



# Calibration system with optical fibers for AHCAL

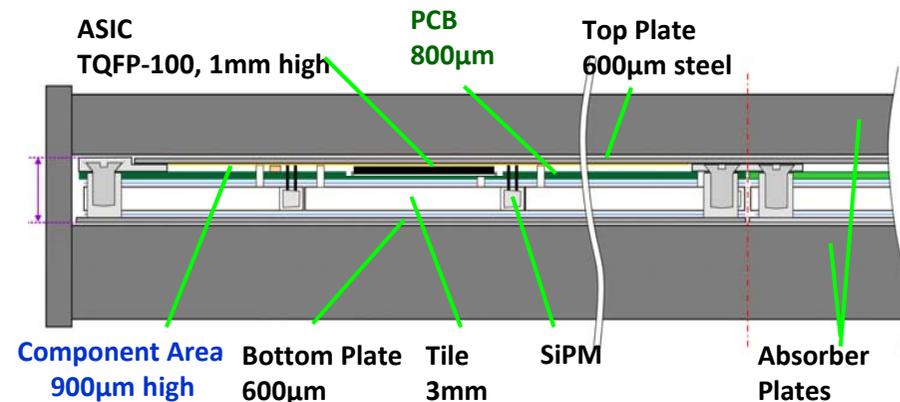
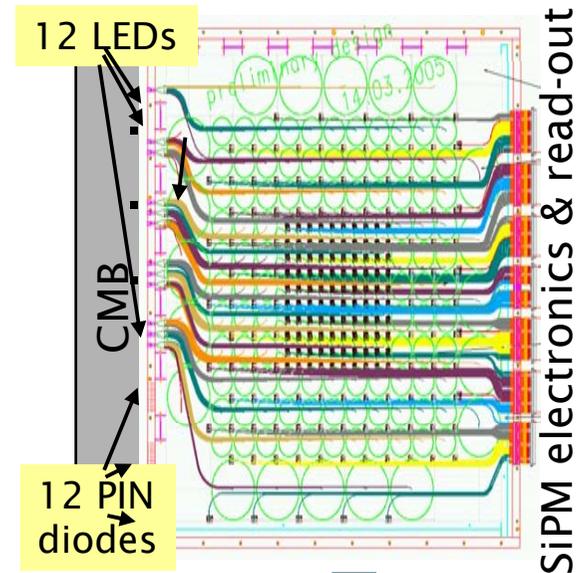
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# Introduction

## New calibration system

- EUDET prototype significantly more compact
- New ideas for the calibration system for SiPM photodetectors
- **Fixed light amplitude** - low amplitude for gain calibration (DESY)
- 1 LED above each tile
- **Tuneable** calibration light in the range 0 to 50-100 MIP (as in existing prototype) – for gain and efficiency monitoring (Prague)
- A simplified optical system: one LED → a side emitting fibre above 1 row of scintillator tiles (~ 60 tiles)

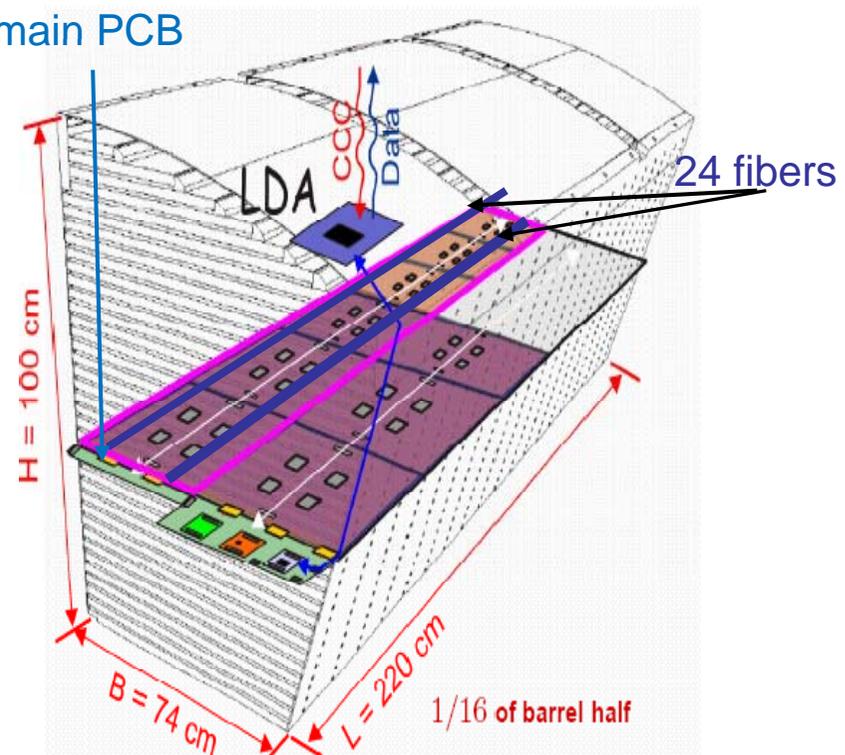


# Components of the calibration system with tuneable light

1. **QRled driver** sitting outside of the module (endcap)
2. **Development of the light distribution system** (our main effort in 2008)  
Side emitting fiber for one row of tiles

