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Photonic Crystal Fibers: Modeling, characterization and applications

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SHORT COURSE ON FIBER-OPTIC COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY

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Creation of the Optical Society of Tunisia (2002)



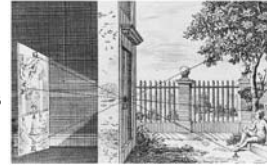
Organization of conferences, workshops and schools

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Popularization of optical phenomena in Tunisia

- Photographic workshops including conferences and trainings.
- Set up and use a *camera obscura* by means of only sheets of paper.



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Medieval refraction – Al-Haytham (X-XIth century)

- **Light is universal**
 - Light coming from the sun, reflected by the moon, emitted by fire, reflected by a mirror or focussed by a lens, is light and it undergoes the same effects and phenomena.
- **Image formed on the retina is inverted**
 - implemented the *camera obscura* (dark cabin: qamara: قمرة) to experimentally prove that rays travel in straight lines and that the image is reverted like the retinal image.
- **Names of the optical components of the eye**
 - They are indeed Ibn-Haytham's appellations: *cornea* (القرنية), *retina* (الشبكية), *Vitreous Humor* (السمائل الزجاجي), *Aqueous Humor* (السمائل المائي), etc



Diagram Illustrating Principles of the Camera Obscura, MS Illustration from a *Reform of Optics* by Kamal al-Din al-Farisi, Istanbul, Fourteenth Century

This camera offers the al-Haytham's pioneering investigation of optics, the focus of optics covered the al-Haytham's foundation of the principle underlying the phenomena of the camera obscura, familiar prototype of all photographic devices. Al-Farisi demonstrated that as objects get smaller the image they focus get sharper; he also showed that inside the device the object's image turns top to bottom and left to right. It was in probing the fundamental nature and workings of vision and of light that Ibn-Haytham's centuries-made-what are probably their most original and important findings.

Zghal, Bouali, Ben Lakhdar, Hamam, ETOP'07
<http://spie.org/etop/2007/etop07fundamentalsII.pdf>

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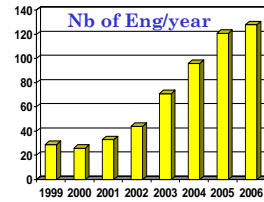
4th year

3rd year



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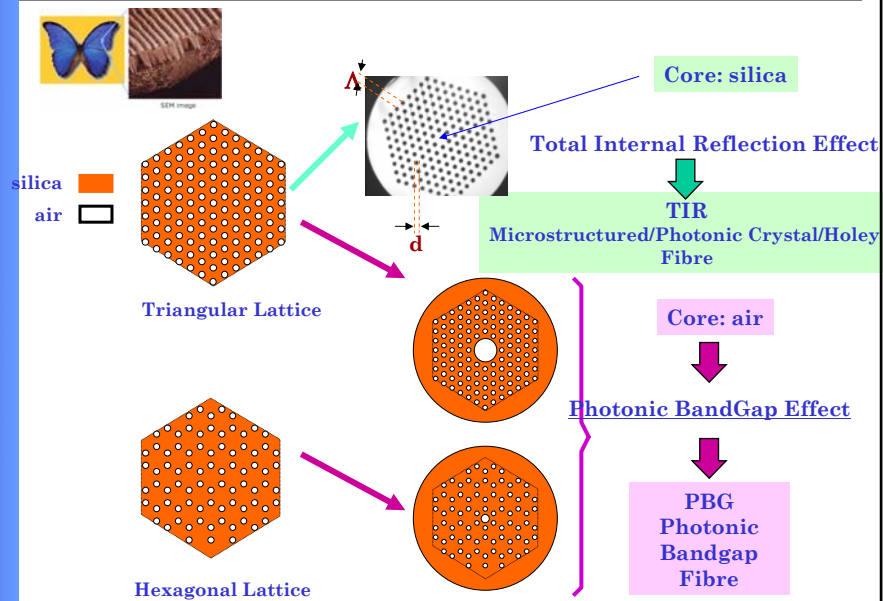
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Outline

- Photonic Crystal Fibers
- Analysis of the fundamental mode
 - Birefringence
 - Chromatic dispersion
 - Cutoff wavelength
- Applications: Supercontinuum Generation
- Conclusions



