## 324. Molecular Polarisability. Conformations and Polarities of Triphenyl Derivatives of Group Vв Elements.

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As solutes in benzene, the molecules $\mathrm{NPh}_{3}, \mathrm{PPh}_{3}, \mathrm{AsPh}_{3}, \mathrm{SbPh}_{3}$, and $\mathrm{BiPh}_{3}$ show, respectively, dipole moments of $0.52,1.50,1.23,0.77$, and ca. 0 D , and molar Kerr constants ( $\times 10^{12}$ ) of $33 \cdot 3,-100,-37 \cdot 6,-6 \cdot 6$, and $+\mathbf{7 . 1}$. These data are interpreted as indicating rotations of the phenyl groups by angles $\phi$ from conformations, having $\phi=0$, in which the Ph planes intersect along the lines of action of the resultant moments; values of $\phi$ for the five derivatives named appear as $62^{\circ}, 59^{\circ}, 53^{\circ}, 41^{\circ}$, and $23^{\circ} \pm 4^{\circ}$ or $51^{\circ} \pm 3^{\circ}$.

Measurements, here recorded, of the molar Kerr constants, refractivities, and dipole moments for the series $\mathrm{NPh}_{3}, \mathrm{PPh}_{3}, \mathrm{AsPh}_{3}, \mathrm{SbPh}_{3}$, and $\mathrm{BiPh}_{3}$ as solutes in benzene were started in the hope that, through considerations of anisotropic polarisabilities, information on the structures and conformations of these molecules would be provided.

## Experimental

Materials, Apparatus, etc.-Substances were presented to us by the following: Metal and Thermit Corporation, U.S.A. (triphenyl-phosphine, -stibine, and -bismuthine); Dr. B. O. West, University of Adelaide (triphenyl-phosphine and -arsine) ; Dr. N. A. Gibson, Mr. J. W. Hosking, and Mr. D. C. Weatherburn, University of Sydney (triphenylarsine). Recrystallisation from
alcohol yielded: triphenylphosphine (m. p. 78-79 ${ }^{\circ}$ ), triphenylarsine (m. p. 60-61 ${ }^{\circ}$ ), triphenylstibine (m. p. 53-54 ${ }^{\circ}$ ), triphenylbismuthine (m. p. $78^{\circ}$ ). Thiophen-free benzene, as solvent, was dried ( Na ) for 1 week before use. Symbols, methods of calculation, and headings used in

## Table 1.

Incremental Kerr constants, refractive indexes, dielectric constants, and densities for solutions in benzene at $25^{\circ}$.

| Triphenylphosphine |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\begin{aligned} & 10^{5} w_{2} \\ & 10^{7} \Delta B \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} 1607 \\ -0.033 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 3383 \\ -0.062 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 3717 \\ -0.086 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 4296 \\ -0.080 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 4813 \\ -0 \cdot 109 \end{gathered}$ |  |
| whence $\sum 10^{7} \Delta B / \sum w_{2}=-2.08$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| $10^{5} w_{2}$ | 1372 | 2203 | 2324 | 2462 | 2551 | 2806 |
| $10^{4} \Delta n$ | - | 26 | 29 | 33 | - | - |
| $\varepsilon^{25}$ | $2 \cdot 2914$ | $2 \cdot 3019$ | $2 \cdot 3054$ | 3 | 2.3082 | - |
| $d_{4}^{25}$ | - | $0 \cdot 87838$ | 0.87855 | - | $0 \cdot 87899$ | $0 \cdot 87985$ |
| $10^{5} w_{2}$ | 3010 | 3938 | 4127 | 4133 | 5081 |  |
| $10^{4} \Delta n$ | 35 | - | - | 55 | - |  |
| $\varepsilon^{23}$. | - | $2 \cdot 3276$ | - | 2.3285 | $2 \cdot 3439$ |  |
| $d_{4}^{25}$ | - | $0 \cdot 88207$ | $0 \cdot 88225$ | $0 \cdot 88215$ | $0 \cdot 88425$ |  |
| whence $\sum \Delta n / \sum w_{2}=0.126 ; \sum \Delta \varepsilon / \sum w_{2}=1.39 ; \sum \Delta d / \sum w_{2}=0.207$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |

Triphenylarsine

| $10^{5}$ | 1394 | 1578 | 2028 | 2278 | 2523 | 2664 | 2778 | 3626 | 4034 | 4280 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $10^{7} \mathrm{~A} B$ | -0.010 | $-0.011$ |  |  |  |  | $-0.022$ | $-0.027$ | $-0.030$ | $-0.028$ |
| $10^{4} \Delta n$. | - |  |  |  |  | 30 | 31 |  |  | 48 |
| $\varepsilon^{25}$ | - | $2 \cdot 2874$ | $\cdots$ | - | 2.2945 | 2.2981 | $2 \cdot 2995$ | $2 \cdot 3082$ | - | 2.3106 |
| $d_{4}^{25}$ | 87775 |  | $0 \cdot 87966$ |  | 0.88116 | 0.88152 |  |  | $0 \cdot 88536$ | $0 \cdot 88624$ |
| $10^{7} \Delta B / \sum w_{2}=-0.724 ; \sum \Delta n / \sum w_{2}=0.112 ; \sum \Delta \varepsilon / \sum w_{2}=0.93 ; \sum \Delta d / \sum w_{2}=$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

Triphenylstibine


| Triphenylbismuthine |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $10^{5} w_{2}$ | 1068 | 2476 | 2781 | 3084 | 3936 | 4718 |
| $10^{4} \Delta n$ |  | 29 | 32 | 33 | 40 | 50 |
| $\varepsilon^{25}$ | 2.2762 | $2 \cdot 2817$ | 2.2830 | 2.2837 | $2 \cdot 2876$ | $2 \cdot 2903$ |
| $d_{4}^{25}$ | 0.87861 | 0.88503 | $0 \cdot 88676$ | 0.88823 | $0 \cdot 89210$ | $0 \cdot 89590$ |

whence $\sum \Delta n / \sum w_{2}=0.108 ; \sum \Delta \varepsilon / \sum w_{2}=0.374 ; \sum \Delta d / \sum w_{2}=0.465$
$10^{7} \Delta B=0$ for concentrations up to $w_{2}=4718 \times 10^{-5}$

Table 2.
Polarisations, dipole moments, and molar Kerr constants (from observations on solutions in benzene at $25^{\circ}$ ).

| Solute | $\alpha \varepsilon_{1}$ | $\beta$ | $\gamma$ | $\delta$ | $\begin{aligned} & \infty P_{2} \\ & \text { (c.c.) } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} R_{\mathrm{D}} \\ \text { (c.c.) } \end{gathered}$ |  | $\mu_{\text {D }}{ }^{\text {b }}$ | $\infty\left({ }_{\mathrm{m}} K_{2}\right) \times 10^{12}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\mathrm{NPh}_{3}$ | $0 \cdot 609{ }^{\text {c }}$ | $0 \cdot 222{ }^{\text {c }}$ | $0 \cdot 110^{\text {c }}$ | $1.422_{4}{ }^{\text {c }}$ | $93.0{ }^{\text {c }}$ | $83.2{ }^{\text {c }}$ | $81 \cdot 1$ | $0.52{ }^{\text {c }}$ | $+33.3{ }^{\text {c }}$ |
| $\mathrm{PPh}_{3}$ | 1.39 | 0.236 | 0.084 | $-5.07$ | 136.7 | $86 \cdot 6$ | $87 \cdot 3$ | 1.50 | $-100$ |
| $\mathrm{AsPh}_{3}$ | 0.935 | 0.332 | 0.075 | $-1.77$ | 123.5 | 88.2 | $89 \cdot 9$ | 1.23 | $-37 \cdot 6$ |
| $\mathrm{SbPh}_{3}$ | 0.571 | $0 \cdot 406$ | 0.075 | $-0.49$ | $109 \cdot 4$ | $92 \cdot 8$ | $92 \cdot 6$ | 0.77 | $-6.6$ |
| $\mathrm{BiPh}_{3}$ | $0 \cdot 374$ | $0 \cdot 532$ | 0.072 | 0 | 101.1 | 96.3 | $97 \cdot 1$ | 0 | +71 |

