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Highlights

- GEISA-2015 database release: 5,059,777 entries in the line parameters sub-database
- 22 molecules updated and 1 new molecule added (SO_3)
- HDO is given a specific identification code
- Important update of the IR cross-sections and aerosols sub-databases
- GEISA line parameter database reference for current or planned TIR SWIR space missions

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ABSTRACT

The GEISA database (Gestion et Etude des Informations Spectroscopiques Atmosphériques: Management and Study of Atmospheric Spectroscopic Information) has been developed and maintained by the ARA/ABC(t) group at LMD since 1974. GEISA is constantly evolving, taking into account the best available spectroscopic data. This paper presents the 2015 release of GEISA (GEISA-2015), which updates the last edition of 2011 and celebrates the 40th anniversary of the database. Significant updates and additions have been implemented in the three following independent databases of GEISA.

The "line parameters database" contains 52 molecular species (113 isotopologues) and transitions in the spectral range from 10^{-6} to 35,877.031 cm^{-1}, representing 5,059,777 entries, against 3,794,297 in GEISA-2011. Among the previously existing molecules, 20 molecular species have been updated. A new molecule (SO_3) has been added. HDO, isotopologue of H_2O, is now identified as an independent molecular species. Six new isotopologues have been added to the GEISA-2015 database.

The "cross section sub-database" has been enriched by the addition of 43 new molecular species in its infrared part, 4 molecules (ethane, propane, acetone, acetonitrile) are also updated; they represent 3% of the update. A new section is added, in the near-infrared spectral region, involving 7 molecular species: CH_3CN, CH_3I, CH_3O_2, H_2CO, HO_2, HONO, NH_3.

The "microphysical and optical properties of atmospheric aerosols sub-database" has been updated for the first time since 2003. It contains more than 40 species originating from NCAR and 20 from the ARIA archive of Oxford University.

As for the previous versions, this new release of GEISA and associated management software facilities are implemented and freely accessible on the AERIS/ESPRI atmospheric chemistry data center website.

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1 Introduction[1]:

At the start of the second half of the 20th century, several technologies matured, initiating notable progress in the development of molecular spectroscopy. The progress in the Hamiltonian mechanics led theoreticians to demand more precision and detail spectra, obtained from laboratory or planetary observations [1]. From the mid 1960's, various scientific communities (Astrophysics, Atmospheric Physics, Metrology and soon after, Climate and Chemistry) required access to databases detailing the spectral characteristics of atmospheric molecular absorption and atmospheric diffusion. As a result, the first standardized spectroscopic database, the so-called "AFGL tape", oriented towards the Earth's atmosphere, was initiated in 1973, at the Air Force Geophysics Laboratory USA (McClatchey et al. [2] and Garing and McClatchey [3]). This early contribution was dedicated to a few molecules (H_2O, CO_2, O_3, N_2O, CO, CH_4, and O_2) important in the terrestrial atmosphere and in the infrared spectral domain. It contained approximately 100,000 transitions.

For its own applications related to the radiative transfer in the Earth and planetary atmospheres, the ARA/ABC(t) group at LMD initiated a similar effort that was to lead in the early 1970's to the creation of GEISA (Gestion et Etude des Informations Spectroscopiques Atmosphériques: Management and Study of Atmospheric Spectroscopic Information), see Chédin et al. [4,5], Husson et al. [6,7], Jacquinet-Husson et al. [8,9,10,11]. Pioneering user friendly management software was an important part of the first issue of GEISA.

At that time, the GEISA archive included major atmospheric absorbers (H_2O, CO_2, O_3, N_2O, CO, CH_4, O_2) as well as complementary species (e.g.: NH_3, PH_3, C_2H_4, GeH_4, C_3H_8, C_2H_2, HC_3N, $HCOOH$, C_3H_4, NO, SO_2, NO_2). Some molecules, mainly related to planetary atmospheres (especially those found in the giant planets) like GeH_4, C_3H_8, C_2N_2, C_3H_4, HNC, C_6H_6, and C_2HD were also included. Since then, GEISA has been constantly updated to meet the needs of researchers as well as international space agencies, by collecting, archiving and distributing the most accurate, validated available spectroscopic information. One of the features of GEISA, in comparison with other databases such as HITRAN (the descendent of the "AFGL tape" for atmospheric and planetary remote sensing (Rothman et al. [12,13,14]),

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[1]   Acronyms used in the text are documented in Appendix A

has been to consider, since its first edition, any isotopologue of a species having symmetry properties different from that of the main isotopologue (e. g. CH_3D and CH_4, C_2HD and C_2H_2) as an independent molecular species (considered as isotopologues of CH_4 and C_2H_2 in HITRAN, respectively).

The comprehensive GEISA database can be compared to a number of other spectroscopic databases, such as:

- HITRAN [14]
- MIPAS specifically tied to satellite experiments in the Earth's atmosphere [15];
- the JPL Catalog [16,17] of microwave to sub-millimeter transitions which mainly contains rotational transitions for a few hundred molecules which can or may be observed in the atmospheres of the Earth or other planets, or in the interstellar- or circum-stellar medium. A small, but increasing number of entries contain infrared transitions;
- the CDMS catalog [18,19] which mostly contains rotational transitions of molecules, on a similar basis as the JPL catalog, related to interstellar medium studies. Some of the molecules are also of relevance for Earth's atmosphere or that of other planets. Furthermore, a number of entries deal with infrared transitions of such molecules.

Certain molecules, mainly related to planetary atmospheres (especially those of the giant planets) are specific to GEISA; these include GeH_4, C_3H_8, C_2N_2, C_3H_4, HNC, C_6H_6. However, GEISA does not include species like HOBr, O, H_2 and CS, which are considered in HITRAN. Since the beginning, our focus has been on undertaking evaluations of relevance appropriateness and efficiency of introducing or replacing data. The rapidly evolving capacity of space-borne, ground-based or laboratory observations to deliver more and more detailed, accurate and sTable observed spectra, as well as the constant improvement of radiative transfer models, opens the way to reinforced tests for these evaluations. For example, since the launch of the high spectral resolution infrared sounders AIRS/Aqua and IASI/Metop, in 2003 and in 2006 respectively, an efficient approach has been designed for the validation of GEISA: this is performed interactively through comparisons between forward radiative transfer simulations (e.g. made by the STRANSAC or the 4A models (Scott [20], Scott and Chédin [21]) and observations of spectra made from various sounders collocated over thousands of well-characterized atmospheric and surface situations. Averaging the resulting 'calculated-observed spectra' residuals minimizes the random errors coming from both the observations and the imperfect description of the atmospheric state. This efficient approach has also proved

capability of evaluating spectroscopic parameters: the resulting SPARTE (Spectroscopic Parameters And Radiative Transfer Evaluation) chain and related results concerning TIR, SWIR and NIR are presented by Armante et al. **[22]**. Armante et al. use a few representative examples to also demonstrate the relevance of the SPARTE approach to interactively refining spectroscopic parameters

Based on the valuable and sustained support of the international community of spectroscopists concomitant with this validation strategy, the ARA/ABC(t) group continues to extend, maintain and update the GEISA content to incorporate the best available spectroscopic data. Since the launch of Metop-A (24 October 2006), GEISA has been the official reference spectroscopic database used by the international working group (ISSWG) in charge of IASI. GEISA is also involved in the definition of 3 future space missions such as IASI-NG (Crevoisier et al. **[23]**), MERLIN and MicroCarb.

GEISA and its associated management software facilities are implemented and distributed (in the same way as GEISA-2011) via AERIS/ESPRI atmospheric chemistry data center website. It is used on-line by more than 350 laboratories working in domains which include atmospheric physics, planetary science, astronomy, astrophysics.

This paper describes the latest 2015 GEISA release (hereafter referred to as GEISA-2015) with reference to the GEISA-2011 release and to other similar databases. It provides a detailed description of the newly implemented or corrected data, for each of the three distinct, however complementary, sub-databases: (i) line parameter in Section 2, (ii) infrared, near-infrared and ultraviolet absorption cross-sections in Section 3, (iii) microphysical and optical properties of atmospheric aerosols in Section 4.

2   GEISA-2015 Line parameters database description

2.1   General Overview

The GEISA-2015 line parameters database contains the spectral properties of 52 molecular species (118 isotopologues) corresponding to a total of 5,067,351 entries in the spectral range from 10^{-6} to 35,877.031 cm^{-1} (10^{10} to 0.28 µm). The reference temperature is 296 K.

The spectroscopic line parameters of 22 of the 50 molecules included in GEISA-2011 have been updated These updates are summarized in Table 1 which gives (i) the GEISA-2015 molecule names; (ii) the corresponding GEISA codes; (iii) the name of the main contributors.

The parameters of 30 molecules, i.e.: N_2O, CO, NO, NO_2, PH_3, OH, HF, HCl, HBr, HI, CLO, OCS, GeH_4, C_3H_8, HC_3N, HOCl, N_2, H_2O_2, HCOOH, COF_2, SF_6, C_3H_4, HO_2, $ClONO_2$, CH_3OH, NO+, C_6H_6, C_2HD, CF_4, CH_3CN, are unchanged from GEISA-2011 with the exception that certain duplicated entries have been removed following technical validations.

Due to the fact that, for atmospheric applications, H_2O and HDO have to be taken into account separately in the radiative transfer modeling (different vertical concentration may occur), and also considering their different symmetry properties, it has been decided to consider HDO as an independent molecular species in GEISA-2015. This option was already our choice for C_2HD and CH_3D. The new identification code for HDO is "51".

SO_3 is a newly added molecular species. The identification code of SO_3 is "52". Details of these different updates are given in paragraphs 2.2.1 to 2.2.22.

Table 1
Updated molecular species in the GEISA-2015 edition

Molecular Species	ID	Contributors
H_2O	1	L. Coudert, J. Tennyson, A. Campargue, S. Mikhailenko, O.V. Naumenko, J. Orphal, A. Ruth, R.R. Gamache
CO_2	2	V.I. Perevalov, S. Tashkun, R.R. Gamache
O_3	3	A. Barbe, S. Mikhailenko, Vl.G. Tyuterev
CH_4	6	V. Boudon, L.R. Brown, A.Campargue, D.C. Benner
O_2	7	S. Yu, B. Drouin
SO_2	9	D. Jacquemart, H.S.P. Müller
NH_3	11	M. Down, J. Tennyson, L.R. Brown
HNO_3	13	A. Perrin
H_2CO	21	D. Jacquemart, H.S.P. Müller
C_2H_6	22	L.R. Brown, K. Sung
CH_3D	23	L.R. Brown, A. Campargue.
C_2H_2	24	D. Jacquemart
C_2H_4	25	J.-M. Flaud
HCN	27	J. Tennyson
C_2N_2	29	A. Jolly, A. Fayt
C_4H_2	30	A. Jolly, A. Fayt
CH_3Cl	34	D. Jacquemart, A. Nikitin, J. Buldyreva, N. Lavrentieva
H_2S	36	O.V. Naumenko, L.R. Brown
CH_3Br	43	D. Jacquemart.
HNC	46	J. Tennyson
HDO (NEW)	51	A. Campargue, S. Mikhailenko, O.V. Naumenko, R.R. Gamache
SO_3 (NEW)	52	J. Tennyson, D.S. Underwood

Table 2 summarizes the evolution, since GEISA-2011, of each of the 50 molecular species in the GEISA-2015 line parameters database in term of: (i) spectral range (cm^{-1}); (ii) the number of lines; (iii) the minimum and maximum of the intensities (cm molecule^{-1} at 296 K), expressed in terms of maximum and minimum values of the intensity exponent. Columns 3

to 6 correspond to GEISA-2011 and columns 7 to 10 to GEISA-2015. The molecule names and identification numbers are in the 2 first columns, and the references of their updates in the last column.

Table 2
Contents of the GEISA-2015 line parameters database. Details per molecule of the evolution of GEISA contents since its 2011 edition. Reference temperature is 296 K.

Mol..	ID	GEISA-2011				GEISA-2015				Refs
		Spectral range (cm^{-1})	# lines	Exponent of the intensity (cm molecule^{-1}) at 296 K.		Spectral range (cm^{-1})	# lines	Exponent of the intensity (cm molecule^{-1}) at 296 K.		
				Max.	Min.			Max.	Min.	
H_2O	1	0.007 - 25232.004	67789	-18	-33	0.052 -25336.949	191846	-18	-36	[24-83]
CO_2	2	5.891 - 12784.053	413619	-18	-42	5.890 -14075.298	534227	-18	-30	[84-105]
O_3	3	0.026 - 6395.379	389378	-20	-31	0.026 - 6996.681	405919	-20	-31	[106-131]
N_2O	4	0.838 - 7796.633	50633	-17	-25	0.838 - 7796.633	50633	-17	-25	No Update
CO	5	3.414 - 8464.882	13515	-18	-77	3.414 - 8464.882	13515	-18	-77	No Update
CH_4	6	0.001 - 9199.284	240991	-19	-39	0.001 -11501.877	4393851	-19	-39	[132-162]
O_2	7	10^{-6} - 15927.230	6428	-24	-51	10-6 -15927.804	6197	-24	-54	[163-174]
NO	8	10^{-6} - 9273.214	105079	-19	-94	10-6 - 9273.214	105079	-19	-94	No Update
SO_2	9	0.017 - 4092.948	68728	-20	-28	0.017 4092.948	83668	-20	-30	[175-182]
NO_2	10	0.498 - 3074.152	104223	-18	-27	0.498 - 3074.152	104223	-18	-27	No Update
NH_3	11	0.058 - 5294.501	29082	-19	-39	0.058 -6999.429	46414	-19	-39	[183-192]
PH_3	12	17.805 - 3601.652	20364	-18	-27	17.805 - 3601.652	20364	-18	-27	No Update
HNO_3	13	0.012 - 1769.982	669988	-20	-28	0.012 -1769.982	691161	-20	-28	[193-197]
OH	14	0.005 - 35877.031	42866	-16	-84	0.005 - 35877.031	42866	-16	-84	No Update
HF	15	41.111 - 11535.570	107	-16	-25	41.111 - 11535.570	107	-16	-25	No Update
HCl	16	20.240 -13457.841	533	-18	-25	20.240 -13457.841	533	-18	-25	No Update
HBr	17	16.231 - 9758.564	1293	-18	-32	16.231 - 9758.564	1293	-18	-32	No Update
HI	18	12.509 - 8487.305	806	-19	-29	12.509 - 8487.305	806	-19	-29	No Update
ClO	19	0.015 - 1207.639	7230	-20	-29	0.015 - 1207.639	7230	-20	-29	No Update
OCS	20	0.381 - 4199.671	33809	-17	-27	0.381 - 4199.671	33809	-17	-27	No Update
H_2CO	21	3x10^{-6} - 3099.958	37050	-20	-38	0.000 -3099.958	44611	-20	-39	[198-206]
C_2H_6	22	706.601 -3000.486	27644	-20	-29	706.601 -3070.971	53803	-20	-29	[207-218
CH_3D	23	7.7602 - 6510.326	49237	-23	-30	7.760 -6510.324	58763	-23	-30	[219-222]
C_2H_2	24	604.774 -9889.038	11340	-18	-28	604.774 -9889.038	12969	-18	-28	[223-226]
C_2H_4	25	701.203 -3242.172	18378	-20	-37	614.740 -3242.172	53227	-20	-37	[227-230]
GeH_4	26	1937.371 -224.570	824	-18	-21	1937.371 -224.570	824	-18	-21	No Update
HCN	27	0.006 - 17581.010	82042	-19	-34	0.018 -17581.009	138103	-19	-32	[231-235]
C_3H_8	28	700.015 - 799.930	8983	-21	-23	700.015 - 799.930	8983	-21	-23	No Update
C_2N_2	29	203.955 -2181.690	2577	-20	-24	200.817 -2181.690	71954	-20	-24	[236-239]
C_4H_2	30	191.635 - 730.235	119480	-19	-24	189.422 -1302.217	417540	-19	-24	[240-246]
HC_3N	31	463.604 - 759.989	179347	-19	-23	463.604 - 759.989	179347	-19	-23	No Update
HOCl	32	0.0236 - 3799.682	17862	-19	-27	0.0236 - 3799.682	17862	-19	-27	No Update
N_2	33	1992.63 -2625.497	120	-27	-33	1992.63 -2625.497	120	-27	-33	No Update
CH_3Cl	34	674.143 -3172.927	18344	-20	-32	0.872 -3197.961	83043	-21	-32	[247-263]
H_2O_2	35	0.043 - 1730.371	126983	-19	-28	0.043 - 1730.371	126983	-19	-28	No Update
H_2S	36	2.985 - 4256.547	20788	-19	-26	1.030 -1329.780	58650	-19	-30	[264-277]
HCOOH	37	10.018 - 1889.334	62684	-19	-25	10.018 - 1889.334	62684	-19	-25	No Update
COF_2	38	725.005 -2001.348	70904	-19	-23	725.005 -2001.348	70904	-19	-23	No Update
SF_6	39	588.488 - 975.787	92398	-19	-23	588.488 - 975.787	92398	-19	-23	No Update

Mol..	ID	GEISA-2011				GEISA-2015				Refs
		Spectral range (cm⁻¹)	# lines	Exponent of the intensity (cm molecule⁻¹) at 296 K.		Spectral range (cm⁻¹)	# lines	Exponent of the intensity (cm molecule⁻¹) at 296 K.		
				Max.	Min.			Max.	Min.	
C_3H_4	40	288.913 - 673.479	19001	-19	-23	288.913 - 673.479	19001	-19	-23	No Update
HO_2	41	0.173 - 3675.819	38804	-19	-25	0.173 - 3675.819	38804	-19	-25	No Update
$ClONO_2$	42	0.636 - 797.741	356899	-21	-27	0.636 - 797.741	356899	-21	-27	No Update
CH_3Br	43	794.403 -1705.612	36911	-21	-27	794.403 -1705.612	36911	-21	-27	[278]
CH_3OH	44	0.019 - 1407.206	19897	-19	-34	0.019 - 1407.206	19897	-19	-34	No Update
NO^+	45	1634.83 -2530.462	1206	-18	-80	1634.83 -2530.462	1206	-18	-80	No Update
HNC	46	0.217 - 4814.904	5619	-18	-25	0.145 -4692.098	75554	-18	-30	[279-280]
C_6H_6	47	642.427 - 705.262	9797	-20	-23	642.427 - 705.262	9797	-20	-23	No Update
C_2HD	48	416.785 -34264	15512	-22	-28	416.785 -3421.864	15512	-22	-28	No Update
CF_4	49	594.581 -1312.647	60033	-19	-23	594.581 -1312.647	60033	-19	-23	No Update
CH_3CN	50	890.052 -1650.000	17172	-19	-37	890.052 -1650.000	17172	-19	-37	No Update
HDO	51	-	-	-	-	0.007 -17080.098	63641	-22	-33	[281-291]
SO_3	52	-	-	-	-	0.477 -2824.347	10881	-19	-31	[292-300]
Total # lines: 3,794,297						Total # lines 5,067,351				

Notes: "No Update" in the "Refs." column indicates that only minor technical corrections were made for the given molecule between GEISA-2011 to GEISA-2015.

(-) Missing data.

Table 3 summarizes, for each individual molecular species implemented in the GEISA-2015 line parameters database, information on each of its associated isotopologues. It is organized as follows: (i) individual GEISA-2015 molecular species names ("Mol."); (ii) molecular species corresponding identification codes ("ID" codes, defined for the GEISA management software), (iii) each molecule ID associated isotopologue identification codes "Isot ID" (See Appendix C for corresponding this identifier); (iv) to (viii) the number of lines with associated minimum and maximum wave numbers (cm⁻¹) and intensities (in cm molecule⁻¹ at 296 K).

Table 3

The GEISA-2015 line parameters database. Spectral and intensity ranges per molecule and per isotopologue. The third column "Isot ID" indicates the isotopologue identification. The notation used for GEISA in described in the Appendix C

Mol.	ID	Isot. ID.	# lines	Minimum Wave number (cm^{-1})	Maximum Wave number (cm^{-1})	Minimum Intensity (cm molecule^{-1}) at 296 K	Maximum Intensity (cm molecule^{-1}) at 296 K
H_2O	1	161	119885	0.400560	25336.948790	1.070×10^{-30}	2.656×10^{-18}
		181	39613	0.052583	19917.617846	8.470×10^{-36}	5.270×10^{-21}
		171	26215	0.451497	19945.257171	4.857×10^{-35}	9.860×10^{-22}
		262	5971	5.060500	7979.071900	7.310×10^{-33}	1.751×10^{-26}
		282	162	6328.068400	6637.658200	1.530×10^{-35}	5.640×10^{-34}
CO_2	2	626	170846	345.935822	14075.298241	1.000×10^{-30}	3.551×10^{-18}
		636	70462	408.380298	13734.963032	1.000×10^{-30}	3.741×10^{-20}
		628	115942	5.890710	12677.181338	1.000×10^{-30}	6.800×10^{-21}
		627	72120	10.599802	12726.561843	1.000×10^{-30}	1.263×10^{-21}
		638	40143	461.995234	9212.608647	1.000×10^{-30}	7.964×10^{-23}
		637	23901	493.881436	8061.740848	1.000×10^{-30}	1.388×10^{-23}
		828	10593	482.813154	8162.742864	1.000×10^{-30}	1.317×10^{-23}
		728	15206	498.616897	8193.172140	1.000×10^{-30}	2.529×10^{-24}
		838	3111	539.626449	6687.643142	1.002×10^{-30}	1.413×10^{-25}
		727	6623	535.357499	6932.953775	1.001×10^{-30}	2.858×10^{-25}
		738	3621	555.753837	4915.047803	1.000×10^{-30}	2.706×10^{-26}
		737	1659	575.852870	4822.770500	1.004×10^{-30}	3.014×10^{-27}
O_3	3	666	249673	0.026300	6996.680800	3.904×10^{-29}	4.060×10^{-20}
		668	44302	0.920900	2767.874110	4.692×10^{-28}	7.760×10^{-23}
		686	24886	1.176800	2739.289270	9.970×10^{-29}	7.560×10^{-23}
		667	58171	0.289037	820.380127	5.135×10^{-31}	5.356×10^{-25}
		676	28887	0.212814	822.795105	1.433×10^{-31}	5.827×10^{-25}
N_2O	4	446	34468	0.838022	7796.633112	4.650×10^{-26}	1.003×10^{-18}
		456	4466	5.028000	5088.905757	5.220×10^{-26}	3.423×10^{-21}
		546	4841	4.858000	4992.236153	4.720×10^{-26}	3.513×10^{-21}
		448	4412	541.341626	4672.579499	1.614×10^{-25}	1.930×10^{-21}
		447	1778	549.366695	4429.961520	1.614×10^{-25}	4.017×10^{-22}
		458	105	2121.769638	2203.982901	1.673×10^{-25}	6.637×10^{-24}
		548	108	2144.997413	2226.290105	1.675×10^{-25}	7.631×10^{-24}
		556	455	1226.535927	3415.767844	1.642×10^{-25}	1.210×10^{-23}
CO	5	26	5908	3.530098	8464.881965	7.880×10^{-78}	4.460×10^{-19}
		36	4768	3.414267	8180.218750	3.610×10^{-73}	4.690×10^{-21}
		27	748	3.714216	6338.061200	8.190×10^{-40}	1.600×10^{-22}
		28	770	3.629408	6266.577400	7.610×10^{-39}	8.320×10^{-22}
		37	580	1807.870900	6196.551100	1.030×10^{-36}	1.680×10^{-24}
		38	741	3.462498	6123.294200	2.580×10^{-40}	8.700×10^{-24}
CH_4	6	211	333339	0.001063	11501.877400	1.030×10^{-39}	2.114×10^{-19}
		311	106046	0.001063	11318.549800	1.172×10^{-39}	2.362×10^{-21}
O_2	7	66	1902	0.000001	15927.804099	7.233×10^{-51}	8.797×10^{-24}
		67	13392	0.000001	14537.832826	1.960×10^{-54}	3.437×10^{-27}
		68	903	1.572090	15852.677413	1.186×10^{-35}	1.675×10^{-26}
NO	8	46	103701	0.000001	9273.214340	1.451×10^{-95}	2.322×10^{-20}
		48	679	1601.909400	2038.846100	4.190×10^{-28}	1.390×10^{-22}
		56	699	1609.585400	2060.462500	4.430×10^{-28}	2.550×10^{-22}

Mol.	ID	Isot. ID.	# lines	Minimum Wave number (cm⁻¹)	Maximum Wave number (cm⁻¹)	Minimum Intensity (cm molecule⁻¹) at 296 K	Maximum Intensity (cm molecule⁻¹) at 296 K
SO_2	9	626	72903	0.017394	4092.948220	2.864×10^{-30}	4.851×10^{-20}
		646	10765	1060.195581	2500.400420	4.980×10^{-24}	2.100×10^{-21}
NO_2	10	646	104223	0.497999	3074.152650	4.240×10^{-28}	1.302×10^{-19}
NH_3	11	411	45324	0.058210	6999.428900	2.115×10^{-39}	5.493×10^{-19}
		511	1090	0.374789	5179.785600	5.460×10^{-29}	1.992×10^{-21}
PH_3	12	131	20364	8.904310	3601.652010	1.849×10^{-28}	2.520×10^{-19}
HNO3	13	146	669988	0.011922	1769.982240	3.590×10^{-28}	3.130×10^{-20}
		156	21173	830.370600	922.931350	3.000×10^{-25}	3.300×10^{-23}
OH	14	61	42711	0.004620	35877.030506	1.500×10^{-85}	6.450×10^{-17}
		62	90	0.009943	1.824065	2.090×10^{-31}	5.780×10^{-29}
		81	65	0.052846	6.325014	1.200×10^{-30}	1.200×10^{-26}
HF	15	19	107	41.110982	11535.570000	1.110×10^{-26}	1.440×10^{-17}
HCl	16	15	284	20.270297	13457.840907	1.090×10^{-26}	5.030×10^{-19}
		17	249	20.240304	10994.721087	1.010×10^{-26}	1.610×10^{-19}
HBr	17	11	642	16.231550	9757.189365	1.528×10^{-32}	1.178×10^{-19}
		19	651	16.236523	9758.311660	9.450×10^{-33}	1.211×10^{-19}
HI	18	17	806	12.509418	8487.304744	1.644×10^{-30}	3.423×10^{-20}
ClO	19	56	3599	0.027699	1207.639162	1.520×10^{-29}	3.240×10^{-21}
		76	3631	0.014605	1199.839726	5.090×10^{-30}	1.030×10^{-21}
OCS	20	622	19130	0.405713	4199.671388	4.398×10^{-26}	1.220×10^{-18}
		624	6665	0.395798	4165.233004	6.400×10^{-27}	4.720×10^{-20}
		632	3243	0.404408	4055.089955	1.720×10^{-27}	1.200×10^{-20}
		623	2788	509.006700	4163.068691	4.678×10^{-26}	8.430×10^{-21}
		822	1626	0.380587	4045.602054	2.620×10^{-28}	2.090×10^{-21}
		634	357	1972.188480	2032.038820	1.010×10^{-23}	5.240×10^{-22}
H_2CO	21	126	40680	0.000000	3099.958130	3.955×10^{-39}	7.436×10^{-20}
		128	1622	0.000016	100.054366	8.054×10^{-36}	1.089×10^{-22}
		136	2309	0.000019	116.701949	3.566×10^{-35}	6.314×10^{-22}
C_2H_6	22	226	47766	706.601510	3070.971230	4.609×10^{-29}	1.873×10^{-20}
		236	6037	725.602722	918.717163	1.130×10^{-28}	1.515×10^{-23}
CH_3D	23	212	54550	7.760179	6510.324200	3.528×10^{-30}	5.714×10^{-23}
		312	4213	959.393990	1694.123380	2.768×10^{-29}	1.398×10^{-25}
C_2H_2	24	221	12684	604.774170	9889.037680	4.425×10^{-28}	1.187×10^{-18}
		231	285	613.536460	6588.934700	3.820×10^{-26}	1.577×10^{-20}
C_2H_4	25	211	35132	701.202696	3242.172128	2.764×10^{-37}	8.412×10^{-20}
		311	18095	614.740436	3180.238042	4.852×10^{-24}	5.512×10^{-20}
GeH_4	26	411	824	1937.371090	2224.570070	$1.960\ 10^{-22}$	3.680×10^{-19}
HCN	27	124	136018	0.018640	17581.009367	1.000×10^{-30}	7.038×10^{-19}
		125	791	2.870485	3550.842326	5.156×10^{-32}	2.468×10^{-21}
		134	791	2.879990	3532.251747	1.431×10^{-31}	7.568×10^{-21}
		224	503	2.415494	2725.191923	1.801×10^{-30}	7.317×10^{-23}
C_3H_8	28	221	8983	700.014648	799.929688	1.583×10^{-24}	1.810×10^{-22}
C_2N_2	29	224	71954	200.817750	2181.689940	1.009×10^{-24}	2.478×10^{-20}
C_4H_2	30	211	417540	189.422800	1302.216600	1.003×10^{-24}	1.074×10^{-19}
HC_3N	31	124	179347	463.604500	759.988800	1.052×10^{-24}	4.041×10^{-20}
HOCl	32	165	9293	0.023599	3799.249000	1.650×10^{-27}	3.590×10^{-20}
		167	8569	0.349154	3799.681900	7.220×10^{-28}	1.140×10^{-20}
N_2	33	44	120	1992.627702	2625.497436	1.590×10^{-34}	3.548×10^{-28}
CH_3Cl	34	215	40941	0.886304	3197.758930	9.051×10^{-32}	7.152×10^{-21}
		217	42102	0.872753	3197.961060	2.177×10^{-27}	2.326×10^{-21}

Mol.	ID	Isot. ID.	# lines	Minimum Wave number (cm^{-1})	Maximum Wave number (cm^{-1})	Minimum Intensity (cm molecule^{-1}) at 296 K	Maximum Intensity (cm molecule^{-1}) at 296 K
H_2O_2	35	166	126983	0.043110	1730.370600	5.064×10^{-29}	5.582×10^{-20}
H_2S	36	121	38139	1.168413	11329.779860	9.823×10^{-30}	1.377×10^{-19}
		131	12193	1.097191	11226.586550	1.002×10^{-29}	1.080×10^{-21}
		141	8318	1.030566	11071.420170	1.006×10^{-29}	5.990×10^{-21}
HCOOH	37	261	62684	10.018282	1889.333730	3.966×10^{-26}	5.068×10^{-20}
COF_2	38	269	70904	725.005500	2001.347800	4.740×10^{-24}	3.940×10^{-20}
SF_6	39	29	92398	588.488352	975.787491	1.001×10^{-24}	1.453×10^{-20}
C_3H_4	40	341	19001	288.912585	673.478839	4.230×10^{-24}	1.550×10^{-20}
HO_2	41	166	38804	0.172756	3675.818586	1.001×10^{-26}	2.744×10^{-20}
$ClONO_2$	42	564	206861	0.635822	797.741040	7.547×10^{-28}	3.850×10^{-22}
		764	150038	0.928373	790.805380	7.519×10^{-28}	1.260×10^{-22}
CH_3Br	43	79	18692	794.403140	1705.611680	9.970×10^{-27}	2.580×10^{-21}
		81	18219	795.083120	1696.895670	1.000×10^{-26}	2.530×10^{-21}
CH_3OH	44	216	19897	0.019265	1407.205540	8.826×10^{-35}	3.771×10^{-20}
NO^+	45	46	1206	1634.831153	2530.462136	6.121×10^{-81}	1.186×10^{-19}
HNC	46	142	75554	0.145590	4692.098100	1.000×10^{-30}	1.262×10^{-18}
C_6H_6	47	266	9797	642.427000	705.262000	4.070×10^{-24}	9.490×10^{-21}
C_2HD	48	122	15512	416.784700	3421.864100	5.195×10^{-29}	9.802×10^{-23}
CF_4	49	291	60033	594.580718	1312.647564	7.912×10^{-24}	4.718×10^{-20}
CH_3CN	50	234	17172	890.051655	1650.000000	1.200×10^{-38}	3.824×10^{-20}
HDO	51	162	53706	0.007002	17080.098180	1.240×10^{-32}	2.700×10^{-22}
		172	175	1234.234730	1598.765470	2.033×10^{-27}	9.319×10^{-27}
		182	9760	0.196882	8748.128100	3.734×10^{-33}	5.646×10^{-25}
SO_3	52	26	10881	0.477672	2824.347247	1.636×10^{-31}	1.266×10^{-19}

The parameters for each spectral line (or molecular vibrational-rotational transition) of GEISA-2015 are stored in ASCII, in the "standard format" as previously defined for GEISA-2011. Each entry in GEISA describes the 31 spectroscopic line parameters on a 252 character length record: a detailed description of these entries (identification, format, record length, etc is given in Appendix B and Table 15 herein).

