

## Supporting Information

# Temperature effects on the C–H symmetric stretching vibrational frequencies of guest hydrocarbon molecules in **5<sup>12</sup>,** **5<sup>12</sup>6<sup>2</sup> and 5<sup>12</sup>6<sup>4</sup> cages of sI and sII clathrate hydrates**

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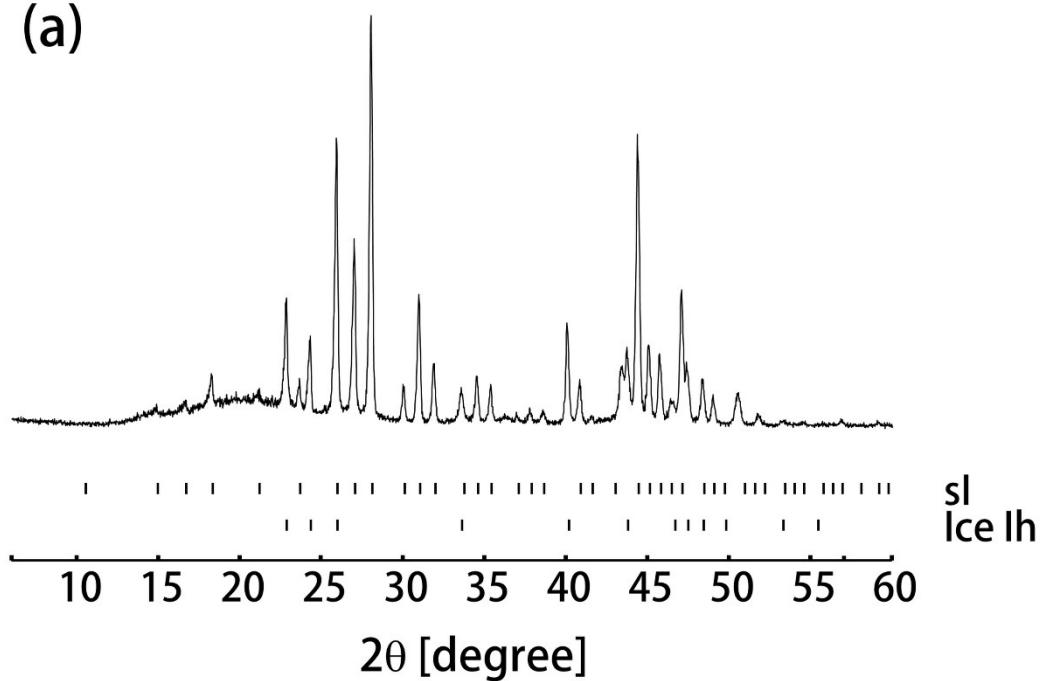
