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Invited talk, Margaret Murnane et al, "Probing Electron Dynamics in Molecules, Quantum Dots and Materials at the Space-Time Limits Using Coherent Tabletop High Harmonic X-Rays," FEIS 2013 – Workshop on Femtosecond Electron Imaging and Spectroscopy, Key West, Florida, December 2013.
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FINAL REPORT for W911NF-12-1-0436 (ARO proposal number: 60607-PH)

Bright Coherent Optical Waveforms from the Infrared to the VUV for Manipulation and Detection of Molecules

Margaret Murnane, David Jonas and Henry Kapteyn

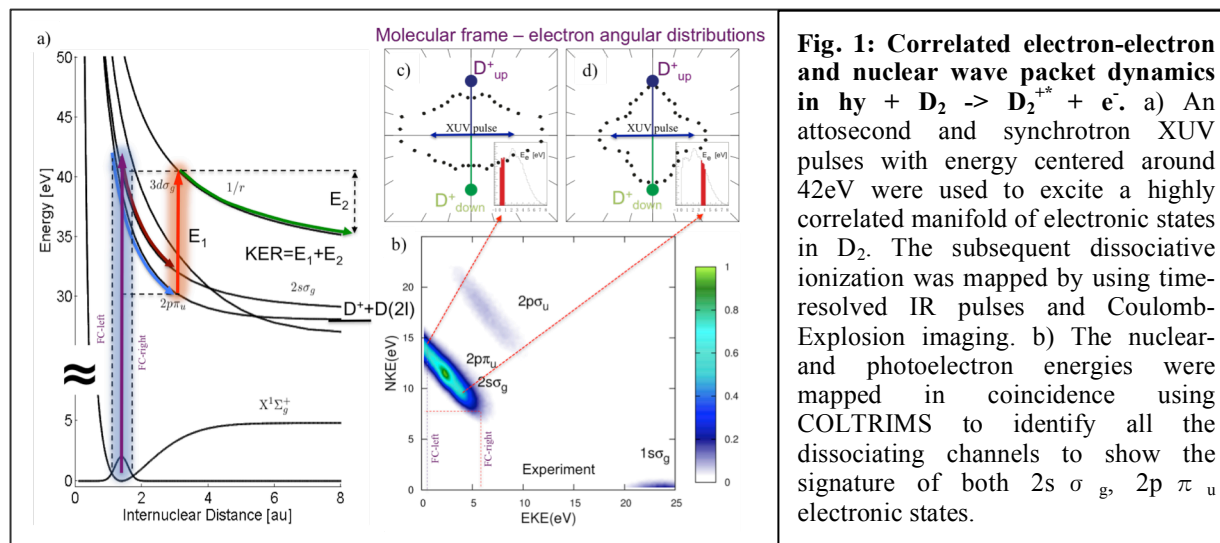
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Scientific Accomplishments: Four exciting advances resulted from this award –

1. Revealing the Role of Electron-Electron Correlations during the Dissociation of Highly Excited D_2^+ using Attosecond XUV Pulses [1]

Understanding electron-electron correlation in matter ranging from the atoms to solids represents a grand challenge for both experiment and theory. For experiment, the challenge is that in real molecular and materials systems, electron-electron interactions occur on attosecond time scales on up. Fortunately, advances in generating attosecond pulses of ionizing radiation are providing new capabilities for uncovering these electron-electron correlations. In our work we used attosecond pulse trains of extreme ultraviolet radiation to coherently populate and probe highly excited states of D_2^+ that undergo rapid Coulomb-explosion. By using electron-ion coincidence 3D momentum imaging coupled with advanced ab-initio simulations, we find that contrary to past understanding, the presence of correlations between the two electrons in D_2 can populate excited states that are not normally accessible. Moreover, these correlations strongly persist throughout the entire dissociation process, demonstrating that the entire Coulomb explosion occurs in a strong non-Born Oppenheimer regime. The good agreement between theory and experiment demonstrates that electron-electron correlations can play an important role even in the simplest of molecular systems.

