

Motion of charged particle in uniform Electric field

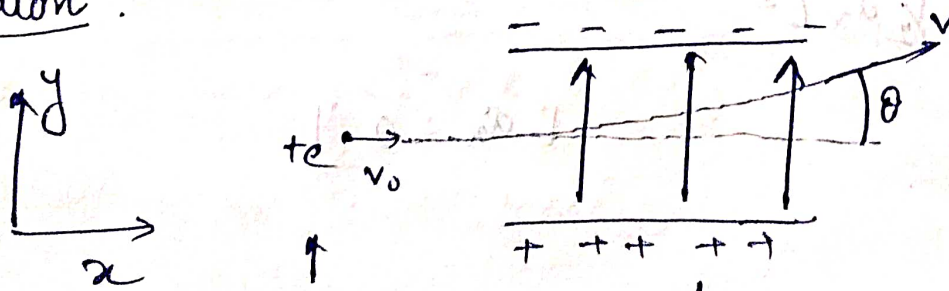
A charged particle in electric field \vec{E} , will experience an electric force $\vec{F} = q\vec{E}$.

So, the acceleration of particle $\vec{a} = \frac{d\vec{v}}{dt}$

velocity of particle $\vec{v} = \frac{d\vec{r}}{dt}$

Problem: An ion milling machine uses a beam of gallium ions ($m = 70u$) to carve microstructures from a target. A region of uniform electric field between parallel sheets of charge is used for precise control of the beam direction. Singly ionized gallium atoms with an initially horizontal velocity of 1.8×10^4 m/s enter a 2.0 cm long region of uniform electric field which points vertically upward. The ions are redirected by the field and exit the field region at angle θ . If field is set to a value of $E = 90$ N/C, what is the exit angle θ ?

Solution:



Ions enter horizontally

uniform electric field causes projectile motion between plates.

After exiting, ions move with constant velocity at angle θ .

On exiting point velocity vector makes an angle θ with horizontal.

$$\Rightarrow \tan \theta = \frac{v_y}{v_x}$$

v_y is 'y' component of velocity

v_x is 'x' component of velocity

as electric field is applied in y direction

so acceleration will ~~be~~ be in y direction

no acceleration will be in x direction

v_x will be constant [velocity in x direction]

$$v_y = a_y t$$

[v_y velocity in y direction

a_y acceleration in y direction]

$$\Rightarrow t = \frac{v_y}{a_y}$$

Distance in x direction

$$s_x = u_x t + \frac{1}{2} a_x t^2$$

$$s_x = v_x t$$

$$t = \frac{s_x}{v_x}$$

$$[a_x = 0]$$

$$\Rightarrow v_y = a_y \frac{s_x}{v_x}$$

$$a_y = \frac{F_y}{m} = \frac{eE}{m}$$

$$v_y = \frac{eE}{m} \frac{s_x}{v_x}$$

$$\tan \theta = \frac{v_y}{v_x} = \frac{\frac{eE}{m} \frac{s_x}{v_x}}{v_x} = \frac{eE}{m} \frac{s_x}{v_x^2}$$

$$m = 70u$$

$$1u = 1.66 \times 10^{-27} \text{ kg}$$

$$m = 70 \times 1.66 \times 10^{-27} \text{ kg}$$

$$s_x = 2 \times 10^2 \text{ m}$$

[$s_x = 2 \text{ cm}$ given]

$$v_x = 1.8 \times 10^4 \text{ m/s}$$

$$e = 1.6 \times 10^{-19} \text{ C}$$

$$\therefore \tan \theta = \frac{1.6 \times 10^{-19} \text{ C} \times 90 \text{ N/C} \times (2 \times 10^2 \text{ m})}{70 \times 1.66 \times 10^{-27} \text{ kg} \times (1.8 \times 10^4)^2}$$

$$\tan \theta = 7.6 \times 10^{-3}$$

$$\theta = \tan^{-1} (7.6 \times 10^{-3})$$

$$\approx 44^\circ$$