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The Structure of Water-Saturated Carbonate Melts

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ABSTRACT

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The structure of water-saturated Ca- and Mg-bearing carbonate melts under

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reducing and oxidizing conditions was investigated in a series of hydrothermal anvil cell

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experiments conducted at 400 - 1100 °C and 442 – 2839 MPa. Equilibria were

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investigated in the calcite-H₂O, calcite-CaO-H₂O, magnesite-H₂O and magnesite-MgO-

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H₂O systems, with redox conditions controlled by Re/ReO₂ and Ti/TiO₂ assemblages.

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Melting relationships and the C-O-H speciation of the coexisting aqueous fluid and melt

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were assessed *in-situ* by Raman vibrational spectroscopy. Hydrous melting of MgCO₃-

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MgO occurred at ~ 850 °C, 1.5-2 GPa. In the CaCO₃-CaO-H₂O system, melt was formed

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at 600 - 900 °C and pressures of 0.5 – 1.5 GPa because of melting-point depression

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imposed by the presence of CaO. The C-O-H speciation of the carbonate melts and

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coexisting supercritical aqueous solutions was mainly H₂O and CO₃²⁻, with traces of

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CO_{2(aq)} and CH_{4(aq)} in the fluid phase. The melt-fluid H₂O partition coefficients attained

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in the Mg-bearing melt (median 0.5) were higher than in the Ca-bearing melt (median

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0.3). Under oxidizing redox conditions, dissolved ReO₂⁻ was present in all phases,

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underscoring the enhanced solubility of metals in carbonate-bearing melts and

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26 carbonatites. In effect, the enhanced solubility of H₂O along with the ionic nature of the
27 carbonate melts may promote the solvation of ionic species in the melt structure.

28 From *in-situ* vibrational spectroscopy, the ν_1 -CO₃²⁻ vibration recorded in the melt
29 spectra suggests the presence of intermolecular interactions between the oxygen of the
30 carbonate ion with water dissolved in the melt. The thermodynamic properties of this
31 water appear to be similar to the supercritical aqueous phase. For example, the estimated
32 enthalpy for the breakage of the hydrogen bonding between water molecules attained
33 values of 6.8 ± 1.5 kcal/mol and 8.4 ± 1.3 kcal/mol in the melt and fluid phase,
34 respectively. The calculated partial molar volume of H₂O in the melt ($\sim 48 \pm 6$ cm³/mol)
35 is also comparable to the partial molar volume of supercritical water at similar conditions.
36 Interestingly, this value is considerably greater than published partial molar volume
37 values for H₂O in silicate melts (10-12 cm³/mol).

38 The pressure-temperature melting relationships of the CaO-CO₂-H₂O and MgO-
39 CO₂-H₂O systems highlight the important role of water and alkaline earth oxides on the
40 hydrous melting of the carbonate-bearing subducting oceanic crust. Carbonates present in
41 marine sediments or serpentinized peridotites may melt before complete dehydration at
42 the slab-mantle wedge transition zone, and thus, never reach sub-arc depths. To this end,
43 melting of carbonate minerals at crustal temperatures and pressure can contribute to the
44 volcanic CO₂ flux at the arc through melt/fluid interactions.

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INTRODUCTION

47 Carbonatites, igneous rocks derived from carbonate melts (Streckeisen, 1980), are
48 thought to be originated from small degree melts in the asthenospheric mantle (e.g.
49 (Gudfinnsson and Presnall, 2005; Nelson et al., 1988)), although a lithospheric origin
50 (Bell and Blenkinsop, 1989) and more complex models of refertilization and melting may
51 be operational (Bizimis et al., 2003). Recent studies also suggest origins as deep as the
52 mantle transition zone (Dalou et al., 2009). Understanding the structure of carbonate
53 melts is important towards constraining the cycling of C-O-H-N volatiles and trace
54 element/metal mobility in the Earth's interior (Jones et al., 2013).

55 Experimentally, phase equilibrium relationships in the CaO-CO₂-H₂O and MgO-
56 CO₂-H₂O systems have been extensively studied over a wide range of pressure,
57 temperature conditions and for varying water content, in order to address melting
58 behavior of calcite and magnesite coexisting with Ca-Mg oxides and hydroxides
59 (Boettcher et al., 1980; Irving and Wyllie, 1975; Walter et al., 1962; Wyllie and
60 Boettcher, 1969; Wyllie and Tuttle, 1959; Wyllie and Tuttle, 1960). Overall, it's
61 commonly concluded that hydrous melting of calcite-lime and magnesite-periclase
62 assemblages commences at significantly lower temperatures (<900 °C) than for the pure
63 carbonate-fluid equilibria (>1200 °C) at upper mantle pressure conditions (Walter et al.,
64 1962; Wyllie and Tuttle, 1960).

65 Water solubility in carbonate melts is significantly higher than in alkaline silicate
66 melts, reaching values of nearly of 15 wt % at 100 MPa, 900 °C (Keppler, 2003), whereas
67 in silicate melts the solubility is only several wt % under such temperature and pressure
68 conditions (e.g., (Holtz et al., 1995)). This high water content likely enhances the

69 solubility of metal cations (Veksler and Keppler, 2000), and, along with the ionic
70 (Zarzycki, 1961) and likely alkaline nature of molten carbonates, may be the reason for
71 the elevated concentrations of REE and other incompatible trace elements in carbonatites
72 (Veksler et al., 2012). However, the ionic behavior of structural CO_3^{2-} and the
73 distribution of hydroxyl/molecular H_2O in carbonate melts are poorly understood, mainly
74 because these phases cannot be quenched to ambient conditions (Genge et al., 1995). The
75 very limited data that exist are from experimental studies involving diamond anvil cell
76 techniques (Chou et al., 1995; Williams and Knittle, 2003).

77 Here, we present a series of hydrothermal diamond anvil experiments conducted
78 at 400 – 1100 °C and 442 – 2839 MPa where calcite/CaO- and magnesite/MgO- derived
79 melts coexisted with aqueous solutions under reducing and oxidizing conditions. Raman
80 vibrational spectroscopy was employed to monitor C-O-H speciation in both the melt and
81 fluid phase *in-situ*, and to describe the intermolecular interactions between ionic (e.g.
82 CO_3^{2-} , Ca^{2+} , Mg^{2+}) and neutral species (e.g. H_2O). The experimental data are combined
83 with existing measurements of water solubility in Ca-Na-Mg carbonate melts at lower
84 pressure (Keppler, 2003) to assess the thermodynamic properties of H_2O in the structure
85 of carbonate melts and to estimate partition coefficients between melt and fluid.

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EXPERIMENTAL SECTION

88 Experiments were performed by utilizing externally-heated hydrothermal
89 diamond anvil cells (HDAC) equipped with low fluorescence 1-mm culet diamonds
90 (Bassett et al., 1996). The sample chamber (500 μm I.D.) was structured between the
91 anvil faces in a 125 μm thick rhenium gasket. Temperature was monitored with chromel-

92 alumel thermocouples in contact with the upper and lower diamonds. Pressure was
93 derived by measuring the temperature/-pressure dependent Raman frequency shift of
94 synthetic ^{13}C diamond (Schiferl et al., 1997), with an uncertainty of about ± 40 MPa
95 (Mysen and Yamashita, 2010) that corresponds to a $\pm 0.1 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ frequency uncertainty on
96 the fundamental band of the ^{13}C diamond. This level of accuracy is achieved by
97 performing acquisitions at 2400 grooves/mm of the holographic gratings in our JASCO
98 NRS-3100 microRaman systems and then normalizing the Raman shift to the 584.72 nm
99 Ne emission line. The Ne emission line and the Raman shift of the ^{13}C -diamond
100 stretching band are recorded on the same spectroscopic window with a 532 nm
101 continuous wave laser line (see below). To this end, the Ne emission line is used as
102 internal standard for the position of the spectrophotometer at each acquisition of ^{13}C -
103 diamond spectra (Schiferl et al., 1997). The methodology adopted has been calibrated in
104 HDAC experiments involving pure H_2O by using the equation of state of pure H_2O to
105 constrain the *in-situ* pressure at measured temperature (Mysen and Yamashita, 2010).

106 An experimental design was employed, which uses direct-sintered silicon carbide
107 for the diamond seat assembly. This material (UltraSIC, SC-30, Coorstek) exhibits
108 substantially greater hardness (26 GPa) and thermal conductivity (150 W/m K) than the
109 commonly-used tungsten carbide, while sustaining maximum operational temperatures of
110 nearly 1600 °C¹. The SC-30 diamond seats allow HDAC experiments to be conducted to
111 temperatures of 1500 °C, and pressure > 3 GPa. Molybdenum wire was placed around the
112 silicon carbide seats to heat the entire sample chamber (± 1 °C accuracy).

¹ http://www.coorstek.com/resource-library/library/8510-1364_ceramic_properties_mp.pdf

113 **Raman Spectroscopy Instrumentation:** Vibrational spectroscopy data were
114 collected with a Jasco model NRS-3100 confocal microRaman spectrometer equipped
115 with a $\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 532$ nm continuous wave laser line (~ 7 mW at the sample). The beam
116 diameter was nearly 1 μm with a 10 μm focal depth. Signal detection was through
117 50X/0.42 numerical aperture (N.A.) long-working distance Mitutoyo™ objective lenses.
118 Raman signal was dispersed using 600, 1200 and 2400 grooves/mm. The spectral
119 window was centered at 1100 cm^{-1} , 1250 cm^{-1} , 2250 cm^{-1} , 2400 cm^{-1} , 2800 cm^{-1} and 3600
120 cm^{-1} with a frequency resolution of 1-2 cm^{-1} at 2400 grooves/mm. The signal was
121 collected with a Peltier-cooled CCD (Andor™ Model DV401-F1 1024x128 pixel with 25
122 μm pixel size). Acquisition time ranged from 100 to 400 sec/CCD window depending on
123 the signal intensity of the sample. Two acquisitions per window were collected.

124 Curve-fitting of the Raman spectra was performed using the commercial software
125 Igor from Wavemetrics™. Background subtraction was conducted by fitting a third-order
126 polynomial function through portions of the spectra with baseline signal intensity only.
127 Replicate measurements were acquired at the same beam spot and with the same
128 instrumental parameters to constrain uncertainties on spectra analysis and processing.
129 The standard deviation on the integrated areas between the fitted Raman spectra in each
130 acquisition reflects a 5% level of uncertainty, which is larger than the uncertainty
131 estimated for the integrated area of each individual Raman peak (Foustoukos and Mysen,
132 2013).

