The background of the slide is a detailed illustration of a black hole. A large, dark, circular event horizon is at the center, surrounded by a glowing accretion disk. The disk is composed of concentric rings of light, with colors ranging from blue and green to yellow and orange. Numerous stars of various sizes and colors (white, yellow, orange) are scattered throughout the dark blue space. Some stars are bright and clear, while others are faint and distant. The overall effect is a sense of deep space and cosmic phenomena.

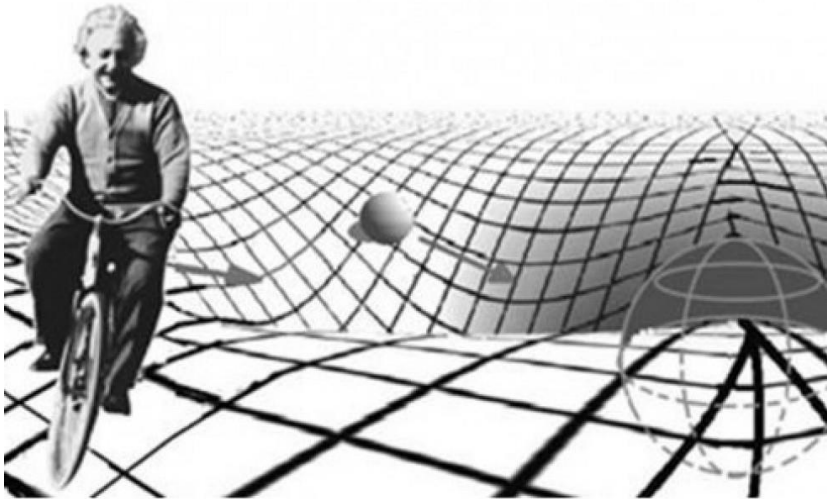
Connecting black hole collisions to seismic sensing
Jo van den Brand, Nikhef and VU Amsterdam
Connecting Strength of Big Science, June 10, 2016

Einstein's theory of general relativity

Einstein discovers deep connections between space, time, light, and gravity

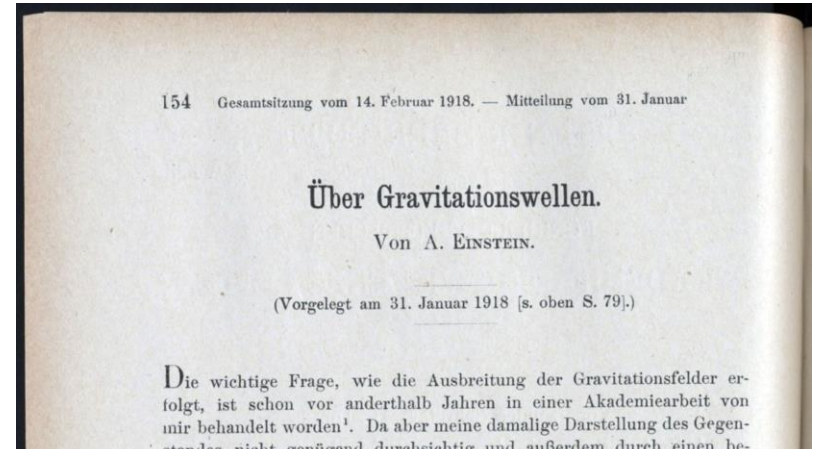
Einstein's Gravity

- Space and time are physical objects
- Gravity as a geometry



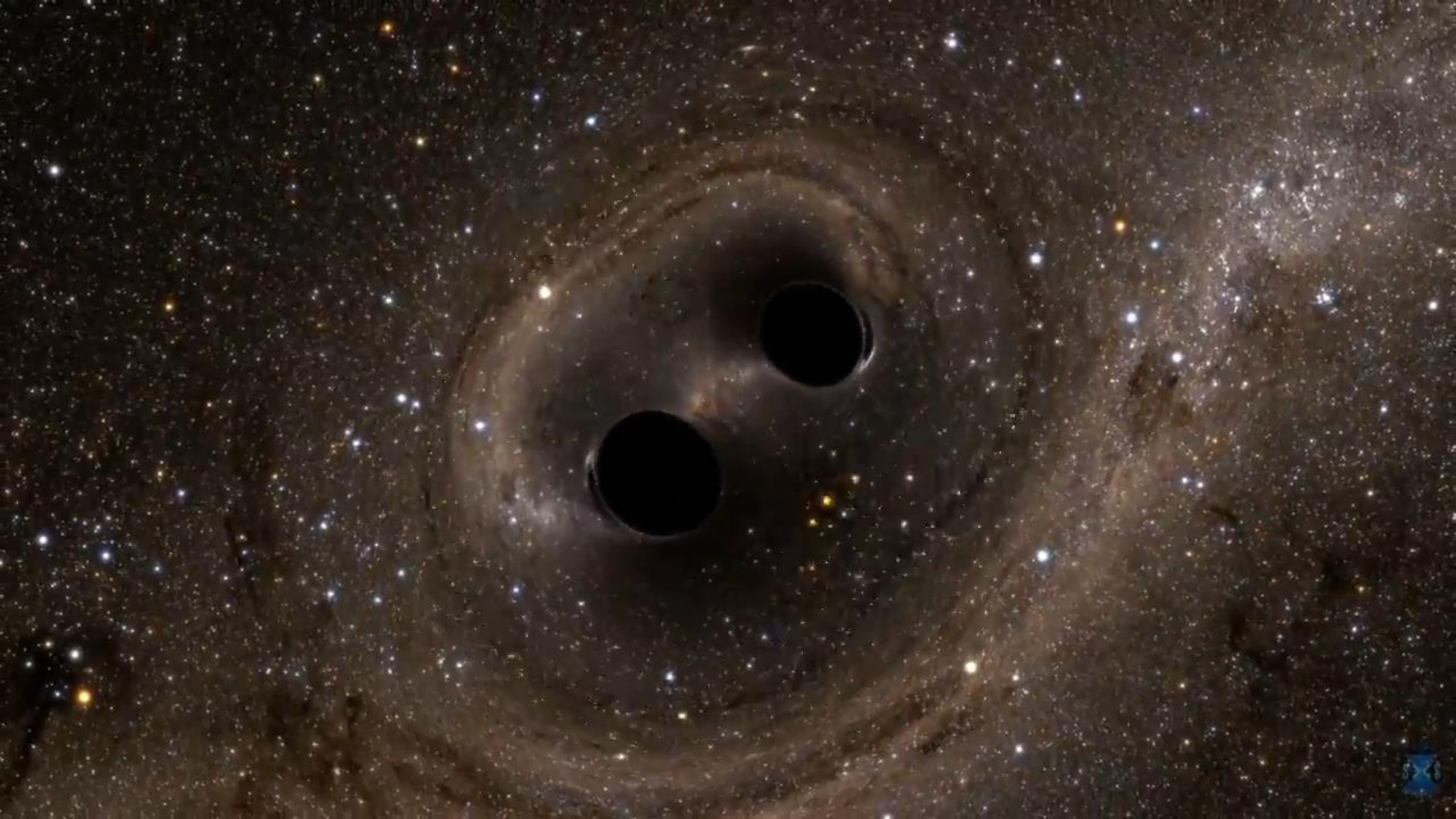
Predictions

- Gravitation is curvature of spacetime
- Light bends around the Sun
- Expansion of the Universe
- Black holes, worm holes, structure formation, ...
- Gravitational waves



Event GW150914

Chirp-signal of gravitational waves from two merging black holes has been observed by the LIGO-Virgo Consortium on September 14, 2015



Observation of GW from the merger of two black holes

At least five major discoveries were reported on February 11, 2016 by the LIGO Virgo Consortium

Discoveries

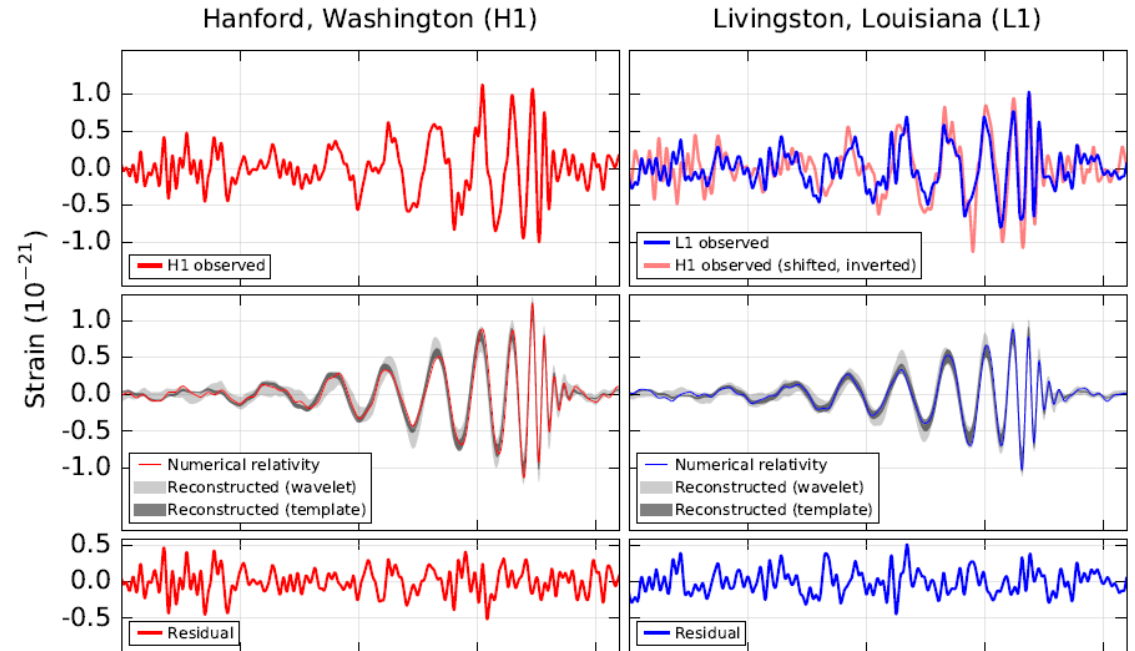
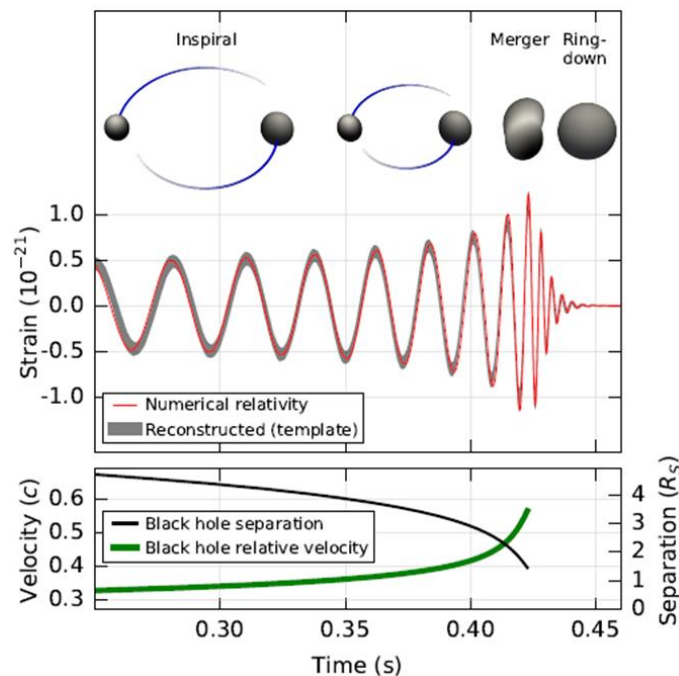
Gravitational waves were detected directly for the first time

