# Investigation of the cis-trans structures and isomerization of oligoprolines by using Raman spectroscopy and density functional theory calculations: solute-solvent interactions and effects of terminal positively charged amino acid residues 

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## 1. Experimental and calculated Raman spectra of poly-L-proline



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P12, PPI (gas)


P12, PPI (prOH)


RP11, PPI (prOH)


P11R, PPI (prOH)


KP11, PPI (prOH)


P12, PPII (gas)


P12, PPII ( $\left.\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}\right)$


RP11, PPII $\left(\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}\right)$


P11R, PPII $\left(\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}\right)$


KP11, PPII ( $\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}$ )



Figure S2. Optimized geometry, dipoles, and electrostatic potential surfaces of P12, KP11, RP11, P11K, and P11R type PPI in propanol and PPII in $\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}$ using GAUSSIAN package. N terminal is NH and C is COOH in gas phase and $\mathrm{NH}_{2}{ }^{+}$and $\mathrm{COO}^{-}$in water and 1-propanol for $\mathrm{P} 12, \mathrm{P} 11 \mathrm{~K}$, and P 11 R and $\mathrm{NH}_{3}{ }^{+}$and $\mathrm{COO}^{-}$for KP11 and RP11.
3. Raman spectra of poly-L-proline, P12, P11X, and XP11 in solid state and in solution


Figure S3. Raman curves of poly-L-proline II and I powder and the calculated spectra using CRYSTAL 17 at the B3LYP-D3/6-31G(d,p) level with the coupled-perturbed Kohn-Sham scheme.


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## 4. Assignment of vibrational modes to the observed Raman shifts for peptides




Figure S9. Mode analysis results of PPII conformation of poly-L-proline. Panels A and B show mode analyses on the amide-type motions and the collective type motions where all atoms participate in the motions, respectively. In the amide-type motions, the number of each type $(\mathrm{O}, \mathrm{N}, \mathrm{C}$, and H$)$ atom is counted if the displacement is larger than $0.01 \AA$ for each direction ( $\mathrm{a}, \mathrm{b}$, and c -axis). In the collective type motions, we use the total displacement larger than $0.059 \AA$ which is determined on the basis of the three acoustic phonon modes $(\omega=0)$. In Panel A, * represents the motions due to the ring deformations.



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3D crystal structure is quite different from 1D polymer structure as shown in Fig. S11. Both panels are views along the a-axis (1D) and c-axis (3D). Orange allow in each panel shows the distance between two carbon atoms: 1D polymer ( $3.067 \AA$ ) and 3D crystal $(3.120 \AA)$. This difference can be due to the existence of inter-peptide hydrogen bonding in 3D crystal case. To see this, we should note that there are two types of hydrogen bonding in 3D crystal of the polyproline II (Figure S11(b)): one acts between oxygen atom and nearest H atom ( $\sim 2.516 \AA$ ) in the same polypeptide (intra-polypeptide hydrogen bond) and the other interact with nearest H atom $(\sim 2.634 \AA$ ) of the different polypeptide (inter-polypeptide hydrogen bond). The bond distance suggests the intra-polypeptide hydrogen bonding may be stronger than hydrogen bonding acting on the different polypeptide. Polyproline I also have two types of hydrogen bonding one takes part in forming intra-polypeptide structure $(2.383 \AA \sim 2.561 \AA)$ and the other one binds nearest neighboring polypeptide ( $\sim 2.267 \AA$ ) (Figure S11(c)). The bond distance suggests the inter-polypeptide hydrogen bonding may be stronger than hydrogen bonding acting within the same polypeptide.
(a)


3D

(b)

Inter-polypeptide H-bond


Intra-polypeptide H-bond
(c)


Intra-polypeptide H-bond

Figure S11. (a) 1D and 3D crystal structure of poly proline peptide, (b) H-bond in polyproline II, and
(c) H-bond in polyproline I.

