

Organic chemistry

Organic chemistry is that branch of chemistry that deals with the structure, properties, and reactions of compounds that contain carbon.

Organic compounds are the compound which contains mainly **carbon** and **hydrogen**.

Hydrocarbons

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graph TD; A[Hydrocarbons] --> B[Saturated]; A --> C[Unsaturated]; B --> D[Alkanes]; C --> E[Alkenes Alkynes];
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Saturated

Unsaturated

Alkanes

Alkenes Alkynes

IUPAC Nomenclature The Three Basic Parts Basic Part – Suffixes

The name for any organic molecule consists of three basic

parts: Prefixes-Parent-Suffix Basic Part – Suffixes on the end of the name of an organic molecule tell you what major family the molecule belongs to

The suffix for an alkane is “-ane”

The suffix for an alkene is “-ene”

The suffix for an alkyne is “-yne”

Counting to Ten in Organic Basic Part – the Parent

The “parent” part of the name tells you how many carbons are in the longest chain “main chain” of the molecule.

Counting to Ten in Organic

01 = meth

02 = eth

03 = prop

04 = but

05 = pent

06 = hex

07 = hept

08 = oct

09 = non

10 = dec

Parent and suffix... The parent is named based on the number of carbons

1 carbon = “meth”

So a one-carbon alkane is called

methane CH_4

2 carbons = “eth”

So a two carbon alkane is called
ethane.

CH_3CH_3

3 carbons = “prop”

So a three carbon alkane is called
propane.

$\text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3$

4 carbons = “but”

So a four carbon alkane is called
butane.

$\text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3$

Prefixes Prefixes – the Halides

So name the following alkane (shown as both condensed formula and a skeletal structure) Prefixes

Prefixes are any substituent attached to the main chain (parent) of the molecule.

Prefixes – the Halides

Chlorine is called “**chloro**”

Fluorine is called “**Fluoro**”

Bromine is called “**bromo**”

Iodine is called “**iodo**”

nine carbons + alkane family = ?

Follow the rules... Name the following...

4-Bromoheptane

3,4-Dibromoheptane

3-Bromo-1-chloro-4-methylhexane

1,1-Dibromo-3-methyloctane

3-ethylhexane

Alkyl Groups Alkyl groups are named similarly to alkanes.

If you remove a hydrogen atom from one of these you get an alkyl group.

A fragment of methane, CH_4 , would be CH_3- called “methyl”

A fragment of ethane, CH_3CH_3 , would be CH_3CH_2- , called “ethyl”.

Example: 3-ethylhexane ?

IUPAC Systematic Nomenclature - Alkanes

If compound has two or more chains of the same length, parent hydrocarbon is chain with greatest number of substituents.

Quiz Draw Some Simple Alkanes: 2-methylpentane 3-ethylhexane

Example 1: Write the structural formula for 2-methylpentane

Start from counting the number of carbon atoms in the longest chain - pent counts 5 carbons.

Are there any carbon-carbon double bonds? No – an tells you there aren't any.

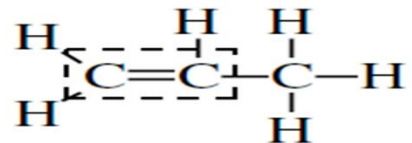
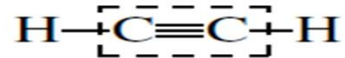
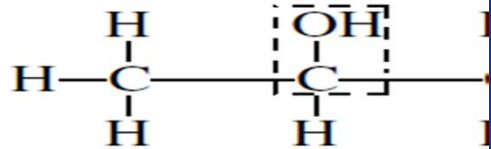
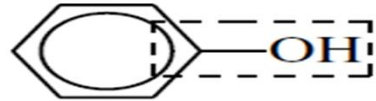
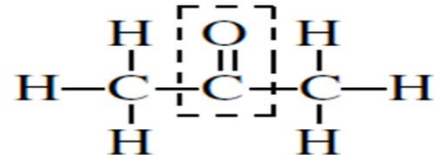
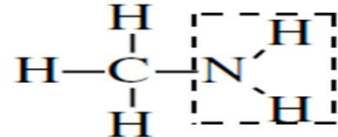
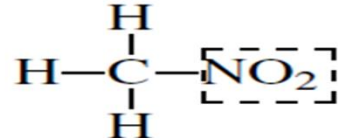
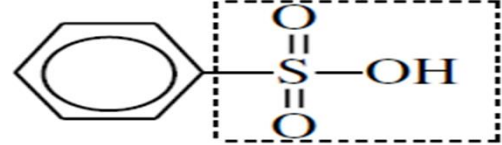
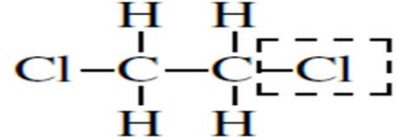
Now draw this carbon skeleton: Put a methyl group on the number 2 carbon atom:

Write the structural formula: 2,3-dimethylbutane. 2,2-dimethylbutane. 3-ethyl-2-methylhexane. 4-bromo-3-methylhexene.

Nomenclature of Substituents

The name of the alkyl group followed by the name of the class of compound constitutes the common name for alcohols amines, and alkyl halides:

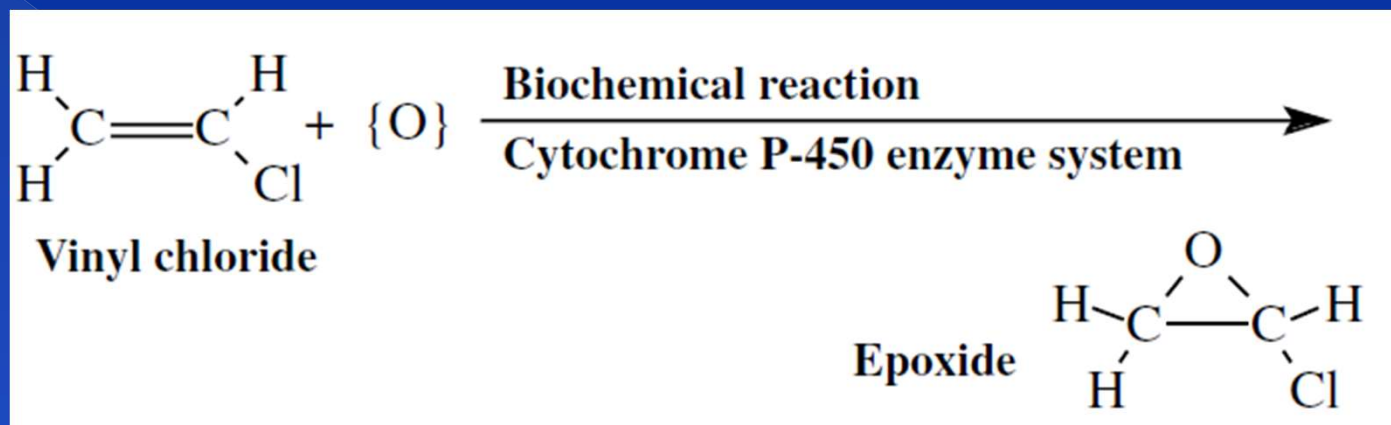
Suffix	General Formula	Function Class
OH	Alcohols	ol
CHO	Aldehydes	al
C=O	Ketones	one
-O-	Ethers	ether
-COO-	Esters	oate
-COOH	Carboxylic acids	oic acid
Amine	NH ₂	

Type of Functional Group	Example Compound	Structural Formula of
Alkene (olefin)	Propene (propylene)	
Alkyne	Acetylene	
Alcohol (-OH attached to alkyl group)	2-Propanol	
Phenol (-OH attached to aryl group)	Phenol	
Ketone (When $\text{—}\overset{\text{O}}{\underset{\parallel}{\text{C}}}\text{—H}$ group is on end carbon, compound is an aldehyde)	Acetone	
Amine	Methylamine	
Nitro compounds	Nitromethane	
Sulfonic acids	Benzenesulfonic acid	
Organohalides	1,1-Dichloroethane	

