

Virgo and LIGO in 7 words

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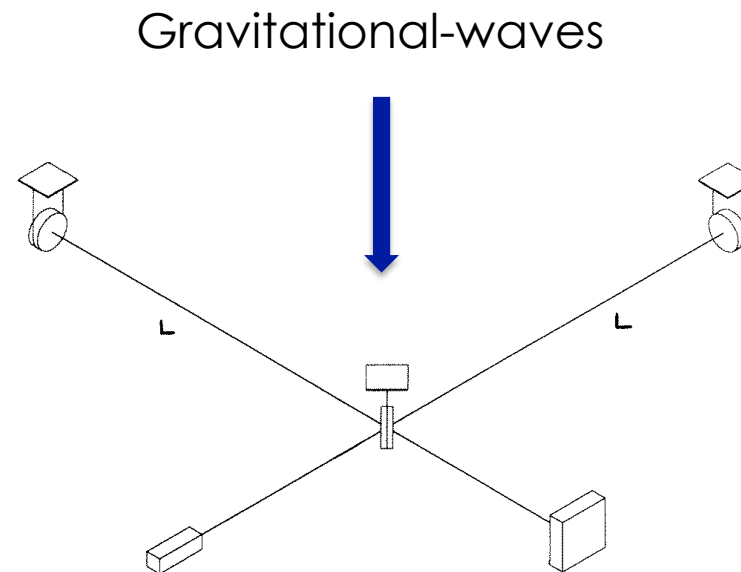
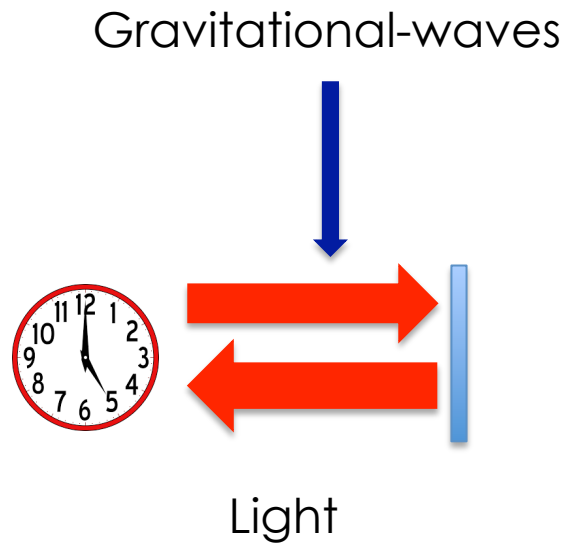
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- Openness



Lightness

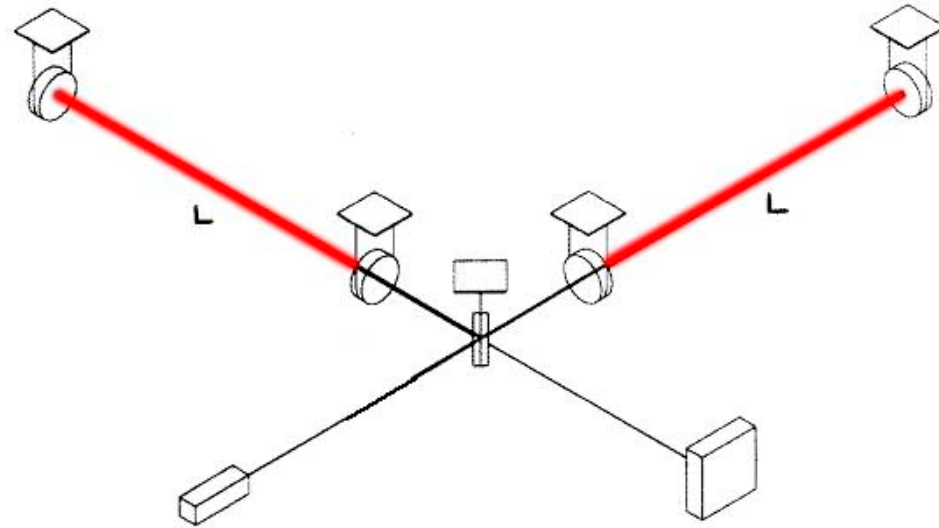


A *Light* detector

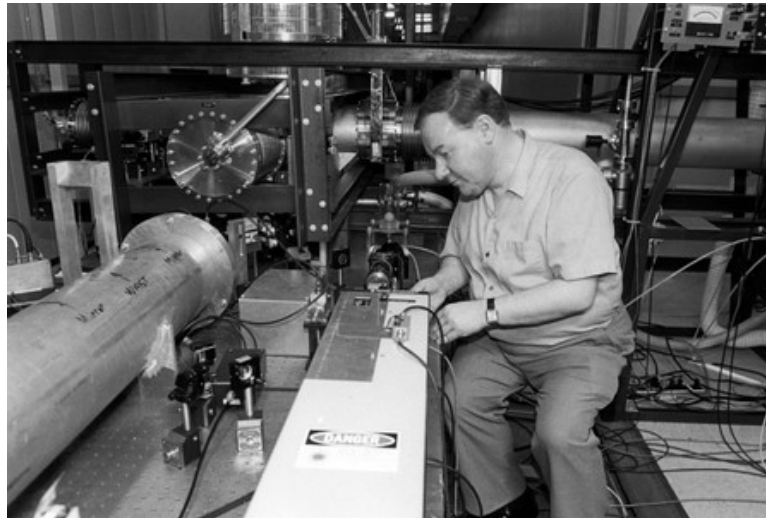


Light is used as a tool to measure the deformation of the spacetime between masses « freely falling »

Manipulate and « trap » the light



Ron Drever

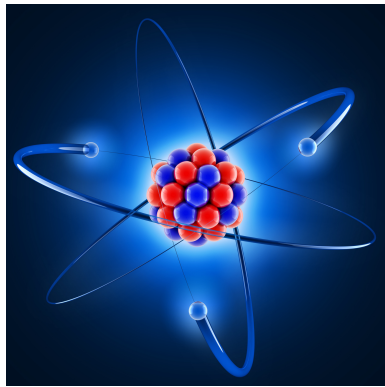


Perseverance



Measuring a variation of 10^{-18} m over 3 km

Equivalent to the size of an atom
over the distance Earth-Sun



Rai Weiss, 1972



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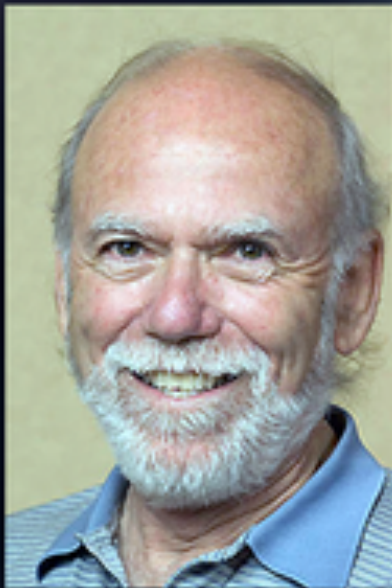
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<http://www.sciencemag.org/news/2016/08/meet-college-dropout-who-invented-gravitational-wave-detector>

Barish, Thorne, Weiss...and many others



Barry C. Barish (Caltech)



Kip S. Thorne (Caltech)



Rainer Weiss (MIT)



2017 Nobel Prize in Physics

Alain Brillet, Adalberto Giazotto...and many others



Adalberto Giazotto (INFN)



Alain Brillet (CNRS)

