Ferrocene-Containing Thermotropic Side-Chain Liquid-Crystalline Polysiloxanes

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ABSTRACT: The synthesis, purification, characterization, and liquid-crystalline properties of side-chain polysiloxanes bearing mesomorphic 1,1′- or 1,3-disubstituted ferrocene units are reported. The polymers were prepared by grafting the appropriate vinyl-containing ferrocene monomer onto commercially available poly(hydrosiloxanes) following a standard procedure. The monomers gave smectic A or smectic A and smectic C phases depending on the length of the flexible chains connected to the ferrocene unit. X-ray diffraction indicated that the polysiloxanes exhibited disordered smectic phases. Variation of the d-layer spacing determined for the polymers containing either 100% or 15–18% of the 1,1′-disubstituted ferrocene monomer (with the longest terminal alkyl chain) revealed the presence of smectic A and smectic C phases. Thermogravimetry showed a good thermal stability for the polymers.

Introduction

Side-chain liquid-crystalline polysiloxanes represent a class of interesting materials which have found important applications in modern technology such as in the construction of information storage and ferroelectric devices, and in nonlinear optics. These studies were made using organic homo- or copolymers. New developments may be expected by the introduction of a metal center into side-chain liquid-crystalline polysiloxanes. The combination of the properties of metals (color, polarizability, redox properties) with those of mesomorphic polymers (anisotropy, organization) seems particularly attractive for elaborating novel electrooptical devices.

If specific properties are to be exploited, the choice of the metal, and how it is connected to the polymeric structure, are of prime importance. Our interest in the search for new metallomesogens based on organometallic frameworks, motivated us to consider ferrocene as a unit of choice for designing new metallomesogenic polymers. Indeed, ferrocene-containing liquid crystals show good thermal stability, good solubility in common organic solvents, and, if appropriately substituted, high liquid-crystalline tendency. Furthermore, the study of new metallomesogenic polymers will lead to important fundamental information to further explore and better understand the structure–mesomorphic properties relationship for such materials which are still in their infancy.

The successful development of unsymmetrically 1,1′- and 1,3-disubstituted mesomorphic ferrocene derivatives provided an access to the synthesis of vinyl-containing ferrocene monomers. Grafting of these onto poly(hydrosiloxanes) following conventional and well-established procedures was expected to lead to the targeted polymers.

We report, herein, the synthesis, characterization and mesomorphic properties of vinyl-containing ferrocene monomers 1 and 2 (Chart 1) and of their corresponding side-chain polysiloxanes I and II (Chart 2). Preliminary results have already been communicated. Prior to this report, no side-chain liquid-crystalline polymers with appended mesomorphic organometallic units had been described. Ferrocene derivative 1c was selected to functionalize the poly(hydrosiloxanes) as it showed the highest liquid-crystalline tendency among the investigated monomers 1 (see below). As for monomer 2, which led to higher melting and clearing points compared to the 1,1′-isomorphic structure (see below), only a copolymer with a low ferrocene monomer content (15–18%) was synthesized; polymers with higher contents of the ferrocene moieties may exhibit too high clearing points and, consequently, decompose before reaching the isotropic liquid.

Results and Discussion

Monomer Synthesis. Monomers 1a–c were prepared following the synthetic strategy described in Scheme 1. Ferrocene-1,1′-dicarboxylic acid chloride (3) was reacted with benzyl alcohol to give monomer 4. Treatment of the latter with oxalyl chloride (5) followed by condensation with phenol derivatives 6 (n = 12, 18) led to 7 (n = 12, 18). Removal of the benzyl protective group under standard hydrogenation conditions gave acids 8 (n = 12, 18), which were transformed with oxalyl chloride into the corresponding acid chlo-
Monomer 2 was prepared following the alternate procedure outlined in Scheme 2. Ferrocene-1,3-dicarboxylic acid chloride (11) was treated with phenol derivative 6 (n = 18) to give acid intermediate 12, which was converted with oxalyl chloride to the corresponding acid chloride 13. Condensation of the latter with 10 (m = 9) furnished the desired monomer 2.

**Polymer Synthesis.** Polymers 1a–d and II were prepared by grafting either monomer 1c (–1a–d) or 2 (–II) onto the appropriate poly(hydrosiloxane) (14a–d) adapting a literature procedure. The progress of the reaction was monitored by following the decrease of the Si–H bond peaks by ^1^H NMR (4.7 ppm, CDCl₃) and IR (2160 cm⁻¹) spectroscopy. Dissolution
of the crude material in CH₂Cl₂, precipitation with MeOH, and recovery by centrifugation led to pure polymers: Gel permeation chromatography (GPC) revealed that unreacted monomers and low-molecular weight oligomers were removed during the purification process.

