

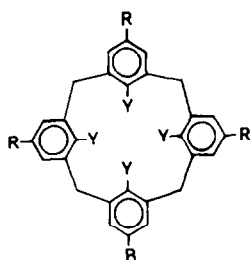


modest degree of interference in this process, larger groups would be expected to experience greater interference. The tetra-ethers and tetra-esters of the calix[4]arenes, in fact, are so much less conformationally mobile than the parent compound that in most cases they are frozen into a single conformation at room temperature. Which conformation is preferred when derivatization occurs is the question dealt with in this paper.

*NMR spectral characteristics of the conformers of the calix[4]arenes.* Using *p*-*t*-butylcalix[4]arene as a specific example, Table 1 shows the  $^1\text{H}$  NMR and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectral patterns that would be expected to be observed for each of the four conformers. Inspection of the table suggests that the  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum will generally be a better conformational probe than the  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum, because each of the four conformers displays a distinctively different pattern. On occasion, however, the  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectra can provide very useful corroboratory information. Most of the  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra were obtained on a 100 MHz instrument, although in a few cases, as noted, spectra on a 360 MHz instrument are reported. In all instances spectra were obtained at several temperatures, although only where significant changes occurred are they displayed in this paper. Cycling experiments were performed to show that no decomposition or other irreversible changes occur either upon heating or cooling the samples used in the NMR analyses.

*Methyl ethers of calix[4]arenes (2).* The tetraalkyl

ethers of the calix[4]arenes can be obtained in good yield by treatment of a DMF–THF solution of the calixarene with NaH followed by the alkyl halide. The tetramethyl ethers of calix[4]arene (1A) and *p*-*t*-butylcalix[4]arene (2B) show  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra which, like those of the parent calixarenes, are temperature dependent. The patterns displayed at  $-30^\circ$ , as shown in Fig. 2, are best interpreted in terms of a partial cone conformation. Thus, the three prominent singlets in the approximate ratio of 1:2:1 in the upfield region of the spectrum of the *t*-Bu compound 2B and the three singlets arising from the OMe hydrogens in both 2A and 2B are compatible only with a partial cone conformation. The methylene resonances for 2A and 2B in the partial cone conformation could be expected to appear as a 5–8 line pattern. Although these patterns are not completely clear, an almost completely resolved 7-line pattern can be discerned for 2A and at least four of these resonances can be discerned for 2B. In the spectra of 2A and 2B there is an additional resonance upfield from the other OMe resonances ( $\delta$  3.02 for 2A and  $\delta$  2.0 for 2B) which is tentatively assigned to a conformation in which the OMe group of the “down” aryl ring is “inside” the calix provided by the partial cone; in this environment it experiences an upfield shift due to the proximate phenyl rings that define the wall of the calix. Thus, it is postulated that at  $-30^\circ$  the prevailing conformation is the partial cone which exists in an “inside” and “outside” conformation with respect to one of the OMe groups, as



Compound No	R	Y
1A	H	OH
1B	<i>t</i> -Bu	OH
1C	$\text{CH}_2\text{CH}=\text{CH}_2$	OH
2A	H	$\text{OCH}_3$
2B	<i>t</i> -Bu	$\text{OCH}_3$
3A	H	$\text{OC}_2\text{H}_5$
3B	<i>t</i> -Bu	$\text{OC}_2\text{H}_5$
4A	H	$\text{OCH}_2\text{CH}=\text{CH}_2$
4B	<i>t</i> -Bu	$\text{OCH}_2\text{CH}=\text{CH}_2$
5A	H	$\text{OCH}_2\text{C}_6\text{H}_5$
5B	<i>t</i> -Bu	$\text{OCH}_2\text{C}_6\text{H}_5$
6A	H	$\text{OSi}(\text{CH}_3)_3$
6B	<i>t</i> -Bu	$\text{OCH}_2\text{C}_6\text{H}_5$
6C	$\text{CH}_2\text{CH}=\text{CH}_2$	$\text{OSi}(\text{CH}_3)_3$
7A	H	$\text{OCOCH}_3$
7B	<i>t</i> -Bu	$\text{OCOCH}_3$

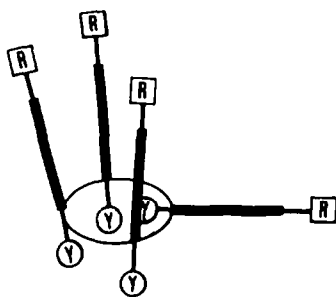
Table 1.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectral patterns for the conformers of *p*-*t*-butylcalix[4]arene

Conformation	ArH	$^1\text{H}$ NMR		$^{13}\text{C}$ NMR			
		$\text{CH}_2$	$\text{C}(\text{CH}_3)_3$	Ar	$\text{CH}_2$	$\text{C}(\text{CH}_3)_3$	$\text{C}(\text{CH}_3)$
Cone	One singlet	One pair of doublets ( $J = 12$ Hz)	One singlet	4	1	1	1
Partial cone	Two singlets and two doublets or four singlets (ratio 1:1:1:1)	Two pairs of doublets ( $J = 12$ Hz) (ratio 1:1) or one pair of doublets ( $J = 12$ Hz) and one singlet (ratio 1:1)*	Three singlets (ratio 1:2:1)	12	2	3	3
1,2-Alternate	Two singlets (ratio 1:1)	One singlet and two doublets ( $J = 12$ Hz) (ratio 1:1)	One singlet	4	2	1	1
1,3-Alternate	One singlet	One singlet	One singlet	4	1	1	1

\*The two equivalent methylene groups contain hydrogens in almost identical environments. Whether a 5-line or an 8-line pattern is observed will depend on whether or not there is a chemical shift difference between these hydrogens.

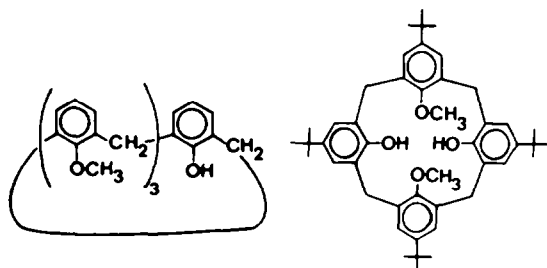
illustrated schematically in Fig. 3. This also provides an explanation for the fourth resonance in the upfield region of **2B** which could arise from the *t*-Bu group opposite the OMe group that is "inside" the calix; different chemical shifts for this *t*-Bu group would be expected for the "inside" and "outside" forms of **2B**.

Although space filling molecular models of **2A** and **2B** suggest that these compounds should be conformationally rigid, the temperature dependence of the  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra suggest otherwise. As illustrated in Fig. 2, when the temperature is raised above  $-30^\circ$  the spectra become less well resolved; the methylene and OMe resonances collapse to a broad singlet at  $ca\ 50^\circ$  and then sharpen to a pair of narrow singlets at  $120^\circ$ . Because all four of the possible conformers will give single line resonances if the interconversion is rapid on the NMR time scale, it cannot be determined which conformer predominates at the higher temperatures. It is apparent, though, that the tetramethyl ethers of the calix[4]arenes are only moderately less conformationally mobile than the parent compounds, once again illustrating the fact that hard, space filling molecular models tend to overestimate the barriers to conformational changes.



"FLATTENED" PARTIAL CONE

When dimethyl sulfate is used as the methylating agent in the presence of BaO and  $\text{Ba}(\text{OH})_2 \cdot 8\text{H}_2\text{O}$  in DMF solution, a trimethyl ether of calix[4]arene (**8**) is produced. It appears to be conformationally less flexible than the corresponding tetramethyl ether (**2A**), for the room temperature  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum (Fig. 4) shows a set of well-resolved resonances in the 3–4 ppm region, viz two sharp singlets in the ratio of 1:2 for the OMe hydrogens and 7 or more additional lines arising from the methylene protons in doublet or doublet patterns. However, a choice between the cone and partial cone conformations cannot be made; as a result of the reduced symmetry of the molecule, both would be expected to show two OMe resonances and two pairs of doublet methylene resonances. The resonance from the OH proton of **8** appears at  $\delta\ 5.65$  ppm, the upfield position commensurate with its proximity to the aryl rings of the calix. It exchanges its proton much less readily than do the OH groups of **1A**, also commensurate with the OH group of **8** being buried in the calix. The stretching band in the IR spectrum of **8** appears at  $3450\text{ cm}^{-1}$ , a considerably shorter wave length than observed for **1A**<sup>6</sup> but, nevertheless, indicative of intramolecular H-bonding. To accommodate these spectral characteristics it is suggested that **8** exists in a "flattened" partial cone conformation, as schematically illustrated above.



The action of ethereal diazomethane on **1B** produces a dimethyl ether of *p*-*t*-butylcalix[4]arene (**9**) which also appears to be conformationally less flexible than the corresponding tetramethyl ether (**2B**). As shown in Fig. 5, the  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of **9** shows a pair of sharp upfield singlets at  $\delta\ 0.92$  and  $1.30$  ppm in a 1:1 ratio arising from the *t*-Bu hydrogens, a pair of symmetrical doublets at  $\delta\ 4.27$  and  $3.30$  ppm arising from the methylene hydrogens, a sharp singlet at  $\delta\ 3.90$  ppm arising from the OMe hydrogens, and two downfield envelopes in a 1:1 ratio arising from the aryl hydrogens. To accommodate this NMR pattern and also to explain why only a dimethyl ether forms, it is postulated that **9** exists in a distorted cone or a flattened 1,3-alternate conformation in which the OMe groups, located on alternate aryl moieties, have the "inside" conformation. This places them over the OH groups, protecting the OH groups from reaction; it also brings the *t*-Bu groups on the phenyl rings carrying the OMe groups close to one another and pushes the *t*-Bu groups on the phenyl rings carrying the OH groups away from one another. The *t*-Bu groups that are forced toward each other should experience an upfield shift due to the proximity of the transannular phenyl rings, as reflected by the resonance at  $\delta\ 0.92$  ppm. The OH stretching band at  $3450\text{ cm}^{-1}$  in the IR indicates a modest degree of intramolecular H-bonding.<sup>6</sup>

*Ethyl ethers of calix[4]arenes* (3). The tetraethyl ethers of **1A** and **1B**, prepared by the action of NaH and ethyl iodide in DMF-THF solution, give room temperature  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra (Fig. 6) containing well resolved resonances in accord with a partial cone conformation. Particularly evident are the three sets of triplets from the Me hydrogens of the OEt groups in both **3A** and **3B** and three singlets from the *t*-Bu groups in **3B**. The highest field triplet is assigned to the OEt group of the "down" aryl moiety in which the OEt group assumes the "inside" conformation and experiences an upfield shift from the proximate aryl rings of the partial cone. The  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum, also, is in complete accord with a partial cone conformation, containing 12 downfield resonances arising from the aryl carbons, three midfield resonances arising from the methylene carbons of the OEt groups, and 8 upfield resonances arising from the Me carbons of the OEt groups (3 lines), the Me carbons of the *t*-Bu groups (2 lines) and the methylene carbons of the calix (3 lines). Clearly, the tetraethyl ethers are conformationally less flexible than the tetramethyl ethers, although there remains some temperature dependence of the NMR patterns; at  $50^\circ$  the  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of **3A** shows a coalescence of the two downfield triplets into one triplet, while the upfield triplet assigned to the "inside" OEt group remains unaffected. It is postulated that this is due not to "up-down" conformational inversions but to more subtle flexing motions that are not yet well understood.