A black hole binary was observed

The creation and ring-down of a single black hole could be studied

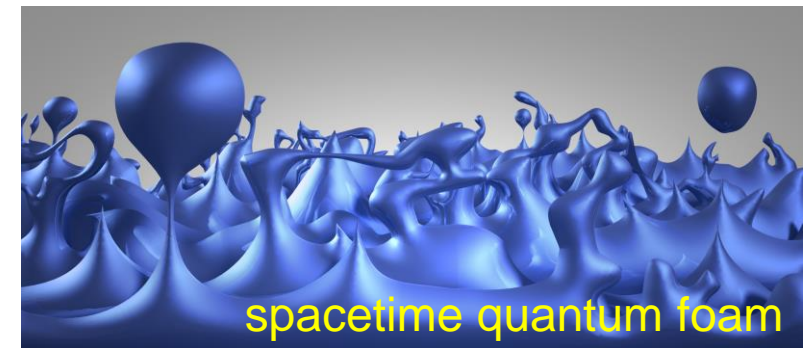
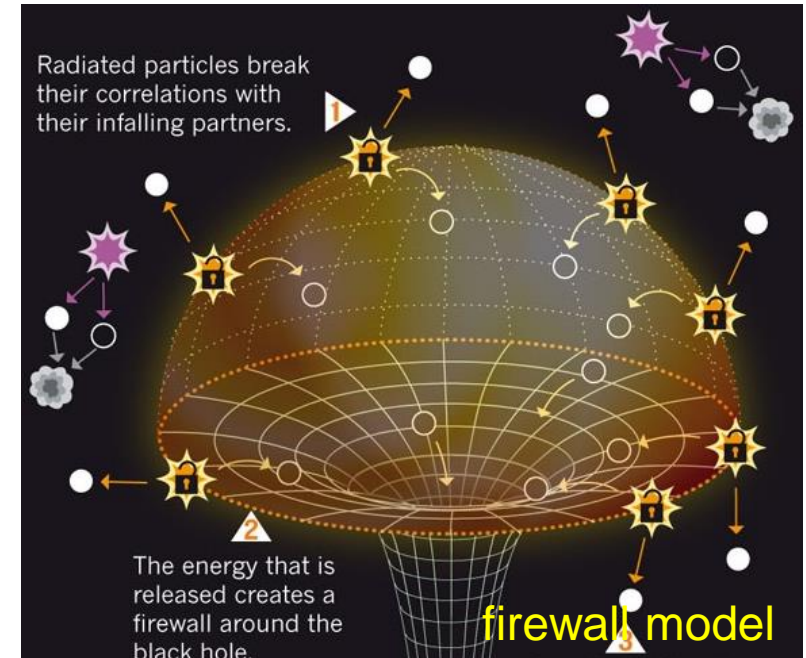
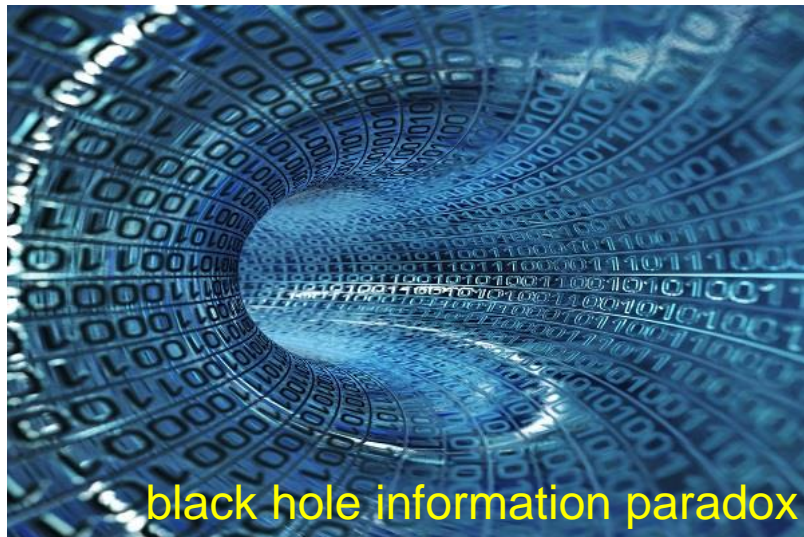
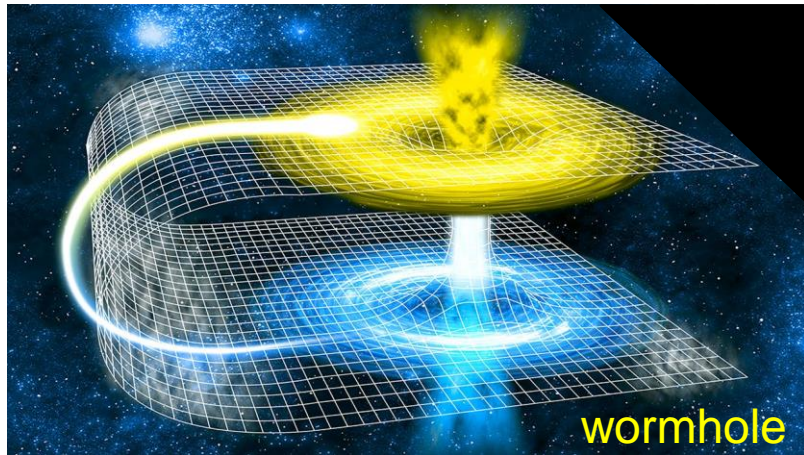
Einstein's theory of general relativity could be tested in the strong-field gravity regime

The most powerful event ever was observed: at the peak of the merger more power was emitted than all galaxies in the universe combined



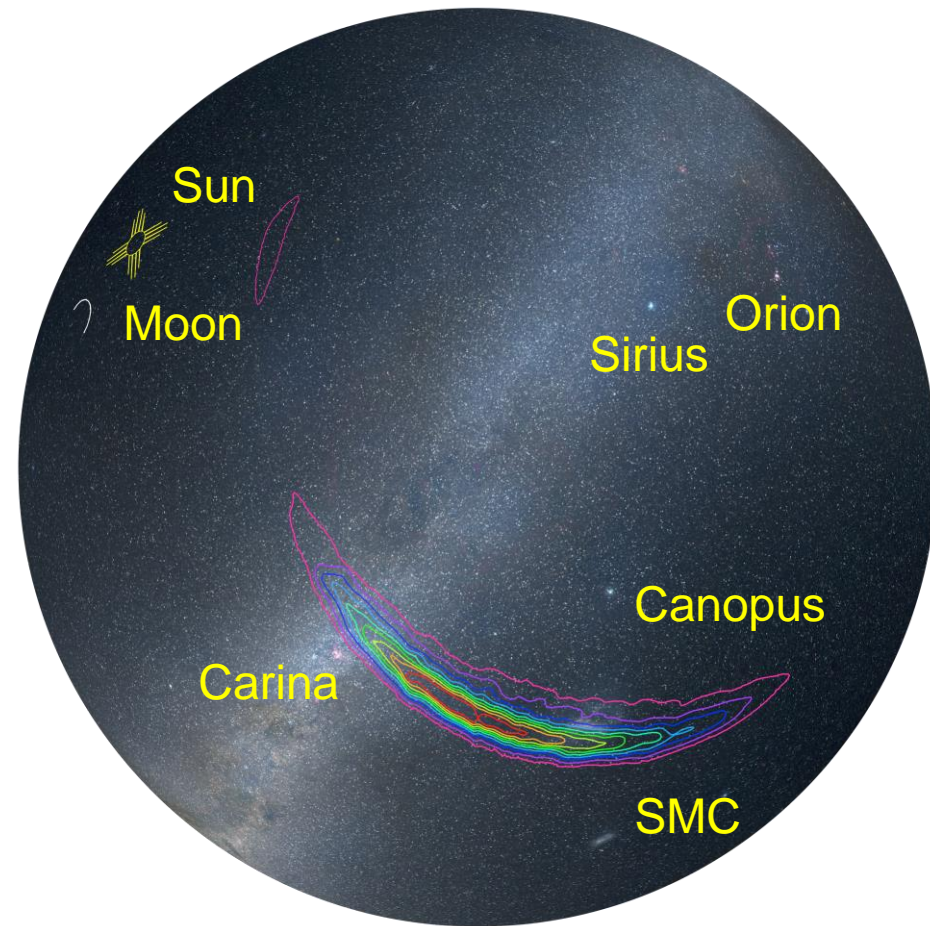
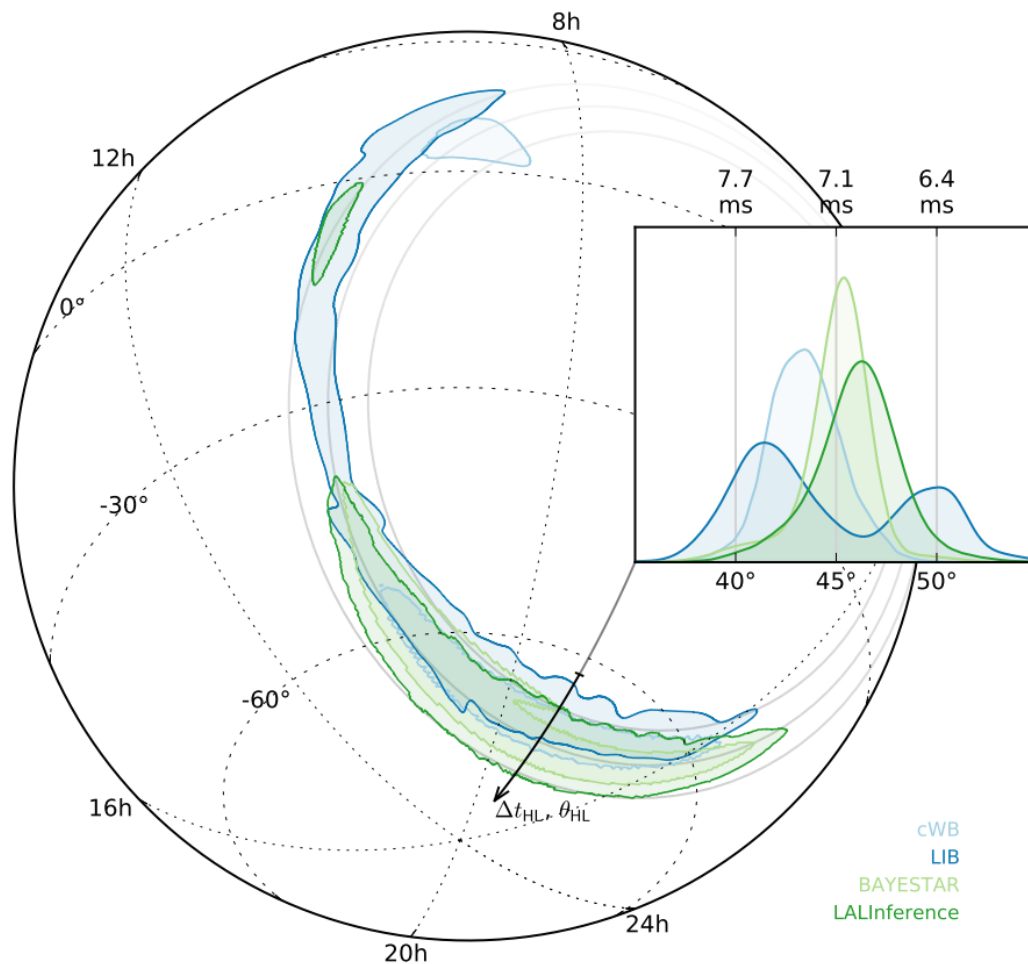
Did we observe black holes?

