

#### **Chapter 3**

#### An Introduction to Organic Compounds

Nomenclature, Physical Properties, and Representation of Structure

#### Alkanes are hydrocarbons containing only single Bonds saturated (no more H's can be added) General formula: CnH2n+2

| Table 2.1 Nomenclature and Physical Properties of Straight-Chain Alkanes |                                |             |                                                                  |                       |                       |                                |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------------|
| Number<br>of carbons                                                     | Molecular<br>s formula         | Name        | Condensed structure                                              | Boiling<br>point (°C) | Melting<br>point (°C) | Density <sup>a</sup><br>(g/mL) |
| 1                                                                        | CH <sub>4</sub>                | methane     | $CH_4$                                                           | -167.7                | -182.5                |                                |
| 2                                                                        | $C_2H_6$                       | ethane      | CH <sub>3</sub> CH <sub>3</sub>                                  | -88.6                 | -183.3                |                                |
| 3                                                                        | $C_3H_8$                       | propane     | CH <sub>3</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>3</sub>                  | -42.1                 | -187.7                |                                |
| 4                                                                        | $C_4H_{10}$                    | butane      | CH <sub>3</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>3</sub>  | -0.5                  | -138.3                |                                |
| 5                                                                        | C <sub>5</sub> H <sub>12</sub> | pentane     | CH <sub>3</sub> (CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> CH <sub>3</sub>  | 36.1                  | -129.8                | 0.5572                         |
| 6                                                                        | $C_{6}H_{14}$                  | hexane      | CH <sub>3</sub> (CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>4</sub> CH <sub>3</sub>  | 68.7                  | -95.3                 | 0.6603                         |
| 7                                                                        | C <sub>7</sub> H <sub>16</sub> | heptane     | CH <sub>3</sub> (CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>5</sub> CH <sub>3</sub>  | 98.4                  | -90.6                 | 0.6837                         |
| 8                                                                        | $C_8H_{18}$                    | octane      | CH <sub>3</sub> (CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>6</sub> CH <sub>3</sub>  | 125.7                 | -56.8                 | 0.7026                         |
| 9                                                                        | $C_{9}H_{20}$                  | nonane      | CH <sub>3</sub> (CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>7</sub> CH <sub>3</sub>  | 150.8                 | -53.5                 | 0.7177                         |
| 10                                                                       | $C_{10}H_{22}$                 | decane      | CH <sub>3</sub> (CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>8</sub> CH <sub>3</sub>  | 174.0                 | -29.7                 | 0.7299                         |
| 11                                                                       | $C_{11}H_{24}$                 | undecane    | CH <sub>3</sub> (CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>9</sub> CH <sub>3</sub>  | 195.8                 | -25.6                 | 0.7402                         |
| 12                                                                       | $C_{12}H_{26}$                 | dodecane    | CH <sub>3</sub> (CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>10</sub> CH <sub>3</sub> | 216.3                 | -9.6                  | 0.7487                         |
| 13                                                                       | $C_{13}H_{28}$                 | tridecane   | CH <sub>3</sub> (CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>11</sub> CH <sub>3</sub> | 235.4                 | -5.5                  | 0.7546                         |
| :                                                                        | :                              | :           | :                                                                | :                     | ÷                     | :                              |
| 20                                                                       | $C_{20}H_{42}$                 | eicosane    | CH <sub>3</sub> (CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>18</sub> CH <sub>3</sub> | 343.0                 | 36.8                  | 0.7886                         |
| 21                                                                       | $C_{21}H_{44}$                 | heneicosane | CH <sub>3</sub> (CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>19</sub> CH <sub>3</sub> | 356.5                 | 40.5                  | 0.7917                         |
| ÷                                                                        | :                              | :           | :                                                                | :                     | :                     | :                              |
| 30                                                                       | $C_{30}H_{62}$                 | triacontane | CH <sub>3</sub> (CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>28</sub> CH <sub>3</sub> | 449.7                 | 65.8                  | 0.8097                         |

<sup>a</sup>Density is temperature dependent. The densities given are those determined at 20 °C ( $d^{20^\circ}$ ).

## Drawing chemical structures

Several shorthand methods have been developed to write structures.

Condensed structures don't have C-H or C-C single bonds shown



#### 2-Methylbutane

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- Straight-chain alkane: An alkane that has all its carbons connected in a row (normal alkanes).
- Branched-chain alkane: An alkane that has a branching connection of carbons.



