

Cycloalkanes:

- Baeyer strain Theory:
- Stability of cycloalkanes
- Applies on first few cycloalkanes.
- Given by Adolf Baeyer in 1885.

Based on:

① Normal angle between a pair of bonds of a carbonation is $109^{\circ}28'$ min.



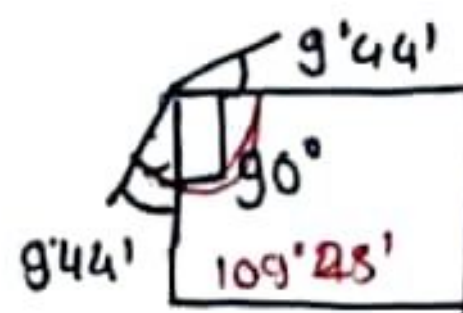
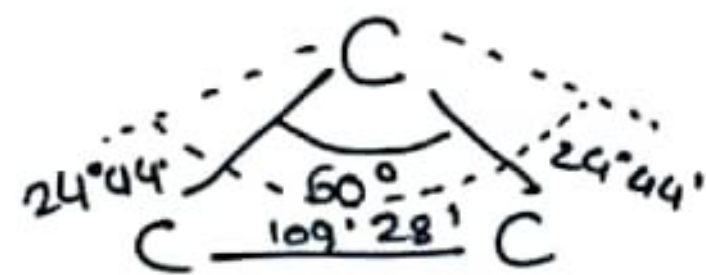
② Assume that all cycloalkanes are planar

③ Calculated strain on Basic structure.

$$\text{Angle strain} = \frac{1}{2} (109^{\circ}28' - \text{actual angle})$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} (109^{\circ}28' - 60)$$

$$= 24^{\circ}44'$$



cyclobutane.

- Angle strain in cycloalkane:

Compound	Bond Angle	Angle strain.
a) cyclopropane	60°	$24^{\circ}44'$
b) cyclobutane	90°	$9^{\circ}44'$
c) cyclopentane	108°	$0^{\circ}44'$
d) cyclohexane	120°	$-5^{\circ}16'$

• Limitations:

① This theory only applies on the lower cycloalkanes

ex: cyclopropane \Rightarrow highly strained molecule.

max. angle strain

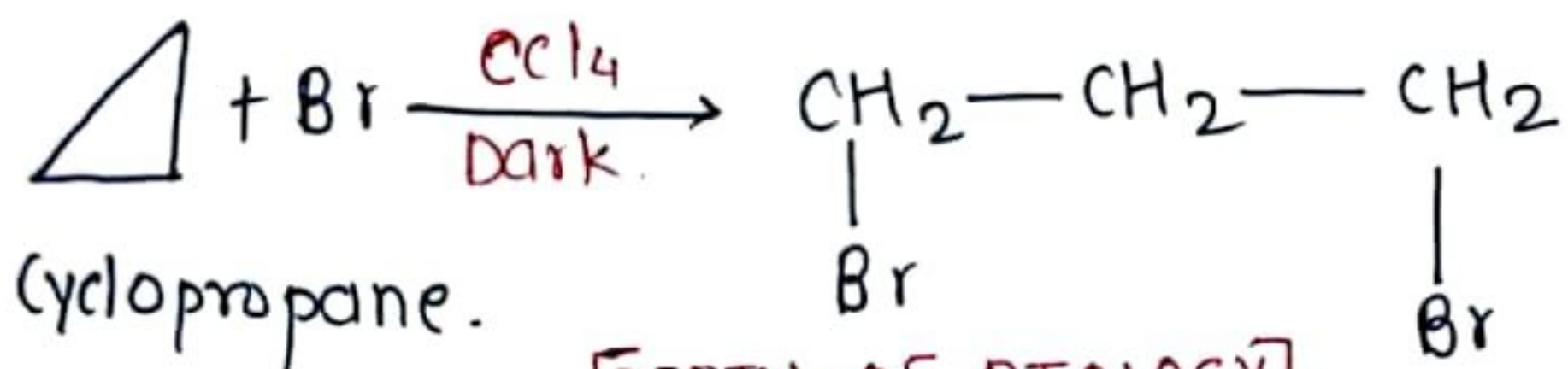
most unstable molecule.

