

Supporting Information

Investigation of Freezing-Induced Anionic Interplay in Acoustically Levitated Artificial Seawater Droplets

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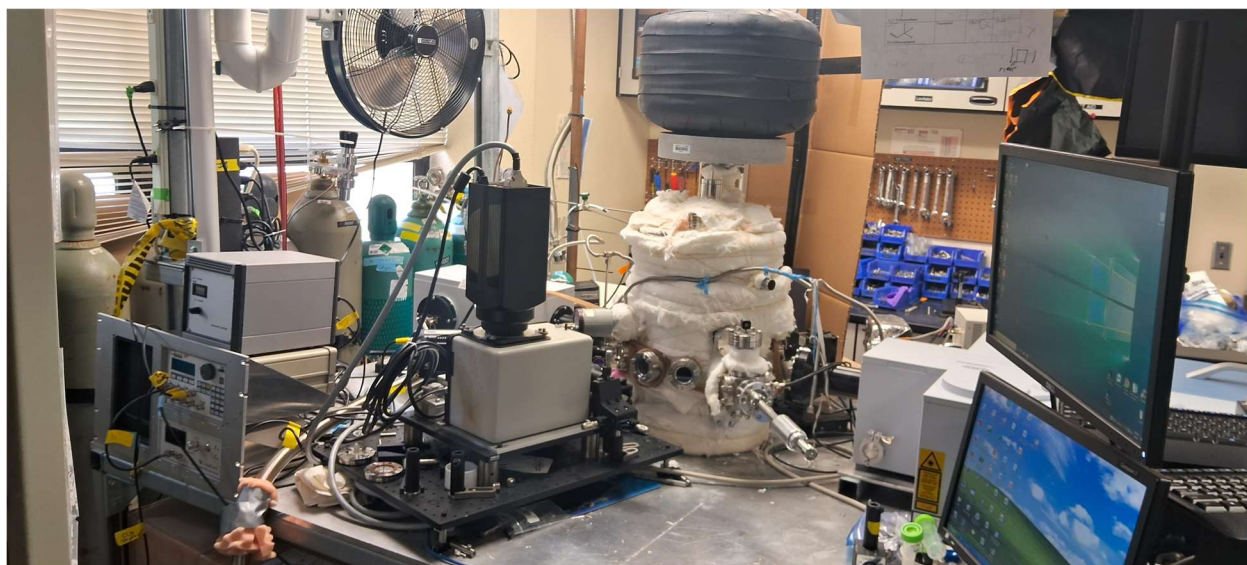


Figure S1: Photograph of the levitator setup.

