

Status NIKHEF Opto Plugin for FWD System Test

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Design considerations

- Dimensions about equal to GEC plugin
- Pin-to-pin compatible with GEC plugin
- Intended as a temporary solution for the forward system test
- Based on packaged elements



VCSEL in 'miniature pill' (SV 2637-001)



Pin diode HFD 3013 in TO46 (TO46 still too big)

Mechanical characteristics

 Remove most of VCSEL lens => better coupling to fibre



- Fibres hold by crimped capillary pipe (Ø 0.5 mm).
- Electrical connection VCSELs and PIN diode by conductive glue
- Gluing VCSELs by transparent rapid curing Araldite
- Active alignment of VCSELs
- Strip PIN diode from TO 46 housing

Geometry opto plugin



Results first plugin



Pin diode response so far 0.13 A/W

- Pin diode in TO46: 0.33 A/W, too low value possibly partly caused by ST VCSEL
- VCSELs
 - Mechanical tolerance \perp fibre +/- 10 μ m
 - Optical energy VCSEL according to specs: 1 mW @ 10 mA
 - UV glue on fibre to VCSEL acts as immersion oil =>better coupling

Optical energy from VCSELs



Response from Pin diode



Green: 40 MHz clock, TTL
Yellow: pin output into 50 Ω, 2 mV/div => 100 μA

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