Our theories “predict” the existence of other objects, such as worm holes, boson-stars, gravastars, firewalls, etc. The ring-down signals contain important information



Sky localization probability maps

Sky at the time of the event, with 90% credible level contours. View is from the South Atlantic Ocean, North at the top, with the Sun rising and the Milky Way diagonally from NW to SE



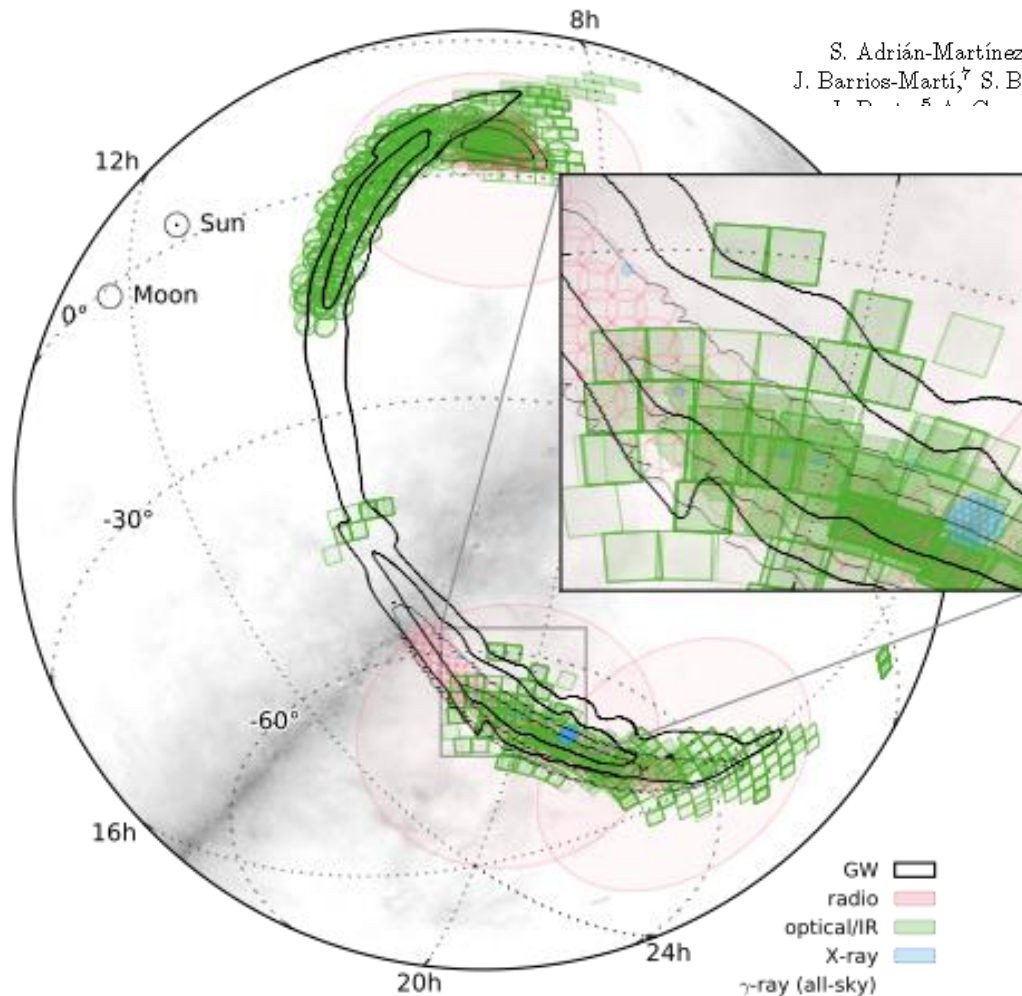
Towards multi-messenger astronomy

Sky map for GW150914 was sent to astronomers (agreements with 74 groups), and they looked. However, we do not expect any EM emission from binary black holes

High-energy Neutrino follow-up search of Gravitational Wave Event GW150914 with ANTARES and IceCube

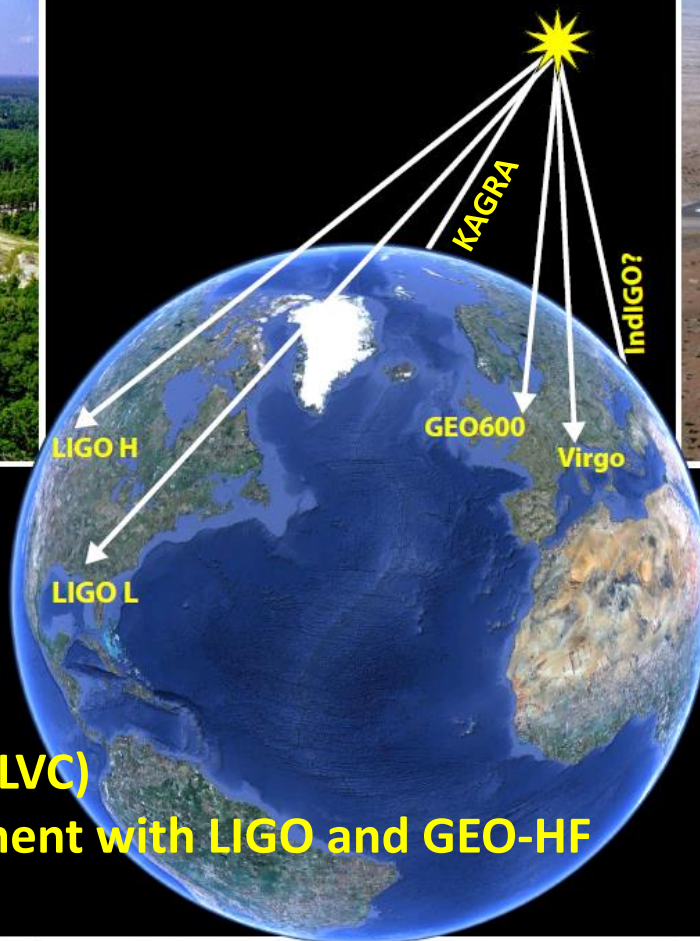
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arXiv 1602.05411



Footprints of Tiled Observations

Group	Area (deg ²)	Contained probability (%)		
		cWB ^a	LIB ^b	LALIn ^c
Swift	2	0.6	0.8	0.1
DES	94	32.1	13.4	6.6
INAF	93	28.7	9.5	6.1
J-GEM	24	0.0	1.2	0.4
MASTER	167	9.3	3.3	6.0
Pan-STARRS	355	27.9	22.9	8.8
SkyMapper	34	9.1	7.9	1.7
TZAC	29	15.1	3.5	1.6
ZTF	140	3.1	2.9	0.9
(total optical)	759	76.5	46.8	23.9
LOFAR-TKSP	103	26.6	1.3	0.5
MWA	2615	97.8	71.8	59.0
VAST	304	25.3	1.7	6.3
(total radio)	2623	97.8	71.8	59.0
(total)	2730	97.8	76.8	62.1 ^d



LIGO Virgo Collaboration (LVC)
Completed first measurement with LIGO and GEO-HF

KAGRA in 2020
LIGO India approved!



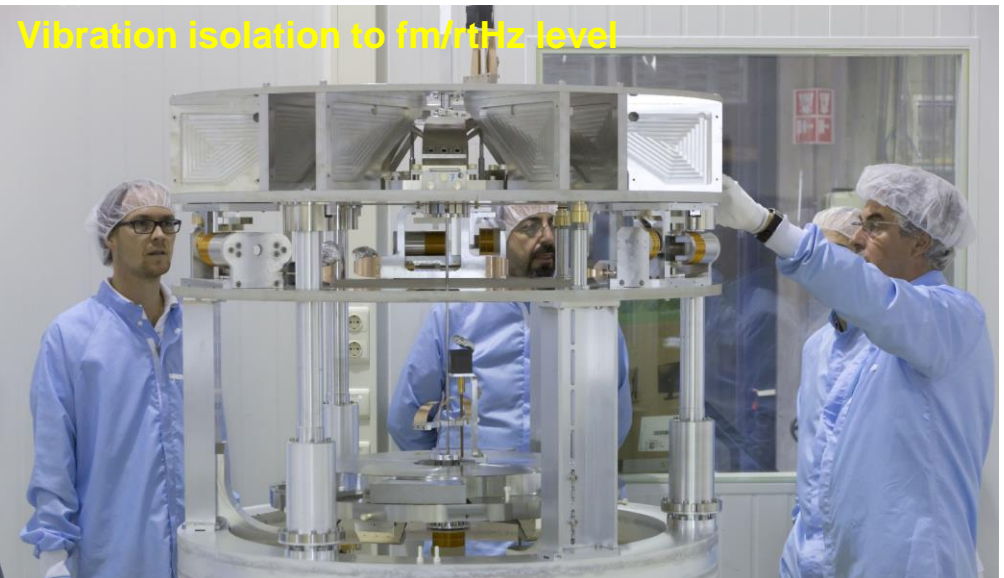
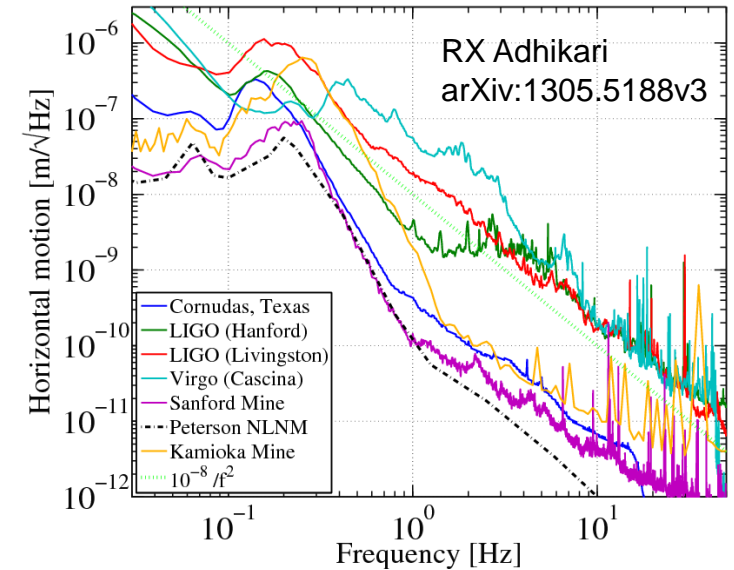
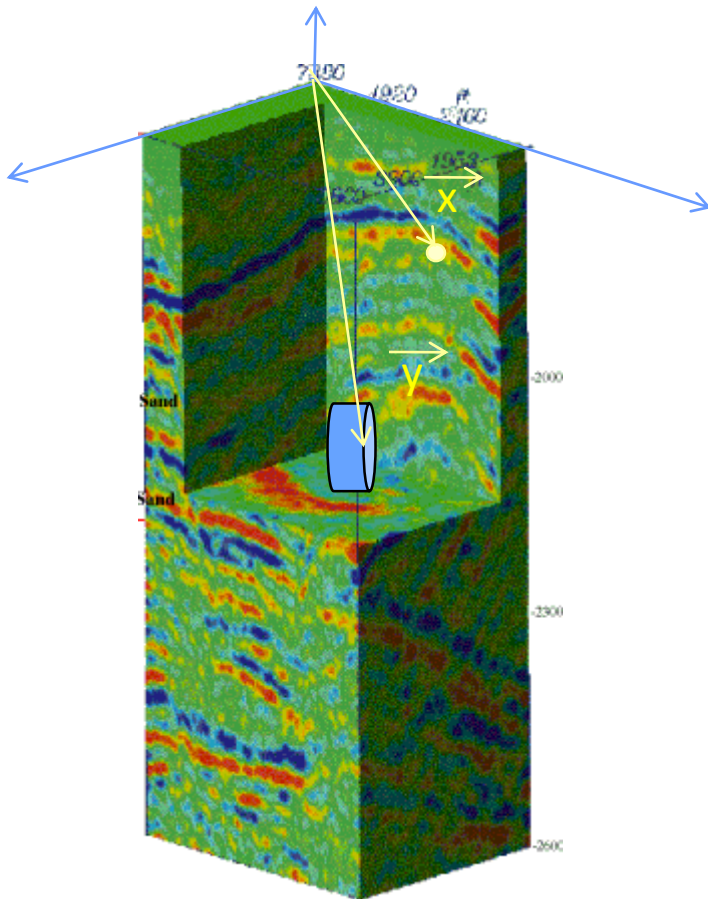
Technological innovation in opto/mechanics, and sensors

