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3 **Depth of formation of super-deep diamonds:**

4 **Raman barometry of CaSiO<sub>3</sub>-walstromite inclusions**

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20 **Abstract**

21 “Super-deep” diamonds are thought to have a sub-lithospheric origin (i.e. below ~300 km  
22 depth) because some of the mineral phases entrapped within them as inclusions are considered to  
23 be the products of retrograde transformation from lower-mantle or transition-zone precursors.  
24 CaSiO<sub>3</sub>-walstromite, the most abundant Ca-bearing mineral inclusion found in super-deep  
25 diamonds, is believed to derive from CaSiO<sub>3</sub>-perovskite, which is stable only below ~600 km  
26 depth, although its real depth of origin is controversial. The remnant pressure ( $P_{inc}$ ) retained by  
27 an inclusion, combined with the thermoelastic parameters of the mineral inclusion and the  
28 diamond host, allows calculation of the entrapment pressure of the diamond-inclusion pair.  
29 Raman spectroscopy, together with X-ray diffraction, is the most commonly used method for  
30 measuring the  $P_{inc}$  without damaging the diamond host.

31 In the present study we provide, for the first time, a calibration curve to determine the  $P_{inc}$   
32 of a CaSiO<sub>3</sub>-walstromite inclusion by means of Raman spectroscopy without breaking the  
33 diamond. To do so, we performed high-pressure micro-Raman investigations on a CaSiO<sub>3</sub>-  
34 walstromite crystal under hydrostatic stress conditions within a diamond-anvil cell. We  
35 additionally calculated the Raman spectrum of CaSiO<sub>3</sub>-walstromite by ab initio methods both  
36 under hydrostatic and non-hydrostatic stress conditions to avoid misinterpretation of the results  
37 caused by the possible presence of deviatoric stresses causing anomalous shift of CaSiO<sub>3</sub>-  
38 walstromite Raman peaks. Lastly, we applied single-inclusion elastic barometry to estimate the  
39 minimum entrapment pressure of a CaSiO<sub>3</sub>-walstromite inclusion trapped in a natural diamond,  
40 which is ~9 GPa (~260 km) at 1800 K. These results suggest that the diamond investigated is  
41 certainly sub-lithospheric and endorse the hypothesis that the presence of CaSiO<sub>3</sub>-walstromite is  
42 a strong indication of super-deep origin.

43 **Keywords:** Diamond, inclusion, CaSiO<sub>3</sub>-walstromite, micro-Raman spectroscopy, ab initio  
44 methods, elastic geobarometry

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## Introduction

46 Diamonds and the mineral inclusions that they trap during growth provide a unique  
47 window on the deep Earth. A small portion (~6%) of diamonds (Stachel and Harris 2008) are  
48 interpreted to crystallize between 300 and 800 km depth (Harte 2010) because some of the  
49 inclusions entrapped are considered to be the products of retrograde transformation from lower-  
50 mantle or transition-zone precursors. However, in many cases undisputed evidence of these  
51 purported high-pressure precursors as inclusions in diamonds is lacking, and, consequently, their  
52 real depth of origin has been proven only in rare cases (e.g. Brenker et al. 2002; Pearson et al.  
53 2014). Most so-called “super-deep diamonds” contain mainly walstromite-structured CaSiO<sub>3</sub>  
54 (hereafter CaSiO<sub>3</sub>-walstromite), ferropericlase ((Fe,Mg)O), enstatite (MgSiO<sub>3</sub>) and jeffbenite  
55 ((Mg,Fe)<sub>3</sub>Al<sub>2</sub>Si<sub>3</sub>O<sub>12</sub>), a tetragonal phase with garnet-like stoichiometry previously known by the  
56 acronym TAPP, (see Nestola et al. 2016), and it is through the study of these mineral phases that  
57 the depth of formation of super-deep diamonds can be retrieved.

58 CaSiO<sub>3</sub>-walstromite is the dominant Ca-bearing phase in super-deep diamonds (Joswig et  
59 al. 1999) and in almost all cases it is considered the product of back transformation from  
60 CaSiO<sub>3</sub>-perovskite, which is stable only below ~600 km depth within the regular high-pressure  
61 assemblage of peridotitic/eclogitic mantle rocks (Frost 2008; Kaminsky 2012). However, there is  
62 compelling evidence that at least some CaSiO<sub>3</sub>-walstromite originate within the upper mantle  
63 (Brenker et al. 2005; Anzolini et al. 2016), although this would require a substantial change in  
64 the source rock chemistry. Assuming peridotitic/eclogitic mantle chemistries, CaSiO<sub>3</sub>-perovskite  
65 is the main Ca-host in the lower mantle (Ringwood 1991), but is also present in the lowermost

66 transition zone, where it exsolves from majoritic garnet at pressures greater than 20 GPa (Irifune  
67 and Ringwood 1987). Nevertheless, there are currently no reliable literature data on the exact  
68 pressure at which CaSiO<sub>3</sub> inclusions originally crystallize and therefore no valid evidence  
69 whether or not each CaSiO<sub>3</sub>-walstromite derives from CaSiO<sub>3</sub>-perovskite.

70         Single-inclusion elastic barometry, a method recently improved by Angel et al. (2014a,  
71 2014b, 2015a, 2015b), allows us to estimate the pressure and temperature conditions of  
72 entrapment for an inclusion within a diamond by knowing its residual pressure ( $P_{inc}$ ), measured  
73 while the host is at ambient conditions, and the thermoelastic parameters of the mineral inclusion  
74 and the diamond host. In principle, the  $P_{inc}$  sustained by an inclusion while still entrapped within  
75 a diamond can be determined mainly in two ways: 1) by comparing the unit-cell volume of the  
76 inclusion before and after release from its host; 2) by comparing the Raman spectrum of the  
77 inclusion still trapped within the diamond and the Raman spectrum of the same mineral phase at  
78 room pressure. The first method requires inclusions large enough to be analyzed by single-crystal  
79 X-ray diffraction, but large inclusions are more likely to fracture the surrounding host during  
80 exhumation (Van der Molen and Van Roermund 1986; Artioli et al. 2008), and therefore their  
81 internal pressure is largely released. The second method allows to analyze tiny inclusions, which  
82 commonly preserve higher internal pressures, and, on the other hand, to prevent the host-  
83 inclusion system from destruction or damages. The host-inclusion system integrity preserves  
84 information about both the pressure exerted by the diamond on the inclusion and the  
85 relationships between the two, which may provide further details on the diamond-inclusion  
86 growth mechanisms (e.g. CORs crystallographic orientation relationships Nestola et al. 2014;  
87 Angel et al. 2015b; Milani et al. 2016; Nestola et al. 2017).

88 In this light, we have determined experimentally the pressure-induced shift of Raman  
89 peaks for a synthetic CaSiO<sub>3</sub>-walstromite up to 7.5 GPa under hydrostatic conditions to obtain a  
90 calibration system that enables us to determine the  $P_{inc}$  of a CaSiO<sub>3</sub>-walstromite inclusion  
91 without breaking the diamond host. However, the effect of the elastic anisotropy of the host and  
92 the inclusion and the effect of a deviatoric stress field on the stress state of the inclusion arising  
93 from the absence of fluids at the interface between diamond and inclusion (see Nimis et al. 2016)  
94 are still unknown. Therefore, to prevent any misinterpretation of our results in terms of Raman  
95 peak shifts we calculated the Raman spectrum of CaSiO<sub>3</sub>-walstromite by ab initio methods both  
96 under hydrostatic and non-hydrostatic conditions. Lastly, we estimated the entrapment pressure  
97 of a CaSiO<sub>3</sub>-walstromite inclusion found in a diamond by single-inclusion elastic barometry.

