

**Hydrocarbons:**

Hydrocarbons: Molecules that contain only Carbon and Hydrogen

Pure Hydrocarbons - mainly used for fuel

Carbons:

- Make 4 bonds (covalent)
- "Organic Chemistry" - chemicals that contain carbon

**Definitions:**

Structural Formula:

- Shows the structure without showing each atom and bond.

Empirical Formulae:

- The simplest whole number ratio for atoms of different elements in a compound.
- (ionic compound always shown as empirical formulae)


Molecular Formulae:

- Shows the actual/total number of atoms of different elements in one molecule of a compound.

Displayed Formulae:

- Shows all the bonds between atoms in a molecule.

Homologous Group:

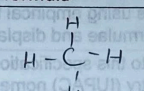
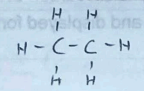
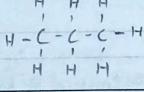
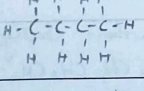
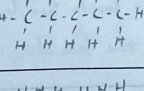
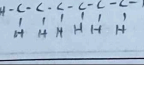
- A family of compounds with similar chemical properties and in which the formula differ by 

The same general formula

**Alkanes**

- Hydrocarbon molecules in which all the carbons are joined by single bonds.
- Saturated Molecules - only single bonds.

- General Formula:  $C_n H_{2n+2}$

Name	No. of C atoms	Displayed formula	Structural formulae	Molecular formulae	Empirical formulae
Methane	1		$CH_4$	$CH_4$	$CH_4$
Ethane	2		$CH_3CH_3$	$C_2H_6$	$CH_3$
Propane	3		$CH_3CH_2CH_3$	$C_3H_8$	$C_3H_8$
Butane	4		$CH_3CH_2CH_2CH_3$ $[CH_3(CH_2)_2CH_3]$	$C_4H_{10}$	$C_2H_5$
Pentane	5		$CH_3CH_2CH_2CH_2CH_3$ $[CH_3(CH_2)_3CH_3]$	$C_5H_{12}$	$C_5H_{12}$
Hexane	6		$CH_3CH_2CH_2CH_2CH_2CH_3$ $[CH_3(CH_2)_4CH_3]$	$C_6H_{14}$	$C_2H_7$

## Alkenes

- Hydrocarbons with at least one double bond between pairs of carbon atoms.
- Unsaturated molecules - double bonds present.
- General Formula:  $C_n H_{2n}$

Name	No. of C atoms	Displayed formula	Structural formulae	Molecular formulae	Empirical formulae
Hexene	6		$CH_2=CH(CH_2)_3CH_3$	$C_6H_{12}$	$CH_2$
Ethene	2		$CH_2=CH_2$	$C_2H_4$	$CH_2$
Propene	3		$CH_2=CHCH_3$	$C_3H_6$	$CH_2$
Butene	4		$CH_2=CHCH_2CH_3$	$C_4H_8$	$CH_2$
Pentene	5		$CH_2=CH(CH_2)_2CH_3$	$C_5H_{10}$	$CH_2$

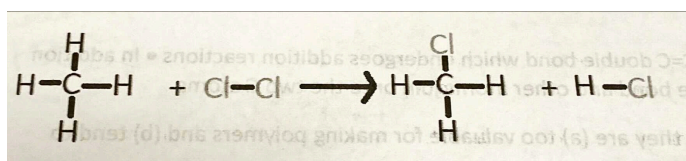
## Alkane Reactions

### Three types of reactions:

- Addition: Molecules are added to an organic compound.
- Substitution: Atom or functional group is replaced by a different atom or functional group.
- Elimination: A small molecule is removed from an organic compound.

- Alkanes react with Chlorine ( $Cl_2$ ) in UV light.

Ex.



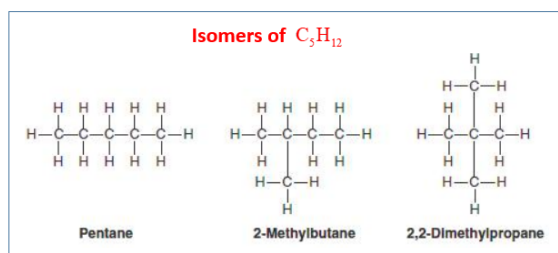
## Alkene Reactions (addition reaction)

- Alkenes are very reactive due to the double Carbon bond - addition reactions occur easily.
  - The double Carbon bond becomes a single Carbon bond.
  - Only the double bonded Carbon atoms react.
- Alkenes are rarely burned, as they are too valuable to make polymers and often result in incomplete combustion.
- Alkenes react and decolourise Bromine water - used to test for double Carbon bonds.
- Reaction with Bromine  $\rightarrow$  Dibromoalkanes

## Isomers

- Same compounds, but with different arrangements.

Ex.



## Crude Oil

- A mixture of hydrocarbons.
- Useless by itself - it must be processed or refined/saturated (into groups called fractions)
- Fractions are mixtures - they have a range of boiling points.
- The fraction of Crude Oil (from top to bottom in fractionating column):
  - Fuel/Refinery Gases - cooking.
  - Gasoline - petrol for cars.
  - Kerosene - fuel for planes and jets.
  - Diesel (gas oil) - fuel for trucks, lorry, diesel engines.
  - Fuel Oil - Ship fuel.
  - Bitumen - for roads

## Fractionating Columns

- Fractionating columns are hotter at the bottom and cooler at the top.
- There are several steps to separate fractions in a fractionating column (fractional distillation)
  1. Heat the crude oil
  2. Pass it through a fractionating column - entering from the bottom and rising up the column.
  3. The column is hotter at the bottom and cooler at the top.
  4. Fractions/compounds/molecules of hydrocarbons separate due to the different boiling points.
  5. The compounds then condense and are collected in appropriate stages of the column/refinery.

## Properties of Hydrocarbons

- The longer the chain of hydrocarbons (the larger the hydrocarbon molecule), the higher the boiling points.
- The molecules have covalent bonds that are still present after heated, and only the intermolecular forces are broken (not the molecules themselves)
  - The intermolecular forces are stronger in larger molecules, and therefore require more energy to break to forces between the molecules - meaning higher boiling points.

	Small Hydrocarbons	Large Hydrocarbons
<b>Boiling Points</b>	Low boiling point	High boiling point
<b>Flammability</b>	Easy to ignite	Difficult to ignite
<b>Cleanliness (of flame)</b>	Clean Flame	Smoky flame (soot)
<b>Viscosity</b>	Runny	Viscous

## **Catalytic Crackling**

- Crude oil has more heavier fractions than light ones - there is a higher demand for lighter fraction as they are more useful.
- Catalytic Crackling - breaking down long chains of hydrocarbons to get lighter hydrocarbons for meeting demand of lighter hydrocarbons.
  - Breaking down large into smaller molecules using catalyst (thermal decomposition reaction)
- Hydrocarbons are heated to become gas:
  - Mixed with a catalyst.
  - Molecules break apart (into shorter chains).
  - Smaller alkanes and alkenes are formed.
- At least one unsaturated compound is formed.
- This process requires:
  - Catalysts - silica or alumina
  - A temperature of 600~700°C
- These smaller molecules are used to make plastics, and other chemicals.