

19 The first cyclotron was created by E O Lawrence in 1931.

Lawrence obtained an expression for the time t for a particle of charge q and mass m to complete a circular path in a uniform magnetic field of magnetic flux density B .

The expression obtained by Lawrence is

$$t = \frac{2\pi m}{Bq}$$

(a) (i) Derive this expression.

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(ii) In Lawrence's cyclotron, an alternating potential difference was used to accelerate particles to high energies.

Explain the significance of the expression obtained by Lawrence to the operation of a cyclotron.

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- (b) In a cyclotron, in which Lawrence's expression applies, protons were accelerated to a speed of $1.5 \times 10^7 \text{ ms}^{-1}$.

Determine the time taken to accelerate a proton to this speed from rest.

magnetic flux density = 1.6 T

accelerating potential difference = 13 kV

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Time =

- (c) Explain why high energy particles are required to investigate the structure of nucleons.

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