

carbenium centre

The three-coordinate carbon atom in a *carbenium ion* to which the excess positive charge of the ion (other than that located on heteroatoms) may be formally considered to be largely attributed, i.e. which has one vacant p-orbital. (N.B. It is not always possible to uniquely identify such an atom.) This formal attribution of charge often does not express the real charge distribution.

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