

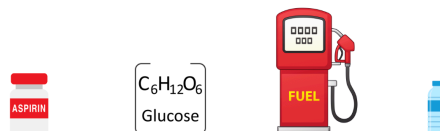
An Introduction to Organic Chemistry

What is Organic Chemistry?

- Organic chemistry is the study of compounds that contain _____ atoms bonded to hydrogen, and often to oxygen, nitrogen, halogens, and other elements.
- Why Carbon?
 - Carbon forms 4 strong _____ bonds.
 - Can form chains, rings, and complex structures.
 - Found in living organisms and many synthetic materials.

Importance of Organic Chemistry

- Basis of _____ molecules: carbohydrates, proteins, lipids, nucleic acids
- Used in medicine (pharmaceuticals), fuels (gasoline, propane), and materials (plastics, fabrics)
- Essential for understanding life processes and modern technology



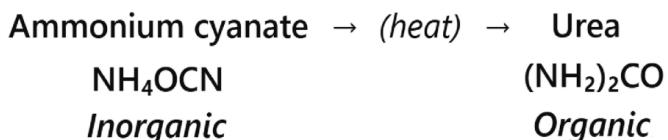
Vitalism Theory (Pre-1800s)

- Scientists believed that organic compounds could only be made by living organisms.
- They thought living cells had a special “vital force” necessary to make these substances.
- This made people believe lab _____ of organic compounds was impossible



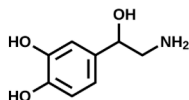
Friedrich Wöhler's Discovery (1828)

- Friedrich Wöhler accidentally synthesized urea (an organic compound found in urine) by heating ammonium cyanate, an inorganic salt.
- This shocked the scientific community—it showed that _____ compounds could be made in the lab.
- This marked the beginning of modern organic chemistry.



Organic vs. Inorganic

Organic Compounds	Inorganic Compounds
Contains carbon-hydrogen (C-H) bonds	Usually don't contain C-H bonds
Often found in living organisms	Often from non-living sources
Can be large and complex	Often smaller, simpler

**Bonding in Organic Molecules**

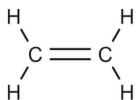
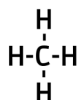
- Carbon can form:
 - Single bonds (alkanes)
 - Double bonds (alkenes)
 - Triple bonds (alkynes)
- Bonding types influence:
 - Shape of molecule
 - Reactivity
 - Physical _____ (boiling point, solubility, etc.)

Hydrocarbons

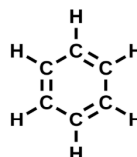
- Hydrocarbons are molecules made of only _____ and hydrogen.
- All atoms are bonded to each other by covalent bonds
- Divided into 2 classes:

Aliphatics

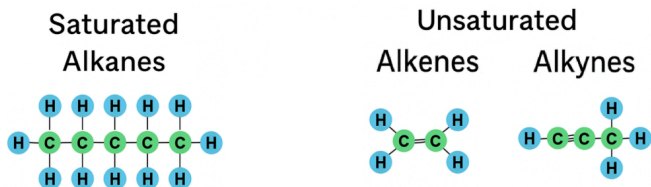
- Alkanes – single bonds only
- Alkenes – at least one double bond
- Alkynes – at least one triple bond

***Aromatics***

- Aromatic rings - often benzene



- Can be saturated or unsaturated:
 - *Saturated*: contain only single C-C bonds
 - *Unsaturated*: contain at least one double or triple C-C bond therefore fewer hydrogen atoms are attached than if all C-C bonds were single.



Aliphatics

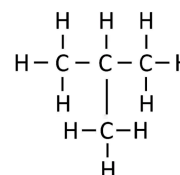
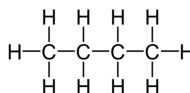
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Type	General Formula	"Suffix"	C-C bond
Alkane	C_nH_{2n+2}	ane	All single
Alkene	C_nH_{2n}	ene	one double
Alkyne	C_nH_{2n-2}	yne	one triple
*Cycloalkane	C_nH_{2n}	ane	All single
*Cycloalkene	C_nH_{2n-2}	ene	One double

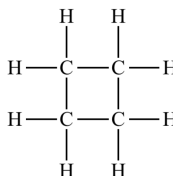
* For cyclic aliphatics, the prefix "cyclo" is used

Different Forms

- Straight Chain: one continuous chain
 - eg. Butane, C_4H_{10}
- Branched Chain:
 - contains at least one _____ (*substituent*) which takes the place of a Hydrogen atom
 - substituent can be an alkyl group (eg. methyl = CH_3) or a halogen atom
 - eg. Methylpropane, C_4H_{10}



