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[717] Replicating the short-time recovery of a charge density wave state after photoexcitation

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We used ultrashort x-ray pulses to monitor the structural dynamics associated with the charge density wave (CDW)-state in K0.3MoO3 after photoexcitation. In a first experiment the response to different excitation fluences was investigated. Starting in a regime of coherent oscillations, increasing the excitation fluence leads to a complete melting of the ordered state. Remarkably, a further increase in fluence results in a short recovery of the CDW on a sub-picosecond time scale. In follow-up measurements, we could create a second recovery by applying another photoexcitation to the first one. An understanding of the microscopic mechanisms of this recovery may enhance our theoretical understanding of ultrafast CDW transitions in general.

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