

Chapter:

Mass Spectrometry

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Chemistry with MJS

Chemistry Preparation by MJS

MASS-SPECTROMETRY - (M. Junaid SAHOO)
Mass Spectrometry → Qualitative & Semi-Quantitative technique.

↳ = Why called mass spectrometry?

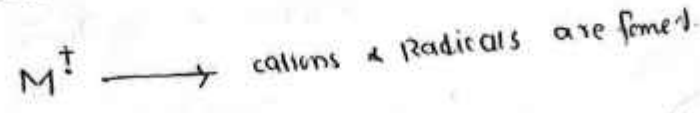
✓ Basic principle:

Electron beam is bombarded to molecule. ionization energy of electron beam should greater than the ionization energy of molecule. Thus electron is dislodge from the molecule and molecular cation is formed. (M^+)



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The further $E \rightarrow$ used for fragmentation of molecular ions & used in K.E to accelerate



* Generally singly charged cations are produced
 $m/z = \text{mass} \Rightarrow b/c$ $m/z = m$

* Some time \bar{e} beam is captured \rightarrow thus anions are produced (less common phenomena)
 \downarrow Molecular Anions
 \hookrightarrow less common used mode.

* Some times doubly charged cations & produced.

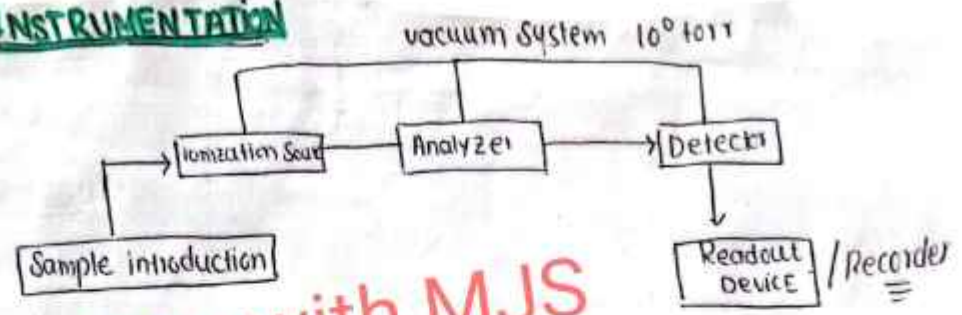
$m = \quad m/z \Rightarrow \frac{m}{2} = \text{Half } m/z \text{ value.}$

e.g. $m=90 \Rightarrow m/z \Rightarrow 45$

≡ These ions are separated by the Analyzer & then detected by the detector

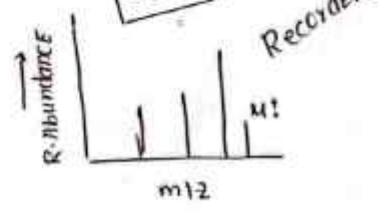
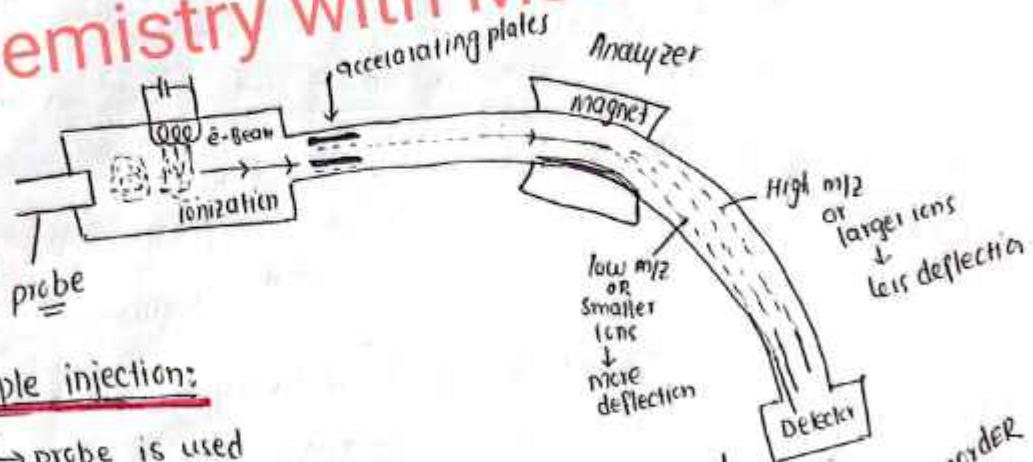
\propto No. of ions \propto current

✓ INSTRUMENTATION



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Components:



① Sample injection:

- ↳ probe is used
- ↳ Sample → vaporized → gaseous form
- ↳ Sample → Solid/Liq/gas
- ↳ Small amount of Sample Required
 $10^3 - 10^9$ g (mg to ng)
- ↳ v. Low (LOD)
- ↳ Sensitive technique

②

ionization chamber → ionization occurred → M^+ formed
 ↳ e-beams are bombarded
 ↳ Fragmentation → daughter ions formed

methods

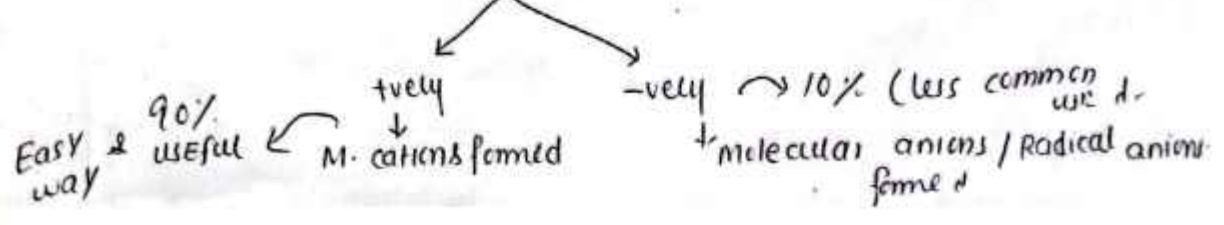
→ * Electron impact (EI) (Hard ionization) → most useful method (70 eV) → E

soft

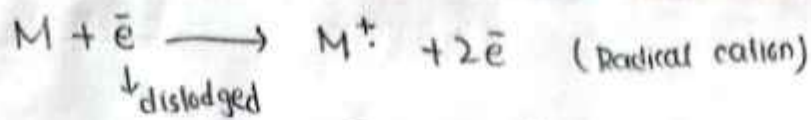
- * chemical ionization (CI)
- * Fast Atom Bombardment (FAB)
- * plasma discharge
- * Field ionization
- * Laser ionization
- * ESI (soft ionization)
- * MALDI → soft ionization
 ↳ NO fragm
 ↳ for Bigger molecules
 ↳ protein
- * LDI
 ↳ Hard (frag)
 ↳ smaller molec
 ↳ lipids & peptid

- * For ionization → 10 eV
- * Extra → used for Fragmentation & K.E

(ionization modes) → two modes



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Radical anion
 @ low pressure ~10⁻⁶ torr kept?
 ↓ B/c to minimize the chances of collision b/w ionized & un-ionized molecules.

③ Accelerating plates:

- ↳ -vely charged → depends upon the production of molecular ions either cations or anions.
- ↳ These only attract the +vely charged.
- ↳ speed up.

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④ ANALYZER:

- ↳ to separate the ions on the basis of m/z
- magnetic Analyzer → most commonly used.
- modern ⇒ Quadrupole, TOF, ion trap, FTICR
 ↓
 Fourier transform ion cyclotron Resonance.
- * Also evacuated → 10⁻⁷ torr

⇒ Magnetic Analyzer:

- ↳ Most commonly used.
- ↳ curved metallic tube b/w poles of magnet.

$$m/z = \frac{H^2 r^2}{2E}$$

↑ strength of M-F ↑ Radius of curvature

Applied voltage
(500-2000 V)

⇒ $m/z \propto r^2$

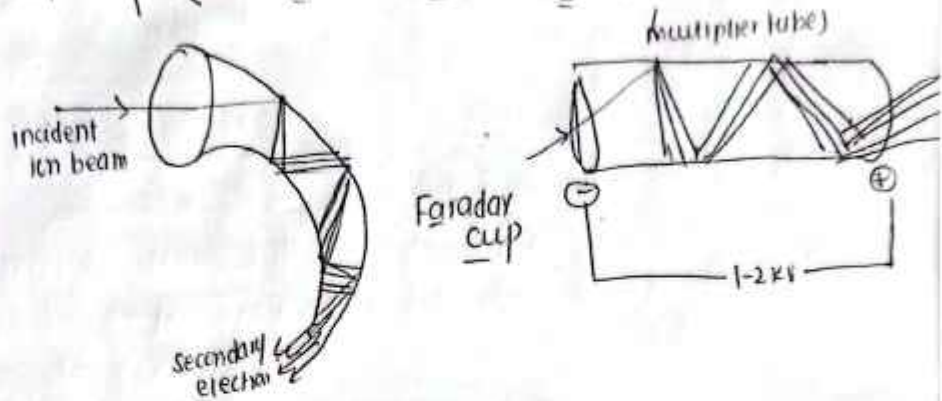
- * larger ions ⇒ m/z ↑ ⇒ Follow a larger path ⇒ less deflection
 ↓
 Reach to detector later
 ↓
 So later signal
- * Smaller ions ⇒ m/z ↓ ⇒ curvature ↓
 more deflection
 ↓
 1st signal.

⇒ Efficiency of MS → measured from the ability of its analyzer to resolve (separate) the ions having close m/z values.

5 ION COLLECTORS (Detectors)

↳ The most commonly used detector is

Faraday Cup (electron multiplier tube)



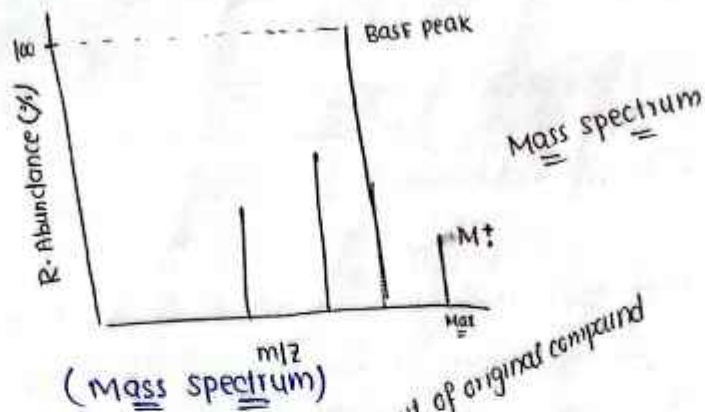
Detector Signal \propto no. of hitting ions

* By varying the M.F. \rightarrow ions of all masses are collected & counted.

* ionic current of even 10^{-15} A can be detected by Faraday Cup

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6 Recorder: Read out device



- * molecular ion peak (M^+) \rightarrow also called parent ion peak
- * Fragment ions peak (daughter ions peaks)
 \rightarrow Reconstruct the molecular structure.
- * Base peak (100% R.A) \rightarrow most intense \rightarrow show the stable cation
- * isotope peaks: \rightarrow with molecular ion peak one or two small peaks at one or two mass units higher than m -ion peak
 \rightarrow arises due to their isotopes

Metastable ^{ion} peak:

↳ occasionally low intensity broad peaks at non-integral m/z value.

↳ This happened when a metastable ion of mass m_1 undergo fragmentation after acceleration but before entering the M.F. to mass m_2

↓ will
this have lower
K.E

⇒ It gives valuable information about the mode of fragmentation.

Example;
Toluene



show strong peaks at

$m/z = 91$ & $65 \rightarrow m_2$

↓ m_1

Also shows broad peak of metastable ion.

$$m^* = \frac{(m_2)^2}{m_1} = \frac{(65)^2}{91} = 46.4 \text{ non integral broad less intense peak.}$$

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⇒ INFORMATIONS BY MASS SPECTRUM:-

Following information Application,

⇒ ① Determination of Molecular weight

⇒ ② Determination of Molecular formula ↙ By m.wt
↘ By isotopic peaks

⇒ ③ Determination of Structure.

