

# **Supporting information for: Modeling of miniemulsion polymerization of styrene with macro- RAFT agents to theoretically compare slow fragmentation, ideal exchange and cross-termination cases**

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## S1. Calculation of the average apparent termination rate coefficient

The diffusion-controlled mechanism of bimolecular termination in radical polymerization can be accurately described using the composite  $k_t$  model (RAFT-CLD-T model).[1] This model allows to calculate an apparent homotermination rate coefficient ( $k_{t,app}^{i,i}$ ;  $i$ =chain length) dependent on the chain length  $i$  and the polymer mass fraction  $m_p$  (and thus the monomer conversion  $X_m$ ):

For  $i < i_{gel}$

$$k_{t,app}^{i,i} = k_t^{1,1} i^{-\alpha_s} \quad \text{for } i < i_{SL} \quad (\text{S1})$$

$$k_{t,app}^{i,i} = k_t^{1,1} i_{SL}^{(\alpha_L - \alpha_s)} i^{-\alpha_L} \quad \text{for } i \geq i_{SL} \quad (\text{S2})$$

For  $i \geq i_{gel}$

$$k_{t,app}^{i,i} = k_t^{1,1} i_{gel}^{(\alpha_{gel} - \alpha_s)} i^{-\alpha_{gel}} \quad \text{for } i < i_{SL} \quad (\text{S3})$$

$$k_{t,app}^{i,i} = k_t^{1,1} i_{SL}^{(\alpha_L - \alpha_s)} i_{gel}^{(\alpha_{gel} - \alpha_L)} i^{-\alpha_{gel}} \quad \text{for } i \geq i_{SL} \quad (\text{S4})$$

in which  $k_t^{1,1}$  is the (apparent) termination rate coefficient for radicals with chain length 1,  $\alpha_s$  the exponent for termination for short chains in dilute solution,  $\alpha_L$  the exponent for long chains in dilute solution,  $\alpha_{gel}$  the exponent for chains in the gel regime,  $i_{SL}$  the crossover chain length between short- and long-chain behavior,  $i_{gel}$  the chain length at the onset of the gel-effect.

An overview of these parameters can be found in Table S1.

**Table S1: Parameters[1,2] used for the composite  $k_t$  model with styrene as monomer;  $m_p$ : polymer mass fraction**

$k_t^{1,1}$	$\alpha_s$	$i_{SL}$	$\alpha_L$	$\alpha_{gel}$	$i_{gel}$
$10^9$	0.53	30	0.15	$1.22m_p - 0.11$	$3.30m_p^{-2.13}$

For simplicity, Equation (S1)-(S4) are calculated using the number average chain length of the macroradical species as the complete chain length distribution of the macroradicals is not calculated in the frame of the present work.

## S2. Calculation of the apparent RAFT exchange related rate coefficients

The coupled parallel encounter pair model as described by D'hooge *et al.*[3] can be used to calculated the apparent rate coefficients for the RAFT addition, fragmentation, cross termination and transfer reactions involving only chain length  $i$  via:

$$k_{add,app}^{i,i} = \left( \frac{1}{k_{add,chem}} + \frac{1}{k_{add,diff}^{i,i}} \right)^{-1} \quad (S5)$$

$$k_{frag,app}^{i,i} = \left( \frac{1}{k_{frag,chem}} + \frac{K_{eq,1}}{k_{frag,diff}^{i,i}} \right)^{-1} \quad (S6)$$

$$k_{tcross,app}^{i,i,i} = \left( \frac{1}{k_{tcross,chem}} + \frac{1}{k_{tcross,diff}^{i,i,i}} \right)^{-1} \quad (S7)$$

$$k_{tr,0,app} = \left( \frac{1}{k_{tr,0,chem}} + \frac{1}{k_{tr,0,diff}} + \frac{1}{K_{eq,2} k_{-tr,0,diff}} \right)^{-1} \quad (S8)$$

$$k_{-tr,0,app} = \left( \frac{1}{k_{-tr,0,chem}} + \frac{1}{k_{-tr,0,diff}} + \frac{K_{eq,2}}{k_{tr,0,diff}} \right)^{-1} \quad (S9)$$

$$k_{tr,app} = \left( \frac{1}{k_{tr,chem}} + \frac{2}{k_{tr,diff}} \right)^{-1} \quad (S10)$$

with  $k_{add,app}^{i,i}$ ,  $k_{frag,app}^{i,i}$ ,  $k_{tcross,app}^{i,i,i}$  and  $k_{(-)tr(0),app}^{i,i}$  the apparent RAFT addition, fragmentation, cross termination and transfer rate coefficient;  $k_{add,chem}$ ,  $k_{frag,chem}$ ,  $k_{tcross,chem}$  and  $k_{(-)tr(0),chem}$  the intrinsic RAFT addition, fragmentation, cross termination and transfer rate coefficient (see Table 1 in the main text);  $k_{add,diff}^{i,i}$ ,  $k_{frag,diff}^{i,i}$ ,  $k_{tcross,diff}^{i,i,i}$  and  $k_{(-)tr(0),diff}^{i,i}$  the diffusional contribution for RAFT addition, fragmentation, cross termination and transfer.

