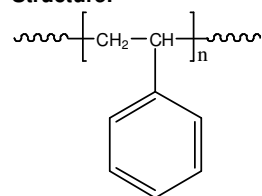


Sample Name: Polystyrene

Sample #: P487-S

Structure:

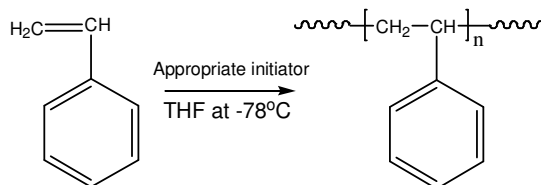


Composition:

| Mn x 10 ³ | PDI |
|----------------------|------|
| 56.5 | 1.07 |

Synthesis Procedure:

Polystyrene is obtained by living anionic polymerization of styrene as illustrated below:



Characterization:

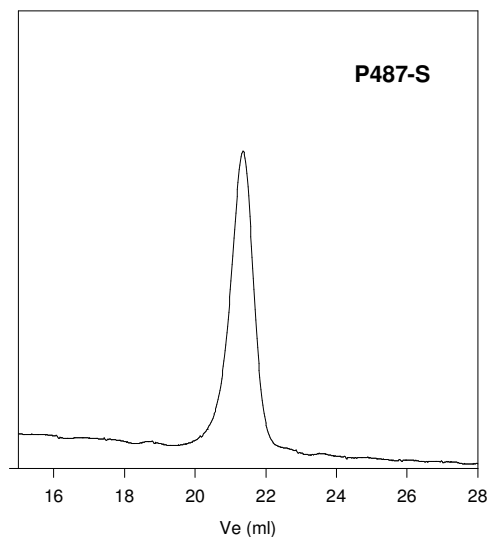
The molecular weight and polydispersity index (PDI) are obtained by size exclusion chromatography (SEC) in THF. SEC analysis was performed on a Varian liquid chromatograph equipped with refractive and UV light scattering detectors. Three SEC columns from Supelco (G6000-4000-2000 HXL) were used with triple detectors from Viscotek Co.

Thermal analysis of the samples was carried out using a differential scanning calorimeter (TA Q100) at a heating rate of 10°C/min. The inflection glass transition temperature (T_g) has been considered.

Solubility:

Polystyrene is soluble in DMF, THF, toluene and CHCl_3 . It precipitates from methanol, ethanol, water and hexanes.

SEC of Homopolymer:



Size exclusion chromatograph of polystyrene:

$M_n=56500$, $M_w=60500$, $PI=1.07$

