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1. Abstract

The standard model of physics treats the photon as a point-like elementary particle. However, this abstraction leaves the physical mechanism of wave-particle duality and photon stability largely to mathematical interpretation. This paper introduces the **Model of Alif**, a hypothesis proposing that the photon possesses an internal structure. This structure is comprised of two distinct sub-components—Type 1 (particle property) and Type 2 (wave property)—held in equilibrium by localized gravitational binding forces. The model further explores the interaction between the photon and the quantum vacuum, suggesting a temporal lifecycle (Past, Present, and Future) for light.

2. Introduction

In contemporary physics, light is defined by its behavior rather than its internal architecture. While Quantum Electrodynamics (QED) accurately predicts interactions, it does not visualize the internal "engine" of the photon. The **Model of Alif** seeks to fill this gap by proposing a composite model where the photon is a dynamic system rather than a fundamental point.

3. The Core Hypothesis: Composite Structure

The Model of Alif posits that the photon is a spherical energy confinement shell containing:

- **Type 1 (Particulate State):** Internal components that manifest as discrete energy packets during interactions with matter.
- **Type 2 (Undulatory State):** Internal components that govern the periodic, wave-like interference patterns observed in transit.
- **Binding Force:** These components are kept in a stable, unified state by localized gravity (binding energy) generated by the photon's own energy density.

4. Interaction with Virtual Particles

According to this hypothesis, the photon is an open system that maintains its balance through the quantum vacuum.

- **Absorption:** The photon structure interacts with and absorbs virtual particles from the vacuum.
- **Equilibrium:** This absorption serves to balance the internal radiation pressure, ensuring the photon does not dissipate instantaneously.

5. Temporal Lifecycle: The "Half-Year" Concept

Departing from the view that photons are immortal, the **Model of Alif** suggests that light has a finite lifecycle:

- **Temporal Stages:** The photon exists in a progression of Past, Present, and Future states.
- **Decay and Stability:** The model proposes that over extreme durations, the balance of internal components may shift, suggesting a "half-life" or aging process for light that could provide an alternative explanation for certain cosmological redshifts.

6. Visualization

(Insert the Diagram generated previously: **Figure 1: The Alif Model of a Composite Photon**)

7. Conclusion

The Model of Alif provides a new mechanical lens through which to view the most fundamental unit of light. By treating the photon as a structured, composite entity with a temporal lifecycle, we open new avenues for investigating the relationship between gravity, quantum mechanics, and the nature of time.

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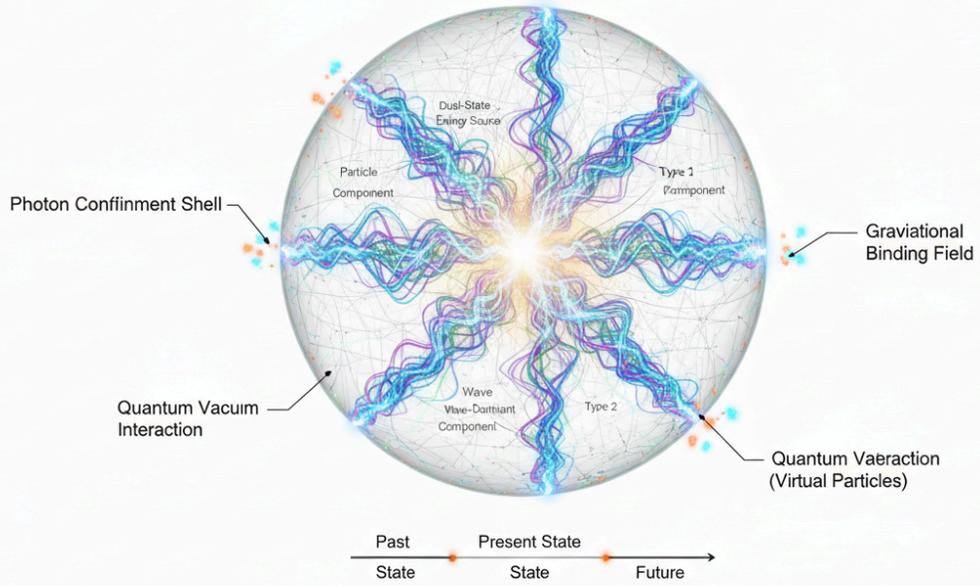


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