PHOTONIC CRYSTAL FIBERS



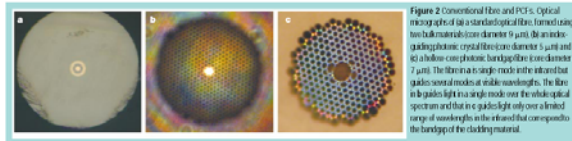
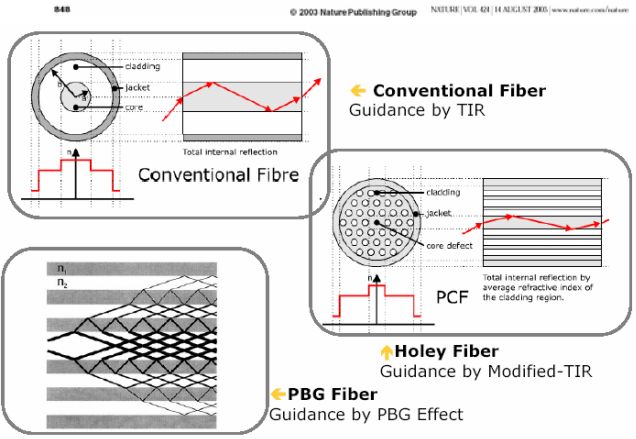


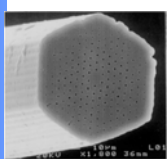
Figure 2 Conventional Fiber and PCF's. Optical micrograph (a) of a conventional fiber (refracting core) with materials (core diameter 9 μm) and cladding (refractive index 1.45) and (b) a hollow core photonic bandgap fiber (core diameter 7 μm). The fiber is a single-mode in the telecommunication spectral range. The fiber is a single-mode in the telecommunication spectral range and that is a guide light only over a limited range of wavelengths in the bandgap that corresponds to the bandgap of the cladding material.



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Holes don't need to be periodic !!!

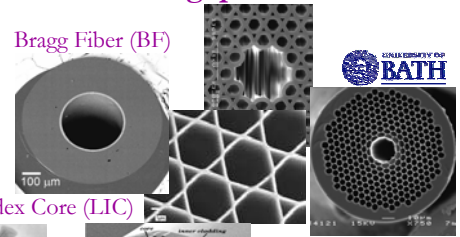
Reference: Single-Mode Photonic Band Gap Guidance of Light in Air, R. F. Cregan et al., 1999

**Solid-core
Holey Fibers**



Endlessly single-mode
 [T. A. Birks et al.,
Opt. Lett. **22**,
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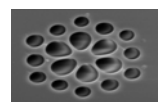
**Photonic
Bandgap Fibers**



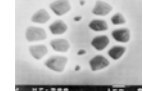
Bragg Fiber (BF)

Hollow Core (HC)

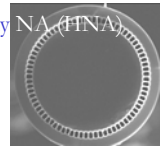
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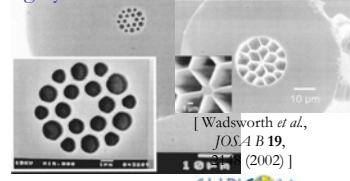
Low Index Core (LIC)



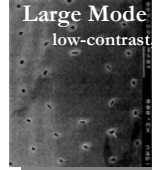
Highly NA (HNA)



Highly Nonlinear Fibers (HNL)



Large Mode Area (LMA)
low-contrast linear fiber

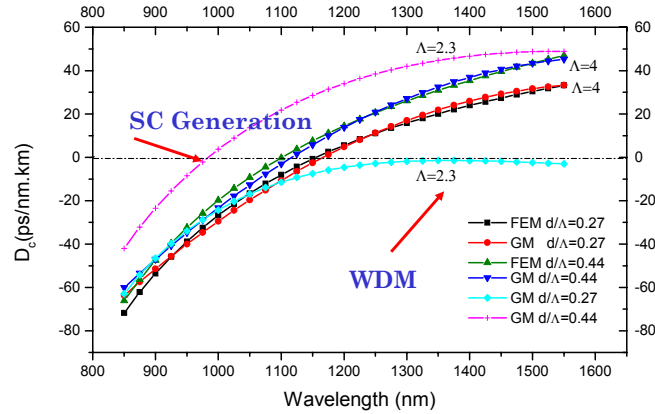


[J. C. Knight et al.,
Elec. Lett. **34**,
 1347 (1998)]

