

(b) During the time for which the charge is moving,  $1.1 \times 10^5 \text{ J}$  of energy is dissipated in the  $45 \Omega$  resistor.

(i) Determine the energy dissipated in the  $15 \Omega$  resistor during the same time.

energy = ..... J

(ii) Suggest why the total energy provided is greater than that dissipated in the two resistors.

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[4]

8 A nucleus of an atom of francium (Fr) contains 87 protons and 133 neutrons.

(a) Write down the notation for this nuclide.

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Fr

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[2]

(b) The nucleus decays by the emission of an  $\alpha$ -particle to become a nucleus of astatine (At).

Write down a nuclear equation to represent this decay.

[2]

- 6 One isotope of iron may be represented by the symbol



- (a) State, for one nucleus of this isotope,

- (i) the number of protons,

number = .....

- (ii) the number of neutrons.

number = .....

[2]

- (b) The nucleus of this isotope of iron may be assumed to be a sphere of radius  $5.7 \times 10^{-15} \text{ m}$ .

Calculate, for one such nucleus,

- (i) the mass,

mass = ..... kg

- (ii) the density.

density = .....  $\text{kg m}^{-3}$   
[4]

- (c) An iron ball is found to have a density of  $7900 \text{ kg m}^{-3}$ . By reference to your answer in (b)(ii), suggest what can be inferred about the structure of an atom of iron.

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..... [2]

7 The  $\alpha$ -particle scattering experiment provided evidence for the existence of a nuclear atom.

(a) State what could be deduced from the fact that

(i) most  $\alpha$ -particles were deviated through angles of less than  $10^\circ$ ,

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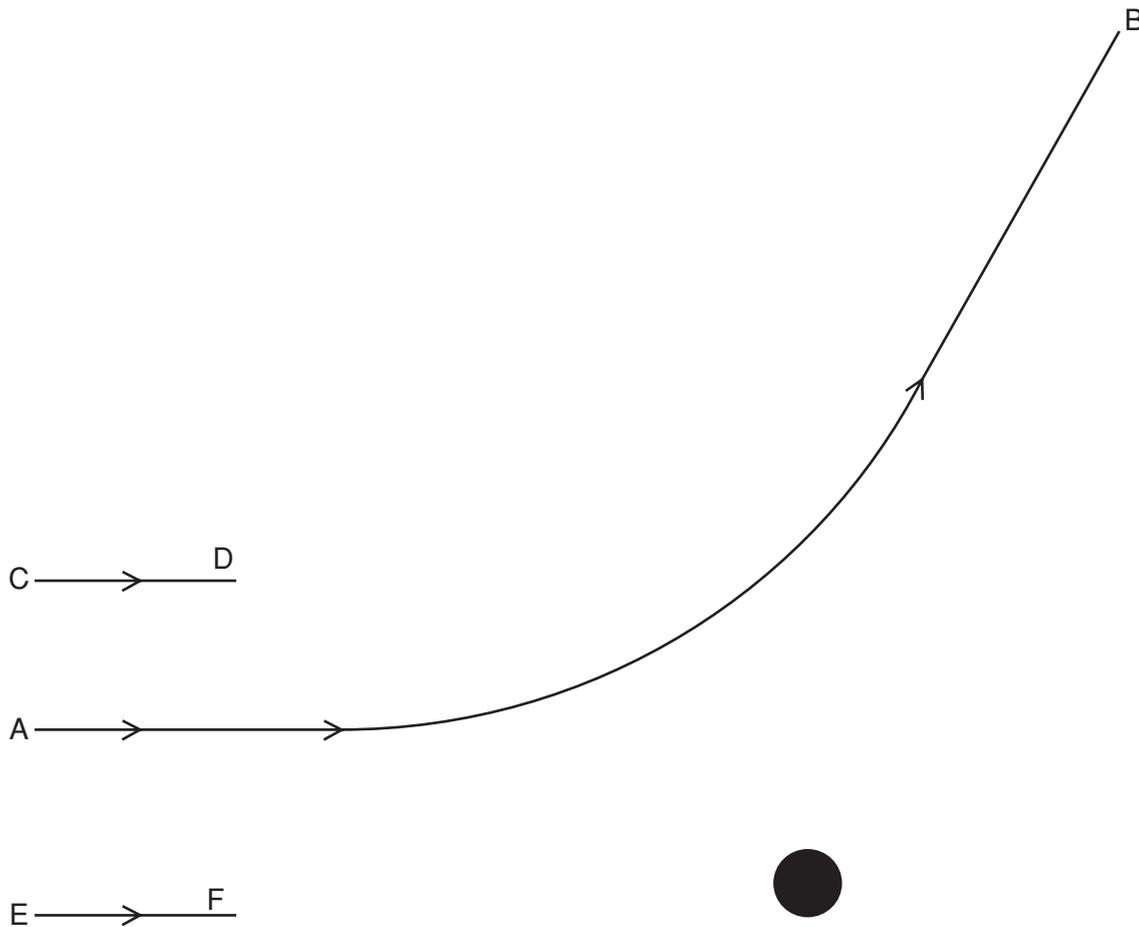
(ii) a very small proportion of the  $\alpha$ -particles was deviated through angles greater than  $90^\circ$ .

