

Supplementary information

Synthesis of calcium orthocarbonate, Ca_2CO_4 -*Pnma* at *p*, *T*-conditions of Earth's transition zone and lower mantle

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Table S1. Crystallographic information of low- and high pressure orthorhombic Ca₂CO₄-*Pnma*.

<i>P</i> (GPa)	20.1(2)	89.0(8)
<i>T</i> _{max} (K) ^[a] / <i>t</i> (min)	1830(150)/ 5	2500(250)/ 5
<i>T</i> _{collection} (K)	298(2)	298(2)
<i>a</i> , <i>b</i> , <i>c</i> (Å)	6.263(5), 4.896(4), 8.524(15)	5.917(5), 4.456(4), 7.934(14)
<i>V</i> (Å ³)	261.4(4)	209.2(4)
ρ (g/cm ³)	3.967(3)	4.959(2)
<i>Z</i>	4	4
F(000)	312	312
Theta range (°)	2.35-16.63	1.78-14.98
Completeness to <i>d</i> = 0.8 Å (%)	23.92	42.30
Index ranges	-6 < <i>h</i> < 7 -8 < <i>h</i> < 8 -16 < <i>h</i> < 15	-7 < <i>h</i> < 7 -5 < <i>k</i> < 6 -7 < <i>l</i> < 10
No. of measured/independent reflections (<i>I</i> > 3σ(<i>I</i>))	589/277(214)	589/280(181)
<i>R</i> _{int}	0.0548	0.0632
<i>R</i> ₁ / <i>wR</i> ₂ ^[b] (<i>I</i> > 3σ(<i>I</i>))	0.0552/0.0591	0.0474/0.0451
<i>R</i> ₁ / <i>wR</i> ₂ (all data)	0.0644/0.0609	0.0819/0.0513
No. of parameters	26	26

^[a]Data collection was performed on temperature quenched samples.

^[b]Due to the limited amount of available reflections, nearly all displacement parameters of the atoms were refined in the isotropic approximation. However, it was possible to refine the displacement parameters of Ca anisotropically.

Table S2. Crystallographic data of Ca_2CO_4 -*Pnma* at 20 and 89 GPa as obtained after refinement.

20.1(2) GPa						
Atoms	Site	<i>x</i>	<i>y</i>	<i>z</i>	<i>U</i> _{iso}	
Ca1	4 <i>c</i>	0.4912(4)	0.25	0.31247(17)	0.0054(9) ^a	
Ca2	4 <i>c</i>	0.1495(4)	0.25	0.59222(17)	0.0074(9) ^a	
O1	4 <i>c</i>	0.8092(13)	0.25	0.4293(6)	0.0066(10)	
O2	8 <i>d</i>	0.8073(10)	0.4810(9)	0.6551(4)	0.0079(8)	
O3	4 <i>c</i>	0.5098(13)	0.25	0.5843(6)	0.0072(10)	
C	4 <i>c</i>	0.7297(17)	0.25	0.5803(8)	0.0050(12)	
89.0(8) GPa						
Atoms	Site	<i>x</i>	<i>y</i>	<i>z</i>	<i>U</i> _{iso}	
Ca1	4 <i>c</i>	0.4845(3)	0.25	0.3198(4)	0.0060(6) ^a	
Ca2	4 <i>c</i>	0.1458(3)	0.25	0.5999(3)	0.0072(7) ^a	
O1	4 <i>c</i>	0.8119(10)	0.25	0.4179(12)	0.0066(13)	
O2	8 <i>d</i>	0.8171(7)	0.4924(8)	0.6525(7)	0.0048(8)	
O3	4 <i>c</i>	0.5056(9)	0.25	0.5950(11)	0.0065(13)	
C	4 <i>c</i>	0.7375(14)	0.25	0.5751(16)	0.0044(15)	

^aDisplacement parameters of Ca atoms were refined anisotropically.