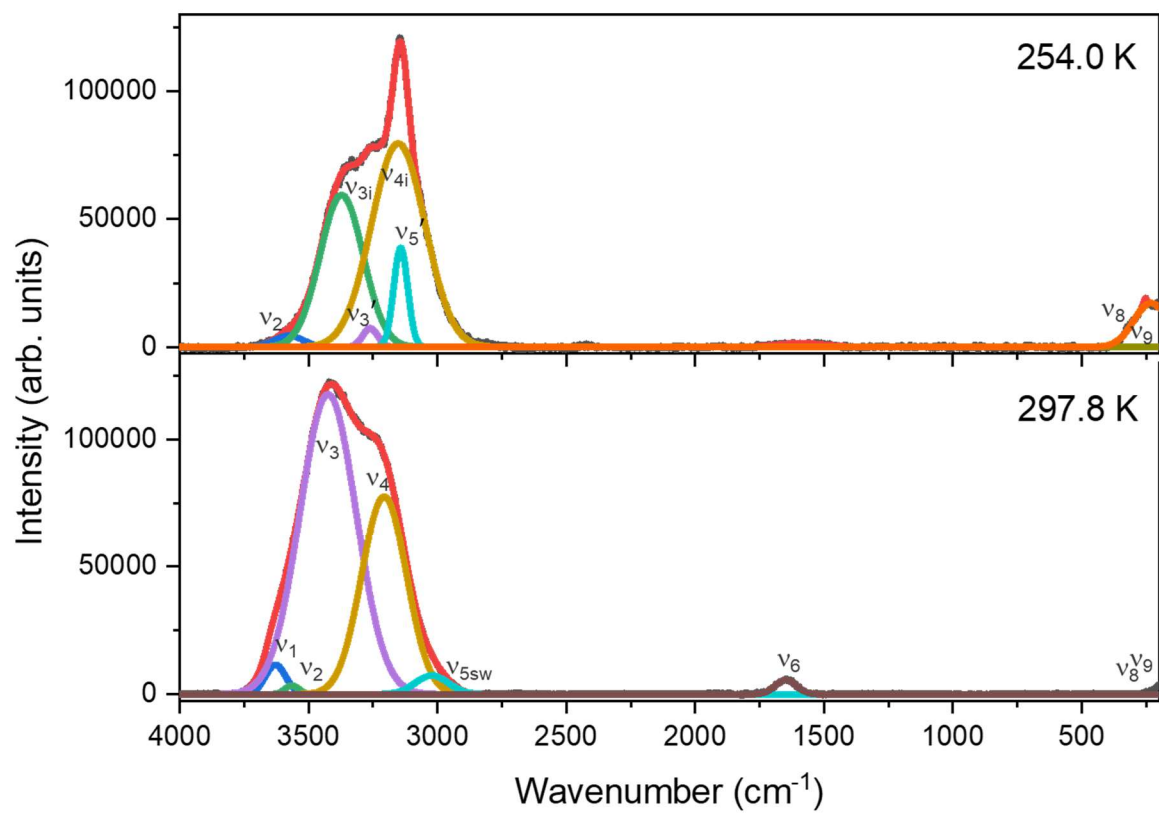


Figure S2: Deconvoluted Raman spectra of pure water droplet in its liquid form at 297.8 K, and when it is frozen at 254.0 K.

Table S1: Peak assignments for the deconvoluted Raman spectrum of the ice crystal made of pure water at 254.0 K.

Peak	Experimental wavenumber (cm ⁻¹)	Carrier	Peak assignment	Literature wavenumber (cm ⁻¹)	Reference
ν_2	3577	H ₂ O (surface)	O-H stretch (weakly or non H-bonded OH)	~3600	1-3
ν_{3i}	3372	H ₂ O (bulk)	O-H stretch (red-shifted intermediate H-bond)	3314	2, 4-6
$\nu_{3'}$	3262	H ₂ O (bulk)	Symmetric OH stretch	3270	6
ν_{4i}	3153	H ₂ O (deformed)	Red-shifted O-H stretch of deformed tetrahedral H-bond	~3200	1-2
$\nu_{5'}$	3143	H ₂ O (bulk)	O-H stretch of strong H-bond or ion stabilized water	3140	2, 6-8
ν_6	1589	H ₂ O	OH bend	~1600	9-10
ν_8	255	SO ₄ ²⁻ (aq)	Translational lattice mode	~280	7, 11
ν_9	232	H ₂ O (bulk)	Translational lattice mode	~220	7, 11

Table S2: Peak assignments for the deconvoluted Raman spectrum of the pure water droplet at 297.8 K.

Peak	Experimental wavenumber (cm ⁻¹)	Carrier	Peak assignment	Literature wavenumber (cm ⁻¹)	Reference
v ₁	3631	H ₂ O (surface)	O-H stretch (free, non H-bonded OH)	~3600	¹
v ₂	3564	H ₂ O (surface)	O-H stretch (weakly H-bonded OH)	~3530	¹²
v ₃	3425	H ₂ O (bulk)	Bulk water O-H intermediate stretch	3435	¹²⁻¹³
v ₄	3208	H ₂ O (deformed)	O-H stretch of deformed tetrahedral H-bond	3140- ~3200	^{1-2, 6-7}
v _{5sw}	3019	H ₂ O (bulk)	Intense O-H stretching	~2800-3000	¹⁴⁻¹⁵
v ₆	1608	H ₂ O	OH bend	~1600	⁹⁻¹⁰
v ₈	255	SO ₄ ²⁻ (aq)	Translational lattice mode	~280	^{7, 11}
v ₉	232	H ₂ O (bulk)	Translational lattice mode	~280	^{7, 11}

