

# Electronic Supplementary Information

## Spectroscopic and Theoretical Study in the Near-Infrared Region of Low Concentration Aliphatic Alcohols

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## Part I. TABLES

Table S 1. PED table for methanol (CPCM-B2PLYP-D/SNST). Negative value of a percentage of a coordinate indicates opposite phase of vibration.

Mode	$\nu_{\text{harm}}$ [cm <sup>-1</sup> ]	$\nu_{\text{anh}}$ [cm <sup>-1</sup> ]	Int [km mol <sup>-1</sup> ]	Coordinate	Contrib. [%]	Coordinate	Contrib. [%]	Coordinate	Contrib. [%]
1	3839.7	3659.8	32.62	$\nu\text{OH}$	100				
2	3154.7	3013.0	22.86	$\nu_{\text{as}}\text{CH}_3$	90				
3	3089.4	2927.9	48.35	$\nu_{\text{as}}'\text{CH}_3$	100				
4	3030.3	2843.7	59.55	$\nu_{\text{s}}\text{CH}_3$	100				
5	1524.0	1479.5	5.12	$\delta_{\text{as}}'\text{CH}_3$	64	$\delta_{\text{as}}\text{CH}_3$	21	$\delta_{\text{rock}}\text{CH}_3$	-12
6	1513.8	1473.8	2.85	$\delta_{\text{as}}\text{CH}_3$	70	$\delta_{\text{as}}'\text{CH}_3$	-24	$\delta_{\text{rock}}'\text{CH}_3$	-6
7	1490.2	1458.2	3.64	$\delta_{\text{s}}\text{CH}_3$	95				
8	1372.8	1323.2	23.42	OH ip bend.	63	$\delta_{\text{rock}}\text{CH}_3$	30	$\delta_{\text{as}}'\text{CH}_3$	5
9	1182.1	1153.5	0.39	$\delta_{\text{rock}}'\text{CH}_3$	95				
10	1081.9	1067.0	3.67	$\delta_{\text{rock}}\text{CH}_3$	52	OH ip bend.	-30	$\nu\text{CO}$	-16
11	1045.7	1016.1	116.1	$\nu\text{CO}$	76	OH ip bend.	-15	$\delta_{\text{rock}}\text{CH}_3$	8
12	291.6	236.4	105.52	$\tau\text{CO}$ (OH oop bend.)	99				

**Table S 2. Calculated first overtones of fundamental modes of methanol (B2PLYP-D/SNST).**

1st Overtone of mode	$\nu_{\text{harm}}$ [cm <sup>-1</sup> ]	$\nu_{\text{anh}}$ [cm <sup>-1</sup> ]	Int [km mol <sup>-1</sup> ]	Main coordinate
1	7679.4	7148.2	3.66	$\nu_{\text{OH}}$
2	6309.4	5923.9	0.39	$\nu_{\text{as}} \text{CH}_3$
3	6178.7	5823.7	0.45	$\nu_{\text{as}'} \text{CH}_3$
4	6060.5	5729.0	0.03	$\nu_{\text{s}} \text{CH}_3$
5	3048.0	2977.2	0.26	$\delta_{\text{as}'} \text{CH}_3$
7	2980.4	2944.9	1.23	$\delta_{\text{as}} \text{CH}_3$
6	3027.6	2929.5	0.81	$\delta_{\text{s}} \text{CH}_3$
8	2745.7	2633.0	1.06	OH ip bend.
9	2364.2	2302.2	0.03	$\delta_{\text{rock}'} \text{CH}_3$
10	2163.8	2131.9	0.43	$\delta_{\text{rock}} \text{CH}_3$
11	2091.3	2019.5	1.79	$\nu_{\text{CO}}$
12	583.1	410.8	2.90	$\tau_{\text{CO}}$ (OH oop bend.)

**Table S 3. Calculated combination modes of methanol (CPCM-B2PLYP-D/SNST). Intensities in [km mol<sup>-1</sup>].**

Modes	$\nu_{\text{harm}}$ [cm <sup>-1</sup> ]	$\nu_{\text{anh}}$ [cm <sup>-1</sup> ]	Int	Modes	$\nu_{\text{harm}}$ [cm <sup>-1</sup> ]	$\nu_{\text{anh}}$ [cm <sup>-1</sup> ]	Int	Modes	$\nu_{\text{harm}}$ [cm <sup>-1</sup> ]	$\nu_{\text{anh}}$ [cm <sup>-1</sup> ]	Int
2+1	6994.4	6670.3	0.03	7+4	4520.5	4330.4	0.06	9+5	2706.1	2624.5	0.13
3+1	6929.1	6606.8	0.01	8+3	4462.2	4271.4	0.03	9+6	2695.9	2621.1	0.12
4+1	6870.0	6548.1	0.10	8+4	4403.1	4215.3	0.15	9+7	2672.3	2604.4	0.16
3+2	6244.0	5949.5	0.22	9+2	4336.8	4164.8	0.02	10+5	2605.9	2543.6	0.18
4+2	6184.9	5874.0	0.05	9+3	4271.5	4099.3	0.07	10+6	2595.7	2537.9	0.01
4+3	6119.6	5723.5	0.37	10+2	4236.6	4080.2	0.03	10+7	2572.1	2520.1	0.00
5+1	5363.7	5139.0	0.04	9+4	4212.4	4037.4	0.22	11+5	2569.7	2491.7	0.03
6+1	5353.5	5132.3	0.00	11+2	4200.4	4029.6	0.21	11+6	2559.5	2487.8	0.01
7+1	5329.9	5116.6	0.19	10+3	4171.3	4011.6	0.14	11+7	2535.9	2467.3	0.00
8+1	5212.5	4975.2	0.75	11+3	4135.0	3968.0	0.53	9+8	2554.9	2465.3	0.03
9+1	5021.8	4812.1	0.01	10+4	4112.2	3954.8	0.17	10+8	2454.8	2381.4	0.69
10+1	4921.6	4720.5	0.14	11+4	4075.9	3908.1	0.63	11+8	2418.5	2328.4	0.49
11+1	4885.4	4673.8	0.01	12+1	4131.3	3902.0	0.29	10+9	2264.0	2216.4	0.01
5+2	4678.7	4486.0	0.29	12+2	3446.3	3240.0	0.04	11+9	2227.8	2161.6	0.13
6+2	4668.5	4473.6	0.22	12+3	3380.9	3192.0	0.39	11+10	2127.6	2075.1	0.65
7+2	4644.9	4465.3	0.50	12+4	3321.8	3128.9	0.11	12+6	1805.4	1713.5	0.08
6+3	4603.1	4410.5	0.34	6+5	3037.8	2971.0	0.12	12+5	1815.6	1711.8	0.00
7+3	4579.6	4401.8	0.39	7+5	3014.2	2935.4	0.46	12+7	1781.8	1696.6	0.02
5+3	4613.3	4401.6	0.47	7+6	3004.0	2927.1	1.80	12+8	1664.4	1540.8	0.03
6+4	4544.0	4346.4	0.62	8+5	2896.8	2797.6	0.84	12+9	1473.7	1396.8	2.18
5+4	4554.2	4345.7	0.29	8+6	2886.6	2791.6	0.34	12+10	1373.5	1319.4	0.00
8+2	4527.5	4333.9	0.22	8+7	2863.1	2774.8	0.53	12+11	1337.2	1252.4	0.36

**Table S 4. Calculated DFT-B3LYP and DFT-B2PLYP frequencies of selected overtones and combination modes of methanol. All values in [cm<sup>-1</sup>].**

	B2PLYP/aVDZ	B2PLYP/aVTZ	B2PLYP/aVQZ	B2PLYPD/aVDZ	B2PLYPD/aVTZ	B2PLYPD/aVQZ	B2PLYPD3/aVDZ	B2PLYPD3/aVTZ	B2PLYPD3/aVQZ
$\nu_{02}\text{OH}$	7134.4	7170.6	7184.7	7135.2	7171.2	7185.4	7133.6	7170.2	7185.0
$\nu_{\text{as}}\text{CH}_3 + \nu\text{OH}$	6660.1	6674.0	6682.3	6650.7	6664.2	6672.6	6656.5	6670.8	6678.6
$\nu_{\text{s}}\text{CH}_3 + \nu\text{OH}$	6537.4	6555.9	6563.0	6527.8	6544.9	6551.9	6533.7	6552.1	6558.8
(1) $\delta_{\text{as}}\text{CH}_3 + \nu\text{OH}$ and (2) $\delta_{\text{s}}\text{CH}_3 + \nu\text{OH}$	5087.5	5126.2	5136.6	5087.5	5125.7	5136.0	5086.9	5125.8	5135.1
$\delta_{\text{p}}\text{OH} + \nu\text{OH}$	4964.2	4984.2	4994.5	4963.3	4983.3	4993.6	4963.3	4983.7	4993.1
$\delta_{\text{rock}}\text{CH}_3 + \nu\text{OH}$	4705.2	4730.9	4741.6	4705.3	4731.8	4742.7	4705.0	4731.0	4740.5
$\delta_{\text{as}}\text{CH}_3 + \nu'_{\text{as}}\text{CH}_3$	4380.8	4396.3	4397.7	4369.1	4383.5	4385.0	4377.6	4392.3	4391.7
$\nu\text{C-O} + \nu'_{\text{as}}\text{CH}_3$	3965.8	3965.1	3969.2	3952.4	3951.8	3956.4	3960.3	3959.3	3961.5
(1) $\nu\text{C-O} + \nu'_{\text{as}}\text{CH}_3$ and (2) $\tau\text{C-O} + \nu\text{OH}$	3900.9	3910.4	3915.2	3889.4	3897.4	3912.5	3894.9	3905.8	3907.6
<b>RMSD</b>	37.7	51.5	58.8	32.8	46.1	54.8	35.3	49.4	56.1

	B3LYP/aVDZ	B3LYP/aVTZ	B3LYP/aVQZ	B3LYPD3/aVDZ	B3LYPD3/aVTZ	B3LYPD3/aVQZ	Exp. val.
$\nu_{02}\text{OH}$	7106.8	7136.4	7143.7	7104.9	7135.4	7142.5	7118.3
$\nu_{\text{as}}\text{CH}_3 + \nu\text{OH}$	6609.5	6622.2	6622.9	6602.9	6616.7	6617.1	6582.1
$\nu_{\text{s}}\text{CH}_3 + \nu\text{OH}$	6499.0	6508.1	6507.9	6492.0	6501.4	6500.8	6476.6
(1) $\delta_{\text{as}}\text{CH}_3 + \nu\text{OH}$ and (2) $\delta_{\text{s}}\text{CH}_3 + \nu\text{OH}$	5062.6	5101.7	5104.7	5060.9	5101.0	5103.5	5088.0
$\delta_{\text{p}}\text{OH} + \nu\text{OH}$	4942.1	4962.5	4965.3	4940.5	4961.3	4963.8	4961.0
$\delta_{\text{rock}}\text{CH}_3 + \nu\text{OH}$	4686.2	4711.0	4712.4	4685.0	4710.8	4711.5	4706.2
$\delta_{\text{as}}\text{CH}_3 + \nu'_{\text{as}}\text{CH}_3$	4325.4	4343.9	4339.8	4313.8	4337.4	4332.6	4390.4
$\nu\text{C-O} + \nu'_{\text{as}}\text{CH}_3$	3924.7	3921.1	3916.3	3914.5	3911.6	3906.1	3958.4
(1) $\nu\text{C-O} + \nu'_{\text{as}}\text{CH}_3$ and (2) $\tau\text{C-O} + \nu\text{OH}$	3877.8	3885.2	3870.2	3866.8	3875.2	3858.1	3849.8
<b>RMSD</b>	31.5	29.7	30.5	34.2	29.7	31.3	

**Table S 5. Frequency errors ( $\nu_{\text{exp}}/\nu_{\text{calc}}$ ) calculated on the basis of selected overtones and combination modes of methanol.**

