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Electron Diffraction - de Broglie Wave

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- Aim: ① To observe the diffraction of electrons on polycrystalline graphite and to confirm the wave nature of electrons.  
② To calculate and compare both the de Broglie's and Bragg's wavelength of electron.
- APPARATUS REQUIRED: Electron diffraction tube, tube holder, high voltage power supply, analogue multimeter.
- FORMULA USED:

① Bragg's wavelength:

$$\lambda = \frac{dD}{2L}$$

$d$  → the separation between two adjacent planes

$D$  → diameter of the rings

$L$  → Distance between graphite target and fluorescent screen = 135 mm

② de Broglie's wavelength:

$$\lambda = \frac{h}{\sqrt{2meV}}$$

$m$  → mass of electron

$e$  → charge of electron

$h$  → Planck's constant

$V$  → Applied Voltage, kV

# • OBSERVATION TABLE :

S. No.	Voltage 'V' (kV)	Diameter of ring 'D'	MSR (cm)	VSC	TR (cm)	$\theta = \frac{D}{L}$	$\tan(2\theta)$	d (nm)	Braggs ( $\lambda$ ), (Å)	de Broglie ( $\lambda$ ), (Å)
1.	4	Ring 1	2.3	1	2.31	0.1711	0.3562	0.213	0.182 Å	0.194 Å
		Ring 2	4.3	7	4.37	0.3237	0.7561	0.123	0.199 Å	0.194 Å
2.	4.4	Ring 1	2.2	0	2.20	0.1630	0.3380	0.213	0.173 Å	0.185 Å
		Ring 2	4.1	8	4.18	0.3096	0.7126	0.123	0.190 Å	0.185 Å
3.	4.8	Ring 1	2.1	6	2.16	0.1600	0.3314	0.213	0.170 Å	0.177 Å
		Ring 2	4.1	7	4.17	0.3089	0.7106	0.123	0.189 Å	0.177 Å
Mean $\lambda$									0.184 Å	0.185 Å

• CALCULATION: Braggs ( $\lambda$ ) =  $d \frac{D}{2L}$ , de Broglie ( $\lambda$ ) =  $\frac{h}{\sqrt{2meV}}$

$L = 13.5 \text{ cm}$ ,  $m = 9.11 \times 10^{-31} \text{ kg}$ ,  $e = 1.6 \times 10^{-19} \text{ C}$ ,  $h = 6.626 \times 10^{-34} \text{ m}^2 \text{ kg s}^{-1}$   
 $\Rightarrow me = 14.576 \times 10^{-50}$

①  $V = 4 \text{ kV}$  :

Ring 1:

Braggs ( $\lambda$ ) =  $0.213 \times 10^{-9} \left( \frac{2.31 \times 10^{-2}}{2 \times 13.5 \times 10^{-2}} \right) \text{ m} = 0.0182 \times 10^{-9} \text{ m} = 0.182 \text{ Å}$

de Broglie ( $\lambda$ ) =  $\frac{6.626 \times 10^{-34}}{\sqrt{2 \times 14.576 \times 10^{-50} \times 4 \times 10^3}} \text{ m} = 0.0194 \times 10^{-9} \text{ m} = 0.194 \text{ Å}$

Ring 2:

Braggs ( $\lambda$ ) =  $0.123 \times 10^{-9} \left( \frac{4.37 \times 10^{-2}}{2 \times 13.5 \times 10^{-2}} \right) \text{ m} = 0.0199 \times 10^{-9} \text{ m} = 0.199 \text{ Å}$

de Broglie ( $\lambda$ ) =  $\frac{6.626 \times 10^{-34}}{\sqrt{2 \times 14.576 \times 10^{-50} \times 4 \times 10^3}} \text{ m} = 0.194 \text{ Å}$



②  $V = 4.4 \text{ kV}$ :

Ring 1:

$$\text{Bragg's } (\lambda) = 0.213 \times 10^{-9} \left( \frac{2.2}{13.5 \times 2} \right) \text{ m} = 0.01735 \times 10^{-9} \text{ m} = 0.1735 \text{ \AA}$$

Ring 2:

$$\text{Bragg's } (\lambda) = 0.123 \times 10^{-9} \left( \frac{4.18}{13.5 \times 2} \right) \text{ m} = 0.0190 \times 10^{-9} \text{ m} = 0.19 \text{ \AA}$$

$$\text{de Broglie } (\lambda) = \frac{6.626 \times 10^{-34}}{\sqrt{2 \times 14.576 \times 10^{-50} \times 4400}} \text{ m} = 0.0185 \times 10^{-9} \text{ m} = 0.185 \text{ \AA}$$

③  $V = 4.8 \text{ kV}$

Ring 1:

$$\text{Bragg's } (\lambda) = 0.213 \times 10^{-9} \left( \frac{2.16}{27} \right) \text{ m} = 0.0170 \times 10^{-9} \text{ m} = 0.170 \text{ \AA}$$

Ring 2:

$$\text{Bragg's } (\lambda) = 0.123 \times 10^{-9} \left( \frac{4.17}{27} \right) \text{ m} = 0.01899 \times 10^{-9} \text{ m} = 0.1899 \text{ \AA}$$

$$\text{de Broglie } (\lambda) = \frac{6.626 \times 10^{-34}}{\sqrt{2 \times 14.576 \times 4800}} \text{ m} = 0.01771 \times 10^{-9} \text{ m} = 0.1771 \text{ \AA}$$

• RESULT:

- ① deBroglie wavelength of electron =  $0.185 \text{ \AA}$
- ② Bragg's wavelength of electron =  $0.184 \text{ \AA}$