

Velocity Selector



A charged particle is moving horizontally into a region with “crossed” uniform fields:

- an electric field \vec{E} pointing down,
- a magnetic field \vec{B} pointing into the plane.

Forces experienced by particle:

- electric force $F = qE$ pointing down,
- magnetic force $F = qvB$ pointing up.

Forces in balance: $qE = qvB$.

Selected velocity: $v = \frac{E}{B}$.

Trajectories of particles with selected velocity are not bent.

