

Supporting Information

Fractality and Metastability of a Complex Amide Cross-linked Dipodal Alkyl/siloxane Hybrid

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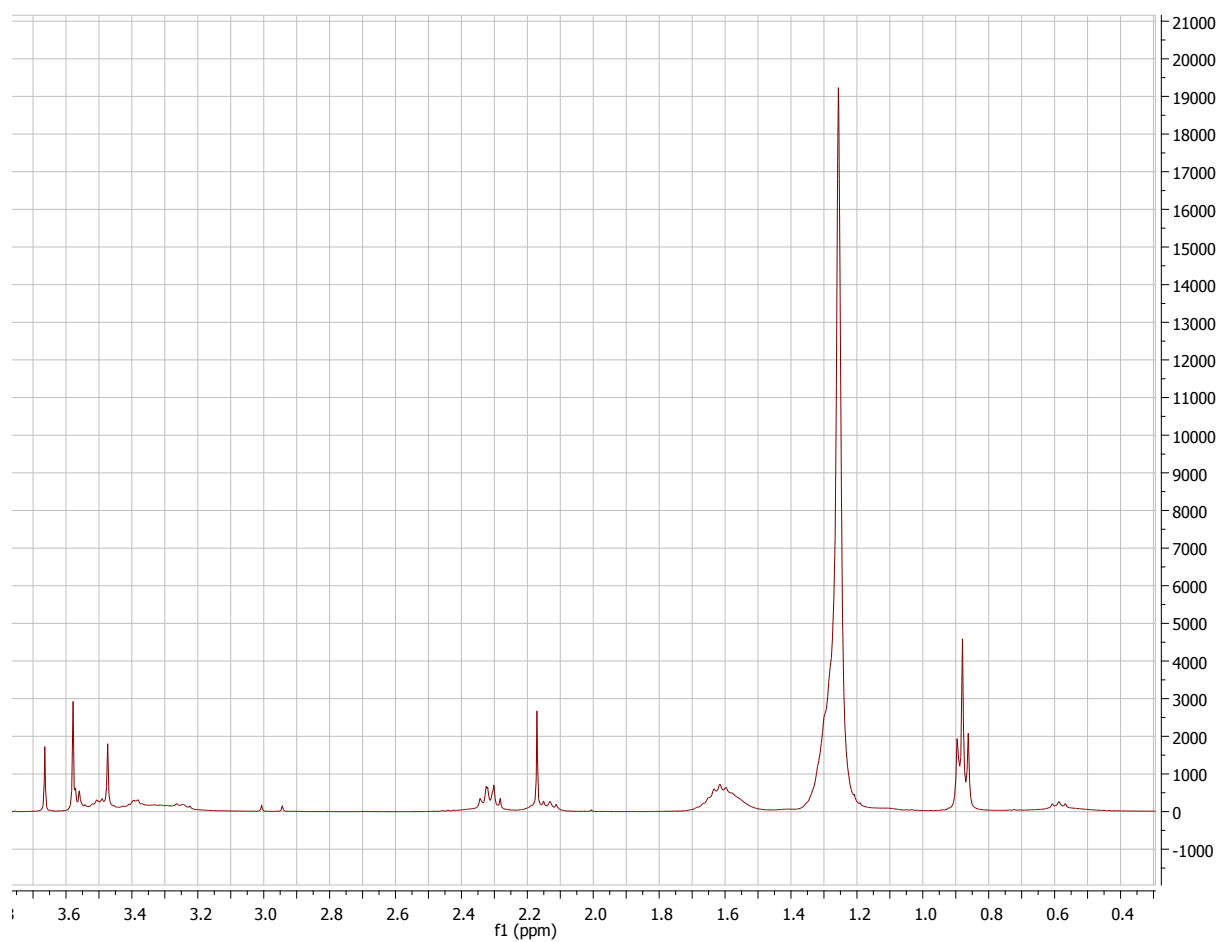


Fig. S1 ^1H NMR spectrum of precursor P.

