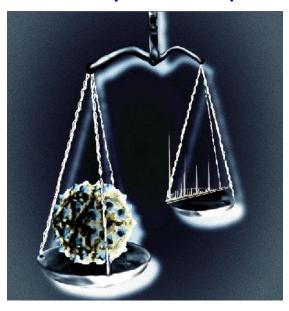
Mass Spectrometry



Introduction to Mass Spectrometry

At the most fundamental level, matter is characterized by two quantities:

FREQUENCY AND MASS.

➤ Measuring:

(1) the frequencies of emitted, absorbed, and diffracted electromagnetic radiation and

Introduction to Mass Spectrometry

At the most fundamental level, matter is characterized by two quantities:

FREQUENCY AND MASS.

- ➤ Measuring:
 - (1) the frequencies of emitted, absorbed, and diffracted electromagnetic radiation and
 - (2) the masses of intact particles & pieces of fragmented particles are the principal means by which we can investigate the structural features of atoms and molecules.

Mass Spectrometry

Mass spectrometry refers to that branch of analytical science devoted to:

- 1) developing and using instruments to determine the masses of atoms and molecules
- 2) Deducing the identities or abundances of atoms in physical and biological samples, and

2: Mass Analysis

Sorting and counting

- Pocket change (mixture of coins)
- Penny, dime, nickel, quarter, half \$
- Sorting change by value or size
- Concept of visual interpretation



Quantity (Abundance)

dime penny nickel quarter half \$ Value (m/z)

2: Mass Analysis Sorting and counting Pocket change (mixture of coins) Mixture of molecules Penny, dime, nickel, quarter, half \$ Molecules of different weight, size Sorting change by value or size Separation by mass spectrum Concept of visual interpretation Quantity (Abundance) dime penny nickel quarter half \$ Value (m/z) "What is Mass Spectrometry?" D.H. Chace, O.D. Sparkman, American Society for Mass Spectrometry, 2005: D.C. Muddiman; D. Ayerhart

Mass Spectrometry

Mass spectrometry refers to that branch of analytical science devoted to:

- 1) developing and using instruments to determine the masses of atoms and molecules
- 2) Deducing the identities or abundances of atoms in physical and biological samples, and
- 3) elucidating the structural properties or deducing the identities, or determining the concentrations of molecules in physical/biological samples.

Mass Spectrometry

Is powerful and versatile because it can be used to qualitatively and/or quantitatively analyze

- 1) All elements and essentially all compounds
- 2) Samples in all states of matter
- 3) Particles whose masses range from < 1 u to > 1,000,000 u, and
- 4) Sample amounts down to < 1 attomole (10⁻¹⁸ of a mole)

Mass Spectrometry Uses and Benefits:

- 1) Elemental composition of samples of matter
- 2) Structures of inorganic, organic, and biological molecules
- 3) Qualitative and quantitative composition of complex mixtures
- 4) Structure and composition of solid surfaces
- 5) Isotopic ratios of atoms in samples
 - ➤ Analysis is fast (normally a few seconds or less);
 - ➤ Mass resolution can be very good (100,000 or better);
 - detection limits are often much better than for optical methods;
 - spectra are relatively simple;
 - unambiguous identification can often be obtained.

The Mass Spectrometer

A mass spectrometer is an instrument that

1. produces gas-phase ions from a sample,

The Mass Spectrometer

A mass spectrometer is an instrument that

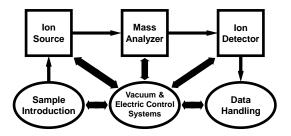
- 1. produces gas-phase ions from a sample,
- 2. separates the ions according to their respective ratios of *mass-to-charge* (*m/z*), and

The Mass Spectrometer

A mass spectrometer is an instrument that

- 1. produces gas-phase ions from a sample,
- 2. separates the ions according to their respective ratios of *mass-to-charge* (*m/z*), and
- 3. produces a record of the ions' abundances versus their respective values of m/z.

