

# **Pump-Probe Experiment**

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# My conclusion will be ...

- Pump-probe method with synchrotron radiation enables us to **make movies** at atomic resolution.
- The time resolution is currently ~ **100 picosecond** (sub-nanosecond) order, but soon will be ~ **100 femtosecond** (sub-picosecond) order.

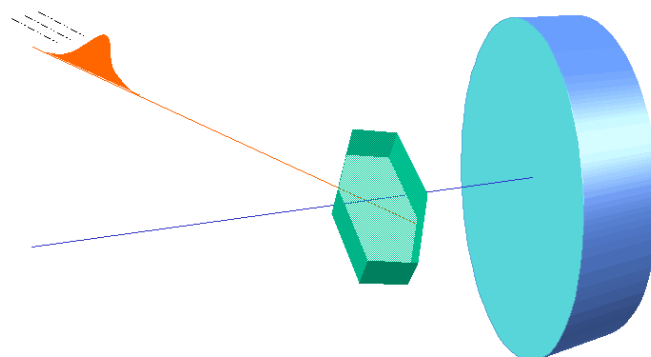
# **Outline of the talk**

- 1. What is pump-probe method?**
- 2. Pump-probe method with SR**
  - Pulsed nature of SR**
  - Synchronizing pump and probe**
- 3. Applications**
- 4. Concluding remarks**

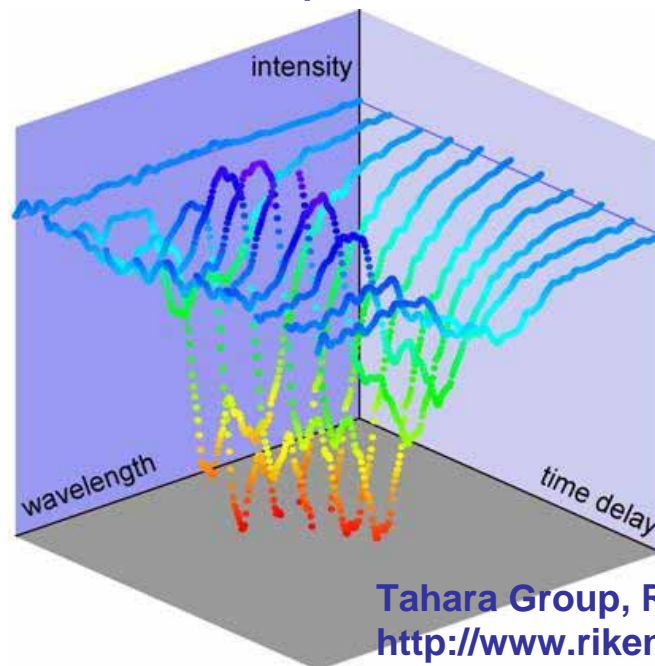
# What is pump-probe method?

(“Time-resolved spectroscopy” in Wikipedia)

In physics and physical chemistry, **time-resolved spectroscopy** is the study of dynamical processes in materials or chemical compounds by means of spectroscopic techniques. In a typical experiment, both the light for excitation (**'pump'**) and the light for measuring the spectrum (**'probe'**) are generated by a pulsed laser.



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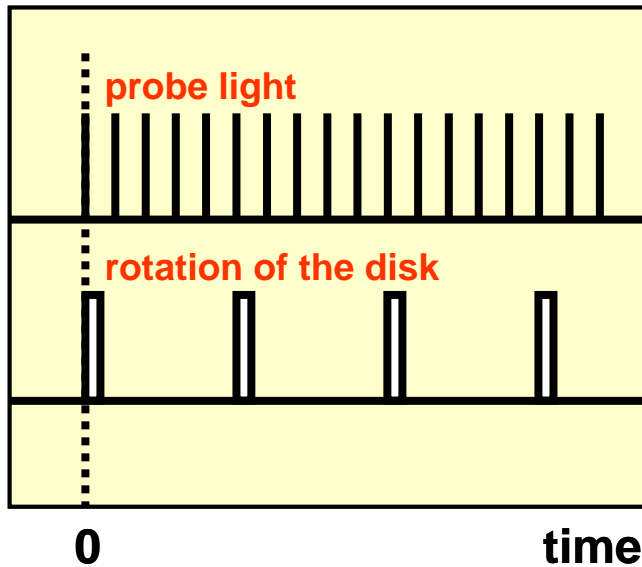


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# Pump-probe method as a tool for making movies (1)

## We want to watch something moving!

### Case 2: Pulsed Light



# Pump-probe method as a tool for making movies (2)

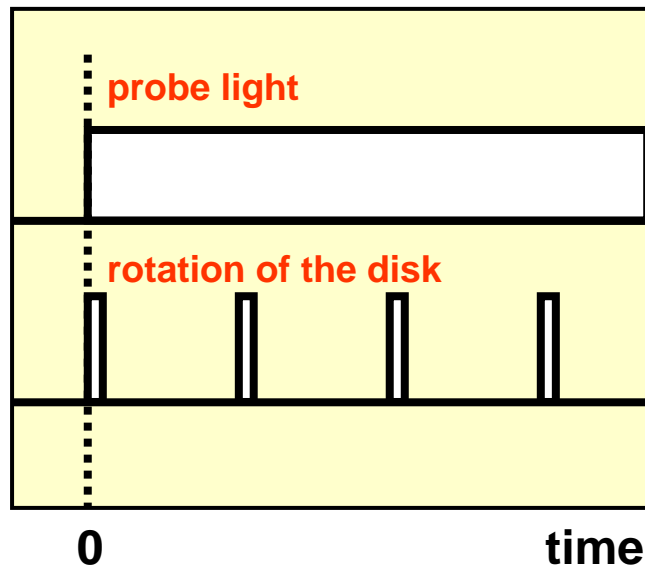
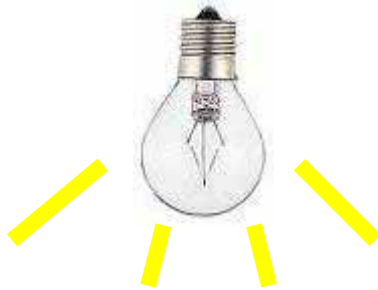
## Watching the 6 guys dancing.



