#### Molecular Polarisability. The Conformations of Certain Diphenyl-1092. and Triphenyl-methanes as Solutes in Non-polar Media

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Dipole moments and molar Kerr constants are reported for triphenylmethane as a solute in carbon tetrachloride (ca. 0 D and  $13.7 \times 10^{-12}$ ), in cyclohexane (ca. 0 D and  $18.2 \times 10^{-12}$ ), and in benzene (ca. 0 D and  $12.5 \times 10^{-12}$ ), and for triphenylchloromethane (1.91 D and  $-142 \times 10^{-12}$ ), diphenylmethane (ca. 0.2 D and  $14.0 \times 10^{-12}$ ), diphenylchloromethane (1.82 D and  $-49.2 \times 10^{-12}$ ), diphenylbromomethane (1.86 D and  $-18.7 \times 10^{-12}$ ), and diphenyldichloromethane (2.28 D and  $-33.0 \times 10^{-12}$ ) as solutes in carbon tetrachloride. The data are analysed to provide information on the preferred molecular conformations. It is shown that there is no solutesolvent association in triphenylmethane-benzene mixtures.

THIS work is concerned with the experimental estimation of the dipole moments and the electric birefringences of a number of diphenyl- and triphenyl-methanes examined as solutes at high dilution in non-polar media, and with the analysis of these data to yield information on the preferred molecular conformations. Observations and results are summarised under usual <sup>1,2</sup> headings in Tables 1 and 2.

### EXPERIMENTAL

Materials, Apparatus, etc.-The solutes were commercial samples which were purified immediately before use to give: triphenylmethane, m. p.  $94^{\circ}$ ; triphenylchloromethane, m. p.  $112^{\circ}$ ; diphenylmethane, b. p. 120°/ca. 10 mm.; diphenylchloromethane, b. p. 159°/ca. 12 mm.; diphenylbromomethane, m. p. 45°; diphenyldichloromethane, b. p. 172°/ca. 16 mm. The experimental techniques, symbols used, and methods of calculation have been described before.<sup>1, 2</sup> The Kerr constants were measured photometrically as in ref. 3. Precautions were taken to minimise the access of atmospheric moisture during the measurements but, despite this, difficulty was experienced in maintaining a constant high voltage across the electrodes of the Kerr cell with some solutions of the halogeno-derivatives. This is reflected in a greater than normal scatter of points in the plot of  $B_{12}$  against solute concentration. In the case of triphenylbromomethane satisfactory results could not be obtained.

The quantities  $\Delta \varepsilon$ ,  $\Delta d$ ,  $\Delta n$ , and  $\Delta B$  are the differences found between the dielectric constants, densities, refractive indexes, and Kerr constants, respectively, of the solvent and of solutions containing weight fractions  $w_2$  of solute. The following data apply at  $25^{\circ}$ :

	ε1	$d_1$	$(n_1)_{\mathbf{D}}$	$10^{7}B_{1}$	$10^{12} K_1$
Carbon tetrachloride	$2 \cdot 2270$	1.58454	1.4575	0.070	0.00749
Cyclohexane	2.0199	0.77389	1.4235	0.059	0.0147
Benzene	2.2725	0.87378	1.4973	0.410	0.0756

The nuclear magnetic resonance spectra recorded for this work were taken on a Varian A-60 spectrometer operating at 60 Mc./sec.

Previous Measurements.—Dipole moment determinations already recorded in the literature are listed in McClellan's Tables.<sup>4</sup> Diphenylbromomethane alone has not previously been measured, and the other solutes, triphenylmethane excepted, have not been examined before in carbon tetrachloride solution. An earlier estimate <sup>5</sup> of the molar Kerr constant of triphenylmethane in carbon tetrachloride  $(+8.3 \times 10^{-12})$  is lower than that now found (photometrically) in Table 2.

<sup>1</sup> R. J. W. Le Fèvre, "Dipole Moments," Methuen, London, 3rd edn., 1953.
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Ch. XXXVI in "Physical Methods of Organic Chemistry," ed. A. Weissberger, Interscience, New York and London, 3rd edn., vol. 1, p. 2459.
<sup>3</sup> R. J. W. Le Fèvre and G. L. D. Ritchie, J., 1963, 4933.
<sup>4</sup> A. L. McClellan, "Tables of Experimental Dipole Moments," Freeman, San Francisco and London,

1963.
<sup>5</sup> M. J. Aroney and R. J. W. Le Fèvre, J., 1960, 3600.

