

40. (a) The fractional change is

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\Delta E}{E} &= \frac{\Delta(hc/\lambda)}{hc/\lambda} = \lambda \Delta \left(\frac{1}{\lambda} \right) = \lambda \left(\frac{1}{\lambda'} - \frac{1}{\lambda} \right) = \frac{\lambda}{\lambda'} - 1 = \frac{\lambda}{\lambda + \Delta\lambda} - 1 \\ &= -\frac{1}{\lambda/\Delta\lambda + 1} = -\frac{1}{(\lambda/\lambda_C)(1 - \cos \phi)^{-1} + 1} .\end{aligned}$$

If $\lambda = 3.0 \text{ cm} = 3.0 \times 10^{10} \text{ pm}$ and $\phi = 90^\circ$, the result is

$$\frac{\Delta E}{E} = -\frac{1}{(3.0 \times 10^{10} \text{ pm}/2.43 \text{ pm})(1 - \cos 90^\circ)^{-1} + 1} = -8.1 \times 10^{-11} .$$

(b) Now $\lambda = 500 \text{ nm} = 5.00 \times 10^5 \text{ pm}$ and $\phi = 90^\circ$, so

$$\frac{\Delta E}{E} = -\frac{1}{(5.00 \times 10^5 \text{ pm}/2.43 \text{ pm})(1 - \cos 90^\circ)^{-1} + 1} = -4.9 \times 10^{-6} .$$

(c) With $\lambda = 25 \text{ pm}$ and $\phi = 90^\circ$, we find

$$\frac{\Delta E}{E} = -\frac{1}{(25 \text{ pm}/2.43 \text{ pm})(1 - \cos 90^\circ)^{-1} + 1} = -8.9 \times 10^{-2} .$$

(d) In this case, $\lambda = hc/E = 1240 \text{ nm} \cdot \text{eV}/1.0 \text{ MeV} = 1.24 \times 10^{-3} \text{ nm} = 1.24 \text{ pm}$, so

$$\frac{\Delta E}{E} = -\frac{1}{(1.24 \text{ pm}/2.43 \text{ pm})(1 - \cos 90^\circ)^{-1} + 1} = -0.66 .$$

(e) From the calculation above, we see that the shorter the wavelength the greater the fractional energy change for the photon as a result of the Compton scattering. Since $\Delta E/E$ is virtually zero for microwave and visible light, the Compton effect is significant only in the x-ray to gamma ray range of the electromagnetic spectrum.