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# High-resolution FTIR spectroscopic study of <sup>73</sup>GeH<sub>4</sub> up to 2300 cm<sup>-1</sup>



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#### ABSTRACT

The spectra of germane enriched up to 99.9 % of  $^{73}\text{GeH}_4$  were recorded with a high resolution  $(0.003\,\text{cm}^{-1}\ )$  at different pressures with the Bruker IFS 125HR Fourier transform spectrometer (Nizhny Novgorod, Russia) in the region of 650–4400 cm $^{-1}$  and analyzed in the Dyad and Pentad region. The 9208 transitions belonging to the seven "cold" bands (6987 transitions) of the Dyad and Pentad and to the nine "hot" Dyad–Pentad bands (2221 transitions) were assigned and theoretically analysed in the frame of the effective Hamiltonian model. The obtained set of 68 fitted parameters reproduces the initial 9208 experimental line positions with the  $d_{rms}=2.82\times10^{-4}\,\text{cm}^{-1}$ .

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#### 1. Introduction

The interest in high resolution study of germane infrared spectra is motivated by several reasons. Firstly, high resolution spectra of germane can be interesting for studying the atmospheres of giant gas-planets, such as Jupiter and Saturn (see, e.g., [1–8]), and its presence should be taken into account when studying their atmospheric composition and chemistry. Germane is used for production of high-purity single-crystal germanium which can be used simultaneously as a source of a double beta decay of its nuclei and as a detector of such processes (see, e.g., Ref [9,10]. For all of these reasons, laboratory investigations of high resolution spectra of germane are timely and important.

Germane  ${}^{M}\text{GeH}_4$  in a natural isotopic composition produces complex infrared spectra because of the existence of five stable isotopologues with mass numbers M=70 (20.55%), M=72 (27.37%), M=73 (7.67%), M=74 (36.74%) and M=76 (7.67%). For that reason, laboratory spectroscopic studies of different germane isotopically enriched samples are preferable. Spectra of different isotopologues of germane have been the objects of study over many years. Up to 1972 spectra were recorded at low or medium resolution. High resolution spectra of germane started being reported on 1973 (see, Refs. [11–33]). In this paper we present the results of the joint high–resolution study of all rovibrational bands of  $^{73}\text{GeH}_4$  (isotopically enriched up to 99.9 %) in the region  $650-2300\,\mathrm{cm}^{-1}$  where the Dyad and Pentad are lo-

cated (numerous "hot" Dyad-Pentad transitions belonging to the nine different "hot" bands are also taken into account). The details of our experiment are given in Section 2. In Section 3, the brief theoretical background of our study is presented. Description of the spectra, assignments of transitions and the further theoretical analysis of the experimental data are discussed in Sections 4 and 5.

#### 2. Experimental details

A sample of germane containing 99.9% of the <sup>73</sup>GeH<sub>4</sub> isotopologue was used in the present study. A method of the sample preparation is similar to that described in our previous studies for the <sup>76</sup>GeH<sub>4</sub> isotopologue, Refs [34–36]. Briefly, the sample of germane in natural abundance was synthesized at the Institute of Chemistry of High-Purity Substances of the Russian Academy of Sciences by a reaction between GeCl<sub>4</sub> and sodium borohydride with subsequent purification by the rectification method. Then the sample was enriched with the <sup>73</sup>Ge isotope using the centrifugal method at the Joint Stock Company Production Association Electrochemical Plant, Zelenogorsk, Russia. The enriched sample was repeatedly purified by the rectification method.

Spectra of the gas sample of germane were recorded using a Bruker IFS125HR Fourier transform spectrometer. The experimental details are presented in Table 1. Briefly, the spectrometer was equipped with a Globar source, a KBr beam splitter and liquid nitrogen cooled mercury–cadmium telluride (MCT) and indium antimonide (InSb) detectors. The sample spectra were recorded with a resolution of 0.003 cm<sup>-1</sup> (the resolution due to the maximum op-

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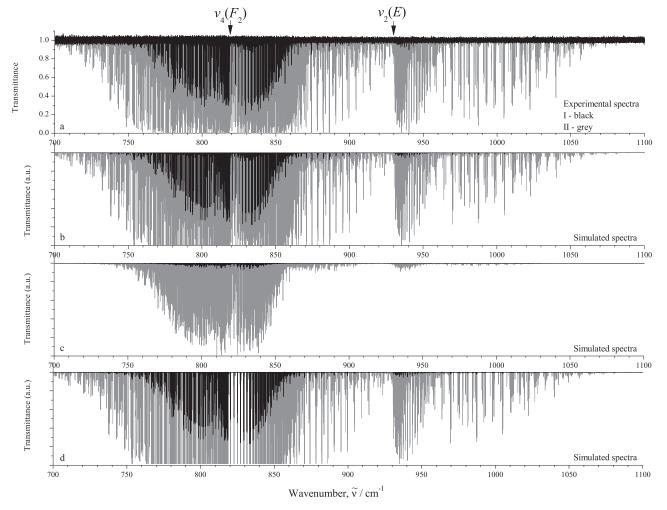


Fig. 1. Survey spectra I and II of  $^{73}$ GeH<sub>4</sub> (upper trace) in the region of 700– $1100\,\mathrm{cm}^{-1}$  (for the experimental conditions, see Table 1). Traces 1b–1d present simulated spectra: trace 1d is the simulated spectrum of the  $\nu_2/\nu_4$  bands; trace 1c is the simulated spectrum of the "hot" Dyad–Pentad bands  $2\nu_4(A_1) - \nu_4$ ,  $2\nu_4(E) - \nu_4$ ,  $2\nu_4(F_2) - \nu_4$ ,  $2\nu_4(F_2) - \nu_4$ ,  $2\nu_4(F_2) - \nu_4$ , and  $2\nu_2(A_1) - \nu_2$ ; and trace 1b is the sum of separate traces 1c and 1d.

