Dipole moments and molar Kerr constants are reported for triphenylmethane as a solute in carbon tetrachloride ( $c a .0 \mathrm{D}$ and $13.7 \times 10^{-12}$ ), in cyclohexane ( $c a .0 \mathrm{D}$ and $18.2 \times 10^{-12}$ ), and in benzene $(c a .0 \mathrm{D}$ 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 $\left(2.28 \mathrm{D}\right.$ and $\left.-33.0 \times 10^{-12}\right)$ 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 ${ }^{1,2}$ 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. $120^{\circ} / c a .10 \mathrm{~mm}$.; diphenylchloromethane, b. p. $159^{\circ} / \mathrm{ca} .12 \mathrm{~mm}$.; diphenylbromomethane, m. p. $45^{\circ}$; diphenyldichloromethane, b. p. $172^{\circ} / c a .16 \mathrm{~mm}$. The experimental techniques, symbols used, and methods of calculation have been described before. ${ }^{1,2}$ 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 $25^{\circ}$ :

|  | $\varepsilon_{1}$ | $d_{1}$ | $\left(n_{1}\right)_{\mathrm{D}}$ | $10^{7} B_{1}$ | $10^{12}{ }_{8} K_{1}$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Carbon tetrachloride $\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$. | 2.2270 | 1.58454 | 1.4575 | 0.070 | 0.00749 |
| Cyclohexane $\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$. | 2.0199 | 0.77389 | 1.4235 | 0.059 | 0.0147 |
| Benzene $\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$. | 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. ${ }^{4}$ 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 ${ }^{5}$ of the molar Kerr constant of triphenylmethane in carbon tetrachloride $\left(+8.3 \times 10^{-12}\right)$ is lower than that now found (photometrically) in Table 2.
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## Table 1

Incremental Kerr effects, refractive indices, dielectric constants, and densities for solutions at $25^{\circ}$

Triphenylmethane in carbon tetrachloride

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  | 3175 150 | 4352 198 | 5094 242 |  | $\begin{array}{r} 6089 \\ 265 \end{array}$ |  |
| whence $\Sigma 10^{7} \Delta B / \Sigma w_{2}=0.457$. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Triphenylmethane in cyclohexane |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| $10^{5} w_{2}$ |  | 2350 |  | 2394 | 3295 | 3311 |  | 4367 | 4526 |
| $10^{11} \Delta B$. |  | 54 |  | 54 | - | 102 |  | - | 128 |
| $10^{4} \Delta n$ |  | 28 |  |  | - | 39 |  | - | 52 |
| $\varepsilon^{25}$ |  | $2 \cdot 0286$ |  | $2 \cdot 0286$ | $2 \cdot 0319$ | $2 \cdot 0324$ |  | $2 \cdot 0361$ | 2.0361 |
| $d_{4}{ }^{25}$ |  | 0.77820 |  | 0.77831 |  | 0.77988 |  |  | $0 \cdot 78196$ |
| whence $\Sigma 10^{7} \Delta B / \Sigma w_{2}=0.269 ; ~ \Sigma \Delta n / \Sigma w_{2}=0.117 ; ~ \Sigma \Delta \varepsilon / \Sigma w_{2}=0.367 ; ~ \Sigma \Delta d / \Sigma w_{2}=0.181$. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| $10^{5} w_{2}$ | 1766 | 2359 |  | 2824 | $10^{5} w_{2}$. | 2067 | 2089 | 2445 | 2649 |
| $10^{4} \Delta n$ | 14 | 18 |  | 22 | $\varepsilon^{25} \ldots$ | $2 \cdot 2779$ | $2 \cdot 2779$ | $9 \quad 2 \cdot 2784$ | $2 \cdot 2791$ |
| $d_{4}{ }^{25}$ | 0.87613 | 0.87694 |  | 87756 | whenc | $\varepsilon / \Sigma w_{2}=0$ | .252; $\triangle$ | $\Delta B=0$ for | solutions |

