



New Solutions of Einstein Equations in Spherical Symmetry

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Message from the Guest Editors

Dear Colleagues,

As a purely mathematical theory, Einstein's Relativity predicts many models, whose properties can arouse interest in view of experimental proof of their actual validity. In the search for exact solutions to Einstein's equations, and related field equations coming from other theories of gravity, spherical solutions have obviously played a central role from the beginning. Despite its inadequacy in describing a phenomenon of great importance and topicality, spherical symmetry represents a rich training ground of relatively simple mathematical models, which can, however, show many central features of any theory of gravitation, the onset of horizons, and the formation of singularities. Furthermore, it is well known that the principles underlying relativistic cosmology lead us to consider the evolution of the universe in a spherical framework.

In this Special Issue of *Symmetry*, we wish to host contributions that illustrate the richness of Einstein's theory. Experts in the theory of Relativity are cordially invited to contribute their work on the topics indicated above.





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