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**Time-resolved optical study of magnetism in Sr<sub>2</sub>IrO<sub>4</sub>**  
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GANG CAO, University of Kentucky, NUH GEDIK, MIT — We report  
a time-resolved optical pump-probe study of the  $J_{\text{eff}}=1/2$  Mott insulator  
Sr<sub>2</sub>IrO<sub>4</sub>. The temperature dependence of the electronic relaxation rate  
exhibits clear anomalies at magnetic ordering temperatures of 240K and  
100K, which are consistent with the development of bulk decay channels  
via emission of magnetic excitations. We will then discuss time-resolved  
second harmonic generation studies and contrast the magnetic properties  
of the surface and the bulk.

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