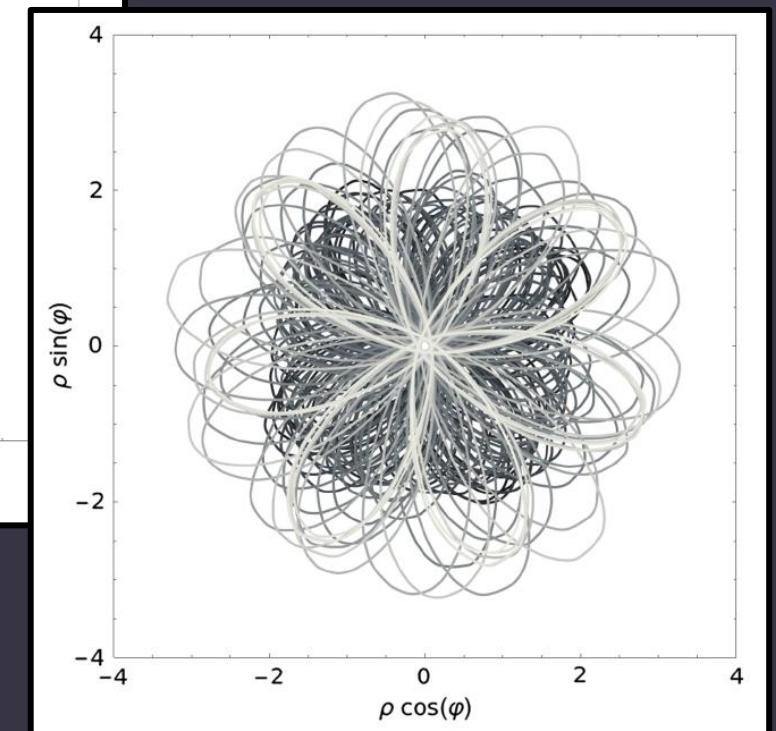
Chaos and standing gravitational waves

„Chaos and Einstein-Rosen GW”

- Szybka, Naqvi, Phys. Rev. D, 108, L081501 (2023)
- $z = \text{const}$
- Trajectories for freely falling particles

