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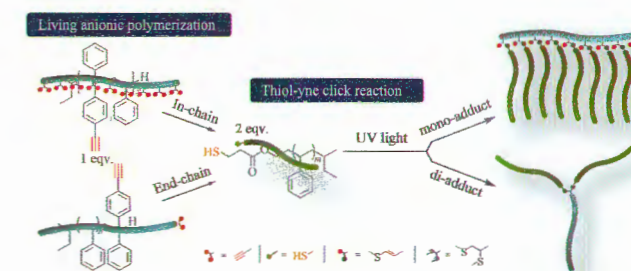
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In this study, we synthesized various functionalized polymers via living anionic polymerization, and investigated the in-chain mono- and di-addition feature when modifying the alkyne-functionalized polymers to prepare grafted polymers using thiol-yne click reaction.

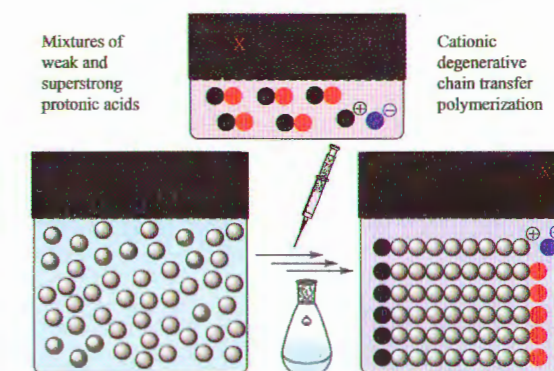


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Simple mixtures of a weak protonic acid and a trace amount of superstrong protonic acid induced living cationic polymerization of vinyl ethers via a degenerative chain-transfer mechanism, in which the former acid worked as a precursor of the chain transfer agent or the dormant species and the latter worked as a source of the cationic propagating species.

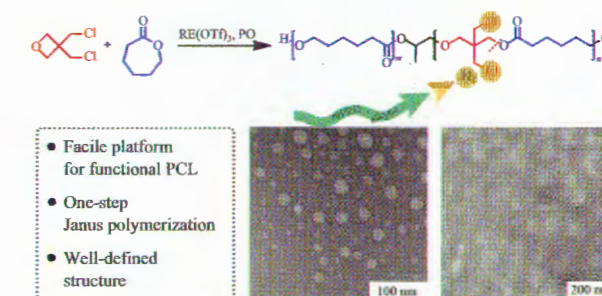


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**Facile Synthesis of Functional Poly( $\epsilon$ -caprolactone) via Janus Polymerization**

Huan Qiu, Zhe-Ning Yang, and Jun Ling

Janus polymerization directly produced well-defined diblock copolymer poly( $\epsilon$ -caprolactone-*b*-( $\epsilon$ -caprolactone-*r*-3,3-bis(chloromethyl)oxacyclobutane)) with active side groups for modification by CuAAC click reaction. Poly( $\epsilon$ -caprolactone) was therefore obtained and contained functional hydrophilic or fluorescent side groups.



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Chang-Geun Chae, Joonkeun Min, In-Gyu Bak, and Jae-Suk Lee

A rod-rod diblock copolymer, poly(3-hexylthiophene)-block-poly(furfuryl isocyanate) (P3HT-*b*-PFIC), was synthesized through the anionic polymerization with an oxyanionic macroinitiator of P3HT. The blend of P3HT-*b*-PFIC/C<sub>60</sub> was utilized in the fabrication of thin film. The sequential Diels-Alder reaction and high-temperature thermal annealing allowed this blend to form nanoscale donor/acceptor interfaces.



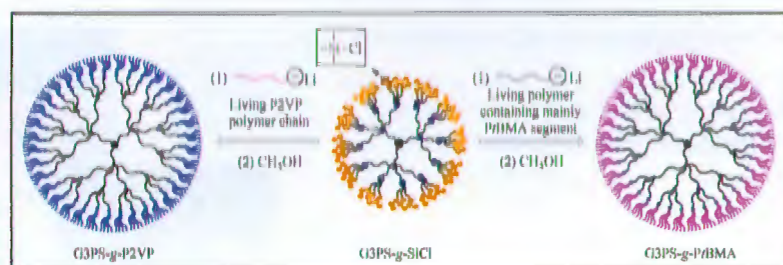
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## Amphiphilic Dendrimer-like Copolymers with High Chain Density by Living Anionic Polymerization

Ke Zheng and Jun-Po He

This article describes the synthesis of amphiphilic dendrimer-like copolymers *via* new routes based on anionic polymerization and chlorosilane coupling. The advantage of the present route is to prepare dendrimer-like polymers with high molecular weights and high density of the peripheral segments and functionalities.



