

43. (a) The cut-off wavelength  $\lambda_{\min}$  is characteristic of the incident electrons, not of the target material. This wavelength is the wavelength of a photon with energy equal to the kinetic energy of an incident electron. According to the result of Exercise 3 of Chapter 39,

$$\lambda_{\min} = \frac{1240 \text{ eV} \cdot \text{nm}}{35 \times 10^3 \text{ eV}} = 3.54 \times 10^{-2} \text{ nm} = 35.4 \text{ pm} .$$

- (b) A  $K_{\alpha}$  photon results when an electron in a target atom jumps from the  $L$ -shell to the  $K$ -shell. The energy of this photon is  $25.51 \text{ keV} - 3.56 \text{ keV} = 21.95 \text{ keV}$  and its wavelength is  $\lambda_{K_{\alpha}} = (1240 \text{ eV} \cdot \text{nm}) / (21.95 \times 10^3 \text{ eV}) = 5.65 \times 10^{-2} \text{ nm} = 56.5 \text{ pm}$ .
- (c) A  $K_{\beta}$  photon results when an electron in a target atom jumps from the  $M$ -shell to the  $K$ -shell. The energy of this photon is  $25.51 \text{ keV} - 0.53 \text{ keV} = 24.98 \text{ keV}$  and its wavelength is  $\lambda_{K_{\beta}} = (1240 \text{ eV} \cdot \text{nm}) / (24.98 \times 10^3 \text{ eV}) = 4.96 \times 10^{-2} \text{ nm} = 49.6 \text{ pm}$ .