



阿秒科学和凝聚态物理

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What is ATTO?



1 attosecond=0.000 000 000 000 000 001 s





The "Forth" Dimension







Ultimate space-time scales for the study of matter



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"时间"简史





迈布里奇-斯坦福1878年拍摄赛马奔跑的照片





Stroboscopic photography (频闪照相)



Harold Edgerton (MIT, 1930s-1950s)



激光的出现,带来新机会



超快激光和超快过程





- ◆1960, 红宝石激光器 ~1 ms
- ◆1961, 调Q技术 ~100 ns
- ◆1966, 主动锁模 <1 ns
- ◆1976, 可饱和染料吸收体 <1 ps
- ◆1980s, 对撞脉冲锁模~30 fs
- ◆1980s-1990s,啁啾脉冲压缩、克尔透镜锁模 ~5 fs
- ◆1980s-1990s, 高次谐波和阿秒脉冲串产生 <1 fs



◆2001,欧洲首次产生孤立阿秒脉冲 650as

- ◆2002,阿秒脉冲入选世界十大科学进展
- ◆2012, 阿秒脉冲突破70as
- ◆2013,国内首次160as,现已突破80as
- 欧盟ELI-ALPS部分建成投入使用 ◆2019,

NEWS AND ANALYSIS

Attosecond lasers come of age

New laser facilities will allow physicists to study events that last for just billionths of a billionth of a second, such as the motion of electrons inside atoms. Alexander Hellemans reports

Taking a still picture of a moving object requires an exposure time that is short enough to effectively freeze the motion of that object. In the case of atoms moving within molecules, this time is of the order of a femtosecond (10⁻¹⁵ s), which therefore requires the use of ultrashort laser pulses.

Although femtosecond pulses are now common in physics and chemistry, even they are too slow to study the motion of electrons, which takes place on the timescale of attoseconds (10-18's). But over the last two years, separate groups of researchers based in France, Austria, Sweden and the Netherlands have managed to generate and ob-Xray spectacle - physicists are generating ultrafast serve light pulses that last for just several X-ray pulses by irradiating rare-gas atoms with



confined to pulse trains Krausz's group is able to isolate individual pulses because it uses a laser that generates very short optical pulses - lasting just 5 femtoseconds - whereas other groups use pulses lasting 50 or 60 femtoseconds. The 5 femtosecond pulses contain only about two cycles of the optical laser light and therefore only about four attosecond pulses. It is then possible to filter out the few extraneous pulses. Krausz has also teamed up with Theodor Hänsch of the Max Planck Institute of Quantum Optics near Munich to control the temporal structure of attosecond pulses. To do this they developed so-called phase-

like those created at the LOA - have been

阿秒激光时代来临

新的激光装置允许物理学家研究仅 发生在100亿亿分之一 (10⁻¹⁸) 秒时 间内的事件,如原子中电子的运动 --Physics World, FEBRUARY 2004

ical behaviour of the hydrogen atom.

Proof of the pudding

The technique used to create attosecond mation they needed to work out the relative gets are never completely in phase. pulses was put forward in the early 1990s by phase of the different harmonics. several researchers, notably Paul Corkum of the National Research Council in Ottawa, Vienna University of Technology and col- shortly be equipping themselves with atto-Canada. Known as high-order harmonics leagues announced that they had used a second lasers that use the technology develgeneration, this technique involves using the similar technique to observe pulses lasting oped at Vienna. These labs will take about electric field of femtosecond optical laser 650 attoseconds. But unlike Agostini, Bal- a year to get the pulse-generation and diagpulses to ionize rare-gas atoms and then cou, Muller and co-workers, the Vienna nostic technology set up, and should then accelerate the electrons away from the par- team was able to single out individual pulses, start carrying out experiments. Altogether, accertate the electrons away irol me part seam was absent single on mnowinan pines. Sum carrying on experiments: Anogener, ent ions. When the electric field changes and it remains the only research group able it can take two or three years to master the direction half a wavelength late; the elec-trons are driven back to the parent ions. Since also been created at AMOLF and at to Vrakking. "Several labs are now trying Upon collision with the ions, the electrons Lund University in Sweden, these pulses - hard and are quite close," he says.

