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2 **Raman modes of carbonate minerals as pressure and temperature gauges up to 6 GPa and**
3 **500°C**

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10 **Abstract**

11 Diamond anvil cell (DAC) experiments focusing on the solubility of carbonates and aqueous
12 carbon speciation at subduction zones require pressure monitoring with sensitive, chemically
13 inert sensors. Commonly used pressure indicators are either too insensitive or prone to
14 contaminate pressure-transmitting media due to their increased solubility at high pressure and/or
15 temperature (*P/T*). Here, the *P*- and *T*-induced frequency shifts of the Raman vibrational modes
16 of natural crystalline carbonate minerals aragonite, calcite, dolomite, magnesite, rhodochrosite,
17 and siderite have been calibrated for application as Raman spectroscopic *P* and *T* sensors in
18 DACs up to 500°C and 6 GPa. The shifts of all modes are quasi-constant over the observed *P*
19 and *T* ranges and are generally less prominent for internal modes than for external modes. Our
20 method provides a sensitive and robust alternative to traditional pressure calibrants, and has three
21 principal advantages: (1) higher sensitivity (for particular Raman vibrational modes), (2)
22 monitoring *P/T*-induced shifts of several modes allows even more accurate *P/T* determination,
23 and (3) no contamination of pressure-transmitting media by foreign materials can occur.

- 24 Additionally, the isobaric and isothermal equivalent of the Grüneisen parameter and the
25 anharmonic parameter for each of the traced modes have been determined.

26 **Keywords:** Aragonite, calcite, diamond anvil cell, dolomite, high pressure, high temperature,
27 magnesite, pressure sensor, Raman spectroscopy, rhodochrosite, siderite, temperature sensor
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Introduction

30 Carbonate minerals are the dominant carbon-bearing phases within Earth's crust and lithospheric
31 mantle, representing the most stable carbon-bearing phases down to depths of at least 200 km,
32 corresponding to pressures of up to ~6 GPa (e.g. Redfern 2000; Dasgupta et al. 2004; Dasgupta
33 and Hirschmann 2006, 2010; Rohrbach and Schmidt 2011; Oganov et al. 2013). They are the
34 primary carriers of carbon into the deeper Earth at subduction zones and their behavior in the
35 high P/T environments of the lithosphere determines how much, and on what timescales, carbon
36 gets recycled to the atmosphere and hence oceans, or is retained in the mantle (e.g. Ague and
37 Nicolescu 2014; Manning 2014; Kelemen and Manning 2015). Because of the important role
38 carbonate minerals play in the key geological processes (such as subduction, arc volcanism, and
39 dissolution in aqueous fluids) of the Earth's deep carbon cycle, the accurate determination of
40 their physical and chemical properties under high P and T conditions is of great importance. The
41 interest in the topic is reflected by a significant and increasing number of experimental studies
42 based on the coupling of Raman spectroscopy with DAC techniques to understand the properties
43 of carbonate minerals at conditions corresponding to planetary interiors (Liu and Mernagh 1990;
44 Kraft et al. 1991; Williams et al. 1992; Gillet et al. 1993; Lin and Liu 1997; Minch et al. 2010a,
45 2010b, Farfan et al. 2012, 2013; Spivak et al. 2014; Facq et al. 2014, 2016; Cerantola et al. 2015;
46 Chaney et al. 2015; Pippinger et al. 2015; Xu et al. 2015; Liu et al. 2016; Müller et al. 2016;
47 Koch-Müller et al. 2016; Maruyama et al. 2017; Chariton et al. 2017).

48 Monitoring, recording, and reproducing extensive thermodynamic variables such as
49 pressure and temperature is crucial in any high P/T study, and is a particular requirement in DAC
50 experiments. Pressure is typically measured in such experiments based on the Raman or
51 fluorescence frequency shifts of a calibrant inside the compression chamber (e.g. ruby or

52 diamond). The principal limitations of traditionally used optical pressure sensors of this type are
53 discussed here. Ruby, a Cr³⁺-doped α -Al₂O₃, is the most extensively-used pressure sensor
54 (Barnett et al. 1973; Datchi et al. 2007). Broadening the ruby R₁ and R₂ fluorescence peaks and
55 the decreasing signal-to-background ratio at high temperatures and the large uncertainty on the
56 pressure and temperature cross derivative of the frequency, all significantly reduce the accuracy
57 of pressure determination (Ragan et al. 1992; Goncharov et al. 2005; Datchi et al. 2007). A
58 further complication is the chemical dissolution of ruby into water (the pressure medium), due to
59 its increased solubility at high *P/T* conditions (Tropper and Manning 2007; Andreani et al. 2013).
60 This may become particularly significant in DAC experiments that aim to determine the
61 solubility of carbonates and aqueous carbon speciation via carbonate–water equilibria, since
62 these experiments assume no chemical interaction between the pressure-transmitting medium
63 and the pressure sensor. For this reason, it is imperative that the use of pressure sensors made of
64 materials soluble in the fluid phase in the DAC at high *P/T* is avoided. Other pressure sensors,
65 including SrB₄O₇:Sm²⁺, quartz, α -SiO₂, and berlinite, AlPO₄, also exhibit increased solubility at
66 high *T*, making them unusable in solubility and aqueous speciation experiments (Manning 1994;
67 Datchi et al. 2000; Watenphul and Schmidt 2012). The use of zircon, ZrSiO₄, which is only
68 soluble at the ppm level in high *P/T* fluids (Bernini et al. 2013), should also be avoided, as even
69 low concentrations of contaminants can affect the solubility of phases and corresponding
70 aqueous speciation. Although stable over a large *P/T* range, and chemically inert, ¹²C and ¹³C
71 diamond, and cubic boron nitride show relatively low pressure-sensitivity (2.83, 2.83, and 3.27
72 cm⁻¹/GPa, respectively), which has a deleterious effect on the precision of pressure determination
73 (Schiferl et al. 1997; Grasset et al. 2005; Datchi et al. 2007). Furthermore, below 13 GPa the
74 Raman signal from ¹²C diamond is hidden by the strong signal produced by the diamond anvils,

75 while ^{13}C diamond, which could be used in this P range, is not readily available (Datchi et al.
76 2007).

