

chirality centre

Synonym: centre of chirality

An atom holding a set of ligands in a spatial arrangement which is not superposable on its mirror image. A chirality centre is thus a generalized extension of the concept of the asymmetric carbon atom to central atoms of any element, for example $\text{N}^+ \text{abcd}$, Pabc as well as Cabed .

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