## Photons in the universe





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# Element production on the sun





### Spectral lines of hydrogen

absorption spectrum









wave length nm

### Spectral analysis





Nuclear Resonance Fluorescence (NRF) is analogous to atomic resonance fluorescence but depends upon the number of protons AND the number of neutrons in the nucleus





## Photon-nuclear reactions with MeV γ-rays





## Photon-nuclear reactions with MeV γ-rays

- pure electromagnetic interaction
- spin selectivity (mainly E1, M1, E2 transitions)









## Low energy photon scattering at S-DALINAC



- \* "white" photon spectrum
- wide energy region examined

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## Absorption processes



#### Absorption lines only a few eV wide!



## Principle of measurement and self absorption



GSI

#### Use scatterer made of absorber material as "high-resolution detector".





### First yy-coincidences in a y-beam





### First yy-coincidences in a y-beam





## First yy-coincidences in a y-beam





(E)

### Total power received by Earth from the Sun







extreme light infrastructure, Europe





## Compton scattering and inverse Compton scattering



#### **Compton scattering:**

- Elastic scattering of a high-energy γ-ray on a free electron.
- A fraction of the γ-ray energy is transferred to the electron.
- The wave length of the scattered  $\gamma$ -ray is increased:  $\lambda' > \lambda$ .

 $h\nu \ge m_e c^2$ 

$$\lambda' - \lambda = \frac{h}{m_e c} \cdot \left(1 - \cos\theta_{\gamma}\right)$$
$$E'_{\gamma} = \frac{E_{\gamma}}{1 + \frac{E_{\gamma}}{m_e c^2} \cdot (1 - \cos\theta)}$$



#### **Inverse Compton scattering:**

- Scattering of low energy photons on ultra-relativistic electrons.
- Kinetic energy is transferred from the electron to the photon.
- The wave length of the scattered  $\gamma$ -ray is decreased:  $\lambda^{\prime} < \lambda$ .

$$\lambda' \approx \lambda \cdot \frac{1 - \beta \cdot \cos\theta_{\gamma}}{1 + \beta \cdot \cos\theta_L}$$

### **Inverse Compton scattering**

- Electron is moving at relativistic velocity
- Transformation from laboratory frame to reference frame of e<sup>-</sup> (rest frame):

in order to repeat the derivation for Compton scattering

$$E_{\gamma} = \gamma \cdot E_{\gamma} \left( 1 - \frac{v}{c} \cos \theta_{e^{-\gamma}} \right)$$
Lorentz factor:  $\gamma = (1 - \beta^2)^{-1/2} = 1 + \frac{T_e^{MeV}}{931.5 \cdot 0.00055}$ 
Doppler shift

$$E_{\gamma}' = \frac{E_{\gamma}}{1 + \frac{E_{\gamma}}{m_e c^2} \cdot (1 - \cos\phi)}$$

Compton scattering in rest frame

$$E_{\gamma}' = \gamma \cdot E_{\gamma}' \left( 1 + \frac{v}{c} \cos \theta_{e^{-\gamma}}' \right)$$

transformation into the laboratory frame

• Limit  $E_{\gamma} \ll m_e c^2$ 

$$E_{\gamma}' \approx \gamma^2 \cdot E_{\gamma} \left( 1 - \frac{v}{c} \cos \theta_{e^{-\gamma}} \right) \left( 1 + \frac{v}{c} \cos \theta_{e^{-\gamma'}} \right)$$





## Laser Compton backscattering



Energy – momentum conservation yields  $\sim 4\gamma^2$  Doppler upshift Thomsons scattering cross section is very small (6.10<sup>-25</sup> cm<sup>2</sup>) High photon and electron density are required



## Gamma rays resulting after inverse Compton scattering

 $hv = 2.3 \text{ eV} \ (\equiv 515 \text{ nm})$ 







 $T_e^{lab} = 720 \ MeV \rightarrow \gamma_e = 1 + \frac{T_e^{lab}[MeV]}{931.5 \cdot A_e[u]} = 1410$  $E_{\gamma} = 2\gamma_e^2 \frac{1 + \cos\theta_L}{1 + (\gamma_e \theta_{\gamma})^2 + a_0^2 + \frac{4\gamma_e E_L}{m c^2}} \cdot E_L$  $\frac{4\gamma_e E_L}{mc^2}$  = recoil parameter  $a_L = \frac{eE}{m\omega_L c}$  = normalized potential vector of the laser field E = laser electric field strength  $E_L = \hbar \omega_L$  $\gamma_e = \frac{E_e}{mc^2} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-\beta^2}} = \text{Lorentz factor}$ 

photon scattering on relativistic electrons ( $\gamma >> 1$ )