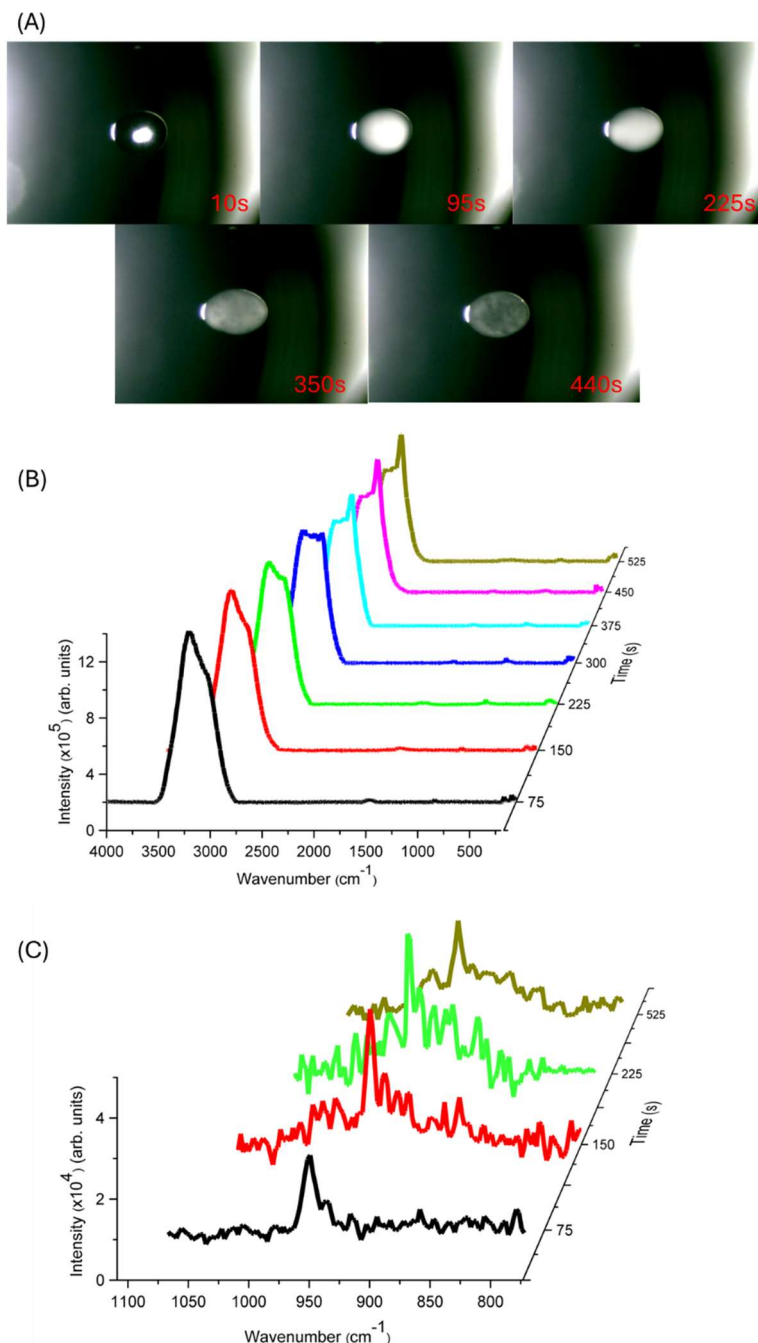


Figure S3: (A) Visualization of the freezing process of the levitating seawater droplet with time. (B) The time-dependent Raman spectra showing the change in the physical state and molecular structure evolution of seawater droplet during freezing. The broad spectral region $\sim 3800\text{-}2800\text{ cm}^{-1}$ is the O-H stretching frequencies arising out of different kinds of intermolecular interactions. (C) Zoomed in time-dependent spectra of the droplet/ice particle at selected times at the $1100\text{-}800\text{ cm}^{-1}$ region where changes related to the sulfate peak are observed.