Table 1 Experimental setup for the regions  $650-4400\,\mathrm{cm}^{-1}$  of the infrared spectra of  $^{73}\mathrm{GeH_4}$ .

Spectrum	Resolution /cm <sup>-1</sup>	Measuring time/h	No. of scans	Spectral range /cm <sup>-1</sup>	Detector	Beam- splitter	Opt. path- length/m	Aperture /mm	Temp. /ºC	Pressure /Torr
I	0.003	30.2	900	650-2300	MCT	KBr	0.2	1.5	22.0	0.04
II	0.003	36.9	1100	650-2300	MCT	KBr	0.2	1.7	20.8	4.0
III	0.003	33.5	1000	1900-4400	InSb	KBr	3.75	1.0	24.9	0.4
IV	0.003	33.5	1000	1900-4400	InSb	KBr	3.75	1.0	25.3	3.0

tical path difference) in the frequency range  $650-2300\,\mathrm{cm^{-1}}$ . The Norton–Beer (weak) apodization function was applied. To study both strong and weak lines, spectra were recorded at significantly different pressures and optical path lengths. A single–pass 20 cm length cell and a multi–pass White cell were used. A cell was permanently connected to a gas sample vacuum system, a turbo–molecular pump, and capacitance pressure gauges covering the  $10^{-3}-100$  Torr range. The optical compartment of the spectrometer was pumped out by a mechanical pump down to 0.02 Torr (or less) and that pressure remained constant during the experiments.

The final spectra (see Figs. 1 and 3) were obtained by averaging about 1000 scans. In total, four spectra were recorded at two values of optical path length and different pressures. Spectra were calibrated using the most intense and well resolved  $\rm H_2O$  and  $\rm CO_2$  lines from the HITRAN database line list, [37]. After calibration the standard deviation of the difference between the measured and

tabulated peak positions was estimated to be less than  $3\times 10^{-4}$  cm $^{-1}$  .

#### 3. Brief theoretical background

Germane is a spherical top molecule of the  $T_d$  symmetry. This molecule has a tetrahedral structure resulting in one nondegenerate  $(q_1, A_1)$ , one doubly degenerate  $(q_2, E)$ , and two triply degenerate  $(q_3, F_2)$  and  $(q_4, F_2)$  vibrational modes. It is well known (see, e.g., Refs [38–40]) that ro–vibrational states of such molecules are divided into groups (polyads) of more or less isolated states which interact with each other inside of the polyad. In the present paper we deal with the so–called Dyad (two vibrational states, (0001,  $F_2$ ) and (0100, E)) and Pentad (five vibrational states which consist of nine sub–states (0010, E), (1000, E), (0200, E), (0101, E), (

states of the dyad are strongly interacting. The pair of states (0010,  $F_2$ )/(1000,  $A_1$ ) and seven states (0200,  $A_1$ ), (0200, E), (0101,  $F_2$ ), (0101,  $F_1$ ), (0002,  $A_1$ ), (0002, E), (0002,  $F_2$ ) of the Pentad also interact strongly with each other. The analysis shows that interaction of the first two states with the seven overtone/combination states of the Pentad can be neglected for germane.

The high symmetry of the  $GeH_4$  molecule necessitates using a special mathematical formalism (the theory of Irreducible Tensorial Sets, see, e.g., Refs [41–44]) for description of its spectra. Application of the mentioned formalism to the  $XY_4$  ( $T_d$ ) molecules has been discussed in the spectroscopic literature many times (see, e.g., Refs [45–49]). For that reason we present only briefly the main points necessary for understanding the procedure of calculations with the effective Hamiltonian of the  $XY_4$  spherical top molecule.

As is known from general vibration-rotation theory [50–52], the Hamiltonian of an arbitrary polyatomic molecule can be reduced to a set of the so-called effective Hamiltonians, or, in a more general case, to a set of effective operator matrices of the form (it was discussed in the literature many times, see, e.g., [53,54])

$$H^{\nu ib.-rot.} = \sum_{a,b} |a\rangle\langle b| H^{a,b},\tag{1}$$

where  $|a\rangle$  and  $\langle b|$  are the basic vibrational functions; the operators  $H^{a,b}$  depend on the rotational operators  $J_{\alpha}$  only, and summation is performed in all degenerate and/or interacting vibrational states. When, as in our case, a molecule possesses a symmetry, Eq. (1) can be rewritten in the symmetrized form [45–49]:

$$H^{\nu ib.-rot.} = \sum_{\nu\gamma,\nu'\gamma'} \sum_{n\Gamma} [(|\nu\gamma\rangle \otimes \langle \nu'\gamma'|)^{n\Gamma} \otimes H^{n\Gamma}_{\nu\gamma,\nu'\gamma'}]^{A_1}$$

$$\equiv \sum_{\nu\gamma,\nu'\gamma'} \sum_{n\Gamma} \sum_{\Omega K} [(|\nu\gamma\rangle \otimes \langle \nu'\gamma'|)^{n\Gamma} \otimes R^{\Omega(K,n\Gamma)}]^{A_1} Y^{\Omega(K,n\Gamma)}_{\nu\gamma,\nu'\gamma'}. \quad (2)$$

In Eq. (2): (a).  $|\nu\gamma\rangle$  are the symmetrized vibrational functions,  $\gamma$  are symmetries of these functions;  $R^{\Omega(K,n\Gamma)}_{\sigma}$  are symmetrized rotational operators, and  $\Omega$  is the total degree of the rotational operators  $J_{\alpha}$  ( $\alpha=x,y,z$ ) in the individual operator R; K is the rank of this operator (see, e.g., [55]),  $\Gamma$  is its symmetry in the  $T_d$  point symmetry group, and n distinguishes between possible different operators  $R^{\Omega(K,n\Gamma)}_{\sigma}$  having the same values of  $\Omega$ , K and  $\Gamma$ . The sign  $\otimes$  denotes a tensorial product, and the values  $Y^{\Omega(K,n\Gamma)}_{\nu\gamma,\nu'\gamma'}$  are different–type spectroscopic parameters.

