

- 6 (a) Explain how an electric field and a magnetic field may be used for the velocity selection of charged particles. You may draw a diagram if you wish.

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- (b) An ion of charge Q and mass m is moving with speed v normal to a magnetic field of magnetic flux density B . The ion will move in a circular path of radius r .

Derive an expression for r in terms of Q , m , v and B .

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- (c) The isotopes strontium-87 (^{87}Sr) and strontium-86 (^{86}Sr) are found in samples of Moon rock. Particles of a sample of Moon rock are vaporised, releasing strontium isotopes that are sent into the velocity selector of a mass spectrometer as shown in Fig. 6.1. The positive ions of strontium isotopes then pass through a uniform magnetic field which makes them follow separate circular paths.

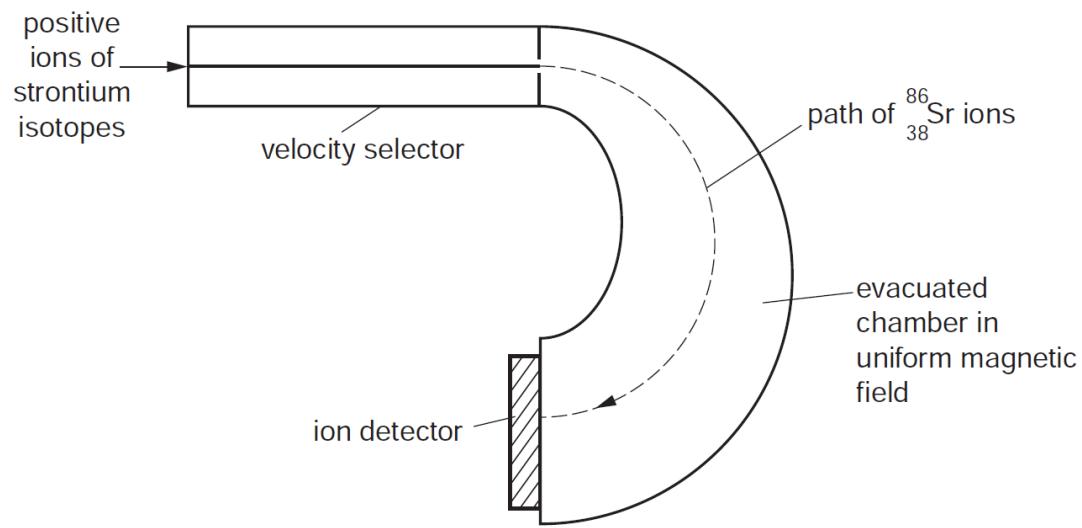


Fig. 6.1

- (i) On Fig. 6.1, sketch a possible path for the strontium-87 (^{87}Sr) ions.

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- (ii) The velocity selector allows strontium ions of speed $7.6 \times 10^5 \text{ m s}^{-1}$ to enter the evacuated chamber in uniform magnetic field of magnetic flux density 680 mT.

Determine the change in the magnetic flux density needed to make the strontium-87 ($^{87}_{38}\text{Sr}$) ions follow the same path taken initially by the strontium-86 ions.

change in magnetic flux density = T [2]