## 98 **Experimental methods**

### 99 **Samples**

100 The single CaSiO<sub>3</sub>-walstromite crystal, whose longest dimension is 40 μm, used for the  
101 high-pressure Raman investigations came from the experimental batch of Gasparik et al. (1994),  
102 synthesized at 2000 K and 9 GPa.

103 The diamond investigated in this study (Figure 1a) was a 2.70-carat oval cut Type-II  
104 diamond. The inclusion investigated (Figure 1b) was a CaSiO<sub>3</sub>-walstromite, identified by  
105 comparison with Raman spectra reported by Nasdala et al. (2003) and Brenker et al. (2005,  
106 2007).

### 107 **Experimental in situ calibration of CaSiO<sub>3</sub>-walstromite Raman spectra at high pressure**

108 The ambient pressure Raman spectrum of the synthetic single crystal of CaSiO<sub>3</sub>-  
109 walstromite was collected with a Thermo Scientific™ DXR™ Raman Microscope using a green

110 solid state laser (532 nm) as excitation source at the Department of Geosciences, University of  
111 Padova. The analyses were performed using a 50× Long Working Distance (LWD) objective  
112 with  $\sim 2.5 \text{ cm}^{-1}$  spectral resolution and 1  $\mu\text{m}$  spatial resolution at 10 mW of power. The Raman  
113 system was set with 900 lines/mm grating and a 25  $\mu\text{m}$  pinhole. Spectra were recorded in the  
114 frequency range extending from 100 to 3500  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; to maximize the signal-to-noise ratio, each  
115 spectrum was collected ten times using an exposure time of 20 s, and then merged together at the  
116 end of the acquisition. The instrument was calibrated by using the calibration tool provided by  
117 Thermo Scientific<sup>TM</sup>.

118 The high-pressure Raman spectra were collected at the Department of Sciences,  
119 University of Roma Tre, with a Horiba LabRam HR micro-Raman spectrometer equipped with a  
120 green solid state laser (532 nm) focused through a 20× LWD objective. A ETH diamond-anvil  
121 cell with 600  $\mu\text{m}$  size culets was loaded with the crystal of  $\text{CaSiO}_3$ -walstromite and a 4:1  
122 mixture of methanol:ethanol as pressure-transmitting medium. Pressure was determined by the  
123 calibrated shift of the  $R_1$  ruby fluorescence band (Mao et al. 1986). The spatial resolution was  $\sim 1$   
124  $\mu\text{m}$  and the spectral resolution was  $0.3 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ . For the ruby, optical filters were employed in order  
125 to achieve  $\sim 1 \text{ mW}$  at the sample surface; the Raman system was set with 1800 lines/mm grating,  
126 exposure time 1 s (3 times), confocal hole of 300  $\mu\text{m}$  and slit of 200  $\mu\text{m}$ . For the  $\text{CaSiO}_3$ -  
127 walstromite, optical filters were employed in order to achieve  $\sim 50 \text{ mW}$  at the sample surface; the  
128 Raman system was set with 1800 lines/mm grating, exposure time 60 s (3 times), confocal hole  
129 of 100  $\mu\text{m}$  and slit of 100  $\mu\text{m}$ . The calibration was done using the main Raman line ( $520.5 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ )  
130 of a silicon standard.

131 The Raman spectrum of the  $\text{CaSiO}_3$ -walstromite inclusion was collected at the  
132 Gemological Institute of America with a Renishaw inVia Raman microscope using the 514.5 nm

133 output wavelength of a 150 mW argon-ion laser, at 100% output power. The analyses were  
134 performed using 50× LWD lens with a 0.55 numerical aperture and the system was set with 1800  
135 lines/mm grating. Spectra were recorded in the frequency range extending from 100 to 1200  
136  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; to maximize the signal-to-noise ratio, each spectrum was collected four times using an  
137 exposure time of 60 s, and then merged together at the end of the acquisition. The calibration  
138 was done using an internal silicon standard (inside the instrument) using its main Raman line  
139 ( $520.5 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ ).

140 The baseline subtraction with a quadratic function and the Lorentzian fitting were carried  
141 out using the Thermo Scientific™ OMNIC™ Spectra Software.

#### 142 **Ab initio calibration of CaSiO<sub>3</sub>-walsstromite Raman spectra at high pressure**

143 The ab initio calculation of the vibrational frequencies and intensities of the Raman-active  
144 modes was performed by using the CRYSTAL14 software (Dovesi et al. 2014). A hybrid  
145 HF/DFT Hamiltonian was used (WC1LYP) which employs the Wu-Cohen DFT exchange  
146 functional (Wu and Cohen 2006) corrected with a fraction (20%) of the exact non-local Hartree-  
147 Fock exchange, and the Lee-Young-Parr DFT correlation functional (Lee et al. 1988). The grid  
148 for the evaluation of the DFT exchange-correlation functionals was chosen by the keyword  
149 XLGRID of the CRYSTAL14 user manual (Dovesi et al. 2014) and corresponds to a total of  
150 345185 points in the unit cell. A measure of the excellent numerical accuracy provided by such a  
151 grid is the evaluation of the total number of electrons in the unit cell, by the numerical  
152 integration of the electron density over the cell volume: 348.000013 electrons out of 348. The  
153 atomic basis sets employed were from the CRYSTAL online library at the address  
154 [www.crystal.unito.it/basis-sets.php](http://www.crystal.unito.it/basis-sets.php). More precisely, they were 86-511G(2d) for Ca, 86-311G(1d)  
155 for Si and 8-411G(2d) for O, where the symbols 1d and 2d stand for the presence of one and two

156 polarization functions, respectively. The thresholds controlling the accuracy of the calculation of  
157 Coulomb and exchange integrals were set to 8 (ITOL1 to ITOL4) and 18 (Dovesi et al. 2014).  
158 The diagonalization of the Hamiltonian matrix was performed at 8 independent  $\underline{k}$  vectors in the  
159 reciprocal space (Monkhorst net; Monkhorst and Pack 1976) by setting to 2 the shrinking factor  
160 IS (Dovesi et al. 2014). Cell parameters and fractional coordinates were optimized by analytical  
161 gradient methods, as implemented in CRYSTAL14 (Dovesi et al. 2014; Civalleri et al. 2001).  
162 Geometry optimization was considered converged when each component of the gradient  
163 (TOLDEG parameter in CRYSTAL14) was smaller than 0.00003 hartree/bohr and displacements  
164 (TOLDEX) were smaller than 0.00012 bohr with respect to the previous step. Lattice parameters  
165 and fractional coordinates were optimized at the WC1LYP level (static values: no zero point and  
166 thermal effects included), at the static pressures of 0 and 4 GPa, and at four other *non-hydrostatic*  
167 stress conditions specified by matrices representing the stress tensor in a Cartesian frame (with  
168  $\underline{e}_1, \underline{e}_2, \underline{e}_3$  basis vectors), where the  $\underline{e}_2$  vector is parallel to the  $\underline{b}$  lattice vector; the  $\underline{e}_1$ , and  $\underline{e}_3$  vectors  
169 are respectively subparallel to the  $\underline{a}$ , and  $\underline{c}$  lattice vectors, derived from a standard  
170 orthogonalization of the lattice basis. The chosen four stress matrices corresponded to a  
171 hydrostatic component of 4 GPa plus deviatoric stresses (pure shear, traceless stress matrices)  
172 having eigenvalues 1, -0.5 and -0.5 GPa, and directions of maximum compression (eigenvalue 1  
173 GPa) respectively along  $\underline{e}_1, \underline{e}_2, \underline{e}_3$  and the softest direction  $[1\bar{1}2]$ , (the latter one is given with  
174 reference to the crystal lattice basis). Vibrational frequencies were calculated at 0, 4 GPa and at  
175 the four non-hydrostatic stress conditions, as the eigenvalues of the matrix of the second  
176 derivatives of the full potential of the crystal with respect the mass-weighted nuclear  
177 displacements (Hessian matrix; Pascale 2004). Relative intensities of the Raman signals are



178 computed using a fully analytical approach formulated and implemented in the CRYSTAL14  
179 program (Maschio et al. 2012, 2013).