[Wadsworth et al.,
JOSA B **19**,
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Dispersion properties of PCFs

$$D = -\frac{\lambda}{c} \frac{d^2 n_{eff}}{d\lambda^2}$$



Adjust the ZDW by changing d, Λ Dispersion compensation
 Shift $\lambda_0 \rightarrow$ Short λ Pulse compression

Zghal, Chatta, Bahloul, Attia, Pagnoux, Roy, Melin, Gasca, *SPIE Proc.* Vol. 5524, 313-322, (2004)

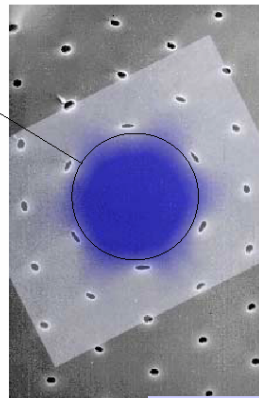
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Very large mode area fibre in the blue

- core diameter 22 microns
 - blue (458 nm) mode
- core area ~20 times larger than possible in conventional fibre
 - control of index better than ~20 ppm would be required in MCVD
- high power applications:
 - advanced telecommunications
 - fibre lasers & amplifiers
 - laser machining
 - laser surgery

$d = 1\mu\text{m}$
 $\Lambda = 11\mu\text{m}$



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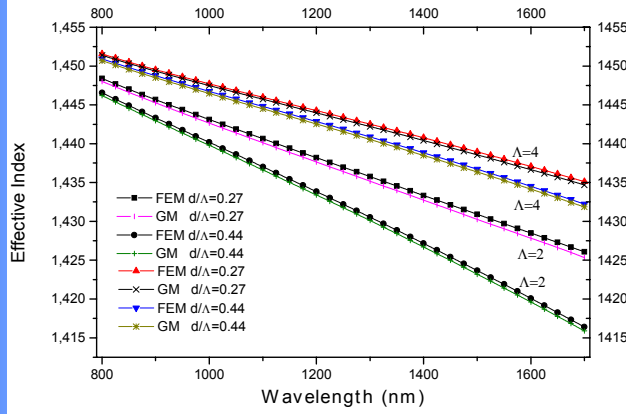
Knight et al, *Electron. Lett.* 34 (1347-1348) 1998



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Effective Index computed by FEM, GM for different d/Λ at Different λ.



$$V = \frac{\pi D}{\lambda} (n_{core}^2 - n_{clad}^2)^{1/2}$$

$$n_{eff} \nearrow \quad \lambda \searrow$$

So cladding dispersion helps fibre to remain single-mode, over an infinite frequency range

Endlessly Singlemode

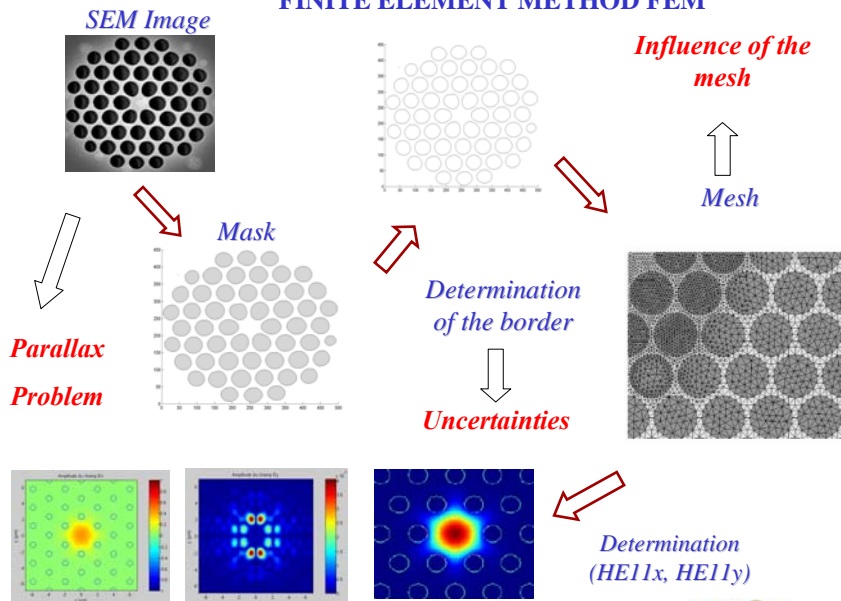
Strong variation of the effective index Vs wavelength for large d/Λ

