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**Isotope effect in the high harmonics of water**<sup>1</sup> JOE FARRELL, SLAC PULSE Institute, SIMON PETRETTI, HU Berlin, BRIAN MCFARLAND, LIMOR SPECTOR, PHIL BUCKSBAUM, SLAC PULSE Institute, ALEJANDRO SAENZ, HU Berlin, MARKUS GUEHR, SLAC PULSE Institute — We present evidence that bending motion launched by strong field ionization of the inner valence  $3a_1$  orbital of H<sub>2</sub>O strongly affects the high harmonic spectrum. The measured high harmonics of H<sub>2</sub>O and D<sub>2</sub>O are modeled consistently with solutions of the time-dependent Schrödinger equation for several different laser intensities. This result introduces a new method to characterize weights of different ionic states prepared by strong field ionization.

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