

# Accelerator Timing Monitor with Femtosecond Precision

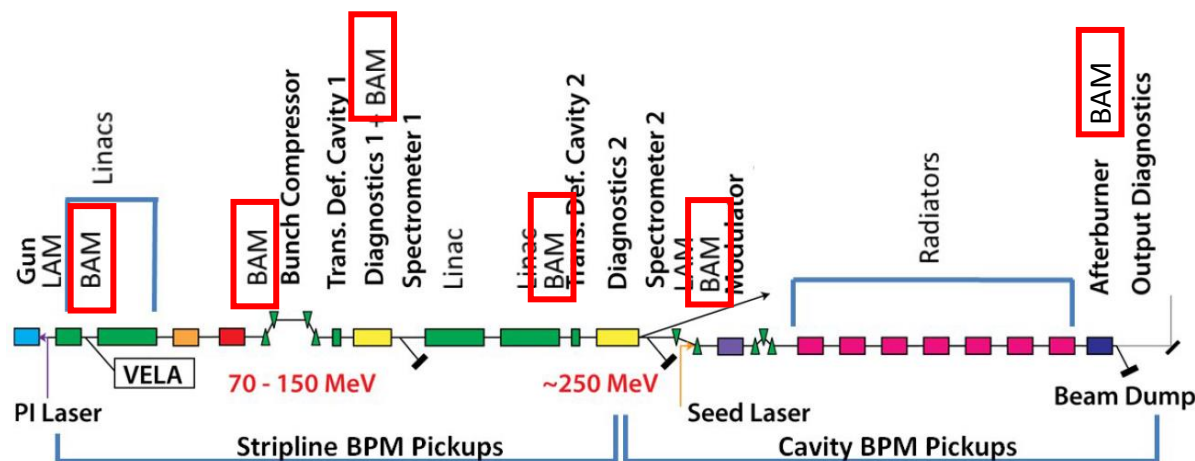
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## Introduction



CLARA:  
Compact Linear Accelerator for  
Research and Applications

VELA:  
Versatile Electron Linear  
Accelerator

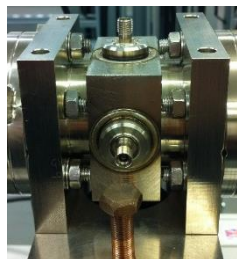
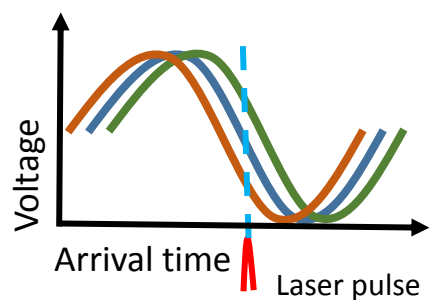
### Overview of beam diagnostics on CLARA

#### Bunch Arrival-time Monitor (BAM):

- Improve understanding of the beam dynamics
- Monitor synchronisation points

	VELA	CLARA
Bunch charge	10-250 pC	20-250 pC
Bunch length	1-10 ps rms	25-250-850 fs rms
Energy	4-6 MeV	250 MeV
Bunch repetition rate	1-10 Hz (1-400 Hz in future)	1-100 Hz

