

159(2): Electron Velocity in the Compton Effect.

The electron momentum after collision is:

$$p'^2 = \frac{h^2}{c^4} (\omega^2 v^2 + \omega'^2 v'^2 - 2\omega\omega'vv'\cos\theta) \quad - (1)$$

where v and v' have been given in QFT 158 and note 159(1).

In the usual theory:

$$v = v' = ? \quad c \quad - (2)$$

so

$$p'^2 \sim \frac{h^2}{c^2} (\omega^2 + \omega'^2 - 2\omega\omega'\cos\theta)^{1/2}$$

i.e

$$p' \sim \frac{h}{c} (\omega^2 + \omega'^2 - 2\omega\omega'\cos\theta)^{1/2} \quad - (3)$$

and

$$v' = \frac{h}{mc} (\omega^2 + \omega'^2 - 2\omega\omega'\cos\theta)^{1/2} \quad - (4)$$

Here v' is the velocity of the electron after collision with the photon, the electron being initially at rest. Here

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{h}{mc} &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \frac{h}{mc} = \frac{2.426309 \times 10^{-12} \text{ metres}}{2\pi} \\ &= 3.86159 \times 10^{-13} \text{ metres} \quad - (5) \end{aligned}$$

for gamma rays:

$$\omega \sim \omega' \sim 10^{20} \text{ radians per second} \quad - (6)$$

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$$v' \sim 10^7 \text{ metres per second}$$