Vibrational mode	Group <sup>a)</sup>	MP2/ aVTZ	MP2/ aVQZ	MP2/ SNST	MP2/ 6-31G(d,p)	B3LYP/ 6-31G(d,p)	B3LYP/ N07D	B3LYP/ SNST	B3LYP-D3/ SNST	B2PLYP/ N07D	B2PLYP/ SNSD	B2PLYP/ SNST	B2PLYP-D/ SNST
$\nu_{02}\text{OH}$	1	0.9833	0.9817	0.9921	0.9776	1.0016	0.9955	1.0007	1.0009	0.9895	0.9905	0.9958	0.9959
$\nu_{\text{as}}\text{CH}_3 + \nu\text{OH}$	1	0.9746	0.9722	0.9786	0.9631	0.9938	0.9912	1.0054	0.9983	0.9812	0.9839	0.9868	0.9883
$\nu_{\text{s}}\text{CH}_3 + \nu\text{OH}$	1	0.9751	0.9749	0.9819	0.9692	0.9985	0.9930	0.9970	1.0003	0.9836	0.9854	0.9891	0.9908
(1) $\delta_{\text{as}}\text{CH}_3 + \nu\text{OH}$ and (2) $\delta_{\text{s}}\text{CH}_3 + \nu\text{OH}$	1	0.9847	0.9840	0.9908	0.9725	0.9962	0.9959	1.0003	1.0008	0.9885	0.9909	0.9944	0.9947
$\delta_{\text{ip}}\text{OH} + \nu\text{OH}$	1	0.9880	0.9871	0.9943	0.9754	0.9968	0.9975	1.0025	1.0032	0.9907	0.9929	0.9972	0.9975
$\delta_{\text{rock}}\text{CH}_3 + \nu\text{OH}$	1	0.9860	0.9845	0.9933	0.9765	0.9987	0.9974	1.0022	1.0023	0.9909	0.9930	0.9970	0.9970
	<b>Group 1 average</b>	<b>0.982</b>	<b>0.9807</b>	<b>0.9885</b>	<b>0.9724</b>	<b>0.9976</b>	<b>0.9951</b>	<b>1.0013</b>	<b>1.001</b>	<b>0.9874</b>	<b>0.9895</b>	<b>0.9934</b>	<b>0.9940</b>
$\delta_{\text{as}}\text{CH}_3 + \nu'_{\text{as}}\text{CH}_3$	2	0.9827	0.9785	0.9810	0.9665	1.0090	1.0086	1.0110	1.0166	0.9927	0.9979	0.9975	1.0004
$\nu\text{C-O} + \nu'_{\text{as}}\text{CH}_3$	2	0.9811	0.9760	0.9813	0.9661	1.0064	1.0041	1.0099	1.0168	0.9903	0.9947	0.9976	1.0011
(1) $\nu\text{C-O} + \nu'_{\text{as}}\text{CH}_3$ and (2) $\tau\text{C-O} + \nu\text{OH}$	2	0.9581	0.9716	0.9769	0.9581	0.9898	0.9898	0.9905	0.9948	0.9785	0.9853	0.9887	0.9859
	<b>Group 2 average</b>	<b>0.9739</b>	<b>0.9754</b>	<b>0.9797</b>	<b>0.9635</b>	<b>1.0017</b>	<b>1.0008</b>	<b>1.0038</b>	<b>1.0094</b>	<b>0.9872</b>	<b>0.9926</b>	<b>0.9946</b>	<b>0.9958</b>

a) Arbitrary grouping of bands for comparison purposes. Group 1 includes selected combination bands involving  $\nu\text{OH}$  mode; group 2 includes selected combination bands without  $\nu\text{OH}$  mode.

**Table S 6. PED table for *gauche* conformer of ethanol (CPCM-B2PLPY-D/SNST). Negative value of a percentage of a coordinate indicates opposite phase of vibration.**

Mode	Freq. [cm <sup>-1</sup> ]		Natural Coordinate Contribution (>5%)																	
	Harm	Anh.	Coordinate	C.	Coordinate	C.	Coordinate	C.	Coordinate	C.	Coordinate	C.	Coordinate	C.	Coordinate	C.	Coordinate	C.		
21	259.9	257.6	OH ip bend.	90%	C-C tors.	7%														
20	279.1	233.3	C-C tors.	86%	OH ip bend.	-9%														
19	422.2	423.9	CH2 sciss.	76%	CH3 rock.	-17%														
18	805.1	808.6	CH2 rock.	44%	CH3 rock.'	-40%	CH2 twist.	11%												
17	884.0	867.0	C-O str.	35%	C-C str.	29%	CH3 rock.	27%	CH2 wagg.	5%										
16	1062.5	1027.7	C-O str.	57%	C-C str.	-37%														
15	1069.0	1052.0	C-O tors. (OH oop bend.)	31%	CH3 rock.	22%	C-C str.	-10%	CH2 rock.	9%	CH3 rock.'	9%	CH2 twist.	-8%						
14	1134.8	1111.2	CH3 rock.	25%	CH2 rock.	-19%	CH3 rock.'	-13%	CH2 sciss.	9%	C-O str.	-9%	CH2 twist.	7%	C-O tors. (OH oop bend.)	-6%	C-C str.	-6%		
13	1286.2	1254.7	CH2 twist.	36%	C-O tors. (OH oop bend.)	-22%	CH3 rock.'	19%	CH2 rock.	13%	CH3 asym.def.	5%								
12	1374.8	1334.0	CH2 twist.	38%	C-O tors. (OH oop bend.)	27%	CH2 wagg.	23%												
11	1406.3	1378.9	CH3 sym. def.	71%	CH2 wagg.	17%														
10	1424.6	1392.8	CH2 wagg.	53%	CH3 sym. def.	-21%	C-C str.	-10%	C-O tors. (OH oop bend.)	-7%										
9	1489.3	1451.7	CH3 asym.def.'	57%	CH3 asym.def.'	-32%	CH3 rock.'	-9%												
8	1493.8	1454.0	CH3 asym.def.'	47%	CH3 asym.def.	26%	CH2 sciss.	-17%	CH3 rock.	-5%										
7	1522.1	1486.9	CH2 sciss.	82%	CH3 asym.def.'	8%														
6	3029.1	2884.7	CH2 symm. str.	95%																
5	3032.4	2932.7	CH2 as. str.	95%																
4	3100.5	2960.2	CH3 symm. str.	95%																
3	3117.6	2976.8	CH3 as.' str.	97%																
2	3128.9	2984.7	CH3 as. str.	96%																
1	3813.0	3628.5	O-H str.	100%																

**Table S 7. PED table for *trans*conformer of ethanol (CPCM-B2PLPY-D/SNST). Negative value of a percentage of a coordinate indicates opposite phase of vibration.**

Mode	Freq. [cm <sup>-1</sup> ]		Natural Coordinates Contributions (>5%)							
	Harm.	Anh.	Coordinate	C.	Coordinate	C.	Coordinate	C.	Coordinate	C.
21	232.5	226.9	OH ip bend.	51%	C-C tors.	46%				
20	275.2	264.9	C-C tors.	51%	OH ip bend.	-45%				
19	419.9	415.3	CH2 sciss.	78%	CH3 rock.	-15%				
18	818.3	815.6	CH3 rock. <sup>1</sup>	43%	CH2 rock.	-40%	CH2 twist.	-13%		
17	893.9	877.4	C-O str.	41%	CH3 rock.	27%	C-C str.	23%	CH2 wagg.	6%
16	1038.3	1009.2	C-C str.	50%	C-O tors. (OH oop bend.)	19%	C-O str.	-16%	CH3 rock.	-9%
15	1091.0	1070.0	C-O str.	49%	CH3 rock.	-32%	C-O tors. (OH oop bend.)	6%	CH2 sciss.	-5%
14	1185.1	1160.2	CH2 rock.	54%	CH3 rock. <sup>1</sup>	28%	CH2 twist.	-11%		
13	1266.3	1235.6	C-O tors. (OH oop bend.)	58%	CH2 wagg.	-17%	CH3 rock.	10%	CH2 sciss.	5%
12	1305.9	1276.1	CH2 twist.	84%	CH3 rock. <sup>1</sup>	12%				
11	1408.1	1375.5	CH3 sym. def.	83%	CH2 wagg.	12%				
10	1455.2	1403.3	CH2 wagg.	59%	C-O tors. (OH oop bend.)	13%	C-C str.	-12%	CH3 sym. def.	-9%
9	1485.7	1445.4	CH3 asym.def.	68%	CH3 asym.def. <sup>1</sup>	-23%	CH3 rock. <sup>1</sup>	-9%		
8	1500.2	1461.4	CH3 asym.def. <sup>1</sup>	57%	CH3 asym.def.	19%	CH2 sciss.	-10%	CH3 rock.	-6%
7	1532.0	1490.1	CH2 sciss.	87%	CH3 asym.def. <sup>1</sup>	5%				
6	3017.0	2895.8	CH2 symm. str.	100%						
5	3043.7	2945.8	CH2 as. str.	100%						
4	3056.7	2917.3	CH3 symm. str.	96%						
3	3127.0	2984.1	CH3 as. <sup>1</sup> str.	100%						
2	3130.3	2985.9	CH3 as. str.	98%						
1	3825.6	3649.0	O-H str.	100%						

**Table S 8. Calculated first overtones of fundamental modes of *gauche* conformer of ethanol (CPCM-B2PLYP-D/SNST).**

1st overtone of mode	$\nu_{\text{harm}}$ [cm <sup>-1</sup> ]	$\nu_{\text{anh}}$ [cm <sup>-1</sup> ]	Int [km mol <sup>-1</sup> ]
1	7625.9	7084.4	2.43
2	6257.7	5919.1	0.13
3	6235.2	5913.1	0.16
4	6201.0	5882.4	0.04
5	6064.8	5783.0	0.00
6	6058.1	5700.9	0.42
7	3044.1	2982.4	0.99
8	2987.7	2911.5	0.10
9	2978.5	2863.3	0.33
10	2849.1	2765.7	0.67
11	2812.5	2743.4	0.06
12	2749.7	2654.7	0.54
13	2572.4	2505.9	0.19
14	2269.6	2223.1	0.04
15	2137.9	2102.6	0.26
16	2124.9	2046.6	0.36
17	1767.9	1731.8	0.20
18	1610.1	1627.7	0.11
19	844.4	849.4	0.03
20	558.1	405.5	3.05
21	519.8	507.3	0.06

**Table S 9. Calculated first overtones of fundamental modes of *trans* conformer of ethanol (CPCM-B2PLYP-D/SNST).**

1st Overtone of mode	$\nu_{\text{harm}}$ [cm <sup>-1</sup> ]	$\nu_{\text{anh}}$ [cm <sup>-1</sup> ]	Int [km mol <sup>-1</sup> ]
1	7651.1	7127.0	2.88
2	6260.6	5920.7	0.24
3	6254.0	5894.8	0.24
4	6113.3	5765.8	0.60
5	6087.4	5804.0	0.00
6	6034.0	5707.0	0.05
7	3064.0	2993.2	0.22
8	3000.5	2907.1	5.01
9	2971.4	2864.7	0.02
10	2910.4	2797.2	0.69
11	2816.2	2737.2	0.07
12	2611.9	2547.3	0.01
13	2532.6	2463.2	0.64
14	2370.2	2309.4	0.05
15	2182.1	2132.7	0.09
16	2076.6	2011.9	0.19
17	1787.8	1752.5	0.33
18	1636.5	1640.8	0.10
19	839.9	830.9	0.01
20	550.3	521.6	0.96
21	464.9	447.5	2.22

**Table S 10. Calculated combinational modes of *gauche* conformer of ethanol (CPCM-B2PLYP-D/SNST). Order of columns: modes in combination, anharmonic frequency [cm<sup>-1</sup>], intensity [km mol<sup>-1</sup>].**

