

# Atomic structure Knowledge organiser



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Mass Number:	Total number of protons and neutrons
Atomic number:	number of protons (smaller no.) also the
lsotope:	An atom that has the same number of pro-
lonisation:	Removal of one or more electrons
First Ionisation Energy:	The energy needed to remove 1 electron from each atom in 1 mole of <b>gaseous</b> atoms.
Second ionisation energy:	The energy needed to remove 1 electron from each atom in 1 mole of <b>gaseous</b> +1 ions. M <sup>+</sup> (g) à M <sup>2+</sup> (g) + e <sup>.</sup>
Successive ionisa- tion energies:	Removing each electron in turn from a mole of gaseous atoms. Provides evidence of en-
Mass spectrometry	Technique used to calculate the mass of atoms and molecules

### Determining relative atomic mass (A) of an element



Time of Flight Mass Spec.					
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Flectrons	
2	
8	
18	
18	
	Electrons 2 8 18 18

Drops in 1 <sup>st</sup> ionisation energies across period 3					
Ar	symbol	Electron config	Reason for drop?		
13	Al	3s <sup>2</sup> 3p <sup>1</sup>	Electron is in p orbital further from nucleus to easier to re- move		
16	S	3s <sup>2</sup> 3p <sup>4</sup>	Electron is paired in 3p orbital so easier to remove		







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Time of flight mass spectrometry				
1	lonisation	Sample dissolved and pushed through nozzle at high pressure and 4000v. As solvent evaporates particles gain a H+ ion		
2	Acceleration	+ ions accelerated by -5000v electric field. Have a fixed kinetic energy		
3	lon drift	Region of no electric field, so drift (lighter move faster, heavier ions slower.)		
4	Detection	+ ions discharge creating a flow of electrons in the detector which registers the current and plots the mass spectrum.		

### Electrospray ionisation

- The sample X is dissolved in a volatile solvent and injected through a fine hypodermic needle to give a fine mist (aerosol).
- The tip of the needle is attached to the positive terminal of a high-voltage power supply.
- The particles are ionised by gaining a proton from the solvent as they leave the needle producing XH+ ions (ions with a single positive charge and a mass of Mr + 1).
- The solvent evaporates away while the XH+ ions are attracted towards a negative plate where they are accelerated.
  C2H5OH (g) + H+ à C2H6OH+ (g)
- Fragmentation rarely takes place

#### Fragmentation

- If fragmentation occurs, the peak at the highest m/z on the mass spectrum is formed by the heaviest ion that passes through the spectrometer. Unless all molecules of the original substance break up, this corresponds to the molecular ion of the sample substance.
- Although the molecular ion peak for 2 isomers will be the same m/z value, fragmentation patterns will be different