

2008 Atlantic Relativity Miniconference

Report

The 2008 Atlantic Relativity Mini-Conference was held May-10-11 at UNB in Fredericton. The plenary speaker was Bei Lok Hu (Univ. of Maryland). He gave two talks, on emergent and quantum gravity and on structure formation via stochastic gravity. There were contributed talks by Ivan Booth (Mem. U) on horizons and geometry of Vaidya spacetime; Johan Brannlund (Dal. U) on holonomy, decomposability and GR; Jack Gegenberg (UNB) on tachyons, cosmology and the RG flow; Viqar Husain (UNB) on critical behaviour in quantum gravitational collapse; George Jones (UNB-SJ) on rotating wormholes; Andreas Kreienbuehl (UNB) on quantized FRW with a massless scalar field; Haitao Liu (UNB) on 4D WZW models; Sanjeev Seahra on branworld cosmological perturbations and finally Ben Tippett(UNB) on counterexamples to the Penrose inequality. In addition to the talks and discussion, there was a catered (actually Lebanese take-out) conference banquet at Jack Gegenberg's home. It was a successful meeting, and we hope that the series will continue, perhaps at Dal U, in 2009.

The conference expenses were \$555.40 for travel and \$210.00 for accommodations and meals for BL Hu. The cost of the banquet was \$438.00. The cost of lunch and coffee/snacks was \$380. The total cost was \$1583.40.

Jack Gegenberg