Chapter 2Unsaturated Hydrocarbons





Chapter Objectives:

- Learn to recognize the difference between saturated and unsaturated hydrocarbons
- Learn to recognize the alkene, alkyne, and aromatic functional groups
- Learn the IUPAC system for naming alkenes, alkynes, and aromatic rings
- Learn the important physical properties of the unsaturated hydrocarbons
- Learn the major chemical reaction of alkenes, and learn how to predict the products of halogenation, hydrogenation, addition of acids, and hydration reactions.
- Learn the important characteristics of addition polymers.

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Unsaturated Hydrocarbons

• **Saturated Hydrocarbons** — contain only carbon-carbon single bonds.

• Unsaturated Hydrocarbons — contain carboncarbon double or triple bonds (more hydrogens can be added).

Alkenes

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Alkenes

- Alkenes contain carbon-carbon double bonds.
 - General formula: C_nH_{2n} (for one double bond)
 - Suffix = -ene
- In the carbon-carbon double bond, two pairs of electrons are being shared, leaving the carbon free to bond to two other things.

$$CH_2 = CH_2$$
 $CH_2 = CH - CH_3$
ethylene, C_2H_4 propylene, C_3H_6

IUPAC Nomenclature of Alkenes

- Step 1. Identify and name the longest continuous chain of C atoms which contains the double bond(s) (#C + -ene).
- Step 2. Number the longest chain so that the C's joined by the double bond have the lowest numbers possible. If the double bond has the same position starting from either end, use the positions of the substituents to determine beginning of the chain.
- **Step 3.** Locate the double bond by the lower-numbered carbon atom joined by the double bond (e.g., 1-butene).
- **Step 4.** Locate and name attached groups.
- **Step 5.** Combine the names for the attached groups and the longest chain into the name.

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Examples: Nomenclature of Alkenes

• Provide acceptable IUPAC names for the following molecules:

$$\begin{array}{c} \mathsf{CH_3} \\ | \\ \mathsf{CH_3} - \mathsf{CH} - \mathsf{CH} = \mathsf{CH_2} \\ \end{array} \quad \mathsf{CH_2} = \mathsf{CH} - \mathsf{CH_2} - \mathsf{CH_2} - \mathsf{Br} \\ \end{array}$$

Examples: Nomenclature of Alkenes

• Provide acceptable IUPAC names for the following molecules:

$$\begin{array}{c} \mathsf{CH_3-CH_2} \\ \mathsf{C} = \mathsf{CH_2} \\ \mathsf{CH_3-CH_2-CH_2} \end{array}$$

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Examples: Nomenclature of Alkenes

• Provide acceptable IUPAC names for the following molecules:

$$\begin{array}{c} \mathsf{CH_3CH_2CH_2CHCH} = \mathsf{CHCH_3} \\ | \\ \mathsf{CH_3CHCH_2CH_3} \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{c} \mathsf{CH_3CH_2CH_2CH_2CHCH} = \mathsf{CHCH_3} \\ | \\ \mathsf{CH_3CHCH_2CH_3} \end{array}$$

IUPAC Nomenclature of Alkenes

- If there is more than one double bond:
 - a counting prefix (di-, tri-, tetra-, etc.) is placed immediately in front of the suffix -ene to indicate the number of double bonds (*di*ene, *tri*ene, *tetra*ene, etc.).
 - Usually, an "a" is placed before the counting prefix to make pronunciation easier (e.g., butadiene).
 - The starting position of each double bond is indicated by the lower number, separated by commas (e.g., 1,3-butadiene).
- For cycloalkenes, the ring is named as cyclo- + #C + -ene; one of the carbons of the double bond must be numbered "1."

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Examples: Nomenclature of Alkenes

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• Provide acceptable IUPAC names for the following molecules:

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Examples: Nomenclature of Alkenes

- Draw structural formulas for the following molecules:
 - -2-methyl-2-butene
 - 4-methyl-1-pentene
 - 2-methyl-3-pentene (what's wrong with this name?)

Examples: Nomenclature of Alkenes

- Draw structural formulas for the following molecules:
 - 4-ethyl-3-hexene (what's wrong with this name?)
 - 2,3,4-trimethyl-1,3-pentadiene
 - 1,6-dimethylcyclohexene

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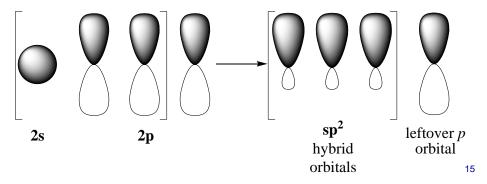
Examples: Nomenclature of Alkenes

- Draw structural formulas for the following molecules:
 - 1,1-dimethyl-2-cyclohexene (what's wrong with this name?)