77 Instead of introducing foreign material to the compression chamber to measure P and/or
78 T , here we propose the use of frequency shifts of the Raman vibrational modes of the crystalline
79 carbonates themselves (cross-calibrated against the ruby R_1 fluorescence peak) as P/T sensors.
80 Indeed, most of the Raman vibrational modes of carbonates are particularly sensitive to subtle
81 P/T changes. The simultaneous monitoring of the behavior of multiple modes of varying
82 sensitivity provides an additional route for an even more accurate determination of P/T
83 conditions. Moreover, by avoiding the introduction of foreign material into the DAC, the
84 possibility of its interaction with aqueous media is ruled out. This alternative method has been
85 recently employed in carbon aqueous speciation experiments of aqueous fluids in equilibrium
86 with aragonite at subduction zone environmental conditions (Facq et al. 2014, 2016).

87 Here, we report P - and T -induced frequency shifts of the Raman vibrational modes of
88 natural aragonite (CaCO_3), calcite (CaCO_3), dolomite ($\text{CaMg}(\text{CO}_3)_2$), magnesite (MgCO_3),
89 rhodochrosite (MnCO_3), and siderite (FeCO_3) up to 6-6.5 GPa and 400-500 °C, respectively.
90 From these data, the isobaric and isothermal equivalent of the Grüneisen parameter and the
91 anharmonic parameter for the corresponding vibrational modes were calculated to provide a
92 robust method for combined P/T measurement in the DAC.

93 **Experimental methods**

94 High-purity naturally-occurring carbonate minerals were used in all experiments, including
95 aragonite from Landes, France; calcite from Miskolctapolca, Hungary; dolomite from
96 Campolongo, Italy; magnesite from Hnúšťa, Slovakia; rhodochrosite from Colorado, USA; and
97 siderite from Tincroft Mine, Cornwall, UK. All carbonate minerals were characterized by X-ray

98 diffraction (XRD), electron probe microanalysis, and Raman spectroscopy prior to investigation.
99 The unit cell parameters and measured chemical formulae are reported in Table 1.

100 The high-*P* experiments were conducted at room *T* in a membrane-type diamond anvil
101 cell (Letoulec et al. 1988) equipped with IIa diamond anvils with culet diameters of 500 μm . A
102 pressure-transmitting medium and some natural carbonate single crystals were loaded in a pre-
103 indented (initially 240 μm and after indentation 100 μm) thick steel gasket, drilled with a 200 μm
104 diameter hole. The pressure-transmitting medium comprised a 4:1 methanol-ethanol fluid
105 mixture, which is hydrostatic over the full pressure range of our experiments (Klotz et al. 2009).
106 The pressure inside the compression chamber was increased from ~ 0 to ~ 6 GPa in pressure
107 increments of ~ 0.5 GPa using a PDS 200 pneumatic drive system (BETSA). Pressure was
108 calculated from the calibrated shift of the ruby R_1 fluorescence line (Mao et al. 1986) after at
109 least 30 minutes of response time required for the ruby fluorescence peak to reach its equilibrium
110 value (Picard et al. 2006).

111 The high-*T* experiments were conducted at room *P* using a DSC600 heating stage
112 (Linkam Scientific Instruments) with the sample held within an aluminum sample pan. The
113 temperature was gradually increased from 25 $^{\circ}\text{C}$ to 425 $^{\circ}\text{C}$ for rhodochrosite and siderite and to
114 500 $^{\circ}\text{C}$ for the other carbonates in temperature increments of 25 $^{\circ}\text{C}$ using a TMS94 temperature
115 controller (Linkam Scientific Instruments).

116 Raman spectra were collected in the 100–1800 cm^{-1} spectral range using a confocal
117 LabRAM 300 (Horiba Jobin Yvon) Raman spectrometer of 300 mm focal length. A holographic
118 grating of 1800 gr.mm^{-1} coupled to a Peltier front illuminated CCD detector (1024 \times 256 pixel in
119 size) enabled a spectral resolution of ~ 1 cm^{-1} . The excitation line at 532.05 nm was produced by

120 a Ventus 532 laser source (Laser Quantum) focused on the sample using an Olympus LMPLFLN
121 50× long working distance objective.

122 All Raman spectra were treated by PeakFit™ software. For each Raman spectrum, the
123 baseline was subtracted and peak features were determined by least squares fitting to Voigt
124 profiles for the Raman bands. Peak positions were calibrated against the measured excitation of a
125 Ne light reference spectrum (Saloman and Sansonetti 2004).

126 **Results and Discussion**

127 **Raman-active modes**

128 Aragonite crystallizes in space group *Pmcn*. Its orthorhombic cell contains 20 atoms per lattice
129 point and its 57 vibrational modes can be classified as

$$130 \quad \Gamma = 9A_g + 6A_u + 6B_{1g} + 8B_{1u} + 9B_{2g} + 5B_{2u} + 6B_{3g} + 8B_{3u}$$

131 of which the gerade A_g , B_{1g} , B_{2g} , and B_{3g} modes are Raman-active (De La Pierre et al. 2014). Of
132 these 30, 20 modes were observed in the Raman spectrum taken at 25 °C (Figure 1). The
133 vibrational modes located in the low frequency range at 115, 125, 145, 155, 164, 182, 192, 208,
134 216, 250, 263, 274, and 285 cm^{-1} represent external or lattice modes, resulting from the
135 interactions between Ca^{2+} and CO_3^{2-} ions. The high frequency vibrational modes ν_4 at 701, 705,
136 and 716 cm^{-1} , ν_2 at 853 cm^{-1} , ν_1 at 1085 cm^{-1} , and ν_3 at 1463 and 1576 cm^{-1} represent internal
137 modes of the CO_3^{2-} group (Gillet et al. 1993). Of these, 14 could be traced across the entire
138 pressure range of investigation and 11 could be traced up to temperatures of the aragonite-calcite
139 phase transition.