(b). The symmetrized rotational operators,  $R_{\sigma}^{\Omega(K,n\Gamma)}$ , are determined as, [55]),

$$R_{\sigma}^{\Omega(K,n\Gamma)} = \sum_{m} {}^{(K)}G_{n\Gamma\sigma}^{m}R_{m}^{\Omega(K)}, \tag{3}$$

where the operators  $R_m^{\Omega(K)}$  are symmetrized in the SO(3) symmetry group rotational operator which can be constructed in accordance with the recurrence relation, [49,55]:

$$R_{\widetilde{m}}^{\Omega+1(K+1)} = \sum_{l=-1,0,1} C_{K\ \widetilde{m}-l,1}^{K+1\ \widetilde{m}} R_{\widetilde{m}-l}^{\Omega(K)} R_{l}^{1(1)}, \tag{4}$$

where  $C_{K\ \widetilde{m}-l,1\ l}^{K+1\ \widetilde{m}}$  are known Clebsh–Gordan coefficients, Ref [43]. The irreducible rotational operators  $R_m^{\Omega(K)}$  with  $K < \Omega$  (in this case, the parity of both  $\Omega$ , and K must be the same, [55]) are constructed as

$$R_m^{\Omega(K)} = R_m^{\Omega = K(K)} (R^{2(0)})^{(\Omega - K)/2},$$
 (5)

where the notation  $R^{2(0)}=(J_x^2+J_y^2+J_z^2)$  is used. In this case, the first order and rank operators,  $R_m^{1(1)}$   $(m=0,\pm 1)$  are determined as

$$R_1^{1(1)} = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(J_x - iJ_y) \equiv -J_+,$$
  

$$R_{-1}^{1(1)} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(J_x + iJ_y) \equiv J_-,$$

$$R_0^{1(1)} = J_z \equiv J_0, \tag{6}$$

where

$$J_{x} = i \frac{\cos \varphi}{\sin \theta} \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial \psi} - \cos \theta \frac{\partial}{\partial \varphi} \right) - i \sin \varphi \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta},$$

$$J_{y} = -i\frac{\sin\varphi}{\sin\theta} \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial\psi} - \cos\theta \frac{\partial}{\partial\varphi} \right) - i\cos\varphi \frac{\partial}{\partial\theta}, \tag{7}$$

and

$$J_z = -i\frac{\partial}{\partial \omega}. (8)$$

The values  ${}^{(K)}G^m_{n\Gamma\sigma}$  in Eq. (3) are so-called reduction matrix elements, which can be found in the literature (see, e.g., [46], [56], [57]).

## 4. Description of the spectra and assignment of transitions

The upper parts of Figs. 1 and 3 presents the survey spectra I (black) and II (grey) in the regions of 700–1100 and 1600–2300 cm<sup>-1</sup> where the bands of the Dyad and Pentad are located. One can see the clearly pronounced strong  $\nu_4$  (Fig. 1) and  $\nu_3/\nu_1$  (Fig. 3) bands and considerably weaker  $\nu_2$  (Fig.1) and  $2\nu_2/\nu_2 + \nu_4/2\nu_4$  (Fig. 3) bands. Numerous strong lines in Fig. 3 belong to H<sub>2</sub>O. Some small fragments of the recorded high resolution spectra are shown at the upper parts of Figs. 2, 4a, 4d and 5.

As was mentioned above, the GeH<sub>4</sub> molecule is a spherical top with a symmetry isomorphic to the T<sub>d</sub> point symmetry group. As a consequence, transitions in absorption are allowed only between vibrational states  $(\nu\Gamma)$  and  $(\nu'\Gamma')$  for which the relation (see, e.g., [58,59])

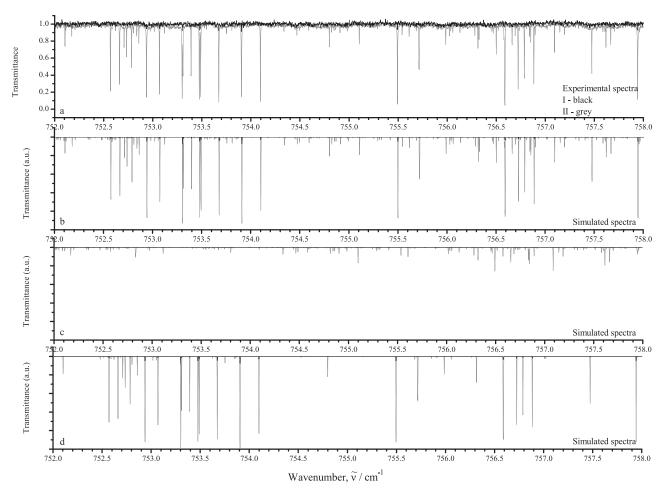
$$\Gamma \otimes \Gamma' \in F_2 \tag{9}$$

is fulfilled. Transitions between the vibrational states which do not satisfy the conditions, Eq. (1), are forbidden by the symmetry of a molecule and can appear in the absorption spectra only because of resonance interactions with the allowed ones.