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|  | PPI |  | PPII |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Expt. ${ }^{\text {a }}$ | Calc. | Expt. ${ }^{\text {a }}$ | Calc. |
| a ( $\AA$ ) | 9.15 | 9.12 | 6.64 | 6.65 |
| b ( $\AA$ ) | 18.93 | 18.87 | 6.64 | 6.65 |
| c ( $\AA$ ) | 9.20 | 9.25 | 9.60 | 9.54 |
| $\beta$ (deg) | 59.28 | 59.84 | 90 | 90 |
| $\mathrm{V}\left(\AA^{3}\right)$ | 1369.98 | 1376.73 | 366.97 | 365.01 |
|  |  | ( $+0.49 \%$ ) |  | (-0.53\%) |

a Ref. 11.

Table S2-1. Vibrational modes of poly-L-proline II and assignments based on CRYSTAL 17 calculations. Assignments are deduced from Fig. S9.

| $\omega_{\text {expt. }}$ | mode \# | $\omega$ calc. | Assignment |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 56 | 4 | 56 | Libration around c-axis |
| 74 | 6,7 | * 74 | spring-type motion involving pyrrolidine rings |
| 106 | 8, 9 | *104 | twist of carbonyl groups, twist of pyrrolidine rings |
| 129 | 10,11 | * 129 | twist of pyrrolidine rings, twist of carbonyl groups |
| 165 | 13,14 | *165 | $\mathrm{CH}_{2}$ rocking |
| 259 | 20,21 | *261 | $\mathrm{CH}_{2}$ rocking |
| 313 | 22 | 315 | $\mathrm{CH}_{2}$ rocking, NC in-plane bending (plane: pyrrolidine ring plane) |
| 334 | 23,24 | *343 | $\mathrm{CH}_{2}$ rocking, NC out-of-plane bending |
| 362 | 25 | 372 | $\mathrm{CH}_{2}$ rocking, NC out-of-plane bending, CO in-plane bending |
| 404 | 26,27 | *416 | NC out-of-plane bending |
| 497 | 28 | 502 | NC in-plane bending |
| 536 | 29,30 | *548 | NC bending, CO bending |
| 737 | 37 | 753 | CO out-of-plane bending |
| 838 | 40 | 847 | ring twist |
| 875 | 45 | 875 | ring twist |
| 898 | 46,47 | *913 | ring twist |
| 920 | 49 | 931 | ring deformation, $\mathrm{C}_{3}-\mathrm{C}_{4}-\mathrm{C}_{5}$ stretching |
| 1050 | 59,60 | * 1066 | ring deformation, $\mathrm{C}_{3}-\mathrm{C}_{4}$ stretching |
| 1176 | 65,66 | *1191 | ring deformation, $\mathrm{CH}_{2}$ twisting, $\mathrm{C}_{2}-\mathrm{C}_{3}$ stretching |
| 1202 | 71,72 | * 1236 | ring deformation, NC stretching (two C atoms each side of the N atom on the ring) |
| 1242 | 73,74 | * 1270 | $\mathrm{CH}_{2}$ twisting |
| 1266 | 76 | 1292 | ring deformation |
| 1325 | 81 | 1346 | $\mathrm{CH}_{2}$ wagging |
| 1343 | 88,89 | * 1378 | $\mathrm{CH}_{2}$ wagging, ring deformation |
| 1424 | 91 | 1451 | ${ }^{\text {a amide II }}$ |
| 1450 | 94,95 | * 1496 | ${ }^{\text {a }} \mathrm{CH}_{2}$ scissoring |
| 1475 | 101,102 | *1537 | ${ }^{\text {a }} \mathrm{CH}_{2}$ scissoring |
| 1650 | 105 | 1717 | ${ }^{\text {a amide I }}$ |

* represents doubly degenerated state; ${ }^{\text {a }}$ represents characteristic frequencies of the band (see Table S2-2)

Table S2-2. Characteristic bands of poly-1-proline II

| Band | Mode \#s | Simulated frequencies $/ \mathbf{c m}^{\mathbf{- 1}}$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $\mathrm{CH}_{2}$ wagging | $87-90$ |  |
| ${ }^{\text {a Amid II }}$ | ${ }^{*} 91(\mathrm{~A}),{ }^{* *} 92(\mathrm{E}),{ }^{* *} 93(\mathrm{E})$ | $1451.3(\mathrm{~A}), 1466.0(\mathrm{E})$ |
| $\mathrm{CH}_{2}$ scissoring | $94-102$ | $1495.7-1537.1$ |
| Amide I | ${ }^{* *} 103(\mathrm{E}),{ }^{* *} 104(\mathrm{E}),{ }^{*} 105(\mathrm{~A})$ | $1702.8(\mathrm{E}), 1716.8(\mathrm{~A})$ |

