

5. Delocalization of charge over a larger area is stabilizing. The majority of molecules you will encounter will be neutral, but some carry negative or positive charges because they contain an imbalance in their total number of electrons and protons. In general, charges are destabilizing (higher Gibbs free energy), increasing the reactivity of the molecules that possess them. Localized charges are the most destabilizing (highest Gibbs free energy). Delocalizing the charge over a larger area through interactions such as resonance, inductive effects, and hyperconjugation is stabilizing (lowering the Gibbs free energy). In addition, it is more stabilizing to have more negative charge on a more electronegative atom (e.g. O), and more positive charge on a less electronegative atom (e.g. C).

7. Delocalization of pi electron density over a larger area is stabilizing. Pi

electron density delocalization occurs through overlapping 2p orbitals, so to take part in pi electron density delocalization atoms must be sp2 or sp hybridized and reside in the same plane. Pi electron delocalization can involve even large numbers of such atoms. Pi electron density cannot delocalize onto or through sp3 hybridized atoms because an sp3 atom has no 2p orbital. Aromaticity is a special type of pi electron density delocalization involving rings and a specific number of pi electrons, and is the most stabilizing form of pi electron density delocalization.

Name	Molecular Formula	Condensed Structural Formula	Name	Molecular Formula	Condensed Structural Formula
Methane	CH ₄	CH ₄	Undecane	C ₁₁ H ₂₄	CH ₃ (CH ₂) ₉ CH ₃
Ethane	C_2H_6	CH ₃ CH ₃	Dodecane	C12H26	CH ₃ (CH ₂) ₁₀ CH
Propane	C ₃ H ₈	CH ₃ CH ₂ CH ₃	Tridecane	C13H28	CH ₃ (CH ₂) ₁₁ CH
Butane	C4H10	CH ₃ (CH ₂) ₂ CH ₃	Tetradecane	C14H30	CH ₃ (CH ₂) ₁₂ CH
Pentane	C ₅ H ₁₂	CH ₃ (CH ₂) ₃ CH ₃	Pentadecane	C15H32	CH ₃ (CH ₂) ₁₃ CH
Hexane	C ₆ H ₁₄	CH ₃ (CH ₂) ₄ CH ₃	Hexadecane	C16H34	CH ₃ (CH ₂) ₁₄ CH
Heptane	C ₇ H ₁₆	CH ₃ (CH ₂) ₅ CH ₃	Heptadecane	C ₁₇ H ₃₆	CH ₃ (CH ₂) ₁₅ CH
Octane	C ₈ H ₁₈	CH ₃ (CH ₂) ₆ CH ₃	Octadecane	C ₁₈ H ₃₈	CH ₃ (CH ₂) ₁₆ CH
Nonane	C ₉ H ₂₀	CH ₃ (CH ₂) ₇ CH ₃	Nonadecane	C ₁₉ H ₄₀	CH ₃ (CH ₂) ₁₇ CH
Decane	C ₁₀ H ₂₂	CH ₃ (CH ₂) ₈ CH ₃	Eicosane	C ₂₀ H ₄₂	CH ₃ (CH ₂) ₁₈ CH

Prefix	Number of Carbon Atoms	Prefix	Number of Carbon Atoms
meth-	1	undec-	11
eth-	2	dodec-	12
prop-	3	tridec-	13
but-	4	tetradec-	14
pent-	5	pentadec-	15
hex-	6	hexadec-	16
hept-	7	heptadec-	17
oct-	8	octadec-	18
non-	9	nonadec-	19
dec-	10	eicos-	20

Name	Condensed Structural Formula	Name	Condensed Structural Formula
Methyl (Me)	-CH ₃	1,1-Dimethylethyl (<i>tert</i> -butyl, <i>t</i> -Bu)	CH_3 \downarrow $-CCH_3$
Ethyl (Et)	$-CH_2CH_3$		CH ₃
Propyl (Pr)	$-CH_2CH_2CH_3$	Pentyl	-CH ₂ CH ₂ CH ₂ CH ₂ CH ₂ CH
1-Methylethyl (isopropyl, iPr)	—СНСН ₃ СН ₃	3-Methylbutyl (isopentyl)	-CH ₂ CH ₂ CH ₂ CHCH ₃
Butyl (Bu)	$- \mathrm{CH}_{2}\mathrm{CH}_{2}\mathrm{CH}_{2}\mathrm{CH}_{3}$	2-Methylbutyl	-CH ₂ CHCH ₂ CH ₃
2-Methylpropyl (isobutyl, iBu)	—СН ₂ СНСН ₃ СН ₃	2,2-Dimethylpropyl	CH ₃ CH ₃
1-Methylpropyl (sec-butyl, s-Bu)	-CHCH2CH3 CH3	(neopentyl)	$-CH_2CCH_3$

