



## Reassessment of the Raman CO<sub>2</sub> densimeter



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### ABSTRACT

Raman spectroscopy has proven to be an effective tool to confirm the presence and abundance of CO<sub>2</sub> in fluid and melt inclusions. The Raman method for quantifying CO<sub>2</sub> abundance is based on the observation that the distance between the two Raman bands comprising the Fermi diad varies systematically with CO<sub>2</sub> density. In recent years, several Raman densimeters have been developed by different research groups to determine the density of CO<sub>2</sub> in fluid and melt inclusions. The different densimeters that have been proposed predict different densities for the same Fermi diad splitting, leading to large differences in estimated CO<sub>2</sub> contents for inclusions, depending on which densimeter is used to interpret the Raman data. In this study, we examine potential causes for variations in the various densimeters and show that these differences are mainly the result of using different Raman instruments and settings, different collection parameters, and different analytical methods.

Twelve experiments were conducted to test the variability associated with changing instrumental and analytical conditions, as well as to understand the differences between the various densimeters, using three different Raman instruments, with different laser sources and dispersion gratings. In all of the experiments, the splitting of the Fermi diad of CO<sub>2</sub> and CO<sub>2</sub> density at pressures from the liquid-vapor curve (6.0 MPa to 0.06 MPa) at ambient temperature (~22 °C) was calibrated using a high-pressure optical cell. The results show a consistent behavior whereby all analytical configurations show parallel trends in terms of the variation in Fermi diad splitting as a function of CO<sub>2</sub> density. The slopes of the lines representing the variation in Fermi diad splitting as a function of CO<sub>2</sub> density, as well as low density (pressure) data from other densimeters (Kawakami et al., 2003; Yamamoto and Kagi, 2006; Song et al., 2009; Fall et al., 2011; Wang et al., 2011) are remarkably similar, with a variation of about ~10% and a standard deviation of 3%. The differences observed in all densimeters, including previously published densimeters and the 12 experiments from this study, are most likely a function of variations in instrumentation, laser excitation wavelength, gratings, and analytical protocols used during the experimental calibration of the splitting of the Fermi diad. Based on results of this study, we recommend against using any published densimeter to interpret Raman data collected using an instrument other than that on which the calibration is based, and suggest that researchers develop a calibration that is applicable and specific to their instrument and data collection protocol.

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### 1. Introduction

Carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>)-bearing fluids are common in many geological environments (Roedder, 1984), including volcanic fumaroles and continental geothermal systems (Chiodini et al., 1998; Giggenbach, 1988, 1996), hydrothermal vents at mid-ocean ridges (Charlou et al., 1998, 2002), in various ore-forming systems (Roedder, 1984; Bodnar, 1995; Bodnar et al., 2014; Hedenquist and Henley, 1985; Roedder and Bodnar, 1997), abyssal serpentinites (Kelley, 1996), low to high grade

metamorphic rocks (Hollister and Burruss, 1976; Newton et al., 1980; Touret, 1971, 1981, 2001; Yardley, 1997), and mantle rocks sampled by upper mantle xenoliths (Roedder, 1965, 1984, 1994). Additionally, CO<sub>2</sub> is a common component in melt inclusions trapped during volcanic, magmatic and high-grade metamorphic processes (Wallace, 2005; Métrich and Wallace, 2008; Kent, 2008; Bartoli et al., 2013). Fluid and melt inclusions are the most reliable tools available to characterize the physical and chemical properties of paleo-crustal and mantle fluids, physical conditions of magmas, and much of our understanding of the pressure, density, temperature and composition of crustal (and upper mantle) fluids and melts comes from studies of fluid and melt inclusions (Roedder, 1984; Roedder and Bodnar, 1997; Frezzotti et al., 1994; Lowenstern, 2001; Mormone et al., 2011; Di Genova, et al., 2014;

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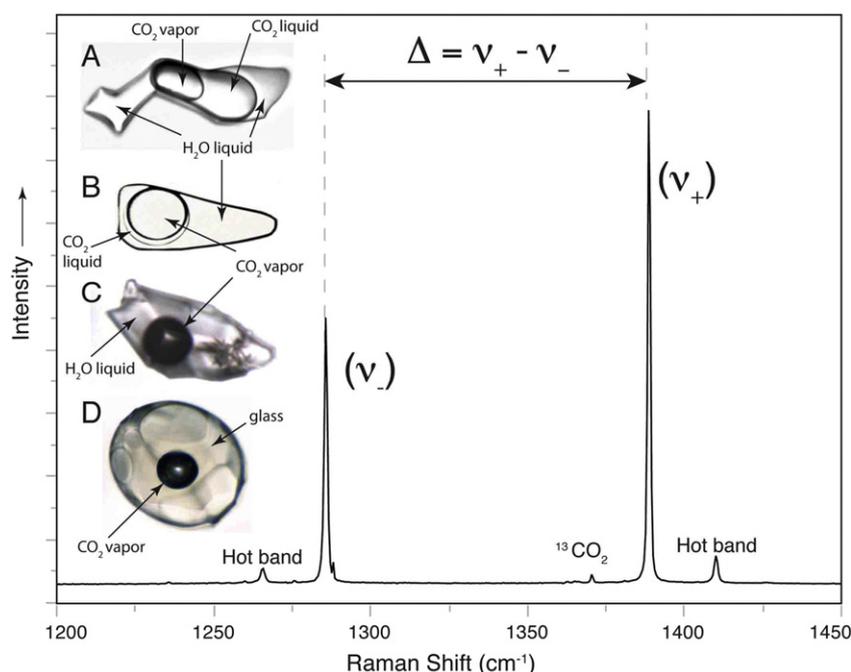
Bodnar et al., 2014; Yardley and Bodnar, 2014; Frezzotti and Ferrando, 2015). Moreover, CO<sub>2</sub> is the second most abundant volatile species in magmas (in some cases in mafic and ultramafic magmas can be the most abundant), and affects the transport properties (density and viscosity) of magmas (Lowenstern, 2001; Mormone et al., 2011; Di Genova, et al., 2014).

Numerous techniques are available to determine the presence and/or concentration of CO<sub>2</sub> in fluid and melt inclusions, and the choice of technique depends on several factors. Some fluid inclusions (FI) show three fluid phases when observed at room temperature (inclusions “A” and “B” in Fig. 1), consisting of liquid and vapor CO<sub>2</sub> and an aqueous (H<sub>2</sub>O) phase that is saturated in CO<sub>2</sub>. For such FI, petrographic observations confirm the presence of CO<sub>2</sub> and the relative amounts of CO<sub>2</sub> and H<sub>2</sub>O can be determined either by analyzing the FI by Raman spectroscopy after heating it to the homogenization temperature and using the relationship between Raman peak areas and CO<sub>2</sub>/H<sub>2</sub>O ratio (Azbej et al., 2007) or from microthermometric data (Bakker and Diamond, 2000). Similarly, the CO<sub>2</sub> concentration can be estimated by measuring the homogenization temperature of the liquid and vapor CO<sub>2</sub> to determine the CO<sub>2</sub> density and then use the relative volume proportions of the CO<sub>2</sub> and H<sub>2</sub>O phases to estimate the bulk composition using a mass balance approach (Bodnar, 1983). This technique works well if the FI are large enough to measure the CO<sub>2</sub> homogenization temperature precisely (such as FI “A” in Fig. 1). Unfortunately, for small FI (<5 μm) and/or those in which the CO<sub>2</sub> liquid and vapor homogenize to the vapor phase, it is difficult to estimate the CO<sub>2</sub> concentration with high precision (Rosso and Bodnar, 1995). If the CO<sub>2</sub> concentration and/or density in the FI are sufficiently low, the FI will contain only vapor CO<sub>2</sub> at room temperature (such as FI “C” in Fig. 1). For these FI, the presence of CO<sub>2</sub> is sometimes indicated by the formation of a clathrate phase that melts at temperatures >0 °C and/or by a “melting event” that is observed when the FI is cooled to low temperatures (<−100 °C) and then heated through the CO<sub>2</sub> triple point temperature (−56.6 °C). In melt inclusions (MI) that contain low density CO<sub>2</sub> (Esposito et al., 2016; Moore et al., 2015; Fig. 1, inclusion “D”) such that liquid and vapor CO<sub>2</sub> are not present at room temperature and do not form during cooling of the MI, it is

also difficult to estimate concentrations and in some cases to determine the presence of CO<sub>2</sub>.

Alternatively, Raman spectroscopy can be used to confirm the presence of CO<sub>2</sub>, even when its presence is not obvious during petrographic and/or microthermometric analyses. Carbon dioxide has a characteristic Raman spectrum that contains several well-defined and relatively intense peaks, even at relatively low CO<sub>2</sub> densities (Fig. 1). As summarized in Rosso and Bodnar (1995), the linear CO<sub>2</sub> molecule has four modes of vibration: a symmetric stretching mode ( $\nu_1$ ), an anti-symmetric stretching mode ( $\nu_3$ ), and two bending modes ( $\nu_{2a}$  and  $\nu_{2b}$ ) that have the same frequency and form a degenerate pair. According to Gordon and McCubbin (1966), the symmetric stretching mode occurs at 1332.87 cm<sup>−1</sup> and this mode has nearly the same energy as the second excited state of an infrared active bending mode,  $\nu_2$ . Because these two bands have nearly the same energy and the same symmetry species, they perturb each other in the excited state by a process known as Fermi resonance (Fermi, 1931). Fermi resonance causes the excited admixed states to split into two strong CO<sub>2</sub> lines referred to as the Fermi diad, with nominal frequencies of 1388.2 cm<sup>−1</sup> ( $\nu_+$ ; Fig. 1) and 1285.4 cm<sup>−1</sup> ( $\nu_-$ ; Fig. 1).

Some of the earliest Raman studies of the carbon dioxide molecule showed that the distance between the two peaks of the Fermi diad (peak splitting or  $\Delta$ ) (Fig. 1) is density (or pressure) dependent (Wright and Wang, 1973, 1975). Over the last 20–30 years, several groups (Rosso and Bodnar, 1995; Kawakami et al., 2003; Yamamoto and Kagi, 2006; Song et al., 2009; Fall et al., 2011; Wang et al., 2011) have used this behavior to develop Raman densimeters that relate the splitting of the Raman Fermi diad to the density of CO<sub>2</sub>, as summarized in Table 1 and Fig. 2A. The relationship between CO<sub>2</sub> density and the Fermi diad splitting has been applied to estimate the density of carbon dioxide in FI and MI from a variety of different geological settings (Yamamoto et al., 2002; Yamamoto and Kagi, 2006; Yamamoto et al., 2007; Esposito et al., 2011; Steele-MacInnis et al., 2011; Bartoli et al., 2013; Hartley et al., 2014; Moore et al., 2015). The densimeters are mathematical expressions that relate CO<sub>2</sub> density to the splitting of the Fermi diad ( $\Delta$ , cm<sup>−1</sup>). All of the densimeters show a similar trend



**Fig. 1.** Raman spectrum of CO<sub>2</sub> showing the Fermi diad and representative CO<sub>2</sub>-bearing fluid and melt inclusions. The distance between  $\nu_+$  and the  $\nu_-$  peaks of the Fermi diad is given by  $\Delta$  (cm<sup>−1</sup>) and is density (pressure) dependent. The low intensity hot bands shown are due to the thermal energy of the vibrating molecules and are not used in this study. (A) Three phase fluid inclusion containing liquid H<sub>2</sub>O, and liquid and vapor CO<sub>2</sub>. (B) Three phase fluid inclusion containing liquid H<sub>2</sub>O, CO<sub>2</sub> vapor and a thin rim of liquid CO<sub>2</sub> surrounding the vapor bubble. (C) Fluid inclusion containing liquid H<sub>2</sub>O and CO<sub>2</sub> vapor. (D) Melt inclusion containing glass and a CO<sub>2</sub> vapor bubble. All photos (A–D) taken at room temperature.

