

CHAPTER 6

STEREOCHEMISTRY I

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Cis-Trans Isomers and Conformations

Introduction

Stereochemistry (입체화학)

⇒ 3-dimensional structures of organic molecules

Isomer: different molecules with the same molecular formula

structural isomer: different connectivity

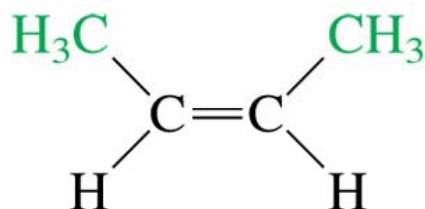
stereoisomers: same bonds but different 3-dimensional
orientation of these bonds

6.1 Cis-Trans isomers

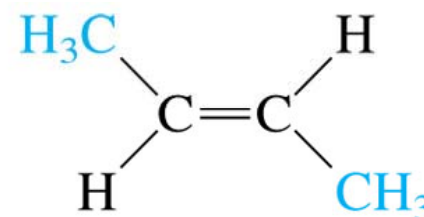
cis \Rightarrow like groups on the same side

trans \Rightarrow like groups on the other side

■ Isomers of 2-butene



cis-2-Butene



trans-2-Butene

0.33
4°C
-139°C

Dipole moment (Debyes)
Boiling point
Melting point

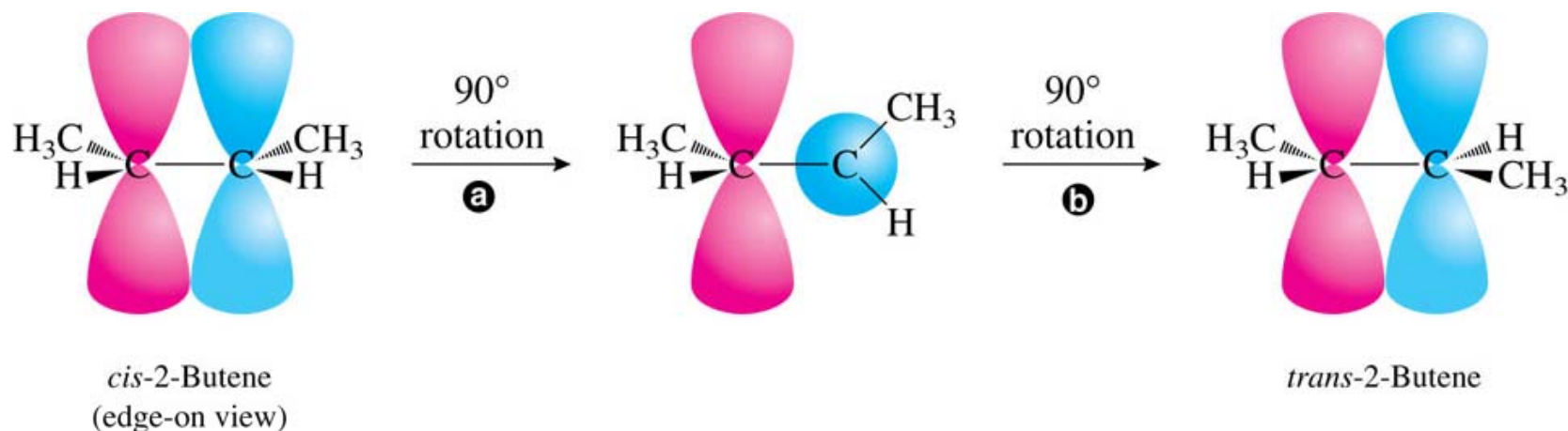
0
1°C
-106°C

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Therefore cis and trans isomers are two different compounds
 \Rightarrow different shape, physical, and chemical properties

Is **interconversion** possible for cis-trans isomers? **No!**

only possible by breaking π bonds, while the problem is bond E of pi-bond is about 60 kcal/mole and the thermal E of RT is about 20 kcal/mol

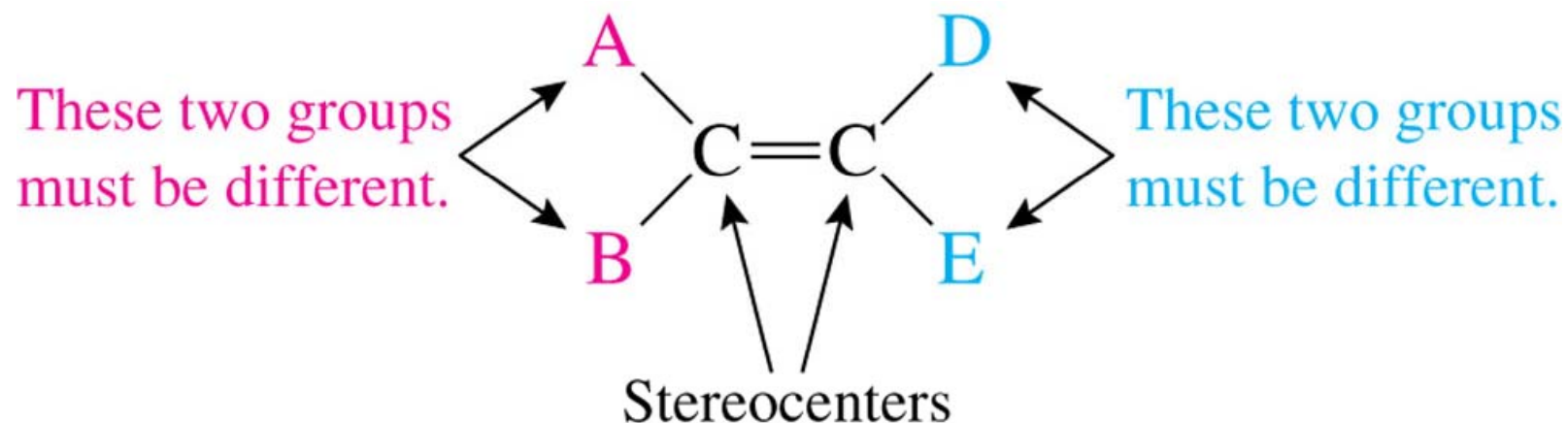


The p orbitals of the π bond of *cis*-2-butene are in the plane of the page, and the plane defined by the atoms attached to the carbons of the double bond is perpendicular to the page. To convert to the *trans*-isomer, one of the carbons of the double bond must be rotated about the axis of the double bond.

- a** Rotation of the right carbon by 90° produces the middle structure. The plane defined by the left $\text{CH}_3\text{—C—H}$ is now perpendicular to the plane defined by the $\text{CH}_3\text{—C—H}$ on the right. The red p orbital on the left C is in the plane of the page, and the blue p orbital on the right C is pointed directly at you, so the two p orbitals are also perpendicular to one another. Therefore, there is no stabilizing overlap of these p orbitals—the π bond has been broken.
- b** An additional rotation of the right carbon by 90° produces *trans*-2-butene.

For an alkene to exhibit geometrical (**cis-trans**) isomerism, the two groups on one end of the double bond and the two groups on the other end of the double bond must be different.

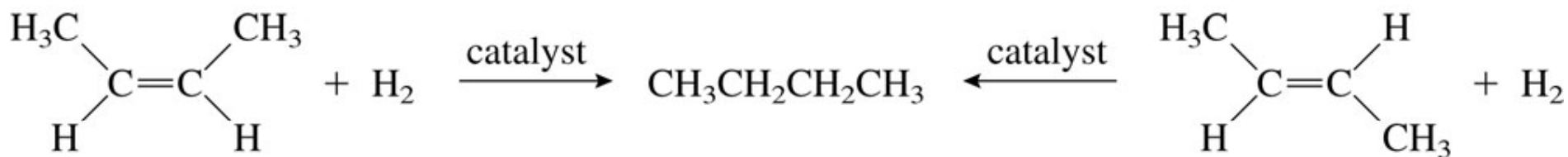
For cis–trans isomers to exist:



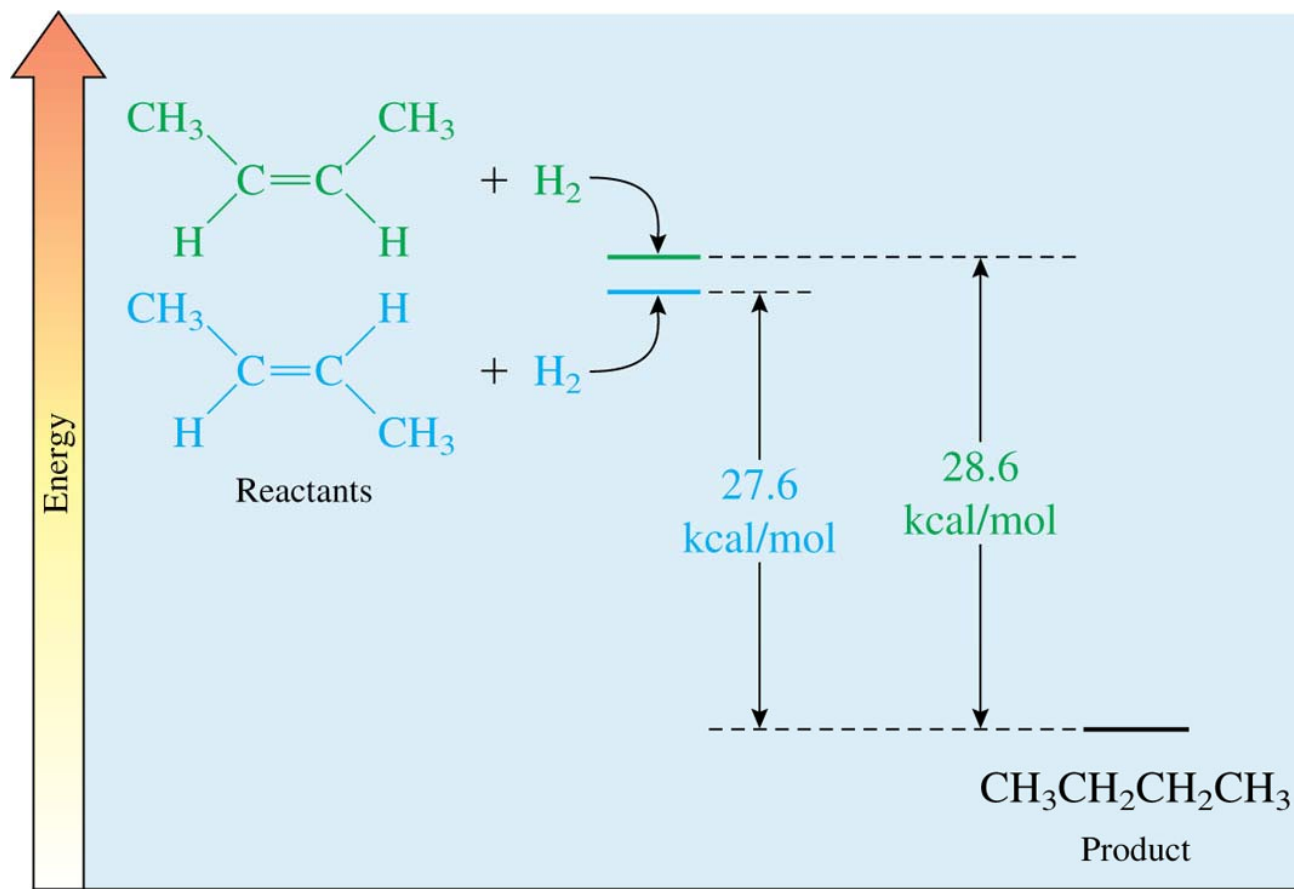
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Definition of stereocenter;