*Allyl ethers of calix[4]arenes* (4). The tetraallyl ether

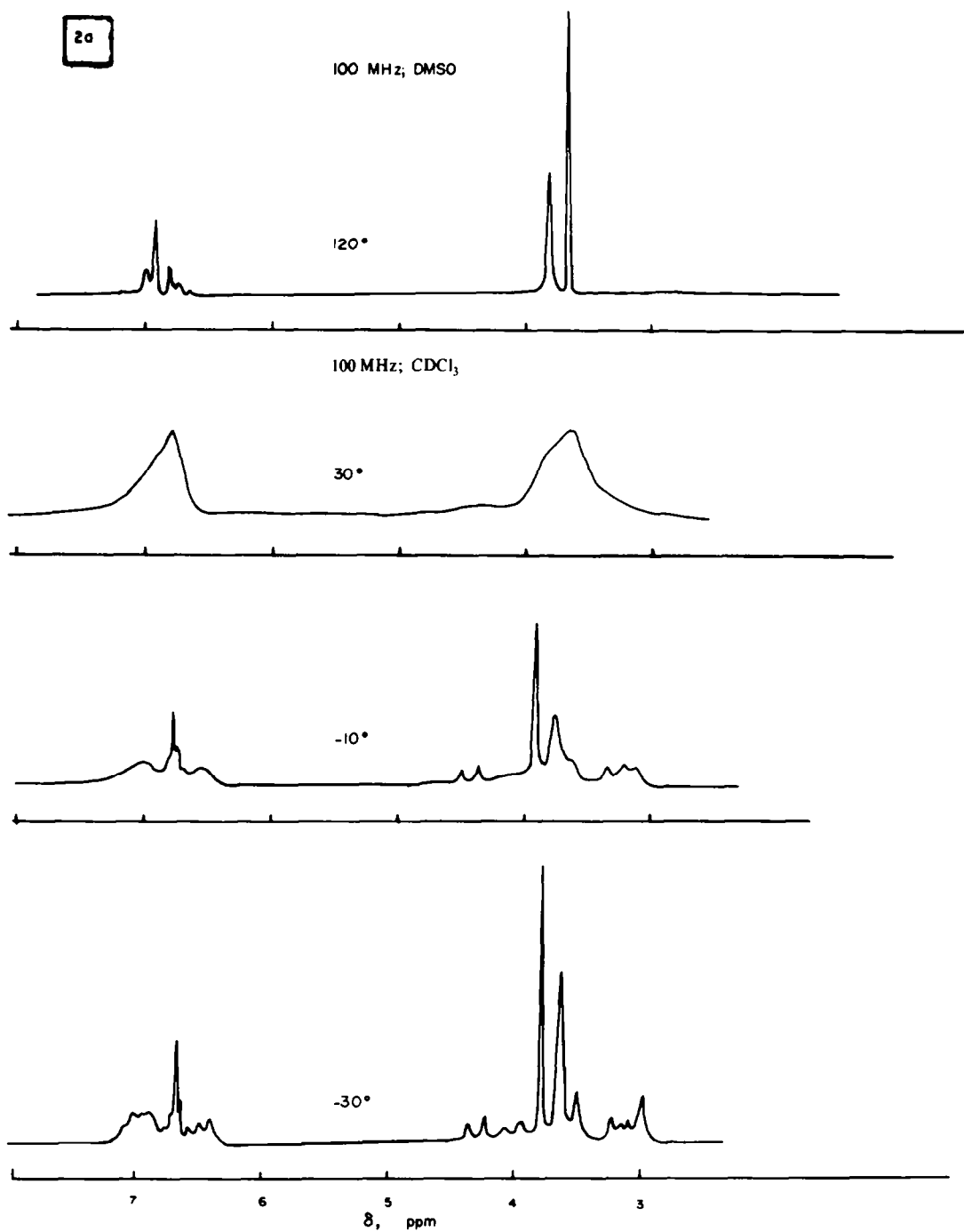


Fig. 2(a).

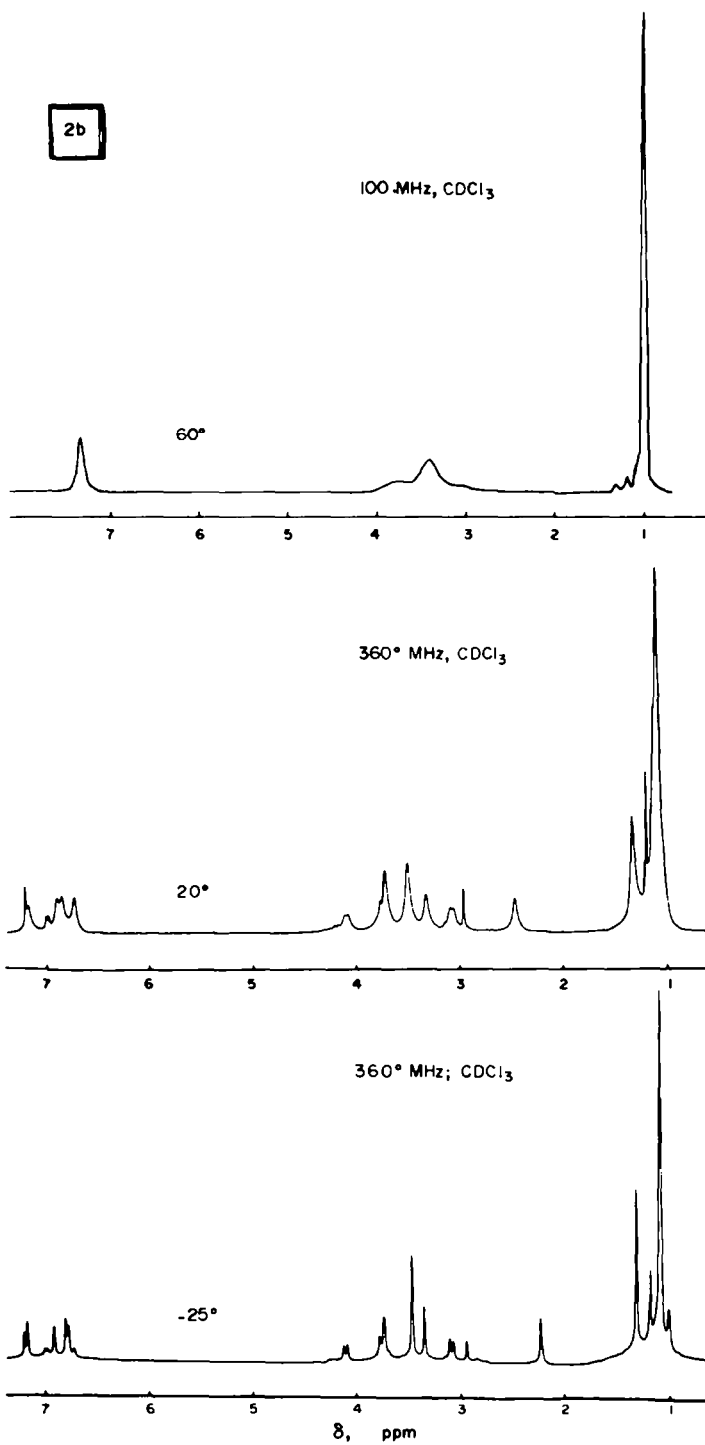


Fig. 2(b). <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of the tetramethyl ether of calix[4]arene (2A) and the tetramethyl ether of *p*-*t*-butylcalix[4]arene (2B).

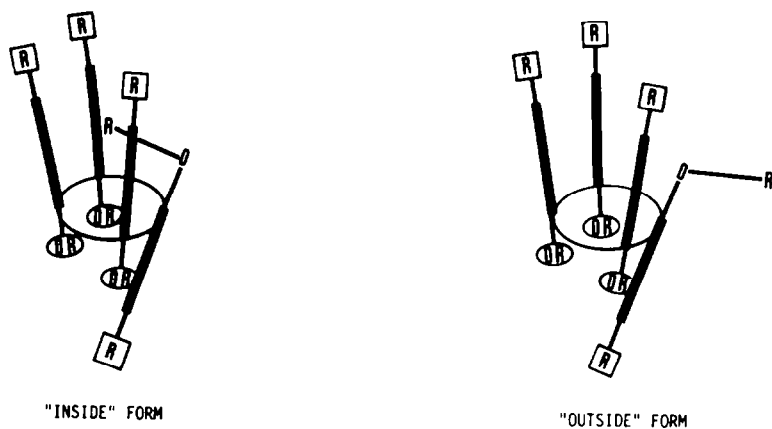
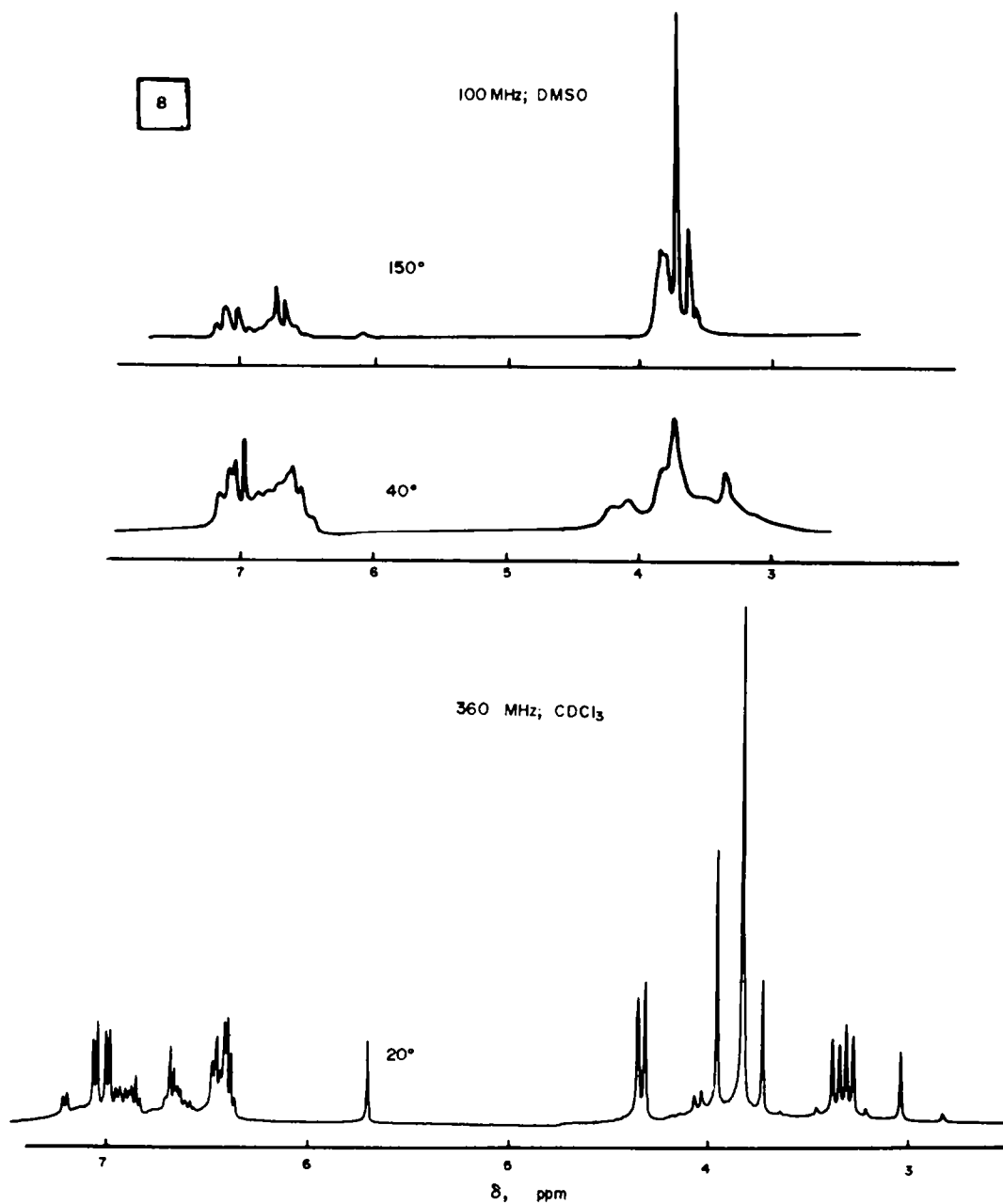


Fig. 3. "Inside" and "outside" forms of partial cone conformation.

Fig. 4. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of the trimethyl ether of calix[4]arene (8).