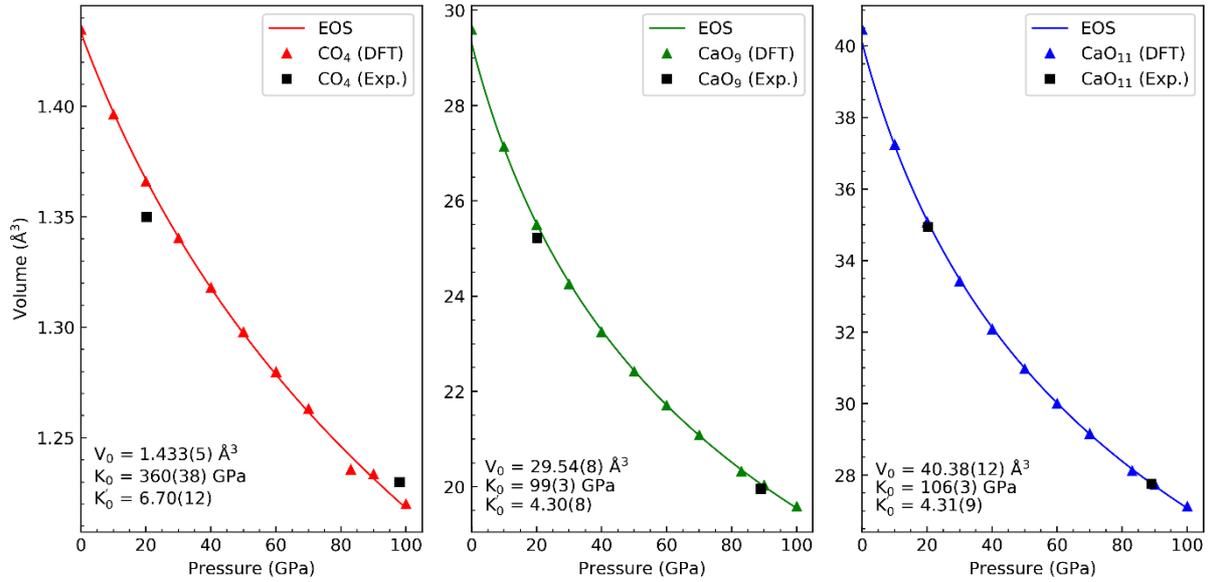


Figure S1. Pressure-dependence of the polyhedra volumes of $\text{Ca}_2\text{CO}_4\text{-Pnma}$. The DFT data were fitted using a third-order Birch-Murnaghan EOS (Gonzalez-Platas et al., 2016; Birch, 1947) using the *EoS-FIT7-GUI* program (Gonzalez-Platas et al., 2016).