## 180 **Results**

### 181 **Raman spectrum at ambient pressure**

182 Before performing the high-pressure Raman measurements, we examined the Raman  
183 spectrum of the synthetic CaSiO<sub>3</sub>-walstromite at ambient conditions (Figure 2). The three main  
184 Raman peaks, in order of decreasing intensity, were observed at 656, 977 and 1037 cm<sup>-1</sup>  
185 (hereafter called Peak 1, 2 and 3, respectively). The raw spectrum (Figure S1) shows also lower  
186 intensity peaks in the 200-590 cm<sup>-1</sup> region (the main ones at 301, 328, 349, 396 and 512 cm<sup>-1</sup>)  
187 and in the 810-950 cm<sup>-1</sup> region (the main ones at 813, 838, 857 and 950 cm<sup>-1</sup>); another peak is  
188 centered at 1055 cm<sup>-1</sup>. Our ambient Raman frequencies agree with those reported in previous  
189 studies within the experimental uncertainty (Nasdala et al. 2003; Brenker et al. 2005, 2007).

### 190 **Effect of hydrostatic pressure on the Raman frequencies: comparison between experiment** 191 **and simulation**

192 In situ Raman spectra of the three main peaks (656, 977 and 1037 cm<sup>-1</sup>) of crystalline  
193 CaSiO<sub>3</sub>-walstromite, measured as a function of pressure up to 7.5 GPa, are shown in Figure 2.  
194 Data analysis of the spectra was carried out using Thermo Scientific™ OMNIC™ Spectra  
195 Software with Gaussian function. The measured frequencies are reported in Table .

196 It is evident that all Raman peaks shift continuously toward higher wavenumbers with  
197 increasing pressure throughout the pressure range. In particular, Peaks 1 and 2 show an almost  
198 linear trend. The pressure-dependence of the three main Raman bands was fitted with a weighted  
199 linear regression and the resulting pressure coefficients were:  $dv/dP = 3.22(\pm 0.05) \text{ cm}^{-1} \text{ GPa}^{-1}$

200 for Peak 1,  $dv/dP = 5.16(\pm 0.09) \text{ cm}^{-1} \text{ GPa}^{-1}$  for Peak 2 and  $dv/dP = 6.5(\pm 0.1) \text{ cm}^{-1} \text{ GPa}^{-1}$  for  
201 Peak 3 (Figure 3a). Minor peaks were too weak to be fitted accurately at high pressure; therefore  
202 they were not considered for the calculation of the pressure coefficients.

203 Our calculated Raman spectra (Table 2) are comparable with the experimental  
204 frequencies reported in Table within 1 or 2 standard deviations ( $\sigma$ ). All Raman frequencies  
205 systematically increase with increasing pressure. The pressure-dependence of the three main  
206 Raman bands was fitted with a weighted linear regression and the resulting pressure coefficients  
207 were:  $dv/dP = 3.33 \text{ cm}^{-1} \text{ GPa}^{-1}$  for Peak 1,  $dv/dP = 4.68 \text{ cm}^{-1} \text{ GPa}^{-1}$  for Peak 2 and  $dv/dP =$   
208  $5.90 \text{ cm}^{-1} \text{ GPa}^{-1}$  for Peak 3 (Figure 3b). These pressure-dependencies match well with the  
209 experimental ones within 1 or 2 standard deviations ( $\sigma$ ).

### 210 **Effect of non-hydrostatic pressure on the Raman frequencies**

211 The ab initio calculated peak shifts under non-hydrostatic stresses show patterns similar  
212 to those under hydrostatic pressure (Figure 4). Also, the pressure-dependencies of the three main  
213 peaks under non-hydrostatic stresses are comparable to those calculated under hydrostatic  
214 pressure, the differences being less than  $2 \sigma$  (Table 3). Relative to the values under hydrostatic  
215 pressure, Peak 1 and Peak 3 show negative shifts under any non-hydrostatic stress state: the  
216 mean differences of the  $\Delta v$  are  $-1.4 \text{ cm}^{-1}$  for Peak 1 and  $-1.0 \text{ cm}^{-1}$  for Peak 3, which correspond  
217 to a mean difference of the  $\Delta P$  of  $-0.5$  and  $-0.19 \text{ GPa}$ , respectively. Conversely, Peak 2 shows a  
218 negative shift when the maximum compression is along  $e_1$  (i.e. subparallel to the  $a$  lattice vector)  
219 and  $e_3$  (i.e. subparallel to the  $c$  lattice vector), but a positive shift when the maximum  
220 compression is along  $e_2$  (i.e. parallel to the  $b$  lattice vector) and  $[\bar{1}\bar{1}2]$  (i.e. the softest direction,  
221 perpendicular to the layers): the mean difference of the  $\Delta v$  is  $-0.1 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ , which corresponds to a  
222 mean difference of the  $\Delta P$  of  $-0.02 \text{ GPa}$ . This indicates that Peak 2 is the least sensitive to the

223 application of differential stresses, and therefore it is the most reliable peak to be used as a  
224 calibrant to calculate the  $P_{inc}$  of a CaSiO<sub>3</sub>-walstromite inclusion.

### 225 **Inclusion residual pressure**

226 The least sensitive peak to the deviatoric stress suffered by the CaSiO<sub>3</sub>-walstromite  
227 inclusion enclosed in the diamond is Peak 2, as explained in the previous paragraph. For this  
228 reason, we used the experimental pressure coefficient for Peak 2, which is 5.16(±0.09) cm<sup>-1</sup>  
229 GPa<sup>-1</sup>, to calculate the residual pressure ( $P_{inc}$ ) retained by the CaSiO<sub>3</sub>-walstromite inclusion  
230 found in the natural diamond (Figure 1). The main Raman peaks of that inclusion were observed  
231 at 669, 999 and 1061 cm<sup>-1</sup> (Figure 5), which are the highest frequencies ever reported in  
232 literature for a CaSiO<sub>3</sub>-walstromite still trapped within its diamond host. The calculation lead to  
233 the following residual pressure: 4.26(±0.07) GPa.

