

### **Supporting Information**

for the typescript entitled “Journeys in crystal energy landscapes: actual and virtual structures in polymorphic 5-nitrobenzo[*c*][1,2,5]thiadiazole” by Francesco Silvio Gentile, Emmanuele Parisi and Roberto Centore

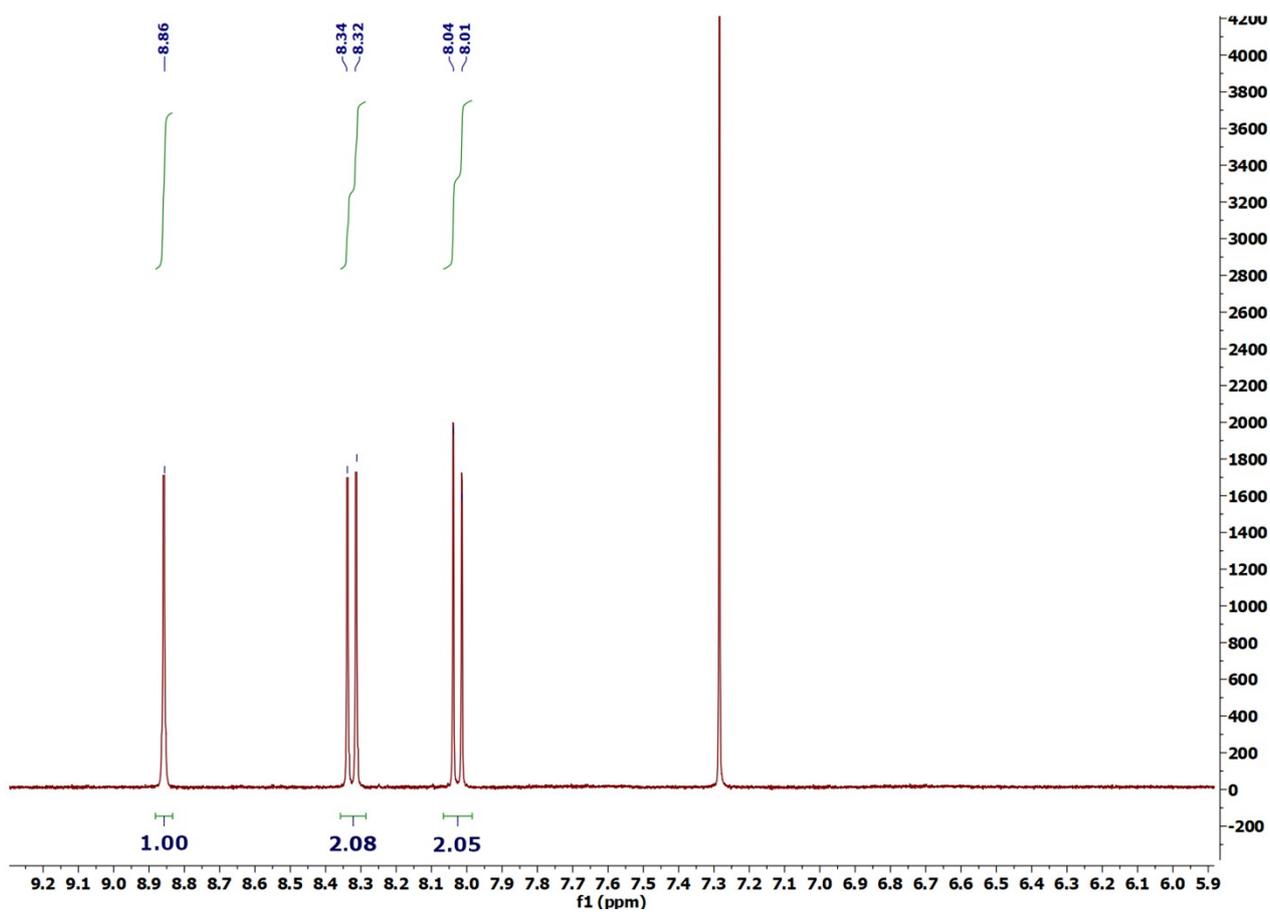


Fig. S1. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectrum of **1**, in CDCl<sub>3</sub> as solvent. The signal near 7.3 ppm is due to residual CHCl<sub>3</sub>.

