

Chemistry 5652

Spectroscopic Identification of Organic Compounds

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What is the first thing we need to know to determining molecular structure?

Elemental Composition

Determination of Empirical Formula

a. How is empirical formula determined

Combustion Analysis

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mass of H in H₂O $2/18 = 0.1111$; mass of C in CO₂ $12/44 = 0.2727$

$$0.1111 * 15.6 = 1.73 \text{ mg H;}$$

$$0.2727 * 43.0 = \underline{11.7 \text{ mg C}}$$

$$13.43 \text{ mg}$$

$$15.2 - 13.43 = 1.77 \text{ mg O, S, N ?}$$

Simplest ratio H: $1.73 \text{ mg} / 1 \text{ mg} / \text{mmol} = 1.73 \text{ mmol}$
 C: $11.7 \text{ mg} / 12 \text{ mg} / \text{mmol} = 0.975 \text{ mmol}$
 O: $1.77 \text{ mg} / 16 \text{ mg} / \text{mmol} = 0.111 \text{ mmol}$

Which mmol value is best known?

C: $0.975 / 0.975 = 1.0$	5.0	6.0	7.0	8.0	9.0
H: $1.74 / 0.975 = 1.78$	8.92	10.7	12.5	14.2	16.0
O: $0.111 / 0.975 = 0.114$	0.56	0.67	0.78	0.89	1.0

Empirical formula: $C_9H_{16}O$ or $C_{18}H_{32}S$

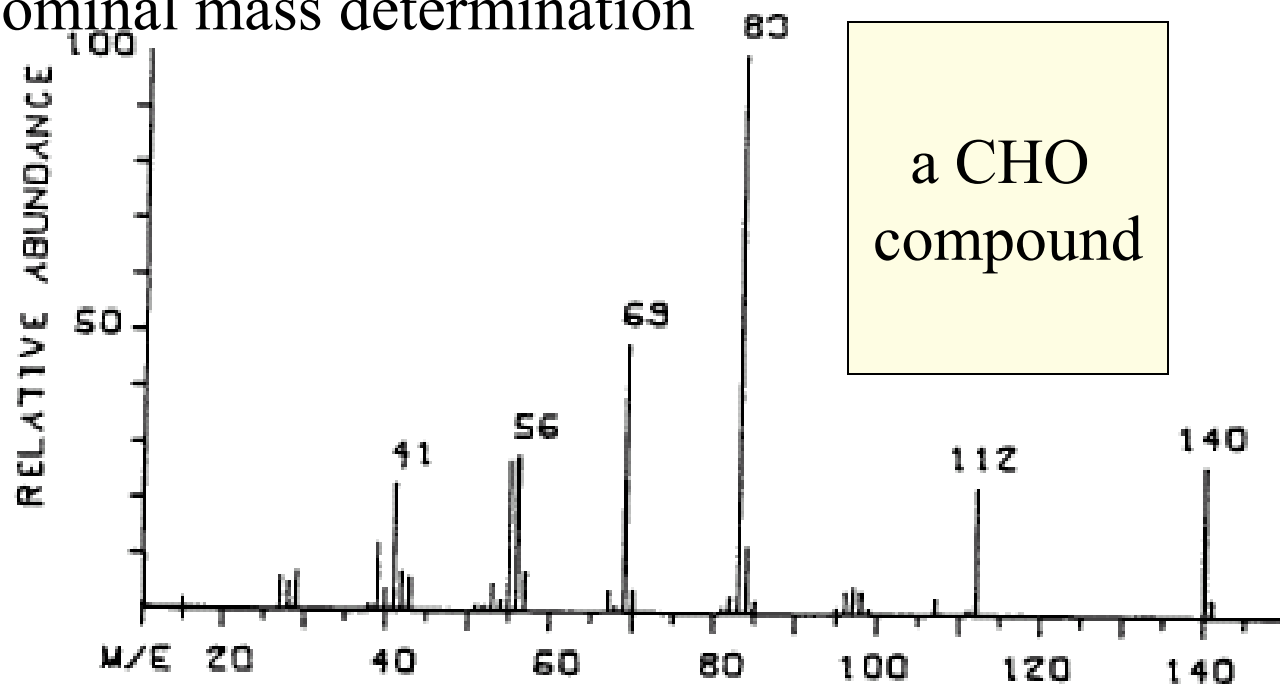
Possible molecular formulas: $C_{9n}H_{16n}O_n$ or $C_{18n}H_{32n}S$