Developments in large optical components, coatings, interferometer controls, and vibration isolation. Here we discuss an example on sensor development and from spin-off activities at Nikhef

Issues

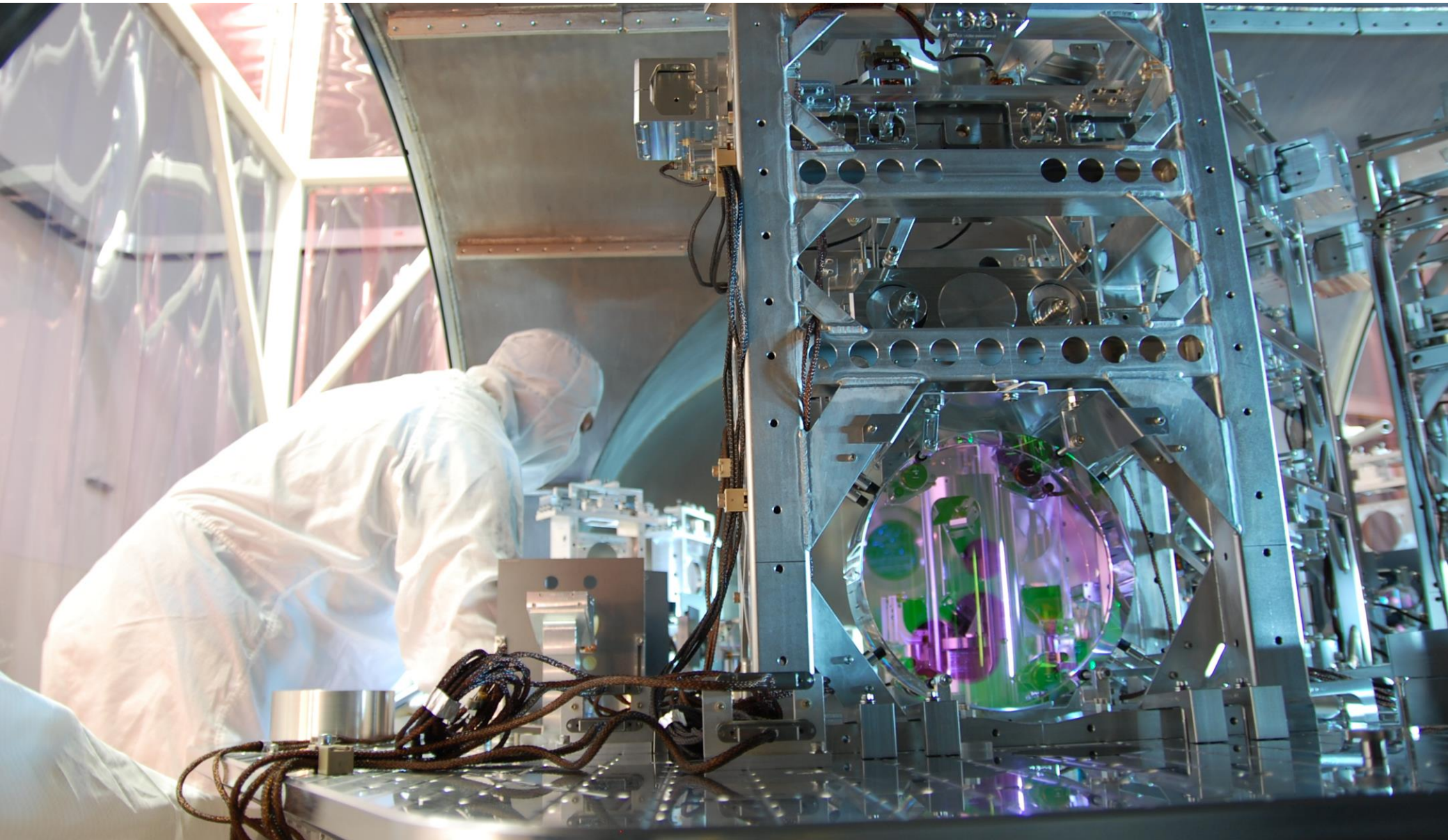
Seismic ground motion is about 10^{12} times higher than the GW effects. Thus vibration isolation systems are needed

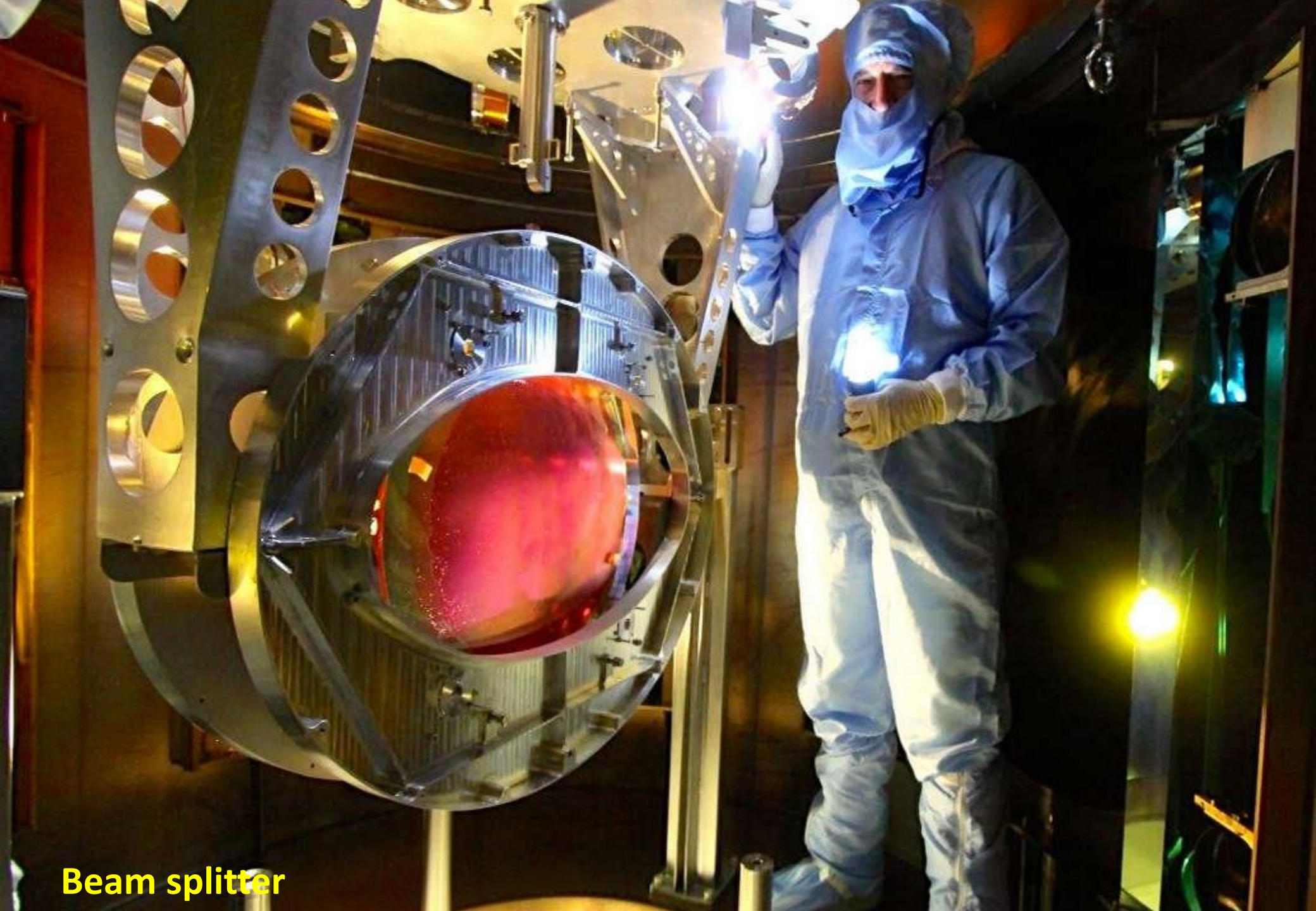
Moreover gravity gradient noise can only be subtracted by sensor networks. This triggered sensor development



