# **Supporting Information**

# Systematic Extension of the Length of the Organic Conjugated $\pi$ -System of

# Mesoporous Silica-based Organic-Inorganic Hybrid Materials

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### Characterisation of the new organosilane precursors:

Characterisationoftheorganosilaneprecursor4,4'-bis-((E)-2-(triethoxysilyl)vinyl)stilbene (BTEVS)

#### <sup>1</sup>H NMR:

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 200 MHz):  $\delta$  1.28 (*t*, 18 H, J = 7.0 Hz), 3.89 (*q*, 12 H, J = 7.0 Hz), 6.19 (*d*, 2 H, J = 19.3 Hz), 7.1 (*s*, 2 H), 7.22 (*d*, 2 H, J = 19.3 Hz), 7.48 (*s*, 8 H);



**Figure S1.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of 4,4'-bis-((E)-2-(triethoxysilyl)vinyl)stilbene measured in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.

 $^{13}C \{^{1}H\}$  NMR:

<sup>13</sup>C {<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz): δ18.4 (CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>), 58.7 (CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>), 117.7 (CH-Si), 126.8 (C<sub>arom</sub>H), 127.2 (C<sub>arom</sub>H), 128.6 (CH-C<sub>arom</sub>), 137.0 (C<sub>arom</sub>), 137.7 (C<sub>arom</sub>), 148.6 (CH-C<sub>arom</sub>);



**Figure S2.** <sup>13</sup>C {<sup>1</sup>H} NMR spectrum of 4,4'-bis-((*E*)-2-(triethoxysilyl)vinyl)stilbene measured in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.

# FT-IR:

FT-IR (film, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 2975, 2926, 2887, 1602, 1513, 1390, 1166, 1102, 1079, 962, 827, 802



**Figure S3.** FT-IR spectrum of 4,4'-bis-((*E*)-2-(triethoxysilyl)vinyl)stilbene measured as film.

Characterisation of the organosilane precursor 4,4'-bis-((*E*)-2-(triethoxysilyl)vinyl)diazene (BTEVAB)

<sup>1</sup>H-NMR:

<sup>1</sup>H-NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 200 MHz)  $\delta$  (ppm) = 1,16 (*t*, 18 H, *J* = 7,0 Hz, CH2-CH<sub>3</sub>); 3,79 (*q*, 12 H, *J* = 7,0 Hz, O-CH<sub>2</sub>); 6,18 (*d*, 2 H, *J* = 19,3 Hz, CH=CH-Si); 7,16 (*d*, 2 H, *J* = 19,3 Hz, CH=CH-Si); 7,48 (*m*, 4 H, CH=CH-C<sub>arom</sub>-C<sub>arom</sub>-H); 7,79 (*m*, 4 H, N=N-C<sub>arom</sub>-C<sub>arom</sub>-H)



Figure S4. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of 4,4'-bis-((*E*)-2-(triethoxysilyl)vinyl)diazene measured in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.

 $^{13}C \{^{1}H\}$ -NMR:

<sup>13</sup>C {<sup>1</sup>H}-NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 50 MHz)  $\delta$ (ppm) = 17,9 (CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>); 58,2 (O-CH<sub>2</sub>); 119,8 (Si-CH); 123,2 (CH=CH-Si); 127,2 (N=N-C<sub>arom.</sub>-C<sub>arom.</sub>-H); 139,7 (CH=CH-C<sub>arom.</sub>-C<sub>arom.</sub>-H); 147,8 (C<sub>arom.</sub>-CH=CH); 152,2 (C<sub>arom.</sub>-N=N)



**Figure S5.** <sup>13</sup>C {<sup>1</sup>H} NMR spectrum of 4,4'-bis-((*E*)-2-(triethoxysilyl)vinyl)diazene measured in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.

### FT-IR:

FT-IR (Film, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 2973, 2925, 2886, 1600, 1390, 1166, 1101, 1078, 959, 805



**Figure S6.** FT-IR spectrum of 4,4'-bis-((*E*)-2-(triethoxysilyl)vinyl)diazene measured as film.

### Characterisation of the mesoporous hybrid materials

#### **Ethene-bridged hybrid material (1):**

The powder X-ray diffraction pattern of the mesoporous ethene-bridged hybrid material reveals only one reflection at 2.05 °  $2\theta$  (d = 4.31 nm), indicating a periodic arrangement of the mesopores. The lack of further reflections in the wide-angle region indicates no crystal-like arrangement of the organic spacers within the pore walls.



Figure S7. Powder X-ray diffraction pattern of the mesoporous ethene-bridged hybrid material.

#### Benzene-bridged hybrid material (2):

The powder X-ray diffraction pattern of the mesoporous benzene-bridged hybrid material reveals at least one sharp reflection at 2.02 °  $2\theta$  (d = 4.37 nm), indicating a periodic arrangement of the mesopores. In addition three peaks at  $2\theta = 11.59$  ° (d = 0.76 nm), 23.26 ° (0.38 nm), 35.39 ° (0.25 nm), which can be attributed to a crystal-like arrangement of the organic spacers within the pore walls.



Figure S8. Powder X-ray diffraction pattern of the mesoporous benzene-bridged hybrid material.

The nitrogen physisorption measurement shows a type IV isotherm with a capillary condensation step at  $p/p^0 = 0.3$ . The mean pore diameter and the pore volume, as determined from the desorption branch by the BJH method, are 2.7 nm and 0.56 x 10<sup>-6</sup> m<sup>3</sup>/g, respectively. The specific surface area determined by the BET method is 760 m<sup>2</sup>/g.



**Figure S9.** N<sub>2</sub>-physisorption measurement of the mesoporous benzene-bridged PMO material measured at 77 K.

#### 1,4-divinylbenzene-bridged hybrid material (3):

The powder X-ray diffraction pattern of the mesoporous 1,4-divinylbenzene-bridged hybrid material reveals one sharp reflection at 1.87 °  $2\theta$  (d = 4.72 nm), indicating a periodic arrangement of the mesopores. In addition five peaks at  $2\theta = 7.42$  ° (d = 1.19 nm), 14.78 ° (0.60 nm), 22.17 ° (0.40 nm), 29.82 ° (0.30 nm), 37.42 ° (0.24 nm) which can be attributed to a crystal-like arrangement of the organic spacers within the pore walls.



**Figure S10**. Powder X-ray diffraction pattern of the mesoporous 1,4-divinylbenzene-bridged hybrid material.

The nitrogen physisorption measurement shows a type IV isotherm with a capillary condensation step at  $p/p^0 = 0.35$ . The mean pore diameter and the pore volume, as determined from the desorption branch by the BJH method, are 2.8 nm and 0.62 x 10<sup>-6</sup> m<sup>3</sup>/g, respectively. The specific surface area determined by the BET method is 794 m<sup>2</sup>/g.



**Figure S11.** N<sub>2</sub>-physisorption measurement of the mesoporous 1,4-divinylbenzene-bridged PMO material measured at 77 K.

<sup>29</sup>Si MAS NMR



**Figure S12.** <sup>29</sup>Si MAS NMR spectrum of the mesoporous 4,4′-divinylstilbene-bridged hybrid material.

Transmisson electron microscopy:



Figure S13. TEM images of the mesoporous 4,4'-divinylstilbene-bridged hybrid material.



**Figure S14.** TEM image of the mesoporous 4,4'-divinylazobenzene-bridged hybrid material