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(57) Abstract: A high refractive index polysiloxane includes siloxane T units of the formula (I) where A represents an alkylene group having 1 to 4 carbon atoms: n=0 or 1; m is at least 1; and Ar is an aryl group substituted by at least one iodine, bromine or chlorine atom, or is a polynuclear aromatic group. The invention includes chlorosilanes having the formula (Ar)_m-(A)_nSiCl₃, useful in forming high refractive index polysiloxanes.

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HIGH REFRACTIVE INDEX POLYSILOXANES AND THEIR PREPARATION

[0001] This invention relates to high refractive index silicone polymers (polysiloxanes) and their manufacture. There is an increasing demand for polymers and 5 resins with higher refractive Index for optical uses.

[0002] Two main ways have been described before to enhance the refractive indices of silicone polymers and glasses. The first approach is to blend silica or organopolysiloxane with a refractive index enhancer such as TiO_2 or ZrO_2 or to react silica or silicone/silicate 10 precursors with titanium alkoxides as described in WO-A-99/19266 or with a TiO_2 - ZrO_2 - SiO_2 - SnO_2 composite sol as described in JP-A-11-310755. However, the refractive index of the final inorganic material may be lower than expected because of inhomogeneity (scattering effect of oxide particles). Moreover the brittle glass or co-inorganic material is difficult to process and does not always fulfil the mechanical requirements for some optical applications.

15 [0003] A second approach is to prepare phenyl-containing silicones. Phenylalkylsiloxanes have been described allowing tunable refractive index from 1.43 to 1.55, for example in US-A-5233007, WO-A-93/19074, WO-A-94/08557 and US-A-5384383. There is a need for higher refractive index silicones, particularly having a refractive index of 20 above 1.56 measured at light wavelength 633nm.

[0004] JP-A-2000-235103 describes optical elements of refractive index 1.55 or greater consisting of a silicone resin which contains a substituted or unsubstituted aryl or aralkyl group. Examples of aryl groups described are pentachlorophenyl, pyrenyl and 25 tribromophenyl. The aryl groups are generally incorporated as diorganosiloxane (D) units of the formula $Z_2SiO_2/2$, where Z is the substituted or unsubstituted aryl group.

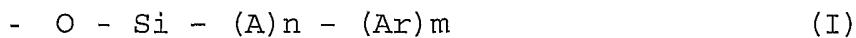
[0005] US-A-6084050 describes thermo-optic devices composed of heat resistant low loss low birefringence silicone materials which contain a deuterated phenyl group or a 30 halogenated phenyl group.

[0006] According to one aspect of the present invention a high refractive index polysiloxane includes siloxane T units of the formula

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where A represents an alkylene group having 1 to 4 carbon atoms: n = 0 or 1; m is at least 1; and Ar is an aryl group substituted by at least one iodine, bromine or chlorine atom, or is a polynuclear aromatic group.

[0007] We have found that polysiloxanes based on such siloxane T units have high refractive index and are readily processable, for example they can be dissolved in an organic solvent and cast and cured on a substrate to form a high refractive index layer on a substrate. Polysiloxanes based on T units generally have a higher refractive index than polysiloxanes based on D units. Whilst it is theoretically possible to include a higher proportion of refractive index-modifying groups in a polysiloxane based on D units, such a polysiloxane cannot readily be processed to form a high refractive index layer on a substrate.

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[0008] According to another aspect of the invention a process for the preparation of a high refractive index polysiloxane is characterised in that an aryl polysiloxane containing $\text{Ar}'(\text{R})_x\text{SiO}(3-x/2)$ units, where Ar' is an aryl group; each X independently represents an alkyl, aryl, haloalkyl, alkoxy or hydrogen group; and x = 0, 1 or 2 is reacted with chlorine, bromine or iodine.

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[0009] According to a further aspect of the invention a further process for the preparation of a high refractive index polysiloxane characterised in that an aryl hydrosiloxane resin containing $(\text{Ar})_m - (\text{A})_n - (\text{R})_x\text{SiO}(3-x/2)$ units and $\text{HSiO}_3/2$ units, where Ar, A, m and n are defined as in Claim 1; each R independently represents an alkyl, aryl, haloalkyl, alkoxy or hydrogen group or a group of the formula $(\text{AR})_m - (\text{A})_n -$; and x = 0, 1 or 2; is treated with a base to condense at least some of the $\text{HSiO}_3/2$ units to form $\text{SiO}_4/2$ units.

[0010] The invention includes new chlorosilanes having the formula $(Ar)^m-(A)nSiCl_3$, where Ar, A, m and n are defined as above.

[0011] The invention also includes a process for the preparation of a chlorosilane of 5 the formula $(Ar)^m-(A)n(R')xSiCl(3-x)$, where Ar, A, m and n are defined as in Claim 1; each R' independently represents an alkyl, aryl, or haloalkyl group; and x = 0, 1 or 2; characterised in that an organic chloride of the formula $(Ar)^m-(A)nCl$ is reacted with a chlorosilane of the formula $H(R')xSiCl(3-x)$ in the presence of a tertiary amine. Further, the invention includes a process for the preparation of a high refractive index polysiloxane, characterised in that at 10 least one chlorosilane of the formula $(Ar)^m-(A)n(R')xSiCl(3-x)$, or at least one chlorosilane of the formula $(Ar)^m-(A)n(R')xSiCl(3-x)$ prepared as described above, is hydrolysed and condensed, optionally together with another chlorosilane, in the presence of water and a dipolar aprotic solvent.