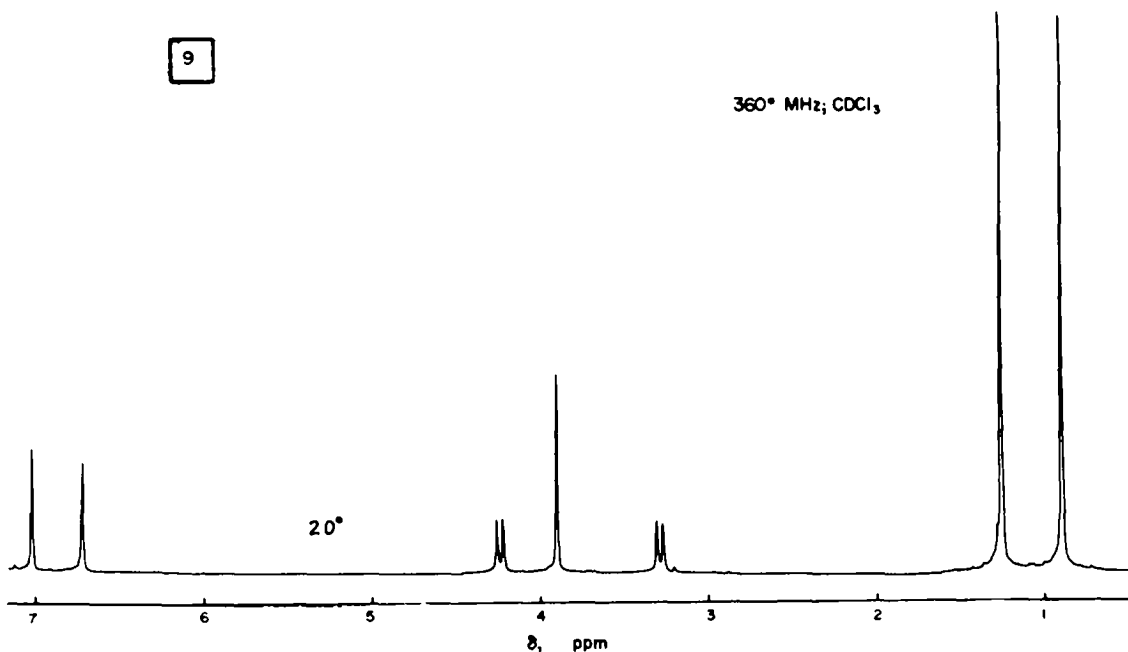


Fig. 5.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of the dimethyl ether of *p*-t-butylcalix[4]arene (9).

of calix[4]arene (4A) is of special interest because of the synthetic utility that it affords.<sup>7</sup> The  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of 4A (Fig. 7) shows a rather complex pattern in the  $\delta$  3–5 ppm region as the result of overlapping resonances from the methylene groups of the calixarene ring and the allyl ether functions, the latter split by spin–spin coupling with the vinyl hydrogens. A 360 MHz spectrum of 4A was also obtained as an aid in interpreting the pattern, but its complexity is such that only tentative individual assignments can be made. However, the overall pattern is commensurate with a partial cone conformation for 4A, probably as a mixture of “inside” and “outside” forms. The spectrum in DMSO at 150° is somewhat different from that in  $\text{CDCl}_3$  at lower temperature, but it remains commensurate with a cone conformation.

Because the methyl ethers 2A and 2B, the ethyl ethers 3A and 3B, and the allyl ether 4A all favor the partial cone conformation, the allyl ether 4B prepared from 1B by the action of NaH and allyl bromide in DMF–THF was expected to do likewise. However, its 360 MHz  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum shows a sharp downfield singlet for the aryl hydrogens, a multiplet at  $\delta$  6.44 ppm and a pair of doublets at  $\delta$  5.26 and  $\delta$  5.19 ppm for the vinyl hydrogens, a pair of doublets at  $\delta$  4.39 and  $\delta$  3.13 for the calixarene methylene groups, and an upfield singlet for the t-Bu groups (Fig. 8). Only the cone conformation is compatible with this pattern. That the tetraaryl ethers of 4A and 4B exists in different conformations is further substantiated by their  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectra. That of 4B is very simple, showing only 6 lines in the downfield region (four from the aryl carbons and two from the vinyl carbons), a single line at midfield (from the  $\text{OCH}_2$  carbon), and two lines in the upfield region (a strong line from the t-Bu methyl carbons and a weak line from the methylene carbons of the calix), as expected for the cone conformation. The  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR of 4A, on the other hand, is much more complex, showing 20 lines in the downfield region (12 from the aryl carbons and 8 from the vinyl carbons),<sup>8</sup> four lines at midfield (from the  $\text{OCH}_2$  car-

bons), and three lines in the upfield region (from the methylene carbons) as expected for a partial cone conformation.

*Benzyl ethers of calix[4]arenes* (5). Like the allyl ether of 1B, the benzyl ether 5B also displays a  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum that is commensurate only with a cone conformation, showing a pair of narrow envelopes in the aryl region arising from the aryl groups of the calixarene and benzyl moieties, a sharp singlet at  $\delta$  4.85 ppm arising from the methylene hydrogens of the benzyl group, a pair of doublets ( $\delta$  4.16 and 2.9 ppm) arising from the methylene hydrogens of the calixarene, and an upfield singlet arising from the t-Bu hydrogens (Fig. 9). The pattern remains unchanged up to temperatures as high as 150°. Similarly, the tetrabenzyl ether of calix[4]arene (5A) displays a  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum that indicates the compound to be in a cone conformation. Thus, 1A and 1B behave differently upon allyl ether formation but identically upon benzyl ether formation.

Attempts to prepare the tetrabenzyl ether of 1C have yielded only an oil which is indicated by TLC and NMR analyses to be a mixture of materials. When benzyl tosylate is substituted for benzyl bromide as the benzylating agent, a dibenzyl ether (10) is obtained as a crystalline solid. Its  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum (Fig. 10) shows a pair of doublets ( $\delta$  4.26 and 3.28 ppm) arising from the four equivalent methylene groups of the calixarene ring, a pair of doublets ( $\delta$  3.20 and 3.14 ppm) arising from two pairs of non-equivalent methylene groups of the allyl moieties, multiplet patterns at  $\delta$  5.0 and 5.78 ppm arising from the vinyl hydrogens, sharp singlets at  $\delta$  6.70 and 6.84 ppm arising from the aryl hydrogens of the calixarene, and a multiplet at  $\delta$  7.2–7.8 arising from the aryl hydrogens of the benzyl group. This pattern is commensurate with either a distorted cone or a flattened 1,3-alternate conformation, as suggested for the dimethyl ether (9) of 1B.

*Trimethylsilyl ethers of calix[4]arenes* (6). The tetrakis(trimethylsilyl) ethers of the calix[4]arenes proved

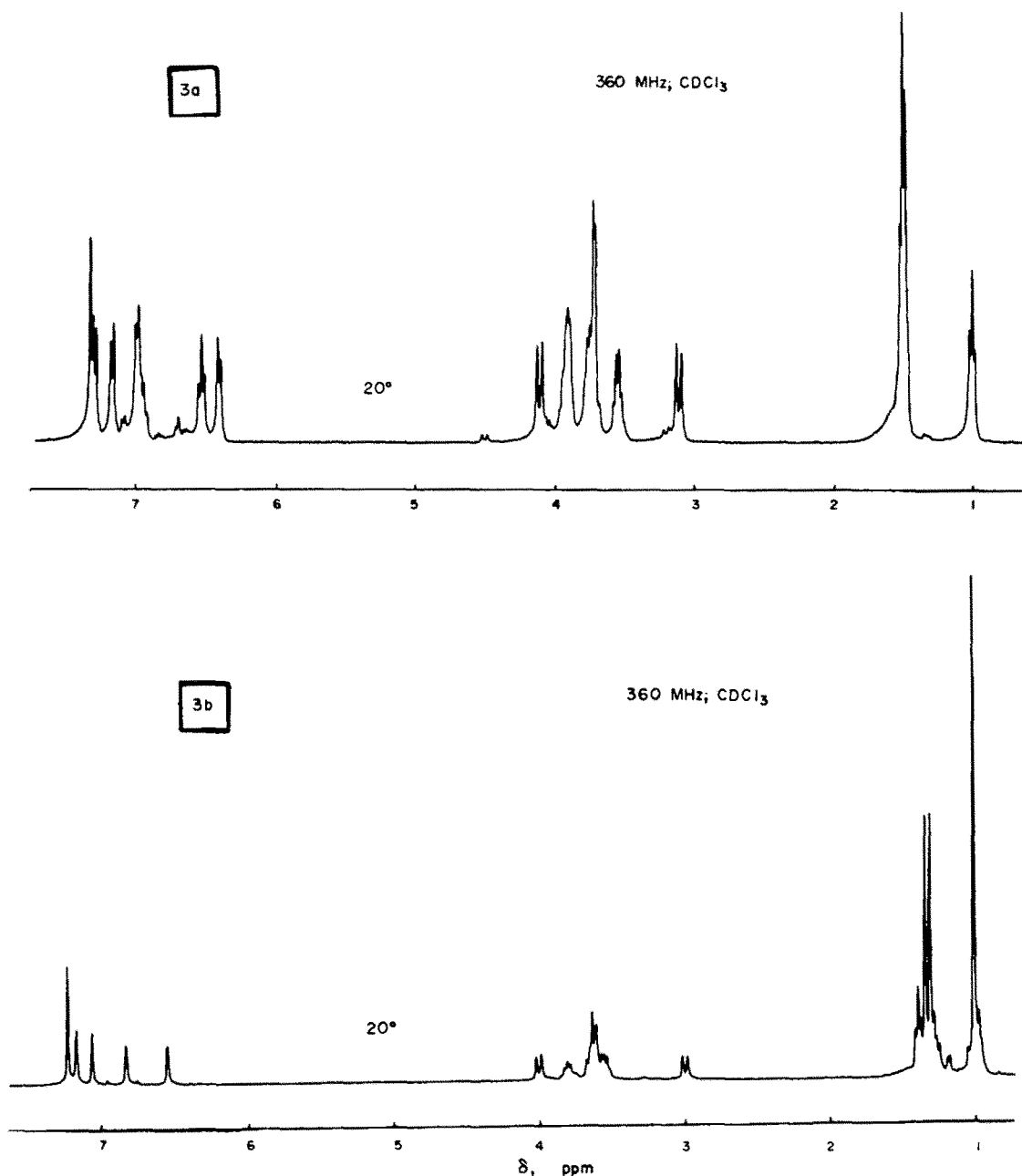
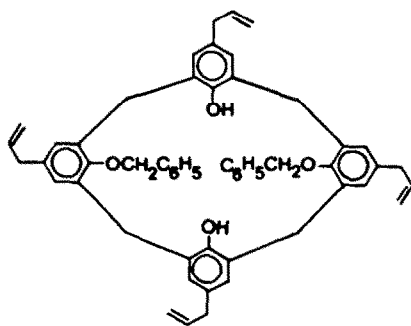
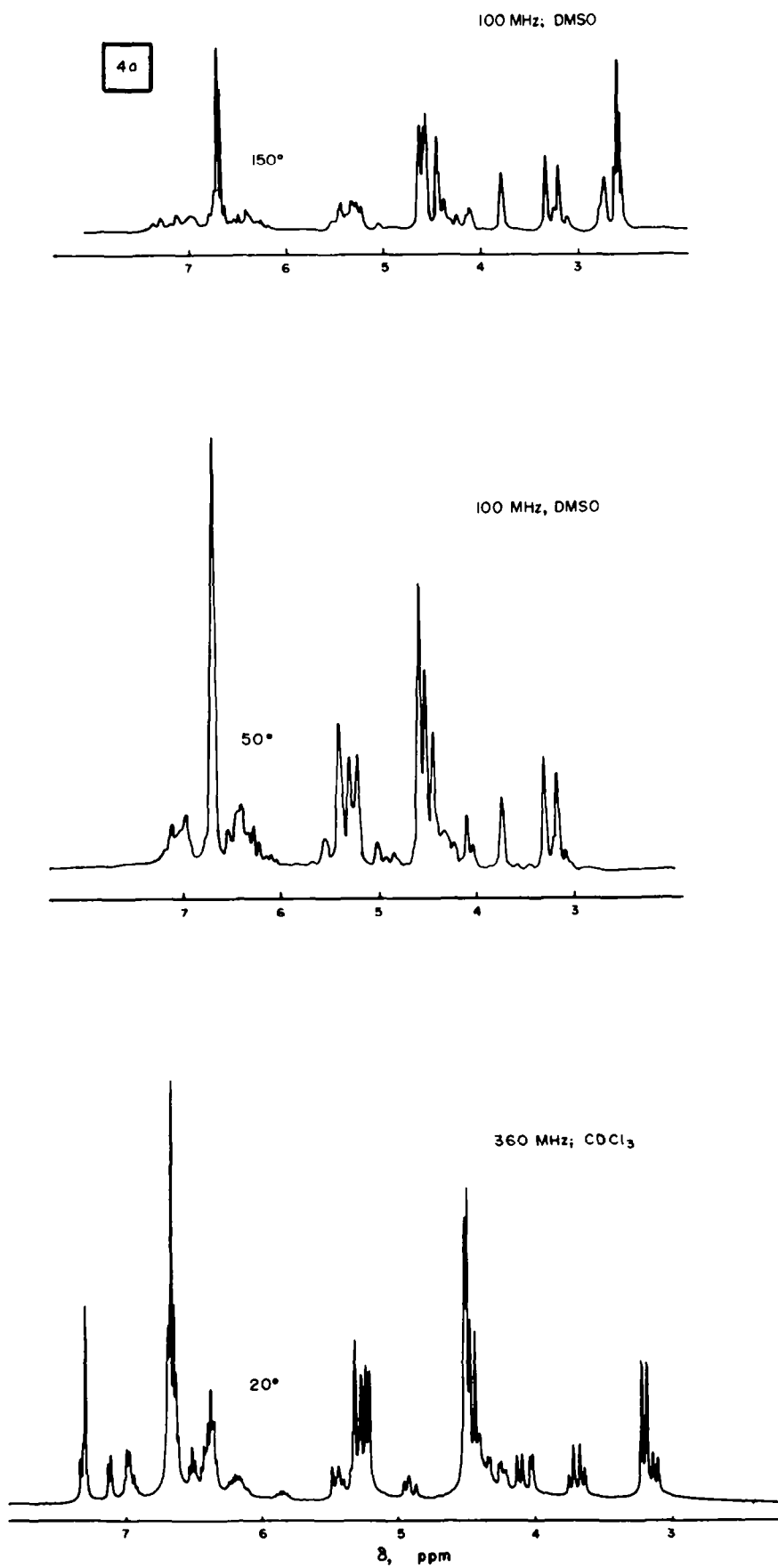


