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**Supplementary Information for:**

**Chemical characterization and formation of secondary organosiloxane aerosol  
(SOSiA) from OH oxidation of decamethylcyclopentasiloxane**

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**Table S1.** Summary of PAM-OFR experiments.

Experiment ID	AMS	Filter	RH (%)	T (°C)	[H <sub>2</sub> O] (%)	[D <sub>5</sub> ] <sub>init</sub> (ppb)	[D <sub>5</sub> ] <sub>final</sub> (ppb)	OH <sub>exp</sub> (molec. sec. cm <sup>-3</sup> )	Aging Day
1	√		27.76	26.57	0.953			3.85 × 10 <sup>11</sup>	2.97
2		√	29.82	20.37	0.704	245.16	135.20	6.57 × 10 <sup>10</sup>	0.51
3		√	29.43	20.78	0.713	231.86	119.29	1.21 × 10 <sup>11</sup>	0.94
4		√	29.14	21.02	0.716	224.62	101.46	1.92 × 10 <sup>11</sup>	1.48
5		√	28.35	23.03	0.788	225.94	88.00	3.53 × 10 <sup>11</sup>	2.72
6		√	31.35	23.54	0.899	222.53	80.61	4.04 × 10 <sup>11</sup>	3.12
7		√	80.64	22.12	2.12	229.37	108.80	2.09 × 10 <sup>11</sup>	1.61
8		√	79.44	23.35	2.25	228.39	83.81	2.72 × 10 <sup>11</sup>	2.1
9		√	76.07	24.02	2.24	186.98	67.94	4.54 × 10 <sup>11</sup>	3.5
10		√	72.21	24.73	2.22	222.48	56.32	8.24 × 10 <sup>11</sup>	6.36
11		√	73.59	24.15	2.19	241.04	56.39	9.12 × 10 <sup>11</sup>	7.04

31 Additional notes for AMS measurement: we've performed a series of experiments with AMS  
 32 measurement, however, the AMS fragments could not provide the molecular composition or  
 33 the formation mechanisms of SOSiA. Thus, only the representative AMS mass spectra was  
 34 used in our study. The RH and temperature were averaged values monitored in the PAM  
 35 chamber with light on. [D<sub>5</sub>]<sub>init</sub> and [D<sub>5</sub>]<sub>final</sub> are the D<sub>5</sub> concentrations measured by PTR-MS  
 36 before and after the reaction.

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**Table S2.** D<sub>5</sub>-SOSiA fragments measured by AMS.