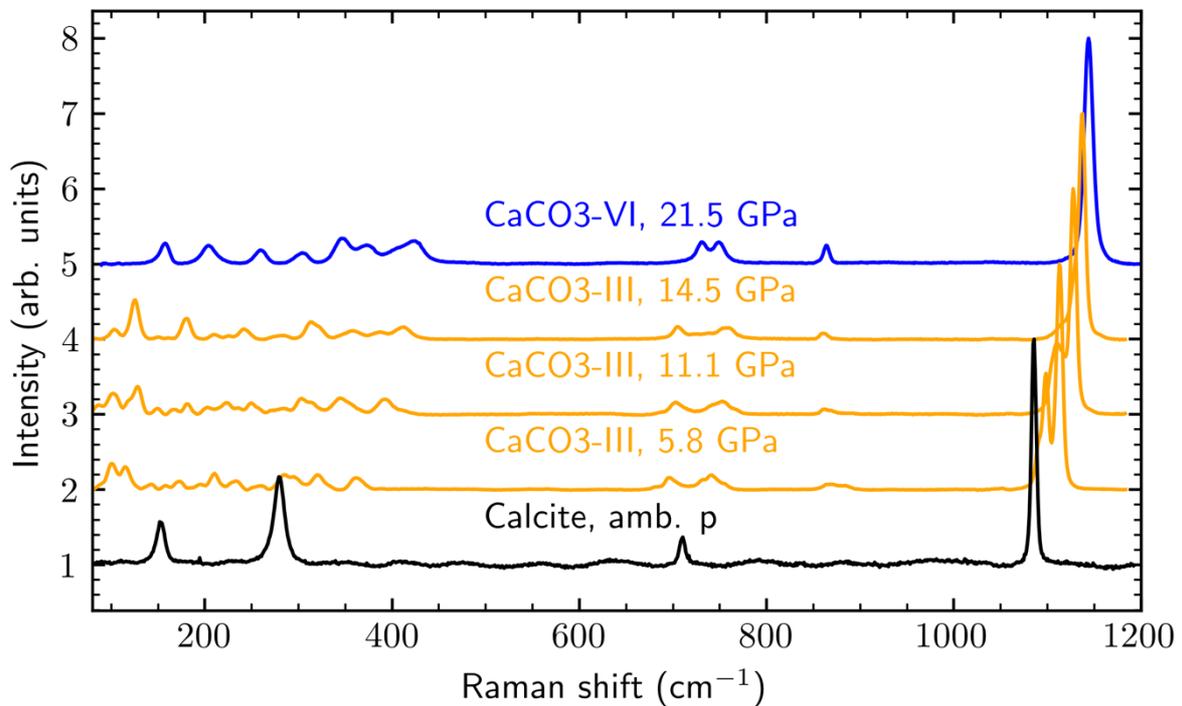


Figure S2. Raman spectra of CaCO_3 high pressure polymorphs measured upon compression.

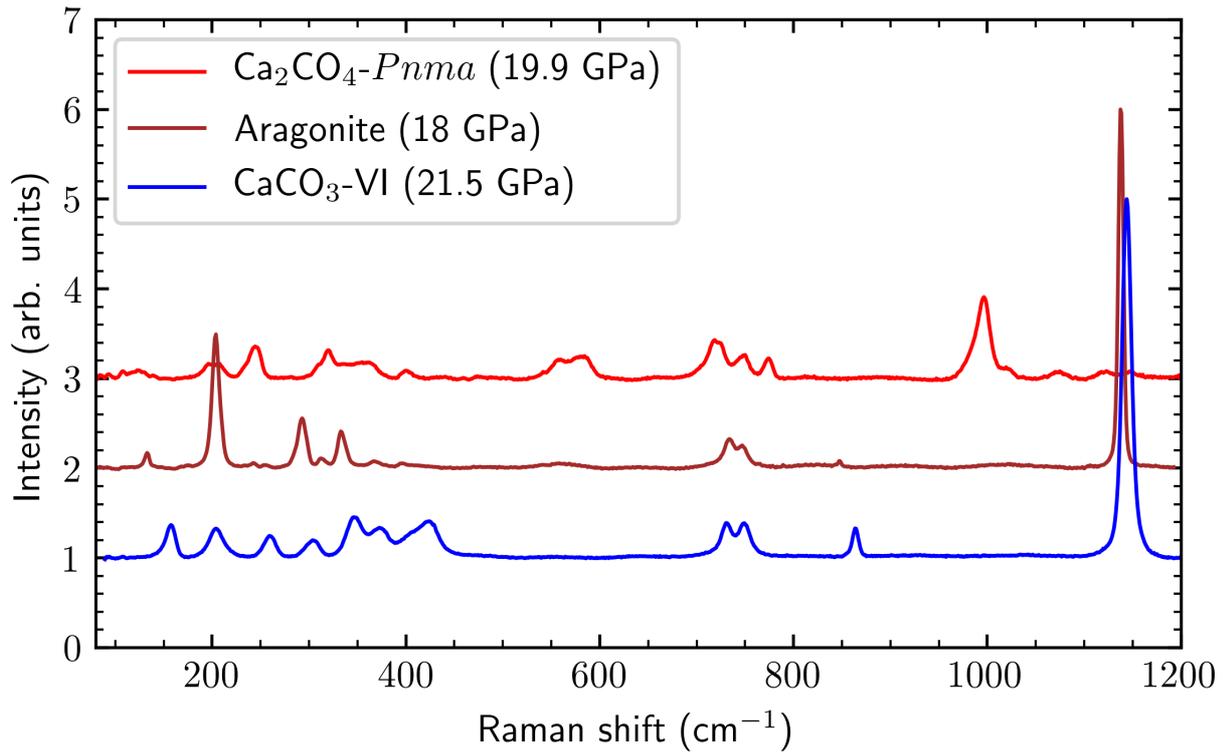


Figure S3. Comparison of Raman spectra of Ca_2CO_4 -*Pnma* (temperature quenched from ~ 2255 K), CaCO_3 -VI and aragonite (Bayarjargal et al., 2018) measured at similar pressures.

