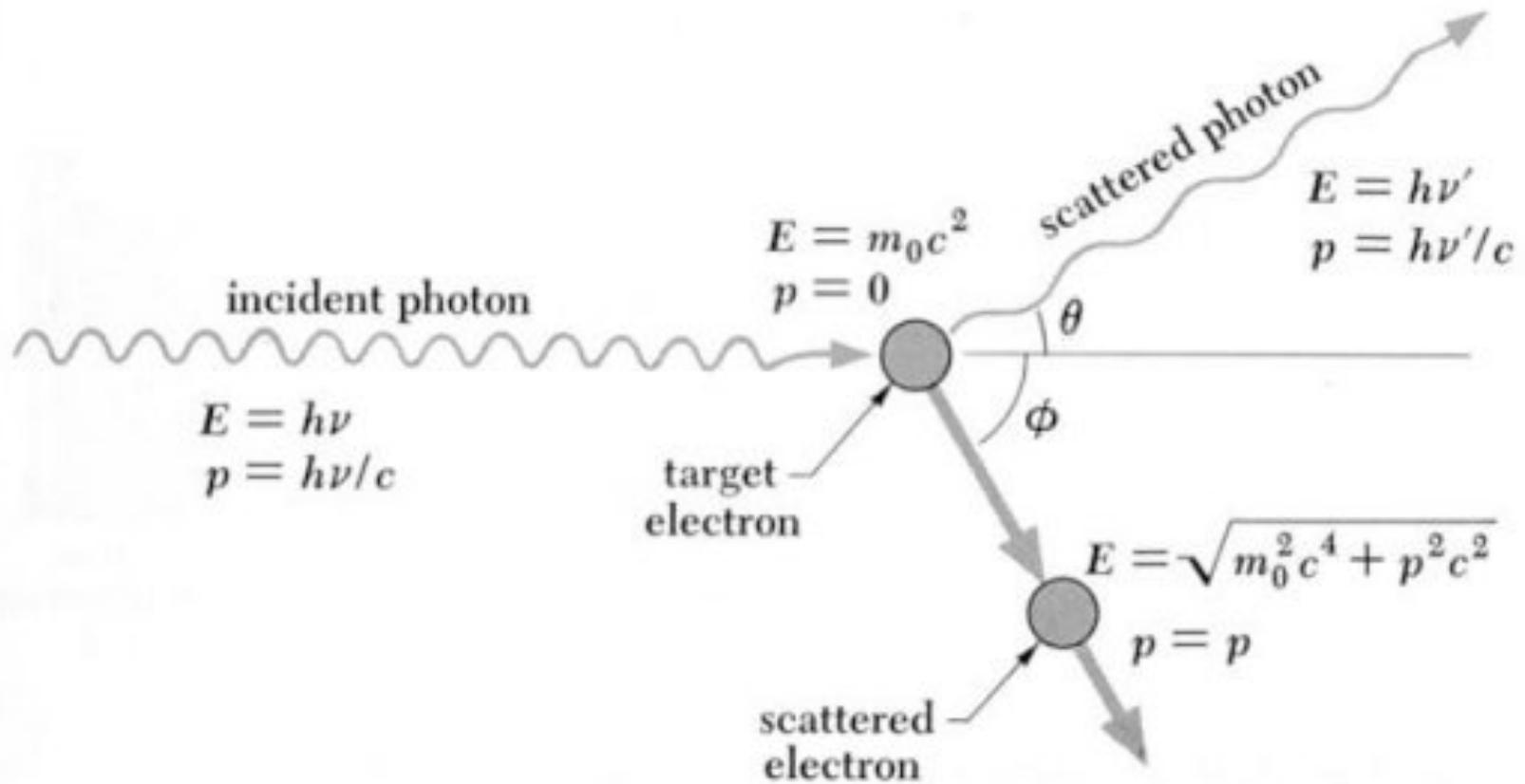


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Compton Scattering



Compton Scattering

$$h\nu + mec^2 = h\nu' + E_e$$

$$h\nu/c = p_e \cos \varphi + \frac{h\nu'}{c} \cos \theta$$

$$0 = \frac{h\nu'}{c} \sin \theta - p_e \sin \varphi$$

$$p_e^2 \cos^2 \varphi = \left(\frac{h\nu}{c}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{h\nu'}{c}\right)^2 \cos^2 \theta - 2 \frac{h^2 \nu \nu'}{c^2} \cos \theta$$

