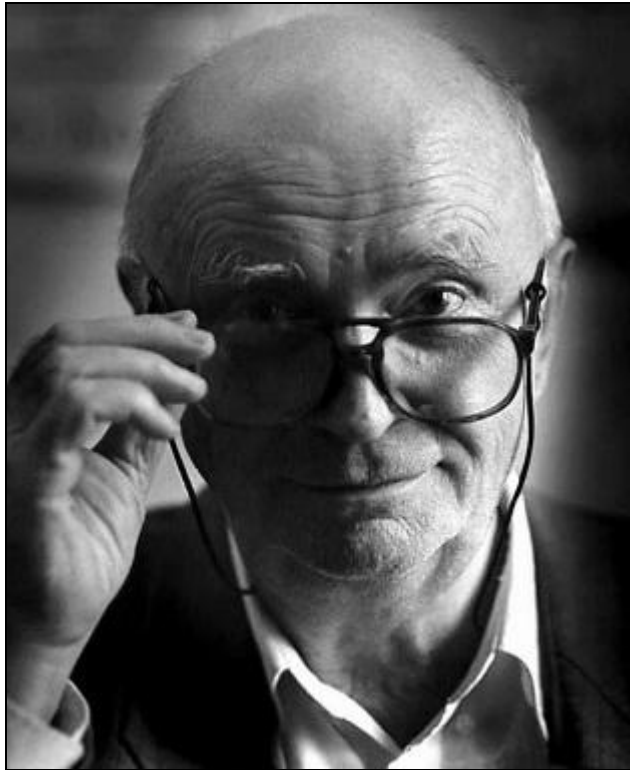


In memory of Vladimir Borisovich Braginsky



(August 31, 1931 – March 29, 2016)

Dear Colleagues,

The Moscow group is deeply saddened to inform the gravitational wave community that Professor Vladimir Braginsky passed away on March 29 at the age of 84. He was the leader of our group since the foundation of LIGO scientific collaboration. We lost a distinguished scientist, who was one of pioneers of gravitational wave physics, whose contributions to quantum measurements, high-Q mechanical, microwave and optical systems, other fundamental research are well acknowledged. He was a brilliant experimentalist and theoretician with outstanding intuition, and his contribution to the development of physics is hard to overestimate.

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