Supporting Information for:

2-Phosphinophenolate Nickel Catalysts: Formation of Ethylene Copolymers with Isolated *sec*-Alkyl, Aryl and Functionally Substituted Alkyl Groups

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Figures of selected NMR spectra of poly(ethylene-co-olefin)s of Table 1.

NMR spectra were measured on a Bruker ARX/Avance Spectrometer at 300.13 MHz (1 H) and 75.46 MHz (13 C) at 100 $^{\circ}$ C after swelling for 1d at this temperature under N₂. Typically, 8.000 scans were collected for 1 H (acquisition time 4.9-5.4 s, delay 1.0 s) and at least 20.000 for 13 C NMR measurements (acquisition time 0.6-0.9 s, delay 0.1-0.4 s), the latter in the presence of 3-5 mg Cr(acac)₃. Reference was *p*-CH of the solvent $\delta(^{1}$ H) =7.23, $\delta(^{13}$ C) = 126.70 ppm.

Figure 1: ¹³C NMR (C₆D₅Br) spectrum of poly(ethylene-co-4-methyl-1-pentene), obtained with catalyst **CCHH/Ni** in toluene (Table 1, entry 5).

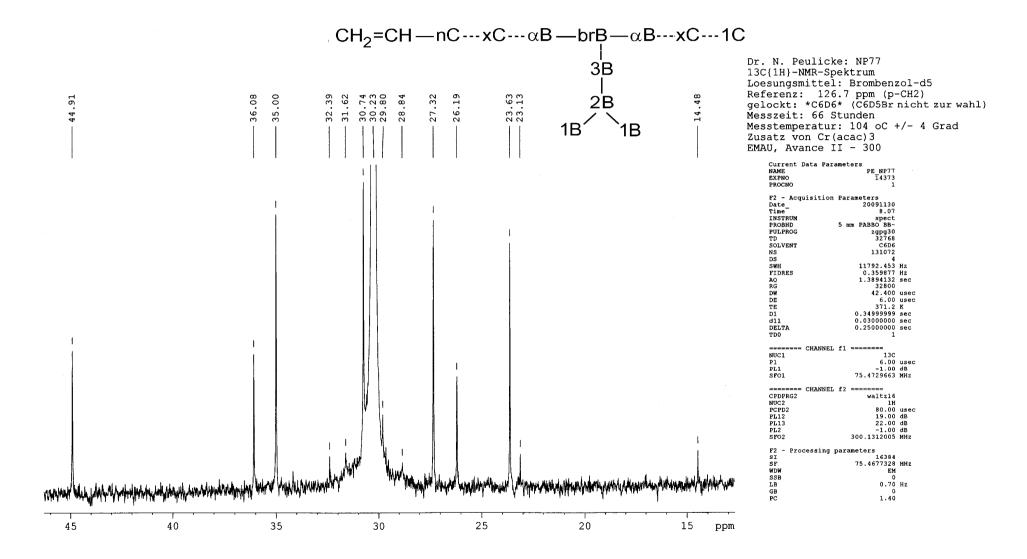
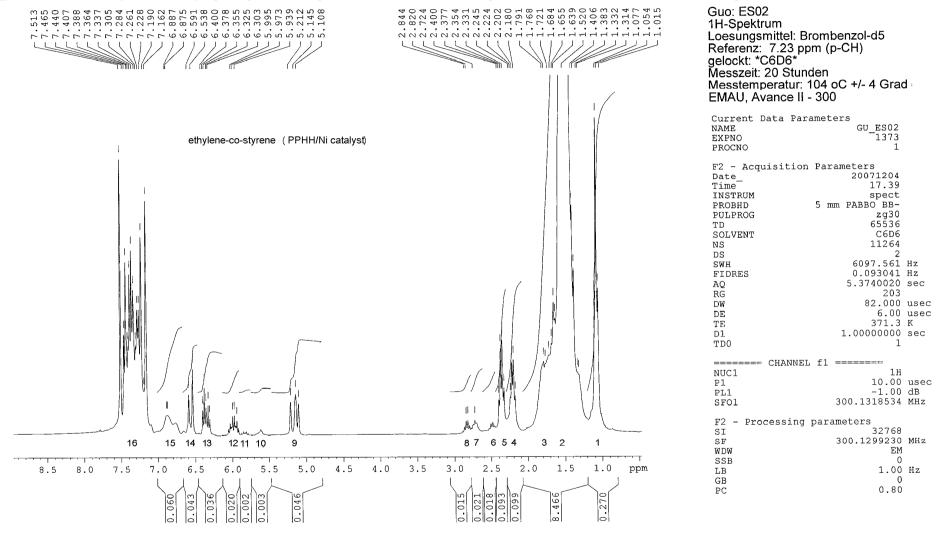