140 Calcite, magnesite, rhodochrosite, and siderite all crystallize in space group $R\bar{3}c$. Their
141 rhombohedral primitive cell contains ten atoms per lattice point and their 27 vibrational modes
142 can be classified as

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$$\Gamma = A_{1g} + 2A_{1u} + 3A_{2g} + 3A_{2u} + 4E_g + 5E_u$$

144 of which the gerade A_{1g} and E_g modes are Raman-active (Rutt and Nicola 1974; Valenzano et al.
145 2007; De La Pierre et al. 2014). All of these, apart from the ν_3 mode in siderite, were observed in
146 the Raman spectrum taken at 25 °C (Figure 1). The lack of the ν_3 mode in siderite is in
147 agreement with Rutt and Nicola (1974). The low-frequency vibrational modes (158 and 284 cm^{-1}
148 in calcite, and 330 cm^{-1} in magnesite, 185 and 290 cm^{-1} in rhodochrosite, and 183 and 284 cm^{-1}
149 in siderite) represent external modes, resulting from the interactions between M^{2+} and CO_3^{2-} ions,
150 M being Ca, Mg, Mn, and Fe, respectively. The high-frequency vibrational modes, ν_4 (713 cm^{-1}
151 in calcite, 738 cm^{-1} in magnesite, 718 cm^{-1} in rhodochrosite, and 731 cm^{-1} in siderite), ν_1 (1088
152 cm^{-1} in calcite, 1094 cm^{-1} in magnesite, 1086 cm^{-1} in rhodochrosite, and 1085 cm^{-1} in siderite),
153 and ν_3 (1438 cm^{-1} in calcite, 1446 cm^{-1} in magnesite, and 1415 cm^{-1} in rhodochrosite) represent
154 internal modes of the CO_3^{2-} group. Silent mode ν_2 was absent and ν_3 (corresponding to the
155 asymmetric CO_3 stretching with E_g symmetry) was not traced due to its highly asymmetric
156 nature, which results from the existence of weak satellite excitations at the lower-frequency side
157 of the main ν_3 Raman-active mode (Krishnamurti 1957). The high-frequency mode at 1751 cm^{-1}
158 in calcite, 1763 cm^{-1} in magnesite, 1727 cm^{-1} in rhodochrosite, and 1724 cm^{-1} in siderite
159 represents the $2\nu_2$ overtone mode of the silent, IR-active ν_2 mode (Couture 1947). An additional
160 broad, low-intensity feature at 507 cm^{-1} was observed and traced in siderite, which is caused by
161 an Fe^{2+} electronic excitation (Popkov et al. 1972).

162 Dolomite crystallizes in space group $R\bar{3}$. It has ten atoms per lattice point and its 27
163 vibrational modes can be classified as

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$$\Gamma = 4E_g + 4A_g + 5E_u + 5A_u$$

165 of which the gerade A_g and E_g modes are Raman-active (Valenzano et al. 2007) and were
166 observed in the Raman spectrum taken at 25 °C (Figure 1). The modes at lower frequencies (178,
167 229, 301, and 340 cm^{-1}) represent external modes, resulting from the interactions between M^{2+}
168 and CO_3^{2-} ions, M being both Ca and Mg. The higher-frequency modes ν_4 at 724 cm^{-1} , ν_2 at 881
169 cm^{-1} , ν_1 at 1098 cm^{-1} , and ν_3 at 1442 cm^{-1} represent internal modes of the CO_3^{2-} group. The 229
170 cm^{-1} frequency external mode and ν_3 (corresponding to the asymmetric CO_3 stretching with E_g
171 symmetry) was not analyzed due to the low intensity and highly asymmetric nature of peak,
172 respectively. The high-frequency mode at 1759 cm^{-1} represents the $2\nu_2$ overtone mode of the ν_2
173 mode (Couture 1947).

174 **High-pressure experiments**

175 The frequency-evolution of carbonate modes as a function of pressure is reported in Figure 2 and
176 the relative changes in frequency $\delta\nu_i/\delta P$ along with literature values in Table 2. The values of
177 $\delta\nu_i/\delta P$ for all modes are quasi-constant over the observed pressure range. Pressure-induced shifts
178 of internal modes are generally less prominent than those of the external modes due to the greater
179 incompressibility of the CO_3 units (Ross and Reeder 1992; Gillet et al. 1993).

180 In aragonite, the frequencies of all traced modes, except the 145 cm^{-1} external mode,
181 increase monotonously with pressure. Most $\delta\nu_i/\delta P$ values are in good agreement with previous
182 experimental data from Gillet et al. (1993), except for the 182 and 274 cm^{-1} external modes. For
183 these Raman bands, Gillet et al. (1993) may have reported the evolution of multiple vibrational
184 modes, as this could explain the difference between our values and theirs. A similar trend is
185 observed for the frequencies of all traced modes in calcite, except the 1751 cm^{-1} overtone mode,
186 which exhibits a frequency decrease with pressure. The abrupt changes observed between ~ 1.6
187 and ~ 2.1 GPa are attributed to the well-known structural transitions of calcite I to calcite II,

188 which is a reversible first-order ferroelastic transition (Archer et al. 2003), and calcite II to
189 calcite III, which occur at 1.4 and 1.7 GPa, respectively (Bridgman 1938). Above these transition
190 pressures, due to the large number of low intensity low frequency peaks (Pippinger et al. 2015),
191 only data for the most intense peaks resulting from the splitting of the 1088 cm^{-1} peak are
192 presented. These four peaks observed at 1079, 1086, 1098, and 1102 cm^{-1} (at 2.3 GPa) change
193 frequency with a $\delta v_i/\delta P$ of 3.15(6), 3.21(6), 3.5(2), and 3.0(1) $\text{cm}^{-1}/\text{GPa}$, respectively. A detailed
194 account of the evolution of other calcite modes is given by Pippinger et al. (2015). In dolomite,
195 magnesite, rhodochrosite, and siderite, all traced modes increase in frequency with pressure,
196 except the 881 cm^{-1} internal mode and 1759 cm^{-1} overtone mode in dolomite, the 1727 cm^{-1}
197 overtone mode in rhodochrosite, and the 507 cm^{-1} Fe^{2+} electronic excitation mode and the 1724
198 cm^{-1} overtone mode in siderite.

