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INTRODUCTION

The chemistry of compounds containing multiple bonds between transition metal atoms has developed rapidly since the initial recognition, in the early 1960s, of the first metal-metal double bond (1), the first triple bond (2) and the first quadruple bond (3). Several of the elements, particularly molybdenum and rhenium, have a consistent tendency to form such bonds. In these cases, the Mo_2^{4+} and Re_2^{6+} central units appear to be structurally rigid, and the observed variation in metal-metal distance is relatively slight for different compounds. Thus, the Mo-Mo quadruple bond lengths span a range from 2.088(1) in $Mo_2(O_2CCMe_3)_4$ (4) to 2.183(2) A in $Mo_2(C_3H_5)_4$ (5), and the known range of Re-Re quadruple bond lengths is from 2.178(1) in $Re_2Me_8^{2-}$ ion (6) to about 2.24 A in several compounds (7), e.g., $Re_2Cl_8^{-2}$

In this research, spectra and crystal structures of $EN(n+C_4H_9)_4J_2Re_2Br_8$, i.e., $(TBA)_2Re_2Br_8$, and polymorphs of $Mo_2EO_2CC(CH_3)_3J_4$, i.e., $MO_2(piv)_4$, are presented and discussed. Also, the details of the electronic spectra of $Re_2EO_2CC(CH_3)_3J_4Cl_2$ and $EN(n-C_4H_9)_4J_2Re_2Cl_8$, i.e., $(TBA)_2Re_2Cl_8$, are discussed. In all of these compounds, dimeric complexes possess the quadruple bond between two transition metal atoms and have effectively a local D_{4h}

symmetry.

A quadruple bond occurs only with transition metal dimers which possess d⁸ electronic configuration. The quadruple bond is composed of a σ bond, a degenerate pair of π bonds, and a δ bond. Using the basic Hückel concept, namely, that MO energies are proportional to overlap integrals for similar types of orbitals, and noting that these overlaps must increase in the order $\delta \ll \pi \lt \sigma$, it is expected that the orbitals be ordered in energy as follows, beginning with the most stable:

 $\sigma < \pi << \delta < \delta^* << \pi^* < \sigma^*$ Hence, the $\delta \rightarrow \delta^*$ transition requires the least excitation energy. Later, it was quickly recognized that the $\delta \rightarrow \delta^*$ transition will be dipole allowed for light polarized along the metal-metal bond, whereas the $\pi \rightarrow \delta^*$ or $\delta^* \rightarrow \pi$ transitions are forbidden. Polarized spectroscopy therefore might serve to identify this $\delta \rightarrow \delta^*$ transition.

Cowman and Gray (8) reported polarized single crystal spectra for tetrabutylammonium octachlorodirhenium(III). They found that the integrated intensity of the 14,183 $\rm cm^{-1}$ band definitely does not decrease on cooling from 300 to 5 K, eliminating transition assignments which require vibronic intensity-giving mechanisms. Also, they observed no A term in the MCD spectrum in this region of absorption. Therefore, they suggested that an allowed transition to a

nondegenerate excited state is responsible for the 14,183 cm⁻¹ band. They supported the assignment of the low energy absorption system in quadruply bonded, binuclear Re(III) complexes to the $\delta \rightarrow \delta^* ({}^{1}A_{1g} \rightarrow {}^{1}A_{2u})$ transition by the fact that the first band in the crystal spectra of Re₂Cl₆[P(C₂H₅)₃]₂ possessed a z-polarized transition.

In a subsequent crystal structure determination of $(TBA)_2Re_2Cl_8$, Cotton et al. (9) found a disordered structure. Because the two square planar ReCl₄ units have an eclipsed configuration, the eight chloride ligands occupy the corners of a nearly perfect cube. The crystals of $(TBA)_2Re_2Cl_8$ possess a subtle form of disorder, so that 73.89% of the Re-Re units are aligned in one direction, while 26.11% are aligned in a direction perpendicular to this. The common midpoint of the two Re-Re lines is a crystallographic center of inversion. Cotton showed that a z-polarized transition for the two types of anions accounted quite well for the overall relative intensities of the two polarizations in Cowman and Gray's spectra (8).

This type of disorder in $M_2 X_8^{n-}$ ions was first observed some years ago in $K_4 Mo_2 Cl_8 \cdot 2H_2 O$ (10), where 7% of the $Mo_2 Cl_8^{4-}$ ions are in a perpendicular orientation. There also is a disorder in $Re_2 Cl_4 (PEt_3)_4$ which attains the limit of randomness; i.e., three equivalent, mutually perpendicular orientations are equally populated. It should be noted that

even though a second orientation of the M_2 unit might be enthalpically less favorable than the main one, the disordering makes a favorable entropic contribution to the free energy. It is the sign of the combination, $\Delta H - T\Delta S$, that determines the extent of disordering compatible with minimizing the free energy of the crystal.

Soon after the recognition of the quadruple bond in the $[\operatorname{Re}_2 \operatorname{Cl}_8]^{2^-}$ ion, the correct structure of $\operatorname{Mo}_2(\operatorname{O}_2 \operatorname{CCH}_3)_4$ was proposed by Lawton and Mason (11). The fact that Mo^{2+} and Re^{3+} are isoelectronic implies that $\operatorname{Mo}_2(\operatorname{O}_2 \operatorname{CCH}_3)_4$ should also contain a quadruple bond. The structure was later accurately determined to give an Mo-Mo distance of 2.093(1) A (12). The molecule of $\operatorname{Mo}_2(\operatorname{O}_2 \operatorname{CCH}_3)_4$ was found to consist of four carboxylate groups bridging the two metal atoms as illustrated in Figure 1, M = Mo. The molecules are arranged to form infinite chains in which there is weak axial coordination of each metal of every molecule by oxygen atoms of its neighbors.

The molybdenum(II) carboxylates $Mo_2(O_2CR)_4$ might well be considered as the most important class of compounds to contain a Mo-Mo quadruple bond because they have traditionally been the starting point for the synthesis of almost all other derivatives of the quadruply bonded Mo_2^{4+} core. Formation of the compound $Mo_2(O_2CCH_3)_4$ from $Mo(CO)_6$ provided an important and convenient synthesis route for a



Figure 1. General structure of dimolybdenum tetracarboxylate complexes molybdenum(II) carboxylate (13-15). This reaction proceeds in a very low yield (15-20%) when pure acetic acid or a mixture of the acid and its anhydride are used (16). The remaining molybdenum is converted to one or more trinuclear species of the type $\text{EMo}_3X_2(0_2\text{CCH}_3)_6(\text{H}_20)_3\text{J}^{n+}$, where the Mo_3X_2 unit is a trigonal bipyramid in which the axial or capping units X are either μ_3 -0 or μ_3 -CCH₃, or one of each. There are Mo-Mo bonds in these clusters, but not multiple ones (17).

The first Mo dimer complex to be investigated by means of polarized absorption spectroscopy was the quadruplybonded glycine complex in tetra-µ-glycine-dimolybdenum(II) sulfate tetrahydrate, $Mo_2(0_2CCH_2NH_3)_4(SO_4)_2 \cdot 4H_2O$. This compound crystallizes in space group $I\overline{4}$. In the primitive cell, there is only one Mo_2^{4+} unit. The Mo-Mo bond, which establishes the molecular z axis, is aligned with the crystallographic c axis. The single crystal spectra were recorded in the region 20,000-25,000 cm^{-1} at 15 K for c(z) and a(x, y) polarizations. In z polarization, two progressions are observed. A weak one begins at 20,570 $\rm cm^{-1}$ and consists of four lines with a mean separation of 343 +10 cm^{-1} . In x, y polarization, there are also two progressions. Each is an order of magnitude more intense than the weak progression in z polarization. The first progression in x, y begins at 21,790 cm^{-1} and consists of

seven lines with an average separation of $342 \pm 11 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ while the second begins at 21,930 cm^{-1} and six lines can be discerned with an average separation of $344 + 8 \text{ cm}^{-1}$. Cotton et al. (18) attributed the first, weak progression in z polarization to an electronic transition, forbidden in D_{4h} symmetry but allowed in the S_A symmetry of the crystal field. Since the deviation from D_{4h} is small, this progression was supposed to be weak. The peak at $20,570 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ was taken as the 0-0 line of the $\delta \rightarrow \delta^{\star}$ transition. The other progression in z polarization and the progressions in x, y polarization were attributed to vibronic components involving the same electronic excitation with asymmetric vibrations under D_{4h} , with frequencies in the excited electronic state of 940, 1220, and 1360 cm⁻¹, respectively. The vibrational spacings of the progressions, averaging 340-345 cm^{-1} , were attributed to that normal mode which consists chiefly of Mo-Mo stretching. This mode has a frequency of 393 cm^{-1} in the ground state. The transition presumably involves an electronic excitation from an Mo-Mo bonding orbital into an Mo-Mo antibonding orbital. The important point is that the observations reported seemed inconsistent with an assignment of this absorption band to the $\delta \rightarrow \delta^*$ transition which would be electric dipole allowed under D_{4h} symmetry.

Polarized crystal spectra (19) for $K_4Mo_2(SO_4)_4 \cdot 2H_2O$, in which the $Mo_2(SO_4)_4^-$ ion has four bridging sulfates, have indicated a band at 19,400 cm^{-1} with a polarization consistent with a $\delta \rightarrow \delta^*$ assignment. Also, for $K_3MO_2(SO_4)_4$. 3.5 H_2O , in which one electron from the quadruple bond has been lost by oxidation, the first band with an origin at about 6,300 cm⁻¹ has the polarization predicted for the $\delta \rightarrow$ δ^{\star} assignment (20). Nevertheless, a group of tetra- μ carboxylato-dimolybdenum(II) complexes have presented a conflicting situation. These complexes are also generally considered under the D_{4h} point group about the metal-metal The spectra for several of these carboxylato bond. complexes have possessed vibrational structure with much greater resolvable detail than any of the other dimers, except for possibly $K_3Mo_2(SO_4)_4 \cdot 3H_2O$; and it has been possible to observe crystal polarizations for a number of individual vibrational lines. Unlike the tetragonal crystals of tetrakis(µ-glycine)dimolybdenum(II) sulfate tetrahydrate, where z- and x,y-polarized lines were indicated unambiguously, the molecular polarization of individual lines was not clearly indicated. The presence of lines in both polarizations of comparable intensity originally led to the conclusion that this band should not be assigned as a $\delta \rightarrow \delta^{\star}$ transition (18). This conclusion was apparently supported by the spectra recorded for

tetrakis(u-formato)dimolybdenum(II), where the polarization ratio for the lowest observed line in the spectra was opposite to that expected for a z-polarized transition (19). In addition, Trogler et al. (21) reported single-crystal spectra for tetrakis(u-acetato)dimolybdenum(II) and a multicrystal unpolarized spectrum for tetrakis(µtrifluoroacetato)dimolybdenum(II). They assigned the observed band as $\delta \to \pi^*$ $({}^{1}A_{1\alpha} \to {}^{1}E_{\alpha})$. However, Martin et al. (22) were able to measure polarization ratios for the sharp line at the longest wavelength for two different crystal faces of $Mo_2(0_2CCH_3)_4$, which was the origin of the most intense Franck-Condon progression. From this information, the orientation of the transition moment for this line could be determined. It was found to be 34° away from the metal-metal bond or the molecular z axis. The rotation of the transition moment was attributed to crystal field perturbation. Also, the observed hot bands implied that this first line was electric dipole allowed rather than being of vibronic (Herzberg-Teller) origin and was therefore the 0-0 line of the $\delta \rightarrow \delta^*$ transition. It was concluded that the band was an electric-dipole-allowed transition with an unusually low transition moment so the vibronic lines were not orders of magnitude weaker as is the normal case for allowed transitions. A second dominant progression was attributed to degenerate pairs of transitions with x,ypolarization.

In 1978, Cotton, Extine, and Gage (4) reported the crystal structure of $Mo_2CO_2CC(CH_3)_3J_4$. This complex crystallized in the triclinic space group $P\overline{I}$ with a = 11.793(3) A, b = 12.154(4) A, c = 10.403(4) A, α = $90.07(3)^{\circ}$, $\beta = 104.61(3)^{\circ}$, $\gamma = 71.33(2)^{\circ}$, V = 1361.8(7) A^{3} , and Z = 2. The Mo₂(O₂CCMe₃)₄ molecules are arranged in chains with one oxygen atom on each end of the molecule lying approximately along the direction for axial coordination to a neighboring molecule. The Mo-Mo distance of 2.088(1) A was found in the molecules. The mean intramolecular Mo-O distances lie in the range 2.098 to 2.135 A and the mean axial intermolecular contacts are 2.870(5) and 2.926(5) A. Their structure was refined to R = 0.060, and $R_{tr} = 0.085$. Apparently, the chain packing for this triclinic crystal is different from any other known $Mo_2(0_2CR)_4$ compounds. All the others had similar intermolecular geometry.

The $\text{Re}_2(0_2\text{CR})_4X_2$ systems have not yet been intensively investigated. During the study in which the preparative route to the $\text{ERe}_2\text{Cl}_8\text{J}^{2-}$ and $\text{ERe}_2\text{Br}_8\text{J}^{2-}$ anions were first established (23), it was shown that the $(\text{Bu}_4\text{N})_2\text{Re}_2\text{Cl}_8$ salt could be converted to the orange carboxylate-bridged dimers $\text{Re}_2(0_2\text{CR})_4\text{Cl}_2$ (R = CH₃ or C₂H₅) upon reaction with a mixture of the appropriate carboxylic acid and its anhydride. Furthermore, in the case of $\text{Re}_2(0_2\text{CC}_2\text{H}_5)_4\text{Cl}_2$, this reaction could be reversed by reacting the carboxylate with concentrated hydrochloric acid. These two reactions provided the first direct evidence for a close structural and electronic relationship between $[\operatorname{Re}_2 X_8]^{2^-}$ and $\operatorname{Re}_2(O_2 \operatorname{CR})_4 X_2$. The carboxylate complexes of the type $\operatorname{Re}_2(O_2 \operatorname{CR})_4 X_2$ represent the maximum extent to which substitution of the halide ligands of the parent $[\operatorname{Re}_2 X_8]^{2^-}$ anions may occur. Mechanistic studies of halide substitution in complexes containing the Re_2^{6+} core are rare, but one such investigation by Webb and Espenson (24) has established that the reaction

$$\operatorname{Re}_{2}(\operatorname{O}_{2}\operatorname{CC}_{2}\operatorname{H}_{5})_{4}\operatorname{Cl}_{2} + \operatorname{Br}^{-} \rightarrow \operatorname{Re}_{2}(\operatorname{O}_{2}\operatorname{CC}_{2}\operatorname{H}_{5})_{4}\operatorname{ClBr} + \operatorname{Cl}^{-}$$

in acetonitrile proceeds by a two-step mechanism involving loss of Cl⁻ prior to coordination of Br⁻. Neutral donors such as DMF, water, and so on, have been indicated to stabilize $[\operatorname{Re}_2(O_2\operatorname{CC}_2\operatorname{H}_5)_4\operatorname{ClJ}^+$ species.

Collins et al. further studied the tetrakis(pivalato)dihalides (25). They found the compounds $\text{Re}_2(0_2\text{CCMe}_3)_4\text{Cl}_2$ and $\text{Re}_2(0_2\text{CCMe}_3)_4\text{Br}_2$ are isomorphous, crystallizing in the space group I4/m with Z = 2. The molecules have crystallographically imposed 4/m (C_{4h}) symmetry, and neglecting the rotational orientations of the CMe₃ groups, very nearly D_{4h} symmetry. The XReReX groups are perfectly linear and parallel to the crystal c axis. Adjacent nonbonded Cl···Cl and Br···Br contacts are at distances of 3.543(3) and 3.714(3) A, respectively. These may be compared with the commonly accepted van der Waals radii which are 3.60/2 and 3.90/2 A for Cl and Br. The Re-Cl and Re-Br bonds are relatively weak (see Table 1) since their lengths are greater than those in species such as $\text{Re}_2\text{Cl}_8^{2-}$ (ca. 2.32 A) (9) and $\text{Re}_2\text{Br}_8^{2-}$ (ca. 2.48 A) (26). The long distances are consistent with the low Re-Cl stretching frequencies (27), 199 and 223 cm⁻¹ in the Raman and infrared, respectively, for $\text{Re}_2(\text{O}_2\text{CCH}_3)\text{Cl}_2$, as compared to frequencies of ca. 360 cm⁻¹ for $\text{Re}_2\text{Cl}_8^{2-}$ (18, 21). Table 1 shows the important molecular dimensions.

The discovery of multiple bonds between transition metal atoms posed a new challenge to the theory of molecular electronic structure. The first encouraging developments began in the early 1970s with the modifications of certain theoretical techniques. This work, pioneered by Slater and Johnson (28), resulted in what is commonly called the SCF-X α -SW method; the abbreviation indicates self-consistent field X α scattered wave. This method treats a molecule as a group of touching or slightly overlapping spherical atoms, assigns potentials within each atomic sphere and in the interstices, and solves the wave equation subject to the appropriate boundary conditions where these regions meet. It is the treatment of this problem in terms of the meeting

Table 1. Interatomic distances and angles and their estimated standard deviations^a for $Re_2EO_2CC(CH_3)_3J_4CL_2$ and $Re_2EO_2CC(CH_3)_3J_4Br_2$

Distances,A					
Atoms	Chloride	Bromide			
Re-Re 2.236(1)		2.234(1)			
Re-Cl(Br)	2.477(3)	2.603(1)			
Re-0	2.025(4)	2.029(5)			
		<u></u>			
	Angles, d	legrees			
	Chloride	Bromide			
Re-Re-Cl(Br)	180.00 ^b	180.00 ^b			
Re-Re-O	89.82(9)	89.54(10)			

^aFigures in parentheses are esd's occurring in the least significant figure listed.

^bFixed by symmetry.

of wave (eigenfunctions) from separate origins that gives rise to the scattered wave (SW) description. The term $X\alpha$ refers to an approximate way of evaluating the mean exchange energy. It can be proved that the differences of eigenvalues of the X α method are more accurate than Hartree-Fock energy values, in that they take account of the modification or relaxation of the orbitals in transition from the initial to the final states.