2	1	6612.6	0.01	8	5	4349.1	0.09	11	6	4279.5	0.02	13	10	2636.7	0.04	15	10	2439.5	0.09	17	6	3767.7	0.10	18	15	1862.1	0.04	20	5	3141.4	0.01	21	11	1635.9	0.01
3	1	6604.0	0.00	8	6	4352.1	0.06	11	7	2862.8	0.11	13	11	2628.4	0.01	15	11	2427.1	0.05	17	7	2352.2	0.02	18	16	1835.6	0.01	20	6	3138.1	0.09	21	12	1589.5	0.01
3	2	5921.4	0.14	8	7	2952.0	0.33	11	8	2828.8	0.41	13	12	2583.0	0.36	15	12	2381.8	0.33	17	8	2319.8	0.01	18	17	1675.6	0.00	20	7	1721.6	0.01	21	13	1508.7	0.01
4	1	6587.0	0.03	9	1	5081.4	0.04	11	9	2828.3	0.14	14	1	4740.4	0.04	15	13	2303.4	0.20	17	9	2318.1	0.01	19	1	4052.6	0.01	20	8	1688.9	0.01	21	14	1372.9	0.09
4	2	5903.0	0.43	9	2	4430.7	0.08	11	10	2752.3	0.53	14	2	4094.9	0.14	15	14	2165.0	0.09	17	10	2254.4	0.33	19	2	3408.7	0.05	20	9	1688.9	0.05	21	15	1311.7	0.05
4	3	5870.9	0.48	9	3	4419.4	0.06	12	1	4955.6	0.25	14	3	4089.5	0.04	16	1	4656.9	0.02	17	11	2241.5	0.06	19	3	3400.5	0.16	20	10	1623.2	0.02	21	16	1286.8	0.30
5	1	6535.9	0.00	9	4	4406.4	0.12	12	2	4317.8	0.11	14	4	4072.9	0.03	16	2	4014.6	0.04	17	12	2198.4	0.01	19	4	3384.3	0.07	20	11	1612.4	0.05	21	17	1130.2	0.38
5	2	5843.3	0.04	9	5	4344.9	0.12	12	3	4309.9	0.02	14	5	4019.6	0.12	16	3	4006.3	0.05	17	13	2119.8	0.02	19	5	3332.0	0.00	20	12	1566.6	0.19	21	18	1073.4	0.03
5	3	5840.7	0.01	9	6	4355.1	0.01	12	4	4293.2	0.02	14	6	4010.1	0.42	16	4	3990.5	0.01	17	14	1977.1	0.01	19	6	3325.1	0.02	20	13	1493.3	0.28	21	19	687.0	0.06
5	4	5819.0	0.10	9	7	2938.0	1.92	12	5	4241.7	0.06	14	7	2596.3	0.02	16	5	3937.1	0.01	17	15	1917.0	0.01	19	7	1910.0	0.01	20	14	1350.0	0.73	21	20	486.6	0.74
6	1	6528.1	0.03	9	8	2905.3	0.30	12	6	4234.7	0.01	14	8	2565.2	0.02	16	6	3932.3	0.17	17	16	1888.7	1.24	19	8	1878.2	0.00	20	15	1301.1	0.03				
6	2	5869.8	0.08	10	1	5016.8	0.29	12	7	2817.7	0.42	14	9	2563.8	0.09	16	7	2514.1	0.04	18	1	4437.2	0.00	19	9	1878.2	0.01	20	16	1257.9	0.96				
6	3	5863.2	0.13	10	2	4374.0	0.01	12	8	2787.6	0.18	14	10	2500.6	0.03	16	8	2482.9	0.05	18	2	3790.8	0.01	19	10	1812.5	0.06	20	17	1099.4	0.02				
6	4	5843.5	0.15	10	3	4364.6	0.03	12	9	2786.9	0.02	14	11	2488.2	0.04	16	9	2481.4	0.01	18	3	3782.9	0.02	19	11	1801.6	0.03	20	18	1045.6	6.81				
6	5	5796.4	0.01	10	4	4350.4	0.01	12	10	2715.3	0.59	14	12	2439.3	0.16	16	10	2412.2	0.04	18	4	3765.9	0.13	19	12	1757.8	0.06	20	19	655.1	0.63				
7	1	5114.5	0.03	10	5	4305.6	0.03	12	11	2708.4	0.17	14	13	2365.6	0.06	16	11	2402.5	0.20	18	5	3715.4	0.03	19	13	1679.1	0.02	21	1	3885.5	0.11				
7	2	4466.5	0.02	10	6	4303.1	0.03	13	1	4878.2	0.11	15	1	4675.3	0.06	16	12	2357.9	0.10	18	6	3706.4	0.06	19	14	1537.7	0.03	21	2	3241.5	0.19				
7	3	4460.9	0.16	10	7	2874.6	0.48	13	2	4237.6	0.33	15	2	4036.0	0.05	16	13	2278.3	0.03	18	7	2292.7	0.04	19	15	1479.8	0.03	21	3	3235.0	0.18				
7	4	4443.8	0.35	10	8	2841.8	0.42	13	3	4229.2	0.25	15	3	4028.2	0.07	16	14	2136.0	0.10	18	8	2258.5	0.09	19	16	1450.6	0.31	21	4	3219.1	0.20				
7	5	4391.1	0.02	10	9	2839.9	0.39	13	4	4213.6	0.01	15	4	4010.8	0.01	16	15	2077.1	0.15	18	9	2259.9	0.03	19	17	1289.5	0.29	21	5	3162.7	0.02				
7	6	4367.2	0.33	11	1	5004.3	0.20	13	5	4161.4	0.22	15	5	3958.9	0.09	17	1	4495.0	0.01	18	10	2198.9	0.02	19	18	1232.2	0.02	21	6	3158.4	0.02				
8	1	5083.0	0.00	11	2	4357.0	0.26	13	6	4152.7	0.26	15	6	3952.7	0.09	17	2	3851.7	0.04	18	11	2185.9	0.09	20	1	3868.2	0.95	21	7	1745.1	0.02				
8	2	4427.9	0.16	11	3	4349.6	0.13	13	7	2737.5	0.10	15	7	2538.1	0.03	17	3	3842.5	0.06	18	12	2143.3	0.03	20	2	3216.2	0.02	21	8	1713.5	0.05				
8	3	4428.3	0.10	11	4	4333.3	0.27	13	8	2705.2	0.01	15	8	2505.9	0.02	17	4	3827.0	0.01	18	13	2061.3	0.07	20	3	3207.4	0.04	21	9	1711.7	0.11				
8	4	4408.3	0.05	11	5	4295.5	0.22	13	9	2705.0	0.07	15	9	2503.4	0.02	17	5	3774.1	0.05	18	14	1922.8	0.07	20	4	3190.8	0.07	21	10	1649.1	0.01				

**Table S 11. Calculated combinational modes of *trans* conformer of ethanol (B2PLYPD/SNST). Order of columns: modes in combination, anharmonic frequency [ $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ], intensity [ $\text{km mol}^{-1}$ ].**

2	1	6634.9	0.00	8	5	4367.7	0.10	11	6	4261.6	0.04	13	10	2639.0	0.44	15	10	2478.4	0.21	17	6	3762.0	0.14	18	15	1887.5	0.01	20	5	3181.6	0.00	21	11	1600.7	0.00		
3	1	6632.8	0.00	8	6	4353.9	0.03	11	7	2865.0	0.18	13	11	2608.8	0.00	15	11	2443.7	0.00	17	7	2365.7	0.02	18	16	1823.5	0.00	20	6	3154.4	0.02	21	12	1504.9	0.30		
3	2	5931.5	0.24	8	7	2962.2	0.09	11	8	2834.5	0.63	13	12	2511.4	0.02	15	12	2341.8	0.00	17	8	2338.3	0.01	18	17	1693.5	0.01	20	7	1753.8	0.03	21	13	1464.5	0.23		
4	1	6566.6	0.00	9	1	5094.2	0.00	11	9	2818.0	0.18	14	1	4804.2	0.00	15	13	2303.7	0.46	17	9	2320.7	0.01	19	1	4063.4	0.12	20	8	1727.9	0.04	21	14	1381.7	3.16		
4	2	5895.1	0.13	9	2	4422.5	0.15	11	10	2778.2	0.96	14	2	4139.2	0.12	15	14	2222.1	0.06	17	10	2288.1	0.07	19	2	3401.1	0.00	20	9	1709.3	0.05	21	15	1304.9	0.05		
4	3	5900.9	0.03	9	3	4411.3	0.13	12	1	4924.0	0.00	14	3	4138.3	0.05	16	1	4653.7	0.03	17	11	2250.9	0.12	19	3	3398.9	0.20	20	10	1674.3	0.00	21	16	1238.7	0.01		
5	1	6567.9	0.00	9	4	4363.2	0.04	12	2	4261.2	0.25	14	4	4074.4	0.11	16	2	3993.8	0.00	17	12	2152.3	0.01	19	4	3333.8	0.00	20	11	1639.8	0.02	21	17	1106.4	0.16		
5	2	5833.1	0.07	9	5	4346.5	0.13	12	3	4259.5	0.06	14	5	4073.6	0.15	16	3	3993.7	0.07	17	13	2110.3	0.14	19	5	3334.2	0.01	20	12	1540.8	0.04	21	18	1041.5	3.45		
5	3	5828.4	0.07	9	6	4328.7	0.01	12	4	4191.0	0.03	14	6	4035.3	0.30	16	4	3928.5	0.01	17	14	2030.9	0.00	19	6	3299.7	0.01	20	13	1503.7	0.03	21	19	643.0	0.01		
5	4	5834.4	0.07	9	7	2933.8	0.46	12	5	4194.6	0.14	14	7	2634.4	0.30	16	5	3927.3	0.06	17	15	1942.2	0.42	19	7	1904.5	0.03	20	14	1432.0	0.26	21	20	469.1	2.67		
6	1	6532.7	0.10	9	8	2905.5	0.16	12	6	4151.9	0.11	14	8	2616.0	0.00	16	6	3894.1	0.07	17	16	1882.4	0.82	19	8	1878.6	0.00	20	15	1336.9	0.06						
6	2	5865.3	0.00	10	1	5058.6	0.09	12	7	2762.2	0.00	14	9	2598.5	0.14	16	7	2497.9	0.04	18	1	4465.0	0.00	19	9	1860.4	0.00	20	16	1277.1	0.00						
6	3	5867.5	0.04	10	2	4400.2	0.03	12	8	2734.8	0.04	14	10	2570.4	0.02	16	8	2471.4	0.00	18	2	3798.3	0.05	19	10	1827.5	0.06	20	17	1138.2	0.07						
6	4	5673.7	0.73	10	3	4397.2	0.01	12	9	2719.8	0.01	14	11	2527.8	0.02	16	9	2452.7	0.01	18	3	3797.4	0.00	19	11	1790.7	0.03	20	18	1082.1	10.36						
6	5	5802.4	0.03	10	4	4332.6	0.01	12	10	2677.0	0.60	14	12	2430.9	0.04	16	10	2415.5	0.09	18	4	3729.9	0.16	19	12	1693.4	0.00	20	19	679.8	0.10						
7	1	5138.9	0.01	10	5	4337.7	0.03	12	11	2648.4	0.07	14	13	2385.2	0.00	16	11	2380.9	0.35	18	5	3733.3	0.01	19	13	1650.0	0.19	21	1	3884.8	0.59						
7	2	4473.2	0.01	10	6	4295.6	0.02	13	1	4874.5	0.50	15	1	4715.4	0.16	16	12	2279.1	0.00	18	6	3696.2	0.09	19	14	1570.2	0.00	21	2	3212.1	0.07						
7	3	4473.8	0.01	10	7	2901.5	0.49	13	2	4220.2	0.08	15	2	4055.2	0.07	16	13	2235.8	0.36	18	7	2300.5	0.01	19	15	1486.0	0.09	21	3	3210.1	0.24						
7	4	4392.1	0.78	10	8	2869.5	3.81	13	3	4218.8	0.12	15	3	4051.0	0.01	16	14	2161.3	0.00	18	8	2274.2	0.06	19	16	1421.4	0.21	21	4	3150.7	0.15						
7	5	4406.8	0.00	10	9	2857.1	0.14	13	4	4151.4	0.04	15	4	3989.1	0.28	16	15	2075.1	0.43	18	9	2258.3	0.06	19	17	1291.1	0.01	21	5	3142.6	0.00						
7	6	4348.4	0.37	11	1	5023.8	0.00	13	5	4153.6	0.14	15	5	3987.5	0.10	17	1	4525.4	0.02	18	10	2229.1	0.02	19	18	1229.8	0.01	21	6	3116.3	0.02						
8	1	5111.8	0.00	11	2	4356.1	0.36	13	6	4119.8	0.12	15	6	3954.6	0.34	17	2	3863.3	0.03	18	11	2191.3	0.06	20	1	3921.9	0.57	21	7	1715.0	0.00						
8	2	4432.4	0.18	11	3	4352.1	0.29	13	7	2724.6	0.12	15	7	2558.5	0.01	17	3	3858.6	0.07	18	12	2092.1	0.06	20	2	3250.9	0.12	21	8	1689.3	0.04						
8	3	4442.9	0.15	11	4	4291.5	0.08	13	8	2697.3	0.05	15	8	2531.1	0.05	17	4	3796.4	0.12	18	13	2053.2	0.00	20	3	3247.8	0.13	21	9	1671.5	0.05						
8	4	4377.9	0.00	11	5	4307.5	0.18	13	9	2678.4	0.00	15	9	2513.7	0.00	17	5	3795.1	0.03	18	14	1968.3	0.17	20	4	3188.7	0.04	21	10	1638.9	0.06						

**Table S 12. Calculated and experimental position of components of first overtone band of OH stretching mode of ethanol. Calculation results with CPCM solvent model applied. Experimental values resolved by second derivative and independently by band fitting.**

	Position [ $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ]				
	Calculated			Experimental	
	CPCM-B3LYP/SNST	CPCM-B3LYP-D3/SNST	CPCM-B2PLYP-D/SNST	2nd deriv.	Band fitting
A ( <i>trans</i> )	7105.8	7105.4	7127.0	7106.1	7105.9
B ( <i>gauche</i> )	7055.4	7077.9	7084.4	7082.4	7083.1
Frequency error (calc./exp.)					
A	1.000	1.000	1.003		
B	0.996	0.999	1.000		
Avg.	0.998	1.000	1.002		

Note, that for 1-propanol we do not present the PED tables nor detailed calculated data for overtones and combinational modes because of the excessive volume of the dataset involved (almost 500 calculated vibrational modes for each of 5 conformational isomers of 1-propanol). These datasets are available from corresponding authors upon request.

**Table S 13.** Energy difference between *gauche* and *trans* conformational isomers of ethanol ( $\Delta E = E_{\text{gauche}} - E_{\text{trans}}$ ) calculated with the use of exemplary quantum methods.