### 234 **Discussion**

235 The Raman measurements show that the CaSiO<sub>3</sub>-walstromite inclusion retains a residual  
236 pressure, as a consequence of the difference between the thermoelastic properties of the diamond  
237 host and those of the CaSiO<sub>3</sub>-walstromite inclusion. This residual pressure, measured at ambient  
238 conditions, can be used to calculate the entrapment pressure and temperature conditions of the  
239 host-inclusion pair, provided that the equations of state of the mineral phase and the diamond are  
240 known and reliable. The basic concept behind this approach is that, at the moment of entrapment,  
241 the host fits the inclusion perfectly and the two are under the same  $P$  and  $T$  conditions (Israeli et  
242 al. 1999; Howell et al. 2012; Nestola et al. 2012; Angel et al. 2014b, 2015b). However, this  
243 method relies on some assumptions: (i) the inclusion is spherical (Eshelby 1957, 1959;  
244 Mazzucchelli et al. 2017), (ii) both the host and inclusion are elastically isotropic and

245 homogeneous (Angel et al. 2014b), (iii) at the moment of formation the inclusion perfectly fits in  
246 the diamond, (iv) deformation of both the host and the inclusion is elastic and no brittle or plastic  
247 deformation has occurred. The assumption that both the host and the inclusion are elastically  
248 isotropic implies that the inclusion is under isotropic strains. But the stress state in an anisotropic  
249 inclusion subject to isotropic strains (e.g. there is no fluid at the interface, see Nimis et al. 2016)  
250 such as CaSiO<sub>3</sub>-walstromite is never hydrostatic (Anzolini et al. 2016) and, therefore, its Raman  
251 shifts may potentially be affected by such non-isotropic deformation. Nevertheless, our results  
252 indicate that the second highest peak of CaSiO<sub>3</sub>-walstromite, located at 977 cm<sup>-1</sup>, is not very  
253 sensitive to non-hydrostatic stress, being the mean difference of the  $\Delta P$  with respect to the  
254 hydrostatic value only -0.02 GPa (see Table 3), and thus it is suitable to estimate the remnant  
255 pressure of a CaSiO<sub>3</sub>-walstromite inclusion within a negligible error.

256         The calculation of the pressure of formation ( $P_e$ ) for the CaSiO<sub>3</sub>-walstromite – diamond  
257 pair was performed with the software EoSFit7c (Angel et al. 2014a), by following the same  
258 method described in Angel et al. (2014b). We used thermal expansion and compressibility data  
259 for CaSiO<sub>3</sub>-walstromite reported in Anzolini et al. (2016), thermoelastic properties for diamond  
260 from the review of Angel et al. (2015a) and the residual pressure obtained in this work, which is  
261 4.26(±0.07) GPa.

262         Assuming a temperature range between 1200 K and 2000 K for CaSiO<sub>3</sub>-walstromite  
263 formation (i.e. the same temperature range at which CaSiO<sub>3</sub>-walstromite was successfully  
264 synthesized by Gasparik et al. 1994), we obtained entrapment pressures ranging from 8.10 to  
265 9.27 GPa ( $P_{inc} = 4.26(\pm 0.07)$  GPa) (Table ), corresponding to 240-280 km depth (Figure 6). Such  
266 pressure can be considered as a minimum estimate because of the presence of cracks around the  
267 inclusion (Figure 1b), which would partly release the stress (see Mazzucchelli et al. 2016), and

268 the effect of plastic deformation of diamond, which, if present, is not quantifiable yet. Taking  
269 this into consideration, the entrapment pressure could be set at higher values, at least on the  
270 boundary between CaSiO<sub>3</sub>-walstromite and larnite + CaSi<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>-titanite. Considering instead Peak  
271 1 or Peak 3 with the hydrostatic calibration, the arising error in the entrapment pressure would be  
272 ~0.5 and ~0.9 GPa, respectively, corresponding to an underestimation of the depth of about 10-  
273 20 km.

## 274 **Implications**

275 In the present work, we provide the first experimental calibration of the Raman shifts of  
276 CaSiO<sub>3</sub>-walstromite under hydrostatic conditions. Our ab initio simulation shows excellent  
277 agreement between calculated and experimentally measured Raman vibrational frequencies and  
278 intensities. We also present for the first time one possible method to assess the reliability of the  
279 hydrostatic calibration for a mineral elastically non-isotropic or subject to non-hydrostatic stress  
280 field showing that a careful analysis can provide fundamental insight on the Raman peaks to be  
281 used for determining the entrapment pressure for a host-inclusion pair. For example, our results  
282 on CaSiO<sub>3</sub>-walstromite indicate that the main Raman peaks of CaSiO<sub>3</sub>-walstromite are sensitive  
283 to deviatoric stress, with Peak 1 (656 cm<sup>-1</sup>) and Peak 2 (977 cm<sup>-1</sup>) showing the largest and  
284 smallest shifts, respectively. As a general rule, the use of these peaks is not ideal to retrieve  
285 reliable pressures from the Raman shifts. On the other hand, Peak 2, being the least sensitive to  
286 deviatoric stresses, can be used as in the present study to calibrate the residual pressure retained  
287 by a CaSiO<sub>3</sub>-walstromite inclusion still trapped in a diamond within a negligible error. This  
288 residual pressure was in turn used to estimate, by single-inclusion elastic barometry, the  
289 formation depth of the diamond-CaSiO<sub>3</sub>-walstromite pair, which resulted in  $P = \sim 9$  GPa ( $\sim 260$   
290 km) at 1800 K. This can be considered as a minimum value, as the presence of fractures at the

291 diamond-inclusion interface would partly release the internal pressure of the inclusion. These  
292 results suggest that the diamond investigated is certainly sub-lithospheric and endorse the  
293 hypothesis that the presence of CaSiO<sub>3</sub>-walstromite is a strong indication of super-deep origin.

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419 **Figure captions**

420 **Figure 1.** (a) Expanded view of the inclusion-bearing diamond studied in this work; (b) Close-  
421 up of the CaSiO<sub>3</sub>-walstromite inclusion investigated. The black halo around the inclusion  
422 indicates the presence of graphitization inside a fracture.

423 **Figure 2.** Raman spectra of synthetic CaSiO<sub>3</sub>-walstromite up to 7.5 GPa.

424 **Figure 3.** (a) Experimental and (b) calculated pressure-dependencies of the main Raman peaks  
425 of CaSiO<sub>3</sub>-walstromite under hydrostatic conditions. In (a) compression and decompression are  
426 represented by solid and open symbols, respectively. The error bars lie within the symbols.

427 **Figure 4.** Calculated pressure-dependencies of the three main Raman vibrational frequencies of  
428 CaSiO<sub>3</sub>-walstromite at different stress states.

429 **Figure 5.** Raman spectrum of the CaSiO<sub>3</sub>-walstromite inclusion found in the natural diamond.

430 **Figure 6.** Phase diagram of the CaSiO<sub>3</sub> system, in which the phase boundaries are given as  
431 dotted lines (Essene 1974; Gasparik et al. 1994). The graphite-diamond phase boundary is shown  
432 as a grey dashed line (Day 2012). The 410 and 660 km discontinuities enclosing the transition  
433 zone are indicated by bold lines. Entrapment pressures from which our sample may have  
434 originated are represented with red symbols.

435 **Figure S1.** Raw Raman spectrum of synthetic CaSiO<sub>3</sub>-walstromite at room pressure.

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437 **Table 1.** Experimental frequencies of the three main peaks of CaSiO<sub>3</sub>-walstromite up to 7.5 GPa.