# Pump-probe method as a tool for making movies (3)

## Continuous vs. Pulsed Light

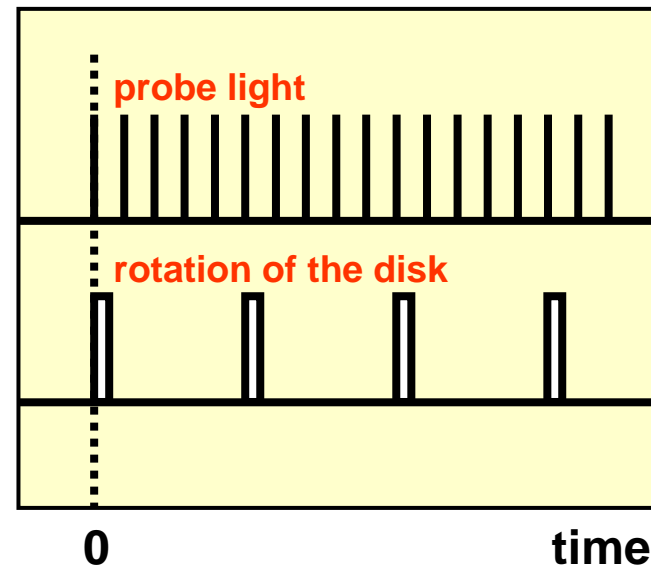
Case 1: Continuous Light



Case 2: Pulsed Light

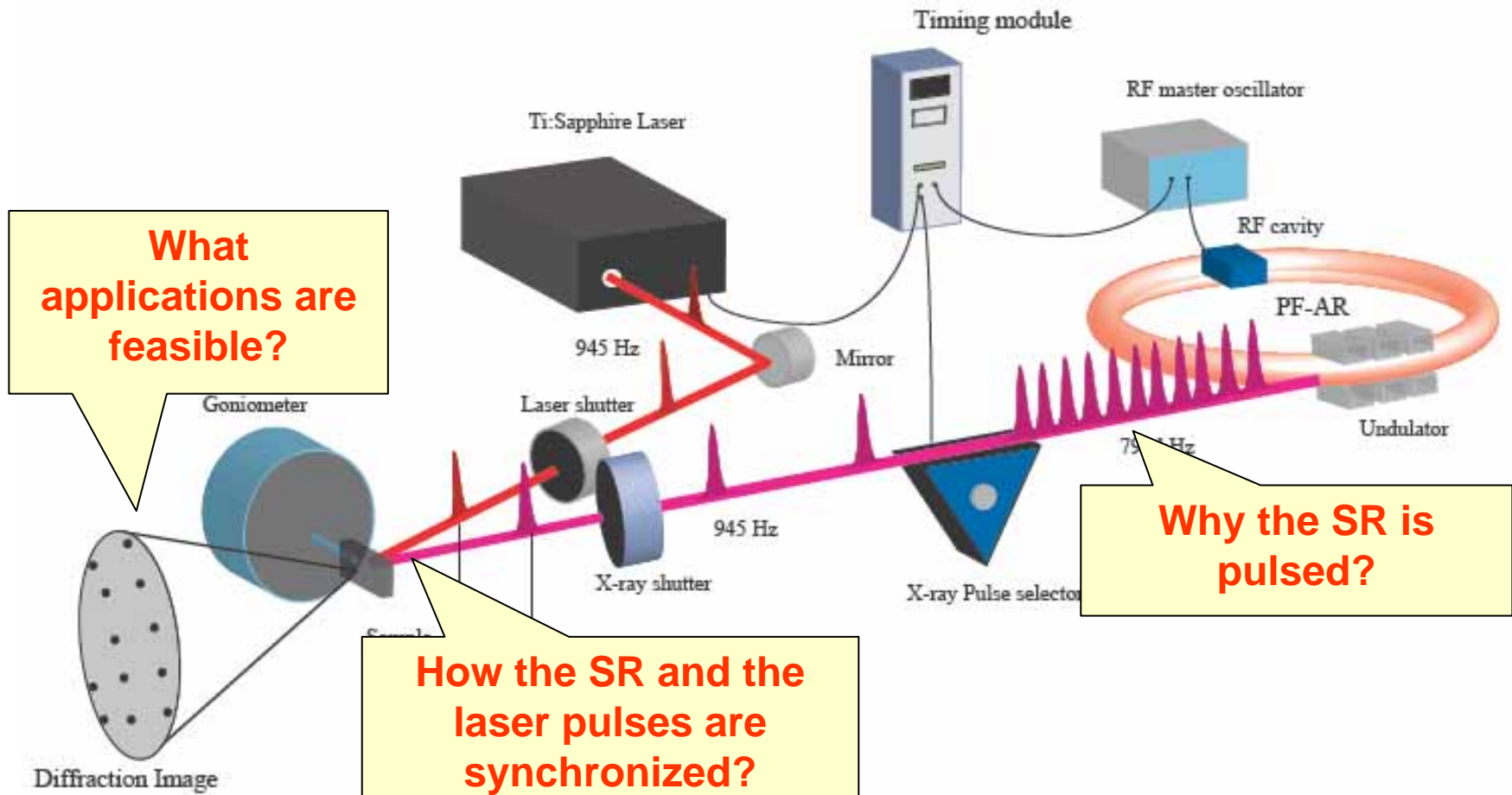


Pump-probe movie!



# Pump-probe method as a tool for making movies (4)

## Pump-probe with SR





# Summary #1

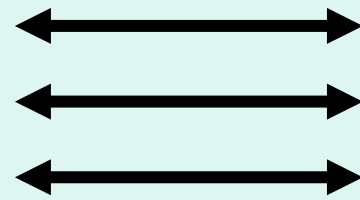
## What is pump-probe method?

- The pump-probe method enables us to make movies.
- We need pulsed light for it.
- Timing between the pump and the probe pulses will be one of the main issue.

# Summary #1



**Still image**  
**Static**  
**Structure**



**Movie**  
**Dynamic**  
**Mechanism**

**Nicer?**

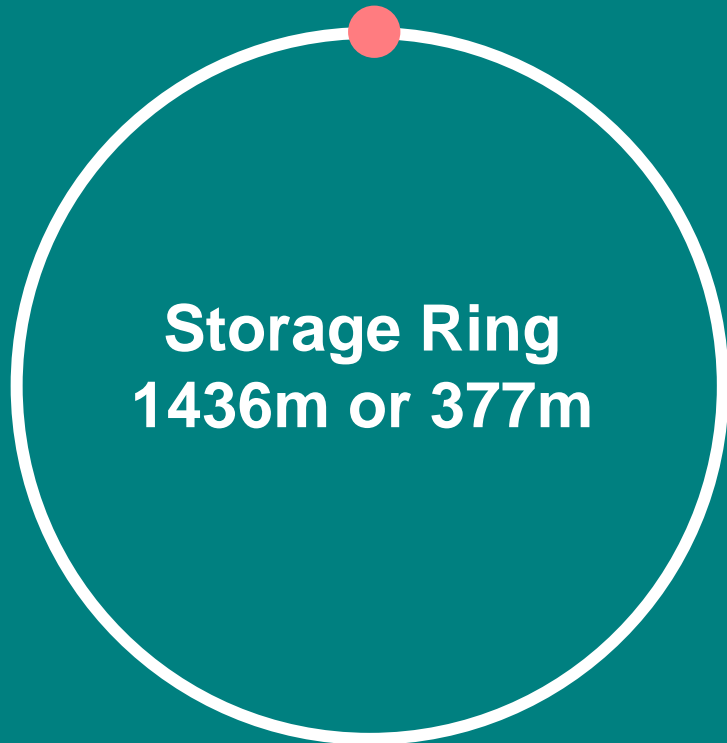
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# The pulsed nature of SR (1)