Some modifications have been made to the GEISA-2011 format. The standard default values for fields «O'», « T » and « T' », (respectively estimated accuracy on the air pressure-shift of the line transition, self-pressure-shift of the line transition and estimated accuracy on the self-pressure-shift of the line transition) have been changed and set to "zero". This modification was made to avoid potential misunderstanding and thus improper use of these parameters in some applications especially related to forward radiative transfer.

2.2 *Description of GEISA-2015 updates per individual molecular species*

This description is given below, in sub-sections 2.2.1 to 2.2.22, for each molecular species identified by its formula associated with its identification code in GEISA. It should be noted that, in the following, wave numbers may be displayed with all their decimal places – as in the database itself – or truncated when such a high detailed information is not required.

2.2.1 H_2O (molecule 1)

2.2.1.1 GEISA-2015 H_2O update overview

H_2O is significantly updated in this 2015 edition of GEISA, with important additions across the whole spectral range (67,789 lines in GEISA-2011 have become 191,846 in GEISA-2015). This significant increase of the total number of transitions originates mainly in the inclusion of empirical lists in the GEISA-2015.

The new line lists for H_2O in this 2015 edition of GEISA originate from results of 8 participating institutions (in alphabetic order):

- V.E. Zuev Institute of Atmospheric Optics, Russian Federation   (IAO)
- Karlsruhe Institute of Technology, Germany   (KIT)
- Laboratoire Inter-Universitaire des Systèmes Atmosphériques, France   (LISA)
- Laboratoire Interdisciplinaire de Physique, France   (LIPhy)
- Netherlands Institute for Space Research, Netherlands   (SRON)
- University College Cork, Ireland   (UCC)
- University College London, UK   (UCL)
- University of Massachusetts, USA   (UMASS)

Five isotopologues, *i.e.,* $H_2^{16}O$, $H_2^{17}O$, $H_2^{18}O$, $D_2^{16}O$, $D_2^{18}O$, are updated in the 2015 release, as summarized in Table 4. This Table lists GEISA-2015 entries that have totally replaced entries of GEISA-2011. They represent 172,680 entries. Their names are listed in the first column of this Table with associated identification codes (see Appendix C). Each line list spectral range, minimum and maximum wave numbers (cm^{-1}), the number of transitions, the mean (Moy.I) and the maximum (Max.I) of the line intensities (cm molecule^{-1} at 296 K), and the origin of the data are given in columns 2 to 7 of this Table, respectively. The process used to update each isotopologue is described in the sections below.

**Table 4**
General overview of the H₂O update in GEISA-2015

Isot. ID	Wavenb. min (cm^{-1})	Wavenb. max (cm^{-1})	#lines	Moy. I (cm molecule^{-1}) at 296 K	Max. I (cm molecule^{-1}) at 296 K	Origin
H$_2^{16}$O 161	10.714930 5850.059600	5098.661059 7920.315400	12520 18757	9.9741x10^{-30} 1.001x10^{-29}	2.651x10^{-18} 1.856x10^{-20}	LISA, IAO LIPhy, IAO UMASS
H$_2^{17}$O 171	0.451497 5850.241200 4174.108380	19945.257171 7905.615600 4299.793100	27547 3659 24	4.857x10^{-35} 1.002x10^{-29} 6.46x10^{-28}	9.860x10^{-22} 6.939x10^{-24} 4.393x10^{-26}	UCL LIPhy, IAO SRON, UMASS
H$_2^{18}$O 181	893.551335 0.052583 4177.931920 5855.542000	1996.530386 19917.617846 4298.236000 7919.033200	974 39918 47 6641	9.9741x10^{-30} 8.47x10^{-36} 2.93x10^{-26} 1.001x10^{-29}	2.651x10^{-18} 5.270x10^{-21} 2.440x10^{-25} 3.647x10^{-23}	LISA UCL SRON LIPhy, IAO UMASS
D$_2^{16}$O (new) 262	6378.9189 5.060500	6676.1465 7979.071900	225 5746	7.31x10^{-33} 1.76x10^{-28}	2.640x10^{-31} 1.75x10^{-26}	UCC, KIT IAO UMASS
D$_2^{18}$O (new) 282	6328.068400	6637.658200	162	9.41x10^{-35}	5.41x10^{-34}	UCC, KIT UMASS

2.2.1.2 *H$_2^{16}$O update process*

The revised line list built using contributions from IAO, LISA and LIPhy was processed in two steps: first, the H$_2^{16}$O entries in GEISA-2011 were updated with the new data; then, the resulting line list was evaluated against so called "reference" spectra or "empirical" line lists [24] (see below) before implementation in GEISA-2015. In the spectral range 10.719-5098.661 cm^{-1}, the previous H$_2^{16}$O data were replaced by 12520 lines of Coudert [25], computed from line position and line intensity analysis of two large data sets involving vibrational states up to the second triad. Both analyses were carried out with the Bending-Rotation approach [26]. The reader is referred to Ref. [25] for further information.

For H$_2^{16}$O transitions up to the (010) vibrational state, with wavenumbers smaller than 2000 cm^{-1}, a comparison between *S,* the intensity in the line list built in Ref. [25], and S_{Hitran} that from HITRAN-2012 [14] is presented on Fig. 1, The figure compares % intensity difference (S-S_{Hitran})/S for the 3937 transitions common to both line lists. For a line intensity larger than 10^{-24} cm molecule^{-1} both sets of intensities agree to better than 10%.
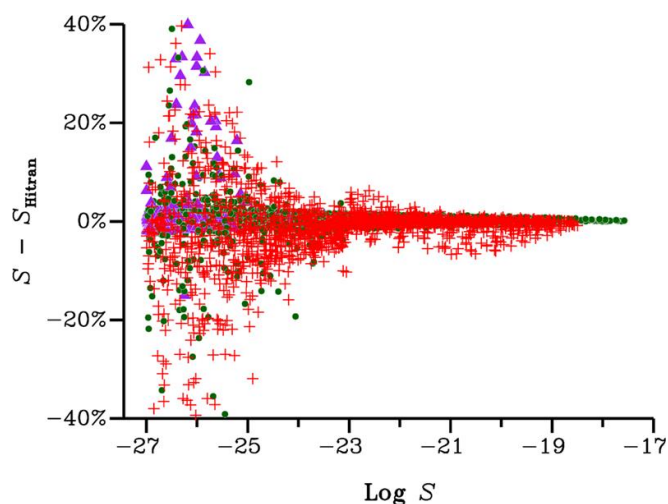
Fig. 1. Comparison ($S - S_{Hitran}$) between S, the intensity in the line list built in Ref. **[25]** and adopted in GEISA-2015, and S_{Hitran} from HITRAN-2012 **[14].** The intensity difference $S - S_{Hitran}$ in % of the average intensity $(S + S_{Hitran})/2$ is plotted as a function of the base 10 logarithm of S_{Hitran} in cm molecule^{-1} at 296 K. Plus signs (+) correspond to the 1514 transitions belonging to the ν_2 band; full circles to the 1623 pure rotational transitions within the ground vibrational state; and full triangles to the 800 pure rotational transitions within the (010) vibrational state. ν_2 band transitions in HITRAN-2012 come from Refs. **[25,40].** The 5% agreement observed in many cases stems from the fact that the results of reference **[25]** were also used in GEISA-2015.

In the 5850–7920 cm^{-1} region, the GEISA-2015 list for $H_2{}^{16}O$ (and for $H_2{}^{17}O$ and $H_2{}^{18}O$ as well, see below) uses the empirical line list described in Mikhaïlenko et al. **[27]**, from a joint participation of IAO and LIPhy. This GEISA update list, involving 18757 lines in the spectral range 5850.060-7920.315 cm^{-1} was obtained by gathering separate line lists recently obtained from spectra recorded using high sensitivity CW-CRDS of natural water **[28-32]** and is completed with literature data obtained by FTS for the strongest lines by Toth **[33].** It has to be noted that there is a large literature suggesting that the intensities of the strong lines from **[33]** might be seriously in error especially above 8000 cm^{-1} and around 4000 cm^{-1}; this is not the case in the 5850-8000 cm^{-1} spectral region considered in GEISA-2015.

The spectral sensitivity of the CW-CRDS recordings (min~ 10^{-11}–10^{-10} cm^{-1}) allowed the detection of lines with intensities down to the 10^{-29} cm molecule^{-1}. The list was made mostly complete by including a large number of weak lines with positions calculated using experimentally determined energy levels and intensities computed by S.A. Tashkun **[34]** using the results of the variational calculations by Schwenke and Partridge **[35]**. After this first update step, the whole GEISA-2015 $H_2{}^{16}O$ line list was processed as follows.

New experimental results of Regalia et al. **[36]** (3867 transitions in total) have replaced the former GEISA-2011 positions and intensities in the 7924-9393 cm^{-1} region. The line positions from **[37]** between 9500 and 14500 cm^{-1} were recalculated using the calibration factor

of 0.99999989 proposed by Tennyson et al. **[38]**. Then positions and intensities of all new and former $H_2^{16}O$ data were checked against "reference" spectrum or "empirical" line list in which the positions are obtained from the energy levels derived by Tennyson et al. **[38]** with the additional inclusion of new experimental data from Refs. **[27,30-32,36],** and intensities available from variational calculations of Barber et al. **[39]**. As a consequence of this validation process, the following replacements or additions were made:

1. positions and intensities of about 900 incorrectly assigned lines, mostly coming from the previous GEISA editions, were corrected;

2. positions of all lines which deviated from the empirical data by more than 0.01 cm^{-1} were corrected;

3. simulated intensities data originating from Toth **[40]** were replaced by those of Barber et al. **[39],** mostly for the weakest lines.

Finally all empirical lines **[24]** with intensities larger than 10^{-29} cm molecule^{-1} at 296 K, missing in the initial line list, were added in the spectral region 0-26000 cm^{-1}.

The final $H_2^{16}O$ GEISA-2015 line list has been supplemented by data from the empirical list generated by Naumenko **[24].** GEISA-2015 contains 119,885 entries for the isotopologue $H_2^{16}O$ compared to 40,920 in GEISA-2011.

A graphical overview of the GEISA-2015 line intensities for $H_2^{16}O$ is shown on Fig. 2. The new intensity values cover the spectral regions: 10-5098 cm^{-1} **[25]**, 5850-7920 cm^{-1} **[27]**, and 7924-9392 cm^{-1} **[38]**. Above 9500 cm^{-1} and, partly, between 1200 and 8000 cm^{-1} the line intensities from GEISA-2011 were retained, these include data from Refs. **[40, 41]**.
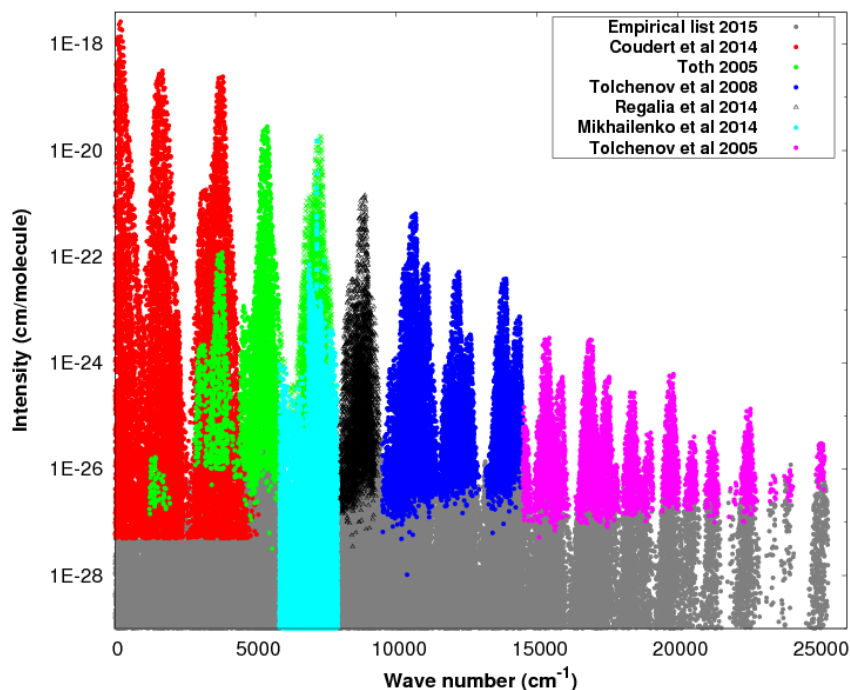
Fig. 2 Log scale graphical display of transition intensities (cm molecule^{-1} at 296 K) for $H_2^{16}O$.

2.2.1.3 $H_2^{17}O$ and $H_2^{18}O$ update process

New line lists provided by UCL, SRON, LIPhy and IAO, have been included in GEISA-2015 update for both $H_2^{17}O$ and $H_2^{18}O$ isotopologues. New data from LISA for $H_2^{18}O$ have been included, as well.

Line positions and intensities of $H_2^{17}O$ and $H_2^{18}O$, from UCL, were taken from the line lists of Lodi and Tennyson [42], and provided new data in the spectral ranges 0.451-19945.257 cm^{-1} (22508 lines) and 0.052-19917.618 cm^{-1} (31,926 lines), for $H_2^{17}O$ and $H_2^{18}O$ respectively. This study is based on two developments:

- First the work on an IUPAC-TG on water spectroscopy [43] which adopted the MARVEL procedure [44,45], to determine precise empirical values for the energy levels of $H_2^{17}O$ and $H_2^{18}O$ [46]. These energy levels were used to generate a list of transition frequencies which encompasses all the measured frequencies validated by the IUPAC-TG, and all those other allowed transitions between known energy levels.
- Then, line intensities were computed using the high accuracy, *ab-initio* dipole moment function of Lodi et al. [47] and wave functions generated from a spectroscopically-determined potential energy surface [48]. Lodi and Tennyson developed a procedure for

determining the uncertainty in these intensities and, for a few cases where the calculated intensities were deemed unreliable, the empirical ones were retained.

It should be noticed that:

- Regalia et al. **[36]** performed a comprehensive comparison of water absorption in the 6450 to 9400 cm^{-1} region based on a new experimental study. While their comparisons identified a significant number of issues with the spectroscopic data available in current compilations, the agreement with the $H_2^{18}O$ and $H_2^{17}O$ line lists of Lodi and Tennyson was, in general, excellent;

- the recent work by Polyansky et al. **[49]** allows us to significantly increase the number of $H_2^{18}O$ and $H_2^{17}O$ energy levels known to experimental accuracy by exploiting the much more extensive list of known $H_2^{16}O$ levels. This work will be used to further enhance the line lists for the $H_2^{18}O$ and $H_2^{17}O$ isotopologues in future editions.

SRON provided updates in the 2.3 µm windows wavelength range which covers the windows used for the retrieval of H_2O and the ratio HDO/H_2O, by the SCIAMACHY instrument, on board ENVISAT. However, the spectroscopy of water lines in this region remained a large source of uncertainty for these retrievals. Consequently, Scheepmaker et al. **[50]** updated the spectroscopic line parameters of $H_2^{17}O$ and $H_2^{18}O$ in the 4175.123-4298.302 cm^{-1} spectral range, taking the results of Jenouvrier et al. **[51]** as the *a priori* input in their new line list processing method. These additional data have been retained for implementation in GEISA-2015 because they represent an improved spectroscopic dataset which has been tested on a series of ground based high resolution FTS spectra as well as on SCIAMACHY retrievals of H_2O and on the ratio HDO/H_2O. This improved spectroscopy has led to lower residuals in the FTS spectra compared to alternate available spectroscopic sources and the retrievals have become more robust against changes in the retrieval window. As a result, a total of 71 lines for isotopologues $H_2^{17}O$ (24 lines) and $H_2^{18}O$ (47 lines), were included in GEISA-2015, from the supplementary material available in **[50]**.

In the 5850–7920 cm^{-1} spectral region, the GEISA-2015 list for $H_2^{17}O$ and $H_2^{18}O$ uses the empirical line list, from LIPhy and IAO, described in Mikhaïlenko et al. **[27]**. Two new series of entries, covering respectively, for $H_2^{17}O$ and $H_2^{18}O$, the spectral ranges 5850.241-7905.616 cm^{-1} (3659 lines) and 5855.542-7919.033 cm^{-1} (6641 lines) have been implemented in GEISA-2015.

In the 20–2000 cm^{-1} spectral range, line parameters of $H_2^{18}O$ were updated based on the line position and line intensity analyses carried out in LISA by Coudert and Chelin **[52]** using

the Bending-Rotation approach **[26]**. In the line position analysis of Ref. **[53]**, using 173 parameters, the data from Refs **[54-60]** were fitted up to J=17, Ka=17, and to the first Triad; they were reproduced with a dimensionless standard deviation of 1.2. The line parameters of $H_2^{18}O$ were updated fitting the limited line intensity data set of Refs. **[60,61]** involving the ground and (010) states only. 1760 line intensities were reproduced with a unit-less standard deviation of 1.5 using 18 parameters and a line list containing pure rotational and ν_2 band transitions was built. An abundance-weighted intensity cut-off of 10^{-27} cm molecule^{-1} at 296 K was used assuming an isotopic abundance of 0.199983 %. Fig. 3 compares the intensities in this line list and those in HITRAN-2012 **[14]** for transitions belonging to the ν_2 band of $H_2^{18}O$. For this band, the intensity values in HITRAN-2012 were set to *ab-initio* calculated values given in Ref. **[42]**. A negative bias, more pronounced for strong lines, can easily be seen (-2.3%). For strong lines with a intensity larger than 10^{-23} cm molecule^{-1}, the bias could reach -3.4%. The RMS value of the intensity differences is 3.2%. We have retained this line list because, as discussed in Ref. **[52]**, this work both reproduces more accurately the experimental intensities from Refs. **[60,61]** than the line list of HITRAN-2012 **[14]** (example of the ν_2 band of $H_2^{18}O$ where the intensity values in HITRAN-2012 were retrieved through *ab-initio* calculations (see Lodi and Tennyson **[42]**).
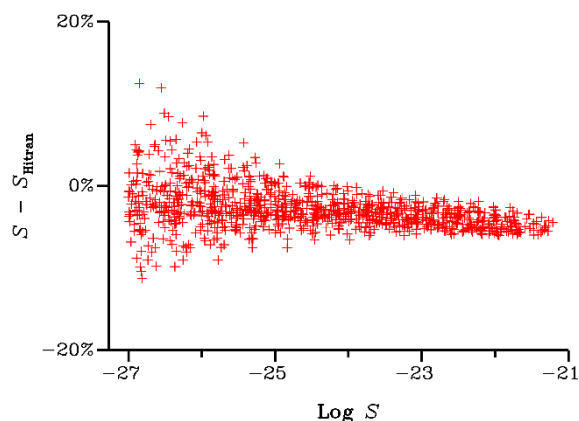
Fig. 3. A comparison between the intensity S of ν_2 band transitions comprising the GEISA-2015 updated $H_2^{18}O$ line list and (S_{Hitran}) those from HITRAN-2012 **[14]** for the 971 transitions in both line lists with a wave number smaller than 2000 cm^{-1}. The intensity difference $S - S_{Hitran}$ in % of the average intensity $(S + S_{Hitran})/2$ is plotted as a function of the base 10 logarithm of S_{Hitran} in cm molecule^{-1}.

Finally, most of the previous data on $H_2^{16}O$, $H_2^{17}O$, $H_2^{18}O$, in the 5850 - 7920 cm^{-1} spectral region, were replaced by the new line list (more than 29000 vibration-rotation transitions) of Mikhaïlenko et al. **[27]**. The advantages of this list, which incorporates all available experimental information, are discussed in **[27]**. An illustration of this new data set is

given, in Fig. 4, by the base 10 logarithm graphical display of intensities (cm molecule^{-1}) for H$_2$^{16}O, H$_2$^{17}O, H$_2$^{18}O (Y-Axis) in the spectral range 5850-7920 cm^{-1} (X-abscissa).
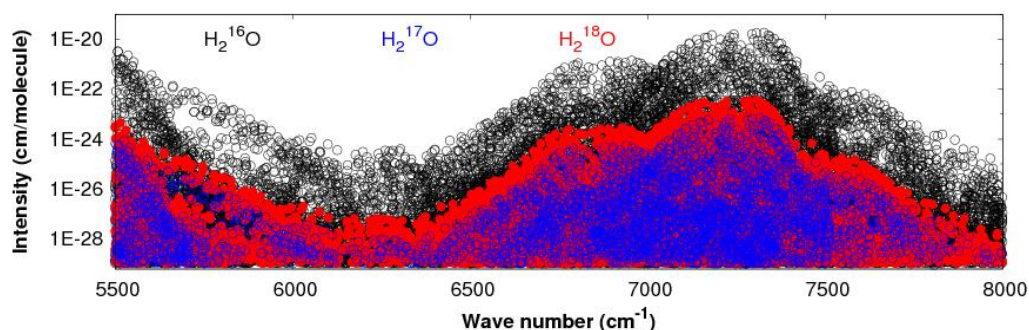
Fig. 4. Overview of Figline intensities (at 296 K, in logarithmic scale) in the GEISA-2015 line parameter database for water isotopologues, H$_2$^{16}O, H$_2$^{17}O, H$_2$^{18}O, between 5850 and 7920 cm^{-1}. The contribution of the different isotopologues is highlighted (H$_2$^{16}O -black, H$_2$^{17}O -blue, H$_2$^{18}O -red).

2.2.1.4 *Implementation of two new isotopologues: D$_2$^{16}O and D$_2$^{18}O in GEISA-2015*

The data for D$_2$^{16}O and D$_2$^{18}O were originally based on a high resolution (0.02 cm^{-1}) absorption spectrum recorded by Orphal and Ruth [53] for a mixture of D$_2$^{16}O and H$_2$^{18}O gases and designed to maximise the presence of HD^{18}O. Significant quantities of the isotopologues H$_2$^{18}O (~29%), HD^{16}O (~22.5%), H$_2$^{16}O (~14.5%), D$_2$^{18}O (~9.3%) andD$_2$^{16}O (~6.3%) were observed [52] and are at the origin of line lists of two new isotopologues, D$_2$^{16}O and D$_2$^{18}O, implemented in GEISA-2015.

However several (some unpublished), variational line lists and experimental lower level data exist for D$_2$^{16}O [63-67] and D$_2$^{18}O [63],[68],[69]. The IUPAC group have recently completed their analysis of D$_2$O isotopologues [70] and these data will be used in a future update.

2.2.1.4.1 *D$_2$^{16}O:*

The new D$_2$^{16}O transitions have been implemented in GEISA-2015 in two spectral regions:

- The region 6378.92–6676.15 cm^{-1} where all observed D$_2$^{16}O transitions agree with assignments by Ormsby et al. [64]. 295 lines were included in the analysis, of which 265 were assigned directly to observations including 40 blended lines. Most of the lines belong to the ν_1+

$\nu_2+ \nu_3$ combination band and calculations agreed with observation within the spectral resolution of 0.02 cm^{-1}. The experimental spectral resolution does not limit the precision of line positions except in the case of blended lines. Hence, for the current GEISA-2015 edition, all blended lines have been deleted from the datasets.

- The region between 5 and 7980 cm^{-1} contains a list of empirical line positions completed by variational line intensities. The line positions were calculated using the empirical energy levels recommended by an IUPAC task group [70]. Calculated line intensities, available at http://spectra.iao.ru/1366x647/en/mol/survey/1/ and based on the results of Partridge and Schwenke [71].

The list includes 5746 transitions of 18 vibration-rotation bands with maximum values of rotational numbers J and K_a equal to 24 and 14, respectively. This list corresponds to a cut-off of 1×10^{-30} cm/molecule at 296K taking into account a natural abundance of 2.4197×10^{-8} for $D_2^{16}O$.

2.2.1.4.2 $D_2^{18}O$:

The $D_2^{18}O$ transitions between 6328 and 6638 cm^{-1} were recorded and identified in Down et al. [62] based on variational line list. A set of lower energy levels from Ni et al. [69] was used to determine the upper energy levels. The accuracy of line positions is estimated to be of 0.002-0.004 cm-1. About 150 $D_2^{18}O$ transitions from [62] approved by the IUPAC analysis [70] are implemented in GEISA-2015. These transitions belong, mostly, to (111)-(000) and (210)-(000) vibrational bands.

2.2.1.5   *Line shape parameters*

Line shape parameters for water vapor; the air-broadened half-widths, γ_{air}, its temperature dependence, n_{air}, the air-induced line shifts, δ_{air}, and the self-broadened half-widths, γ_{self}, are added to the GEISA-2015 database from a number of sources.

For the three most abundant isotopologues of water, $H_2^{16}O$, $H_2^{18}O$, and $H_2^{17}O$, the air-broadened half-widths, line shifts and self-broadened half-widths were added using a sophisticated scheme explained by Gordon et al. [72]   that determines and eliminates the experimental outliers and then either uses their averages, if they exist, or the experimental values, or theoretical values calculated using the CRB method (see for instance Refs. [73],[74]),

or if no experimental or theoretical value exists, semi-empirical values from Jacquemart et al. [75]. When none of the above data are available, the half-width data are obtained from J-dependent polynomials [76]. The temperature dependence of the half-width is taken from measured values, if no data exist the data are obtained from a polynomial in J" that was developed by Gamache [77] using the data of Birk and Wagner [78] smoothened and extrapolated to J"=50. Note, when there are no data available for $H_2^{18}O$ or $H_2^{17}O$, the corresponding data for $H_2^{16}O$ are used (if they exist).