199 **High-temperature experiments**

200 The frequency evolution of carbonate modes as a function of temperature is reported in Figure 3
201 and the relative changes in frequency $\delta v_i/\delta T$ along with literature values in Table 2. The values of
202 $\delta v_i/\delta T$ of all modes are quasi constant over the observed temperature range. Temperature-induced
203 shifts of internal modes are generally less prominent than those of the external modes due to the
204 rigidity of C–O bonds in the CO_3 units (Markgraf and Reeder 1985; Reeder and Markgraf 1986;
205 Gillet et al. 1993).

206 In aragonite, all traced modes except the 701 and 705 cm^{-1} internal modes decrease in
207 frequency with temperature. Above 250 °C these two modes merge and were treated as one and
208 the neighboring 716 cm^{-1} internal mode no longer appears in spectra. The 164 cm^{-1} external
209 mode is present as a shoulder of the 155 cm^{-1} external mode and could only be traced up to 225
210 °C. The 216, 250, 263, and 274 cm^{-1} external modes could only be traced up to 200 °C, above

211 which temperature they merge into one broad peak and become indistinguishable from one
212 another. The spectral modifications observed between 425 and 450 °C in Figure 2 are attributed
213 to the aragonite-calcite structural phase transition, which is thermally activated and has been
214 reported to occur at 385 °C (Parker et al. 2010) and 468 °C (Antao and Hassan 2010). In calcite,
215 all traced Raman bands decrease in frequency with temperature. The values of $\delta\nu_i/\delta T$ for all
216 modes in calcite, which has not undergone transformation are lower than those measured from
217 calcite that has formed upon the aragonite-calcite transition. These values are reported in Table 3
218 along with the corresponding isobaric equivalents of Grüneisen parameter. In dolomite,
219 magnesite, rhodochrosite, and siderite, all traced modes decrease in frequency with temperature,
220 except the 718 cm^{-1} internal mode in rhodochrosite, and the 183 cm^{-1} external mode and the 507
221 cm^{-1} Fe^{2+} electronic excitation mode in siderite. Thermal decomposition of rhodochrosite was
222 observed between 400 and 425 °C, marked by the sudden disappearance of all its Raman bands.
223 This result is consistent with an XRD study carried out by Kissinger et al. (1956). The 507 cm^{-1}
224 frequency feature in siderite is relatively weak and has the largest $\delta\nu_i/\delta T$ value, but could only be
225 traced up to 250 °C, at which point no longer appears clearly above the background. Popkov et
226 al. (1972) managed to trace this mode from 4.2 K, at which temperature it occurs at 438 cm^{-1} and
227 Langille and O'Shea (1977) from 6 K to room temperature and found that above the Néel
228 temperature its $\delta\nu_i/\delta T$ is linear. Thermal decomposition of siderite was observed between 375
229 and 400 °C, above which temperature its vibrational modes can no longer be detected. These
230 temperature values are in good agreement with those found in earlier XRD experiments
231 (Kissinger et al. 1956).

232 **Grüneisen and anharmonic parameters**

233 The mode Grüneisen parameter, γ_i , is a dimensionless quantity that links the change in frequency
234 of mode i , ν_i (measured at 25 °C), to the change in volume V (Born and Huang 1954):

$$235 \quad \gamma_i = -\frac{d \ln \nu_i}{d \ln V} = -\frac{V d \nu_i}{\nu_i dV}$$

236 Its isobaric equivalent, γ_{iP} (Gillet et al. 1989) can be expressed as:

$$237 \quad \gamma_{iP} = -\frac{d \ln \nu_i}{d \ln V(T)} = -\frac{d \nu_i}{\alpha \nu_i dT}$$

238 where α is the thermal expansion coefficient. Its isothermal equivalent, γ_{iT} (Gillet et al. 1989;
239 Wagner 2000) can be expressed as:

$$240 \quad \gamma_{iT} = -\frac{d \ln \nu_i}{d \ln V(P)} = \frac{K_T d \nu_i}{\nu_i dP}$$

241 where K_T is the isothermal bulk modulus.

242 From γ_{iT} and γ_{iP} , the intrinsic anharmonic parameter, a_i , can be calculated for each mode (Gillet
243 et al. 1989):

$$244 \quad a_i = \alpha(\gamma_{iT} - \gamma_{iP})$$

245 The isobaric and isothermal equivalents of the Grüneisen parameter and the anharmonic
246 parameter have been calculated for each studied mode and are presented in Table 2.

247 There is noticeable variation in published ν_i , $\delta \nu_i / \delta P$, $\delta \nu_i / \delta T$, and, consequently, γ_{iT} , γ_{iP} , and
248 a_i values corresponding to the same Raman-active modes of any particular carbonate mineral.

249 The primary reason for this variation is probably trace element content. Owing to the difference
250 in ion size (Mg^{2+} , Mn^{2+} , and Fe^{2+} are significantly smaller than Ca^{2+}), substitution with a smaller
251 ion will decrease the average inter-atomic distances and increase the frequency of external
252 modes (Krishnamurti 1956; Rutt and Nicola 1974). As CaO_6 octahedra are slightly more
253 compressible than MgO_6 and FeO_6 octahedra (Ross and Reeder 1992), trace element content will
254 also affect $\delta \nu_i / \delta P$ values. Due to the variable and more complex effects of temperature on the

255 structure of carbonates with different ions (e.g. Markgraf and Reeder 1985; Reeder and Markgraf
256 1986), non-end-member compositions will exhibit a range of $\delta v_i/\delta T$ values too.

257 **Development of a Pressure/Temperature Calibrant**

258 The Raman data presented above allow us to develop a P/T calibrant for each of the carbonate
259 phases on the basis of the measured frequencies of each of their Raman-active modes. The
260 separate impacts of pressure and temperature on each of the modes, and their subtle differences,
261 provide a robust route to identifying the temperature and pressure conditions within the DAC
262 assembly, based on the set of measured Raman peaks for each sample.