133 **Experimental Procedures:** Experiments were designed to study the evolution of
134 carbonate melts coexisting with a discrete fluid phase at conditions ranging from 400 to
135 1100 °C and from 442 MPa to 2839 MPa (Table 1) in the CaO-CO₂-H₂O and MgO-CO₂-

136 H₂O systems. Experiments were conducted under oxidizing and reducing redox
137 conditions (Table 1) constrained by the presence of Re/ReO₂ and Ti/TiO₂ redox buffers,
138 respectively. This was accomplished by the addition of ReO₂ powder or a titanium metal
139 chip in the sample chamber. These phases (e.g. Ti, TiO₂) were identified in the quenched
140 reaction products. At the experimental conditions of this study, titanium solubility in
141 supercritical fluids should be minimal (Audétat and Keppler, 2005; Tropper and
142 Manning, 2005). However, this appears not be the case for the rhenium species (Xiong
143 and Wood, 1999) (see later in discussion). Raman spectra of C-O-H species dissolved in
144 the aqueous solution and melt phase were recorded at elevated temperature/-pressure
145 conditions, and also in samples quenched to ambient conditions (“*ex-situ*”). Quenching
146 was commenced at a rate of ~600 °C/min until the temperature reached 100 °C, and then
147 at 25 °C /min to room temperature. During quenching, degassing of C-O-H volatiles (H₂,
148 CO₂, CH₄) resulted to the formation of a discreet gas phase (“bubble”).

149 Carbonate reactants were dried at 400 °C for 72 hours, and the Ca-Mg oxides
150 were fired at 1000 °C for 3 hours prior to experiments. Dehydrated CaCO₃, CaO, MgCO₃,
151 and MgO were stored at 300 °C prior to loading in the HDAC. The sample consisted of
152 mineral mixtures and H₂O at volumetric ratios ~ 2:1 (empirically assessed) resulting to
153 fluid-melt immiscibility at elevated temperatures and pressures (Fig. 1). In addition, ReO₂
154 powder was allowed to equilibrate with H₂O in a carbonate-free experiment to
155 characterize the speciation of rhenium dissolved in supercritical aqueous solutions, and to
156 accurately identify the frequency position and shape of the stretching fundamental
157 vibrations (ν_1) of dominant Re-bearing aqueous species (Xiong and Wood, 2001; Xiong
158 and Wood, 1999) at high pressures and temperatures (Table 1).

159 Spectroscopic data of the melt are strictly from samples volumes within melt
160 pockets encapsulated within the entire height of the sample chamber (Fig. 1a). This was
161 accomplished by evaluating the vertical position of the melt globules relative to the
162 surface of both the upper and lower diamond. The carbonate melting experiments were
163 conducted for at least 12 hours. The samples remained at each experimental condition for
164 more than 2 hours. Time series measurements performed *in-situ* at high temperature/-
165 pressure indicate that equilibrium was reached at all conditions, which is consistent with
166 the equilibration reaction times reported in previous studies involving melting
167 relationships in the calcite-lime-H₂O and magnesite-periclase-H₂O system (Chou et al.,
168 1995; Walter et al., 1962; Wyllie and Boettcher, 1969; Wyllie and Tuttle, 1960).

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RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

171 Melting of carbonates under water-saturated conditions

172 Hydrous melting experiments of the CaCO₃-CaO and MgCO₃-MgO assemblages
173 were conducted along a pressure and temperature path that follows the oceanic geotherm
174 (Green and Ringwood, 1963a; Green and Ringwood, 1963b). The highest temperature of
175 1100 °C was reached at nearly 3 GPa (Fig. 2a). In some cases, conditions resembled those
176 at the hot subduction zone of Central Cascadia (Syracuse et al., 2010). Experimental
177 conditions attained are relevant to subduction zone environments and within the range of
178 pressures and temperatures that permit hydrous melting of the subducted oceanic crust
179 and lithosphere (Grove et al., 2012; Till et al., 2012).

180 *In-situ* experimental observations (Fig. 1) indicate that hydrous melting of the
181 carbonate-oxide assemblages occurred at temperatures lower than 850 °C (1 - 2 GPa)

182 consistent with the melting relationships predicted in previous studies (Fig. 2b). For
183 example, Walter et al. (1962) predicted a five phase (MgO-MgCO₃-H₂O-Mg(OH)₂-melt)
184 invariant point at conditions greater than 700 °C, 400 MPa but less than 1 GPa, whereas
185 Ellis and Wyllie (1979) projected this point to 1210 °C, 4.6 GPa. In our experiments, a
186 sharp transition between magnesite-periclase-fluid and melt-fluid equilibria was
187 documented at ~ 850 °C, 1.5 – 2 GPa (Fig. 2b). Melting of calcite in the presence of CaO
188 and H₂O appears to occur at temperatures lower than 600 °C (0.5 – 1.5 GPa) extending to
189 nearly 900 °C (1 – 1.5 GPa), whereas in some occasions melting coincided with calcite in
190 the aqueous fluid phase (i.e. Cc-melt (Cc-CaO)-H₂O system in figure 2b, 1b). Phase
191 equilibria in the ternary CaO-H₂O-CO₂ system formulated by Wyllie and Turtle (1960)
192 also show the three-phase domains of calcite-CaO-melt and calcite-melt-H₂O separated
193 by the fields of calcite-melt and calcite-H₂O at 685 – 920 °C and 0.1 GPa. f_{O_2} conditions
194 have been suggested to control the hydrous melting of calcite (Chepurov et al., 2011;
195 Lazar et al., 2014), however, we were not able to observe discreet differences on the
196 melting temperature of systems bearing Re/ReO₂ (oxidizing) or Ti/TiO₂ (reducing)
197 mineral redox buffers.

198 Our *in-situ* HDAC observations highlight the important role of CaO on imposing
199 a melting-point depression on calcite under water-saturated conditions. Experiments that
200 involved pure calcite coexisting with aqueous phase at 950 °C and 1.5 GPa (Table 1) did
201 not produce carbonate melts under these conditions, which is consistent with the well-
202 known extensive stability field of calcite (Fig. 2b) (Wyllie and Boettcher, 1969). Hydrous
203 melting of pure magnesite, however, did occur at temperatures and pressures similar to
204 those attained in the MgCO₃-MgO-H₂O experiments (Fig. 2b). Such a relatively low

205 temperature (< 1000 °C), high pressure (> 1 GPa) melting of magnesite has been
206 predicted for conditions of low CO_2 fugacity in a H_2O dominant vapor phase (Ellis and
207 Wyllie, 1979). Even though it is not possible to determine quantitatively the
208 concentration of fluid-dissolved $\text{CO}_{2(\text{aq})}$ in the experiments, thermodynamic models
209 suggest that for the calcite/-magnesite- H_2O system the $\text{CO}_{2(\text{aq})}$ concentrations should not
210 exceed 0.01 molal at 700-727 °C, 1 GPa ($f_{\text{CO}_2} \sim 1$ (Johnson et al., 1992))(Manning,
211 2013; Pan et al., 2013). Significant lower f_{CO_2} are expected during hydrous melting of
212 carbonates under reducing redox conditions (Lazar et al., 2014)(in this Special
213 Collection). Dissociation of carbonates in the supercritical aqueous fluid yields dissolved
214 cation (i.e. Ca^{2+} , Mg^{2+}) concentrations comparable to those of $\text{CO}_{2(\text{aq})}$.

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216 **Carbonate Ion in the Melt Structure**

217 Spectroscopic data were collected *in-situ* and *ex-situ* for the fluid, gas, melt and
218 crystalline phases ². The C-O-H speciation of the carbonate melts and coexisting
219 supercritical aqueous solutions is mainly H_2O and CO_3^{2-} . These species were identified at
220 the frequency envelopes of $1060 - 1100 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ and $3400 - 3600 \text{ cm}^{-1}$, respectively (Fig.
221 3a). The carbonate ion also exhibits the Raman-active in-plane symmetric vibrational
222 band (ν_4) at $\sim 695 - 725 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ (Bates et al., 1972; Carper et al., 2012; Maroni and Cairns,
223 1970). Interestingly, coexisting aqueous fluid appears depleted in dissolved CO_3^{2-} relative
224 to the melt, in accordance with thermodynamic models that suggest predominance
225 presence of $\text{CO}_{2(\text{aq})}$ when carbonates equilibrate with aqueous solutions at high
226 temperatures and pressures (Caciagli and Manning, 2003). Even though the Raman

² Raw spectroscopic data are available by request (dfoustoukos@ciw.edu)

227 vibrations of the CO₂ fermi-diad (1280 – 1380 cm⁻¹) and C-H stretching band of CH₄
228 (2960 – 2990 cm⁻¹) were not obvious in all the *in-situ* measurements, the *ex-situ* exsolved
229 gas phase was enriched in these C-O-H volatiles (Fig. 3b, c). The carbon speciation of the
230 quenched fluids also included HCO₃⁻ ($\nu_1 \sim 1010$ cm⁻¹ (Frantz, 1998)), reflecting rapid re-
231 equilibration during quenching at pH conditions lower than the pK₁ of HCO₃⁻ dissociation
232 to CO₃²⁻ (~10.3 at 25°C, 1 bar) (Stumm and Morgan, 1996).

233 Under oxidizing redox conditions imposed by the Re/ReO₂ assemblage, Raman
234 spectra provide evidence for the presence of ionic rhenium species, such as ReO₂⁻ and
235 ReO₄⁻ (Fig. 3, 4). Raman spectra reveal that not only the aqueous solution but also both
236 the melt and the quenched carbonate were enriched in rhenium, which marks the
237 enhanced solubility of trace elements and metals in carbonate-bearing melts and
238 carbonatites (Dalou et al., 2009; Dasgupta et al., 2009; Hamilton et al., 1989; Jones et al.,
239 1995; Martin et al., 2013; Veksler et al., 2012; Veksler and Keppler, 2000). The position
240 of the Raman vibration of this rhenium specie resides at ~ 960 cm⁻¹, which is similar to
241 the symmetric stretching bands of ReO₄⁻, ReO₂⁻ and ReO₂ (Gafurov and Aliev, 2005;
242 Zhou et al., 2000). Bands assigned to antisymmetric ν_3 reside at a slightly lower
243 frequency.

244 To constrain better the speciation of rhenium and to characterize the Raman
245 spectra of the Re-bearing system at high pressures and temperatures, a hydrothermal
246 diamond anvil experiment was performed involving the ReO₂-Re-H₂O equilibrium at 500
247 – 900 °C and 945 – 2185 MPa (Table 1). Raman spectra collected closely resemble the
248 symmetric ($\nu_1 \sim 960$ cm⁻¹) and antisymmetric ($\nu_3 \sim 900$ cm⁻¹) stretching vibrations of
249 ReO₄⁻/ReO₂⁻ (Gafurov and Aliev, 2005; Zhou et al., 2000). Characterization of the

250 $\text{ReO}_4^-/\text{ReO}_2^-$ vibrational spectrum is also important in order to resolve spectral
251 interferences by HCO_3^- . The later, for example, has been shown to register a broad
252 Gaussian C-OH stretching band at lower frequencies (e.g. 948 cm^{-1} , FWHH 72.5 cm^{-1} at
253 $548\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$) with a strong temperature dependence (Frantz, 1998). The *in-situ* acquired
254 Raman spectra are different from those of the initial and quenched ReO_2 solid reactant
255 (Fig. 4a). The intense Lorentzian band assigned to ν_1 decreased slightly from 964 cm^{-1} to
256 960 cm^{-1} with temperature increase, while the FWHH ranged from 10 cm^{-1} at $500\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ to
257 15 cm^{-1} at $900\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ (Fig. 4b and c). The main 960 cm^{-1} sharp Raman vibron appeared after
258 few hours of reaction at high temperatures and pressures (Table 1). It is attributed to
259 ReO_2^- because of the trace concentrations of ReO_4^- expected at the oxidizing
260 hydrothermal conditions imposed by the Re- ReO_2 redox buffer (Xiong and Wood, 2001).
261 Raman spectra collected in the Ti/ TiO_2 – bearing experiments lacked this sharp 960 cm^{-1}
262 vibration (Fig. 3c), indicating that the Re gasket was not altered under reducing redox
263 conditions and supports the assignment of this peak to oxidized rhenium species.