At the first step of the analysis, which was made with the use of results from [60,61], assignments of transitions with  $J^{max.}=8$  was fulfilled for the "cold" bands. We were able to assigned without doubt transitions in the seven bands:  $\nu_2(E)$ ,  $\nu_4(F_2)$ ,  $\nu_1(A_1)$ ,  $\nu_3(F_2)$ ,  $\nu_2 + \nu_4(F_2)$ ,  $\nu_2 + \nu_4(F_1)$ , and  $2\nu_2(E)$ . The correctness of these assignments was confirmed by the use of numerous ground state combination differences.

The second analysis step consisted of assignments of rovibrational transitions with higher values of the quantum number I of all "cold" bands. In this case, the assignment was made simultaneously with the fit of spectroscopic parameters. Unfortunately, we were not able to assign transitions to the  $2\nu_2(A_1)$  and  $2\nu_4$  bands. As to the seven other "cold" bands, in general, the 6987 transitions with the quantum number  $J^{max.} = 33$  were assigned (see, for details, statistical information in Table 2). That is considerably larger than the number of assigned transitions of the corresponding "cold" bands of the <sup>76</sup>GeH<sub>4</sub> isotopologue in Refs [34–36]. (see Table 2). We would like to mention that 458 transitions of <sup>73</sup>GeH<sub>4</sub> up to  $J^{max.} = 23$  were assigned to the  $v_3(F_2)$  and  $v_1(A_1)$  bands in the recent study of Boudon, et al.[33]. We have been able to extend their work by assigning 3761 transitions up to  $J^{max.} = 33$  in the present study. The list of assigned experimental transitions is presented in the Supplementary materials I, II, and III to this arti-

In the third and final step of analysis of the experimental spectra, transitions were assigned which belong to the eight "hot" Dyad–Pentad bands:  $2\nu_4(A_1) - \nu_4$ ,  $2\nu_4(E) - \nu_4$ ,  $2\nu_4(F_2) - \nu_4$ ,  $\nu_2 + \nu_4(F_2) - \nu_2$ ,  $\nu_2 + \nu_4(F_1) - \nu_2$ ,  $\nu_2 + \nu_4(F_2) - \nu_4$ ,  $\nu_2 + \nu_4(F_1) - \nu_4$ , and  $2\nu_2(A_1) - \nu_2$ . In general, 2221 transitions were assigned,



**Fig. 2.** Fragment of the high resolution spectrum II (trace 2a) of  $^{73}$ GeH<sub>4</sub> in the P-branch region of the  $\nu_4$  band (for the experimental conditions, see Table 1). Traces 2b–2d present simulated spectra: trace 2d is the simulated spectrum of the "hot" Dyad–Pentad bands; trace 2b is the sum of separate traces 2c and 2d.

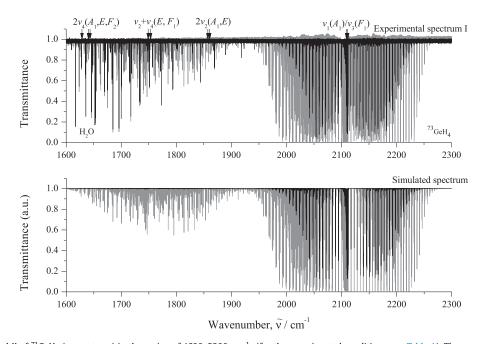
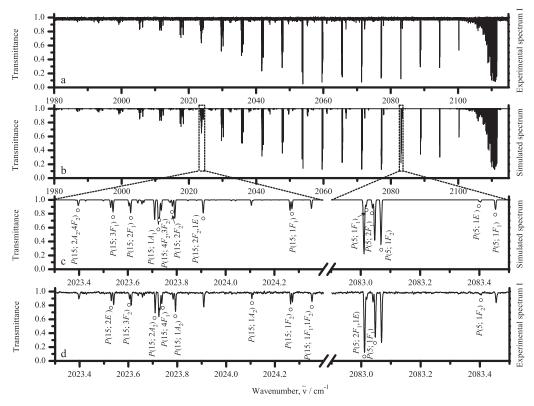
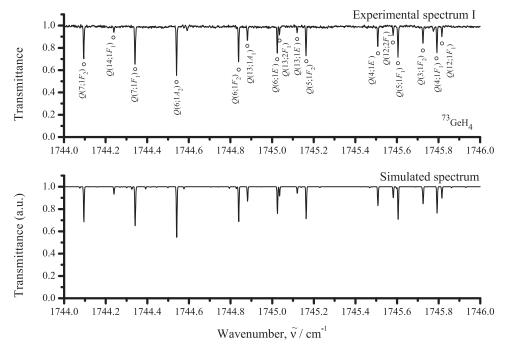


Fig. 3. Survey spectra I and II of <sup>73</sup>GeH<sub>4</sub> (upper trace) in the region of 1600–2300 cm<sup>-1</sup> (for the experimental conditions, see Table 1). The corresponding simulated spectra are presented on the lower part of Fig. 3.



**Fig. 4.** Small parts (Figs. 4 a and d) of the high resolution spectrum I of  $^{73}$ GeH<sub>4</sub> in the P-branch region of the  $\nu_3/\nu_1$  bands with examples of transitions assigned to the  $\nu_3$  band. (for the experimental conditions see Table 1). Figs. 4 b and c present the corresponding simulated spectrum of  $^{73}$ GeH<sub>4</sub> in this region (see text for details).