where $n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$

Determination of Molecular Formula

- a. Nominal mass determination (combustion analysis coupled with: pH titration, freezing point depression, mass spectrometry)
- b. Exact mass measurement
Measurement of molecular formula and molecular weight is frequently accomplished by measuring the exact mass by mass spectrometry.

Nominal mass determination



The nominal mass of a substance is 140. What is its molecular formula?

The rule of 13:

1. Divide the nominal mass by 13: $140/13 = 10.769$; A hydrocarbon with this molecular weight would have 10 C atoms
2. Multiply the remainder by 13: $0.769*13 = 9.997$ or 10; A hydrocarbon with this molecular weight would have $(10+10)$ or 20 H
3. For every O subtract 16 (1C + 4 H or 16 H) = $C_9H_{16}O$; $C_8H_{12}O_2$;
4. $C_7H_8O_3$; $C_6H_4O_4$

Summary

Rule of 13

number of C = $MW/13$ (the digits before the decimal point)

number of H = (the number of C atoms plus $13 \times$ digits after the decimal)

Once determining the number of carbons and hydrogens, subtract

for each oxygen: 16 (1C+4H; 16 H)

for each sulfur : 32 (2C+8H; 32 H)

for each nitrogen: 14 (C+2H, 14 H)

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Exact Mass Measurements

Masses of Isotopes

Element	Atomic Weight	Isotope	Exact Mass
Hydrogen	1.0080	^1H	1.0080
		^2D	2.0141
Carbon	12.0111	^{12}C	12.000(std)
		^{13}C	13.0034
Oxygen	15.9994	^{16}O	15.9949
		^{17}O	16.9991
Nitrogen	14.0067	^{14}N	14.0031
		^{15}N	15.0001
Sulfur	32.064	^{32}S	31.9721
		^{33}S	32.9715
		^{34}S	33.9679
Phosphorus	30.974	^{31}P	30.9738
Fluorine	18.9984	^{19}F	18.9984
Chlorine	35.453	^{35}Cl	34.9689
		^{37}Cl	36.9659
Bromine	79.909	^{79}Br	78.9183
		^{81}Br	80.9163
Iodine	126.9045	^{127}I	126.9045

Why is the atomic weight of C not exactly 12.000?

Carbon consists of two isotopes, ^{12}C (99 %) and ^{13}C (1%)

Remember atomic weight is defined as an weighted average of all isotopes

Exact Mass Measurements

What is exact mass?

m

mass of a proton: $1.672623 * 10^{-24}$ g

mass of a neutron: $1.674927 * 10^{-24}$ g

mass of a deuteron: $3.3427 * 10^{-24}$ g

Avogadro's Number (AN): $6.0254 * 10^{23}$

Molar mass of $^2\text{D} = \text{AN} * m_{\text{D}} = 6.0254 * 10^{23} * 3.3427 * 10^{-24}$ g
 $= 2.0141$ g mol $^{-1}$

Carbon = $6 \text{ } ^2\text{D} = 6 * 2.0141 = 12.0846$;

Carbon = $6(\text{P} + \text{N}) = 6(1.672623 + 1.674927) * 0.60254 = 12.1022$

Exact mass of carbon = 12.0 Why the discrepancies?

$$E = \Delta m C^2$$

Where E is the energy given off from a mass discrepancy of m and C is the speed of light.

$$E = 0.0846 \text{ g} \cdot (3 \cdot 10^{10} \text{ cm sec}^{-1})^2$$

$$E = \text{g} \cdot \text{cm} \cdot (\text{sec}^{-1})^2 \cdot \text{cm}$$

$$E = \text{force} \cdot \text{distance}$$

stability. In Figure 2 this quantity $B.E./A$ is plotted as a function of A . The maxima at certain values (e.g., 4, 12, etc.) reflect unusual stability for these values of A . Calculations of this type may be used to demonstrate that above bismuth, emission of alpha particles is exoergic. This accounts for alpha activity in the heavy elements.

