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# Poly(ether ether ketone) (PEEK) XPS Reference Core Level and Energy Loss Spectra

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XPS measurements of poly(ether ether ketone) recorded with a SSX-100 spectrometer in standardized experimental conditions are presented: survey scan, high resolution core level spectra as well as the energy loss regions of carbon and oxygen peaks are analyzed. This is part of a contract work aiming to record spectra in the very same conditions of some 40 different polymers. © 2006 American Vacuum Society. [DOI: 10.1116/11.20051106]

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Accession # 00891 Technique: XPS

Host Material: poly(ether ether

ketone)

Instrument: Surface Science Instruments SSX-100

Major Elements in Spectrum: C, O Minor Elements in Spectrum: none

Printed Spectra: 5

Spectra in Electronic Record: 5 Spectral Category: comparison

#### SPECIMEN DESCRIPTION -

**Host Material:** poly(ether ether ketone)

**CAS Registry #:** 31694-16-3

Host Material Characteristics: homogeneous; solid; amorphous;

dielectric; polymer

Chemical Name: poly(ether ether ketone)

Source: ICI

Host Composition: not specified

Form: pellet Structure:

$$\left[\begin{array}{c|c} & & & & \\ \hline \end{array}\right]_{0}$$

**History & Significance:** This study is a part of a reference spectra database of polymers, including survey and core level spectra, but also energy loss spectra of the main elements.

As Received Condition: not specified Analyzed Region: same as host material Ex Situ Preparation/Mounting: pressed powder

In Situ Preparation: none

**Pre-Analysis Beam Exposure:** The analyzed region was exposed to x-rays for a very short time, around 2 min for sample position adjustment prior to measurements.

**Charge Control:** use of a metal screen and a flood gun (2 eV)

Temp. During Analysis: 300 K

Pressure During Analysis:  $<6.6\times10^{-8}$  Pa

INSTRUMENT DESCRIPTION

Manufacturer and Model: Surface Science Instruments SSX-100

Analyzer Type: spherical sector

**Detector:** position sensitive detector with microchannel plate

Number of Detector Elements: 128

# INSTRUMENT PARAMETERS COMMON TO ALL SPECTRA

# Spectrometer

Analyzer Mode: constant pass energy

Throughput ( $T = E^N$ ): N = See comment belowThroughput Comment:  $T = E^N$ , N = 0.7**Excitation Source Window:** 1.5  $\mu$ m Al foil **Excitation Source:** Al  $K_{\alpha}$  monochromatic

Source Energy: 1486.6 eV Source Strength: 130 W

Source Beam Size:  $0.6 \text{ mm} \times 0.6 \text{ mm}$ 

Signal Mode: not specified

# Geometry Incident Angle: 57.6°

Source to Analyzer Angle: 70.8°

Emission Angle: 14.7°

Specimen Azimuthal Angle: 75.5°

Acceptance Angle from Analyzer Axis: 0°

Analyzer Angular Acceptance Width:  $30^{\circ} \times 30^{\circ}$ 

### DATA ANALYSIS METHOD -

Energy Scale Correction: To compensate for charging effects, we adjusted the largest C 1s component to 284.70 eV (Ref. 1).

Recommended Energy-Scale Shift: +6.03 eV

Peak Shape and Background Method: A least square fitting routine with mixed Gaussian/Lorentzian for the components and a linear background was used.

Quantitation Method: Scofield factors corrected for energy dependence were used.

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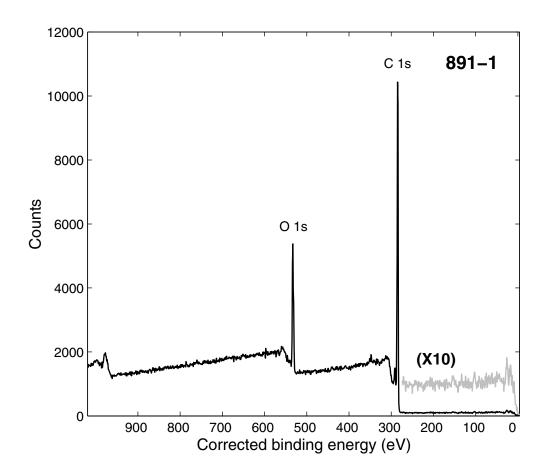
SPECTRAL FEATURES TABLE							
Spectrum ID #	Element/ Transition	Peak Energy (eV)	Peak Width FWHM (eV)	Peak Area (eV-cts/s)	Sensitivity Factor	Concentration (at. %)	Peak Assignment
00891-02	C 1s	284.70	1.11	7815	1.00	64.5	1 in Diagram below
00891-02	C 1s	286.31	1.09	1915	1.00	16.0	2 in Diagram below
00891-02	C 1s	287.10	0.94	213	1.00	1.8	3 in Diagram below
00891-02	C 1s	291.59	1.81	405	1.00	•••	
00891-03	O 1s	531.31	1.42	1445	2.49	4.9	4 in Diagram below
00891-03	O 1s	533.40	1.30	3542	2.49	11.9	5 in Diagram below
00891-03	O 1s	540.91	3.29	154	2.49	•••	
							•••

