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The mass of an atom is usually expressed as:

$$M(N, \mathbf{Z}) = \mathbf{Z} * (m_p + m_e) + N * m_n - (BE)_{nucleus} - (BE)_{electrons}$$
(1)

where N is the number of neutrons, m_p , m_e , m_n are the proton, electron, and neutron rest masses, respectively; and (BE)_{nucleus} and (BE)_{electrons} represent the total binding energies of the nuclear particles and of the atomic electrons, respectively. Atomic mass of the 197 gold is(1):

$$_{79}{\rm Au}^{197} \to {\rm M_{Au}} = 196.966548 \pm .000006 {\rm atmu} = 183.47322 {\rm GeV}$$

The rest mass of the fully stripped gold ions $M^*(N,Z)$ is:

$$M^{*}(N, \mathbf{Z}) = M(N, \mathbf{Z}) + (BE)_{electrons} - \mathbf{Z} * m_{e}$$
(2)

Values of the fundamental physical constants as: speed of light c, the electron rest mass m_e , the atomic mass in GeV are(2):

$$\begin{split} \mathbf{c} &= 299\ 792 \mathrm{m/s} \\ m_e &= 9.109\ 389\ 7\,(54) \pm 0.59 * 10^{-31} \mathrm{kg} => 0.51099906 \mathrm{MeV} \\ e &= 1.60217733\,(49) \pm 0.310^{-19} \mathrm{C} \\ \mathrm{atmu} &= 0.931\ 494\ 32\,(28) \pm 0.3 \mathrm{GeV} \\ \mathbf{Z} * m_e &= 79 * 0.51099906 \mathrm{MeV} = 0.0403689257 \mathrm{GeV} \end{split}$$

The binding energy of the electrons from the K, L, M, and other shells could be estimated from the X-ray emission data (2 electrons in the K shell with 8.7 KeV, 8 electrons in the L shell with 13.0 KeV etc.) as:

$$(\mathrm{BE})_{\mathrm{electrons}} = 0.327 \mathrm{MeV} = 0.000327 \mathrm{GeV}$$

$$M^*(N,Z) = 183.43318 \text{ GeV} = 196.92356 \text{ atmu}$$

The magnetic rigidity $\mathbf{B}\rho$ for the fully stripped gold ions could be calculated if the energy or momentum are known:

$$\begin{split} \mathbf{B}\rho &= \mathrm{p}/\mathbf{Z}\mathrm{e} = \mathrm{m}_{\mathrm{rest}} * \beta \gamma / 79\mathbf{c} = \left(\mathrm{m}_{\mathrm{rest}} \sqrt{\gamma^2 - 1}\right) / \left(79 * \mathbf{c}\right) \mathrm{Tm} \\ \mathbf{B}\rho \mathrm{Au}^{79} &= 7.7451547 * \sqrt{\gamma^2 - 1}(\mathrm{Tm}) \end{split}$$

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