

Refractive index distribution of polarization-maintaining fiber core



AI Overview

The core of a polarization-maintaining (PM) fiber exhibits an asymmetric refractive index distribution, designed to create high birefringence and maintain linear polarization along two orthogonal axes.

Core Refractive Index Profile

In PM fibers, the refractive index of the core is not perfectly circularly symmetric. This asymmetry can be achieved either geometrically, such as with an elliptical core or cladding, or through stress-induced birefringence using stress-applying parts (SAPs) embedded in the cladding, as in PANDA or Bow-tie designs. The refractive index along the slow axis (parallel to the SAPs) is slightly higher than along the fast axis (perpendicular to the SAPs), causing light polarized along these axes to propagate at different phase velocities. This difference in refractive index is responsible for the fiber's high birefringence.

Measurement and Retrieval Techniques

The refractive index distribution can be experimentally retrieved using interferometric methods. For example, a PM fiber can be immersed in a matching fluid and placed in a Mach-Zehnder interferometer. By scanning a transverse beam across the fiber cross-section and analyzing the resulting interferograms, the optical phase variations caused by the fiber can be extracted. Adaptive algorithms are then used to adjust the refractive index values in a model until the calculated optical pha...

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Side-pit fibers incorporate two pits of refractive index less than the cladding index, on each side of the central core.

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A displacement sensor based on polarization-maintaining fiber has been proposed and proved in experiment. The polarization

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T. Okoshi and K. Oyamada, "Single-polarization single-mode optical fiber with refractive-index pits on both sides of the core,"

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The fiber features a simple structure with a perforated core, designed using a particle swarm optimization (PSO)

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Regular circular-core optical fibers have very low birefringence (refractive index dependence on polarization), and the guided light

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The polarization extinction ratio of light coming out of a polarization-maintaining fiber may be lower than that at the fiber input. This

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The fiber employs two placed low-index inclusions to lift modal degeneracy and achieve strong birefringence while

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Introduction A single-mode fiber with a circularly symmetric cross-section does not exhibit birefringence, meaning that the effective

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Abstract A macehead-shaped bent polarization-maintaining fiber-based interferometric sensing structure called MBPIS

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Abstract We propose polarization-maintaining few-mode elliptical hollow-core optical fibers with simple triple-layer

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We present the theoretical study of polarization-maintaining multi-core few-mode fiber (PM MC-FMF) with a cladding

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The fiber may be geometrically asymmetric or have a refractive index profile which is asymmetric such as the design using an

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Abstract: In this study, we propose a polarization-maintaining few-mode fiber (PM-FMF) with a uniform doping

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In this paper, the cross-section images, of two different types of polarization maintaining (PM) optical fibers, are employed to estimate

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Polarization-maintaining fibers and their applications

Characterization methods on beat length, mode coupling, stress distribution, and mechanical strength are presented in Section V.

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Polarizationâ maintaining Fiber Optics

Fiber port clusters are compact optomechanical units that combine or split the radiation from one or more polarization-maintaining

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Method for nonlinear refractive index estimation in photonic crystal fibers

The other 2 mentioned methods allow a qualitatively good estimation of only when pump wavelength is close to the zero-dispersion

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Abstract The development of theoretical and experimental method for the characterization of Polarization Maintaining Photonic

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Polarization maintaining fibers (PMFs) achieve their functionality through controlled birefringence, which introduces a systematic

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Simultaneous inspection of the above-mentioned parameters of fiber constitutes novel approach to fiber technology

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