

## Supplementary Material

### Tunneling in H loss from energy selected ethanol ions

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| Neutral                          |                                  |                                    |                                    | Parent ion                                    |   |   |   | H/D-loss transition state                     |   |   |   | Me-loss product                 |                                 |                                 |
|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>5</sub> OH | C <sub>2</sub> D <sub>5</sub> OD | CD <sub>3</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> OH | CH <sub>3</sub> CD <sub>2</sub> OH | C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>5</sub> OH <sup>+</sup> | C <sub>2</sub> D <sub>5</sub> OD <sup>+</sup> | CD <sub>3</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> OH <sup>+</sup> | CH <sub>3</sub> CD <sub>2</sub> OH <sup>+</sup> | C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>5</sub> OH <sup>‡</sup> | C <sub>2</sub> D <sub>5</sub> OD <sup>‡</sup> | CD <sub>3</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> OH <sup>‡</sup> | CH <sub>3</sub> CD <sub>2</sub> OH <sup>‡</sup> | CH <sub>2</sub> OH <sup>+</sup> | CD <sub>2</sub> OD <sup>+</sup> | CD <sub>2</sub> OH <sup>+</sup> |
| 239                              | 179                              | 189                                | 237                                | 226   | 166   | 173   | 222   | -800  | -599  | -799  | -601  | 1053                            | 771                             | 922                             |
| 287                              | 207                              | 274                                | 284                                | 314   | 276   | 300   | 308   | 216   | 156   | 167   | 208   | 1123                            | 810                             | 976                             |
| 416                              | 360                              | 372                                | 411                                | 438   | 346   | 434   | 401   | 454   | 357   | 411   | 380   | 1265                            | 1005                            | 1005                            |
| 825                              | 600                              | 681                                | 691                                | 708   | 605   | 631   | 653   | 513   | 387   | 478   | 409   | 1395                            | 1102                            | 1112                            |
| 912                              | 753                              | 773                                | 873                                | 853   | 627   | 636   | 765   | 557   | 428   | 550   | 485   | 1508                            | 1118                            | 1313                            |
| 1054                             | 829                              | 939                                | 929                                | 863   | 644   | 679   | 857   | 687   | 524   | 620   | 653   | 1690                            | 1609                            | 1618                            |
| 1114                             | 928                              | 1073                               | 982                                | 945   | 706   | 933   | 882   | 927   | 720   | 806   | 863   | 3149                            | 2300                            | 2302                            |
| 1188                             | 934                              | 1080                               | 1030                               | 1126  | 805   | 1057  | 898   | 997   | 776   | 879   | 904   | 3300                            | 2477                            | 2477                            |
| 1271                             | 1007                             | 1100                               | 1136                               | 1268  | 987   | 1067  | 1047  | 1090  | 874   | 962   | 1028  | 3605                            | 2630                            | 3605                            |
| 1312                             | 1045                             | 1127                               | 1152                               | 1295  | 1051  | 1074  | 1085  | 1181  | 940   | 1029  | 1064  |                                 |                                 |                                 |
| 1409                             | 1082                             | 1160                               | 1197                               | 1374  | 1059  | 1126  | 1276  | 1277  | 998   | 1044  | 1106  | CH <sub>3</sub>                 | CD <sub>3</sub>                 |                                 |
| 1457                             | 1092                             | 1255                               | 1333                               | 1440  | 1073  | 1275  | 1334  | 1392  | 1033  | 1166  | 1336  | 486                             | 377                             |                                 |
| 1504                             | 1102                             | 1286                               | 1421                               | 1470  | 1077  | 1371  | 1440  | 1427  | 1044  | 1174  | 1398  | 1445                            | 1063                            |                                 |
| 1521                             | 1163                             | 1451                               | 1503                               | 1506  | 1183  | 1480  | 1470  | 1456  | 1104  | 1258  | 1438  | 1445                            | 1063                            |                                 |
| 1546                             | 1263                             | 1544                               | 1522                               | 1684  | 1490  | 1618  | 1593  | 1489  | 1211  | 1439  | 1485  | 3178                            | 2248                            |                                 |
| 3045                             | 2209                             | 2213                               | 2213                               | 3094  | 2203  | 2203  | 2249  | 1588  | 1541  | 1572  | 1563  | 3369                            | 2511                            |                                 |
| 3079                             | 2217                             | 2349                               | 2297                               | 3103  | 2247  | 2417  | 2408  | 3027  | 2183  | 2183  | 2359  | 3369                            | 2511                            |                                 |
| 3089                             | 2296                             | 2353                               | 3079                               | 3221  | 2405  | 2439  | 3096  | 3142  | 2314  | 2314  | 3027  |                                 |                                 |                                 |
| 3171                             | 2349                             | 3045                               | 3171                               | 3251  | 2418  | 3101  | 3251  | 3183  | 2358  | 2378  | 3142  |                                 |                                 |                                 |
| 3177                             | 2354                             | 3091                               | 3175                               | 3278  | 2441  | 3223  | 3276  | 3205  | 2378  | 3185  | 3203  |                                 |                                 |                                 |
| 3846                             | 2801                             | 3846                               | 3846                               | 3684  | 2683  | 3684  | 3683  | 3638  | 2651  | 3638  | 3638  |                                 |                                 |                                 |