An atom at which the interchange of two groups produce a stereoisomer



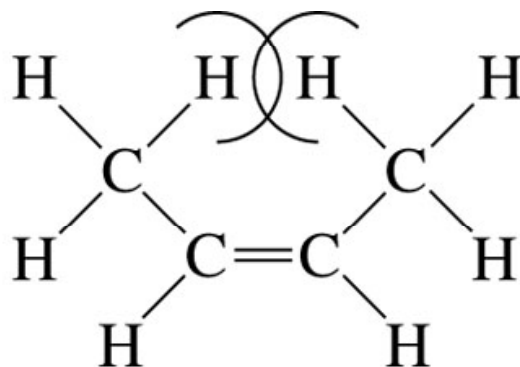
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Different ΔH values, because trans isomer is more stable.
Why? Steric crowding or steric strain effect

Steric (strain) effect

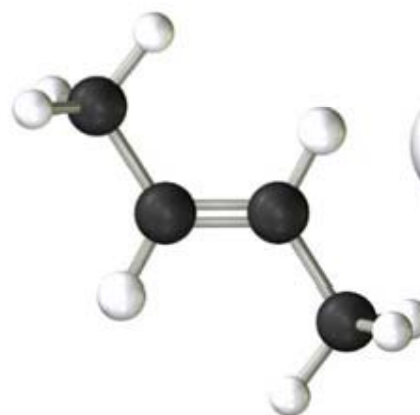
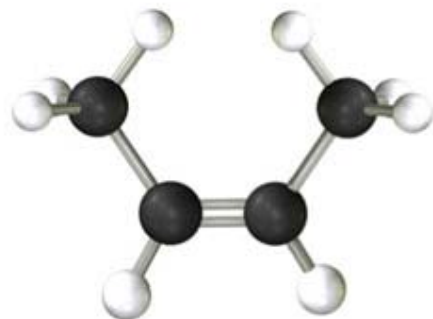


The planar geometry of the double bond causes a hydrogen on each of the methyl groups to be forced too close together, resulting in some steric strain.

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cis-2-Butene



trans-2-Butene

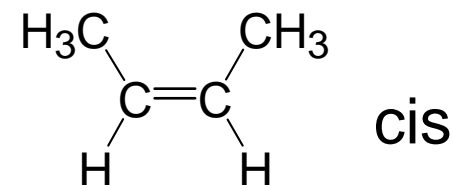
Conclusions of 6.1

1. *Cis-trans* isomers -- two different comp'd
2. different shape, physical, and chemical properties
3. interconversion? -- only by breaking π bonds
4. *cis-* is sterically more hindered (higher steric hindrance), of larger steric strain, of higher energy, less stable

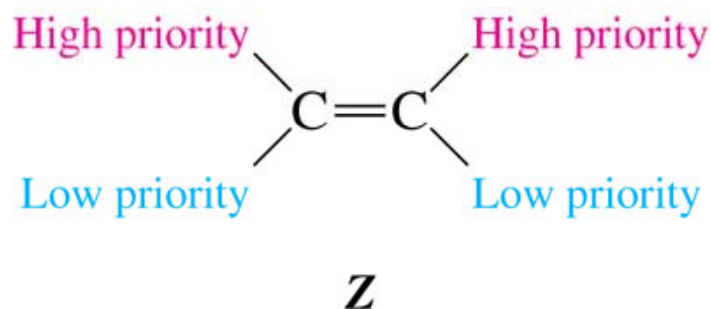
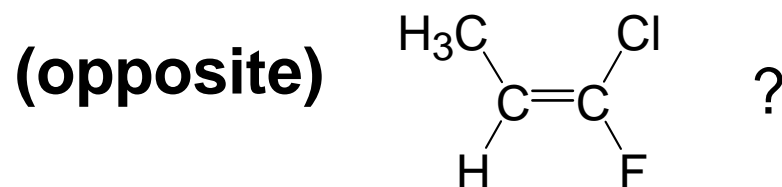
6.2 Designating The Configuration of Cis-Trans Isomers

Configuration; 3-dimensional arrangement of groups about **stereocenter** in a molecule

Ex) 1. *cis-trans* method of designation

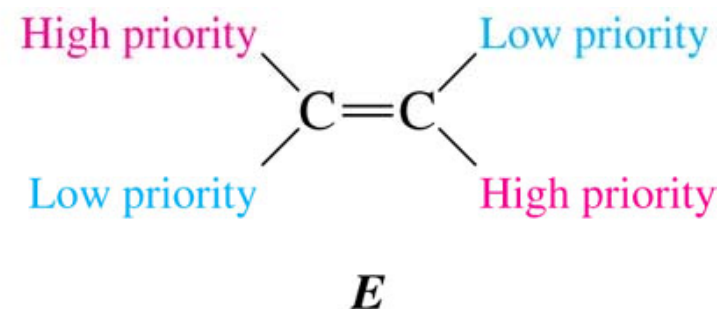


2. *Z-E* designation; **Z**usammen (together) vs **E**ntgegen



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similar to cis



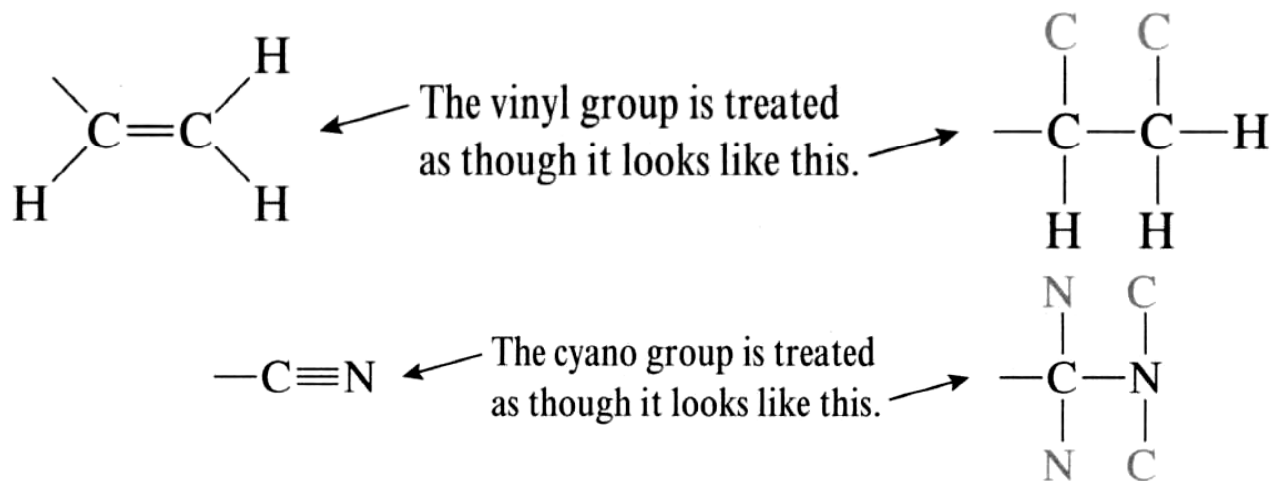
similar to transe

The priority *for Z-E* designation is determined by Cahn-Ingold-Prelog sequence rules

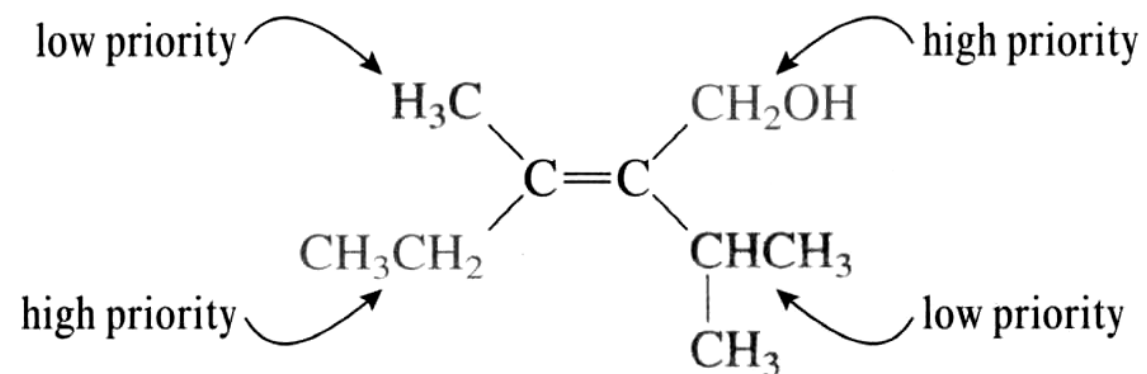
Rule 1: Of the two atoms on one carbon, the one with higher atomic number

Rule 2: If the two atoms are the same, compare the atoms attached to them

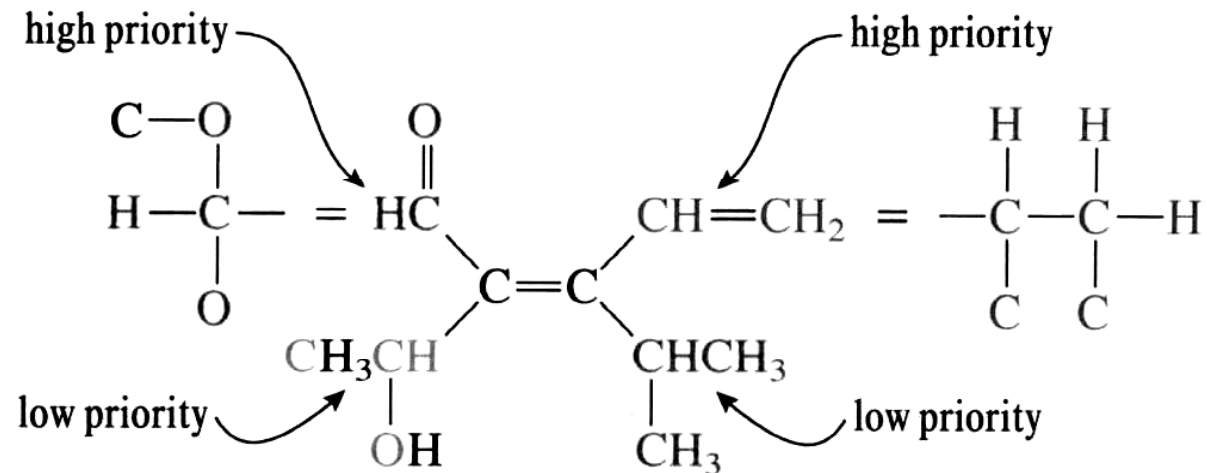
**Rule 3: double bond = two single bond
triple bond = three triple bond**



