**Newman Projection Practice** 

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Organic Chemistry I – Jasperse Newman Projection Practice (See page 4 for some summary of operations/steps for handling Newman projections)

A. For each of the following, draw the best and worst Newman projection, relative to the bond indicated.



# **B.** Rotation Barriers.

- 6. Rank the rotation barriers relative to the indicated bonds, with 1 have the largest barrier
  For convenience, Et = ethyl and iPr = isopropyl
- Assume that a halogen, OH, or  $NH_2$  is smaller than a  $CH_3$  or any other alkyl group.

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## <u>C. For each of the following, use the words torsional and/or steric to explain why the first</u> conformation is more stable than the second. (The answer key and explaining video will be a bit more detailed as appropriate.)

- a. For each, note if any "total eclipse" steric interactions exist (two non-hydrogens eclipsing)
- b. For each, note if any "gauche" steric interactions exist (two non-hydrogens gauche)



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# **D.** Newman Projection Energy Diagrams.

14. Draw a qualitative energy diagram for  $CH_3CH_2CH_2CH(CH_3)_2$ , relative to the bond between the two CH2 carbons. The Newman projections are drawn below, using "iPr" as an abbreviation for the isopropyl  $CH(CH_3)_2$  group. Put "S" (for staggered) by any "staggered" conformation, and "E" (for eclipsed) by an eclipsed conformation *Q Quebe 240 Quebe 240* 











## 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.  $120^{\circ}$  and  $240^{\circ}$  will be the other "eclipsed" conformations => energy crests.
- 3.  $60^{\circ}$ ,  $180^{\circ}$ , and  $300^{\circ}$  will be the staggered conformations => energy valleys
- 4.  $60^{\circ}$  and  $300^{\circ}$  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