

## Re: 'Meta` question

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On 3 Sep 2004 16:22:25 -0700, ilsdesign@netscape.net (pragmatist) wrote:

- >Recently came across reference to the substance name 'metaformaldehyde`.
- >Understand the 'paraformaldehyde` designation where (H<sub>2</sub>CO-)
- >groups line up next to each-other, but what would be the 'meta` configuration?
- >What would the groups be 'meta` to?

Don't try to read any meaning into the prefix here.

metaformaldehyde is a cyclic trimer of formaldehyde,  
-CH<sub>2</sub>-O-CH<sub>2</sub>-O-CH<sub>2</sub>-O- (connect the ends)

bob