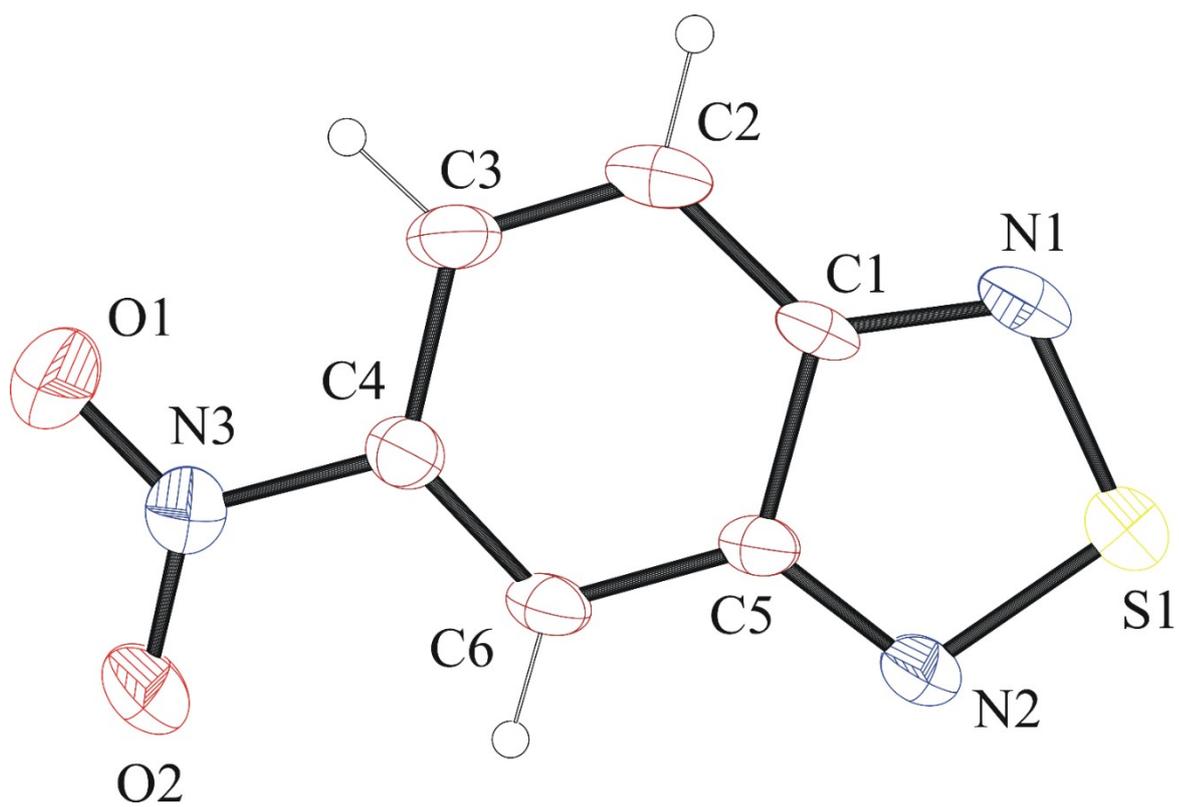


Fig. S2. ORTEP diagram of the molecular structure of **1** in polymorph II at 293 K. Thermal ellipsoids are drawn at 30 % probability level.