263 As the pressure and temperature cross derivative of the frequency is negligible (Matas et
264 al. 2000), the frequency ν_{PTi} of mode i at any P/T condition (in the experimental range) can be
265 expressed as

$$266 \quad \nu_{PTi} = \nu_{0i} + P \frac{d\nu_i}{dP} + T \frac{d\nu_i}{dT}$$

267 where ν_{0i} is the extrapolated frequency of mode i at ambient pressure and zero temperature.

268 In an experiment carried out at known temperature, T (e.g. measured by a thermocouple),
269 pressure can be determined based on a measured ν_{PTi} of a single mode. If ν_{PTi} of multiple modes
270 are measured, pressure can be most accurately determined by the simple linear regression
271 method. We have tested our method by determining pressure and temperature for a cell loaded
272 with rhodochrosite and employing the frequencies of the 185, 290, 1086, and 1415 cm^{-1} modes
273 of rhodochrosite. The cell was held at 300 °C as set temperature and experiments were conducted
274 at two separate pressures. In our experiment, this method gave 1.2(1) and 1.4(3) GPa for two
275 determinations at pressure 1 and 4.7(1) and 4.9(1) GPa for two at pressure 2, while T was fixed
276 to the value determined by thermocouple, measured to be 300 °C. In an experiment carried out at
277 unknown pressure P and temperature T , these variables can be determined based on measured

278 ν_{PTi} of two or more modes. If ν_{PTi} of more than two modes are measured, pressure and
279 temperature can be determined by a multiple linear regression method. In our experiment, using
280 rhodochrosite as pressure and temperature sensor, this method gave 1.2(1) and 1.4(4) GPa at
281 pressure 1 and 4.6(1) and 4.8(2) GPa at pressure 2 with the temperature also determined by fit to
282 the P/T dependence of all modes and calculated as 293(8) °C, which is equal to the value
283 determined by thermocouple to within the stated error.

284 In general, the most suitable modes are those with high peak intensity, high sensitivity to
285 pressure and temperature changes, with an anharmonic parameter close to 0 and with γ_{iT} and γ_{iP}
286 similar to each other. The latter two features are indicative of quasi-harmonic behavior, where
287 pressure and temperature affect the vibration frequencies only through the volume changes and
288 not by modifications of the electronic structure of the chemical bond involved (Gillet et al.
289 1989). As mentioned above, trace element content could affect ν_i , $\delta\nu_i/\delta P$, and $\delta\nu_i/\delta T$ for
290 carbonate modes, particularly those of external modes. This important factor should also be
291 taken into consideration when choosing the most suitable modes for P/T determination. To
292 overcome the uncertainty arising from carbonate composition, it is safest to carry out
293 independent P/T calibration against ruby or other pressure sensor, when dealing with impure
294 samples.

295 In aragonite, the internal ν_1 mode is most suitable for P/T determination (Facq et al. 2014,
296 2016), followed by the external modes, in decreasing order of priority: 155, 208, 182, 192, 216,
297 145, 250, 263, 274, and 285 cm^{-1} . In calcite, dolomite, magnesite, rhodochrosite, and siderite the
298 preferred use of the internal ν_1 mode is recommended, followed by the external modes and the
299 overtone mode. The external modes, in decreasing order of priority should be used as follows. In

300 calcite: 284 and 158 cm^{-1} , in dolomite: 301, 178, and 340 cm^{-1} , in magnesite: 330 and 214 cm^{-1} ,
301 in rhodochrosite: 290 and 185 cm^{-1} , and in siderite: 284 and 183 cm^{-1} .

302 It is worth noting that the widths of Raman peaks have previously been proposed as a
303 proxy for temperature (Gillet et al. 1993). The reported errors in temperature for this approach
304 are generally larger than those for temperatures obtained from peak positions. Additionally,
305 instrumental peak broadening makes this method dependent (to a greater extent than peak
306 positions) on the experimental set up in the laboratory within which analyses are conducted.
307 Furthermore, the influence of combined pressure and temperature on peak widths is significantly
308 more complicated than their impact on peak positions alone. For these reasons we have chosen
309 not to make use of any additional information encoded into the peak widths of our measured
310 carbonate Raman-active modes.

311 Our P/T determination method has limited use in calcite high P/T experiments. In case of
312 calcite II and calcite III CaCO_3 polymorphs, $\delta\nu_i/\delta T$ is not measurable at ambient pressure
313 because of the location of stability fields of these phases. For this reason, simultaneous P/T
314 determination is not possible based on the Raman-active modes of these phases and our method
315 is limited to pressure determination at known (measured) temperature.

316 **Implications**

317 From our results, it can be seen that pressure- and temperature-induced frequency shifts in
318 aragonite, calcite, dolomite, magnesite, rhodochrosite, and siderite all provide a sensitive and
319 robust alternative to traditional pressure calibrants (e.g. ruby, diamond) in DAC experiments, and
320 this is especially useful when any such external traditional calibrant might contaminate the
321 pressure transmitting media due to their increased solubility at high P/T conditions (Manning
322 1994; Datchi et al. 2000; Tropper and Manning 2007; Watenphul and Schmidt 2012; Andreani et

323 al. 2013). As they do not interfere with the primary measurement, our carbonate calibrants
324 represent an alternative for P/T measurement in a wide range of DAC experiments addressing
325 carbonate solubility and/or aqueous speciation at high P/T conditions relevant to the Earth's crust
326 and mantle in order to better constrain the Earth's deep carbon cycle. The measured pressure-
327 and temperature-induced frequency shifts have been used to calculate the isobaric and isothermal
328 equivalents of the Grüneisen parameter and the anharmonic parameter. This could be used for
329 the anharmonic correction of specific heat capacity at constant volume, which is responsible for
330 the departure from the Dulong-Petit limit at high temperature (Gillet et al. 1989). The
331 anharmonic correction also helps to refine thermodynamic properties and phase equilibria at
332 high pressure and temperature conditions.

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528 Figure 1. Raman spectra of carbonate minerals collected at ambient pressure (1 bar) and
529 temperature (25 °C).