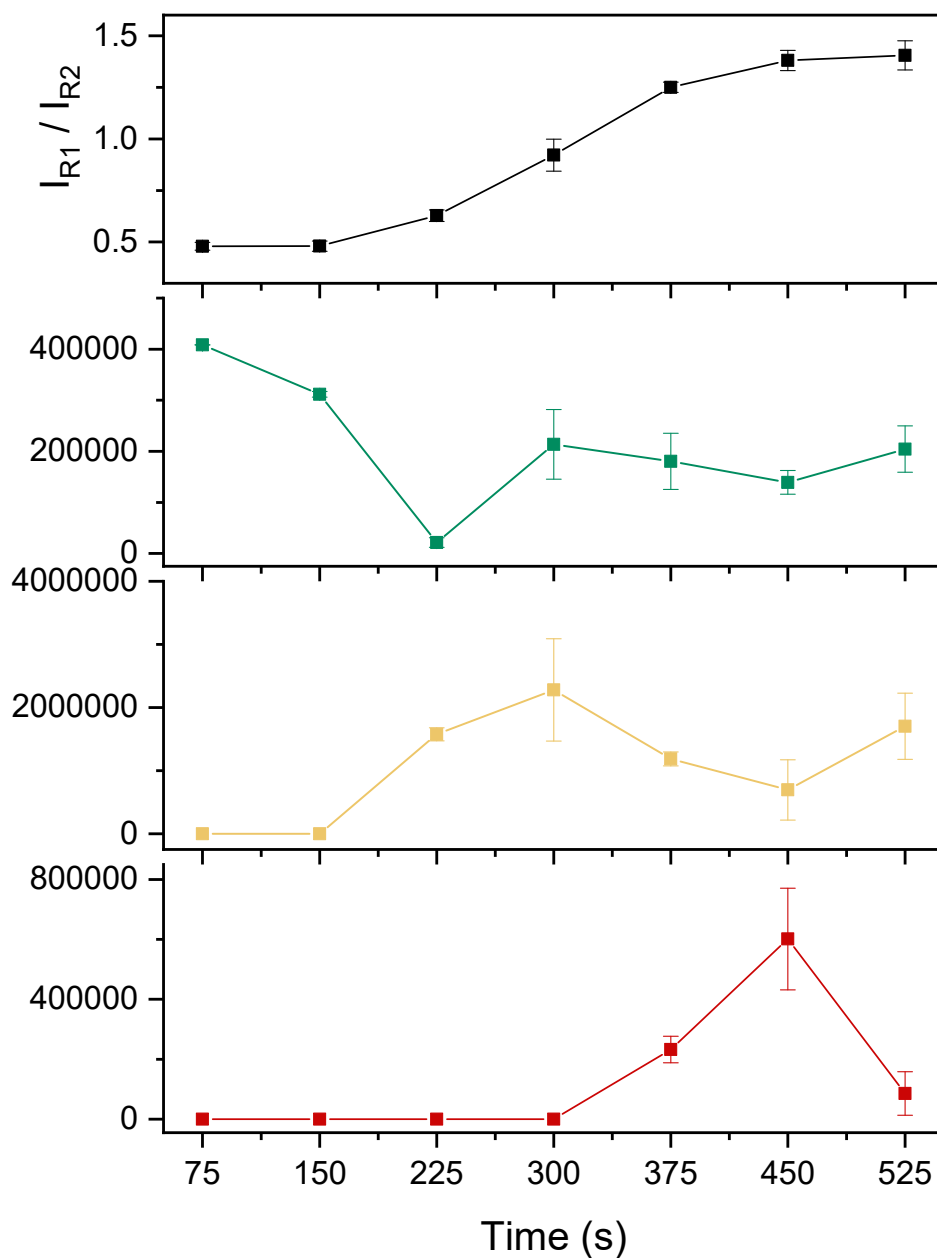


Figure S4. (A) Temporal profile of the water/ice features during the aqueous droplet freezing process. The freezing process is quantified by evaluating the ratios of corresponding areas of two spectral segments from 3200 to 3100 cm^{-1} and 3440 to 3340 cm^{-1} , which correspond to specific features of ice and liquid water, respectively. (B) Temporal profile of the sulfate stretching peak located at around 981 cm^{-1} . (C) Temporal profile of the distorted sulfate stretch peak located at 916-951 cm^{-1} . (D) Temporal profile of the bisulfate stretch peak located at around 1013 cm^{-1} .

Table S3: Peak assignments for the deconvoluted Raman spectrum of the aqueous droplet containing 3.5% MgSO₄ solution at 297.8 K as shown in Figure 3(A).

Peak	Experimental wavenumber (cm ⁻¹)	Carrier	Peak assignment	Literature wavenumber (cm ⁻¹)	Reference
v ₁	3641	H ₂ O (surface)	O-H stretch (non-H-bonded)	3632	1-3
v ₂	3583	H ₂ O (surface)	O-H stretch (weakly or non H-bonded OH)	~3600	1-3
v ₃	3426	H ₂ O (bulk)	Intermediate OH stretch	3314-3435	12-13
v ₄	3224	H ₂ O (bulk)	O-H stretch of deformed tetrahedral H-bond	3140- ~3200	1-2, 6-7
v ₅	3105	H ₂ O (bulk)	O-H stretch of ideal tetrahedral H-bond	3075	1
v ₆	1637	H ₂ O (bulk)	OH bend	~1600	9-10
v _{7s}	1014	HSO ₄ ⁻ (aq)	S-O stretch in bisulfate	1050	16
v ₇	981	SO ₄ ²⁻ (aq)	Symmetric S-O stretch in sulfate	981	17
v _{8s}	614	SO ₄ ²⁻ (aq)	v ₄ bending of sulfate	613	18
v _{9s}	446	SO ₄ ²⁻ (aq)	v ₂ bending of sulfate	451	18
v ₈	260	H ₂ O (l)	Translational lattice mode	~280	7, 11
v ₉	225	H ₂ O (l)	Translational lattice mode	~220	7, 11

s = sulfate solution being the first time this mode appears.

Table S4: Peak assignments for the deconvoluted Raman spectrum of the aqueous ice crystal containing 3.5% MgSO₄ solution at 254.0 K as shown in Figure 3(B).

Peak	Experimental wavenumber (cm ⁻¹)	Carrier	Peak assignment	Literature wavenumber (cm ⁻¹)	Reference
ν_{1s}'	3566	H ₂ O (surface)	O-H stretch of fully coordinated interfacial water molecules	~3530	12
ν_{3i}	3370	H ₂ O (bulk)	Bulk water O-H stretch (red-shifted intermediate H-bond)	3314-3435	2, 4-6, 12-13
ν_{2s}'	3252	H ₂ O (deformed)	O-H stretch of hexagonal crystal structure	3208	5
ν_{4i}	3152	H ₂ O (s)	O-H stretch of deformed tetrahedral H- bond	3140- ~3200	1-2, 6-7
ν_{5}'	3137	H ₂ O (s)	O-H stretch in DDAA ice	3140-3150	2, 6-7
ν_{5sw}	2878	H ₂ O (bulk)	Intense O-H stretching	~2800-3000	14-15
ν_6	1625	H ₂ O (bulk)	OH bend	~1600	9-10
ν_{7}'	1014	SO ₄ ²⁻ (aq/s)	Symmetric S-O stretch of sulfate in reduced symmetry environments	1000	19
ν_7	980	SO ₄ ²⁻ (aq)	Symmetric S-O stretch in sulfate	981	17
ν_{8}'	916	SO ₄ ²⁻ (aq/s)	Symmetric S-O stretch of sulfate in reduced symmetry environments		18, 20-21
ν_{8s}	602	SO ₄ ²⁻ (aq)	ν_4 bending of sulfate	613	18
ν_{9s}	452	SO ₄ ²⁻ (aq)	ν_2 bending of sulfate	451	18
ν_8	280	H ₂ O (s)	Translational lattice mode	~280	7, 11
ν_9	227	H ₂ O (s)	Translational lattice mode	~220	7, 11

Table S5: Peak assignments for the deconvoluted Raman spectrum of the aqueous droplet containing 3.5% NaHCO₃ solution at 297.8 K as shown in Figure 4(A).

