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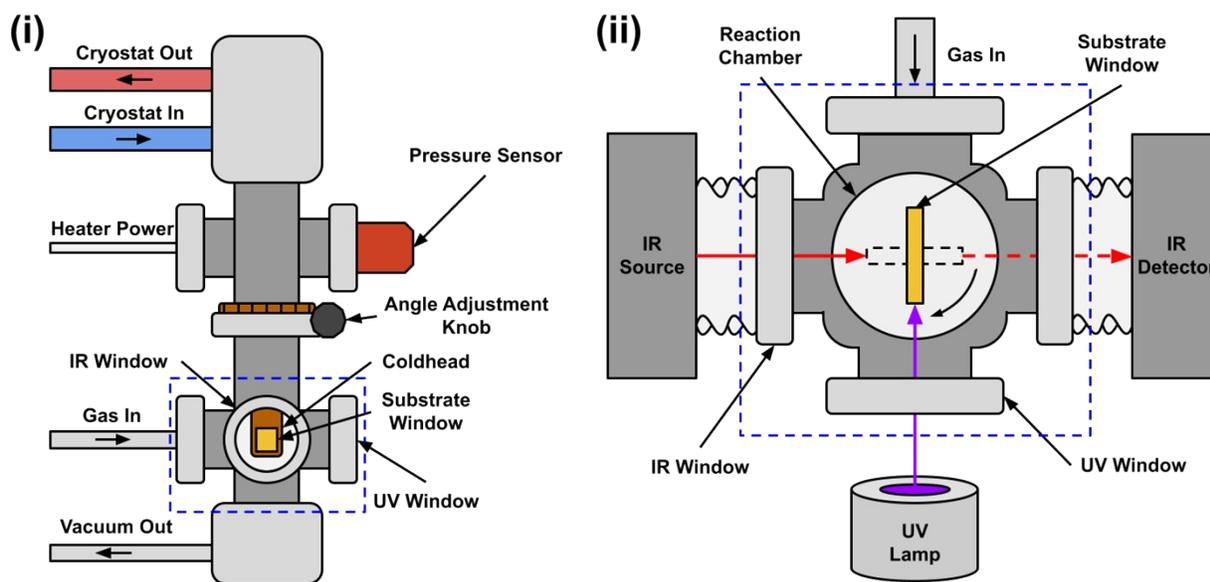


Figure S1a. A schematic diagram of (i) side view of the high-vacuum chamber used in this research project to generate molecular ice films from species deposited from the gas phase onto a KBr substrate and (ii) top-down view of the high-vacuum chamber, showing the two possible orientations of the substrate window (yellow rectangle and dashed line). The optical path of the IR beam through the chamber and external KBr windows is shown (red), as well as the entry of UV light from an external lamp through the MgF_2 window (purple).

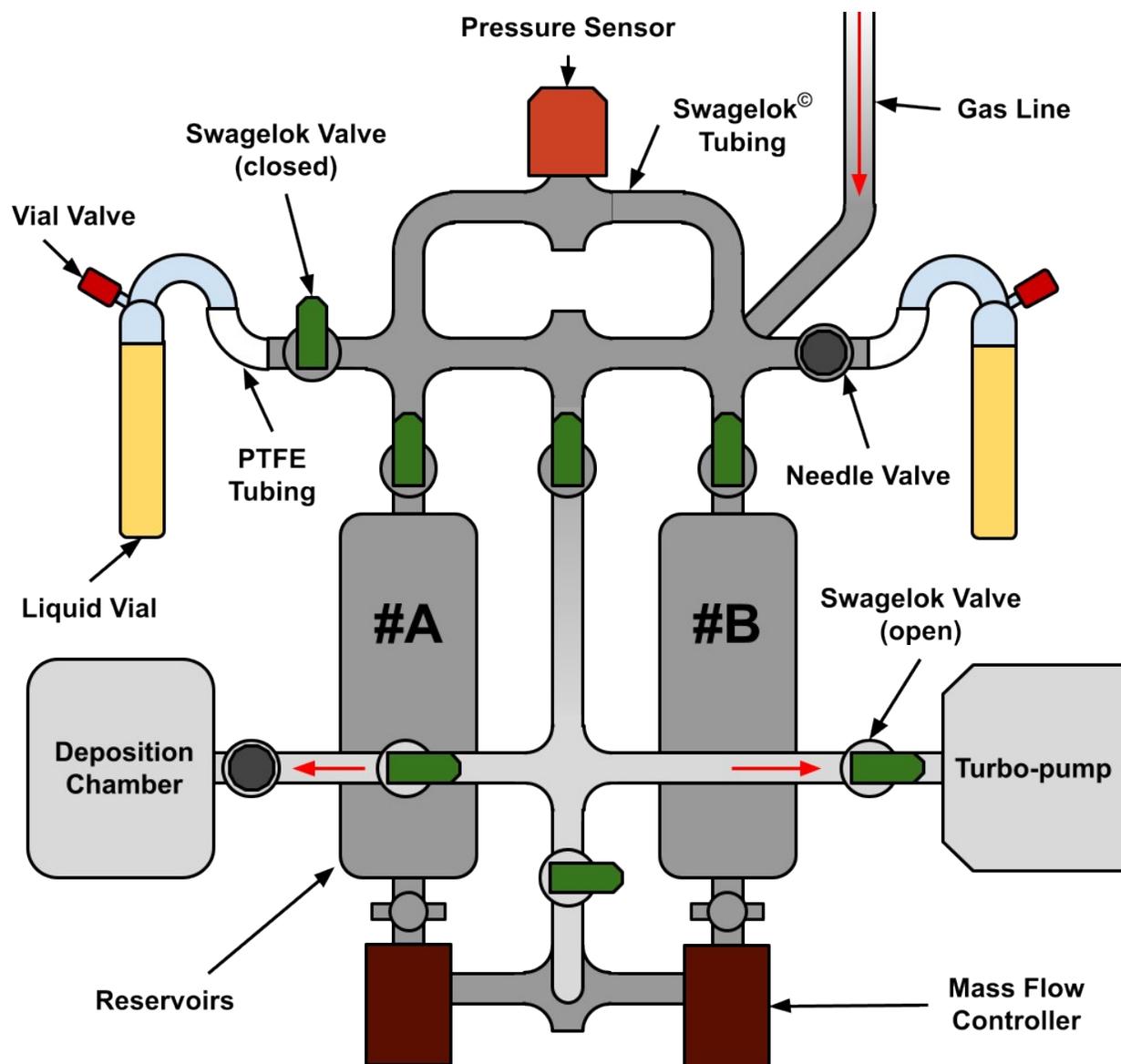


Figure S1b. A schematic representation of the gas manifold apparatus that stores and distributes sample gas provided from adjoining cylinders and/or liquid vials into the reaction chamber. Reservoir cylinders #A and #B allow separate retention and subsequent mixing of multiple gases.

Table S1. Raman peak assignments for C₆H₅C₂H ice at 90, 120, and 200 K. The 200 K spectrum was collected after annealing at 220 K for 3 minutes.

| Peak (90 K) / cm ⁻¹ | Peak (120 K) / cm ⁻¹ | Peak (200 K) / cm ⁻¹ | Assignment | Ref. † |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|---|--------|
| | | 3339 | CB | |
| | | 3323, 3317 | CB | |
| 3283 | 3280 | 3294 | v ₁ | a |
| 3274 | 3273 | 3277 | | |
| 3263 | 3268, 3264 | 3268 | | |
| 3074 | 3075, 3069 | 3072 | v ₂ , v ₃ , v ₁₇ , v ₁₈ | a |
| 3066, 3063 | 3066, 3063 | | | |
| 3059, 3056 | 3060, 3056 | 3064, 3058 | | |
| 3051 | 3053 | 3052 | | |
| 3046 | 3046 | 3048, 3044 | | |
| - | - | 3029 | CB | |
| 3020 | 3020 | 3020 | v ₄ | a |
| 2114, 2112 | 2116, 2111 | 2112 | v ₅ | a |
| 2107 | 2107 | | | |
| 1952 | 1955 | 1952 | CB | |
| 1641 | - | - | CB | |
| 1628 | - | - | CB | |
| 1608 | | | v ₆ | a |
| 1598 | 1598 | 1597 | | |
| 1588 | 1589 | 1589 | | |
| 1573, 1571 | 1573, 1571 | 1574, 1571 | v ₁₉ | a |
| 1491 | 1491 | | v ₇ | a |
| 1488, 1486 | 1486 | 1486 | | |
| 1443 | 1443 | 1444, 1442 | v ₂₀ | a |
| 1337, 1333 | 1336, 1333 | 1332 | v ₂₁ | a |
| | 1318 | | CB | |
| 1313, 1311 | 1312 | 1313 | | |
| 1285 | 1286 | 1285 | v ₂₂ | a |
| 1229 | 1229 | 1231 | CB | |
| 1193, 1195 | 1196, 1193 | 1195 | v ₈ | a |
| 1177 | 1178 | 1177 | v ₂₃ | a |
| 1162, 1158 | 1162, 1158 | 1162, 1158 | v ₉ | a |
| | 1155 | | | |
| 1073 | 1074 | 1073 | v ₂₄ | a |
| 1026 | 1026 | 1025 | v ₁₀ | a |
| 999, 994 | 1000 | 1000 | v ₂₉ | a |
| 985 | 988 | 988 | v ₁₁ | a |
| 854 | 854, 849 | 854 | v ₁₅ | a |
| 844 | 844 | 844 | | |
| 772, 768 | 772, 767 | 772 | v ₃₁ | a |
| 762, 757 | 762 | 763 | v ₁₂ | a |

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|------------|----------|----------|-----------------------------------|---|
| 695, 691 | | | v ₃₂ | a |
| 688 | 687 | 689 | | |
| 669 | 669 | 669 | v ₂₅ | a |
| | | 661 | v ₂₆ , v ₃₃ | a |
| 654 | 656 | 653 | | |
| 638 | 642, 638 | 644, 638 | | |
| | 635, 631 | 629 | | |
| 623 | 623 | 623 | | |
| 535, 532 | 535, 533 | 534 | v ₃₄ | a |
| 516 | 517 | 517, 512 | v ₂₇ | |
| 466 | 467 | 467 | v ₁₃ | |
| 403 | 402 | 405 | v ₁₆ | |
| 363 | 363 | 361, 358 | v ₃₅ | |
| 356 | 355 | 355 | | |
| 174, 168 | 169, 165 | 170 | v ₂₈ | |
| 156 | 157 | 157 | | |
| 112, 104 | 112, 103 | | Lattice Modes | |
| 94, 86 | 85 | 88 | | |
| 79, 70, 57 | 79, 62 | 75 | | |

Notes: † Peak assignments are compiled from liquid, amorphous and crystalline ice data published in (a, Chernia, 2000).