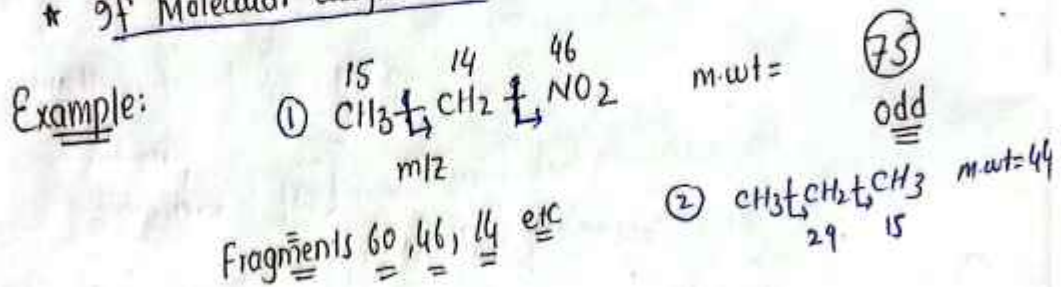
⇒ 1) Determination of Molecular weight:

* Molecular ion peak → gives the information of M.wt of compound ↓
m/z

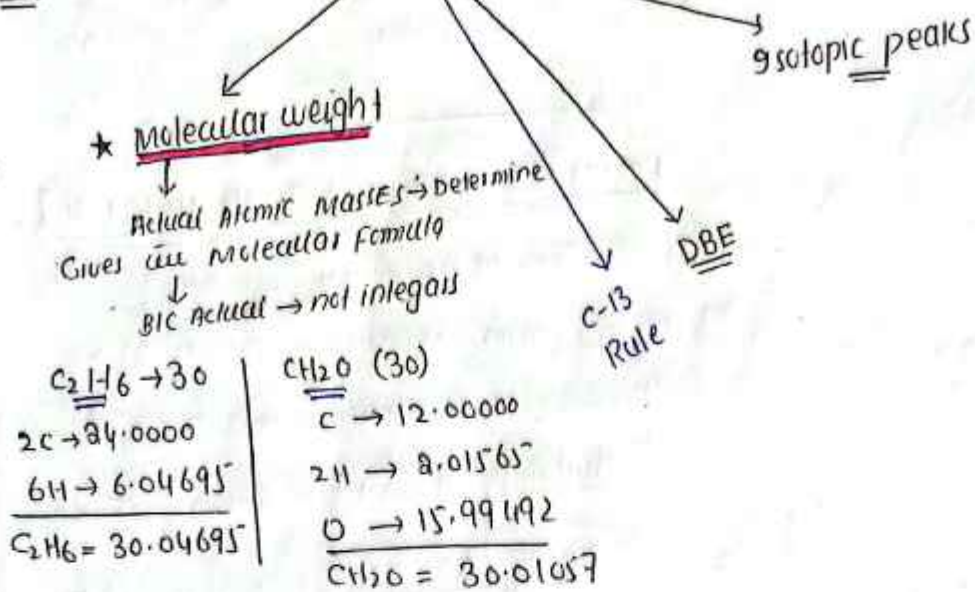
* Sometime molecular ion peak is not recognized due to isotopic peaks or instability of molecular cation. Then best way is (Nitrogen Rule)

Nitrogen Rule:

- ① * If molecule contain odd no. of N \rightarrow m.wt will be odd
↓ atoms
- ② * If molecule contain NO Nitrogen or even no. of Nitrogen
↓
 Then m.wt even
- OR
- ② * If Molecular weight odd \rightarrow All Fragments mass no \rightarrow even
All
- * If Molecular weight even \rightarrow All Fragments mass no \rightarrow odds.



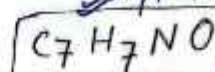
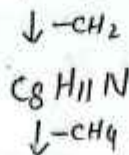
2) Determination of molecular formula:



* C-13 Rule is used to guess the molecular formula

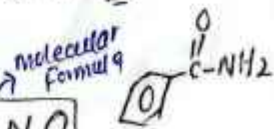
C-13 Rule: **Chemistry with MJS**
 Example: m.wt = 121 \rightarrow odd mass \rightarrow odd no. of Nitrogen

$$\frac{121}{13} = \text{C}_9\text{H}_9 + 4 = \text{C}_9\text{H}_{13}$$



$\therefore \text{N} \rightarrow \text{CH}_2$ Remove

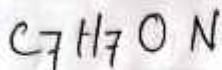
$\therefore \text{O} \rightarrow \text{CH}_4$ Remove



⇒ DBE (Double bond Equivalent)

$$DBE = C - \frac{H+X}{2} + \frac{N}{2} + 1$$

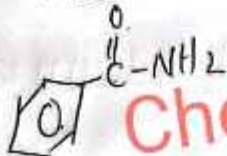
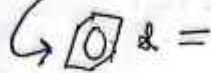
Example 1a1



$$DBE = 7 - \frac{7}{2} + \frac{1}{2} + 1$$

$$DBE = \frac{14 - 7 + 1 + 2}{2}$$

$$DBE = 10/2 = 5$$



- * DBE ⇒ 1 ⇒ =, ring
- * DBE ⇒ 2 ⇒ \equiv , \equiv , 2 ring
- * DBE = 3 ⇒ 2 D.B & 1 Ring
OR
 \equiv & \equiv or Three D.B
OR
1 Ring & =
- * DBE ⇒ 4 Benzene Ring

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⇒ isotopic peaks

* to measure the Relative intensities of the isotope peaks

Example

3) Determination of molecular structure:

* Molecular weight m/z of molecular ion peak

* Fragments ion peak

* Base peak

* To confirm the structure

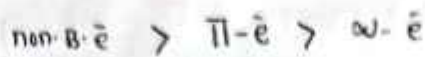
- * apply C-13 Rule
- * N-Rule
- * DBE

* ————— *

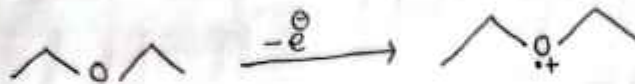
FRAGMENTATIONS

Ease of removal of \bar{e}

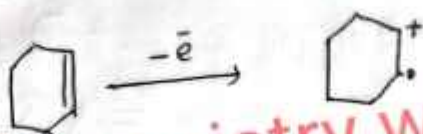
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* loss of \bar{e} from non-bonding orbital



* loss of \bar{e} from π -orbital:



* loss of \bar{e} from σ -orbital:

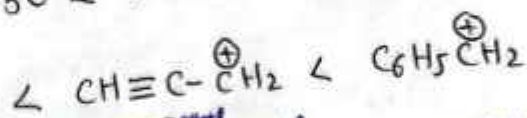
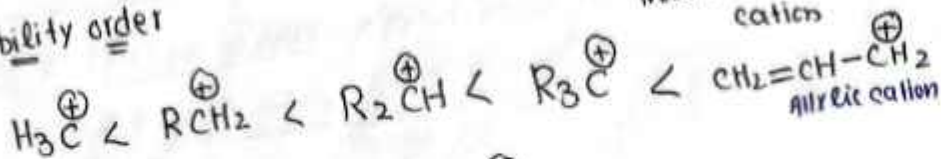


Fragmentation process

① Stevensons Rule / simple cleavage

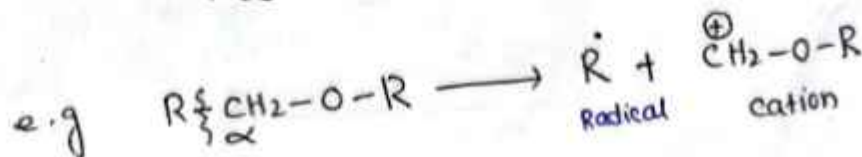
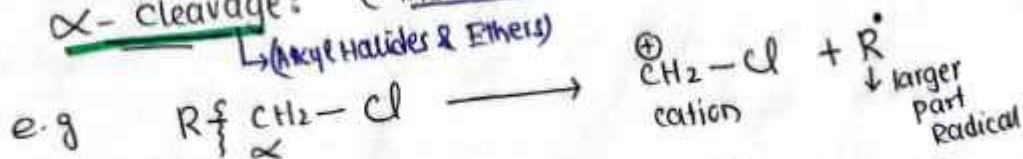
most probable fragmentation \rightarrow cations form
 \downarrow
 with lowest i-E
 \downarrow
 means stable cation

stability order

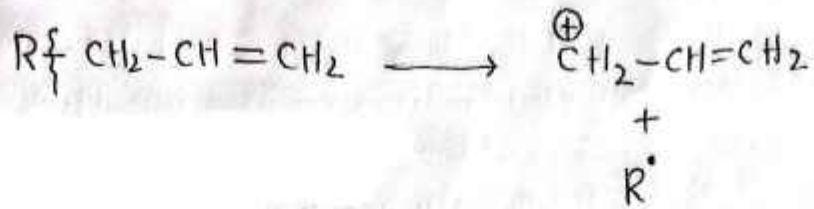


② α -cleavage: (more E-N attached to C) or Heteroatom

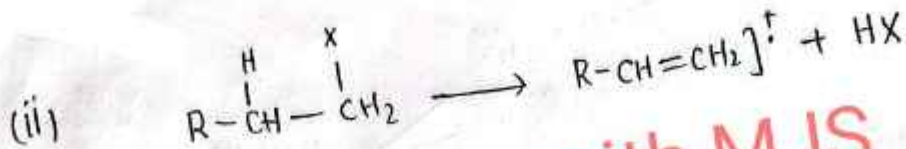
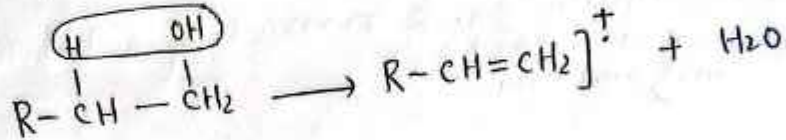
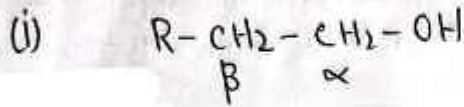
\rightarrow (Alkyl Halides & Ethers)



β -cleavage: (Gen-in Alkenes) \rightarrow Allylic cation formation

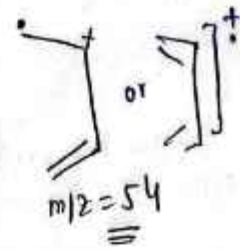
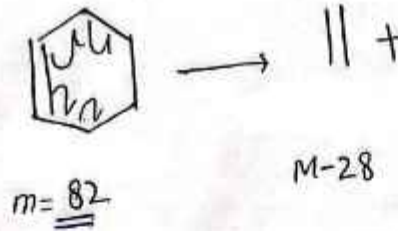


4) Elimination: (α - β) \rightarrow Alcohols & Halides
(Removal of H_2O & Alkene)

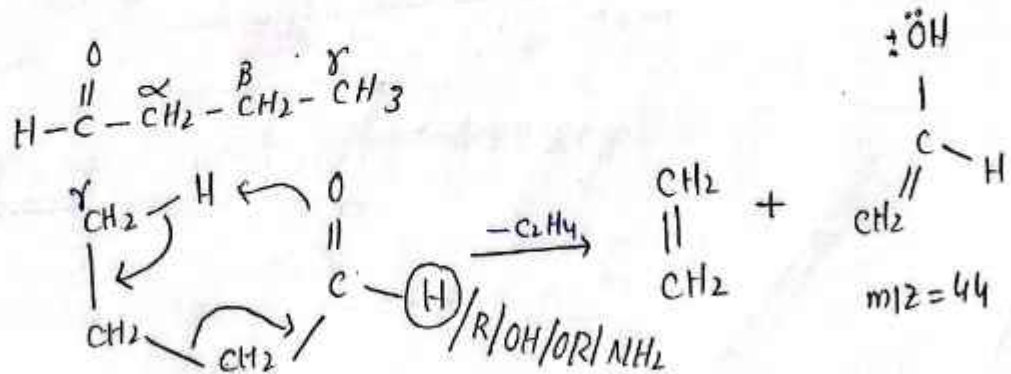


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5) Diels-Elder cleavage: \rightarrow elimination of neutral alkene molecule.



