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Contribution of excited states on molecular first hyperpolarizability dispersion of chalcone derivatives

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The tunable femtosecond hyper-Rayleigh scattering technique (HRS) was applied to measure the first hyperpolarizability (β) dispersion of five chalcone derivatives with different electron-donating groups (-CH3, -OCH3, -CH2CH3, -OCH2CH3). (1) Results show a sevenfold increase in β values for excitation wavelengths near two-photon absorption (2PA) resonances compared to the static hyperpolarizability. The molecular group -OCH3 was shown to play an essential role in the observed first hyperpolarizability , a twofold increase in relation to the non-substituted. Besides, it was also seen that nonlinear optical coefficients such as β and σ follow a linear increase with the Hammett constant. The phenomenological n-Level model (nLM) was used to simulate the experimental results, elucidating features of the electronic molecular structure by the experimental values of β . Such model was also compared with 2PA simulation (SOS model), such as present the similar input parameters revealed that the presence of excited states leads to an enhancement of β .

Palavras-chave: Hyper Rayleigh scattering; Chalcones derivatives.

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