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Data on synthesis and thermo-mechanical

bearing pendant anthracene groups

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properties of stimuli-responsive rubber materials

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ABSTRACT

The photo-reversible $[4\pi s + 4\pi s]$ cycloaddition reaction of pendant anthracene moieties represents a convenient strategy to impart wavelength dependent properties into hydrogenated carboxylated nitrile butadiene rubber (HXNBR) networks. The present article provides the ¹H NMR data on the reaction kinetics of the side chain functionalization of HXNBR. 2-(Anthracene-9-yl) oxirane with reactive epoxy groups is covalently attached to the polymer side chain of HXNBR *via* ring opening reaction between the epoxy and the carboxylic groups. Along with the identification, ¹H NMR data on the quantification of the attached functional groups are shown in dependence on reaction time and concentration of 2-(anthracene-9-yl)oxirane. Changes in the modification yield are reflected in the mechanical properties and DMA data of photo-responsive elastomers are illustrated in

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dependence on the number of attached anthracene groups. DMA curves over repeated cycles of UV induced crosslinking ($\lambda > 300 \text{ nm}$) and UV induced cleavage ($\lambda = 254 \text{ nm}$) are further depicted, demonstrating the photo-reversibility of the thermomechanical properties. Interpretation and discussion of the data are provided in "Design and application of photo-reversible elastomer networks by using the [4 π s+4 π s] cycloaddition reaction of pendant anthracene groups" (Manhart et al., 2016) [1].

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Specifications Table

Subject area	Chemistry
More specific subject area	Polymer Photochemistry
Type of data	Table, graphs
How data was acquired	¹ <i>H</i> NMR spectra were recorded with a Varian 400-NMR operating at 399.66 MHz and DMA measurements were performed with a SDTA861E DMA analyzer from Mettler-Toledo.
Data format	Analyzed
Experimental	¹ H NMR spectra were acquired by using a relaxation delay of 10s and 45° pulse.
factors	CDCl ₃ was used as solvent and spectra were referenced to Si(CH ₃) ₄ as internal standard. For DMA measurements, an amplitude of 20 μ m and a measurement frequency of 1 Hz were used. The test specimen were heated from $-60 \degree$ C to $+40 \degree$ C with a heating rate of 2 K/min.
Experimental features	Functional rubber materials were synthetized and ¹ H NMR experiments were performed to verify and quantify the attachment of 2-(anthracene-9-yl)oxirane. Loss factor and storage modulus of photo-reversible rubber materials are provided in dependence on the modification yield and UV exposure dose.
Data source location	Leoben, Austria
Data accessibility	Data are provided with this article

Value of the data

- ¹H NMR data enables an easy assigning of the proton peaks, which is relevant to determine the modification yield of side chain modified rubber and polymer materials.
- Comparison of the reaction kinetics with other epoxy based systems can help to understand the influence of key parameters on the ring-opening reaction between epoxy moieties and carboxylic acid groups.
- DMA data allows a deeper understanding of the role of bulky aromatic side chains on the structural-property relationship of elastomer materials.

1. Data

¹H NMR data on the verification and quantification of HXNBR materials with pendant anthracene groups are provided. DMA data on side chain functionalized HXNBR materials are shown in dependence on the modification yield.

2. Experimental design, materials and methods

2.1. ¹H NMR experiments of side chain functionalized HXNBR

The synthesis procedure is provided in Ref. [1]. For the characterization of the reaction kinetics, small amounts of the reaction solution were taken out at selected reaction times of one batch that was stirred at room temperature for 72 h. The reaction solution was immediately precipitated to stop the ongoing reaction and subsequently two purification steps were carried out in which the samples were dissolved in chloroform again and precipitated in cold methanol. After removing the supernatant from the precipitate, the latter was dried at room temperature under vacuum and analyzed regarding its modification yield.