${ }^{\text {a }}$ Calculated by addition of bond refractions in Vogel (ref. 2, p. 531) and Gillis (ref. 3, p. 24). ${ }^{b}$ Calculated on the assumption that ${ }_{\mathrm{D}} P^{\prime}=1 \cdot 05 R_{\mathrm{D}}$. "Quoted from Aroney and Le Fèvre (ref. 4, p. 3602).
the Tables are explained in ref. 1, pp. 280-283. For benzene at $25^{\circ}, \varepsilon_{1}=2 \cdot 2725, d_{1}=0.87378$, $\left(n_{\mathrm{D}}\right)_{1}=1.4973$, and $B_{1}=0.410 \times 10^{-7}$ ( Na light) .

Previous Measurements.-Dipole-moment determinations made before 1948 as listed by Wesson ${ }^{5}$ in the M.I.T. Tables (solvent in each case, benzene) have been recalculated on the basis ${ }_{\mathrm{D}} P=1.05 R_{\mathrm{D}}: \mathrm{NPh}_{3}, 0 ;{ }^{6} \mathrm{PPh}_{3}, 1 \cdot 40,{ }^{6} 1.39 ;{ }^{7} \mathrm{AsPh}_{3}, 0.98 ;{ }^{6} \mathrm{SbPh}_{3}, 0.34 ;{ }^{6} \mathrm{BiPh}_{3}, 0 .{ }^{6}$ Since 1948 the following additional moments (recomputed on the same basis) have been recorded (also in benzene): $\mathrm{NPh}_{3}, 0.55,{ }^{8} 0.47,{ }^{9} 0.47 ;{ }^{10} \mathrm{PPh}_{3}, \mathbf{1} \cdot 36 .{ }^{10}$ No determinations of molar Kerr constants for these substances appear in the literature.

## Discussion

The ellipsoid of polarisability for each molecule $\mathrm{MPh}_{3}$ (where $\mathrm{M}=\mathrm{N}, \mathrm{P}, \mathrm{As}, \mathrm{Sb}, \mathrm{Bi}$ ) is specified completely by the three principal half-axes, $b_{1}, b_{2}$, and $b_{3}$. If $b_{1}$ is located along the three-fold symmetry axis (the direction of action of the permanent dipole moment), then $b_{2}=b_{3}, \mu_{1}=\mu_{\mathrm{obs} .}, \mu_{2}=\mu_{3}=0$, and the usual expressions for the molar Kerr constant and the electronic polarisation simplify to ${ }^{1,11}$

$$
\begin{align*}
{ }_{\mathrm{m}} K^{\mathrm{MPh}_{\mathbf{s}}} & =2 \pi \boldsymbol{N}\left[2_{\mathrm{D}} P\left(b_{1}-b_{2}\right)^{2} / 45_{\mathrm{E}} P \boldsymbol{k} T+2 \mu^{2}\left(b_{1}-b_{2}\right) / 45 \boldsymbol{k}^{2} T^{2}\right] / 9  \tag{1}\\
{ }_{\mathrm{E}} P^{\mathrm{MPh}_{\mathbf{s}}} & =4 \pi \boldsymbol{N}\left(b_{1}+2 b_{2}\right) / 9, \tag{2}
\end{align*}
$$

where ${ }_{\mathrm{D}} P$ and ${ }_{\mathrm{E}} P$ are the distortion and the electronic polarisations, respectively.
Table 3.
Principal polarisability semi-axes of the molecules $\mathrm{MPh}_{3}$.*


* Bond and molecular polarisabilities are quoted throughout in $10^{-23}$ c.c. units.