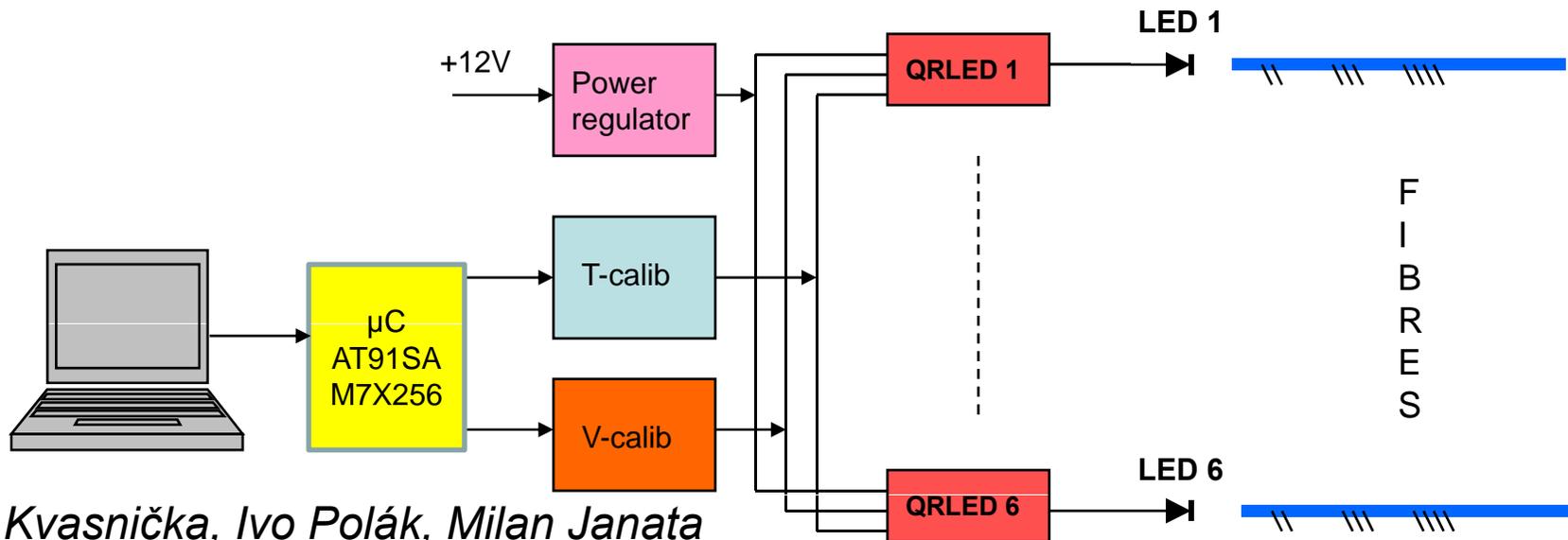
QR driver + LED

24\*3cm<sup>2</sup> area needed at the main PCB



# Multichannel LED driver

- 1 PCB with the communication module  $\mu$ C, power regulator, 6 channels of QRLED driver
- The communication module communicate with the PC via CAN bus or I2C
- The communication module controls the amplitude, LED Enables, and it monitors temperature and voltages
- LED pulse width is  $\sim 5$  ns fixed, the tunable amplitude in range up to 50-100 MIPs is controlled by the V-calib signal
- 2 LEDs can be monitored by a PIN photodiode

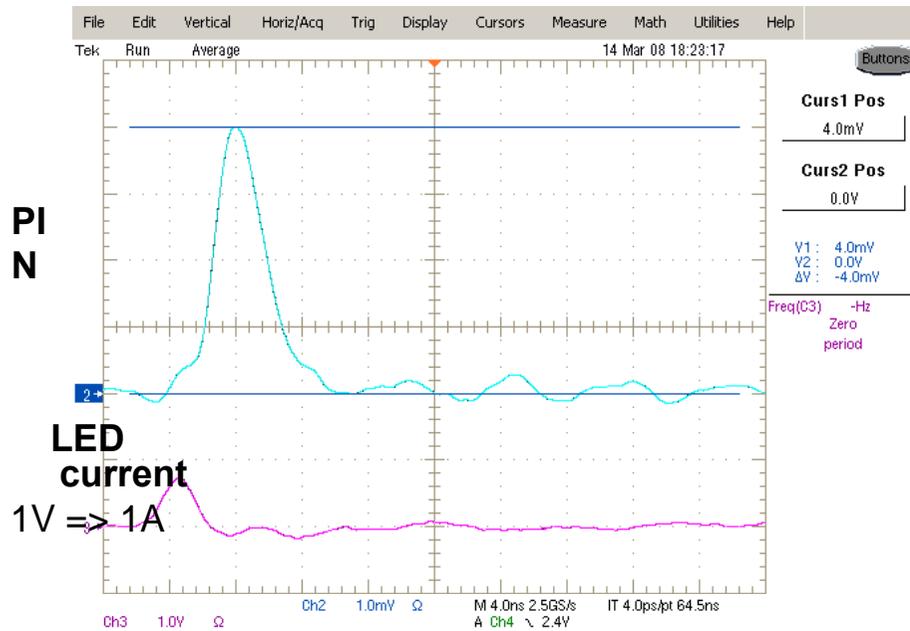


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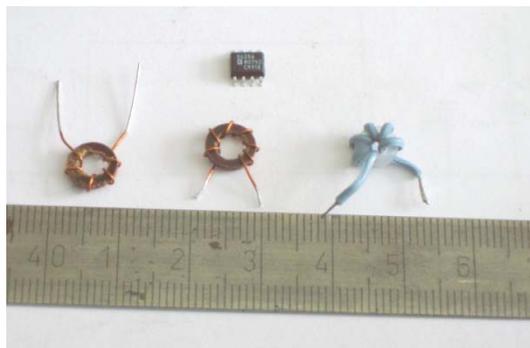
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# Test of principles with the Quasi resonant driver March 2008

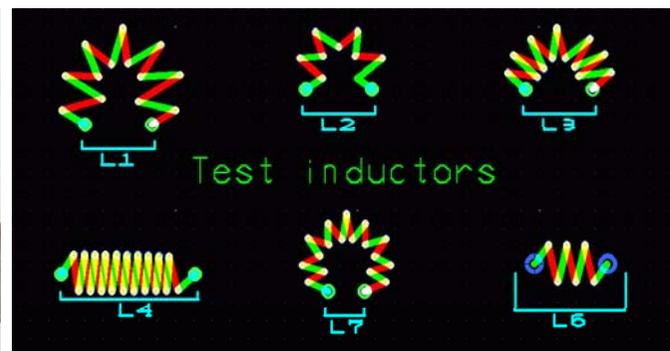


- “Plane” inductor = toroidal inductor with non-magnetic core FR4 → (less sensitivity to external interference, produces less radiation)

