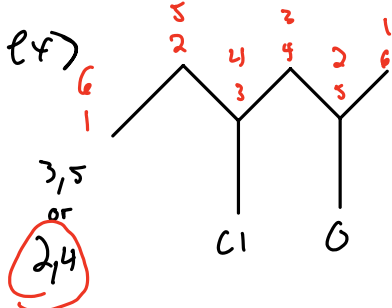


Ch 4 Alkanes and Cycloalkanes

I. Nomenclature

- a. IUPAC rules
- b. handout

- i. find parent chain
- ii. name substituents
- iii. assign number locant to substituents (keep numbers as low as possible)
- iv. alphabetize substituents



4-chloro-2-methylhexane

stereo – substituents – parent – unsaturation – functional group

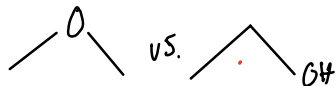
II. Constitutional isomers

Isomers (same molecular formula)

constitutional isomers

stereoisomer

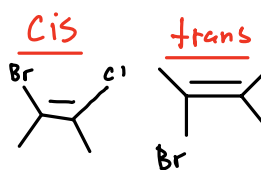
(differ in space)



configurational

conformational

(twisting, rotating)

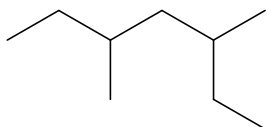


cis-trans (geometric)

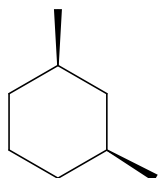
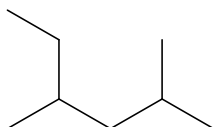
R/S (Relative Stabilities) (stereocenters)

IUP
 • branched alkanes are more stable than straight chain
 • more branches ↓ Boiling Point

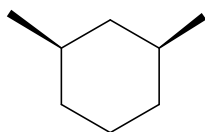
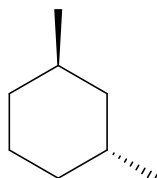
Constitutional isomers have _____



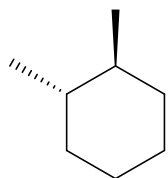
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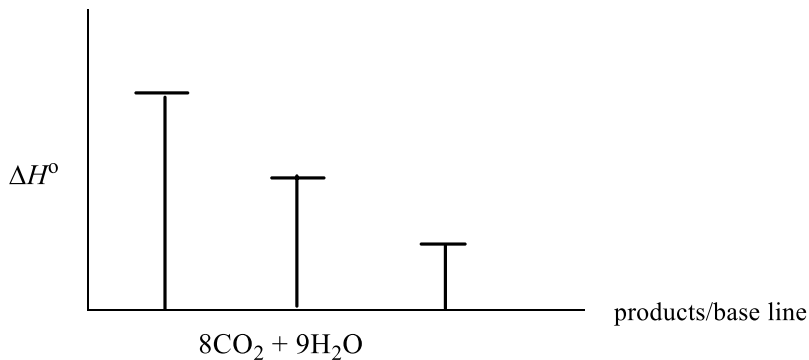
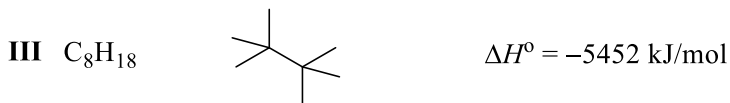
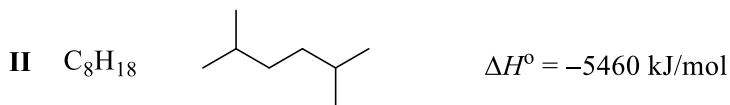
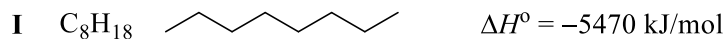