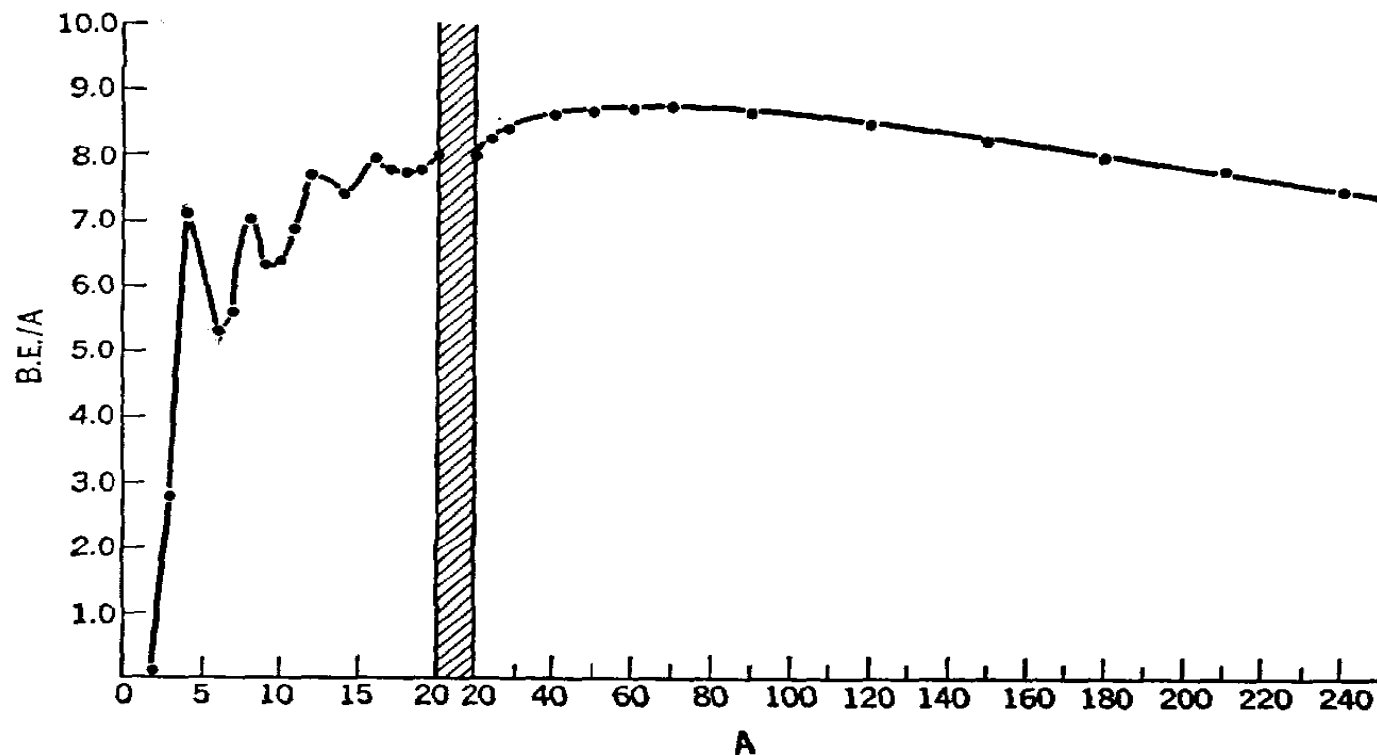


Figure 2. Plot of the binding energy per nucleon (Mev/nucleon) as a function of the mass number.