The first quantitative calculations for quadruple bond were performed by the SCF-Xa-SW method on the $\text{EMo}_2\text{Cl}_8\text{J}^{4-}$ ion (29, 30) and the $[Re_2Cl_8]^{2-}$ ion (31, 32). These calculations provided detailed description of the ground state electronic structures of these ions that are in agreement with the original qualitative description (33) of a quadruple bond based on orbital overlap considerations. By 1975, SCF-Xa-SW calculations for octochlorodimolybdate(II), $Mo_2Cl_8^{4-}$, and dimolybdenum tetraformate, $Mo_2(0_2CH)_4$, had been reported by Norman and Kolari (29, 34). An improved calculation for the formate and calculations for Mo_2 and Mo_2^{4+} were reported by Norman et al. in 1977 (35). The energy level diagram for $Mo_2(0_2CH)_4$ is completely analogous to that for $Mo_2Cl_8^{4-}$ in the occupation and ordering of the metal-metal bonding and antibonding orbitals. The splitting between the bonding and antibonding pair is greater for $Mo_2(0_2CH)_4$, reflecting the stronger bond (2.09 A

in $Mo_2(0_2CH)_4$, 2.14 Å in $Mo_2Cl_8^{4-}$). A smaller effective positive charge on the Mo_2^{4+} unit causes expansion of the electron density into formate orbitals and thus increases the effectiveness of metal-metal bonding. Later on, the ground-state electronic structures of the anions $Tc_2Cl_8^{3-}$ and $W_2 Cl_8^{4-}$ were calculated using the SCF-X α -SW method (36) by Cotton and Kalbacher. They found the results of calculations for $Tc_2Cl_8^{3-}$, $Mo_2Cl_8^{4-}$, $W_2Cl_8^{4-}$, and $Re_2Cl_8^{2-}$ are comparable with one another. In all four cases, the pictures of the electronic structure obtained are qualitatively similar. They found the pattern of orbitals in descending order of energy $\delta^{*}(2b_{1u}) > \delta(2b_{2g}) > \pi(5e_{u})$. Thus, the first electronic band which was predicted by $X\alpha$ scattered wave calculations (29, 31) to be the $\delta \rightarrow \delta^*$ transition, although the calculated energies for the transitions have been generally much lower than the observed values.

The $[\operatorname{Re}_2 \operatorname{Cl}_8 \operatorname{J}^{2^-}$ ion and the $[\operatorname{Re}_2 \operatorname{Br}_8 \operatorname{J}^{2^-}$ ion have been studied extensively. The spectra of $\operatorname{Re}_2 \operatorname{Cl}_8^{2^-}$ and $\operatorname{Re}_2 \operatorname{Br}_8^{2^-}$ have absorption bands that peak about 14,000cm⁻¹, and which are the lowest observed electronic transitions. Mortola et al. have performed theoretical calculations on $\operatorname{Re}_2 \operatorname{Cl}_8^{2^-}$, using the X α -scattered wave method (31); and they also examined the polarized electronic spectra of a crystal of $[(n-C_4H_9)_4N]_2[\operatorname{Re}_2Cl_8]$ at 5 K. They suggested the following transition assignments for the complex: 14,180 cm⁻¹, $b_{2g} \delta \rightarrow b_{1u} \delta^*$; 30,870 cm⁻¹, $e_g \rightarrow b_{1u} \delta^*$ (e_g referred to an e_g orbital of $\text{Re}_2\text{Cl}_8^{2-}$ which is mainly chloride-based); 39,215 cm⁻¹, $e_u \pi \rightarrow e_g \pi^*$. Bursten et al. reported calculations (37) which gave results in essential agreement with the calculation of Mortola et al.; but their inclusion of a correction for inner-shell and valence relativistic effects did cause some appreciable shifts. Figure 2 shows the results of their SCF-X\alpha-SW calculations for both relativistic and non-relativistic treatment. They also reported the calculated singlet and triplet transitions which are listed in Table 2.

By 1979, Noodleman and Norman developed an X α -VB model (38), and applied the treatment to the $\delta \rightarrow \delta^*$ transition in $Mo_2Cl_4^{4-}$. This method yielded an excitation energy closer to experiment than previous theoretical values. Under the simplifying assumption that the δ -type VB orbitals are completely localized, the predicted ${}^{1}A_{1g} \rightarrow {}^{1}A_{2u}$ ($\delta \rightarrow \delta^*$) energy is 15.2 kcm⁻¹, compared with the experimental value of 18.8 kcm⁻¹ (29). Their preliminary X α -VB predictions for the lowest triplet (${}^{3}A_{2u}$) and lowest singlet (${}^{1}A_{2u}$) excited states of $Mo_2Cl_8^{4-}$ are 10.1 and 25.2 kcm⁻¹, respectively. They proposed that the X α -VB theory should be applicable to any molecule which can be viewed as formed from molecular



Figure 2. Results of SCF-X α -SW calculations, both relativistic and nonrelativistic

Transition	type	state ^b	singlet	triplet
$2b_{2\sigma} \rightarrow 2b_{1\mu}$	δ → δ [*]	A ₂₁₁	7040	3650
$5e_{ij} \rightarrow 2b_{ij}$	$\pi \rightarrow \delta^{\star}$	E	16730	14020
$2b_{2a} \rightarrow 5e_{a}$	$\delta \rightarrow \pi^{\star}$	Ĕ	22120	18130
$la_{11} \rightarrow 2b_{11}$	LMCT	Bla	24050	23280
$la_{2\alpha} \rightarrow 2b_{1\mu}$	LMCT	B ₂₁₁	(25330)	(24540)
$3b_{21} \rightarrow 2b_{11}$	LMCT	A ₂ a	(26030)	(25330)
4e_ → 2b11	LMCT	E	29500	28770
$3e_{a}^{2} \rightarrow 2b_{11}$	LMCT	E	(29960)	(29230)
5e [°] u → 5e [°] g	$\pi \rightarrow \pi^{\star}$	A _{2u}	31470	28550

Table 2. Calculated Energies for the Singlet and Triplet Electronic Transitions of ERe₂Cl₈]²⁻ below 30000cm^{-1a}

^aValues in parentheses are estimated from shifts of similar transitions. All other transition energies are calculated using Slater's transition state formalism.

^bThe ground state is ${}^{1}A_{1g}$. Orbitally allowed transitions are singlet A_{2u} and singlet E_{u} states.

Compound	$\overline{v}(M-M)$, cm ⁻¹	
κ ₄ [Mo ₂ Cl ₈]	345	
Mo2(02CCH3)4	406	
Mo ₂ (0 ₂ CCH ₃) ₄ .2py	363	
Mo2(02CCF3)4	397	
Mo ₂ (0 ₂ CCF ₃) ₄ .2py	367	
Mo ₂ (mhp) ₄	425	
Re ₂ (0 ₂ CR) ₄ Cl ₂ ^b	288-295	
Re ₂ (0 ₂ CR) ₄ Br ₂ ^b	277-284	
(Bu ₄ ⁿ N) ₂ [Re ₂ C1 ₈]	272-275	
(Bu ₄ ⁿ N) ₂ CRe ₂ Br ₈]	275-278	
(Bu ₄ ⁿ N) ₂ CRe ₂ I ₈]	259	

Table 3. $\overline{\nu}(M-M)$ frequencies for quadruply bonded dimetal species^a

^aReference 39. ^bR may be CH_3 , C_2H_5 , C_3H_7 , C_6H_{11} , or C_6H_5 . fragments having net spin, and an $X\alpha$ -VB theory for atoms can be developed by breaking spherical symmetry in the atom and allowing anisotropic potentials for up and down spin, analogous to the GVB description of carbon (40).

An interesting feature of the vibrational spectra of the multiple-bonded dinuclear species is the vibration that corresponds mainly to M-M stretching, v(M-M). In most cases, this vibration (which is always of the totally symmetric type) is active in the Raman spectrum only. Table 3 lists the reported v(M-M) frequencies for Mo_2^{4+} and Re_2^{6+} complexes. The two groups differ somewhat, since the v(Mo-Mo) values vary over a considerable range $(363-425 \text{ cm}^{-1})$, while the v(Re-Re) values are all within narrower limits $(259-295 \text{ cm}^{-1})$. Actually, the force constants are proportional to frequencies squared; it means that the variability of force constants is greater for Mo-Mo bonds than for Re-Re bonds. Also, it is noted that the frequencies of v(M-M) are usually fairly constant when ligands are changed from Cl to Br. This feature indicates that at least in some cases the localization of the mode in the M-M bond is fairly complete.

Because of the question about whether the observed spectral transitions are electric dipole allowed or forbidden, it is important to consider the selection rules. The intensity of an electronic transition depends on the

transition moment integral

 $\hat{\mu} = \langle \psi_{e1}' | (\hat{M}_{x} + \hat{M}_{v} + \hat{M}_{z}) | \psi_{e1}^{o} \rangle$ The ground and excited state electronic wavefunctions are represented by ψ_{el}^{0} and ψ_{el}^{\prime} , respectively, and \hat{M}_{x}^{\prime} , \hat{M}_{v}^{\prime} , and $\hat{M}_{_{\mathcal{T}}}$ are components of the electric dipole operator \hat{M}_{*} . For example, $\hat{M}_x = \Sigma e \hat{X}_i$, where e is the charge on the electron and $\hat{X}_{\underline{i}}$ is the x component of the vector position of the $i^{\mbox{th}}$ electron relative to the center of mass. The sum is taken over all the electrons. For a non-vanishing integral, group theory requires that the symmetry product of all functions and the operator involved in the integral contain the totally symmetric representation, i.e., the triple direct product $\Gamma(\psi_{el}) \times \Gamma(op) \times \Gamma(\psi_{el})$ must contain the totally symmetric irreducible representation of the point group of the molecule. The $\Gamma(op)$ represents the irreducible representation of \hat{M}_{w} , \hat{M}_{w} , or \hat{M}_{z} , and the $\Gamma(\psi)$ s are the symmetry representations of the wavefunctions. Under D_{Ah} symmetry, \hat{M}_z transforms as A_{2u} , and \hat{M}_x and \hat{M}_v form a degenerate pair transforming as E_u . If such a product involving \hat{M}_z gives A_{lg} , then the transition is electric dipole-allowed for light plane-polarized in the \hat{z} direction. Similarly, an A_{lg} product resulting from \hat{M}_x and \hat{M}_y indicates the transition is electric dipole-allowed with x, y polarization.

When transitions are electric dipole-forbidden, there is yet another mechanism which may allow certain transitions. This is the vibronic, or Hertzberg-Teller mechanism, producing transitions which are, normally, much lower in intensity than electric dipole-allowed transitions. In the consideration of the transition moment integral, it was assumed that the electronic and vibrational wavefunctions could be completely separated (although it was not stated). This was a mathematical simplication which does not strictly apply to the physical realm. In polyatomic molecules, vibrations with appropriate symmetries will produce mixing of wavefunctions with various symmetries. The transition moment integral is expressed as

 $\hat{\mu} = \langle \psi_{el} ' \psi_{vib} ' | (\hat{M}_{x} + \hat{M}_{y} + \hat{M}_{z}) | \psi_{el} ^{0} \psi_{vib} ^{0} \rangle$ using the vibronic (vibrational-electronic) wavefunction $\psi_{el} \psi_{vib} \text{ in place of } \psi_{el} \text{ used previously. The same}$ requirement for a non-vanishing integral applies here,
except that the symmetry representation of ψ_{vib}^{0} and ψ_{vib}' must be included in the product. For room temperature and
cryogenic measurements of spectra, the v = 0 vibrational
level is the most populated level in ψ_{vib}^{0} and has A_{lg} symmetry. With this in the treatment, the product $\Gamma(\psi_{el}') \times \Gamma(\psi_{el}^{0}) \times \Gamma(\psi_{vib}')$ contains A_{2u} for z polarization, and $\Gamma(\psi_{el}') \times \Gamma(\psi_{el}^{0}) \times \Gamma(\psi_{vib}')$ contains E_{u} for x, y
polarization.

These selection rules are valid only for spin-allowed transitions. Spin-forbidden transition may be observed if there is significant spin-orbit coupling. In this case, the ground and excited state wavefunctions must each include the mixed spin states. To account for the symmetry of the spin functions, the double rotational group is required. The magnetic dipole or electric quadrupole mechanisms for electronic transitions are considered too weak to be considered.

EXPERIMENTAL

Preparation

 $E(n-C_4H_9)_4NJ_2ERe_2Cl_8]$ and $E(n-C_4H_9)_4NJ_2ERe_2Br_8]$ were prepared according to the procedure of Cotton et al. (41). Potassium perrhenate, 2.0 g., was heated in 40 ml. of 50% aqueous hypophosphorous acid for 10 hours at about 90°. To the resulting dark solution was added 4.0 g. of tetra-nbutylammonium bromide in 75 ml. of 6 N HCl, and heating was continued for 12 hours. The hot solution was then filtered, yielding the crude blue product which was washed with 20 ml. of 6 N HCl and then three 20-ml. portions of ethanol. After drying under vacuum for 4 hours, the blue product was recrystallized by dissolving it in 200 ml. of methanol, filtering, adding 50 ml. of 12 N HCl, and evaporating the methanol on a steam bath to form the compound (TBA)₂Re₂Cl₈.

Among the dark blue crystals of (TBA)₂Re₂Cl₈ were a number of very thin platelets that were ideal for spectroscopy. The platelets under a polarizing microscope appeared blue green at both extinctions with a distinct difference in the intensities of the absorption. Indices of refraction for Na-D light, indicated by the Becke line method, were found to be 1.546(4) for the high-absorption extinction and 1.580(4) for the low-absorption one.

Olive-green crystals of $(TBA)_2Re_2Br_8$ were produced by the addition 50 ml. of concentrated HBr into the solution of 1.5 g. of $(TBA)_2Re_2Cl_8$ in 200 ml. of methanol. Evaporation of the methanol on a steam bath yielded the product. A majority of the bromide-salt crystals were clearly dichroic with a yellow-green absorption for one extinction and a tan for the other. The Na-D indices of refraction were 1.585(4) for the green extinction and 1.632(4) for the tan extinction. However, among the crystals were a very small fraction which appeared tan in both polarizations. These were apparently the type of crystal faces observed in a few instances by Cowman and Gray (8) and upon which in part they based their original assignment for a z-polarized transition for the band (42).

The compound $\operatorname{Re}_2\operatorname{CO}_2\operatorname{C(CCH}_3)_3\operatorname{J}_4\operatorname{Cl}_2$ was prepared by allowing (TBA) $_2\operatorname{Re}_2\operatorname{Cl}_8$ (0.5 g) to react with pivalic acid (0.5 g) at ca. 150 °C for 48 hours. The residue, when washed with 30 ml. of n-hexane and 10 ml. of acetone, yielded red crystals (25). An examination of the crystals indicated they were mostly small square prisms. Faces containing the prism needle axis were distinctly dichroic, appearing red-orange for light polarized along the needle axis and yellowish for light polarized perpendicular to the axis. Indices of refraction for the 100 face were determined to be $n_c = 1.674$ and $n_a = 1.572$ by means of the Becke line method (43).

The compound $Mo_2(0_2CC(CH_3)_3)_4$ was prepared according to the procedure of McCarley et al. (44) by reacting $Mo(CO)_6$ with the calculated amount of pivalic acid in refluxing odichlorobenzene. The solution was heated at ca. 150 °C under low N_2 flow for 3 days. The compound crystallized as slender yellow needles when the reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature. The yellow crystalline product was filtered, washed with benzene and cyclohexane, and dried under vacuum for one day. This preparation of Mo₂(piv)₄ was somewhat different from Cotton et al.'s procedure. Their crystals of Mo₂(piv)₄ were grown by sublimation of a small sample in an evacuated sealed glass tube at ca. 100°C. Microscopic examination showed two types of faces among the specimens in this research. The extinction was observed along the needle axis in one type. The extinction was observed 18° away needle axis in another type. The crystals with different types of faces were sorted out from the preparation for X-ray diffraction comparison.

Crystal Optics and Spectra

Light energy is generally considered to travel by means of a transverse wave motion in which the vibration of the electromagnetic field is usually perpendicular to the direction of travel of the energy. Those materials or devices that convert ordinary light to plane-polarized light
are generally called polarizers. The electric field of light emergent from a polarizer has been made to vibrate parallel to one particular direction which is called, for convenience, the "privileged direction" of the polarizer. When plane-polarized light is incident on the face of anisotropic crystal it can be transmitted only in two mutually perpendicular privileged directions for that crystal face. If the plane of polarization of incident light is not aligned with either privileged direction, then the light is split into two components polarized along these directions. An absorption spectrum for one crystal polarization is obtained by using incident radiation which is polarized along that one of these two particular polarization directions. Any observed absorption must be at either a maximum or minimum along these directions.

The optical indicatrix illustrates how the refractive index of a transparent material varies according to the vibration direction of the light wave in the material (monochromatic light assumed). Consider an infinite number of vectors radiating outward in all directions from a common point within the crystal. Each vector is drawn proportional in length to the crystal's refractive index for light vibrating parallel to that vector direction. The indicatrix is a surface connecting the tips of these vectors. The indicatrix is purely a method of rationalizing optical

phenomena. In isotropic media, by definition, the index of refraction does not change with the vibration direction of the light. Consequently, all the vectors relating the refractive index to vibration direction are of equal length, and therefore all isotropic indicatrixes are perfect spheres. Cubic crystals, transparent glasses, and liquids are characterized by such indicatrixes. In anisotropic media, the index of refraction actually varies according to the vibration direction of the light in the crystal. Consequently, the optical indicatrix for anisotropic media is not a sphere but an ellipsoid. There are two types of anisotropic optical indicatrixes, the uniaxial and biaxial indicatrix.

The uniaxial indicatrix will be discussed first. Crystals of the hexagonal and tetragonal systems exhibit, for monochromatic light vibrating parallel to the c axis, a unique index of refraction customarily symbolized as ε . In Figure 3, a vector proportional in length to the value of ε has been drawn parallel to the c axis to indicate this (45). On the other hand, for all vibration directions at 90 degrees to the c axis, the crystal's refractive indices all equal a common value, symbolized as ω . By constructing vectors proportional in length to ω along these vibration directions, a circle of radius ω is defined; this circular section is always perpendicular to the c axis.



Figure 3. The uniaxial indicatrix for the crystal

The direction in the uniaxial indicatrix that coincides with the crystal's c axis is called the optical axis. With reference to it, three types of sections may be cut through the indicatrix center: (a) a principal section (that is, one which contains the optic axis and therefore intersects the indicatrixes in an ellipse whose semiaxes are equal to ε and ω); (b) the circular section (that is, a section cut normal to the optic axis); and (c) a random section (that is, the intersection of the indicatrix with a plane cut at random angle (Θ) to the optic axis). A random section always intersects the indicatrix in an ellipse whose semiaxes are ω and ε' . These are illustrated in Figure 4.

A biaxial crystal belongs to the orthorhombic, monoclinic, or triclinic system and possesses three significant indices of refraction, commonly symbolized as α , β , and γ . Of these, α and γ represent, respectively, the smallest and largest refractive indices exhibited by the crystal; β is intermediate in value between them. The shape of the biaxial indicatrix is a three-dimensional ellipsoid, all central sections of which are ellipses except for two circular sections. The radius of these circular sections is β . The two normals to these sections are called the optical axes. These are illustrated in Figure 5.