LIGO and Virgo, ~ 2000

LIGO Hanford



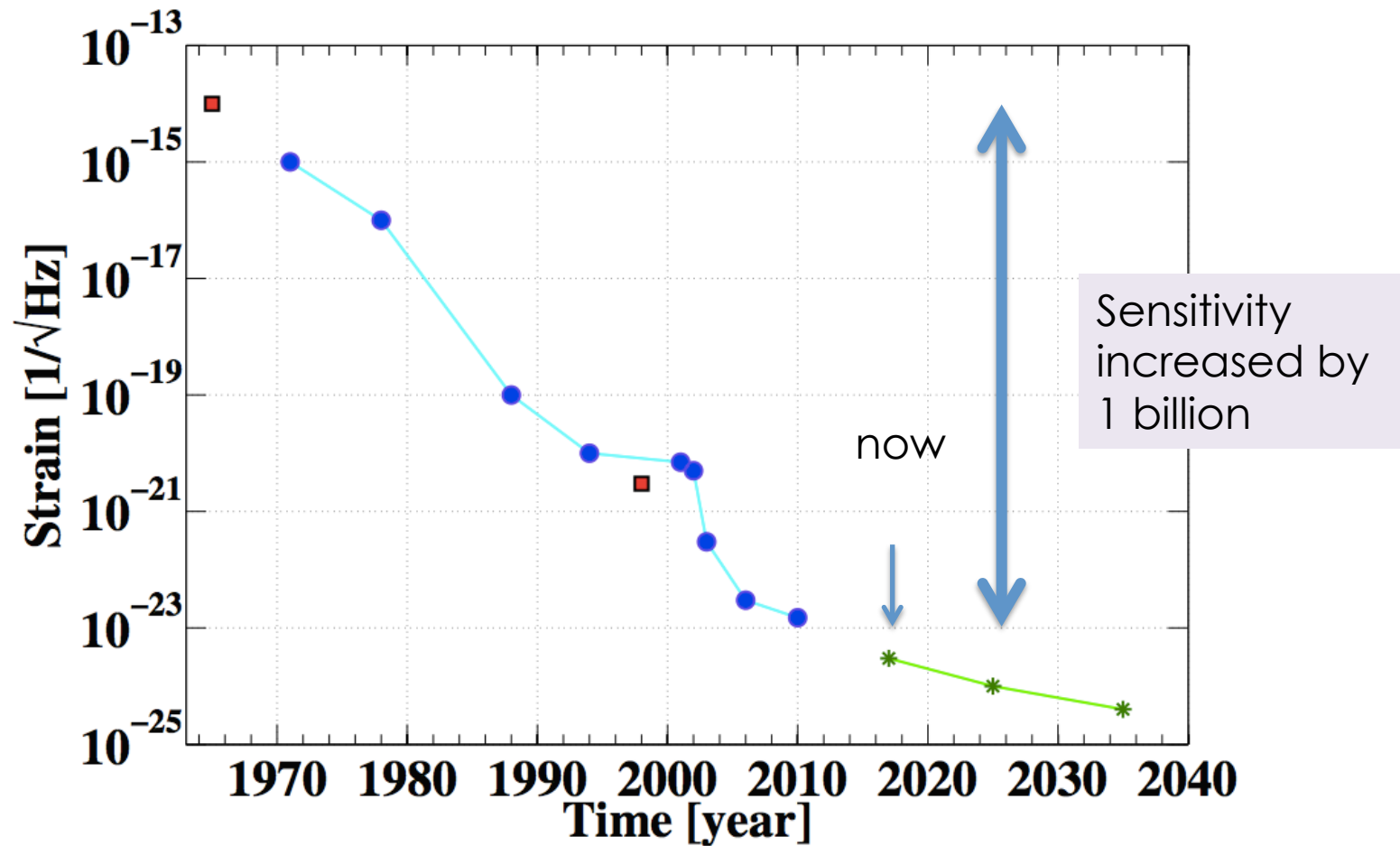
LIGO Livingston



Virgo

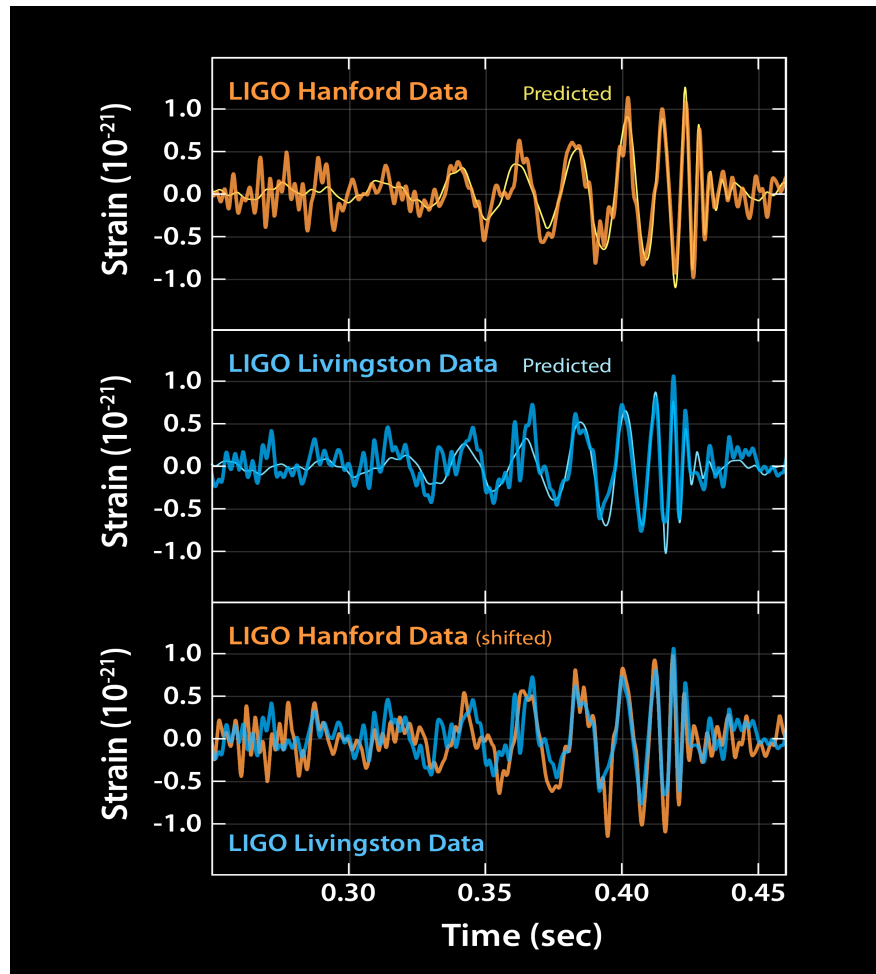


The progress in 50 years



R.Adhikari, Gravitational Radiation Detection with Laser Interferometry, arXiv:1305.5188, 2013

