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**“Time-resolved science and technique”**

# **Time-resolved x-ray SR experiments using synchronized femtosecond pulsed laser in SPring-8**

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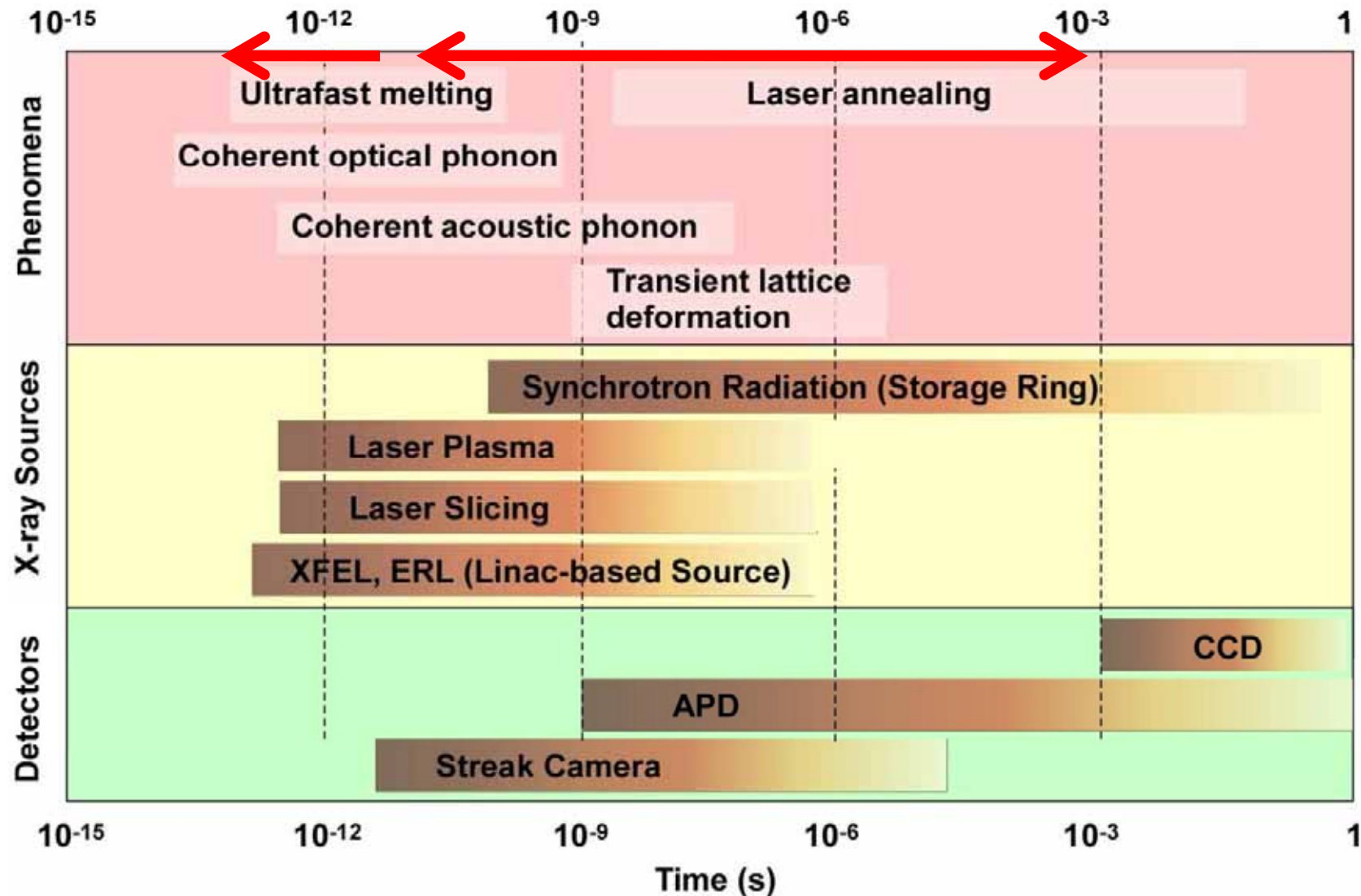
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# 1. Introduction

## 1.1. Typical time scales of phenomena



# 1.2. SR sources & the time structure

## 1. Storage ring SR sources

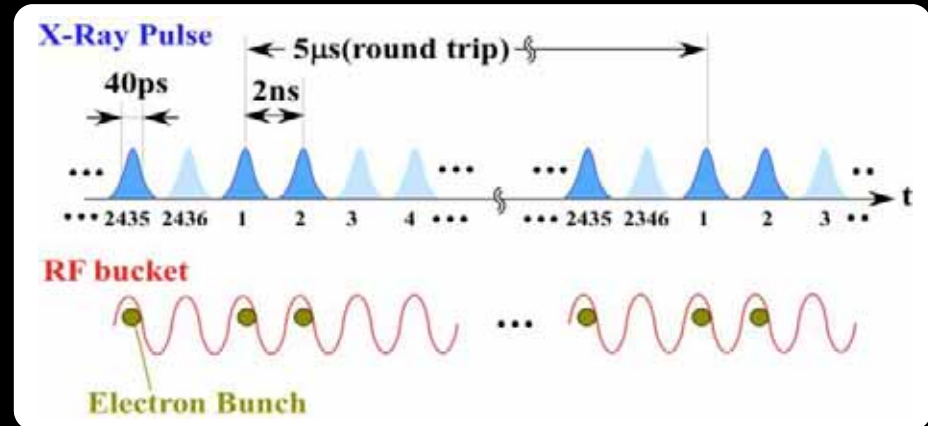


SPring-8

APS

ESRF

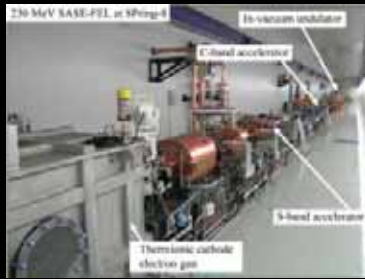
Pulse width:  
40 ps (FWHM)  
Rep. rate:  
200 kHz-509MHz



## 2. Linac-based SR sources (FEL)



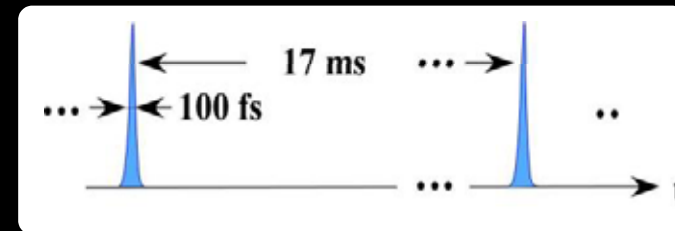
SLAC LCLS



SCSS

EuroFEL

<<100 fs  
60 Hz (FEL)

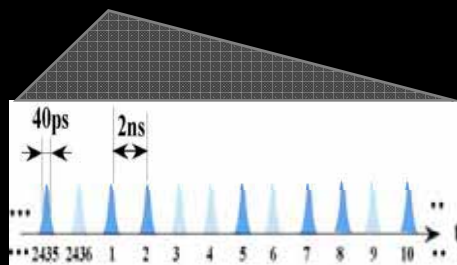
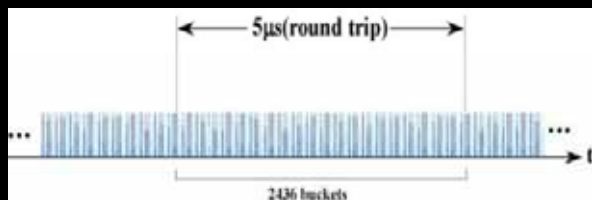


# 1.3. TR techniques at SPring-8

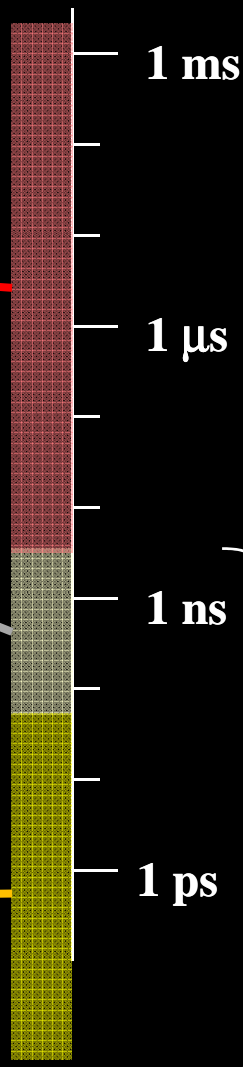
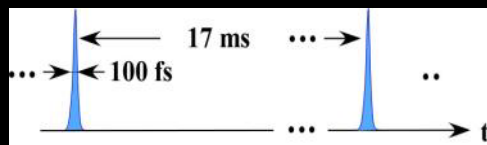
## SR time structure

## Time resolution & Method

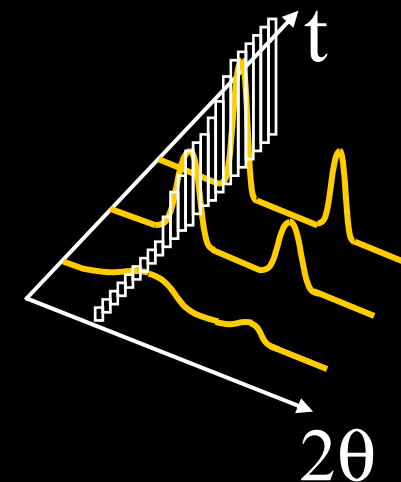
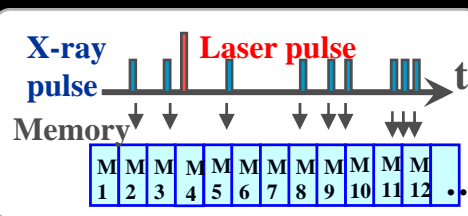
### Storage Ring



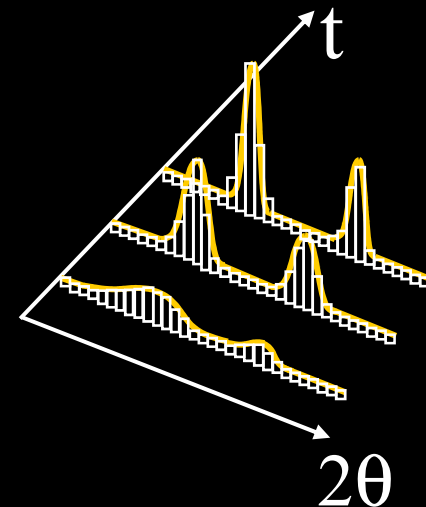
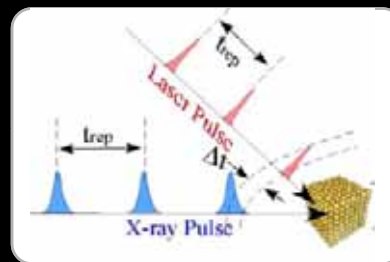
### FEL