With the center of an indicatrix on a crystal face, the major and minor axes of the intersection ellipses of the



Figure 4. Illustration of the three types of central sections through a uniaxial indicatrix



Figure 5. The biaxial indicatrix, an imaginary three -dimensional ellipsoid whose radii are proportional to the crystal's refractive index for light vibrating parallel to them. (A) Planes l, 2, and 3 are typical of the numerous ellipses that could be drawn to hinge on ZZ. (B) The normals to the circular sections, AA' and BB', are the two optic axes

indicatrix with the face are the privileged directions of the crystal for normal incidence on the face. If the indicatrix intersects the face of a crystal in a circle, innumerable privileged directions exist. The indicatrix must have the same symmetry as the crystal. The refractive index has a real part and an imaginary part. The real part is related to the wave velocity; the imaginary part is related to the absorption. The real and imaginary parts have their own independent ellipsoids. If any crystal axis lies in the face of an orthorhomic crystal, then one of the privileged directions must always lie parallel to it. The 010 face, for example, has a and c as the privileged directions. Similarly, a face of a monoclinic crystal h01 contains the b axis, and b is one of the privileged directions. However, for all other faces of these two crystal systems and for all faces of a triclinic system, the privileged directions may vary with wavelength.

The Becke line refers to a phenomenon associated with a vertical contact of two substances of difference indices of refraction observed on the stage of a microscope. Under the microscope, the Becke line may not be seen when the microscope is exactly focused on a fragment. However, if the tube of the microscope is slightly raised, a narrow line of light (the Becke line) appears just inside or outside the contact of the fragment with the surrounding medium. If the

Becke line moves into the fragment when the microscope tube is raised, the index of the fragment is higher than that of the surrounding substance. If the Becke line moves out into the surrounding medium when the tube is raised, the fragment has a lower index than that of the surrounding medium. Lowering the tube reverses the effect in each instance. The greater the difference in the refractive indices between the fragment and immersion, the greater is the displacement of the Becke line as the microscope tube is raised or lowered. The indices of refraction of the crystal faces have been determined by means of the Becke line method (43) with a set of standard liquids prepared by the Cargille Laboratory. Steps of 0.004 in the indices of refraction were available in these standards.

The privileged directions for the face of a crystal are commonly determined with the use of a polarizing microscope. The polarizing microscope is little more than a compound microscope into which two polarizers have been integrated. One, located below the stage, is called the polarizer. The second, located above the stage, is called the analyzer. The rotatable stage is calibrated for precise measurement of angles.

With no sample on the stage and with crossed polarizers, the field of view is completely dark. The polarizer polarizes the light in one direction which then

cannot pass through the analyzer. If a crystal is placed on the stage with its privileged directions aligned with the polarizer and analyzer, then the crystal appears dark. Three successive 90 degree rotations from this orientation will also result in a dark field. In such an orientation, the incident polarized wave passes through the crystal retaining its plane polarization and is blocked out completely by the analyzer, resulting in a dark field of view. If the crystal privileged directions do not coincide with the polarizer and analyzer, then the light is split into two components along these directions. These components pass through the crystal, then re-combine as they emerge. The re-combined wave will provide transmitted light, and various interference colors will be observed for thin crystals.

In some cases, crystal dimensions were measured with the ruled eyepiece. Calibration was obtained by viewing a millimeter rule through the microscope. A cystal thickness measurement was facilitated by standing a crystal on an edge. Crystals were manipulated under microscopic observation by sewing needles or sharpened tungsten wires.

Once the extinction directions of a single crystal had been determined with the polarizing microscope, then the crystal was mounted over a hole from ca. 20 to 250 μ m in diameter (dependent on crystal size), centered on a 1 cm x 2

cm x 3 mil brass or platinum plate. Silicone vacuum grease was used to hold the crystal in place on the metal plate. The metal plate with the sample was placed in a brass sample holder and the extinction directions of the crystal were redetermined in relation to the central axis of the sample holder in the spectrophotometer.

The spectrophotometer, used to record all spectra, was a Cary model 14 equipped with a model 1471200 high intensity tungsen-halogen light source and a special product number B50-025-000 Range Modifier. Various neutral density screens were used to attenuate the reference beam. Spectra could be recorded in the visible mode from 810 to 300 nm by the use of a Varian model R928HA phototube, which was sensitive at long wavelengths. However, a Cary model 1460215 phototube was used, as the spectra were recorded from 300 to 230 nm. · Plane-polarization of the light beam was produced by two Glan-Taylor-type calcite polarizers. One polarizer was mounted in the sample compartment and could be rotated by means of an external crank. Under the UV-visible mode, the monochromatic light was polarized before it reached the sample. The polarizer in the reference beam was rotated by hand to match the sample polarizer, in order to balance absorption due to calcite. All spectral data were recorded on punched cards by an IBM model 29 keypunch linked to the spectrophotometer via Cary Digital System interface.

Baselines were obtained by repeating the spectral experiments with a pinhole blank in place of the sample. Baselines were subtracted and the spectra were plotted on an incremental plotter by a computer program developed previously within the research group.

To measure spectra at 5 K, the following procedure was used. First, the vacuum space of the Andonian Cryostat (see Figure 6) was pumped to a vacuum on the order of 5×10^{-5} torr by means of an oil diffusion pump. Once this vacuum was attained, the liquid helium dewar was evacuated and flushed with dry helium gas, to insure that no vapor was present that might freeze the throttle valve. After the liquid helium dewar was filled and a flow of liquid helium into the base of the sample chamber had been established, the top plug of the cryostat was removed, and the sample holding assembly lowered into the sample chamber. Once a temperature of ca. 10 K was attained, the helium flow and heater were monitored and controlled to stabilize the temperature at 5-6 K.

Polarization Ratios

A polarization ratio is the ratio of the intensity of a transition along one extinction direction to its intensity along the other extinction direction. For the vast majority of D_{4b} dimeric compounds, the molecular z-axis is



Figure 6. Simplified cross-section of the Andonian Cryogenics Cryostat

significantly closer to one of the observed extinctions than the other. To calculate a polarization ratio on the basis of the oriented molecule theory requires knowledge of Miller indices of the crystal face, the orientations of the molecules in the unit cell, and the space group of the crystals. The presence of an extinction, dependent on wavelength, will complicate the determination. For any spectral wavelength, maximum and minimum intensities will be measured when the polarized light wave travels through the crystal aligned with the extinction directions. Polarization ratio can be calculated for an ideal case and then compared with the observed value in the spectra, e.g., for the peak of 0-0 transition. For the ideal z-polarized case, the transition moment vector can be considered to be coincident with the z symmetry axis of the molecule studied. In the ideal case of D_{4h} symmetry for the dimeric complexes in question, the unit transition moment is along the direction of metal-metal bond. \hat{z} , \hat{Ex}_1 , and \hat{Ex}_2 vectors represent the z component of transition moment and the two extinction directions, respectively. The angles between \hat{z} and $\hat{Ex_1}$ and between \hat{z} and $\hat{Ex_2}$ are designated θ_1 and θ_2 , respectively. For the electric vector of a wave polarized along $\hat{Ex_{1}}$, the amplitude along \hat{z} is $\epsilon cos \theta_{1}$, where ϵ is the electric vector amplitude of the incident wave. Since intensity is given by the amplitude squared, the intensity

absorbed from the light polarized along $\hat{Ex_1}$ is proportional to $\varepsilon^2 \cos^2 \theta_1$. Similarly, a quantity, $\varepsilon^2 \cos^2 \theta_2$, is proportional to the intensity absorbed from the wave polarized along $\hat{Ex_2}$ for the z-polarized transition. This yields a polarization ratio of $I_1/I_2 = \cos^2\theta_1/\cos^2\theta_2$. These are obtained from the dot products by $\hat{z} \cdot \hat{Ex}_1 = \cos\theta_1$ and $\hat{z} \cdot$ $\hat{Ex}_2 = \cos\theta_2$. For a pair of degenerate and orthogonal x and y components of transition moment which are also orthogonal to \hat{z} in the ideal case of D_{4h} symmetry, the polarization ratio, $I_1/I_2 = \sin^2\theta_1/\sin^2\theta_2$, is obtained (46). For space groups with different sites for the molecules in the unit cell, a variation of this calculation is used. The transition moment vectors \hat{z}_1 and \hat{z}_2 apply to the two separate sites. \hat{z}_1 lies at angle $\theta_{1,1}$ and $\theta_{1,2}$ from \hat{Ex}_1 and \hat{Ex}_2 , respectively, and \hat{z}_2 lies at angle $\theta_{2,1}$ and $\theta_{2,2}$ from $\hat{\mathbf{Ex}}_1$ and $\hat{\mathbf{Ex}}_2$, then the polarization ratio for a z-polarized transition would be given by $I_1/I_2 = (\cos^2 \theta_{1,1} +$ $\cos^2\theta_{2,1})/(\cos^2\theta_{1,2} + \cos^2\theta_{2,2})$. To facilitate the calculations, the crystal axes and all vectors expressed in terms of an orthogonal set, viz., \hat{i} , \hat{j} , \hat{k} . The vector calculations were then performed on a TI-59 calculator, using a program written in the research group.

Crystallographic Indexing

A crystal to be indexed was cemented to a glass fiber with a small amount of epoxy cement and placed on a goniometer head. Careful drawings were made to show the relationship between the faces and long axis of a crystal with respect to the two horizontal adjustment axes of the goniometer head. The alignment of a crystal face parallel to an easily recognized flat surface on the goniometer head is necessary. Then, the goniometer head was placed on the Ames Laboratory four-circle diffractometer, which was controlled by a PDP-15 computer. Automatic indexing was accomplished through the interactive program ALICE developed by Dr. R. A. Jacobson (47). Omega-oscillation photographs were taken for phi values from 0° to 180° , usually in increments of 30° in phi. The location of several · diffraction spots were measured from the photographs and entered into the computerized indexing program. From a set of ten or more diffraction peaks, the crystal was indexed according to the standard guidelines published in Crystal Data (48). When the unit cell parameters were considered to be reasonably accurate, various crystallographic faces could be called (via the computer) into diffraction position, and the crystallographic axes could be placed in a vertical orientation for oscillation photographs. In this way, the observed faces and axes of a crystal could be identified.

The identity of a compound and the accuracy of the indexed unit cell parameters were determined by comparison with the values from previously reported data for that crystal in cases for which structure determinations were in the literature.

X-ray Data Collection and Structure Solution

General

Data were collected at room temperature on the Ames Laboratory automated four-circle diffractometer, which is equipped with a scintillation counter. Graphite monochromated Mo K α X-radiation (λ = 0.71034 Å) was used for data collection with a take-off angle of 4.5°. A scan rate of 0.5 sec/step of 0.01° steps in omega was employed, with the scan range dependent on peak width. Peaks were scanned until background was encountered, as determined by the criterion count \leq background + σ (background). Stationarycrystal, stationary-counter background counts were taken at the beginning and end of each scan. All data collected were within a 20 sphere of 50° . As a check on crystal stability, the intensities of three standard reflections were remeasured every 75 reflections. The intensities of the standard reflections should not vary significantly throughout data collection.

The intensity data were corrected for absorption and Lorentz-polarization effects. Data reduction and averaging was accomplished by using the program FDATA (49). The estimated deviations in the structure factors were calculated by the finite-difference method (50). The scattering factors used for all non-hydrogen atoms were those given in the International Tables (51). Real and imaginary corrections for anomalous dispersion were obtained by linear interpolation of reported data (51). The hydrogen atom scattering factors used were those of Stewart et al. (52). The discrepancy factors used are given by R = $\Sigma ||F_{o}|$ - $|F_{c}|/\Sigma|F_{o}|$ and $R_{w} = (\Sigma w (|F_{o}| - |F_{c}|)^{2} / \Sigma w |F_{o}|^{2})^{1/2}$, where F_{o} and F_{c} are observed and calculated structure factors, respectively, and $w = 1/\sigma^2(F_0)$, with $\sigma(F_0)$ representing the estimated standard deviation in F_{o} .

The position of atoms was subjected to least-squares refinement. Fourier synthesis for three-dimensional Patterson maps and electron density maps were performed through the computer program ALLS (53). Plots depicting molecular structure were drawn by the ORTEP program (54).

$EN(n-C_4H_9)_4J_2Re_2Br_8$

The program LATT (49) was used to calculate the following refined cell parameters based on $\pm 2\theta$ values of 14 reflections: a = 14.330(3) A, b = 15.502(2) A, c =

11.380(2) A, $\beta = 97.08(0)^{\circ}$, and V = 2508.7(9) A³. Intensity data were collected for 10,075 reflections with $2\theta < 50^{\circ}$ over four octants. From these data, 2439 independent reflections with intensity greater than 30 were utilized for the structure determination. A b-oscillation photograph exhibited the mirror symmetry of a monoclinic lattice. The monoclinic space group was identified as P2,/n, based on the systematic extinction of k odd for the 0k0 reflections and of h + 1 odd for the h01 reflections. This space group is an alternative to $P2_{1}/c$ which was utilized by Cotton et al. (9) for (TBA)₂Re₂Cl₈. However, P2₁/n is somewhat more convenient to use since β is closer to 90[°]. The crystal plate of (TBA)₂Re₂Br₈, selected for X-ray diffraction, was 0.44 mm x 0.26 mm x 0.06 mm. The face for this platelet was the 101 face. An empirical absorption correction was performed by means of diffractometer ϕ -scan data and the program ABSN (55). Locations of Re atoms were found from Patterson superposition techniques. A series of electron density maps provided locations of the non-hydrogen atoms. The 24 methylene hydrogen atoms were introduced at idealized positions and not refined. Positional parameters, the occupancy of the Re positions and anisotropic thermal parameters of non-hydrogen atoms were refined first by block diagonal matrices and finally by full-matrix least squares. The refinement resulted in R = 0.090 and R_{tr} = 0.144. The

introduction of idealized positions for the hydrogen atoms did not change the R values.

$EN(n-C_4H_9)_4J_2Re_2CI_8$

Automatic indexing was accomplished by an interactive program, ALICE (47). A transformation was applied to these axes to give a set which was tuned on 4 strong reflections with 20 between 12 and 23° with cell parameters: a = 10.95, b = 15.32, c = 16.30 Å, α = 89.56, β = 122.76, and γ = 90.33°. This set was in quite satisfactory agreement with the monoclinic set from the structure determination by Cotton et al. (9), the cell parameters they obtained are: a = 10.933(5), b = 15.412(6), c = 16.435(5) Å, β = 122.27(3)⁰. The face for this platelet was the 100. For this face, the extinctions would lie along the b and c axes, and it was observed that the intense absorption or the 1.546 index of refraction applied to the b polarization. This was the same face indicated by Cowman and Gray (8) in the initial study. However, this crystal was so thick that only the very weak first absorption feature was observable. The very thin crystals for which the full absorption band was scanned did not provide sufficient diffracting intensity for X-ray confirmation of the axes.

 $\operatorname{Re}_{2}\operatorname{EO}_{2}\operatorname{CC}(\operatorname{CH}_{3})_{3}\operatorname{J}_{4}\operatorname{Cl}_{2}$

From a series of oscillation photographs, coordinates of 12 reflections were entered into the computer which tuned on the reflections and by means of standard programs computed cell parameters to be: a = 11.461, b = 11.461, c = 10.714 A, α = 89.96, β = 90.00, γ = 90.00⁰. The needle faces were 100 with \hat{c} directed along the needle axis. These values are in good agreement with the values from the structure determination of Collins et al. (25). They reported from an X-ray diffraction study the crystal structure with a tetragonal cell, I4/m, a = 11.469(4), c = 10.733(1) A, Z = 2.

The monoclinic crystals of β -Mo₂(0₂CC(CH₃)₃)₄

Crystals with faces possessing extinctions 18° off needle axis were taken and mounted for axis determination so that the axes could be compared with Cotton's triclinic form. Instead of finding his axes, a set of monoclinic axes were obtained. b-Axis oscillation photographs possessed the mirror plane which was required by a monoclinic crystal. A total 10,759 reflections were collected of which 1948 independent reflections, having $|F_0| \ge 3\sigma(F_0)$, were used in the structure solution. The program LATT (49) was used to calculate the cell parameters of the monoclinic system of $Mo_2(piv)_4$ compound as follows: a = 12.747(3) A, b = 18.322(3) A, c = 11.369(1) A, β = 91.82(9)⁰, and V = 2654.1(8) A³. These refined cell parameters were based on \pm 20 values of 20 reflections. The monoclinic space group was identified as I2/c, based on the systematic extinction of h + k + 1 odd for the hkl reflections, of 1 odd for the h0l reflections, and of k odd for the 0k0 reflections.

Initial Mo atom positions were obtained from a threedimensional Patterson map. A subsequent electron density map yielded the positions of the remaining non-hydrogen atoms. Positional parameters, and anisotropic thermal parameters of the non-hydrogen atoms were refined first by block-diagonal matrices and finally by full-matrix least squares, and resulted in R = 0.055, and $R_w = 0.084$. Interatomic distances, angles, and their standard deviations were calculated by the program DISTANCE (56). This monoclinic form has been designated as the β -Mo₂(piv)₄ to distinguish it from Cotton et al.'s triclinic α -form (4).

The orthorhombic crystals of $\gamma-Mo_2(0_2CC(CH_3)_3)_4$

The crystals with faces for which an extinction occurred along the needle axis were mounted for axis determination. Transformation matrices which yielded a set of possible orthorhombic axes were found. Oscillation photographs for all these axes exhibited the mirror planes required for the orthorhombic system. A total of 6118 reflections were collected, of which 1607 independent reflections having $|F_0| \ge 3\sigma(F_0)$ were used in the structure solution. The program LATT (49) was used to calculate the cell parameters of the orthorhombic system of Mo₂(piv)₄ based on ±20 values of 15 reflections: a = 12.711(3), b = 18.351(5), c = 11.413(3) A, and V = 2662(1) A³. The cell parameters of the orthorhombic system are strikingly close to those for the monoclinic form. The orthorhombic space group was identified as Pbcn, based on the systematic extinction of k odd for the 0kl reflections, of 1 odd for the h0l reflections, of h + k odd for hk0 reflections, of h odd for the h00 reflections, of k odd for the 0k0 reflections, and of 1 odd for the 001 reflections.

The locations of Mo atoms were found through a threedimensional Patterson map. A subsequent electron density map yielded the positions of the remaining non-hydrogen atoms. The positional and anisotropic thermal parameters of the non-hydrogen atoms were subjected to first several cycles of block-diagonal least-squares refinement. After all the parameters had settled down, it was followed by several cycles of full-matrix refinement resulting in R = 0.057, and $R_w = 0.084$. The program ALLS (53) was used for least-squares refinement and Fourier synthesis was performed by the program FOUR (57). Interatomic distances, angles, and their standard deviations were calculated by the program

DISTANCE (56). This third polymorph will be designated as the $\gamma-Mo_2(piv)_4$.

