

Today: strain and stability

- Newman Projection
- Chairs
- stereochemistry

Energy and stability are interrelated  
 ↳ influenced by strain

3 Types

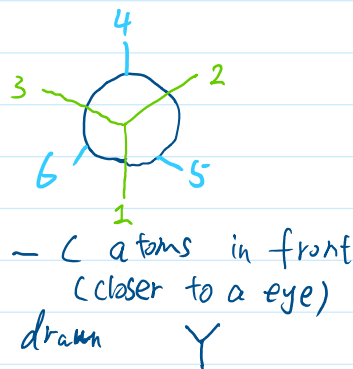
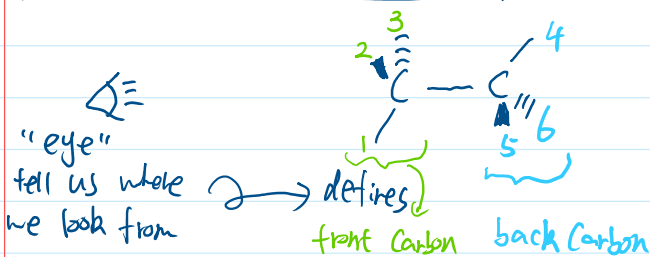
- 1) Torsional
- 2) Steric (non-bonded)
- 3) Angle strain (ring strain)



- more strain → Higher in energy and less stable
- strain is influenced by conformation  
 ↳ 3D arrangement of atoms in a molecule resulting from rotations around bonds

One convenient way to look at conformation (in terms of stability and strain) is w/ Newman projection, where we look down/along a specific bond.

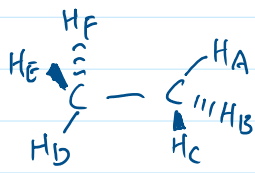
Newman Projection Formae



- C atoms in the back:

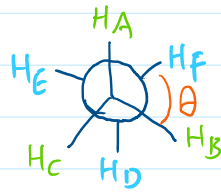


staggered Ethane (CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>)



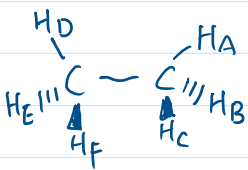
$\Rightarrow$

(H<sub>A</sub>, H<sub>D</sub> are "anti")  
(pointly opposite)

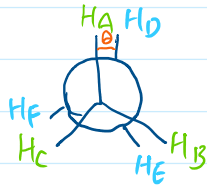


Staggered  
 $\theta = 60^\circ$   
 $\hookrightarrow$  No Torsional strain  
 If  $\theta \neq 60^\circ$ , there is torsional strain

Eclipsed Ethane



$\Rightarrow$



Eclipsed

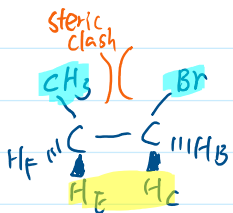
$\theta = \phi^\circ$   
 $\downarrow$   
 Torsional strain

H atoms are small, so they never hit each other, even when eclipsed

$\hookrightarrow$  H<sub>A</sub> and H<sub>D</sub> above don't "clash" in space  
 (NO steric strain w/ 2 H atoms)

But bigger atoms or groups (e.g. Cl, Br, -CH<sub>3</sub>) can "clash" or hit each other in space

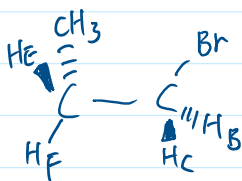
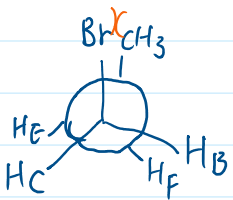
$\hookrightarrow$  steric strain (non-bonded strain)



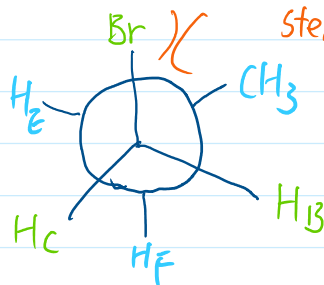
$\Rightarrow$

These groups hit each other

These groups do NOT hit each other



$\Rightarrow$

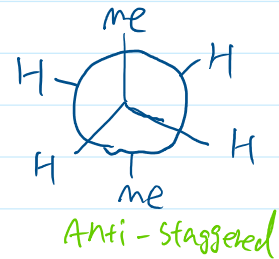
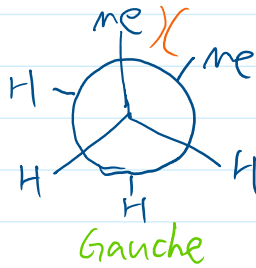
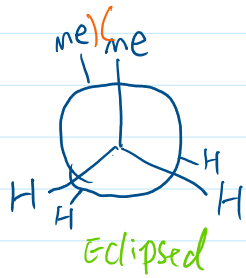


steric clash

Gauche

staggered ( $\theta = 60^\circ$ )  
 No Torsional strain

staggered ( $\theta = 60^\circ$ )  
 No Torsional Strain  
 But Steric Strain Still