Pressure (GPa)	Peak 1	Peak 2	Peak 3
	Frequency (cm <sup>-1</sup> )	Frequency (cm <sup>-1</sup> )	Frequency (cm <sup>-1</sup> )
0.00 <sup>a</sup>	656.3	977.3	1037.6
0.64	659.4	981.4	1040.8
0.91	659.4	982.3	1043.2
1.44	661.4	985.5	1047.2
2.00	663.5	989.0	1051.6
2.81	666.7	993.9	1058.0
3.43	668.5	996.8	1060.3
4.24	671.3	1001.6	1066.1
4.58	672.5	1003.3	1068.6
5.40 <sup>b</sup>	673.9	1005.4	1071.8
5.97	676.3	1009.5	1077.3
6.68 <sup>b</sup>	678.3	1012.3	1081.3
7.11 <sup>b</sup>	679.7	1014.4	1083.9
7.48	680.6	1016.0	1085.4

Notes: <sup>a</sup>Raman spectrum measured at room pressure with the crystal in air. <sup>b</sup>Data taken during pressure unloading.

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439 **Table 2.** Calculated Raman frequencies of the three main peaks of CaSiO<sub>3</sub>-walstromite under  
 440 hydrostatic pressure and their relative intensities normalized to 1000. Differences  $\Delta\nu$  are with  
 441 respect to our calculated data at ambient pressure.

$P_{\text{hydrostatic}} = 0 \text{ GPa}$		$P_{\text{hydrostatic}} = 4 \text{ GPa}$	
Frequency (cm <sup>-1</sup> )	Relative intensity	Frequency (cm <sup>-1</sup> )	$\Delta\nu$ (cm <sup>-1</sup> )
656.1	1000	669.4	13.3
981.8	342	1000.5	18.7
1043.6	165	1067.2	23.5

Note: the complete table, which reports all calculated Raman peaks and relative intensities, is deposited with the journal.

442 **Table 3.** Calculated shifts of Raman frequencies under hydrostatic and non-hydrostatic stresses. Differences  $\Delta\nu$  and  $\Delta P$  are with  
 443 respect to the hydrostatic value.

State of stress	Peak 1				Peak 2				Peak 3			
	$\nu$ ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ )	$\Delta\nu$ ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ )	$d\nu/dP$ ( $\text{cm}^{-1}/\text{GPa}$ )	$\Delta P$ (G Pa)	$\nu$ ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ )	$\Delta\nu$ ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ )	$d\nu/dP$ ( $\text{cm}^{-1}/\text{GPa}$ )	$\Delta P$ (G Pa)	$\nu$ ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ )	$\Delta\nu$ ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ )	$d\nu/dP$ ( $\text{cm}^{-1}/\text{GPa}$ )	$\Delta P$ (G Pa)
Hydrostatic	669.4	–	3.33	–	1000. 5	–	4.68	–	1067. 2	–	5.90	–
Non-hydrostatic along $e_1$	667.8	–1.6	2.93	–0.5	999.9	–0.6	4.53	0.1 3	1066. 8	–0.4	5.80	0.0 7
Non-hydrostatic along $e_2$	669.3	–0.1	3.30	0.0	1001. 5	1.0	4.93	0.2 1	1064. 8	–2.4	5.30	0.4 5
Non-hydrostatic along $e_3$	668.0	–1.4	2.98	–0.5	999.4	–1.1	4.40	0.2 6	1066. 5	–0.7	5.73	0.1 1
Non-hydrostatic along [1 -1 2]	666.8	–2.6	2.68	–1.0	1001. 0	0.5	4.80	0.1 0	1066. 4	–0.7	5.70	0.1 2
	$\overline{\Delta\nu}$	–1.4	$\overline{\Delta P}$	–0.5	$\overline{\Delta\nu}$	–0.1	$\overline{\Delta P}$	0.0 2	$\overline{\Delta\nu}$	–1.0	$\overline{\Delta P}$	0.1 9

Notes: positive values mean shift toward higher frequencies, negative values mean shift toward lower frequencies.  $\overline{\Delta\nu}$  and  $\overline{\Delta P}$  are the mean difference of the frequency and of the pressure, respectively, evaluated over the set of total numbers of peaks.

444 **Table 4.** Isomeke calculations for the diamond-CaSiO<sub>3</sub>-walstromite host-inclusion system.

<b><i>T</i> (K)</b>	<b><i>P</i><sub>e</sub> (GPa)</b>
1200	8.100
1300	8.253
1400	8.403
1500	8.551
1600	8.697
1700	8.841
1800	8.984
1900	9.126
2000	9.267