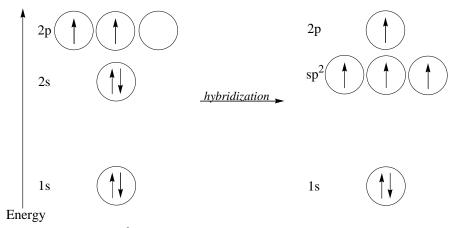
- 5-ethyl-1,3-cyclopentadiene

Hybridization of Alkenes

- When a carbon is connect to three other things (that is, one of the bonds is a double bond), the molecule is modeled by combining the 2s and two of the 2p orbitals to produce **three** sp² **orbitals**.
- Since only two of the 2p orbitals were hybridized, there is **one leftover** p **orbital** in an sp^2 -hybridized carbon atom.



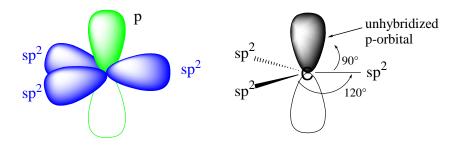
Hybrid Orbitals



• All three sp^2 orbitals are at the same energy level, with one electron in each hybrid orbital, and one in the slightly higher-energy unhybridized 2p orbital.

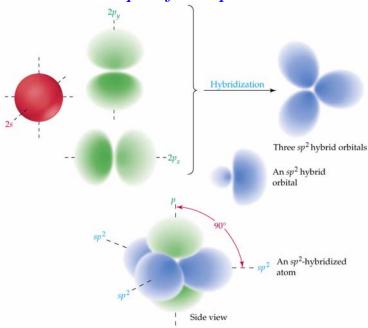
The Shape of an sp² Carbon

- The sp^2 orbitals are arranged in a **trigonal planar** shape around the central carbon atom, with bond angles of 120° .
- The unhybridized *p* orbital is perpendicular to this plane.



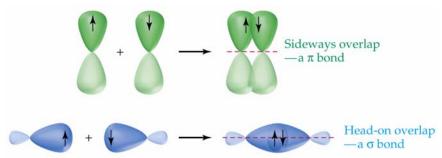
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The Shape of an sp² Carbon



Sigma and Pi Bonds

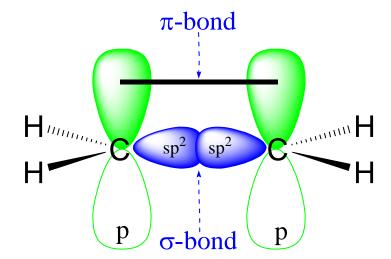
- When two sp^2 -hybridized carbons are next to each other, two kinds of orbital overlap take place:
 - end-on-end overlap of the sp^2 orbitals to make a σ -bond (sigma bond).
 - *side-to-side overlap* of the unhybridized p orbitals to make a **π-bond** (pi bond).



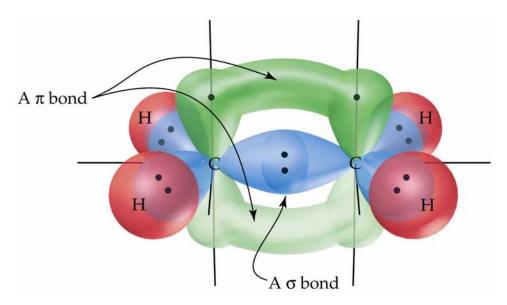
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Bonding in Ethylene

• Because of the π -bond, *free rotation is not possible* around carbon-carbon double bonds.



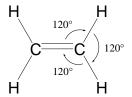
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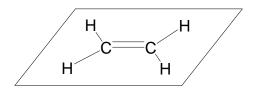


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The Shape of the Ethylene Molecule

• Since each carbon in the double bond is trigonal planar in shape, the entire ethylene molecule is a flat molecule, with the atoms separated by bond angles of 120°.





Geometric Isomers in Alkenes

• Because free rotation is not possible around double bonds, there are two different forms of 2-butene, which are **geometric isomers** (or **cis/trans** isomers) of each other:

Geometric Isomers in Alkenes

- The geometric isomers have to have different names, since they are different molecules:
 - the prefix cis- is used when the arms of the longest chain are on the same side of the double bond
 - the prefix *trans* is used when they are on opposite sides of the double bond.

 Geometric isomers have overall different molecular shapes, and may have drastically different chemical and physical properties.

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Examples: Geometric Isomers

• Are the following molecules geometric isomers of each other, or are they the same molecule?

$$C = C$$
 $C = C$
 $C = C$
 $C = C$

 (Any time both carbons in a double bond have two different things attached to them, geometric isomers can exist.)

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Examples: Geometric Isomers

• Which of the following molecules are structural isomers of each other, which are geometric isomers of each other, and which are the same molecule?

Examples: Geometric Isomers

- Draw structural formulas for the following molecules:
 - Cl—CH=CH—CH₃ (draw and name both geometric isomers)
 - cis-2-pentene
 - *trans*-3-methyl-3-hexene

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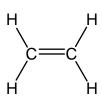
Examples: Geometric Isomers

• Provide IUPAC names for the following molecules:

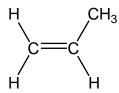
Some Important Alkenes

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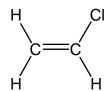


Ethylene (**ethene**) Used in the manufacture of the plastic *polyethylene*. The release of ethylene stimulates the beginning of the ripening process in many plants; some plants can be picked while unripe (when they are less fragile), and exposed to ethylene gas to cause ripening once they reach their destination



Propylene (propene)

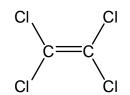
Produced in the cracking of petroleum; used in the manufacture of the plastic polypropylene.