Peak	Experimental wavenumber (cm ⁻¹)	Carrier	Peak assignment	Literature wavenumber (cm ⁻¹)	Reference
v ₁	3636	H ₂ O (surface)	O-H stretch (free, non H-bonded OH)	~3600	¹
v ₂	3579	H ₂ O (surface)	O-H stretch (weakly H-bonded OH)	~3530	¹²
v ₃	3417	H ₂ O (bulk)	Intermediate OH stretch	3435	¹²⁻¹³
v ₄	3221	H ₂ O (bulk)	O-H stretch of deformed tetrahedral H-bond	3140- ~3200	^{1-2, 6-7}
v ₅	3106	H ₂ O (bulk)	O-H stretch of ideal tetrahedral H-bond	3075	¹
v _{5b} *	2620	HCO ₃ ⁻ (aq)	CO-H stretch	2619	²²
v ₆	1627	H ₂ O (bulk)	O-H bend	1630	^{9-10, 23}
v _{7b}	1370	HCO ₃ ⁻ (aq)	CO ₂ stretch	1360	^{22, 24}
v _{8b}	1309	HCO ₃ ⁻ (aq)	C-OH bend	1302	^{22, 24-25}
v _{9b}	1014	HCO ₃ ⁻ (aq)	C-OH stretch	1014	^{22, 25-26}
v _{10b}	676	HCO ₃ ⁻ (aq)	CO ₂ bending	673	^{22, 24}
v _{11b}	642	HCO ₃ ⁻ (aq)	OCO or HOC deformation	641	^{22, 24}
v ₈	281	H ₂ O (l)	Translational lattice mode	~280	^{7, 11}
v ₉	222	H ₂ O (l)	Translational lattice mode	~220	^{7, 11}

b = bicarbonate solution being the first time this mode appears.

Table S6: Peak assignments for the deconvoluted Raman spectrum of the aqueous ice crystal containing 3.5% NaHCO₃ solution at 254.0 K as shown in Figure 4(B).

Peak	Experimental wavenumber (cm ⁻¹)	Carrier	Peak assignment	Literature wavenumber (cm ⁻¹)	Reference
ν_{1s}'	3574	H ₂ O (surface)	O-H stretch of fully coordinated interfacial water molecules	~3530	12
ν_{3i}	3369	H ₂ O (bulk)	O-H stretch (intermediate H-bond)	3314-3435	2, 4-6, 12-13
ν_{2s}'	3253	H ₂ O (deformed)	O-H stretch of hexagonal crystal structure	3208	5
ν_{4i}	3153	H ₂ O (s)	O-H stretch of deformed tetrahedral H-bond	3140- ~3200	1-2, 6-7
$\nu_{5'}$	3138	H ₂ O (s)	O-H stretch in DDAA* ice	3140-3150	2, 6-7
ν_{5b}	2622	HCO ₃ ⁻ (aq)	CO-H stretch	2619	22
ν_6	1628	H ₂ O (bulk)	OH bend	~1600	9-10
ν_{7b}	1374	HCO ₃ ⁻ (aq)	CO ₂ stretch	1364	22, 26
ν_{8b}	1309	HCO ₃ ⁻ (aq)	C-OH bend	1300-1312	22, 25-26
ν_{9b}	1018	HCO ₃ ⁻ (aq)	C-OH stretch	1016	22, 25-26
ν_{10b}	682	HCO ₃ ⁻ (aq)	CO ₂ bending	673	22
ν_{11b}	647	HCO ₃ ⁻ (aq)	OCO or HOC deformation	641	22
ν_8	293	H ₂ O (s)	Translational lattice mode	~280	7, 11
ν_9	239	H ₂ O (s)	Translational lattice mode	~220	7, 11

Table S7: Peak assignments for the deconvoluted Raman spectrum of the aqueous droplet containing 3.5% MgSO₄ and NaHCO₃ 1:1 mass ratio solution at 297.8 K as shown in Figure 5(A).

