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Rotation of H_2^+ driven by 10fs laser pulse¹ FATIMA ANIS, BRETT ESRY, J. R. Macdonald Laboratory, Department of Physics, Kansas State University — We have performed full-dimensional calculations for H_2^+ in ultrashort intense laser pulse including physical processes of dissociation, electronic excitation as well as nuclear vibration and rotation. The post-pulse time evolution of the bound wave function shows revivals due to impulsive alignment. Revival structure is more pronounced than the revivals observed experimentally for D_2 [1], which makes H_2^+ more favorable to observe this process. Moreover, alignment depends strongly on the initial vibrational state, making it possible to control the alignment and use it in a pump-probe scheme to study dissociation and ionization. This work also shows that including rotation is important even for very short pulses.

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