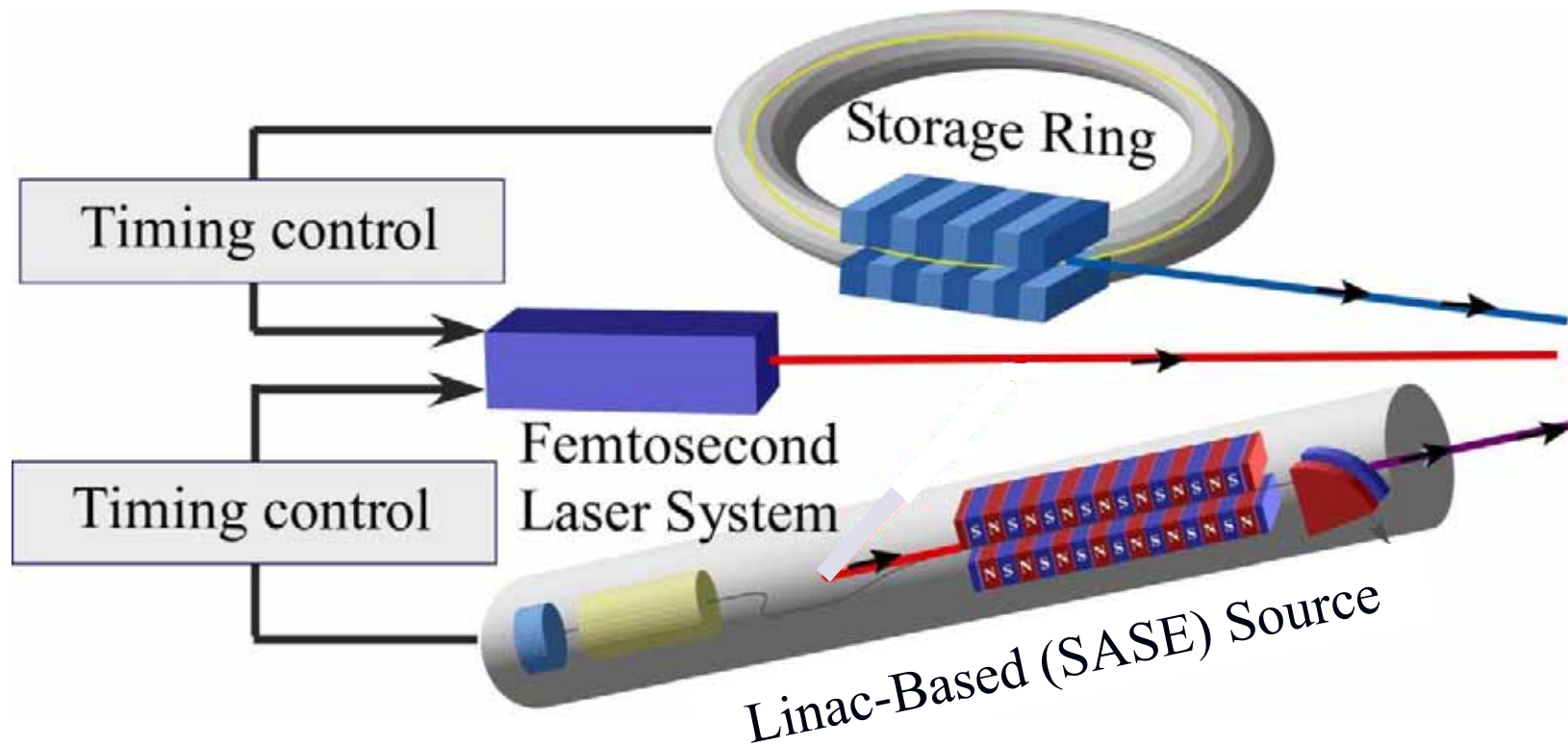
### APD+MCS



### Pump-probe



# SR-laser synchronization





## 2. Key technology for SR-laser synchronization

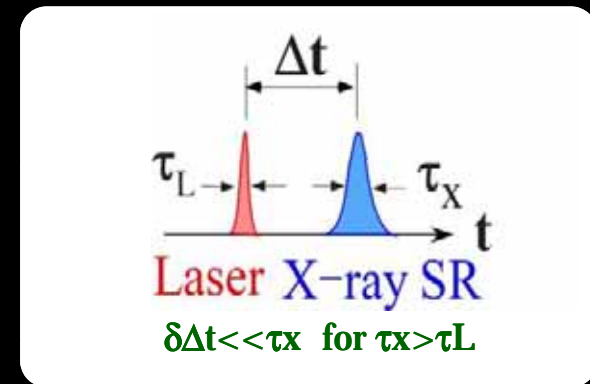
### 2.1 Precise timing (phase) control

- Required precision

  - << Pulse width

    - 40 ps for Ring

    - 100 fs for Linac

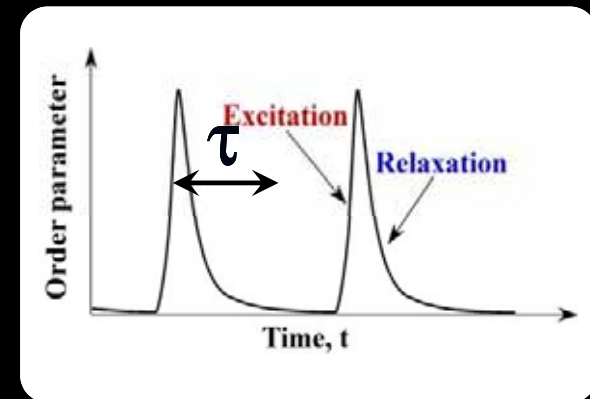


### 2.2 Repetition rate issue

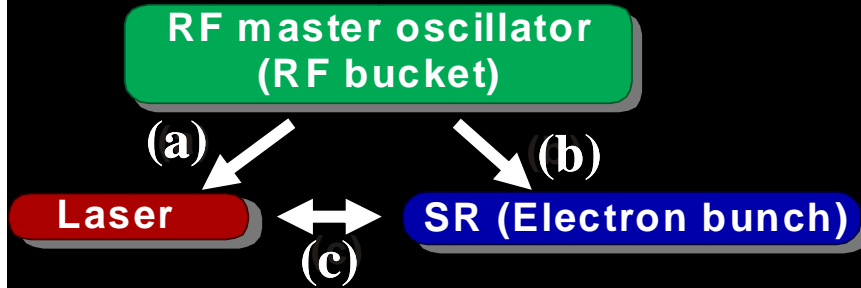
- Dependent on recovery time in target phenomenon

$$1/f_{\text{rep}} > \tau \quad \sim 1 \text{ ms}$$

- Available averaged power of the pulsed laser



# 2.1 Precise timing (phase) control at storage ring



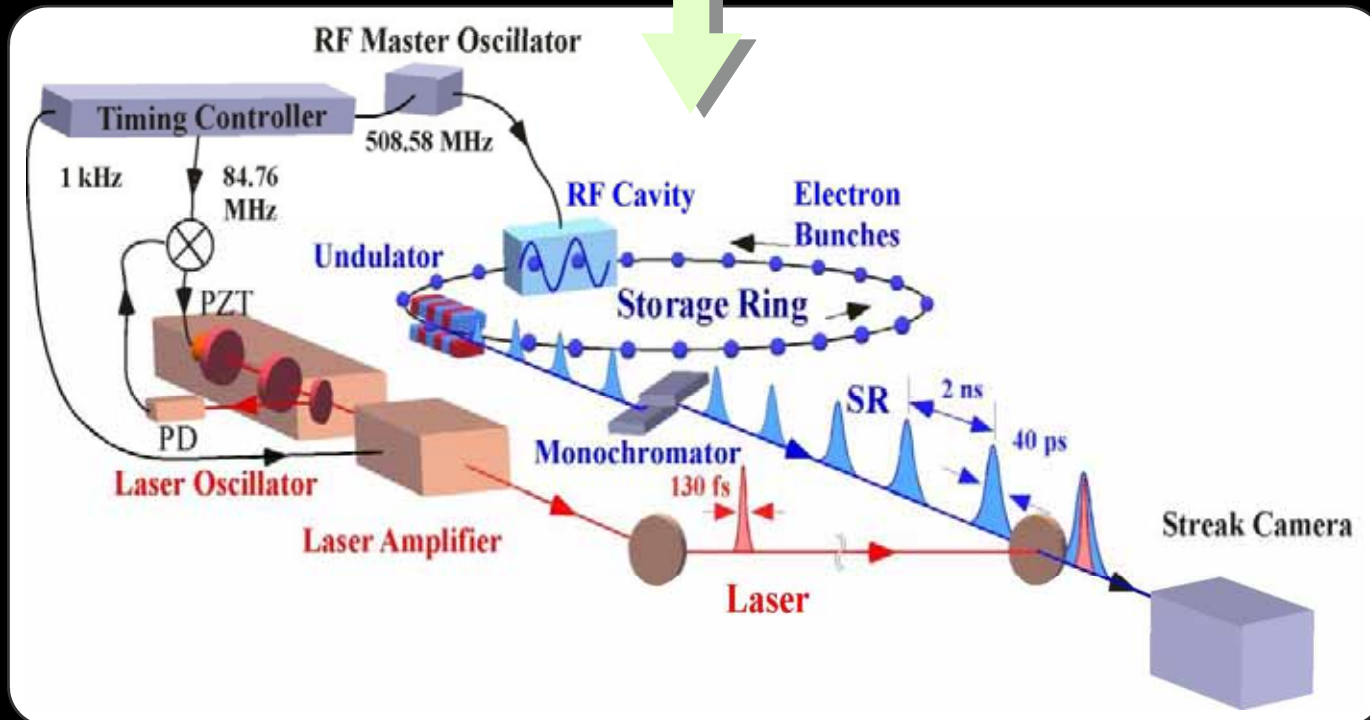
## Synchronization scheme

- Mode-locked Ti:sapphire laser with external trigger from a RF master oscillator of the ring

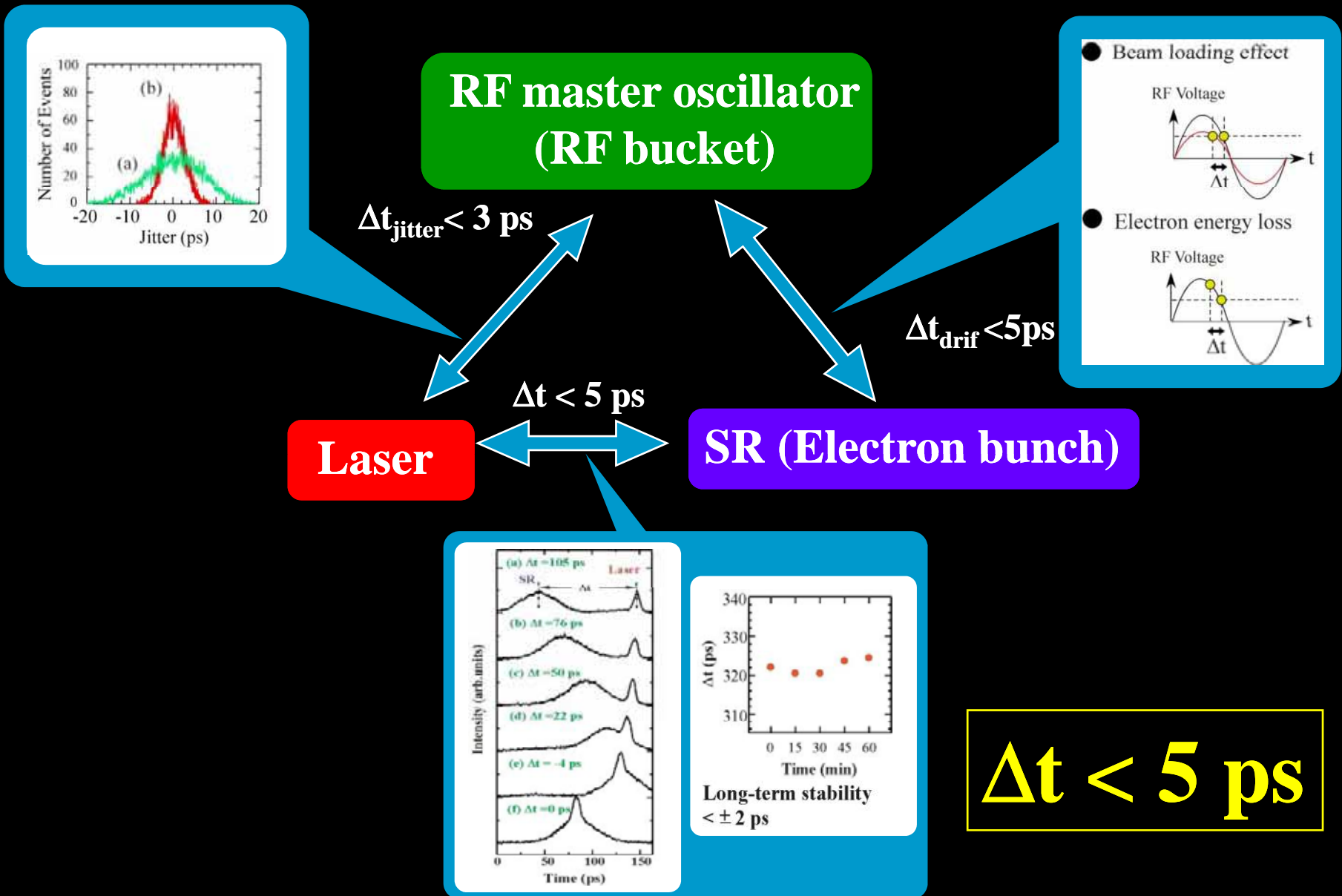
$$\text{Cavity length} = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{c}{(f_0/6)}, \quad f_0: \text{Frequency of RF master oscillator}$$