Anatomy of a Mass Spectrometer II



- ➤ The ion source forms an ion beam from a sample.
- ➤ The mass analyzer disperses the ion beam into component beams of different mass-to-charge ratios.
- ➤ The ion detector converts the ion beam currents into a current or voltage signal.

What does m/z practically mean?

The mass-to-charge ratio, m/z, (read "m over z") is **dimensionless** by definition.

What does m/z practically mean?

The mass-to-charge ratio, m/z, (read "m over z") is **dimensionless** by definition.

It is best understood as calculated from the **dimensionless** mass number, m, of a given ion, and the number of its elementary charges, z.

What does m/z practically mean?

The mass-to-charge ratio, m/z, (read "m over z") is **dimensionless** by definition.

It is best understood as calculated from the **dimensionless** mass number, m, of a given ion, and the number of its elementary charges, z.

So, practically this means it is always denoted *before* the number:

m/z 180

What does m/z practically mean?

Consequently, the m/z, of $C_{20}N_8O_6H_{24}^{2+}$ would (approximately) be:

$$m/z$$
 236 (m=(472))/z=2)

Try $C_{20}N_8O_6H_{25}^{3+}$ for yourselves...

 $^{12}C = 12.00000$ g/mol; $^{14}N = 14.0030$ g/mol; $^{16}O = 15.9949$ g/mol; $^{1}H = 1.0078$ g/mol

What does m/z practically mean?

Consequently, the m/z, of $C_{20}N_8O_6H_{24}^{2+}$ would (approximately) be:

$$m/z$$
 236 (m=(472))/z=2)

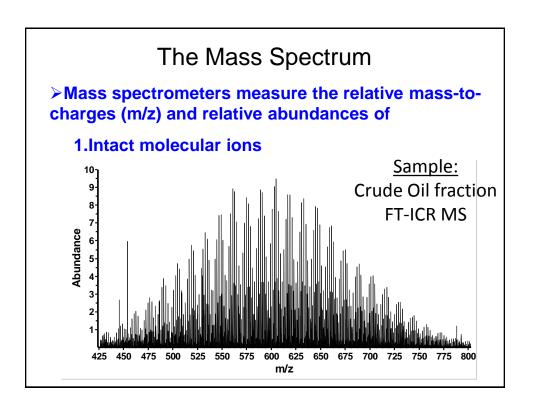
Try $C_{20}N_8O_6H_{25}^{3+}$ for yourselves...

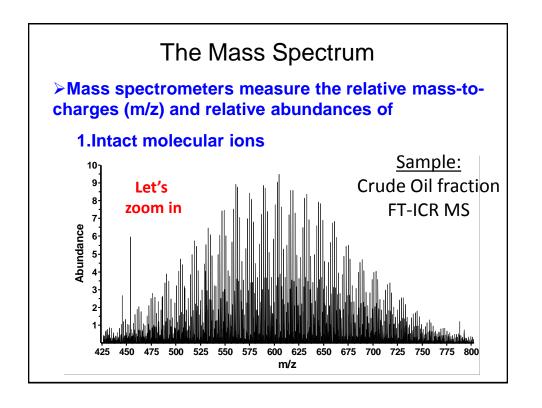
What do you notice about this number?

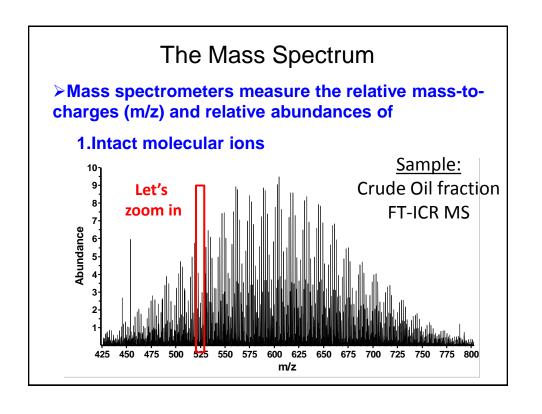
 ^{12}C = 12.00000 g/mol; ^{14}N = 14.0030 g/mol; ^{16}O = 15.9949 g/mol; ^{1}H = 1.0078 g/mol

