

## Supplementary Material

### Thermodynamic and structural relationships between the two polymorphs of 1,3-dimethylurea

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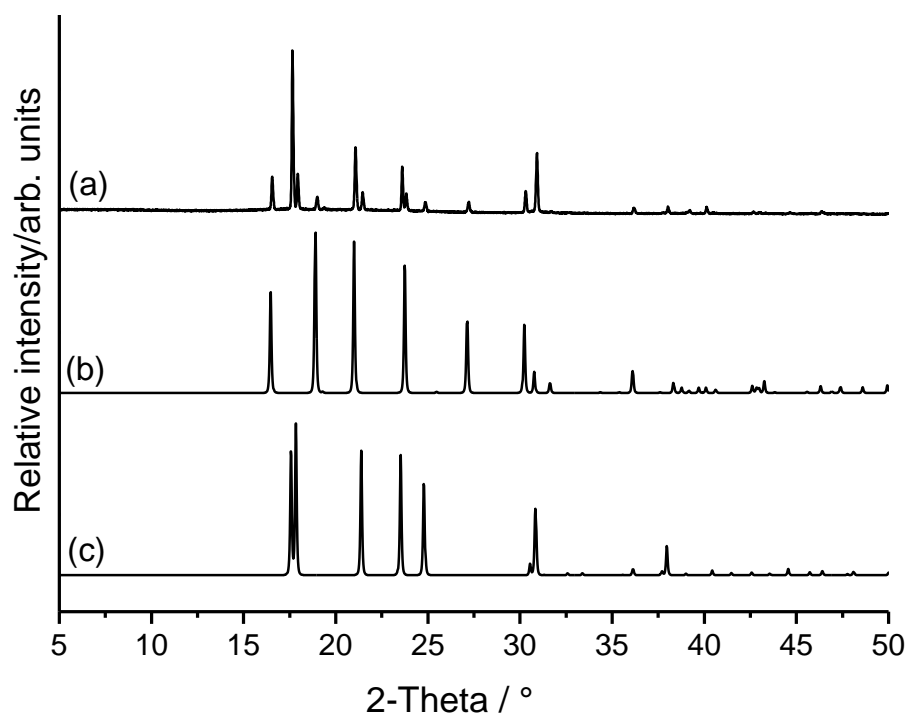


Fig. S1. X-ray powder pattern of the batch that contains the fibrous needles (a) and of form II (b) and form I (c) calculated from single crystal data measured at room-temperature.



Fig. S2. Microscopic image of the batch containing the fibrous needles.

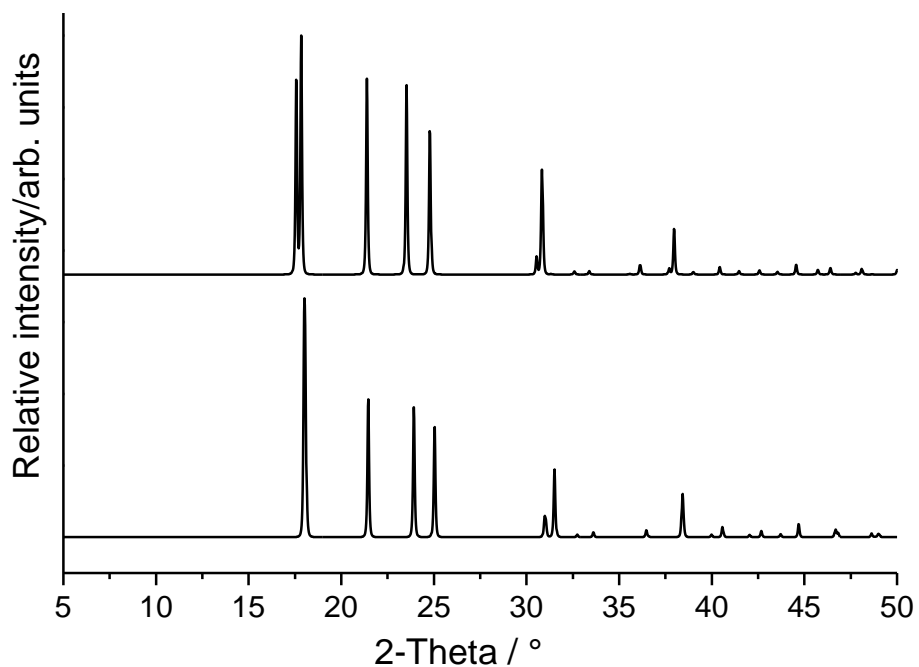


Fig. S3. X-ray powder pattern of polymorph I calculated from single crystal data measured at room-temperature (top) and at 180K (bottom)

