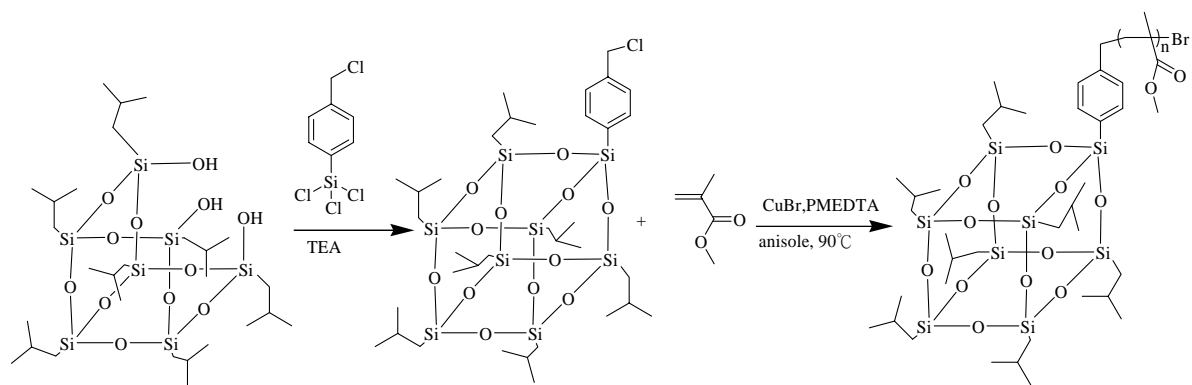


**Table 4.1.** Carbonyl group curve-fitting results of the (a) LPMMA, (b) POSS-LPMMA, (c) HPMMA, and (d) POSS-HPMMA /phenolic blends.

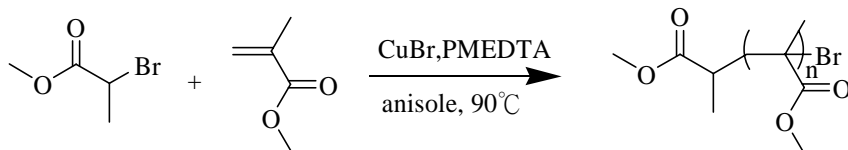
Samples(wt%)	Free C=O		H-bonded C=O		fb <sup>a</sup> (%)
	$\nu_f(\text{cm}^{-1})$	A <sub>f</sub> (%)	$\nu_b(\text{cm}^{-1})$	A <sub>b</sub> (%)	
<b>(a)PMMA/phenolic</b>					
70 /30	1731.2	69.31	1705.3	30.78	22.8
50 /50	1731.2	45.04	1705.9	55.04	44.9
30 /70	1731.3	38.64	1705.2	61.36	51.4
10 /90	1731.1	38.28	1705.2	61.72	51.8
<b>(b)POSSPMMA/phenolic</b>					
70 /30	1731.3	78.63	1705.3	21.37	15.3
50 /50	1731.2	71.34	1705.2	28.66	21.1
30 /70	1731.5	64.72	1705.7	35.28	26.6
10 /90	1731.6	60.04	1705.1	39.96	30.7
<b>(c)PMMA/phenolic</b>					
70 /30	1731.3	56.83	1705.3	43.17	33.6
50 /50	1731.5	54.22	1705.2	55.78	40.6
30 /70	1731.2	42.64	1705.6	57.36	47.2
10 /90	1731.6	38.56	1705.2	61.44	51.5
<b>(d)POSSPMMA/phenolic</b>					
70 /30	1730.4	58.82	1705.3	41.18	31.8
50 /50	1731.2	55.96	1705.3	44.04	34.4
30 /70	1730.7	47.51	1705.5	52.49	42.4
10 /90	1731.1	38.72	1705.1	61.28	51.3

$\nu_f$  : wavenumber of free C=O of PMMA;  $\nu_b$  : wavenumber of hydrogen bonded carbonyl of PMMA; A<sub>f</sub> : free C=O area fraction of PMMA; A<sub>b</sub> : C=O area fraction of hydrogen bonded PMMA. fb<sup>a</sup> : fraction of hydrogen bonded PMMA=(A<sub>b</sub>/1.5)/(A<sub>b</sub>/1.5+A<sub>f</sub>).