with:

$$K_{eq,1} = \frac{k_{add,chem}}{k_{frag,chem}} \quad (S11)$$

$$K_{eq,2} = \frac{k_{tr,0,chem}}{k_{-tr,0,chem}} \quad (S12)$$

In the present work, the diffusional contributions are approximated by the corresponding one when considering the composite  $k_t$  model[1] (see Section S1) for the apparent termination rate coefficient as this can also be described by the classical encounter pair theory:

$$k_{t,diff}^{i,i} \approx k_{add,diff}^{i,i} \approx k_{frag,diff}^{i,i} \approx k_{tcross,diff}^{i,i,i} \approx k_{(-)tr(0),diff}^{i,i} \quad (S13)$$

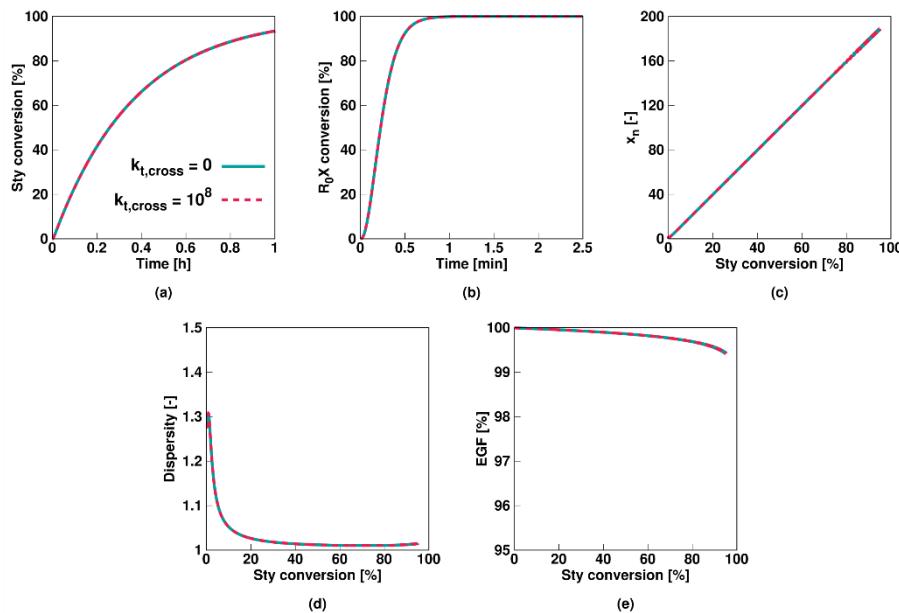
in which the intrinsic termination rate coefficient ( $k_{t,chem}$ ) is approximated by  $k_t^{1,1}$  (see section S1). This approach is justified to a first approximation considering that the diffusion behavior of the species

involved in the RAFT reactions mentioned above is similar to the diffusion behavior of the corresponding terminating radicals.

Similar as for termination (Section S1), the number average chain length of the radicals are used to calculate the actual apparent rate coefficients.

### S3. Prove of the insignificance of the RAFT cross termination rate coefficient for Comb3 (ideal RAFT agent)

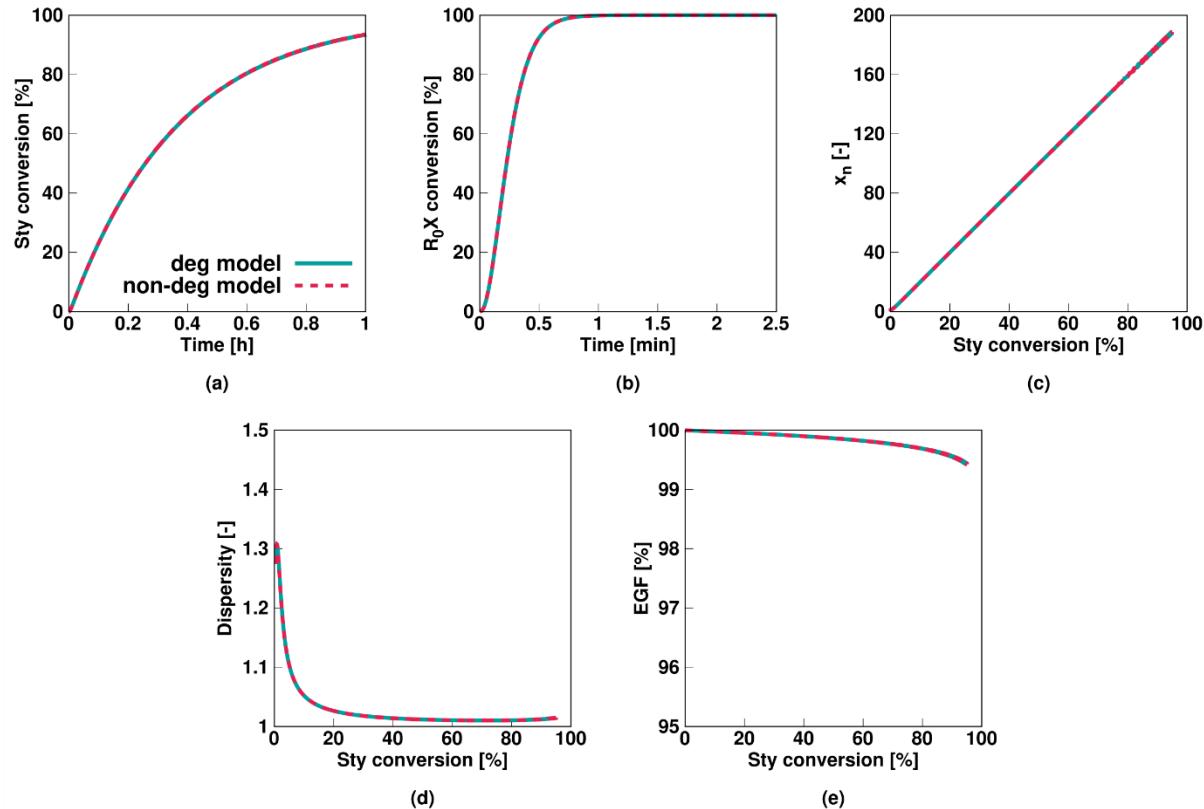
As shown in Figure S1, the RAFT cross termination rate coefficient is kinetically insignificant for Comb3 as the same results are obtained when a value of  $0 \text{ L mol}^{-1} \text{s}^{-1}$  is used compared to a value of  $10^8 \text{ L mol}^{-1} \text{s}^{-1}$ .



