

Kekulé structure (for aromatic compounds)

A representation of an aromatic molecular entity (such as benzene), with fixed alternating single and double bonds, in which interactions between multiple bonds are assumed to be absent. For benzene:



and



are the Kekulé structures.

Source:

PAC, 1994, 66, 1077 (*Glossary of terms used in physical organic chemistry (IUPAC Recommendations 1994)*) on page 1132