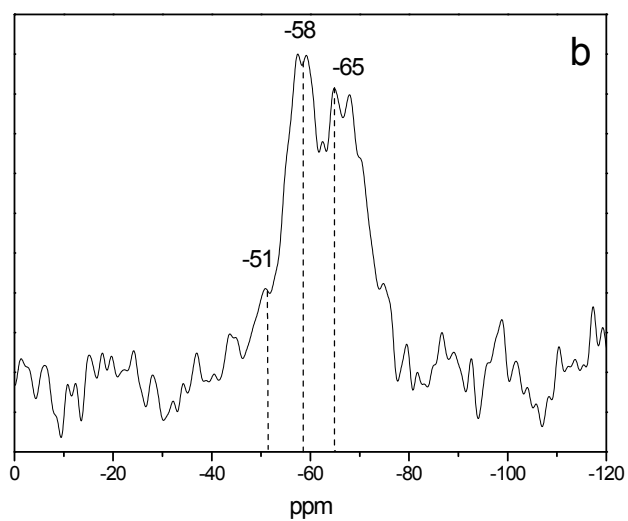
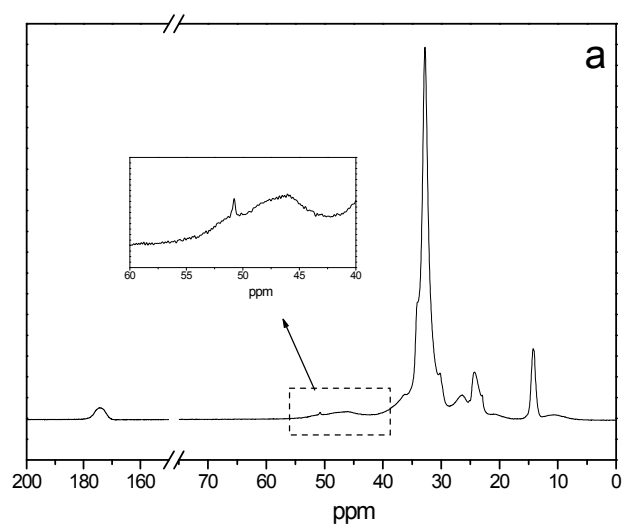


Fig. S2 ^{13}C CP/MAS (a) and ^{29}Si MAS (b) NMR spectra of hybrid A.

Table S1 ^{13}C CP/MAS and ^{29}Si MAS NMR data (δ in ppm) of hybrid **A**

^{13}C CP/MAS RMN		^{29}Si MAS RMN	
δ (ppm)	Attribution	δ (ppm)	Attribution
174.03	NHC(=O) and NC(=O)	-50.1 (5.6)	T¹ ($\text{CH}_2\text{-Si(OSi)(OR)}_2$) (area)
50.76	NCH_2 and OCH_3	-58.5 (48.2)	T² ($\text{CH}_2\text{-Si(OSi)}_2(\text{OR})$) (area)
36.53, sh	$\text{CH}_2\text{-C(=O)N}$, $\text{CH}_2\text{-C(=O)NH}$ and $\text{CH}_2\text{-NH-C(=O)}$	-68.2 (46.1)	T³ ($\text{CH}_2\text{-Si(OSi)}_3$) (area)
34.10, sh		80	c
32.80	CH_2 <i>all trans</i> conformations	$\text{RSi(OR)}_{0.5}(\text{O})_{1.2}$	Empirical Formula
30.00, sh	CH_2 <i>gauche</i> conformations		
26.40	CH_2		
24.43			
23.00	$\text{Si-CH}_2\text{CH}_2$ and $\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3$		
14.00	CH_2CH_3		
10.81	Si-CH_2		

Notes: c (policondensation degree) = $1/3(A(\text{T}^1)+2A(\text{T}^2)+3A(\text{T}^3))*100$