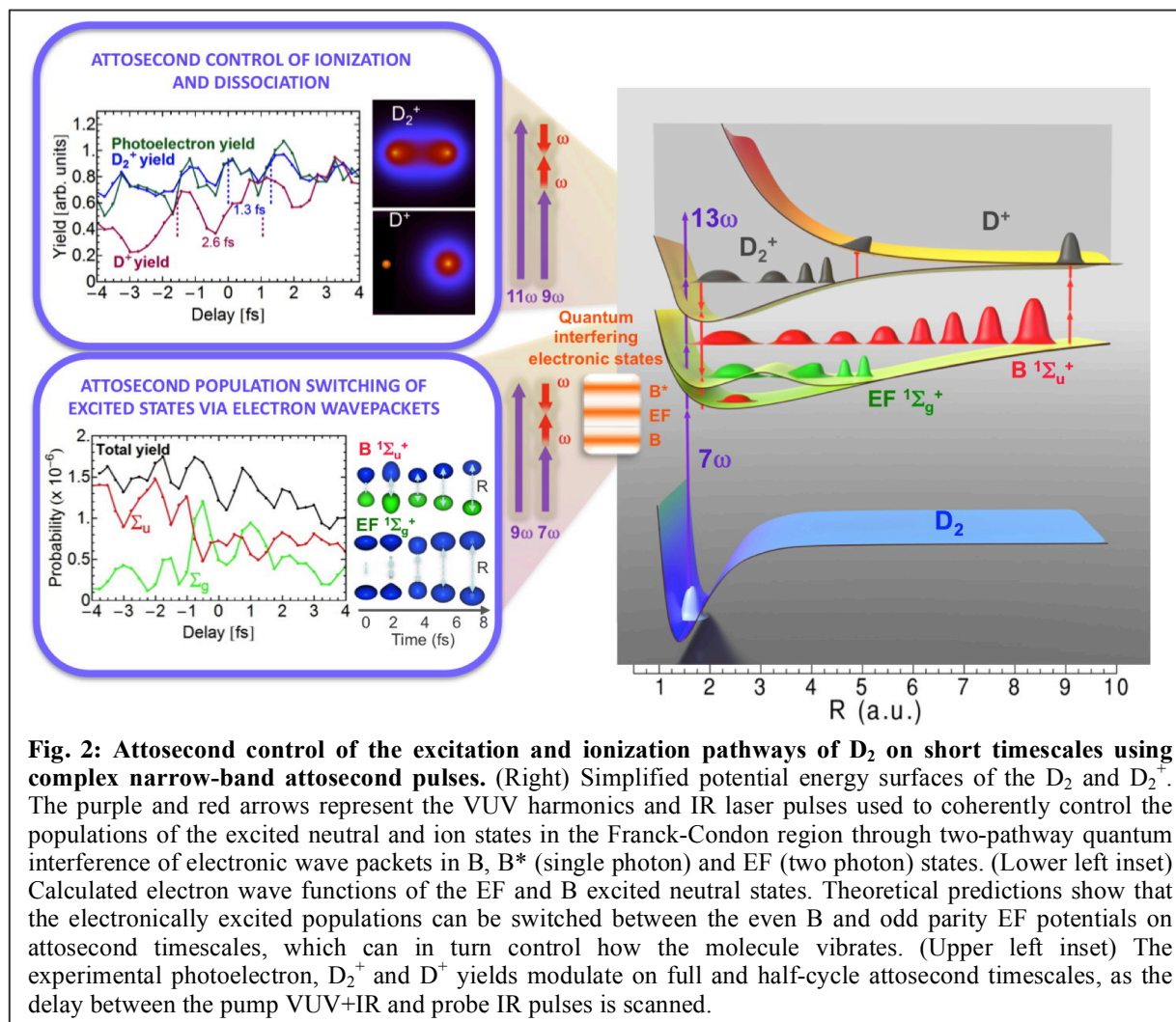


Specifically, we probed the Coulomb explosion of deuterium (D_2) following single-photon ionization by a 42 eV extreme ultraviolet (XUV) pulse, to make a remarkable and unexpected observation. Photoionization of D_2 leaves most molecules in the D_2^+ ion ground state. However, some fraction of the molecules undergo a shake-up excitation, where a second electron is excited simultaneously during photoionization. These excited state D_2^{+*} molecules dissociate, with characteristic energies and timescales that are accessible in experiment, and that are only now fully theoretically tractable. By using a time-delayed infrared probe pulse combined with electron-ion coincidence imaging techniques, we can map the energy and angular distributions of the molecular fragments. When combined with advanced ab-initio calculations that include the coupled nuclear and electron-electron motions, this allows us to make two surprising findings.

First, the shake-up dynamics is not dominated by excitation to the $2p\pi_u$ state—as has been identified previously and as might be expected from a dipole $s \rightarrow p$ transition. Rather, a hybrid state dominated by $2s\sigma_g$ is populated as a result of strong electron-electron correlations in the photoionization process. Second, throughout the Coulomb explosion, the characters of the $2p\pi_u$ and $2s\sigma_g$ states are mixed due to strong electron-electron correlations, demonstrating that the entire Coulomb explosion occurs in a non-Born Oppenheimer regime. This imprints a unique signature on the energy and angular distribution of the molecular fragments.

2. Attosecond VUV Coherent Control of Molecular Dynamics [2]