- **You have already learned that “the synchrotron radiation is pulsed light source” ...**
- **But I stress the importance of this feature for pump-probe method again.**

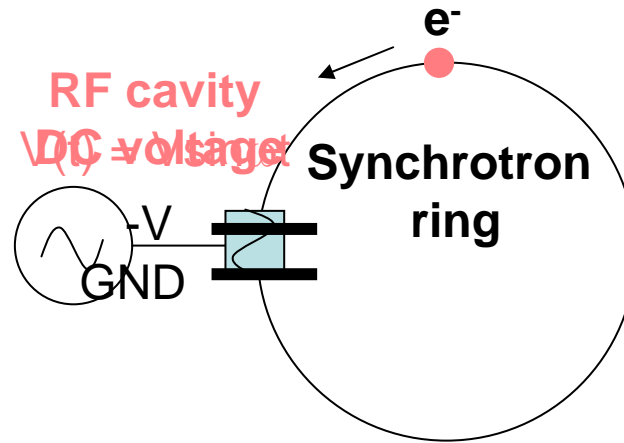
# Question (1)



1. The circumference of the SPring-8 is 1436 m. What is the period of 1 turn?
2. What is the frequency of turns (revolution frequency)?
3. The circumference of the PF-AR is 377 m. What is the period and the frequency?

# The pulsed nature of SR (2)

## Acceleration of electrons with DC or AC voltage



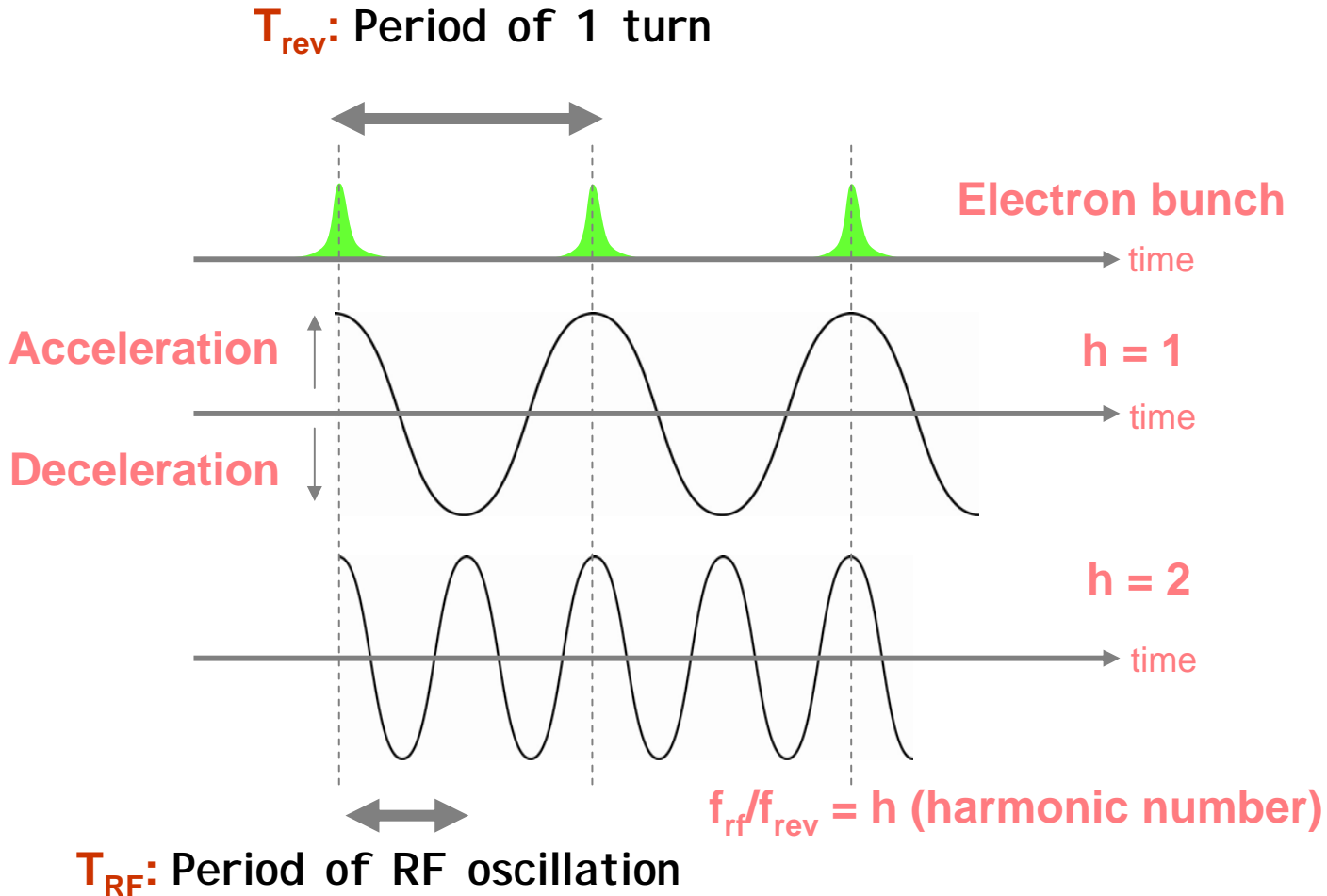
- Electron emits SR and loses its energy. Continuous acceleration in the storage ring is needed.
- DC voltages does not make it.
- AC voltage and revolution must be synchronized.
- $(\text{Period of 1 turn}) / (\text{Period of RF}) = N$  :natural numbers

