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#### Key indicators

Single-crystal X-ray study  
 $T = 299$  K  
Mean  $\sigma(\text{C}-\text{C}) = 0.007$  Å  
 $R$  factor = 0.039  
 $wR$  factor = 0.123  
Data-to-parameter ratio = 11.3

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## A second polymorph of 1,2-bis[4-(4-chlorophenyl)-1,3-thiazol-2-yl]disulfane

The asymmetric unit of the title compound,  $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{10}\text{Cl}_2\text{N}_2\text{S}_4$ , consists of one full molecule and two half molecules, which are completed by twofold rotation symmetry.

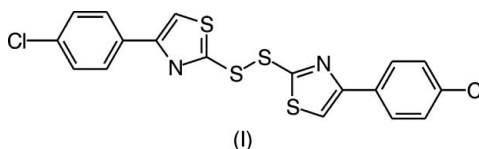
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#### Comment

The title racemate of (I) has been isolated from photochemical transformations of, for example, 1-hydroxy- or 1-pivalyloxy-4-(*p*-chlorophenyl)thiazole-2(3*H*)-thione (Hartung *et al.*, 2005) and its structure is reported here.

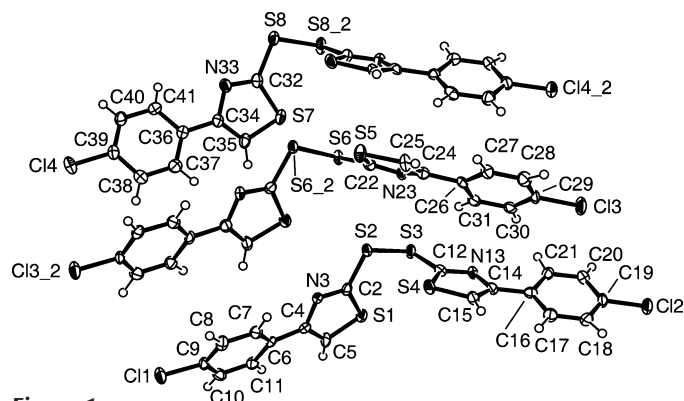


Compound (I) (Fig. 1), which crystallizes in the space group  $C2/c$ , is a polymorph of the first monoclinic modification ( $P2_1/c$ ) reported in the preceding paper (Hartung *et al.*, 2005). The asymmetric unit consists of one full molecule and two half molecules, which are completed by twofold rotation symmetry. This arrangement gives rise to three different disulfane torsion angles and ligand configurations at the S atoms (Fig. 2). Different interplanar angles between the 1,3-thiaz-2-yl group and the *p*-chlorophenyl plane are found in the two S-bound substituents for molecule 1 (Fig. 2). By symmetry, identical interplanar angles are present in each half of molecules 2 and 3, although the absolute values differ between the two molecules. The bond lengths and angles (Table 1) are similar but not identical to the values reported for (I) in its first monoclinic modification (Hartung *et al.*, 2005).

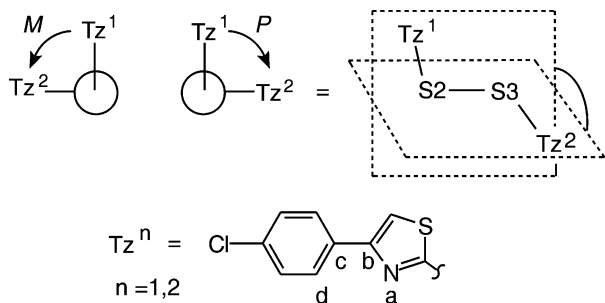
The structure comprises a racemic mixture of *P*- and *M*-enantiomers (Figs. 2 and 3). The *P*-(I) and *M*-(I) enantiomers form separate stacks, as seen in the view along [010]. Packing within these stacks occurs with an approximate  $90^\circ$  twist between the *p*-chlorophenyl entities of adjacent layers (Fig. 3). The distance between stacks of enantiomers falls below the sum of the van der Waals radii of two Cl atoms [ $\text{Cl1} \cdots \text{Cl2}^i = 3.357$  (6) Å and  $\text{Cl3} \cdots \text{Cl4}^i = 3.389$  (7) Å; Bondi, 1964; symmetry code: (i)  $x - \frac{1}{2}, -y + \frac{1}{2}, z + \frac{1}{2}$ ; (ii)  $x - 1, y - 1, z$ ].

