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.

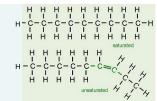
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 Compounds with just carbon and hydrogen are "hydrocarbons": non-polar compounds like fuels, oils and waxes.



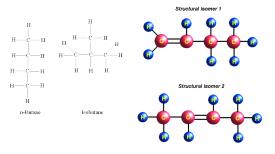
Saturated vs. Unsaturated

- 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

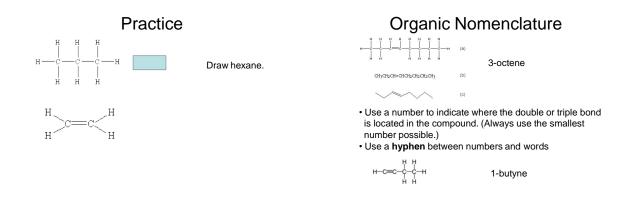
| • | Prefix indicates |
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| | the number of |
| | carbon atoms in |
| | the compound |
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| 1 | meth |
|----|------|
| 2 | eth |
| 3 | prop |
| 4 | but |
| 5 | pent |
| 6 | hex |
| 7 | hept |
| 8 | oct |
| 9 | non |
| 10 | dec |
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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