Mass Spectrometer

1. The velocity selector has an electric and magnetic field such that only particles moving at a particular velocity are not deflected.



Find an expression for this velocity, v, in terms of the electric field strength E and magnetic field strength B. Show that v does not depend on the charge, Q, of the particle.

If the E field is produced by two plates which are 1cm apart, what voltage should be applied to them to achieve a field strength of 1000NC⁻¹?

2. Particles with charge Q, mass m and speed v are fired into a uniform magnetic field B.

They are deflected in a semi-circular path and hit a detector.

Derive an expression for the distance, d, between the point the particle enters the field and where it hits the detector, in terms of the quantities listed above.