## BAM with RF pickup

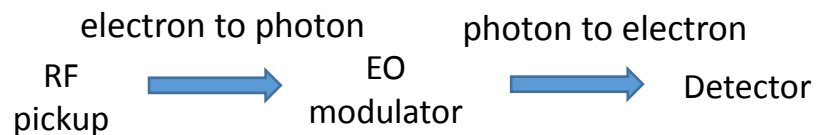
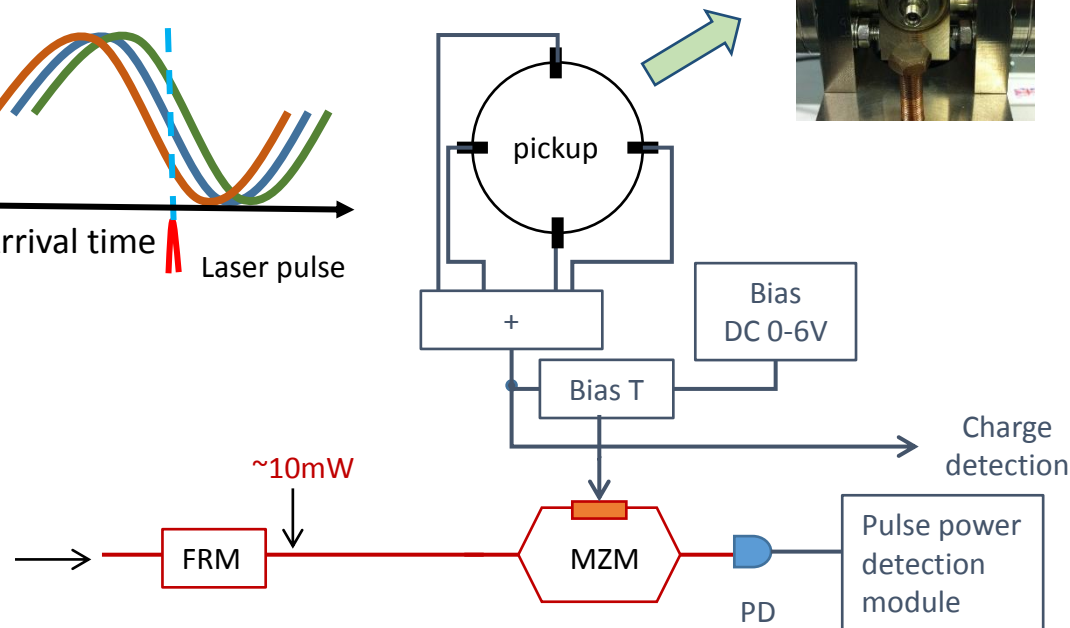


### Parameters

Bunch charge = 250 pC  
Bunch length (FWHM) = 1 ps

Laser wavelength = 1550 nm  
Laser pulse width (FWHM) = 200 fs  
Laser average power at 250 MHz = 32 mW

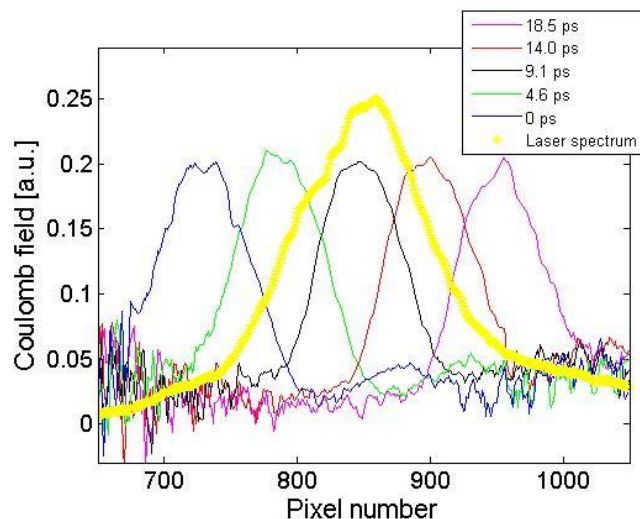
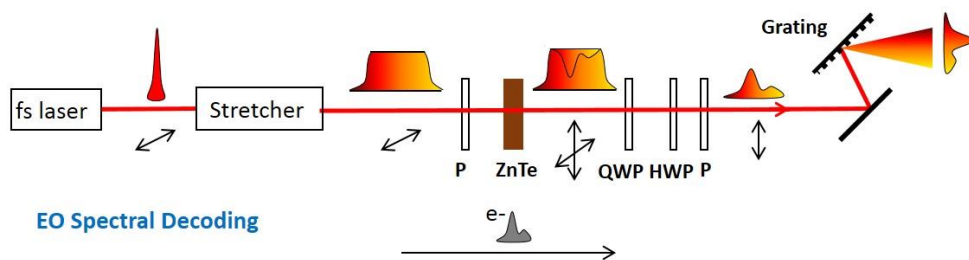
Detection module:  
23  $\mu$ V resolution  
Single pulse detection



