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The Variation of Structure and Physical Properties of XLPE during Thermal Aging Process

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265 110% D 32 50 가

ABSTRACT : The variation of chemical structure and physical properties of crosslinked polyethylene (XLPE) during thermal aging process was investigated. The formation of carbonyl functional group resulting from thermal oxidation reaction of XLPE was monitored using X-ray photoelectron spectroscopy and near infrared (NIR) spectroscopy. It was observed that the intensity of carbonyl peak observed at 1715 nm linearly increased with aging time in NIR spectroscopy. The linear relationship between NIR peak absorbance and aging time confirmed that NIR spectroscopy might be used as a proper tool for monitoring the aging process of polymeric materials. Also the formation of crosslinks during the aging process was monitored using thermal mechanical analysis, stress-strain test, and Shore hardness test. The change in the physical properties, such as the increase in the glass transition temperature from 110 to 132 °C, the decrease in the strain from 265 to 110%, as well as the increase in the shore D hardness from 32 to 50, was observed during the aging process.

Keywords : XLPE, thermal aging, NIR, XPS.

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Table 1. The Accelerated Heating Time depending on Estimated Aging Years

aging years	10	20	30	40	50	60	70
accelerated heating time	1.146	2.292	3.438	4.584	5.730	6.876	8.022

ethylene, XLPE)

XLPE 90

가 250
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가 XLPE

XLPE 67

XLPE

가 XLPE

89

가 XLPE

가

10

XLPE

(C=O)

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XLPE

(XPS),

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XPS

, TMA

X-
(NIR),

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REX Brand XLPE (1 mm) 130 Tabai Oven

가 (1), Arrhenius k_1 가 , k_2 가 E_a (1.30 eV/mol), R T_1 가(130) T_2 (40) 가

Table 1 XLPE 가

$$\ln\left(\frac{k_2}{k_1}\right) = -\frac{E_a}{R} \left(\frac{1}{T_2} - \frac{1}{T_1} \right) \quad (1)$$

X-ray Photoelectron Spectroscopy (XPS) X-
VG Micro Tech ESCA2000 spectrometerHAS analyzer, X-ray source angle 50° XPS spectra source energy 1253.6 eV, irradiation Mg K α 2 (10⁻¹⁰ Torr)

scan (pass energy 100 eV)

, C1s 20-25

kilocount scan (pass energy 10 eV)

Gaussian function VGX 900 W software

peak-fitting , XPS spectra

C-C bond C=O bond

TMA Seiko Inst. (Japan)

Seiko Exstar 6000 (TMA6100) TMA

range ± 5 mm (0.02 μ m) load range ± 5.8 N

(9.8 micro-N) 100 mg argon

10 /min 20 500 가

NIR Spectrometry.

Foss NIRIS

Systems Inc. Model 6500 Multi Mode Analyzer
 Si detector (400-1100 nm) PbS
 detector (1100-2500 nm) $1 \times 1 \times$
 0.1 cm ,
 , γ
 Foss NIR System VISION 2.22
 , 2 (segment
 size 10 nm, gap size 10 nm)
 , 2
 , (multiple linear regression)
 /
 , Instron Mechanical
 Tester (Model 4400R) , $10 \times 1 \times$
 0.1 cm
 ASTM D638-99 , crosshead speed 10
 mm/min , γ 1 mm
 , ASTM D2240-91
 Teclock Corp. Shore Type D Hardness Tester

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XLPE
XLP
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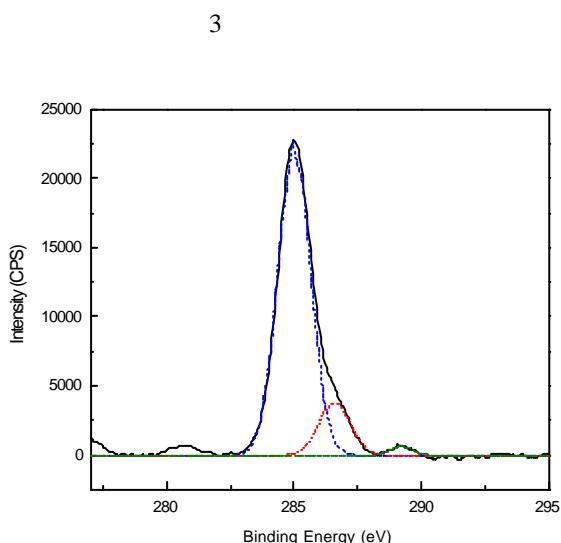


Figure 1. XPS C_{1s} spectra of XLPE film aged for 70 years.

