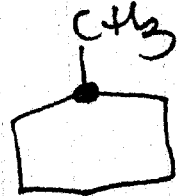
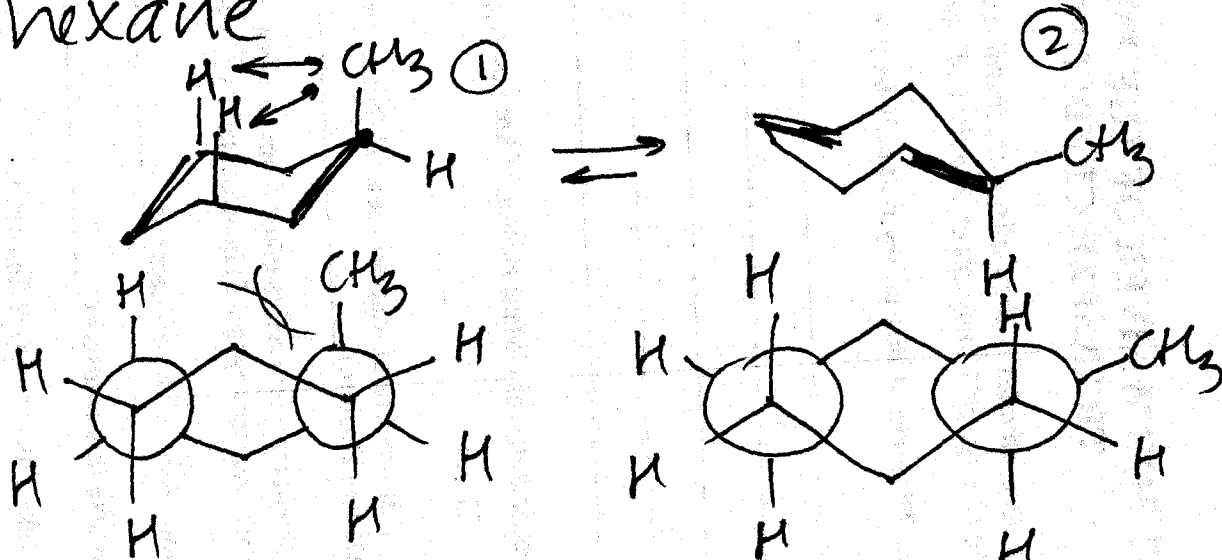


substituted cyclohexane



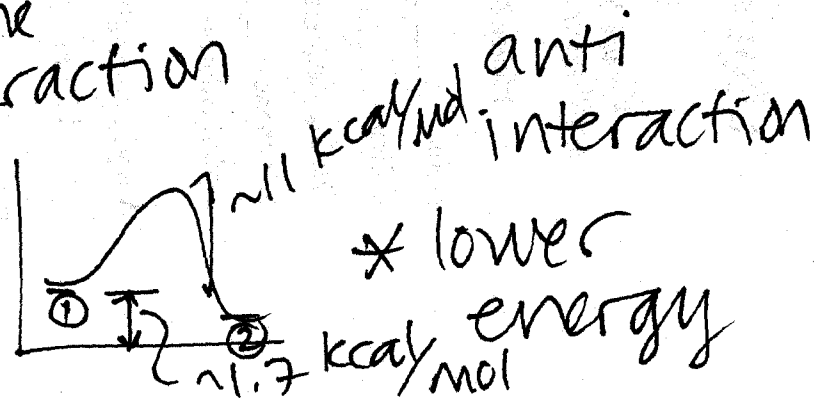
methylcyclohexane



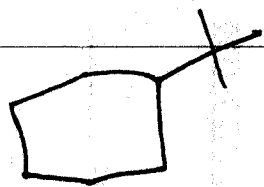
gauche interaction

- axial groups have two problems
1. gauche interaction w/ rest of ring

2. transannular interactions w/ other axial gps.



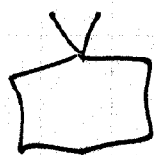
The larger the substituent, the greater the preference for the equatorial position.



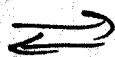
only $\sim 0.01\%$ of the molecules have the t-Bu axial at equil.

What about two substituents?

