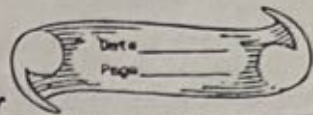


# Mass Spectrometry



⇒ " Analytical technique where molecules are separated with by their  $m/z$  ratio. "

⇒ molecular mass  $\rightarrow$  measured as Da.

→ Mass Spectrometer :-

" An analytical instrument that first ionizes the analytes (molecules) & then separates and measures the mass of a molecules or its fragments. "

→ Ions undergoes "fragmentation" in mass spectrometers.

→ Molecular Ions :-

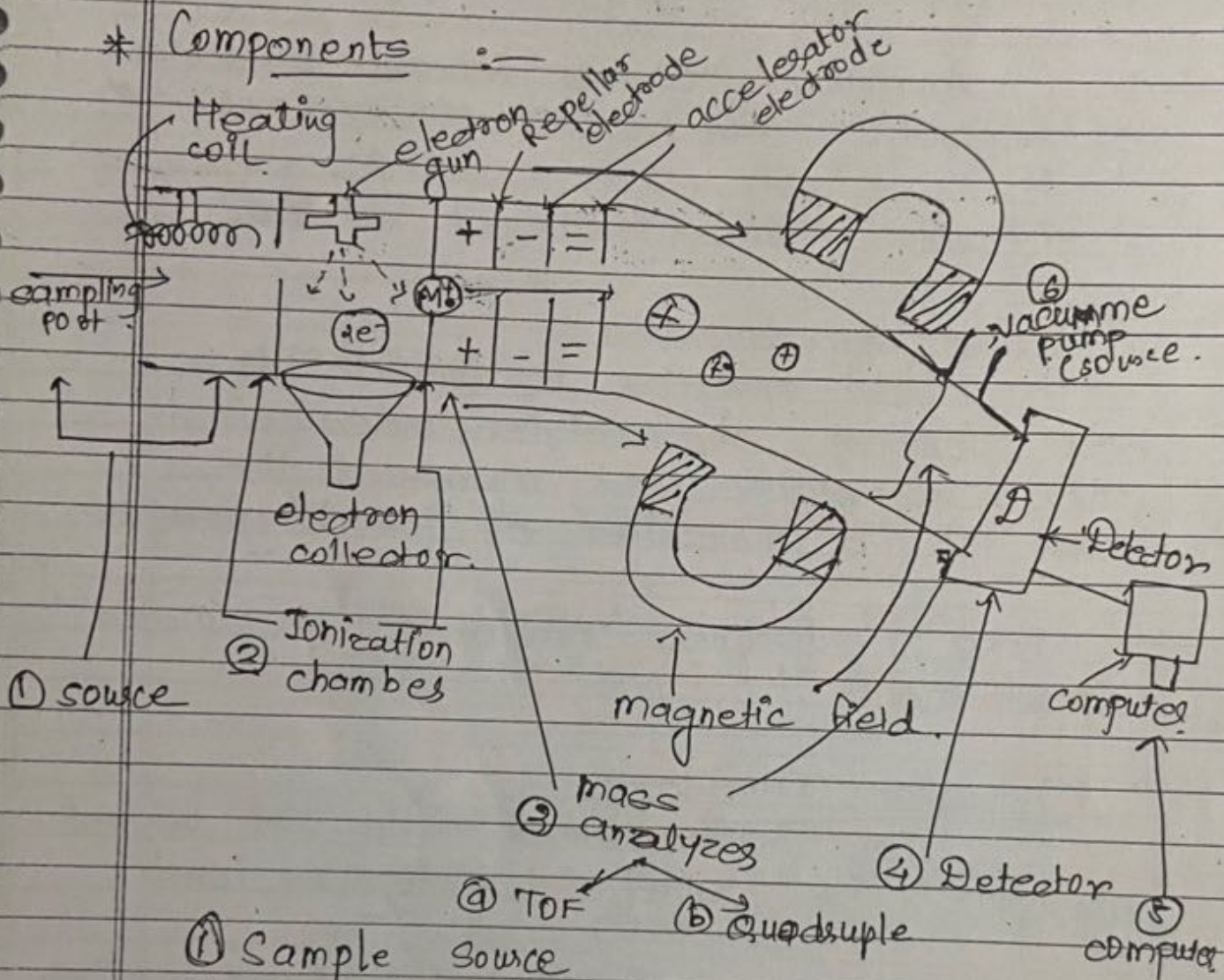
An unfragmented ions of original molecule is called "molecular ions"

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Ions that are formed by fragmentation of molecular ions  $\rightarrow$  are "fragment ions".