[0012] In the group $(Ar)^m-(A)n-$, the Ar radical can be an aryl group substituted by at 15 least one iodine, bromine or chlorine atom, for example a substituted phenyl group, or is a polynuclear aromatic group. Examples of substituted aryl groups Ar include iodophenyl, diiodophenyl, bromophenyl, dibromophenyl, chlorophenyl, dichlorophenyl and trichlorophenyl. In general the substitution of iodine in an aryl group has a much greater 20 effect in increasing the refractive index of a polysiloxane containing it than the substitution of bromine, which in turn has a substantially greater effect than the substitution of chlorine. Polysiloxanes in which Ar is a phenyl group substituted by at least one iodine atom are thus particularly preferred. The aryl group of Ar can optionally contain additional substituents, for example one or more alkyl groups such as methyl or ethyl.

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[0013] The polynuclear aromatic group Ar can be a fused ring aryl group such as an 30 optionally substituted naphthyl, anthracenyl, phenanthrenyl or pyrenyl group, or can be a polynuclear group having non-fused aromatic rings such as an optionally substituted biphenyl group. The group Ar can be a polynuclear aromatic group substituted by at least one iodine, bromine or chlorine atom, for example an iodonaphthyl, chloronaphthyl, bromonaphthyl or (iodophenyl)phenyl group.

[0014] The alkylene linkage (A) can be present or absent, i.e. the value of n can be 0 or 1; the group (A) has little effect on the refractive index of the polysiloxane and the presence or absence of the alkylene linkage can be chosen according to the ease of preparation of the corresponding polysiloxane. If present, A is preferably a methylene, 5 ethylidene or ethylene linkage. The value of m is usually 1, although when A is present and particularly when A has more than 1 carbon atom it can be substituted by 2 or more Ar groups.

[0015] Examples of suitable groups (Ar)m-(A)n- include 2-iodophenyl, 4-iodophenyl, 10 2-iodophenylmethyl, 9-anthracenylmethyl, 3,4-diiodophenyl, 5-iodonaphth-1-yl and 4-(3-iodophenyl)phenyl.

[0016] The polysiloxane of the invention preferably contains at least 20%, most preferably at least 50%, of the siloxane units of the formula (I). Such units can form up to 15 90% or even 100% of the polysiloxane. However we have found that the presence of SiO₄/2 units (Q units) in the polysiloxane confers additional advantages. The presence of Q groups generally confers easier processing, so that the polysiloxane is soluble in organic solvents and can be spin coated on substrates. The processing of a polysiloxane of high aryl content to form a good coated film may be difficult if the polysiloxane does not contain Q groups. The 20 presence of Q groups also improves the thermomechanical properties of the polysiloxane, such as increasing rigidity, particularly at elevated temperature. The level of Q groups in the polysiloxane is preferably at least 5% and most preferably at least 10, for example up to 30 or 40%.

[0017] The polysiloxane of the invention can additionally contain diorganosiloxane 25 units (D units) and/or triorganosiloxane units (M units). Such D or M units can in general have the formula (R)_xSiO(4-x/2), where each R independently represents an alkyl, aryl, haloalkyl, alkoxy or hydrogen group; and x = 2 or 3. Aryl groups R can be unsubstituted aryl groups, for example phenyl groups, or can be aryl groups substituted by at least one iodine, 30 bromine or chlorine atom or polynuclear aromatic groups as defined for Ar above. The polysiloxane can optionally contain monoorganosiloxane units (T units) RSiO₃/2 in which R is an alkyl, unsubstituted aryl, haloalkyl, alkoxy or hydrogen group.

[0018] In one preferred process according to the invention for the preparation of a high refractive index polysiloxane, an aryl polysiloxane containing $\text{Ar}'(\text{R})_x\text{SiO}(3-x/2)$ units, where Ar' is an aryl group; each R independently represents an alkyl, aryl, haloalkyl, alkoxy or hydrogen group; and $x = 0, 1$ or 2 is reacted with chlorine, bromine or iodine. The group 5 Ar' can for example be a phenyl group, for example the aryl polysiloxane can be a phenyl T resin, or a naphthyl, toyl or xylyl group. If the aryl polysiloxane is a T resin, it can comprise substantially all $\text{Ar}'\text{SiO}_3/2$ units as in a phenyl T resin, or can be a phenyl alkyl T resin preferably containing at least 50% $\text{Ar}'\text{SiO}_3/2$ units and up to 50% $\text{RSiO}_3/2$ units where R is alkyl, for example a phenyl propyl T resin. Reaction with iodine is preferred to give 10 maximum increase in refractive index. In a particularly preferred reaction, the aryl polysiloxane is reacted with iodine in the presence of an aryl iodonium salt, for example (bis(trifluoroacetoxy)iodo)benzene $\text{PhI}(\text{OOCF}_3)_2$ or diacetoxyphenyliodine $\text{PhI}(\text{OOCCH}_3)_2$. The reaction is preferably carried out in a halogenated solvent such as CH₂Cl₂.

