

LIGO and discovery of the gravitational waves



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2017/10/03 Nobel prize in Physics

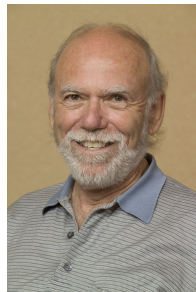
“for decisive contributions to the LIGO detector and the observation of gravitational waves”



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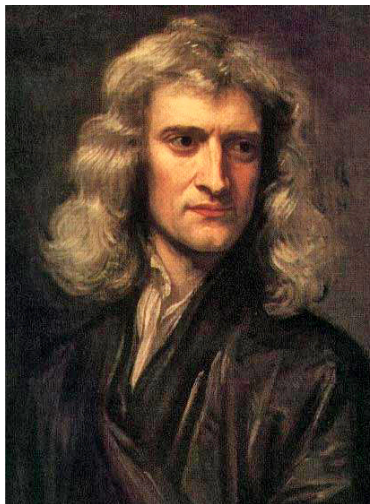


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LIGO Scientific Collaboration



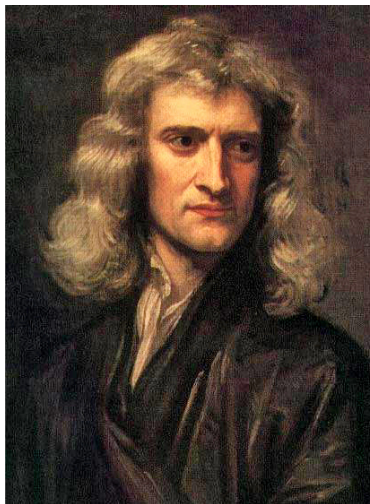


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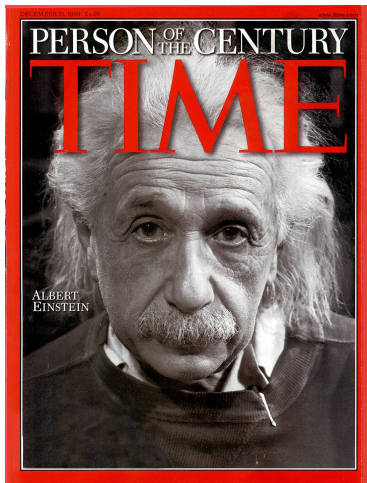
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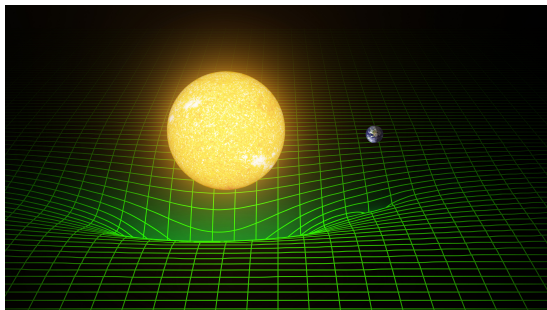


The General Theory of Relativity and theory of Gravity (1915)

- No absolute motion
thus only relative motion
- Space and time are not separate
thus four dimensional space-time
- Gravity is not a force acting at a distance
thus warpage of space-time

General relativity

- A geometric theory connecting matter to spacetime
- Matter tells spacetime how to curve
- Spacetime tells matter how to move

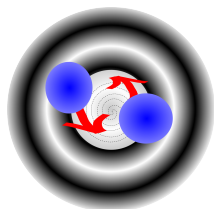


important predictions

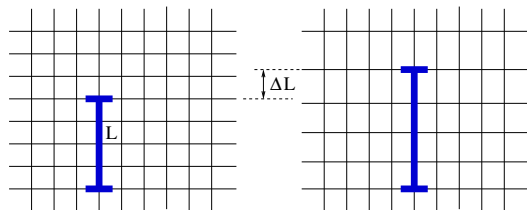
- Light path bends in vicinity of massive object → confirmed in 1919
- Gravitational radiation (waves) → confirmed **indirectly** in 1974