# : Instrumentation :-

## \* Components :-



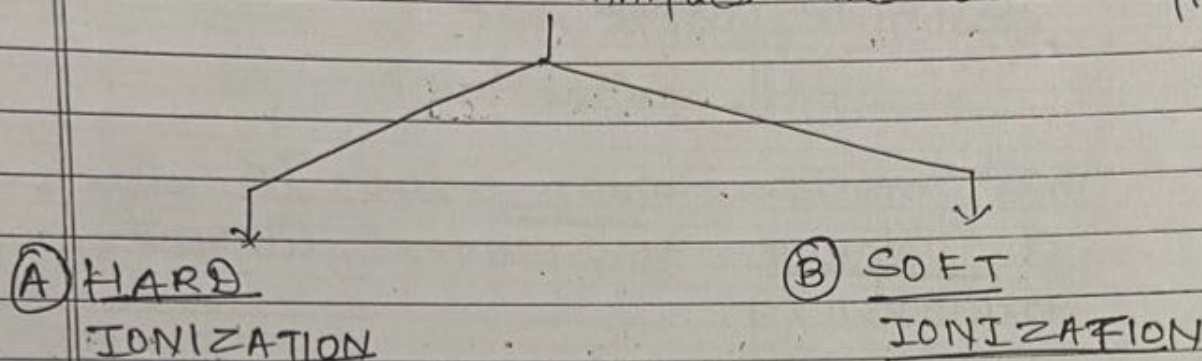
- ① Sample source
- ② Ionization chamber
- ③ Mass analyzer
  - ④ TOF
  - ⑤ Quadrupole
- ④ Detector
- ⑤ computer
- ⑥ Vacuum source

## ① Sample :-

→ Can be analyzed - solid, liquid, gas for  
 ↓  
 But these have to vaporize first by  
 Heating them

## ② Ionization Source :-

→ Ionization techniques are of 2 types



→ produces extensive fragmentation ions.

→ Very little fragmentation ions are produced.

