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Control of Strong Field Molecular Ionization with Shaped Ultrafast Laser Pulses

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Strong field molecular ionization can prepare molecules in superpositions of multiple ionic states, generating an electron hole wave packet. We demonstrate control over which ionic states are populated via strong field ionization by varying the shape of the ionization pulse. Calculations allow us to interpret the control and determine the role of resonances in the neutral molecule and cation.