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$$\begin{aligned} E_e^2 &= p_e^2 c^2 + m_e^2 c^4 \\ &= (h\nu + mec^2 - h\nu')^2 \\ &= h^2 \nu^2 + (mec^2)^2 + (h\nu')^2 \\ &\quad + 2h\nu mec^2 - 2h\nu' mec^2 \\ &\quad - 2h^2 \nu \nu' \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow p_e^2 = \left(\frac{h\nu}{c}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{h\nu'}{c}\right)^2 + 2h\nu m_e - 2h\nu' m_e - 2h^2 \nu \nu'$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow 2h m_e (\nu - \nu') &= \frac{2h^2}{c^2} \nu \nu' [1 - \cos \theta] \\ \text{or } \nu - \nu' &= \frac{h}{m_e c^2} \nu \nu' [1 - \cos \theta] \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{\nu - \nu'}{\nu \nu'} = \frac{h}{m_e c^2} [1 - \cos \theta]$$

$$\frac{1}{\nu'} - \frac{1}{\nu} = \frac{h}{m_e c^2} [1 - \cos \theta]$$

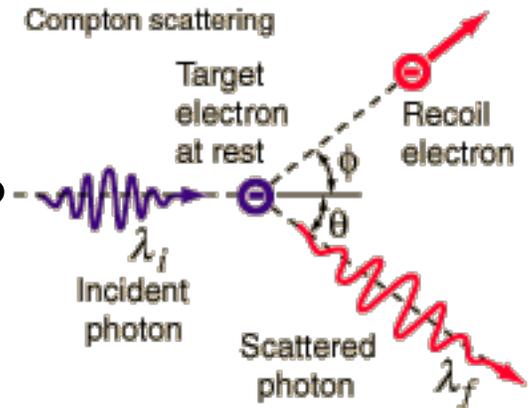
$$\lambda' - \lambda = \frac{h}{m_e c} [1 - \cos \theta]$$

$$\Delta \lambda = \frac{h}{m_e c} [1 - \cos \theta]$$

$$\lambda_c = \frac{h}{m_e c} = \text{"Compton wavelength"}$$

Concept Check

- For which angle θ does the recoil electron have the highest energy?
- 0°
- 90°
- 180°
- some other angle



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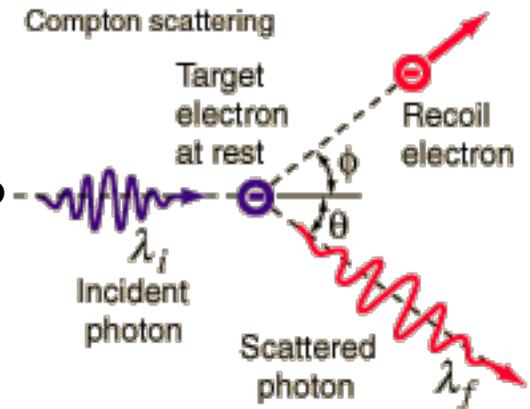
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$$\Delta\lambda = \lambda_c [1 - \cos\theta]$$

Biggest $\Delta\lambda$ for $\cos\theta = -1$
or $\theta = 180$

\Rightarrow Biggest $\Delta\nu$
 \Rightarrow Biggest $\Delta(h\nu)$
 \Rightarrow Biggest $E_e - m_e c^2$