Zghal, Chatta, Bahloul, Attia, Pagnoux, Roy, Melin, Gasca, SPIE Proc. Vol. 5524, 313-322, (2004)

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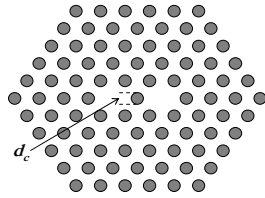
FINITE ELEMENT METHOD FEM



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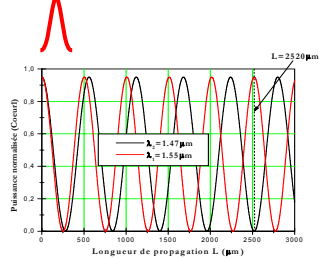
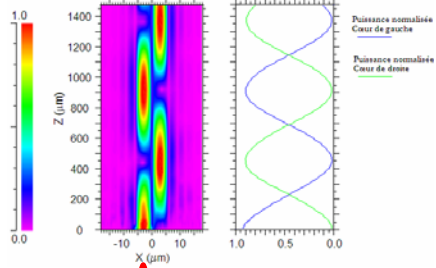


Wavelength /Polarisation splitter



Dual core PCF

$d_c=0.5\mu\text{m}, A=2.5\mu\text{m}, d=1.2\mu\text{m}$
 $\lambda_1=1.55\mu\text{m} \Rightarrow L_c=252\mu\text{m}$
 $\lambda_2=1.47\mu\text{m} \Rightarrow L_c=280\mu\text{m}$



Zghal, Cherif, Bahloul, *Optical Engineering*, 46, (9), 2007

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BIREFRINGENCE

Measurements show that regular PCF can show High Birefringence



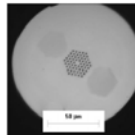
$\pi/3$ Symmetry

Phase Biref : $B_\varphi \quad \beta_x - \beta_y = 0$

Groupe Biref (B_g) : $B_g = B_\varphi - \lambda \frac{dB_\varphi}{d\lambda}$

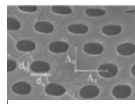
BIREFRINGENCE

Stress



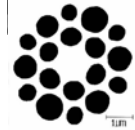
$\Rightarrow B_{\varphi_1} = 9,3e-5$

Shape distortion



$\Rightarrow B_{\varphi_2} = 4,4e-4$

Regular geometry



$\Rightarrow B_{\varphi_3} = 1e-3$

$B_{\varphi_1} \text{ et } B_{\varphi_2} < B_{\varphi_3}$

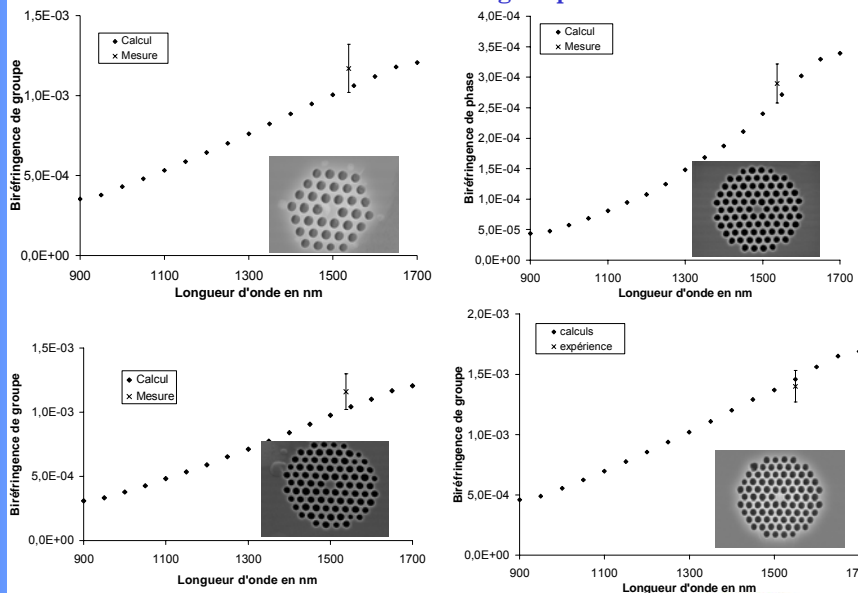
Origin of B_{φ_3} ?

