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(54) **Mass spectrometer**

(57) An ion guide 1 is disclosed wherein a travelling
DC wave is passed along the length of the ion guide 1

so that ions exit the ion guide 1 having substantially the
same velocity.

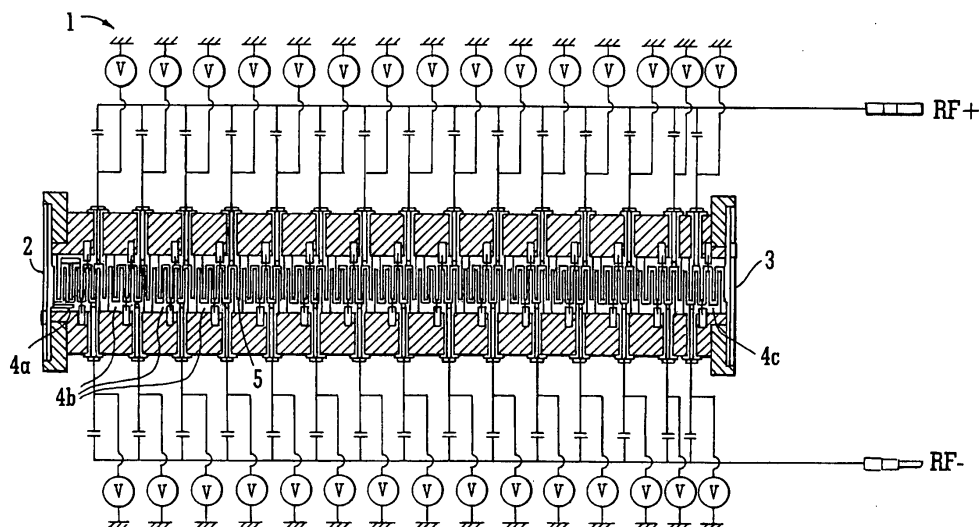


FIG. 1



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