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9	Abstract
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11	Asymmetric reservoir fluids with high gas-to-oil ratios and heavy oils could
12	present complex phase behaviors at reservoir or production conditions, as observed in
13	Brazilian Pre-Salt reservoirs. To better understand the phase behaviors of these types of
14	reservoir fluids with high carbon dioxide and methane contents, we initiated a study in our
15	laboratory on the fluid phase equilibria of systems containing supercritical CO2 and/or
16	methane plus a heavy hydrocarbon. In the initial phase of this program, which forms this
17	article, the choice was made to experimentally determine the phase diagram of the binary
18	system: carbon dioxide + diphenylmethane within the temperature range 293.15 to 378.15
19	K. In addition, the data were compared with those modeled using a predictive version of the
20	Peng-Robinson equation of state (PPR78).
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22	Keywords: Fluid phase equilibria; carbon dioxide; aromatics.
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24 1. Introduction

Due to their impacts on energy production, high pressure reservoirs have been the topic of numerous studies [1-3]. These reservoirs are characterized by extreme pressures, often exceeding 50 MPa and temperatures of up to 470 K. Moreover, they can be associated with fluids that are complex in terms of composition [4]. Some of these reservoir fluids are classified as asymmetric, with high methane and carbon dioxide content mixed with heavy hydrocarbons with a significant C₇₊ fraction, with molecules that can contain more than 40 carbon atoms [5].

32 The difference in size between the components of asymmetric mixtures can promote complex types of phase behavior, generally associated with significant deviation from 33 34 ideality at high-pressure conditions [6,7]. Even though reservoir fluids are made up of thousands of different hydrocarbon components, the experiments to study and understand 35 their phase behavior need to be carried out on a simple model. The model systems most 36 commonly used for these studies are binary mixtures of methane or carbon dioxide with n-37 alkanes. Consequently, the phase behavior of these mixtures has been extensively described 38 in the literature [8–16]. Information concerning the type of phase behavior observed 39 40 (according to the classification proposed by van Konynenburg and Scott [17] and the phase transitions reported as a function of the *n*-alkane carbon number) is summarized in Table 1 41 for both $CH_4 + n$ -alkane and $CO_2 + n$ -alkane binary systems. 42

Table 1 shows that as the chain length of the alkanes increases, along with system asymmetry, a transition from a simple to a more complex phase behavior is observed. More specifically, the critical behavior of the mixtures shifts from Type I to Type III (according to van Konynenburg and Scott's classification [17]). In type III behavior, a three-phase

liquid - liquid - vapor equilibrium (LLVE) region is obtained at low temperature and 47 pressures, reaching a critical endpoint near the critical point of the light compound in the 48 mixture. The phase behavior transitions occur by passing through an intermediate 49 50 condition, a type V behavior in the case of methane mixed with *n*-hexane and a type IV behavior for a methane + n-heptane mixture. A Type IV behavior is also observed in the 51 case of an *n*-tridecane and carbon dioxide system. In the case of heavier alkanes, solid-52 phase formation hides liquid-liquid-vapor phase separation, which consequently cannot be 53 54 detected in alkanes with a triple point that is much higher than the critical temperature of 55 the light compound. In these conditions, a solid – liquid – supercritical fluid (SLF) system is observed, with solid and liquid phases in equilibrium with a supercritical phase with a 56 high light-component content. This additional fluid phase behaves like a dense phase at 57 high pressure, and like a dilute phase in low-pressure conditions [10]. 58

Among the existing studies concerning the phase behavior of asymmetric light + 59 60 heavy hydrocarbon systems, there is a lack of experiments on branched-chain alkanes and 61 polyaromatic molecules, as can be confirmed by looking at periodic reports concerning experiments of high-pressure fluid phase equilibria [62-66]. These observations regarding 62 the lack of data on the fluid phase equilibria of model systems led us to undertake an 63 experimental and modeling investigation of binary and multi-component synthetic systems, 64 65 which could represent complex phase transitions as observed in some reservoir fluids such as those of Brazil's Pre-Salt fields. In the initial phase of this program, the subject of this 66 first article, the choice was made to experimentally determine the phase behavior of the 67 binary system composed of carbon dioxide and diphenylmethane. Phase transition 68 measurements were carried out using a synthetic method in the temperature range from T =69

(293.15 to 378.15) K. Predictive cubic equations of state were also tested to describe the
experimental phase behavior obtained.