$$\lambda' = \lambda + \lambda_c [1 - \cos\theta]$$

$$\nu' = \frac{c}{\lambda + \lambda_c [1 - \cos\theta]}$$

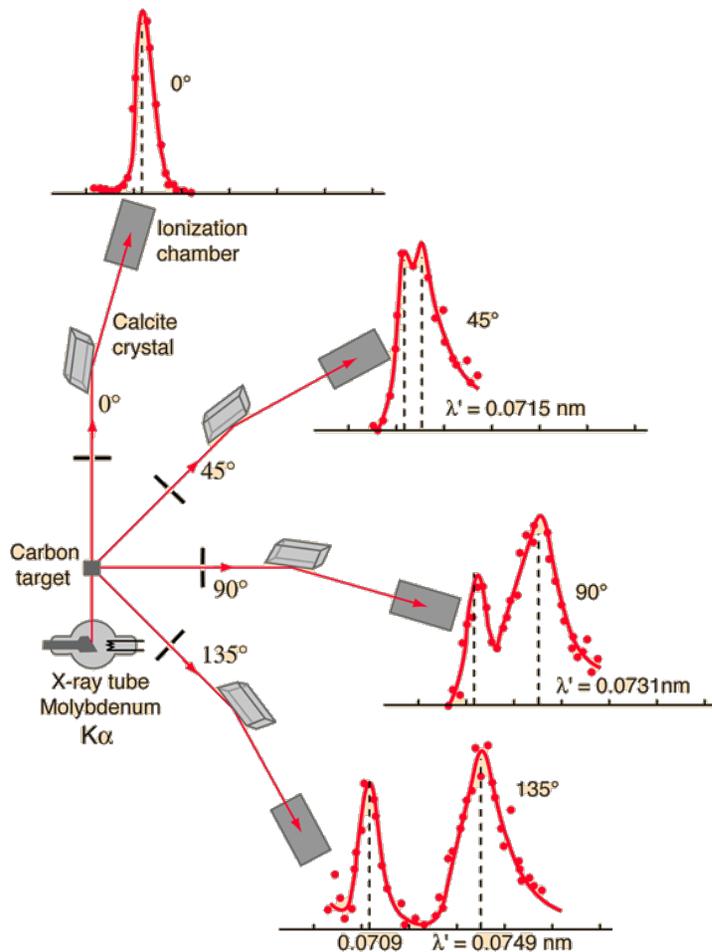
$$\nu' - \nu = \frac{c}{\lambda + \lambda_c [1 - \cos\theta]} - \frac{c}{\lambda}$$

$$E_e = m_e c^2 + h(\nu - \nu')$$

$$= m_e c^2 + \frac{hc}{\lambda} - \frac{hc}{\lambda + \lambda_c [1 - \cos\theta]}$$

- Express in terms
of photon energy $h\nu$
and electron kinetic energy
for homework 3.36.

