spiro chain

in a polymer

A double-strand chain consisting of an uninterrupted sequence of rings, with adjacent rings having only one atom in common. Alternatively, a spiro chain is a double-strand chain with adjacent constitutional units joined to each other through three atoms, two on one side and one on the other side of each constitutional unit.

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