**Table 1**  
Equations used to describe the relationship between density, pressure, and splitting of the Fermi diad for CO<sub>2</sub>.

Source	Equation
Rosso and Bodnar (1995)	$\rho = 2.49\Delta + 102.68$
Kawakami et al. (2003)	$\rho = 0.03238697\Delta^3 + 10.08428\Delta^2 - 1046.189\Delta + 36,163.67$
Yamamoto and Kagi (2006)	$\rho = -0.01917(\Delta - 100)^3 + 0.1984(\Delta - 100)^2 - 0.241(\Delta - 100) - 0.341$ $\rho = -0.00111808(\Delta - 100)^8 + 0.04498451(\Delta - 100)^7 - 0.7727143(\Delta - 100)^6 + 7.4128146(\Delta - 100)^5$ $- 43.468301(\Delta - 100)^4 + 159.54433(\Delta - 100)^3 - 357.7651(\Delta - 100)^2 + 448.2404(\Delta - 100) - 240.461$
Song et al. (2009)	$\rho = 0.74203(-0.019\Delta^3 + 5.90332\Delta^2 - 610.79472\Delta + 21,050.30165 - 3.54278$
Fall et al. (2011)	$\rho = -0.030314551\Delta^3 + 9.432834797\Delta^2 - 977.9384933\Delta + 33,780.38242$
Wang et al. (2011)	$\rho = 47.513.64243 - 1374.824414\Delta + 13.25586152\Delta^2 - 0.04258891551\Delta^3$
Lamadrid et al. (this study)	$P_{\text{psi}} = -176,807.6 + (1723.5547 \times \Delta) - 1722.7765 \times (\Delta - 102.866)^2$ $\rho = -36.42055 + (0.354812 \times \Delta)$

$\rho$  = density (g/cm<sup>3</sup>);  $\Delta$  = Fermi diad splitting (cm<sup>-1</sup>);  $P_{\text{psi}}$  = Pressure (psi).

of increasing splitting of the Fermi diad, with increasing CO<sub>2</sub> density. However, the CO<sub>2</sub> density predicted from a measured splitting of the Fermi diad shows significant variation, depending on which densimeter is used (Fig. 2A). Moreover, because all of the densimeters are described by empirical polynomial equations, none can be extrapolated with confidence beyond the density region used to develop the empirical relationships, as shown in Fig. 2B.

If the density of CO<sub>2</sub> in FI or MI is relatively high ( $\geq 0.21$  g/cm<sup>3</sup>), such that both liquid and vapor CO<sub>2</sub> are present at room temperature or form during moderate cooling, the density of the CO<sub>2</sub> phase can be estimated with reasonable confidence using a combination of petrography and microthermometry. However, if the density of CO<sub>2</sub> in the FI or MI is low ( $\leq 0.1$ – $0.21$  g/cm<sup>3</sup>), such as for FI from epithermal precious metal deposits (Bodnar et al., 1985), oceanic vents (Kelley, 1996) and most melt inclusions (Moore et al., 2015), these techniques cannot give a useful estimate of the CO<sub>2</sub> density. In addition, the inferred densities of CO<sub>2</sub> in FI and MI from these environments are lower than the lowest CO<sub>2</sub> densities used to develop most of the published densimeters. This requires an extrapolation of the densimeters beyond the range in which they are calibrated. Finally, relatively large relative differences (percent difference) in CO<sub>2</sub> densities are predicted by the various densimeters at low densities (Fig. 2C). The relative difference in density between the densimeter that predicts the highest density for a given Fermi diad peak splitting (Kawakami et al., 2003) and that which predicts the lowest density for the same Fermi diad peak splitting (Wang et al., 2011) remains reasonably constant at  $\sim 0.1$  g/cm<sup>3</sup> over the range  $\sim 0$  to  $\sim 1$  g/cm<sup>3</sup> (Fig. 2). An uncertainty of  $\pm 0.05$  g/cm<sup>3</sup> represents a relatively small error if the density (pressure) is relatively high, but the relative error increases with decreasing density. For example, an uncertainty of  $\pm 0.05$  g/cm<sup>3</sup> for a CO<sub>2</sub> density of  $0.9$  g/cm<sup>3</sup> represents a relative error of  $\sim 11\%$  (Fig. 3A). However, the same uncertainty of  $\pm 0.05$  g/cm<sup>3</sup> for a density of  $0.1$  g/cm<sup>3</sup> represents a relative error of  $\sim 100\%$  (Fig. 3A). As will be discussed below, development of the CO<sub>2</sub> densimeter involves measuring the splitting of the Fermi diad at some known pressure. Thus, we can calculate the range (or uncertainty) in pressure corresponding to a  $\pm 0.05$  g/cm<sup>3</sup> range in density, and results of this calculation are shown on Fig. 3B. Accordingly, the pressure uncertainty associated with an uncertainty in density of  $\pm 0.05$  g/cm<sup>3</sup> for a nominal density of  $1.0$  g/cm<sup>3</sup> is  $\sim 29$  MPa, and the pressure range associated with this same uncertainty in density for a nominal density of  $0.1$  g/cm<sup>3</sup> is  $\sim 4$  MPa. As discussed below, a pressure error of 4 MPa is about 2 orders of magnitude greater than the error in pressure measurement during the calibration experiments. Thus, the differences between the various densimeters are not likely associated with uncertainties in pressure determination during measurement of the Fermi diad, and alternative factors which might influence these differences from one densimeter to the other should be explored.

It is clear from examination of the relationship between CO<sub>2</sub> density and the Fermi diad splitting shown in Fig. 2 that different laboratories report different relationships between these two parameters. Thus, a researcher will predict different CO<sub>2</sub> densities for the same measured

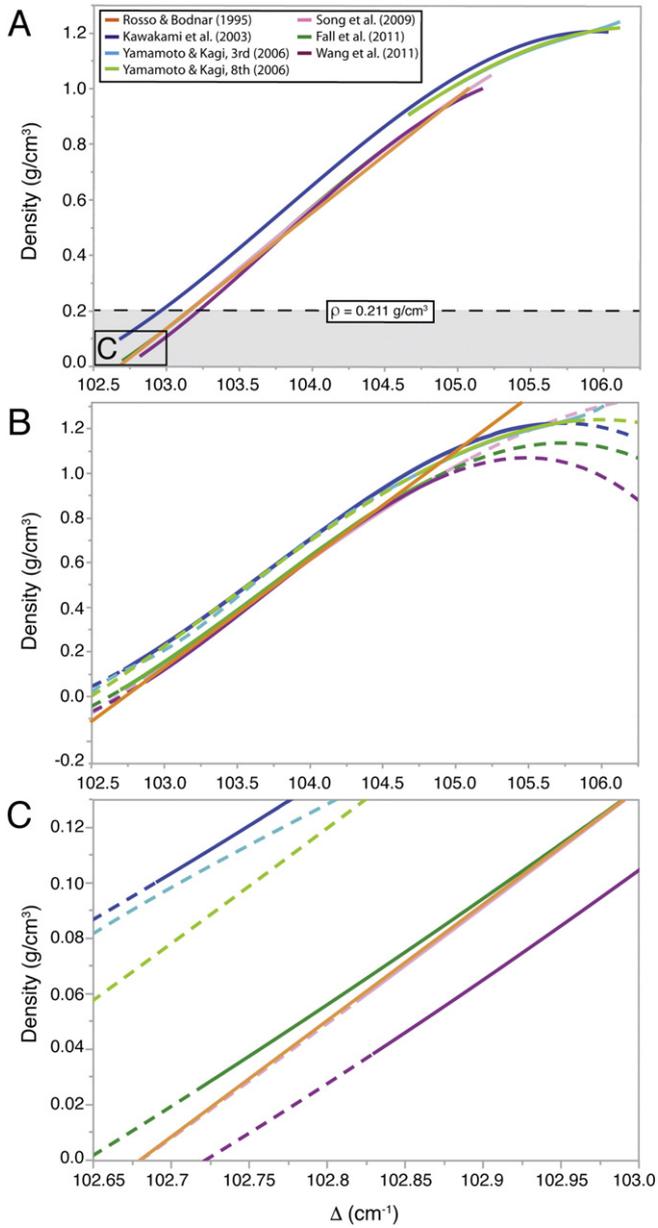
Fermi diad splitting, depending on which densimeter is used. For example, a measured splitting of the Fermi diad of  $102.9$  cm<sup>-1</sup> corresponds to a CO<sub>2</sub> density of  $0.17$  g/cm<sup>3</sup> using the densimeter of Kawakami et al. (2003), whereas the Wang et al. (2011) densimeter predicts a density of  $0.06$  g/cm<sup>3</sup>. These two density estimates would result in estimated CO<sub>2</sub> contents that differ by  $>100\%$  for a given volume percent vapor in a MI.

Some researchers have proposed techniques to correct for instrument dependent calibrations to obtain a universal equation that is applicable in all laboratories (Lu et al., 2007). In this study, we re-examine the relationship between splitting of the Fermi diad and CO<sub>2</sub> density at low CO<sub>2</sub> pressures (densities), extending from the CO<sub>2</sub> liquid vapor curve at  $\sim 6.0$  MPa (density =  $0.211$  g/cm<sup>3</sup>) down to  $0.06$  MPa (density =  $0.001$  g/cm<sup>3</sup>) at room temperature ( $\sim 22$  °C). This is the density (pressure) region in which it is difficult or impossible to determine the CO<sub>2</sub> density from petrographic or microthermometric analyses, and is also the region in which relative errors in density predicted by the various densimeters are largest. The results and fitted equations were compared to previously published experimental data (Kawakami et al., 2003; Yamamoto and Kagi, 2006; Song et al., 2009; Wang et al., 2011; Fall et al., 2011) to develop a densimeter for CO<sub>2</sub> that extends over the density range from  $0.001$  g/cm<sup>3</sup> to  $0.205$  g/cm<sup>3</sup>. This density range corresponds to a pressure range from  $\sim 9$  to  $860$  psi ( $0.0621$  to  $5.93$  MPa) at ambient temperature ( $\sim 22$  °C), i.e., PT conditions in the CO<sub>2</sub> vapor field.

