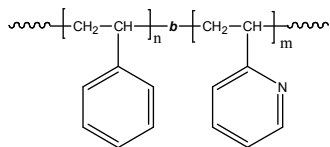


Sample Name: Poly(styrene-b-2-vinyl pyridine)

Sample #: P9280-S2VP

Structure:

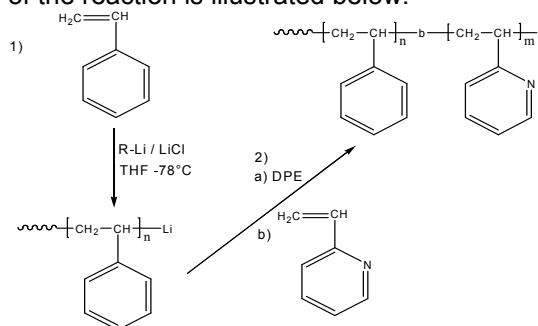


Composition:

$M_n \times 10^3$ S-b-2VP	PDI
540.0-b-900.0	1.6
T_g for PS block: 103°C	T_g for 2VP block: Not distinct; For homopolymer of 100k: 96°C

Synthesis Procedure:

Poly(styrene-b-2-vinyl pyridine) is prepared by living anionic polymerization in THF at -78°C in the presence of LiCl an additive. Polystyrene macroanions were end capped with a unit of diphenyl ethylene (DPE) before adding 2-vinylpyridine (2VP) monomer. For further details please see our published articles^{1,2} The scheme of the reaction is illustrated below:



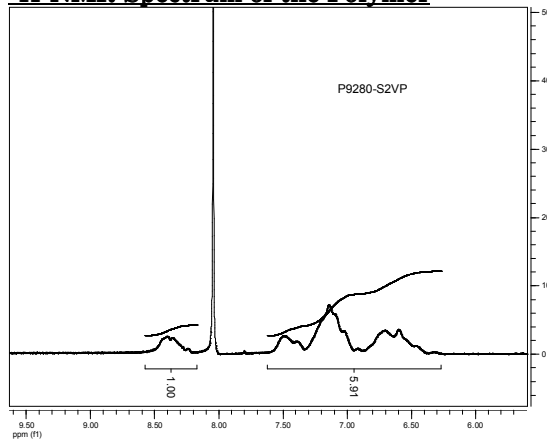
Characterization:

An aliquot of the anionic polystyrene block was terminated before addition of 2VP and analyzed by size exclusion chromatography (SEC) to obtain the molecular weight and polydispersity index (PDI). The Block copolymer composition was then calculated from $^1\text{H-NMR}$ spectroscopy by comparing the peak area of the 2VP proton at 8.2 ppm with the peak area of the aromatic protons of polystyrene at 6.3-7.2 ppm. The composition of the block copolymer can also be determined by titration in acetic acid/ HClO_4 using crystal violet indicator. Copolymer PDI is determined by SEC.

Solubility:

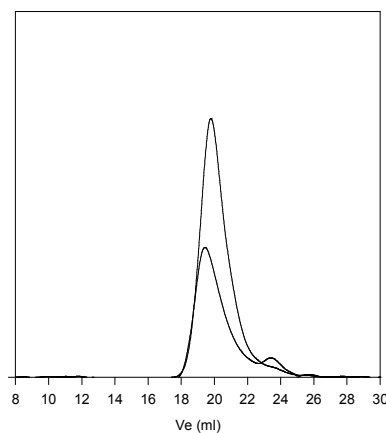
Poly(styrene-b-2 vinylpyridine) is soluble in THF, toluene, and CHCl_3 . The diblock copolymer can also be solubilized in methanol, ethanol depending on its composition. The polymer readily precipitates from hexanes, ether and water.

$^1\text{H-NMR}$ Spectrum of the Polymer



SEC for the polymer

P9280-S2VP

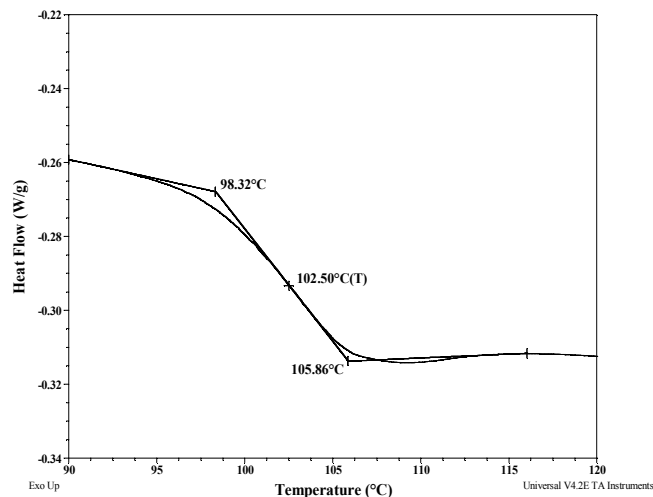


Size exclusion chromatography of poly(styrene-b-2-vinyl pyridine)

— Polystyrene, $M_n=540,000$ $M_w=756,000$ $PI=1.4$

— Polystyrene(540,000)-b-Poly(2-vinyl pyridine)(900,000), $PI=1.6$
The elution counts for the diblock was found lower than Polystyrene block this may be due to adsorption of polymer in the columns used for the analysis.

DSC thermogram for PS block:



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