Some Brazilian Pre-Salt reservoir fluids, characterized by high gas content which can 72 73 exceed 55.0 mol% [67-69], presented L-L and L-L-V equilibrium domains at high temperatures as described in previous studies [69-72]. The L-L phase immiscibility 74 observed in these fluids under HT-HP conditions (high temperature - high pressure) was 75 characterized by the formation of a dispersed liquid phase in the continuous oil phase, 76 77 which makes difficult to detect phase changes in these types of black oil systems, but above 78 all, makes it practically impossible to sample and analyze the second liquid phase, thereby 79 limiting understanding of these phase equilibria. Only by combining experimental and modeling techniques it was possible to establish that the L-L immiscibility observed in Pre-80 Salt oils could be generated by the demixing of heavy hydrocarbon compounds from crude 81 oils [70] rather than by carbon dioxide separation as usually observed at low temperature in 82 $CO_2 + n$ -alkane systems. Consequently, modeling plays a crucial role in understanding the 83 84 complex phase behaviors of these types of reservoir fluids, and their reliability must therefore be verified using a synthetic system. In view of the requirement to perform proper 85 modeling, the experimental data were compared using a predictive PPR78 model based on 86 the Peng Robinson equation of state with the addition of a fully predictive mixing rule, 87 88 which is therefore particularly well suited to predicting systems with high molecular weight 89 components.

91 **2.** Materials and Methods

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93 2.1. Chemicals

The chemical compounds used to formulate the systems are listed in Table 2, while the molecular weights, melting temperatures, and normal boiling points of the liquid compounds are listed in Table 3. All chemicals were used without any further purification.

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98 2.2 Experimental technique

99 A full visual PVT cell was used to study phase behavior and prepare the systems, as described in a previous paper [33]. In short, the PVT cell is a high-pressure volumetric 100 piston with a sapphire window at the top that allows total visibility of the cell content. 101 Operating limits were 100 MPa, 30 cm³, and 383.15 K, for pressure, volume, and 102 103 temperature, respectively. The PVT cell was adapted using a coupled calibrated pressure transducer with an uncertainty $u(p^{gauge})$ of $\pm 0.02\%$ across its entire range. Temperature 104 control was made by circulating a heat-carrier fluid through three flow lines directly 105 managed in the cell body and connected to a thermostatic bath (Ministat 230, Huber with 106 temperature stability of ±0.02 K). Temperature was measured using a Pt-100 directly in 107 contact with the metal cell body, with an uncertainty $u(T^{gauge})$ of 0.1 K. Additionally, a 108 109 magnetic bar was put inside the cell to continuously stir the sample studied by means of an external magnetic stirrer system placed beneath the cell. 110

111 Phase behavior analysis was performed according to the synthetic method at 112 isoplethic conditions. Isopleth composition was therefore precisely controlled during the

synthesis of the mixture before the fluid phase behavior analysis. For that purpose, mixtures 113 were prepared directly inside the measurement cell by weighing both the liquid and gas. 114 For this operation, the liquid was first injected into the PVT cell under vacuum, and the 115 116 amount of liquid transferred to the cell was determined by using an analytical balance with uncertainty in measurement equal to 1 mg. The CO₂ was then added under pressure. To 117 weigh the amount of gas added to the cell, the CO₂ was initially loaded into a large-volume 118 tank (11) and placed on a precision balance with uncertainty in measurement equal to 1 mg. 119 120 In order to avoid errors in mass due to the connection between the cell and the tank, a 121 flexible PEEK tubing with an internal diameter of 1/32" was used to join them. Finally, the CO_2 was stored at Liquid – Vapor phase equilibrium in the tank to maintain constant 122 123 pressure during the injection. Based on this method, the standard uncertainties for the masses introduced were estimated to be less than 0.005 g for both components, and the 124 combined standard uncertainty for the feed mole fraction z_{co2} was estimated using the 125 126 following relationship:

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$$u_c(z_{co2}) = z_{co2}(1 - z_{co2}) \left(\frac{u^2(m_{co2})}{m_{co2}^2} + \frac{u^2(m_{arom})}{m_{arom}^2} \right)^{1/2}$$
 (1)

