Organic Compounds

- It used to be thought that only living things could synthesize the complicated carbon compounds found in cells
- German chemists in the 1800's learned how to do this in the lab, showing that "organic" compounds can be created by non-organic means.
- Today, <u>organic compounds</u> are those that contain carbon. (with a few exceptions such as carbon dioxide and diamonds)



Carbon's Bonding Pattern

- Carbon has 4 electrons in its outer shell. To satisfy the octet rule, it needs to share 4 other electrons. This means that each carbon atom forms 4 bonds.
 - The 4 bonds are in the form of a tetrahedron, a triangular pyramid.
- Carbon can form long chains, branched chains and rings.

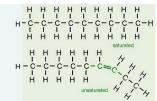
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 Compounds with just carbon and hydrogen are "hydrocarbons": non-polar compounds like fuels, oils and waxes.



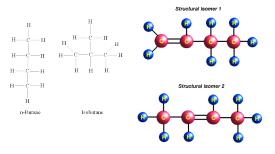
Saturated vs. Unsaturated

- Single Bonds -Saturated Hydrocarbons contain only single bonds. (They are saturated with the maximum number of hydrogen atoms.)
- Multiple Bonds Unsaturated Hydrocarbons contain at least one (or more) double or triple bond.



Isomers

Isomers – compounds that have identical chemical formulas but different molecular structures (shapes).



Organic Nomenclature

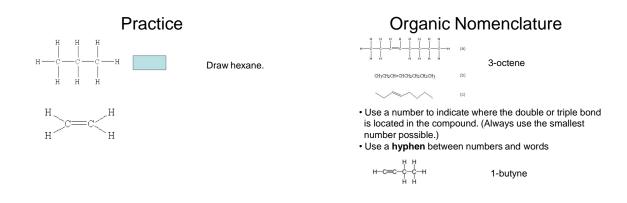
•	Prefix indicates
	the number of
	carbon atoms in
	the compound

1	meth
2	eth
3	prop
4	but
5	pent
6	hex
7	hept
8	oct
9	non
10	dec

Organic Nomenclature

Base word

- indicates the type of bond(s)in the compound
- -ane single bond -ene double bond -yne triple bond



Organic Nomenclature

- Alkanes C_nH_{2n+2} rule
- Alkenes C_nH_{2n} rule
- Alkynes C_nH_{2n-2} rule

Examples:

- butane C_4H_{10} ethene C_2H_4
- octane C_8H_{18} hex**yne** C_6H_{10}

Practice

What is the chemical formula for

- methane?
- 2-pentene?
- 3-nonyne?

Draw 1-butene