Fig. 6.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra of the tetraethyl ether of calix[4]arene (3A) and the tetraethyl ether of *p*-*t*-butylcalix[4]arene (3B).

to be considerably more difficult to make than those of the previously reported calix[6]arenes and calix[8]arenes,<sup>1</sup> requiring the very reactive *N*,*O*-bis(trimethylsilyl)acetamide<sup>9</sup> as the silylating agent. Attempts to obtain a pure trimethylsilyl derivative of calix[4]arene (1A) have not yet been successful. The products obtained from 1B and 1C are high melting, crystalline solids which show room temperature  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra very much like those of the benzyl ethers, as shown in Fig. 11. The mixed calixarene, *p*-phenyl-*p*-*t*-butylcalix[4]arene (11)<sup>10</sup> yields a crystalline tetrakis(trimethylsilyl) derivative whose  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum (Fig. 11) has four singlets





Fig. 7. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of the tetraallyl ether of calix[4]arene (4A).

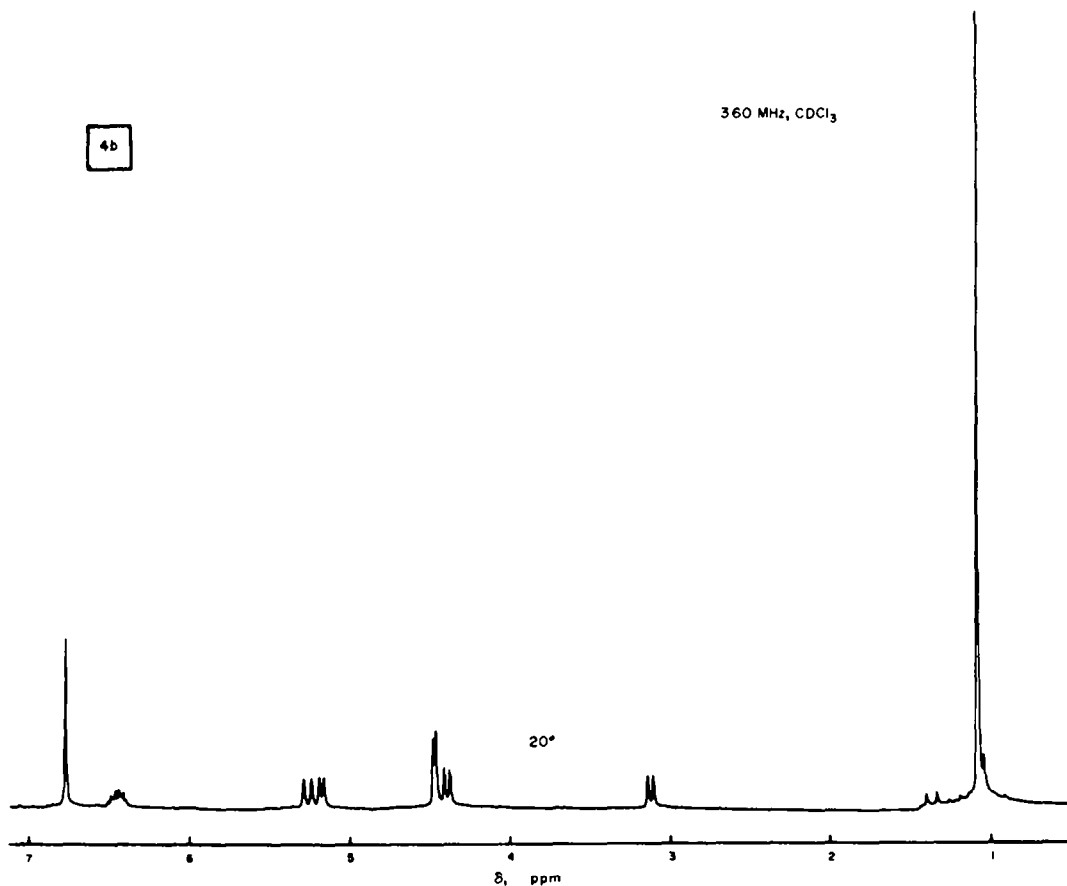


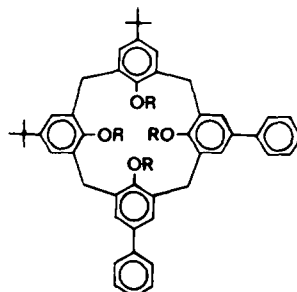
Fig. 8.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of the tetraallyl ether of *p*-*t*-butylcalix[4]arene (4B).

arising from the aryl hydrogens of the calixarene plus an envelope from the *p*-phenyl hydrogens, three pairs of doublets in the ratio of 1:2:1 arising from the methylene hydrogens of the calixarene, a singlet arising from the *t*-Bu hydrogens, and a pair of singlets in the ratio of 1:1 arising from the trimethylsilyl hydrogens. This pattern, also, is commensurate with a cone conformation.

**Acetates of calix[4]arenes (7).** Treatment of 1A with acetic anhydride and *p*-toluenesulfonic acid yields a tetraacetate (7A) whose  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum (Fig. 12) shows only three sharp singlets ( $\delta$  7.00, 3.71, 1.53 in a 3:2:3 ratio) and whose  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum shows single resonances for the CO and Me carbons of the acetoxy group and the methylene carbons of the calix along with four lines for the aryl carbons. Only the 1,3-alternate conformation is commensurate with these spectral data.

In an earlier paper<sup>1</sup> we reported the synthesis of two acetates of 1B, one melting at 247–250° and assigned a triacetate structure and one melting at 383–386° and assigned a tetraacetate structure (7B), isolated as a 1:1 complex with acetic acid. When the present paper was being written our attention was called to a parallel study<sup>11</sup> of the conformations of some calixarenes in which particular attention is given to 7B, isolated as the 1:1 complex with acetic acid and stated to have a m.p. of 320°. Because of the disparity in m.p.s we have re-investigated our preparation and find that after a single recrystallization of the crude product a material is obtained which softens extensively at 322° but does not actually melt at that temperature. After several additional recrystallizations a material is obtained which

shows some softening at 330–340° and actually melts fairly sharply at 383–386°. However, a comparison of the  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of our material with that of the Parma group shows them to be virtually identical, indicating that both compounds are the same tetraacetate. As seen in Fig. 12, the  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of 7B shows three singlets near  $\delta$  1.3 ppm in a 2:1:1 ratio arising from the *t*-Bu hydrogens and a second set of three singlets near  $\delta$  2.3 ppm in a 2:1:1 ratio arising from the OAc hydrogens, along with another singlet arising from the Me hydrogens of acetic acid. In agreement with the Italian group, we interpret this pattern as being commensurate with a partial cone conformation. Conclusive proof is cited in a footnote in Ref. 11 which states that an X-ray crystallographic analysis of the acetic acid complex of 7B has been carried out and that it shows a partial cone conformation.



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 12 (R = Si(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>)  
 13 (R = COCH<sub>3</sub>)

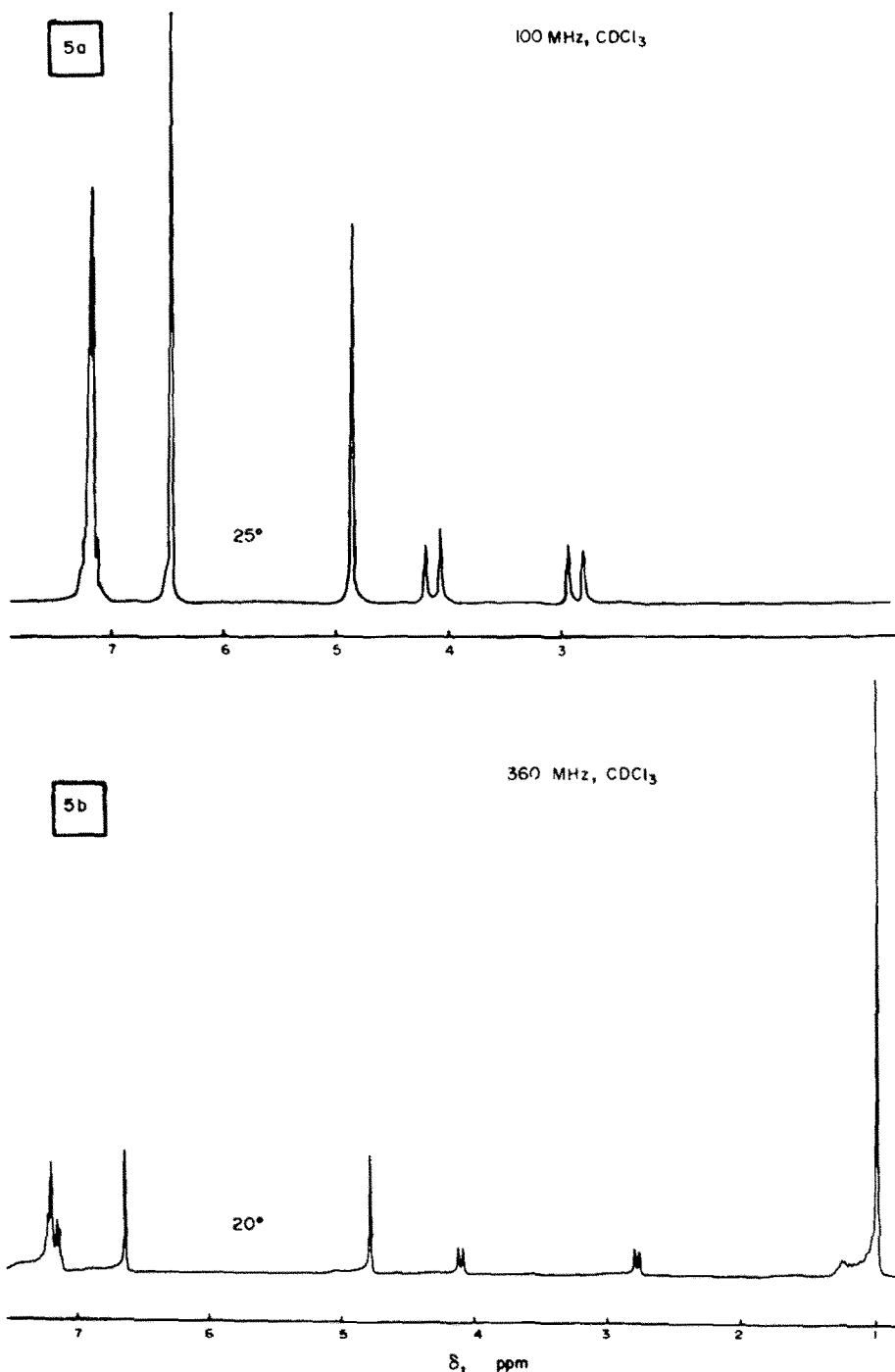


Fig. 9. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of the tetra-benzyl ether of calix[4]arene (5A) and the tetra-benzyl ether of *p*-t-butylcalix[4]arene (5B).