6) McLafferty rearrangement: \rightarrow (Carbonyl compounds & Alkenes)
 \hookrightarrow transfer of γ -H to unsaturated system



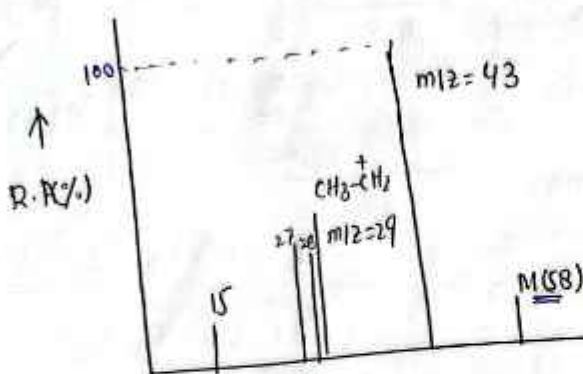
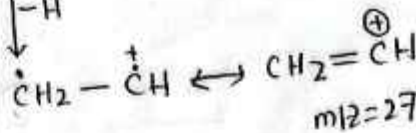
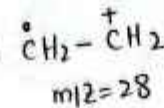
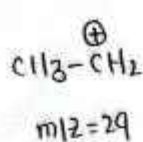
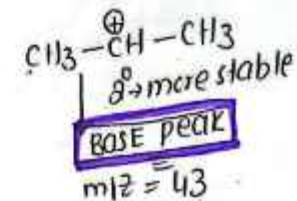
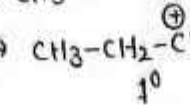
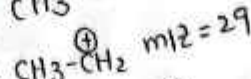
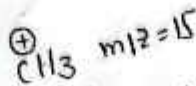
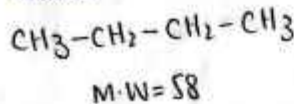
Alkanes (DBE=0) → Successive loss of CH₂

- ⊕ Generally M⁺ peak is less intense in Alkanes
- * Comparatively simple Alkanes M⁺ intensity is more AS compared to the Branched Alkanes.
- ⊕ more portion of original molecule will exposed to e⁻ beam more will be the fragmentation thus M⁺ peak intensity decreases e.g in Branched Alkanes.
- ⊕ Simple Alkanes → less portion exposed to e⁻ beam so fragmentation unfavourable thus M⁺ peak intensity higher than Branched.
- ⊕ in branched more chances of 2° or 3° carbocation → more stable cation gives BASE peak.

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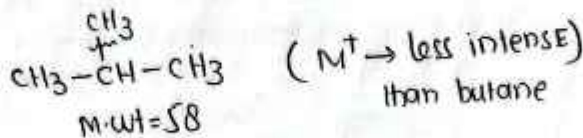
Example;

Butane



Butane

* isobutane



↳ B. peak m/z=43

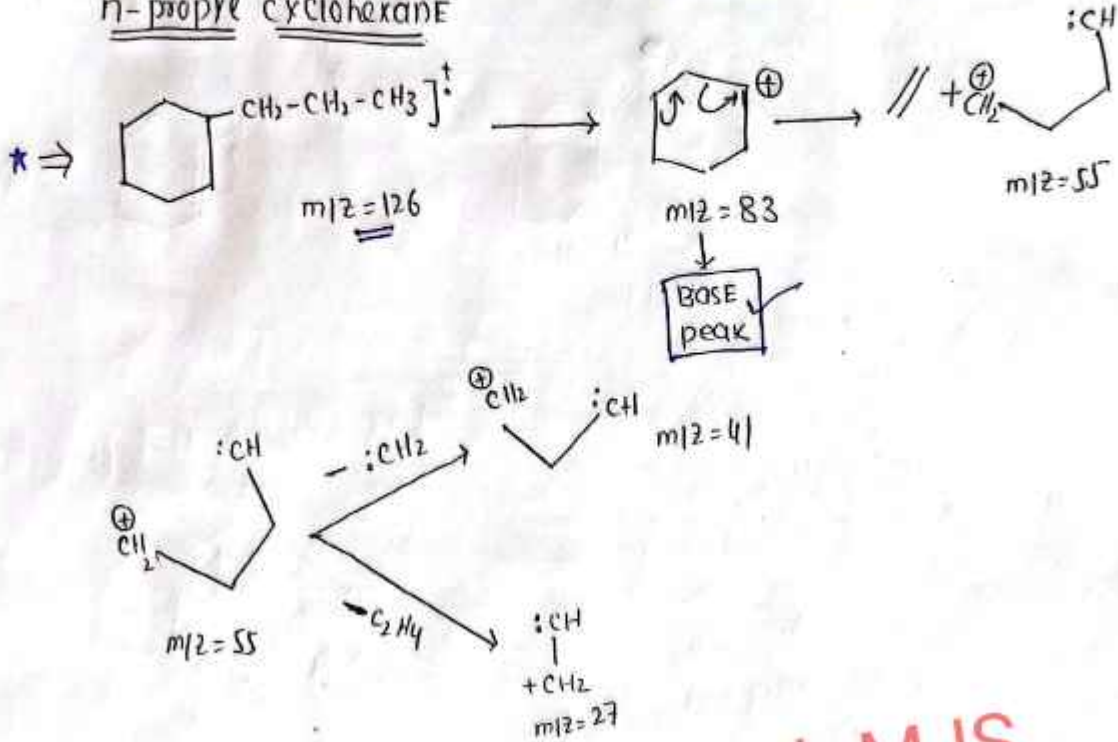
M(58)

CYCLOALKANES (DBE=1) → Successive loss of ethene (M-28)

↳ Gen. More intense M⁺ peak than Aliphatic Alkanes.

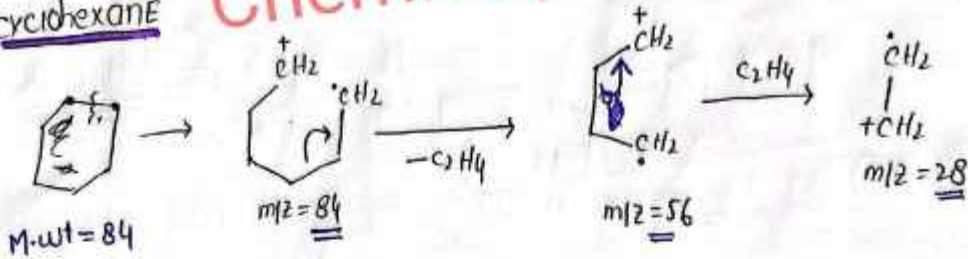
⇒ Here cleavage of C-C bond difficult. so intense peak. ↓ so M-structure less fragmented.

n-propyl cyclohexane

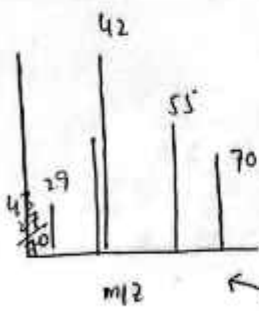


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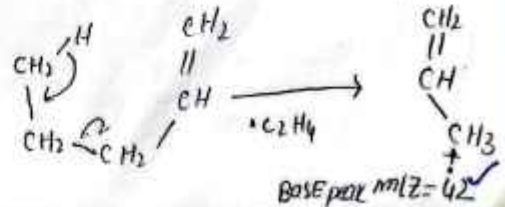
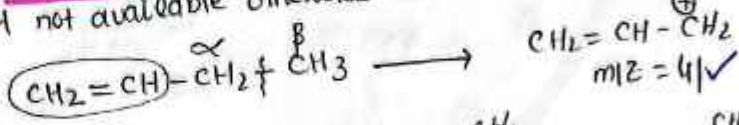
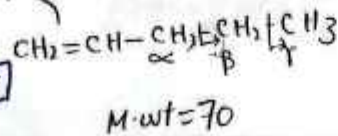
* ⇒ cyclohexane



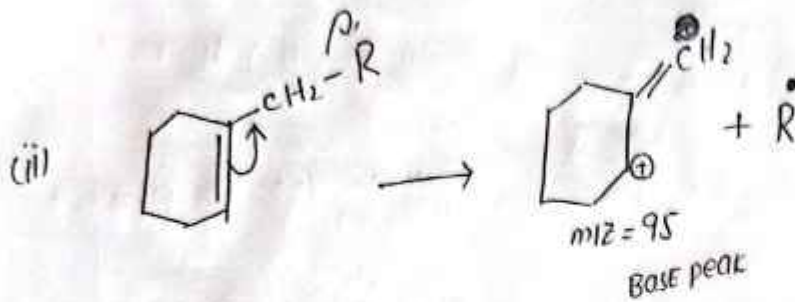
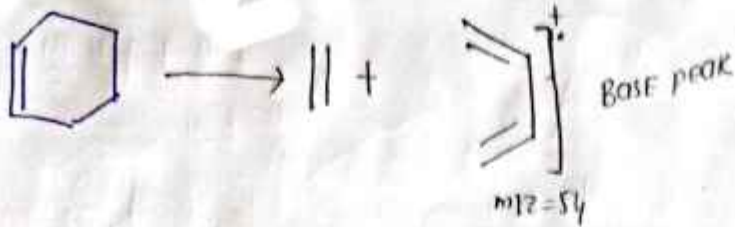
- (2) ✓ ALKENES → (DBE = 1) → prominent M⁺ peak
- ↳ Distinct M⁺ peak
 - ↳ Fragments ARE DUE TO β-cleavage
 - ↳ if γ-H available → McLafferty rearrangement
 - ↳ Generally BASE peak due to allylic cation if γ-H not available otherwise due to McLafferty R. peak



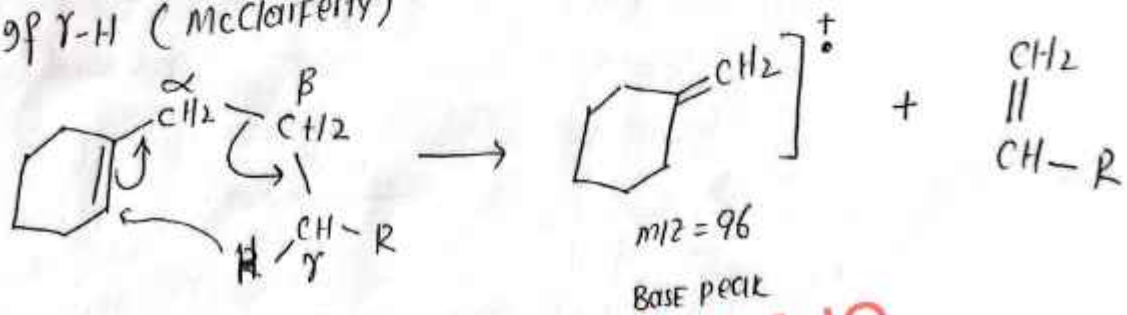
pentene



Cycloalkene



(iii) of γ -H (McClafferty)



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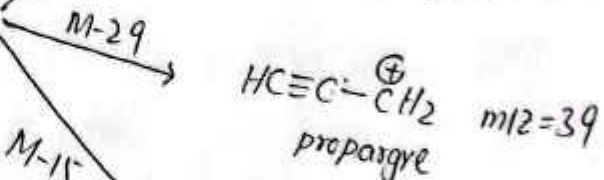
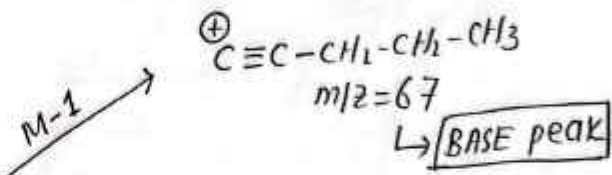
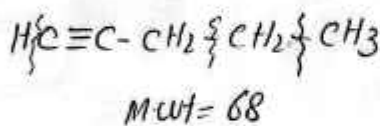
(3) ALKYNES \rightarrow (DBE = 2)