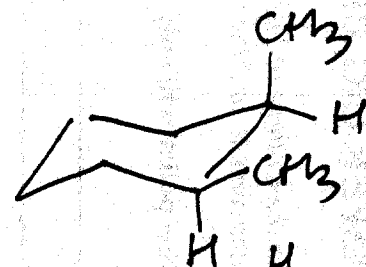
Consider dimethylcyclohexane: 1,1 1,2 1,3 1,4



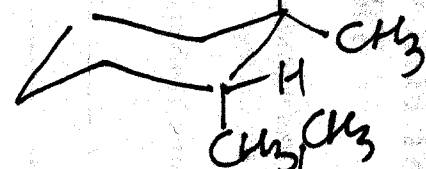
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A



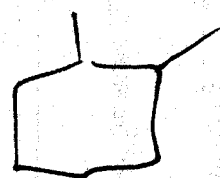
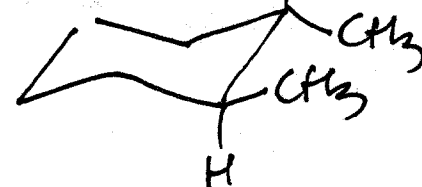
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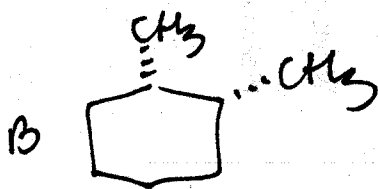
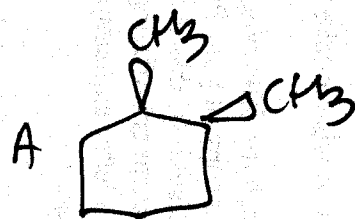
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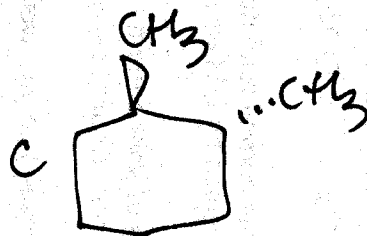
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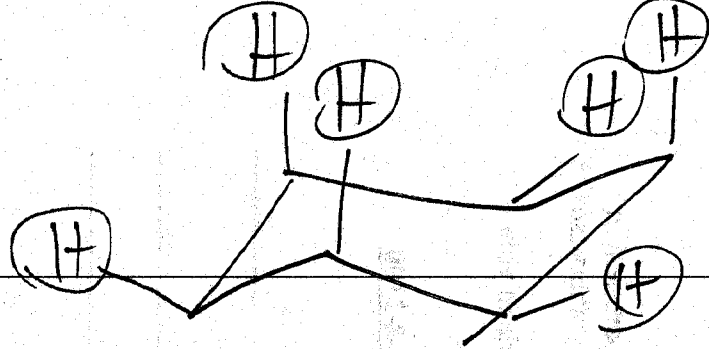
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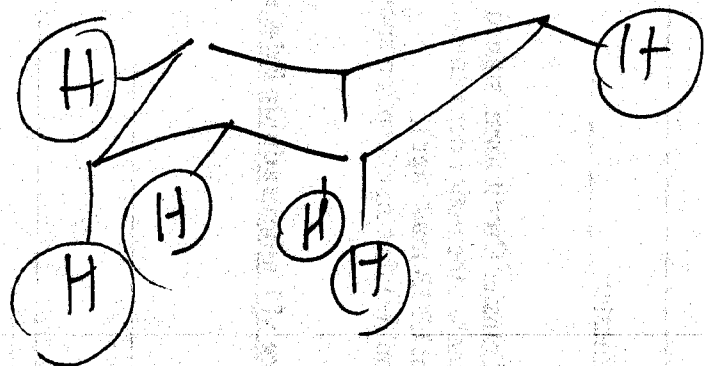
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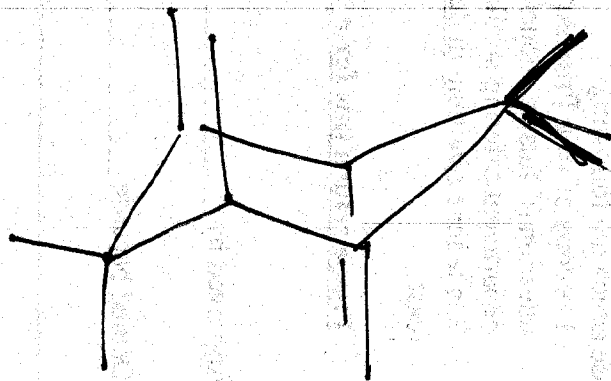
trans



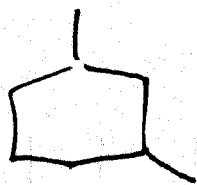
would all be wedges
in a flat drawing.
(angling up)



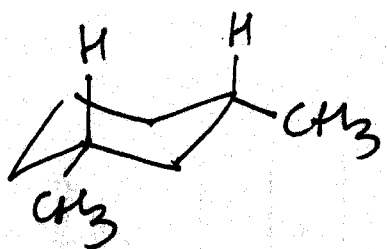
would all be hatches
in a flat drawing
(angling down)



which is axial?
I don't know!

