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I.FAST WP10.7 Progress & Discussions: *Development of Electro-optical Waveguide Sensors*

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Task objectives

- **Task 10.7: Development of electro-optical waveguide sensors as beam electric field sensors.** M1 – M24 by RHUL & CERN + industry.
- Develop **novel electric-field sensors** based on electro-optic waveguides to address new challenges in fast time response (<50ps) beam instrumentation.
- **Demonstrate the capability** to optically measure the intra-bunch transverse displacement of a passing relativistic bunch, with a bandwidth that is beyond state-of-the-art.

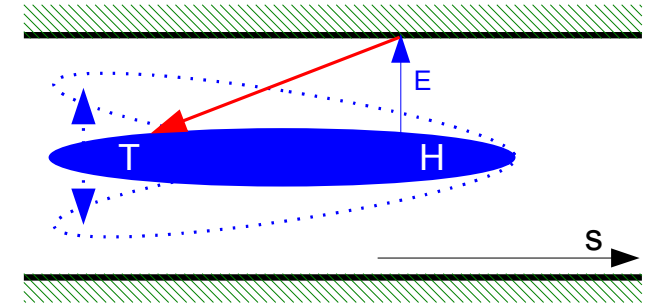
How to make beam Instrumentation FASTER?

- **Challenge of rapid diagnostics**

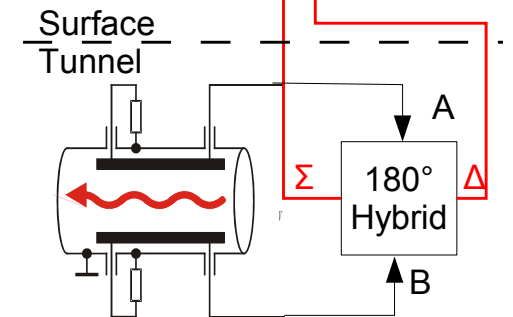
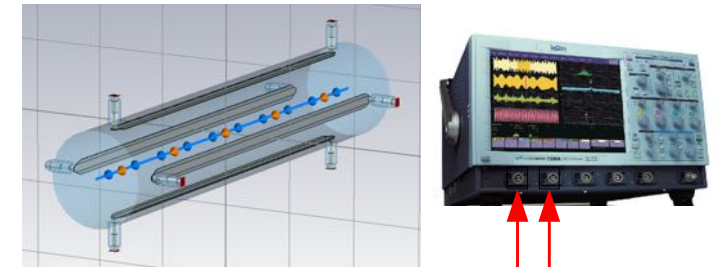
- Beam instrumentation at current and future particle accelerators would **benefit from an improved time response** in multiple areas:
 - Bunch arrival time/ ToF; crabbed bunch rotation; temporal longitudinal profiles; measuring rapid, intra-bunch transverse instabilities...
- **Bandwidth** of conventional diagnostics is typically **limited** to a few GHz by the pick-ups, hybrid, cables and acquisition system.

- **A new technology is needed**

- replace capacitive pick-ups with fast **electro-optic crystals**
- replace electric cables by **optical-fibre readout**



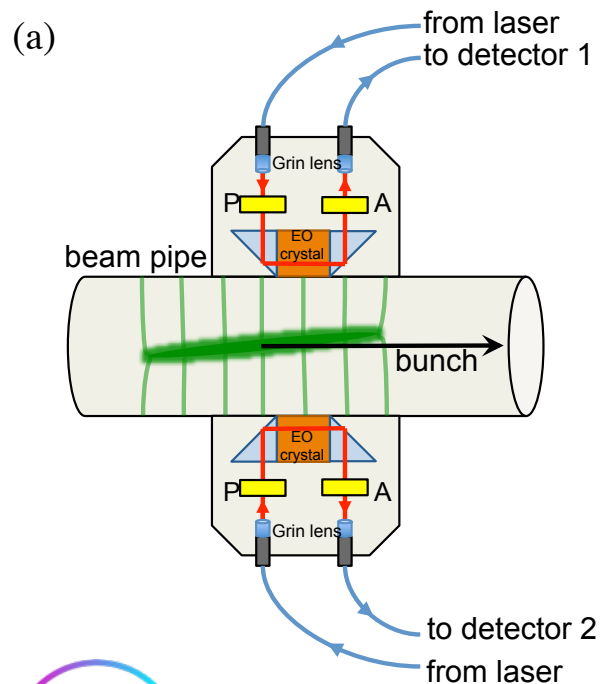
Standard approach: stripline BPM



Electro-optic BPM

- **Basic principle:**

- Monitor the polarisation of light in birefringent crystals in response to the electric-field of a passing bunch