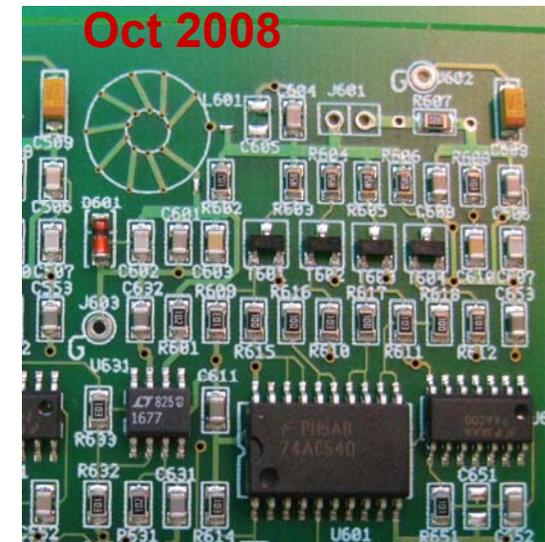
- Tuneable LED pulse amplitude
- Pulse width ~ 3 ns
- At higher LED current - afterpulsing
- Needs adjustment to different LED types



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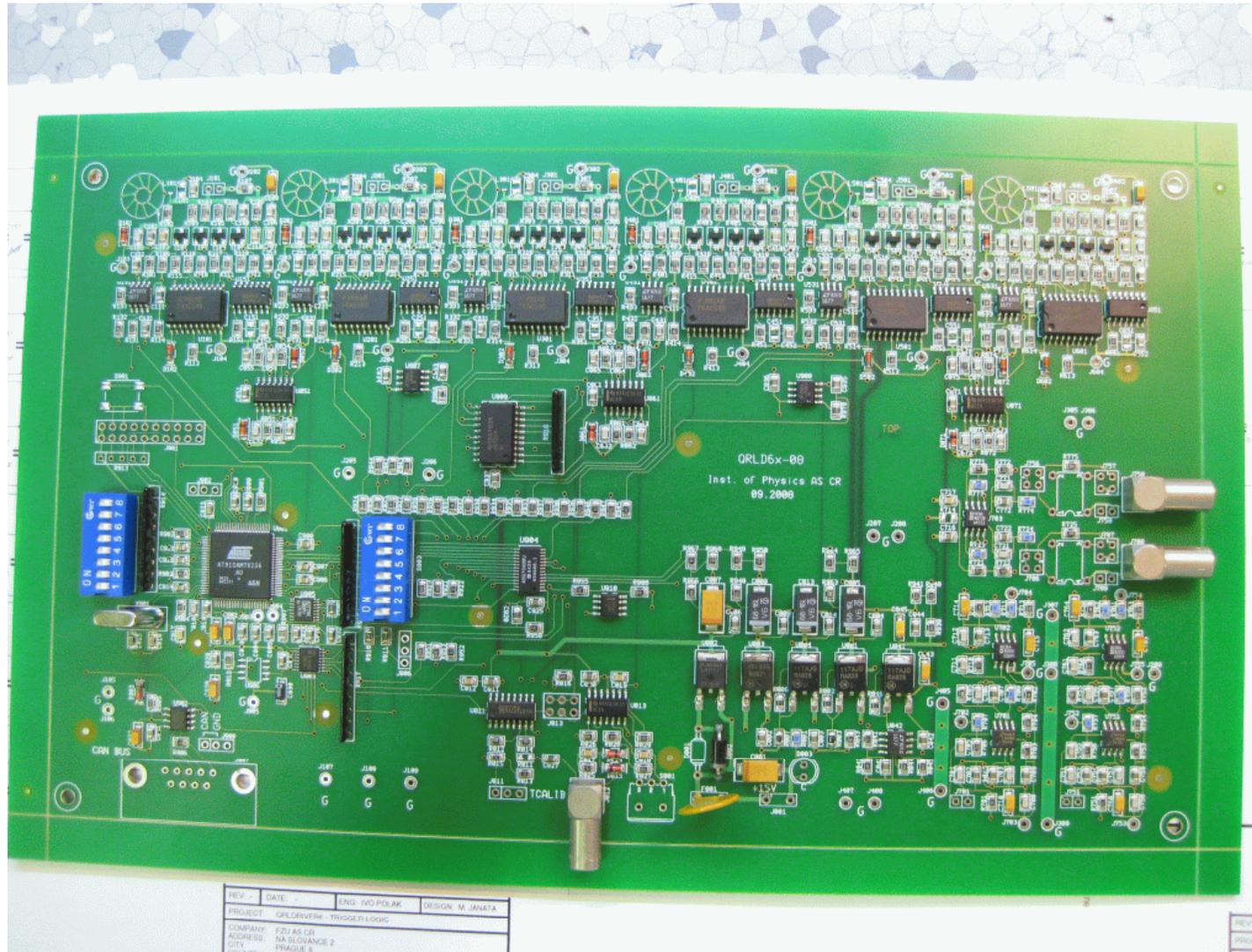
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# What was done on the prototype

- Communication module ready in June`08
- Optimization of the QRLED driver (tests of the linearity, adjustment for another LED type) - July
- Design of PCB for analogue part done in August - September
- PCB production – end of September
- One LED driver tuning - now, early October
- In parallel – innovation of the optical system
- PCB tests – October, Report – November
- **Time schedule is tough and we follow it !**