Examples)



(*E*)-2-isopropyl-3-methyl-2-penten-1-ol

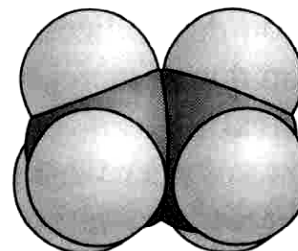
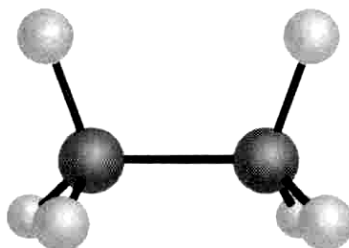
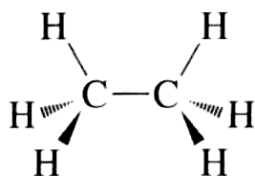


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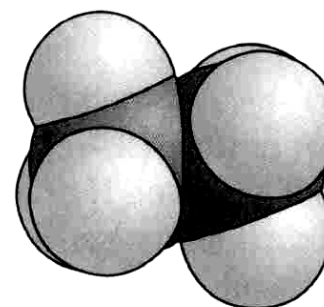
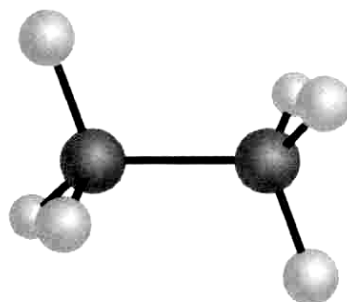
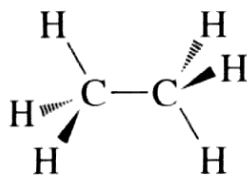
⇒ The various shapes of molecules by rotation about single bonds
(rotation about the single bond is possible at RT)

Example; two possible conformations of ethane

eclipsed conformation



staggered conformation

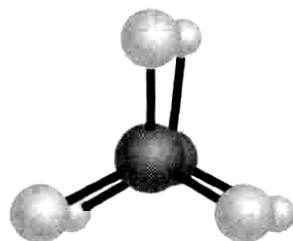
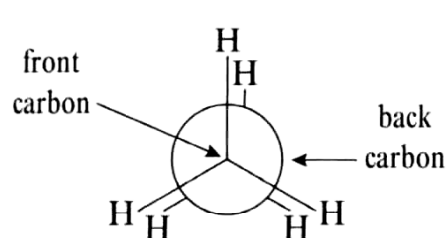


ball-and-stick model

space-filling model

Newman projection of Ethane

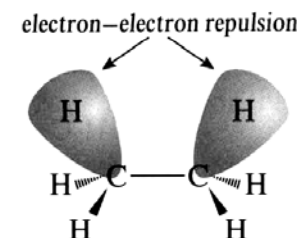
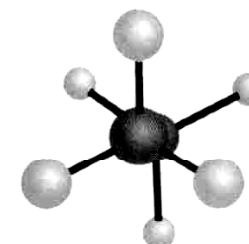
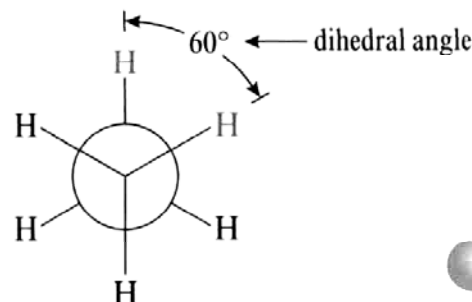
eclipsed conformation



eclipsed conformation is less stable than *staggered* conformation by 2.9 kcal/mol due to a electron-electron repulsion

⇒ *Eclipsing interaction of each* = ~1 kcal/mol

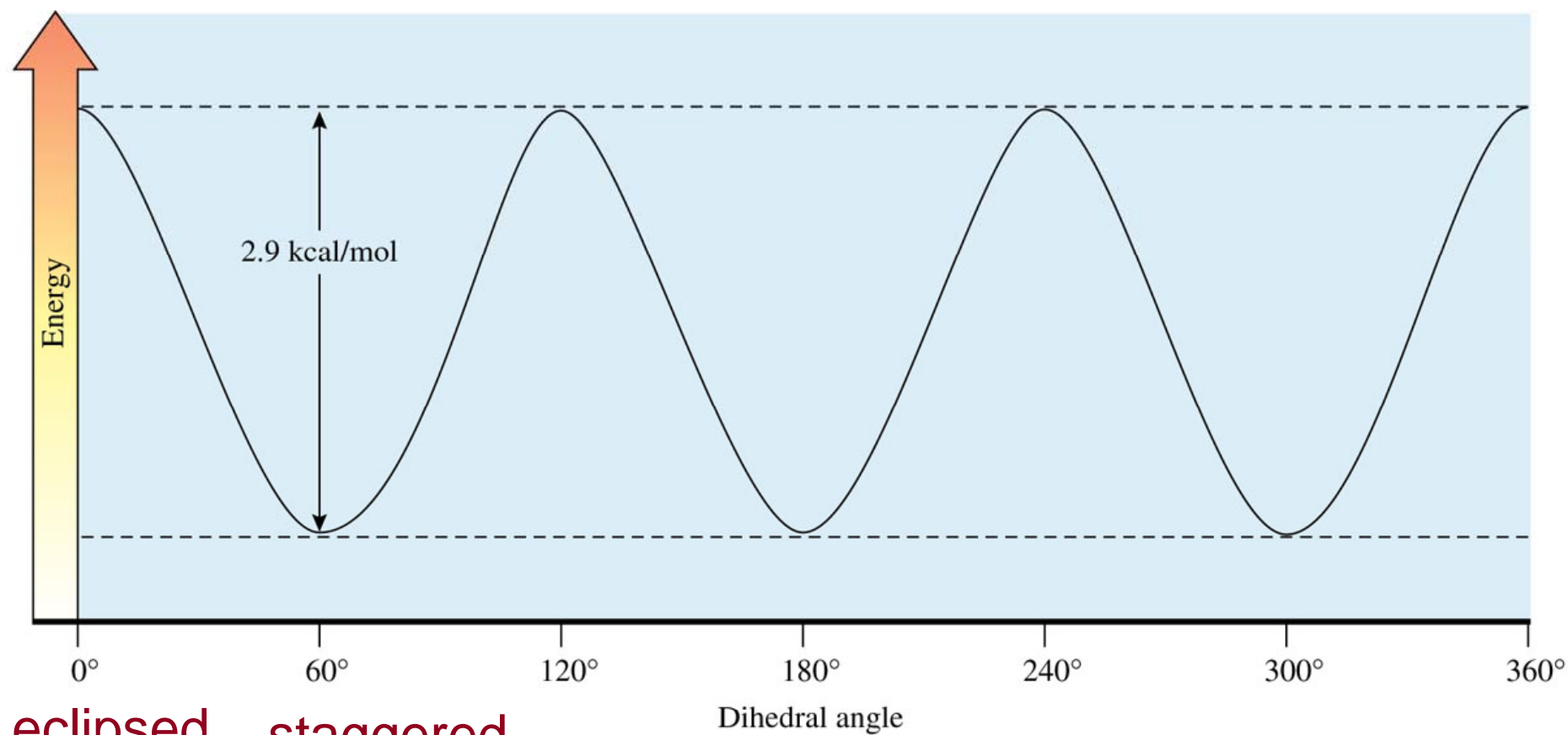
staggered conformation



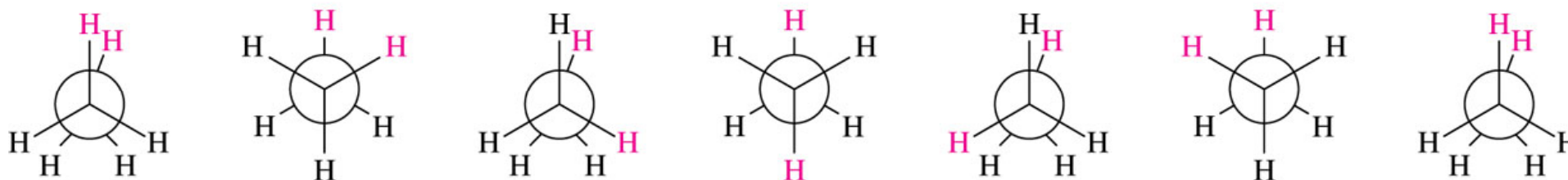
Therefore free conformation changes between *eclipsed* and *staggered* occurs very rapidly at room temperature (20 kcal/mol).

conformational isomer (conformer)? rotational isomer?

Not separable -- *not* really an isomer!



eclipsed staggered

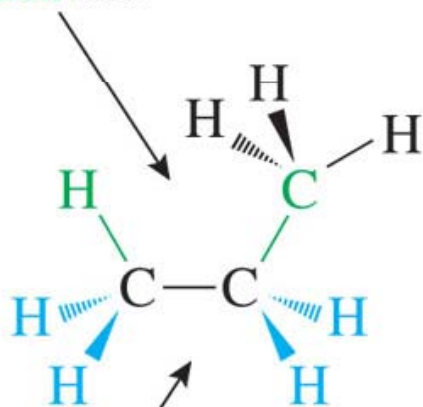


Example of propane

ΔE between eclipsed and staggered conformations = 3.3 kcal/mol > 2.9 for ethane because the CH_3 is larger than H.