Quantum method	$\Delta E = E_{\text{gauche}} - E_{\text{trans}}$ [kcal/mol]
B3LYP/SNST	0.08
B2PLYP-D/SNST	0.09
B2PLYP/SNST	0.15
B2PLYP/SNSD	0.23
MP2/aVTZ	0.20

**Table S 14. Accuracy of three different implementations of VPT2 method on the frequency of selected NIR modes of methanol. Results obtained on B2PLYP-D/SNST level; no solvent model was applied here.**

mode	Peak position [cm <sup>-1</sup> ]			
	Experimental	GVPT2	DCPT2	HDCPT2
$\nu_{02}\text{OH}$	<b>7118.3</b>	7147.7	7056.3	7146.9
$\nu_{\text{as}}\text{CH}_3 + \nu\text{OH}$	<b>6582.1</b>	6659.9	6613.2	6658.5
$\nu_{\text{s}}\text{CH}_3 + \nu\text{OH}$	<b>6476.6</b>	6536.7	6519.1	6563.7
(1) $\delta_{\text{as}}\text{CH}_3 + \nu\text{OH}$ and (2) $\delta_{\text{s}}\text{CH}_3 + \nu\text{OH}$	<b>5088.0</b>	5115.2	5057.4	5102.7
$\delta_{\text{ip}}\text{OH} + \nu\text{OH}$	<b>4961.0</b>	4973.5	4927.5	4972.9
$\delta_{\text{rock}}\text{CH}_3 + \nu\text{OH}$	<b>4706.2</b>	4720.4	4674.5	4719.8
$\delta_{\text{as}}'\text{CH}_3 + \nu_{\text{as}}'\text{CH}_3$	<b>4390.4</b>	4388.7	4412.4	4411.6
$\nu\text{C-O} + \nu_{\text{as}}'\text{CH}_3$	<b>3958.4</b>	3954.1	3961.2	3960.4
		$\nu_{\text{exp}}/\nu_{\text{calc}}$		
		GVPT2	HDCPT2	DVPT2
$\nu_{02}\text{OH}$		0.9959	1.0088	0.9960
$\nu_{\text{as}}\text{CH}_3 + \nu\text{OH}$		0.9883	0.9953	0.9885
$\nu_{\text{s}}\text{CH}_3 + \nu\text{OH}$		0.9908	0.9935	0.9867
(1) $\delta_{\text{as}}\text{CH}_3 + \nu\text{OH}$ and (2) $\delta_{\text{s}}\text{CH}_3 + \nu\text{OH}$		0.9947	1.0061	0.9971
$\delta_{\text{ip}}\text{OH} + \nu\text{OH}$		0.9975	1.0068	0.9976
$\delta_{\text{rock}}\text{CH}_3 + \nu\text{OH}$		0.9970	1.0068	0.9971
	Avg. val.	<b>0.9940</b>	<b>1.0029</b>	<b>0.9938</b>

**Table S 15. Frequency difference calculated for  $\nu_{\text{OH}}$  stretching band of ethanol isomers with and without solvation model. Comparison of different solvation models (CPCM, IEF-PCM, SMD) applied for DFT-B3LYP and DFT-B2PLYP methods. All values in  $[\text{cm}^{-1}]$ .**

	B2PLYP/SNST				B3LYP/SNST			
	no solv. mod.	CPCM	IEF-PCM	SMD	no solv. mod.	CPCM	IEF-PCM	SMD
<i>trans</i>	7142.8	7127.0	7139.8	7106.1	7116.1	7105.8	7111.6	7068.3
<i>gauche</i>	7104.4	7084.4	7089.8	7062.2	7074.3	7055.4	7050.3	7053.0
$\nu_{\text{trans}} - \nu_{\text{gauche}}$	38.4	42.6	50.0	43.9	41.8	50.5	61.3	15.2

	B3LYP-D3/SNST			
	no solv. mod.	CPCM	IEF-PCM	SMD
<i>trans</i>	7119.2	7105.6	7109.0	7051.3
<i>gauche</i>	7071.4	7050.5	7047.8	7054.4
$\nu_{\text{trans}} - \nu_{\text{gauche}}$	47.8	55.0	61.2	-3.0

**Table S 16. Comparison of computational time required for frequency job, including anharmonic VPT2 calculation of NIR spectra of methanol, for selected quantum methods. Values sorted by CPU time in increasing order. Relative ratio in accordance with real time, where the quickest method has arbitrary value of 1.**

		CPU time [s]	Real time [hh:mm:ss]	Real time [s]	Relative ratio
B3LYP/6-31G(d,p)		117	0:05:53	353	1
B3LYP/6-31G(d,p)	CPCM	135	0:06:15	375	1.1
B3LYP/6-31G(d,p)	IEF-PCM	147	0:06:49	409	1.2
B3LYP/6-31G(d,p)	SMD	151	0:07:02	422	1.2
B3LYP/N07D		157	0:07:46	466	1.3
B3LYP/SNST		246	0:22:25	1345	3.8
B3LYP-D3/SNST		246	0:22:31	1351	3.8
B2PLYP/N07D		370	0:17:40	1060	3.0
B2PLYP/SNSD		660	0:31:00	1860	5.3
B2PLYP/SNST		886	0:42:14	2534	7.2
B2PLYP-FC/SNST		887	0:40:48	2448	6.9
B2PLYP-D/SNST		891	0:42:00	2520	7.1
B2PLYP/SNST	CPCM	928	0:41:55	2515	7.1
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## Part II. FIGURES

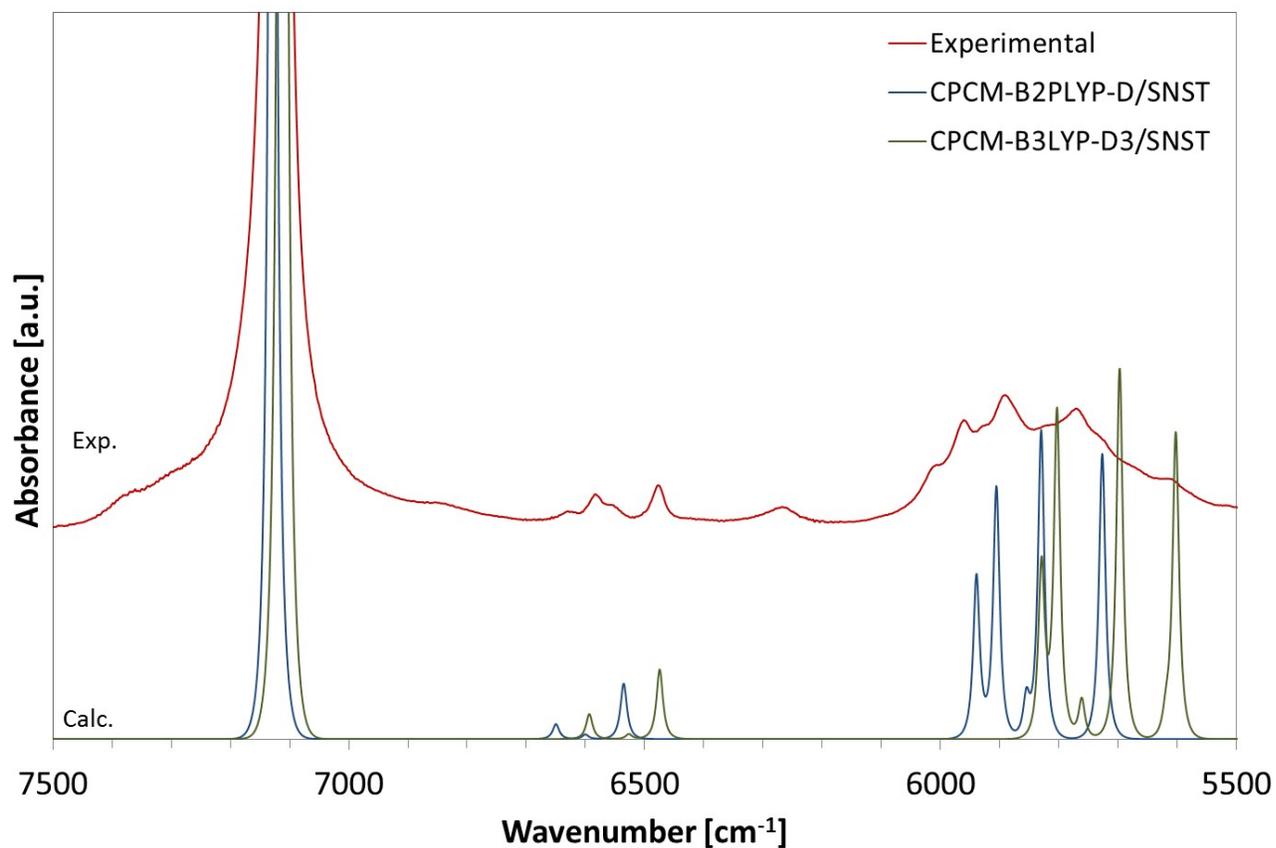
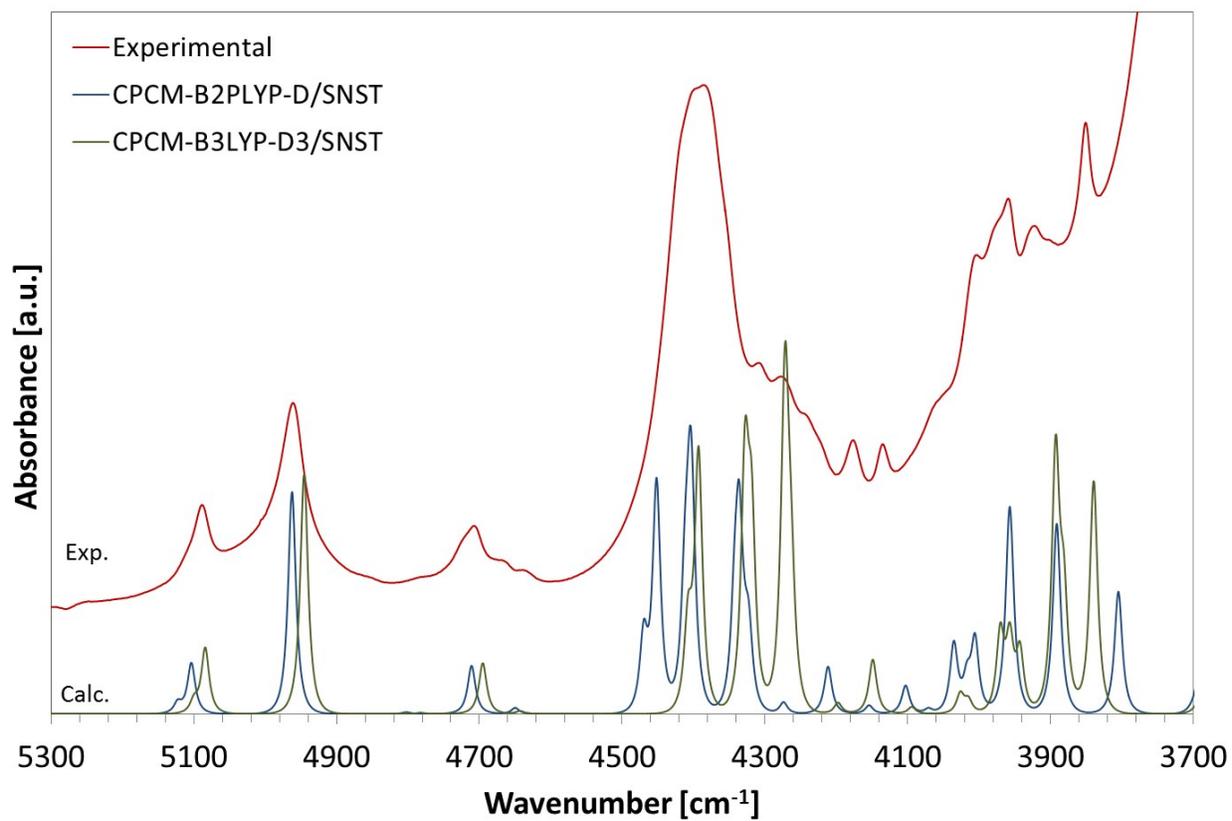


Figure S 1. Experimental and calculated (B2PLYP-D/SNST and B3LYP-D3/SNST; both applied with CPCM solvent model of  $\text{CCl}_4$ ) NIR spectra of methanol. Details of the spectra in the 7500 – 5500  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  region.



**Figure S 2. Experimental and calculated (B2PLYP-D/SNST and B3LYP-D3/SNST; both applied with CPCM solvent model of  $\text{CCl}_4$ ) NIR spectra of methanol. Details of the spectra in the 5300 – 3700  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  region.**