accelerators. As for studies of electrons in emitted ultraviolet beam and half of the Last November researchers at Saclay reporatoms, they could provide information original optical beam into a second target of ted making trains with pulses just 130 attoabout the fundamental quantum-mechan- rare-gas atoms and then altering the relative seconds long. The aim is to get down to

phase of the two beams. Observing changes 10 attoseconds, which, says Agostini, is the in the energy spectrum of any electrons lower limit of harmonic generation because ejected from the gas provided the infor- the harmonics produced by the rare-gas tar-

Krausz says that about a dozen insti-In November 2001 Ferenc Krausz of the tutions in Europe, the US and Japan will

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PHYSICS WORLD FEBRUARY 2004

阿秒激光重要特征

阿秒激光同时具有高度时空相干性和超高时间分辨能力





Ne原子2s、2p电离时差20阿秒



Villeneuve et al., Science 356,1150 (2017)

阿秒激光是世界科技进步的强大驱动力

阿秒光谱学

阿秒物理



跟踪阿秒化

学反应过程

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揭示阿秒高

次谐波过程

超快超强激光



脉冲宽度不断压缩



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J. Bloch et al., Nature 606, 41–48 (2022).

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解决挑战,从飞秒到阿秒



阿秒激光的产生



原子多电离 (1982-1985) 高次谐波的产生 (1987-1992) 阿秒脉冲串理论提出 (1996-2000)



Anne L'Huillier

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J. Phys. B: At. Mol. Opt. Phys. 21 (1988) L31-L35. Printed in the UK

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Multiple-harmonic conversion of 1064 nm radiation in rare gases

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Received 2 November 1987

Abstract. We report the observation of very-high-order odd harmonics of Nd: YAG laser radiation in rare gases at an intensity of about 10^{13} W cm⁻². Harmonic light as high as the 33rd harmonic in the XUV range (32.2 nm) is generated in argon. The key point is that the harmonic intensity falls slowly beyond the fifth harmonic as the order increases. Finally, a UV continuum, beginning at 350 nm and extending down towards the short wavelength region is apparent in xenon.







APS Meeting

Courtesy: P. Agostini

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S. Yu et al., Rev. Mod. Phys. 90, 021002 (2018).

Rescattering or Three-Step Model





High harmonics reported earlier

Studies of multiphoton production of vacuum-ultraviolet radiation in the rare gases

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Measurements of the vacuum-ultraviolet (<80-nm) radiation produced by intense ultraviolet (248-nm) irradiation ($10^{16}-10^{16}$ W/cm²) of rare gases have revealed the copious presence of both harmonic radiation and fluorescence from excited levels. The highest harmonic observed was the seventeenth (14.6 nm) in Ne, the shortest wavelength observed being below 12 nm. Furthermore, radiation from inner-shell excited configurations in Xe, specifically the $4d^95s5p \rightarrow 4d^{10}5s$ manifold of Xe⁷⁺ at ~17.7 nm, was detected. These experimental findings, in alliance with other studies concretation:



A. McPherson et al., J. Opt. Soc. Am. B 4, 595 (1987).

Harmonic generation in CO₂ laser target interaction

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National Research Council of Canada, Division of Physics, Ottawa, K1A 0R6, Canada (Received 23 March 1977; accepted for publication 17 May 1977)

We report the observation of an extended series of integral harmonic lines in the spectrum of direct backscatter of $10.6 \mu m$ radiation incident at intensities > 10^{14} W/cm² onto planar solid targets. We have observed and spectrally resolved up to the eleventh harmonic (0.95 μm) at intensities well above the plasma continuum background.



Theoretical explanations

Atomic antenna

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(Submitted 26 December 1986; resubmitted 2 March 1987) Pis'ma Zh. Eksp. Teor. Fiz. **45**, No. 7, 319–321 (10 April 1987)

A new mechanism for the absorption of photons of a low-frequency field by an atom is proposed: an "atomic antenna." This mechanism raises the intensity of multiphoton processes by many orders of magnitude. This is true in particular of multiple ionization and of ionization far from the threshold.