- Output timing of amplified laser pulses is controlled with a counter and a delay pulse generator

$$(\text{Repetition rate} = \frac{1}{2436 \times 209} f_0 \sim 1 \text{ kHz})$$



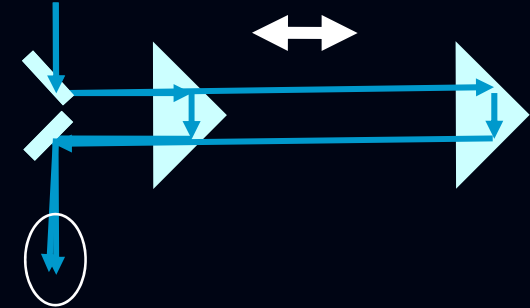




# Time(phase)-**delay** control

## 1. Optical Delay

- High precision delay
- Large delay may cause the misalignment at a sample



## 2. RF trigger delay (Continuous phase shifter)

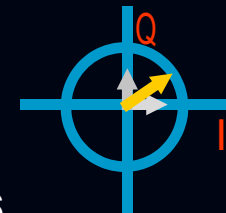
- Compact, Quick feedback

$$E(t) = \sin \omega t$$

$$A_1 \cos \omega t + A_2 \sin \omega t = \sin(\omega t - \alpha) = \sin(\omega(t - \tau)) = E(t - \tau)$$

$$A_1 = -\sin \alpha, \quad A_2 = \cos \alpha$$

Phase  $\alpha \gg 2\pi$     Time delay

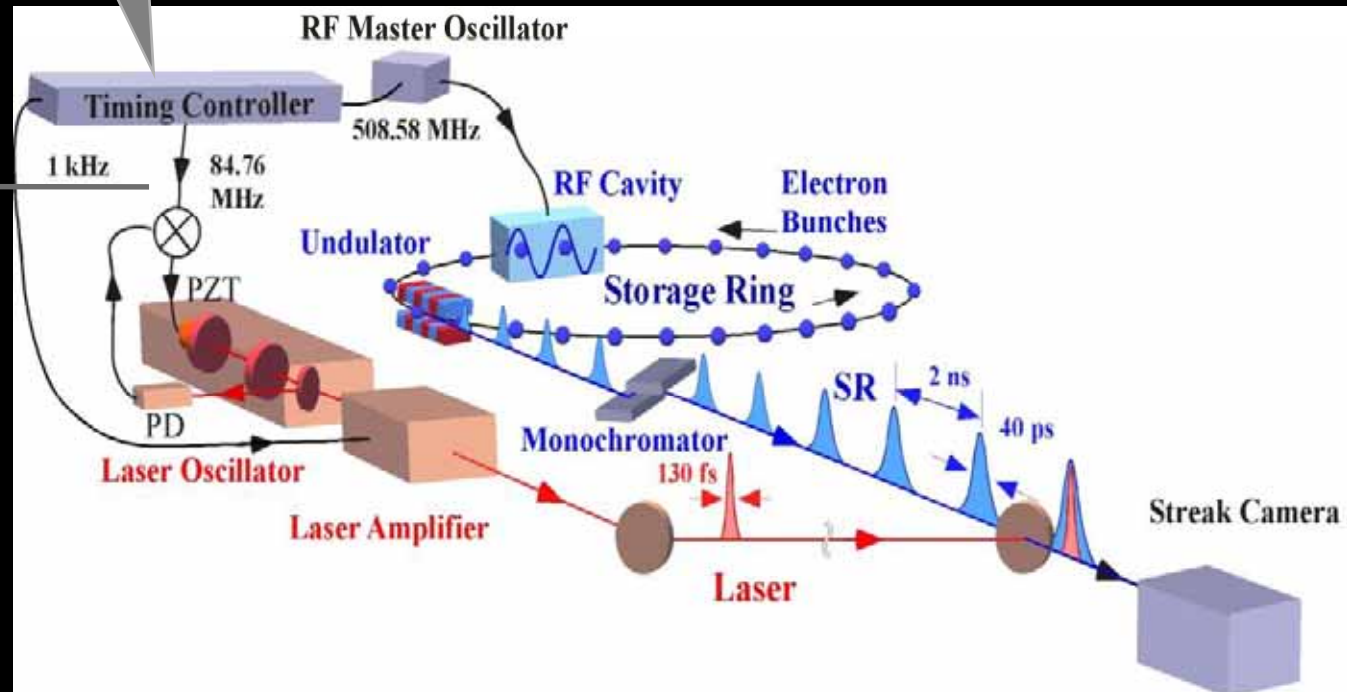
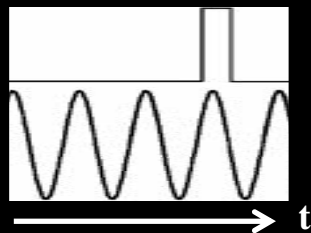
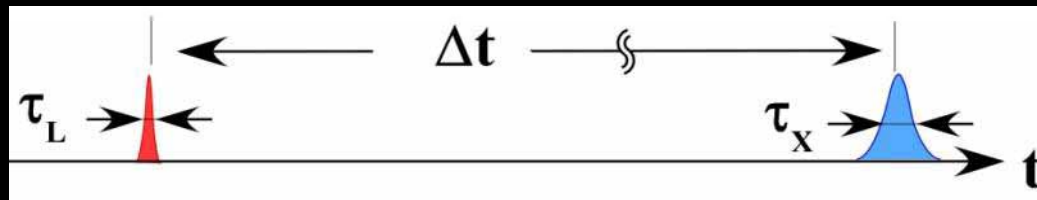


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# Wide range with 5 ps precision timing control

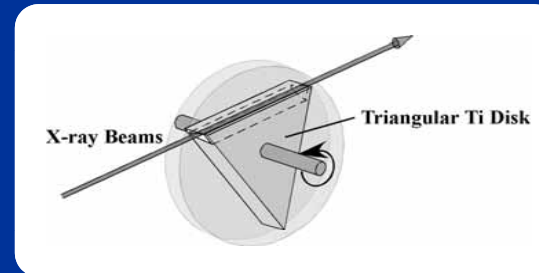


## 2.2 Repetition rate

### Extraction of X-ray pulses with low rep. rate

(a) Pulse selection by mechanical chopper

Gate > 400 ns



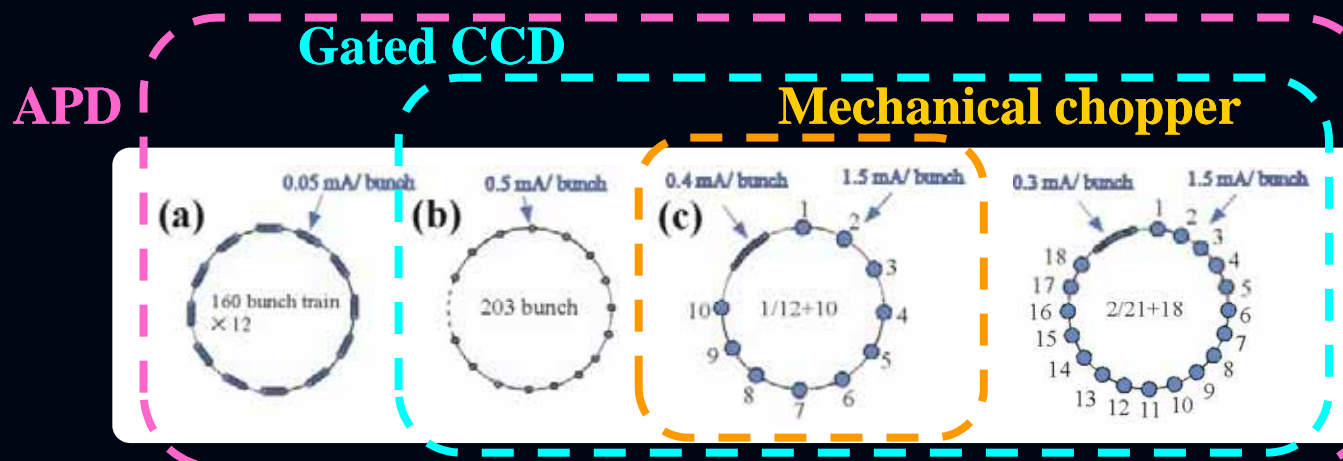
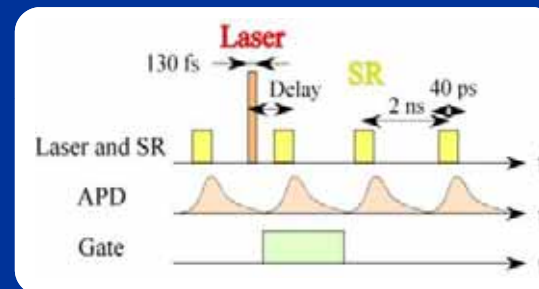
(b) Electronic gate

• Avalanche photodiode

Gate > 5 ns

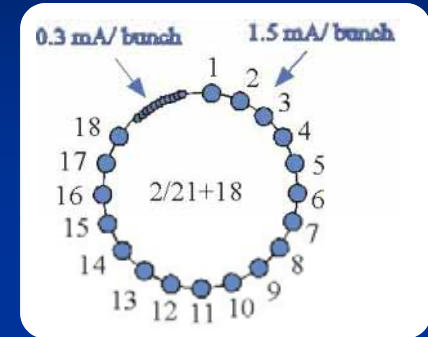
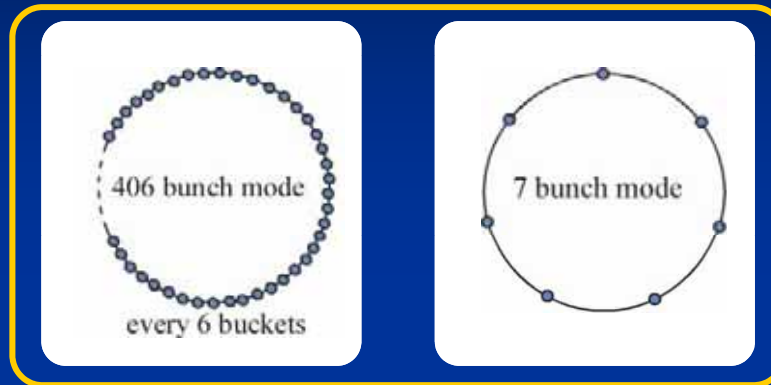
• Gated X-ray CCD camera

Gate > 100 ns



# Pump & probe with high repetition rate (MHz) (Fast decay phenomena by using focused beams)

SR



Laser



Ti:S Oscillator

Regenerative Amplifier

AO modulator

$\lambda=800\text{nm}$   
 $\tau = 80\text{fs}$   
 $E = 10\text{nJ/pulse}$   
 $f = 85\text{ MHz}$

$f = 1\text{ MHz}$

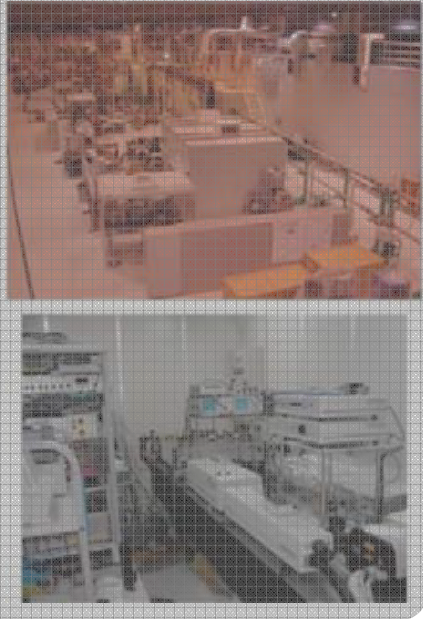
+X ray pulse selector

$\lambda=800\text{nm}$   
 $\lambda=400\text{nm (SHG)}$   
 $\lambda=266\text{nm (THG)}$   
 $\tau = 130\text{fs}$   
 $E = 1\text{mJ/pulse}$   
 $f = 1\text{ kHz}$



# Synchronized femtosecond pulsed laser systems in SPring-8

① BL29XUL  
1km-long beamline



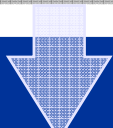
② BL19LXU  
27m-long undulator Soft x-ray beamline



③ BL17SU  
Soft x-ray beamline



④ BL40XU  
CREST hutch



SCSS(FEL prototype accelerator)



⑤ BL25SU





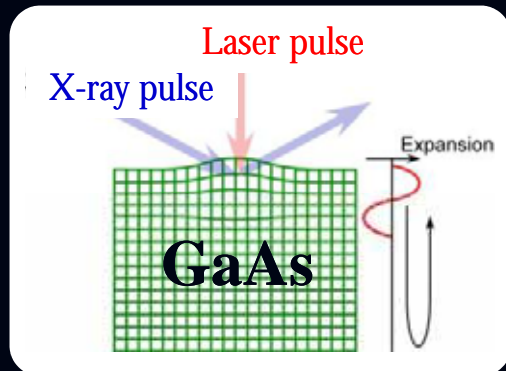
# 3. Experiments with TR technique with fs lasers

Acoustic echo  
in semiconductors

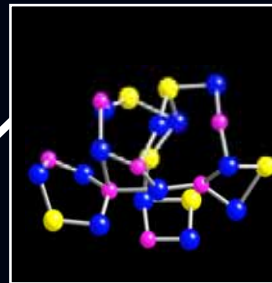
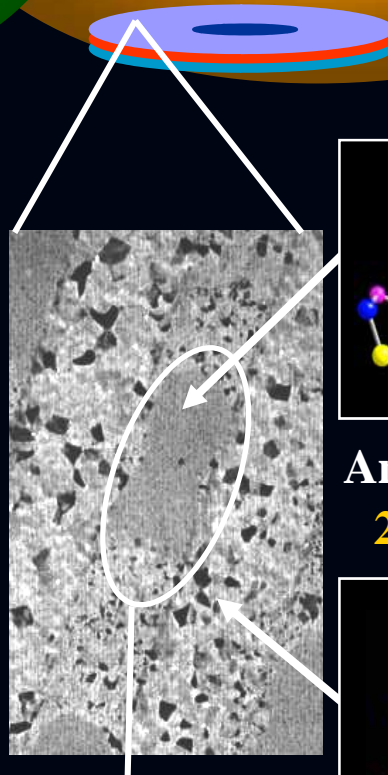
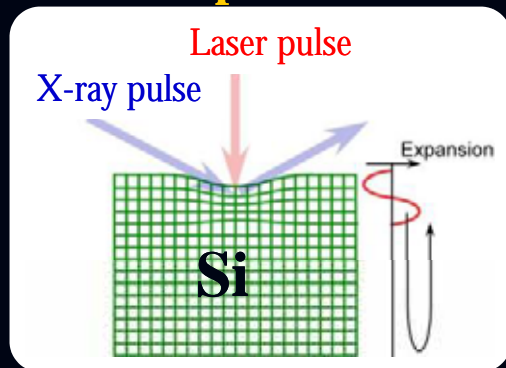
Phase change  
in DVD media