Three tetraacetates of di-*p*-phenyl-di-*p*-t-butylcalix[4]arene (13) have been previously reported.<sup>10</sup> The <sup>1</sup>H NMR patterns that would be expected for the six conformational isomers of 13 (i.e. one cone, two partial cones, two 1,2-alternates, and one 1,3-alternate) are shown in Table 2. As shown in Fig. 13, isomer-A of 13 possesses a spectrum commensurate with a 1,3-alternate conformation, and isomer-C possesses a spectrum commensurate with a partial cone conformation. Because of the closeness of the lines arising from the

two t-Bu groups in isomer-C it is postulated that it is in the partial cone conformation in which both of the t-Bu moieties are in the "up" position. The proximate *p*-phenyl moiety, then, must be postulated to exert a diamagnetic anisotropic shielding effect that shifts the t-Bu resonance upfield to almost the same extent. The assignment of the conformation of isomer-B is equivocal. The cone and 1,3-alternate conformations are clearly ruled out, and the pattern is slightly too complex for the 1,2-alternate. Therefore, the partial cone conformation is

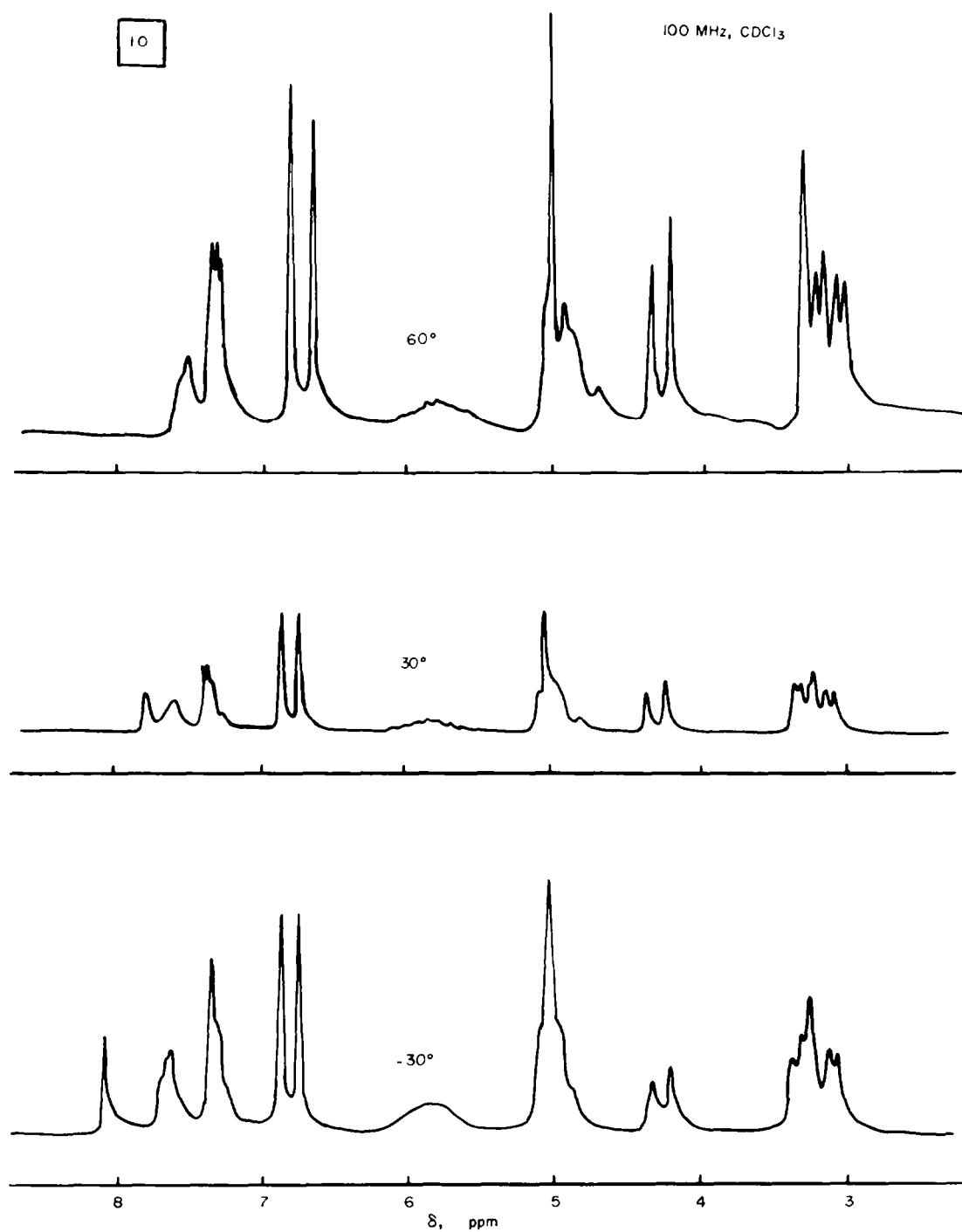


Fig. 10.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra of the dibenzyl ether of *p*-allylcalix[4]arene (10).

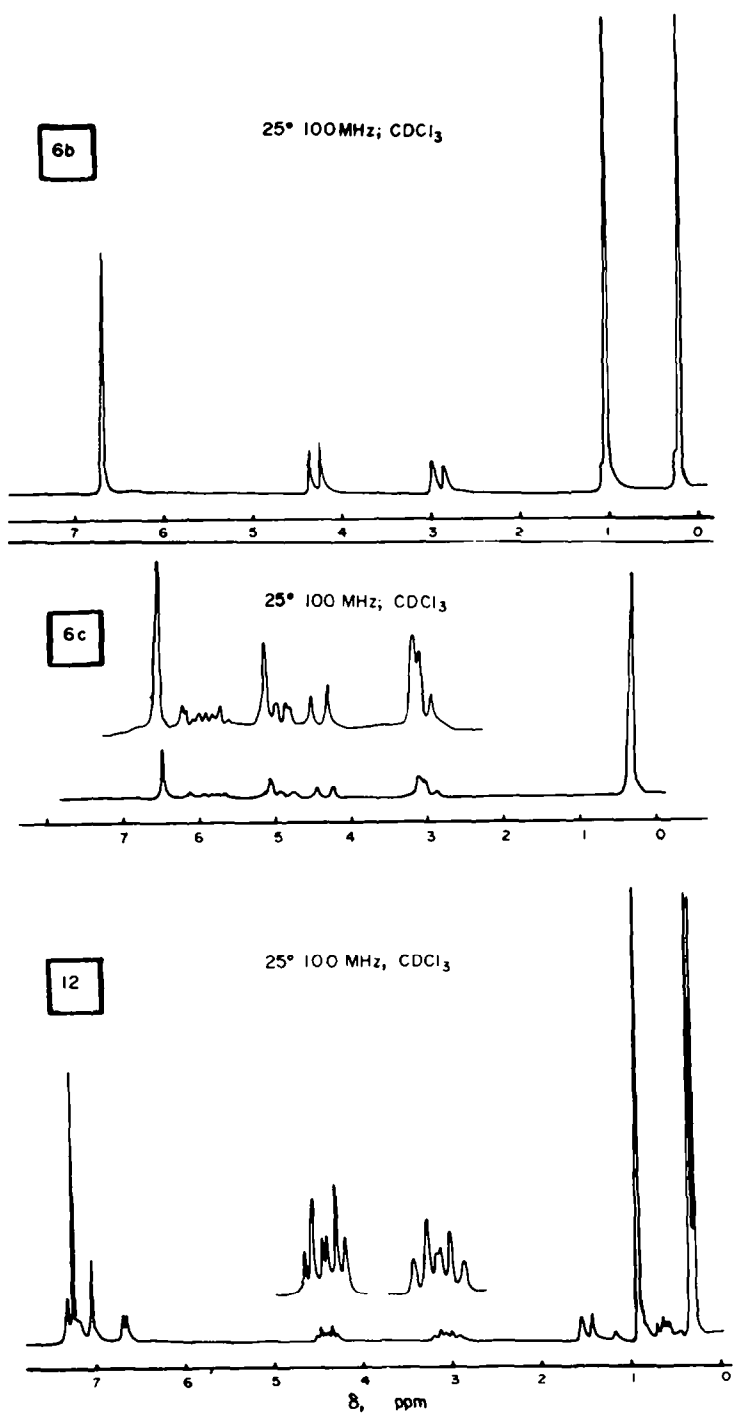


Fig. 11. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of the tetrakis(trimethylsilyl) ether of *p*-*t*-butylcalix[4]arene (6b), tetrakis(trimethylsilyl) ether of *p*-allylcalix[4]arene (6c), and tetrakis(trimethylsilyl) ether of di-*p*-phenyl-di-*p*-*t*-butylcalix[4]arene (12).

