# Chemistry 212, Dr. Glaser Exercise Assignment: Applications of Mass Spectroscopy

The effects of isotopes are illustrated in Unknowns 2.1 to 2.3. The characteristic ratio of 3:1 for Unknown 2.1 makes the element easily recognizable. Note that the interpretation of m/z 36 as a fragment ion would be totally misleading! It is important that you become familiar with the isotope ratios of the common elements.



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In Unknown 2.4, calculate (after checking for (M+2) elements) the maximum number of carbon atoms in the ions m/z 43 and 58. The results indicate that m/z 43 is formed from m/z 58 by the loss of what group?

Unknown 2.4						
m/z	int.	m/z	Int.			
12	0.1	40	1.6		43	
13	0.3	41	27.			
14	1.0	42	12.		-	
15	5.3	43	100.	~	-	
25	0.5	44	3.3	Isit		
25.5	0.4	48	0.1	ter		
26	6.1	49	0.4	. <b>E</b>	50- 20	
26.5	0.1	50	1.2	live	- 29	
27	37.	51	1.0	alat		
27.5	0.1	52	0.3	Ř		
28	32.	53	0.7			58
29	44.	54	0.2			1
30	1.0	55	0.9		└ <del>┩</del> ╌┰╼┱ <mark>╨╟╴┰╝╠╙╟╴┲╴</mark> ┲	*+
36	0.1	56	0.7		<i>m/z</i> 20 40	60
37	1.0	.57	2.4			
38	1.8	58	12.			
39	12.	59	0.5			

The Unknown 2.5 has a small but important peak at m/z 80. The m/z 79 peak could <u>not</u> be consistently explained if the m/z 80 would be taken as indicative of <sup>18</sup>O. Why not. What is this compound?

Unknown 2.5						
m/z	Int.	m/z	Int.			
12	0.2	53	0.8	100		
13	0.4	60	0.2			
14	0.4	61	0.4			
15	1.0	62	0.8	<u>ح</u>		
24	0.4	63	2.9			
25	0.8	64	0.2	ja –		
26	3.2	72	0.4	<u>50</u>		
27	2.6	73	1.0			
36	0.9	74	3.9			
37	3.8	75	2.2	rữ51		
39	13.	76	7.0	39		
40	0.4	77	15.	15 26 63		
50	16.	78	100.	┕┱╶╶╝┰┍┉┥┰╶╫┉┌╼		
51	19.	79	6.8	m/z 20 40 60 80		
52	20.	80	0.2			

#### **McLafferty Rearrangement of Ketones**

These are the spectra of 3- and 4-methyl-2-pentanone. Which one is which?







### **Mass Spectra of Isomeric Amines**

These are the spectra of isobutylamine and of t-butylamine. Which one is which? Discuss the fragmentation paths for the isomers.





#### Mass Spectra of Oxygen Containing Compounds

These are the spectra of an alcohol and of an aldehyde. Which one is which? Give the structures of the compounds and explain the fragmentation patterns observed.

