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LOW-TEMPERATURE RESONANCE RAMAN SCATTERING IN $\text{KClO}_4:\text{MnO}_4^-$

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1. Introduction

The resonance Raman scattering spectra (RRS) of a small impurity molecule in a crystal host seem to be a rather simple case suitable for a quantitative comparison with the theory [1-4]. In general accordance with the theory the RRS spectra of I_3^- , Se_2^- , MnO_4^{2-} and MnO_4^- molecules in alkali halide crystals [5-9] on excitations within the molecular absorption band have been observed to contain sequences of overtones of a totally symmetric molecular mode. Also the intensities of RRS lines reveal nonmonotonic irregular dependence on the scattering order and are strictly dependent on the excitation frequency. The qualitative agreement with the calculated probabilities of RRS transitions has been achieved within the frames of a simple model [10], which considers a single excited electronic state, and a scattering, concerning a single totally symmetric vibrational mode represented by a harmonic oscillator. The same mode forms a progression of vibronic bands in the absorption, which is due to the shift of the oscillator's equilibrium distance on the electronic transition. In the Condon approximation RRS line intensities are governed by the Franck-Condon principle and can be calculated easily. The best agreement with the calculations has been obtained by R. J. H. Clark and B. Stewart [11] for the MnO_4^- ion doped into KClO_4 . The resonance Raman excitation profiles (REP) have been measured for the lines of $\nu_1(A_1)$, $2\nu_1$ and $3\nu_1$, at 300 K and found to be very close to the calculated ones throughout the entire range of the ${}^1T_2 \leftarrow {}^1A_1$ absorption band, also taking into account the oscillator frequency shift.

The RRS and REP should be highly sensitive to electron-vibrational interactions in the molecule [12], and, therefore, the observed accordance between the experimental results and calculations based on the Franck-Condon scattering mechanism, which does not include any vibronic coupling, seems rather disappointing.

On the other hand, for S_2^- in KI the intensities of the molecular mode overtones measured at 5 K and excitation in resonance with the degenerated ${}^2\Pi_u \leftarrow {}^2\Pi_g$ electronic transition were in a drastic disagreement with the simple model calculations [13]. The molecular absorption band of S_2^- at LHe temperature possess the structure of narrow non-phonon lines (NPL) and phonon sidebands, and on tuning the excitation frequency over the NPL we have observed a minimum (an antiresonance) in the low-temperature REP at the NPL frequency [14]. It was expected that the validity of the simple model for the totally symmetric mode of a degenerated electronic state was connected with the presence of the broad, overlapping vibronic bands in absorption.

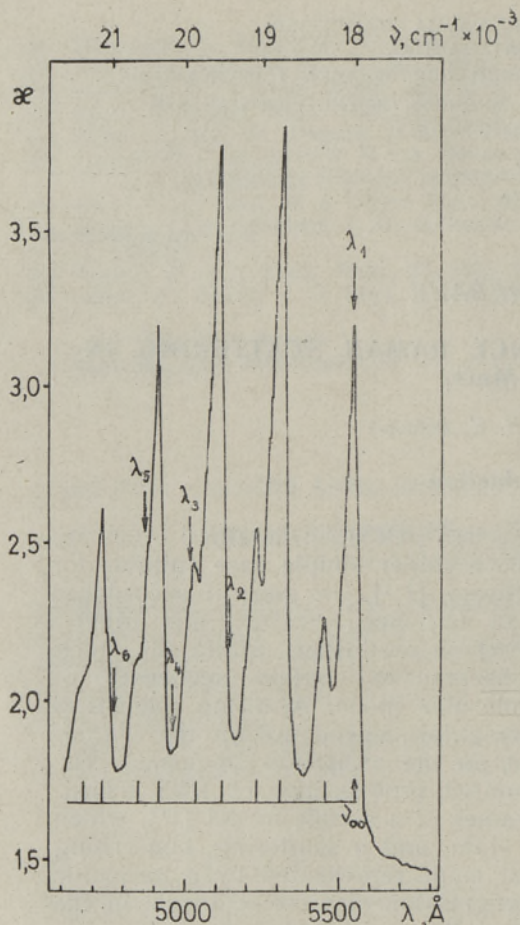


Fig. 1. Unpolarized absorption band of ${}^1T_2 \leftarrow {}^1A_1$ transition of MnO_4^- impurity ion in the $KClO_4$ crystal at 5 K. The arrows λ_1 to λ_6 represent the laser lines used for the excitations.

