

# Carbon in Silicate Melts

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## INTRODUCTION

Silicate melts are the main agent for transporting carbon from Earth's interior to the surface. The carbon concentration in the atmosphere and the size of the carbon reservoir in oceans, sediments, and biomass are ultimately controlled by the balance between carbon removal through weathering, burial in sediments, and subduction on one hand and volcanic degassing on the other hand (e.g., Berner 1994). Carbon emissions from volcanoes may have ended the Neoproterozoic "snowball-Earth" glaciation (Hoffman et al. 1998) and they have been invoked as a potential mechanism that could link flood basalt eruptions to mass extinction events (Beerling 2002).

In Earth's deep interior, the strong partitioning of carbon into silicate melts relative to solid minerals may contribute to melting in the seismic low-velocity zone of the upper mantle and in the transition zone (e.g., Dasgupta and Hirschmann 2010; Keshav et al. 2011). The formation of some highly silica-undersaturated melts is likely related to the effects of carbon dioxide on melting in the mantle (Brey and Green 1975). While carbon is usually less abundant than water in magmas erupting at Earth's surface, the lower solubility of carbon dioxide (either molecular or as  $\text{CO}_3^{2-}$ ) in silicate melts implies that it is primarily carbon dioxide that controls the nucleation of bubbles, which is an important aspect of eruption dynamics (e.g., Holloway 1976; Papale and Polacci 1999). In the lower mantle, more reduced carbon species may be dominant in silicate melts, which may behave in a different way than carbon dioxide (e.g., Kadik et al. 2004). Data on the solubility and speciation of carbon in silicate melts (in a broad sense, covering superliquidus liquids, supercooled liquids and glasses) and its effect on melt properties are therefore essential for understanding a wide range of phenomena in the Earth system.

## CARBON SOLUBILITY IN SILICATE MELTS

Under typical redox conditions in the present crust and upper mantle ( $\Delta\text{QFM}$  ranging from  $-2$  to  $+5$ ; Wood et al. 1990; McCammon 2005) and the intrinsic conditions in experimental pressure vessels (generally above QFM; e.g., Jakobsson 1997; Tamic et al. 2001), thermodynamic calculations reveal that the majority of carbon is present as carbon dioxide in geological fluids (Pawley et al. 1992; Holloway and Blank 1994; Manning et al. 2013). Correspondingly, the carbon dissolved in a silicate melt coexisting with such a fluid is predominately in the form of either molecular  $\text{CO}_2$  or the carbonate group ( $\text{CO}_3^{2-}$ ), depending on temperature, pressure, and melt composition. However, under more reduced conditions such as in the Archean or at greater depths of the modern Earth,  $\text{CH}_4$  together with some  $\text{CO}$  may prevail in C-O-H fluids (Ballhaus 1995; Kump and Barley 2007; Manning et al. 2013), and they dissolve into silicate melts differently. The solubility of carbon species ( $\text{CO}_2$ ,  $\text{CO}$ , or  $\text{CH}_4$ ) in a variety of silicate melts under a broad range of pressure and temperature conditions

is crucial for understanding the degassing of Earth and other terrestrial planets, the formation of the atmosphere, as well as the petrogenesis of various igneous rocks.

In an earlier volume of the RiMG series published nearly two decades ago, Blank and Brooker (1994) and Holloway and Blank (1994) presented two excellent reviews on the solubility of CO<sub>2</sub> in silicate melts. Lately, Moore (2008) discussed some experimental and modeling aspects related to this topic. Since 1994, extensive new experimental data have been reported (e.g., Dixon et al. 1995; Brooker et al. 1999, 2001a,b; Botcharnikov et al. 2005, 2006; Lesne et al. 2011). Molecular dynamics simulations have recently been applied to the investigation of CO<sub>2</sub> solubility (Guillot and Sator 2011), which are particularly needed for pressures beyond 3 GPa. There have also been some other studies focusing on reduced conditions (e.g., Mysen et al. 2009; Morizet et al. 2010). Furthermore, considerable efforts have been made on the development of general CO<sub>2</sub> solubility models (e.g., Papale 1997, 1999; Papale et al. 2006). All post-1994 studies devoted to carbon solubility in silicate melts are listed in Table 1. Data from these studies are summarized in Online Supplementary Table 1.

Below, we will first discuss the work on CO<sub>2</sub> solubility in nominally anhydrous melts (the systems with CO<sub>2</sub> being the only volatile component), which is followed by a review of the studies on CO<sub>2</sub> solubility in hydrous melts (the systems with binary volatiles CO<sub>2</sub>-H<sub>2</sub>O), and followed by a summary on the solubility of C-O-H fluids under reduced conditions (the systems with ternary volatiles).

### CO<sub>2</sub> solubility in nominally anhydrous melts

**Experimental method.** Solubility experiments are performed by saturating some melt with CO<sub>2</sub> at high pressure ( $P$ ) and temperature ( $T$ ) and then quenching the melt to a glass. The CO<sub>2</sub> content of the quenched glass is then measured by FTIR (Fourier transform infrared spectroscopy), SIMS (secondary ion mass spectrometry), or some other method and is assumed to represent the CO<sub>2</sub> solubility in the melt at given  $P$  and  $T$ . This method obviously can only be used for systems where melts can be quenched into homogeneous glasses, without quench crystallization and without bubble nucleation during quench. For this reason, CO<sub>2</sub> solubility data for non-quenchable ultramafic melts do not exist and direct solubility measurements at deep mantle pressures > 10 GPa, where quenching melts to glasses becomes very difficult, are not available either. At pressures below 1 GPa, the liquidus temperatures of many water-free silicate melts are so high that measuring CO<sub>2</sub> solubility requires experiments in internally-heated gas pressure vessels equipped with a rapid-quench device.

The starting materials in CO<sub>2</sub> solubility experiments are either chips/powders of nominally anhydrous glass + silver oxalate or a mixture of oxides and carbonates, enclosed in noble metal capsules such as platinum or Au<sub>80</sub>Pd<sub>20</sub>. Silver oxalate Ag<sub>2</sub>C<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub> decomposes upon heating to metallic silver and pure CO<sub>2</sub>. It is the most commonly used source of CO<sub>2</sub> in high-pressure experiments and has largely replaced various organic compounds, such as oxalic acid, that were used in early studies. In addition, direct loading of gaseous CO<sub>2</sub> into the capsule has also been practiced (Botcharnikov et al. 2006, 2007). At superliquidus temperature (or a lower temperature at which the melt is metastable) and high pressure (see Moore 2008 for a discussion of various pressure vessels), it is expected that a silicate melt reaches equilibrium with a pure CO<sub>2</sub> fluid within a time frame of minutes to days. However, hydrogen can diffuse into the system through capsules, as evidenced by dissolved H<sub>2</sub>O in quenched melts. If special care is taken in the experimental procedures, the dissolved H<sub>2</sub>O can be controlled to below 4000 ppm or even 1000 ppm (Brooker et al. 1999). H<sub>2</sub>O contents at such level are believed to have only a minor effect on the dissolution behavior of CO<sub>2</sub> (Stolper et al. 1987). In some circumstances, carbon (e.g., arising from a graphite heater in a piston-cylinder apparatus) may also gain access to the system, but this phenomenon can be avoided through the improvement of experimental design (Brooker et al. 1999). Hydrogen diffusing into the sample capsule may

not only introduce an additional, unwanted component, but it may also reduce CO<sub>2</sub> to other carbon species. Reduction may also be enhanced, perhaps through catalytic effects, by the capsule material, such as pure Pt. In order to retain carbon in the +4 oxidation state in such experiments, the oxygen fugacity therefore has to be kept high and diffusion of hydrogen into the capsule has to be suppressed as far as possible. In studies of Fe-bearing melts, the problem of iron loss to Pt can be alleviated by pre-saturating Pt capsules with Fe. Under high temperature and pressure, small amounts of melt components, such as alkali, may dissolve into the fluid phase. Despite all these experimental complexities, it is possible to produce a silicate melt of designated composition coexisting with a fluid with CO<sub>2</sub> mole fraction  $X_{\text{CO}_2} > 90\%$ , which can be treated approximately as a system with a single volatile component CO<sub>2</sub>.

**Analytical techniques.** The CO<sub>2</sub> concentration in the glass quenched from a CO<sub>2</sub>-saturated run gives the CO<sub>2</sub> solubility of a melt at a specific pressure and temperature, if the concentration remained unchanged during quenching. Under equivalent conditions, CO<sub>2</sub> solubility is one to two orders of magnitude lower than the solubility of H<sub>2</sub>O. The low solubility of CO<sub>2</sub> and the limitation of then available analytical techniques (e.g., weight loss) caused early experimental studies to center on GPa level pressures.  $\beta$ -track autoradiography was once used frequently in carbon analysis (e.g., Mysen et al. 1975, 1976), but later it was found to yield inaccurate carbon concentration (Tingle and Aines 1988; Blank and Brooker 1994). FTIR has become by far the most frequently adopted analytical technique (Table 1) because it non-destructively probes both CO<sub>2</sub> and H<sub>2</sub>O, measures concentrations down to ppm level with high accuracy, and delivers information about carbon speciation. The molar absorptivities of FTIR bands (2350 cm<sup>-1</sup> for molecular CO<sub>2</sub> and the doublets within 1350-1650 cm<sup>-1</sup> for CO<sub>3</sub><sup>2-</sup>) for each specific melt composition need to be pre-calibrated by absolute methods (such as manometry or bulk carbon analyzers). Different authors may report CO<sub>2</sub> solubility based on different molar absorptivities, which is a major source of inconsistency between different data sets. Combined with stepped heating, it is plausible to separate adsorbed carbon, CO<sub>2</sub> from vesicles in the glass, and the actual dissolved carbon (e.g., Jendrzejewski et al. 1997). In addition to FTIR and the bulk analytical methods, SIMS and NMR (nuclear magnetic resonance) have also been occasionally used for carbon analysis (Pan et al. 1991; Thibault and Holloway 1994; Brooker et al. 1999; Behrens et al. 2004a).

**Pressure effect.** CO<sub>2</sub> solubility increases with increasing CO<sub>2</sub> fugacity and therefore with increasing pressure. Figure 1a shows that to the first order approximation, CO<sub>2</sub> solubility in rhyolite melt (at 1123-1323 K) and basalt melt (at 1473-1573 K) is proportional to pressure at  $P < 0.7$  GPa with a common slope of about 0.57 ppm CO<sub>2</sub>/bar (despite the fact that CO<sub>2</sub> speciation in quenched rhyolite and basalt glass is quite different). Therefore, approximately

$$C \propto P \quad (1)$$

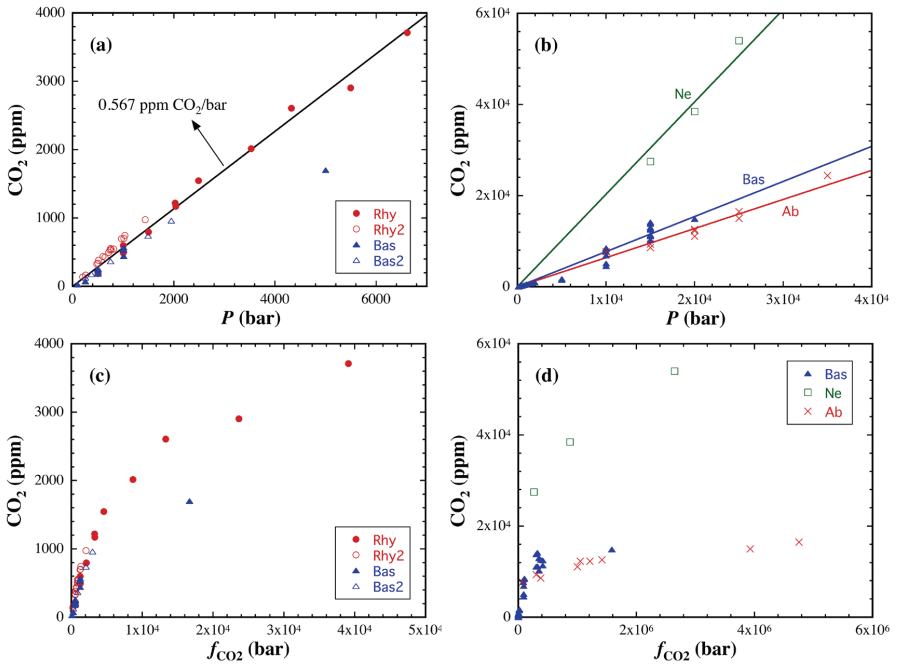
where  $C$  is CO<sub>2</sub> solubility in ppm or wt% and  $P$  is pressure. The approximate proportionality between  $C$  and  $P$  may apply to pressures as high as 4.0 GPa, although the slope varies for different melts (Fig. 1b).

Phenomenologically, the proportionality between CO<sub>2</sub> solubility and pressure, which has been used for empirical fitting of CO<sub>2</sub> solubility (e.g., Liu et al. 2005), resembles Henry's law. But from a thermodynamic perspective, CO<sub>2</sub> must have the same chemical potential in the fluid phase and in the melt phase. The CO<sub>2</sub> chemical potential in the fluid is directly related to the fugacity  $f_{\text{CO}_2}$  (instead of pressure), and that in the melt is directly related to the activity (instead of mole fraction) of CO<sub>2</sub>. There are many equations of state for pure CO<sub>2</sub> fluid available as summarized in Gottschalk (2007). For consistency we have adopted the EoS from Duan et al. (1992) to calculate  $f_{\text{CO}_2}$ , which is not much different (within 10%) from the reported fugacities in the original papers based on the EoS from Kerrick and Jacobs (1981) or earlier work. When CO<sub>2</sub> solubility is plotted against  $f_{\text{CO}_2}$ , their correlation deviates significantly from

Table 1. Studies on carbon solubility in silicate melts (since 1994).