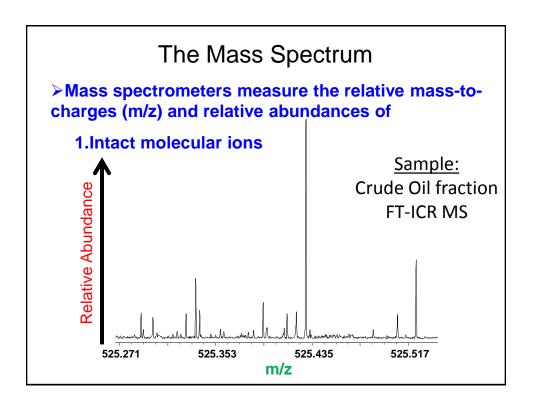
The Mass Spectrum

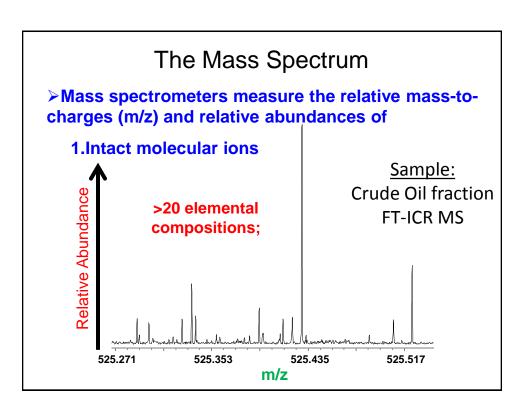
- > Mass spectrometers measure the relative mass-tocharges (m/z) and relative abundances, producing a mass spectrum.
 - 1 mass spectrum, many mass spectra!
- From the mass-to-charges (m/z) we can calculate the molecular mass(es) present











What is an ion?

An atom or molecule in which the total number of electrons is **not equal** to the total number of protons, thereby giving the atom or molecule a net positive or negative electrical charge.

What is an ion?

An atom or molecule in which the total number of electrons is **not equal** to the total number of protons, thereby giving the atom or molecule a net positive or negative electrical charge.

If we have **more protons** than electrons, the ion will be **positively** charged.

What is an ion?

An atom or molecule in which the total number of electrons is **not equal** to the total number of protons, thereby giving the atom or molecule a net positive or negative electrical charge.

If we have **more protons** than electrons, the ion will be **positively** charged.

If we have **more electrons** than protons, the ion will be **negatively** charged.

What types of ion are possible?

Or, how can we make ions?

Or, how can we make ions?

There are many ways to do this and we'll get to them in due course from an instrumental point of view. The question is aimed solely at a chemical point of view.

Or, how can we make ions?

There are many ways to do this and we'll get to them in due course from an instrumental point of view. The question is aimed solely at a chemical point of view.

- 1. By removing one/more electron(s) from our analyte.
- 2. By adding one/more electron(s) to our analyte.

Or, how can we make ions?

There are many ways to do this and we'll get to them in due course from an instrumental point of view. The question is aimed solely at a chemical point of view.

- 1. By removing one/more electron(s) from our analyte.
- 2. By adding one/more electron(s) to our analyte.
- 3. By adding one/more proton(s) to our analyte.
- 4. By removing one/more proton(s) from our analyte.

Or, how can we make ions?

There are many ways to do this and we'll get to them in due course from an instrumental point of view. The question is aimed solely at a chemical point of view.

- 1. By removing one/more electron(s) from our analyte.
- 2. By adding one/more electron(s) to our analyte.
- 3. By adding one/more proton(s) to our analyte.
- 4. By removing one/more proton(s) from our analyte.
- 5. By adding/removing alternate positive/negatively charged ions to our analyte thus making a *new type of ion*.

E.g., metal cations (Na, Li, Ag, etc.) or anions (NO₃-, Cl⁻, etc.)

Or, how can we make ions?

There are many ways to do this and we'll get to them in due course from an instrumental point of view. The question is aimed solely at a chemical point of view.