Shape ? Stress ?

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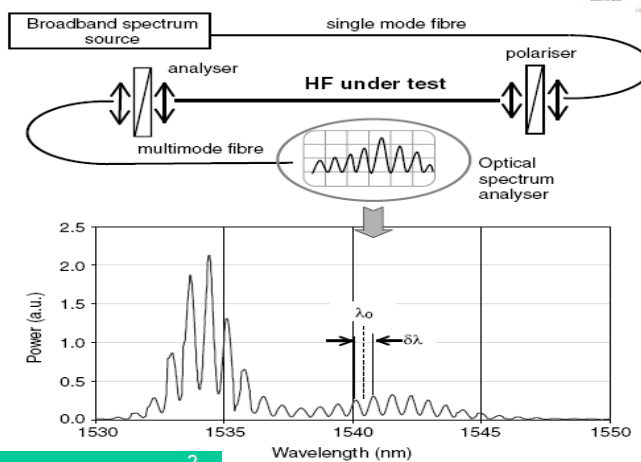
Measured and calculated group Biref.



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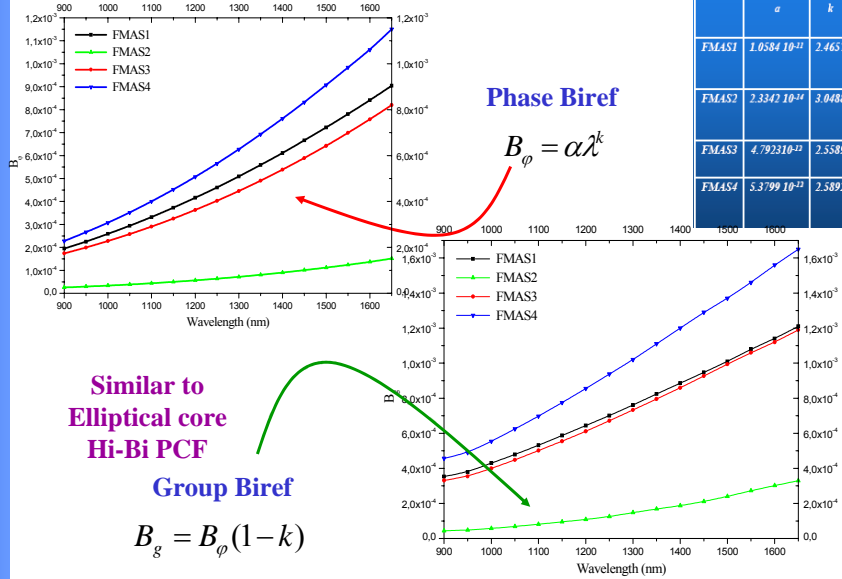
Experimental Study of the birefringence



$$\Delta N_g = B_G = B - \lambda \frac{dB}{d\lambda} = \frac{2}{L} \frac{\lambda_0^2}{\delta\lambda}$$

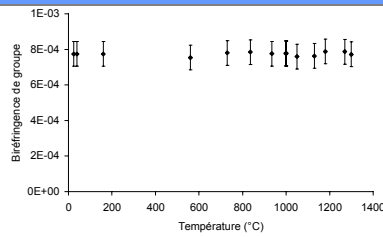
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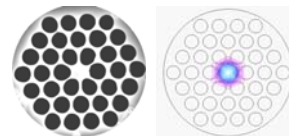
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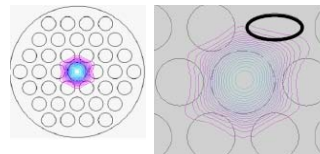
Effect of temperature (stress)

- Inner Stress influence: Negligible variation with T
- Strong influence of the geometry (shape)
- Careful control of the manufacturing process (1st corona)



Real structure $B = 1.37 \cdot 10^{-5}$

Slight geometrical imperfections



Shape defect: Elliptical hole

1st corona: $B = 7.95 \cdot 10^{-4}$

2nd corona: $B = 1.4 \cdot 10^{-5}$

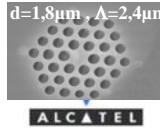
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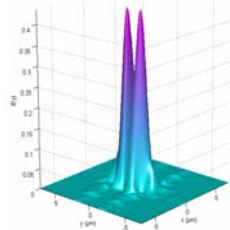