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RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Description of Crystal Structures Structure of $EN(n-C_4H_9)_4J_2Re_2Br_8$

It is important to know the crystal structure before the interpretation of the spectra. Table 4 summarizes crystallographic parameters for $(TBA)_2Re_2Br_8$ and $(TBA)_2Re_2Cl_8$. Tables 5 and 6 give the final positional and thermal parameters for $(TBA)_2Re_2Br_8$, and Figure 7 shows the atom labelling system. Observed and calculated structure factors are listed in Appendix A. Anisotropic thermal parameters are given for all atoms except hydrogen atoms. An isotropic thermal parameter, fixed at 4.0 A², was used for each hydrogen atom. The structure was refined in the space group $P2_1/n$.

The refinement for $(TBA)_2Re_2Br_8$ was rather poor since the final value of R was only 0.090. However, it does provide a satisfactory description of the $Re_2Br_8^{2-}$ ion and the orientation of the Re-Re bonds that has not been available previously for a rational interpretation of the crystal spectra. Bond lengths and bond angles for $Re_2Br_8^{2-}$ ions are in Table 7. For non-hydrogen atoms of $N(n-C_4H_9)_4N^+$ ions, they are in Table 8. The structure is very similar to that reported for $(TBA)_2Re_2Cl_8$ by Cotton et al. (9).

Table 4. Crystallographic Parameters for (TBA)₂Re₂Br₈

Space Group	P2 ₁ /n
Crystal System	Monoclinic
a (Å)	14.328(3)
b (A)	15.503(3)
C (Å)	11.381(3)
β (deg)	97.10(3)
V (Å ³)	2509(1)
Z	2
R	.090
R _w	.144

Table 5.	Final positional parameters ^a and their estimated
	standard deviations ^b for (TBA) ₂ Re ₂ Br ₈

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Cl0 0.190(2) 0.194(2) 0.646	5(3)
Cll 0.131(3) 0.142(2) 0.724	1(4)
C12 0.033(2) 0.177(2) 0.725	5(4)
Cl3 0.300(2) 0.198(2) 0.432	2(3)
C14 0.268(2) 0.109(3) 0.389)(3)
C15 0.226(2) 0.116(4) 0.256	5(3)
C16 0.199(3) 0.033(3) 0.184	1(5)

^aGiven in fractional coordinates.

 $^{\rm b}{\rm Given}$ in parentheses for the least significant figure.

standard deviations for (TBA)2Re2Br8						
	B ₁₁	B ₂₂	^B 33	^B 12	^B 13	^B 23
Rel(62.1(6)%)	4.7(1)	3.84(8)	4.8(1)	0.31(7)	-0.69(7)	-0.00(7)
Re2(37.9(6)%)	4.3(1)	4.1(1)	4.5(2)	0.1(1)	-0.4(1)	-0.0(1)
Brl	7.1(1)	5.4(2)	6.9(2)	-1.5(1)	-0.1(2)	-0.6(1)
Br2	8.1(2)	5.5(2)	5.1(2)	0.1(1)	0.3(2)	0.3(1)
Br3	5.3(2)	6.6(2)	7.1(2)	1.0(1)	-1.9(2)	-1.4(1)
Br4	6.1(2)	5.6(2)	5.7(2)	1.3(1)	-0.5(1)	-0.8(1)
N	9(2)	2.9(9)	6(1)	2(1)	-1(1)	-1(1)
Cl	6(2)	1.6(9)	7(2)	0(1)	-1(1)	0(1)
C2	10(3)	5(1)	6(2)	2(2)	1(2)	-0(1)
С3	5(2)	6(2)	11(3)	1(2)	-2(2)	-1(2)
C4	9(2)	9(2)	11(3)	-1(2)	-0(2)	-5(2)
C5	5(2)	7(2)	5(2)	0(1)	-3(1)	-2(1)
C6	3(1)	11(2)	5(2)	4(2)	1(1)	3(2)
C7	7(2)	7(2)	5(2)	-2(2)	-3(1)	-1(1)
C8	5(2)	9(2)	15(4)	-3(2)	2(2)	-3(2)
С9	4(1)	8(2)	6(2)	1(1)	2(1)	5(2)
C10	5(2)	6(2)	6(2)	1(1)	-1(1)	0(1)
C11	8(2)	5(2)	11(3)	1(2)	-2(2)	0(2)
C12	5(2)	9(2)	9(2)	0(2)	2(2)	-0(2)
C13	4(1)	10(2)	6(2)	-0(2)	-1(2)	3(2)
C14	4(1)	10(2)	5(2)	0(2)	-2(1)	-0(2)
C15	6(2)	18(4)	6(2)	4(3)	-1(2)	-3(3)

Table 6. Final thermal parameters^a and their estimated standard deviations^b for (TBA)₂Re₂Br₈

^aThe B_i's are defined by T = exp[-1/4(B₁h²a^{*2} + B₂₂k²b^{*2} + B₃₃l²c^{*2} + 2B₁₂hka^{*}b^{*} + 2B₁₃hla^{*}c^{*1} + 2B₂₃klb^{*}c^{*})]. ^bGiven in parentheses for the least significant figure.

11(3) 10(3) 15(5) -1(3) 3(3) -4(3)

C16



Figure 7. Atom labelling system used in the structure solution of $\operatorname{Re_2Br_8}^{2-}$. Primes indicate atoms generated by an inversion center located at the center of the molecule

	Distances,	A	Angles,	degrees
Rel-Rel	2.226(4)	Brl-Rel-Br2	86.8(1)	
Re2-Re2	2.209(6)	Brl-Rel-Br4	87.1(1)	
Rel-Brl	2.470(4)	Brl-Rel-Br3	152.0(1)	
Rel-Br2	2.457(4)	Br2-Rel-Br3	86.4(1)	
Rel-Br3	2.469(4)	Br2-Rel-Br4	151.5(1)	
Rel-Br4	2.473(4)	Br3-Rel-Br4	86.1(1)	
Re2-Brl	2.477(4)	Brl-Re2-Br2	86.1(2)	
Re2-Br2	2.481(5)	Brl-Re2-Br3	87.4(2)	
Re2-Br3	2.475(5)	Brl-Re2-Br4	152.0(2)	
Re2-Br4	2.482(4)	Br2-Re2-Br4	87.8(1)	
		Rel-Rel-Brl	103.7(1)	
		Rel-Rel-Br2	104.0(1)	
		Rel-Rel-Br3	104.3(1)	
		Rel-Rel-Br4	104.6(1)	
		Re2-Re2-Brl	103.6(2)	
		Re2-Re2-Br2	102.9(2)	
		Re2-Re2-Br3	104.3(2)	
		Re2-Re2-Br4	104.4(2)	

Table 7. Interatomic distances and angles and their estimated standard deviations^a for $\text{Re}_2\text{Br}_8^{2-}$

^aGiven in parentheses for the least significant figure.

Table 8. Interatomic distances and angles and their estimated standard deviations^a for tetra-nbutylammonium ion

	Distances, A	·	Angles, degrees
N-Cl	1.61(3)	C1-N-C5	112(2)
N-C5	1.57(4)	C1-N-C9	109(2)
N-C9	1.45(4)	C1-N-C13	103(2)
N-C13	1.60(4)	C5-N-C9	108(2)
C1-C2	1.52(5)	C5-N-C13	112(2)
C2-C3	1.58(5)	C9-N-C13	113(2)
C3-C4	1.63(6)	C1-C2-C3	104(2)
C5-C6	1.46(4)	C2-C3-C4	106(3)
C6-C7	1.55(4)	C5-C6-C7	108(3)
C7-C8	1.56(5)	C6-C7-C8	118(3)
C9-C10	1.51(4)	C9-C10-C11	112(3)
C10-C11	1.53(5)	C10-C11-C12	113(3)
C11-C12	1.51(5)	C13-C14-C15	108(3)
C13-C14	1.52(5)	C14-C15-C16	119(4)
C14-C15	1.57(5)		
C15-C16	1.55(7)		

^aGiven in parentheses for the least significant figure.

The $\text{Re}_2\text{Br}_8^{2^-}$ ion occupies a crystallographic center of inversion, and there are only four crystallographically independent bromide atoms. The average of the Re-Br bonds is 0.132 Å longer than the Re-Cl. Also, the unit cell volume is 7% larger for the $\text{Re}_2\text{Br}_8^{2^-}$ salt than for the $\text{Re}_2\text{Cl}_8^{2^-}$ salt. The average of the Re-Re bond distances, 2.218 Å, is virtually the same as for the (TBA) $_2\text{Re}_2\text{Cl}_8$, 2.220 Å.

Structures of Mo₂(0₂CC(CH₃)₃]₄

Because of their similarity, the structures of the monoclinic and orthorhombic polymorphs of $Mo_2(piv)_4$ will be discussed together. Table 9 summarizes crystallographic parameters for the three $Mo_2(piv)_4$ polymorphs. Table 10 gives the final positional and thermal vibration parameters of the monoclinic and orthorhombic systems, and Figure 8 shows the atom labelling system. Observed and calculated structure factors for monoclinic and orthorhombic systems are listed in Appendixes B. C. respectively. Both of the polymorphs of $Mo_2(piv)_4$ have four molecules in the unit cell, but the monoclinic structure has two molecules in a primitive cell, and the orthorhombic structure has four molecules in a primitive cell. There are also two molecules

	Triclinic crystal ^a	Monoclinic crystal	Orthorhombic crystal
Space Group	ΡĪ	I2/c	Pbcn
a (A)	11.793(3)	12.747(3)	12.711(3)
b (Å)	12.154(4)	18.322(3)	18.351(5)
c (A)	10.403(4)	11.369(1)	11.413(3)
α (deg)	90.07(3)	90.0	90.0
β (deg)	104.61(3)	91.83(1)	90.0
γ (deg)	71.33(2)	90.0	90.0
V (Å ³)	1361.8(7)	2654.1(8)	2662(1)
Z	2	4	4
V/Z (Å ³ /molecu	le) 680.9	663.5	665.5

Table 9. Crystallographic parameters for the triclinic, monoclinic, and orthorhombic crystals of Mo₂(piv)₄

^aReference 4.

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Monoclinic	crystal	x	У	Z
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Orthornombi	c crystal	x	У	Z
Mo 0(1) 0(2) 0(3) 0(4) C(1) C(2) C(3) C(2) C(3) C(4) C(5) C(6) C(6) C(7) C(8) C(9) C(10)	0.5 0.5 0.5 0.5 0.5 0.5 0.5 0.5 0.5 0.5	53930(5) 5255(4) 5992(4) 3138(4) 3950(4) 3112(6) 2066(7) 2019(7) 172(8) 52(1) 52(1) 541(2) 366(2) 380(2)	0.49561(3) 0.3818(3) 0.6091(3) 0.5098(3) 0.5002(3) 0.5051(4) 0.5049(5) 0.4341(5) 0.5103(7) 0.3531(5) 0.2733(7) 0.228(1) 0.267(1) 0.251(1)	0.57995(6) 0.5801(6) 0.5055(5) 0.6764(5) 0.6156(8) 0.6780(8) 0.750(1) 0.760(1) 0.760(1) 0.5882(9) 0.4954(9) 0.4954(9) 0.499(1) 0.521(2) 0.606(2) 0.401(2)

Table 10. Final positional parameters^a and thermal parameters for the monoclinic and orthorhombic crystals of Mo₂(piv)₄

^aGiven in fractional coordinates.

<pre>B11 2.68(3) 4.4(2) 4.3(2) 2.9(2) 2.8(2) 2.8(3) 3.1(2) 5.2(4) 5.0(4) 3.2(3) 4.6(3) 10.0(7) 14.2(5) 17.3(6) 15.5</pre>	B ₂₂ 4.96(4) 5.2(2) 5.0(2) 5.4(2) 5.4(2) 4.9(3) 6.5(4) 6.4(4) 6.4(4) 10.7(6) 5.3(4) 5.6(5) 0.0 0.0 0.0	B ₃₃ 2.20(3) 3.8(2) 3.7(2) 2.7(2) 2.7(2) 3.2(3) 2.6(3) 4.7(4) 3.9(3) 4.1(4) 4.5(4) 9.4(7) 0.0 0.0 0.0	B ₁₂ -0.26(2) -0.0(2) -0.5(2) -0.1(1) 0.2(1) -0.1(2) 0.0(2) -1.4(3) 1.1(3) 0.1(3) -0.0(3) 0.3(5) 0.0 0.0 0.0	B ₁₃ -0.07(2) 0.3(2) 0.2(2) -0.1(2) -0.1(2) -0.1(2) -0.4(2) -1.1(3) -0.2(3) 0.1(3) 0.0(3) 2.5(5) 0.0 0.0 0.0	B ₂₃ -0.12(2) -0.8(2) 0.7(2) -0.2(1) -0.1(1) 0.0(2) 0.1(2) -0.8(3) 0.9(3) 0.1(3) -0.0(3) 0.5(4) 0.0 0.0 0.0	
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Figure 8. Atom labelling system used in the structure solution of the monoclinic and orthorhombic crystals of Mo₂(piv)₄

in the unit and primitive cell for Cotton et al.'s triclinic structure (4). Note in Table 9 that the two polymorphs have the c-axis dimension which is about 11.4 A in length. Each half-axis distance is a molecular stacking axis in that particular polymorph for weakly bonded one-dimensional chains. In addition to bonding with oxygens on four bridging carboxylates, each Mo atom is involved in weak axial coordination to an oxygen O(4) from an adjacent molecule. This intermolecular interaction produces chains of molecules, as depicted in Figure 9 (58). The two polymorphs have this same basic stacking arrangement. Note that all twin bonds (intermolecular bonds) in a chain lie essentially in a single plane. This type of chain structure with twin bonds between the molecules has been found in all determined structures for molybdenum(II) carboxylates with single exception of Cotton et al.'s triclinic dimolybdenum tetrapivalate. In that case, the two oxygens at opposite ends of a molecule lie in cis- rather than trans-chelate rings. An ORTEP drawing viewed along the stacking axis (showing one layer of molecules) is presented for the monoclinic and orthorhombic systems, respectively, in Figures 10 and 11. In this view, each molecule shown represents one chain. The figures are drawn to the same scale for comparison. Both structures have the same nearly close packing. If a one-dimensional chain is considered a


Figure 9. Intermolecular bonding in dimolybdenum tetracarboxylate complexes



Figure 10. The molecular structure of the monoclinic crystal of $Mo_2(piv)_4$



Figure 11. The molecular structure of the orthorhombic crystal of $Mo_2(piv)_4$

rod, then each rod was surrounded by six other rods. It is difficult to see any difference between Figures 10 and 11. However, the difference between structures is clearly apparent in Figures 12 and 13. In each of these figures, three molecules from two different chains are plotted as viewed from the b axis. The upper chain passes through the center of the cell, and the lower chain in each figure passes along the edge of the cell formed by the c axis. The molecules in the chains of the orthorhombic system form a herring-bone pattern. For the monoclinic system, molecules in the chains form the parallel pattern. The orthorhombic structure with the herring-bone arrangement has a slightly less efficient packing of molecules that is indicated by the larger molecular volume than the monoclinic structure with the parallel arrangement. However, triclinic structure possesses the least effective packing arrangement among these three polymorphs.

For comparison of distances and angles, two values will be considered significantly different if their difference is greater than or equal to 30(difference). The important interatomic distances and angles are listed in Table 11 for monoclinic crystal and in Table 12 for the orthorhombic crystal.

All types of dimeric carboxylates containing quadruple bonds evidently have some inherent capability to bind



Figure 12. The molecular structure of the monoclinic crystal of $Mo_2(piv)_4$



Figure 13. The molecular structure of the orthorhombic crystal of $Mo_2(piv)_4$

crystal of Mo ₂ (piv) ₄				
	Distances, A	4		
Moʻ-Mo	2.087(1)	C(1)-C(2)	1.52(1)	
Mo-0(1)	2.092(5)	C(2)-C(3)	1.55(1)	
Mo-0(2)	2.100(5)	C(2)-C(4)	1.55(1)	
Mo-0(3)	2.107(5)	C(2)-C(5)	1.53(1)	
Mo-0(4)	2.136(5)	C(6)-C(7)	1.49(1)	
Mo-0(4) (axial)	2.894(5)	C(7)-C(8)	1.45(2)	
Mo-0(4)' (axial)	3.046(5)	C(7)-C(9)	1.65(2)	
O(1) - C(6)	1.257(9)	C(7)-C(10)	1.52(2)	
0(2)-C(6)	1.276(9)			
O(3)-C(1)	1.254(8)			
0(4) - C(1)	1.283(8)			
	Angles, degr	ees		
Mo'-Mo-0(1)	92.0(1)	C(3)-C(2)-C(4) 110.1(6)	
-0(2)	91.5(1)	C(3)-C(2)-C(5) 109.7(6)	
-0(3)	91.4(1)	C(4)-C(2)-C(5) 109.5(6)	
-0(4)	92.3(1)	C(8)-C(7)-C(9) 111(1)	
Mo'-Mo-O(4) (axia	1) 167.5(1)	C(8)-C(7)-C(10) 121(1)	
0(1)-Mo-0(3)	90.0(1)	C(9)-C(7)-C(10) 95(1)	
0(2)-Mo-0(4)	92.0(1)			
0(1)-C(6)-O(2)	122.0(7)			
O(3)-C(1)-O(4)	122.5(6)			

Table 11. Interatomic distances and angles and their estimated standard deviations^a for the monoclinic crystal of $Mo_2(piv)_A$

^aGiven in parentheses for the least significant figure.