* \rightarrow BASE peak in ALKYNES due to M-1 peak

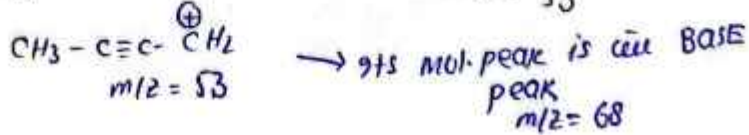
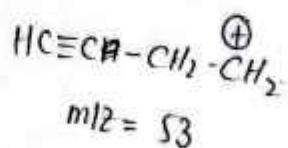
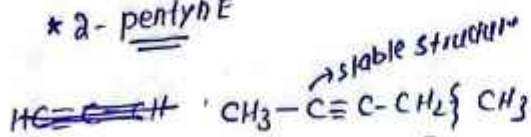
* Also strong peak due to \rightarrow propargyl ion ($m/z = 39$)

Example:

1-pentyne

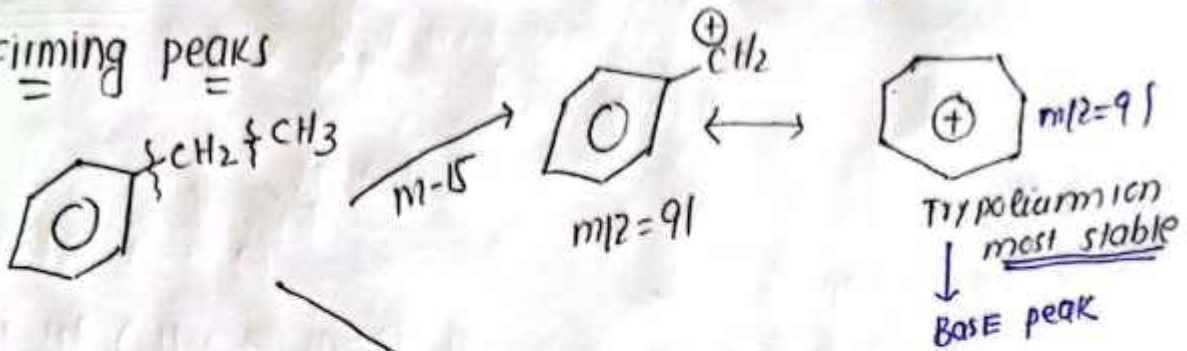


* 2-pentyne

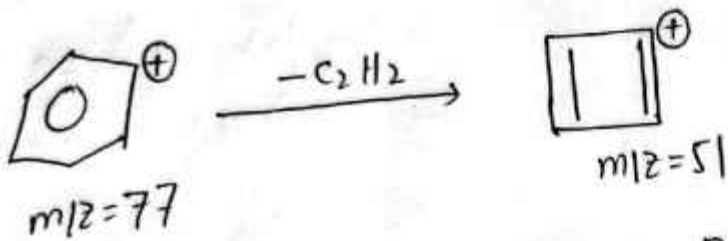
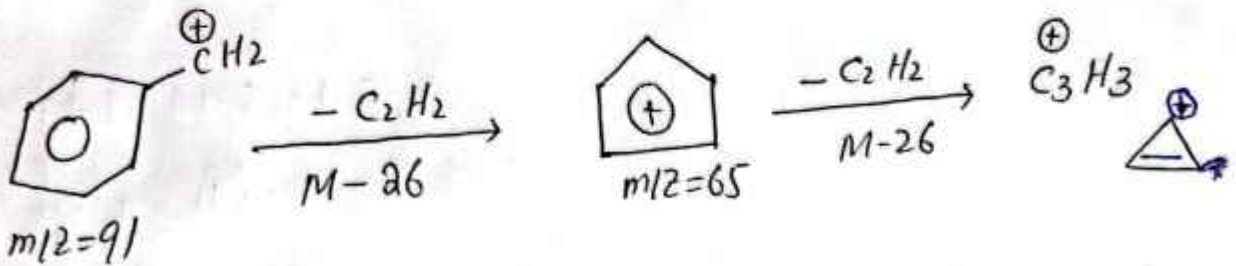


Aromatic Hydrocarbons: (DBE=4) → strong M⁺ peak

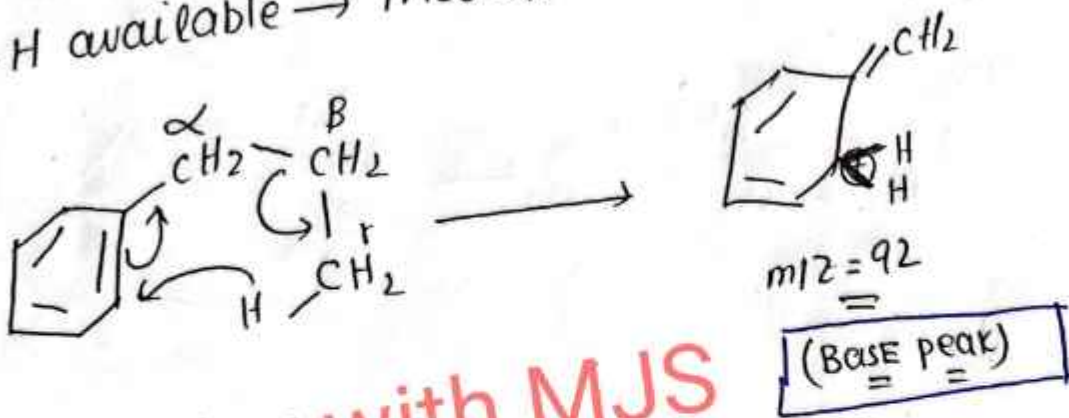
Confirming peaks



* successive loss of -C₂H₂



⇒ if γ-H available → McLafferty Rearrangement



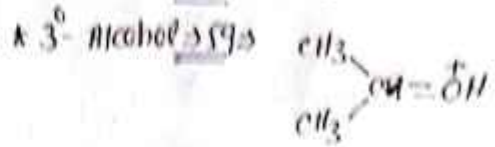
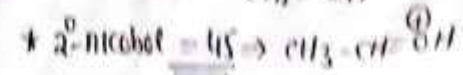
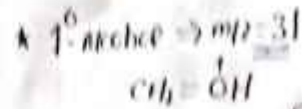
Chemistry with MJS

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Alcohols

→ * M⁺ peak in 1° & 2° alcohol → v. low

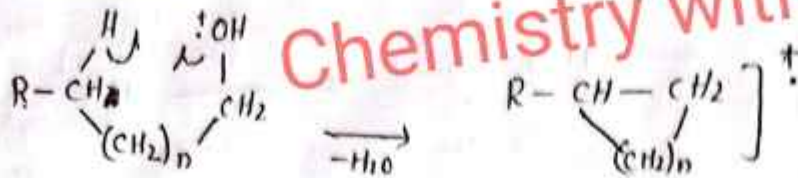
* absent sometimes
↓ in 3° alcohol



↳ Fragments formed due to

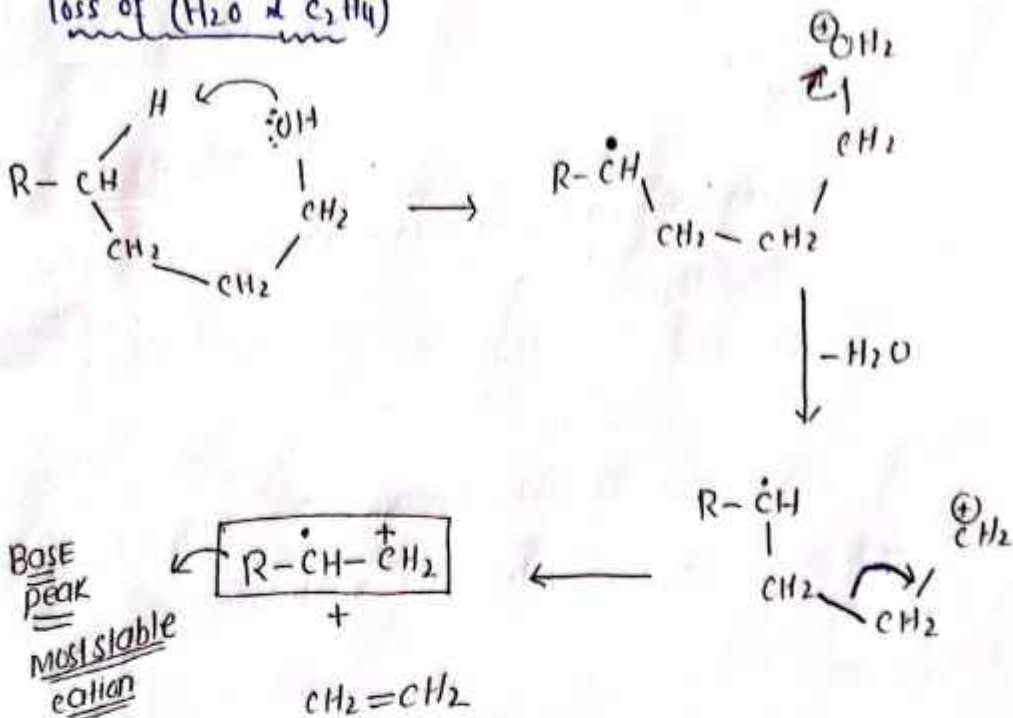
- * M-18 (-H₂O)
- * M-46 (H₂O & CH₂=CH₂)
↓
Removal
- * M-33 (H₂O + CH₃)
- * M-1, M-2, M-3

(i) Loss of H₂O: (M-18)

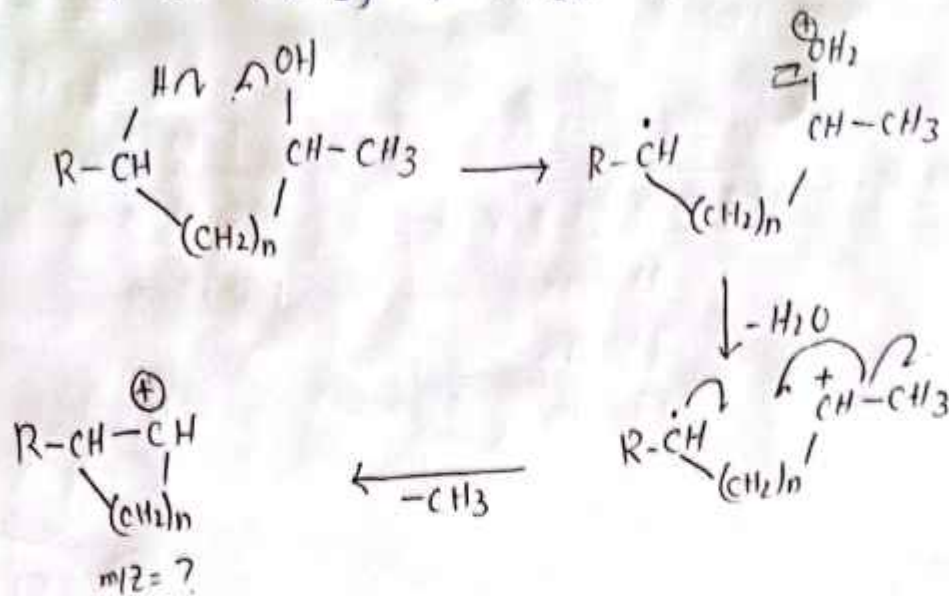


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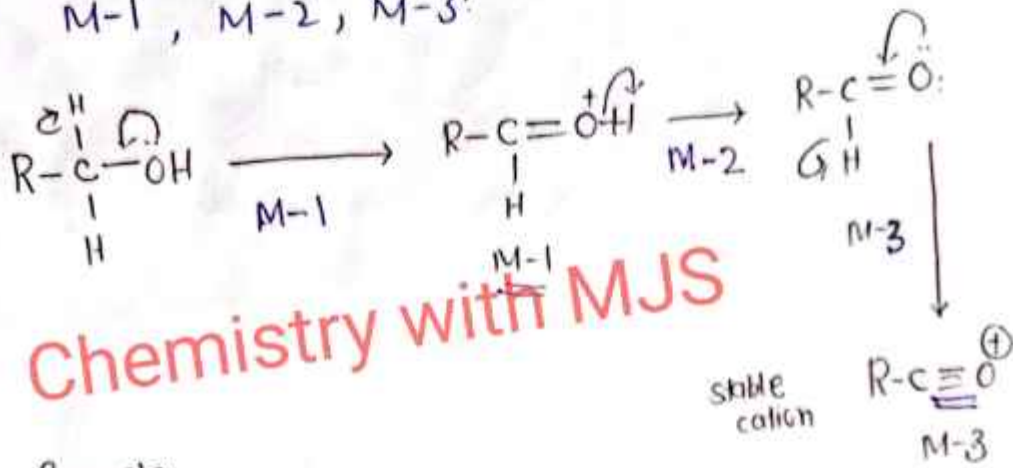
(ii) Loss of (H₂O & C₂H₄)



Loss of $(H_2O + CH_3) \rightarrow M-33 \rightarrow$ Generally in 2°-alcohol.