Addition Reactions

alkenes

alkynes



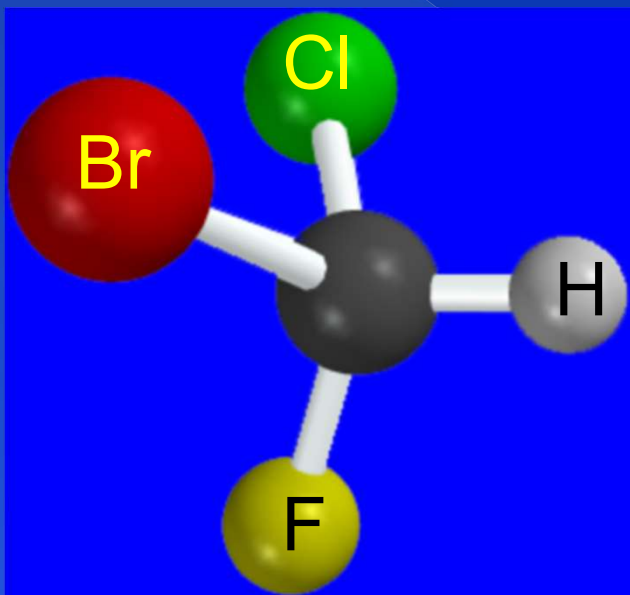
to produce a reactive epoxide that can bind to biomolecules in the body to produce liver cancer.

Chirality

A molecule is chiral if its two mirror image forms are not superposable upon one another. ASYMMETRIC!

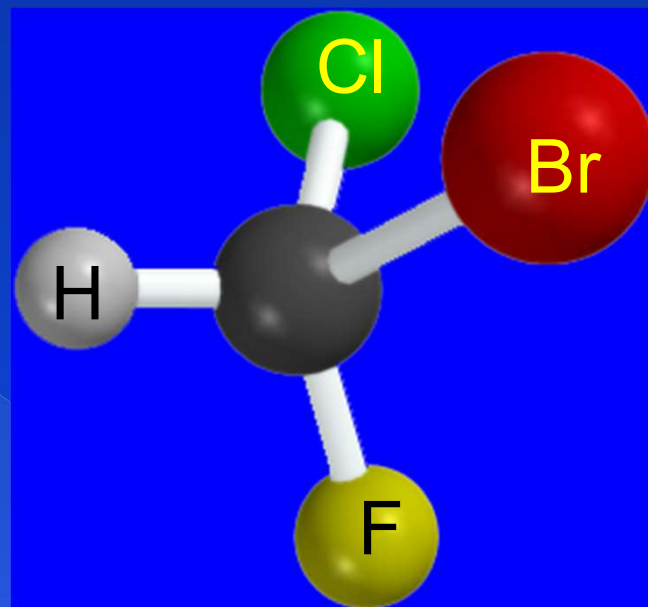
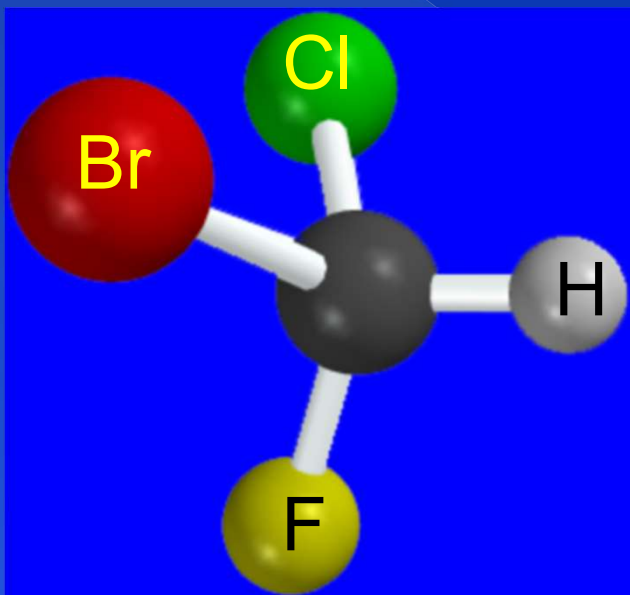
A molecule is achiral if its two mirror image forms are superposable. SYMMETRIC!