Laser seeding  
in FEL

Expansion



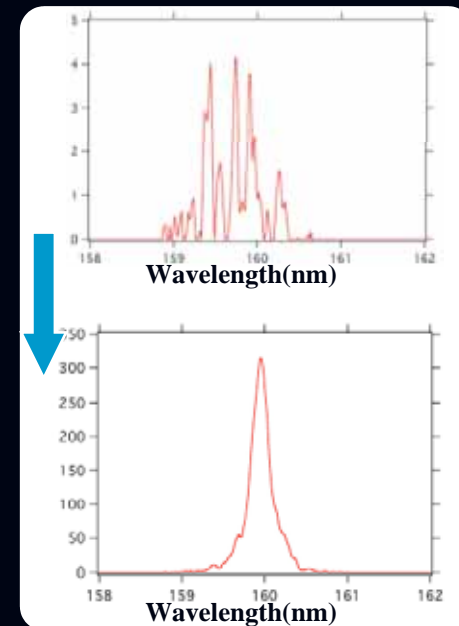
0.1 ps - ns ?  
Compression



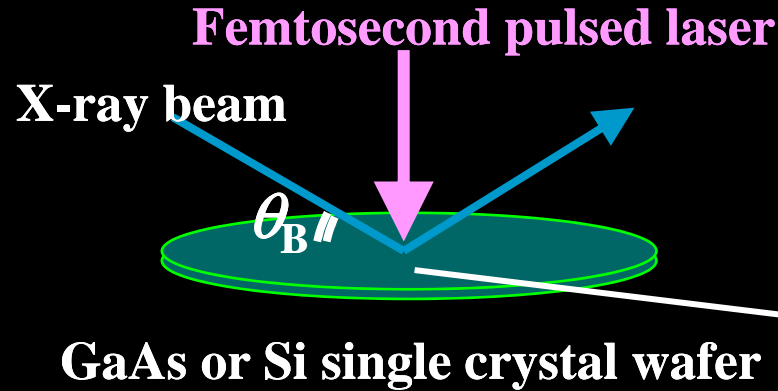
Amorphous  
20-30 ns ?



Crystal

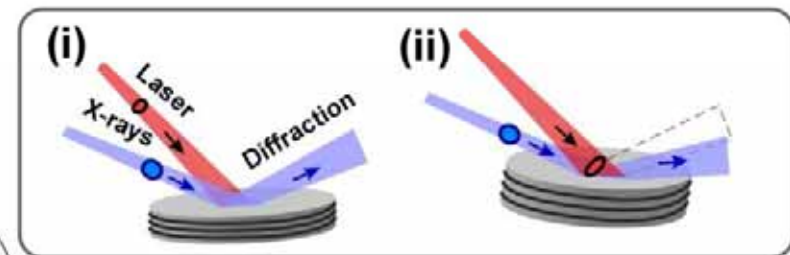
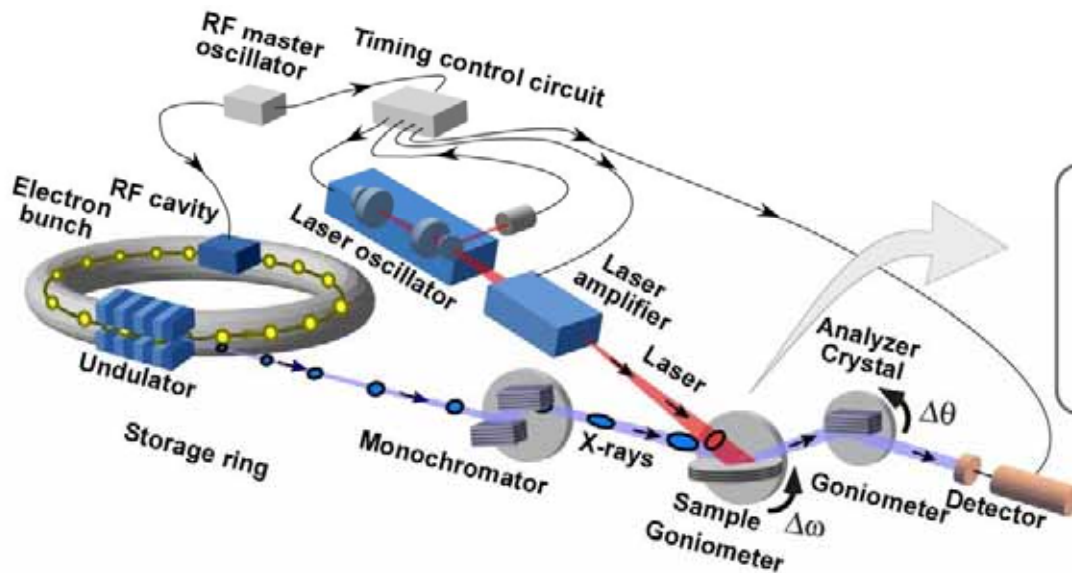
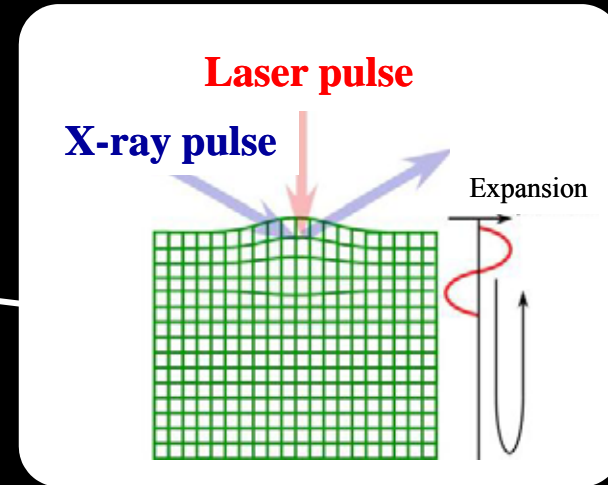


# 3.1 Acoustic echoes in semiconductors



$$\lambda = 2d \sin \theta_B : \text{Bragg condition}$$

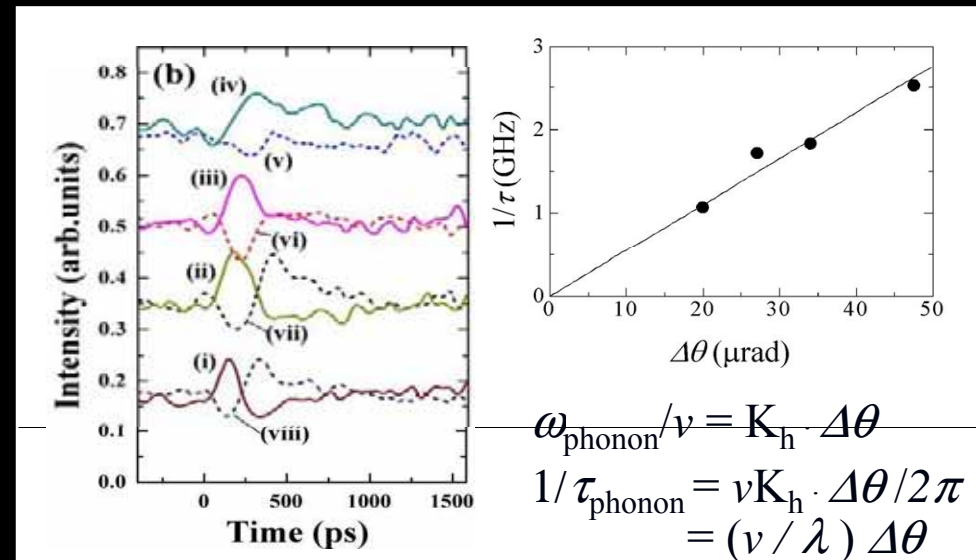
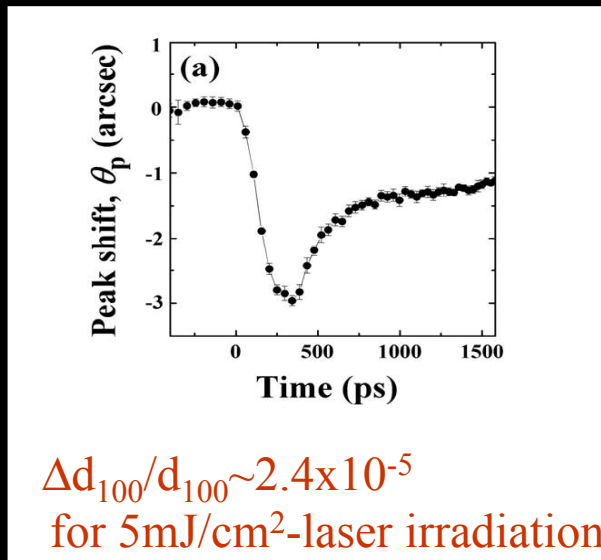
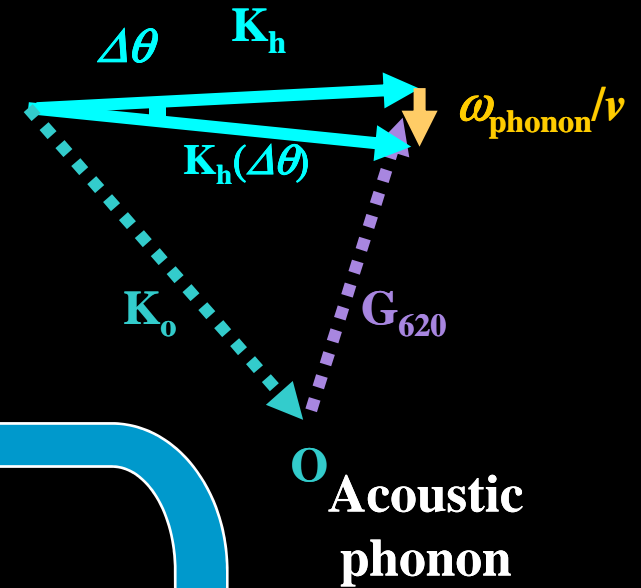
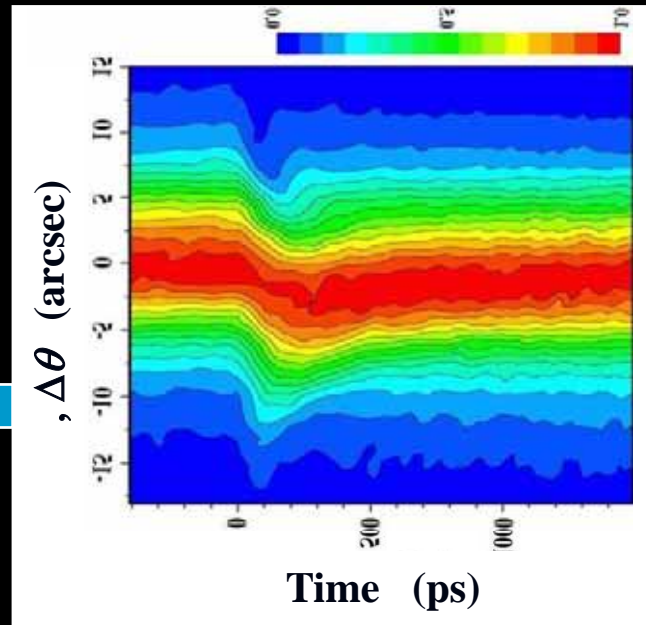
$$\Delta\theta = -(\Delta d/d) \tan \theta_B$$