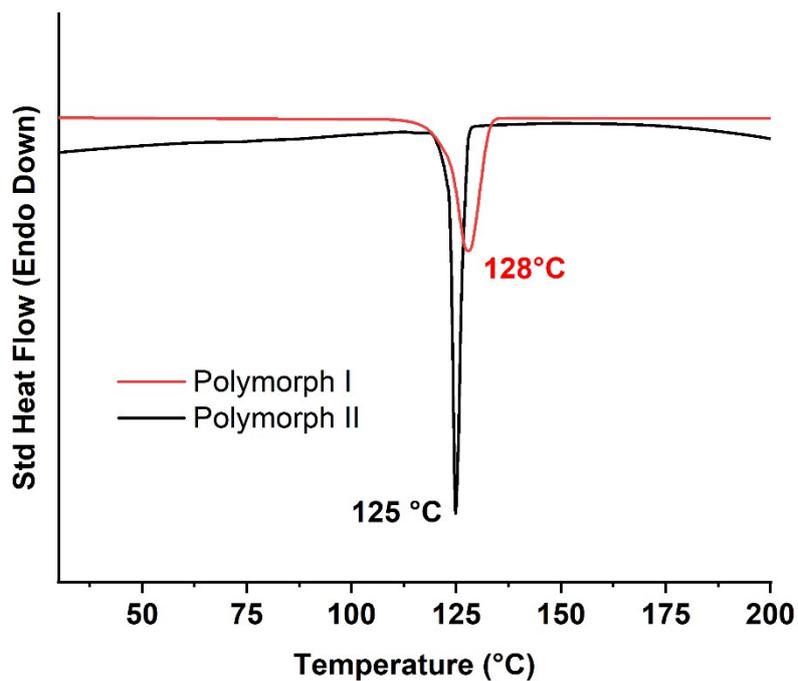


Fig. S3. DSC thermograms, on heating, of samples of polymorphs I and II of compound **1**. Heating rate is 10 °C/min, under flowing N<sub>2</sub>.

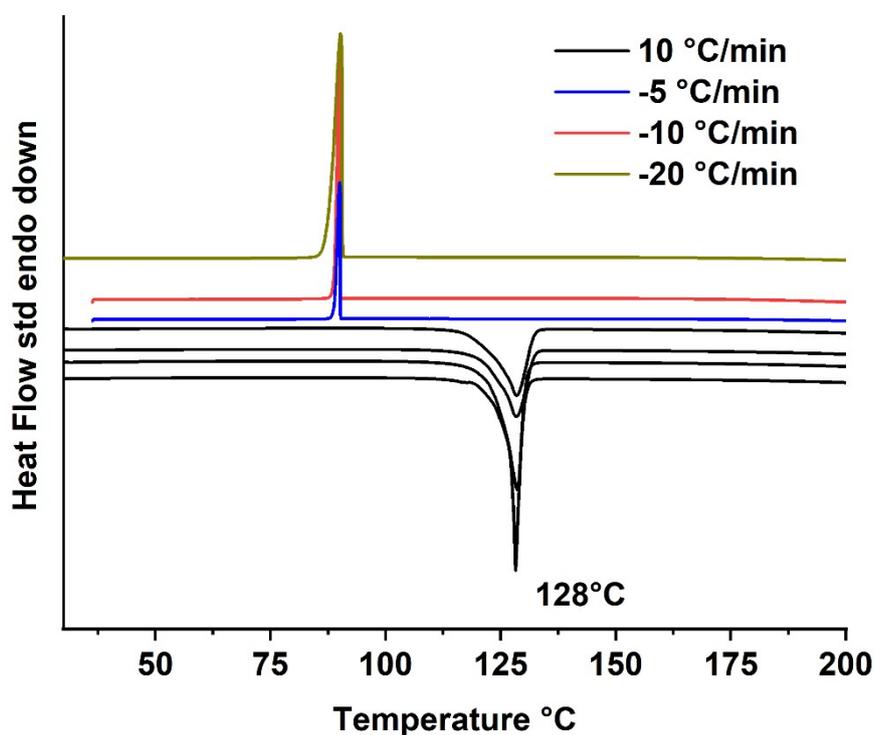


Fig. S4. DSC thermograms, on heating (black curves), of samples of compound **1** obtained by cooling the liquid phase at different cooling rates (5 °C/min blue curve, 10 °C/min red curve, and 20 °C/min brown curve). Heating rate is 10 °C/min in all cases. Measurements performed under flowing N<sub>2</sub>.