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[0019] We have found that when an aryl T resin containing $\text{Ar}'\text{SiO}_3/2$ units is reacted with chlorine, bromine or iodine, and particularly when it is reacted with iodine in the presence of an aryl iodonium salt, some $\text{SiO}_4/2$ units are formed in addition to $\text{Ar}'\text{SiO}_3/2$ units. This is generally advantage, since the $\text{SiO}_4/2$ units improve the processability and 20 thermomechanical properties of the polysiloxane as described above. In a particularly preferred process, at least 20%, and most preferably at least 50%, of the $\text{Ar}'\text{SiO}_3/2$ units are converted to $\text{ArSiO}_3/2$ units, where Ar is an aryl group substituted by at least one iodine, bromine or chlorine atom, and at least 10%, most preferably at least 20%, of the $\text{Ar}'\text{SiO}_3/2$ units are converted to $\text{SiO}_4/2$ units. Such a degree of conversion can be obtained by reacting 25 the aryl T resin with 30-300% by weight iodine and 50-500% by weight of the aryl iodonium salt at a temperature in the range 0-100°C, preferably ambient temperature of about 15-30°C.

[0020] A high refractive index polysiloxane can alternatively be prepared by a process in which at least one chlorosilane of the formula $(\text{Ar})_m-(\text{A})_n(\text{R})_x\text{SiCl}(3-x)$, where Ar , A , m 30 and n are defined as in Claim 1; each R independently represents an alkyl, aryl, alkenyl, substituted alkyl, alkoxy or hydrogen group; and $x = 0, 1$ or 2 ; is hydrolysed and condensed, optionally together with another chlorosilane, in the presence of water and preferably also a dipolar aprotic solvent such as tetrahydrofuran or a ketone containing 4 to 7 C atoms $(\text{Ar})_m-$

(A)nSiO₃/2 such as methyl isobutyl ketone. Preferably the chlorosilane is a trichlorosilane (Ar)m-(A)nSiCl₃ leading to a polysiloxane comprising (Ar)m-(A)nSiO₃/2 units, but a dichlorosilane, a monochlorosilane and/or SiCl₄ can additionally be present to introduce D, M and/or Q units. If substituted alkyl groups are present, they can be haloalkyl, particularly 5 chloroalkyl, bromoalkyl or iodoalkyl, groups, or can for example be alkyl groups substituted by a reactive functional group such as epoxide or amino groups.

[0021] A process according to the invention for the preparation of a chlorosilane of the formula (Ar)m-(A)n(R')_xSiCl(3-x), where Ar, A, m and n are defined as above; each R' 10 independently represents an alkyl, aryl, or haloalkyl group; and x = 0, 1 or 2; comprises reacting an organic chloride of the formula (Ar)m-(A)nCl with a chlorosilane of the formula H(R')_xSiCl(3-x) in the presence of a tertiary amine, for example a trialkylamine such as triethylamine or tripropylamine. The organic chloride and chlorosilane are preferably used in approximately equimolar amounts or with an excess of trichlorosilane, for example a molar 15 ratio of organic chloride to trichlorosilane of 1:0.8-3.0. The tertiary amine is preferably used in at least an approximately equimolar amount to the organic chloride; the tertiary amine is converted to its hydrochloride salt in the reaction. The reaction is preferably carried out at a temperature in the range 100-200°C. For example a trichlorosilane (Ar)m-(A)nSiCl₃ useful 20 in preparing high refractive index T resins according to the invention can be prepared by the reaction of (Ar)m-(A)nCl with HSiCl₃ in the presence of a trialkylamine. Such trichlorosilanes (Ar)m-(A)nSiCl₃ are new compounds.

[0022] While a high refractive index polysiloxane containing (Ar)m-(A)nSiO₃/2 units and SiO₄/2 units can be prepared by co-condensation of (Ar)m-(A)nSiCl₃ and SiCl₄, a 25 preferred process according to the invention involves the conversion of HSiO₃/2 units into Q groups. In this process for the preparation of a high refractive index polysiloxane, an aryl hydrosiloxane resin containing (Ar)m-(A)n(R)_xSiO(3-x/2) units and HSiO₃/2 units is treated with a base to condense at least some of the HSiO₃/2 units to form SiO₄/2 units. The aryl hydrosiloxane resin containing (Ar)m-(A)nSiO₃/2 and HSiO₃/2 units can be prepared by 30 reaction of the chlorosilanes (Ar)m-(A)n-SiCl₃ and HSiCl₃ in the presence of water and a dipolar aprotic solvent.

[0023] One preferred base is a solution of an alkali metal salt of a weak acid such as a carboxylic acid, for example sodium acetate, sodium hydrogen phosphate or sodium tetraborate. An aqueous and/or organic solvent solution can be used. A preferred solvent mixture comprises water and a dipolar aprotic solvent which is at least partially miscible with water. The dipolar aprotic solvent can for example be a ketone having 4 to 7 carbon atoms such as methyl isobutyl ketone (MIBK), methyl ethyl ketone or methyl isoamyl ketone, or can be a cyclic ether such as tetrahydrofuran or dioxane. Alternatively the base may comprise an amine, preferably a tertiary amine, particularly a trialkyl amine such as triethylamine or tripropylamine, or alternatively pyridine or dimethylaminopropanol. The base can for example be an aqueous solution of triethylamine. A tertiary amine can act as both base and as a dipolar aprotic solvent, so that one base reagent comprises a solution of an alkali metal salt of a weak acid in a solvent mixture of water and a tertiary amine.