POSS-Cl

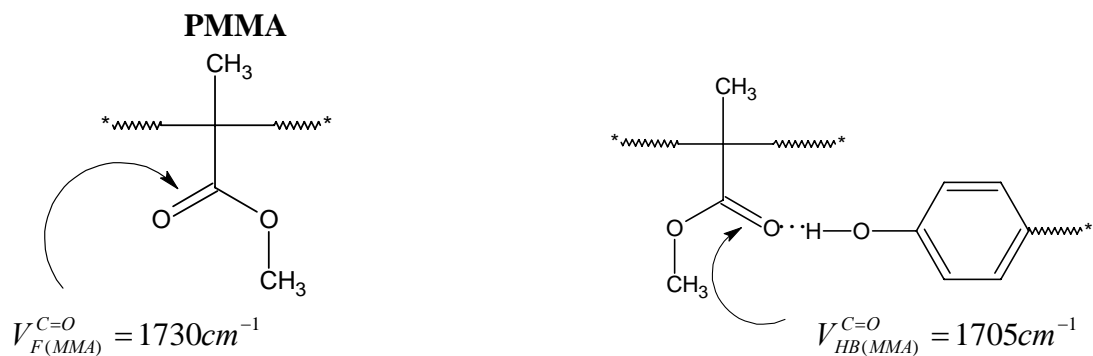
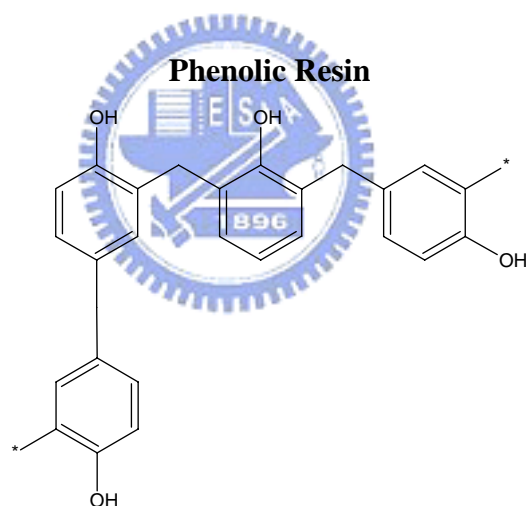
POSS-PMMA



MBP

PMMA

**Scheme 4.1.** The synthesis of POSS-Cl initiator and ATRP of MMA.



**Scheme 4.2.** Schematic diagram showing carbon number and type of interaction between PMMA and phenolic resins.

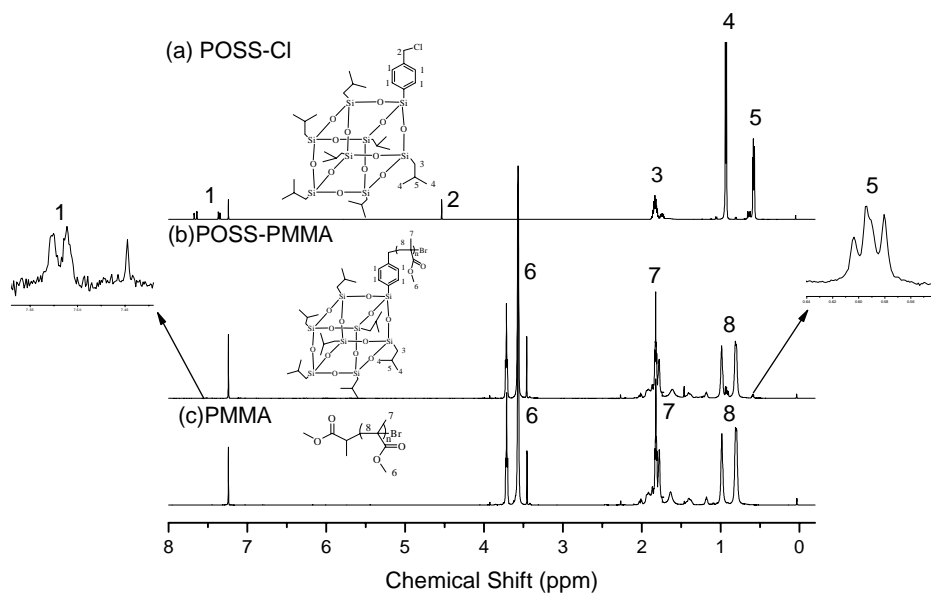


Figure 4.1. The  $^1\text{H}$ -NMR spectra of (a) POSS-Cl, (b) POSS-PMMA, and (c) PMMA.