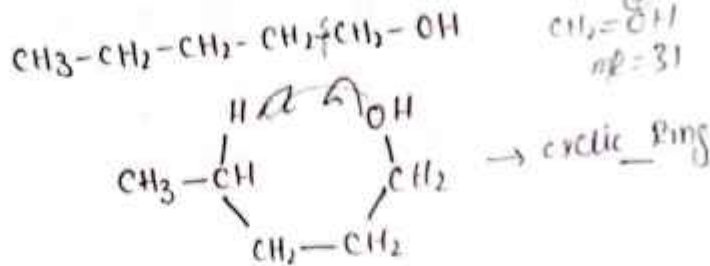
* M-1, M-2, M-3:



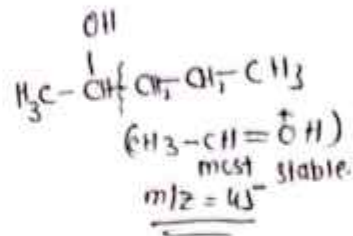
Chemistry with MJS

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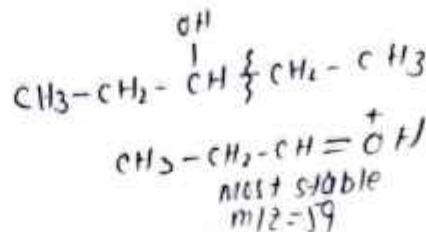
* 1-pentanol
 \downarrow
 v.v. small M^+ peak



* 2-pentanol $\rightarrow M^+$ peak not observed
 \downarrow
 B. peak $m/z = 45$



* 3-pentanol $\rightarrow M^+$ peak not observed
 B. peak $m/z = 59$



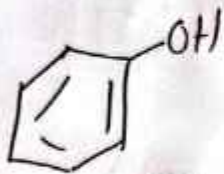
phenols: M⁺ - peak v.v. strong → Also give the BASE peak

★ Fragments

- ★ M-1
- ★ M-28
- ★ M-29

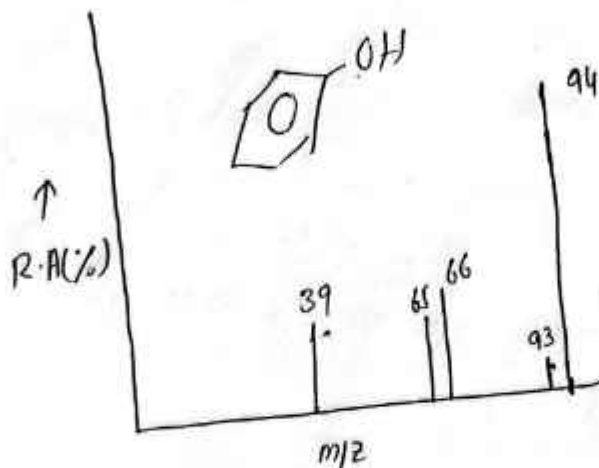
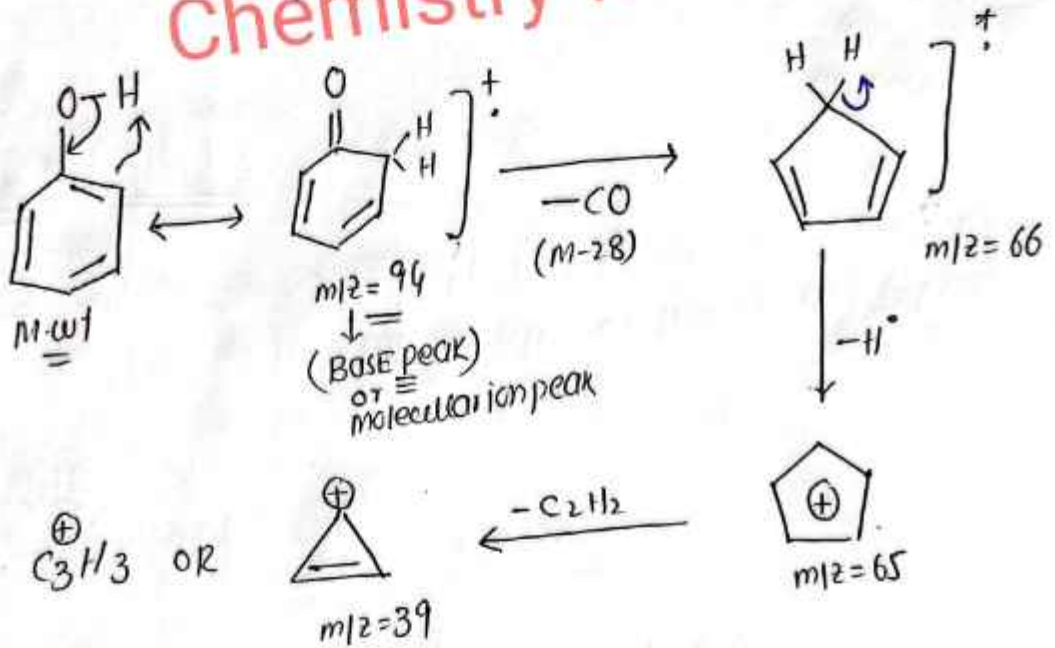
confirming peaks

- m/z = 94 → B. peak → M⁺ peak
- m/z = 66
- m/z = 65
- m/z = 39



77 + 17 = 94

Chemistry with MJS

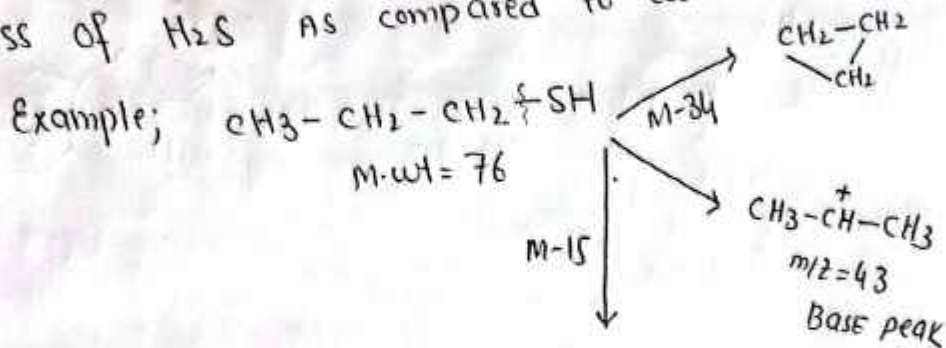


* ————— *

Thiols: (R-CH₂-SH)

* Molecular ion peak is more intense than Alcohols. It shows M+2 peak due to the presence of Heavy isotope ³⁴S

* Here M-34 peak occurs due to the loss of H₂S as compared to the loss of H₂O in Alcohols.

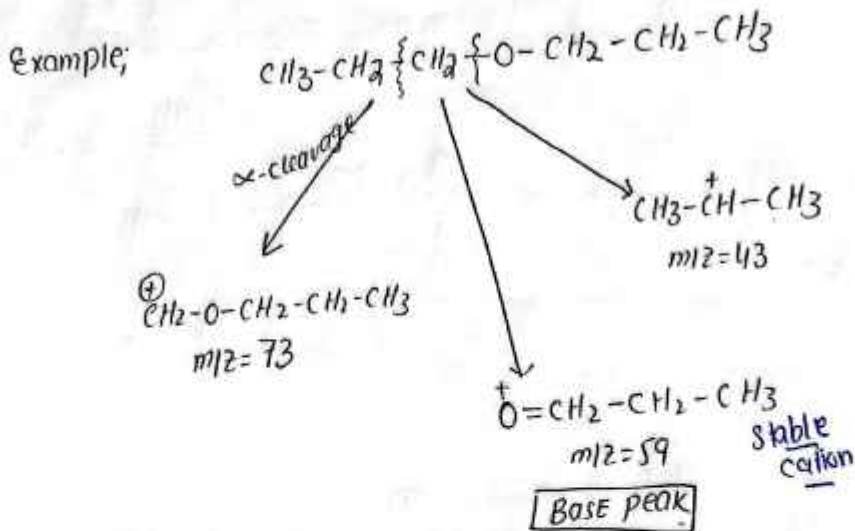


(9) Ethers & Sulfoxides:

⇒ Ethers → M⁺ peak of Aliphatic Ethers are intense than Alcohols, but still v. low → difficult to observe.

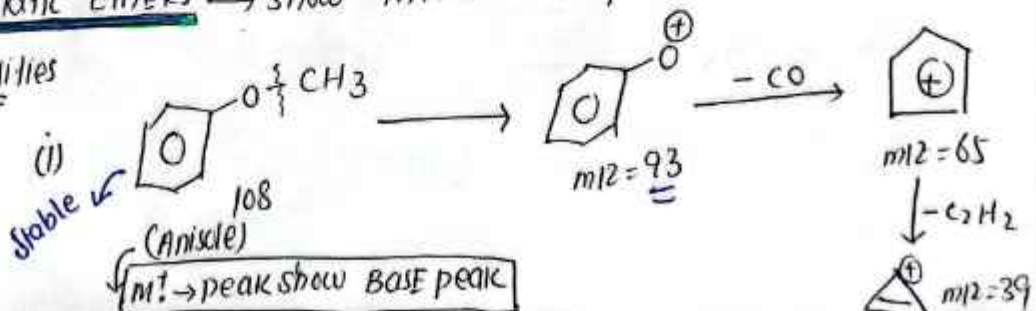
Fragments

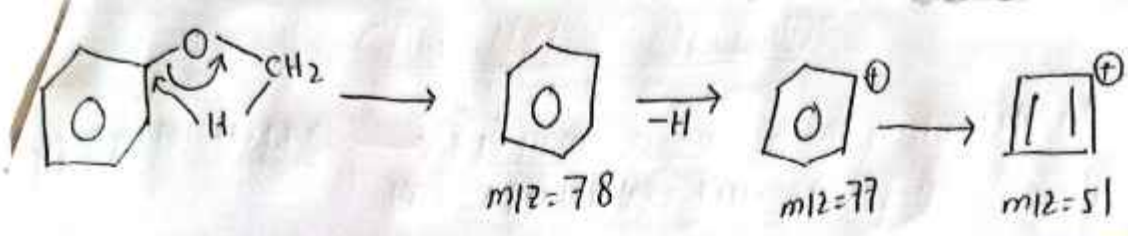
α-cleavage
m/z = 43, 59, 73 etc



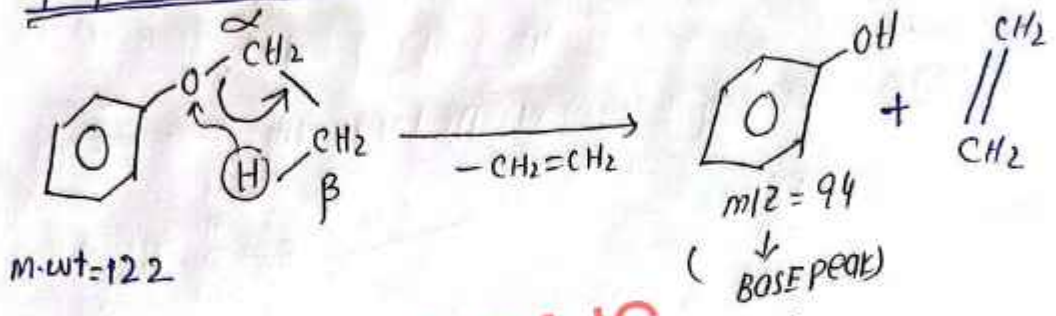
* Aromatic Ethers → show intense M⁺ peak

possibilities





(iii) if β -H available \rightarrow then β -H transfer \rightarrow gives BASE peak



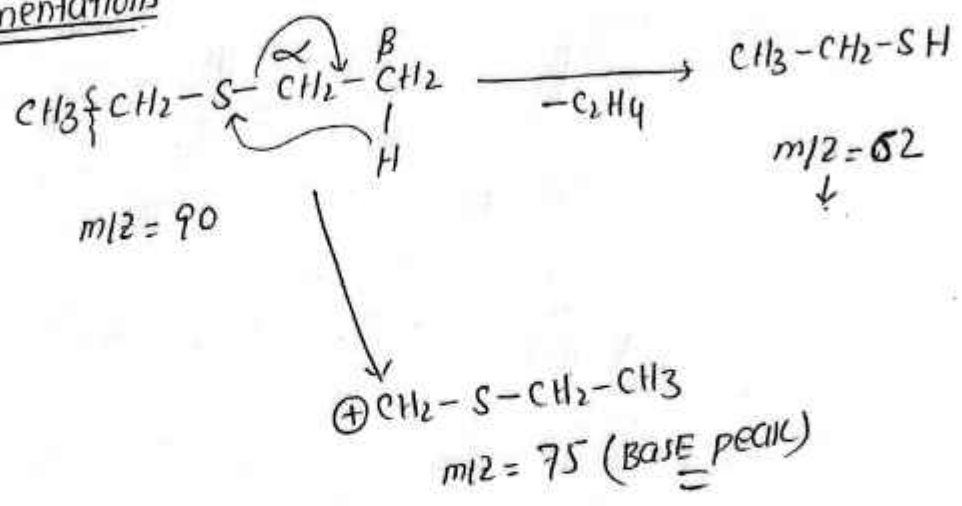
Chemistry with MJS



(10) Sulfides

(R-S-R)
 \rightarrow Thioesters
 \rightarrow more intense M^+ peak than ETHERS.