14 September 2015: 10^{-18} m



Detachment

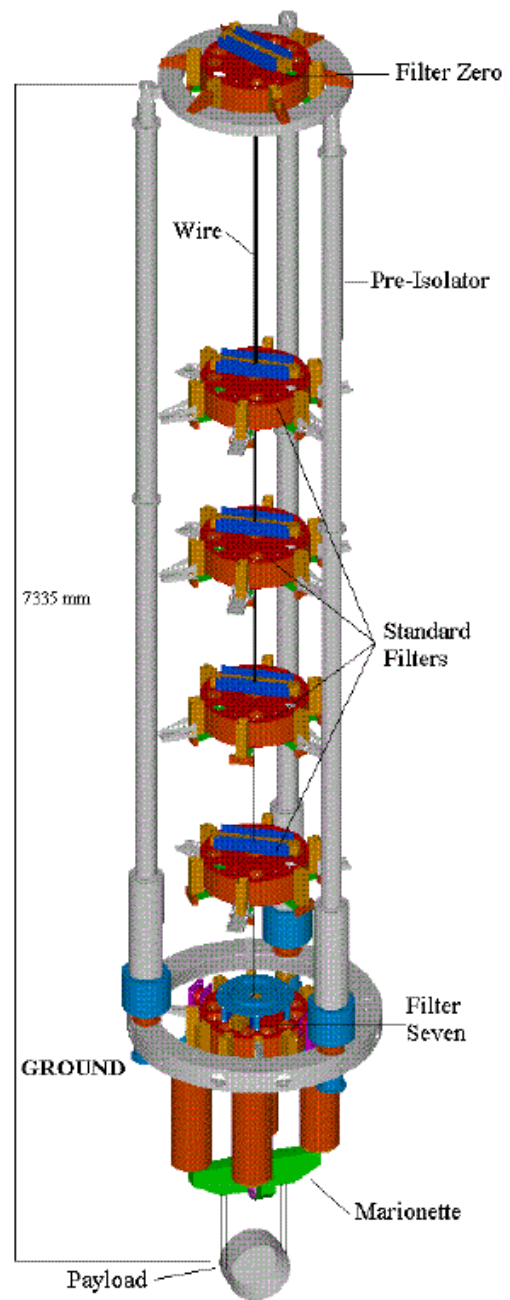


Sensitivity needed
 $\sim 10^{-18}$ m over 3 km

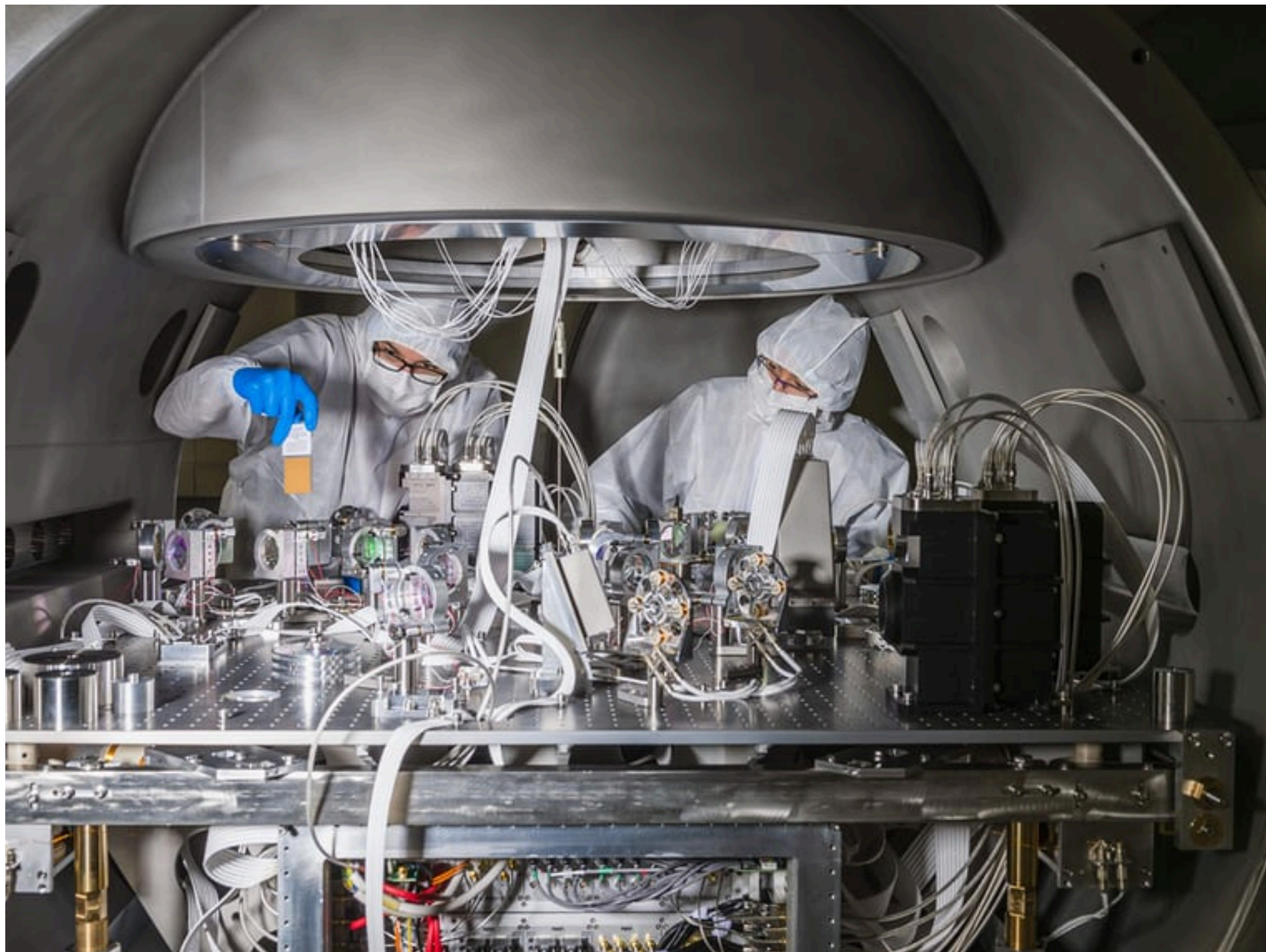
Seismic noise 10^{-6} m (factor 10^{12} to gain)