Peak	Experimental wavenumber (cm ⁻¹)	Carrier	Peak assignment	Literature wavenumber (cm ⁻¹)	Reference
v ₁	3637	H ₂ O (surface)	O-H stretch (free, non H-bonded OH)	~3600	¹
v ₂	3583	H ₂ O (surface)	O-H stretch (weakly H-bonded OH)	~3530	¹²
v ₃	3417	H ₂ O (bulk)	Intermediate OH stretch	3435	¹²⁻¹³
v ₄	3226	H ₂ O (bulk)	O-H stretch of deformed tetrahedral H- bond	3140- ~3200	^{1-2, 6-7}
v _{5'}	3130	H ₂ O (s)	O-H stretch in DDAA ice	3140-3150	^{2, 6-7}
v _{5b}	2620	HCO ₃ ⁻ (aq)	CO-H stretch	2619	²²
v ₆	1628	H ₂ O (bulk)	OH bend	~1600	⁹⁻¹⁰
v _{6m}	1458	CO ₃ ²⁻ (aq)	Asymmetrical stretching of C-O from CO ₃ ²⁻	1400-1450	^{24, 27-28}
v _{7b}	1361	HCO ₃ ⁻ (aq)	CO ₂ stretch	1364	^{22, 26}
v _{8b}	1318	HCO ₃ ⁻ (aq)	C-OH bend	1300-1312	^{22, 25-26}
v _{9b}	1013	HCO ₃ ⁻ (aq)	C-OH stretch	1016	^{22, 25-26}
v ₇	978	SO ₄ ²⁻ (aq)	Symmetric S-O stretch in sulfate	981	¹⁷
v _{10b}	681	HCO ₃ ⁻ (aq)	CO ₂ bending	673	^{22, 24}
v _{11b}	650	HCO ₃ ⁻ (aq)	OCO or HOC deformation	641	^{22, 24}
v _{8s}	604	SO ₄ ²⁻ (aq)	v ₄ bending of sulfate	613	¹⁸
v _{9s}	454	SO ₄ ²⁻ (aq)	v ₂ bending of sulfate	451	¹⁸
v ₈	295	H ₂ O (l)	Translational lattice mode	~280	^{7, 11}
v ₉	234	H ₂ O (l)	Translational lattice mode	~220	^{7, 11}

m = mixture solution of bicarbonate and sulfate being the first time this mode appears.

Table S8: Peak assignments for the deconvoluted Raman spectrum of the aqueous ice crystal containing 3.5% MgSO₄ and NaHCO₃ 1:1 mass ratio solution at 254.0 K as shown in Figure 5(B).

Peak	Experimental wavenumber (cm ⁻¹)	Carrier	Peak assignment	Literature wavenumber (cm ⁻¹)	Reference
ν_{1s}'	3577	H ₂ O (surface)	O-H stretch (weakly H-bonded OH)	~3530	12
ν_{3i}	3384	H ₂ O (bulk)	O-H stretch (intermediate H-bond)	3314-3435	2, 4-6, 12-13
ν_{2s}'	3248	H ₂ O (deformed)	O-H stretch of hexagonal crystal structure	3208	5
ν_{4i}	3160	H ₂ O (s)	O-H stretch of strong H-bond)	3140- ~3200	1-2, 6-7
ν_{5}'	3139	H ₂ O (s)	O-H stretch in DDAA ice	3140-3150	2, 6-7
ν_{5b}	2610	HCO ₃ ⁻ (aq)	CO-H stretch	2619	22
ν_6	1616	H ₂ O (bulk)	OH bend	~1600	9-10
ν_{6m}	1453	CO ₃ ²⁻ (aq)	Asymmetrical stretching of C-O from CO ₃ ²⁻	1400-1450	24, 27-28
ν_{7b}	1362	HCO ₃ ⁻ (aq)	CO ₂ stretch	1364	22, 26
ν_{8b}	1318	HCO ₃ ⁻ (aq)	C-OH bend	1300-1312	22, 25-26
ν_{9b}	1012	HCO ₃ ⁻ (aq)	C-OH stretch	1016	22, 25-26
ν_7	977	SO ₄ ²⁻ (aq)	Symmetric S-O stretch in sulfate	981	17
ν_{8}'	943	SO ₄ ²⁻ (aq/l)	Symmetric S-O stretch of sulfate in reduced symmetry environments		18, 20-21
ν_{11b}	638	HCO ₃ ⁻ (aq)	OCO or HOC deformation	641	22, 24
ν_{9s}	466	SO ₄ ²⁻ (aq)	ν_2 bending of sulfate	456	17-18
ν_8	290	H ₂ O (s)	Translational lattice mode	~280	7, 11
ν_9	239	H ₂ O (s)	Translational lattice mode	~220	7, 11

