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#### 1.1 Introduction to Organic Chemistry

Before 1828, it was thought to be organic compounds were very complex and only obtained from living sources like animal urine. In 1828, Friedrich Wohler synthesized an organic compound (urea) from inorganic compounds (lead cyanate and ammonium hydroxide).

$$Pb(OCN)_2 + 2 H_2 O + 2 NH_3 \longrightarrow 2 H_2 N - C - NH_2 + Pb(OH)_2$$
  
urea

**Organic Chemistry** is chemistry of carbon compounds and carbon forms a variety of strong covalent bonds to itself and other atoms. Carbon can bond to itself and other atoms: in a straight chain or a branched or cyclic manner.

Importance of Carbon:

- It has <u>4 valence</u> electrons.  $c + 4H = CH_4$
- It makes <u>4 covalent</u> bonds.
- It can bond with any element, but priorities to bond with other carbon atoms and make long chains.

## 1.2 Atoms, Electrons and Orbitals

In a neutral atom, the number of protons and electrons are always equal to each other and the charge is 0. Electrons exist in energy levels that surround the nucleus of the atom. The energy levels are called shells, and within these shells are other energy levels, called subshells or orbitals, that contain up to two electrons.



The below Table indicates the basic sequence of the atomic configuration of the known elements.

*Electronegativity* is a measure of the tendency of an atom to attract a bonding pair of electrons. If atoms bonded together have the same electronegativity, the shared electrons will be equally shared. *The Pauling scale* is the most commonly used.

| Element        | Atomic Number | <b>Electron Configuration</b>  |
|----------------|---------------|--|
| Hydrogen (H)   | 1             | 1s <sup>1</sup> (First shell, one electron)                                    |
| Helium (He)    | 2             | 1s <sup>2</sup>  |
| Lithium (Li)   | 3             | 1s <sup>2</sup> , 2s <sup>1</sup>  |
| Beryllium (Be) | 4             | 1s <sup>2</sup> , 2s <sup>2</sup>  |
| Boron (B)      | 5             | 1s <sup>2</sup> , 2s <sup>2</sup> , 2p <sup>1</sup>                            |
| Carbon (C)     | 6             | 1s², 2s², 2p²  |
| Nitrogen (N)   | 7             | 1s², 2s², 2p³  |
| Oxygen (O)     | 8             | 1s <sup>2</sup> , 2s <sup>2</sup> , 2p <sup>4</sup>                            |
| Fluorine (F)   | 9             | 1s², 2s², 2p <sup>5</sup>  |
| Neon           | 10            | 1s <sup>2</sup> , 2s <sup>2</sup> , 2p <sup>6</sup> (Inert, completely filled) |

## 1.3 Bonds

### 1.3.1 Ionic Bond

Ionic bonding is important between atoms of different electronegativity. The bond results from one atom giving up an electron while another atom accepts the electron. Both atoms attain a stable nobel gas configuration.

> Na<sup>11</sup>  $\xrightarrow{-1e}$  [Na<sup>10</sup>]<sup>+</sup> F<sup>9</sup>  $\xrightarrow{+1e}$  [F<sup>10</sup>]<sup>-</sup> 2 Na + F<sub>2</sub>  $\longrightarrow$  2 Na<sup>+</sup> F<sup>-</sup>

## 1.3.2 Covalent Bond

A covalent bond is formed by a sharing of two electrons by two atoms. Hydrogen molecule:  $H^{\bullet \bullet} H$ , H-H,  $H_2$ 

### 1.3.3 Polar Covalent Bond

Polar covalent bonds are a particular type of covalent bond. Perfectlyionic and perfectly-covalent bonds are the two extremes of bonding. A polar covalent bond is an unequally sharing of electrons between two atoms with different

H<sup>δ+</sup> : Cl :<sup>δ-</sup>

## 1.4 Formal Charges

To assign formal charge, use the formula below

Formal charge = Group number -(electrons in lone pairs + the number of bonds)

**Group number** = # of valence electrons

For example, CH<sub>4</sub>

The number of valence electrons' carbon is 4.

The number of non-bonded electrons is zero.

The number of bonds around carbon is 4.