For the air-D_2O collision system, measured half-widths and line shifts are available [79-82] for a small number of transitions in the v_2, $2v_2$- v_2, and v_3 bands. From these data a set of air-broadened half-widths as a function of rotational quantum numbers was made and these data were added to the database neglecting vibrational dependence. To augment the measurement database, the half-width data were taken and the average half-width as a function of J" determined. These data were extrapolated to J"=50 and fit to a polynomial. These data were used for lines for which there are no measured data or rotational transition data. The error in the averaged data was taken to be 50% of the averaged value. There are no measured data on the temperature dependence of the half-width or on coefficient n. The HITRAN $H_2^{16}O$-air n values were used for $D_2^{16}O$-air with the error set to 50%.

For the D_2O-D_2O collision system, the half-width, its temperature dependence, and the line shift (rotation band only) data are from the MCRB calculations of Gamache et al. [83]. Again vibrational dependence is assumed negligible for the half-width and its temperature dependence. For transitions for which MCRB calculations are not available, the MCRB data were averaged as a function of J" and extrapolated to J"=50. The average values were then used for transitions for which there were no half-width data. The error in the averaged half-widths was set to 50%.

2.2.2 CO₂ (molecule 2)

2.2.2.1 *Line list update description*

The GEISA-2011 carbon dioxide line list is replaced by the current version of CDSD-296 databank [84] which forms the new GEISA-2015 CO_2 line list. The CDSD-296 databank contains calculated line parameters (positions, intensities, air- and self-broadened half-widths, coefficients of temperature dependence of air-broadened half-widths and air pressure-induced

line shifts) for twelve sTable isotopic species of CO_2 (See Table 5 below). This databank was generated for a reference temperature 296 K and an intensity cut-off of 10^{-30} cm molecule^{-1}. It contains 534,227 lines covering the 6-14,075 cm^{-1} spectral range. The line positions and intensities were calculated using the method of effective operators and are based on global weighted fits of the effective Hamiltonian and effective dipole moment parameters to the observed data collected from the literature. The fitted sets of the effective Hamiltonian parameters on average reproduce the observed line positions with the residuals about twice the experimental uncertainties. The fitted sets of effective dipole moment parameters reproduce most of the observed line intensities within their experimental uncertainties. Each isotopologue has been considered separately. The sets of the effective dipole moment parameters of the principal isotopologue were used to calculate the line intensities of the minor isotopologues. The isotopologue composition of the current version of CDSD-296, and consequently in GEISA-2015, is presented in Table 5. The isotopologue Identification Codes (ID), respectively in CDSD, HITRAN-2012 and GEISA-2015, are listed in columns 1 to 3; column 4 and 5 detail the chemical formula and the natural abundance corresponding to each isotopologue; the number of lines reported for each species is in column 6. Compared to GEISA-2011, the current version GEISA-2015 includes the spectral line parameters for three additional isotopologues: $^{17}O^{12}C^{17}O$, $^{17}O^{13}C^{18}O$ and $^{17}O^{13}C^{17}O$. The line parameters for other minor isotopologues are considerably improved and the spectral ranges extended. These improvements are possible due to the extensive measurements of line parameters of the minor isotopologues performed in Paris [85], Grenoble [89-91], Hefei [86,92-94] and Brussels [95]. The stated errors for the line positions and intensities rely on the measurement errors and on the rough estimates performed for the extrapolated values.

Very recently Polyansky et al. computed an *ab-initio* dipole moment surface which has been used for the prediction of CO_2 intensities below 8000 cm^{-1} with very high accuracy [96]. This has been combined with energy levels from CDSD-296 to give a new line list for CO_2 [97] which will be considered as part of a future update.

Table 5
CO_2 isotopologues in GEISA-2015 (from Tashkun et al. **[84]**)

CDSD ID	HITRAN-2012 ID	GEISA-2015 ID	Molecular species	Abundance	#lines
1	1	626	$^{12}C^{16}O_2$	0.9842	170846
2	2	636	$^{13}C^{16}O_2$	1.106×10^{-2}	70462
3	3	628	$^{16}O^{12}C^{18}O$	3.947×10^{-3}	115942
4	4	627	$^{16}O^{12}C^{17}O$	7.339×10^{-4}	72120
5	5	638	$^{16}O^{13}C^{18}O$	4.434×10^{-5}	40143
6	6	637	$^{16}O^{13}C^{17}O$	8.246×10^{-6}	23901
7	7	828	$^{18}O^{12}C^{18}O$	3.957×10^{-6}	10593
8	8	728	$^{17}O^{12}C^{18}O$	1.472×10^{-6}	15206
9	9	727 (New)	$^{17}O^{12}C^{17}O$	1.430×10^{-7}	6623
10	0	838	$^{18}O^{13}C^{18}O$	4.446×10^{-8}	3111
11	Abs	738 (New)	$^{17}O^{13}C^{18}O$	1.654×10^{-8}	3621
12	Abs	737 (New)	$^{13}C^{17}O_2$	1.55×10^{-9}	1659

2.2.2.2 *Line shape parameters:*

The algorithm to add CO_2 line shape parameters to the GEISA-2015 line list uses data from the measurement database **[98]**. The database values were filtered and outliers removed. However, most of the data in the algorithm rely on recent CRB calculations of the line shape parameters for CO_2 broadened by N_2, O_2, air, and CO_2 **[99-101]**. These calculations show excellent agreement with measurement; average differences of a fraction of a percent and standard deviations of 1-3 %. The CRB calculations allowed the study of the dependence of the line shape parameters on J" values, temperatures, and vibrational bands that are yet to be measured. A study of the vibrational dependence of the half-width and line shift, and the temperature dependence of these parameters was recently completed by Gamache and Lamouroux **[102]**. From this study they developed an algorithm based on a generalization of the method of Gamache and Hartmann **[103]** that can predict the line shape parameters for CO_2 in collision with N_2, O_2, air, and CO_2 **[104]**. CRB calculations were used to produce data up to J"=160 and these data were extrapolated to J"=200. The prediction algorithm determines the half-width and the line shift for any vibrational transition with J"≤200 for temperatures in the range 150-2000 K. The accuracy of the algorithm is discussed in Ref. **[104]**.

The prediction algorithm uses the rotational and vibrational quantum numbers and temperature as inputs and returns the half-width and line shift for the particular transition at the specified temperature. Given the line shape data at a number of temperatures, the temperature dependence of these parameters can be determined using the power law model

$$g(T) = g(T_0)\left[\frac{T_o}{T}\right]^n. \tag{1}$$

It is known that the temperature exponent, n, is strongly dependent on the temperature range chosen **[101]**. Here the temperature dependence of the air- and self-broadened half-width were determined using the prediction algorithm data for the temperature range 200-350 K (Earth). For applications to other atmospheres, different values should be used. For example the NASA Ames CO_2 database **[105]** contains temperature exponents for 4 temperature ranges corresponding to applications to Mars (150-296 K), Earth (200-350 K), Venus (296-700 K), and high temperature applications (700-2000 K).

Using the algorithm, the half-width, its temperature dependence, and the line shift for both air- and self-broadening of CO_2, and the corresponding errors in these parameters were added to the GEISA-2015 CO_2 transitions.

2.2.3   O₃ (molecule 3)

Forty-six bands of the main ozone isotopologue, $^{16}O_3$, in the 3266-6997 cm^{-1} spectral region are newly included in the GEISA-2015 database, as summarized in Table 6. A graphical intensity overview of the new data is shown on Fig. 5.

Table 6
Ozone bands newly included or updated in GEISA-2015 line parameter database. Upper and lower state vibrational band identifiers (v$_i$ (i=1,2,3)) are given in column 1, with associated number of archived lines, spectral region in cm^{-1}, total intensity in cm molecule^{-1} at 296 K, and source references, in columns 2 to 5, respectively.

Band	# lines	Spectral region (cm^{-1})	S_V (cm molecule^{-1} at 296 K)	Refs.
022 – 000	2616[a]	3266.51 – 3488.18	1.111 x 10^{-22}	**[106]**
121 – 000	2210[a]	3373.90 – 3487.30	6.329 x 10^{-22}	**[106]**
220 – 000	684[a]	3488.15 – 3627.87	2.500 x 10^{-23}	**[106]**
311 – 100	729	3739.97 – 3826.22	2.398 x 10^{-23}	**[107]**
005 – 100	508	3742.91 – 3726.13	1.660 x 10^{-23}	**[107]**
104 – 100	51	3752.69 – 3863.55	8.192 x 10^{-25}	**[107]**
005 – 001	278	3807.31 – 3917.54	9.849 x 10^{-24}	**[107]**
311 – 001	436	3810.30 – 3946.73	9.846 x 10^{-24}	**[107]**
104 – 001	950	3820.17 – 3894.94	2.218 x 10^{-22}	**[107]**
123 – 010	783	4531.73 – 4599.39	6.534 x 10^{-23}	**[108]**
330 – 010	47	4554.65 – 4601.97	1.830 x 10^{-24}	**[108]**
104 – 000	1093	4802.98 – 4978.61	7.789 x 10^{-23}	**[107]**
005 – 000	1514	4806.33 – 4938.21	5.300 x 10^{-22}	**[107]**
311 – 000	1053	4827.65 – 4928.49	3.450 x 10^{-22}	**[107]**
203 – 000	1086	4997.30 – 5085.47	1.263 x 10^{-22}	**[109]**
132 – 000	27	5028.06 – 5085.33	1.396 x 10^{-24}	**[109]**
123 – 000	784	5216.76 – 5300.21	5.902 x 10^{-23}	**[108]**
401 – 000	896	5244.80 – 5319.26	8.153 x 10^{-23}	**[108]**
330 – 000	43	5252.48 – 4302.26	1.514 x 10^{-24}	**[108]**
024 – 000	2	5271.73 – 5316.28	6.791 x 10^{-26}	**[108]**
015 – 000	622	5625.97 – 5704.62	3.465 x 10^{-23}	**[108]**
420 – 000	10	5663.20 – 5706.33	3.065 x 10^{-25}	**[108]**
105_1 – 000 [c]	730	5708.95 – 5790.90	4.943 x 10^{-23}	**[111]**
312 – 000	14	5753.33 – 5786.12	4.336 x 10^{-25}	**[111]**
421 – 010	303	5815.58 – 5873.74	3.570 x 10^{-25}	**[114]**
133 – 000	702	5852.44 – 5931.22	4.718 x 10^{-24}	**[114]**
411 – 000	444	5895.17 – 5956.76	1.379 x 10^{-24}	**[114]**
233_1 – 000 [c]	528	5941.73 – 6021.44	7.950 x 10^{-25}	**[115]**
034 – 000	264	5956.88 – 6078.00	8.529 x 10^{-25}	**[112]**
105_2 – 000 [c]	678	5983.44 – 6071.43	2.097 x 10^{-24}	**[112]**
124_1 – 000 [c]	999	6019.98 – 6201.30	2.934 x 10^{-24}	**[112]**
223_1 – 000 [c]	954	6031.75 – 6130.78	1.179 x 10^{-23}	**[112]**
510 – 000	39	6067.96 – 6136.40	1.275 X 10^{-25}	**[112]**
331 – 000	168	6163.49 – 6207.75	1.371 x 10^{-25}	**[112]**
025 – 000	1003	6225.12 – 6311.46	7.702 x 10^{-24}	**[113]**

Band	# lines	Spectral region (cm^{-1})	S_V (cm molecule^{-1} at 296 K)	Refs.
124_2 – 000 [c]	78	6246.40 – 6363.42	3.445 x 10^{-25}	[113]
430 – 000	111	6284.63 – 6395.38	3.115 x 10^{-25}	[113]
501 – 000	749	6301.80 – 6365.48	6.370 x 10^{-24}	[113]
223_2 – 000 [c]	777	6318.03 – 6393.74	6.790 x 10^{-24}	[113]
421 – 000	409	6503.67 – 6574.40	8.695 x 10^{-25}	[114]
205_1 – 000 [c]	570	6525.82 – 6593.61	1.966 x 10^{-24}	[114]
242 – 000	457	6665.49 – 6822.32	2.914 x 10^{-25}	[115]
233_1 – 000 [c]	754	6641.08 – 6722.18	1.583 x 10^{-24}	[115]
520 – 000	33	6677.10 – 6771.82	2.158 x 10^{-26}	[115]
511 – 000	317[b]	6945.09 – 6989.76	2.423 x 10^{-25}	[114]
233_2 – 000 [c]	417	6950.18 – 6996.68	4.506 x 10^{-25}	[114]

Notes: [a,b)] The number of transitions is not the same as that given in the S&MPO databank [116] due to use of a cut-off of respectively 3×10^{-27} instead of 2×10^{-26} and 1×10^{-28} instead of 2×10^{-28} (in cm molecule^{-1}).
[c)] For these bands the additional ranking number is given to distinguish the upper states which could have the same principal normal mode contributions as discussed in [118]; S_V is the integrated band intensity computed as a sum of vibration-rotation line intensities with the I_{min} and J_{max} cut-off specified for each band in original publications cited in the last column.
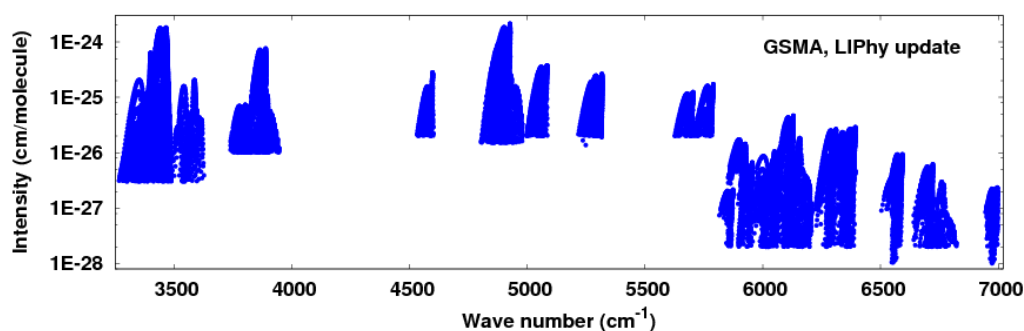
Fig. 5. Overview of line intensities of the supplementary ozone data included in GEISA-2015 in the 3266-6997 cm^{-1} spectral region. The intensity cut-off is much lower above 5800 cm^{-1} because the laser CRDS measurements in this range were more sensitive resulting in the detection and assignments of much weaker lines [113-115].

The twenty-four bands up to 5800 cm^{-1} were obtained from the analysis of FTS recorded in GSMA laboratory of Reims University [106-111,116], while the twenty two other bands were recorded by CW-CRDS in LIPhy laboratory of Grenoble University [112-115]. This new dataset, beginning at 3266 cm^{-1}, was based on results of previous work by Mikhailenko et al. [117] included in GEISA-2011 which covered the spectral range below 3000 cm^{-1}. All these data are implemented in the S&MPO databank (Babikov et al. [116]), jointly developed and maintained by the Institute of Atmospheric Optics (Tomsk) and Reims University. Relevant details about experimental accuracies for each of the analyzed bands, theoretical models and rovibrational assignments can be found in Refs. [106,111-118].

In GEISA-2011, the highest included ozone bands corresponded to FTS data in the 4400-4800 cm^{-1} wavenumber range analyzed in Refs. [119,121] and to CRDS data up to 6394 cm^{-1} [112,113]. In GEISA-2015 the ozone line list is considerably extended and is now almost complete up to nearly 7000 cm^{-1}. The higher-frequency CRDS measurement have been described by Campargue et al. [114,115], while the assignment and analyses of both FTS and CRDS spectra have been reviewed by Barbe et al. [118].

In particular, the previously missing spectral interval between 4850 and 5800 cm^{-1} is now covered. For the $5\nu_3$, $\nu_1+4\nu_3$ and $3\nu_1+\nu_2+\nu_3$ bands (4800-4930 cm^{-1}), results of a recent unpublished analysis [107] have been included improving the results of Ref. [121]. The motivation for including new data sets is twofold. On one hand, knowledge of highly excited vibration-rotation ozone states and transition probabilities is important for the modeling of molecular fragmentation and recombination processes. It has been recently shown that this information is important for the understanding of the properties of the ozone transition state towards the dissociation [122]. On the other hand, radiative processes involving high-energy ro-vibrational states of ozone are also required for a detailed description of non-LTE processes in the upper atmosphere [123,124] and in turn for better interpretation of ozone emission in satellite measurements [125].

The multiple vibrational labels appearing in Table 6 for high energy bands deserve a comment. The vibrational assignments rely on normal mode decomposition of effective wave functions following the method described in [126]. The assignments of highly excited vibrations become ambiguous for some states [117] because of the absence of a dominant normal mode contribution in the vibrational eigen-functions. This occurs when the normal modes are strongly mixed due to anharmonic resonance interactions including inter-polyad couplings. For this reason the vibrational labelling could change with an improved potential function. At present we apply the vibrational assignment deduced from recent accurate *ab-initio* potential energy surface of Tyuterev et al. [127] that was used for spectral analyses in the high energy range approaching the dissociation threshold [122]. The vibrational assignment of some bands in Table 6 has evolved since the earlier publications (see the review [118] for more details): the $2\nu_1+\nu_2+3\nu_3$ band of Ref. [110] is now labeled as $\nu_2+5\nu_3$ and the $\nu_1+5\nu_3$ band of Ref. [111] is labeled as $\nu_1+5\nu_3\_1$. In the latter case, as is also for some bands in Table 6, an additional ranking number is given to distinguish the upper states which could have the same principal normal mode contributions as discussed in [118].

The accuracy of line lists depends strongly on the wavenumber range. In the range of fundamental, low overtones and combination bands, the accuracy on line positions reaches $\sim 10^{-4}$ cm^{-1} with relative precision on experimental intensity determination of $\sim$ 2-3 % for strong isolated lines [118]. With increasing upper state energies the spectra are more and more crowded, and become dominated by numerous overlapping weak bands making the retrieval of line parameters using line

profile fit **[128]** less accurate. Moreover, the data reduction using effective Hamiltonians and effective transition moment operators introduces a supplementary uncertainty due to multiple resonance interactions and "dark" state perturbations: in the range of bands with five or six vibrational quanta ($\Delta V=5$ or $\Delta V=6$), the root mean square fit error reaches value of the order of 0.002-0.004 cm^{-1} **[106]**. An accurate description of B-type bands represents a particular challenge for the analysis. While in the FTS range below 5800 cm^{-1}, the line positions were calculated using respective effective Hamiltonian models **[106-110, 111],** in the CRDS range above 5800 cm^{-1}, empirical corrections in calculated line positions have been introduced as described in Refs. **[112-115, 118]** to reduce the error to experimental accuracy, which is of the order of 0.0015 cm^{-1}.

In GEISA-2015, along with other data, the bands with $\Delta V=5$ to $\Delta V=8$ (Table 6, figure 5) are included; these give rise to congested ozone spectra involving numerous superimposed weak lines. In these circumstances only a selected set of unblended, relatively isolated lines (with best strengths measurements accurate to ~5-10 %) could be involved in the determination of the band transition moment parameters, which have then been used for the generation of line lists. At high wavenumber ranges the corresponding synthetic spectra result in a qualitative description **[109-118]** of ozone absorption except for some extremely weak or yet unassigned transitions. Because of remaining inconsistencies between IR and UV intensity measurements which only agree within about 4% as discussed in **[118,129,130],** it has to be noted that in general the question of absolute accuracy of ozone line strengths is a controversial issue which requires further investigation**.**

Fig. 6 exhibits the difference of ozone absorption between 3397.3 and 3404.7 cm^{-1} using GEISA-2011 (upper panel A) and GEISA-2015 (lower panel B). On each panel, the upper part displays the experimental (in blue) and simulated (in olive) transmission spectra in %. The lower part displays the difference (in %) between the experimental ("OBS") and simulated transmission based on GEISA-2011 (panel A) and GEISA-2015 (panel B). The sum of the squares of differences between observed and simulated spectra ($Diff = \sum_{i=1}^{n}(T_i^{Obs} - T_i^{Simul})^2$, n – number of spectrum points, T-transmission) are 0.560 and 0.064 for GEISA-2011 and GEISA-2015 respectively. The strongest lines correspond to the R_P and R_R branches of the $2\nu_2+2\nu_3$ band of ozone. Blue solid line corresponds to experimental absorption (room temperature, absorption path 3616 cm, total pressure 53.9 torr (O$_3$ – 79.404%, O$_2$ – 20.408%, CO$_2$ – 0.091%, H$_2$O – 0.083%, CO – 0.01%, N$_2$O – 0.004%)). The olive (panel A) and red (panel (B) lines correspond to calculated transmission. The new line list (GEISA-2015) was generated using results reported by Barbe et al.**[106]**.
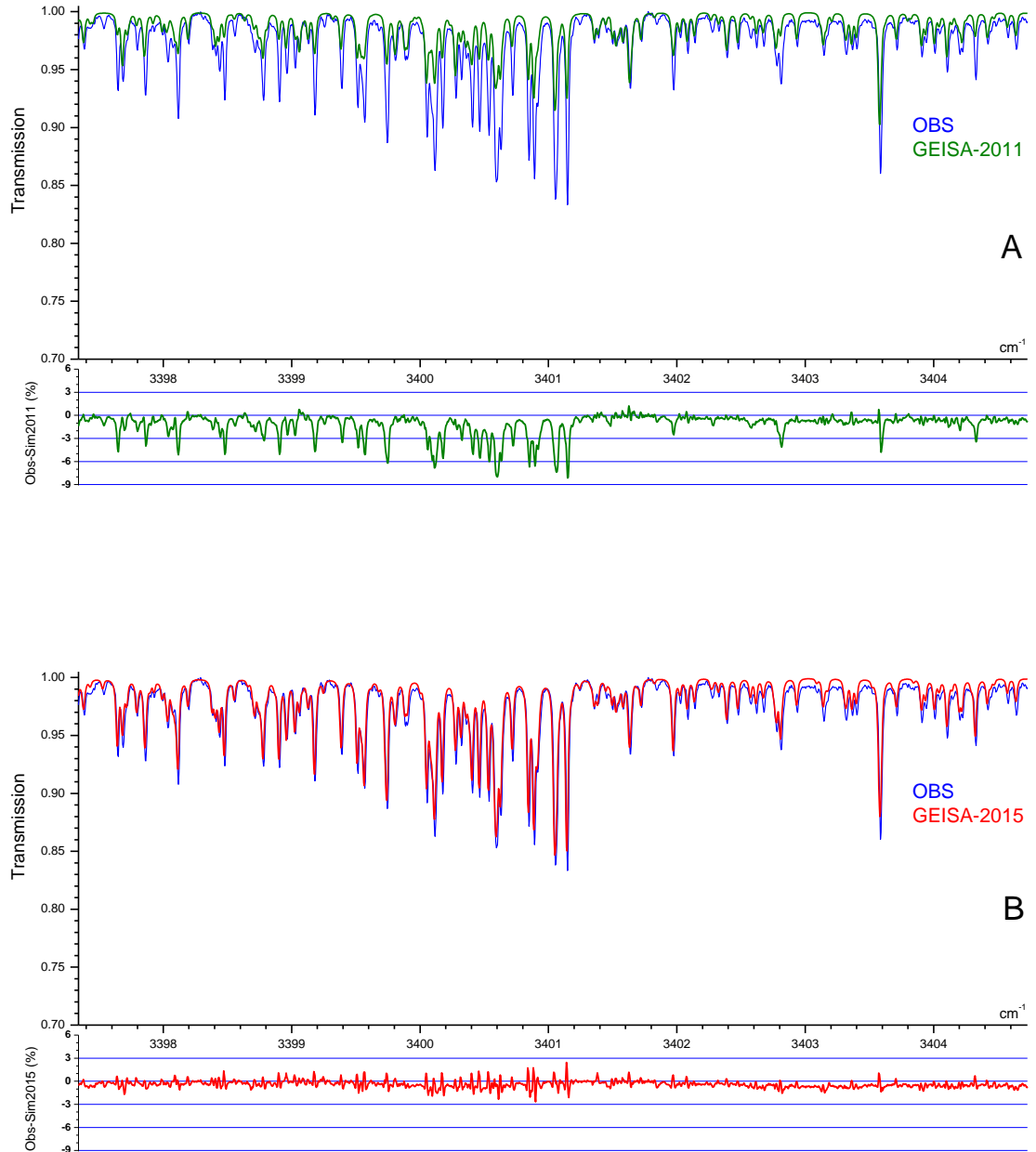
Fig.6. Differences between ozone absorption simulations using GEISA-2011 (upper panel A) and GEISA-2015 (lower panel B) for the $\nu_1+2\nu_2+\nu_3$ and $2\nu_2+2\nu_3$ bands near 3400 cm^{-1}.

The user accuracy requirements for ozone data also depend on wavenumber range and vary according to specific applications. In the high energy range, knowledge of the most important absorption features and their trend with upper state energy are essential for non-LTE modeling or for global understanding of ozone spectroscopic properties and dynamics,. The present release includes a significant portion of the relevant data, up to ~82% of the dissociation threshold (estimated as D_0

~8500 cm^{-1} [131]), which corresponds to recent progress in ozone spectral assignments [109-118]. These data could also be useful for validation of *ab-initio* calculations in this high energy range.

2.2.4 CH$_4$ (molecule 6)

Part of the GEISA-2015 methane update is based on the latest global fits of line-by-line assignments (for both line positions and line intensities). The global analysis up to the Tetradecad region [132] was used for ^{12}CH$_4$, while a global fit up to the Octad region [133] was used for ^{13}CH$_4$. The line list was generated by computing semi-empirical upper state energy levels. These levels are calculated from averages over several transitions sharing the same upper state; all line positions are then recomputed using these upper states. This method is the same as the one used for the HITRAN-2012 methane update described in Ref. [134]. Since this last paper, some problems, however, have been detected especially concerning some hot band lines like those of the Octad–Dyad and Octad–Pentad regions. As a consequence, in the case of ^{12}CH$_4$, the calculated lines of Octad–Dyad resulting from these global fits are discarded in the present GEISA update, while Octad–Pentad lines are included with an intensity cut-off limited to 10^{-26} cm^{-1}/molecule cm^{-2}. Moreover, after a careful validation process based on a method described in Armante et al. [22] (this issue), it appeared that the new spectroscopic parameters of the Octad–GS lines for ^{12}CH$_4$ and ^{13}CH$_4$, and the Dyad–GS lines for ^{13}CH$_4$, were less precise than the previous ones in GEISA-2011 [11]; these have, consequently, been retained in GEISA-2015.

The present calculated data were recently used to estimate the spectroscopic uncertainties for methane retrievals associated with the set-up and instrumentation of the future Earth-observing satellite Sentinel-5 [135].

It should also be mentioned that the problems concerning hot bands in the global fits, discussed above have very recently been solved. A new ^{12}CH$_4$ study using high-temperature emission data which includes highly excited rovibrational levels (up to J=30 in some regions) between 1000 and 1500 cm^{-1} has been performed and included in a global fit of the 0 to 6300 cm^{-1} range [136]. Many new hot band lines could be assigned and their intensity is now reliably modeled. These new data are not included in GEISA-2015, but will be used in a future update, in conjunction with other ongoing studies. Finally, two new line-broadening studies in the Tetradecad region will also be included in the database in the near future [137,138].

The near infrared line list for methane above 5850 cm^{-1} has been considerably updated on the basis of new measurements. While methane molecular line parameters are mostly calculated values below 5000 cm^{-1}, above this value, line positions and line intensities take empirical values directly retrieved from experimental spectra recorded at room temperature. In particular, the GEISA-2011 list

above 4900 cm^{-1} relied almost exclusively on empirical spectroscopic parameters obtained by Brown using an FTS with path lengths up to 433 meters **[139].** The overwhelming majority of the absorption lines were included without rovibrational assignment and with a lower state energy default value of 999.9900 cm^{-1} as recommended by the author of the data **[140].** In the recent years, considerable progress has been achieved using new measurements with increased sensitivity and extended spectral coverage. The major changes are summarized below and illustrated in the overview comparison of the GEISA-2011 and GEISA-2015 line lists presented in Fig.7.