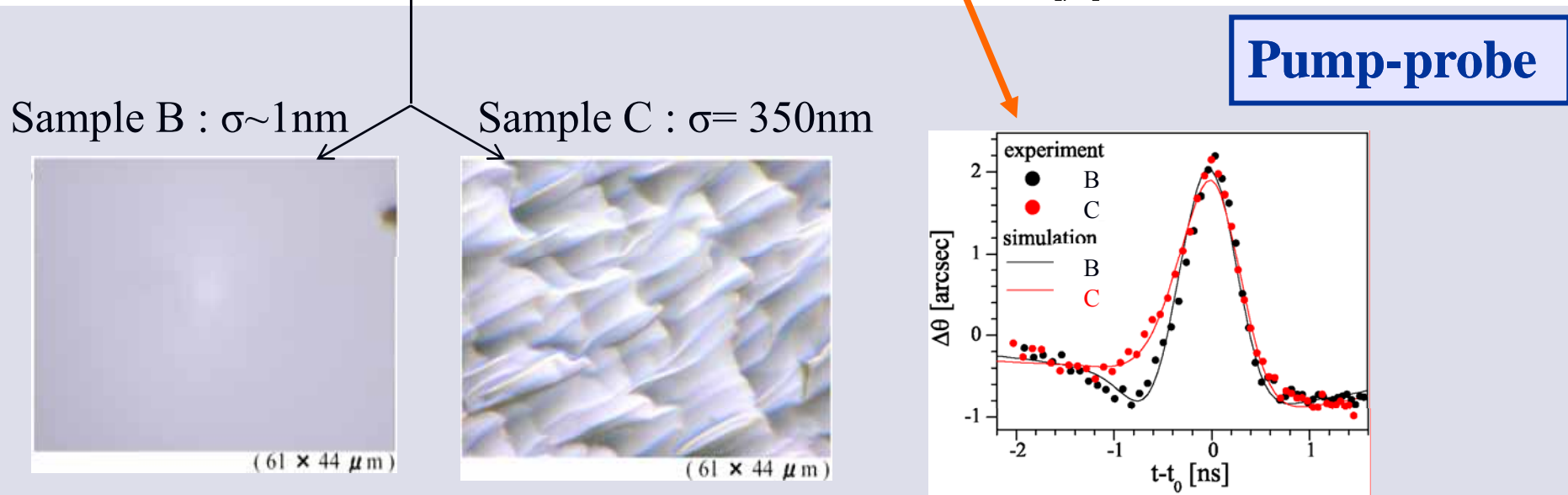
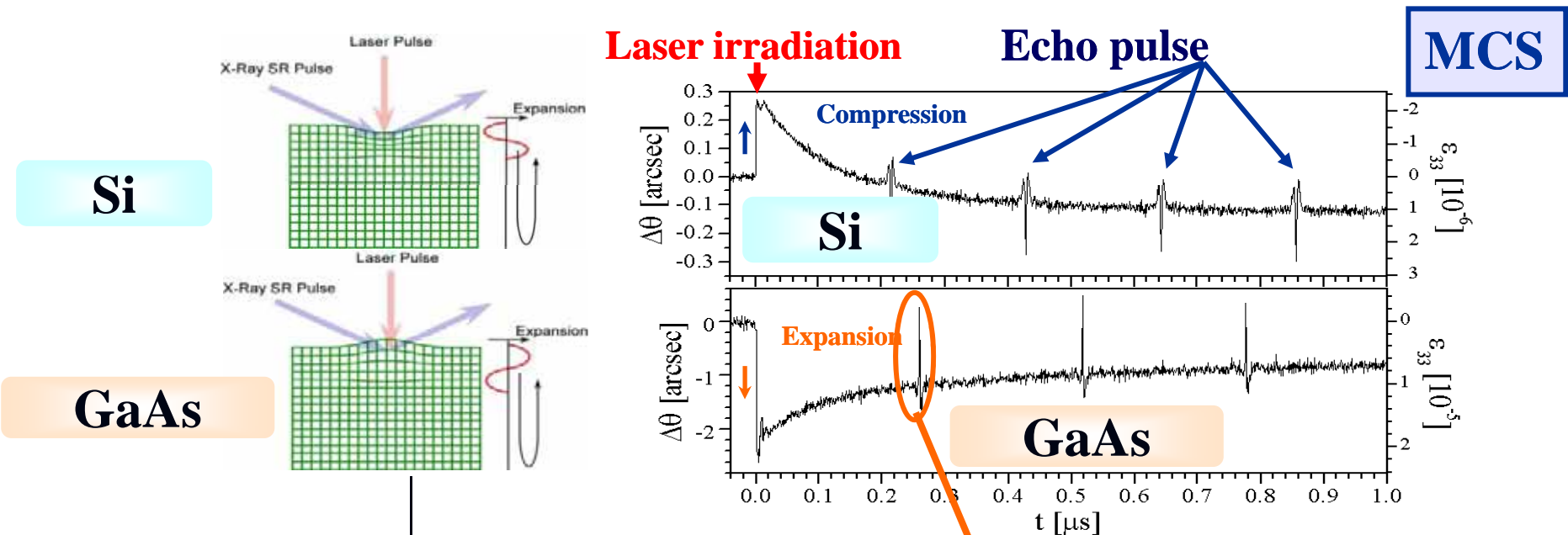
# Fast lattice response by fs laser irradiation