Using Exact Mass Measurements

Suppose you determined the exact mass of an ion by mass spectrometry to be 56.0376. Nominal mass 56

How can you figure out all the possible formulas that add to 56?

First use the Rule of 13

Divide the nominal mass by thirteen; the number in front of the decimal is the number of carbons; multiply the number following the decimal by 13 and add it to the number of carbons; this equals the number of hydrogens.

- a. To add an oxygen: remove a carbon and 4 hydrogens
- b. To add a nitrogen: remove a carbon and 2 hydrogens
- c. To add a sulfur: remove two carbons, 6 hydrogens; or 2 oxygens
- d. ...



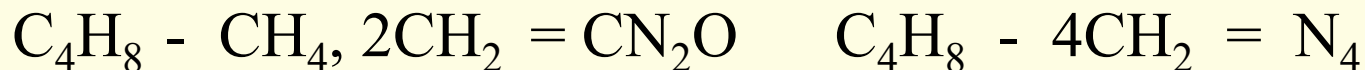
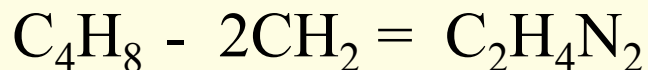
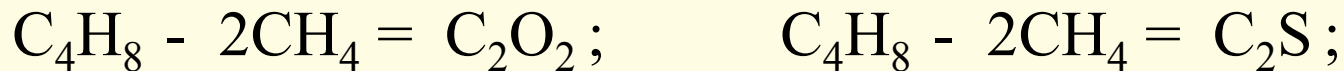
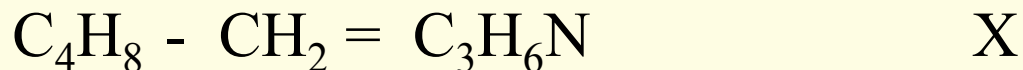
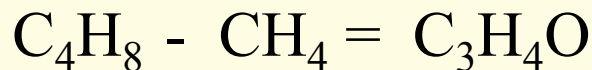
Mass of 56

$56/13 = 4.3076$; The number of carbons is 4

$13 * 0.3076 = 4$; therefore the number of hydrogens is $4 + 4$

Therefore the hydrocarbon formula is C_4H_8

Other possible molecular formulas are:



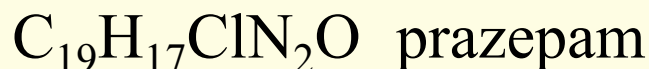
The exact mass of an ion by mass spectrometry was determined to be 56.0376 amu

Nominal mass 56 exact mass

N_4	$4 * 14.0031$	56.0124
CN_2O	$12.00 + 2 * 14.0031 + 15.9949$	56.0011
CH_2N_3	...	56.0249
C_2O_2		55.9898
C_2H_2NO		56.0136
$C_2H_4N_2$		56.0375
C_3H_4O		56.0262
C_3H_6N		56.0501
C_4H_8		56.0626

Determining Molecular Formulas and Degree of Unsaturation

What is the degree of unsaturation of this compound?

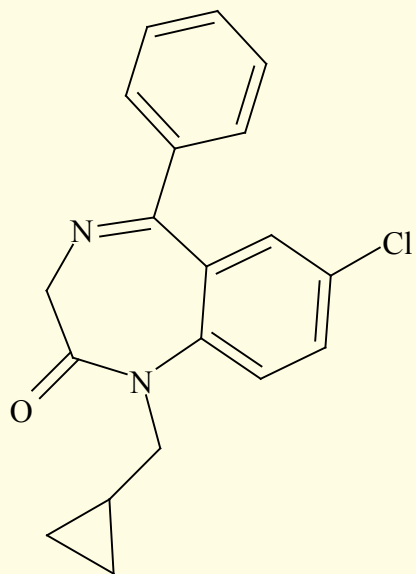


Draw a structure of a compound with the same number of carbons and heteroatoms that contains no rings or double bonds; each carbon should have 4 bonds, each O should have 2 bonds each nitrogen should have three bonds ...