The methane list in the 5850-7918.9 cm^{-1} region is essentially the room temperature WKLMC empirical list **[141]** constructed in Grenoble from natural methane spectra recorded by differential DAS laser and high sensitivity CRDS. The positions and intensities were retrieved from spectra recorded at room temperature and at 80 K by DAS in the strong absorption regions in the $2\nu_3$ region of the Tetradecad **[142-145]** and in the Icosad **[146-148],** and CRDS in the 1.58 µm **[149-151]** and 1.28 µm transparency windows **[152]**. Two WKLMC empirical lists for methane in "natural" abundance were constructed as described in Refs. **[134,141]**. The GEISA-2015 list reproduces the WKLMC list at 296 K while the WKLMC list at 80 K has fulfilled important needs for the analysis of the near infrared spectra of various planetary objects **[153-155]**, in particular Titan **[149,156]**. Transitions of the $^{13}CH_4$ and CH_3D isotopologues present in "natural" methane were identified by comparison with DAS spectra of "pure" $^{13}CH_4$ and CH_3D recorded at 80 K and 296 K. The combined 80 K and room temperature intensities facilitated the application of the so-called "two Temperature-method" which allows the empirical lower state energy level, E_{emp}, of a given transition to be determined from the ratio of the intensities of the corresponding line measured at two temperatures **[157,158]**. In this way, although most of the lines lack full rovibrational assignments, the derived E_{emp} values allow the temperature dependence of most of the absorption in the region to be accounted for satisfactorily. When available and validated using the E_{emp} values, the rovibrational assignments were attached to the WKLMC line parameters and included in the GEISA-2015 list. Rovibrational assignments were transferred from three sources: *(i)* the GOSAT empirical list **[159]** provided ~ 2000 rovibrational assignments in the 5855-6204.6 cm^{-1}, region, *(ii)* the 6350-6500 cm^{-1}, interval corresponding to the $5\nu_4$ and $\nu_2+4\nu_4$ bands in the Icosad system which were assigned by Nikitin et al. **[150]**, *(iii)* about 70 lines of the $\nu_2+2\nu_3$ band near 7510 cm^{-1} are assigned. In figure 7, the WKLMC lines with full rovibrational assignments or E_{emp} values have been highlighted.
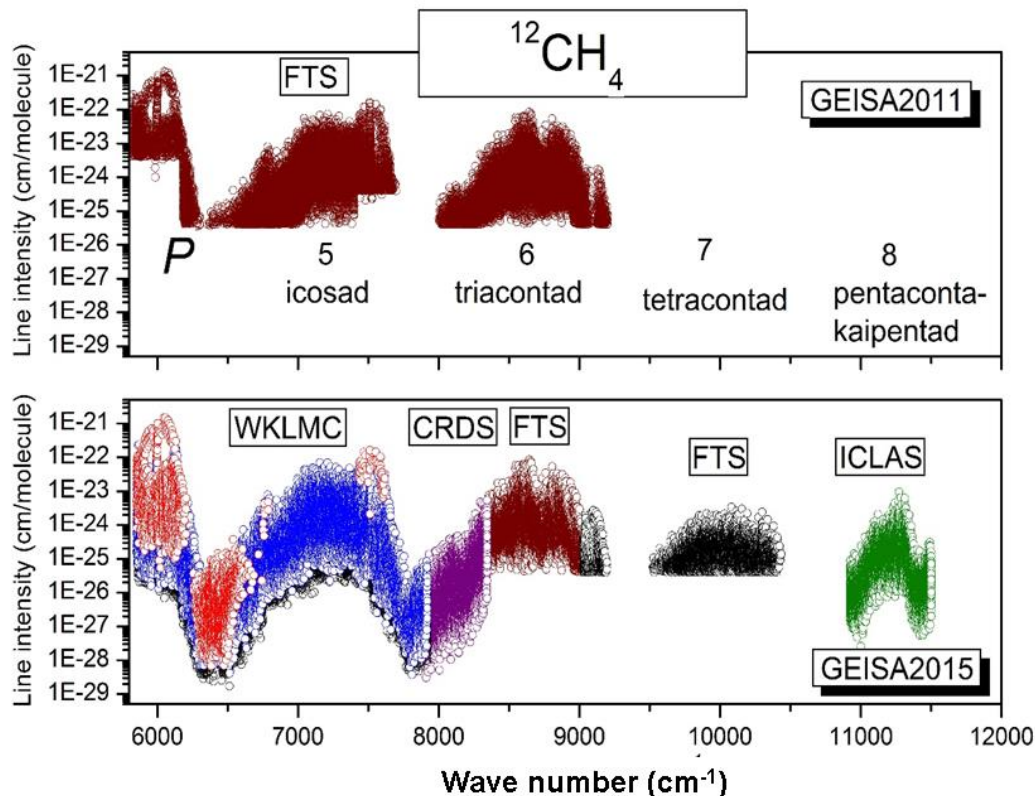
Fig. 7. Line intensity overview comparison of the GEISA list of $^{12}CH_4$ in the 2011 and 2015 editions of GEISA above 5850 cm^{-1}. In this region, line parameters all are of empirical origin: the WKLMC list up to 7920 cm^{-1} **[141]**, CRDS between 7920 and 8345 cm^{-1} **[160]**, FTS by Brown in the 8345-9028 cm^{-1} interval **[139]** and by Béguier et al. in the 9028-10923 cm^{-1} interval **[161]**, and ICLAS between 11000 and 11500 cm^{-1} **[162]**. The different polyad and corresponding numbers, P, are indicated. (The polyad number P is equal to $2(V_1+V_3)+V_2+V_4$, where V_i are the normal mode vibrational quantum numbers). The WKLMC lines with full rovibrational assignments or E_{emp} values have been highlighted with red and blue symbols, respectively.

2.2.5 *O₂ (molecule 7)*

Our update has started from the O_2 line list as given in HITRAN-2012 **[14]**, which represents a substantial extension to previous versions of GEISA and HITRAN, with updates largely based on Gordon et al. **[163,164]**, Leshchishina et al. **[165,166]** and Long et al. **[167-169]**. The line positions and lower states energies were updated with the results from an updated isotopically invariant Dunham fit published by Yu et al. in 2014 **[170]**. The other line parameters, such as line intensities and broadening, remain unchanged, and finally the number of lines also stays the same. The updated isotopically invariant Dunham fit **[170]** was obtained by adding new measurements in the microwave **[171]** and in the infrared **[172]** to the first global analysis of O_2 by Yu et al. in 2012 **[173]** that simultaneously fits spectra involving the $X^3\Sigma_g^-$, $a^1\Delta_g$ and $b^1\Sigma_g^+$ states of all six O_2 isotopologues.

The new microwave work **[171]** measured 324 rotational transitions in the $a^1\Delta_g$ v = 0 and 1 states of the six O_2 isotopologues with experimental accuracy of 50-200 kHz, which helped determine two more hyperfine parameters, the electric quadrupole interaction eQq and the nuclear spin-rotation interaction C_I. The new infrared work **[172]** reported 1644 transition frequencies in the $b^1\Sigma_g^+ - X^3\Sigma_g^-$ system of six O_2 isotopologues and the experimental accuracy ranged from 0.0004 to 0.006 cm^{-1}. The new infrared study **[172]** revealed a 0.2 cm^{-1} calibration error in the $^{17}O^{18}O$ v'-v''= 1-0 Raman data of Edwards et al. **[174],** resolved discrepancies in the Raman data for $^{16}O^{17}O$, $^{17}O^{17}O$, and $^{17}O^{18}O$, and improved the vibrational parameterization of the ground electronic state.

Note that the absolute zero energy of each isotopologue is set to the allowed lowest rotational level in $X^3\Sigma_g^-$ of that isotopologue, i.e., the absolute zero energy is set to the level of N=1 and J=0 for $^{16}O^{16}O$, to the level of N=0 and J=1 for $^{16}O^{18}O$ and to the level of N=0, J=1 and F=3.5 for $^{16}O^{17}O$. For $^{16}O^{17}O$, the microwave transitions have nuclear hyperfine structures while the $a^1\Delta_g - X^3\Sigma_g^-$ and $b^1\Sigma_g^+ - X^3\Sigma_g^-$ electronic transitions have no nuclear hyperfine structures. The $^{16}O^{17}O$ microwave transitions were directly updated using the results of the updated Dunham fit while its electronic transitions were updated with "hyperfine-free" energies calculated with the nuclear hyperfine parameters set to zero. In this case, the absolute zero energy is set to the level of N=0 and J=1 for $^{16}O^{17}O$.

When compared to HITRAN-2012, line positions differences up to 0.015 cm^{-1} were found for the $^{16}O^{16}O$ $a - X$ system, up to 0.05 cm-1 for $^{16}O^{16}O$ $b - X$, up to 0.05 cm^{-1} for $^{16}O^{17}O$ $a - X$, up to 0.025 cm^{-1} for $^{16}O^{17}O$ $b - X$, up to 0.003 cm^{-1} for $^{16}O^{18}O$ $a - X$ system, and up to 0.09 cm^{-1} for $^{16}O^{18}O$ $b - X$. Fig. 8 presents a comparison of the $^{16}O^{17}O$ $a - X$(v', v'') = (0,0) band position with experiment, which indicates a systematic error in the line positions of this band in HITRAN-2012 which has been corrected in GEISA-2015.

It was found that in HITRAN-2012, the quantum numbers for the $\Delta N\Delta J$= PO branch of the $^{16}O^{16}O$ $a - X$(v', v'') = (0,0) band were incorrectly labeled, i.e., the 7875.6 cm^{-1} transition with a lower state energy of 16.4 cm^{-1} was labeled as $P1O2$. A $P1O2$ line has N''=1, J''=2, N'=0 and J'=0, but the rotational level of N'=0 and J'=0 does not exist in the $a^1\Delta_g$ state. The correct assignment for this line is $P3O4$. Other lines in the same PO branch were also incorrectly labeled with the same shift of two in quantum numbers. This error is corrected in the updated GEISA-2015 line list.
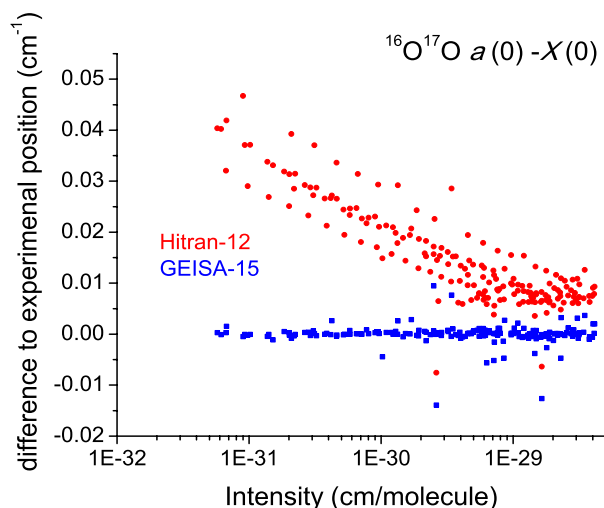
Fig. 8. Comparisons of the $^{16}O^{17}O$ $a^1\Delta_g - X^3\Sigma_g^-$ (v', v'') = (0,0) band positions in HITRAN-2012 (red) and GEISA-2015 (blue) as a function of the intensity. (in logarithmic scale). (For interpretation of the references to colour in thisfigure legend, the reader is referred to the web version of this article.)

2.2.6 *SO$_2$ (molecule 9)*

As commented in the GEISA-2011 **[11]** SO$_2$ update description, "It is worthwhile mentioning that the CDMS catalog **[18,19]** provides an entry for v_2 which is based on extensive rotational transitions in its $v_2=0$ and 1 states **[175]** along with previous IR data", this entry has been, consequently, taken as the basis for GEISA-2015 update. A total revision of the $v_2=0$ and $v_2=1$ rotational transitions has been made, using data from the CDMS catalog. The spectroscopic data of two (as identified in the CDMS catalog) data files, i.e.: (i) W064502 (transition 000-000), 14754 entries; version 2; (ii) W064503 (transition 010-010), 9808 entries; version 2, have been implemented in GEISA-2015 and used to totally replace previous data, after unit conversion and line shape default value addition, i.e.:

- HWHM (γ_{air}) default value=0.1100 cm^{-1} atm^{-1}

- HWHM self (γ_{self}) default value=0.400 cm^{-1} atm^{-1}

A constant default value of 0.75 has been adopted for the temperature dependence coefficient n of the air-broadening half width. The air pressure shift is set at the value 0.0 cm^{-1}atm^{-1} at 296 K.

Besides new or updated transition frequencies from Ref. **[175]**, important data sources in this new study on rotational transitions in the ground and $v_2=1$ states are those of Belov et al. **[176]** and Müller et al. **[177]** for the ground vibrational state as well as those of Mehrotra et al. **[178,179]**, Helminger and DeLucia **[180]**, and Alekseev et al. **[181]** $v_2=0$ and 1.

In the CDMS catalog documentation, the transitions frequencies were deemed to be reliable with respect to the predicted uncertainties up to $3K_a + J < 110$ and 100 for $v_2 = 0$ and 1, respectively. Considering that the coverage in K_a is good to reasonable up to 23 and 21, respectively, with only slight coverage up to $K_a = 8$ for $v=0$, it may be safer to view transition with $4K_a + J > 110$ and 100, respectively, with some caution. The predictions should be accurate enough for observational purposes at temperatures up to about 300 K because uncertainties become noticeable only for very weak transitions. The data may have to be viewed with some caution at temperatures much higher than 300 K.

Dipole moments were taken from Patel et al**. [182]**. Rotational corrections to the dipole moments are not known. This may lead to non-negligible intensity errors at rather high values of J or K_a. The partition function values in the CDMS are fully converged in J and K_a, but are restricted to $v_2=0$ and $v_2=1$ only. In the process of converting the intensities from 300 K (default in the CDMS) to 296 K (default in GEISA) and of changing intensity units, this small truncation error was considered for GEISA.

2.2.7   NH₃ (molecule 11)

Down et al. **[183]** performed a thorough re-analysis of the available experimental data for $^{14}NH_3$. They generated a set of empirical energy levels and used the BYTe line list **[184]** to both make new assignments and to correct old ones. At the same time Down et al. **[183]** proposed a new and consistent set of quantum numbers which they applied to their data. Finally they used their empirical energy levels and BYTe intensities to generate new line lists for the $v_2 + v_4 - v_4$, $v_4 - v_2$, $v_4 - v_4$, and $2v_2 - 2v_2$ hot bands. These data have been used to update the NH_3 GEISA-2015 line list. This represents a total of 40,224 entries.

In the previous editions of GEISA, the NH_3 archive ended near 5294 cm⁻¹. In 2015, it was extended to 7000 cm⁻¹ using 5100 entries of the empirical line list from Sung et al. **[185]**. However, no compilations were created for missing ammonia bands between 5300 and 6300 cm⁻¹, and no improved analyses were made for the existing $^{15}NH_3$ entries.

For the near-IR (6300 – 7000 cm⁻¹), Sung et al. **[185]** reported an extensive empirical list of $^{14}NH_3$ lines containing 5078 features (positions, intensities, empirical lower state energies with some quantum assignments). This study used FTIR to characterize 99.7% of observed opacity in this region; a few line positions from Cacciani et al. **[186]** were also included. If the rotational quantum numbers J and K were known **[185],** the air- and self-broadening coefficients, γ, were computed as a

function of the rotational quantum numbers, J and K, using empirical expressions from Nemtchinov et al. **[187]**, i.e.:

$$\gamma (J, K) = \beta_0 + \beta_1 m + \beta_2 K + \beta_3 m^2 + \beta_4 K^2 + \beta_5 mK. \tag{2}$$

Here $m = -J, J, J + 1$ for P, Q, and R branch, respectively, and β_i are the polynomial coefficients of Ref. **[187]** derived from the ν_2 measurements. Uncertainties for the widths of assigned transitions were assumed to be 10% by taking into account their measurement and modeling uncertainties. For unassigned (or partially assigned) transitions, the empirical lower state energy estimates were used to infer quantum numbers (*i.e.*, J, K) for eq. (2). However, the uncertainties were assumed to be no better than 10%. Finally, air- and self-broadening coefficients were set to 0.065 and 0.45 cm^{-1}/atm, respectively, for lines whose E'' were not obtained.

Temperature dependence exponents were also adopted from Nemtchinov et al. **[187]**. Taking their temperature dependence exponents for N_2 and O_2 broadening given at J and K less than 8 in the ν_2 band, air-pressure broadening temperature exponents, n_{air}, were computed by

$$n_{air} = 0.79 \times n_{N2} + 0.21 \times n_{O2} \tag{3}$$

Pressure shifts were estimated (with an uncertainty no better than 0.005 cm^{-1} atm^{-1}) using

$$\delta_{air}(J, K) = -0.1 \times \gamma_{air}(J, K) \tag{4}$$

The new consistent set of quantum numbers proposed by Down et al. **[183]** has been applied to the data of Sung et al. **[185]**, as well. Similar description details could be also found in HITRAN-2012 **[14].**

For the future, several new studies are in progress which will improve the ammonia database. Recently Al-Derzi et al. **[188]** undertook a comprehensive MARVEL analysis of the empirical energy levels of ammonia. In the future these will be combined with intensities from BYTe and a new, more extensive and more accurate ammonia line list is being computed as part of the ExoMol project **[189].** In two new studies of the far-IR region using Fourier Transform spectra recorded with the Synchrotron SOLEIL, Sung et al. **[190]** measured positions and intensities for more than 2840 $^{14}NH_3$ transitions observed from 50–660 cm^{-1} and determined, at the moment, quantum assignments of 2053 transitions involving eight bands, while Pearson et al. **[191]** performed a new Hamiltonian analysis to model 159 new transitions measured with microwave precision and assigned 1680 new ones. Finally Barton et al.**[192]** have recently assigned an FTS spectrum from the Kitt Peak archive providing assigned data for the first time above 8000 cm^{-1}.

### 2.2.8 *HNO₃ (molecule 13)*

GEISA-2015 includes, for the first time, a line list at 11.2 µm for the second-most abundant isotopologue of nitric acid, $H^{15}NO_3$ with a $^{15}N/^{14}N$ natural isotopic ratio of approximately 0.00365(7). The ν_5 and $2\nu_9$ vibrational bands for this isotopologue were added using a high resolution Fourier transform investigation performed at 11 µm by Perrin and Mbiaké [193]. As for $H^{14}NO_3$, the theoretical model used to compute the line positions and line intensities accounts for the very strong Fermi and C-type Coriolis resonances which couple together the ν_5 and energy levels.

Using this model, the ν_5 and $2\nu_9$ line intensities for $H^{15}NO_3$ were computed satisfactorily using the value of the ν_5 transition moment operator that was previously obtained during the investigation of the intensities for the 11 µm bands for the ^{14}N (main) isotopic species [194]. For this computation, the total partition sum, Q_{total} (296 K) = 141872 was taken from Ref. [193].

However since the resonance coupling the ν_5 and $2\nu_9$ energy levels is significantly weaker for $H^{15}NO_3$ than for $H^{14}NO_3$, the intensity transfer from the fundamental (and in principle strong) ν_5 band to the overtone (and in principle weak) $2\nu_9$ band is significantly weaker for $H^{15}NO_3$ than for $H^{14}NO_3$. Therefore in GEISA-2015 the $H^{15}NO_3$ and $H^{14}NO_3$ ν_5 bands are in an intensity ratio which is about ~1.4 larger than the expected value assumed from the $^{15}N/^{14}N$ natural isotopic ratio. Finally the air- and self-broadened half widths and temperature dependence were adopted from the work of Flaud et al. [195].

Fig. 9 gives an overview of the ν_5 and $2\nu_9$ bands of $H^{14}NO_3$ and $H^{15}NO_3$. One can see that the narrow Q branch structure of the ν_5 band of $H^{15}NO_3$ is shifted to the low frequency range (at about 871 cm^{-1}) compared to its $H^{14}NO_3$ counterpart (at about 879 cm^{-1}).
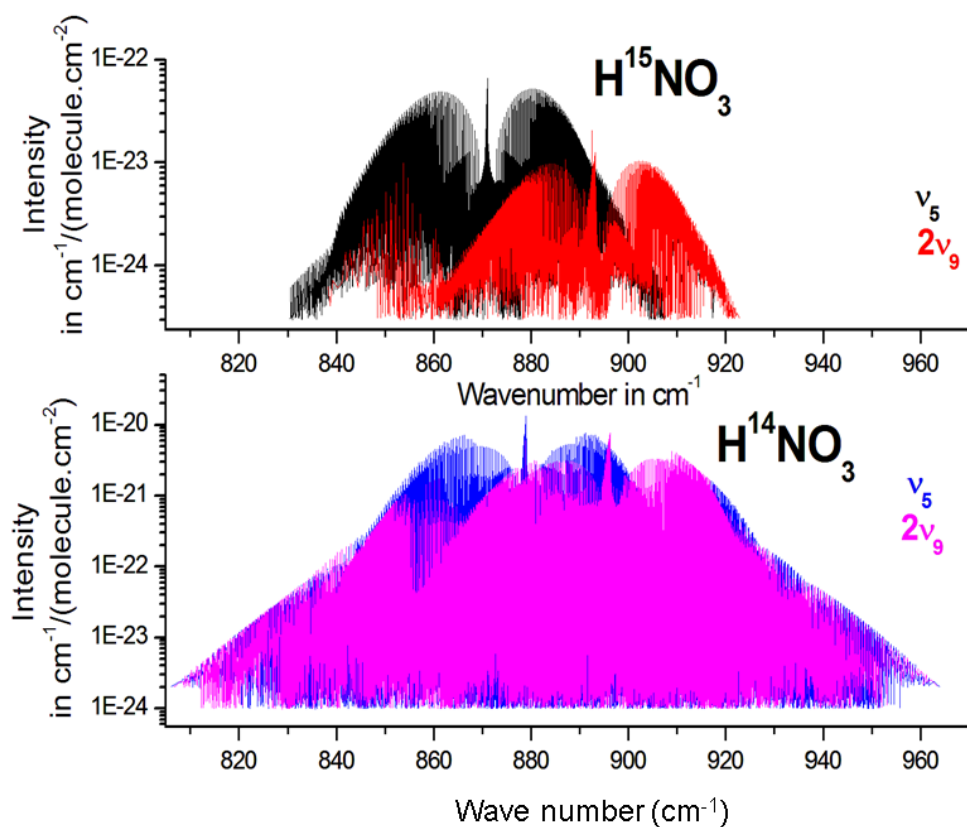
Fig. 9. Graphical overview of the ν_5 and $2\nu_9$ cold bands for $H^{14}NO_3$ and $H^{15}NO_3$.

Because of the favorable position of the ν_5 band of $H^{15}NO_3$ (a shift of the band center and band intensity) relative to $H^{14}NO_3$, it was possible to search for the evidence of the ν_5 spectral signature of $H^{15}NO_3$ in atmospheric limb-emission spectra measured by MIPAS [196]. Later, this signature was used to report the first measurement of the isotopic partitioning between stratospheric $H^{14}NO_3$ and $H^{15}NO_3$ [197].

Table 7 gives an overview of the GEISA-2015 entry for nitric acid in the 11 µm region, for both isotopologues $H^{14}NO_3$ (Part A) and $H^{15}NO_3$ (part B).

Table7

Overview of the GEISA-2015 entry for nitric acid in the 11 µm region. The upper and lower vibrational identifications of actual transitions are given in columns 1 and 2 respectively; for each transition: the total number of lines, the total intensity (in cm molecule^{-1} at 296 K), the minimum and maximum wavenumber of the lines, as well as the minimum and maximum intensity (in cm molecule^{-1} at 296 K), are in columns 3 to 8, respectively.

A) $H^{14}NO_3$

Vib'	Vib"	# lines	Total Int. (cm molecule^{-1}) at 296 K	Wavenumber min (cm^{-1})	Wavenumber max (cm^{-1})	Int._min. (cm molecule^{-1}) at 296 K	Int._max. (cm molecule^{-1}) at 296 K
ν_5	GS	57,108	0.1027 X 10^{-16}	806.207	963.995	0.983 X 10^{-24}	0.660 X 10^{-20}
$2\nu_9$	GS	55,310	0.7503 X 10^{-17}	806.709	963.435	0.983 X 10^{-24}	0.388 X 10^{-20}
$3\nu_9$	ν_9	17,720	0.5291 X 10^{-18}	769.687	884.438	0.384 X 10^{-24}	0.672 X 10^{-21}
$\nu_5+\nu_6$	ν_6	57,108	0.6179 X 10^{-18}	796.207	953.995	0.592 X 10^{-25}	0.397 X 10^{-21}
$\nu_5+\nu_7$	ν_7	57108	0.9761 X 10^{-18}	802.807	960.595	0.935 X 10^{-25}	0.627 X 10^{-21}
$\nu_5+\nu_9$	ν_9	14521	0.1068 X 10^{-17}	832.116	942.901	0.987 X 10^{-24}	0.700 X 10^{-21}

B) $H^{15}NO_3$

Vib'	Vib"	# lines	Total Int. (cm molecule^{-1}) at 296 K	Wavenumber min (cm^{-1})	Wavenumber max (cm^{-1})	Int._min. (cm molecule^{-1}) at 296 K	Int_max (cm molecule^{-1}) at 296 K
ν_5	GS	12883	0.5023 X 10^{-19}	830.371	919.725	0.300 X 10^{-24}	0.330 X 10^{-22}
$2\nu_9$	GS	8290	0.9917 X 10^{-20}	838.223	922.931	0.300 X 10^{-24}	0.625 X 10^{-23}

2.2.9 *H₂CO (molecule 21)*

Formaldehyde has been completely revised in the microwave and far infrared using the line list of positions and intensities from the CDMS database **[18,19]** for the three isotopologues present in GEISA, namely $H_2^{12}C^{16}O$, $H_2^{12}C^{18}O$, and $H_2^{13}C^{16}O$. Whereas GEISA-2011 had 1541 lines for these isotopologues ranging from 0 to 100 cm^{-1}, 9102 transitions are now present in GEISA-2015, between 0 and 508 cm^{-1}.

Three H$_2$CO isotopologue data implemented in GEISA-2015, i.e. (as identified in the CDMS catalog) is:

30501.cat (H₂CO-16)   5171 entries (H$_2^{12}$C^{16}O)

32503.cat (H₂CO-18)   1622 entries (H$_2^{12}$C^{18}O)

31503.cat (H₂C-13-O)   2309 entries (H$_2^{13}$C^{16}O)

These new data totally replace the previous entries.

The self-widths, air-widths and temperature dependence of the air-widths have been updated using the calculated values of Jacquemart et al. [198] for the whole three isotopologue line lists. The self- and air-broadening coefficients correspond to empirical calculations that reproduced measurements in the 3.5 and 5.7 µm spectral regions whereas the temperature dependence comes from theoretical calculation using the CRB formalism.

The evaluation of transition frequencies and their uncertainties is based on Brünken et al. [199], Müller et al. [200], and Müller et al. [201] for H$_2^{12}$C^{16}O, H$_2^{12}$C^{18}O, and H$_2^{13}$C^{16}O, respectively. Besides new or improved data from these publications, each data set includes transition frequencies from Cornet and Winnewisser [202] with some lower frequency data from earlier publications. An additional important source of H$_2^{12}$C^{16}O transition frequencies is Bocquet et al. [203]. Furthermore, IR ground state combination differences used in Müller et al. [204] were also employed in Brünken et al. [199]. The strong R-branch transitions (with $\Delta K_a=0$) should be predicted reasonably well up to ~100 cm^{-1} and $K_a \leq 15$ for H$_2^{12}$C^{16}O, up to ~80 cm^{-1} and $K_a \leq 14$ for H$_2^{13}$C^{16}O, and up to ~50 cm^{-1} and $K_a \leq 13$ for H$_2^{12}$C^{18}O. The weak R-branch transitions with $\Delta K_a = 2$ should be predicted reasonably well up to J of at least 30 and K_a up to 10 or even 12 in the case of H$_2^{12}$C^{16}O. Uncertainty estimates are more difficult for Q- or P-branch transitions or for the other two isotopologues. The predictions should be accurate enough for observational purposes at temperatures up to about 300 K because uncertainties become noticeable only for very weak transitions. The data should be viewed with some caution at temperatures much higher than 300 K.

Dipole moments for H$_2^{12}$C^{16}O and H$_2^{13}$C^{16}O were taken from Fabricant et al. [205], that of H$_2^{12}$C^{18}O was assumed to take the H$_2^{12}$C^{16}O value. Rotational corrections to the dipole moments are not known from experiment. The partition function values in the CDMS are fully converged in J and K_a, but are restricted to the ground vibrational state only. It has to be noted that a fully converged partition function is available from Refaie et al. [206].

In the process of converting the intensities at 300 K (default in the CDMS) to 296 K (default in GEISA) and different intensity units, this small truncation error was considered for GEISA.

2.2.10   C₂H₆ (molecule 22)

Remote sensing of the Earth, outer planets, Titan and its satellites, and comets, as well, requires extensive knowledge of ethane spectroscopy covering both far and near-infrared wavelengths. In GEISA-2015, $^{12}C_2H_6$ line parameters are available for three wavelengths: 12 µm, 7 µm and 3.3 µm, [13,207,208], and the v_{12} band of $^{12}CH_3^{13}CH_3$ at 12 µm [209]. For astronomical applications future updates will consider recent studies of far-IR $^{12}C_2H_6$ at 35 µm [210], $^{112}CH_3^{13}CH_3$ at 7 µm [211],[212] and C_2H_5D [213] at 13 µm.