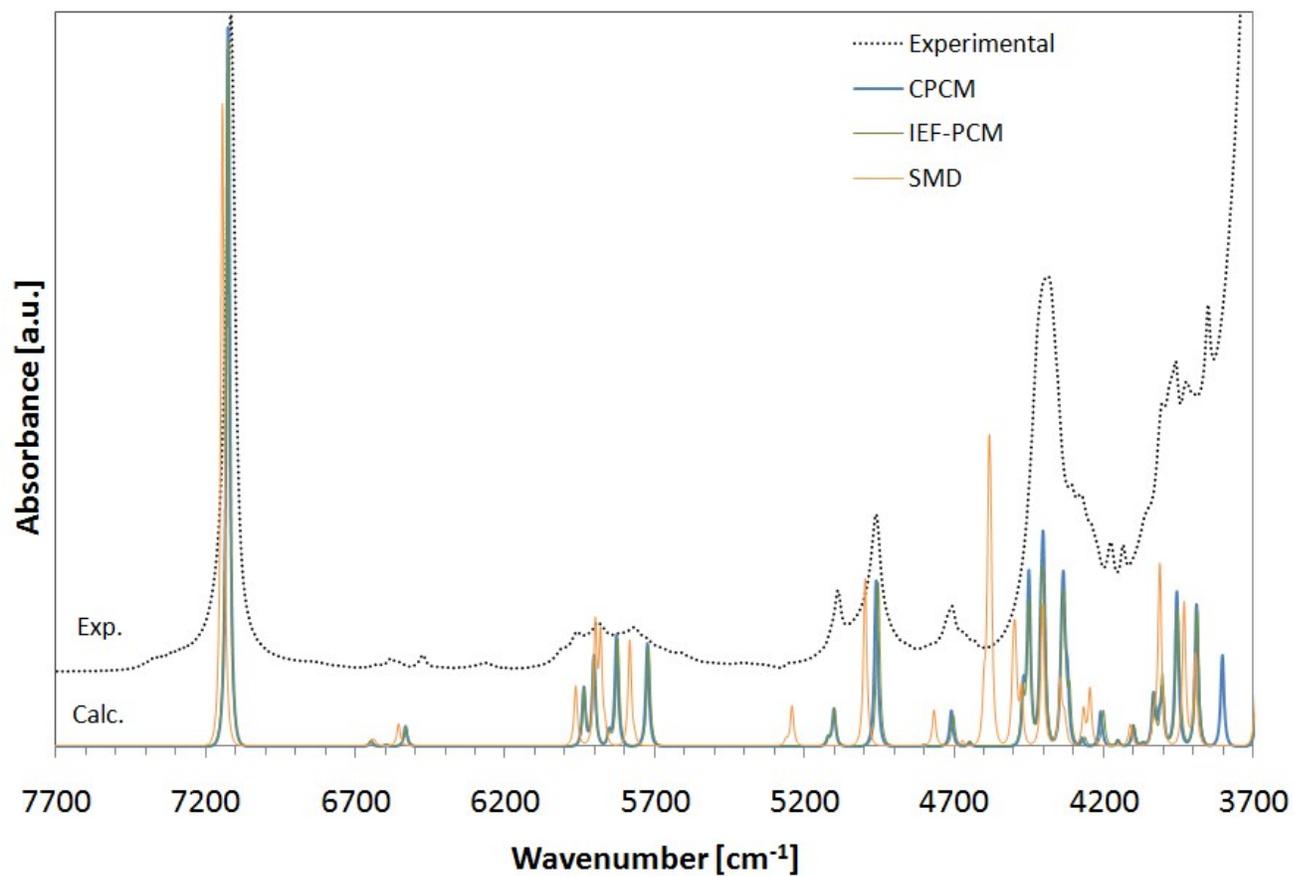


Figure S 3. Experimental spectrum of (CCl<sub>4</sub>) diluted methanol and B2PLYP-D/SNST calculated spectra with three different solvation models applied (CPCM, IEF-PCM and SMD).

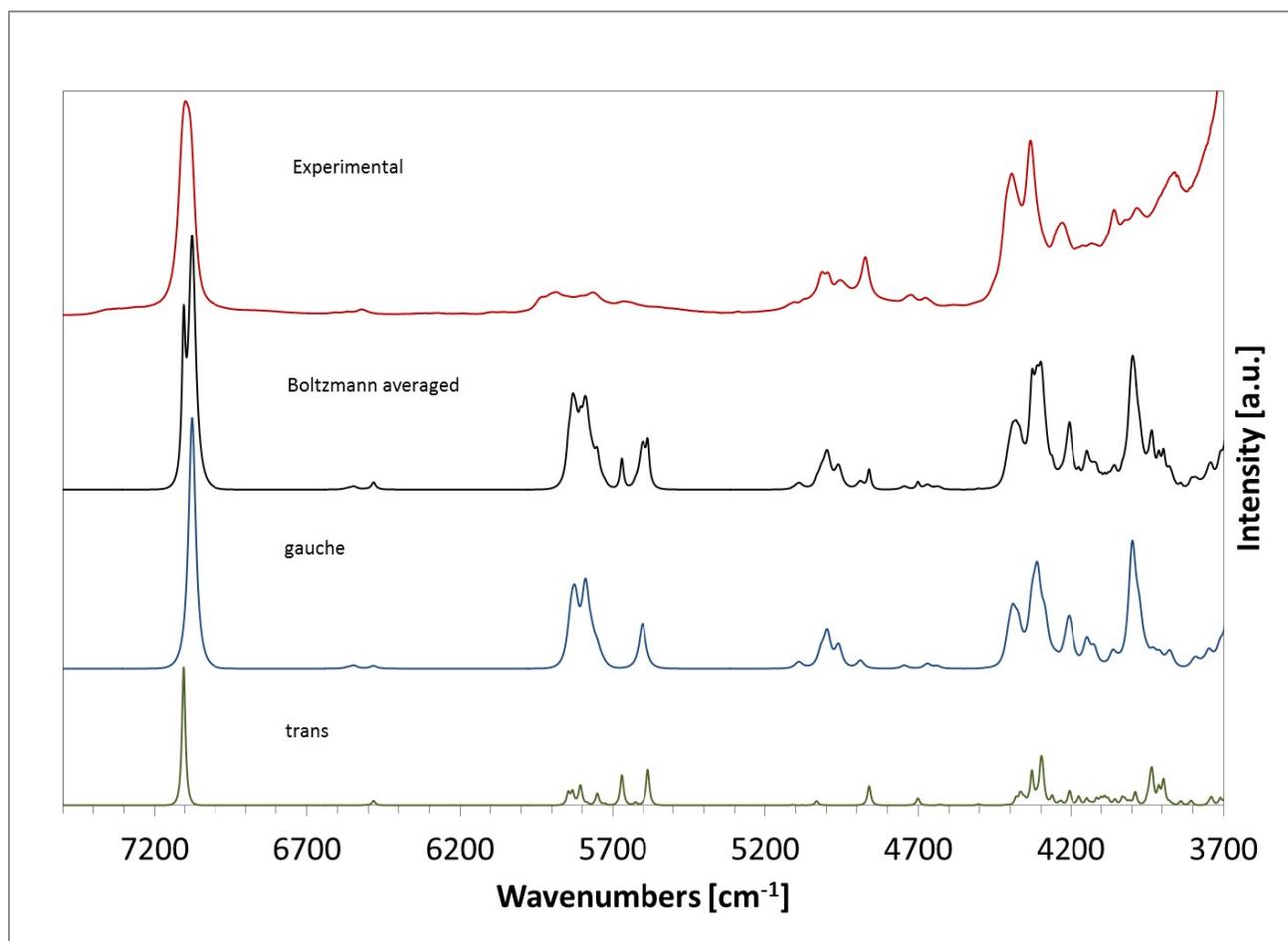


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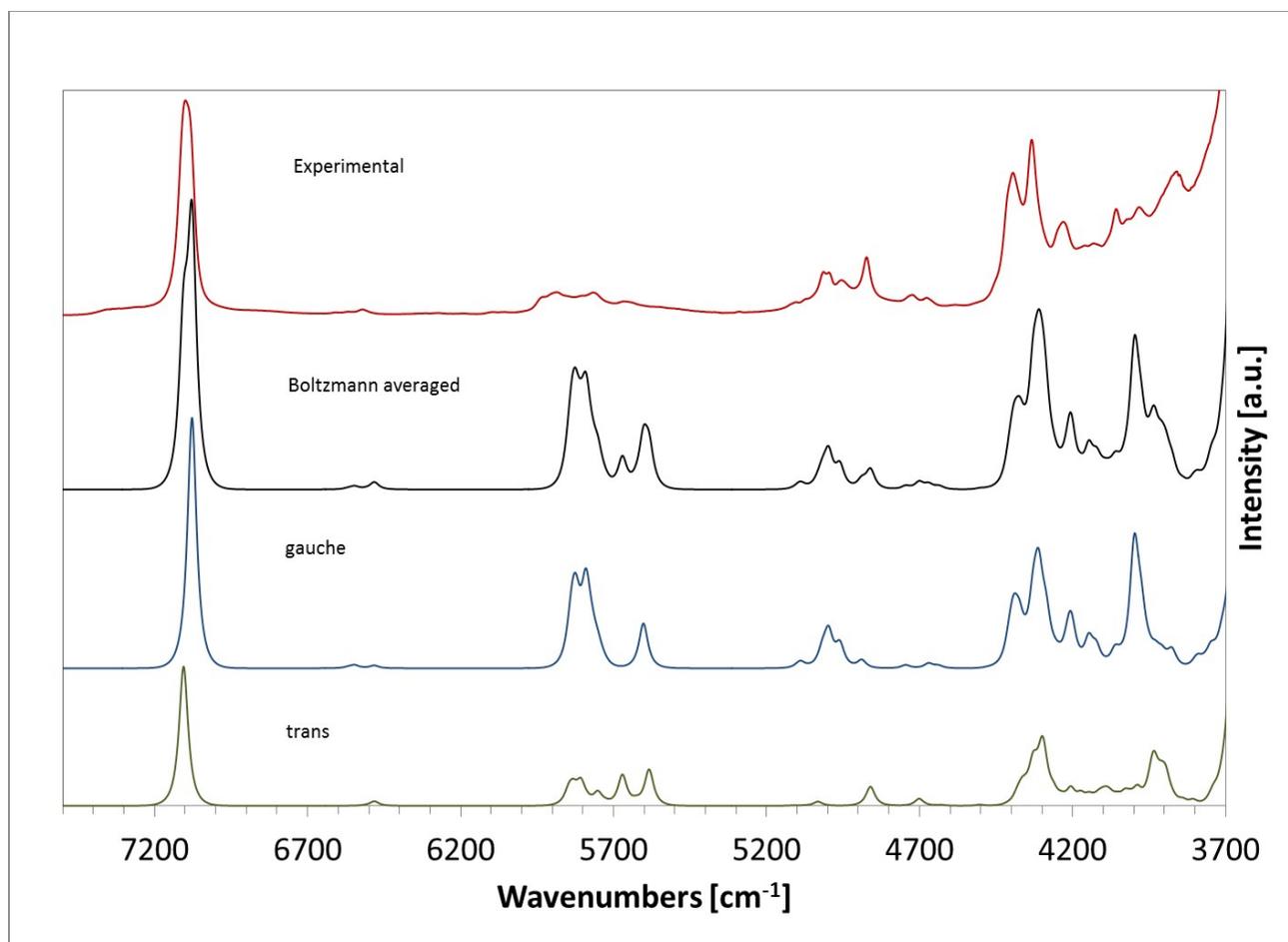


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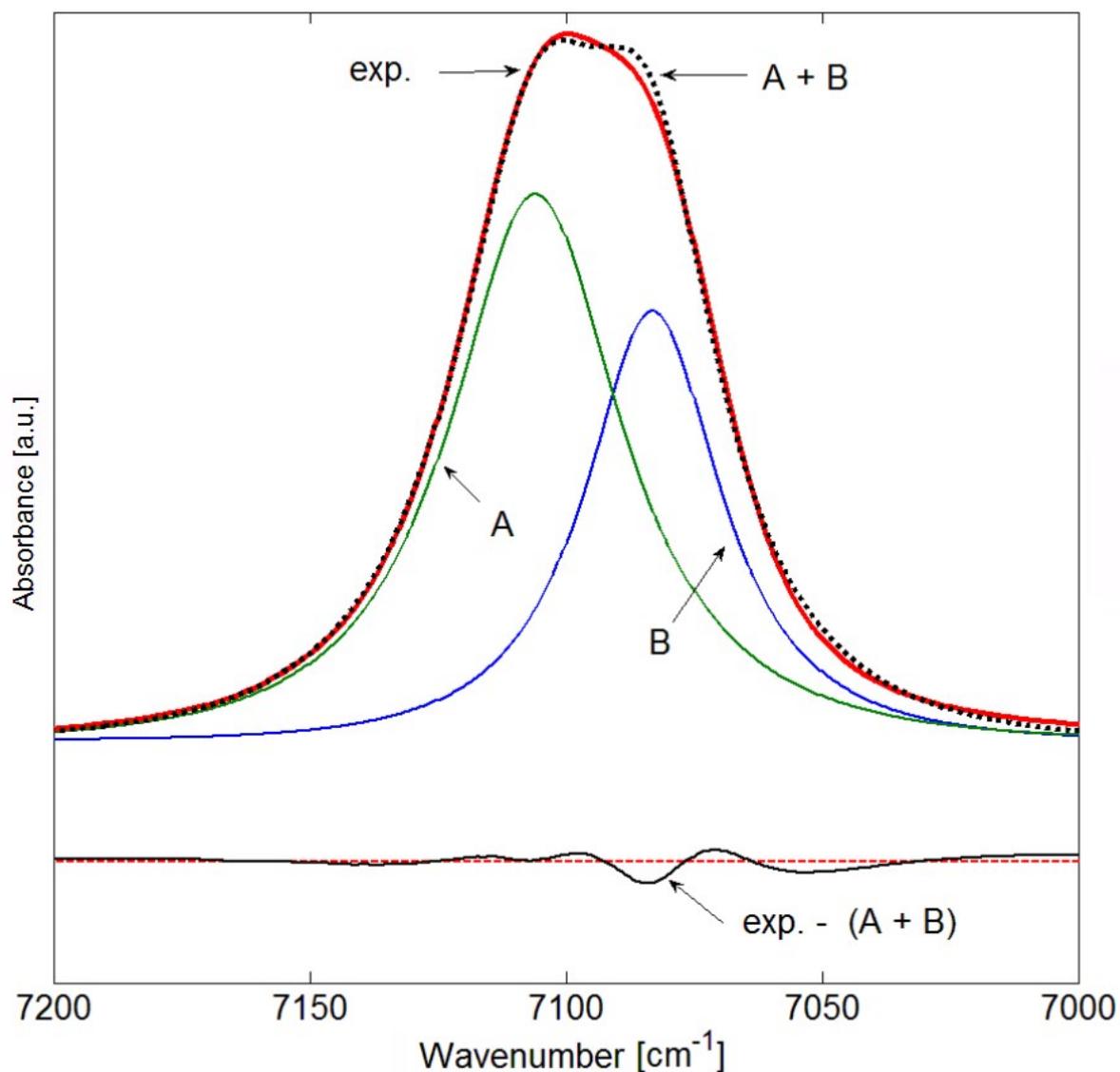


Figure S 6. Result of two-component band fitting (Cauchy-Gauss Product Function, Least Squares Regression, Powell gradientless optimization algorithm) for 1<sup>st</sup> overtone band of OH stretching mode in the experimental NIR spectrum of ethanol. Position of resolved components: 7105.9 and 7083.1  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .

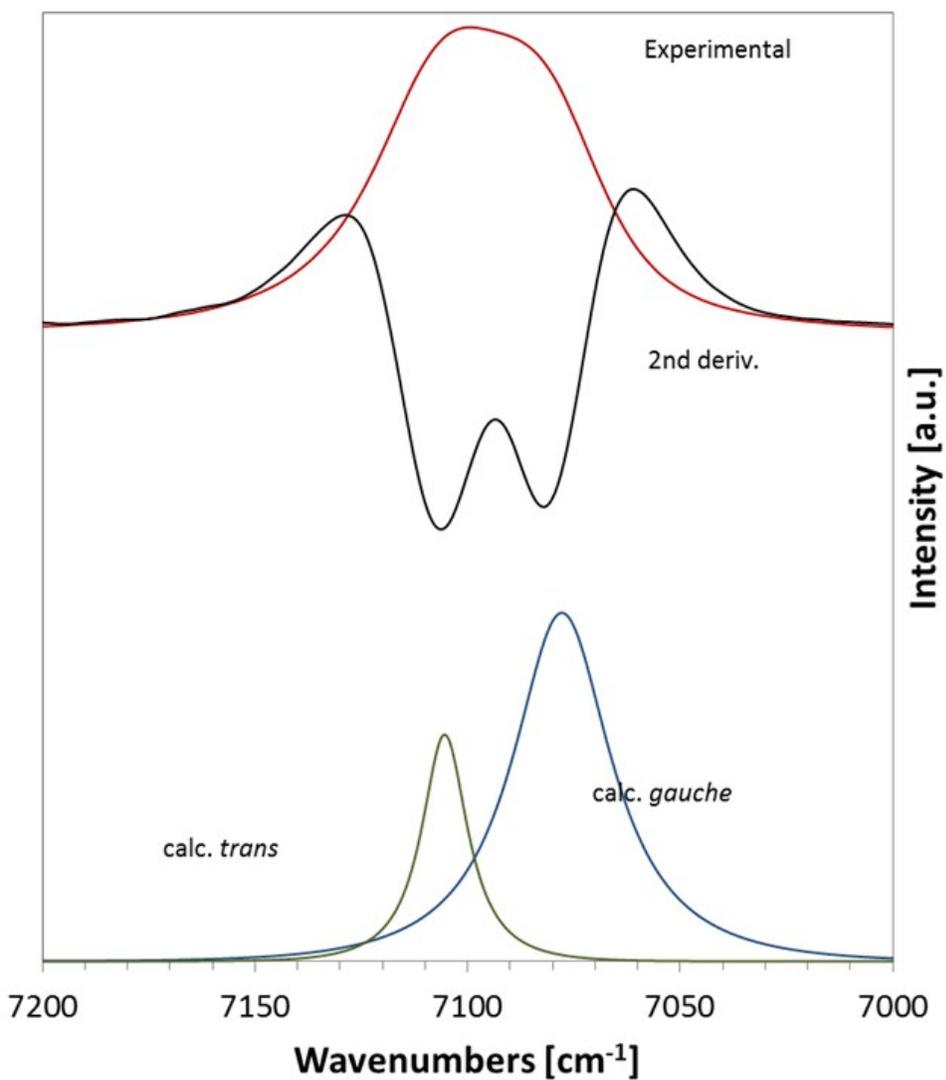
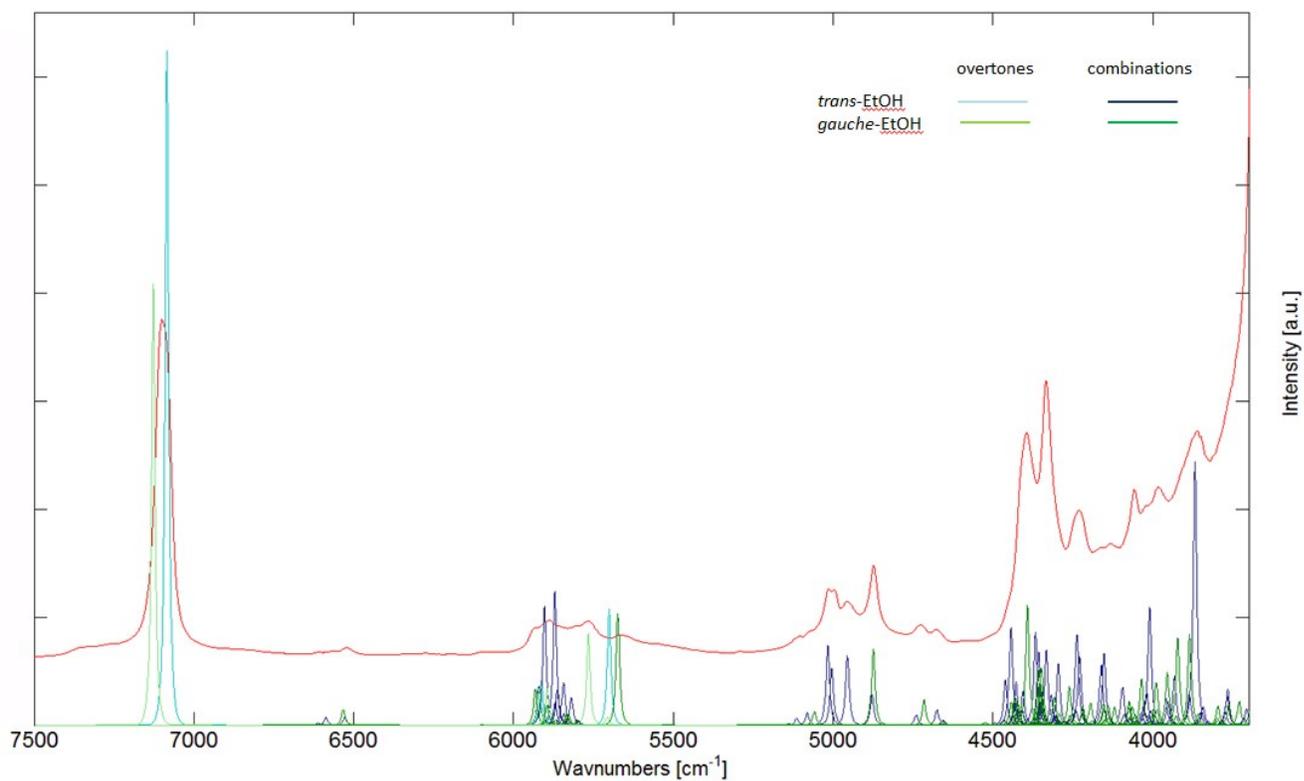
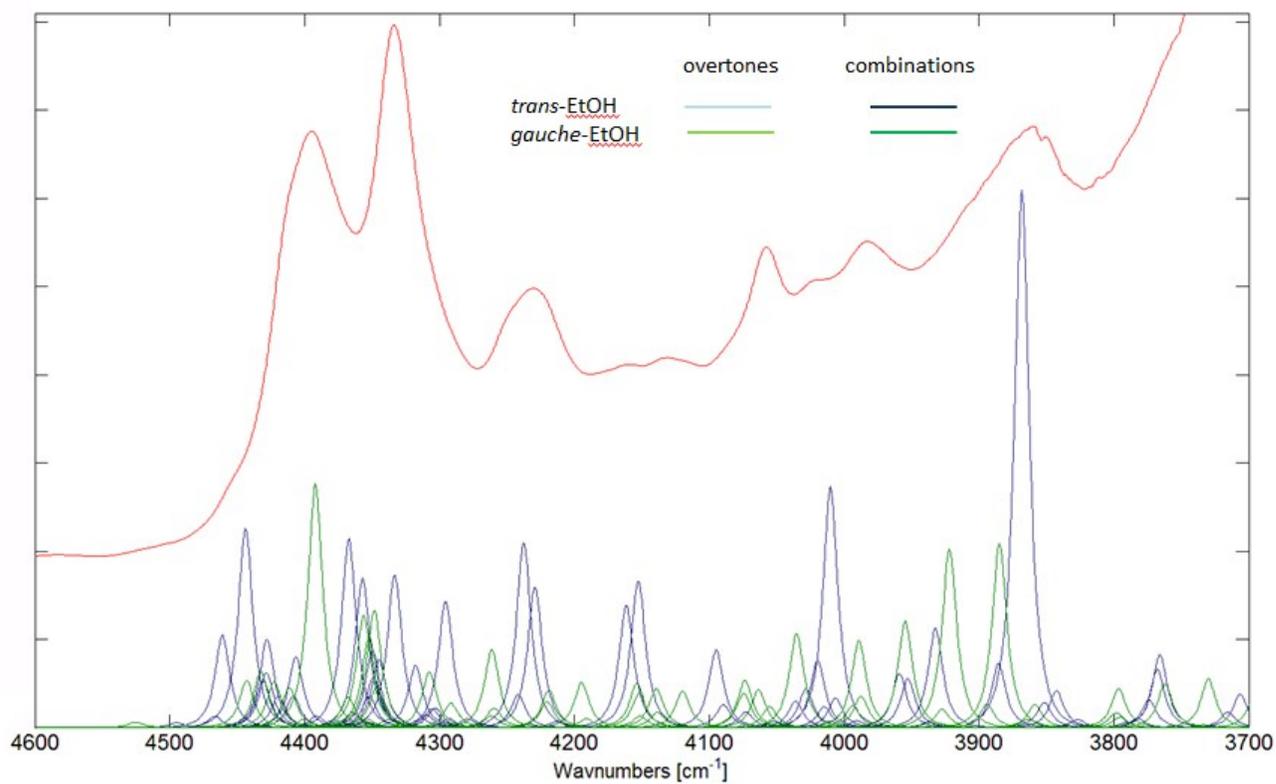


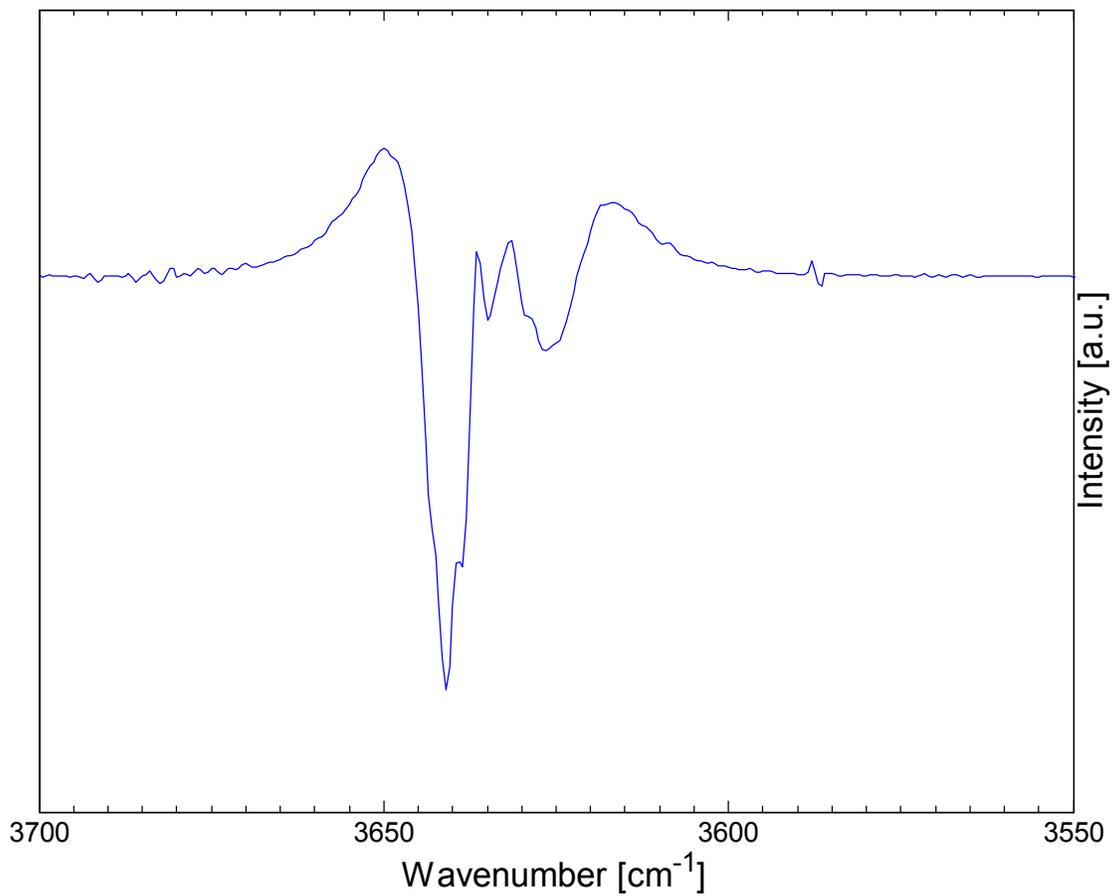
Figure S 7. Details of ethanol spectrum in the spectral range covering first overtone band of OH stretching mode. Experimental, 2<sup>nd</sup> derivative and calculated (CPCM-B3LYP-D3/SNST) components of  $\nu^2\text{OH}$  band.