Vinyl chloride (chloroethene)

A carcinogenic gas manufactured from ethylene; used in the manufacture of the plastic polyvinyl chloride (PVC).

Some Important Alkenes



Tetrachloroethylene

Better known as *perchloroethylene* ("Perc"); a nonflammable organic solvent, widely used in dry cleaning; it is also used as an industrial solvent, degreaser, and paint remover.

$$CH_3(CH_2)_{11}CH_2$$
 $CH_2(CH_2)_6CH_3$
 $CH_3(CH_2)_{11}CH_2$
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Muscalure (cis-9-tricosene)

The sex pheromone of the female common housefly (Musca domestica).

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Some Important Alkenes

Lycopene

A red pigment found in tomatoes, watermelon, guava, papaya, pink grapefruit, apricots, and rosehips; lycopene is a good antioxidant, and is more readily absorbed from cooked tomatoes and tomato paste, especially if the foods contain fat.

Zeaxanthin

A yellow pigment found in corn, egg yolk, orange juice, mangoes; also contributes to the yellowish color of animal fats. It is also found in the macula region of the retina (macula lutea, "yellow spot"), where it filters out some blue and UV light, acting like internal sunglasses; macular degeneration is the most common cause of blindness in the elderly.

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Some Important Alkenes OH OH

Astaxanthin

A pink pigment found in salmon, trout, red seabream and the carapaces of lobster and shrimp. In live shellfish, the astaxanthin is wrapped in a protein which gives it a blackish color; when the shellfish are boiled, the protein uncoils, liberating the pink astaxanthin.

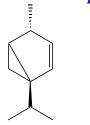
A pink pigment found in the feathers of American flamingos. It is obtained from shrimp in their diet; flamingos in captivity lose their pink color if they are not supplied with shrimp.

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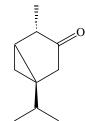
Terpenes and Essential Oils

Terpenes are a diverse group of molecules which are biologically synthesized from **isoprene** units. They are found in many plants, and often have distinctive flavors and aromas. They are often components of *essential oils*, so named because they have a characteristic "essence" or fragrance. Many of these molecules are components of common foods and perfumes. (Lycopene and its related compounds are also terpenes.)

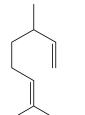
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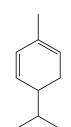
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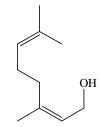


β-Myrcene oil of bay



α-Phellandrene eucalyptus

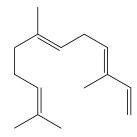
Carvone
d-isomer, caraway seed oil
l-isomer, spearmint oil



Geraniol citronella oil, pomerosa oil, geraniums, roses (with 2-phenylethanol)

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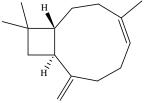
Terpenes and Essential Oils



α-Farnesene

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β-Selinene



Caryophyllene found in oil of cloves

A waxy substance found on the outer skin of apples.

found in oil of celery

Squalene

Squalene is found in shark liver oil, and is also a major component of the lipids on the surface of human skin. It is a precursor for the biosynthesis of cholesterol.

The Chemistry of Vision "I can see clearly now ..."

β-carotene

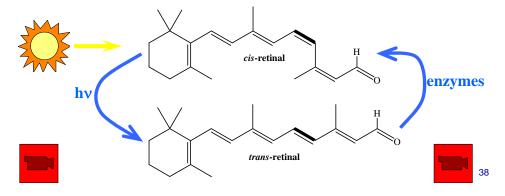
This molecule absorbs blue and indigo light, giving it an orange color; it is found in carrots, yams, mangoes, and persimmons. The yellow color of butter and animal fats comes from carotene and related molecules. Carotene is found along with chlorophyll in photosynthetic organisms; it protects cells by reacting with O₂ molecules. The yellow color of autumn leaves is due to the carotene, which is unmasked as the chlorophyll in the leaves breaks down.

Vitamin A (retinol)

A fat-soluble vitamin; a metabolic product of carotene, found in liver, egg yolks, butter, and milk. The oxidized form, **retinal**, combines with the protein **opsin** to form **rhodopsin**, the primary light-gathering pigment in vertebrate retinas; also involved in cell growth and maintenance of healthy skin tissue.

The Chemistry of Vision

In the rod and cone cells in the retina of the eye, retinal in rhodopsin is found "at rest" in the cis form. When it absorbs a photon (hv) of light, one of the π -bonds is broken, causing the molecule to rotate and lock into the trans form, which has a completely different shape. This starts a long chain of chemical processes which eventually results in a visual image in the brain. The trans-retinal molecule is then twisted back into the cis form by a set of enzymes. When you look directly at a very bright light, the "afterimage" that you see in front of your eyes is the result of a large amount of cis-retinal having been transformed into trans-retinal all at once; the enzymes take a little bit of time to go through and "reset" all of these molecules back to the cis form.