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After both liquid and gas had been introduced, the prepared mixture was homogenized at high temperature (378.15 K) and high pressure (well above bubble point pressure). When single-phase equilibrium was achieved, the phase transition experiments started by incrementally changing p conditions. Throughout the change process, vigorous stirring was activated. The system was then maintained in equilibrium without stirring to facilitate observation. When a phase appeared, the pressure at which the transition was

observed was registered. The standard uncertainty for the phase transition points observed 136 was $u(p^{obs}) = 0.02$ MPa, related to reproducibility of the visual detection of a new formed 137 phase. Special care has been taken to visually determine liquid to liquid – liquid phase 138 139 transition (L to LL), mainly related to the high phase dispersity formed at high CO₂ content and high pressure. The observation uncertainty was considered alongside those of 140 instrument pressure and temperature, $u(p^{gauge})$, and $u(T^{gauge})$, respectively. Finally, 141 expanded uncertainty to determine the phase transition pressure $U(p^{transition})$ was calculated 142 based on the error propagations described in the Guide to the expression of Uncertainty 143 144 Measurement (GUM) of the National Institute of Standards and Technology [73], as 145 follows:

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$$U^{2}(p^{transition}) = u^{2}(p^{obs}) + u^{2}(p^{gauge}) + \left[\left(\frac{\partial p^{obs}}{\partial T}\right)u(T^{gauge})\right]^{2}$$
(2)

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Partial derivatives with respect to temperature were obtained by numerical differentiation of the data [50]. For each isopleth, constant mass expansion (CME) tests were performed at five different temperatures T = (293.15, 308.15, 323.15, 338.15, 358.15, and 378.15) K. For detection of solid phase appearance (L \rightarrow LS), measurements were taken at isobaric

For detection of solid phase appearance (L \rightarrow LS), measurements were taken at isobaric conditions and incrementally changing *T* up to *T*^{obs}. This method was adopted because of the steep slope of the L \rightarrow LS locus. During this procedure, standard uncertainty was $u(T^{obs}) = 0.2$ K and expanded uncertainty for LS formation temperature $U(T^{transition})$ was estimated as follows:

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$$U^{2}(T^{transition}) = u^{2}(T^{gauge}) + u^{2}(T^{obs}) + \left[\left(\frac{\partial T^{obs}}{\partial p}\right)u(p^{gauge})\right]^{2}$$
(3)

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161 **3. Results and discussion**

The phase behavior of binary systems composed of carbon dioxide and 162 diphenylmethane was determined based on 11 isoplethic measurements, from 20.13 to 163 95.03 CO₂ mol%. Fluid phase transitions are presented in Table 4, including $L \rightarrow LV$ and L 164 \rightarrow LL phase transitions as well as LLV phase equilibria. Additionally, solid-fluid phase 165 166 transitions $L \rightarrow LS$ are presented in Table 5. Isophletic pT diagrams are presented in Figure 1 and Figure 2 for low and high CO₂ content mixtures, respectively. From these 167 measurements, it can be concluded that diphenylmethane and CO₂ mixtures present a type 168 III phase behavior in the van Konynenburg and Scott classification scheme [17]. 169 Accordingly, the critical line linking the pure compounds' critical points is interrupted and 170 divided into two branches. One of the critical lines goes from the critical point of the 171 diphenylmethane and increases to higher pressures, while the other critical line connects the 172 critical point of the carbon dioxide to a triphasic LLV line through an upper critical 173 endpoint (UCEP). 174

Liquid – liquid immiscibly was first detected in the mixture with 60.18 CO₂ mol % whose results are depicted in Figure 2. This behavior was not reported before because of the small dataset available in the literature for diphenylmethane and CO₂ mixtures [74,75]. A comparison between liquid phase compositions obtained by Chung et al. [75] using an analytical method and our measurements is presented in Figure 3 at T=308.15 K. Interpolation of our *p*,*T* data must be done for this plot as the isopleth measurements were not exactly carried out at *T*=308.15 K A good graphical agreement is observed between both datasets until 25 MPa but a significant deviation is noted at 30 MPa. At this pressure,
Chung's et al data [75] seems to overestimate CO₂ solubility in liquid phase. This leads to a
significant underestimatation of phase transition pressure in the graph with an observed
deviation higher than 10 MPa on the saturation pressure for mixture with 85.0 CO₂ mol %.

Additionally, a three-phase LLV equilibria was visually observed at temperatures below the CO₂ critical point, with the formation of a light vapor phase in equilibrium with two liquid phases, as depicted in Figure 4. This LLV locus goes from temperatures below 293.15 K until an UCEP corresponding to 306.5 K and 7.70 MPa conditions. For systems with higher carbon dioxide content, the volume fraction of the light liquid phase increases, as one can note in Figure 4(c) for the 75.15 CO₂ mol % mixture.