→ ① Electron Ionization

→ ② ICP

① chemical ionization

② electrospray ionization

③ APCI

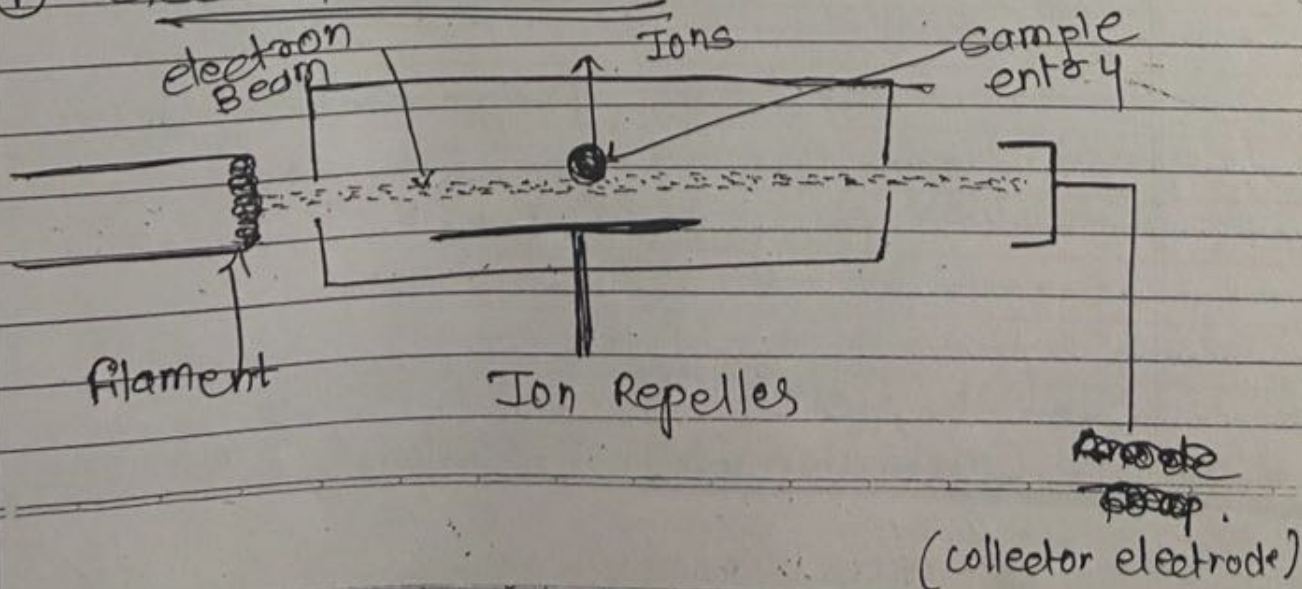
④ APPI

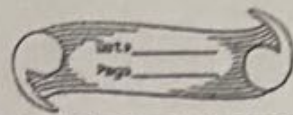
⑤ ~~IEP~~

⑤ MALDI

## (A) HARD IONIZATION :-

### ① Electron Ionization :-





→ Gas phase molecules are bombarded by electron emitted from a heated filament & attached to a collector electrode. ~~electrode~~ ~~ion~~

This process must occur in a vacuum to prevent filament oxidation.

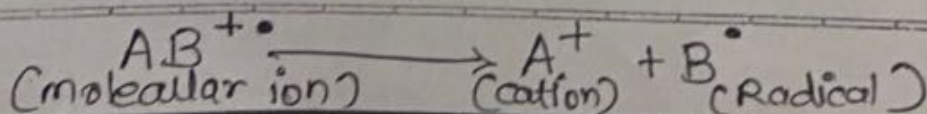
Potential difference will generate a electrodes with high energy

So there will be collision of electron  $e^-$  organic molecules

produces radical cation (molecular ~~cation~~ ion)

highly unstable

Undergo fragmentation into cation ion & radical - k/a "fragment ions"



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Cations are repelled out from the ionization chamber by an electrical field & introduced into mass analyzer by accelerating electrode.

→ Application :-

① GC-MS

② Inductive Coupled plasma :- ICP :-

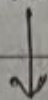
→ ICP source converts the atoms of the elements in the sample to ions.

→ ICP-MS → determination of trace elements & Heavy metal analysis in tissue / Body fluids.

→ extreme sensitivity.

