

(4.2) Using a magnetic spectrometer the maximum energy of the electrons from ^{137}Cs was found in Figure 4.1 to correspond to 3.15×10^{-3} Tesla m. Calculate the energy:

(a) assuming the electrons are non-relativistic.

Given are:

$$eV := 1.6021773 \cdot 10^{-19} \cdot \text{joule}$$

$$MeV := 10^6 \cdot eV$$

$$Br := 3.15 \cdot 10^{-3} \cdot \text{tesla} \cdot \text{m}$$

$$q_e := 1.6021773 \cdot 10^{-19} \cdot \text{coul}$$

$$m_e := 9.109390 \cdot 10^{-31} \cdot \text{kg}$$

$$E_{nr} := \frac{(q_e \cdot Br)^2}{2 \cdot m_e}$$

Eqn. (2.11)

$$E_{nr} = 1.398 \cdot 10^{-13} \cdot \text{joule}$$

$$E_{nr} = 0.873 \cdot \text{MeV}$$

$$E_{nr} = 0.87 \cdot \text{MeV} \quad \text{rounded value}$$

(b) with correction for relativistic mass increase

$$c_{light} := 299792458 \cdot \text{m} \cdot \text{sec}^{-1}$$

$$E_{rel} := 1.4 \cdot 10^{-12} \cdot \text{joule}$$

This is a starting guess for E_{rel} .

Given

$$E_{rel} - \frac{q_e^2 \cdot Br^2}{2 \cdot \left(m_e + \frac{E_{rel}}{c_{light}} \right)} = 0 \cdot \text{joule}$$

Eqn. (2.11) combined with eqn. (4.21). Use this form and vary E_{rel} in order to locate a zero value (the solution).

$$E_{relf} := \text{Find}(E_{rel})$$

This formula locates the first zero and the corresponding value of E_{rel} .

$$E_{relf} = 0.459 \cdot \text{MeV}$$

$$E_{relf} = 0.46 \cdot \text{MeV}$$

rounded value