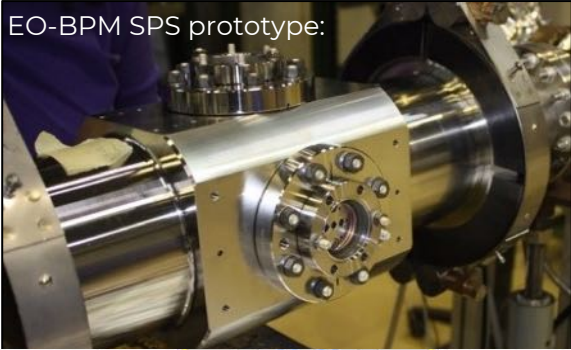


- Effectively a BPM in which the electrodes are replaced by eo-crystals
- Transverse position along passing bunch is measured
- A fibre coupled laser source and photodetector read-out are housed away from the accelerator tunnel.
- As polarised light passes through the crystal, the electric field of the bunch induces a change in polarisation state by the linear Pockels effect.

- **I.FAST Task 10.7 focuses on developing miniaturised e-field sensors based on *electro-optic waveguides***

EO-BPM developments: free-space to waveguides

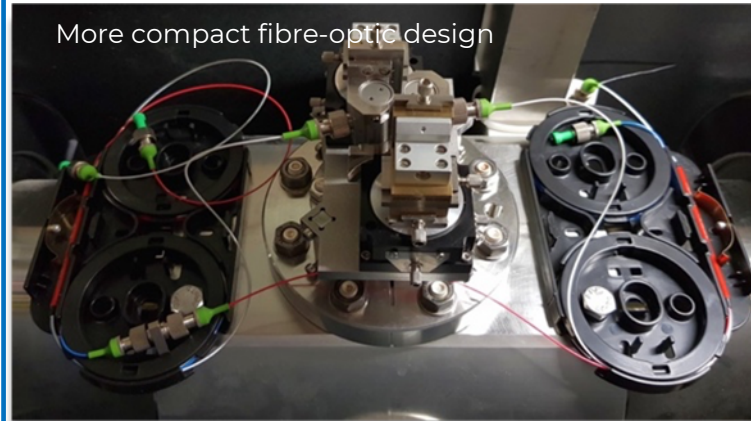
EO-BPM SPS prototype:



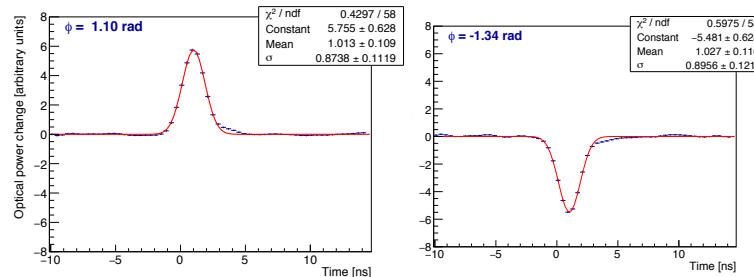
Miniaturisation of EO-pickup

Side boxes for optics replaced by compact fibre-optics.

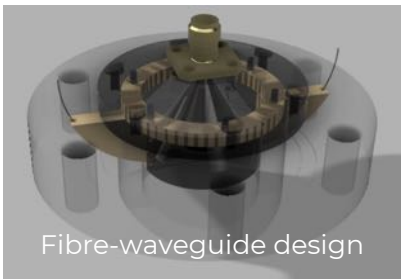
More compact fibre-optic design



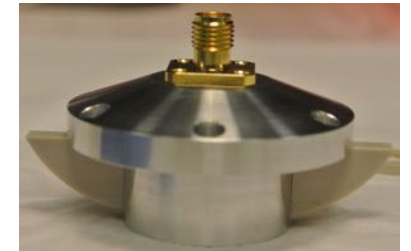
Optical response to SPS bunch – IPAC18:



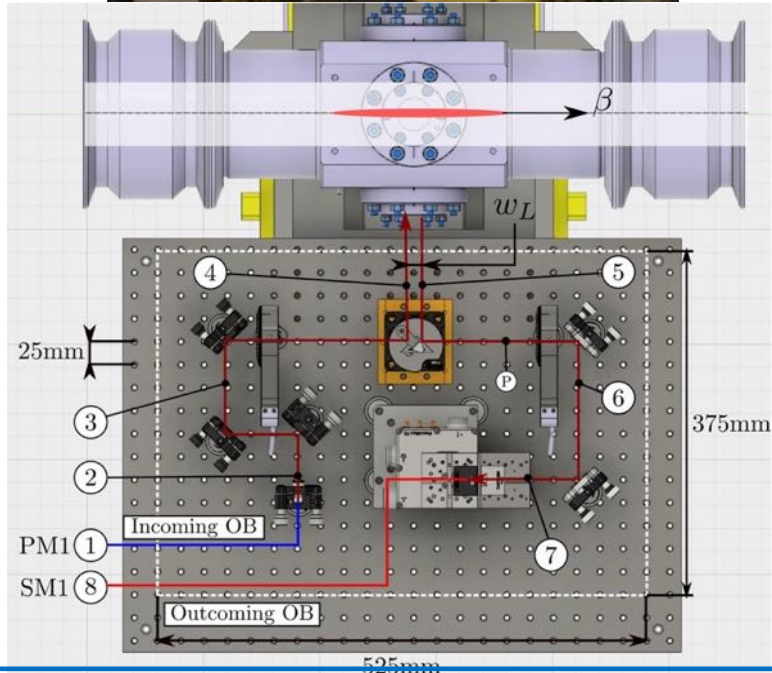
Compact design based on eo-waveguides



Fibre-waveguide design



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Bulky free-space optics

Partners fabrication & test facilities

- Pickup development and bench tests at RHUL



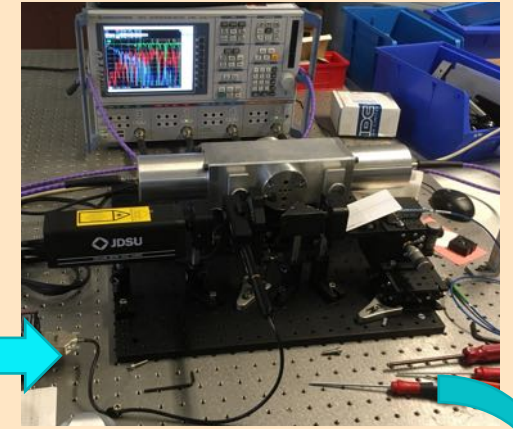
Waveguide fabrication in photonics industry



Inspection in new nanofabrication clean-room facility at RHUL



Precision manufacture & waveguide integration



Bench tests on RF coaxial line / laser labs

- Beam tests of waveguides at CERN

In collaboration with CERN BI, T. Lefevre et al



Beam test of waveguide signal



Beam test of waveguide bandwidth

Task WP10.7 activities

1. **Waveguide design and optimisation**

- Electromagnetic simulation of waveguide response.
- Optimisation of design in collaboration with photonics industry.

2. **Development and manufacture**

- Fabrication in photonics industry of fibre-coupled EO waveguides.
- Manufacture and integration into EO pick-ups in RHUL clean rooms.

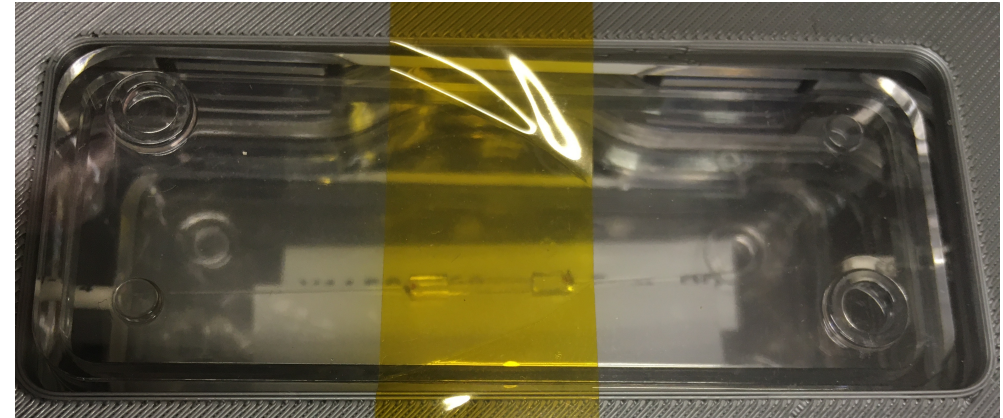
3. **Test and validation**

- Bench tests of waveguide pick-ups at RHUL & design optimisation.
- Beam tests at CERN facilities: HiRadMat & CLEAR.

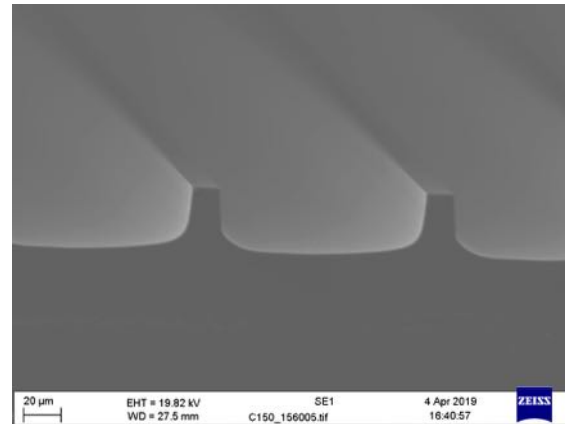
- **Deliverable 10.6: Electro-optic performance report M24**
Final report on the performance of the electro-optic pick-up prototype with beam

Waveguide optimisation and fabrication

- Electromagnetic simulations of pick-up performed in CST to optimise field strength at waveguide.
- Partnered with UK industry to produce waveguides suitable for our custom design:



- SEM image of typical ridge waveguide structure.

