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Ultrafast Electron Diffraction at Stellenbosch University

Femtosecond electron diffraction in principle allows for the observation of the initial dynamics of photo-induced processes in molecules and condensed phase with atomic spatial and temporal resolution. The method is based on the classical pump-probe spectroscopy with femtosecond laser pulses, but the difference being that the laser probe-pulse is replaced by an ultrashort electron pulse, which is diffracted off the target.

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