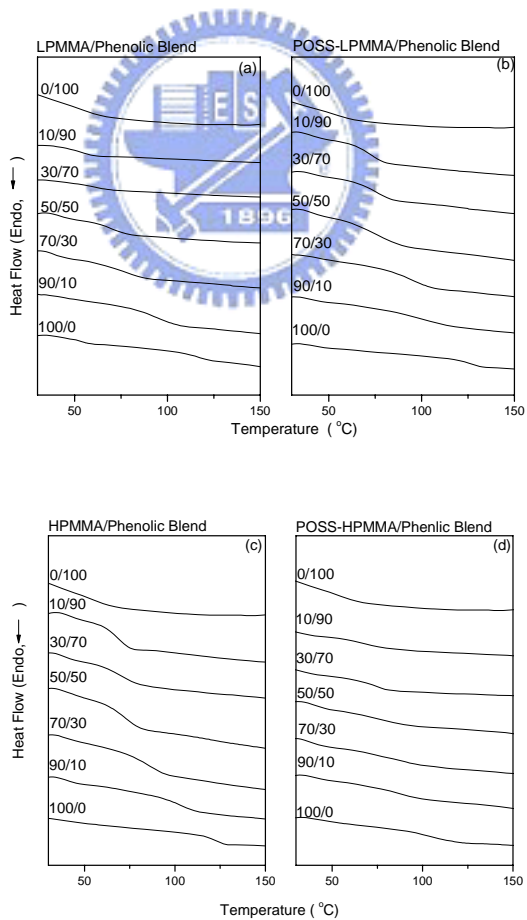
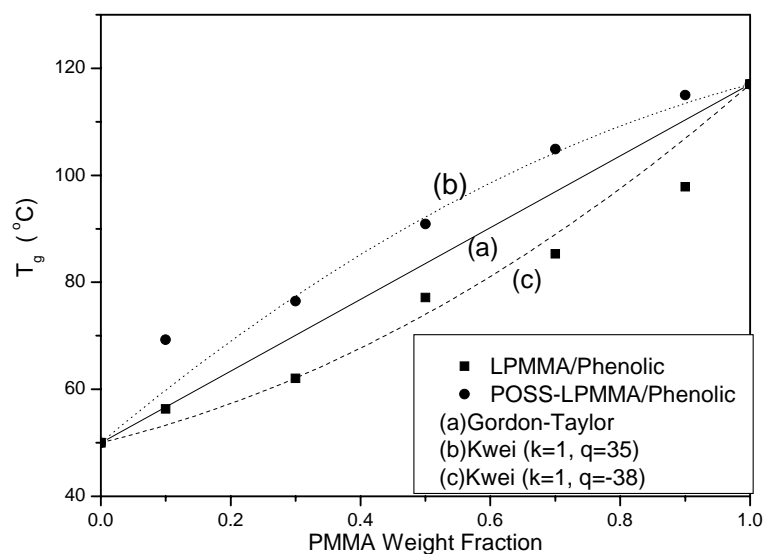
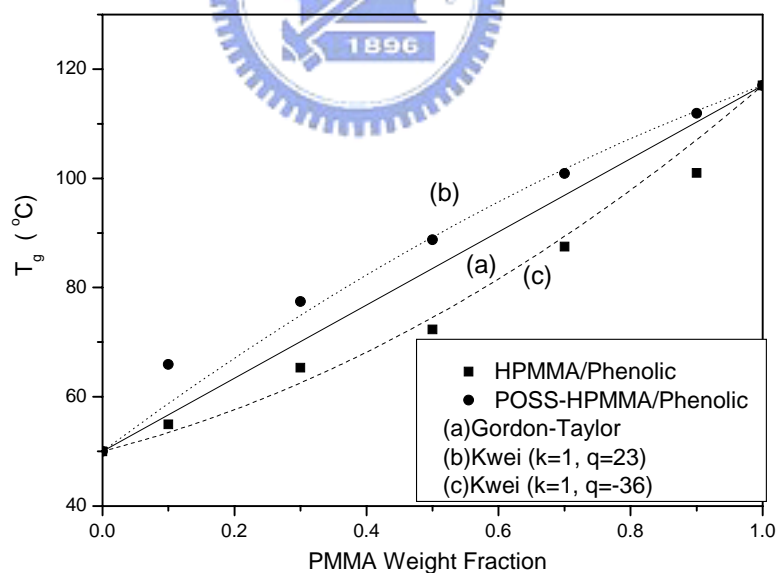