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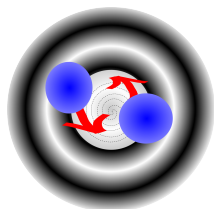
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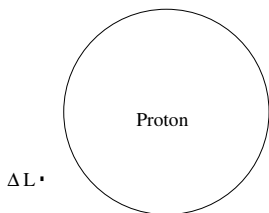
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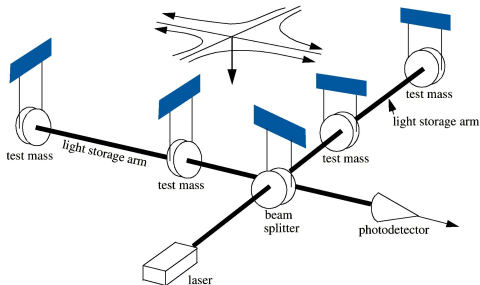
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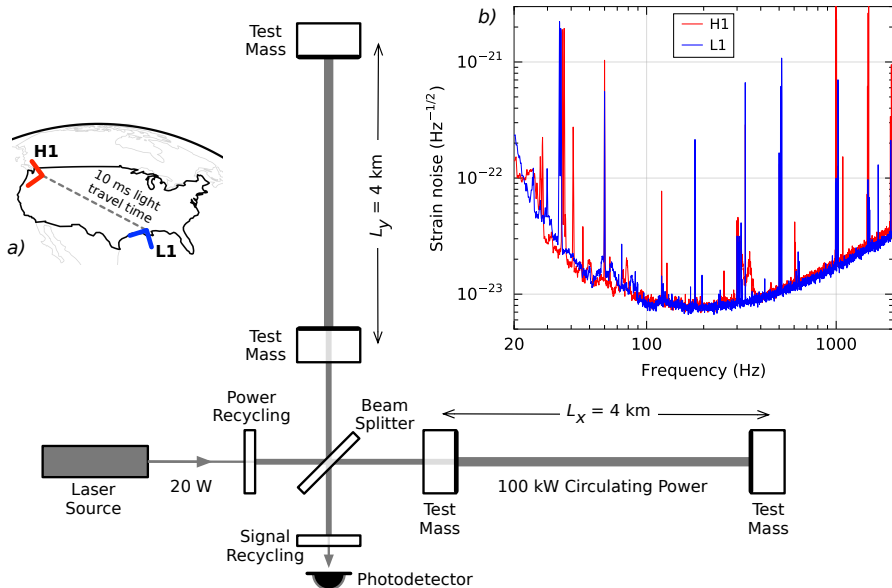
Laser Interferometer Gravitational-wave Observatory



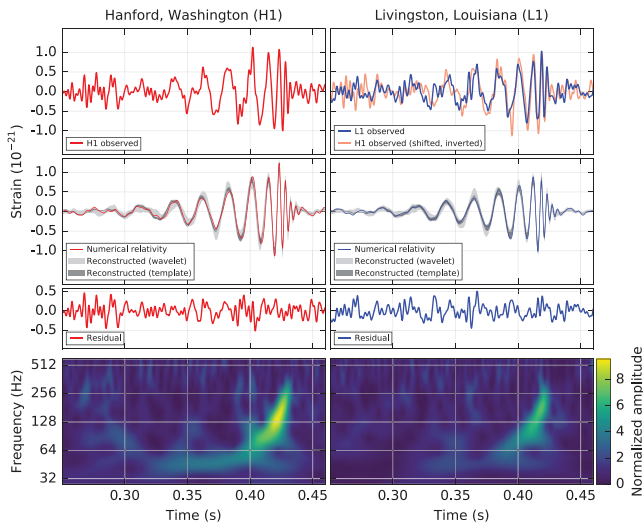
- $L = 4 \text{ km}$
- $h \sim 10^{-23}$