Formula	Nominal Mass	Exact Mass
C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>7</sub> Si <sup>+</sup>	59	59.0317
C <sub>3</sub> H <sub>9</sub> Si <sup>+</sup>	73	73.0474
C <sub>3</sub> H <sub>9</sub> O <sub>2</sub> Si <sub>2</sub> <sup>+</sup>	133	133.0141
C <sub>5</sub> H <sub>15</sub> O <sub>2</sub> Si <sub>2</sub> <sup>+</sup>	147	147.0661
C <sub>5</sub> H <sub>15</sub> O <sub>2</sub> Si <sub>2</sub> <sup>+</sup>	163	163.0611
C <sub>4</sub> H <sub>11</sub> O <sub>3</sub> Si <sub>3</sub> <sup>+</sup>	191	191.0016
C <sub>3</sub> H <sub>9</sub> O <sub>4</sub> Si <sub>3</sub> <sup>+</sup>	193	192.9809
C <sub>5</sub> H <sub>15</sub> O <sub>3</sub> Si <sub>3</sub> <sup>+</sup>	207	207.0329
C <sub>4</sub> H <sub>13</sub> O <sub>4</sub> Si <sub>3</sub> <sup>+</sup>	209	209.0122
C <sub>7</sub> H <sub>21</sub> O <sub>2</sub> Si <sub>3</sub> <sup>+</sup>	221	221.0849
C <sub>7</sub> H <sub>21</sub> O <sub>3</sub> Si <sub>3</sub> <sup>+</sup>	237	237.0798
C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>19</sub> O <sub>4</sub> Si <sub>3</sub> <sup>+</sup>	239	239.0591
C <sub>4</sub> H <sub>11</sub> O <sub>5</sub> Si <sub>4</sub> <sup>+</sup>	251	250.9684
C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>17</sub> O <sub>4</sub> Si <sub>4</sub> <sup>+</sup>	265	265.0204
C <sub>5</sub> H <sub>15</sub> O <sub>5</sub> Si <sub>4</sub> <sup>+</sup>	267	266.9997
C <sub>7</sub> H <sub>21</sub> O <sub>4</sub> Si <sub>4</sub> <sup>+</sup>	281	281.0517
C <sub>9</sub> H <sub>27</sub> O <sub>3</sub> Si <sub>4</sub> <sup>+</sup>	295	295.1037
C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>17</sub> O <sub>6</sub> Si <sub>5</sub> <sup>+</sup>	325	324.9871
C <sub>5</sub> H <sub>15</sub> O <sub>7</sub> Si <sub>5</sub> <sup>+</sup>	327	326.9664
C <sub>4</sub> H <sub>13</sub> O <sub>8</sub> Si <sub>5</sub> <sup>+</sup>	329	328.9457
C <sub>7</sub> H <sub>21</sub> O <sub>6</sub> Si <sub>5</sub> <sup>+</sup>	341	341.0184
C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>19</sub> O <sub>7</sub> Si <sub>5</sub> <sup>+</sup>	343	342.9977
C <sub>9</sub> H <sub>27</sub> O <sub>5</sub> Si <sub>5</sub> <sup>+</sup>	355	355.0705
C <sub>8</sub> H <sub>25</sub> O <sub>6</sub> Si <sub>5</sub> <sup>+</sup>	357	357.0498
C <sub>11</sub> H <sub>33</sub> O <sub>4</sub> Si <sub>5</sub> <sup>+</sup>	369	369.1225
C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>17</sub> O <sub>8</sub> Si <sub>6</sub> <sup>+</sup>	385	384.9539
C <sub>7</sub> H <sub>21</sub> O <sub>8</sub> Si <sub>6</sub> <sup>+</sup>	401	400.9852
C <sub>9</sub> H <sub>27</sub> O <sub>7</sub> Si <sub>6</sub> <sup>+</sup>	415	415.0372
C <sub>11</sub> H <sub>33</sub> O <sub>6</sub> Si <sub>6</sub> <sup>+</sup>	429	429.0893
C <sub>7</sub> H <sub>21</sub> O <sub>10</sub> Si <sub>7</sub> <sup>+</sup>	461	460.9520
C <sub>9</sub> H <sub>27</sub> O <sub>9</sub> Si <sub>7</sub> <sup>+</sup>	475	475.0040

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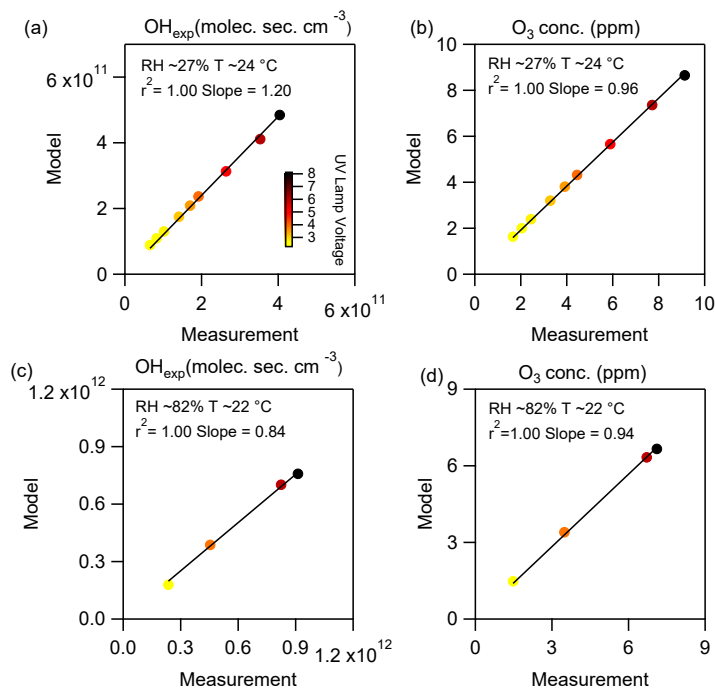
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53 **Table S3.** Identified molecular composition of D<sub>5</sub>-SOSiA detected by ESI-MS (“D” refers to  
54 the units of (CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>SiO and “T” refers to CH<sub>3</sub>SiO.).