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- (b) Fig. 7.1 shows the path AB of an  $\alpha$ -particle as it approaches and passes by a stationary gold nucleus.

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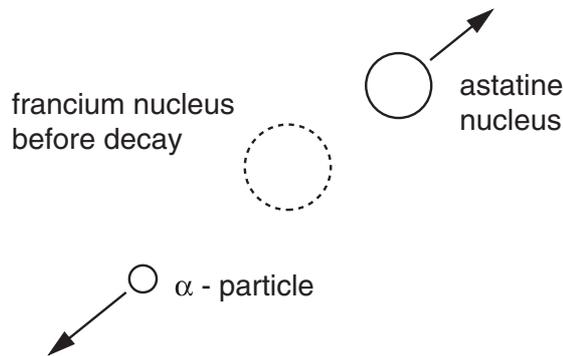
**Fig. 7.1**

On Fig. 7.1, draw lines (one in each case) to complete the paths of the  $\alpha$ -particles passing by the gold nucleus when the initial direction of approach is

- (i) along line CD,
- (ii) along line EF.

[3]

- 3 Francium-208 is radioactive and emits  $\alpha$ -particles with a kinetic energy of  $1.07 \times 10^{-12} \text{ J}$  to form nuclei of astatine, as illustrated in Fig. 3.1.



**Fig. 3.1**

- (a) State the nature of an  $\alpha$ -particle.

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 ..... [1]

- (b) Show that the initial speed of an  $\alpha$ -particle after the decay of a francium nucleus is approximately  $1.8 \times 10^7 \text{ m s}^{-1}$ .

[2]

- (c) (i) State the principle of conservation of linear momentum.

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 ..... [2]

- (ii) The Francium-208 nucleus is stationary before the decay. Estimate the speed of the astatine nucleus immediately after the decay.

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speed = .....  $\text{m s}^{-1}$  [3]

- (d) Close examination of the decay of the francium nucleus indicates that the astatine nucleus and the  $\alpha$ -particle are not ejected exactly in opposite directions.

Suggest an explanation for this observation.

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- 7 (a) Evidence for the nuclear atom was provided by the  $\alpha$ -particle scattering experiment. State the results of this experiment.

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..... [2]

- (b) Give estimates for the diameter of

- (i) an atom,

..... [1]

- (ii) a nucleus.

..... [1]

- 8 Thoron is a radioactive gas. The variation with time  $t$  of the detected count rate  $C$  from a sample of the gas is shown in Fig. 8.1.

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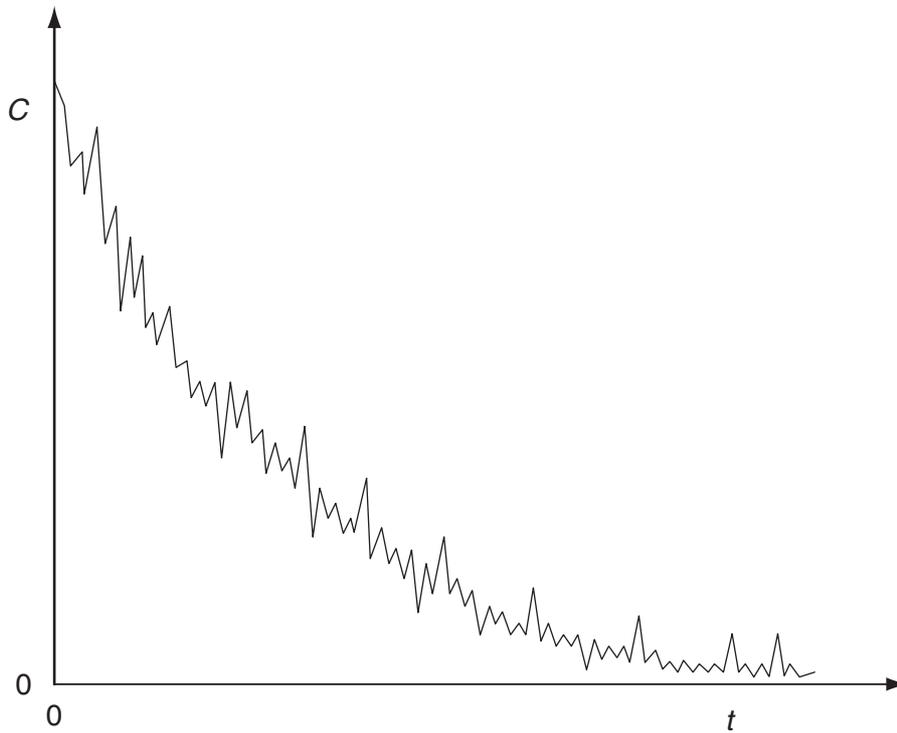


Fig. 8.1

Radioactive decay is said to be a random and spontaneous process.

- (a) Explain, by reference to radioactive decay, what is meant by a *random* process.

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 ..... [2]

- (b) State the feature of Fig. 8.1 which indicates that the process is

- (i) a decay process,

..... [1]

- (ii) random.

..... [1]

- (c) A second similar sample of thoron is prepared but it is at a much higher temperature. The variation with time of the count rate for this second sample is determined. State the feature of the decay curves for the two samples that suggests that radioactive decay is a spontaneous process.

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