advanced LIGO detector summary



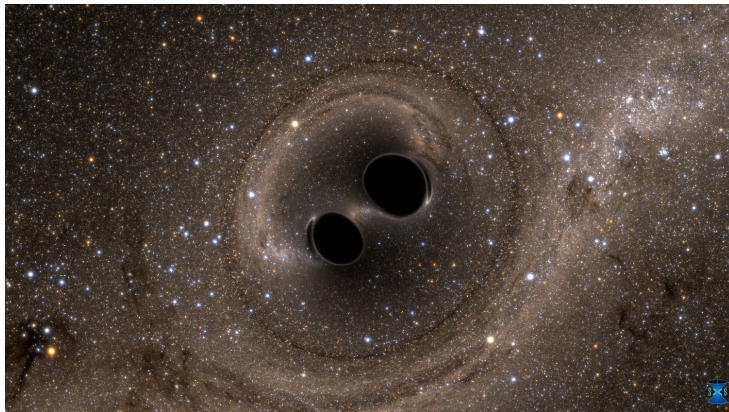
GW signal at 09:50:45 UTC on 14 September 2015



LIGO Scientific Collaboration, "Observation of Gravitational Waves from a Binary Black Hole Merger", Phys. Rev. Lett., 116, 061102, (2016).

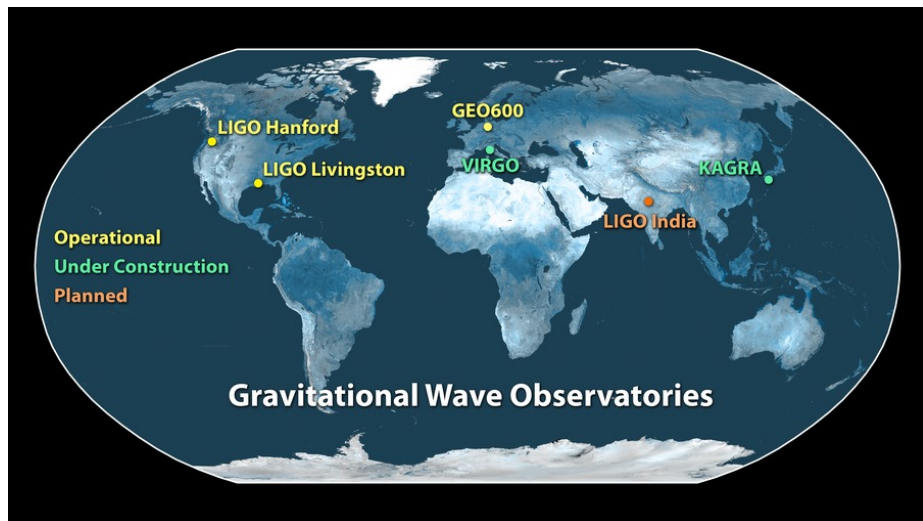
The sound of gravitational wave and simulated sky

