

## Circular Dichroism Spectrum of a Saturated Hydrocarbon, (–)(3*S*:5*S*)-2,2,3,5-Tetramethylheptane

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**Summary** The c.d. spectrum of (–)(3*S*:5*S*)-2,2,3,5-tetramethylheptane is presented.

We describe here the c.d. spectrum of a saturated optically-active alkane, (–)(3*S*:5*S*)-2,2,3,5-tetramethylheptane.<sup>1</sup> In the Figure we present both the c.d. and absorption spectra<sup>2</sup> of the vapour phase in the spectral region 170–140 nm.

The c.d. spectrum was measured on a vacuum u.v. c.d. instrument which has been described<sup>3,4</sup> previously. As seen in the Figure, the absorption has no discrete structure in this region. On the other hand, the c.d. spectrum consists of a broad negative band, centred at 148 nm of half-intensity width 11 nm.

The spectra of saturated hydrocarbons have been discussed by Raymonda and Simpson.<sup>5</sup> However, no clear assignment of the c.d. band observed here was possible.

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<sup>2</sup> The absorption spectrum was measured on a McPherson Model 225 double beam system. We are grateful to Professor Reuben Braunstein for the use of the instrument.

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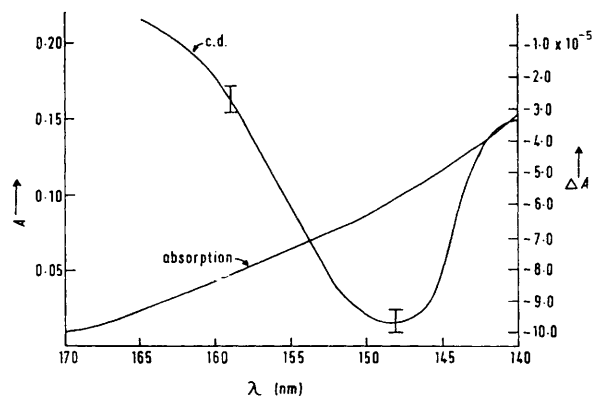


FIGURE. The absorption and c.d. spectra of (–)(3*S*:5*S*)-2,2,3,5-tetramethylheptane. Spectral resolution for absorption spectrum: 0.08 nm; spectral resolution for c.d. spectrum: 1.6 nm.

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