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265 **The Structure of CO_3^{2-} in the Carbonate Melt**

266 *In-situ* Raman spectra reveal structural differences between the carbonate ions in
267 melt and crystalline phases (Fig. 5). The symmetric stretching vibration of CO_3^{2-} in melts
268 is clearly at lower frequency ($\sim 10\text{ cm}^{-1}$) than what is observed for calcite coexisting with
269 melt and the aqueous phase (Fig. 5a, 6b). This frequency difference is similar to data
270 presented in diamond-anvil experimental studies of anhydrous melting of carbonates at
271 high pressures and temperatures (Williams and Knittle, 2003), and it is indicative of the
272 CO_3^{2-} units in a melt (liquid) structure. In contrast to the structure of anhydrous carbonate

273 melts (Williams and Knittle, 2003), however, experimental data did not reveal the
274 presence of C-O single bonded species that have been suggested to express stretching
275 vibrations at a much lower frequency ($\sim 970 \text{ cm}^{-1}$) (Fig. 5) (Williams and Knittle, 2003).

276 Integration of the band assigned to $\nu_1\text{-CO}_3^{2-}$ required the employment of “high”
277 and “low” frequency Gaussian components (Fig. 5b). Similar structures have been
278 observed in spectra of Na-K-Mg carbonates quenched from high temperature/-pressure
279 (Genge et al., 1995; Shatskiy et al., 2013). These features have been attributed to the
280 coexistence of polymorph phases (Genge et al., 1995). In our experiments, the full width
281 at half height (FWHH) of the high frequency component is within the range of values
282 expected for CO_3^{2-} ions dissolved in supercritical aqueous solutions (Frantz, 1998),
283 whereas the low frequency contribution (melt structure) is broader by $30 - 40 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ (Fig.
284 6a). The position of the frequency envelope is also shifted by $30 - 60 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ relative to the
285 symmetric stretch of CO_3^{2-} aqueous species (Frantz, 1998) (Fig. 6b). This frequency shift
286 may suggest a stronger C-O bonding environment in the melt, and similar to that of
287 molten and crystalline Na-Li-K-Ca carbonates at high temperatures and pressures (Bates
288 et al., 1972; Kraft et al., 1991; Maroni and Cairns, 1970). Those studies, however, did not
289 report the asymmetry topology of the $\nu_1\text{-CO}_3^{2-}$ observed in our experiments.

290 For the water-saturated carbonate melts of our study (Fig. 3a, 5b), we hypothesize
291 that this low frequency component of the $\nu_1\text{-CO}_3^{2-}$ is because of H_2O that is bonded to the
292 oxygen of the carbonate ion through intermolecular attraction (i.e $\text{O}=\text{C}-\text{O}\cdots\text{H}-\text{O}$).
293 Another possibility is contributions from a $\text{O}=\text{C}-\text{O}-\text{H}-\text{O}$ bonding environment involving
294 an oxygen that is shared between the carbonate ion and the structural water (O-H groups)
295 in the melt. Analogous oxygen sharing between SiO_4 and CO_3^{2-} groups have been

296 proposed to exist in polymerized carbonate-bearing silicate melts (Brooker et al., 2001;
297 Brooker et al., 1999; Kubicki and Stolper, 1995; Morizet et al., 2010; Mysen et al., 2011).
298 However, a Raman band assigned to stretching vibrations of such a bond would be
299 expressed at significantly lower frequency and probably comparable to the position of the
300 C-O-H in HCO_3^- groups (e.g. 948 cm^{-1} , FWHH 72.5 cm^{-1} at $548\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$) (Frantz, 1998). The
301 reason for the asymmetry of the $\nu_1\text{-CO}_3^{2-}$ vibron observed in the recrystallized calcite and
302 magnesite at conditions (Fig. 5b, 6) is not clear and could be of hydrogen bonding effects
303 or due to Raman inferences from the coexisting carbonate melt.

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305 **The Structure of Water in the Carbonate Melt**

306 Spectroscopic data collected *in-situ* at high temperature/-pressure also provide
307 insights about the structure of water in the Ca/-Mg carbonate melts. The de-convolution
308 of the vibrational frequency envelope between 3400 and 3600 cm^{-1} allows us to assess the
309 relative contribution of the different O-H bonding environments in both the fluid and
310 melt phase. Raman spectra in the aqueous phase are composed of a band $\sim 3550\text{ cm}^{-1}$
311 assigned to O-H stretching in isolated OH-groups (O-H ν_1) and of a lower frequency
312 contribution (O-H_{HB} $\nu_1 \sim 3450\text{ cm}^{-1}$) attributed to O•••H-O bonding induced by the
313 intermolecular coupling and dipole properties of water molecules (Frantz et al., 1993;
314 Walrafen et al., 1986) (Fig. 7). The thermodynamic properties of hydrogen bonding has
315 been studied in supercritical aqueous solutions (Foustoukos and Mysen, 2012) and in
316 hydrated silicate melts (Mysen, 2012; Mysen, 2011), with a strong negative effect of
317 temperature on the stability of the bond.

318 There is a similar asymmetric shape for the O-H intensity envelope in the
319 carbonate melt in the present study. This asymmetry might reflect intermolecular
320 interactions between the dissolved water dipoles (i.e. H-O•••H-O) or the CO₃²⁻ and
321 structural O-H groups (i.e. O=C-O•••H-O) (Fig. 7). Here, however, the asymmetry of the
322 O-H Raman spectra also indicates the existence of one more component at the high end
323 of the frequency envelope (~ 3600 cm⁻¹) (O-H_{M, str}), which is attributed to the interaction
324 of O-H groups with the cations (M) in the carbonate melt. This band exists regardless of
325 the MgO/-CaO in the reacting mineral assemblage. This vibrational contribution is not
326 evident in the O-H frequency envelope for the coexisting supercritical aqueous fluid. This
327 may be because of the dilute concentrations of dissolved cations (0.01 molal, see
328 discussions earlier). Interestingly, development of hydroxyl bonds between cations and
329 water molecules in the melt has been suggested to affect the alkalinity of the H₂O-
330 enriched melts, enhancing the solubility of REE (Veksler et al., 2012).

331 Analogous bonding environments have also been inferred from Raman spectra of
332 quenched Ca-Al-Na bearing silicate melts (Mysen and Virgo, 1986) and crystalline OH-
333 enriched phases (Aines and Rossman, 1984). In our study, the structure of this M•••O-H
334 contribution probable is a symmetric O-H stretching vibration (A_{1g}), resembling what
335 has been observed and calculated for Mg and Ca-bearing hydroxides (Dawson et al.,
336 1973; Frost, 2011; Reynard and Caracas, 2009; Wang and Andrews, 2005). The presence
337 of portlandite (Ca(OH)₂) and brucite (Mg(OH)₂) has also been shown to induce a
338 melting-point depression on calcite and magnesite, respectively (Boettcher et al., 1980;
339 Irving and Wyllie, 1975; Walter et al., 1962; Wyllie and Boettcher, 1969; Wyllie and
340 Tuttle, 1959; Wyllie and Tuttle, 1960). However, we did not observe Mg/Ca-hydroxide

341 recrystallization or exsolution from the melt. Accordingly, this high frequency Raman
342 band is not attributed to crystalline hydroxides coinciding with the melt.

343 The dominant O-H stretching vibration in the aqueous phase (O-H, ν_1) was
344 integrated with either Lorentzian or Voigt line shape consistent with previous
345 spectroscopic studies in supercritical water (Foustoukos and Mysen, 2012; Maiella et al.,
346 1999), whereas Gaussian functions were chosen for the vibrations of the O-H groups
347 bonded to water dipoles (O-H_{HB} ν_1). The component corresponding to the interaction of
348 the O-H groups with cations dissolved in the melt (O-H_M str) was integrated
349 predominantly with a Gaussian function (Fig. 7). However, for the measurements
350 performed at temperatures greater than 850°C Lorentzian peak functions provided the
351 best statistical fit.

352 The frequencies and width of the deconvoluted bands from this frequency
353 envelope are strikingly similar to those of water in the aqueous fluid and melt phase (Fig.
354 8a-d) with the position of the O-H ν_1 band placed between 3520 to 3620 cm^{-1} (Fig. 8a)
355 and the O-H_{HB} ν_1 residing at a slightly lower frequency (Fig. 8b). The O-H stretching
356 band in the melt is 20 - 40 cm^{-1} wider than in the fluid with FWHH values ranging from
357 160 to 80 cm^{-1} at 600 to 900 °C, respectively (Fig. 8b). However, the shape of the O-H_{HB}
358 vibron is similar in the two phases (FWHH \sim 350 – 100 cm^{-1}) (Fig. 8d), further
359 suggesting that this bonding environment might correspond mainly to an H-O•••H-O
360 rather than an O=C-O•••H-O intermolecular interaction. To this end, the relative
361 contribution of molecular vs. structural water on the formation of hydrogen bonding
362 cannot be assessed. For all practical purposes, we refer to this bond as O•••H-O in the
363 discussions that follow.

364 The frequency of the O-H_M stretch recorded in the melt is in the narrow range of
365 3600 – 3640 cm⁻¹ (Fig. 8e). With temperature increase, the band becomes narrower with
366 FWHH ranging from 80 to 30 cm⁻¹ at 600 to 900 °C (Fig. 8f). In all cases, the effect of
367 temperature on peak position and shape is similar to that documented in other studies
368 (Foustoukos and Mysen, 2012; Frantz et al., 1993; Mysen, 2012; Mysen, 2011; Walrafen
369 et al., 1986). However, in contrast to water-saturated aluminosilicate melts (Mysen, 2013)
370 the stability of hydrogen bonding (O•••H-O) in the carbonate melt seems to extend to
371 temperatures significantly beyond 400 °C.