Aroney and Le Fèvre ${ }^{4}$ give $R_{\infty}\left(={ }_{\mathrm{E}} P\right)$ for triphenylamine as 78.6 c.c. from extrapolation of the $R_{\mathrm{D}}$ and $R_{G}$, values. As the literature contains no dispersion data for the other molecules or for the bonds M-C, the electronic polarisations have been estimated via the equation

$$
{ }_{\mathrm{E}} P^{\mathrm{MPh}}=3\left({ }_{\mathrm{E}} P^{\mathrm{C}_{\mathbf{0}} \mathrm{H}_{\mathbf{t}}}-{ }_{\mathrm{E}} P^{\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{H}}+0.95 R_{\mathrm{D}}^{\mathrm{M}-\mathrm{C}}\right),
$$

where ${ }_{E} P^{C_{\bullet}}{ }^{\mathrm{B}_{\mathrm{B}}}$ and ${ }_{\mathrm{E}} P^{\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{H}}$ are as listed by Le Fèvre and Steel ${ }^{12}$ and $R_{\mathrm{D}}{ }^{M-\mathrm{C}}$ as by Gillis (ref. 3, p. 24). Values of ${ }_{\mathrm{E}} \mathrm{PMPh}_{3}$ thus derived are: $80.8\left(\mathrm{PPh}_{3}\right), 83.4\left(\mathrm{AsPh}_{3}\right), 85.9\left(\mathrm{SbPh}_{3}\right), 90 \cdot 2$ $\left(\mathrm{BiPh}_{3}\right)$. Solution of the simultaneous equations (1) and (2) leads to two sets of polarisability semi-axes, $b_{1}$ and $b_{2}$, for each molecule; these are listed in Table 3.

Component Bond and Group Polarisability Semi-axes.-The phenyl group semi-axes, derived by subtracting the contribution of one $\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{H}$ link (for which $b_{\mathrm{L}}{ }^{\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{H}}=b_{\mathrm{T}}{ }^{\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{H}}=b_{\mathrm{V}}{ }^{\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{H}}=$ $0.064)$ from the anisotropic polarisabilities of benzene, are $b_{1}{ }^{\mathrm{Ph}}=b_{2}{ }^{\mathrm{Ph}}=1.056, b_{3}{ }^{\mathrm{Ph}}=0.672$. Aroney and Le Fèvre ${ }^{13}$ have specified the " effective " N-C bond polarisability semi-axes
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Table 4.
Estimated longitudinal and transverse polarisabilities of the bonds $\mathrm{M}-\mathrm{C}$.

|  | $\mathrm{P}-\mathrm{C}$ | As-C | $\mathrm{Sb}-\mathrm{C}$ | $\mathrm{Bi}-\mathrm{C}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $0 \cdot 137$ | $0 \cdot 170$ | $0 \cdot 202$ | 0.262 |
| $\mathrm{B}\left\{b_{\text {L }}{ }^{\mathrm{M}-\mathrm{O}}\right.$ | $0 \cdot 116$ | $0 \cdot 130$ | $0 \cdot 165$ | $0 \cdot 187$ |
| $\mathrm{B}\left\{b_{\mathrm{T}^{\text {M }}} \mathrm{MC}\left(=b_{V}^{\mathrm{M}-\mathrm{C}}\right)\right.$ | $0 \cdot 147$ | $0 \cdot 190$ | $0 \cdot 221$ | $0 \cdot 299$ |

in trimethylamine as $b_{\mathrm{L}}{ }^{\mathrm{N}-\mathrm{C}}=0.057, b_{\mathrm{T}}{ }^{\mathrm{N}-\mathrm{C}}=b_{\mathrm{V}}{ }^{\mathrm{N}-\mathrm{C}}=0.069$, the method of resolution of the molecular polarisabilities into $\mathrm{N}-\mathrm{C}$ and $\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{H}$ bond components alone being such that the nitrogen " lone-pair" contribution is included in the $\mathrm{N}-\mathrm{C}$ bond estimates; the assumption is made that the $\mathrm{N}-\mathrm{C}$ bond ellipsoids thus described are axially symmetric about the intercentre line. For the other bonds $\mathrm{M}-\mathrm{C}$ only one equation in $b_{\mathrm{L}}{ }^{\mathrm{M}-\mathrm{C}}$ and $b_{\mathrm{T}}{ }^{\mathrm{M}-\mathrm{C}}$ is available:

$$
{ }_{\mathrm{E}} P^{\mathrm{M}-\mathrm{C}}=0.95 R_{\mathrm{D}}{ }^{\mathrm{M}-\mathrm{C}}=4 \pi \boldsymbol{N}\left(b_{\mathrm{L}}{ }^{\mathrm{M}-\mathrm{C}}+2 b_{\mathrm{T}}{ }^{\mathrm{M}-\mathrm{C}}\right) / 9
$$

so that a direct evaluation cannot be effected. Table 4 lists possible values of the $\mathrm{M}-\mathrm{C}$ bond polarisabilities; the estimates in line A follow if we take each $\mathrm{M}-\mathrm{C}$ link to be isotropically polarisable; the longitudinal polarisabilities in line B are derived via the empirical relation of Le Fèvre: ${ }^{14}$

$$
10^{24} b_{\mathrm{L}}{ }^{\mathrm{M}-\mathrm{C}}=0 \cdot 140+0 \cdot 156 d^{3}
$$

where $d$, the internuclear distance, is the sum of the covalent radii listed in ref. 15, p. 246 (cf. ref. 16, M 154 and M 157). Estimates of $b_{\mathrm{L}}{ }^{\mathrm{M}-\mathrm{C}}$ obtained by substitution of the M-C stretching frequencies listed in refs. 17 and 18 into Le Fèvre's 1959 equation ${ }^{19}$ are improbably high.

Table 5.
Polarisability semi-axes and molar Kerr constants calculated for models 1 and 2 of the molecules $\mathrm{MPh}_{3}$.

|  | Model 1 ( $\phi=0^{\circ}$ ) |  |  |  | Model $2\left(\phi=90^{\circ}\right.$ ) |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\angle \mathrm{C}-\mathrm{M}-\mathrm{C}$ | $b_{1}$ | $b_{2}\left(=b_{3}\right)$ | $10^{12}{ }_{\mathrm{m}} \mathrm{K}$ | $b_{1}$ | $b_{2}\left(=b_{3}\right)$ | $10^{12}{ }_{\mathrm{m}} \mathrm{K}$ |
| $\mathrm{NPh}_{3}$ | $116^{\circ}$ a | 3.392 ${ }^{\prime}$ | $2.978{ }^{\text {f }}$ | $+20.9$ | $2.287{ }^{\prime}$ | $3.530{ }^{\prime}$ | $+40 \cdot 2$ |
| $\mathrm{PPh}_{3}$ | $101^{\circ}$ b | $3 \cdot 578$ | 3.017 | $+155$ | $2 \cdot 663$ | $3 \cdot 474$ | -169 |
| $\mathrm{AsPh}_{3}$ | $96^{\circ} \mathrm{c}$ | 3.678 | 3.118 | +109 | 2.830 | $3 \cdot 542$ | $-93 \cdot 6$ |
| $\mathrm{SbPh}_{3}$ | $113^{\circ}{ }^{\text {d }}$ | 3.775 | $3 \cdot 219$ | $+51.8$ | 2.707 | $3 \cdot 753$ | $-13 \cdot 8$ |
| $\mathrm{BiPh}_{3}$ | $120^{\circ}$ | 3.953 | 3-384 | $+16.2$ | 2.801 | 3.960 | +67.1 |

