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**Multi-electron Effects in High-Order Harmonic Generation:
Homonuclear vs. Heteronuclear Diatomic Molecules** JOHN HESLAR,
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present a *self-interaction-free* time-dependent density-functional theory (TDDFT)
with proper asymptotic *long-range* potential for nonperturbative treatment of very-
high-order nonlinear response of multi-electron molecular systems to intense laser
fields. A time-dependent generalized pseudospectral method is developed in prolate
spheroidal coordinate system for accurate solution of both the electronic structure
and TDDFT equations for homonuclear and heteronuclear diatomic molecules. The
theory is applied to a detailed *all-electron* study of high-order harmonic generation
(HHG) processes of CO, N₂, F₂, BF, and HF in intense laser fields. We found dis-
tinctive difference between the responses of homonuclear vs. heteronuclear diatomic
molecules. First, while the homonuclear diatomics show only the odd harmonics,
both even and odd harmonics are observed for heteronuclear diatomics. Second, de-
structive interference in HHG is observed in some MOs for homonuclear diatomics
but not for heteronuclear diatomics. More detailed results will be presented in the
conference.

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