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373 **The Thermodynamic Properties and Solubility of Water in the Carbonate Melt**

374 To access the thermodynamic properties of water dissolved in the carbonate melt,
375 the energy required to rapture the O•••H-O bond ($\Delta H_{O\cdots H-O}$) is estimated adopting the
376 van't Hoff approach employed previously for the stability of hydrogen bonding in
377 supercritical water (Foustoukos and Mysen, 2012; Walrafen, 1968). These calculations
378 derive $\Delta H_{O\cdots H-O}$ by describing the equilibrium quotient of O•••H-O conversion to isolated
379 O-H bonds in structural water as a linear relationship between the logarithmic values of
380 the relative Raman integrated peak areas and the reverse of absolute temperatures (Fig.
381 9). There is a general trend of decreasing intermolecular interactions as temperature
382 increases, similar to what has been observed for H₂O in silicate melts (Mysen, 2013).
383 However, the O•••H-O in the carbonate melts has an enthalpy of 6.8 ± 1.5 kcal/mol,
384 which is nearly 300 % of the $\Delta H_{O\cdots H-O}$ calculated for the water present in SiO₂-bearing
385 melts ($\sim 2.4 \pm 0.5$ kcal/mol). Accordingly, hydrogen bonding is significantly stronger in
386 carbonate relative to silicate water-saturated melts allowing for the development of more

387 polar H-bonded water clusters (Schwarzer et al., 2005), and thus, possible enhancing the
388 solubility of ionic species of trace elements and metal in the CO_3^{2-} bearing melt.
389 Interestingly, the energy of the hydrogen bond for the H_2O component of the carbonate
390 melt appears to be comparable with the $\Delta H_{\text{O}\cdots\text{H-O}}$ in the coexisting supercritical aqueous
391 solution (8.4 ± 1.3 kcal/mol) (Fig. 8), highlighting the significant similarity in the
392 thermodynamic properties of water present in these two phases.

393 To approximate qualitatively the solubility of H_2O in the carbonate melt, the
394 relative distribution of the integrated peak areas of the O-H and $\text{O}\cdots\text{H-O}$ stretching
395 vibrations were used to derive the partition coefficient of H_2O (molecular and structural)
396 present in the coexisting phases (${}^m_f D_{\text{H}_2\text{O}}$) (Table 2):

$$397 \quad {}^m_f D = \frac{(\text{Area}_{\text{O-H}} + \text{Area}_{\text{O}\cdots\text{H-O}})_{\text{melt}}}{(\text{Area}_{\text{O-H}} + \text{Area}_{\text{O}\cdots\text{H-O}})_{\text{fluid}}} = \frac{X_{\text{melt}}}{X_{\text{fluid}}} \quad (1)$$

398 These estimates assume that the relative normalized differential Raman scattering cross
399 sections (σ_j) of the O-H and $\text{O}\cdots\text{H-O}$ ν_1 vibrations in the spectra of coexisting melt and
400 aqueous phase at the temperatures and pressures of interest are the same. This assumption
401 is supported by the apparent similarity in the thermodynamic properties of the water
402 solvating in the phases (Fig. 9). The water solubility is enhanced in the Mg-bearing
403 carbonate melt with ${}^m_f D_{\text{H}_2\text{O}}$ values ranging from 0.46 to 0.89 (median = 0.5) at 856 – 900
404 °C, 1728 - 2011 MPa (Table 2). In contrast, in the CaO- CO_2 - H_2O system the smaller
405 partition coefficients (median of 0.3) probable are because of the lower melting
406 temperatures attained.

407 The only other experimental data available on the solubility of water in Ca-Na-
408 Mg carbonate melts are from Kepler (2003) with a melt water content of nearly 14 wt %
409 at 225 MPa and 900 °C. In this study, the melt-fluid H_2O partition coefficients attained

410 values of 0.27 - 0.48, which are comparable to those estimated in our experiments (Table
411 2). This solubility suggests a greater H₂O melt/fluid partitioning for carbonate melt
412 systems than for water-saturated silicate melts (Behrens, 1995; Burnham and Jahns,
413 1962; Lesne et al., 2011; Mysen and Acton, 1999; Richet et al., 2000; Tamic et al., 2001).

414 The solubility data can also provide constrains on the partial molar volume of
415 water ($\bar{V}_{\text{H}_2\text{O}}^{\text{melt}}$) dissolved in melt (Lange, 1995; Mysen, 2007). In detail, this
416 thermodynamic treatment is based on the formulation of $\bar{V}_{\text{H}_2\text{O}}^{\text{melt}}$ as function of the fugacity
417 of pure H₂O ($f_{\text{H}_2\text{O}}^{\circ}$) (Haar et al., 1984; Johnson et al., 1992) and the molar fraction of
418 water ($X_{\text{H}_2\text{O}}^{\text{melt}}$) in the melt for the H₂O_{fluid} = H₂O_{melt} equilibrium conditions:

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$$420 \quad \Delta G_T(P) = \Delta G_T^{\circ}(1 \text{ bar}) + RT \ln \frac{a_{\text{H}_2\text{O}}^{\text{melt}}}{f_{\text{H}_2\text{O}}^{\circ}} + \int_1^P \bar{V}_{\text{H}_2\text{O}}^{\text{melt}} dP = 0 \quad (2)$$

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422 Here, $\Delta G_T(1 \text{ bar})$ is the Gibbs free energy of solution for H₂O (J/mol) at 1 bar, R is the
423 gas constant, T is temperature (kelvin), and $a_{\text{H}_2\text{O}}^{\text{melt}}$ is the activity of water in the melt. By
424 assuming $a_{\text{H}_2\text{O}}^{\text{melt}} = X_{\text{H}_2\text{O}}^{\text{melt}}$, which implies ideal mixing for the H₂O-carbonate solution
425 (Mysen, 2007), and no pressure effects on the activity coefficient of water dissolved in
426 melt ($\gamma_{\text{H}_2\text{O}}^{\text{melt}}$) (Lange, 1995), we have:

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$$428 \quad \ln \frac{f_{\text{H}_2\text{O}}^{\circ}}{X_{\text{H}_2\text{O}}^{\text{melt}}} = \frac{\Delta G_T^{\circ}(1 \text{ bar})}{RT} + \frac{\bar{V}_{\text{H}_2\text{O}}^{\text{melt}}}{RT} (P - 1) + \ln \gamma_{\text{H}_2\text{O}}^{\text{melt}} \quad (3)$$

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430 By plotting $\ln f_{\text{H}_2\text{O}}^0 / X_{\text{H}_2\text{O}}^{\text{melt}}$ vs. $(P-1)/RT$, the partial molar of H_2O dissolved in melt
431 is derived as the slope of the linear regression with a value of $\sim 48 \pm 6 \text{ cm}^3/\text{mol}$ at $900 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$
432 (Fig. 10). Strikingly this estimate is very close to the partial molar volume of supercritical
433 water that ranges from 61.4 to $44 \text{ cm}^3/\text{mol}$ at $900 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ and $150 - 225 \text{ MPa}$ (Haar et al.,
434 1984; Johnson et al., 1992). In the case of silicate melts, the partial molar volume of
435 water has been calculated of less than $23 \text{ cm}^3/\text{mol}$ ($1000 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$, 1 bar) (Mysen and Acton,
436 1999; Ochs and Lange, 1999), approximating values of $\sim 12 \text{ cm}^3/\text{mol}$ in aluminum-free
437 melts (Richet et al., 2000) but decreasing to $\sim 9 \text{ cm}^3/\text{mol}$ for aluminum-enriched melt
438 compositions (Mysen, 2007).

439 Thus, it appears that the H_2O might be a stronger solvent in the structure of CO_3^{2-}
440 melts than when dissolved in silicate melts, contributing to the enhanced solubility of
441 trace elements and metals observed in carbonate-bearing melts (Dalou et al., 2009;
442 Dasgupta et al., 2009; Hamilton et al., 1989; Jones et al., 1995; Martin et al., 2013;
443 Veksler et al., 2012; Veksler and Keppler, 2000). Furthermore, adopting $\bar{V}_{\text{H}_2\text{O}}^{\text{melt}} \sim 48$ and
444 $13 \text{ wt } \% \text{ H}_2\text{O}_{\text{melt}}$ at 200 MPa , $900 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ (Keppler, 2003), the activity coefficient of water
445 dissolved in the carbonate melt is nearly 9, yielding a natural logarithmic value of ~ -6
446 for the equilibrium constant of $\text{H}_2\text{O}_{\text{fluid}} = \text{H}_2\text{O}_{\text{melt}}$. Thus, the ionic structure of the
447 carbonate-bearing melt might impose a strong “salting-out” effect on the neutral species
448 of H_2O , similar to what has been seeing for neutral non-polar aqueous species (e.g. $\text{H}_2(\text{aq})$,
449 $\text{H}_2\text{S}(\text{aq})$) in electrolyte-bearing supercritical solutions (Foustoukos and Seyfried, 2007;
450 Oelkers and Helgeson, 1991; Pitzer and Schreiber, 1987). Nevertheless, the enhanced
451 solubility of H_2O and the development of $\text{M}^{\bullet\bullet\bullet}\text{O-H}$ bonding environment along with the
452 strong ionic nature of the carbonate melts is anticipated to promote the solvation of ionic

453 species (such as ReO_2) in the melt structure (Fig. 4) (Veksler et al., 2012; Veksler and
454 Keppler, 2000).

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IMPLICATIONS

457 **Hydrous Melting of Carbonates and CO_2 fluxes in Subduction Zones**

458 The existence of a univariant equilibria between carbonates-oxides-hydroxides
459 and fluid/melt at crustal temperatures and pressures (<1 GPa, 900 °C) was first
460 hypothesized by Wylie and Tuttle (1960) and Walter et al. (1962). This has been
461 experimentally demonstrated in the present study (Fig. 2b). These melting relationships
462 and pressure-temperature paths for the $\text{CaO-CO}_2\text{-H}_2\text{O}$ and $\text{MgO-CO}_2\text{-H}_2\text{O}$ systems
463 highlight the important role of alkaline earth oxides on the hydrous melting of the
464 carbonate-bearing subducting oceanic crust and the release of $\text{CO}_{2(g)}$ in volcanic arcs. To
465 this end, carbonates present in marine sediments (Plank and Langmuir, 1998) or
466 serpentinized peridotites (Kodolanyi et al., 2012) may not survive transfer to sub-arc
467 depths and commence melting before the complete dehydration at the slab-mantle wedge
468 interface. Experimental data suggest that this is may occur even at the subduction zones
469 of Vanuatu, Makran and Central America that register cold to intermediate surface
470 temperatures (Syracuse et al., 2010).

471 Thus, carbonate minerals may not serve as CO_2 storage recycled in the deep
472 mantle (Kerrick and Connolly, 2001), but actually contribute to the volcanic CO_2 flux at
473 the arc through melt/fluid interactions at temperatures and pressures well within the
474 stability field of minerals such as serpentine, amphibole and chlorite. These mineral
475 phases have been shown to facilitate H_2O -saturated melting (Grove et al., 2012; Till et

476 al., 2012). However, the speciation and partitioning of C-O-H volatiles between
477 carbonate melts and supercritical fluids is poorly constrained, and future studies are
478 needed to describe the effect of fluid pH and halogen composition/concentration (e.g.
479 NaCl) on the flux of CO_{2(g)} during open-system water-saturated melting of carbonates.