**N: Harmonic Number**

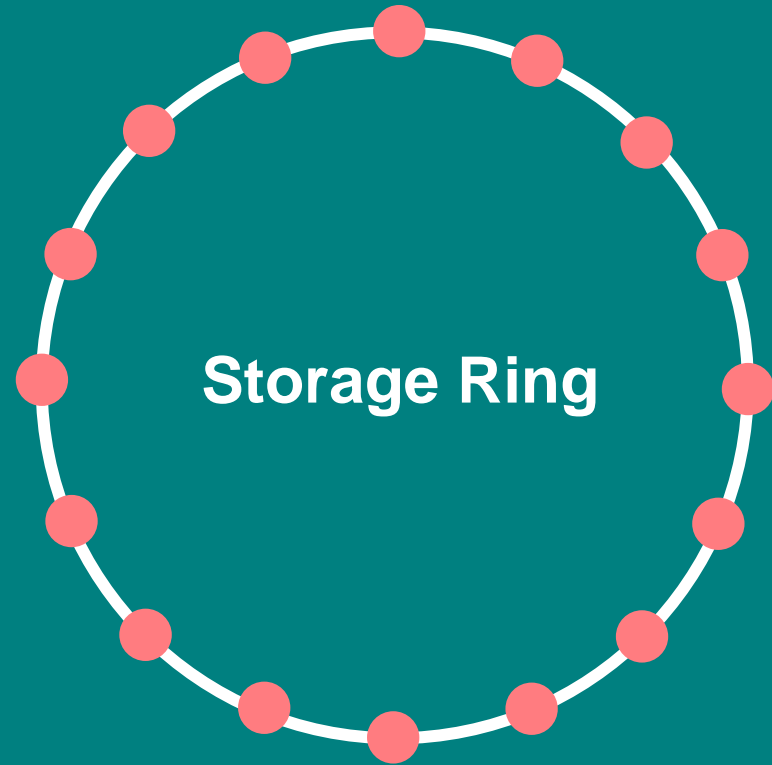
**RF: radio-frequency**

# The pulsed nature of SR (3)

## Acceleration of electrons with AC voltage at radio frequency (RF)



# Question (2)

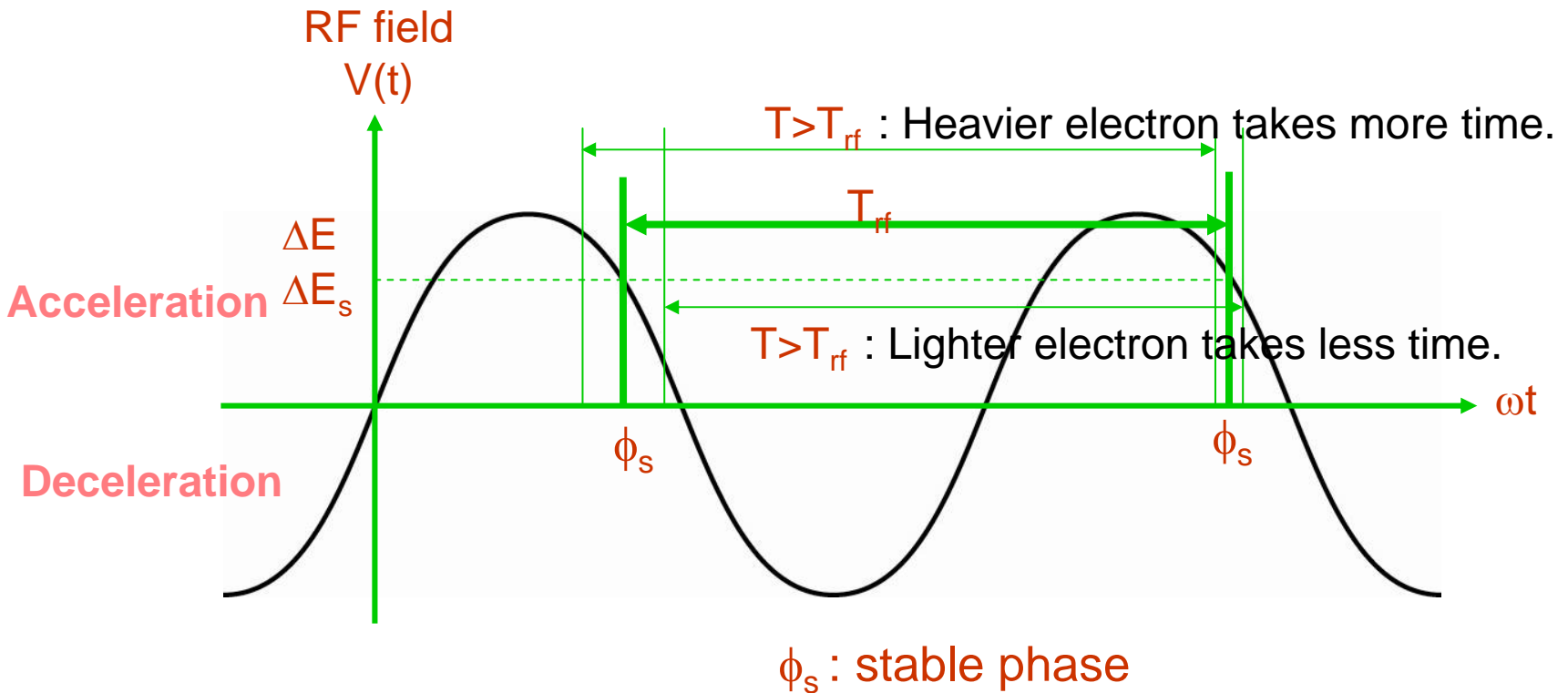


1. The RF frequency of SPring-8 and PF-AR is 508 MHz.
2. What is the harmonic number of SPring-8?
3. What is the harmonic number of PF-AR?