Fragmentations



CARBONYL COMPOUNDS

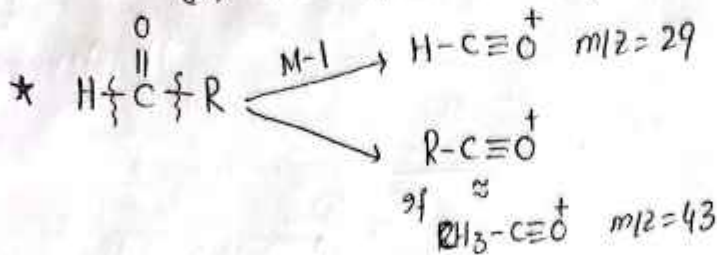
ALDEHYDES: → M^+ peak weak in Aliphatic Aldehydes
 But observable. But Strong in Aromatic Aldehydes.

Fragments

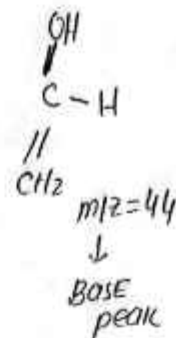
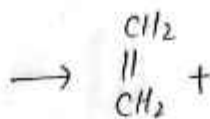
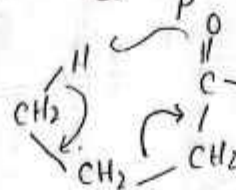
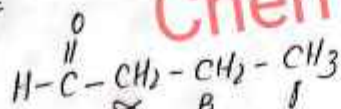
(i) α -cleavage-

(ii) β -cleavage-

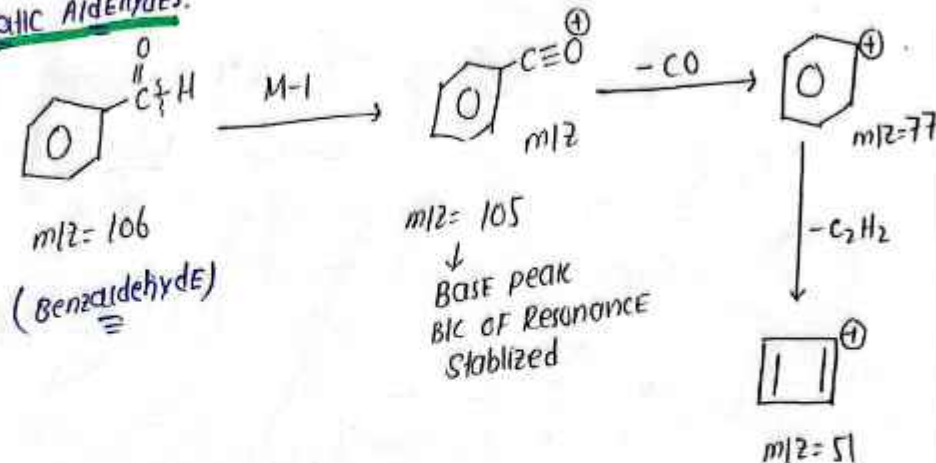
(iii) McLafferty Rearrangement. (BASE PEAK)



* McLafferty Rearrangement:



⇒ Aromatic Aldehydes:



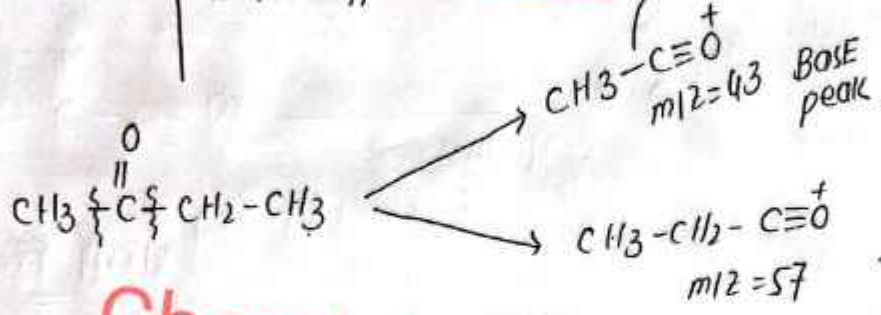
⇒ KETONES → $M^+ \rightarrow \text{strong}$

α-cleavage
β-cleavage
McClafferty

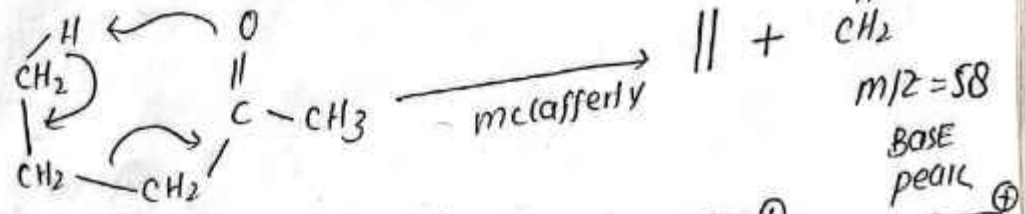
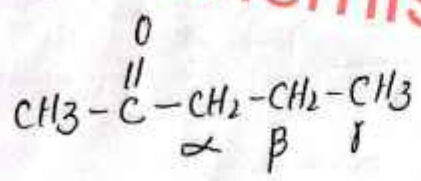
M-15, M-29, M-43

* $m/z = 43 \rightarrow$ BASE PEAK
* $^{\gamma}$ McClafferty \rightarrow BASE PEAK

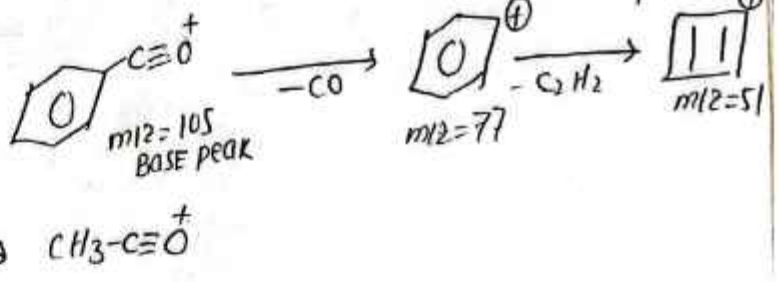
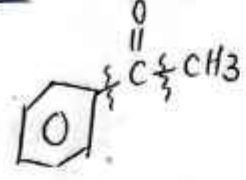
Example



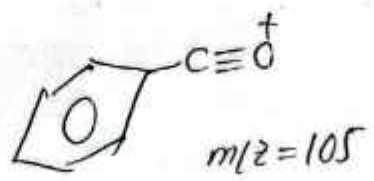
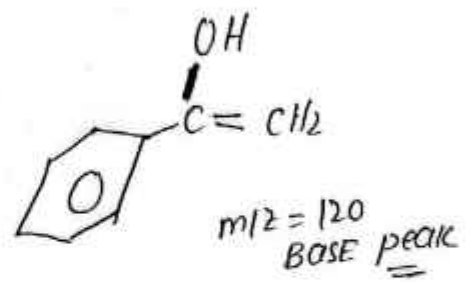
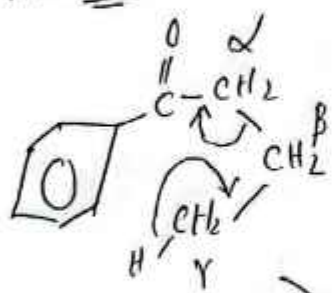
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Aromatic ketones



McClafferty

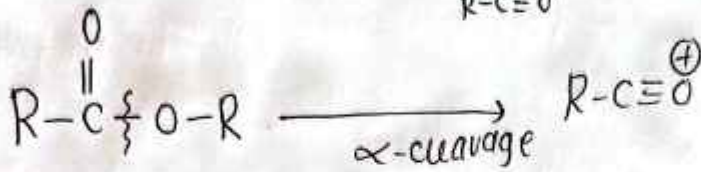


⇒ ESTERS → M⁺ → weak

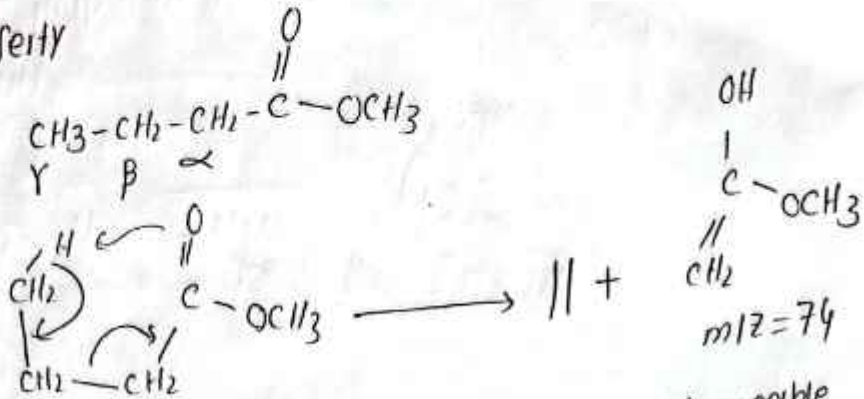
↳ Most imp. Fragmentation of ESTER is α-cleavage.