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Table 1. Description of the HDAC experiments conducted

Phase	T (°C)	P (MPa)	Redox Control	$\log^* f_{O_2}$
Calcite – H ₂ O	700 - 950	784 - 1508	Re/ReO ₂	(-13.8) – (-6.8)
Calcite – CaO – H ₂ O	550 - 650	442 - 2663	Re/ReO ₂	(-17.1) – (-4.4)
Calcite – CaO – H ₂ O	600 - 900	892 - 2003	Re/ReO ₂	(-9.3) – (-2.5)
Calcite – CaO – H ₂ O	575 - 900	791 - 1283	Ti/TiO ₂	(-48.2) – (-32)
Magnesite – H ₂ O	600 - 900	1045 - 1279	Re/ReO ₂	(-6) – (-9.7)
Magnesite – MgO – H ₂ O	860 - 1050	1789 - 2839	Re/ReO ₂	(0) – (4)
Magnesite – MgO – H ₂ O	400 - 1100	920 - 2439	Ti/TiO ₂	(-13.7) – (-2.8)
Re – ReO ₂ – H ₂ O	500 - 900	945 - 2185		(-4.4) – (-5.6)

* Calculated based on the thermodynamic data of Knacke et al (1991) and adopting the *density model* theory (Anderson and Crerar, 1993).

Redox reactions: $Re + O_{2(g)} = ReO_2$ and $Ti + O_{2(g)} = TiO_2$

f_{O_2} conditions estimated for the Ti/TiO₂ redox buffer are the lowest values possible, and not accounting for diffusion of H₂ through the Re gasket at elevated temperatures. In all the Ti-TiO₂ bearing experiments, the presence of reduced volatiles (i.e. H₂, CH₄) was confirmed *in-situ* at T-P by Raman spectroscopy.

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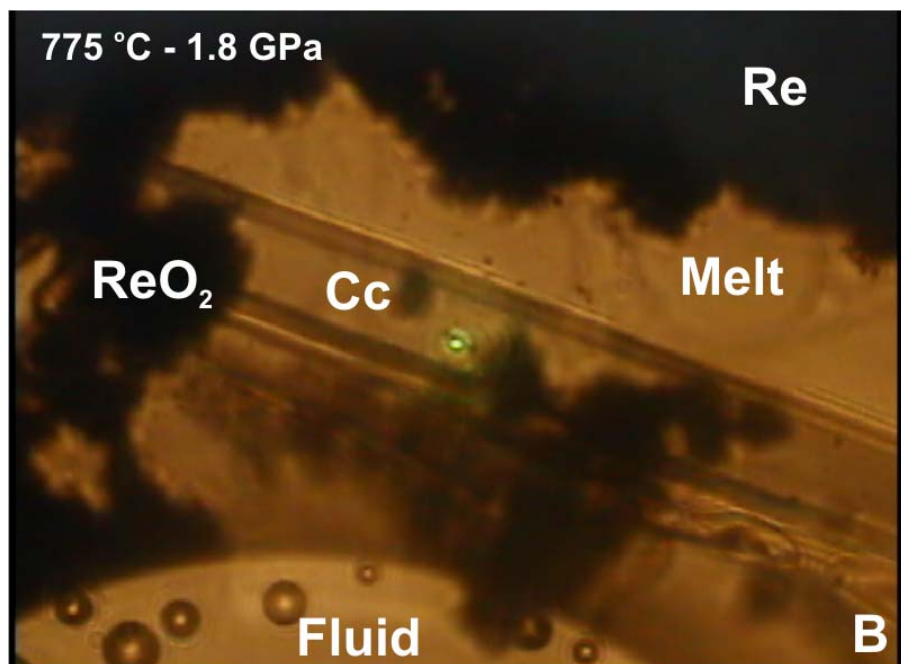
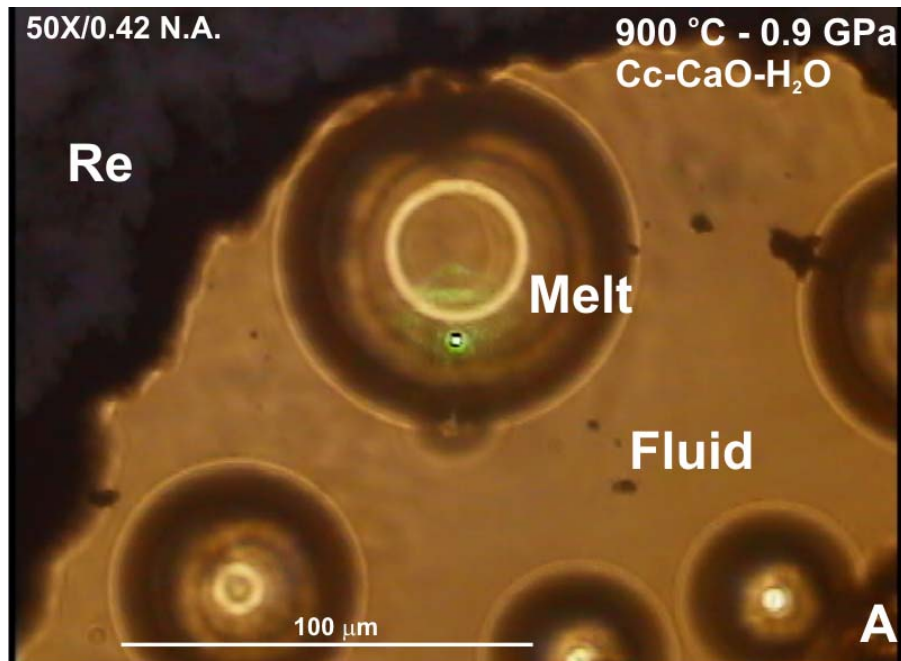
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Table 2. H₂O partition coefficients between carbonate melts and coexisting supercritical fluids

T (°C)	P (MPa)	$D_{H_2O}^m$
<i>Melt (calcite-CaO)-H₂O</i>		
600	1462	0.45
600	1462	0.20
700	2003	0.52
775	1728	0.36
800	1899	0.28
800	1899	0.37
850	1675	0.27
900	892	0.26
900	892	0.21
700	1117	0.83
<i>Melt (magnesite – MgO) – H₂O</i>		
856	1728	0.46
856	1728	0.51
860	2011	0.76
880	1726	0.89
910	1677	0.48
<i>Ca/Na/MgCO₃ melt – H₂O (Keppler, 2003)</i>		
900	50	0.27
900	75	0.24
900	100	0.37
900	125	0.35
900	150	0.42
900	175	0.36
900	200	0.45
900	225	0.48