Table 12. Interatomic distances and angles and their estimated standard deviations^a for the orthorhombic crystal of Mo₂(piv)₄

	Distances, Å	N	
Moʻ-Mo	2.087(1)	C(1) - C(2)	1.51(1)
Mo-0(1)	2.095(6)	C(2)-C(3)	1.54(1)
Mo-0(2)	2.101(6)	C(2) - C(4)	1.56(1)
Mo-0(3)	2.109(5)	C(2)-C(5)	1.53(1)
Mo-0(4)	2.141(5)	C(6)-C(7)	1.50(1)
Mo-0(4) (axial)	2.905(5)	C(7)-C(8)	1.43(3)
Mo-0(4)' (axial)	3.044(5)	C(7)-C(9)	1.65(3)
0(1)-C(6)	1.27(1)	C(7)-C(10)	1.50(3)
0(2)-C(6)	1.28(1)		
O(3)-C(1)	1.26(1)		
O(4) - C(1)	1.28(1)		
	Angles, degr	ees	<u></u>
Mo'-Mo-0(1)	92.2(2)	C(3)-C(2)-C(4)	110.4(8)
-0(2)	91.6(2)	C(3)-C(2)-C(5)	110.3(8)
-0(3)	91.3(2)	C(4)-C(2)-C(5)	108.7(8)
-0(4)	92.1(2)	C(8)-C(7)-C(9)	110(1)
Mo'-Mo-O(4) (axia	1) 166.6(1)	C(8)-C(7)-C(10)) 117(1)
0(1)-Mo-0(3)	90.4(2)	C(9)-C(7)-C(10)) 97(1)
0(2)-Mo-0(4)	89.6(2)		
0(1)-C(6)-O(2)	122.0(9)		
0(3)-C(1)-O(4)	121.7(7)		

^aGiven in parentheses for the least significant figure.

ligands trans to the metal-metal bond, i.e., in their axial positions. The strength of such bonding varies greatly. A long Mo-O(4) bond length (ca. 2.14 Å) is found relative to the corresponding values observed for another oxygen atom (ca. 2.10 A) as shown in Tables 11 and 12. In each system, the Mo-O(b) distances are about 0.04 A longer than the Mo-O(nb) one. These differences are statistically significant. The Mo-Mo-O angles for O(4) are not significantly different from other oxygen atoms. In the monoclinic crystal, two axial contact distances are 2.894(5) and 3.046(5) Å, and in the orthorhombic crystal 2.905(5) and 3.044(5) A. By comparison, in Cotton et al.'s $P\overline{I}$ crystals (4), the axial contacts are at distances of 2.870(5) and 2.926(5) A. The axial interaction involves the d_2-p_ hybrid orbital of the metal which has maximum value 180° from the metal-metal bond and the sp² hybrid orbital on the oxygen. These two orbitals will have maximum overlap, when Mo-Mo-O bond angles is somewhat less than 180°. Figure 14 illustrates the axial interaction involving these Mo and O orbitals.

The interatomic distances and angles are essentially the same for the two polymorphs. The $Mo_2(piv)_4$ molecules for the two polymorphs have $\bar{1}$ site symmetry and deviate slightly from the local D_{4h} symmetry due to adjacent molecular interaction. The data of the Mo…0 bond length



Figure 14. Diagram of the Mo-O axial interaction showing orbital geometries

suggest the Mo... 0 bond is the stronger in the Cotton et al.'s PI system than in the other two polymorphs, but the Mo-Mo bond length is essentially the same for the three polymorphs.

Crystal Spectra

 $\frac{\text{EN(n-C_4H_9)_4]_2Re_2Cl_8}}{\text{The ERe_Cl_8]^{2-}}} \text{ ion was the first example to have a}$ demonstrated quadruple bond of any kind. It is important to understand the relatively recent and rare electronic structure. The orientation of the electric vector of the two plane-polarized light waves transmitted for the 100 face will be along the b-axis (b-polarization) and along the caxis (c-polarization). Scans of the complete 14500cm⁻¹-band for a crystal 2.2 µm thick at 300 and 6 K for the b- and cpolarizations are shown in Figure 15. A plot of the 6 K spectra with an extended wavenumber scale revealed striking detail and is shown in Figure 16.

The relative intensities of absorptions have been calculated from the oriented molecule model. Under D_{4h} symmetry, an absorption feature will have either molecular z-polarization or molecular x, y-polarizations for two degenerate transitions. The z-axis lies along the metalmetal bond.

For convenience, all vector calculations were performed



Figure 15. Polarized spectra of the entire band for a crystal of (TBA) $_2$ Re $_2$ Cl $_8$ that was 2.2 μ m thick at 300 and 6 K



Figure 16. Polarized spectra in the low-energy region with an extended wavenumber scale for a crystal of (TBA) $_2\text{Re}_2\text{Cl}_8$ that was 2.2 µm thick at 6 K

in an orthogonal coordinate system with unit vectors, i.e., \hat{i} , \hat{j} , and \hat{k} . The following expressions relate the crystallographic coordinates to an orthogonal system:

 $\hat{a} = 0.84554\hat{i} - 0.53391\hat{k}$ $\hat{b} = \hat{j}$ $\hat{c} = \hat{k}$

The observed extinctions were represented by the following vectors:

The \hat{z} for the major site (1) and minor site (2) cases are listed below:

 $\hat{z}_1 = -0.18321\hat{i} + 0.87654\hat{j} + 0.44509\hat{k}$ $\hat{z}_2 = -0.85890\hat{i} + 0.06303\hat{j} - 0.50825\hat{k}$

The following results were obtained from the unit dot products of the \hat{z}_1 and \hat{z}_2 molecular axes with the extinction vectors:

 $\hat{z}_{1} \cdot \hat{Ex}_{1} = 0.87656 = \cos\theta_{1,b} = \cos28.77^{\circ}$ $\hat{z}_{1} \cdot \hat{Ex}_{2} = 0.44510 = \cos\theta_{1,c} = \cos63.57^{\circ}$ $\hat{z}_{2} \cdot \hat{Ex}_{1} = 0.06296 = \cos\theta_{2,b} = \cos86.39^{\circ}$ $\hat{z}_{2} \cdot \hat{Ex}_{2} = 0.50829 = \cos\theta_{2,c} = \cos59.45^{\circ}$

The intensity of absorption for a unit molecular zpolarization transition with the major $\operatorname{Re}_{2}\operatorname{Cl}_{8}^{2-}$ orientation appearing in b polarization is $0.739\cos^2\theta_{1,b} = 0.567$ and appearing in c polarization is $0.739\cos^2\theta_{1,c} = 0.143$. The expected polarization ratio, $(I_{b}/I_{c})_{1,z}$ is 3.88. The intensity from the two x- and y-polarized unit transitions appearing in b polarization is $0.739 \sin^2\theta_{1,b} =$ 0.171 and appearing in c polarization is $0.739 \sin^2\theta_{1,c} =$ 0.590 with the polarization ratio, $(I_b/I_c)_{1,xy} = 0.289$.

Thus, the b-axis intensity for a z-polarized transition of the minor $\operatorname{Re}_2 \operatorname{Cl}_8^{2-}$ is 0.261cos² $\theta_{2,b} = 0.0010$, and the caxis intensity is $0.261\cos^2\theta_{2,c} = 0.0674$ with the polarization ratio of $(I_b/I_c)_{2,z} = 0.015$. For x, y-polarized transitions, the b-axis intensity is calculated from $0.261\sin^2\theta_{2,b}$ =0.260 and the c-axis intensity from $0.261\sin^2\theta_{2,c} = 0.194$ with the polarization ratio $(I_{b}/I_{c})_{2.xy} = 1.34$. The above calculated values can only serve as guides rather than precise predictions because of crystal field perturbations which may lower the site symmetry from D_{4b}. A relative minor crystal field might alter the polarization by moving the transition moment of a molecular z-polarized transition away from the metal-metal bond. A major perturbation might break the degeneracy of the two x, y transitions to give two bands with very different intensities and polarization ratios.

The first absorption band is predicted from X α -SW calculations (37) to be the $\delta \rightarrow \delta^*$ transition, ${}^{1}A_{1g} \rightarrow {}^{1}A_{2u}$, which will have z polarization. Cotton et al. were the first to use structural data and the equations which were modified from Piper's equations (46). They concluded from

the overall band intensity polarization that the ca. 700nm transition of $\text{Re}_2\text{Cl}_8^{2^-}$ is z-polarized.

In Figure 15, it can be seen that although the band has sharpened and vibrational structure appeared in lowtemperature spectra, the integrated intensity of the band is virtually identical at the two temperatures. This feature indicates an electric dipole-allowed transition. The relative intensities of the general features are in very good agreement with those of Cowman and Gray (8). The spectrum shown in Figure 16 indicates the component at 14,167 cm^{-1} is the lowest energy feature. This is followed by a rather broad region of absorption in which at least two weak maxima can be discerned in each polarization. This absorption lies on a rising absorption associated with much more intense features at 14,305 cm^{-1} and followed by another intense feature at 14,329 cm^{-1} . It is noted that at 14,415 cm^{-1} in each polarization, just 248 cm^{-1} above the first feature, there is a sharp peak followed by a broad area of absorption in each polarization. The average 249 (2) cm^{-1} occurs between all successive major elements in Franck-Condon progression in the band. Only one of the three totally symmetric vibrations of the anion gives the excited Franck-Condon lines. This vibration is generally considered to be the metal-metal stretching vibration for these dimeric complexes. The Raman spectra for (TBA)₂Re₂Cl₈ places this

vibration at 271.9 cm^{-1} in the ground electronic state (59). The lower value in the excited electronic state is consistent with a weaker metal-metal bond that would occur with $\delta \rightarrow \delta^{\star}$ excitation. Such detailed features, less wellresolved but still recognizable, are in the peak 14,650-14,770 cm⁻¹. Therefore, it is concluded that the feature at 14,150-14,270 cm^{-1} is really the origin of the long progression that continues 14,440-14,520, 14,650-14,770 cm^{-1} , etc. The difference in the shape of the first feature arises from the fact that it lies on the rising absorption of the major component at $14,305 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ whereas the later members of the progression each lie between much more intense components. The polarization ratio of the members of this progression, I_{b}/I_{c} , can be estimated to be about 3 with considerably uncertainty. This might be considered consistent with a z-polarized absorption of the major component. However, at 14,206 cm^{-1} , there is clearly a weak maximum in c polarization just where there is a minimum in b-polarization. Hence, there is probably a contribution from the minor component with z-polarization.

In b-polarization, there is the intense peak at 14,305 cm^{-1} with subsequent members of a Franck-Condon progression spacing 249 \pm 2 cm^{-1} . However, in c-polarization, a rather sharp maximum is at 14,329 cm^{-1} , 24 cm^{-1} higher than the b-polarization peak; and there is clearly a shoulder at 14,305

 cm^{-1} . There is no discernible component at 14,329 cm^{-1} in b-polarization. The observed polarization ratio at 14,305 cm^{-1} is estimated to be 3.3. Therefore, it is proposed that 14,305 cm⁻¹ is the origin of a z-polarized progression for the major component, whereas $14,329 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ is the origin for the minor component. The predicted c-polarized relative intensity for the unit transition moment is 0.146 on the major site, whereas it is 0.067 on the minor site. However the 14,329 cm^{-1} feature appears somewhat sharper than the 14,305 cm^{-1} band, and the higher peak at 14,329 cm^{-1} may be a consequence of a smaller width even though its integrated intensity is lower. The feature of a shoulder on a narrow peak is evident in the higher members of the Franck-Condon progression as well. The progressions with origins at 14,305 and 14,329 cm^{-1} therefore are consistent with the spin-allowed $\delta \rightarrow \delta^{\star}$ transition, i.e., electric dipole allowed, z-polarized for the major and minor sites, respectively, indicated in the crystal structure and with a site splitting of 24 cm^{-1} .

The source of the additional progression based on the broad, multiple-component origin, $14,150-14,270 \text{ cm}^{-1}$, is not evident from the crystal structure. It is proposed that it arises from additional disorder in the crystal. The intensity of peaks at $14,150-14,270 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ appears to be 20-30% of the more intense peak at $14,270-14,350 \text{ cm}^{-1}$. It is

disturbing that no such alternative disorder was evident from the crystal structure where the refinement produced an R of 0.042 (9). Since the site difference with the alternative metal-metal bond orientation shifted the origin by only 24 cm⁻¹, the shift of up to 138 cm⁻¹ indicates a much larger crystal field shift. It is possible that a different orientation of parts of the cations at low temperature cause the large shift by significant electrostatic effects on the Re orbitals. The breadth and complexity of the origin indicate that there are a number of different disordered perturbations. But, none were identified in the averaging by the X-ray diffraction at room temperature.

Cowman and Gray (8) suggested vibrational assignments for this first band for $(\text{TBA})_2 \text{Re}_2 \text{Cl}_8$. The lowest energy component of the band was quite weak, and they assigned it as the 0-0 line, which with their low resolution they placed at 14183 cm⁻¹. There was then one strong progression based on higher origin. The two progressions had the same spacing. They assigned the spacing of the two progressions, \bar{v}_2 , to the totally symmetric metal-metal stretching frequency. Since this was a dipole-allowed transition, the distances of the origin of the progression above the 0-0 energy was assigned to \bar{v}_3 , the other totally symmetric vibration of the $\text{Re}_2 \text{Cl}_8^{2^-}$ ions, viz., the Re-Re-Cl bends.

Such an assignment requires that the v = 1 vibrational line of the \bar{v}_3 (14298 cm⁻¹) Franck-Condon progression is much more intense than all the other members of the progressions. This pattern of Franck-Condon progression is not logical.

Trogler et al. (42) and Bursten et al. (37) described a very weak absorption, designated by them as band I, in $(TBA)_2 Re_2 Cl_8$ in the vicinity of 16,000-18,500 cm⁻¹. This absorption, above the $\delta \rightarrow \delta^*$ transition, had well-resolved vibrational structure for which Bursten et al. tabulated wavenumbers for four Franck-Condon progressions. The four progressions were based on progression separations of 225 + 10 cm⁻¹, somewhat lower than the separation for the $\delta \rightarrow \delta^*$ band. These low values indicate an especially weak metalmetal bond in the excited state. They concluded that progressions a, c, and d are z-polarized while progression b is x, y-polarized. In addition, there are several peaks that remained unassigned. Since the origin of their fourth progression, designated d, was 1687 cm⁻¹ above the first origin, they proposed that both the $\pi \to \delta^{\star}$ $({}^{1}A_{1\alpha} \to {}^{1}E_{\alpha})$ and $\delta \rightarrow \pi^{\star} ({}^{1}A_{1\sigma} \rightarrow {}^{1}E_{\sigma})$ transitions are contained in this band. The band obtained in this research were similar to theirs. The spectroscopic face is 100 which is different from their 110 face. This probably accounts for the fact that the b:c peak height ratio was about 4.0 whereas their [c:c ratio was

reported as 2.6. The origins of the b, c, and d progression lie 280, 380, and 1680 cm⁻¹ above the a-origin, respectively. It does not seem possible to assign the c, d and perhaps the b to different vibronic origins for the same transition. These wavenumbers would presumably have to represent the difference in frequencies for two vibrations of $\text{Re}_2\text{Cl}_8^{2-}$ and the highest frequencies observed in Raman and IR spectra for the ground state are 356.5 and 346 cm⁻¹. Hence, the b, c, and d progressions alternatively might originate from either different sites or different transitions.

$EN(n-C_4H_9)_4 J_2Re_2Br_8$

A search of the crystals of $(TBA)_2Re_2Br_8$ failed to locate any as thin as those which were available for $(TBA)_2Re_2Cl_8$. Polarized spectra for the thinnest spectroscopic crystal (3.4 µm thick) are shown in Figure 17. Even so, the intensity of the band was so great that it was not possible to scan over the highest peaks for bpolarization. The spectroscopic face was identified from the diffractometer angles as the $10\overline{1}$ face for the $P2_1/n$ cell. This is the same face indicated in the $P2_1/c$ space group that was found for $(TBA)_2Re_2Cl_8$ crystals. One optical extinction is required to be parallel to the b axis and the other perpendicular to the b axis. Since this latter

direction is not that of the crystallographic c axis, these two crystal polarizations for the spectra are designated as the b and \perp b.

The following expressions relate the crystallographic coordinates to an orthogonal system:

 $\hat{a} = 0.99236\hat{i} - 0.12339\hat{k}$ $\hat{b} = \hat{j}$ $\hat{c} = \hat{k}$

The observed extinctions were given by:

$$\hat{Ex}_{1} = \hat{b} = \hat{j}$$

 $\hat{Ex}_{2} = \pm b = 0.82849\hat{i} + 0.55999\hat{k}$

The \hat{z} unit vector represented a z-polarized transition moment vector for the major site (1) and minor site (2). These are listed below:

$$\hat{z}_1 = 0.30137\hat{i} - 0.87070\hat{j} + 0.38860\hat{k}$$

 $\hat{z}_2 = 0.87840\hat{i} + 0.08125\hat{j} - 0.47094\hat{k}$

The following results were obtained from dot products of \hat{z} unit vectors with the extinction vectors:

$$\hat{z}_{1} \cdot \hat{Ex}_{1} = -0.87066 = \cos\theta_{1,b} = \cos29.47^{\circ}$$

$$\hat{z}_{1} \cdot \hat{Ex}_{2} = 0.46744 = \cos\theta_{1,\perp b} = \cos62.13^{\circ}$$

$$\hat{z}_{2} \cdot \hat{Ex}_{1} = 0.08124 = \cos\theta_{2,b} = \cos85.34^{\circ}$$

$$\hat{z}_{2} \cdot \hat{Ex}_{2} = 0.46377 = \cos\theta_{2,\perp b} = \cos62.37^{\circ}$$

The predicted intensity of a unit molecular z-polarized transition for the major $\operatorname{Re}_2\operatorname{Br}_8^{2-}$ orientation appearing in b-polarization is $0.621\cos^2\theta_{1,b} = 0.471$ and appearing in <u>lb</u>

polarization is $0.621\cos^2\theta_{1,\perp b} = 0.136$. The predicted polarization ratio is $(I_b/I_{\perp b})_{1,z} = 3.46$. The intensity from the two x, y-polarized unit transitions appearing in b polarization is $0.621\sin^2\theta_{1,b} = 0.150$ and appearing in $\perp b$ polarization is $0.621\sin^2\theta_{1,\perp b} = 0.485$ with the polarization ratio $(I_b/I_{\perp})_{1,xy} = 0.309$. For z polarization, the b-axis intensity for the minor $\operatorname{Re}_2\operatorname{Br}_8^{2-}$ orientation is $0.379\cos^2\theta_{2,b} = 0.0025$, and the $\perp b$ intensity is $0.379\cos^2\theta_{2,\perp b} = 0.0185$ with the polarization ratio $(I_b/I_{\perp b})_{2,z} = 0.031$. For the x, y-polarization, the b intensity is calculated from $0.379\sin^2\theta_{2,b} = 0.376$ and the $\perp b$ intensity from $0.379\sin^2\theta_{2,\perp b} = 0.297$ with the predicted polarization ratio, $(I_b/I_{\perp b})_{2,xy} = 1.28$.

