

Torque on Current Loop

→ Consider rectangular current loop

- ◆ Forces in left, right branches = 0
- ◆ Forces in top/bottom branches cancel
- ◆ No net force! (true for any shape)

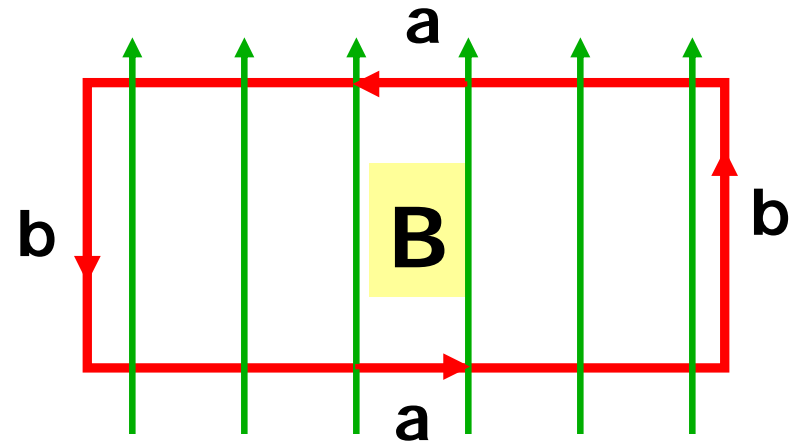
→ But there is a net torque!

- ◆ Bottom side up, top side down (RHR)
- ◆ Rotates around horizontal axis

$$\tau = Fd = (iBa)b = iBab = iBA$$

→ $\mu = NiA \Rightarrow$ "magnetic moment" (N turns)

- ◆ True for any shape!!
- ◆ Direction of μ given by RHR

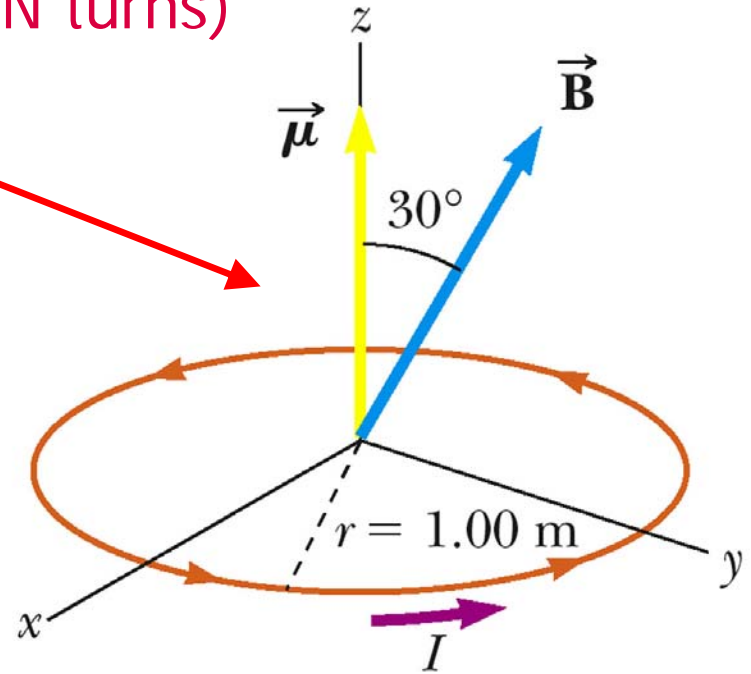


Plane normal is $\perp B$ here

General Treatment of Magnetic Moment, Torque

→ $\mu = NiA$ is magnetic moment (with N turns)