Physical and Chemical Properties of Alkenes

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Physical Properties of Alkenes

- Many of the physical properties of alkenes are similar to those of alkanes.
 - Alkenes are nonpolar compounds.
 - insoluble in water.
 - soluble in nonpolar solvents.
 - They are less dense than water.
- Range of physical states:
 - ≤ 4 C's gases
 - 5 17 C's liquids
 - ≥ 18 C's solids
- The chemical properties of alkenes, however, are *completely* different from those of alkanes.

Reactions of Alkenes — Addition Reactions

 Most reactions of alkenes can be classified as addition reactions, in which both parts of a reactant are added to the carbon-carbon double bond:

General Reaction:

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Halogenation of Alkenes

• In a **halogenation reaction**, an alkene reacts with molecular bromine (Br₂) or chlorine (Cl₂) to form an **alkyl halide** (or haloalkane).

Halogenation:

Hydrogenation of Alkenes

- In a **hydrogenation reaction**, a hydrogen atom is added to each carbon of the double bond, converting the alkene into an alkane.
- The reaction only takes place in the presence of a metal catalyst (usually Pt).
- This same process is used to produce hydrogenated vegetable oils such as margarine and shortening.

Hydrogenation:

$$CH_3-CH=CH-CH_3+H-H$$
 \xrightarrow{Pt}
 $CH_3-CH_2-CH_2-CH_3$
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Addition of Acids

Acids (HF, HCl, HBr, and HI) can add to a double bond to produce an alkyl halide.

Addition of acids across a double bond:

Addition of Acids

• If the alkene is unsymmetrical, there are two possible products in this kind of reaction:

• The **major product** of the reaction is predicted using *Markonikov's Rule*:

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Addition of Acids: Markonikov's Rule

• Markonikov's Rule (Vladimir Markonikov, 1869): when a molecule of the form H-X adds to a double bond, the hydrogen becomes attached to the carbon atom that is already bonded to the most hydrogen atoms. ("The rich get richer")

$$CH_3$$
 CH_3
 CH_3
 CH_2 + H
 CI

Hydration of Alkenes

- In a hydration reaction, the elements of water are added to an alkene, producing an alcohol as the product.
- This reaction requires the presence of a strong acid catalyst (usually H₂SO₄).

Hydration of an Alkene:

Hydration of Alkenes

• This reaction also follows Markonikov's Rule.

Examples: Reactions of Alkenes

• Complete the following reactions:

$$CH_3$$
 $CH_3-C=CH-CH_3 + H-H \xrightarrow{Pt}$

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Examples: Reactions of Alkenes

• Complete the following reactions:

$$\begin{array}{c} \mathsf{CH_3} \\ | \\ \mathsf{CH_3} - \mathsf{C} = \mathsf{CH} - \mathsf{CH_3} + \mathsf{H} - \mathsf{CI} \end{array} \longrightarrow$$

Examples: Reactions of Alkenes

• Complete the following reactions:

$$CH_3-CH=CH_2 + H-H$$

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{CH}_{3} \\ | \\ \text{CH}_{3}\text{-CH} = \text{C} - \text{CH}_{3} & + & \text{H}_{2}\text{O} \end{array} \xrightarrow{\text{H}_{2}\text{SO}_{4}}$$

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Examples: Reactions of Alkenes

• Complete the following reactions:

Addition Polymers

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Addition Polymers

• **Polymers** are long, chain-like organic molecules built up from simpler subunits called **monomers**.

• In **addition polymers**, every atom in the reacting molecules becomes incorporated into the resulting polymer molecule. In most addition polymers, the monomer contains a double bond.

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The Complexity of Polymers

Amorphous Polymers ← ← ← ← ← Complex Polymers

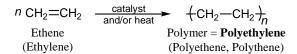
- Amorphous Polymers (Plastics)
 - These polymers are very simple, usually consisting of one or two repeating subunits, and have no complex three-dimensional structure.
 - Examples include polyethylene, rubber, saran, Teflon, nylon, polyesters, etc.

• Complex Polymers

- These polymers often consist of a number of repeating subunits, and do have complex linear and three-dimensional structures.
- Examples include proteins and enzymes, DNA, RNA.

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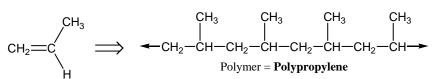
Some Common Addition Polymers



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n = 10,000 - 30,000 = low-density polyethylenes (LDPE) home n = 10,000 - 50,000 = high-density polyethylenes (HDPE) n = up to 200,000 = ultrahigh-molecular-weight polyethylenes (UHMWPEs)

Polyethylene is useful in food storage containers, plastic wraps and films, garbage bags, insulation for electrical wiring, squeeze bottles, etc.



