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A. Draw the two chair conformations for each of the following di-substituted cyclohexanes. Circle the more stable one.

- For convenience, you may abbreviate the substituents (Me, Et, Pr, Bu, iPr, tBu, or the like rather than drawing out methyl, ethyl, propyl, butyl, isopropyl, t-butyl....)
- Assume that a halogen, OH, or NH_2 is smaller than a CH_3 or any other alkyl group.
- Remember to draw in the hydrogens on each of the "substituted" carbons





Steps for processing a di-substituted cyclohexane chair:

Summary: Draw chairs; install sticks; install substituents appropriately

1. Draw both "right-" and "left-handed" chairs

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- 2. Draw in "axial" sticks on the relevant carbons; then draw in "equatorial" sticks on the relevant carbons
 - Use the left-most carbon for your first substituted carbon
- 3. On the left-most carbon, put your first substituent in on both chairs.
 - It should be equatorial in the "right-handed" chair, and axial in the other.
- 4. Use "upper/downer" logic to decide whether the second substituent belongs eq or ax on the first chair (then make it the opposite on the second chair)
- →• Draw in the H's on the relavent carbons
- 5. Are the two substituents eq/eq, eq/ax, or ax/ax? This will help recognize relative stability
- 6. If one subst. is forced axial, the preferred chair has the bigger subst. equatorial
- 7. The best cis vs trans isomer has both substituents equatorial.
- 8. <u>Note: To draw and identify the best cis versus trans, just draw a chair with both groups</u> equatorial, and then identify whether that is cis or trans

Steps for Drawing the Best Newman projection

Summary: Draw staggered sticks; install substituents appropriately

- 1. Draw a staggered Newman projection, with three sticks on the "back" carbon and three on the "front". Have a stick up on the back carbon, and one down on the front.
- 2. Draw your biggest substituent on the back carbon on the "up" stick
- 3. Draw your biggest substituent on the front on the "down" "anti" stick
- 4. Fill in the other two back attachments on the other two back-carbon sticks.
- 5. Fill in the other two front attachments on the other two front-carbon sticks.

Steps for Drawing the Worst Newman projection

Summary: Draw eclipsed sticks; install substituents appropriately

- 1. Draw an eclipsed Newman projection, with three sticks on the "back" carbon and three on the "front". Have a stick up on both the back and front carbons.
- 2. Draw your biggest substituent on the back carbon on the "up" stick
- 3. Draw your biggest substituent on the front on the "up" "totally eclipsed" stick
- 4. Fill in the other back and front attachments.

Note: The more severe the eclipsing in the "worst" projection, the greater the rotation barrier

Tips for creating a Newman Projection Energy Diagram

- 1. Use the "worst" (totally eclipsed version) as 0° and 360°.
- 2. 120° and 240° will be the other "eclipsed" conformations => energy crests.
- 3. 60° , 180° , and 300° will be the staggered conformations => energy valleys
- 4. 60° and 300° will be the other two staggered conformations (gauche) => energy valleys.
- 5. To compared the relative energies of the eclipsed crests, evaluate the sizes of the eclipsing substituents (when two non-hydrogens eclipse) and
- 6. To compare the relative energies of the staggered valleys, evaluate the number/severity of gauche interactions