The excitation was performed by the lines of an argon ion laser (Spectra Physics model 171) and by a dye laser on Rhodamin 110. The position of various excitations in the molecular absorption band is shown in Fig. 1. The laser beam was directed at $\sim 30^\circ$ angle to the crystal surface and the reflected beam was recorded to control the change of the reflection coefficient on a possible crystal surface damage under excitation. To decrease the destruction of the crystal surface, the laser power (measured on the input cryostat window) was kept 60–70 mW. The spectra were recorded in the 90° geometry from the same crystal surface with a double spectrometer Spex 1402 with holographic gratings of 1800 mm^{-1} . The signal was detected with a photon counting system and multichannel analyzer LP 4900.

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To understand better the complexities arising in low-temperature RRS spectra we have studied in this work the RRS spectra of MnO_4^- in $KClO_4$ at 5 K at different excitation frequencies. This system was chosen because its adiabatic potentials and Franck-Condon overlapping integrals had been calculated in [11] and the results corresponded to the high temperature experimental data. At 6 K the ${}^1T_2 \leftarrow {}^1A_1$ absorption band of MnO_4^- reveals an additional structure, which is due to the splitting of the degenerated electronic state by the crystal field of C_s symmetry and to the low symmetry molecular vibrations of $\nu_2(E)$ and $\nu_3(F_2)$ [15].

On a resonance excitation the low-temperature spectrum should contain, besides the RRS, other components of resonant secondary emission: ordinary luminescence (OL) and hot luminescence (HL) [16]. For MnO_4^- no luminescence has been reported. The search for nontotally symmetric modes and their overtones in the RRS spectrum is also of interest, because their appearance will evidence that the vibronic coupling takes place [12].

2. Experimental

Single crystals of about $2 \times 2 \times 3 \text{ mm}^3$ size were grown from a water solution of $KClO_4$ with 5 mol% of $KMnO_4$.*

