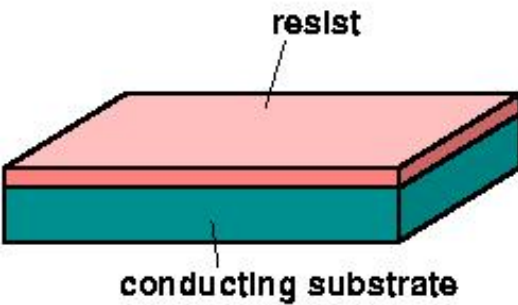


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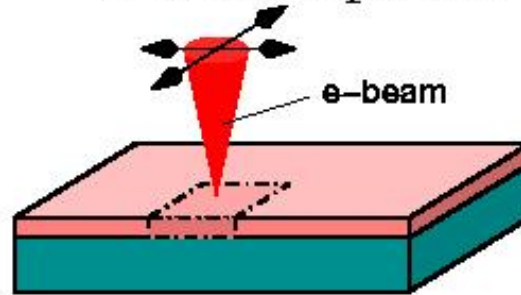
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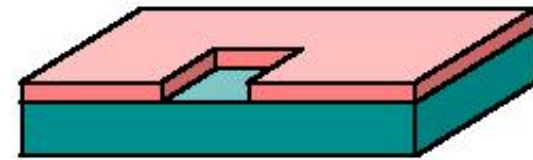
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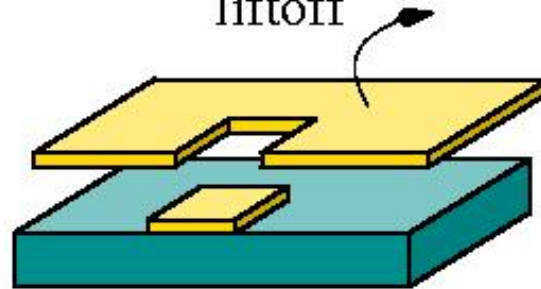