Triphenylchloromethane in carbon tetrachloride

| $10^{5} w_{2}$ | 1151 | 1482 | 1785 | 2088 | 2950 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $-10^{11} \Delta B$. | 75 | 63 | 83 | 103 | 150 |  |
| whence $\Sigma 10^{7} \Delta B / \Sigma w_{2}=-5 \cdot 01$. |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| $10^{5} w_{2}$ | 485 | 963 | 1557 | 1853 | 2520 | 3180 |
| $10^{4} \Delta n$ | 12 | 22 | 40 | 47 | 62 | 79 |
| $\varepsilon^{25}$. | $2 \cdot 2423$ | 2.2589 | $2 \cdot 2783$ | $2 \cdot 2891$ | 2.3104 | $2 \cdot 3328$ |
| $d_{4}{ }^{25}$ | $1 \cdot 58196$ | $1 \cdot 57953$ | 1.57668 | 1.57489 | 1.57162 | 1.56808 |
| whence $\Sigma \Delta n / \Sigma w_{2}=0.248 ; \Sigma \Delta \varepsilon / \Sigma w_{2}=3.31 ; \Sigma \Delta d / \Sigma w_{2}=-0.516$. |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Diphenylmethane in carbon tetrachloride |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| $10^{5} w_{2}$ | 1766 | 3223 | 4424 | 5181 | 5989 | 7592 |
| $10^{11} \Delta B$. | 124 | 218 | 313 | 368 | 427 | 512 |
| whence $\Sigma 10^{7} \Delta B / \Sigma w_{2}=0.696$. |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| $10^{5} w_{2}$ | 1257 | 2107 | 2749 | 3782 | 5128 | 6574 |
| $10^{4} \Delta n$ |  | 41 | 53 | 73 | 100 | 129 |
| $\varepsilon^{25}$. | $2 \cdot 2354$ | $2 \cdot 2405$ | $2 \cdot 2435$ | 2.2489 | $2 \cdot 2544$ | $2 \cdot 2620$ |
| $d_{4}{ }^{25}$ | 1.57354 | $1 \cdot 56626$ | $1 \cdot 56071$ | 1.55221 | $1 \cdot 54072$ | 1.52863 |

Diphenylchloromethane in carbon tetrachloride

| $10^{5} w_{2}$ | 578 | 1087 | 1526 | 2046 | 2636 | 3158 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $-10^{11} \Delta B$. | 114 | 225 | 323 | 476 | 606 | 720 |
| $10^{4} \Delta n$ | - | - | 30 | 40 | 51 | 61 |
| $\varepsilon^{25}$ | $2 \cdot 2487$ | $2 \cdot 2683$ | $2 \cdot 2837$ | $2 \cdot 3042$ | $2 \cdot 3272$ | $2 \cdot 3459$ |
| $d_{4}{ }^{25}$ | 1.58124 | 1.57823 | 1.57565 | 1.57275 | 1.56923 | $1 \cdot 56627$ |

Diphenylbromomethane in carbon tetrachloride

| $10^{5} w_{2} \ldots \ldots \ldots$. | 456 | 961 | 1370 | 2150 | 2337 | 2837 | 2973 | 3563 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $-10^{11} \Delta B \ldots$ | - | 58 | 107 | 133 | 157 | - | 181 | 251 |
| $10^{4} \Delta n \ldots \ldots \ldots$ |  |  |  | 40 | 44 | - | 57 | 70 |
| $\varepsilon^{25}$ | $2 \cdot 2421$ | $2 \cdot 2592$ | $2 \cdot 2724$ | $2 \cdot 2974$ | $2 \cdot 3041$ | 2.3202 | - | - |
| $d_{4}{ }^{25}$ | 1.58340 | 1.58227 | 1.58105 | - | - | 1.57804 | - | - |

whence $\Sigma 10^{7} \Delta B / \Sigma w_{2}=-0.664 ; \Sigma \Delta n / \Sigma w_{2}=0.191 ; \Sigma \Delta \varepsilon / \Sigma w_{2}=3.30 ; \Sigma \Delta d / \Sigma w_{2}=-0.238$.


