

Spintronic emitters in the terahertz regime

Applied optical spectroscopy

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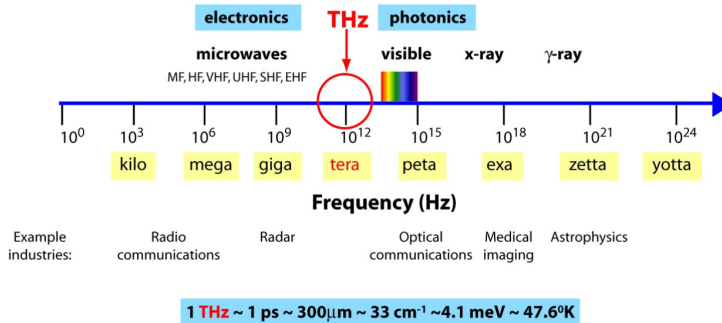
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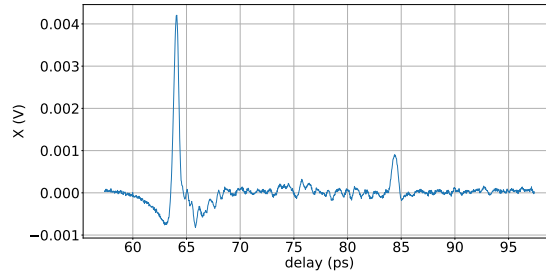
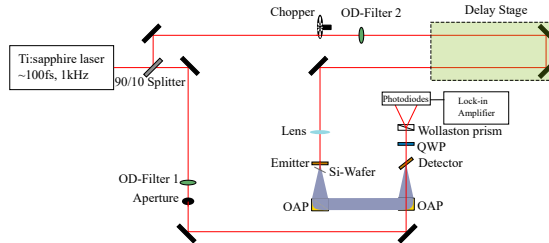
The electromagnetic spectrum from G. P. Williams, Rep. Prog. Phys, **69** (2005) .

Terahertz

So why do we need terahertz radiation?

- medicine
- security
- data transmission & saving
- physics

Introduction

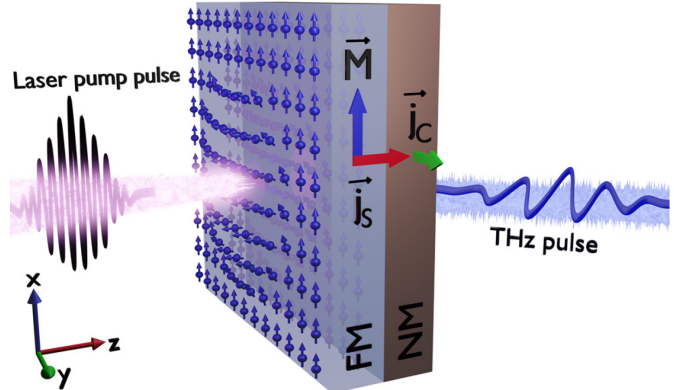


Common emitters:

- Photo conductive antenna
- Non linear crystals

What are Spintronic emitters?

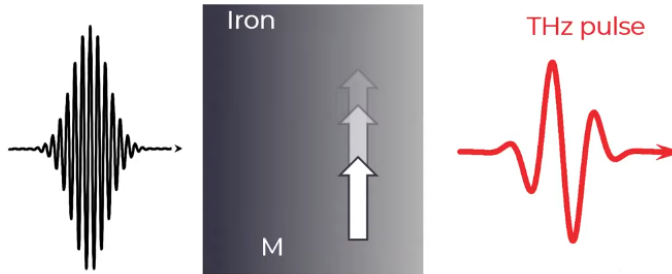
- Ferromagnetic Material (FM)
- Non Magnetic (NM)
- Magnetic field



THz spintronic emitters from E. Th. Papaioannou, Nanophotonics, (2005) .

How does it work?