a From electron-diffraction measurements on triphenylamine vapour ${ }^{20}$ at $200^{\circ}$. ${ }^{b}$ From dipolemoment determinations ${ }^{7}$ (an alternative, but less credible value of $117^{\circ}$ is also quoted in ref. 7). ${ }^{c}$ By electron diffraction. ${ }^{21}{ }^{d}$ By dipole moments. ${ }^{22}$. From an $X$-ray analysis of triphenylbismuthine. ${ }^{23} f$ These differ from the calculated values $(\mathrm{Va})$ and $(\mathrm{Vb})$ given in ref. 4, which were derived by using a bond angle $\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{N}-\mathrm{C}$ of $114^{\circ}$ as in ref. 8 and which contain no allowance for exaltation (the $\Delta b_{\text {observed }}$ was subsequently resolved along the three principal axes in the following manner: $\Delta b_{1}=0$, $\left.\Delta b_{3}=\Delta b_{3}=\Delta b_{\text {obs. }} / 2\right)$; we prefer to regard $\Delta b_{\text {obs. }} / 3$ as an incremental increase in the longitudinal polarisability of each $\mathrm{N}-\mathrm{C}$ link; the overall effect of these refinements is negligible.

Molecular Conformations.-Initially we examine, for each molecule $\mathrm{MPh}_{3}$, the extreme conformations represented by $\phi=0^{\circ}$ (see Fig. I, in which the planes of the benzene rings intersect along the line of action of $\mu_{\text {resultant }}$ ), and $\phi=90^{\circ}$, where the benzene rings have been rotated about the $\mathrm{M}-\mathrm{C}$ bonds $90^{\circ}$ respectively from their dispositions in Fig. 1.

[^0]Molecular polarisabilities can be calculated for these models by addition of component bond and group semi-axes (providing the bond angles $\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{M}-\mathrm{C}$ are known), thence we can evaluate ${ }_{\mathrm{m}} K_{\text {calc. }}$. for each model on the assumption that the resultant dipole moment in each case is equal to $\mu_{\text {obs. }}$ and acts along the symmetry axis. Table 5 summarises the results.


Fig. 1.


Fig. 2.

Comparison of the calculated values of Table 5 with those of Tables 2 and 3 shows that none of the models so far examined correctly describes the solute species.

We next consider structures, intermediate between models 1 and 2 , for which $0^{\circ}<\phi<90^{\circ}$ (see Fig. 2); for these
$b_{1 \text { obs. }}=3\left[\left(b_{1}{ }^{\mathrm{Ph}}+b_{\mathrm{L}}{ }^{\mathrm{M}-\mathrm{C}}+\Delta b_{\text {obs. }} / 3\right) \cos ^{2} \theta+\left(b_{\mathrm{T}}{ }^{\mathrm{M}-\mathrm{C}}+b_{2}{ }^{\mathrm{Ph}} \cos ^{2} \phi+b_{3}{ }^{\mathrm{Ph}} \sin ^{2} \phi\right) \sin ^{2} \theta\right]$
The angle $\theta$ in each case is calculable from the corresponding bond angle $\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{M}-\mathrm{C}$ as set out in Table $5 ; \Delta b_{\text {obs. }}$ is zero for all molecules $\mathrm{MPh}_{3}$ except triphenylamine. If now the $\mathrm{M}-\mathrm{C}$ links (apart from $\mathrm{N}-\mathrm{C}$ for which we know $b_{\mathrm{L}}{ }^{\mathrm{N}-\mathrm{C}}=0.057$ and $b_{\mathrm{T}^{\mathrm{N}}-\mathrm{C}}=0.069$ ) are assumed to be isotropic with $b_{\text {mean }}{ }^{M-C}$ having the values of line A in Table 4, then the two sets of experimental $b_{1}{ }^{\mathrm{MPh}}{ }^{\prime}$ 's of Table 3 (A and B) lead to two estimates of $\phi$ for each molecule.

Table 6.
Values of $\phi$ calculated from equation (3).

|  | $\mathrm{NPh}_{3}$ | $\mathrm{PPh}_{3}$ | $\mathrm{AsPh}_{3}$ | $\mathrm{SbPh}_{3}$ | $\mathrm{BiPh}_{3}$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\phi$ (from results A in Table 3) | $61.5^{\circ}$ | $59^{\circ}$ | $52.5^{\circ}$ | $40^{\circ}$ | $19.5^{\circ}$ |

$\phi$ (from results B in Table 3) No solution ${ }^{\text {a }}$ No solution No solution No solution $48^{\circ}$
${ }^{a}$ Equation (3) reduces to $\sin ^{2} \phi>1$; the values of $b_{1 \text { obs. }}$. leading to such a solution are either impossibly small or impossibly great and do not correspond to any conformation between the limits of $\phi=0^{\circ}$ and $\phi=90^{\circ}$.

