Chem 30A-Week 3

Warm-up Exercise

What is the relationship between A and B? *Stuctural, conformational isomers? Same? Or unrelated?*



Draw the Newman projection of the most stable staggered conformation from the viewpoint from carbon 3 to carbon 4.



Discussion Questions

1. Why is the staggered conformation of 2, 3- dimethyl butane preferred. (focus on C2 and C3). Use molecular orbitals as part of your answer.

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2. Decalin is two fused cyclohexane rings. Decalin can have a *cis* and a *trans* conformation- referring to the bridgehead carbons. Draw both *cis* and *trans* decalin. Which is more stable?

3. What conformation must 4-*tert*-butyl-cyclohexane-1,3-diol be in to readily react with acetone and an acid catalyst to form an acetal?



4-tert-butyl-cyclohexane-1,3-diol