Supporting Information

From spirosiloxane precursors via intramolecular hydrosilylation to photoinduced polysiloxane architectures

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1. General

All chemicals were purchased from commercial sources and were used as received. Diethyl ether and dichloromethane were dried and purified directly before their usage by a solvent purification system (MBRAUN SPS-800). 1-Methylimidazole was dried by distillation over sodium and stored over molecular sieve (4 Å). Infrared spectra were recorded on a *ReactIR[™] 45m* of *Mettler-Toledo* and the irradiation was executed with a MAX-302 of ASAHI SPECTRA. Nuclear magnetic resonance spectra were recorded on a Bruker Avance 500 UltraShield (500 MHz) and an Avance 300 (300 MHz). They were recorded in ppm and the solvent was used as an internal standard (CDCl₃ at 7.26 ppm for ¹H and at 77.0 ppm for ${}^{13}C{}^{1}H$). The coupling constants J are given in Hertz (Hz) and the multiplicities were abbreviated as follows: s = singlet, d = duplet, m = multiplett. Mass spectras were recorded on a Thermo Scientific DFS (electron impact, EI, 70 eV). 2-Methylpent-4-en-2-ol and tris(pentafluorophenyl)borane were prepared according to literature methods.^[1,2]

2. Experimental procedures and characterization data



SI Scheme 1. Synthesis of bis(2-methylpent-4-en-2-yl)oxy)silane

Bis(2-methylpent-4-en-2-yl)oxy)silane In a baked out Schlenk three-necked flask fitted a dropping funnel, reflux condenser and an Ar inlet about one quarter of the previously prepared mixture of 31.9 g (389 mmol, 2 eq) 1-methylimidazole and 38.9 g (389 mmol, 2 eq) 2-methylpent-4-en-2-ol in 50 mL diethyl ether were added from the dropping funnel to 250 mL diethyl ether. The 19.6 g (194 mmol, 1 eq) dichlorosilane which precondensed into a Schlenk tube at -78 °C was allowed to slowly diffuse into the stirred reaction mixture at -78 °C. Meanwhile the residual mixture from the

dropping funnel was slowly added to the reaction mixture which is then stirred for a further 10 h at room temperature. The resulting methylimidazole hydrochloride was then filtrated through a Schlenk frit and the solvent removed under reduced pressure (200 mbar). After fractionated condensation in vacuo (0.3 mbar, 60 °C) 35.7 g (156 mmol, 81 %) bis((2-methylpent-4-en-2-yl)oxy)silane were obtained as a colorless liquid. ¹H-NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃, 300 K): δ [ppm] = 5.97 – 5.76 (m, 2H), 5.14 – 5.00 (H, 4H), 4.67 (s, 2H), 2.29 (d, ³*J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 1.3 (s, 12). ¹³C-NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃, 300 K): δ [ppm] = 134.8 (s), 117.7 (s), 75.5 (s), 49.0 (s), 29.1 (s). MS (EI), m/z (%): 213.16 (13) [(M-CH₃)⁺], 187.13 (100), 129.08 (87). [(M-C₆H₁₁O)⁺]. HRMS (C₁₁H₂₁O₂²⁸Si = [(M – CH₃)⁺]): calcd:213.1311, found: 213.1305.



SI Scheme 2. Synthesis of compound 1.

2,2,8,8-Tetramethyl-1,7-dioxa-6-silaspiro[**5.5**]**undecane** (**1**). To 23.8 g (104 mmol, 1 eq) of the bis((2methylpent-4-en-2-yl)oxy)silane in 400 mL dry dichloromethane, 1.06 g (2.07 mmol, 2 mol%) B(C₆F₅)₃ was added with constant stirring at room temperature. The reaction mixture was then stirred for a further 12 h. The solvent was then removed under reduced pressure (200 mbar). Purification of the liquid residue by fractionized condensation (0.3 mbar, 60 °C) yielded 15.45 g (67.6 mmol, 65 %) of the spiro compound as a colorless liquid. ¹H-NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃, 300 K): 1.91 – 1.64 (m, 4H), 1.60 – 1.38 (m, 4H), 1.29 (s, 6H), 1.20 (s, 6H), 0.68 – 0.42 (m, 4H). ¹³C-NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃, 300 K): 74.4 (s, 2C), 40.9 (s, 2C), 31.7 (s, 2C), 30.2 (s, 2C), 17.8 (s, 2C), 12.1 (s, 2C). ²⁹Si-NMR (99 MHz, CDCl₃, 300 K): 14.41 (s). MS (EI), m/z (%): 228 (7) [M⁺], 213 (100), [(M-CH₃)⁺], 185 (21), 129 (26), 131 (27), 129 (39), 127 (34), 103 (33), 99 (50). HRMS (C₁₂H₂₄O₂Si): calcd: 228.1546, found: 228.1542.