# **Comment to Spectral Features Table:**

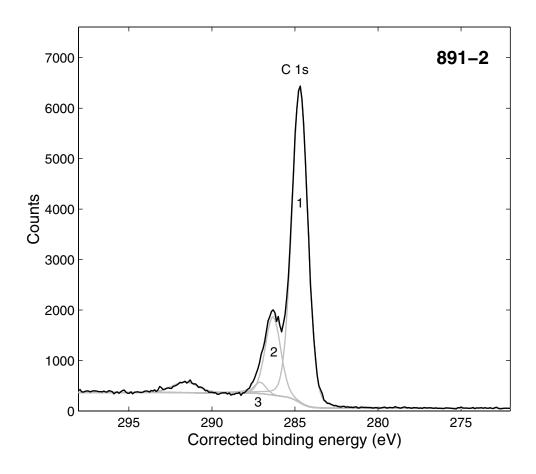
ANALYZER CALIBRATION TABLE							
Spectrum ID #	Element/ Transition	Peak Energy (eV)	Peak Width FWHM (eV)	Peak Area (eV-cts/s)	Sensitivity Factor	Concentration (at. %)	Peak Assignment
	Cu 2p <sub>3/2</sub>	932.34	1.19	202906	9.748		
• • •	Cu $3p_{3/2}$	74.78	2.36	289045	2.774	•••	•••

GUIDE TO FIGURES					
Spectrum (Accession) #	Spectral Region	Voltage Shift*	Multiplier	Baseline	Comment #
891-1	Survey	-6.03	1	0	
891-2	C 1s	-6.03	1	0	
891-3	O 1s	-6.03	1	0	
891-4	C 1s + losses	-6.03	1	0	
891-5	O $1s + losses$	-6.03	1	0	

<sup>\*</sup> Voltage shift of the archived (as-measured) spectrum relative to the printed figure. The figure reflects the recommended energy scale correction due to a calibration correction, sample charging, flood gun, or other phenomenon.



Accession #	00891-01		
Host Material	poly(ether ether ketone)		
Technique	XPS		
Spectral Region	survey		
Instrument	Surface Science Instruments SSX-100		
<b>Excitation Source</b>	Al $K_{\alpha}$ monochromatic		
Source Energy	1486.6 eV		
Source Strength	130 W		
Source Size	$0.6 \text{ mm} \times 0.6 \text{ mm}$		
Analyzer Type	spherical sector		
Incident Angle	57.6°		
Emission Angle	14.7°		
Analyzer Pass Energy	106.8 eV		
Analyzer Resolution	1.17 eV		
Total Signal Accumulation Time	960 s		
Total Elapsed Time	not specified		
Number of Scans	2		
Effective Detector Width	12.96 eV		



■ Accession #: 00891-02 Host Material: poly(ether ether

ketone)

■ Technique: XPS ■ Spectral Region: C1s

Instrument: Surface Science Instruments SSX-100 Excitation Source: Al Ka monochromatic Source Energy: 1486.6 eV

Source Strength: 130 W Source Size:  $0.6 \text{ mm} \times 0.6 \text{ mm}$ Incident Angle: 57.6°

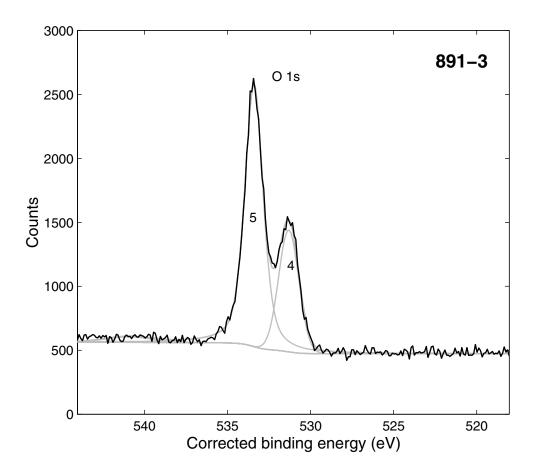
Analyzer Type: spherical sector Analyzer Pass Energy: 29.97 eV Analyzer Resolution: 0.76 eV