${ }^{a}$ mixing of wagging and Amid II

* and ** represent the largest and the second largest Raman intensities in the band, respectively.
$A$ and $E$ represent symmetry: $E$ is a doubly degenerated state
Note collective motions in the lower frequency region $\left(<500 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}\right)$ may need more detailed analysis (see Fig. S9).

Table S3-1. Vibrational mode of poly-L-proline I and their assignments based on CRYSTAL 17 calculations. Assignments are deduced from Fig. S10.

| $\omega$ expt. | Mode \# | $\omega_{\text {calc. }}$ | Assignment |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 68 | 15 | 64 | twist of pyrrolidine ring pair |
| 75 | 18 | 76 | twist of pyrrolidine ring pair, CO wagging+ spring-type motion |
| 99 | 25 | 101 | scissoring of carbonyl groups |
| 130 | 31 | 122 | CO bending from \\| to $\perp$ helix axis, rocking of pyrrolidine rings |
| 315 | 63 | 287 | ring twist |
| 365 | 72 | 320 | ring-CO scissoring out of helix axial |
| 410 | 81 | 374 | pyrrolidine ring twist |
| 499 | 95 | 524 | NC-CO scissoring |
| 543 | 100 | 569 | NC bending, CO bending |
| 663 | 111 | 663 | ring deformation |
| 740 | 122 | 740 | CO out-of-plane bending |
| 840 | 131 | 853 | ring deformation, $\mathrm{C}_{1}-\mathrm{C}_{2}$ stretching |
| 900 | 154 | 902 | ring twist, $\mathrm{CH}_{2}$ twisting |
| 920 | 164 | 923 | ring deformation, $\mathrm{C}_{3}-\mathrm{C}_{4}-\mathrm{C}_{5}$ stretching |
| 960 | 179 | 980 | ring deformation |
| 1050 | 197 | 1064 | ring deformation, C-C asymmetric stretching |
| 1182 | 228 | 1217 | ring twist, $\mathrm{CH}_{2}$ twisting |
| 1239 | 243 | 1263 | ring twist, $\mathrm{CH}_{2}$ twisting |
| 1266 | 257 | 1308 | ring twist, $\mathrm{CH}_{2}$ twisting |
| 1327 | 279 | 1364 | $\mathrm{CH}_{2}$ wagging |
| 1344 | 292 | 1388 | $\mathrm{CH}_{2}$ wagging |
| 1427 | 301 | 1444 | ${ }^{\text {a }}$ amide II |
| 1450 | 317 | 1502 | ${ }^{\mathrm{a}} \mathrm{CH}_{2}$ scissoring |
| 1479 | 336 | 1530 | ${ }^{\mathrm{a}} \mathrm{CH}_{2}$ scissoring |
| 1650 | 345 | 1708 | ${ }^{\text {a amide I }}$ |

${ }^{a}$ represents characteristic frequencies of the band (see Table S3-2)

Table S3-2 Characteristic bands of poly-l-proline I

| Band | Mode \#s | Simulated frequencies / cm ${ }^{\mathbf{- 1}}$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Amide II+ <br> $\mathrm{CH}_{2}$ scissoring | $303-310$ | $1455.2 \sim 1475.0$ |
| $\mathrm{CH}_{2}$ scissoring | $311-340$ | $1494.3 \sim 1536.9$ |
| Amide I | $341,342,343,{ }^{* *} 344,{ }^{*} 345$, | $1698.1,1698.5,1702.1,{ }^{* *} 1703.9$, |
|  | $346,347,348,349,350$ | ${ }^{* *} 1707.9,1709.0,1717.5,1720.3$, |
|  |  | $1728.9,1736.2$ |

* and ** represent the largest and the second largest Raman intensities in the band, respectively.