[0024] The degree of conversion of $\text{HSiO}_3/2$ units to $\text{SiO}_4/2$ units can be controlled by controlling the strength and concentration of the base used to treat the resin, the time of contact between the resin and the base and the temperature of the reaction. The base strength and concentration and time and temperature of treatment are preferably sufficient to condense at least 30% of the $\text{HSiO}_3/2$ units to $\text{SiO}_4/2$ units. In some cases 100% conversion may be desired; in other cases a lower level, for example 40-80% conversion, may be preferred. For example, a 0.5M sodium acetate solution in aqueous MIBK will cause 50% conversion of $\text{HSiO}_3/2$ units to $\text{SiO}_4/2$ units at 100-110°C in about 1 hour. A 0.5M solution of sodium acetate in aqueous triethylamine will cause 50% conversion at 25°C in about 30-40 minutes. 100% conversion can be achieved by using the latter solution at 70°C for a few hours.

[0025] The high refractive index polysiloxane can be used in a variety of uses, for example optical uses like antireflective coatings for display devices, intra-ocular and optical lenses, optical amplifying fibres, waveguides, particularly for optical telecommunications, high refractive index adhesives or for cosmetic application, for example hair care composition with enhanced shine.

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[0026] A high refractive index layer can be formed on a substrate by coating the substrate with a high refractive index polysiloxane according to the invention and curing the coating. Various methods of curing can be used. If the high refractive index polysiloxane

contains Si-H groups, it can be cured by reaction with a curing agent containing alkenyl groups, for example vinyl or hexenyl groups, in the presence of a hydrosilylation catalyst such as a platinum-containing catalyst. Similarly if the high refractive index polysiloxane contains alkenyl groups it can be cured by a curing agent containing Si-H groups, or a high refractive index polysiloxane containing Si-H groups and a high refractive index polysiloxane containing alkenyl groups can be cured together. If the high refractive index polysiloxane contains reactive organic groups such as epoxide or amino groups, these can be used for curing. For example epoxide groups can be crosslinked by a polyamine, optionally using heat or UV radiation to accelerate curing, and amino groups can be crosslinked by a polyepoxide or polyisocyanate. The high refractive index polysiloxanes prepared by the processes described above frequently have sufficient Si-OH groups to undergo condensation cure, preferably in the presence of a zinc catalyst and/or at elevated temperature such as 100-300°C.

15 [0027] A high refractive index article can be produced by forming a high refractive index polysiloxane according to the invention into an article and curing the article.

[0028] The invention is illustrated by the following examples.

20 Example 1

[0029] 10.2g of I₂ was added into a mixture consisting of 9.0g T^{Ph} resin, prepared by hydrolysis-condensation of PhSiCl₃ in a one-phase dioxane system, 18.94g of bis(trifluoroacetoxy)iodobenzene, and 100ml of CH₂Cl₂. The mixture was kept constantly stirred for 4hr at room temperature until the purple colour of iodine was fading into a light red colour. CH₂Cl₂ solvent was exchanged for MIBK solvent by stripping one third and addition of 100ml MIBK, then re-stripping another one third and addition of another 50ml more MIBK. The MIBK solution was washed with sodium bisulphite, and four times with water. Residual water was removed by use of a Dean-Stark apparatus to get after solvent stripping 30 23.5g of a white soluble solid.

[0030] Iodinated phenyl and partial Si-C_{ar} cleavage were observed by ²⁹Si and ¹³C NMR. The formula of the resin determined by NMR spectroscopy is T^{Ph(I)}_{0.75}Q_{0.25}.

[0031] The highly soluble $T^{Ph(I)}_{0.75}Q_{0.25}$ resin was spin-coated onto silicon wafers and RI was evaluated by spectrometric ellipsometry (Woollam, 633 nm; this method was also used in Examples 2-5 below) after curing at 150°C. A high RI of 1.661 was observed on 5 average over five specimens with a RI deviation below 1%.

Example 2

[0032] 2.55g of I₂ was added into a mixture consisting of 3.21g of a $T^{Ph}_{0.7}T^{Pr}_{0.3}$ phenyl 10 propyl T resin sold under the Trade Mark 'Dow Corning Z-6018', 4.74g of bis(trifluoroacetoxy)iodobenzene, 20ml of CCl₄ and 50ml of CH₂Cl₂. The reaction was kept 3hr at room temperature, under constant stirring, until the purple colour of iodine totally 15 disappeared. The solvents were exchanged to MIBK by stripping one third, addition of 50ml MIBK, then stripping another third followed by addition of 50ml more MIBK. The organic solution was washed four times with water prior to removal of residual water using a Dean-Stark apparatus. The MIBK solvent was then stripped under vacuum leading to 5.4g of a white soluble solid.

[0033] ¹³C NMR revealed that 1.0 to 1.3 aromatic carbons in average have been 20 iodinated. ²⁹Si NMR again showed partial Si-C_{ar} cleavage leading to Q sub-units formation. The formula of the resin determined by NMR spectroscopy is $T^{Ph(I)}_{0.34}T^{Pr}_{0.31}Q_{0.35}$.

[0034] The soluble $T^{Ph(I)}_{0.34}T^{Pr}_{0.31}Q_{0.35}$ resin was spin-coated onto silicon wafers and RI was evaluated after curing at 150°C. A high RI of 1.691 was observed on average over 25 four specimens with a RI deviation below 1%.