Polarized spectra in the low-energy region were shown in Figure 17. In the <u>lb</u>-polarization, four members of two strong progressions are clearly resolved with origins at 13,720 and 13,790 cm⁻¹, respectively, a splitting of 70 cm⁻¹. Only the first member of each progression was observable in b-polarization. The b-polarized component at 13,720 was considerably less intense than the <u>lb</u> polarized component, whereas the b-polarized peak at 13,790 cm⁻¹ is at least 3 times as intense as the <u>lb</u> component. Therefore, the 13,790 cm⁻¹ line was assigned as the 0-0 line ($\delta \rightarrow \delta^*$ transition) of a z-polarized transition for a major component, and the 13,720 cm⁻¹ line as the 0-0 line for a z-



Figure 17. Polarized spectra in the low-energy region with an extended wavenumber scale for a crystal of $(TBA)_2Re_2Br_8$ 3.4 µm thick at 6 K. The short segment above the b polarization was obtained with a higher range extender setting that increased the noise

polarized transition in the minor component. The intensity of the 13,720 cm⁻¹ line is obviously higher than that predicted from the expected polarization ratio for the ideal D_{4h} symmetry. This feature can well be due to a moderate deviation of the transition moment vector from the molecular z-axis caused by the crystal fields. Also, the intensity of the 13,790 line should be about 1.66 times of the 13,720 line for the ideal case. The 13,720 cm⁻¹ component is slightly higher although this may be in part due to the fact that it is somewhat narrower. Again, it is probably another consequence of the crystal-field effect on the transition moment alignment. If the assignment is correct, it indicates that the origin of z-polarized band, presumably the $\delta \rightarrow \delta^*$ transition, has been red-shifted by 70 cm⁻¹ in the minority component.

Below the two intense origins, there is evidence of some absorption in the region of 13,570-13,680 cm⁻¹. Higher progression terms based on the origins in this region are clearly seen in both polarizations. These origins are suspected to result from the same sort of unspecified disorder that also occurred in the $(TBA)_2Re_2Cl_8$. In the case of the bromide salt, the disorder must be nearly an order of magnitude less abundant, because these progressions are such minor features in the spectra. A very minor origin was also noted to occur at 14,185 in the [b-spectrum. This

is 395 cm⁻¹ above the 13,790 cm⁻¹ origin and appears to be too high to be a vibronic origin. The highest energy of the vibrational mode for $[\operatorname{Re}_2 \operatorname{Cl}_8]^{2^-}$ anion is 365.5 cm⁻¹ belonging to $\overline{v}(\operatorname{Re-Cl})$ (57). The line at 14,185 cm⁻¹ may indicate a further minor disorder.

There is some vibrational structure in the region 13,570-13,680 cm⁻¹ that is more clearly seen in the spectra for a thicker crystal in Figure 18. Thus, the two peaks, 13,610 and 13,643, which are more intense in b-polarization, can be attributed to the major site in z-polarization, and the peaks at 13,635 and 13,660, which are much more intense in jb, can be attributed to the minor site in z-polarization. For these components, the orientation of metal-metal bonds is assumed to be the same in each major and minor site as for the other components. It is only a difference in the configuration in cations.

A very weak absorption in the region of 16,000-18,500 cm⁻¹ is shown in Figure 19. A crystal 37 µm thick was used for these spectra. Mishowski (60) found a very similar band for crystals of $Cs_2Re_2Br_8$. He noted that the majority of lines could result from two vibronic origins with two Franck-Condon progressions. According to his suggestion, the observed vibrational structure of $(TBA)_2Re_2Br_8$ in this region is assigned in Table 13. The two vibronic origins at 16,330 and 16,450 cm⁻¹, designated 0-0 + v_i and 0-0 + v_j ,



Figure 18. Polarized spectra for a $(TBA)_2 Re_2 Br_8$ crystal that is 8.5 μm thick



Figure 19. Polarized spectra for a 37 μm thick (TBA) $_2 Re_2 Br_8$ crystal in the region of the weak band, 16000-18000 cm^{-1}

\overline{v}^{a} , cm ⁻¹	$\bar{v}^{\rm b}$, cm ⁻¹	assignment
16540	16538	$0-0 + v_{i} + v_{2}$
16590	16586	$0-0 + v_{1} + v_{1}$
16660	16658	$0-0 + v_{j} + v_{2}$
16710	16706	$0-0 + v_{j} + v_{l}$
16800	16794	$0-0 + v_{1} + v_{2} + v_{1}$
16840	16842	$0-0 + v_{1} + 2v_{1}$
16920	16914	$0-0 + v_{j} + v_{2} + v_{1}$
16960	16962	$0-0 + v_{j} + 2v_{l}$
17050	17050	$0-0 + v_{1} + 2v_{1} + v_{2}$
17100	17098	$0-0 + v_{1} + 3v_{1}$
17170	17170	$0-0 + v_{j} + 2v_{1} + v_{2}$
17220	17218	$0 - 0 + v_{j} + 3v_{l}$
17305	17306	$0 - 0 + v_{1} + 3v_{1} + v_{2}$
17380	17376	$0' - 0' + v_k + v_1$
17430	17426	$0-0 + v_{j} + 3v_{1} + v_{2}$
17480	17484	$0' - 0' + v_k + v_1 + v_2$
17560	17562	$0-0 + v_{1} + 4v_{1} + v_{2}$
17630	17632	$0' - 0' + v_k + 2v_1$
17690	17680	$0 - 0 + v_{j} + 4v_{1} + v_{2}$

Table 13. Vibrational Structure in the region of 16000-18500 cm^{-1} for (TBA)₂Re₂Br₈ at 6 k

a Observed frequencies.

^b Calculated frequencies.

respectively, are based on the 0-0 line ($\pi \rightarrow \delta^{\star}$ or $\delta \rightarrow \pi^{\star}$ transition). Another vibronic origin at 17120 cm^{-1} , designated 0'-0' + v_k , lie 790 cm⁻¹ above an origin. Hence, the c progression must originate from either different transitions or different sites. There are two totally symmetric vibrations, designated v_1 and v_2 , with wavenumbers 256.0 and 208.0 cm^{-1} which yield Franck-Condon progressions. The v_1 vibration produces long Franck-Condon progression with four members above the origin discernible, whereas v_2 produces short progression with only one member above the origin. Therefore, v_1 was assigned to the $a_{1\alpha}$ Re-Re stretching vibration, and v_2 was assigned to the $a_{1\sigma}$ Re-Br stretching vibration. Progressions a, b, and c, which are zpolarized, couple a vibrational wave function of overall E, symmetry to the electronic wave function to give a vibronic state of A₂₁₁ symmetry. Since the origin of the third progression, designated c, was 790 cm^{-1} above the a-origin, it was concluded that this absorption represents a different transition or a different site.

Trogler et al. (42) commented that in their sample of $(TBA)_2Re_2Br_8$ they observed some thin tan crystals that they attributed to a different face from the normal specimens. They indicated it was partially due to this observation that they concluded the 14,000 cm⁻¹ band must be z-polarized; for



Figure 20. Polarized spectra of a tan crystal found in the preparation of $(TBA)_2 Re_2 Br_8$

if the green color was due to an x, y-polarization, there would be no face where this component would not be seen in at least one polarization. Some thin tan crystals were found among green crystals of $(TBA)_2 Re_2 Br_8$ in this research. Polarized spectra for the $14,000 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ band of such a cystal are shown in Figure 20. There are two intense progressions seen in each polarization and a third weaker progression based on an origin below the other two. The pattern is clearly similar to the bands in Figure 17 for (TBA)₂Re₂Br₈. However, lines in the tan crystals are about 80 cm^{-1} higher in energy than in the green crystals. This result has been confirmed with a second crystal as well. Therefore, it is concluded that the tan crystals represent a different crystal structure from the green which does contain the $\operatorname{Re_2Br_8}^{2-}$ anion, and that the 80 cm⁻¹ shift of the vibrational lines results from the different crystal environment.

The intensity ratio of the tan crystal at room temperature appeared to be approximately 1.7 in the two polarizations, whereas in the green crystal it was estimated to be 2.9. In examination of the extended spectra for the tan crystals, which are presented in Figure 21, it was noted that a band peaking at 21,100 cm⁻¹ with equal intensity in each polarization is about the same intensity as the 14,000 cm⁻¹ band in the polarization with low intensity. The room



Figure 21. Room-temperature polarized crystal spectra for tan and green crystals of $(TBA)_2 Re_2 Br_8$

temperature scans for the green crystal are also shown in Figure 21, and they show a 21,000 cm⁻¹ peak the intensity of which is only 10-20% of the <u>ib-polarization</u> of the 14,000 cm⁻¹ band. It seems likely that the 21,000 cm⁻¹ band may be due to an impurity component. In any event, the 21,000 cm⁻¹ band appears to play an important role in establishing the color of the tan crystals. For the green crystals, the relative intensity of the 14,000 cm⁻¹ band, primarily with little absorption at 21,000 cm⁻¹, serves to provide the responses which the eye interprets as green and tan colors for the different polarizations.

Comparison of (TBA)₂Re₂Cl₈ and (TBA)₂Re₂Br₈

There are similarities in the first band of these two compounds, but also some distinct differences as well. First of all, the bands have nearly the same energy with maxima in the region of 14,000-14,500 cm⁻¹. Room temperature oscillator strengths, calculated for a particular polarization from the equation:

 $f = 4.32 \times 10^{-9} \int \epsilon d\bar{\nu}$,

were similar as well. For $(TBA)_2Re_2Cl_8$, $f_b = 2.6 \times 10^{-2}$ and $f_c = 9.5 \times 10^{-3}$. For $(TBA)_2Re_2Br_8$, $f_b = 2.0 \times 10^{-2}$ and $f_{\perp b} = 6.8 \times 10^{-3}$. Since the thinnest crystal of $(TBA)_2Re_2Br_8$ was about 50% thicker than $(TBA)_2Re_2Cl_8$, it was not possible to scan over the b-polarized spectrum of this compound.

The average separation in Franck-Condon progressions were nearly equal for each compound, 249(2) cm^{-1} for $(TBA)_2Re_2Cl_8$ and 252(4) cm⁻¹ for $(TBA)_2Re_2Br_8$ in the first band. These progressional frequencies are due to an excited state Re-Re stretch. These values are very reasonable in view of the corresponding stretching frequencies for the ground state of 271.9 and 275.4 reported by Clark and Franks (59) from their resonance Raman study of these compounds. The most intense progression of each compound is based on an origin that can be considered the 0-0 line of a dipoleallowed, z-polarized transition of the majority component in the disordered crystals. This line for $(TBA)_2 Re_2 Br_8$ was 515 cm^{-1} below the corresponding line for the (TBA)₂Re₂Cl₈. The corresponding 0-0 line of the minority component in the crystal of $(TBA)_2 Re_2 Cl_8$ was blue-shifted only 24 cm⁻¹ above that for the major component, and the two lines were barely resolvable. On the other hand, this line for the minor component of $(TBA)_2 Re_2 Br_8$ was red-shifted by 70 cm⁻¹ so the two progressions were clearly resolved. A complex pattern of absorption below these 0-0 lines occurred for both compounds which are attributed to a disorder not revealed by X-ray diffraction at room temperature. The considerable difference in the relative intensities for these additional absorptions and the progression based on them are consistent with their assignment to such a disorder component. Thev

indicate a much lower occurrence of such an anomalous component in the bromide compound. This feature may well account for the better resolution of the major vibrational components in the $(TBA)_2Re_2Br_8$.

The features of absorption are quite different in the region of $16,000-18,500 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ for these two compounds. For the (TBA)₂Re₂Br₈, all line intensities are high in b-polarization. There are no lines resolvable that can be assigned as x, y-polarized for the major orientation or z-polarized for the minor orientation. A majority of the lines can be described by two vibronic origins with two a_{lg} vibrations which produce Franck-Condon progressions. It was necessary to include a second site or transition to account for a few lines. For (TEA)₂Re₂Cl₈, Franck-Condon progressions based on a single a_{lg} vibration were observed. At least three different sites or separate transitions were required to account for lines and one progression was more intense in c-polarization.

$\frac{\text{Re}_{2}\text{CO}_{2}\text{CC(CH}_{3})_{3}\text{J}_{4}\text{Cl}_{2}}{3}$

As Collins et al. (25) indicated, the structure of $\operatorname{Re}_2\operatorname{CO}_2\operatorname{CC}(\operatorname{CH}_3)_3\operatorname{J}_4\operatorname{Cl}_2$ is ideal for crystal spectroscopy. There is only one molecule in a primitive cell, and the site symmetry is 4/m. The needle faces were 100 with c directed along the needle axis. The molecular z-axis which is along


Figure 22. Polarized spectra for a $\text{Re}_2\text{EO}_2\text{CC(CH}_3)_3\text{J}_4\text{Cl}_2$ crystal that was 41 μm thick



Figure 23. Polarized spectra for a $\text{Re}_2\text{EO}_2\text{CC(CH}_3)_3\text{J}_4\text{Cl}_2$ crystal that was 2.3 µm thick

Table 14. Electronic transitions, polarized intensities, and proposed assignments for $\text{Re}_2\text{CO}_2\text{CC(CH}_3)_3\text{J}_4\text{Cl}_2$

z-Polarization		x, y-Polarization		Proposed		
ν, 0 cm ⁻¹)sc. str., f ^a	√, 0 cm ⁻¹)sc. str., f ^a	assignment		
		16500	5 × 10 ⁻⁵	$1_{A_{1,\alpha}} \rightarrow 3_{A_{2,\alpha}}, \delta \rightarrow \delta^*$		
20200	3×10^{-3}	20600	7×10^{-4}	$^{1}A_{1\sigma} \rightarrow ^{3}A_{2u}, \delta \rightarrow \delta^{*}$		
b	b	21600	1×10^{-5}	${}^{1}A_{1\alpha} \rightarrow {}^{3}E_{\alpha}, \pi \rightarrow \delta^{\star}$		
24700	1.5×10^{-4}	24700	7×10^{-4}	$^{1}A_{1q} \rightarrow ^{1}E_{q}, \pi \rightarrow \delta^{*}$		
29000	8×10^{-4}	29000	$< 2 \times 10^{-4}$	$^{1}A_{1q} \rightarrow ^{1}E_{q}, \delta \rightarrow \pi^{\star}$		
с	с	32000	1.6×10^{-3}	spin-forbidden		
	$\pi \rightarrow \pi^{\star}$ or CI					

^aOscillator strengths at 6 K calculated by the expression $f = 4.32 \times 10^{-9} \text{ fed}\overline{\nu}$.

^bNot resolved. ^cBeyond range. the Re-Re bond is directed along the crystallographic caxis, the c- and a-polarization absorptions give directly the molecular z and x, y absorptions, respectively. The locations of the maxima for the bands of the experimental spectra in Figures 22 and 23 together with the indicated intensities, polarizations, and proposed assignment are listed in Table 14.

In the thick-crystal spectra, Figure 22, the most intense feature is a band in z-polarization whose intensity was well beyond the capabilities of the instrumentation. However, with the thin crystal, Figure 23, it was possible to scan over this peak with a maximum of ca. 600 cm^{-1} M⁻¹ at 20,200 cm^{-1} and 6 K. The peak height at 6 K in zpolarization for this 20,200 cm^{-1} band is distinctly higher than at 300 K. This band is clearly electric dipole-allowed in this polarization since the higher peak height implies that the intensity does not fall off significantly at low temperatures as should that for a vibronically-allowed but dipole-forbidden band. It seems appropriate to assign this band to the ${}^{1}A_{1\sigma} \rightarrow {}^{1}A_{2u}$ ($\delta \rightarrow \delta^{\star}$) which is electric dipoleallowed in the z-direction. The absorption in x, ypolarization peaking at 20,600 cm^{-1} would then be attributed to vibronic excitation of this electronic transition that would require an E_{σ} degenerate pair of vibrations under D_{4h} symmetry. In this case, the vibronic intensity is about 15%



Figure 24. Expanded scale plot of the 20200 cm^{-1} peak in c polarization for the $\text{Re}_2\text{EO}_2\text{CC(CH}_3)_3\text{J}_4\text{Cl}_2$ crystal that was 2.3 µm thick

that of the electric dipole-allowed portion seen in z-polarization.

Poorly resolved vibrational structure was clearly evident on the z-polarized peak of $ReE0_2CC(CH_3)_3J_4CL_2$ at 20,200 cm^{-1} . The plots in Figure 24 show this band with an extended scale where three maxima are seen. A fourth component as a shoulder at 19,640 cm^{-1} is barely discernible. The separation of the components is 200 cm^{-1} . This behavior is certainly different from the dimolybdenum tetracarboxylate crystal spectra at liquid helium temperature where very sharply resolved vibration lines form progressions on not only the 0-0 but on several vibronic origins. The dimolybdenum tetracarboxylate crystal spectra will be discussed in the next section. The slit for the spectrum in Figure 24 was sufficiently narrow to provide a dispersion of 25 cm^{-1} so the lack of resolution was not instrumental. The average separations in Franck-Condon progressions were 200 cm^{-1} which is 31% below the 289 cm^{-1} assigned to the ground state Re-Re stretch by Bratton et al. (27) and indeed is very close to their value of 199 $\rm cm^{-1}$ assigned to the Re-Cl stretch. When the vibrational structure exhibits a regular energy spacing, it is interpreted in terms of a single mode (61). There are no totally symmetric Infrared or Raman bands which can explain this excited state vibration. It may well be that this

progression is an example of the missing mode effect (MIME). Tutt et al. (62) demonstrated this effect in a spectrum of $W(CO)_5(C_5H_5N)$ where they found that an electronic band, observed in emission, with poor resolution of vibrational structure could exhibit, as a consequence of two totally symmetric modes, a single apparent Franck-Condon progression with the separation of maxima corresponding to a wavenumber which was intermediate to the wavenumbers of the two normal modes. The separation indicated in the progression in Figure 24 lies between the expected wavenumbers of the totally symmetric modes of Re-Re and Re-Cl stretching vibrations for the exited state.

The 20,600 cm⁻¹ band in x, y-polarization had a very weak shoulder on the high energy side, indicated at 21,600 cm⁻¹ in Table 14. This shoulder was evident in scans of several crystals. It has been assigned as a spin-forbidden transition $\pi \rightarrow \delta^* ({}^{1}A_{1g} \rightarrow {}^{3}E_{g})$ corresponding to one of the spin-allowed bands at higher energy.

The x, y-polarized spectrum, Figure 22, shows a weak band at 16,300 cm⁻¹, below the spin-allowed $\delta \rightarrow \delta^*$ transition. This band is missing in z-polarization. A ${}^{1}A_{1g}$ $\rightarrow {}^{3}A_{2u}$ transition by spin-orbit coupling would be electric dipole-forbidden in z-polarization but allowed in x, ypolarization under double group D'₄ symmetry. Therefore, it is assigned as the spin-forbidden transition. In this case,

the separation of ${}^{3}A_{211}$ and ${}^{1}A_{211}$ states would be 3900 cm^{-1} . This is a rather normal separation for a transitionmetal complex. No corresponding spin-forbidden band has been found below the band which is dipole-allowed with zpolarization for any of the dimeric molybdenum complexes. However, rhenium with the higher atomic number than molybdenum is expected to have a considerably higher spinorbit coupling and consequently higher intensity for the spin-forbidden bands. Bursten et al. (37) did assign a band (designated II) which centered at about 478 nm to the orbitally allowed, spin-forbidden $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*({}^1A_{1\sigma} \rightarrow {}^3A_{2u})$ transition of their crystal, (TBA) 2Re Cla. However, no spin-forbidden $\delta \rightarrow \delta^*$ transition has been reported for any molybdenum or rhenium dimer previously. Hay (63) predicted the $\delta \rightarrow \delta^{\star}({}^{1}A_{1\alpha} \rightarrow {}^{3}A_{2u})$ transition in Re₂Cl₈²⁻ would occur at about 3200 cm⁻¹ in his theoretical treatment. The spinforbidden transition below the spin-allowed transition in the x, y-polarization would at one time have been accepted as an unambiguous justification for the assignment if this was the first dimer to yield polarized spectra. There is always the possibility that a weak feature such as the band at 16,500 cm⁻¹ is due to a minor impurity component in a crystal. However, the band was observed reproducibly in several crystals whose spectra were measured.