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

| Solute | Solvent | $\alpha \varepsilon_{1}$ | $\beta$ | $\gamma$ | $\delta$ | $\begin{gathered} \infty P_{\mathbf{2}} \\ \text { (c.c.) } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} R_{\mathrm{D}} \\ \text { (c.c.) } \end{gathered}$ | $\mu_{(0)}^{*}$ | $10^{12} \propto\left({ }_{\mathrm{m}} K_{2}\right)$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Triphenylmethane | $\mathrm{CCl}_{4}$ | $0.746 \dagger$ | $-0.439 \dagger$ | $0.175 \dagger$ | 6.53 | $83.7 \dagger$ | $80 \cdot 6 \ddagger$ | 0 | $13 \cdot 7$ |
| , , | $\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{12}$ | 0.367 | $0 \cdot 234$ | 0.082 | 4.56 | 82.9 | $81 \cdot 1$ | 0 | $18 \cdot 2$ |
|  | $\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{6}$ | 0.252 | $0 \cdot 153$ | $0 \cdot 052$ | 0 | $82 \cdot 1$ | $80 \cdot 2$ | 0 | 12.5 |
| Triphenylchloromethane | $\mathrm{CCl}_{4}$ | $3 \cdot 31$ | $-0.326$ | $0 \cdot 170$ | $-71.6$ | 165.5 | $86 \cdot 1$ | 1.91 | -142 |
| Diphenylmethane | $\mathrm{CCl}_{4}$ | $0 \cdot 664$ | $-0.541$ | $0 \cdot 134$ | 9.94 | $59 \cdot 3$ | $55 \cdot 3$ | $0 \cdot 2$ | 14.0 |
| Diphenylchloromethane | $\mathrm{CCl}_{4}$ | $3 \cdot 77$ | $-0.365$ | $0 \cdot 133$ | $-31.9$ | 131.7 | $60 \cdot 4$ | 1.82 | $-49 \cdot 2$ |
| Diphenylbromomethane | $\mathrm{CCl}_{4}$ | $3 \cdot 30$ | $-0.150$ | $0 \cdot 131$ | $-9 \cdot 49$ | 138.5 | $64 \cdot 2$ | 1.86 | $-18.7$ |
| Diphenyldichloro- | $\mathrm{CCl}_{4}$ | $4 \cdot 71$ | -0.245 | $0 \cdot 132$ | $-17 \cdot 4$ | 174.8 | $65 \cdot 6$ | $2 \cdot 28$ | $-33.0$ | methane

* Calculated assuming ${ }_{\mathrm{D}} P=1 \cdot 05 R_{\mathrm{D}} . \quad \dagger$ From ref. $5 . \ddagger$ 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: ${ }^{2}$

$$
\begin{align*}
{ }_{\mathrm{m}} K & =2 \pi \boldsymbol{N}\left(\theta_{\mathbf{1}}+\theta_{2}\right) / 9  \tag{l}\\
\theta_{1} & =2_{\mathrm{D}} P\left(b_{1}-b_{2}\right)^{2} / 45 \boldsymbol{k} T_{\mathrm{E}} P \\
\theta_{2} & =2 \mu(\mathrm{obs} .)^{2}\left(b_{1}-b_{2}\right) / 45 \boldsymbol{k}^{2} T^{2}
\end{align*}
$$

where $\theta_{1}$ and $\theta_{2}$ are the anisotropy and dipole terms, respectively, ${ }_{\mathrm{D}} P$ the distortion polarisation, and ${ }_{\mathrm{F}} P$ 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 ${ }_{\mathrm{D}} P /{ }_{\mathrm{E}} P$, and the polarisability tensor specifications $\left(b_{\mathrm{i}}\right)$ for that model. The electron polarisation is calculable as 78.0 c.c. $\left(=R_{\infty}\right)$ from the refractivity data of ref. 6. However, the distortion polarisation, and hence the dipole moment, cannot be estimated with certainty. If, for example, ${ }_{\mathrm{D}} P=1.05 R_{\mathrm{D}}$, then $\mu$ in each case is zero (see Table 2). In the subsequent calculations we assume that $\mu$ (triphenylmethane) $=0 \mathrm{D}$, or, alternatively, 0.3 D , and the ratio ${ }_{\mathrm{D}} P /{ }_{\mathrm{E}} P$ 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. $2 b$, using the following bond and group parameters: ${ }^{\mathbf{2 , 5}}$ $b_{\mathrm{L}}\left(\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{5}\right)=b_{\mathrm{T}}\left(\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{5}\right)=10.56 ; b_{\mathrm{V}}\left(\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{5}\right)=6.72 ; \quad b_{\mathrm{L}}(\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{C})=0.99 ; b_{\mathrm{T}}(\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{C})=b_{\mathrm{V}}(\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{C})=$ $0 \cdot 27 ; b_{\mathrm{L}}(\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{H})=b_{\mathrm{T}}(\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{H})=b_{\nabla}(\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{H})=0.64$. The individual conformations of triphenylmethane are defined geometrically by $\alpha\left(<\mathrm{C}_{\mathrm{Ar}}-\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{C}_{\mathrm{Ar}}\right.$ 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 $\mathbf{1}$ ). Thus, we can write:

$$
\begin{gather*}
b_{1}\left(\mathrm{Ph}_{3} \mathrm{CH}\right)=3\left\{\left[b_{\mathrm{L}}\left(\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{5}\right)+b_{\mathrm{L}}(\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{C})+\Delta b / 3\right] \cos ^{2}(180-\alpha)+\right. \\
\left.\left[\mathrm{b}_{\mathrm{T}}\left(\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{5}\right) \cos ^{2} \phi+b_{V}\left(\mathrm{C}_{5} \mathrm{H}_{5}\right) \sin ^{2} \phi+b_{\mathrm{T}}(\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{C})\right] \sin ^{2}(180-\alpha)\right\}+b_{\mathrm{L}}(\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{H})  \tag{2}\\
b_{2}\left(\mathrm{Ph}_{3} \mathrm{CH}\right)=b_{3}\left(\mathrm{Ph}_{3} \mathrm{CH}\right)=\left\{3\left[\Sigma b\left(\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{5}\right)+\Sigma b(\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{C})\right]+\right. \\
\left.\Sigma b(\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{H})+\Delta b-b_{1}\left(\mathrm{Ph}_{3} \mathrm{CH}\right)\right\} / 2 \tag{3}
\end{gather*}
$$

[^0]Kikina et al. ${ }^{6}$ 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 $2.34 \AA^{3}$. We assume, in equation (2), that an additional polarisability component, $\Delta b / 3$, is directed along each $\mathrm{C}_{\mathrm{Ar}}-\mathrm{C}$ 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 ${ }_{m} \mathrm{~K}$ (calc.) against $\phi$ is shown in Figure 2. The experimental molar Kerr constants of Table 2 correspond to the following values of $\phi: 54^{\circ} \pm 3^{\circ}$ (in carbon tetrachloride); $57^{\circ} \pm 3^{\circ}$ (in cyclohexane);


Figure 1


Figure 2
$53^{\circ} \pm 3^{\circ}$ (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 ${ }^{8}$ that triphenylmethane associates with benzene. This

Table 3
Calculated polarisability semi-axes and molar Kerr constants for conformations of triphenylmethane