GaAs  
 $\langle 100 \rangle$

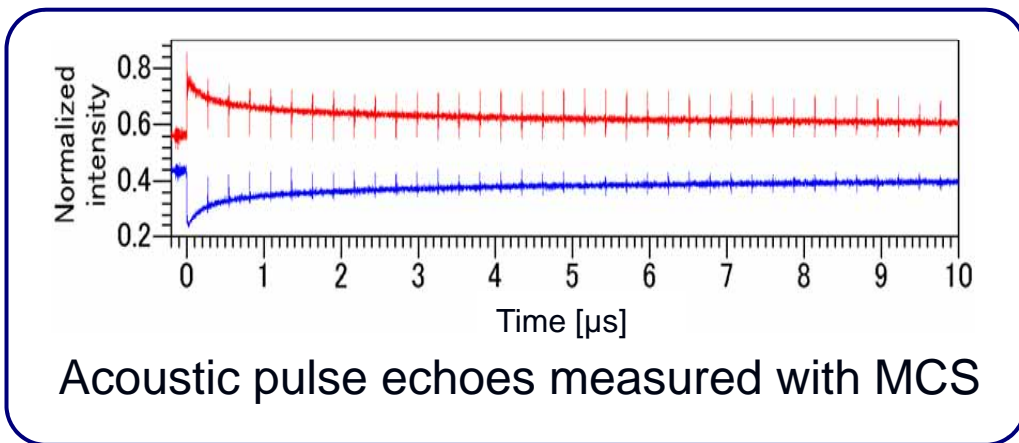
Lattice expansion



# Pulse echoes in Si and GaAs



# Wide range with high resolution measurements

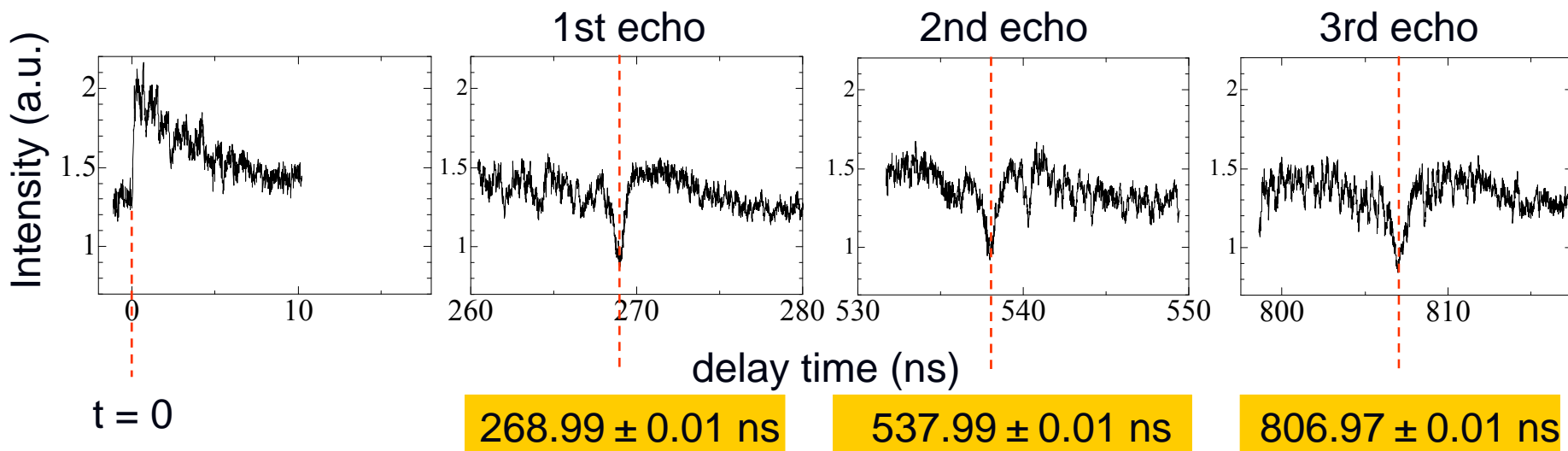


Pump-probe with wide time range



Scan range: 0 ~ 820 ns

Scan step: 10 ps

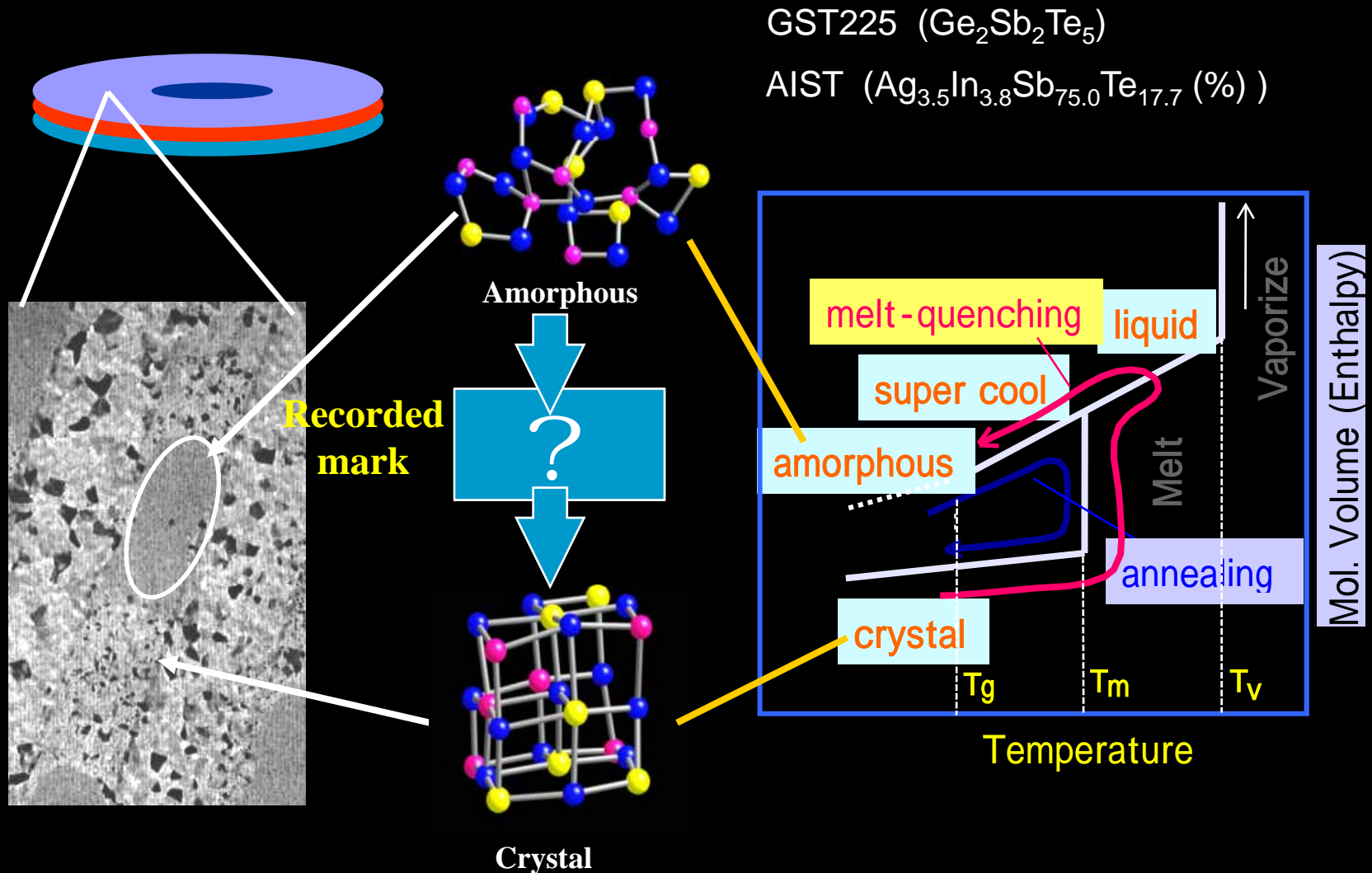


$v = L / \Delta t$

High precision measurement of sound velocity

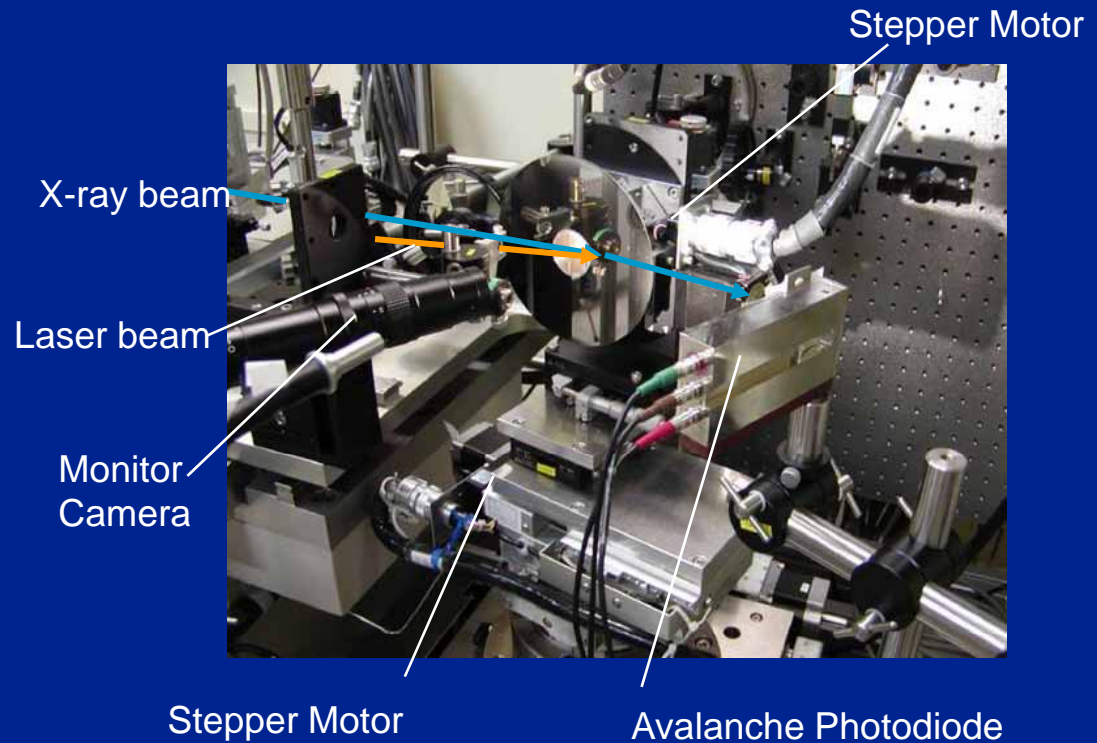
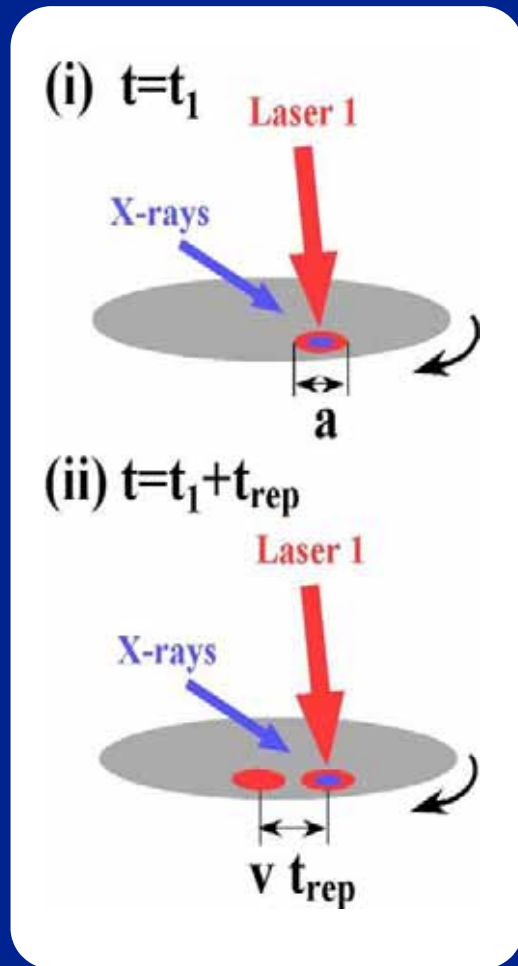


# 3.2. TR-measurement for amorphous-crystal phase change in DVD media

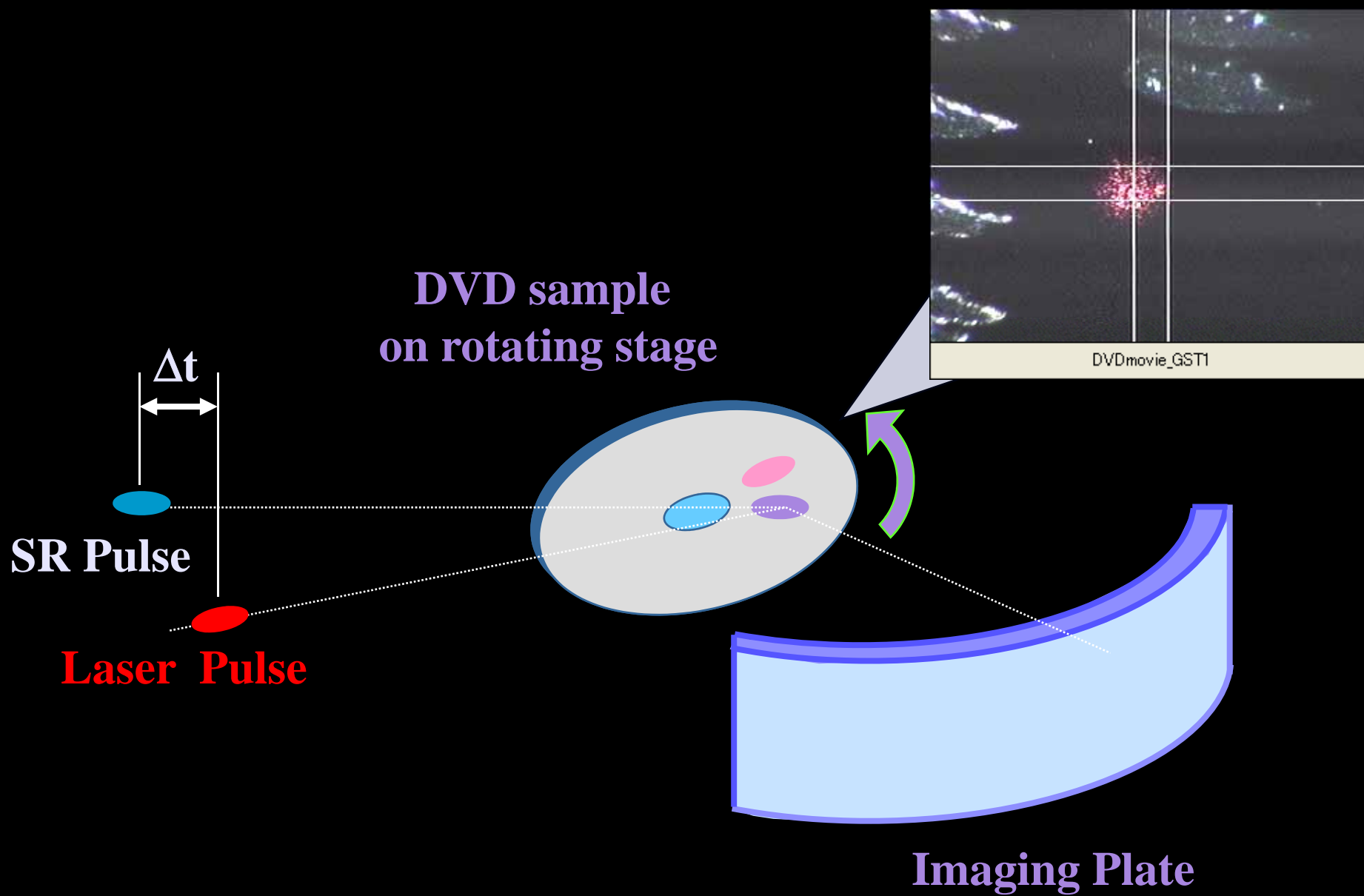




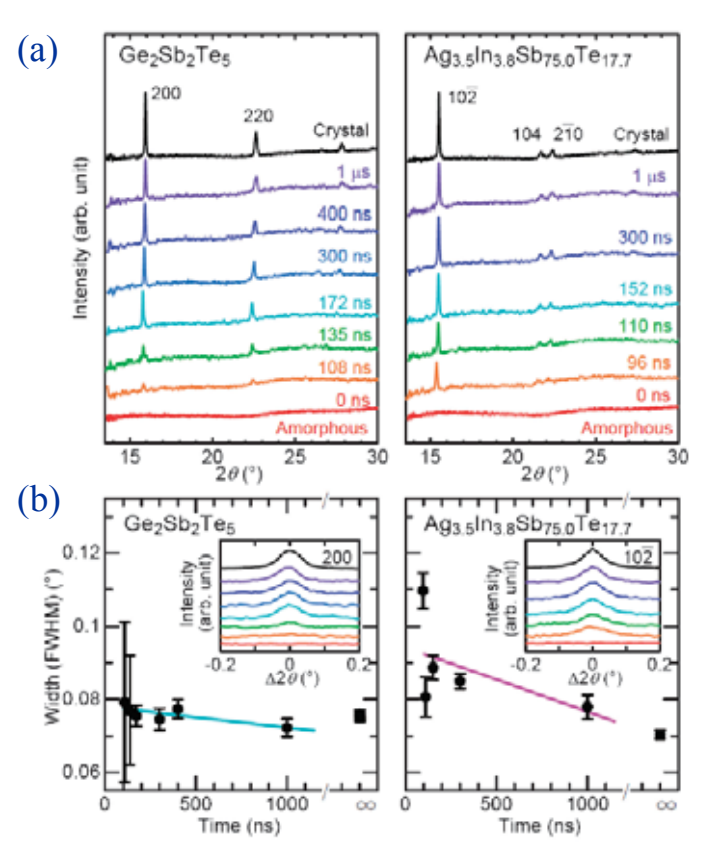
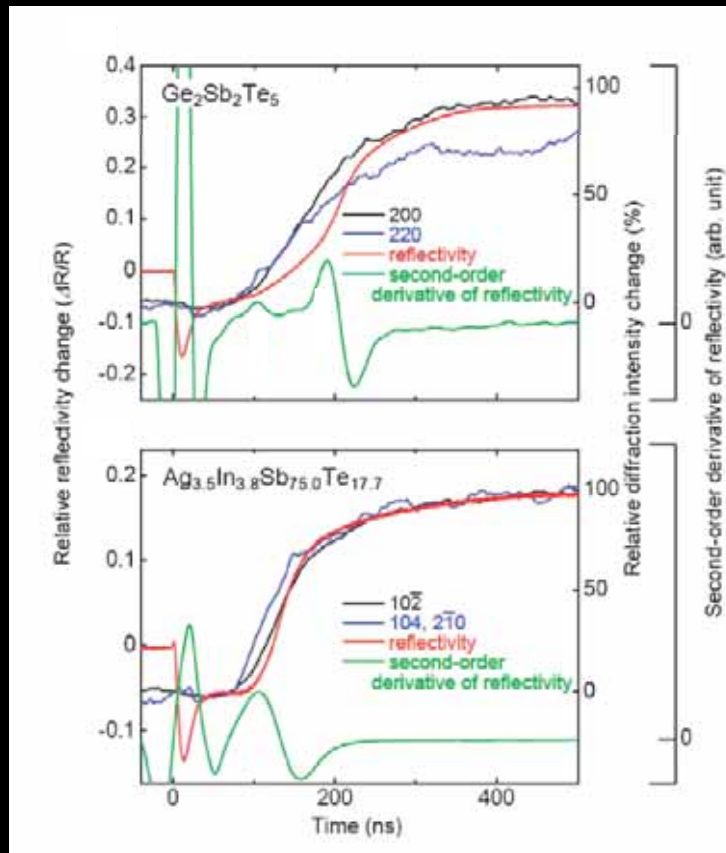
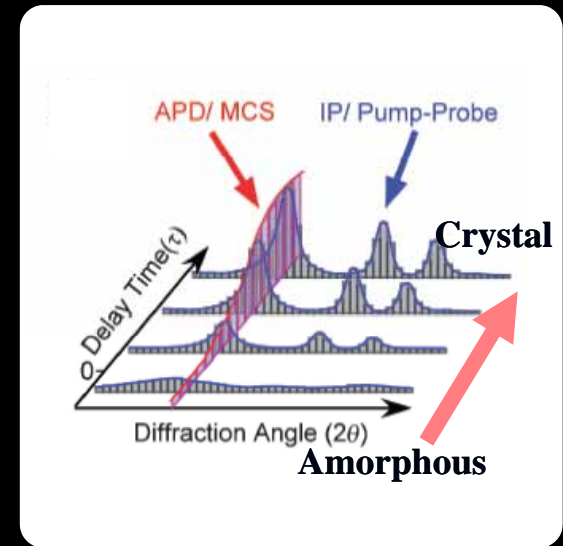
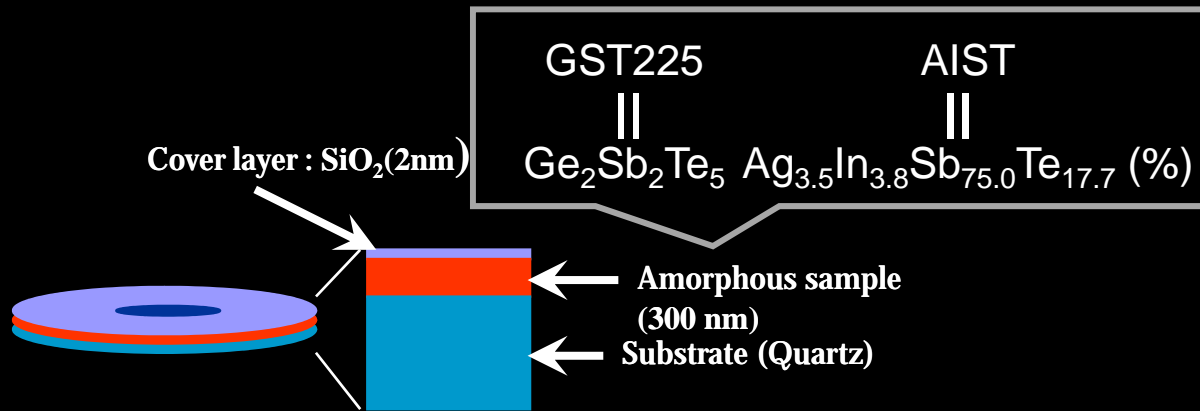
# Measurement technique for non-reversible process