Table S2. C₆H₅C₂H unit cell parameters and phase fraction for the Rietveld refinement of literature α -C₆H₅C₂H, β -C₆H₅C₂H, and γ -C₆H₅C₂H unit cell against XRD diffraction patterns collected at 94 and 190 K (XRD experiment 1).

| Lattice parameters | α -C ₆ H ₅ C ₂ H | β -C ₆ H ₅ C ₂ H | γ -C ₆ H ₅ C ₂ H |
|--|--|---|--|
| 94 K pattern: Rw = 3.118%, GOF = 3.81 | | | |
| a | 5.77182 Å | 5.85543 Å | 40.84477 Å |
| b | 8.76976 Å | 9.3016 Å | 5.85226 Å |
| c | 15.97437 Å | 18.3395 Å | 32.35205 Å |
| α | 74.322° | 71.108° | 90° |
| β | 72.856° | 82.98° | 107.639° |
| γ | 78.63° | 78.951° | 90° |
| Volume | 737.819 Å ³ | 925.584 Å ³ | 7369.665 Å ³ |
| Molar fraction | 0.2363 | 10.59 | 1 |
| Weight fraction | 0.012 | 0.563 | 0.425 |
| 190 K pattern: Rw = 2.768%, GOF = 2.78 | | | |
| a | 5.71034 Å | 6.1258 Å | 41.13733 Å |
| b | 9.12328 Å | 9.21115 Å | 5.78573 Å |
| c | 15.50777 Å | 18.27201 Å | 32.6745 Å |
| α | 77.132° | 71.841° | 90° |
| β | 80.859° | 86.122° | 107.838° |
| γ | 79.828° | 83.24° | 90° |
| Volume | 769.199 Å ³ | 972.327 Å ³ | 7402.972 Å ³ |
| Molar fraction | 424.4 | 4.769 | 1 |
| Weight fraction | 0.965 | 0.013 | 0.022 |

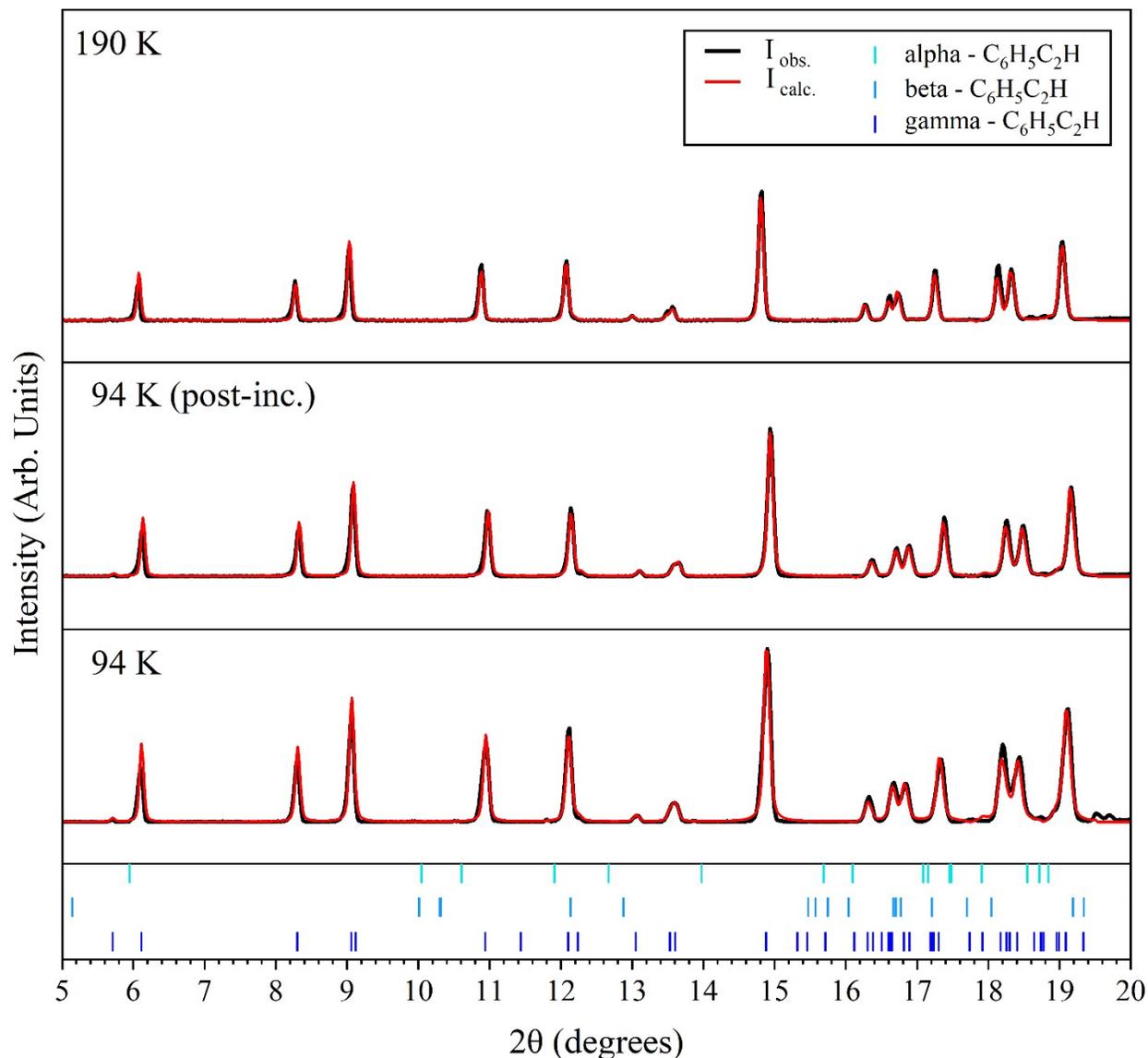


Figure S3. XRD patterns for phenylacetylene ice collected at 94 K before and after 2-hour incubation at 94, and collected at 190 K (bottom, middle, and top, respectively. $\lambda = 1.54 \text{ \AA}$). Plotted are the Rietveld refinement models (red; $R_w = 24.841\%$, $GOF = 8.09$, $R_w = 24.412\%$, $GOF = 7.60$, $R_w = 24.313\%$, $GOF = 7.61$) and residual patterns (grey). Tick marks represent Bragg peak positions of α -phenylacetylene (teal), β -phenylacetylene (blue), and γ -phenylacetylene (dark blue).

Table S3. C₆H₅C₂H unit cell parameters and phase fraction for the Rietveld refinement of the literature γ -C₆H₅C₂H unit cell against XRD diffraction patterns collected at 94 K, at 94 K after incubation at constant temperature for two hours, and at 190 K (XRD experiment 2).

| Lattice parameters | α -C ₆ H ₅ C ₂ H | β -C ₆ H ₅ C ₂ H | γ -C ₆ H ₅ C ₂ H |
|---|--|---|--|
| 94 K pattern (pre-incubation): $R_w = 24.841\%$, $GOF = 8.09$ | | | |
| a | - | - | 40.96643 Å |
| b | - | - | 5.84339 Å |
| c | - | - | 32.47098 Å |
| α | - | - | 90° |
| β | - | - | 107.738° |
| γ | - | - | 90° |
| Volume | - | - | 7403.465 Å ³ |
| Molar fraction | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| 94 K pattern (post-incubation): $R_w = 24.313\%$, $GOF = 7.61$ | | | |
| a | - | - | 40.83996 Å |
| b | - | - | 5.84077 Å |
| c | - | - | 32.37016 Å |
| α | - | - | 90° |
| β | - | - | 107.704° |
| γ | - | - | 90° |
| Volume | - | - | 7355.792 Å ³ |
| Molar fraction | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| 190 K pattern: $R_w = 24.412\%$, $GOF = 7.60$ | | | |
| a | - | - | 41.1273 Å |
| b | - | - | 5.79273 Å |
| c | - | - | 32.6583 Å |
| α | - | - | 90° |
| β | - | - | 107.861° |
| γ | - | - | 90° |
| Volume | - | - | 7405.478 Å ³ |
| Molar fraction | 0 | 0 | 1 |

Table S4. C₆H₅C₂H unit cell parameters and phase fraction for the Rietveld refinement of literature α -C₆H₅C₂H and γ -C₆H₅C₂H unit cells against XRD diffraction patterns collected at 160 and 220 K.

| Lattice parameters | α -C ₆ H ₅ C ₂ H | β -C ₆ H ₅ C ₂ H | γ -C ₆ H ₅ C ₂ H |
|---|--|---|--|
| 160 K pattern: $R_w = 3.118\%$, $GOF = 3.81$ | | | |
| a | 5.46178 Å | - | 41.07975 Å |
| b | 9.50312 Å | - | 5.81989 Å |
| c | 15.57896 Å | - | 32.56623 Å |
| α | 75.823° | - | 90° |
| β | 76.608° | - | 107.862° |
| γ | 72.754° | - | 90° |
| Volume | 737.613 Å ³ | - | 7410.638 Å ³ |
| Molar fraction | 0.57 | 0 | 1 |
| Weight fraction | 0.056 | 0 | 0.944 |
| 220 K pattern: $R_w = 2.768\%$, $GOF = 2.78$ | | | |
| a | 5.84222 Å | - | 40.823 Å |
| b | 9.18218 Å | - | 5.8721 Å |
| c | 15.47201 Å | - | 32.332 Å |
| α | 77.486° | - | 90° |
| β | 81.317° | - | 107.608° |
| γ | 80.508° | - | 90° |
| Volume | 793.430 Å ³ | - | 7387.398 Å ³ |
| Molar fraction | 1 | 0 | 0.01 |
| Weight fraction | 0.912 | 0 | 0.088 |