XLPE

curve-fitting

Figure 2

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(Near Infrared Spectroscopy, NIRS)

-C-N=, =N-H, -O-H, -S-H

780 2500 nm

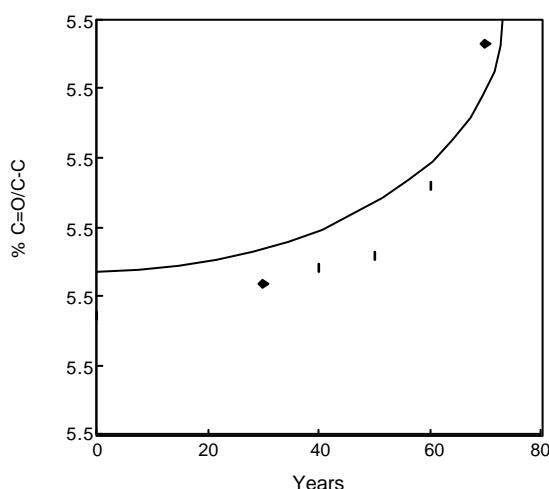


Figure 2. Relative intensity of C=O/C-C peaks in XPS depending on aging time.

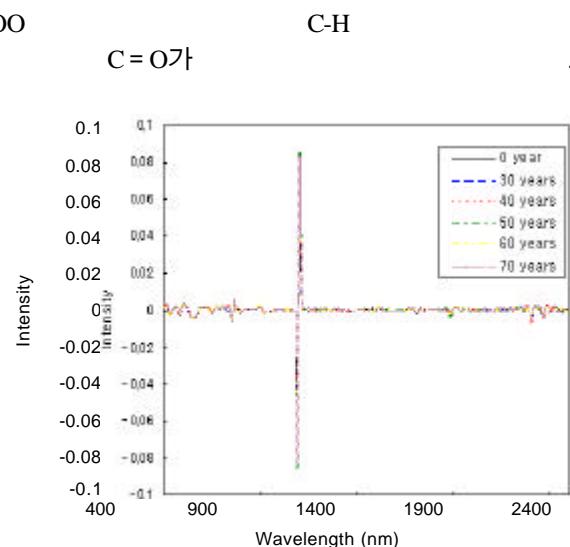
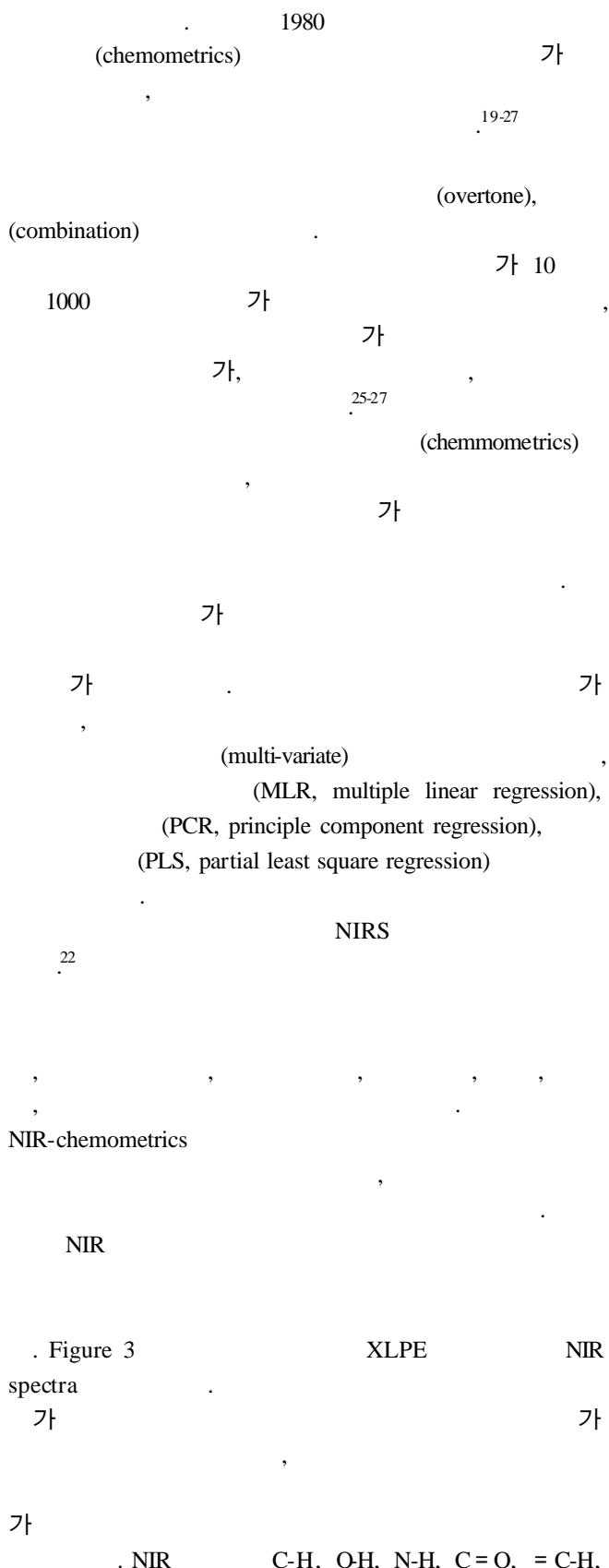