Note collective motions in the lower frequency region $\left(<500 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}\right)$ may need more detailed analysis (see Fig. S10).

Table S4. Vibrational mode of the PPII form of P12 and their assignments based on Gaussian 09 calculations.

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| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $\omega_{\text {expt. }}$ | $\omega_{\text {calc. }}$ | Assignment |
| 261 | 266 | $\mathrm{CH}_{2}$ rocking |
| 310 | 321 | $\mathrm{CH}_{2}$ rocking, NC out-of-plane bending (plane: pyrrolidine ring plane) |
| 334 | 354 | $\mathrm{CH}_{2}$ rocking, NC out-of-plane bending, CO in-plane bending |
| 404 | 409 | NC out-of-plane bending |
| 499 | 503 | NC in-plane bending |
| 529 | 537 | NC bending, CO bending |
| 730 | 747 | CO out-of-plane bending |
| 762 | 788 | $\mathrm{CH}_{2}$ twist |
| 833 | 848 | ring deformation |
| 875 | 898 | ring twist |
| 898 | 920 | ring twist |
| 925 | 937 | ring twist |
| 1050 | 1085 | ring deformation, C-C stretching |
| 1098 | 1132 | ring twist |
| 1168 | 1185 | ring deformation, $\mathrm{CH}_{2}$ twist |
| 1177 | 1211 | $\mathrm{CH}_{2}$ twisting |
| 1203 | 1228 | $\mathrm{CH}_{2}$ wagging |
| 1248 | 1285 | $\mathrm{CH}_{2}$ twisting |
| 1270 | 1313 | $\mathrm{CH}_{2}$ twisting |
| 1328 | 1381 | $\mathrm{CH}_{2}$ wagging |
| 1350 | 1393 | $\mathrm{CH}_{2}$ wagging |
| 1424 | 1460 | amide II |
| 1454 | 1531 | $\mathrm{CH}_{2}$ scissoring |
| 1482 | 1550 | $\mathrm{CH}_{2}$ scissoring |
| 1650 | 1643 | amide I |
|  |  |  |

Table S5. Vibrational mode of the PPI form of P12 and their assignments based on Gaussian 09 calculations.

| $\omega_{\text {expt. }}$ | $\omega_{\text {calc. }}$ | Assignment |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 320 | 332 | $\mathrm{CH}_{2}$ wagging |
| 365 | 361 | ring-CO scissoring ( CO bending out of helix axis) |
| 412 | 395 | pyrrolidine ring twist |
| 499 | 513 | $\mathrm{CH}_{2}$ rocking |
| 583 | 603 | $\mathrm{CH}_{2}$ rocking |
| 660 | 642 | CO bending of terminal $\mathrm{COO}^{-}$, ring twist |
| 731 | 719 | CO out-of-plane bending |
| 842 | 802 | ring twist |
| 865 | 839 | ring twist |
| 895 | 895 | ring twist, $\mathrm{CH}_{2}$ rocking |
| 920 | 940 | ring deformation |
| 960 | 977 | ring deformation |
| 1050 | 1071 | ring deformation, C-C asymmetric stretching |
| 1092 | 1130 | ring twist |
| 1165 | 1193 | ring deformation, $\mathrm{CH}_{2}$ wagging |
| 1182 | 1214 | $\mathrm{CH}_{2}$ twisting |
| 1193 | 1239 | $\mathrm{CH}_{2}$ wagging |
| 1240 | 1284 | $\mathrm{CH}_{2}$ twisting |
| 1270 | 1335 | $\mathrm{CH}_{2}$ wagging |
| 1302 | 1356 | $\mathrm{CH}_{2}$ wagging |
| 1330 | 1375 | $\mathrm{CH}_{2}$ wagging |
| 1350 | 1388 | $\mathrm{CH}_{2}$ wagging |
| 1425 | 1450 | Am II |
| 1449 | 1533 | $\mathrm{CH}_{2}$ scissoring |
| 1479 | 1546 | $\mathrm{CH}_{2}$ scissoring |
| 1650 | 1625 | Am I |