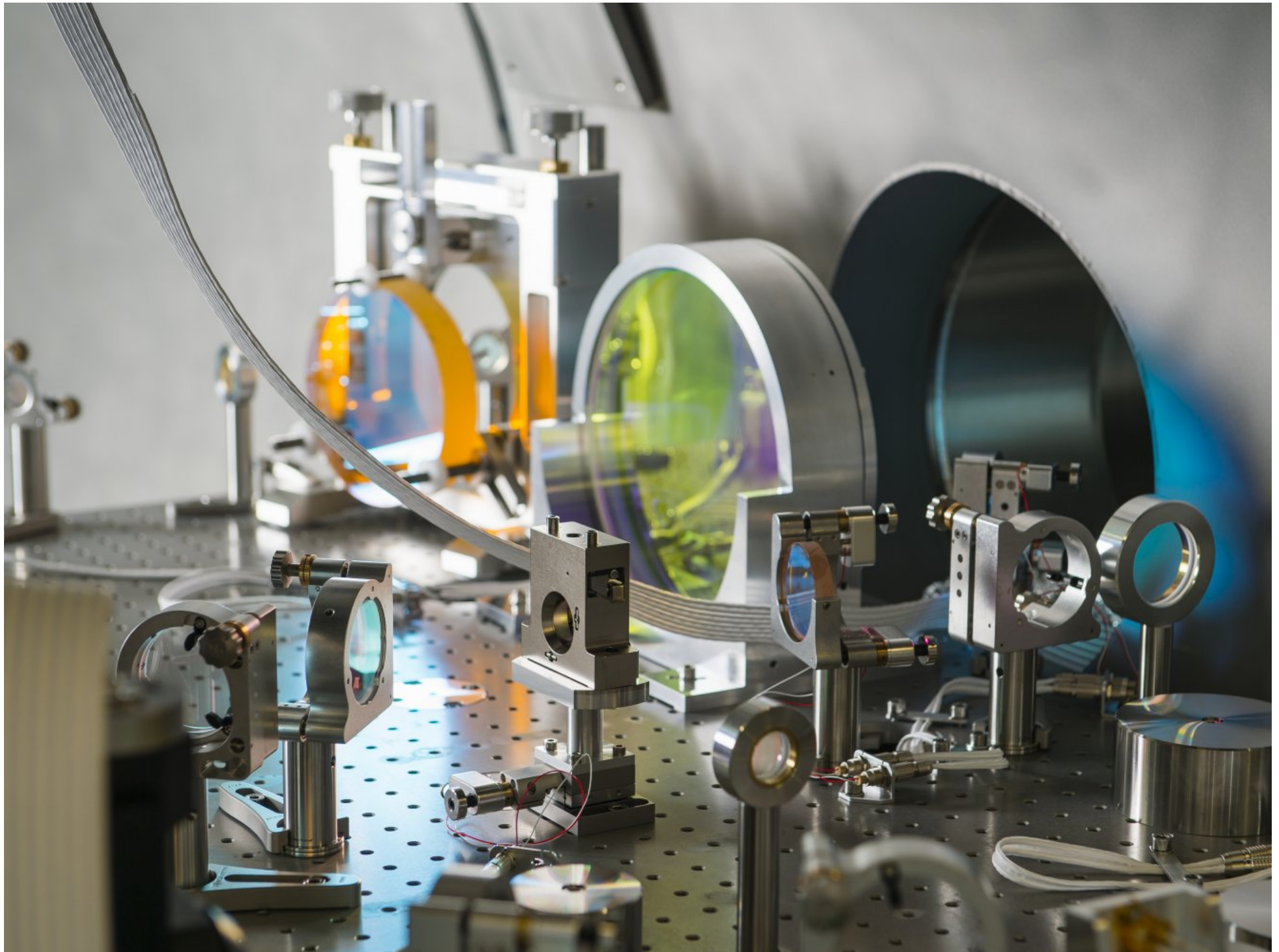


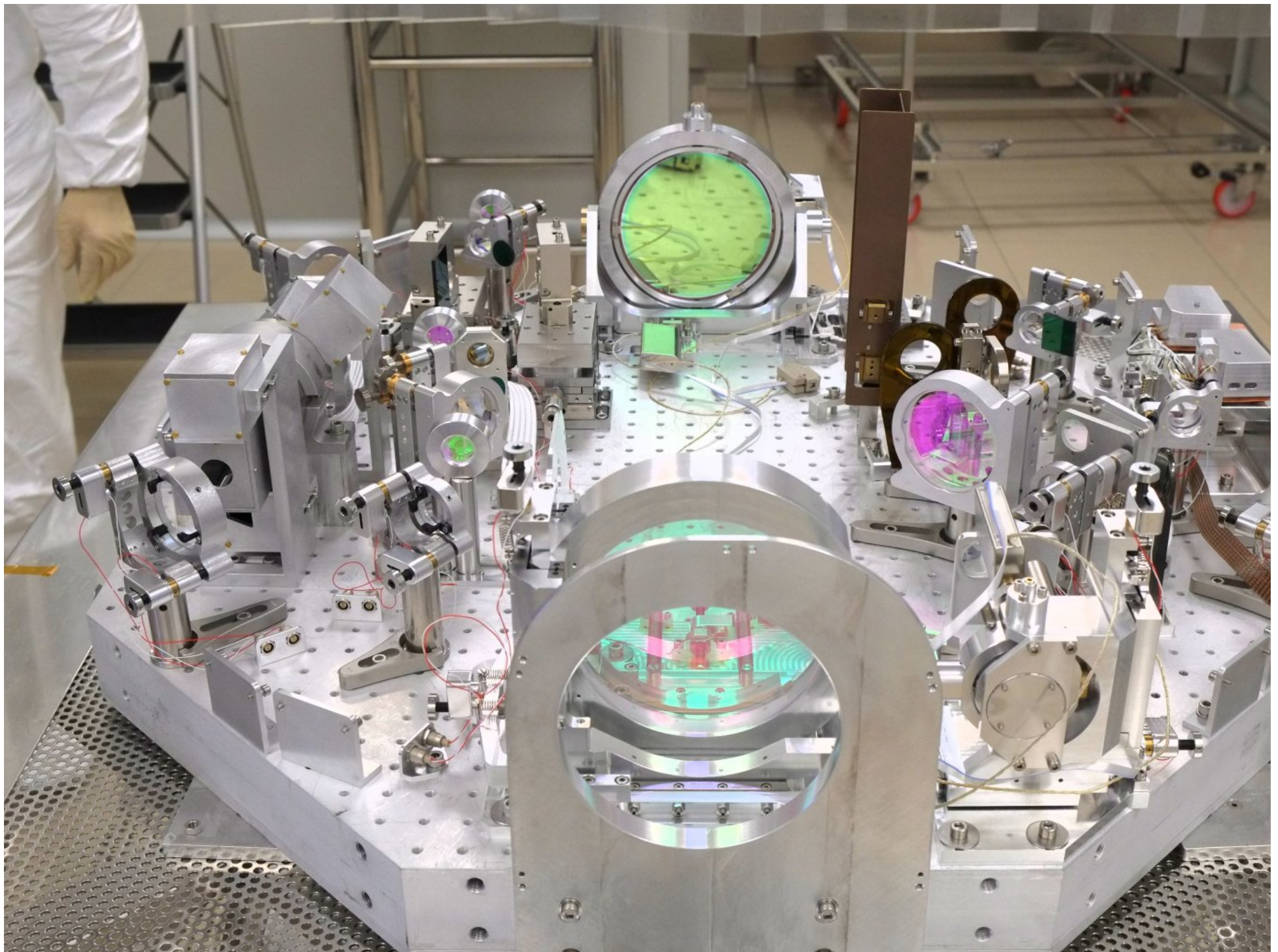
How to be detached from the Earth being on Earth?