Determination of the cut-off wavelength of PCFs

$d/\Lambda=0,75$



- NL processes in PCF with a small core surrounded by rings of large holes
- ZDW shifted toward short λ
- The endlessly single-mode condition not fulfilled
- A cutoff λ must be precisely determined

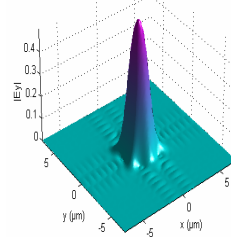


$\lambda = 0,98 \mu\text{m}$

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❖ Based on the measurement of higher-order modes' differential loss versus the fiber bending radius

❖ Higher-order modes in High NA PCF are much less sensitive to bending than in SMF



$\lambda = 1.55 \mu\text{m}$

Labonté, Pagnoux, Roy, Bahloul, Zghal, Melin, Burov, Renversez, *Optics Letters*, 31, (12), 1779, (2006)



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Fundamental mode @ 1550 nm

TE01 mode @ 835 nm

Avec calcul analytique :

$$D(\lambda) = 10 \log \left[\frac{2A_1}{A_c - 2A_1} \right] = -16.4\text{dB}$$

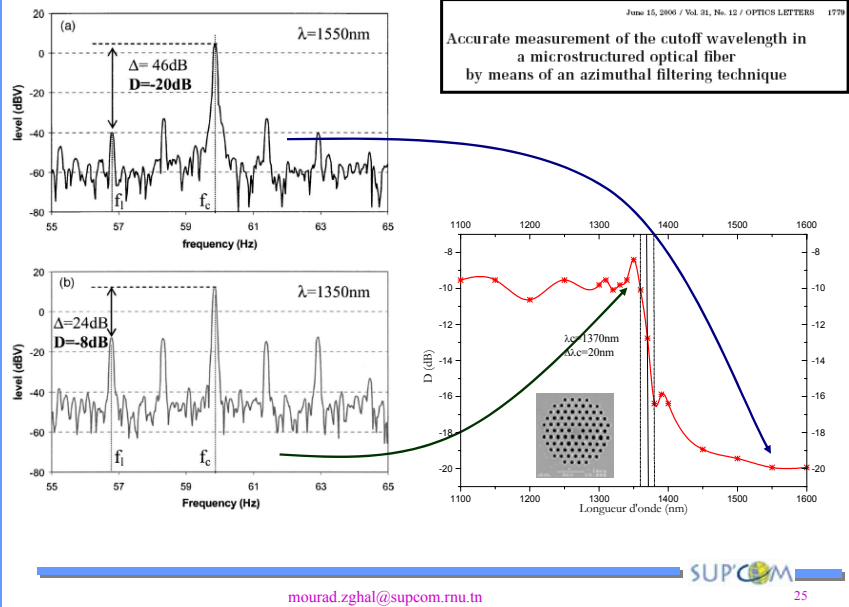
Evolution de D

Puissance transmise

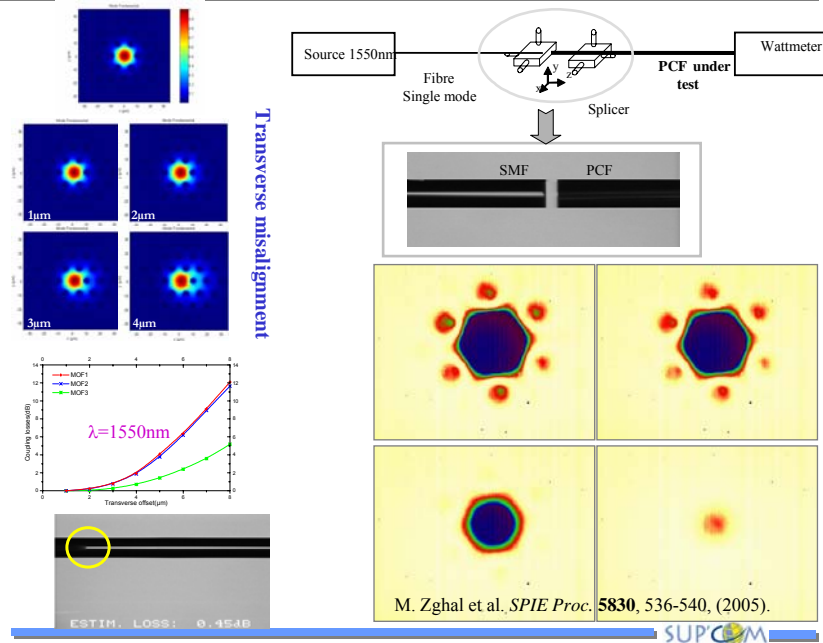
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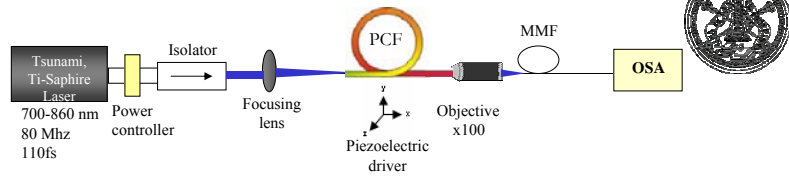