Mechanism :-

Sample molecules are introduced in ICP ionizes in vapour form



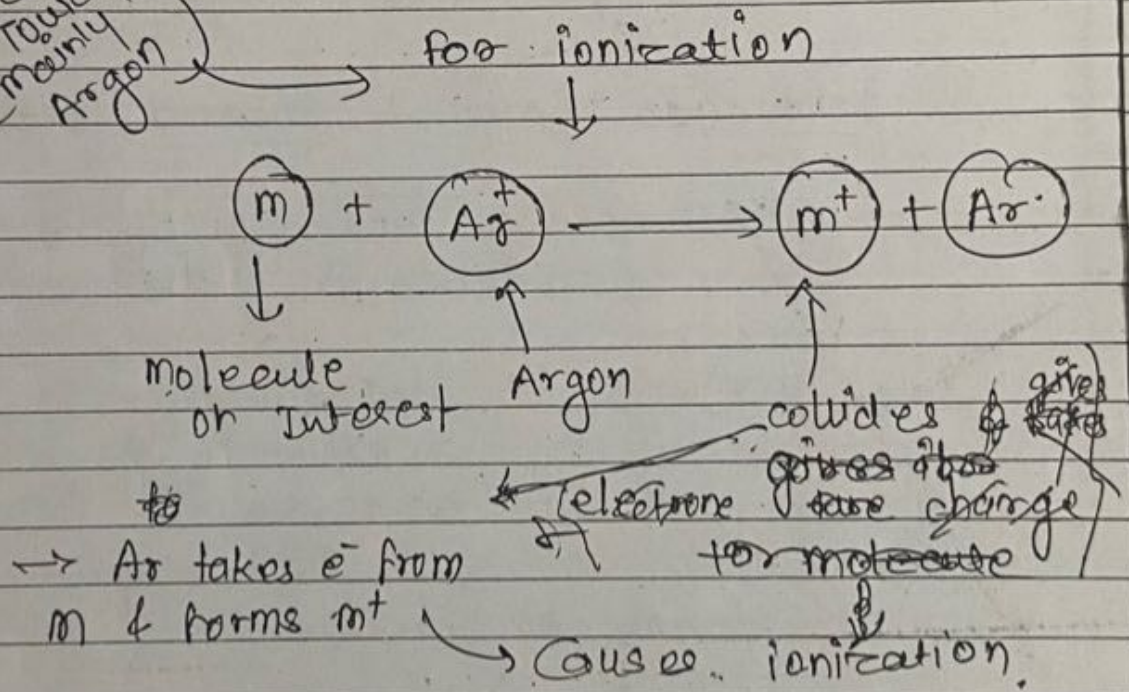
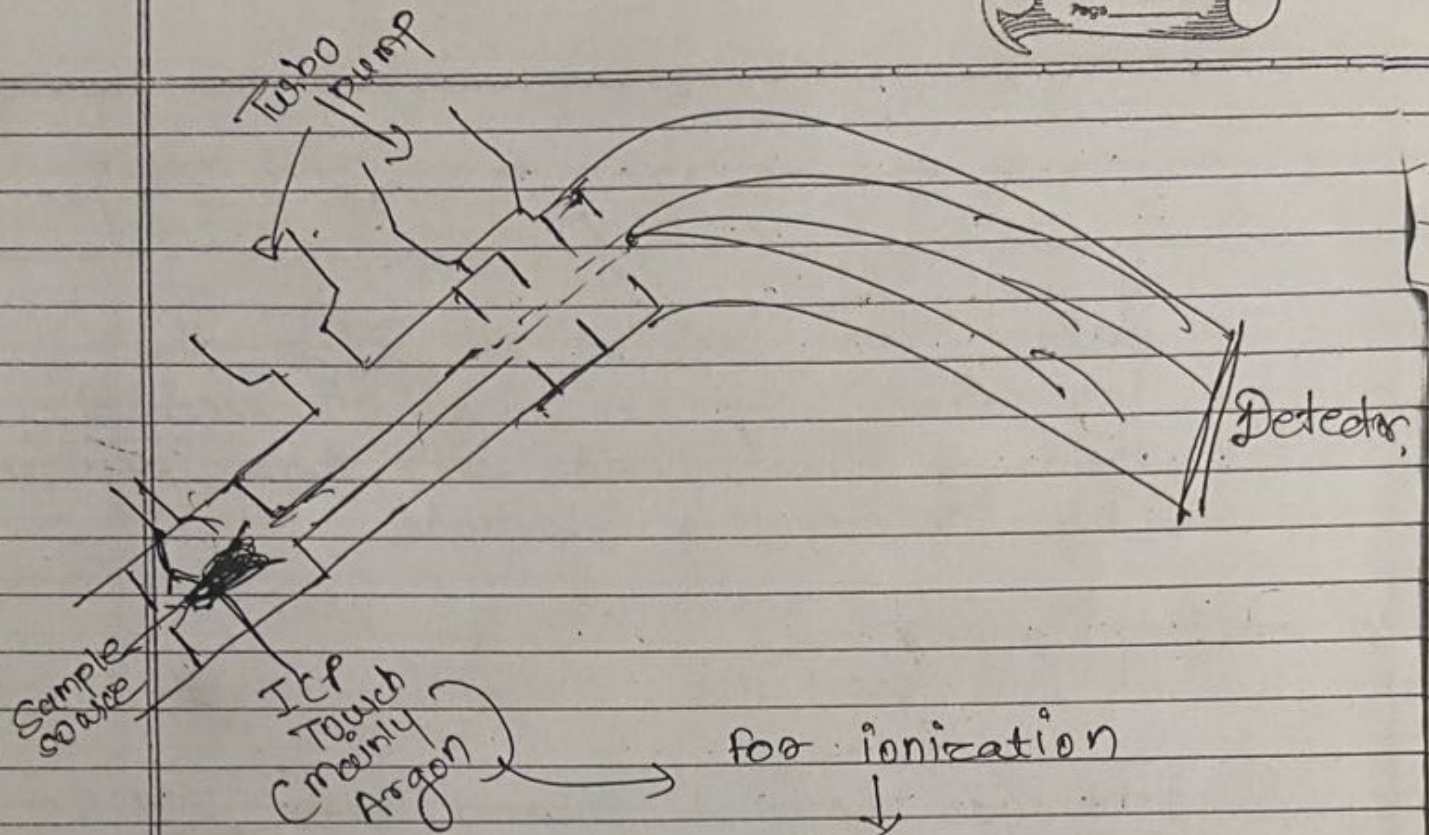
Breaks & ionizes the molecules