- The Sound of Two Black Holes Colliding
- Two Black Holes Merge into One

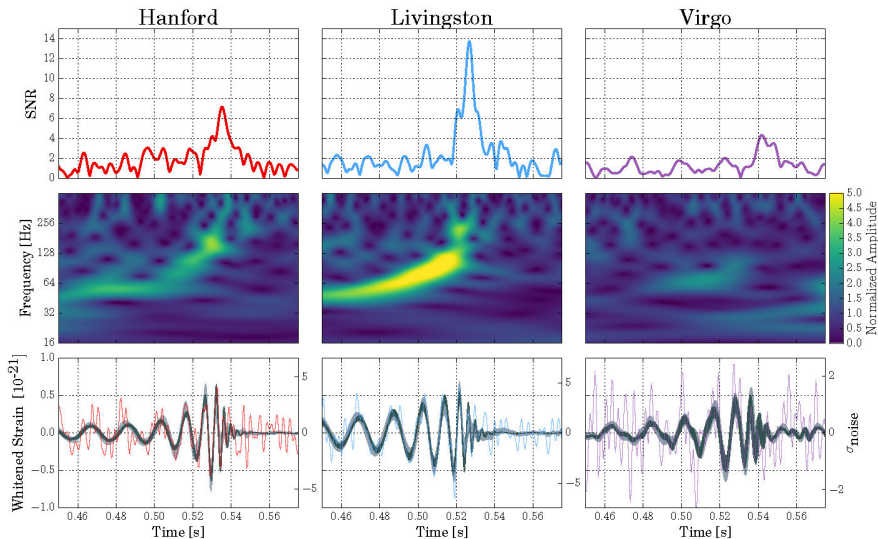


Two black holes with 29 and 36 solar masses merged about 1.3 billion years ago

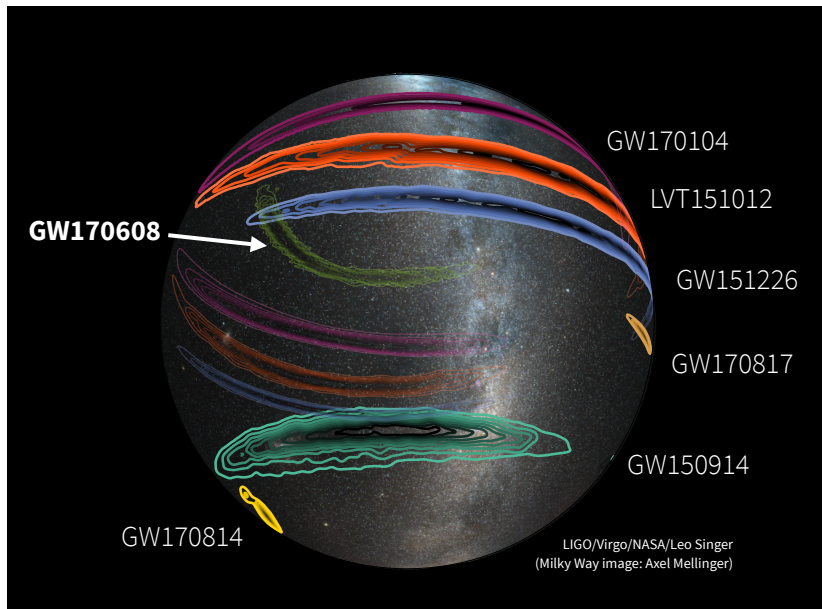
World wide network of detectors



GW170814 triple detection

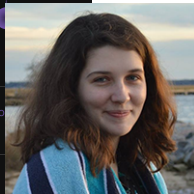
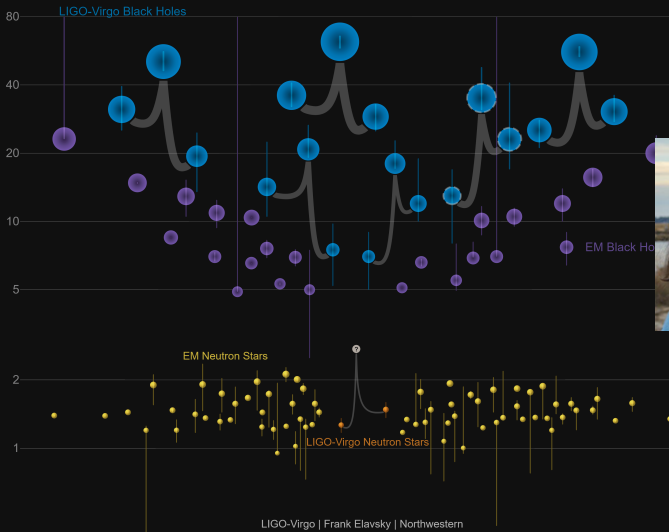