Similar behavior has been reported for 1-methylnaphthalene ($T^{m} = 242.6 \text{ K}$) [76], 2-192 methylnaphthalene ($T^m = 306.6$ K) [77], and alkylaromatics mixtures with CO₂ [51,78,79]. 193 The asymmetry and the low melting point of these hydrocarbons lead to the formation of 194 LL insolubility. This liquid-liquid phase separation is not present in CO_2 + aromatic 195 systems when the asymmetry is much less significant as in the case of carbon dioxide with 196 benzene or toluene [80]. The triphasic LLV region is not formed for high condensed 197 polyaromatics because of their elevated LS transition temperatures [57,81-85]. For these 198 heavy compounds, the LS locus occludes the LLV equilibria at low temperatures. Because 199 200 of the low melting temperature of diphenylmethane (299.0 K) and the decrease in melting temperature caused by CO₂ addition, no LLS equilibria or LLVS (quadruple Q-point) can 201 202 be detected in the studied temperature and pressure ranges.

Isoplethic data were used together with a smoothing function to represent the results in an isothermal (p, z_I) diagram. Polynomial functions were considered to interpolate values at a given temperature, and results are presented in Table 6 and Figure 5. In addition, these

isothermal phase behavior were modeled using the Peng-Robinson equation of state [86] 206 207 with its classical mixing rules. The critical temperature Tc and pressure Pc of pure components required to determine a_i and b_i parameters of the cubic equation of state were 208 209 obtained from the NIST webbook and are presented in Table 7 [87]. There is only one value of acentric factor for diphenylmethane reported in the literature [88]. However, in this 210 publication, the critical parameters are much higher than values reported on NIST database, 211 e.g., the reported critical pressure is 3.28 MPa while NIST average value for Pc is 2.979 212 213 MPa. Considering this divergence in critical properties, the reported value of the acentric 214 factor for diphenylmethane was not considered. Instead, the acentric factor was calculated 215 by using the Pitzer's relation, as commonly made for heavy hydrocarbons [89,90]:

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$$\omega = \frac{-\ln(Pc) - 5.92714 + 6.09648 \cdot \theta^{-1} + 1.28862 \cdot \ln(\theta) - 0.169347 \cdot \theta^{6}}{15.2518 - 15.6875 \cdot \theta^{-1} - 13.4721 \cdot \ln(\theta) + 0.43577 \cdot \theta^{6}}$$
(4)

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219 where $\theta = T_b/T_c$, both temperatures in K, and P_c in bar.

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Binary interaction parameter k_{ij} was determined as a function of temperature by either fitting the experimental data or using PPR78, a predictive version of Peng-Robinson equation of state based on a group contribution method developed by Jaubert and collaborators [91–96]. In this fully predictive method, the binary interaction parameter is given by:

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$$k_{ij}(T) = \left\{ \left[-\frac{1}{2} \sum_{k=1}^{Ng} \sum_{l=1}^{Ng} (\alpha_{ik} - \alpha_{jk}) (\alpha_{il} - \alpha_{jl}) A_{kl} (298.15/T)^{\left(\frac{B_{kl}}{A_{kl}} - 1\right)} \right] - \right\}$$

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$$\left[\frac{\sqrt{a_i(T)}}{b_i} - \frac{\sqrt{a_j(T)}}{b_j}\right]^2 \cdot \left(\left(2 \cdot \frac{\sqrt{a_i(T)a_j(T)}}{b_i b_j}\right)^{-1} \right)$$
(5)

where N_g represents the total number of functional groups considered by the method, a_{ik} is the occurrence of group k in component i divided by N_g , and A_{kl} and B_{kl} are group parameters. A total of 21 functional groups for PR78 have been defined [91–96].

