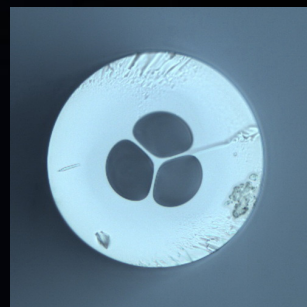
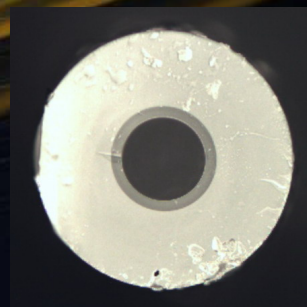
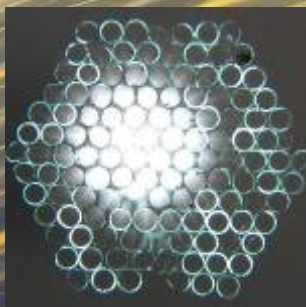




# Optická vlákna a vláknové senzory

Ústav fotoniky a elektroniky, AVČR, v.v.i.

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# Ústav fotoniky a elektroniky AV ČR, v.v.i.



- součást **Akademie věd ČR** = základní výzkum, neuniverzitní
- středně velký ústav (cca 100 zaměstnanců)

## VÝZKUM:

- **fotonika** (optické senzory, vlnovodná fotonika, **optická vlákna**)
- měření (správa etalonu) přesného času, syntéza řeči

# Outline

## Fiber-optic sensors

- \* general consideration
- \* materials, structures, coatings
- \* processing and accessories
- \* examples

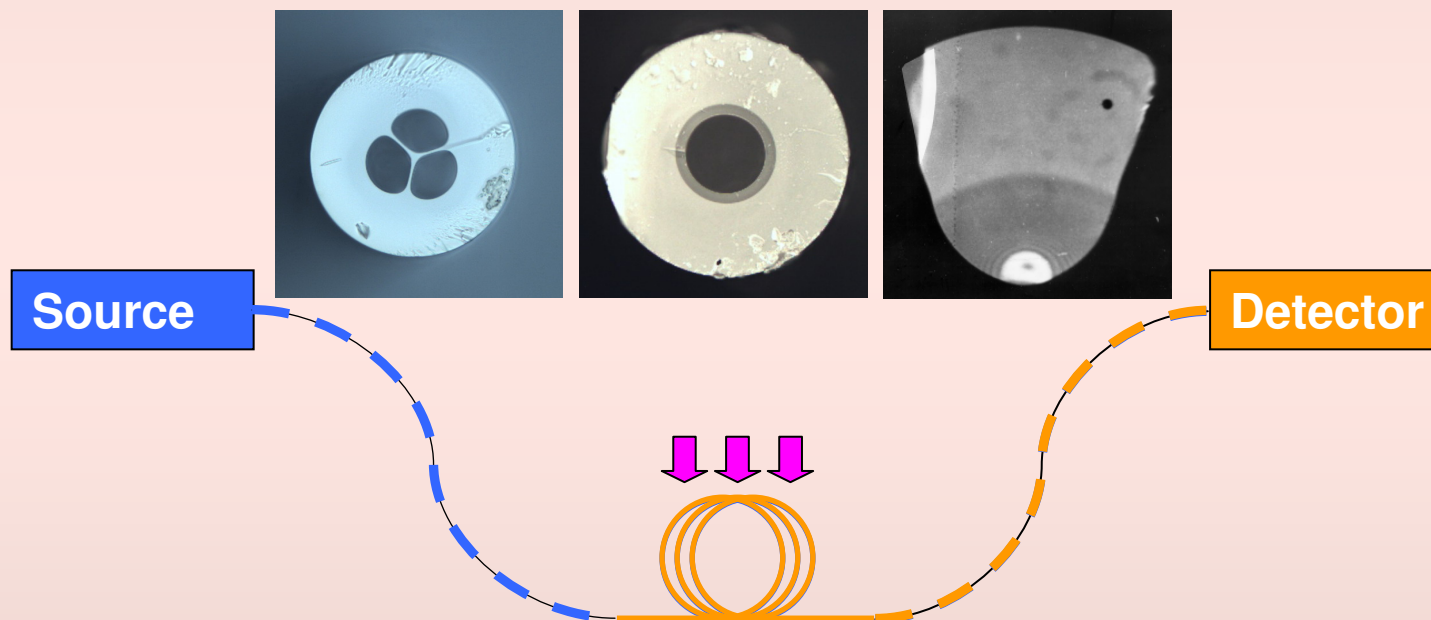
## Summary

- LABO
- \* local pH detection
  - \* gas sensing (angular distribution meas.)
  - \* fluorimeter Jobin-Yvon
  - \* decladding, cleaving, splicing



# Fiber-optic SENSORS

Continual reversible monitoring of (bio)chemical species and their concentration



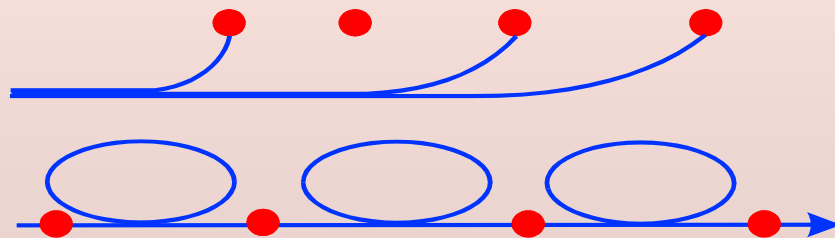
**Change of output optical signal due to (bio)chemical changes in fiber vicinity.**

# Environmental monitoring, medicine, biology, homeland security ... SENSORS

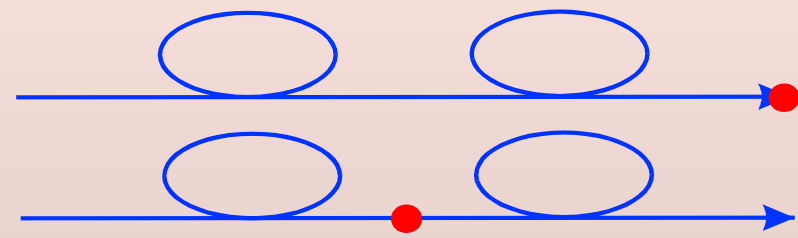
- + Remote sensing
- + **Distributed or micro**
- + **Explosive, high-voltage areas, human body**

**Solution : fiber-optic sensors**

**Multipoint (distributed) detection**



**Point detection**



# Optical SENSOR consideration

## Requirements:

- sensitivity - LOD
- selectivity
- reproducibility
- dynamics - time response
- reliability-stability ...

■ **Method** : optical (fluorescence...)

## ■ Optics & chemistry

- 1. **Planar / fiber-optic**
- 2. **Transducer & immobilization**
- 3. **Spectral range**
- 4. **Structure OF**
- 5. **Implementation**

■ **Feasibility ?? \***

■ **Expected utilization**  
(market)

■ **Price**

\* **Parkinson** : The more complicated system, the higher probability of its failure.

\*\* **Murphy** : What can go wrong, it will.

# Optical HW consideration

- **METHOD** (absorption, fluorescence, refractometry...) and chemistry =>
- **SPECTRAL RANGE** : UV << VIS+NIR >> IR
  - + compatibility with conventional fiber optics
  - + availability of HW of acceptable price
  - + low optical losses
- **STRUCTURE** : MM (multimode)
  - + larger core & higher NA => cheap components
  - + robustness => easy handling, processing