Bromochlorofluoromethane is chiral



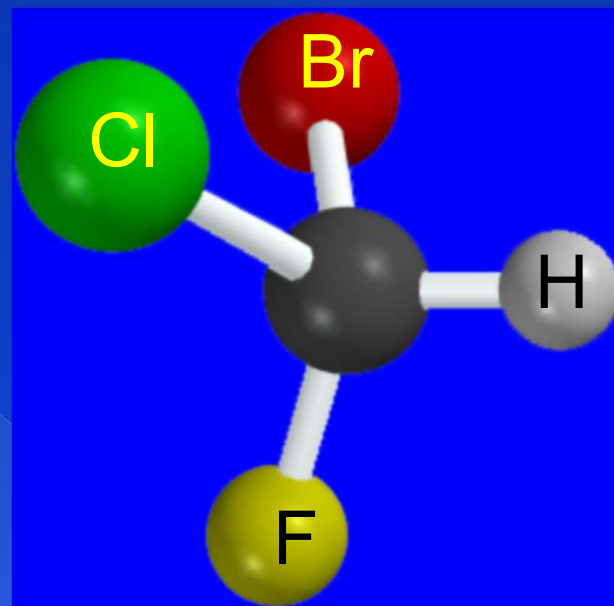
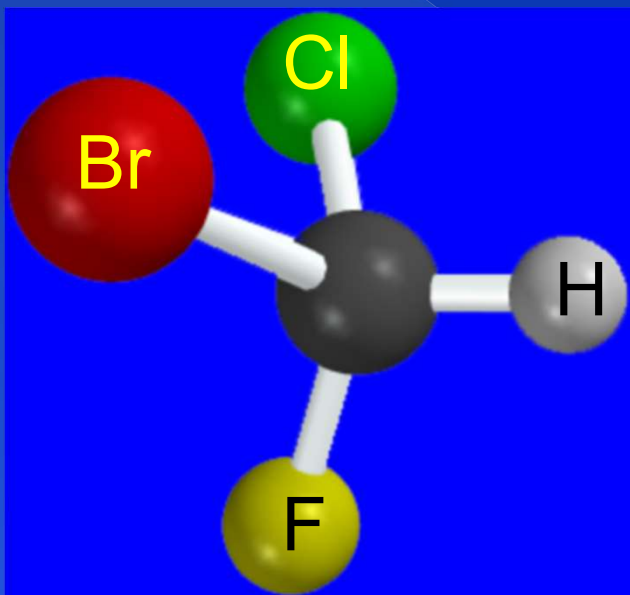
It cannot be superposed point for point on its mirror image.

