

46. The change in electric potential energy of the electron-shell system as the electron starts from its initial position and just reaches the shell is $\Delta U = (-e)(-V) = eV$. Thus from $\Delta U = K = \frac{1}{2}m_e v_i^2$ we find the initial electron speed to be

$$v_i = \sqrt{\frac{2\Delta U}{m_e}} = \sqrt{\frac{2eV}{m_e}} .$$