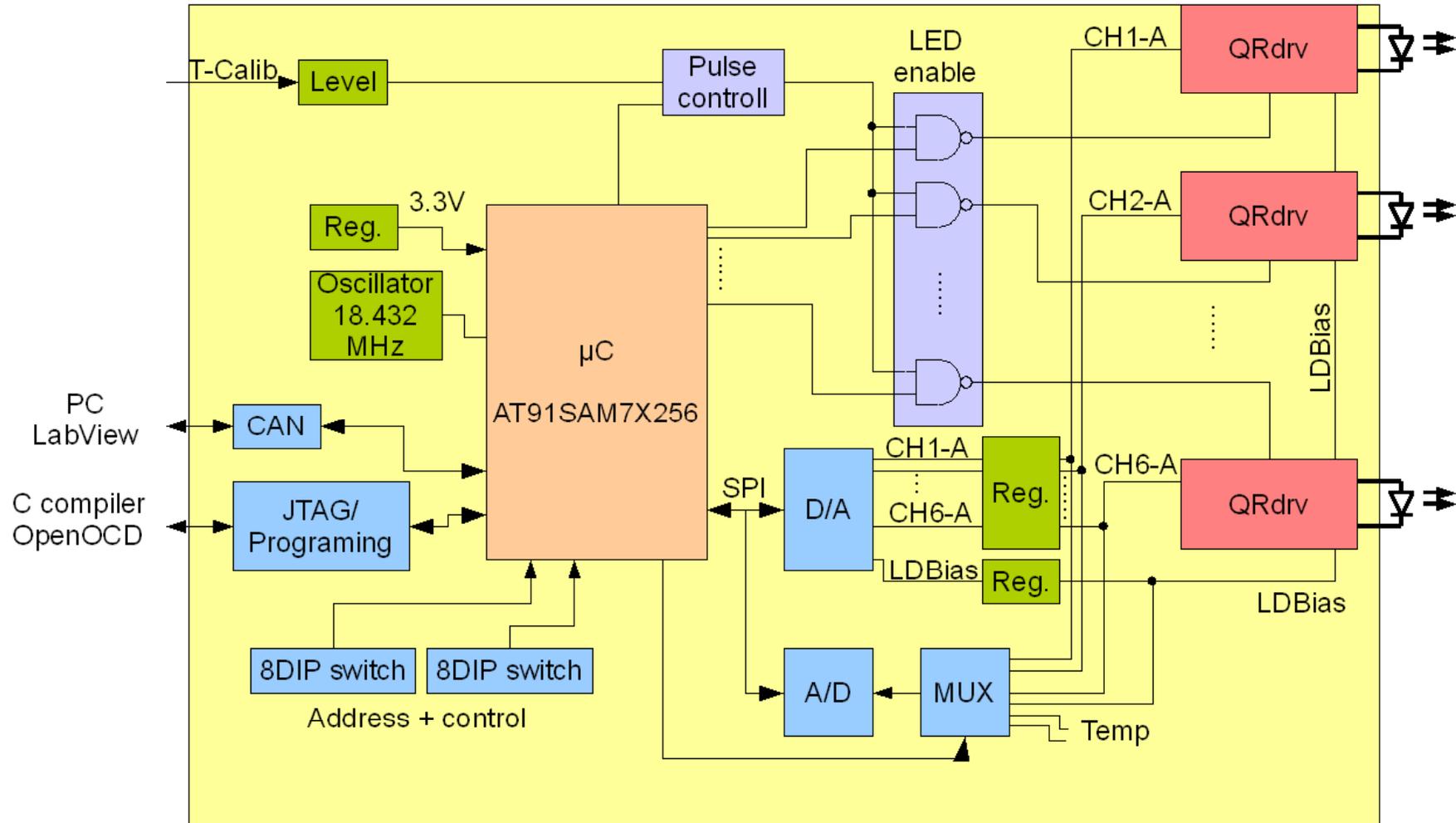
# 6-LED QR driver board



Consists:

- 6 QR LED drivers
- 2 PIN PD preamps
- CPU + comm module CANbus
- Voltage regulators
- temperature and voltage monitoring

# A block diagram of the calibrator



# Oscillograms of LED current



# Firmware to the processor, developed by Jiri Kvasnicka

- **PC software control**
  - - Built in Labview 8
  - - Communicates to CANbus using Kvaser CANlib
  - - QRLD6x prototype is controlled using a mouse-click GUI
- **GUI prototype capabilities**
  - - Connect to the CANbus
  - - Control of LED flash rate, internal rate generator
  - - Selectable enable/disable of each channel
  - - Set amplitude of each LED channel
  - - Readout of all power supply voltages, 2 temperature sensors, reference voltages and channel amplitude voltage
  - - Display history of temperature sensors with 1s update
  - - Send a direct CAN message (for debug purposes)
- **Firmware of the processor:**
  - - AT91SAM7X256 - **ARM7TDMI core**
  - - Written in pure C with arm-elf-gcc 4.2.2 compiler
  - - YAGARTO toolchain with Eclipse IDE for editing and debugging
  - - build on top of FreeRTOS Real-time operating system
  - - implemented CAN driver at interrupt level with queue message passing
  - - processes:
    - --- processing CAN commands
    - --- Multiplexer control and ADC readout
    - --- Stand-alone mode board control



# Development of the optical system

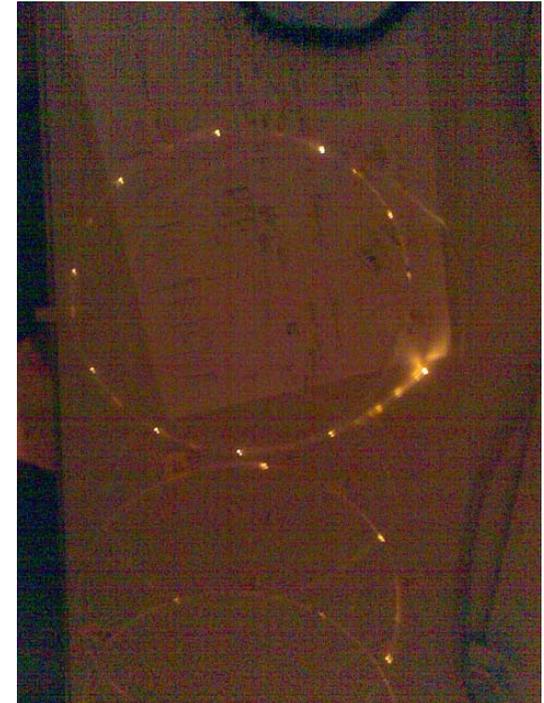
Idea: use one fibre for one row of tiles

Problems:

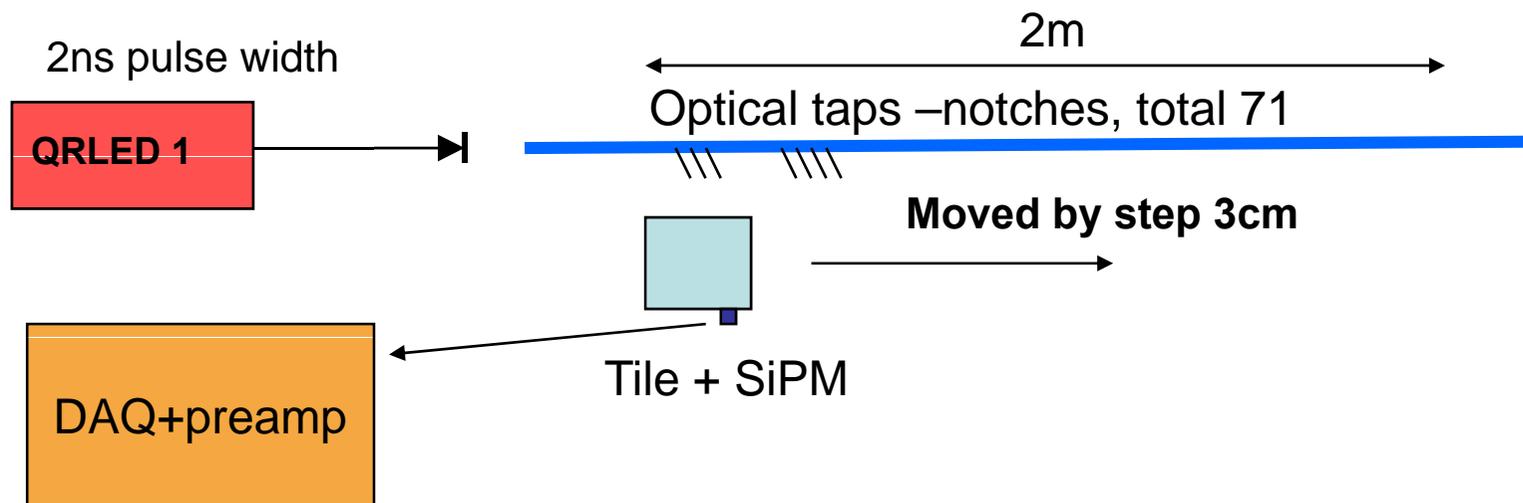
- uniformity of distributed light
- enough intensity of distributed light
- concentration of LED light into one fibre

Two fibres:

- **Side-emitting** (FiberTech SLS600 series)
  - exponential fall of intensity
  - possibilities to buy at market
- **Notched fibre** (manually produced by Safibra comp.)
  - better uniformity of distributed light
  - need to mechanize production - R&D



# Test setup for **notched** and **side-emitting** fibers

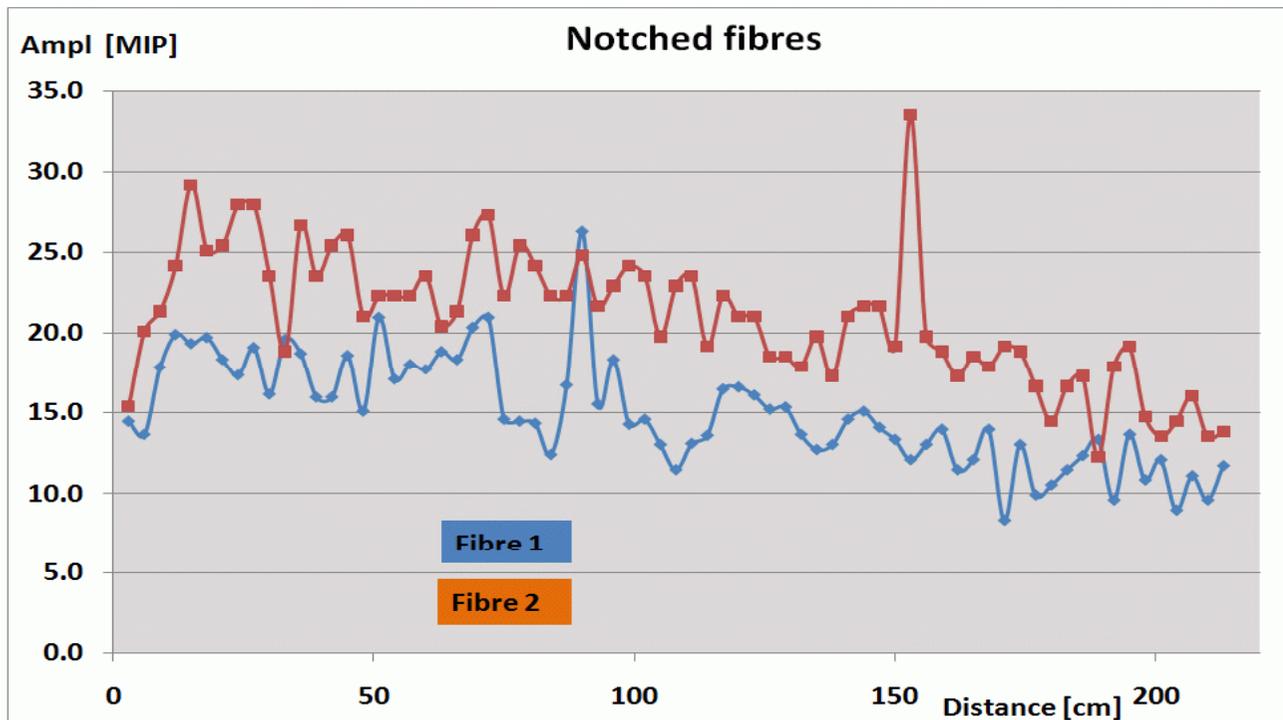
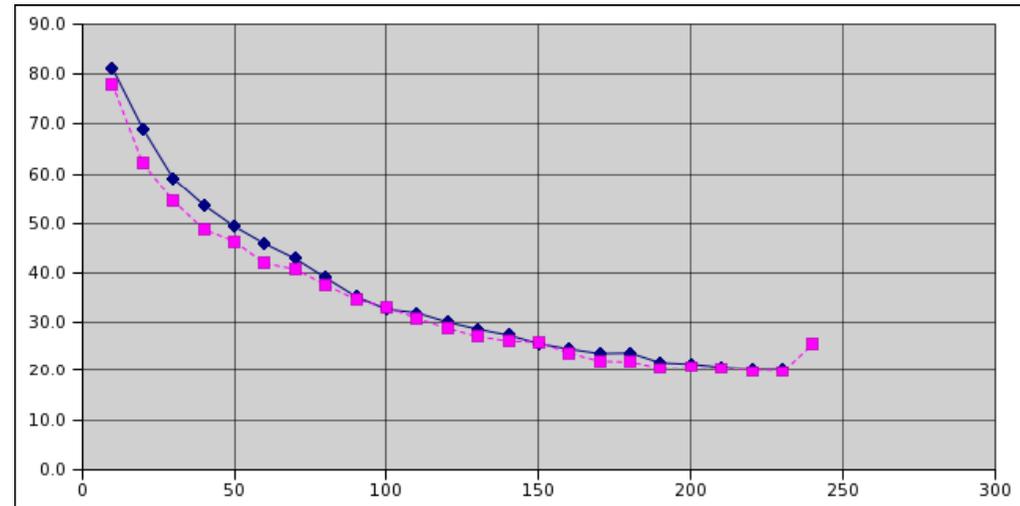


The fiber lays on the tile.