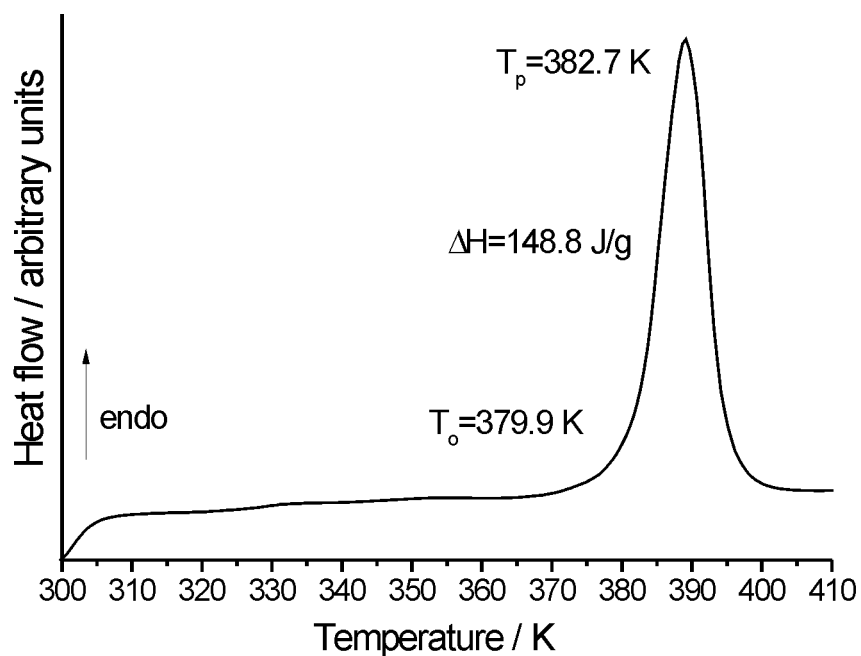


Fig. S4: X-ray powder pattern of polymorph II calculated from single crystal data measured at room-temperature (top) and at 100K (bottom).

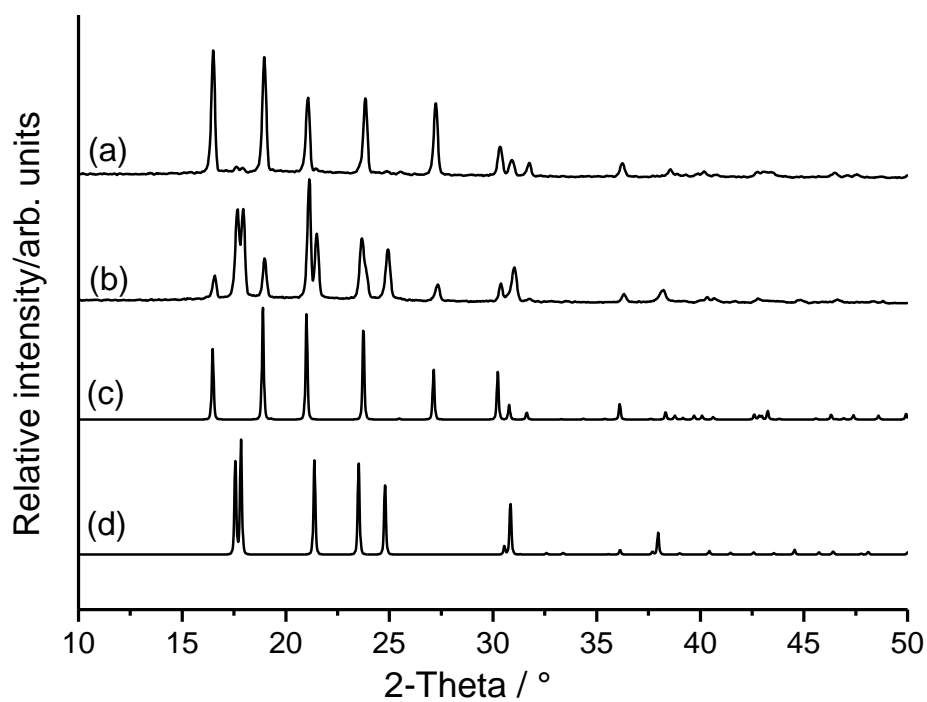


Fig. S5: X-ray powder pattern of the commercially available compound (a), of the residue isolated at 50°C (b) and calculated pattern of polymorph II (c) and polymorph I (d).