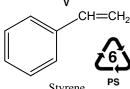
Propene (Propylene) **Polypropylene** (**PP**) forms a more orderly polymer than polyethylene, and is much harder, and is stable at higher temperatures (which makes it possible to use in sterilizable storage containers). It is used in fibers, indoor-outdoor carpets, bottles, artificial turf, etc.

Some Common Addition Polymers

$$CH_{2} = C \longrightarrow CH_{2} - CH - C$$

Chloroethene (vinyl chloride)

Polyvinyl chloride (**PVC**, **V**) is an extremely stable plastic, and is very resistant to degradation. It is also resistant to absorbing water and other solvents, and so is useful in plumbing applications, garden hoses, synthetic leather, etc.



Styrene Polymer = **Polystyrene**

When styrene is polymerized in the presence of a foaming agent (CFCs, low-MW hydrocarbons), **styrofoam** is produced; this material is a good insulator against heat and cold.

Tetrafluoroethylene Polymer = **Teflon**

Teflon is extremely stable because of the very strong C—C and C—F bonds; grease and oils cannot bond to the carbon chain through the fluorine atoms, and so Teflon forms slick, nonstick coatings.

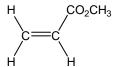
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Some Common Addition Polymers

Methyl methacrylate

Polymer = Poly(methyl methacrylate)

This polymer has a chaotic internal structure that makes it transparent to light. It is used in airplane windows, contact lenses, fiber optics, etc. It is known by the trade names Lucite, Plexiglass, and Perspex.



Methyl acrylate

Polymer = **Poly(methyl acrylate)**

This plastic forms a milky emulsion in water, to which pigments can be added to form *acrylic paints*. When the water evaporates, the polymer remains behind, holding the pigments in a rubbery, flexible film.



Vinylidene chloride Polymer = **Saran A**

Saran A is made from pure vinylidene chloride; Saran B is a *copolymer* of vinylidene chloride and vinyl chloride. These substances form dense solids having high melting points and impermeability to gases; they are useful in food packaging and storage ('Saran wrap').

Some Common Addition Polymers



Acrylonitrile

Polymer = Polyacrylonitrile

This polymer forms fibers which can be used in carpets and fabrics. It is known by the trade names Orlon, Acrilan, and Creslan.

$$\begin{array}{cccc}
H & CO_2CH_3 \\
H & H
\end{array}$$

Vinyl acetate

Polymer = Polyvinylacetate (PVA)

This polymer is used in adhesives, latex paints, wood glue / carpenter's glue, safety glass, textile coatings, etc.

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{CI} \\ | \\ \text{CH}_2 \text{=-C---CH=--CH}_2 \end{array}$$

Chloroprene

Polymer = **Polychloroprene** When cross-linked with ZnO, this polymer forms a material called

neoprene rubber, which is very resistant to oil and gasoline.

Styrene + butadiene

Polymer = Styrene butadiene rubber (SBR)

These monomers form a copolymer which, when cross-linked with peroxides, forms a very tough, heat-stable rubber; used in automobile tires.

Rubber

Polyisoprene ("natural rubber")
A polymer found in the rubber tree, *Heva brasiliensis*; formed by polymerizing isoprene. The name "rubber" was given to this compound by Joseph Priestly for its ability to rub out pencil marks. It is tough and brittle when cold, but softens and becomes sticky at higher temperatures. The rubber can be further hardened by the *vulcanization* process (Charles Goodyear, 1839), which involves heating the rubber with sulfur, which links separate polyisoprene molecules through dissulfide bridges (—S—S—) through the reactive double bonds. Depending on the catalyst used, a rubber which is either all *cis*-double bonds or all trans-double bonds (gutta percha) can be formed. Copolymerization of isoprene with isobutylene results in butyl rubber, which

is less permeable to gases, and is used in bicycle tires.

Isoprene

Polyisoprene

Alkynes

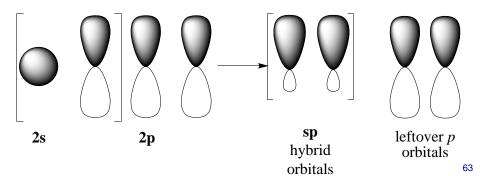
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Alkynes

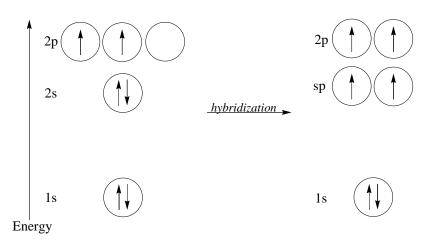
- Alkynes contain carbon-carbon triple bonds.
 - General formula: C_nH_{2n-2} (for one triple bond)
- The nomenclature system for alkynes is identical to that of alkenes, except the suffix **-yne** is used to indicate a the triple bond. Alkynes do not have *cis*-and *trans* isomers.

Hybridization of Alkynes

- When a carbon is connect to two other things (that is, one of the bonds is a triple bond), the molecule is modeled by combining the 2s and one of the 2p orbitals to produce **two** sp **orbitals**.
- Since only one of the 2p orbitals was hybridized, there are **two leftover** p **orbitals** in an sp-hybridized carbon atom.