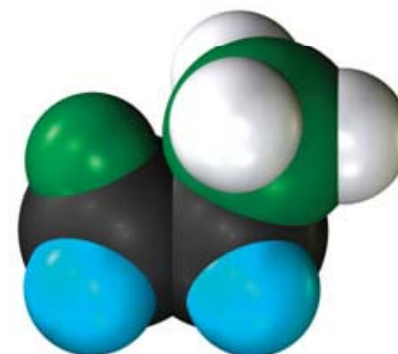
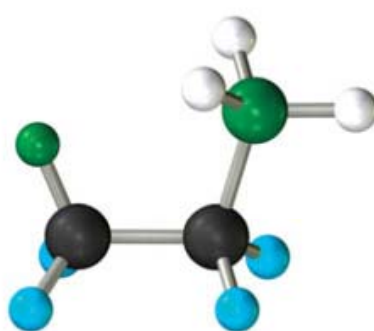
$3.3 = 1 + 1 + 1.3$; 1.3 due to steric and torsional strain between H & CH_3

Propane that is eclipsed about one CC bond has one CH_3/H eclipsing interaction and



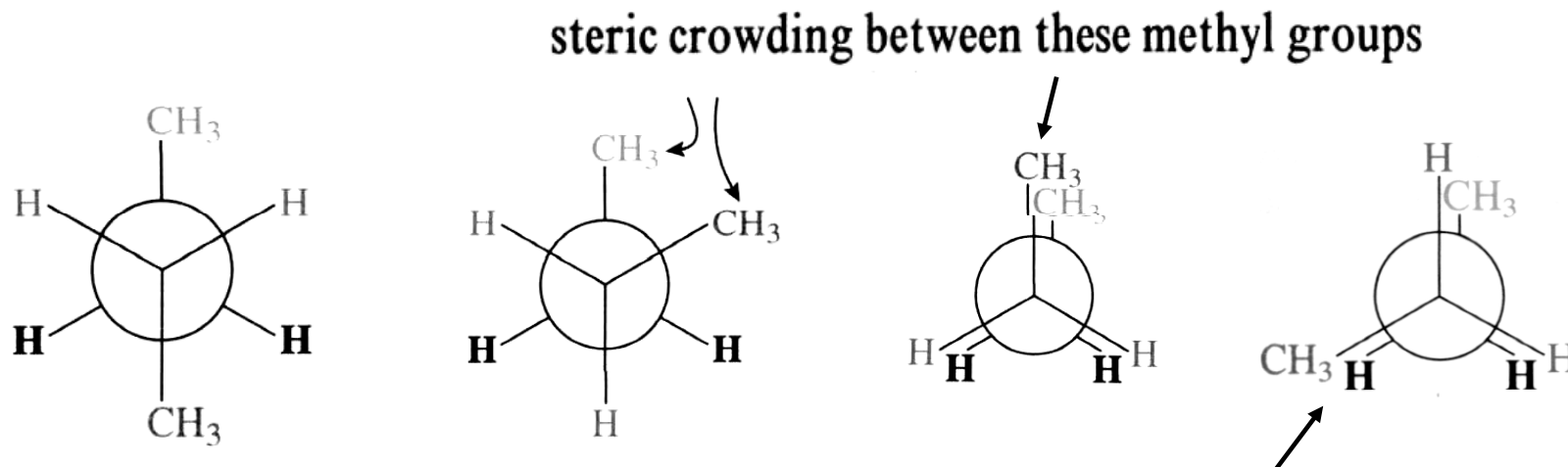
two H/H eclipsing interactions.

Propane



■ Example of *n*-butane

4 possible conformations; see p190



**Most stable
anti**

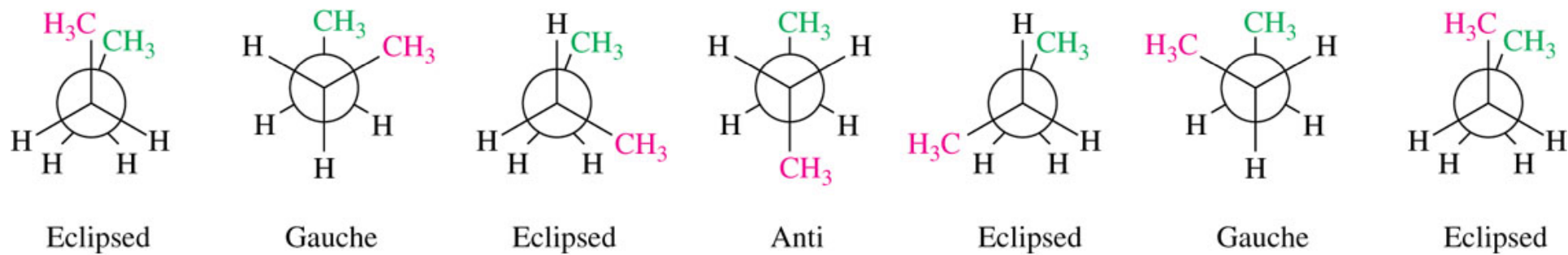
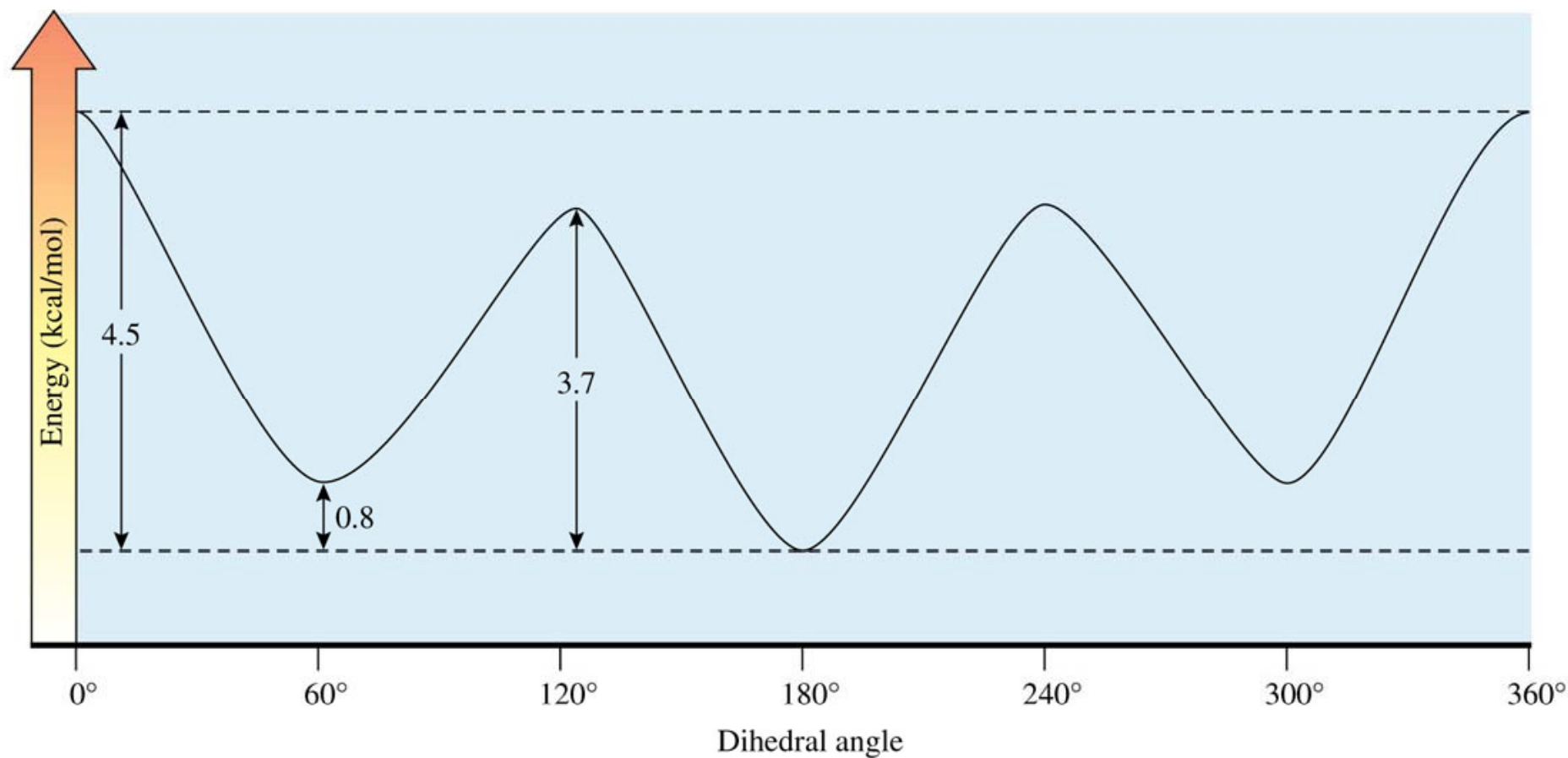
**+ 0.8 kcal/mol
gauch**

**Least stable
+ 4.5 kcal/mol
eclipse**

**+ 3.7 kcal/mol
eclipse**

$4.5 = 1 + 1 + 2.5$; 2.5 is due to CH₃ & CH₃ intxn

$1 + 1.3 + 1.3 = 3.6$ theoritical value



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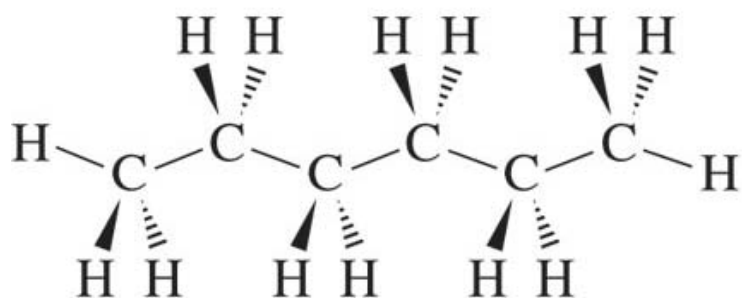
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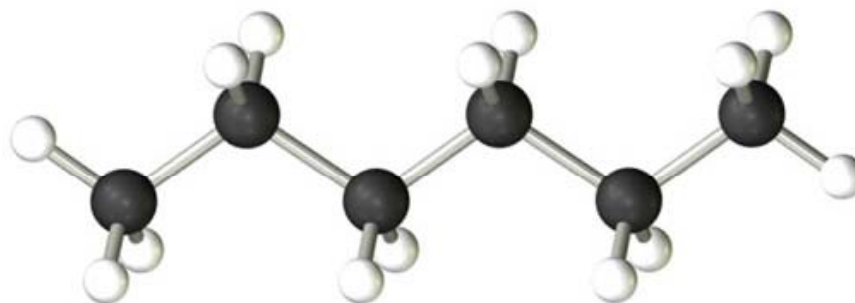
staggered

Linear longer alkane

⇒ the most stable conformation is zig-zag conformation; anti about all the C-C bonds



Hexane



Free rotation about the carbon–carbon bonds generates a large number of other conformations that are gauche about one or more of these bonds. Although the zigzag conformation is the most stable one, many of the others are only slightly higher in energy and are readily attainable at room temperature. The shape of an individual molecule changes rapidly, twisting and turning among these various possibilities. Finally, it should be noted that the presence of polar substituents can dramatically affect and complicate conformational preferences because of interactions among their dipoles and hydrogen bonding.