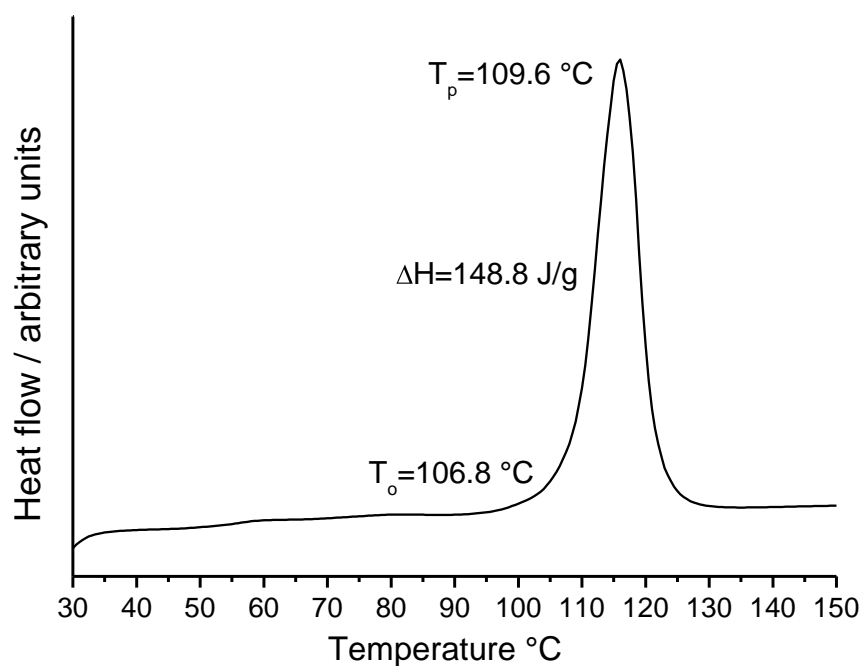


Fig. S6: DSC curve of polymorph II ( $T_o$  = extrapolated onset temperature;  $T_p$  = peak temperature; heating rate 30°C/min).

