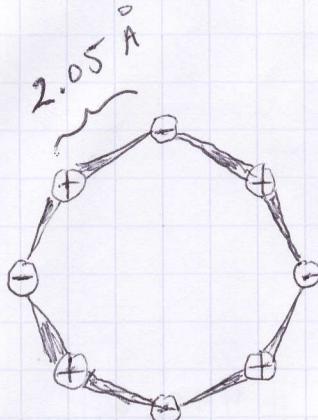
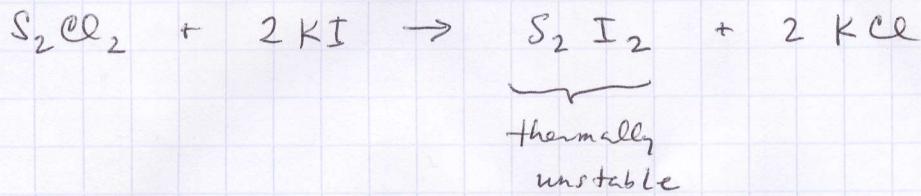


$S_8$



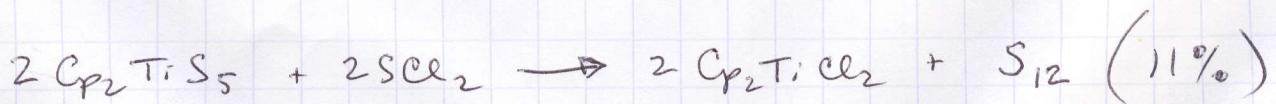
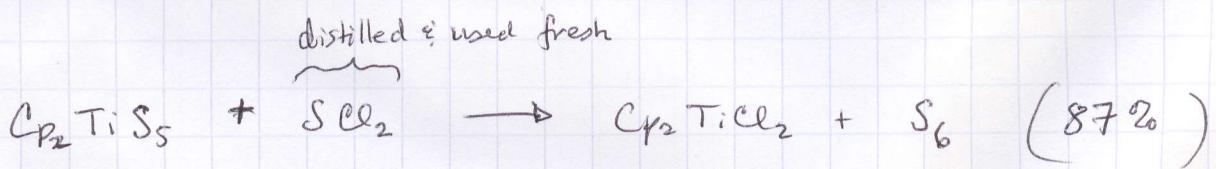
Sulfur rings known  
 $n = 6-20$

$S_6$



$S_6$  obtained in 36% yield via fractional pptn.

$S_6/S_{12}$



$S_8$

Commercially available sulfur has  $S_7$

impurity responsible for the bright yellow color.

Pure  $S_8$  is pale yellow-green.

Volcanic sulfur may also contain  $S_7Se$  impurity.

$S_\infty$

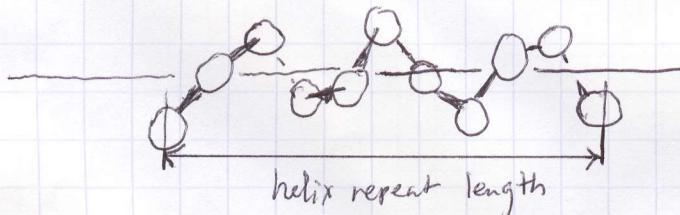
"Plastic Sulfur": liquid sulfur is quenched

from  $350^\circ\text{C}$  to  $20^\circ\text{C}$  in cold water

Fibers obtained are stretched in axis direction.

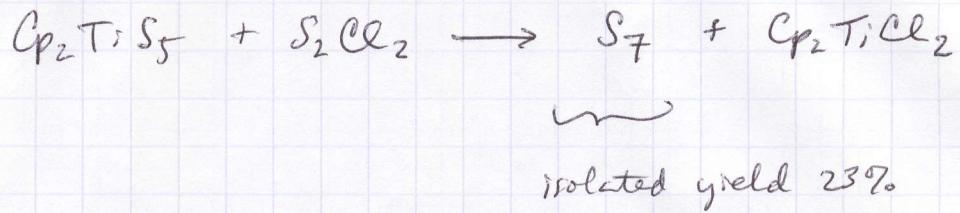
helical polymeric sulfur chains having

pockets filled with  $S_8$  molecules.