**Fig. 5.** Small part of the high resolution spectrum II (upper part) of  $^{73}$ GeH<sub>4</sub> in the Q-branch region of the  $v_2 + v_4(F_2)$  band with examples of transitions assigned to this band (for the experimental conditions see Table 1). The lower part of the figure presents the corresponding simulated spectrum.

that is about 2.3 times larger than in the corresponding spectra of  $^{76}\text{GeH}_4$  in Ref [36]. A complete list of the "hot" assigned experimental transitions is added to the Supplementary material I (see also statistical information in Table 2). Adding the "hot" transitions to the "cold" ones has allowed us to obtain upper state

ro-vibrational energy levels for all vibrational states of the Dyad and Pentad. In summary, 3832 ro-vibrational energy values from all eleven upper vibrational states,  $(0001, F_2)$  and (0100, E) of the Dyad and  $(0010, F_2)$ ,  $(1000, A_1)$ ,  $(0200, A_1)$ , (0200, E),  $(0101, F_2)$ ,

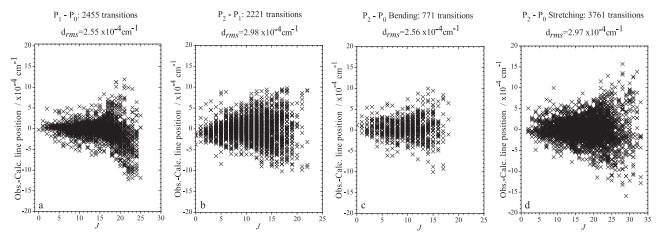


Fig. 6. Observed – calculated line positions and fit statistics for bands studied in the present paper: Figs. 6a–6d correspond to the bands of the Dyad, to the "hot" bands of the Dyad–Pentad, to a set of the bending bands of the Pentad, and to the two stretching bands of the Pentad, respectively.

**Table 2**Statistical information for the Dyad and Pentad of <sup>73</sup>GeH<sub>4</sub>.

Band 1	Center/cm <sup>-1</sup>	J <sup>max</sup>	$N_{tr}^{a}$ 4	m <sub>1</sub> <sup>b</sup> 5	m <sub>2</sub> <sup>b</sup> 6	m3 <sup>b</sup> 7
ν <sub>4</sub> , F <sub>2</sub> <sup>73</sup> GeH <sub>4</sub> tw <sup>c</sup>	820.91109	25	1296	78.9	11.5	9.6
ν <sub>4</sub> , F <sub>2</sub> <sup>76</sup> GeH <sub>4</sub> [34]	820.32700	26	1117			
$v_2$ , E $^{73}$ GeH <sub>4</sub> tw <sup>c</sup>	929.90700	24	1159	78.2	13.2	8.6
ν <sub>2</sub> , Ε <sup>76</sup> GeH <sub>4</sub> [34]	929.91303	23	805			
$v_3$ , $F_2$ <sup>73</sup> GeH <sub>4</sub> tw <sup>c</sup>	2111.35458	33	2714	66.2	20.6	13.2
ν <sub>3</sub> , F <sub>2</sub> <sup>73</sup> GeH <sub>4</sub> [34]	2111.35474	23	458			
ν <sub>3</sub> , F <sub>2</sub> <sup>76</sup> GeH <sub>4</sub> [35]	2110.73231	31	1366	77.5	19.2	3.3
$v_1$ , $A_1^{73}$ GeH <sub>4</sub> tw <sup>c</sup>	2110.70427	28	1047	74.7	17.9	7.4
ν <sub>1</sub> , A <sub>1</sub> <sup>76</sup> GeH <sub>4</sub> [35]	2110.69177	20	445	78.5	16.9	5.6
$v_2 + v_4, F_2$ <sup>73</sup> GeH <sub>4</sub> tw <sup>c</sup>	1748.97477	18	465	72.1	18.9	9.0
$v_2 + v_4$ , $F_2$ <sup>76</sup> GeH <sub>4</sub> [36]	1748.3962	19	793	61.1	27.4	11.5
$v_2 + v_4$ , $F_1$ <sup>73</sup> GeH <sub>4</sub> tw <sup>c</sup>	1753.08488	16	294	70.8	24.1	5.1
$v_2 + v_4$ , $F_1$ <sup>76</sup> GeH <sub>4</sub> [36]	1752.5031	18	699	65.3	24.4	10.3
$2v_2$ , $E^{73}$ GeH <sub>4</sub> tw <sup>c)</sup>	1860.65568	14	12	41.7	50.1	8.2
2ν <sub>2</sub> , Ε <sup>76</sup> GeH <sub>4</sub> [36]	1860.6673	19	503	78.4	13.9	7.7
$2v_4, A_1 - v_4$ <sup>73</sup> GeH <sub>4</sub> tw <sup>c</sup>	807.73698	19	268	66.3	18.2	15.5
$2v_4, A_1 - v_4$ <sup>76</sup> GeH <sub>4</sub> [36]		11	76	76.3	17.1	6.6
$2v_4$ , $E - v_4$ $^{73}$ GeH <sub>4</sub> tw <sup>c</sup>	822.39494	19	171	70.8	15.8	13.4
$2v_4$ , $E - v_4$ <sup>76</sup> GeH <sub>4</sub> [36]		15	52			
$2v_4, F_2 - v_4$ <sup>73</sup> GeH <sub>4</sub> tw <sup>c</sup>	819.50097	22	665	60.8	22.7	16.5
$2v_4, F_2 - v_4$ <sup>76</sup> GeH <sub>4</sub> [36]		15	206			
$v_2 + v_4, F_2 - v_2$ <sup>73</sup> GeH <sub>4</sub> tw <sup>c</sup>	819.06777	19	399	64.5	25.1	10.4
$v_2 + v_4, F_2 - v_2$ <sup>76</sup> GeH <sub>4</sub> [36]		15	236			
$v_2 + v_4, F_1 - v_2$ <sup>73</sup> GeH <sub>4</sub> tw <sup>c</sup>	823.17788	19	394	68.6	21.0	10.4
$v_2 + v_4, F_1 - v_2$ <sup>76</sup> GeH <sub>4</sub> [36]		15	179			
$v_2 + v_4, F_2 - v_4$ <sup>73</sup> GeH <sub>4</sub> tw <sup>c</sup>	928.06368	16	133	62.0	27.3	10.7
$v_2 + v_4, F_2 - v_4$ <sup>76</sup> GeH <sub>4</sub> [36]		16	119			
$v_2 + v_4$ , $F_1 - v_4$ <sup>73</sup> GeH <sub>4</sub> tw <sup>c</sup>	932.17379	17	69	58.0	33.3	8.7
$v_2 + v_4, F_1 - v_4$ <sup>76</sup> GeH <sub>4</sub> [36]		15	45			
$2v_2, A_1 - v_2$ <sup>73</sup> GeH <sub>4</sub> S tw <sup>c</sup>	1857.260697	14	8	50.0	37.5	12.5
$2v_2$ , $E - v_2$ $^{73}$ GeH <sub>4</sub> tw <sup>c</sup>	1857.260697	19	114	76.3	18.4	5.3
$2v_2$ , $E - v_2$ <sup>73</sup> GeH <sub>4</sub> tw [36]		17	81			