A breakthrough showing that that we can precisely control molecular dynamics on both nuclear (i.e. femtosecond) and electronic (i.e. attosecond) timescales to control the electronic state and outcome of a reaction was published in PNAS. By using VUV light pulses that are tunable in wavelength with adjustable attosecond time structure, we show that it is possible to switch population between electronic excited states, and use this ability to select specific pathways for ionization or dissociation of a molecule. This results represents a milestone advance because almost two decades after attosecond physics was demonstrated, attosecond *chemistry* has not yet been fully established because the wavelength and bandwidth of attosecond pulses did not match the (VUV) wavelengths and (\sim eV) spectral features involved in molecular quantum state control.



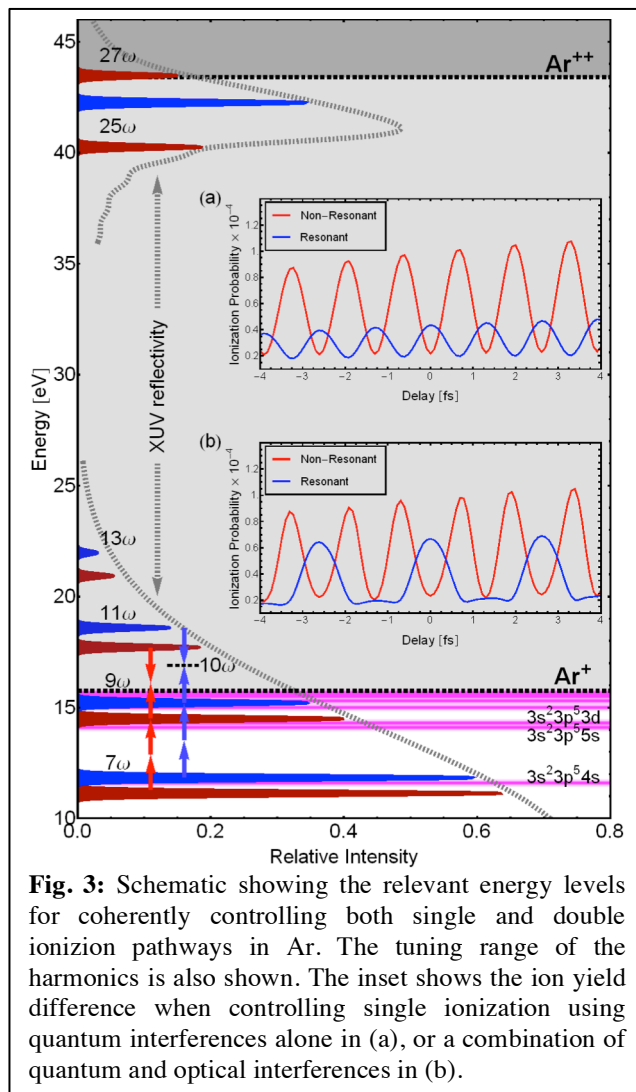
Specifically, we used attosecond pulse trains from a comb of VUV harmonics to steer the excited states and dissociation pathways in the simplest molecule - deuterium. We took advantage of interfering electronic wave packets in the excited neutral and singly-ionized molecule to switch the excited electronic state on attosecond timescales, and coherently guide the nuclear wave packets to dictate the way a neutral molecule vibrates. This also allowed us to steer and manipulate the ionization channels. The observed richness and complexity of the dynamics, *even in this very simplest of molecules*, is both remarkable and daunting, and presents intriguing new possibilities for state-selective chemistry. Finally, through advanced theory, we succeeded in observing and rigorously modeling multi-scale quantum control in a molecule for the first time.

