

08 The Compton Vector

The Compton Effect discovered in 1923 represents the interaction between a photon (x ray) and an electron. The interaction is elastic; the photon is “scattered”, and the electron “recoils”.

The interaction includes force. The “interactive force” may be represented as a vector. If two conditions apply, then the components will also give the Compton equation.

Energy is transferred from the x-ray photon to the electron. The medium of transfer is assumed to be a “transfer photon”. Components of the Compton Vector will give mass dilation (associated with the electron) and wave-length contraction (associated with the transfer photon).

The Compton Equation;

The Compton equation defines the change of wavelength of an x-ray photon after collision with an electron;

$$\lambda_2 - \lambda_1 = (h/m_e c)(1 - \cos\theta)$$

Where; λ_2 is the wavelength of the x-ray photon after the interaction

λ_1 is the wavelength of the x-ray photon before the interaction; $\lambda_2 > \lambda_1$

h is the Plank constant

c is the light constant

m_e is the rest mass of an electron

θ is the scattering angle of the photon

The Transfer Photon;

Energy is transferred from the x-ray photon to the electron. Assume the transfer is mediated by a “transfer photon”. The energy (E_4) of the transfer photon is;

$$E_4 = hc/\lambda_3$$

Where; $\lambda_3 = \lambda_2 - \lambda_1$

The Compton equation may also be written as; $\frac{1}{2}m_e c(\lambda_3/h) = \sin^2(\frac{1}{2}\theta)$

The Compton Vector;

A force acts upon the transfer photon. This force may be represented as a three dimensional “interaction vector” of force (**F**) which is the Compton Vector;

$$\mathbf{F} = F_1\mathbf{i} + F_2\mathbf{j} + F_3\mathbf{k}$$

Where; **i**, **j**, **k** are directional vectors (orthogonal unit vectors)

F_1, F_2, F_3 are scalar components of force

The vector has a magnitude; $|\mathbf{F}| = F_4$

The components are related to magnitude; $F_1^2 + F_2^2 + F_3^2 = F_4^2$

A sub-component (F_5) is related as; $F_5^2 = F_1^2 + F_2^2 = F_4^2 - F_3^2$

The sub-component may be called the “force of materialization”.

Component Geometry;

The vector (**F**) has components and a sub-component arranged as geometry;

$$F_1 = F_5 \cos(A) \quad \text{and} \quad F_2 = F_5 \sin(A)$$

$$F_5 = F_4 \cos(B) \quad \text{and} \quad F_3 = F_4 \sin(B)$$

Two conditions are required for interaction (and materialization);

$$\text{Condition 1; } A = B$$

$$\text{Condition 2; } B + \frac{1}{2}\theta = \frac{1}{2}\pi$$

Giving; $\cos(B) = \sin(\frac{1}{2}\theta)$

Materialization;

Energy may “condense” (materialize) into matter. The force (F_5) of materialization has a wave representation (associated with the transfer photon) and a particle representation (associated with the dynamic electron);

$$F_5 = hc/\lambda_3\lambda_0 = \frac{1}{2}mc^2/\lambda_3$$

Giving the De Broglie equation of materialization; $mv_0 = h/\lambda_0$

Where; m is dynamic mass

v_0 is velocity of materialization; $v_0 = \frac{1}{2}c$

λ_0 is wave-length of materialization

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Definitions of Force;

Components of force may be defined as;

$$F_1 = \frac{1}{2}m_e c^2 / \lambda_3$$

$$F_2 = \frac{1}{2}m_e v c / \lambda_3$$

$$F_3 = h\nu / \lambda_3^2$$

$$F_4 = h c / \lambda_3^2$$

$$F_5 = h c / \lambda_3 \lambda_0 = \frac{1}{2}m_e c^2 / \lambda_3$$

Mass Dilation;

Mass dilation is associated with the electron. Vector geometry gives;

$$\cos(A) = F_1 / F_5 = m_e / m$$

and;

$$\sin(A) = F_2 / F_5 = v / c$$

$$\cos^2(A) + \sin^2(A) = 1$$

$$m_e^2 / m^2 + v^2 / c^2 = 1$$

giving mass dilation; $m = \gamma m_e$

Where; γ is the Lorentz factor; $\gamma = 1 / (1 - v^2 / c^2)^{1/2}$

Length Contraction;

Length contraction is associated with the transfer photon. Vector geometry gives;

$$\cos(B) = F_5 / F_4 = \lambda_3 / \lambda_0$$

and;

$$\sin(B) = F_3 / F_4 = v / c$$

$$\cos^2(B) + \sin^2(B) = 1$$

$$\lambda_3^2 / \lambda_0^2 + v^2 / c^2 = 1$$

giving length contraction; $\lambda_3 = \lambda_0 / \gamma$

Where; λ_0 is the wavelength of condensation

The Force Equation;

Two conditions for interaction are required.

From condition 1; $A = B$

$$\cos(A) = \cos(B)$$

$$F_1 / F_5 = F_5 / F_4$$

Giving; $F_1 F_4 = F_5^2$

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From condition 2; $\cos(B) = \sin(\frac{1}{2}\theta) = F_5/F_4$

$$\sin^2(\frac{1}{2}\theta) = F_5^2/F_4^2$$

$$\sin^2(\frac{1}{2}\theta) = (F_1 F_4)/F_4^2$$

The force equation is; $\sin^2(\frac{1}{2}\theta) = F_1/F_4$

Force definition gives; $\sin^2(\frac{1}{2}\theta) = (\frac{1}{2}m_e c^2/\lambda_3)/(hc/\lambda_3^2)$

Reducing to the Compton equation;

$$\sin^2(\frac{1}{2}\theta) = \frac{1}{2}m_e c(\lambda_3/h)$$

Conclusion;

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