Separated from neutral molecules by sample cone



Ions form sharp beam & travels through analyzer



⇒ Plasma can be created by heating a gas or subjecting to a strong electromagnetic field applied with a laser or microwave generator.

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# B SOFT IONIZATION :-

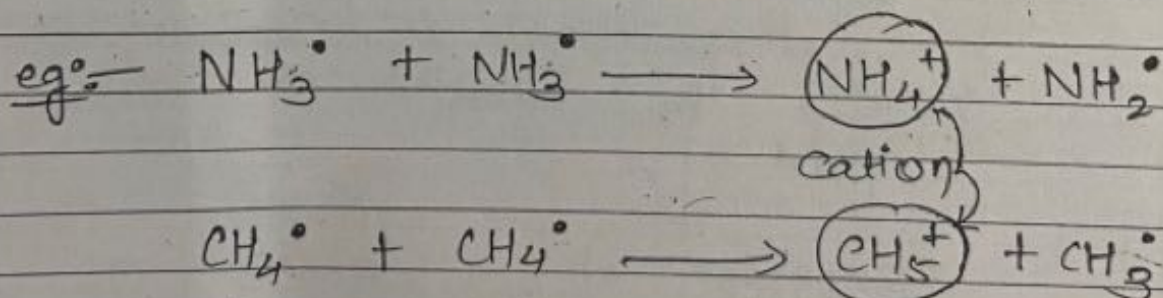
## ① Chemical Ionization :-

→ In this technique, a proton is transferred/gain from a gas phase analyte by a reagent gas molecule  
eg:- methane, ammonia.

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This reagent gas is heated

↓  
Generation of reactive gaseous species  
like  $\text{NH}_3^\bullet$ ,  $\text{CH}_3^\bullet$  ( $\text{NH}_4^+$ ,  $\text{CH}_5^+$ )

↓  
Interact with themselves



↓  
generation of cations

↓  
They will interact with analyte  
(proton donor)



converts the sample into truly charged molecule  
↓

These molecules (truly charged) are more stable

↓  
They undergoes less fragmentation

- application : ① GC-MS  
② -ve electron capture CI:  
for quantification of drugs like Benzodiazepine.

② Electrospray Ionization :

