Correlation between structural studies and third order NLO properties of selected new quinolinium semi-organic compounds

New quinolinium semi-organic compounds of formula \((C_9H_8N)_2^+ \cdot SO_4^{2-}, H_2O\) (I) (bis-quinolinium sulphate monohydrate) and \((C_9H_8N)^+ \cdot NO_3^-\) (II) (quinolinium nitrate) have been synthesized and characterized by UV–Vis absorption spectroscopy, nonlinear optical (NLO) measurements and by single crystal X-ray diffraction. The third order nonlinear optical properties of (I) and (II) were investigated using two methods: the degenerate four wave mixing technique (DFWM) performed in solution at \(\lambda = 532\) nm and the third-harmonic generation (THG) measurements carried out on thin films at \(\lambda = 1064\) nm. The NLO measurements showed that compound (I) presents better nonlinear optical properties compared to compound (II). To understand further the optical behaviour of (I) and (II), the crystal structures of both compounds were determined from accurate single crystal X-ray diffraction measurements performed at 100 K. The crystallographic studies revealed the key role of the intermolecular interactions and the molecular arrangements in the enhancement of the NLO properties.
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