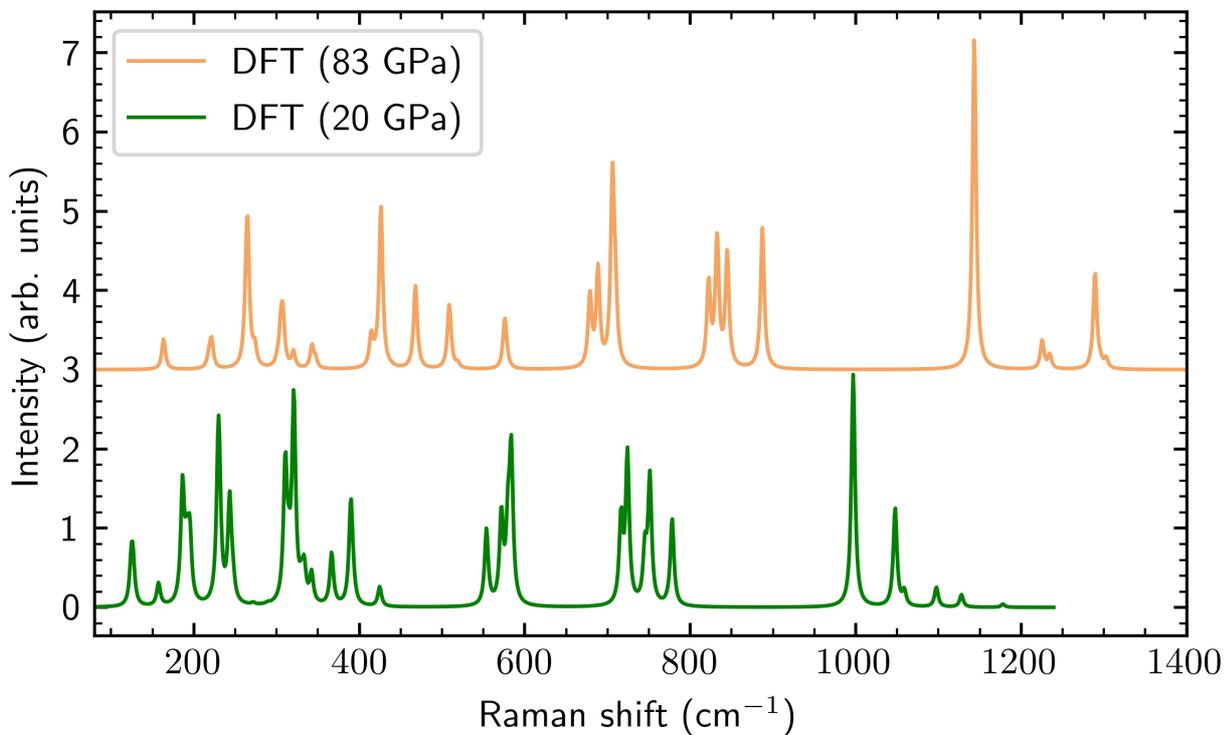


Figure S4. Theoretical Raman spectra of Ca_2CO_4 -*Pnma* at 20 and 83 GPa. The calculated frequencies were multiplied by a scaling factor of 1.04.