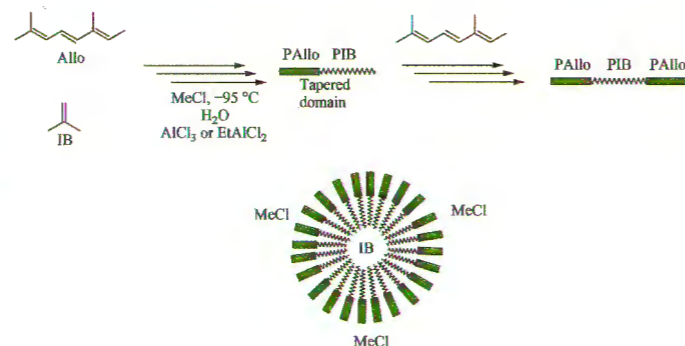
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## The Effect of Reaction Conditions on the Synthesis of Thermoplastic Elastomers Containing Polyalloocimene, Polyisobutylene and Tapered Blocks

Jozsef Kantor, Judit E. Puskas, and Gabor Kaszas

Isobutylene (IB) was copolymerized with alloocimene (Allo) in methyl chloride (MeCl) using AlCl<sub>3</sub> and ethylaluminum dichloride (EtAlCl<sub>2</sub>) as coinitiators and adventitious moisture as initiator. Both AlCl<sub>3</sub> and EtAlCl<sub>2</sub> produced high molecular weight ( $M_n > 1.0 \times 10^5$  g/mol) thermoplastic elastomers (TPEs) with good mechanical properties in short reaction time (< 10 min).



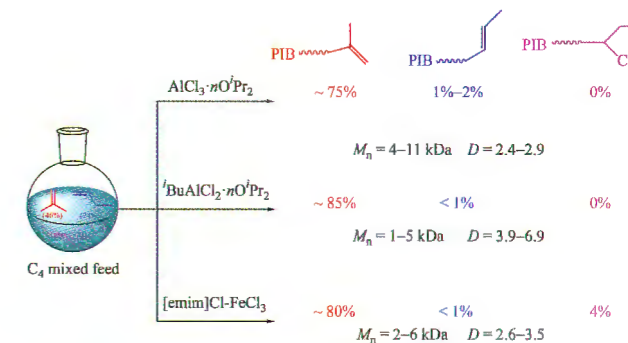
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Cationic polymerization of C<sub>4</sub> mixed feed has been performed using catalytic systems based on complexes of Lewis acids with ethers. Among different catalysts studied here, the complexes of <sup>t</sup>BuAlCl<sub>2</sub> with diisopropyl ethers afforded HR PIB with desired low  $M_n$  and higher *exo*-olefin end group content.



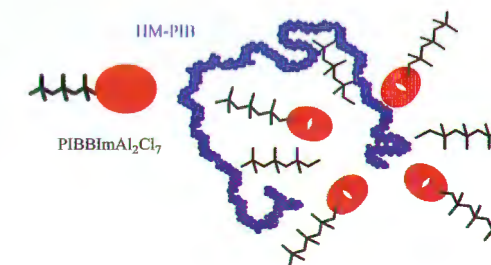
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## Controlling Heat Transfer for the Manufacturing of High Molecular Weight Polyisobutylene *via* Formation of Micelles

Szilard Csihony, Nicole Janßen, and Klaus Mühlbach

Functionalized low molecular weight polyisobutylene was used to form micelle-like structures in hydrophobic solvents. The functionalization included imidazolium heptachloroaluminate ionic groups that catalyze the cationic polymerization of isobutylene. The method can be used to produce high molecular weight polyisobutylene in a process similar to emulsion polymerization.