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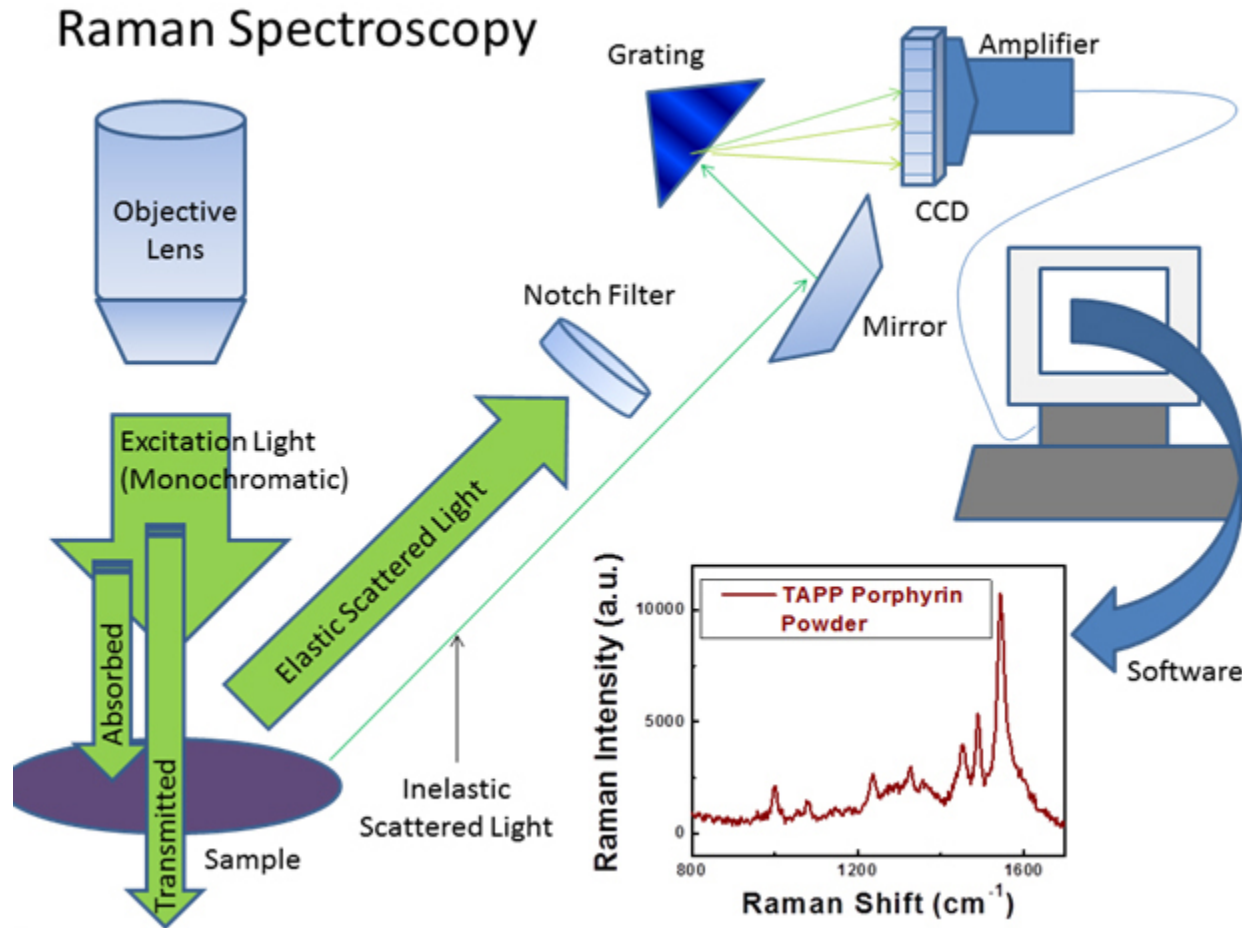
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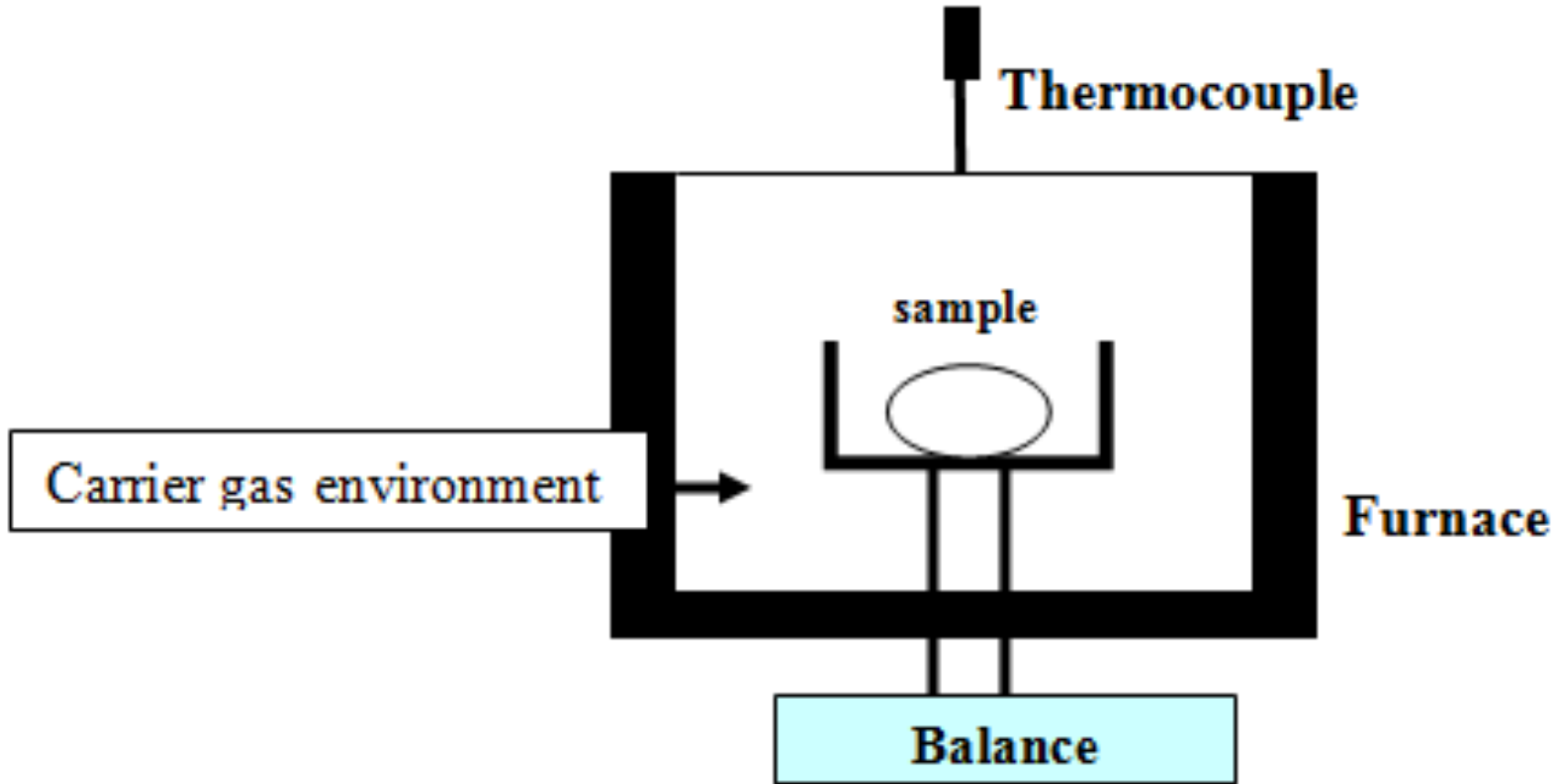
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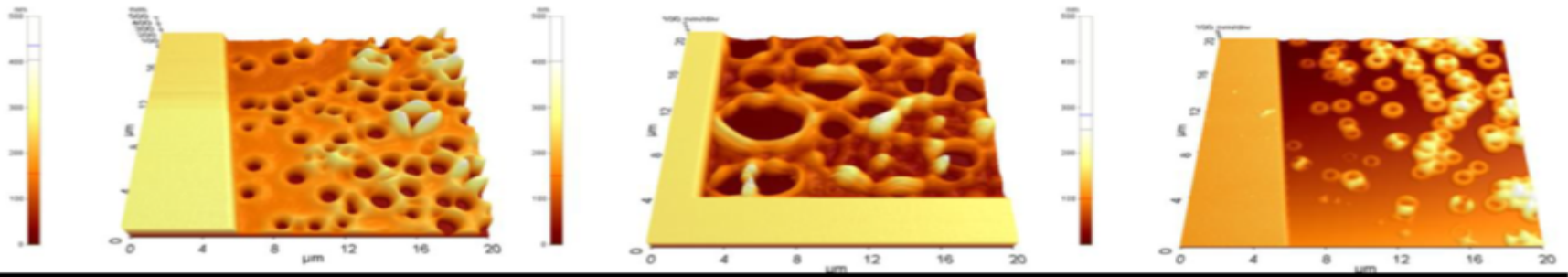
Thermogravimetric Analysis



