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See also *carbocation ions*.

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#### alkenes

Acyclic branched or unbranched *hydrocarbons* having one carbon-carbon double bond and the general formula  $C_nH_{2n}$ . Acyclic branched or unbranched hydrocarbons having more than one double bond are *alkadienes*, *alkatrienes*, etc.

See also *olefins*.

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#### alkoxides

Compounds, ROM, derivatives of alcohols, ROH, in which R is saturated at the site of its attachment to oxygen and M is a metal or other cationic species.

See *alcoholates*.

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#### alkoxyamines

O-Alkyl hydroxylamines (with or without substitution on N)  $R'ONR_2$  ( $R' \neq H$ ).

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#### alkylenes

1. An old term, which is not recommended, for *alkenes*, especially those of low molecular weight.

2. An old term for alkanediyl groups commonly but not necessarily having the free valencies on adjacent carbon atoms, e.g.  $-CH(CH_3)CH_2-$  propylene (systematically called propane-1,2-diyl).

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#### alkyl groups

Univalent groups derived from *alkanes* by removal of a hydrogen atom from any carbon atom  $-C_nH_{2n+1}$ . The groups derived by removal of a hydrogen atom from a terminal carbon atom of unbranched alkanes form a subclass of normal alkyl (*n*-alkyl) groups  $H[CH_2]_n$ . The groups  $RCH_2$ ,  $R_2CH$  ( $R \neq H$ ), and  $R_3C$  ( $R \neq H$ ) are primary, secondary and tertiary alkyl groups, respectively.

See also *cycloalkyl groups*, *hydrocarbyl groups*.

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#### alkylideneamino carbenes

See *nitrile ylides*.

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#### alkylideneaminoxyl radicals

*Radicals* having the structure  $R_2C=N-O$ . Synonymous with *iminoxyl radicals*.

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tion of methylene,  $H_2C$ ; e.g.  $CH_3CH_2CH$ : propylidene.

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#### alkylidyne

Carbenes  $RC$ : containing a univalent carbon atom, e.g.  $CH_3CH_2C$ : propylidyne.

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#### alkyl radicals

Carbon-centered *radicals* derived formally by removal of one hydrogen atom from an *alkane*, e.g.  $CH_3CH_2\dot{C}H_2$  propyl.

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#### alkynes

Acyclic branched or unbranched *hydrocarbons* having a carbon-carbon triple bond and the general formula  $C_nH_{2n-2}$ ,  $RC\equiv CR$ . Acyclic branched or unbranched hydrocarbons having more than one triple bond are known as *alkadiynes*, *alkatriynes*, etc.

See also *acetylenes*.

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#### allele

One of several alternate forms of a *gene* which occur at the same locus on homologous *chromosomes* and which become separated during *meiosis* and can be recombined following *fusion* of gametes.

1992, 64, 146

#### allenes

*Hydrocarbons* (and by extension, derivatives formed by substitution) having two double bonds from one carbon atom to two others  $R_2C=C=CR_2$ . (The simplest member, propadiene, is known as allene).

See also *cumulenes*, *dienes*.

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#### allo- (in amino-acid nomenclature)

Amino acids with two chiral centres were named in the past by allotting a name to the first diastereoisomer to be discovered. The second diastereoisomer, when found or synthesized, was then assigned the same name but with the prefix *allo-*. This method can be used only with trivial names but not with systematic or systematic names. It is now recommended that *allo* should be used only for *alloisoleucine* and *allothreonine*.

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#### allosteric enzymes

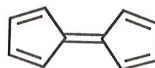
*Enzymes* which contain regions to which small, regulatory molecules (cf. *effector*) may bind in addition to and separate from *substrate* binding sites. On binding the effector, the catalytic activity of the enzyme towards the substrate may be enhanced, in which case

called because fulminic acid (actually  $\text{HC}\equiv\text{N}^+-\text{O}^-$  formonitrile oxide) was previously considered to be  $\text{HON}=\text{C}:$ .

2. Salts of fulminic acid, e.g.  $\text{Na}^+[-\text{C}\equiv\text{N}^+-\text{O}^-]$ .  
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#### fulvalenes

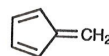
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#### fulvenes

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#### fume (in atmospheric chemistry)

Fine solid particles (aerosol), predominantly less than  $1\ \mu\text{m}$  in diameter, which result from the condensation of vapour from some types of chemical reaction. Usually this is formed from the gaseous state generally after volatilization from melted substances and often accompanied by chemical reactions such as oxidation.

1990, 62, 2190

#### fumes

In popular usage, a term often taken to mean airborne effluents, unpleasant and malodorous, which might arise from chemical processes.

See also *smoke*.

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#### fumigation (in atmospheric chemistry)

An atmospheric phenomenon in which pollution, retained by an inversion layer near its level of emission, is brought rapidly to ground level as the inversion breaks up. This term also applies to the exposure of material (e.g. grain) to chemicals to kill insects, etc.

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#### functional class name

A name that expresses the characteristic group as a class term written as a separate word following the name of a parent structure or a name derived from a

or  $\text{sp}^2$  hybridized carbon atoms, and one or several functional groups. The functional group is an atom, or a group of atoms that has similar chemical properties whenever it occurs in different compounds. It defines the characteristic physical and chemical properties of families of organic compounds.

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#### functional parent

A structure the name of which implies the presence of one or more *characteristic groups* and which has one or more hydrogen atoms attached to at least one of its skeletal atoms or one of its characteristic groups, or in which at least one of its characteristic groups can form at least one kind of functional modification.

Note:

A parent hydride bearing a characteristic group denoted by a suffix, for example, cyclohexanol, is not considered to be a functional parent, but may be described as a 'functionalized parent hydride'.

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#### fungicide

See *antimycotic*.

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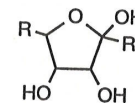
#### furanocoumarins

An alternative name for furocoumarins.

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#### furanoses

Cyclic hemiacetal forms of monosaccharides in which the ring is five-membered (i.e. a tetrahydrofuran skeleton).



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#### furnace black

A type of *carbon* that is produced industrially in a furnace by incomplete combustion in an adjustable and controllable process that yields a wide variety of properties within the product.

Note:

The most widely employed industrial process for *carbon black* production is the furnace process.

See also *gas black*.

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#### furnace pyrolysis (in spectrochemical analysis)

A flowing stream of gas (hydrogen, oxygen, nitrogen, chlorine, etc.) required to produce volatile species of the elements being determined, is passed over the *test sample* in a heated furnace. The analytes leave the