

## ■ Properties of molten CaCO<sub>3</sub> at high pressure

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### ■ Supplementary Information

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#### Material and Methods

Pure CaCO<sub>3</sub> powder (>99.0 %, Sigma Aldrich) was pre-packed as a cylinder and loaded in a graphite capsule. A detailed description of the Paris-Edinburgh press experimental techniques and cell design can be found in Kono *et al.* (2014). Recovered quenched sample was analysed by scanning electron microscopy to check the physical and chemical integrity of the sample throughout the experiments (Fig. S-1).

Pressure was determined from the cell-volume change of the pressure transmitting medium in the form of an MgO cylinder. Temperature was estimated by previous power calibrations using this cell assembly (Kono *et al.*, 2014). This calibration also accounts for the effect on pressure of the distance between the sample and MgO ring at high temperature using the *P-V-T* relation of MgO and elastic wave velocity measurements (Kono *et al.*, 2010). Diffraction patterns on the MgO were collected before and after data collection on the sample, to monitor any variation of T that might have occurred. X-ray diffraction was collected for 2 hours using an energy-dispersive germanium solid-state detector at ten 2 angles (2°, 2.7°, 3.5°, 5°, 7°, 10°, 15°, 20°, 27°, 35°) enabling coverage up to 20 Å<sup>-1</sup> in reciprocal space with  $Q = 4\pi E \sin\theta / 12.398$ , where *E* is the energy of the X-rays in keV up to >100 keV. Bragg peaks arising from the diffraction of graphite in the cell assembly, and fluorescence of indium on the detector were removed at each angle. The structure factor, *S*(*q*), was derived from the X-ray diffraction patterns using the aEDXD program developed by Changyong Park (Kono *et al.*, 2014).

Density of CaCO<sub>3</sub> melts is calculated assuming a C-O coordination number of 3, from the area below the C-O contribution on radial distribution functions as *g*(*r*) is a function of the density (Eq.1) using the following equations

$$g_{C-O}(r) = \frac{A_{C-O}}{nS_{\infty}\sigma_i\sqrt{2\pi}} \exp\left(-\frac{(r-d_{C-O})^2}{2\sigma^2}\right) \quad \text{Eq. S-1}$$

$$A_{C-O} = \frac{CN_{C-O}}{\int \frac{4\pi r^2}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}} \exp\left(-\frac{(r-d_{C-O})^2}{2\sigma^2}\right) dr} \quad \text{Eq. S-2}$$

where *CN*<sub>C-O</sub> is the coordination number of the C-O contribution, *i.e.* 3, *d*<sub>C-O</sub> the inter-atomic distance, and  $\sigma = k\sqrt{d_{C-O}}$  a parameter depending on structural disorder (Hosemann and Bagchi, 1962) where *k* is an adjustable parameter set to 0.08.



$$S(q) = n \sum_{i,j} c_i c_j f_{i,j}(q) \int_0^\infty r (g_{i,j}(r) - 1) \frac{\sin(qr)}{k} dr \quad \text{Eq. S-3}$$

with

$$f_{i,j}(q) = \frac{f_i(q)f_j(q)}{[\sum_i c_i f_i]^2} \quad \text{Eq. S-4}$$

where  $c_i$  is the mole fraction of species  $i$ , and  $f_i$  is the atomic scattering factor tabulated from Hajdu (1972). To extrapolate  $S(q)$  to  $q = 0 \text{ \AA}^{-1}$  (Fig. S-2), we use