Results obtained from PR EOS fitting are presented in Figure 5 for all investigated 233 temperatures. This figure also depicts the phase envelope description obtained by the 234 predictive PPR78 EOS version. Fitted and predicted binary interaction parameters are listed 235 236 in Table 7. The models describe the system phase behavior qualitatively, with significant deviations in the LL and critical regions. This is expected because of the limited 237 representation of high asymmetric systems by PR EOS, especially using classical mixing 238 rules and only the attractive binary interaction parameter [7,97]. However, a good 239 description of low-pressure LLV is obtained at 293.15 K [98]. 240

As one can note in Table 7, there are no significant differences between fitted and predicted interaction parameters. The PPR78 seems to correctly predict the temperaturedependent k_{ij} for diphenylmethane and carbon dioxide, based on the aromatics functional groups considered by the model [91,99]. Fitted and predicted binary interaction parameters are in accordance with results reported in the literature for such systems [99]. Optimized A_{12} and B_{12} for the PPR78 EOS can be obtained by fitting these parameters to the tuned temperature-dependent k_{ij} using Eq. 6, as follows:

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$$k_{ij}(T) = \left\{ \left[A_{ij} \cdot (298.15/T)^{\left(\frac{B_{ij}}{A_{ij}} - 1\right)} \right] - \left[\frac{\sqrt{a_i(T)}}{b_i} - \frac{\sqrt{a_j(T)}}{b_j} \right]^2 \right\} \cdot \left(2 \cdot \frac{\sqrt{a_i(T)a_j(T)}}{b_i b_j} \right)^{-1}$$
(6)

In this equation, the molecules *i* and *j* on the binary mixture are treated as a single group [100,101]. The optimal values obtained were $A_{12} = 131.81$ MPa and $B_{12} = 133.74$ MPa. These results can help to improve the group parameters considered in PPR78.

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256 4. Conclusions

The phase behavior of carbon dioxide and diphenylmethane mixtures was investigated by 257 258 measuring liquid - vapor, liquid - liquid - liquid - vapor, and liquid - solid phase equilibria. The isopleth and p, x phase diagram were constructed from these measurements. 259 Results suggest that this mixture exhibits a type III phase behavior in the van Konynenburg 260 261 and Scott classification scheme. Liquid - liquid and liquid - liquid - vapor insolubilities were detected at carbon dioxide content above 60.18 mol %. Peng-Robinson equation of 262 state qualitatively describes the experimental phase behavior using temperature-dependent 263 attractive binary interaction parameters, with maximun deviations in the liquid - liquid and 264 265 critical regions.

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Table 1. Fluid phase transitions reported in literature for mixtures of *n*-paraffins andmethane or carbon dioxide.

System	Type of equilibria	Type of Phase diagram	References						
$CH_4 + n-C_{(i)}H_{(2i+2)} / i \in [2 - 5]$	LVE	Ι	[18-20]						
$CH_4 + n - C_6H_{14}$	LVE/ LLE/LLVE	V	[21–24]						
$CH_4 + n - C_7 H_{16}$	LVE/ LLE/LLVE	IV	[25,26]						
$CH_4 + n\text{-}C_{(i)}H_{(2i+2)} \ / \ i \geq 8$	LFE/SLFE	III	[27–35]						
$CO_2 + n\text{-}C_{(i)}H_{(2i+2)} \ / \ i \in [\ 2 \ \text{-} \ 6]$	LVE	Ι	[36–38]						
$CO_2 + n\text{-}C_{(i)}H_{(2i+2)} \ / \ i \in [7 \ \text{-} \ 11]$	LVE/LLE/LLVE	П	[39–45]						
$CO_2 + n - C_{12}H_{26}$	LVE/ LLE/LLVE	_a	[46]						
$CO_2 + n - C_{13}H_{28}$	LVE/ LLE/LLVE	IV	[47,48]						
			[41,46,49–						
$CO_2 + n - C_{(i)}H_{(2i+2)} / i \in [14 - 21]$	LVE/ LLE/LLVE	III	53]						
$CO_2 + n\text{-}C_{(i)}H_{(2i+2)} \ / \ i \geq 22$	LFE/SLFE	III	[54–61]						
^a Phase behavior not defined [8]	^a Phase behavior not defined [8]								

Compound	CAS Reg. No.	molecular structure	purity, %	supplier
carbon dioxide	124-38-9	CO ₂	99.995ª	Linde
dinhanylmathana	101 81 5		00 0p	Sigma-
upnenymethane	101-01-5		77.7	Aldrich

Table 2. CAS registry number, molecular structure, purity, and suppliers of the chemicals.

^a molar composition. ^b mass composition reported by the supplier (certificated by gas
 chromatography)

614	Table 3.	Chemicals	molecular	weight,	melting	temperature	$(T^m),$	and	normal	boiling
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615 temperature (T^b) .