		T.	ABLE 1				
Incremental Kerr effects, refractive indices, dielectric constants, and densities for solutions at 25°							
	Trif	henylmethane	e in carbon te	etrachloride			
$\frac{10^5 w_2}{10^{11} \Delta B}$	- 	$\begin{array}{ccc} & 3175 \\ & 150 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{r} 4352 \\ 198 \end{array}$	5094 $242$	4 6 2	$089 \\ 265$	
		whence $\Sigma 10^{5}$	$\Delta B / \Sigma w_2 = 0$	0.457.			
		Triphenylmet	hane in cyclo	hexane			
$10^5 w_2$	2350	2394	3295	3311	436	7	4526
$10^{11}\Delta B$	54	<b>54</b>	—	102			$128 \\ 52$
$\epsilon^{25}$	2.0286	2.0286	2.0319	2.0324	$2 \cdot 03$	61	2.0361
d4 <sup>25</sup>	0.77820	0.77831	—	0.77988			0.78196
whence $\Sigma 10^7 \Delta B$	$1/\Sigma w_2 = 0.269$	$\mathbf{D}; \ \Sigma \Delta n / \Sigma w_2 =$	$= 0.117; \Sigma \Delta$	$\Delta \varepsilon / \Sigma w_2 = 0.3$	B67; $\Sigma \Delta d/\Sigma$	$w_2 = 0$	·181.
		Triphenylm	ethane in be	nzene			
$10^5 w_2$ 1766	2359	2824	$10^5 w_2 \dots$	2067	2089	2445	2649
$d_{4}^{25}$ 0.8761:	18 0.87694	0.87756	۰۰۰۰۰ <sup>۳۵</sup> ۵	2·2779	2.2119 0.959, AD	2.2784	2·2/91
whence $\Sigma \Delta n / \Sigma w_2 = 0.0$	$078; \Sigma \Delta d / \Sigma w$	a = 0.134.	whence	$\Delta \epsilon / \Delta w_2 =$ up to con	$cn. w_2 = 0$	= 0.101 $\cdot 02600.$	solutions
	Triphe	<b>.</b> nvlchlorometh	ane in carbo	n tetrachlorid	- le		
$10^5 w_{2}$	1151	1482	1785	2088	295	0	
$-10^{11}\Delta B$	75	63	83	103	15	0	
		whence $\Sigma 10^7$	$\Delta B / \Sigma w_2 = -$	-5.01.			
$10^5 w_2$	485	963	1557	1853	252	0	3180
$10^{4}\Delta n$	$\frac{12}{2 \cdot 2423}$	$\frac{22}{2\cdot 2589}$	$\begin{array}{c} 40 \\ 2 \cdot 2783 \end{array}$	$47 \\ 2.2891$	2·310	,2 )4	$\frac{79}{2\cdot 3328}$
d <sub>4</sub> <sup>25</sup>	1.58196	1.57953	1.57668	1.57489	1.57	162	1.56808
whe	nce $\Sigma \Delta n / \Sigma w_2$	$= 0.248; \Sigma \Delta$	$\Delta \varepsilon / \Sigma w_2 = 3.3$	B1; $\Sigma \Delta d / \Sigma w$	$_{2} = -0.51$	6.	
	Dif	henylmethane	e in carbon te	etrachloride			
$10^{5}w_{2}$	1766	3223	4424	5181	598	9	7592
$10^{11}\overline{\Delta}B$	124	218	313	368	42	:7	512
		whence $\Sigma_{10}$	$\Delta B / \Sigma w_2 =$	0.696.			
$10^5 w_2$	1257	2107	2749	3782	512	8	6574
$10^{*}\Delta n$	2.2354	$41 \\ 2.2405$	$2\cdot 2435$	2.2489	2.25	10 14	$129 \\ 2.2620$
d4 <sup>25</sup>	1.57354	1.56626	1.56071	1.55221	1.54	)72	1.52863
whence	$\Sigma \Delta n / \Sigma w_2 = 0$	).195; $\Delta \varepsilon = 0$	$0.664w_2 - 2$	$\cdot 09w_2^2$ ; $\Sigma\Delta d$	$2/\Sigma w_2 = -1$	0.857.	
	Diphe	nylchlorometh	ane in carbo	n tetrachlorid	le		
$10^5 w_2$	578	1087	1526	2046	263	6	3158
$-10^{11}\Delta B$	114	225	323 30	$476 \\ 40$	60	)6 (1	720 61
$\epsilon^{25}$	2.2487	$2 \cdot 2683$	$2 \cdot 2837$	$2 \cdot 3042$	2.32	72	2.3459
$d_4^{25}$	1.58124	1.57823	1.57565	1.57275	1.56	<del>)</del> 23	1.56627
whence $\Sigma 10^7 \Delta B_{/}$	$\Sigma w_2 = -2 \cdot 2$	3; $\Sigma\Delta n/\Sigma w_2$	$= 0.194; \Sigma_{i}$	$\Delta \varepsilon / \Sigma w_2 = 3 \cdot v$	77; $\Sigma \Delta d / \Sigma$	$w_2 \Rightarrow -$	0.579.
	Diphe	nylbromometh	ane in carbo	n tetrachlorid	le		
$10^5 w_2 \dots 456$	961	1370	2150	2337	2837	2973	3563
$10^{4}\Delta n \dots$		107	133 40	157		$181 \\ 57$	251 70
$\epsilon^{25}$ $2 \cdot 2421$ $d_4^{25}$ $1 \cdot 58340$	$2 \cdot 2592$ $1 \cdot 58227$	$2 \cdot 2724 \\ 1 \cdot 58105$	2.2974	2.3041	2·3202 1·57804	_	_
whence $\Sigma 10^7 \Delta B_{\mu}$	$\Sigma w_2 = -0.6$	64; $\Sigma \Delta n / \Sigma w_2$	$= 0.191; \Sigma$	$\Sigma\Delta arepsilon / \Sigma w_{2} = 3$	B·30; $\Sigma\Delta d/2$	$\Sigma w_2 = -$	-0.238.
	Dibhen	vldichloromet	hane in carbo	on tetrachlori	de		
$10^5 w_2$	1067	1587	2556	3378	422	24	5566
$-10^{\bar{1}1}\Delta B$	137	176	314	427	5]	17	674
$10^*\Delta n$	$20 \\ 2 \cdot 2781$	$30 \\ 2.3022$	50 2·3463	65 2-3860	2.42	50 53	107 2·4904
d4 <sup>25</sup>	1.58028	1.57836	1.57464	1.57148	$1 \cdot 56$	816	1.56293
whence $\Sigma 10^7 \Delta E$	$B/\Sigma w_2 = -1$	22; $\Sigma\Delta n/\Sigma w_2$	= 0.192; 2	$\Sigma \Delta \varepsilon / \Sigma w_2 = 4$	4.71; $\Sigma \Delta d/d$	$\Sigma w_2 = -$	<b>-0·388.</b>