◆ Direction of μ given by RHR

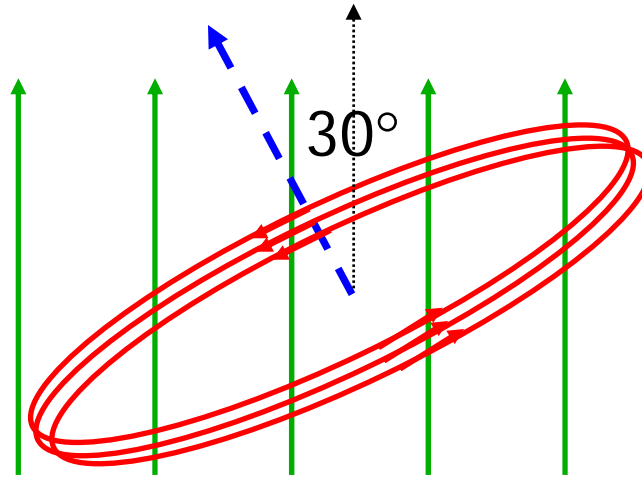


→ Torque depends on angle θ between μ and B

$$\tau = \mu B \sin \theta$$

Torque Example

→ A 3-turn circular loop of radius 3 cm carries 5A current in a B field of 2.5 T. Loop is tilted 30° to B field.



→ $\mu = 3i\pi r^2 = 3 \times 5 \times 3.14 \times (0.03)^2 = 0.0339 \text{ A} \cdot \text{m}^2$

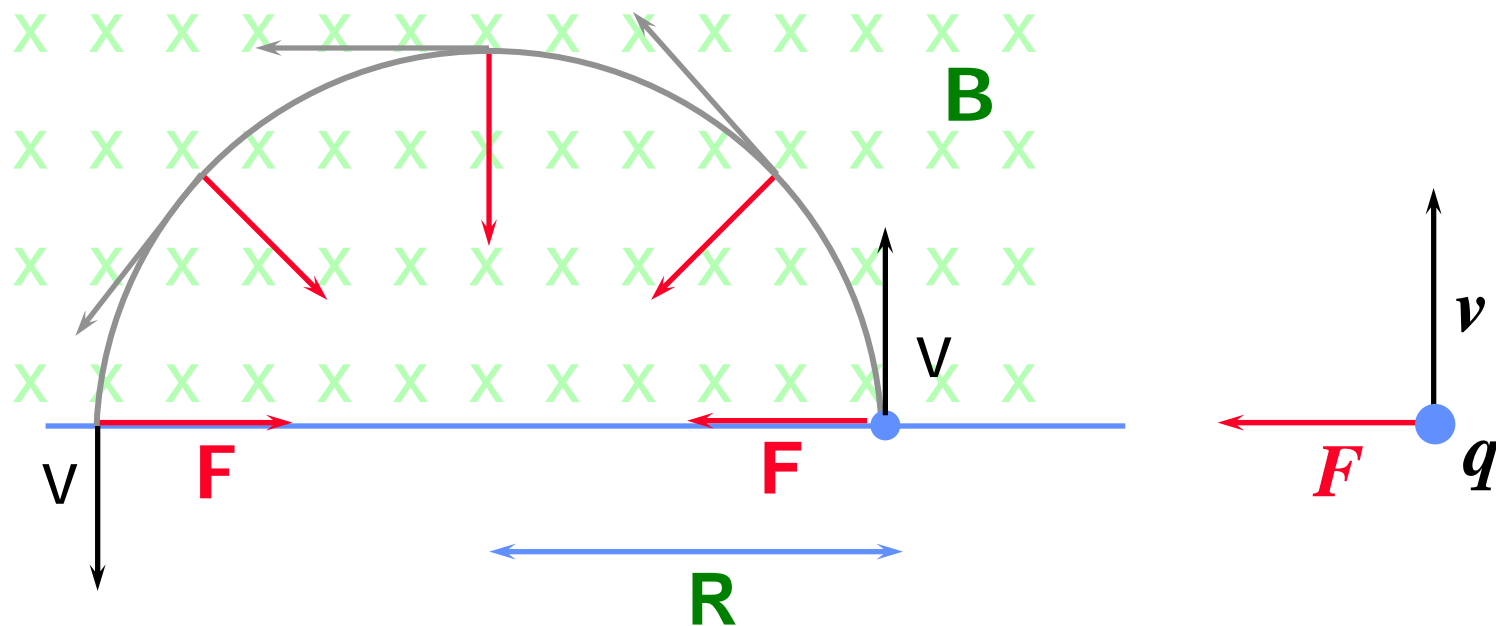
→ $\tau = \mu B \sin 30 = 0.0339 \times 2.5 \times 0.5 = 0.042 \text{ N} \cdot \text{m}$