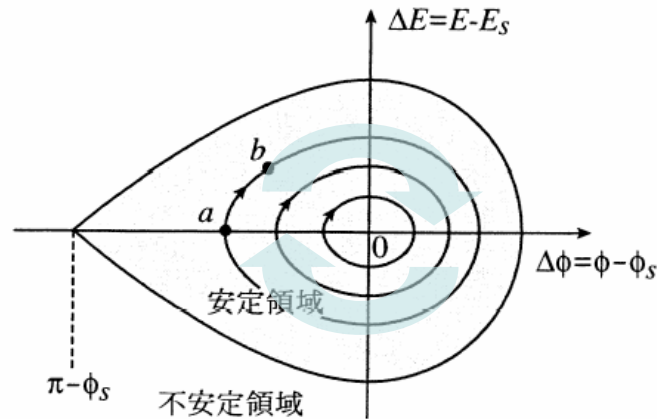
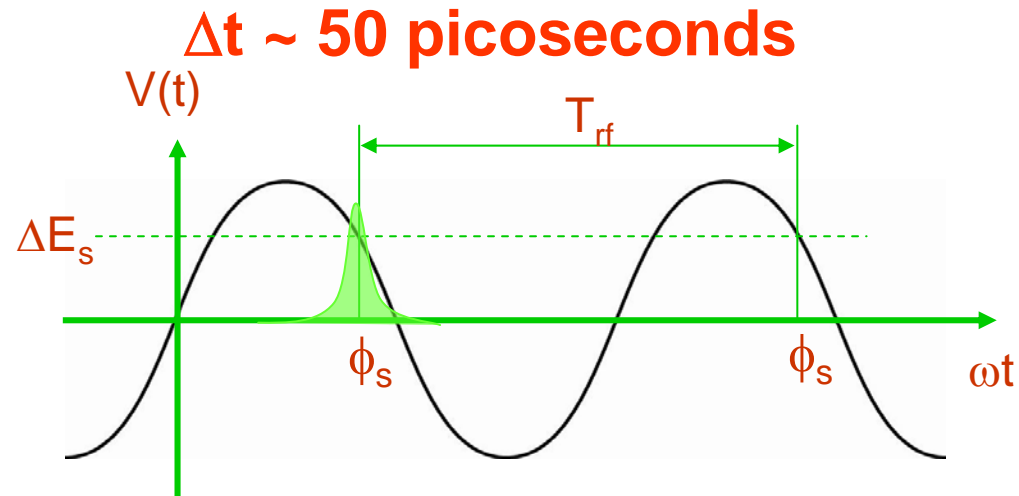
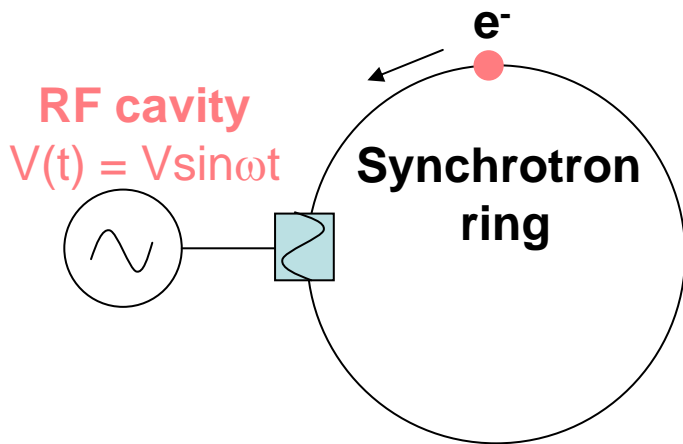
# The pulsed nature of SR (4)

## Why are electrons bunched? (1) stable phase



# The pulsed nature of SR (5)

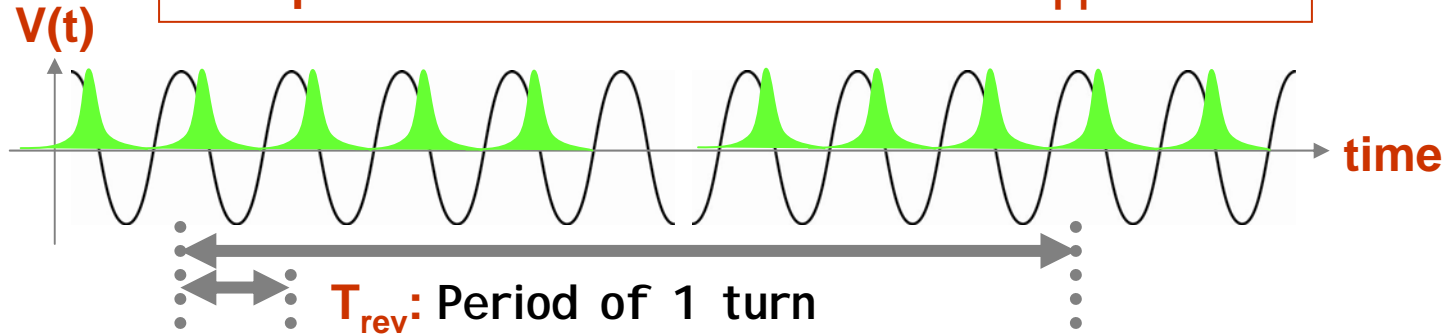
## Why are electrons bunched? (2) synchrotron oscillation



