

Towards a "complete" picture of ultrafast dynamics in Fe₂GeTe₃ (FGT)



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Overview





Why 2D magnets?

FM spin dynamics: very fast



Van der Waal Heterostructures



A. K. Geim and I. V Grigorieva, Nature 499, 419 (2013).



Why Fe₂GeTe₃ (FGT)?

Van der Waals layered material



Fei, Nat. Mater. 17, 778-782 (2018)

Thickness dependent properties Control crystalline layer number



Metallic ferromagnet Perpendicular anisotropy



Spin 1

Ge

Tan, Nat Comm 9, 1554 (2018)

Liu, PRL 125, 267205 (2020)

Vision: atomically flat, crystalline Heterostructures



Why ultrafast science?

- 1. Study nonequilibrium behavior
- 2. Study process at their intrinsic time scales
- 3. Understand **coupling** between intrinsic properties through **energy flow**





Kirilyuk, Rev. Mod. Phys. 82, 2731 (2010)

Koopmans Nat Mater 9, 259–265 (2010)

(my) three levels of understanding coupling



2. Internal thermalization



3. intra-DOF coupling



1. Coupled thermalized baths

Energy flow model

$$C_e(T_e)d\underline{T_e}/dt = -G_{el}(\underline{T_e} - \underline{T_l}) -G_{es}(\underline{T_e} - \underline{T_s}) + P(t), C_s(T_s)d\underline{T_s}/dt = -G_{es}(\underline{T_s} - \underline{T_e}) - G_{sl}(\underline{T_s} - \underline{T_s}) C_l(T_l)d\underline{T_l}/dt = -G_{el}(\underline{T_l} - \underline{T_e}) - G_{sl}(\underline{T_l} - \underline{T_s})$$



2

1.0

0.9

0.8

M/M_s

1. Coupled thermalized baths

Can we assume these baths are in thermal equilibrium? **Energy flow** Can we describe them with a temperature? 1.0 $C_e(T_e)dT_e/dt$ Mater. 9, 259-265 (2010) $-G_{es}(\underline{T_e}-\underline{T_s})+P(t),$ 500 Temperature (K) 00 $C_s(T_s)dT_s/dt = -G_{es}(T_s - T_e) - G_{sl}(T_s - T_l)$ 0.9 M/M_s $C_l(T_l)dT_l/dt = -G_{el}(T_l - T_e) - G_{sl}(T_l - T_s)$ electrons G_{el} G_{es} 0.8 300 2 Delay (ps) spins lattice **U**sl T_{ς} T_1

Three levels of understanding coupling



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Understanding dynamics in FGT





Time resolved ARPES at FHI



4-dimentional data (k_x , k_y , E, Δt)





Maklar et al, Rev. Sci. Instr. 91, 123112 (2020)

Electron temperature dynamics



Pump: 800 nm Probe: 21 eV (HHG XUV) Resolution: ~35 fs

Electronic temperature



Ultrafast XMCD

 L_2

-1 -2

-3 700

Absorption

XMCD

XMCD from FGT in transmission

free standing FGT crystal (50 nm)



200 µm



Pump: 800 nm **Probe**: 707 eV (Fe L₃) **Resolution**: ~120 fs



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XMCD results



Spin dynamics time scale very similar to electron dynamics



Lattice dynamics





Lattice dynamics





2.5

3

3.5

4

2

Frequency (THz)

1.5

0.004

0.002

0

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0.5

1



Understanding dynamics in FGT



2. Internal thermalization





Diffraction





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Coherent phonons



Incoherent phonons







 $\boldsymbol{r}_i(t) = \boldsymbol{r}_i^0 + \boldsymbol{\Delta}(t)$ Fe: **Ge:** $r_i(t) = r_i^0 + \Delta(t)$ $\boldsymbol{r}_i(t) = \boldsymbol{r}_i^0 + \boldsymbol{\Delta}(t)$ Te: $\begin{pmatrix} U_{Fe} & 2U_{Fe} & 0\\ 2U_{Fe} & U_{Fe} & 0\\ 0 & 0 & \swarrow_{Fe} \end{pmatrix}$ Fe: $\begin{pmatrix} U_{Ge} & 2U_{Ge} & 0\\ 2U_{Ge} & U_{Ge} & 0\\ 0 & 0 & \swarrow_{Ge} \end{pmatrix}$ Ge: $\begin{pmatrix} U_{Te} & 2U_{Te} & 0\\ 2U_{Te} & U_{Te} & 0\\ 0 & 0 & \bigvee_{Te} \end{pmatrix}$ Te:

470 unique data points per delay







Stay tuned!

Towards "Full" energy flow picture



Towards detailed ph-ph picture



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