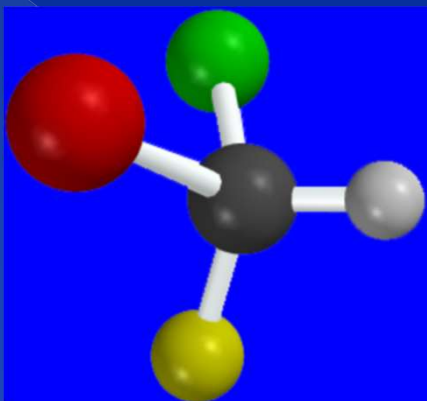
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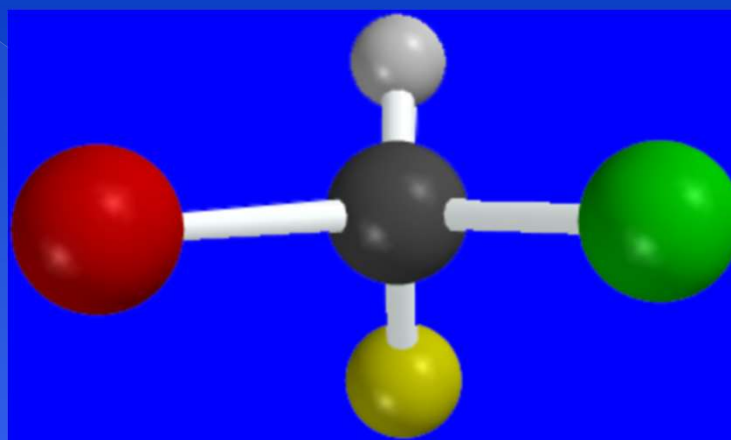
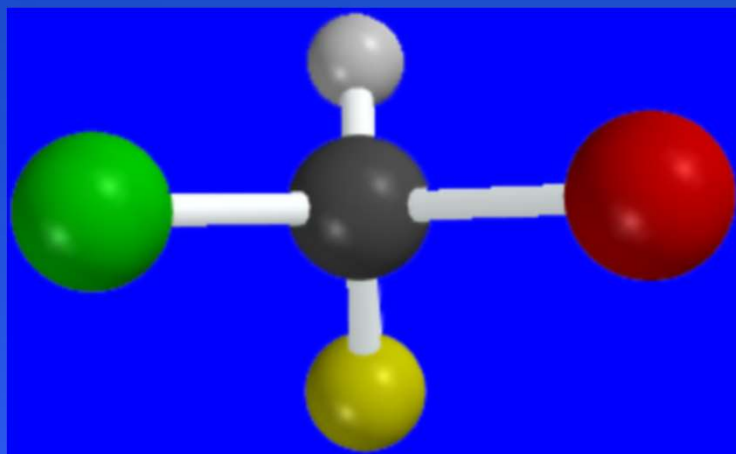
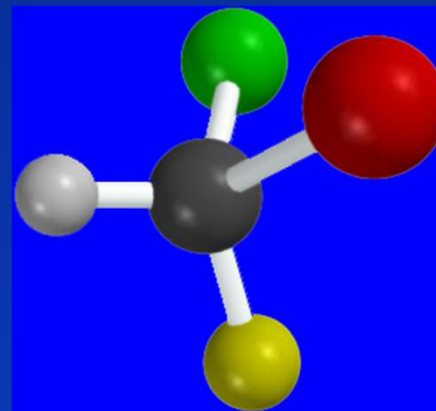
To show nonsuperposability, rotate this model 180° around a vertical axis.

Bromochlorofluoromethane is chiral



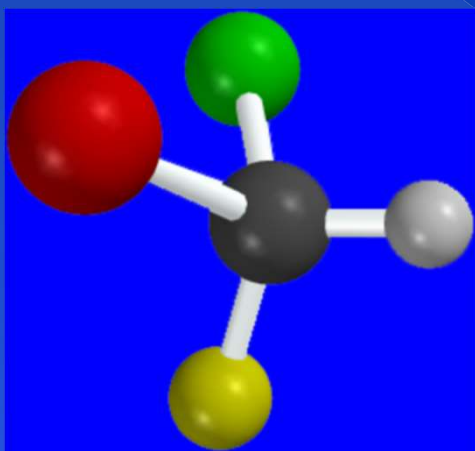


Another look

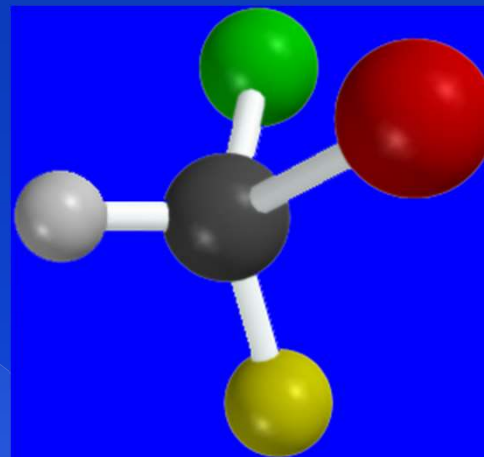


Enantiomers

nonsuperposable mirror images are called enantiomers



and



are enantiomers with respect to each other

Isomers

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**constitutional
isomers**

stereoisomers

Isomers

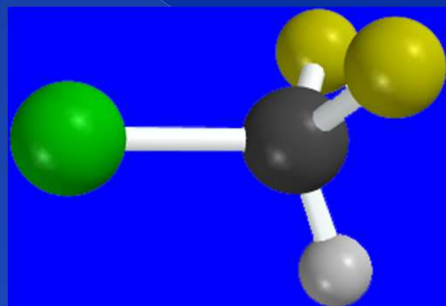
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graph TD; A[Isomers] --> B[constitutional isomers]; A --> C[stereoisomers]; C --> D[enantiomers]; C --> E[diastereomers];
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**constitutional
isomers**

