

## fragment ion

*in mass spectrometry*

An electrically charged dissociation product of an ionic fragmentation. Such an ion may dissociate further to form other electrically charged molecular or atomic moieties of successively lower formula weight.

**See also:** daughter ion

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