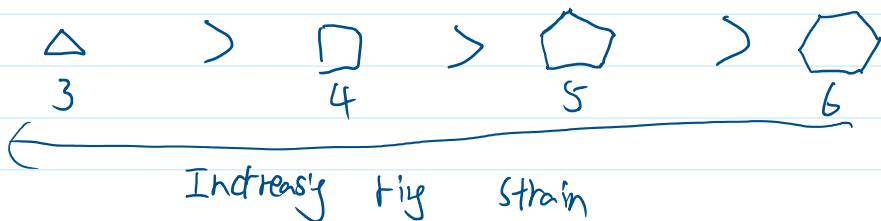
Torsional: Y  
 Steric: Y

N  
 Y

N  
 N

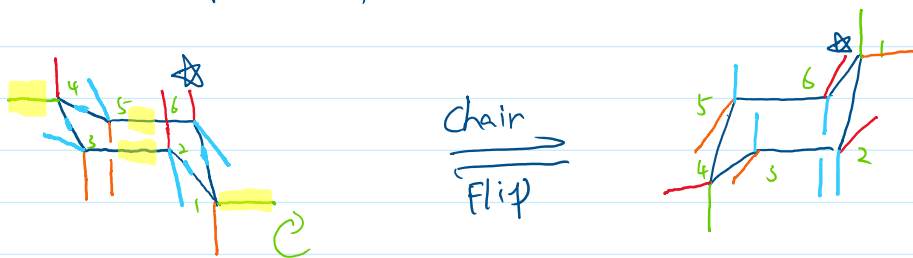
Angle/ring strain: In a ring

# atoms in rings



Cyclohexane  
 ↓  
 No Angle strain

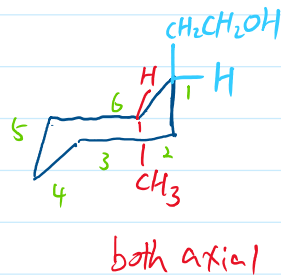
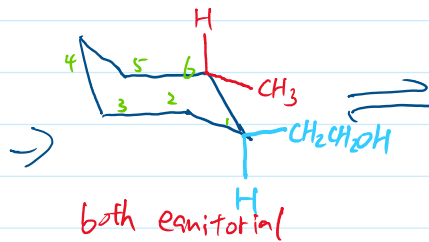
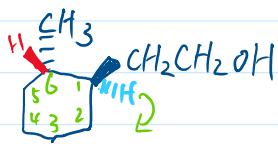
Chair conformation:



Chair flip is NOT a "pancake" flip  
 will interconvert axial and equatorial groups

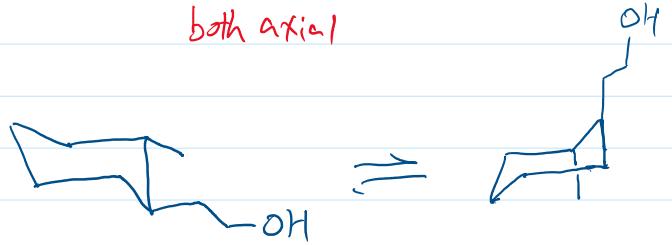
Larger groups prefer equatorial to release steric strain

e.g.: Draw 2 chair conformations for the following molecule  
 and determine which one is favored at e.r.



Left one is more stable

Back in 7:25 pm

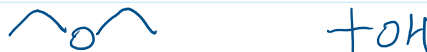


## Stereochemistry

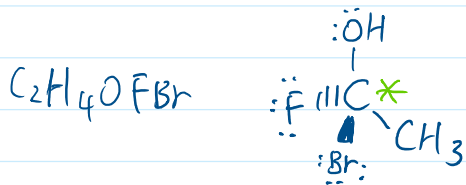
Isomer  $\rightarrow$  same chemical formula



Constitutional Isomer  $\rightarrow$  same molecular formula, but different connectivity



stereoisomers  $\rightarrow$  same constitutional isomer, same bond connectivity, but different arrangement of groups in 3D space.



Chiral center: 4 different groups around a tetrahedral atom.

Chirality: phenomenon for objects that are not superimposable on their mirror image

Enantiomers: non-superimposable mirror images

Diastereomer: stereoisomer that aren't enantiomers  
 $\hookrightarrow$  at least have 2 chiral centers

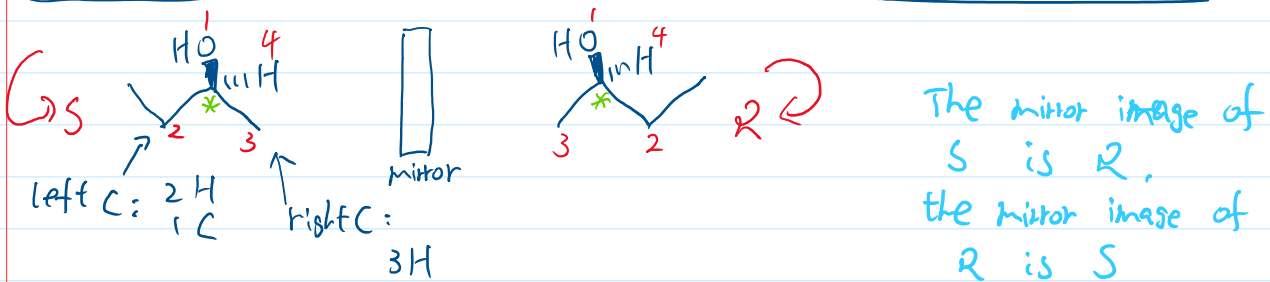
meso compound: 2 chiral centers, but itself is not a chiral molecule  
 Each chiral center has the same 4 groups.

