## **Organic Chemistry**

- = chemistry of **CARBON** compounds
- found in all living things, + coal, petroleum, etc.
- can also be synthesized
- huge number of organic compounds!
- why??
  - > carbon has four valence electrons
  - > can make up to 4 bonds
  - > forms chains, rings, branches, sheets, sphere etc.
  - > forms single, double, triple bonds
  - > ISOMERS = substances with same molecular formula but different structure

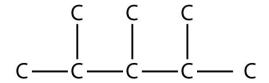
ex. C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>22</sub> has 75 isomers!!!!

## **Hydrocarbons (HC)**

- contain only carbon & hydrogen
- all other organic molecules are derivatives of HC
  - > H replaced by other atoms
- largest C-chain is called C-backbone

$$c--c--c--c$$

- simple straight chain / unbranched HC
- more complex branched HC



- reactivity of HC depends on the number & type of multiple bonds
- if all single C-C bonds
  - > stable
  - > can not incorporate additional atoms
    - = SATURATED
- HC with at least one double or triple C-C bond
  - > bonds can be broken and additional atoms incorporated
    - = UNSATURATED

#### **Alkanes**

- contain only single bonds → saturated
- can be straight chained or branched
- low boiling point
- b.p. ↑ with ↑ number of atoms
- mostly liquid and nonpolar
- simplest alkane = CH4 = **methane** 
  - > produced during anaerobic decomposition of organic substances
- as alkanes grow/increase in length, addition of CH2
  - > C2H6 = ethane
  - > C<sub>3</sub>H8 = propane

general formula =  $C_nH_{2n+2}$ 

tetrahedral structure (p.216)

# **Naming Hydrocarbons**

• based on number of C atoms

number of C atoms	<u>prefix</u>	<u>hint</u>
1	meth-	$\mathbf{M}$ r
2	eth-	<b>E</b> instein
3	prop-	Please
4	but-	<b>B</b> ring
5	pent-	<b>P</b> enelope
6	hex-	Home
7	hept-	Her
8	oct-	<b>O</b> veralls
9	non-	Need
10	dec-	<b>D</b> rycleaning

#### Rules:

- 1) count longest chain (parent)
  - this gets ending of parent (alkanes= -ane)

Try #2, p.218

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#### **Substituted hydrocarbons:**

- number C-atoms in parent
- give number of each alkyl group followed by name of alkyl group
- if more than one group, use alphabetical order
- if same group is repeated, use di, tri, etc.
- should have lowest numbers possible

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \operatorname{CH_3-CH-CH_2-CH-CH_2-CH_3} \\ \operatorname{CH_3} & \operatorname{CH_3} \end{array}$$