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Names	Names and Molecular Formulas of the First Ten Alkanes									
Name	Number of carbons	Molecular formula	Structural formula	Number of structural isomers	0	Alkanes with carbon chains that				
methane	1	CH <sub>4</sub>	CH <sub>4</sub>	1	Ŭ	are unbranched are called normal				
ethane	2	C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>6</sub>	CH <sub>3</sub> CH <sub>3</sub>	1		alkanes or n-alkanes.				
propane	3	C <sub>3</sub> H <sub>8</sub>	CH <sub>3</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>3</sub>	1	0	Each member of this series differs				
butane	4	$C_4H_{10}$	CH <sub>3</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>3</sub>	2		from the next higher and the next lower member by a -CH <sub>2</sub> - group				
pentane	5	$C_5H_{12}$	CH <sub>3</sub> (CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> CH <sub>3</sub>	3		(called a methylene group).				
hexane	6	C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>14</sub>	CH <sub>3</sub> (CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>4</sub> CH <sub>3</sub>	5	0	Members of such a series have				
heptane	7	C <sub>7</sub> H <sub>16</sub>	CH <sub>3</sub> (CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>5</sub> CH <sub>3</sub>	9		similar chemical and physical				
octane	8	C <sub>8</sub> H <sub>18</sub>	CH <sub>3</sub> (CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>6</sub> CH <sub>3</sub>	18		gradually as carbon atoms are				
nonane	9	C <sub>9</sub> H <sub>20</sub>	CH <sub>3</sub> (CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>7</sub> CH <sub>3</sub>	35		added to the chain.				
decane	10	C <sub>10</sub> H <sub>22</sub>	CH <sub>3</sub> (CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>8</sub> CH <sub>3</sub>	75		General Line 6 Dr Mohamed E Neweby				





# THE STRUCTURES OF ALKANES

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• The molecular formula of a substance tells us the numbers of different atoms present.

• Structural formula tells us how those atoms are arranged.

**ISOMERISM** 



- **Isomers** are molecules with the same number and kinds of atoms but different arrangements of the atoms.
- **Structural (or constitutional) isomers** are compounds that have the same molecular formula, but different structural formulas.



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# IUPAC RULES FOR NAMING ALKANES GENERAL NOTES

- **1.** The general name for acyclic saturated hydrocarbons is **alkanes**. The **-ane** ending is used for all saturated hydrocarbons.
- 2. Alkanes without branches are named according to the number of carbon atoms.
- **3.** For alkanes with branches, the root name is that of the longest continuous chain of carbon atoms.
- 4. Groups attached to the main chain are called substituents.
- 5. Saturated substituents that contain only carbon and hydrogen are called alkyl groups.
- 6. The main chain is numbered in such a way that the first substituent along the chain receives the lowest possible number.

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# **IUPAC RULES FOR NAMING ALKANES**

- 7. Each substituent is then located by its name and by the number of the carbon atom to which it is attached.
- 8. When two or more identical groups are attached to the main chain, prefixes such as *di-, tri-,* and *tetra-* are used.
- **9.** If two or more different types of substituents are present, they are listed **alphabetically,** except that prefixes such as *di* and *tri* are not considered when alphabetizing.
- **10.** Punctuation is important when writing IUPAC names.
  - IUPAC names for hydrocarbons are written as one word.
  - Numbers are separated from each other by commas and are separated from letters by hyphens.
  - There is no space between the last named substituent and the name of the parent alkane that follows it.

























# <section-header> PHYSICAL PROPERTIES OF ALKANES Income properties that can be observed without the compound undergoing a chemical reaction. Physical State Akanes occur at room temperature are gases, liquids, and solids. I che cha are gases, C to ch are gases, C to ch are gases, C to ch are liquids, C to ch are liquids, C to cha are gases are wax - like solids. Poublity Alkanes are nonpolar compounds. Alkanes are soluble in the nonpolar solvents; C arbon tetrachloride, CCl<sub>4</sub> and benzene, Alkanes are insoluble in polar solvents like water.



# SOURCES OF ALKANES

• The two principal sources of alkanes are petroleum and natural gas.

#### Petroleum

- Petroleum is at present our most important fossil fuel.
- **Petroleum** is a complex mixture of hydrocarbons formed over eons of time through the gradual decay of buried animal and vegetable matter.
- Crude oil is a viscous black liquid that collects in vast underground pockets in sedimentary rock.
- $\circ\,$  It must be brought to the surface via drilling and pumping. To be most useful, the crude oil must be refined.
- The first step in petroleum refining is usually **distillation**.

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#### **Petroleum Refining**

- **Refining** is a process done by distilling the petroleum into fractions of different boiling and then treating the distilled petroleum in various ways to remove the undesirable components.
- $\circ~$  The most volatile components come out first

The less volatile components come out next

And the highest boiling components (those that boil at temperatures above 400°C) remain behind as residues.

 $\circ$  The refined products of petroleum, known as petrochemicals,

They are used as raw materials in the manufacture of many useful finish products.

# SOURCES OF ALKANES

Boiling range, °C	Name	Range of carbon atoms per molecule	Use
<20	gases	C <sub>1</sub> to C <sub>4</sub>	heating, cooking, petrochemical raw material
20–200	naphtha; straight-run gasoline	$C_5$ to $C_{12}$	fuel; lighter fractions (such as petroleum ether, bp 30°C–60°C) also used as laboratory solvents
200-300	kerosene	C <sub>12</sub> to C <sub>15</sub>	fuel
300-400	fuel oil	C <sub>15</sub> to C <sub>18</sub>	heating homes, diesel fuel
>400		over C <sub>18</sub>	lubricating oil, greases, paraffin waxes, asphalt



# SOURCES OF ALKANES

#### **Octane Number**

- Octane numbers decrease with increasing chain length and increase with increasing branching.
- $\circ\,$  The octane number of a poor fuel can also be improved by blending it with small amounts of additives.
- Tetraethyllead,  $(C_2H_5)_4$  Pb, is an efficient antiknock agent.

#### but has one disadvantage:

its combustion product, lead oxide, is reduced to metallic lead that clogs the cylinder valves of an engine.

• Other additives such as TCP (tricresyl phosphate) and boron hydrides have also enhanced the performance of many gasolines.

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PREPAR	ATION OF ALKANES	
3. Reductio	on of Alkyl halides By lithium dialkyl cuprate	
	(CH <sub>3</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> CuLi <b>+</b> CH <sub>3</sub> Br → CH <sub>3</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>3</sub>	
<b>4. The Wur</b> two alkyl ha	<b>tz reaction</b> lides are reacted with sodium to form a new carbon-carbon bond.	
	$2R-X + 2Na \rightarrow R-R + 2Na^+X^-$	
2	$H_3C$ Br + 2 Na $\rightarrow$ $H_3C$ $CH_3$ + 2 NaBr	
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# **REACTIONS OF ALKANES** • All of the bonds in alkanes are single, covalent, and nonpolar. • Hence alkanes are relatively inert and they are called Paraffinic hydrocarbons. ( Latin parum, little; affinis, affinity). • Alkanes ordinarily do not react with most common acids, bases, or oxidizing and reducing agents. • Alkanes can be used as solvents. • Alkanes do react with some reagents, such as molecular oxygen and the halogens. **Combustion** $- \stackrel{H}{C} - + o_2 \xrightarrow{heat} CO_2 + H_2O + heat$ $- \stackrel{H}{C} - + X_2 \xrightarrow{heat} \stackrel{Heat}{Or} - \stackrel{H}{C} + HX (X_2=G_2 or Br_2)$ An alkane





