# The pulsed nature of SR (6)

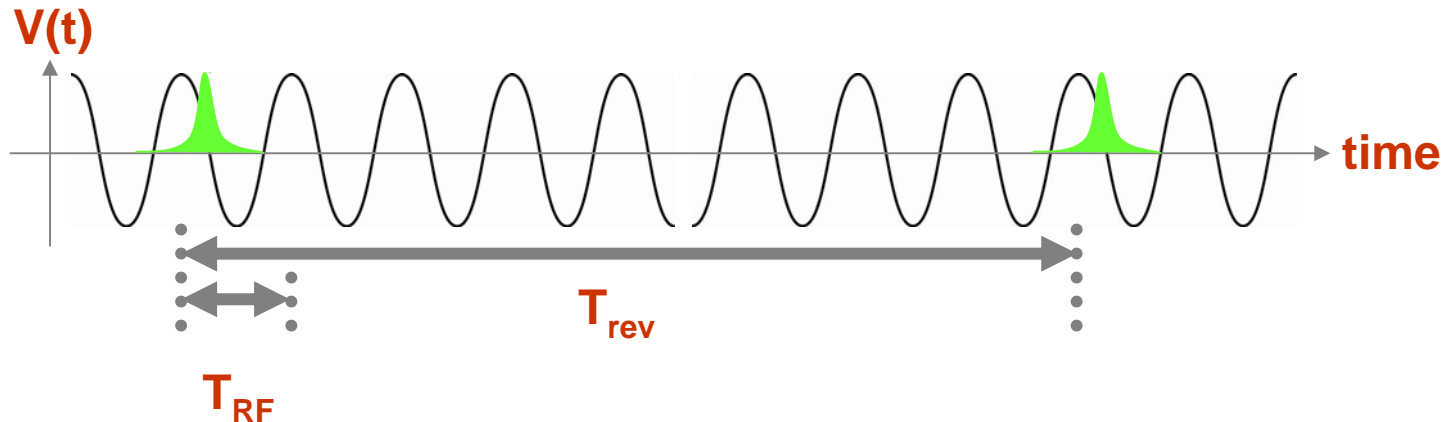
## Multiple vs. few bunches mode

Multiple bunches: Good for most of applications



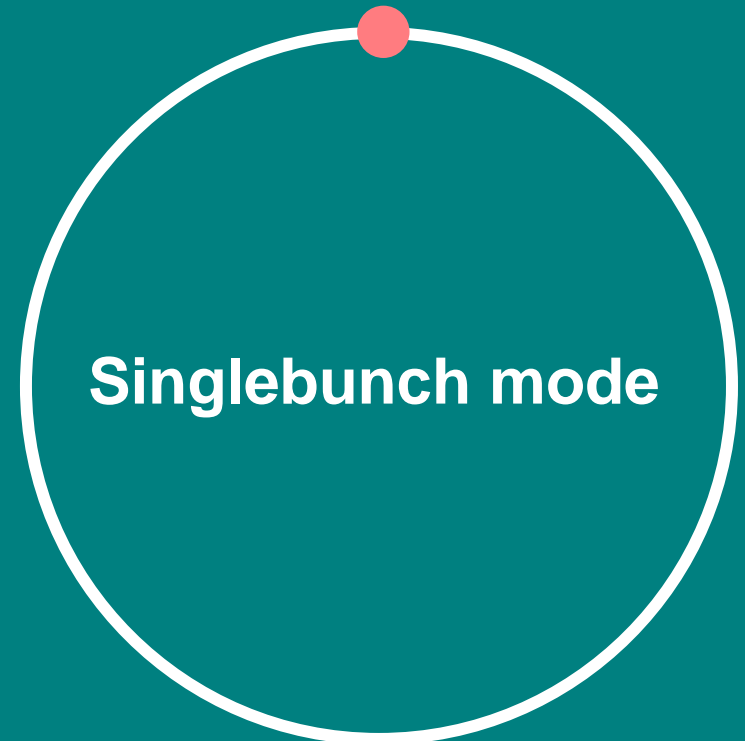
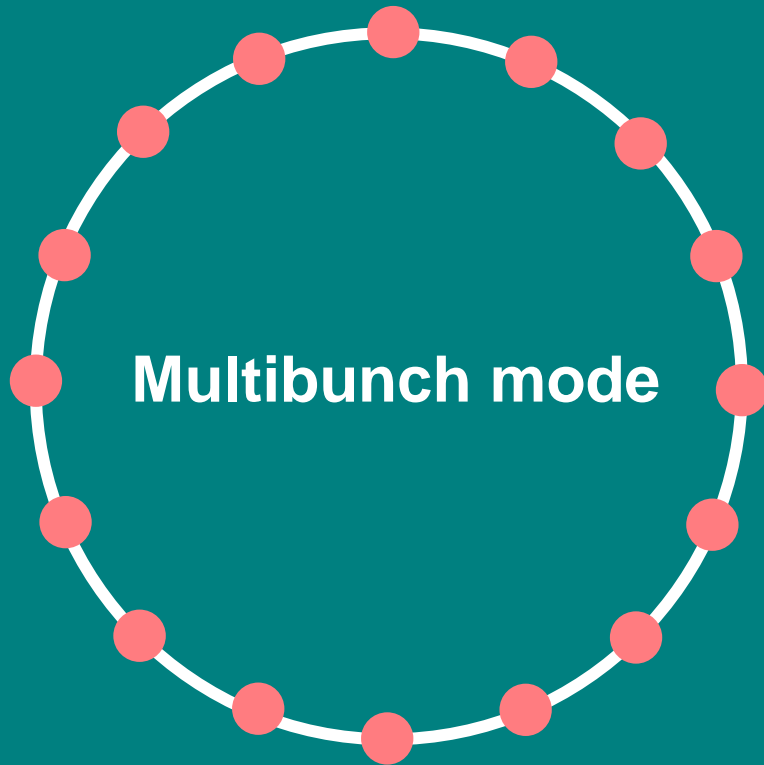
$T_{RF}$ : Period of RF oscillation (1.97 ns @ 508 MHz)

Few bunches: Good for pump-probe method



# Questions (3)

1. The ring current of the SPring-8 is 100 mA. What is the electron charge in 1 bunch, if only single RF bucket is used (single bunch mode)?
2. What is the electron charge in 1 bunch, if all the RF buckets are used (multibunch mode)?
3. Assume the ring current of the PF-AR is 100 mA, and calculate the same values.



# Bunch modes for pump-probe method at SR facilities

	PF-AR, KEK	ESRF	APS	SPring-8
Ring energy	6.5 GeV	6.0 GeV	7.0 GeV	8.0 GeV
Pump-probe mode/year	~5000 hours (100% single bunch)	~1700 hours (~30% 4-, 16-bunch, hybrid mode)	~800 hours (hybrid mode)	~1000 hours (~20%, D-mode)
Max. current/bunch charge/bunch	60 mA 75.5 nC	16 mA 40 nC	60 / 16 nC	3 mA 16 nC
Bunch duration (RMS)	62 ps	73 ps	65 / 40 ps	20 ps
Beam life time	20 h	6 h (s.b.)	(top-up)	(top-up)
Horizontal emittance	290 nmrاد	4 nmrاد	3 nmrاد	3 nmrاد

# Summary #2

## Pulsed nature of the SR

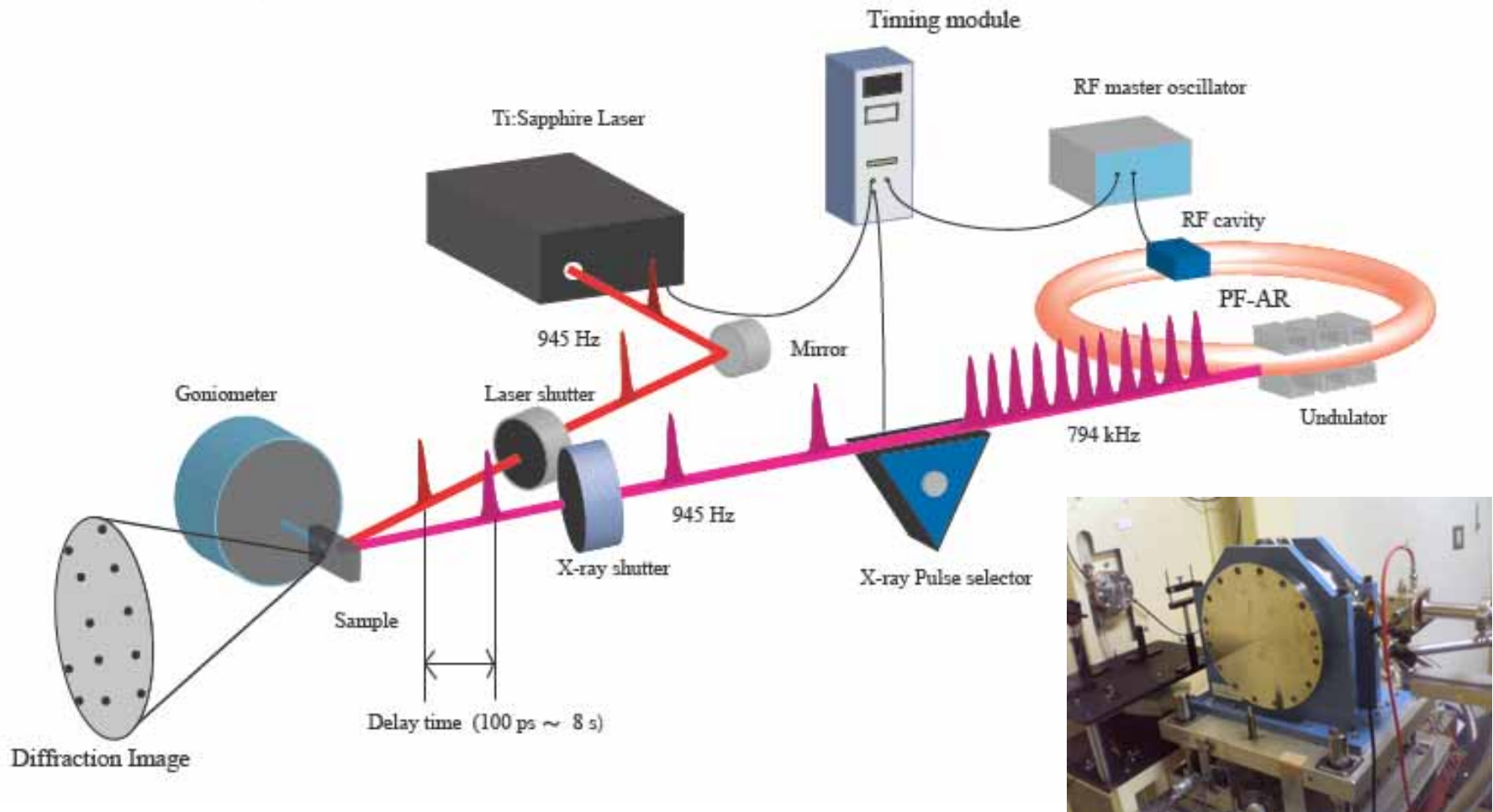
- **SR is pulsed because electrons are bunched.**
- **Electrons are bunched by acceleration with AC voltage.**
- **Synchrotron oscillation limits the bunch length ~ 50 picoseconds.**
- **Few-bunches mode is highly needed for pump-probe type experiment**