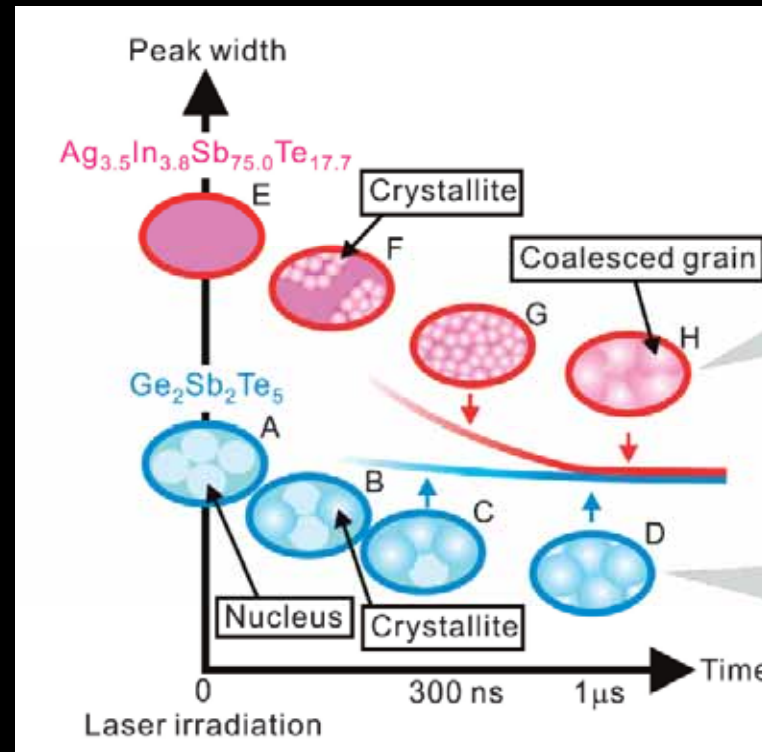
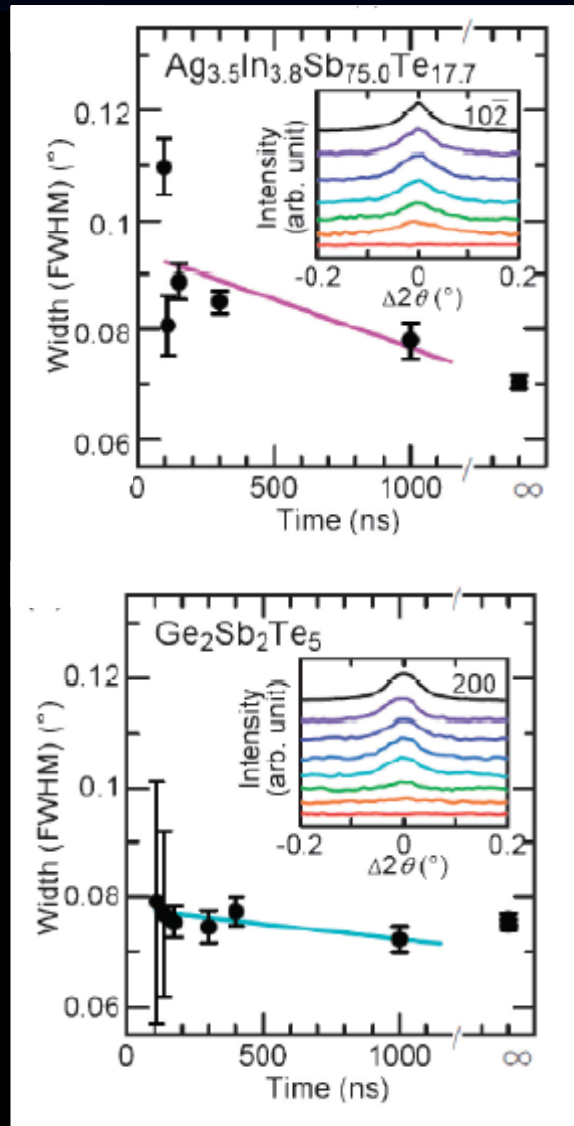
Sample is prepared on the rotating disk, so that the laser pulse always irradiates the fresh sample surface before transition.



# Measurement (MCS & Pump-Probe)



# Results and discussion



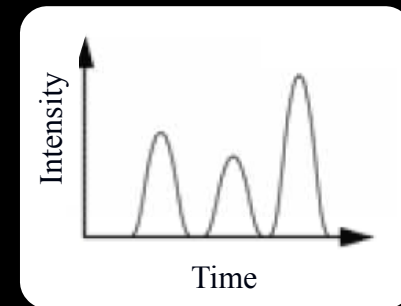
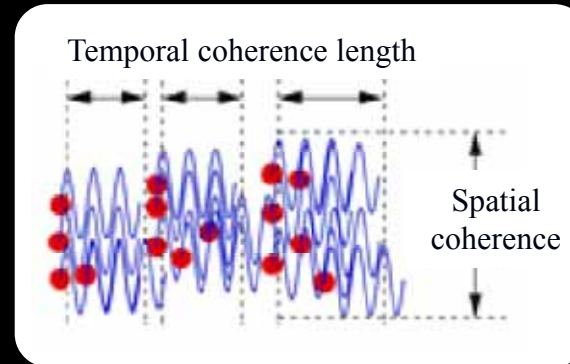
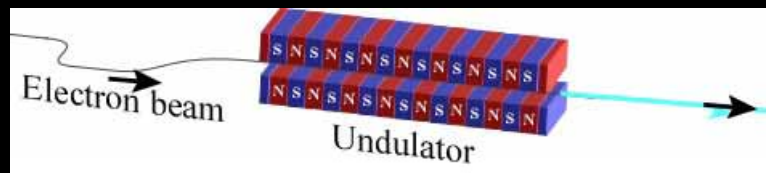
**Different crystallization process**

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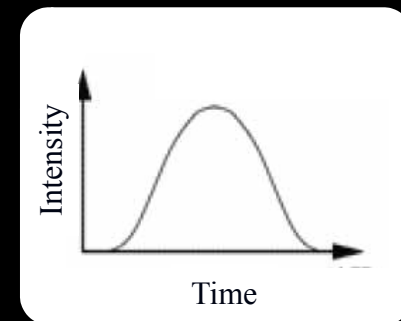
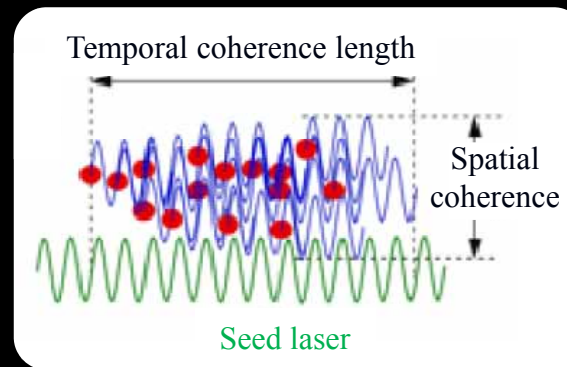
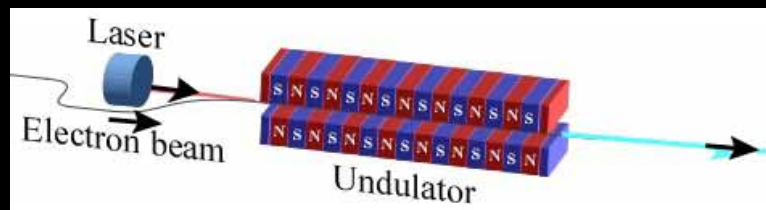
# 3.3. Laser seeding in FEL

## Improving the temporal coherence in single-pass FEL

### SASE (Self-Amplified Spontaneous Emission)



### Laser-Seeded SASE





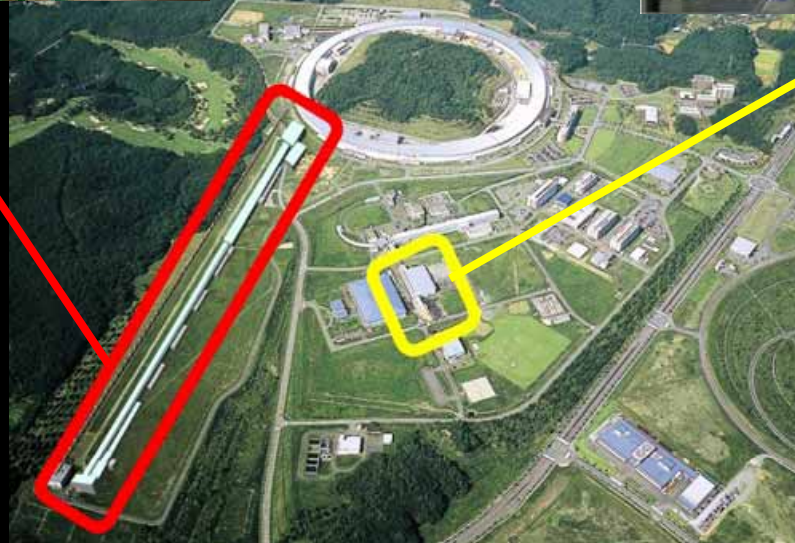
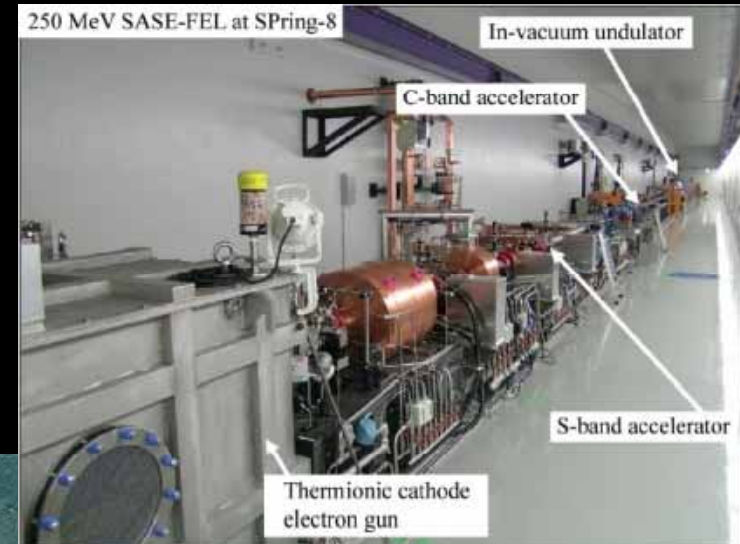
# SCSS project in SPring-8

## SCSS-XFEL



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construction**

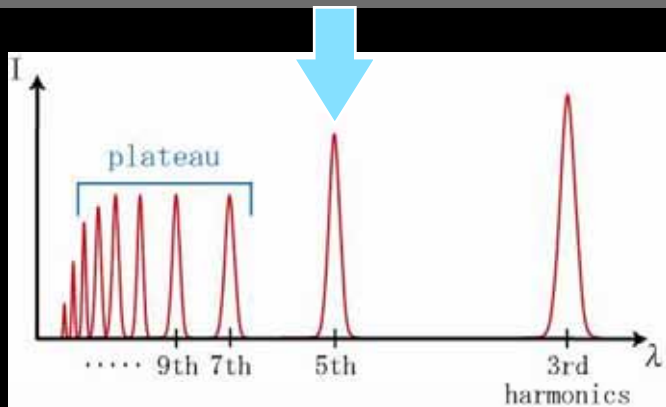
## SCSS prototype accelerator



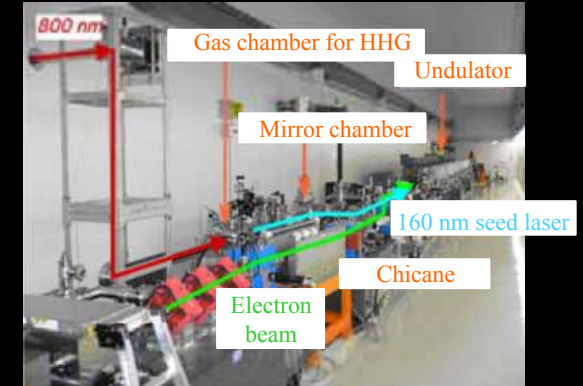
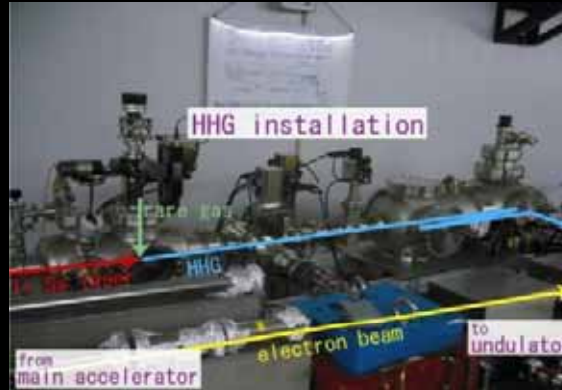
**SPring-8 Campus**