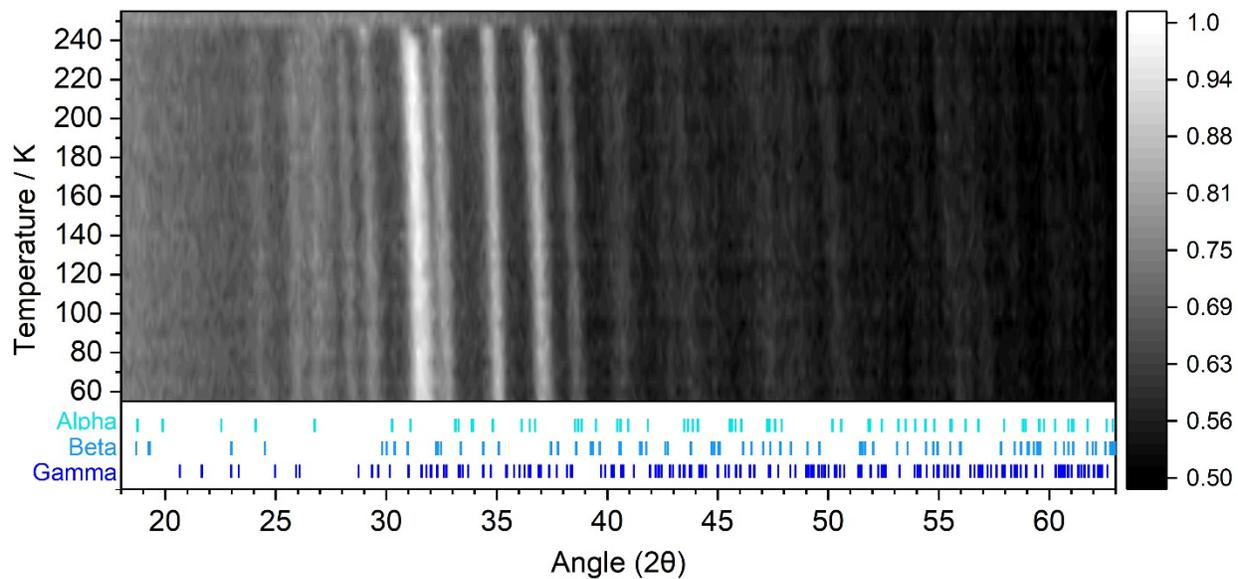


Figure S4. Thermodiffractogram of the neutron diffraction patterns of phenylacetylene ice collected in 5 K increments from 50-255 K for 2 min ($\lambda = 2.413$), where lightness represents peak intensity. Tick marks represent Bragg peak positions of α -phenylacetylene (teal), β -phenylacetylene (blue), and γ -phenylacetylene (dark blue).

Table S5. C₆H₅C₂H unit cell parameters and phase fraction for the Rietveld refinement of literature α -C₆H₅C₂H and β -C₆H₅C₂H unit cells against neutron diffraction patterns collected at 50 and 160 K.

| Lattice parameters | α -C ₆ H ₅ C ₂ H | β -C ₆ H ₅ C ₂ H | γ -C ₆ H ₅ C ₂ H |
|--|--|---|--|
| 50 K pattern: $R_w = 1.88\%$, GOF = 2.55 | | | |
| a | 5.6489 Å | 5.69802 Å | - |
| b | 8.98845 Å | 9.01959 Å | - |
| c | 15.09882 Å | 18.04228 Å | - |
| α | 76.807° | 71.585° | - |
| β | 81.471° | 82.342° | - |
| γ | 80.125° | 78.596° | - |
| Volume | 730.569 Å ³ | 859.908 Å ³ | - |
| Molar fraction | 1 | 1.987 | 0 |
| Weight fraction | 0.333 | 0.667 | 0 |
| 160 K pattern: $R_w = 2.03\%$, GOF = 2.90 | | | |
| a | 5.73969 Å | 5.69583 Å | - |
| b | 8.96493 Å | 9.11793 Å | - |
| c | 15.20058 Å | 18.25131 Å | - |
| α | 76.375° | 71.733° | - |
| β | 81.636° | 82.105° | - |
| γ | 79.875° | 78.281° | - |
| Volume | 743.871 Å ³ | 878.565 Å ³ | - |
| Molar fraction | 1 | 1.987 | 0 |
| Weight fraction | 0.333 | 0.667 | 0 |

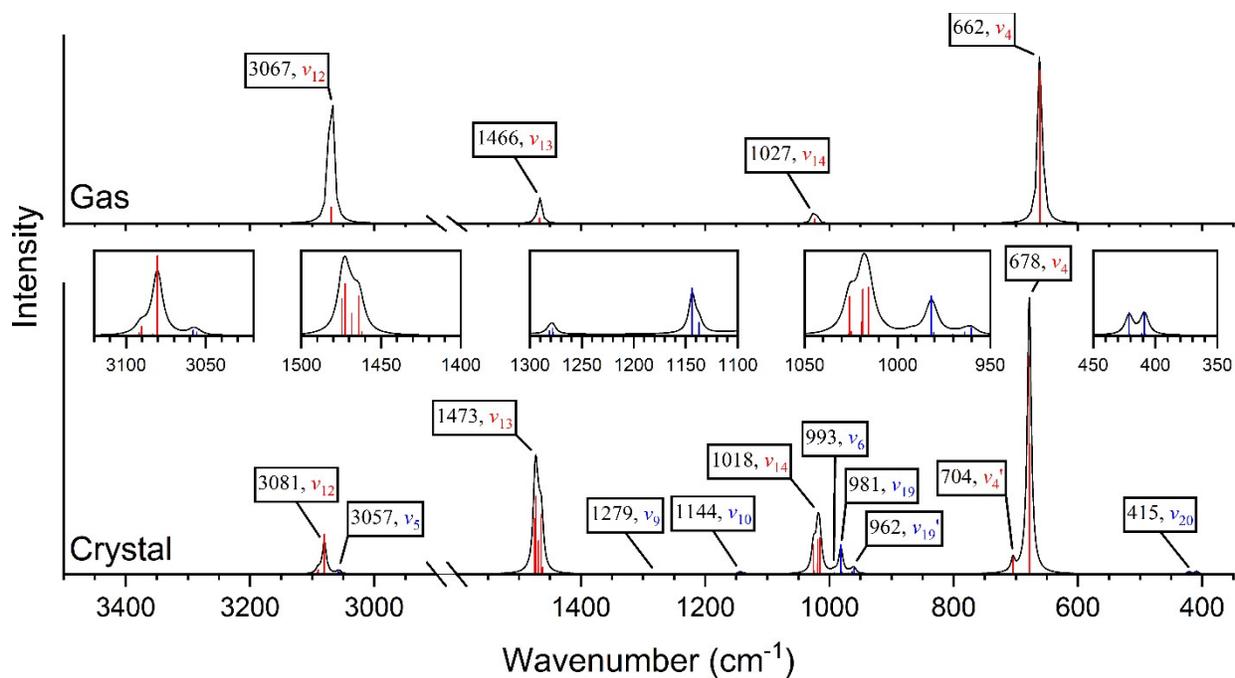


Figure S5. pDFT simulated IR spectra for gas-phase (top), and crystalline C_6H_6 ($Pbca$; bottom) at the B3LYP-D3 level of theory, with arbitrary absolute intensity. Peaks labelled according to H-M notation. The frequency of individual transitions formally IR-active in the gas-phase are shown in red, and transitions only formally IR-active in the crystal phase are shown in blue. Spectra incorporate an anharmonic scaling factor of 0.965.

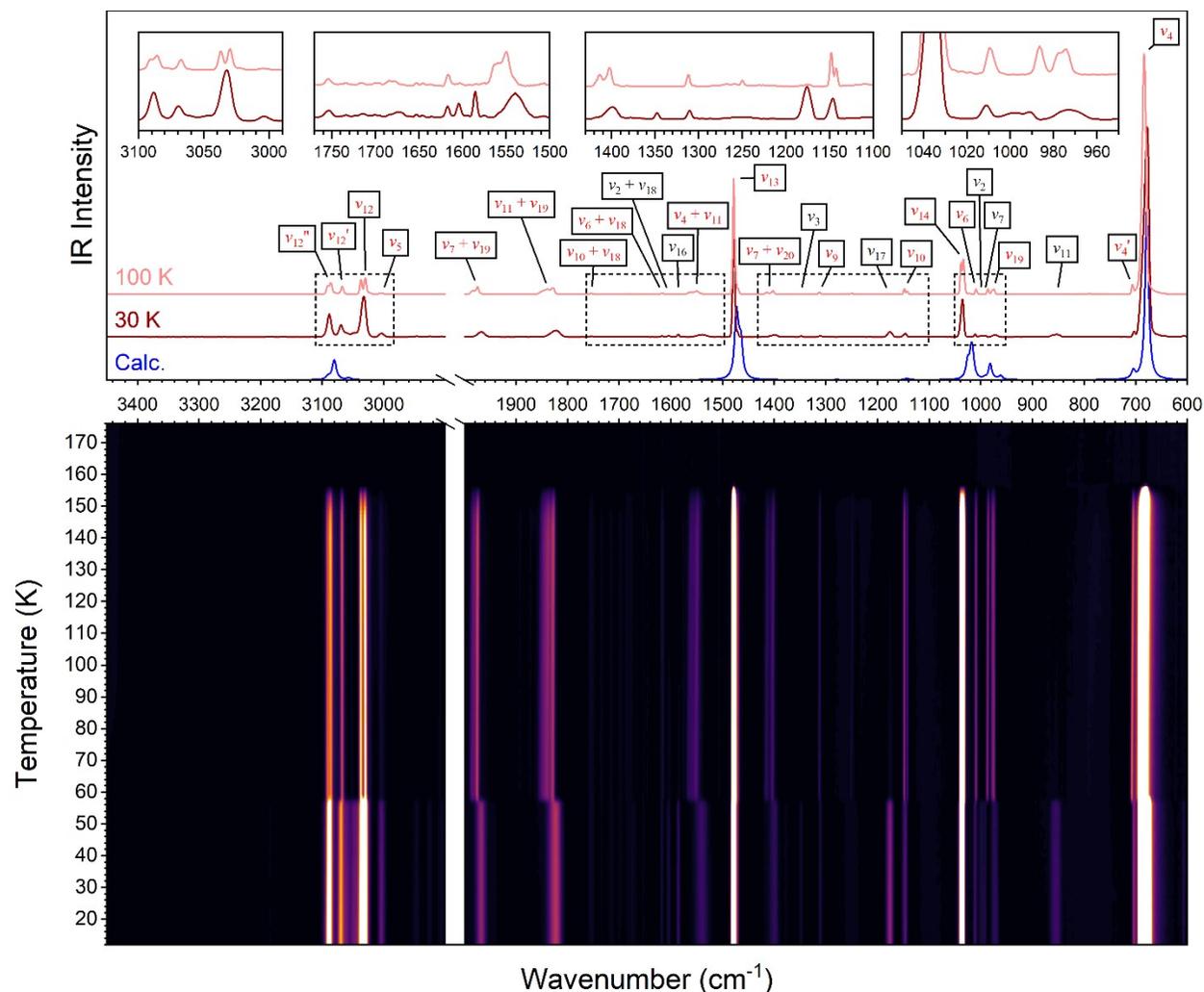


Figure S6. A heatmap of FTIR spectra of benzene ice recorded from 12-179 K at 2 cm⁻¹ resolution (bottom), where lightness represents peak intensity. Contour spectra at 30, and 100 K (top) are shown in red. The theoretical spectrum calculated for the orthorhombic crystal polymorph (*Pbca* (61); Calc.) at the B3LYP-D3 level of theory is included for comparison in blue. Spectra are offset for clarity. Peak labels show assignments to benzene fundamental transitions and combination bands, where transitions belonging to symmetry species formally IR-active in the CPG of the *Pbca* space group (D_{2h}) are shown in red, and transitions only IR-active in the CPG of the $P\bar{1}$ space group (C_1) are shown in blue.

