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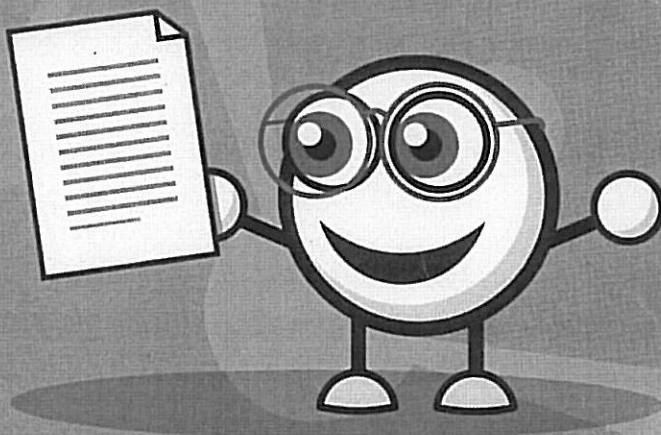
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### SAXS, viscometry and DLS studies of branched copolymers: unimolecular micelles and microgels

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We report on solution properties of loosely grafted copolymers composed of polystyrene (PS) backbone (degree of polymerization of PS backbone,  $N_p = 95$ ) and variable length of poly(*tert*-butyl methacrylate) P(*t*BuMA) side chains (degree of polymerization of side chains,  $N_s = 14 - 222$ ) at fixed number of grafting sites  $n = 11$  and polydispersity index ( $M_w/M_n$ ) ranging from 1.05 to 2.63. Synthesis of these graft copolymers<sup>1</sup> is based on a novel synthetic route involving two independent controlled/"living" polymerization mechanisms, namely nitroxide-mediated radical polymerization (NMP) for the synthesis of the backbone and photoinduced "grafting from" *iniferter* process for building of P(*t*BuMA) branches. The viscosity-related contraction factors  $k' < 1$  confirmed high degree of branching of the studied graft copolymers. Dilute solutions of graft copolymers in non-selective solvent (THF), examined by dynamic light scattering (DLS), small-angle X-ray scattering (SAXS) and viscometry, revealed a transition from linear coil conformation through wormlike-star to a microgel architecture under increasing number of monomeric units in side chains ( $N_s$ )<sup>2</sup>. These data were further supported by the structure factors  $R_g/R_w$  and  $R_g/R_z$  obtained by independent measurements and extrapolated to infinite dilution. Persistence lengths of the samples exhibiting comb-like topology were larger compared to linear polystyrene backbone and P(*t*BuMA) side chains in THF suggesting stiffening of the main chain with increasing size of the attached side chains. Unimolecular micelles were detected by DLS and SAXS in solvent selective for grafts in *tert*-amyl alcohol.

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### Hydrodynamic analysis of well-defined flexible linear macromolecules of low molar mass

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Samples of poly(styrene-diphenylethylene) copolymers of narrow molar mass distribution<sup>1</sup> were studied by molecular hydrodynamic methods. The interference optics of the Beckman XLI analytical ultracentrifuge for the study of the velocity sedimentation of the samples was used. The all translation friction values as well as the intrinsic viscosity were measured in toluene. The sedimentation data were treated with the Sedfit program which numerically solves the Lamm equation.<sup>2</sup> The Sedfit program can determine both the velocity sedimentation coefficient and the frictional ratio. The latter parameter is unambiguously related to the translational diffusion coefficient. The adequacy of its determination by the Sedfit program was checked by an independent experimental determination of the translational diffusion coefficient. As a consequence, velocity sedimentation experiments evaluated by use of the Sedfit program may be considered as a self-sufficient method for the determination of molecular characteristics of linear polymers with narrow molar mass distribution. The recently developed Multi-HYDFIT program<sup>3</sup> performing a joint analysis of different transport properties of multiple samples allows the adequate estimation of conformational characteristics of short flexible chains without volume effects. This work also provides an adequate test of the ability of the recently developed Multi-HYDFIT program for the joint analysis of different transport properties of multiple samples, coupled to the MC simulation results for the wormlike chains that improve the classical Yamakawa-Fujii theory.<sup>4</sup> This first and successful application to the global-fit methodology to short, synthetic oligomers reveals its interest beyond the typical biopolymer systems to which it had been applied previously.<sup>3</sup>

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### Advanced thermal analysis solutions – HyperDSC, UV-DSC, UV-DMA, and Raman-DSC measurements to characterize polymeric materials

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HyperDSC™ is a new DSC technique with fast scanning rates up to 750 °C/min which produces vastly increased sensitivity and permits analysis of materials without change due to annealing or re-crystallization phenomena. UV light sources coupled with power compensating differential scanning calorimetry (UV-DSC) and dynamic mechanical analysis (UV-DMA) have opened up new avenues for accurately characterizing isothermal photo-curing including gelation point, vitrification point, and cure kinetics. The examination of amorphous, melt, and semi-crystalline polymers is also presented which reveals a cutting edge hyphenated technique to better understand multiphase polymer materials.

### FTIR-ATR monitoring and SEC/RI/MALLS characterization of ATRP synthesized hyperbranched polyacrylates

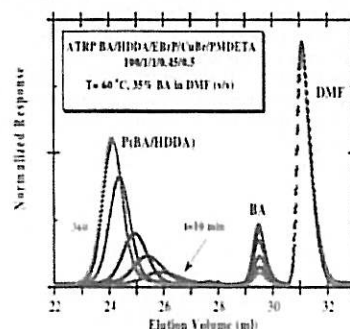
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In the last few years, controlled radical polymerization (CRP) techniques have been explored to produce hyperbranched polymers with improved homogeneity as compared to those obtained by conventional free radical polymerization (FRP). This work reports the synthesis at 1 L scale of hyperbranched polyacrylates based upon acrylate/diacrylate monomers such as *n*-butyl acrylate (BA)/1,6-Hexanediol diacrylate (HDDA) and using atom transfer radical polymerization (ATRP).<sup>1</sup> A FTIR-ATR immersion probe was used to monitor the polymerization reaction. The dynamics of the build-up of polymer structure was studied by off-line analysis of samples at different reaction times by size exclusion chromatography (SEC) with detection of refractive index (RI) and multi-angle laser light scattering (MALLS) signals, leading to molecular weight distribution and z-average radius of gyration.



Kinetic measurements and observed parameters of the molecular architecture are compared with theoretical predictions<sup>2</sup> which can be used to design new synthesis strategies to improve the homogeneity of hyperbranched polymers. Another goal of this study was elucidating the impact on polymerization of secondary reactions such as intramolecular cyclizations.

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