#### TABLE 2

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

						$_{\infty}P_{*}$	$R_{\mathbf{D}}$	μ*	
Solute	Solvent	αε1	β	γ	δ	(c.c.)	(c.c.)	(D)	$10^{12} \infty ({}_{\rm m}K_2)$
Triphenylmethane	CCl <sub>4</sub>	0.746 +	-0.439 †	$0.175^{+}$	6.53	83·7 †	80·6 ‡	0	13.7
· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	$C_{6}H_{12}$	0.367	0.234	0.082	4.56	82.9	81.1	0	18.2
,,	C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>6</sub>	0.252	0.123	0.052	0	$82 \cdot 1$	80.2	0	12.5
Triphenylchloro- methane	CČl4	3.31	-0.326	0.170	-71.6	165.5	86.1	1.91	-142
Diphenylmethane	CCl	0.664	-0.541	0.134	9.94	59.3	55.3	0.2	14.0
Diphenylchloro- methane	CCI4	3.77	-0.365	0.133	-31.9	131.7	60.4	1.82	-49.2
Diphenylbromo- methane	CCl <sub>4</sub>	3.30	-0.120	0.131	-9.49	138.5	$64 \cdot 2$	1.86	-18.7
Diphenyldichloro- methane	CCl <sub>4</sub>	4.71	-0.245	0.132	-17.4	174.8	65.6	2.28	

\* Calculated assuming  $_{\rm D}P = 1.05 R_{\rm D}$ . † From ref. 5. ‡ Calculated from the densities and refractive indexes listed in ref. 5.