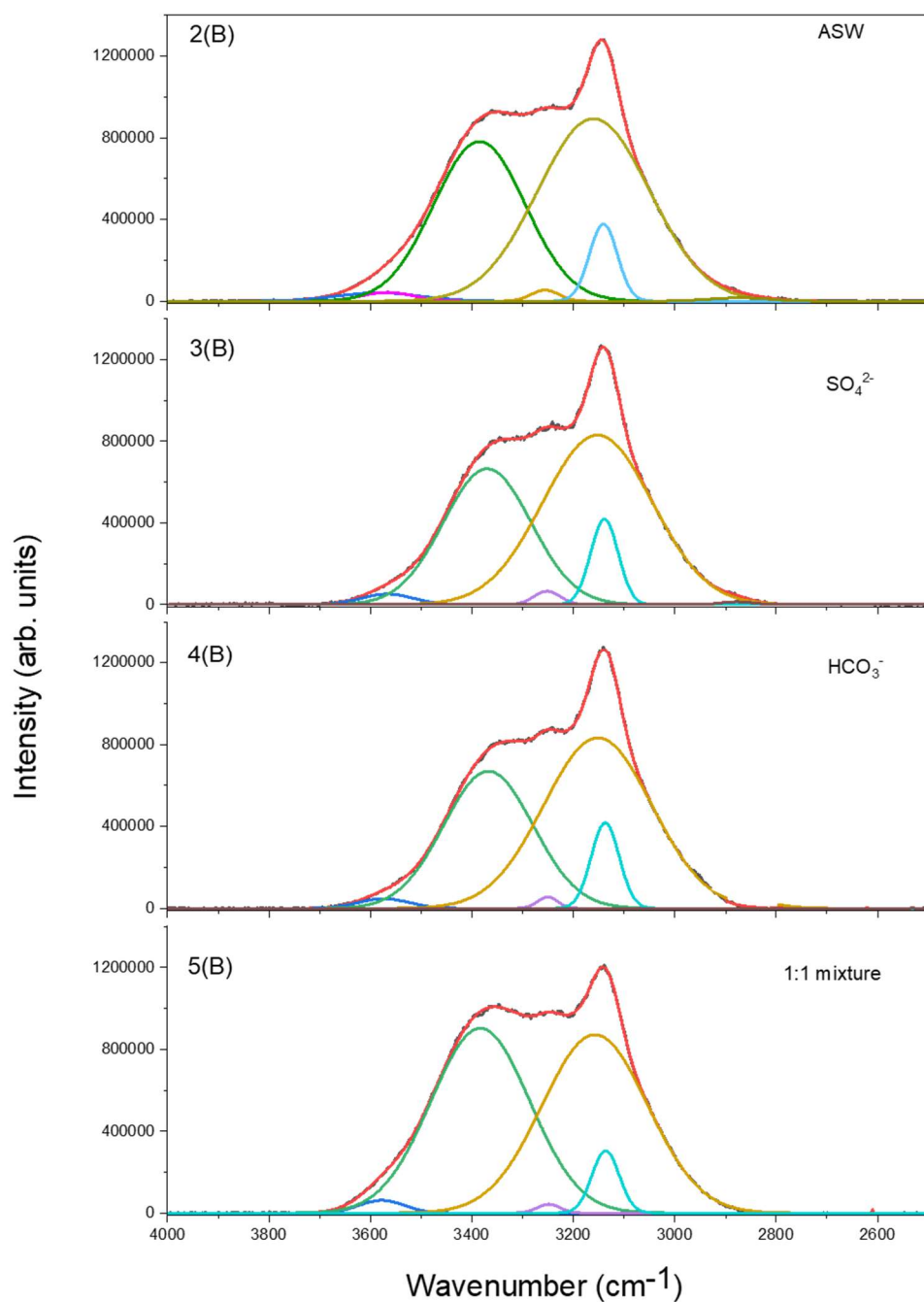


Figure S5: Stacked spectra from Figures 2(B), 3(B), 4(B) and 5(B), showing the comparisons of deconvoluted bands of the OH-stretching region of the ice crystals at 254.0 K.

Table S9: Full width at half-maximum (FWHM) for the fitted bands of the deconvoluted OH-region of the ice crystal of ASW at 254.0 K.

Peak	Experimental wavenumber (cm ⁻¹)	Peak width (cm ⁻¹)
ν_1	3583	100
ν_{1s}'	3566	121
ν_{3i}	3380	212
ν_{2s}'	3256	64
ν_{4i}	3160	259
ν_5'	3140	65
ν_{5sw}	2874	138

Table S10: Full width at half-maximum (FWHM) for the fitted bands of the deconvoluted OH-region of the ice crystal containing MgSO₄ solution at 254.0 K.

Peak	Experimental wavenumber (cm ⁻¹)	Peak width (cm ⁻¹)
ν_{1s}'	3566	120
ν_{3i}	3370	204
ν_{2s}'	3252	61
ν_{4i}	3152	254
ν_5'	3137	64
ν_{5sw}	2878	73

Table S11: Full width at half-maximum (FWHM) for the fitted bands of the deconvoluted OH-region of the ice crystal containing HCO₃ solution at 254.0 K.

Peak	Experimental wavenumber (cm ⁻¹)	Peak width (cm ⁻¹)
ν_{1s}'	3574	118
ν_{3i}	3369	208
ν_{2s}'	3253	47
ν_{4i}	3153	251
ν_5'	3138	65

Table S12: Full width at half-maximum (FWHM) for the fitted bands of the deconvoluted OH-region of the ice crystal containing 1:1 mixture of MgSO_4 and HCO_3 solution at 254.0 K.

Peak	Experimental wavenumber (cm^{-1})	Peak width (cm^{-1})
ν_{1s}'	3577	102
ν_{3i}	3384	222
ν_{2s}'	3248	48
ν_{4i}	3160	235
ν_{5}'	3139	89