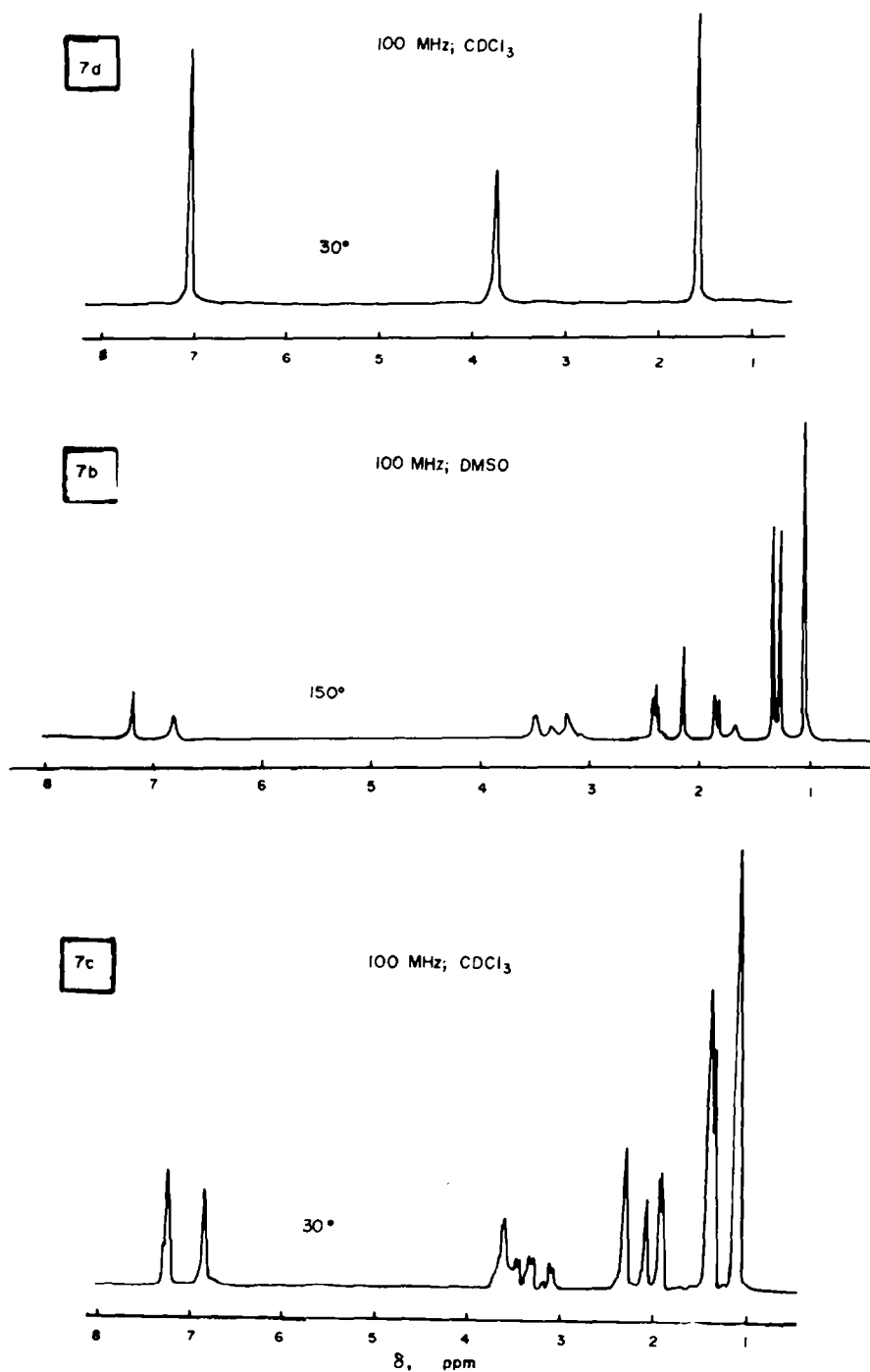


Fig. 12. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of the tetraacetate of calix[4]arene (7A) and the tetraacetate of *p*-t-butylcalix[4]arene (7B).

assigned, and it is postulated that it is the one in which the two *p*-phenyl moieties are in the "up" position.

#### DISCUSSION

Compounds containing what have been termed "enforced cavities"<sup>12</sup> large enough to engulf other molecules are well represented by natural products, of which the enzymes and cyclodextrins are typical examples. However, they are rare among unnatural compounds obtainable by laboratory synthesis, and prior to

the present work the only *synthetic* compounds with "enforced cavities" as large as those in the cyclodextrins are the recently reported spherands.<sup>12</sup> The parent calixarenes do not qualify for inclusion in this elite group, because at room temperature they are conformationally mobile though at any instant in time they are most often in the cone conformation. But, as illustrated by the examples in the present paper, most of the ethers and esters of the calixarenes are conformationally rigid at room temperature and many possess either a circum-

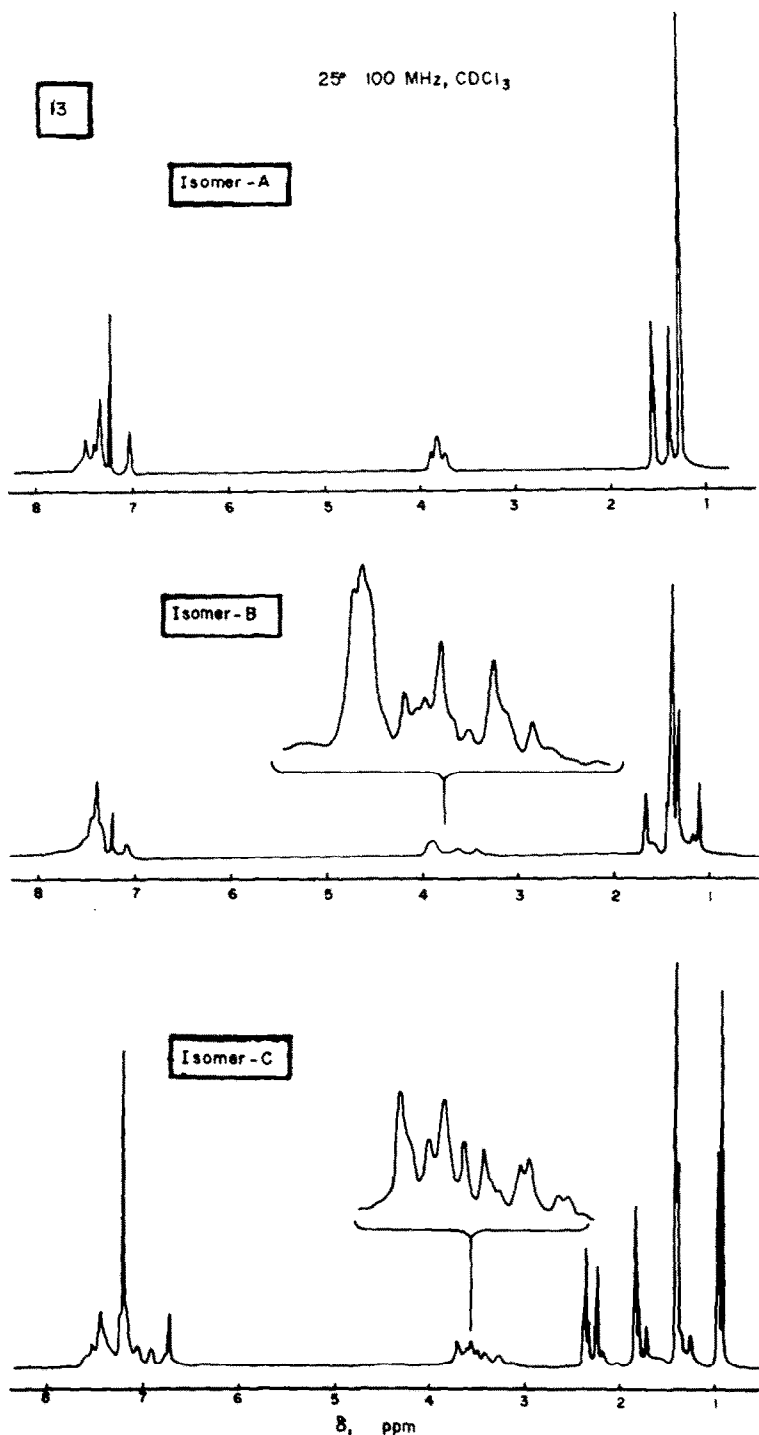
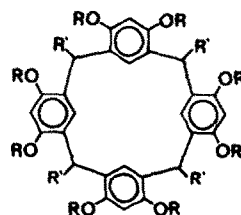


Fig. 13. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of the tetraacetates of di-*p*-phenyl-di-*p*-*t*-butylcalix[4]arene (13).

ferentially enclosed cavity (i.e. the cone conformation) or a cavity with a circumferential "entrance" (i.e. the partial cone conformation). Thus, these conformers join the ranks of compounds containing large "enforced cavities" or, as we choose to call them, "changeless calixes".

The discovery that the ethers and esters of calixarenes 1A, 1B and 1C exist, in most cases, either in the partial cone or cone conformation came as a surprise in view of literature precedents. Resorcinol condenses with some



14 (R = H)

15 (R = CH<sub>3</sub>CO or C<sub>3</sub>H<sub>7</sub>CO)

aldehydes under acid-catalyzed conditions to form calix[4]arenes of structure 14.<sup>13</sup> The octa-esters (15) of several of these have been studied both by <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectroscopy<sup>14</sup> and by X-ray crystallography,<sup>15</sup> and it has been shown that the preferred conformations are a 1,3-alternate array in which two of the phenyl rings are coplanar and the other two are parallel, in one case in a face-to-face fashion and in the other case an "up-down" fashion.<sup>16</sup> Another study which seemed to indicate the probability of obtaining the 1,3-alternate conformation upon derivatization was a dynamic <sup>1</sup>H NMR study of *p*-octylcalixarene and its acetate.<sup>3</sup> Whereas the low temperature <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of the calixarene itself showed a pair of doublets arising from the methylene hydrogens, the corresponding acetate showed only a singlet regardless of the temperature. On the assumption that the *p*-octylcalixarene was a cyclic tetramer this behavior was interpreted in terms of a 1,3-alternate conformation for the acetate. However, it is now thought<sup>4</sup> that the calixarene used in this study was probably a cyclic octamer rather than a cyclic tetramer; thus, the singlet methylene resonance for the calixarene acetate was the result of conformational flexibility, not conformational rigidity. But, until this was established during the course of the present work, the literature precedents appeared to be strong; if our first derivatization experiment had been the preparation of the tetraacetate of calix[4]arene (which exists in the 1,3-alternate conformation) we would probably have generalized from this one experiment and concluded that the 1,3-alternate conformation is likely in all cases. As the present work shows, this is not the case, and the 1,3-alternate conformation seems to be the exception rather than the rule. Why this is true, however, is not yet clear. The conformational outcome upon derivatization, as shown in Table 3, is not solely a function of the *p*-substituent (i.e. both 1A and 1B give the methyl and ethyl ethers in partial cone conformation, and 1B and 1C both give trimethylsilyl ethers in the cone conformation). Nor is it solely a function of the derivative being formed (i.e. 1A gives the allyl ether in the partial cone conformation, but 1B gives the allyl ether in the cone conformation; 1A gives the acetate in the 1,3-alternate conformation, but 1B gives the acetate in the partial cone conformation). The ease of derivative formation, *per se*, does not seem to be a critical factor (i.e. the readily formed benzyl ethers and the reluctantly formed trimethylsilyl ethers

Table 2. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectral patterns for the conformers of di-*p*-phenyl-di-*t*-butylcalix[4]arene (13)

Conformation	CH <sub>2</sub>	CH <sub>3</sub> C $\begin{matrix} \diagup O \\ \diagdown O \end{matrix}$	C(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>3</sub>
Cone	12 lines	2 lines	1 line
Partial cone <sup>†</sup>	6-16 lines <sup>‡</sup>	4 lines	2 lines
1,2-Alternate <sup>†</sup>	6-16 lines <sup>‡</sup>	2 lines	1 line
1,3-Alternate	3 lines in a ratio of 1:2:1 <sup>§</sup>	2 lines	1 line

<sup>†</sup>Two different conformers are possible, but the predicted <sup>1</sup>H NMR resonance patterns are identical.

<sup>‡</sup>The number of lines will depend on the degree of similarity of the chemical environments of the two methylene hydrogens.

<sup>§</sup>In *p*-*t*-butylcalix[4]arene (see Table 1) the methylene hydrogens in the 1,3-alternate conformation are in identical chemical environments. In 12 they are in almost, but not precisely, identical chemical environments, the only difference being the identity of the substituent in the *p*-position of the phenyl ring (i.e. phenyl and *t*-Bu). Thus, although three sets of quartets would be predicted in theory, a 1:2:1 triplet pattern is considered more likely.

both appear to prefer the cone conformation). Reaction conditions have been shown to have an effect on the structure of the product formed (i.e. the methyl ethers via methyl iodide, dimethyl sulfate and diazomethane; the benzyl ethers via benzyl bromide and benzyl tosylate) but no discernible influence on the conformational preference. Work on this problem is continuing in an effort to discover the critical factors that determine the conformational outcome in the hope that predictive correlations can be established.

