charge-exchange ionization  
_in mass spectrometry_

This occurs when an ion/atom or ion/molecule reaction takes place in which the charge on the ion is transferred to the neutral species without any dissociation of either. Synonymous with charge-transfer ionization.

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