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# Synchronizing pump and probe pulses (1)

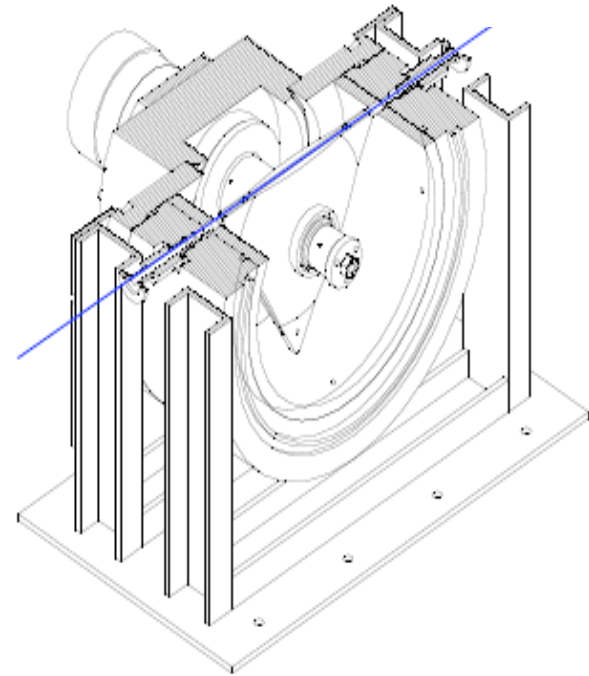
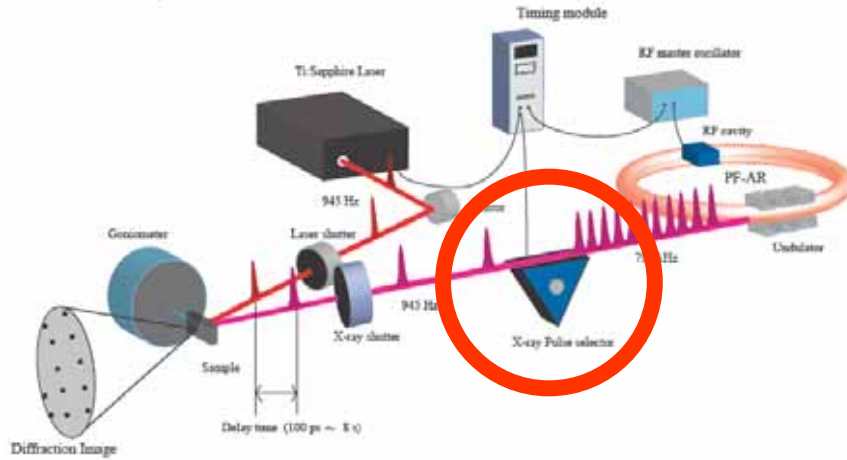
## Overview of the typical setup “pump by laser, probe by SR”





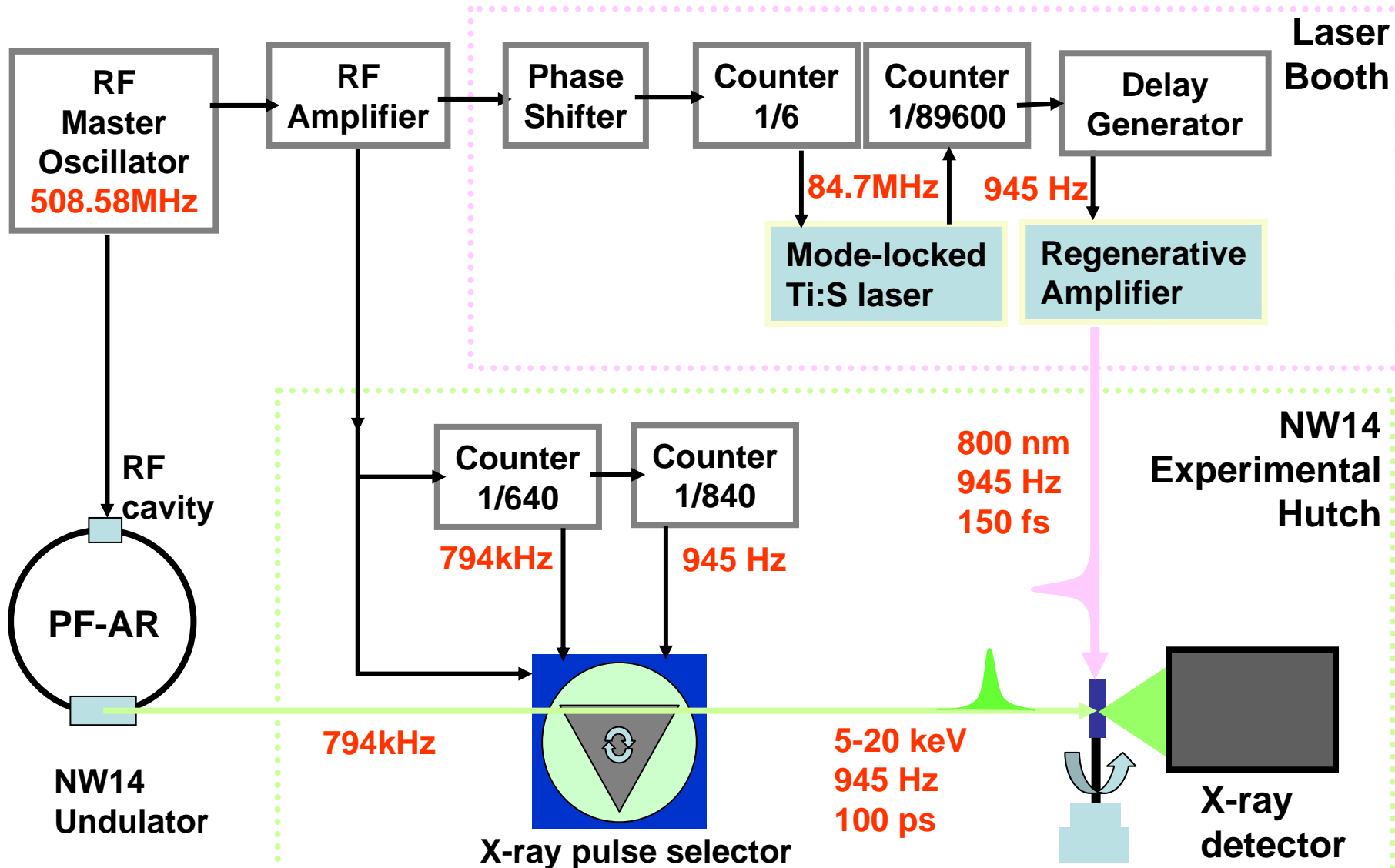
# Synchronizing pump and probe pulses (2)