**Figure S1:** Overview of average characteristics for non-degenerative miniemulsion RAFT polymerization of styrene at 343 K with KPS and an oligomeric RAFT agent. Monomer conversion (a) and initial RAFT agent ( $R_0X$ ) conversion (b) as a function of time and number average chain length  $x_n$  (c), dispersity (d) and end-group functionality (EGF) (e) as a function of styrene conversion. Model parameters for Comb3 in Table 1 without cross termination (blue) and with cross termination ( $k_{t,cross} = 10^8 \text{ L mol}^{-1} \text{s}^{-1}$ ) taken into account.  $[Sty]_0/[R_0X]_0 = 200$ ,  $[R_0X]_0/[KPS]_0 = 3$ ,  $[KPS]_0 = 4 \cdot 10^{-3} \text{ mol L}^{-1}$ , and  $d_p = 100 \text{ nm}$ ,  $m_{styren,0} = 20 \text{ g}$ ,  $m_{H2O,0} = 80 \text{ g}$

#### S4. Comparison between results of non-degenerative and degenerative model for Comb3

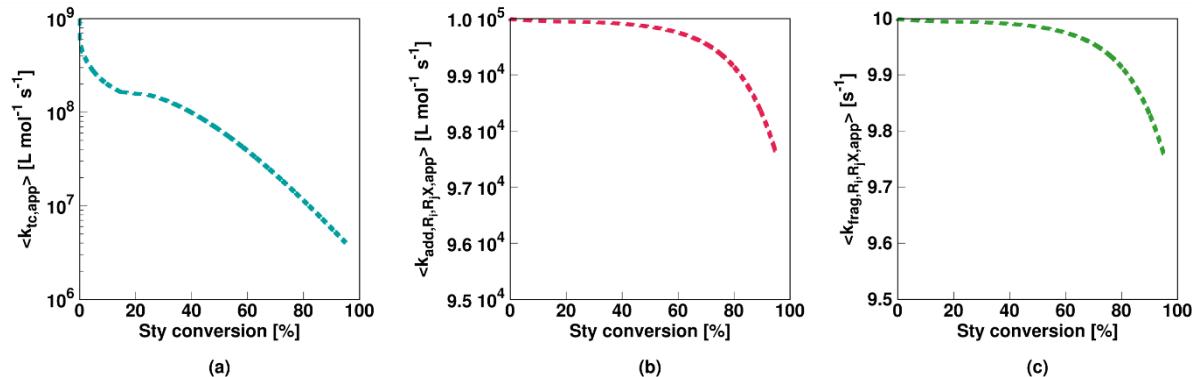
As shown in Figure S2, identical results are obtained when a non-degenerative or a degenerative model is used for Comb3. This implies that all intermediate species are very short-lived, as also can be seen in Figure 11 of the main text, and no side reactions involving these species are kinetically relevant (see also Section S3).



**Figure S2:** Overview of the degenerative (blue full line) and non-degenerative (dashed red line) simulation data for miniemulsion RAFT polymerization of styrene at 343 K with KPS and an oligomeric RAFT agent. Monomer conversion (a) and initial RAFT agent ( $R_0X$ ) conversion (b) as a function of time and number average chain length  $x_n$  (c), dispersity (d) and EGF (d) as a function of styrene conversion. Model parameters for Comb3 in Table 1 of the main text.  $[Sty]_0/[R_0X]_0=200$ ,  $[R_0X]_0/[KPS]_0=3$ ,  $[KPS]_0=4 \cdot 10^{-3} \text{ mol L}^{-1}$ ,  $d_p = 100 \text{ nm}$ ,  $m_{\text{styren},0}=20 \text{ g}$ ,  $m_{\text{H}_2\text{O},0}=80 \text{ g}$

