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Effect of mixing structure on the water uptake of mixtures of ammonium sulfate and phthalic acid particles

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1 **Table S1.** Chemical substance and their physical properties used in this work.

| Chemical Compounds | Chemical Formular | Molar Mass [g mol ⁻¹] | Density Solid [g cm ⁻³] | Solubility g/100 cm ³ H ₂ O | Solution Surface Tension [J m ⁻²] | Manufacture |
|--------------------|---|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---|---|----------------------|
| Ammonium Sulfate | (NH ₄) ₂ SO ₄ | 132.140 | 1.770 ^a | 74.400(293K) | 0.072 | Alfa Aesar 99.95% |
| Phthalic Acid | C ₈ H ₆ O ₄ | 166.140 | 1.593 ^b | 0.600 | 0.064(293K) | Alfa Aesar 99.5% |

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14 **Table S2.** Mass fraction of PA in the core-shell particles at dry RH (< 5 % RH)

| Core Size | Coating | Mass Fraction of PA (%) |
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| 100nm AS core | 10nm PA coating | 23 |
| | 20nm PA coating | 39 |
| | 30nm PA coating | 52 |
| | 50nm PA coating | 68 |
| 150nm AS core | 10nm PA coating | 16 |
| | 20nm PA coating | 29 |
| | 30nm PA coating | 40 |
| | 50nm PA coating | 55 |
| 200nm AS core | 10nm PA coating | 12 |
| | 20nm PA coating | 23 |
| | 30nm PA coating | 32 |
| | 50nm PA coating | 46 |