→ Rotation *always* in direction to align μ with B field

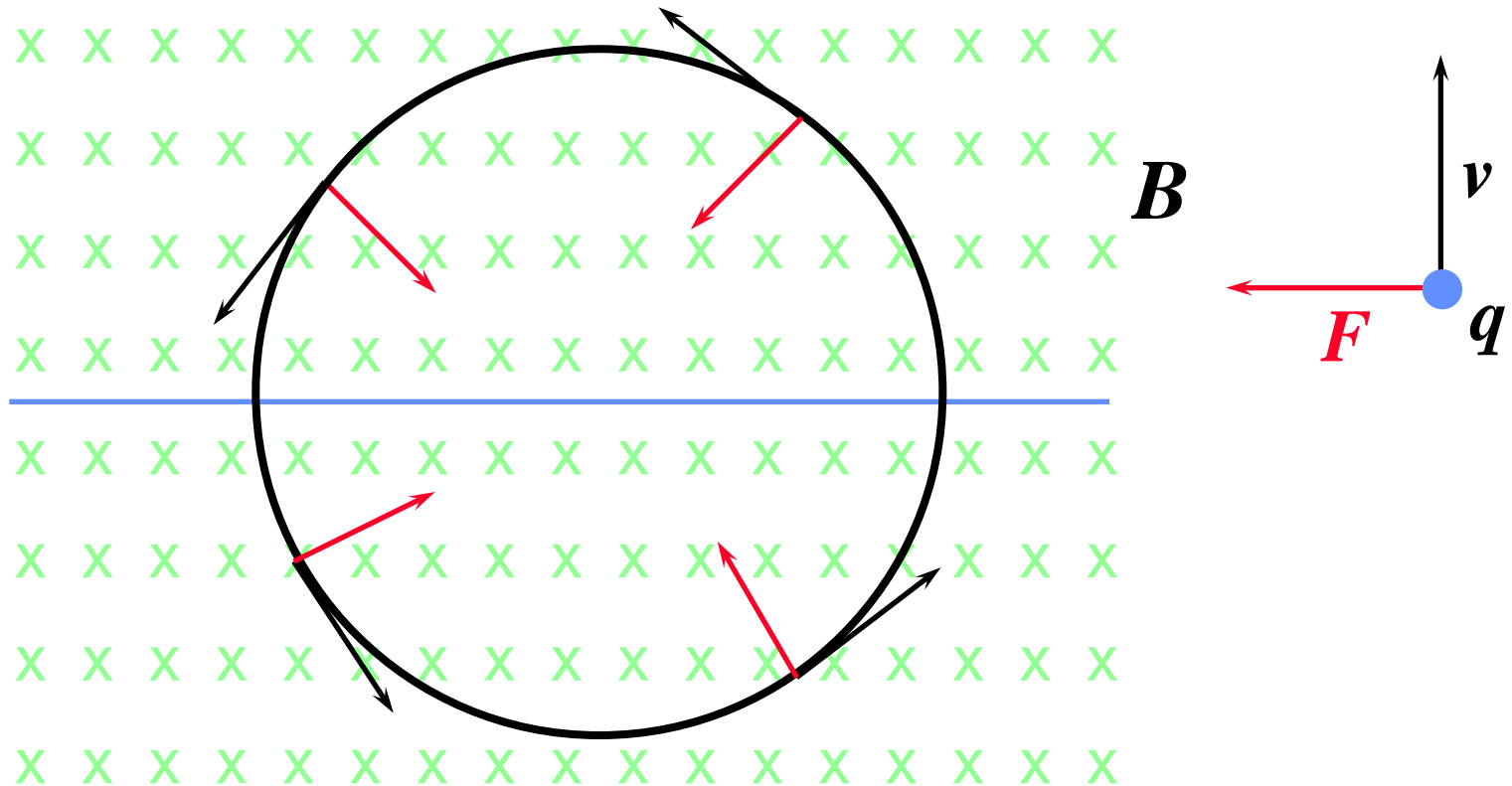
Trajectory in a Constant Magnetic Field

→ A charge q enters B field with velocity v perpendicular to B . What path will q follow?

