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**Momentum Imaging of Dissociative Electron Attachment to Molecules** ALI MORADMAND, JOSHUA WILLIAMS, ALLEN LANDERS, MIKE FOGLE, Auburn University — Dissociative electron attachment (DEA) to diatomic and polyatomic molecules, including O<sub>2</sub>, C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>2</sub>, and CO<sub>2</sub>, is studied using a COLTRIMS apparatus which is capable of imaging 3D dissociation dynamics upon impact from a low energy ( $\sim 10$ eV) electron. A pulsed electric field is used to extract and distinguish ion fragments in a time-of-flight mass spectrometer, from which a complete picture of the reaction dynamics may be constructed. Through the axial recoil approximation, dependence of the attachment probability on a molecule's orientation with respect to the incoming electron's momentum is revealed.

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