

diradicals

Molecular species having two unpaired electrons, in which at least two different electronic states with different multiplicities [electron-paired (singlet state) or electron-unpaired (triplet state)] can be identified, e.g. $\text{H}_2\dot{\text{C}}-\text{CH}_2\dot{\text{C}}\text{H}_2$ propane-1,3-diyl (trimethylene).

See also *biradical*.

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