## S5. Influence of diffusional limitations on the apparent rate coefficients for Comb1

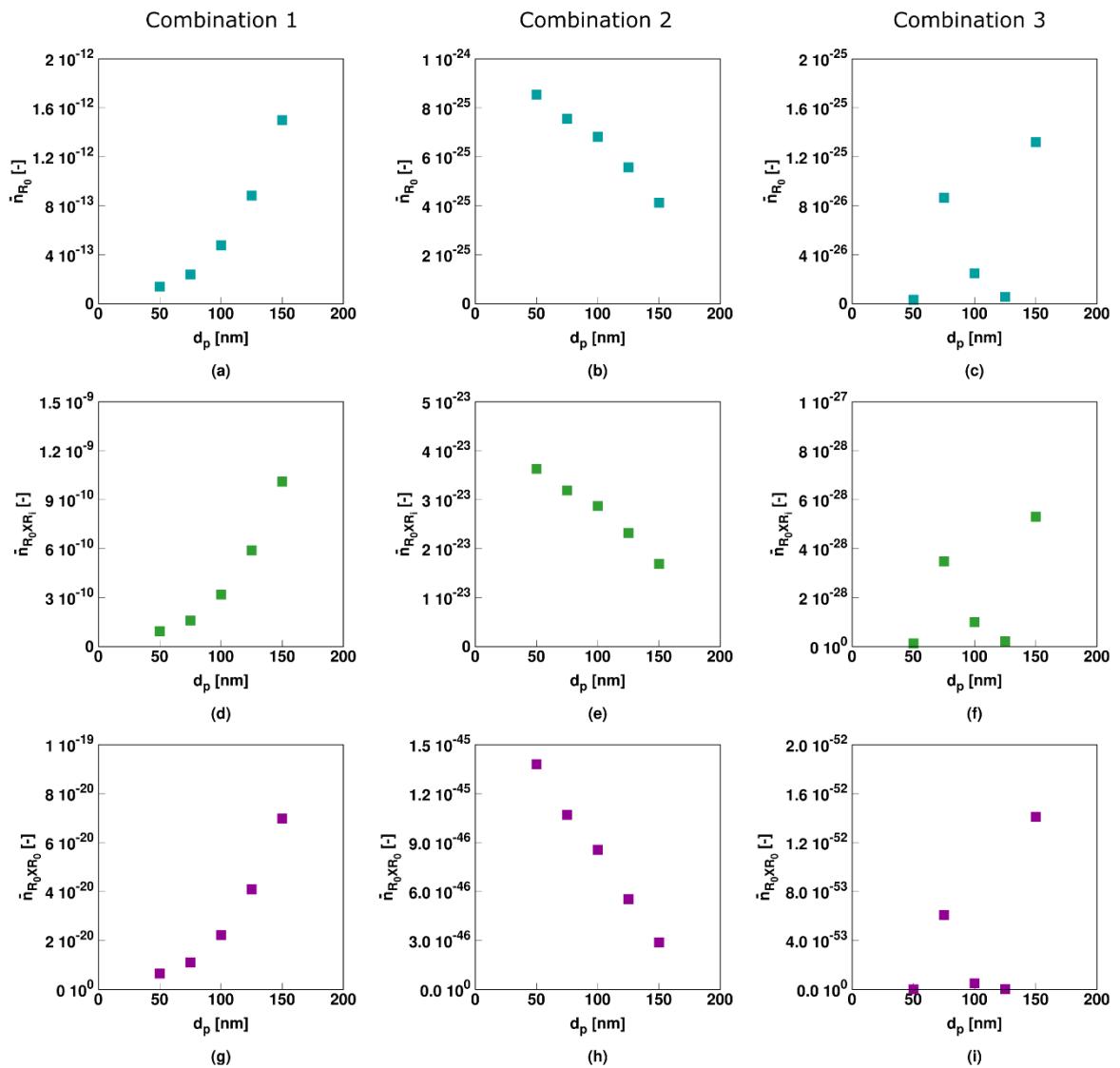
Figure S3 shows the influence of the diffusional limitations as taken into account via the formulas mentioned in Section S1 and S2 on the apparent rate coefficient for termination via recombination (a), addition of  $R_i$  to  $R_jX$  (b) and fragmentation of the intermediate radical to  $R_i$  and  $R_jX$  (c) for Comb1 (Table 1 of the main text).



**Figure S3:** Overview of the apparent termination by recombination (a), addition of  $R_i$  to  $R_jX$  (b) and fragmentation to  $R_i$  and  $R_jX$  (c) rate coefficients as calculated by the formulas mentioned in Section S1 and S2 for miniemulsion RAFT polymerization of styrene at 343 K with KPS and an oligomeric RAFT agent. Model parameters for Comb1 in Table 1 of the main text.  $[Sty]_0/[R_0X]_0=200$ ,  $[R_0X]_0/[KPS]_0=3$ ,  $[KPS]_0=4 \cdot 10^{-3}$  mol L<sup>-1</sup>,  $d_p = 100$  nm,  $m_{styrene,0}=20$  g,  $m_{H2O,0}=80$  g; note no RAFT cross-termination.

