# Synthesis of dichloro derivatives of linear and cyclic permethyloligosilanes and cyclolinear permethylpolysilane-siloxanes and permethylpolyoxysilane based on them

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The reactions of dodecamethylcyclohexasilane with chlorides of I, II, IV—VI, and VIII Group metals were studied as a promising approach to the synthesis of functional oligosilanes. When cyclohexasilane reacts with metal chlorides without a solvent at elevated temperatures, the process is intensified and, in some cases, the selectivity of formation of chloro derivatives of linear and cyclic permethyloligosilanes increases. The cyclolinear permethylpolysilane-siloxanes were prepared by heterofunctional polycondensation of the resulting oligosilanes with bifunctional cyclic and linear permethyloligosiloxanes. Cyclolinear permethylpolyoxysilane was synthesized for the first time by the reaction of 1,3-dihydroxycyclohexasilane with 1,3-dichlorohexamethyltrisilane.

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The synthesis and properties of polysiloxanes<sup>1</sup>  $-(SiR_2O)_n$  and, in recent years, polysilanes<sup>2,3</sup>  $-(SiR_2)_n$ , which possess unusual chemical and physicochemical properties, have been well studied. Polysilanesiloxanes of regular structure, which combine to a certain extent the properties of two classes of organosilicon compounds, polysiloxanes and polysilanes, have been much less studied. For example, the introduction of siloxane units into polysilanes results in a higher solubility and meltability.<sup>4,5</sup> In addition, polysilane-siloxanes retain unusual spectral properties (absorption in the UV region, and the ability to undergo photochemical curing), peculiar in polysilanes. At particular ring size and symmetry and polymer chain tacticity, cyclolinear permethylpolysiloxanes<sup>6</sup> can form a mesophase. In this connection, synthesis and investigation of properties of copolymers with the silane-siloxane structure is a topical scientific task.

To date, methods for the synthesis of linear permethylpolysilane-siloxanes of regular structure  $-[(SiMe_2)_k-O-(SiMe_2O)_m]_n-(k=2-4, 6; m=0-3)$  are known.<sup>4,5,7-12</sup> Recently, <sup>13-15</sup> we reported the synthesis of cyclolinear permethyloligosilane-siloxanes based on dichlorooligosilanes. However, a number of combinations of these structural elements remained inaccessible because of the absence of appropriate monomers, which, in turn, is due to the inadequate selectivity of the methods of their synthesis.

Bifunctional linear and cyclic permethyloligosilanes are convenient starting compounds for the preparation of various copolymers containing oligosilane fragments.

The method used most widely to prepare dihalo-substituted oligosilanes is the reaction of oligocyclosilanes  $(R_2Si)_n$  with various halogenating agents. Thus  $\alpha, \omega$ -dichloropermethyloligosilanes  $Cl(Me_2Si)_nCl$  (**1a**-**d** with n = 2-4 and 6, respectively) are prepared by treatment of dodecamethylcyclohexasilane (Me\_2Si)<sub>6</sub> (**2**) with chlorinating agents such as chlorine, <sup>16,17</sup> thionyl chloride, <sup>18</sup> phosphorus pentachloride, <sup>19</sup> and gallium(III), tin(IV), and titanium(IV) chlorides.<sup>20</sup> Chloro derivatives of cyclohexasilane **2** with the general formula  $Cl_mSi_6Me_{12-m}$  (**3a**-**c** with m = 1-3, respectively) are prepared by chlorodemethylation of cyclosilane **2** on treatment with dry HCl in the presence of catalytic amounts of AlCl<sub>3</sub> (chlorocyclosilane **3a**)<sup>21</sup> or by the reaction of cyclosilane **2** with SbCl<sub>5</sub> (monochloro-, dichloro-, and trichlorocyclosilanes **3a**-**c**).<sup>20,22-25</sup>

This study deals with the reaction of cyclohexasilane **2** with metal chlorides of various chemical natures and aims at increasing the selectivity of the preparation of the dichloro derivatives of linear and cyclic oligosilanes. The prepared functional oligomers were used to synthesize cyclolinear permethylpolyoxysilane and permethylpoly-silane-siloxanes containing linear and/or cyclic oligosilane fragments in the polymer chain.

