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*Computations with overconvergent  $GL_3$  modular symbols.* Preliminary report.

In this talk, we will make some comparison theorems of Ash and Stevens about overconvergent and classical  $GL_3$  modular symbols very explicit. In particular, we will discuss computations of some overconvergent eigensymbols that lift known classical  $GL_3$  eigensymbols. This project is joint with David Pollack. (Received February 16, 2006)