| $\phi$ | $b_{1}$ | ( $b_{2}=b_{3}$ ) | $\theta_{1}$ | ${ }_{\mathrm{m}} K^{*}$ | $\left(\theta_{1}+\theta_{2}\right) \dagger$ | ${ }_{\mathrm{m}} K \dagger$ | ${ }_{\mathrm{m}} K$ (mean) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 0 | $33 \cdot 63$ | 29.37 | $2.15 \times 10^{-35}$ | $9.1 \times 10^{-12}$ | $3 \cdot 06 \times 10^{-35}$ | $12.9 \times 10^{-12}$ | $(11 \pm 2) \times 10^{-12}$ |
| 10 | $33 \cdot 30$ | 29.54 | $1 \cdot 68$ | $7 \cdot 1$ | $2 \cdot 49$ | $10 \cdot 5$ | $9 \pm 2$ |
| 20 | 32.42 | 29.98 | 0.71 | $3 \cdot 0$ | $1 \cdot 26$ | $5 \cdot 3$ | 4 土 1 |
| 30 | 31.06 | 30.66 | 0.02 | $0 \cdot 1$ | $0 \cdot 11$ | 0.5 | $0 \cdot 3 \pm 0 \cdot 2$ |
| 35 | $30 \cdot 25$ | 31.06 | $0 \cdot 08$ | $0 \cdot 4$ | $-0.11$ | $-0.5$ | $0.0 \pm 0.5$ |
| 40 | $29 \cdot 39$ | 31.49 | $0 \cdot 52$ | $2 \cdot 2$ | $0 \cdot 00$ | $0 \cdot 0$ | $1 \pm 1$ |
| 45 | 28.50 | 31.93 | $1 \cdot 40$ | $5 \cdot 9$ | $0 \cdot 52$ | $2 \cdot 2$ | $4 \pm 2$ |
| 50 | 27.61 | $32 \cdot 38$ | $2 \cdot 70$ | 11.4 | $1 \cdot 45$ | $6 \cdot 1$ | $9 \pm 3$ |
| 55 | 26.75 | $32 \cdot 81$ | $4 \cdot 36$ | $18 \cdot 3$ | $2 \cdot 74$ | $12 \cdot 4$ | $15 \pm 3$ |
| 60 | 25.94 | $33 \cdot 22$ | $6 \cdot 30$ | 26.5 | $4 \cdot 29$ | 18.0 | $22 \pm 4$ |
| 70 | 24.58 | 33.90 | 10.32 | $43 \cdot 4$ | $7 \cdot 65$ | $32 \cdot 2$ | $38 \pm 6$ |
| 85 | $23 \cdot 46$ | $34 \cdot 46$ | 14.38 | 60.5 | $11 \cdot 13$ | $46 \cdot 8$ | $54 \pm 7$ |
| 90 | $23 \cdot 39$ | $34 \cdot 49$ | 14.64 | 61.6 | $11 \cdot 36$ | $47 \cdot 8$ | $55 \pm 7$ |

type of complex formation, by $\pi$-hydrogen bonding, is well known in the case of chloroform. ${ }^{9}$ The n.m.r. spectra of triphenylmethane in benzene, carbon tetrachloride, and cyclohexane show that the central proton signal (a singlet at $\tau=4.50-4 \cdot 55$, using

[^1]tetramethylsilane as internal reference) is effectively invariant, and this is strong evidence against benzene-triphenylmethane association. It had been concluded earlier, ${ }^{10}$ 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 $90^{\circ}$ are listed in Table 4. The $\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{Cl}$ bond polarisability semi-axes were taken ${ }^{2}$ as $b_{\mathrm{L}}(\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{Cl})=3 \cdot 18, b_{\mathrm{T}}(\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{Cl})=$ $b_{V}(\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{Cl})=2 \cdot 20$. The experimental value, $\infty\left({ }_{\mathrm{m}} K_{2}\right)=-142 \times 10^{-12}$, 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

| $\phi$ | $b_{1}$ | $\left(b_{2}=b_{3}\right)$ | $10{ }^{12}{ }_{\mathrm{m}} K$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $0^{\circ}$ | $35 \cdot 91$ | $29 \cdot 89$ | 260 |
| 53 | $29 \cdot 38$ | $33 \cdot 15$ | -145 |
| 90 | $25 \cdot 68$ | $35 \cdot 01$ | -354 |

Diphenylmethane.-Conformations of this molecule are described with reference to a model [structure (A)] in which both phenyl groups are coplanar with $C_{A r}-C-C_{A r}$, i.e., $\psi=\psi^{\prime}=0^{\circ}$. Structure (B) has each phenyl group perpen-


Figure 3 dicular to the $\mathrm{C}_{\mathrm{Ar}}-\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{C}_{\mathrm{Ar}}$ plane, i.e., $\psi=\psi^{\prime}=90^{\circ}$; (C) is generated from (A) by ring rotations of $41^{\circ}$ in the same sense, i.e., $\psi=\psi^{\prime}=+41^{\circ}$; (D) has one phenyl group in the $\mathrm{C}_{\mathrm{Ar}}-\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{C}_{\mathrm{Ar}}$ plane and the other other perpendicular to this plane, i.e., $\psi=0^{\circ}, \psi^{\prime}=90^{\circ}$. 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 $\left[R_{\mathrm{D}}\right.$ (obs.) $=55 \cdot 3$ c.c. ; $R_{\mathrm{D}}$ (calc.) $=55 \cdot 5$ c.c. $\left.{ }^{11}\right]$, 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 ( $\mathbf{1 4 . 0} \times \mathbf{1 0}^{-\mathbf{1 2}}$ ) agrees with that calculated for structure (C) in which $\psi=\psi^{\prime}=41^{\circ}$. Alternative forms involving equal ring rotations

