

# The quantum optics of gravitational waves

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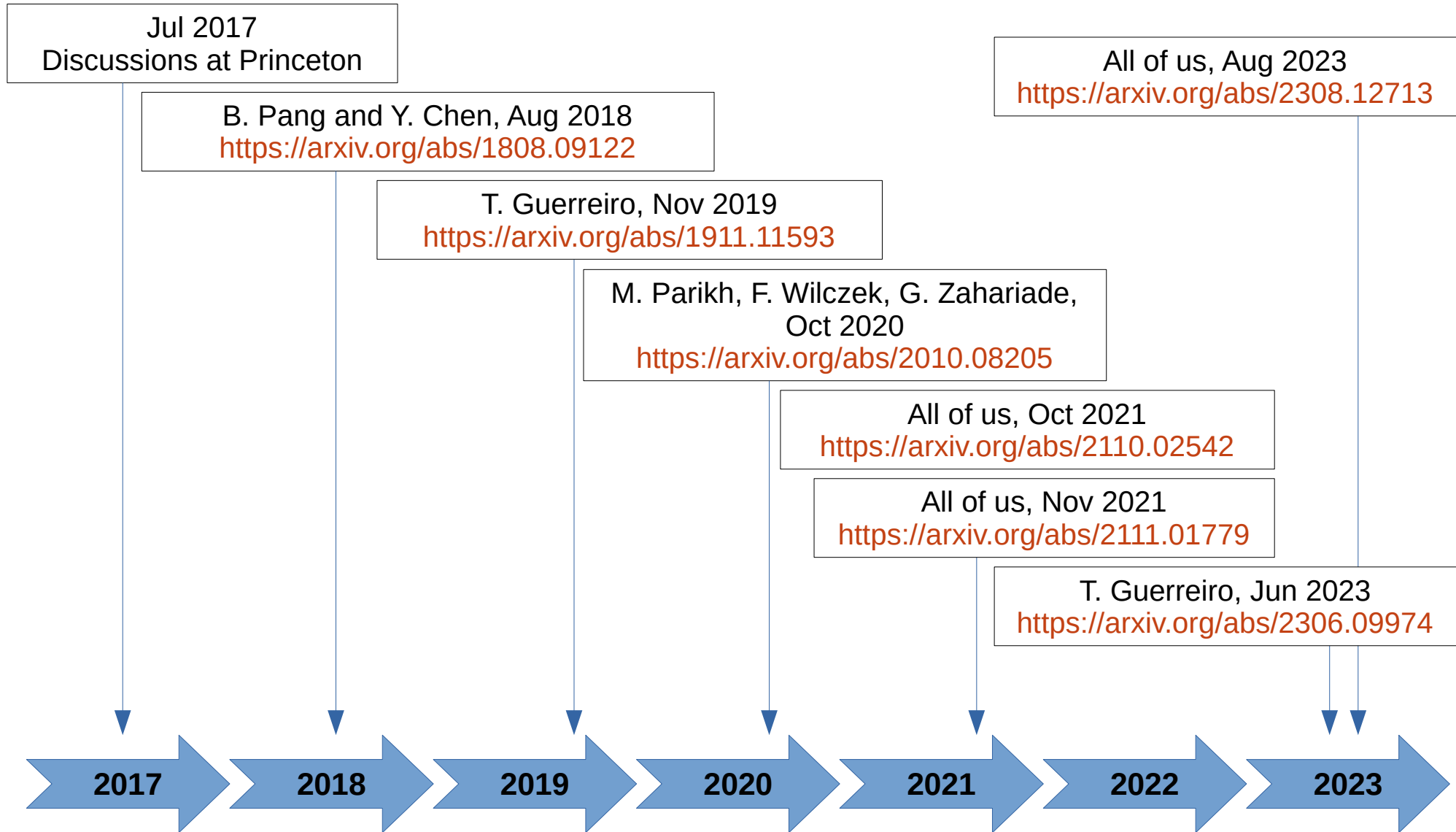
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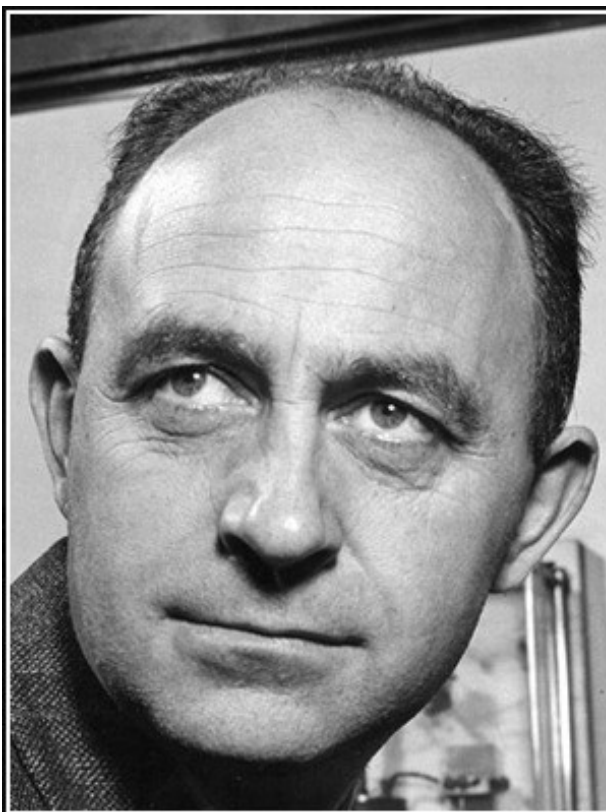
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*This talk is concerned with a different question, whether it is in principle possible to detect **individual gravitons**, or in other words, whether it is possible to detect the quantization of the gravitational field*






