

Mass Spectrometer



Purpose: measuring masses of ions.

- Charged particle is accelerated by moving through potential difference $|\Delta V|$.
- Trajectory is then bent into semicircle of radius r by magnetic field \vec{B} .
- Kinetic energy: $\frac{1}{2}mv^2 = q|\Delta V|$.
- Radius of trajectory: $r = \frac{mv}{qB}$.
- Charge: $q = e$
- Mass: $m = \frac{eB^2r^2}{2|\Delta V|}$.