Year	Authors	Melt	Fluid	T (°C)	P (bar)	Analytical Method
<i>Data</i>						
1994	Holloway & Blank	Basanite	CO <sub>2</sub>	1200-1400	1000-20000	Bulk analyzer + SIMS
1995	Dixon et al.	Basalt	CO <sub>2</sub> -H <sub>2</sub> O	1200	310-980	FTIR
1997	Jakobsson	Andesite	CO <sub>2</sub> -H <sub>2</sub> O	1400	10000	FTIR + Bulk analyzer
1997	Jendrzewski et al.	Basalt	CO <sub>2</sub>	1200-1300	250-1950	Manometry + FTIR
1999	Brooker et al.	SNA	CO <sub>2</sub>	1450-1700	10000-35000	Bulk analyzer + FTIR +NMR
2000	Paonita et al.	Rhyolite, Basalt	CO <sub>2</sub> -H <sub>2</sub> O-He	1130-1160	1120-2150	Estimated from Papale (1999) model
2001a,b	Brooker et al.	SNAC, MSNAC, Andesite, Phonolite, Nephelinite, Melilitite	CO <sub>2</sub>	1175-1600	2000-27000	Bulk analyzer + FTIR
2001	Tamic et al.	Rhyolite	CO <sub>2</sub> -H <sub>2</sub> O	800-1100	2000-5000	FTIR
2002	King & Holloway	Andesite	CO <sub>2</sub> -H <sub>2</sub> O	1300	10000	FTIR
2002	Morizet et al.	Haplophonolite	CO <sub>2</sub>	1300-1550	10000-25000	Bulk analyzer + FTIR
2004a	Behrens et al.	Dacite	CO <sub>2</sub> -H <sub>2</sub> O	1250	1000-5000	SIMS + FTIR
2004	Kadik et al.	Basalt	C-O-H	1520-1600	37000	MS
2005	Botcharnikov et al.	Basalt, Alkali Basalt	CO <sub>2</sub> -H <sub>2</sub> O	1150-1200	2000-5000	FTIR
2006	Botcharnikov et al.	Andesite	CO <sub>2</sub> -H <sub>2</sub> O	1100-1300	2000-5000	FTIR
2007	Botcharnikov et al.	Andesite	CO <sub>2</sub> -H <sub>2</sub> O-Cl	1200	2000	FTIR
2009	Behrens et al.	Phonotephrite	CO <sub>2</sub> -H <sub>2</sub> O	1200-1250	2000-5000	FTIR
2009	Mysen et al.	SN	C-O-H	1400	10000-25000	Bulk analyzer
2010	Morizet et al.	Haplobasalt	C-O-H	1250	2000-3000	FTIR
2010	Shishkina et al.	Basalt	CO <sub>2</sub> -H <sub>2</sub> O	1250	500-5000	FTIR
2011	Lesne et al.	Alkali Basalt	CO <sub>2</sub> -H <sub>2</sub> O	1200	269-2059	FTIR
2011	Vetere et al.	Trachyandesite	CO <sub>2</sub> -H <sub>2</sub> O	1250	500-4000	FTIR + Bulk analyzer
2011	Webster et al.	Rhyolite	CO <sub>2</sub> -H <sub>2</sub> O-S	897-1100	1990-2040	FTIR
2011	Stanley et al.	Basalt	CO <sub>2</sub>	1400-1625	10000-25000	FTIR
2011	Guillot & Sator	Rhyolite, Basalt, Kimberlite	CO <sub>2</sub>	1200-2000	1000-150000	Molecular dynamics
2012	Iacono-Marziano et al.	Alkali basalt, Lamproite, kamafugite	CO <sub>2</sub> -H <sub>2</sub> O	1200	485-4185	FTIR
<i>Model</i>						
1997	Dixon	Basalt, Basanite, Leucite, Melilitite	CO <sub>2</sub>	1200-1400	0-20000	
1997	Papale	Variou	CO <sub>2</sub>	900-1600	0-30000	
1999	Papale	Variou	CO <sub>2</sub> -H <sub>2</sub> O	700-1600	0-5000	
2002	Newman & Lowenstern	Rhyolite, Basalt	CO <sub>2</sub> -H <sub>2</sub> O	700-1500	0-5000	
2005	Liu et al.	Rhyolite	CO <sub>2</sub> -H <sub>2</sub> O	700-1200	0-5000	
2006	Papale et al.	Variou	CO <sub>2</sub> -H <sub>2</sub> O	700-1600	0-10000	

For studies before 1994, see Table A1 and Table A2 in Blank and Brooker (1994). SNA = SiO<sub>2</sub>-Na<sub>2</sub>O-Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> melts; SNAC = SiO<sub>2</sub>-Na<sub>2</sub>O-Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>-CaO melts; MSNAC = MgO-SiO<sub>2</sub>-Na<sub>2</sub>O-Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>-CaO melts.

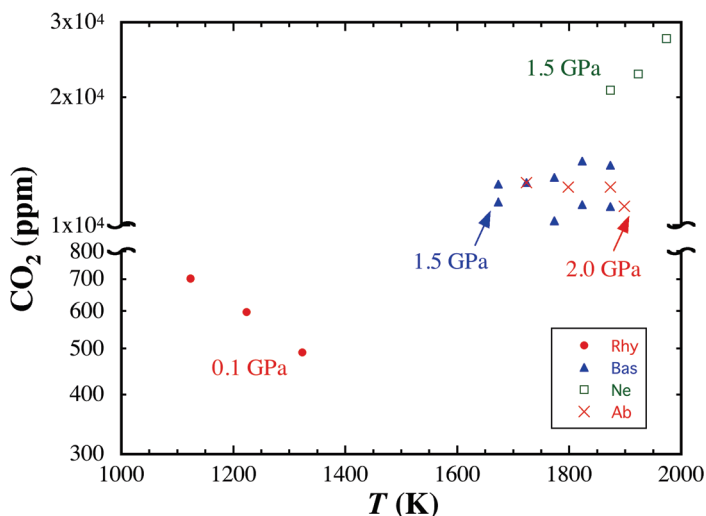


**Figure 1.** CO<sub>2</sub> solubility in anhydrous silicate melts (dissolved H<sub>2</sub>O < 5000 ppm) versus pressure (in a,b) or CO<sub>2</sub> fugacity (in c,d). Data sources: Rhy = rhyolite melt at 1323 K (Fogel and Rutherford 1990); Rhy2 = rhyolite melt at 1123 K (Blank 1993); Bas = basalt melt at 1473 K (Stolper and Holloway 1988; Matthey 1991; Pan et al. 1991; Pawley et al. 1992); Bas2 = basalt melt at 1473–1573 K (Jendrzewski et al. 1997); Ne = nepheline melt at 1773 K (Brooker et al. 1999); Ab = albite melt at 1723–1898 K (Stolper et al. 1987; Brooker et al. 1999). CO<sub>2</sub> fugacities are calculated from the equation of state for pure CO<sub>2</sub> fluid (Duan et al. 1992).

a proportional relationship at  $f_{\text{CO}_2} > 0.4$  GPa (Fig. 1c,d). This nonlinearity can be attributed to the pressure dependence of CO<sub>2</sub> activity in the melt, which appears to compensate the non-ideal behavior of a real CO<sub>2</sub> fluid and cause the apparent proportionality between solubility and pressure.

**Temperature effect.** The influence of temperature on CO<sub>2</sub> solubility is less well constrained than the pressure influence. Blank and Brooker (1994) showed that after excluding the controversial data obtained using  $\beta$ -track autoradiography, CO<sub>2</sub> solubility decreases with increasing temperature, e.g., for rhyolite melt and albite melt (Fig. 2). Nevertheless, CO<sub>2</sub> solubility appears to be insensitive to temperature in basalt melt, and it even increases with increasing temperature in nepheline melt (Fig. 2). Furthermore, the direction of temperature effect may be reversed upon pressure change (Botcharnikov et al. 2005).

**Composition effect.** Compared to pressure and temperature effects, the dependence of CO<sub>2</sub> solubility on melt composition is more complex and more difficult to constrain. At  $\sim 1500$  K and 0.2 GPa, CO<sub>2</sub> solubility increases weakly from rhyolite melt to dacite melt to andesite melt, but basalt melt and rhyolite melt have the lowest solubility ( $\sim 1000$  ppm) in the calc-alkaline series (Fig. 3a). On the other hand, CO<sub>2</sub> solubility increases nearly three-fold from basalt melt to alkali basalt melt to phonotephrite melt, all three of which have similar silica content. Therefore, CO<sub>2</sub> solubility appears to increase with increasing melt alkalinity, which is evidently demonstrated by a good correlation between solubility and total alkali content



**Figure 2.** Temperature dependence of CO<sub>2</sub> solubility (in logarithmic scale) in anhydrous silicate melts (dissolved H<sub>2</sub>O < 5000 ppm). Data sources: Rhy = rhyolite melt at 0.1 GPa (Fogel and Rutherford 1990; Blank 1993); Bas = basalt melt at 1.5 GPa (Pan et al. 1991); Ne = nepheline melt at 1.5 GPa (Brooker et al. 1999); Ab = albite melt at 2.0 GPa (Stolper et al. 1987; Brooker et al. 1999).

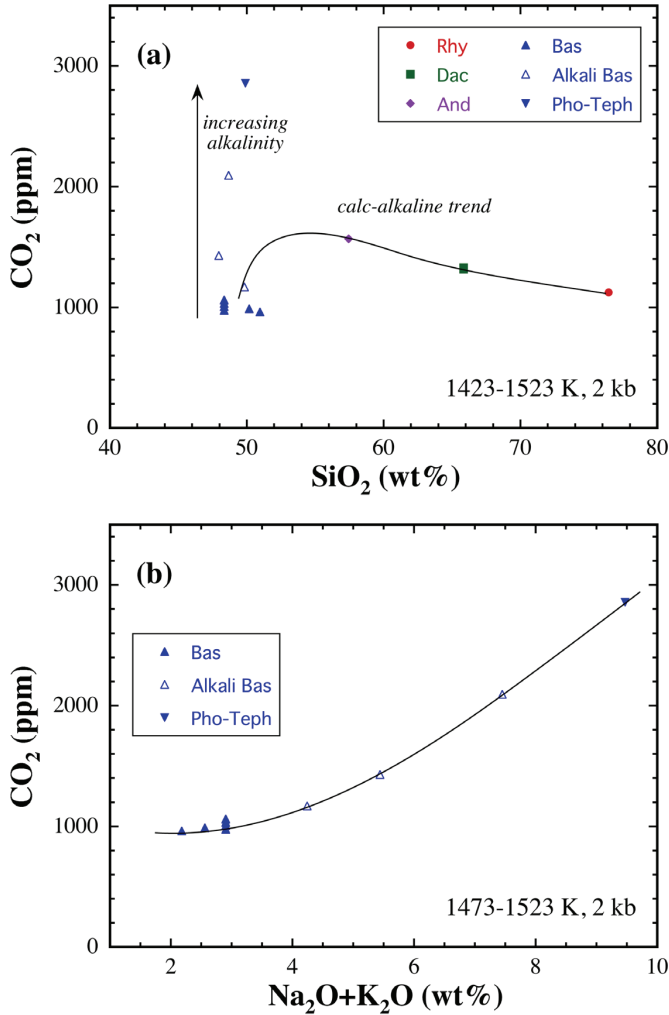
(Fig. 3b). The variation of CO<sub>2</sub> solubility with melt composition can be much more dramatic than illustrated in Figure 3. For example, Brooker et al. (2001a) showed that CO<sub>2</sub> solubility in a synthetic SNAC melt (35 wt% SiO<sub>2</sub>, 10.5 wt% Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>, 49 wt% CaO, 5.5 wt% Na<sub>2</sub>O) at 1500 K and 0.2 GPa can be as high as 8 wt%, which is about 80 times the solubility in basalt melt under equivalent conditions.

**Molecular dynamics calculations.** Most experimental solubility data fall within the pressure range of 0.01-3.0 GPa, with the only two exceptions being that Mysen et al. (1976) reported one datum (7.7 wt% CO<sub>2</sub>) at 1898 K and 4.0 GPa in a melilitite melt and Brooker et al. (1999) reported one datum (2.44 wt% CO<sub>2</sub>) at 1723 K and 3.5 GPa in albite melt. In principle solubility measurements could be extended to higher pressures by switching from a piston-cylinder apparatus to a multianvil press, but there are numerous practical challenges. Complementarily, the solubility behavior at pressures > 3.0 GPa can now be investigated by molecular dynamics simulations.

Guillot and Sator (2011) performed the first molecular dynamics study on CO<sub>2</sub> solubility in silicate melts. A supercritical CO<sub>2</sub> fluid was numerically equilibrated with three natural melts at 1473-2273 K and 0.1-15 GPa. They found that CO<sub>2</sub> solubility increases more rapidly with the rise of pressure than predicted by the proportionality relationship, and that solubility decreases with increasing temperature (Fig. 4). The compositional dependence is weak among rhyolite melt, basalt melt and kimberlite melt at pressures below 8 GPa. They showed that their simulation results at low pressure are broadly consistent with experimental data.

**Solubility model.** Efforts were initially made (e.g., Stolper et al. 1987; Fogel and Rutherford 1990) to construct CO<sub>2</sub> solubility models for specific melt compositions, i.e., only the pressure (or fugacity) and temperature dependences were incorporated in the models. If CO<sub>2</sub> is treated as a simple component (i.e., CO<sub>2</sub> speciation in the melt phase is not accounted for), we consider the heterogeneous reaction



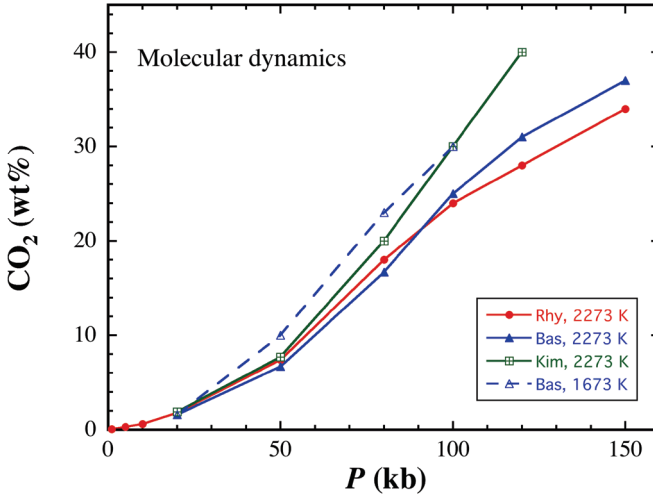


**Figure 3.** CO<sub>2</sub> solubility at 1423-1523 K and 0.2 GPa versus melt composition in anhydrous melts (the mole fraction of H<sub>2</sub>O in the coexisting fluid phase is less than 0.1). Data sources: Rhy = rhyolite melt (Fogel and Rutherford 1990); Dac = dacite melt (Behrens et al. 2004a); And = andesite melt (Botcharnikov et al. 2006); Bas = basalt melt (Jendrzewski et al. 1997; Botcharnikov et al. 2005; Shishkina et al. 2010); Alkali Bas = alkali basalt melt (Lesne et al. 2011); Pho-Teph = phonotephrite melt (Behrens et al. 2009). The curves are drawn to guide the eye.

The equilibrium constant  $K$  of the above reaction can be defined as

$$K = \frac{X_{\text{CO}_2}}{f_{\text{CO}_2}} \quad (3)$$

where  $f_{\text{CO}_2}$  is the CO<sub>2</sub> fugacity in the fluid phase and  $X_{\text{CO}_2}$  is the mole fraction of CO<sub>2</sub> in the melt phase. Note that unlike the unambiguous definition of CO<sub>2</sub> content of the melt in ppm or wt%, there are multiple ways defining the mole fraction of CO<sub>2</sub>. If we limit our scope for treating a specific melt, the following definition is recommended,



**Figure 4.** CO<sub>2</sub> solubility in anhydrous melts at 1673–2273 K based on molecular dynamics simulations. Rhy = rhyolite melt; Bas = basalt melt; Kim = kimberlite. Modified after Guillot and Sator (2011).

$$X_{\text{CO}_2} = \frac{\left(\frac{C}{44.01}\right)}{\left(\frac{C}{44.01} + \frac{(100-C)}{M}\right)} \quad (4)$$

where  $C$  is the CO<sub>2</sub> content of the melt in wt%, and 44.01 and  $M$  are the molecular weight of CO<sub>2</sub> and the formula weight of the volatile-excluded melt on a single oxygen basis (e.g.,  $M = 32.78$  g/mol for albite melt). Basically  $X_{\text{CO}_2}$  is proportional to  $C$  under realistic situations.

The equilibrium constant  $K$  varies with both pressure and temperature,

$$\left(\frac{\partial \ln K}{\partial P}\right)_{T,X} = -\frac{V}{RT} \quad (5a)$$

$$\left(\frac{\partial \ln K}{\partial T}\right)_{P,X} = \frac{\Delta H}{RT^2} \quad (5b)$$

where  $V$  is the partial molar volume of CO<sub>2</sub> in the melt,  $R$  is the gas constant, and  $\Delta H$  is the molar dissolution enthalpy of CO<sub>2</sub> ( $\Delta H$  is negative as the dissolution process is exothermic). If one sets the value of the equilibrium constant to be  $K_0$  for a reference state ( $P_0, T_0$ ), by combining Equation (3) and Equations (5a,b) we obtain

$$X_{\text{CO}_2} = f_{\text{CO}_2} K_0 \exp\left(\int_{P_0}^P -\frac{V}{RT} dP + \int_{T_0}^T \frac{\Delta H}{RT^2} dT\right) \quad (6)$$

With a further assumption that the pressure and temperature dependences of  $V$  and  $\Delta H$  can be neglected, Equation (6) is simplified to the following form:

$$X_{\text{CO}_2} = f_{\text{CO}_2} K_0 \exp\left[\frac{V(P_0 - P)}{RT} + \frac{\Delta H}{R} \left(\frac{1}{T_0} - \frac{1}{T}\right)\right] \quad (7)$$



The above model correctly predicts a progressively gentler slope towards high  $P$  in solubility vs. fugacity plots (compare Fig. 1c,d) as well as a negative temperature dependence of  $\text{CO}_2$  solubility. After designating a reference state (such as 1500 K and 1 atm) and selecting a valid equation of state of  $\text{CO}_2$  fluid to calculate  $f_{\text{CO}_2}$ , one can fit experimental data  $X(P, T)$  to Equation (7) and extract the three free parameters of  $K_0$ ,  $V$  and  $\Delta H$  (e.g., Fogel and Rutherford 1990).

