

1 Supporting Information

2 **Enhanced optical anisotropy of six-coordinated silica polymorphs via**  
3 **high-pressure hydrothermal treatment**

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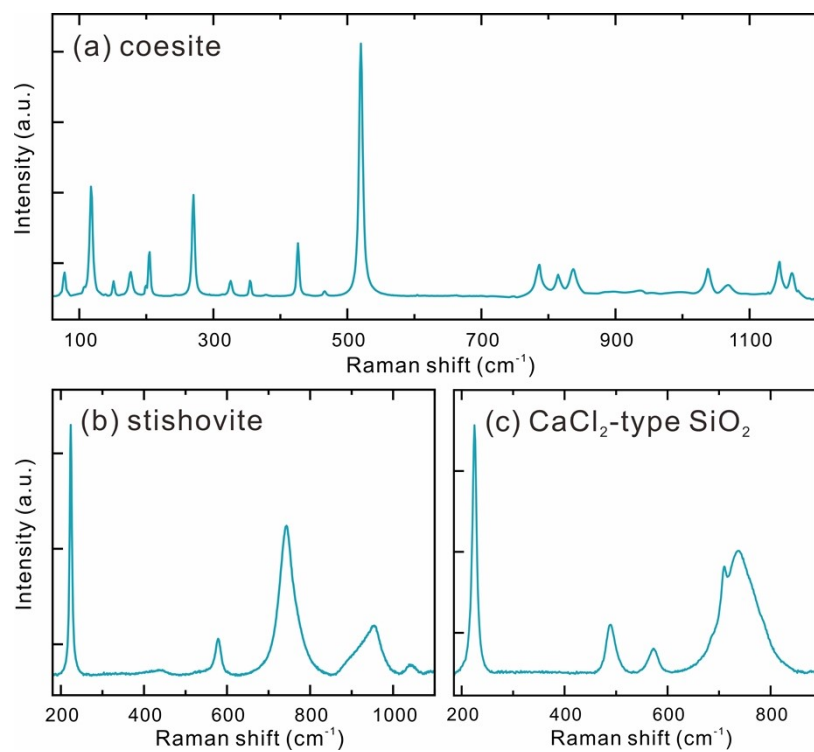
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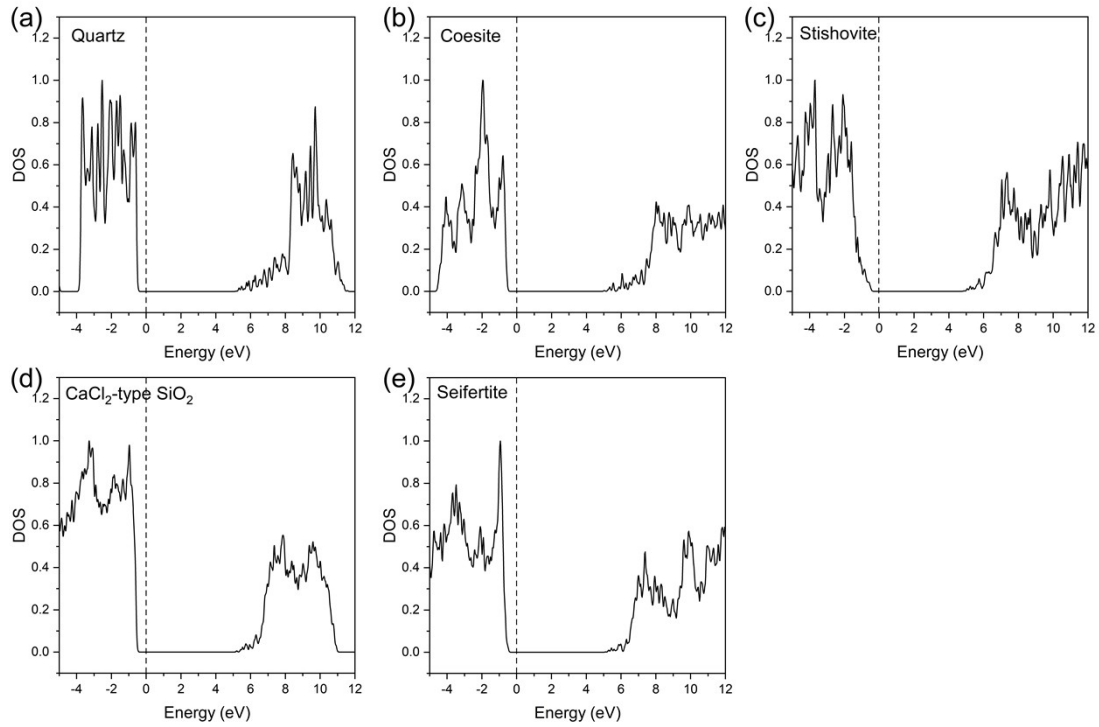
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21 **Figure S1.** Raman spectra of coesite (a), stishovite (b) and CaCl<sub>2</sub>-type SiO<sub>2</sub> (c) single  
22 crystals at ambient conditions.