Table S6. IR peak assignments for C₆H₆ ice at 30 and 100 K. pDFT calculated frequencies are included for comparison and incorporate a 0.965 anharmonic scaling factor.

| Peak (30 K) / cm-1 | Peak (100 K) / cm-1 | Peak (pDFT) / cm-1 | Assignment | Reference † |
|-----------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|--|-------------|
| 3955 vw | 3955 w | | $\nu_3 + \nu_6 + (\nu_2 + \nu_{18})$ | |
| 3935 w | 3930 w | | $\nu_{11} + \nu_{12}$ | a, b |
| 3750 vw | 3751 vw | | unassigned | |
| 3744 vw | 3744 vw | | unassigned | |
| 3693, 3684 w | 3697, 3690, 3681 w | | unassigned | |
| 3639 w | 3642, 3635 w | | $\nu_{12} + \nu_{18}$ | a, b, d |
| 3609 w | 3609 w | | $\nu_5 + \nu_{18}$ | a, b, d |
| 3186 vw | - | | unassigned | |
| 3164 vw | - | | unassigned | |
| 3088 s | 3092, 3086 s | 3075, 3068, 3063 | $\nu_1, \nu_{12}, \nu_{15},$ or $\nu_{13} + \nu_{16}$ | a, b ,c |
| 3069 s | 3067 m | | $\nu_1, \nu_{12}, \nu_{15},$ or $\nu_{13} + \nu_{16}$ | a, b ,c |
| 3033 vs | 3038, 3030 s | 3046, 3045, 3039 | $\nu_1, \nu_{12}, \nu_{15},$ or $\nu_{13} + \nu_{16}$ | a, b ,c |
| 3004 m | 3005 w | 3020, 3018, 3015 | ν_5 | a, b ,c |
| 2946 w | 2908 vw | | $\nu_9 + \nu_{16}$ | a, b, d |
| 2926 w | | | | |
| 2907 w | | | | |
| 2887 w | 2888 w | | unassigned | |
| 2818 w | 2818 w | | $\nu_3 + \nu_{13}$ | a, b, d |
| 2650 w | 2648 w | | $\nu_{13} + \nu_{17}$ | a, b, d |
| 2613 w | 2611 vw | | $\nu_6 + \nu_{16} + \nu_{18}$ | |
| 2593 w | 2593 w | | $\nu_6 + \nu_{16}$ | a, b, d |
| 2382 w | 2384, 2380 w | | $\nu_3 + \nu_{14}$ | a, b, d |
| 2325 m | 2325, 2321 w | | $\nu_{10} + \nu_{17}$ | a, b, d |
| 2208 w | 2209 w | | unassigned | |
| 2008 w | 2013 w | | unassigned | |
| 1966 s | 1983, 1975 s | | $\nu_7 + \nu_{19}$ | a, b, d |
| 1822 s | 1839, 1828 s | | $\nu_{11} + \nu_{19}$ | a, b, d |
| 1755 w | 1754 w | | $\nu_{10} + \nu_{18}$ | a, b, d |
| 1618 w | 1618 w | | $\nu_6 + \nu_{18}$ | a, b, d |
| 1605 w | 1603 vw | | $\nu_2 + \nu_{18}$ | a, b, d |
| 1586 m | - | | ν_{16} | a, b, c, d |
| 1539 m | 1565, 1550 s | | $\nu_4 + \nu_{11}$ | a, b, d |
| 1477 vs | 1478 vs | 1478, 1477, 1477 | ν_{13} | a, b, c, d |
| 1472 vs | 1469 vs | 1462, 1459, 1451 | | |
| 1398 m | 1415, 1403 m | | $\nu_7 + \nu_{20}$ | a, b, d |
| 1348 w | - | | ν_3 | a, b, c, d |
| 1310 w | 1313 w | 1293, 1291, 1291 | ν_9 | a, b, c, d |

| | | | | |
|---------|---------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------|------------|
| - | 1250 w | | unassigned | |
| 1175 m | 1175 w | | v ₁₇ | a, b, c, d |
| 1146 m | 1148, 1142 m | 1136, 1134, 1130 | v ₁₀ | a, b, c, d |
| 1035 vs | 1039 s 1034 s | 1045, 1029, 1028 1021, 1019, 1018 | v ₁₄ | a, b, c, d |
| 1011 w | 1009 m | 1000, 1000, 999 | v ₆ | a, b, c, d |
| 998 w | - | | v ₂ | a, c, d |
| 991 w | - | | v ₇ | a, c, d |
| 973 m | 987 m 978, 974 m | 996 989, 988, 985, 983, 980 | v ₁₉ | a, b, c, d |
| 853 m | - | | v ₁₁ | a, b, c, d |
| 703 m | 706 m | 710 | v ₄ | a, b, c, d |
| 676 vs | 684 vs | 693, 687 | | |
| 607 m | - | | v ₁₈ | a, c |

Notes: † Peak assignments are compiled from liquid, amorphous and crystalline ice data published in (a, Nna-Mvondo & Anderson, 2022), (b, Mair & Hornig, 1949), (c, Shimanouchi, 1973), (d, Bertie & Keefe, 2004).

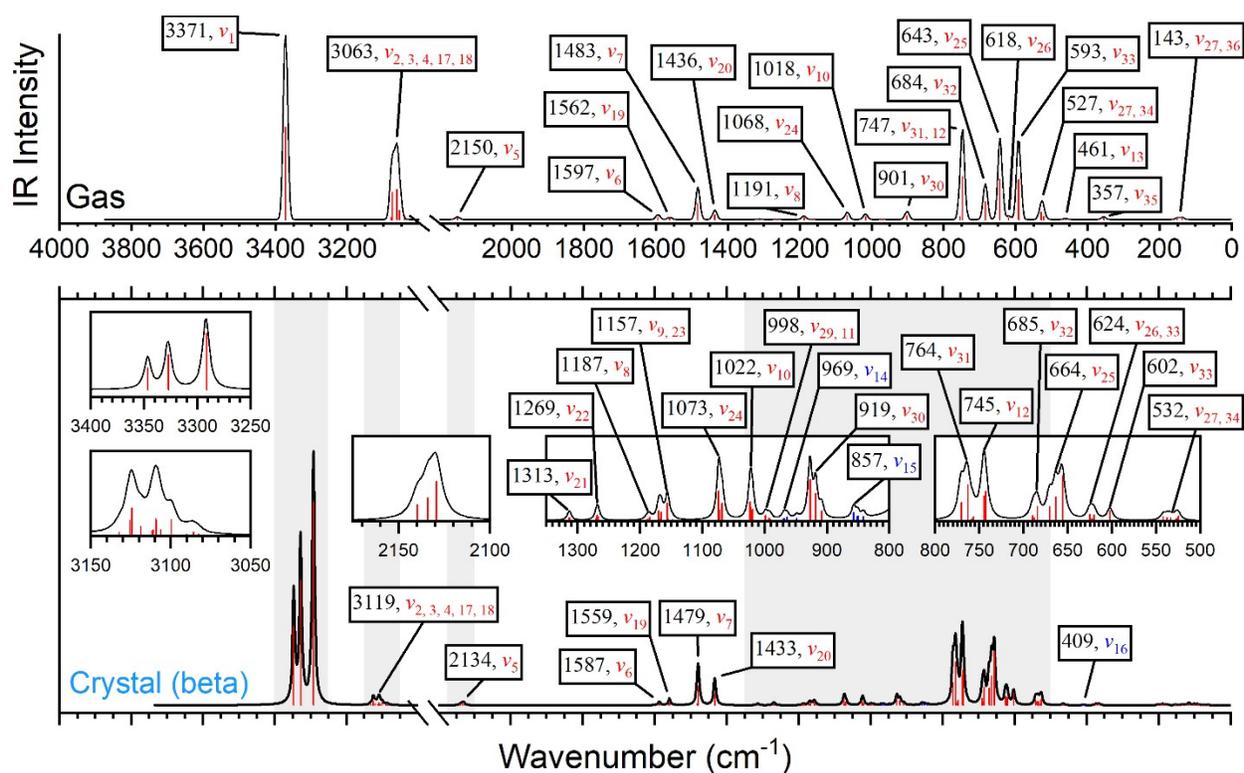


Figure S7. Theoretical IR spectra calculated using pDFT for the gas-phase (top) beta crystal-phase polymorph (bottom) of crystalline phenylacetylene at the B3LYP-D3, 6-311G(d) level of theory, with peaks labelled according to H-M notation and fit with a Gaussian line profile of 15 cm⁻¹ width. The frequency of individual transitions formally IR-active and inactive in the gas-phase are shown in red and blue, respectively, with arbitrary absolute intensity. Spectra incorporate an anharmonic scaling factor of 0.965.