Figure 3. NIR spectra of XLPE film.

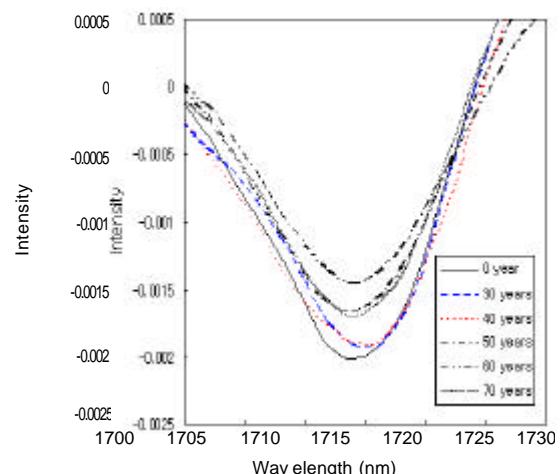


Figure 4 Absorption peak at 1715 nm depending on aging time.

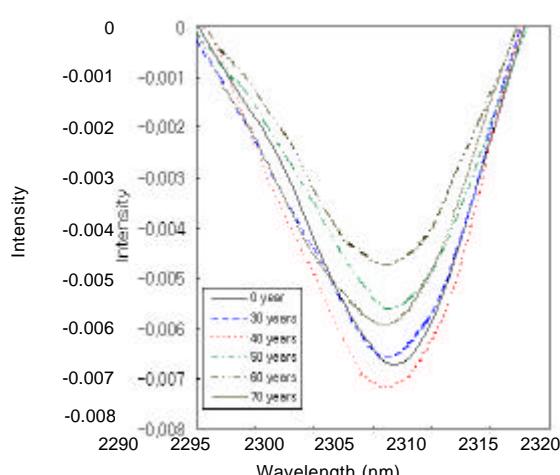


Figure 5. Absorption peak at 2305 nm depending on aging time.

