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"THz spin currents for magnetic manipulation"

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Reducing energy dissipation while increasing speed in computation and memory is a long-standing challenge for spintronics research [1]. In the last 20 years, femtosecond lasers have emerged as a tool to control the magnetization of certain magnetic materials at the picosecond timescale [2]. Recently, new materials and new ultrafast mechanisms have been discovered that expand the possibilities of the field. Particularly, I will discuss some of our latest results where we show that ultrafast spin currents generated either by picosecond wide electrical pulses [3], or by ultrafast demagnetization [4,5] can be exploited to reverse the magnetization of a classical ferromagnet. These experiments show that spintronic phenomena can be exploited on picosecond time-scales and should launch a new regime of ultrafast spin torque studies and applications.

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- [5] Igarashi et al., Engineering single-shot all-optical switching of ferromagnetic materials, *Nano Lett.* 20, 8654-8660 (2020)

Education

- PhD in physics @ Laboratoire de Physique des Solides, Université Paris-Sud (France) 2011 – 2014
- Master degree in nanosciences @ l'Université de Paul Sabatier (Toulouse, France) 2010 – 2011
- Visiting scholar @ l'Université de Tohoku (Sendai, Japon) 2008 – 2009
- Engineering diploma @ l'Institut National des Sciences Appliquées (Toulouse, France) 2006 – 2011
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