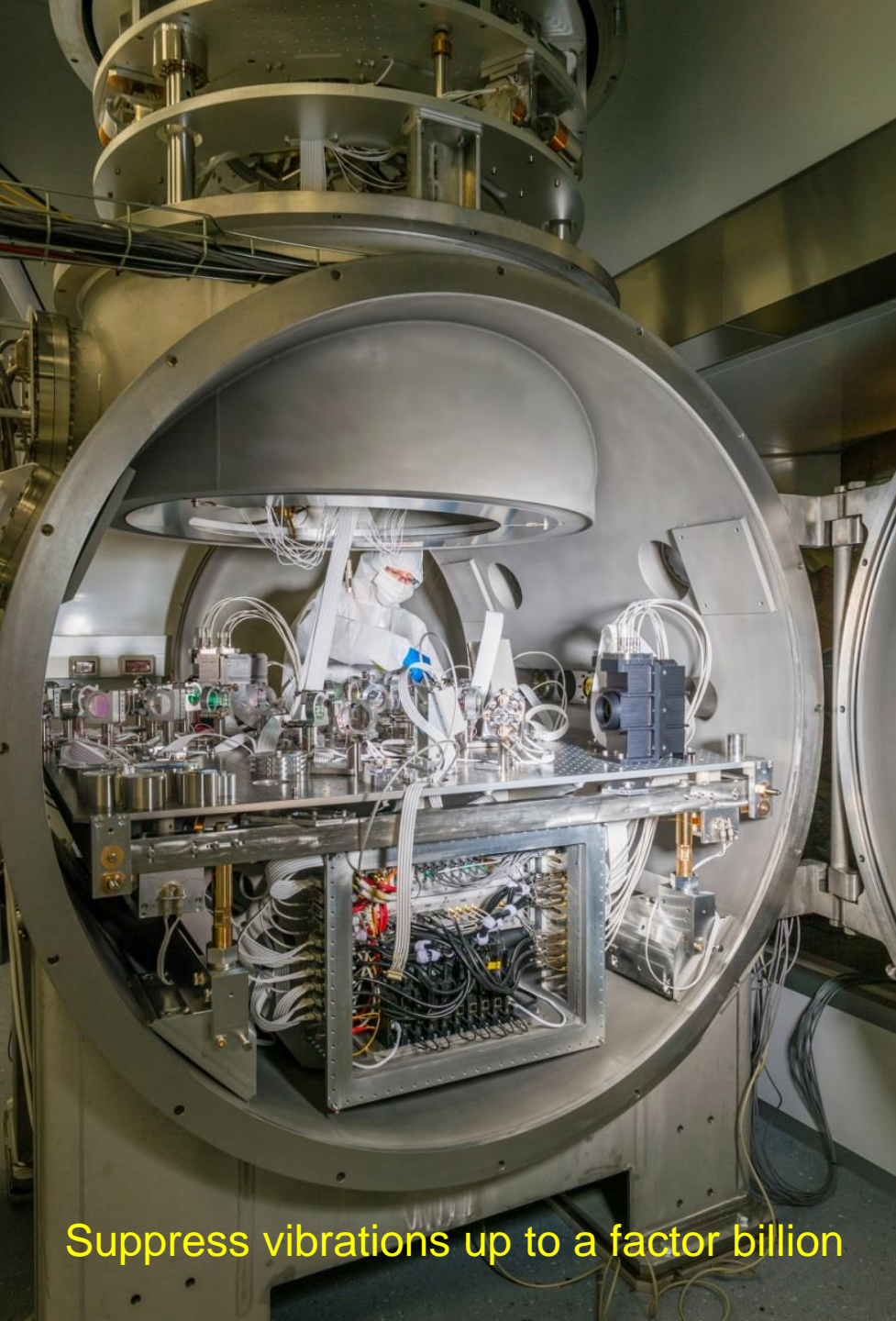
Optics, mechanics, electronics, controls, vacuum

Mirror for “power recycling”

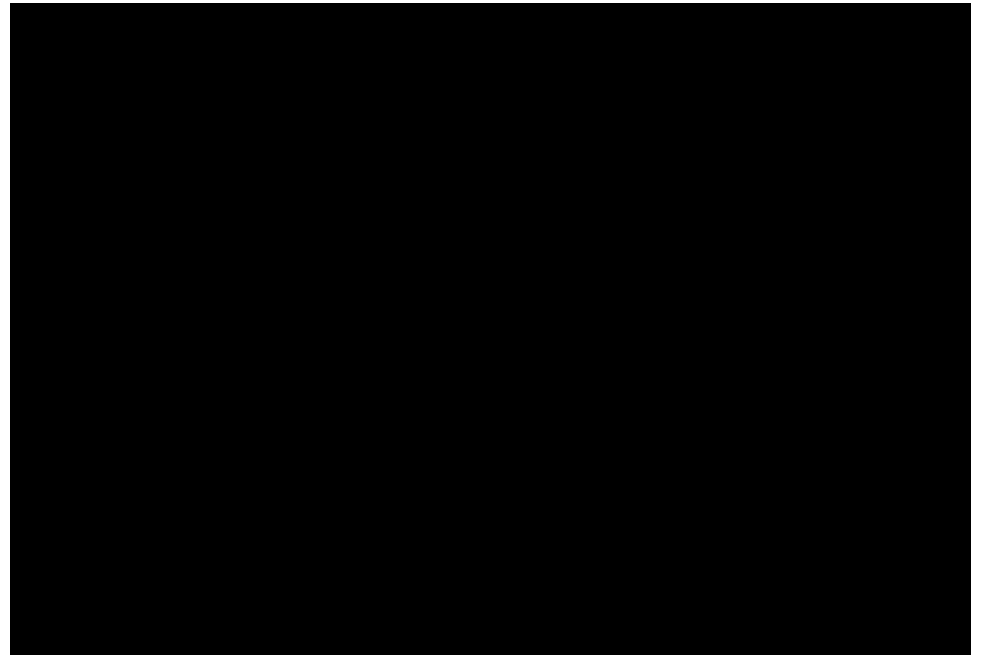
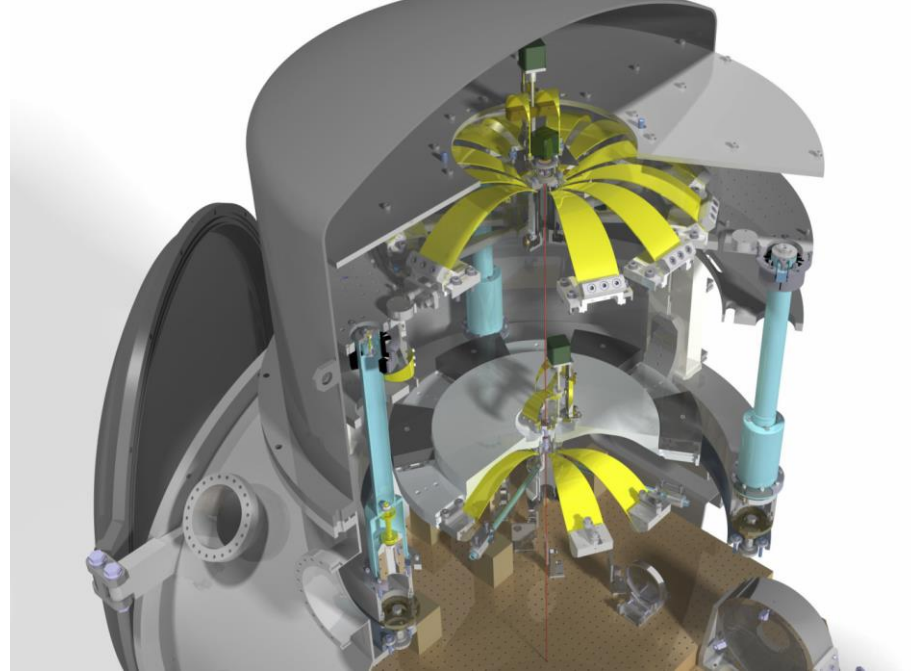




Beam splitter



Suppress vibrations up to a factor billion



Examples of spin-off from gravitational wave research

Stanford Photo-Thermal Solutions

- LIGO and Virgo optics must have very low loss. The company "Stanford Photo-Thermal Solutions" markets the device developed for LIGO. It sells primarily to the basic optics and homeland security markets.

See: <http://www.ligo.org/science/faq.php#spinoffs>

Prof Stuart Reid (Univ of West of Scotland)

- Working with cell biologists on adapting sensing techniques from GW technology to control stem cell differentiation for bone healing - spin-off company in progress.

See: <http://www.bbc.com/news/uk-scotland-glasgow-west-22035696>

Dr Siong Heng and OPTOS Ltd (*The Retina Company*) acquired by NIKON)

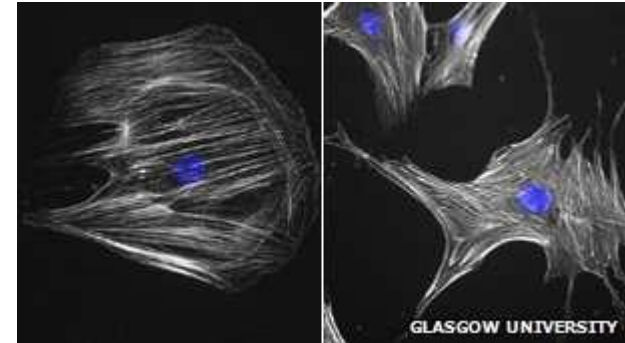
- Working with OPTOS Ltd developing algorithms for automated artefact detection for scanning laser ophthalmoscopes - potential to make significant savings by adopting new automated Quality Assurance processes during the manufacturing process.

See: http://censis.org.uk/censis_projects/optos2_gu/

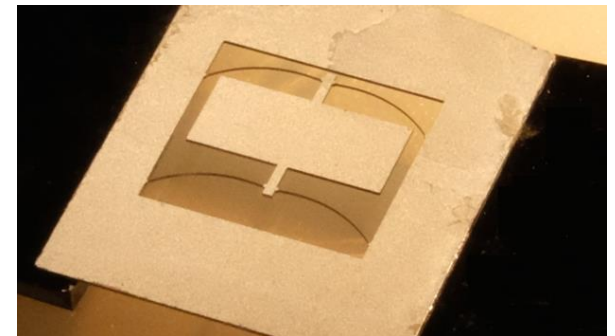
Dr Giles Hammond, (Univ of Glasgow)

- Working with several industrial partners on utilising spin-offs from core GW technology research to build low frequency ultra-sensitive MEMS gravimeters with applications in the energy, security and geophysics fields. Patent filed (GB Parent Application No: 1415087.4).

See: <http://www.bbc.com/news/science-environment-35926147>



Stem cell control: After the stem cells are "nanokicked" they turn into bone cells



MEMS gravimetry: Carved from a sheet of silicon, the sensor contains a weight (the central slab) suspended by thin, curved shafts

Seismic noise determines low frequency sensitivity

Gravitational wave astronomy requires seismically quiet sites in order to minimize both seismic and Newtonian noise (also called gravity gradient noise)

Nikhef has strong role in site selection

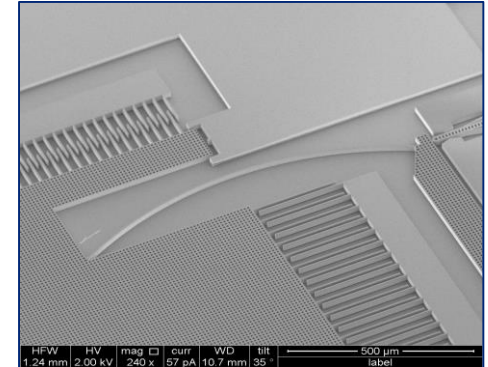
- Seismic and Newtonian noise
- Global seismic noise characterization
- Subtraction of seismic effects