**BAM will be tested in June  
this year on VELA  
accelerator**

## Can the RF pickup be replaced by EO crystal?

### Electro-optic bunch profile measurements



EOSD scheme bunch profile monitor  
on CALIFES at CERN

### Reference for EO BAM:

#### Clocking Femtosecond X Rays

A. L. Cavalieri and et al.  
PRL 94, 114801 (2005)

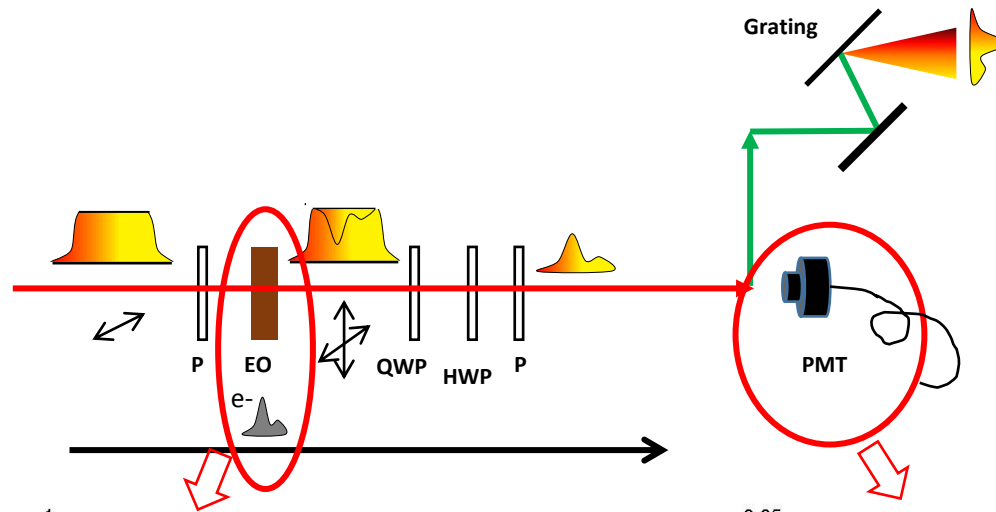
#### Electro-optic bunch arrival time measurement at FLASH

V. Arsov and et al.  
THPC152, Proceedings of EPAC08

### Require:

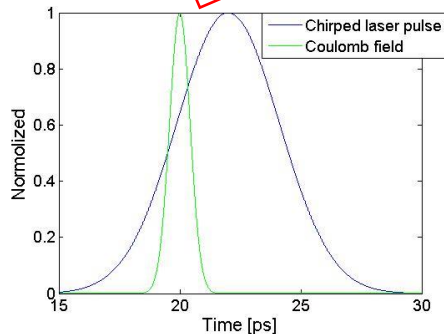
- Real time data processing
- Zero crossing point
- Centre of mass
- Resolution < 5 fs

# Electro-Optic Spectra Decoding system

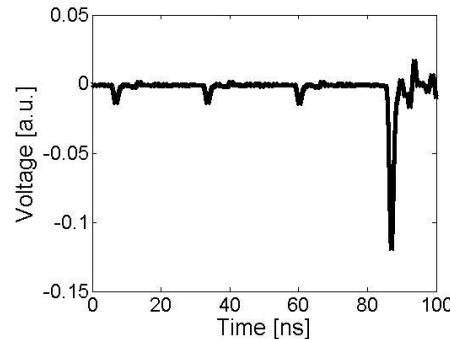


$$I(\omega) = I_{laser} \cdot \left(\frac{x\omega}{cn}\right)^2 \frac{\pi}{\beta} \left| E_{Coul}^{eff}(\tau + t_0) * e^{i\left(\frac{\tau^2}{4\beta} - \frac{\pi}{4}\right)} \right|^2$$