 $<sup>^{\</sup>rm a}$   $N_{tr}$  is the number of assigned transitions.

(0101,  $F_1$ ), (0002,  $A_1$ ), (0002, E) and (0002,  $F_2$ ) of the Dyad and Pentad were obtained.

#### 5. Parameters of the effective Hamiltonian

All the 9208 experimental transitions discussed in the before section were used as the initial information in the weighted fit procedure of determination of the effective Hamiltonian, Eq. (2), parameters. The results of the fit are presented in column 4 of Table 3 together with their  $1\sigma$  confidence statistical intervals (the

latter are given in parentheses). Parameters in Table 3, which are shown without parentheses, have been constrained to the corresponding values of parameters of the  $^{76}\text{GeH}_4$  species from Refs [34–36]. Correctness of the obtained results is confirm by the fact that 68 parameters, obtained from the fit in the present study, reproduce the 9208 initial experimental line positions with the  $d_{rms}=2.82\times10^{-4}~\text{cm}^{-1}$ . Columns 5 of the Supplementary materials present the values of differences  $\delta=(\nu^{exp.}-\nu^{calc.})$  in units of  $10^{-4}~\text{cm}^{-1}$  between the experimental line positions and ones calculated with the parameters from Table 3; and Fig. 6 shows the fit

b Here  $m_i = n_i/N_{tr} \times 100\%$  (i = 1, 2, 3);  $n_1, n_2$ , and  $n_3$  are the numbers of transitions for which the differences  $\delta = \nu^{\rm exp} - \nu^{\rm calc}$  satisfy the conditions  $\delta \le 2 \times 10^{-4}$  cm<sup>-1</sup>,  $2 \times 10^{-4}$  cm<sup>-1</sup>  $< \delta \le 4 \times 10^{-4}$  cm<sup>-1</sup>, and  $\delta > 4 \times 10^{-4}$  cm<sup>-1</sup>, respectively.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>c</sup> The "tw" means "this work".

**Table 3** Spectroscopic parameters  $Y^{\Omega(K,n\Gamma)}_{p_{V},p',p'}$  of the Dyad and Pentad of  $^{73}\text{GeH}_4$  (in cm<sup>-1</sup>) $^a$ ).