Low power seismic sensing and MEMS accelerometers

- Innoseis founded in 2013

Relationship to oil & gas exploration

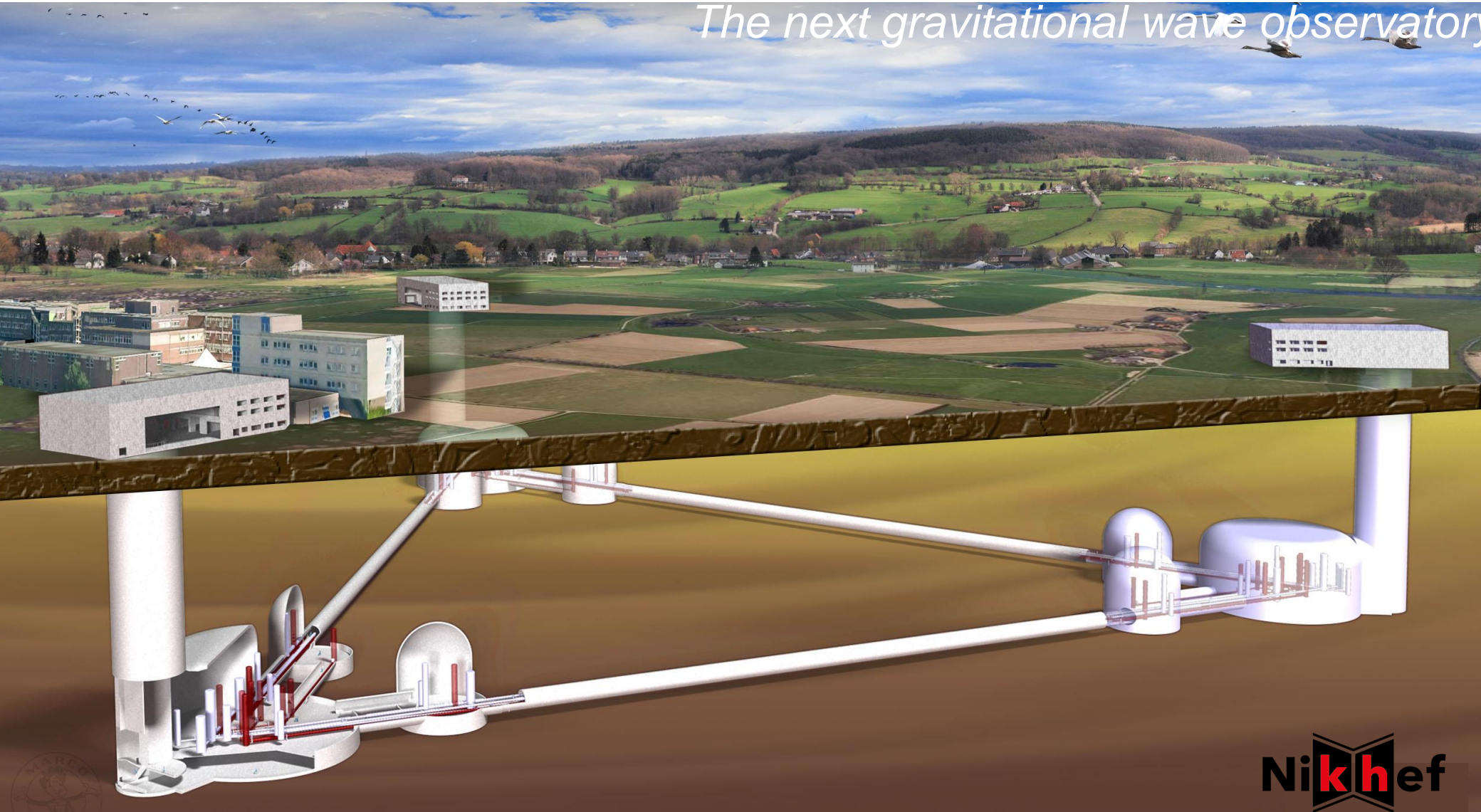
- Partnership with Shell
- Computing Science Energy Research



Einstein Telescope

Ultimate facility to study gravity: dark ages, (primordial) black holes, cosmography, early Universe

The next gravitational wave observatory



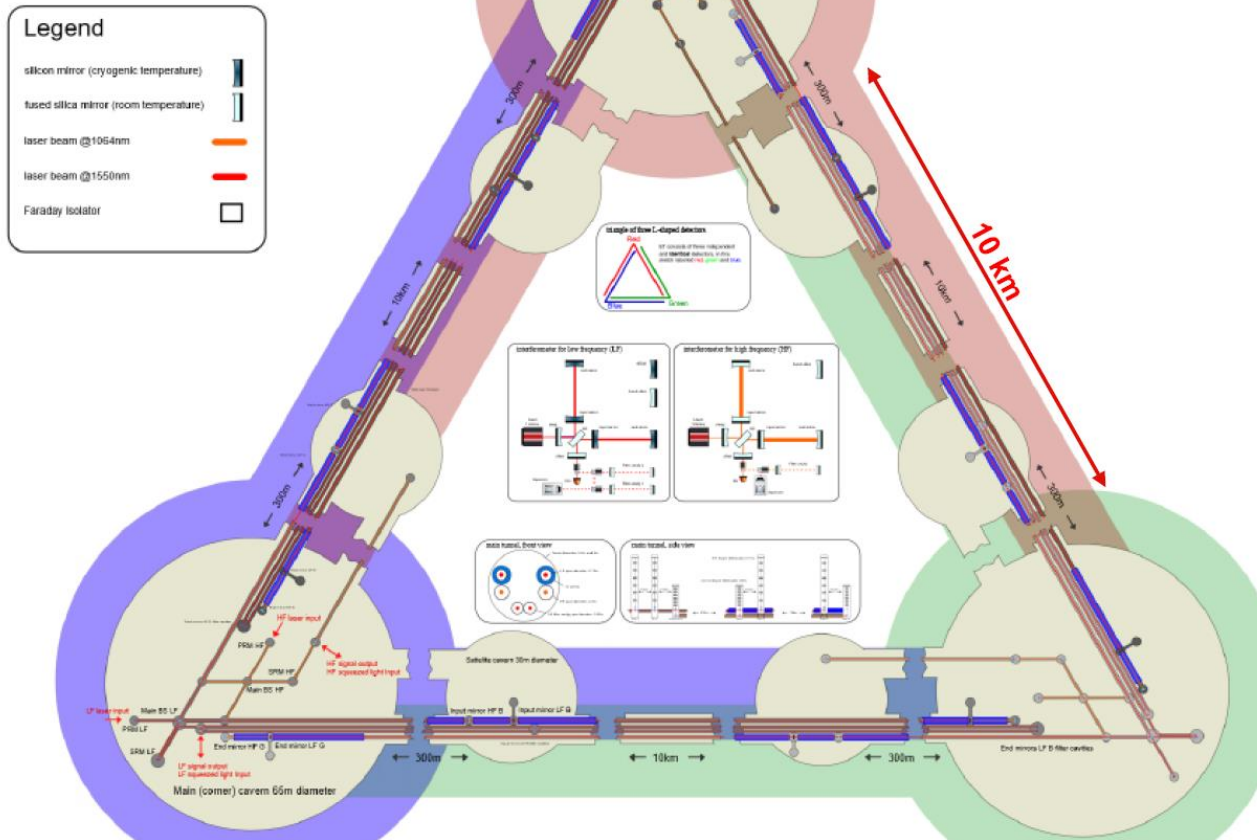
Technology

Einstein Telescope will be at the frontier of technology. Innovations are required in mechanics, optics, controls, computing, etc.

Einstein Telescope

Optical layout, based on CAD drawings by Martin Doets and sketches by Stefan Hild

05.08.2011 Andreas Freise <http://www.et-gw.eu/>



Einstein Telescope: cosmography

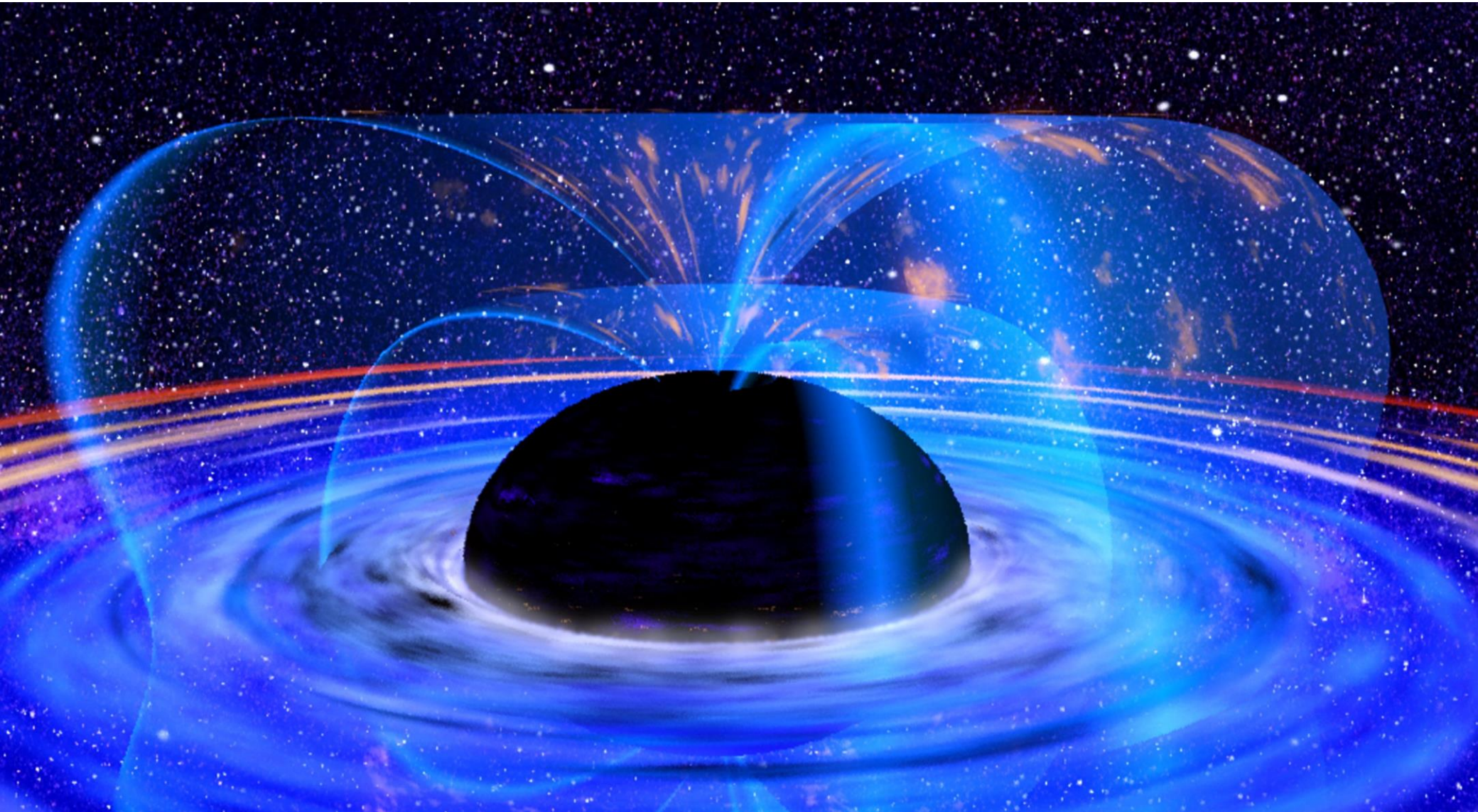
What is this mysterious dark energy that is tearing the Universe apart?
Use BNS and BBH as standard “candles” (so-called “sirens”)



Einstein Telescope: fundamental physics

What happens at the edge of a black hole?

