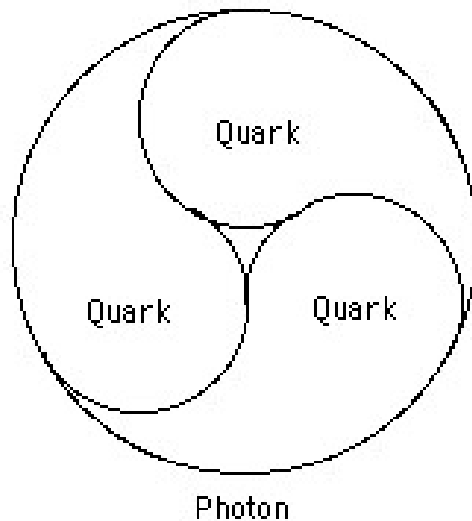


# Photon



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"To detect the momentum of a **photon**, one actually detects the [momentum](#) of an interacting particle of [mass](#). **Photons** as such are not directly detectable. Indeed, the **photon** is not just a "massless particle" and no one really understands just what it is." [See Richard Kidd, James Ardini, and Anatol Anton, Evolution of the Modern Photon, American Journal of Physics, 57(1), Jan. 1989, p. 27-35.]

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This term historically was first applied to indivisible amounts of electromagnetic, or [light](#), energy usually referred to as photons. The photon, or quantum of the electromagnetic field, is a massless particle, best interpreted as such by quantizing Maxwell's equations. [McGraw-Hill Concise Encyclopedia of Science & Technology]

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[Gamma rays energies](#) have **photons** with over 100 million electron volts. In comparison visible [light photons](#) have [energies](#) of about 2 electron volts. [NASA]

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### CONFUSION CONCERNING LIGHT CORPUSCLES

There is much confusion concerning the many kinds of [particles](#) of [matter](#) such as [electrons](#), [protons](#), [photons](#), [neutrons](#) and others. These many [particles](#) are supposedly different because of the [belief](#) that some are [negatively charged](#), some are [positively charged](#) and some are so equally charged that one supposedly neutralizes the other.

There is no such [condition](#) in [nature](#) as [negative charge](#), nor are there negatively charged particles. [Charge](#) and [discharge](#) are opposite conditions, as filling and emptying, or compressing and expanding are opposite conditions.

Compressing bodies are charging into higher [potential](#) conditions. Conversely, expanding bodies are discharging into lower [potential](#) conditions. To describe an [electron](#) as a negatively charged body is equivalent to saying that it is an expanding-contracting body.

Contracting and expanding bodies move in opposite directions. Contracting bodies move radially inward toward [mass centers](#), and expanding bodies move radially outward toward [space](#) which surrounds masses. In this [two-way universe](#), [light](#) which is inwardly directed toward [gravity](#) charges [mass](#) and discharges [space](#). When directed

toward [space](#) it charges [space](#) and discharges [mass](#). All [direction](#) of [force](#) in [Nature](#) is [spiral](#).

The charging [condition](#) is [positive](#). It multiplies speed of motion into density of substance. The [principle of multiplication of motion](#) because of decrease of [volume](#) is the [cause](#) of the [acceleration of gravity](#). The discharging [condition](#) is [negative](#). It divides speed of motion into tenuity of substance. The [principle of the division of motion](#) because of expansion of [volume](#), is the [cause](#) of the deceleration of radiation.

One can better comprehend this principle by [knowing](#) that what we call [substance](#) is purely [motion](#). [Motion](#) simulates [substance](#) by its [variation of pressures](#), its [speed](#) and its [gyroscopic](#) relation to its [wave axis](#).

[Particles](#) are variously conditioned as to [pressure](#) but there are no different kinds of [particles](#). All are [light waves](#) wound up into [particles](#) which are doubly charged. Their position at any one point in their [wave](#) causes them to have the [electric condition](#) appropriate for that point.

[Light particles](#) are forever moving in their [octave waves](#). All are either heading toward their [cathode](#) or their [anode](#), which means toward [vacuity](#) or [gravity](#). They are all moving either inward or outward, spirally. [[Walter Russell](#), [The Secret of Light](#), pages 164-166]

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(foton) , the particle composing [light](#) and other forms of electromagnetic radiation, sometimes called [light quantum](#). The **photon** has no [charge](#) and no [mass](#). About the beginning of the 20th cent., the classical theory that [light](#) is emitted and absorbed by [matter](#) in a continuous stream came under criticism because it led to incorrect predictions about several effects, notably the [radiation](#) of [light](#) by incandescent bodies (see black body) and the [photoelectric effect](#). These effects can be explained only by assuming that the energy is transferred in discrete packets, or **photons**, the energy of each **photon** being equal to the [frequency](#) of the [light](#) multiplied by [Planck's Constant](#),  $h$ . Because the value of Planck's constant is extremely small ( $6.62 \times 10^{-27}$  erg sec.), the discrete nature of [light](#) energy is not evident in most optical phenomena. The [light](#) imparts energy and [momentum](#) to a charged particle when one of the **photons** collides with it, as is demonstrated by the Compton effect. (source not known)

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Photon

Structure:

[Quark](#)

[Quark](#)

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Characteristics:

01 - no charge

02 - no mass

03 - variable frequency

04 - an elementary particle that is its own antiparticle.

