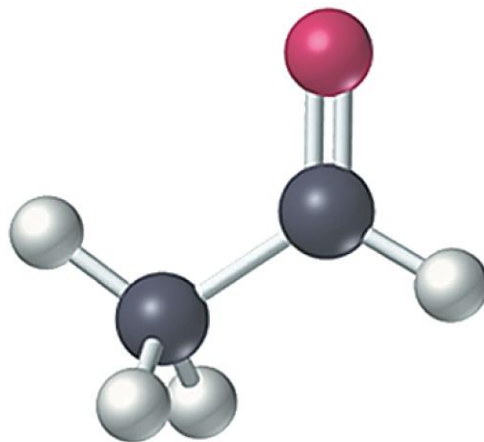


# Aldehydes & Ketones – Structure & Property

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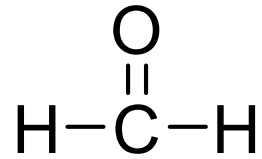
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**Recommended Textbook:**

Chapter 18 in *Organic Chemistry*, 8<sup>th</sup> Edition, L. G. Wade, Jr., 2010, Prentice Hall (Pearson Education)

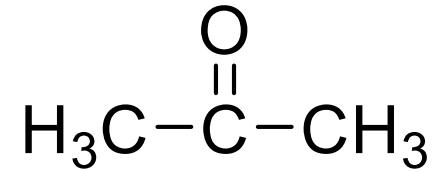
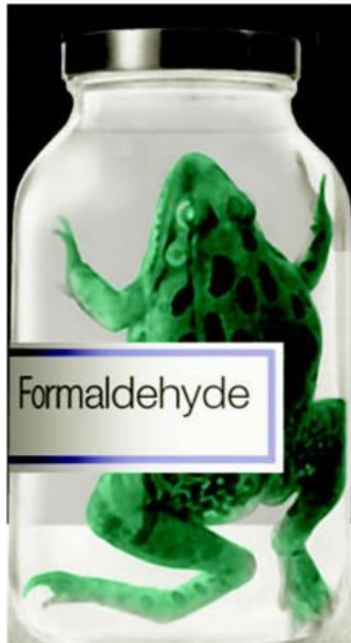
**Aldehyde = Latin “*alcohol dehydrogenatus*” (dehydrogenated alcohol)**