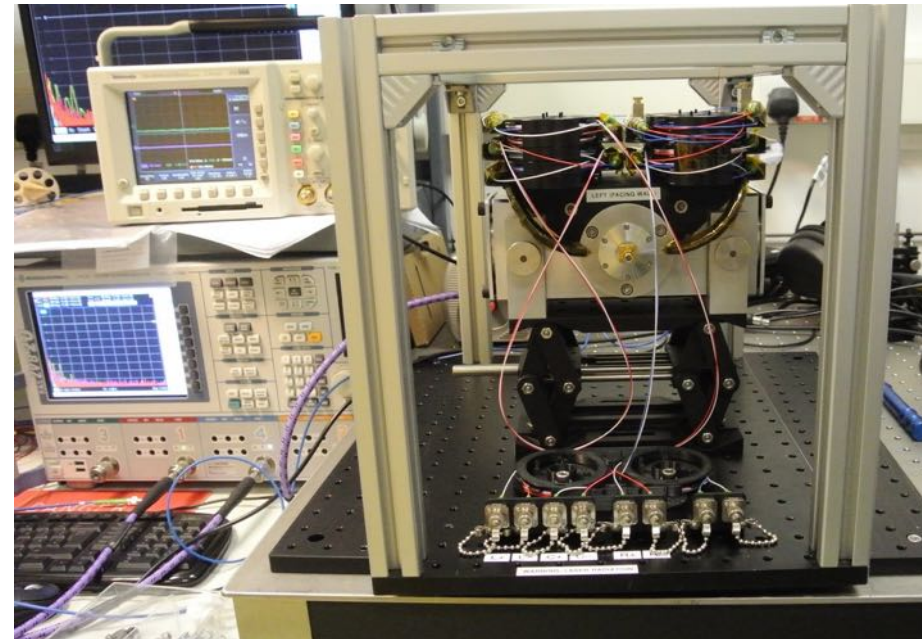
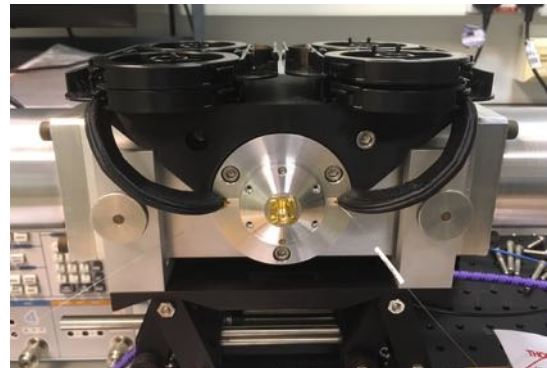
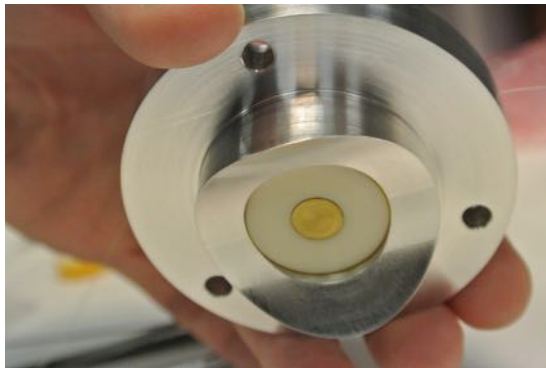