Configuration; 3-dimensional arrangement of groups about **stereocenter** in a molecule

⇒ non-interconvertable

Ex) cis-trans isomers or Z-E isomers

Conformations :The various shapes of molecule by rotation about single bonds

⇒ rotation about the single bond is possible at RT

Ex) anti, gauche, eclipsed, staggered

6.4 Conformations of Cyclic Molecules

Cycloalkanes

1. less flexible than noncyclic alkanes.
2. less # of conformations available than noncyclic alkanes.
3. **angle strain and torsional strain**

because their carbon chains are confined in the ring

How to calculate the **strain energy**;

Most stable ring

Ex) heat of combustion of cyclopropane per CH_2 = 166.3 kcal/mol

heat of combustion of cyclohexane per CH_2 = 157.3 kcal/mol

The difference, 8.9 kcal/mol, is the strain energy per CH_2 .

$8.9 \times 3 = 26.7$ kcal/mol is the total ring strain E.

Steric hindrance: 입체장애

분자내에 부피가 큰 원자단이 존재함으로써 분자구조에 있어서도 정상에서 벗어나고, 분자의 반응성도 입체적인 장애를 받아 정상적인 반응을 하지 못하는 현상

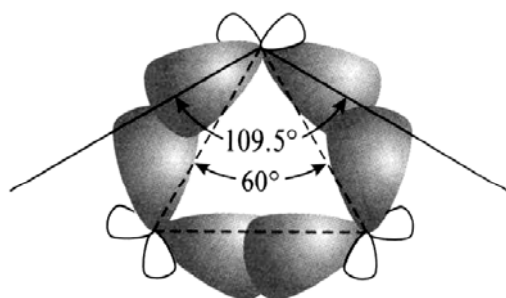
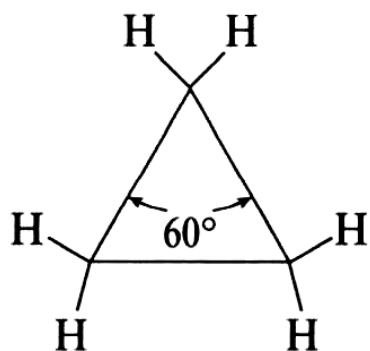
Tortional strain: 비틀림 변형

**Table 6.1 Heats of Combustion and Strain Energies
of Some Cycloalkanes**

Ring Size	Heat of Combustion per CH ₂	Strain Energy per CH ₂	Total Ring Strain
3	166.3 (695.8)	8.9 (37.2)	26.7 (111.6)
4	163.9 (685.8)	6.5 (27.2)	26.0 (108.8)
5	158.7 (664.0)	1.3 (5.4)	6.5 (27.0)
6	157.4 (658.6)	0	0
7	158.3 (662.3)	0.9 (3.7)	6.3 (25.9)
8	158.6 (663.6)	1.2 (5.0)	9.6 (40.0)
9	158.8 (664.4)	1.4 (5.8)	12.6 (52.2)

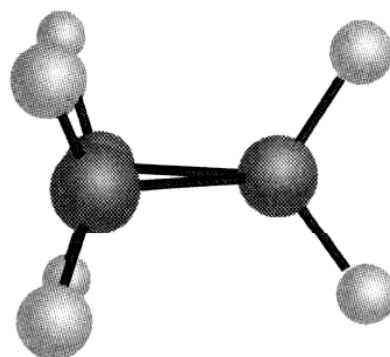
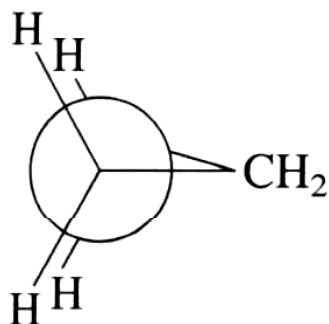
ex) cyclopropane

most strained; strain E per CH₂ is 8.9 kcal/mol, planar and, **high** angle strain (60° vs 109.5°)



The orbitals forming the C—C bonds of cyclopropane

This decreased overlap increase the **angle strain**



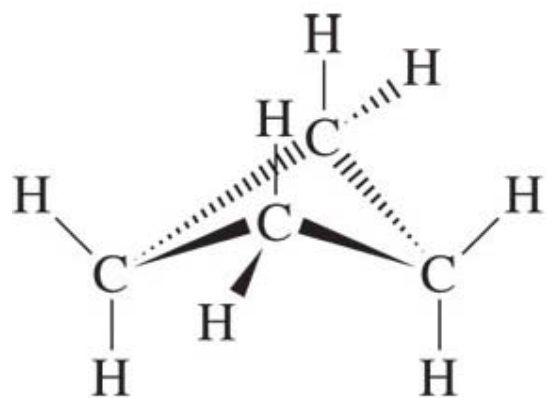
high torsional strain, because it is the eclipsed conformation

ex) cyclobutane

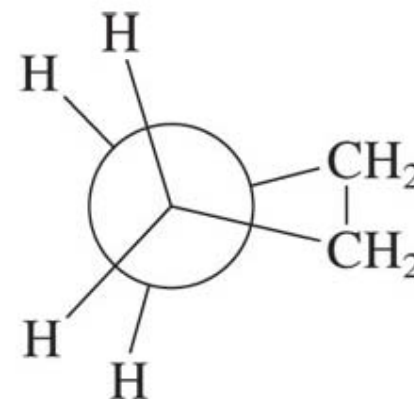
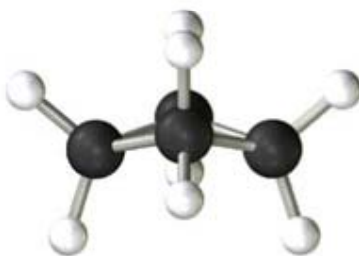
Strained, but not as much as cyclopropane

1. If planar, 90° bond angle and **fully eclipsed**, then very large torsional strain.
2. Distortion; **increase the** angle strain
decrease the torsional strain (somewhat staggered)

⇒ 2 has lower E than 1

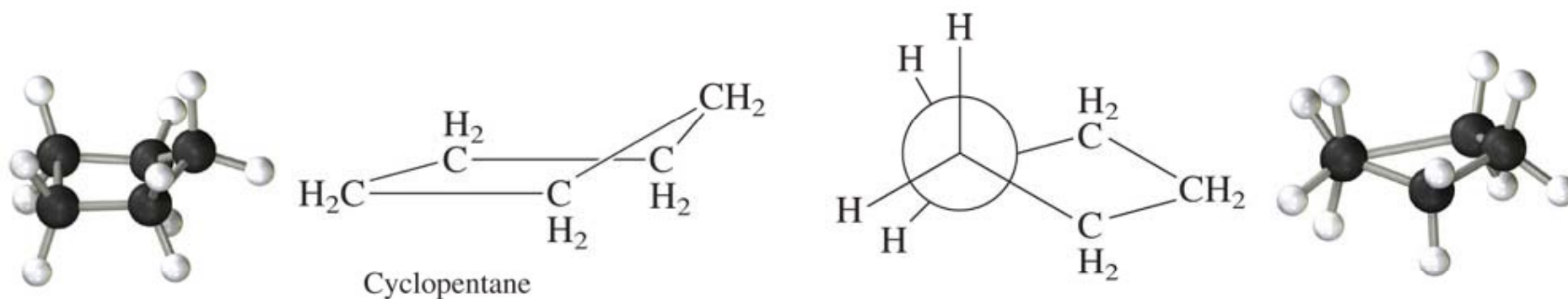


Cyclobutane



ex) cyclopentane

Also distorted to relieve the torsional strain



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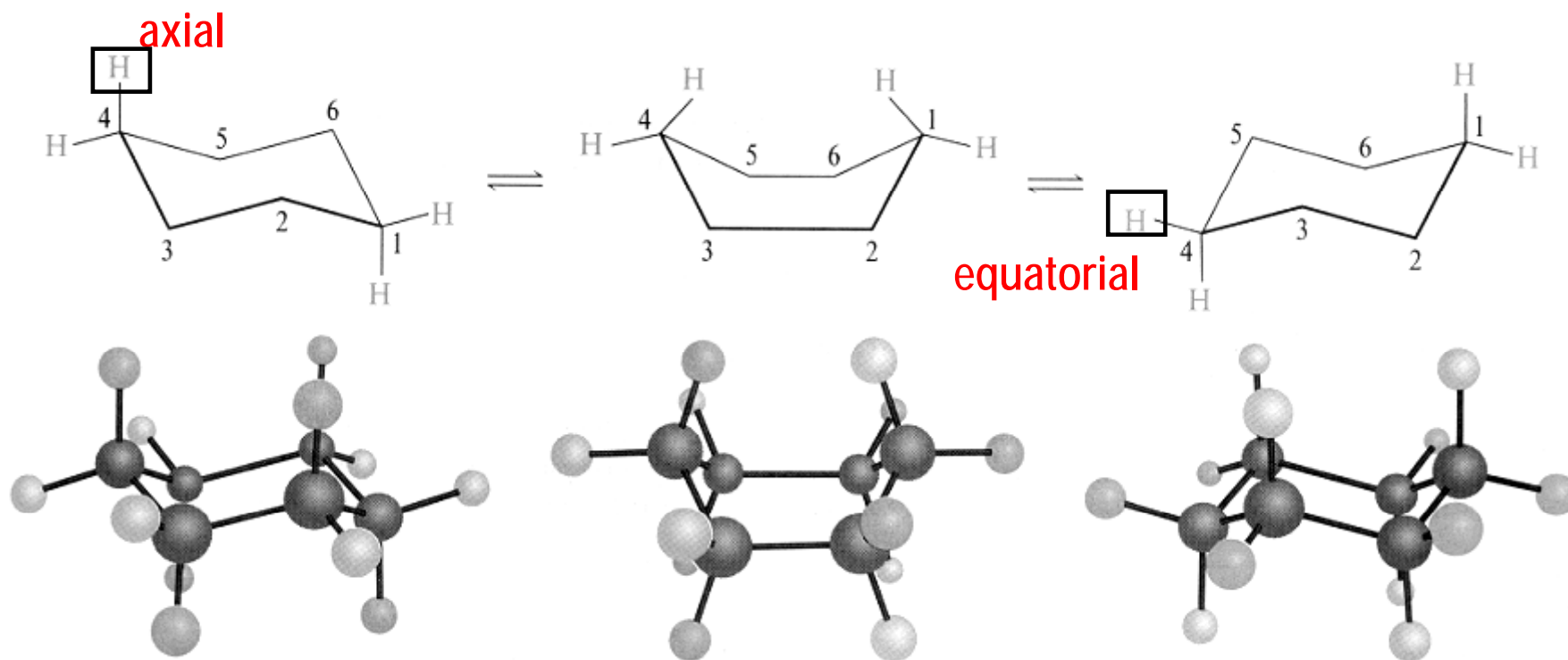
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6.5 Conformation of Cyclohexane