Delay between  
Laser pulse and  
THz



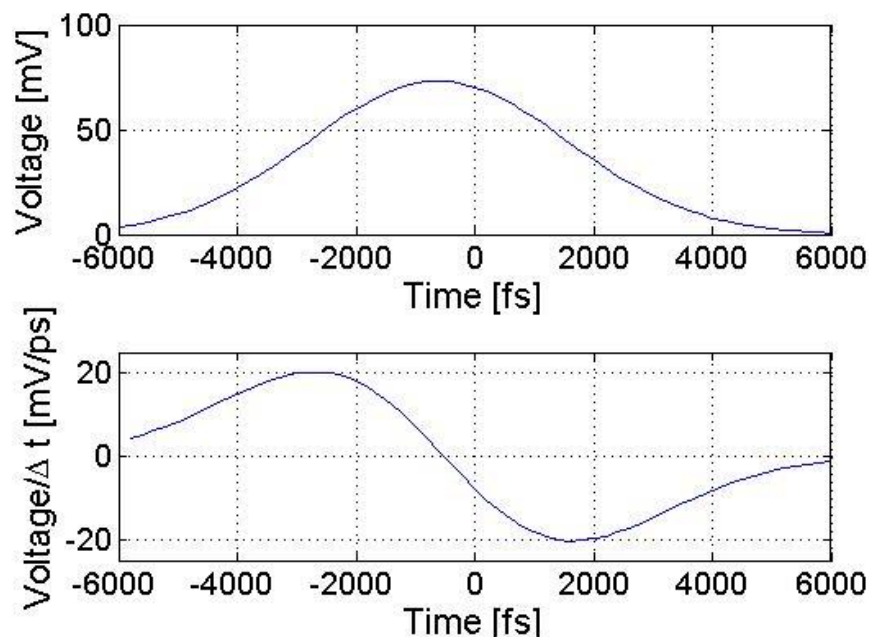
Chirped laser pulse and  
Coulomb field



EO signal from PMT

Bunch arrival-time modulates laser intensity

## Expected resolution



### Positive:

- Simple setup, chirp done by fibre
- Possible to be switched to a bunch profile monitor
- Sensitivity/scanning window adjustable
- ps range effective window

