

## **nonclassical carbocation**

A carbocation the ground state of which has delocalized (bridged) bonding  $\pi$ - or  $\sigma$ -electrons. (N.B. Allylic and benzylic carbocations are not considered nonclassical.)

**Source:**

PAC, 1994, 66, 1077 (*Glossary of terms used in physical organic chemistry (IUPAC Recommendations 1994)*) on page 1145