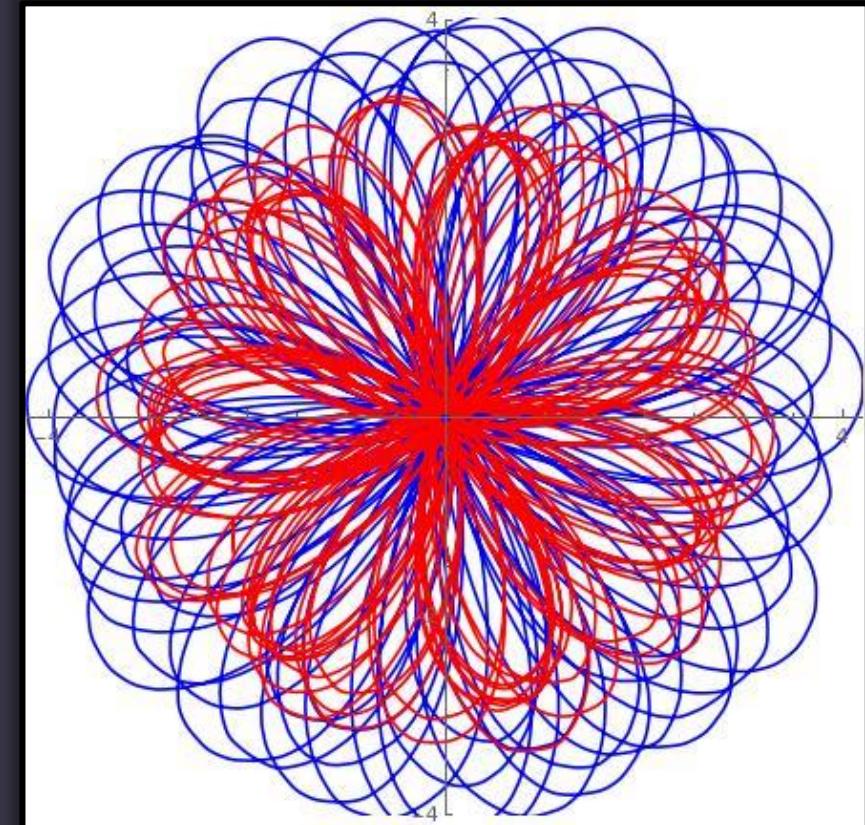


Change of $\dot{\rho}$ by 6×10^{-5}



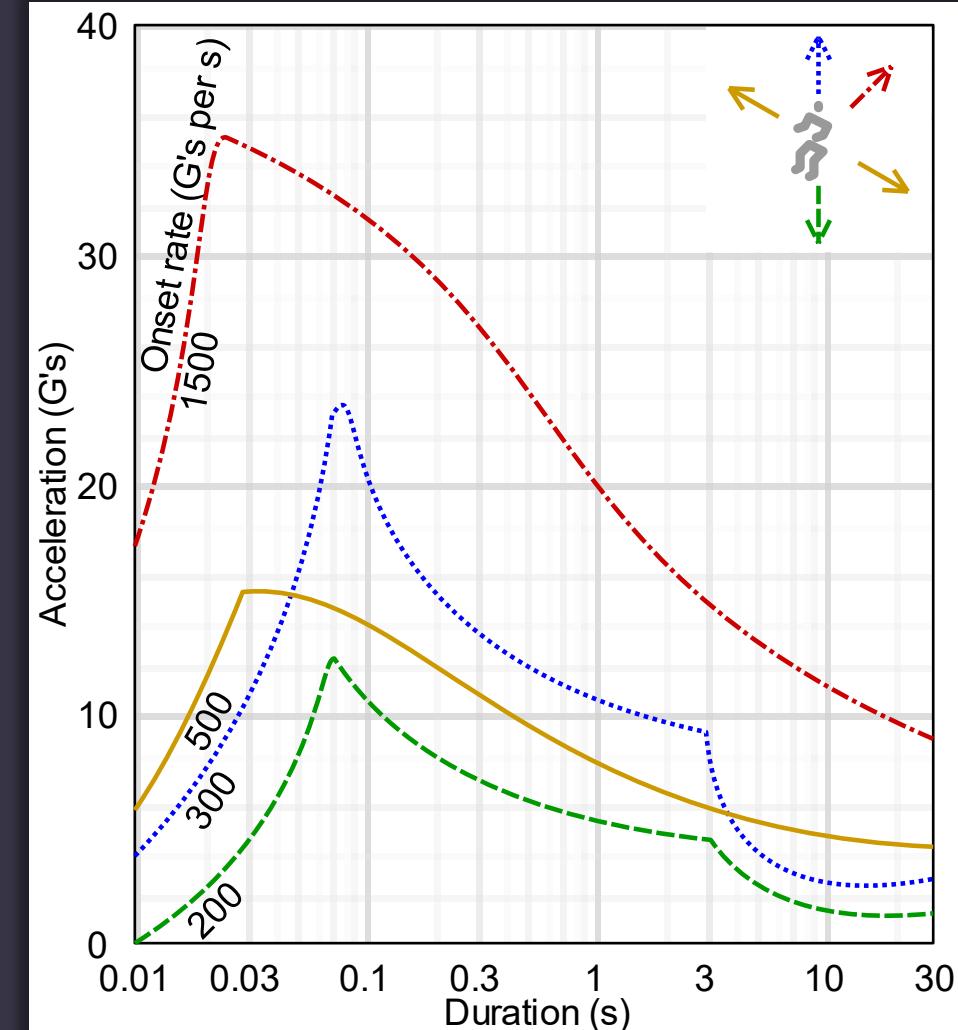
„Twin paradox“ and chaos

1. Particles start moving **from very similar position**: $\rho_A = 3.21$, $\rho_B = 3.22$
2. Trajectories = geodesics
3. Particles need to **reunite**
4. Comparing proper times („**age**“) of particles: particle B is **17%** older



Particles → humans

1. Safe conditions for people
2. Diagram: Acceleration vs duration
3. Different colours - different directions

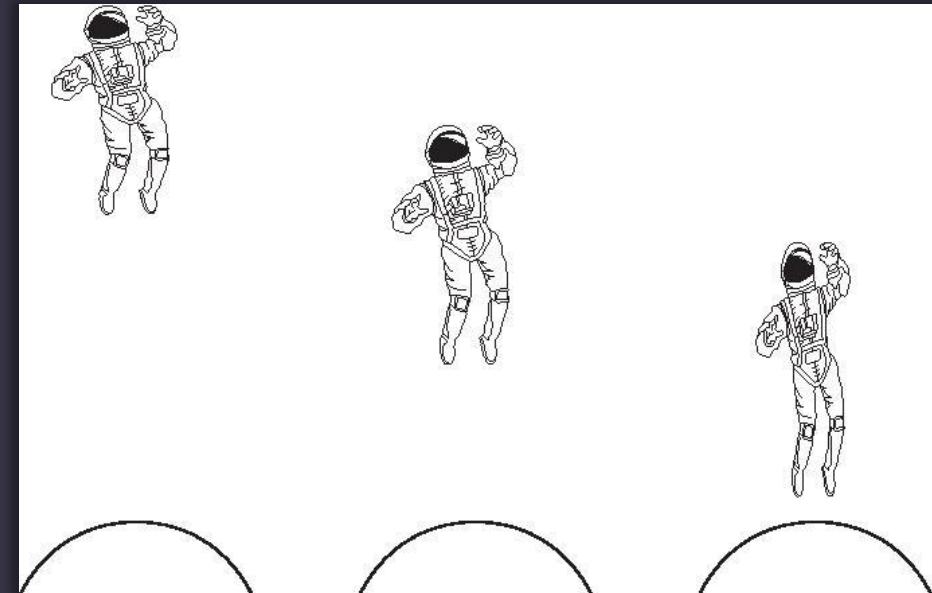


Tidal forces

1. No external forces, just effects from standing gravitational waves
2. Nearby geodesics (trajectories) are becoming closer / more distant



Tidal forces



Źr.: <https://www.rmg.co.uk/stories/topics/what-happens-if-you-fall-black-hole>

Summary

1. Spacetime with standing gravitational waves
2. Chaotic trajectories
3. „Twin paradox“ – age difference for freely falling particles
4. Tidal forces safe (e.g.) for humans → scale of the system

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