### DISCUSSION

Triphenylmethane.—For an axially symmetric configuration of triphenylmethane, the molecular polarisability ellipsoid is specified by the semi-axes  $b_1 \neq b_2 = b_3$ , where  $b_1$  is located along the symmetry axis and  $b_2$  and  $b_3$  lie in a plane normal to this direction. It follows also that  $\mu_1 = \mu$  (observed),  $\mu_2 = \mu_3 = 0$ , so that the molar Kerr constant can be expressed in terms of the optical polarisabilities through the relationships:<sup>2</sup>

$${}_{\mathrm{m}}K = 2\pi N(\theta_{1} + \theta_{2})/9$$
(1)  
$$\theta_{1} = 2_{\mathrm{D}}P(b_{1} - b_{2})^{2}/45kT_{\mathrm{E}}P$$
$$\theta_{2} = 2\mu(\mathrm{obs.})^{2}(b_{1} - b_{2})/45k^{2}T^{2}$$

where  $\theta_1$  and  $\theta_2$  are the anisotropy and dipole terms, respectively,  $_DP$  the distortion polarisation, and  $_{\rm E}P$  the electronic polarisation. The molar Kerr constant can thus be computed for any conformational model of triphenylmethane from a knowledge of  $\mu$ (obs.), the ratio  $_{\rm D}P/_{\rm E}P$ , and the polarisability tensor specifications  $(b_i)$  for that model. The electron polarisation is calculable as 78.0 c.c.  $(=R_{\infty})$  from the refractivity data of ref. 6. However, the distortion polarisation, and hence the dipole moment, cannot be estimated with certainty. If, for example,  $_{\rm D}P = 1.05 R_{\rm D}$ , then  $\mu$  in each case is zero (see Table 2). In the subsequent calculations we assume that  $\mu$ (triphenylmethane) = 0 D, or, alternatively, 0.3 D, and the ratio  $_{\rm D}P/_{\rm E}P$  is, respectively, 1.1 or 1.05 (this is sufficiently precise for the present purpose). The molecular polarisabilities \* were computed by the procedure outlined on pp. 2483—2486 of ref. 2b, using the following bond and group parameters: 2,5  $b_{
m L}({
m C_6H_5}) = b_{
m T}({
m C_6H_5}) = 10.56; \ b_{
m V}({
m C_6H_5}) = 6.72; \ b_{
m L}({
m C-C}) = 0.99; \ b_{
m T}({
m C-C}) = b_{
m V}({
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m C-$ 0.27;  $b_{\rm L}(\rm C-H) = b_{\rm T}(\rm C-H) = b_{\rm V}(\rm C-H) = 0.64$ . The individual conformations of triphenylmethane are defined geometrically by  $\alpha$  ( $< C_{Ar}$ -C- $C_{Ar}$  which we assume to be tetrahedral) and by angles of rotation  $\phi$  of the phenyl groups from a structure (having  $\phi = 0^{\circ}$ ) in which the planes of the benzene rings intersect along the three-fold symmetry axis (see Figure 1). Thus, we can write:

$$\begin{split} b_{1}(\mathrm{Ph_{3}CH}) &= 3\{[b_{\mathrm{L}}(\mathrm{C_{6}H_{5}}) + b_{\mathrm{L}}(\mathrm{C-C}) + \Delta b/3] \cos^{2}(180 - \alpha) + \\ [b_{\mathrm{T}}(\mathrm{C_{6}H_{5}}) \cos^{2}\phi + b_{\mathrm{V}}(\mathrm{C_{5}H_{5}}) \sin^{2}\phi + b_{\mathrm{T}}(\mathrm{C-C})] \sin^{2}(180 - \alpha)\} + b_{\mathrm{L}}(\mathrm{C-H}) \end{split} \tag{2} \\ b_{2}(\mathrm{Ph_{3}CH}) &= b_{3}(\mathrm{Ph_{3}CH}) = \{3[\Sigma b(\mathrm{C_{6}H_{5}}) + \Sigma b(\mathrm{C-C})] + \\ \Sigma b(\mathrm{C-H}) + \Delta b - b_{1}(\mathrm{Ph_{3}CH})\}/2 \end{split}$$

\* Polarisability semi-axes of bonds or groups,  $b_L$ ,  $b_T$ , or  $b_V$ , or of molecules,  $b_1$ ,  $b_2$ , or  $b_3$ , are quoted throughout in Å<sup>3</sup> (10<sup>-24</sup> c.c.) units.