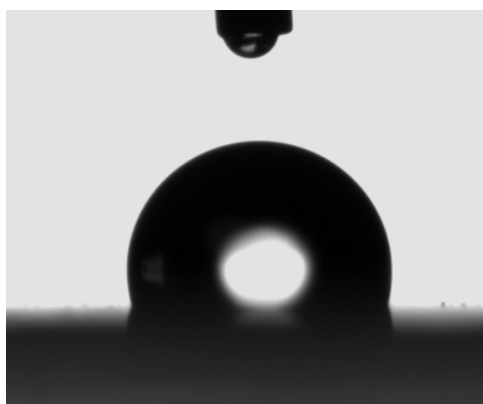


Fig. S3. Picture of water droplet on the surface of a pestle of hybrid A confirming its hydrophobic nature.

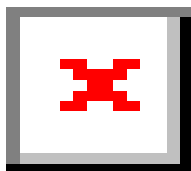
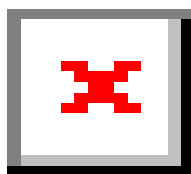
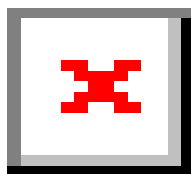
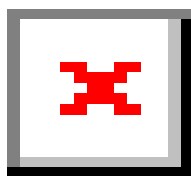
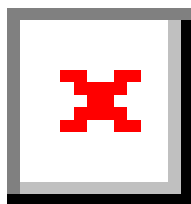


Fig. S4 EDS mapping of hybrid A: Si (c), C (d) and O (e).

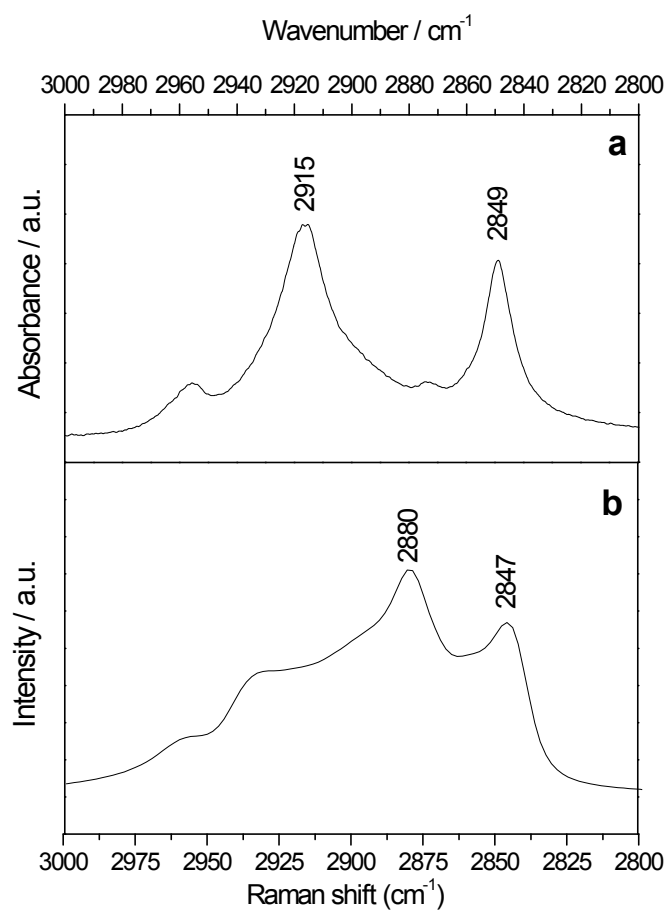


Fig. S5 ATR/FT-IR (a) and FT-Raman (b) spectra of hybrid **A** in the $\nu_a\text{CH}_2$ and $\nu_s\text{CH}_2$ regions.