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Above Threshold Ionization Beyond the High Harmonic Cutoff

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We present high sensitivity electron energy spectra for xenon in a strong 50 ps, 1.053 μ m laser field. The above threshold ionization distribution is smoothly decreasing over the entire kinetic energy range (0–30 eV), with no abrupt changes in the slope. This is in direct contrast to the sharp

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spectra. Calculations using the single active th the observed electron distributions. These stween the electron and photon emission from

Plasma Perspective on Strong-Field Multiphoton Ionization

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During strong-field multiphoton ionization, a wave packet is formed each time the laser field passes its maximum value. Within the first laser period after ionization there is a significant probability that the electron will return to the vicinity of the ion with very high kinetic energy. High-harmonic generation, multiphoton two-electron ejection, and very high energy above-threshold-ionization electrons are all consequences of this electron-ion interaction. One important para **PHYSICAL REVIEW A** of these effects is the rate at which the wave packet spreads in the electric field; another is the laser polarization. These will be crucial

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Theory of high-harmonic generation by low-frequency laser fields

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解决挑战,从飞秒到阿秒

Observation of a Train of Attosecond Pulses from High Harmonic Generation

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In principle, the temporal beating of superposed high harmonics obtained by focusing a femtosecond laser pulse in a gas jet can produce a train of very short intensity spikes, depending on the relative phases of the harmonics. We present a method to measure such phases through two-photon, two-color photoionization. We found that the harmonics are locked in phase and form a train of 250-attosecond pulses in the time domain. Harmonic generation may be a promising source for attosecond time-resolved measurements.



Reconstruction of attosecond beating by interference of two-photon transitions (RABBITT)



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THE ROYAL SWEDISH ACADEMY OF SCIENCES

飞秒放大激光 (1997) 首次实现孤立阿秒脉冲 (2001)



Ferenc Krausz

解决挑战,从飞秒到阿秒

articles

Attosecond metrology

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The generation of ultrashort pulses is a key to exploring the dynamic behaviour of matter on ever-shorter timescales. Recent developments have pushed the duration of laser pulses close to its natural limit—the wave cycle, which lasts somewhat longer than one femtosecond (1 fs = 10⁻¹⁵ s) in the visible spectral range. Time-resolved measurements with these pulses are able to trace dynamics of molecular structure, but fail to capture electronic processes occurring on an attosecond (1 as = 10⁻¹⁶ s) timescale. Here we trace electronic dynamics with a time resolution of \leq 150 as by using a subfemtosecond soft-X-ray pulse and a few-cycle visible light pulse. Our measurement indicates an attosecond response of the atomic system, a soft-X-ray pulse duration of 650 ± 150 as and an attosecond synchronism of the soft-X-ray pulse with the light field. The demonstrated experimental tools and techniques open the door to attosecond spectroscopy of bound electrons.





Measuring single isolated attosecond pulse



Z. Zhu et al. Sci. Rep. 10, 1-7 (2020)



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Ultrafast charge migration







F. Calegari et al., Science 346, 336 (2014).

水分子光分解





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身边的物质世界: 凝聚态物质

<mark>原子</mark>结构和周围的<mark>电子</mark>决定了材料的性质



¥50000/g

基本概念





¥0.01/g

Cubic

Hexagonal

Developments in ultrafast techniques





Probes



Ultrafast light-matter Interaction



例: 固体价电子成像

固体电子的实时动态



固体电子的实时动态



固体电子分布 ↔ 高次谐波谱



H. Lakhotia, H. Y. Kim, M. Zhan, S. Hu, <u>S. Meng</u>, E. Goulielmakis, Nature 583, 55 (2020).





薛定谔方程(1926)

$$i\hbar\frac{\partial}{\partial t}\Psi(\boldsymbol{r},\boldsymbol{R},\boldsymbol{t}) = \widehat{H}_{tot}\Psi(\boldsymbol{r},\boldsymbol{R},\boldsymbol{t}), \quad \widehat{H}_{tot}(\boldsymbol{r},\boldsymbol{R},\boldsymbol{t}) = \sum_{\alpha}\frac{P_{\alpha}^{2}}{2M_{\alpha}} + \sum_{i}\frac{p_{i}^{2}}{2m} + \sum_{i$$