Optical inspection in RHUL clean room

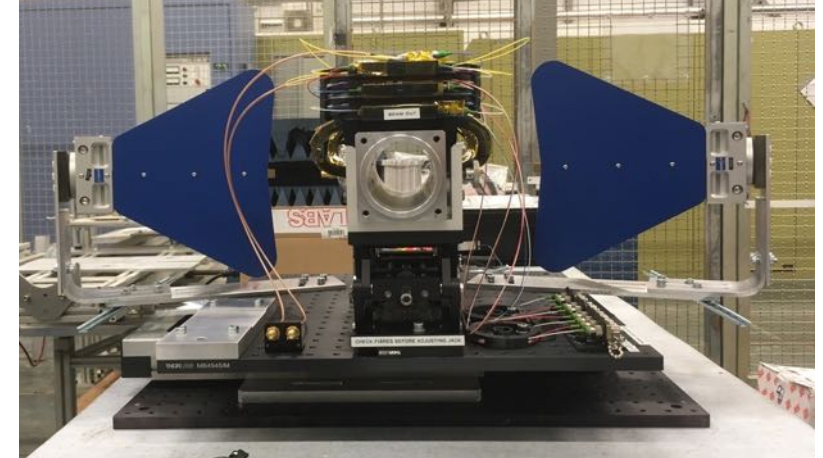
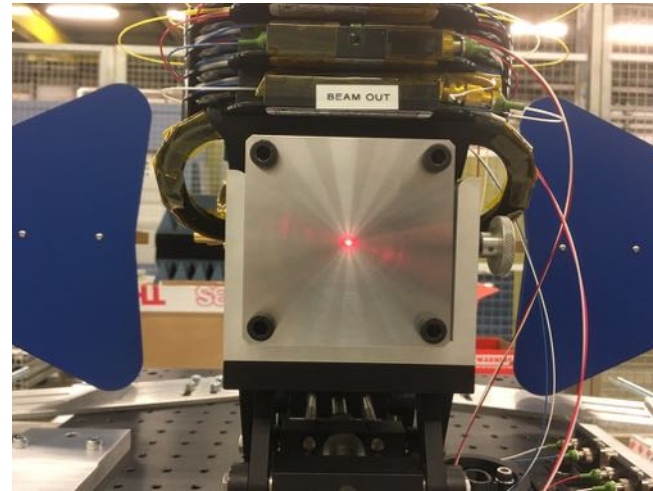
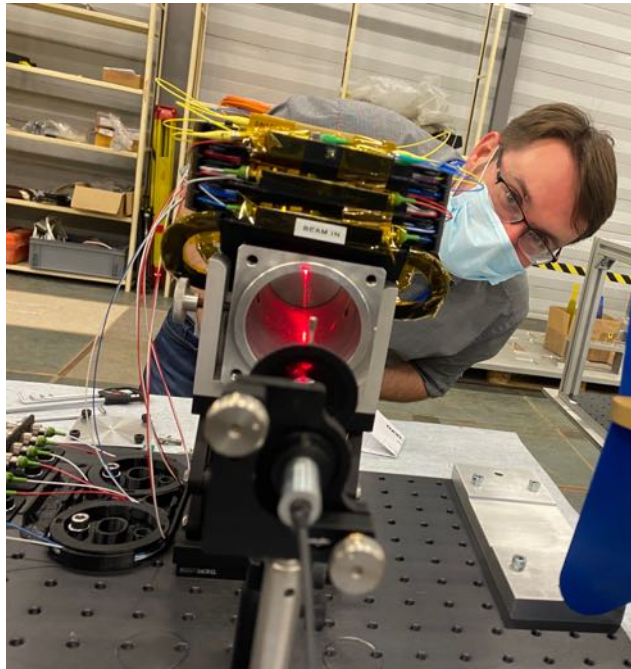


Manufacture of EO-pick-ups at RHUL

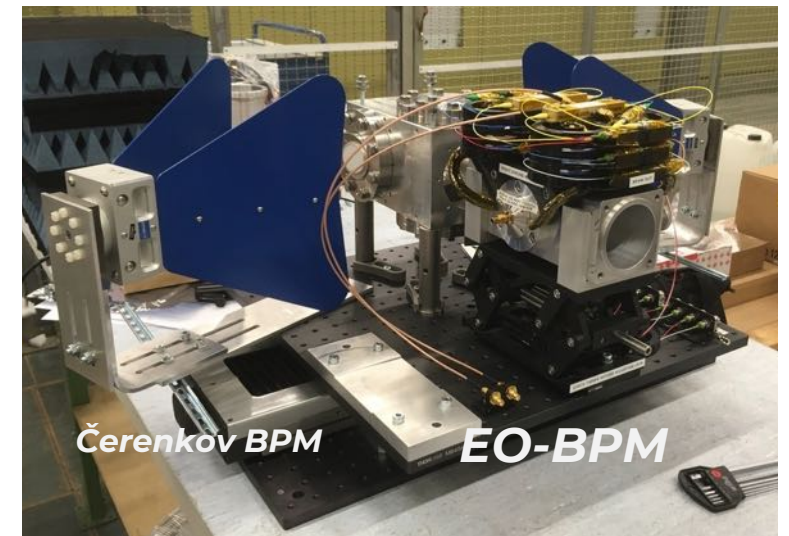
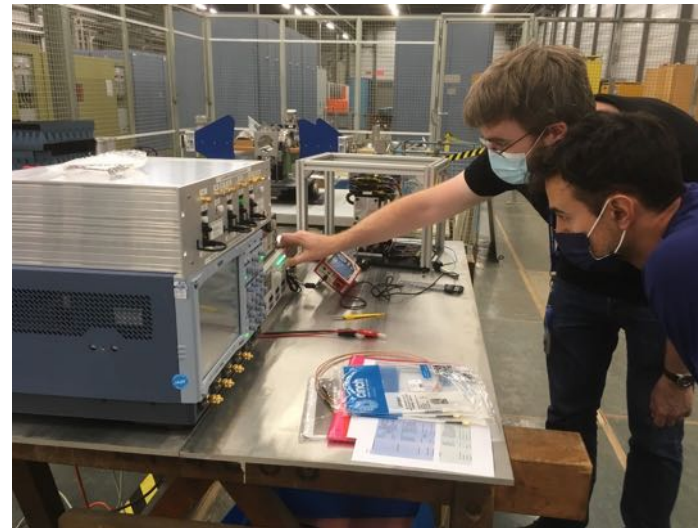
- Compact fibre-coupled waveguide pickups manufactured at RHUL
- 3D-printed supports for fibre splitter tree
- New EO-pick-ups under coaxial line test in RHUL clean room, prior to shipping to CERN



