

37. (a) Since the mass of an electron is  $m = 9.109 \times 10^{-31}$  kg, its Compton wavelength is

$$\lambda_C = \frac{h}{mc} = \frac{6.626 \times 10^{-34} \text{ J}\cdot\text{s}}{(9.109 \times 10^{-31} \text{ kg})(2.998 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s})} = 2.426 \times 10^{-12} \text{ m} = 2.43 \text{ pm} .$$

- (b) Since the mass of a proton is  $m = 1.673 \times 10^{-27}$  kg, its Compton wavelength is

$$\lambda_C = \frac{6.626 \times 10^{-34} \text{ J}\cdot\text{s}}{(1.673 \times 10^{-27} \text{ kg})(2.998 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s})} = 1.321 \times 10^{-15} \text{ m} = 1.32 \text{ fm} .$$

- (c) We use the formula developed in Exercise 3:  $E = (1240 \text{ eV}\cdot\text{nm})/\lambda$ , where  $E$  is the energy and  $\lambda$  is the wavelength. Thus for the electron,  $E = (1240 \text{ eV}\cdot\text{nm})/(2.426 \times 10^{-3} \text{ nm}) = 5.11 \times 10^5 \text{ eV} = 0.511 \text{ MeV}$ .

- (d) For the proton,  $E = (1240 \text{ eV}\cdot\text{nm})/(1.321 \times 10^{-6} \text{ nm}) = 9.39 \times 10^8 \text{ eV} = 939 \text{ MeV}$ .