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Channeling performance of bent crystals developed at CERN

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Bent crystals are a mature technology used in several applications at CERN, such as the crystal-assisted collimation system for LHC ion operation and reduction of losses during the slow extraction from the SPS by shadowing the electrostatic septum. In the future, it is planned to measure electric and magnetic dipole moments of short-lived particles with a double-crystal experiment in the LHC. To consolidate their strategic use, CERN has been equipped to produce in-house bent crystals. Each crystal is required to be fully validated before its installation by different techniques, such as metrology, X-ray diffractometry and characterization with beams. The latter can measure the bending angle, the torsion, and the channeling efficiency, which is related to crystal imperfections. In this contribution, we present the performance with beams of the first prototype bent crystals manufactured at CERN and tested during a measurement campaign in the North Area.

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