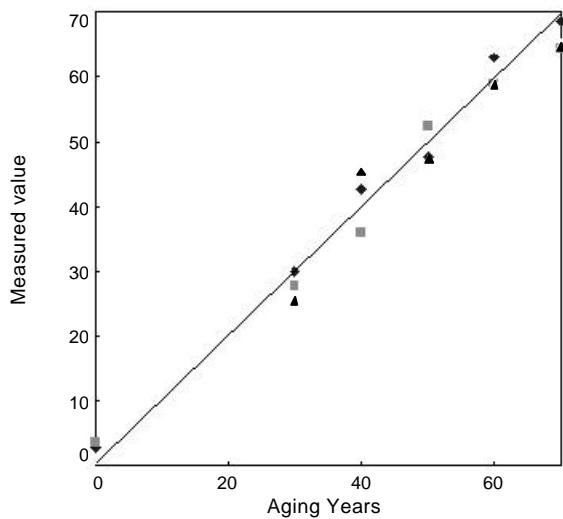


Figure 6. Scatter plot of NIR calibration set depending on aging time.

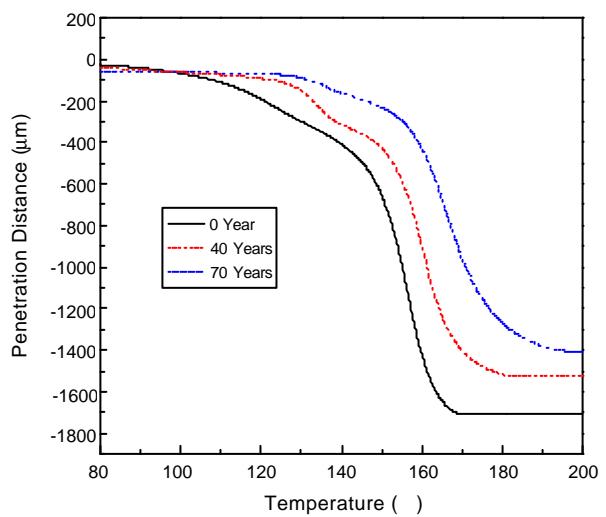
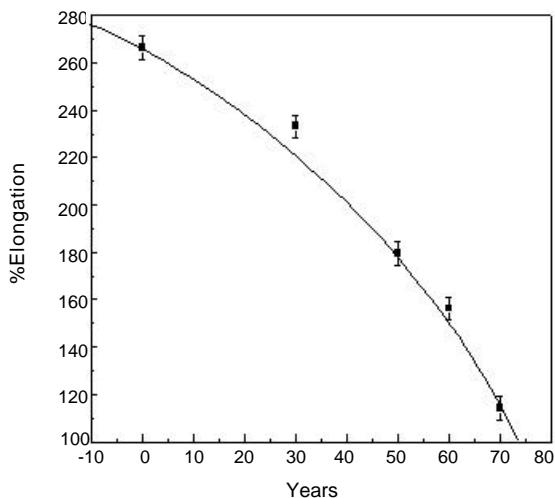
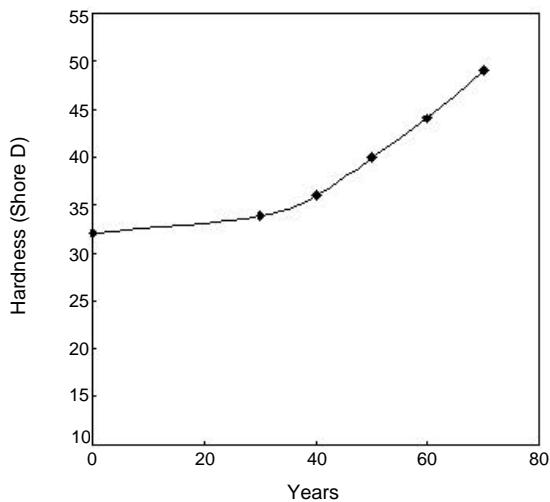


Figure 7. TMA heating scan of XLPE after aging.

**Figure 8.** Elongation versus aging time.**Figure 9.** Hardness versus aging time.

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