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Relative stabilities of alkanes are determined by combustion

branched alkanes are more stable than straight-chain alkanes

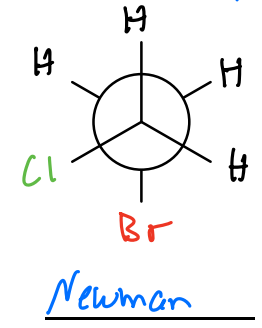
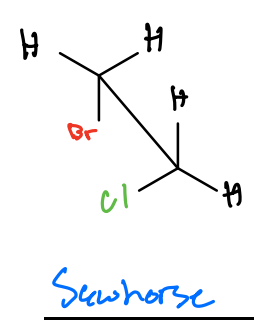
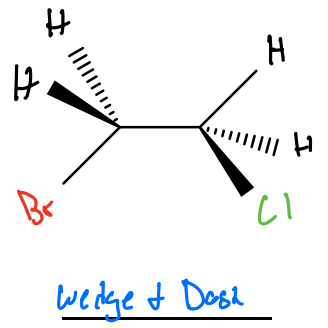


different views of the molecule

*(think 3-D)
From wedge + Dash to Newman you rotate the molecule 180°*

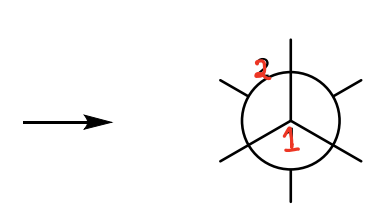
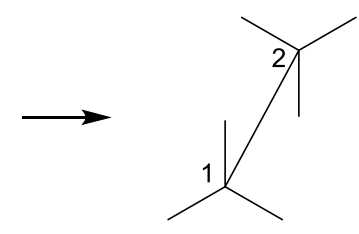
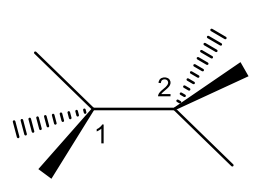
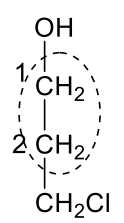
III. Newman projections (look at handout)

a. convert: wedge and dash → sawhorse → Newman projection, and vice versa



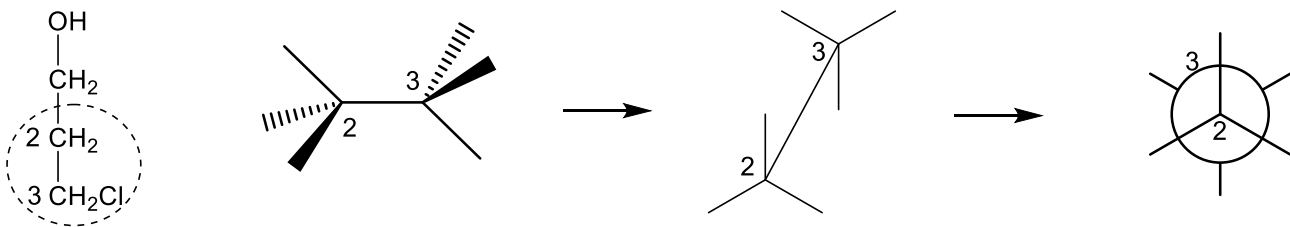
Let's take a look at 3-chloropropan-1-ol

look down C-1 to C-2

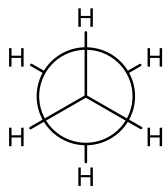


*1 = Front Carbon
2 = Back Carbon*

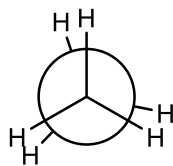
look down C-2 to C-3



Conformations of ethane



Staggered



Eclipse

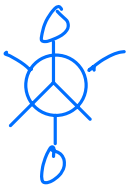
• implies the H's are perfectly aligned

The angle between the H-atoms is called the dihedral or _____.