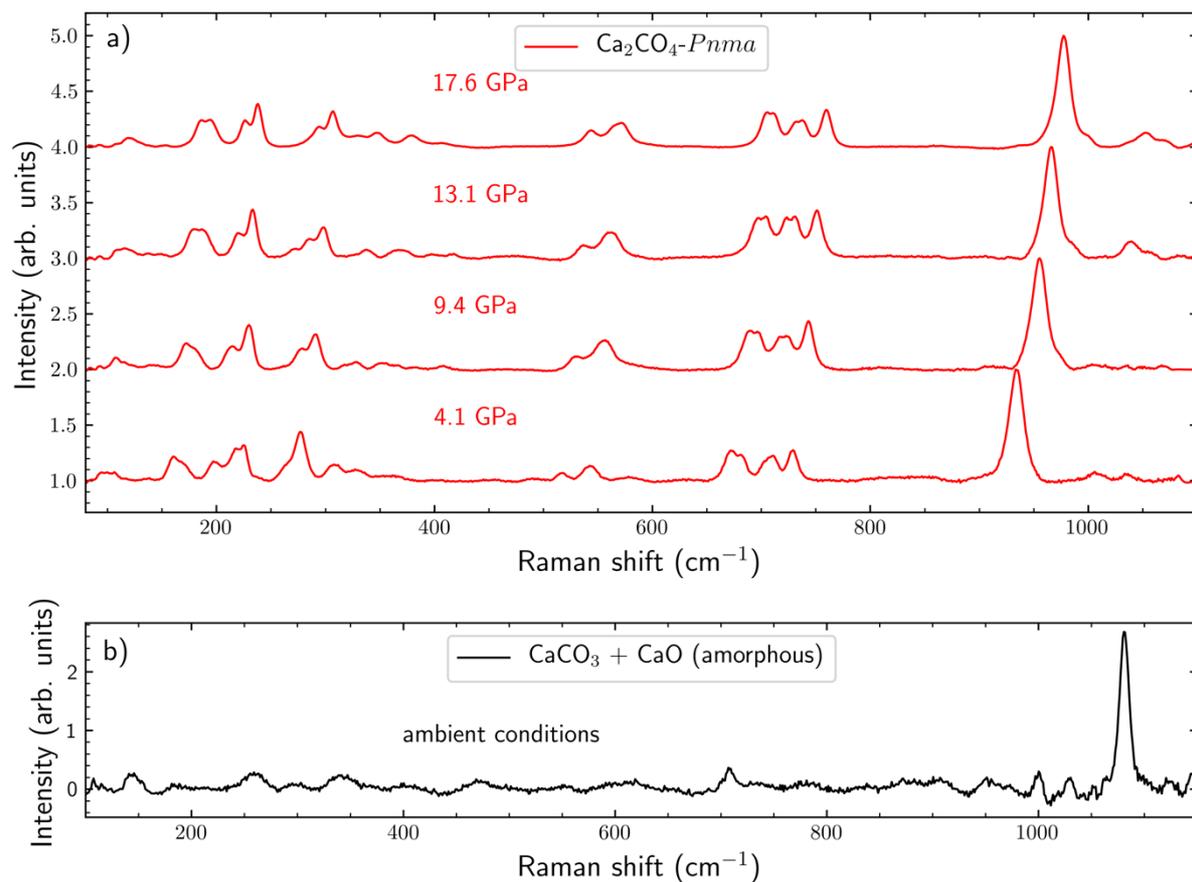


Figure S5. a) Experimental Raman spectra of $\text{Ca}_2\text{CO}_4\text{-Pnma}$ obtained upon cold decompression. b) Experimental Raman spectrum of amorphous $\text{CaCO}_3 + \text{CaO}$.

Table S3. List of experimental and theoretical data in chronological order of acquisition.