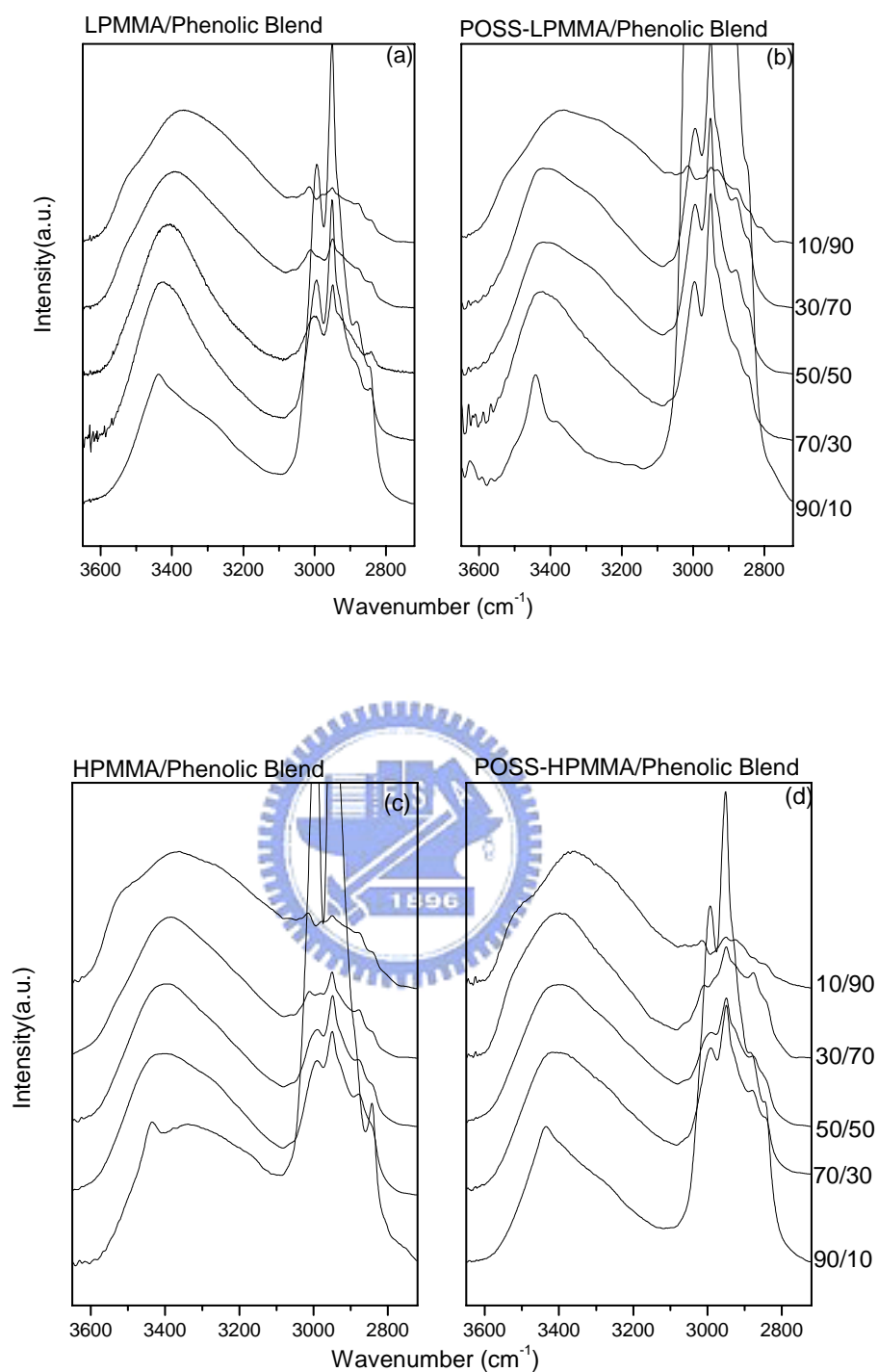
Figure 4.2. The DSC curves of (a) LPMMA, (b) POSS-LPMMA, (c) HPMMA, and (d) POSS-HPMMA/phenolic blends with different compositions (weight ratio).



