

62. (a) Since $K = 7.5 \text{ MeV} \ll m_\alpha c^2 = 4(932 \text{ MeV})$, we may use the non-relativistic formula $p = \sqrt{2m_\alpha K}$. Using Eq. 38-43 (and recognizing that $1240 \text{ eV}\cdot\text{nm} = 1240 \text{ MeV}\cdot\text{fm}$), we obtain

$$\lambda = \frac{h}{p} = \frac{hc}{\sqrt{2m_\alpha c^2 K}} = \frac{1240 \text{ MeV}\cdot\text{fm}}{\sqrt{2(4 \text{ u})(931.5 \text{ MeV/u})(7.5 \text{ MeV})}} = 5.2 \text{ fm} .$$

- (b) Since $\lambda = 5.2 \text{ fm} \ll 30 \text{ fm}$, to a fairly good approximation, the wave nature of the α particle does not need to be taken into consideration.