Based on literature solubility data for melt compositions of basalt, basanite, leucitite and melilitite, Dixon (1997) presented a simple solubility model in which  $\text{CO}_2$  solubility at 1473 K and 0.1 GPa is linearly correlated with the mole fractions of various cations. A more ambitious attempt was carried out by Papale (1997)—he compiled a large data set (263 data points) for various melt compositions and proposed a general  $\text{CO}_2$  solubility model. The melt phase was regarded as a mixture of 11 oxide components  $\text{SiO}_2$ - $\text{TiO}_2$ - $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$ - $\text{Fe}_2\text{O}_3$ - $\text{FeO}$ - $\text{MnO}$ - $\text{MgO}$ - $\text{CaO}$ - $\text{Na}_2\text{O}$ - $\text{K}_2\text{O}$ - $\text{CO}_2$  (hence the definition of  $\text{CO}_2$  mole fraction was different from that in Eqn. 4). Papale (1997) presented a strict thermodynamic model based on the equivalence of  $\text{CO}_2$  fugacity in the coexisting melt and fluid phases. However, he assumed that the partial molar volume of  $\text{CO}_2$  in the melt coincides with that of pure  $\text{CO}_2$  fluid, which was problematic and was discarded in their later models (Papale 1999; Papale et al. 2006). Compared to Equation (6), instead of extracting  $V$  and  $\Delta H$  from fitting experimental data, the treatment in Papale (1997) is equivalent to assigning the volume of pure  $\text{CO}_2$  fluid for  $V$  and assigning the enthalpy difference  $H(P, T) - H(P_0, T)$  of pure  $\text{CO}_2$  fluid for  $\Delta H$  (at least mathematically). Also,  $K_0$  in Equation (6) was replaced by a term related to the activity coefficient of  $\text{CO}_2$  ( $\gamma$ ) in the melt, which was again related to the excess Gibbs free energy of the melt ( $G^E$ ).  $G^E$  was attributed to the interaction between oxide components according to the regular solution theory (here the compositional dependence weighs in). The interaction energy terms involving  $\text{CO}_2$  were assumed to be pressure-dependent and were constrained by the experimental data.

The model of Papale (1997) reproduced 198 out of 263 solubility data to within 30%. But this model relied heavily on those early data involving  $\beta$ -track measurements. The large number of fitting parameters (22 in total not counting the interaction parameters between non-volatile components and not counting the designated reference pressure) compared to the limited number of melt compositions is also a cause for concern. Furthermore, the invariably positive temperature dependence (due to the replacement of dissolution enthalpy with  $H(P, T) - H(P_0, T)$  of pure  $\text{CO}_2$  fluid) is inconsistent with experimental observation. Special care should be taken when applying the Papale (1997) solubility model to pressures  $> 0.5$  GPa and melts that are not covered by the data set used for modeling.

### **$\text{CO}_2$ solubility in hydrous melts**

$\text{H}_2\text{O}$  and  $\text{CO}_2$  are considered to be the two most important volatile components in natural silicate melts. Numerous experiments have been performed to equilibrate a melt with a binary  $\text{CO}_2$ - $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  fluid (Table 1), in which  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  is loaded in the form of water or oxalic acid ( $\text{H}_2\text{C}_2\text{O}_4$  or  $\text{H}_2\text{C}_2\text{O}_4 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$ ) (e.g., Dixon et al. 1995; Tamic et al. 2001). Even in some experiments where  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  was not deliberately added to the system, careful examination of the quenched products indicated the presence of  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  in both the melt phase and the fluid phase (e.g., Lesne et al. 2011).

**Fluid composition analysis.** The obtained  $\text{CO}_2$  solubility in melt is meaningful only if the composition of the coexisting fluid can be characterized. One method is to separate the  $\text{CO}_2$  from the  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  of the fluid phase according to their different boiling point and then measure the amount of each component with gravimetry or manometry (e.g., Dixon et al. 1995; Jakobsson 1997; Shishkina et al. 2010). Another way of determining fluid composition is based on mass balance considerations together with the measurements of volatiles in the starting material and in the quenched melt (e.g., King and Holloway 2002).

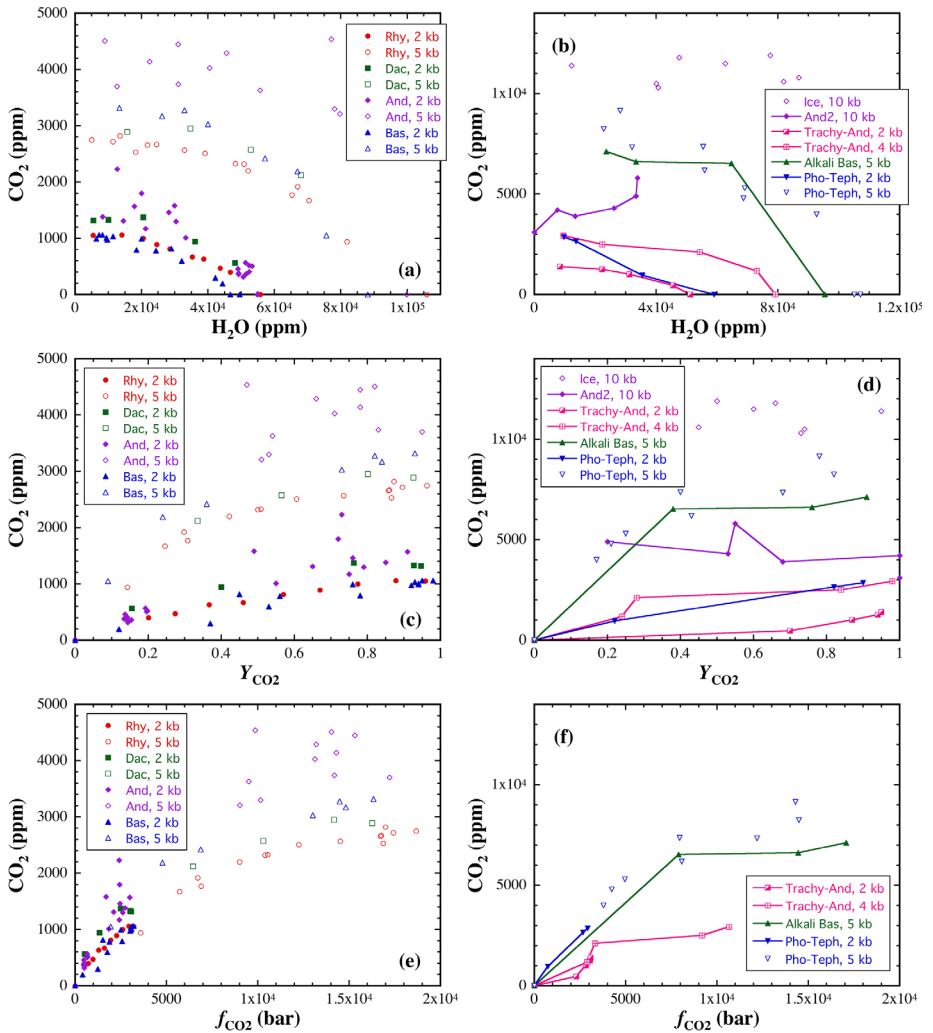
***CO<sub>2</sub>-H<sub>2</sub>O solubility data.*** Studies on CO<sub>2</sub>-H<sub>2</sub>O solubility often involve a series of experiments performed at the same pressure, temperature, and melt composition (on volatile-free basis) but with varying CO<sub>2</sub>/H<sub>2</sub>O ratios. The early experiments at pressures at GPa level (e.g., Mysen 1976) observed an initial increase in CO<sub>2</sub> solubility with the addition of H<sub>2</sub>O and explained this with the depolymerization effect on the melt by H<sub>2</sub>O. However, the measurements were made by  $\beta$ -track autoradiography, and the composition of the quenched fluid was unknown. By contrast, Blank (1993) and Dixon et al. (1995) showed for rhyolite melt and basalt melt at < 0.1 GPa that H<sub>2</sub>O only causes a dilution effect lowering CO<sub>2</sub> fugacity and hence reducing CO<sub>2</sub> solubility in the melt. At a given temperature and pressure, CO<sub>2</sub> solubility should be proportional to  $f_{\text{CO}_2}$  (Henrian behavior; Eqn. 3 with  $K$  being a constant) and should also be proportional to CO<sub>2</sub> fraction in the fluid phase (here denoted as  $Y_{\text{CO}_2}$ ) because the CO<sub>2</sub> fugacity coefficient does not vary significantly with CO<sub>2</sub>/H<sub>2</sub>O at temperatures far above 1000 °C and pressures not higher than a few GPa.

Experimental results for a variety of silicate melts obtained at 0.2-1.0 GPa are summarized in Figure 5. The behavior of CO<sub>2</sub> solubility at these intermediate pressures appears to be in the middle of the behavior at higher pressures (Mysen 1976) and that at lower pressures (Blank 1993; Dixon et al. 1995). Only one study on andesite melt at 1.0 GPa (King and Holloway 2002) observed a positive correlation between the dissolved CO<sub>2</sub> and the dissolved H<sub>2</sub>O (Fig. 5b), in agreement with Mysen (1976). All the other studies generally showed a negative correlation between CO<sub>2</sub> and H<sub>2</sub>O within each individual data set, but CO<sub>2</sub> solubility flattens out when the concentration of dissolved H<sub>2</sub>O becomes sufficiently low (Fig. 5a,b). At pressures of 0.5 GPa or higher, CO<sub>2</sub> solubility is nearly constant over a broad H<sub>2</sub>O concentration range. Plots of CO<sub>2</sub> solubility versus CO<sub>2</sub> fraction in the fluid phase or CO<sub>2</sub> fugacity (Fig. 5c-f) demonstrate a nonlinear correlation (the deviation from linearity enlarges as pressure increases), which suggests an evident non-Henrian behavior. In addition, the data of rhyolite, dacite, andesite, and basalt suggest that the compositional effect becomes more pronounced at higher pressure (Fig. 5a,c,e). At 1.0 GPa, CO<sub>2</sub> solubility in icelandite (ferroandesite) melt is roughly three times larger than that in andesite melt (Fig. 5b-d).

There have also been a few studies with an extra volatile component such as He, Cl, or S in addition to CO<sub>2</sub> and H<sub>2</sub>O (Paonita et al. 2000; Botcharnikov et al. 2007; Webster et al. 2011), but these studies typically emphasize the effect of CO<sub>2</sub> on the solubility of the extra volatile component rather than CO<sub>2</sub> solubility itself.

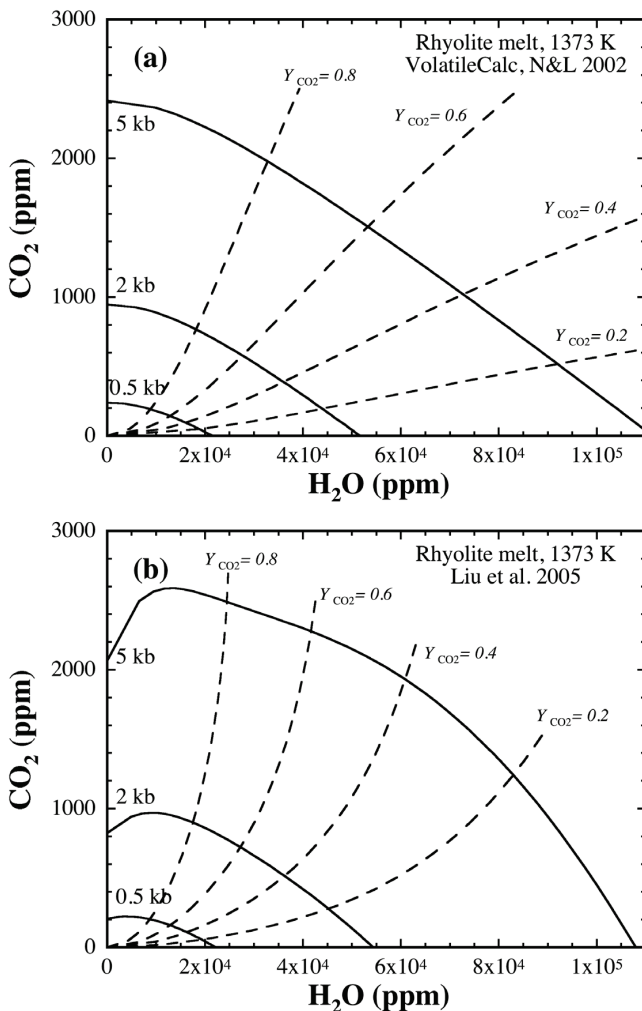
***CO<sub>2</sub>-H<sub>2</sub>O solubility models.*** Based on several experimental studies and the assumption of Henrian behavior for CO<sub>2</sub>-H<sub>2</sub>O dissolution, Newman and Lowenstern (2002) developed a program VolatileCalc that can be used in Excel to calculate the solubility of CO<sub>2</sub>-H<sub>2</sub>O in rhyolite melt and basalt melt at 700-1500 °C and less than 0.5 GPa. However, the CO<sub>2</sub>-H<sub>2</sub>O solubility data in Tamic et al. (2001) showed marked deviation from the predictions by VolatileCalc. Liu et al. (2005) provided an easy-to-use empirical expression of CO<sub>2</sub> solubility in rhyolite melt as a function of the partial pressure of H<sub>2</sub>O and that of CO<sub>2</sub>, applicable to 700-1200 °C and 0.5 GPa. Figure 6 presents the calculation results for rhyolite melt at 1373 K according to the VolatileCalc program and the model of Liu et al. (2005). The feature of CO<sub>2</sub> solubility first increasing with H<sub>2</sub>O concentration in Figure 6b may be an artifact due to some inconsistency between the CO<sub>2</sub> solubility data of Fogel and Rutherford (1990) and the CO<sub>2</sub>-H<sub>2</sub>O solubility data of Tamic et al. (2001), based on which the model of Liu et al. (2005) was constructed.