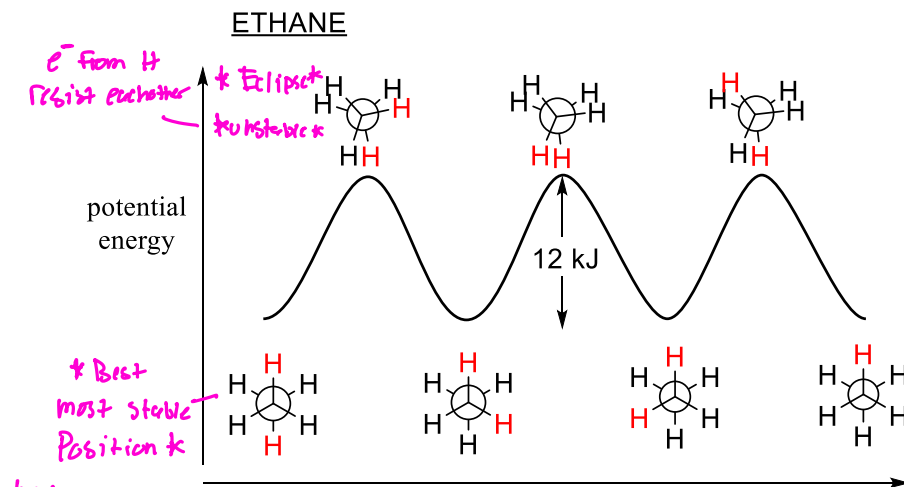
IV. Conformational analysis

a. Terms

- i. staggered - H atoms (groups) are as far apart as possible
- ii. eclipsed - H atoms are as close as possible (one behind the other)
- iii. anti-periplanar - Bulky groups are as far apart as possible
- iv. gauche - Staggered conformer where bulky groups are only 60° apart