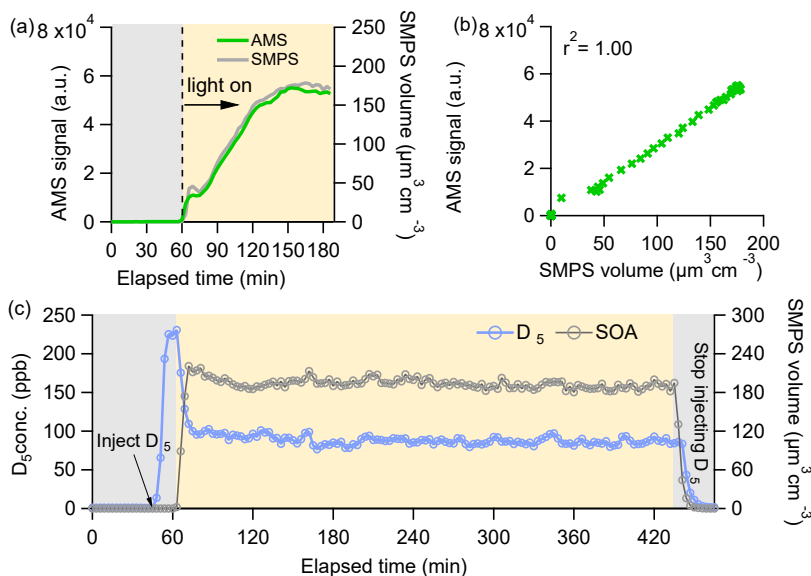
No.	Formula	Monoisotopic mass	Ion mode	Note
1	C <sub>3</sub> H <sub>10</sub> O <sub>3</sub> Si <sub>2</sub>	150.0169	[M-H] <sup>-</sup>	DT-OH
2	C <sub>5</sub> H <sub>16</sub> O <sub>4</sub> Si <sub>3</sub>	224.0356	[M-H] <sup>-</sup>	D <sub>2</sub> T-OH
3	C <sub>4</sub> H <sub>14</sub> O <sub>5</sub> Si <sub>3</sub>	226.0149	[M-H] <sup>-</sup>	DT <sub>2</sub> -(OH) <sub>2</sub>
4	C <sub>5</sub> H <sub>16</sub> O <sub>6</sub> Si <sub>4</sub>	284.0024	[M-H] <sup>-</sup>	
5	C <sub>4</sub> H <sub>14</sub> O <sub>7</sub> Si <sub>4</sub>	285.9817	[M-H] <sup>-</sup>	
6	C <sub>7</sub> H <sub>22</sub> O <sub>5</sub> Si <sub>4</sub>	298.0544	[M-H] <sup>-</sup>	D <sub>3</sub> T-OH
7	C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>20</sub> O <sub>6</sub> Si <sub>4</sub>	300.0337	[M-H] <sup>-</sup>	D <sub>2</sub> T <sub>2</sub> -(OH) <sub>2</sub>
8	C <sub>5</sub> H <sub>16</sub> O <sub>8</sub> Si <sub>5</sub>	343.9692	[M-H] <sup>-</sup>	
9	C <sub>7</sub> H <sub>22</sub> O <sub>7</sub> Si <sub>5</sub>	358.0212	[M-H] <sup>-</sup>	D <sub>3</sub> T-OH-SiO <sub>2</sub>
10	C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>20</sub> O <sub>8</sub> Si <sub>5</sub>	360.0005	[M-H] <sup>-</sup>	D <sub>2</sub> T <sub>2</sub> -(OH) <sub>2</sub> -SiO <sub>2</sub>
11	C <sub>7</sub> H <sub>22</sub> O <sub>8</sub> Si <sub>5</sub>	374.0161	[M-H] <sup>-</sup>	D <sub>2</sub> T <sub>2</sub> -OH-CH <sub>2</sub> OH-SiO <sub>2</sub>
12	C <sub>8</sub> H <sub>26</sub> O <sub>7</sub> Si <sub>5</sub>	374.0525	[M+Na] <sup>+</sup>	D <sub>3</sub> T <sub>2</sub> -(OH) <sub>2</sub>
13	C <sub>7</sub> H <sub>24</sub> O <sub>8</sub> Si <sub>5</sub>	376.0318	[M+Na] <sup>+</sup>	D <sub>2</sub> T <sub>3</sub> -(OH) <sub>3</sub>
14	C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>22</sub> O <sub>9</sub> Si <sub>5</sub>	378.0110	[M-H] <sup>-</sup>	DT <sub>4</sub> -(OH) <sub>4</sub>
15	C <sub>8</sub> H <sub>26</sub> O <sub>8</sub> Si <sub>5</sub>	390.0474	[M+Na] <sup>+</sup>	D <sub>2</sub> T <sub>3</sub> -(OH) <sub>2</sub> -CH <sub>2</sub> OH