Papale (1999) extended his previous model on pure CO<sub>2</sub> or pure H<sub>2</sub>O solubility (Papale 1997) to the solubility of two-component CO<sub>2</sub>-H<sub>2</sub>O fluids in 12-component (10 oxides + 2 volatiles) silicate melts. Papale et al. (2006) updated the model of Papale (1999) by adding a large amount of new CO<sub>2</sub>-H<sub>2</sub>O solubility data and discarding the pre-1980 CO<sub>2</sub> solubility data (mostly from  $\beta$ -track autoradiography). The highlight of Papale (1999) and Papale et al. (2006) was again the treatment of compositional dependences. Unlike Papale (1997), the



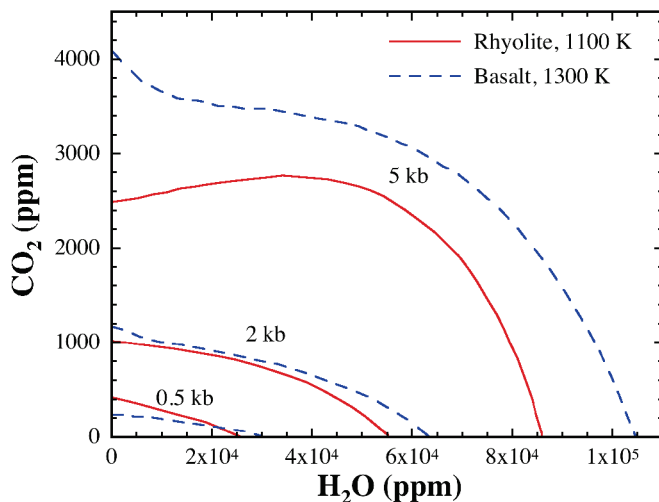
**Figure 5.** CO<sub>2</sub> solubility in hydrous silicate melts versus H<sub>2</sub>O content (a,b), CO<sub>2</sub> fraction in the coexisting fluid (c,d), and CO<sub>2</sub> fugacity (e,f). Data sources: Rhy = rhyolite melt at 1373 K (Tamic et al. 2001); Dac = dacite melt at 1523 K (Behrens et al. 2004a); And = andesite melt at 1373-1573 K (Botcharnikov et al. 2006, 2007); Bas = basalt melt at 1473-1523 K (Botcharnikov et al. 2005; Shishkina et al. 2010); Ice = icelandite melt at 1673 K (Jakobsson 1997); And2 = andesite melt at 1573 K (King and Holloway 2002); Trachy-And = trachyandesite (shoshonite) melt at 1523 K (Vetere et al. 2011); Alkali Bas = alkali basalt melt at 1423 K (Botcharnikov et al. 2005); Pho-Teph = phonotephrite melt at 1473-1523 K (Behrens et al. 2009). CO<sub>2</sub> fugacities are derived from the equation of state for CO<sub>2</sub>-H<sub>2</sub>O fluids (Duan and Zhang 2006).

partial molar volume of CO<sub>2</sub> in the melt was assumed to be a 10-parameter (Papale 1999) and 3-parameter (Papale et al. 2006) function of pressure and temperature. Fitting of the experimental data indicated that the interaction between CO<sub>2</sub> and H<sub>2</sub>O in the melt contributes negligibly to the excess Gibbs free energy of the melt. Papale et al. (2006) showed that their model reproduces most of the 173 CO<sub>2</sub> solubility data and 84 CO<sub>2</sub>-H<sub>2</sub>O solubility data (in terms of saturation pressure) within 25% relative.



**Figure 6.** CO<sub>2</sub>-H<sub>2</sub>O solubility in rhyolite melt at 1373 K based on (a) the VolatileCalc program of Newman and Lowenstern (2002); and (b) the empirical model of Liu et al. (2005). The solid curves represent isobaric saturation, and the dashed curves represent fixed CO<sub>2</sub> mole fractions in the coexisting fluid phase.

The thermodynamic model of Papale et al. (2006) has indicated non-Henrian behavior of CO<sub>2</sub>-H<sub>2</sub>O solubility in rhyolite melt and basalt melt at high pressure (Fig. 7), in contrast with the Henrian behavior predicted by VolatileCalc (Fig. 6a). Based on Papale et al. (2006), for rhyolite melt at 0.5 GPa, CO<sub>2</sub> solubility first increases with dissolved H<sub>2</sub>O in the melt; but for basalt melt at 0.5 GPa, CO<sub>2</sub> solubility decreases rapidly with the initial addition of H<sub>2</sub>O. Later experimental data have demonstrated limited success of the Papale et al. (2006) model. Shishkina et al. (2010) showed that this model always underestimates volatile saturation pressure (in other words, the model overestimates CO<sub>2</sub>-H<sub>2</sub>O solubility) for basalt melt, opposite to the estimation by the VolatileCalc program (Fig. 8a). Furthermore, the non-ideality of CO<sub>2</sub>-H<sub>2</sub>O solubility in basalt melt is smaller than predicted by the Papale et al. (2006) model (Shishkina et al. 2010). There is also large disparity between the data for alkali basalt melt



**Figure 7.** CO<sub>2</sub>-H<sub>2</sub>O solubility in rhyolite melt at 1100 K (solid curves) and basalt melt at 1300 K (dashed curves) based on the thermodynamic model of Papale et al. (2006).

(Lesne et al. 2011) and the model. Vetere et al. (2011) showed that the deviation between their data for trachyandesite melt at 0.05 GPa and 0.2 GPa and the model of Papale et al. (2006) is significant, but the data at 0.4 GPa agree with the model (Fig. 8b). The Papale et al. (2006) model may therefore need recalibration by new experimental data.

### Solubility of C-O-H fluids under reduced conditions

The Archean Earth or certain deep regions in Earth's mantle today may be reduced enough for CO or CH<sub>4</sub> to be significant components in C-O-H fluids (Ballhaus 1995; Kump and Barley 2007; Frost and McCammon 2008). These species are expected to have different dissolution behavior in silicate melts.

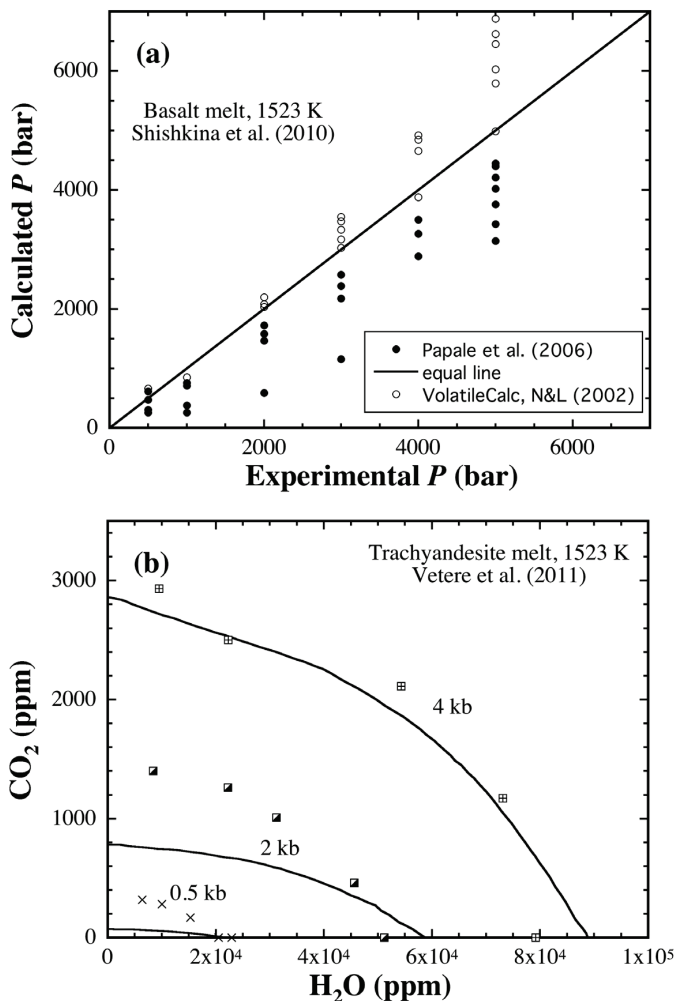
**CO-CO<sub>2</sub> solubility.** At constant temperature and pressure, the CO/CO<sub>2</sub> ratio of a C-O fluid increases with decreasing oxygen fugacity until graphite saturation is reached (Fig. 9a). Under graphite saturation,



where “s” and “f” denote the solid graphite phase and the fluid phase, respectively. The proportions of the two species calculated from the equilibrium constant of the above reaction vary significantly with temperature and pressure (Fig. 9b), which can be checked with post-experiment analysis on the fluid phase or the fluid inclusions in quenched glass (Pawley et al. 1992).

Eggler et al. (1979) showed for several melts that CO-CO<sub>2</sub> solubility is comparable (lower at subliquidus temperatures but higher at superliquidus temperatures) with the solubility of pure CO<sub>2</sub>, and argued that CO is also soluble in silicate melts. However, their data were acquired by the potentially unreliable  $\beta$ -track autoradiography. On the contrary to Eggler et al. (1979), Pawley et al. (1992) demonstrated that at < 0.15 GPa the dissolved carbon (in the form of CO<sub>3</sub><sup>2-</sup>) in a basalt melt is proportional to CO<sub>2</sub> fugacity, and hence concluded that the role of CO is limited to diluting CO<sub>2</sub> (i.e., the solubility of CO in the melt is much smaller than that of CO<sub>2</sub>).

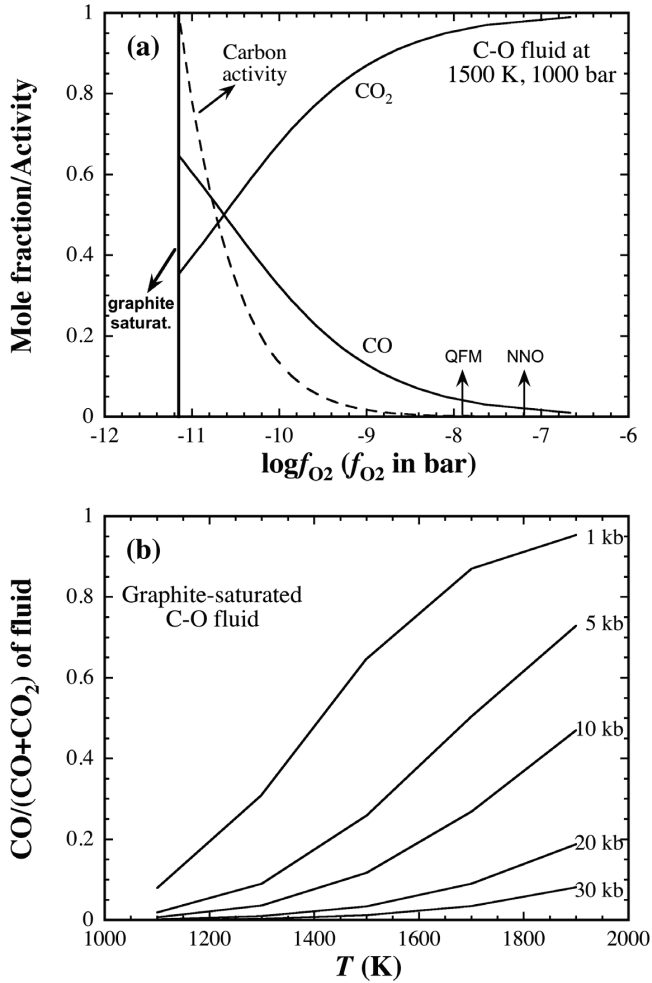
**Solubility of reduced C-O-H fluids.** Holloway and Jakobsson (1986) and Jakobsson and Holloway (1986) investigated the solubility of C-O-H fluids in several silicate melts at 1.0-2.5



**Figure 8.** (a)  $\text{CO}_2$ - $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  saturation pressure calculated from the Papale et al. (2006) model (solid circles) and the VolatileCalc program (open circles) of Newman and Lowenstern (2002) versus experimental pressure for basalt melt at 1523 K. After Shishkina et al. (2010). (b) Experimental  $\text{CO}_2$ - $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  solubility in trachyandesite melt at 1523 K compared to the Papale et al. (2006) model (solid curves). After Vetere et al. (2011).

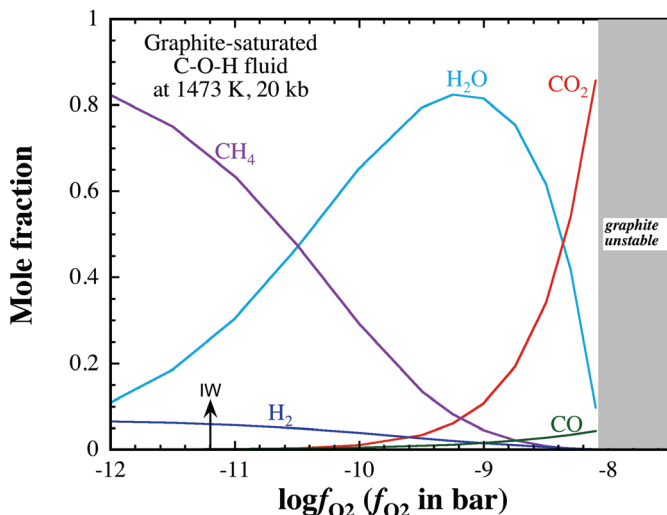
GPa under graphite saturation at the iron-wüstite (IW) buffer. For a given temperature and pressure, these two constraints (carbon activity is one and oxygen fugacity is at IW buffer) together with the mass balance constraint and the equilibrium constants of the following reactions,





**Figure 9.** (a) The change of CO<sub>2</sub> and CO mole fractions (solid curves) and carbon activity (dashed curve) with oxygen fugacity for C-O fluid at 1500 K and 0.1 GPa. Oxygen buffers of NNO and QFM are indicated in short vertical arrows. CO<sub>2</sub> fraction approaches minimum at graphite saturation (carbon activity equals 1). (b) CO fraction of graphite-saturated fluid at various temperatures and pressures. Calculations are based on the standard thermodynamic data in the JANAF table (Chase 1998) and the fugacity coefficients using the GFluid program (Zhang and Duan 2010).

fix the composition of the fluid (the fractions of CH<sub>4</sub>, CO, CO<sub>2</sub>, H<sub>2</sub>, O<sub>2</sub>, and H<sub>2</sub>O). Under the experimental conditions of Holloway and Jakobsson (1986) and Jakobsson and Holloway (1986), the dominating volatile species are CH<sub>4</sub> and H<sub>2</sub>O, with minor amounts of H<sub>2</sub> and CO (Fig. 10). Jakobsson and Holloway (1986) suggested that CO is more soluble than CO<sub>2</sub> and CH<sub>4</sub> in silicate melts. However, their conclusion was purely based on quadrupole mass spectrometry. There was no FTIR or Raman evidence for the presence of molecular CO in the melt. Furthermore, high CO solubility appears to be inconsistent with low-pressure studies (Pawley et al. 1992; Morizet et al. 2010).



**Figure 10.** Mole fractions of various species in C-O-H fluid at 1473 K, 2.0 GPa and graphite saturation, calculated with the GFluid program (Zhang and Duan 2010). Oxygen buffer of iron-wüstite (IW) is indicated in short vertical arrow.

Kadik et al. (2004) also investigated the dissolution of C-O-H species in ferrobalt melt at 3.7 GPa and 1800-1873 K under graphite saturation and IW buffer conditions. Their IW buffer fixed hydrogen fugacity instead of oxygen fugacity because it was placed outside the capsule, hence  $\Delta IW$  with respect to oxygen was about  $-2.4$ . The system was so reduced that an iron metallic phase formed at equilibrium. Strictly speaking, their experiments were not really a solubility study under our definition as a fluid phase was absent. They concluded that the dissolved carbon (1600 ppm as C) should mostly be either atomic or amorphous based on the lack of observable bands in FTIR and Raman spectroscopy. Mysen et al. (2009) showed that  $CH_4$  is quite soluble (2000-5000 ppm as  $CH_4$ ) in  $Na_2O$ - $SiO_2$  melts at 10-2.5 GPa and 1673 K as molecular  $CH_4$  or possibly species containing  $C\equiv C-H$  bonds. However, the composition of the coexisting fluid in their experiments was not examined, and may not be a binary oxygen-free  $CH_4+H_2$  mixture as assumed. Under extremely reduced conditions ( $\Delta IW$  ranging from  $-3.7$  to  $-5.6$  with respect to oxygen fugacity), Kadik et al. (2006, 2010, 2011) reported that the carbon dissolved in graphite-saturated iron-bearing melts at 1.5-4.0 GPa and 1673-1873 K was present as  $CH_4$  species, based on Raman spectroscopy. Note that similar to Kadik et al. (2004), there was no free C-O-H fluid phase in coexistence with the melt.

Morizet et al. (2010) used  $Ar-H_2$  gas as the pressure medium of internally-heated pressure vessels to produce intermediate reduced conditions ( $\Delta QFM$  within  $\pm 2.6$ ), under which  $CO_2$ ,  $H_2O$ , and  $CO$  are the major species in the fluid phase. Based on a series of experiments at 1523 K and 0.2-0.3 GPa, they concluded that  $CH_4$  and  $CO$  are essentially insoluble in haplobasalt melt.