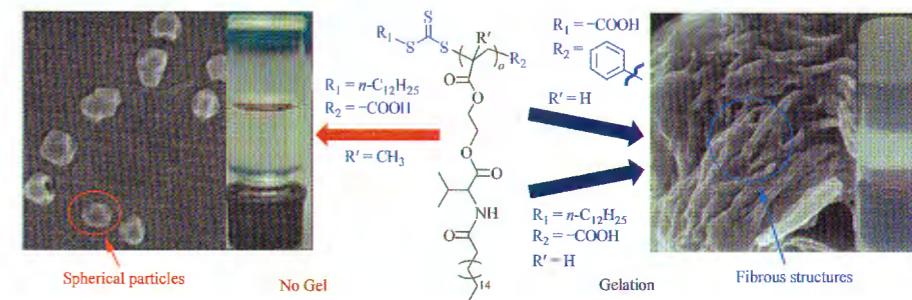
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## Effects of Main-chain and Chain-ends on the Organogelation of Stearoyl Appended Pendant Valine Based Polymers

Mridula Nandi, Swagata Pan, Dipannita Ghosh, and Priyadarsi De

We demonstrate the effect of polymeric backbone and chain-end functionalities on the packing efficiency of stearoyl appended side-chain Val-based poly(methacrylate/acrylate) homopolymers, which made the gelation of poly(acrylate)s more favorable than poly(methacrylate)s. Simultaneously, additional interactions from the chain end group could assist in gelation in the case of poly(methacrylate) backbone.



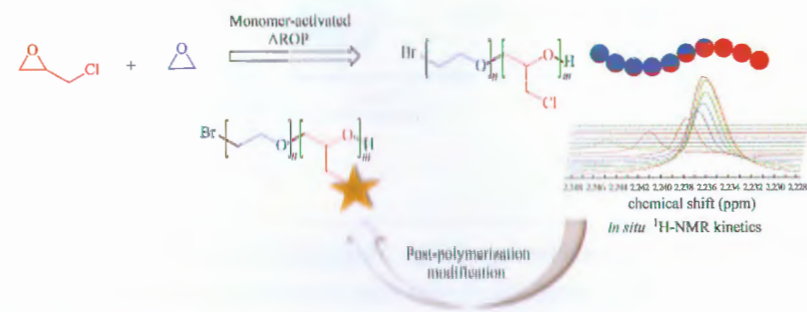
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Ann-Kathrin Danner, Daniel Leibig, Lea-Marie Vogt, and Holger Frey

The monomer-activated anionic ring-opening copolymerization (AROP) of ethylene oxide (EO) and epichlorohydrin (ECH) was investigated by *in situ* NMR. Surprisingly, the one-pot statistical anionic copolymerization *via* monomer-activated AROP resulted in the formation of strongly tapered, block like structures (reactivity ratios:  $r_{EO} = 9.2$  and  $r_{ECH} = 0.10$ ).

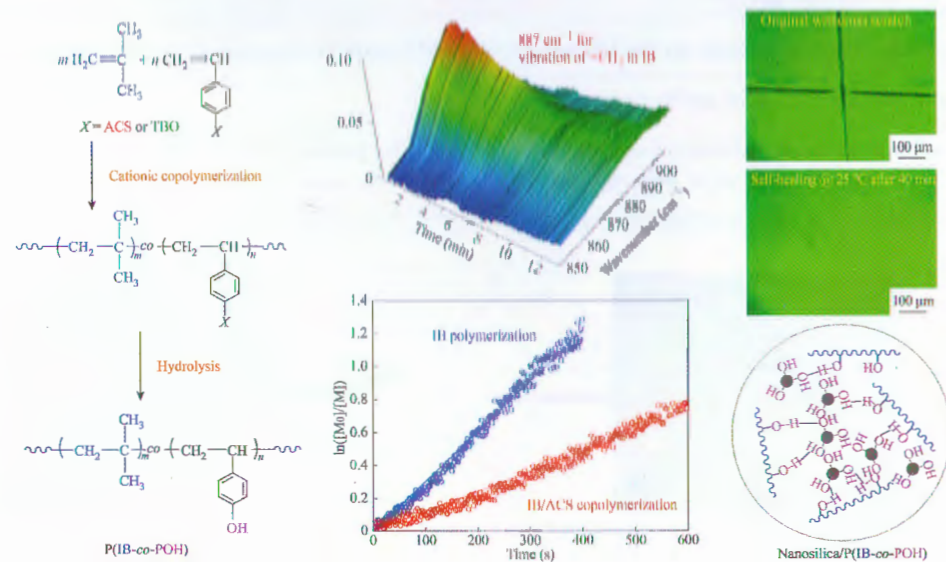


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## Functionalized Copolymers of Isobutylene with Vinyl Phenol: Synthesis, Characterization, and Property

