Supporting Information

Experimental

Crystal structure data

4CC-y: Yellow plate recrystallized with acetone. $C_{13}H_9Cl_2NO$, Mw = 266.12, monoclinic, a = 6.140(5), b = 6.848(6), c = 27.39(2) Å, $\beta = 95.26(2)^\circ$, V = 1146.6(16) Å³, $D_{calcd} = 1.541$ g/cm³, T = 93 K, space group I2/c (#15), Z = 4, μ (Mo-K α) = 5.45 cm⁻¹, F(000) = 544, 6509 reflections measured and 2453 unique ($2\theta_{max}=54.9^\circ$, $R_{int} = 0.0462$) which were used in all calculations. Goodness-of-fit on $F^2 = 1.113$, R = 0.0447, $R_w = 0.1002$.

4CC-o: Orange plate recrystallized with acetone. $C_{13}H_9Cl_2NO$, Mw = 266.12, monoclinic, a = 10.004(6), b = 4.688(3), c = 11.919(7) Å, $\beta = 93.2393(10)^\circ$, V = 558.1(6) Å³, $D_{calcd} = 1.584$ g/cm³, T = 93 K, space group $P2_1/c$ (#14), Z = 2, μ (Mo-K α) = 5.60 cm⁻¹, F(000) = 272, 6549 reflections measured and 1275 unique ($2\theta_{max} = 55.0^\circ$, $R_{int} = 0.0530$) which were used in all calculations. Goodness-of-fit on $F^2 = 1.265$, R = 0.0504, $R_w = 0.1208$.

5CC-o: Orange needle recrystallized with dichloromethane and hexane. $C_{13}H_9Cl_2NO$, Mw = 266.12, monoclinic, a = 20.427(6), b = 4.5728(13), c = 12.101(4) Å, $\beta = 92.301(5)$ °, V = 1129.4(6) Å³, $D_{calcd} = 1.565$ g/cm³, T = 93 K, space group $P2_1/c$ (#14), Z = 4, μ (Mo-K α) = 5.54 cm⁻¹, F(000) = 544, 12645 reflections measured and 2578 unique ($2\theta_{max} = 55.0^\circ$, $R_{int} = 0.0467$) which were used in all calculations. Goodness-of-fit on $F^2 = 1.072$, R = 0.0333, $R_w = 0.0830$.

Tables and Drawing Objects

| Compound | 40 | 4CC | | 5CC | | |
|-----------------|---|---|-----------------|--------------|--|--|
| Times elapsed | 1h | 24h | 1h | 24h | | |
| Methanol | $\mathrm{Y} + \mathrm{O}_{\mathrm{tr}}$ | $\mathrm{Y} + \mathrm{O}_{\mathrm{tr}}$ | $Y + O_{tr}$ | $Y + O_{tr}$ | | |
| Ethanol | Y | Y | Y | Y | | |
| Pyridine | Y ^{b)} | Y | Y ^{b)} | Y | | |
| Acetone | Y | 0 | 0 | 0 | | |
| Acetonitrile | Ο | 0 | $Y_{tr} + O$ | $Y_{tr} + O$ | | |
| Dichloromethane | Y + O | O ^{c)} | 0 | Ο | | |

Table S1 Forms (Y: yellow, O: orange)^{a)} of crystals obtained when saturated solutions (25° C) was cooled down to 0° C.

a) Subscript "tr" denotes trace amount. b) After 4h. c) After 12h at 4°C.

| | Heating process | Cooling process | |
|-----------|-----------------|-----------------|--------------|
| 4CC-y | | | |
| 1st cycle | 34.1 (156.0) | -29.3 (123.7) | |
| 2nd cycle | 30.6 (146.0) | -29.1 (124.0) | |
| 3rd cycle | 32.8 (155.0) | -30.9 (123.4) | |
| 4CC-o | | | |
| 1st cycle | 35.2 (154.9) | -30.5 (122.6) | |
| 2nd cycle | 34.1 (153.7) | -30.6 (123.1) | |
| 5CC-y | | | |
| 1st cycle | 33.3 (149.4) | -28.2 (131.5) | -3.6 (115.0) |
| 2nd cycle | 33.6 (149.5) | -28.1 (129.5) | -3.8 (126.5) |
| 5CC-o | | | |
| 1st cycle | 34.2 (150.1) | -29.1 (130.1) | -3.7 (123.5) |
| 2nd cycle | 33.9 (149.4) | -29.0 (130.0) | -3.7 (120.6) |

Table S2 ΔH / J mol⁻¹ (peak temperature / °C) measured at heating/cooling rate of 2 K/min.





