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For today ...

- Molecular mass spectra

Next lecture: Mass spectra of compounds with Br (or Cl). Light, wavelength, frequency, and wavenumber; IR spectra

Memorize: Figs 3.19 (p75) and 3.24 (p 80)
Do not memorize: Table 3.5 (p 78)

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Molecular mass spectra

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Sketch mass spectrum of ethane, C_2H_6

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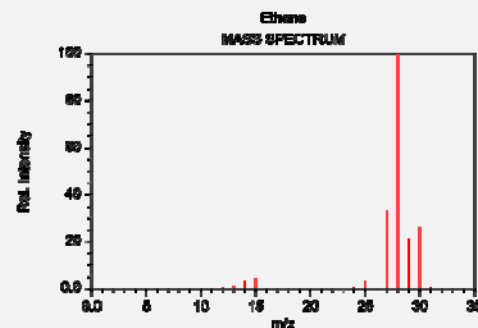


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Sketch mass spectrum of ethane



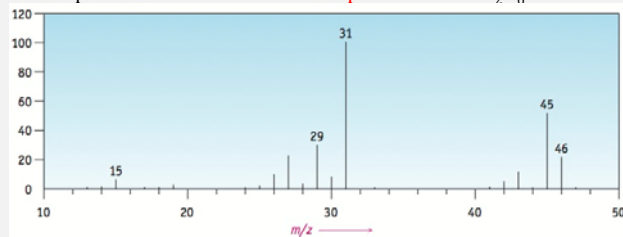
NIST Chemistry WebBook (<http://webbook.nist.gov/chemistry>)

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Use the molecular ion to analyze mass spectrum

Here is the spectrum of a molecule with empirical formula C_2H_6X .



What element is X?

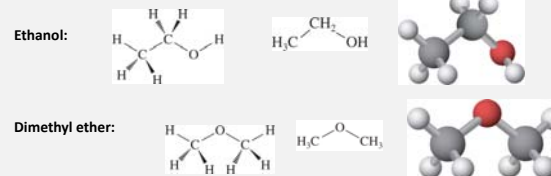


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Important terms to distinguish

- **Constitutional isomers:** Ethanol and dimethyl ether
- **Empirical formula:** C_2H_6O
- **Condensed formula:** CH_3CH_2OH and CH_3OCH_3
- **Structural formula**



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[TP] Ethanol, $\text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{OH}$, and dimethyl ether, CH_3OCH_3 , are constitutional isomers. This means that their mass spectra ...

20% 1. must have the same molecular ion peak

20% 2. must contain the same number of peaks at the same places (m/z), but with different heights

20% 3. must contain the same number of peaks but at different places (m/z)

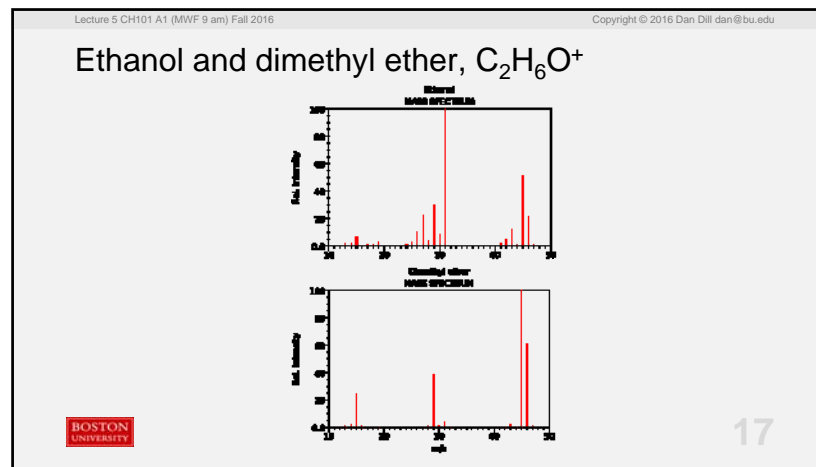
20% 4. 1 and 2

20% 5. 1 and 3

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Important isotopes (Table 3.4, p 68)

Element	Isotope	Relative Abundance	Exact Mass	Isotope	Relative Abundance	Exact Mass
carbon	^{12}C	98.90%	12.00000	^{13}C	1.10%	13.00335
oxygen	^{16}O	99.76%	15.99491	^{18}O	0.20%	17.99916
nitrogen	^{14}N	99.63%	14.00307	^{15}N	0.37%	15.00011
hydrogen	^1H	99.99%	1.00783	^2H	0.01%	2.01410
chlorine	^{35}Cl	75.78%	34.968852	^{37}Cl	24.20%	36.965902
bromine	^{79}Br	50.69%	78.918337	^{81}Br	49.31%	80.916291

C, O, N and H each have a **one** important isotope

F has **one** important isotope

Cl has **two** important isotopes: $^{35}\text{Cl} : ^{37}\text{Cl} :: 3:1$

Br has **two** important isotopes: $^{79}\text{Br} : ^{81}\text{Br} :: 1:1$

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