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<u>Abstract</u> Polymerization of unsaturated organo-substituted silanes by catalytic hydrosilylation leads to both polymeric and cyclic carbosilanes.

Catalytic hydrosilylation of unsaturated organo-substituted silanes is a well known reaction to synthesize polycarbosilanes<sup>1</sup>

Hydrosilylation of methylphenylvinylsilane (1) and dimethylethynylsilane (2) was carried out in refluxing pentane in the presence of a platinum(II)-catalyst, leading to both polymeric and cyclic carbosilanes.

NMR spectroscopy showed polymerization of monomer 1 to occur via  $\alpha$ - and  $\beta$ -addition (30:70), resulting in a polymeric structure with SiMePh-CH-(CH<sub>3</sub>) and SiMePh-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub> units (polymer **a**). For the polymerization of monomer 2 only  $\beta$ -addition was observed (polymer **b**).

The silicon-bonded phenyl groups in polymer a were replaced by chlorine atoms by treatment with a HCl/AlCl<sub>3</sub> mixture<sup>2</sup>. Subsequent reaction of the SiCl groups with LiAlH<sub>4</sub> led to a polymer which possesses SiH groups<sup>3</sup> (Scheme 1, for β-addition only).

$$\begin{array}{c|c} CH_3 \\ \hline -Si-CH_2-CH_2 \\ \hline \end{array} \xrightarrow{HCl} \begin{array}{c} HCl \\ \hline Si-CH_2-CH_2 \\ \hline \end{array} \xrightarrow{AlCl_3} \begin{array}{c} CH_3 \\ \hline Si-CH_2-CH_2 \\ \hline \end{array} \xrightarrow{LiAlH_4} \begin{array}{c} CH_3 \\ \hline Si-CH_2-CH_2 \\ \hline \end{array} \xrightarrow{R}$$

SCHEME 1 Functionalization of polymer a.

The polymer obtained appeared to be a versatile compound which offers a facile entrance to novel polycarbosilane derivatives, as exemplified in Scheme 2 for the preparation of polymer c.

$$-\left[\begin{smallmatrix} \operatorname{CH}_3 \\ \operatorname{I} \\ \operatorname{CH}_2 - \operatorname{CH}_2 \end{smallmatrix}\right]_{\operatorname{n}} \xrightarrow{\operatorname{N}_3\operatorname{P}_3\operatorname{Cl}_5\left[ \operatorname{OC}_6\operatorname{H}_3(\operatorname{OCH}_3)\operatorname{CH}_2\operatorname{CH}=\operatorname{CH}_2 \right]} \\ = \left[\begin{smallmatrix} \operatorname{CH}_3 \\ \operatorname{Si} - \operatorname{CH}_2 - \operatorname{CH}_2 \end{smallmatrix}\right]_{\operatorname{0.6}} \xrightarrow{\begin{smallmatrix} \operatorname{CH}_3 \\ \operatorname{Si} - \operatorname{CH}_2 - \operatorname{CH}_2 \end{smallmatrix}\right]_{\operatorname{0.6}}} \xrightarrow{\begin{smallmatrix} \operatorname{CH}_3 \\ \operatorname{Si} - \operatorname{CH}_2 - \operatorname{CH}_2 \end{smallmatrix}\right]_{\operatorname{0.6}}} \xrightarrow{\begin{smallmatrix} \operatorname{CH}_3 \\ \operatorname{Si} - \operatorname{CH}_2 - \operatorname{CH}_2 \end{smallmatrix}\right]_{\operatorname{0.6}}} \xrightarrow{\begin{smallmatrix} \operatorname{CH}_3 \\ \operatorname{Si} - \operatorname{CH}_2 - \operatorname{CH}_2 \end{smallmatrix}\right]_{\operatorname{0.6}}} \xrightarrow{\begin{smallmatrix} \operatorname{CH}_3 \\ \operatorname{CH}_2 - \operatorname{CH}_2 \end{smallmatrix}}$$

SCHEME 2 Derivatization of the SiH group possessing polymer.

The synthesized polycarbosilanes were characterized by <sup>1</sup>H-, <sup>13</sup>C-, <sup>29</sup>Si- and <sup>31</sup>P NMR spectroscopy, GPC and DSC (Table I).

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| Polymer | Yield<br>(%) | % cyclic oligomers | M <sub>n</sub> | D   | T <sub>g</sub><br>(°C) |
|---------|--------------|--------------------|----------------|-----|------------------------|
| a       | 92           | 32                 | 6100           | 3.0 | 22.7                   |
| b       | 60           | 16                 | 4200           | 2.8 | -23.6                  |
| С       |              |                    | 29000          | 1.4 | 2.9                    |

Polymer a and c were also investigated with thermogravimetric analysis to study their thermal stability. Polymer a appeared to be stable up to 500°C followed by a rapid decomposition between 500 and 550°C yielding 1.5% of a black residue. For polymer c a small decrease in weight of 5% was observed up to 400°C. Further heating to 700°C led to a 59.1% of a black residue.

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