Light distribution, measured by moving scintillator with SiPM along the fiber

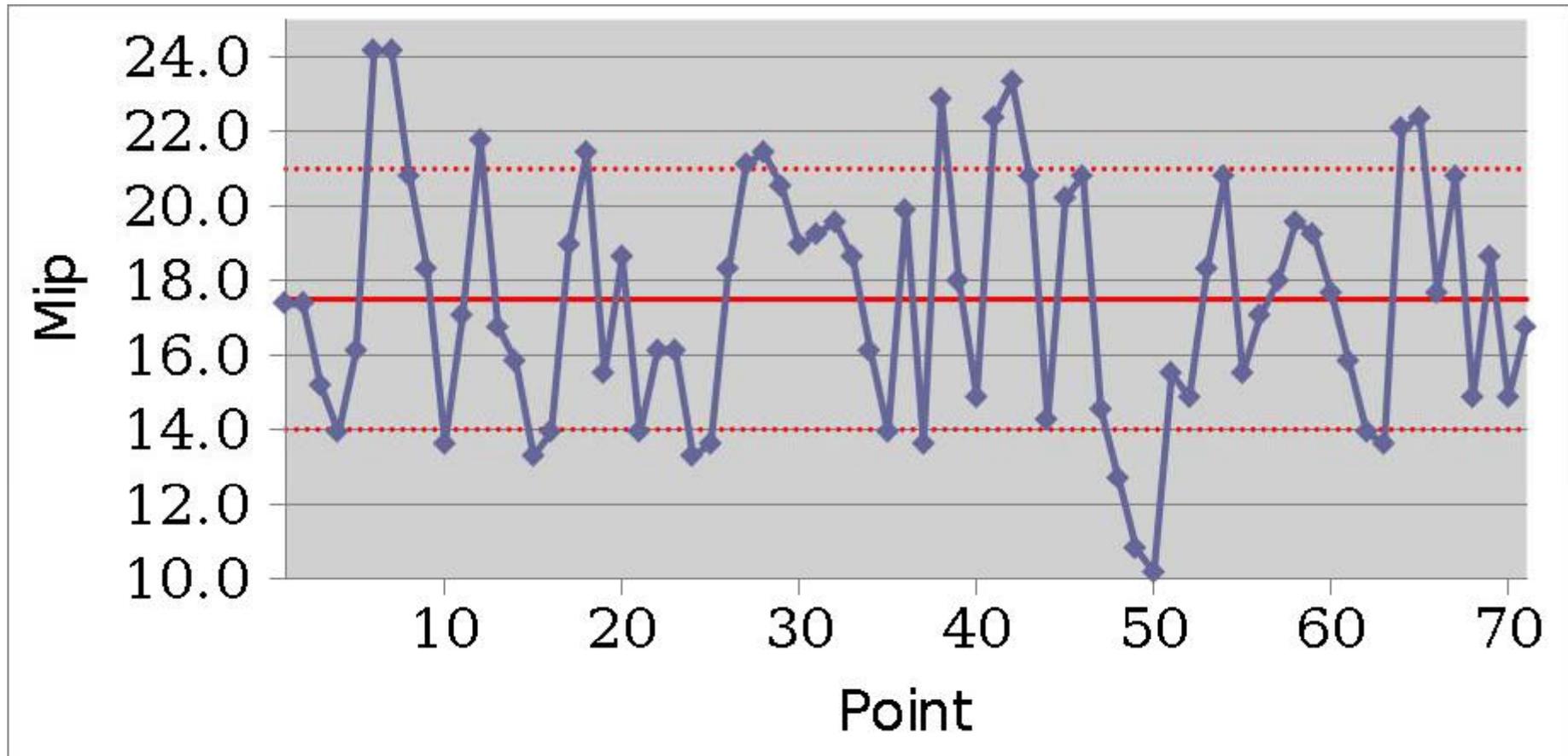
**Side-emitting fibre,**  
light declines 4-times along 2m

