fixed neutral loss (gain) scan

_in mass spectrometry_

A scan which determines, in a single experiment, all the parent ion mass-to-charge ratios which react to the loss or gain of a selected neutral mass.

**Source:**
PAC, 1991, 63, 1541 (*Recommendations for nomenclature and symbolism for mass spectroscopy* (including an appendix of terms used in vacuum technology). *(Recommendations 1991)*) on page 1551