A review of the literature indicates that the methodologies followed to develop the various CO<sub>2</sub> densimeters are sound, yet different densimeters predict different densities for the same Fermi diad splitting (Fig. 2). Several previous studies of the pressure and temperature (density) dependence of Raman spectral features for volatile species (CO<sub>2</sub>, CH<sub>4</sub>) have acknowledged that their results follow similar, but offset trends (Song et al., 2009; Wang et al., 2011; Lu et al., 2007; Lin et al., 2007). These differences have been considered to be mostly the result of: 1) variations associated with instrumentation (hardware) (Lu et al., 2007; Wang et al., 2011), 2) variations in data collection, calibration, and interpretation procedures (Song et al., 2009), 3) variations in the experimental method and EOS used to interpret the data (Song et al., 2009; Lu et al., 2007). These possibilities led us to examine potential causes for variations in the different densimeters that have been reported in the literature by using assorted instrumental settings and collection parameters to analyze CO<sub>2</sub>, and to test our calibration results with those developed using other Raman instruments and analytical methods. As such, several hundred Raman analyses of CO<sub>2</sub> were collected at various pressures and using different Raman instruments, excitation laser wavelengths and gratings.

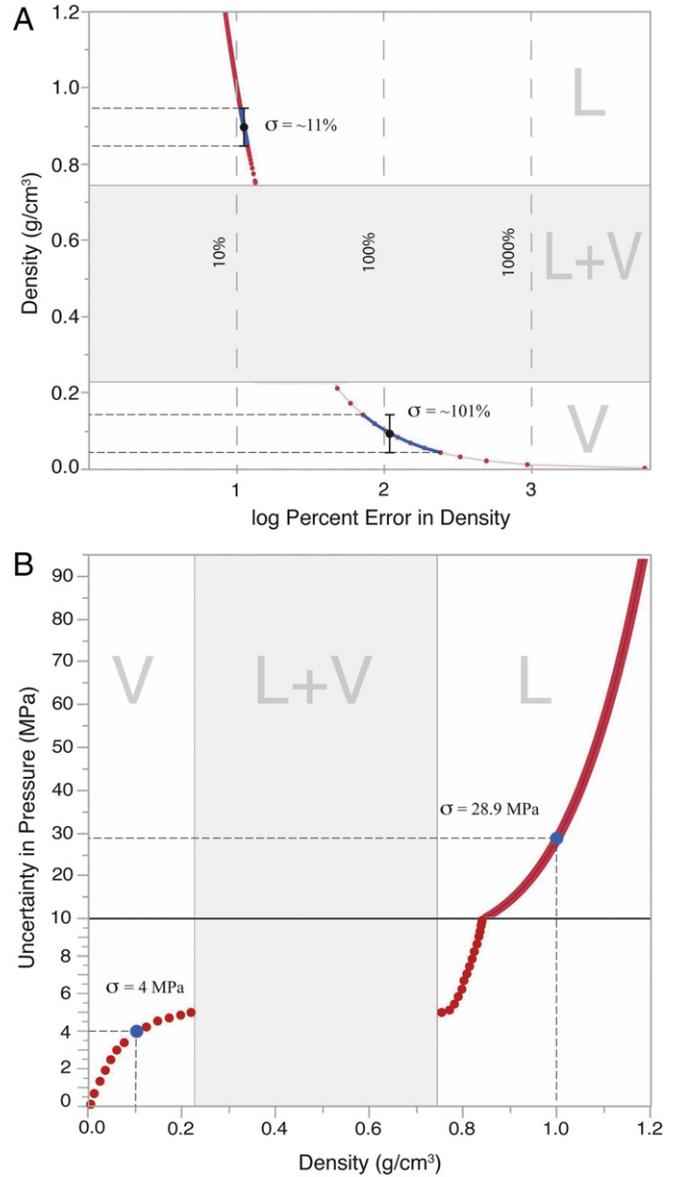
## 2. Analytical methods

The splitting of the Fermi diad in the Raman spectrum of CO<sub>2</sub> was calibrated as a function of pressure and temperature, using a high-pressure optical cell (HPOC) in the Vibrational Spectroscopy Laboratory in



**Fig. 2.** Density of CO<sub>2</sub> as a function of the Fermi diad splitting predicted by various densimeters. (A) Density of CO<sub>2</sub> as a function of the Fermi diad splitting over the entire density range for which various densimeters have been calibrated. Densities <0.211 g/cm<sup>3</sup> correspond to CO<sub>2</sub> vapor at ambient conditions (~22 °C) and are shown by the shaded region. (B) Densities predicted by the various published densimeters both within the density region in which calibration measurements were made (solid lines) and extrapolated to higher and/or lower densities using the published densimeter equations. (C) Enlargement of the low-density region shown in Fig. 2A. Tables 1 and 2 list the equations and the experimental conditions of the published densimeters, respectively.

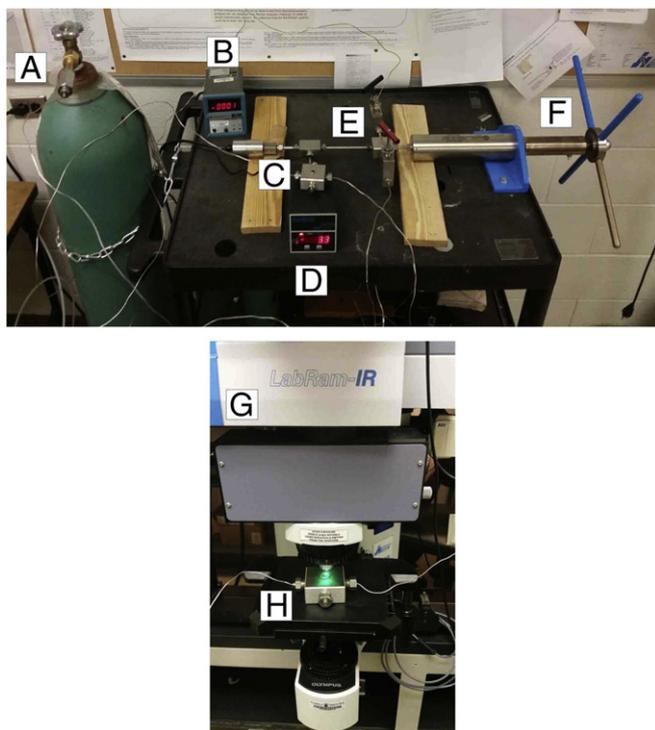
the Department of Geosciences at Virginia Tech (Fig. 4). The experimental setup is similar to the one used in previous studies (Lin et al., 2007; Fall et al., 2011). Kawakami et al. (2003) and Yamamoto and Kagi (2006) describe a similar experimental technique using an HPOC to develop the calibration curve for splitting of the Fermi diad as a function of CO<sub>2</sub> density, which was then used to determine the densities of CO<sub>2</sub>-rich fluid inclusions in mantle xenoliths. Song et al. (2009) determined the relationship between peak splitting and density for densities along the CO<sub>2</sub> liquid-vapor curve by analyzing CO<sub>2</sub> contained in fused silica capillary capsules (FSCC). Wang et al. (2011) used both an HPOC and FSCC to determine the relationship between peak splitting and density. Details



**Fig. 3.** Comparison of the relative error in density corresponding to an absolute uncertainty in density of  $\pm 0.05$  g/cm<sup>3</sup>, and the pressure uncertainty associated with a  $\pm 0.05$  g/cm<sup>3</sup> variation in density. (A) The relative error is density, shown as the log of the percent error (x-axis) as a function of density. An uncertainty of  $\pm 0.05$  g/cm<sup>3</sup> at a density of 0.9 g/cm<sup>3</sup> represents a relative error,  $\sigma$ , of ~11%. The same uncertainty of  $\pm 0.05$  g/cm<sup>3</sup> at a density of 0.1 g/cm<sup>3</sup> represents relative error of ~101%. The percent error increases logarithmically with decreasing density. (B) Uncertainty (or range) in pressure (MPa) required to produce an uncertainty of  $\pm 0.05$  g/cm<sup>3</sup> in density. The pressure uncertainty required to produce an uncertainty of  $\pm 0.05$  g/cm<sup>3</sup> in density for a density of 1.0 g/cm<sup>3</sup> is 28.9 MPa, and for a density of 0.1 g/cm<sup>3</sup> the pressure uncertainty is 4 MPa. For comparison the uncertainty in pressure determination in this study is  $\pm 0.03$  MPa (or ~4 psi).

of the experimental conditions used in these earlier studies are described in Table 2.

In this study, the optical cell (Fig. 4C, H) was connected to a manual screw press-type pressure generator (High-Pressure Equipment Model #50- 6-15; Fig. 4F). Pressure was monitored using two independent pressure transducers that were both connected to the HPOC and could be read simultaneously during the analyses. One was a Precise Instruments pressure transducer (Model 645) accurate to  $\pm 0.1\%$  of the pressure output (pressure displayed in bars; Fig. 4B). The uncertainty in pressure for this transducer at the highest experimental pressure of 6.0 MPa (60 bars) was  $\pm 0.6$  MPa (6 bars), and at the lowest



**Fig. 4.** The high-pressure optical cell (HPOC) used to determine the position of the Raman Fermi diad as a function of temperature and pressure. (A) CO<sub>2</sub> tank (99.999% pure). (B) Pressure transducer with digital output in bars. (C) Optical pressure cell. (D) Pressure transducer with digital output in psi. (E) Input and output valves. (F) Manual screw press-type pressure generator. (G) Optical microscope of the JY Horiba LabRam HR spectrometer. (H) Optical pressure cell during Raman analysis. Readers are referred to Lin et al. (2007) and Fall et al. (2011) for a more detailed description of the experimental setup.

experimental pressure of 0.1 MPa (1 bar) the uncertainty was  $\pm 0.01$  MPa (0.1 bars). The second transducer was a Setra pressure transducer (Model 204C) accurate to  $\pm 0.25\%$  of the pressure output (pressure displayed in psi) coupled with a Datum 2000 meter (Fig. 4D). The uncertainty for this transducer at the highest pressure of 870 psi (6.0 MPa) was  $\pm 2.2$  psi (0.01 MPa), and at the lowest pressure of 9 psi (0.06 MPa) the uncertainty was  $\pm 0.02$  psi (0.0001 MPa).