Table 5
Calculated polarisability semi-axes and molar Kerr constants for conformations of diphenylmethane

| Direction cosines with |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Structure | $b_{i}$ (calc.) | $X$ | $Y$ | $Z$ | ${ }_{\mathrm{m}} K^{*}$ | ${ }_{\mathrm{m}} K \dagger$ | ${ }_{\mathrm{m}} \mathrm{K}$ (mean) |
| (A) | $b_{1}=23.42$ | $+1$ | 0 | 0 |  |  |  |
| $\psi=\psi^{\prime}=0$ | $b_{2}=23.90$ | 0 | $+1$ | 0 +1 | $35 \cdot 4$ | 37-6 | $36.5 \pm 1 \cdot 1$ |
| (B) $\}$ | $b_{3}=15 \cdot 26$ | 0 | 0 | $+1$ |  |  |  |
| (B) ${ }^{(1)}$ | $b_{1}=18.30$ | $+1$ | 0 | 0 |  |  |  |
| $\psi=\psi^{\prime}=90^{\circ}$ | $b_{2}=21.34$ | 0 | $+1$ | 0 | $8 \cdot 3$ | 4•1 | $6 \cdot 2 \pm 2 \cdot 1$ |
| (C) | $b_{3}=22.94$ | 0 | 0 | +1 |  |  |  |
| (C) | $b_{1}=21.22$ | +1 | 0 | 0 |  |  |  |
| $\psi=\psi^{\prime}=41^{\circ}$ | $b_{2}=23.73$ | 0 | $+0.920$ | $+0.391$ | 14-1 | $13 \cdot 95$ | $14 \cdot 0 \pm 0 \cdot 1$ |
| (D) $\}$ | $b_{3}=17.64$ | 0 | $-0.391$ | $+0.920$ |  |  |  |
| (D) | $b_{1}=19.73$ | $+0.846$ | $+0.532$ | 0 |  |  |  |
| $\psi=0^{\circ}, \psi^{\prime}=90^{\circ}$ | $b_{2}=23.75$ | $-0.532$ | $+0.846$ | 0 | $10 \cdot 4$ | $10 \cdot 0$ | $10.2 \pm 0.2$ |
|  | $b_{3}=19 \cdot 10$ | 0 | 0 | +1 |  |  |  |
| * Calculated assuming $\mu\left(\mathrm{Ph}_{2} \mathrm{CH}_{2}\right)=0 . \quad \dagger$ Calculated assuming $\mu\left(\mathrm{Ph}_{2} \mathrm{CH}_{2}\right)=0.3 \mathrm{D}$. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

[^2]from (A) but of opposite senses, i.e., $\psi=-\psi^{\prime}$, are sterically improbable. Conformation (D), which is analogous to that proposed ${ }^{12}$ for diphenyl ether, also appears unlikely on the basis of these calculations. If the angle $\mathrm{C}_{\mathrm{Ar}_{r}-\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{C}_{\mathrm{Ar}}}$ is increased to $114^{\circ}$, the calculated molar Kerr constant for (D) is even lower [ $\left.(9 \cdot 5 \pm 0 \cdot 4) \times 10^{-12}\right]$.

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 $\psi=\psi^{\prime}$. In the calculations we assume a tetrahedral central carbon atom, negligible exaltation, $b_{\mathrm{L}}(\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{Br})=4 \cdot 65 ; b_{\mathrm{T}}(\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{Br})=b_{\mathrm{V}}(\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{Br})=3 \cdot 08,{ }^{2}$ and that the electric moment in diphenyldichloromethane acts along the $X$-axis in Figure $3\left(R_{1}=R_{2}=\mathrm{Cl}\right)$ while in diphenylchloromethane and diphenylbromomethane it is directed along $\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{Cl}$ and $\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{Br}$, respectively.