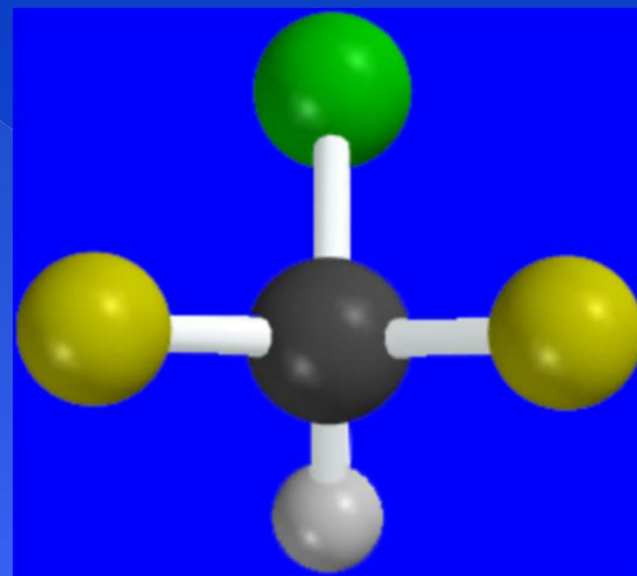
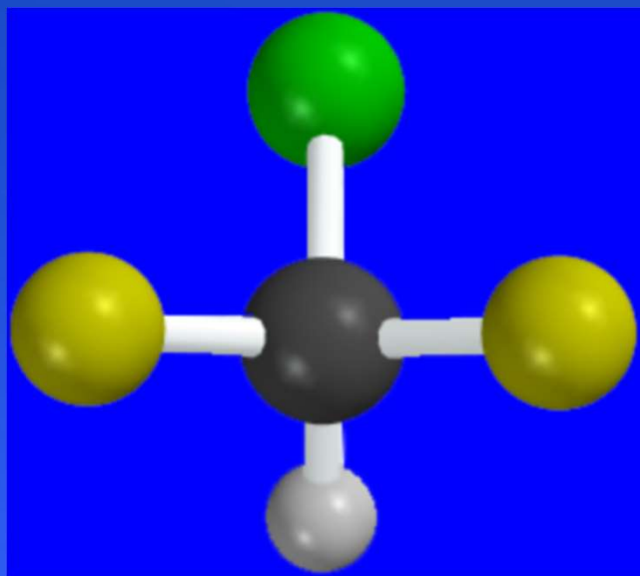
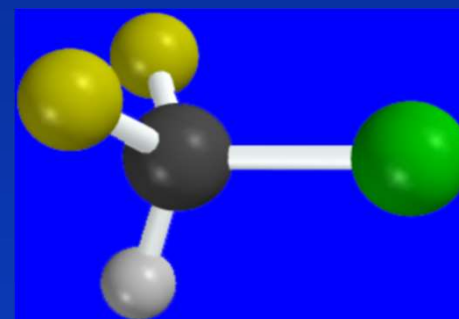
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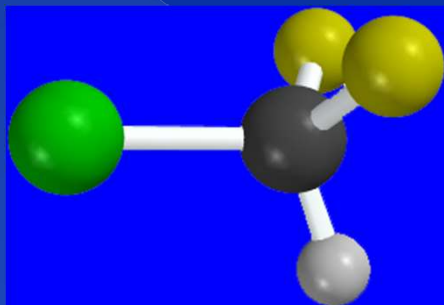
enantiomers

