

Title (en)

Mass spectrometric high-frequency quadrupole cage with superposed multipole fields

Title (de)

Massenspektrometrischer Hochfrequenz-Quadrupol-Käfig mit überlagerten Multipolfeldern

Title (fr)

Cage quadrupolaire haute fréquence pour spectrométrie de masse avec champs multipolaires superposés

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Abstract (en)

[origin: EP0459602A2] An ion cage mass spectrometer, also known as a quistor or ion trap, having an annular electrode and two end-cap electrodes, voltage supplies for generating an ion-storing RF quadrupole field, means for generating ions of the substances which are to be investigated by mass-spectrometric means inside or outside the ion cage, if appropriate, means for introducing the ions into the ion cage, means for detecting those ions which emerge from the ion cage, characterised in that the exact quadrupole potential  $P_q = (A_2/4z_0^2) * (r^2 - 2z^2) * [U - V \cos(Wt)]$  has superposed on it, by special shaping of the electrodes, exactly or approximately, a six-pole potential  $P_s = (A_3/4z_0^3) * (3r^2 z - z^3) * [U - V \cos(Wt)]$ , or an eight-pole potential  $P_0 = (A_4/4z_0^4) * (r^4 + 8z^4 - 3r^2 z^2) * [U - V \cos(Wt)]$ , or a linear combination of the two, where  $r$  = distance from the z-axis,  $z$  = distance from the plane  $z = 0$ ,  $z_0$  = distance of an end cap from the centre  $z = 0$ ,  $A_2$  = intensity of the quadrupole field,  $A_3$  = intensity of the six-pole field,  $A_4$  = intensity of the eight-pole field,  $U$  = value of the DC voltage,  $V$  = peak value of the AC voltage,  $\omega$  = angular frequency of the AC voltage,  $t$  = time. <IMAGE>

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