Focusing Question Last Year

- Can Alcohol Water Solutions be used as replacements for MIBK-IPA solutions as PMMA developers?

Atomic Force Scans



Focusing Question

- Can we learn from Raman and TGA how PMMA and the alcohol-water mixtures interact?

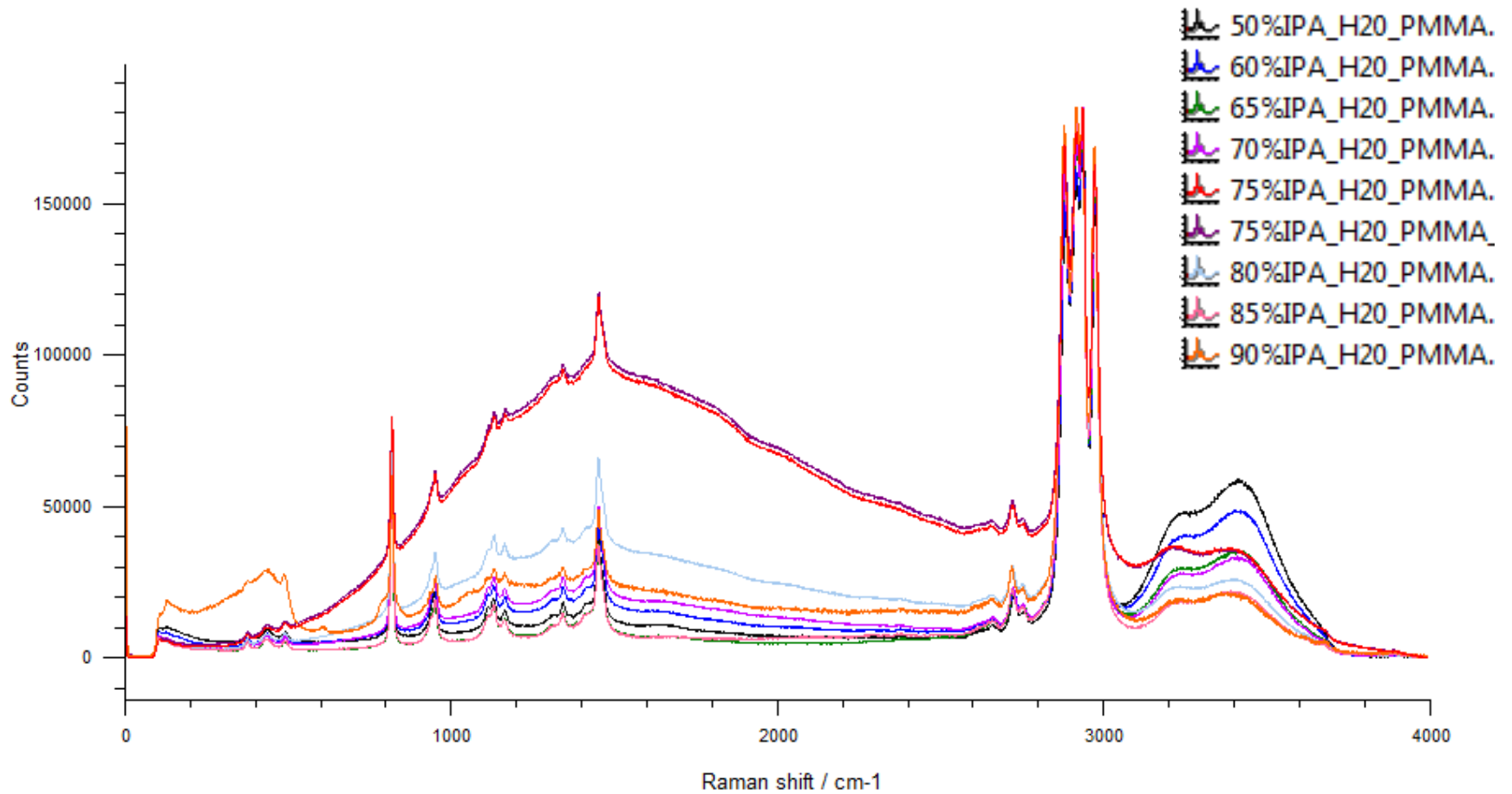
Data Acquisition Protocol/Methods

- Raman
- TGA

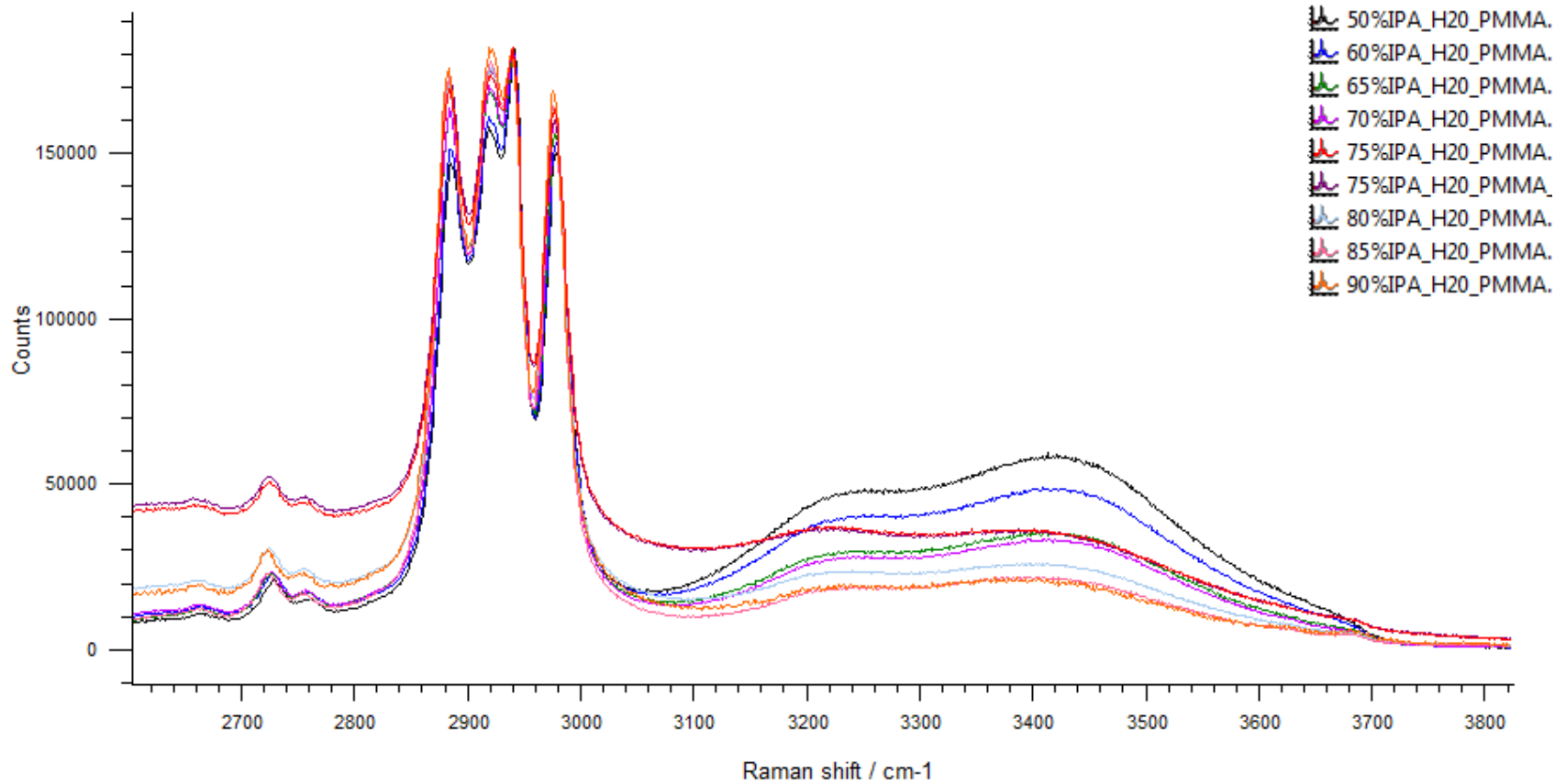
Issues with Data Acquisition

- Raman Laser
- TGA recipe
- Machine Artifacts
- Raman data acquisition and Fluorescence