The molecular weights (Table 1) of polymers I and II were determined, on one hand, by GPC and, on the other hand, by ¹H NMR spectroscopy taking into account the percent of substitution present in the starting polymer (calculated by comparing the signal intensity of the methyl groups anchored onto the polymer backbone with that of the terminal CH₃ in the ferrocene-containing monomeric units) and the number of methylhydrosiloxane units (CH₃SiH).

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Table 1. Molecular Weights and Molecular Weight Distributions of Investigated Polymers

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*Given by the supplier. b By ¹H NMR spectroscopy (see main text). c Data obtained by gel permeation chromatography.

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*K = crystalline state, Sₐ = smectic C phase, Sₐ = smectic A phase, I = isotropic liquid. a Note that the transition temperatures reported in our preliminary communication (i.e. for 1c and 2) were determined on a Mettler DSC 30 calorimeter connected to a Mettler TA 3000 processor and corresponded to the peak transitions (see Experimental Section: Techniques). c Monotropic transition. d Not determined (peak overlap with the crystallization transition). e Determined by polarized optical microscopy.

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points were observed for 2 than for its isomeric analogue 1c. The influence of the substitution pattern on the thermal properties can be explained from the X-ray crystal structure obtained for a 1,3-disubstituted ferrocene derivative,\(^{13}\) which revealed that such a substitution pattern leads to a highly anisotropic structure compared to the “step” structure of ferrocene derivatives substituted in the 1,1’-positions.\(^{14}\)

The liquid-crystalline phases were identified by POM. On cooling of the samples from the isotropic melt, textures typical of smectic A (focal conic fan texture and homotropc areas) for 1a–c and 2 and smectic C (broken focal conic fan and schlieren textures) for 1b,c and 2 phases were observed.

The liquid-crystalline phases of 1c and 2, which were used for preparing the side-chain polysiloxanes I and II, were characterized by XRD. For both monomers, diffraction patterns typical of disordered smectic phases were recorded and showed two sharp reflection peaks (1:2 ratio) in the small-angle region and a diffuse band in the wide-angle region. The d-layer spacing was calculated for both monomers in the smectic A phase and was found to be 59.8 Å (at 135 °C) for 1c and 57.1 Å (at 175 °C) for 2. From CPK molecular models, a molecular length L of ca. 68.5 Å was measured for 1c and 2 in their fully extended conformation. From these values, d/L ratios of 0.87 and 0.83 were obtained for 1c and 2, respectively. The discrepancy between the d and L values suggested a monomolecular organization of 1c and 2 within the smectic A phase with a pronounced disorganization of the alkyl chains. Such an arrangement is in agreement with low-molar mass ferrocene-containing thermotropic liquid crystals we previously investigated.\(^{15}\)

**Polymers.** All the polymers exhibited liquid-crystalline properties. Their melting and clearing points were determined by DSC and POM. Interestingly, polymer 1d gave an additional endotherm which was indicative of the presence of two liquid-crystalline phases. Crystal-to-crystal transitions were detected for 1a–c. In the case of 1a–c and 2, the liquid-crystalline phases could not be identified by POM. This is often the case for polymers owing to their viscosity which prevents the development of typical textures. In some cases, a focal-conic texture was observed and indicated a smectic nature of the liquid-crystalline phase(s). For 1d, on cooling slowly the sample from the isotropic fluid, the formation of “bâtonnets”, which then transformed into a focal-conic fan texture, was clearly noticed. Homotropc areas were also observed. On further cooling (i.e. after the second transition), a schlieren texture formed from the previous homeotropic areas, and the focal-conic fan texture transformed into a broken focal-conic fan texture. From these observations, the liquid-crystalline phases of 1d were identified as smectic A (high-temperature mesophase) and smectic C (low-temperature mesophase) phases.

Comparison of the melting and clearing points in series I and between 1d and II showed the influence of the monomer content and structural isomerism on the thermal properties. First, decreasing the content of the mesogenic ferrocene monomer lowered both the melting and clearing points. Second, as expected from the results obtained for monomers 1c and 2 (see above), incorporation of the 1,3-disubstituted ferrocene units onto the polymer led to a broadening of the liquid-crystalline domain.

