



SOLUTION

TQ 13 [15 points]

13.1 A single electron deposits energy in the CCD, as follows:

$$E_{\text{deposited}} = \text{stopping power} \times \rho_{\text{si}} \times \text{thickness}$$

$$E_{\text{deposited}} = 3.012 \frac{\text{MeV cm}^2}{\text{g}} \times \frac{2.34 \text{g}}{\text{cm}^3} \times 0.06 \text{cm} = 422.9 \text{ keV} \quad [4 \text{ points}]$$

Since an electron with 15 MeV energy deposits 422.9 keV, we must calculate the number of pairs electron/hole

$$422.9 \text{ keV} \times \frac{1}{2.36 \text{ eV}} = 1.79 \times 10^5 \frac{\text{e}}{\text{h}} \quad [4 \text{ points}]$$

How many pixels will be able to excite 1.79×10^5 pairs of e/h?

$$1.79 \times 10^5 \times \frac{1}{250} = 716 \text{ pixels} \quad [2 \text{ points}]$$

13.2 The number of electrons entering the detector area is:

$$\text{flux} \times \text{area} \times t \quad [1 \text{ point}]$$

$$\frac{600 \text{ e}}{\text{cm}^2 \text{ s}} \times [1.3 \times 1.3] \text{ cm}^2 \times 0.03 \text{ s} = 30 \text{ e}^- \quad [1 \text{ point}]$$

~30 electrons enter the detector area, and we know that one electron excites 716 pixels, the total number of excited pixels is:

$$716 \frac{\text{pixels}}{\text{electron}} \times 30.42 \text{ electrons} = 2.18 \times 10^4 \text{ pixels} \quad [1 \text{ point}]$$

If the CCD has a total of 1024×1024 pixels = 1.048×10^6 pixels then the total percentage of pixels that will be driven in a single image is ~ 2.08% [2 points]