PHYSICS 4E PROF. HIRSCH

Problem 1 (10 pts)

In a Compton scattering experiment, the scattered photon has wavelength 1.24 Angstrom and the scattered electron has kinetic energy 26.32 eV.

- (a) What is the wavelength of the incident photon, in Angstrom?
- (b) What is the scattering angle for the photon, in degrees?
- (c) What is the scattering angle for the electron, in degrees?

Problem 2 (10 pts)

In a Rutherford scattering experiment with α particles with kinetic energy 20MeV scattering off a silver (Ag) foil (Z=47), it is found that Rutherford's $1/\sin^4(\theta/2)$ law is well satisfied for all angles θ .

- (a) What can you conclude about the radius of the Ag nucleus from this information?
- (b) It is found that a fraction 1/18,000 of incident particles scatter at angles θ >120°. What fraction of incident particles scatter at angles θ >60°?
- (c) When the energy of the incident α particles is increased to 25MeV, the ratio of number of particles scattered at angles θ >120° to number of particles scattered at angles θ >60° is different from what was found in (b). (i) is it larger or smaller? (ii) What can you conclude about the radius of the Ag nucleus from this information?

Problem 3 (10 pts)

An electron is in a Bohr orbit of a hydrogen-like ion. It makes a transition to the lowest energy state emitting a photon of wavelength 60.78Angstrom.

- (a) What is the atomic number (Z) of this ion?
- (b) What is the value of n for the initial state?
- (c) If instead of emitting a photon this electron absorbed a photon when it is in this initial state, what would be the largest possible wavelength of that photon?

Justify all your answers to all problems