- ◆ Force is always \perp velocity and $\perp B$
- ◆ Path will be a circle. F is the centripetal force needed to keep the charge in its circular orbit. Let's calculate radius R



Circular Motion of Positive Particle



$$\frac{mv^2}{R} = qvB \quad \longrightarrow \quad R = \frac{mv}{qB}$$

Cosmic Ray Example

→ Protons with energy 1 MeV move \perp earth B field of 0.5 Gauss or $B = 5 \times 10^{-5}$ T. Find radius & frequency of orbit.

$$K = \frac{1}{2}mv^2 \Rightarrow v = \sqrt{\frac{2K}{m}}$$

$$K = (10^6)(1.6 \times 10^{-19}) = 1.6 \times 10^{-13} \text{ J}$$

$$m = 1.67 \times 10^{-27} \text{ kg}$$

$$R = \frac{mv}{eB} = \frac{\sqrt{2mK}}{eB}$$

$$R = 2900 \text{ m}$$

$$f = \frac{1}{T} = \frac{v}{2\pi R} = \frac{v}{2\pi(mv/eB)} = \frac{eB}{2\pi m}$$

$$f = 760 \text{ Hz}$$

Frequency is independent of v !

Helical Motion in B Field

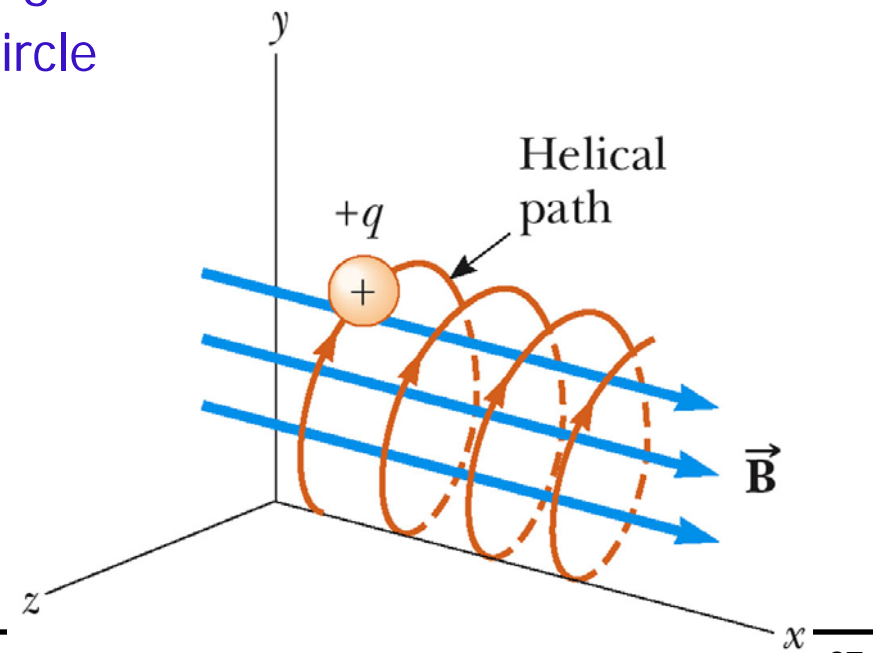
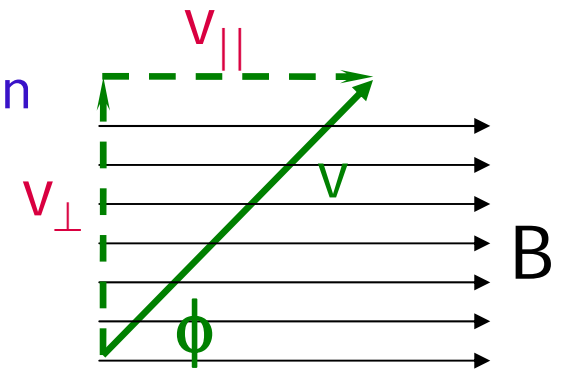
→ Velocity of particle has 2 components

