# Laser polarimetry for Compton polarimeter

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#### Precise control and monitoring of laser polarization requested:

- Difficult to extract laser polarisation from scattered particles → transverse distribution must be precisely extracted
- An optical technique is needed

#### Laser polarization



Rough design based on past experience (similar to what D. Gaskell has shown) In multi-photonic mode, average power can be large, prefer reflective optics.. 300µm beam size shall not be a problem (Rayleigh range of 1m) Elliptic beam can be delivered with cylindrical lenses/mirrors

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### **Defects in QWP**



## Laser beam polarization control



Example of time dependent measurement at HERA

• Remaining 0.3% fluctuations

- More frequent measurements ?
- Modulation of circular polarization to avoid DC fluctuations ?

#### **Photo-elastic modulator**



D. Yang et al., J. Optics (Paris) 26 (1995) 151

### **PEM: principle for polarimetry**



#### **PEM calibration setup**



Figure A.1 Typical Optical Setup

#### Acquire waveforms and then DFT



### **Expected results (simulation)**



#### Data

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### Conclusion

Introduced the use of photo-elastic modulators for real-time laser polarization monitoring

- Interesting in the context of SuperKEKB (250MHz laser)
- Modulates polarization at harmonics of 50kHz
- More robust against DC fluctuations

#### First tests performed

- Sign of (relatively) large static birefringence
- Likely inhomogeneous on the PEM surface

#### Next steps

- Scan surface to make a static birefringence map
- Investigate in detail the effect on anharmonicities in the modulation
- Slowing progressing based on short-term undergrads training periods