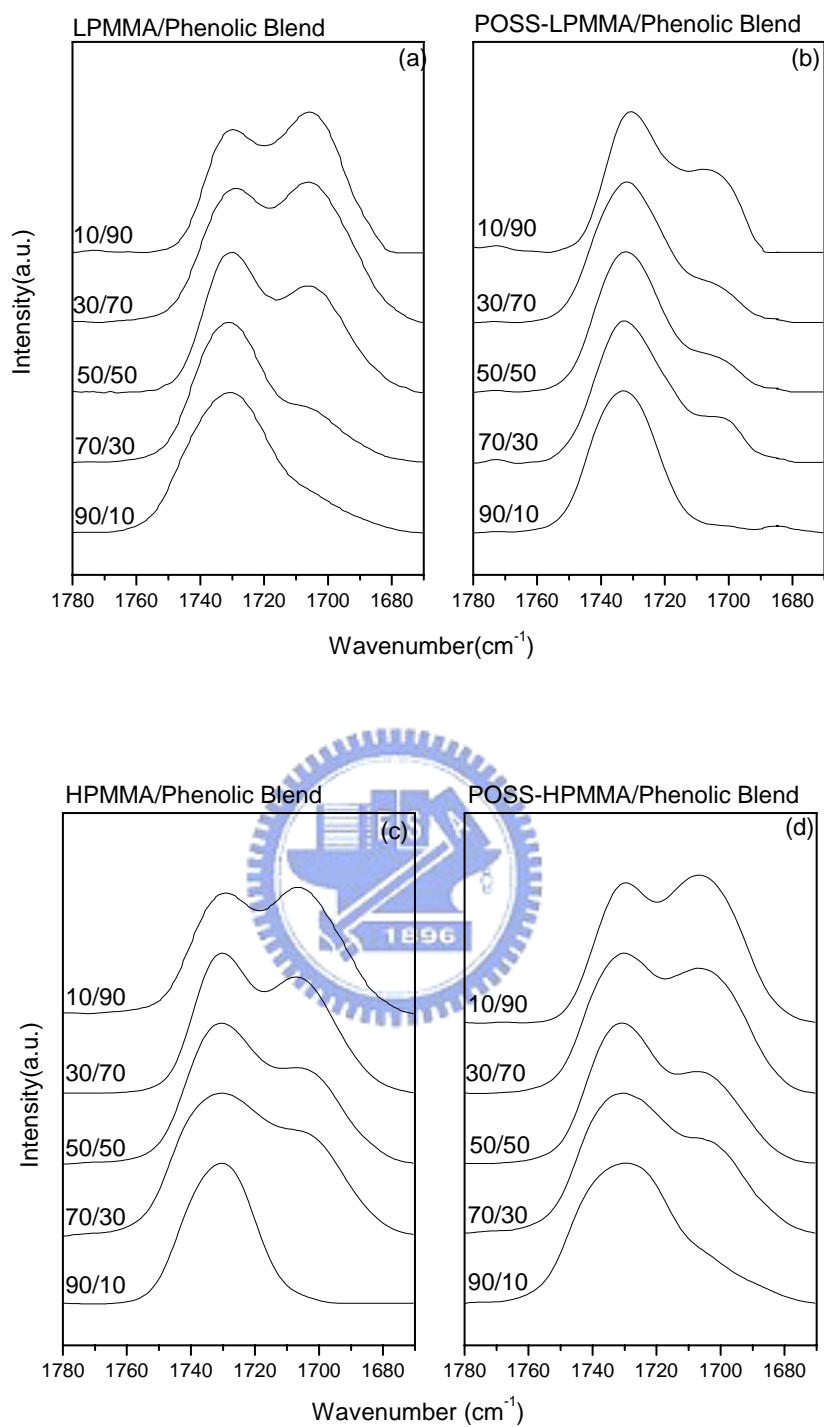
**Figure 4.3.** The  $T_g$  vs. composition curves based on (a) the Gordon-Taylor equation, (b) the Kwei equation for POSS-LPMMA/phenolic blends, (c) the Kwei equation for LPMMA/phenolic blends, (■) experimental data of LPMMA/phenolic blends, and (●) experimental data of POSS-LPMMA/phenolic blends.