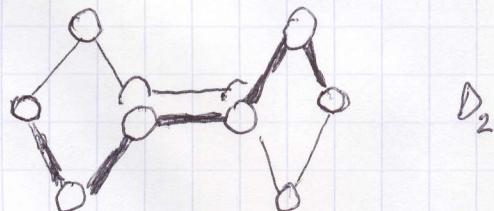
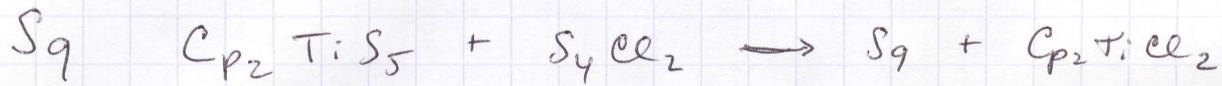
10 S atoms per repeat

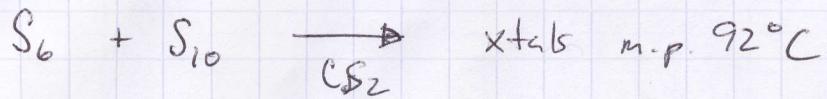
$S_7$



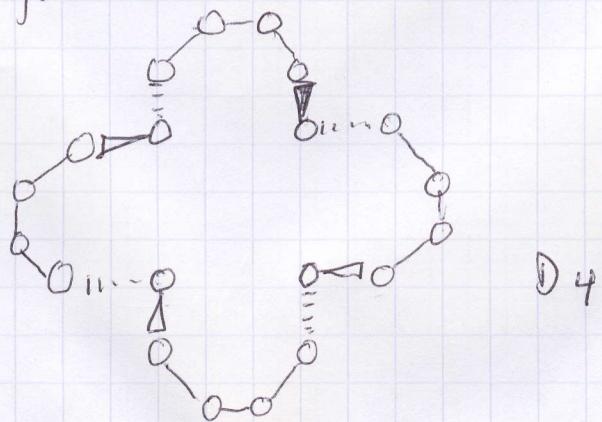
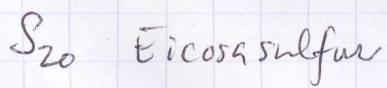
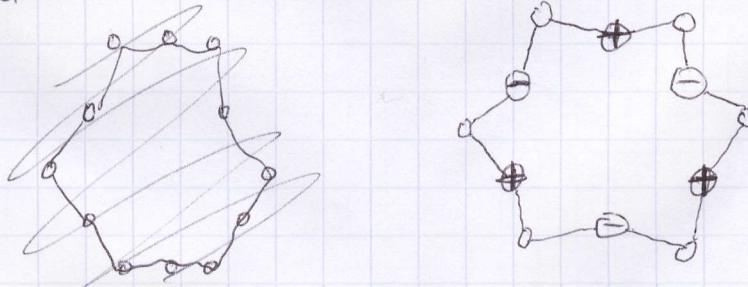
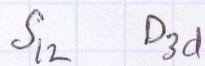
$S_7$  is unstable; store below  $-50^\circ C$

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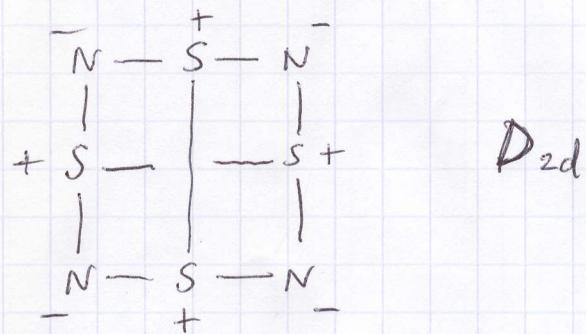


Only solid allotrope of an element containing molecules of different sizes!



Classical

Lewis Structure for  $S_4N_4$ :



Modern

Synthesis of  $S_4N_4$ :

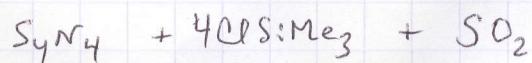
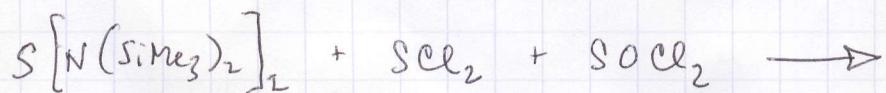
(Inorg Synth 33, 196-199)

$^{14}N$  NMR -256 ppm.

IR: 928 (vs) 768 (w) 727 (m) 700 (vs) 630 (w) 553 (vs) 548 (vs)  
529 (w, n)

8 ribs reported,  $3N-6 = 18$  possible.

in  $D_{2d}$ , IR active ribs are  $B_2 + E$



procedure with only volatile byproducts!