

1. ^1H NMR spectra of the St-MMA copolymer

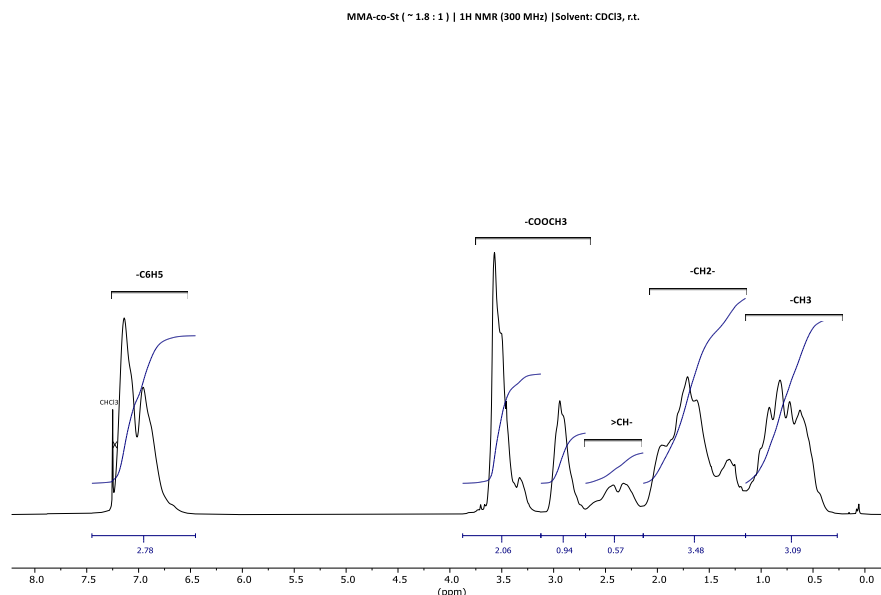


Figure S1. ^1H NMR spectrum of the CPL sample isolated by dilution of the limiting conversion at a volume ratio of St/MMA (1:2) in the initial monomer mixture. Monomer mixture/water ratio 1:4 (mol); a surfactant concentration 0.5%- wt; potassium persulfate concentration 1.0 wt.% based on a mixture of monomers.

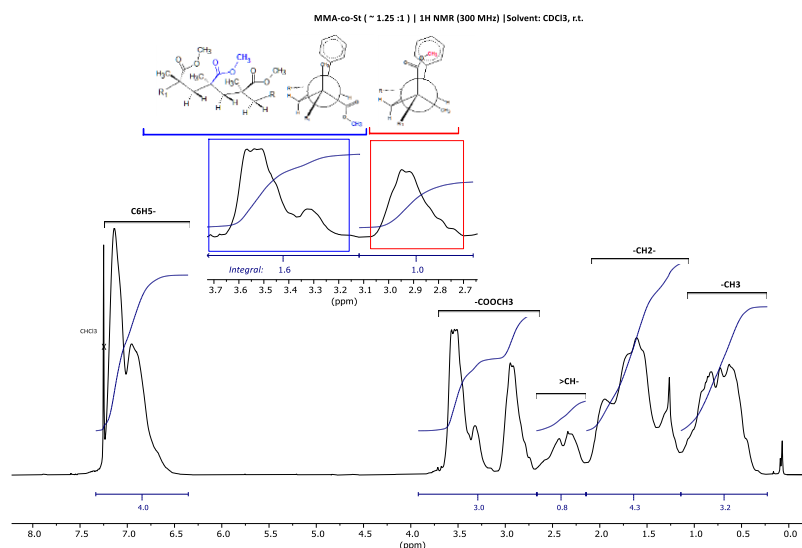


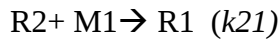
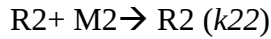
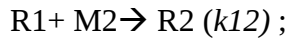
Figure S2. ^1H NMR spectrum of the CPL sample isolated after achievement of the limiting conversion at a volume ratio of St/MMA (1:1) in the initial monomer mixture. Monomer

mixture/water ratio 1:4 (mol); a surfactant concentration 0.5%-wt; concentration of $K_2S_2O_8$ is 1.0 wt.% based on a mixture of monomers.

2. Calculation of the coefficient of CPL chain compositional heterogeneity K_m

The CPL chain growth mechanism includes four chemical reactions (scheme D1, where M_1 , M_2 are monomers, R_1 R_2 are growth radicals (Scheme D1).

Scheme D1



K_m represents the total transient probability of a crossover growth chain occurring on the R_1 and R_2 radicals. The probability of the former one (R_1) is expressed by the ratio of the crossover reaction rate ($k_{12} \cdot M_2 \cdot R_1$) to the sum of the reaction rates of the crossover- and homo-growth chain ($k_{12} \cdot M_2 \cdot R_1 + k_{11} \cdot M_1 \cdot R_1$). Similarly, we calculate the probability of a crossover growth on the radical R_2 . Then, we summarize the two transition probabilities (eq D1a) :

$$K_m = \frac{k_{12} \cdot M_2}{k_{12} \cdot M_2 + k_{11} \cdot M_1} + \frac{k_{21} \cdot M_1}{k_{21} \cdot M_2 + k_{22} \cdot M_1} \quad (S1a)$$

Taking into account notations:

$$r_1 = k_{11}/k_{12}, \quad r_2 = k_{22}/k_{21}, \quad m_1 = [M_1]/([M_1] + [M_2]); \quad m_2 = 1 - m_1$$

and using the principle of stationarity in relation to the growth radicals R_1 and R_2 :

$$k_{12} R_1 M_2 = k_{21} R_2 M_1,$$

after corresponding transformations, we obtain the equation D1 connecting K_m with m_1 .

$$K_m = \frac{1 - m_1}{(1 - m_1) \cdot (m_1 \cdot (r_1 + (1 + \frac{1 - m_1}{m_1})))} + \frac{1}{(1 + r_2 \cdot \frac{1 - m_1}{m_1})} \quad (S1)$$

3. Derivation of the equation of the balance of M_1 M_2 monomers and repeating units of St and MMA in the polymer system in differential form

Let us introduce the notation: $m_1 = M_1/M$; M_1 , M_2 -concentration of monomers M_1 , M_2 ; M – total concentration of monomers $M = M_1 + M_2$; m_1 is the mole fraction of monomer M_1 in the monomer mixture; p_1 is the molar fraction of M_1 monomer units in the CPL chain of instantaneous composition, x is the conversion. Let's rewrite the expression for m_1 in a form

$m1 * M = M1$ and differentiate it to obtain eq.S2. Also, $dM1$ can be expressed in a form connected with the $p1$ (eq.S3):

$$dM1 = M * dm1 + m1 * dM \quad (S2)$$

$$p1 = dM1/dM ; \quad dM1 = p1 * dM \quad (S3)$$

We equate expressions (S2) and (S3):

$$M * dm1 + m1 * (dM) = p1 * (dM); \quad M * dm1 = dM(p1 - m1)$$

Replace $M = M0(1-x)$ - and $dM = -M0 * dx$, shorten $M0$. We obtain the equation of the material balance of the system in differential form (eq. S4), connecting $m1(x)$ and $p1$.

$$(1-x) * (dm1/dx) = (m1 - p1) \quad (S4)$$