Vibrational and Rotational as well as Linear Kinetic Energies Should be Included in Compton Effect Energy Formula

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\frac{hc}{\lambda_1} + m_0c^2 + \frac{1}{2}mv_1^2 + \frac{1}{2}I\omega_r^2 + \frac{1}{2}k_1x_0^2 = \frac{hc}{\lambda_2} + m_0c^2 + \frac{1}{2}mv_2^2 + \frac{1}{2}I\omega_r^2 + \frac{1}{2}k_2x_0^2.
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