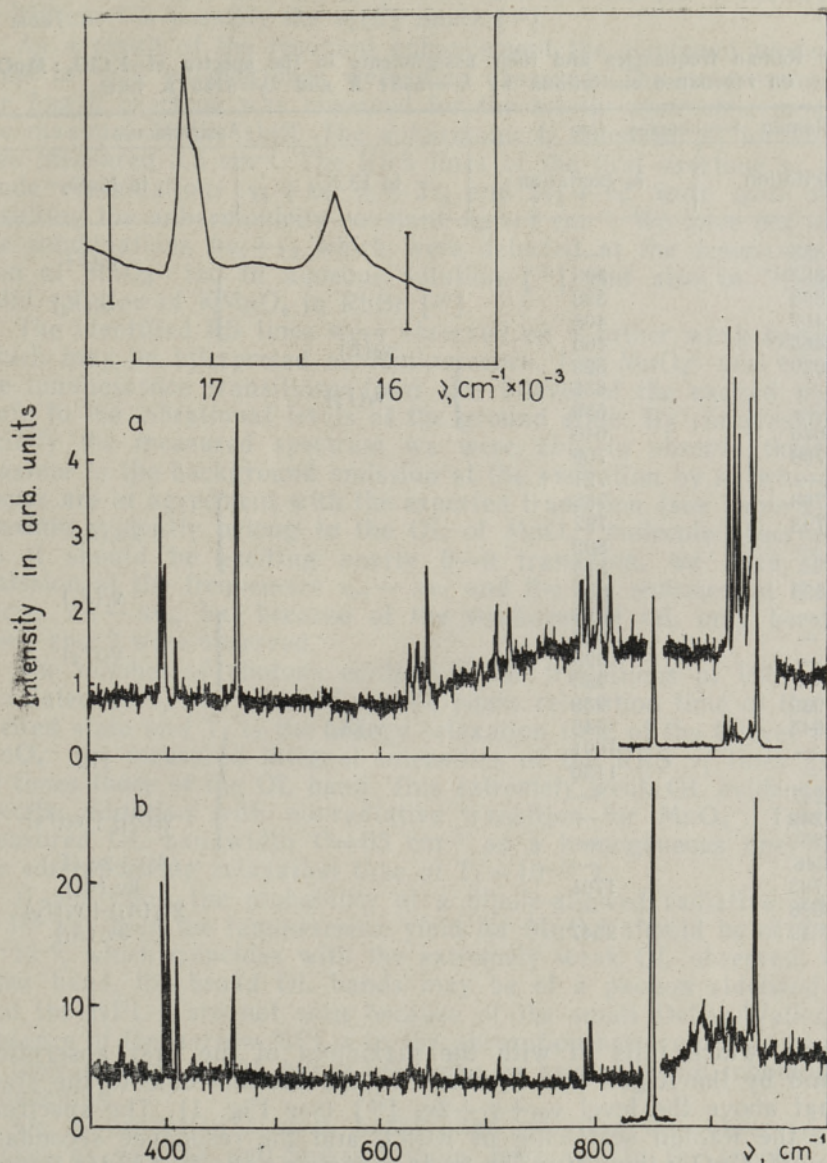


Fig. 2. A part of the first order Raman scattering spectra of $\text{KClO}_4:\text{MnO}_4^-$ at 5 K under the excitations $\lambda_2=5145 \text{ \AA}$ (a) and $\lambda_1=5531 \text{ \AA}$ (b). The intensities of (a) and (b) are normalized to the intensity of the nonresonant ν_1 mode of KClO_4 . The structure of a weak luminescence got by a compressing the absciss coordinate from the spectrum (a) without Raman lines is shown in insert (the noise level is indicated).

The measured integral intensities of Raman lines on different excitations were corrected to the instrumental response and compared with the intensity of the $\nu_1(A_1)$ fundamental of the KClO_4 host crystal.

The absorption spectrum was recorded by using an Acta MVII.

3. Results and discussions

The full secondary emission spectrum of the crystal of $\text{KClO}_4:\text{MnO}_4^-$ was recorded at 5 K under two excitations: by the line λ_1 of the dye

Measured Raman frequencies and their assignments in the spectra of $\text{KClO}_4:\text{MnO}_4^-$ on resonance excitations by $\lambda_1=5531 \text{ \AA}$ and $\lambda_2=5145 \text{ \AA}$ lines

Raman frequencies (cm^{-1})		Assignments	
λ_1 -excitation	λ_2 -excitation	to KClO_4	to MnO_4^-
355	—		$\nu_2(E)$
393	395		} $\nu_4(F_2)$
396	398		
407	408		
465	466	$\nu_2(E)$	
629	629	} $\nu_4(F_2)$	
—	636		
—	639		
646	646		
708	709		
—	721		
788	786		} $2\nu_4(F_2)$
793	792		
—	802		
—	813		
853	853		$\nu_1(A_1)$
—	916		} $\nu_3(F_2)$
—	922		
—	925		
—	930		
939	939	+ $\nu_1(A_1)$	
945	945		
—	1091		} HL
—	1130		
1247	—		} $\nu_1(A_1) + \nu_4(F_2)$
1249	—		
1259	—		
1646	—		$\nu_1(A_1) + 2\nu_4(F_2)$
1703	1701		$2\nu_1(A_1)$
2098	—		$2\nu_1(A_1) + \nu_4(F_2)$
2549	2547		$3\nu_1(A_1)$

generation, which falls in with the maximum of the first absorption band, and by the Argon line λ_2 which brings the molecule to the state somewhat above the level $\nu_{00} + \nu_1 + 2\nu_3$ [15] (see Fig. 1). The spectrum contains the Raman scattering of KClO_4 and the resonance secondary emission of MnO_4^- impurity. The parts containing the first-order Raman scattering are shown in Fig. 2, and the frequencies of all detected Raman lines are given in Table 1.

The fundamentals of infrared and Raman active crystal vibrations for KClO_4 in the low-temperature phase of the symmetry $D_{2h}^{16}(z=4)$ were discussed in [17]. According to [17], the strong line at 945 cm^{-1} pertains to the $\nu_1(A_1)$ intramolecular stretching mode of ClO_4^- and we use it as an internal intensity standard. We observed an unsplit line at the frequency of $\nu_2(E)$ and three crystal-field-split lines of $\nu_4(F_2)$ mode but we observed no lines in the region of $\nu_3(F_2)$. One extra line near ν_1 mode at 939 cm^{-1} possibly belongs to nonequivalent groups of ClO_4^- in the crystal cell.