Commercially supplied ultra-high purity CO<sub>2</sub> (99.999% pure) (Fig. 4A) was used for the calibration experiments. The capillary system and HPOC were purged several times before each experiment to remove any other gases and/or water from the cell (Fig. 4C, H). The positions of the Fermi diad peaks were measured both along a decreasing pressure

path from the CO<sub>2</sub> liquid-vapor curve (6.1 MPa at 22 °C) to 0.06 MPa in 0.2 MPa increments, and along an increasing pressure path from 0.06 to 6.1 MPa in 0.2 MPa increments. All spectra were collected at ambient temperature ( $\sim 22$  °C), and the temperature of the pressure cell during each measurement was recorded by an Omega type-E thermocouple, calibrated against the freezing point of H<sub>2</sub>O at 0 °C, that was inserted into a small hole drilled into the top of the pressure cell, 10 mm deep and 5 mm laterally from the gas chamber. The accuracy of temperature measurements was estimated to be  $\pm 0.05$  °C (Fall et al., 2011). Because the temperature in the cell sometimes changed by a few tenths of a degree Celsius owing to compression or expansion of the gas after the pressure was changed, the system was allowed to thermally equilibrate to ambient temperature (as shown by a constant read-out from the temperature indicator) before the Raman spectrum was collected – this usually took  $\sim 5$  min.

For the initial calibration experiments, Raman analyses were performed using a JY Horiba LabRam HR (800 mm) spectrometer (Fig. 4G), with 1800 grooves/mm gratings. The slit width was set to 150  $\mu\text{m}$ , and the confocal aperture at 400  $\mu\text{m}$ . Excitation was provided by a 514 nm (green) Laser Physics 100S-514 Ar + laser. The laser output was 50 mW at the source and  $\sim 10$  mW at the sample. The laser was focused through a  $3.5\times$  objective (N.A. = 0.10) with a working distance of  $\sim 12$  mm for the pressure cell. The laser spot size for the  $3.5\times$  objective is  $\sim 4$   $\mu\text{m}$  (Lin et al., 2007). The detector used is an electronically cooled open electrode 1024  $\times$  512 pixel CCD. The mean value of three collections of 45 s each was taken to determine the Raman peak positions at each pressure. At pressures  $< 1$  MPa the collection times were increased by 30 s for every 0.2 MPa decrease in pressure to maintain good peak intensities (relative to background) to provide better fits during data analysis. The longest collection time was 300 s at 0.06 MPa.

In previous studies it was suggested that the absolute value of the difference in peak position (splitting) of the Fermi diad ( $\Delta$  value) is sufficiently small to not be affected by the nonlinearity of the monochromator (McCreery, 2000). Nonetheless, in order to eliminate or minimize any potential contributions to uncertainty related to reproducibility and the linearity, the following precautions were taken:

- 1) Small variations in the Fermi diad splitting, ranging from 0.03 to 0.06  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ , were observed for analyses conducted at different times but at the same P-T conditions, and we tested whether this variation was associated with the non-linearity of the spectrometer. In the instrument and software used for the calibration (JY Horiba LabRam HR800 and Labspec 5), the linearity is defined by the zero position (laser line) and the *Koeff* value. Note that other Raman systems and software might have different approaches to correct for nonlinearity. In the system used here, the *Koeff* value is calculated using the position of some other well-known Raman line. The small variations in Fermi diad peak splitting described above were

**Table 2**  
Experimental conditions reported for the published densimeters.

Source	Experiment method	Pressure (MPa)	Density ( $\text{g}/\text{cm}^3$ )	T (°C)	Reported error	Raman calibration method	Peak fitting function	EOS
Rosso and Bodnar (1995)	Gas cell SFI	0.5–50	0.1–1.21	RT	0.02 $\text{g}/\text{cm}^3$	Ne light	Gaussian/Lorentz	Duscek et al. (1990)
Kawakami et al. (2003)	HPOC	4–145	–	16.1–18.3 57.4–58.4 (SC)	0.1 $\text{cm}^{-1}$	Naphtalene	Lorentz	Bottinga and Richet (1981) Sternner and Pitzer (1994)
Yamamoto and Kagi (2006)	HPOC	–	0.91–1.24	–	0.03 $\text{cm}^{-1}$	Naphtalene	Lorentz	Sternner and Pitzer (1994)
Song et al. (2009)	FSCC	–	0.06–1.05	22.1–23.5	0.1 $\text{cm}^{-1}$	Diamond	Not specified	Span and Wagner (1996)
Fall et al. (2011)	HPOC	1–30	–	–10 to 22 35 (SC)	0.035 $\text{cm}^{-1}$	Silicon	Gaussian/Lorentz	Span and Wagner (1996)
Wang et al. (2011)	HPOC FSCC	2.2–35.7	0.04	RT 40 (SC)	0.054 $\text{cm}^{-1}$	Benzonitrile diamond	Gaussian	Span and Wagner (1996)
This study	HPOC	0.06–6.1	–	RT	0.0037 $\text{g}/\text{cm}^3$ 0.01 $\text{cm}^{-1}$	Ne light	Gaussian	Span and Wagner (1996)

SFI: synthetic fluid inclusions, HPOC: high pressure optical cell, FSCC: fused silica capillary capsules, RT: room temperature, SC: supercritical temperatures.

observed when the *Koeff* value or linearity was defined using the laser (Rayleigh) line (Zero value) and the position of the silicon peak ( $520.5 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ , *Koeff* value). These variations in peak splitting ( $0.03$  to  $0.06 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ ) correspond to uncertainties in density at our experimental conditions of  $\sim 0.03 \text{ g/cm}^3$ . We note that when the positions of lines (such as the laser line and the silicon peak) are used to set the value of *Koeff* to define the linearity, the linearity is only defined in the spectral region between the two lines used to establish the linearity. As such, Lin et al. (2007) found that selecting a Raman line (band) closer to the spectral region of interest as the *Koeff* value minimizes uncertainties generated by this random error. We, therefore, defined the linearity of the spectrometer (*Koeff* value) in the spectral region of interest using the laser (Rayleigh) line and the Ne line at  $1458.58 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ . Additionally, to better compensate for the nonlinearity of the monochromator, two Ne emission lines ( $1031.42 \text{ cm}^{-1}$  and  $1458.58 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ ) were recorded simultaneously with the  $\text{CO}_2$  bands using a Ne lamp that is permanently fixed into the optical path of the Raman system. It is important to note that the positions of the Ne lines in our study are relative to the laser line at  $514.532 \text{ nm}$ . If a different excitation laser wavelength is used, the appropriate Ne (or other source) lines corresponding to that excitation wavelength must be used for calibration and to bracket the Fermi diad. Using the measured splitting of the  $\text{CO}_2$  Fermi diad ( $\Delta$ ) and the measured and real, or known, ( $427.16 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ ) distances between the Ne lines, the corrected splitting (real) of the  $\text{CO}_2$  Fermi diad was determined according to the following expression:

$$\Delta_{\text{CO}_2}^{\text{Corrected}} = \left( \frac{\Delta_{\text{Ne}}^{\text{Known}}}{\Delta_{\text{Ne}}^{\text{Measured}}} \right) \Delta_{\text{CO}_2}^{\text{Measured}} \quad (1)$$

where  $\Delta_{\text{CO}_2}^{\text{Corrected}}$  is the corrected splitting of the Fermi diad,  $\Delta_{\text{Ne}}^{\text{Known}}$  and  $\Delta_{\text{Ne}}^{\text{Measured}}$  are the known and measured separation between the  $1458.58 \text{ cm}^{-1}$  and  $1031.42 \text{ cm}^{-1}$  Ne emission lines, respectively, and  $\Delta_{\text{CO}_2}^{\text{Measured}}$  is the measured splitting of the  $\text{CO}_2$  Fermi diad peaks ( $v_+$  and  $v_-$ ,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) in the Raman spectrum. The correction assumes that the difference between the known ( $1458.58 \text{ cm}^{-1}$  and  $1031.42 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ ) and measured positions for the Ne lines is proportional to the difference between the real and measured peaks of the Fermi diad at  $\sim 1388.2 \text{ cm}^{-1}$  and  $\sim 1285.4 \text{ cm}^{-1}$  (Fig. 1).

2) Different Raman systems offer different methodologies for identifying the spectral region of interest and for collecting and compiling the spectral data. With the Raman system used in this study (JY Horiba LabRam HR), the region of interest over which the Raman spectrum is collected, i.e., the spectral region that includes the Fermi diad and the Ne reference lines, can be defined using different methods. The spectral window that is sampled and recorded simultaneously by the detector varies as a function of the gratings used in the spectrometer (the system used in this study has the option of using 600, 1800 or 2400 grooves/mm gratings). Thus, in some cases it may not be possible to record spectra over the entire range of interest in one window (single window collection), and several collection windows or spectral ranges must be defined and collected and then stitched together to obtain the entire spectrum. With the JY system, this method is referred to as an “extended range” collection (Labspec 5) or “multiwindow” collection (Labspec 6). The multiwindow/extended window collection is an automatic function of Labspec Software that allows a spectrum to be acquired over an extended range by taking a number of individual windows and ‘stitching’ these together. In this study, differences in the measured Fermi diad peak splitting of  $0.4$  to  $0.6 \text{ cm}^{-1}$  were observed for a given P-T (density) condition when an extended window collection method was used rather than a single window collection. That is, the

reproducibility was poorer if the different Raman lines were collected in different windows and at different times and the windows were then stitched together to produce the entire spectrum, compared to collecting all lines of interest simultaneously in a single window. These differences in splitting of the Fermi diad at the P-T conditions of the analyses represent uncertainties in the density of  $\sim 0.1$  to  $0.2 \text{ g/cm}^3$ . To eliminate this contribution to uncertainty and to enhance the reproducibility in the measured Fermi diad splitting for a given pressure (density), single window collections were used after centering the spectrometer at a position ( $1250 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ ) such that the  $\text{CO}_2$  Fermi diad and the two Ne bracketing lines could be collected simultaneously in the same spectral window using the 1800 grooves/mm grating.

