

graviton

In [physics](#), the **graviton** is an hypothetical elementary particle that mediates the force of [gravitation](#) in the framework of [quantum field theory](#). If it exists, the **graviton** is expected to be massless (because the gravitational force appears to have unlimited range) and must be a spin-2 [boson](#). The spin follows from the fact that the source of [gravitation](#) is the stress-energy tensor, a second-rank tensor (compared to electromagnetism's spin-1 [photon](#), the source of which is the four-current, a first-rank tensor). Additionally, it can be shown that any massless spin-2 field would give rise to a force indistinguishable from [gravitation](#), because a massless spin-2 field must couple to (interact with) the stress-energy tensor in the same way that the gravitational field does. Seeing as the **graviton** is hypothetical, its discovery would unite quantum theory with [gravity](#). This result suggests that, if a massless spin-2 particle is discovered, it must be the **graviton**, so that the only experimental verification needed for the **graviton** may simply be the discovery of a massless spin-2 particle. [Graviton, Wikipedia](#) [↗](#)

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