Molecular formula is $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{41}\text{ClN}_2\text{O}$

$\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{41}\text{ClN}_2\text{O} - \text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{17}\text{ClN}_2\text{O} = 24/2 = 12$ degrees of unsaturation



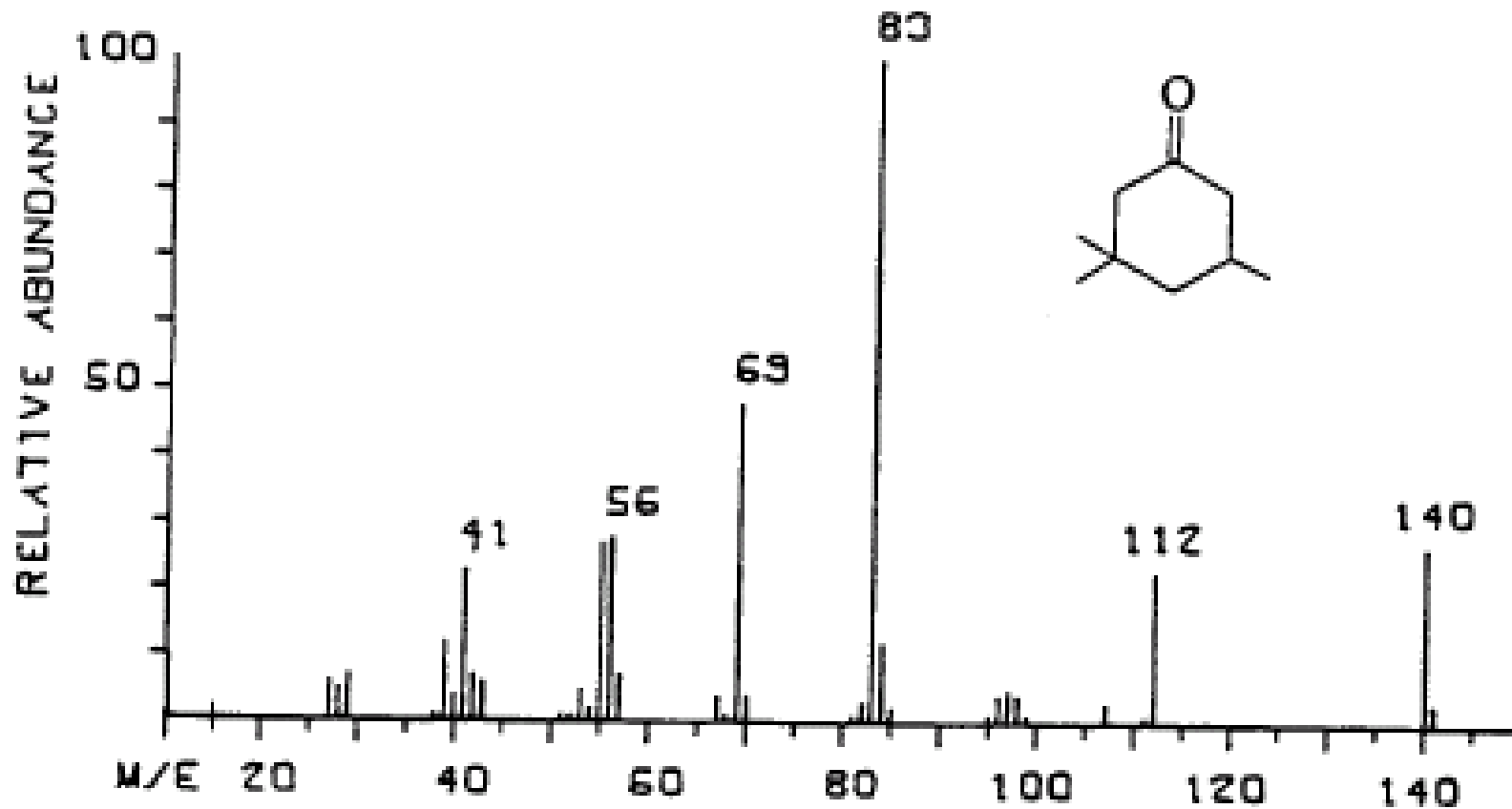


FIGURE 6-14 Mass spectrum of 3,3,5-trimethylcyclohexanone.