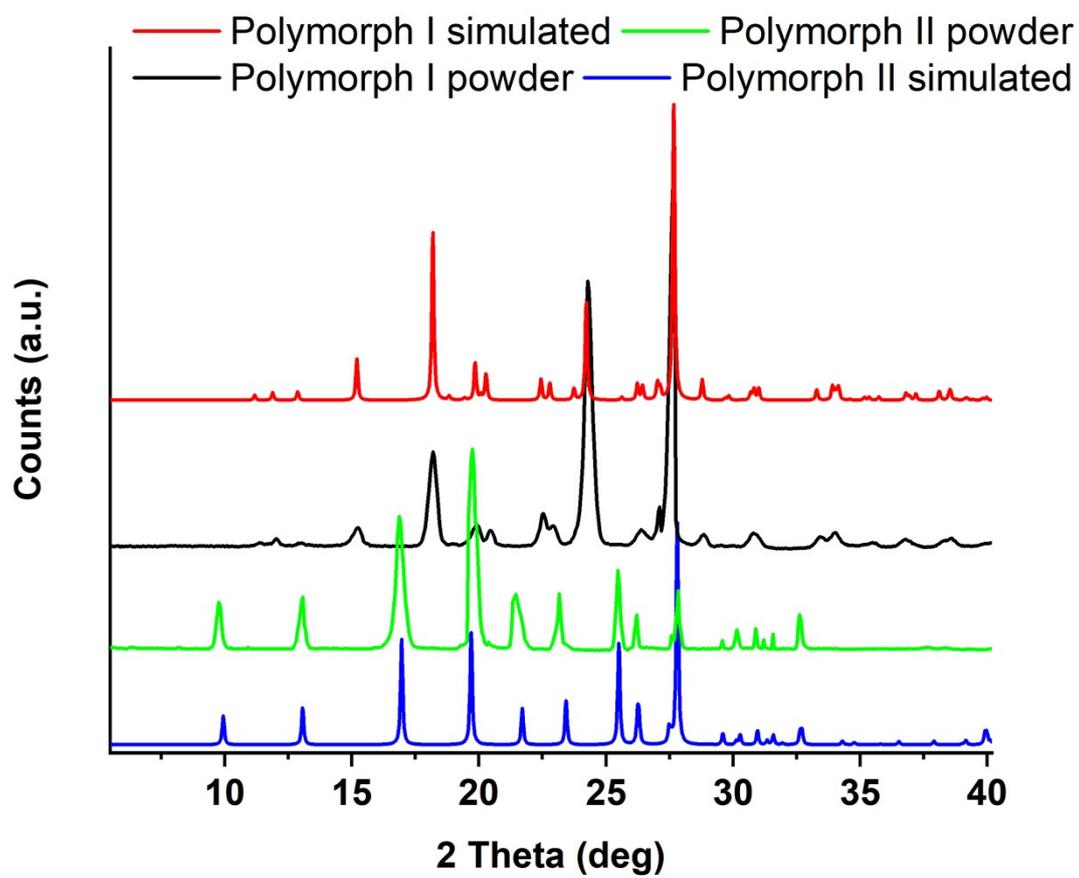


Fig. S5. Experimental and simulated powder diffraction patterns of polymorphs I and II of **1**. CuK $\alpha$  radiation was used in all cases.

Table S1. Initial and final optimized cell parameters for actual and virtual crystal structures of **1**, at 0 K.