**Figure S 8. Details of calculated NIR spectrum of ethanol. Individual calculated overtones and combinational bands of both conformers (CPCM-B3LYP-D3/SNST).**



**Figure S 9. Details of calculated NIR spectrum of ethanol – lower NIR range. Individual calculated overtones and combinational bands of both conformers (CPCM-B3LYP-D3/SNST).**



**Figure S 10. Second derivative of fundamental band of OH stretching mode of 1-propanol.**

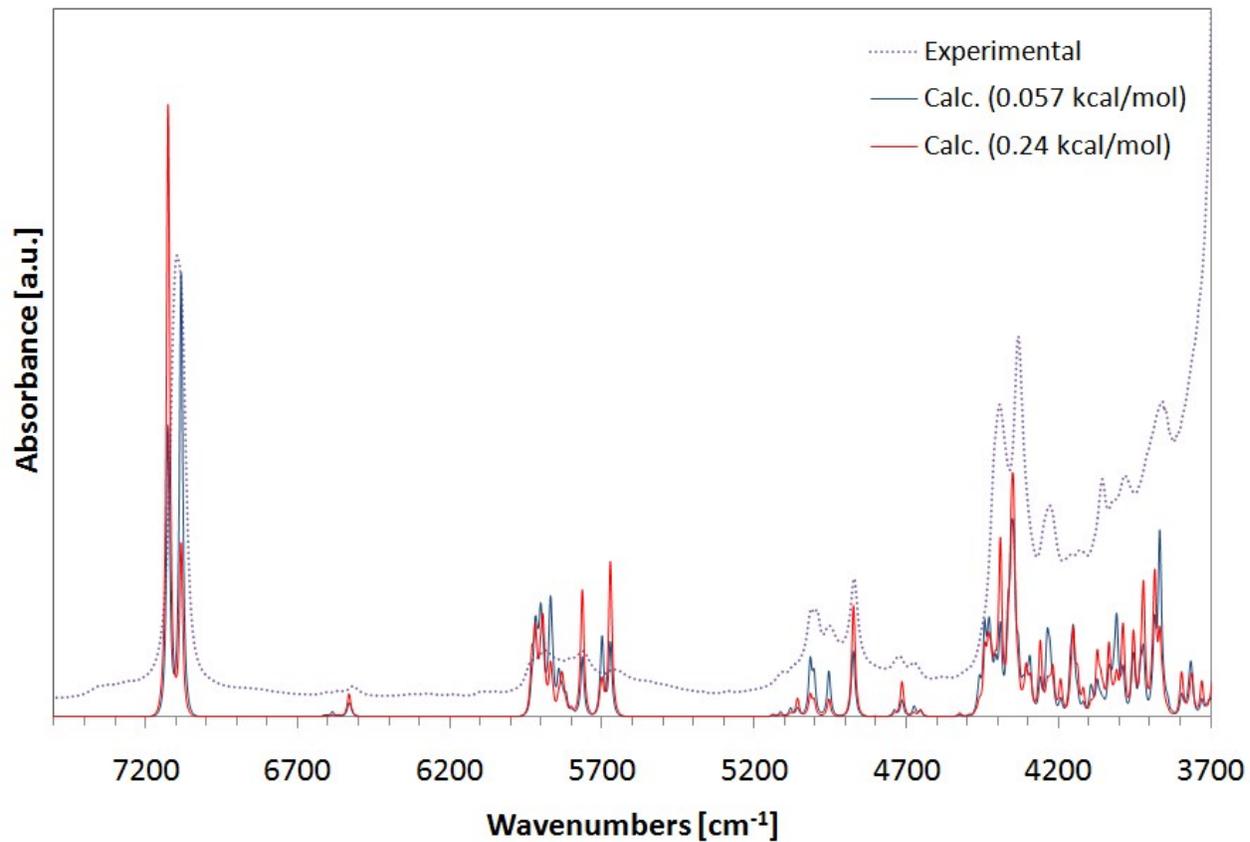


Figure S 11. Comparison of calculated (CPCM-B2PYP-D/SNST) NIR spectra of ethanol obtained with use of different two values of ( $\Delta E = E_{\text{gauche}} - E_{\text{trans}}$ ); 0.057 kcal/mol and 0.24 kcal/mol.

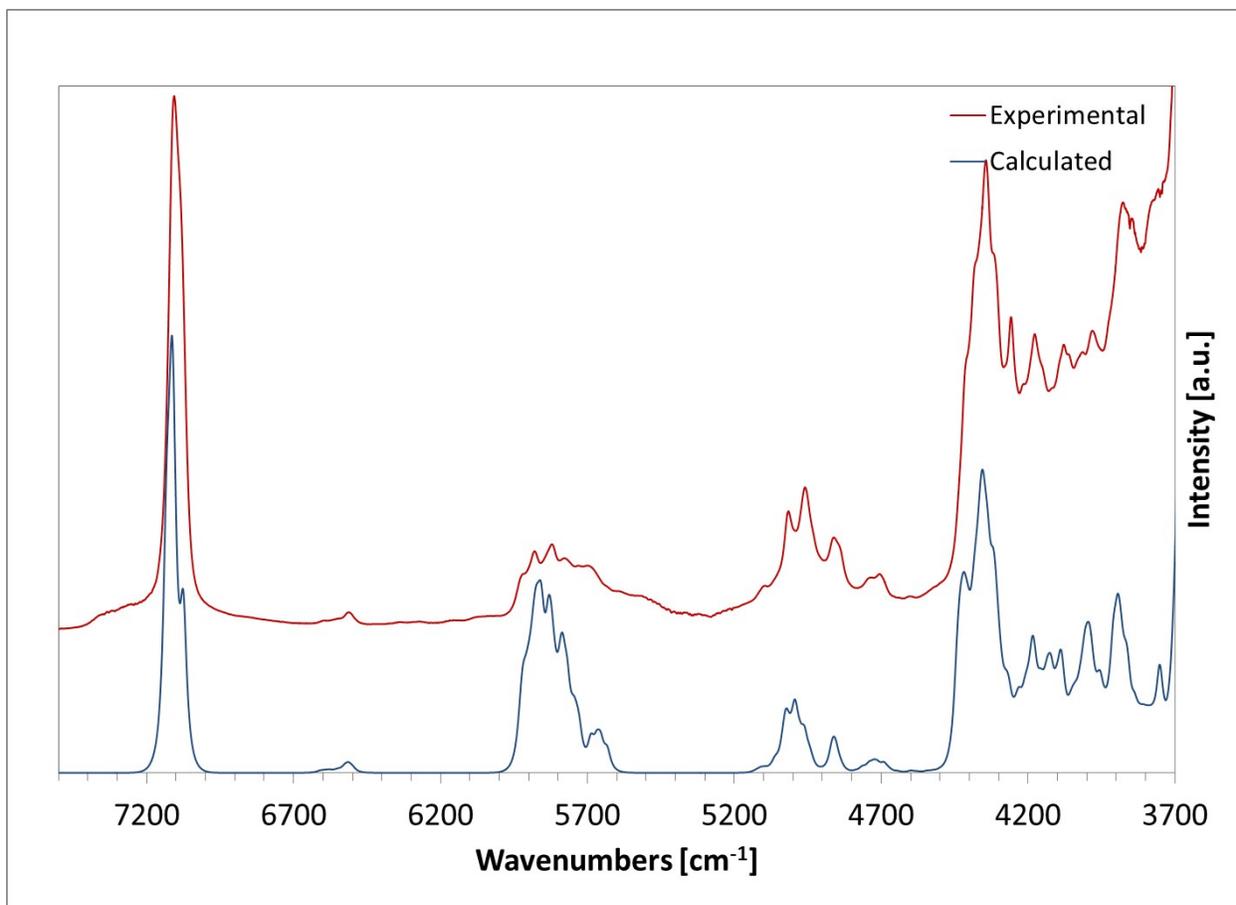
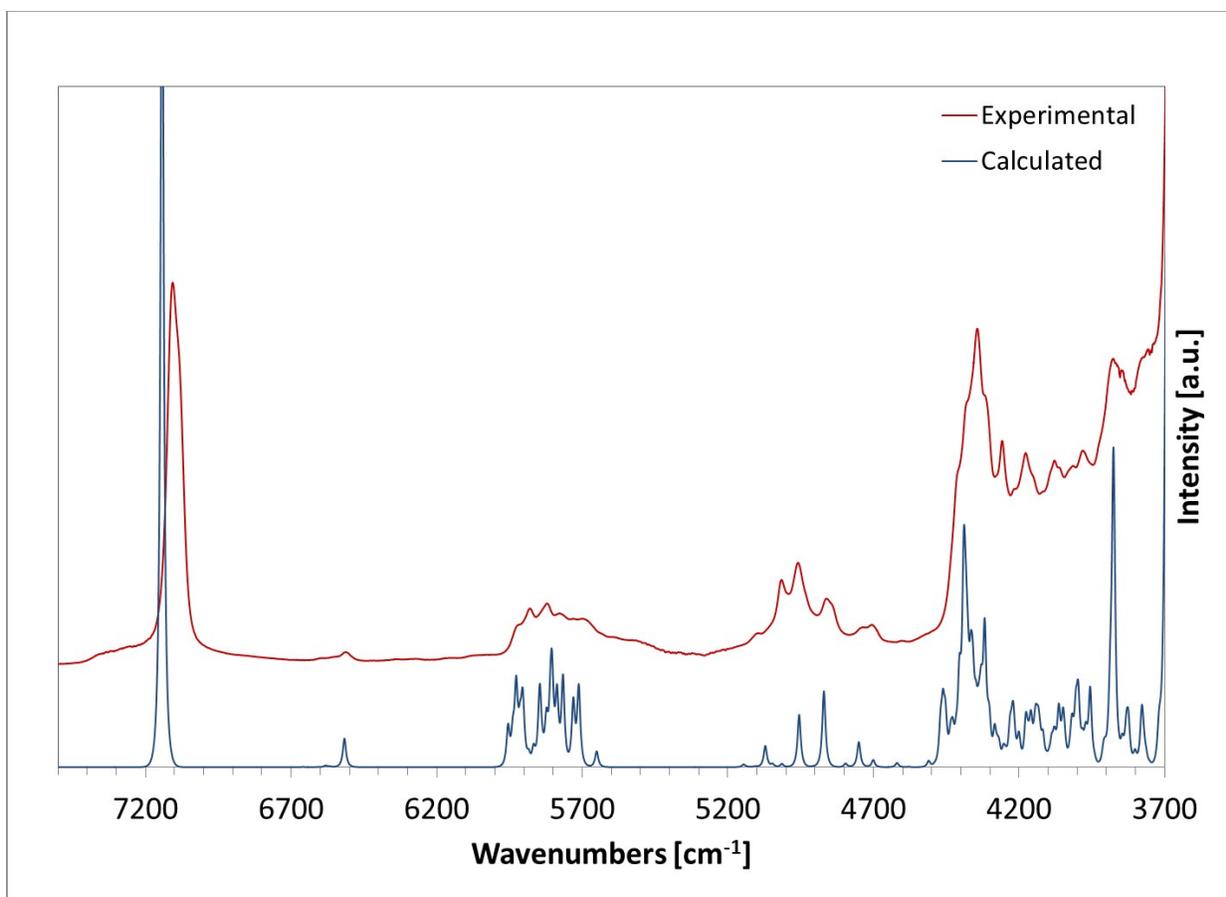


Figure S 12. Experimental and calculated (CPCM-B2PLYP-D/SNST) of 1-propanol. Wider FWHM of model bands applied.



