

9 (a) (i) Describe what is meant by wave–particle duality.

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(ii) State the relationship between the de Broglie wavelength λ of a particle and its momentum p . State the meaning of any other symbols that you use.

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(b) A narrow beam of electrons, all with the same speed, is incident normally on a carbon film. The electrons then move on to a fluorescent screen, as illustrated in Fig. 9.1.

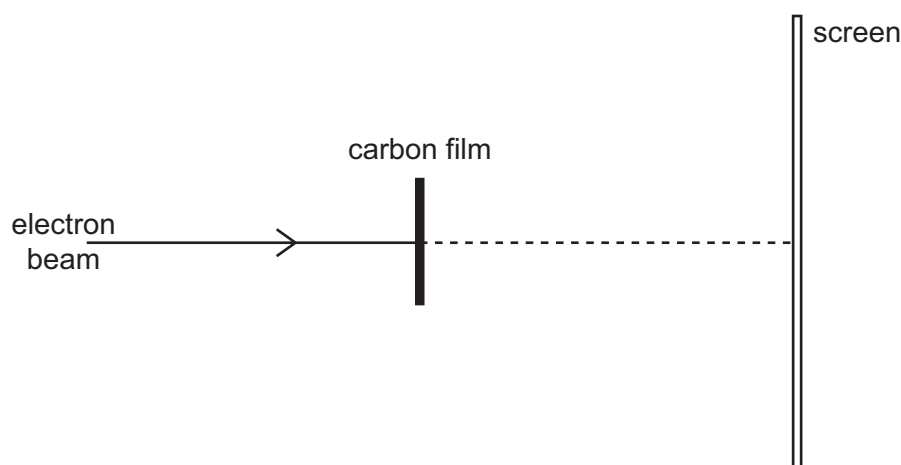


Fig. 9.1

The apparatus is in a vacuum.

The pattern produced on the screen is shown in Fig. 9.2.



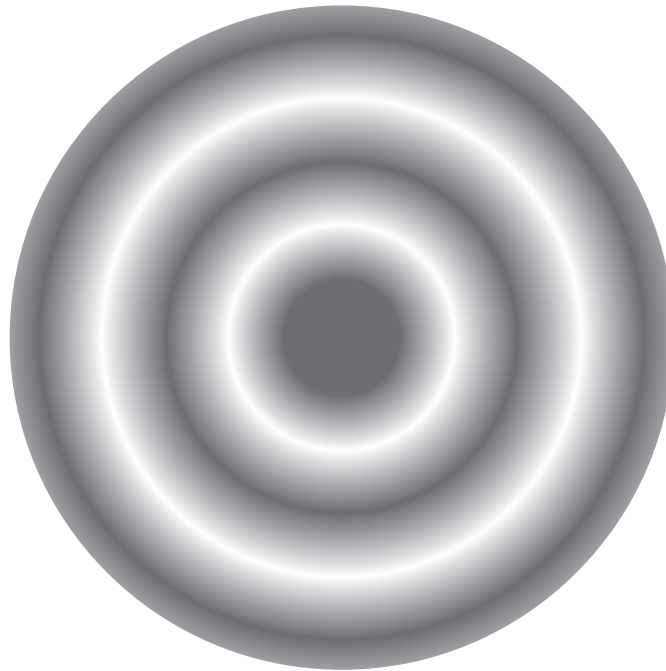


Fig. 9.2 (not to scale)

- (i) Explain why the pattern in Fig. 9.2 provides experimental evidence to indicate a wave nature for the electrons.

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- (ii) The speed of the electrons is increased.

Suggest, with a reason, how this change affects the pattern observed on the screen.

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