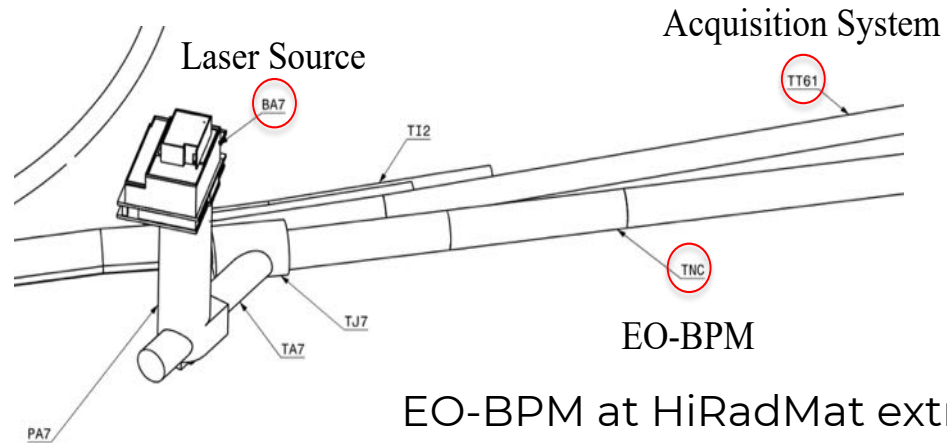
EO-BPM reception in surface lab at CERN



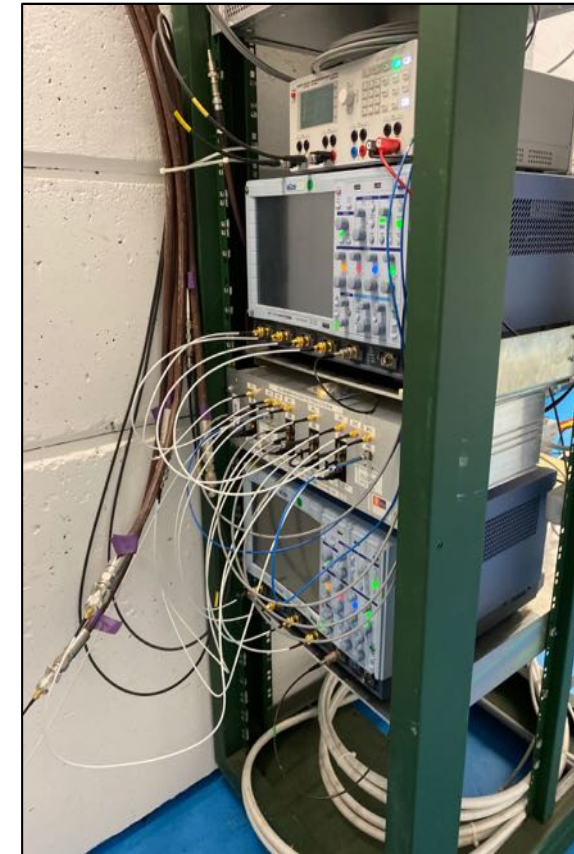
- EO-BPM reception tested at CERN and laser- aligned with dielectric BPM on shared translation stage table.