Assigning chirality → assign R/S

↳ "Playing card game", 1<sup>st</sup> point of difference

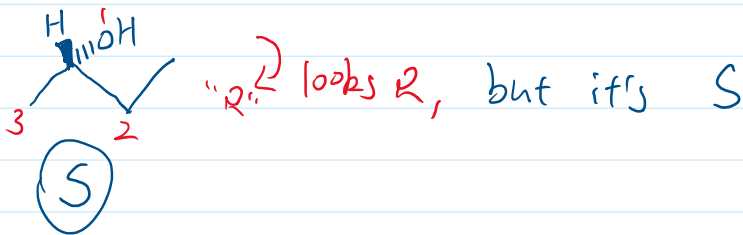
1] When the lowest priority group is in back (≡)

clockwise → R  
 counter clockwise → S



2] lowest priority group is in front (▼)

"looks R, but lowest priority is in front, so it's S"

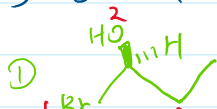


3] lowest priority group is in the plane ("solid line)

★ If we switch any 2 groups → we get the enantiomer!

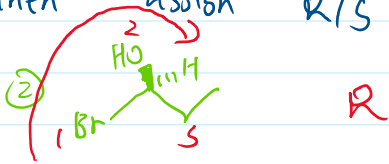


① If H/lowest priority is in plane of paper, ↳ switch H w/ group on the dash (group in back)



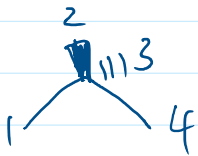


② Then assign R/S for the "swapped" molecule



③ The actual chirality of the molecule you started with is the opposite (because of ~~R~~ rule)

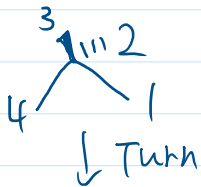
③ S



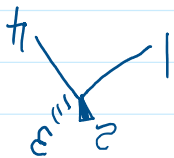
rotate  $\rightarrow$



↓ flip



↓ Turn

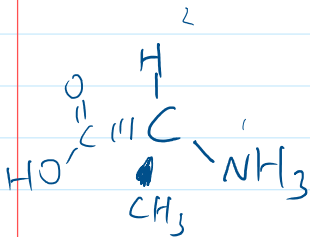


All the same molecule

↓

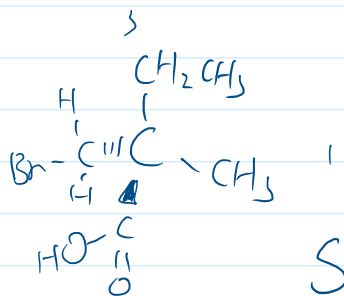
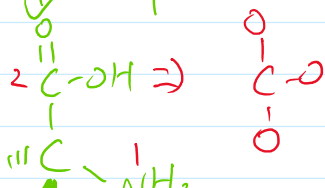
Flips/rotations/turns

do NOT change chirality



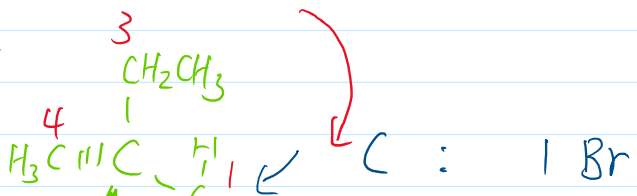
R

↓ "swap"

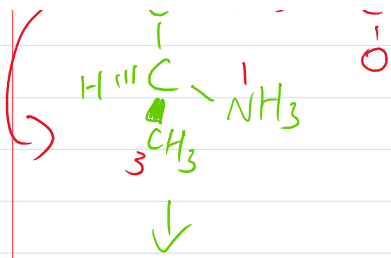


S

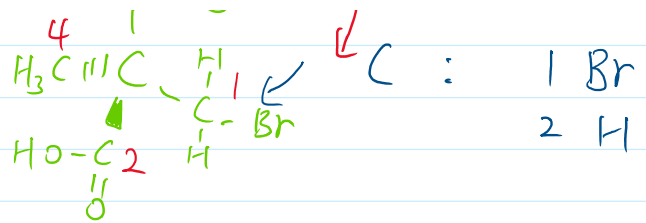
↓



C : 1 Br



looks S, actual R



↑  
C: 3 O-atom

↓  
looks R, actual S