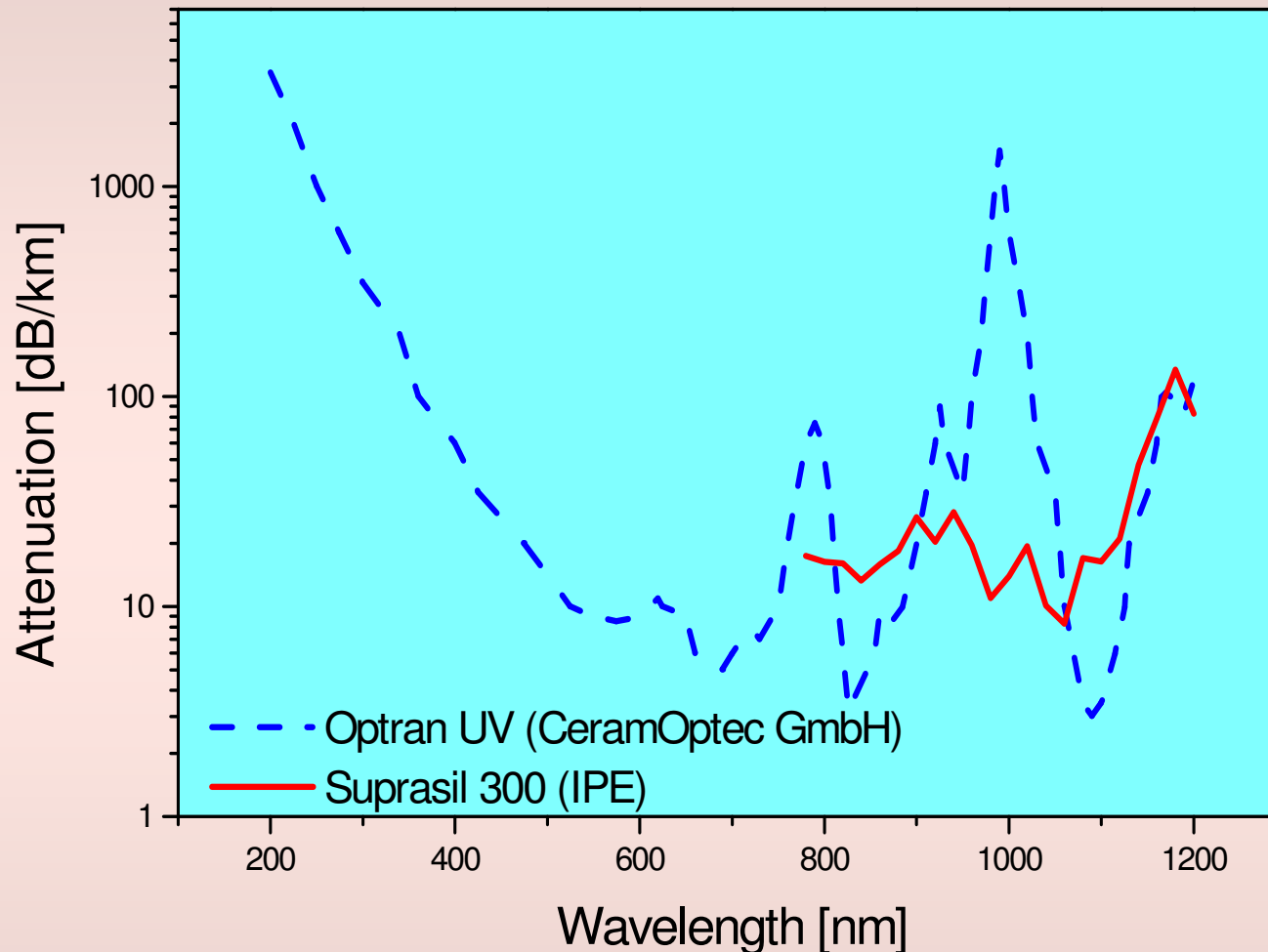
# Optical HW requirements

- **Durability** to the analyte
  - (glasses > polymers > crystals)
- High **transparency** in a wide spectral range
  - (VIS-NIR > UV and IR)
- Suitable **refractive index**
- Common **availability** of optical hw
  - (conventional > special; VIS-NIR > UV & IR)

⇒ Material & structure & coating

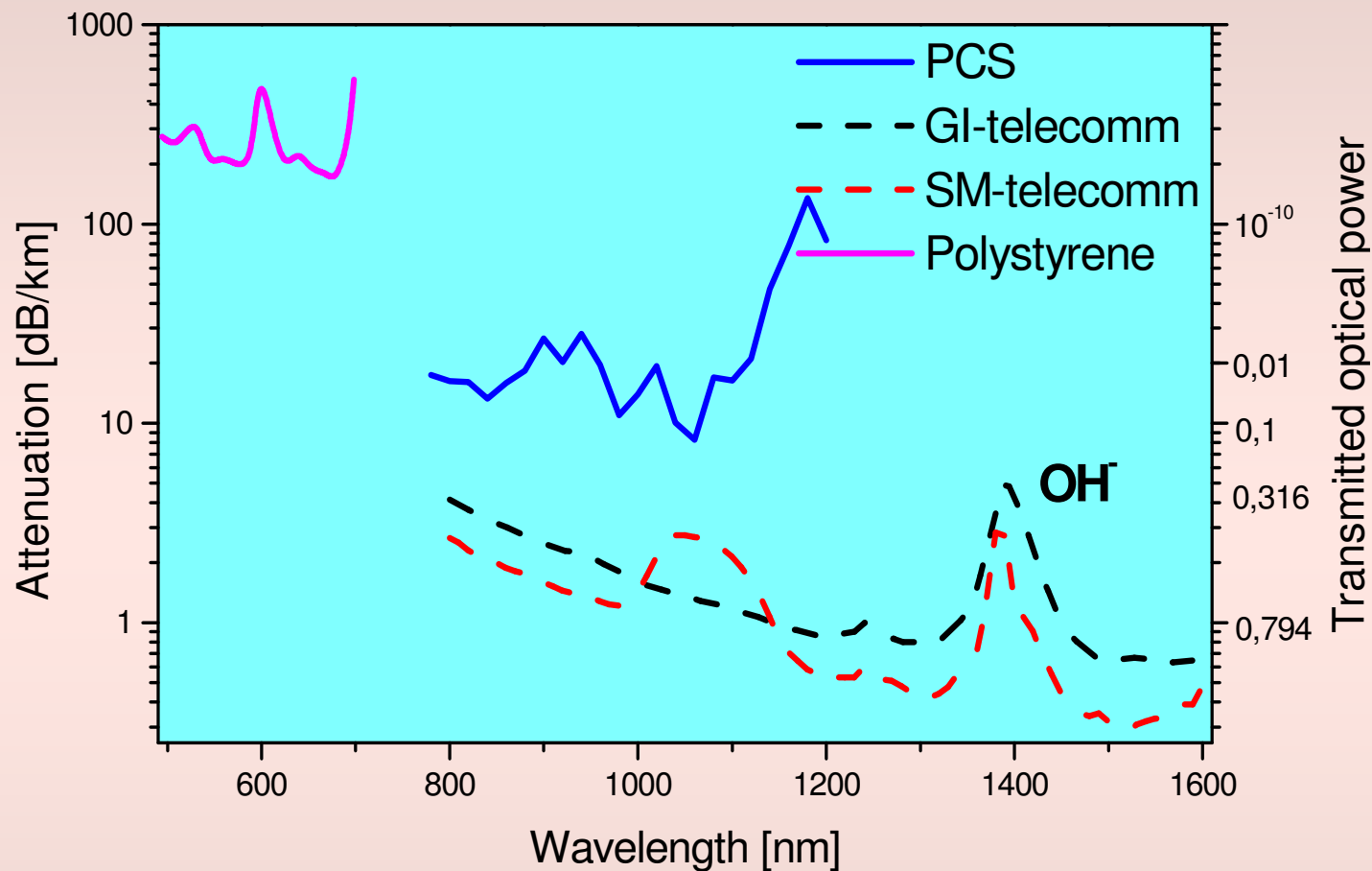


# Optical fibers – MATERIALS - UV



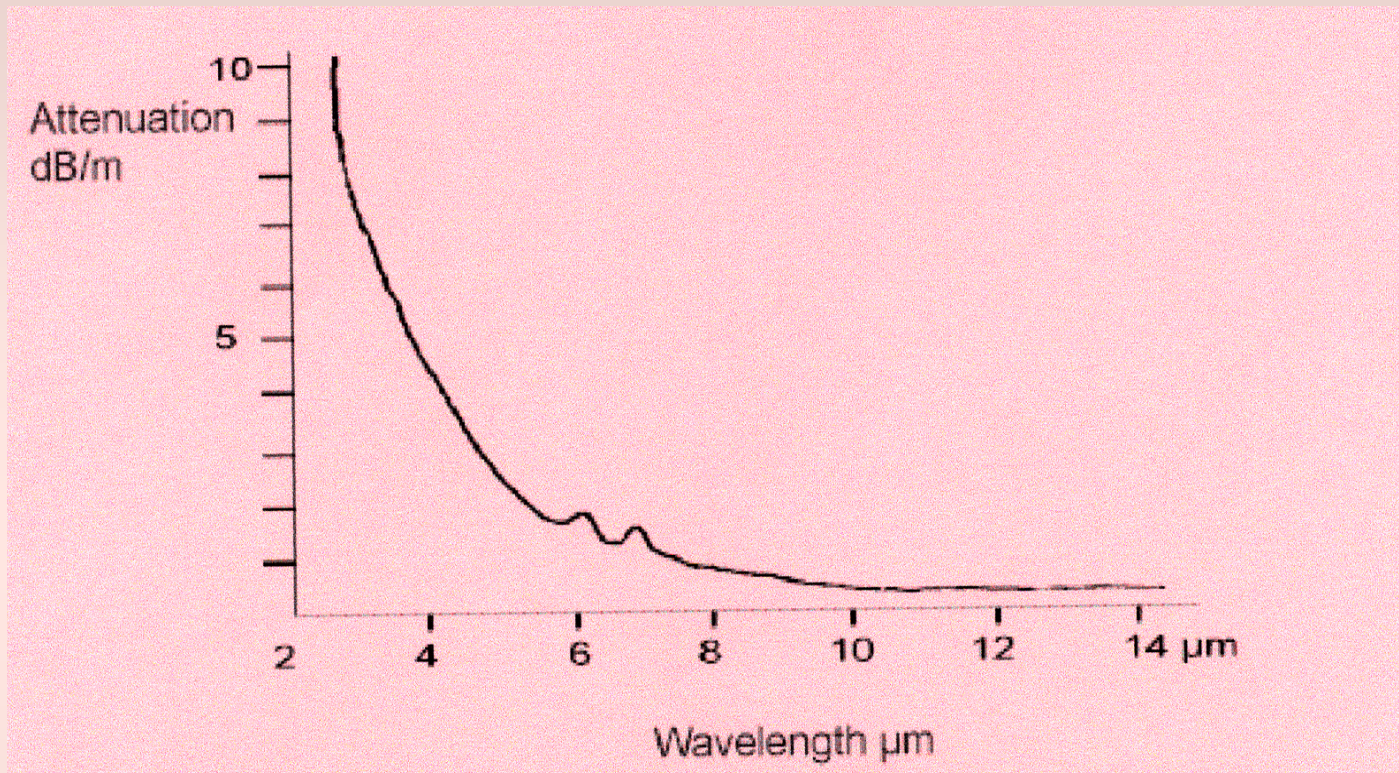
- silica fibers - SUPRASIL  $n_{200\text{ nm}} = 1.55$  [[ceramoptec.de](#), [OceanO](#), [IPE](#) ...]
- planar silica, crystalline  $\text{CaF}_2$  ( $\text{MgF}_2$ ) – [[edmundoptics](#), [technicalglass](#) ...]