We note that our results represent the first successful scheme for manipulating a chemical reaction using attosecond capabilities. A large component of the attosecond community is increasingly doctrinaire in focusing on isolated attosecond pulses as a requirement to capture the fastest dynamics. Much of this work has evolved into studies that place priority on measuring the shortest possible timescales without a clear physical question, or indeed without any particular connection to new or consequential physical phenomena. Our paper shows where these fast time-scales can be relevant to the *outcome* of a physical process, but to do this requires electronic excitation in a molecule with precise (i.e. attosecond) timing and multi-state selectivity. Our work shows this requires using more complex narrow-band attosecond pulse trains, not broadband attosecond pulses.

3. Attosecond Coherent Control of Single and Double Photoionization in Argon [3]

This work is the first to apply quantum control techniques to double photoionization, which is a fundamental process where a single, high-energy photon ionizes two electrons simultaneously from an atom. To extend coherent control concepts to higher photon energies and shorter time scales, and access core-hole, inner-valance or doubly-excited systems where autoionization, Auger decay, interatomic Coulomb decay, and other ultrafast processes play a role, ultrafast pulses at high photon energies are required. Tabletop high harmonics represent a unique light source that is perfectly synchronized to the driving laser, which can be used to manipulate the fastest electron and molecular dynamics in matter.

In our work we showed that by spectrally separating a comb of high harmonics into VUV and XUV components, we can coherently populate Rydberg states of Ar and Ar^+ , close to the single and double ionization thresholds. Then, in the presence of two IR fields, one co-propagating and phase-locked with the VUV/XUV pump pulse and another that is time-delayed relative to the combined VUV/XUV/IR pump pulse, we show that we can coherently control both Ar^+ and Ar^{++} total yields using



two-quantum-pathway electron wave packet interference processes. Furthermore, by tuning the energy of the VUV/XUV photons around different resonant Ar^* and Ar^{+*} states, we demonstrate an ability to fine-tune the phases of the optical and quantum interferences produced by the combined action of the IR laser and VUV/XUV harmonic fields. This work demonstrates for the first time that attosecond coherent control methods can manipulate double ionization processes on attosecond time scales, where electron-electron interactions play an important role. Double photoionization is a fundamental mechanism where a single photon can ionize two electrons simultaneously from an atom, providing insight into electron/electron dynamical correlation processes. Understanding and coherently controlling these correlations in simple atoms and molecules, where theoretical models are possible, will help develop the more advanced concepts necessary to control ultrafast dynamics in complex molecular systems or novel, strongly-correlated materials.

4. Chemical dynamics relevant to ionospheric chemistry, interstellar processes and high-energy materials [4, 5]

Molecular studies of internal conversion of electronic energy into nuclear motion have, until recently, largely focused on the first one or two excited states. Higher excited states, near 7-10 eV, have been little-explored due to the lack of good experimental approaches - but are critical to ionospheric chemistry, interstellar processes and high-energy materials. Dynamics in this energy range may be expected to exhibit very fast internal conversion, depositing enough vibrational energy to cause molecular dissociation on timescales faster than the validity regime of statistical theories. To probe these processes for the first time on the few-femtosecond timescales on which they occur, we performed time-resolved photoelectron-photoion coincidence (PEPICO) experiments on acetone (which is a prototype for organic molecules in the atmosphere) and methyl azide (a high energy density molecule). In these experiments an 8 eV pump pulse creates a highly excited state in the molecule, and a time-delayed 3.1 eV probe pulse ionizes the excited electron. To untangle the dissociation pathways, we detect the full 3D momentum vectors of the departing electron and of any ionic fragments produced from excess nuclear motion in the cation.