Compound	MW	T^m / K	T^b / K
diphenylmethane	168.23	299.0	537.5

617 Table 4. Pressure of phase transition p at a given temperature T in different mixtures of

$T \pm$	p /	U(p) /	transition	$T \pm$	p /	U(p) /	transition	$T \pm$	p /	U(p) /	transition
0.1 / K	MPa	MPa	type	0.1 / K	MPa	MPa	type	0.1 / K	MPa	MPa	type
$z_{CO2} =$	20.1	3 ± 0.0)9 mol %	Z _{CO2} :	= 30.21	± 0.09	9 mol %	Zco2 :	= 40.20	0 ± 0.03	8 mol %
293.3	2.27	0.02	L→LV	292.8	3.35	0.02	L→LV	292.8	4.43	0.02	L→LV
307.5	2.75	0.02	L→LV	308.3	4.21	0.03	L→LV	308.0	5.70	0.03	L→LV
323.4	3.32	0.03	L→LV	322.9	5.08	0.03	L→LV	322.9	7.07	0.03	L→LV
338.1	3.91	0.03	L→LV	337.5	6.04	0.03	L→LV	337.5	8.45	0.03	L→LV
357.9	4.66	0.03	L→LV	357.1	7.30	0.03	L→LV	357.5	10.28	0.04	L→LV
377.2	5.29	0.03	L→LV	377.3	8.45	0.04	L→LV	377.2	11.99	0.04	L→LV
Z.co2 =	50.1	8 ± 0.0)7 mol %	Z.CO2 =	= 60.18	3 ± 0.03	3 mol %	Zco2	= 70.17	7 ± 0.03	3 mol %
292.9	5.30	0.02	L→LV	293.2	5.70	0.03	LL→LLV	292.9	5.62	0.03	LL→LLV
308.0	7.12	0.04	L→LV	298.0	6.51	0.02	LL→LLV	297.4	6.37	0.02	LL→LLV
323.1	9.20	0.04	L→LV	303.2	7.08	0.03	LL→LLV	302.9	7.00	0.02	LL→LLV
337.8	11.32	0.04	L→LV	306.5	7.70	0.03	UCEP	292.7	52.4	0.3	LL→LLV
357.6	13.90	0.04	L→LV	293.2	15.4	0.1	L→LL	297.4	39.9	0.2	L→LL
377.5	16.27	0.04	L→LV	298.1	13.61	0.09	L→LL	302.9	32.56	0.09	L→LL
				303.0	12.73	0.07	L→LL	308.0	28.91	0.06	L→LL
				306.5	12.63	0.02	L→LL	312.9	27.11	0.05	L→LL
				307.0	12.63	0.02	L→LL	322.9	24.64	0.03	L→LV
				308.0	12.58	0.06	L→LL	337.6	24.46	0.03	L→LV
				313.4	12.88	0.05	L→LL	357.3	26.02	0.03	L→LV
				323.4	13.97	0.04	L→LV	376.7	28.00	0.03	L→LV
				338.0	16.13	0.04	L→LV				
				358.0	19.18	0.03	L→LV				
				376.9	21.56	0.03	L→LV				
$Z_{CO2} =$	75.1	5 ± 0.0)2 mol %	Z _{C02} :	= 80.13	3 ± 0.02	2 mol %	Zc02 :	= 85.10	0 ± 0.0	1 mol %

618 global CO₂ composition $z_{CO2} \pm U(z_{CO2})$ in mol % with its expanded (k = 2) uncertainty U(p).

 $z_{CO2} = 75.15 \pm 0.02 \text{ mol }\% \qquad z_{CO2} = 80.13 \pm 0.02 \text{ mol }\% \qquad z_{CO2} = 85.10 \pm 0.01 \text{ mol }\%$ $292.8 5.57 \quad 0.03 \text{ LL} \rightarrow \text{LLV } 293.1 \quad 5.61 \quad 0.03 \text{ LL} \rightarrow \text{LLV } 293.1 \quad 5.63 \quad 0.03 \text{ LL} \rightarrow \text{LLV}$ $298.0 \quad 6.43 \quad 0.02 \text{ LL} \rightarrow \text{LLV } 298.2 \quad 6.45 \quad 0.02 \text{ LL} \rightarrow \text{LLV } 298.0 \quad 6.40 \quad 0.02 \text{ LL} \rightarrow \text{LLV}$