- ◆ $\vec{v} = \vec{v}_{\parallel} + \vec{v}_{\perp}$ (parallel to B and perp. to B)
- ◆ Only $v_{\perp} = v \sin\phi$ contributes to circular motion
- ◆ $v_{\parallel} = v \cos\phi$ is unchanged

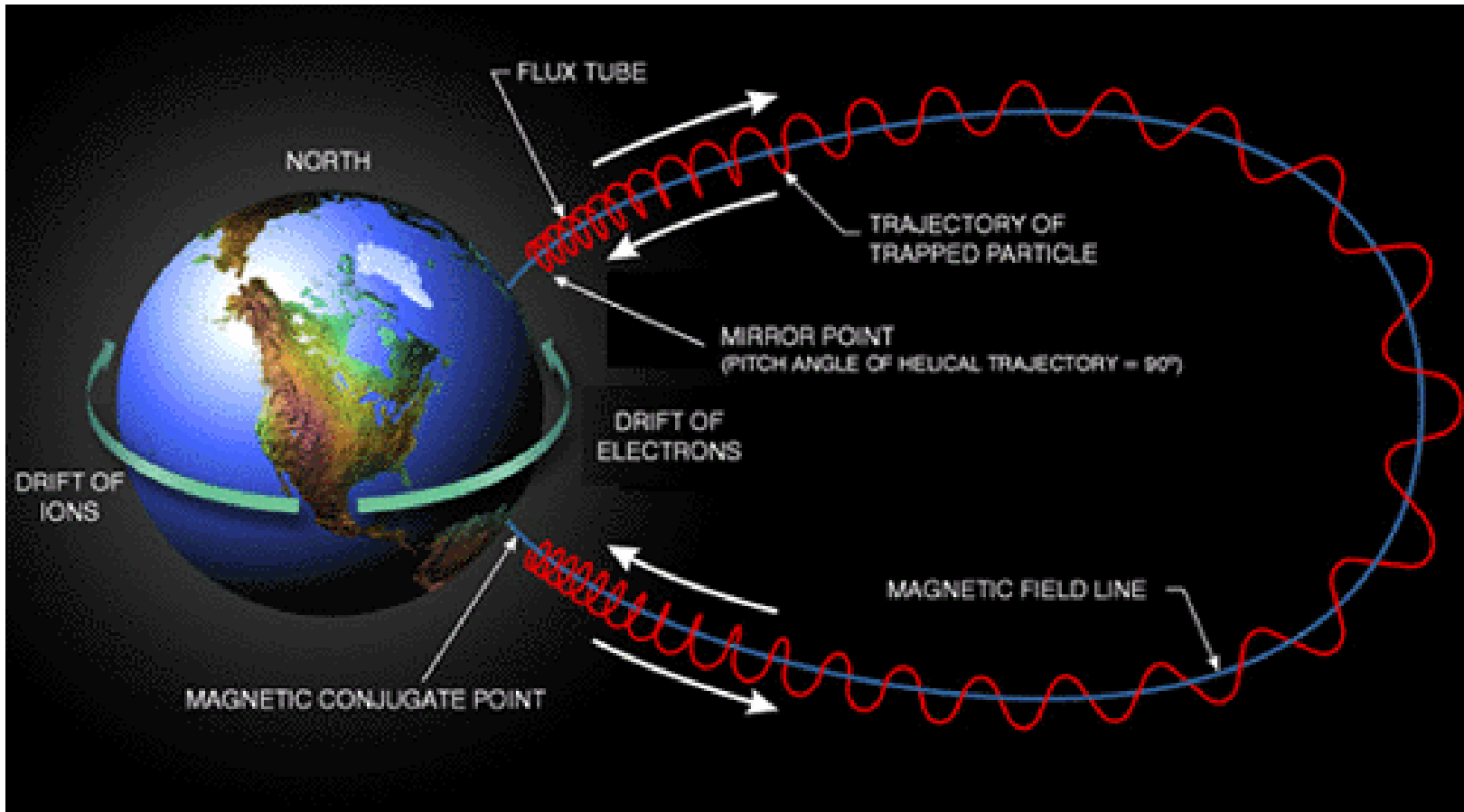
→ So the particle moves in a helical path