What is the origin of the small peak at m/e of 141

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Nitrogen	^{14}N	100	^{15}N	0.38		
Oxygen	^{16}O	100	^{17}O	0.04	^{18}O	0.20
Fluorine	^{19}F	100				
Silicon	^{28}Si	100	^{29}Si	5.10	^{30}Si	3.35
Phosphorus	^{31}P	100				
Sulfur	^{32}S	100	^{33}S	0.78	^{34}S	4.40
Chlorine	^{35}Cl	100			^{37}Cl	32.5
Bromine	^{79}Br	100			^{81}Br	98.0
Iodine	^{127}I	100				

What is the origin of the peak at 141; called the P+1 peak

For a molecular formula of C₉H₁₆O, what's the probability of having 1 ¹³C?

Probability is (X+Y)ⁿ where X and Y is the probability of having isotope ¹²C and ¹³C, respectively and n is the number of C atoms

(1 ² C + 1 ³ C) ⁹	1									n = 0
		1	1							n = 1
			1	2	1					n = 2
			1	3	3	1				n = 3
			1	4	6	4	1			n = 4
			1	5	10	10	5	1		n = 5
			1	6	15	20	15	6	1	n = 6
			1	7	21	35	35			n = 7
			1	8	28	56	56			n = 8
			1	9	36	84				n = 9

$$(12\text{C})^9 + 9(12\text{C})^8(13\text{C}) + 36(12\text{C})^7(13\text{C})^2$$

All ¹²C 1 ¹³C 2 ¹³C

$$(0.989)^9 = 0.905; \quad 9(0.989)^8(0.011) = 0.091; \quad 36(0.989)^7(0.011)^2 = 0.004$$

$$(0.905/0.905)*100 = 100\% \quad (0.091/0.905)*100 = 10\% \quad (0.004/0.905)*100 = 0.45\%$$