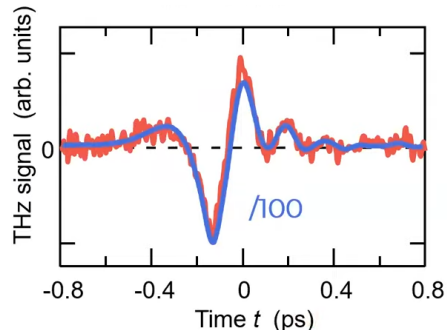
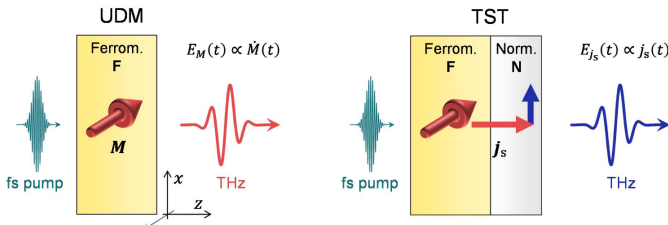
How and why do Spintronic Terahertz Emitters work? from T. S. Seifert, THz group Berlin



$$E_{\text{THz}} \propto \dot{M}(t)$$

Change in magnetization → electric field

But we need more fieldstrength

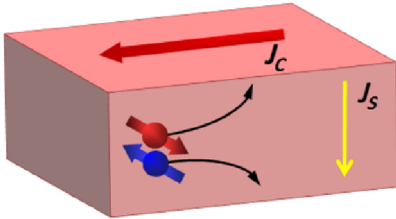


Laser-induced terahertz spin transport in magnetic nanostructures arises from the same force as ultrafast demagnetization from R. Rouzegar, L. Brandt et. al., arXiv.

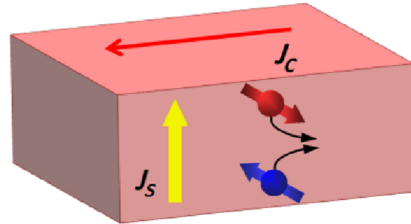
Stronger if we attach **NM**-layer

Where does the current come from?

Spin Hall effect



Inverse Spin Hall effect



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Inverse Spin Hall effect generates current

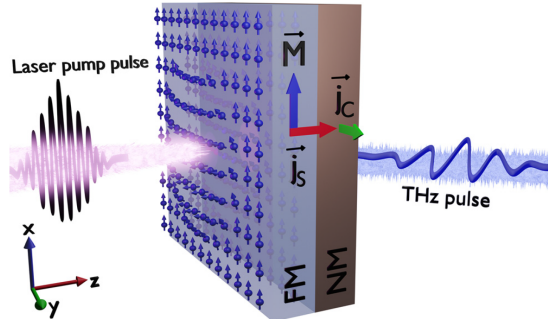
Summary

An overlook:

- FM with magnetization
- spin current j_s through fs-laser pulse
- spin current to charge current

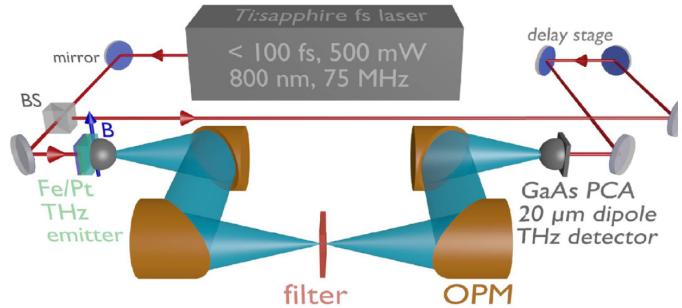
$$j_c = \gamma j_s$$

- charge current generates THz-Field



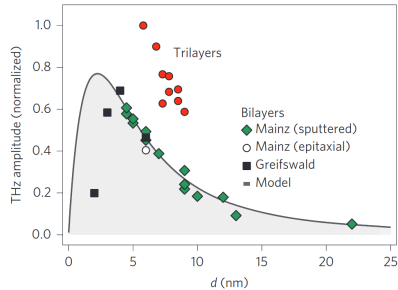
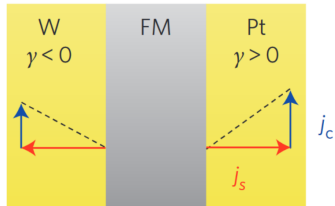
Setup