530 Figure 2. Frequency evolution of the traced vibrational modes of carbonates as a function of
531 pressure. The experimental uncertainty lies within the size of the symbol. In the calcite
532 experiment, no data points in the calcite II stability field (situated between calcite I and calcite III
533 stability fields) have been collected.

534 Figure 3. Frequency evolution of the traced vibrational modes of carbonates as a function of
535 temperature. The experimental uncertainty lies within the size of the symbol.

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Sample	Ideal formula	Calculated formula	Space Group	Unit cell parameters (Å)		
				<i>a</i>	<i>b</i>	<i>c</i>
Aragonite	CaCO ₃	Ca _{1.00} CO ₃	<i>Pmcn</i>	4.9612(5)	7.9701(9)	5.7420(4)
Calcite	CaCO ₃	Ca _{1.00} CO ₃	<i>R$\bar{3}c$</i>	4.9864(2)		17.0491(8)
Dolomite	CaMg(CO ₃) ₂	Ca _{0.50} Mg _{0.50} CO ₃	<i>R$\bar{3}$</i>	4.8069(4)		16.012(2)
Magnesite	MgCO ₃	Mg _{0.96} Ca _{0.01} Fe _{0.03} CO ₃	<i>R$\bar{3}c$</i>	4.6371(2)		15.0365(5)
Rhodochrosite	MnCO ₃	Mn _{0.99} Fe _{0.01} CO ₃	<i>R$\bar{3}c$</i>	4.7756(7)		15.669(2)
Siderite	FeCO ₃	Fe _{0.98} Mg _{0.01} Mn _{0.01} CO ₃	<i>R$\bar{3}c$</i>	4.6910(4)		15.379(2)

537 Table 1. Compositions and unit cell parameters of carbonate minerals used.

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Observed mode, Symmetry*	ν_i (cm ⁻¹)	$\delta\nu_i/\delta P$ (cm ⁻¹ /GPa)	$\delta\nu_i/\delta T$ (cm ⁻¹ /K)	γ_{IT}^{**}	γ_{IP}^{***}	a_i (10 ⁻⁵ K ⁻¹)	Reference
Aragonite							
External, B _{1g}	115	?	-3.1(1)×10 ⁻²	?	4.10	?	This work
External, B _{3g}	125	?	?	?	?	?	This work
External, A _g	145	-0.40(3)	-9(2)×10 ⁻³	-0.19	0.94	-7.30	This work
External, B _{1g}	155	3.23(3)	-1.9(1)×10 ⁻²	1.44	1.93	-3.21	This work
	152	2.7(2)					Kraft et al. 1991
	155	3.0(3)-5(2)×10 ⁻⁴	-2.7(3)×10 ⁻²	1.2	2.7	-7.2	Gillet et al. 1993
External, A _g	164	?	-3.9(3)×10 ⁻²	?	3.65	?	This work
External, B _{2g}	182	4.04(7)	-1.9(2)×10 ⁻²	1.53	1.58	-0.29	This work
	180	3.4(6)					Kraft et al. 1991
	180	7.2(3)-4.7(4)×10 ⁻³	-2.4(3)×10 ⁻²	2.6	2.1	3.4	Gillet et al. 1993
External, B _{3g}	192	6.47(5)	-1.5(1)×10 ⁻²	2.32	1.23	7.11	This work
External, B _{2g}	208	5.30(3)	-3.49(6)×10 ⁻²	1.75	2.58	-5.35	This work
	206	3.3(5)					Kraft et al. 1991
	209	4.0(4)	-4.1(4)×10 ⁻²	1.2	3.0	-11.6	Gillet et al. 1993
External, A _g	216	6.94(9)	-2.5(2)×10 ⁻²	2.21	1.77	2.88	This work
	217	6.6(4)-3.3(3)×10 ⁻³					Gillet et al. 1993
External, B _{2g}	250	4.03(6)	-2.7(2)×10 ⁻²	1.11	1.66	-3.57	This work
	254	?	-2.0(3)×10 ⁻²				Gillet et al. 1993
External, B _{2g}	263	4.79(6)	-4.5(2)×10 ⁻²	1.27	2.64	-8.90	This work
External, B _{3g}	274	6.02(5)	-3.40(6)×10 ⁻²	1.51	1.91	-2.56	This work
	275	3.4(3)					Gillet et al. 1993
External, A _g	285	7.0(1)	-2.9(1)×10 ⁻²	1.68	1.57	0.76	This work
Internal v ₄ , B _{3g}	701	1.69(3)	5.3(6)×10 ⁻³	0.17	-0.12	1.84	This work
	704	1.5(1)					Kraft et al. 1991
	702	1.6(3)	0	0.14	0.0	0.9	Gillet et al. 1993
Internal v ₄ , A _g	705	2.25(3)	2.6(6)×10 ⁻³	0.22	-0.06	1.80	This work
	710	2.0(3)	-1.5(3)×10 ⁻²	0.20	0.3	-0.9	Gillet et al. 1993
Internal, v ₄ B _{2g}	716	2.85(5)	-4(2)×10 ⁻³	0.27	0.09	1.17	This work
Internal v ₂ , A _g	853	?	-2.4(7)×10 ⁻³	?	0.04	?	This work
Internal v ₁ , A _g	1085	3.07(2)	-1.32(7)×10 ⁻²	0.20	0.19	0.06	This work
	1086	2.3(1)					Kraft et al. 1991
	1084	2.7(3)	-1.5(2)×10 ⁻²	0.16	0.21	-0.2	Gillet et al. 1993
Internal v ₃ , B _{1g}	1463	?	-2.6(1)×10 ⁻²	?	0.27	?	This work
	1463	?	-2.2(3)×10 ⁻²				Gillet et al. 1993
Internal v ₃ , B _{2g}	1576	?	-3.3(3)×10 ⁻²	?	0.32	?	This work
	1575	?	-3.1(3)×10 ⁻²				Gillet et al. 1993
Calcite							
External, E _g	158	2.42(4)	-2.65(2)×10 ⁻²	1.16	18.61	-15.71	This work
	156	2.47		1.18(6)			Liu and Mernagh 1990
	156	2.3(3)	-2.8(3)×10 ⁻²	1.2	19.9	-16.9	Gillet et al. 1993
	156	2.52(8)		1.14(4)			Liu et al. 2016
External, E _g	284	6.2(1)	-4.30(4)×10 ⁻²	1.65	16.85	-13.68	This work
	283	5.27		1.38(8)			Liu and Mernagh 1990
	281	6.0(5)	-4.0(3)×10 ⁻²	1.4	15.8	-13.0	Gillet et al. 1993
	282	5.19(17)		1.33(6)			Liu et al. 2016
Internal v ₄ , E _g	713	2.2(1)	-5.0(2)×10 ⁻³	0.23	0.77	-0.48	This work
	713	2.22		0.24			Liu and Mernagh 1990
	711	1.7(3)	-4(1)×10 ⁻³	0.23	0.62	-0.3	Gillet et al. 1993
	713	2.35(7)		0.23(1)			Liu et al. 2016
Internal v ₁ , A _{1g}	1088	4.1(2)	-9.7(3)×10 ⁻³	0.29	0.99	-0.63	This work
	1085	5.87		0.41(1)			Liu and Mernagh 1990
	1085	3.0(3)	-4.0(2)×10 ⁻³ -1.40(5)×10 ⁻⁵	0.40	0.51	-0.1	Gillet et al. 1993
	1086	5.96(15)		0.39(2)			Liu et al. 2016
Internal v ₃ , E _g	1438	?	?	?	?	?	This work
	1434	9.0		0.47(3)			Liu and Mernagh 1990
	1434	7.5(5)	-2.5(3)×10 ⁻² +2.9(3)×10 ⁻⁵	0.46	1.94	-1.3	Gillet et al. 1993
Overtone	1751	-0.7(5)	-1.36(6)×10 ⁻²	-0.03	0.86	-0.80	This work
	1748	-1.0(4)	-5.3(5)×10 ⁻³ -2.3(2)×10 ⁻⁵	-0.04	0.34	-0.34	Gillet et al. 1993