Installation at surface, TNC and TN61 tunnels

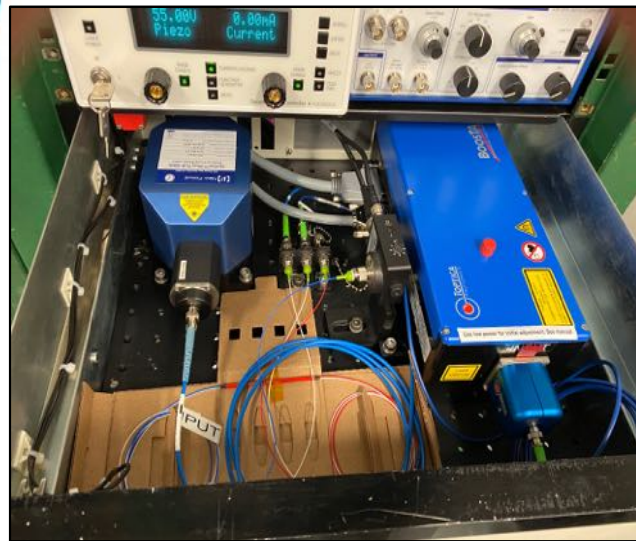


Acquisition system:



780nm laser source in BA7

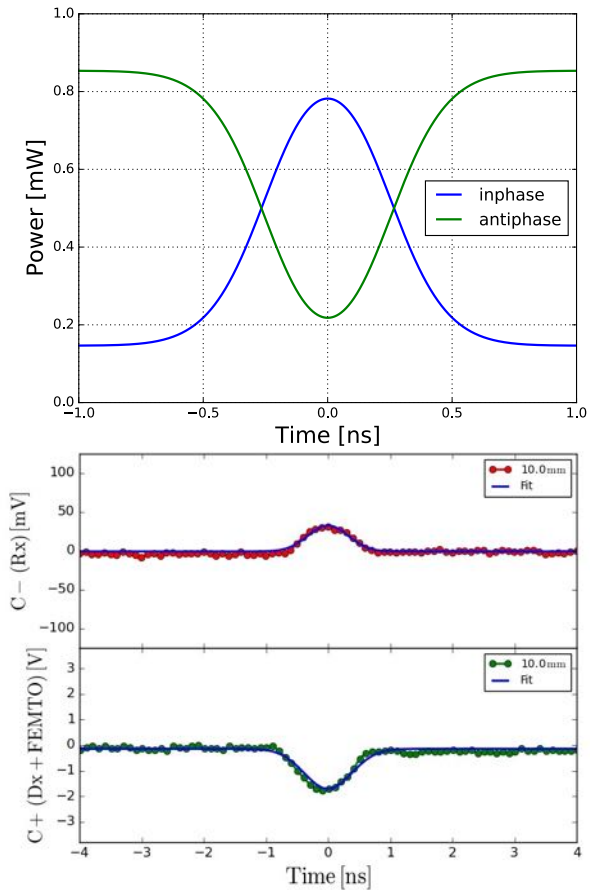
EO-BPM at HiRadMat extraction line



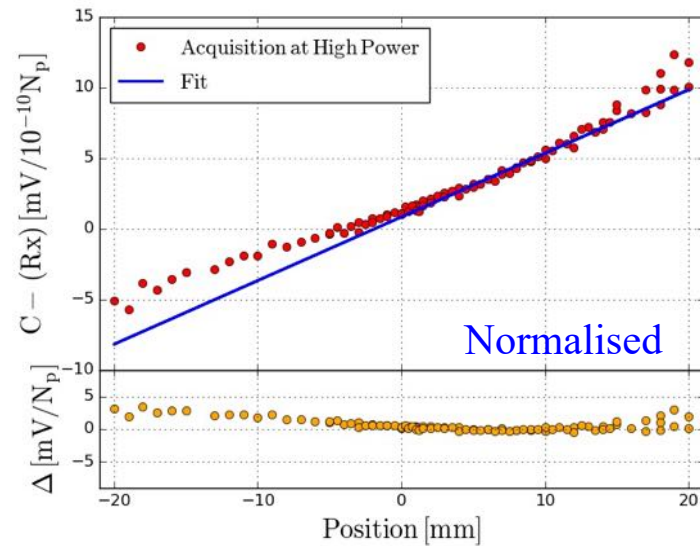
Installation at HiRadMat facility



Successful first beam test at HiRadMat



Single-shot measurements using optical difference signal



- **Waveguide design** enabled **first single-shot measurements of each passing bunch**.
- EO-BPM also **sensitive to low intensity bunches**.
- Laser scanning technique developed to **automate operation** of electro-optic interferometer.
- Translation of EO-BPM across the HiRadMat extraction line: **first bunch by bunch position measurements**.

Future plans & discussion

Beam tests envisaged with current waveguide prototype

- Complete data analysis from the three beam tests to date at HiRadMat and quantitative evaluation of performance:
 - Signal strength from individual waveguide and optical difference signals
- Beam tests at CLEAR to evaluate bandwidth performance:
 - Improvements to the data acquisition system to reach higher bandwidths.