- 1. By removing one/more electron(s) from our analyte.
- 2. By adding one/more electron(s) to our analyte.
- 3. By adding one/more proton(s) to our analyte.
- 4. By removing one/more proton(s) from our analyte.
- 5. By adding/removing alternate positive/negatively charged ions to our analyte thus making a *new type of ion*.

E.g., metal cations (Na, Li, Ag, etc.) or anions (NO₃-, Cl-, etc.)

FOR THIS CLASS: we will concentrate (mostly) on ionization involving removal of an electron from the analyte molecule.

Mass-to-Charge (m/z) Ratio

Atomic & Molecular Weights - atomic mass units (amu) or daltons (Da) 1 amu = 1 Da = 1/12 mass of carbon-12 atom = $1.66054x10^{-24}$ g Examples: Chlorine atom: $^{35}_{17}$ Cl = 34.9688 Da

Mass-to-Charge (m/z) Ratio

Atomic & Molecular Weights - atomic mass units (amu) or daltons (Da) 1 amu = 1 Da = 1/12 mass of carbon-12 atom = $1.66054x10^{-24}$ g Examples: Chlorine atom: $^{35}_{17}$ Cl = 34.9688 Da

Methane: $^{12}C^{1}H_{4} = 16.0313 \text{ Da}$; (12 + 4x1.007825) $^{13}C^{1}H_{4} = 17.0347 \text{ Da}$; (13.00335 + 4x1.007825) $^{12}C^{1}H_{3}^{2}H_{1} = 17.0376 \text{ Da}$; (12 + 3x1.007825 + 2.0141)

Mass-to-Charge (m/z) Ratio

Atomic & Molecular Weights - atomic mass units (amu) or daltons (Da)

1 amu = 1 Da = 1/12 mass of carbon-12 atom = $1.66054x10^{-24}$ g

Examples: Chlorine atom: $^{35}_{17}$ Cl = 34.9688 Da

Methane: ${}^{12}C^{1}H_{4} = 16.0313 \text{ Da}$; (12 + 4x1.007825) ${}^{13}C^{1}H_{4} = 17.0347 \text{ Da}$; (13.00335 + 4x1.007825)

 $^{12}C^{1}H_{3}^{2}H_{1} = 17.0376 Da$; (12 + 3x1.007825 + 2.0141)

Mass-to-Charge Ratio: ${}^{12}C^{1}H_{4}^{+}$, m/z = 16.0313/1 = 16.0313

 $^{13}C^{1}H_{4}^{2+}$, m/z = 17.0347/2 = 8.5174

Mass-to-Charge (m/z) Ratio

Atomic & Molecular Weights - atomic mass units (amu) or daltons (Da)

1 amu = 1 Da = 1/12 mass of carbon-12 atom = $1.66054x10^{-24}$ g

Examples: Chlorine atom: $^{35}_{17}$ Cl = 34.9688 Da

Methane: ${}^{12}C^{1}H_{4} = 16.0313 \text{ Da}$; (12 + 4x1.007825)

 $^{13}C^{1}H_{4} = 17.0347 \text{ Da}$; (13.00335 + 4x1.007825)

 $^{12}C^{1}H_{3}^{2}H_{1} = 17.0376 \text{ Da}$; (12 + 3x1.007825 + 2.0141)

Mass-to-Charge Ratio: ${}^{12}C^{1}H_{4}^{+}$, m/z = 16.0313/1 = 16.0313

 ${}^{13}C^{1}H_{A}^{2+}$, m/z = 17.0347/2 = 8.5174

NOTE:

Periodic tables report <u>average</u> atomic weights for <u>all stable isotopes</u>, not any specific individual isotope.

