CHEM 108A Binder

Lecture 4 – Alkane nomenclature

Alkane	Name	Skeletal Structure	Alkyl Group	Name & Abbrev.
CH ₄	<i>n</i> -Methane	•	-CH ₃	Methyl (Me)
CH ₃ CH ₃	<i>n</i> -Ethane			Ethyl (Et)
CH ₃ CH ₂ CH ₃	<i>n</i> -Propane	^	\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\	Propyl (Pr)
			***	Isopropyl (i-Pr)
CH ₃ CH ₂ CH ₂ CH ₃	<i>n</i> -Butane	/	_\^\\rangle_\	Butyl (Bu)
			~ \	sec-Butyl (s-Bu)
CH ₃ CH(CH ₃)CH ₃	Isobutane or 2-methylpropane	\downarrow	74	Isobutyl (i-Bu)
			722	tert-Butyl

# Carbons	Prefix	# Carbons	Prefix
1	Meth-	7	Sept-
2	Eth-	8	Oct-
3	Prop-	9	Non-
4	But-	10	Dec-
5	Pent-	11	Undec-
6	Hex-	12	Dodec-

Lecture 4 & 5 In-Class Problems

Draw the structure of 4-Ethyl-2,2-dimethylhexane

Name the following compound (How many degrees of unsaturation does this compound have?)

Draw the least and most stable conformations of 2,3-dichlorobutane (Newman projections down the C2-C3 bond).

Draw both chair conformations of *cis*- and *trans*-1,4-dimethylcyclohexane. Indicate the least and most stable conformation for each. Explain how to account for the stability.