#### Experimental

The title compound, (I), was prepared as described previously (Hartung *et al.*, 1999, 2003; Adam *et al.*, 2000). The compound (Runge, 1963) crystallizes as colourless needles by the gradual concentration of a saturated solution of (I) in petroleum ether– $\text{Et}_2\text{O}$  at 298 K.



**Figure 1**  
The molecular structure of (I). Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the 50% probability level. In the top molecule *\_1* indicates the symmetry position  $-x, y, \frac{3}{2} - z$  and in the middle molecule *\_2* indicates the symmetry position  $-x, y, \frac{1}{2} - z$ .



	Tz <sup>1</sup> –S–S–Tz <sup>2</sup> (°)	a–b–c–d (°)
molecule 1	92.2 (2)	17.7 (6) for Tz <sup>1</sup> –15.0 (6) for Tz <sup>2</sup>
molecule 2	102.6 (3)	18.4 (6) for Tz <sup>1</sup> and Tz <sup>2</sup>
molecule 3	85.3 (2)	–21.4 (6) for Tz <sup>1</sup> and Tz <sup>2</sup>

**Figure 2**  
Conformational aspects of independent molecules of *P*-(I).

### Crystal data

C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>10</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>N<sub>2</sub>S<sub>4</sub>  
*M<sub>r</sub>* = 453.44  
 Monoclinic, *C2/c*  
*a* = 20.293 (3) Å  
*b* = 9.999 (3) Å  
*c* = 37.594 (3) Å  
 $\beta$  = 91.53 (1)°  
*V* = 7625 (3) Å<sup>3</sup>  
*Z* = 16

*D<sub>x</sub>* = 1.580 Mg m<sup>–3</sup>  
 Mo *K*α radiation  
 Cell parameters from 25  
 reflections  
 $\theta$  = 4.3–12.3°  
 $\mu$  = 0.78 mm<sup>–1</sup>  
*T* = 299 (2) K  
 Needle, colourless  
 0.55 × 0.22 × 0.05 mm

### Data collection

Enraf–Nonius CAD-4  
 diffractometer  
 $\omega/2\theta$  scans  
 Absorption correction:  $\psi$  scan  
 (North *et al.*, 1968)  
*T<sub>min</sub>* = 0.696, *T<sub>max</sub>* = 0.965  
 7300 measured reflections  
 5282 independent reflections  
 3152 reflections with *I* > 2σ(*I*)

*R<sub>int</sub>* = 0.048  
 $\theta_{\max}$  = 23.0°  
*h* = –22 → 6  
*k* = –10 → 0  
*l* = –41 → 41  
 3 standard reflections  
 frequency: 120 min  
 intensity decay: 3.1%

### Refinement

Refinement on *F*<sup>2</sup>  
*R* [*F*<sup>2</sup> > 2σ(*F*<sup>2</sup>)] = 0.039  
*wR* (*F*<sup>2</sup>) = 0.123  
*S* = 0.99  
 5282 reflections  
 469 parameters  
 H-atom parameters constrained

$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.057P)^2 + 7.2189P]$   
 where  $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$   
 ( $\Delta/\sigma$ )<sub>max</sub> = 0.005  
 $\Delta\rho_{\max} = 0.33 \text{ e } \text{Å}^{-3}$   
 $\Delta\rho_{\min} = -0.27 \text{ e } \text{Å}^{-3}$

**Table 1**

Selected geometric parameters (Å, °).