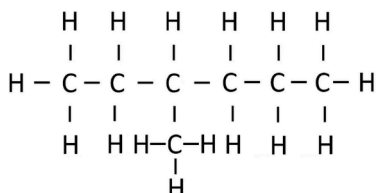
- Cyclic hydrocarbon: has a closed ring
 - eg. Cyclobutane, C_4H_8



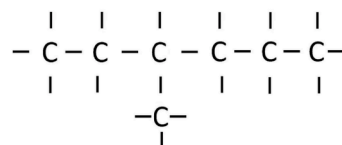
Representing Organic Compounds

Example: 3-methylhexane

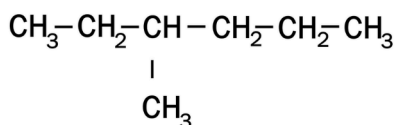
Complete Structural Diagram



Skeleton Structural Diagram



Condensed Structural Diagram



Line Structural Diagram

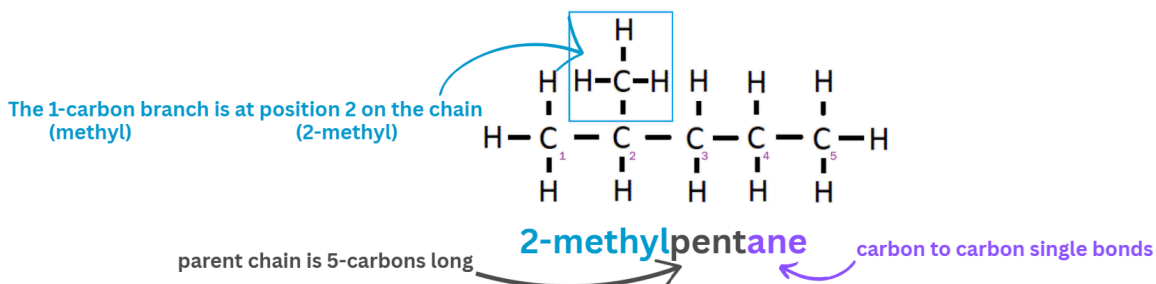


Prefixes used in Naming Hydrocarbons

# C atoms	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Prefix	<i>meth</i>	<i>eth</i>	<i>prop</i>	<i>but</i>	<i>pent</i>	<i>hex</i>	<i>hept</i>	<i>oct</i>	<i>non</i>	<i>dec</i>

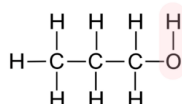
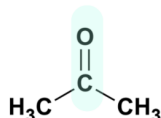
Naming Organic Compounds (IUPAC Basics)

- Prefix = number of carbon atoms (meth-, eth-, prop-, but-, pent-, etc.)
- Suffix = type of bonds or functional group
 - ane (alkane)
 - ene (alkene)
 - yne (alkyne)
- Number the carbon chain to give _____ possible numbers to double/triple bonds or branches



Functional Groups (Preview)

- Functional groups are specific atoms or groups that change the _____ of organic molecules.
- Examples:
 - Hydroxyl (-OH) → alcohols
 - Carboxyl (-COOH) → carboxylic acids
 - Amino (-NH₂) → amines
 - Halides (-Cl, -Br, -I)



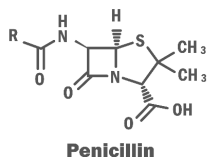
Physical Properties of Organic Compounds

1. Boiling and Melting Points
 - As the number of carbon atoms _____, so do the boiling and melting points.
2. Intermolecular Forces
 - Dispersion Forces increase with molecular size and number of electrons, making larger molecules harder to separate.
3. Physical State by Carbon Count
 - Small hydrocarbons = gases (1–4 carbons)
 - Medium-sized = liquids (5–16 carbons)
 - Large molecules = solids (17+ carbons)

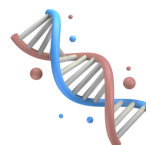
CH₄C₆H₁₈C₂₀H₄₂

Real-Life Applications

- Pharmaceuticals: aspirin, _____
- Fuel sources: methane, gasoline
- Household: rubbing alcohol, vinegar
- Biochemistry: DNA, proteins



Penicillin



Safety with Organic Compounds

- Many are _____ – handle with care
- Use in well-ventilated spaces
- Always wear gloves and goggles
- Dispose of according to lab protocol