- ◆ v_{\parallel} is the constant velocity along the B field
- ◆ v_{\perp} is the velocity around the circle

$$R = \frac{mv_{\perp}}{qB}$$



Helical Motion in Earth's B Field



Magnetic Field and Work

→ Magnetic force is *always* perpendicular to velocity

◆ Therefore B field does no work!

◆ Why? Because $\Delta K = \vec{F} \cdot \Delta \vec{x} = \vec{F} \cdot (\vec{v} \Delta t) = 0$

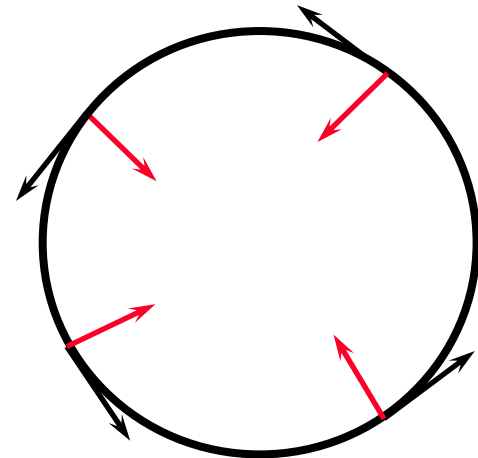
→ Consequences

◆ Kinetic energy does not change

◆ Speed does not change

◆ Only direction changes

◆ Particle moves in a circle (if $\vec{v} \perp \vec{B}$)



Magnetic Force

→ Two particles of the same charge enter a magnetic field with the same speed. Which one has the bigger mass?

