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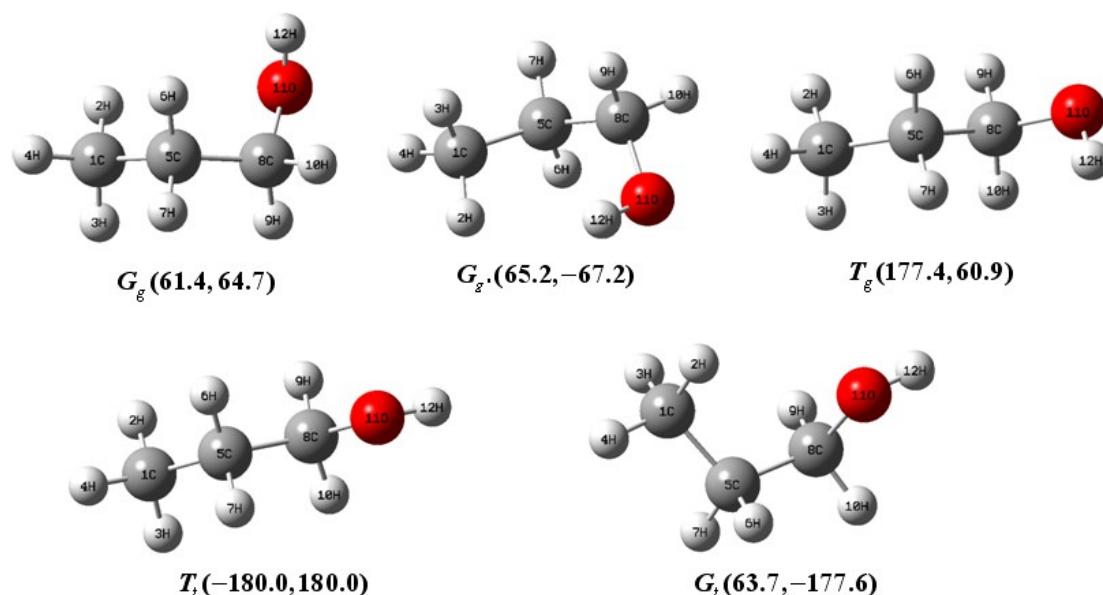
### C<sub>β</sub>-H stretching vibration as a new probe for conformation of n-propanol in gaseous and liquid States

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**Figure S1.** Geometry structures and labeling of atoms of n-propanol in the five conformers. The plane in n-propanol refers to C1-C5-C8-O11.

Table S1. The calculated vibrational frequencies ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) and Raman activities and depolarization ratio ( $\rho$ ) as well as potential energy distribution (PED) analysis for five conformers of  $\text{CD}_3\text{CH}_2\text{CD}_2\text{OH}$  in the C-H bending (1400-1500  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) and C-H stretching (2800-3100  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) and OH stretching (3600-3700  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) regions.

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Mode Description	v <sub>cal</sub> <sup>a</sup>	Activity ( $\rho$ )	PED(%) <sup>b</sup>	v <sub>cal</sub> <sup>a</sup>	Activity ( $\rho$ )	PED(%) <sup>b</sup>	v <sub>cal</sub> <sup>a</sup>	Activity ( $\rho$ )	PED(%) <sup>b</sup>	v <sub>cal</sub> <sup>a</sup>	Activity ( $\rho$ )	PED(%) <sup>b</sup>	v <sub>cal</sub> <sup>a</sup>	Activity ( $\rho$ )	PED(%) <sup>b</sup>
$\beta\text{-CH}_2$ bending	1442.9	7.7	95 $\delta$ (C5H <sub>2</sub> )	1456.6	7.5	95 $\delta$ (C5H <sub>2</sub> )	1437.8	7.7	95 $\delta$ (C5H <sub>2</sub> )	1439.4	7.8	95 $\delta$ (C5H <sub>2</sub> )	1459.9	7.7	95 $\delta$ (C5H <sub>2</sub> )
$\beta\text{-CH}_2\text{-SS}$	2918.4 (0.08)	135.2	76v(C5H7)+23v(C5H6)	2923.1 (0.10)	118.8	88v(C5H7)+12v(C5H6)	2936.1 (0.08)	142.4	72v(C5H7)+28v(C5H6)	2939.9 (0.07)	134.7	63v(C5H7)+36v(C5H6)	2949.9 (0.06)	129.9	50v(C5H7)+50v(C5H6)
$\beta\text{-CH}_2\text{-AS}$	2951.6 (0.59)	85.3	76v(C5H6)-24v(C5H7)	2972.3 (0.49)	80.1	87v(C5H6)-12v(C5H7)	2974.1 (0.66)	77.8	71v(C5H6)-28v(C5H7)	2973.1 (0.7)	75.3	63v(C5H6)-37v(C5H7)	2983.4 (0.75)	72.3	50v(C5H6) - 50v(C5H7)
OH stretching	3661.2 (0.21)	74.8	100v(OH)	3663.1 (0.21)	75.9	100v(OH)	3674.8 (0.18)	57.5	100v(OH)	3681.3 (0.25)	112.6	100v(OH)	3678.7 (0.26)	125.6	100v(OH)