diastereomers

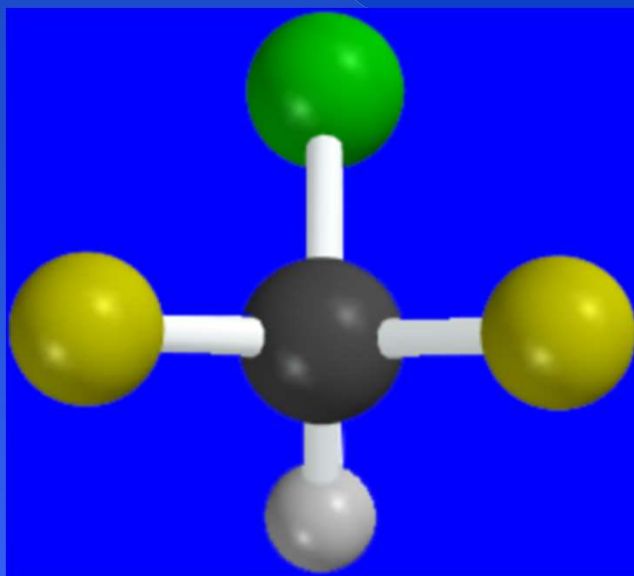
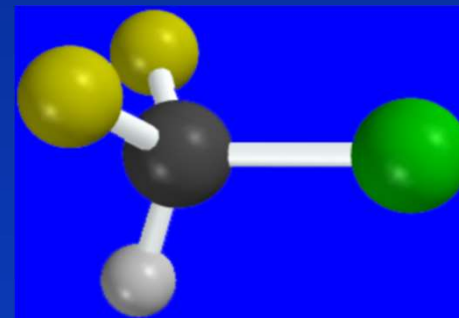


Chlorodifluoromethane
is achiral





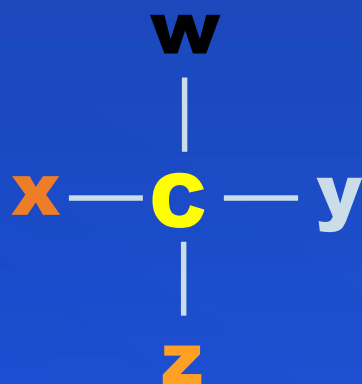
Chlorodifluoromethane
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The two structures are mirror images, but are not enantiomers, because they can be superposed on each other.

The Chirality Center

The Chirality Center



a carbon atom with four
different groups attached to it

also called:

chiral center

asymmetric center

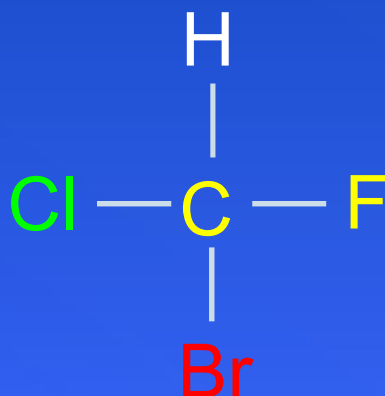
stereocenter

stereogenic center

Chirality and chirality centers

A molecule with a single chirality center is chiral.

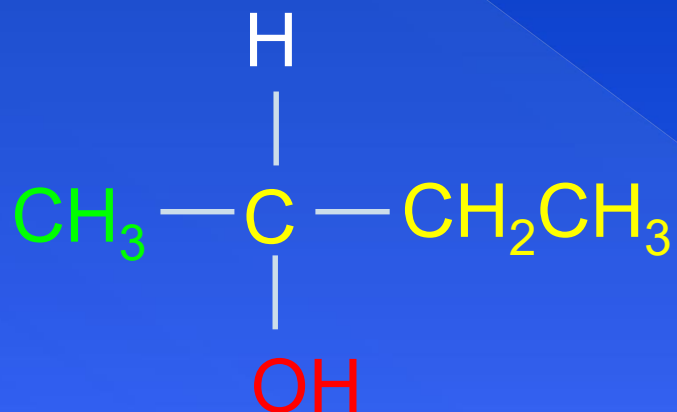
Bromochlorofluoromethane is an example.