**Figure S 13. Experimental and calculated (CPCM-B2PLYP-D/SNST) NIR spectra of 1-propanol. Only dominant conformer  $T_g$  of 1-propanol used in calculated spectrum.**

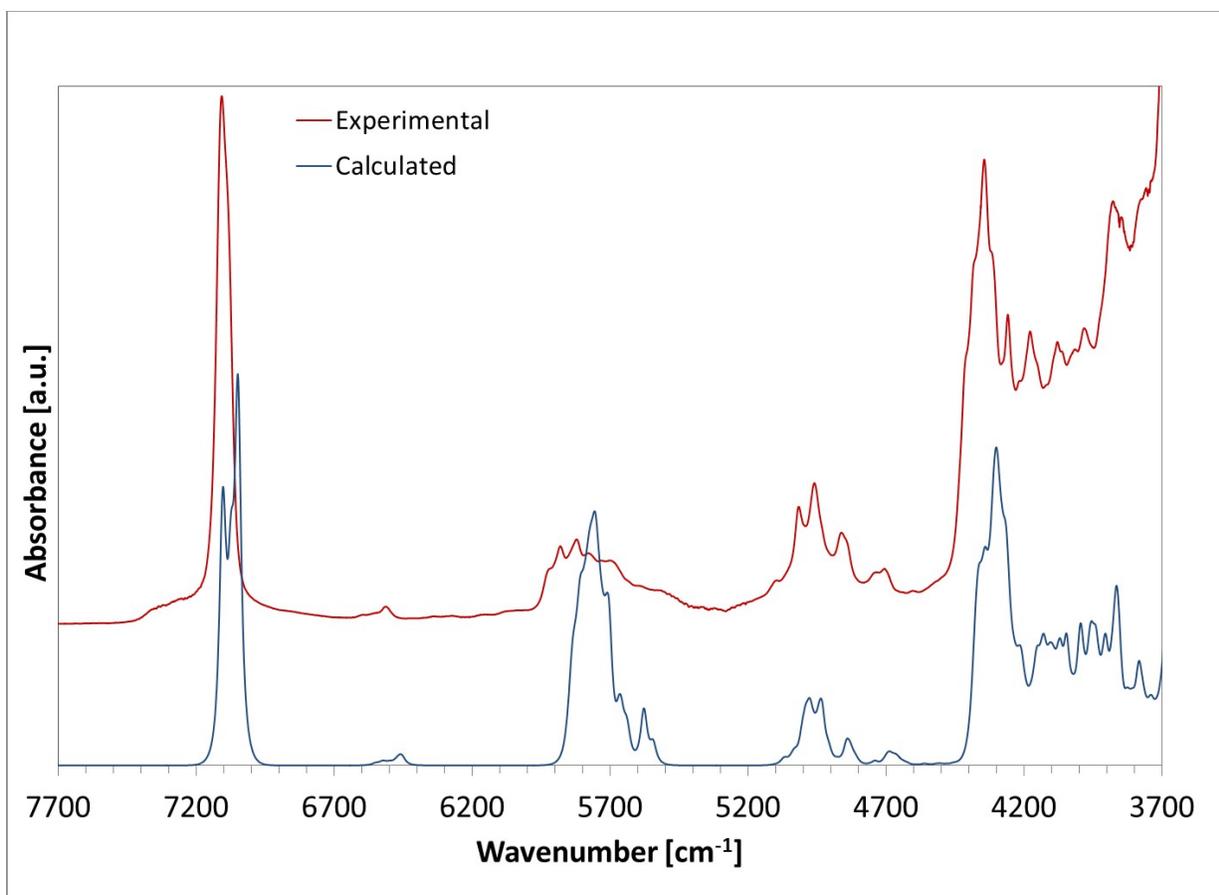


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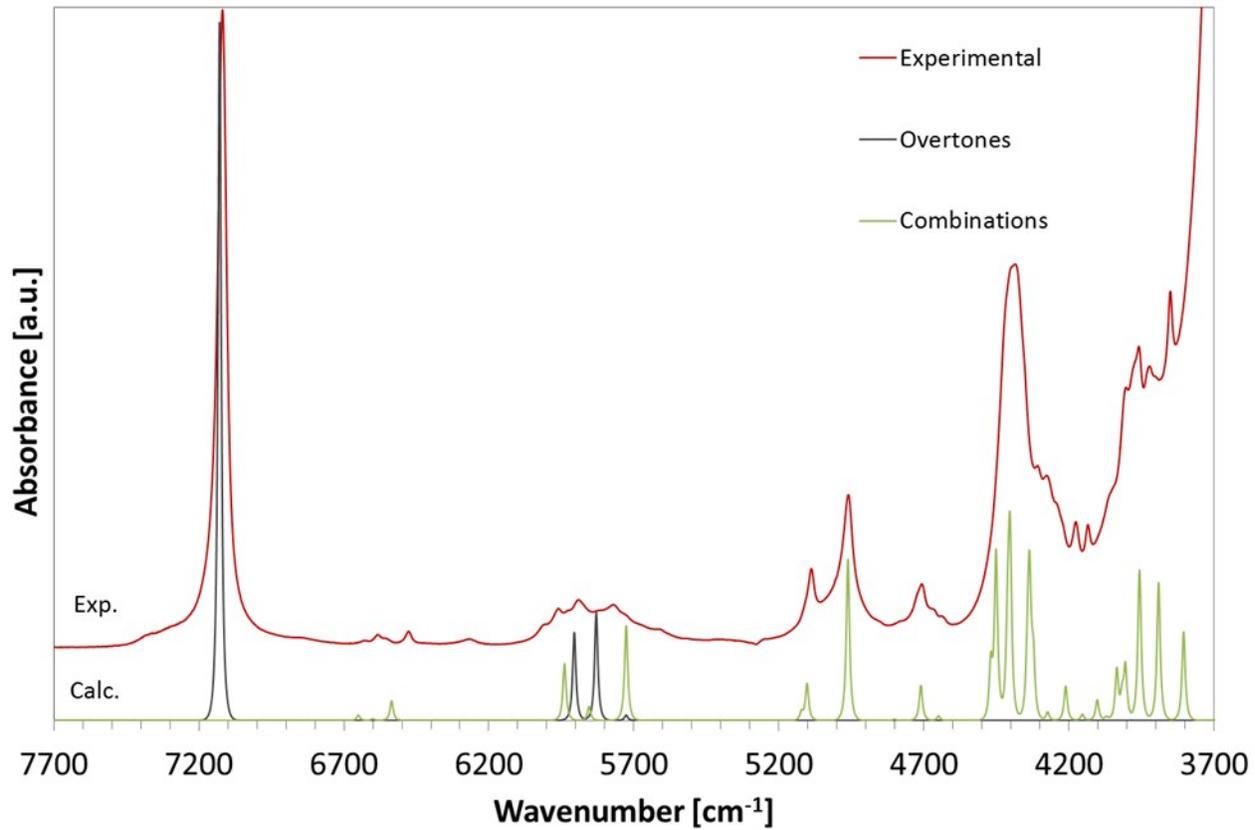


Figure S 15. Contributions of overtones and combination bands into NIR spectra of methanol calculated on CPCM-B2PLYP-D/SNST level of theory.

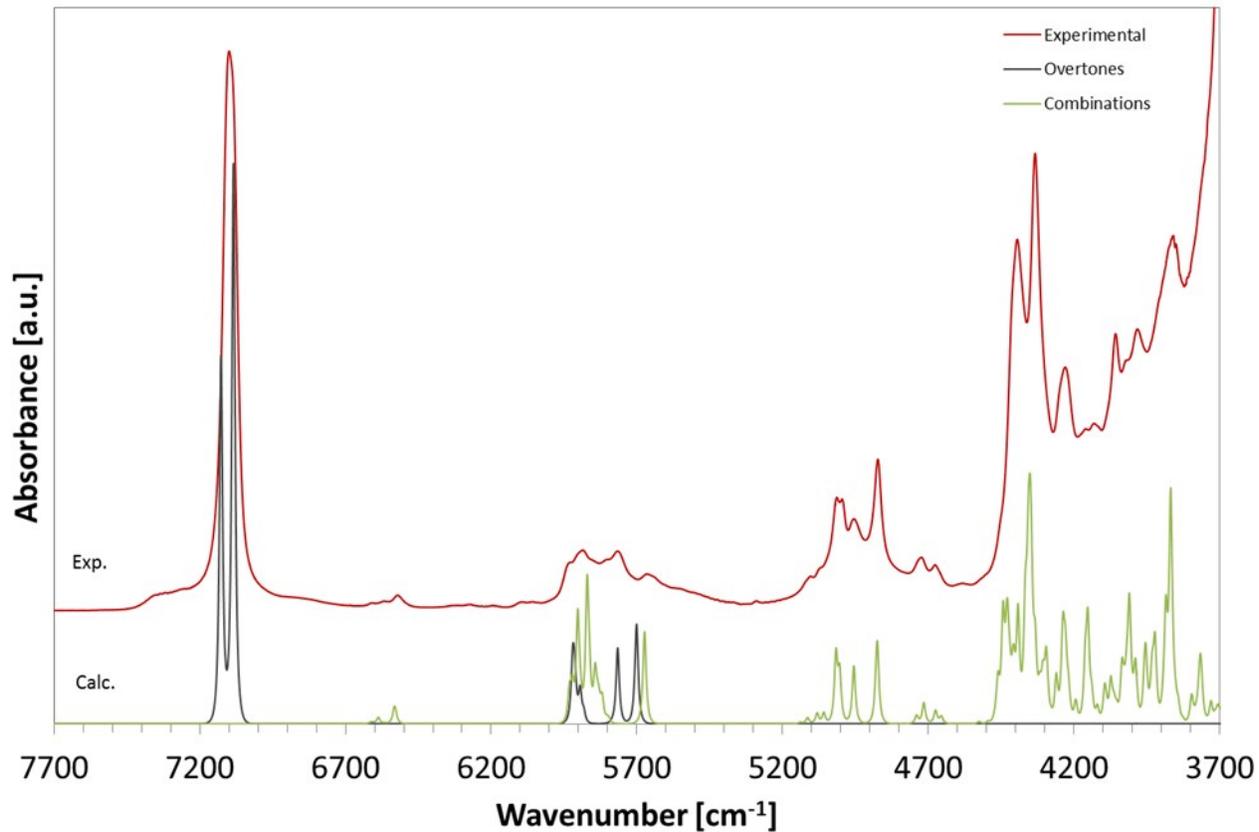


Figure S 16. Contributions of overtones and combination bands into NIR spectra of ethanol calculated on B2PLYP-D/SNST level of theory with additionally applied CPCM solvent model of CCl<sub>4</sub>. Final contribution of overtones and combination modes presented; detailed contributions of gauche and trans isomers of ethanol not shown here.

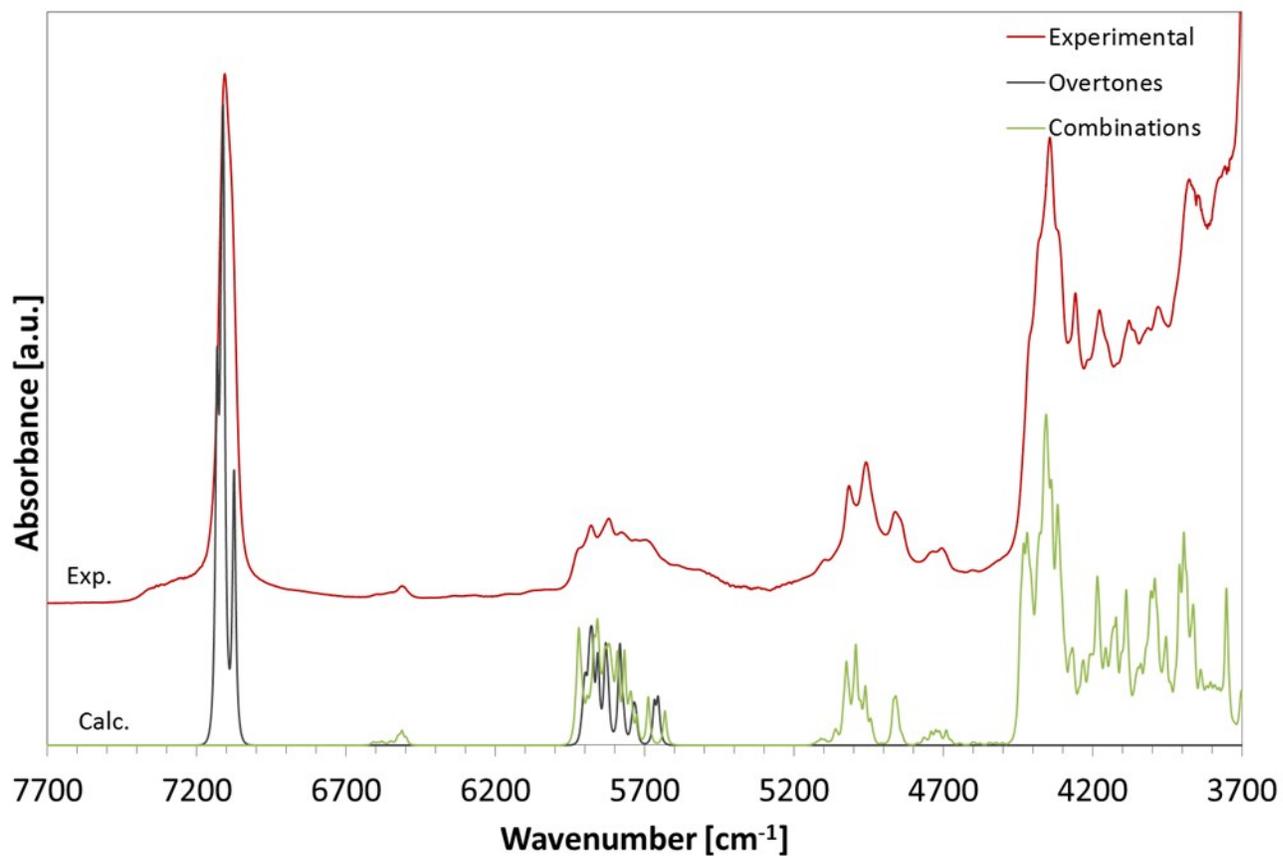


Figure S 17 Contributions of overtones and combination bands into NIR spectra of 1-propanol calculated on B2PLYP-D/SNST level of theory with additionally applied CPCM solvent model of CCl<sub>4</sub>. Final contribution of overtones and combination modes presented; detailed contributions of isomers of 1-propanol not shown here.