## CARBON SPECIATION IN SILICATE MELTS

### Spectroscopic information on speciation

**Infrared and Raman spectroscopy.** Infrared and Raman spectroscopy are two types of vibrational spectroscopy, i.e., they probe the interaction of electromagnetic radiation with vibrations that occur in a molecule or in a condensed phase. The information obtained from



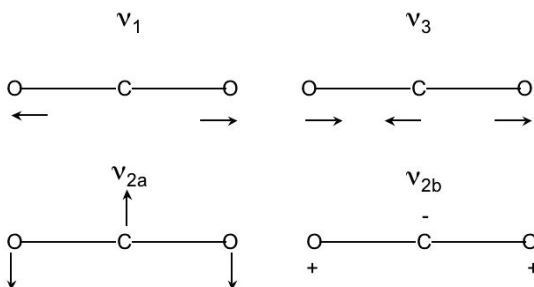
both types of spectroscopy can be complementary, as due to different selection rules, some vibrations may only be detected in the infrared spectrum, while others are only Raman active. The normal modes (independent vibrations) of molecular  $\text{CO}_2$  are shown in Figure 11 and Table 2, and those of the carbonate ion ( $\text{CO}_3^{2-}$ ) are shown in Figure 12 and Table 3. For the linear  $\text{CO}_2$  molecule containing 3 atoms, there are  $3 \times 3 - 5 = 4$  independent vibrations. Both the symmetric bending vibration at  $667 \text{ cm}^{-1}$  and the antisymmetric stretching vibration at  $2349 \text{ cm}^{-1}$  are infrared active; however, in silicate glasses, there is strong absorption from the glass matrix in the frequency range of the bending vibration, so that normally it cannot be observed. The antisymmetric stretching vibration is prominent in the spectra of glasses containing molecular  $\text{CO}_2$  (Fig. 13), as the corresponding extinction coefficients are high and the absorption from the glass matrix in this frequency region is negligible. The symmetric stretching vibration near  $1337 \text{ cm}^{-1}$  may be observed in Raman spectra of  $\text{CO}_2$ -bearing glasses. Fortuitously, this frequency is nearly twice the frequency of the symmetric bending vibration at  $667 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ . In this situation, Fermi resonance may occur, where the first overtone of the bending vibration gains intensity by interaction with the symmetric stretching vibration. Therefore, a pair of bands ("Fermi diade") may be observed in the Raman spectrum of  $\text{CO}_2$  gas, while usually only one band near  $1382 \text{ cm}^{-1}$  is seen in the spectra of glasses containing molecular  $\text{CO}_2$  (Fig. 14). This can be useful to distinguish  $\text{CO}_2$  in gas bubbles from  $\text{CO}_2$  dissolved in the glass (e.g., Brooker et al. 1999).

For the carbonate group, there are  $3 \times 4 - 6 = 6$  independent vibrations. As with molecular  $\text{CO}_2$ , the bending vibrations are usually hidden by the absorbance of the glass matrix in the infrared spectrum. However, the  $\nu_3$  antisymmetric stretching vibration is very intense in the infrared spectrum and only slightly overlaps with background absorption from the glass matrix. As noted in Table 3, this vibration is twofold degenerate, i.e., there are two physically different vibrations (with atoms vibrating in different directions), which in the undistorted  $\text{CO}_3^{2-}$  group have the same frequency. This is obvious from Figure 12: Rotating the image showing the movement of atoms during the antisymmetric stretching vibration by  $120^\circ$  or  $240^\circ$  produces vibrations of the same type, but with individual atoms moving in different directions. A more thorough analysis shows that of these three vibrations, only two are independent, the third one can be produced as a combination of the other two vibrations. The degeneracy of these

**Table 2.** Internal vibrations of the  $\text{CO}_2$  molecule

Mode	Selection rule	Frequency ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ )
$\nu_1$ symmetric stretch	Raman	1337
$\nu_2$ symmetric bend	IR	667
$\nu_3$ asymmetric stretch	IR	2349

The  $\nu_2$  symmetric bending vibration is two-fold degenerate, i.e., there are two physically different vibrations, which in a free molecule have the same frequency for symmetry reasons.

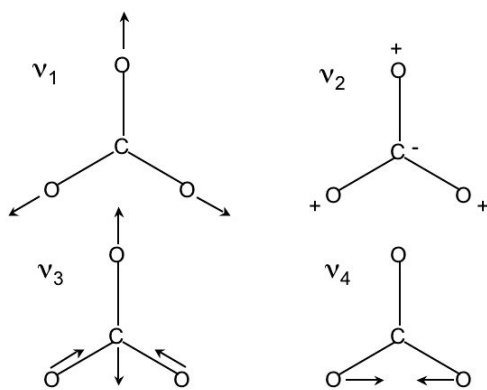


**Figure 11.** Normal modes of the  $\text{CO}_2$  molecule

**Table 3.** Internal vibrations of the carbonate group

Mode	Symmetry	Selection rule	Frequency (cm <sup>-1</sup> )
$\nu_1$ symmetric stretch	$A_1'$	Raman	1063
$\nu_2$ out-of-plane bend	$A_2'$	IR	879
$\nu_3$ asymmetric stretch	$E'$	IR + Raman	1415
$\nu_4$ in-plane bend	$E'$	IR + Raman	680

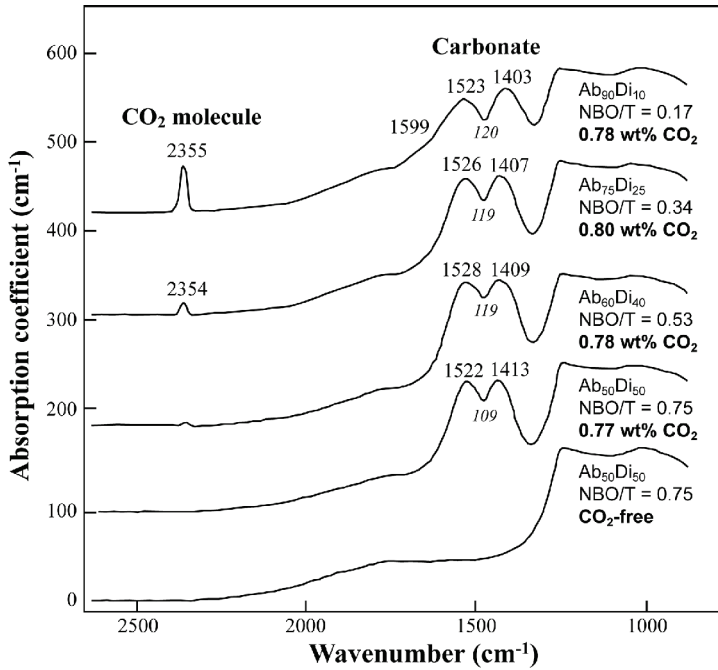
The  $\nu_3$  and  $\nu_4$  vibrations are both two-fold degenerate, i.e., there are two physically different vibrations each, which in an undistorted carbonate group have the same frequency for symmetry reasons. Symmetry types are for trigonal  $D_{3h}$  symmetry.



**Figure 12.** Normal modes of the carbonate group ( $\text{CO}_3^{2-}$ ), for ideal trigonal  $D_{3h}$  geometry.

vibrations, however, will disappear if the environment of the carbonate group is asymmetric, e.g., if one of the oxygen atoms is more strongly bonded than the others. In such a situation, the two vibrations will have different frequencies and the asymmetric stretching vibration in the infrared spectrum will split into two components. This effect is observed in carbonate-bearing silicate glasses (Fig. 13) and the type of splitting observed contains valuable information about the environment of the carbonate group. Note that whatever the distortion in the environment of the carbonate group is, only one band (in a symmetric environment) or two bands (in a distorted environment) may be produced by one type of carbonate group. If there are more bands, there must be more structurally different carbonate groups. In theory, two infrared bands could also be produced by two structurally different carbonate groups, each residing in a symmetric environment. In such a situation, however, the Raman spectrum should also show two symmetric stretching bands at different frequencies and separate carbonate peaks should also be observed in the NMR spectrum. The most prominent band in the Raman spectrum of carbonate is the symmetric stretching vibration at  $1063\text{ cm}^{-1}$ , which, however, often overlaps with the Si-O stretching vibrations of the glass matrix (Fig. 14).

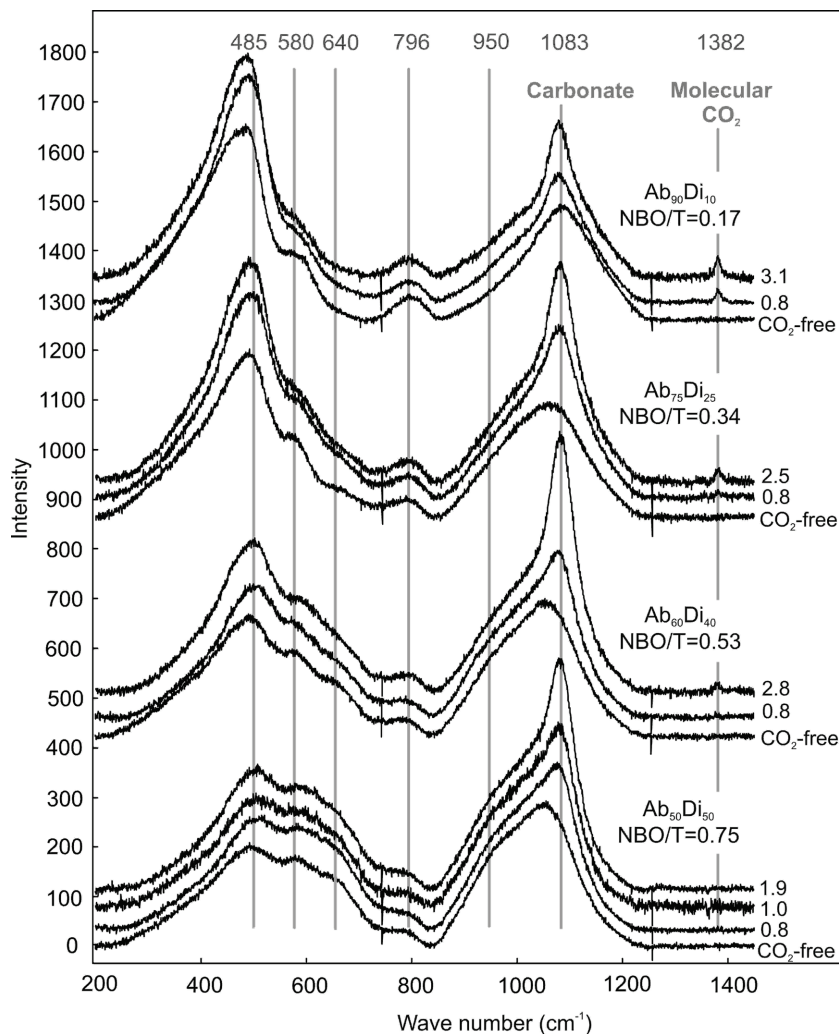
Infrared spectroscopy measures absorption of infrared radiation, while Raman spectroscopy measured light scattering, often in the visible range. In general, infrared spectra can be more easily quantified than Raman spectra, since absorbance can routinely be measured with an accuracy of 1% relative or better. For this reason and because the infrared bands of the antisymmetric stretching vibrations of  $\text{CO}_2$  and carbonate are well separated from the absorbance of the glass matrix, infrared spectroscopy has been used extensively to study the speciation of carbon in silicate glasses. Moreover, it has also been widely used as an analytical tool to derive  $\text{CO}_2$  contents from the measured absorbance for  $\text{CO}_2$  and carbonate using the Lambert Beer law  $A = \epsilon c d$ , where  $A$  is linear or integral absorbance,  $\epsilon$  is the molar extinction



**Figure 13.** Infrared spectra of some CO<sub>2</sub>-bearing glasses along the albite (NaAlSi<sub>3</sub>O<sub>8</sub>) - diopside (CaMgSi<sub>2</sub>O<sub>6</sub>) join. Bulk CO<sub>2</sub> content is about 0.8 wt%. While molecular CO<sub>2</sub> and carbonate coexist in the albite-rich compositions, the more diopside-rich compositions only contain carbonate. Note the splitting of the carbonate band into two components due to a low-symmetry environment. After Konschak (2008).

coefficient,  $c$  is concentration (in mol/l), and  $d$  is the sample thickness. Extinction coefficients of both molecular CO<sub>2</sub> and carbonate are matrix-dependent and need to be calibrated against some other analytical method that measures absolute carbon. Extinction coefficients for the antisymmetric stretching vibrations of molecular CO<sub>2</sub> and of carbonate are compiled in Table 4.

**NMR spectroscopy.** <sup>13</sup>C NMR (nuclear magnetic resonance) spectroscopy probes the chemical environment of a <sup>13</sup>C nucleus by measuring the energy required to change the orientation of this nucleus in a very strong external magnetic field (several Tesla). The local field seen by the nucleus will be shielded by the surrounding electron shell. Therefore, there is a chemical shift of the absorption frequency depending on the chemical environment of the nucleus; this shift is usually given as shift in ppm (i.e., 10<sup>-6</sup>) relative to a standard (TMS, tetramethylsilane). In a solid material, such as a glass, dipolar interactions between neighboring nuclei will tend to broaden NMR peaks to such an extent that no structural information can be obtained. This effect can be suppressed by rapid (kHz) rotation of the sample at the magic angle (54°44') relative to the magnetic field. This MAS (magic angle spinning) technique is therefore routinely used to acquire <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra of carbon-bearing glasses (Fig. 15). Compared to infrared spectroscopy, <sup>13</sup>C NMR has been less frequently used to study carbon in glasses, however, it can yield useful complementary information. One particular advantage of <sup>13</sup>C NMR is that it is intrinsically quantitative; the areas of the NMR peaks are directly proportional to species abundance, or in other words, the intensity ratio of two peaks directly gives the abundance ratio of the corresponding species. Moreover, all carbon species in a sample will be detected, even if they do not possess any infrared active bands or bands that are only weak or overlap with other bands in the infrared spectrum.



**Figure 14.** Raman spectra of some  $\text{CO}_2$ -bearing glasses along the albite ( $\text{NaAlSi}_3\text{O}_8$ ) - diopside ( $\text{CaMgSi}_2\text{O}_6$ ) join. For each glass composition, spectra with different bulk  $\text{CO}_2$  content (in wt%) are shown. After Konschak (2008).

