

PRACTICE PROBLEMS

1. A small source emits monochromatic light of wavelength 1 micron. Find the density of photon flux (number of quanta per 1 cm^2 per second) at a distance 1 m from the source if the power of the source is 1 wt.

$$/4 \cdot 10^{13} \text{ quant/cm}^2 \cdot \text{s}./$$

2. A photon with the wavelength 0.17 \AA knocks out an electron from the deep level (binding energy 69.3 keV) in a tungsten atom initially at rest. The electron flies away under an angle of 90° with respect to the direction of the incident photon. Find (in eV/c) the recoil momentum of the atom.

$$/p = (1/c)[(\hbar\omega)^2 + 2m_e c^2(\hbar\omega - \epsilon)]^{1/2} = 95.5 \text{ keV}/c./$$

3. In the process of irradiation of a substance by hard monochromatic X-rays it was found that the maximum kinetic energy of Compton electrons is $E_{\max} = 0.44 \text{ MeV}$. Find the wavelength of X-rays.

$$/\lambda = (4\pi\hbar c/E_{\max})\{[1 + (2mc^2/E_{\max})]^{1/2} - 1\}^{-1} = 0.02 \text{ \AA}./$$

4. Find the radius of the first Bohr orbit, ionization potential for the ground state, first excitation potential and corresponding wavelength of radiation for the ions He^+ and Li^{++} .

$$/r = a_0 n^2 / Z = 0.265 \text{ \AA} \text{ and } 0.176 \text{ \AA}; V_i = E_0 Z^2 / (en^2) = 54.5 \text{ and } 122.5 \text{ V}; V_1 = (3/4)\text{Ry } Z^2 = 40.8 \text{ and } 91.5 \text{ eV}, 304 \text{ \AA} \text{ and } 135 \text{ \AA}./$$

5. At what value of kinetic energy the de Broglie wavelength of the electron is equal to its Compton wavelength?

$$/K = (\sqrt{2} - 1)mc^2 = 0.211 \text{ MeV}./$$

6. A neutron with kinetic energy 100 eV collides with the helium atom at rest. Find wavelengths of both particles in the center-of-mass frame.

$$/\lambda = 2\pi\hbar(1 + m_n/m_{He})/\sqrt{2m_n K_n} = 0.036 \text{ \AA}./$$

7. A particle is localized within a spot of size 1 micron. Estimate the minimum error in the determination of the velocity of the particle for an electron and for a ball of mass 10^{-3} g .

$$/10^4 \text{ cm/s and } 10^{-20} \text{ cm/s}./$$

8. Alpha-particles are emitted by a point source in a certain direction. They reach a target after $10 \mu\text{s}$. Estimate the spread of points of arrival on the target.

$$/\Delta x \sim \sqrt{\hbar t/m} \approx 0.4 \mu\text{m}./$$