Table 7.
Calculated values of $\phi$, assuming anisotropic $\mathrm{M}-\mathrm{C}$ link polarisabilities.

|  |  | $\mathrm{PPh}_{3}$ | $\mathrm{AsPh}_{3}$ | $\mathrm{SbPh}_{3}$ | $\mathrm{BiPh}_{3}$ |
| :--- | :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\phi$ (from results A in Table 3) | $\ldots \ldots .$. | $59 \cdot 5^{\circ}$ | $53 \cdot 5^{\circ}$ | $42 \cdot 5^{\circ}$ | $27^{\circ}$ |
| $\phi$ (from results B in Table 3) | $\ldots \ldots .$. | No solution | No solution | No solution | $53 \cdot 5^{\circ}$ |

Alternatively, if we substitute in equation (3) the M-C link polarisability specifications of line $B$ in Table 4 (as predicted by Le Fèvre's 1958 rule), ${ }^{14}$ then the corresponding estimates of $\phi$ are as in Table 7. Only in the case of triphenylbismuthine is $\phi$ sensitively dependent on the anisotropy of the M-C links. If we average out the values $\phi$ in Tables 6 and 7 we obtain: $62^{\circ}\left(\mathrm{NPh}_{3}\right), 59^{\circ}\left(\mathrm{PPh}_{3}\right), 53^{\circ}\left(\mathrm{AsPh}_{3}\right), 41^{\circ}\left(\mathrm{SbPh}_{3}\right), 23^{\circ} \pm 4^{\circ}$ or $51^{\circ} \pm 3^{\circ}$ $\left(\mathrm{BiPh}_{3}\right)$. Wetzel ${ }^{23}$ has shown from an $X$-ray analysis of triphenylbismuthine that, in the solid state, $\phi=31^{\circ} \pm 4^{\circ}$, which suggests that our smaller estimate is the more correct. An uncertainty of $\pm 0 \cdot 1 \mathrm{D}$ in each of the dipole moments listed in Table 2 leads to a maximum error ( $\pm$ ) in $\phi$ of $7^{\circ}, 4^{\circ}, 3^{\circ}, 2^{\circ}$, and $1^{\circ}$, respectively. In triphenylamine, delocalisation of the nitrogen " lone-pair" electrons accounts for the almost non-basic nature of this
molecule (see ref. 24, p. 46), for the observed exaltation of refraction, and for the small dipole moment ( $\mu_{o b s}{ }^{\mathrm{NPh}_{s}}$ can be regarded as the vector sum of $\mu_{a}$ and $\mu_{m}$, where $\mu_{a}$ approximates to $\mu^{\mathrm{NMe}}$ and $\mu_{\mathrm{m}}$ is the mesomeric moment). For substances $\mathrm{MPh}_{3}(\mathrm{M}=\mathrm{P}$ to Bi) the bond lengths $\mathrm{M}-\mathrm{C}$ increase and the benzene-ring orientations tend towards that in Fig. l; so that inter-ring resonance effects ( $\mu_{\mathrm{m}}{ }^{\mathrm{MPh}_{2}}$ ) are less significant than in triphenylamine. Cullen and Hochstrasser ${ }^{25}$ have concluded, from a study of the ultraviolet spectra of these substances, that " nitrogen is the only member of the series which has a fully conjugated triphenyl derivative." Significantly, the observed dipole moment diminishes from $1.50 \mathrm{D}\left(\mathrm{PPh}_{3}\right)$ to zero $\left(\mathrm{BiPh}_{3}\right)$ with increase of electropositivity of the central metalloid atom.

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