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<u>Antrittsvorlesung</u>

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Atoms and Electrons in Motion

All processes in the world around us are on a fundamental level defined by <u>atomic and electronic motion</u> from initial to final conformations. A <u>movie-like visualization in space and time</u> could reveal the fundamental mechanisms behind the abundant dynamical phenomena that are all around.

In this presentation, I report how we can actually see the atoms and electrons as they move in space and time. The necessary <u>attosecond resolution in time</u> (the optical cycle) and <u>picometer resolution in space</u> (the size of an atom) are achieved by pump-probe electron microscopy and diffraction with light-cycle-controlled single-electron wavepackets. The power of this approach is shown by reporting three visualization results: (a) electronic motion in a metamaterial, (b) atom trajectories during a phase transformation and (c) light-cycle dynamics across a nanostructure.

One of our next steps in Konstanz is the setup of 1-2 modern electron microscopes with our ultrafast metrology. This unique infrastructure will widen our space-time imaging capabilities towards even more complex, functional materials and nanostructures for <u>next-generation photonics and electronics</u>.

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