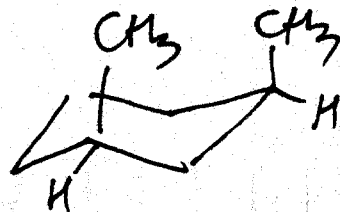


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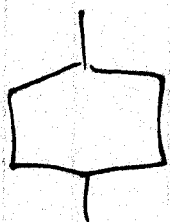
most stable

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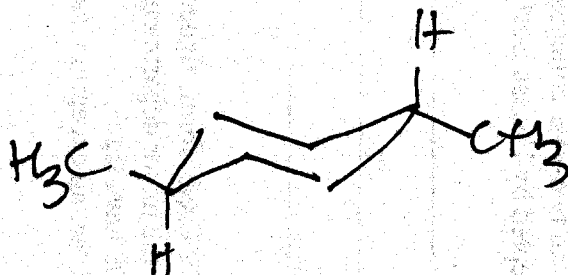


least stable

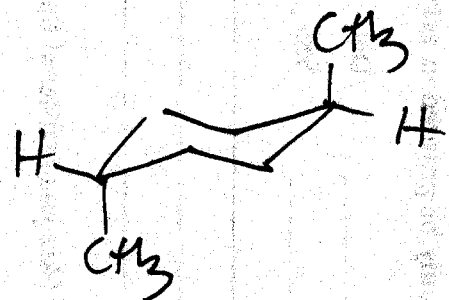
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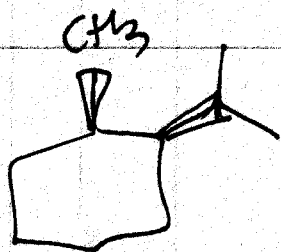
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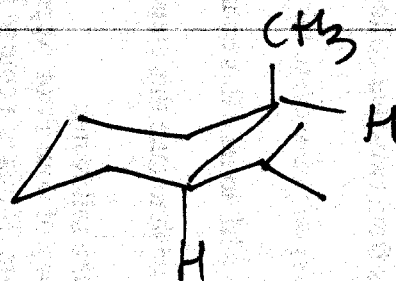
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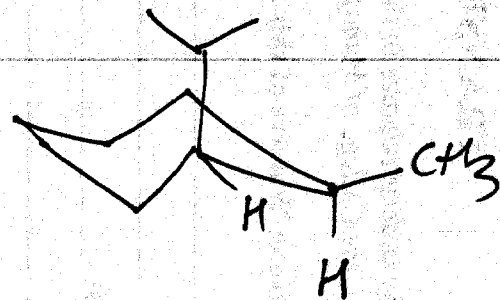
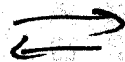
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* better



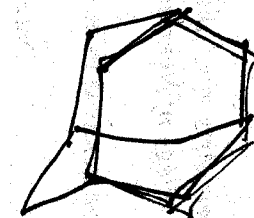
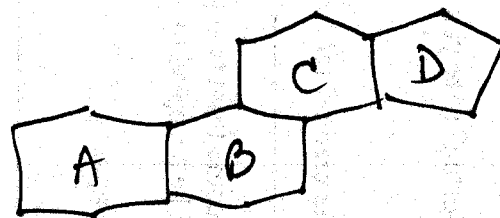
biggest substituent equatorial
(as many substs equatorial as possible)

(bigger rings are fairly common - more strained:

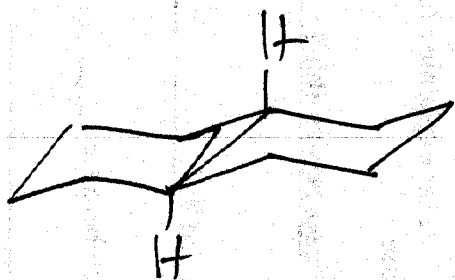
- bond angle distortion
- partial eclipsing interactions
- transannular interactions)

Polycyclic hydrocarbons

steroid nucleus

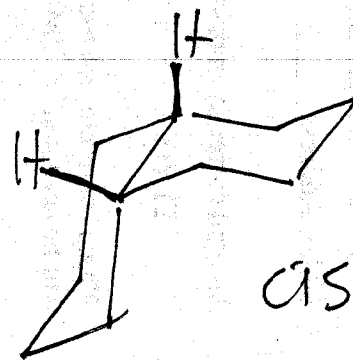


adamantane



trans-decalin

bicyclo [4.4.0] decane



cis-decalin