### Negative:

- High quality laser profile
- Noise dependent
- Bunch profile dependent

### Numbers for example:

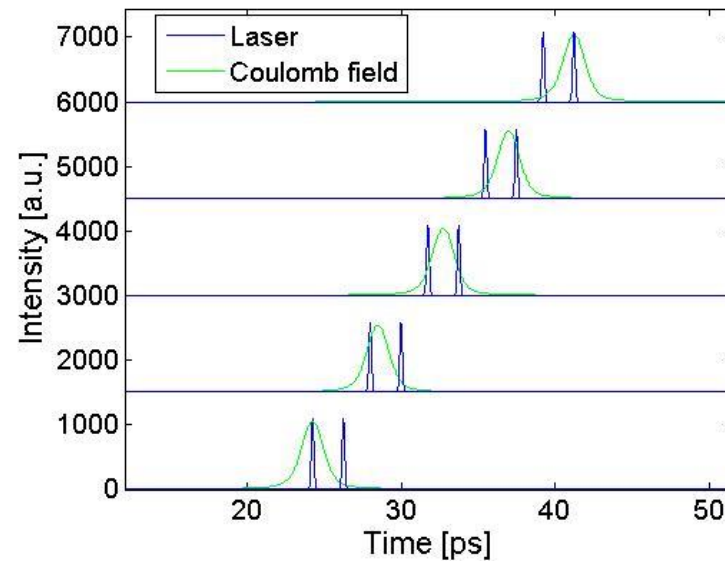
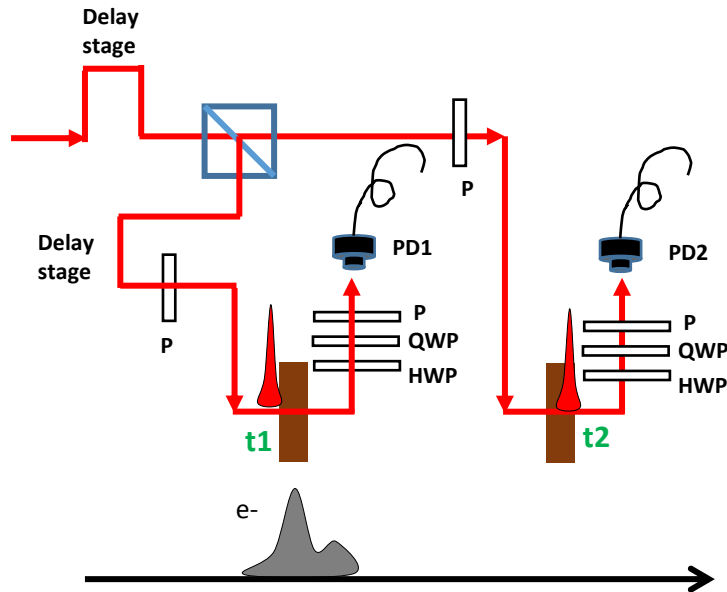
Laser wavelength = 1550 nm  
 Laser pulse energy in = 150 pJ  
 Laser pulse : 200 fs chirp to 5 ps  
 ZnTe = 1 mm  
 PD conversion = 1 A/W

Bunch shape : 1 ps FWHM Gaussian  
 Bunch charge : 0.2 nC  
 Beam energy: 200 MeV

**Peak sensitivity = 20 mV/ps**  
**Window = ~1 ps**



## Resolution improvement: Balance Detection



Pulses propagation in ZnTe crystal

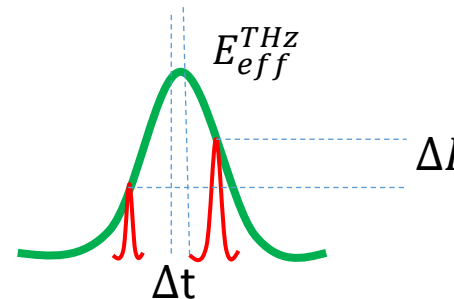
Phase mismatching leads to a signal scanning in a single shot

ZnTe thickness: 2 mm

EO Sampling:

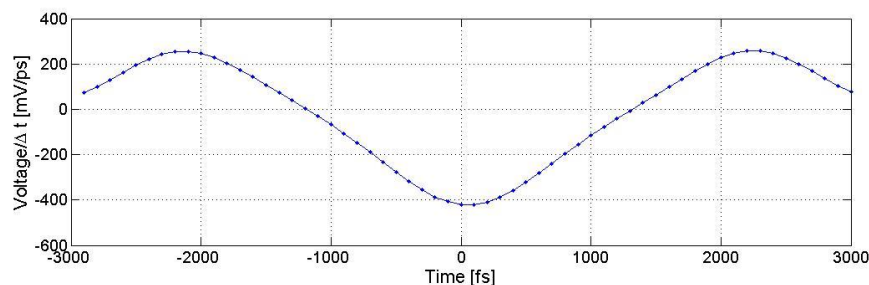
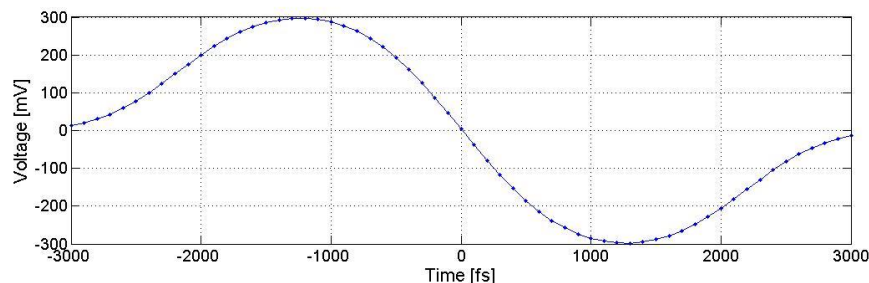
$$\Delta\Phi = \frac{\omega\chi}{cn_{opt}} E_{eff}^{THz}(\tau)$$