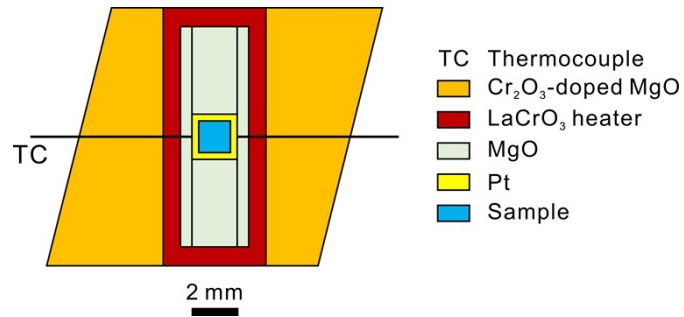
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25 **Figure S2.** DOS of quartz (a), coesite (b), stishovite (c), CaCl<sub>2</sub>-type SiO<sub>2</sub> (d) and  
 26 seifertite (e) at 1 atmosphere and static conditions. The structure of CaCl<sub>2</sub>-type SiO<sub>2</sub> is  
 27 obtained from a previous study and free of Al.

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30 **Figure S3.** Schematic drawing of the cell assembly used for synthesizing coesite in this  
31 study. The cell assembly used for synthesizing stishovite is similar, but with smaller  
32 size.

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34 **Table S1.** Chemical compositions of recovered products determined by electron probe  
35 microanalysis.

| Phase                          | SiO <sub>2</sub> (wt %) | Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> (wt %) | Total (wt %) |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------|
| Coesite                        | 99.03(42)               | 0.21(13)                              | 99.23(58)    |
| Stishovite                     | 98.19(35)               | 0.30(11)                              | 98.51(47)    |
| CaCl <sub>2</sub> -type silica | 89.29(68)               | 8.90(16)                              | 98.20(70)    |

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37 **Table S2.** Crystal data and structure refinements for coesite, stishovite and CaCl<sub>2</sub>-type silica.

| Phase   | Coesite   | Stishovite  | CaCl <sub>2</sub> -type silica                                |
|---|---|---|---|
| Synthesis conditions                                | 9 GPa, 1000 °C  | 23 GPa, 1600 °C   | 24 GPa, 1900 °C   |
| Water content                                       | 200 ppm   | 0.62(15) wt %   | 1.08(5) wt %  |
| Crystal system                                      | Monoclinic  | Tetragonal  | Orthorhombic  |
| Space group   | <i>C2/c</i>   | <i>P4<sub>2</sub>/mnm</i>                                       | <i>Pnnm</i>   |
| <i>a</i> (Å)  | 7.141(2)  | 4.1998(3)   | 4.2573(7)   |
| <i>b</i> (Å)  | 12.383(4)   | 4.1998(3)   | 4.1844(7)   |
| <i>c</i> (Å)  | 7.118(2)  | 2.6741(3)   | 2.6828(10)  |
| $\alpha$ (°)  | 90  | 90  | 90  |
| $\beta$ (°)   | 119.553(9)  | 90  | 90  |
| $\gamma$ (°)  | 90  | 90  | 90  |
| <i>V</i> (Å <sup>3</sup> )                          | 547.5(3)  | 47.167(9)   | 44.79(2)  |
| <i>Z</i>  | 16  | 2   | 2   |
| Temperature (K)                                     | 296(2)  | 296(2)  | 293(2)  |
| <i>F</i> (000)                                      | 240   | 60  | 60  |
| $\theta_{\max}$ (°)                                 | 22.150  | 32.836  | 40.327  |
| Index ranges  | -7 ≤ <i>h</i> ≤ 6; -12 ≤ <i>k</i> ≤ 13; -7 ≤ <i>l</i> ≤ 6       | -3 ≤ <i>h</i> ≤ 5; -5 ≤ <i>k</i> ≤ 5; -3 ≤ <i>l</i> ≤ 4         | -7 ≤ <i>h</i> ≤ 7; -7 ≤ <i>k</i> ≤ 7; -3 ≤ <i>l</i> ≤ 4       |
| Reflections collected                               | 864   | 256   | 928   |
| Independent reflections/<br><i>R</i> <sub>int</sub> | 224 / 0.0494  | 49 / 0.0122   | 169 / 0.0309  |
| Number of parameters                                | 24  | 8   | 11  |
| Goodness of fit on <i>F</i> <sup>2</sup>            | 1.181   | 1.249   | 1.185   |
| Final <i>R</i> indices [ <i>I</i> > 2σ( <i>I</i> )] | <i>R</i> <sub>1</sub> = 0.0437, <i>wR</i> <sub>2</sub> = 0.1024 | <i>R</i> <sub>1</sub> = 0.0254, <i>wR</i> <sub>2</sub> = 0.0680 | <i>R</i> <sub>1</sub> = 0.0344                                |
| <i>R</i> indices (all data)                         | <i>R</i> <sub>1</sub> = 0.0770, <i>wR</i> <sub>2</sub> = 0.1224 | <i>R</i> <sub>1</sub> = 0.0268, <i>wR</i> <sub>2</sub> = 0.0695 | <i>R</i> <sub>1</sub> = 0.0339, <i>wR</i> <sub>2</sub> = 0.09 |

