The temperature dependence of the stress dichroism was used to evaluate the effect of the quadratic electron–lattice interaction. This effect was found to be of the same order of magnitude as that due to the resonance mode. It is positive for the A- and B-bands and negative for the D-bands.

The temperature dependence of the stress dichroism in the D-bands gives evidence of a small off-centre effect in the excited states. This is explained as a result of the small coupling to Γ_3^+- and Γ_5^+-lattice vibrations which made higher-order coupling to odd modes observable. The D-bands are understood to have a strong ligand character which favours this coupling.

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