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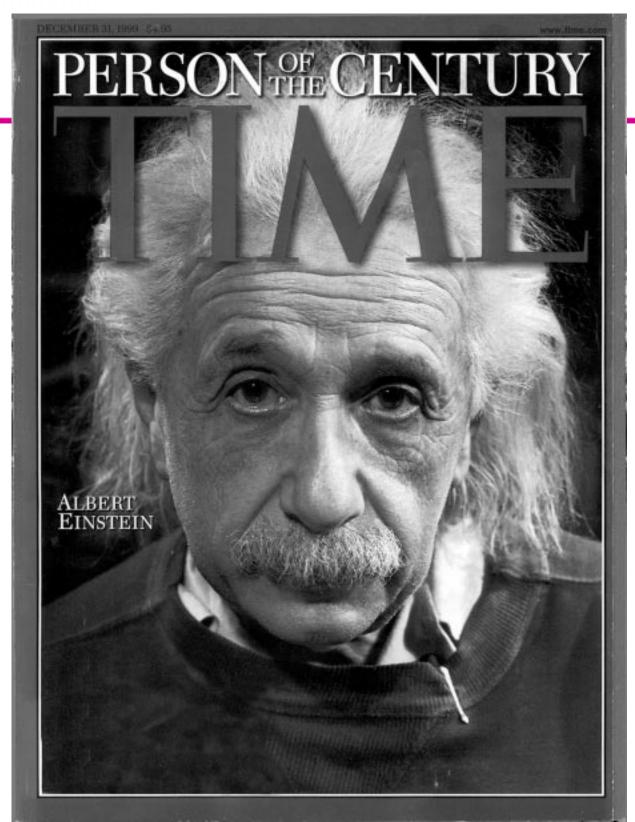
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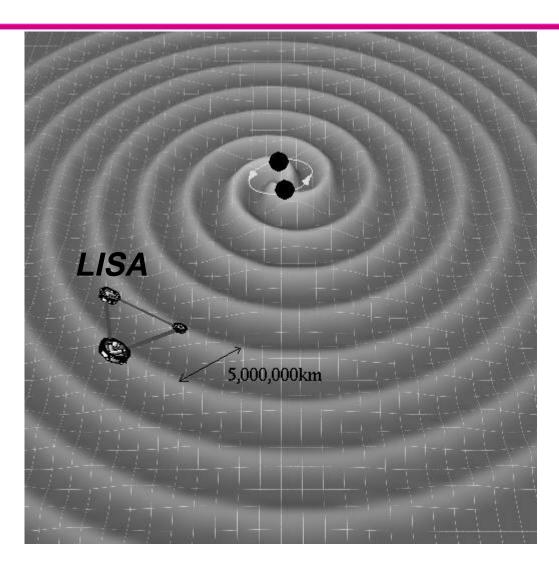




Gravitational Waves

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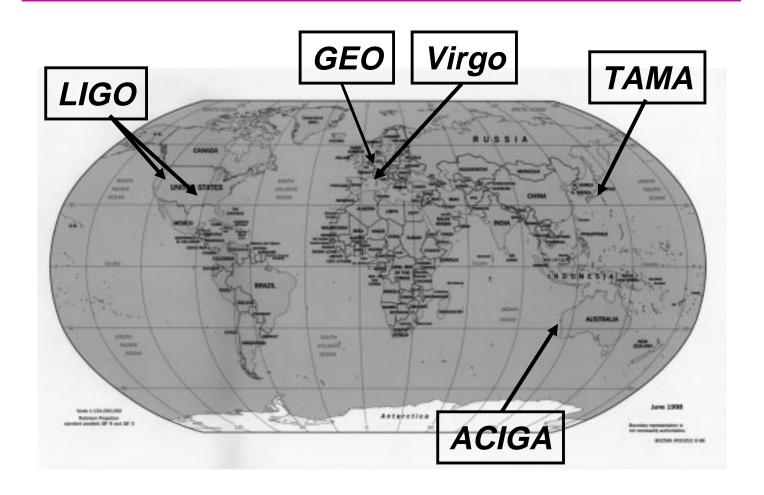
direct detection



Radiation of Gravitational Waves from binary inspiral system

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interferometers



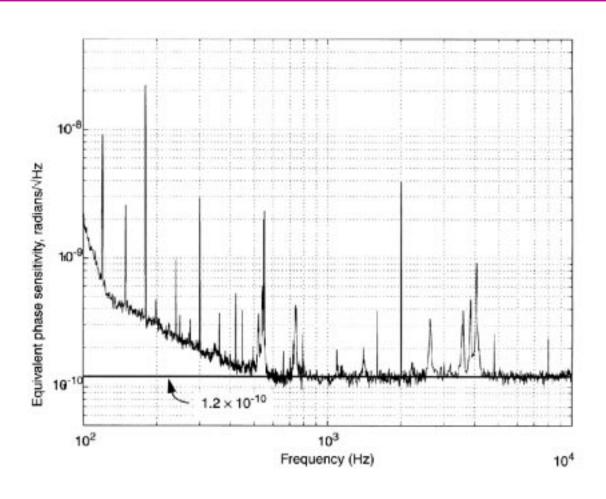
Simultaneously detect signal (within msec)

- detection confidence
- locate the sources
- decompose polarization of gravitational waves



phase noise

splitting the fringe



- •Spectral sensitivity of MIT phase noise interferometer
- •above 500 Hz shot noise limited near LIGO I goal
- •additional features are from 60 Hz powerline harnonics, wire resonances (600 Hz), mount resonances, etc