Figure 2: ¹H NMR spectrum of poly(ethylene-co-styrene), obtained with catalyst **PPHH/Ni** in toluene (Table 1, entry 11).



Assignment: $1 \text{ C}H_3$, $2 \text{ C}H_2$, $3 \text{ C}H\text{C}H_2$, $4 \text{ R}\text{C}H\text{=}\text{C}H\text{C}H_2$ (R = H, alkyl), $5 \text{ Ph}\text{C}H\text{=}\text{C}H\text{C}H_2$, $6 \text{ C}H_2\text{=}\text{C}H\text{C}H_2$ (minor), $7 \text{ C}H_2\text{C}H\text{Ph}\text{C}H_2$, $8 \text{ (sextet) probably Ph}\text{Me}\text{C}H\text{C}H_2$, $9 \text{ C}H\text{=}\text{C}H_2$, 10 CH=CH, $11 \text{ C}H_2\text{=}\text{C}H\text{-}\text{C}H_2$, $12 \text{ C}H_2\text{=}\text{C}H\text{C}H_2$, $13 \text{ Ph}\text{C}H\text{=}\text{C}H\text{C}H_2$, $14 \text{ Ph}\text{C}H\text{=}\text{C}H\text{C}H_2$, $15 \text{ , } 16 \text{ C}_6\text{H}_5$ and solvent signals.

Figure 3: ¹³C NMR spectrum of poly(ethylene-co-styrene), obtained with catalyst CCHH/Ni in toluene (Table 1, entry 12).

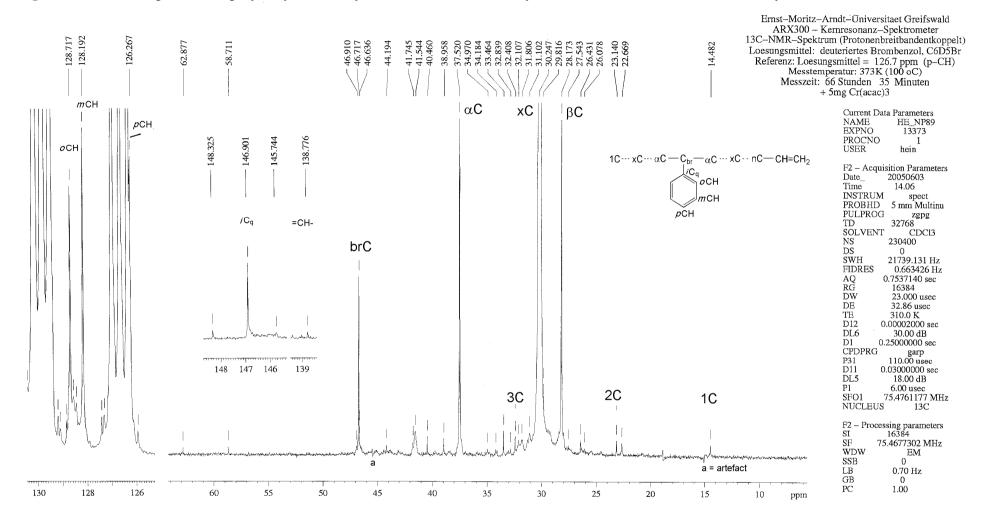


Figure 4: ¹³C NMR spectrum of poly(ethylene-co-allylbenzene), obtained with catalyst CCHH/Ni in toluene (Table 1, entry 14).

