# Chapter 4: Organic Compounds 

## Part 2: Configurational Isomers and Cycloalkanes

Major Organic Chemistry Functional Groups


## Naming Organic Compounds

We need to make a distinction between different types of Carbons, Hydrogens, or Nitrogens


This naming scheme also applies for amines (nitrogen groups), alkyl halides, and alcohols

## Conformations of Alkanes

Let's look again at ethane....


Rotation about a $\sigma$ bond

## Conformational Isomers


staggered conformer


eclipsed conformer

$\leftarrow$ Newman projections
-Conformational isomer: isomer created by a rotation about a (single) bond

- Staggered- most stable: all 6 C-H bonds are as far away as possible
- Eclipsed- least stable: all 6 C-H bonds are as close as possible to each other


## Conformations of Ethane



- A staggered conformer is more stable than an eclipsed conformer.
Torsional strain: repulsion between pairs of bonding electrons


## Conformations of Other Alkanes

- Conformational situation is more complex for larger alkanes
- Not all staggered conformations have the same energy, and not all eclipsed conformations have the same energy


## Let's look at Butane



Butane-anti conformation ( $0 \mathrm{~kJ} / \mathrm{mol}$ )

## Conformations of Butane

- Anti conformation- methyl groups are $180^{\circ}$ apart
- Gauche conformation- methyl groups are $60^{\circ}$ apart Which is the most energetically stable?



Butane-eclipsed conformation (16 kJ/mol)


Butane-gauche conformation $(3.8 \mathrm{~kJ} / \mathrm{mol})$


Butane-eclipsed
conformation
( $19 \mathrm{~kJ} / \mathrm{mol}$ )


We are rotating about the C2-C3 bond.
Each figure is a 60 degree turn.
Note: The BACK carbon (\#4) is the one moving in this example.
You can see an explanation and animation by Dr. Davis here:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xXci5VGousQ
Think: What costs more energy? CI and CH3 eclipsing or CH3-CH3 eclipsing

## Chapter 4 Part 2:Cycloalkanes

We've discussed open-chained compounds up to this point
Many organic compounds contain rings of carbon atoms


Cortisone

## Naming Cycloalkanes

Cycloalkanes are saturated cyclic hydrocarbons
-- They have the general formula $\left(\mathrm{C}_{n} \mathrm{H}_{2 n}\right)$


## Naming Cycloalkanes

1. No number is needed for a single substituent on a cycloalkane.

methylcyclopentane
2. Name substituents in alphabetical order.
3. If there are more than two substituents, number the ring such that the prefixes get the lowest possible number.


4-ethyl-2-methyl-1-propylcyclohexane

## Cycloalkanes: Ring Strain

Angle strain results when carbon bond angles deviate from the ideal $109.5^{\circ}$ bond angle

good overlap

poor overlap
 60


Cyclobutane
90


Cyclopentane 108


Cyclohexane 120

## Types of Strain

Torsional strain - eclipsing of bonds on neighboring atoms
Steric strain - repulsive interactions between nonbonded atoms in close proximity

- Angle or RING strain - expansion or compression of bond angles away from most stable



## For Next Time....

Friday More Chapter 4 (4.5-4.9) BRING YOUR MODEL SET!

Monday Finish Chapter 4 (if we haven't)
Chapter 5 (5.1-5.4) BRING YOUR MODEL SET!

Wednesday Exam \#1 (Chapters 1-4)

Homework Problems Chapter 4
\#1, 6, 10, 19, 25, 28, 36, 43, 48, 51,52, 63