◆ A

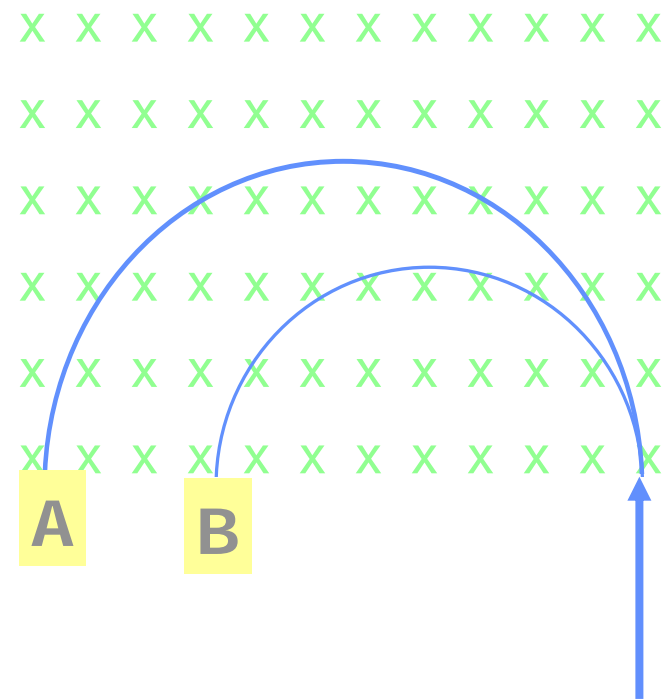
◆ B

◆ Both masses are equal

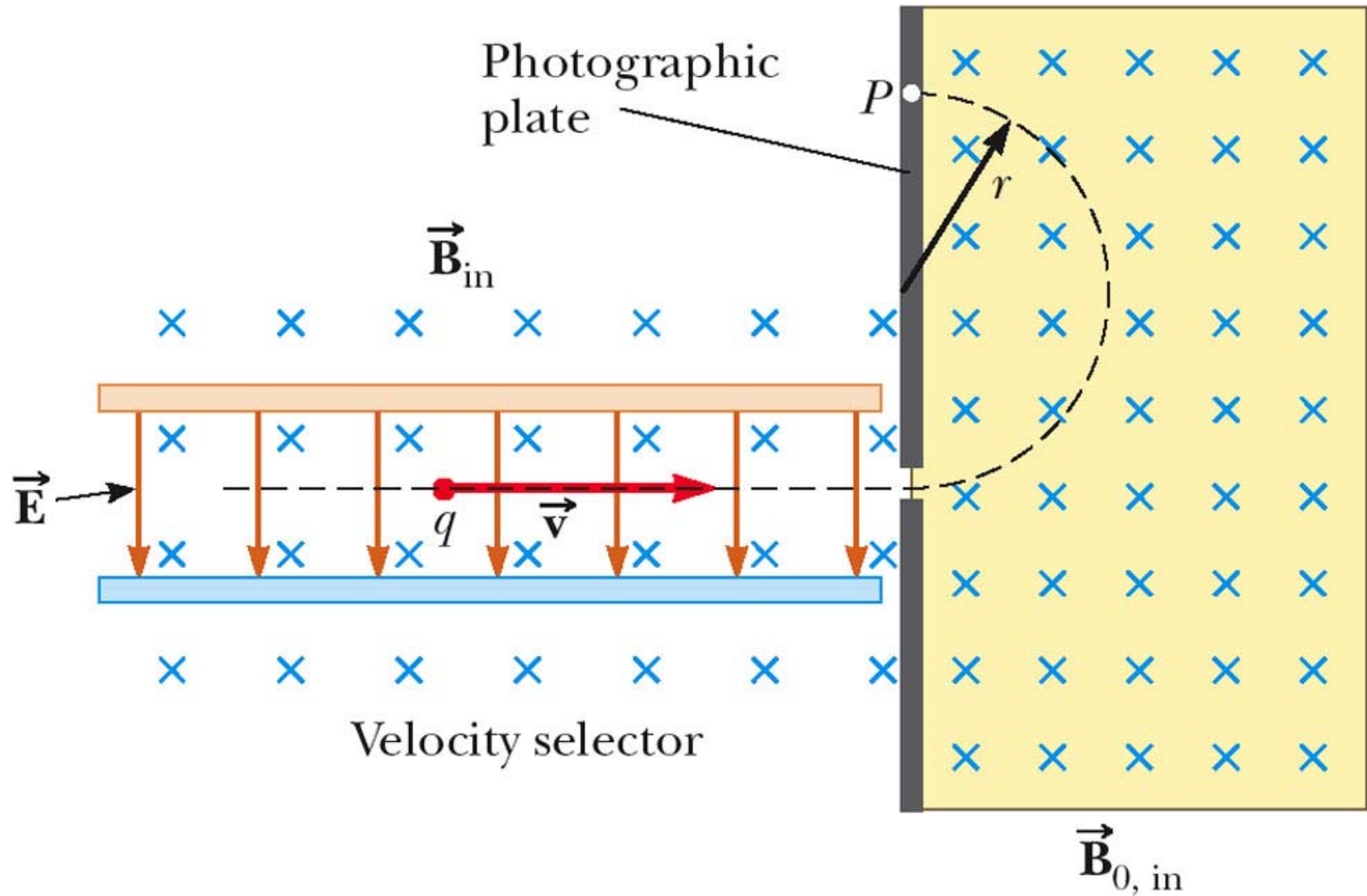
◆ Cannot tell without more info

$$R = \frac{mv}{qB}$$

Bigger mass means bigger radius



Mass Spectrometer



Mass Spectrometer Operation

→ Positive ions first enter a “velocity selector” where $E \perp B$ and values are adjusted to allow only undeflected particles to enter mass spectrometer.