The assignment of the higher energy bands in the

spectra is based on the earlier studies (31, 8, 64) of $\operatorname{Re}_2\operatorname{Cl}_8^{2-}$ and a paper by Bursten et al. (37). This latter paper describes a SCF-X α -Scattered wave calculation for $\operatorname{Re_2Cl_8}^{2-}$ which includes inner-shell and valence relativistic effects. This calculation indicated that the first orbital excitation above the $\delta \rightarrow \delta^*$ should be the $\pi \rightarrow \delta^*$. Accordingly, the band at 24,700 cm^{-1} with about the same intensity in z- as in x, y-polarization has been assigned as the spin-allowed ${}^{1}A_{1q} \rightarrow {}^{1}E_{q} (\pi \rightarrow \delta^{\star})$ with the spin-forbidden ${}^{1}A_{1\alpha} \rightarrow {}^{3}E_{\alpha} \ (\pi \rightarrow \delta^{\star})$ as the shoulder seen at 21,600 cm⁻¹ in x, y-polarization. This places the ${}^{1}A_{lq} \rightarrow {}^{1}E_{q}$ at 4100 cm⁻¹ above the $\delta \rightarrow \delta^{\star}$, comparable to the 3,800 cm⁻¹ difference between the corresponding bands assigned by Bursten et al. (37). The peak at 29,000 cm⁻¹, some 8500 cm⁻¹ above the $\delta \rightarrow$ δ^* band, was assigned as ${}^{1}A_{1\sigma} \rightarrow {}^{1}E_{\sigma}$ ($\delta \rightarrow \pi^*$). The band at 32,000 cm⁻¹ is likely a spin-forbidden $\pi \to \pi^*$ or chargetransfer transition. Since the computations of Norman and Ryan (65) indicated that in $Mo_2Cl_8^{4-}$ and $Mo_2(0_2CH)_4$ the carboxylate stabilizes both the π and π^{\star} orbitals with respect to the δ and δ^{\star} , there is the possibility that the δ $\rightarrow \pi^*$ and $\pi \rightarrow \delta^*$ assignments are reversed.

The monoclinic $Mo_2(0_2CC(CH_3)_3)_4$

The microscopic observations of these crystals indicated a distinct wavelength dependence of the extinction

direction. Experience has shown for similar cases that the polarizer angle in the spectrophotometer cannot be safely set at the extinctions observed in the polarizing microscope.

For the monoclinic crystals, the first absorption band at 300 K has a maximum at ca. 23,000 cm⁻¹. At 6 K, this band develops a rich vibrational structure. An extended plot of the low-energy region of this band observed for the $1\overline{10}$ face at 6 K is presented in Figure 25. Wavenumbers of resolvable vibrational peaks and shoulders have been recorded and the assignment of progression lines has been made in Table 15. When the plane of polarized light entering a crystal face is rotated, the observed absorbance will be a maximum or a minimum at the extinction angles. Crystal spectra were recorded for steps of 10° in the polarizer angle. The two curves shown in Figure 25 have the maximum and minimum values for the A lines. These indicated extinctions coincided within experimental error with the optical extinctions assigned by the polarizing microscope.

Every absorption feature occurred as three lines, e.g., the three A_o lines $(A_o^1, A_o^2, \text{ and } A_o^3)$. Extended Franck-Condon progressions based on each of the three origins could be identified. The first member A_o^1 is quite weak. At 25 cm⁻¹ higher energy, there is a considerable stronger line, A_o^2 ,



Figure 25. Resolution of vibrational structure in the first band for a crystal of the monoclinic crystal of $Mo_2(piv)_4$, 52 ± 10 µm thick

Assignment	\bar{v} , cm ⁻¹	$\Delta \bar{\nu}, a cm^{-1}$		
Al	21875			
A ²	21900	(25)		
A _o ³	21950	(75)		
B _o ¹	22040	(165)		
B _o ²	22070	(195)		
B _o ³	22115	(240)		
C _o ¹	22130	(255)		
c _o ²	22150	(275)		
c ³	22210	(335)		

Table 15. Vibrational details in the low energy absorption band of the monoclinic crystal of $Mo_2(piv)_4$ at

6 K

^aValues in parentheses give the difference, $\Delta \bar{\nu}$, from the A_o^1 line. Values without parentheses give the $\Delta \bar{\nu}$ values from the preceding line in a progression.

Table	15.	Continued	

Assignment	√, cm ⁻¹	$\Delta \bar{v}^{a}$, cm ⁻¹	
A_1^1	22240	365	
$A_1^{\overline{2}}$	22260	360	
D_0^1	22280	(405)	
A_1^3, D_0^2	22310	360, (435)	
	22360	(485)	
B ¹ ₁	22400	360	
E _o ¹	22430	(555)	
E _o ²	22460	(585)	
c11	22500	370	
C_1^2, E_0^3	22525	375, (650)	
C ₁ ³	22580	370	
A ¹ ₂	22600	360	
A_2^2	22630	370	
$D_1^{\overline{1}}$	22650	370	
A_2^3, D_1^2	22675	365	
D ₁ ³	22725	365	
B ¹ 2	22760	365	

Assignment	\overline{v} , cm ⁻¹	$\Delta \bar{v}^a$, cm ⁻¹	
 5 ¹	22800	370	
2 1	22830	370	
2	22860	360	
E_{2}^{2}, E_{1}^{3}	22890	365	
3 2	22945	365	
$\frac{1}{3}, D_2^2$	23040	365	
3 2	23090	365	
1 3	23130	370	
1 2	23160	360	
L 3	23220	360	
$^{2}, E_{2}^{3}$	23260	370	
3	23305	360	
$^{3}_{1}, D^{2}_{3}$	23400	360	
3 3	23455	365	

Table 15. Continued

and 75 cm⁻¹ higher still is a A_0^3 line with intensity comparable to A_0^2 . The observed polarization ratios $I_{-72}^{0/I}{}_{18}^{0}$ is about 2.8. A peaks dominate the -72° spectrum. In the 18° spectrum, the B, C, D, and E progressions are evident, and the C¹, C², and C³ peaks have comparable intensities to the corresponding A¹ A², and A³ peaks. The high intensity of the component at 22,310 cm⁻¹ is due to the near coincidence of A_1^3 and D_0^2 components. The B, C, and D components have comparable intensity in the two polarizations, and indeed showed little change in the intensity as polarizer angle was rotated.

The possibility of Davydov splitting to account for the observed multiple lines was considered (the treatment of Davydov splitting for this monoclinic structure is shown in Appendix D). Although there are two Davydov states, the excitation for a z-polarized transition to one of these states should have only a very low intensity in each of the polarizations for the $1\overline{10}$ face. Hence, Davydov splitting cannot explain triple lines which are observed. Three components for each feature indicate three different sites, and the lowest energy site appeared to be of minor abundance. Such minor sites have been observed for other spectra of molybdenum carboxylates, i.e., $Mo_2(0_2CCF_3)_4$ and $\gamma-Mo_2(0_2CH)_4$. However, the second and the third sites produce very similar intensities so that they must have

nearly equal abundance.

The crystal structure with I2/c space group contains only a single molecular site, therefore the spectral evidences are inconsistent with the structure. The rotational orientations of the tert-butyl groups, (CH₂)₂C, may produce different sites. The fact that anisotropic thermal parameters could not be refined and fairly large isotropic thermal parameters were required for the methyl carbons are consistent with this explanation. Since the crystal structure was performed at room temperature, there is an interesting possibility that a phase transition occurred between room temperature and 6 K. Since the crystals maintain an integrity as they cycle between room temperature and 6 K, such transition would probably have to be the second-order type. The spectra were recorded at various temperatures from 6 to 85 K. The splittings disappeared between 65 to 75 K. If there were a secondorder phase transition, it might occur at about 65-75 K. As a consequence of the second-order phase transitions, some symmetry operations of the space group will be lost, so inequivalent molecular sites might occur. There is another possibility that the herring-bone and parallel arrangements of the orthorhombic and monoclinic forms occur in the same spectroscopic specimen. Hence, such disordered or twinned crystal could have two types of orientation. Some sort of

crystallographic defect cannot be ruled out. Defects in the chain orientation and stacking can certainly occur. Any such defect would have to result in additional spectral components. However, spectra were recorded for several crystals and all of them had essentially the same features.

For the monoclinic crystal of $Mo_2(piv)_4$, the c-axis is contained in the spectroscopic face $11\overline{0}$. The following relationships were used to transform vectors defined in the cystallographic system to orthogonal coordinates:

 $\hat{a} = 0.99949\hat{i} - 0.03192\hat{k}$ $\hat{b} = \hat{j}$ $\hat{c} = \hat{k}$

The extinction, designated $E\hat{x}_1$, was found to lie 18° from \hat{c} . The extinctions in the 110 face are given by:

$$\hat{\text{Ex}}_{1} = \cos 18^{\circ} \hat{\text{c}} + \sin 18^{\circ} \hat{\text{lc}}$$

= 0.17642 $\hat{\text{i}}$ + 0.25371 $\hat{\text{j}}$ + 0.95106 $\hat{\text{k}}$
$$\hat{\text{Ex}}_{2} = -\sin 18^{\circ} \hat{\text{c}} + \cos 18^{\circ} \hat{\text{lc}}$$

= 0.54297 $\hat{\text{i}}$ + 0.78083 $\hat{\text{j}}$ - 0.30902 $\hat{\text{k}}$

Molecular z-axis vectors for sites 1 and 2 were defined along the Mo-Mo bonds and represented z-polarized transitions in the ideal case. These are listed below:

$$\hat{z}_1 = -0.46924\hat{i} + 0.07079\hat{j} + 0.88022\hat{k}$$

 $\hat{z}_2 = -0.46924\hat{i} - 0.07079\hat{j} + 0.88022\hat{k}$

For a transition moment along the z-axis, the polarization ratio was calculated as follows:

 $\hat{z}_1 \cdot \hat{Ex}_1 = 0.77232$

$$\hat{z}_{1} \cdot \hat{Ex}_{2} = -0.47151$$

$$\hat{z}_{2} \cdot \hat{Ex}_{1} = 0.73640$$

$$\hat{z}_{2} \cdot \hat{Ex}_{2} = -0.58206$$

$$I_{2}/I_{1} = E(-0.58)^{2} + (-0.47)^{2} J/E(0.74)^{2} + (0.77)^{2} J = 0.493$$

This prediction is in serious disagreement with the observed polarization ratio of 2.8 for the combined A_0 peaks. As stated in the introduction, Martin et al. (22) found the transition moment vector was shifted 34° away from the metal-metal bond or the molecular z axis for $Mo_2(0_2CCH_3)_4$. Therefore, similar shifts of the transition moment as were used for acetate were tested for a series of angles in 5° steps. The best agreement with the observed polarization ratio was found for a shift of the transition moment by 30° away from the metal-metal bond for pivalate. These are shown as follows:

$$\hat{z} = Mo-Mo$$

 $\hat{y} = (Mo-i) \times (i-0_4)$
 $\hat{x} = \hat{y} \times \hat{z}$

The unit \hat{x} , \hat{y} , and \hat{z} axes are orthogonal for a molecule, and the molecular inversion center was designated as i.

$$\mu(\theta) = \sin\theta \hat{x} + \cos\theta \hat{z}$$

$$\mu_1(30^\circ) = -0.84601\hat{i} + 0.088799\hat{j} + 0.52572\hat{k}$$

$$\mu_2(30^\circ) = -0.84601\hat{i} - 0.088799\hat{j} + 0.52572\hat{k}$$

$$\mu_1(30^\circ) \cdot \hat{Ex_1} = 0.37327$$

$$\mu_1(30^\circ) \cdot \hat{Ex_2} = -0.55247$$

$$\mu_2(30^\circ) \cdot \hat{Ex_1} = 0.32821$$

 $\mu_2(30^\circ) \ Ex_2 = -0.69115$ $I_2/I_1 = E(-0.69)^2 + (-0.55)^2 J/E(0.33)^2 + (0.37)^2 J = 3.17$ It has been concluded that the A progression represents a series of single transition vibrational lines with zpolarization, for which the molecular polarization has been shifted from the molecular axis by the crystal field perturbation. The major crystal field perturbation to the molecular D_{4h} symmetry can resonably be attributed to the intermolecular interactions that exist in the onedimensional chains of loosely bonded dimeric molecules along the c axis.

Other strong progressions (labeled C, D, and E) have origins 255, 405, and 555 cm⁻¹ respectively, above A_0 . In addition, a weaker progression, labeled B, has an origin 165 cm⁻¹ above A_0 . The assignment of A, B, C, D, and E progressions follows that used in the description of $Mo_2(O_2CCH_3)_4$ (22). The polarization ratios of the B, C, D, and E lines are near unity. Also, it noted that the polarization ratio is comparable for the 1, 2, and 3 sites. Therefore, it seems likely that the orientations of the transition moment vectors are the same for three different sites.

A number of vibrations in the excited state may be assigned from the spectra in addition to the A_{lg} metal-metal stretch of 365 ± 5 cm⁻¹. The 255 cm⁻¹, 408 cm⁻¹ and the 563 ${\rm cm}^{-1}$ (the average frequencies from three sites) vibrations which excite the C, D, and E progressions are presumably ${\rm E_g}$ vibrations which will have vibronically allowed character under D_{4h} symmetry. Apparently, only three of the five E_g degenerate pairs of vibrations of the Mo-O-C framework interact effectively with the electronic states to give intense vibronic lines with x, y-polarizations seen in the spectra.

There are no Raman spectra for $Mo_2(piv)_A$ available. Here, the Raman spectrum of dimolybdenum(II) tetraacetate was used for reference (27). There is a weak 299 cm^{-1} line in the Raman spectrum of acetate which would correspond to the vibration exciting the C progression. This would presumably be primarily an Mo-0 stretch. There also is a very weak Raman line reported at 567 cm^{-1} for acetate which would correspond to the vibration exciting the C progression. This vibration is presumably a ring deformation which will involve motion of the molybdenum atoms. There are no peaks in Raman spectra of acetate that can account for the D lines. However, there are four electron-donating tert-butyl groups in $Mo_2EO_2CC(CH_3)_3J_4$. They might produce peaks in the vicinity of 425 ${
m cm}^{-1}$ for $Mo_2(piv)_4$.

It was apparent from the spectrum in Figure 25 that there was an absorption feature, labeled B, at 22040 cm^{-1} ,

165 cm⁻¹ above A_0 . The 165 cm⁻¹ vibration which would be required to excite the B_0 line is in the expected region of Mo-Mo-O bending vibrations. Apparently, such vibrations are not as effective as a Mo-O stretch in the vibronic excitation process. The average spacing between successive lines in the Franck-Condon progressions is $365 \pm 5 \text{ cm}^{-1}$. This spacing corresponds to the frequency for a totally symmetric vibration, presumably the metal-metal stretch, which has been observed to be 406 cm⁻¹ in the Raman spectra for $Mo_2(0_2CCH_3)_4$ (27). When the relative heights of successive peaks are examined in Figure 25, it can be seen that they follow the same pattern for the A, C, D, and E progressions. The third peak for each progression is the highest which is designated A_2 , C_2 , D_2 , and E_2 in Table 15.

For the carboxylate dimers of molybdenum(II), the rather uncommon resolution of vibrational structure in the lowest electronic absorption band at low temperatures has provided the information that the lowest energy peak is a weak electric dipole-allowed transition derived from the z polarization. The intensity is sufficiently weak that vibronically excited lines have intensities comparable to the progressions based on the 0-0 origin. The zpolarization of this peak is expected for a $\delta \rightarrow \delta^*$ transition. The exceptionally low intensity may result from some electron density transfer from metal to carboxylate

orbitals. It is recognized that for the carboxylates the lowest unoccupied orbital is the π^{\star} orbital involving carbon and oxygen p orbitals. The symmetry-adapted linear combination of the carboxylate π^{\star} orbitals are the bases for the $a_{2\sigma}$, e_{11} , and $b_{2\sigma}$ irreducible representations. It is possible that this orbital somewhat mixes with the Mo-Mo & orbital, $b_{2\sigma}$. In fact, the relatively high transition energy of the first band for the carboxylate complexes might result from this stabilization of the δ orbital, for there is no b_{lu} linear combination for the carboxylate π^* orbitals. Involvement of the carboxylate orbitals results in withdrawal of electron population from the vicinity of the metal-metal bond. Since the transition is essentially an intermetallic electron transfer between the Mo $d_{_{_{\rm WW}}}$ orbitals, this removes electron density from between the metals where the overlap in the transition moment integral occurs.

The orthorhombic $Mo_2(0_2CC(CH_3)_3)_4$

The polarized spectra of a crystal of $Mo_2(piv)_4$, ca. 20 µm thick, were recorded at 300 and 6 K for the spectroscopic face 110. The lowest energy band observed at room temperature has a maximum at ca. 23,000 cm⁻¹. The band is somewhat more intense in the <u>ic-polarization</u> than in the c-



Figure 26. Resolution of vibrational structure in the first band for a crystal of the orthorhombic crystal of $Mo_2(piv)_4$, 20 ± 10 µm thick

polarization. Scans of the low-energy region of this band are shown in Figure 26. Some interesting differences between these spectra and the spectra of the monoclinic system can be noted. There are two components for each feature in this spectra. The first component is a very narrow high peak and the second is a rather broad low peak occurring with maximum about 60 cm^{-1} higher than the sharp peak. However, it appears that the integrated intensity of the two components is comparable (the ratio of intensities for two components was estimated to be 1.3/1). The broad peak might be a multiple-component origin with lower occupancies. According to the treatment of Davydov splitting (Appendix D), there are four Davydov states. A transition to only one Davydov state is allowed in cpolarization. Transitions to two Davydov states, differing from the one allowed in c-polarization, are allowed in [cpolarization. For a transition moment aligned with the Mo-Mo bond, the two transitions in [c polarization would collectively have only 15% of the intensity of the cpolarized transition. The splitting of the vibrational lines in the band are therefore inconsistent with Davydov splitting and must be assigned to different sites. Table 16 gives the details of the observed vibrational progressions in the orthorhombic $Mo_2(piv)_4$. In this table, the superscript 1 indicates the sharp peak, and the superscript

ν̄, cm ⁻¹	$\Delta \bar{v}^{a}$, cm ⁻¹
21925	
21985	(60)
22100	(175)
22185	(260)
22245	(320)
22290	365
22330	(405)
22350	(425)
22390	(465)
22470	370
22510	(585)
	v, cm ⁻¹ 21925 21985 22100 22185 22245 22290 22330 22350 22390 22470 22510

Table 16. Vibrational details in the low energy absorption bands of the orthorhombic crystals of $Mo_2(piv)_4$ at 6 K

^aValues in parentheses give the difference, $\Delta \bar{\nu}$ from the A_O^1 line. Values without parentheses give the difference $\Delta \bar{\nu}$ from the preceding line in the progression.