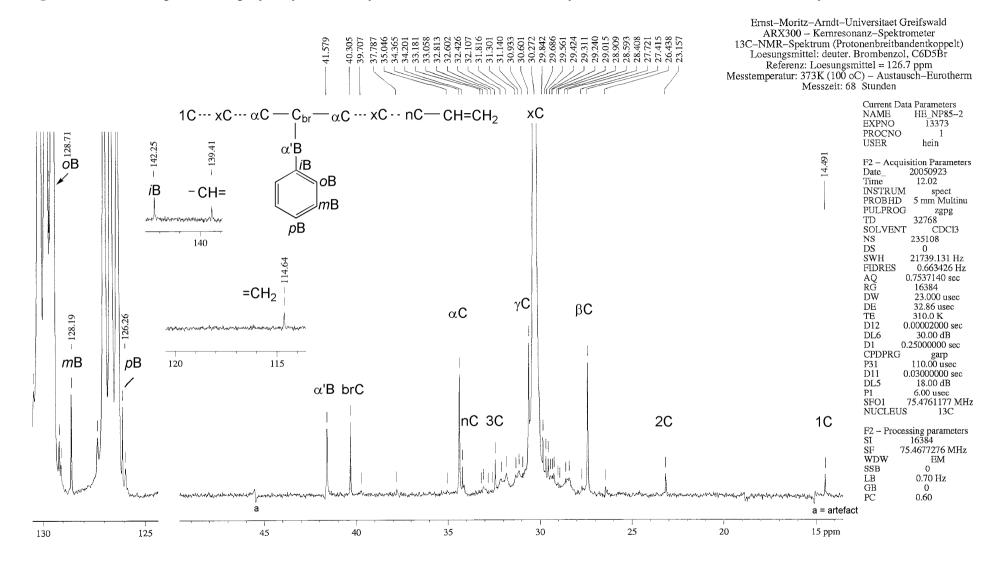


Figure 5: ¹H NMR spectrum of poly(ethylene-co-ethyl undecenoate), obtained with catalyst **PPHH/Ni** in ethyl 1-undecenoate (Table 1, entry 16).

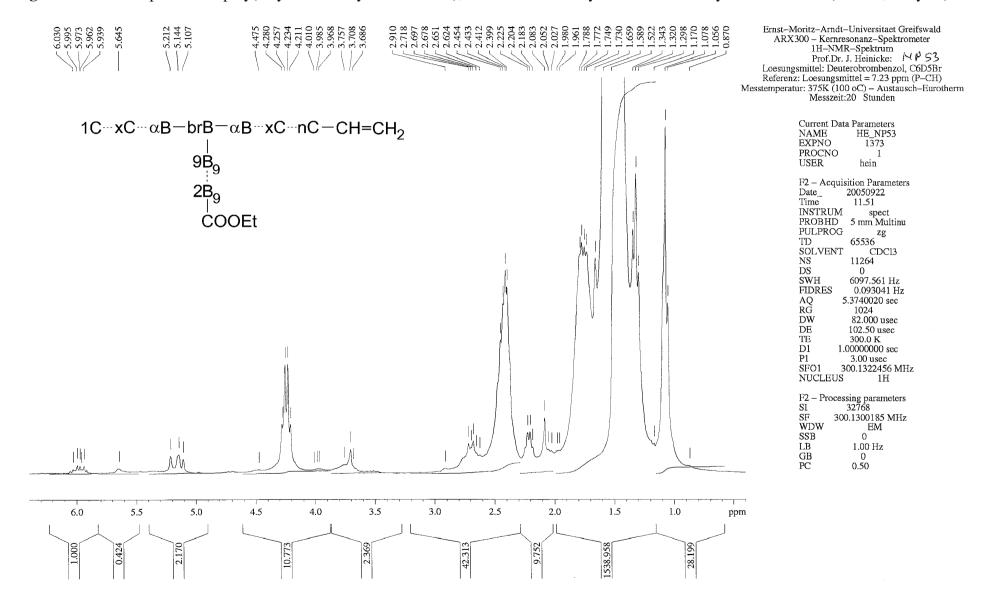


Figure 6: ¹³C NMR spectrum of poly(ethylene-co-1-decen-9-ol), obtained with catalyst **CCHH/Ni** in toluene (Table 1, entry 19).