	Space group	Initial lattice parameters <sup>(a)</sup>	Optimized lattice parameters at 0 K
A1	$P\bar{1}$	a=5.7385(4) Å $\alpha=112.262(2)^\circ$ b=7.8571(5) Å $\beta=93.986(2)^\circ$ c=8.3539(5) Å $\gamma=91.902(2)^\circ$	a=5.4402 Å $\alpha=113.029^\circ$ b=7.4196 Å $\beta=93.3165^\circ$ c=8.2797 Å $\gamma=96.122^\circ$
A2	$Pc$	a=3.812(3) Å $\alpha=90^\circ$ b=8.905(4) Å $\beta=95.02(4)^\circ$ c=10.498(5) Å $\gamma=90^\circ$	a=3.6099 Å $\alpha=90^\circ$ b=8.7323 Å $\beta=89.48^\circ$ c=9.7339 Å $\gamma=90^\circ$
V1	$P2_1/c$	a=9.8560(11) Å $\alpha=90^\circ$ b=3.8407(4) Å $\beta=102.777(4)^\circ$ c=18.626(2) Å $\gamma=90^\circ$	a=10.0709 Å $\alpha=90^\circ$ b=3.4310 Å $\beta=101.261^\circ$ c=18.4084 Å $\gamma=90^\circ$
V2	$P2_1/c$	a=10.1467(13) Å $\alpha=90^\circ$ b=4.8078(6) Å $\beta=97.320(3)^\circ$ c=13.8542(17) Å $\gamma=90^\circ$	a=8.9824 Å $\alpha=90^\circ$ b=5.2876 Å $\beta=89.773^\circ$ c=13.1096 Å $\gamma=90^\circ$
V3	$P2_12_12_1$	a=3.9535(3) Å $\alpha=90^\circ$ b=11.7197(10) Å $\beta=90^\circ$ c=13.7875(12) Å $\gamma=90^\circ$	a=3.4480 Å $\alpha=90^\circ$ b=13.7005 Å $\beta=90^\circ$ c=13.29205 Å $\gamma=90^\circ$
V4	$P2_1/c$	a=13.2549(6) Å $\alpha=90^\circ$ b=3.8667(2) Å $\beta=109.309(2)^\circ$ c=13.0731(6) Å $\gamma=90^\circ$	a=15.6219 Å $\alpha=90^\circ$ b=3.5893 Å $\beta=113.141^\circ$ c=12.3234 Å $\gamma=90^\circ$
V5	$P\bar{1}$	a=8.4896(5) Å $\alpha=70.833(2)^\circ$ b=9.8602(6) Å $\beta=83.675(2)^\circ$ c=10.0057(6) Å $\gamma=84.293(2)^\circ$	a=7.7295 Å $\alpha=74.458^\circ$ b=9.4201 Å $\beta=86.354^\circ$ c=9.1012 Å $\gamma=88.015^\circ$
V6	$P2_1/c$	a=7.3545(6) Å $\alpha=90^\circ$ b=15.0337(12) Å $\beta=104.4670(10)^\circ$ c=8.7923(7) Å $\gamma=90^\circ$	a=5.7593 Å $\alpha=90^\circ$ b=14.8756 Å $\beta=88.0002^\circ$ c=7.4178 Å $\gamma=90^\circ$
V7	$P2_1/c$	a=16.3500(7) Å $\alpha=90^\circ$ b=4.6387(2) Å $\beta=102.521(4)^\circ$ c=14.6202(6) Å $\gamma=90^\circ$	a=10.1515 Å $\alpha=90^\circ$ b=5.9762 Å $\beta=114.049^\circ$ c=11.5446 Å $\gamma=90^\circ$

(a) In the case of A1 and A2 the initial lattice parameters are those of the corresponding room temperature crystal structures of polymorphs I and II respectively. For V1, V2, V3, V4, V5, V6 and V7 the initial lattice parameters are those of the experimental structures with CSD refcodes JI WVAP, JI WWEU, JI WWUK, DOLROO, JIXFII, REBHIQ and GASFAK respectively (see Chart 2 of the typescript).

In the case of actual crystal structures, A1 and A2, the agreement between optimized and experimental lattice parameters is within 7%, with optimized unit cell lengths systematically lower than experimental ones, because optimization is at 0 K, while experimental lattice parameters are measured at room temperature. As we have shown in previous papers (see ESI of reference 1 and SI file of reference 2), a better agreement, within 3%, is obtained if experimental lattice parameters are determined at 173 K.

## Reference

- 1 R. Centore, M. Causà, F. Cerciello, F. Capone, and S. Fusco, *CrystEngComm* 2014, **16**, 9168-9175.
- 2 R. Centore, S. Fusco, F. Capone, and M. Causà, *Cryst. Growth Des.* 2016, **16**, 2260–2265.

## Crystal structure, in CIF format, for the optimized actual and virtual structures at 0 K

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