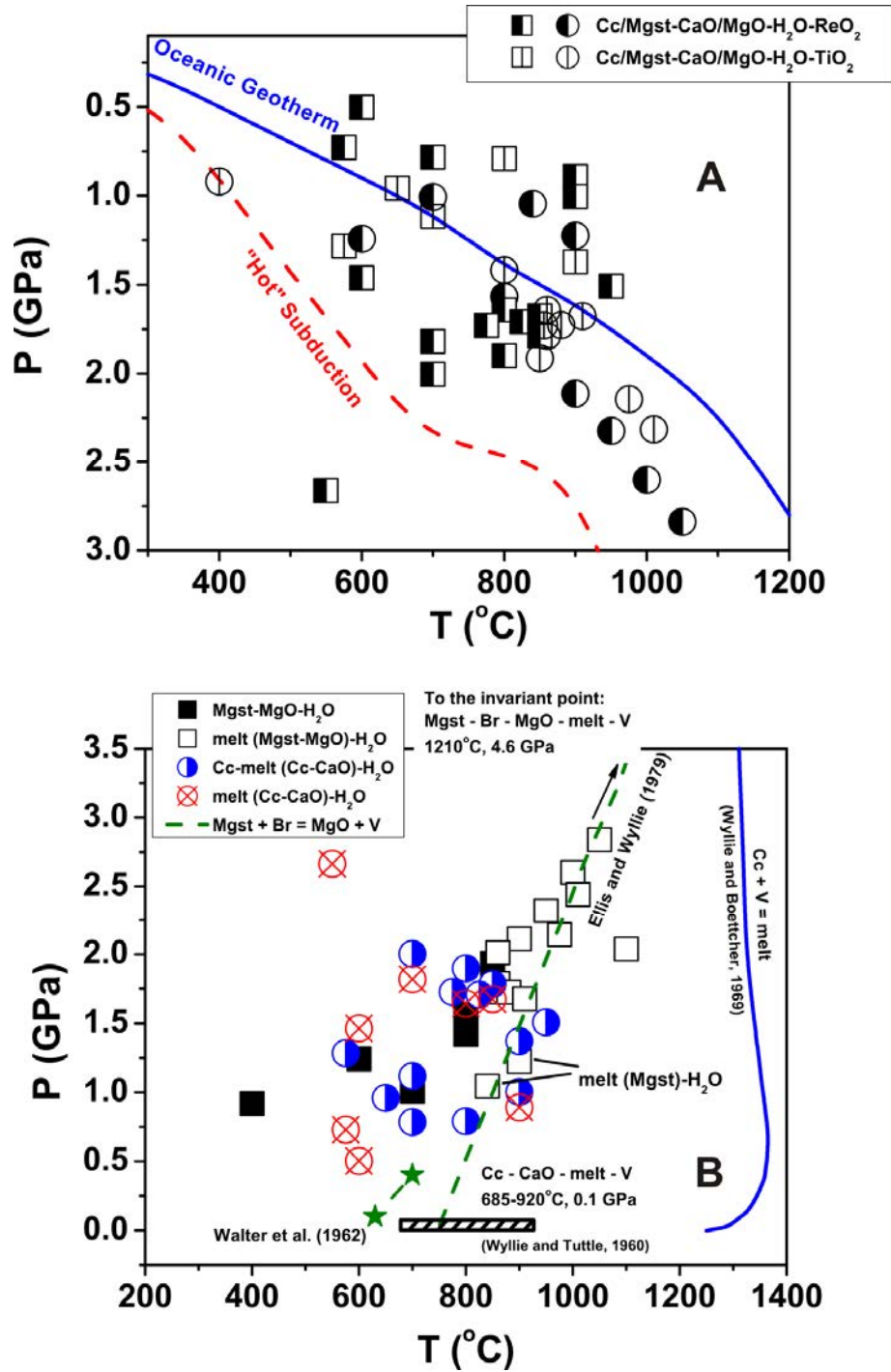
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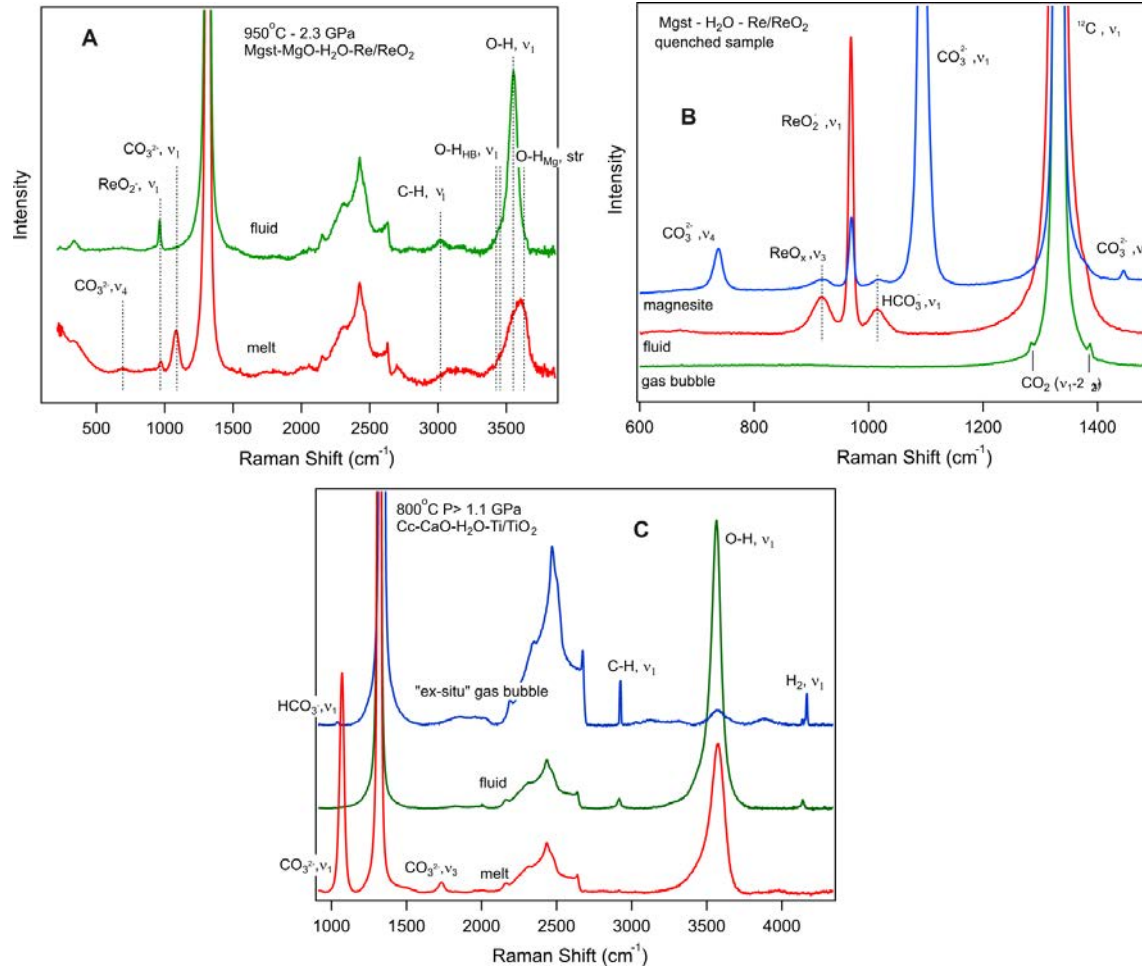
493 **Figure 1.** Microphotographs from the high temperature/-pressure HDAC experiments
494 performed to study carbonate (e.g. calcite) melting in the presence of supercritical
495 aqueous solution and under reducing/-oxidizing (e.g. Re/ReO₂) redox conditions.
496 Experiments included fluid, melt, and crystalline phases (oxides, carbonates, Re metal).
497 The size of the excitation laser beam is 1 μm (A).
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502 **Figure 2.** (a) Experiments were conducted at temperatures and pressures resembling the
503 oceanic geotherm (a). The “hot subduction” zone is after the D80 model of Central
504 Cascadia (Syracuse et al., 2010) that assumes coupling of the subduction slab with the
505 mantle wedge at 80 km depth. At this transition point and beyond, the subducted
506 sediments are considered fully dehydrated and the extent of hydrous melting is minimal.
507 (b) “In-situ” observations reveal a strong melting-point depression for calcite and
508 magnesite when coexisting with supercritical fluids and CaO or MgO, respectively. The
509 melting relationships identified correspond to conditions similar to those proposed by
510 Wylie and Tuttle (1960), Walter et al. (1962), and Ellis and Wyllie (1979) for the
511 univariant equilibria between carbonates-oxides-hydroxides and fluid/melt.
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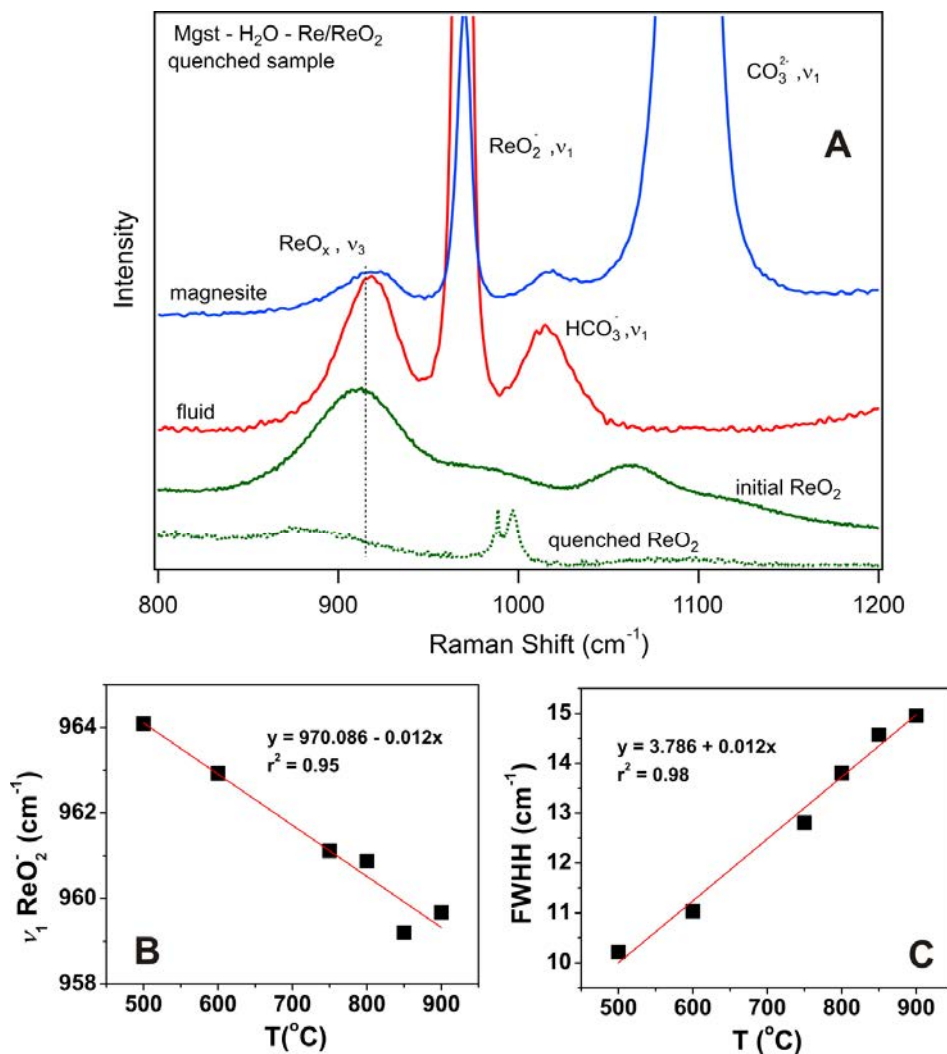
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1 | **Figure 3.** Examples of Raman spectra collected *in-situ* at 950 °C, 2.3 GPa (a), 800°C,
2 | >1.1 GPa (c) and for samples quenched from high temperature/-pressure (b). Under
3 | oxidizing redox conditions rhenium species (e.g. ReO_2^-) and H_2O are dissolved in both
4 | the melt and aqueous phase (a). However, fluids are enriched in $\text{CO}_{2(\text{aq})}$ (b), while the
5 | melts are composed of CO_3^{2-} ions (a). At reducing conditions established by the Ti/TiO₂
6 | redox buffer, the fluid phase coexisting with the carbonate-bearing melt at high
7 | temperatures and pressures is enriched in CH_4 and H_2 , but depleted in dissolved rhenium
8 | species relative to the melt-fluid equilibrium at oxidizing conditions (a). For “ex-situ”
9 | samples, presence of CH_4 and H_2 is evident in the exsolved gas phase (c). The complex
10 | group of bands recorded at $\sim 2300 - 2800 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ corresponds to the second-order Raman
11 | scattering (overtones and combination vibrational states) of the ^{12}C diamond anvils
12 | (Nemanich and Solin, 1979).

