### Organic Chemistry

### What is organic chemistry?

- The name implies that it is the chemistry of living things
- That is partially true
   Organic chemistry- the study of carbon containing compounds (\*with a few
- exceptions-like  $CO_2$ )
- All living things are carbon based.
  However, carbon is not only involved in living things.

# Why does carbon get its own class of chemistry?

- Since carbon can form 4 covalent bonds it has a large number of possibilities for structures.
- It also readily bonds with other carbon atoms forming chains or rings, which gives it billions of stable structures.
- Also, living things continuously do "experiments" making new carbon compounds.

## ...because there are so many useful carbon compounds

- Chemistry is basically split into organic and inorganic.
- Carbon chemistry and everything else, and the everything else didn't really become important until recently.
- Since living things naturally make all of these carbon compounds, man found several uses for them without having to manufacture them.

### Just a small sampling

- Some carbon compounds include
   DNA, diamonds, natural gas, aspirin, octane, polyester, freon, asphalt...
- Caffeine, carbohydrates , plastics, rubber, acrylic, vinyl, graphite, proteins, propane...
- Vinegar, citric acid, leather, TNT, alcohol, ibuprofen, soot, cellulose, butane etc.
- There are more known compounds of carbon than there are for all other elements combined!

#### Allotropes of pure carbon

- Allotrope- Different molecular structure of molecules containing the same atom
- Diamonds- dense tetrahedral networkGraphite- layers laying on top of each other
- Buckminsterfullerene or buckyball ~ found in soot ( a sphere)



NUUL	worus		
	# of C atoms		# of C atoms
Meth	1	Hex	6
Eth	2	Hept	7
Prop	3	Oct	8
But	4	Non	9
Pent	5	Dec	10









- Drawing Lewis Dot structural formulas for long organic compounds can get rather tedious.
- So organic has shortened it
- They don't write the C's or the H'sYou draw a jagged line, at each corner
- there is a Carbon
- Assume all extra spaces are filled with H























Doubles and triples
<ul> <li>If you have two of the same thing put "di" in front of it</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>If you have three of the same thing put "tri" in front of it</li> </ul>