# Optical fibers – MATERIALS – VIS/NIR



Silica  $n_{633} = 1.457$  & doped silica  $n_{633} = 1.45-1.50$  [corning, lucent, ocean\_o, IPE]  
 Glass (silicate - Simax, Vycor, Pyrex)  $n_{588} = 1.5-1.95$  [schott, LiFaTec.de, IPE...]  
 Plastic  $n_{588} = 1.5-1.6$  [mitsubishi.com, luceat.it, unlimited-inc.com...]

# Optical fibers – MATERIALS - IR



- fluoride glasses [[irphotonics.com](http://irphotonics.com), [univ-rennes1.fr](http://univ-rennes1.fr) ...] (up to ~4 μm)
- sapphire [[CRYTUR](http://CRYTUR), [photran.com](http://photran.com), [fiberoptictchnology.net](http://fiberoptictchnology.net) ...] (up to ~4 μm)
- silver-halides  $\text{AgCl}_x\text{Br}_{1-x}$  (up to 15 μm)
- chalcogen glasses (Se,  $\text{As}_2\text{S}_3$ ,  $\text{As}_2\text{Se}_3$ ...) [[oxford-electronics](http://oxford-electronics), [orc.soton.ac.uk](http://orc.soton.ac.uk)] (< 20 μm)
- refractive indexes  $_{2-20\mu\text{m}} \sim 2 - 2.5 \gg$  silicate glasses

# Optical fibers - STRUCTURES

**Conventional**

**Single-mode**

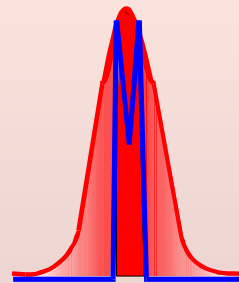
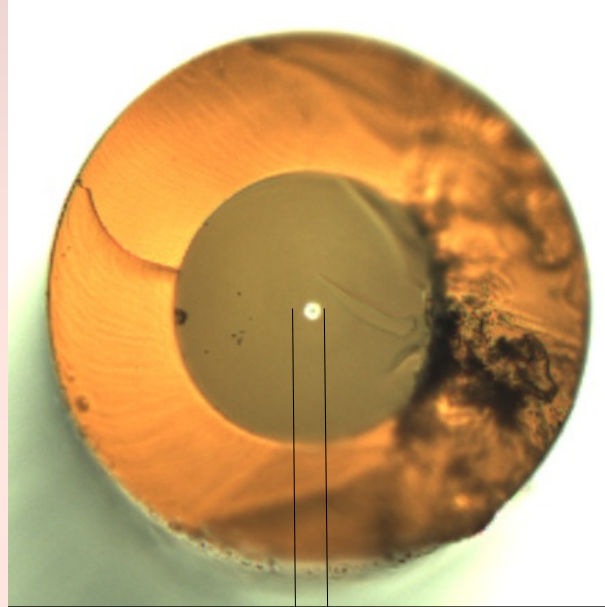
$\varnothing_{\text{core}}$  2-15  $\mu\text{m}$

NA 0.1-0.25

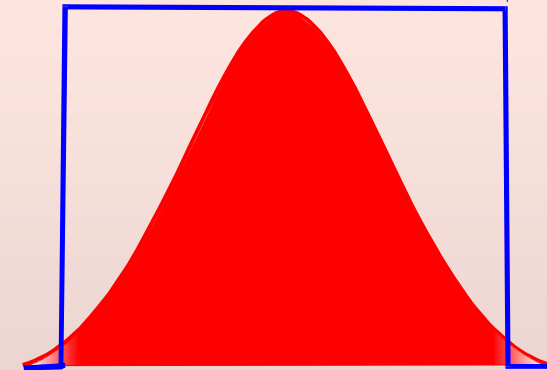
**Multimode**

$\varnothing_{\text{core}}$  50-1000  $\mu\text{m}$

NA 0.2-0.5



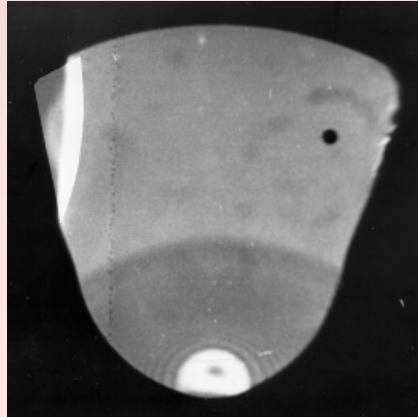
**SM 250/125/7  $\mu\text{m}$**



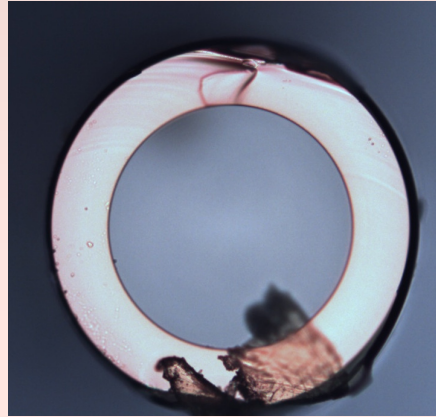
**MM 250/200  $\mu\text{m}$**



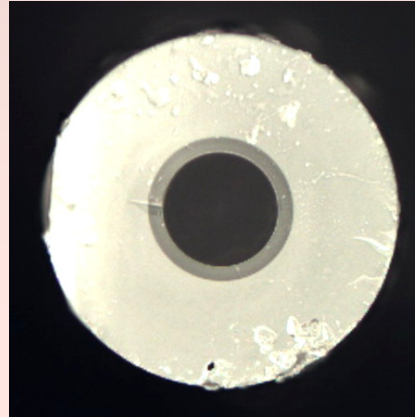
# Fiber STRUCTURES for fiber sensors



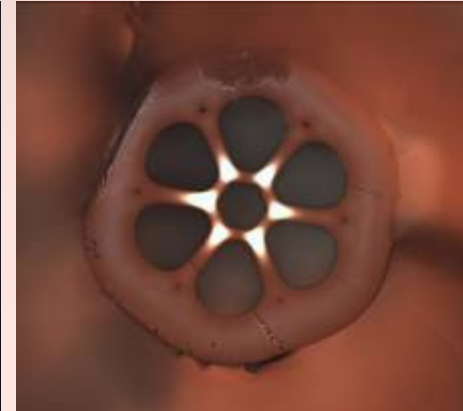
S-fibers



capillaries



SM with LPG

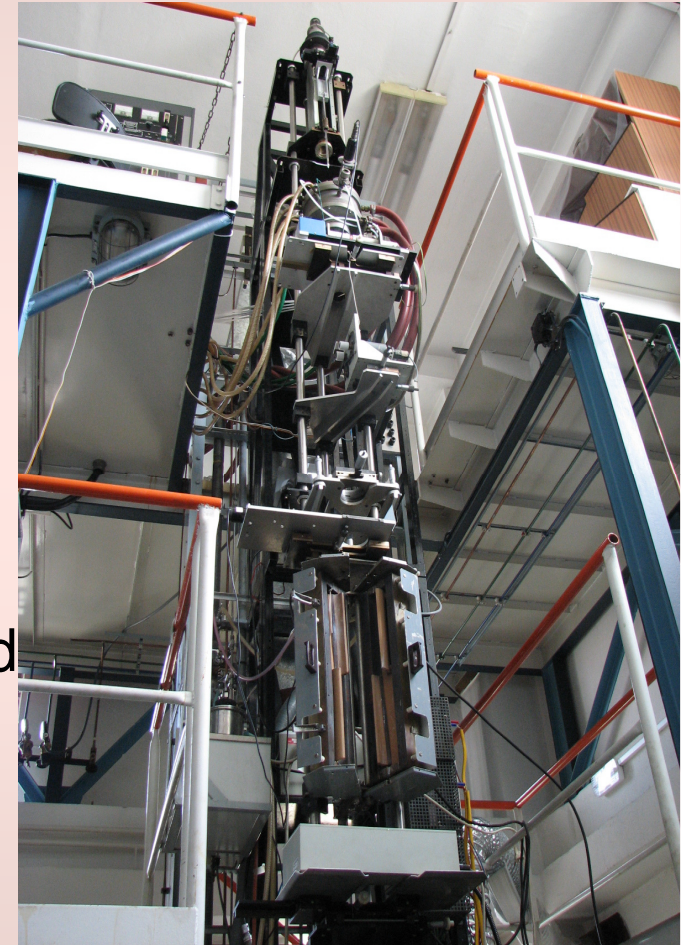


PCF



# Optical fiber COATINGS

- **Conventional** on-line coating
  - **Mechanical protection**
  - thickness 4  $\mu\text{m}$  (**hard**)–100  $\mu\text{m}$  (**soft**)
- Polysiloxane ( $n_D = 1,41$ ), soft
- UV-acrylate ( $n_D = 1,65$ ), hard
- Fluorinated UV-acrylate ( $n_D=1,35-1.44$ ), hard
- PI – polyimide ( $n_D>1,46$ ), hard
- PTFE – teflon ( $n_D = 1,29$ )
- [Sylgard, DeSolite, Luvantix, DSM Desoto]





