

## **ground state**

The state of lowest Gibbs energy of a system.

**See also:** excited state

**Source:**

PAC, 1994, 66, 1077 (*Glossary of terms used in physical organic chemistry (IUPAC Recommendations 1994)*) on page 1118

**See also:**

PAC, 1996, 68, 2223 (*Glossary of terms used in photochemistry (IUPAC Recommendations 1996)*) on page 2245  
Orange Book, p. 227