The liquid-crystalline phases exhibited by I and II were investigated by XRD. Diffractograms typical of disordered smectic A and/or smectic C phases, characterized by two sharp diffraction peaks (1:2 ratio) in the low-angle region and a diffuse one in the wide-angle region, were recorded. The d-layer spacing was determined as a function of temperature for I on cooling the sample from the isotropic melt. For 1a (Figure 1) and 1d (Figure 2), the variation of the layer thickness showed two regimes typical of smectic A (high-temperature liquid-crystalline phase) and smectic C (low-temperature liquid-crystalline phase) phases. These data supported the POM observations in case of 1d. For 1b,c, the layer spacing was found to be nearly independent of temperature (not shown here) indicating that
the mesophase observed for these two copolymers was smectic A in nature.

The molecular organization of the mesomorphic units in the polymeric structure can be deduced by taking into account the above X-ray data and the structure of the ferrocene core. First, because of the bulkiness of the latter, the mesomorphic ferrocene units are, most likely, organized in an alternating way leading to a double layer (herringbone organization). Second, the ratio of the d-layer spacing obtained for polymer 1a (105 Å at 140 °C) and the one of monomer 1c (59.8 Å at 135 °C) within the smectic A phase gives a value of \( \frac{d_{\text{polymer}}}{d_{\text{monomer}}} = 1.75 \), suggesting an interdigitation of the layers and a disorganized state (folding, curling) of the flexible chains.

The influence of the monomeric ratio on the interlamellar distance was investigated by determining the d-layer spacing of 1a–d at 150 °C (Figure 3). Clearly, the layer thickness increased with the content of dimethylsiloxane units. This behavior was in agreement with literature data obtained for other polysiloxanes and could be explained in terms of microphase separations: the amphipatic character between the different constituent parts of the polymer leads to a microsegregation in space of the polysiloxane backbone, the aromatic units, and the aliphatic chains, respectively. The overall layer thickness is the sum of the siloxane and mesogenic sublayers; since the smectic order is kept with dilution (i.e., there is no significant change in the lateral order of the side groups), it can be assumed that the increase in the smectic layer thickness corresponds mainly to the increase of the polysiloxane sublayer, as already reported for other types of liquid-crystalline polymers. If such, the layer thickness should increase linearly as a function of \( (1 - x)/x \), where \( x \) is the percentage of the ferrocene units. Thus, the slope of this linear variation can be estimated to be equal to \( \frac{V_{\text{DMS}}}{S} \), where \( V_{\text{DMS}} \) is the volume of one dimethylsiloxane unit (ca. 145 Å\(^3\) at 170 °C)\(^{19} \) and \( S \) the molecular area of one mesogenic unit. The value found for this slope in the present work is about 4 Å and leads to an S value of about 36 Å\(^2\). This value can be understood from the proposed structural model given in Figure 4. Indeed, due to the bulkiness of the ferrocene group (ca. 44 Å\(^2\))\(^{20} \), which is about twice that of the classical calamitic mesogenic part (ca. 23–26 Å\(^2\)), two successive side groups along the same side of the polymer backbone should be shifted along the normal to the smectic layers to fill the space efficiently. In such a description, the effective molecular area of each side group is about 33 Å\(^2\) (see ref 21) a value which is compatible with the distance (6.2 Å) between the corresponding two silicon atoms along the polymer backbone. Finally, it is worth noting that such a molecular organization implies that the aliphatic chains (spacer and terminal chains) are highly disorganized and thus rather spread laterally, which is again in agreement with the values of the layer spacing observed (smaller than twice the molecular length of the monomer in the case of the homopolymer).

Finally, the thermal stability of polymers 1a–d and II was examined by thermogravimetry. No decomposition was detected up to 250 °C, which indicated good thermal resistance of the investigated polymeric materials.

**Conclusion**

The above results and those obtained for ferrocene-containing thermotropic side-chain liquid-crystalline polymethacrylates and thermotropic liquid-crystalline polyferrocenylsilanes demonstrate that ferrocene is a valuable unit for designing ferrocene-based metallomesogenic polymers. Considering the numerous possibilities for functionalizing the ferrocene core, the choice and positions of substituents may be used for tuning and controlling both the thermal and mesomorphic properties of such polymeric materials. Furthermore, our recent studies devoted to the design and study of chiral ferrocene-containing liquid crystals with planar chirality and ferrocenium-containing thermotropic liquid crystals open the doors toward the development of new polymeric materials presenting interesting properties.

