

## PHOTOION-PAIR PRODUCTION IN HF, DF AND $(HF)_2$

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The dissociation processes of  $HF/DF + h\nu \rightarrow H^+/D^+ + F^-$  and  $(HF)_2 + h\nu \rightarrow HFH^+ + F^-$  have been studied through single photon excitation with coherent vacuum ultraviolet light. For HF and DF, the laser was scanned around the ion-pair dissociation energies. The spectra demonstrate that the ion-pair production could be greatly enhanced through the coupling between the ion-pair states and the Rydberg states converging to certain levels of  $HF^+/DF^+$ . The results from our current high resolution study lead to different conclusions than those resulting from lower resolution synchrotron experiments<sup>a</sup>. For the ion-pair production of  $(HF)_2$ , some preliminary results and possible explanations will be presented.

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