Shi-Xuan Yang, Zi-Yu Fan, Peng-Yu Zhang, Si-Hao Li, and Yi-Xian Wu

Functionalized copolymers of isobutylene with vinyl phenol with good self-healing property and homogeneous dispersion for silica nanoparticles could be successfully synthesized by hydrolysis from the precursor of random copolymers of isobutylene with 4-acetoxy styrene or 4-*tert*-butoxystyrene *via* direct cationic copolymerization with  $\text{FeCl}_3$ -based initiating system.

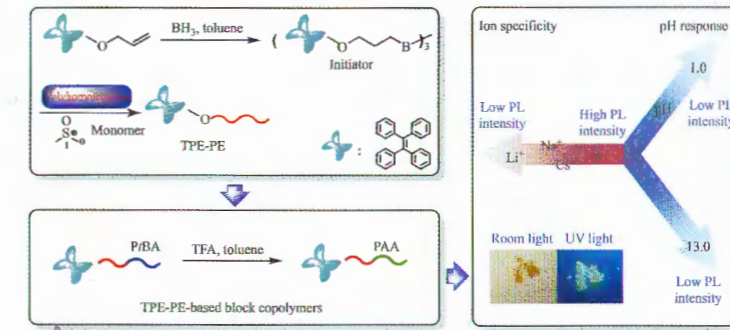


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## pH-responsive AIE-active Polyethylene-based Block Copolymers

Yu Jiang and Nikos Hadjichristidis

A series of pH-responsive aggregation-induced emission (AIE)-active tetraphenylethene (TPE)-functionalized polymethylene-based block copolymers were synthesized by using polyhomologation and ATRP. The synthesized block copolymers exhibited AIE characteristics either in solution or bulk. Also, the block copolymers exhibited both pH-responsive and ion-specific fluorescence properties.

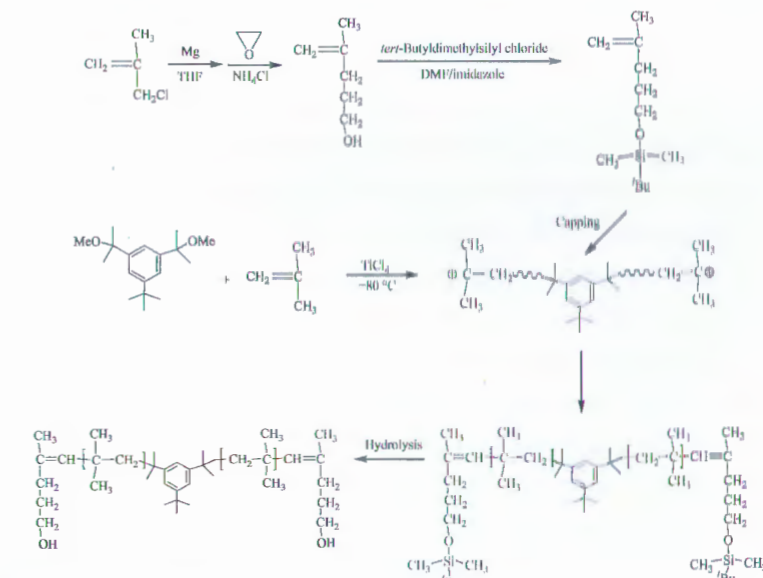


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Jing Li, Kang-Da Wu, Huang Shan, Jing-Han Zhang, Ming Zhao, Guang-Bi Gong, Wen-Li Guo, and Yi-Bo Wu

The living polyisobutylene synthesized by controlled cationic polymerization was capped with *tert*-butyl-dimethyl-(4-methyl-pent-4-enyl-oxy)-silane which was synthesized by Grignard reaction and hydroxyl protection reaction. Hydrolysis of these living polyisobutylenes end-capped with *tert*-butyl-dimethyl-(4-methyl-pent-4-enyloxy)-silane gave rise to hydroxytelechelic polyisobutylene.



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