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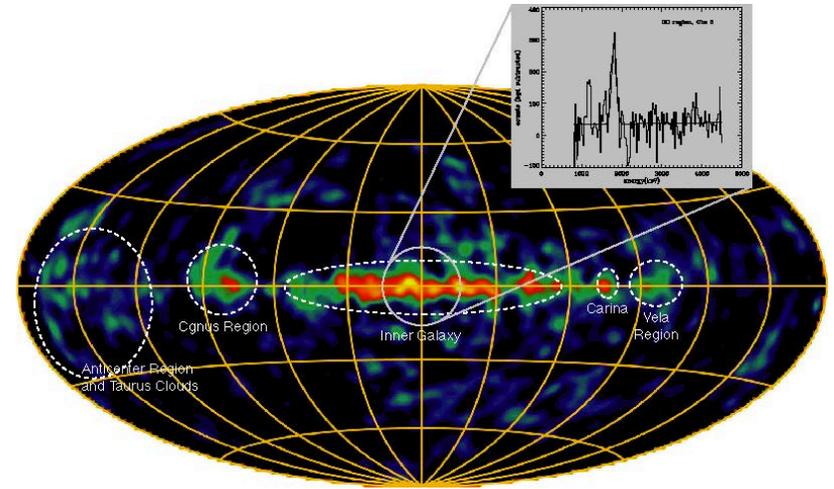
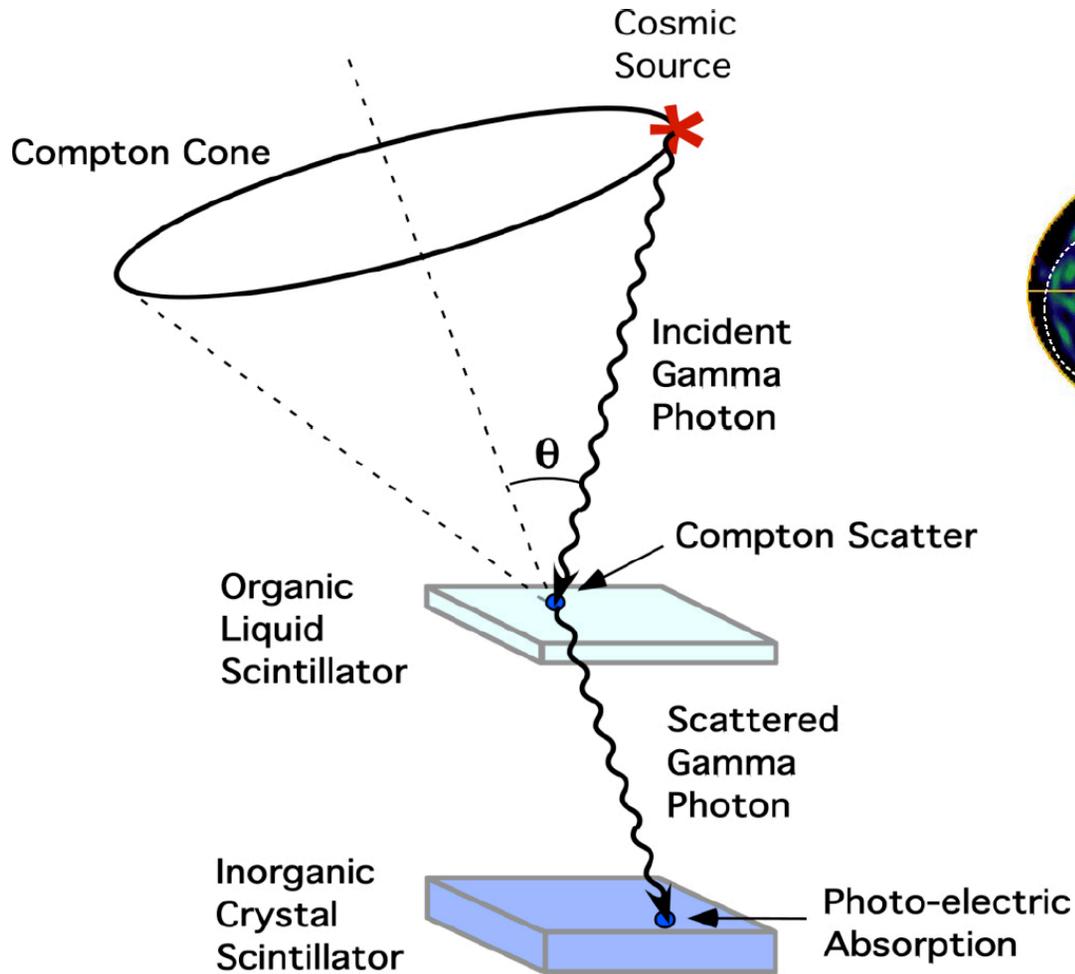