Mass-to-Charge (m/z) Ratio

Atomic & Molecular Weights - atomic mass units (amu) or daltons (Da)

1 amu = 1 Da = 1/12 mass of carbon-12 atom = $1.66054x10^{-24}$ g

Examples: Chlorine atom: ³⁵₁₇Cl = 34.9688 Da

Methane: $^{12}C^{1}H_{4} = 16.0313$ Da; (12 + 4x1.007825) $^{13}C^{1}H_{4} = 17.0347$ Da; (13.00335 + 4x1.007825)

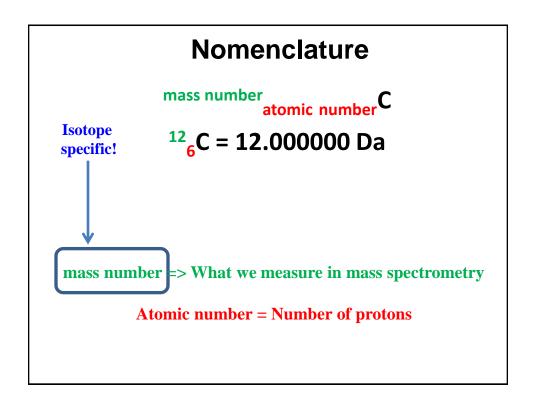
 $^{12}C^{1}H_{3}^{2}H_{1} = 17.0376 \text{ Da}$; (12 + 3x1.007825 + 2.0141)

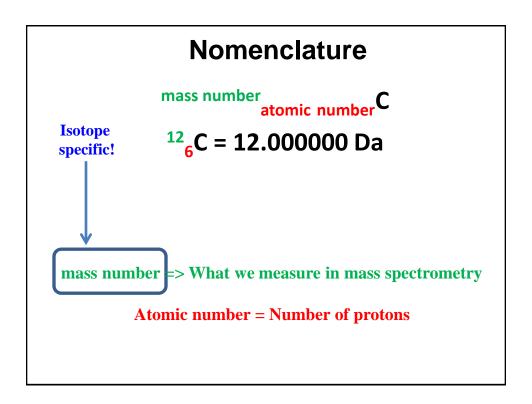
Mass-to-Charge Ratio: ${}^{12}C^{1}H_{4}^{+}$, m/z = 16.0313/1 = 16.0313

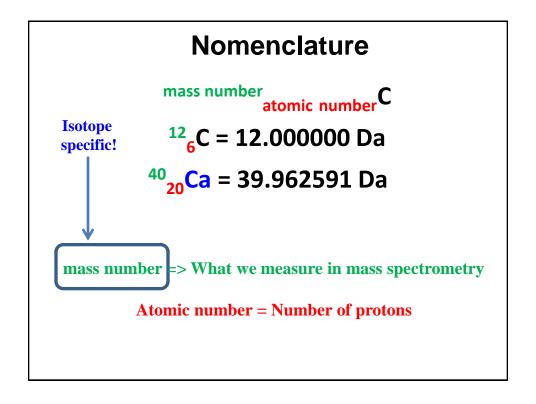
 $^{13}C^{1}H_{4}^{2+}$, m/z = 17.0347/2 = 8.5174

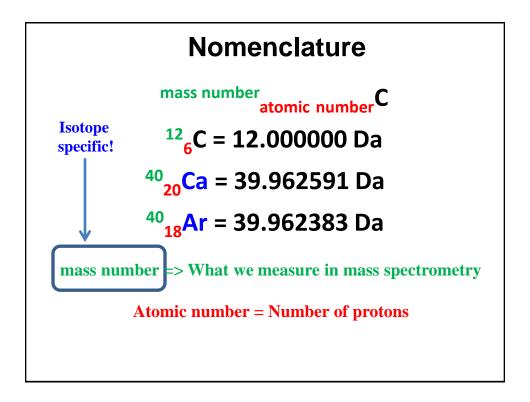
NOTE:

Periodic tables report <u>average</u> atomic weights for <u>all stable isotopes</u>, not any specific individual isotope. A good mass spectrometer can often separate isotopic compositions.









Monoisotopic Elements

- 1. Have only 1 naturally occurring isotope.
 - -Referred to as **A** or **X** in the text (see following slides).

Monoisotopic Elements

- 1. Have only 1 naturally occurring isotope.-Referred to as A or X in the text (see following slides).
- 2. Mass spectra are more simple.