# Optical fiber special COATINGS

**Special** additional coating  
sol-gel and/or polymers

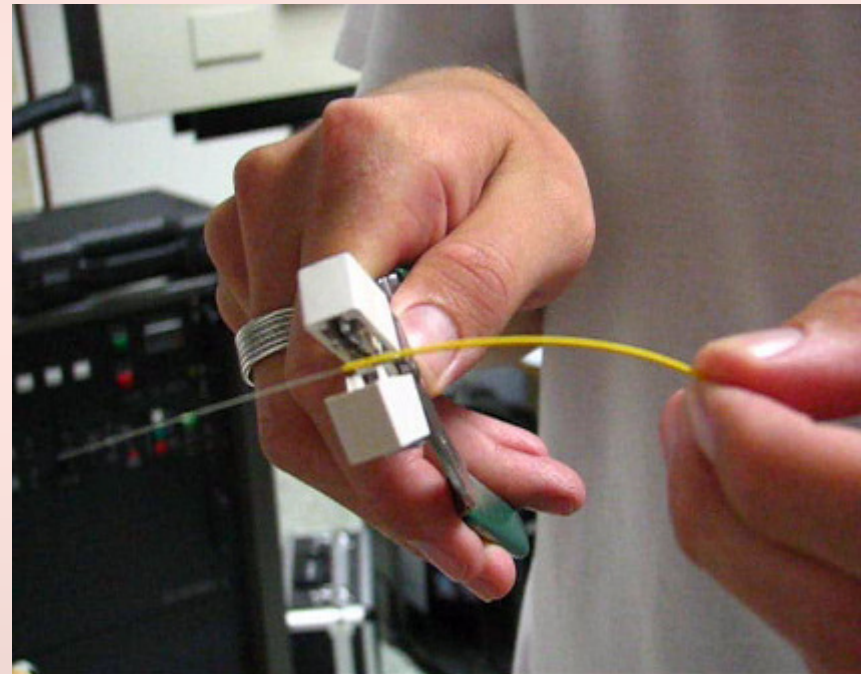
- Immobilizing** of transducers
- Tailoring of access of analyte**  
to the detection site  
=> (porosity, thickness, phobicity)
- thickness  $\sim 10^2$  nm (!) – several  $\mu\text{m}$
  
- Dip coating
- (planar : spin coating)




# OPTICAL FIBER PROCESSING & ACCESSORIES

## Optical fiber decladding


- mechanically
  - stripping tool (pliers) :
  
- chemically - leaching
  - trichloroethylene (acrylates)
  - HF acid (siloxanes)
  - exposition – seconds-minute

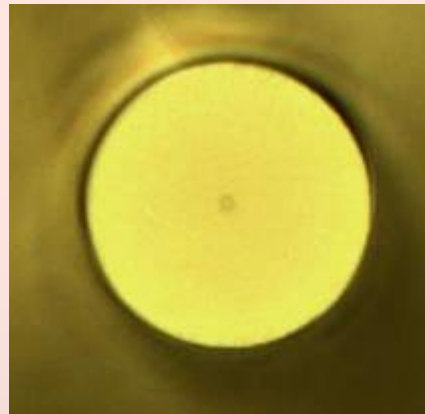


# Optical fiber cleaving

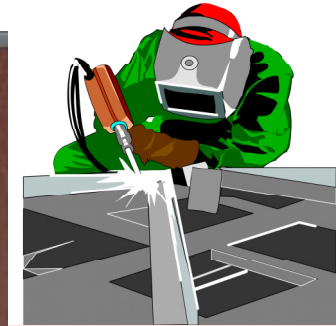
- primitively :  scissors, knife, razor blade (suitable for POF)
- more primitively: fire



- correctly :   **fiber cleaver FK11**  
(York Tech, Ericsson)



# Optical fiber splicing

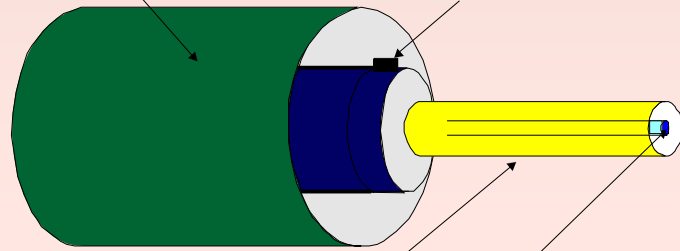


Splicing device (Fujikura, Ericsson), losses  $\sim 0.1-0.2$  dB

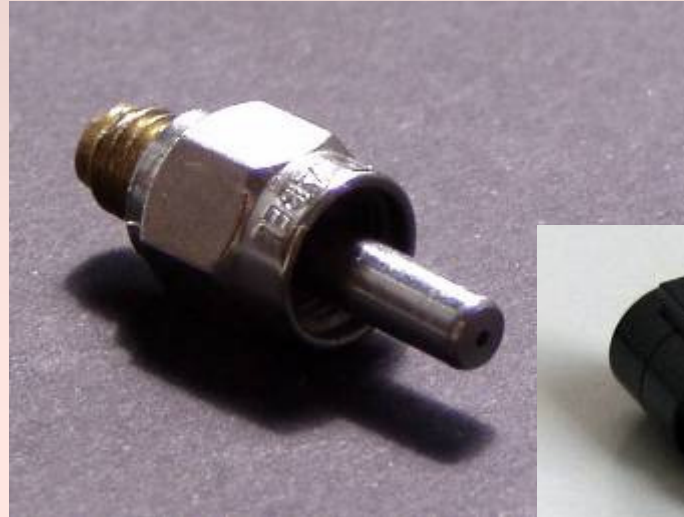
# Optical fiber connecting

Connecting body and mechanical retainer

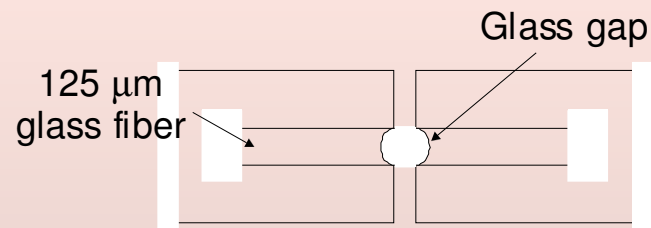
Alignment key



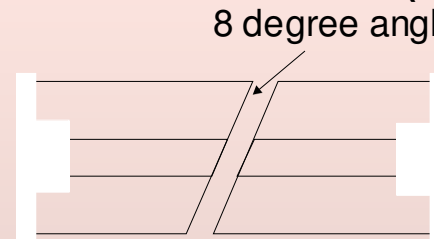
Ferrule 2.5 mm Fiber 125 μm



**Fiber Connection (FC)**



**Angled Fiber Connection (APC)**



- Types : FC, SMA, APC ...; losses ~0.2 dB



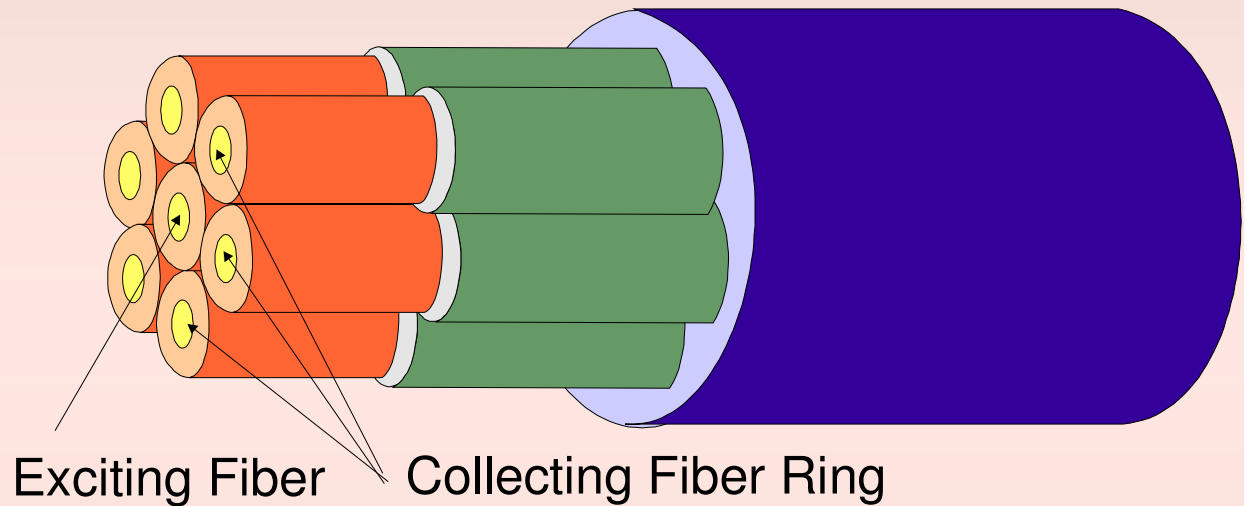
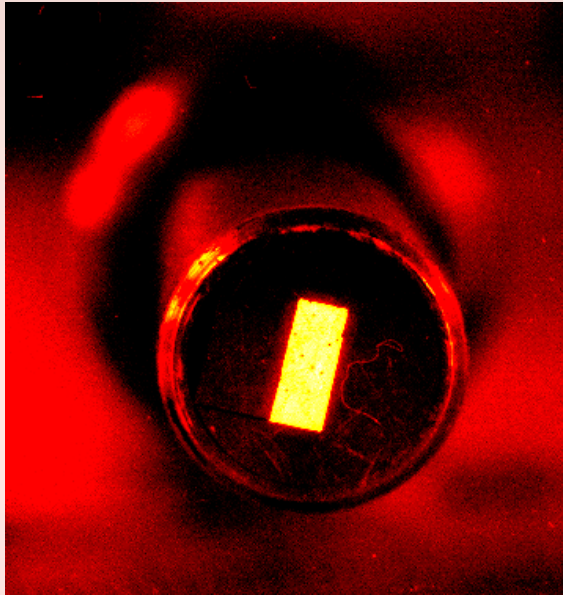
# Optical fiber connecting