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## **Results and Discussion**

Reactions of cyclohexasilane 2 with metal chlorides. Previously,<sup>20</sup> it was shown that the reaction of cyclosilane 2 with  $SnCl_4$  in  $CH_2Cl_2$  gives not only dichlorohexasilane 1d (n = 6) as the major product but also its lower homologs 1a-c (n = 2-4, respectively) formed upon cleavage of the Si-Si bond in 1d. Later,<sup>7</sup> it was found that the reaction of cyclosilane 2 with  $SnCl_4$  is accompanied by not only Si-Si bond cleavage in cyclosilane 2 and dichlorohexasilane 1d but also by cleavage of the Si-Me bonds in the initial cyclosilane 2 to give its monochloro (3a) and dichloro (3b) derivatives.

Cyclosilane 2 reacts with TiCl<sub>4</sub> in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> in a similar way, *i.e.*, with Si–Si and Si–Me bond cleavage in cyclosilane 2 to give dichlorooligosilanes 1a-d and monochlorocyclosilane 3a.<sup>7,20</sup> The reaction of cyclosilane 2 with tin and titanium chlorides in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> proceeds slowly with a relatively low degree of conversion of the initial cyclic compound. Thus<sup>20</sup> in the case of SnCl<sub>4</sub>, the degree of conversion of cyclosilane 2 after 24 h was 33%, while in the case of TiCl<sub>4</sub>, this value reached 51% after 70 h. It was also shown<sup>20</sup> that in the absence of a solvent, the degree of conversion of cyclosilane 2 in the reaction with SnCl<sub>4</sub> at 170 °C was 100% after 4 h, linear dichlorooligosilanes 1a-d being formed as the only products.

In this respect, we studied the reaction of several nontransition and transition (HgCl<sub>2</sub>, SnCl<sub>4</sub>, SbCl<sub>5</sub>, CuCl<sub>2</sub>,

FeCl<sub>3</sub>, TiCl<sub>4</sub>, ZrCl<sub>4</sub>, MoCl<sub>5</sub>, WCl<sub>6</sub>) metal chlorides with cyclosilane 2 in the absence of a solvent at elevated temperatures. Under these conditions (Scheme 1, Table 1), cyclosilane 2 reacts with the above metal chlorides with cleavage of its Si—Si and Si—Me bonds to give linear and cyclic chloro-substituted permethyloligosilanes.

# Scheme 1

$$2 + MCI_k \xrightarrow{\Lambda} Cl(Me_2Si)_nCl + Cl_mSi_6Me_{12-m}$$

$$1a - d \qquad 3a,b$$

$$n = 2 (1a), 3 (1b), 4 (1c), 6 (1d);$$

m = 1 (**3a**), 2 (**3b**), 3 (**3c**); m > 3 (**3d**)

It should be noted that tin and mercury chlorides react with cyclosilane 2 mainly with cleavage of the Si—Si bond giving predominantly linear dichlorooligosilanes 1a-d(the content of chloro-substituted cyclosilanes 3a-c in the products did not exceed 7.5%), the degree of conversion of cyclosilane 2 being rather high (80–100%). In the reactions of the rest of metal chlorides studied with cyclosilane 2, the intensity of cleavage of the Si—Me bonds in the initial ring increases, which results in markedly higher proportions of chloro-substituted cyclosilanes in the products. Indeed, ZrCl<sub>5</sub> and WCl<sub>6</sub> react with cyclosilane 2 with the predominant formation of chloro-