16	C <sub>7</sub> H <sub>24</sub> O <sub>9</sub> Si <sub>5</sub>	392.0267	[M+Na] <sup>+</sup>	DT <sub>4</sub> -(OH) <sub>3</sub> -CH <sub>2</sub> OH
17	C <sub>9</sub> H <sub>28</sub> O <sub>9</sub> Si <sub>5</sub>	420.0580	[M+Na] <sup>+</sup>	DT <sub>4</sub> -OH-(CH <sub>2</sub> OH) <sub>3</sub>
18	C <sub>9</sub> H <sub>28</sub> O <sub>8</sub> Si <sub>6</sub>	432.0400	[M-H] <sup>-</sup>	
19	C <sub>8</sub> H <sub>26</sub> O <sub>9</sub> Si <sub>6</sub>	434.0192	[M-H] <sup>-</sup>	
20	C <sub>7</sub> H <sub>22</sub> O <sub>11</sub> Si <sub>7</sub>	477.9547	[M-H] <sup>-</sup>	
21	C <sub>9</sub> H <sub>28</sub> O <sub>10</sub> Si <sub>7</sub>	492.0067	[M-H] <sup>-</sup>	
22	C <sub>8</sub> H <sub>26</sub> O <sub>11</sub> Si <sub>7</sub>	493.9860	[M-H] <sup>-</sup>	
23	C <sub>10</sub> H <sub>32</sub> O <sub>10</sub> Si <sub>7</sub>	508.0380	[M-H] <sup>-</sup>	
24	C <sub>9</sub> H <sub>28</sub> O <sub>12</sub> Si <sub>8</sub>	551.9735	[M-H] <sup>-</sup>	
25	C <sub>11</sub> H <sub>34</sub> O <sub>11</sub> Si <sub>8</sub>	566.0255	[M-H] <sup>-</sup>	
26	C <sub>10</sub> H <sub>32</sub> O <sub>12</sub> Si <sub>8</sub>	568.0048	[M-H] <sup>-</sup>	
27	C <sub>9</sub> H <sub>28</sub> O <sub>14</sub> Si <sub>9</sub>	611.9402	[M-H] <sup>-</sup>	
28	C <sub>11</sub> H <sub>34</sub> O <sub>13</sub> Si <sub>9</sub>	625.9923	[M-H] <sup>-</sup>	
29	C <sub>12</sub> H <sub>38</sub> O <sub>13</sub> Si <sub>9</sub>	642.0236	[M-H] <sup>-</sup>	
30	C <sub>11</sub> H <sub>34</sub> O <sub>15</sub> Si <sub>10</sub>	685.9590	[M-H] <sup>-</sup>	
31	C <sub>13</sub> H <sub>40</sub> O <sub>14</sub> Si <sub>10</sub>	700.0111	[M-H] <sup>-</sup>	
32	C <sub>9</sub> H <sub>38</sub> O <sub>19</sub> Si <sub>9</sub>	701.9931	[M-H] <sup>-</sup>	
33	C <sub>14</sub> H <sub>44</sub> O <sub>14</sub> Si <sub>10</sub>	716.0424	[M-H] <sup>-</sup>	
34	C <sub>13</sub> H <sub>42</sub> O <sub>15</sub> Si <sub>10</sub>	718.0216	[M-H] <sup>-</sup>	
35	C <sub>13</sub> H <sub>44</sub> O <sub>16</sub> Si <sub>10</sub>	736.0322	[M-H] <sup>-</sup>	



