# **Supplementary Material**

# Kinetic Monte Carlo simulation based detailed understanding of the transfer processes in semi-batch iodine transfer emulsion polymerizations of vinylidene fluoride

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Scheme S1: Transfer and propagation reactions included in the kMC model.

with I-: iodine end group;

D-: irreversibly deactivated end group

X, X': C<sub>4</sub>F<sub>8</sub>

### reactions of I-X.

I- <mark>X</mark> ∙	+	I- <mark>X</mark> '-I	$\rightarrow$	I- <mark>X</mark> -I +	I- <mark>X</mark> ′∙
I-X•	+	D- <mark>X</mark> '-I	$\rightarrow$	I- <mark>X</mark> -I +	D-X′•
I- <mark>X</mark> •	+	I-X'Pm-I	$\rightarrow$	I- <mark>X</mark> -I +	I-X'P <sub>m</sub> •
I-X•	+	I-X'Pm-I	$\rightarrow$	I- <mark>X</mark> -I +	I-P <sub>m</sub> X'•
I- <mark>X</mark> •	+	D-X'Pm-I	$\rightarrow$	I- <mark>X</mark> -I +	D-X'Pm•
I-X•	+	I-X'Pm-D	$\rightarrow$	I- <mark>X</mark> -I +	D-P <sub>m</sub> X'•
I-X•	+	D-P <sub>m</sub> X'P <sub>k</sub> -I	$\rightarrow$	I- <mark>X</mark> -I +	D-P <sub>m</sub> X'P <sub>k</sub>
I-X•	+	I-P <sub>m</sub> X'P <sub>k</sub> -I	$\rightarrow$	I- <mark>X</mark> -I +	I-P <sub>m</sub> X'P <sub>k</sub> •
I-X•	+	М	$\rightarrow$	I-XP <sub>1</sub> •	
reactions of l	D- <mark>X</mark> •				

D- <mark>X</mark> •	+	I- <mark>X</mark> '-I	$\rightarrow$	D- <mark>X</mark> -I +	I- <b>X</b> ′∙
D- <mark>X</mark> •	+	D-X'-I	$\rightarrow$	D- <mark>X</mark> -I +	D- <mark>X</mark> ′•
D- <mark>X</mark> •	+	I-X'Pm-I	$\rightarrow$	D- <mark>X</mark> -I +	I-X'Pm•
D- <mark>X</mark> •	+	I-X'Pm-I	$\rightarrow$	D- <mark>X</mark> -I +	I- PmX'•
D- <mark>X</mark> •	+	D-X'Pm-I	$\rightarrow$	D- <mark>X</mark> -I +	D-X'Pm•
D- <mark>X</mark> •	+	I- <mark>X'P</mark> m-D	$\rightarrow$	D- <mark>X</mark> -I +	D-P <sub>m</sub> X'•

D- <mark>X</mark> •	+	D-P <sub>m</sub> X'P <sub>k</sub> -I	$\rightarrow$	D- <mark>X</mark> -I +	$D-P_m X' P_k$ •
D- <mark>X</mark> •	+	I-P <sub>m</sub> X'P <sub>k</sub> -I	$\rightarrow$	D- <mark>X</mark> -I +	$I-P_m X' P_k \bullet$
D- <mark>X</mark> •	+	М	$\rightarrow$	D-XP <sub>1</sub> •	

### reactions of I-XPn•

I-XP <sup>n</sup> •	+	I- <mark>X</mark> '-I	$\rightarrow$	I-XPn-I	+	I- <mark>X</mark> ′∙
I-XP <sub>n</sub> ∙	+	D- <mark>X</mark> '-I	$\rightarrow$	I-XPn-I	+	D- <mark>X</mark> ′•
I-XP <sub>n</sub> •	+	I-X'Pm-I	$\rightarrow$	I-XPn-I	+	I- <mark>X′P</mark> m•
I-XP <sup>n</sup> •	+	I-X'Pm-I	$\rightarrow$	I-XPn-I	+	I- <b>P</b> <sub>m</sub> X′∙
I-XP <sup>n</sup> •	+	D-X'Pm-I	$\rightarrow$	I-X-Pn-I	+	D-X'Pm•
I-XP <sup>n</sup> •	+	I- <mark>X'P</mark> m-D	$\rightarrow$	I-X-Pn-I	+	D-P <sub>m</sub> X'•
I-XP <sup>n</sup> •	+	$D-P_mX'P_k-I$	$\rightarrow$	I-X-Pn-I	+	D-P <sub>m</sub> X'P <sub>k</sub> •
I-XP <sub>n</sub> •	+	I-P <sub>m</sub> X'P <sub>k</sub> -I	$\rightarrow$	I-X-Pn-I	+	$I-P_mX'P_k$ •
I-XP <sub>n</sub> •	+	М	$\rightarrow$	I-XP <sub>n+1</sub> •		

# reactions of I-PnX•

I-P <sub>n</sub> X•	+	I- <mark>X</mark> '-I	$\rightarrow$	I-XPn-I	+	I- <b>X</b> ′∙
I-PnX•	+	D- <mark>X</mark> '-I	$\rightarrow$	I-XPn-I	+	D- <mark>X</mark> ′∙
I-PnX•	+	I-X'Pm-I	$\rightarrow$	I-XPn-I	+	I-X'Pm•
I-P <sub>n</sub> X•	+	I-X'Pm-I	$\rightarrow$	I-XPn-I	+	I-P <sub>m</sub> X'•
I-P <sub>n</sub> X•	+	D-X'Pm-I	$\rightarrow$	I-XPn-I	+	D-X'P <sub>m</sub> •
I-P <sub>n</sub> X•	+	I- <mark>X'P</mark> m-D	$\rightarrow$	I-XPn-I	+	D-P <sub>m</sub> X'•
I-P <sub>n</sub> X•	+	D-P <sub>m</sub> X'P <sub>k</sub> -I	$\rightarrow$	I-XPn-I	+	D-P <sub>m</sub> X'P <sub>k</sub> •
I-P <sub>n</sub> X•	+	I-P <sub>m</sub> X'P <sub>k</sub> -I	$\rightarrow$	I-XPn-I	+	I-P <sub>m</sub> X'P <sub>k</sub> •
I-P <sub>n</sub> X•	+	М	$\rightarrow$	I-P <sub>n</sub> XP <sub>1</sub> •		