Acylium ion
Formation
R-C≡O⁺

Loss of Alkoxy
group



Macclafferty



⇒ Carboxylic Acids → Aliphatic M⁺ → weak but observable
 → Aromatic M⁺ → strong

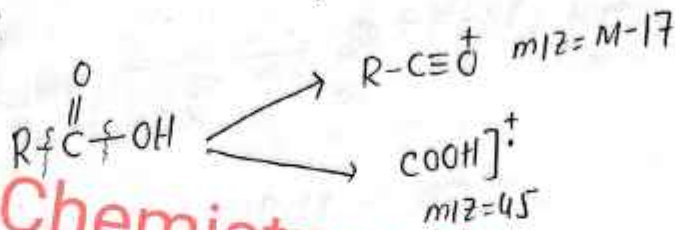
↳ confirming peaks

* M-17

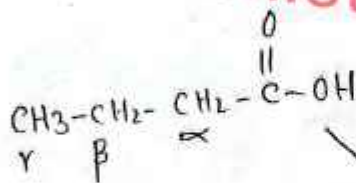
* M-45

* α-cleavage

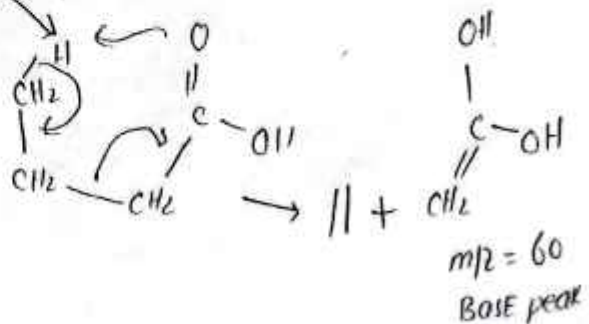
* Macclafferty



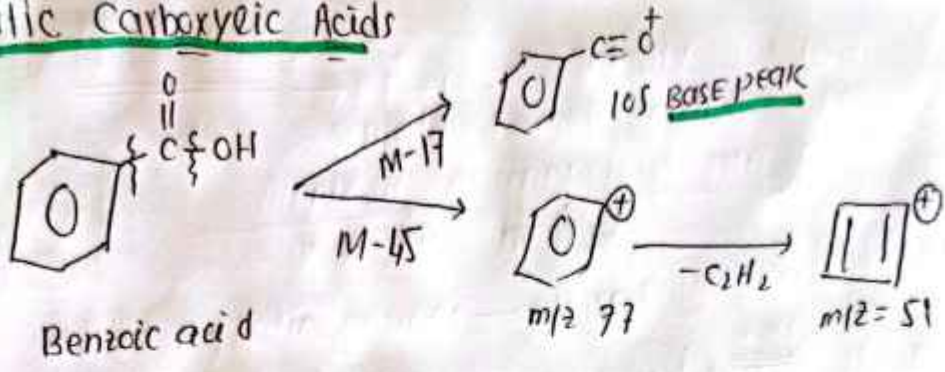
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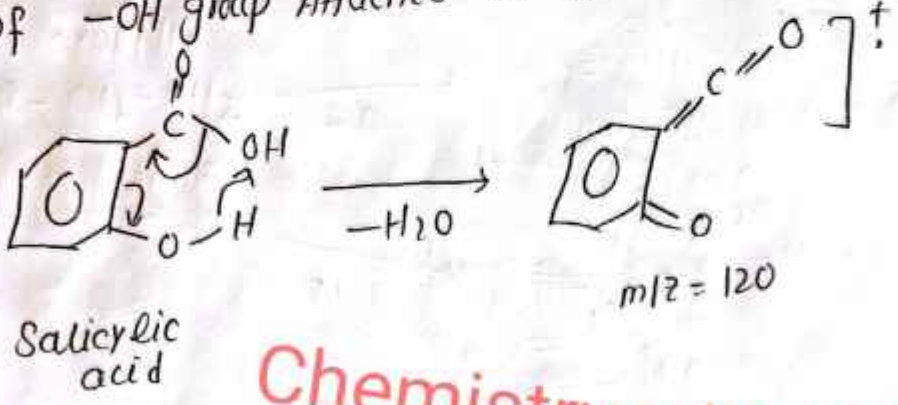
Macclafferty
Rearrangement



Aromatic Carboxylic Acids



⇒ If -OH group attached at ortho- to COOH

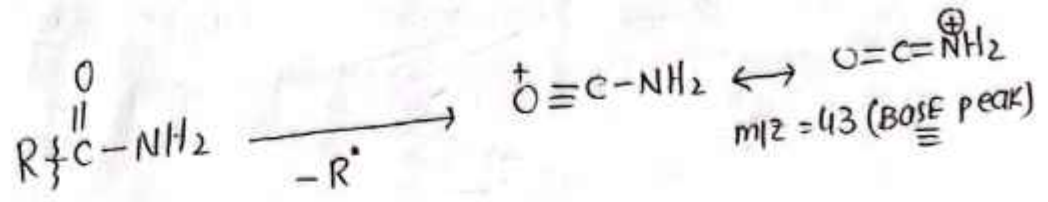


Chemistry with MJS

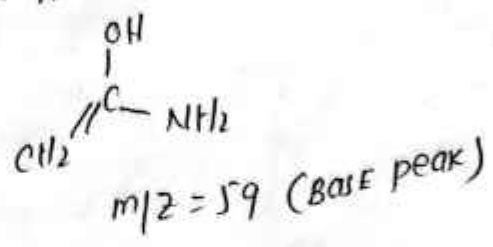
(14) Amides

confirming peaks

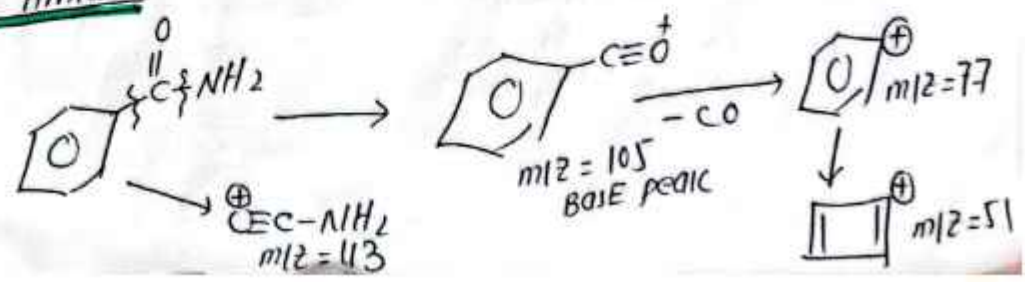
- (i) $m/z = 43$ α -cleavage
- (ii) $m/z = 59$ McLafferty



⇒ If γ -H ⇒ McLafferty Rearrangement



Aromatic Amides

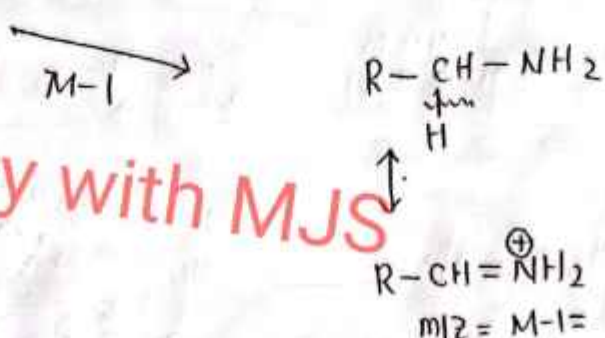
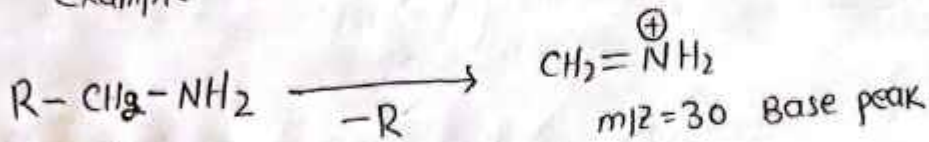


(15) ⇒ AMINES: → M⁺ → peak usually weak, sometimes undetectable for aliphatic amines but intense for aromatic amines.

⇒ in aliphatic amines → base peak occurs due to α-cleavage.

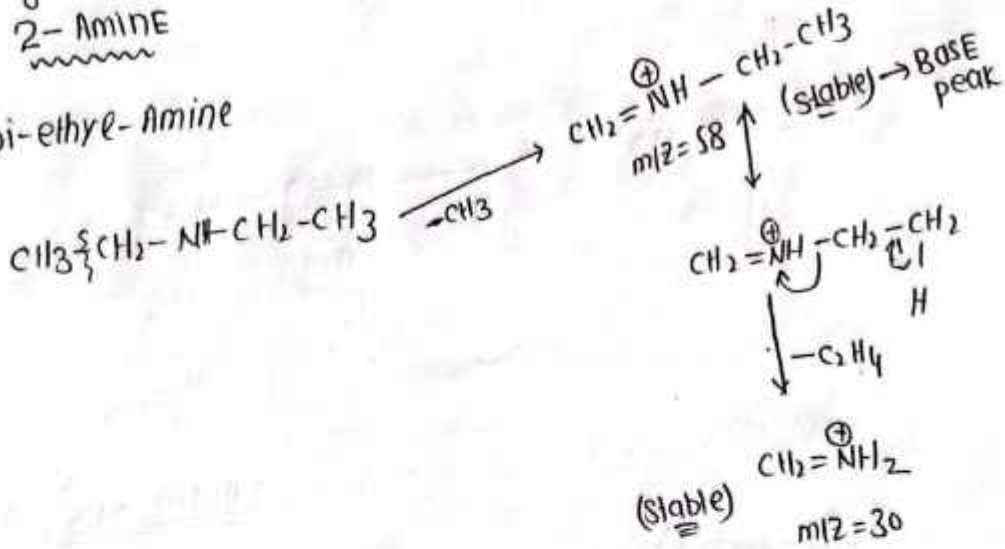
Example

BASE PEAKS {
 ∴ 1^o-Amine m/z = 30
 ∴ 2^o-Amine m/z = 58
 ∴ 3^o-Amine m/z = 86

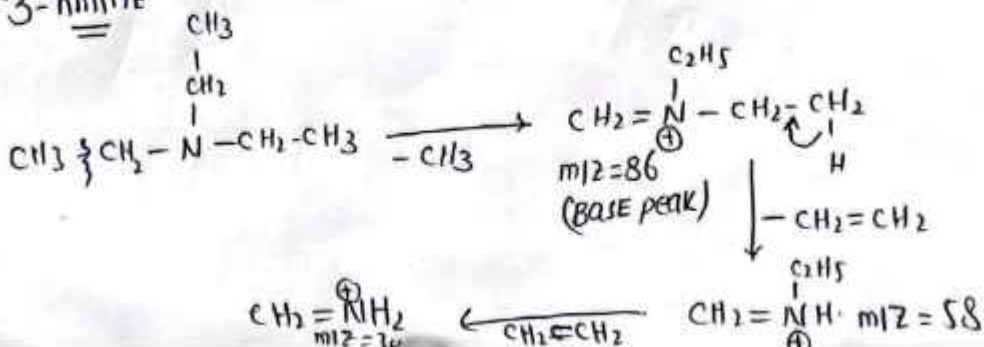


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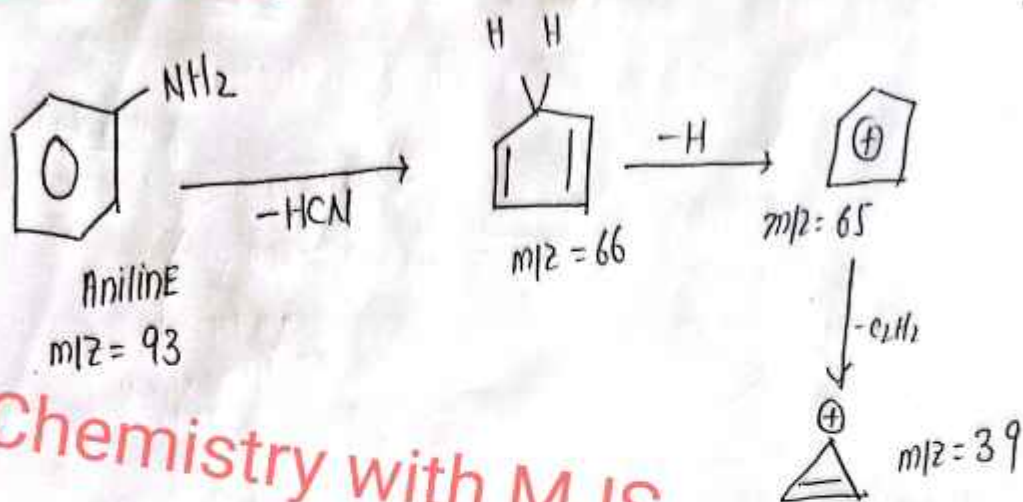
2^o-AMINE
 Di-ethyl-amine



