

Numerical Relativity and the Future of Gravitational-Wave Astronomy

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Abstract: Gravitational waves have been directly detected for the first time, from the collision of two black holes. Measuring the properties of the black holes (their masses and spins) required theoretical models of the signal, calculated by combining analytic approximation techniques with numerical solutions of the full Einstein equations for the last orbits and merger. I will discuss how the models were produced that were used in measuring the properties of the first black-hole-binary observed, and the challenges ahead as we enter the era of gravitational wave astronomy.



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3:00 pm Subinoy Das: "Astrophysical Small
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4:00 pm **Mark Hannam Colloquium**
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