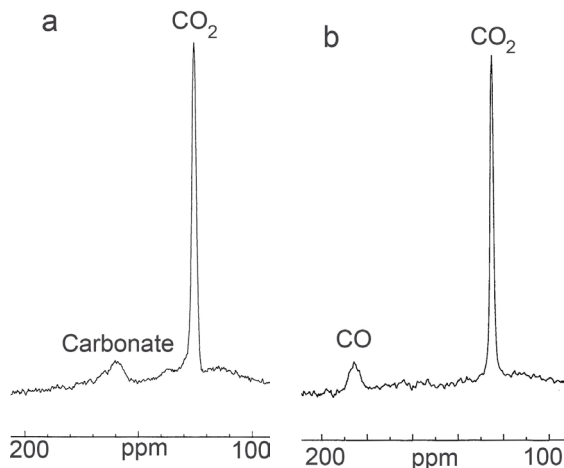
### Carbon speciation in silicate glasses

*Variation of carbonate and molecular  $\text{CO}_2$  as function of glass composition.* Wyllie and Tuttle (1959) noted that the differences in  $\text{CO}_2$  solubility between felsic and mafic or ultramafic melts are likely due to the formation of carbonate in the latter compositions. Indeed, infrared and Raman spectroscopic studies of glasses later showed (e.g., Brey 1976; Fine and Stolper 1986; Stolper et al. 1987) that all  $\text{CO}_2$  is dissolved as carbonate in basaltic glasses, while rhyolite, albite and other silica-rich glasses contain molecular  $\text{CO}_2$  coexisting with at most minor amounts of carbonate. In andesite and phonolite glasses, molecular  $\text{CO}_2$  and carbonate coexist (e.g., Brooker et al. 2001b). If melt compositions are expressed as NBO/T (i.e., non-bridging oxygen atoms per tetrahedron), increasing NBO/T or depolymerization of the melt

Table 4. Infrared extinction coefficients  $\epsilon$  of CO<sub>2</sub> and carbonate group in silicate glasses

Composition	Reference	integral $\epsilon$ of CO <sub>2</sub> (L mol <sup>-1</sup> cm <sup>-2</sup> )	linear $\epsilon$ of CO <sub>2</sub> (L mol <sup>-1</sup> cm <sup>-1</sup> )	integral $\epsilon$ of CO <sub>3</sub> <sup>2-</sup> (L mol <sup>-1</sup> cm <sup>-2</sup> )	linear $\epsilon$ of CO <sub>3</sub> <sup>2-</sup> (L mol <sup>-1</sup> cm <sup>-1</sup> )	carbonate band (cm <sup>-1</sup> ) for linear $\epsilon$
Albite – jadeite	Fine & Stolper (1985)	25 200 ± 1200	945 ± 45	24 100 ± 1900* 16 800 ± 1500 *	200 ± 15 235 ± 20	1610 1375
Albite	Nowak et al. (2003)	18 000 ± 1000		42 250 ± 2000		
Rhyolite	Behrens et al. (2004b)		1214 ± 78			
Dacite	Nowak et al. (2003)	16 000 ± 1000		40 100 ± 2000	170	1530
Dacite	Behrens et al. (2004a)		830			
Icelandite	Jakobsson (1997)			54450 27730* 27700*	180 190	1500 1420
Phonotephrite	Behrens et al. (2009)				308 ± 110	1430
Basanite	Dixon & Pan (1995)			60 000 ± 1700	283 ± 8	1525 and 1425
Ca-rich leucitite	Thibault & Holloway (1994)				340 ± 20	1515
Basalt**	Fine and Stolper (1986)			69500 ± 3000	375 ± 20	1515 and 1435
Basalt	Shishkina et al. (2011)				317 ± 23	1430
Ferrobasalt	Stanley et al. (2011)			81500 ± 1500		
Shoshonite	Vetere et al. (2011)				356 ± 18	1430

Integral extinction coefficients are calibrated using the peak area, while linear extinction coefficients refer to peak height. For carbonate, there are usually two bands in the range of 1350 - 1650 cm<sup>-1</sup>. The integral extinction coefficients refer to the integral under both bands, unless otherwise noted, while the linear extinction coefficients refer to the height of one band, which is specified in the last column of the table. All data for molecular CO<sub>2</sub> refer to the band near 2351 cm<sup>-1</sup>. \* these integral extinction coefficients refer to the individual carbonate bands specified in the last column. \*\*this calibration includes basalt, diopside and a calcium aluminosilicate glass



**Figure 15.**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectra of  $\text{CO}_2$ -bearing silicate glasses. (a)  $\text{CO}_2$  in hydrous albite glass. Note the asymmetry of the carbonate peak, suggesting the presence of more than one carbonate species. (b)  $\text{CO}_2$  in rhyolite glass containing some CO and a trace of carbonate. Spectra courtesy of Simon Kohn.

favors the formation of carbonate in the glasses at the expense of molecular  $\text{CO}_2$ . This effect is illustrated in the infrared spectra of some glasses along the albite ( $\text{NaAlSi}_3\text{O}_8$ ) - diopside ( $\text{CaMgSi}_2\text{O}_6$ ) join in Figure 13. The corresponding Raman spectra are shown in Figure 14. Note that in the infrared spectrum, the degeneracy of the antisymmetric stretching vibration of carbonate is lifted, producing two bands separated by 109-120  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . On the other hand, there is one single symmetric stretching vibration of carbonate at 1083  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  in the Raman spectrum (overlapping with the Si-O stretching vibrations), which confirms that these glasses contain one single type of carbonate group in some asymmetric environment. For the albite-rich compositions, both the Raman and infrared spectra show only one band for molecular  $\text{CO}_2$ , the antisymmetric stretching vibration in the infrared spectra at 2355  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  and the symmetric stretching vibration at 1382  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  in the Raman spectra. Data from  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectra (Fig. 15) are generally consistent with the speciation models derived from infrared spectra.

Given that the relative abundance of molecular  $\text{CO}_2$  and carbonate appear to depend on the availability on non-bridging oxygen atoms in the glass, one may write equilibrium of the type:



where “ $\text{O}^{2-}$ ” stands for a non-bridging oxygen atom (e.g., Eggler and Rosenhauer 1978). The equilibrium constant for this reaction would then predict that the carbonate/ $\text{CO}_2$  ratio should increase linearly with the activity of NBO in the melt or glass. However, for a given glass composition, the carbonate/ $\text{CO}_2$  ratio should be independent of the bulk  $\text{CO}_2$  concentration, which agrees with observation if glasses are produced under otherwise identical conditions. Note that the above equation also implies that a non-bridging oxygen atom belonging to some tetrahedrally coordinated ion such as  $\text{Si}^{4+}$  or  $\text{Al}^{3+}$  is being incorporated into the carbonate group, that is, the carbonate group may become attached to the silicate network of the glass or melt. This idea is adopted in many speciation models (e.g., Brooker et al. 2001b) and appears to be consistent with the result from molecular dynamics (Guillot and Sator 2011).

The degree of polymerization or the NBO/T ratio is, however, certainly not the only parameter that controls the carbonate/ $\text{CO}_2$  ratio in glasses. Brooker et al. (1999) studied glasses along the join  $\text{NaAlO}_2$ - $\text{SiO}_2$ , which should all be fully polymerized (NBO/T = 0).

However, while there is mostly molecular  $\text{CO}_2$  and very little carbonate in albite ( $\text{NaAlSi}_3\text{O}_8$ ) glass, carbonate is prominent and molecular  $\text{CO}_2$  nearly absent in nepheline ( $\text{NaAlSiO}_4$ ) glass. Moreover, replacing 2  $\text{Na}^+$  by 1  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  appears to strongly enhance carbonate at the expense of molecular  $\text{CO}_2$  (Brooker et al. 2001b).

**The nature of the carbonate groups.** The splitting of the  $\nu_3$  asymmetric stretching vibration of carbonate in glasses as seen in infrared spectra (Fig. 13) suggests that the carbonate group is in some asymmetric environment. For most natural glass compositions (basalt, andesite, phonolite), the two band components are separated by 80-100  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  (Brooker et al. 2001b), similar to the splitting observed in glasses of the albite-diopside join in Figure 13. However, a wide range of splittings  $\Delta\nu_3$  have been observed in different synthetic glass systems and sometimes several distinct carbonate species coexist (Brooker et al. 1999, 2001b). (1) Very large splittings (215-295  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) can be observed in fully polymerized sodium aluminosilicate melts, e.g., along the albite-nepheline join. (2) In alkali silicate glasses, two carbonate groups may coexist, one with  $\Delta\nu_3 \approx 300 \text{ cm}^{-1}$  and one with  $\Delta\nu_3 \approx 35 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ . (3) Adding small amounts of Mg and particularly of Ca to fully polymerized glasses causes an abrupt change in the environment of the carbonate group. For Mg, new bands with  $\Delta\nu_3 \approx 168 \text{ cm}^{-1}$  appear, while for Ca, bands with  $\Delta\nu_3 \approx 80 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ , similar to those observed in natural glasses, become predominant in the spectra.

The observation that the splitting of the  $\nu_3$  bands of the carbonate group in natural glass composition is very similar to that observed upon addition of Ca to various base compositions strongly suggest that in these glasses, the carbonate ion is somehow associated with the  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  ion. Moreover, the fact that the corresponding bands appear already when a small amount of  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  is added implies that the association between  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  and carbonate in the glass is very stable. Brooker et al. (2001b) suggested that the carbonate in Ca-bearing systems with a typical  $\Delta\nu_3 \approx 80 \text{ cm}^{-1}$  is related to a carbonate group close to a  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  ion and attached via a non-bridging oxygen atom to a silicate or aluminate tetrahedron. The carbonate groups with very large  $\Delta\nu_3$  in fully polymerized sodium aluminosilicate systems may form bridges between two tetrahedra, while some peralkaline glasses, where  $\Delta\nu_3$  is negligible, may contain carbonate groups not attached to any NBO and surrounded only by alkali ions.

The band assignments made above are plausible and in general agreement with predictions from molecular orbital calculations (Kubicki and Stolper 1995). However, the observed  $\Delta\nu_3$  strictly is only a measure of the distortion in the environment of the carbonate group and by itself does not imply chemical bonding to a specific ion. Similar splittings as observed in glasses can sometimes be seen in crystalline carbonates. In simple, calcite-structure carbonates, there is only one  $\nu_3$  band (at 1435  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  for calcite and at 1450  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  for magnesite; White 1974). Small splittings are seen in alkali carbonates, such as  $\text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3$  (1413 and 1425  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; White 1974), while much larger splittings occur in double carbonates such as shortite  $\text{Na}_2\text{Ca}_2(\text{CO}_3)_3$ . Shortite contains two crystallographically distinct carbonate groups (Dickens et al. 1971), yielding a total of four infrared bands at 1522, 1481, 1453, and 1410  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  (White 1974). Both carbonate groups in the shortite structure are bonded to two Ca ions and one Na ion in the plane of the carbonate group and the resulting asymmetry in the environment is believed to cause the splitting of  $\nu_3$  (Taylor 1990). A relatively large splitting of the carbonate band ( $\Delta\nu_3 \approx 100 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ ) has also been observed for scapolite, although the carbonate group in this mineral is not attached to a silicate tetrahedron (Papike and Stephenson 1966).

In some early studies, changes in the Si-O stretching region of the Raman spectra upon dissolution of  $\text{CO}_2$  in the glass were interpreted in terms of  $\text{CO}_2$  solubility mechanisms. Mysen and Virgo (1980a,b) suggested that  $\text{CO}_2$  depolymerizes albite and anorthite glasses, while it polymerizes diopside and  $\text{NaCaAlSi}_2\text{O}_7$  glass. However, the changes in the Raman spectra are generally very subtle (Fig. 14) and the models for the deconvolution and assignment of individual band components are not unique. Furthermore, while it is plausible that carbonate



is associated with some cations, in particular with  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  in Ca-bearing glasses, there is little spectroscopic evidence that would suggest the formation of cation-carbonate complexes, in the sense of stable, molecule-like units. Indeed, the position and splitting of carbonate bands observed in most glasses is well within the range of parameters observed for crystalline carbonates or minerals such as scapolite (see above), where carbonate is coordinated by some alkali or alkaline earth cations, but where discrete molecule-like carbonate-cation complexes do not exist. Molecular dynamics studies of  $\text{CO}_2$  in silicate melts also failed to find evidence for such complexes (Guillot and Sator 2011).

**The nature of molecular  $\text{CO}_2$  dissolved in silicate glass.** The antisymmetric stretching frequency of molecular  $\text{CO}_2$  in glasses (near  $2350\text{ cm}^{-1}$ , see also Fig. 13) is very close to the values observed to gaseous  $\text{CO}_2$  ( $2348\text{ cm}^{-1}$ ), implying a generally similar geometry of the molecule and only weak interactions with the host glass matrix. This is consistent with the very slight difference in  $^{13}\text{C}$  chemical shift between pure  $\text{CO}_2$  gas (124.2 ppm) and  $\text{CO}_2$  in silicate glasses (125 ppm; Kohn et al. 1991; Brooker et al. 1999; Morizet et al. 2002). The  $\text{CO}_2$  band observed in the glass, however, does not show any rotational fine structure, implying that the molecule cannot rotate freely. Also, the intensity ratio of the Fermi diade in the Raman spectra of the glasses is very different from gaseous  $\text{CO}_2$  (Brooker et al. 1999) and the infrared extinction coefficients vary considerably with glass composition (Table 4). These observations suggest that there must be some, although weak, interaction between the  $\text{CO}_2$  molecule and the matrix. Molecular orbital calculations suggest that the  $\text{CO}_2$  molecule in silicate glasses has a slightly bent geometry, with a O-C-O angle of  $168\text{--}179^\circ$  (Tossel 1995; Kubicki and Stolper 1995). The molecular dynamics model of Guillot and Sator (2011) suggest that in silicate melts, the  $\text{CO}_2$  molecules are not randomly distributed through the melt, but preferentially located near oxygen atoms, with a preference for non-bridging oxygen atoms.

**Other carbon species in glasses.** Carbon monoxide (CO) has sometimes been detected as a minor species in glasses prepared under reducing conditions. In the  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectra (Fig. 15b), it may occur as a minor peak at 183 ppm (Brooker et al. 1999). Under extremely reduced conditions, carbon may be present in atomic or amorphous form (Kadik et al. 2004) or even in the form of  $\text{CH}_4$  species (Kadik et al. 2006, 2010; Mysen et al. 2009).

### Equilibrium carbon speciation in silicate melts

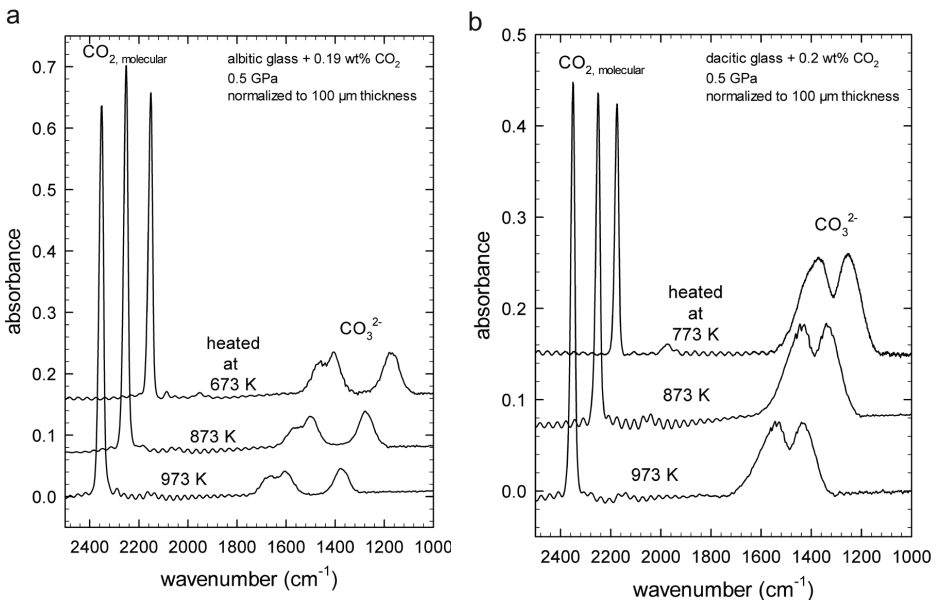
**Annealing experiments.** Brey (1976) noted that infrared spectra of quenched glasses show only carbonate bands for depolymerized compositions, while in albite glass molecular  $\text{CO}_2$  occurs. Brey (1976) suggested that in the albite melts at high temperature,  $\text{CO}_2$  was also dissolved as carbonate and reverted to molecular  $\text{CO}_2$  upon quenching. Stolper et al. (1987) noted that the ratio of carbonate to molecular  $\text{CO}_2$  in quenched albite glasses appeared to depend slightly on run temperature, with higher temperatures shifting the equilibrium towards carbonate. However, the structure of glasses represents only the structure of the melt at the glass transformation temperature  $T_g$ . Above  $T_g$ , structural relaxation is so fast that it cannot be preserved during quenching. Accordingly, it is unlikely that variations in melt structure as function of run temperatures could be directly observed in quenched glasses. Nowak et al. (2003) later suggested that the variations observed by Stolper et al. (1987) may be the result of subtle variations in water content that affect the glass transformation temperature.

