

37.28. Solve: (a) The kinetic energy of the electron is

$$K = (\gamma - 1)mc^2 = (1.01 - 1)(9.11 \times 10^{-31} \text{ kg})(3.0 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s})^2 = 0.8199 \times 10^{-15} \text{ J} \times \frac{1 \text{ eV}}{1.6 \times 10^{-19} \text{ J}} = 0.00512 \text{ MeV}$$

(b) Likewise for the proton,

$$K = (1.01 - 1)(1.67 \times 10^{-27} \text{ kg})(3.0 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s})^2 = 9.39 \text{ MeV}$$

(c) Likewise for the alpha particle,

$$K = (1.01 - 1)(4)(1.67 \times 10^{-27} \text{ kg})(3.0 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s})^2 = 37.6 \text{ MeV}$$