<sup>a</sup> Scale factors of 0.973 for C-H bending and stretching regions and of 0.956 for O-H stretching region. <sup>b</sup> potential energy terms higher than 5% are included.

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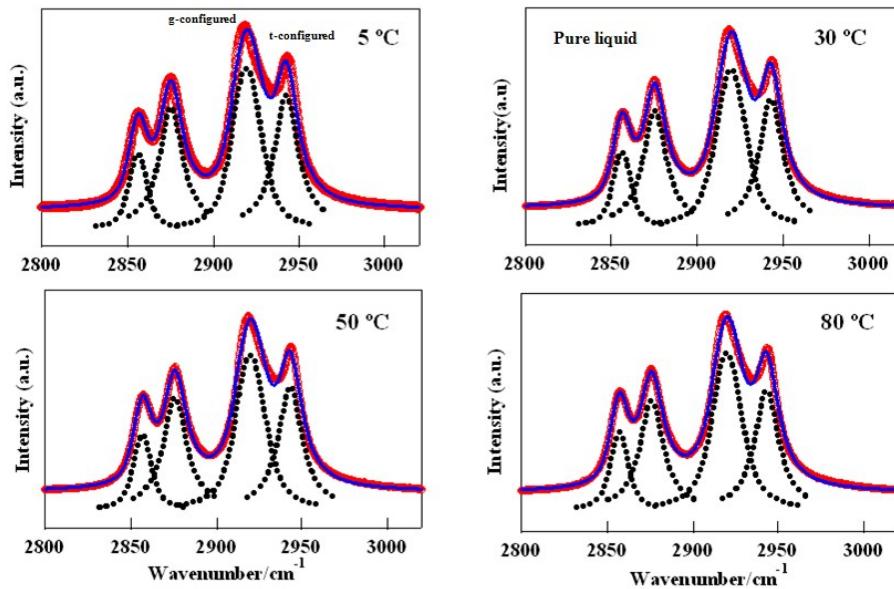
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Mode	$\nu_{\text{cal}}^{\text{a}}$	Raman activity	PED(%) <sup>b</sup>	$\nu_{\text{cal}}^{\text{a}}$	Raman activity	PED(%) <sup>b</sup>	$\nu_{\text{cal}}^{\text{a}}$	Raman activity	PED(%) <sup>b</sup>	$\nu_{\text{cal}}^{\text{a}}$	Raman activity	PED(%)	$\nu_{\text{cal}}^{\text{a}}$	Raman activity	PED(%) <sup>b</sup>
$\beta\text{-CH}_2$ bending	1441.6	0.6	86 $\delta$ (C5H <sub>2</sub> )	1449.6	18.6	70 $\delta$ (C5H <sub>2</sub> )+ 18 $\beta_3$ (C1H <sub>3</sub> ) +8 $\delta$ (C8H <sub>2</sub> )	1437.1	10.2	89 $\delta$ (C5H <sub>2</sub> )	1438.1	10.7	90 $\delta$ (C5H <sub>2</sub> )	1453.1	18.0	66 $\delta$ (C5H <sub>2</sub> )+26 $\beta_2$ (C1H <sub>3</sub> )
out-of-plane $\gamma\text{-CH}_3$ bending	1454.1	12.4	71 $\beta_2$ (C1H <sub>3</sub> )+17 $\delta$ (C8H <sub>2</sub> )	1460.8	7.2	89 $\beta_2$ (C1H <sub>3</sub> )	1470.3	2.2	52 $\beta_2$ (C1H <sub>3</sub> )-23 $\beta_3$ (C1H <sub>3</sub> ) -16 $\delta$ (C8H <sub>2</sub> )	1454.5	11.0	78 $\beta_2$ (C1H <sub>3</sub> )+6 $\delta$ (C8H <sub>2</sub> )+6 $\beta_3$ (C1H <sub>3</sub> )	1461.3	7.5	91 $\beta_2$ (C1H <sub>3</sub> )
in-plane $\gamma\text{-CH}_3$ bending	1467.9	5.3	61 $\beta_3$ (C1H <sub>3</sub> )-22 $\delta$ (C8H <sub>2</sub> )	1462.7	0.3	52 $\beta_3$ (C1H <sub>3</sub> )-33 $\delta$ (C8H <sub>2</sub> ) -5 $\delta$ (C5H <sub>2</sub> )	1456.2	10.3	37 $\beta_2$ (C1H <sub>3</sub> )+28 $\delta$ (C8H <sub>2</sub> ) +25 $\beta_3$ (C1H <sub>3</sub> )	1468.4	4.0	77 $\beta_3$ (C1H <sub>3</sub> )-7 $\beta_2$ (C1H <sub>3</sub> )	1466.6	0.3	52 $\beta_3$ (C1H <sub>3</sub> )-19 $\delta$ (C5H <sub>2</sub> ) -19 $\delta$ (C8H <sub>2</sub> )
$\alpha\text{-CH}_2$ bending	1466.7	0.6	61 $\delta$ (C8H <sub>2</sub> )-16 $\beta_2$ (C1H <sub>3</sub> )+14 $\beta_3$ (C1H <sub>3</sub> )	1475.4	3.2	57 $\delta$ (C8H <sub>2</sub> )-22 $\delta$ (C5H <sub>2</sub> )+13 $\beta_3$ (C1H <sub>3</sub> )	1463.3	6.5	55 $\delta$ (C8H <sub>2</sub> )-34 $\beta_3$ (C1H <sub>3</sub> )	1476.8	4.8	88 $\delta$ (C8H <sub>2</sub> )	1482.6	4.5	74 $\delta$ (C8H <sub>2</sub> )-13 $\delta$ (C5H <sub>2</sub> ) +5 $\beta_2$ (C1H <sub>3</sub> )