Monoisotopic Elements

- 1. Have only 1 naturally occurring isotope.
 - -Referred to as **A** or **X** in the text (see following slides).
- 2. Mass spectra are more simple.
- 3. Examples include:
 - ¹⁹F, ²³Na, ³¹P, ¹²⁷I, ⁹Be, ²⁷Al, amongst others.

Multi-isotopic Elements

- 1. Have > 1 naturally occurring isotope.
 - -Referred to as A+1 or X+1 in the text if the isotope has a ~single integer mass increase. E.g., ${}^{13}C$ or ${}^{2}D$ or ${}^{15}N$.
- -Referred to as A+2 or X+2 in the text if the isotope has a ~two integer mass increase. E.g., ${}^{37}Cl$ or ${}^{81}Br$ or ${}^{65}Cu$.

Multi-isotopic Elements

- 1. Have > 1 naturally occurring isotope.
 - -Referred to as A+1 or X+1 in the text if the isotope has a ~single integer mass increase. E.g., ${}^{13}C$ or ${}^{2}D$ or ${}^{15}N$.
- -Referred to as A+2 or X+2 in the text if the isotope has a ~two integer mass increase. E.g., ${}^{37}Cl$ or ${}^{81}Br$ or ${}^{65}Cu$.
- 2. Note that some elements have both X+1 and X+2 isotopes with differing abundances. E.g., ^{17}O & ^{18}O .

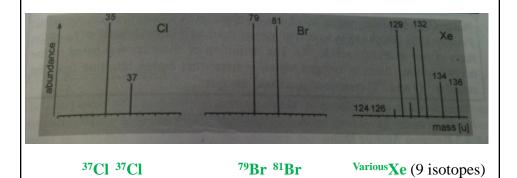
Multi-isotopic Elements

- 1. Have > 1 naturally occurring isotope.
 - -Referred to as A+1 or X+1 in the text if the isotope has a ~single integer mass increase. E.g., ${}^{13}C$ or ${}^{2}D$ or ${}^{15}N$.
- -Referred to as A+2 or X+2 in the text if the isotope has a ~two integer mass increase. E.g., ${}^{37}Cl$ or ${}^{81}Br$ or ${}^{65}Cu$.
- 2. Note that some elements have both X+1 and X+2 isotopes with differing abundances. E.g., ${}^{17}O$ & ${}^{18}O$.
- 3. There is **no guarantee** that the lowest mass isotope is **the highest abundance isotope.** E.g., ⁶Li, ⁷Li or ⁵⁰V, ⁵¹V.

Multi-isotopic Elements

- 1. Have > 1 naturally occurring isotope.
 - -Referred to as A+1 or X+1 in the text if the isotope has a ~single integer mass increase. E.g., ${}^{13}C$ or ${}^{2}D$ or ${}^{15}N$.
- -Referred to as A+2 or X+2 in the text if the isotope has a ~two integer mass increase. E.g., ${}^{37}Cl$ or ${}^{81}Br$ or ${}^{65}Cu$.
- 2. Note that some elements have both X+1 and X+2 isotopes with differing abundances. E.g., ¹⁷O & ¹⁸O.
- 3. There is **no guarantee** that the lowest mass isotope is **the highest abundance isotope.** E.g., ⁶Li, ⁷Li or ⁵⁰V, ⁵¹V.
- 4. Similarly, there **is often variation in isotopic abundances** particularly for **transition elements** (metals) & relevantly for biology *oxygen* ¹⁸**O** is more abundant than ¹⁷**O**, but much less abundant than ¹⁶**O**.

Multi-isotopic Elements E.g.,



See Table 3.1 and the Appendix of the book: note these are normalized to the most abundant isotope = 100.

Isotopic Abundance			
<u>Element</u>	Major Isotope	Minor Isotope(s)	Abundance*
Hydrogen	¹ H	² H	0.015
Carbon	¹² C	¹³ C	1.08
Nitrogen	¹⁴ N	15 N	0.37
Oxygen	¹⁶ O	¹⁷ O, ¹⁸ O	0.04, 0.20
Sulfur	³² S	³³ S, ³⁴ S	0.80, 4.40
Chlorine	³⁵ Cl	³⁷ CI	32.5
Bromine	⁷⁹ Br	⁸¹ Br	98.0

^{*}Abundance is relative to 100 parts of the most abundant isotope

Nominal Mass

The integer mass of the most abundant naturally occurring stable isotope of an element.