Further optimise design in collaboration with photonics industry;

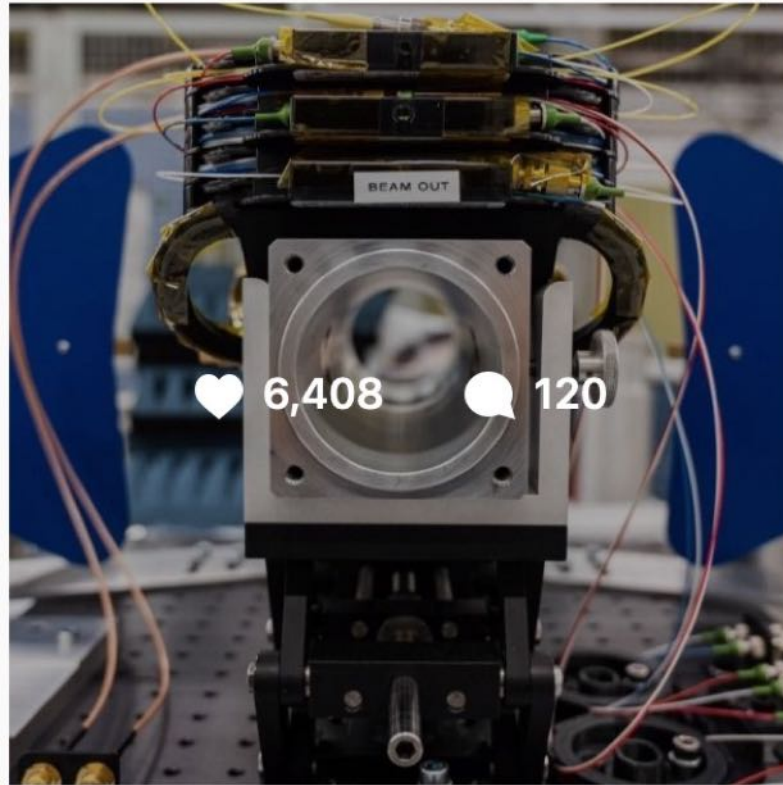
- Incorporation of gold coating onto waveguide to further improve electromagnetic coupling.
- Improve opto-mechanical design for handling, assembly and precise alignment of delicate components.
- Investigation of further waveguide configurations for interferometric enhancement of signal.

Write up the report on electro-optic performance for deliverable 10.6 by M24:

“Final report on the performance of the electro-optic pick-up prototype with beam”

CERN social media yesterday:

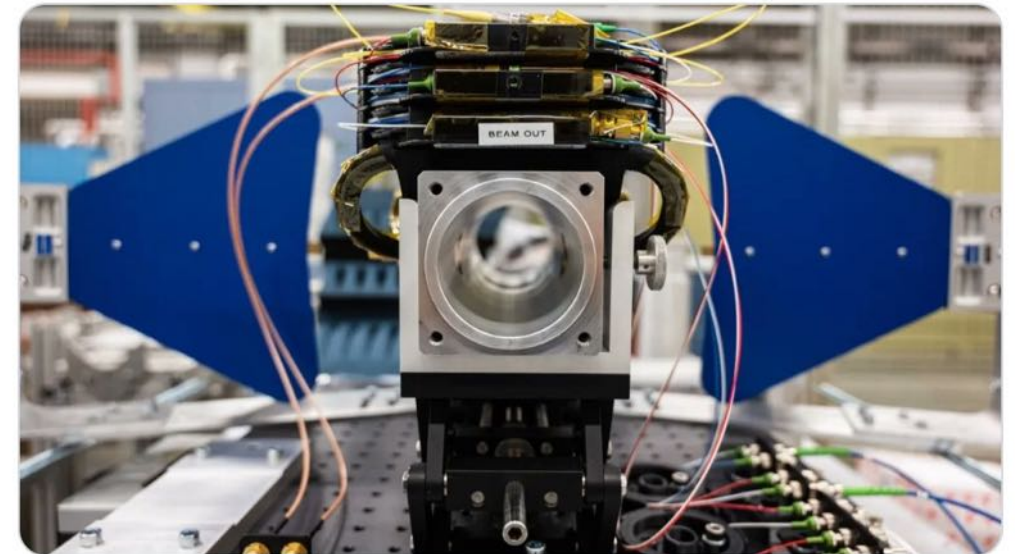
Instagram



This is a prototype electro-optical beam position monitor for the [#HiLumiLHC](#).

It was recently tested in the HiRadMat facility at CERN, a place designed to test accelerator components and materials.

HiRadMat celebrates its 10th anniversary this year: home.cern/news/news/expe...



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