→ Samples are ionized at atmospheric pressure before introduction into the mass analyzer.  
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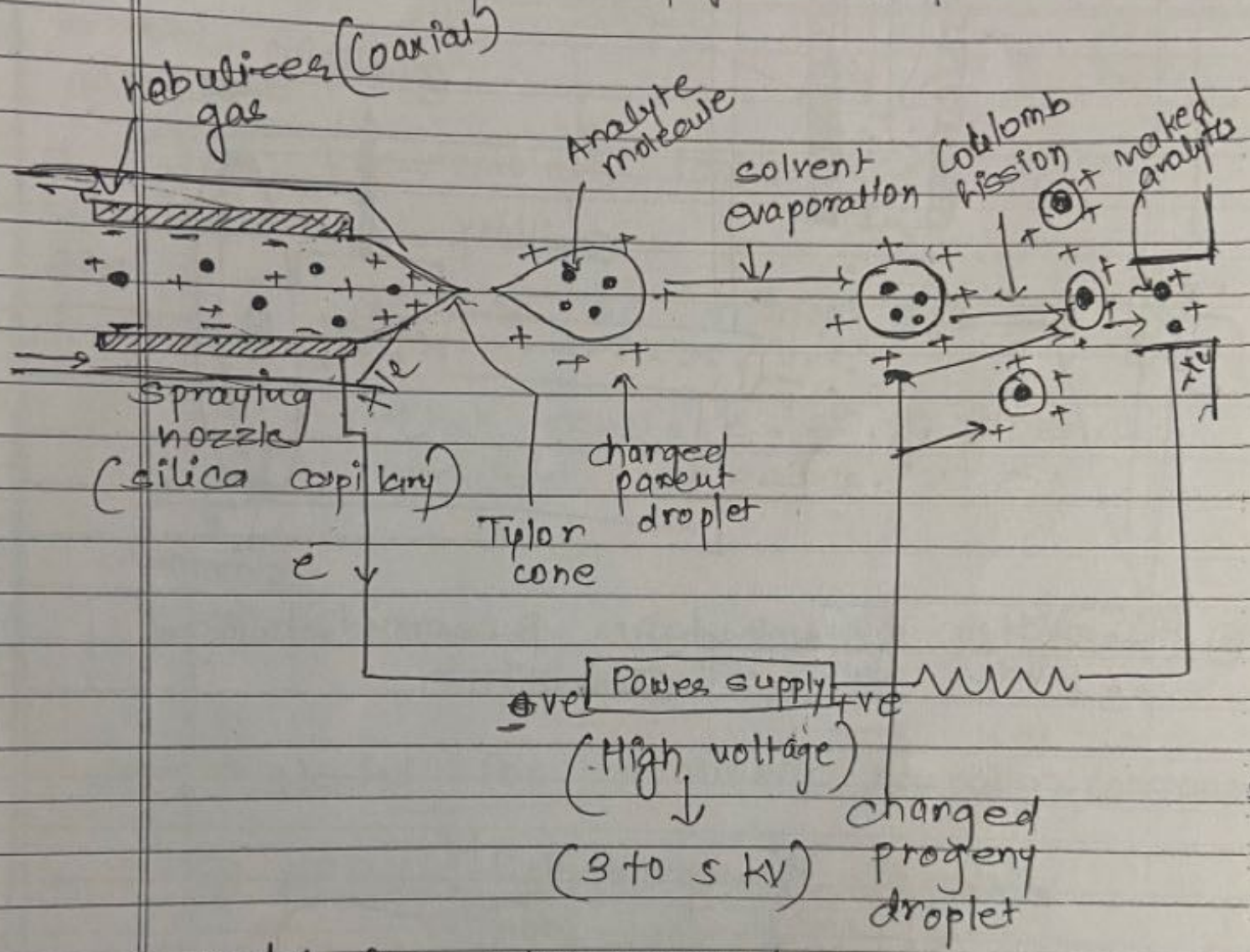
The sample typically an HPLC effluent, is passed through a narrow metal/fused silica capillary under high voltage  
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The partial charge separation b/w the liquid & capillary results in instability in the liquid  
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Expulsion of a series of charged droplets from a "Taylor cone" & forms at the tip of capillary.



→ It produces multiple charged ions.  
Resistivity from peptides & proteins.