In order to further test the reproducibility of the analytical method described above and to test for instrumental variations, densimeters were developed using the HPOC on other Raman systems and on the same Raman instrument but with different laser excitation sources and/or gratings. In addition to the  $514 \text{ nm}$  laser described above, the JY Horiba LabRam HR (800 mm) Raman instrument at Virginia Tech is also equipped with a  $632.9 \text{ nm}$  He-Ne laser with a power of  $20 \text{ mW}$  at the source and  $\sim 2 \text{ mW}$  at the sample, with 600, 1800 and 2400 grooves/mm gratings that can be used with both lasers. At the U. S. Geological Survey in Reston, VA the splitting of the Fermi diad was measured at different pressures ( $\text{CO}_2$  densities) using a JY Horiba LabRam HR (800 mm) Raman system equipped with a  $532.06 \text{ nm}$  (frequency doubled Nd: YAG laser,  $532.06 \text{ nm}$ ,  $\sim 20 \text{ mW}$  output), a  $5\times$  objective, and 600 and 1800 grooves/mm gratings, with the confocal aperture set at  $100 \mu\text{m}$ . During the analyses at the USGS, it was not possible to collect spectra for the Ne lines and the Fermi diad simultaneously. The instrument calibration at the USGS followed procedures similar to those of Wang et al. (2011), with zero correction using the laser (Rayleigh) line set at  $0.0 \text{ nm}$  and a *Koeff* correction using the silicon peak at  $520.6 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ . The relationship between  $\text{CO}_2$  density and splitting of the Fermi diad was also measured on a JY Horiba Standard XploRA PLUS, equipped with  $532 \text{ nm}$  and  $785 \text{ nm}$  lasers and 600, 1800, and 2400 grooves/mm gratings. The spectral resolution varied from  $\sim 8$  to  $1.4 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ , depending on the analytical settings. The slit width was set to  $150 \mu\text{m}$ , and the confocal aperture was set at  $400 \mu\text{m}$ . This system has a  $1024 \times 256$  pixel TE deep air-cooled ( $-60 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ ) CCD. The same  $3.5\times$  objective (N.A. = 0.10) used for analyses at Virginia Tech was used for these measurements. The XploRA instrument uses a NIST traceable and patented “autocalibration” for all laser and grating combinations, and a manual calibration such as described above for the LabRam instruments was not possible.

The positions of all Raman lines collected using the different instrumental and analytical combinations described above were determined after baseline correction and Gaussian peak fitting using Labspec 5 software. Previous studies (Israeli et al., 1999; Fukura et al., 2006; Lin et al., 2007) demonstrated that least-squares fitting applied to Raman spectra improves the precision by  $\sim 30$  times compared to that estimated based on the detector pixel resolution, and Lin et al. (2007) reported an uncertainty in peak position of  $\sim 0.02 \text{ cm}^{-1}$  using the same LabRam HR800 instrument and analytical and calibration procedures as described here.

### 3. Results

A total of 183 Raman spectra were collected over the range from  $\sim 0.06$  to  $6.0 \text{ MPa}$  at room temperature ( $\sim 22 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ ) to determine the relationship between  $\text{CO}_2$  pressure (density) and the distance between the peaks of the Fermi diad of  $\text{CO}_2$  (Electronic Annex A). We note that although all published Raman  $\text{CO}_2$  densimeters relate the splitting of the Fermi diad to  $\text{CO}_2$  density, all of the densimeters were obtained by measuring the splitting of the Fermi diad as a function of the  $\text{CO}_2$  pressure rather than density. The pressure was then converted into  $\text{CO}_2$

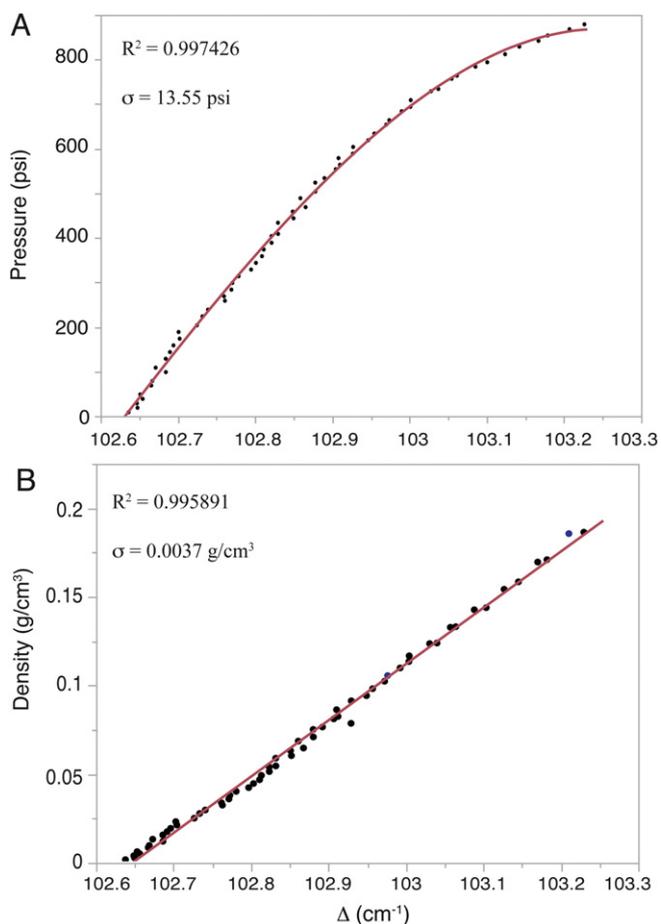
**Table 3**  
Analytical conditions and calculated Fermi diad peak splitting, density and uncertainty in peak splitting.

Pressure (psi)	Pressure (MPa)	Temperature (°C)	$\Delta_{\text{Real}}^a$	Density <sup>b</sup> (g/cm <sup>3</sup> )	Error $\Delta_{\text{Real}}$ (cm <sup>-1</sup> )
9	0.06	23	102.64	0.001	0.007
19	0.13	23	102.65	0.002	0.002
29	0.2	23	102.65	0.004	0.007
39	0.27	22.9	102.65	0.005	0.01
49	0.34	23.1	102.65	0.006	0.014
69	0.48	22.8	102.67	0.009	0.012
79	0.54	23.1	102.67	0.010	0.007
99	0.68	23	102.68	0.013	0.017
109	0.75	23.1	102.67	0.014	0.007
129	0.89	23	102.68	0.017	0.007
144	0.99	23	102.69	0.019	0.005
159	1.1	22.9	102.69	0.021	0.007
174	1.2	23	102.70	0.023	0.003
189	1.3	22.8	102.70	0.025	0.005
204	1.41	23	102.73	0.027	0.017
224	1.54	22.8	102.73	0.030	0.012
239	1.65	23	102.74	0.032	0.005
259	1.79	22.6	102.76	0.035	0.005
269	1.85	23	102.76	0.037	0.02
284	1.96	22.6	102.77	0.039	0.005
299	2.06	23	102.77	0.042	0.002
314	2.16	22.6	102.78	0.044	0.017
329	2.27	23.1	102.80	0.046	0.01
344	2.37	22.6	102.80	0.049	0.007
359	2.48	23.2	102.81	0.051	0.015
374	2.58	22.5	102.81	0.054	0.017
389	2.68	23.2	102.82	0.057	0.007
404	2.79	22.4	102.82	0.059	0.012
409	2.82	23.1	102.83	0.060	0.012
434	2.99	22.4	102.83	0.065	0.017
444	3.06	23.1	102.85	0.067	0.0071
459	3.16	22.3	102.85	0.070	0.005
469	3.23	23.1	102.87	0.071	0.002
489	3.37	22.2	102.86	0.076	0.002
504	3.47	23.1	102.88	0.078	0.01
524	3.61	22.1	102.88	0.083	0.015
534	3.68	23.1	102.89	0.085	0.01
554	3.82	22.6	102.90	0.090	0.015
564	3.89	23.1	102.91	0.091	0.002
579	3.99	22.5	102.91	0.095	0.012
589	4.06	23.1	102.93	0.087	0
604	4.16	22.5	102.93	0.101	0.014
619	4.27	23.2	102.95	0.104	0.008
634	4.37	22.4	102.95	0.109	0.008
654	4.51	23.1	102.97	0.113	0.007
664	4.58	22.4	102.97	0.117	0.002
684	4.72	23.1	102.99	0.122	0.012
694	4.78	22.3	103.00	0.126	0.005
709	4.89	22.3	103.00	0.129	0.015
729	5.01	22.2	103.03	0.137	0.01
734	5.06	23.3	103.04	0.137	0.017
757	5.22	22.3	103.05	0.147	0
764	5.27	23.3	103.06	0.148	0.005
784	5.41	22.2	103.09	0.158	0.01
794	5.47	23.3	103.10	0.160	0.01
812	5.6	22.3	103.12	0.171	0.007
829	5.72	23.3	103.14	0.176	0.01
842	5.81	22.2	103.17	0.188	0.022
854	5.89	23.3	103.18	0.190	0.012
868	5.98	22.3	103.21	0.206	0.02
879	6.06	23.3	103.23	0.207	0.014

<sup>a</sup> Fermi diad splitting obtained by using Eq. (1).

<sup>b</sup> Densities calculated using Span and Wagner (1996) EOS.

density using an equation of state (EOS), as described further below. The pressure range in our experiments extends from the CO<sub>2</sub> liquid-vapor curve (~6.0 MPa at ~22 °C) to the lowest pressure (0.06 MPa) at which the CO<sub>2</sub> peaks could be resolved during three consecutive collections. The difference in peak splitting of the three measurements at each pressure was generally less than  $\pm 0.02 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ , with a standard deviation of  $0.006 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ . The difference in the measured distance between



**Fig. 5.** Pressure (A) and density (B) of CO<sub>2</sub> as a function of the splitting of the Fermi diad (distance between  $\nu_+$  and the  $\nu_-$  peaks of the Fermi diad) for CO<sub>2</sub> measured with the HPOC in this study. Data are listed as Electronic Appendix A.

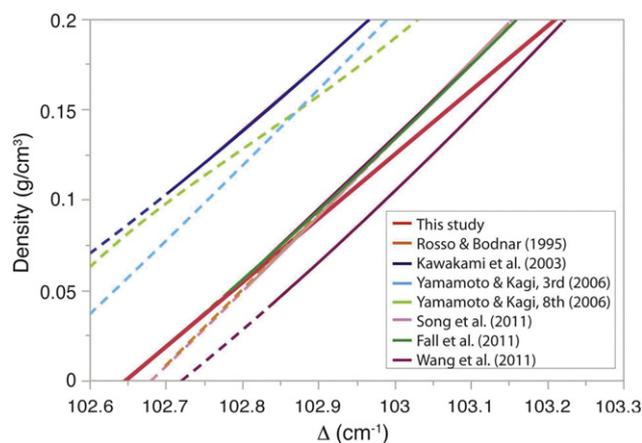
the two Ne lines ( $1031.42 \text{ cm}^{-1}$  and  $1458.58 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ ) used in our calibration was on average  $\pm 0.02 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ , with a standard deviation of  $0.015 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ . The corrected values of the Fermi diad splitting ( $\Delta_{\text{CO}_2}^{\text{Corrected}}$ ) obtained from Eq. (1) for the three different collections vary by  $\pm 0.009 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ , with a standard deviation of  $0.005 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ . The average of the three Fermi diad peak splitting collections,  $\Delta_{\text{CO}_2}^{\text{Corrected}}$ , as well as experimental pressures, temperatures, densities and errors are shown in Table 3. The pressure (psi) at which the Raman spectrum was collected was fitted as a function of the corrected splitting of the Raman Fermi diad ( $\Delta_{\text{Real}}$ ) (Fig. 5a) using a 2nd order polynomial according to:

$$P_{\text{psi}} = -176807.6(1220.90) + 1723.55(11.88)\Delta_{\text{CO}_2}^{\text{Corrected}} - 1722.77(65.55)(\Delta_{\text{CO}_2}^{\text{Corrected}} - 102.866)^2 \quad (2)$$

where  $\Delta_{\text{CO}_2}^{\text{Corrected}}$  is the corrected splitting of the Fermi diad in  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  and  $P_{\text{psi}}$  is pressure in psi. The standard deviation was calculated from the residual plot  $1\sigma = 13.55 \text{ psi}$ , and this error in pressure corresponds to an uncertainty of  $0.008 \text{ cm}^{-1}$  in the Fermi diad splitting, with a  $R^2$  of 0.997426. The standard error for each term is shown in parentheses.