Direct evidence for the true temperature dependence of carbon species was provided by Morizet et al. (2001) and Nowak et al. (2003), who carried out annealing experiments of  $\text{CO}_2$ -bearing glasses below the glass transformation temperature. In both studies, it was observed that increasing annealing temperature shifts the equilibrium towards molecular  $\text{CO}_2$  and not towards carbonate, as previously assumed. These studies also indicate that  $\text{CO}_2$  speciation is decoupled from the relaxation of the bulk glass structure, i.e., the equilibrium between molecular  $\text{CO}_2$  and carbonate can be reset at temperatures where relaxation of the bulk glass structure is not expected to occur.



Morizet et al. (2001) annealed CO<sub>2</sub>-bearing, fully polymerized jadeite glasses at 400 to 575 °C in a 1-atm furnace for variable run durations and quenched the samples rapidly to room temperature. They found that in the experiment at 575 °C, the ratio of molecular CO<sub>2</sub> to carbonate first increases sharply for annealing times of less than one hour and then apparently reached some equilibrium value, while at 400 and 450 °C, the CO<sub>2</sub>/carbonate ratio decreased. From their data, they concluded that the equilibrium between molecular CO<sub>2</sub> and carbonate shifts towards molecular CO<sub>2</sub> at high temperature. For jadeite glass and melt, they estimated standard state thermodynamic data for the speciation reaction (10) of  $\Delta H = -17$  (+4/-8) kJ mol<sup>-1</sup> and  $\Delta S = -24$  (+6/-9) J mol<sup>-1</sup> K<sup>-1</sup>. Morizet et al. (2001) also give kinetic data for the rate constants of the interconversion between CO<sub>2</sub> and carbonate. For the forward reaction (10) they find an activation energy of 68 (+3/-31) kJ mol<sup>-1</sup> and for the reverse reaction of 86 (+1/-69) kJ mol<sup>-1</sup>.

The annealing experiments of Morizet et al. (2001) were carried out at 1 atm, where CO<sub>2</sub> should ultimately exsolve from the glass. Therefore, it is conceivable that they do not fully represent (metastable) thermodynamic equilibrium. However, Nowak et al. (2003) carried out similar annealing experiments under pressure in an internally-heated gas pressure vessel using albite and dacite glasses and obtained results that broadly agree with those of Morizet et al. (2001). Some of the results of Nowak et al. (2003) are shown in Figure 16. Annealing CO<sub>2</sub>-bearing albite and dacite glass below the glass transformation temperature appears to reset the equilibrium between molecular CO<sub>2</sub> and carbonate such that with increasing temperature, molecular CO<sub>2</sub> becomes more abundant and carbonate decreases. Notably, Nowak et al. (2003) could also show reversibility of the CO<sub>2</sub> speciation equilibrium, that is, the speciation observed in a dacite glass at 879 K was the same for glasses first annealed at 973 K or at 789 K. For the fully polymerized albite glass, they obtained  $\Delta H = -12$  ( $\pm 3$ ) kJ mol<sup>-1</sup> and  $\Delta S =$



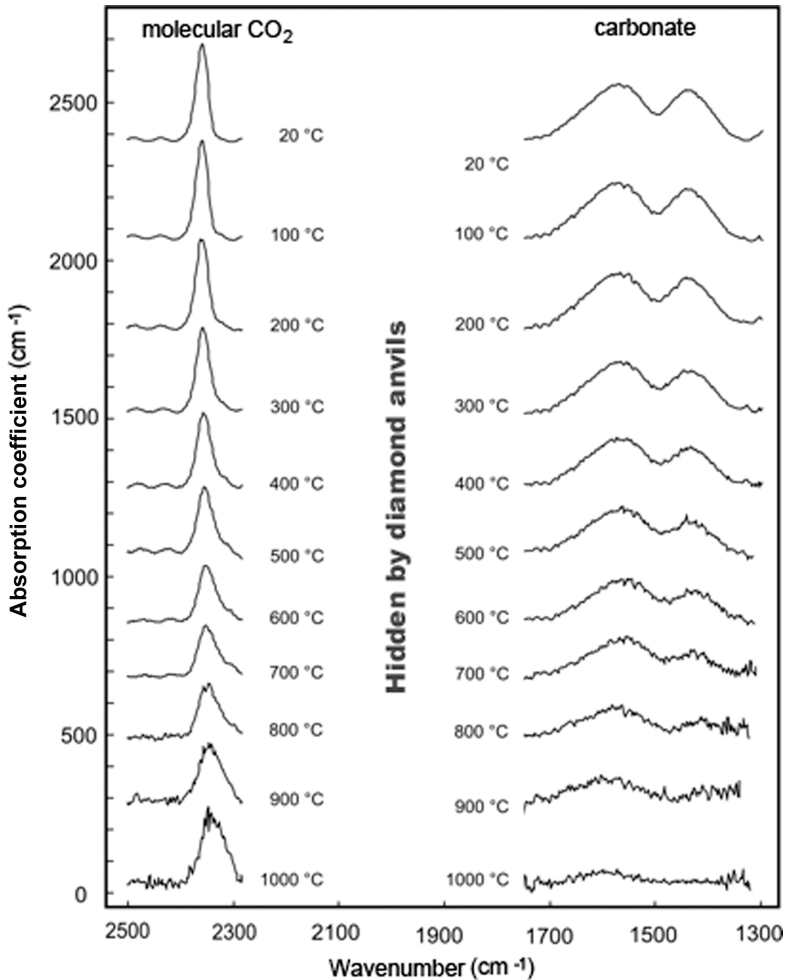
**Figure 16.** Infrared spectra of CO<sub>2</sub>-bearing (a) albite and (b) dacite glasses annealed at different temperatures. Note the increase of molecular CO<sub>2</sub> and the decrease of carbonate with increasing temperature. Spectra courtesy of Marcus Nowak.

$-23 (\pm 2) \text{ J mol}^{-1} \text{ K}^{-1}$ , similar to the data for the fully polymerized jadeite glass reported by Morizet et al. (2001). However, for the slightly depolymerized dacite glass, they observed a significantly higher reaction enthalpy ( $\Delta H = -29 (\pm 3) \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$ ;  $\Delta S = -32 (\pm 2) \text{ J mol}^{-1} \text{ K}^{-1}$ ).

***In situ high-temperature FTIR spectroscopy.*** Direct, *in situ* infrared spectroscopic measurements of  $\text{CO}_2$  speciation in a range of silicate melts were reported by Kongschak (2008) and by Kongschak and Keppler (2009). These experiments are very difficult, as they require temperatures in excess of  $1000 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ , which is at the limit of the externally-heated diamond anvil cells used for the measurements. Moreover, blackbody emission from the cell and from the sample becomes so strong in the mid-infrared region at high temperatures that spectra cannot be measured with a conventional infrared source anymore; a synchrotron infrared source is required. Despite these experimental difficulties, however, the results obtained by these *in situ* studies are in very good agreement with the annealing experiments by Morizet et al. (2001) and by Nowak et al. (2003). With increasing temperature, equilibrium (10) in the melt shifts towards molecular  $\text{CO}_2$  and the enthalpy of the reaction increases with the depolymerization of the melt.

Figure 17 shows typical high-temperature FTIR spectra of  $\text{CO}_2$ -bearing phonolite glass as measured in an externally heated diamond anvil cell. Up to the glass transformation temperature of  $700 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ , the absorbances of both the molecular  $\text{CO}_2$  and of the carbonate decrease. This effect is due to a reduced population of the vibrational ground state with increasing temperature and can be quantitatively modeled by a Boltzmann distribution (Kongschak 2008). Beyond the glass transformation temperature, however, the intensity of the band of molecular  $\text{CO}_2$  increases again while the carbonate band nearly vanishes, indicating a conversion of carbonate to molecular  $\text{CO}_2$  with increasing temperature. If these data are converted to species concentrations, the equilibrium constant for reaction (10) may be calculated (Fig. 18). For dacite melt, these measurements yield  $\Delta H = -42 (\pm 12) \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$  and  $\Delta S = -38 (\pm 14) \text{ J mol}^{-1} \text{ K}^{-1}$ , within error quite comparable to the value reported by Nowak et al. (2003) for annealing experiments on dacite glasses of the same composition ( $\text{NBO}/T = 0.09$ ). The somewhat higher value for the enthalpy may either be a pressure effect or it may indicate that annealing below the glass transformation temperature does not completely relax  $\text{CO}_2$  speciation. For a phonolite melt ( $\text{NBO}/T = 0.14$ ), Kongschak (2008) obtained  $\Delta H = -65 (\pm 20) \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$  and  $\Delta S = -51 (\pm 20) \text{ J mol}^{-1} \text{ K}^{-1}$ . These data, together with those of Morizet et al. (2001) and Nowak et al. (2003) indicate a systematic increase of  $\Delta H$  of reaction (10) with  $\text{NBO}/T$  (Fig. 19). By linear regression of  $\Delta S$  and  $\Delta H$ , as a function of  $\text{NBO}/T$ , Kongschak (2008) constructed a model that predicts the equilibrium between molecular  $\text{CO}_2$  and carbonate over a wide range of temperatures and compositions. As shown in Figure 20, the equilibrium constant, which for a model of ideal mixing of oxygen atoms is virtually identical with the molar carbonate/molecular  $\text{CO}_2$  ratio, is strongly dependent on temperature. At  $1000\text{--}1200 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ , there is indeed a major difference in  $\text{CO}_2$  speciation between rhyolite ( $\text{NBO}/T \approx 0$ ) and basalt ( $\text{NBO}/T = 0.5\text{--}1$ ), with carbonate prevailing in low-temperature basaltic melts. However, at higher temperatures near  $1500 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ , this difference in speciation nearly disappears and molecular  $\text{CO}_2$  is the predominant carbon species. This implies that the dependence of  $\text{CO}_2$  solubility on melt composition should become less pronounced at higher temperatures, in general agreement with measurements and results from molecular dynamics simulations (Fig. 4).

The results from annealing experiments and from *in situ* measurements outlined here are in good agreement with the recent molecular dynamics simulation by Guillot and Sator (2011). They found that molecular  $\text{CO}_2$  is present even in mafic and ultramafic melts at superliquidus conditions and the fraction of total carbon dissolved as molecular  $\text{CO}_2$  increases with temperature, while it decreases with pressure. Molecular  $\text{CO}_2$  is only loosely associated with melt structure (Fig. 21a). On the other hand, the carbonate groups are preferentially associated with non-bridging oxygen atoms while the association of  $\text{CO}_3^{2-}$  with bridging oxygen is also present (Fig. 21b).

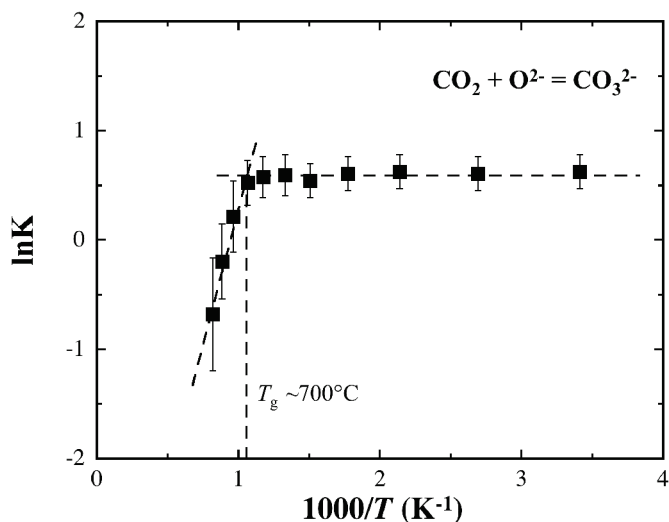


**Figure 17.** High-temperature *in situ* FTIR spectra of dacite melt with 1.6 wt% CO<sub>2</sub>. Pressure increases from 5 GPa at room temperature to 14 GPa at 1000 °C. Spectra were measured at the synchrotron source ANKA in Karlsruhe, Germany. After Korschak (2008).

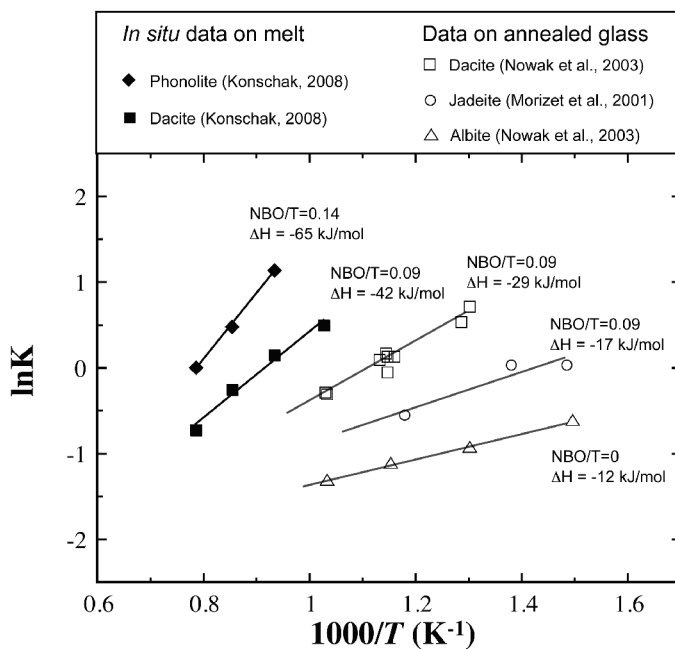
## PHYSICAL PROPERTIES OF CARBON-BEARING SILICATE MELTS

### Viscosity and electrical conductivity

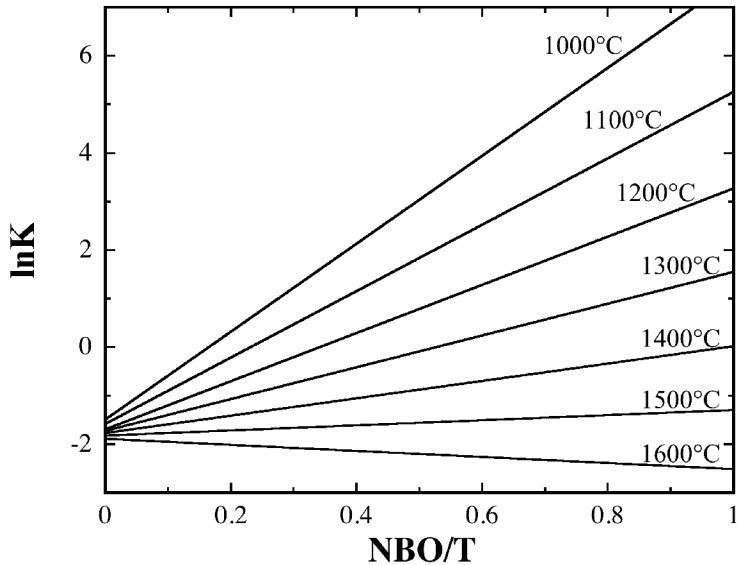
Bearley and Montana (1989) observed in high-pressure falling-sphere experiments that CO<sub>2</sub> slightly reduced the viscosity of albite melt, while the effect on sodium melilitite melt was negligible. White and Montana (1990) observed that 0.5 wt% CO<sub>2</sub> slightly decreases the viscosity of sanidine melt at 1.5–2 GPa and 1500 °C. Bourgue and Richet (2001) reported that the viscosity of a potassium silicate liquid with 56.9 mol% SiO<sub>2</sub> decreases by two orders of magnitude upon addition of 3.5 wt% CO<sub>2</sub> at 750 K and 1 atm. However, the effect of 1 wt% CO<sub>2</sub> at 1500 K on the viscosity of the same melt is almost negligible. More recently, Morizet et al. (2007) found that dissolved CO<sub>2</sub> has little or no effect on the glass transformation temperature of phonolite and jadeite glasses, implying a negligible effect of CO<sub>2</sub> on viscosity. Ni et al. (2011) found that 0.5 wt% CO<sub>2</sub> has virtually no effect on the electrical conductivity of basaltic



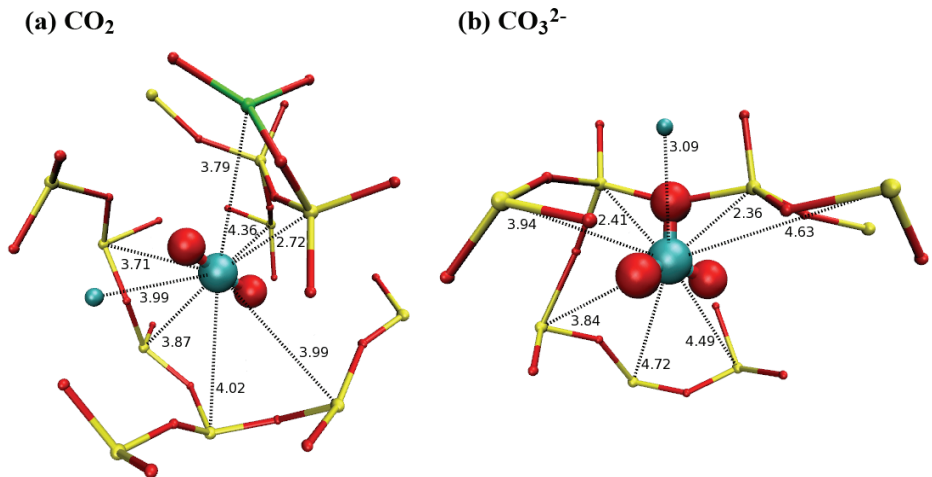
**Figure 18.** Temperature dependence of the equilibrium constant  $K$  of the reaction  $\text{CO}_2 + \text{O}^{2-} = \text{CO}_3^{2-}$  in dacite melt from *in situ* FTIR measurements. Below the glass transformation temperature  $T_g$  of about  $700^\circ\text{C}$ , species concentrations are unchanged (out of equilibrium due to slow reaction). From Kongschak (2008).