UV-LED 400nm, 2.5ns pulsewidth



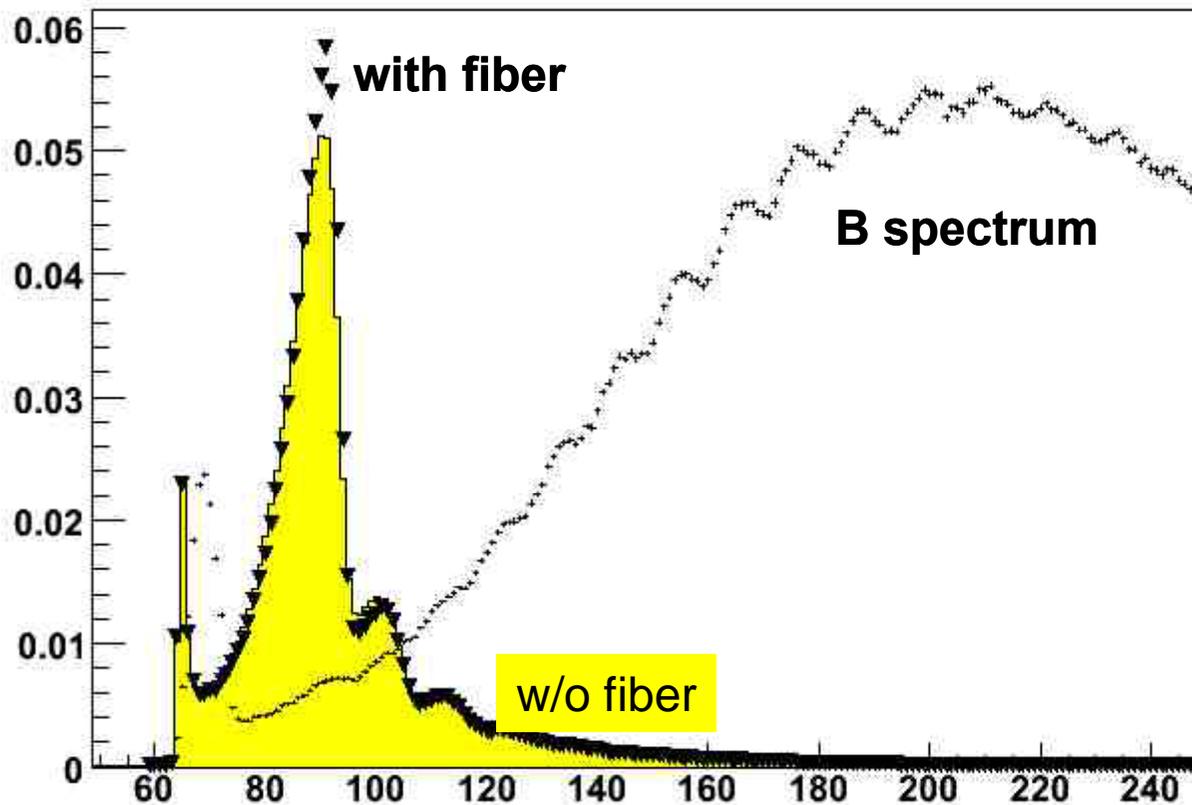
**Notched fibre,**  
a light on taps  
declines by **1.5** along 2m

# Notched fiber prototype #3



- Light output from fiber via notches uniform over all 70 points
- Approaching  $\pm 20\%$  proposed limit of light variation
- New (better) notched fiber is expected soon

# Optical X-talk on MIP $\beta$ -source



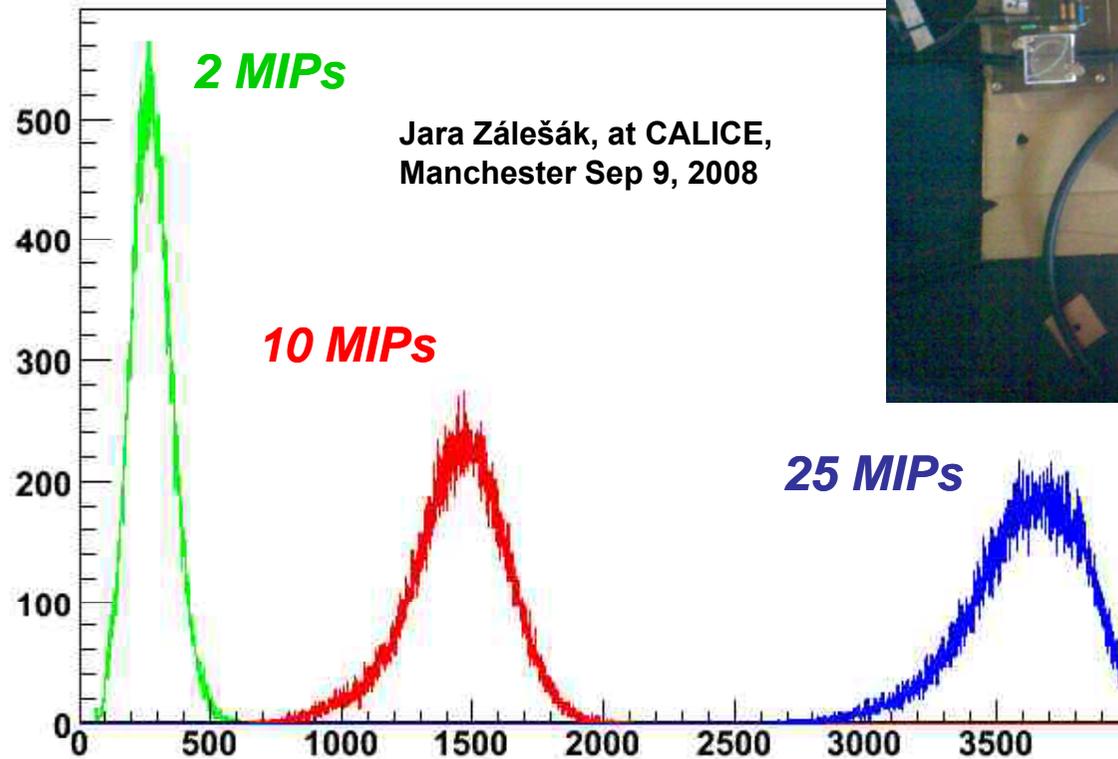
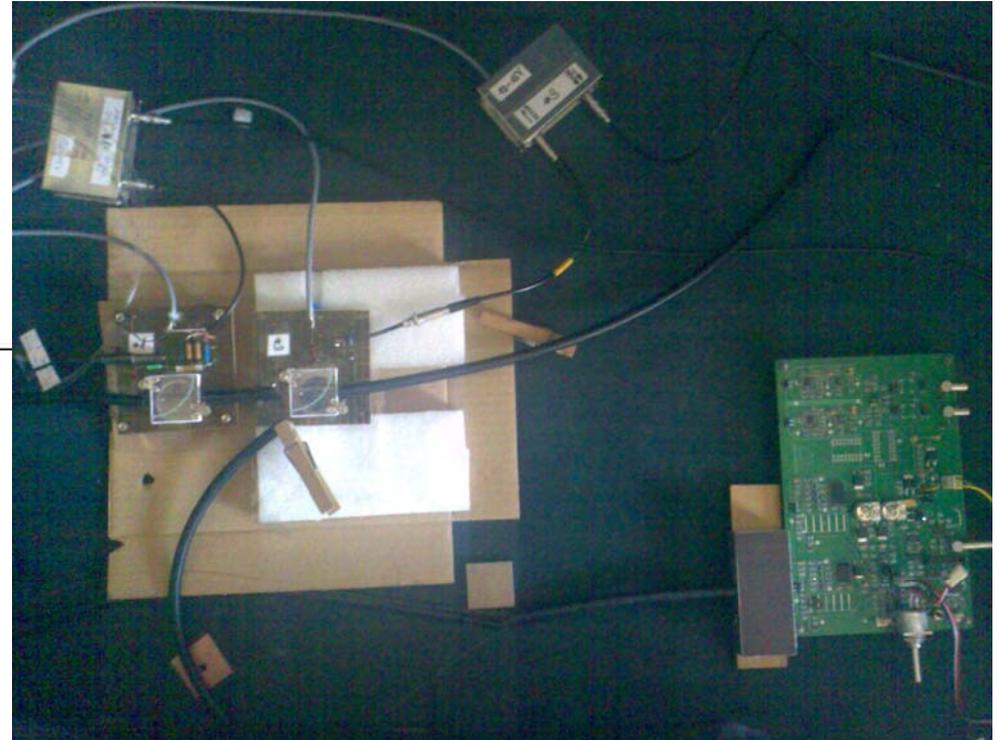
- Sr beta source to SiPM1
- triggered by coinc. w/PM
- notched fiber SiPM 1→2
- at length of 9 cm
- $\frac{1}{2}$  MIP on position 135