The parent ion is reported as 100 %

$$\text{Then } (0.989)^9 = 100(0.905/0.905) = 100 \%$$

$$9(0.989)^8(0.011) = 100(0.091/0.905) = 10.0 \%$$

$$36(0.989)^7(0.011)^2 = 0.004/.905 = 0.45 \%$$

Including 1 oxygen: $^{17}\text{O} = 0.04$

$$^{18}\text{O} = 0.2$$

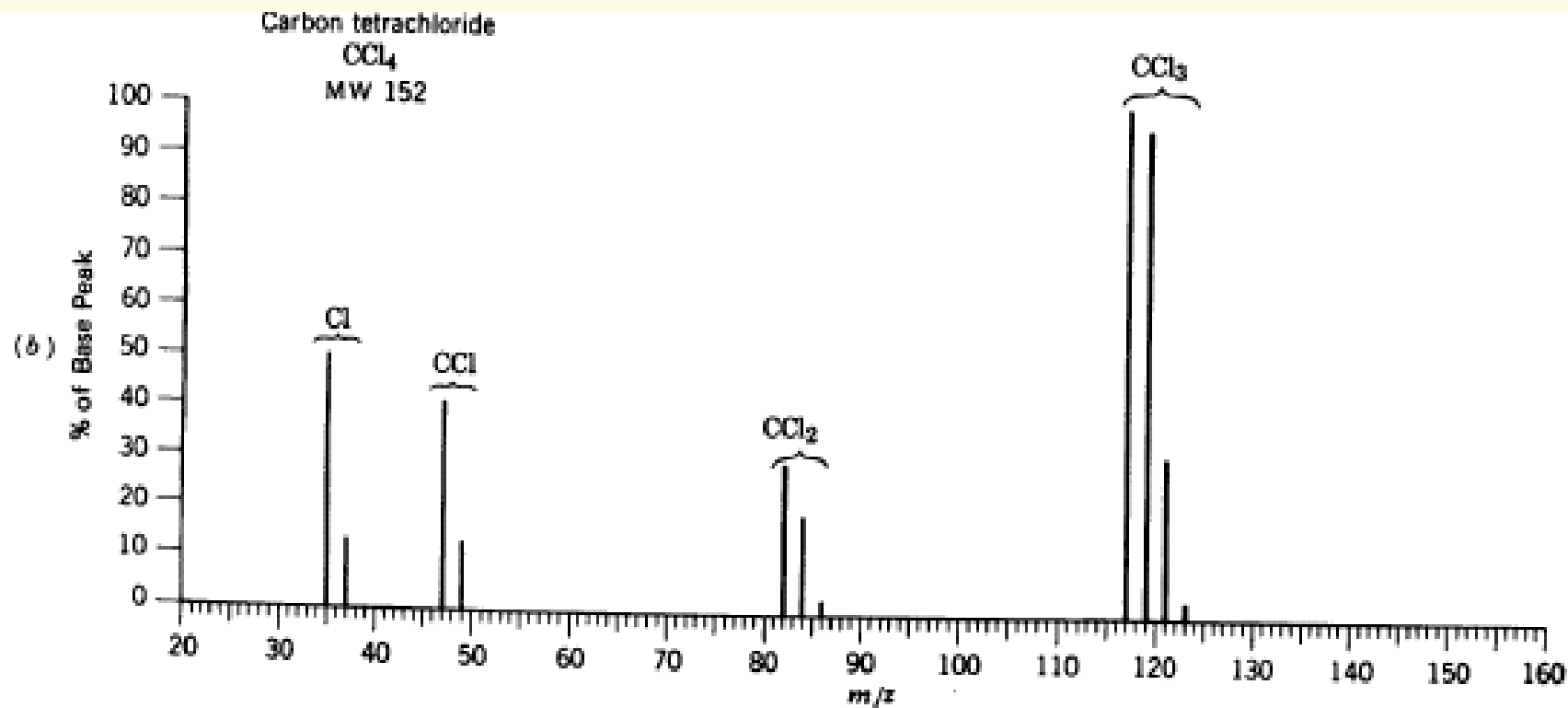
$$P = 100 \%$$

$$P+1 = 10.04 \%$$

$$P+2 = 0.65 \%$$

The contribution of ^2H is pretty small

Electron impact mass spectrum of CCl_4



$$152 - 117 = 35$$

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$$100\% / (100 + 32.5) = 0.7547 \quad ^{35}\text{Cl}$$

