

### $\lambda$ (**lambda**)

Signifies, with its superscript, the *bonding number*, i.e. the sum of the number of skeletal bonds to an atom and the number of hydrogen atoms associated with it in a parent hydride, real or hypothetical. Its usage in names of compounds is generally restricted to non-standard valence states.

1984, 56, 774; see also B.B. 465 and R.B. 245