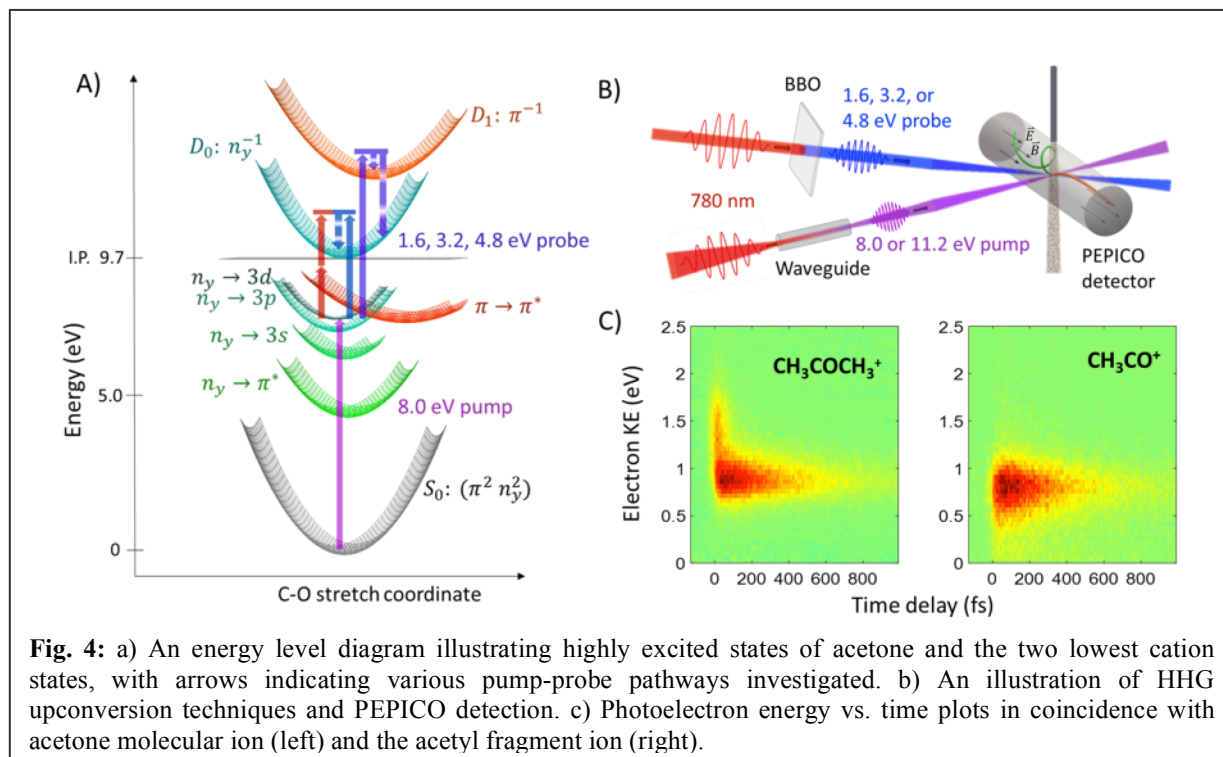


Fig. 4: a) An energy level diagram illustrating highly excited states of acetone and the two lowest cation states, with arrows indicating various pump-probe pathways investigated. b) An illustration of HHG upconversion techniques and PEPICO detection. c) Photoelectron energy vs. time plots in coincidence with acetone molecular ion (left) and the acetyl fragment ion (right).

