

Carbon atoms arranged in such a way as to form ring structures

- Named by prefixing cyclo- to the corresponding open-chain hydrocarbon.
- Monocyclic aliphatic rings





cyclopentene



1,4-cyclohexadiene



2-cyclooctenol

Polycyclic aliphatic rings

- Locate bridge-head carbons
- Determine the lowest number of rings

mentally break bonds until no rings remain

- Indicate carbon number in the longest bridge, then the next longest bridge, etc., until all carbon atoms are utilized
- Began numbering at a bridge-head carbon of the longest bridge



Bicyclo[2.2.1]heptane

Norbornane



Bicyclo[2.2.2]octa-2-ene



Tricyclo[2.2.1.0^{2,6}]heptane

Nortricyclene



Cubane



Basketane



2-methylbicyclo[2.2.1]heptane

Baeyer Strain Theory

- Adolf von Baeyer -- 1885
- Carbon to four other atoms with a bond angle of 109.5°
- As the bond angle becomes more compressed, increasing strain is placed on the molecule
- As strain increases, bond stability decreases

Factors Affecting Stability

- Angle strain
- Torsional strain
- van der Waals strain (steric strain)

Conformations of cycloalkanes



Chair conformation

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Boat conformation

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Preparation



1,3-Dichloropropane

Cyclopropane

Reactions of Small Rings







cis-1,2-Dibromocyclopentane



cis-1,3-Cyclopentanedicarboxylic acid



trans-1,2-Dibromocyclopentane



trans-1,3-Cyclopentanedicarboxylic acid



Superimposable A meso compound cis-1,2-Cyclopentanediol



Not superimposable Enantiomers: resolvable trans-1,2-Cyclopentanediol

Carbenes-cycloaddition



Addition of Substituted Carbenes



Epoxides



(Oxirane ring)

. REACTIONS OF EPOXIDES .

1. Acid-catalyzed cleavage. Discussed in Sec. 13.22.



2. Base-catalyzed cleavage. Discussed in Sec. 13.23.



Examples:

 $\begin{array}{ccc} C_2H_5O^-Na^+ + CH_2 \longrightarrow C_2H_5O - CH_2CH_2OH\\ \text{Sodium ethoxide} & O & 2-Ethoxyethanol \end{array}$

 $\begin{array}{ccc} \mathbf{NH}_{3} + \mathbf{CH}_{2} \longrightarrow \mathbf{H}_{2}\mathbf{N} - \mathbf{CH}_{2}\mathbf{CH}_{2}\mathbf{OH} \\ & & \mathbf{O} & & \mathbf{2} - \mathbf{Aminoethanol} \\ & & & (Ethanolamine) \end{array}$

3. Reaction with Grignard reagents. Discussed in Sec. 18.15.

$$R \longrightarrow MgX + CH_2 \longrightarrow R - CH_2CH_2O^-Mg^+ \xrightarrow{H^+} R - CH_2CH_2OH$$
Primary alcohol:
Chain has been lengthened
by two carbons

Acid-catalyzed cleavage of eposides

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Acid-catalyzed cleavage of eposides

Analysis of alicyclic compounds