(ν, γ) 1	(ν', γ') 2	$\Omega(K, n\Gamma)$	<sup>73</sup> GeH <sub>4</sub> 4	(ν, γ) 1	(ν', γ') 2	$\Omega(K, n\Gamma)$	<sup>73</sup> GeH <sub>4</sub> 4
$(0000, A_1)$	$(0000, A_1)$	2(0, A <sub>1</sub> )	2.69586298(11)		(0101, F <sub>2</sub> )	$3(1, F_1)10^4$	-0.18456
	$(0000, A_1)$	$4(0, A_1)10^4$	-0.3341682		$(0101, F_2)$	$3(3, F_1)10^4$	-0.14931
	$(0000, A_1)$	$4(4, A_1)10^5$	-0.1547079	$(0101, F_1)$	$(0002, A_1)$	$1(1, F_1)$	0.0654326(76)
	$(0000, A_1)$	$6(0, A_1)10^8$	0.114368	$(0101, F_1)$	(0002, E)	$1(1, F_1)10^3$	0.2899(58)
	$(0000, A_1)$	$6(4, A_1)10^{10}$	-0.51075	$(0101, F_1)$	$(0002, F_2)$	$1(1, F_1)10^2$	-0.11623(61)
	$(0000, A_1)$	$6(6, A_1)10^{10}$	-0.15638		$(0002, F_2)$	$2(2, E)10^3$	0.15405(14)
(0100, E)	(0100, E)	$0(0, A_1)$	929.9070022(47)		$(0002, F_2)$	$2(2, F_2)10^5$	0.1592(11)
	(0100, E)	$2(2, E)10^{1}$	-0.10788781		$(0002, F_2)$	$3(1, F_2)10^5$	-0.2948(15)
	(0100, E)	$3(3, A_2)10^4$	0.22618		$(0002, F_2)$	$3(3, A_2)10^5$	0.3359
	(0100, E)	$4(0, A_1)10^6$	-0.4052		$(0002, F_2)$	$3(3, F_1)10^5$	-0.9951
	(0100, E)	$4(2, E)10^6$	-0.31077		$(0002, F_2)$	$3(3, F_2)10^6$	0.692(13)
	(0100, E)	$4(4, A_1)10^7$	0.134	$(0101, F_2)$	$(0002, A_1)$	$2(2, F_2)10^3$	0.3879
	(0100, E)	$4(4, E)10^6$	-0.12583		$(0002, A_1)$	$3(3, F_2)10^5$	-0.2096(17)
(0100, E)	$(0001, F_2)$	$1(1, F_1)$	-4.507623(21)	$(0101, F_2)$	(0002, E)	$3(1, F_1)10^4$	-0.14428(13)
	$(0001, F_2)$	$2(2, F_2)$	-0.02129422(14)	$(0101, F_2)$	$(0002, F_2)$	$0(0, A_1)$	-4.301686(78)
	$(0001, F_2)$	$3(1, F_1)10^3$	-0.1179267		$(0002, F_2)$	$1(1, F_1)$	0.0257799(46)
	$(0001, F_2)$	$3(3, F_2)10^4$	0.138096		$(0002, F_2)$	$2(0, A_1)10^3$	0.63352
	$(0001, F_2)$	$4(2, F_2)10^6$	-0.2122		$(0002, F_2)$	$2(2, E)10^4$	-0.2856
	$(0001, F_2)$	$4(4, F_1)10^6$	-0.18552		$(0002, F_2)$	$3(1, F_1)10^5$	-0.13438(87)
	$(0001, F_2)$	$4(4, F_2)10^6$	-0.209879		$(0002, F_2)$	$3(3, F_2)10^4$	0.14725
	$(0001, F_2)$	$5(1, F_1)10^8$	-0.23013	$(0002, A_1)$	$(0002, A_1)$	$0(0, A_1)$	-13.043719(13)
	$(0001, F_2)$	$5(3, F_1)10^8$	0.13677		$(0002, A_1)$	$2(0, A_1)10^4$	0.1675(15)
	$(0001, F_2)$	$5(3, F_2)10^9$	0.5885	$(0002, A_1)$	(0002, E)	$2(2, E)10^3$	0.215498(83)
$(0001, F_2)$	$(0001, F_2)$	$0(0, A_1)$	820.9110861(57)	$(0002, A_1)$	$(0002, F_2)$	$2(2, F_2)10^3$	-0.300740(76)
	$(0001, F_2)$	$1(1, F_1)$	6.3819626(18)		$(0002, F_2)$	$3(3, F_2)10^4$	0.10079(13)
	$(0001, F_2)$	$2(0, A_1)10^2$	0.1070517(47)	(0002, E)	(0002, E)	$0(0, A_1)$	1.4839987(98)
	$(0001, F_2)$	$2(2, E)10^2$	-0.1504833(70)	(, -,	(0002, E)	$2(2, E)10^3$	-0.521560(94)
	$(0001, F_2)$	$2(2, F_2)$	-0.010695948(64)		(0002, E)	$3(3, A_2)10^4$	0.10591
	$(0001, F_2)$	$3(1, F_1)10^4$	0.704118(53)	(0002, E)	$(0002, F_2)$	$1(1, F_1)$	0.0302548(15)
	$(0001, F_2)$	$3(3, F_1)10^4$	-0.479437(47)	(, -,	$(0002, F_2)$	$2(2, F_2)10^3$	-0.600092(74)
	$(0001, F_2)$	$4(0, A_1)10^6$	-0.3653		$(0002, F_2)$	$3(1, F_1)10^6$	-0.3530
	$(0001, F_2)$	$4(2, F_2)10^6$	-0.3519		$(0002, F_2)$	$3(3, F_1)10^5$	-0.1960
	$(0001, F_2)$	$4(4, A_1)10^7$	-0.6407		$(0002, F_2)$	$3(3, F_1)10^5$	-0.5111
	$(0001, F_2)$	$5(1, F_1)10^8$	0.25953	$(0002, F_2)$	$(0002, F_2)$	$0(0, A_1)$	-1.2393934(83)
	$(0001, F_2)$	$5(3, F_1)10^8$	-0.16967	(0002, 12)	$(0002, F_2)$	$1(1, F_1)$	-0.0330830(82)
	$(0001, F_2)$	$6(0, A_1)10^{10}$	0.4276		$(0002, F_2)$	$2(0, A_1)10^4$	-0.1478
(0200, A <sub>1</sub> )	$(0200, A_1)$	$0(0, A_1)$	-2.6836900		$(0002, F_2)$	$2(2, E)10^3$	0.1190
(0200, 11)	$(0200, A_1)$	$2(0, A_1)10^3$	-0.4716		$(0002, F_2)$	$2(2, F_2)10^3$	0.58844(12)
$(0200, A_1)$	(0200, E)	$2(2, E)10^3$	-0.259660(13)		$(0002, F_2)$	$3(1, F_1)10^6$	-0.3567(67)
(0200, F <sub>1</sub> )	(0200, E)	$0(0, A_1)$	0.841533(13)		$(0002, F_2)$	$3(3, F_1)10^5$	-0.5775
(0200, E)	(0200, E)	$2(2, E)10^3$	0.3393	$(1000, A_1)$	$(1000, A_1)$	$0(0, A_1)$	2110.7042698(81)
	(0200, E)	$3(3, A_2)10^5$	0.26045	(1000,111)	$(1000, A_1)$	$2(0, A_1)10^2$	-1.7988113(64)
$(0200, A_1)$	$(0101, F_2)$	$2(2, F_2)10^3$	-0.1180		$(1000, A_1)$	$4(0, A_1)10^6$	0.17727(11)
(0200, F <sub>1</sub> )	$(0101, F_1)$	$1(1, F_1)$	0.0267431(55)		$(1000, A_1)$	$4(4, A_1)10^8$	-0.4386(13)
(0200, L)	$(0101, F_1)$	$2(2, F_2)10^3$	-0.21017	$(1000, A_1)$	$(0010, F_1)$	$2(2, F_2)10^2$	-0.8095009(36)
	$(0101, F_1)$ $(0101, F_1)$	$3(3, F_2)10^5$	-0.4234	(1000, 711)	$(0010, F_2)$ $(0010, F_2)$	$3(3, F_2)10^5$	-0.170815(52)
(0200, E)	$(0101, F_1)$ $(0101, F_2)$	$1(1, F_1)$	0.0317455(20)		$(0010, F_2)$	$4(2, F_2)10^6$	-0.111586(27)
(0200, L)	$(0101, F_2)$ $(0101, F_2)$	$3(1, F_1)10^5$	-0.4543		$(0010, F_2)$	$4(4, F_2)10^6$	-0.111386(27)
$(0200, A_1)$	(0101, 12) $(0002, A_1)$	$0(0, A_1)$	-5.45804(21)		$(0010, F_2)$ $(0010, F_2)$	$5(5, F_2)10^9$	0.2873
(0200, 71])	$(0002, A_1)$	$2(0, A_1)10^3$	0.52441(79)	$(0010, F_2)$	$(0010, F_2)$	$0(0, A_1)$	2111.3545845(41)
(0200, E)	$(0002, R_1)$ $(0002, E)$	$0(0, A_1)$	0.176567(95)	(0010, 12)	$(0010, F_2)$ $(0010, F_2)$	$1(1, F_1)$	-0.55907227(74
(0200, E)		$2(2, E)10^3$				$2(0, A_1)$	-0.014700452(2
(0200 E)	(0002, E)		0.46393(32)		$(0010, F_2)$ $(0010, F_2)$	$2(0, A_1)$ $2(2, E)10^2$	
(0200, E)	$(0002, F_2)$	$1(1, F_1)$	0.230860		,		0.2263509(33)
(0101 E )	$(0002, F_2)$	$3(1, F_1)10^5$	-0.3016		$(0010, F_2)$	$2(2, F_2)10^2$	-0.4472682(18)
$(0101, F_1)$	$(0101, F_1)$	$0(0, A_1)$	2.2667942(74)		$(0010, F_2)$	$3(1, F_1)10^5$	-0.75253(13)
	$(0101, F_1)$	$1(1, F_1)$	-0.0510521		$(0010, F_2)$	$3(3, F_1)10^5$	-0.65737(12)
	$(0101, F_1)$	$2(0, A_1)10^5$	-0.5090(59)		$(0010, F_2)$	$4(0, A_1)10^8$	0.3970(37)
(0101, F <sub>1</sub> )	$(0101, F_1)$	$2(2, F_2)10^3$	-0.7694		$(0010, F_2)$	$4(2, E)10^7$	0.91672(28)
	$(0101, F_2)$	$1(1, F_1)$	-0.0564385(23)		$(0010, F_2)$	$4(2, F_2)10^7$	-0.6775
	$(0101, F_2)$	$2(2, E)10^4$	0.7774		$(0010, F_2)$	$4(4, A_1)10^7$	0.10694
	$(0101, F_2)$	$2(2, F_2)10^3$	0.79071		$(0010, F_2)$	4(4, E)10 <sup>7</sup>	0.1407
/a.a ·	$(0101, F_2)$	$3(1, F_1)10^5$	-0.58181		$(0010, F_2)$	$4(4, F_2)10^6$	-0.20740
$(0101, F_2)$	$(0101, F_2)$	$0(0, A_1)$	-2.0140333(86)		$(0010, F_2)$	$5(1, F_1)10^9$	-0.558
	$(0101, F_2)$	$1(1, F_1)$	-0.548272(85)		$(0010, F_2)$	$5(3, F_1)10^9$	-0.18787(90)
	$(0101, F_2)$	$2(0, A_1)10^3$	-0.37902		$(0010, 1F_2)$	$5(5, F_1)10^9$	0.34126(60)
	$(0101, F_2)$	$2(2, E)10^3$	0.3357		$(0010, 3F_2)$	$5(5, F_1)10^9$	-0.66037(99)
	$(0101, F_2)$	$2(2, F_2)10^3$	-0.8515				