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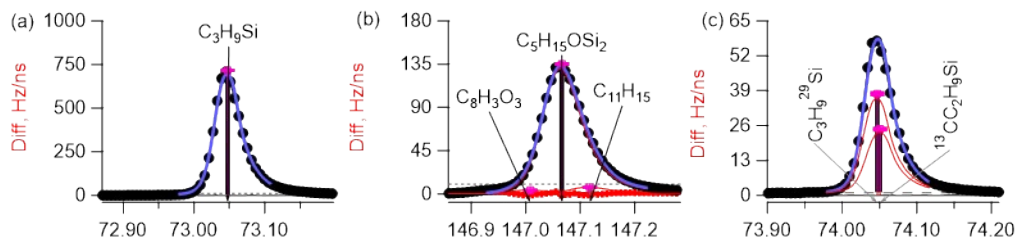
56 **Figure S1.** Comparison between modeled and measurement results for  $\text{OH}_{\text{exp}}$  (a and c) and  $\text{O}_3$   
 57 mixing ratios (b and d) across different offline  $\text{OH}_{\text{exp}}$  calibration experiments. The modeled  
 58 results were calculated from the KinSim chemical kinetic solver (4.6.1)<sup>1</sup> with the OFR185  
 59 mechanism from Rowe et al.<sup>2</sup>