◆ Balance forces in selector \Rightarrow “select” v

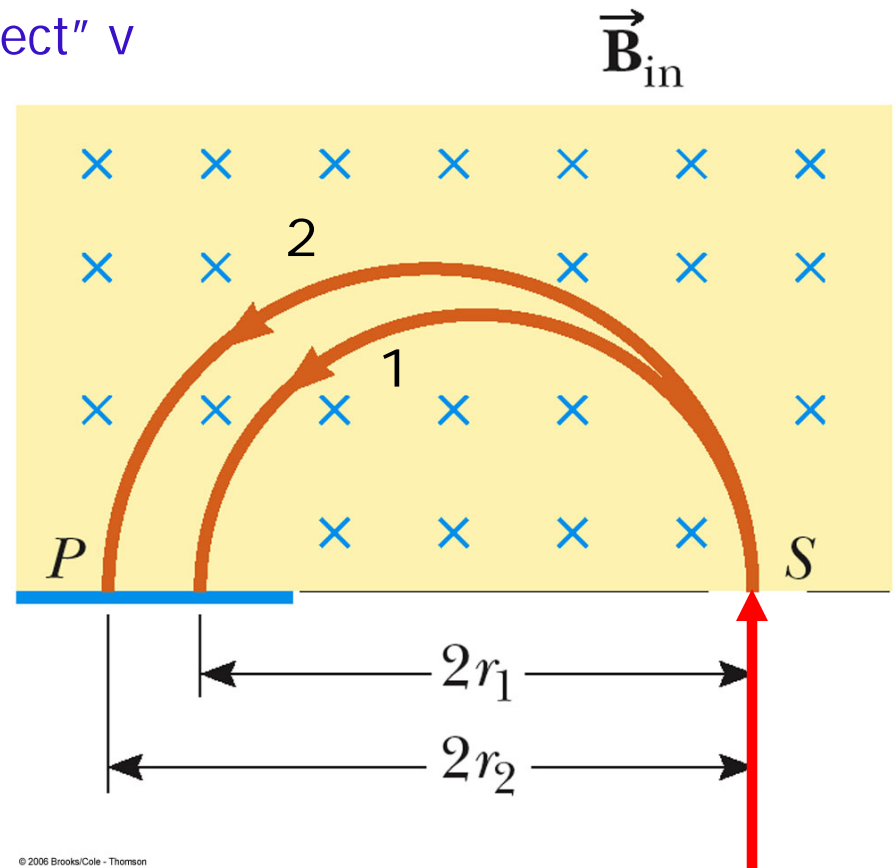
$$qE = qvB$$

$$v = E / B$$

◆ Spectrometer: Determine mass from v and measured radius r

$$r_1 = \frac{m_1 v}{qB}$$

$$r_2 = \frac{m_2 v}{qB}$$



Mass Spectrometer Example

→ A beam of deuterons travels right at $v = 5 \times 10^5$ m/s

- ◆ What value of B would make deuterons go undeflected through a region where $E = 100,000$ V/m pointing up vertically?

$$eE = evB$$

$$B = E/v = 10^5 / 5 \times 10^5 = \boxed{0.2 \text{ T}}$$

- ◆ If the electric field is suddenly turned off, what is the radius and frequency of the circular orbit of the deuterons?

$$\frac{mv^2}{R} = evB \Rightarrow R = \frac{mv}{eB} = \frac{(3.34 \times 10^{-27})(5 \times 10^5)}{(1.6 \times 10^{-19})(0.2)} = \boxed{5.2 \times 10^{-2} \text{ m}}$$

$$f = \frac{1}{T} = \frac{v}{2\pi R} = \frac{5 \times 10^5}{(6.28)(5.2 \times 10^{-2})} = \boxed{1.5 \times 10^6 \text{ Hz}}$$