

54. (a) We recall that  $mc^2 = 0.511 \text{ MeV}$  from Table 38-3, and note that the result of problem 3 in Chapter 39 can be written as  $hc = 1240 \text{ MeV}\cdot\text{fm}$ . Using Eq. 38-51 and Eq. 39-13, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}\lambda &= \frac{h}{p} = \frac{hc}{\sqrt{K^2 + 2Kmc^2}} \\ &= \frac{1240 \text{ MeV}\cdot\text{fm}}{\sqrt{(1.0 \text{ MeV})^2 + 2(1.0 \text{ MeV})(0.511 \text{ MeV})}} = 9.0 \times 10^2 \text{ fm} .\end{aligned}$$

- (b)  $r = r_0 A^{1/3} = (1.2 \text{ fm})(150)^{1/3} = 6.4 \text{ fm}$ .
- (c) Since  $\lambda \gg r$  the electron cannot be confined in the nuclide. We recall from Chapters 40 and 41, that at least  $\lambda/2$  was needed in any particular direction, to support a standing wave in an “infinite well.” A finite well is able to support *slightly* less than  $\lambda/2$  (as one can infer from the ground state wavefunction in Fig. 40-8), but in the present case  $\lambda/r$  is far too big to be supported.
- (d) A strong case can be made on the basis of the remarks in part (c), above.