Table S1. Harmonic MP2 frequencies in cm<sup>-1</sup> used in the statistical model to calculate densities and numbers of states.

|                                | $\Delta E / \text{eV}$            | B3LYP         | B3LYP/anharm | M06-2X | MP2   | MP2/anharm | CCSD  | $\overline{\Delta E}$ | $2 \times \sigma$ |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------|--------------|--------|-------|------------|-------|-----------------------|-------------------|
|                                |                                   | 6-311++G(d,p) |              |        |       | cc-pVTZ    |       |                       |                   |
| H/D loss                       | $\text{C}_2\text{D}_5\text{OD}$   | 0.097         | 0.096        | 0.097  | 0.099 | 0.097      | 0.097 | <b>0.097</b>          | 0.002             |
|                                | $\text{CD}_3\text{CH}_2\text{OH}$ | 0.009         | 0.008        | 0.007  | 0.008 | 0.013      | 0.006 | <b>0.008</b>          | 0.005             |
|                                | $\text{CH}_3\text{CD}_2\text{OH}$ | 0.094         | 0.089        | 0.096  | 0.096 | 0.096      | 0.096 | <b>0.095</b>          | 0.005             |
| $\text{CH}_3/\text{CD}_3$ loss | $\text{C}_2\text{D}_5\text{OD}$   | 0.058         | 0.057        | 0.059  | 0.057 | 0.054      | 0.059 | <b>0.057</b>          | 0.003             |
|                                | $\text{CD}_3\text{CH}_2\text{OH}$ | 0.047         | 0.044        | 0.047  | 0.046 | 0.046      | 0.048 | <b>0.046</b>          | 0.002             |
|                                | $\text{CH}_3\text{CD}_2\text{OH}$ | 0.014         | 0.012        | 0.015  | 0.014 | 0.015      | 0.014 | <b>0.014</b>          | 0.002             |

Table S2. Dissociative photoionization energy shifts in meV with respect to light ethanol thanks to zero point energy differences of the different isotopologues. The error bar is taken as twice the standard deviation of the ZPE shift values.

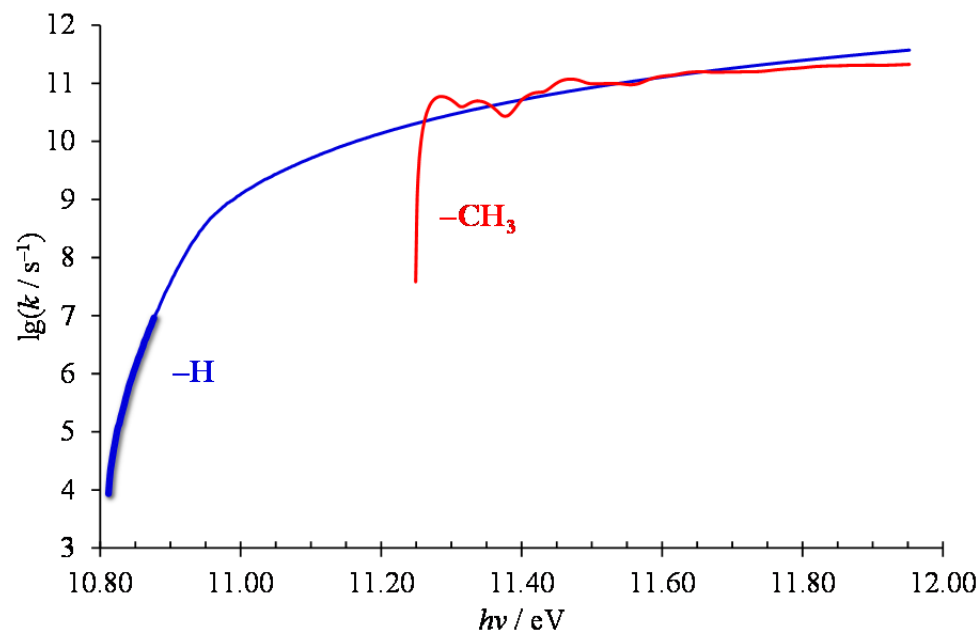


Figure S1. SSACM unimolecular rate constants for H and  $\text{CH}_3$  loss from  $\text{C}_2\text{H}_5\text{OH}^+$  with the energy referenced to ground state  $\text{C}_2\text{H}_5\text{OH}$ . The bold portion of the H-loss rate curve is where there is experimental rate information. The dissociation is only slow because of tunneling. The oscillations in the methyl-loss rate curve are due to the sparsely spaced vibrational levels of the product ion  $\text{CH}_2\text{OH}^+$ .