**Ketone = “*Aketon*” (an old German word for acetone)**



formaldehyde

methanal



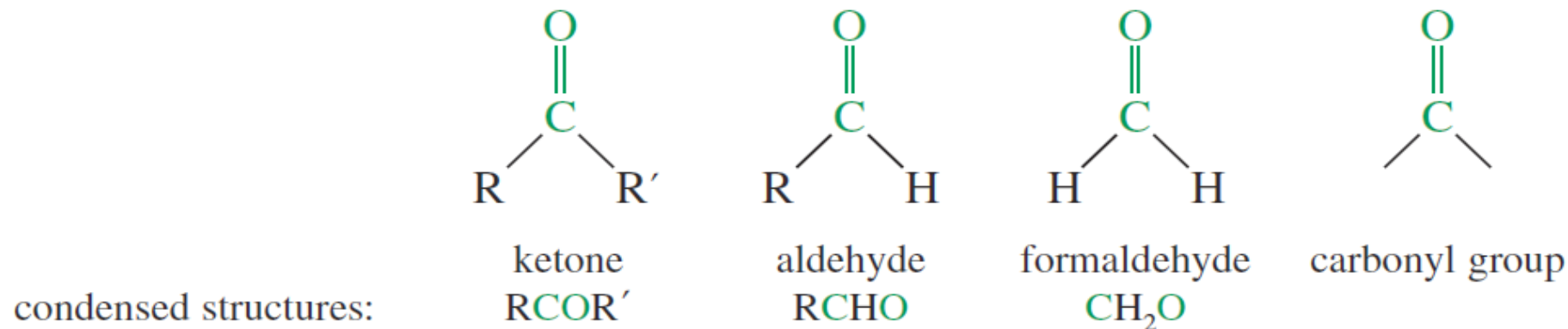
acetone

propanone



**TABLE 18-1** Common Classes of Carbonyl Compounds

Class	General Formula	Class	General Formula
ketones	$\text{R}-\overset{\text{O}}{\parallel}{\text{C}}-\text{R}'$	aldehydes	$\text{R}-\overset{\text{O}}{\parallel}{\text{C}}-\text{H}$
carboxylic acids	$\text{R}-\overset{\text{O}}{\parallel}{\text{C}}-\text{OH}$	acid chlorides	$\text{R}-\overset{\text{O}}{\parallel}{\text{C}}-\text{Cl}$
esters	$\text{R}-\overset{\text{O}}{\parallel}{\text{C}}-\text{O}-\text{R}'$	amides	$\text{R}-\overset{\text{O}}{\parallel}{\text{C}}-\text{NH}_2$



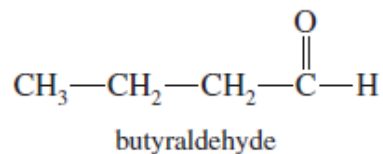
*Ketone:* Two alkyl groups bonded to a carbonyl group.

*Aldehyde:* One alkyl group and one hydrogen bonded to a carbonyl group.

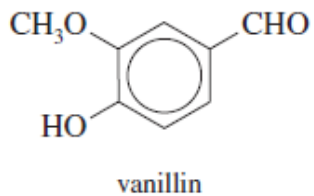
- Ketones and aldehydes are similar in structure, and they have **similar properties**
- In most cases, aldehydes are **more reactive** than ketones



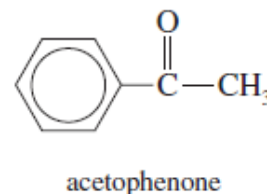
**TABLE 18-4** Ketones and Aldehydes Used in Household Products



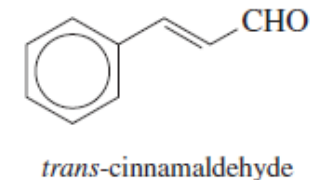
*Odor:* buttery  
*Uses:* margarine, foods



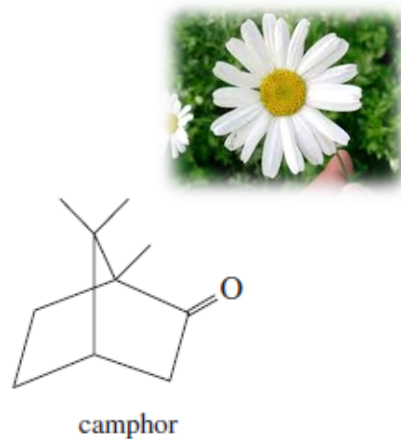
*Odor:* vanilla  
*Uses:* foods, perfumes



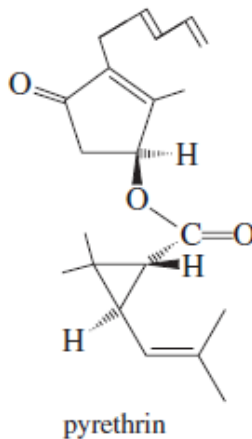
*Odor:* pistachio  
*Uses:* ice cream



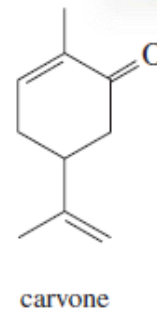
*Odor:* cinnamon  
*Uses:* candy, foods, drugs



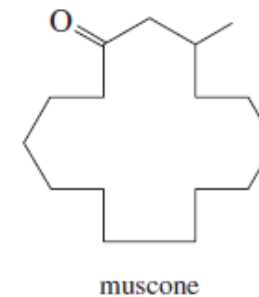
*Odor:* "camphoraceous"  
*Uses:* liniments, inhalants



*Odor:* floral  
*Uses:* plant insecticide



(-) enantiomer: spearmint  
(+) enantiomer: caraway seed  
*Uses:* candy, toothpaste, etc.



