

41. The difference between the electron-photon scattering process in this problem and the one studied in the text (the Compton shift, see Eq. 39-11) is that the electron is in motion relative with speed  $v$  to the laboratory frame. To utilize the result in Eq. 39-11, shift to a new reference frame in which the electron is at rest before the scattering. Denote the quantities measured in this new frame with a prime ( $'$ ), and apply Eq. 39-11 to yield

$$\Delta\lambda' = \lambda' - \lambda'_0 = \frac{h}{m_e c} (1 - \cos \pi) = \frac{2h}{m_e c} ,$$

where we note that  $\phi = \pi$  (since the photon is scattered back in the direction of incidence). Now, from the Doppler shift formula (Eq. 38-25) the frequency  $f'_0$  of the photon prior to the scattering in the new reference frame satisfies

$$f'_0 = \frac{c}{\lambda'_0} = f_0 \sqrt{\frac{1+\beta}{1-\beta}} ,$$

where  $\beta = v/c$ . Also, as we switch back from the new reference frame to the original one after the scattering

$$f = f' \sqrt{\frac{1-\beta}{1+\beta}} = \frac{c}{\lambda'} \sqrt{\frac{1-\beta}{1+\beta}} .$$

We solve the two Doppler-shift equations above for  $\lambda'$  and  $\lambda'_0$  and substitute the results into the Compton shift formula for  $\Delta\lambda'$ :

$$\Delta\lambda' = \frac{1}{f} \sqrt{\frac{1-\beta}{1+\beta}} - \frac{1}{f_0} \sqrt{\frac{1-\beta}{1+\beta}} = \frac{2h}{m_e c^2} .$$

Some simple algebra then leads to

$$E = hf = hf_0 \left( 1 + \frac{2h}{m_e c^2} \sqrt{\frac{1+\beta}{1-\beta}} \right)^{-1} .$$