

**characteristic mass,  $m_c$**

*in electrothermal atomization*

The mass of analyte which, when atomized electrothermally, produces the uniquely defined absorption signal.

**Source:**

PAC, 1992, 64, 253 (*Nomenclature, symbols, units and their usage in spectrochemical analysis - XII. Terms related to electrothermal atomization (IUPAC Recommendations 1992)*) on page 258