303.0 7.00 0.02	LL→LLV	303.2	7.04	0.02	LL→LLV	303.2	7.01	0.02	LL→LLV
297.4 54.40 0.21	L→LL	303.3	57.77	0.16	L→LL	303.2	70.9	0.2	L→LL
303.1 42.79 0.14	L→LL	307.9	50.88	0.15	L→LL	308.2	61.0	0.2	L→LL
308.1 37.04 0.10	L→LL	312.9	43.49	0.12	L→LL	313.2	52.5	0.2	L→LL
313.4 33.20 0.06	L→LL	317.9	37.88	0.08	L→LL	317.6	44.6	0.1	L→LL
322.7 29.86 0.03	L→LV	322.9	33.90	0.04	L→LL	322.8	37.68	0.04	L→LL
338.1 28.40 0.02	L→LV	327.8	32.20	0.02	L→LV	328.2	35.69	0.02	L→LV
357.6 29.11 0.02	L→LV	338.0	31.06	0.02	L→LV	338.0	34.63	0.02	L→LV
377.7 30.53 0.02	L→LV	357.5	30.96	0.02	L→LV	357.5	33.33	0.02	L→LV
		377.0	32.40	0.02	L→LV	377.2	33.39	0.02	L→LV
$z_{CO2} = 90.07 \pm 0.00$)1 mol %	Zco2	= 95.03	± 0.0	1 mol %				
292.8 5.62 0.03	LL→LLV	293.0	5.53	0.03	LL→LLV				
297.9 6.39 0.02	LL→LLV	298.0	6.35	0.02	LL→LLV				
303.3 7.04 0.02	LL→LLV	303.2	6.96	0.02	LL→LLV				
		292.8	17.87	0.13	V→LV				
297.7 69.43 0.30	L→LL	297.7	18.12	0.13	V→LV				
303.2 54.48 0.27	F→FF	303.2	18.42	0.09	V→LV				
308.2 41.99 0.08	F→FF	307.7	18.62	0.06	V→LV				
322.7 33.70 0.04	F→FF	322.8	20.06	0.04	V→LV				
338.0 32.60 0.03	V→LV	338.0	22.33	0.04	V→LV				
357.5 31.15 0.03	V→LV	357.8	25.09	0.03	V→LV				
377.2 32.70 0.03	V→LV	377.2	27.66	0.03	V→LV				

p ±0.1/	MPa	<i>T /</i> K	$p \pm 0.1 / MPa$	<i>T /</i> K
	$z_{CO2} = 20.1$	3 ± 0.09 mol %	$z_{CO2} = 30.21 \pm 0$.09 mol %
	12.0	293.71	23.2	292.71
	20.7	296.01	42.9	298.00
	29.9	298.00	35.9	296.01
	34.9	299.80		
	$z_{CO2} = 40.2$	0 ± 0.08 mol %	$z_{CO2} = 50.18 \pm 0$.07 mol %
	38.6	293.01	52.3	293.01
	48.4	295.51		

Table 5. Fluid-solid transition temperature at a given pressure p with its expanded (k = 2)