Observed mode, Symmetry*	ν_i (cm ⁻¹)	$\delta\nu_i/\delta P$ (cm ⁻¹ /GPa)	$\delta\nu_i/\delta T$ (cm ⁻¹ /K)	γ_{IT}^{**}	γ_{IP}^{***}	a_i (10 ⁻⁵ K ⁻¹)	Reference
Dolomite							
External, E _g	178	2.83(3)	-1.65(8)×10 ⁻²	1.50	3.84	-5.65	This work
	177	1.4(2)					Kraft et al. 1991
	178	1.8(2)	-1.9(2)×10 ⁻² -3.5(3)×10 ⁻⁶	0.9	4.4	-8.4	Gillet et al. 1993
External, A _g	229	?	?	?	?	?	This work
External, E _g	301	5.53(5)	-3.60(9)×10 ⁻²	1.73	4.95	-7.78	This work
	301	4.4(3)					Kraft et al. 1991
	300	4.4(3)	-3.2(3)×10 ⁻² -1.96(5)×10 ⁻⁵	1.4	4.4	-7.3	Gillet et al. 1993
External, A _g	340	6.11(7)	-4.7(3)×10 ⁻²	1.69	5.73	-9.73	This work
	335	2.9(2)	-1.9(2)×10 ⁻² -7.8(5)×10 ⁻⁵	0.8	2.3	-3.7	Gillet et al. 1993
Internal v ₄ , E _g	724	1.9(1)	-2.8(9)×10 ⁻³	0.25	0.16	0.21	This work
	725	1.1(2)					Kraft et al. 1991
	724	1.6(3)	-2.1(5)×10 ⁻³ -1.7(3)×10 ⁻⁵	0.2	0.12	0.2	Gillet et al. 1993
Internal v ₂ , A _g	881	-0.10(4)	-4.2(9)×10 ⁻³	-0.01	0.20	-0.50	This work
	880	?	0				Gillet et al. 1993
Internal v ₁ , A _g	1098	2.9(1)	-6(1)×10 ⁻³	0.25	0.24	0.03	This work
	1101	3.5(3)					Kraft et al. 1991
	1097	2.9(3)	-6.4(4)×10 ⁻³ -1.6(3)×10 ⁻⁵	0.25	0.24	0.0	Gillet et al. 1993
Internal v ₃ , E _g	1442	?	?	?	?	?	This work
	1439	3.5(3)	-3.5(3)×10 ⁻² +4.1(2)×10 ⁻⁵	0.23	1.01	-1.9	Gillet et al. 1993
Overtone	1759	-0.15(6)	-1.5(1)×10 ⁻²	-0.01	0.35	-0.87	This work
	1750	-0.79(5)	-1.3(2)×10 ⁻³ -1.60(4)×10 ⁻⁵	-0.02	0.03	-0.1	Gillet et al. 1993
Magnesite							
External, E _g	214	3.52(3)	-2.05(5)×10 ⁻²	1.76	4.95	-6.16	This work
	216	2.6(2)		1.4(1)			Williams et al. 1992
	213	4.6(4)-4.4(3)×10 ⁻³	-9(2)×10 ⁻³ -2.6(2)×10 ⁻⁵	2.6	2.4	0.3	Gillet et al. 1993
External, E _g	330	4.89(3)	-3.01(5)×10 ⁻²	1.59	4.73	-6.07	This work
	329	4.7(1)		1.67(4)			Williams et al. 1992
	329	4.5(3)	-1.9(3)×10 ⁻² -2.5×10 ⁻⁵	1.7	3.0	-2.5	Gillet et al. 1993
Internal v ₄ , E _g	738	1.52(4)	-2.0(8)×10 ⁻³	0.22	0.14	0.16	This work
	735	1.5(2)		0.24(3)			Williams et al. 1992
	738	1.4(2)	0	0.23	0.00	0.44	Gillet et al. 1993
Internal v ₁ , A _{1g}	1094	2.87(4)	-1.4(7)×10 ⁻³	0.28	0.07	0.41	This work
	1095	2.3(1)		0.24(2)			Williams et al. 1992
	1094	2.5(3)	-3.5(3)×10 ⁻³ -3.1(2)×10 ⁻⁵	0.28	0.17	0.21	Gillet et al. 1993
Internal v ₃ , E _g	1446	?	?	?	?	?	This work
	1444	4.0(4)	-3.0(3)×10 ⁻² +5.5(2)×10 ⁻⁵	0.34	1.08	-1.42	Gillet et al. 1993
Overtone	1763	0.21(3)	-1.63(8)×10 ⁻²	0.01	0.48	-0.90	This work
	1762	-0.42(4)	-2.6(3)×10 ⁻²	-0.03	0.76	-1.52	Gillet et al. 1993
Rhodochrosite							
External, E _g	185	3.38(6)	-1.98(6)×10 ⁻²	2.09	4.63	-5.81	This work
	201	2.685					Farfan et al. 2013
	184	2.91(5)		2.37(7)			Liu et al. 2016
External, E _g	290	4.83(8)	-2.93(6)×10 ⁻²	1.90	4.43	-5.76	This work
	302	4.147					Farfan et al. 2013
	290	3.68(9)		1.99(8)			Liu et al. 2016
Internal v ₄ , E _g	718	2.03(4)	1.4(8)×10 ⁻³	0.32	-0.09	0.95	This work
	723	0.946					Farfan et al. 2013
	719	1.28(6)		0.33(3)			Liu et al. 2016
Internal v ₁ , A _{1g}	1086	3.34(5)	-5.8(7)×10 ⁻³	0.35	0.22	0.29	This work
	1100	1.906					Farfan et al. 2013
	1086	2.17(7)		0.38(3)			Liu et al. 2016
Internal v ₃ , E _g	1415	?	?	?	?	?	This work
Overtone	1727	-0.92(7)	-1.3 (1)×10 ⁻²	-0.06	0.31	-0.85	This work
Siderite							
External, E _g	183	3.98(9)	1(1)×10 ⁻³	2.54	-0.17	7.29	This work
External, E _g	284	4.52(5)	-1.0(1)×10 ⁻²	1.86	1.31	1.49	This work
	299	3.74					Farfan et al. 2012
Fe ²⁺ electronic excitation	507	-2.2(1)	0.130(4)	-0.51	-9.55	24.32	This work
Internal v ₄ , E _g	731	2.4(2)	-1.35(9)×10 ⁻²	0.38	0.68	-0.81	This work
Internal v ₁ , A _{1g}	1085	2.60(7)	-3(1)×10 ⁻³	0.28	0.10	0.48	This work
	1088	2.20					Farfan et al. 2012
Overtone	1724	-0.8(1)	-1.6(1)×10 ⁻²	-0.06	0.35	-1.10	This work