## Pulse Selector



# Synchronizing pump and probe pulses (3)

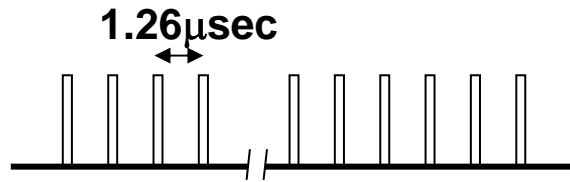
## Syncing scheme



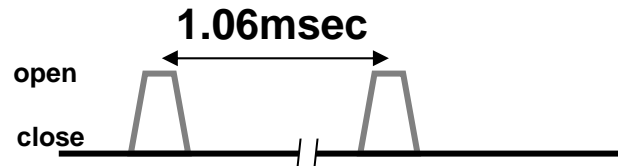
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## Timing scheme

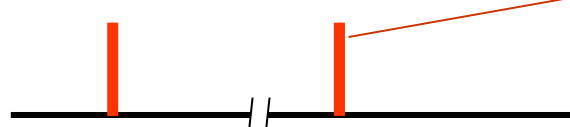
X-ray from PF-AR  
(794 kHz = 508 MHz / 640)



X-ray Pulse Selector  
(945 Hz = 794 kHz / 840)



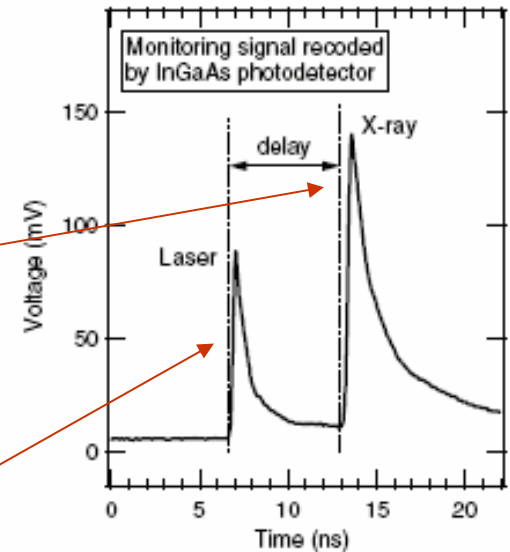
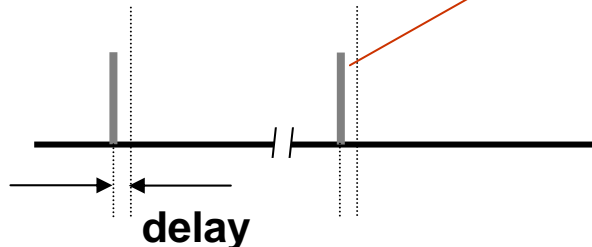
X-ray at Sample  
(945 Hz)



Diffraction signal  
(945 Hz)



Laser pulse (945 Hz)



# Summary #3

## Synchronizing pump and probe pulses

- **Synchronization of the pump and the probe pulses is feasible based on the RF frequency.**
- **In order to reduce the repetition rate of the SR (probe) pulses, the pulse selector is very useful.**

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# The concept of pump-probe experiment with SR

**Synchrotron  
Radiation :**

**Powerful tool to  
explore atomic and  
electronic structures**

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**Pulsed Nature of SR :**

**Time-resolution  
down to 100 ps**

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**Movies of atomic and electronic  
structures at 100-ps and angstrom  
resolution will be feasible!!**

# Some tips of pump-probe experiments

- **Mismatch of the penetration depth between the X-ray and visible light to the sample must be solved.**
  - X-ray penetrates deeper.
  - Sample must be optically thin.
- **Repetition frequency of the pump-probe experiment is limited by sample.**
  - Pump-probe experiment is photon demanding.

# Examples

Type of experiments	sample	Typical repetition rate
Single-crystal diffraction	Charge transfer complex crystal	1kHz
	Molecular excited state	10Hz
	Transition metal oxides	1kHz
	Protein crystal	1 Hz
Liquid scattering	Organic & inorganic solution	1kHz
	Protein solution	1kHz
XAFS	Transition metal complex	1kHz
Shock wave	Inorganic crystal	single shot
Grazing incidence diffraction	Organic thin film	1kHz



# Summary #4

## Applications

- **Pump-probe method can be applied to most of SR experiments.**
  - **Diffraction**
  - **XAFS**
  - **Solution Scattering**
  - **etc.**
- **Pump-probe method adds another dimension (time) to your research.**

# Concluding remarks

- Pump-probe method with synchrotron radiation enables us to **make movies** at atomic resolution.
- The time resolution is currently ~ **100 picosecond** (sub-nanosecond) order, but soon will be ~ **100 femtosecond** (sub-picosecond) order.
- **This will be fun!**

# Femtosecond X-ray Sources

The X-FEL under construction

<http://www-xfel.spring8.or.jp/index.htm>