627 uncertainty U(T) = 0.42 K

T/K	<i>p</i> / MPa	transition	T/K	<i>p</i> / MPa	transition	T/K	p / MPa	transition
		type			type			type
$z_{CO2} = 2$	20.13 ± 0.0	9 mol %	$z_{CO2} = 3$	30.21 ± 0.0	9 mol %	$z_{CO2} = 4$	40.20 ± 0.0	8 mol %
293.15	2.25	L→LV	293.15	3.32	L→LV	293.15	4.42	L→LV
308.15	2.80	L→LV	308.15	4.24	L→LV	308.15	5.77	L→LV
323.15	3.35	L→LV	323.15	5.16	L→LV	323.15	7.13	L→LV
338.15	3.89	L→LV	338.15	6.08	L→LV	338.15	8.48	L→LV
358.15	4.62	L→LV	358.15	7.30	L→LV	358.15	10.29	L→LV
378.15	5.35	L→LV	378.15	8.52	L→LV	378.15	12.10	L→LV
$Z_{CO2} = $	50.18 ± 0.0	07 mol %	$z_{CO2} = 6$	50.18 ± 0.0	3 mol %	$z_{CO2} = 7$	70.17 ± 0.0	3 mol %
293.15	5.30	L→LV	293.15	15.43	L→LL	293.15	50.90	L→LL
308.15	7.27	L→LV	308.15	12.52	L→LL	308.15	28.93	L→LL
323.15	9.25	L→LV	323.15	14.01	L→LV	323.15	24.62	L→LV
338.15	11.22	L→LV	338.15	16.15	L→LV	338.15	24.50	L→LV
358.15	13.85	L→LV	358.15	19.01	L→LV	358.15	26.08	L→LV
378.15	16.48	L→LV	378.15	21.86	L→LV	378.15	28.24	L→LV
$z_{co2} = c$	75.15 ± 0.0	2 mol %	$z_{CO2} = 8$	80.13 ± 0.0	2 mol %	$Z_{CO2} = 8$	85.10 ± 0.0	1 mol %
308.15	36.92	L→LL	308.15	50.48	L→LL	308.15	60.97	L→LL
323.15	29.75	L→LV	323.15	33.93	L→LL	323.15	37.37	L→LL
338.15	28.40	L→LV	338.15	31.04	L→LV	338.15	34.80	L→LV
358.15	29.14	L→LV	358.15	31.29	L→LV	358.15	33.14	L→LV
378.15	30.58	L→LV	378.15	32.52	L→LV	378.15	33.13	L→LV
$Z_{CO2} = Q$	90.07 ± 0.0	1 mol %	$z_{CO2} = Q$	95.03 ± 0.0	1 mol %			
293.15			293.15	17.89	V→LV			
308.15	41.99	F→FF	308.15	18.67	V→LV			
323.15	33.69	F→FF	323.15	20.10	V→LV			
338.15	32.58	V→LV	338.15	22.36	V→LV			
358.15	31.14	V→LV	358.15	25.12	V→LV			
378.15	32.90	V→LV	378.15	27.90	V→LV			

Table 6. Interpolated data of transition pressure *p* at isothermal conditions from datareported in Table 4.

	compound	<i>Pc</i> , MPa	<i>Тс</i> , К	ω
	CO ₂ ^a	7.380	304.20	0.225
	diphenylmethane ^b	2.979	767.0	0.475
635	^a from NIST webbook	database [87]. ^b Pc	and Tc from NIST web	book database [87] and α
636	calculated from Eq. (4)).		
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Table 7. Critical temperature, critical pressure, and acentric factor for chemical compounds

Т, К	Fitted kij	PPR78 kij
293.15	0.0996	0.0973
308.15	0.0979	0.0949
323.15	0.0961	0.0934
338.15	0.0946	0.0927
358.15	0.0924	0.0925
378.15	0.0900	0.0930

641 Table 8. Fitted and predicted binary interaction parameters obtained at different642 temperatures for PR and PPR78 models.





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Figure 2. Isophletic *pT* phase diagram for the CO₂ – diphenylmethane mixtures with phase transitions at several feed compositions. Biphasic envelope (L→LV and L→LL) for ●: $z_{co2} = 60.18 \text{ mol }\%$; and ▲: $z_{co2} = 75.15 \text{ mol }\%$. ●: Liquid – liquid – vapor equilibrium (LL→LLV) for $z_{co2} = 75.15 \text{ mol }\%$; and ●: LLV triphasic UCEP. Dashed lines included for eye-guide.

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Figure 3. Comparison between liquid phase composition reported by Chung et al. [75] (●)
and the present work (O)for carbon dioxide and diphenylmethane binary system at 308.15
K.



Figure 4. Observed phase equilibria during isothermal depressurization of CO₂ and diphenylmethane mixtures: (a) liquid – liquid equilibrium for $z_{co2} = 60.18 \text{ mol }\%$ at 293.2 K and 10.0 MPa; (b) liquid – liquid – vapor equilibrium for $z_{co2} = 60.18 \text{ mol }\%$ at 293.2 K and 5.70 MPa; (c) liquid – liquid – vapor equilibrium for $z_{co2} = 75.15 \text{ mol }\%$ at 292.8 K and 5.57 MPa.



Figure 5. Isothermal interpolated *p*-*z*_{CO2} diagram at different temperatures T = 293.15 K (a); T = 308.15 K (b); T = 323.15 (c); T = 338.15 K (d); T = 358.15 K (e); and T = 378.15 K (f) compared to modelling results from PR EOS with fitted binary interaction parameters from Table 7 (black line), and PPR78 model (blue line). Experimental L→LV in black circles (O); L→LL in black triangles (\triangle), F→FF in gray triangles (\triangle); LL→LLV in gray circles (O); and V→LV in diamonds (\diamondsuit).

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