$$S(q) = a_0 \exp(a_1 q) + a_2 \quad \text{Eq. S-5}$$

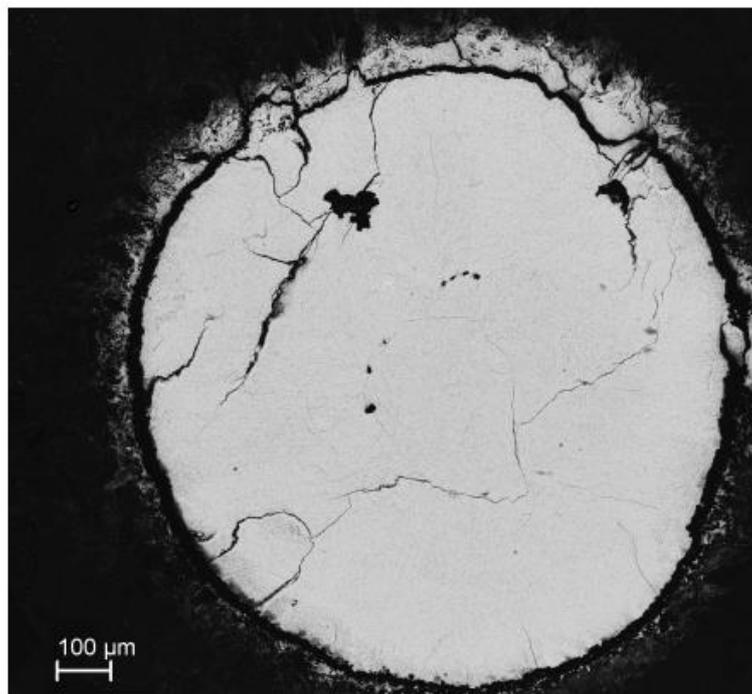
with a cut-off intensity of 0.275, where  $a_0$ ,  $a_1$  and  $a_2$  are fitting parameters.

## Supplementary Tables

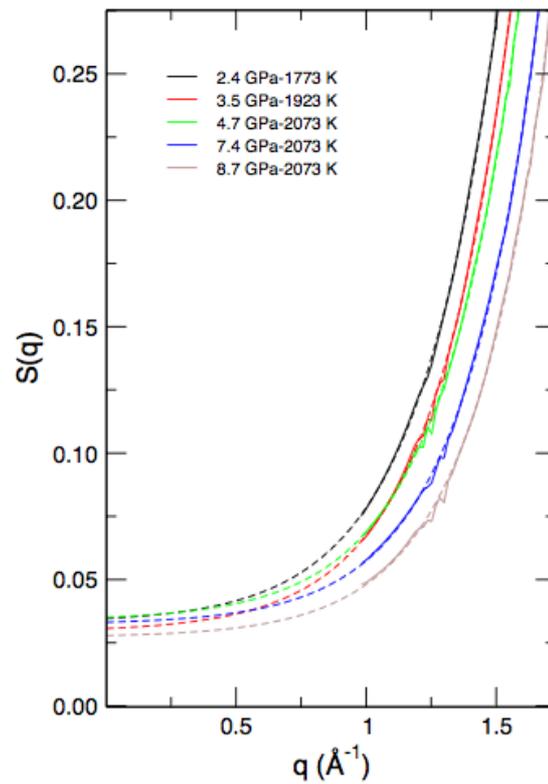
**Table S-1** Summary of high pressure runs.  $P$  indicated are the mean values between  $P$  measured before and after data collection on the melt.

$P$ (GPa)	$T$ (K)	$n_0$ ( $\text{\AA}^{-3}$ )	Density ( $\text{kg/m}^3$ )
2.4 (2)	1773	0.0690(5)	2294(50)
3.5 (2)	1923	0.0710(5)	2361(50)
4.7 (3)	2073	0.0720(5)	2401(50)
7.4 (4)	2073	0.0750(5)	2494(50)
8.7 (1)	2073	0.0785(5)	2610(50)

## Supplementary Figures



**Figure S-1** SEM image of recovered  $\text{CaCO}_3$  sample, the cross section is perpendicular to the sample cylindrical axis.



**Figure S-2** Extrapolation of  $S(q)$  towards  $q=0 \text{ \AA}^{-1}$ ; plain curves: experimental  $S(q)$ , dashed lines: fit to the data using Eq. S-5.

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