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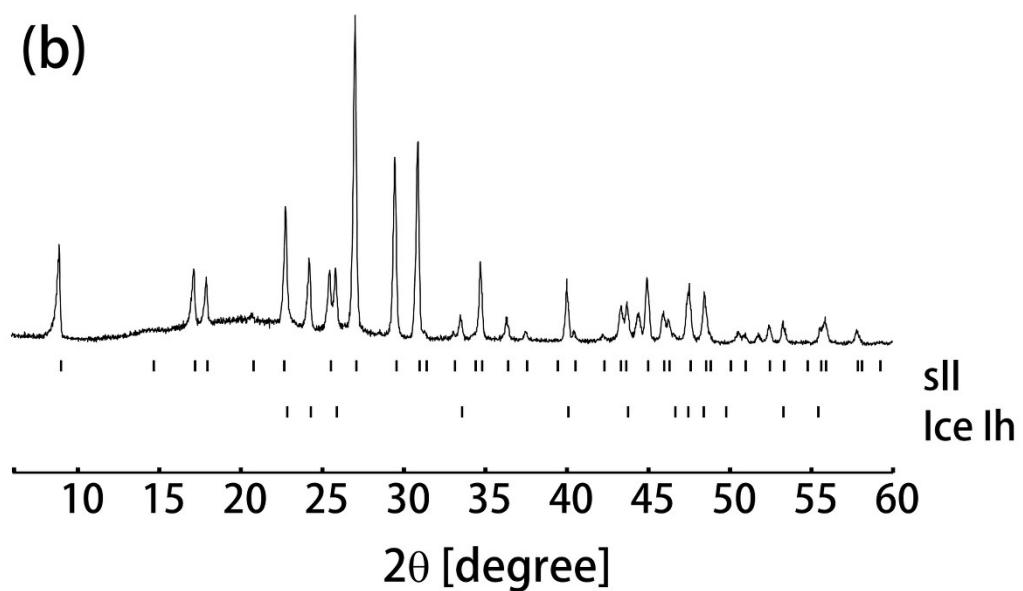
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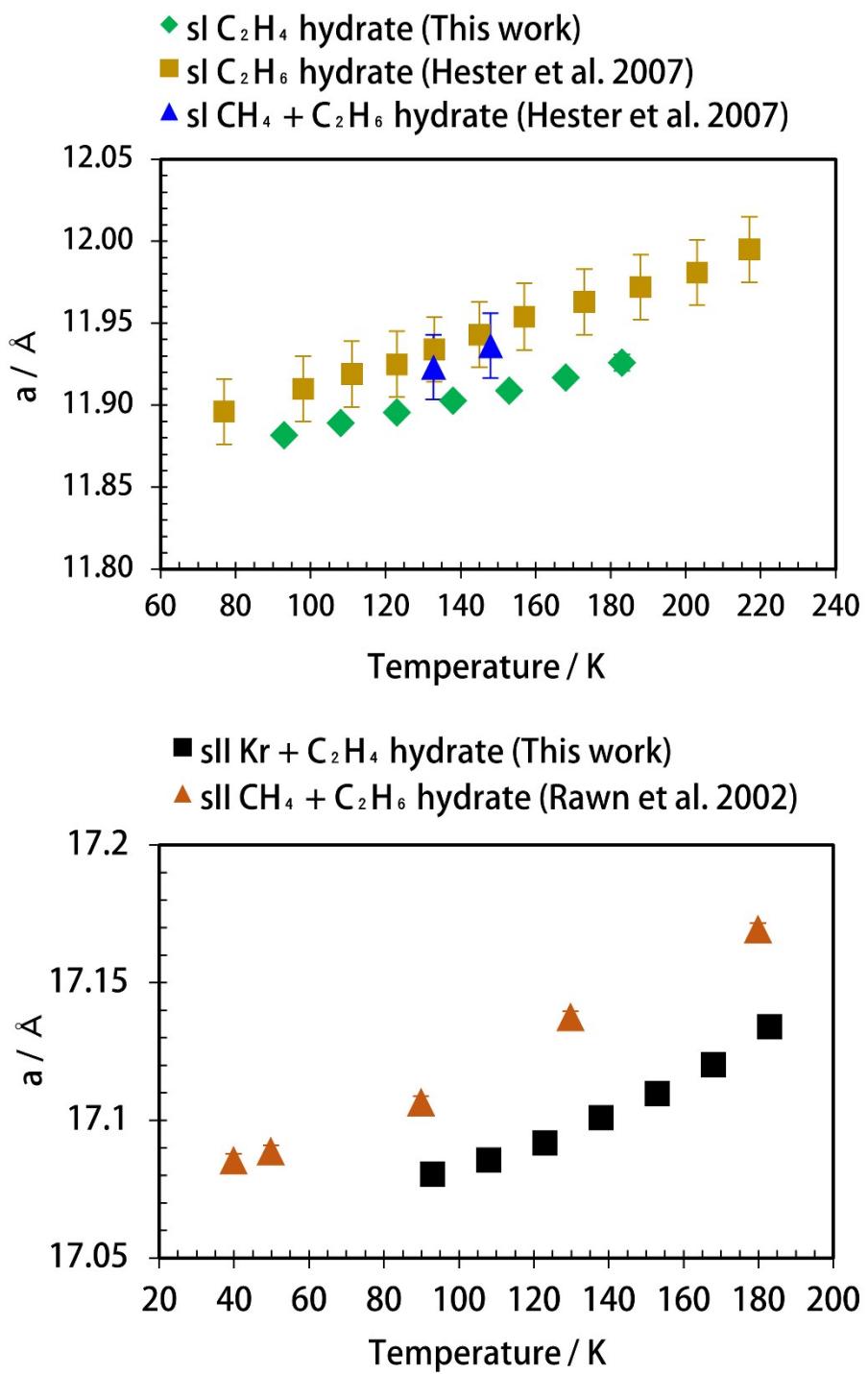
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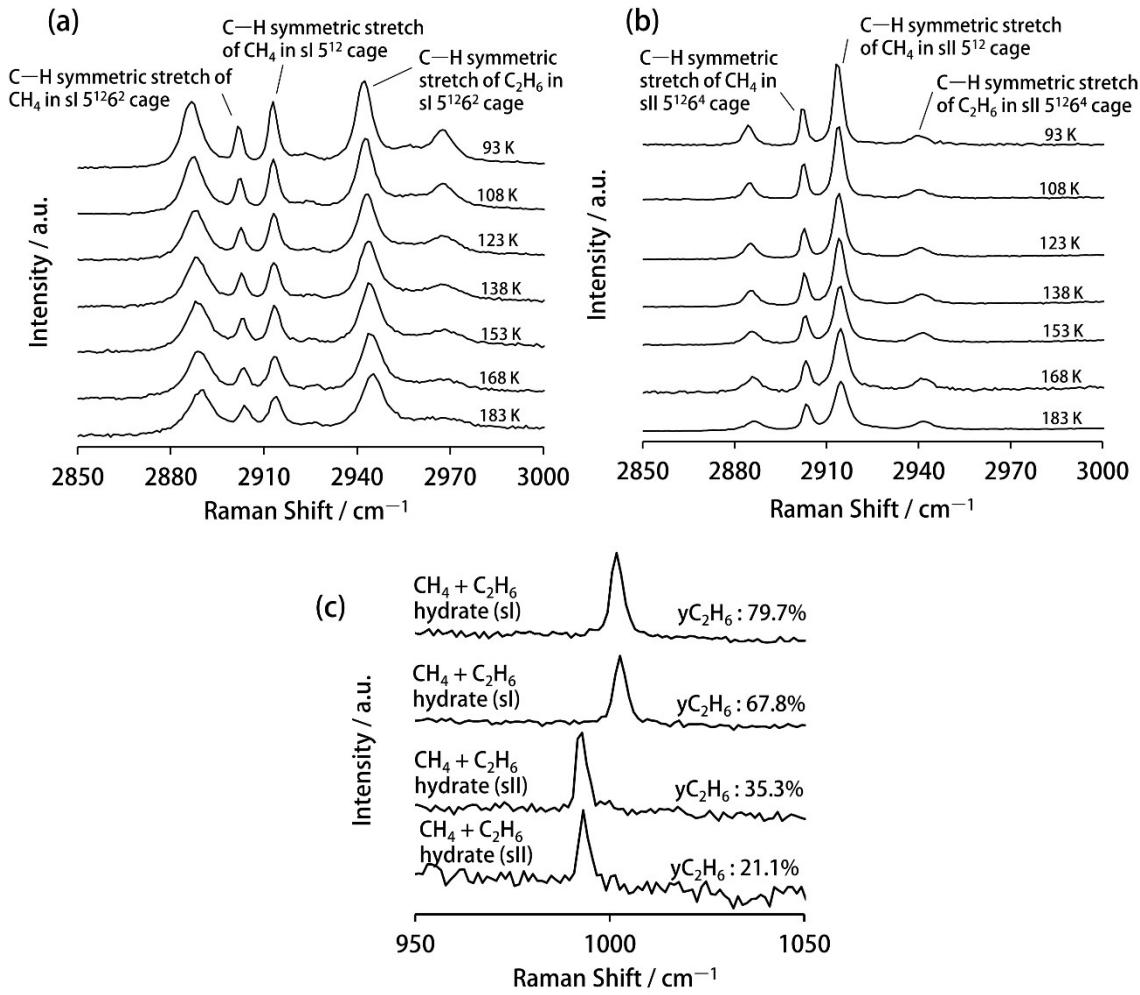
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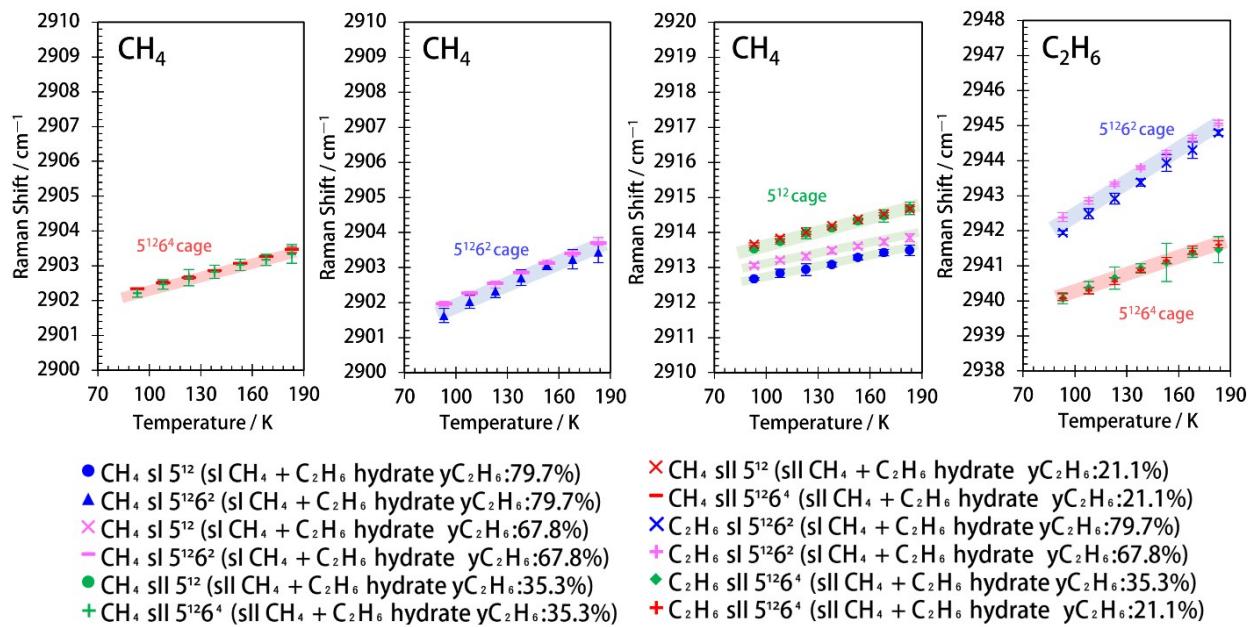
**Fig. S1.** X-ray diffraction patterns of the hydrate samples at 93 K: (a) sI C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub> hydrate and (b) sII Kr + C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub> hydrate. The curves in each pattern represent the observed intensities. The line marks below each pattern show the calculated peak positions for sI hydrate, sII hydrate and hexagonal ice.



