

- ## 12 ATAR Physics
- ### Electromagnetism Investigation

4. Explain why an electron-volt can be considered to be a unit of energy. [2 marks]
5. Can an induced current ever establish a magnetic field ***B*** that is in the same direction as the magnetic field inducing the current? Justify your answer. [3 marks]
6. Suggest a suitable material for the magnetic core of the betatron. Justify your answer. [2 marks]
7. In the betatron, the magnetic core is made of laminated sheets rather than of solid material. Explain why this is so. [3 marks]

8 (a) Explain how the magnetic field guides the electrons in a circular path. [2 marks]

(b) Explain how the changing magnetic field produces an induced electric field in the electron chamber. [2 marks]

9. You want to increase the radius of the circular path by imposing an additional magnetic flux $\Delta\Phi$. Should the lines of \mathbf{B} associated with this increase be in the same direction as the lines shown in the figure or in the opposite direction? Explain your answer. [3 marks]

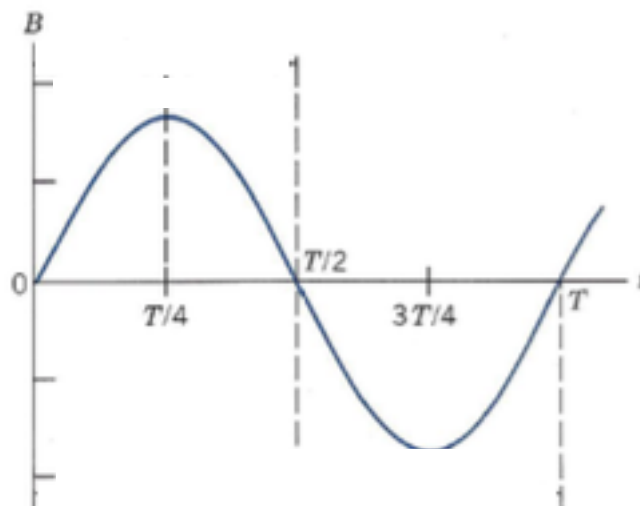
10. (a) State the direction of the force acting on the electron on the right-hand side of the betatron (See Fig. 1 of the research handout). [1 mark]

(b) Explain how you arrived at your answer. [2 marks]

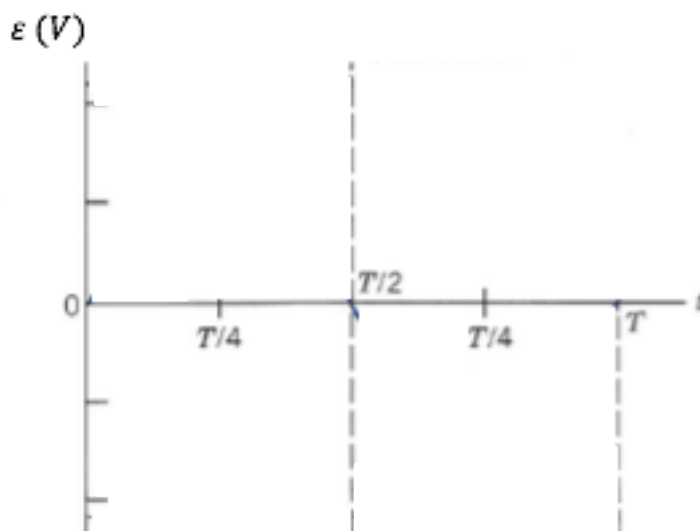
11. In a 100 MeV betatron, the orbit radius R is 84.0 cm. Assume that the orbit is circular. The magnetic field in the region enclosed by the orbit rises periodically (60 times per second) from zero to a maximum value $B_{max} = 0.800\text{T}$ in an accelerating interval of one-fourth of a period, or 4.20 ms.

- (a) What is the maximum magnetic flux, Φ_{max} , attained during the accelerating interval? [2 marks]
- (b) Using the answer to (a), determine the rate of change of flux (induced EMF) during the time interval of acceleration. [2 marks]
- (c) Given that 1.00 eV (electron volt) is the energy gained by an electron moving across a potential difference of 1.00 V, show that the number of revolutions required for an electron to reach its final energy of 100 MeV is approximately 238,000 revolutions. [2 marks]
- (d) Find the total distance travelled by an electron along its circular path before reaching its full energy of 100 MeV. [2 marks]
- (e) Calculate the average speed of the electron as it travels the total distance needed to reach 100 MeV during the acceleration time interval of 4.20 ms. [2 marks]

12. The varying magnetic field in the betatron can be represented by the graph below.



On the axis below, sketch the shape of a corresponding graph of induced EMF versus time as the B field varies. [3 marks]



13. Once accelerated, the electrons are directed out of the doughnut chamber, or inwards, towards a metal target to produce x-rays. X-rays are a form of electromagnetic radiation. They have a wavelength ranging from 0.0100 to 10.0 nm. What are the highest and lowest frequencies of x-rays? [3 marks]

14. The betatron can be thought of as a transformer. Transformers have a primary and secondary coil. The magnetic field is changed by passing alternating current to the primary coil. A current is induced in the secondary coil by Faraday's Law. [2 marks]
- (a) State which part of the betatron behaves like the primary coil of a transformer. (See Fig. 1 of the research handout.)
- (b) State which part of the betatron behaves like the secondary coil of a transformer.
15. Referring to the values given in Question 11, suggest **TWO** strengths of the design of a betatron as a particle accelerator. [2 marks]
16. Describe **TWO** ways that you can increase the energy of radiation emitted by the betatron? [2 marks]

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