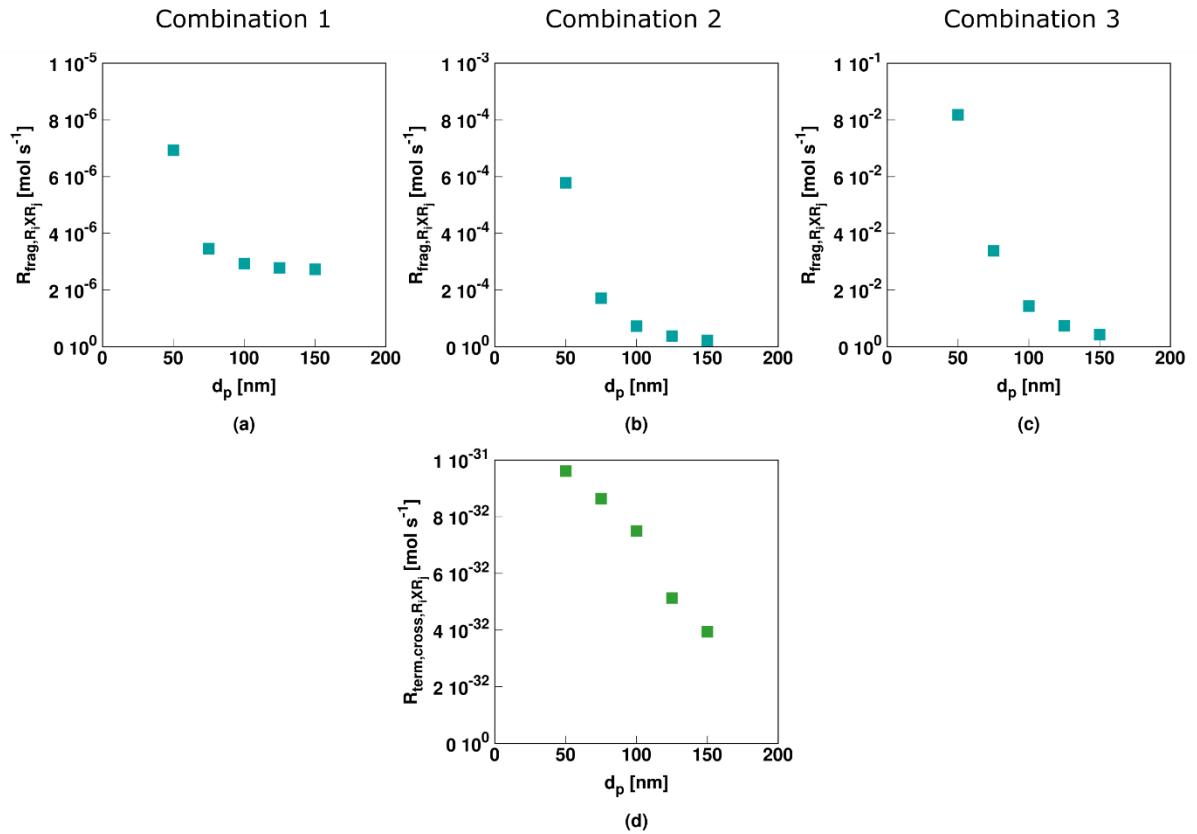
**S6. Influence of the (average) particle size on the average number of leaving group related radicals per particle**

Figure S4 shows the influence of the (average) particle size on average number of leaving group (blue),  $\text{R}_0\text{XR}_i$  (green) and  $\text{R}_0\text{XR}_0$  (purple) radicals per particle for model parameters Comb1 (first column), Comb2 (second column) and Comb3 (third column) at 30% monomer conversion. At this monomer conversion, the conversion of initial RAFT agent ( $\text{R}_0\text{X}$ ) is 100% resulting in a negligible amount of these leaving group related radicals. For a more in depth investigation of the influence of the (average) particle size on the three investigated model parameter sets, the reader is referred to the main text.



**Figure S4:** Influence of the (average) particle size ( $d_p$ ) on the average number of leaving group ((a)-(c), blue),  $\text{R}_0\text{XR}_i$  ((d)-(f), green) and  $\text{R}_0\text{XR}_0$  ((g)-(i), purple) radicals per particle for model parameters Comb1 (first column), Comb2 (second column) and Comb3 (third column) in Table 1.  $[\text{Sty}]_0/[\text{R}_0\text{X}]_0 = 200$ ,  $[\text{R}_0\text{X}]_0/[\text{KPS}]_0 = 3$ ,  $[\text{KPS}]_0 = 4 \cdot 10^{-3} \text{ mol L}^{-1}$ ,  $\text{mstyrene},_0 = 20 \text{ g}$ ,  $\text{mH}_2\text{O},_0 = 80 \text{ g}$ . XM is 30% and  $\text{XR}_0\text{X}$  is 100% for all simulation points.

**S7. Effect of average particle size on rates with the macro-RAFT intermediate radical.**



**Figure S5:** Fragmentation and RAFT cross-termination rates for  $R_i X R_j$  radicals related to Figure 14 in the main text.

Figure S5 shows the corresponding rates for Figure 14 in the main text, taking the macro-RAFT intermediate radical as reference. It specifically follows that for Comb1 at the higher  $d_p$  a bulk-like character is obtained. Notably for Comb 3 the RAFT fragmentation rates are the highest. Furthermore, in Comb2, the RAFT cross-termination rate is the lowest at the highest  $d_p$  but relatively the importance of RAFT-cross termination is higher (less segregation).

**S8. Population balances necessary to describe the temporal evolution of the polymer particles**

The population balances of the five-dimensional Smith-Ewart model as necessary for the non-degenerative model (Table 1), describing the temporal evolution of polymer particles having  $k$  macroradicals,  $l R_0$  radicals,  $m R_i X R_0$  radicals,  $n R_i X R_j$  radicals and  $o R_0 X R_0$  radicals ( $N_{k,l,m,n,o}; k,l,m,n,o \geq 0$ ) are given by:

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{dN_{k,l,m,n,o}}{dt} = & \frac{k_{tc,app}}{2v_p N_A} \left( (k+2)(k+1)N_{k+2,l,m,n,o} - k(k-1)N_{k,l,m,n,o} \right) + k_{entryR_2} [R_{2,aq}] (N_{k-1,l,m,n,o} \\
& - N_{k,l,m,n,o}) + k_{pR_0} [M_p] \left( (l+1)N_{k-1,l+1,m,n,o} - lN_{k,l,m,n,o} \right) \\
& + \frac{k_{tc,00}}{2v_p N_A} \left( (l+2)(l+1)N_{k,l+2,m,n,o} - l(l-1)N_{k,l,m,n,o} \right) \\
& + \frac{k_{tc,0}}{v_p N_A} \left( (k+1)(l+1)N_{k+1,l+1,m,n,o} - klN_{k,l,m,n,o} \right) \\
& + k_{add,R_0,R_iX} [R_i X_p] \left( (l+1)N_{k,l+1,m-1,n,o} - lN_{k,l,m,n,o} \right) \\
& + k_{add,R_i,R_jX} [R_j X_p] \left( (k+1)N_{k+1,l,m,n-1,o} - kN_{k,l,m,n,o} \right) \\
& + k_{add,R_0,R_0X} [R_0 X_p] \left( (l+1)N_{k,l+1,m,n,o-1} - lN_{k,l,m,n,o} \right) \\
& + k_{add,R_i,R_0X} [R_0 X_p] \left( (k+1)N_{k+1,l,m-1,n,o} - kN_{k,l,m,n,o} \right) \\
& + k_{frag,R_0,R_iX} \left( (m+1)N_{k,l-1,m+1,n,o} - mN_{k,l,m,n,o} \right) \\
& + k_{frag,R_i,R_0X} \left( (m+1)N_{k-1,l,m+1,n,o} - mN_{k,l,m,n,o} \right) \\
& + k_{frag,R_i,R_jX} \left( (n+1)N_{k-1,l,m,n+1,o} - nN_{k,l,m,n,o} \right) \\
& + k_{frag,R_0,R_0X} \left( (o+1)N_{k,l-1,m,n,o+1} - oN_{k,l,m,n,o} \right) \\
& + \frac{k_{tcross}}{v_p N_A} \left( (k+1)(m+1)N_{k+1,l,m+1,n,o} - kmN_{k,l,m,n,o} \right) \\
& + \frac{k_{tcross}}{v_p N_A} \left( (l+1)(m+1)N_{k,l+1,m+1,n,o} - lmN_{k,l,m,n,o} \right) \\
& + \frac{k_{tcross}}{v_p N_A} \left( (k+1)(n+1)N_{k+1,l,m,n+1,o} - knN_{k,l,m,n,o} \right) \\
& + \frac{k_{tcross}}{v_p N_A} \left( (l+1)(n+1)N_{k,l+1,m,n+1,o} - lnN_{k,l,m,n,o} \right) \\
& + \frac{k_{tcross}}{v_p N_A} \left( (k+1)(o+1)N_{k+1,l,m,n,o+1} - koN_{k,l,m,n,o} \right) \\
& + \frac{k_{tcross}}{v_p N_A} \left( (l+1)(o+1)N_{k,l+1,m,n,o+1} - loN_{k,l,m,n,o} \right)
\end{aligned} \tag{S14}$$

**S9. The continuity equations of the species in the aqueous phase, the abundant species in the particles and the associated equations for the average chain length characteristics**

The continuity equations of the species in the aqueous phase, the abundant species in the particles and the pseudo-bulk approximation of the higher order moment equations of the macrospecies are given by:

$$\frac{d[I_{2,aq}]}{dt} = -k_{dis}[I_{2,aq}] \quad (\text{S15})$$

$$\frac{d[I_{aq}]}{dt} = 2fk_{dis}[I_{2,aq}] - k_{pl}[I_{aq}][M_{aq}] \quad (\text{S16})$$

$$\frac{d[R_{1,aq}]}{dt} = k_{pl}[I_{aq}][M_{aq}] - k_p[R_{1,aq}][M_{aq}] \quad (\text{S17})$$

$$\frac{d[R_{2,aq}]}{dt} = k_p[R_{1,aq}][M_{aq}] - k_{EntryR2}N_p \frac{[R_{2,aq}]}{N_A V_{aq}} \quad (\text{S18})$$

$$\frac{d[M_{aq}]}{dt} = -k_{pl}[I_{aq}][M_{aq}] - k_p[R_{1,aq}][M_{aq}] \quad (\text{S19})$$

$$\frac{d[M_p]}{dt} = -k_p \frac{\bar{n}(R_i)}{N_a v_p} [M_p] - k_{pR_0} \frac{\bar{n}(R_0)}{N_a v_p} [M_p] \quad (\text{S20})$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d\tau_0}{dt} &= \frac{d \sum_{i>0} [R_i X_p]}{dt} \\ &= k_{frag,R_0,R_i X} \frac{\bar{n}(R_0 X R_i)}{N_a v_p} + k_{frag,R_i,R_j X} \frac{\bar{n}(R_i X R_j)}{N_a v_p} \\ &\quad - k_{add,R_0,R_i X} \frac{\bar{n}(R_0)}{N_a v_p} \tau_0 - k_{add,R_i,R_j X} \frac{\bar{n}(R_i)}{N_a v_p} \tau_0 \end{aligned} \quad (\text{S21})$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d\mu_0}{dt} &= \frac{d \sum_{i \geq 1} [P_{i,p}]}{dt} \\ &= \frac{k_{tc,app}}{2} \frac{\bar{n}(R_i)}{N_a v_p} \frac{\bar{n}(R_i)}{N_a v_p} + k_{tc,0} \frac{\bar{n}(R_i)}{N_a v_p} \frac{\bar{n}(R_0)}{N_a v_p} + k_{tcross} \frac{\bar{n}(R_i)}{N_a v_p} \frac{\bar{n}(R_0 X R_i)}{N_a v_p} \\ &\quad + k_{tcross} \frac{\bar{n}(R_0)}{N_a v_p} \frac{\bar{n}(R_0 X R_i)}{N_a v_p} + k_{tcross} \frac{\bar{n}(R_i)}{N_a v_p} \frac{\bar{n}(R_i X R_j)}{N_a v_p} \\ &\quad + k_{tcross} \frac{\bar{n}(R_0)}{N_a v_p} \frac{\bar{n}(R_i X R_j)}{N_a v_p} + k_{tcross} \frac{\bar{n}(R_i)}{N_a v_p} \frac{\bar{n}(R_0 X R_0)}{N_a v_p} \end{aligned} \quad (\text{S22})$$

