# Saturated Acyclic Hydrocarbons

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# **A** Introduction

### **B** Conformations Of Acyclic Hydrocarbons

#### Ethane



staggered



eclipsed

H `н

Η. `H

Н H.

staggered

eclipsed

staggered

eclipsed



that repulsion is called *torsional* strain.

molecular orbital diagrams to indicate *destabilizing* interactions and *stabilizing* interactions

 $\sigma$ -orbital contributes 2 e an empty one donates 0 e





add electrons to the diagrams below and indicate bond orders:



staggered

eclipsed



#### **Butane**





Destabilization of butane in the totally eclipsed conformation is a result of combinations of *torsional / steric* strain.

*Steric* strain between the methyl groups in butane is that which results when atoms compete for the same region of space.

## **C** Art In Organic Chemistry

**Two Dimensional Diagrams Of Organic Molecules** is one bond to an apex that {terminal point} represents  $CH_3$ two bonds to an apex means it is a  $CH_2$ three bonds to a branch point represent CH. this means there are 0 hydrogen atoms on that carbon.

Zigzag conformations represent staggered conformers

#### it does not matter if the chains zigzag



ideal bond (*H*-*C*-*H*) angles for sp<sup>3</sup>-hybridized carbons  $\sim 109^{\circ}$ 

has **4** bonds to other atoms.

carbon atoms in organic structures *always* have *C*-atoms in common organic molecules *never* 

hybridization state of the carbons in the above molecules is  $sp^3$  because they have 4 atoms attached.

corners of a *tetrahedral* shape ideally about <u>109</u>°

$$\downarrow$$
  $\checkmark$  >







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2,2-dimethylpentane

2,2-dimethylpropane

2,2-dimethylbutane



СН<sub>3</sub> Н<sub>3</sub>С-С-СН<sub>3</sub> СН<sub>3</sub>









#### Three Dimensional Diagrams Of Organic Molecules

#### **Alkyl Fragments**

In Acyclic Hydrocarbons

carbon connected to three hydrogens is called a *methyl* Methylene fragments (of molecules) are those that have  $CH_2$  connected Methine is the name given to CH fragments  $CH_3$  connected to anything is called a *methyl* A guaternary *C* has *0* hydrogen





C1, C7, C8 methyl C2, C3, C6 methylene C4 = methine

removed and replaced with something else ie substituted

represented as CH<sub>3</sub>, Me

represented as CH<sub>3</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>, Et

ethyl group *cannot* be isolated and put in a bottle; it *is not* a discrete compound, but it *is* a molecular fragment

the fragment *is* attached to something else

Propane contains 2 types of gives *different* outcomes chain gives *a normal* propyl represented as *MeCH*<sub>2</sub>*CH*<sub>2</sub>, *EtCH*<sub>2</sub>, *"Pr* a(n) *iso*- propyl group can be represented as <sup>*i*</sup>*Pr*, *(CH*<sub>3</sub>) <sub>2</sub>*CH* 

propane

n-propyl

butane

n-butyl

3 types of hydrogen

butyl chain gives a *normal* butyl group represented as *MeCH*<sub>2</sub>*CH*<sub>2</sub>*CH*<sub>2</sub>, *<sup>n</sup>PrCH*<sub>2</sub>, *CH*<sub>3</sub>*CH*<sub>2</sub>*CH*<sub>2</sub>*CH*<sub>2</sub>

a(n) sec butyl group represented as CH<sub>3</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CHCH<sub>3</sub>

2-Methylpropane is an *isomer* of butane: it has <u>2</u> chemically inequivalent hydrogen *ie* a <sup>*i*</sup>*Bu* group.







name functional groups as alcohol, amine, ether, or thioether on the dashed lines

## **D** Conclusion

These *are* zigzag conformations.

heptane decane pentane hexane

linear hydrocarbons can be represented