Figure S1 DSC profiles of the four crystalline samples onset and peak temperatures are indicated with arrows.



Figure S2 FT-IR spectra of 4CC-y and 4CC-o with different thermal histories. The spectra classified into the types of yellow and orange forms are shown with black and red lines, respectively.



Figure S3 FT-IR spectra of 5CC-y and 5CC-o with different thermal histories. The spectra classified into the types of yellow and orange forms are shown in black and red lines, respectively.



Figure S4 Variable-temperature FT-IR spectra of 4CC-y from 40 to 160 °C with an increment of 10°C. The spectra of the as-prepared samples of 4CC-y and 4CC-o are also included.

| | $d_{ m Cl-H},d_{ m Cl-Cl}$ / Å | $\theta_{\text{C-Cl-H}}$ | $\theta_{\text{C-Cl-Cl}}$ | ØC−Cl−Cl−C |
|--------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|------------|
| 4CC-y | | | | |
| CHCl | 3.065 | 131.8 | | |
| ClCl | 3.377 | | 149.5 | 180.0 |
| 5CC-y | | | | |
| CHCl (h-h) ^{a)} | 3.001 | 121.8 | | |
| $CHCl (t-t)^{b)}$ | 3.108 | 134.3 | | |
| $ClCl (h-h)^{a)}$ | 3.392 | | 151.2 | 180.0 |
| $ClCl(t-t)^{b)}$ | 3.393 | | 150.8 | 180.0 |
| 4CC-o | | | | |
| CHCl | 2.968 | 132.6 | | |
| ClCl | 3.436 | | 90.9, 159.6 | 102.0 |
| 5CC-o | | | | |
| CHCl (h-h) ^{a)} | 2.963 | 120.0 | | |
| $CHCl (t-t)^{b)}$ | 2.997 | 133.9 | | |
| $ClCl (h-h)^{a)}$ | 3.511 | | 114.2, 159.2 | 154.1 |
| $ClCl(t-t)^{b)}$ | 3.463 | | 92.6, 156.1 | 103.2 |

Table S3 Geometrical parameters relevant to CH...halogen and halogen...halogen interactions. Distance (*d*), bent angle (θ), and dihedral angle (ϕ) are as indicated in the figure below.

a) For atoms that belong to salicyl rings (head-to-head).

b) For atoms that belong to aniline rings (tail-to-tail).





Figure S5 powder XRD patterns of 4CC-y and 4CC-o with different crystallization conditions. The patterns classified into the types of yellow and orange forms are shown with black and red lines, respectively.



Figure S6 powder XRD patterns of 5CC-y and 5CC-o with different crystallization conditions. The patterns classified into the types of yellow and orange forms are shown with black and red lines, respectively.



Figure S7 Variable-temperature powder XRD patterns of 4CC-y from 35 to 145 °C with an increment of 10°C. The patterns of the as-prepared samples of 4CC-y and 4CC-o are also included.



Figure S8 Molecular arrangement in a 4CC-y crystal modeled by removing the disorder and assuming $P2_1/a$ space group: viewed along the b-axis (top) and c-axis (bottom). Symbols denoting symmetry elements are overlaid.



Figure S9 Molecular arrangement in a 4CC-y crystal modeled by removing the disorder and assuming *I*-1 space group: viewed along the b-axis (top) and c-axis (bottom). Symbols denoting symmetry elements are overlaid.



Figure S10 Molecular arrangement in a 4CC-o crystal modeled by removing the disorder and assuming $P2_1/c$ space group: viewed along the b-axis (top) and c-axis (bottom). Symbols denoting symmetry elements are overlaid.



Figure S11 Molecular arrangement in a 4CC-o crystal modeled by removing the disorder and assuming *Cc* space group: viewed along the b-axis (top) and c-axis (bottom). Symbols denoting symmetry elements are overlaid.



Figure S12 Crystal fingerprint plots for (a) 4CC-y ($P2_1/a$ model) and (c) 5CC-y. (b) and (d) are the partial plots contributed by Cl (interior)...any atom (exterior) pair for (a) and (c), respectively.



Figure S13 Crystal fingerprint plots for (a) 4CC-o ($P2_1/c$ model) and (c) 5CC-y. (b) and (d) are the partial plots contributed by Cl (interior)...any atom (exterior) pair for (a) and (c), respectively.



Figure S14 Schematic representation of Gibbs energy and enthalpy for 4CC (left) and 5CC (right) as functions of temperature. The quantities for yellow and orange polymorphs are denoted with subscripts 1 and 2, respectively.