Emission Angle: 14.7° Total Signal Accumulation Time: 1200 s

Total Elapsed Time: not specified

Number of Scans: 10

Effective Detector Width: 3.341 eV



■ Accession #: 00891-03

Host Material: poly(ether ether ketone)

Technique: XPS ■ Spectral Region: 01s

Instrument: Surface Science Instruments SSX-100

Excitation Source: Al K monochromatic Source Energy: 1486.6 eV

Source Strength: 130 W Source Size:  $0.6\,\text{mm} \times 0.6\,\text{mm}$ 

Incident Angle: 57.6°

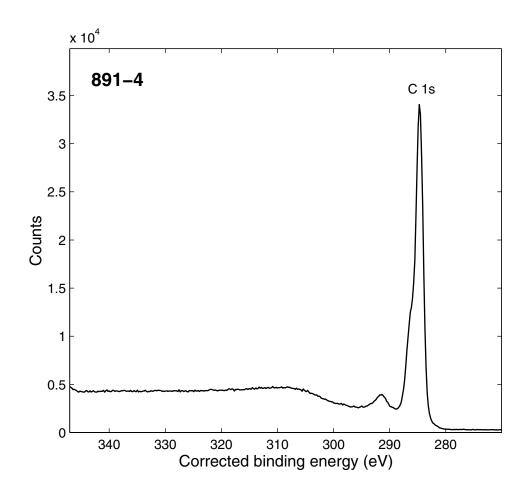
Analyzer Type: spherical sector Analyzer Pass Energy: 29.97 eV Analyzer Resolution: 0.76 eV Emission Angle: 14.7°

Total Signal Accumulation Time: 1200 s

Total Elapsed Time: not specified

Number of Scans: 10

Effective Detector Width: 3.341 eV



- Accession #: 00891-04
- Host Material: poly(ether ether

ketone)

Technique: XPS

■ Spectral Region: C1s energy losses

Instrument: Surface Science Instruments SSX-100

Excitation Source: Al K monochromatic

Source Energy: 1486.6 eV Source Strength: 130 W Source Size:  $0.6 \, \text{mm} \times 0.6 \, \text{mm}$ 

Incident Angle: 57.6°

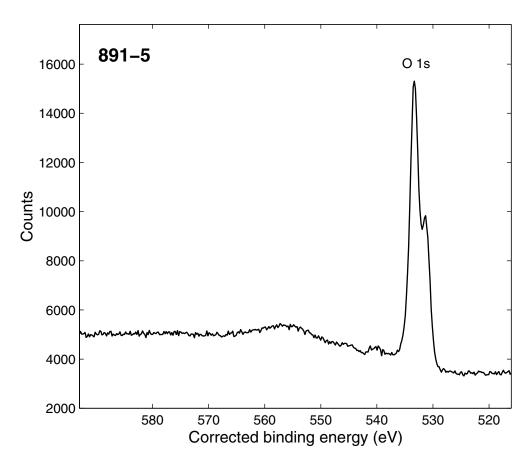
Analyzer Type: spherical sector Analyzer Pass Energy: 106.8 eV Analyzer Resolution: 1.17 eV Emission Angle: 14.7°

Total Signal Accumulation Time: 900 s

Total Elapsed Time: not specified

Number of Scans: 5

Effective Detector Width: 12.956 eV



- Accession #: 00891-05
- Host Material: poly(ether ether

ketone)

Technique: XPS

Spectral Region: 01s energy losses

Instrument: Surface Science Instruments SSX-100

Excitation Source: Al Ka monochromatic

Source Energy: 1486.6 eV Source Strength: 130 W Source Size:  $0.6 \text{ mm} \times 0.6 \text{ mm}$ 

Incident Angle: 57.6°

Analyzer Type: spherical sector Analyzer Pass Energy: 106.8 eV Analyzer Resolution: 1.17 eV Emission Angle: 14.7°

Total Signal Accumulation Time:

Total Elapsed Time: not specified

Number of Scans: 5

Effective Detector Width: 12.956 eV