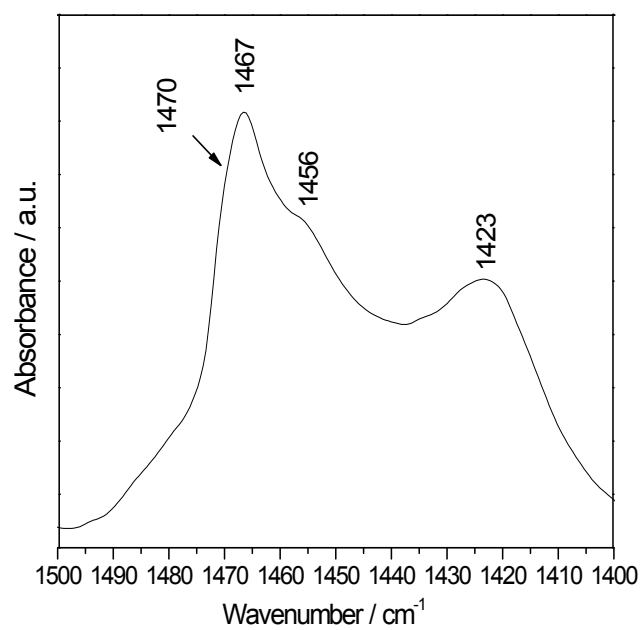


Fig. S6 FT-IR spectrum of hybrid **A** in the δCH_2 region.

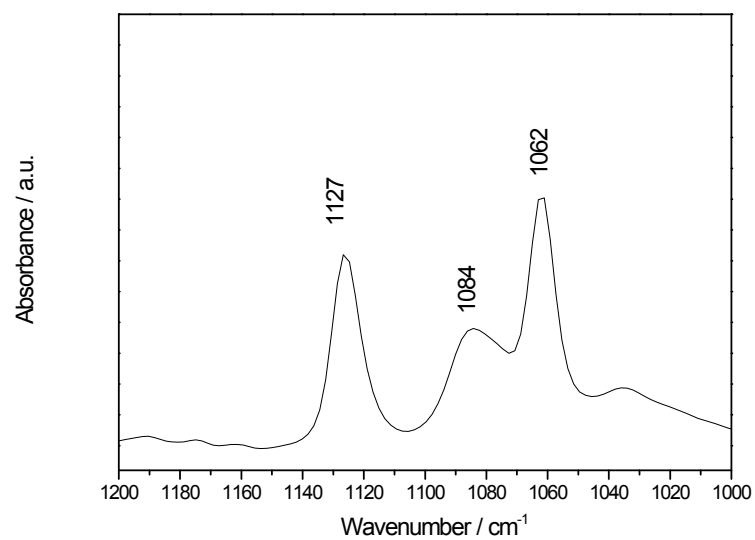


Fig. S7 FT-Raman spectrum of hybrid **A** in the vC-C region.

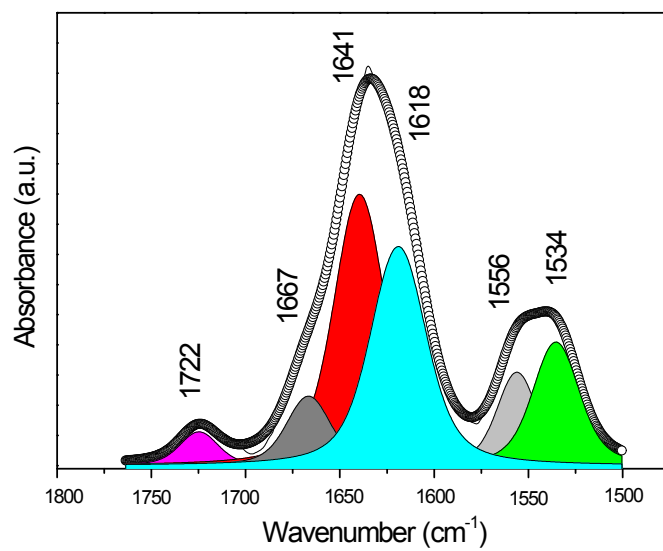


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