**Table 1.** Conditions and products of the reaction of cyclosilane 2 with metal chlorides  $MCl_k$ 

Entry	$MCl_k$	<b>2</b> : MCl <sub>k</sub>	<i>T</i> ∕°C	t/h	Composition of the reaction mixture $(\%)^a$								Yield <sup>b</sup> 1	Conver-
					1a	1b	1c	1d	2	3a	3b	3c	(%)	sion of <b>2</b> (%)
1	HgCl <sub>2</sub>	1:2	210	2	33.1	45.0	13.8	2.3	2.0	0.8	1.2	1.8	86.9	98.2
2	SnCl <sub>4</sub>	1:1	175	0.5	7.5	11.3	9.6	46.1	18.1	3.9	1.6	1.9	86.5	82.6
3	$SnCl_4$	1:1	175	1	9.0	14.8	11.3	44.3	14.2	3.4	1.4	1.6	87.2	86.5
4	$SnCl_4$	1:1	175	2	13.5	19.1	13.5	40.2	10.9	0.9	1.5	0.4	89.5	89.8
5	$SnCl_4$	1:2	175	1	29.9	34.7	25.8	1.5	0.6	1.8	0.8	4.9	78.9	99.5
6	$SnCl_4$	1:2	175	2	41.5	37.0	18.7	_	_	0.8	0.4	1.6	86.9	100
7	SbCl <sub>5</sub> <sup>c</sup>	1:1	25	2	_	_	_	0.5	2.8	5.4	89.3	2.0	0.5	97.2
8	SbCl <sub>5</sub>	1:2	25	0.002	43.4	11.4	10.8	3.1	_	4.5	6.8	19.3 d	66.3	100
9	CuCl <sub>2</sub>	1:1	180	1	5.8	9.6	4.6	16.1	44.3	2.1	11.2	6.3	53.8	60.2
10	CrCl <sub>3</sub>	1:2	210	2	0.1	0.3	0.4	2.6	89.7	0.2	6.7	_	33.0	10.3
11	FeCl <sub>3</sub>	1:1	180	2	1.4	3.6	2.3	5.7	84.3	0.3	2.4	_	53.5	19.6
12	TiCl <sub>4</sub>	1:1	175	3	8.0	9.2	9.3	28.4	21.2	2.2	16.4	5.3	55.5	81.3
13	$ZrCl_4$	1:1	200	2	1.9	1.9	2.2	23.4	25.7	6.4	16.2	19.0 <sup>e</sup>	27.3	80.2
14	MoCl <sub>5</sub>	1:1	185	3	10.9	6.3	4.4	17.8	27.4	14.0	10.1	9.1	40.2	78.2
15	WCl <sub>6</sub>	1:1	205	1	17.8	9.4	5.9	6.7	6.9	7.5	4.6	11.8 f	34.6	94.3

<sup>a</sup> Unidentified by-products were neglected.

<sup>b</sup> Total yield of oligomers 1a-d from all reaction products (including unidentified ones) and in relation to the reacted cyclosilane 2 (according to GLC).

<sup>c</sup> The reaction was carried out in CCl<sub>4</sub>.

<sup>d</sup> The reaction mixture contains 0.7% polychloro-substituted cyclosilanes 3d.

<sup>e</sup> The reaction mixture contains 3.3% polychloro-substituted cyclosilanes 3d.

<sup>f</sup>The reaction mixture contains 29.4% polychloro-substituted cyclosilanes 3d.

substituted cyclosilanes  $3\mathbf{a}-\mathbf{c}$ ; polychlorinated cyclosilanes  $\operatorname{Cl}_m\operatorname{Si}_6\operatorname{Me}_{12-m}$  (3d, m > 3) are also formed. For example,  $\operatorname{CrCl}_3$  and  $\operatorname{FeCl}_3$  proved to be the poorest chlorinating agents for cyclosilane 2; the degree of conversion of 2 was  $\leq 20\%$ ; however, even in those cases where the conversion of cyclosilane 2 in the reactions with metal chlorides was rather high, the yield of linear dichlorooligosilanes  $1\mathbf{a}-\mathbf{d}$  did not exceed 55%.

Previously, it was shown<sup>20</sup> that the reaction of SbCl<sub>5</sub> with cyclosilane 2 in the presence of a solvent ( $CH_2Cl_2$ , CHCl<sub>3</sub>, CCl<sub>4</sub>) proceeds selectively with cleavage of only Si—Me bonds in the initial cyclosilane 2, the Si—Si bonds remaining intact. When reproducing the procedure, we obtained almost analogous results (see Table 1, entry 7), namely, the content of the linear dichlorooligosilane 1d in the reaction mixture was only 0.5%. Dichloro-substituted cyclosilane 3b was formed as the major reaction product; as shown previously, $^{22-24}$  this product was a mixture of structural isomers, namely, 1,3-dichlorocyclosilane (3b') and 1,4-dichlorocyclosilane (3b'') (in ~1 : 1 ratio), which are, in turn, mixtures of *cis*- and trans-isomers (see Experimental, <sup>29</sup>Si NMR spectra of cyclosilanes 3b' and 3b''). A very reactive chlorinating agent for cyclosilane 2 is SbCl<sub>5</sub>. Treatment of cyclosilane 2 with SbCl<sub>5</sub> in a 1 : 2 ratio at  $\sim 20$  °C without a solvent bring about a vigorous exothermal reaction with 100% conversion of cyclosilane 2 over a period of several seconds; this gives not only chloro-substituted cyclosilanes **3a**-d but also linear  $\alpha, \omega$ -dichlorooligosilanes **1a**-d (the ratio of linear to cyclic chloro-substituted oligosilanes was  $\sim 2$ : 1). Thus, unlike the reaction in solutions, not only Si-Me but also Si-Si bonds of cyclosilane 2 are cleaved in the solvent-free reaction.