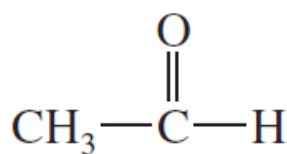
*Odor:* musky aroma  
*Uses:* perfumes



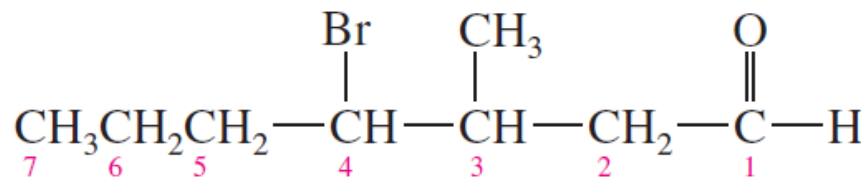
# Nomenclature – IUPAC Names of Aldehydes

## Suffix = **-al**

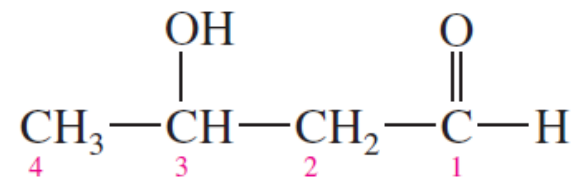
- Replace **-e** of alkane name with **-al**
- Aldehyde C is at the end of a chain: (almost) always **number 1**



ethanal

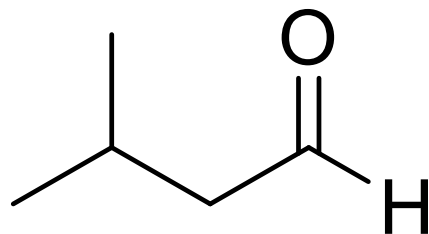


4-bromo-3-methylheptanal



3-hydroxybutanal

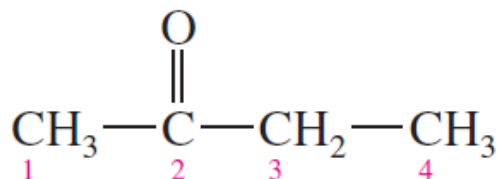
## Example



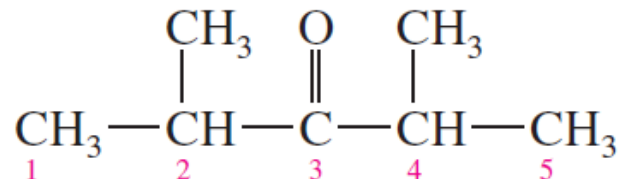
# Nomenclature – IUPAC Names of Ketones

## Suffix = **-one**

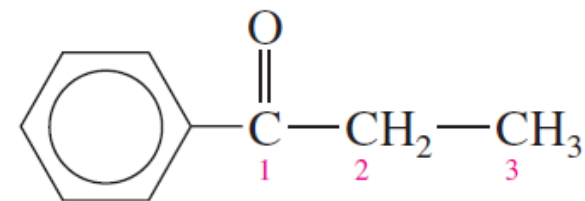
- Replace **-e** of alkane name with **-one**
- Number longest chain containing C=O from the end **closest to C=O**
- Indicate position of the C=O by a number



