

Question 33177

When alpha-particle is accelerated by potential $U=20\text{ V}$, it has energy $E=qU=2eU$ (the charge of alpha-particle is $q=2e$).

Since the energy of the alpha-particle is $E=h\nu=\frac{hc}{\lambda}$, obtain

$$2eU=\frac{hc}{\lambda} \Rightarrow \lambda=\frac{hc}{2eU}=3.1 \cdot 10^{-8} \text{ m}=31 \text{ nm}.$$