The future of information technology as seen with x-rays

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pumps momentum

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pumps energy

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Optical control of nanoscale spin order in Fe66Co10Gd24



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Outlook: Growth of magnetic order in Fe₆₆Co₁₀Gd₂₄



... occurs on the ps timescale

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pumps momentum Can we turn an insulator into a metal?

drives magnetic switching via spin currents

Optically induced ultrafast structural & electronic phase transition in VO₂

0

-100

 Φ =7.5mJ/cm²

60

50



0

100

Baum, Yang, Zewail, Science 318, 788 (2007)



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80

90



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THz control of the insulator-metal transition in VO₂





required electric field ~1GV/m (1V/nm)



laser-induced THz field ~0.04 GV/m

near-field enhanced THz field ~0.2 GV/m

Shaping the future of information technology: Opportunities for nanoscale imaging...



...with few ps short x-ray pulses at 1KHz - 1MHz rep. rates availability of pump lasers crucial



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drives ps magnetic Durr, BESSY 20⁻ switching via spin currents drives ps cooperative Mott transition

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