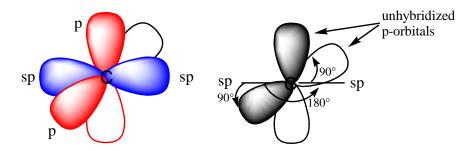
Hybrid Orbitals



• Both *sp* orbitals are at the same energy level, with one electron in each hybrid orbital, and one in each of the unhybridized 2*p* orbitals.

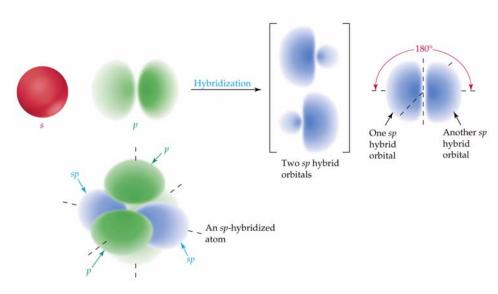
The Shape of an sp Carbon

- The *sp* orbitals are arranged in a **linear** shape around the central carbon atom, with bond angles of **180°**.
- One of the unhybridized *p* orbitals is perpendicular to the line formed by the *sp* orbitals, and the other unhybridized *p* orbital is perpendicular to the plane formed by the other orbitals.



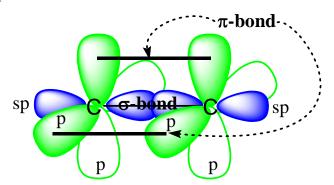
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Bonding in Acetylene



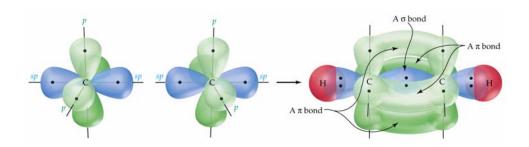
Bonding in Acetylene

- When two *sp*-hybridized carbons are next to each other, three orbital overlaps take place:
 - *end-on-end overlap* of the *sp* orbitals to make a σ-**bond**.
 - *side-to-side overlap* of both sets of unhybridized p orbitals to make **two** π**-bonds**.



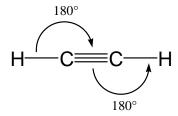
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Bonding in Acetylene



The Shape of the Acetylene Molecule

• Since each carbon in the double bond is linear in space, the entire acetylene molecule is a **linear** molecule.



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Reactions of Alkynes

• Anything an alkene does, an alkyne does twice:

Aromatic Compounds

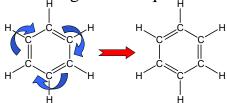
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Aromatic Compounds

- **Aromatic compounds** are those that contain the **benzene ring** (C₆H₆) or its structural relatives.
- Aliphatic compounds do not contain benzene rings.

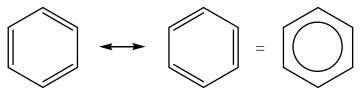
The Structure of Benzene

- The name "aromatic" originally referred to fragrant oils having similar chemical properties (such as oil of wintergreen, vanilla extract, etc.), including a very low carbon-to-hydrogen ratio.
- The molecular structure of benzene was a puzzle for a long time after its discovery; although the formula indicates the presence of double bonds, benzene does not undergo the typical alkene reactions.
- The ring structure of benzene was proposed by August Kekulé in 1865; he suggested that the double bonds switch positions to give two equivalent structures:



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The Resonance Structures of Benzene

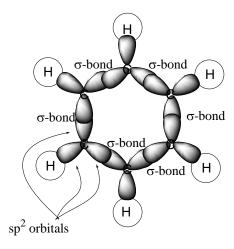


Kekulé structures

- In reality, the double bonds and single bonds in benzene do not change position. The two Kekulé structures for benzene are **resonance structures**, meaning that each individual structure is fictitious.
- The benzene ring is sometimes represented as a hexagon with a circle inside, which emphasizes that all of the positions on the benzene ring are equivalent.

Hybridization of Aromatic Compounds

• All six carbons in the benzene ring are sp^2 hybridized; because all of the carbons are trigonal planar, the benzene ring is flat.



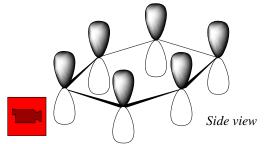
Top view

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Hybridization of Aromatic Compounds

- The unhybridized *p* orbitals are perpendicular to the plane of the carbon atoms; all six *p* orbitals overlap side-to-side around the ring.
 - The 3 π -bonds are **delocalized** around the ring.
 - The 6 electrons in these bonds move freely around the entire benzene molecule.

 Benzene thus has completely different chemistry from "normal" alkenes.