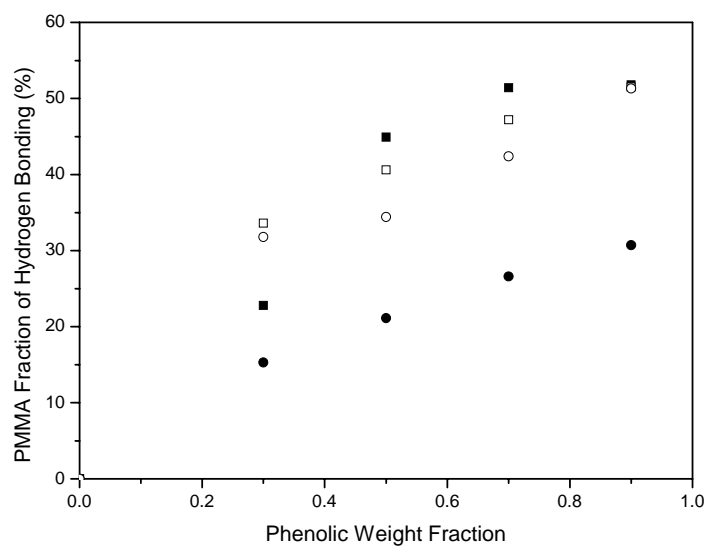
**Figure 4.4.** The  $T_g$  vs. composition curves based on (a) the Gordon-Taylor equation, (b) the Kwei equation for POSS-HPMMA/phenolic blends, (c) the Kwei equation for HPMMA/phenolic blends, (■) experimental data of HPMMA/phenolic blends, and (●) experimental data of POSS-HPMMA/phenolic blends.



**Figure 4.5.** FTIR spectra at room temperature in the 2700-3700  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  region for (a) LPMMA, (b) POSS-LPMMA, (c) HPMMA, and (d) POSS-HPMMA/phenolic blends with different compositions (weight ratio).