Sky maps



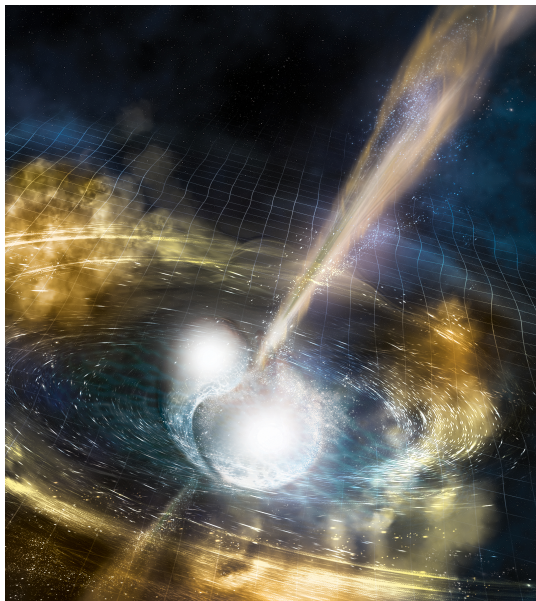
Masses in the Stellar Graveyard

in Solar Masses



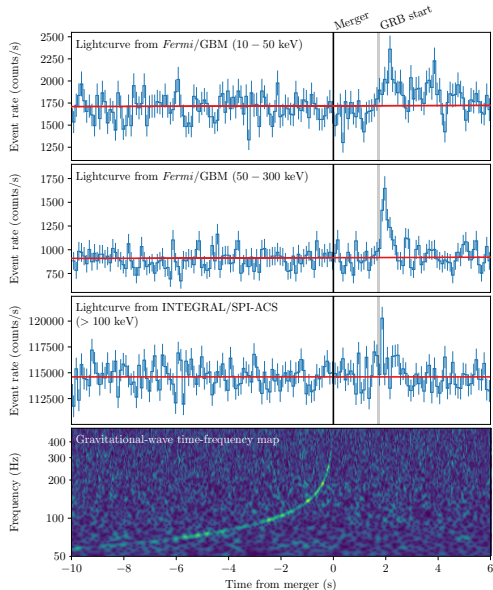
Authors: **Eve Chase** , Vassiliki Kalogera, and Shane Larson.
[Interactive plot link](#)

GW170817-kilonova artistic depiction

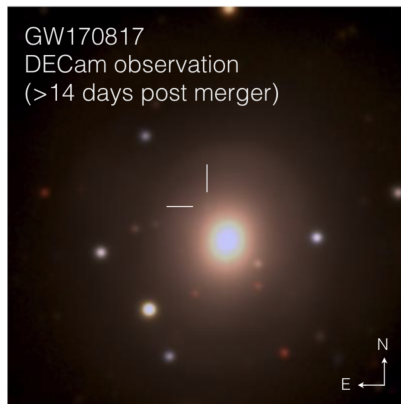
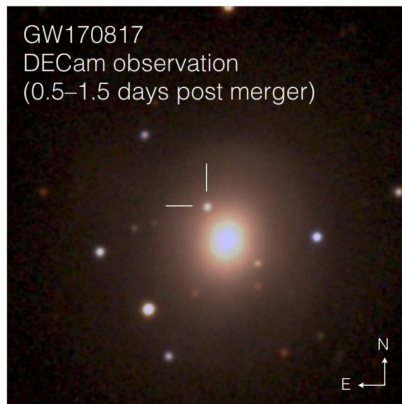


Simulation movie
<https://youtu.be/V6cm-0bwJ98>

GW170817-kilonova: two neutron stars collision

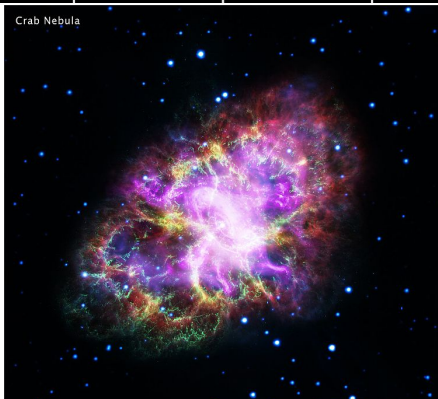
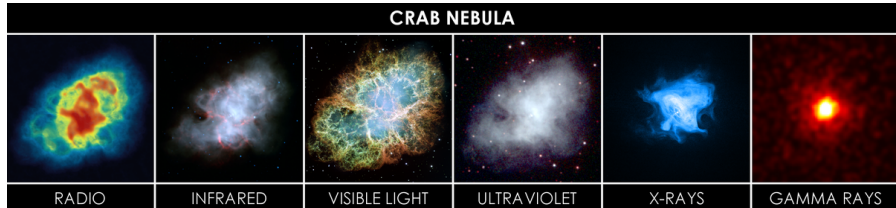