Types : SMA, FC, APC (Angled Physical Contact)



# Optical fibre bundles

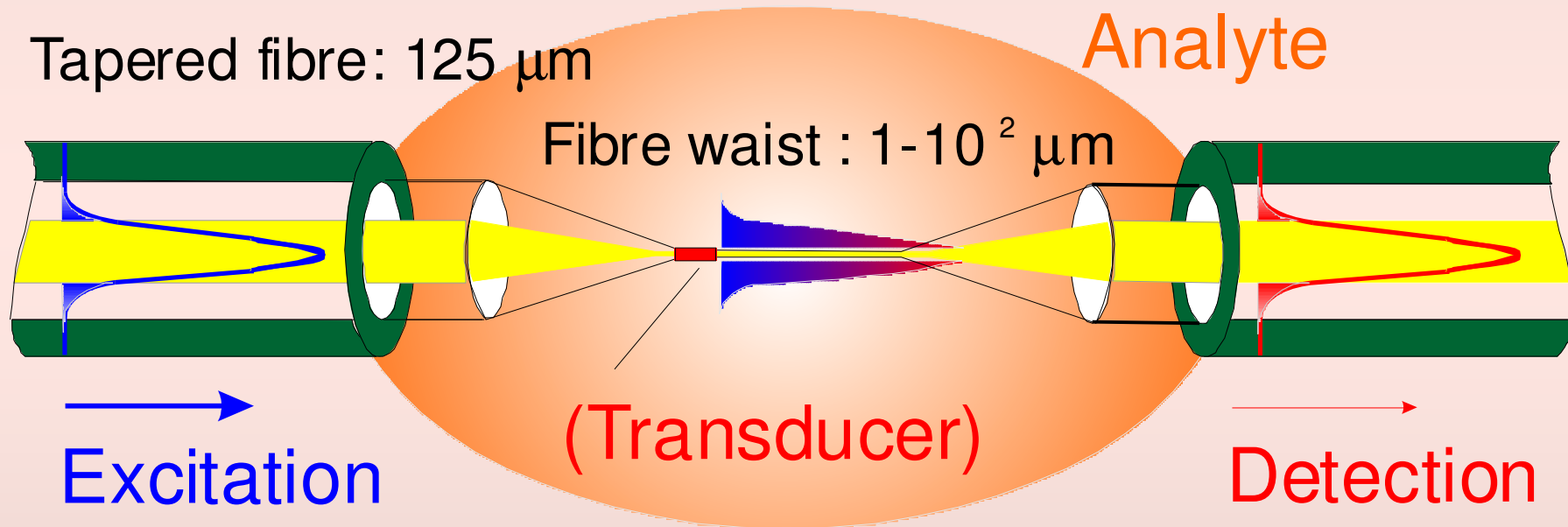


40 x 120 fibers 125  $\mu\text{m}$

- Reflection sensing arrangement (fluorescence)
- Imaging
- Multianalyte analysis

