# Alkynes

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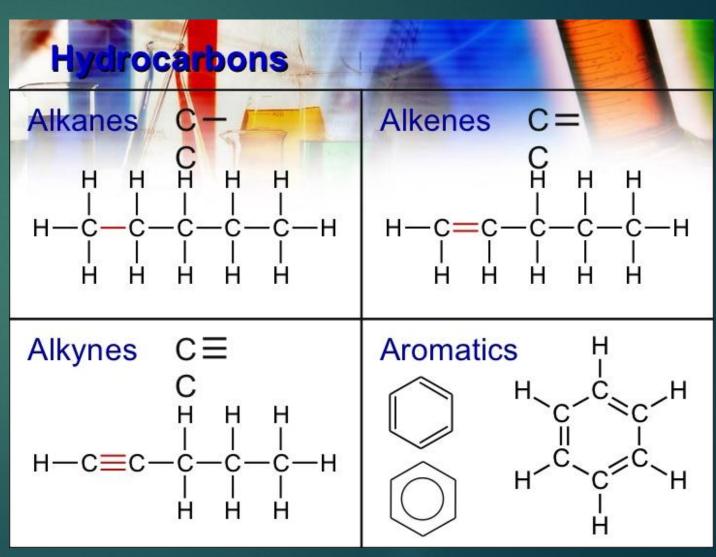
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## Alkynes(or acetylenes)

- Hydrocarbons that contain the carboncarbon triple bond -C (triple)C- are called alkynes
- ► General formula: CnH2n-2 (n>1)
- Alkynes are named by using the –yne suffix in place of the –ane suffix of alkanes.
- Each triple bond contains one sigma (σ) and two pi (π) bonds.
- Because of the π bonds in their structure alkynes are unsaturated hydrocarbons.



#### NOMENCLATURE

- ► The naming of alkynes is similar to that of other hydrocarbons.
- Alkynes may contain more than one triple bond.
- Alkenynes

CH<sub>3</sub>

CH = 
$$^{2}$$
CH -  $^{4}$ CH<sub>3</sub>

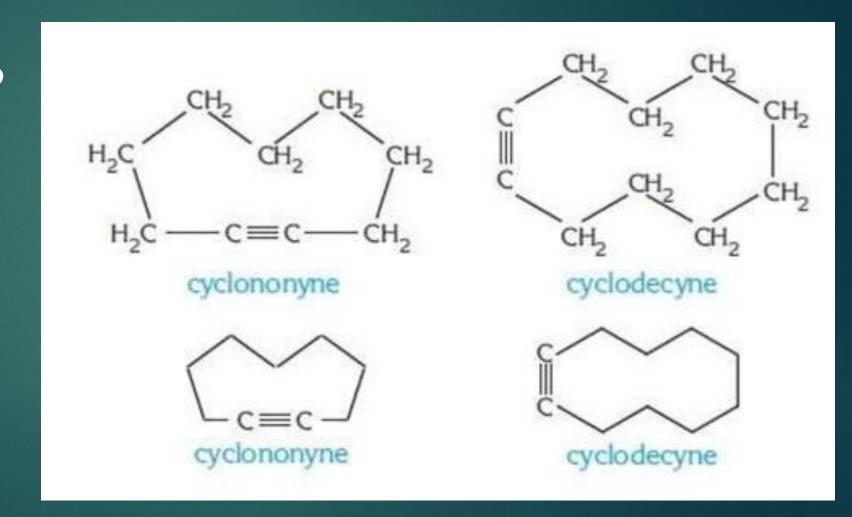
4-chloro-4-methyl-2-pentyne 3,3-dibromo-4-methyl-1-hexyne

$$^{1}$$
CH  $\equiv$   $^{2}$ C  $^{3}$ CE  $\equiv$   $^{4}$ CH  $\equiv$   $^{2}$ C  $^{3}$ CE  $\equiv$   $^{4}$ CH  $\equiv$   $^{2}$ C  $^{3}$ CE  $\equiv$   $^{4}$ CH  $\equiv$   $^{4}$ C

$$^{1}\text{CH}_{2} = ^{2}\text{CH} - ^{3}\text{C} \equiv ^{4}\text{CH}$$
 $^{1}\text{CH}_{3} - ^{2}\text{CH} = ^{3}\text{CH} - ^{4}\text{C} \equiv ^{5}\text{CH}_{3}$ 
 $^{1}\text{- butene - 3 - yne}$ 
 $^{2}\text{- pentene - 4 - yne}$ 
double bond triple bond double bond triple bond