We note that the relationship between Fermi diad splitting and pressure described by Eq. (2) is based on measurements obtained at ambient temperature ( $\sim 22 \pm 1 \text{ °C}$ ). Thus, Eq. (2) should only be used when analyzing CO<sub>2</sub> at room temperature, and for pressures (and densities) in the CO<sub>2</sub> vapor field.

In the present study, the density corresponding to the temperature and pressure condition of every analysis was calculated using the Span and Wagner (1996) EOS as implemented in the NIST



**Fig. 6.** Comparison of published CO<sub>2</sub> densimeters with the densimeter developed in this study. Note that all of the densimeters have been extrapolated by various amounts beyond the range in which they were calibrated, as shown by the dashed lines. The densimeter developed in this study was calibrated over the density range from 0.001 g/cm<sup>3</sup> to 0.211 g/cm<sup>3</sup>, corresponding to a pressure range from 0.06 to 6.0 MPa. Data are listed in Table 3.

online calculator (<http://webbook.nist.gov/chemistry/fluid/>) for thermophysical properties of fluids. Thus, as noted above, because all studies that have developed the CO<sub>2</sub> densimeter measured the pressure and converted this value to a density using an EOS, some variation between densimeters might be related to the choice of EOS used to convert the pressure to density (see Table 2 for a listing of the EOS used in previous studies). We note, however, that over the P-T range of this study, differences in the volumetric (Pressure-Volume-Temperature, or PVT) properties for CO<sub>2</sub> predicted by the various EOS are negligible, and the NIST calculator was used due to its flexibility and ease of use. Thus, differences in various densimeters shown in Fig. 2 are not the result of using different EOS to interpret the PVT data for CO<sub>2</sub>. After converting the experimental pressures (and temperatures) to density using the Span and Wagner (1996) EOS, CO<sub>2</sub> density was fitted as a function of the corrected splitting of the Fermi diad ( $\Delta_{\text{CO}_2}^{\text{Corrected}}$ ) according to (Fig. 5B):

$$\rho = -36.42(0.31) + 0.355(0.01)\Delta_{\text{CO}_2}^{\text{Corrected}} \quad (3)$$

where  $\rho$  is density in g/cm<sup>3</sup> and  $\Delta_{\text{CO}_2}^{\text{Corrected}}$  is the Fermi diad splitting in cm<sup>-1</sup>. The standard deviation of the differences between the actual and predicted values determined from the residual plot is 0.0037 g/cm<sup>3</sup>, corresponding to an error of ~0.01 cm<sup>-1</sup> in the Fermi diad splitting, and the  $R^2 = 0.995891$ . The standard error for each term is shown in parentheses. The densities predicted by Eq. (3) were compared to other published Raman densimeters (Fig. 6). Our revised densimeter predicts CO<sub>2</sub> densities that are in general agreement with results from Fall et al. (2011), Song et al. (2009), Wang et al. (2011), and Rosso and Bodnar (1995). At a given pressure and temperature, densities predicted by the Kawakami et al. (2003) and Yamamoto and Kagi (2006) densimeters are significantly higher than those predicted by our model, although we note that we have extrapolated those densimeters (especially those of Yamamoto and Kagi, 2006) well beyond the density range over which they have been calibrated. While the various densimeters predict different densities for the same measured Fermi diad splitting, the trends for all densimeters are parallel to each other and to the trend predicted by Eq. (3) (this study).

### 3.1. Variability associated with instrumental configuration and analytical conditions

Raman spectra of CO<sub>2</sub> were collected over a range of pressures extending from the pressure on the CO<sub>2</sub> liquid-vapor curve (~6.0 MPa or 838 psi) at ambient temperature (~22 °C) to the lowest pressure at which the CO<sub>2</sub> Fermi diad bands could be measured (~0.06 MPa or 9 psi), to determine the relationship between CO<sub>2</sub> density and the splitting of the Fermi diad for 12 different Raman analytical configurations. Six of the experiments were conducted at Virginia Tech using the 514 nm and 632 nm lasers with the 600, 1800 and 2400 grooves/mm gratings; two experiments were conducted at the USGS in Reston, VA using a JY Horiba LabRam Raman system, a 532 nm laser and 600 and 1800 grooves/mm gratings, and three experiments were conducted using the JY Horiba Standard XploRA Plus Raman system equipped with a 532 nm laser and 1800 and 2400 grooves/mm gratings, and with a 785 nm laser with 1800 grooves/mm grating. For all analyses, the CO<sub>2</sub> density corresponding to the pressure (and temperature) at which the Fermi diad was measured was calculated using the Span and Wagner (1996) EOS as previously described. All results, including the data from the published densimeters, (Kawakami et al., 2003; Yamamoto and Kagi, 2006; Song et al., 2009; Fall et al., 2011; Wang et al., 2011) are tabulated in Table 4, Electronic Annex B and Fig. 7.

**Table 4**  
Raman instruments and configurations, densimeters, slopes of fitted lines, and fitting statistics.

Experiment	Raman instrument	Laser (nm)	Gratings	Fitted equation	Residual error <sup>b</sup> (g/cm <sup>3</sup> )	Slope (g/cm <sup>3</sup> /cm <sup>-1</sup> )	R <sup>2</sup>
Eq. (3) Ne lines	JY Horiba Labram 800	514	1800	$\rho = -36.42(0.31)^a + 0.355(0.003)\Delta$	0.002	0.355	0.996
VT 514 nm 600 g	JY Horiba Labram 800	514	600	$\rho = -35.679(1.302) + 0.347(0.013)\Delta$	0.004	0.347	0.986
VT 514 nm 1800 g	JY Horiba Labram 800	514	1800	$\rho = -36.635(0.293) + 0.357(0.003)\Delta$	0.004	0.357	0.999
VT 514 nm 2400 g	JY Horiba Labram 800	514	2400	$\rho = -38.025(0.305) + 0.371(0.003)\Delta$	0.002	0.371	0.999
VT 632 nm 600 g	JY Horiba Labram 800	632	600	$\rho = -37.8(2.4) + 0.368(0.023)\Delta$	0.005	0.368	0.965
VT 632 nm 1800 g	JY Horiba Labram 800	632	1800	$\rho = -35.424(0.86) + 0.345(0.008)\Delta$	0.003	0.345	0.992
VT 632 nm 2400 g	JY Horiba Labram 800	632	2400	$\rho = -40.377(0.829) + 0.394(0.008)\Delta$	0.002	0.394	0.995
USGS 532 nm 600 g	JY Horiba Labram 800	532	600	$\rho = -37.387(1.027) + 0.364(0.009)\Delta$	0.005	0.364	0.988
USGS532nm 1800 g	JY Horiba Labram 800	532	1800	$\rho = -37.371(0.224) + 0.364(0.002)\Delta$	0.001	0.364	0.999
XploRA 532 nm 1800 g	XploRA Plus	532	1800	$\rho = -38.891(0.874) + 0.379(0.008)\Delta$	0.002	0.379	0.994
XploRA 532 nm 2400 g	XploRA Plus	532	2400	$\rho = -39.737(0.671) + 0.387(0.068)\Delta$	0.003	0.387	0.996
XploRA785nm 1800 g	XploRA Plus	785	1800	$\rho = -38.016(0.694) + 0.370(0.007)\Delta$	0.002	0.370	0.996
Kawakami et al. (2003) <sup>c</sup>	Chromex 250is	514	—	$\rho = -35.25(2.916) + 0.344(0.028)\Delta$	0.007	0.344	0.954
Song et al. (2009)	JY Horiba Labram 800	532	1800	$\rho = -39.548 + 0.385\Delta$	—	0.385	1 <sup>+</sup>
Wang et al. (2011) <sup>c</sup>	JY Horiba Labram 800	532	1800	$\rho = -35.652(0.578) + 0.347(0.006)\Delta$	0.004	0.347	0.991
Fall et al. (2011) <sup>c</sup>	JY Horiba Labram 800	514	1800	$\rho = -39.441(0.164) + 0.384(0.002)\Delta$	0.001	0.384	0.999

nm = laser wavelength,  $\sigma$  = density,  $\Delta$  = Fermi diad splitting (cm<sup>-1</sup>).

<sup>a</sup> In parenthesis is the standard error for the intercept and for the slope.

<sup>b</sup> Error = standard deviation of the residuals (difference from the predicted density equation to the real data).

<sup>c</sup> Only data lower than 0.2 g/cm<sup>3</sup>, <sup>+</sup> only 2 data points.

## 4. Discussion

### 4.1. Variations associated with instrumentation (hardware)

The comparison tests using different Raman configurations identified relatively small but systematic variations in the relationship between Fermi diad splitting and density (Fig. 7A). While the density predicted for a given Fermi diad splitting for the different instrumental combinations varies, the trends in Fermi diad splitting versus density for the various combinations are essentially parallel to each other (Fig. 7A), and over the range of conditions examined, the relationship of Fermi diad splitting to density is linear (Fig. 7B). The calculated slopes ( $m$ ) for the different calibration lines vary from 0.3442 to 0.3935 which represents a ~ 12% relative difference between all the slopes. The average slope is 0.3663 with a standard error from the mean of 0.0041 (1.01%). This parallel behavior is similar to the trend observed for the extrapolated densimeters (Figs. 2C and 6).

One factor often ignored in Raman studies is the ambient temperature conditions in the laboratory and its effect on spectrometer

performance and could explain some of the differences observed between published CO<sub>2</sub> densimeters (Gaufrès et al., 1995; Mestari et al., 1997; Fukura et al., 2006). Fukura et al. (2006) monitored changes in the fluorescence spectrum of ruby with time (the reader is referred to Fig. 5 in Fukura et al., 2006). Their results show that changes in ambient laboratory temperature of as little as 0.8 °C were responsible for variations in the peak position of ~0.1 cm<sup>-1</sup>. Other workers had observed changes in peak position in the range of 0.1 to 0.3 cm<sup>-1</sup> per degree Celsius of room temperature change (Gaufrès et al., 1995; Mestari et al., 1997). These variations suggest that as the room temperature changes, thermal expansion or contraction of spectrometer occurs (Fukura et al., 2006). In the Virginia Tech lab we recorded daily temperature fluctuations in the range ~ 1 °C during a normal operating day (~ 12 h). As such, temperature fluctuations while collecting the data cannot completely explain the differences recorded.