**Figure 19.** Temperature dependence of the equilibrium constant  $K$  of the reaction  $\text{CO}_2 + \text{O}^{2-} = \text{CO}_3^{2-}$  for various melt compositions, from annealing experiments (open symbols) and *in situ* measurements (solid symbols). Parameter NBO/T and reaction enthalpy ( $\Delta H$ ) are indicated for each composition. From Kongschak (2008).



**Figure 20.** Equilibrium constant  $K$  of the reaction  $\text{CO}_2 + \text{O}^{2-} = \text{CO}_3^{2-}$  in silicate melts for various temperatures and melt compositions as represented by the NBO/T parameter. For a model of ideal mixing of oxygen atoms, this constant nearly equals the molar carbonate/ $\text{CO}_2$  ratio. Curves are calculated from a linear relationship between  $\Delta S$  and  $\Delta H$  of the reaction and NBO/T. From Kongschak (2008).



**Figure 21.** Snapshots of representative (a) molecular  $\text{CO}_2$  and (b) carbonate group dissolved in basalt melt at 2273 K and 2.0 GPa from molecular dynamics simulation. Carbon atoms are the big blue balls, oxygen atoms are in red, silicon atoms are in yellow, aluminum atom is in green, and Ca atoms are the small blue balls. The numbers indicate carbon-cation distances in angstroms (only those cations < 5 angstroms away from the carbon atom are shown). Courtesy of Bertrand Guillot.

melts. The latter observation is in line with evidence from *in situ* spectroscopy (Konschak 2008) and molecular dynamics calculations (Guillot and Sator 2011) suggesting that molecular CO<sub>2</sub> becomes increasingly abundant with the rise of temperature. Generally, the effect of CO<sub>2</sub> on the transport properties of silicate melts is likely negligible, except perhaps for melts containing several wt% CO<sub>2</sub>.

### Density and molar volume

The dissolution of a light component such as CO<sub>2</sub> in a silicate melt will reduce density. At low pressures, this effect will be small due to the low bulk solubility of CO<sub>2</sub> in most melts. However, it may become very significant at deep mantle pressures. Using the sink-float method, Ghosh et al. (2007) determined the density of a basaltic melt with 5 wt% CO<sub>2</sub> at 2575 K and 19.5 GPa. From this measurement they derived a partial molar volume of CO<sub>2</sub> of  $21.0 \pm 1.0$  cm<sup>3</sup>/mol. Liu and Lange (2003) measured the partial molar volume of CaCO<sub>3</sub> in carbonate melts at 1 atm and obtained a partial molar volume of CO<sub>2</sub> in carbonate melts of 25.8 cm<sup>3</sup>/mol. They estimated that the partial molar volume of CO<sub>2</sub> in alkaline, strongly depolymerized silicate melts should be 19 cm<sup>3</sup>/mol or larger, assuming that CO<sub>2</sub> is dissolved in these melts as carbonate species similar to those occurring in carbonatite melts. Bourgue and Richet (2001) measured a partial molar volume of CO<sub>2</sub> of  $25.6 \pm 0.8$  cm<sup>3</sup>/mol in potassium silicate glasses at room temperature and observed that the presence of CO<sub>2</sub> has no effect on the thermal expansion coefficient. The thermodynamic analysis of the pressure dependence of CO<sub>2</sub> solubility in silicate melts suggests molar volumes in the order of 21–29 cm<sup>3</sup>/mol (Lange 1994). These data are in broad agreement with the molecular dynamics simulations of Guillot and Sator (2011).

### Diffusivity of carbon

The diffusion of carbon component in silicate melts has recently been reviewed by Zhang et al. (2007) and Zhang and Ni (2010), to which the readers are directed for a thorough discussion of the relevant studies before 2007. Here we first give a short summary largely based on Zhang and Ni (2010), which is then followed by an introduction of more recent developments. The early <sup>14</sup>C tracer diffusivity data by Watson (1991) and Watson et al. (1982) obtained by β-track autoradiography probably contained large errors because (a) β-track autoradiography cannot measure accurate carbon concentration (see the section on carbon solubility in this review); and more importantly (b) the β-particle range (in the order of 100 μm) turns out to be much higher than originally expected (i.e., the measured profiles carry significant broadening effects), as pointed out by Mungall (2002). All the later studies investigate CO<sub>2</sub> chemical transport and measure diffusion profiles with the more reliable FTIR microspectroscopy (Table 5). One important finding from these studies is that CO<sub>2</sub> diffusivity does not depend much on melt composition despite the fact that the speciation of CO<sub>2</sub> component can be very different (e.g., a higher fraction of molecular CO<sub>2</sub> in rhyolite melt than in basalt melt). Assuming the diffusion is dominated by molecular CO<sub>2</sub> (neutral and smaller in size), Nowak et al. (2004) attributed the weak compositional dependence to increasing molecular CO<sub>2</sub> diffusivity from rhyolite melt to basalt melt combined with decreasing proportion of molecular CO<sub>2</sub> (i.e., these two effects approximately cancel each other). Because of the scarcity of CO<sub>2</sub> diffusivity data, the similarity between Ar diffusivity and CO<sub>2</sub> diffusivity is exploited by Zhang et al. (2007) to derive the following model for apparent total CO<sub>2</sub> diffusivity (as well as Ar diffusivity) in rhyolite to basalt melts:

$$\ln D_{\text{total CO}_2} = -13.99 - \frac{17367 + 1944.8P}{T} + \frac{(855.2 + 271.2P)}{T} C_{\text{H}_2\text{O}} \quad (11)$$

where  $D$  is total CO<sub>2</sub> diffusivity in m<sup>2</sup>/s (note that this total CO<sub>2</sub> diffusivity is different from molecular CO<sub>2</sub> diffusivity),  $T$  is absolute temperature,  $P$  is pressure in GPa, and  $C_{\text{H}_2\text{O}}$  is the total dissolved H<sub>2</sub>O in wt%. This model, applicable within 673–1773 K, 0–1.5 GPa, and 0–5

Table 5. Studies on carbon diffusion in silicate melts

Year	Authors	Melt	Species	T (°C)	P (bar)	Analytical Method
<b>Data</b>						
1982	Watson et al.	SNA*, Haplobasalt	<sup>14</sup> C	800-1500	500-18000	β-track mapping
1991	Watson	Rhyolite, Dacite	<sup>14</sup> C	800-1100	10000	β-track mapping
1990	Fogel & Rutherford	Rhyolite	CO <sub>2</sub>	1050	1000-2490	FTIR
1991	Zhang & Stolper	Basalt	CO <sub>2</sub>	1300	10000	FTIR
1993	Blank	Rhyolite	CO <sub>2</sub>	450-1050	500-1050	FTIR
2002	Sierralta et al.	Albite, Albite + Na <sub>2</sub> O	CO <sub>2</sub>	1250	5000	FTIR
2003	Liu	Dacite	CO <sub>2</sub>	638	970	FTIR
2004	Nowak et al.	Rhyolite, Dacite, Andesite, Basalt Hawaiite	CO <sub>2</sub>	1350	5000	FTIR
2005	Baker et al.	Trachyte	CO <sub>2</sub>	1100-1300	10000-12000	FTIR
2010	Spickenbom et al.	SNA*	CO <sub>2</sub>	1100-1350	5000	FTIR
2011	Guillot & Sator	Rhyolite, Basalt, Kimberlite	CO <sub>2</sub>	1200-2000	20000-100000	Molecular dynamics
<b>Model</b>						
2007	Zhang et al.	Rhyolite to basalt	CO <sub>2</sub>	500-1500	0-10000	

\* SNA means SiO<sub>2</sub>-Na<sub>2</sub>O-Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> melts.

wt% H<sub>2</sub>O, predicts a positive H<sub>2</sub>O effect and a negative pressure effect. It also implies that CO<sub>2</sub> concentration has no effect on CO<sub>2</sub> diffusivity, in contrast with the rapid increase of H<sub>2</sub>O diffusivity with increasing H<sub>2</sub>O concentration (Shaw 1974; Ni and Zhang 2008; Ni et al. 2009a,b).

In the last couple of years two new studies on CO<sub>2</sub> diffusion in silicate melts have been published, one experimental and the other computational. Spickenbom et al. (2010) showed that CO<sub>2</sub> diffusivity varies insignificantly for Ab<sub>70</sub>Qz<sub>30</sub> melt to jadeite melt, but it increases by about a factor of 3 from albite melt to a soda-rich melt with 63.95 wt% SiO<sub>2</sub>, 18.65 wt% Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>, and 17.4 wt% Na<sub>2</sub>O (Fig. 22a), in accordance with Sierralta et al. (2002). Guillot and Sator (2011) performed the first molecular dynamics simulations to obtain CO<sub>2</sub> diffusivity at 2-10 GPa and 1473-2273 K from the mean square displacements of carbon atoms. They also found that CO<sub>2</sub> diffusivity increases notably with the degree of melt depolymerization (to a lesser extent from rhyolite melt to basalt melt than from basalt melt to kimberlite melt), as shown in Figure 22b using NBO/T as the index for the degree of melt depolymerization. Furthermore, their computed molecular CO<sub>2</sub> diffusivities support the explanation by Nowak et al. (2004) for the limited variation of total CO<sub>2</sub> diffusivity from rhyolite melt to basalt melt. One major difference between Guillot and Sator (2011) and the experimental studies is about the diffusivity of CO<sub>3</sub><sup>2-</sup>. At 2273 K and 2.0 GPa, they found that CO<sub>3</sub><sup>2-</sup> diffusivity, which is comparable to oxygen diffusivity in basalt and kimberlite melts, is lower than molecular CO<sub>2</sub> diffusivity by only a factor of 2-3, whereas previously CO<sub>3</sub><sup>2-</sup> diffusivity was always assumed to be negligible (Nowak et al. 2004). However, Guillot and Sator (2011) appear to have overestimated total CO<sub>2</sub> diffusivities by roughly one order of magnitude.

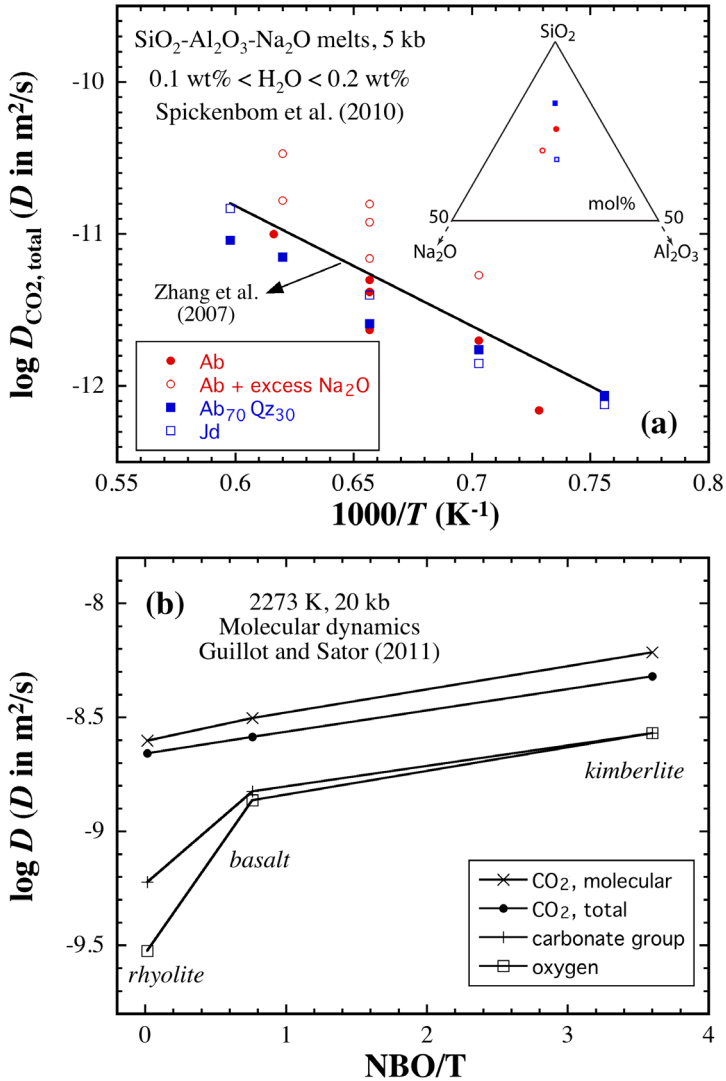
## FUTURE DIRECTIONS

After decades of experimental studies, we now have a reasonably good understanding of carbon solubility and speciation in silicate melts in Earth's crust and uppermost mantle. However, experimental data on the behavior of carbon in melts at the higher pressure regimes of the deeper upper mantle, the transition zone, and the lower mantle are lacking. An interesting, yet unexplored possibility is the conceivable occurrence of complete miscibility between CO<sub>2</sub> and alkaline silicate melts at very high pressures and temperatures. The behavior of carbon under reducing conditions is generally poorly explored. Moreover, there are no data on carbon solubility in peridotitic melts, and in particular in peridotitic melts under reducing conditions, which would be essential for understanding the behavior of carbon in a magma ocean. Such data would be essential for constraining the initial distribution of carbon in Earth. Many of these problems will likely require molecular dynamic simulations or a further advancement in *in situ* experimental methods for studying carbon speciation and solubility (Oganov et al. 2013). In Earth's upper mantle, carbon dioxide in general appears to have less influence on the physical properties of silicate melts than water, but its effects need to be better quantified. How reduced carbon species may modify melt properties also needs to be examined, and will provide additional challenges to experimental and theoretical geoscientists.

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**Figure 22.** (a) Experimental total CO<sub>2</sub> diffusivity at 0.5 GPa in four anhydrous (H<sub>2</sub>O ranging from 0.1 to 0.2 wt%) SiO<sub>2</sub>-Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>-Na<sub>2</sub>O melts with the inset showing the loci of melts in compositional space. Modified after Spickenbom et al. (2010). Calculations using the composition-independent model of Zhang et al. (2007) at 0.15 wt% H<sub>2</sub>O are shown for comparison (solid line). (b) Molecular dynamics-derived diffusivity of total CO<sub>2</sub>, molecular CO<sub>2</sub>, CO<sub>3</sub><sup>2-</sup>, and oxygen versus NBO/T of three melts at 2273 K and 2.0 GPa. After Guillot and Sator (2011).

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