$\alpha\text{-CH}_2\text{-SS}$	2907.2	69.1	69 $\nu$ (C8H10)- 17 $\nu$ (C5H6)-10 $\nu$ (C5H7)	2898.2	115.8	95 $\nu$ (C8H10)	2897.3	126.5	95 $\nu$ (C8H9)	2891.2	130.5	70 $\nu$ (C8H9)+29 $\nu$ (C8H10)	2889.2	127.1	50 $\nu$ (C8H10)+49 $\nu$ (C8H9)
$\alpha\text{-CH}_2\text{-AS}$	2988.5	57.6	86 $\nu$ (C5C8)-5 $\nu$ (C8H10)	2989.7	30.2	66 $\nu$ (C8H9)+15 $\nu$ (C1H3)-14 $\nu$ (C1H2)	2999.2	91.0	80 $\nu$ (C8H10)+6 $\nu$ (C1H2) -5 $\nu$ (C1H4)	2920.2	103.9	59 $\nu$ (C8H10)-26 $\nu$ (C8H9) -9 $\nu$ (C5H6)-5 $\nu$ (C5H7)	2914.9	105.3	48 $\nu$ (C8H9)-47 $\nu$ (C8H10)
$\gamma\text{-CH}_3\text{-SS}$	2943.4	121.1	47 $\nu$ (C1H3)+ 25 $\nu$ (C1H4)+13 $\nu$ (C1H2)-11 $\nu$ (C5H7)	2940.6	163.8	41 $\nu$ (C1H3)+ 36 $\nu$ (C1H2)+21 $\nu$ (C1H4)	2935.8	40.7	35 $\nu$ (C1H3)-21 $\nu$ (C5H7)+21 $\nu$ (C1H2)+16 $\nu$ (C1H4)+-6 $\nu$ (C5H6)	2941.0	65.7	45 $\nu$ (C1H3)+25 $\nu$ (C1H4)-15 $\nu$ (C5H7)+11 $\nu$ (C1H2)	2938.9	204.1	40 $\nu$ (C1H2)+39 $\nu$ (C1H3) +18 $\nu$ (C1H4)
$\beta\text{-CH}_2\text{-SS}$	2920.1	222.5	62 $\nu$ (C5H6)+22 $\nu$ (C8H10) +9 $\nu$ (C5H7)+ 5 $\nu$ (C8H9)	2921.4	153.7	87 $\nu$ (C5H7)+ 10 $\nu$ (C5H6)	2934.2	254.8	49 $\nu$ (C5H7)+22 $\nu$ (C5H6)+13 $\nu$ (C1H3)+13 $\nu$ (C1H2)	2942.2	249.2	44 $\nu$ (C5H7)+26 $\nu$ (C5H6) +13 $\nu$ (C1H3)+9 $\nu$ (C8H10)	2948.8	80.9	48 $\nu$ (C5H7)+48 $\nu$ (C5H6)
$\beta\text{-CH}_2\text{-AS}$	2950.2	159.5	66 $\nu$ (C5H7)-14 $\nu$ (C5H6)+ 8 $\nu$ (C1H2)	2966.1	112.0	73 $\nu$ (C5H6)-10 $\nu$ (C8H9) -6 $\nu$ (C5H7)	2968.5	111.2	54 $\nu$ (C5H6)-20 $\nu$ (C5H7)-14 $\nu$ (C1H2)+9 $\nu$ (C1H3)	2971.0	86.5	54 $\nu$ (C5H6)-32 $\nu$ (C5H7) -6 $\nu$ (C5H7)-5 $\nu$ (C1H4)	2976.2	99.5	29 $\nu$ (C5H6)-29 $\nu$ (C5H7) +19 $\nu$ (C1H3)-19 $\nu$ (C1H2)
out-of-plane $\gamma\text{-CH}_3\text{-AS}$	3001.4	66.8	48 $\nu$ (C1H4)-42 $\nu$ (C1H3)	3001.9	43.3	31 $\nu$ (C1H2)-30 $\nu$ (C1H3)+18 $\nu$ (C8H9)	3004.5	95.8	75 $\nu$ (C1H4)-12 $\nu$ (C1H3) -5 $\nu$ (C5H6)	3023.2	38.6	78 $\nu$ (C1H2)-14 $\nu$ (C1H4)	3001.1	5.38	31 $\nu$ (C1H2)-30 $\nu$ (C1H3) -19 $\nu$ (C5H7)+19 $\nu$ (C5H6)