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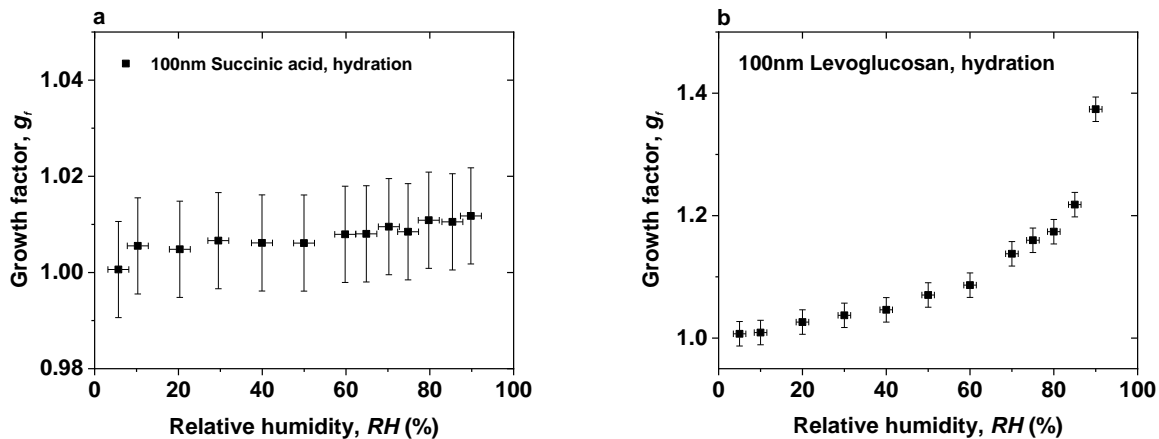
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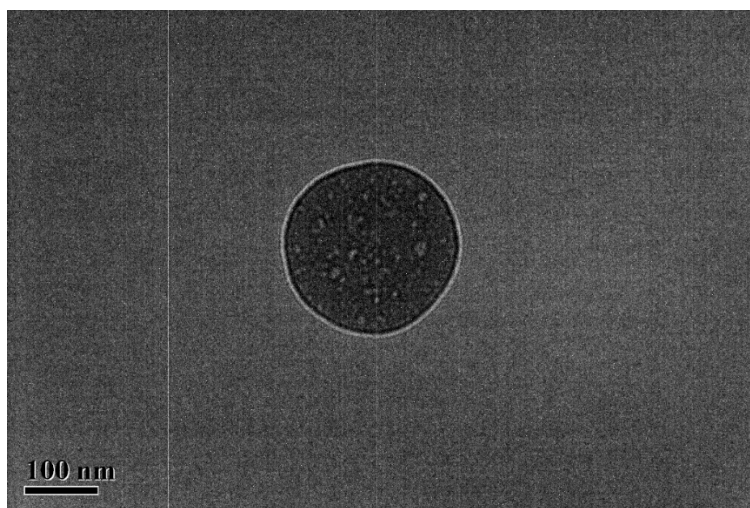
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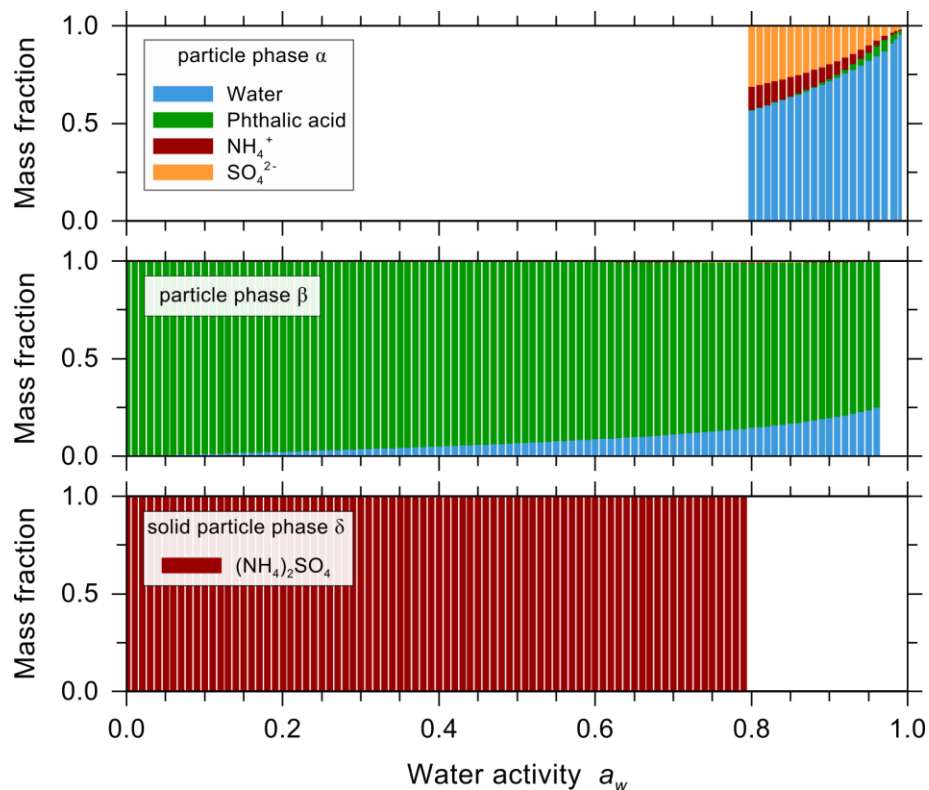
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 23 **Figure S1.** Hygroscopic diameter growth factor for 100 nm (dry diameter, RH < 5 %) (a) succinic acid and (b)
 24 levoglucosan aerosol particles during a hydration mode from 5 % RH to 90 % RH at 298 K (Lei et al., 2014; Jing et
 25 al., 2016).

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 31 **Figure S2.** TEM images of well-mixed particles containing AS and 46 wt% PA at RH below 5%.
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 35 **Figure S3.** Predicted equilibrium state phase compositions in mass fractions for aqueous mixtures of AS and PA as a
 36 function of water activity (equilibrium RH) at 298 K. Hydration case: a solid–liquid equilibrium is predicted between
 37 a solid AS phase (δ ; lowest panel) and an aqueous, PA-rich phase (β ; middle panel) up to $\sim 96\%$ RH, followed by
 38 liquid–liquid phase separation (coexisting phases α and β) and merging into a single liquid phase at $\sim 96\%$ RH and
 39 above.
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