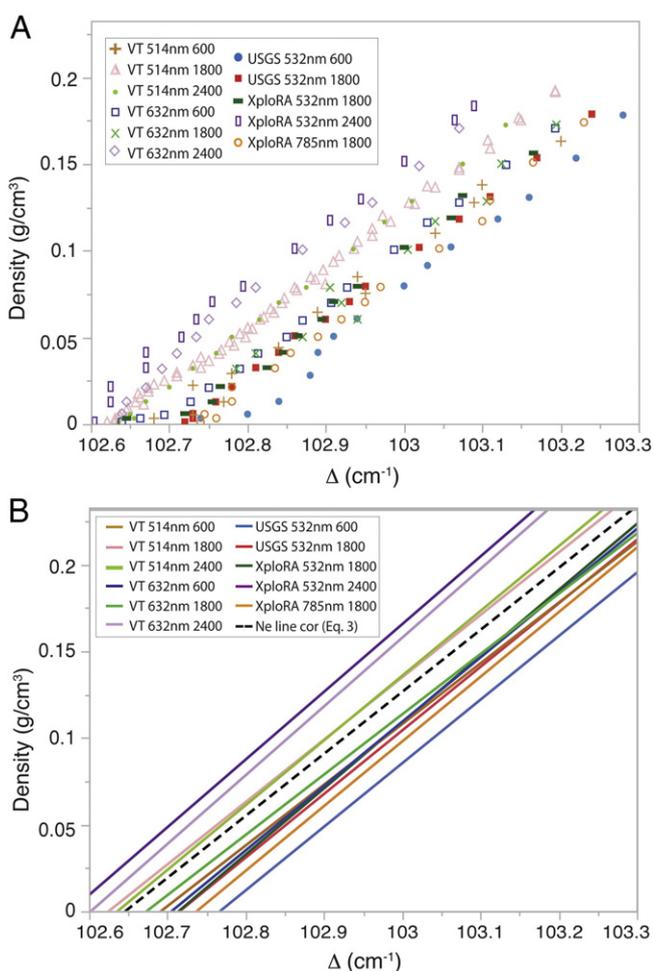
Another possible explanation that could account for the differences observed using different Raman configurations, as well as the differences observed in the published densimeters, is the manner in which light interacts with its environment as it travels between the laser source, the optics of the microscope, and the diffraction gratings to the detector. Minuscule differences in the construction of any part of the hardware can lead to some small but constant differences between the Raman configurations and could explain the differences observed in this study. For example, the diffraction gratings used in the Raman instruments involved in this study consist of a hard, optically flat surface etched with a large number of parallel and closely spaced grooves. A small difference in the etching of the gratings, or in the materials used for the gratings, can potentially change the angle in which light is dispersed. Moreover, changes in other instrumental parameters like the confocal aperture and the slit can potentially affect the spectral resolution depending on the Raman instrument, and could also generate small but systematic differences in the Raman peak position. These possibilities should be examined further, but this topic is beyond the scope of the present study.

### 4.2. Variations associated with data collection, calibration, interpretation, procedures and EOS.

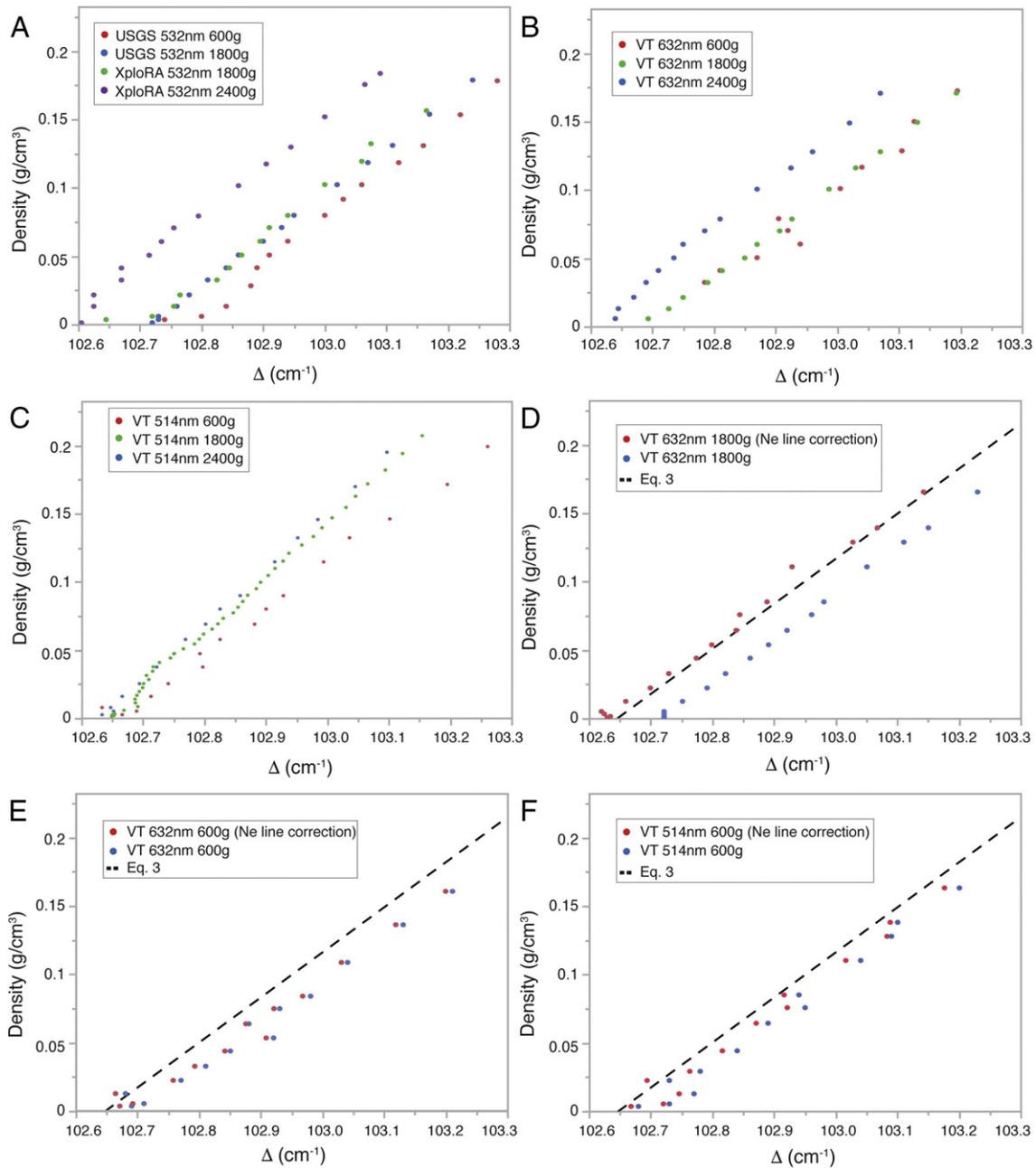
Our results show that the choice of grating has a relatively significant effect on the Raman spectrum. When using the same laser excitation wavelength with different gratings, we observed a correlation between different instruments and laser wavelengths (514, 532 and 632 nm. At the same CO<sub>2</sub> density, data collected with the 600 grooves/mm grating shows a greater splitting of the Fermi diad compared to measurements obtained with the 1800 and 2400 groove/mm gratings (Fig. 8A–B–C). In addition, using different Raman instruments but with similar excitation wavelength (532 nm) and gratings (1800 grooves/mm) produces similar peak splitting versus density relationships (Fig. 8A).

The effectiveness of using the known positions of Ne lines to correct peak positions was tested using four different Raman combinations, including the 514 and 632 nm lasers with the 600 and 1800 groove/mm gratings. Since the Raman shift depends on the laser wavelength, the Ne lines used with the 514 nm laser (1031.42 and 1458.58 cm<sup>-1</sup>) were not at the same position as the lines obtained when the 632 nm laser is used (1371.28 and 1582.54 cm<sup>-1</sup>). In all cases, using the Ne lines to correct the positions of the Fermi diad lines and, therefore, the splitting of the Fermi diad, shifts the data points closer to values predicted by Eq. (3) (Fig. 8D–E–F). However, the 600 grooves/mm gratings produce a lower spectral resolution and can produce larger errors associated with fitting the less intense peaks at low pressure (density). For example, in the case of the 514 nm laser the spectral resolution of the 600 grooves/mm gratings is of 1.99 cm<sup>-1</sup> per pixel whereas the spectral resolution for the 1800 grooves/mm gratings is almost four times higher at 0.575 cm<sup>-1</sup> per pixel.

The reproducibility and linearity inconsistencies observed with the single vs. extended or multiwindow methods described above were



**Fig. 7.** Comparison of the different CO<sub>2</sub> densimeters developed in this study. (A) Data for the splitting of the Fermi diad,  $\Delta$ , as a function of density for the different Raman analytical configurations. VT refers to analyses conducted at Virginia Tech using the JY Horiba LabRam HR system; USGS refers to analyses conducted at the U. S. Geological Survey using a JY Horiba LabRam HR system; XploRA refers to analyses conducted at Virginia Tech using a JY Horiba XploRA Raman system; 514 nm, 632 nm, 532 nm, and 785 nm refer to the laser excitation wavelength, and 600, 1800, and 2400 refer to the number of grooves/mm of the grating used. The data set labeled VT 514 nm 1800 represents measurements without the Ne line correction. (B) Fitted lines corresponding to the different data sets shown in Fig. 7A. The dashed line is the relationship between Fermi diad peak splitting and density predicted by Eq. (3), that was developed using the data in Fig. 7A labeled "VT 514 nm 1800" after correcting the peak positions using the positions of the bracketing Ne lines collected simultaneously with the CO<sub>2</sub> spectrum.

