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Nonlinear Absorption in Perovskite Materials

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Optical absorption is of paramount importance for any material that is used in photovoltaic, lasing, light emitting diodes, etc., applications. Perovskite materials have several potential nonlinear optical applications. A thorough understanding of two-photon absorption (TPA) in perovskite semiconductors is required for nonlinear optical applications [1-4]. We have derived a TPA coefficient K_2 for perovskite semiconductors using second-order perturbation theory and within the parabolic-band approximation, including excitonic effects. The derived K_2 has $E_g^{3/2}$ dependence and shows that perovskite semiconductors exhibit allowed-forbidden two-photon transitions. We have found that in perovskite materials, the increasing bandgap with temperature contributes to an increase in K_2 from 290 K to 50 K [5], which is contrary to the TPA coefficient behaviour in most tetrahedral semiconductors. There is a satisfactory agreement between the theoretical and the experimental TPA coefficients at 290 K and 50 K. Our study highlights the importance of including excitonic and relativistic effects when considering TPA spectra in perovskite semiconductors.

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