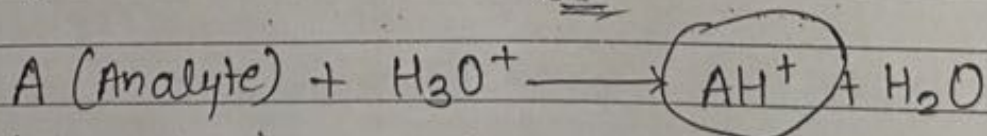
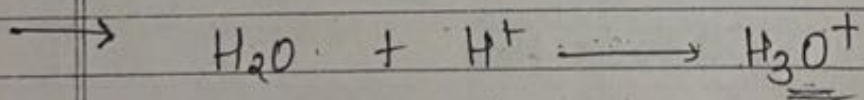
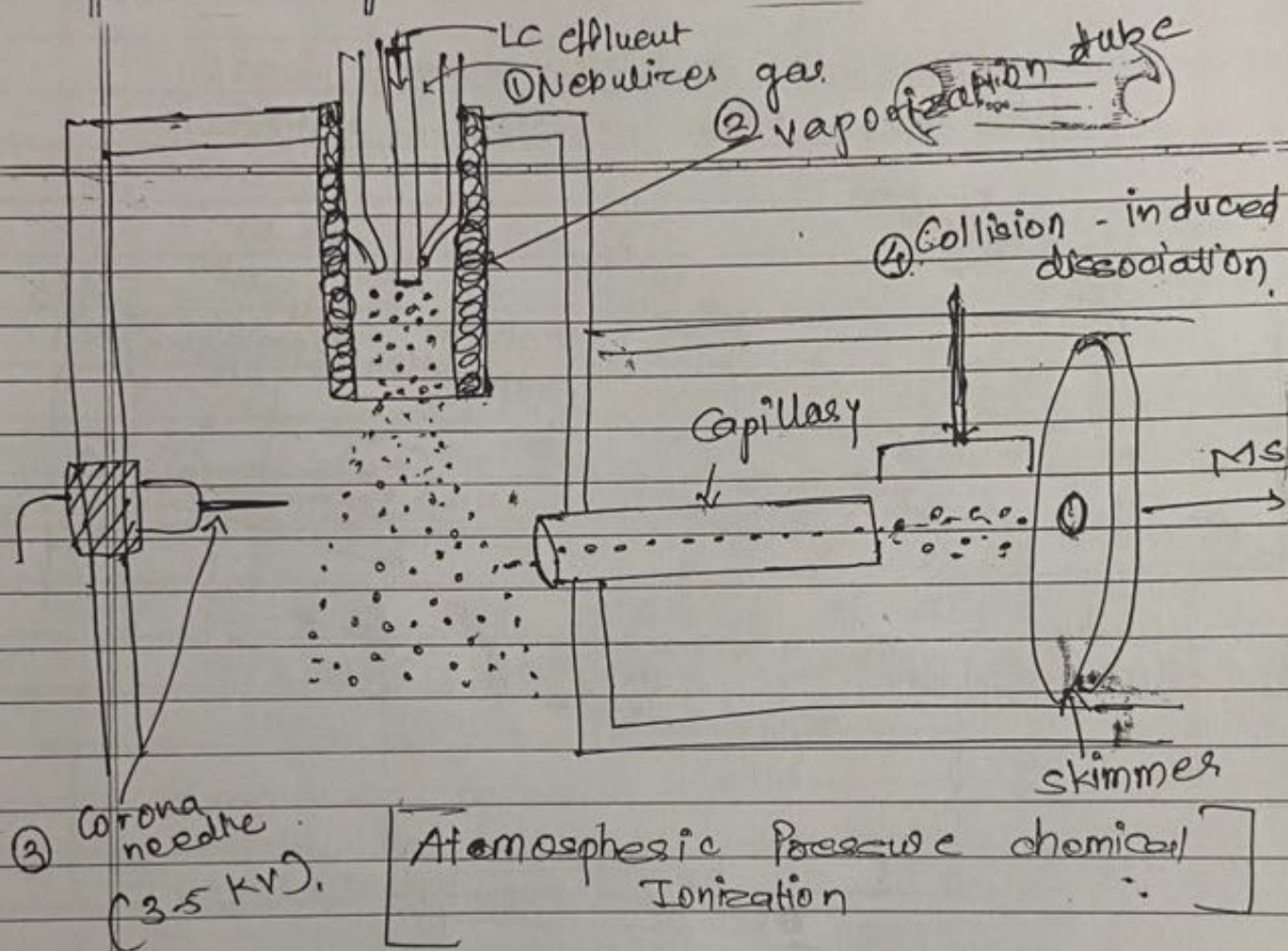
→ Useful for polar compounds

③ APCI :- Atmospheric Pressure Chemical Ionization :-

→ Same as ESI except no voltage is applied to the inlet capillary.

→ Key feature :- use of separate corona discharge needle to generate corona discharge.

→ Ions generated by corona discharge undergo - Ion : molecule reaction



Cation

Clusters on solvent + analytes.

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→ Solvent molecules (eg. ~~was~~ H<sub>2</sub>O) are  
+vt in excess relative to analytes  
in the sample

↓  
'predominantly ionize early

↓  
act as a reagent gas

↓  
that reacts  $\bar{z} e^0$  to ionize  
analyte molecules.

→ Skimmer - act as a curtain to  
deducts the ions.

→ Useful for relatively nonpolar compounds

④ APPI :- Atmospheric Pressure  
Photo Ionization :-

→ Same as APCI except an  
ultraviolet photon flux is used  
instead of corona discharge  
needle to generate ions.

⑤ - MALDI (Matrix Assisted Laser  
Desorption / Ionization)