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Challenges and perspectives of accelerator-based ultrafast electron diffraction and microscopy

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Historically particle accelerators are instrumental for high energy physics (accelerator based colliders) and photon science (accelerator based synchrotron light sources and free-electron lasers). Now there is growing interest in applying accelerator technology to solve the grand challenges in probing matter at ultrafast temporal and ultrasmall spatial scales. In this talk I will discuss how one can use MeV electrons produced in accelerators (e.g. photocathode rf guns) to study ultrafast dynamics at atomic scale through ultrafast electron diffraction (UED) and microscopy (UEM) techniques. I'll focus on the principles and applications of UED and UEM. I will also report on the status of the MeV UED/UEM facility at Shanghai Jiao Tong University (SJTU) which is expected to provide access to new sciences by producing kHz rep-rate ultrafast and ultrabright electron beams that will give researchers unparalleled power and precision in examining the fundamental nature of matter.

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