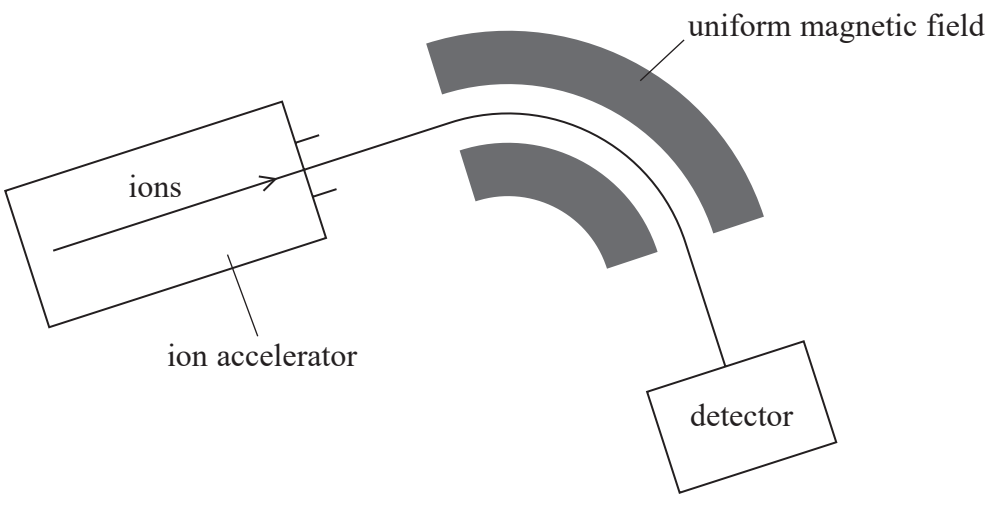
13 Mass spectrometry is a technique used to separate ions based on their charge to mass ratio.

The atoms in a sample are ionised and then accelerated and formed into a fine beam. This beam is passed into a region of uniform magnetic field and the ions are deflected by different amounts according to their mass.



Analysis of mass spectrometer data shows that chlorine exists in nature as two isotopes, chlorine-35 and chlorine-37.

(a) State what is meant by isotopes.

(1)

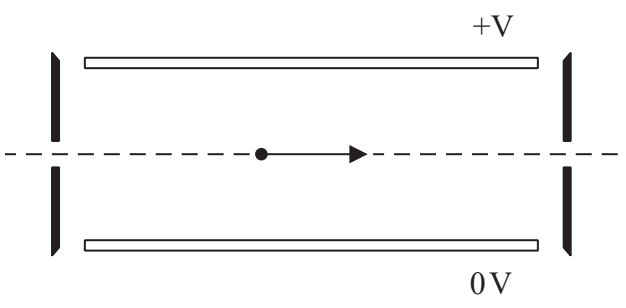
(b) In a mass spectrometer, chlorine-35 ions are accelerated through a potential difference of 8.50 kV to produce an ion beam.

Show that the speed of singly ionised chlorine-35 atoms is about 2.2×10^5 m s^{-1}.

mass of an ion of chlorine-35 = 34.97 u

(4)

(c) In most mass spectrometers the ions are passed through a velocity selector, after being accelerated, to produce a beam of ions of a particular velocity.
The velocity selector consists of a pair of parallel plates, across which a potential difference (p.d.) is applied to create an electric field.



In one mass spectrometer the plates are 2.5 cm apart and a p.d. of 135 V is applied.

A magnetic field is also applied to produce a force on the ions in the opposite direction to the force from the electric field. For one particular speed the ions travel in a straight line and emerge from the selector.

(i) Add to the diagram to indicate the directions of the electric field and the magnetic field.

(2)

(ii) The magnetic flux density applied to the velocity selector is 24.5 mT.

Deduce whether this magnetic flux density is suitable to produce a beam of chlorine-35 ions of speed 2.2×10^5 m s^{-1}.

(4)

(d) After passing through the velocity selector the ion beam enters a region of uniform magnetic flux density 0.35 T with the ions travelling at right angles to the field direction.

(i) Explain why the ions travel in a circular path.

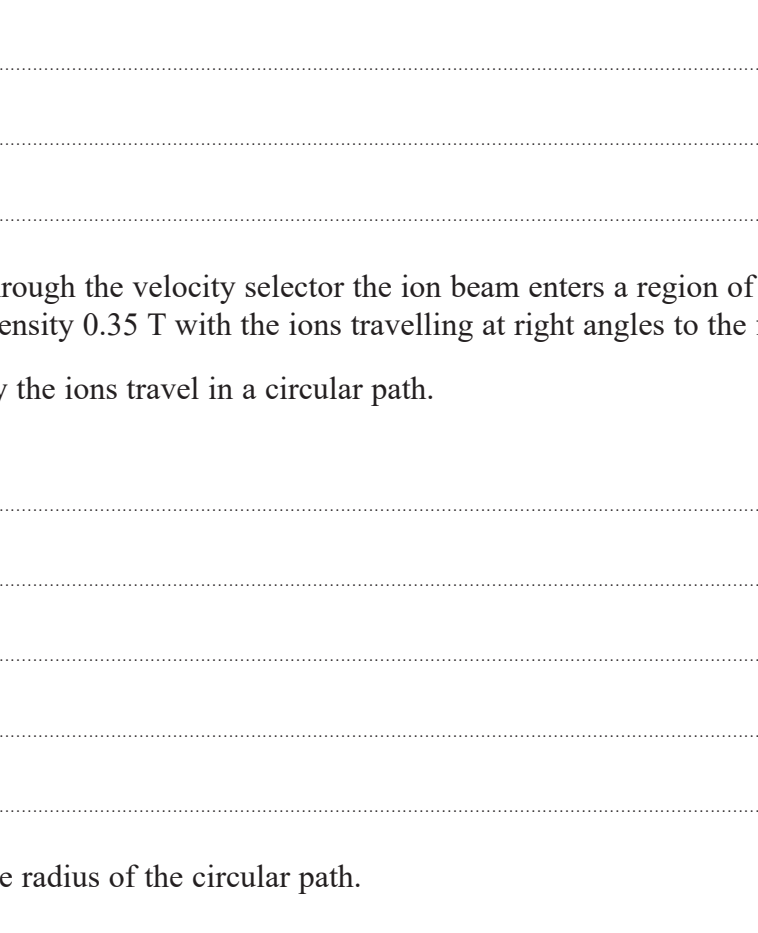
(2)

(ii) Calculate the radius of the circular path.

(2)

Radius = ...

(iii) The diagram shows the path of the chlorine-35 ions in the field. Chlorine-37 ions enter the magnetic field with the same velocity.



1. Add another line to the diagram to show the path of these chlorine-37 ions.

(1)

2. Explain any differences in the paths.

(2)

(Total for Question 13 = 18 marks)