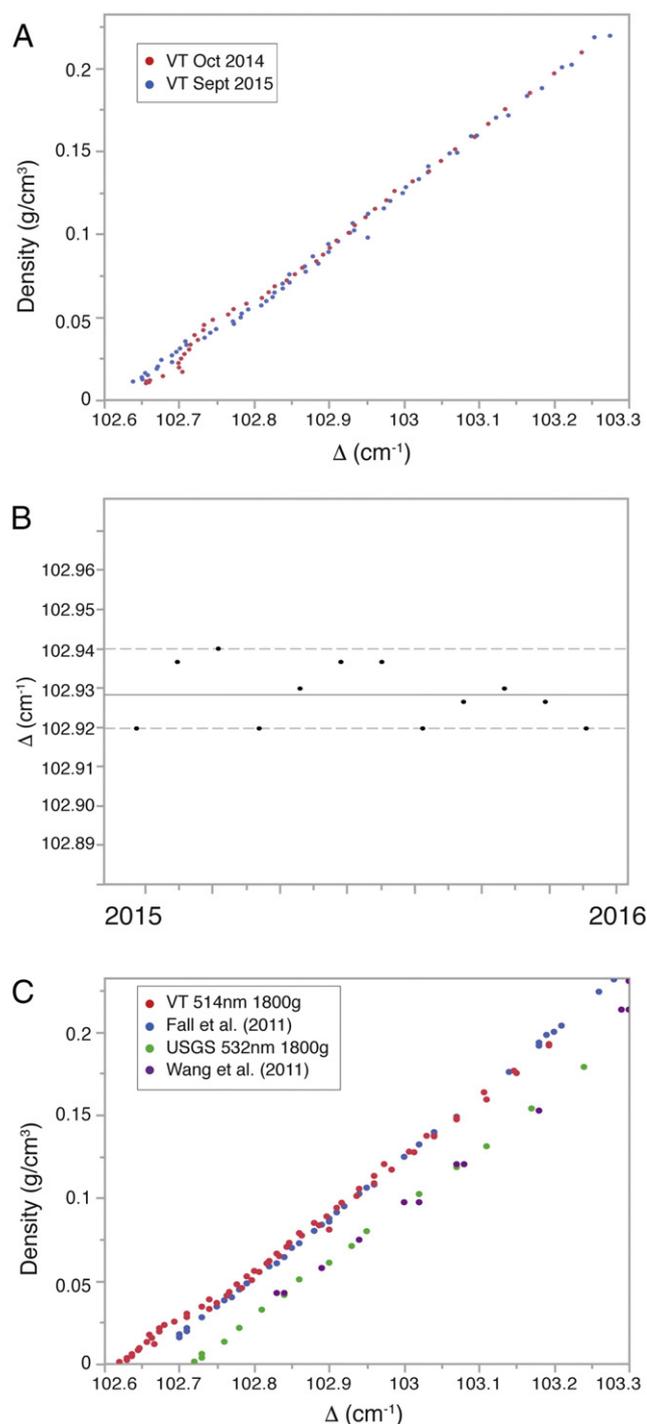


**Fig. 8.** Density of CO<sub>2</sub> as a function of the Fermi diad splitting ( $\Delta$ ) for various instrumental configurations. (A) CO<sub>2</sub> density as a function of the Fermi diad splitting ( $\Delta$ ), all measured using the 532 nm laser but with different gratings. (B) CO<sub>2</sub> density as a function of the Fermi diad splitting ( $\Delta$ ), all measured using the 632 nm laser but different gratings. (C) CO<sub>2</sub> density as a function of the Fermi diad splitting ( $\Delta$ ), all measured using the 514 nm laser but different gratings. In all three cases, the splitting of the Fermi diad for a given density decreases as the resolution of the gratings (more grooves/mm) increases. The data collected with the 600 grooves/mm gratings show greater dispersion due to the lower spectral resolution. (D–F) Fermi diad splitting as a function of density for different laser and gratings combinations, comparing the data before and after correction using the positions of the simultaneously collected Ne lines. Also shown is relationship between Fermi diad splitting and density predicted by Eq. (3) (dashed line).

observed for all of the Raman instruments tested. The distance between the peaks of the Fermi diad at 600 psi and ambient temperature was measured using single window and extended/multiwindow in consecutive collections. For the USGS Raman system (532 nm laser and 1800 gratings) the variation in the splitting of the Fermi diad for different collections was between 0.4 and 0.6 cm<sup>-1</sup>, and with the XploRA system (532 nm laser and 1800 gratings) the variation in peak splitting was between 0.3 and 0.5 cm<sup>-1</sup>, similar to what was observed using the Virginia Tech JY Horiba LabRam system.

As noted above, during calibration to develop the densimeters, the pressure corresponding to a given Fermi diad peak splitting is easily measured using a pressure cell and is, therefore, accurately known, and this value is converted to density using an equation of state (EOS).

Here, we consider whether the differences in densimeters could be the result of which EOS was used to interpret the PVT data to convert the measured pressure into the corresponding CO<sub>2</sub> density. Kawakami et al. (2003) and Yamamoto and Kagi (2006) used the Sterner and Pitzer (1994) EOS to calculate the CO<sub>2</sub> density corresponding to the PT conditions at which the Raman spectrum was collected, while the other studies described here used the Span and Wagner (1996) EOS. The differences in density calculated at the same temperature from 0.1 MPa to 200 MPa using Sterner and Pitzer (1994) and Span and Wagner (1996) EOS are <1%, with a standard deviation of 0.43%. This difference is negligible and cannot account for the differences observed between the Kawakami et al. (2003) and Yamamoto and Kagi (2006) data sets and data from other studies described above.



**Fig. 9.** Comparison of the relationship between Fermi diad peak splitting and density determined at different times. (A) Relationship between Fermi diad splitting ( $\Delta$ ) and density determined in October 2014 and in September 2015 using the 514 nm laser and 1800 groove/mm gratings at Virginia Tech. (B) Measurement of the splitting of the Fermi diad of  $\text{CO}_2$  in the HPOC at 500 psi and room temperature at various times over the course of  $\sim 1$  year. (C) Comparison of the relationship between splitting of the Fermi diad and density obtained in this study (VT 514 nm 1800 g) and data collected at other times using the same Raman configuration, laser wavelength and grating resolution. The data collected in this study and data from Fall et al. (2011) collected approximately 4 years earlier in the same lab using the same Raman system are nearly identical. Similarly, data collected in the USGS lab in this study correlates well with data previously collected by Wang et al. (2011) using the same instrument.

### 4.3. Temporal variations

The calibration experiments used to develop the densimeter described by eq. (3) were conducted in October 2014. In an effort to understand the long-term reproducibility of the densimeter developed in this study, a second calibration experiment was conducted in September 2015 using the same Raman setup and collection protocols used to determine the densimeter described by Eq. (3). The September 2015 data show almost perfect correlation with the October 2014 data (Fig. 9A). The maximum deviation between the data sets is about  $0.02 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ , corresponding to a density variation of  $0.003 \text{ g/cm}^3$ , with a standard deviation of  $\sim 0.004 \text{ cm}^{-1}$  or  $0.001 \text{ g/cm}^3$ . The difference in the slopes of the densimeters is 2.8%.

In addition to these two calibrations that were done over the complete range of pressures and densities in the  $\text{CO}_2$  vapor field at ambient temperature, the Fermi diad was measured episodically at a fixed pressure, using the same instrumental settings (514 nm laser, and 1800 groove/mm gratings) and collection protocols used to develop the densimeters. Fig. 9B shows the variations found in the splitting of the Fermi diad at 500 psi (3.5 MPa) and ambient temperature over the course of one year. The average Fermi diad peak splitting for 12 different measurements was  $102.93 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ , with a maximum deviation of  $0.02 \text{ cm}^{-1}$  equivalent to an error in density of  $0.002 \text{ g/cm}^3$  with a standard deviation of  $0.007 \text{ cm}^{-1}$  equivalent to an error in density of  $0.001 \text{ g/cm}^3$ .

We further examined temporal variations in the relationship between Fermi diad peak splitting and density by comparing calibrations conducted on the same Raman instrument and with the same hardware combinations (gratings, laser, etc.), and using the same analytical protocols, but at different times. For example, the relationship between Fermi diad peak splitting and density was determined at Virginia Tech using the JY Horiba LabRam HR800 instrument with 514 nm laser with 1800 grating, and was also determined approximately 4 years earlier by Fall et al. (2011) using the same configuration and instrument (Fig. 9C). As shown, the results for the 2011 calibration (Fall et al., 2011) and those for the more recent calibration (labeled “VT 514 nm 1800 g” in Fig. 9C) are essentially identical. The same consistency for the relationship between Fermi diad peak splitting and density with time is observed between data collected in 2015 as part of this study (labeled “USGS 532 nm 1800 g” in Fig. 9C) using the USGS Raman JY Horiba LabRam HR800 system with 532 nm laser and 1800 gratings and the previously published data from Wang et al. (2011) obtained using the same configuration and instrument (Fig. 9C). These results show that, even though the densimeters determined using the two different instruments and laboratories (VT versus USGS) and collection parameters are noticeably different, the densimeters determined using the same instrument and laboratory and collection parameters are essentially identical, even though they were obtained years apart.

## 5. Summary and recommendations

We determined the relationship between the splitting of the Fermi diad of  $\text{CO}_2$  and  $\text{CO}_2$  density at pressures from the liquid-vapor curve (6.0 MPa) to 0.06 MPa at ambient temperature ( $\sim 22^\circ \text{C}$ ). Twelve experiments were conducted to test the variability associated with instrumental and analytical conditions, as well as to understand the differences between the various densimeters, using three different Raman instruments, with various laser sources and gratings.

All densimeters show a linear and nearly parallel behavior throughout the experimental range of pressures examined here ( $\sim 0.06$  to 6.0 MPa). The slopes of the density versus peak splitting relationship determined here, as well as low density (pressure) data from other published densimeters (Kawakami et al., 2003; Yamamoto and Kagi, 2006; Song et al., 2009; Fall et al., 2011; Wang et al., 2011) (Table 4) are remarkably similar. The differences observed in all densimeters, including previously published densimeters and the 12 experiments from

this study, are most likely a function of variations in instrumentation, laser excitation wavelength, gratings and analytical protocols used during the experimental calibration of the splitting of the Fermi diad.

Based on the results of this examination of the various factors that affect the relationship between Fermi diad splitting and CO<sub>2</sub> pressure, the following protocols are recommended.

- 1) A densimeter from the literature should not be used to interpret Raman data. A densimeter developed on the Raman instrument used to analyze unknowns, following the calibration procedures used in this study, will be much more reliable. This requires access to samples or equipment that allow the splitting of the Fermi diad to be measured over the complete range of PTX conditions for which the densimeter is to be applied. Fortunately, all of the calibration curves obtained in this study and reported for published densimeters are linear over for density <0.2 g/cm<sup>3</sup>. Thus, only two samples of known CO<sub>2</sub> density are needed to calibrate the densimeter for any instrument.
- 2) The linearity of the Raman spectrometer should be determined using positions of known lines (peaks) that bracket or include the spectral region of interest. In this study we used Ne emission lines, but laser lines may also be used.
- 3) The Raman spectrum should be obtained using a single window collection protocol whereby all peaks of interest are collected simultaneously, including some well-known Raman lines or standard (in our study Ne lines). To develop the densimeter described here, we selected a spectral window such that the CO<sub>2</sub> Fermi diad and the bracketing Ne lines (1031.42 cm<sup>-1</sup> and 1458.58 cm<sup>-1</sup>) were within the same window. Following baseline correction, the peaks of the Fermi diad and the Ne lines were fitted using a Gaussian fit to determine the Fermi diad splitting corrected for the non-linearity of the spectrometer in the spectral region of interest.

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