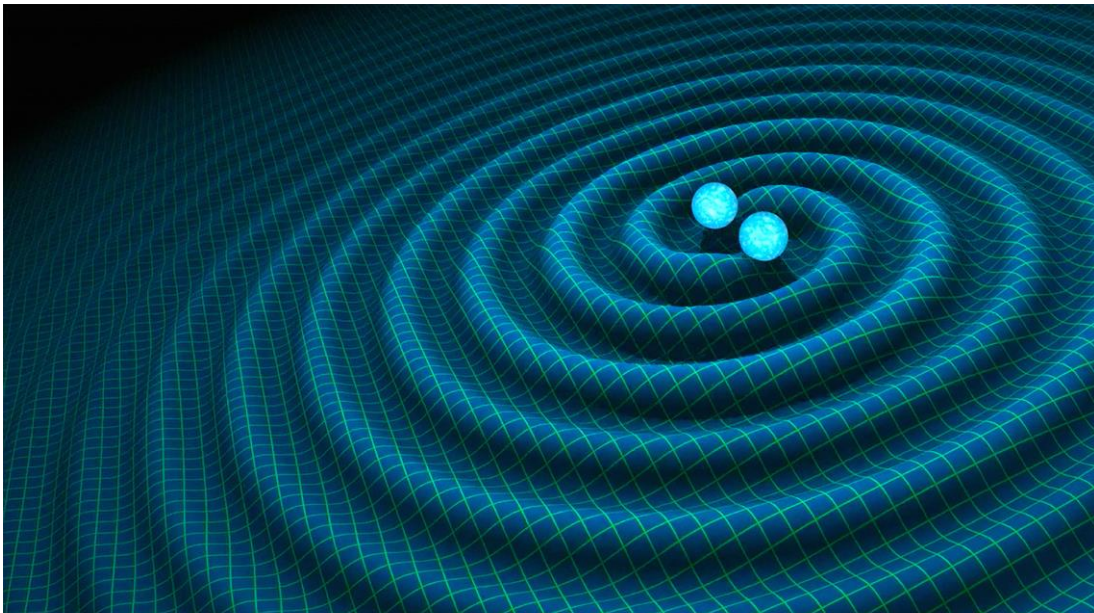




**The Tenth Harvard-Smithsonian
Conference
on Theoretical Astrophysics**



Scientific Program



Credit: R. Hurt/Caltech-JPL

Gravitational Wave Astrophysics

Sponsored by Raymond and Beverly Sackler and Irwin Shapiro

Monday, May 7th through Wednesday, May 9th, 2018

Sheraton Commander Hotel, 16 Garden Street, Cambridge, MA

Hosted by the Institute for Theory and Computation, Harvard University

<http://www.cfa.harvard.edu/events/2018/sackler/>

All talks are 30 minutes (25+5)

Sessions held in the George Washington Ballroom; Coffee Breaks held in the adjacent Terrace Room

Monday, 9:00AM-5:30PM

9:00-9:05AM

Charles Alcock and Avi Loeb: Welcome

Session 1: Detectors and Techniques

Session Chair: TBD

9:05-10:30AM

Nergis Malvavala: Current status of LIGO / Virgo

Matt Evans: Future ground-based detectors

Karsten Danzmann: LISA

10:30-11:00AM *Coffee Break*

11:00-12:30PM

Vicky Kaspi: PTA

Session 2: Data analysis + parameter estimation + Model Selection

Alessandra Buonanno: Numerical / analytical relativity

Duncan Brown: Template-based search techniques

12:30-2:00PM *Lunch Break*

Session Chair: TBD

2:00-3:30PM

Laura Cadonati: Burst search techniques

MariaAlessandra Papa: Continuous source search techniques

Neil Cornish: Parameter estimation (methods review)

3:30-4:00PM *Coffee Break*

4:00-5:30PM

Will Farr: Model Selection

Session 3: Source populations

Ilya Mandel: Black hole binary formation – field (common envelope)

Selma de Mink: Black hole binary formation – field (non-common envelope)

Tuesday, 9:00AM-5:30PM

Session 3: Source populations, cont'd

Session Chair:TBD

9:00-10:30AM

Fred Rasio: Black hole binary formation – dynamical

Smadar Naoz: Black hole binary formation – galactic nuclei

Deirdre Shoemaker: Black hole binary - simulations

10:30-11:00AM *Coffee Break*

11:00AM-12:30PM

Dan Holz: Neutron star binary - source population

Stephan Rosswog: Neutron star binary - simulations

Monica Colpi: SMBH binaries

12:30-2:00PM *Lunch Break*

Session Chair:TBD

2:00-3:30PM

Stan Woosley: Outcomes of core-collapse supernovae

Adam Burrows: GW from core-collapse supernovae

Alberto Sesana: Stochastic Backgrounds

Session 4: Results from O2/O2

3:30-4:00PM *Coffee Break*

4:00-5:30PM

Ben Farr: BBH detections in O1/O2

Sathyaprakash Bangalore: Tests of GR

Paolo Pani: Alternative theories of gravity

Wednesday, 9:00AM-12:30PM

Session 5: Electromagnetic counterparts + follow-up

Session Chair: Edo Berger

9:00-11:00 AM

Wen-fai Fong: Short GRBs

Brian Metzger: Kilonova models

Raffaella Margutti: Radio/X-ray counterparts

Bence Kocsis: EM counterparts for LISA sources

11:00-11:30AM *Coffee Break*

11:30-12:30PM

Panel on EM follow-up

Philip Evans, Mansi Kasliwal, Stephen Smartt, Philip Cowperthwaite, Lindy Blackburn

12:30PM **End of Conference**

Wednesday, 6:30-10:00PM

(6:30PM)

Reception

(7:00PM)

Banquet Dinner in the Mount Vernon Ballroom

(8:30PM)

After-Dinner Talk by Rai Weiss with introductory remarks by Avi Loeb