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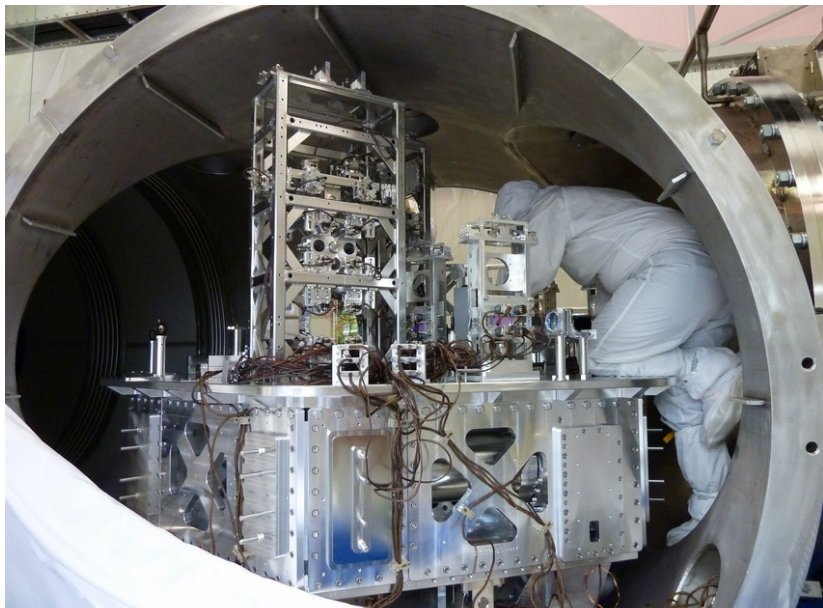


- GW170817: Coherent Spectrogram and Audio <https://dcc.ligo.org/LIGO-G1701924>
- GW170817: Fermi and LIGO signals https://wiki.ligo.org/pub/EPO/GW170817/GBM_GW170817_small.mov

Crab nebula, supernova 1054 remnants



Inside the tube



Seismic isolation



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Part of large system



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Work in chamber



Inside vacuum chamber

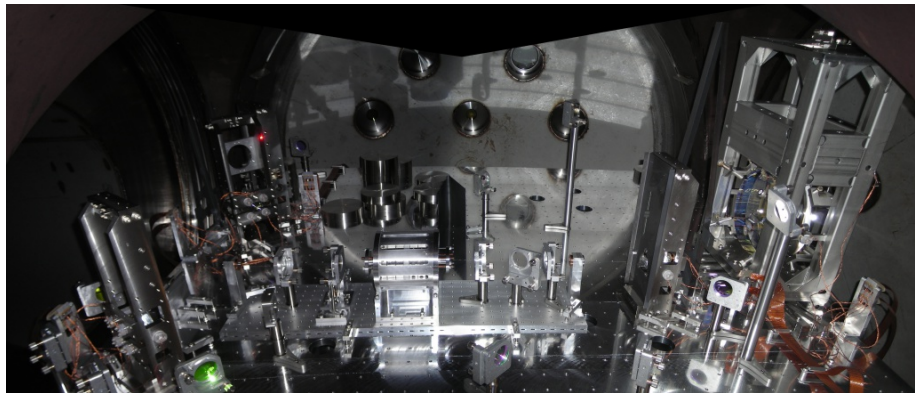
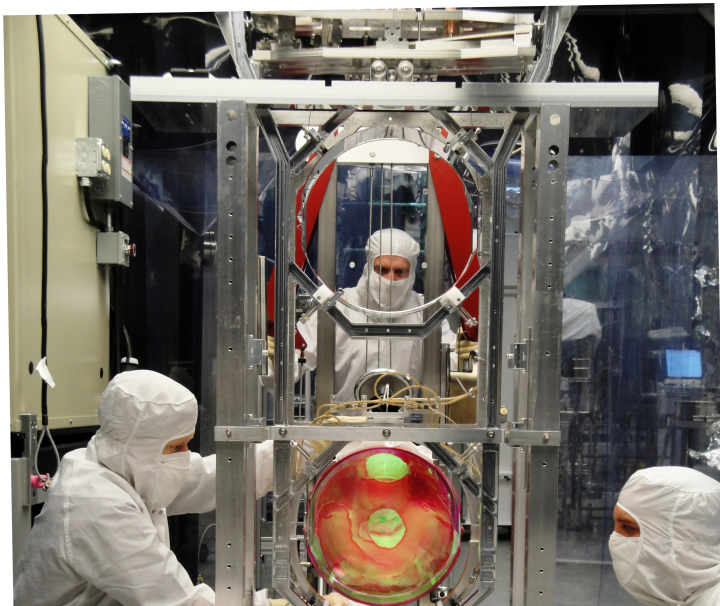