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62 **Figure S2.** (a) Time evolution and (b) scatterplot of SOSiA measured by AMS and SMPS  
 63 during experiment 1. (c) Time series of  $\text{D}_5$  measured by PTR-MS and SMPS volume  
 64 concentration during a representative filter collection experiment. The grey area indicates  
 65 PAM-OFR light off period and light yellow is the light on period. Unfortunately, the PTR-MS  
 66 was not available during the experiment 1. The fluctuation of the time series at the beginning  
 67 is probably due to the unstable injection of  $\text{D}_5$ .

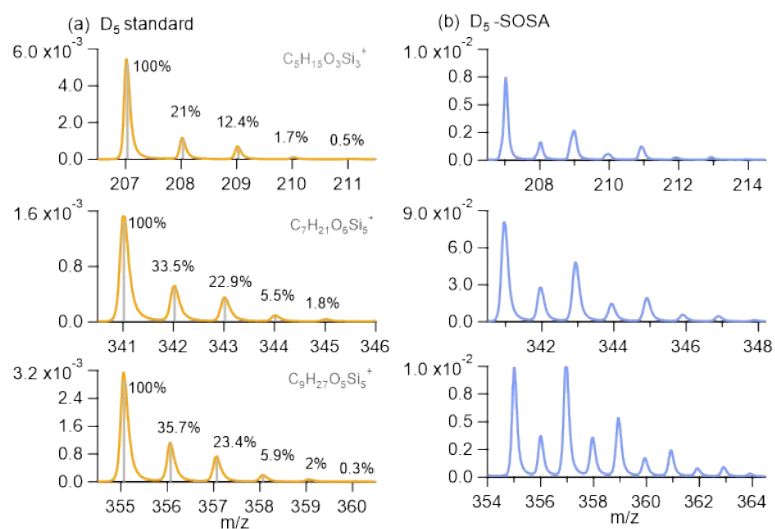


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69 **Figure S3.** AMS high-resolution mass spectra of Si-containing fragments at (a)  $m/z$  73, (b)  $m/z$

70 147 and (c)  $m/z$  74.

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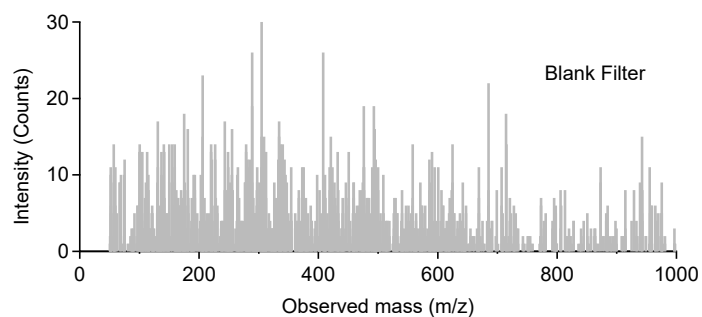


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73 **Figure S4.** Raw mass spectra of (a)  $D_5$  standard and (b)  $D_5$ -SOSiA detected with AMS. The

74 height of vertical grey lines corresponds to the expected isotopic ratios.

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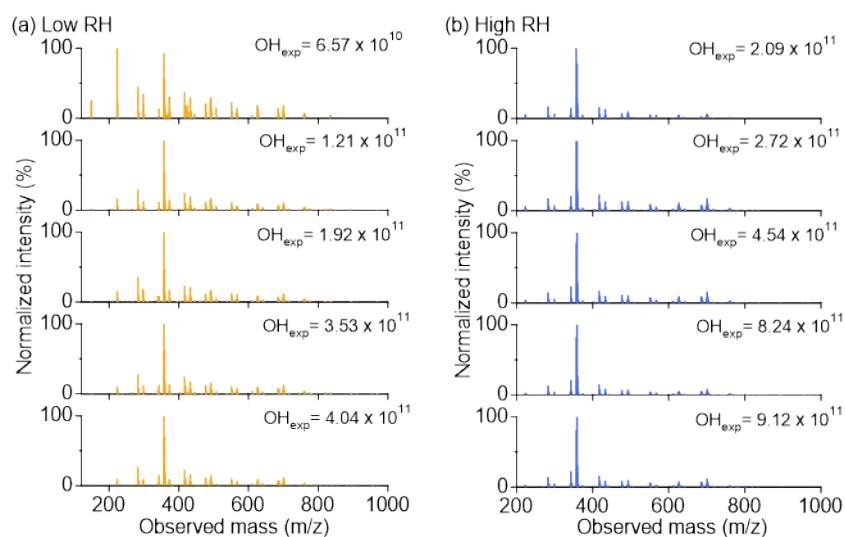


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77 **Figure S5.** ESI-MS (-) mass spectrum of blank filter.

