

C is false; the Thomson model does *not* predict discrete energy levels.

D is false; in the Thomson model the electrons are visualized as localized negative charges in a uniformly positively charged background.

E is false; in the Rutherford model the electron continually radiates energy and will fall into the nucleus.

F is correct; when distant from the nucleus the α -particle has kinetic energy $p^2/2m$; at r_{cl} the α -particle has zero kinetic energy but the electrostatic potential energy is proportional to r_{cl}^{-1} . The initial kinetic energy has been converted into electrostatic potential energy so $p^2/2m = \text{constant}/r_{cl}$ and so r_{cl} is proportional to p^{-2} .

G is false; in the Thomson model, α -particles *can* be scattered through more than 90° as a result of multiple scattering processes, but the probability is far too small to explain the experimental data.

Q7 The correct responses are D and F

$r \propto n^2$ (see equation 17 in Unit 13), therefore $r_5/r_4 = 25/16 = 1.56$

$$\begin{aligned} E_{\text{photon}} &= E_5 - E_4 = -13.6 \text{ eV}/5^2 - (-13.6 \text{ eV}/4^2) \quad (\text{See Eq. 20 of Unit 13.}) \\ &= 13.6 \text{ eV}(1/16 - 1/25) = 0.31 \text{ eV} \end{aligned}$$

Q8 The correct response is F

$$E = eV = \frac{hc}{\lambda}$$

hence minimum (cut off) wavelength is given by

$$\lambda = \frac{hc}{eV} = \frac{6.63 \times 10^{-34} \times 3 \times 10^8}{1.6 \times 10^{-19} \times 3 \times 10^4} \text{ nm} = 4.1 \times 10^{-11} = 0.041 \text{ nm}$$

Thus five characteristic peaks, at 0.043, 0.051, 0.060, 0.065 and 0.070 would be present in this spectrum.

Q9 The correct response is E

Use the Compton scattering equation (eq. 6 in Unit 14)

$$(\lambda_1 - \lambda_0) = \frac{h}{mc}(1 - \cos \theta)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda_1 &= \lambda_0 + \frac{h}{mc}(1 - \cos \theta) = 3.5 \times 10^{-3} \text{ nm} + \left(\frac{6.63 \times 10^{-34}}{9.1 \times 10^{-31} \times 3 \times 10^8} \right) (1 - 0.707) \text{ m} \\ &= 3.5 \times 10^{-12} \text{ m} + (2.4 \times 10^{-12}) \times 0.293 \text{ m} \\ &= 3.5 \times 10^{-12} \text{ m} + 0.7 \times 10^{-12} \text{ m} = 4.2 \times 10^{-12} \text{ m} = 0.0042 \text{ nm} \end{aligned}$$

Q10 The correct statements are B and E

A is incorrect; the relation $\lambda = h/p$ applies to electromagnetic radiation and to particles having mass, such as protons.

B is correct; $p_{\text{sand}} = mv = 2 \times 10^{-5} \text{ kg m s}^{-1}$.

$$p_{\text{photon}} = \frac{h}{\lambda} = \left(\frac{6.63 \times 10^{-34}}{3.32 \times 10^{-12}} \right) \text{ kg m s}^{-1} = 2 \times 10^{-22} \text{ kg m s}^{-1} = 10^{-17} p_{\text{sand}}.$$

C is wrong; probability $\propto (\text{amplitude})^2$.

D is wrong; kinetic energy $= p^2/2m$, so halving the KE makes momentum $= p/\sqrt{2}$ and thus de Broglie wavelength $= \sqrt{2}\lambda$.

E is correct; quantum mechanics predicts the probability of a measurement having a given result.

F is wrong; blocking one slit converts the two slit pattern to a one slit pattern.

G is wrong; it is possible to observe which slit electrons pass through, but at the expense of losing the two slit interference pattern (Frame 9, Unit 14).