<sup>6</sup> G. G. Kikina, Ya. K. Syrkin, and E. A. Shott-L'vova, *Izvest. Akad. Nauk S.S.S.R.*, Otdel. khim. Nauk, 1954, 563.

Kikina *et al.*<sup>6</sup> showed that an apparent exaltation of molecular refraction of 1.97 c.c. arises from inter-ring conjugation in triphenylmethane. From this the exaltation in the total polarisability ( $\Delta b$ ) is calculable as 2.34 Å<sup>3</sup>. We assume, in equation (2), that an additional polarisability component,  $\Delta b/3$ , is directed along each  $C_{Ar}$ -C axis. Theoretical values of the principal polarisabilities and of the molar Kerr constants for the various conformations of triphenylmethane are shown in Table 3. The plot of  $_{\rm m}$ K(calc.) against  $\phi$ is shown in Figure 2. The experimental molar Kerr constants of Table 2 correspond to the following values of  $\phi$ : 54°  $\pm$  3° (in carbon tetrachloride); 57°  $\pm$  3° (in cyclohexane);



 $53^{\circ} \pm 3^{\circ}$  (in benzene). We have assumed that the triphenylmethane solute molecules are in an "inert" solvent environment. This is reasonably the case with cyclohexane and carbon tetrachloride, but it has been claimed from light-scattering evidence 7 and from cryoscopic measurements<sup>8</sup> that triphenylmethane associates with benzene. This

## TABLE 3 Calculated polarisability semi-axes and molar Kerr constants for conformations of triphenvlmethane

ø	$b_1$	$(b_2 = b_3)$	$\theta_1$	$_{ m m}K$ *	$(\theta_1 + \theta_2) \dagger$	$_{\rm m}K$ †	$_{ m m}K( m mean)$
0	33.63	29.37	$2{\cdot}15 imes ~10^{-35}$	$9\cdot1 imes 10^{-12}$	$3\cdot06 imes 10^{-35}$	$12.9 imes 10^{-12}$	$(11 + 2) \times 10^{-12}$
10	33.30	29.54	1.68	7.1	2.49	10.5	$9 \pm 2$
20	$32 \cdot 42$	29.98	0.71	3.0	1.26	5.3	4 1
30	31.06	30.66	0.02	0.1	0.11	0.5	$0.3 \pm 0.2$
35	30.25	31.06	0.08	0.4	-0.11	-0.2	$0.0 \pm 0.5$
40	29.39	31.49	0.52	$2 \cdot 2$	0.00	0.0	$1 \pm 1$
<b>45</b>	$28 \cdot 50$	31.93	1.40	5.9	0.52	$2 \cdot 2$	$4 \pm 2$
50	27.61	32.38	2.70	11.4	1.45	6.1	$9 \pm 3$
55	26.75	$32 \cdot 81$	4.36	18.3	2.74	12.4	$15 \pm 3$
60	25.94	33.22	6.30	26.5	4.29	18.0	$22 \pm 4$
70	24.58	33.90	10.32	43.4	7.65	$32 \cdot 2$	$38\pm 6$
85	$23 \cdot 46$	$34 \cdot 46$	14.38	60.5	11.13	46.8	$54 \pm 7$
90	$23 \cdot 39$	$34 \cdot 49$	14.64	61.6	11.36	47.8	$55 \pm 7$

\* Calculated on the basis that  $\mu(Ph_3CH)=0$  and hence the  $\theta_2$  term is also zero. † Calculated assuming that  $\mu(Ph_3CH)=0.3$  D.

type of complex formation, by  $\pi$ -hydrogen bonding, is well known in the case of chloroform.<sup>9</sup> The n.m.r. spectra of triphenylmethane in benzene, carbon tetrachloride, and cyclohexane show that the central proton signal (a singlet at  $\tau = 4.50 - 4.55$ , using

- 7 P. Bothorel, Compt. rend., 1958, 246, 3452.
- <sup>8</sup> V. M. Kravechenko, Doklady Akad. Nauk S.S.S.R., 1951, 76, 847.
   <sup>9</sup> W. G. Schneider, J. Phys. Chem., 1962, 66, 2653.

tetramethylsilane as internal reference) is effectively invariant, and this is strong evidence against benzene-triphenylmethane association. It had been concluded earlier,<sup>10</sup> from infrared spectral evidence, that triphenylmethane "gave no indication of hydrogen bonding to strong proton acceptors."