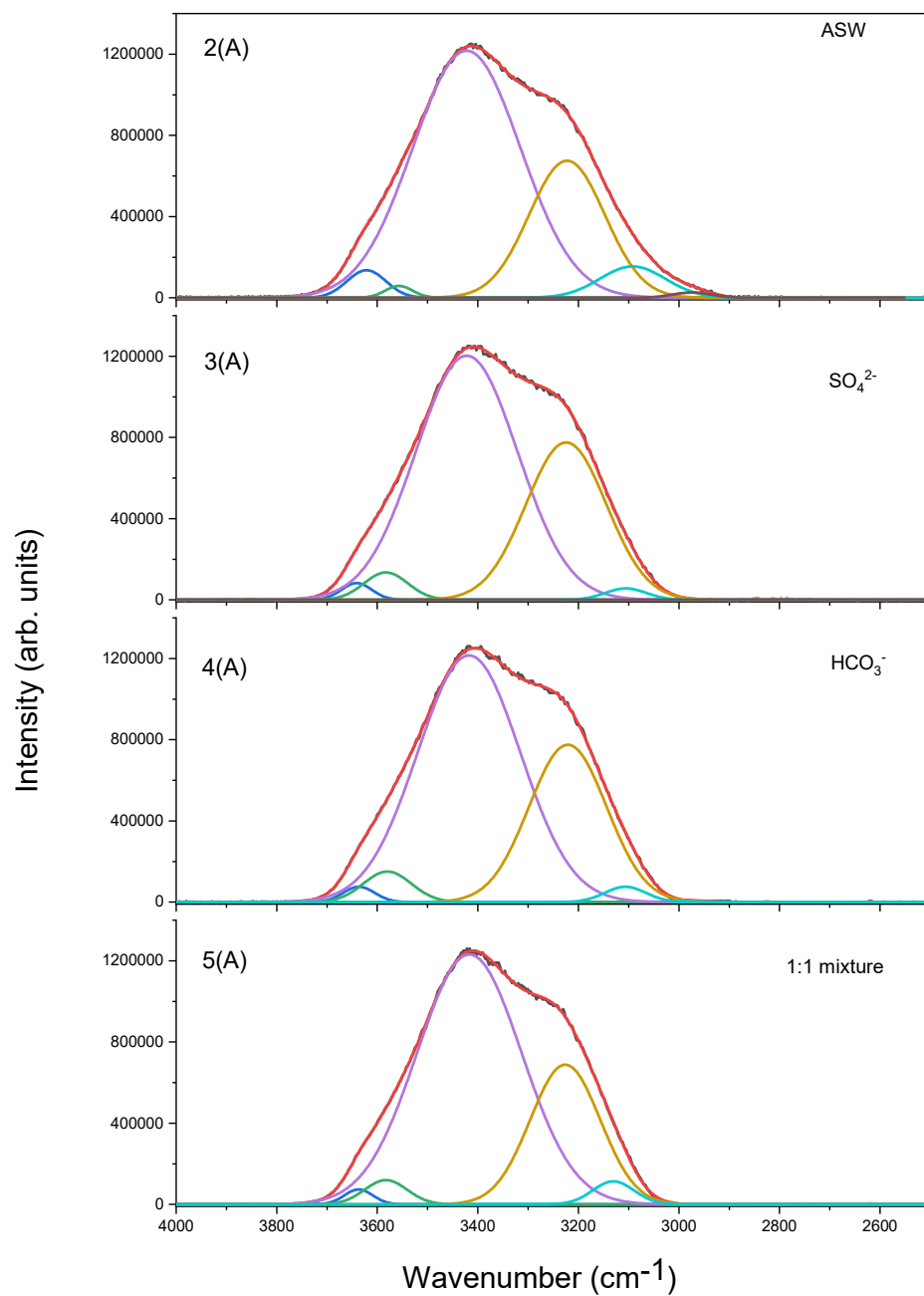


Figure S6: Stacked spectra from Figures 2(A), 3(A), 4(A) and 5(A), showing the comparisons of deconvoluted bands of the OH-stretching region of the droplets at 297.8 K.

Table S13: Full width at half-maximum (FWHM) for the fitted bands of the deconvoluted OH-region of the ASW droplet at 297.8 K.

Peak	Experimental wavenumber (cm ⁻¹)	Peak width (cm ⁻¹)
v ₁	3622	91
v ₂	3557	64
v ₃	3425	252
v ₄	3223	177
v ₅	3095	153
v _{SSW}	2974	91

Table S14: Full width at half-maximum (FWHM) for the fitted bands of the deconvoluted OH-region of the MgSO₄ droplet at 297.8 K.

Peak	Experimental wavenumber (cm ⁻¹)	Peak width (cm ⁻¹)
v ₁	3641	71
v ₂	3583	102
v ₃	3426	238
v ₄	3224	189
v ₅	3105	96

Table S15: Full width at half-maximum (FWHM) for the fitted bands of the deconvoluted OH-region of the HCO₃ droplet at 297.8 K.

Peak	Experimental wavenumber (cm ⁻¹)	Peak width (cm ⁻¹)
v ₁	3636	74
v ₂	3579	112
v ₃	3417	240
v ₄	3221	182
v ₅	3106	96

Table S16: Full width at half-maximum (FWHM) for the fitted bands of the deconvoluted OH-region of the 1:1 mixture of MgSO₄ and HCO₃ droplet at 297.8 K.

Peak	Experimental wavenumber (cm ⁻¹)	Peak width (cm ⁻¹)
ν_1	3637	66
ν_2	3583	100
ν_3	3417	245
ν_4	3226	164
ν_5'	3130	97

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