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Note added after first publication: This Supplementary Information file is provided in addition to those published on 12th November 2015, and clarifies the parameterisation presented in the main article.

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## Clarification of parameterisation

The general form of the parameterisation includes several values that are themselves functions of temperature and pressure.

$$\begin{aligned}\mu_S(T, P) = & \frac{1}{2} \left( \operatorname{erfc} \left( \frac{T - T_{tr}}{w} \right) \right) \frac{\mu_{S8}}{8} \\ & + \frac{1}{2} \left( \operatorname{erf} \left( \frac{T - T_{tr}}{w} \right) + 1 \right) \frac{\mu_{S2}}{2} \\ & - a \exp \left( - \frac{(T - (T_{tr} - b))^2}{2c^2} \right)\end{aligned}$$

where  $T_{tr}$  and  $a$  are represented by the polynomials in  $\log_{10}(P/\text{Pa})$

$$\begin{aligned}T_{tr} = & \sum_i x_{Ttr,i} \left( \log_{10} \left( \frac{P}{\text{Pa}} \right) \right)^i \\ a = & a_0 + a_1 \log_{10} \left( \frac{P}{\text{Pa}} \right) + a_2 \left( \log_{10} \left( \frac{P}{\text{Pa}} \right) \right)^2,\end{aligned}$$

and  $\mu_{S8}$ ,  $\mu_{S2}$  are pressure-corrected polynomials in  $T$

$$\begin{aligned}\mu_{S8} = & \sum_i x_{S8,i} T^i + kT \ln \frac{P}{P_{\text{ref}}}, \\ \mu_{S2} = & \sum_i x_{S2,i} T^i + kT \ln \frac{P}{P_{\text{ref}}}\end{aligned}$$

where  $P_{\text{ref}}$  is  $10^5$  Pa.

Tabulated values are given below in two systems of units. In all cases the group  $\frac{P}{\text{Pa}}$  is equal to the pressure in Pascals. If calculating the properties for a basis of one mole of S atoms (i.e. in  $\text{J mol}^{-1}$ ) then  $k$  is the gas constant  $R = 8.314 \text{ J mol}^{-1} \text{ K}^{-1}$ . For a basis of one atom  $k$  should be set to the Boltzmann constant  $k_B = 8.617 \text{ E-5 eV K}^{-1}$ .

Parameter	Value	units	Value	units
xS8,0	7.352E+04	J mol <sup>-1</sup>	7.620E-01	eV atom <sup>-1</sup>
xS8,1	-2.370E+02	J mol <sup>-1</sup> / K	-2.457E-03	eV atom <sup>-1</sup> / K
xS8,2	-3.871E-01	J mol <sup>-1</sup> / K <sup>2</sup>	-4.012E-06	eV atom <sup>-1</sup> / K <sup>2</sup>
xS8,3	1.744E-04	J mol <sup>-1</sup> / K <sup>3</sup>	1.808E-09	eV atom <sup>-1</sup> / K <sup>3</sup>
xS8,4	-3.676E-08	J mol <sup>-1</sup> / K <sup>4</sup>	-3.810E-13	eV atom <sup>-1</sup> / K <sup>4</sup>
xS2,0	1.165E+05	J mol <sup>-1</sup>	1.207E+00	eV atom <sup>-1</sup>
xS2,1	-1.783E+02	J mol <sup>-1</sup> / K	-1.848E-03	eV atom <sup>-1</sup> / K
xS2,2	-8.265E-02	J mol <sup>-1</sup> / K <sup>2</sup>	-8.566E-07	eV atom <sup>-1</sup> / K <sup>2</sup>
xS2,3	3.860E-05	J mol <sup>-1</sup> / K <sup>3</sup>	4.001E-10	eV atom <sup>-1</sup> / K <sup>3</sup>
xS2,4	-8.350E-09	J mol <sup>-1</sup> / K <sup>4</sup>	-8.654E-14	eV atom <sup>-1</sup> / K <sup>4</sup>
xTtr,0	5.077E+02	K		
xTtr,1	7.272E+01	K		
xTtr,2	-8.295E+00	K		
xTtr,3	1.828E+00	K		
a <sub>0</sub>	1.414E+03	J mol <sup>-1</sup>	1.465E-02	eV atom <sup>-1</sup>
a <sub>1</sub>	-2.041E+02	J mol <sup>-1</sup>	-2.115E-03	eV atom <sup>-1</sup>
a <sub>2</sub>	6.663E+01	J mol <sup>-1</sup>	6.905E-04	eV atom <sup>-1</sup>
b	10	K		
c	80	K		
w	100	K		