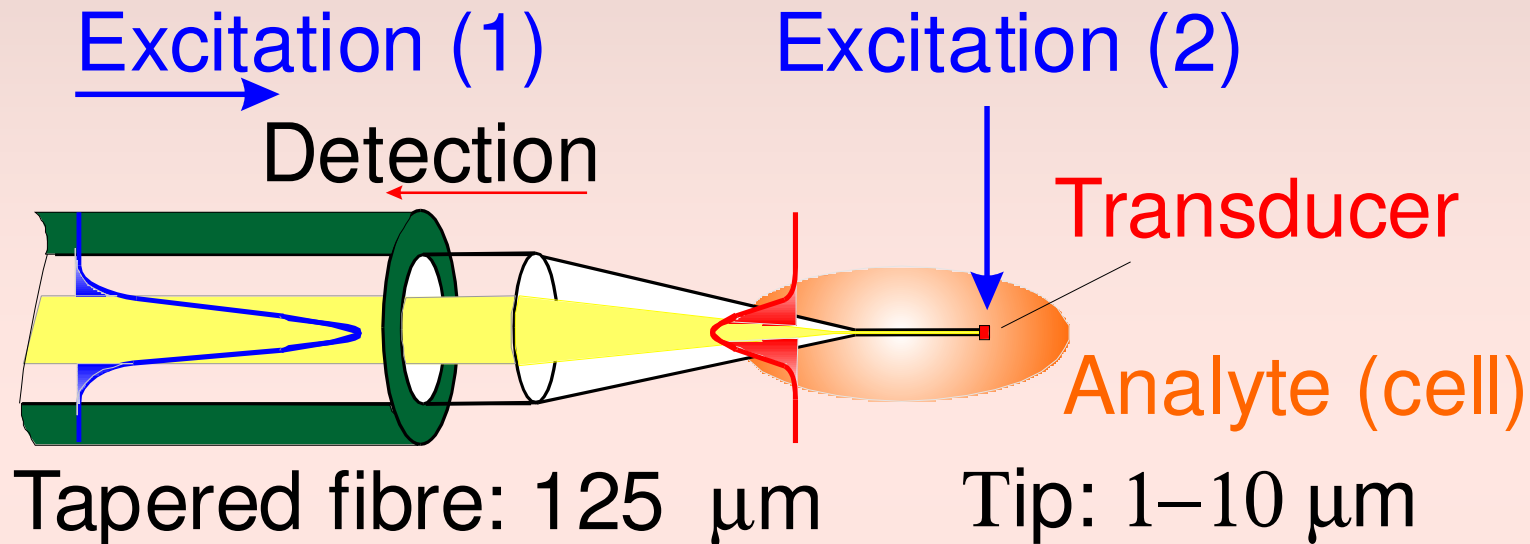
# Optical fiber tapers

- **Multipoint monitoring**



Optical losses : SM ~ 0.1-0.2 dB

# Optical fiber tapers

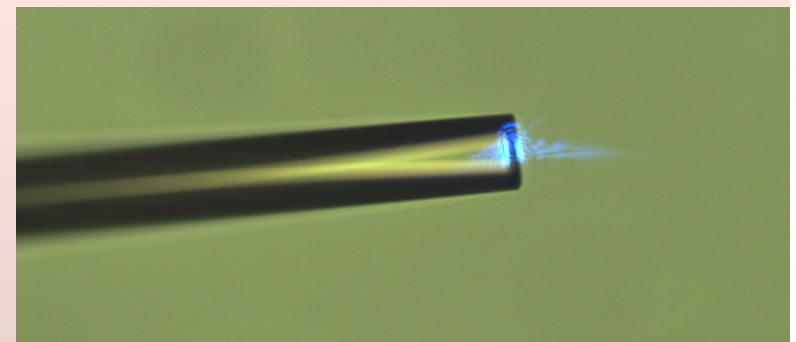


- **Small area monitoring**

- Preparation

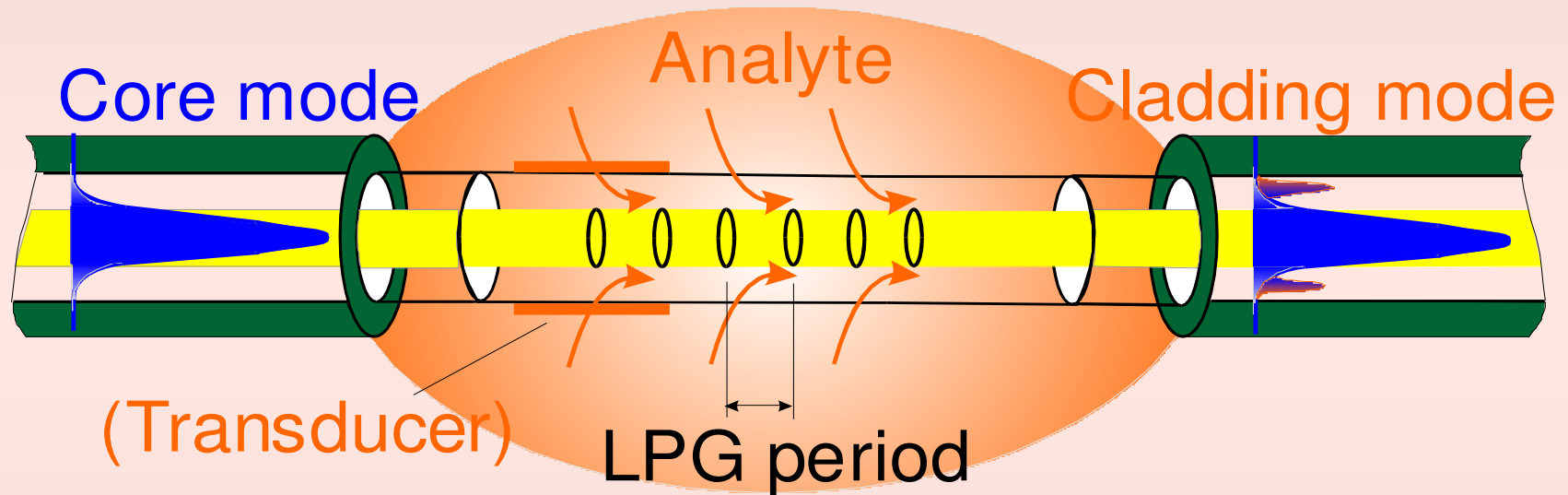
- Flame (laser) processing

- Slow withdrawing from HF-containing solution



# Optical fiber gratings

**LPG** : Long Period Gratings (~ mm period)



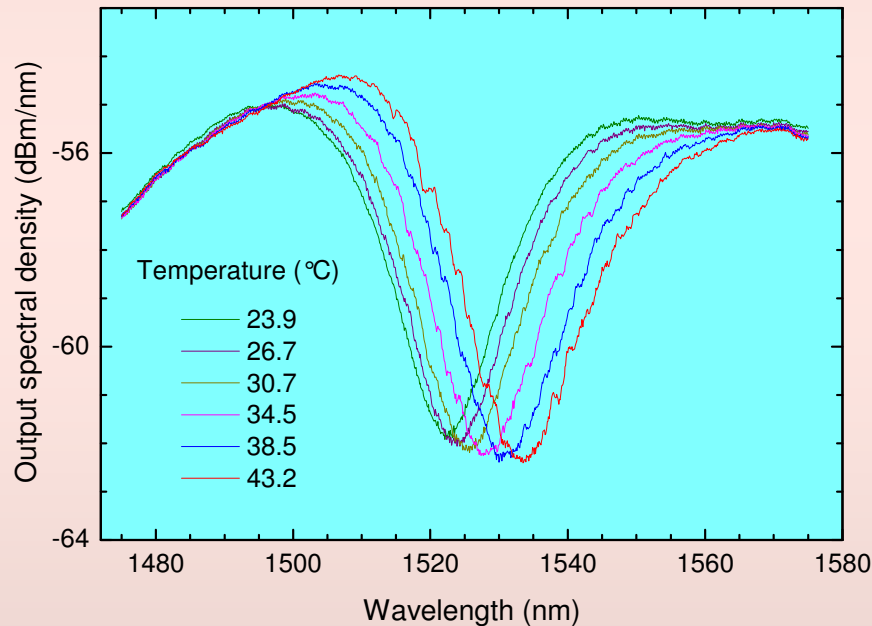
Preparation

- Laser inscription



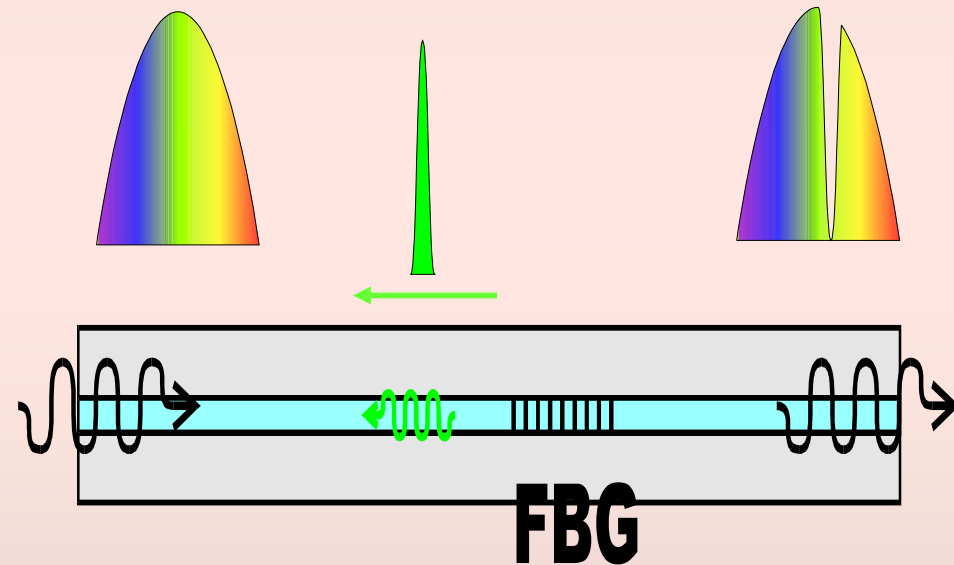
# Fiber gratings

**LPG** : Long Period Gratings



**LPG** : transmission spectrum

**FBG** : Fibre Bragg Gratings (~ nm period)



**FBG** : reflection spectrum

# EXAMPLES

## Refractometric sensor of hydrocarbons



+ **sensitivity** : LOD ~ 3-5 mg/l ~ comparable to EU ecological limit

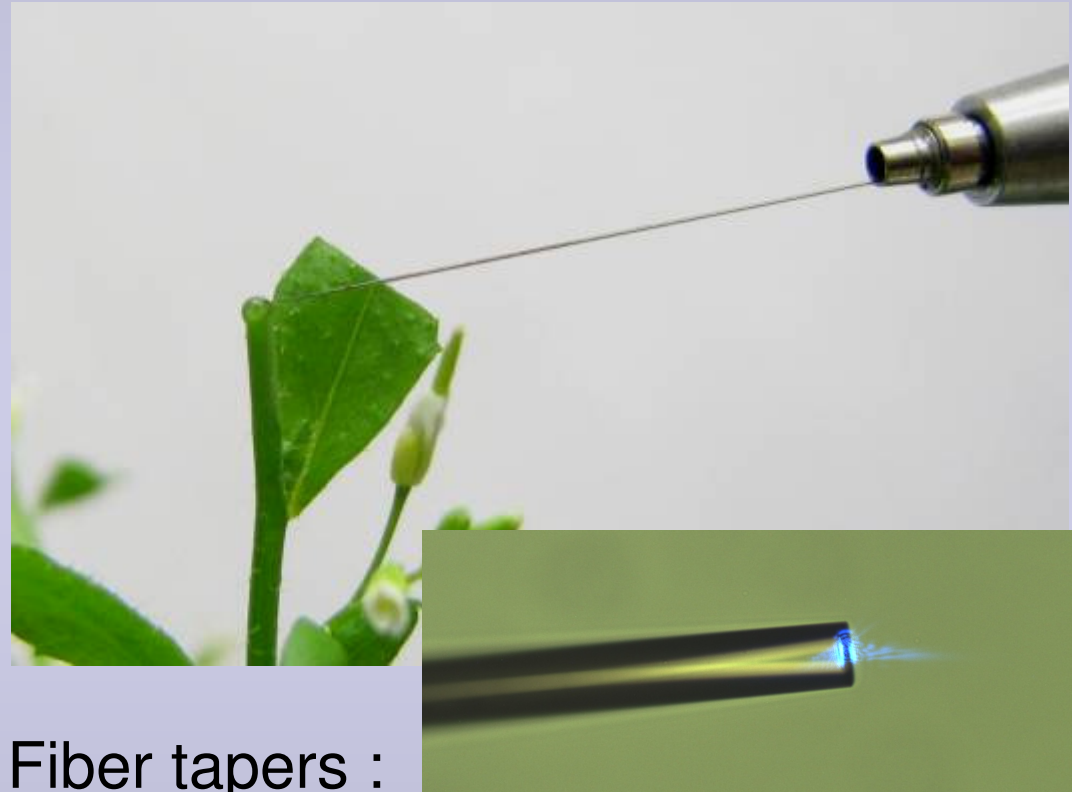
+ **time response** : seconds