#### maximum frequency amplification:

head-on collision ( $\theta_L = 0^0$ ) & backscattering ( $\theta_{\nu} = 0^0$ )

 $E_{\gamma} \sim 4\gamma_e^2 \cdot E_L \cong 18.3 \, \text{MeV}$ 



A. H. Compton

Nobel Prize 1927



## Scattered photons in collision



 $\rightarrow N_e = 6.25 \cdot 10^9 \qquad \rightarrow N_L = 1.3 \cdot 10^{18}$ 

Luminosity: 
$$L = \frac{N_L \cdot N_e}{4\pi \cdot \sigma_R^2} \cdot f \simeq 2.9 \cdot 10^{32} \cdot f [cm^{-2}s^{-1}] \quad \sigma_R = 15[\mu m]$$

$$\gamma\text{-ray rate: } N_{\gamma} = L \cdot \sigma_{Thomson} \cong 2 \cdot 10^8 \cdot f \ [s^{-1}] \qquad \sigma_T = 0.67 \cdot 10^{-24} \ [cm^2]$$
(full spectrum)
repetition rate:
$$f = 3.2 \ kHz$$





Nuclear Physics

## **Thomson Scattering**



J. J. Thomson Nobel prize 1906



Thomson scattering = elastic scattering of electromagnetic radiation by an electron at rest

- the electric and magnetic components of the incident wave act on the electron
- the electron acceleration is mainly due to the electric field
  - $\rightarrow$  the electron will move in the direction of the oscillating electric field
  - $\rightarrow$  the moving electron will radiate electromagnetic dipole radiation
  - → the radiation is emitted mostly in a direction perpendicular to the motion of the electron
  - $\rightarrow$  the radiation will be polarized in a direction along the electron motion





# **Thomson Scattering**



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$$\frac{d\sigma_T(\theta)}{d\Omega} = \frac{1}{2}r_0^2 \cdot (1 + \cos^2\theta)$$

differential cross section

$$r_0 = \frac{e^2}{4\pi\varepsilon_0 m_e c^2} = 2.818 \cdot 10^{-15} \ [m]$$

classical electron radius

$$\sigma_T = \int \frac{d\sigma_T(\theta)}{d\Omega} d\Omega = \frac{2\pi r_0^2}{2} \int_0^{\pi} (1 + \cos^2\theta) d\theta = \frac{8\pi}{3} r_0^2 = 6.65 \cdot 10^{-29} \ [m^2] = 0.665 \ [b$$





## Scattered photons in collision



$$E_{\gamma} = 2\gamma_e^2 \frac{1 + \cos\theta_L}{1 + (\gamma_e \theta_{\gamma})^2 + a_0^2 + \frac{4\gamma_e E_L}{mc^2}} \cdot E_L$$



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## Inverse Compton scattering of laser light





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• Widths of particle-bound states:  $\Gamma \leq 10 eV$ 

Breit-Wigner absorption resonance curve for isolated resonance:

$$\sigma_a(E) = \pi \bar{\lambda}^2 \frac{2J+1}{2} \frac{\Gamma_0 \Gamma}{(E-E_r)^2 + (\Gamma/2)^2} \sim \Gamma_0 / \Gamma$$

- Resonance cross section can be very large:  $\sigma_0 \cong 200 [b]$  (for  $\Gamma_0 = \Gamma$ , 5 MeV)
- Example: 10 mg,  $A \sim 200 \rightarrow N_{target} = 3 \cdot 10^{19}$ ,  $N_{\gamma} = 100$ , event rate = 0.6 [s<sup>-1</sup>]





Count rate estimate

- $10^4 \gamma/(s \text{ eV})$  in 100 macro pulses
- $100 \gamma/(s eV)$  per macro pulse
- example: 10 mg, A ~ 200 target
- resonance width  $\Gamma = 1 \text{ eV}$
- 2 excitations per macro pulse
- 0.6 photons per macro pulse in detector
- pp-count rate 6 Hz
- 1000 counts per 3 min

✤ narrow band width 0.5%



8 HPGe detectors 2 rings at 90<sup>0</sup> and 127<sup>0</sup>  $\varepsilon_{rel}$ (HPGe) = 100% solid angle ~ 1% photopeak  $\varepsilon_{pp}$  ~ 3%







### narrow bandwidth allows selective excitation and detection of decay channels







**Deformation and Scissors Mode** 



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### **\*** Decay to intrinsic excitations