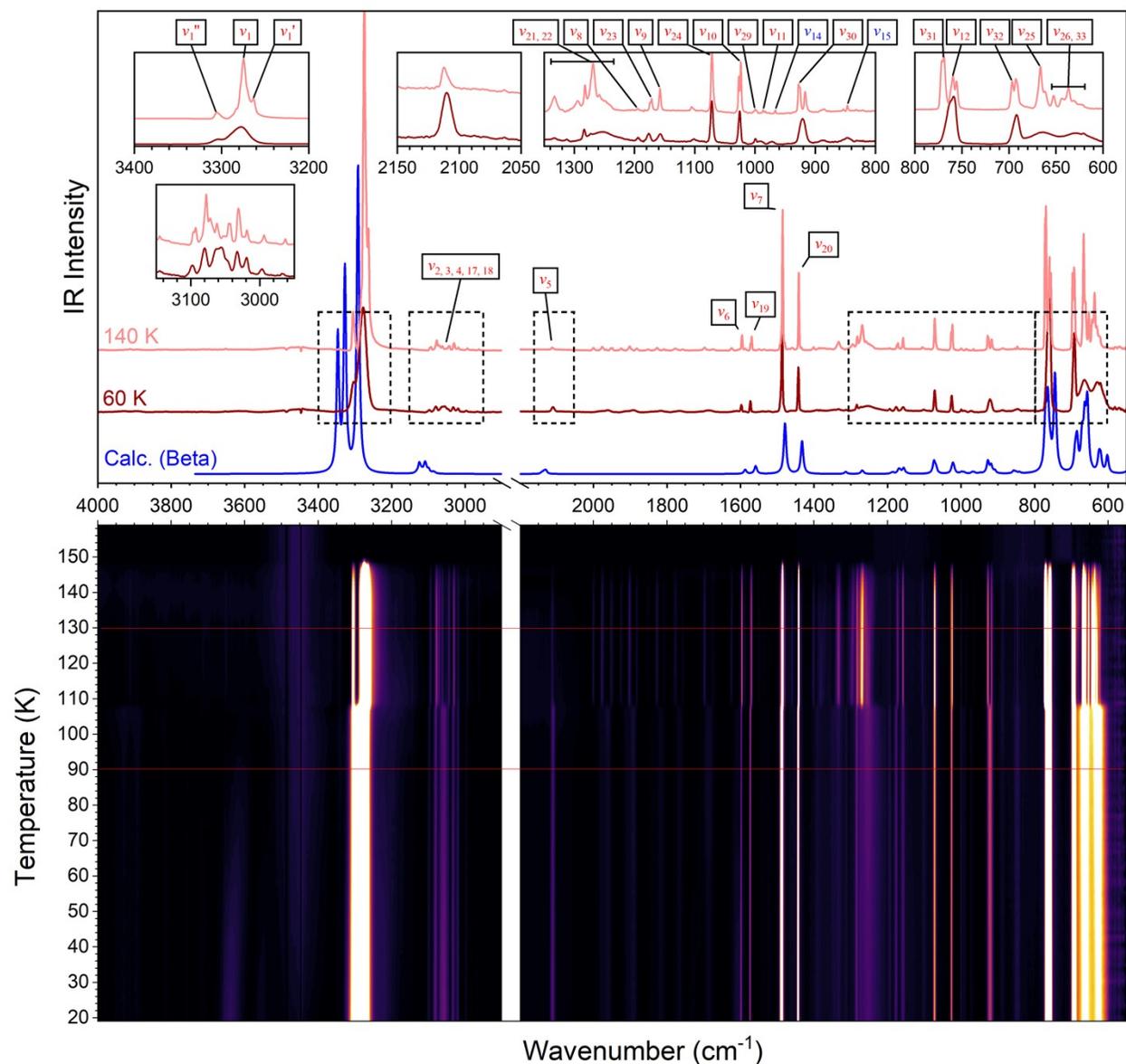


Figure S8. A heatmap of FTIR spectra of phenylacetylene ice recorded from 19-160 K at 2 cm^{-1} resolution (bottom), where lightness represents peak intensity. Contour spectra at 90, and 130 K (top) are shown in red. The theoretical spectrum calculated for the crystal beta-polymorph ($P\bar{1}$ (2)) at the B3LYP-D3 level of theory is included for comparison in blue. Spectra are offset for clarity. Peak labels show assignments to phenylacetylene fundamental transitions, where transitions belonging to symmetry species formally IR-active in MPG of phenylacetylene (C_{2v}) are shown in red, and transitions only IR-active in the CPG of the $P\bar{1}$; space group (C_1) are shown in blue.

Table S7. FTIR peak assignments for phenylacetylene thin-film ice at 90 and 130 K.

| Peak (90 K) / cm^{-1} | Peak (130 K) / cm^{-1} | Assignment | Reference † |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|---|-------------|
| 3929, 3889 vw | 3925, 3913, 3894 vw | CB | |
| 3652 vw | 3651 vw | CB | |
| 3614 vw | - | CB | |
| - | 3368 vw | CB | |
| 3340 w | 3343 w | CB | |
| 3304 m | 3305 m | ν_1 | a |
| 3278 s | 3282, 3275, 3264 vs | ν_1 | a |
| 3146 vw | 3145 vw | CB | |
| 3099 w | 3096, 3093 w | $\nu_2, \nu_3, \nu_4, \nu_{17}, \nu_{18}$ | |
| 3082 w | 3077, 3072 w | $\nu_2, \nu_3, \nu_4, \nu_{17}, \nu_{18}$ | |
| 3064, 3057 | 3062, 3053 | ν_{17}, ν_3 | a |
| 3048 w | 3045, 3043 w | | |
| 3034 w | 3031 w | ν_{18} | a |
| 3021 w | 3023, 3019 w | ν_4 | a |
| 2998 vw | 2994 vw | CB | |
| 2969 vw | 2963 vw | CB | |
| 2925 vw | 2922 vw | CB | |
| 2904 vw | - | CB | |
| 2881 vw | 2880 vw | CB | |
| 2789 vw | 2786 vw | CB | |
| 2766 vw | 2764 vw | CB | |
| 2682 vw | 2678 vw | CB | |
| 2619 vw | 2614 vw | CB | |
| 2594 vw | 2594, 2590 vw | CB | |
| 2574 vw | 2578 vw | CB | |
| 2336 w | 2333 w | CB | |
| 2319 vw | 2316 vw | CB | |
| 2280 vw | 2277 vw | CB | |
| 2249 vw | 2247 vw | CB | |
| 2112 w | 2113 w | ν_5 | a, b |
| 1975, 1959 w | 2000 | CB | |
| | 1976, 1965 | | |
| | 1953, 1948 w | | |
| 1903, 1892 w | 1934, 1925 | CB | b |
| | 1902, 1897 | | |
| | 1882 w | | |
| 1839, 1816 w | 1852 | CB | b |
| | 1827 | | |
| | 1813, 1808 | | |
| | 1800 w | | |
| 1708 w | 1709 w | CB | |
| 1682 w | 1698, 1675 vw | CB | |
| 1611 vw | 1624 vw | CB | |

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|--------------|---------------|-----------------------------------|------|
| 1599 m | 1596 m | v ₆ | a |
| 1590 w | 1588 w | CB | |
| 1574 m | 1573, 1569 m | v ₁₉ | a |
| 1566 w | 1563 vw | CB | |
| - | 1550 vw | CB | |
| - | 1536 vw | CB | |
| 1487 s | 1485, 1480 s | v ₇ | a, b |
| 1443 s | 1442, 1434 s | v ₂₀ | a |
| - | 1401 vw | CB | |
| 1389, 1384 w | 1387, 1384 vw | CB | |
| 1332 w | 1333 m | v ₂₁ , v ₂₂ | a |
| - | 1320 vw | v ₂₁ , v ₂₂ | |
| 1312 w | 1313 vw | v ₂₁ , v ₂₂ | |
| - | 1295 m | v ₂₁ , v ₂₂ | |
| 1285 m | 1282 m | v ₂₁ , v ₂₂ | a |
| 1273 w | 1269 m | v ₂₁ , v ₂₂ | |
| 1257 m | 1258, 1249 w | v ₂₁ , v ₂₂ | |
| 1195 w | 1195 | v ₈ | a |
| 1183 | 1183 | v ₂₃ | a |
| 1176 w | 1174, 1172 w | | |
| 1157 w | 1158 m | v ₉ | a |
| 1100 w | 1106 w | CB | |
| 1073 m | 1072 m | v ₂₄ | a, b |
| 1026 | 1027, 1024 | v ₁₀ | a, b |
| 1019 m | 1015 m | | |
| 1000 w | 999, 997 vw | v ₂₉ | a |
| 991 w | 987, 983 vw | v ₁₁ | |
| 972 w | 966 vw | v ₁₄ | a |
| 921 m | 928, 926 | v ₃₀ | a |
| | 917 m | | |
| 888 w | 887 w | CB | b |
| 847 w | 854, 847 w | v ₁₅ | a |
| 759 s | 771, 769 | v ₃₁ | a, b |
| | 759, 755 s | v ₁₂ | |
| 691 s | 697, 692 s | v ₃₂ | |
| 663 m | 667, 662 | v ₂₅ | b |
| | 652 s | | |
| 629, 621 m | 644 | v ₂₆ , v ₃₃ | b |
| | 636 | | |
| | 632 | | |
| | 624 s | | |
| 532 m | 532 s | v ₂₇ , v ₃₄ | a |

Notes: † Peak assignments are compiled from liquid, amorphous and crystalline ice data published in (a, Chernia et al., 2001) and (b, Esposito et al., 2024). CB: Combination band.