1. Virtually strain-free

chair and **boat** conformation (free of angle strain); not planar with 120° bond angle (fully eclipsed)

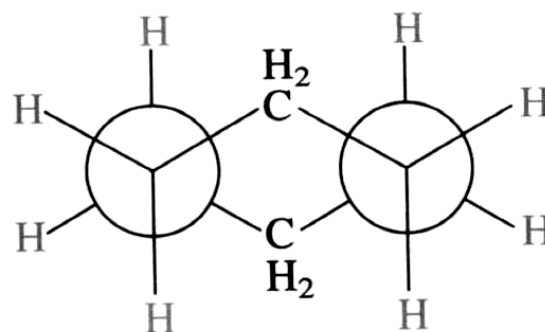
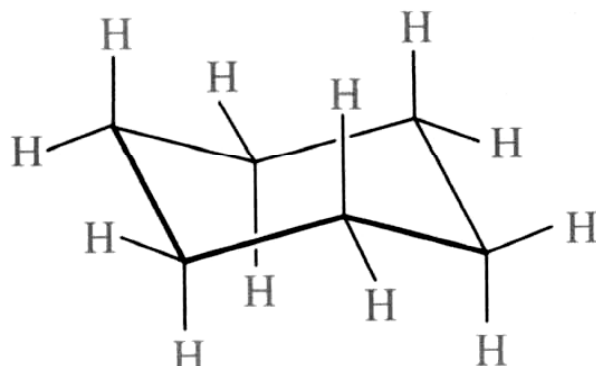
2. Abundant in nature or easily formed from chemical rxns.



Chair conformation

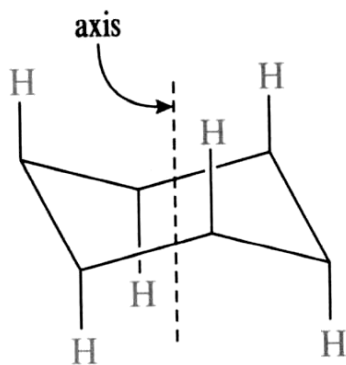
boat conformation

Chair conformation

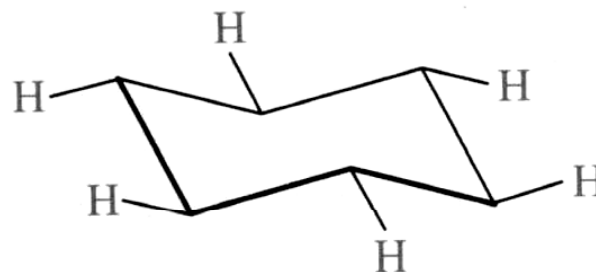


1. All C-C-C bond angles are 109.5°; no angle strain
2. All C-H bonds are perfectly staggered; no torsional strain

Two different types of Hydrogens in chair conformation

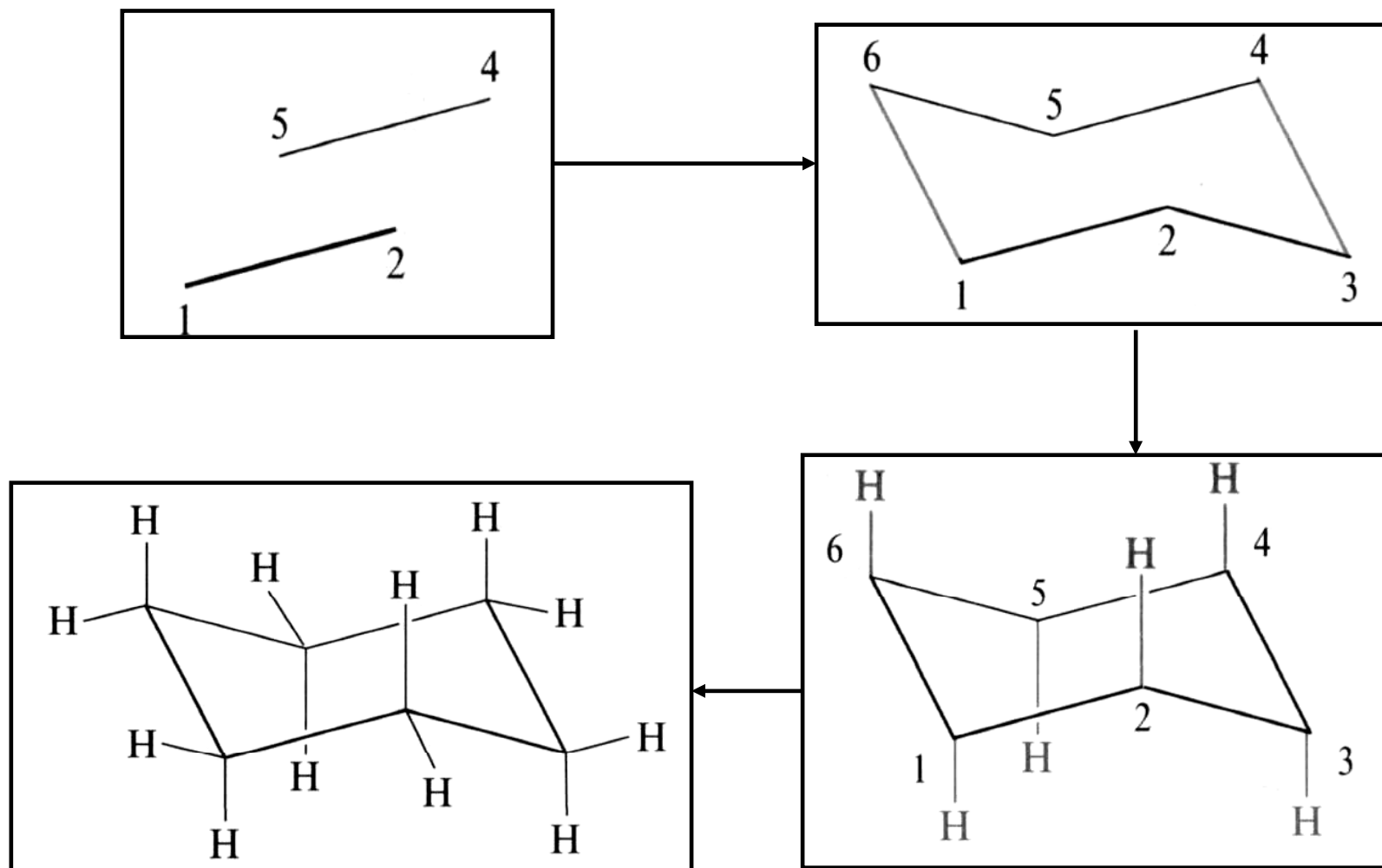


axial hydrogen

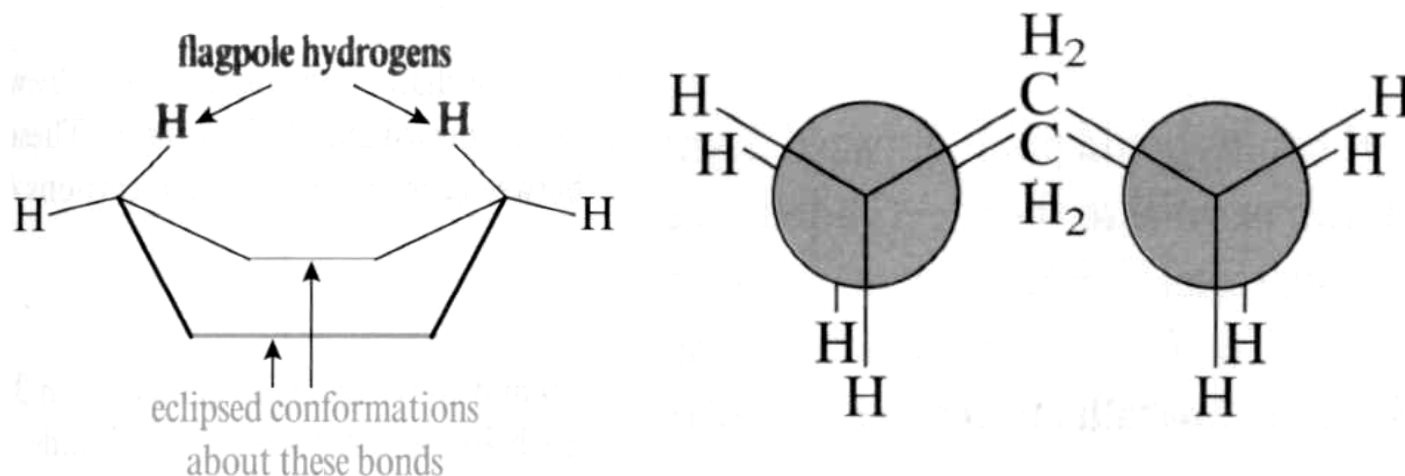


equatorial hydrogen

Steps for drawing chair conformation

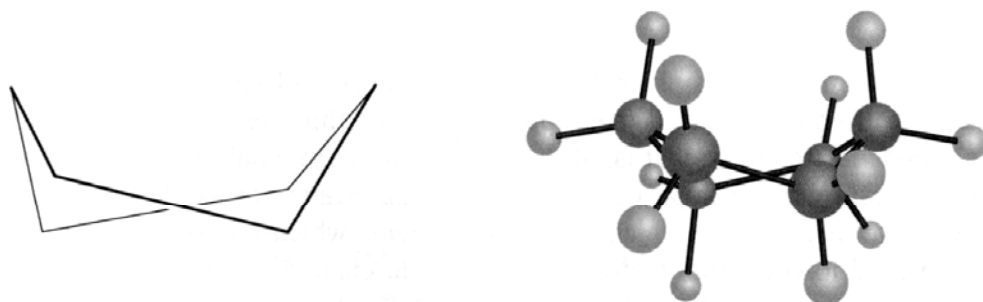


Boat conformation



1. All C-C-C bond angles are 109.5° ; no angle strain
 2. C-H bonds are eclipsed; torsional strain
- less stable than the chair conformer by about 6 kcal/mol