#### CYCLOALKYNES

- Alkynes may be cyclo compounds (cycloalkynes).
- The simplest stable cycloalkyne at room temperature is cyclononyne.



#### ISOMERISM

- The triple bond may be in different locations in an alkyne, so alkynes can exhibit structural isomerism.
- For the first two members of alkynes there is only one possible posifor bond, so for these cases there is no isomerism.
- Alkynes, alkadienes and cycloalkenes containing the same number of carbon atoms are isomers of each other.

Structural formula	Formula	Type of hydrocarbon	Name
H <sub>2</sub> C — CH      H <sub>2</sub> C — CH	C₄H <sub>6</sub>	cycloalkene	cyclobutene
$CH_2 = C = CH - CH_3$	C <sub>4</sub> H <sub>6</sub>	alkadiene	1,2-butadiene
$CH_2 = CH - CH = CH_2$	C <sub>4</sub> H <sub>6</sub>	alkadiene	1,3-butadiene
$CH \equiv C - CH_2 - CH_3$	C <sub>4</sub> H <sub>6</sub>	alkyne	1-butyne
$CH_3 - C \equiv C - CH_3$	C <sub>4</sub> H <sub>6</sub>	alkyne	2-butyne

### PHYSICAL PROPERTIES

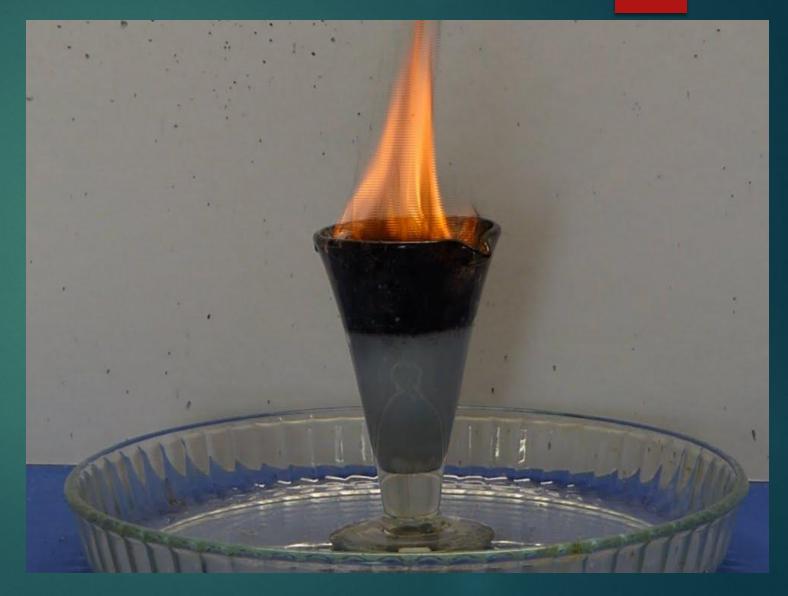
Similar to alkanes, alkenes:

- Insoluble in water.BUT
- Soluble in organic solvents
- Density less than water

Name	Number of Carbon	Molecular Formula	Structural Formula
Ethyne	2	C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>2</sub>	CH≡CH
Propyne	3	C <sub>3</sub> H <sub>4</sub>	CH≡CCH <sub>3</sub>
Butyne	4	C <sub>4</sub> H <sub>6</sub>	CH≡CCH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>3</sub>
Pentyne	5	C <sub>5</sub> H <sub>8</sub>	CH≡C(CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>3</sub>
Hexyne	6	C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>10</sub>	CH≡C(CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> CH <sub>3</sub>
Heptyne	7	C <sub>7</sub> H <sub>12</sub>	CH≡C(CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>4</sub> CH <sub>3</sub>
Octyne	8	C <sub>8</sub> H <sub>14</sub>	$CH \equiv C(CH_2)_5 CH_3$
Nonyne	9	C <sub>9</sub> H <sub>16</sub>	CH≡C(CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>6</sub> CH <sub>3</sub>
Decyne	10	C <sub>10</sub> H <sub>18</sub>	$CH \equiv C(CH_2)_7 CH_3$

## CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

- Alkynes are unsaturated compounds and their chemical properties are similar to alkenes.
- Alkynes undergo combustion reactions and addition reactions, as alkenes do.
- In addition, alkynes undergo substitution reactions with metals.



#### COMBUSTION REACTIONS

Alkynes produce CO2 and H20 when they're burnt with a sufficient amount of oxigen. The general combustion reaction is:

$$C_nH_{2n-2} + (\frac{3n-1}{2})O_2 \longrightarrow nCO_2 + (n-1)H_2O$$

$$C_3H_4 + 4O_2 \longrightarrow 3CO_2 + 2H_2O$$

$$2C_4H_6 + 11O_2 \longrightarrow 8CO_2 + 6H_2O$$

#### ADDITION REACTIONS

- Addition reactions occur by breaking the π
   bonds of the triple bond. Hydrogen, halogens, hydrogen halides and water may give addition reactions with alkynes.
- ADDITION OF HYDROGEN :

Two hydrogen molecules are added to one triple bond using a nickel, platinum or palladium catalyst. Alkenes are the intermediate products.

$$CH \equiv CH + H_2 \xrightarrow{Ni, Pt} H C = C + H_2 \xrightarrow{Ni, Pt} H - C - C - H_1 + H_2 \xrightarrow{Ni, Pt} H - C - C - H_2 + H_2 \xrightarrow{Ni, Pt} H - C - C - C - H_3 + 2H_2 \xrightarrow{Ni, Pt} H - C - C - C - CH_3 + H_4 + H_5 \xrightarrow{Ni, Pt} H - H_6 + H_6 \xrightarrow{H_1} H_6 + H_7 \xrightarrow{H_2} H_7 \xrightarrow{Ni, Pt} H_7 \xrightarrow{H_3} H_7 \xrightarrow{H_4} H_7 \xrightarrow{H_4} H_7 \xrightarrow{H_5} H_7 \xrightarrow{H$$

#### PREPERATION OF ALKYNES

Alkynes can be synthesized from metallic acetlylides and alkyl halides.

# BY THE REACTION OF METAL ACETYLIDES AND ALKYL HALIDES

$$CH \equiv C - Na + RX \longrightarrow CH \equiv C - R + NaX$$
sodium acetylide alkyl halide sodium halide

$$CH \equiv C - Na + CH_3CH_2CH_2CH_2Br \rightarrow CH_3CH_2CH_2C \equiv CH + NaBr$$
  
sodium acetylide 1-bromobutane 1-hexyne

#### ACETYLENE

Acetylene, the first member of the alkyne series, is one of the major chemicals used in industry.

#### Physical properties:

- Very light odor
- Colorless
- Soluble in water
- Soluble in acetone
- ► Boiling point -83\* C
- Can be liquified at 1\*C

#### Chemical properties:

- It burns with a bright flame
- Explodes at about 15 atm pressure





#### ALKYNYL GROUP

Alkynyl groups are formed from alkynes by removing one H atom. The most common alkynyl groups are ethynyl, 1-propynyl, and 1-butynyl

#### USES OF ALKYNES

- Histrionicotoxin
   toxic alkyne present in South American frogs
   used to make poison-tipped arrows
- Ichthyothereol
  highly toxic alkyne found in the leaves of a Brazilian herb
  used to kill fish
- Calicheamicin and Esperamicin
   extremely toxic to cells
   breaks double strand of DNA
   researchers are trying to use it to develop a cancer fighting drug
- Capillin natural plant fungicide