atmospheric pressure ionization  [obsolete]  

*in mass spectrometry*

An ambiguous term; in essence, it is used to describe chemical ionization at atmospheric pressure. It is recommended that use of the term be discontinued.

**Source:**
PAC, 1991, 63, 1541 (*Recommendations for nomenclature and symbolism for mass spectrometry (including an appendix of terms used in vacuum technology). (Recommendations 1991)*) on page 1547