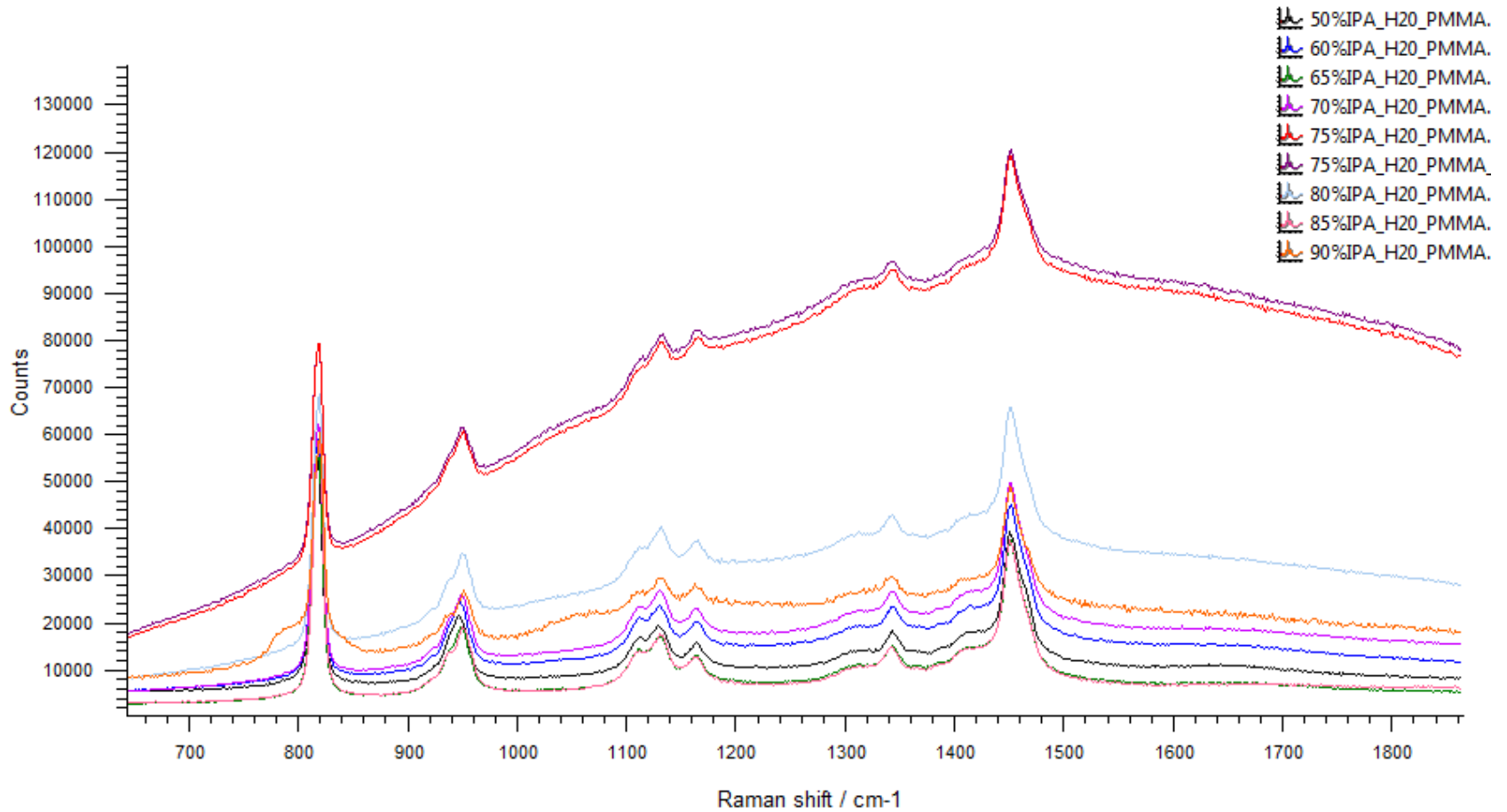
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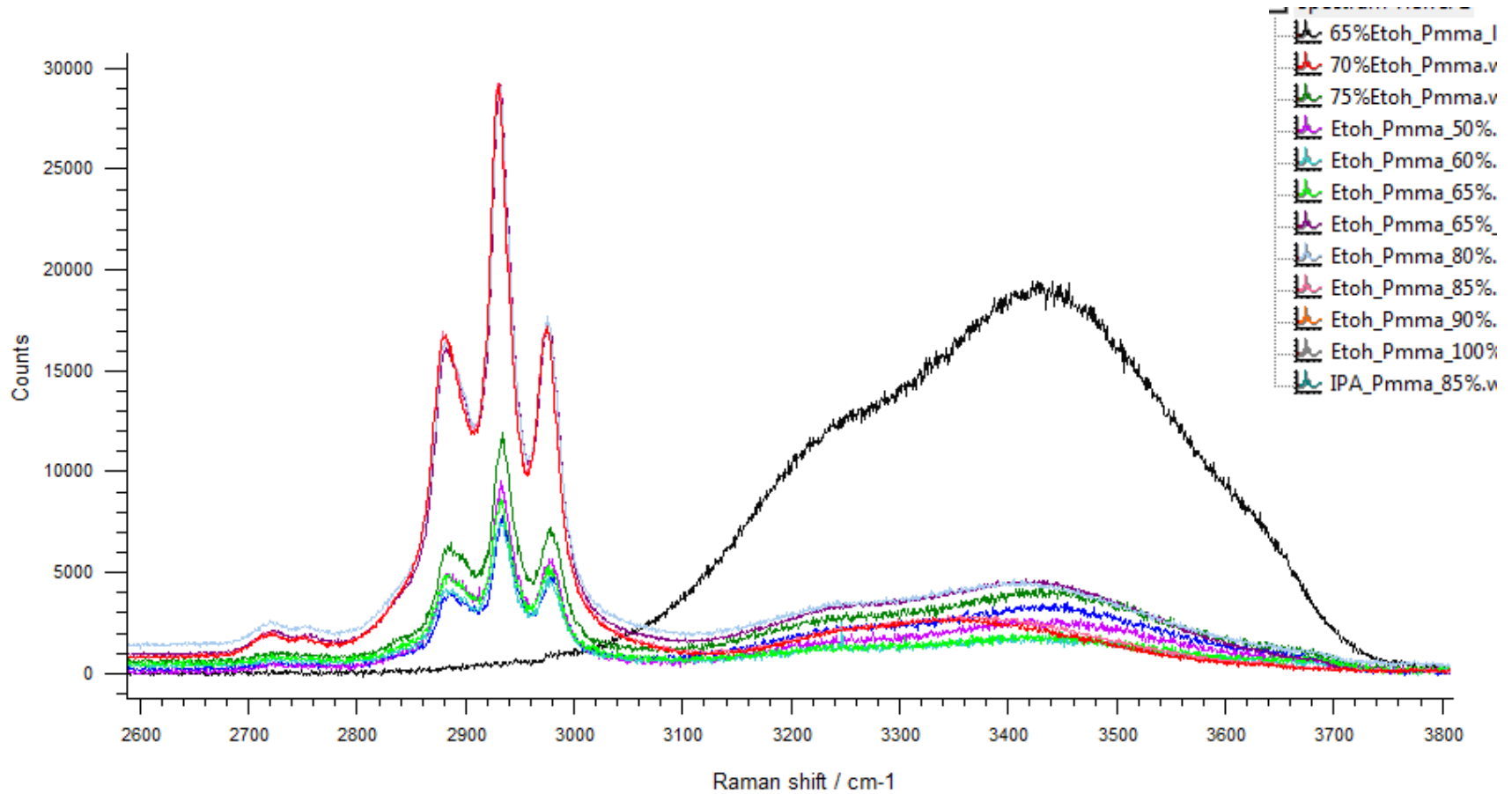
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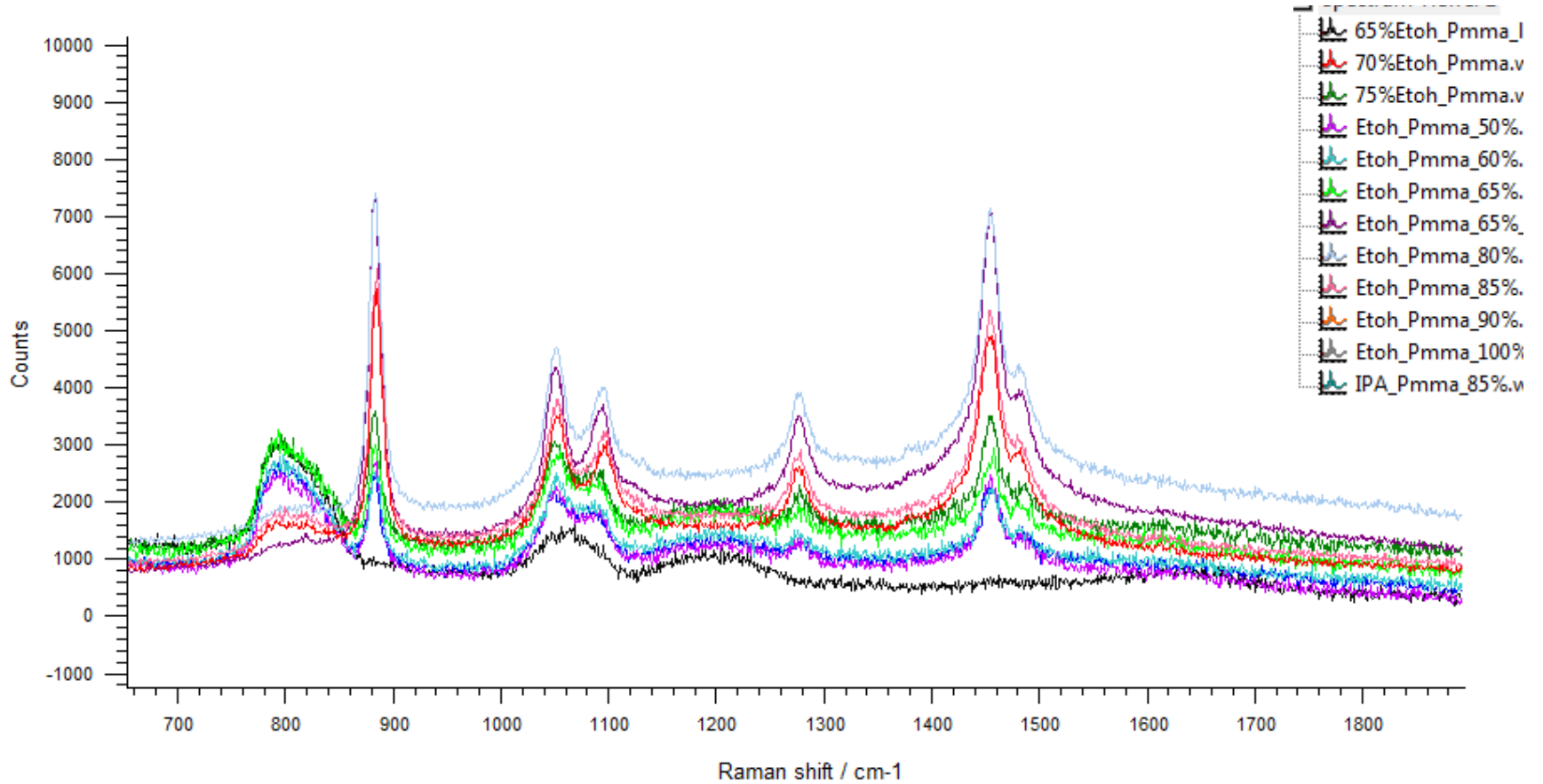