**Experimental Section**

**Materials.** CH\(_2\)Cl\(_2\) (P\(_2\)O\(_5\), under N\(_2\)) and toluene (sodium, benzophenone, under N\(_2\)) were distilled prior to use. Benzene (Fluka, puriss pa), benzylic alcohol (Fluka, puriss pa), pyridine (Fluka, puriss pa), oxaly chloride (Fluka, purum), and triethylamine (Fluka, puriss pa) were used as received. Pyridine and triethylamine were stored on 4 Å molecular sieves. Compounds 3\(^{22} \) (from ferrocene-1,1′-dicarboxylic acid), 6 (n = 12, 18),\(^{26} \) 10 (m = 6, 9),\(^{27} \) and 11\(^{28} \) (from ferrocene) were synthesized by following literature procedures. Poly(hydrosiloxanes) 14a–d (x = 1.0 (PS 120); x = 0.50–0.55 (PS 122.5); x = 0.30–0.35 (PS 123); x = 0.15–0.18 (PS 123.5)) were Hüls America Inc. products. Dichloro(1,5-cyclooctadiene)-
platinum(II) (PtCl$_2$(1,5-C$_5$H$_9$$_2$)) was purchased from Strem Chemicals Inc. All reactions were carried out under N$_2$.

**Techniques.** Column chromatography used silica gel 60 (0.060–0.200 mm, SD5). Melting points (uncorrected) were determined on a Büchi 530 instrument. Transition temperatures (onset point for monomers; peak transition for polymers) and enthalpies were determined with a differential scanning calorimeter Mettler DSC 30 calorimeter connected to a Mettler TA 4000 processor at a heating rate of $N_2$ at a rate of 10 °C min$^{-1}$ for 1b, 2 °C min$^{-1}$ (second heating run); Mettler TA72/2.05 GRAPHIC WARE was used for data treatment. Thermogravimetry analyses were performed with a Mettler TG 50 thermobalance connected to a Mettler TA 4000 processor at a rate of 10 °C °C min$^{-1}$. Optical studies were made using a Zeiss-Axiskop polarizing microscope equipped with a Linkam-ThMS-600 variable-temperature stage, under N$_2$. Gel permeation chromatography (GPC) was made with a Waters 510 instrument connected to a Waters 410 differential refractometer. Ultrastyragel 10$^6$–10$^8$ columns were calibrated with polystyrene standards (eluent, THF, 1 mL min$^{-1}$; T = 35 °C; Baseline 510 software used for data treatment). $^1$H NMR spectra were recorded in CDCl$_3$ on a Varian Gemini 200 spectrometer or a Bruker AMX 400 spectrometer, with the solvent as an internal standard. 1R spectra were recorded on a Perkin-Elmer 1720 FTIR spectrometer. Elemental analyses were done by Mikroelementanalysesches Laboratorium ETH-Zurich or Ciba (Marly, Switzerland).

**X-ray Diffraction Studies.** The crude powder was filled in Lindemann capillaries, and a linear monochromatic Cu Kα beam obtained with a sealed-tube generator and a bent quartz monochromator was used. The diffraction patterns were registered either with a curved proportional detector "Inel CPS 120" or photographically. In general, the position of the second-order reflexion in the small-angle region was used to determine the layer spacing. The temperature was controlled within ±0.05 °C.

**Synthesis.** 1-[Benzoylcarbonyl]ferrocene-1-carboxylic acid (4). A solution of benzyl alcohol (3.71 g, 34.3 mmol) in CH$_2$Cl$_2$ (29 mL) was added dropwise to a stirred solution of 3 (10.6 g, 34.1 mmol) and triethylamine (6.89 g, 68.1 mmol) in CH$_2$Cl$_2$ (1430 mL); the addition was done in three times: 50% first, followed by twice 25% at 15 min intervals. The mixture was stirred at room temperature for a further 4 h and evaporated to dryness. Purification of the residue by column chromatography (first with 8.2 CH$_2$Cl$_2$/AcOEt to recover the diester and then with 8:2:0.1 CH$_2$Cl$_2$/AcOEt/AcOH) gave pure 4 (5.26 g, 42%). $^1$H NMR (200 MHz): δ 7.50–7.34 (m, 5 H, aromatic protons, benzyl), 5.29 (s, 2 H, CH$_2$Ph), 4.91 (t, 2 H, HCP), 4.83 (t, 2 H, HCP), 4.47 (2 t, 2 H, HCP), 4.35 (t, 2 H, HCP). 1-Chlorocarbonyl-1-[benzyloxy]carbonyl)ferrocene (5). A solution of 1 (4.10 g 2.00 mmol), oxalyl chloride (3.36 g, 26.5 mmol), and pyridine (20 drops) in CH$_2$Cl$_2$ (20 mL) was stirred under reflux for 7 h and evaporated to dryness. The solid residue was extracted with hot light petroleum until the extracts remained colorless. Evaporation of the solvent gave 5 (2.10 g, 100%), which was used in the next step without further purification. $^1$H NMR (200 MHz): δ 7.50–7.38 (m, 5 H, aromatic protons, benzyl), 5.29 (s, 2 H, CH$_2$-Ph), 4.96 (2 t, 2 H, HCP), 4.87 (t, 2 H, HCP), 4.54 (t, 2 H, HCP), 4.48 (2 t, 2 H, HCP). 1-[Benzoylcarbonyl]-1-[p-p-[[[(octadecyloxy)phenyl]oxy]carbonyl]ferrocene (9) (n = 18). A solution of 8 (n = 18) (1.57 g, 2.13 mmol), oxalyl chloride (1.40 g, 11.0 mmol), and pyridine (6 drops) in CH$_2$Cl$_2$ (90 mL) was heated under reflux for 7 h and evaporated to dryness. The solid residue was extracted with hot light petroleum until the extracts remained colorless. Evaporation of the solvent gave 9 (n = 18) (1.41 g, 87%), which was used in the next step without further purification. $^1$H NMR (400 MHz): δ 8.27 (d, 2 H, aromatic protons), 7.38 (d, 2 H, aromatic protons), 7.12 (d, 2 H, aromatic protons), 6.93 (d, 2 H, aromatic protons), 5.01 (s, 2 H, HCP), 4.95 (s, 2 H, HCP), 4.57 (4, 2 H, HCP), 3.96 (2 t, 2 H, CH$_2$O), 1.78 (m, 2 H, CH$_2$CH$_2$O), 1.26 (m, 28 H, aliphatic protons), 0.88 (t, 3 H, CH$_3$). Anal. Calcld for C$_{87}$H$_{150}$O$_6$Fe (738.74): C, 69.91; H, 7.37. Found: C, 69.89; H, 7.32.