CUT-OFF WAVELENGTH

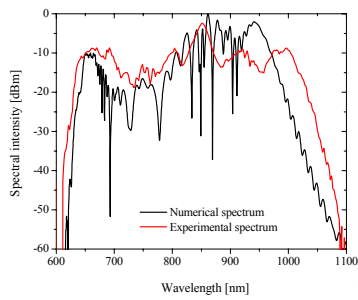


LOSS MEASUREMENTS





Pumping wavelength = 805nm



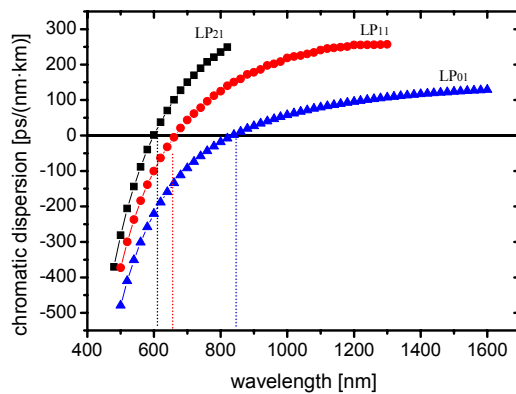
Continuum is quite beautiful!

Normal dispersion regime: SPM is leading to a ultra-wide symmetric spectral broadening.

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$\lambda_{ZD,01} = 840 \text{ nm}$

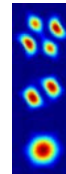
$\lambda_{ZD,11} = 660 \text{ nm}$

$\lambda_{ZD,21} = 600 \text{ nm}$

$A_{eff} = 3.82 \mu\text{m}^2$

$A_{eff} = 3.26 \mu\text{m}^2$

$A_{eff} = 3.46 \mu\text{m}^2$



$\lambda_{cut-off,11} \cong 1300 \text{ nm}$

$\lambda_{cut-off,21} = 830 \text{ nm}$

The PCF presents a wide range of wavelengths in which the LP₀₁ mode experiences normal dispersion, whereas LP₁₁ and LP₂₁ propagate in the anomalous dispersion regime.

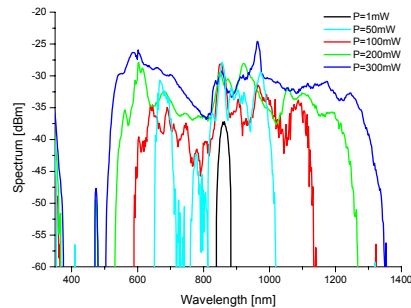
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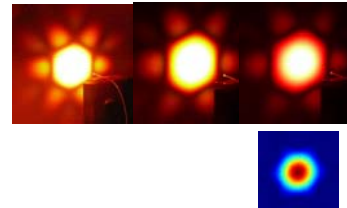
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Pump wavelength **850 nm** → Anomalous dispersion regime of the fundamental mode