At 12 µm, previous calculated line parameters for the v_9 fundamental, the $3v_4$ overtone and two hot bands were retained with adjustments to specific line parameters. New line shape measurements by Devi et al. [207,208] permitted derived empirical expressions for self- and N_2-broadened line shapes and their temperature dependence to be applied assuming $\gamma_{air} = 0.9 \times \gamma_{N2}$; the calculated line intensities [14] were reduced by 15% as well. Recent measurements of the isotopic band [209] will be included in the next GEISA edition.

At 7 µm, the ethane spectrum is dominated by the v_6 and v_8 fundamental bands, and these have proved useful for the analyses of the Titan atmosphere. Line parameters for $^{12}C_2H_6$ were added [210] and those for $^{12}CH_3^{13}CH_3$ [211] are being considered. It has to be noted that the 2015 study of the $^{12}C_2H_6$ torsional fundamental at 289 cm^{-1} [210] provides far-IR line parameters for remote sensing of the deeper portion of Titan's atmosphere but are not yet included.

At 3.3 µm, the highest ethane fundamental band v_7 is overlapped by numerous overtone and combination states, making it difficult to provide reliable ethane spectroscopy for remote sensing. Studies involving the earth's atmosphere have long used measurements of several prominent Q branches belonging to the v_7 fundamental (Pine and Rinsland [214] and Refs. therein). More recently, direct measurement of absorption cross sections at different temperatures have been reported by Harrison et al. [215], and Hargreaves et al. [216]. A few calculations also provide approximate line positions, intensities and lower state energies using the quantum mechanical models of Villanueva et al. [217] and Lattanzi et al. [218]. For GEISA-2015 the work of Lattanzi et al. [218] was used because it provides the most extensive modeling of direct measurements for this region.

2.2.11 CH₃D (molecule 23)

The GEISA-2015 CH₃D database been updated in 2 spectral regions:

- In the spectral region between 4000 cm^{-1} and 4550 cm^{-1}, over 4000 lines of $^{12}CH_3D$ were included for the first time [219]. Measured line positions and intensities for nine new bands of the Enneadecad polyad were obtained using high resolution FTIR spectra recorded using enriched gas samples (98% D) at room and cold (80 K) temperatures. To construct a new line list, many lower

state energies were determined from quantum assignments, and confirmed by effective Hamiltonian and dipole moment expansion models. For pressure broadening coefficients, empirical expressions based on measurements of CH_3D bands near 7 µm [220, 221] and the references therein were applied as a function of known quantum numbers to approximately represent the air- and self-broadened half widths and pressure-induced shifts. Additional details are given in Ref. [134].

-In the 6204.025190-6510.324200 cm^{-1} region, the position and intensity values of 5692 newly-included lines are taken from the supplementary material of Lu et al. [222].

2.2.12   C₂H₂ (molecule 24)

Acetylene has been identified in some of the giant planets and Titan since the mid-1940s, and recently has been quantified by the Galileo and Cassini-Huygens missions.

In the 7.7 µm region, acetylene absorbs mainly at room temperature via the strong cold band $(\nu_4 - \nu_5)_+^0$ for which spectroscopic parameters [223] were previously available in databases [12, 9]. This spectral region was used in 2006 [224] to observe acetylene signatures in carbon-rich asymptotic giant branch stars but the lack of spectroscopic data in this region did not allow the observation to be correctly reproduced. The temperature of interest for applications being around 500 K [224], the spectroscopic information for hot bands is also important. In the recent work from Gomez et al. [225,226], a complete line list of 2 cold bands (including the band $(\nu_4 - \nu_5)_+^0$) and 15 hot bands has been generated and has been used to update the 7.7µm region of GEISA-2015. This line list of 1629 transitions between 1142 and 1451 cm^{-1} is replacing the previous 71 transitions of the $(\nu_4 - \nu_5)_+^0$ band between 1248 and 1415 cm^{-1}.

2.2.13   C₂H₄ (molecule 25)

New spectroscopic line parameters for ethylene included in GEISA-2015 concern both the main isotopologue, $^{12}C^{12}CH_4$ and the less abundant $^{12}C^{13}CH_4$ isotopologue. More precisely the new line list contains 9 bands: $\nu_8+\nu_{10}$, ν_7+ ν_8, ν_4+ ν_8, ν_8+ ν_{12}, ν_6+ ν_{10}, ν_6+ ν_7, ν_4+ ν_6, $\nu_3+\nu_{10}$, $\nu_3+\nu_7$ of the main isotopologue $^{12}C^{12}CH_4$ covering the spectral region 1656-2487 cm^{-1} [227,228] and 5 bands: ν_{10}, ν_8, ν_7, ν_4, ν_6 for $^{12}C^{13}CH_4$ covering the spectral region 615-1339 cm^{-1} [229, 230]. These data, which were derived from high resolution Fourier transform spectra, are rather accurate: for the main isotopologue, the uncertainties can be estimated to be ~10^{-3} cm^{-1} for the positions [227] and ~5% for the intensities [228]; for $^{12}C^{13}CH_4$ they can be estimated to be ~0.6x10^{-3} cm^{-1} for the positions [229] and ~4% for the intensities [230].

In the absence of measurements or calculations for the line-shape parameters, default values were chosen, i.e.:

HWHM $\qquad$ $\gamma_{air} = 0.0870$ cm^{-1}atm^{-1} at 296 K

HWHMself $\qquad$ $\gamma_{self} = 0.1245$ cm^{-1}atm^{-1} at 296 K

Temperature-dependence coefficient n of the air broadening half width $\quad n_{air} = 0.82$

We note that:

-the default values for γ_{air} and n_{air} are identical with those having similar quantum identification in GEISA-2011, without considering the isotopic composition;

-the selected value 0.1245 cm^{-1}atm^{-1} at 296 K, attributed to the self-broadening pressure half width, γ_{self}, corresponds to the mean of the values of γ_{self}, for the ν_7 band of the isotopologue $^{13}C_2H_4$ (J-M Flaud, private communication);

-the GEISA standard default value, $\delta_{air} = 0.000000$ cm^{-1}atm^{-1} at 296 K, is used for the air pressure induced shift of the line transition.

The GEISA-2015 C_2H_4 updated file contains 53,227 entries (18,378 in GEISA-2011), corresponding to a total of 26 vibrational bands (12 in GEISA-2011).

2.2.14   HCN (molecule 27)

GEISA-2011 provided an HCN line list which relied extensively on the computed line lists of Harris et al. [231,232]. Over the last few years Mellau [233,234] has performed emission experiments on hot HCN. Using Mellau's energy levels and the *ab-initio* line intensities computed by Harris et al. [231], Barber et al. [235] built up an extensive database of experimental HCN energy levels. This line list was designed for studies of hot astronomical problems and contains hundreds of millions of lines. For present purposes a 296 K H^{12}C^{14}N line list was generated and only the 131,139 lines stronger than 10^{-31} were retained to form the input for GEISA-2015. In the spectral range 9933.825951-17581.009367 cm^{-1}, 4871 lines from Harris have been kept from GEISA-2011 [11]; 2085 experimentally-measured lines from Maki [11], in the region 2.415494-3550.842326 cm^{-1}, have been kept from GEISA-2011, alongside data for the 3 other isotopologues: H^{13}C^{15}N, H^{13}C^{14}N, D^{12}C^{14}N.

The update file provided by UCL contained no line shape parameters. The missing parameters were therefore created using the GEISA-2011 HCN ones for lines with a similar quantum identification. For the other lines, the default values were attributed as follows:

HWHM $\qquad$ $\gamma_{air} = 0.1011$ cm^{-1}atm^{-1} at 296 K

HWHMself $\qquad$ $\gamma_{self} = 0.1245$ cm^{-1}atm^{-1} at 296 K

Temperature-dependence coefficient n of the air broadening half width $\qquad n_{air} = 0.70$

The GEISA standard default value, $\delta_{air} = 0.000000$ cm^{-1}atm^{-1} at 296 K, was used for the air pressure induced shift of the line transition.

The GEISA-2015 HCN line list contains a total of 138,103 entries (81,889 in GEISA-2011).

2.2.15 C_2N_2 (molecule 29)

The $^{12}C_2^{14}N_2$ (cyanogen) line list in GEISA-2011 included 2577 entries mainly belonging to the ν_5 bending system centered at 234 cm^{-1} and also lines from the weak stretching ν_2 mode around 2150 cm^{-1}. In GEISA-2015, all the entries belonging to ν_5 have been replaced by a new line list based on experimental and theoretical work by Fayt et al. **[236]**. This new study includes a recording of the high resolution spectrum and the first ro-vibrational global analysis for this molecule. The positions of about 13000 peaks were obtained experimentally and analyzed to determine very accurate molecular parameters. Transitions with upper states as high as 2100 cm^{-1} could be assigned. On the basis of the molecular parameters determined by the global analysis, a line list was generated with all lines with intensity above a cut-off chosen to ensure that 99.5 % of the total band intensity is taken into account at room temperature (maximum intensity value: 2.478×10^{-20} cm molecule^{-1} at 296 K). Note that the number of lines can be greatly diminished if used for cold environments such as Titan's atmosphere, which is the only object where cyanogen has been detected so far (Teanby et al. **[237]**).

Spectra of C_2N_2 at low resolution were also recorded (Fayt et al. **[236]**) in order to determine the band system intensity. The measured intensities were found to be in very good agreement with earlier band intensity measurements by Kim et al. **[238]** and also with line intensities measured by Grecu et al. **[239],** and thus adopted in GEISA-2015.

The updated GEISA-2015 $^{12}C_2^{14}N_2$ line list involves a total of 71,774 entries (only 181 kept from the former editions).

2.2.16 C_4H_2 (molecule 30)

The line list of C_4H_2 in GEISA-2011 (119,480 entries) was based on preliminary results from the global ro-vibrational analysis of both bending modes ν_8 (628.0 cm^{-1}) and ν_9 (220.1 cm^{-1}) described in Jolly et al. **[240]**. GEISA-2015 includes the final version of this line list. The number of lines (417,540) is much larger than in GEISA-2011 because the calculation includes the contribution of hot bands, up to the polyad containing $9\nu_9 \leftarrow 8\nu_9$, corresponding to a maximum vibrational energy level of the lower state E''=1700 cm^{-1}. The intensity of all the transitions belonging to the analyzed polyads are calculated and included in the line list if the intensity at room temperature is stronger than

a cut-off value of about 10^{-7} times the band intensity. This ensures that the sum of the intensities of all the lines is equal to the measured band intensity, except for the contribution of the isotopologues. This method has been recently illustrated, for C_4N_2, by Jolly et al. [241] where their Fig. 4 concerns the C_4N_2 ν_9 band and shows for two different temperatures the individual intensities of the successive hot band systems as well as the progressively increasing overall band intensity. It demonstrates how the intensities of higher polyads eventually become negligible.

In addition to the lines from the two bending modes already present in GEISA-2011, new lines from the strong combination band $\nu_6+\nu_8$ at 1240.7 cm^{-1} have been included in GEISA-2015. The line list of $\nu_6+\nu_8$ was calculated based on the very accurate results of a global analysis which enables parameters for vibrational levels with high energies including combination levels to be determined. This band has already been detected astrophysically: first by Cernicharo et al. [242] in the proto planetary nebula CRL 618 and very recently in Titan's atmosphere thanks to the infrared spectrometer CIRS of the CASSINI spacecraft (Vinatier et al. [243]).

One major update in GEISA-2015 concerns the intensities of the ν_8 and ν_9 bands. While the band intensities in GEISA-2011 relied on measurements madeby Koops et al. [244], the new version relies on recent measurements by Jolly et al. [245], who find large differences compared to Koop et al.'s values, in particular for the ν_9 band. Both bands, measured separately with different apparatus by Koops et al. [244], were found to have an intensity ratio as high as 28. Jolly et al. [245] were able to measure both bending modes in a single spectrum covering the region between 40 and 670 cm^{-1} and found the weak ν_9 band to be 2.4 times stronger. Conversely, the strong ν_8 band was found to be 20% weaker resulting in a band intensity ratio close to 9. For the intensity of the $\nu_6+\nu_8$ combination band, the result obtained by Jolly et al. [245] confirmed the previous measurement by Khlifi et al. [246].

2.2.17 CH_3Cl (molecule 34)

The methyl chloride line list is completely updated in GEISA-2015 on the basis of various works, depending on the spectral regions and on the line parameters.

Line positions and intensities from JPL catalog [16,17] are used between 0.8 and 71 cm^{-1} (12,824 pure rotational transitions). Since the vibrational notation of this molecule is explicit, the vibrational notation in GEISA-2015 is identified as "GROUND" for the upper and lower states. All these pure rotational transitions have hyperfine structure, so that the quantum number F is used in the rotational fields corresponding to the upper and lower states.

Between 644 and 2625 cm^{-1}, a calculation by Nikitin based on effective Hamiltonian has been used for positions [247,248]. As this calculation provides absolute line positions but only approximate

relative line intensities [248], a calibration based on measurements has been performed to retrieve absolute intensity values, as explained below. Comparisons of calculations with measurements from the literature concern only the fundamental bands lying in the spectral region studied theoretically: the ν_3 band around 750 cm^{-1}, the ν_6 band around 1000 cm^{-1} as well as the ν_2 and ν_5 band around 1450 cm^{-1}. The following studies were used:

- For the ν_3 band, Bouanich et al. [249] for the $CH_3{}^{35}Cl$ isotopologue (29 transitions), Blanquet et al. [250] for the $CH_3{}^{37}Cl$ isotopologue (50 transitions).

- For the ν_6 band: Blanquet et al. [251,252] for 96 and 58 transitions of $CH_3{}^{35}Cl$ and $CH_3{}^{37}Cl$, respectively.

- For the ν_2 and ν_5 bands, the recent measurements of Barbouchi et al. [253] show good consistency with the values of Chackerian et al. [254] (around 1%) but present discrepancies (up to 15–20%) when compared to the results of Cappellani et al. [255]. Consequently, for comparison with Nikitin's calculations for the ν_2 and ν_5 bands, we only used the results from Barbouchi et al. [253] (1073/115 transitions of $CH_3{}^{35}Cl$ and 135/28 transitions of $CH_3{}^{37}Cl$ for the ν_2/ν_5 band).

As an illustration, comparisons of intensities for the ν_2 and ν_5 bands are plotted in Fig. 10-a and Fig 10-b, respectively. As can be seen, the ratio Calc/Obs depends strongly on the band but also on the wavenumbers. To stay close to the measurements, a fitted wavenumber-dependent calibration factor has been applied to obtain absolute theoretical line intensities from the calculations [247]. No measurements are available for all the other hot, harmonic or combination bands from Nikitin's calculation, so that no accurate absolute theoretical intensities can be retrieved. Consequently, we chose not to put these weak bands in GEISA until absolute calibration can be performed. When comparing the measured line positions [248-253] to the calculated values of Nikitin [247], the averaged discrepancy between measurements and calculations does not exceed 0.001 cm^{-1}. Therefore, 46,406 transitions calculated from Ref. [247] and belonging to the fundamental bands ν_3, ν_6, ν_2 and ν_5 are introduced in GEISA-2015.

Between 2920 and 3198 cm^{-1}, line positions and intensities of 22,963 transitions in the 3 μm region from Bray el al. [256] are used. These transitions mainly concern the strong fundamental band ν_1, but some of them refer to the weaker ν_4 band or other harmonic or combination bands.

Concerning the self- and air-broadened CH_3Cl line widths, recent measurements on the ν_5 [253,257,258], ν_1 [259,260] and pure rotation [260,261] bands do not show any significant vibrational dependence for these parameters. Therefore, the semi-empirical calculations by Dudaryonok et al. [262] for the $CH_3{}^{35}Cl$ self-broadening case and the semi-classical calculations of Buldyreva [263] for the $CH_3{}^{35}Cl$ and $CH_3{}^{37}Cl$ air-broadening case, providing the broadening coefficients for the reference

temperature 296 K and the associated temperature exponents, are used for all transitions listed in the database.
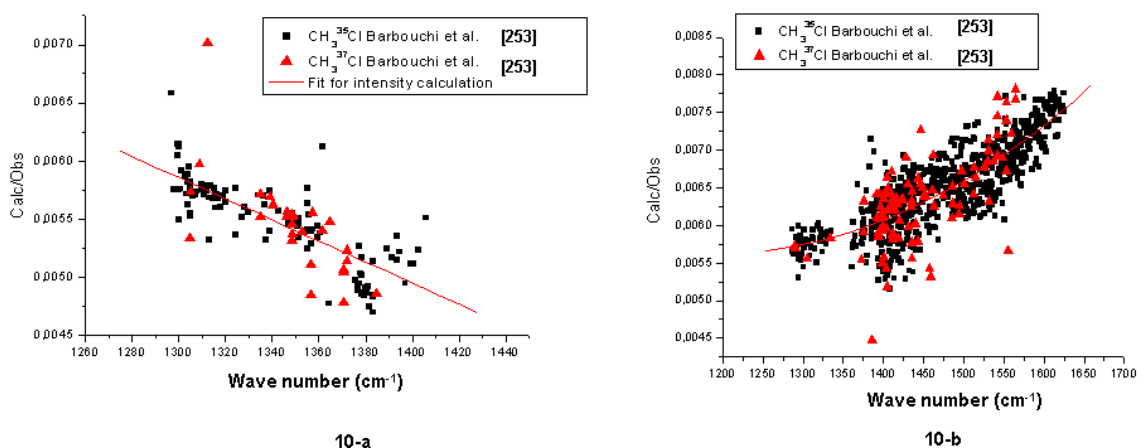
Fig. 10 Ratio of Calculated/Observed (Calc/Obs) for the ν_2 band (figure 10-a) and for the ν_5 band (figure 10-b) of CH_3Cl. Calc comes from a calculation from Nikitin. Obs are Fourier transform measurements of Barbouchi et al. [253].

2.2.18   H₂S (molecule 36)

Better spectroscopic knowledge and extended database archive of H_2S are needed for two reasons:

- Hydrogen sulfide is a well-documented but little understood hazard because of its atmospheric release, for example, by the geothermal energy industry. This represents a very significant public health concern for air-quality and also because it is known to migrate into surface soils and groundwater [264].

- Hydrogen sulfide is also produced by organisms living in harsh environments; if a similar metabolism has evolved on an extra solar planet, the detection of sulfurous molecules in those atmospheres could reveal the presence of alien life [265].

A very significant update of the H_2S data is implemented in GEISA–2015 to provide 58,650 transitions of the three isotopic species, $H_2^{32}S$, $H_2^{33}S$, $H_2^{34}S$. This represents an increase of 37,862 lines compared to GEISA-2011 [11] (20,788 lines). The new or updated transitions fall within four spectral ranges: 1.0–615 cm⁻¹, 994–1574 cm⁻¹, 2143–4257 cm⁻¹, and 4472–113201 cm⁻¹.

Pure rotational transitions of hydrogen sulfide in its ground and first excited vibrational states between 1.03056–614.89397 cm⁻¹ were recorded at room temperature by Azzam et al. [266]. The line positions given in their Supplementary data have been applied to 8430 transitions, formerly represented by 3396 lines in GEISA-2011.

Updated positions for the v_2 region (994.1296–1573.8098 cm^{-1}): for the 010–000 band, line positions of 653 transitions from GEISA-2011 were improved [267] using experimental upper energy levels for $H_2^{32}S$, $H_2^{33}S$, and $H_2^{34}S$ isotopologues reported by Ulenikov et al. [268]; the lower energy levels were calculated using the rotational constants of Flaud et al. [269].

Fig. 11 shows that, in GEISA-2015, the v_2 band positions are clearly shifted by ~ 0.002 cm^{-1}, with a maximum difference reaching to 0.055 cm^{-1}, compared to HITRAN-2012 [14]. The precision obtained is estimated to be about 0.0002 cm^{-1}. These corrections were not reported in HITRAN-2012. The calculated transition intensities are the same as in GEISA-2011 and HITRAN-2012.
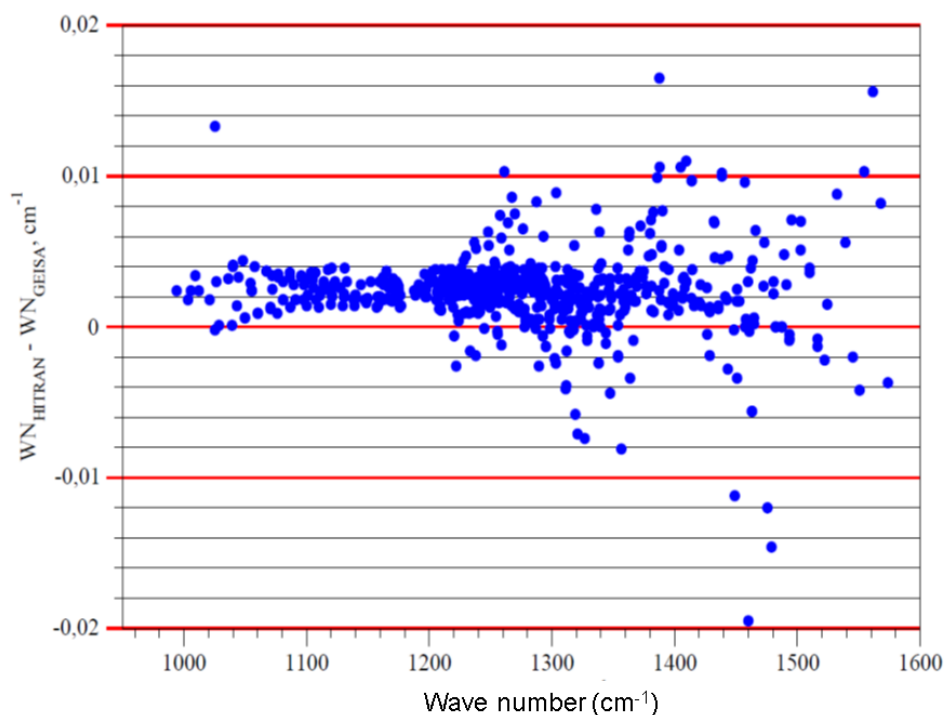
Fig. 11. Comparison of the 010-000 band updated lines in GEISA-2015 with those of HITRAN-2012. [14] illustrating differences in wavenumber (WN) positions (WN$_{HITRAN}$-WN$_{GEISA}$ (cm^{-1})).

Updates in the 2142.83505–4256.54681 cm^{-1} spectral region cover bands of the first and second triads. The data included in GEISA-2011 [11] showed errors in line positions and intensities, compared to their original source [270]. O. Naumenko generated a corrected file [267] including 16,731 entries which have replaced, in GEISA-2015, the former GEISA-2011 data. New parameters were added in the spectral region 4471.7721–11329.7799 cm^{-1}, this spectral region covers the first and second hexads along part of the first decade of H_2S. It is included for the first time in GEISA using 28,972 transitions of $H_2^{32}S$, $H_2^{33}S$, and $H_2^{34}S$ from Ref. [267]. The line positions and intensities are taken from both experimental and calculated data. Line positions are constructed from the experimental upper energy levels and calculated lower energies based on parameters provided in [269]. Line intensities are predicted using the transition moment parameters retrieved from the fitting

to measured intensities, using an effective Hamiltonian approach. A detailed review of all published experimental rotation-vibration transitions and retrieved energy levels for the hydrogen sulfide can be found in Polotseva et al. **[271]**.

The information newly included in GEISA-2015 relates to 30 vibrational bands of $H_2^{32}S$ and is summarized in the 8 columns of Table 8.

Experimental data from Fourier transform spectra in the range 4471.77211-8039.74431 cm^{-1} were obtained from the laboratory spectra recorded with the McMath Fourier transform spectrometer located at Kitt Peak National Solar Observatory **[270,272]**. The details of the experimental spectra assignment and modeling within the effective Hamiltonian approach can be found in **[270,273-275]**. The accuracy of experimental line positions varies from 0.001 (and better for stronger lines) up to 0.005 cm^{-1} and worse for blended or weak features. Similar accuracy applies to calculated line positions.

Line intensities accurate within 1-7% were measured for about 3000 lines in the 4578-6573 cm^{-1} spectral region, while the accuracy of the experimental intensities above 7000 cm^{-1} can be estimated around 10-15% at best. The experimental intensities were modeled, and the retrieved transition moment parameters were used to evaluate the intensities of additional pure calculated lines with the estimated accuracy of 10-20% and worse for weakest lines.

In total, 16284, 4087 and 1666 transitions of isotopologues $H_2^{32}S$, $H_2^{34}S$, and $H_2^{33}S$, respectively, have been newly implemented in GEISA-2015 between 4471.772110 and 8039.744310 cm^{-1}.

The line shape parameters are those reported in HITRAN-2012 **[14]**.

Table 8

New vibrational bands of $H_2^{32}S$ included in GEISA-2015. For each vibrational band: the quantum identifications of the upper and lower levels of the transition, in the two first columns; the extension of the spectral region from WN min (minimum wave number in cm^{-1},) to WN max (maximum wave number in cm^{-1} molecule^{-1}), in columns 3 and 4 respectively; the summed transition intensities in cm, in column 5; the maximum values of the rotational quantum numbers J and K_a, in columns 7 and 8 respectively; the number of transitions is given in the last column.

$V_1V_2V_3$ Upper	$V_1V_2V_3$ Lower	WN_min (cm^{-1})	WN_max (cm^{-1})	$\sum$int (cm molecule^{-1}) at 296 K	J_max Upper	K_a_max Upper	# lines
040	000	4471.7721	5094.0399	7.22×10^{-23}	16	8	535
021	000	4555.7922	5392.1073	2.17×10^{-21}	19	12	1169
101	000	4647.9645	5545.0965	2.59×10^{-20}	20	12	1886
200	000	4676.6355	5548.5630	1.25×10^{-20}	19	14	1636
120	000	4720.3837	5387.7404	7.41×10^{-22}	16	12	844
002	000	4828.3805	5665.5575	2.51×10^{-21}	18	13	1220
111	010	4877.2258	5240.4972	1.16×10^{-22}	15	10	403
210	010	4889.8533	5249.6706	5.03×10^{-23}	15	9	326
050	000	5671.4441	6029.4104	9.91×10^{-24}	12	5	203
130	000	5840.1421	6579.5353	1.38×10^{-22}	15	9	566
031	000	5844.5832	6582.2596	1.30×10^{-22}	16	10	541
111	000	5887.1896	6695.2663	1.13×10^{-20}	18	13	1423
210	000	5984.9635	6693.3914	2.95×10^{-21}	18	14	1484
012	000	5989.3819	6664.1874	5.21×10^{-23}	13	9	126
121	010	6051.8265	6489.7069	6.91×10^{-23}	14	8	380
220	010	6071.8079	6477.5959	2.71×10^{-23}	12	7	198
121	000	7053.2468	7738.0455	1.89×10^{-22}	14	8	539
220	000	7128.4865	7672.2512	1.77×10^{-23}	12	7	248
201	000	7170.3630	7868.6880	7.78×10^{-22}	17	10	794
102	000	7191.1311	7766.3336	2.32×10^{-22}	13	10	601
300	000	7400.1750	8039.7443	2.80×10^{-22}	14	9	601
003	000	7496.6411	8031.1830	1.86×10^{-22}	14	9	560
141	000	9385.1150	9991.9363	7.23×10^{-25}	12	8	385
122	000	9470.6934	10157.4780	2.24×10^{-24}	15	8	492
301	000	9477.0610	10241.6542	3.10×10^{-23}	16	11	1074
221	000	9494.1657	10154.2523	4.97×10^{-24}	15	10	656
202	000	9528.5303	10266.7543	9.98×10^{-24}	18	9	840
212	000	10777.8636	11329.7798	1.49×10^{-23}	19	11	996
311	000	10777.8636	11317.3960	2.26×10^{-23}	19	11	902
330	000	10948.4353	11278.5380	3.82×10^{-25}	10	7	232

ICLAS and ICLAS-VECSEL systems were used to probe the weak H_2S absorption spectrum in the 9385-10200 cm^{-1} [276] and 10780-11330 cm^{-1} [277] spectral regions. Spectra were obtained from transitions to the eight highly-excited upper vibrational states listed in Table 8. Line position accuracy was estimated to be better than 0.01 and about 0.005 cm^{-1} in the first and second region, respectively. Approximate relative intensities values were derived from the peak absorption and then scaled to the FTS data of Ref. [272]. The accuracy of measured intensities is estimated to be 25-30% for stronger lines and up 100% uncertainty for the weakest lines for the ICLAS-VECSEL data, and 15-20% and worse for the ICLAS recordings. Similar accuracy can be assumed for the calculated intensities based on the transition moment parameters retrieved from the fitting to experimental data (see Refs. [276,277] for details of the intensity modeling).The resulting set of the $H_2{}^{32}S$, $H_2{}^{34}S$, and $H_2{}^{33}S$ transitions consists of 3385 measured and 3551 weaker pure predicted absorption lines.

In total, 5605, 1185 and 146 new transitions of isotopologues $H_2{}^{32}S$, $H_2{}^{34}S$, and $H_2{}^{33}S$, respectively, have been included in GEISA-2015 between 9385.115080 and 11329.779860 cm^{-1}.