a) Values in parentheses are  $1\sigma$  statistical confidence intervals. Parameters presented without confidence intervals were constrained to the values of corresponding parameters of the  $^{76}$ GeH<sub>4</sub> isotopologue from Ref. [35].

statistics for the studied bands. Figs. 1b–1d and 2b–2d, lower part of Fig. 3, and Figs. 4b, 4c show the simulated spectra which correspond to the experimental spectra presented in the same figures (one can see a good correspondence between the experimental and simulated spectra). It is necessary to remark that in the procedure of spectral simulation (with the exception of the  $\nu_3/\nu_1$  bands) we calculated only the relative line strengths. For the  $\nu_3/\nu_1$  bands, absolute line strengths were calculated with the effective dipole moment parameters from Ref [33]. In all simulations a Doppler line profile was used.

#### 6. Conclusion

In the present study we have recorded high resolution spectra and analyzed these spectra for the  $^{73}$ GeH $_4$  molecule in the region of its Dyad and Pentad. The 6987 transitions of the seven "cold" bands and 2221 "hot" bands of  $^{73}$ GeH $_4$  were assigned. That is considerably larger in comparison with reported literature data on any isotopologue of germane. On that basis, 3832 ro–vibrational energy values from all eleven upper vibrational states, (0001,  $F_2$ ) and (0100, E) of the Dyad plus (0010,  $F_2$ ), (1000,  $A_1$ ), (0200,  $A_1$ ), (0200, E), (0101,  $F_2$ ), (0101,  $F_1$ ), (0002,  $A_1$ ), (0002, E) and (0002, E) of the Pentad were obtained. The 9208 experimental line positions were used then in the fit of parameters of the effective Hamiltonian, Eq. (1). The obtained set of 68 parameters reproduces the 9208 initial experimental line positions with the  $d_{rms} = 2.82 \times 10^{-4}$  cm $^{-1}$ .

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