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## The operational meaning of total energy in general relativity

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The ADM and Bondi energies are key examples of diffeomorphism-invariant observables. They have played a crucial role to understand energy in general relativity, and by Noether's theorem, to understand (boundary) symmetries. In spite of their conceptual importance, we don't know how to directly measure them: their reconstructed values from gravitational waveforms are only inferred quantities. In this talk I will present thought experiments that provide an operational meaning to both ADM and Bondi energies.

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