

- 8 (a) When monochromatic light is shone on a clean metal surface, electrons are emitted from the surface due to the photoelectric effect.

(i) State what is meant by the threshold frequency of the metal.

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(ii) Explain why the photoelectric effect is not observed below the threshold frequency.

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- (b) Monochromatic light of wavelength 5.40×10^{-7} m is incident on a metal surface which has a work function of 1.40×10^{-19} J.

(i) Calculate the threshold frequency for the metal.

threshold frequency = Hz [2]

(ii) Calculate the energy of a single photon of this light.

- energy of photon = J [2]
- (iii) Calculate the maximum speed of the emitted electrons.

maximum speed = m s^{-1} [3]

- (iv) Calculate the de Broglie wavelength of the fastest electrons.

de Broglie wavelength = nm [2]

- (c) Fig. 8.1 below represents the energy levels of the four lowest states of the hydrogen atom.

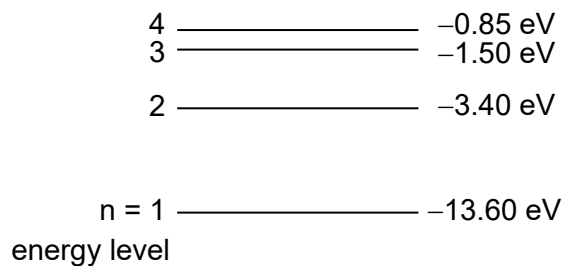


Fig. 8.1

- (i) State what happens in the atom when line spectra are produced.

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- (ii) State the transition and determine the wavelength of one possible **visible** spectral line detected in the **emission** spectrum of atomic hydrogen, due to transitions between these states.

transition = level to

wavelength = μm [3]

- (d) Fig. 8.2 below represents a typical X-ray spectrum.

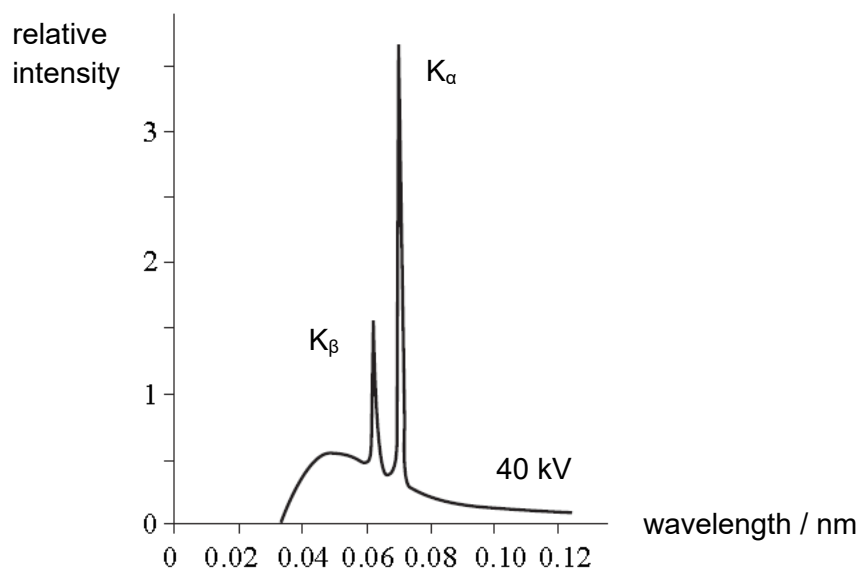


Fig. 8.2

- (i) Distinguish between the mechanisms that produce **characteristic** X-ray spectra in Fig. 8.2 and the line spectra in part (c)(i).

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(ii) Estimate the maximum velocity of the incoming electrons.

maximum velocity \approx m s^{-1} [2]

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