3^o-AMINE



Aromatic Amines

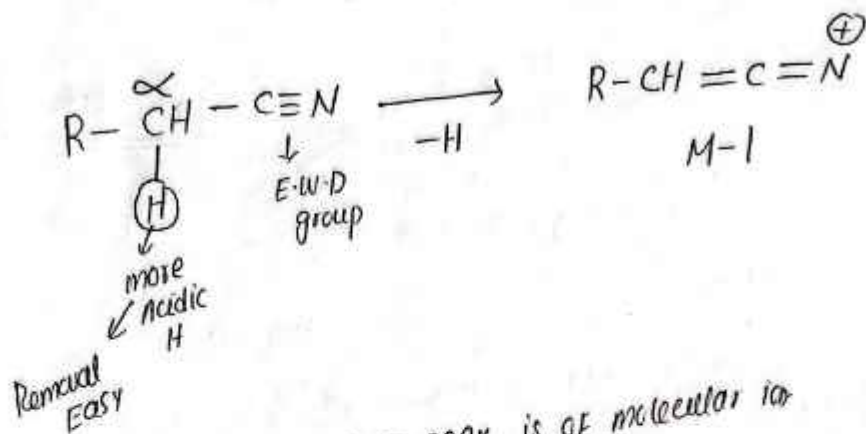
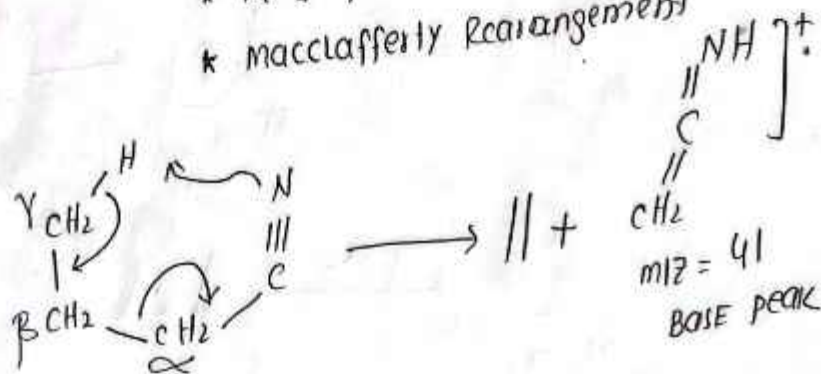


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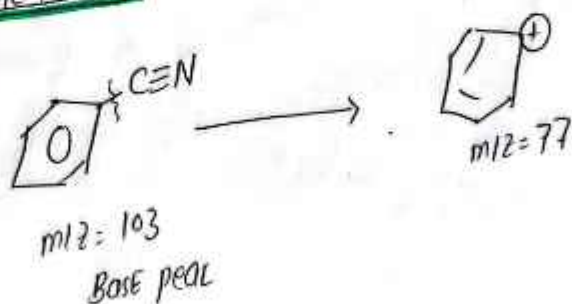
(16) Nitriles: $\rightarrow M^+$ of Aliphatic \rightarrow too weak to be observed

* M-1 peak observed

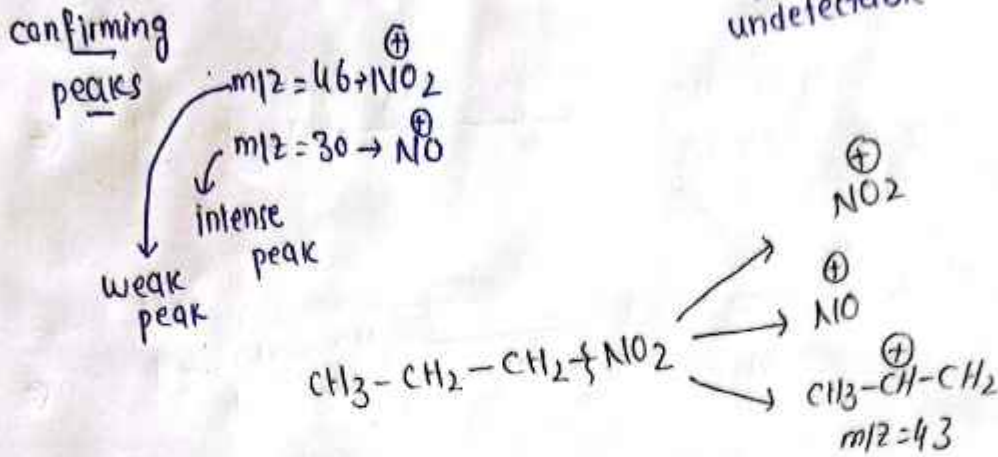
* MacClafferty Rearrangements



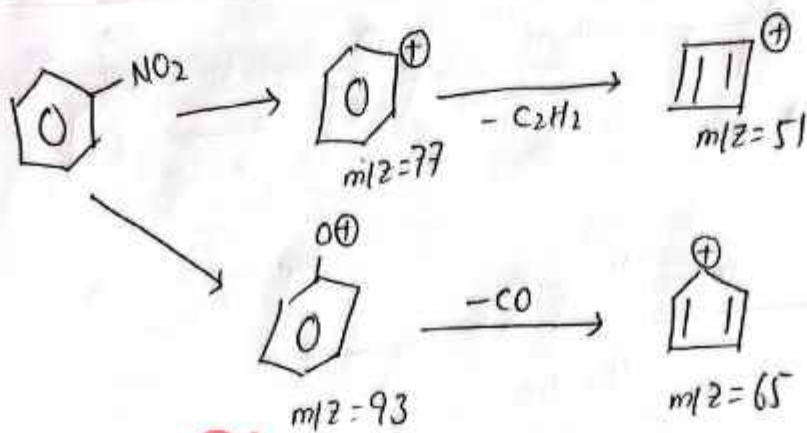
Aromatic Nitriles \rightarrow BASE peak is of molecular ion



✓ Nitro-Compounds → M^+ → peak of Aliphatic is usually weak undetectable



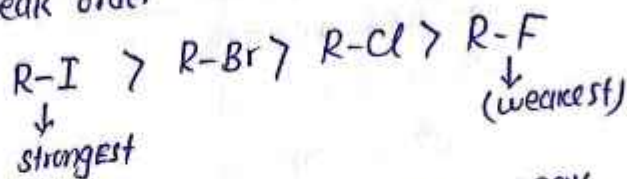
* Aromatic → Give M^+ → intense



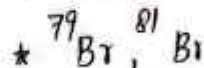
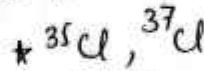
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(18) ✓ Halides:

M^+ peak order



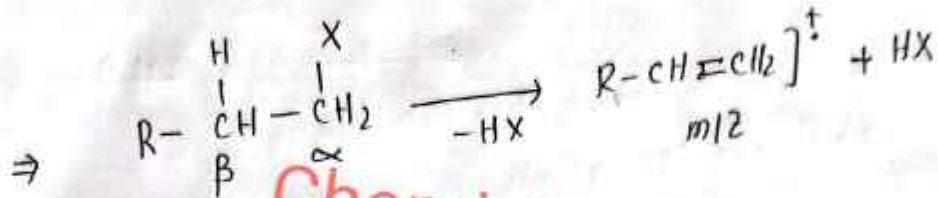
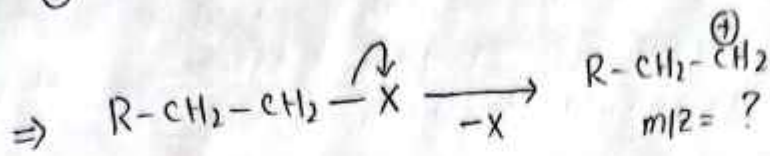
* R-Br & R-Br → show $M+2$ peak due to two isotopic form



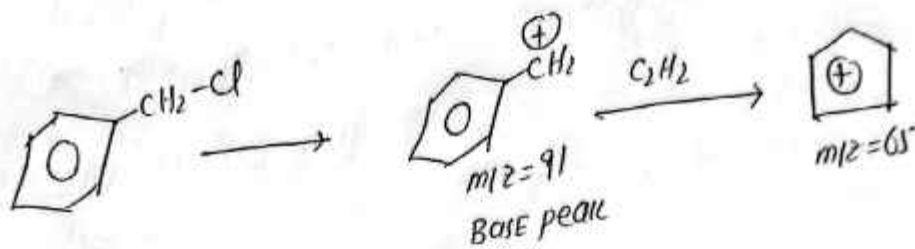
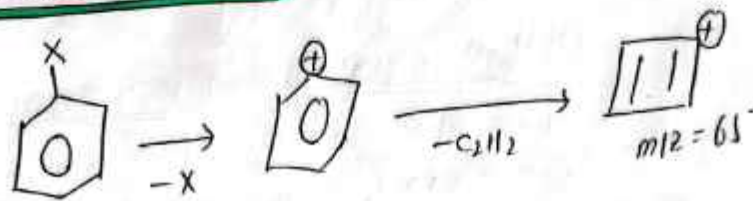
↳ || Almost equal intensity

Major Fragmentations

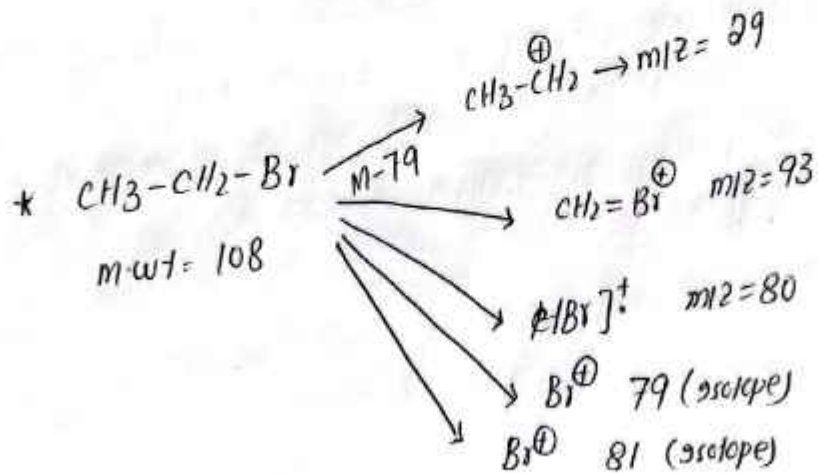
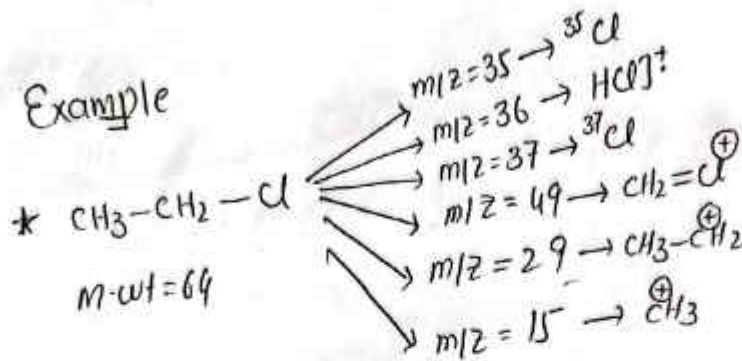
- ① loss of Halogen Atom (most significant for Br & I)
- ② Elimination of HX (most significant for Cl & F)



AROMATIC HALIDES



Example



Chemistry with MJS

Applications

① Qualitative applications:

- ① Determination of molecular weight
- ② Determination of molecular formula.
- ③ Determination of structure of compounds.

② Differentiation of Geometrical isomers:

Both isomers cis & trans → have different similar spectra But intensity of M^+ -peak of both is different

trans M^+ -peak > cis M^+ -peak

③ Determination of ionization potential:

Ionization potential of each compound is determined by estimating the amount of energy of bombarded e^- to generate all molecular cations.

④ Detection of impurity:

↳ impurities can be detected by the additional peaks.

⑤ Identification of unknown compound:

↳ By comparing with the standards.

⑥ Identification of proteins:

most efficient technique for the study of structure and function of proteins.

* ESI & MALDI-MS widely used ionization sources to study proteins.

* sequence of peptides also determined by the MS.

⑦ pharmaceutical Applications:

Structure determination of drugs & medicine is very important. We can determine the structure of many drugs by identifying the ~~drug~~ fragments.

⑧ Clinical Studies:

↳ Blood samples, tissues composition, urine samples composition is checked.

⑨ Forensic Applications:

↳ Sample in forensic in minute quantity. So, high sensitivity is required which is achieved by MS.

* LC-MS is used for the identification & separations.

⑩ Quality Control Analysis:

↳ Food Analysis → proteins, Lipids, Nucleic Acids etc.

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