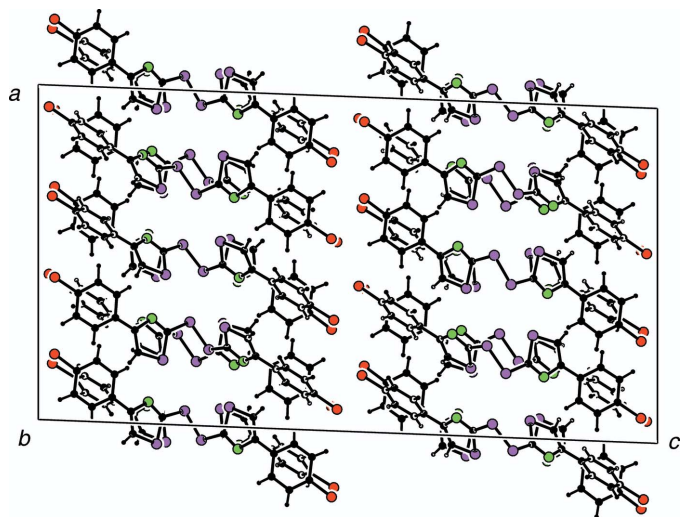
C2–N3	1.306 (5)	C22–S6	1.756 (5)
C2–S1	1.725 (4)	C24–C25	1.360 (6)
C2–S2	1.750 (4)	C24–N23	1.381 (6)
C4–C5	1.364 (6)	C24–C26	1.468 (6)
C4–N3	1.388 (5)	C25–S5	1.705 (5)
C4–C6	1.466 (6)	C29–Cl3	1.733 (5)
C5–S1	1.707 (5)	C32–N33	1.296 (5)
C9–Cl1	1.739 (5)	C32–S7	1.722 (4)
C12–N13	1.298 (5)	C32–S8	1.761 (4)
C12–S4	1.731 (4)	C34–C35	1.355 (6)
C12–S3	1.759 (5)	C34–N33	1.383 (5)
C14–C15	1.359 (6)	C34–C36	1.471 (6)
C14–N13	1.379 (5)	C35–S7	1.702 (5)
C14–Cl6	1.474 (6)	C39–Cl4	1.745 (5)
C15–S4	1.692 (5)	S2–S3	2.028 (2)
C19–Cl2	1.749 (5)	S6–S6 <sup>i</sup>	2.026 (2)
C22–N23	1.297 (5)	S8–S8 <sup>ii</sup>	2.031 (2)
C22–S5	1.725 (5)		
N3–C2–S1	115.3 (3)	N33–C32–S8	120.6 (3)
N3–C2–S2	120.7 (3)	S7–C32–S8	122.8 (2)
S1–C2–S2	124.0 (2)	C35–C34–N33	113.6 (4)
C5–C4–N3	113.9 (4)	C34–C35–S7	112.3 (4)
C4–C5–S1	111.4 (4)	C2–N3–C4	110.6 (3)
N13–C12–S4	115.1 (3)	C12–N13–C14	110.8 (3)
N13–C12–S3	120.0 (3)	C22–N23–C24	110.8 (4)
S4–C12–S3	124.7 (2)	C32–N33–C34	110.2 (3)
C15–C14–N13	113.6 (4)	C5–S1–C2	88.8 (2)
C14–C15–S4	112.1 (3)	C2–S2–S3	101.9 (1)
N23–C22–S5	115.4 (4)	C12–S3–S2	102.9 (1)
N23–C22–S6	119.9 (4)	C15–S4–C12	88.3 (2)
S5–C22–S6	124.7 (3)	C25–S5–C22	88.4 (2)
C25–C24–N23	113.8 (4)	C22–S6–S6 <sup>i</sup>	102.8 (2)
C24–C25–S5	111.6 (4)	C35–S7–C32	87.8 (2)
N33–C32–S7	116.2 (3)	C32–S8–S8 <sup>ii</sup>	101.7 (1)
N3–C4–C6–C7	–15.0 (6)	N33–C34–C36–C41	–18.4 (6)
N13–C14–C16–C21	17.7 (6)	C2–S2–S3–C12	92.2 (2)
N23–C24–C26–C31	–21.4 (6)		

Symmetry codes: (i)  $-x, y, -z + \frac{1}{2}$ ; (ii)  $-x + 1, y, -z + \frac{3}{2}$ .

All H atoms were positioned geometrically and treated as riding atoms, with C–H = 0.93 Å and with *U*<sub>iso</sub>(H) = 1.2*U*<sub>eq</sub>(C).

Data collection: *CAD-4 Diffractometer Control Software* (Enraf–Nonius, 1993); cell refinement: *CAD-4 Diffractometer Control Software*; data reduction: *CAD-4 Diffractometer Control Software*; program(s) used to solve structure: *SHELXS97* (Sheldrick, 1997); program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXL97* (Sheldrick, 1997); molecular graphics: *PLATON* (Spek, 2003) and *ORTEP3* (Farrugia, 1997); software used to prepare material for publication: *SHELXL97*.

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**Figure 3**  
The packing of (I) in the unit cell, viewed along [010]. S atoms are depicted in purple, Cl in orange and N in green.

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