So formal charge = 4 - (0 + 4) = 4 - 4 = 0

The formal charge of C in  $CH_4$  is O

What about the hydrogens:

Formal charge = 1 - (0 + 1) = 1 - 1 = 0

### **1.5 Lewis Structures of Organic Molecules**

Writing Lewis structures:

(i) Draw molecular skeleton

 $CO_2 \rightarrow OCO$ 

(ii) Count total number of valence electrons. If there is a negative ion, add the absolute value of total charge to count of valence electrons; if a positive ion, subtract.

(iii) Octet (Duet) Rule: Provide octets (duets for H) around all atoms.Assign 2 bonding electrons to each bond.

#### HH

(iv) Take care of charges, if any. Charges occur when the formal "effective" electron count around the nucleus differs from valence electron count.

#### 1.6 Resonance

The following structures, called resonance structures, are not real or detectable, but they are a useful conceptual tool for understanding the reactivity of molecules.



Carbonate,  $CO_3^{2-}$ . All forms are equivalent

## 1.7 Classification of Organic Compounds



## 1.8 Representation of the Organic Molecules

The structural formulas of the organic molecules can be shown in differ ent ways.



## 1.10. Naming of the Organic Compounds

In order to clearly identify compound, a systematic method of naming has been developed and is known as the IUPAC (International Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry) system of nomenclature. We can name them systematically (IUPAC).

Organic Functional Group List and IUPAC Names

| Functional                           | Compound           | Prefix/Suffix    | Example   | IUPAC Name                           |  |  |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------|------------------|---|--------------------------------------|--|--|
| Hydrocarbons                         |                    |                  |   |                                      |  |  |
| R-H                                  | Alkane             | -ane             | CH <sub>3</sub> CH <sub>3</sub>                 | ethane                               |  |  |
| C=C                                  | Alkene             | -ene             | H <sub>2</sub> C=CH <sub>2</sub>                | ethene (ethylene)                    |  |  |
| C≡C                                  | Alkyne             | -yne             | HC≡CH   | ethyne<br>(acetylene)                |  |  |
| Ar-H                                 | Arenes             | -ene             |   | benzene                              |  |  |
| Halogen-Containing Compounds         |                    |                  |   |                                      |  |  |
| R-X                                  | Halo alkane        | halo-            | CH3CI   | chloromethane                        |  |  |
| Ar-X                                 | Aryl halides       | halo-            | Cl  | chlorobenzene                        |  |  |
| Oxygen-Containing Compounds          |                    |                  |   |                                      |  |  |
| R-OH                                 | Alcohol            | -ol (hydroxy-)   | CH₃OH   | methanol                             |  |  |
| ArOH                                 | Phenols            | -ol              | <b>ОН</b>                                       | phenol                               |  |  |
| R-O-R                                | Ether              | ether (alkoxy-)  | CH3OCH3   | dimethyl ether                       |  |  |
| RCOH                                 | Aldehyde           | -al              | CH₃CHO  | ethanal<br>(acetaldehyde)            |  |  |
| RCOR                                 | Ketone             | -one             | CH <sub>3</sub> COCH <sub>3</sub>               | propanone<br>(acetone)               |  |  |
| RCOOH                                | Carboxylic<br>acid | -oic acid        | СН₃СООН   | ethanoic acid<br>(acetic acid)       |  |  |
| Carboxylic Acid Derivatives          |                    |                  |   |                                      |  |  |
| RCOOR                                | Ester              | -oate            | СН₃СООСН  | methyl ethanoate<br>(methyl acetate) |  |  |
| RCOOX                                | Acyl halides       | -acyl            | CH₃COOCI  | Acetyl chloride                      |  |  |
| RCONH <sub>2</sub>                   | Amide              | -amide           | CH3CONH2  | ethanamide<br>(acetamide)            |  |  |
| RCOOCOR                              | Anhydride          | -anhydride       | CH <sub>3</sub> COOOCH <sub>3</sub>             | Acetic anhydride                     |  |  |
| Nitrogen-Containing Acid Derivatives |                    |                  |   |                                      |  |  |
| R-NH <sub>2</sub>                    | Amine              | -amine (amino-)  | CH <sub>3</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> NH <sub>2</sub> | ethylamine<br>aminoethane            |  |  |
| RC≡N                                 | Nitriles           | -nitrile (cyano) | CH₃C≡N  | acetonitrile                         |  |  |
| ArNO <sub>2</sub>                    | Nitro<br>compounds | -nitro           | NO <sub>2</sub>                                 | nitrobenzene                         |  |  |

R = alkyl group, an unfunctionalized saturated chain; Ar= an aryl group; X = halogen