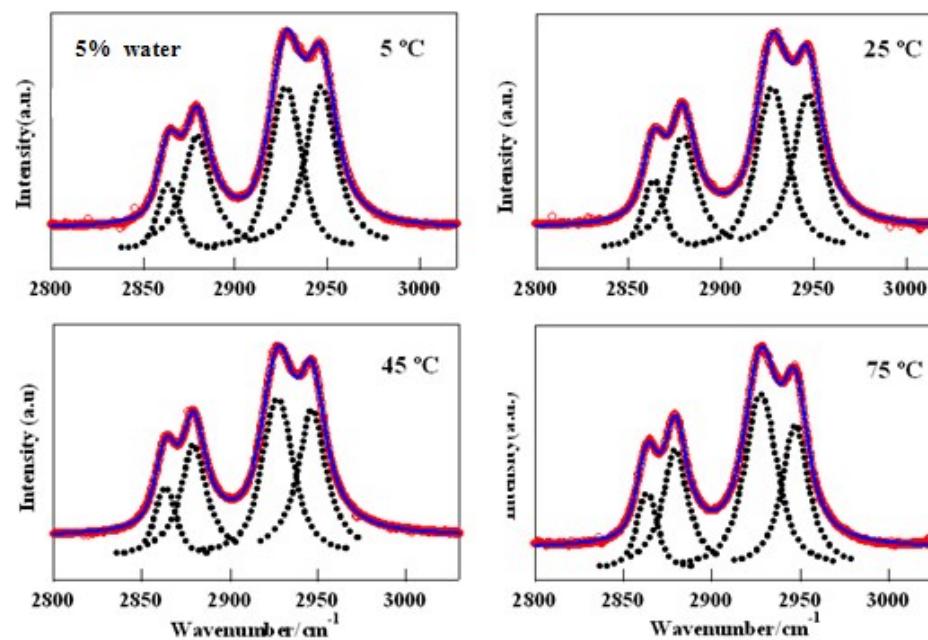
in-plane $\gamma$ -CH <sub>3</sub> -AS	3018.3	41.4	74v(C1H2)-18v(C1H4) - 5v(C1H3)	3008.0	80.7	77v(C1H4)-12v(C1H2) +10 v(C1H3)	2994.6	14.5	40v(C1H2)- 31v(C1H3)+11v(C5H6)- 9v(C8H10)+ -8v(C5H7)	2998.9	63.2	54v(C1H4)-36v(C1H3) +8v(C5H6)	3007.6	82.0	78v(C1H4)-10v(C1H3) -10v(C1H2)
OH stretching	3724.1	73.3	100v(O11H12)	3725.8	74.5	100v(O11H12)	3737.5	56.1	100v(OH)	3744.2	112.6	100v(OH)	3741.5	125.6	100v(O11H12)

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**Figure S2.** The temperature-dependent Raman spectra of liquid  $\text{CD}_3\text{CH}_2\text{CD}_2\text{OH}$  in pure liquid state fitted with four Voigt profiles.



**Figure S3.** The temperature-dependent Raman spectra of liquid  $\text{CD}_3\text{CH}_2\text{CD}_2\text{OH}$  in 5% water solution fitted with four Voigt profiles.