## reactions of D-PnX•

D-XP <sub>n</sub> •	+	I- <mark>X</mark> '-I	$\rightarrow$	D-XPn-I	+	I- <mark>X</mark> ′∙
D-XP <sup>n</sup> •	+	D- <mark>X</mark> '-I	$\rightarrow$	D-XPn-I	+	D- <mark>X</mark> ′•
D-XP <sup>n</sup> •	+	I-X'Pm-I	$\rightarrow$	D-XPn-I	+	I-X'Pm•
D-XP <sub>n</sub> •	+	I-X'Pm-I	$\rightarrow$	D-XPn-I	+	I-P <sub>m</sub> X'•
D-XP <sup>n</sup> •	+	D-X'Pm-I	$\rightarrow$	D-XPn-I	+	D-X'Pm•
D-XP <sup>n</sup> •	+	I-X'Pm-D	$\rightarrow$	D-XPn-I	+	D-P <sub>m</sub> X'•

$D-XP_n$ •	+	D-P <sub>m</sub> X'P <sub>k</sub> -I	$\rightarrow$	D-XPn-I	+	$D-P_mX'P_k$ •
D-XP <sub>n</sub> •	+	I-P <sub>m</sub> X'P <sub>k</sub> -I	$\rightarrow$	D-XPn-I	+	I-PmX'Pk•
D- <mark>XP</mark> <sup>n</sup> •	+	М	$\rightarrow$	D-XP <sub>n+1</sub> •		

### reactions of D-PnXPm•

D-PnXPm•	+	I- <mark>X</mark> '-I	$\rightarrow$	D-PnXPm-I	+	I-X′∙
D-PnXPm•	+	D- <mark>X</mark> '-I	$\rightarrow$	D-PnXPm-I	+	D- <mark>X</mark> ′•
D-PnXPm•	+	I- <mark>X'P</mark> k-I	$\rightarrow$	D-PnXPm-I	+	I- <mark>X′</mark> Pk•
D-PnXPm•	+	I- <mark>X'P</mark> k-I	$\rightarrow$	D-PnXPm-I	+	I-P <sub>k</sub> X′∙
D-PnXPm•	+	D- <mark>X'P</mark> k-I	$\rightarrow$	D-PnXPm-I	+	$D-X'P_k$ •
D-PnXPm•	+	I- <mark>X'P</mark> k-D	$\rightarrow$	D-PnXPm-I	+	D-P <sub>k</sub> X'•
D-PnXPm•	+	D-P1X'Pk-I	$\rightarrow$	D-PnXPm-I	+	$D-P_1X'P_k$ •
D-PnXPm•	+	$I-P_1X'P_k-I$	$\rightarrow$	D-PnXPm-I	+	I-P <sub>l</sub> X'P <sub>k</sub> •
D-PnXPm•	+	М	$\rightarrow$	D-PnXPm+1•		

## reactions of I-PnXPm•

I-PnXPm•	+	I- <mark>X</mark> '-I	$\rightarrow$	I-PnXPm-I	+	I- <mark>X</mark> ′∙
I-P <sub>n</sub> XP <sub>m</sub> •	+	D- <mark>X</mark> '-I	$\rightarrow$	I-PnXPm-I	+	D- <mark>X</mark> ′•
I-P <sub>n</sub> XP <sub>m</sub> •	+	I- <mark>X'P</mark> k-I	$\rightarrow$	I-PnXPm-I	+	I-X-P <sub>k</sub> •
I-PnXPm•	+	I-X'P <sub>k</sub> -I	$\rightarrow$	I-PnXPm-I	+	I-P <sub>k</sub> X'•
I-PnXPm•	+	D- <mark>X'P</mark> k-I	$\rightarrow$	I-PnXPm-I	+	D-X'P <sub>k</sub> •
I-PnXPm•	+	I- <mark>X'P</mark> k-D	$\rightarrow$	I-PnXPm-I	+	D-P <sub>k</sub> X'•
I-PnXPm•	+	$D-P_{l}X'P_{k}-I$	$\rightarrow$	I-PnXPm-I	+	$D-P_1X'P_k$ •
I-PnXPm•	+	I-P1X'Pk-I	$\rightarrow$	I-PnXPm-I	+	$I-P_1X'P_k$ •
I-PnXPm•	+	М	$\rightarrow$	I-P <sub>n</sub> XP <sub>m+1</sub> •		



Figure S1: Confidence interval for the parameters C<sub>tr</sub> and C<sub>ex</sub> and optimum parameters (black).



**Figure S2:** Sensitivity of the parameters  $C_{tr}$  and  $C_{ex}$ . The red line shows the simulation results with the optimum values and the red points the experimental data points (20 bar, 7.5 mmol I-C<sub>4</sub>F<sub>8</sub>-I (sample 5)). The grey band represents simulations carried out with 16 points taken from the outer sphere of the confidence interval, indicating that in all cases a good description of the experimental results is obtained.