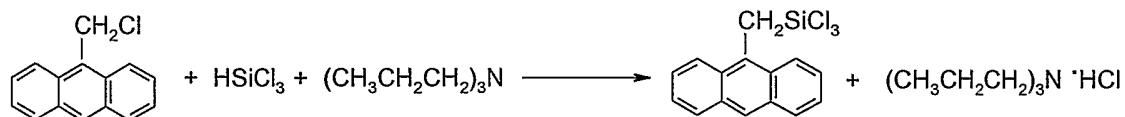
Example 3

(i) Preparation of trichlorosilylmethylanthracene

[0035] 3.16g of tri-n-propylamine (0.022 mol) were added into a mixture consisting 30 of 5g of chloromethylanthracene (0.022 mol) and 4.48g of trichlorosilane (0.033 mol). The above mixture was refluxed at 150°C for 72hr. 100ml of diethyl ether was used to extract the

soluble fraction. After filtration of the insoluble salt and evaporation of the solvent, 6.8g of a light yellow solid was obtained (85% yield). ^{29}Si and ^{13}C NMR and MS (mass spectroscopy) characterisation confirmed the formation of trichlorosilylmethylanthracene (AnSiCl₃) according to the following reaction:

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(ii). Preparation of anthracenemethyl silsesquioxane resin.

10 [0036] 3g AnSiCl₃ dissolved into 10ml of MIBK was added dropwise into a mixture consisting of 5ml H₂O and 10ml MIBK at room temperature (the temperature of the reaction mixture raised to 50 to 60°C). The mixture was refluxed at 120°C for another 2 hours under constant stirring. The organic layer was separated and washed four times with water until neutral pH. Removal of residual water by anhydrous NaSO₄, and stripping off the solvent led 15 to 3.8g of a light yellow waxy material, which was highly soluble in common organic solvents such as toluene and MIBK.

20 [0037] By ^{29}Si NMR, only three peaks were observed in the T regions at -53.6, -62.4 and -72.7 ppm, corresponding, respectively, to T₁, T₂ and T₃ species, confirming that no Si-C bond cleavage occurred during the resin formation as revealed by ^{29}Si NMR and that the resin consisted essentially of AnSiO_{3/2} units.

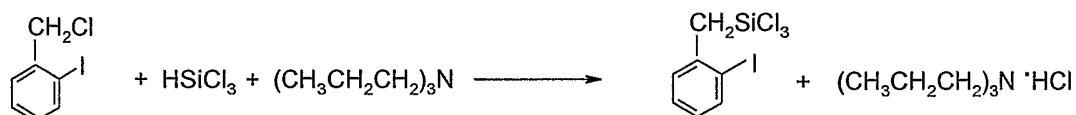
25 [0038] This resin was spin-coated onto silicon wafers and refractive index RI was evaluated after curing at 150°C. A high RI of 1.724 was observed on average over four specimens with a RI deviation below 1%.

Example 4

(i) Preparation of 2-iodophenylmethyltrichlorosilane.

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[0039] 5.67g of tri-n-propylamine (0.040 mol) were added into a mixture consisting of 10.00g of 1-chloromethyl-2-iodo-benzene (0.04 mol) and 8.05g of trichlorosilane (0.060 mol). The above mixture was refluxed at 140°C for 72hr. 100ml of diethyl ether was used to extract the soluble fraction. After filtration of the insoluble salt and evaporation of the solvent, 13g of a light cream colour solid was obtained (92.5% yield). ^{29}Si , ^{13}C and ^1H NMR characterisation confirmed the formation of 2-iodobenzyltrichlorosilane (BzISiCl₃) according to the following reaction:



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(ii) Preparation of 2-iodophenylmethyl silsesquioxane resin.

[0040] 6g BzISiCl₃ dissolved in 20ml of MIBK was added dropwise into a mixture consisting of 10ml H₂O and 20ml MIBK at room temperature. The temperature of the reaction mixture rose to 50 to 60°C. The mixture was refluxed at 100°C for another 1 hour under constant stirring. The organic layer was separated and washed four times with water until neutral pH. Removal of residual water by anhydrous NaSO₄, and stripping off the solvent led to 7.2g of a light yellow solid, which was highly soluble in common organic solvents such as toluene and MIBK.

[0041] By ^{29}Si NMR, mainly two peaks were observed in the T regions at -62.0 and -71.7ppm, corresponding, respectively, to T₂ and T₃ species. Si-C bond cleavage occurred during the resin preparation leading to the formation of Q species as revealed by ^{29}Si NMR.

25 The formula of the resin determined by NMR spectroscopy is T^{BzI}_{0.87}Q_{0.13}.

[0042] This resin was spin-coated onto silicon wafers and refractive index RI was evaluated after curing at 150°C. A high RI of 1.644 was observed on average over four specimens with a RI deviation below 1%

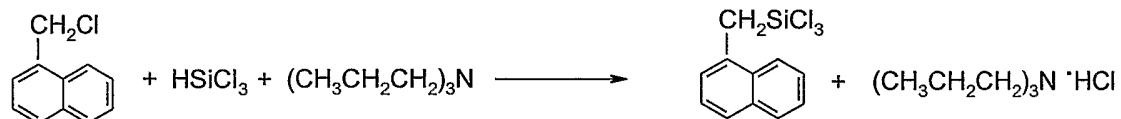
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Example 5

(i) Preparation of naphthalenemethyltrichlorosilane.