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Fig. 1

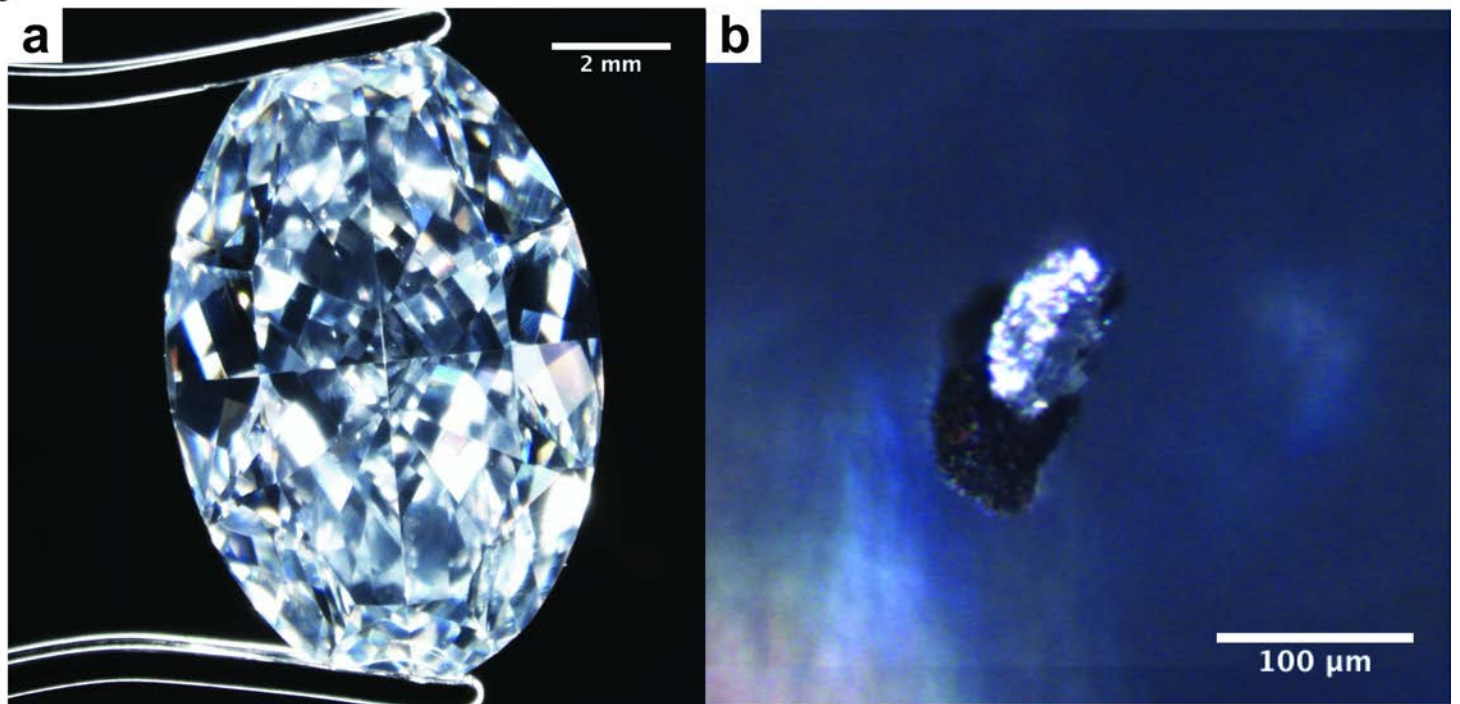




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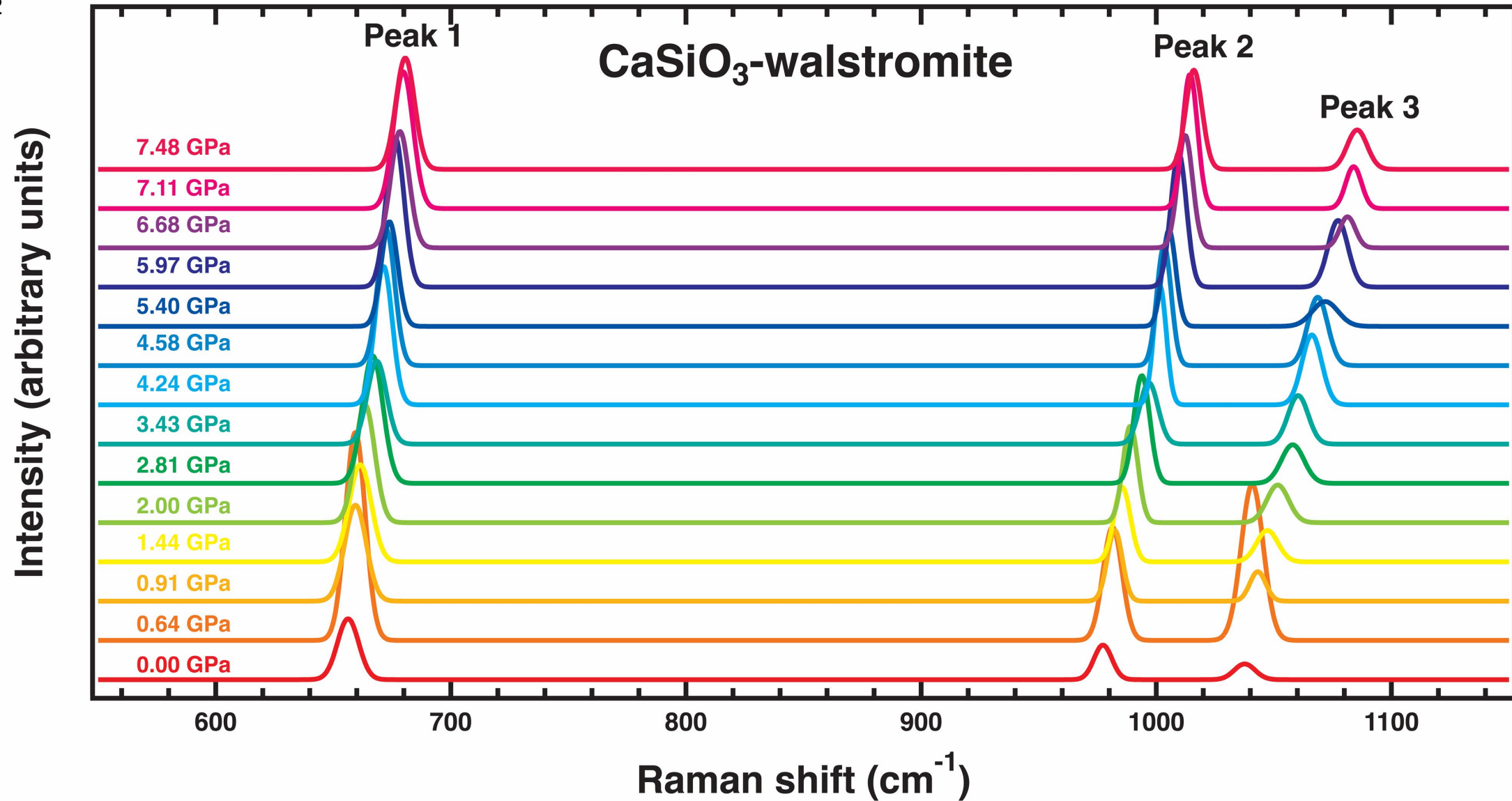
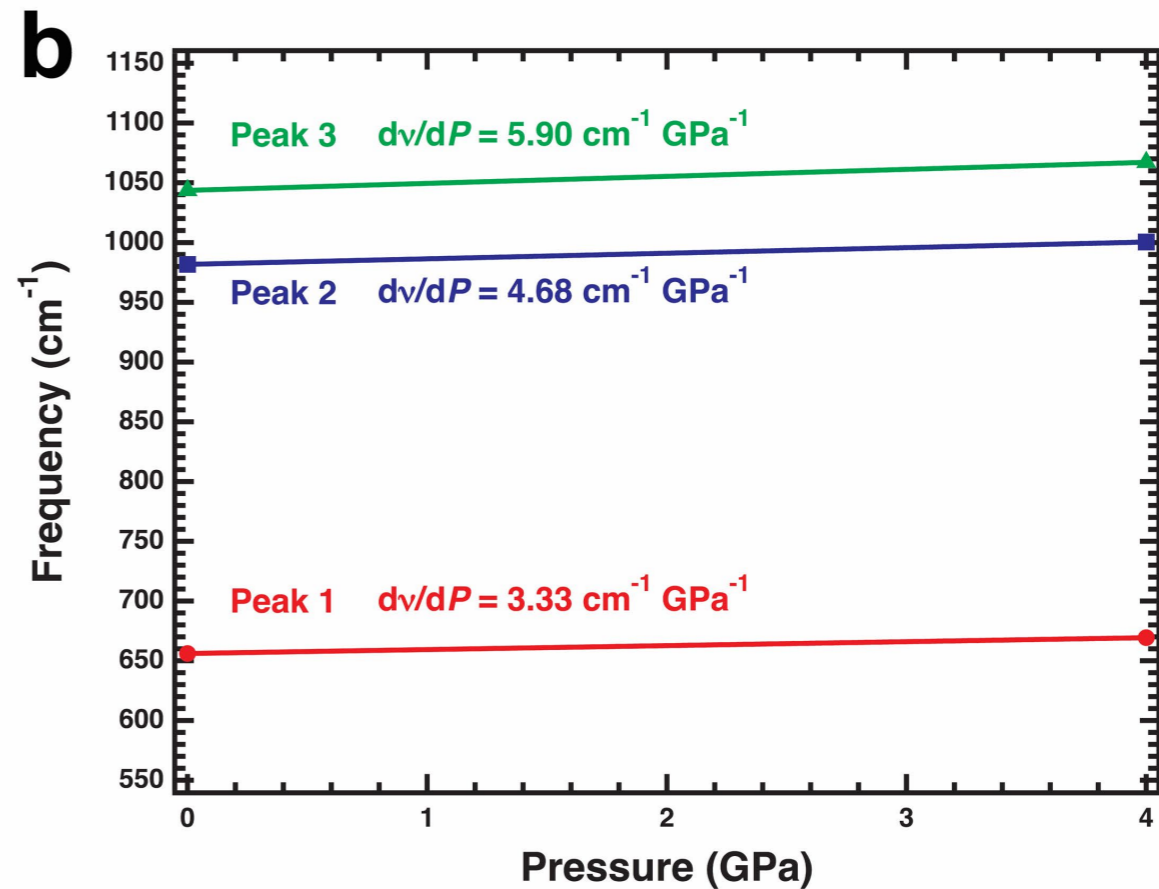
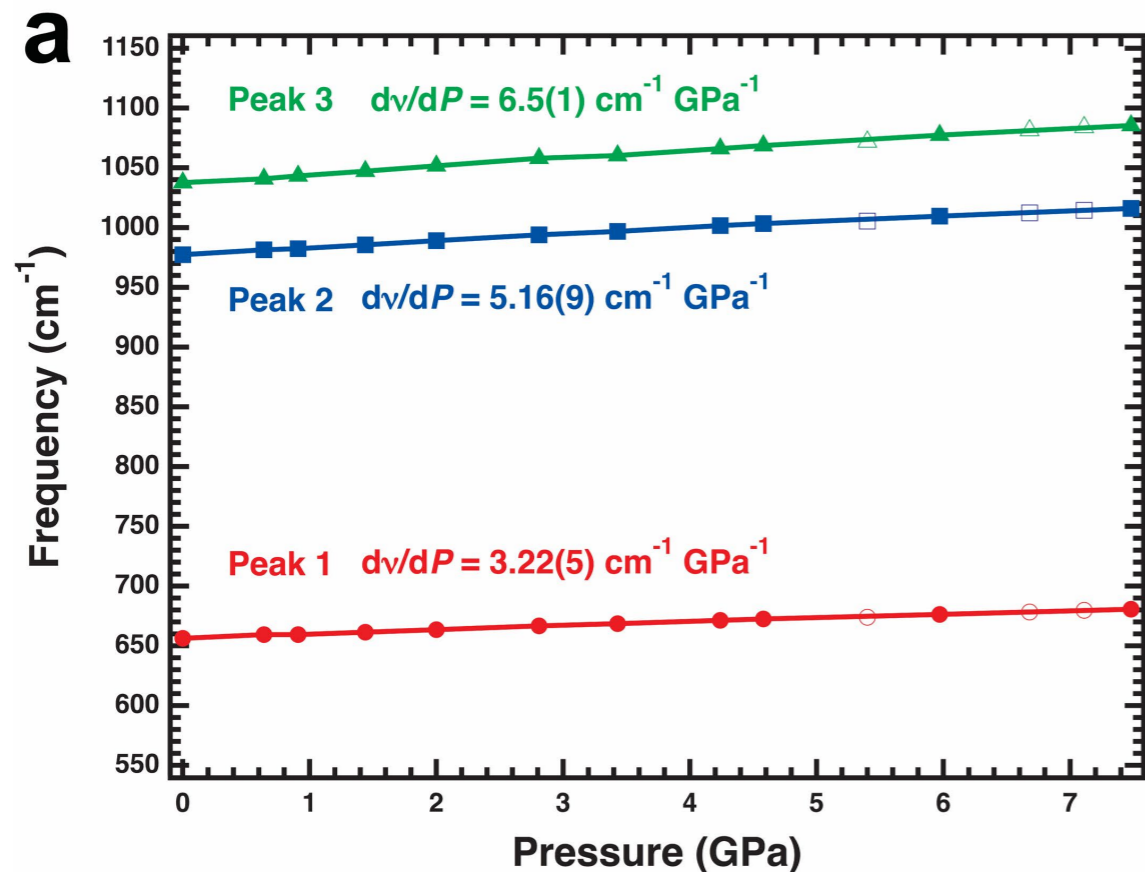


