

## 161(i): General Compton Type Theory.

In a Compton type theory the photon is massless and there is exchange of energy and momentum between a photon and electron.

In general:

$$\hbar(\omega - \omega') = E_2 - E_1 \quad - (1)$$
$$\hbar(\underline{k} - \underline{k}') = \underline{p}_2 - \underline{p}_1 \quad - (2)$$

photon                      electron

The initial energy and momentum of the electron are  $E_1$  and  $\underline{p}_1$  respectively. The final energy and momentum of the electron are  $E_2$  and  $\underline{p}_2$  respectively. The initial angular frequency and wave vector of the photon are  $\omega_1$  and  $\underline{k}_1$  respectively, and the final angular frequency and wave vector of the photon are  $\omega_2$  and  $\underline{k}_2$  respectively.

UFT 158 to 162 revealed severe self inconsistencies in Compton theory when the photon was treated as massive. UFT 162 showed that these inconsistencies occurred if the theory of absorption and Raman scattering even with a massless photon. Therefore it is important to determine when scattering theory starts to become inconsistent. For this purpose the general theory of Compton scattering is developed in

UFT 163. Denote:

$$\underline{\pi} = \underline{p}_2 - \underline{p}_1 \quad - (3)$$

the de Broglie momentum postulate (wave particle duality) means that:

$$\underline{p}_1 = \hbar \underline{\kappa}_1 \quad - (4)$$

$$\underline{p}_2 = \hbar \underline{\kappa}_2 \quad - (5)$$

so:

$$\pi^2 = \hbar^2 (\kappa_1^2 + \kappa_2^2 - 2\kappa_1 \kappa_2 \cos \theta') \quad - (6)$$

where  $\theta'$  is the angle between  $\underline{p}_1$  and  $\underline{p}_2$  of the electron.

If the photon is assumed massless, then:

$$\pi^2 = \hbar^2 (\kappa^2 + \kappa'^2 - 2\kappa \kappa' \cos \theta) \quad - (7)$$

where  $\theta$  is the angle between  $\underline{\kappa}$  and  $\underline{\kappa}'$  of the photon. Eq. (7) is:

$$\pi^2 = \left(\frac{\hbar}{c}\right)^2 (\omega^2 + \omega'^2 - 2\omega \omega' \cos \theta) \quad - (8)$$

because for a massless photon:

$$\omega = \kappa c, \quad \omega' = \kappa' c. \quad - (9)$$

Denote

$$E = E_2 - E_1 \quad - (10)$$

then 
$$E^2 = \hbar^2 (\omega^2 + \omega'^2 - 2\omega \omega') \quad - (11)$$

so 
$$\underbrace{c^2 \pi^2}_{\text{electron}} - \underbrace{E^2}_{\text{photon}} = 2\hbar^2 \omega \omega' (1 - \cos \theta) \quad - (12)$$

Eq. (12) can be used as an experimental test.

2) The de Broglie postulates for the electron are:

$$E_1 = \hbar \omega_1, \quad E_2 = \hbar \omega_2 \quad - (13)$$

$$\underline{p}_1 = \hbar \underline{k}_1, \quad \underline{p}_2 = \hbar \underline{k}_2 \quad - (14)$$

In fact the postulates (13) and (14) are made for any particle of mass  $m$ . The energies and momenta are related by the Einstein energy equations:

$$E_1^2 = c^2 p_1^2 + m^2 c^4 \quad - (15)$$

$$E_2^2 = c^2 p_2^2 + m^2 c^4 \quad - (16)$$

with

$$\pi^2 = p_1^2 + p_2^2 - 2 p_1 p_2 \cos \theta' \quad - (17)$$

Define

$$E_0 = mc^2 \quad - (18)$$

then:

$$p_1^2 + p_2^2 = \frac{1}{c^2} (E_1^2 + E_2^2 - 2 E_0^2) \quad - (19)$$

therefore:

$$c^2 \pi^2 - E^2 = 2 (E_1 E_2 - E_0^2 - c^2 p_1 p_2 \cos \theta') \quad - (20)$$

so:

$$\underbrace{E_1 E_2 - E_0^2}_{\text{electron}} - \underbrace{c^2 p_1 p_2 \cos \theta'}_{\text{photon}} = \hbar^2 \omega \omega' (1 - \cos \theta) \quad - (21)$$

so:

$$p_1 = \frac{1}{c} (E_1^2 - E_0^2)^{1/2} \quad - (22)$$

$$p_2 = \frac{1}{c} (E_2^2 - E_0^2)^{1/2} \quad - (23)$$

4) If the electron or any particle of mass  $m$  is initially stationary, then:

$$\hbar\omega_1 = E_1 = mc^2 \quad - (24)$$

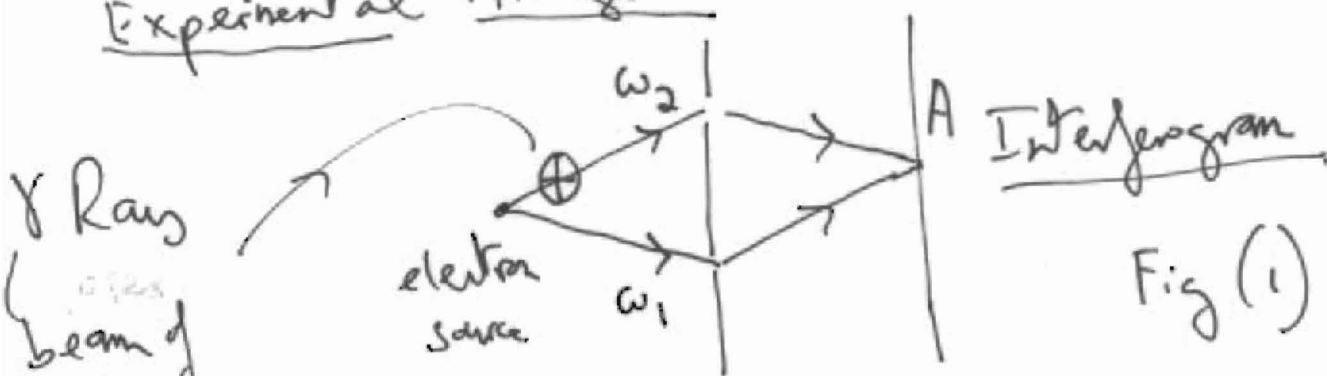
$$\hbar\omega_2 = E_2 = \hbar(\omega - \omega') + mc^2 \quad - (25)$$

and eq. (21) reduces to the standard Compton formula:

$$\omega - \omega' = \frac{\hbar}{mc^2} \omega \omega' (1 - \cos \theta) \quad - (26)$$

Q.E.D.

### Experimental Arrangement



The X Ray beam collides with the electron beam in one arm of a Young interferometer, changing the electron frequency from  $\omega_1$  to  $\omega_2$ . This sets up an interferogram at point A. The frequency  $\omega_2$  can be found from the interferogram given the initial frequency  $\omega_1$  of the electron beam. The scattering angle  $\theta$  is known from a Compton experiment. The data can be tested against eqs (21) and (25).