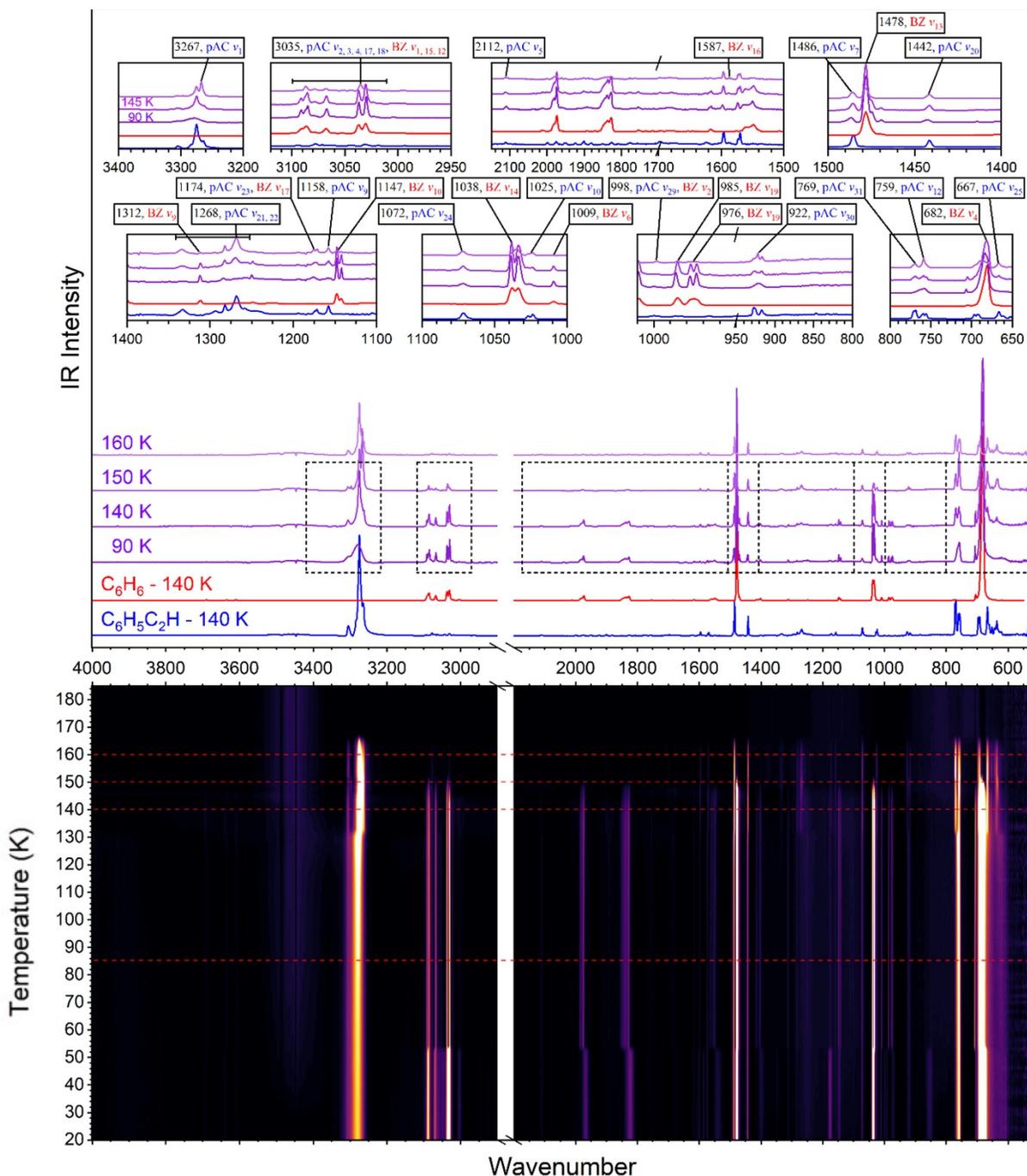


Figure S9. A heatmap of FTIR spectra of layered phenylacetylene/benzene ice recorded from 15-200 K at 2 cm^{-1} resolution (bottom), where lightness represents peak intensity. Contour spectra at 90, 140, 150, and 160 K (top) are shown in purple. For comparison, FTIR spectra of pristine benzene and phenylacetylene collected at 145 K are shown in red and blue, respectively. Peak labels (cm^{-1}) show assignments to benzene and phenylacetylene fundamental transitions in red and blue, respectively. Spectra are offset for clarity.

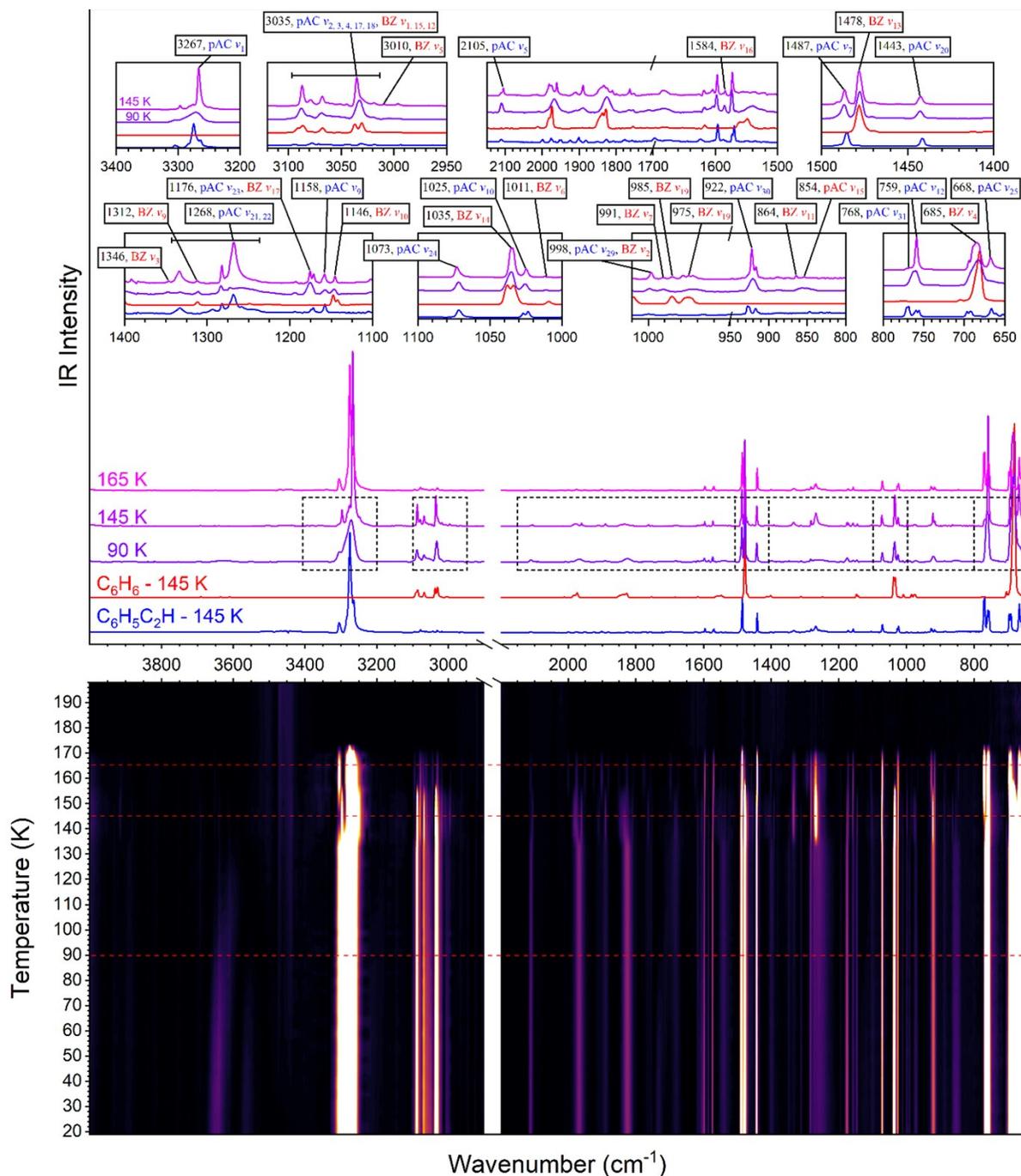


Figure S10. A heatmap of FTIR spectra of mixed phenylacetylene/benzene ice recorded from 15-200 K at 2 cm⁻¹ resolution (bottom), where lightness represents peak intensity. Contour spectra at 90, 145, and 165 K (top) are shown in purple. For comparison, FTIR spectra of pristine benzene and phenylacetylene collected at 145 K are shown in red and blue, respectively. Peak labels (cm⁻¹) show assignments to benzene and phenylacetylene fundamental transitions in red and blue, respectively. Spectra are offset for clarity.

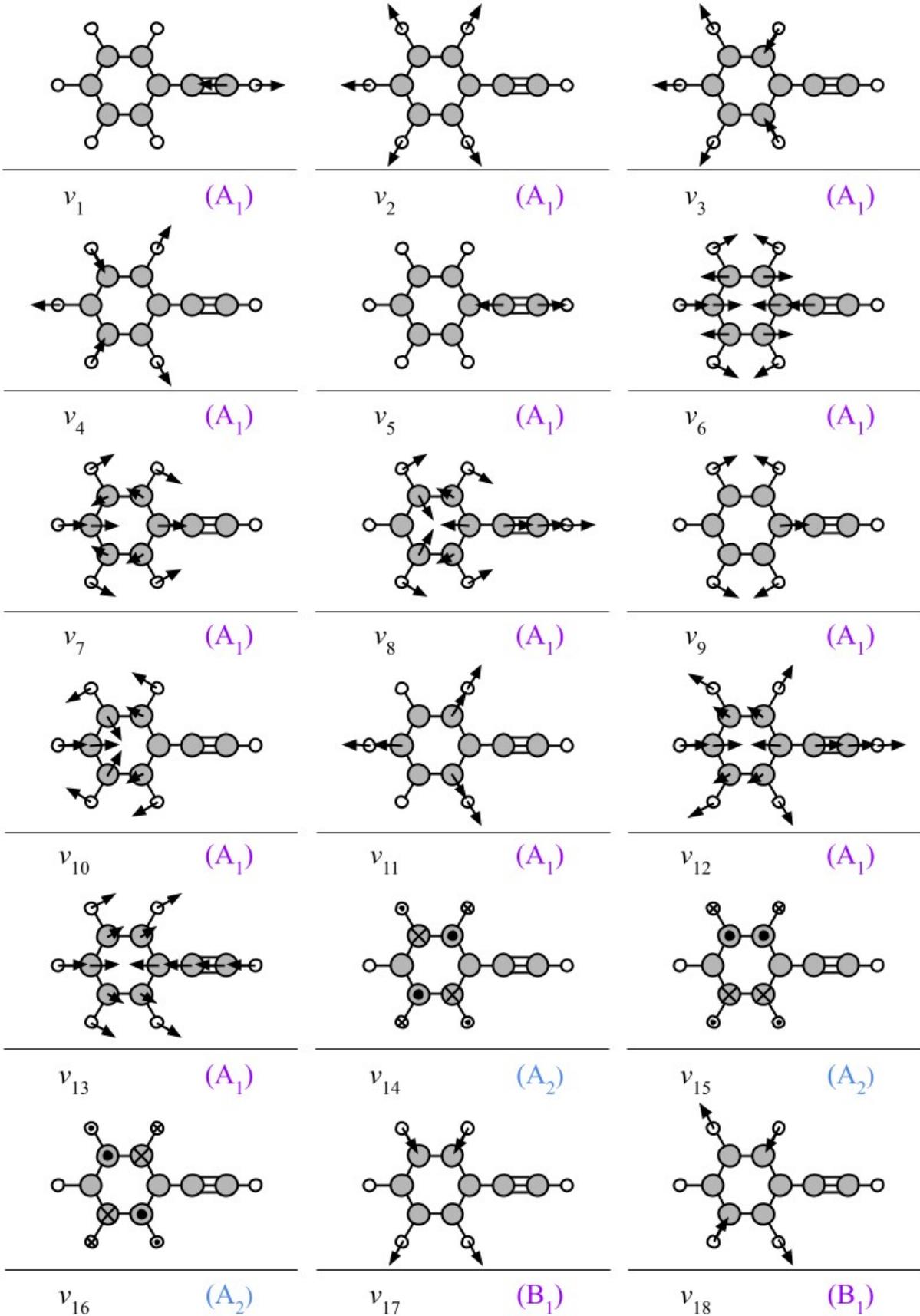
Table S8. FTIR peak assignments for co-deposited C₆H₆-C₆H₅C₂H thin-film ice measured at 65, 95, and 150 K to C₆H₆ and C₆H₅C₂H fundamentals.