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⇒ This is fact that cyclopropane gives easily ring opening reactions with Br_2, HBr & H_2 .

* Addition Reaction :



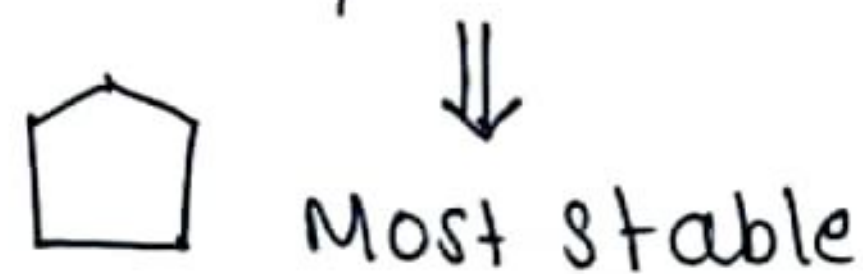
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- The angle strain in cyclobutane is less than that in cyclopropane. so low in unstability, means it is more stable than cyclopropane.
- As expected cyclobutane (\square) undergo ring opening reaction but only under more specific condition.

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⇒ The angle strain is lowest in cyclopentane.



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Does not give ring opening reaction.

② Higher than cyclopentane are not follow this rule. cyclohexane, cyclopentane are most stable: strain (not follow Baeyer theory)

• They do not give ring opening reaction easily.

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Coulson Moffitt Model (or)

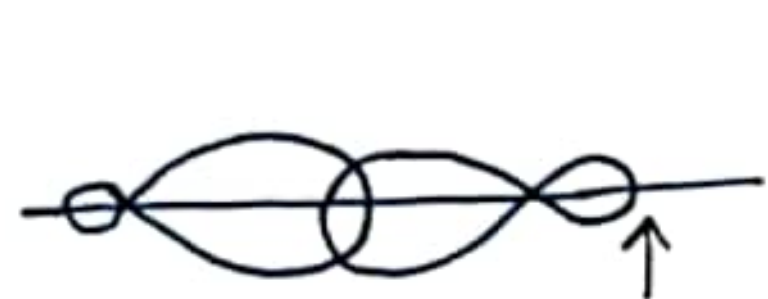
Bent Bond.

in cycloalkane.

- Concept of max. overlapping of c-orbital
- Banana Bond Theory → Look like Banana type geometry.

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- General representation of e-density (or) configuration resembling a similar "Bent" structure in small ring.



sigma bond (strong bond)
Intermolecular axis.



Bent Bond (weak bond)

Bent Bond is Intermediate between σ & π bond.

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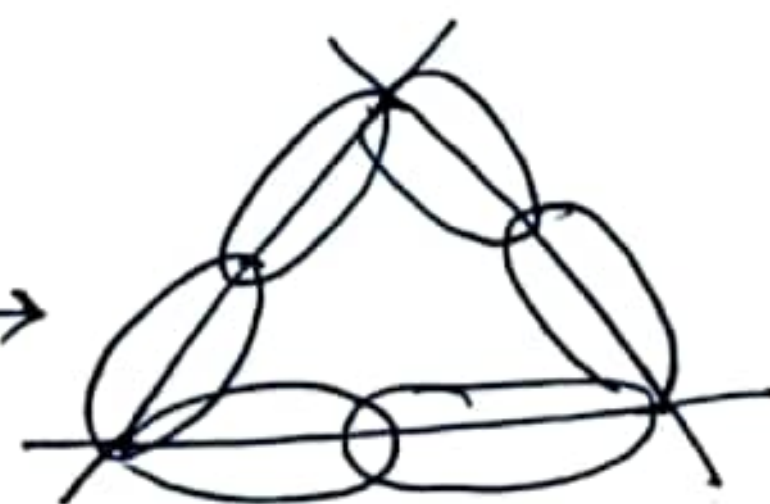
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S = 25%

P = 75%

Bond →



S = 16%

P = 84%

Repulsion max.
Bent.