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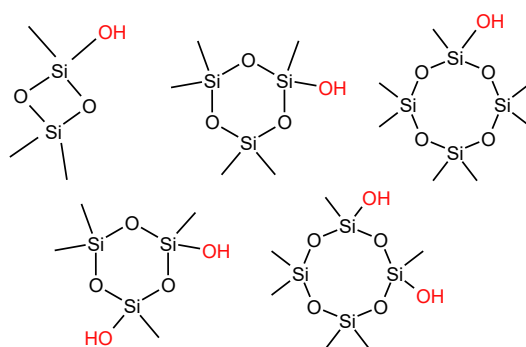
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81 **Figure S6.** ESI-MS (-) mass spectrum of D<sub>5</sub>-SOSiA at different OH exposure. The peak  
 82 intensities are normalized by setting the abundance of the largest peak in each spectrum to 100.

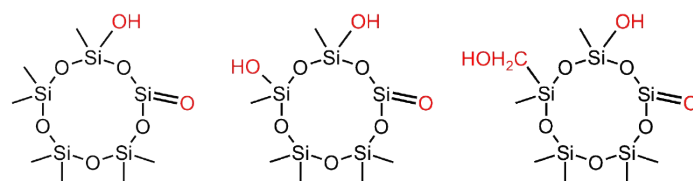
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85 **Figure S7.** Possible structures of identified small silanols (DT-OH, D<sub>2</sub>T-OH and D<sub>3</sub>T-OH )  
 86 and siloxandiols (DT<sub>2</sub>-(OH)<sub>2</sub> and D<sub>2</sub>T<sub>2</sub>-(OH)<sub>2</sub>).

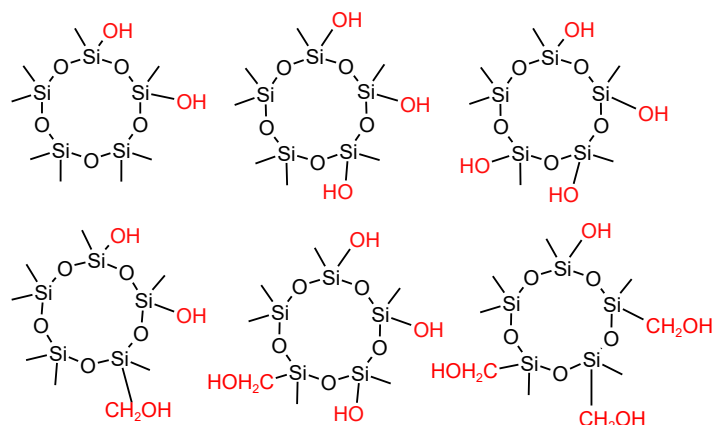
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89 **Figure S8.** Possible structures of ring opening products (D<sub>3</sub>T-OH-SiO<sub>2</sub>, D<sub>2</sub>T<sub>2</sub>-(OH)<sub>2</sub>-SiO<sub>2</sub> and  
 90 D<sub>2</sub>T<sub>2</sub>-OH-CH<sub>2</sub>OH-SiO<sub>2</sub>).

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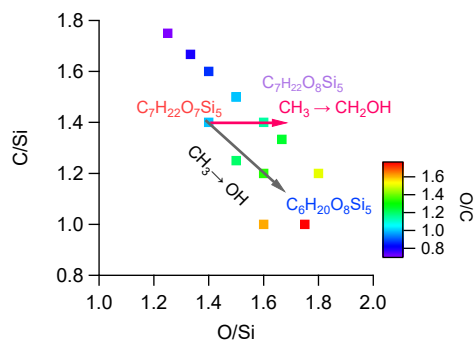
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93 **Figure S9.** Possible structures of identified monomers ( $D_3T_2-(OH)_2$ ,  $D_2T_3-(OH)_3$ ,  $DT_4-(OH)_4$ ,

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$D_2T_3-(OH)_2-CH_2OH$ ,  $DT_4-(OH)_3-CH_2OH$  and  $DT_4-OH-(CH_2OH)_3$ ).

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97 **Figure S10.** Plots of C/Si versus O/Si for ring-opening SOSiA products between  $m/z$  200-400.

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