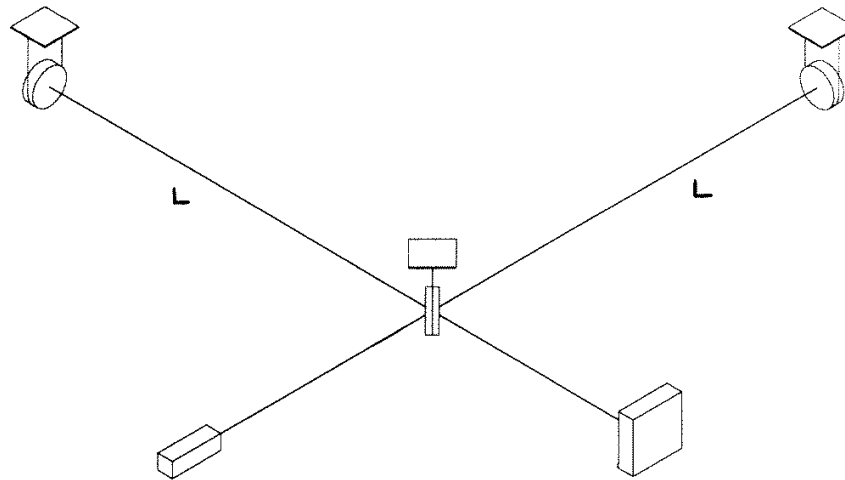
Power



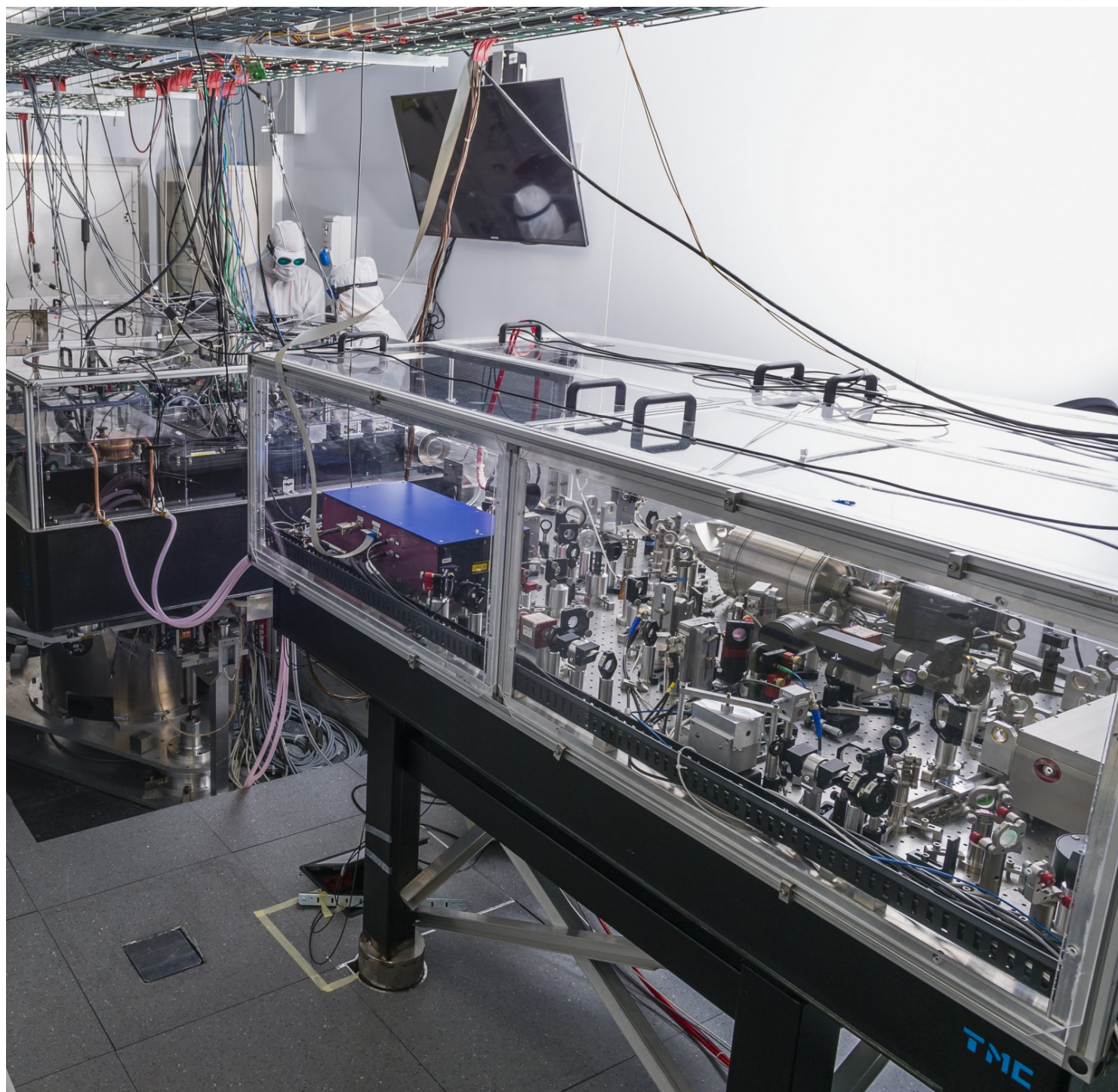
High power lasers

More photons (more power), less impact of the single photon time arrival randomness

