

# Molecular dynamics simulation of the electrical conductivity of $\alpha,\omega$ -bis(3-aminopropyl)polydimethylsiloxane

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**Table S1.** Molecular mass distribution of various  $\alpha,\omega$ -bis(3-aminopropyl)polydimethylsiloxane molecules containing  $n$  dimethylsiloxane units, in the APDMS850 mixture.

Number of units $n$	Number of molecules
2	2
3	4
4	9
5	14
6	19
7	22
8	22
9	20
10	16
11	12
12	8
13	5
14	3
15	2
16	1

## Derivation of equation for isothermal compressibility

Let us assume that dependency of the simulation cell volume  $V$  on pressure  $p$  can be described by means of the linear combination of two exponential functions:

$$V = V(p) = v_1 e^{-\beta_1(p-p_0)} + v_2 e^{-\beta_2(p-p_0)} + V_{inf}, \quad (\text{S1})$$

where  $p_0$  is the value of pressure under normal conditions. It is not difficult to notice that:

$$\lim_{p \rightarrow \infty} V(p) = V_{inf}, \quad (\text{S2})$$

$$V(p_0) = v_1 + v_2 + V_{inf} = V_0, \quad (\text{S3})$$

that is, at infinitely high pressure the cell volume tends to the value of  $V_{inf}$ , which acquires the meaning of the simulation cell volume, achievable at the ultimate compression, while the sum of  $V_{inf}$  and the  $v_1$  and  $v_2$  coefficients is equal to the equilibrium volume of the simulation cell  $V_0$  at standard pressure. On the basis of equation S3, one can obtain an equation for the isothermal compressibility dependency on pressure:

$$\kappa(p) = -\frac{1}{V} \left( \frac{dV}{dp} \right)_{T=const},$$

$$\kappa(p) = \frac{\beta_1 v_1 e^{-\beta_1(p-p_0)} + \beta_2 v_2 e^{-\beta_2(p-p_0)}}{v_1 e^{-\beta_1(p-p_0)} + v_2 e^{-\beta_2(p-p_0)} + V_{inf}}. \quad (\text{S4})$$

The isothermal compressibility calculated in such a way tends to zero at infinitely high pressure:

$$\lim_{p \rightarrow \infty} \kappa(p) = 0, \quad (S5)$$

which is to be expected. Let us accept the  $\kappa(p)$  value at standard pressure  $p_0$  as an estimate of the isothermal compressibility coefficient  $\kappa_T$ :

$$\kappa_T = \kappa(p_0) = \frac{\beta_1 v_1 + \beta_2 v_2}{v_1 + v_2 + V_{inf}}. \quad (S6)$$

### *Derivation of equation for concentration of silyl and silanol ions*

Let us assume that the molecular mass distribution of PDMS1250 obeys the Poisson distribution along with APDMS850. Then the  $\lambda$  parameter for PDMS1250 is estimated to be 14.7, which allows us to calculate the molar concentrations  $C_k$  of polydimethylsiloxane molecules PDMS<sub>k</sub> of different lengths  $k$  in it. Let us further assume that the equilibrium constant  $K$  for dissociation of the polysiloxane chain into PDMS<sub>i</sub><sup>-</sup> and PDMS<sub>j</sub><sup>+</sup> ion pair is the same for polydimethylsiloxane molecules of any size. Then the following is valid:

$$K = \frac{[PDMS_i^-][PDMS_j^+]}{[PDMS_k]}, \quad i + j = k. \quad (S7)$$

Denote concentrations of silyl and silanol ions as  $a_k$ :

$$[PDMS_i^-] = [PDMS_j^+] = a_k. \quad (S8)$$

Sum of silyl or silanol ion concentration and concentration of corresponding polydimethylsiloxane molecules PDMS<sub>k</sub> is equal to  $C_k$ , concentration of polydimethylsiloxane molecules PDMS<sub>k</sub> in the absence of dissociation:

$$a_k + [PDMS_k] = C_k. \quad (S9)$$

Thence equation S7 can be expressed using  $a_k$  and  $C_k$  values:

$$K = \frac{a_k^2}{C_k - a_k} \quad (S10)$$

and transformed into quadratic equation

$$a_k^2 = KC_k - Ka_k, \quad (S11)$$

$$a_k^2 + Ka_k - KC_k = 0, \quad (S12)$$

which is solvable for each  $a_k$  and  $C_k$ :

$$\Delta = K^2 + 4KC_k, \quad a_k^2 = \frac{1}{2} \left( \sqrt{K^2 + 4KC_k} - K \right). \quad (S13)$$

### *Topologies, cells and GROMACS run parameters files*

Topologies, cells and GROMACS run parameters files, used for calculation of physicochemical characteristics of APDMS850, are available in ZENODO repository <https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.15276451>.