	Method	Pressure (GPa)	Temperature (K)	Observed Phase	a (Å)	b (Å)	c (Å)	V (Å ³) ^a	
Experimental	BX-90	89.0(8) ^d	2500(250) ^a	Ca ₂ CO ₄ (<i>Pnma</i>)	5.917(5)	4.456(4)	7.934(14)	209.2(4)	
		93.2(8)	amb. T	Ca ₂ CO ₄ (<i>Pnma</i>)	5.831(3)	4.529(5)	7.811(10)	206.3(5)	
		79.1(6) ^b	amb. T	Ca ₂ CO ₄ (<i>Pnma</i>)	5.955(2)	4.51(6)	7.902(8)	212.2(3)	
		69.4(5) ^b	amb. T	Ca ₂ CO ₄ (<i>Pnma</i>)	5.969(4)	4.601(4)	7.932(11)	217.8(5)	
	BA1	Raman	0.27(2)	amb. T	CaCO ₃ (Calcite <i>R3̄c</i>)				
		Raman	7.5(2)	amb. T	CaCO ₃ -III (<i>P1</i>)				
		Raman	13.6(4)	amb. T	CaCO ₃ -III (<i>P1</i>)				
		Raman	22.8(2)	amb. T	CaCO ₃ -VI (<i>P1</i>)				
		Raman/SC-XRD	20.1(2) ^d	1830(150) ^a	Ca ₂ CO ₄ (<i>Pnma</i>)	6.263(5)	4.896(4)	8.524(15)	261.4(4)
		SC-XRD	15.7(2) ^b	amb. T	Ca ₂ CO ₄ (<i>Pnma</i>)	6.343(7)	4.9577(11)	8.661(2)	272.4(5)
		SC-XRD	10.8(2) ^b	amb. T	Ca ₂ CO ₄ (<i>Pnma</i>)	6.351(7)	5.022(2)	8.776(3)	279.9(2)
			amb. p	amb. T	CaCO ₃ (Calcite <i>R3̄c</i>)				
BA2	Raman	0.55(3)	amb. T	CaCO ₃ (Calcite <i>R3̄c</i>)					
	Raman	5.8(1)	amb. T	CaCO ₃ -III (<i>P1</i>)					
	Raman	11.1(2)	amb. T	CaCO ₃ -III (<i>P1</i>)					
	Raman	14.5(3)	amb. T	CaCO ₃ -III (<i>P1</i>)					
	Raman	21.5(2)	amb. T	CaCO ₃ -VI (<i>P1</i>)					
	Raman	19.9(4)	2255(250) ^a	Ca ₂ CO ₄ (<i>Pnma</i>)					
	Raman	17.6(4) ^b	amb. T	Ca ₂ CO ₄ (<i>Pnma</i>)					
	Raman	13.1(5) ^b	amb. T	Ca ₂ CO ₄ (<i>Pnma</i>)					
	Raman	9.4(3) ^b	amb. T	Ca ₂ CO ₄ (<i>Pnma</i>)					
	Raman	4.1(2) ^b	amb. T	Ca ₂ CO ₄ (<i>Pnma</i>)					
	Raman	amb. p ^b	amb. T	Amorphous CaCO ₃ + CaO					
	Theory	DFT	0	0	Ca ₂ CO ₄ (<i>Pnma</i>)	6.485	5.134	9.086	302.51
DFT		10	0	Ca ₂ CO ₄ (<i>Pnma</i>)	6.366	5.004	8.765	279.20	
DFT (Raman) ^c		20	0	Ca ₂ CO ₄ (<i>Pnma</i>)	6.282	4.898	8.559	263.37	
DFT		30	0	Ca ₂ CO ₄ (<i>Pnma</i>)	6.215	4.812	8.400	251.22	
DFT		40	0	Ca ₂ CO ₄ (<i>Pnma</i>)	6.156	4.740	8.273	241.40	
DFT		50	0	Ca ₂ CO ₄ (<i>Pnma</i>)	6.102	4.680	8.166	233.19	
DFT		60	0	Ca ₂ CO ₄ (<i>Pnma</i>)	6.055	4.627	8.071	226.10	
DFT		70	0	Ca ₂ CO ₄ (<i>Pnma</i>)	6.010	4.580	7.989	219.91	
DFT (Raman) ^c		83	0	Ca ₂ CO ₄ (<i>Pnma</i>)	5.954	4.521	7.885	212.86	
DFT		90	0	Ca ₂ CO ₄ (<i>Pnma</i>)	5.932	4.501	7.846	209.46	
DFT		100	0	Ca ₂ CO ₄ (<i>Pnma</i>)	5.897	4.466	7.785	204.98	

^a Experiments were conducted after quenching to ambient temperature.^b Data obtained after pressure release.^c Theoretical Raman spectra were calculated.^d Solved and refined structure. BA = Boehler Almax DAC type.

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