This new capability allows us to uncover the correct dissociation pathways for highly-excited molecules. In acetone we re-assign the 8 eV state as a Rydberg-valence mixed state between ($n_y \rightarrow 3p$) and ($\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$), which internally converts to lower Rydberg states with a time constant of 340 fs. This mixing produces a non-separable electronic wavefunction, which can frustrate typical photoelectron imaging experiments and produce incorrect state assignments. The flexibility of our waveguide-based low-order harmonic generation allows us to measure 1-photon ionization with the 7th and 9th harmonics under identical experimental conditions as our pump-probe experiments, providing reliable identification by a comparison between 1 and 2-photon processes and access to multiple cation states.

In methyl azide we find Rydberg-Rydberg mixing between series converging to different ion states: ($HOMO \rightarrow 3p$) and ($HOMO - 1 \rightarrow 3s$). This mixing opens up relaxation pathways which are otherwise symmetry-forbidden, and represents an unanticipated phenomenon in the ultrafast dynamics of low Rydberg molecules. This mixed Rydberg state undergoes fast (~ 20 fs) wavepacket motion before undergoing a surprisingly quick (~ 25 fs) internal conversion. Again, the unambiguous assignment of the mixed electronic state required access to both relevant cation states as well as comparison to 1-photon ionization data provided by high harmonic generation.

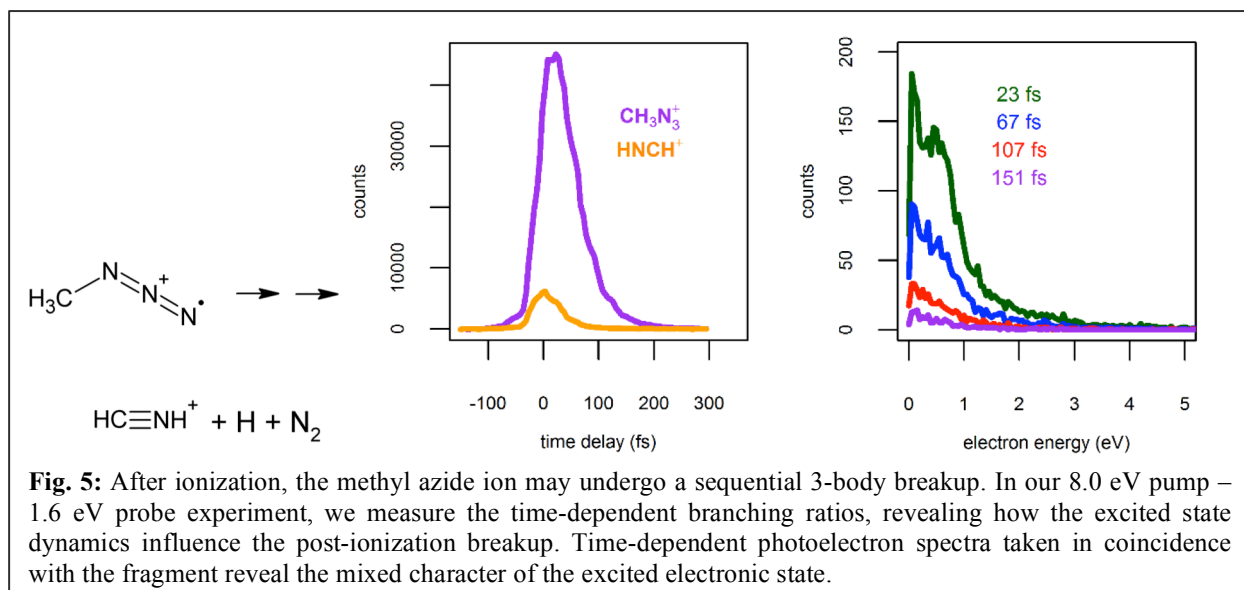


Fig. 5: After ionization, the methyl azide ion may undergo a sequential 3-body breakup. In our 8.0 eV pump – 1.6 eV probe experiment, we measure the time-dependent branching ratios, revealing how the excited state dynamics influence the post-ionization breakup. Time-dependent photoelectron spectra taken in coincidence with the fragment reveal the mixed character of the excited electronic state.

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