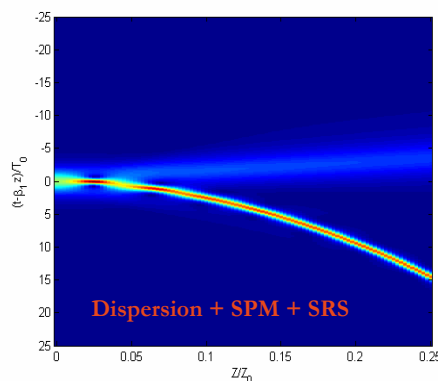
Far field with decrease of power from left to right



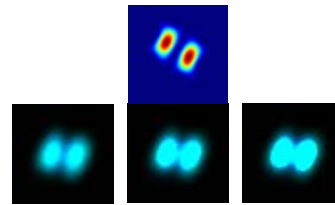
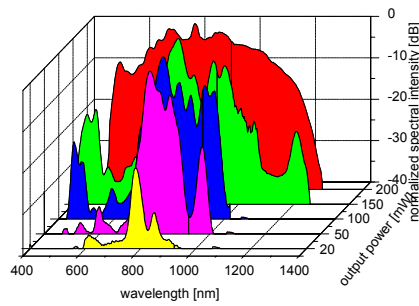
- At 50 mW: the peak around 920 nm is the first soliton formed and subsequently self-frequency shifted to longer wavelengths as the pumping power is increased.
- Dispersive wave generated in the blue side of the spectrum.

Generalized Nonlinear Schrödinger Equation (Standard NLSE)

$$\frac{\partial U}{\partial z} = \underbrace{-\frac{\alpha}{2} U}_{\text{Loss}} - \sum_{m \geq 2} \underbrace{\frac{j^{m-1} \beta_m}{m!} \frac{\partial^m U}{\partial t^m}}_{\text{Dispersion}} + \underbrace{j\gamma \left(1 + \frac{j}{\omega_0} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \right)}_{\text{Kerr}} \times \left(U(z, t) \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \underbrace{R(t') |U(z, t-t')|^2 dt'}_{\text{Stimulated Raman Scattering}} \right)$$

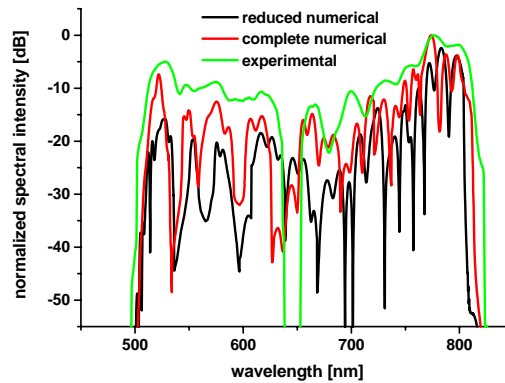
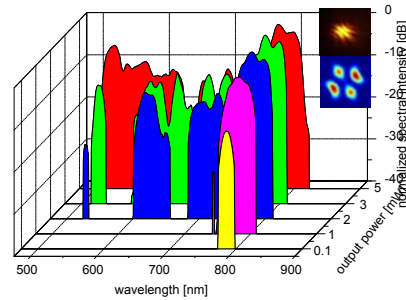


- For short distances the spectrum exhibits features due to SPM.
- The soliton is further red-shifted due to SRS.



increasing power

- The zero dispersion is around 600 nm
- The cut-off wavelength of LP_{21} is around 830 nm \rightarrow no propagation above the cut-off wavelength



- The cut-off wavelength for the higher-order modes sets a limit to the spectral broadening on the long-wavelength side.
- the impossibility for the spectrum to broaden to the red side does not halt the generation of a continuum on the blue side.
- The effects of Raman and self-steepening play a negligible role in the observed spectral broadening.
- The effect of higher-order linear dispersion is predominant

PCF concept is having major impact on:

- Fiber optics itself, Non-silica fibers, Dispersion control
- Fiber lasers & amplifiers
- Improved Fiber sensors
 - Dynamic Pressure Sensing Study Using Photonic Crystal Fiber: Application to Tsunami Sensing
Yogesh Subhash Shinde and Harneet Kaur Gahir
- Nonlinear optics: SC generation, Solitons at new frequencies, Fsec pulses in hollow core
- Particle, atom & molecule guidance : Trapping, transport and manipulation possible
- Improved Gas-laser interactions

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RETHINK DEVICE APPLICATIONS OF FIBERS
 (Anything you can do PCF can do better)

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