

The Compton Effect

1. A 0.3 MeV X-ray photon makes a head-on collision with an electron at rest initially. Using the conservation of energy and momentum, find the recoil velocity of the electron. (0.65c)
2. X-rays are Compton scattered at an angle of 60° . If the wavelength of the scattered radiation is 0.0312 nm, find the wavelength of the incident radiation. (0.3Å)
3. If the maximum energy imparted to an electron in Compton scattering is 45 keV, what is the wavelength of the incident photon? (9.36 pm)
4. Calculate the maximum fractional frequency shift in wavelength for an incident photon of wavelength 0.1 nm, scattered off a proton at rest. (2.61×10^{-5})
5. Determine the maximum scattering angle in a Compton scattering experiment for which the scattered photon can produce a positron-electron pair. (Hint: A positron is a positively charged particle, with an electron mass. Hence, the energy required is $2m_e c^2$.) (60°)
6. A photon is Compton scattered off a stationary electron through an angle of 45° and its final energy is half its initial energy. Calculate the value of the initial energy. (1.77 MeV)
7. X-rays detected at a scattering angle of 163° have a wavelength of 0.1867 nm. Find the wavelength and the energy of the incident photon. (0.182 nm, 6.82 keV)
8. In a Compton-effect experiment in which the incident X-rays have a wavelength of 10 pm, the scattered X-rays have a wavelength of 10.5 pm. Find both the magnitude and the direction of the momentum that the recoil electrons will have. (4.2×10^{-23} kgms $^{-1}$, 67.1°)
9. Find the energy of an X-ray photon that can impart a maximum energy of 50 keV to an electron. (141 keV)
10. At what scattering angle will incident 100 keV X-rays leave a target with an energy of 90 keV? (64.83°)
11. A 210 MeV photon collides with an electron at rest. What is the maximum energy loss? What would be the energy loss when the target is a proton? Explain the difference in the results. (210 MeV, 64.3 MeV)
12. In a Compton scattering experiment, the wavelength of the incident X-rays is 7.078×10^{-2} nm while the wavelength of the outgoing X-rays is 7.314×10^{-2} nm. At what angle was the scattered radiation measured? (89.05°)
13. In a Compton scattering experiment, a detector is set at an angle of 57° . What must be the frequency of the incoming X rays, in order to produce a final X ray with a frequency 1% less than the initial frequency? (2.74×10^{18} Hz)