An Acceptable Hybrid Framework
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1. Higgs existence/detection does not imply it mediates mass
2. electro-weak unification does not imply further unification is possible or even desirable
3. proton decay has never been detected nor will it ever be
4. gravitons will never be detected because gravitation is not mediated by bosons

Item 1 should be an obvious fact. 2 is not so obvious but it’s still a fact. 3 appears true to a certain confidence level. 4 I will explain below.

I’m going to try my best to be blunt. I envy Feynman because of his genius and self-discipline. He did something I could never do nor would I desire to. I’m more interested in the big picture / complete coherent consistent concise valid unification .. I’m disappointed in Einstein. I feel he was on the right track; perhaps he got lost in the details. He missed one crucial step forward: unidimensional temporal curvature.

Visualize time like a rubber band that can only be stretched or compressed. I call that temporal elasticity. The presence of matter compresses time locally; the presence of antimatter does the opposite. Gravitation can be simplified to depend exclusively on this. So can the strong force. A bonus unification is Special Relativity.

I won’t waste your time about discarding electro-weak unification. In this hybrid framework, it’s unnecessary. Since protons are Stable, so are certain nuclei. Most are not.

Back to unification: I berated myself for years because I could not extend G+SF+SR beyond those three items. I tried to think of EM as a kind of curvature but failed. Perhaps it is not [wink] .. Perhaps we live in a hybrid universe where EM is mediated by photons and the rest is mediated by temporal elasticity. I could live with that.