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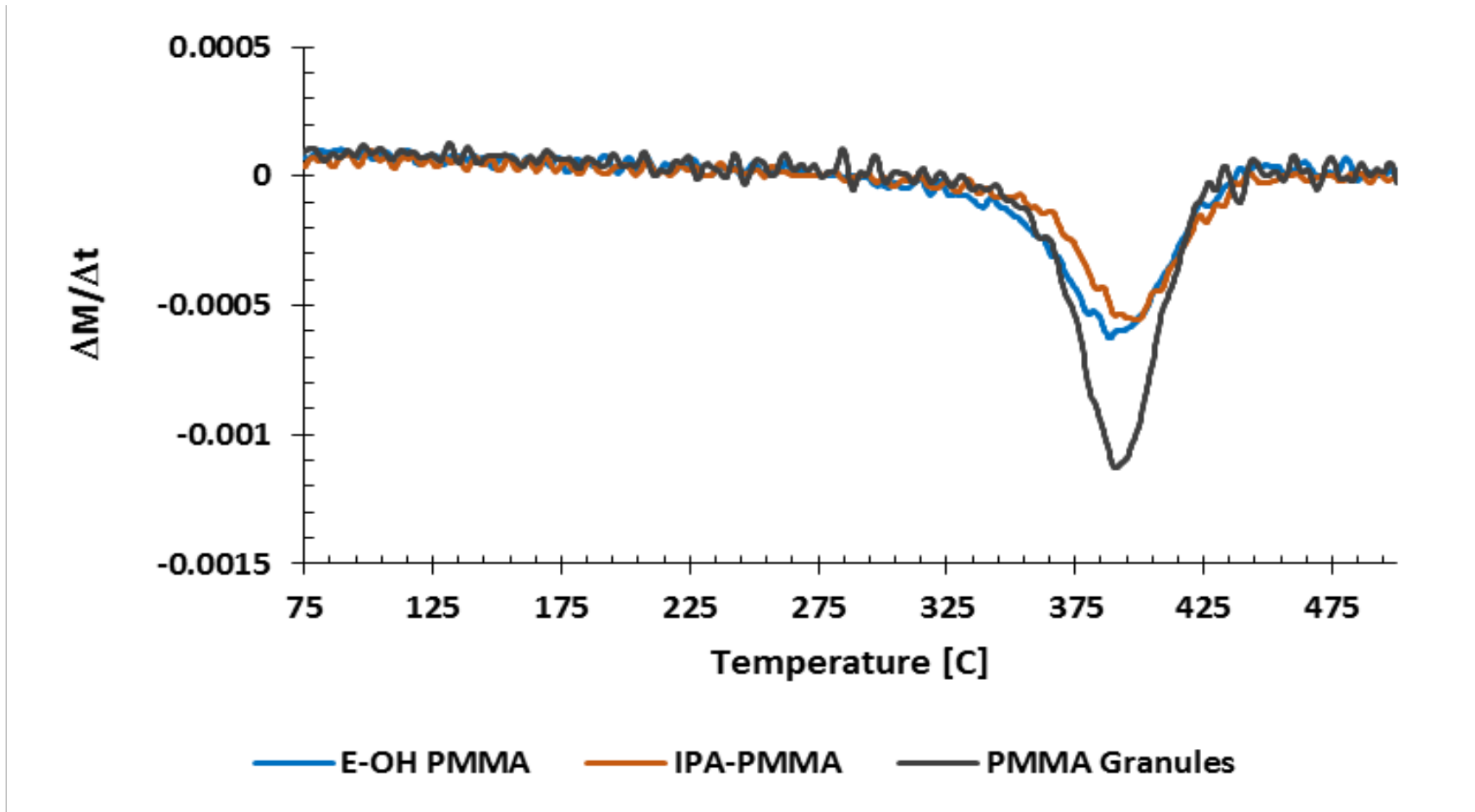
CH and OH stretching bands Etoh



700-1800 Etoh-PMMA



TGA data



Conclusions

- 75%IPA-Water is the ideal ratio for dissolution of PMMA particles.
- 80% Ethanol-Water is ideal for dissolution of PMMA.
- Future investigations may utilize Attenuated Total Reflection (ATR) Raman Spectroscopy and Fourier Transform Infrared Spectroscopy (FTIR).
- There new states in the dissolved PMMA that fluoresce when illuminated with the 514 nm (green) laser which were not observed before.
- Thermal decomposition is different. PMMA decomposes at lower temperatures when dissolved in ethanol-water than the other samples.

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Questions?