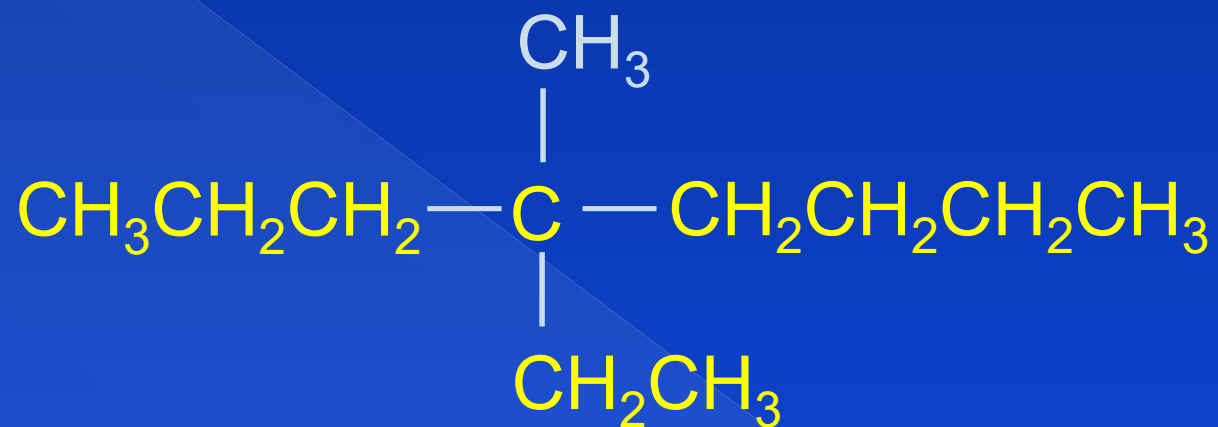
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2-Butanol is another example.



Examples of molecules with 1 chirality center



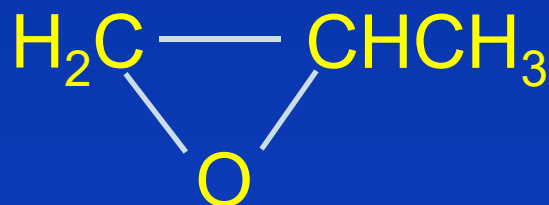
a chiral alkane

Examples of molecules with 1 chirality center



Linalool, a naturally occurring chiral alcohol

Examples of molecules with 1 chirality center



1,2-Epoxypropane: a chirality center
can be part of a ring

attached to the chirality center are:

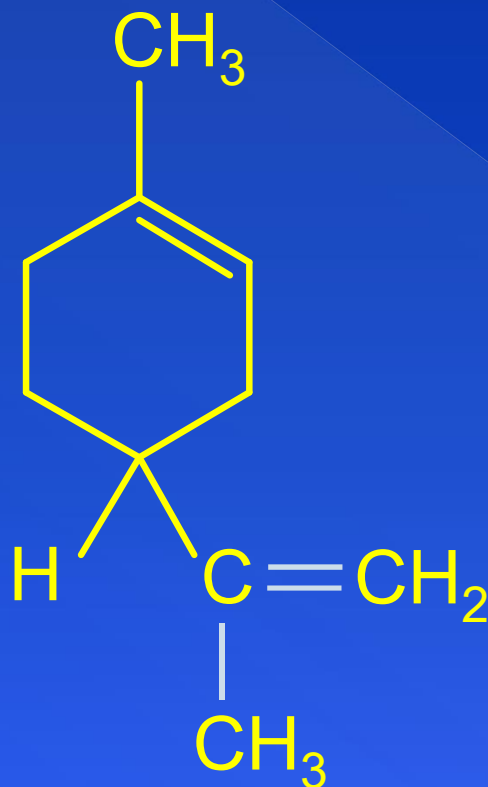
—H

—CH₃

—OCH₂

—CH₂O

Examples of molecules with 1 chirality center



Limonene: a chirality center can be part of a ring

attached to the chirality center are:

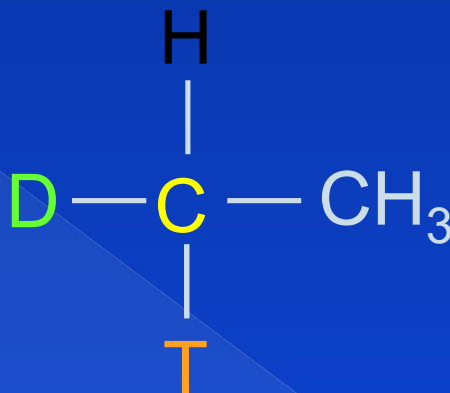
—H

—CH₂CH₂

—CH₂CH=C

—C=C

Examples of molecules with 1 chirality center



Chiral as a result of isotopic substitution

A molecule with a single chirality center
must be chiral.

But, a molecule with two or more
chirality centers may be chiral
or it may not