The influence of the reaction conditions on the conversion of cyclosilane 2, on the yield and composition of the reaction products, and on the ratio between them was studied in relation to the reaction of 2 with SnCl<sub>4</sub>. An increase in the reaction time (cf. entries 2-4, 5, and 6 in Table 1) results in a higher yield of linear dichlorooligosilanes 1a-d and a lower content of chloro-substituted cyclosilanes 3a-c in the reaction products. In addition, the content of short-chain linear oligomers 1a and 1b increases and the content of dichlorotetrasilane 1c and dichlorohexasilane 1d decreases. Evidently, this is due to an increase in the intensity of Si-Si bond cleavage in oligomers 1c and 1d following an increase in the reaction time. For equal reaction times, transition from 1:1 ratio of cyclosilane 2 to  $SnCl_4$  to 1 : 2 ratio (cf. entries 3 with 5 and 4 with 6 in Table 1), allows one to attain virtually 100% conversion of cyclosilane 2 with simultaneous sharp decrease (to 0-1.5%) in the content of dichlorohexasilane 1d in the reaction products. In addition, the content of short-chain oligomers 1a and 1b increases 2–3-fold.

Thus, variation of conditions of the reaction between cyclosilane 2 and SnCl<sub>4</sub> makes it possible to control to a

certain extent the length of the oligomer chain in the resulting  $\alpha, \omega$ -dichlorooligosilanes **1**.

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Synthesis of cyclolinear polysilane-siloxanes and polyoxysilane. Based on synthesized oligosilanes, studies on the preparation of new polymers and copolymers containing oligosilane structural fragments were continued. New cyclolinear permethylpolysilane-siloxanes were prepared by heterofunctional polycondensation of linear 1c and cyclic 3b dichlorooligosilanes with cyclic 4 and linear 5 dihydroxyoligosiloxanes, respectively (Scheme 2). Dichloro-substituted cyclosilane 3b was used as a mixture of structural and spatial isomers (dichlorocyclosilanes 3b' and 3b'' in  $\sim 1 : 1$  ratio, see Experimental), and dihydroxycyclosiloxane 4, as a mixture of *cis*- and *trans*-isomers ( $\sim 2 : 3$ ).

#### Scheme 2



The reactions were carried out in the presence of Py as an HCl acceptor. The yield of copolymers **6a**,**b** was 80-94%. The molecular masses of copolymers **6a** and **6b** estimated from viscometry data were ~6000 and ~11000, respectively. Heterofunctional polycondensation of 1,3-dihydroxydecamethylcyclohexasilane (7), prepared by hydrolysis of a mixture of dichlorocyclosilane isomers **3b**<sup>7</sup> and **3b**<sup>*n*</sup> using modification of a reported method,<sup>24</sup> with 1,3-dichlorotrisilane **1b** by a similar procedure gave cyclolinear permethylpolyoxysilane (**8**), whose backbone consisted of cyclic and linear silane fragments linked by oxygen bridges, the product yield being 74% (Scheme 3). The weight average molecular mass  $M_{\rm w}$  of copolymer **8** was 4670; polydispersity  $M_{\rm w}/M_n = 1.48$ .

#### Scheme 3



Copolymers 6a,b and 8 are thick colorless liquids readily soluble in conventional organic solvents. The synthesized copolymers were characterized by IR, UV, and NMR spectroscopy. The <sup>29</sup>Si NMR spectra (see Experimental) confirm the formation of regular copolymers with the backbone consisting of alternating cyclic and linear fragments. The IR spectra of copolymers 6a,b and 8 exhibit absorption bands in the region of v 1070 and 1040–1025 cm<sup>-1</sup>, typical of the Si–O–Si bond. Owing to the presence of oligosilane fragments in the polymer chain, copolymers 6a,b and 8 retain the ability to absorb in the UV region inherent in compounds with a purely silane structure. Indeed, the UV spectrum of copolymer 6a exhibits an absorption band at about 235 nm, whose position virtually coincides with that for the initial dichlorotetrasilane 1c (234 nm). The UV absorption of copolymer **6b** is due to the presence of cyclosilane fragments in the polymer chain (two absorption bands in the region of 256 and 273 nm). The UV spectrum of copolymer 8 exhibits one absorption band at about 280 nm, typical of the cyclohexasilane unit present in the copolymer, while the absorption band corresponding to the linear oligosilane fragment in the polymer structure is missing. A similar pattern (the presence of absorption bands due to cyclic fragments and the absence of bands for the linear fragments) was observed in the UV spectra of cyclolinear compounds with the purely silane structure,  $\alpha, \omega$ -bis(cyclopentasilanyl)oligodimethylsilanes.<sup>26</sup>