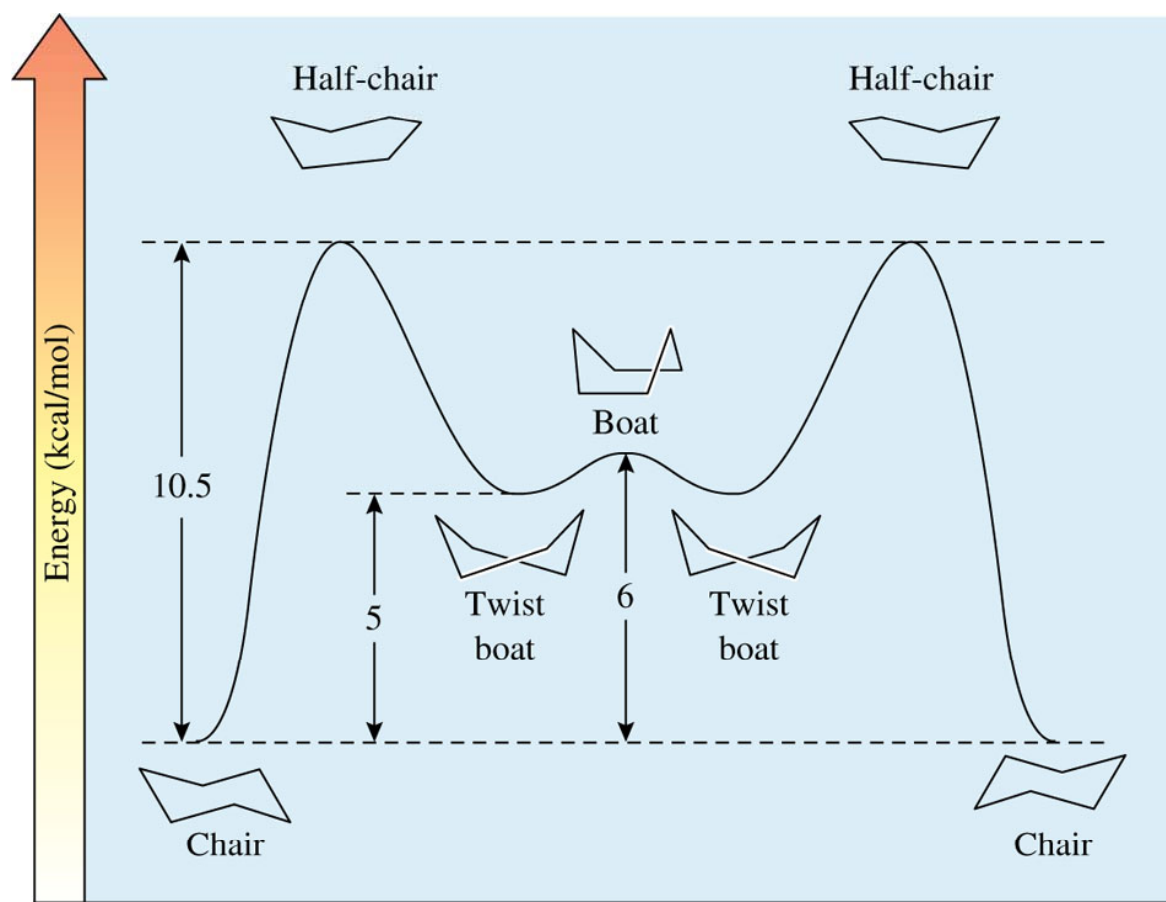
Twisted boat conformation



1. angle strain \uparrow
 2. torsional strain \downarrow
- less stable than the chair conformer by about 5 kcal/mol

Energy diagram for the ring flipping process

As energy available at RT is 20 kcal/mol, this flipping process happens 100,000 times per second.



6.6 Conformations of other rings

7 membered ring; cycloheptane

⇒ nonplanar

⇒ a little higher (angle and torsional) strain than C₆, closer to cyclopentane (C₅)

8 to 11 membered rings

⇒ very small angle and torsional strain

⇒ transannular strain (interior of the ring) arises

⇒ similar total strain to those of C₅ and C₇, but not so popular

12 membered and larger

⇒ not popular (hard to make the larger rings)

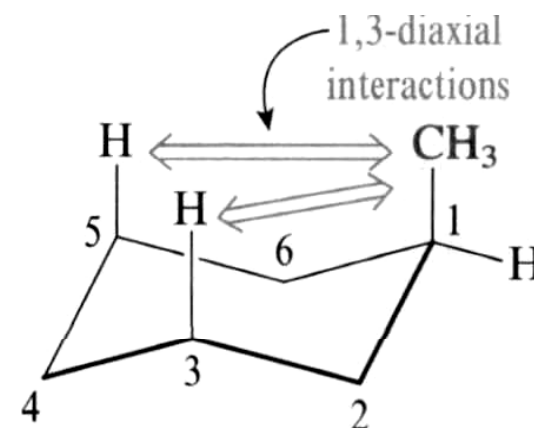
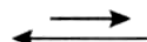
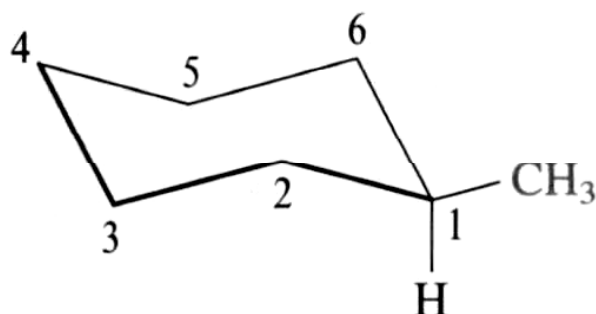
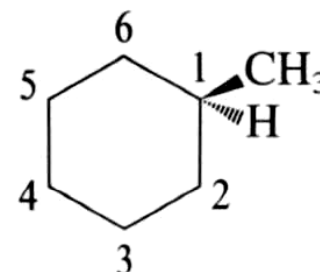
⇒ strain-free

Benzene: planar molecule with no angle strain

6.8 Conformations of cyclohexane with 1 substituent

Ex) Methylcyclohexane

1. 2 chair conformations are not identical
2. Methyl group in the axial position is has **higher steric strain** than that in the equatorial position.



$$\Delta G^\circ = -RT \ln K$$

Then 95%; methyl in equatorial

5%; methyl in axial

1.7 kcal/mol less stable

Problem 6.8

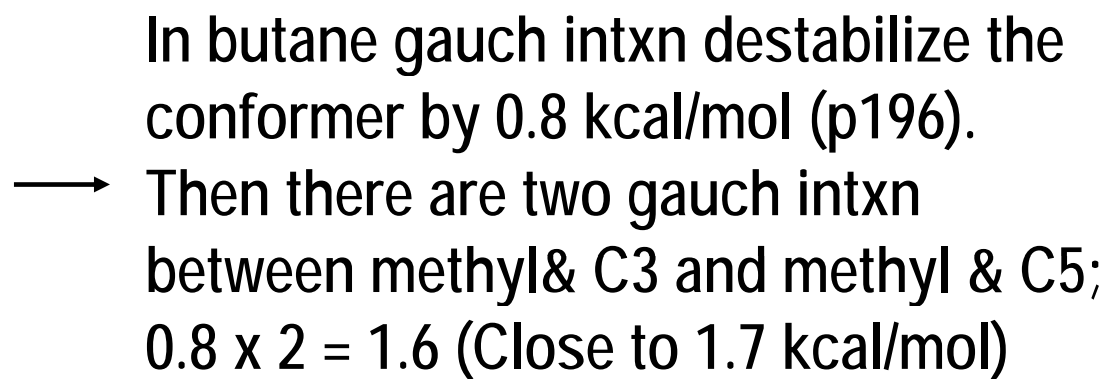


Table 6.2 Axial Strain Energies

Group	Axial Strain Energy	Group	Axial Strain Energy
$\text{—C}\equiv\text{N}$	0.2 (0.8)	—CH_3	1.7 (7.1)
—F	0.25 (1.0)	$\text{—CH}_2\text{CH}_3$	1.8 (7.5)
$\text{—C}\equiv\text{CH}$	0.4 (1.7)	$\begin{array}{c} \text{CH}_3 \\ \\ \text{—CHCH}_3 \end{array}$	2.2 (9.2)
—Br	0.5 (2.1)	—Ph	2.9 (12.1)
—Cl	0.5 (2.1)	$\begin{array}{c} \text{CH}_3 \\ \\ \text{—CCH}_3 \\ \\ \text{CH}_3 \end{array}$	4.9 (20.5)
—OH	0.9 (3.8)		
—NH_2	1.4 (5.9)		
$\begin{array}{c} \text{O} \\ \\ \text{—COH} \end{array}$	1.4 (5.9)		

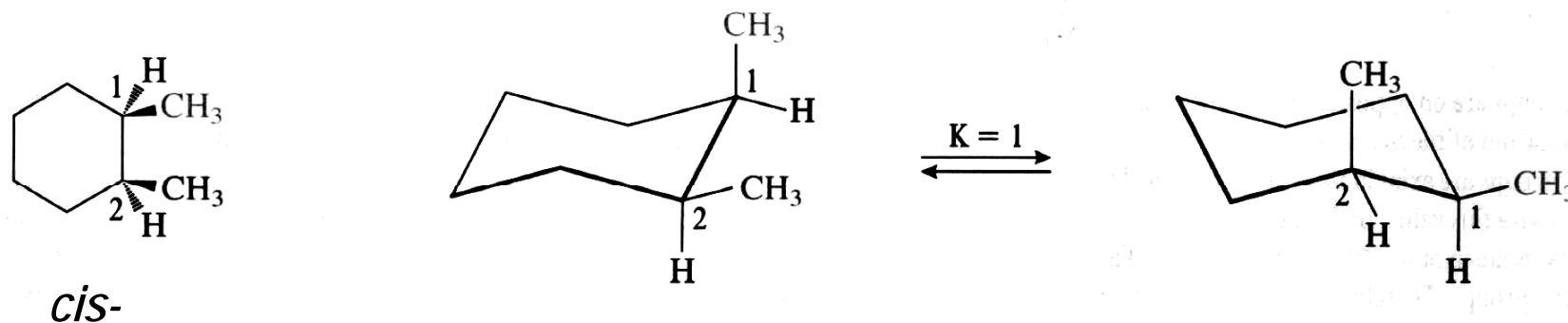
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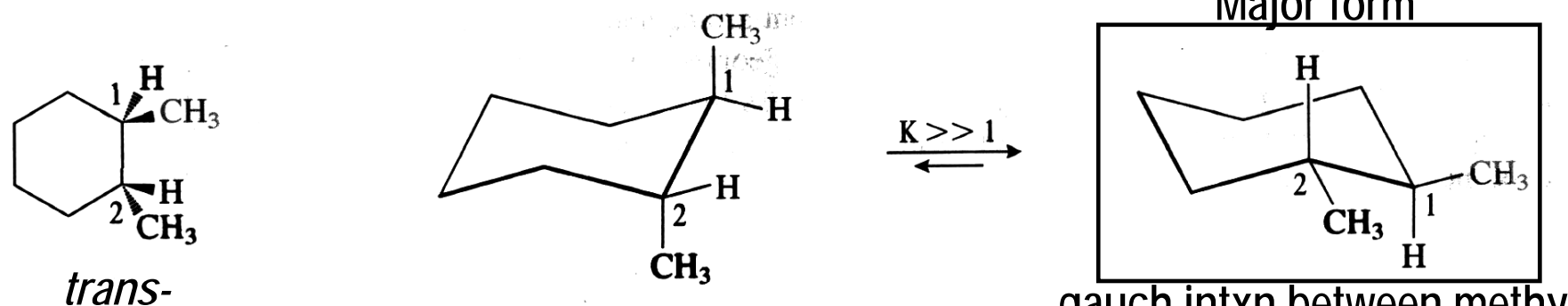
larger the size, the larger the value.

