## INFRARED EMISSION SPECTRA OF HOT BeF2 AND MgF2

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High resolution infrared emission spectra of hot BeF<sub>2</sub> in the 800–2500 cm<sup>-1</sup> region have been rotationally analyzed. The  $\nu_3$  fundamental band,  $\nu_1 + \nu_2$ ,  $\nu_1 + \nu_3$  and  $2\nu_2 + \nu_3$  combination bands, and more than 15 hot bands were assigned. The  $\nu_1$  ( $\sigma_g$ ),  $\nu_2$  ( $\pi_u$ ) and  $\nu_3$  ( $\sigma_u$ ) frequencies were directly obtained by fitting several hot bands and combination bands together. A complete analysis of all the bands is in progress and will be presented. High level ab initio calculations have been performed for the MgF<sub>2</sub> molecule to predict its vibration-rotation spectrum. An infrared emission spectrum of MgF<sub>2</sub> was recorded and will be assigned with the aid of ab initio calculations.