2.2.19   CH₃Br (molecule 43)

The complete line list of CH_3Br present in GEISA-2011 has been updated by adding the temperature dependence of both self- and N_2-broadening coefficients for all transitions. Measurements performed for numerous transitions in the strong v_6 band led to a *J*-dependent model of the temperature exponents n_{self} and n_{N2} [278]. The polynomial expansions of the temperature exponents n_{self} and n_{N2} (see equations [4] and [5] from Ref. [278] respectively) were used to update all transitions in GEISA neglecting both the *K*-rotational dependence and the vibrational dependence. The approximation $n_{air} \sim n_{N2}$ was made for the temperature-dependence coefficient n of the air-broadening half-width.

2.2.20   HNC (molecule 46)

Barber et al. [235] actually performed a combined analysis of the HCN/HNC system. For this they used Mellau's empirical HNC energy levels [279,280], and the line intensities of Harris et al. [232]. The resulting 296 K HNC line list contains 75,554 transitions against 5619 in GEISA-2011.

2.2.21 *HDO (molecule 51)*

2.2.21.1 *HDO update: line list parameters*

As already pointed out, for atmospheric applications, H_2O and HDO need to be taken into account separately in radiative transfer models (as different vertical concentrations may occur), This, combined with their different symmetry properties, led us to decide to consider HDO as an independent molecular species in GEISA-2015. The 2015 update of the HDO entries has been very significant, giving a total of 63,641 lines, against 12,766 in GEISA-2011. This increase is mainly due to the inclusion of empirical line lists in GEISA-2015 HDO update.

Two isotopologues have been involved in the update: i.e.: $HD^{16}O$ and $HD^{18}O$, as summarized in Table 9. No update occurred for $HD^{17}O$ which retains the 175 entries from GEISA-2011 The isotopologue formulas are listed in the first column with their associated identification codes in the GEISA management software (see Appendix C); for each species are provided, in columns 2 to 7 respectively: its line list spectral range minimum and maximum wave number (cm^{-1}), the number of transitions, the mean and the maximum of the line intensities (cm molecule^{-1} at 296 K), and the origin of the data.

The new GEISA-2015 HDO line list has been built following the same process as for H_2O (see above in 2.2.1).

Table 9
General overview of the HDO update in GEISA-2015

Isot. ID	Wavenb. min (cm^{-1})	Wavenb. max (cm^{-1})	#lines	Moy. I (cm molec^{-1}) at 296 K	Max. I (cm molec^{-1}) at 296 K	Origin
$HD^{16}O$ 162	0.007002	17080.098180	53706	3.175×10^{-25}	2.700×10^{-22}	IAO LIPhy
$HD^{17}O$ 172	1234.234730	1598.765470	175	4.075×10^{-27}	9.319×10^{-27}	GEISA-2011
$HD^{18}O$ 182	0.196882	8748.128100	9760	3.694×10^{-27}	5.646×10^{-25}	IAO LIPhy

The new $HD^{16}O$ set, in GEISA-2015, consists of 53,706 transitions in the 0 - 17104 cm^{-1} spectral region, compared to 11,932 transitions between 0 and 13900 cm^{-1} in GEISA-2011. The difference in contents, between the previous, GEISA-2011, and new enlarged GEISA-2015 $HD^{16}O$

line lists, is illustrated on Fig. 12 and Fig. 13. Coincident transitions in GEISA-2011 and GEISA-2015 are plotted with the same (blue) color on both figures. In the new GEISA-2015 version, the previous data, in the 5850-7921 cm^{-1} region, are replaced by those from the exhaustive list of Mikhaïlenko et al. [27]. This list includes both observed lines from Refs. [30-32] (2730 lines) and 6095 empirical lines based on works on potential energy surface and dipole moment surface [34,35,71] and on the IUPAC TG energy levels [281].

After implementation of the new data, the whole HD^{16}O set was checked against the empirical list generated in Ref. [282]; the resulting cleaned list was enlarged by inclusion of missing empirical lines. The empirical list [282] is based on the improved and enlarged IUPAC TG energy level set [281,283] and well known VTT variational list [284], which is recognized to be most accurate one available for the HD^{16}O molecule. In total, 34181 pure empirical lines [282] are used. Inaccurate positions of about 900 lines between 5 and 7916 cm^{-1}, from GEISA-2011, were replaced with those from the empirical list [282].

Obviously, the new HD^{16}O list is about three times larger than the GEISA-2011 version. In particular, the majority of the HD^{16}O lines above 7500 cm^{-1} are new. In the near infrared spectral region, an advantage of this list is that HD^{16}O line parameters are provided in the 1.6 and 1.28 µm atmospheric windows where this minor isotopologue in natural abundance has a major contribution.

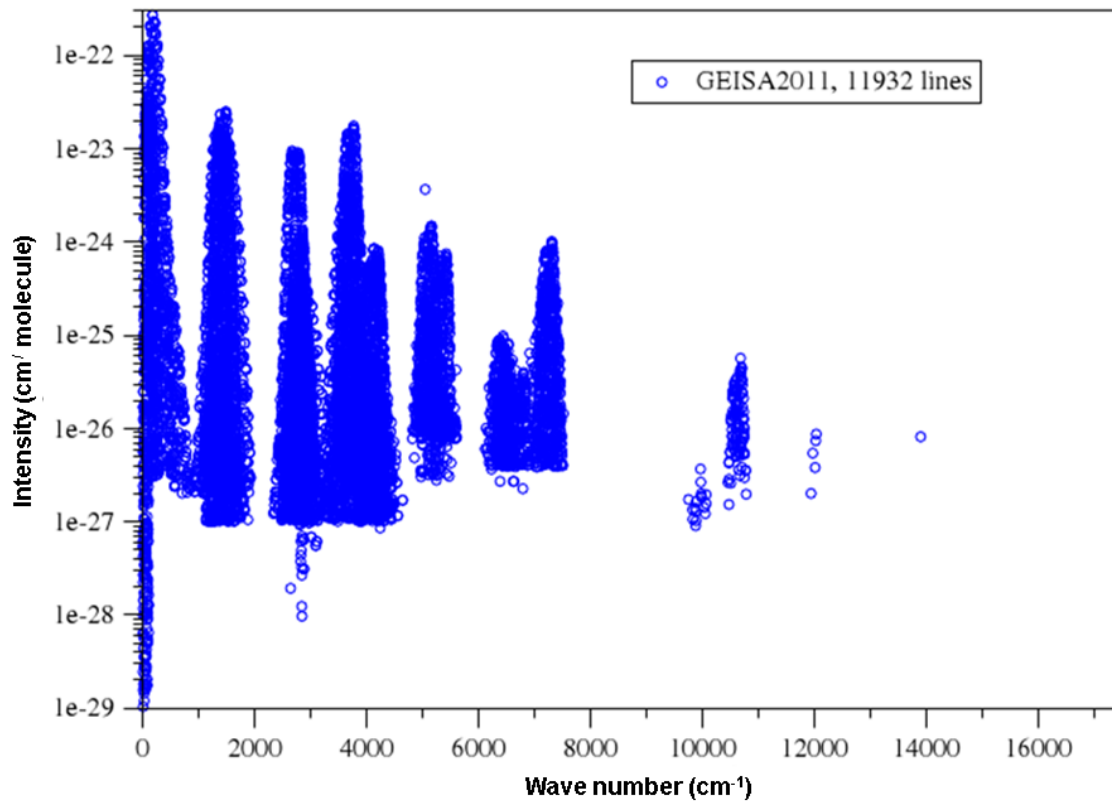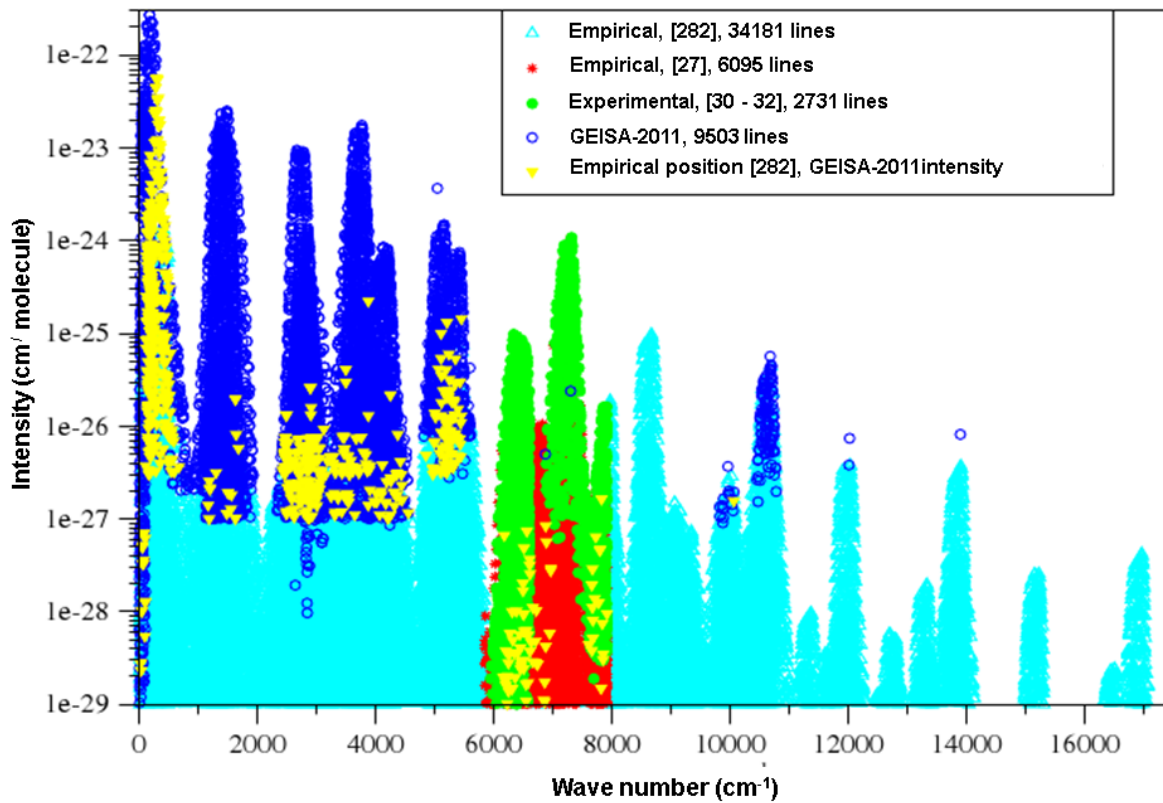**Fig.12.** HD^{16}O transitions in the GEISA-2011 database.

Fig. 13. Composition of the HD^{16}O transition set in GEISA-2015.

An important update has also been performed in GEISA-2015 for the HD^{18}O isotopologue. The HD^{18}O linelist includes now 9760 transitions in the 0.196882-8748.128100 cm^{-1} spectral range (compared to 659 transitions previously). The new HD^{18}O line list was constructed in the following way: The highly accurate experimental microwave and far infrared lines of Refs. [59,285,286], 204 in total, are used in 0-200 cm^{-1} region. Positions of other lines are derived from the experimental energy levels obtained in Refs. [56,285,287,288], while the intensities represent variational values based on Partridge and Schwenke potential and dipole moment surfaces [34,35,71]. HD^{18}O line parameters for near infrared are included in GEISA region for the first time.

Fig. 14 presents a comparison between HITRAN-2012 and GEISA-2015, showing the importance of the added HDO data in GEISA-2015; HDO strongly impacts the absorption in the 1.6 µm and 1.28 µm atmospheric windows.
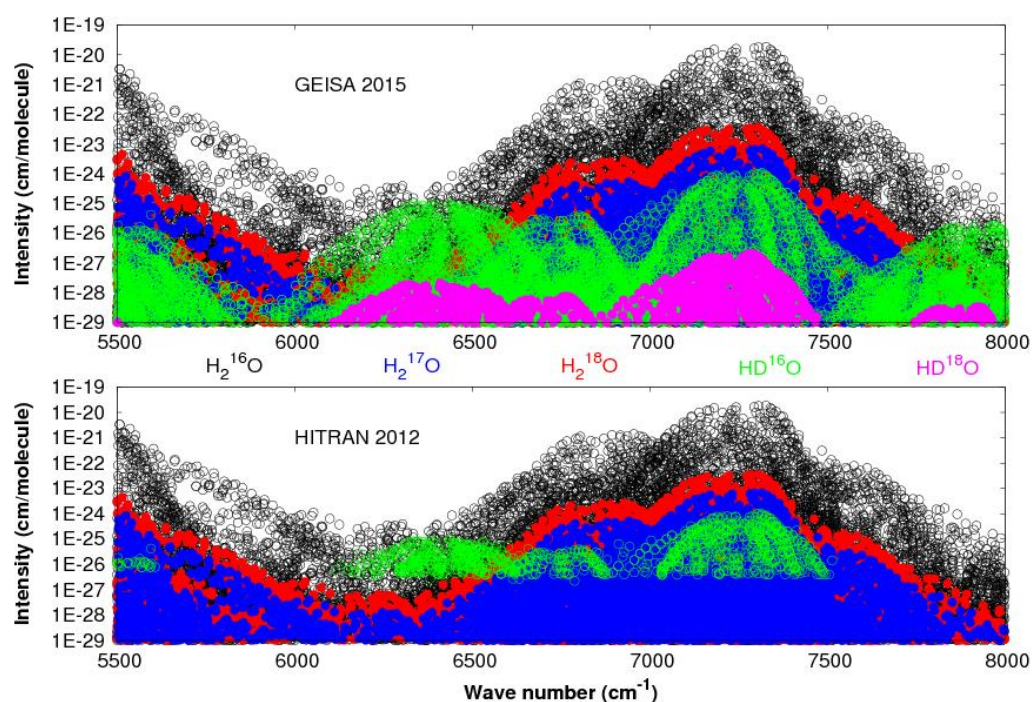

Fig. 14. Illustration of the difference between GEISA-2015 and HITRAN-2012 water vapor archives and of the importance of the impact of HDO in the 1.6 and 1.28 µm atmospheric windows. The contribution of the different isotopologues is highlighted (H$_2$^{16}O -black, H$_2$^{17}O -blue, H$_2$^{18}O -red, HD^{16}O -green, HD^{18}O -pink).

2.2.21.2 *HDO update: line shape parameters*

For the deuterated isotopologues, $HD^{16}O$, $HD^{18}O$, $HD^{17}O$, the line shape parameters i.e.: the air-broadened half-widths, γ_{air}, its temperature dependence, n_{air}, the air-induced line shifts, δ_{air}, and the self-broadened half-widths, γ_{self}, an algorithm similar to that used for the three most abundant water isotopologues, $H_2^{16}O$, $H_2^{18}O$, $H_2^{17}O$ was developed using the measurement database of Gamache and Hartmann [289]. When measurement data are available for $HD^{16}O$ they are added as above, or theoretical values of Gamache and Fischer [290] are used. Because there are far fewer measurements for $HD^{16}O$ the following actions were taken to enhance the database. The measurement database was taken and the ratio $\gamma_{air}(H_2^{16}O)/$ $\gamma_{air}(HD^{16}O)$ determined for 992 transitions giving an average value of 0. 9167.

These data are shown in Fig.15 where the ratio is plotted versus the H_2O air-broadened half-width. The solid red line in the figure is the average ratio, which is used in the algorithm to scale $H_2^{16}O$ half-widths to $HD^{16}O$ half-widths. Scaling was used to generate an additional 17,812 HDO-air half-widths that were added to the database. A similar scaling of the line shifts of H_2O and HDO was made. Data were available for 392 transitions. Fig. 16 shows the ratios versus the H_2O line shift; the solid red line is the average ratio of 0.7772. Note, there are not enough data to repeat this procedure for n_{air}, or γ_{self}.

Roughly 1500 measured HDO-air half-widths were compared with data from the semi-empirical γ_{air} algorithm data scaled from $H_2^{16}O$ to $HD^{16}O$ and with the smoothened HDO-air half-widths of Toth [291]. Overall the data of Toth gave better agreement; an average difference of ~20 %. These data were used, neglecting vibrational dependence, to help complete data for transitions for which there were no measurements. Finally if there are no air-broadened HDO half-width data from the above procedure, the data are taken from a polynomial in J" fit to the J" averaged data from the database [289] extrapolated to J"=50.
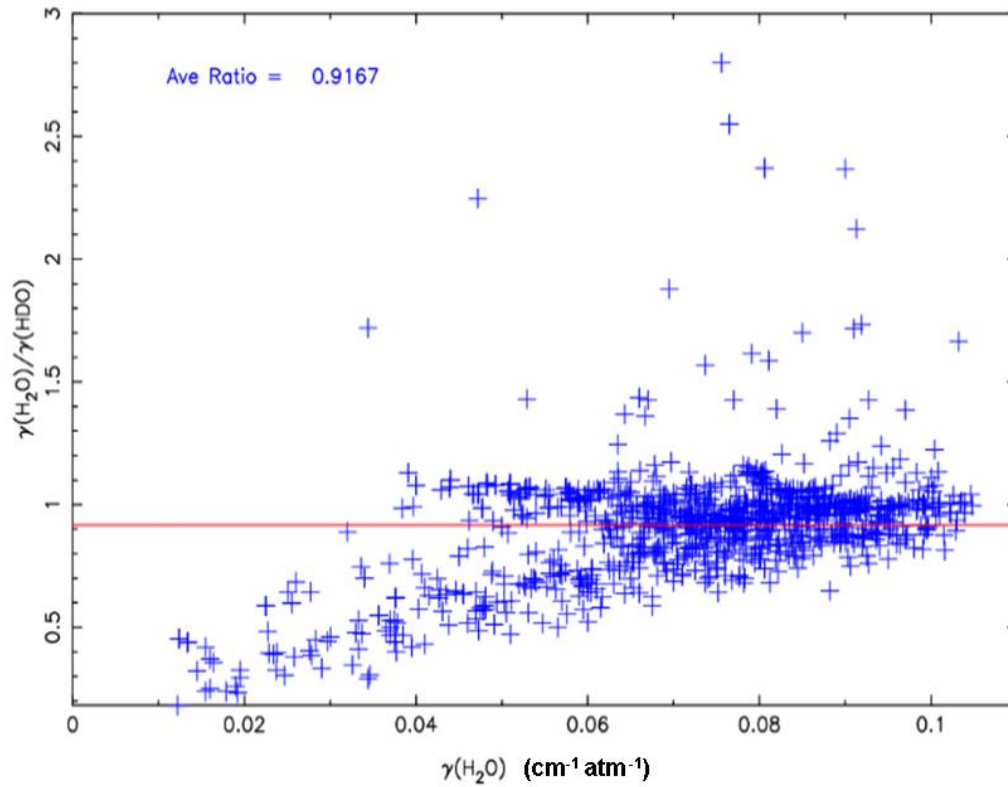
Fig. 15. Ratio $\gamma_{air}(H_2O)/\gamma_{air}(HDO)$ versus $\gamma_{air}(H_2O)$ in cm^{-1}atm^{-1}; solid red line is the average ratio. (For interpretation of the references to colour in this figure legend, the reader is referred to the web version of this article.)
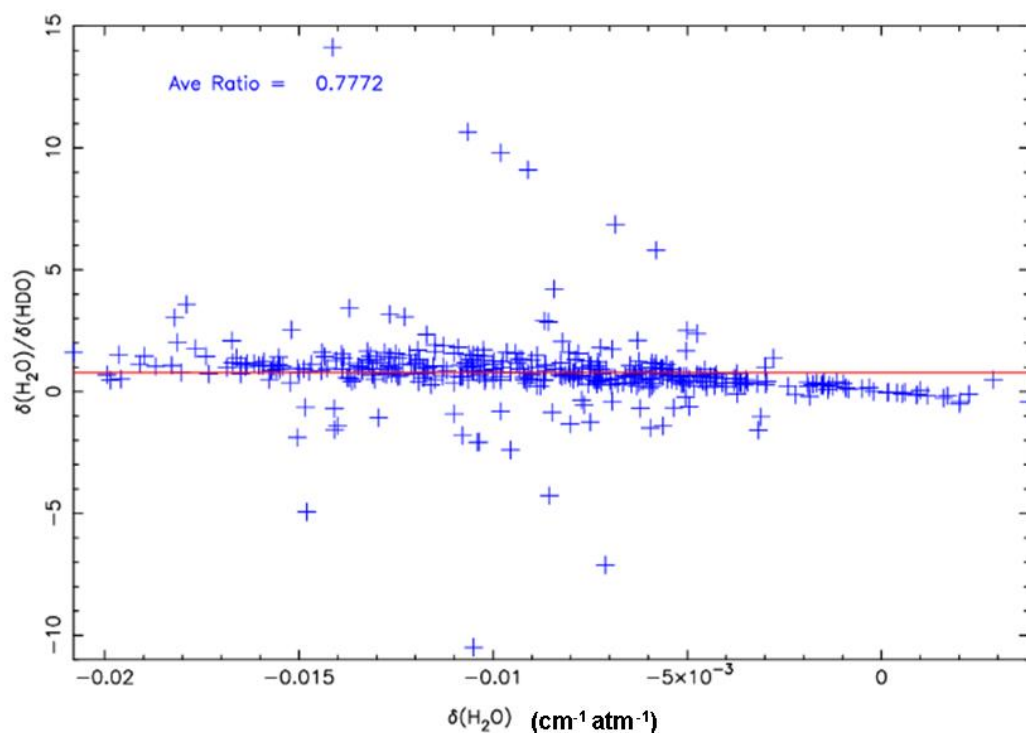
Fig. 16: Ratio $\delta_{air}(H_2O)/\delta_{air}(HDO)$ versus $\delta_{air}(H_2O)$ in $cm^{-1}atm^{-1}$; solid red line is the average ratio. (For interpretation of the references to colour in this figure legend, the reader is referred to the web version of this article.)

2.2.22   SO₃ (molecule 52, new in GEISA-2015)

SO_3, produced from smoke-stacks and other industrial exhausts, is, in its gaseous form, a significant pollutant, and the primary agent in acid rain. It is produced naturally on Earth (through volcanic emissions) and is thought to be a significant constituent of the atmosphere of Venus. It was absent for previous editions of GEISA in part because there were no absolute intensity measurements available for this molecules that placed severe limitations on the use of its infrared spectrum for remote sensing applications. However, thanks to the availability of a computed, complete, *ab-initio*, room-temperature line list by Underwood et al. **[292]**, SO_3 has been implemented as a new molecule in GEISA-2015.

This line list has been used to augment experimentally measured frequencies in two regions, i.e.: 0.477672-580.263263 cm^{-1} and 1353.104833-2824.347247 cm^{-1} to provide to GEISA-

2015 the input of 10,881 lines of the main $^{32}S^{16}O_3$ isotopologue, in the spectral range 0.477672-2824.347247 cm^{-1}.

SO$_3$ is a planar, symmetric top and therefore does not possess a permanent dipole moment. However, rotationally excited SO$_3$ can distort, creating instantaneous dipoles and as a result undergo centrifugally-induced, pure rotational transitions. 25 such lines were observed by Meyer et al. [293]; these lines with *ab-initio* intensities are included in GEISA.

Maki and co-workers [294-298] performed a series of studies on the infrared spectrum of SO$_3$, some of which contained relative but not absolute intensities.

Underwood et al. calibrated these intensities using their *ab-initio* calculations and the 10,881 lines included here have empirical frequencies and *ab-initio* or *ab-initio* calibrated intensities.

Recently Underwood et al. [292] have undertaken a much more extensive calculations on the rotational spectrum of SO$_3$ [299], and its infrared spectrum [300]. These studies will be used to provide more extensive line lists for room-temperature SO$_3$ in the future. Ref. [300] also provides new measurements of absolute cross sections which suggest that the ab intio dipole moment surface of Underwood et al. [292] may lead intensities that are about 20% too strong. This problem will also be considered in a future release.

In the absence of no measurements or calculations for the line-shape parameters, usual default were chosen, i.e.:

HWHM $\qquad$ $\gamma_{air} = 0.0700$ cm^{-1}atm^{-1} at 296 K

HWHM self $\qquad$ $\gamma_{self} = 0.100$ cm^{-1}atm^{-1}

Temperature-dependence coefficient *n* of the air broadening half width $\qquad$ $n_{air} = 0.700$

The GEISA standard default value has been attributed to the air pressure induced shift of the line transition: $\delta_{air} = 0.000000$ cm^{-1} atm^{-1}.

3 GEISA-2015 Infrared absorption cross-sections sub-database

This sub-database contains infrared absorption cross sections of molecules for which spectral line parameters are incomplete or unavailable; generally these are 'large' molecules for which the generation of line parameters is very difficult. Thirty-nine molecules were represented by cross sections in GEISA-2011. See Table 10 of Rosenkranz et al. [301] and Table 10 of Jacquinet-Husson et al. [11]. The GEISA-2015 compilation has been updated with

additional cross-section datasets, consisting of multiple temperature–pressure combinations, for new and existing molecules.

This database has been significantly extended (more than about 50% increase in information volume) with the introduction of some new molecular species originating mainly from two sources:

- a first cross-section set from the University of Oslo (Hodnebrog et al. [302,303]) and the University of Castilla-La Mancha [316,317,319]. These compounds (halocarbons, bromocarbons, bromofluorocarbons, bromochlorofluorocarbons, halogenated alcohols, halogenated, fluorinated ethers and perfluorinated compounds) contribute to the global warming;

- a second cross-sections set from the University of York (Harrison and Bernath [304,305]). This set includes molecular species already present in GEISA-2011, i.e.: C_2H_6, C_3H_8, CH_3CN, C_3H_6O, as well as the new species methanol (CH_3OH) which was observed in IASI measurements of reactive trace species in biomass burning plumes (Coheur 2009 [306]), trifluoromethane (CHF_3) and acetaldehyde (CH_3CHO).

3.1 Universities of Oslo and Castilla-La Mancha cross sections

The GEISA-2011 IR absorption cross-section sub-database contained data for 35 molecules in the spectral range from 200 cm^{-1} to 6500 cm^{-1} [301,11]. Most of these species are chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs) and their first- and second-generation replacements, i.e. hydrochlorofluorocarbons (HCFCs) and hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs). HFCs do not have the ozone-damaging effects of CFCs and HCFCs, nevertheless they are potent greenhouse gases with high global warming potentials (GWPs). For that reason, in many applications (air conditioning refrigerants, foam expansion agents, fire protection fluids, etc) low-GWP alternatives have been suggested in recent years. Among these low-GWP substitutes, perfluorolefins (PFOs), hydrofluoroethers (HFEs), hydrofluoroalcohols (HFAs), and perfluoroalcohols (PFAs) are proposed as environmental friendly alternatives to HFCs.

Recently, Hodnebrog et al. [302] provided a complete new set of calculations of GWPs and radiative efficiencies (REs) of halocarbons, such as CF_2Cl_2 (CFC-12), and related compounds. Consequently, the IR absorption cross-sections for CFC-12 and 31 fluorinated compounds, included in the recent review of Hodnebrog et al. [302] were added to GEISA-2015. Among these compounds, hydrofluorinated aldehydes, CF_3CHO, CF_3CH_2CHO and

CF$_3$(CH$_2$)$_2$CHO, are also included since they are the major products of the atmospheric degradation of the corresponding HFA. The newly included molecular species are listed in Table 10, which provides for each compounds: its chemical formula, common name, CAS RN and spectral information, i.e.: spectral range, gas bath, foreign broadening pressure (Pa), and references.

The IR absorption cross-sections for CFC-12 have been updated using the data reported by Myhre et al. [307] for pure CFC-12 and gas mixtures (1 atm of nitrogen) at (295±1) K in the spectral region 500–2000 cm^{-1} [307]. For the other fluorinated compound the spectral resolution was 1 cm^{-1} and the absorption cross-sections were determined in mixtures with non-absorbing molecules, such as N$_2$ or He, or pure gases [308-319]. For RTM, the effect of pressure broadening must be considered. At the spectral resolution of the updated IR absorption cross sections, the structure is quite broad and the effect of the foreign perturbing gases has only a small effect on the broadening. For CFC-12, the spectral resolution of the updated absorption cross-sections is 0.5 and 1 cm^{-1}, but the IR absorption cross section found by Myhre et al. [307] were in good agreement with the results obtained at high spectral resolution. Oyaro et al. [313] did not observe a discernible dependency in the IR absorption cross-sections for a series of fluorinated ethers by the addition of N$_2$ to reach atmospheric pressure.

To model correctly in a RTM the correct atmospheric conditions (p, T, amount of gases, clouds, etc…), the IR absorption cross-sections should ideally be provided also as a function of temperature. However, for most of the larger molecules the temperature variation in absorption cross-section is negligible. For the small and important greenhouse gases, pressure broadening and temperature variation in the absorption cross sections become an issue. As an example, the temperature dependence of the absorption cross-section of the important greenhouse gas CFC-12 was reported by McDaniel et al. between 203 and 298 K [320]. The authors observed that the peak absorption cross-sections increased by up to 50% at the lowest temperature relative to their values at 298 K, but the integrated band intensities only changed slightly in this temperature range.