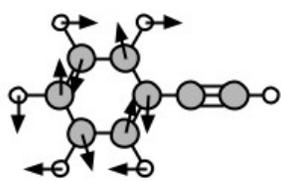
| Peak (90 K) / cm ⁻¹ | Peak (145 K) / cm ⁻¹ | Peak (165 K) / cm ⁻¹ | Assignment |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|--|
| 3305, 3271 | 3296, 3282, 3276, 3267 | 3305, 3285, 3275, 3264 | C ₆ H ₅ C ₂ H v ₁ |
| 3105-3000 | 3105-3000 | 3105-3000 | C ₆ H ₅ C ₂ H v _{2, 3, 4, 17, 18} C ₆ H ₆ v _{1, 15, 12, 5} |
| 2110 | 2105 | 2112 | C ₆ H ₅ C ₂ H v ₅ |
| 1597 | 1596 | 1596 | C ₆ H ₅ C ₂ H v ₆ |
| 1585 | 1584 | - | C ₆ H ₆ v ₁₆ |
| 1573 | 1573 | 1573, 1570 | C ₆ H ₅ C ₂ H v ₁₉ |
| 1487 | 1491, 1487 | 1485 | C ₆ H ₅ C ₂ H v ₇ |
| 1478, 1471 | 1478, 1470 | - | C ₆ H ₆ v ₁₃ |
| 1443 | 1443 | 1441 | C ₆ H ₅ C ₂ H v ₂₀ |
| 1346 | 1346 | - | C ₆ H ₆ v ₃ |
| - | 1334 | 1333 | C ₆ H ₅ C ₂ H v _{21, 22} |
| 1311 | 1312 | - | C ₆ H ₆ v ₉ |
| 1284 | 1282 1268 | 1282 1269 | C ₆ H ₅ C ₂ H v _{21, 22} |
| 1194 | 1193 | 1194 | C ₆ H ₅ C ₂ H v ₈ |
| 1176 | 1176, 1171 | 1172 | C ₆ H ₅ C ₂ H v ₂₃ C ₆ H ₆ v ₁₇ |
| 1158 | 1158 | 1158 | C ₆ H ₅ C ₂ H v ₉ |
| 1146 | 1145 | - | C ₆ H ₆ v ₁₀ |
| 1072 | 1073 | 1072 | C ₆ H ₅ C ₂ H v ₂₄ |
| 1035 | 1035 | - | C ₆ H ₆ v ₁₄ |
| 1026 | 1025 | 1027, 1023 | C ₆ H ₅ C ₂ H v ₁₀ |
| 1011 | 1012 | - | C ₆ H ₆ v ₆ |
| 999 | 998 | 998 | C ₆ H ₅ C ₂ H v ₂₉ C ₆ H ₆ v ₂ |
| 991 | 991 | - | C ₆ H ₆ v ₇ |
| 973 | 986, 979, 974 | - | C ₆ H ₆ v ₁₉ |
| 921 | 922, 916 | 923, 925, 917 | C ₆ H ₅ C ₂ H v ₃₀ |
| 857 | 864 | - | C ₆ H ₆ v ₁₁ |
| 857 | 854 | 847 | C ₆ H ₅ C ₂ H v ₁₅ |
| 761 | 768 | 771, 770 | C ₆ H ₅ C ₂ H v ₃₁ |
| 761 | 759 | 759, 756 | C ₆ H ₅ C ₂ H v ₁₂ |
| 704 | 704 | - | C ₆ H ₆ v ₄ |
| 783 | 694, 685 | 697, 692 | C ₆ H ₅ C ₂ H v ₃₂ |
| 666 | 668 | 667, 661 653 | C ₆ H ₅ C ₂ H v ₂₅ |

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| ν_1 A_{1g} CH S. Str | ν_2 A_{1g} Breathing | ν_3 A_{2g} Propeller | ν_4 A_{2u} CH S. Wag |
| | | | |
| ν_5 B_{1u} 3F CH Str | ν_6 B_{1u} 3F CC Bre | ν_7 B_{2g} 3F CH Wag | ν_8 B_{2g} 3F CC Wag |
| | | | |
| ν_9 B_{2u} 3F CC Ben | ν_{10} B_{2u} 3F CH Ben | | |
| | | | |
| ν_{11} E_{1g} | 2F CH Wag | ν_{12} E_{1u} | 2F CH Str |
| | | | |
| ν_{13} E_{1u} | AS. Swim | ν_{14} E_{1u} | S. Swim |
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| ν_{15} E_{2g} | CH Pinch | ν_{16} E_{2g} | Ring Elongation |

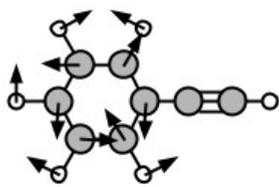
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| ν_{17} | E_{2g} | CH AS. Ben | Ring Deform. |
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| ν_{19} | E_{2u} | CH AS. Wag | CC AS. Wag |

Figure S11. Atomic displacement vectors, molecular symmetry species, and description label for the vibrational modes of the C_6H_6 molecule generated by visualization of DFT calculations. Modes are numbered according to H-M notation. Infrared-active symmetry species of the molecular point-group (D_{6h}) are indicated in red, and Raman-active species are depicted in blue. Abbreviations: S- symmetric, AS- asymmetric, Str- stretch, Ben- in-plane bend, Wag- out-of-plane bend, 2F- two-fold rotationally symmetric, 3F- three-fold rotationally symmetric. Not to scale

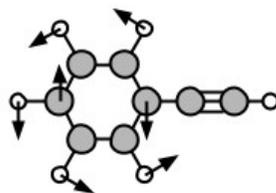




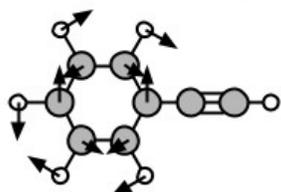
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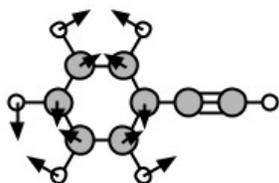
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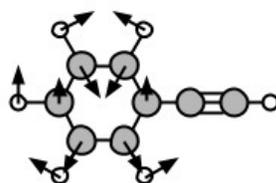
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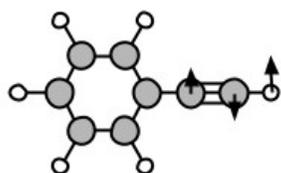
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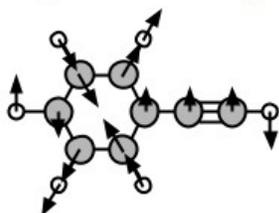
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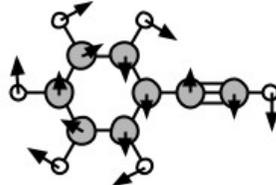
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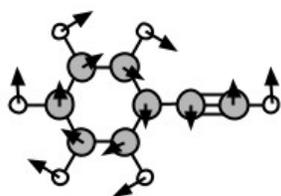
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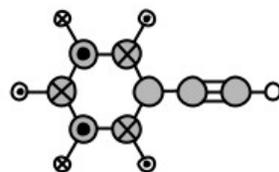
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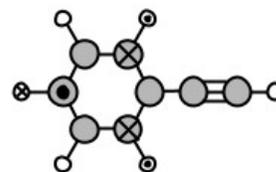
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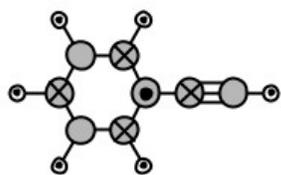
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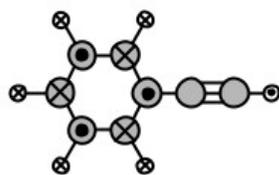
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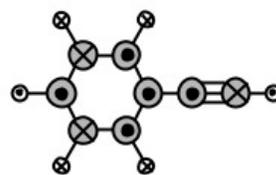
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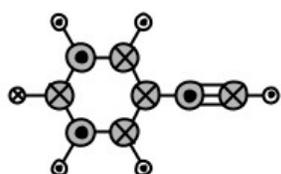
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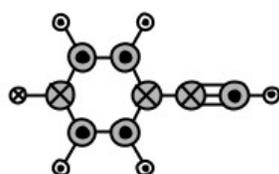
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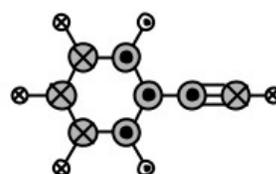
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v_{34} (B_2)



v_{35} (B_2)



v_{36} (B_2)

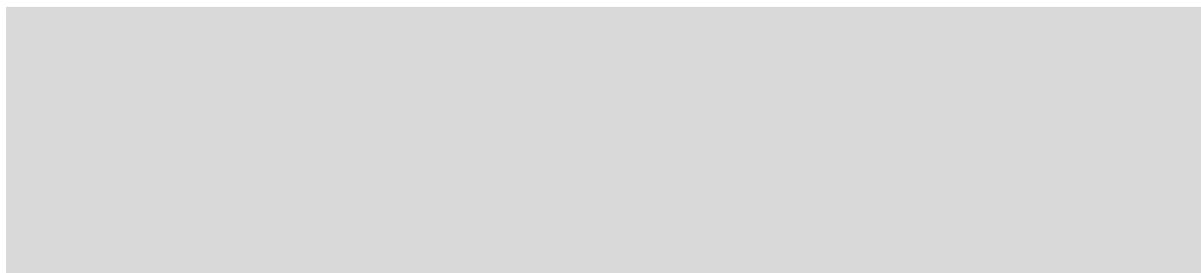


Figure S12. Atomic displacement vectors and molecular symmetry species for the vibrational modes of the $C_6H_5C_2H$ molecule generated by visualization of DFT calculations. Modes are numbered according to H-M notation. Raman-active symmetry species of the molecular point-group (D_{2h}) are indicated in blue, and species both IR and Raman-active are depicted in purple. Not to scale.

