

***f*-functional branch point**

Branch point from which *f* linear chains emanate.

Notes:

1. Examples are three-, four- and five-functional, branch points.
2. Alternatively, the terms trifunctional, tetrafunctional, pentafunctional, *etc.* may be used.

See also: functionality

Source:

PAC, 2007, 79, 1801 (*Definitions of terms relating to the structure and processing of sols, gels, networks, and inorganic-organic hybrid materials (IUPAC Recommendations 2007)*) on page 1818