*In collaboration with Jean Monnet  
Saint-Etienne, Ecole Centrale de Lyon*



# EXAMPLES

## Local pH detection in microsamples

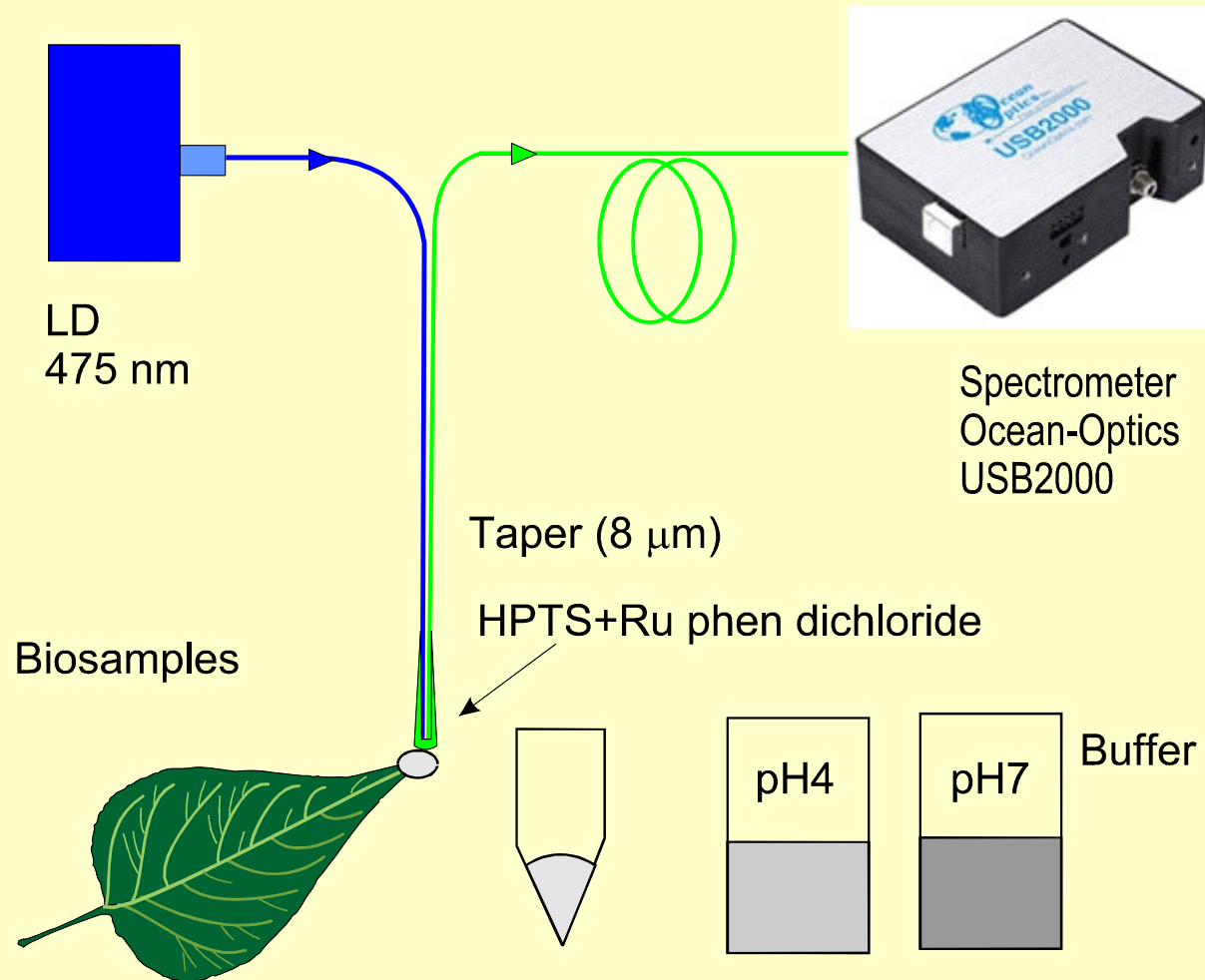


Fiber tapers :

Detection of pH  $<5; 7>$  in xylem exudates, intracellular detection

*In collaboration with IEB ASCR, UK, MU, VSCHT, MZLU*

# Local pH detection in microsamples



- Fluorescence ratiometric
- HPTS + int.standard Ru-phen
- Laser diode
- taper  $\varnothing$  8  $\mu\text{m}$  (GI 125/50)

# Methods based on fluorescence

## Intensity measurement

- + easy
- incorrect (influence of set-up)
- \* 1 source + detector

## Ratiometric

- + better precision
- more complicated set-up

Self-reference

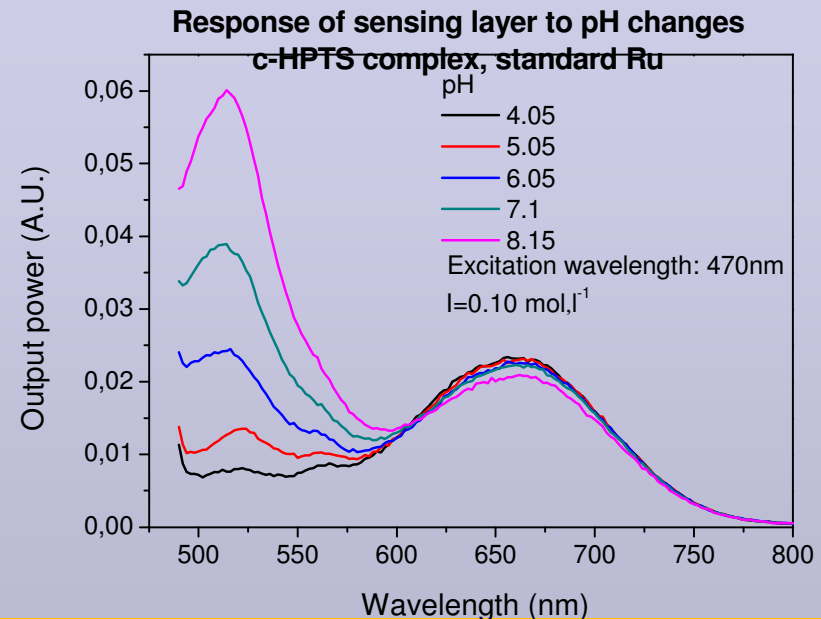
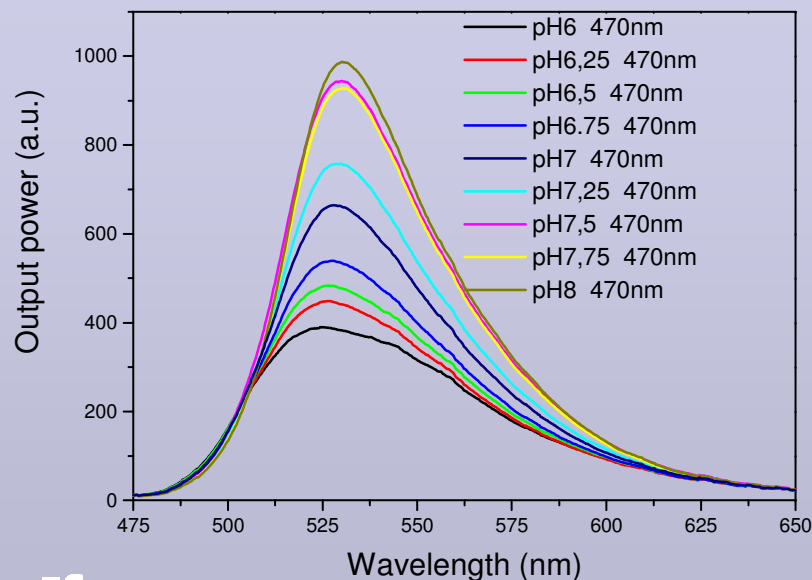
1 transducer

2 sources +  
detector

Internal standard

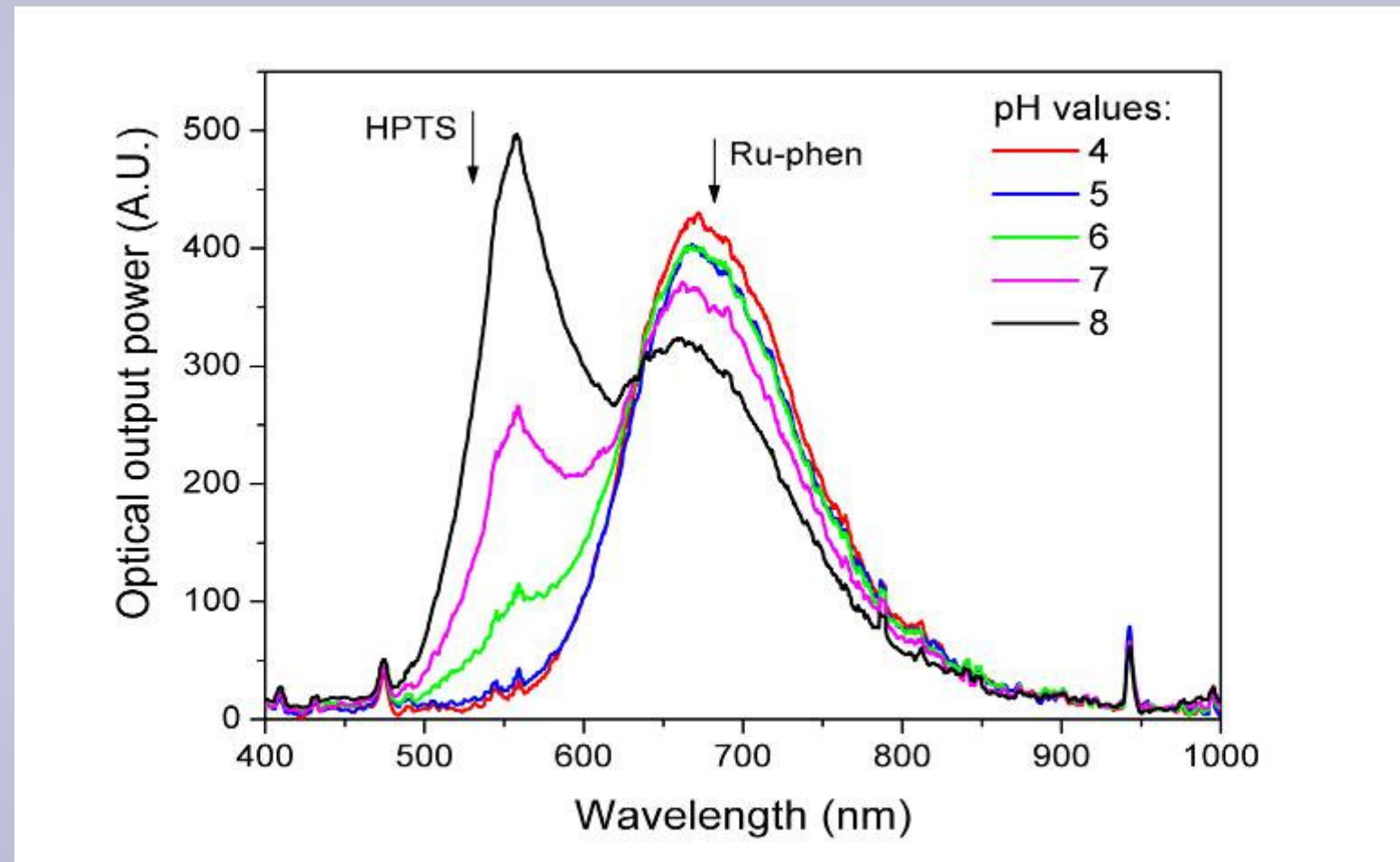
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1 source  
+spectrometer