$$\lambda_f - \lambda_i = \Delta\lambda = \frac{h}{m_e c} (1 - \cos\theta)$$

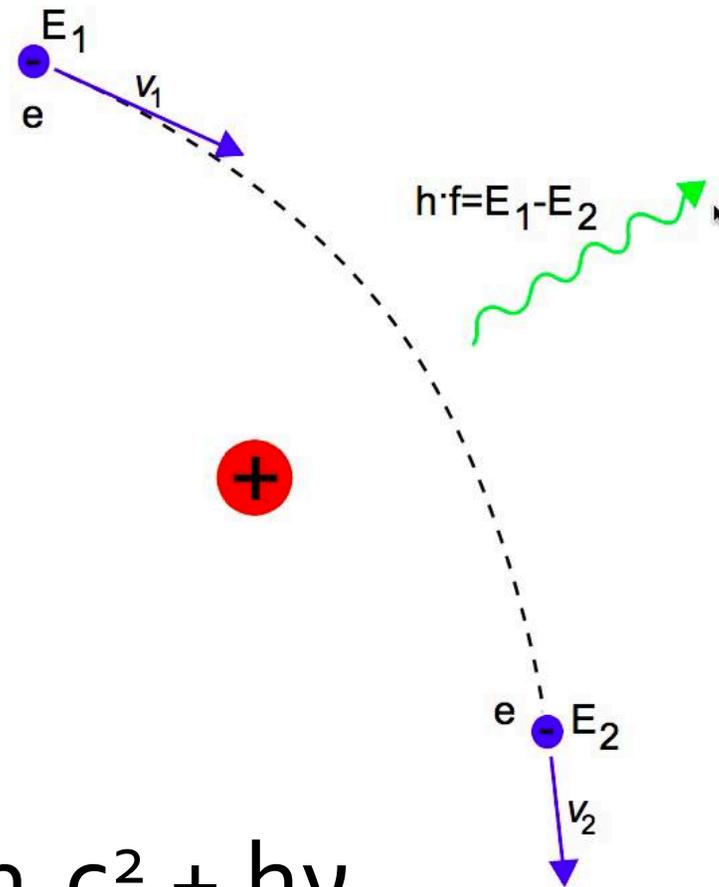
Note that energy is always gained by the electron – which means energy is always lost by the photon

This means the scattered photon always has lower frequency (longer wavelength)