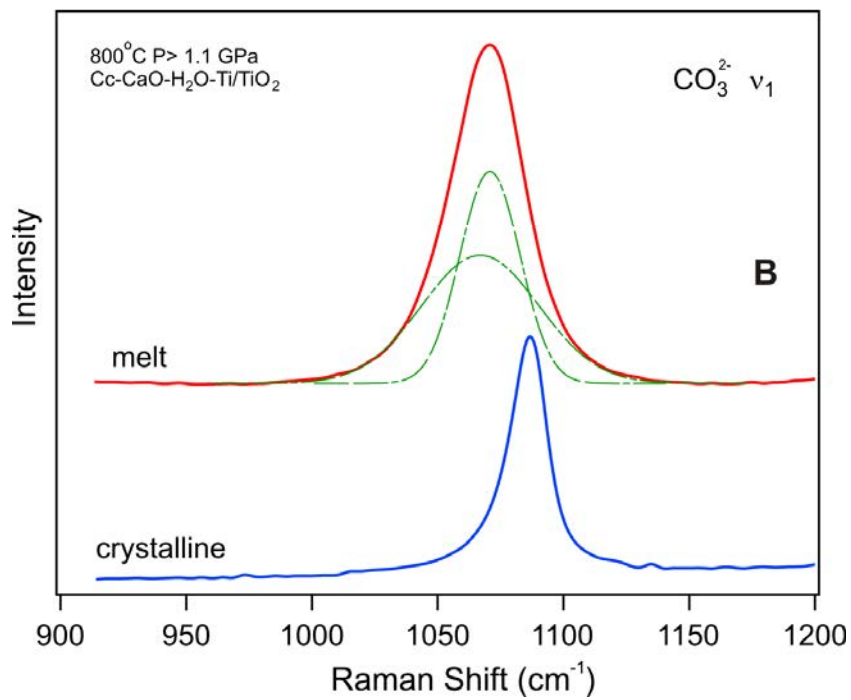
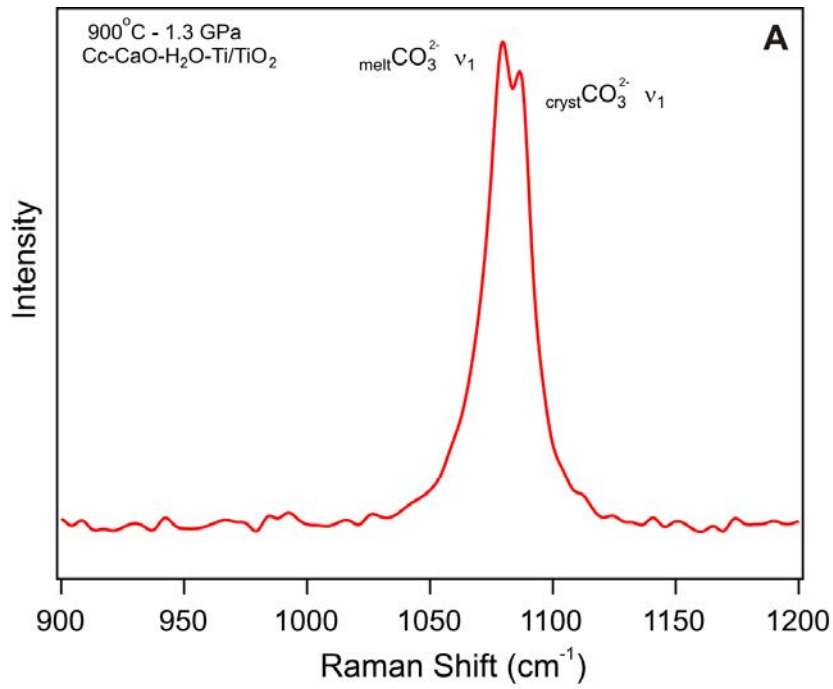
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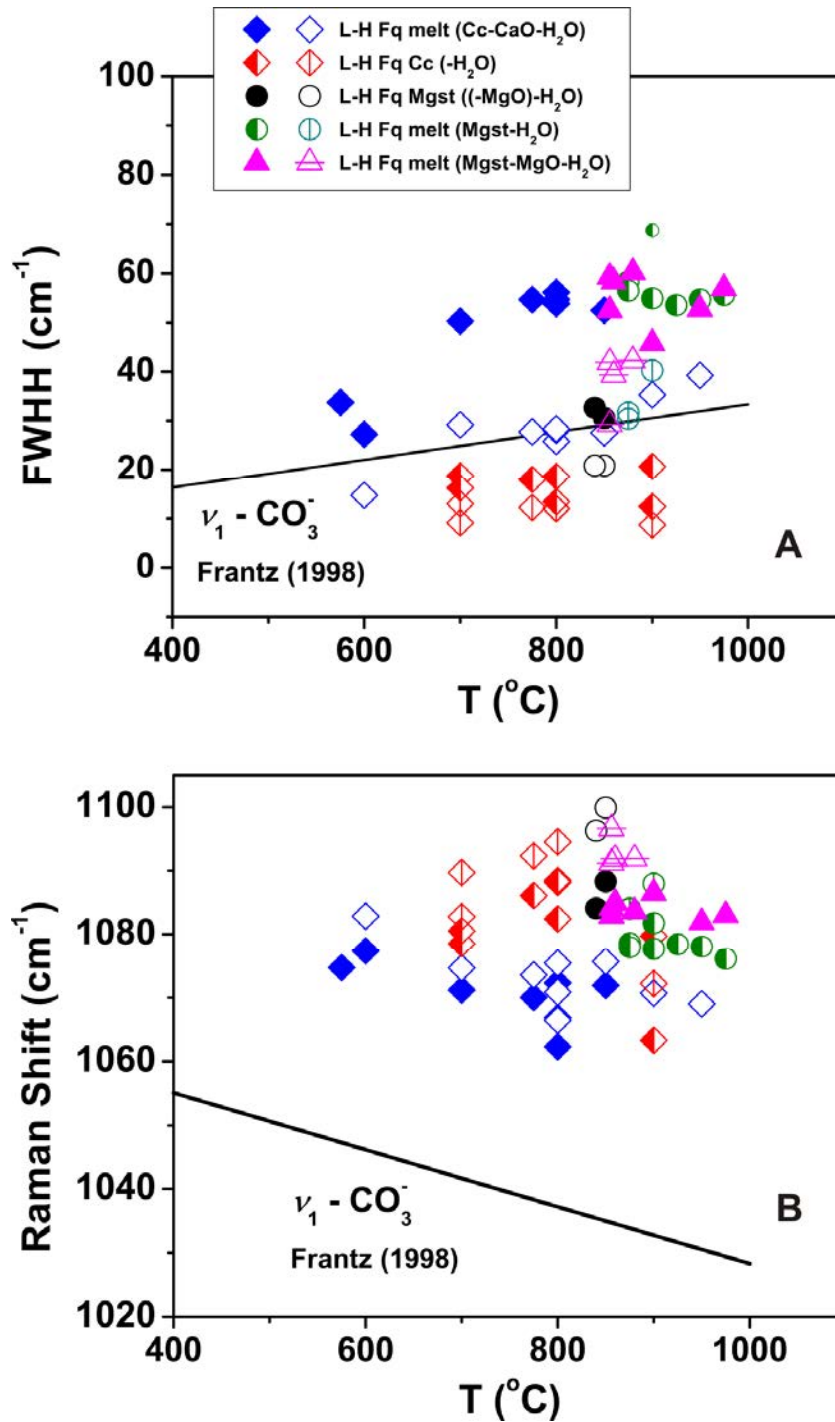
2 **Figure 4.** Raman spectra of dissolved rhenium species identified in melt, fluid and
3 precipitated carbonates (a). The intense Lorentzian vibrational band at ~ 960 cm⁻¹ does
4 not correlate with the Raman spectrum of the initial and the quenched ReO₂ solid reactant
5 (a). This sharp Raman vibron is attributed to ReO₂⁻. A series of HDAC experiments
6 conducted in the Re-ReO₂-H₂O system constrained the effect of temperature on the
7 frequency position (b) and the shape (c) of the ReO₂⁻ ν₁ stretching band.