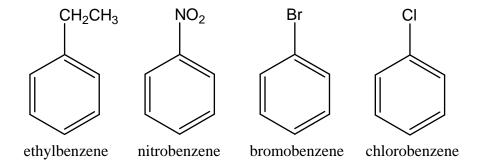
Some Common Aromatic Mistakes

$$\begin{array}{c|cccc}
CI & CI & CI & CI \\
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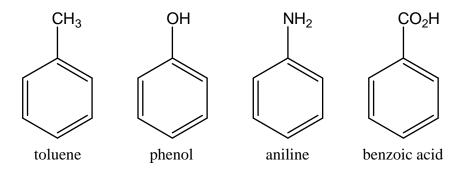
Nomenclature of Benzene Derivatives

• **Rule 1.** When a single hydrogen of the benzene ring is replaced, the compound can be named as a derivative of benzene.



Nomenclature of Benzene Derivatives

• **Rule 2.** A number of benzene derivatives are known by their common (trivial) names rather than by their formal IUPAC names.



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Nomenclature of Benzene Derivatives

• **Rule 3.** Compounds formed by replacing a hydrogen of benzene with a more complex hydrocarbon group can be named by naming the benzene ring as the substituent, called the **phenyl** group.

Nomenclature of Benzene Derivatives

• **Rule 4.** When two groups are attached to a benzene ring, three isomeric structures are possible:

 In naming these compounds, either the ortho / meta / para prefixes may be used, or position numbers (begin numbering at the group which comes first in alphabetical order)

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Nomenclature of Benzene Derivatives

• Rule 4. examples

ortho-dimethylbenzene 1,2-dimethylbenzene ortho-methyltoluene 2-methyltoluene

meta-dimethylbenzene 1,3-dimethylbenzene *meta*-methyltoluene 3-methyltoluene

para-dimethylbenzene 1,4-dimethylbenzene para-methyltoluene 4-methyltoluene

Nomenclature of Benzene Derivatives

• **Rule 5.** When two or more groups are attached to the benzene ring, their positions can be indicated by numbering the carbon atoms of the ring to obtain the lowest possible numbers for the attachment positions. Groups are arranged in alphabetical order.

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Examples: Nomenclature of Aromatic Rings

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- Draw structural formulas for the following molecules:
 - meta-ethyltoluene
 - 2,5-dibromobenzoic acid
 - para-nitrophenol

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Examples: Nomenclature of Aromatic Rings

- Draw structural formulas for the following molecules:
 - 3-phenylheptane
 - butylbenzene
 - 1,4,5-tribromobenzene (what's wrong with this name?)

Physical Properties of Aromatic Compounds

- Just like alkanes and alkenes, aromatic compounds are nonpolar, and therefore insoluble in water (unless other substituents, such as OH groups, are present). They are also usually less dense than water.
- Many aromatic compounds are obtained from petroleum and coal tar.
- Benzene and toluene are commonly used as solvents, and are the starting materials for the synthesis of other useful organic compounds.
- Some foods contain aromatic compounds, which can be synthesized by some plants. Some aromatic amino acids and vitamins are listed as *essential*, because we lack the ability to synthesize them, and must obtain them from our diet.

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Chemical Properties of Aromatic Compounds

- Aromatic compounds are chemically stable (unlike alkenes). They do NOT undergo any of the reaction of alkenes which we have discussed.
- The major reaction of interest is a substitution reaction in which a hydrogen is replaced by some other group:

$$\begin{array}{c|c} H & NO_2 \\ \hline HNO_3 & \\ \hline H_2SO_4 & \end{array}$$

a nitration reaction

 This is an industrially important reaction, because there are mechanisms for converting the nitro group to many other possible functional groups.

The Big Bang

$$\begin{array}{c|c} CH_3 & CH_3 \\ \hline \\ HNO_3 \\ \hline \\ Toluene \\ \end{array}$$

2,4,6-trinitrotoluene (TNT)

A powerful explosive; a sharp pressure wave from a detonator causes the molecule to rearrange into carbon dioxide, water vapor, nitrogen (N₂), and other gases, which expand rapidly and destructively

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The Big Bang

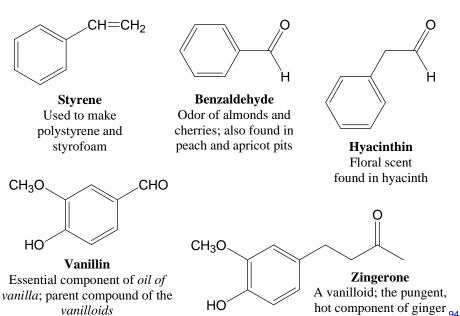
$$\begin{array}{c|ccccc} CH_2-OH & CH_2-O-NO_2 \\ \hline CH-OH & HNO_3 & CH-O-NO_2 \\ \hline CH_2-OH & 3x & CH_2-O-NO_2 \\ \hline glycerol / & CH_2-O-NO_2 \\ \hline glycerin & An oily, colorless, extremely unstable liquid; it is usually mixed with an absorbent material, such as \\ \hline \end{array}$$

clay, to make **dynamite** (Alfred Nobel, 1866)

Some Important Aromatic Compounds

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Cinnamaldehyde

Found in oil of cinnamon; has a *carminative* action (releases hydrogen sulfide, methane, and hydrogen from the intestine and stomach in one direction or the other)