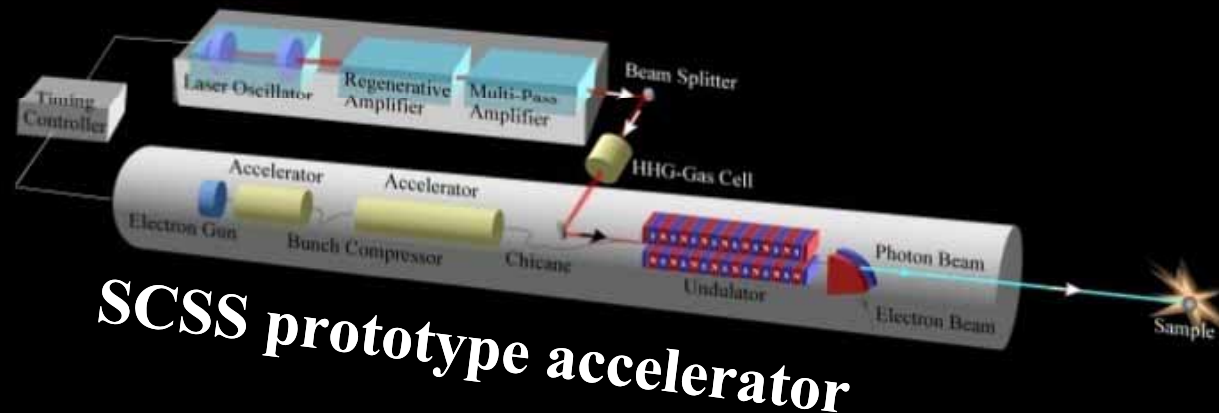
# Seeding with Higher Harmonic Generation in Gas



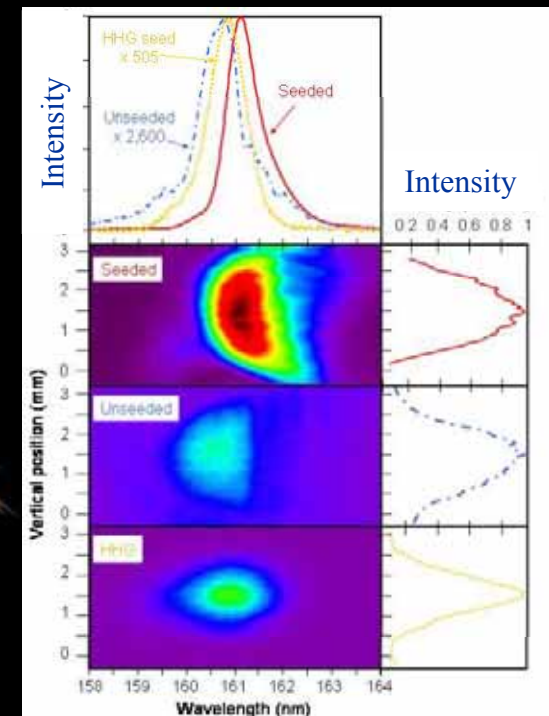
**HHG**



**Demonstration in 160 nm**

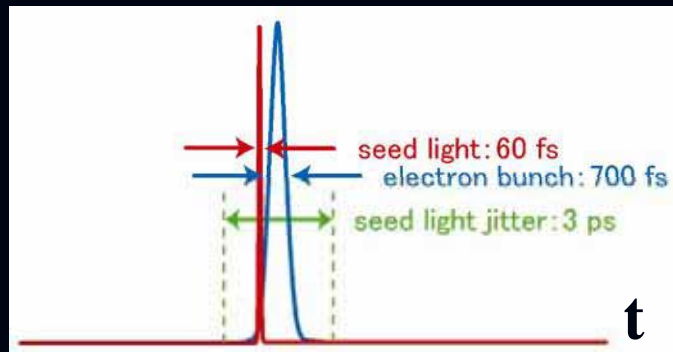


**SCSS prototype accelerator**

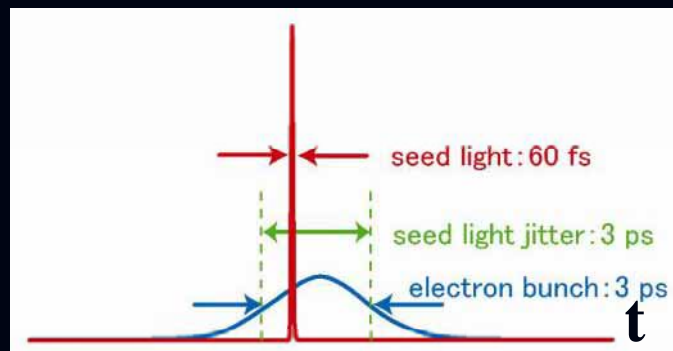


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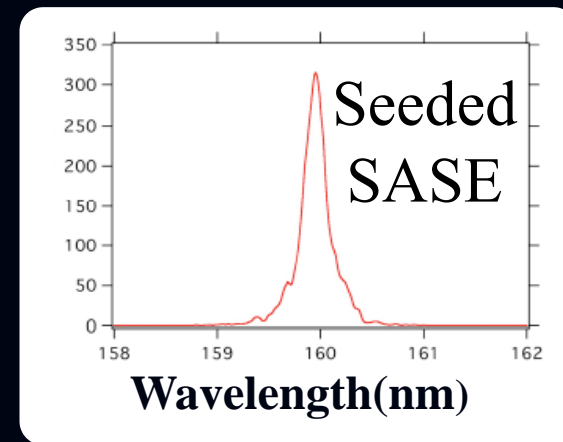
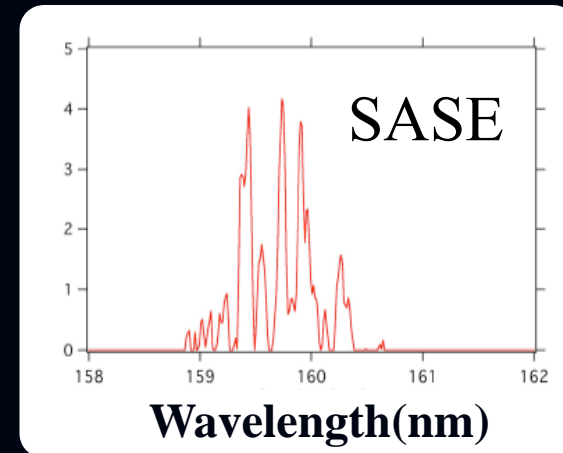
# Debunching for stable temporal overlap



↓ Debunching operation



Stable seeding



Seeded SASE pulse should perfectly be synchronized to the seed laser



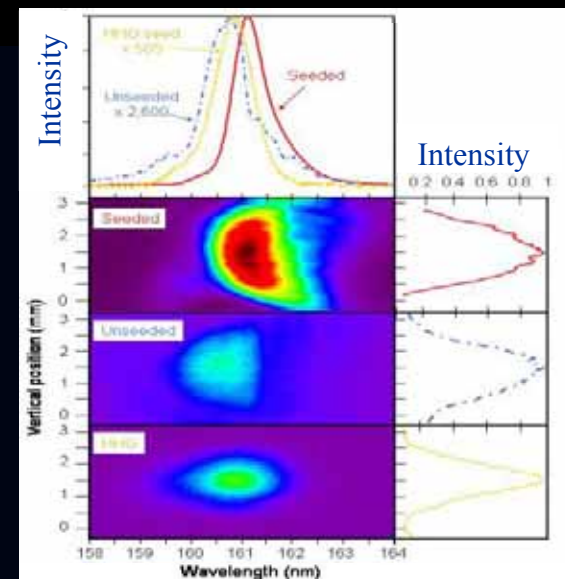
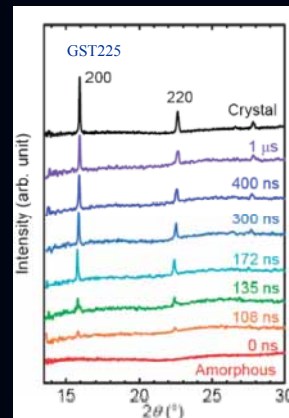
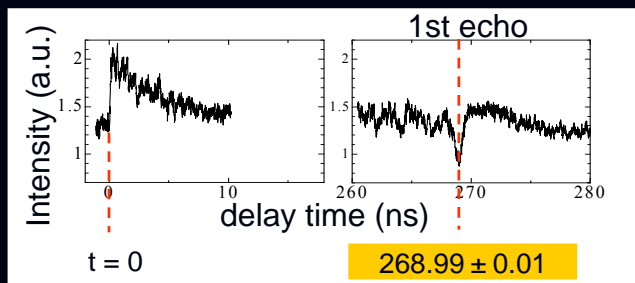
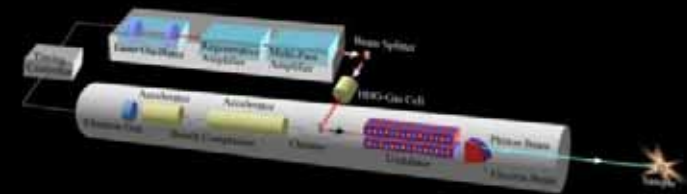
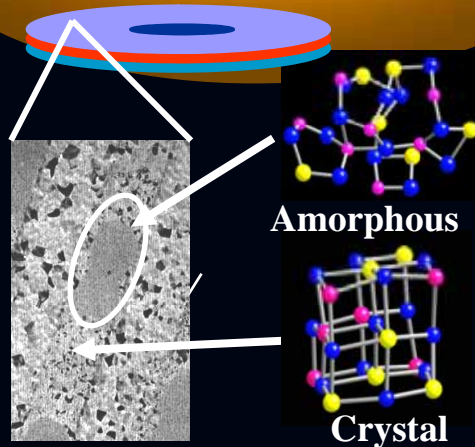
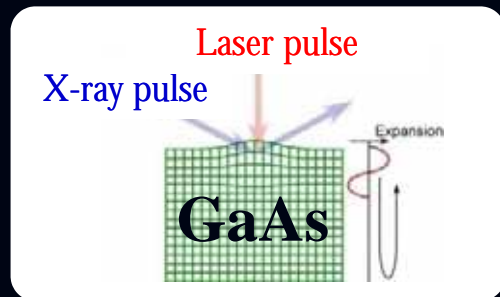
Seed laser pump- seeded SASE probe in femtosecond resolution

# 4. Summary of Exps with TR technique in SP8

Acoustic echo  
in semiconductor

Phase change  
in DVD media

Laser seeding  
in FEL



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# Future prospective on technical development

## • Combination system with fs lasers in SP8

- 40 ps resolution
- Wide time range
- 5 ps synchronization precision
- For non-reversible phenomena



ps to fs



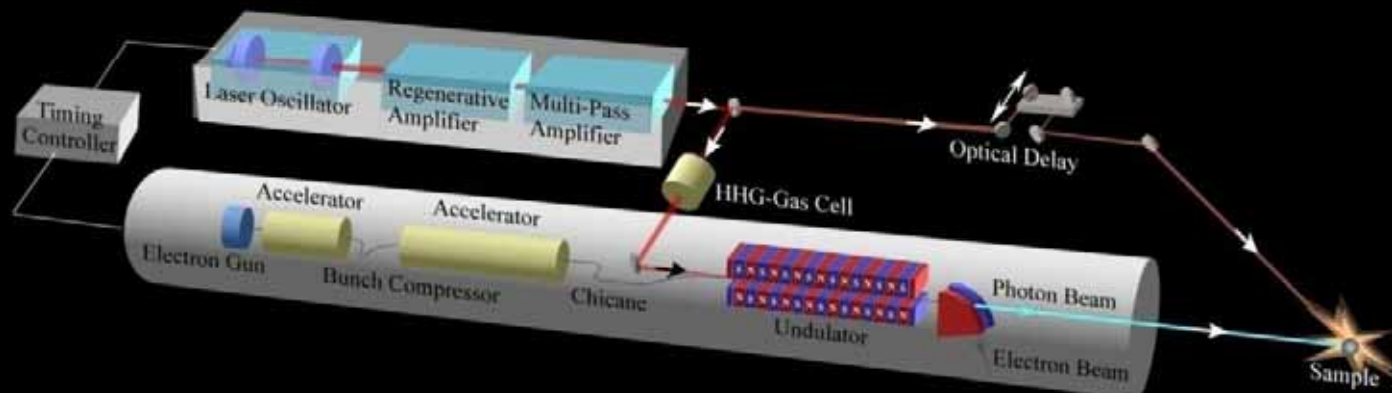
High rep. rate

## • Femtosecond resolution • •

- Post processing
- Jitter free system ?

## • Combination with X-ray microbeam

- High repetition rate



# Thank you

## Acoustic pulse echoes in Semiconductors

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## Phase change in DVD media

## Laser Seeding in FEL