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Mode cleaner optics



Large optics suspension



Mirror

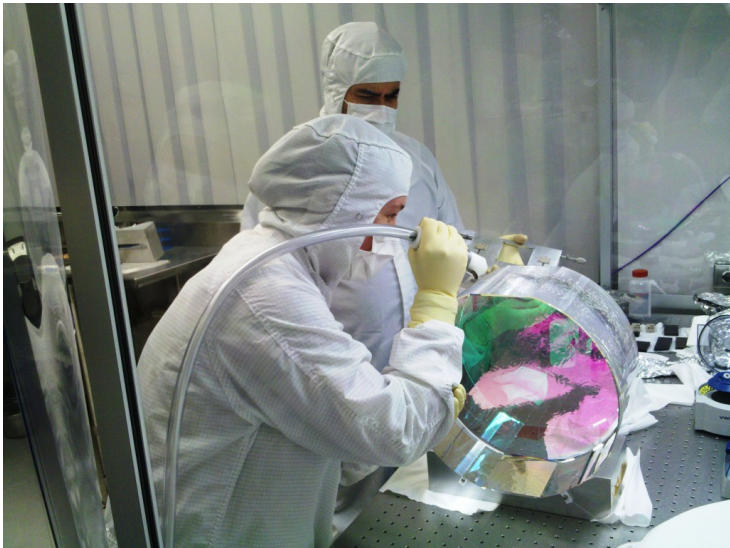


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Inner test mass

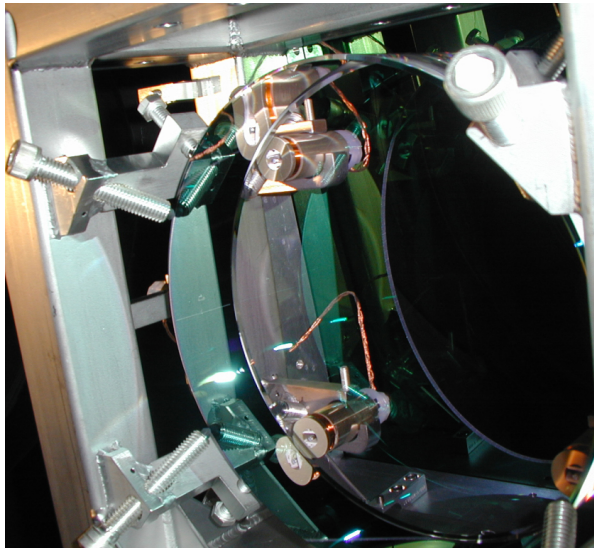
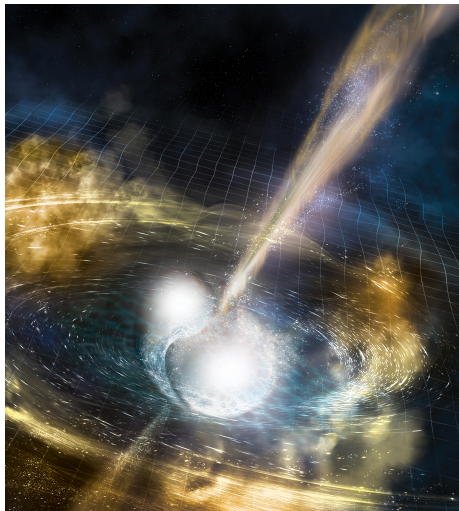


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We can detect stars collisions and ...



Summary



- In 2015 we detected first Gravitational Wave
- Now we are talking about GW astronomy