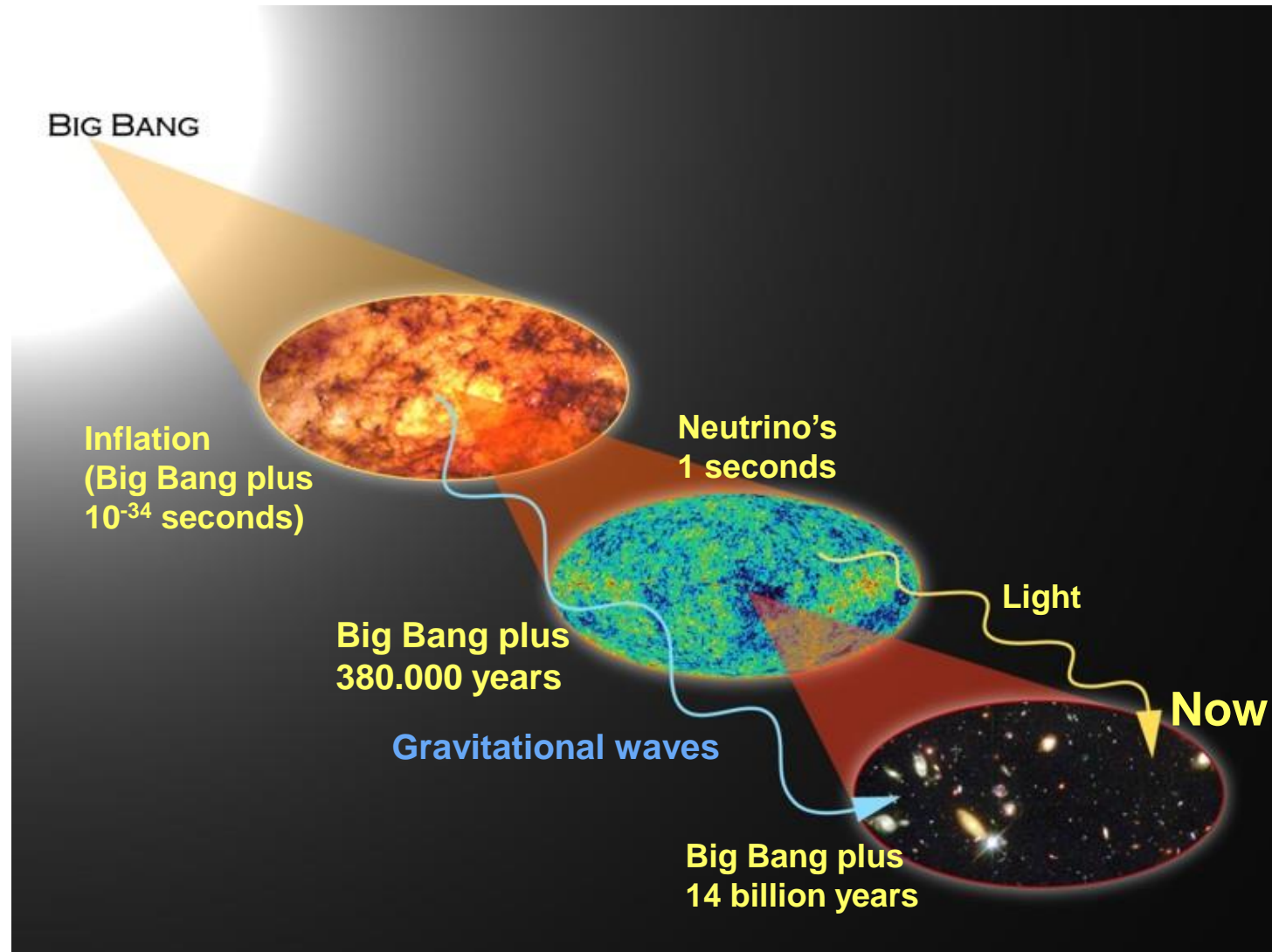
Is Einstein's theory correct in conditions of extreme gravitation? Or does new physics await?



Einstein Telescope: physics of early universe

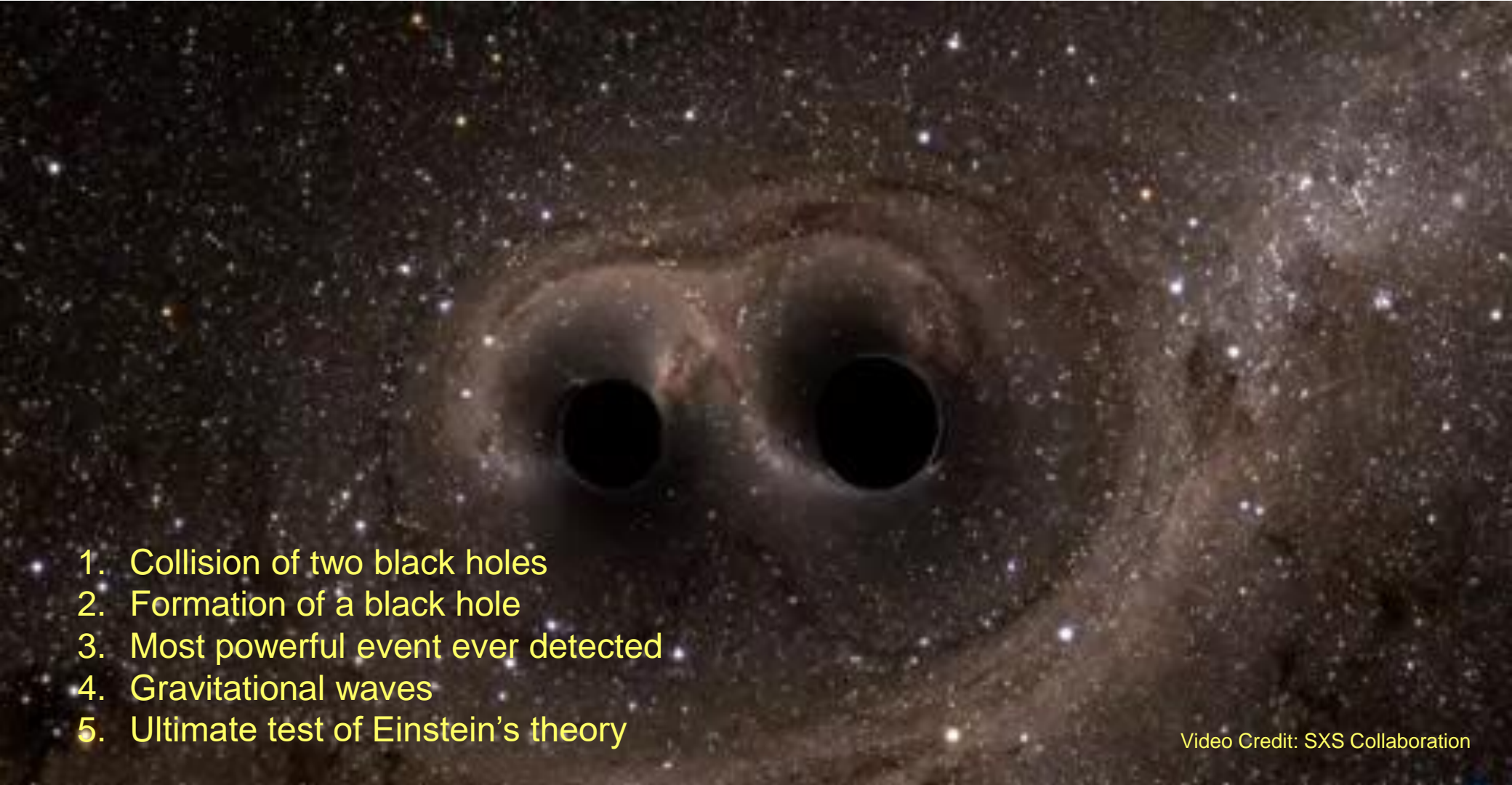
What is powering the Big Bang?

Gravitational waves can escape from the earliest moment of the Big Bang



Stay tuned ... more to come

Science observation will restart this summer. We expect more collisions of black holes and/of neutron stars. Perhaps more surprises

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1. Collision of two black holes
 2. Formation of a black hole
 3. Most powerful event ever detected
 4. Gravitational waves
 5. Ultimate test of Einstein's theory

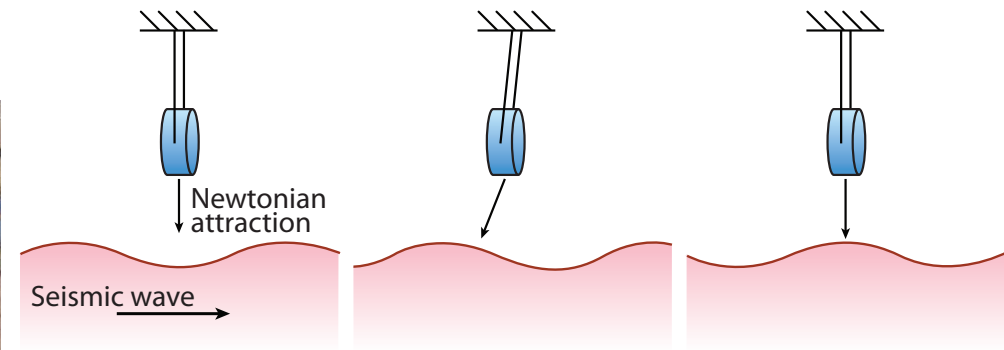
Video Credit: SXS Collaboration

From black holes to innovation in seismic sensing

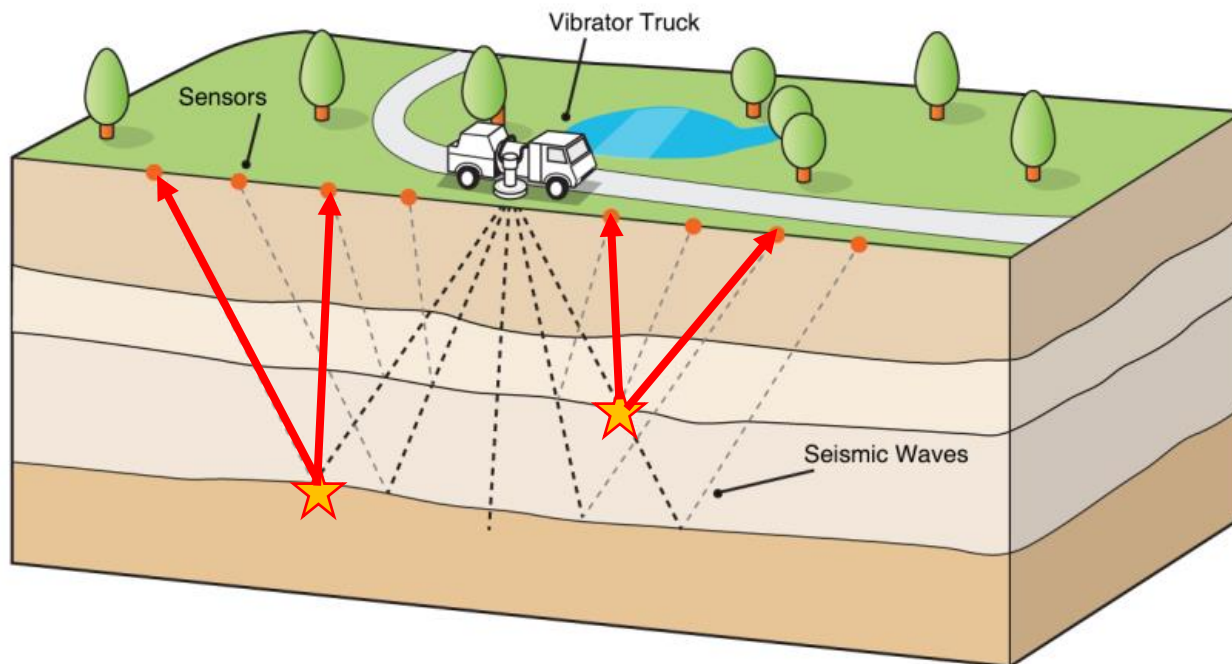


EUNL16 Big Science, Dwingeloo

Valorization opportunity from Gravitational Physics



Measure seismic noise to improve gravitational wave detector



Valorization opportunity!