$$E_{eff}^{THz}(\tau) = \mathcal{F}^{-1}\{\tilde{\chi}^{(2)}(\Omega) \cdot \tilde{\xi}(\Omega) \cdot \tilde{E}^{THz}(\Omega)\}$$





## Expected resolution



Positive:

- No chirp required
- Balance detection increases sensitivity
- Zero crossing = centre of mass

Negative:

- More complex
- shorter effective window

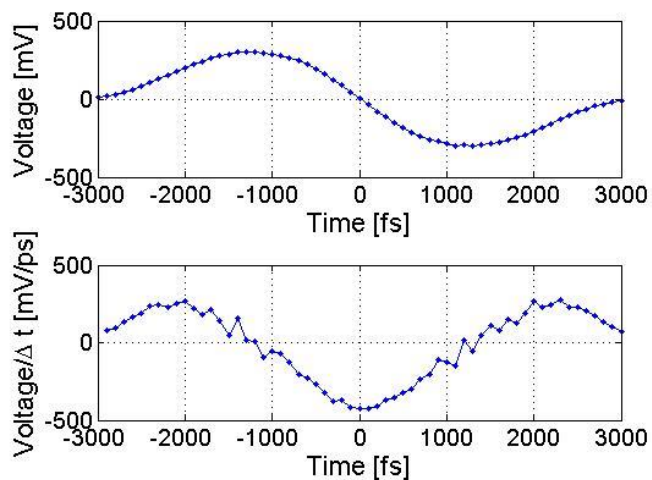
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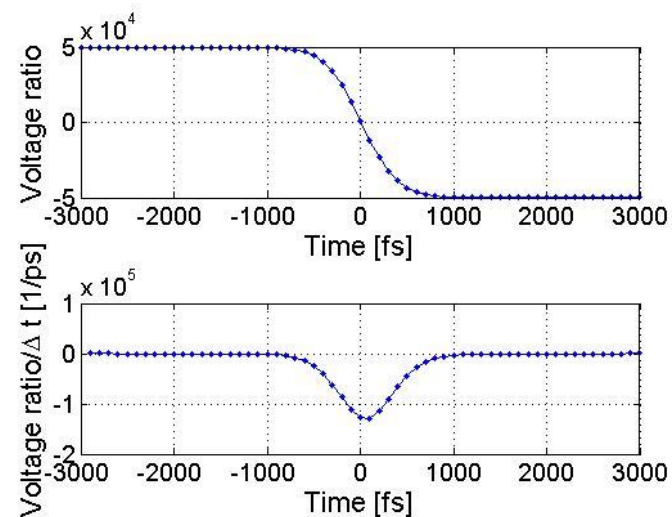
Bunch shape : 1 ps FWHM Gaussian  
 Bunch charge : 0.2 nC  
 Beam energy: 200 MeV

**Peak sensitivity = 400 mV/ps**  
**Window = ~ 500 fs**

## Noise



laser amplitude  
fluctuation ratio 3%



$(U1-U2)/(U1+U2)$

## Outlook

Build fibre link from lab to VELA, including dispersion compensation

Noise sources and control need to be studied

Principle test in lab

## Summary

A RF pickup based BAM is being installing on VELA accelerator at Daresbury. Will be tested in June.

Two all optic based BAMs are demonstrated and can potentially achieve a resolution in femtosecond level.

The balance detection based BAM has 400 mV/ps peak sensitivity. Less sensitive to bunch profile and laser amplitude fluctuation.

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