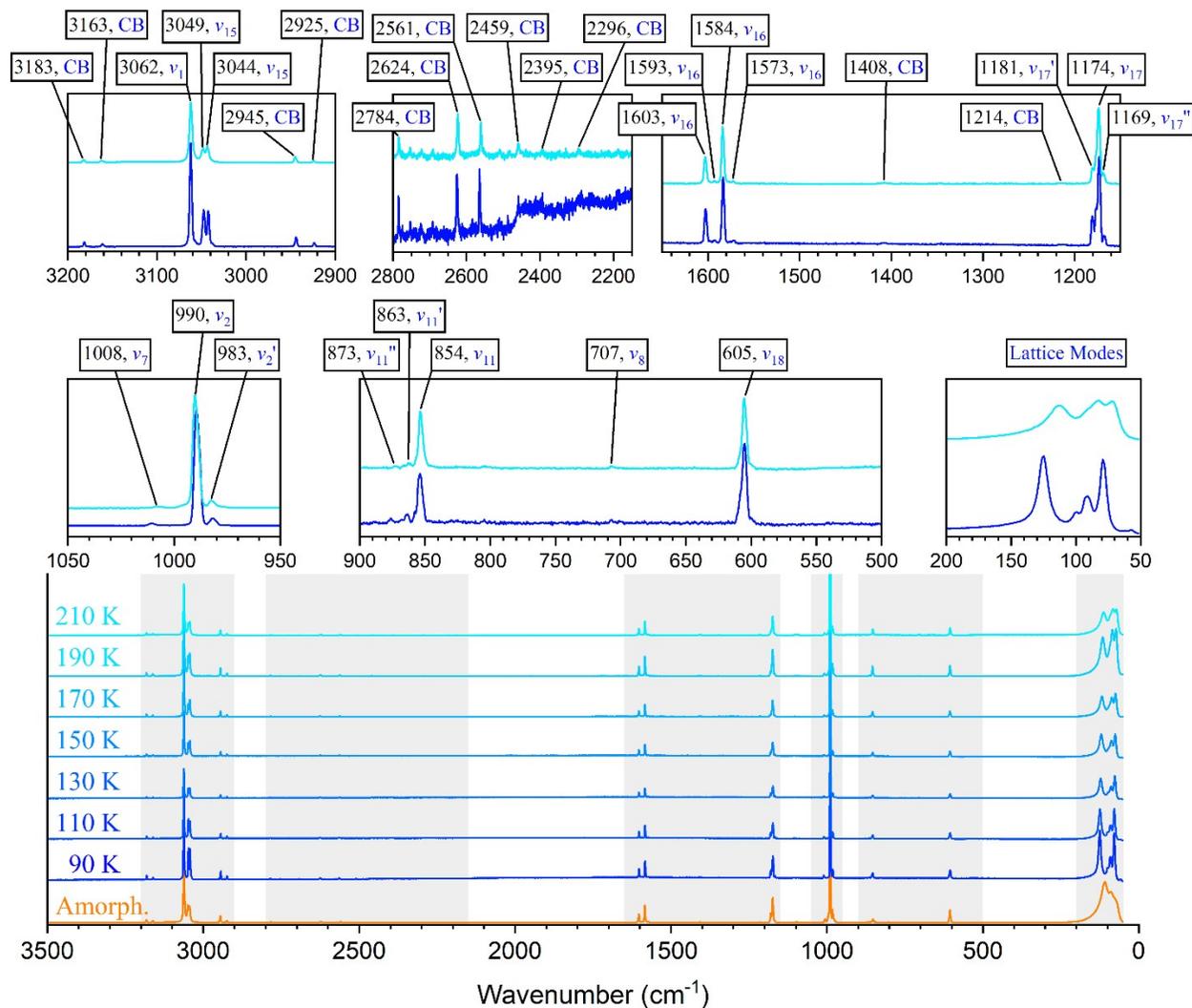


Figure S13. Raman spectra of pristine C_6H_6 ice collected between 90 and 210 K, and an amorphous ice spectrum collected after direct liquid deposition at 223 K. Features are assigned by comparison to pDFT calculations and literature. Combination bands are denoted “CB”. 90 and 210 K spectra shown in inset.

Table S9. Raman peak assignments for C₆H₆ ice at 90 and 210 K. pDFT calculated frequencies are included for comparison and incorporate a 0.965 anharmonic scaling factor.

| Peak (90 K) / cm ⁻¹ | Peak (210 K) / cm ⁻¹ | Calculated Peak / cm ⁻¹ | Assignment | Reference † |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| 3181 | 3182 | | CB | |
| 3162 | 3162 | | CB | |
| 3062 | 3062 | 3099, 3092 | v ₁ | a |
| 3048, 3042 | 3048, 3043 | 3080, 3079, 3078 | v ₅ | a |
| 2944 | 2945 | | CB | |
| 2924 | 2924 | | CB | |
| 2785 | 2783 | | CB | |
| 2752 | 2755 | | CB | |
| 2725 | 2721 | | CB | |
| 2693 | 2693 | | CB | |
| 2626 | 2625 | | CB | |
| 2565 | 2561 | | CB | |
| 2510 | 2509 | | CB | |
| 2487 | 2485 | | CB | |
| 2459 | 2458 | | CB | |
| 2394 | 2394 | | CB | |
| 2330 | 2328 | | CB | |
| 2288 | 2295 | | CB | |
| 2187 | 2187 | | CB | |
| 1603, 1593 | 1603, 1593 | 1579, 1578 | v ₁₆ | a |
| 1583, 1573 | 1584, 1572 | 1576, 1574 | | |
| 1407 | 1408 | | CB | |
| 1347 | 1345 | | CB | |
| 1213 | 1215 | | CB | |
| 1180 | 1180 | 1169, 1167 | v ₁₇ | a |
| 1176, 1173 | 1174 | 1166, 1164 | | |
| 1168 | 1168 | 1160, 1153 | | |
| 1010 | 1008 | 1011, 1007 | v ₇ | a |
| 990 | 990 | 991 | v ₂ | a |
| 982 | 983 | 982, 981 979 | | |
| 876 | 873 | 875, 873 | v ₁₁ | a |
| 864 | 862 | 865 | | |
| 854 | 853 | 859, 852 849, 848, 842 | | |
| 805 | 804 | | CB | |
| 708 | 707 | 705, 704 699 | v ₈ | a |
| 605 | 605 | 609, 608 606, 604 603, 602 | v ₁₈ | a |

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| 125 | 113 | Lattice Modes |
| 100 | 83 | |
| 92 | 72 | |
| 79 | | |
| 57 | | |

Notes: † Peak assignments are compiled from liquid, amorphous and crystalline ice data published in (a, Shimanouchi, 1973).

Table S10. Unit cell parameters and phase fraction for the Rietveld refinement of the literature H₂O and C₆H₆ unit cells, and the C₆H₆ + C₆H₅C₂H P2₁ co-crystal unit cell solution against XRD diffraction pattern collected at 200 K.

| Lattice parameters | H ₂ O (I _h) | C ₆ H ₆ (ortho.) | C ₆ H ₆ + C ₆ H ₅ C ₂ H P2 ₁ co-crystal |
|---|------------------------------------|--|--|
| 200 K pattern: R _w = 19.27%, GOF = 20.68 | | | |
| a | 4.51142 Å | 7.48988 Å | 11.89385 Å |
| b | 4.51142 Å | 9.45708 Å | 8.33415 Å |
| c | 7.3498 Å | 6.96334 Å | 5.60863 Å |
| α | 90° | 90° | 90° |
| β | 90° | 90° | 96.866° |
| γ | 120° | 90° | 90° |
| Volume | 129.549 Å ³ | 493.230 Å ³ | 551.969 Å ³ |
| Molar fraction | N/A | 0.816 | 0.81 |

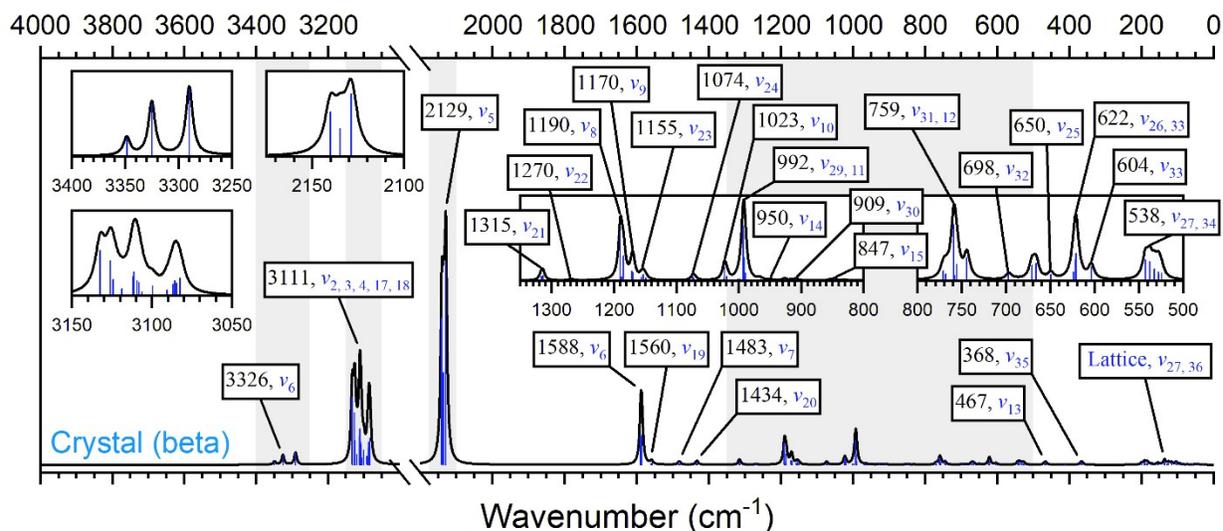


Figure S14. Theoretical Raman spectra calculated using pDFT for the beta polymorph of crystalline phenylacetylene at the B3LYP-D3, 6-311G(d) level of theory, with peaks labelled according to H-M notation and fit with a Gaussian line profile of 15 cm^{-1} width. The frequency of individual transitions formally IR-active in the gas-phase are shown in blue. Spectra incorporate an anharmonic scaling factor of 0.965.