Triphenylchloromethane.--Molar Kerr constants computed for conformations of triphenylchloromethane having ring rotations  $\phi$  equal to 0, 53, or 90° are listed in Table 4. The C-Cl bond polarisability semi-axes were taken <sup>2</sup> as  $b_{\rm L}$ (C-Cl) = 3·18,  $b_{\rm T}$ (C-Cl) =  $b_{\rm V}$ (C-Cl) = 2·20. The experimental value,  $_{\infty}({}_{\rm m}K_2) = -142 \times 10^{-12}$ , is in good agreement with that predicted for  $\phi = 53^{\circ}$ . It appears that the substitution of the central proton of triphenylmethane by chlorine does not result in any appreciable change in the orientations of the phenyl groups.

#### TABLE 4

## Calculated polarisability semi-axes and molar Kerr constants for conformations of triphenylchloromethane

ø	$b_1$	$(b_2 = b_3)$	$10^{12} {}_{ m m} K$
0°	35.91	29.89	260
53	29.38	$33 \cdot 15$	-145
90	25.68	35.01	-354

Diphenylmethane.—Conformations of this molecule are described with reference to a model [structure (A)] in which both phenyl groups are coplanar with  $C_{Ar}$ -C-C<sub>Ar</sub>, *i.e.*,



FIGURE 3

 $\psi = \psi' = 0^{\circ}$ . Structure (B) has each phenyl group perpendicular to the  $C_{Ar}$ -C- $C_{Ar}$  plane, *i.e.*,  $\psi = \psi' = 90^{\circ}$ ; (C) is generated from (A) by ring rotations of 41° in the same sense, *i.e.*,  $\psi = \psi' = +41^{\circ}$ ; (D) has one phenyl group in the  $C_{Ar}$ -C-C<sub>Ar</sub> plane and the other other perpendicular to this plane, *i.e.*,  $\psi = 0^{\circ}$ ,  $\psi' = 90^{\circ}$ . The calculated values, given in Table 5, were derived on the assumption that the central carbon atom is tetrahedral, that there is negligible polarisability exaltation  $[R_D \text{ (obs.)} = 55.3 \text{ c.c.}; R_D \text{ (calc.)} = 55.5 \text{ c.c.}^{11}],$ and that there is a permanent electric moment directed along the X-direction in Figure 3 (for diphenylmethane  $R_1 = R_2 =$ H) and equal in magnitude to 0 D or, alternatively, to 0.3 D.

The observed molar Kerr constant  $(14.0 \times 10^{-12})$  agrees with that calculated for structure (C) in which  $\psi = \psi' = 41^{\circ}$ . Alternative forms involving equal ring rotations

### TABLE 5

# Calculated polarisability semi-axes and molar Kerr constants for conformations of diphenylmethane

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Structure	$b_{i}(calc.)$	X	Y	Z	$_{m}K$ *	$_{\mathrm{m}}K$ †	$_{\rm m}K({\rm mean})$
(A) (	$b_1 = 23.42$	+1	0	0			
$\psi = \psi' = 0$	$b_{2} = 23.90$	່ຍ	+1	0	35.4	37.6	$36.5 \pm 1.1$
, ,	$b_3 = 15.26$	0	0	+1			
(B)	$b_1 = 18.30$	+1	0	0			
$\psi = \dot{\psi}' = 90^{\circ}$	$b_{2} = 21.34$	0	+1	0	8.3	4.1	$6\cdot 2~\pm~2\cdot 1$
	$b_3 = 22.94$	0	0	+1			
(C)	$b_1 = 21.22$	+1	0	0			
$\psi = \psi' = 41^\circ$	$b_{2} = 23.73$	0	+0.920	+0.391	14.1	13.95	$14.0 \pm 0.1$
	$b_3 = 17.64$	0	-0.391	+0.920		-	
(D)	$b_1 = 19.73$	+0.846	+0.532	0			
$\psi = 0^\circ, \psi' = 90^\circ$	$b_{2} = 23.75$	-0.532	+0.846	0	10.4	10.0	$10.2\pm0.2$
	$b_3 = 19.10$	0	0	+1			
* Calculated assuming $\mu(Ph_{a}CH_{a}) = 0$ , † Calculated assuming $\mu(Ph_{a}CH_{a}) = 0.3 D$ .							