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[0043] 40.4g of tri-n-propylamine (0.282 mol) were added into a mixture consisting of 50.0g of 1-chloromethylnaphthalene (0.282 mol) and 57.3g of trichlorosilane (0.423 mol). The above mixture was refluxed at 140°C for 48hr. 200ml of diethyl ether was used to extract the soluble fraction. After filtration of the insoluble salt and evaporation of the solvent, 75g of a brown colour solid was obtained ^{29}Si , ^{13}C and ^1H NMR characterisation confirmed the formation of naphthalenemethyltrichlorosilane (NapSiCl₃) according to the following reaction:



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(ii) Preparation of naphthalenemethyl silsesquioxane resin.

[0044] 10g NapSiCl₃ dissolved in 30ml of MIBK was added dropwise into a mixture consisting of 10ml H₂O and 30ml MIBK at room temperature (the temperature of the reaction mixture raised to 50 to 60°C). The mixture was refluxed at 110°C for another 3 hours under constant stirring. The organic layer was separated and washed four times with water until neutral pH. Removal of residual water by anhydrous NaSO₄, and stripping off the solvent led to 6.2g of a light yellow wax, which was highly soluble in toluene and MIBK.

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[0045] By ^{29}Si NMR, mainly two peaks were observed in the T regions at -61.3 and -70.7ppm, corresponding, respectively, to T₂ and T₃ species. Si-C bond cleavage occurred during the resin preparation leading to the formation of Q species as revealed by ^{29}Si NMR. The formula of the resin determined by NMR spectroscopy is T^{Nap}_{0.77}Q_{0.23}.

[0046] This resin was spin-coated onto silicon wafers and refractive index RI was evaluated after curing at 150°C. A high RI of 1.643 was observed on average over four specimens with a RI deviation below 1%.

5 Examples 6 to 9

[0047] 18g of AnSiCl_3 (0.055mol) and 7.49g of HSiCl_3 (0.055mol) were mixed into 60ml MIBK and added dropwise into a mixture of 60ml H_2O , 60ml MIBK and 40ml Toluene over 30 minutes at room temperature. The temperature of the reaction mixture rose to 60°C 10 upon addition. The reaction mixture was refluxed at 110°C for further 2hr. The organic layer was separated and washed four times with distilled water until neutral. A first portion (40ml) of the resulting $\text{T}^{\text{An}}\text{T}^{\text{H}}$ resin (which also contained some Q groups) was sampled from the solution. Removal of residual water and stripping of the solvent led to 5.0g of a light brown solid. (Example 6)

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[0048] The rest of the $\text{T}^{\text{An}}\text{T}^{\text{H}}$ solution was mixed with 100ml of 0.5M aqueous sodium acetate (NaAc) solution at 40°C. Different compositions of $\text{T}^{\text{An}}\text{T}^{\text{H}}\text{Q}$ were then sampled (40ml each) out of the organic layer from the solution system at different times as shown in Table 1 below. After washing the samples four times, stripping off the residual 20 water and solvent, approximately 4 to 5g. of a light brown solid were obtained from each of these portions. (Examples 7 to 9)

Table 1

	Reaction time	% of T^{H} conversion	Formula (by ^{29}Si NMR)
Example 6	0 hr	27.3	$\text{T}^{\text{An}}_{0.45}\text{T}^{\text{H}}_{0.40}\text{Q}_{0.15}$
Example 7	1 day	50.0	$\text{T}^{\text{An}}_{0.45}\text{T}^{\text{H}}_{0.28}\text{Q}_{0.28}$
Example 8	3 day	61.8	$\text{T}^{\text{An}}_{0.45}\text{T}^{\text{H}}_{0.21}\text{Q}_{0.34}$
Example 9	6 days	70.7	$\text{T}^{\text{An}}_{0.45}\text{T}^{\text{H}}_{0.16}\text{Q}_{0.39}$

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[0049] These $T^{An}T^H$ Q resins were each spin-coated onto silicon wafers and refractive index RI was evaluated by spectroscopic ellipsometry (Rudolph, 633 nm) of two specimens after curing at 150°C. High RIs between 1.647 and 1.704 were observed, as listed in Table 2, with a RI deviation below 1% for each example

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Table 2

	Compositions	RI
Example 6	$T^{An}_{0.45}T^H_{0.40}Q_{0.15}$	1.647
Example 7	$T^{An}_{0.45}T^H_{0.28}Q_{0.28}$	1.692
Example 8	$T^{An}_{0.45}T^H_{0.21}Q_{0.34}$	1.702
Example 9	$T^{An}_{0.45}T^H_{0.16}Q_{0.39}$	1.704

Examples 10 to 13

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[0050] 20.00g of BzISiCl₃ (0.057mol) and 7.71g of HSiCl₃ (0.057mol) were mixed into 40ml MIBK and added dropwise into a mixture of 60ml H₂O, 80ml MIBK and 40ml Toluene over 30 minutes at room temperature. The temperature of the reaction mixture rose to 60°C upon addition. The reaction mixture was refluxed at 100°C for further 2hr. The 15 organic layer was separated and washed four times with distilled water until neutral. A first portion (40ml) of the resulting $T^{BzI}T^H$ resin (which also contained some Q groups) was sampled from the solution. Removal of residual water and stripping of the solvent led to 5.0g of a crispy white solid. (Example 10).