#### EXPERIMENTAL<sup>17</sup>

M.p.s of all compounds were taken in sealed and evacuated capillary tubes on a Mel-Temp apparatus (Laboratory Devices, Cambridge, MA) using 500°C thermometer calibrated against a thermocouple (accuracy ± 1°). IR spectra were determined on a Perkin-Elmer 283B spectrometer. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra were recorded on a Hitachi-Perkin-Elmer R-24B spectrometer, a JEOL FX-100 spectrometer, or a Bruker WH-360 spectrometer.<sup>17</sup> <sup>13</sup>C NMR were recorded on the JEOL FX-100 instrument. Chemical shifts are reported as δ values in parts per million relative to TMS (δ 0.0) as an internal standard. Mass spectra were obtained

Table 3. Conformations of ethers and esters of calixarenes 1A, 1B, 1C and 11

<i>p</i> -Substituent	OR Group	Compound No.	Conformation
H	OMe	2A	Partial cone
<i>t</i> -Bu	OMe	2B	Partial cone
H	OEt	3A	Partial cone
<i>t</i> -Bu	OEt	3B	Partial cone
H	OCH <sub>2</sub> CH=CH <sub>2</sub>	4A	Partial cone
<i>t</i> -Bu	OCH <sub>2</sub> CH=CH <sub>2</sub>	4B	Cone
H	OCH <sub>2</sub> C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>5</sub>	5A	Cone
<i>t</i> -Bu	OCH <sub>2</sub> C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>5</sub>	5B	Cone
<i>t</i> -Bu	OSiMe <sub>3</sub>	6B	Cone
CH <sub>2</sub> CH=CH <sub>2</sub>	OSiMe <sub>3</sub>	6C	Cone
C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>5</sub> / <i>t</i> -Bu	OSiMe <sub>3</sub>	12	Cone
H	OCOMe	7A	1,3-Alternate
<i>t</i> -Bu	OCOMe	7B	Partial cone
C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>5</sub> / <i>t</i> -Bu	OCOMe	13	1,3-Alternate + partial cone



on a Varian MAT 311A instrument. Microanalyses were carried out by Industrial Testing Laboratories, St. Lois, MO. TLC analyses were carried out on silica gel plates (adsorbant thickness 250  $\mu\text{m}$ ), using  $\text{CHCl}_3$  (3 parts)/hexane (4 parts) as the eluting agent.

**25,26,27,28-Tetramethoxycalix[4]arene (2A).** Following directions<sup>18</sup> a 1.04 g sample of **1A** was dissolved in 50 mL THF containing 5 mL DMF and treated with 1.0 g NaH followed by 10 g MeI. The mixture was refluxed 1 hr, the THF was removed by evaporation, and the residue was partitioned between water and  $\text{CHCl}_3$ . The  $\text{CHCl}_3$  extract was washed with water, dried, and evaporated, and the residue was recrystallized from *n*-BuOH to give 0.82 g (70%) of **2A** as white needles: m.p. 234–235°; <sup>1</sup>H NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  6.65 (br s, 12, ArH), 4.2–3.0 ppm (m, 20,  $\text{CH}_2$  and  $\text{CH}_3\text{O}$ ); mass spectrum (EI, 90 eV), *m/e* 480 (100%), 481 (33%) for M and M + 1. (Found: C, 80.00; H, 6.72. Calc. for  $\text{C}_{32}\text{H}_{32}\text{O}_4$ : C, 79.97; H, 6.71%).

**5,11,17,23 - Tetra - t - butyl - 25,26,27,28 - tetramethoxycalix[4]arene (2B).** A 5.0 g sample of **1B** in 25 mL THF and 2.5 mL DMF was treated with 0.5 g NaH and 5 mL MeI. The mixture was refluxed 1 hr, the THF was evaporated, and the residue was treated with 100 mL water. The white ppt was collected by filtration and recrystallized from  $\text{CHCl}_3$ -MeOH to give **2B** as colorless, elongated blades: m.p. 226.5–228°; <sup>1</sup>H NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  6.6 (br s, 8, ArH), 4.2–2.9 (m, 20,  $\text{CH}_2$  and  $\text{CH}_3\text{O}$ ), 1.30 and 1.24 ppm (s, 36,  $\text{C}(\text{CH}_3)_3$ ). (Found: C, 81.37; H, 9.14. Calc. for  $\text{C}_{68}\text{H}_{84}\text{O}_4$ : C, 81.82; H, 9.09%).

**25,26,27,28-Tetraethoxycalix[4]arene (3A).** A 1.0 g sample of **1A** in 50 mL THF and 5 mL DMF was treated with 1.0 g NaH followed by 19.5 g EtI as described to give 0.75 g (60%) of **3A** as colorless needles after recrystallization from  $\text{CHCl}_3$ -MeOH: m.p. 315.5–317°; <sup>1</sup>H NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.2–6.3 (12 lines, 12, ArH), 4.1–3.1 (15 lines, 16,  $\text{ArCH}_2\text{Ar}$  and  $\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{O}$ ), 1.44 (t, 6, J = 9 Hz,  $\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{O}$ ), 1.37 (t, 3, J = 7.2 Hz,  $\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{O}$ ), 0.94 ppm (t, 3, J = 7.0 Hz,  $\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{O}$ ); mass spectrum (EI, 90 eV), *m/e* 536 (100%), 537 (31%) (M and M + 1). (Found: C, 80.36; H, 7.49. Calc. for  $\text{C}_{36}\text{H}_{40}\text{O}_4$ : C, 80.56; H, 7.51%).

**5,11,17,23 - Tetra - t - butyl - 25,26,27,28 - tetraethoxycalix[4]arene (3B).** A 0.50 g sample of **1B** in 25 mL THF and 5 mL DMF was treated with 0.5 g NaH followed by 10 g EtI as described to give **3B** as colorless plates after recrystallization from *i*-PrOH: m.p. 261–262°; <sup>1</sup>H NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.2–6.5 (m, 8, ArH), 3.96 (d, 2, J = 12 Hz,  $\text{ArCH}_2\text{Ar}$ ), 3.85–3.40 (m, 12,  $\text{ArCH}_2\text{Ar}$  as a singlet at 3.63 and  $\text{OCH}_2\text{CH}_3$ ), 2.95 (d, 2, J = 12 Hz,  $\text{ArCH}_2\text{Ar}$ ), 1.52–1.0 ppm (11 lines, 48,  $\text{OCH}_2\text{CH}_3$  and  $\text{C}(\text{CH}_3)_3$ ); <sup>13</sup>C NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  153.5 (Ar), 143.3 (Ar), 142.8 (Ar), 136.0 (Ar), 133.1 (Ar), 132.7 (Ar), 131.9 (Ar), 127.8 (Ar), 126.0 (Ar), 125.3 (Ar), 125.1 (Ar), 69.3 ( $\text{OCH}_2\text{CH}_3$ ), 68.3 ( $\text{OCH}_2\text{CH}_3$ ), 66.9 ( $\text{OCH}_2\text{CH}_3$ ), 38.8 ( $\text{ArCH}_2\text{Ar}$ ), [33.7, 31.7, 31.4, 30.1, 16.6 and 16.1 ppm] ( $\text{OCH}_2\text{CH}_3$  and  $\text{C}(\text{CH}_3)_3$ ). (Found: C, 81.74; H, 9.73. Calc. for  $\text{C}_{52}\text{H}_{72}\text{O}_4$ : C, 82.10; H, 9.47%).

**25,26,27,28-Tetraallyloxycalix[4]arene (4A).** A 1.07 g sample of **1A** in 50 mL THF and 5 mL DMF was treated with 1.0 g NaH and 14 g allyl bromide as described for **2A**, and 1.09 g (74%) of **4A** was obtained as colorless needles after recrystallization from 95% EtOH: m.p. 184–185°; <sup>1</sup>H NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.2–6.5 (m, 16, ArH and HC=), 5.3–4.9 (m, 8,  $\text{H}_2\text{C}=\text{C}$ ), 4.4–3.0 ppm (m, 16,  $\text{CH}_2\text{C}=\text{C}$  and  $\text{ArCH}_2\text{Ar}$ ); <sup>13</sup>C NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  155.9, 137.2, 135.5, 135.2, 134.7, 134.2, 133.9, 133.2, 132.1, 130.8, 129.8, 128.8, 128.4, 128.1, 122.3, 121.7, 116.9, 115.1 (these 20 lines assigned to Ar and C=C), 75.8, 75.0, 73.8, 72.5 (these 4 lines assigned to  $\text{CH}_2\text{C}=\text{C}$ ), 36.1 ( $\text{ArCH}_2\text{Ar}$ ), 31.2 ppm ( $\text{ArCH}_2\text{Ar}$ ); mass spectrum (EI, 90 eV), *m/e* 584 (100%), 585 (37%) (M and M + 1). (Found: C, 82.43; H, 6.97. Calc. for  $\text{C}_{40}\text{H}_{40}\text{O}_4$ : C, 82.16; H, 6.90%).

**5,11,17,23 - Tetra - t - butyl - 25,26,27,28 - tetraallyloxycalix[4]arene ((4B))** was prepared as described for **2A** and obtained in 75% yield, m.p. 186–187°. An analytical sample was produced as colorless needles after recrystallization from  $\text{CHCl}_3$ /MeOH: m.p. 188–189°; <sup>1</sup>H NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  6.77 (s, 8, ArH), 6.44 (m, 4, HC=), 5.26 (d, 4,  $\text{H}_2\text{C}=\text{C}$ ), 5.19 (d, 4,  $\text{H}_2\text{C}=\text{C}$ ), 4.44 (d, 8, J = 7 Hz,  $\text{CH}_2\text{CH}=\text{CH}_2$ ), 4.39 (d, 4, J = 12 Hz,  $\text{ArCH}_2\text{Ar}$ ), 3.13 (d, 4, J = 12 Hz,  $\text{ArCH}_2\text{Ar}$ ), 1.08 ppm (s, 36,  $\text{C}(\text{CH}_3)_3$ ); <sup>13</sup>C NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  153.2, 144.5, 136.3, 134.0, 124.9, 116.3 (these 6 lines assigned to Ar and C=C), 75.7 ( $\text{CH}_2\text{C}=\text{C}$ ), 33.8 ( $\text{ArCH}_2\text{Ar}$ ),

31.4 ppm ( $\text{C}(\text{CH}_3)_3$ ). (Found: C, 81.82; H, 8.87. Calc. for  $\text{C}_{56}\text{H}_{72}\text{O}_4 \cdot \text{CH}_3\text{OH}$ : C, 81.42; H, 9.05%).

**25,26,27,28-Tetrabenzoyloxycalix[4]arene (5A).** A 1.0 g sample of **1A** was dissolved in 50 mL THF and 5 mL DMF and treated with 1.0 g NaH followed by 9.1 g benzyl chloride. The mixture was refluxed for 1 hr and then worked up to give 0.70 g (37%) of **5A** as white needles after recrystallization from glacial HOAc: m.p. 135–136°; <sup>1</sup>H NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.25–7.20 (m, 20, ArH), 6.54 (s, 12, ArH), 4.93 (s, 8,  $\text{OCH}_2\text{Ar}$ ), 4.23 (d, 4, J = 13 Hz,  $\text{ArCH}_2\text{Ar}$ ), 2.96 ppm (d, 4, J = 13 Hz,  $\text{ArCH}_2\text{Ar}$ ). (Found: C, 86.20; H, 6.19. Calc. for  $\text{C}_{56}\text{H}_{48}\text{O}_4$ : C, 85.68; H, 6.16%).

**5,11,17,23 - Tetra - t - butyl - 25,26,27,28 - tetrabenzoyloxycalix[4]arene (5B)** prepared as described for **2A** and obtained in 65% yield. An analytical sample was produced as colorless needles after recrystallization from  $\text{CHCl}_3$ /MeOH: m.p. 230–231°; <sup>1</sup>H NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.20 (s, 20, ArH), 6.68 (s, 8, ArH), 4.85 (s, 8,  $\text{OCH}_2\text{Ar}$ ), 4.16 (d, 4, J = 13 Hz,  $\text{ArCH}_2\text{Ar}$ ), 2.90 (d, 4, J = 13 Hz,  $\text{ArCH}_2\text{Ar}$ ), 1.08 ppm (s, 36,  $\text{C}(\text{CH}_3)_3$ ). (Found: C, 85.76; H, 8.07. Calc. for  $\text{C}_{72}\text{H}_{80}\text{O}_4$ : C, 85.71; H, 7.94%).