The glass transition temperature  $T_g$  of copolymer **8** was -100 °C, which is close to the calculated\*  $T_g$  value

equal to -97 °C. This low  $T_g$  value of copolymer **8** is, apparently, due to the presence of oxygen bridges between cyclic and linear silane fragments in the copolymer backbone.

Thus, new cyclolinear permethylpolysilane-siloxanes and permethylpolyoxysilane of a regular structure were synthesized by heterofunctional polycondensation.

### **Experimental**

GLC analysis was carried out on a LKhM-8MD chromatograph (a  $0.3 \times 100$  cm stainless-steel column, 5% SE-30 on Chromaton N-AW-DMCS; katharometer as the detector, temperature programming from 30 to 300 °C, heating rate 12 K min<sup>-1</sup>; helium as the carrier gas).

 $^{29}$ Si NMR spectra were recorded on Bruker WP-200 SY (39.76 MHz) and Bruker WP-400 SY (79.46 MHz) spectrometers using Me<sub>4</sub>Si as the internal standard. IR and UV spectra were recorded in thin films using Specord M-82 and Specord M-40 spectrophotometers, respectively.

The intrinsic viscosity  $[\eta]$  of polysilane-siloxanes **6a,b** was determined in toluene at 25 °C using a Ubbelohde viscometer with suspended level. The molecular masses of copolymers **6a,b** were roughly estimated using coefficients of the Mark–Kuhn–Houwink equation for cyclolinear polysiloxanes reported previously.<sup>28</sup>

The molecular-mass characteristics of copolymer **8** were determined by gel chromatography on a Bruker LC21 liquid chromatograph (refractometer as the detector, columns with the polystyrene-divinylbenzene gel, toluene as the eluent, calibration against the polystyrene standard).

Cyclosilane 2 was prepared by catalytic depolymerization of polydimethylsilane by a procedure described previously.<sup>7</sup> Mono- and trichloro-substituted cyclosilanes 3a,c were identified by comparison with reference samples synthesized by known procedures.<sup>21,25</sup> 1,3-Dihydroxycyclosilane 7 was prepared by a modification of a published procedure.<sup>24</sup> Dihydroxycyclosiloxane 4 (a mixture of cis- and trans-isomers in ~2: 3 ratio) was synthesized by a known procedure.<sup>29</sup> Dihydroxydisiloxane 5 was prepared by a known procedure.<sup>30</sup> Immediately prior to the use, TiCl<sub>4</sub>, SnCl<sub>4</sub>, and SbCl<sub>5</sub> were distilled in an N<sub>2</sub> flow, while the other metal chlorides were used as received. Ether and benzene were dried by refluxing followed by distillation over sodium metal in the presence of benzophenone in an N2 flow; CCl4 and MeCN were dried by distillation over P2O5 in an N2 flow. Pyridine was distilled over NaOH granules. All the reactions were carried out in an atmosphere of dry argon or nitrogen.

Reaction of cyclosilane 2 with SnCl<sub>4</sub> (typical procedure) (Table 1, entry 3). Cyclosilane 2 (34.9 g, 0.1 mol) was placed in an ampoule equipped with a branch for reactant introduction and a Teflon stopcock, SnCl<sub>4</sub> (26.1 g, 0.1 mol) was added, and the ampoule was placed in an oil bath pre-heated to  $175 \,^{\circ}$ C. The reaction mixture was kept at this temperature with intense stirring for 1 h. The ampoule was cooled and 50 mL of anhydrous CCl<sub>4</sub> was added. The SnCl<sub>2</sub> precipitate was filtered off and washed with anhydrous CCl<sub>4</sub> (2×10 mL). The solvent was evaporated and the residue was analyzed by GLC (see Table 1). Fractionation of the residue gave 5.6 g (10.0% relative to the reacted cyclosilane 2) of dichlorodisilane 1a, b.p. 148–148.5 °C, <sup>29</sup>Si NMR (CCl<sub>4</sub>), &: 17.21; &.1 g (16.5%) of dichlorotrisilane