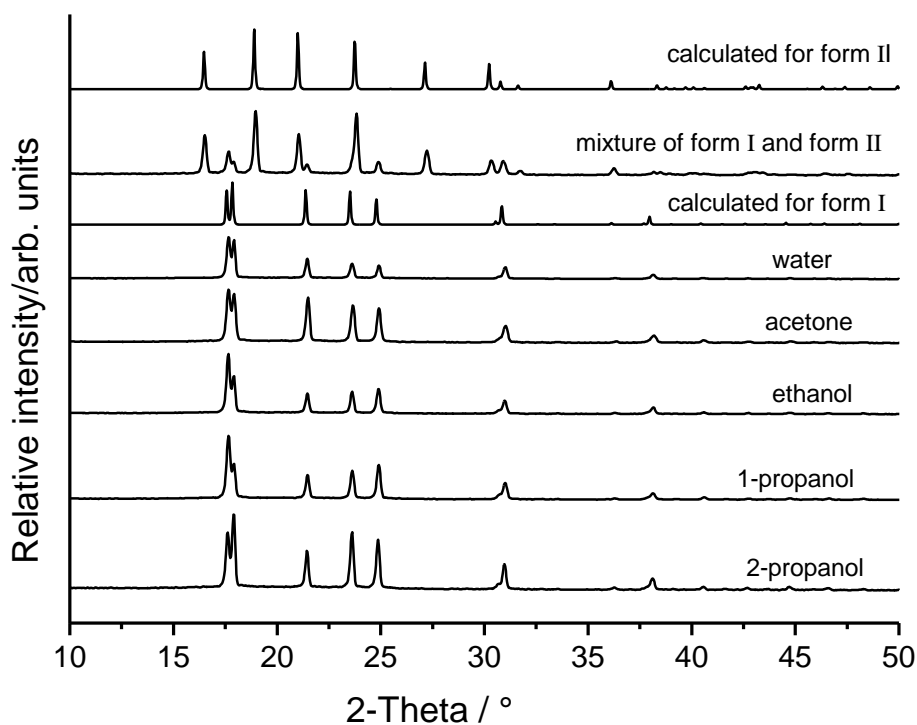


Fig. S7: X-ray powder patterns of the residues formed in the solvent-mediated conversion experiments using water, acetone, ethanol, 1-propanol and 2-propanol, together with that of the pristine material and that calculated for polymorph I and polymorph II.

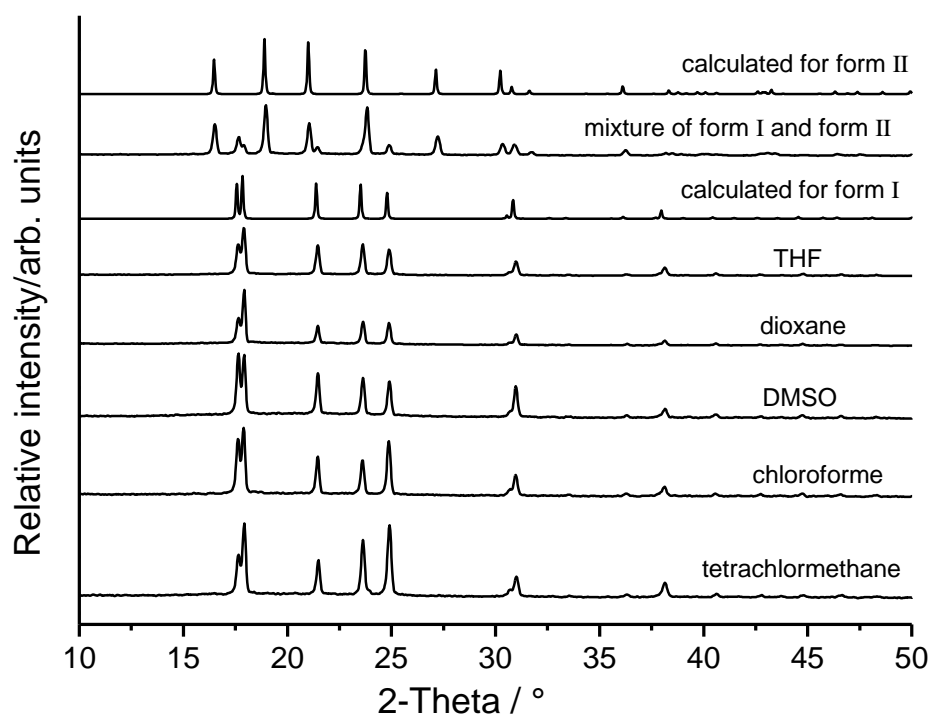


Fig. S8: X-ray powder patterns of the residues formed in the solvent-mediated conversion experiments using THF, dioxane, DMSO, chloroform and tetrachloromethane together with that of the pristine material and that calculated for polymorph I and polymorph II.

