

The gauge-invariant parametrized post-Newtonian formalism

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ζ_1	0.02	Combined PPN bounds	—
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ζ_3	10^{-8}	Newton's 3rd law	Lunar acceleration
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$$^1\eta_N = 4\beta - \gamma - 3 - \frac{10}{3}\xi - \alpha_1 + \frac{2}{3}\alpha_2 - \frac{2}{3}\zeta_1 - \frac{1}{3}\zeta_2$$

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