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**XUV Pump - XUV Probe Studies of Bond Forming Processes in Polyatomic Molecules**<sup>1</sup> NIRANJAN SHIVARAM, ELIO CHAMPENOIS, JAMES CRYAN, TRAVIS WRIGHT, CHAN-SHAN YANG, ALI BELKACEM, Chemical Sciences Division, Lawrence Berkeley Natl Lab — Extreme-ultraviolet (XUV) high-order harmonics along with strong-field femtosecond near infra-red (NIR) laser pulses have been used to perform time-resolved pump-probe studies of ionization and fragmentation dynamics in atomic and molecular systems. With the availability of high pulse energy femtosecond laser systems it is now possible to generate high-harmonics with enough flux to perform XUV pump – XUV probe experiments. Here, we use high harmonics generated from a state-of-the-art 30 mJ, 1 KHz femtosecond NIR laser system to study dissociation dynamics in Sulfur hexa-fluoride (SF<sub>6</sub>). We focus mainly on dissociation channels above the first ionization threshold where neutral molecular Fluorine (F<sub>2</sub>) is eliminated from SF<sub>6</sub>. Using photo-ion and photo-electron spectroscopy we time-resolve the formation of a chemical bond.

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