6.9 Conformations of cyclohexane with 2 or more substituents

Ex) 1,2-dimethylcyclohexane; *trans*-isomer is more stable by 1.7 kcal/mol



axial strain E of methyl (Table 6.2) = 1.7 kcal/mol
gauch intxn between two methyl groups = 0.8 kcal/mol
total 2.5 kcal/mol

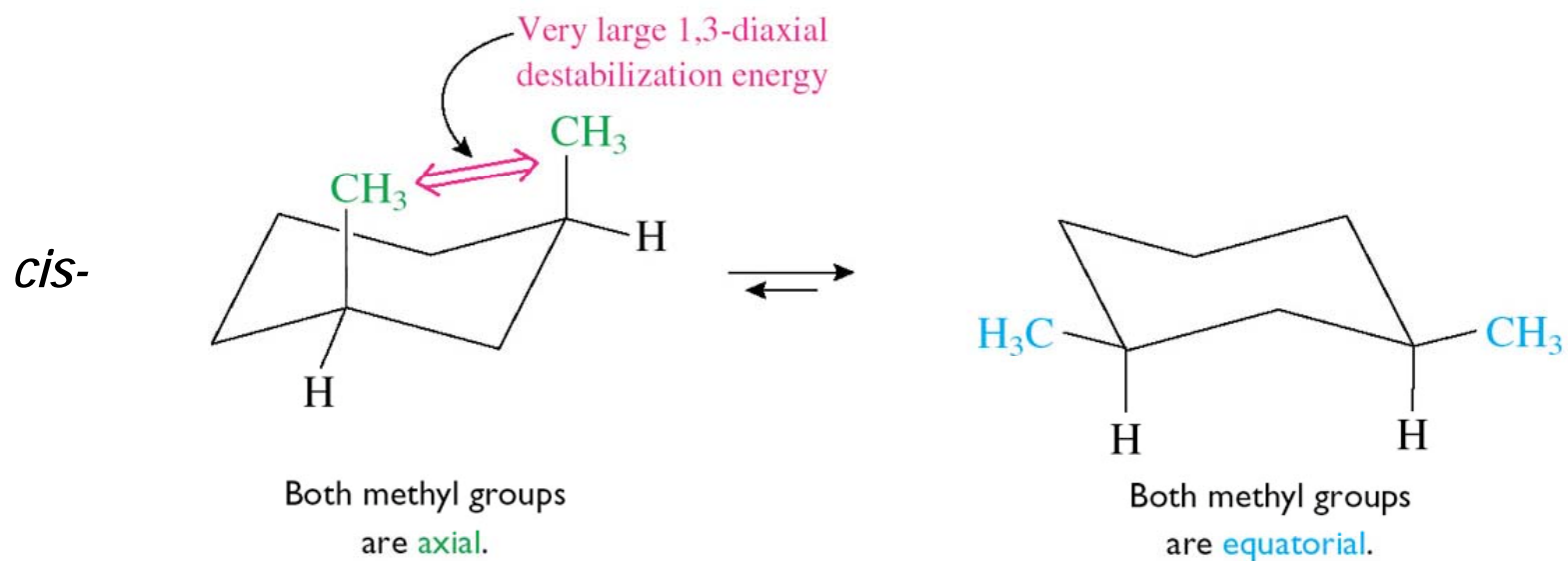


axial strain E of two methyl = 2×1.7
total 3.4 kcal/mol

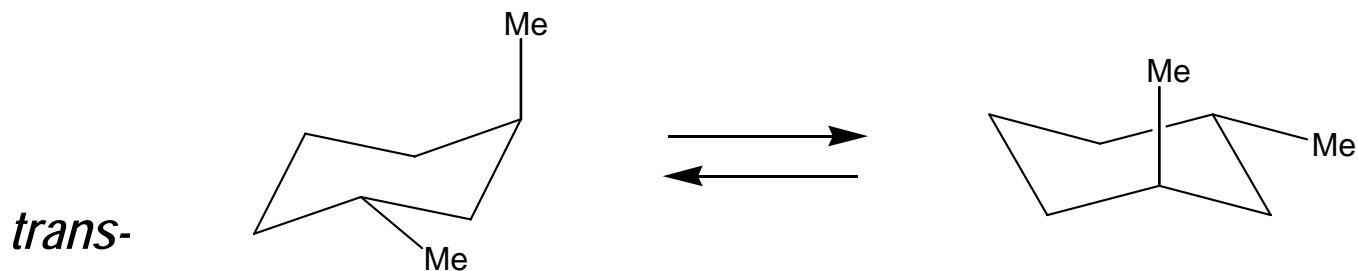
gauch intxn between methyl groups = 0.8
total 0.8 kcal/mol

Ex) 1,3-dimethylcyclohexane;

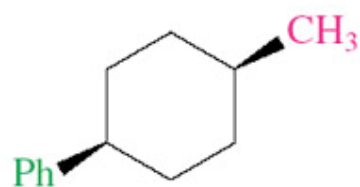
cis-isomer is more stable because it has a conformation with both methyl groups equatorial



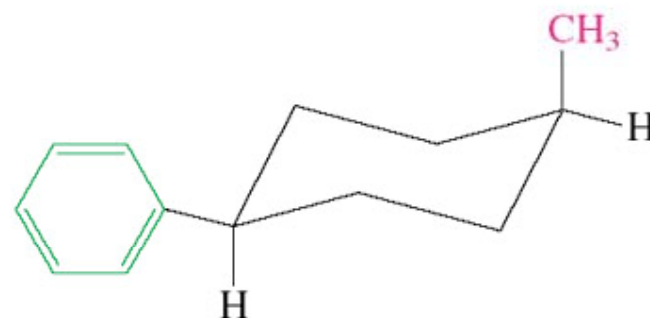
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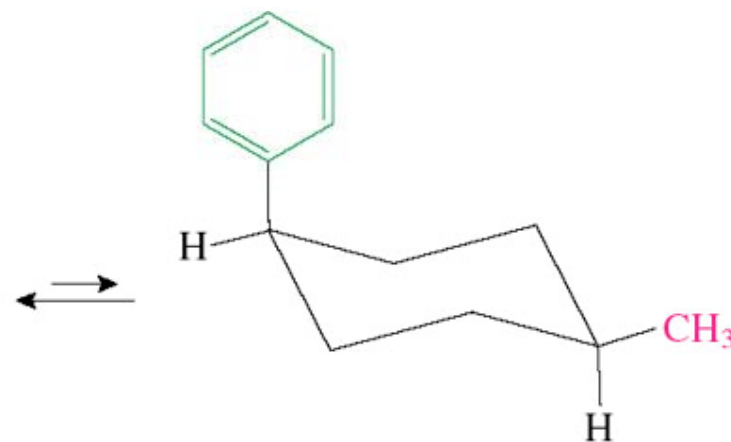
ex) 1-methyl-4-phenylcyclohexane; *cis*-isomer is more stable.



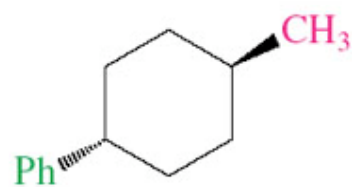
cis-1-Methyl-4-



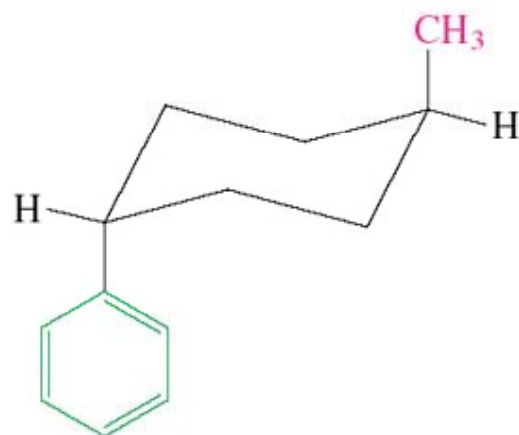
This conformation has an **axial methyl** and an **equatorial phenyl**. It has 1.7 kcal/mol



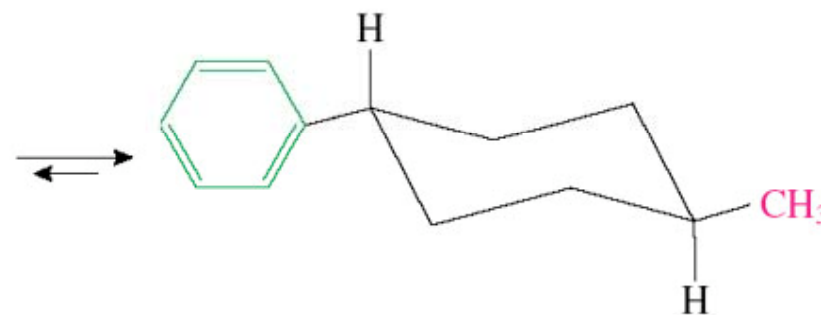
This conformation has an **axial phenyl** and an **equatorial methyl**. It has 2.9



trans-1-Methyl-4-
phenylcyclohexane



This conformation has both groups axial. It has a total strain energy of $1.7 + 2.9 = 4.6$ kcal/mol (19.2 kJ/mol).



This conformation has both groups equatorial. It has no strain energy.