For the quantification of the modification yield, ¹H NMR spectra were referenced to a residual chloroform signal of 7.27 ppm (corresponding to $Si(CH_3)_4$ with a shift of 0.0 ppm) after Fourier transformation. In order to quantify the anthracene signal, the isolated peak at 4.05 ppm was integrated including its complete shoulders on both sides after an appropriate baseline subtraction. For reference purposes, the signal from 2.95 to 0.2 ppm was integrated as it originates from the polymer chain. The modification yield was then calculated according to Eq. (1), wherein the average number of protons per repeating unit was calculated to be 6.033.

$$modification \ yield = \frac{single \ proton's \ signal \ of \ attached \ anthracene}{\left(\frac{signal \ of \ polymer \ chain}{average \ number \ of \ protons \ per \ repeating \ unit}\right)}$$
(1)

Fig. 1 provides the ¹H NMR spectra of HXNBR prior to and after side chain modification with 2-(anthracene-9-yl)oxirane together with the ¹H NMR spectrum of 2-(anthracene-9-yl)oxirane.

Fig. 2 shows the reaction kinetics of the side chain modification of HXNBR, which was carried out at room temperature. The number of attached anthracene groups is plotted against the reaction time. The influence of the concentration of 2-(anthracene-9-yl)oxirane in the reaction mixture on the modification yield is displayed.

2.2. DMA experiments of side chain functionalized HXNBR

Sample preparation and DMA experiments are detailed in Ref. [1]. Table 1 illustrates the storage modulus at 23 °C of side chain modified HXNBR materials in dependence on the modification yield that ranges from 0 to 1.30 mol%.



Fig. 1. ¹H NMR spectra of 2-(anthracene-9-yl)oxirane, HXNBR and their reaction product (arrows indicate peaks that emerged and decreased upon side chain functionalization).



Fig. 2. Modification yield of photo-responsive rubber materials *versus* reaction time in dependence on the 2-(anthracene-9-yl) oxirane concentration; (1) 10, (2) 30, (3) 60, (4) 100 and (5) 150 phr (parts per hundred rubber). (The line is a guide to the eye).

Table 1 Storage modulus (E') of photo-responsive rubber materials after UV induced crosslinking.

Sample	Modification yield ^a /mol.%	<i>E</i> ' at 23 °C after UV exposure (260 J/cm ²) ^b /MPa
Rubber- 0	0	2.7
Rubber-1	0.19	2.7
Rubber-2	0.49	2.9
Rubber-3	0.86	3.1
Rubber- 4	1.30	3.3

^a Determined by ¹H NMR experiments.

^b Determined by DMA measurements.



Fig. 3. DMA curves of photo-responsive rubber materials upon prolonged UV exposure ($\lambda > 300 \text{ nm}$); (a) (\blacklozenge) rubber-0, (\blacksquare) rubber-1, (\bigstar) rubber-2 and (b) (\blacklozenge) rubber-3.

Fig. 3a and b provide the DMA curves of photo-responsive rubber materials with different modification yields, which have been photochemically crosslinked ($\lambda > 300 \text{ nm}$) at different exposure doses. In addition, Fig. 4 details the DMA curves of rubber-**4** in a broad temperature range over prolonged UV exposure ($\lambda > 300 \text{ nm}$).



Fig. 4. DMA curves of rubber-**4** upon prolonged UV exposure ($\lambda > 300$ nm) over a temperature range from -60 to +40 °C. Details of the DMA curves in a narrow temperature range are also given in Ref. [1].



Fig. 5. DMA curves of rubber-**4** over repeated cycles of UV induced crosslinking with 46 J/cm² ($\lambda > 300$ nm, N₂) and UV induced cleavage with 9.72 J/cm² ($\lambda = 254$ nm, N₂) over a temperature range from -60 to +40 °C. Details of the DMA curves in a narrow temperature range are also given in Ref. [1].

In Fig. 5 the DMA curves of rubber-**4** are provided in a broad temperature range over three cycles of photochemical crosslinking and subsequent photochemical cleavage upon deep UV exposure.

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