$$1.0 - 0.7547 = 0.2452 \quad ^{37}\text{Cl}$$

$$(^{35}\text{Cl} + ^{37}\text{Cl})^3$$

			1					n = 1
		1		1				n = 2
	1		2		1			n = 3
	1	3		3		1		n = 4
1	4		6		4		1	

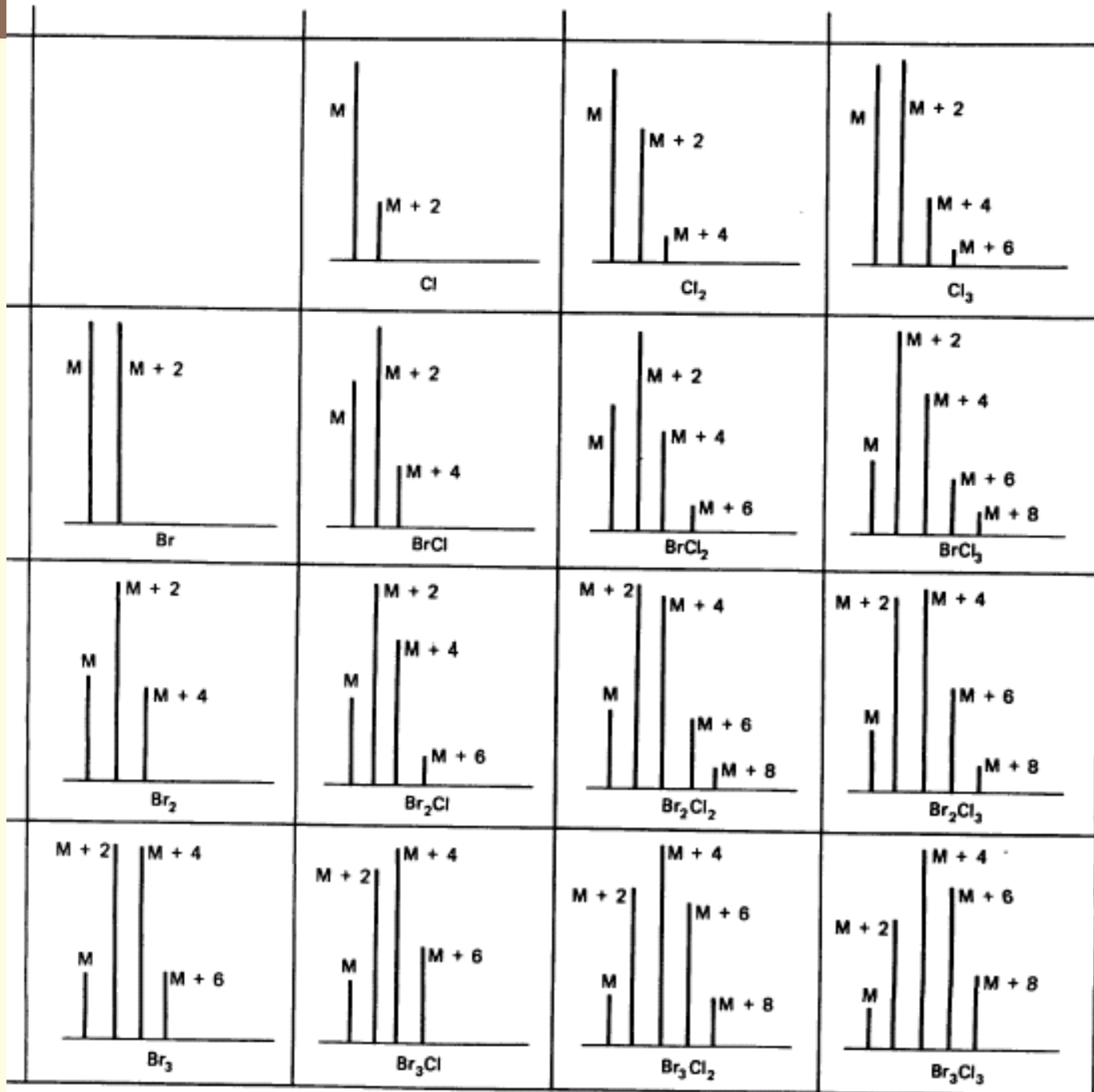
$(0.7547)^3$	$3(0.7547)^2(0.2453)$	$3(0.7547)(0.2453)^2$	$(0.2453)^3$
0.43	0.419	0.136	0.0148
100%	97.5%	31.7%	3.4%

For CCl_4

$(0.7547)^4$	$4(0.7547)^3(0.2453)$	$6(0.7547)^2(0.2453)^2$	$4(0.7547)(0.2453)^3$
0.324	0.4226	0.206	0.045
100%	130%	63.4%	13.7%

$(0.2453)^4$
0.0036
1.1%

What about
other elements?



(a)

→ m/z

Organic Spectroscopy

Our knowledge of the universe has come about primarily as a result of our studies of how light interacts with matter

Unlike our macroscopic world in which things seem continuous, events occur at the atomic scale in discrete steps

Models

A More Extensive View of The Electromagnetic Spectrum