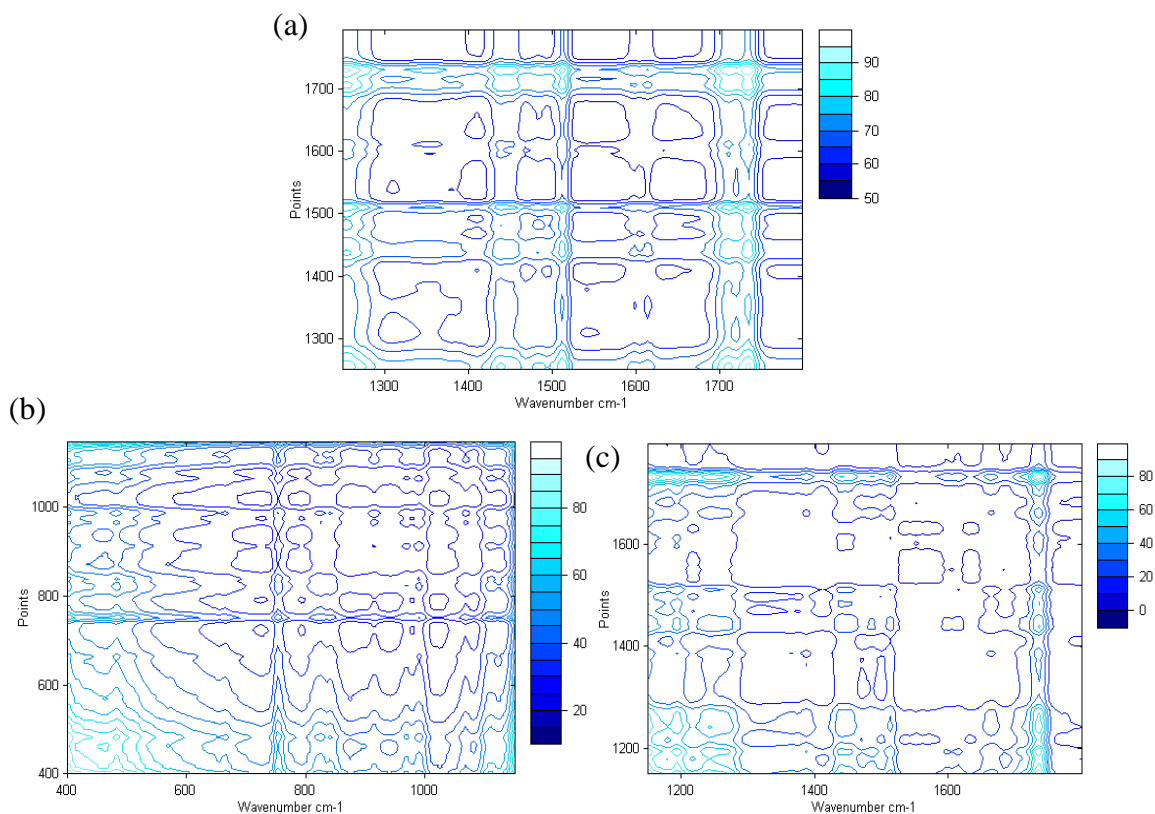


**Figure 4.6.** FTIR spectra at room temperature in the 1675-1765 cm<sup>-1</sup> region for (a) LPMMA, (b) POSS-LPMMA, (c) HPMMA, and (d) POSS-HPMMA/phenolic blends with different compositions (weight ratio).

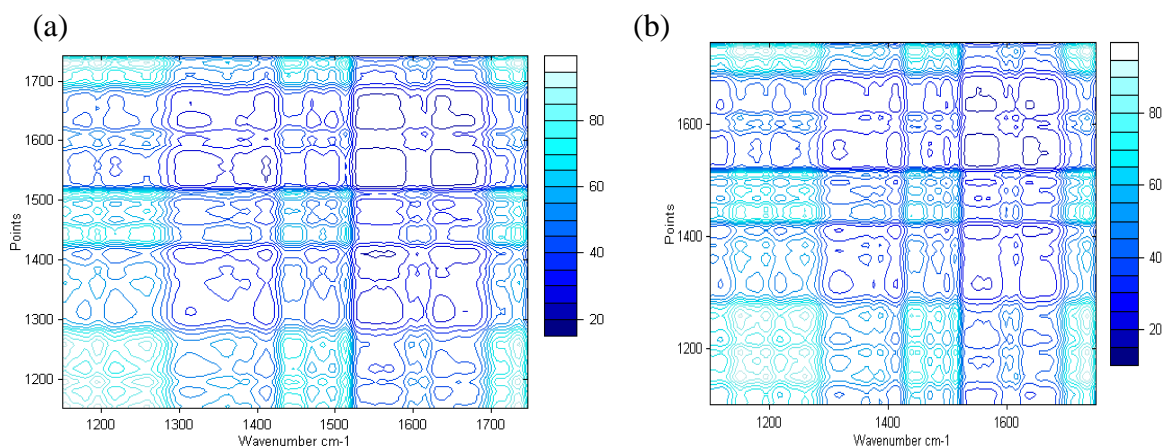


**Figure 4.7.** The fraction of hydrogen bonded carbonyl vs. phenolic content for (a) LPMMA/phenolic (■), (b) POSS-LPMMA/phenolic (●), (c) HPMMA/phenolic (□), and (d) POSS-HPMMA/phenolic blends (○), from FTIR spectra.





**Figure 4.8.** 2D IR spectra at room temperature for (a) LPMMA/phenolic blends in the  $1250\text{-}1800\text{cm}^{-1}$  region, (b) POSS-LPMMA/phenolic blends in the  $400\text{-}1150\text{ cm}^{-1}$  region, and (c) POSS-LPMMA/phenolic blends in the  $1150\text{-}1800\text{ cm}^{-1}$  region.



**Figure 4.9.** 2D IR spectra at room temperature for (a) HPMMA/phenolic and (b) POSS-HPMMA/phenolic blends in the  $1150\text{-}1750\text{ cm}^{-1}$  region.



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