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Conformation

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The arrangement of molecules compd. tetrahedrally (sp^3 hybrid bond length $1.54 \text{ \AA}$, shape and structure tetrahedral and bond angle is 109° in 3D structure. To stability & reactivity of a compd.

- Only saturated compd. show conformation due to free rotation of σ bond (10^6 times/sec)
- Unsaturated compd. ($=, \equiv$ bond) does not show conformation due to presence of π -bond which check rotation.

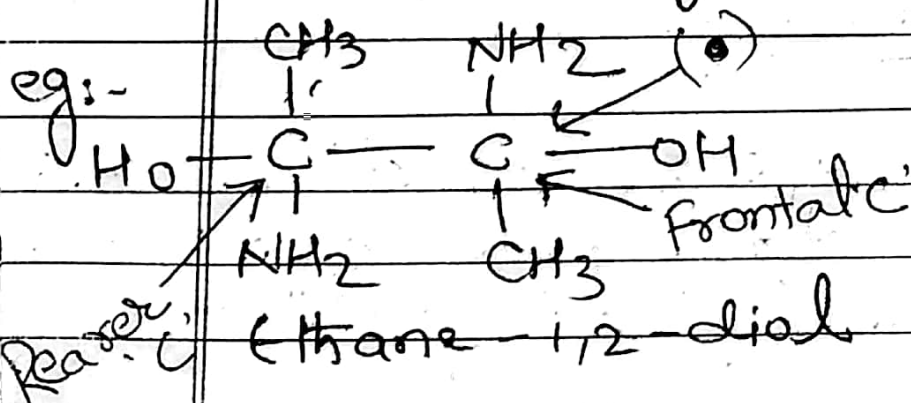
- It is a type of stereo isomerism
- It is of following types:-
 - i) Antiform / Staggered
 - ii) Gauche / Skew form
 - iii) Eclipse form

Partial eclipse

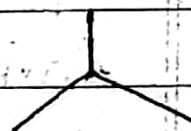
Fully eclipse

i) Antiform:-

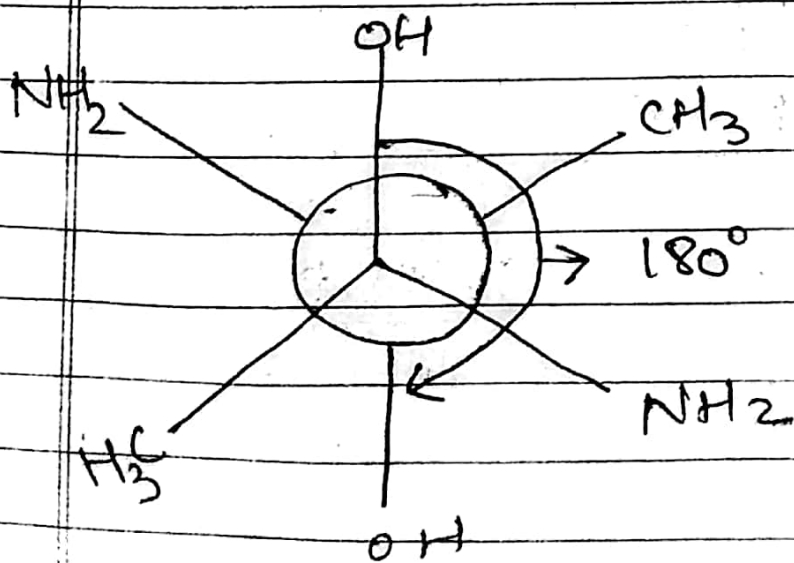
- When same nature (main functional group) compound present at 180° then having less potential energy and more stable due to absence of repulsion between functional group.
- Frontal carbon (near to eye) indicated by a circle (○)
- Rearer carbon (away from eye) indicated by a trigonal (△)



Frontal 'C'



Rearer 'C'



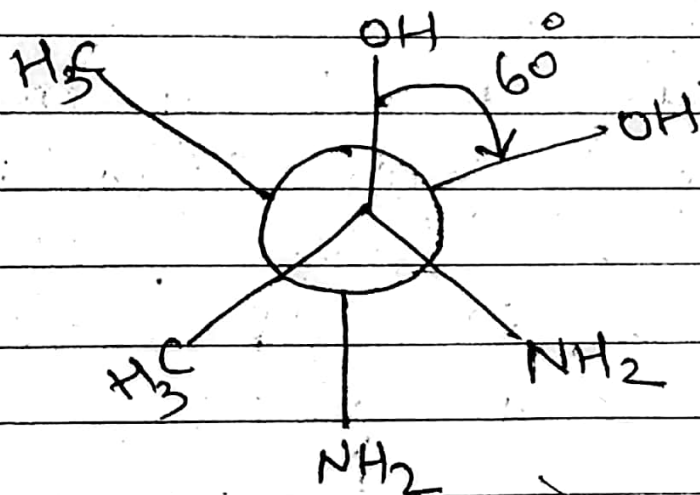
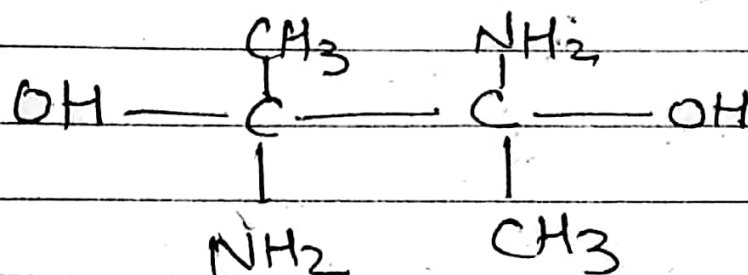
Antiform

(ii)

Skew form

When main functional group present at 60° hence less repulsion occurs between functional group, increase potential energy and decrease stability.

eg:-



iii)

Eclipse

Fully eclipse:-

When same functional group present at 0° then maximum repulsion occurs and $\uparrow$ potential energy therefore, $\downarrow$ stability.