- Just change emitter
- Apply B-Field
- Put *Si*-lens behind crystal

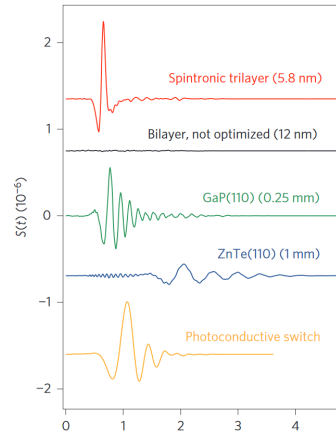


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Two Layers are not the end

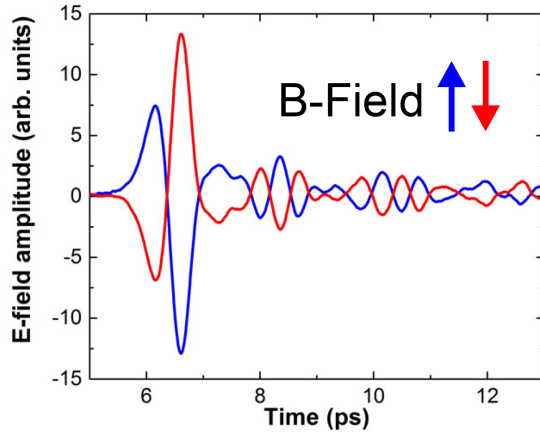


Efficient metallic spintronic emitters of ultrabroadband terahertz radiation from T. Seifert, S. Jaiswal et. al., Nat. Photon, (2016).



Polarization

- Change in B-Field changes THz-Field Polarization
- No filter needed
- Easy change of THz-Field Polarization



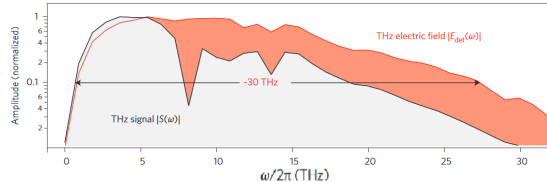
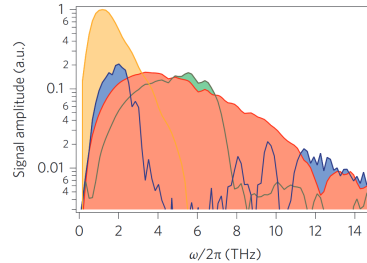
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Broadband

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■ Super Broadband Signal

■ Achieved with
W/Co₄₀Fe₄₀B₂₀/Pt (5.8 nm)



Conclusion

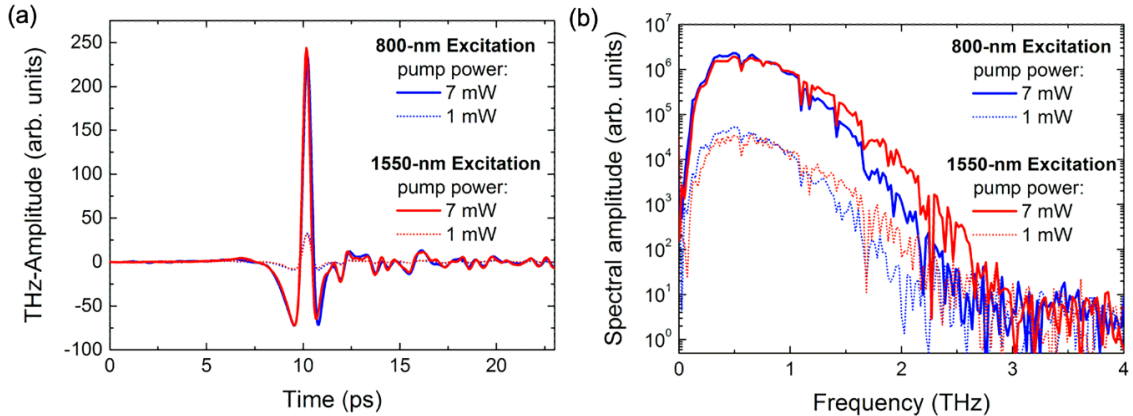
- Easy to setup
- Cheap to produce
- High damage threshold
- Easy change in Polarization
- Very Broadband (no phonon modes)
- No problems with phasematching

THz emitters commonly used in THz-TDS		Key characteristics desired in a THz emitter			
		Electric field > 100 kV/cm	Bandwidth > 10 THz	Gapless spectral coverage over 0.1 - 10 THz	Photoexcitation with nJ - pulse energies
PCAs	GaAs	✓ R1	✓ R2	✗	✓ R3
	InGaAs	✗	✗	✗	✓ R4
Inorganic Crystals	ZnTe	✗	✓ R5	✗	✓ R6
	GaP	✗	✗	✗	✓ R7
	LiNbO ₃	✓ R8	✗	✗	✗
Organic Crystals	DAST	✓ R9	✓ R10	✗	✓ R11
	DSTMS	✓ R12	✓ R13	✗	✓ R14
	OH1	✓ R15	✓ R16	✗	✗
	Air plasma	✓ R17	✓ R18	✓ R19	✗
	Spintronic	✓ R20	✓ R21	✓ R22	✓ R23

Spintronic
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Thank you all for your attention!

Only power matters



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