Table 10

Summary of GEISA-2015 infrared absorption cross-sections update. Data from University of Oslo **[304, 305]** and the University of Castilla-La Mancha **[318,319,321]** at room temperature and spectral resolution of 1 cm^{-1}.

Molecule	Common Name or Chemical Name	CAS RN [a]	Spectral range (cm^{-1})	Bath Gas	Foreign broadening pressure (Pa)	Refs.[c]
CCl_2F_2	CFC-12	75-71-8	800–1,300 [b]	N_2	101,325.72	**[307]**
				Pure	–	**[307]**
$CF_2=CF_2$	PFC-1114	116-14-3	100–2,600	Pure	–	**[308]**
$CF_3CF=CF_2$	PFC-1216	116-15-4	100–2,600	Pure	–	**[308]**
$CF_2=CFCF=CF_2$	Perfluorobut-2-ene	685-63-2	100–2,600	Pure	–	**[308]**
$CHF_2OCF_2OCHF_2$	HFE-235ca12	78522-47-1	25–3,250	Pure	–	**[309]**
$CHF_2OCF_2CF_2OCHF_2$	HFE-338pcc13	188690-78-0	25–3,250	Pure	–	**[309]**
$(CF_3)_2CHOCH_2F$	HFE-347mmz1 (Sevoflurane)	28523-86-6	400–4,000	Pure	–	**[310]**
$CHF_2OCHClCF_3$	HCFE-235da2 (Isoflurane)	26675-46-7	400–4,000	Pure	–	**[310]**
$(CF_3)_2CFC(O)CF_2CF_3$	Perfluoro(2-methyl-3-pentanone)	756-13-8	450–2,000	Pure	–	**[311]**
$CHF_2CF_2CH_2OCH_3$	HFE-374pcf	60598-17-6	450–3,200	Pure	–	**[312]**
$CF_3CF_2CH_2OCH_3$	HFE-365mcf	378-16-5	450–3,200	Pure	–	**[312]**
$CF_3CH_2OCH_2CF_3$	HFE-356mf-f	333-36-8	450–3,200	Pure	–	**[312]**
$(CF_3)_2CHOCH_3$	356mmzEβγ	13171-18-1	450–3,200	Pure	–	**[312]**
$CHF_2CHFOCF_3$	1,1,2-Trifluoro-2-(trifluoromethoxy)-ethane	84011-06-3	440–3,200	Pure	–	**[313]**
$CF_3CHFOCF_3$	HFE-227ea	2356-62-9	440–3,200	Pure	–	**[313]**

Molecule	Common Name or Chemical Name	CAS RN [a]	Spectral range (cm^{-1})	Bath Gas	Foreign broadening pressure (Pa)	Refs.[c]
CHF$_2$OCHFCF$_3$	HFE-236 (Desflurane)	57041-67-5	440–3,200	Pure	–	[313]
CF$_3$CHFCF$_2$OCH$_2$CH$_3$	1-Ethoxy-1,1,2,3,3,3-hexafluoropropane	380-34-7	440–3,200	Pure	–	[313]
CF$_3$CF$_2$CF$_2$OCHFCF$_3$	1,1,1,2,2,3,3-Heptafluoro-3-(1,2,2,2-tetrafluoroethoxy)-propane	3330-15-2	440–3,200	Pure	–	[313]
CHF$_2$OCH$_2$CF$_3$	HFE-245fa2	1885-48-9	440–3,200	Pure	–	[313]
CF$_3$CH$_2$OCH$_3$	HFE-263fb2	460-43-5	440–3,200	Pure	–	[313]
CH$_2$FCH$_2$OH	2-fluoroethanol	371-62-0	80–4,800	Pure	–	[314]
CHF$_2$CH$_2$OH	2,2-difluoroethanol	359-13-7	70–4,800	Pure	–	[314]
CF$_3$CH$_2$OH	2,2,2-trifluoroethanol	75-89-8	70–4,800	Pure	–	[314]
CF$_3$CF$_2$CH$_2$OH	2,2,3,3,3-pentafluoropropan-1-ol	422-05-9	400–4,000	Pure	–	[315]
			500–4,000	He	666.6-20,797.9	[317]
			500–4,000	Pure	–	[317]
CHF$_2$CF$_2$CH$_2$OH	2,2,3,3-tetrafluoro-1-propanol	76-37-9	400–4,000	Pure	–	[315]
			500–4,000	He	746.6-12,798.7	[317]
			500–4,000	Pure	–	[317]
CF$_3$CF$_2$CF$_2$CH$_2$OH	2,2,3,3,4,4,4-Heptafluoro-1-butanol	375-01-9	400–4,000	Pure	–	[315]

Molecule	Common Name or Chemical Name	CAS RN [a]	Spectral range (cm^{-1})	Bath Gas	Foreign broadening pressure (Pa)	Refs.[c]
CF$_3$CHFCF$_2$CH$_2$OH	2,2,3,4,4,4-Hexafluoro-1-butanol	382-31-0	400–4,000	Pure	–	[315]
CF$_3$CH$_2$CH$_2$OH	3,3,3-trifluoropropan-1-ol	2240-88-2	400–4,000	Pure	–	[315]
			500–4,000	He	666.6-20,797.9	[316]
CF$_3$(CH$_2$)$_2$CH$_2$OH	4,4,4-trifluoro-1-butanol	461-18-7	500–4,000	He	666.6-21,864.5	[316]
CF$_3$CHO	trifluoroethanal	75-90-1	400–2,500	Pure	–	[316]
CF$_3$CH$_2$CHO	3,3,3-trifluoropropanal	460-40-2	400–3,500	Pure	–	[318]
			500–4,000	He	626.6-7,999.2	[319]
CF$_3$(CH$_2$)$_2$CHO	4,4,4-trifluorobutanal	406-87-1	500–4,000	He	493.3-9,065.7	[319]

[a] Abbreviation of Chemical Abstract Service Registry Number; [b]Also at a spectral resolution of 0.5 cm^{-1}; [c] Each reference corresponds to a single P,T dataset.

3.2   University of York cross-sections

The absorption cross section (in units of cm^2 molecule^{-1}) provided by York University **[305]** for GEISA-2015 update are summarized in Table 11

The cross sections for C_2H_6, C_3H_8, $(CH_3)_2$ CO, CH_3CN already included in GEISA-2011 **[11,301]** are extended. Three new molecular species have been added to GEISA-2015 i.e.: CH_3OH, CHF_3, CH_3CHO.

Table 11
Absorption cross-sections provided by the University of York for GEISA-2015 update. For each molecular species listed are given: the temperature (T) range (K), the pressure (P) range (Torr), the number of P, T sets, and the spectral range (cm^{-1}).

Molecule	Temperature range (K)	Pressure range (Torr)	Number of P,T sets	Spectral range (cm^{-1})
Ethane (update) C_2H_6	194-297	49-763	14	2545-3315
Propane (update) $CH_3CH_2CH_3$ (C_3H_8)	195-296	40-763	12	2540-3300
Acetone (update) $(CH_3)_2$ CO	194-298	50-700	19	830-1950
	195-296	49-759	12	2615-3300
Acetonitrile (update) CH_3CN	203-297	50-760	12	880-1700
	208-296	50-760	11	2550-3300
Methanol CH_3OH (new)	204-295	50-761	12	877-1167
	204-296	51-761	12	2600-3250
Trifluoromethane CHF_3 (New)	188-294	23-762	27	950-1500
Acetaldehyde CH_3CHO (new)	200-297	50-762	16	2400-3400

3.3   Complementary data for species already implemented in GEISA-2011

3.3.1   Ethane (C_2H_6)

Ethane is the most abundant non-methane hydrocarbon in the atmosphere. The spectroscopic parameters information in the 3 μm region (v_7 band) is incomplete, i.e. there are many missing P and R branch lines. The v_7 band is particularly desirable for remote-sensing of ethane because it occurs in a reasonably uncongested spectral region and is associated with a C-H stretch vibrational mode.

Infrared absorption cross sections for ethane over the spectral range 2545–3315 cm^{-1} [321] have been included in GEISA-2015. These cross sections provide a higher degree of accuracy for tropospheric sounding than can currently be obtained using the line list. Spectra of ethane / dry synthetic air mixtures inside a 26-cm cell were recorded at fourteen pressure–temperature combinations using a high-resolution FTIR spectrometer (Bruker IFS 125 HR) at 0.015 cm^{-1} resolution (using the Bruker definition of 0.9/MOPD).

Additionally, these cross sections have been used to create a set of 'pseudo-lines', effective spectral lines that empirically reproduce the pressure and temperature-dependencies of spectral absorption without any recourse to quantum-mechanical assignments. As the derived absorption varies smoothly with temperature and pressure, this pseudo lines list provide a convenient way of interpolating (and extrapolating) cross sections. The pseudo-line list may be obtained from http://mark4sun.jpl.nasa.gov/pseudo.html.

3.3.2 Propane (CH$_3$CH$_2$CH$_3$ (C$_3$H$_8$))

Propane is the second most abundant non-methane hydrocarbon in the atmosphere, however no global measurements using IR remote-sensing techniques have yet been undertaken. Absorption cross sections over the spectral range 2540–3300 cm^{-1} [322] have been included in GEISA-2015 for the first time. They cover the spectral region where propane has its strongest-intensity absorbance features (C-H stretch). Spectra of propane / dry synthetic air mixtures inside a 26-cm cell were recorded at twelve pressure–temperature combinations using a high-resolution FTIR spectrometer (Bruker IFS 125 HR) at 0.015 cm^{-1} resolution (=0.9/MOPD).

3.3.3 Acetone ((CH$_3$)$_2$CO)

Acetone is the simplest member of the ketone family, and one of the most abundant VOCs in the free troposphere; the majority of its emissions arise from oxidation of organic precursors. Infrared absorption cross sections for acetone were first introduced in GEISA-2009. Two new datasets have been added in GEISA-2015; these cover the spectral ranges 830–1950 cm^{-1} [323] and 2615–3300 cm^{-1} [324]; the new mid-IR cross sections have been combined with a renormalized subset of those in GEISA-2011 [11] to create a more optimised dataset for this spectral region. For the new measurements, spectra of acetone / dry synthetic air at a number of pressure–temperature combinations were recorded by a high spectral resolution FTIR spectrometer (Bruker IFS 125 HR) at

0.015 cm^{-1} resolution (=0.9/MOPD) using a cooleable White cell with a maximum path length of 19.32 m.

3.3.4 Acetonitrile (CH$_3$CN)

Acetonitrile is a minor constituent of the Earth's atmosphere, with the majority of emissions arising from biomass burning. In addition to line parameters for the ν_4 band, GEISA-2011 contained three acetonitrile cross sections at 276, 298 and 323 K and 760 Torr nitrogen. Due to their poor coverage of atmospheric temperatures and pressures, these were of limited use for atmospheric remote sensing. GEISA-2015 contains new infrared absorption cross sections, covering the spectral ranges 880–1700 cm^{-1} [304] and 2550–3300 cm^{-1} [325]. Spectra of acetonitrile / dry synthetic air at a number of pressure–temperature combinations were recorded by a high-resolution FTIR spectrometer (Bruker IFS 125 HR) at 0.015 cm^{-1} resolution (=0.9/MOPD) using a cooleable White cell with a maximum path length of 19.32 m. The cross sections in the MWIR region, in particular the $^rQ_0$ branch of the ν_6 band at 1462.96-1463.60 cm^{-1}, have recently been used as the basis for an ACE-FTS acetonitrile research product [326].

3.4 Molecular species added to the GEISA-2011 edition

3.4.1 Methanol (CH$_3$OH)

Methanol is the second most abundant organic molecule in the Earth's atmosphere after methane; the majority of its emissions arise from plant growth and decay. Two new infrared absorption cross section datasets have been added to the database, covering the spectral ranges 877-1167 cm^{-1} and 2600-3250 cm^{-1} [327]. Spectra of methanol/dry synthetic air at a number of pressure–temperature combinations were recorded by a high-resolution FTIR spectrometer (Bruker IFS 125 HR) at 0.015 cm^{-1} resolution (=0.9/MOPD) using a cooleable White cell with a maximum path length of 19.32 m. Methanol data near 3.4 μm are included in GEISA-2015 for the first time. Line parameters near 10 μm are already included in GEISA; this band system is principally associated with the strong fundamental ν_8 mode at 1033 cm^{-1} (CO stretch). The new cross sections near 10 μm provide a higher level of accuracy at lower temperatures and reveal a number of problems with the line list, including a substantial temperature dependence of the integrated band intensity which is not observed in the cross sections. As for ethane (Section 3.3.1), these cross sections have been used to

create a set of 'pseudo-lines' covering the 877-1167 cm^{-1} and 2600-3250 cm^{-1} spectral regions. The pseudo-line list may be found at http://mark4sun.jpl.nasa.gov/pseudo.html.

3.4.2   Trifluoromethane (CHF₃, HFC-23)

The primary emissions of trifluoromethane arise as a byproduct (from the over-fluorination of chloroform) during the production of chlorodifluoromethane (HCFC-22; CHClF$_2$). Trifluoromethane is a very powerful greenhouse gas with a 100-yr GWP of 14,200, a long atmospheric lifetime of 222 years, and an increasing atmospheric abundance. Recently the first remote-sensing measurements of this molecule were taken by the balloon-borne MkIV interferometer [328] and the ACE-FTS [329], using less than ideal spectroscopy. New infrared absorption cross sections for trifluoromethane over the spectral range 950–1500 cm^{-1} [330] have recently been made available; these are included in GEISA for the first time. Spectra of trifluoromethane / dry synthetic air mixtures inside a 26-cm cell were recorded at twenty-seven pressure–temperature combinations using a high-resolution FTIR spectrometer (Bruker IFS 125 HR) at 0.015 cm^{-1} resolution (=0.9/MOPD).

3.4.3   Acetaldehyde (CH₃CHO)

Acetaldehyde, a trace molecular species, found in the Earth's atmosphere, plays an important role as a source of ozone (O$_3$), PAN and HOx radicals.

Infrared absorption cross-sections have been measured by Tereszchuk et al. [331] in the 3 µm region (2400–3400 cm^{-1}) from spectra obtained using a FTIR spectrometer at a resolution of 0.005 cm^{-1}. See Ref. [331] for details.

3.4.4   Summary for the infrared cross-sections update

Finally, 43 new molecular species have been added to GEISA-2015 infrared absorption cross-sections. On the basis of the description above, the evolution of the GEISA infrared absorption cross-sections since the 2011 edition is illustrated in Figs. 17 a), 17 b), and 17 c).

Fig. 17a) summarizes the evolution of the GEISA IR cross-sections sub-database, giving the percentages of new (43 %) and updated data (3%) since GEISA-2011 (on the basis of the number of molecules), the remaining datasets represent 54% of the whole contents.

Fig.17b) illustrates the relative contribution from the University of Oslo and Castilla-La Mancha [302,303], and from the University of York [304,305], in terms of percentage (on the basis of the

number of molecules) of the total, new or updated, data provided for GEISA-2015 edition update. Note that there are more cross sections provided by York, in terms of number of P,T sets;

Fig. 17c) gives graphical display (in %) of the relative contributions of the compounds from University of Oslo and Castilla-La Mancha [303] listed in Table 10.
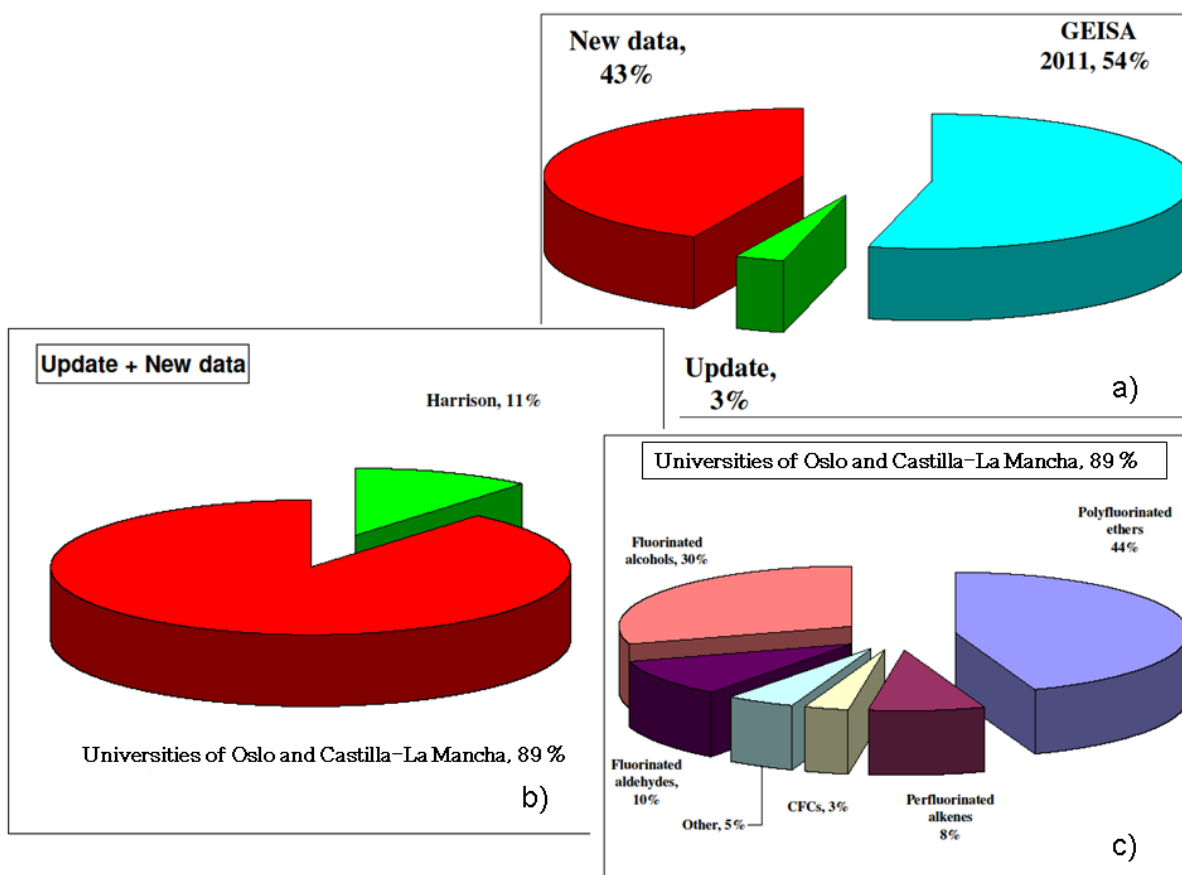
Figs. 17 a) b) c). Illustration of the evolution of the GEISA infrared absorption cross-sections archive since the GEISA-2011 edition.

3.4.5 GEISA-2015 new absorption cross-sections sub-database in the NIR region

The 1-3 µm near-infrared spectral region is of great interest for atmospheric remote-sensing and planetary science. Many experimental techniques have become available that are capable of measuring extremely weak absorptions or small photon numbers with great accuracy. This has led, on one hand, to an increasing demand for reference data in this spectral region when standard line parameters (such as line centers, intensities, lower state energies, etc.), based on line-by-line analysis and theoretical calculation of the spectra, are not (yet) available. On the other hand, an increasing amount of accurate experimental data is now available that may be used as a reference in the absence of theoretical calculations e.g. for modelling or calibration purposes. This situation is very similar to the ultraviolet-visible spectral region where most reference data are molecular absorption cross-sections based on laboratory measurements.

The sections below present and document a first set of seven high-resolution absorption cross-sections as reference data in the near-infrared region, for molecules and bands where no theoretical prediction is available. This set of new data has been implemented in GEISA-2015 as a new section of the absorption cross-sections sub-database for GEISA in the NIR region an overview of which is given in Table 12.

The common names of the molecules and their formula are listed in the two first columns. The spectral regions covered (cm^{-1}), the spectral resolution (cm^{-1}), the maximal uncertainties of the spectral position (cm^{-1}) and absorption cross-sections (%), are given in columns two to five, and references in the final column. Experimental conditions are detailed, below, in sub-sections 3.4.5.1 to 3.4.5.7.

Table 12
Summary of the molecules whose experimental absorption cross-sections in the NIR are newly provided in the GEISA-2015 database.

Molecule		NIR range (cm^{-1})	Spectral resolution (cm^{-1})	Uncertainty		Refs.
				position (cm^{-1})	cross-section (%)	
Acetonitrile	CH$_3$CN	6814 – 7067	0.001	0.01	15	**[332]**
Methyl iodide	CH$_3$I	7473 – 7497	0.001	0.01	10	**[333]**
Methyldioxidany	CH$_3$O$_2$	7474 – 7497	0.025	0.01	30	**[333]**
Formaldehyde	H$_2$CO	6547 – 7051	0.001	0.005	20	**[336]**
Hydroperoxy radical	HO$_2$	6604 – 6696	0.003	0.01	15	**[337] [338]**
Nitrous acid	HONO	6624 – 6645	0.005	0.01	40	**[341]**
Ammonia	NH$_3$	6880 – 6997	0.001	0.005	20	**[342]**

3.4.5.1 Acetonitrile (CH$_3$CN)

Absorption cross-sections of Acetonitrile between 6814 and 7067 cm^{-1} were measured, by O'Leary et al. **[332],** with off-axis CW-CEAS at 5 mbar with a resolution of about 0.001 cm^{-1}. There are about 4630 absorption lines in this spectrum. Absorption features of H$_2$O in this region have been removed from the spectrum. Approximately 200 individual overlapping spectral segments have been concatenated to cover the entire spectral range. The uncertainty inthe absolute line positions was estimated to be between 0.005 cm^{-1} and 0.01 cm^{-1}.The uncertainty inthe absolute absorption cross-sections is ~15%. For one isolated line at 7034.171 cm^{-1} a value for the self-broadening coefficient was determined to be (3.3±0.2) ×10^{-3} cm^{-1} mbar^{-1} in **[332]**.

3.4.5.2 Methyl iodide, also called iodomethane (CH$_3$I)

Measurements, by Faragó et al. **[333]**, of methyl iodide were made using CW-CRDS in the wavenumber range 7473–7497 cm^{-1} at a total pressure of 50 Torr and a resolution of 0.001 cm^{-1}. CH$_3$I was prepared as a diluted mixture in helium, and its concentration was determined from calibrated flowmeters. The spectrum was measured in several small portions in order to minimize a shift in the baseline between measurement of the spectrum with and without CH$_3$I. There are small gaps in the spectrum at wavelength ranges corresponding to absorption lines of water where data have been erased because water was present in the cell. Three sharp, characteristic peaks were found in this wavenumber range at 7473.92, 7481.13 and 7484.42 cm^{-}

[1] with absorption cross-sections of 7.41, 17.3 and 19.0×10^{-22} cm^2, respectively. The error in these peak absorption cross-sections is estimated to be 10%, mostly due to uncertainties in the concentration of CH$_3$I. The error in other regions of the spectrum is probably higher, small baseline shifts will lead to larger errors due to weak, overall absorption.

3.4.5.3 Methyldioxidanyl (CH$_3$O$_2$)

Measurements, by Faragó et al. [333], of methyldioxidanyl were made using CW-CRDS coupled to laser photolysis. The wavenumber range 7474–7493 cm^{-1} was scanned at a resolution of 0.025 cm^{-1}. CH$_3$O$_2$ was generated by pulsed photolysis of CH$_3$I in the presence of O$_2$. Absolute CH$_3$O$_2$ concentrations have been deduced by measuring the time-resolved absorbance following the photolysis pulse and adjusting the decay rate to the well-known rate constant of the self-reaction of CH$_3$O$_2$ radicals [333]. Calibration of CH$_3$O$_2$ concentration was obtained by measuring the time-resolved evolution of the CH$_3$O$_2$ concentration and fitting the kinetic decay traces of CH$_3$O$_2$ to a bimolecular reaction. Using the well-known rate constant of the self-reaction allows retrieval of the initial CH$_3$O$_2$ concentrations. A generally broad absorption spectrum was obtained containing three striking absorption features located at 7748.18, 7489.16 and 7493.33 cm^{-1}. For these three characteristic lines absolute absorption cross-sections of 3.41×10^{-20}, 3.40×10^{-20} and 2.11×10^{-20} cm^2 were established, respectively. The remainder of the broad spectrum was scaled according to these cross-sections. Within the error limit of the measurement the cross-sections were not affected by changes of the pressure between 50 and 100 Torr. The error is estimated to be 30%, mostly due to uncertainty in the rate constant for the self-reaction.

3.4.5.4 Formaldehyde (H$_2$CO)

Absorption cross-sections for formaldehyde were measured, by Staak et al. [334], with CW-CEAS at 2 mbar in the range 6547–7051 cm^{-1} with a resolution of about 0.001 cm^{-1}. The absorption cross-sections were evaluated by comparison with the known measured line-intensities of CO$_2$ and H$_2$O. H$_2$CO was prepared by pyrolysis of paraformaldehyde under vacuum. The gaseous H$_2$CO was first passed through a cooling trap below 200 K to remove water vapor and polymerization products of H$_2$CO. The monomeric H$_2$CO was trapped and stored at 77 K under vacuum. The sample cavity was evacuated to approximately 10^{-6} mbar, ensuring that it was virtually free of gaseous water. H$_2$CO gas was introduced into the cavity by slowly heating the solid H$_2$CO from the cooling trap; the temperature of the system was 291

± 2 K. Later, the absorption cross sections of 2 selected lines were measured by Morajkar et al. [33**5**]. For determining the H_2CO concentration present in the absorption cell, OH radicals were generated by laser photolysis in presence of excess H_2CO. The well-known rate constant of the $OH + CH_2O$ reaction was then be used to determine the H_2CO concentration from the pseudo-first-order decay of OH radicals. It was found that the absorption cross-sections from Staak et al. [336] were systematically a factor of 2 too large. Several other experiments using NIR absorption to quantify H_2CO seemed to confirm the result of Morajkar et al. [335]; a summary is given in Ruth et al. [336] together with new absorption data on H_2CO between 6804 and 7051 cm^{-1}. GEISA-2015 contains the data from Ruth et al. [336] and those of Staak et al. [334] corrected by a factor of 2 in the spectral range 6547–7051 cm^{-1}; see Table 12.

3.4.5.5 *Hydroperoxy radical (HO2)*

Measurements of the HO_2 radical were made by Thiebaud et al. [337] and Ibrahim et al. [338] at a total pressure of 50 Torr. HO_2 radicals were generated by reaction of Cl-atoms with CH_3OH in the presence of O_2. Cl-atoms were generated either by photolysis of $SOCl_2$ at 248 nm or by photolysis of Cl_2 at 351 nm. The spectrum was measured in the 6604-6696 cm^{-1} wavenumber range with a resolution of better than 0.003 cm^{-1}. A few selected lines werecalibrated by determining the absolute, initial HO_2 concentration in the same way as CH_3O_2: time resolved HO_2 absorption decays were measured following their pulsed photolysis. As the decay is governed by a bimolecular reaction, the initial HO_2 radical concentration can be deduced from the shape of the decay. The most important absorption feature in this wavelength range was found at 6638.20 cm^{-1}, exhibiting an absorption cross-section of $s=2.72 \times 10^{-19}$ cm^2 in the buffer gas of helium at 50 Torr. The pressure dependence of a few lines were obtained in [337-339], more details on the pressure broadening in HO_2 can be found in [340].

3.4.5.6 *Nitrous Acid (HONO)*

Measurements of nitrous acid were made, by Jain et al. [341], in the range 6623.6–6645.6 cm^{-1} with a resolution of 0.005 cm^{-1}, using CW-CRDS coupled to laser photolysis. HONO was generated *in situ* by photolysis of H_2O_2 in the presence of NO. Calibration of the HONO concentration (and hence the cross-sections) was achieved through modelling the kinetics of the time resolved concentrations of the OH and HO_2 radicals, which are generated in the H_2O_2 photolysis. A very dense HONO spectrum was observed with the strongest line in

this wavenumber range at 6642.51 cm^{-1} with $\sigma=(5.8\pm2.2)\times10^{-21}$ cm^2, the error being mostly due to uncertainties in the reaction mechanism used to model the OH and HO$_2$ decays necessary to deduce the initial HONO concentration. The pressure broadening of the line at 6642.51 cm^{-1} was determined in the pressure range 10–74 Torr with He and N$_2$ as bath gas.

3.4.5.7 *Ammonia (NH$_3$)*

Absorption cross-sections as a function of wavelength for NH$_3$ were measured, by O'Leary et al. **[342]**, with off-axis CW-CEAS at 0.2 mbar (6880–6997 cm^{-1}) and at 11.5 mbar (6850–6997 cm^{-1}). A total of 1117 NH$_3$ lines are contained in the spectrum. The 2σ rms value of the absolute wavenumber calibration was approximately 0.001 cm^{-1}. Absorption features due to H$_2$O in this region were removed from the spectrum. The uncertainty in the absolute absorption cross-sections is less than 20%.