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[0051] The rest of the $T^{BzI}T^H$ solution was mixed with 100ml of 0.5M aqueous sodium acetate (NaAc) solution at 40°C. Different compositions of $T^{BzI}T^H$ Q were then sampled (40ml each) out of the organic layer from the solution system at different times as shown in Table 3 below. After washing the samples four times, stripping off the residual water and solvent, approximately 4 to 5g. of a crispy white solid were obtained from each of 25 these portions. (Examples 11 to 13)

Table 3

	Reaction time	% of T ^H conversion	Formula (by ²⁹ Si NMR)
Example 10	0 hr	26.0	T ^{BzI} _{0.50} T ^H _{0.37} Q _{0.13}
Example 11	6 hr	40.8	T ^{BzI} _{0.51} T ^H _{0.29} Q _{0.20}
Example 12	1 day	54.0	T ^{BzI} _{0.51} T ^H _{0.23} Q _{0.27}
Example 13	6 days	80.0	T ^{BzI} _{0.50} T ^H _{0.10} Q _{0.40}

5 [0052] The T^{BzI}T^HQ resins of Examples 10 to 12 were each spin-coated onto silicon wafers and refractive index RI was evaluated by spectroscopic ellipsometry (Rudolph, 633 nm; average of 2 specimens) after curing at 150°C. A high RI between 1.612 and 1.625 was observed as shown in Table 4 with a RI deviation below 1% for each example

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Table 4

Ref	Compositions	RI
Example 10	T ^{BzI} _{0.50} T ^H _{0.37} Q _{0.13}	1.625
Example 11	T ^{BzI} _{0.51} T ^H _{0.29} Q _{0.20}	1.612
Example 12	T ^{BzI} _{0.51} T ^H _{0.23} Q _{0.27}	1.622

Examples 14 to 16

15 [0053] 30.00g of NapSiCl₃ (0.109mol) and 14.72g of HSiCl₃ (0.109mol) were mixed into 60ml MIBK and added dropwise into a mixture of 90ml H₂O, 120ml MIBK and 60ml Toluene over 40 minutes at room temperature. The temperature of the reaction mixture rose to 60°C upon addition. The reaction mixture was refluxed at 100°C for further 2hr. The organic layer was separated and washed four times with distilled water until neutral. A first 20 portion (100ml) of the resulting T^{Nap}T^H resin (which also contained some Q groups) was sampled from the solution. Removal of residual water and stripping of the solvent led to 10.1g of a light yellow solid. (Example 14)

[0054] The rest of the $T^{Nap}T^H$ solution was mixed with 100ml of 0.5M aqueous sodium acetate (NaAc) solution at 25°C. Different compositions of $T^{Nap}T^HQ$ were then sampled (70ml each) out of the organic layer from the solution system at two different times 5 as shown in Table 5 below. After washing the samples four times, stripping off the residual water and solvent, approximately 7.5 and 8.0g of light yellow solid were obtained from each of these portions. (Examples 15 and 16)

Table 5

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	Reaction time	% of T^H conversion	Formula (by ^{29}Si NMR)
Example 14	0 hr	40.0	$T^{Nap}_{0.49}T^H_{0.30}Q_{0.20}$
Example 15	1 day	44.0	$T^{Nap}_{0.50}T^H_{0.28}Q_{0.22}$
Example 16	7 day	56.9	$T^{Nap}_{0.49}T^H_{0.22}Q_{0.29}$

[0055] These $T^{Nap}T^HQ$ resins were each spin-coated onto silicon wafers and refractive index RI was evaluated by spectroscopic ellipsometry (Rudolph, 633 nm; average of two 15 specimens) after curing at 150°C. The results are listed in Table 6.

Table 6

Ref	Compositions	RI
Example 14	$T^{Nap}_{0.49}T^H_{0.30}Q_{0.20}$	1.608
Example 15	$T^{Nap}_{0.50}T^H_{0.28}Q_{0.22}$	1.586
Example 16	$T^{Nap}_{0.49}T^H_{0.22}Q_{0.29}$	1.581

20 Example 17 – Preparation of Iodinated methylanthracene resin

[0056] 2.34g of I_2 was added into a mixture consisting of 1.5g of T^{An} resin, 3.97g of bis(trifluoroacetoxy)iodo-benzene, and 50ml of CH_2Cl_2 . The mixture was kept constantly

stirred at room temperature until the purple colour of iodine was fading into a deep green colour. CH_2Cl_2 solvent was exchanged for MIBK solvent by stripping one third and addition of 100ml MIBK, then re-stripping another one third and addition of another 50ml more MIBK. The MIBK solution was washed with sodium bisulphite, and four times with water.

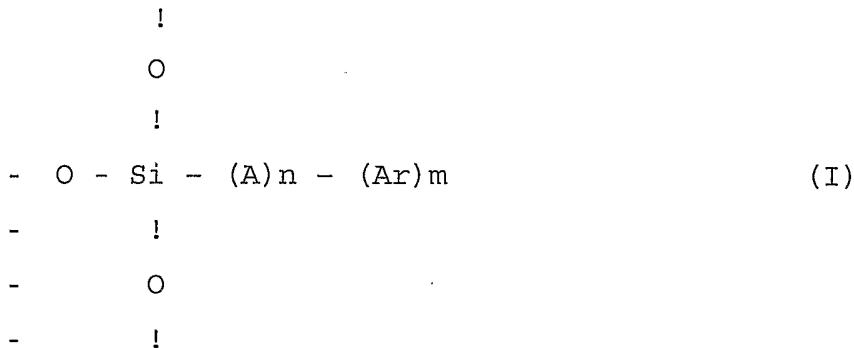
5 Residual water was removed by use of a Dean-Stark apparatus to get after solvent stripping 2.0g of a deep brown soluble powder.