**5,11,17,23 - Tetra - t - butyl - 25,26,27,28 - tetrakis(trimethylsilyloxy)calix[4]arene (6B).** A 0.2 g sample of **1B** was dissolved in 10 mL MeCN, treated with 1.5 mL *N,O*-tris(trimethylsilyl)acetamide,<sup>9</sup> and heated at reflux for 16 hr under  $\text{N}_2$ . The product that precipitated upon cooling the mixture was removed by filtration and recrystallized from  $\text{CHCl}_3$ -MeOH to give 0.27 g (92%) of colorless, elongated blades: m.p. 338° (softening at 315–320°); <sup>1</sup>H NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  6.80 (s, 8, ArH), 4.45 (d, 4, J = 12 Hz,  $\text{ArCH}_2\text{Ar}$ ), 3.00 (d, 4, J = 12 Hz,  $\text{ArCH}_2\text{Ar}$ ), 1.18 (s, 36,  $\text{C}(\text{CH}_3)_3$ ), 0.35 ppm (s, 36,  $\text{Si}(\text{CH}_3)_3$ ). (Found: C, 71.51; H, 9.47. Calc. for  $\text{C}_{36}\text{H}_{80}\text{O}_4\text{Si}_4$ : C, 71.79; H, 9.40%).

**5,11,17,23 - Tetraallyl - 25,26,27,28 - tetrakis(trimethylsilyloxy)calix[4]arene (6C)** was prepared as described and obtained in 77% yield. An analytical sample was produced as colorless needles after recrystallization from MeOH/ $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ : m.p. 173–181°; <sup>1</sup>H NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  6.43 (s, 8, ArH), 6.05–5.43 (m, 4, HC=), 5.13 (br s, 4,  $\text{H}_2\text{C}=\text{C}$ ), 4.93–4.63 (m, 4,  $\text{H}_2\text{C}=\text{C}$ ), 4.31 (d, 4, J = 12 Hz,  $\text{ArCH}_2\text{Ar}$ ), 3.12 (br s, 8,  $\text{CH}_2\text{CH}=\text{CH}_2$ ), 3.02 (d, 4, J = 12 Hz,  $\text{ArCH}_2\text{Ar}$ ), 0.26 ppm (s, 36,  $\text{Si}(\text{CH}_3)_3$ ). (Found: C, 71.49; H, 8.45. Calc. for  $\text{C}_{52}\text{H}_{72}\text{O}_4\text{Si}_4$ : C, 71.50; H, 8.31%).

**25,26,27,28-Tetraacetoxyalix[4]arene (7A).** A 0.50 g sample of **1A** was dissolved in 25 mL  $\text{Ac}_2\text{O}$ , treated with a small amount of *p*-toluenesulfonic acid, and refluxed for 18 hr. The cooled mixture was poured into 150 mL water containing 1 mL conc  $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$ , stirred for 3 hr, and extracted with  $\text{CHCl}_3$ . The  $\text{CHCl}_3$  extract was washed, dried, and evaporated to give 0.51 g (73%) of a white powder which was recrystallized from benzene to give 0.36 g (51%) of small, colorless rhomboids which collapse to a white powder upon drying: m.p. 399–402° (dec); <sup>1</sup>H NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.01 (s, 12, ArH), 3.72 (s, 8,  $\text{CH}_2$ ), 1.53 ppm (s, 12,  $\text{CH}_3\text{CO}$ ); <sup>13</sup>C NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  167.8 (C=O), 148.2 (Ar), 133.0 (Ar), 129.0 (Ar), 125.3 (Ar), 37.4 ( $\text{CH}_3$ ), 28.3 ppm ( $\text{ArCH}_2\text{Ar}$ ). (Found: C, 72.90; H, 5.40. Calc. for  $\text{C}_{36}\text{H}_{32}\text{O}_8$ : C, 72.97; H, 5.41%).

**5,11,17,23 - Tetra - t - butyl - 25,26,27,28 - tetraacetoxyalix[4]arene (7B).** As described,<sup>1</sup> a 1.5 g sample of **1B** was treated with 37 mL  $\text{Ac}_2\text{O}$  and 2 drops conc  $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$ . The mixture was heated under reflux for 2 hr, poured into 300 mL ice water, and the ppt was collected by filtration as 1.1 g of a brown solid. After one recrystallization from AcOH a material was obtained that softened at 322° (the m.p. reported by Ungaro *et al.* is 320° (dec)) but did not melt at that temp. After several more recrystallizations from AcOH a material was obtained that was pure by TLC analysis, that softened about 330–340°, and that melted at 383–386°.

**25,26,27 - Trimethoxy - 28 - hydroxycalix[4]arene (8).** A 1.14 g sample of **1A** in 25 mL DMF was treated with 1.81 g BaO, 1.94 g  $\text{Ba}(\text{OH})_2 \cdot 8\text{H}_2\text{O}$ , and 6.67 g  $\text{Me}_2\text{SO}_4$ . After the mixture had been stirred for 15 hr at room temp, 5 mL conc  $\text{NH}_4\text{OH}$  was added followed by 25 mL water. The product was extracted into  $\text{CHCl}_3$ , and the  $\text{CHCl}_3$  was washed with water, dried over  $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$ , and evaporated. The residue was recrystallized from  $\text{CHCl}_3$ -MeOH to give 0.76 g (60%) of **8** as colorless needles: m.p. 212.5–214.5°; IR (KBr) 3450  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  (OH stretching); <sup>1</sup>H NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.2–6.4 (m, 12, ArH), 5.65 (s, 4, OH), 4.3–3.0 (m, 17,  $\text{ArCH}_2\text{Ar}$  and  $\text{CH}_3\text{O}$ ) with singlet and shoulder at 3.20 ppm; mass spectrum (EI,

90 eV) 466 (100%), 467 (31%) (M and M + 1). (Found: C, 79.86; H, 6.48. Calc. for  $C_{31}H_{30}O_4$ : C, 79.80; H, 6.48%).

5,11,17,23 - *Tetra - t - butyl - 25,27 - dimethoxy - 26,28 - dihydroxycalix[4]arene* (9). A 1.0 g sample of 1B was suspended in 250 mL ether, cooled in a dry ice-acetone bath, and treated with an ether soln of diazomethane prepared from 16 g  $N,N'$ -dimethyl -  $N,N'$ -dinitrosoterephthalamide.<sup>20</sup> The mixture was allowed to warm to room temp and was stirred for 48 hr, by which time all of the starting material had gone into soln. The excess diazomethane was decomposed by the addition of 1 N HCl, and the ether layer was separated, dried over  $Na_2SO_4$ , and evaporated to dryness. The residue was triturated with petroleum ether (b.p. 35–60°) left a white crystalline solid which was crystallized from  $CHCl_3$ -MeOH to give colorless rhombs; IR (KBr) 3450  $cm^{-1}$  (OH stretching);  $^1H$  NMR ( $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  7.02 (s, 4, ArH), 6.72 (s, 4, ArH), 4.27 (d, 4, J = 13 Hz,  $CH_2$ ), 3.90 (3, 6,  $CH_3O$ ), 3.30 (d, 4, J = 13 Hz,  $CH_2$ ), 1.30 (s, 18,  $C(CH_3)_3$ ), 0.92 ppm (3, 18,  $C(CH_3)_3$ );  $^{13}C$  NMR ( $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  123.5 (Ar), 123.0 (Ar), 120.9 (Ar), 117.6 (Ar), 112.7 (Ar), 110.0 (Ar), 108.5 (Ar), 108.3 (Ar), 69.5 ( $CH_3O$ ), 29.4 ( $C(CH_3)_3$ ), 28.7 ( $C(CH_3)_3$ ), 28.5 ( $ArCH_2Ar$ ), 28.3 ppm ( $C(CH_3)_3$ ). (Found: C, 81.81; H, 9.09. Calc for  $C_{46}H_{60}O_4$ : C, 81.66; H, 8.87%).

5,11,17,23 - *Tetraallyl - 25,27 - dibenzyloxy - 26,28 - dihydroxycalix[4]arene* (10). Following the procedure of Dewick<sup>21</sup> for benzylation, a 0.212 g (0.36 mmol) sample of 1C in 25 ml dry acetone was treated with 0.403 g (1.64 mmol) benzyl tosylate<sup>22</sup> and refluxed for 2 hr with stirring. The crude product obtained from the mixture was recrystallized from  $CHCl_3$ -MeOH to give 0.203 g (73%) of colorless, fine needles: m.p. 171–172.5°;  $^1H$  NMR ( $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  7.8–7.3 (m, 10, benzyl ArH), 6.88 (s, 4, ArH), 6.71 (s, 4, ArH), 6.0–5.6 (m, 4, HC=), 5.12–4.68 (m, 12,  $H_2C$ = and  $C_6H_5CH_2$ ), 4.26 (d, 4,  $ArCH_2Ar$ ), 3.36–2.92 ppm (m, 14,  $ArCH_2Ar$ ,  $CH_2CH=CH_2$  and OH). (Found: C, 83.67; H, 6.68. Calc. for  $C_{34}H_{52}O_4 \cdot 1/2CH_3OH$ : C, 83.84; H, 6.92%).

5,11 - *Di - phenyl - 17,23 - di - t - butyl - 25,26,27,28 - tetrakis(trimethylsilyloxy)calix[4]arene* (12) was prepared as described above for 6B and obtained as colorless crystals after recrystallization from 95% EtOH: m.p. 275–276° (softening at 262°);  $^1H$  NMR ( $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  7.3–6.6 (m, 18, ArH), 4.4–4.22 (m, 4,  $ArCH_2Ar$ ), 3.2–2.8 (m, 4,  $ArCH_2Ar$ ), 0.83 (s, 18,  $C(CH_3)_3$ ), 0.24 (s, 18,  $Si(CH_3)_3$ ), 0.21 ppm (s, 18,  $Si(CH_3)_3$ ). (Found: C, 73.23; H, 8.43. Calc. for  $C_{60}H_{80}O_4Si_4 \cdot 1/2C_2H_5OH$ : C, 73.20; H, 8.38%).

5,11 - *Diphenyl - 17,23 - di - t - butyl - 25,26,27,28 - tetraacetoxycalix[4]arene* (13) was prepared by the procedure described and as reported.<sup>10</sup> The crude product was separated into three isomers: Isomer-A, m.p. 314–316°; Isomer-B, m.p. 335° (with shrinking at 252° and color change at 260°); Isomer-C, m.p. 293–295° with shrinking at 286°.

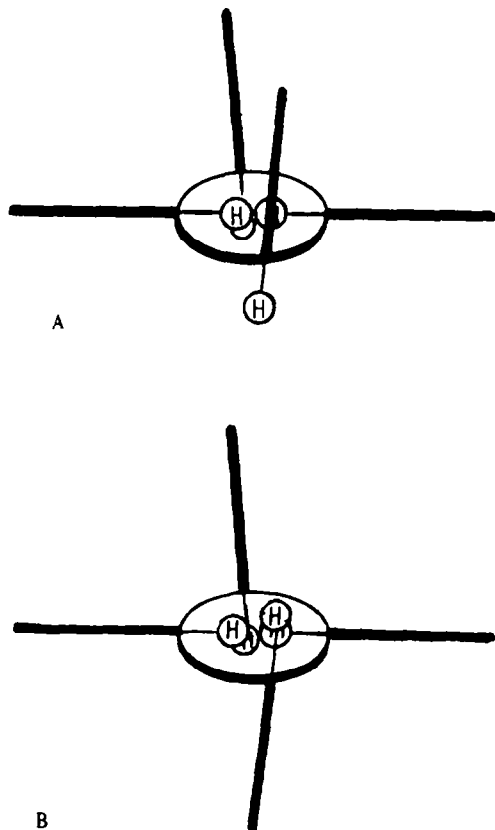
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