The lines belonging to MnO_4^- were interpreted on the basis of the available fundamental modes of MnO_4^- measured in infrared spectra of alkali halide pellets doped with KMnO_4 [18]. We observed $\nu_1(A_1)$ mode at 853 cm^{-1} , three components of the asymmetric bending mode $\nu_4(F_2)$ at 395 , 398 , and 408 cm^{-1} , and three components of the asym-

metric stretching mode $\nu_3(F_2)$ at 916, 922, and 925 cm^{-1} . The weak line at 355 cm^{-1} is possibly the $\nu_2(E)$ mode [19].

As a result of the resonant enhancement the combined mode transitions as well as overtones were also observed. The progression up to the fourth overtone was observed for the totally symmetric mode ν_1 of the maximal Stokes shift. The anharmonicity constant x_{11} for this mode was measured 3.5 cm^{-1} . The RRS lines of the first overtone ν_4 and the mode combinations $\nu_1 + \nu_4$, $\nu_1 + 2\nu_4$ and $2\nu_1 + \nu_4$, were also observed, resulting the anharmonicity constant $x_{44} = 4 \text{ cm}^{-1}$. We have not observed the combinations $n\nu_1 + \nu_3$ which were detected at the resonance excitation of MnO_4^- ion in aqueous solution [19] and also in ^{18}O -enriched solid solution of KMnO_4 in RbBr [20].

The identified RS lines were observed on a rather weak background, which may be interpreted as luminescence. For MnO_4^- one can expect the luminescence transitions from the 0-level of the excited electronic state to the vibrational levels of the ground state. By compressing artificially the measured spectrum we were able to observe three broad maxima in the background emission at the excitation by λ_1 , whose frequencies are in agreement with the expected transition (see Table 2). These maxima evidently belong to the OL of MnO_4^- molecule observed first. As it should be exciting nearly 0-0 transition, we have the RRS emission at the frequencies $\nu_{ex} - n\nu_1$ and the OL emission at the frequencies $\nu_{00} - n\nu_1$, but because of the weakness of OL only bands with $n=1$ and 2 were observed.

The number of photons emitted in the transitions of RRS and OL is related as $T_2 : T_1$, where T_2 is the phase relaxation time of the virtual excited state and T_1 is the energy relaxation time of the 0-level [16]. For MnO_4^- the measured integral intensities of the RRS ν_1 lines exceeded 20 times those of the OL band. This extremely weak OL evidences some specific situation with nonradiative transition for MnO_4^- . Taking the measured OL bandwidth $\Gamma = 65 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ as a homogeneous one, it gives the corresponding relaxation time of $T_1 \sim 10^{-13} \text{ s}$.

If one takes the probability of a dipole-allowed radiative transition $\sim 10^9 \text{ s}^{-1}$, then the luminescence yield for MnO_4^- should be of the order of 10^{-5} , which coincides with the extremely weak OL observed. On the other hand, the broad OL bands may be of a phonon sideband origin and the NPL-s are not seen because of the small Debay-Waller factor. Absence of the narrow NPL-s in the absorption spectrum may be related to their absence in OL but it may also be caused by an inhomogeneous broadening.

On λ_2 excitation a weak background emission was observed in the Stokes as well as anti-Stokes regions from ν_{00} . In the spectra with a compressed background, a structure was measured in the anti-Stokes region that may be interpreted as a partly reabsorbed hot luminescence: the positions of two minima at 18860 and 18080 cm^{-1} coincide with

Table 2

Calculated and measured luminescence transitions for MnO_4^- ion in KClO_4 at 5 K under the excitation on the maximum of 0-0 absorption band

Transitions	Calc. frequency (cm^{-1})	Measured peak position (cm^{-1})	Intensity (imp/s)	Γ (cm^{-1})
$\nu_{00} - \nu_1$	17250	{ 17150 17090	65	65
$\nu_{00} - \nu_1 - \nu_4$	16800	16780		
$\nu_{00} - 2\nu_1$	16350	16300	52	80