540 Table 2. Pressure and temperature induced shifts, isobaric and isothermal equivalents of the
541 Grüneisen parameter and anharmonic parameters of carbonate minerals. The values of ν_i were
542 measured at ambient pressure and temperature (in this work, 1 bar and 25°C).

543 *Symmetry of the modes are from: aragonite (De La Pierre et al. 2014), dolomite (Valenzano et
544 al. 2007), calcite, magnesite, rhodochrosite, and siderite (Rutt and Nicola 1974).

545 **The isothermal equivalent of the Grüneisen parameter was calculated with the following bulk
546 moduli: aragonite 68.9 GPa (Liu et al. 2005), calcite 76.1 GPa (Chen et al. 2001), dolomite 94
547 GPa (Ross and Reeder 1992), magnesite 107 GPa (Zhang and Reeder 1999), rhodochrosite 114.3
548 GPa (Chen et al. 2001), and siderite 117 GPa (Zhang and Reeder 1999).

549 ***The isobaric equivalent of the Grüneisen parameter was calculated with the following
550 thermal expansion coefficients: aragonite $6.5 \times 10^{-5} \text{ K}^{-1}$ (Ye et al. 2012), calcite $0.9 \times 10^{-5} \text{ K}^{-1}$
551 (Markgraf and Reeder 1985), dolomite $2.41 \times 10^{-5} \text{ K}^{-1}$ (Reeder and Markgraf 1986), magnesite
552 $1.93 \times 10^{-5} \text{ K}^{-1}$ (Markgraf and Reeder 1985), rhodochrosite $2.28 \times 10^{-5} \text{ K}^{-1}$ (Krishna Rao and
553 Satyanaryana Murthy 1970), and siderite $2.69 \times 10^{-5} \text{ K}^{-1}$ (Pfaff cited in Mellor 1935).

Observed mode, Symmetry	ν_i (cm ⁻¹)	$\delta\nu_i/\delta T$ (cm ⁻¹ /K)	$\delta\nu_i/\delta T$ (cm ⁻¹ /K)	γ_{iP}^*	γ_{iP}^*
		Calcite	Calcite after Aragonite	Calcite	Calcite after Aragonite
External, E _g	158	$-2.65(2)\times 10^{-2}$	$-3.4(2)\times 10^{-2}$	18.61	23.60
External, E _g	284	$-4.30(4)\times 10^{-2}$	$-6.1(7)\times 10^{-2}$	16.85	24.02
Internal v ₄ , E _g	713	$-5.0(2)\times 10^{-3}$	$-1.1(4)\times 10^{-2}$	0.77	1.67
Internal v ₁ , A _{1g}	1088	$-9.7(3)\times 10^{-3}$	$-2.40(2)\times 10^{-2}$	0.99	2.45
Overtone	1751	$-1.36(6)\times 10^{-2}$	$-3.3(9)\times 10^{-2}$	0.86	2.10

554 Table 3. Temperature induced shifts and isobaric equivalents of the Grüneisen parameter of
555 calcite and calcite after aragonite-calcite transition.

556 *The isobaric equivalent of the Grüneisen parameter was calculated with a calcite thermal
557 expansion coefficient of 0.9×10^{-5} K⁻¹ (Markgraf and Reeder 1985).