**Fig. S2.** Effect of temperature on unit-cell parameters of five types of sI and sII hydrates.<sup>1,2</sup>



**Fig. S3.** Raman spectra of the C–H stretching region of (a) sI CH<sub>4</sub> + C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>6</sub> hydrates (yC<sub>2</sub>H<sub>6</sub> : 67.8%) and (b) sII CH<sub>4</sub> + C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>6</sub> hydrates (yC<sub>2</sub>H<sub>6</sub> : 21.1%) at a temperature range of 93–183 K. (c) Raman spectra of the C–C stretching region of encapsulated C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>6</sub> in sI and sII CH<sub>4</sub> + C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>6</sub> hydrates at 93 K.



**Fig. S4.** Effect of temperature on Raman shifts of C–H symmetric stretch of encapsulated  $\text{CH}_4$  and  $\text{C}_2\text{H}_6$  in sI and sII  $\text{CH}_4 + \text{C}_2\text{H}_6$  hydrates which have different guest composition.

**Table S1** Raman shifts of C–H symmetric stretch of CH<sub>4</sub> and C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>6</sub> in sI and sII CH<sub>4</sub> + C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>6</sub> hydrates which have different guest composition and their variations with temperature changes. The errors are the standard deviations of nine measurements at different sample positions.

guest molecule	cage	structure	bulk guest composition of C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>6</sub> [%]	estimated cage occupancy ratio of CH <sub>4</sub> in large cages <sup>3</sup>	estimated cage occupancy ratio of C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>6</sub> in large cages <sup>3</sup>	Raman shift at 93 K [cm <sup>-1</sup> ]	slope of Raman shift between 93 K and 183 K ( $\Delta\nu/\Delta T$ ) [10 <sup>-2</sup> cm <sup>-1</sup> /K]
CH <sub>4</sub>	5 <sup>12</sup>	sI	79.7	0.04	0.94	2912.7 ± 0.1	+0.9 ± 0.1
	5 <sup>12</sup> 6 <sup>2</sup>	sI	79.7	0.04	0.94	2901.6 ± 0.1	+2.0 ± 0.3
	5 <sup>12</sup>	sI	67.8	0.12	0.86	2913.1 ± 0.1	+0.9 ± 0.1
	5 <sup>12</sup> 6 <sup>2</sup>	sI	67.8	0.12	0.86	2902.0 ± 0.1	+1.9 ± 0.1
	5 <sup>12</sup>	sII	35.3	0.14	0.83	2913.5 ± 0.1	+1.3 ± 0.2
	5 <sup>12</sup> 6 <sup>4</sup>	sII	35.3	0.14	0.83	2902.2 ± 0.1	+1.2 ± 0.1
	5 <sup>12</sup>	sII	21.1	0.40	0.56	2913.7 ± 0.1	+1.2 ± 0.1
	5 <sup>12</sup> 6 <sup>4</sup>	sII	21.1	0.40	0.56	2902.3 ± 0.1	+1.3 ± 0.1
C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>6</sub>	5 <sup>12</sup> 6 <sup>2</sup>	sI	79.7	0.04	0.94	2941.9 ± 0.1	+3.2 ± 0.1
	5 <sup>12</sup> 6 <sup>2</sup>	sI	67.8	0.12	0.86	2942.4 ± 0.1	+3.0 ± 0.1
	5 <sup>12</sup> 6 <sup>4</sup>	sII	35.3	0.14	0.83	2940.1 ± 0.1	+1.6 ± 0.1
	5 <sup>12</sup> 6 <sup>4</sup>	sII	21.1	0.40	0.56	2940.1 ± 0.1	+1.7 ± 0.1

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