[0057] Iodinated methylanthracene and partial Si-C_{ar} cleavage were observed by ²⁹Si and ¹³C NMR. The average formula of the resin determined by NMR spectroscopy is
10 $T^{An(I)n}_{0.38}Q_{0.62}$ (1<n<3).

[0058] The iodinated $T^{An(I)n}_{0.38}Q_{0.62}$ resin was spin-coated onto silicon wafers and RI was evaluated by spectrometric ellipsometry (Woollam, 633 nm) after curing at 150°C. A high RI of 1.770 was observed.

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CLAIMS

1. A high refractive index polysiloxane, characterised in that the polysiloxane includes siloxane T units of the formula



where A represents an alkylene group having 1 to 4 carbon atoms: n = 0 or 1; m is at least 1; and Ar is an aryl group substituted by at least one iodine, bromine or chlorine atom, or is a polynuclear aromatic group.

2. A polysiloxane according to Claim 1 characterised in that at least 20% of the siloxane units of the resin are of formula (I).
3. A polysiloxane according to Claim 1 or Claim 2 characterised in that at least 10% of the siloxane units of the resin are $\text{SiO}_4/2$ units.
4. A polysiloxane according to any of Claims 1 to 3 characterised in that Ar is an optionally substituted naphthyl, anthracenyl, phenanthrenyl or pyrenyl group.
5. A polysiloxane according to any of Claims 1 to 4 characterised in that Ar is a polynuclear aromatic group substituted by at least one iodine, bromine or chlorine atom
6. A polysiloxane according to any of Claims 1 to 3 characterised in that Ar is a phenyl group substituted by at least one iodine atom.

7. A polysiloxane according to any of Claims 1 to 6 characterised in that the polysiloxane also contains curable groups selected from alkenyl groups, Si-H groups, epoxyalkyl, aminoalkyl and Si-OH groups.
8. A process for the preparation of a high refractive index polysiloxane characterised in that an aryl polysiloxane containing $Ar'(R)xSiO(3-x/2)$ units, where Ar' is an aryl group; each R independently represents an alkyl, aryl, haloalkyl, alkoxy or hydrogen group; and $x = 0, 1$ or 2 is reacted with chlorine, bromine or iodine.
9. A process according to Claim 8, characterised in that the aryl polysiloxane is reacted with iodine in the presence of an aryl iodonium salt.
10. A process according to Claim 8 or Claim 9, characterised in that the aryl polysiloxane is an aryl T resin containing $Ar'SiO3/2$ units, and at least 20% of the $Ar'SiO3/2$ units are converted to $ArSiO3/2$ units where Ar is an aryl group substituted by at least one iodine, bromine or chlorine atom and at least 10% of the $Ar'SiO3/2$ units are converted to $SiO4/2$ units.
11. A process for the preparation of a high refractive index polysiloxane characterised in that an aryl hydrosiloxane resin containing $(Ar)m-(A)n(R)xSiO(3-x/2)$ units and $HSiO3/2$ units, where Ar, A, m and n are defined as in Claim 1; each R independently represents an alkyl, aryl, haloalkyl, alkoxy or hydrogen group or a group of the formula $(AR)m-(A)n-$; and $x = 0, 1$ or 2 ; is treated with a base to condense at least some of the $HSiO3/2$ units to form $SiO4/2$ units.
12. A process according to Claim 11, characterised in that the aryl hydrosiloxane resin contains $(Ar)m-(A)nSiO3/2$ and $HSiO3/2$ units and is prepared by reaction of the chlorosilanes $(Ar)m-(A)n-SiCl3$ and $HSiCl3$ in the presence of water and a dipolar aprotic solvent.

13. A process according to Claim 11 or Claim 12, characterised in that the base is a solution of an alkali metal salt of a weak acid in a solvent mixture of water and a dipolar aprotic solvent which is at least partially miscible with water.
14. A chlorosilane having the formula $(Ar)m-(A)nSiCl_3$, where Ar, A, m and n are defined as in Claim 1.
15. A process for the preparation of a chlorosilane of the formula $(Ar)m-(A)n(R')xSiCl(3-x)$, where Ar, A, m and n are defined as in Claim 1; each R' independently represents an alkyl, aryl, or haloalkyl group; and x = 0, 1 or 2; characterised in that an organic chloride of the formula $(Ar)m-(A)nCl$ is reacted with a chlorosilane of the formula $H(R')xSiCl(3-x)$ in the presence of a tertiary amine.
16. A chlorosilane of the formula $(Ar)m-(A)n(R')xSiCl(3-x)$ produced by the process of Claim 15.
17. A process for the preparation of a high refractive index polysiloxane, characterised in that at least one chlorosilane as claimed in Claim 14 or Claim 16 is hydrolysed and condensed, optionally together with another chlorosilane, in the presence of water and a dipolar aprotic solvent.
18. A high refractive index polysiloxane prepared by the process of any of Claims 8 to 13 or 17.
19. A process for forming a high refractive index layer on a substrate comprising coating the substrate with a high refractive index polysiloxane as claimed in any of Claims 1 to 7 or 18 and curing the coating.
20. A process for producing a high refractive index article comprising forming a high refractive index polysiloxane as claimed in any of Claims 1 to 7 or 18 into an article and curing the article.