<sup>\*</sup> The  $T_{\rm g}$  value for copolymer **8** was calculated by Prof. A. A. Askadskii by the atomic constants method.<sup>27</sup>

**1b**, b.p. 84–85 °C (10 Torr), <sup>29</sup>Si NMR (CCl<sub>4</sub>),  $\delta$ : 24.98 (SiMe<sub>2</sub>Cl), -43.71 (SiMe<sub>2</sub>); and 5.7 g (12.7%) of dichlorotetrasilane **1c**, b.p. 111–113 °C (5 Torr), <sup>29</sup>Si NMR (CCl<sub>4</sub>),  $\delta$ : 26.26 (SiMe<sub>2</sub>Cl), -42.68 (SiMe<sub>2</sub>). After evaporation of lower dichlorooligosilanes **1a**–**c**, the initial cyclosilane **2** and chloro-substituted cyclosilanes **3a** and **3b** were removed by sublimation. Distillation of the residue gave 20.8 g (49.5%) of dichlorohexasilane **1d**, b.p. 166–167 °C (1 Torr), m.p. 45–46 °C. <sup>29</sup>Si NMR (CCl<sub>4</sub>),  $\delta$ : 26.35 (SiMe<sub>2</sub>Cl); -40.90 (Si<sub>b</sub>Me<sub>2</sub>); -39.65 (Si<sub>c</sub>Me<sub>2</sub>).

Entries 1, 2, 4–6, and 8–15 were carried out in a similar way (entry 8, without heating) (see Table 1) except that the residue after removal of  $CCl_4$  was not fractionated but was analyzed by GLC.

Reaction of cyclosilane 2 with SbCl<sub>5</sub> (Table 1, entry 7). A solution of SbCl<sub>5</sub> (11.8 g, 39.4 mmol) in 30 mL of anhydrous  $CCl_4$  was added dropwise to a solution of cyclosilane 2 (10.0 g, 28.7 mmol) in 55 mL of anhydrous  $CCl_4$  cooled to 0 °C. The reaction mixture was vigorously stirred for 2 h at ~20 °C, the course of the reaction being monitored by GLC. The precipitate was filtered off and washed with anhydrous hexane (2×10 mL). The solvents were removed on a rotary evaporator and the initial cyclosilane 2 and the reaction products (chloro-substituted cyclosilanes 3a-c) were extracted from the residue with anhydrous hexane (3×10 mL). Acetonitrile (6 mL) was added to the resulting solution for deactivation of antimony compounds and the hexane solution of the reaction products was separated using a separating funnel. Hexane was removed on a rotary evaporator. The initial cyclosilane 2 and monochloro-substituted cyclosilane 3a were removed from the crystalline residue by sublimation (80 °C, 1 Torr). The residue after sublimation was recrystallized from anhydrous pentane to give 6.7 g (60%) of a mixture of 1,3- (3b<sup>'</sup>) and 1,4-dichlorocyclosilane (3b") isomers (~1 : 1). <sup>29</sup>Si NMR (CCl<sub>4</sub> : CDCl<sub>3</sub> (1 : 1)),  $\delta$ : **3b**<sup>2</sup> (cis-, trans-isomers): 15.42, 14.90 (SiMeCl), -37.05, -37.62 (ClSiSiMe<sub>2</sub>SiCl), -38.94, -39.36 (Me<sub>2</sub>SiSiMe<sub>2</sub>SiCl), -42.48, -44.59 (Me<sub>2</sub>SiSiMe<sub>2</sub>SiMe<sub>2</sub>); 3b" (cis-, trans-isomers): 15.60, 15.13 (SiMeCl), -39.66, -39.92 (SiMe<sub>2</sub>).