2-butanone  
butan-2-one

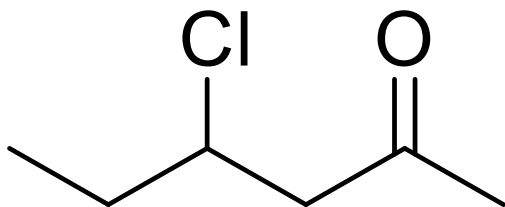


2,4-dimethyl-3-pentanone  
2,4-dimethylpentan-3-one



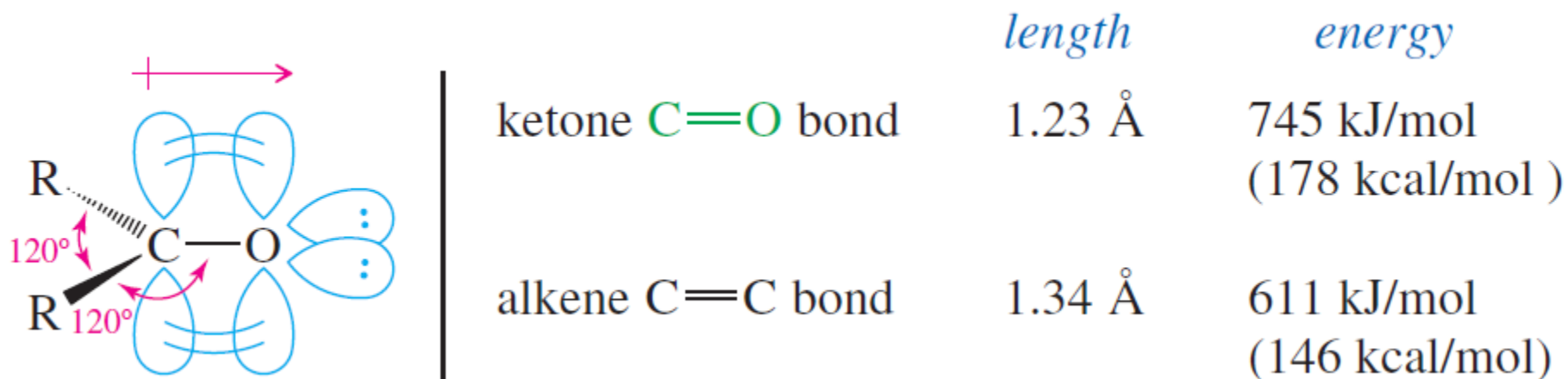
1-phenyl-1-propanone  
1-phenylpropan-1-one

## Example



# Structure of the Carbonyl Group

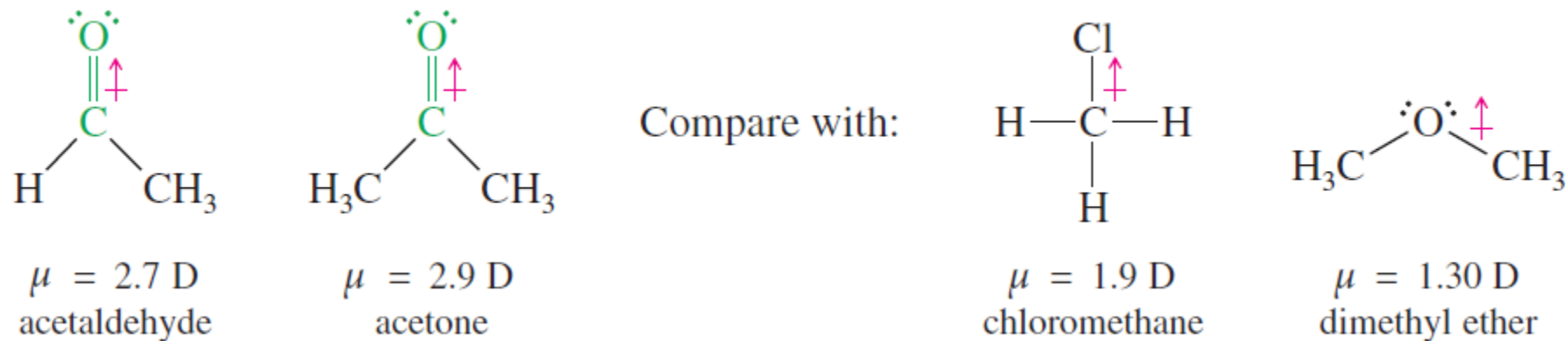
- $sp^2$  hybridised carbon
- Bonded to 3 other atoms through coplanar **sigma bonds** oriented about **120°** apart
- Unhybridized p orbital overlaps with a p orbital of Oxygen to form a **pi bond**