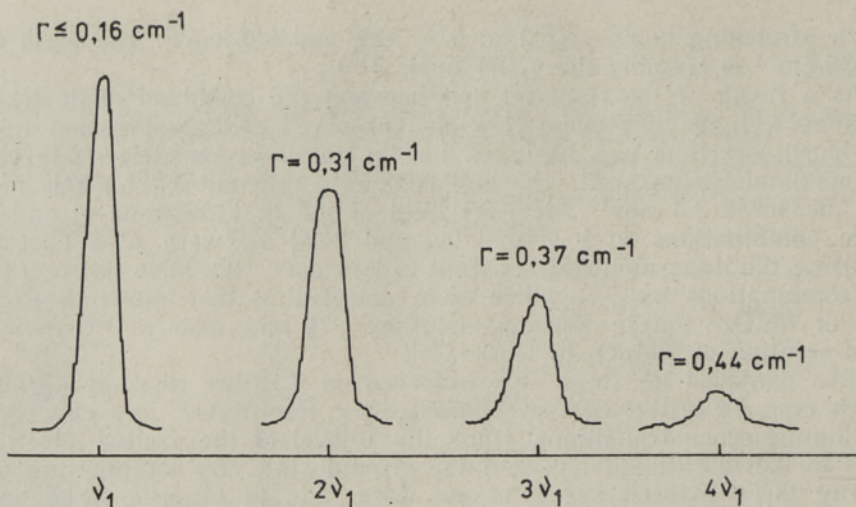


Fig. 3. Line shapes and intensities of the first four orders of RRS of ν_1 mode of MnO_4^- on the excitation in the maximum of 0—0 absorption band. The halfwidths (after correction for instrumental broadening) are indicated.

two first maxima in absorption. We also observed two prominent lines at 18305 and 18344 cm^{-1} with $\Gamma=7 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ which do not appear at λ_1 excitation and may therefore be identified as some HL transitions.

A sequence of the four RRS lines of the totally symmetric ν_1 mode of MnO_4^- was observed at different excitations from λ_1 to λ_6 (see Fig. 1). The most intensive overtones were observed on the excitation by λ_1 in the maximum of 0—0 absorption band. Fig. 3 shows the RRS line shapes and intensities measured with narrow monochromator slits of 70μ to reveal homogeneous linewidths (HLW). Fig. 3 depicts the HLW-s after the instrumental linewidth is subtracted. The anharmonic broadening of the RRS lines is clearly seen to increase with the order. For the first order $\Gamma \leq 0.16 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ that estimates the lower limit for the anharmonic decay time T_1 to be $\geq 6 \text{ ps}$. The increase of HLW is roughly proportional to the vibrational quantum number, as it should be for the case of an anharmonic decay of a high frequency molecular mode into crystal phonons.

The relative integral intensities of the ν_1 mode overtones measured at 5 K at different excitation frequencies are presented schematically in Fig. 4. A comparison is made to the same overtone intensities measured in [11] on the same excitations, but at the temperature of 300 K. One can see the basic difference in the intensity distribution among overtones at 5 and 300 K, and as a result, the low-temperature intensities are in disagreement with the calculated probabilities [11].

A possible quantitative understanding of the situation is based on the observed temperature dependence of the absorption spectrum. At 300 K the only resolved structure in the absorption is due to the ν_1 mode with the halfwidth of the vibronic bands being 300 cm^{-1} . With such broad overlapping bands the calculated intensities of the n -th-order resonance scattering of ν_1 mode, which take into account only the ν_1 vibrational levels, were in excellent agreement with the experiment even if the excitation frequency was falling to the minimum between two vibronic transitions in absorption. In this case the greater part of the calculated intensity is caused by the so-called interference terms.

At low temperature vibronic bands become narrower and the additional structure has appeared. In accordance with the narrowing of the

