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#### Key indicators

Single-crystal X-ray study T = 190 KMean  $\sigma$ () = 0.000 Å Disorder in main residue R factor = 0.034 wR factor = 0.089 Data-to-parameter ratio = 12.6

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# 2,3,6-Trichloroiodobenzene

The title compound,  $C_6H_2Cl_3I$ , is a building block of polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs). In the crystal structure, the molecule is disordered over three orientations.

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#### Comment

Trichloroiodobenzenes are important starting materials for the synthesis of *ortho*-substituted polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) of environmental relevance (Kania-Korwel *et al.*, 2005). To date, the crystal structures of only two trichloroiodobenzenes, namely 2,4,5-trichloroiodobenzene (Kania-Korwel, Lehmler *et al.*, 2003) and 2,4,6-trichloroiodobenzene (Kania-Korwel, Robertson *et al.*, 2003), have been published. We report here the crystal structure of 2,3,6-trichloroiodobenzene, (I), to add to the available database of crystal structures of chlorinated iodobenzenes.



The molecule of compound (I) is disordered over three orientations in the solid state; one orientation is shown in Fig. 1. The second orientation is obtained by an approximate twofold rotation about an axis passing through the mid-point of the C1-C2 and C4-C5 bonds of main orientation. The third orientation is approximated by a twofold rotation about the C1-I1 bond direction. As for 2,4,5-trichloroiodobenzene (Kania-Korwel, Lehmler *et al.*, 2003), the disordered packing of (I) in the solid state is likely a result of the unsymmetrical chlorine substitution.

#### **Experimental**

The title compound, (I), was synthesized by chlorination of 2,6dichloroiodobenzene (Waller & Mash 1997). Colourless blades were obtained upon recrystallization from hot methanol.

Crystal data  $C_{6}H_{2}Cl_{3}I$   $M_{r} = 307.33$ Orthorhombic,  $Pca2_{1}$  a = 16.4873 (16) Å b = 4.0530 (4) Å c = 12.7746 (13) Å V = 853.64 (15) Å<sup>3</sup>

Z = 4  $D_x = 2.391 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$ Mo K $\alpha$  radiation  $\mu = 4.61 \text{ mm}^{-1}$ T = 190 (2) K Blade, colourless  $0.24 \times 0.09 \times 0.05 \text{ mm}$ 

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## Data collection

Nonius KappaCCD diffractometer  $\varphi$  and  $\omega$  scans Absorption correction: multi-scan (SCALEPACK; Otwinowski & Minor, 1997)  $T_{\min} = 0.404, T_{\max} = 0.802$ 

# Refinement

Refinement on  $F^2$   $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.034$   $wR(F^2) = 0.089$  S = 1.041946 reflections 155 parameters H-atom parameters constrained 20082 measured reflections 1946 independent reflections 1678 reflections with I > 2u(I) $R_{int} = 0.027$  $\theta_{max} = 27.5^{\circ}$ 

$$\begin{split} w &= 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0486P)^2 \\ &+ 0.953P] \\ \text{where } P &= (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3 \\ (\Delta/\sigma)_{\text{max}} &= 0.008 \\ \Delta\rho_{\text{max}} &= 0.74 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3} \\ \Delta\rho_{\text{min}} &= -0.50 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3} \\ \text{Absolute structure: Flack (1983),} \\ 924 \text{ Freidel pairs} \\ \text{Flack parameter: } 0.30 \text{ (4)} \end{split}$$

# Table 1 Selected geometric parameters (Å, °).

C1-C6	1.392 (18)	C3-C4	1.414 (16)
C1-C2	1.405 (9)	C3-Cl3	1.718 (10)
C1-I1	2.131 (12)	C4-C5	1.346 (9)
C2-C3	1.370 (18)	C5-C6	1.387 (16)
C2-Cl2	1.710 (15)	C6-Cl6	1.719 (11)
C6-C1-C2	118.9 (13)	C2-C3-Cl3	122.0 (9)
C6-C1-I1	120.8 (8)	C4-C3-Cl3	117.3 (9)
C2-C1-I1	120.3 (12)	C5-C4-C3	119.2 (12)
C3-C2-C1	119.7 (13)	C4-C5-C6	121.2 (12)
C3-C2-Cl2	120.8 (10)	C5-C6-C1	120.3 (9)
C1-C2-Cl2	119.5 (13)	C5-C6-Cl6	119.8 (9)
C2-C3-C4	120.7 (9)	C1-C6-Cl6	119.8 (9)

The molecule is disordered over three orientations. The site occupancies refined to 0.625 (5):0.339 (3):0.036 (3) and were restrained to sum to 1.0. The molecular geometries were restrained to be the same. 'Partial' atoms occupying the same general site (*e.g.*, 11, Cl2', and I1'') were constrained to have the same anisotropic displacement parameters, except Cl3'' [ $U_{iso}$ (Cl3'') = 1.2 $U_{eq}$ (C3'')]. The three orientations were restrained to be planar. An anti-bumping restraint was imposed on Cl3''... Cl6''i [symmetry code: (i)  $\frac{1}{2} + x$ , -y, z]. The value of the Flack parameter indicates partial inversion twinning. The riding model was used to position H atoms and to set their isotropic thermal parameters.

Data collection: COLLECT (Nonius, 2000); cell refinement: SCALEPACK (Otwinowski & Minor, 1997); data reduction: SCALEPACK and DENZO (Otwinowski & Minor, 1997);



## Figure 1

Displacement ellipsoid plot of (I) (50% probability level). Only the main orientation is shown.

program(s) used to solve structure: *SHELXTL* (Sheldrick, 2001); program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXTL*; molecular graphics: *SHELXTL*; software used to prepare material for publication: *SHELXTL*.

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