- 玻恩-奥本海默近似(1927) 假定1. 电子波函数和原子核波函数分离: $\hat{H}_{BO}(r; R) \varphi(r; R) = E_{BO}(R) \varphi(r; R)$ 假定2. 电子始终处于基态上(无动力学): $M_{\alpha}\ddot{R} = -\nabla_{R} E_{BO}^{(0)}(R)$ 取得巨大成功: 晶体结构预测、电子能带计算等, 但不能处理激发态

超越玻恩-奥本海默近似

(玻恩-黄展开, 1954; 严格因子化Gross, 2010)

 $\Psi(r, R, t) \equiv \Phi_R(r, t) \Xi(R, t) \cong \Phi_{R_0(t)}(r) \ \delta(R(t) - R_0(t)) \Rightarrow \Phi_{R(t)}(r, t) \ \Xi(R(t) - R_0(t))$

优点: 波函数的动力学演化, 结合第一性原理计算







- •非绝热(电子跃迁)
- •非微扰(实时)



凝聚态体系中的阿秒动力学

超快凝聚态动力学中复杂的多体相互作用



S. Hu et al., Chin. Phys. Lett. 40 117801(2023).

Electron Injection Dynamics



$$\Phi_{\rm inject} = 1 / \left(1 + \frac{\tau_{\rm inj}}{\tau_{\rm relax}} \right)$$

凝聚态体系中的阿秒动力学

阿秒库伦关联动力学

电子-电子关联动力学





光激发单层BN: 激子的形成过程



Qing Chen, Sheng Meng et al. (2024).

凝聚态体系中的阿秒动力学

阿秒磁性动力学

磁存储



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强磁场产生
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磁性调控

光致退磁



E. Beaurepaire et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. 76 , 4250 (1996). I. Tudosa et al., Nature 428 , 831 (2004). 凝聚态体系中的阿秒动力学

凝聚态体系阿秒动力学的应用



M. Garg et al., Nature 538, 359–363 (2016).



超快数据编码

~ 900 as

D. Hui et al., Sci. Adv. 9 eadf1015 (2023).

超快激光调控相变



C.C. Song, M.X. Guan, Y.Z. Jia, D.Q. Chen, J.Y. Xu, C. Zhang*, <u>S. Meng*</u>. npj Comput. Mater. 9, 76 (2023) Y.Z. Jia et al. (2024)

Simulating Black Hole and Hawking Radiation





H Liu et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. 120, 237403 (2018) H Liu et al., Chin. Phys. Lett. 37, 067101 (2020)

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|| 先进阿秒激光大科学装置|







将为多学科领域研究提供前所未有的探测和操控手段



阿秒束线与应用终端简介





束线和终端相互配合,为物理学、化学、材料科学、信息科学、

能源科学以及生命科学中的基础研究突破提供支撑

束线	极紫外阿秒激光 5条束线	软X射线阿秒激光 3条束线	太赫兹辐射源 2条束线
重点领域	物理、化学、能源	损伤、加工、军工	生物、药物、信息
重大 科学问题	固体电子学 阿秒磁学 原子分子物理 量子相干过程	含能材料 辐照损伤 瞬态成像	光化学反应 库珀对
对应终端	1 ~ 11	12 ~ 18	19 ~ 22

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Tunable isolated attosecond X-ray pulses with gigawatt peak power from a free-electron laser

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Courtesy: P. Agostini

更短阿秒、仄秒光脉冲产生—相对论振镜实验方案

通过高能量激光与固体 密度等离子体相互作用, 能够产生10阿秒以下甚 至仄秒(10⁻²¹s)的超 短脉冲,并且所获得的 脉冲能量更高,是未来 超快激光进一步推进的 重要方向



要实现0.3阿秒, 需要峰值功率密度P= 6x10²⁰ W/cm²,需要激光20fs, 1拍瓦 要实现3仄秒, 需要峰值功率密度P= 1.38x10²² W/cm²,需要激光10fs, 2拍瓦

要获得更短更强的阿秒、仄秒脉冲,需要不断提高激光峰值功率

Zeptosecond birth time delay in molecular photoionization

THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

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Science 370, 339-341 (2020)



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 $\Delta t = 247 zs$





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总 结

阿秒激光—观察世界的一个新视角



《星月夜》



《花底草帽女子》 —— 毕加索





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Atomscale Energy Conversion and Quantum Dynamics