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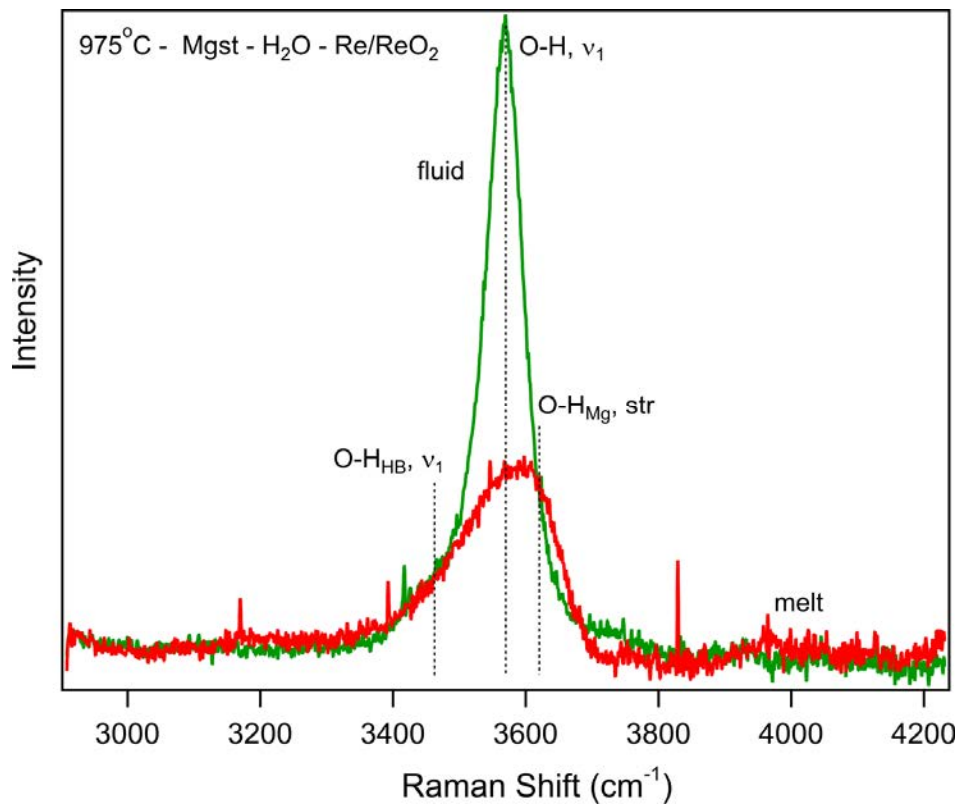
1 **Figure 5.** Raman spectra collected from CaCO₃-CaO-H₂O bearing HDAC experiments at
2 *in-situ* temperatures and pressures a) Spectra of calcite-melt mixtures (red line) reveal
3 that the frequency of the symmetric stretching vibration of CO₃²⁻ is different in spectra of
4 the melt and crystalline phase. b) This is also apparent in Raman measurements of
5 distinct melt (red line) /- crystalline (blue line) carbonate phases. Furthermore, integration
6 of the ν_1 band (green line) reveals the presence of a “low” frequency Gaussian
7 component, along with the main frequency contribution, attributed to the hydrogen from
8 the dissolved H₂O bonded to the oxygen of the carbonate ion.
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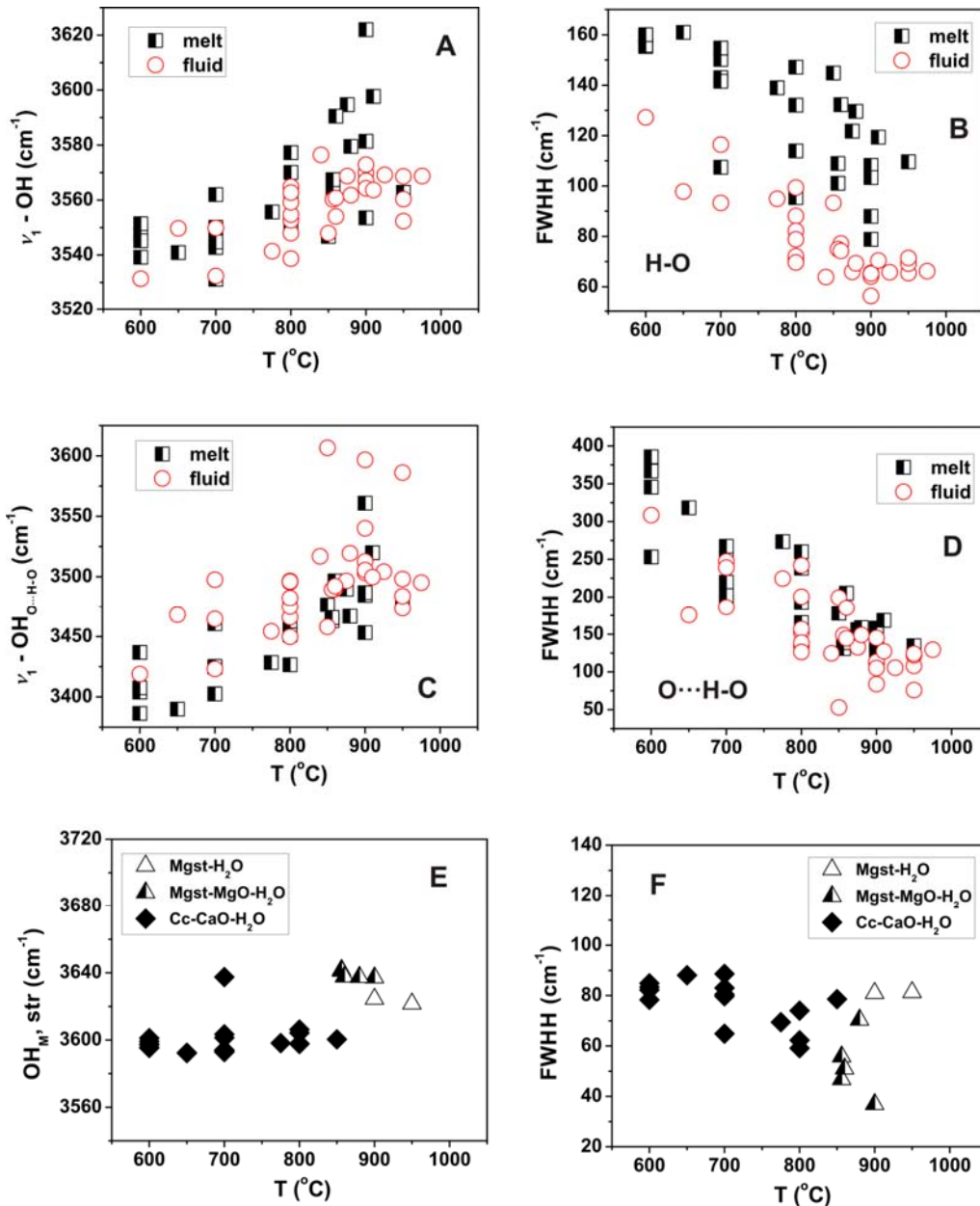
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1 **Figure 6.** The shape (a) and position (b) of the integrated “low” and “high” components
2 of the CO_3^{2-} frequency envelope assigned to the symmetric stretching vibration (ν_1). The
3 molecular and bonding characteristics of the carbonate ion in the melt structure differs
4 greatly from the species dissolved in supercritical aqueous solution (Frantz, 1998).
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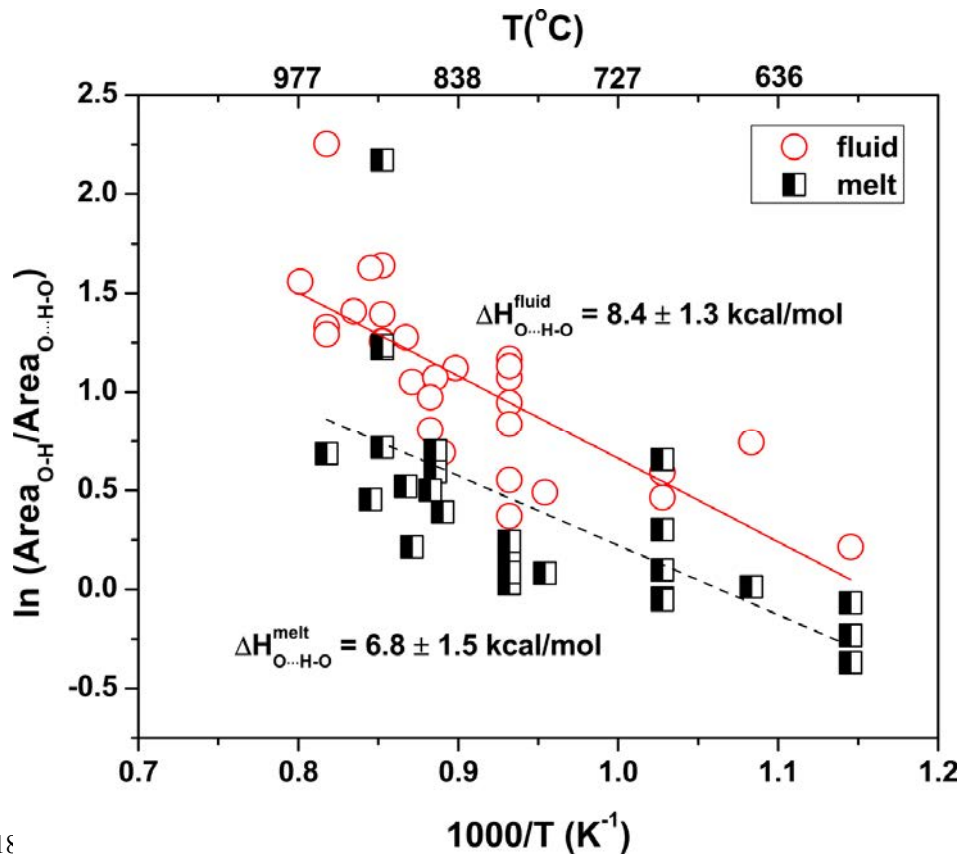
2 **Figure 7.** Raman spectra of the 3400 – 3600 cm⁻¹ frequency envelope that describes the
3 bulk H₂O composition and the O-H bonding environments in the aqueous and melt phase.
4 Raman spectra include contributions from the isolated O-H bonds (O-H) and from
5 intermolecular interactions between water molecules (hydrogen bonding, O-H_{HB}). In the
6 case of melt, there is one more contribution (O-H_{Mg}) from the interaction of the O-H
7 groups with dissolved in the melt cations (e.g Mg).



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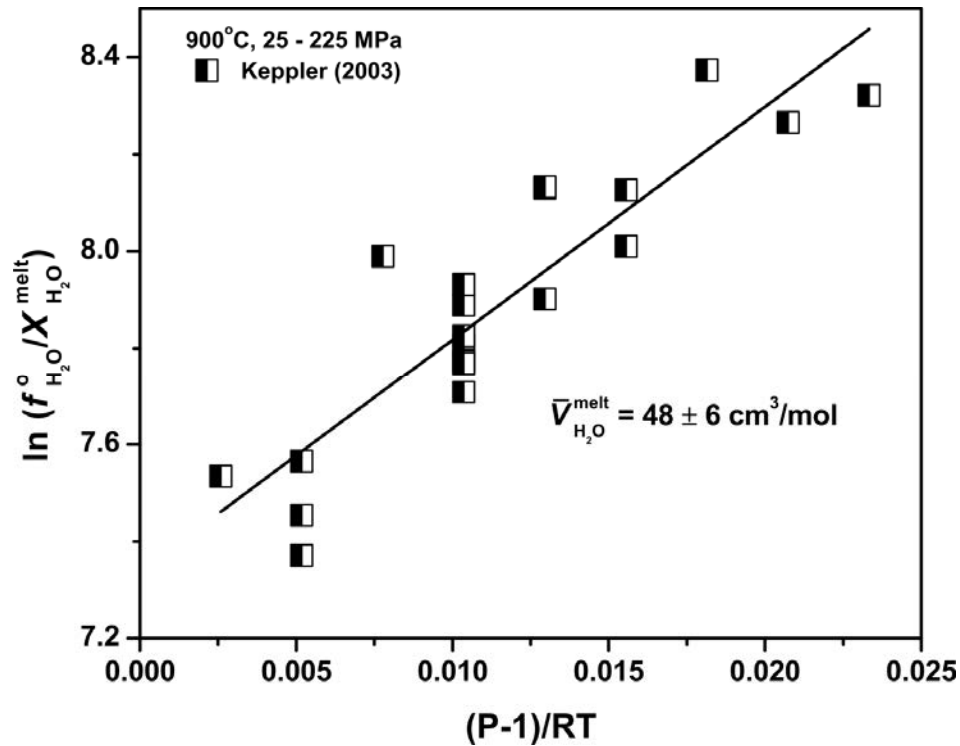
10 **Figure 8.** The shape (FWHH) and frequency position of the stretching vibrations
11 assigned to the different O-H bonding environments of water dissolved in fluid and melt.
12 The integrated Raman spectra of the O-H frequency envelope at 3400 – 3600 cm⁻¹
13 illustrates the striking similarity of water structure in these two phases (a-d). To this end,
14 the hydrogen bonding contributions in the melt structure are more likely to mainly reflect
15 intermolecular interactions between water dipoles (H-O•••H-O) than between CO₃²⁻ and
16 structural O-H groups (O=C-O•••H-O). With temperature increase, the position of the O-
17 H_M stretch does not shift much and there is a minimal effect on the shape of the band (f).



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19 **Figure 9.** van't Hoff plot for the integrated peak areas of the stretching vibrations of the
20 isolated and hydrogen bonded O-H groups in the carbonate melt and the supercritical
21 aqueous fluid. The slope of the linear regression between $\ln(Area_{O-H}/Area_{O...H-O})$ vs
22 $1000/T$ corresponds to the enthalpy ($\Delta H_{O...H-O}$) required to disrupt the intermolecular
23 interaction between water dipoles. Results highlight the similar thermodynamic
24 properties of water dissolved in these two phases. For range of pressure conditions (0.5 –
25 3 GPa) attained in the present study, the effect of pressure on the stability of
26 intermolecular hydrogen bonding appears to be minimal relative to temperature. Linear
27 regression was performed utilizing the technical graphic and data analysis software *Arc*

28 1.06 (<http://www.stat.umn.edu/arc>) (Cook and Weisberg, 1999). The values of
29 $1/(\text{analytical error})^2$ were applied as weight (YORK, 1969) and the error in fit parameters
30 of the regression was derived from the covariance matrix as $\text{SQRT}(\text{cov}_{ii})$ and for a 95.4%
31 confidence interval. The results of least-squares fitting are considered statistical
32 significant if the two-tail probability (*p-value*) is 0.05 or less (Cook and Weisberg, 1999;
33 Devore, 1995; Press et al., 2007).



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35 **Figure 10.** Thermodynamic treatment that estimates the apparent partial molar volume of

36 water ($\bar{V}_{\text{H}_2\text{O}}^{\text{melt}}$) based on water solubility measurements in Na-Ca-Mg carbonate melts that

37 were developed at 900 °C across a pressure gradient (25 to 225 MPa) (Keppler, 2003).

38 The calculated value of $\sim 48 \pm 6 \text{ cm}^3/\text{mol}$ is very similar to the partial molar volume of

39 supercritical water at conditions, indicative of strong solvation power for water in the

40 melt structure. The statistical treatment of the linear regression between $\ln f_{\text{H}_2\text{O}}^o / X_{\text{H}_2\text{O}}^{\text{melt}}$ vs.

41 $(P-1)/RT$ is described in figure 9.

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900 °C - 0.9 GPa
Cc-CaO-H₂O

Re

Melt

Fluid

100 μm

A

775 °C - 1.8 GPa

Re

ReO₂

Cc

Melt

Fluid

B

