Perspectives for Time Resolved Structural Studies derived from Pump-Probe Spectroscopy



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# Outline

- Method: fs pump-probe spectroscopy
- Experimental RKR potential
- Revivals to learn about vibrational coherence
- Coherent control of revivals
- Coherent phonons

# Method: Pump-probe spectroscopy



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## **RKR** Potential



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## **Dispersion of wave packets**



Anharmonic: WP broadens due to dispersion

## **Revivals of a vibrational wave packet**



#### **Dispersion of wave packets**



## **Coherent Control of Revival Structure**



chirp parameter determines appearance of revival

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#### **Control of Revival Structure**



# **Positive Chirp Excitation Experiment**



#### **Phonon Excitation**



#### **Coherent host dynamics**



#### **Host Oscillation**

- For I<sub>2</sub>:Kr: 650 fs (1.5 THz)
- For Br<sub>2</sub>:Ar: 500 fs (2 THz)
- Frequency and phase stability
- No forced excitation
- Impulsive excitation
- Decoupling from molec. motion

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## **Zone Boundary Phonon**



- Host modulation has frequency of ZBP for Ar or Kr crystal
- ZBP has  $v_g$ =0, stays at molecule after excitation

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# Summary

Experimental RKR potential



Coherent control of 1/6 revival: four level coherence



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