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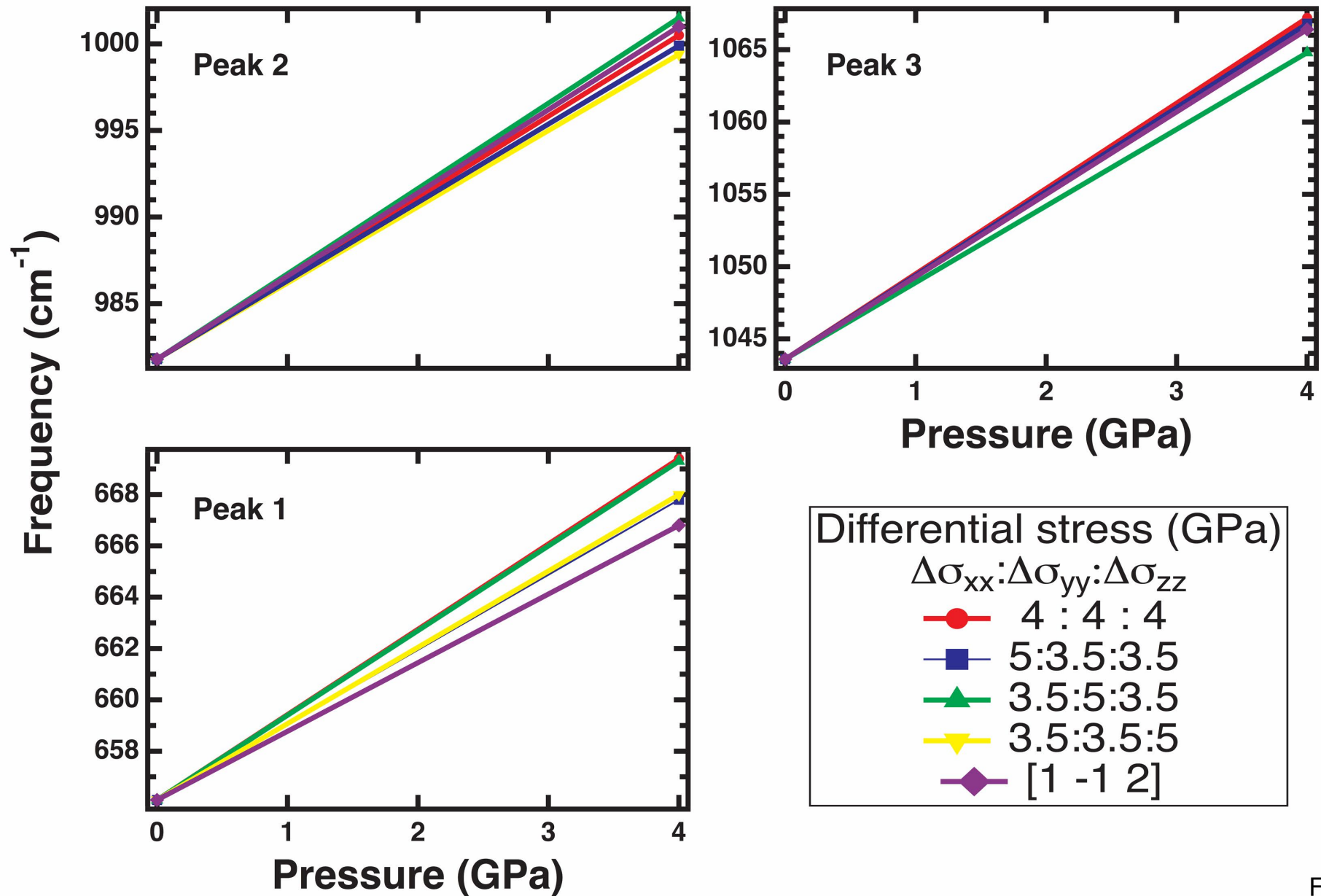
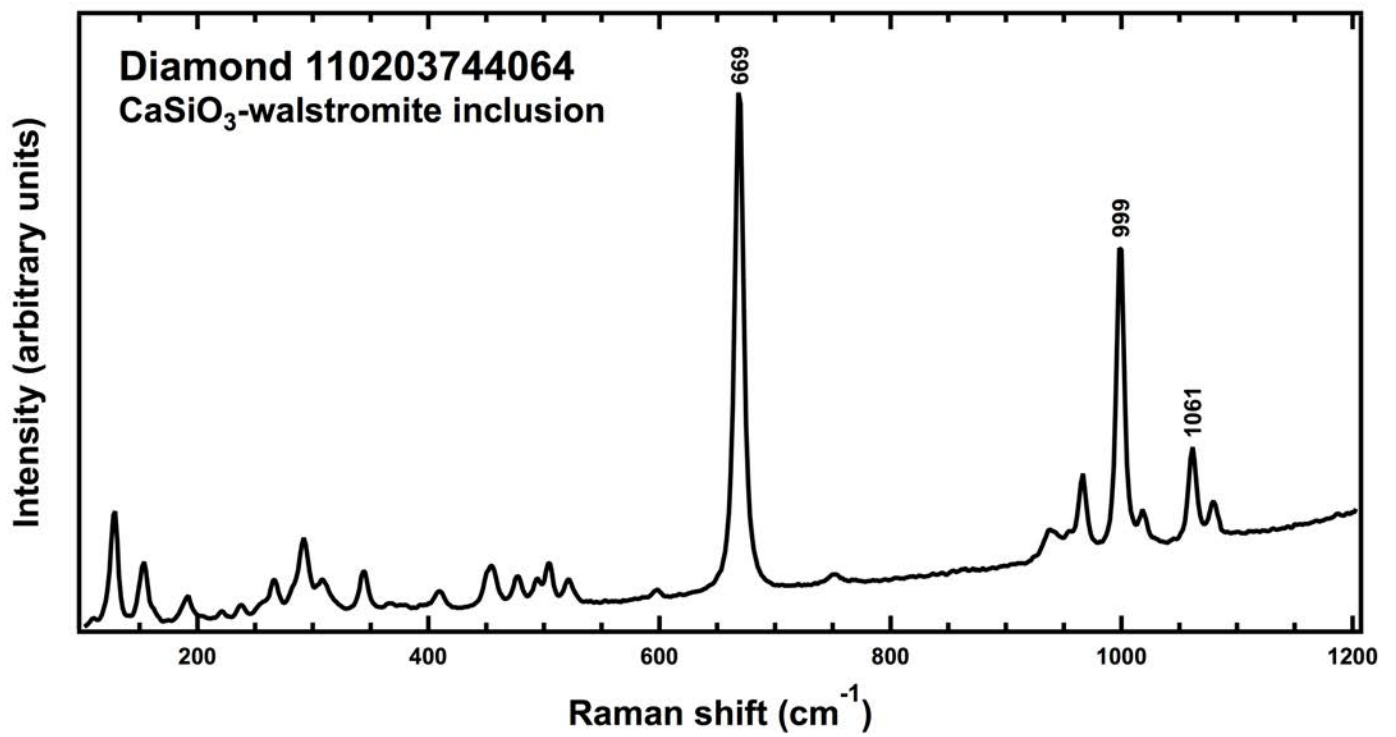