05 - integral-spin particle to which Bose-Einstein Statistics apply.

06 - does not follow the Pauli Exclusion Principle.

07 - is a boson.

08 - integer-spin particle which mediates forces between fermions. Odd spin bosons mediate repulsive forces; even spin bosons mediate attractive forces.

09 - a quantum of electromagnetic radiation.

10 - Photons are carrier particles of electromagnetic interactions.

Antiparticle: Photon

Photons are carrier particles of electromagnetic interactions

W and Z bosons are carrier particles for weak interactions

**Boson** : An integral spin particle to which Bose-Einstein statistics apply. Such particles do not follow the Pauli exclusion principle. Photons, pions, alpha particles, and nuclei of even mass numbers are examples of bosons.

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The carrier particle of the electromagnetic interaction. Depending on its frequency (and therefore its energy) photons can have different names such as visible light, X rays and gamma rays. We describe light in several ways. When we talk about "photons" we generally think of uncharged particles with out mass that carry energy (but be careful, there are other particles like this!). Photons of light are known by other names too, such as gamma rays and x-rays. Low-energy forms are called ultraviolet rays, infrared rays, even radio waves! A photon is one of the fundamental particles in nature and it plays an important role involving electron interactions. Photons are the most familiar particles in everyday existence. The light we see, the radiant heat we feel, microwaves we cook with, are make use of photons of different energies. An x-ray is simply a name given to the most energetic of these particles.

**PHOTON** (foton) , the particle composing light and other forms of electromagnetic radiation, sometimes called light quantum. The photon has no charge and no mass. About the beginning of the 20th cent., the classical theory that light is emitted and absorbed by matter in a continuous stream came under criticism because it led to incorrect predictions about several effects, notably the radiation of light by incandescent bodies (see black body) and the photoelectric effect . These effects can be explained only by assuming that the energy is transferred in discrete packets, or photons, the energy of each photon being equal to the frequency of the light multiplied by Planck's constant,  $h$ . Because the value of Planck's constant is extremely small ( $6.62 \times 10^{-27}$  erg sec.), the discrete nature of light energy is not evident in most optical phenomena. The light imparts energy and momentum to a charged particle when one of the photons collides with it, as is demonstrated by the Compton Effect. See quantum theory. Photon is a quantum of electromagnetic radiation; an elementary particle that is its own antiparticle.

**Boson** An integral spin particle to which Bose-Einstein statistics apply. Such particles do not follow the Pauli exclusion principle. Photons, pions, alpha particles, and nuclei of even mass numbers are examples of bosons.

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An integer-spin particle which mediates forces between fermions. Odd spin bosons mediate repulsive forces; even spin bosons mediate attractive forces. Bosons of the same type are indistinguishable and have symmetric wavefunctions. Bosons obey Bose-Einstein statistics.

**Boson** - any particle that obeys Bose-Einstein statistics but not the Pauli exclusion principle; all nuclei with an even mass number are bosons

even spin bosons - mediate attractive forces

gauge boson - a particle that mediates the interaction of two elementary particles

gluon - a gauge boson that mediates strong interaction among quarks

graviton - a gauge boson that mediates the (extremely weak) gravitational interactions between particles

intermediate vector bosons - a gauge boson that mediates weak interactions between particles

Odd spin bosons - mediate repulsive forces

neutral Z bosons - constitute a "neutral current"

photon - a quantum of electromagnetic radiation; an elementary particle that is its own antiparticle

**Fermions**

Fermions are subatomic particles such as protons, neutrons, and electrons that have half-integer spins ( $1/2$ ,  $3/2$ , etc) and atoms comprised of odd numbers of the particles [such as three](#). [Electrons are fermions](#).

Unlike bosons, another form of elementary particle that have integer spins (1, 2, 3, etc), identical fermions are prevented by the laws of quantum physics from sharing the same state of being. For example, identical fermions cannot share the same location or momentum. But photons, which are bosons, can - which is why lasers work.

Two fermions that bind strongly into a molecule become a boson because their spins add to an integer value but,

in the Colorado experiment, the fermions did not link that tightly. However, they behaved enough like bosons to allow them to share the same momentum for about one ten-thousandth of a second.

Low-temperature superconductors carry current via pairs of electrons that are bound weakly at distances of about a thousand times the usual distance between electrons.

In contrast, the relatively high-temperature superconductors are thought to work when electrons are paired at the average distance between them - and this is what was seen between the atoms in this fermionic condensate.

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See Also

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**[Etheric Elements](#)**

**[Figure 7B.09 - Feynmans Triplet Structure of Photon](#)**

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