$$\frac{d[P_{0,p}]}{dt} = \frac{k_{tc,00}}{2} \frac{\bar{n}(R_0)}{N_a v_p} \frac{\bar{n}(R_0)}{N_a v_p} + k_{tcross} \frac{\bar{n}(R_0)}{N_a v_p} \frac{\bar{n}(R_0 X R_0)}{N_a v_p} \quad (\text{S23})$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d[R_0 X_p]}{dt} &= k_{frag,R_i,R_0 X} \frac{\bar{n}(R_0 X R_i)}{N_a v_p} + k_{frag,R_0,R_0 X} \frac{\bar{n}(R_0 X R_0)}{N_a v_p} \\ &\quad - k_{add,R_0,R_0 X} \frac{\bar{n}(R_0)}{N_a v_p} [R_0 X_p] - k_{add,R_i,R_0 X} \frac{\bar{n}(R_i)}{N_a v_p} [R_0 X_p] \end{aligned} \quad (\text{S24})$$

$$\frac{d\lambda_1}{dt} = \frac{d \sum_i i[R_i]}{dt} \quad (S25)$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= [M_p] \left( k_p \frac{\bar{n}(R_i)}{N_a v_p} + k_{pR_0} \frac{\bar{n}(R_0)}{N_a v_p} \right) + 2k_{entryR_2} N_p \frac{[R_{2,aq}]}{N_A V_{aq}} \\ &\quad - k_{tc,app,c} \frac{\bar{n}(R_i)}{N_a v_p} \lambda_1 - k_{tc,0,c} \lambda_1 \frac{\bar{n}(R_0)}{N_a v_p} - k_{add,R_i,R_0X} \lambda_1 [R_0 X_p] \\ &\quad - k_{add,R_i,R_jX,c} \lambda_1 \tau_0 + k_{frag,R_i,R_0X} \Omega_1^0 + k_{frag,R_i,R_jX} \Omega_{1,0} \\ &\quad - k_{tcross,c} \lambda_1 \frac{\bar{n}(R_0 X R_0)}{N_a v_p} - k_{tcross,c} \lambda_1 \frac{\bar{n}(R_0 X R_i)}{N_a v_p} - k_{tcross,c} \lambda_1 \frac{\bar{n}(R_i X R_j)}{N_a v_p} \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{d\lambda_2}{dt} = \frac{d \sum_i i^2 [R_i]}{dt} \quad (S26)$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= [M_p] \left( k_p \frac{\bar{n}(R_i)}{N_a v_p} + 2k_p \lambda_1 + k_{pR_0} \frac{\bar{n}(R_0)}{N_a v_p} \right) + 4k_{entryR_4} N_p \frac{[R_{2,aq}]}{N_A V_{aq}} \\ &\quad - k_{tc,app,c} \frac{\bar{n}(R_i)}{N_a v_p} \lambda_2 - k_{tc,0,c} \lambda_2 \frac{\bar{n}(R_0)}{N_a v_p} - k_{add,R_i,R_0X} \lambda_2 [R_0 X_p] \\ &\quad - k_{add,R_i,R_jX,c} \lambda_2 \tau_0 + k_{frag,R_i,R_0X} \Omega_2^0 + k_{frag,R_i,R_jX} \Omega_{2,0} \\ &\quad - k_{tcross,c} \lambda_2 \frac{\bar{n}(R_0 X R_0)}{N_a v_p} - k_{tcross,c} \lambda_2 \frac{\bar{n}(R_0 X R_i)}{N_a v_p} - k_{tcross,c} \lambda_2 \frac{\bar{n}(R_i X R_j)}{N_a v_p} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d\tau_1}{dt} &= \frac{d \sum_i i [R_i X_p]}{dt} \quad (S27) \\ &= k_{frag,R_0,R_iX} \Omega_1^0 + k_{frag,R_i,R_jX} \Omega_{1,0} - k_{add,R_0,R_iX} \frac{\bar{n}(R_0)}{N_a v_p} \tau_1 \\ &\quad - k_{add,R_i,R_jX,c} \frac{\bar{n}(R_i)}{N_a v_p} \tau_1 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d\tau_2}{dt} &= \frac{d \sum_i i^2 [R_i X_p]}{dt} \quad (S28) \\ &= k_{frag,R_0,R_iX} \Omega_2^0 + k_{frag,R_i,R_jX} \Omega_{2,0} - k_{add,R_0,R_iX} \frac{\bar{n}(R_0)}{N_a v_p} \tau_2 \\ &\quad - k_{add,R_i,R_jX,c} \frac{\bar{n}(R_i)}{N_a v_p} \tau_2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d\mu_1}{dt} &= \frac{d \sum_{i \geq 1} i [P_{i,p}]}{dt} \quad (S29) \\ &= k_{tc,app,c} \frac{\bar{n}(R_i)}{N_a v_p} \lambda_1 + k_{tc,0,c} \lambda_1 \frac{\bar{n}(R_0)}{N_a v_p} + k_{tcross,c} \Omega_1^0 \frac{\bar{n}(R_i)}{N_a v_p} \\ &\quad + k_{tcross,c} \Omega_{1,0} \frac{\bar{n}(R_i)}{N_a v_p} + k_{tcross,c} \lambda_1 \frac{\bar{n}(R_0 X R_0)}{N_a v_p} + k_{tcross,c} \Omega_1^0 \frac{\bar{n}(R_0)}{N_a v_p} \\ &\quad + k_{tcross,c} \Omega_{1,0} \frac{\bar{n}(R_0)}{N_a v_p} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d\mu_2}{dt} &= \frac{d \sum_{i \geq 1} i^2 [P_{i,p}]}{dt} \quad (S30) \\ &= k_{tc,app,c} \frac{\bar{n}(R_i)}{N_a v_p} \lambda_2 + k_{tc,0,c} \lambda_2 \frac{\bar{n}(R_0)}{N_a v_p} + k_{tcross,c} \Omega_2^0 \frac{\bar{n}(R_i)}{N_a v_p} \\ &\quad + k_{tcross,c} \Omega_{2,0} \frac{\bar{n}(R_i)}{N_a v_p} + k_{tcross,c} \lambda_2 \frac{\bar{n}(R_0 X R_0)}{N_a v_p} + k_{tcross,c} \Omega_2^0 \frac{\bar{n}(R_0)}{N_a v_p} \\ &\quad + k_{tcross,c} \Omega_{2,0} \frac{\bar{n}(R_0)}{N_a v_p} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{d\Omega_1^0}{dt} &= \frac{d \sum_{i \geq 1} i [R_0 X R_{i,p}]}{dt} \\ &= k_{add,R_0,R_i X} \frac{\bar{n}(R_0)}{N_a v_p} \tau_1 + k_{add,R_i,R_0 X} \lambda_1 [R_0 X_p] - k_{frag,R_i,R_0 X} \Omega_1^0 \\ &\quad - k_{frag,R_0,R_i X} \Omega_1^0 - k_{tcross,c} \Omega_1^0 \frac{\bar{n}(R_i)}{N_a v_p} - k_{tcross,c} \Omega_1^0 \frac{\bar{n}(R_0)}{N_a v_p}\end{aligned}\tag{S31}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{d\Omega_2^0}{dt} &= \frac{d \sum_{i \geq 1} i^2 [R_0 X R_{i,p}]}{dt} \\ &= k_{add,R_0,R_i X} \frac{\bar{n}(R_0)}{N_a v_p} \tau_2 + k_{add,R_i,R_0 X} \lambda_2 [R_0 X_p] - k_{frag,R_i,R_0 X} \Omega_2^0 \\ &\quad - k_{frag,R_0,R_i X} \Omega_2^0 - k_{tcross,c} \Omega_2^0 \frac{\bar{n}(R_i)}{N_a v_p} - k_{tcross,c} \Omega_2^0 \frac{\bar{n}(R_0)}{N_a v_p}\end{aligned}\tag{S32}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{d\Omega_{1,0}}{dt} &= \frac{d \sum_{i \geq 1} \sum_{j \geq 1} i [R_i X R_j]}{dt} \\ &= k_{add,R_i,R_j X,c} \left( \lambda_1 \tau_0 + \frac{\bar{n}(R_i)}{N_a v_p} \tau_1 \right) - 2k_{frag,R_i,R_j X} \Omega_{1,0} \\ &\quad - k_{tcross,c} \Omega_{1,0} \frac{\bar{n}(R_i)}{N_a v_p} - k_{tcross,c} \Omega_{1,0} \frac{\bar{n}(R_0)}{N_a v_p}\end{aligned}\tag{S33}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{d\Omega_{2,0}}{dt} &= \frac{d \sum_{i \geq 1} \sum_{j \geq 1} i^2 [R_i X R_j]}{dt} \\ &= k_{add,R_i,R_j X,c} \left( \lambda_2 \tau_0 + \frac{\bar{n}(R_i)}{N_a v_p} \tau_2 \right) - 2k_{frag,R_i,R_j X} \Omega_{2,0} \\ &\quad - k_{tcross,c} \Omega_{2,0} \frac{\bar{n}(R_i)}{N_a v_p} - k_{tcross,c} \Omega_{2,0} \frac{\bar{n}(R_0)}{N_a v_p}\end{aligned}\tag{S34}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{d\Omega_{1,1}}{dt} &= \frac{d \sum_{i \geq 1} \sum_{j \geq 1} ij [R_i X R_j]}{dt} \\ &= 2k_{add,R_i,R_j X,c} \lambda_1 \tau_1 - 2k_{frag,R_i,R_j X} \Omega_{1,1} - k_{tcross,c} \Omega_{1,1} \frac{\bar{n}(R_i)}{N_a v_p} \\ &\quad - k_{tcross,c} \Omega_{1,1} \frac{\bar{n}(R_0)}{N_a v_p}\end{aligned}\tag{S35}$$

with the number and mass average chain length of the  $R_i X R_j$  radicals defined as

$$x_{n,R_i X R_j} = \frac{\Omega_{1,0}}{\bar{n}(R_i X R_j)}\tag{S36}$$

$$x_{m,R_i X R_j} = \frac{\Omega_{2,0} + \Omega_{1,1}}{\Omega_{1,0}}\tag{S37}$$

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