Compton Telescopes



Bremmstrahlung

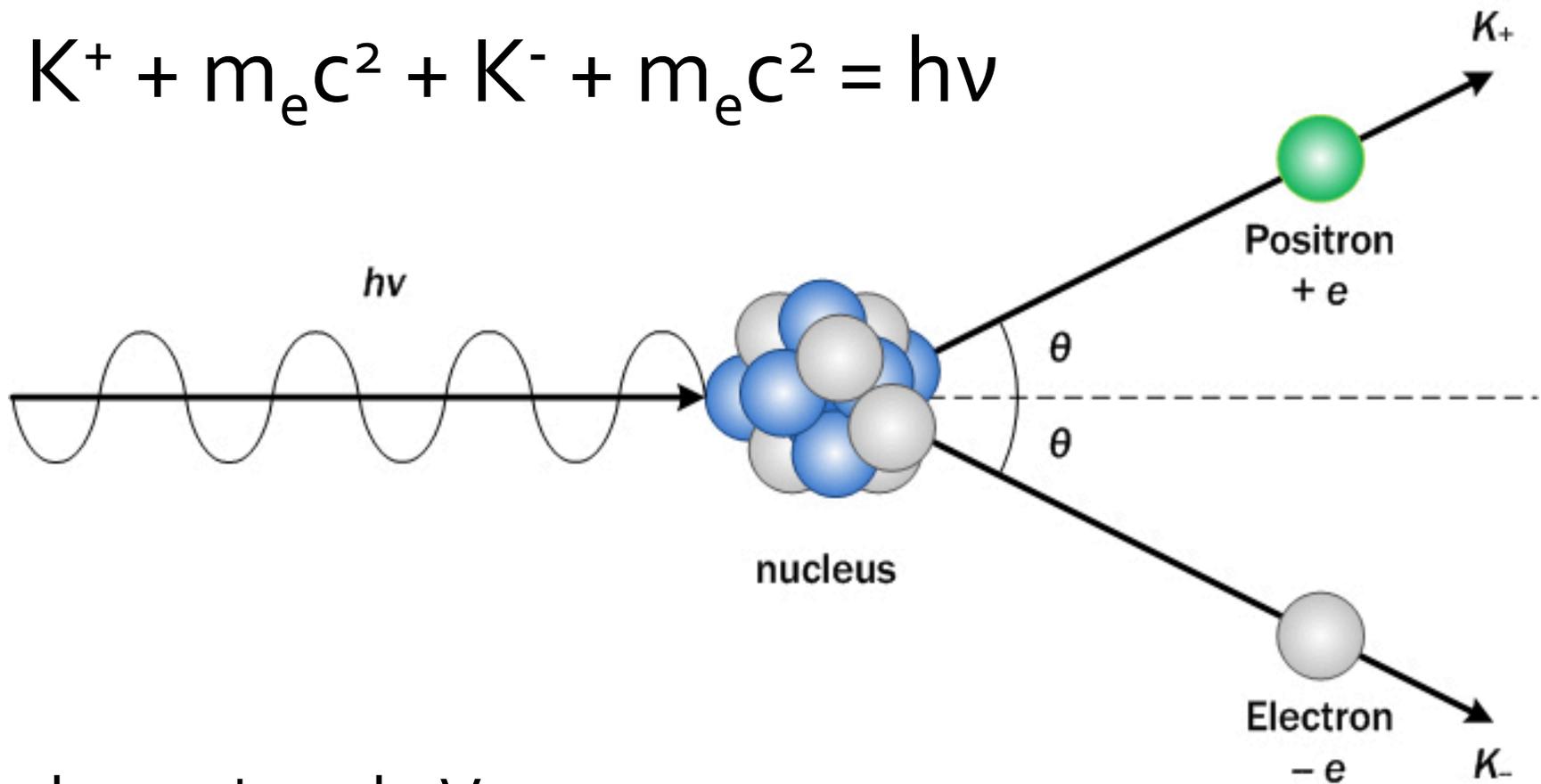


$$E_1 = E_2 + h\nu$$

$$K_1 + m_e c^2 = K_2 + m_e c^2 + h\nu$$

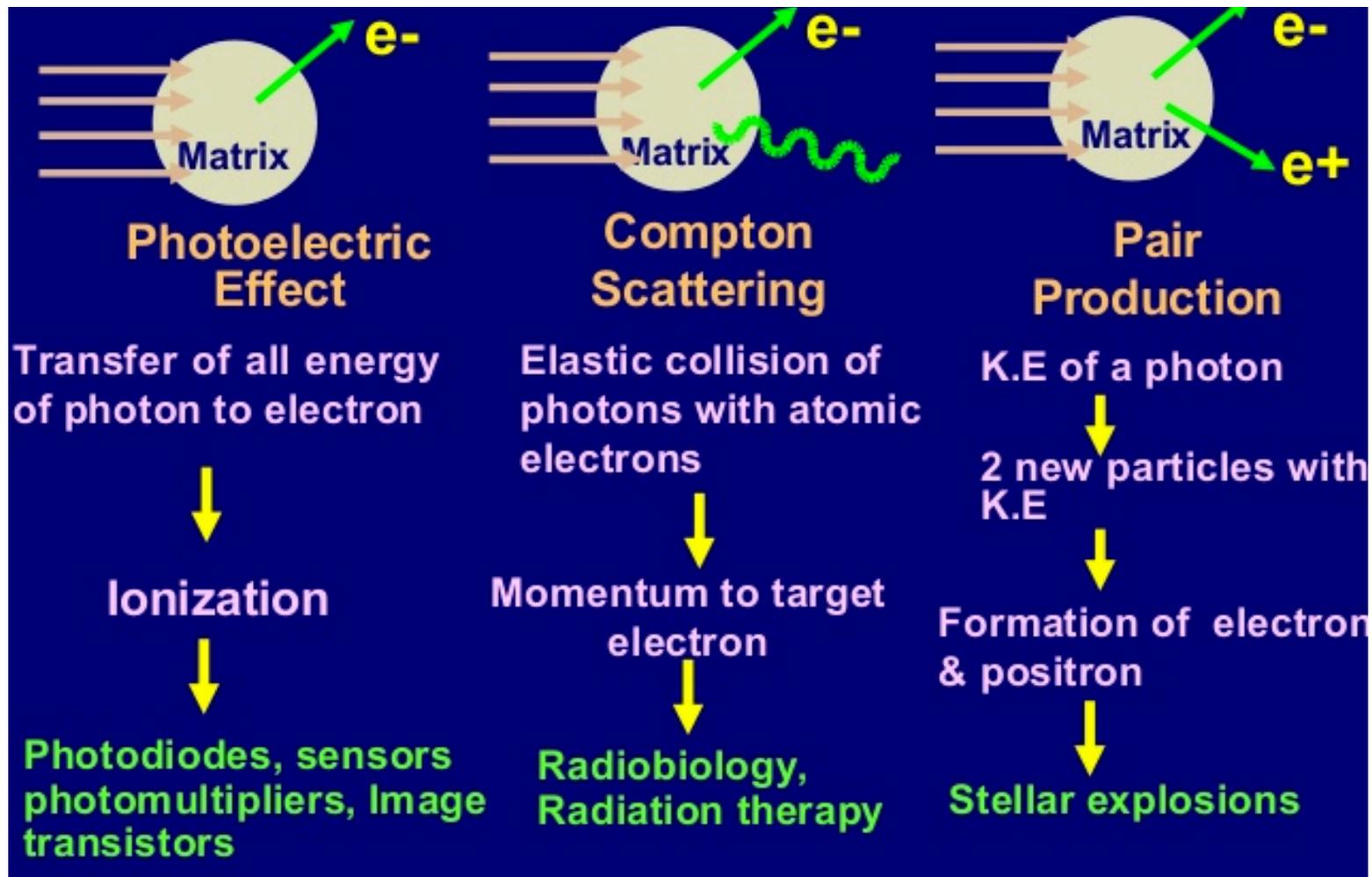
Pair Production

$$K^+ + m_e c^2 + K^- + m_e c^2 = h\nu$$