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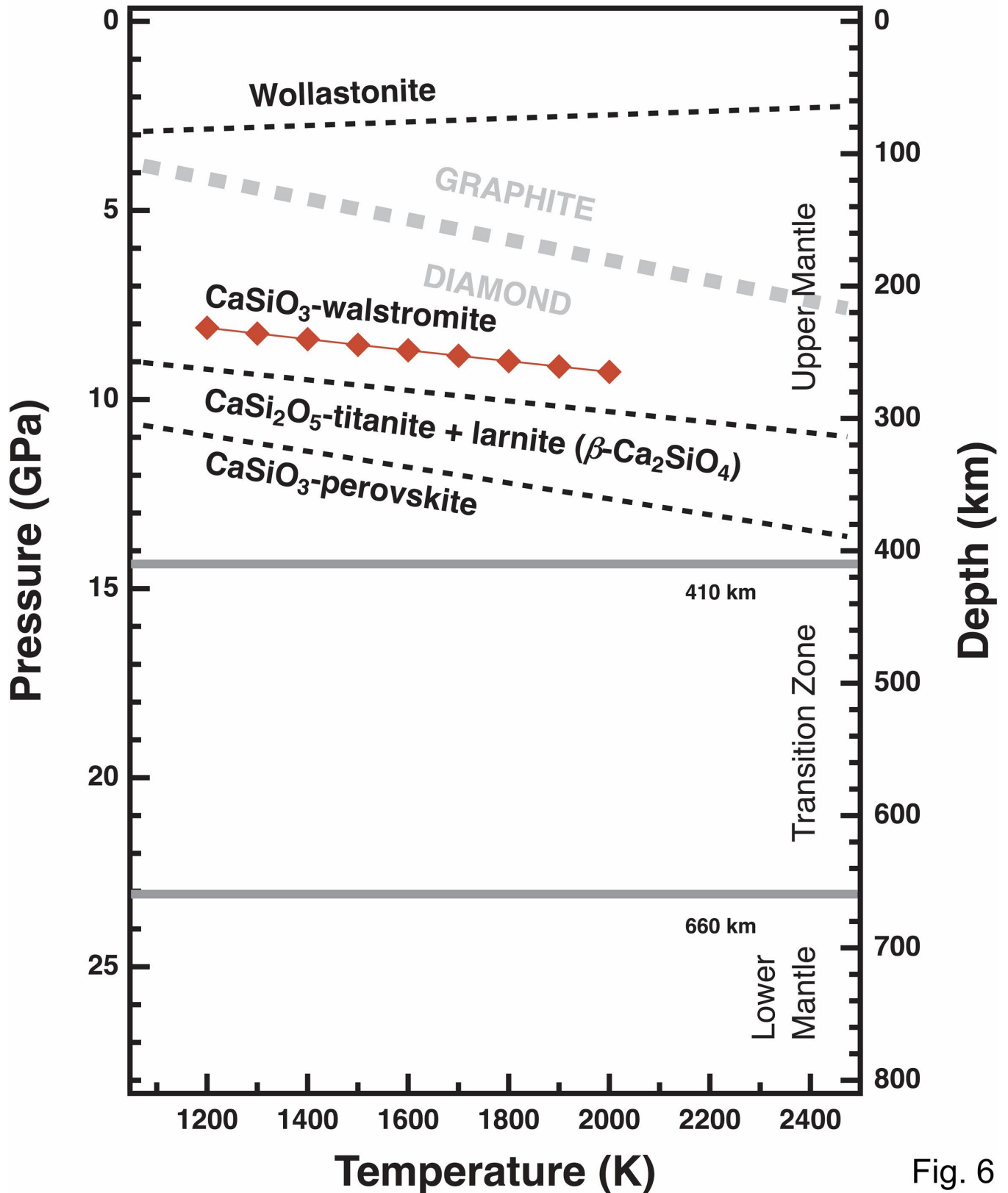


Fig. 6