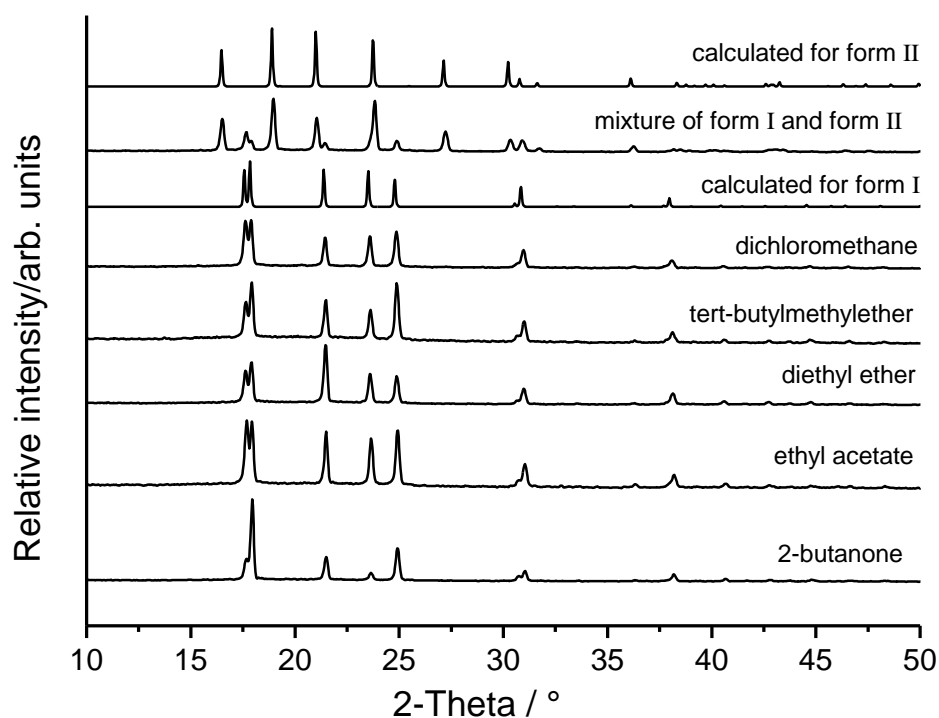


Fig. S9: X-ray powder patterns of the residues formed in the solvent mediated conversion experiments using dichloromethane, tert.-butyl methyl ether, diethyl ether, ethyl acetate and 2-butanone, together with that of the pristine material and that calculated for polymorph I and polymorph II.

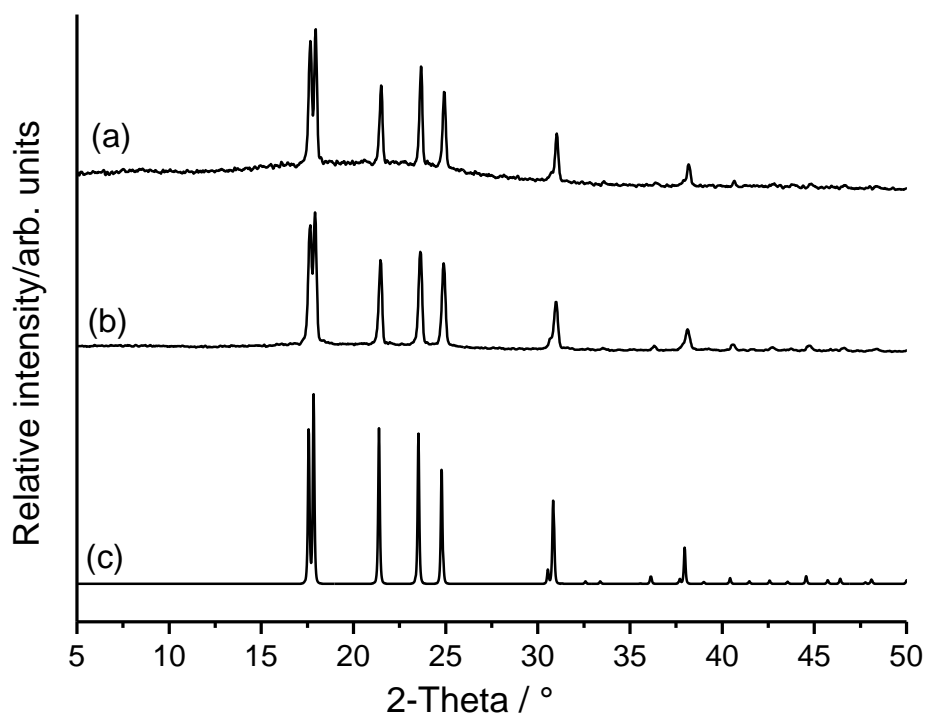


Fig. S10: Experimental powder patterns of the residue obtained by fast removal of the solvent of a saturated solution in diethyl ether (a), of the residue obtained by cooling the melt in liquid nitrogen (b) and calculated powder pattern for polymorph I (c).