Never underestimate the joy people  
derive from hearing something they  
already know.

— *Enrico Fermi* —

AZ QUOTES

**canonical** /kəˈnɑːnɪkəl/  *adjective*

**Britannica Dictionary definition of CANONICAL** .....

[more canonical; most canonical]

**1** : connected with or allowed by the laws of the Christian church


- *canonical* procedures

**2 a** : of or relating to the books that are considered to be part of a religion's official text

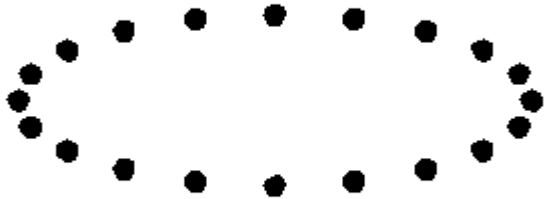
- *canonical* scriptures
- the Jewish *canonical* texts

**b** : of or relating to the group of books, plays, poems, etc., that are traditionally considered to be very important

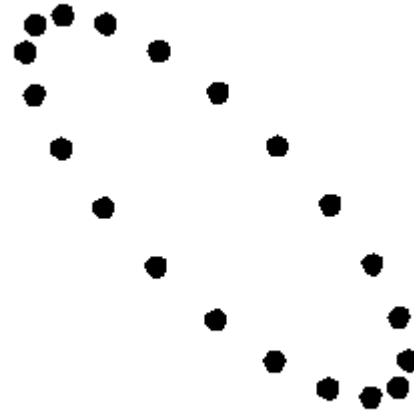
- *canonical* literature

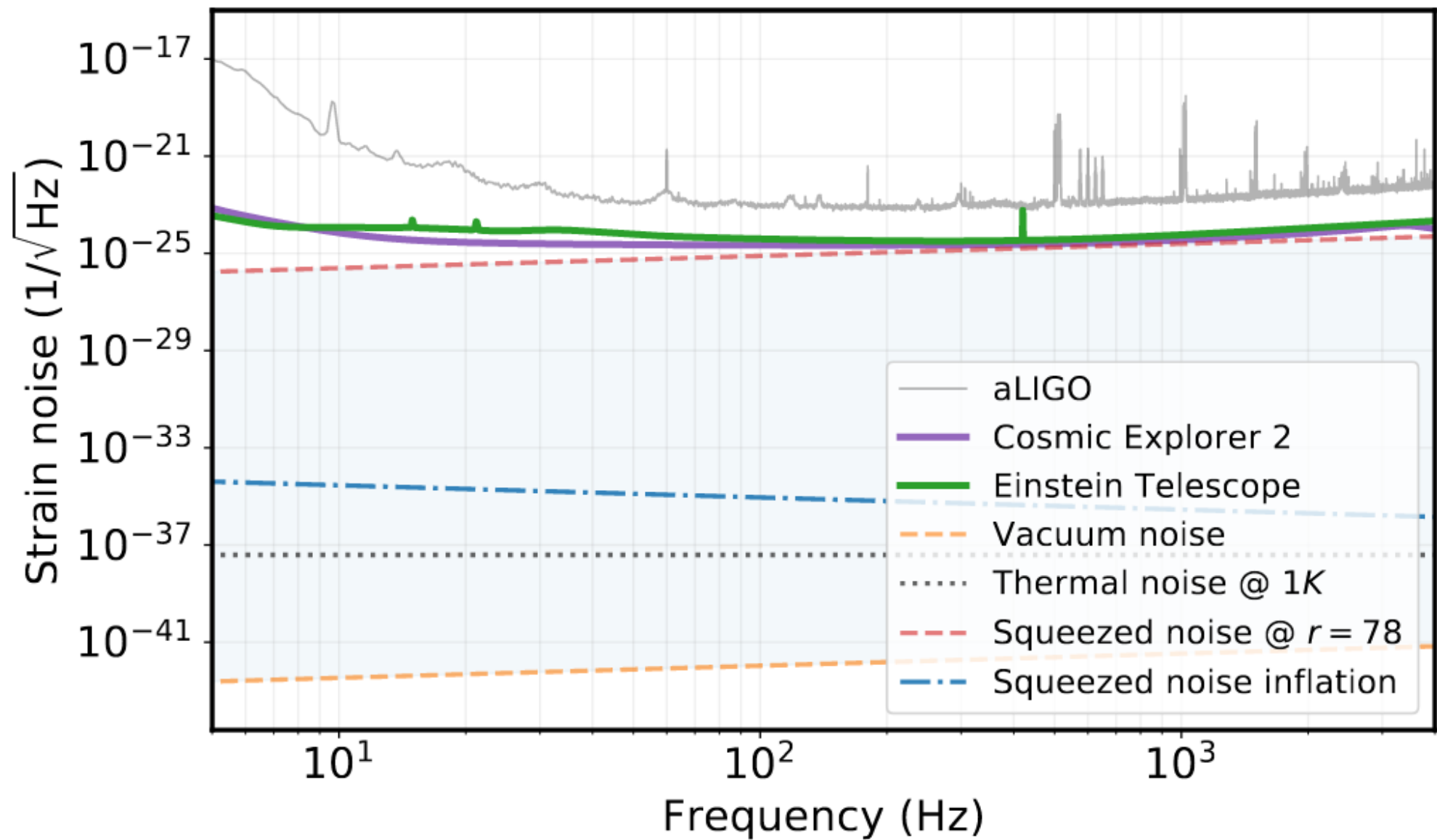
— **canonically** /kəˈnɑːnɪkli/  *adverb*

+ polarization



x polarization





*Gravitation is so weak that no experiment that we could perform today would be anywhere near sensitive enough to measure gravitational radiation waves [...]. And the quantum aspect of gravitational waves is a million times further removed from detectability; there is apparently no hope of ever observing a graviton.*