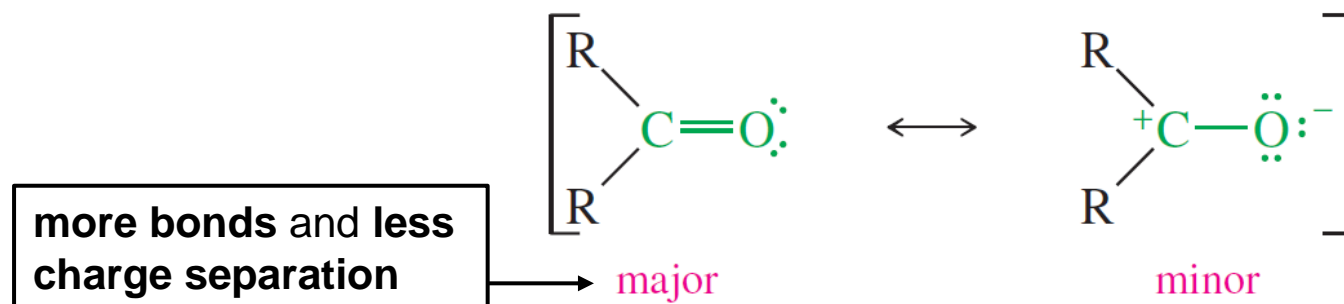
- C=O bond has similar geometry to C=C but C=O bond is **shorter**, **stronger** and **more polarized** than C=C bond



# Structure of the Carbonyl Group



- C=O has a **large dipole moment** because O is **more electronegative** than C and the bonding electrons are not shared equally (**resonance**)

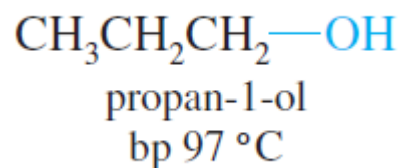
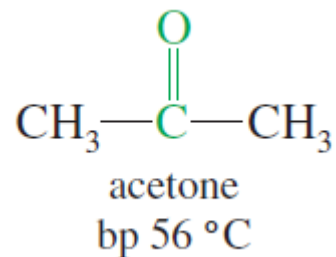
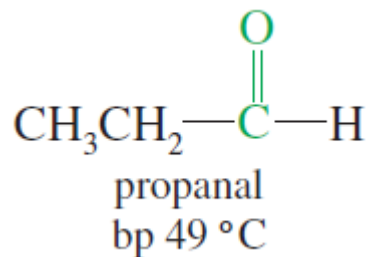
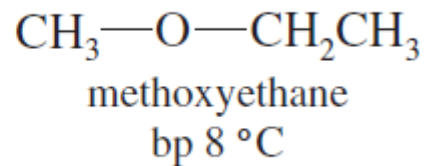
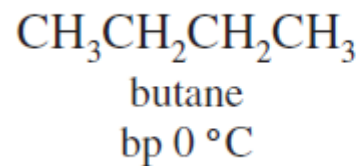


# Physical Properties of Aldehydes and Ketones

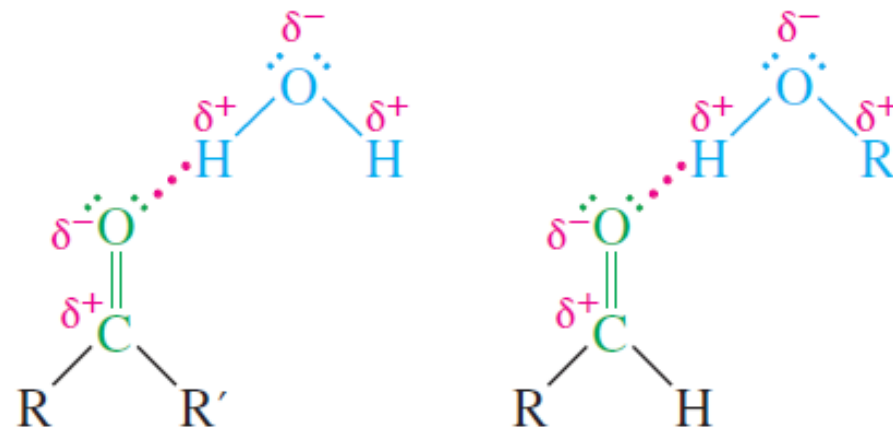
- Polarization of the carbonyl group creates **dipole–dipole attractions** between the molecules



- Higher boiling points than for hydrocarbons and ethers of similar M.W.



- Pure aldehydes or ketones cannot form H bonding with each other
- They can form H bonding with compounds having O-H or N-H bonds



- Aldehydes and ketones are good solvents for **polar hydroxylic compounds** (eg. Alcohols)

## Example

a) Rank the compound from the one with lowest to highest boiling point