There are two NH$_3$ spectra recorded at different pressures. In the spectrum measured at 11.5 mbar cross-sections larger than 4×10^{-22} cm^2 molecule^{-1} are affected by saturation. All corresponding strong lines are unaffected by saturation in the spectrum measured at 0.2 mbar. The spectrum at higher pressure is provided to show weak NH$_3$ lines with σ less than 4×10^{-22} cm^2 molecule^{-1}.

It should be noted that 262 lines of the NH$_3$ line-by-line sub-database are present in this cross-sections spectral region (see above in § 2.2.7). Among these lines, only 49 have been assigned. We retain the unassigned lines, which are useful for many purposes, and we have implemented the cross-sections, in addition, to provide the total absorption in that region.

4   2015 sub-database on microphysical and optical properties of atmospheric aerosols

With the importance of the aerosol contribution to the infrared RTM of the earth's atmosphere, a sub-database, containing microphysical and optical properties of atmospheric aerosols, here after GEISA/aerosols, was first added to GEISA in the 2003 edition **[9]**.

GEISA/aerosols gathers the micro-physical and optical properties of atmospheric aerosols and complementary information on other public aerosols dedicated databases. See Ref. **[11]** for detailed information. No updates have occurred since the sub-database creation.

For GEISA-2015, a significant update has been made thanks to the implementation of complementary data of two origins: from Massie **[343,344]** at NCAR and from the ARIA archive developed at Oxford University.

## 4.1 The NCAR contribution to GEISA-2015/aerosols

Refractive indices from Massie and Hervig **[343,344]** as described in Rothman et al. **[14]** are archived in GEISA-2015, corresponding to molecular species already implemented, or to new ones for GEISA-2015. The real and imaginary refractive indices of over three dozen liquid and solid aerosols present in the Earth's atmosphere are specified from the ultraviolet through the infrared (and the microwave for water and ice).

The indices date from and correspond chronologically to a variety of scientific themes investigated during the last 100 years. Water and ice indices have a long historical interest due to the ubiquitous presence of clouds in the Earth's atmosphere.

Measurements of liquid binary H_2SO_4/H_2O, ternary $H_2SO_4/H_2O/HNO_3$, and solid nitric acid trihydrate (NAT) indices, at a variety of concentrations, dates to ongoing interest in studies of the interaction between the PSC's and ozone hole heterogeneous chemistry. Today, more recent additions to the GEISA-2015 database are traced to interest in tropospheric vegetative fires, brown carbon aerosols, organic haze particles, particles associated with desert dusts of varying iron content, and surface minerals of different compositions.

As satellite and other remote sensing measurements become more demanding in terms of the accuracy of gas species retrievals, knowledge of the optical properties of aerosols (e.g. aerosol extinction and absorption coefficients, single scattering albedo, asymmetry parameter) also becomes increasingly important since total optical depths are dependent upon both gases and aerosols in a planetary atmosphere. Since these properties are dependent upon composition (i.e. the refractive indices), the sensed wavelength(s), and the particle size and spatial distributions, Mie **[345]** and other codes (for non-spherical particles) are used to calculate the aerosol optical properties. The codes of Hess et al. **[346]** and Massie and Hervig **[344]** are convenient to calculate these properties, and can be used to compare in graphical form the refractive indices of different materials (and different physical settings).

Figure 18 shows an illustration of the real and imaginary refractive index differences for the two new GEISA-2015 entries: flame soot **[347]** (pertaining to high temperatures) and brown carbon **[348]** (measured at ambient temperatures).

Chang flame soot _ _ _

Alexander brown carbon _____
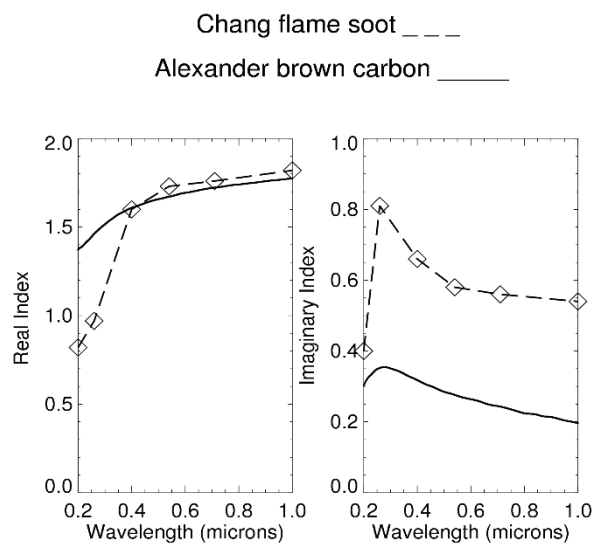
Fig. 18. Illustration of flame soot **[347]** and brown carbon **[348]** refractive index differences. The Y-axis gives the real index (left)) and the imaginary index (right).

Table 13 gives the list of refractive indices **[347-374]**, representing a contribution from NCAR of more than 40 aerosol molecular species. They are distributed in "material classes" according to the GEISA classification.

Table 13

Refractive indices from NCAR included in GEISA-2015. Data already existing in GEISA are indicated by an 'A' in the last column. New data are marked by an '*'.

Material Class/Material	Measurement Details	Reference
Acids		
Sulfuric acid (H_2SO_4/H_2O)	215 K, 499–6996 cm^{-1}	**[355]**
Sulfuric acid (H_2SO_4/H_2O)	200–300 K, 825–4700 cm^{-1}	**[356]**
Sulfuric acid (H_2SO_4/H_2O)	Room temp, 0.2–40 μm	**[349]**A
Sulfuric acid (H_2SO_4/H_2O)	Room temp, 25–96% H_2SO_4	**[353]**A
Sulfuric acid (H_2SO_4/H_2O)	Room temp, 75 and 90% H_2SO_4	**[354]**A
Sulfuric acid (H_2SO_4/H_2O)	213–293 K, 432–5028 cm^{-1}	**[357]**A
Nitric acid (H_2SO_4/HNO_3)	Room temp, 250–2987 cm^{-1}	**[358]**
Nitric acid (H_2SO_4/HNO_3)	220 K, 754–4700 cm^{-1}	**[360]**
Nitric acid (H_2SO_4/HNO_3)	213–293 K, 432–5028 cm^{-1}	**[357]**A
Amorphous nitric acid	153 K, 482–7000 cm^{-1}	**[360]**
NAM (nitric acid monohydrate)	179 K, 482–6002 cm^{-1}	**[360]**
NAD (nitric acid dihydrate)	184 K, 482–6981 cm^{-1}	**[360]**
NAD	160–190 K, 700–4700 cm^{-1}	**[361]**
αNAT (nitric acid trihydrate)	181 K, 482–6989 cm^{-1}	**[360]**
βNAT	196 K, 482–6364 cm^{-1}	**[360]**
NAT	160 K, 711–4004 cm^{-1}	**[362]**
Organic acids	0.25 – 1.1 μm	**[366]***
oxalic, malonic, succinic, pinonic, pyruvic, phthalic		
Organic haze	0.525 nm	**[367]***
SOA (proxy)	0.525 nm	**[368]***
Ash/Soot/Carbonaceous		
Burning vegetation	525–5000 cm^{-1}	**[363]**
Burning vegetation	0.35 – 1.5 μm	**[364]***
Carbon flame	0.4 – 0.7 μm, 25 – 600° C	**[365]***
Flame soot	0.2 – 38 μm	**[347]***
Brown carbon	0.2 – 1.2 μm	**[348]***
Carbonaceous aerosol	Room temp, 0.2–40 μm	**[349]**A
Water/Ice		
Water	27°C, 10–5000 cm^{-1}	**[350]**
Water	0.67–2.5 μm	**[351]**
Ice	266 K, 0.04 μm – 2 m	**[352]**
Ice	0.67–2.5 μm	**[351]**
Water, ice	Room temp, 0.2–40 μm	**[349]**A

Table 13 *(continued)*

Material Class/Material	Measurement Specifics	References
Solids/Salts		
Ammonium sulfate	Room temp, 0.2–40 μm	**[349]**A
Sodium chloride, sea salt	Room temp, 0.2–40 μm	**[349]**A
Minerals	2.5 – 200 μm	**[369]***
clay, illite, kaolin, montmorillonite		
Minerals	5 – 40 μm	**[370]***
granite, montmorillonite		
Saharan dust	0.30 – 0.95 μm	**[371]***
Saharan dust	0.35 – 0.65 μm	**[372]***
Saharan dust	0.35 – 0.65 μm	**[373]***
Volcanic ash	0.45 – 25 μm	**[374]***
Volcanic dust	Room temp, 0.2–40 μm	**[349]**A
Ammonium sulfate	Room temp, 0.2–40 μm	**[349]**A
Sodium chloride, sea salt	Room temp, 0.2–40 μm	**[349]**A
Meteoric dust	Room temp, 0.2–40 μm	**[349]**A
Quartz, hematite, sand	Room temp, 0.2–40 μm	**[349]**A

4.2 The Oxford University contribution to GEISA-2015/aerosols

More than 20 molecular species (identified in red), including minerals, dusts, soots, water particles, etc…) from the ARIA archive developed at Oxford University

Table 14 summarizes the total contents of the GEISA-2015 aerosols sub-database; the Table reflects the material classes used by the GEISA-2011 and GEISA-2015 distribution web site AERIS/ESPRI atmospheric chemistry data center. The NCAR data are identified in blue and the ARIA archive ones in red.

Table 14
GEISA-2015 aerosol sub-database contents and classification display. NCAR data identified in blue, ARIA data identified in red.

Minerals		Organic acids	
Clay	Anhydrite	Ammonium sulphate	$(NH_4)_2SO_4$
Illite	Dolomite	Benzoic acid	$C_7H_6O_2$
Kaolin	Hematite	Glutaric acid	$C_3H_6(COOH)_2$
Montrillite	Illite	Hydroxymalonic	$C_3H_4O_5$
	Kaolinite	Malonic acid	$CH_2(COOH)_2$
	Montmorillonite	Oxalic acid	$H_2C_2O_4$
	Olivine	Phthalic acid	$C_6H_4(CO_2H)_2$
	Olivine Fayalite	Pinonic acid	$C_{10}H_{16}O_3$
	Quartz	Pyruvic acid	$CH_3COCOOH$
	Wustite	Succinic acid	$C_4H_6O_4$
Acids		**Water ice and sea-salts**	
H_2SO_4		Supercooled	Ice
HNO_3		Water	Water
$H_2SO_4 + HNO_3$		Ice Ich	
Nitric acid dyhydrate (NAD)		Water	
Dusts and sands		**Ashs, soots and burning aerosols**	
Saharan dust	Andesite	Flame soot	Diesel
	Basalt	Ash volcanic	Volcanic Ash
	Granite	Biomass aerosols	
	Limonite	Pyrolytic graphite	
	Obsidian	Propane	
	Pumice	Organic-Based	
	Sand	nonvolatile aerosols	
Carbonaceous		**Other**	
Brown carbon spheres		Martian Dust	
Amorphous carbon		Organic haze	
Different HULIS			

5 Conclusion

Its 2015 edition implements important updates and additions are in the three sub-databases of GEISA:

The line parameters sub-database contains 52 molecular species (113 isotopologues) with transitions in the spectral range from 10^{-6} to 35,877.031 cm^{-1}; 5,067,351 entries are listed compared to 3,794,297 in GEISA-2011. This corresponds to an increase of 33%. SO_3 appears for the first time in GEISA. HDO is now considered as an independent species: as explained above, this choice is becauseits symmetry properties differ from H_2O and for a more flexibly taking it into account in forward radiative transfer modelling. Updates of 20 molecules, already included in GEISA-2011, involve species of significant importance in terrestrial or planetary atmospheres and for astrophysical research (i.e.: C_2H_6, C_2H_2, C_4H_2, C_2H_4, H_2S, HCN, HNC…). With reference to the Earth's atmosphere, noticeable effort has been made to upgrade entries for H_2O, HDO, CH_4 and CH_3D: the spectroscopic parameters of these molecules are updated and validated, leading to a significant increase in the number of entries.

The cross section sub-database is enriched by 43 new molecular species in its infrared part which is also updated for four previously considered molecules (ethane, propane, acetone, acetonitrile). 43% of the content is new and 3% of it is updated. A new section has been added, covering the near-infrared region, involving 7 molecular species, i.e.: CH_3CN, CH_3I, CH_3O_2, H_2CO, HO_2, HONO, NH_3.

The sub-database on microphysical and optical properties of atmospheric aerosols is updated, for the first time since the 2003 edition of GEISA. It contains more than 40 species originating from NCAR and 20 species originating from the ARIA archive of Oxford University. A specific classification of the species has been adopted, corresponding to 8 sections associated with their nature, i.e.: Minerals, Organic acids, Acids, Water ice and sea salt, Dusts and sands, Ash, soots and burning aerosols, Carbonaceous, Other.

This new release of GEISA and associated management software facilities are presently being implemented and will be distributed via AERIS/ESPRI atmospheric chemistry data center website. As for the previous versions, all the spectroscopic data (spectroscopic parameters, cross-sections sub-databases) and related information can be handled through the user-friendly associated management software facilities. It is used on-line by more than 350 laboratories working in various sectors including atmospheric physics, planetary science, astronomy, astrophysics.

Thanks to its involvement in various space missions, GEISA has been used for more than 40 years for forward and, hence, inverse radiative transfer modelling. It is regularly used in the processing of current hyperspectral sounders (AIRS/Aqua, IASI/Metop, etc.), GEISA is also important for the preparation of future space missions (IASI-NG, MERLIN or MicroCarb). As such, the quality controls must be continuous and strengthened: this requires constant effort, as described in Armante et al. (**[22]**, this issue). One of our main aims is to make available the results of these quality controls to help to improve the planning, acquisition and delivery processes of new, eventually more targeted, spectroscopic data.

Thanks to the possibility of giving faster feedback to the contributing laboratories on the accuracy of the data they provide, we now anticipate that a new release of GEISA will be produced annually.

6   Acknowledgements.

7 Appendix A. List of acronyms

4A	Atlas Automatisé des Absorptions Atmosphériques; Automatized Atmospheric Absorption Atlas
4A/OP	4A/OPerational release
ACE	Atmospheric Chemistry Experiment
AERIS	Atmosphere and service data pole (CNES, CNRS), France
AFGL	Air Force Geophysics Laboratory
AIRS	Atmospheric Infrared Sounder
ARIA	Aerosol Refractive Index Archive/University of Oxford (UK)
ARA/ABC(t)	Atmospheric Radiation Analysis/Atmosphère-Biosphère-Climat (télédétection)
BEAMCAT	BErnese Atmospheric Meta Catalog Access Tool
CAL/VAL	Calibration/Validation
CAS RN	Chemical Abstract Service Registry Number
CDMS	Cologne Database for Molecular Spectroscopy
CDSD	Carbon Dioxide Spectroscopic Databank
CIRS	Composite InfraRed Spectrometer
CNRS	Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique (France)
CNES	Centre National d'Etudes Spatiales (France)
CRB	Complex Robert-Bonamy
CRDS	Cavity ring-down spectroscopy
DAS	Differential laser Absorption Spectroscopy
DMS	Dipole Moment Surface
CW-CEAS	Continuous Wave-Cavity Absorption Spectroscopy
CW-CRDS	Continuous Wave-Cavity Ring Down Spectroscopy
ENVISAT	ENVIronmental SATellite
ESPRI	Ensemble de Services pour la Recherche à l'IPSL (Centre for Data and Services belonging to IPSL), CNRS, France
EUMETSAT	European Organisation for the Exploitation of Meteorological Satellites
FTIR	Fourier Transformed InfraRed spectroscopy
FTS	Fourier Transform Spectrometer
GEISA	Gestion et Etude des Informations Spectroscopiques Atmosphériques; Management and study of Atmospheric Spectroscopic Information
GOSAT	Greenhouse Observing SATellite project
GS	Ground State
GSMA	Groupe de Spectroscopie Moléculaire et Atmosphérique (France)
GWP	Global Warming Potential
HITRAN	HIgh-resolution TRANsmission molecular absorption database
HULIS	HUmic-LIke Substances
HWHM	Half Width at Half Maximum
ICLAS	Intra Cavity Laser Absorption Spectroscopy
IASI	Infrared Atmospheric Sounder Interferometer
IASI/NG	Infrared Atmospheric Sounder Interferometer/New Generation
ICB	Institut Carnot de Bourgogne
ID	Identification code
INSU	Institut National des Sciences de l'Univers (France)
IPSL	Institut Pierre Simon Laplace
IAO	Institute of Atmospheric Optics (Russia)
IR	InfraRed

ISSWG	IASI Sounding Science Working Group
IUPAC	International Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry
IUPAC TG	IUPAC Task Group
JPL	Jet Propulsion Laboratory (USA)
KIT	Institute for Meteorology and Climate Research Centre Karlsruhe, (Germany)
LIPhy	Laboratoire Interdisciplinaire de Physique (France)
LISA	Laboratoire Inter-Universitaire des Systèmes Atmosphériques (France)
LMD	Laboratoire de Météorologie Dynamique (France)
Non-LTE	non-Local Thermodynamic Equilibrium
MARVEL	Measured Active Rotational-Vibrational
MCRB	Modified Complex Robert-Bonamy
MERLIN	Methane Remote Sensing Lidar Mission
MIPAS	Michelson Interferometer for Passive Atmospheric Sounding
Metop	Meteorological operational satellite
MOPD	Maximum Optical Path Difference
MWIR	Mid-wavelength infrared
NASA	National Aeronautics and Space Administration (USA)
NCAR	National Center for Atmospheric research (USA)
NIR	Near-InfraRed
PAN	PeroxyAcetyl Nitrate
PSC	Polar Sratospheric Cloud
PES	Potential Energy Surface
RTM	Radiative Transfer Modeling
SCIAMACHY	SCanning Imaging Absorption spectroMeter for Atmospheric ChartograpHY
SRON	Netherlands Institute for Space Research, The Netherlands
S&MPO	Spectroscopy & molecular properties of Ozone
UCC	University College Cork, Ireland
UCL	University College, London (UK)
UV	Ultra Violet
VAMDC	Virtual Atomic and Molecular Data Centre
VECSEL	Vertical External Cavity Surface Emitting Laser
VOC	Volatile organic compounds
VTT	Voronin, Tolchenov, Tennyson
WKLMC	Wang, Kassi, Leshchishina, Mondelain, Campargue
WN	Wave Number (cm^{-1})

8 Appendix B. Description of the format used for the line parameters stored in the 2015 edition of GEISA:

The format of each entry is described in the following Table 15.

Each entry is a 252 character record to describe the 31 spectroscopic line parameters.

First line of Table 14: the 31 Spectroscopic line parameters are listed in the 31 columns and their description is given below.

Line 2 and line 3 display the field length and the FORTAN format descriptor, respectively.

Line 4 displays the standard default values associated to each parameter.

Line 5 displays a cumulative index indicating the position of the last character of the record associated to each of the 31 spectroscopic line parameters.

The standard default values for fields «O'», « T » and « T' », have been changed and set to "zero". This modification was made to avoid potential misunderstanding and thus improper use of these parameters in some applications especially related to forward radiative transfer.- Value in field "M" is documented in GEISA only if it is directly provided by the author of the spectroscopic line entry.

Table 15
Format of each entry in GEISA-2015

Parameter	A	B	C	D	E1	E2	E3	E4	F	G	I	J
Field length	12	11	6	10	25	25	15	15	4	3	3	3
Fortran descriptor	F12.6	1PD11.4	0PF6.4	F10.4	A25	A25	A15	A15	F4.2	I3	I3	A3
Undefined values	NR	-9.9999D-01	-.9999	-0.9999	*	*	*	*	-.99	-99	-99	*
Record counting	12	23	29	39	64	89	104	119	123	126	129	132

K	L	M	N	O	R	A'	B'	C'	F'
2	1	10	7	9	6	10	11	6	4
I2	I1	1PE10.3	0PF7.4	F9.6	F6.4	F10.6	1PD11.4	0PF6.4	F4.2
-9	0	-9.999E-01	-9.9999	0.000000	-.9999	-0.999999	-9.9999D-01	-.9999	-.99
134	135	145	152	161	167	177	188	194	198

O'	R'	N'	S	S'	T	T'	U	U'
9	6	7	4	4	8	8	4	4
F9.6	F6.4	F7.4	F4.2	F4.2	F8.6	F8.6	F4.2	F4.2
0.000000	-.9999	-9.9999	-.99	-.99	0.000000	0.000000	-.99	-.99
207	213	220	224	228	236	244	248	252

A : wave number (cm^{-1}) of the line

B : intensity of the line in (cm^{-1}/(molecule.cm^{-2}) at 296K

C : Air broadening pressure halfwidth (HWHM) (cm^{-1}atm^{-1}) at 296K

D : Energy of the lower transition level (cm^{-1})

Ei (i=1,2,3,4) : Transition quantum identifications for the lower and upper state of the transition

      E1 : upper state vibrational identification   E2 : lower state vibrational identification

      E3 : upper state rotationnal identification   E4 : lower state rotationnal identification

F : temperature dependence coefficient *n* of the air broadening halfwidth

G : identification code for isotopologue as in GEISA

I : identification code for molecule as in GEISA

J : Internal GEISA code for the data identification

K : Molecule number as in HITRAN

L : isotopologue number (1=most abundant, 2= second...etc) as in HITRAN

M : Einstein A-coefficient

N : self broadening pressure halfwidth (HWHMself) (cm^{-1}atm^{-1}) at 296K

O : air pressure shift of the line transition (cm^{-1}) at 296K

R : temperature dependence coefficient of the air pressure shift

A' : estimated accuracy (cm^{-1}) on the line position

B' : estimated accuracy on the intensity of the line in (cm^{-1}/(molecule.cm^{-2})

C' : estimated accuracy on the air collision halfwidth (HWHM) (cm^{-1}atm^{-1})

F' : estimated accuracy on the temperature dependence coefficient of the air broadening halfwidth

O' : estimated accuracy on the air pressure shift of the line transition (cm^{-1}) at 296K

R' : estimated accuracy on the temperature dependence coefficient of the air pressure shift

N' : estimated accuracy on the self broadened (HWHM) (cm^{-1}atm^{-1}) at 296K

S : temperature dependence coefficient of the self broadening halfwidth

S' : estimated accuracy on the temperature dependence coefficient of the self broadening halfwidth

T : self pressure shift of the line transition (cm^{-1}) at 296K

T' : estimated accuracy on the self pressure shift of the line transition (cm^{-1}) at 296K

U : temperature dependence coefficient of the self pressure shift

U' : estimated accuracy on the temperature dependence coefficient of the self pressure shift

As shown in line 4 of Table 15 GEISA undefined values are attributed to the line parameter entries when no value is available from the data provider (missing data).

9   Appendix C. Molecules and isotopologues in GEISA-2015

Description of molecule and isotopologue codes in GEISA-2015 are given in Table 16. The molecule names and associated codes are in the two first columns; for each molecule, the isotopologue codes and the corresponding detailed formula are in columns 3 and 4 respectively. New molecules are in red and new isotopologues are in purple.

Table 16 Description of molecule and isotopologue codes in GEISA-2015

Molecule	Molecule Code	Isotope Code	Formula
H$_2$O	1	161	H^{16}OH
		171	H^{17}OH
		181	H^{18}OH
		262	**D$_2$^{16}O**
		282	**D$_2$^{18}O**
		626	^{16}O^{12}C^{16}O
		636	^{16}O^{13}C^{16}O
		628	^{16}O^{12}C^{18}O

Molecule	Molecule Code	Isotope Code	Formula
CO₂	2	627	$^{16}O^{12}C^{17}O$
		638	$^{16}O^{13}C^{18}O$
		637	$^{16}O^{13}C^{17}O$
		828	$^{18}O^{12}C^{18}O$
		728	$^{17}O^{12}C^{18}O$
		727	$^{17}O^{12}C^{17}O$
		838	$^{18}O^{13}C^{18}O$
		738	$^{17}O^{13}C^{18}O$
		737	$^{17}O\ ^{13}C^{17}O$
O₃	3	666	$^{16}O^{16}O^{16}O$
		668	$^{16}O^{16}O^{18}O$
		686	$^{16}O^{18}O^{16}O$
		667	$^{16}O^{16}O^{17}O$
		676	$^{16}O^{17}O^{16}O$
N₂O	4	446	$^{14}N^{14}N^{16}O$
		447	$^{14}N^{14}N^{17}O$
		448	$^{14}N^{14}N^{18}O$
		456	$^{14}N^{15}N^{16}O$
		546	$^{15}N^{14}N^{16}O$
		458	$^{14}N^{14}N^{18}O$
		548	$^{15}N^{14}N^{18}O$
		556	$^{15}N^{15}N^{16}O$
CO	5	26	$^{12}C^{16}O$
		27	$^{12}C^{17}O$
		28	$^{12}C^{18}O$
		36	$^{13}C^{16}O$
		37	$^{13}C^{17}O$
		38	$^{13}C^{18}O$
CH₄	6	211	$^{12}CH_4$
		311	$^{13}CH_4$
O₂	7	66	$^{16}O^{16}O$
		67	$^{16}O^{17}O$
		68	$^{16}O^{18}O$
NO	8	46	$^{14}N^{16}O$
		48	$^{14}N^{18}O$
		56	$^{15}N^{16}O$
SO₂	9	626	$^{32}S^{16}O_2$
		646	$^{34}S^{16}O_2$
NO₂	10	646	$^{14}N^{16}O_2$
NH₃	11	411	$^{14}NH_3$
		511	$^{15}NH_3$
PH₃	12	131	$^{31}PH_3$
		146	$H^{14}N^{16}O$

Molecule	Molecule Code	Isotope Code	Formula
HNO₃	13	**156**	**H^{15}N^{16}O**
OH	14	61	^{16}OH
		62	^{16}OD
		81	^{18}OH
HF	15	19	H^{19}F
HCl	16	15	H^{35}Cl
		17	H^{37}Cl
HBr	17	11	H^{81}Br
		19	H^{79}Br
HI	18	17	H^{127}I
ClO	19	56	^{35}Cl^{16}O
		76	^{37}Cl^{16}O
OCS	20	622	^{16}O^{12}C^{32}S
		623	^{16}O^{12}C^{33}S
		624	^{16}O^{12}C^{34}S
		632	^{16}O^{13}C^{32}S
		634	^{16}O^{13}C^{34}S
		822	^{18}O^{12}C^{32}S
H₂CO	21	126	H$_2$^{12}C^{16}O
		128	H$_2$^{12}C^{18}O
		136	H$_2$^{13}C^{16}O
C₂H₆	22	226	^{12}C$_2$H$_6$
		236	^{12}C^{13}CH$_6$
CH₃D	23	212	^{12}CH$_3$D
		312	^{13}CH$_3$D
C₂H₂	24	221	^{12}C$_2$H$_2$
		231	^{12}C^{13}CH$_2$
C₂H₄	25	211	^{12}C$_2$H$_4$
		311	^{12}C^{13}CH$_4$
GeH₄	26	411	^{74}GeH$_4$
HCN	27	124	H^{12}C^{14}N
		125	H^{13}C^{15}N
		134	H^{13}C^{14}N
		224	D^{12}C^{14}N
C₃H₈	28	221	^{12}C$_3$H$_8$
C₂N₂	29	224	^{12}C$_2$^{14}N$_2$
C₄H₂	30	211	^{12}C$_4$H$_2$
HC₃N	31	124	H^{12}C$_3$^{14}N
HOCl	32	165	H^{16}O^{35}Cl
		167	H^{16}O^{37}Cl
N₂	33	44	^{14}N^{14}N
CH₃Cl	34	215	^{12}CH$_3$^{35}Cl
		217	^{12}CH$_3$^{37}Cl

Molecule	Molecule Code	Isotope Code	Formula
H₂O₂	35	166	$H_2^{16}O^{16}O$
H₂S	36	121	$H_2^{32}S$
		131	$H_2^{33}S$
		141	$H_2^{34}S$
HCOOH	37	261	$H^{12}C^{16}O^{16}OH$
COF₂	38	269	$^{12}C^{16}O^{19}F_2$
SF₆	39	29	$^{32}S^{19}F_6$
C₃H₄	40	341	$^{12}C_3H_4$
HO₂	41	166	$H^{16}O_2$
ClONO₂	42	564	$^{15}Cl^{16}O^{14}N^{16}O_2$
		764	$^{17}Cl^{16}O^{14}N^{16}O_2$
CH₃Br	43	79	$^{12}CH_3^{79}Br$
		81	$^{12}CH_3^{81}Br$
CH₃OH	44	216	$^{12}CH_3^{16}OH$
NO+	45	46	$^{14}N^{16}O+$
HNC	46	142	$H^{14}N^{12}C$
C₆H₆	47	266	$^{12}C_6H_6$
C₂HD	48	122	$^{12}C_2HD$
CF₄	49	291	$^{12}C^{15}F_4$
CH₃CN	50	234	$^{12}CH_3^{12}C^{14}N$
HDO	51	162	$H^{16}OD$
		182	$H^{18}OD$
SO₃	52	26	$^{32}S^{16}O_3$

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