**Compound 8** (n = 12) was prepared from 7 (n = 12) by following the above synthetic procedure and gave analytical data which were in agreement with its structure.

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1-(Chlorocarbonyl)-3-p-(p'[[octadecyloxy]phenyl]oxyloloyl)carbonyl [(phenolxy)phenoxy] carbonyl] ferrocene (13). A solution of 12 (0.45 g, 0.61 mmol), oxalyl chloride (0.38 g, 3.0 mmol), and pyridine (5 drops) in CH₂Cl₂ (15 mL) was heated under reflux for 7 h and evaporated to dryness. The solid residue was extracted with hot light petroleum until the extracts remained colorless. Evaporation of the solvent gave 13 (0.39 g, 84%), which was used in the next step without further purification. Mp = 120–125 °C. ¹H NMR (200 MHz): δ 8.29 (d, 2 H, aromatic protons), 7.33 (d, 2 H, aromatic protons), 7.13 (d, 2 H, aromatic protons), 6.94 (d, 2 H, aromatic protons), 5.74 (t, 1 H, HCP), 5.35 (m, 1 H, HCP), 5.21 (m, 1 H, HCP), 4.50 (s, 5 H, HCP), 3.97 (t, 2 H, CH₂O), 1.79 (m, 2 H, CH₂CH₂O), 1.26 (m, 30 H, aliphatic protons), 0.88 (t, 3 H, CH₃).

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(12) Two values are given for copolymers 1b–d and 11: the minimum value was calculated for the polymer with the lower molecular weight (as indicated by the supplier) and CH₂SiH monomer content, whereas the maximum value was calculated from the higher molecular weight (as indicated by the supplier) and CH₂SiH monomer content. Example: for 1b, the values x = 0.50 with a PM = 900 and x = 0.55 with a PM = 1000 were used to calculate the minimum and maximum molecular weight, respectively.
(16) Note that the d-values reported in this paper correspond to about twice those reported in our preliminary communication. We have used here a small-angle X-ray diffraction camera well suited to observe large polymer periodicity (a few hundred Å), while, in our preliminary report, the X-ray diffraction signals corresponding to the first Bragg reflection were masked by the beam stop.
(20) This value was estimated by high-resolution dilatometric measurements for dioctylferrocene at 50 °C: (690 Å² – 500 Å²)/3 Å² = 44 Å², where 690 Å² is the total molecular volume of dioctylferrocene. 500 Å² is the molecular volume of the two alkyl chains, and 4 Å is the length of the Cp ring. The value of 500 Å² was obtained from: Doolittle, A. K. J. Appl. Phys. 1951, 22, 1471. The 44 Å² value was confirmed from crystallographic data (Seki, P.; Duniptz, J. A. Acta Crystallogr. 1979, 358, 2004; McDonald, A. C.; Trotter, J. Acta Crystallogr. 1964, 17, 872).
(21) The effective molecular area was calculated as follows: [4Å / 4Å2 / 2] = 33 Å², where 4 Å² represents the estimated molecular area of ferrocene unit.