- Photon counting noise, or *shot noise*
- *High power Laser*



$$\frac{S}{N} \propto \frac{N}{\sqrt{N}}$$





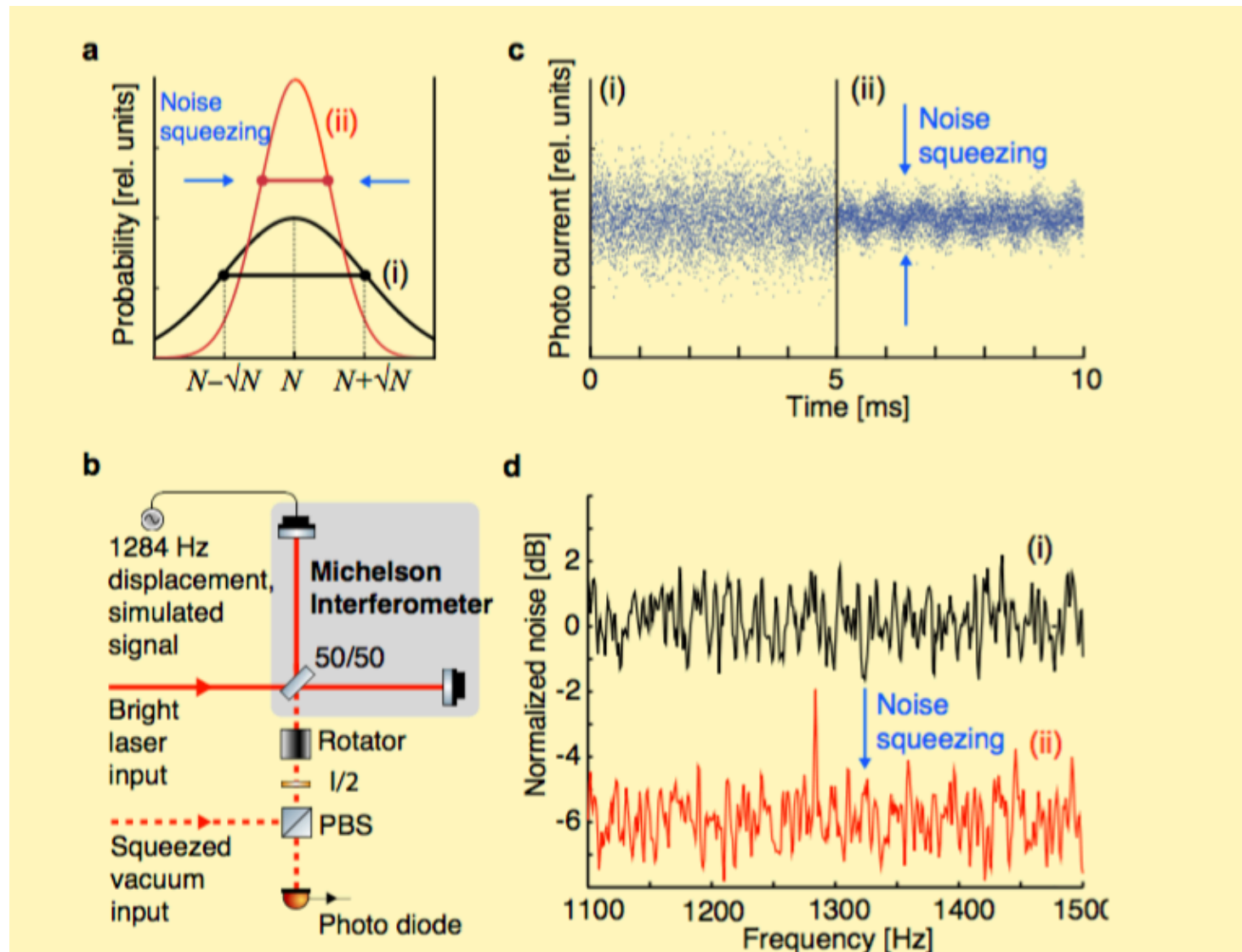
Emptiness



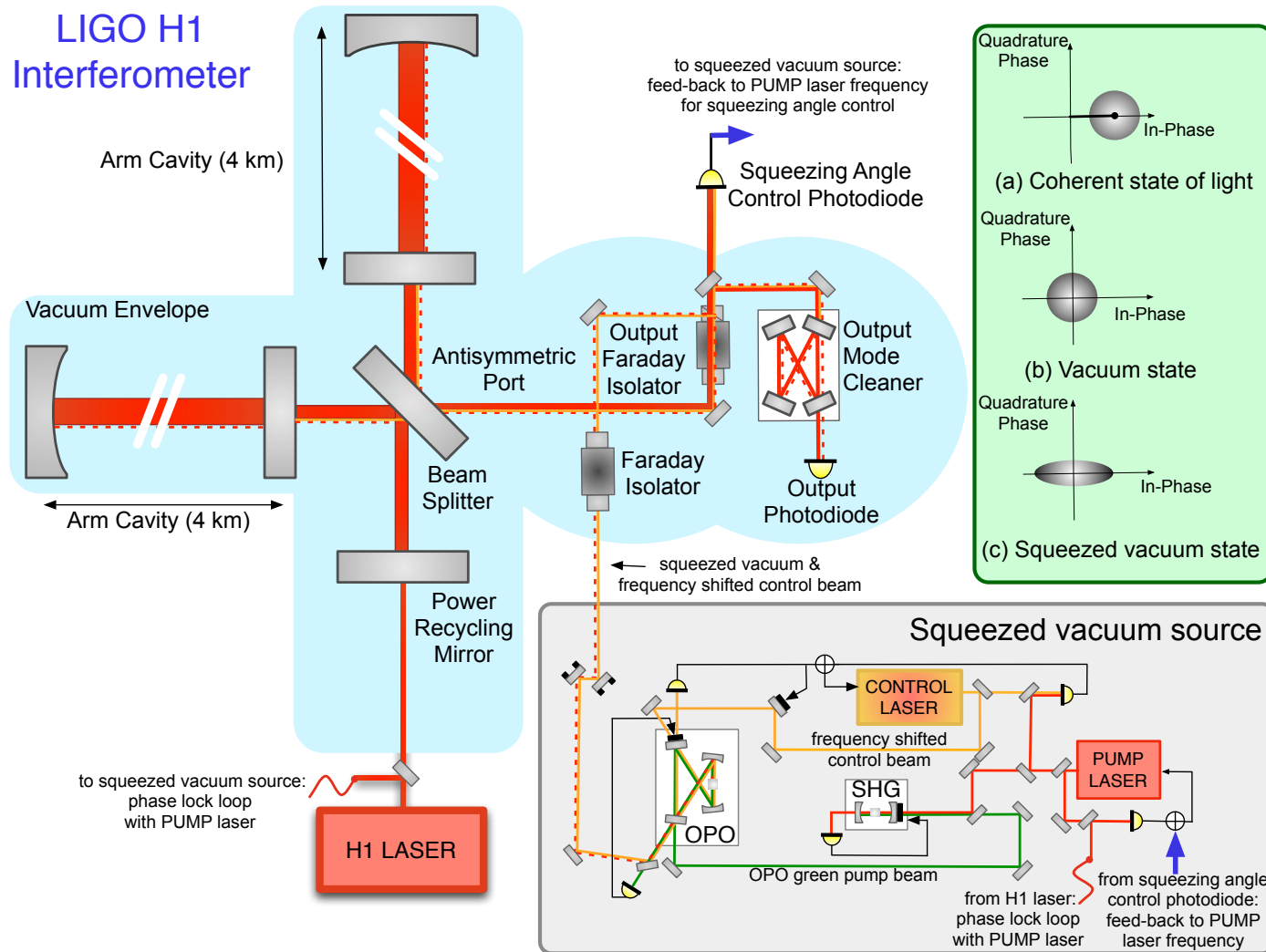
Pumping out the air



Injecting the (squeezed) vacuum