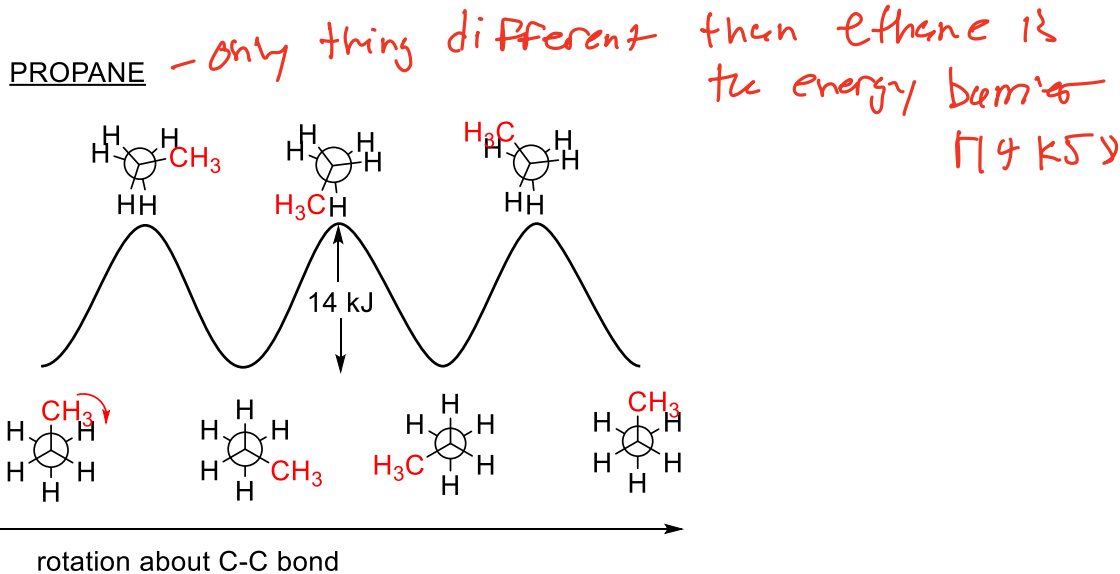


b. ethane



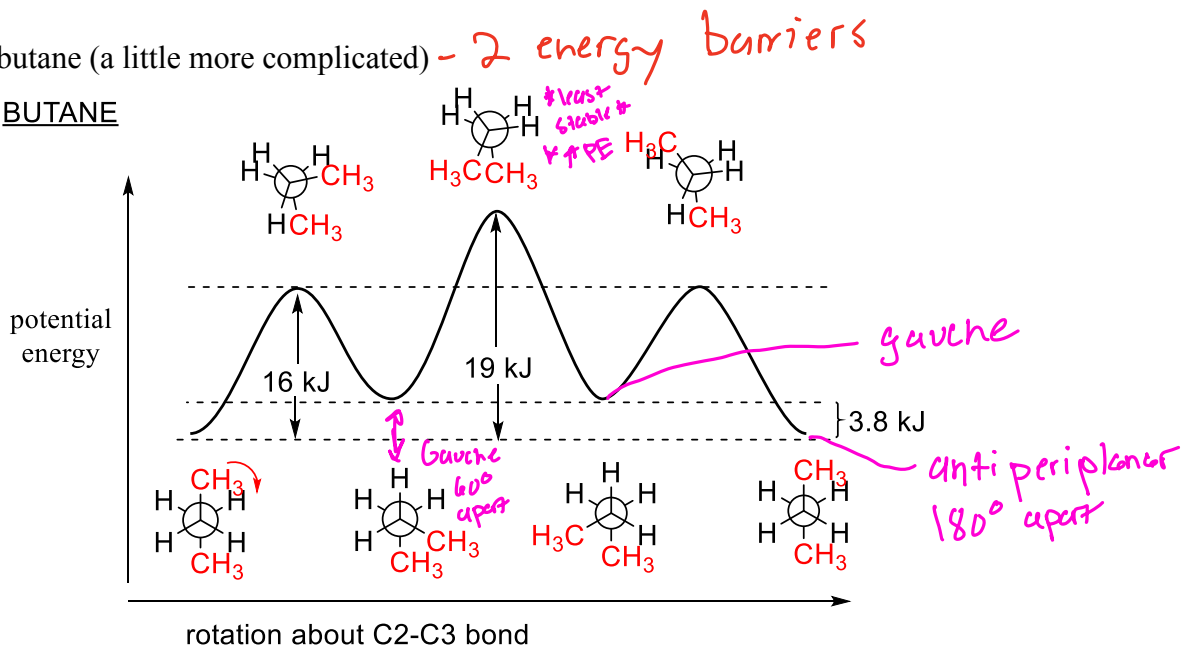
we are rotating the front carbon and holding the carbon in the back steady (Rotated 360° by the end)

c. propane



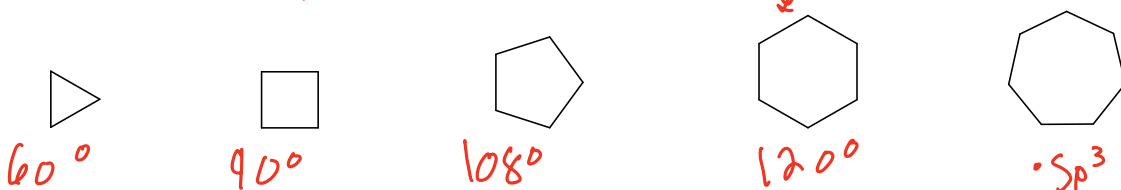
d. butane (a little more complicated)

BUTANE



V. Cycloalkanes

Cyclohexane → Preferred



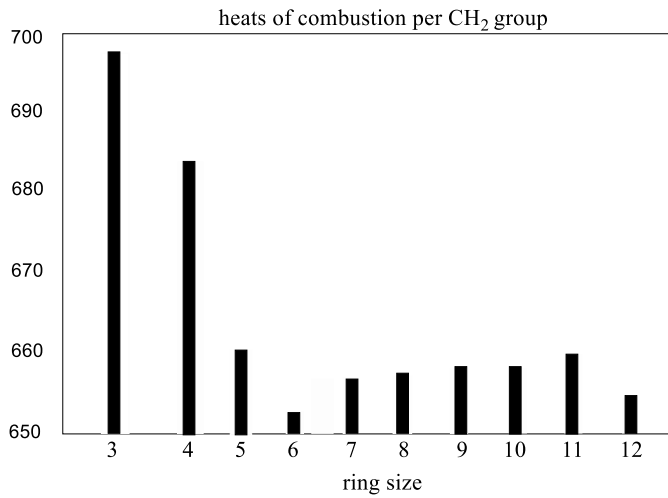
all of the above contain sp^3 carbons

ring strain is a combination of torsional strain (eclipsing dihedral angle) and angle strain (deviation from 109.5°)

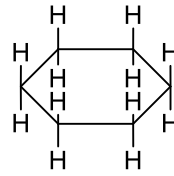
Cyclohexane is the most stable

- all H-atoms can stagger
- sp^3 carbons can have 109.5° angle

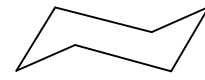
sp^3 carbon rings are not flat they "pucker"



So why does cyclohexane appear to be the most stable?



flat

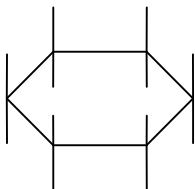


puckered

↑
what C-C
actually look
like

VI. Conformations of cyclohexane

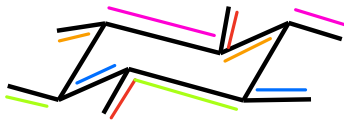
- Cyclohexane can twist into other shapes but the chair is always most stable/lowest energy
- *cis* and *trans* stereoisomers of cyclohexane