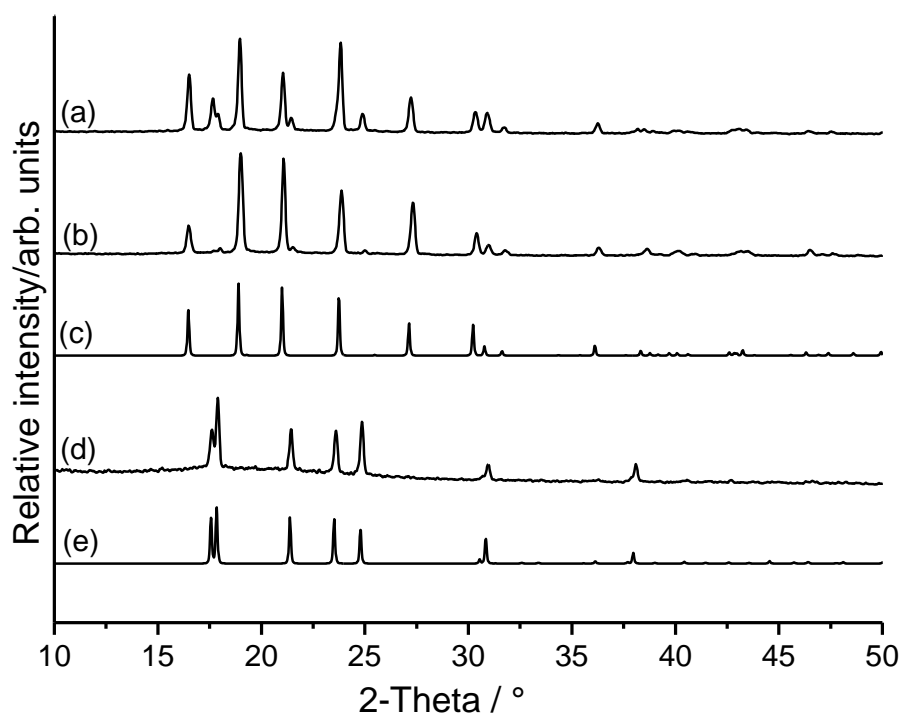


Fig. S11: Experimental X-ray powder patterns of a mixture of polymorph I and polymorph II (a), of the residue obtained after storing this mixture in a refrigerator at 4°C for 3 d in acetone (b) of the residue obtained after storing this mixture for 3 d at room temperature in acetone (d), with calculated powder patterns for polymorph II (c) and polymorph I (e).

Table S1. Crystal data and structure refinement for I and II at room temperature.

Polymorph	I	II
Empirical formula	C <sub>3</sub> H <sub>8</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O	C <sub>3</sub> H <sub>8</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O
Formula weight	88.11	88.11
Temperature (K)	293	293
Wavelength (Å)	0.71073	0.71073
Crystal system	Orthorhombic	Orthorhombic
Space group	<i>Fdd2</i>	<i>P2<sub>1</sub>2<sub>1</sub>2</i>
Unit cell dimensions (Å): <i>a</i>	11.4161(18)	10.7542(13)
<i>b</i>	20.178(4)	5.2159(9)
<i>c</i>	4.5709(9)	4.5968(5)
Volume (Å <sup>3</sup> )	1052.9(3)	257.85(6)
<i>Z</i>	8	2
Density (calculated) (Mg/m <sup>3</sup> )	1.112	1.135
$\mu$ (mm <sup>-1</sup> )	0.08	0.09
<i>F</i> (000)	384	96
2 $\theta$ <sub>max</sub>	56.3	56.4
Reflections collected	2176	3835
Independent reflections	354 [ <i>R</i> (int) = 0.048]	388 [ <i>R</i> (int) = 0.092]
Data / restraints / parameters	354 / 1 / 34	388 / 0 / 34
Goodness-of-fit on <i>F</i> <sup>2</sup>	1.17	1.27
Final <i>R</i> indices [ <i>I</i> >2 $\sigma$ ( <i>I</i> )]	<i>R</i> 1 = 0.055, <i>wR</i> 2 = 0.106	<i>R</i> 1 = 0.047, <i>wR</i> 2 = 0.134
<i>R</i> indices (all data)	<i>R</i> 1 = 0.104, <i>wR</i> 2 = 0.122	<i>R</i> 1 = 0.050, <i>wR</i> 2 = 0.137
Largest diff. peak / hole (e Å <sup>-3</sup> )	0.06 / -0.07	0.09 / -0.10