#### **Constitutional (Structural) Isomers**

- Isomers that differ in how their atoms are arranged in chains are called constitutional isomers
- Compounds other than alkanes can be constitutional isomers of one another
- They must have the same molecular formula to be isomers

| Different carbon<br>skeletons              |                                    | and | СНаСНаСНаСНа                     |
|--------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|-----|----------------------------------|
| 64110                                      | 2-Methylpropane                    | unu | Butane                           |
| Different functional                       | CH <sub>3</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> OH | and | CH <sub>3</sub> OCH <sub>3</sub> |
| groups<br>C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>6</sub> O  | Ethanol                            |     | Dimethyl ether                   |
| Different position of<br>functional groups | NH <sub>2</sub>                    | and |                                  |
| C <sub>3</sub> H <sub>9</sub> N            |                                    | and |                                  |
| © 2007 Thomson Higher Education            | isopropylamine                     |     | Propylamine                      |

• Alkyl group (R) : The part of an alkane that remains when a hydrogen atom is removed.



# **Common Alkyl Groups**



### Types of Alkyl groups





Primary carbon (1°) is bonded to one other carbon.

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Tertiary carbon (3°) is bonded to three other carbons.



Quaternary carbon (4°) is bonded to four other carbons.



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#### Different Kinds of Carbons and Hydrogens





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#### Nomenclature of Alkanes

The Name has **Prefix+Parent + Suffix** 

1. Determine the number of carbons in the longest continuous chain and Number the chain so that the substituent gets the lowest number



2. Number the substituents to yield the lowest possible number in the number of the compound



3. If the same substituent numbers are obtained in both directions, the first group cited receives the lower number



# Give the systematic name of the alkanes shown below.



4-ethyl-2,2,7-trimethylnonane

Cycloalkanes:  $C_n H_{2n}$ 



#### Cycloalkanes contain rings of carbon atoms.

#### Nomenclature of Cycloalkanes

1. No number is needed for a single substituent on a ring



2. Name the two substituents in alphabetical order







1-methyl-2-propylcyclopentane © 2011 Pearson Education, Inc.

1-ethyl-3-methylcyclopentane

1,3-dimethylcyclohexane

# **Boiling Points of Alkanes**

Branched alkanes have less surface area contact, so weaker intermolecular forces Less boiling points.



# Arrange the following compounds in order of decreasing their boiling points ?



A) 1< 2 < 3<4 C) 2 < 3 < 1<4 B) 1<4< 3 < 2 D) 4<1 < 3 < 2

#### Conformations of Alkanes: Rotation about Carbon–Carbon Bonds



staggered conformer from rotation about the C - C bond in ethane

eclipsed conformer from rotation about the C — C bond in ethane

#### **Different Conformations of Ethane**



A staggered conformer is more stable than an eclipsed conformer

# Heats of Combustion/CH<sub>2</sub> Alkane + $O_2 \rightarrow CO_2 + H_2O$



#### Q Which of the following correctly ranks the cycloalkanes in order of <u>increasing</u> ring strain per methylene?

- A) cyclopropane < cyclobutane < cyclohexane < cyclopentane
- B) cyclohexane < cyclopentane < cyclobutane < cyclopropane
- C) cyclohexane < cyclobutane < cyclopentane < cyclopropane
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- D) cyclopentane < cyclopropane < cyclobutane < cyclohexane

#### **Chair Conformer**



chair conformation



viewed along the "seat" bonds





Newman projection

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### **Axial and Equatorial Positions**



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# Steric Strain of 1,3-Diaxial Interaction in Methylcyclohexane



#### Ring Flipping in Cyclohexane



#### 1,3-Diaxial Interactions



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#### **Cis-Trans Isomerism in Cycloalkanes**

- Cycloalkanes are less flexible than open-chain alkanes.
- Much less conformational freedom in cycloalkanes.
- Therefore, isomerism is possible in substituted cycloalkanes
- There are two different 1,2-dimethyl-cyclopropane isomers



#### **Geometric Isomers**



Same side: cis-

cis-1,2-dimethylcyclohexane



Opposite side: trans-

trans-1-ethyl-2-methylcyclohexane

# **Cis-Trans Isomerism**



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- · Cis: like groups on same side of ring
- Trans: like groups on opposite sides of ring

#### Cis-trans Isomerism of Di-substituted cyclohexane

- 1,2 disubstituted
- -Trans is **diax** or **dieq** (most stable)
- -Cis is one is **ax** and one is **eq**
- 1,3 disubstituted
- -Trans is one is **ax** and one is **eq**
- -Cis is diax or dieq (most stable)
- 1,4 disubstituted (as 1,2)