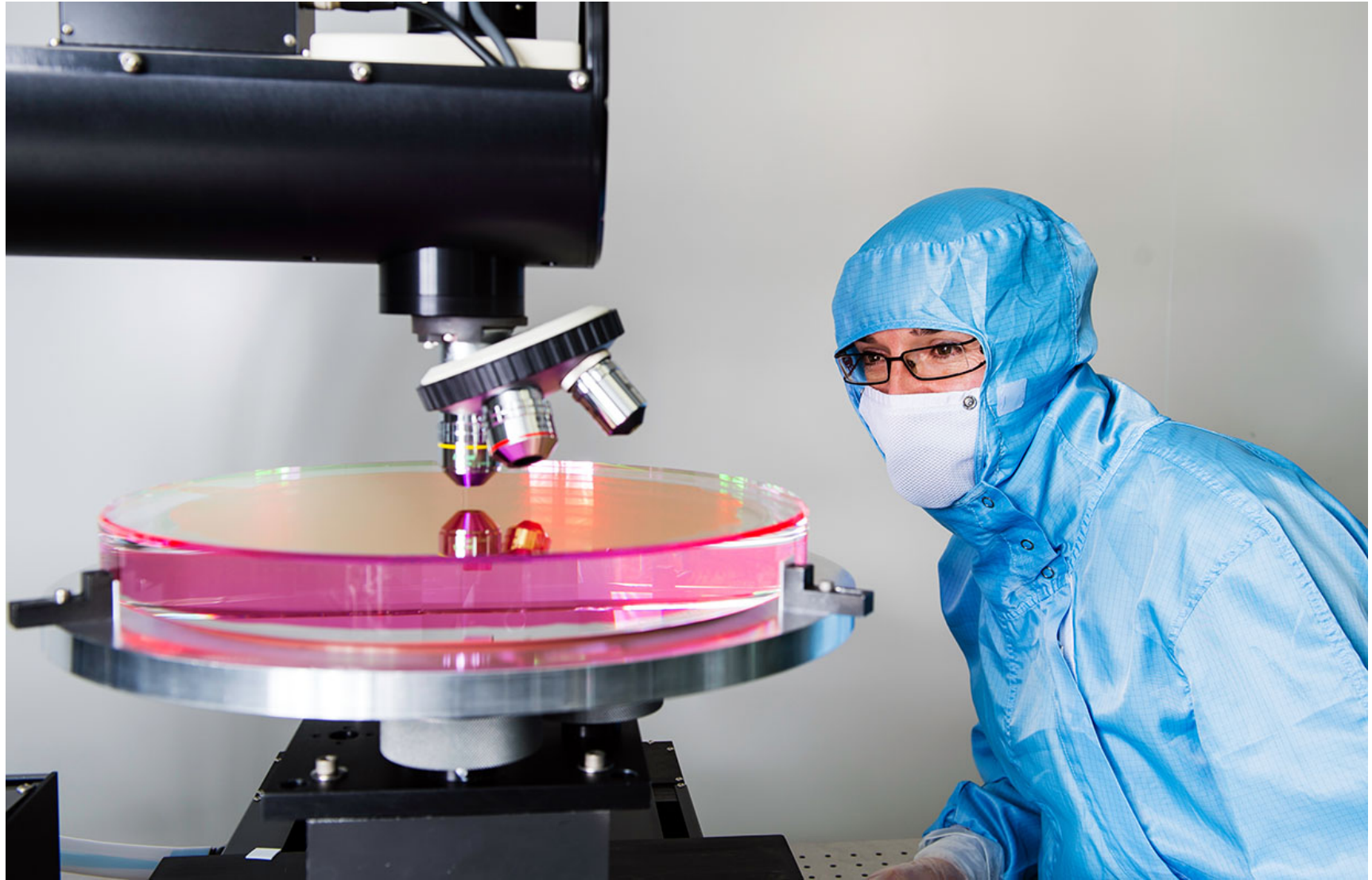
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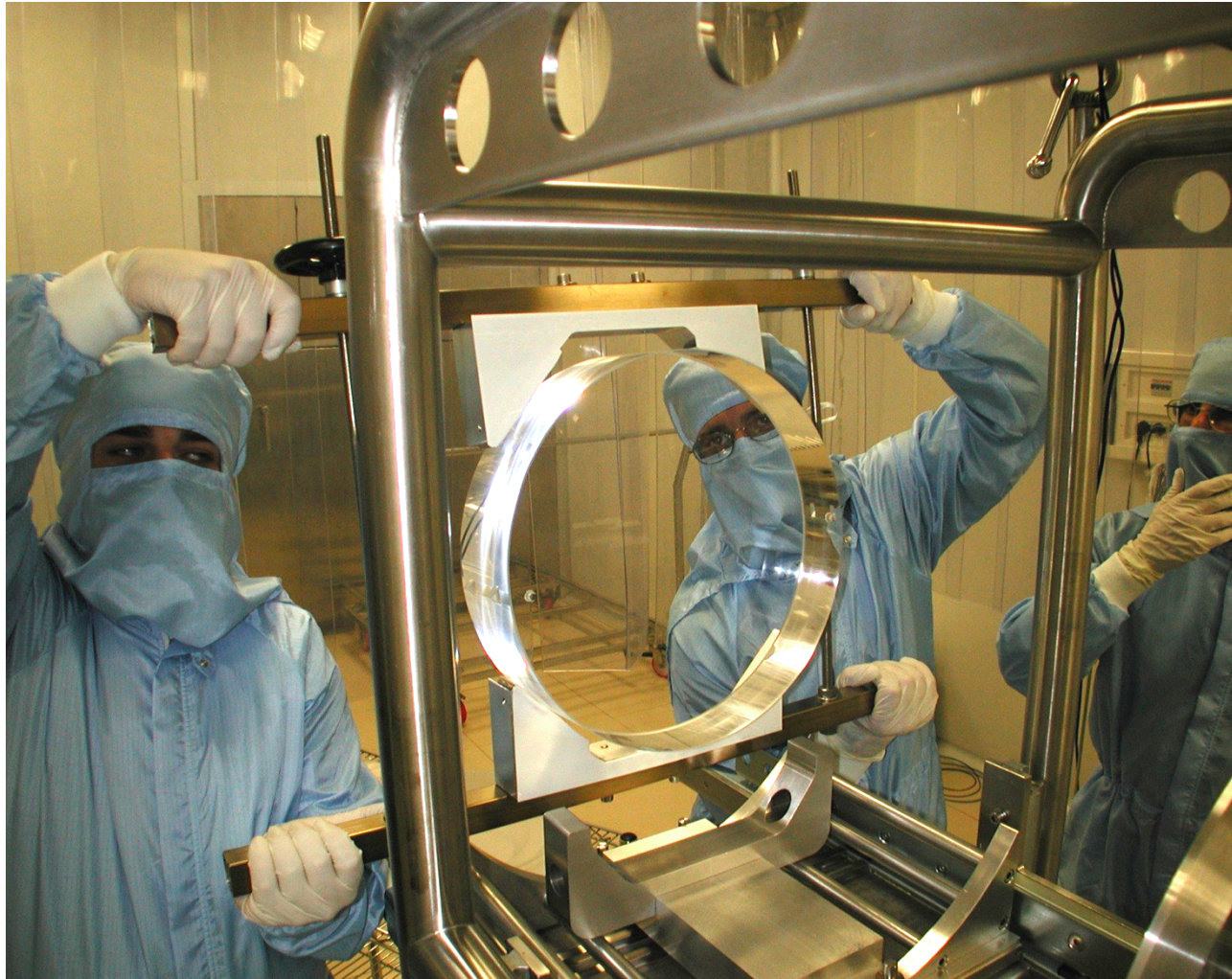


Clarity









Video about Virgo mirrors:
<https://lejournal.cnrs.fr/videos/les-miroirs-les-plus-parfaits-du-monde>