Table 16. Continued

Assignment	$\bar{\nu}$, cm ⁻¹	$\Delta \bar{\nu}, a cm^{-1}$	
	22555	370	
c_1^2	22615	370	
A ¹ ₂	22660	370	
	22705	375	
$\tilde{A_2^2}$	22720	370	
D_1^2	22765	375	
B ₂	22845	375	
$E_1^{\overline{1}}$	22885	375	
C ¹ 2	22930	375	
c_2^2	22990	375	
A ₃	23030	370	
	23075	370	
A ² 3	23100	380	
	23130	365	
B ¹ 3	23210	365	
E_2^1	23250	365	
2^{1}_{3}	23290	360	
A4	23390	360	
\mathbf{p}_{3}^{1}	23440	365	

Table 17. Energies of the origins of corresponding intense vibrational progressions in the monoclinic and orthorhombic crystals of Mo₂(piv)₄

System	A _o , cm ⁻¹	$B_0^i - A_0^i,$ cm^{-1}	$\begin{array}{c} C_{o}^{i} - \\ A_{o}^{i}, \\ cm^{-1} \end{array}$	$D_{o}^{i} - A_{o}^{i},$ cm^{-1}	$E_{0}^{i} - A_{0}^{i}$ cm^{-1}	
Monoclinic	21900	167	255	408	563	
Orthorhombic	21925	175	260	405	585	

2 represents the broad peak. There are B, C, D, and E progressions identifiable for which the origin separations and relative intensities are very similar to those of the monoclinic form. The separations of origins of the B, C, D, and E progressions from the A origin are also given in parentheses in the column, Δv , of Table 16 which also listed the separation of the higher members of each progression from the preceding member. The separation of progression members is $370 \pm 5 \text{ cm}^{-1}$, presumably representing the Mo-Mo stretch in the excited state. The lowest energy origin in the spectra is a line at 21,925 cm⁻¹, labeled A_0^1 . The energies of the first intense A origins and the distances of the B_0^i , C_0^i , D_0^i , and E_0^i lines above A_0^i lines are given for two systems of $Mo_2(piv)_4$ in Table 17. The lowest energy component for the orthorhombic system was blue-shifted 25 cm^{-1} above the first intense peak for the monoclinic system. The differences for the B_{0}^{i} , C_{0}^{i} , and D_{0}^{i} lines above the A_{0}^{i} line are quite comparable for two polymorphs. The molecular environment must be very similar for the two systems.

Again, the crystal structure solved from X-ray diffraction studies at room temperature did not reveal any site difference. The rotational orientations of the tertbutyl groups in the molecule, or a second-order phase transition occurring above 65-75 K, or an impure spectroscopic specimen might explain the site difference. For the orthorhombic system of $Mo_2(piv)_4$, the unit \hat{a} , \hat{b} , and \hat{c} axes are orthogonal and were taken as \hat{i} , \hat{j} , and \hat{k} , respectively. The spectroscopic face was found to be 110. The crystal face contained the c-axis, therefore \hat{Exl} was taken as the extinction direction parallel to the c-axis (needle axis). \hat{Ex}_2 was the extinction direction perpendicular to \hat{Ex}_1 . The observed extinctions were given by:

 $\hat{\mathbf{Ex}}_1 = \hat{\mathbf{c}} = \hat{\mathbf{k}}$ $\hat{\mathbf{Ex}}_2 = 0.56941\hat{\mathbf{i}} - 0.82206\hat{\mathbf{j}}$

The molecular z-axis vector was defined along the Mo-Mo bond and is given by

 $\hat{z} = 0.47872\hat{i} - 0.07715\hat{j} + 0.87456\hat{k}$

The following expected polarization ratio was calculated for the oriented-molecule model:

$$z \cdot Ex_1 = 0.87457$$

 $\hat{z} \cdot E\hat{x}_2 = 0.33608$
 $I_1 / I_2 = (0.87)^2 / (0.34)^2 = 6.77$

This prediction is in serious disagreement with the observed polarization ratio of 0.377 for the sharp and broad component origins. The same calculation was performed as for monoclinic system and it was found that if the transition moment vector was shifted 40° away from the metal-metal bond, a satisfactory agreement with the experimental polarization ratio was obtained as shown below:

 $\hat{\mu}(\theta) = \sin\theta \hat{x} + \cos\theta \hat{z}$ $\hat{\mu}(40^{\circ}) = 0.929 \hat{i} - 0.086 \hat{j} + 0.360 \hat{k}$ $\hat{\mu}(40^{\circ}) \cdot \hat{Ex_{1}} = 0.35977$ $\hat{\mu}(40^{\circ}) \cdot \hat{Ex_{2}} = 0.59976$ $I_{1}/I_{2} = (0.36)^{2}/(0.60)^{2} = 0.36$

It has been concluded that the combined A_o peaks represent an electric-dipole allowed transition $\delta \rightarrow \delta^* ({}^1A_{1g} \rightarrow {}^1A_{2u})$ under D_{4h} symmetry from different sites. The B_o , C_o , D_o , and E_o lines correspond to different normal modes of enabling vibrations. The 260, 405, and 585 cm⁻¹ vibrations which excite the C, D, and E progressions are presumably E_g vibrations. The E_g vibrations will provide the electric dipole-forbidden but vibronic-allowed transitions in x,ypolarization under D_{4h} symmetry. The A_{i+1}^2 peaks overlap somewhat with the D_i^1 peaks. The C_{i+1}^1 peaks overlap strongly with the E_i^2 peaks. The long progressions are the result of a highly relaxed metal-metal bond in the excited state.

CONCLUSIONS

This research has provided further information about the lowest energy band in the optical spectra for the dimeric complexes of rhenium(III) and molybdenum(II) which possess d⁸ electronic configuration in each dimer. Recent theoretical treatments of these systems (29, 31, 63, 34) have generally indicated that the lowest energy electronic excitation in such dimers should be $\delta \rightarrow \delta^*$ transitions for the quadruple bonds.

In the present study, the spectra of $(\text{TBA})_2\text{Re}_2\text{Cl}_8$ and $(\text{TEA})_2\text{Re}_2\text{Br}_8$ are reported for the bands which peak about 14,000 cm⁻¹, with better resolution than those of earlier work to the spectra have provided additional insight into the vibrational assignments of the first absorption band. The present results are consistent with the assignment as the spin-allowed $\delta \rightarrow \delta^*$ ($b_{2g} \rightarrow b_{1u}$) transition which would be ${}^1\text{A}_{1g} \rightarrow {}^1\text{A}_{2u}$ under D_{4h} symmetry. An X-ray diffraction structure determination for (TBA)_2\text{Re}_2\text{Br}_8 has indicated a disordered structure similar to that of (TBA)_2\text{Re}_2\text{Cl}_8. This disorder provides major and minor orientations in the crystal whose different contribution could be identified in the spectra. However, other components were found in the spectra that indicated further disorder. However, the

crystal structure did not reveal such further disorder. It would be worthwhile to expend some effort on seeking salts of these anions with other cations which would provide purer spectra without these disorder effects.

Single-crystal spectra for tetrakis(carboxylato)bridged rhenium(III) dimeric complexes have not been reported previously. The present study provides the spectra for such a complex, viz., $\text{Re}_2\text{E0}_2\text{CC}(\text{CH}_3)_3\text{J}_4\text{Cl}_2$. A possible assignment of resolvable bands has been made in the region from 15,000 to 35,000 cm⁻¹. The first strong peak at 20,600 cm⁻¹ is assigned to the electric-dipole-allowed transition $\delta \rightarrow \delta^*$ ($^1\text{A}_{1\text{G}} \rightarrow {}^1\text{A}_{2\text{U}}$) in z-polarization. A weak band at 16,500 cm⁻¹ was observed in the spectra. Such a band which might correspond to a spin-forbidden $\delta \rightarrow \delta^*$ transition has not been observed for any molybdenum or rhenium dimer previously. The appearance of this weak feature was therefore unexpected. It would be helpful to confirm and assign this band if spectra for other rhenium carboxylate dimers could be measured.

The assignment of the lowest energy band in the electronic absorption spectra of the tetrakis(µcarboxylato)dimolybdenum(II) complexes has involved greater controversy. Crystals of these compounds have highly resolved, unusually rich vibrational structures for the band at liquid-helium temperatures. The spectra have frequently

been compromised by the low crystal site symmetries and by the presence of defect components. Cotton et al.'s crystals of $Mo_2(piv)_4$ ($\alpha-Mo_2(piv)_4$) have different intermolecular bonding arrangement from any other known molybdenum carboxylates which have a planar array of twin bonds (two intermolecular bonds). Two other polymorphs, the monoclinic $\beta-Mo_2(piv)_4$ and the orthorhombic $\gamma-Mo_2(piv)_4$, were found instead of Cotton et al.'s triclinic $\alpha-Mo_2(piv)_4$ in the synthesis of $Mo_2(piv)_4$. The cystals of $\beta-Mo_2(piv)_4$ and $\gamma-$ Mo₂(piv)₄ form the same type of planar array of twin bonds which occur in the crystals of $Mo_2(0_2CCH_3)_4$ and $Mo_2(0_2CCF_3)_4$. Site splittings in these spectra were unexpected since the X-ray diffraction structure at room temperature each possessed only single sites. The observed polarization ratios for the 0-0 line of the electric-dipole allowed transition disagree with the prediction of orientedmolecular theory for two systems of Mo₂(piv)₄. Polarization ratios observed could be accounted for by crystal field perturbation which shifted the transition moment vectors away from the Mo-Mo bond by 30-40 degrees. The investigation of some closely related systems and lowtemperature X-ray diffraction studies of the crystals of Mo₂(piv)₄ are still needed to characterize fully the complexes of molybdenum(II) with carboxylic bridges. However, the results in this study are consistent with the

assignment of the energy excitation of the d⁸-dimers as the $\delta \to \delta^*$ transition.

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APPENDIX B: OBSERVED AND CALCULATED STRUCTURE FACTORS FOR THE MONOCLINIC CRYSTAL OF $Mo_2(0_2CC(CH_3)_3)_4$

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APPENDIX D

In the monoclinic crystal of $Mo_2(piv)_4$, with two crystallographically equivalent molecules in the primitive lattice cell, $\Phi_1'(k)$ and $\Phi_2'(k)$ designate Frenkel exciton bands of states for the two symmetry equivalent molecular transitions, where \hat{k} is the wave vector.

The two Davydov bands may be represented by

$$\Phi_{T}'(k) = (\Phi_{T}'(k) + \Phi_{2}'(k)) / \sqrt{2}$$

and

 $\Phi_{TT}'(\mathbf{k}) = (\Phi_1'(\mathbf{k}) + \Phi_2'(\mathbf{k})) / \sqrt{2}.$

Transitions are allowed only to the two Davydov states $\Phi_{I}'(0)$ and $\Phi_{II}'(0)$. If μ_{1} and μ_{2} represent electric dipole operators for the symmetry related molecules, the corresponding transition moment vectors $\hat{\mu}_{1}$ and $\hat{\mu}_{2}$ are given by $\hat{\mu}_{1} = \langle \Phi_{1}' | \mu_{1} | \Phi_{1}^{0} \rangle$ and $\hat{\mu}_{2} = \langle \Phi_{2}' | \mu_{2} | \Phi_{2}^{0} \rangle$. Here, Φ_{1}' and Φ_{1}^{0} are the excited- and ground-state molecular wavefunctions for molecule 1, and Φ_{2}' and Φ_{2}^{0} represent the corresponding molecule 2 wavefunctions. The vector $\hat{\mu}_{1}$ may be expressed by $\hat{\mu}_{1} = x\hat{a} + y\hat{b} + z\hat{c}$, where \hat{a} , \hat{b} , and \hat{c} are the crystallographic unit vectors. The glide operation in I2/c transform the vector $\hat{\mu}_{1}$ into $\hat{\mu}_{2}$ for molecule 2, expressed as $\hat{\mu}_{2} = x\hat{a} - y\hat{b} + z\hat{c}$. The transition moments from the ground state Φ^{0} to the Davydov states $\Phi_{I}'(0)$ and $\Phi_{II}'(0)$ are found by

 $\hat{\mu}_{I} = \langle \Phi_{I}'(0) | (\mu_{1} + \mu_{2}) | \Phi^{0} \rangle = \sqrt{N/2} (\hat{\mu}_{1} + \hat{\mu}_{2})$

$$= \sqrt{2N} (x\hat{a} + z\hat{c}) = \sqrt{2N} (-0.4690\hat{i} + 0.8952\hat{k})$$
$$\hat{\mu}_{II} = \langle \Phi_{II}'(0) | (\mu_1 + \mu_2) | \Phi^0 \rangle = (\mu_1 - \mu_2) / \sqrt{N/2}$$
$$= \sqrt{2N} (y\hat{b}) = \sqrt{2N} y\hat{j} = \sqrt{2N} (0.0708)\hat{j}$$

N is the number of unit cells in the crystal, and the \sqrt{N} factor results from the normalization of the exciton wavefunction.

The intensities for transition moments μ_{I} and μ_{II} in the extinctions are proportional to:

$$I_{1} \approx (\mu_{I} \cdot \hat{Ex}_{1})^{2} = 0.5922$$

$$I_{2} \approx (\mu_{I} \cdot \hat{Ex}_{2} = 0.2826$$

$$I_{1} \approx (\mu_{II} \cdot \hat{Ex}_{1})^{2} = 0.0003$$

$$I_{2} \approx (\mu_{II} \cdot \hat{Ex}_{2})^{2} = 0.0030$$

The orthorhombic crystal of Mo₂(piv)₄ has four molecules in the primitive lattice cell. The electric dipole-allowed transition to the four Davydov states are:

$$\Phi_{1}'(0) = (\Phi_{1}'(0) + \Phi_{2}'(0) + \Phi_{3}'(0) + \Phi_{4}'(0))/2$$

$$\Phi_{11}'(0) = (\Phi_{1}'(0) + \Phi_{2}'(0) - \Phi_{3}'(0) - \Phi_{4}'(0))/2$$

$$\Phi_{111}'(0) = (\Phi_{1}'(0) - \Phi_{2}'(0) + \Phi_{3}'(0) - \Phi_{4}'(0))/2$$

$$\Phi_{111}'(0) = (\Phi_{1}'(0) - \Phi_{2}'(0) - \Phi_{3}'(0) + \Phi_{4}'(0))/2$$

The four symmetry-related molecular transition moments are:

$$\hat{\mu}_{1} = x\hat{a} + y\hat{b} + z\hat{c}$$

$$\hat{\mu}_{2} = -x\hat{a} - y\hat{b} + z\hat{c}$$

$$\hat{\mu}_{3} = x\hat{a} - y\hat{b} - z\hat{c}$$

$$\hat{\mu}_{4} = -x\hat{a} + y\hat{b} - z\hat{c}$$
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As before, $\mu_1 = \langle \phi_1' | \mu_1 | \phi_1' \rangle$, and so on. The transition

moments from the ground state to the Davydov states are found by:

$$\hat{\mu}_{I} = \langle \Phi_{I}'(0) | (\mu_{1} + \mu_{2} + \mu_{3} + \mu_{4}) | \Phi^{0} \rangle$$

$$= (1/2) \sqrt{N} (\hat{\mu}_{1} + \hat{\mu}_{2} + \hat{\mu}_{3} + \hat{\mu}_{4}) = 0$$

$$\hat{\mu}_{II} = \langle \Phi_{II}'(0) | (\mu_{1} + \mu_{2} + \mu_{3} + \mu_{4}) | \Phi^{0} \rangle$$

$$= (1/2) \sqrt{N} (\hat{\mu}_{1} + \hat{\mu}_{2} - \hat{\mu}_{3} - \hat{\mu}_{4} = 2\sqrt{N} z\hat{c}$$

$$= 2\sqrt{N} (0.8746)\hat{k}$$

$$\hat{\mu}_{III} = \langle \Phi_{III}'(0) | (\mu_{1} + \mu_{2} + \mu_{3} + \mu_{4}) | \Phi^{0} \rangle$$

$$= (1/2) \sqrt{N} (\hat{\mu}_{1} - \hat{\mu}_{2} + \hat{\mu}_{3} - \hat{\mu}_{4}) = 2\sqrt{N} x\hat{a}$$

$$= 2\sqrt{N} (0.4787)\hat{i}$$

$$\hat{\mu}_{IV} = \langle \Phi_{IV}'(0) | (\mu_{1} + \mu_{2} + \mu_{3} + \mu_{4}) | \Phi^{0} \rangle$$

$$= (1/2) \sqrt{N} (\hat{\mu}_{1} - \hat{\mu}_{2} - \hat{\mu}_{3} + \hat{\mu}_{4}) = 2\sqrt{N} y\hat{b}$$

$$= 2\sqrt{N} (-0.07712)\hat{j}$$

For the spectroscopic face 110, the transition to the Davydov state $\Phi_{I}'(0)$ is forbidden in the extinctions, whereas $\Phi_{II}'(0)$ is allowed in c-polarization only, and the transition to the Davydov states $\Phi_{III}'(0)$ and $\Phi_{IV}'(0)$ are allowed in <u>ic</u> polarization only. The intensities for the transition momemts $\hat{\mu}_{II}$, $\hat{\mu}_{III}$ and $\hat{\mu}_{IV}$ in the extinctions are proportional to:

$$I_{c} \simeq (\mu_{II} \cdot \hat{Ex}_{1})^{2} = 0.7649$$

$$I_{\perp c} \simeq (\mu_{II} \cdot \hat{Ex}_{2})^{2} = 0$$

$$I_{c} \simeq (\mu_{III} \cdot \hat{Ex}_{1})^{2} = 0$$

$$I_{\perp c} \simeq (\mu_{III} \cdot \hat{Ex}_{2})^{2} = 0.0743$$

$$I_{c} \simeq (\mu_{IV} \cdot \hat{Ex_{1}})^{2} = 0$$

 $I_{1c} \simeq (\mu_{IV} \cdot \hat{Ex_{2}})^{2} = 0.0040$