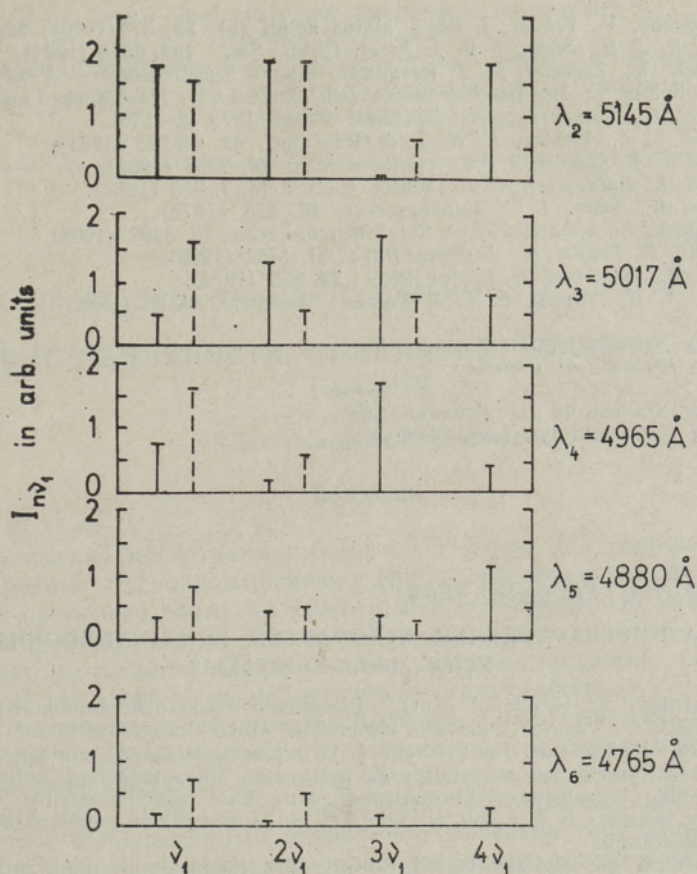


Fig. 4. Relative integral intensities of the ν_1 mode overtones at different excitation wavelengths at 5 K. Solid lines — present work, dashed lines — [11] (comparison is made by equalizing the intensities of $2\nu_1$ mode on the λ_2 excitation).

bands the input from the interference terms decreases and the intensities calculated in the simple model become very sensitive to the excitation frequency shift from sharp resonances in absorption. For MnO_4^- the absorption at 5 K does not reveal NPL-s, and the linewidths of the ν_1 vibronic bands on the basis of [15] are $\Gamma \sim 60 \text{ cm}^{-1}$. The excitations used (except λ_1) are essentially shifted from the ν_1 absorption maxima and therefore cannot be described within the frames of the simple model. On excitation near the maximum (as in the case of λ_1 excitation) the observed intensities were in accordance with the theory. The calculations taking into account the other modes are in progress.

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MADALATEMPERATUURILINE RESONANTNE KOMBINATSIOONHAJUMINE KClO₄: MnO₄⁻ KRISTALLIS

KClO₄ maatriksis on mõõdetud MnO₄⁻ lisandiooni resonantse kombinatsioonhajumise (RKH) spektrid 5 K juures erinevatel ergastustel MnO₄⁻ neeldumisribas ¹T₂←¹A₁. RKH võnkekorduste intensiivsusi on võrreldud kirjanduses leiduvate andmetega, mis on saadud 300 K juures. See on rahuldavas vastavuses lihtsa mudeliga, milles on arvestatud vaid ühte ergastatud elektronseisundit ning ühte täissümmeetrilist võnkenivood. Ebarahuldav kooskõla 5 K juures on seletatav neeldumisspektri peenstruktuuriga madalatel temperatuuridel.

Esmakordselt on kindlaks tehtud MnO₄⁻ nõrk luminesents ning antud hinnang faasi- ja energieetilise relaksatsiooni aegadele.

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НИЗКОТЕМПЕРАТУРНОЕ РЕЗОНАНСНОЕ КОМБИНАЦИОННОЕ РАССЯНИЕ В КРИСТАЛЛЕ KClO₄: MnO₄⁻

Спектры резонансного КРС MnO₄⁻ в кристалле KClO₄ измерены при 5 К и возбуждении в полосу примесного поглощения ¹T₂←¹A₁. Спектр содержит вибронную серию до 4-го обертона молекулярного колебания ν₁(a₁), а также комбинированные частоты ν₁+ν₄, ν₁+2ν₄ и 2ν₁+ν₄, где ν₄(t₂) обнаруживает 3 компонента расщепления кристаллическим полем. Определены однородные ширины линий обертонов ν₁ и ангармонические постоянные. Впервые обнаружена люминесценция и горячая люминесценция иона MnO₄⁻. Квантовый выход люминесценции оценен ~10⁻⁵.