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- Normalized spectra w/ and w/o fiber are same
- NO optical X-talk visible for MIP beta spectra

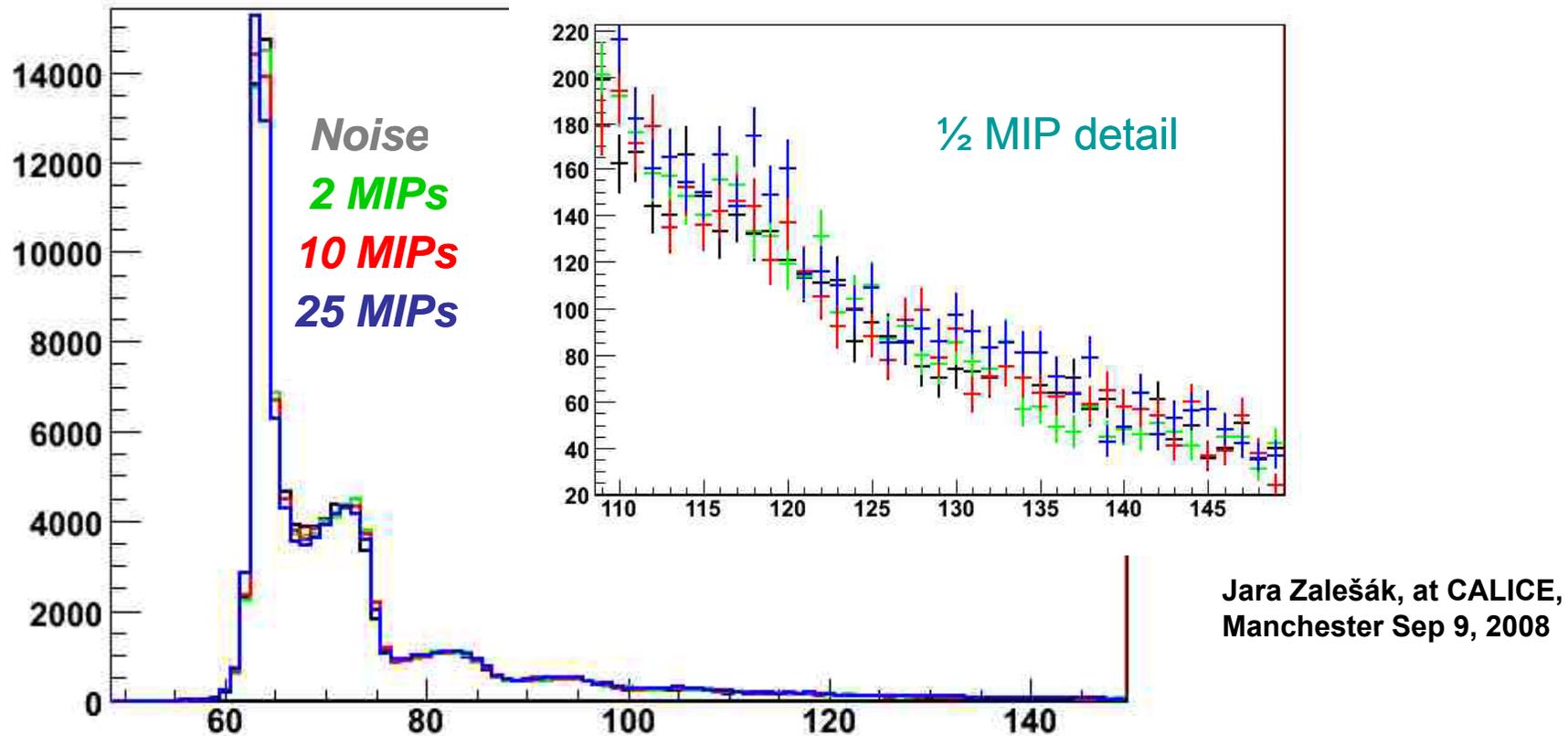
# Optical X-talk on LED light

- Much more light to tile (up to 25 Mips)
- not particle but tunable amplitude
- better triggering



- LED light to SiPM1
- notched fiber SiPM 1→2
- at length of 9 cm
- $\frac{1}{2}$  MIP on position 135

# Optical X-talk on LED light - results



- No differences in response from various amplitudes
- NO optical X-talk visible for large amount of light in tile
- no dependence on chosen pair of notches and light input direction

# Conclusions

- We designed a QR-Led driver with 6 channels and communication module – we call it multichannel LED driver (in accordance with EUDET)
- The multichannel driver has been produced on 4 layer PCB
- First tests shows good properties, very similar to previous tests with external toroidal inductors
- GUI and firmware was developed for the control of the QR-Led driver
- During October and November the tests will continue
- Report in November
- We have got and measured the fibres with the notches with reasonable homogeneity of the light output
- Room for improvement of the light homogeneity and intensity
- We do not expect optical crosstalk ( $> 1$  to  $2\%$ ) between tiles from notch coupling

# Backup slides