Synthesis of polysilane-siloxanes 6a,b and polyoxysilane 8. A mixture of dihydroxycyclosiloxane 4 (0.7 g, 1.56 mmol) and Py (0.24 g, 3.12 mmol) in 5 mL of anhydrous ether was added dropwise to a solution of dichlorotetrasilane (0.47 g, 1.56 mmol) 1c in 1 mL of anhydrous ether with intense stirring. The reaction mixture was stirred for 8 h at ~25 °C, 2.5 mL of anhydrous benzene was added, and the mixture was brought to boiling and stirred for 20 h. Anhydrous benzene (15 mL) was added and the Pv • HCl precipitate was filtered off and washed with anhydrous benzene (2×5 mL). The benzene solution was washed with water to a neutral reaction and dried with Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. The polymer was precipitated by adding a threefold excess of MeOH and dried in a vacuum chamber (60 °C) to a constant weight to give 1.0 g (94.3%) of polysilane-siloxane **6a**,  $[\eta] = 0.05$  dl g<sup>-1</sup>, molecular mass ~6000. Found (%): C, 31.47; H, 7.97; Si, 40.98. C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>54</sub>O<sub>8</sub>Si<sub>10</sub>. Calculated (%): C, 31.86; H, 7.96; Si, 41.40. UV,  $\lambda_{max}/nm$ : 235. IR (KBr),  $\nu/cm^{-1}$ : 2958, 2913, 2879 (C-H); 1260, 853, 802, 762 (Si-Me); 1075, 1040 (SiOSi). <sup>29</sup>Si NMR (CCl<sub>4</sub> : CDCl<sub>3</sub> (1 : 1)), δ: 9.41, 8.73 ((-O)<sub>2</sub>SiO<u>Si</u>Si), -21.61, -22.10, -22.35, -22.78 (OSiOSiO), -47.67, -48.79  $(OSi(\underline{Si})_2SiO), -64.65, -65.75 ((-O)_2\underline{Si}OSiSi).$ 

The reaction of isomer mixture of dichlorocyclosilanes 3b' and 3b'' (4.22 g, 10.87 mmol), dihydroxydisiloxane 5 (1.80 g, 10.87 mmol), and Py (1.72 g, 21.74 mmol) by a procedure simi-

lar to the previous one gave 4.19 g (80%) of polysilane-siloxane **6b**. Fractional precipitation gave the fraction (1.85 g) of copolymer **6b**, [η] = 0.08 dl g<sup>-1</sup>, molecular mass ~11000. Found (%): C, 34.47; H, 8.27; Si, 46.08. C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>42</sub>O<sub>3</sub>Si<sub>8</sub>. Calculated (%): C, 34.85; H, 8.71; Si, 46.47. UV,  $\lambda_{max}/nm: 256, 273.$  IR (KBr), v/cm<sup>-1</sup>: 2953, 2885 (C–H); 1261, 841, 802, 764 (Si–Me); 1074, 1025 (SiOSi). <sup>29</sup>Si NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>), δ: 5.52, 5.04, ((Si)<sub>2</sub>SiO), 5.42, 4.96 (O<u>SiSiSi</u>O), -20.59, -21.07, -21.22, -21.39 (O<u>SiOSi</u>O), -43.12, -44.16 (OSi(<u>Si</u>)<sub>2</sub>SiO), -43.28, -43.35, -44.62, -44.75 (OSi<u>Si</u>Si, OSi<u>Si</u>SiO), -47.03, -47.54 (OSiSi<u>Si</u>SiSiO).

The reaction of dihydroxycyclosilane 7 (1.18 g, 3.35 mmol), dichlorotrisilane **1b** (0.82 g, 3.35 mmol), and Py (0.53 g, 6.70 mmol) carried out similarly to the synthesis of copolymer **6a** gave 1.30 g (74.3%) of polyoxysilane **8**. Reprecipitation gave a fraction (0.73 g) with  $[\eta] = 0.10$  dl g<sup>-1</sup>,  $M_w = 4670$ ,  $M_n = 3160$ . Found (%): C, 36.21; H, 9.05; Si, 47.85. C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>48</sub>O<sub>2</sub>Si<sub>9</sub>. Calculated (%): C, 36.58; H, 9.21; Si, 48.12. UV,  $\lambda_{max}/nm: 280$ . IR (KBr), v/cm<sup>-1</sup>: 2953, 2891 (C–H); 1249, 836, 802, 768 (Si–Me); 1028 (SiOSi). <sup>29</sup>Si NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>),  $\delta: 8.80$  ((Si)<sub>5</sub>SiOSi); 6.98 ((Si)<sub>5</sub>SiOSiSiO); -42.79 (O(Si)SiSiSi(SiO); -43.50 (OSiSiSiSiSiO); -48.00 (OSiSiSiSiO); -53.04 ((Si)<sub>5</sub>SiOSiSiSiO).

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