Openness



All optical telescopes need to be pointed
and need a clear sky and night

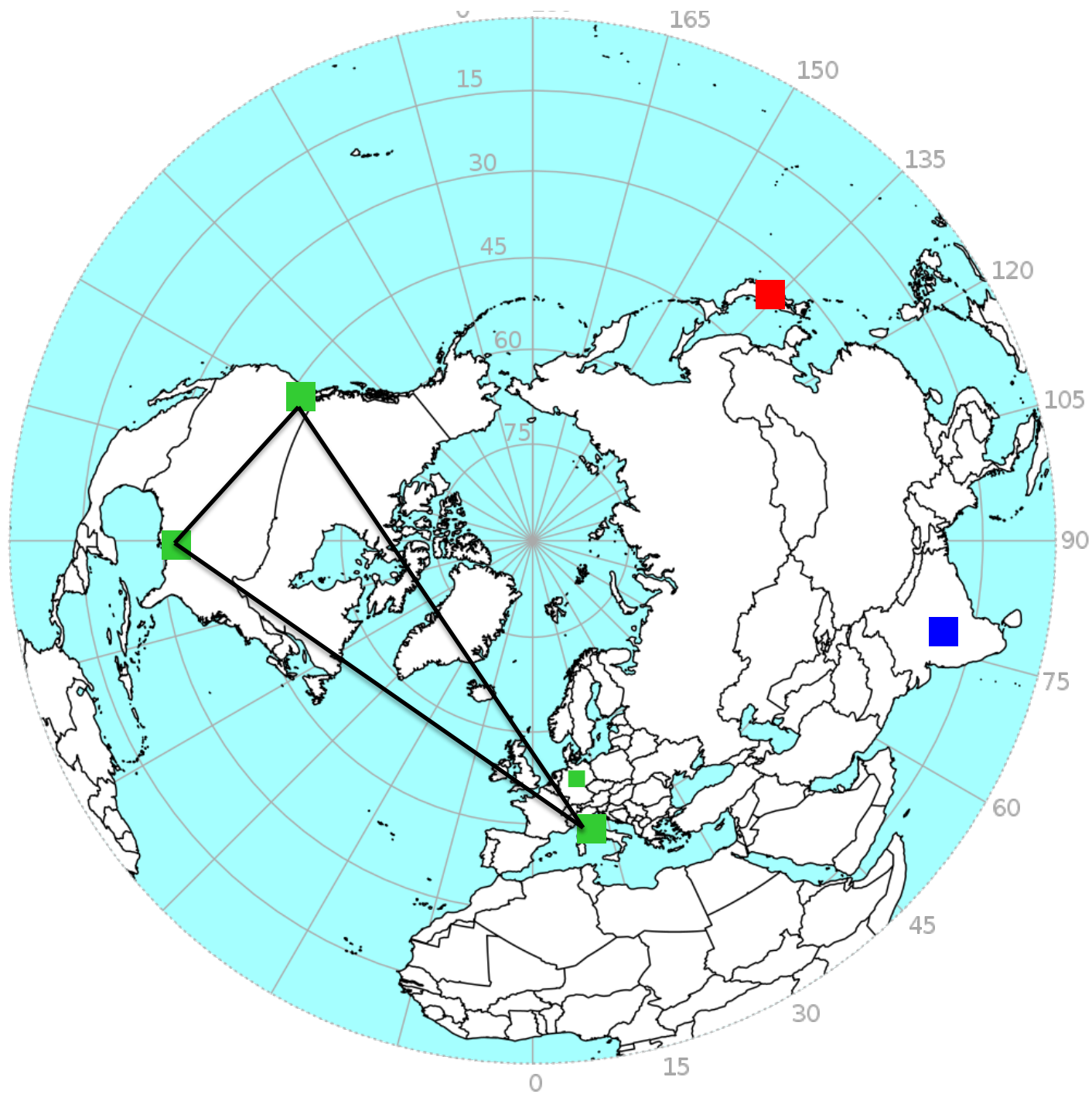


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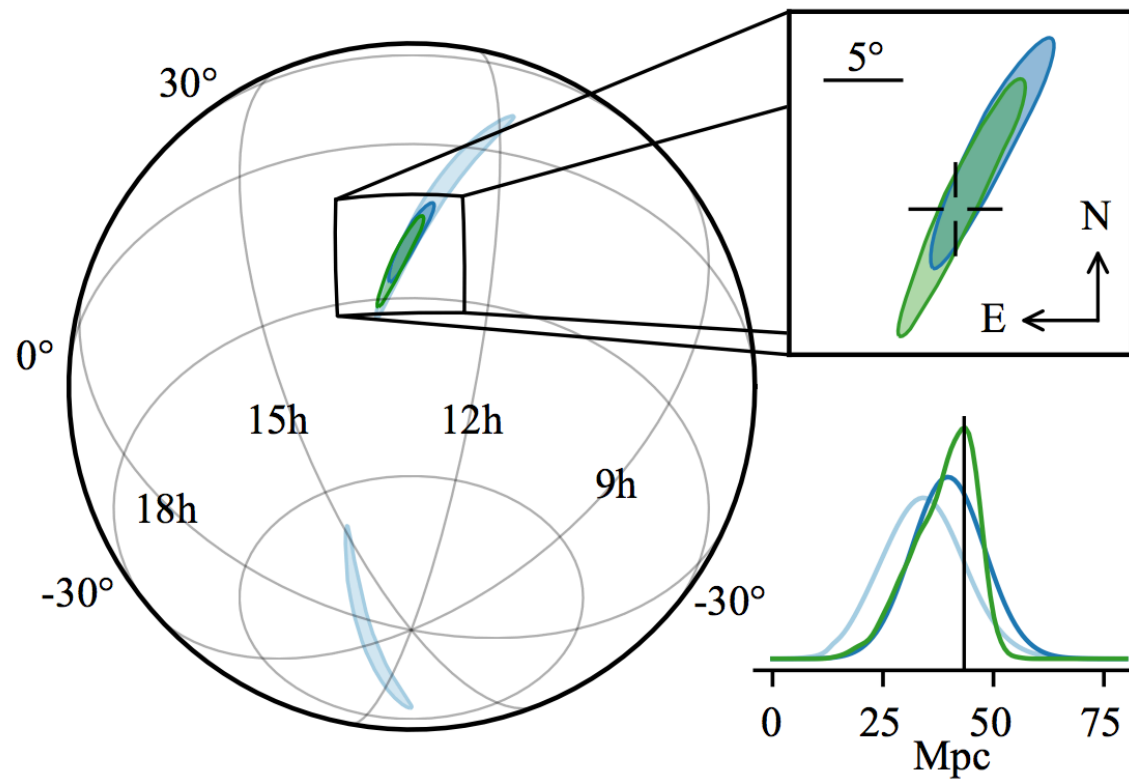
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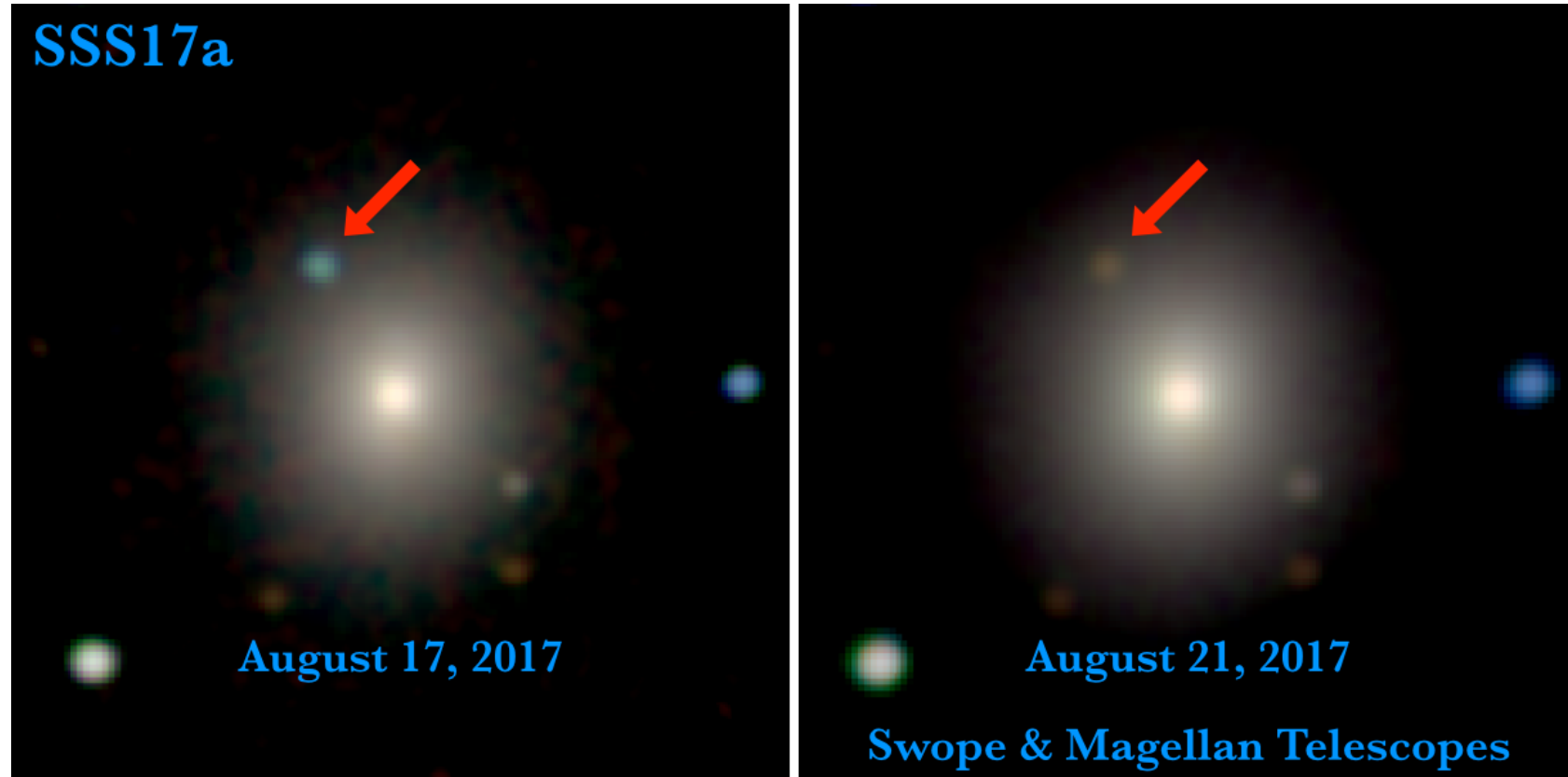


The LIGO-Virgo network observe (almost)
the whole sky (almost) all the time

The dream of an astronomer



The kilonova discovery



A last word: Collaboration

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