SI Scheme 3. Photoacid activated polymerization

In a two necked quartz Schlenk tube a solution of 75.3 mg (0.18 mmol, 2 mol%) of the photoacid generator **PAG 2**, and 0.79 mL (0.044 mmol, 0.5 mol%) water in 5 mL dry acetone was prepared and used for the background measurement of the IR spectrometer. The recording was then started and after 1 min 2.00 g (8.75 mmol, 1 eq) of 2,2,8,8-tetramethyl-1,7-dioxa-6-silaspiro[5.5]undecane were added to the solution. The light source was activated and the reaction mixture was irradiated for 2 hours.



SI Figure 1. Monomer first order in the polymerization reaction (plot of $\ln \frac{[A_0]}{[A]}$ vs. time)

Copolymerisation experiments

All polymerizations are done in the same way. To OH-terminated poly(dimethylsiloxane), **1** were added in a two necked quartz Schlenk tube. During stirring a solution of triphenylsulfonium triflate and diphenyliodonium triflate in acetone were added via a syringe. After that the irradiation with 200 – 300nm was started for two hours. Immediately after the reaction finished gpc measurements in THF are done. By all reactions the parameters were varied (table 1 and 2).

SI Table 1. Copol	vmerization	parameters	/ PAG = Dir	bhenv	liodonium	triflate
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compound 1			Polvsiloxane		Diphenyliodonium Triflate				
Initial weight [mg]	mmol	mol%	Initial weight [g]	mmol	Initial weight [mg]	mmol	mol %	Mw	PDI
0	0	0	4	1.77	10	0.023	1.30	0	0
0	0	0	4	1.77	20	0.046	2.60	70000	2
0	0	0	4	1.77	30	0.070	3.94	15000	2.4
20	0.088	5	4	1.77	10	0.023	1.30	127000	2.17
20	0.088	5	4	1.77	20	0.046	2.60	150000	2.5
20	0.088	5	4	1.77	30	0.070	3.94	400000	3.5

SI Table 2. Copolymerization parameters/ Triphenylsulfonium triflate

compound 1			Polysiloxane		Triphenylsulfonium Triflate					
Initial weight	mmol	mol%	Initial weight	mmol	Initial weight [ma]		mmol	mol %	Mw	PDI
[1110170	191	4 77	initial weight [ing]	~	0.000	1.20	70050	101
0	0	0	4	1.//		9	0.023	1.30	70050	3
0	0	0	4	1.77		19	0.046	2.60	30000	2
0	0	0	4	1.77		29	0.070	3.94	100000	2
20	0.088	5	4	1.77		9	0.023	1.30	220000	3.5
20	0.088	5	4	1.77		19	0.046	2.60	304000	4.4
20	0.088	5	4	1.77		29	0.070	3.94	x	х

Size exclusion chromatographie

This chromatogram is an exemplary size exclusion chromatogram of the obtained copolymers.



3. Spectra

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Bis(2-methylpent-4-en-2-yl)oxy)silane



SI Figure 2a. ¹H-spectrum of the spiro compound precursor bis(2-methylpent-4-en-2-yl)oxy)silane.



SI Figure 2b. Proton decoupled ¹³C-spectrum of bis(2-methylpent-4-en-2-yl)oxy)silane.





SI Figure 3a. ¹H-spectrum of the spiro compound 1



SI Figure 3b. Proton decoupled ¹³C-spectrum of the spiro compound 1



SI Figure 3c. ²⁹Si-NMR of the spiro compound 1



SI-Figure 4 - ¹H NMR spectrum of the obtained copolymer

The 1 H NMR spectrum shows mainly the backbone of polydimethylsiloxane. By 1.8 – 1.2 the polymerized spirocycle can be detected. By 4.8 – 3.9 the not well resolved double bonds are detected.

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