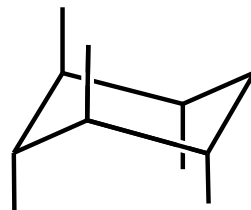
• everything is parallel
• Only use chair conformer
(most stable)

a. axial and equatorial positions

• Most be parallel



Equatorial



Axial

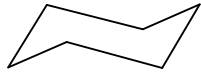
• if it hints at goes up or down

ring flip

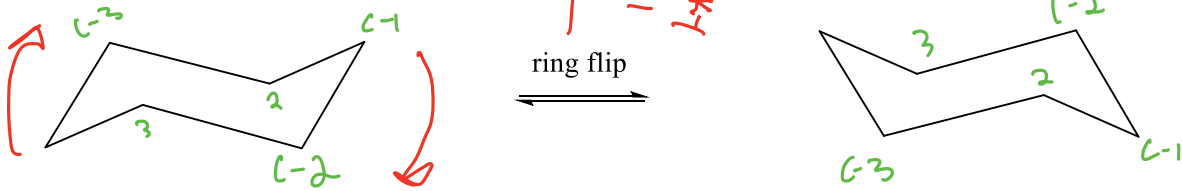
b. stability of chair conformations

bulky groups are more stable in equatorial position, if possible

i. 1,3-diaxial interactions



ii. monosubstituted



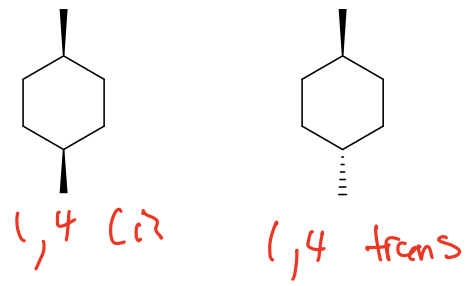
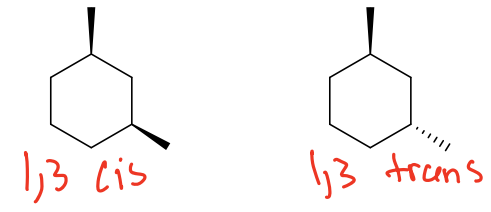
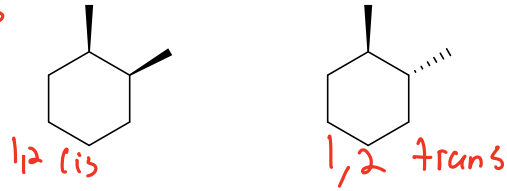
iii. disubstituted - one group is more bulky
• favored conformer exists