So for:

C, the nominal mass is 12 u; for oxygen, the nominal mass is 16 u; for H the nominal mass is 1 u.

Nominal Mass

The integer mass of the most abundant naturally occurring stable isotope of an element.

So for:

C, the nominal mass is 12 u; for oxygen, the nominal mass is 16 u; for H the nominal mass is 1 u.

Thus for $C_3H_6O^{+\bullet}$ the nominal mass is 12(3)+1(6)+16(1) = 58 u.

For small ions, this is often the equal to the mass number, for large ions it is not necessarily the case.

Nominal Mass

The integer mass of the most abundant naturally occurring stable isotope of an element.

So for:

C, the nominal mass is 12 u; for oxygen, the nominal mass is 16 u; for H the nominal mass is 1 u.

Thus for $C_3H_6O^{+\bullet}$ the nominal mass is 12(3)+1(6)+16(1) = 58 u.

For small ions, this is often the equal to the mass number, for large ions it is not necessarily the case.

This is useful for initial estimation when looking for you analyte ions.

Monoisotopic Mass

The exact mass of the most abundant naturally occurring stable isotope of an element.

So for a molecule, C₃H₆O, the exact mass is:

12.00000(3) + 1.007825(6) + 15.994915(1) = 58.041865 u.

Exact Ionic Mass:

The exact ionic mass = Monoisotopic mass – mass of 1 mole electrons

The exact ionic mass = Monoisotopic Mass -0.000548 u

The exact ionic mass = 58.041865 u - 0.000548 u = 58.041347 u

Isotopic Distribution Calculation

A mass spectrum is ordinarily composed of a superimpositions of all of the mass spectra of all of the isotopic species involved.

Consequently, when we have multiple isotopic types and abundances together we get a unique pattern that if resolvable, we can use to help identify our analyte ions immediately.

Isotopic Distribution Calculation

A mass spectrum is ordinarily composed of a superimpositions of all of the mass spectra of all of the isotopic species involved.

Consequently, when we have multiple isotopic types and abundances together we get a unique pattern that if resolvable, we can use to help identify our analyte ions immediately.

A simple example of this is with the important element carbon (see HW too).

If we have 1000 CH₄ molecules, the

 $^{12}\text{C}/^{13}\text{C}$ ratio will be roughly 989/11 using nominal masses. Thus we can approximate using this ratio = 100/1.1

Isotopic Distribution Calculation

A mass spectrum is ordinarily composed of a superimpositions of all of the mass spectra of all of the isotopic species involved.

Consequently, when we have multiple isotopic types and abundances together we get a unique pattern that if resolvable, we can use to help identify our analyte ions immediately.

A simple example of this is with the important element carbon (see HW too).

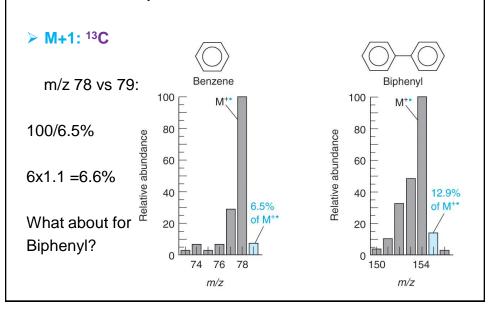
If we have 1000 CH₄ molecules, the

 $^{12}\text{C}/^{13}\text{C}$ ratio will be roughly 989/11 using nominal masses. Thus we can approximate using this ratio = 100/1.1

What does this buy us?

Peak Relative Abundance/Intensity:

Related directly to how much of the ion reaches the detector.