Table 6
Calculated polarisability semi-axes and molar Kerr constants for conformations of diphenylchloromethane, diphenylbromomethane, and diphenyldichloromethane

| Diphenylchloromethane | Direction cosines with |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\psi=\psi^{\prime}$ | $b_{\text {i }}$ (calc.) | $X$ | $Y$ | $Z$ | ${ }_{\mathrm{m}} K$ |
|  | 0 | $\left\{b_{1}=25.33\right.$ | $+0.998$ | 0 | $+0.059$ |  |
|  |  | $\left\{\begin{array}{l}b_{1}=25 \cdot 46 \\ b_{2}=17 \cdot 44\end{array}\right.$ | 0 -0.059 | +1 0 | 0 +0.998 | $-90.6 \times 10^{-12}$ |
|  | 33 | $\left\{\begin{array}{l}b_{3}=17.44 \\ b_{1}=23.81\end{array}\right.$ | -0.059 +0.991 | 0 -0.120 | +0.998 +0.053 |  |
| " |  | $\left\{b_{2}=25.44\right.$ | $+0.096$ | $+0.935$ | +0.341 | $-49.5$ |
|  |  | $b_{3}=18.99$ | $-0.090$ | $-0.333$ | $+0.939$ |  |
| " | 90 | $\int b_{1}=20 \cdot 14$ | $+0.996$ | 0 | $-0.092$ |  |
|  |  | $\left\{b_{2}=22.90\right.$ | 0 | +1 | 0 | $75 \cdot 0$ |
|  |  | $b_{3}=25 \cdot 19$ | $+0.092$ | 0 | $+0.996$ |  |
| Diphenylbromomethane | 0 | $\left\{b_{1}=26.45\right.$ | --0.995 | 0 | $+0 \cdot 096$ |  |
|  |  | $\left\{b_{2}=26 \cdot 34\right.$ | 0 | +1 | $0$ | $-75 \cdot 1$ |
|  |  | $b_{3}=18.67$ | $-0.096$ | 0 | $+0.995$ |  |
| " | 38 | $\left\{b_{1}=24.51\right.$ | $+0.972$ | $-0.220$ | $+0.088$ |  |
|  |  | $\left\{b_{2}=26 \cdot 40\right.$ | $+0.162$ | $+0.889$ | +0.428 | $-17 \cdot 4$ |
|  |  | $b_{3}=20.55$ | $-0.172$ | $-0.402$ | $+0.900$ |  |
| " | 90 | $\left\{b_{1}=21 \cdot 16\right.$ | $+0.990$ | 0 | $-0.140$ |  |
|  |  | $\left\{b_{2}=23 \cdot 78\right.$ | 0 | +1 | 0 | 102 |
|  |  | $b_{3}=26.53$ | +0.140 | 0 | +0.990 |  |
| Diphenyldichloromethane | 0 | $\left\{b_{1}=27 \cdot 19\right.$ | +1 | 0 | 0 |  |
|  |  | $\left\{\begin{array}{l}b_{1}=27.02 \\ b_{2}=270\end{array}\right.$ | 0 | +1 | 0 | 239 |
|  |  | $b_{3}=19.68$ | 0 | 0 | +1 |  |
| " | 50 | $\left\{b_{1}=24 \cdot 19\right.$ | +1 | 0 | 0 |  |
|  |  | $\left\{b_{2}=27 \cdot 13\right.$ | 0 | $+0.803$ | $+0.596$ | $-30 \cdot 2$ |
|  |  | $b_{3}=22.57$ | 0 | $-0.596$ | $+0.803$ |  |
| " | 90 | $\int b_{1}=22.07$ | $+1$ | 0 | 0 |  |
|  |  | $b_{2}=24.46$ | 0 | +1 | 0 | $-210$ |
|  |  | $\left\{b_{3}=27 \cdot 36\right.$ | 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 $\psi=\psi^{\prime}=c a .33^{\circ}$ (diphenylchloromethane), ca. $38^{\circ}$ (diphenylbromomethane), and $c a .50^{\circ}$ (diphenyldichloromethane).

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