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Methane and water spectroscopic database for TROPOMI/Sentinel-5 Precursor in the 2.3 μ m region

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The ESA project "SEOM-Improved Atmospheric Spectroscopy Databases (IAS)" will improve the spectroscopic database for retrieval of the data products CO, CH_4 , O_3 and SO_2 column amounts measured by the TROPOMI instrument (TROPOspheric Monitoring Instrument) aboard the Sentinel-5 Precursor. The project was launched in February 2014 with 3 years duration extended to 4 years recently. The spectroscopy of CO, CH_4 and O_3 in the 2.3 μ m region is covered first while UV measurements of SO_2 and UV/FIR/IR measurements of ozone will be carried out later.

Measurements were mainly taken with a high resolution Fourier Transform spectrometer combined with a coolable multi reflection cell. Cavity ring down measurements served for validation. The analysis has been completed. A clear improvement can be seen when using the new data for CH₄, H₂O and CO retrieval from ground-based high resolution solar occultation measurements obtained with instrumentation in the TCCON and NDACC network.