Peak Abundance/Intensity: Carbon and Hydrogen

- ➤ For Benzene radical cation, [C₆H₆]*+
- > n = 6 C
- \rightarrow M+1 intensity = 6 x 1.1%
- ➤ M+1 intensity = 6.6% Expt: 6.5% (previous slide)
- ➤ For you to try Biphenyl radical cation, [C₁₂H₁₀]*+
- > Answer: 13.1% [C₁₂H₁₀]•+ Expt: 12.9%

Peak Abundance/Intensity: Carbon

➤ Number of Carbon atoms can be determined *roughly* using:

Number of C atoms = <u>peak intensity of [X+1]</u>•+ contribution per C atom

For Benzene:

Number of C atoms = 6.5%/1.1% = 5.909... = 6

For Biphenyl:

Number of C atoms = 12.9%/1.1% = 11.72...= 12

In general, to be really accurate you need to add in the contributions from all elements $^2D,^{17}O,^{15}N,$ etc.

Isotopic Distribution Calculation

We can calculate this for a general pair of isotopes using:

The Binomial Series

$$(a + b)n = a^n + na^{n-1}b + n(n-1)a^{n-2}b^2/(2!) + n(n-1)(n-2)a^{n-3}b^3/(3!) + ...$$

and you should be able to work out that $(a + b)^3 = a^3 + 3a^2b + 3b^2a + b^3$.

It should also be obvious to you that $(a + b)^1 = a + b$.

```
so (a + b)^1 = a + b a = abundance of isotope 1

(a + b)^2 = a^2 + 2ab + b^2 b = abundance of isotope 2

(a + b)^3 = a^3 + 3a^2b + 3b^2a + b^3 For carbon: a = 100 & b = 1.1
```

So for n = 1,2,3,4 this is simple to solve by multiplication. Beyond this however things rapidly get tedious and mistakes more likely.

Isotopic Distribution Calculation

For larger things we can either be very careful or use something provided by someone else:

http://www.sisweb.com/mstools/isotope.htm

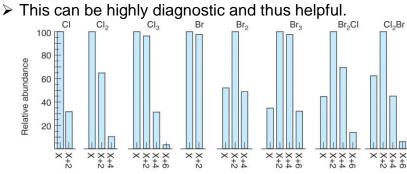
This provides peak abundances and m/z values for neutral compositions (i.e., you will have to adjust for the loss/gain of electrons).

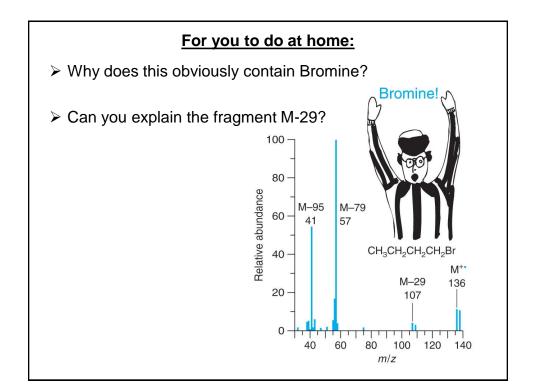
Can be run at high or low resolution. Try this out for something with multiple CHNOPS values and look at how things differ.

Also try this with Pd or several Pd atoms (6 isotopes) look at how the pattern changes.

Peak Abundance/Intensity: Halogens

- > Abundances are much higher for CI and Br isotopes.
- > Things get complicated when there's more than one.
- ➤ Notice that M+2, M+4 or even M+6 matter here.
- > Fragments of the precursor also may be mixtures





Some very basic questions

- 1. What is the approximate mass (nearest integer) of toluene?
- 2. If we remove an electron from toluene what is the approximate m/z?
- 3. If we remove a second electron from toluene what is the approximate m/z?
- 4. If instead we add an electron to toluene what is the approximate m/z?

Some very basic questions

- 1. What is the approximate mass (nearest integer) of toluene?
 - A. MW(C7H8) = 12*7 + 6*8 = 92 g/mol
- 2. If we remove an electron from toluene what is the approximate m/z?
 - A. m/z = 92/1 = 92
- 3. If we remove a second electron from toluene what is the approximate m/z?
 - A. m/z = 92/2 = 46
- 4. If instead we add an electron to toluene what is the approximate m/z?
 - A. m/z = 92/1 = 92