• Moseley discovered experimentally in 1913 that the atomic number, Z, of an element is inversely proportional to the square root of the wavelength, λ , of fluorescent X-rays emitted when an electron drops from the n = 2 to the n = 1 shell.

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i.e.
$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{\lambda}} = kZ$$

If iron emits X-rays of 1.937 Å when a 2s electron drops back to the 1s shell, determine the identity of the elements contained in an alloy found to emit the same type of X-rays at 1.435 Å and 1.541 Å?

Answer:		