Anethole

Oil of aniseed, fennel, tarragon

Eugenol

Found in oil of bay (bay leaves), oil of cloves, allspice (combines the flavors of cinnamon, nutmeg and cloves), carnations; shifting the location of the double bond produces isoeugenol, the odor of nutmeg

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Aromatic Rings in the Diet

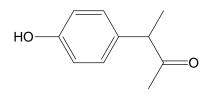
Phenylalanine

An essential amino acid; also found in *aspartame* (Nutra-Sweet)

Riboflavin

Vitamin B₂; found in milk, meat, eggs, dark green vegetables, bread, beans, and peas; forms the coenzymes FMN and FAD, which are hydrogen transporters; deficiency results in dermatitis

Interesting Odors



3-(*para*-hydroxyphenyl)-**2-butanone**Odor of raspberries



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Methyl 2-pyridyl ketone Odor of popcorn

OH

Phenylethanol

Along with geraniol, found in the fragrance of roses

2-Methoxy-5-methylpyrazineOdor of peanuts

Pyrzazines also contribute to the odors of crusty bread, rum, whisky, chocolate, and some uncooked vegetables, including peppers.

Drugs and Hormones

Salicylic acid

Analgesic, antipyretic, and anti-inflammatory drug found in willow bark

Tetrahydrocannabinol (THC)

Active component of cannabis

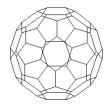
Dichlorodiphenyltrichloroethane (DDT)

1,1,1-trichloro-2,2-bis-(p-chlorophenyl)ethane
A very powerful insecticide discovered in
1939; it is toxic to insects, but not to
mammals. DDT was widely used to kill
mosquitoes that spread malaria, and was also
effective against the insects that spread
sleeping sickness and typhus. Unfortunately,
DDT persists in the environment for a long
time, and its accumulation in wildlife lead to
decreases in the populations of several bird
species. In 1972, DDT was banned by the
Environmental Protection Agency.

Used as a pesticide on some crops, and was also used to kill termites. Because of concerns about its toxicity, it was banned by the EPA in 1988.

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Fullerenes



Buckminsterfullerene (C₆₀)

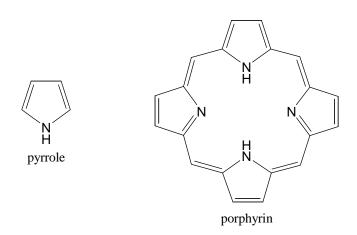
A soccer-ball shaped molecule consisting of 60 carbon atoms, discovered in the 1980s by H. W. Kroto (Univ. of Sussex), R. E. Smalley, and R. F. Curl (Rice University) (Nobel Prize in Chemistry, 1996). They named the structure after the architect R. Buckminster Fuller, because the shape reminded them of his geodesic dome designs. Similar spherical-shaped carbon-only molecules, such as C70, are often referred to as fullerenes or "buckyballs." All of the carbon atoms in in these molecules are sp^2 hybridized, and the entire molecule is somewhat aromatic. The fullerenes are considered another allotrope (stable structural form) of carbon, in addition to graphite and diamond.

Nanotubes are cylindrical versions of the fullerenes; they look something like a chain link fence rolled into a cylinder, with a dome-shaped cap on the end (half of a buckyball). Nanotubes (also known as "buckytubes") are extremely strong, as well as being very lightweight (since they are made of nothing but carbon atoms). These materials are being tested for potential use in many materials; some nanotubes also conduct electricity, leading to some potential applications in circuit design and electronics.

Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons (PAH)

• Polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons consist of two or more benzene rings fused together; they produced when organic compounds are heated to high temperatures, and are present in tobacco smoke, car exhaust, and sometimes in heavily browned foods.

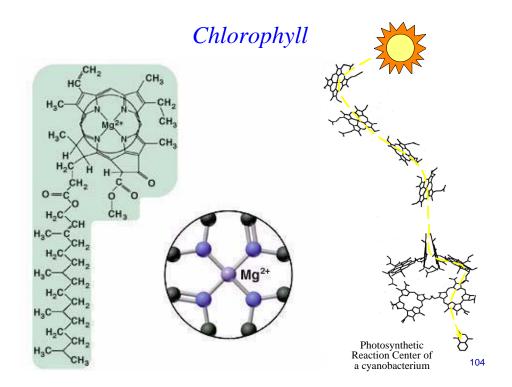
Aromatic Rings That Don't Look Like Benzene



Why Grass is Green and Blood is Red

Why grass is green, or why our blood is red Are mysteries which none have reach'd unto. John Donne, "Of the Progress of the Soul"

Why blood is red.



Reactions of Alkenes

General Reaction:

Halogenation: (X = Br or Cl)

Hydrogenation:

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Addition of acids: (X = F, Cl, Br, I)

Hydration:

These two reactions obey Markonikov's Rule: when a molecule of the form H-X adds to a double bond, the hydrogen becomes attached to the carbon atom that is already bonded to the most hydrogen atoms. ("The rich get richer")