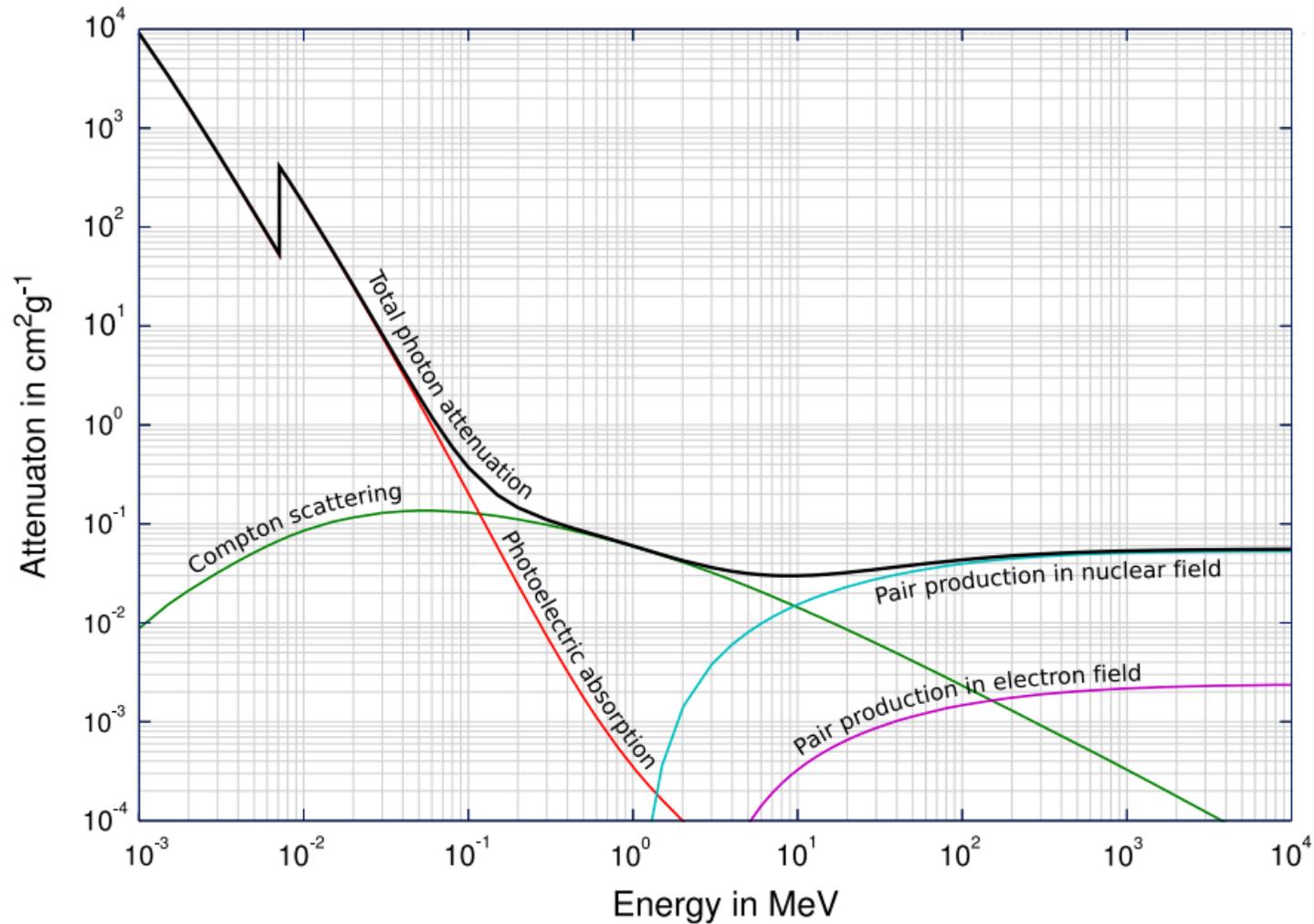


$$h\nu > 2 * 511 \text{ keV}$$

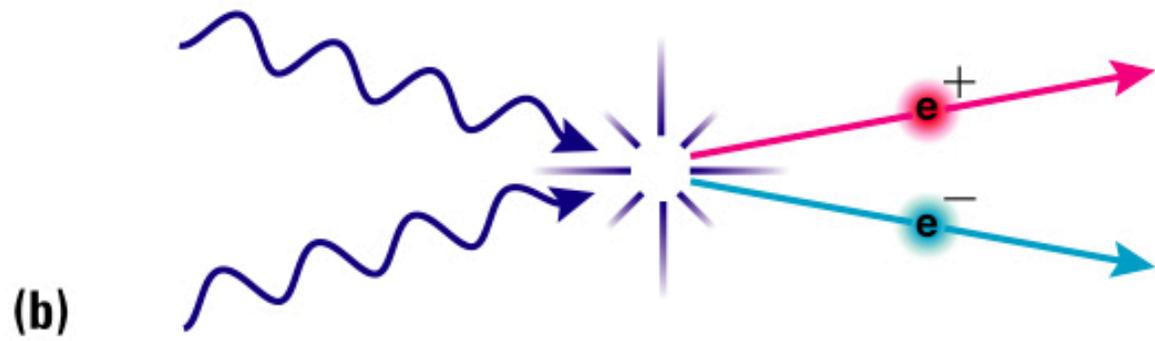
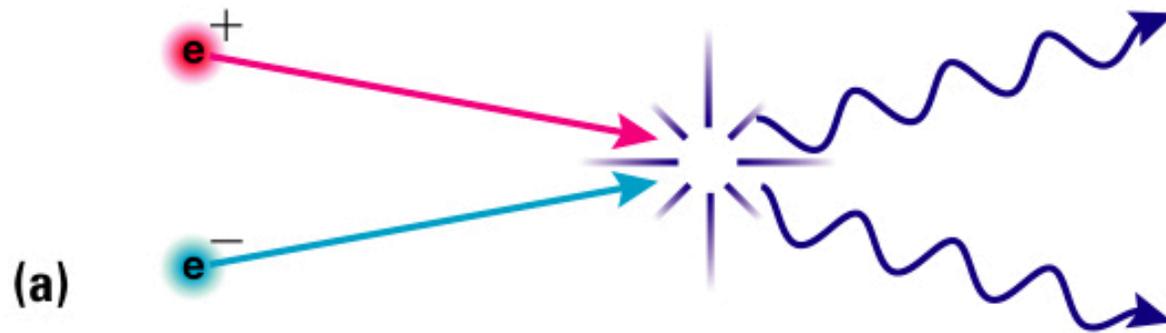
High-Energy Photon Interactions with Matter



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Inverse Interactions: Pair Production and Pair Annihilation



Concept Check

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De Broglie

Light is
sometimes like
a particle

What if
particles are
sometimes like
waves?



Diffraction

Maxima for $\delta = d \sin\theta = n\lambda$