1,2

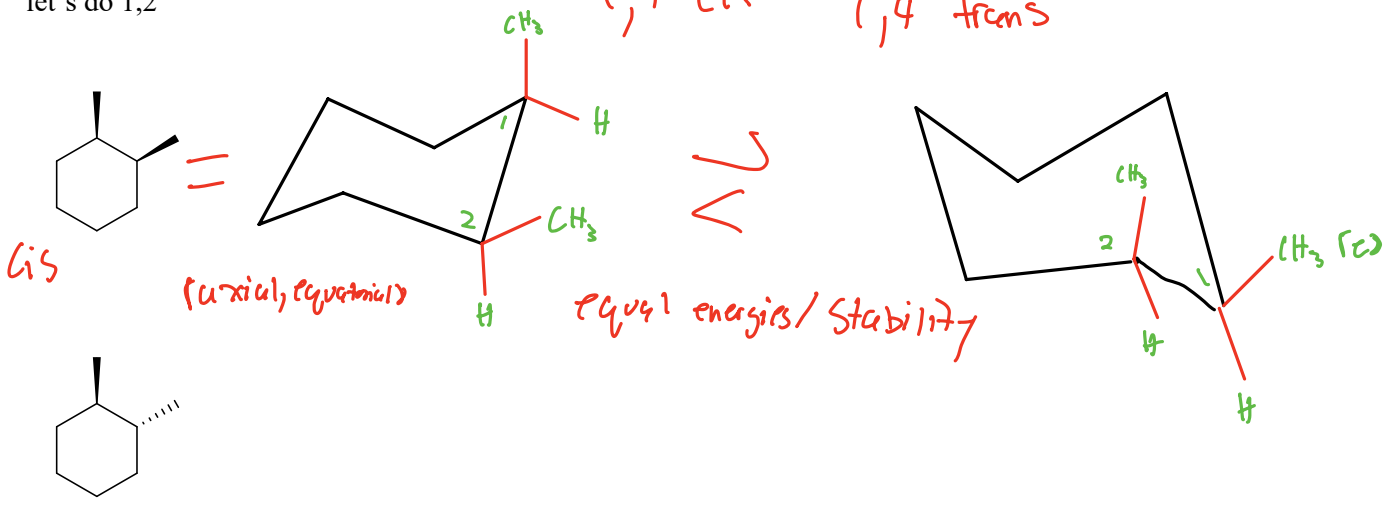
cis and trans

1,3

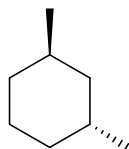
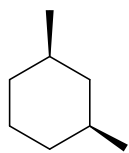
1,4



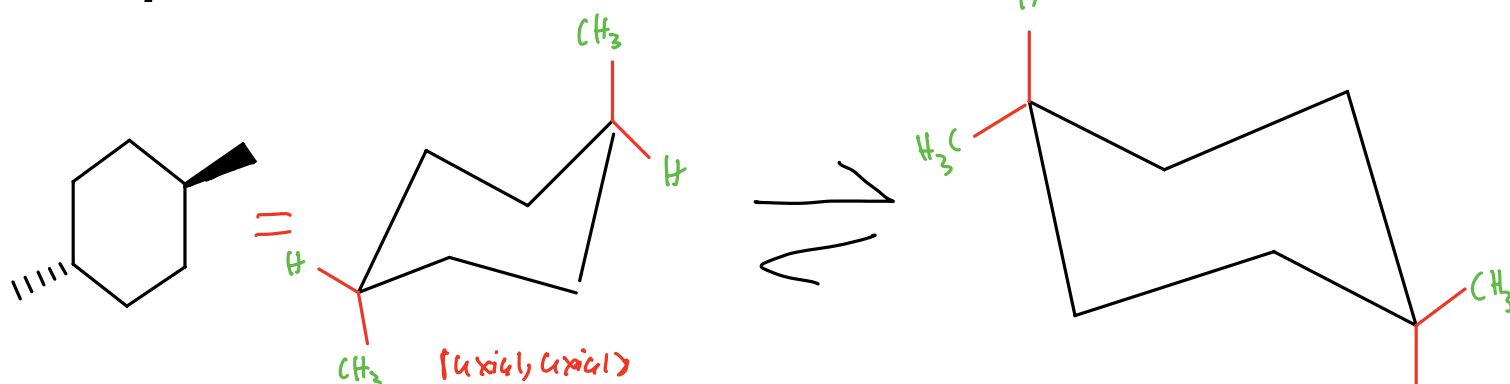
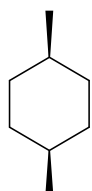
let's do 1,2



let's do 1,3 – *cis* and *trans*



let's do 1,4 – *cis* and *trans*



Summary for disubstituted cyclohexane

1,2 – *cis* : *a,e* or *a,e* equal

1,2 – *trans* : *a,a* or *e,e*

1,3 – *cis* : *a,a* or *e,e*

1,3 – *trans* : *e,a* or *a,e* equal

1,4 – *cis* : *a,e* or *e,a* equal

1,4 – *trans* : *a,a* or *e,e*

iv. polysubstituted

the bulkiest group should be equatorial, usually

	1,3-diaxial energy	<i>e:a</i> ratio
-Cl	2.0 kJ/mol	70:30
-OH	4.2	83:17
-CH ₃ (Me)	7.6	95:5
-CH ₂ CH ₃ (Et)	8.0	96:4
-CH(CH ₃) ₂ (<i>i</i> -Pr)	9.2	97:3
-C(CH ₃) ₃ (<i>t</i> -Bu)	22.8	9999:1

v. polycyclics – *cis* and *trans* decalin

consider the H-atoms on two fused C-atoms