Measure seismic signal to study geophysical properties
Earthquake monitoring

Technology to revolutionize the seismic industry




INNOSEIS



- The industries lightest seismic recording system
- High signal fidelity
- Long battery life

Our technology caught the industry's attention

Applications for onshore seismic data acquisition

Industrial cooperation

- Networks scalable up to 1 million nodes
- Definition of requirements
- Technology audits
- Field trials, The Netherlands / Oman



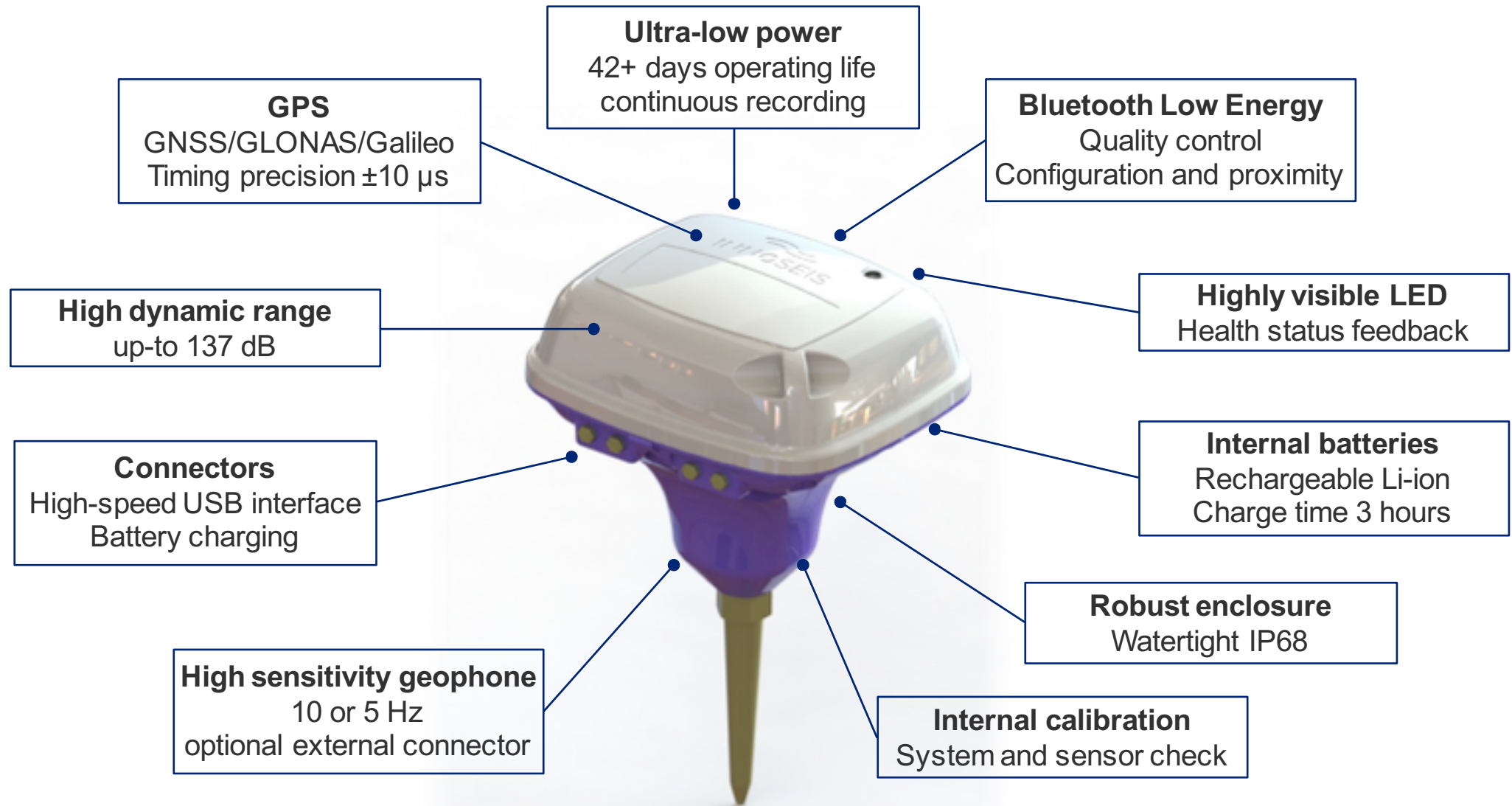
FOM Valorization prizes

FOM Valorization chapter prize 2014

FOM Valorization prize 2015

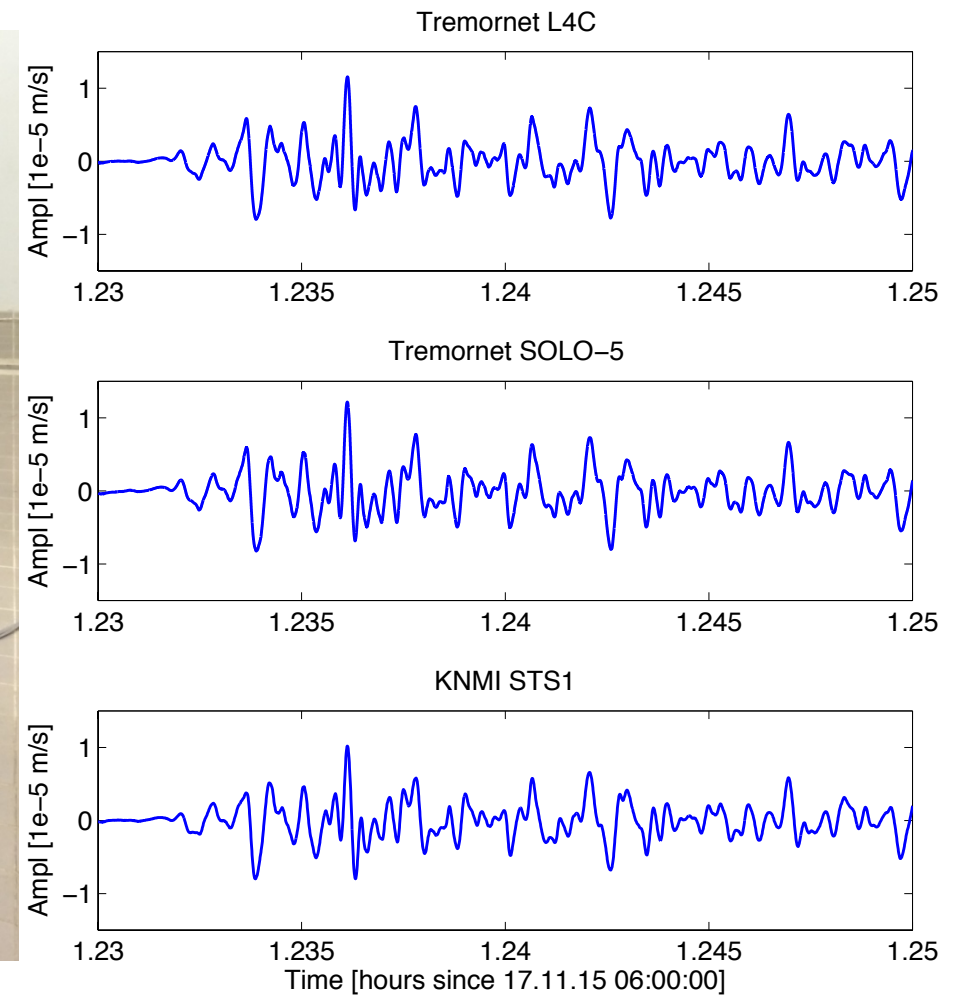


Autonomous compact intelligent seismic sensor nodes



Validation with KNMI

Greece Earthquake measured on 17 November 2016



Easy deployment

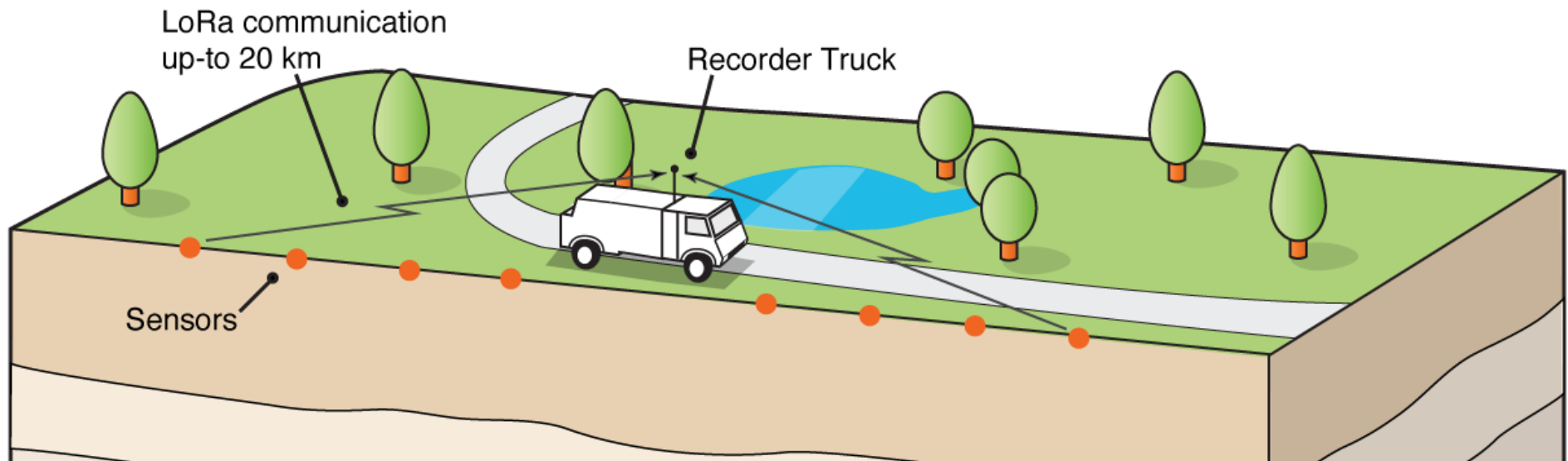


Easy deployment



Future: Internet of Things

Innoseis see's the potential of LoRa as an effective communication protocol for Quality Control information of a seismic sensor network



Concluding remarks

- Excellent example of commercial application of fundamental physics research
- We have developed the latest sensor technology in land seismic
 - Highest precision
 - Longest battery life
 - Lightest package
 - Robust system
 - Highly cost effective
 - Suitable for automated deployment
- Field proven technology
- Applications in geophysics surveying and Earthquake monitoring
- And potentially other future applications..
- Questions?