<sup>10</sup> A. Allerhand and P. von R. Schleyer, J. Amer. Chem. Soc., 1963, 85, 1715.
 <sup>11</sup> A. I. Vogel, W. T. Cresswell, G. H. Jeffery, and J. Leicester, J., 1952, 514.

from (A) but of opposite senses, *i.e.*,  $\psi = -\psi'$ , are sterically improbable. Conformation (D), which is analogous to that proposed <sup>12</sup> for diphenyl ether, also appears unlikely on the basis of these calculations. If the angle  $C_{Ar}$ -C- $C_{Ar}$  is increased to 114°, the calculated molar Kerr constant for (D) is even lower  $[(9.5 \pm 0.4) \times 10^{-12}]$ .

Diphenylchloromethane, Diphenylbromomethane, and Diphenyldichloromethane.— Polarisability semi-axes and molar Kerr constants have been computed for conformations analogous to (A) and (C) of diphenylmethane, and for intermediate structures having  $\psi = \psi'$ . In the calculations we assume a tetrahedral central carbon atom, negligible exaltation,  $b_{\rm L}(\rm C-Br) = 4.65$ ;  $b_{\rm T}(\rm C-Br) = b_{\rm V}(\rm C-Br) = 3.08$ ,<sup>2</sup> and that the electric moment in diphenyldichloromethane acts along the X-axis in Figure 3 ( $R_1 = R_2 = \rm Cl$ ) while in diphenylchloromethane and diphenylbromomethane it is directed along C-Cl and C-Br, respectively.

### TABLE 6

Calculated polarisability semi-axes and molar Kerr constants for conformations of diphenylchloromethane, diphenylbromomethane, and diphenyldichloromethane

			Dire	ction cosines	with	
	$\psi = \psi'$	$b_{i}(calc.)$	X	Y	Z	$_{ m m}K$
		$(b_1 = 25.33)$	+0.998	0	+0.059	
Diphenylchloromethane	0	$\begin{cases} b_{2} = 25.46 \end{cases}$	0	+1	0	$-90.6 imes 10^{-12}$
		$b_3 = 17.44$	-0.059	0	+0.998	
		$b_1 = 23.81$	+0.991	-0.150	+0.053	
,,	33	$\begin{cases} b_2 = 25.44 \end{cases}$	+0.096	+0.935	·+0·341	-49.5
		$b_3 = 18.99$	-0.090	-0.333	+0.939	
		$b_1 = 20.14$	+0.996	0	-0.095	
,,	90	$\{ b_2 = 22.90 \}$	0	+1	0	75.0
		$b_3 = 25.19$	+0.095	0	-+ 0·996	
		$b_1 = 26.45$	+0.995	0	-+ 0·096	
Diphenylbromomethane	Ũ	$\begin{cases} b_2 = 26.34 \end{cases}$	0	+1	0	-75.1
		$b_{3} = 18.67$	-0.096	0	+0.995	
		$b_1 = 24.51$	+0.972	-0.220	+0.088	
"	<b>38</b>	$\{ b_2 = 26.40 \}$	+0.165	+0.889	+0.428	-17.4
		$b_3 = 20.55$	-0.175	-0.405	+0.900	
		$b_1 = 21.16$	+0.990	0	-0.140	
,,	90	$\begin{cases} b_2 = 23.78 \end{cases}$	0	+1	0	102
		$b_3 = 26.53$	+0.140	0	+0.990	
		$b_1 = 27.19$	+1	0	0	
Diphenyldichloromethane	0	$b_2 = 27.02$	0	+1	0	239
		$b_3 = 19.68$	0	0	+1	
		$b_1 = 24.19$	+1	0	0	
,,	50	$\{ b_2 = 27.13 \}$	0	+0.803	+0.596	-30.2
		$b_3 = 22.57$	0	-0.596	+0.803	
		$b_1 = 22.07$	+1	0	0	
,,	90	$\begin{cases} b_2 = 24.46 \end{cases}$	0	+1	0	-210
		$b_3 = 27.36$	0	0	+1	

From a comparison of the calculated molar Kerr constants of Table 6 with those derived from experiment (in Table 2) we conclude that the solute molecules in carbon tetrachloride have apparent conformations defined by  $\psi = \psi' = ca$ . 33° (diphenylchloromethane), ca. 38° (diphenylbromomethane), and ca. 50° (diphenyldichloromethane).

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