# Local pH detection in microsamples

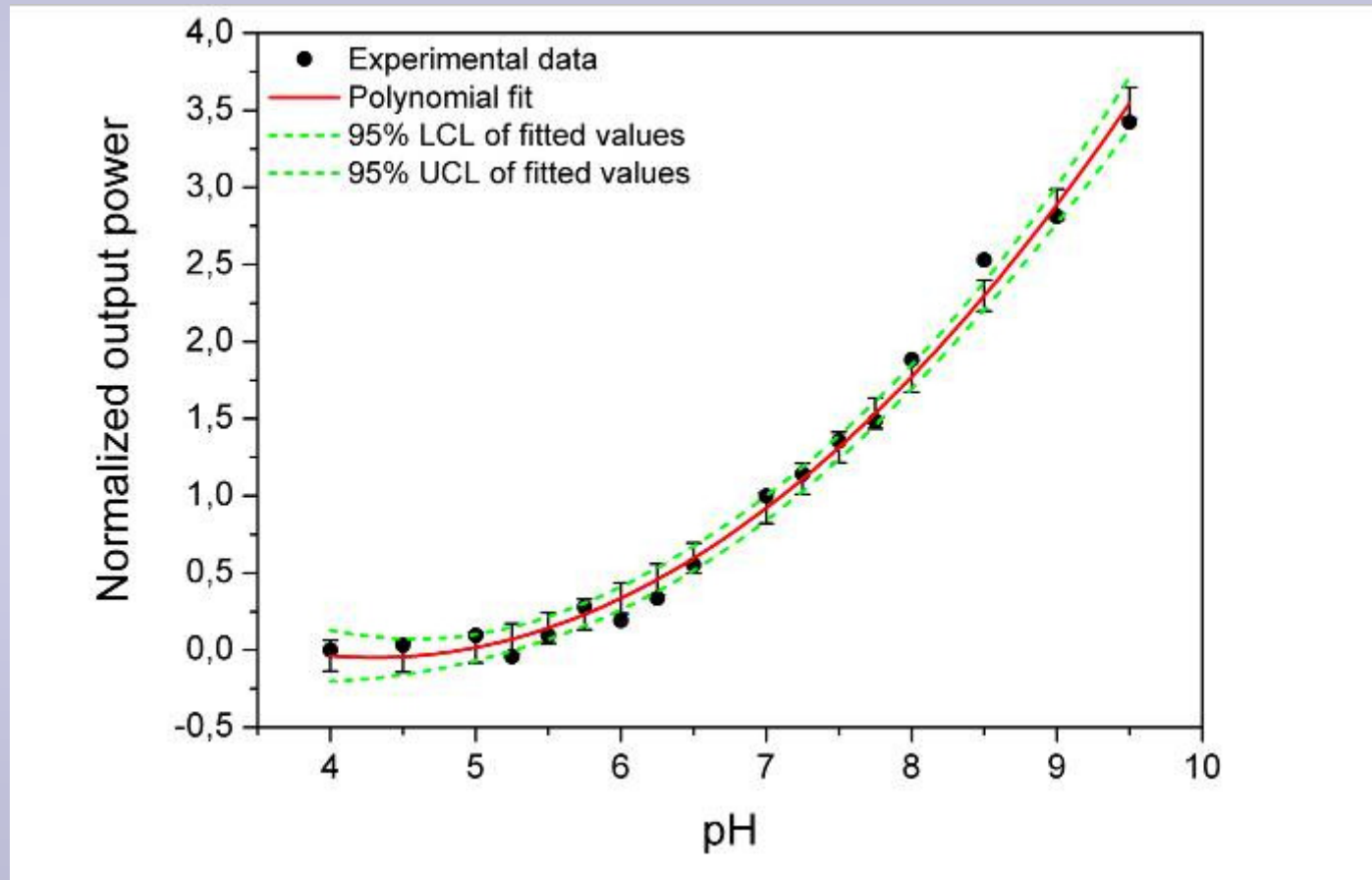
## Fluorescence responses to calibration buffers



Excitation : 475 nm, taper, 8  $\mu$ m, HPTS+Ru-phen

# Local pH detection in microsamples

**Calibration curve** :  $\text{output} = 2,407 - 1,142 \text{ pH} + 0,133 \text{ pH}^2$   
**buffers**

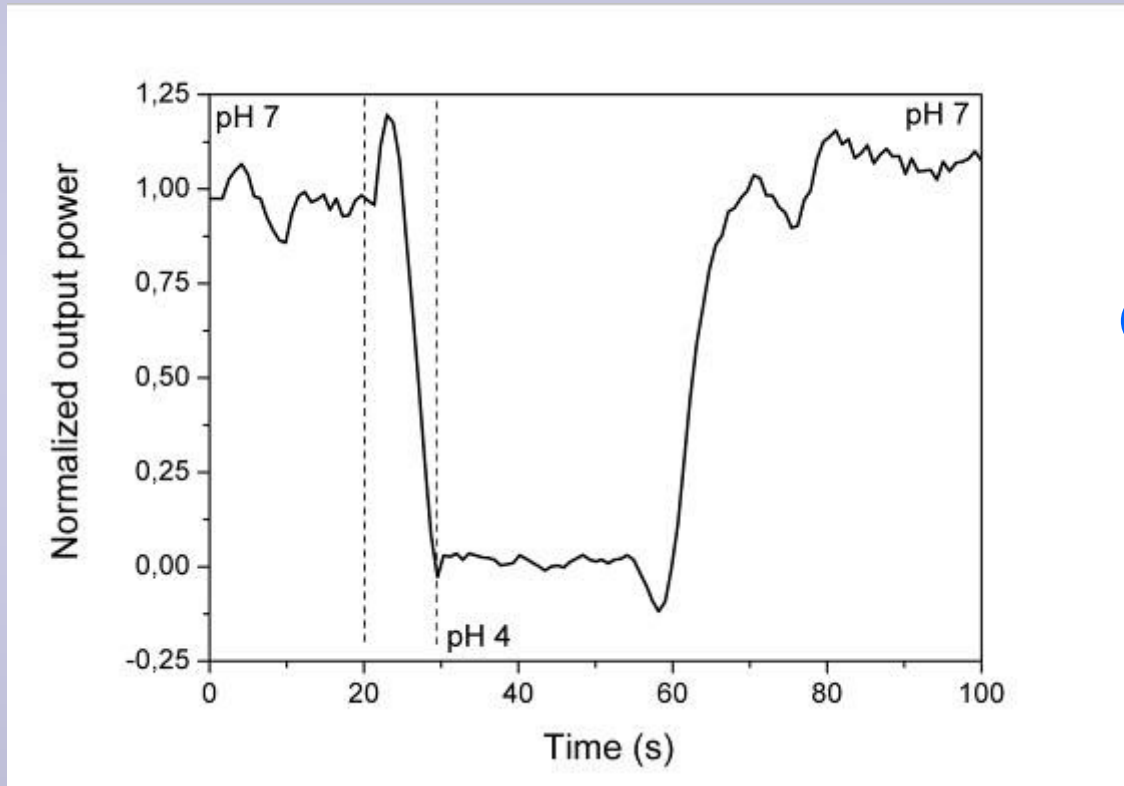


pH <6; 9> resolution 0.2; pH <5; 6> resolution 0.5 (pH meter  $\pm 0,08$ )

# Local pH detection in microsamples

**Time response (10 s)**

**Validation**

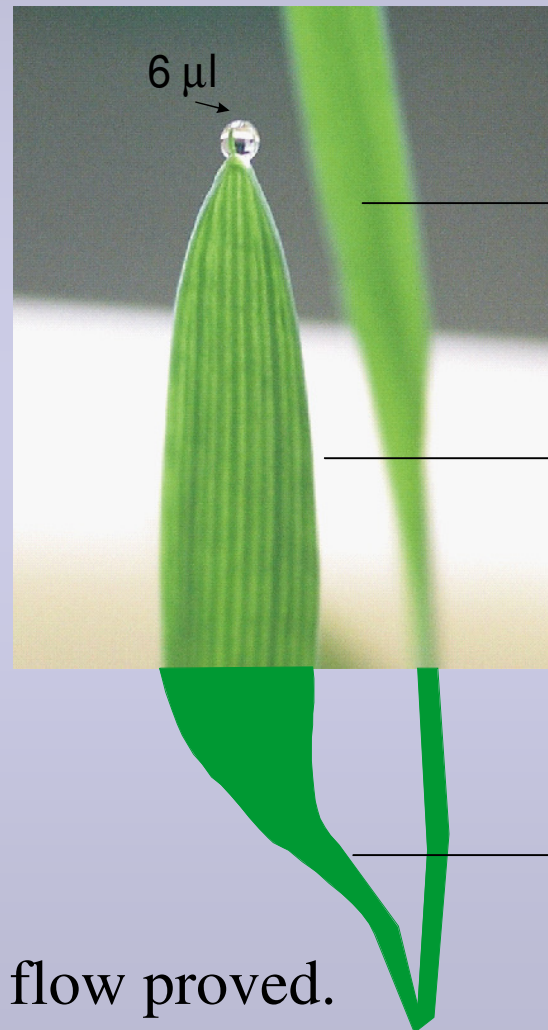


	<b>exudate</b>
<b>Optically</b>	<b>conventionally</b>
<b>5.6</b>	<b>5.3</b>
<b>5.5</b>	<b>5.0</b>
within experimental error	



# Local pH detection in microsamples

Implementation for pH detection of drops ( $6 \mu\text{l}$ ) of xylem exudate of oat



pH	
drops	
volume	
5.0	5.4
5.6	5.4
5.5	6.0

No gradient of xylem flow proved.

# SUMMARY

1. Fiber technology : preparation of structures of high preciseness from materials of ultra-high purity (impurities in ppbs only). Two steps : preform preparation and fiber drawing.
2. **Despite of long history of optical fiber sensing, the field is still under development (hot topics – news ~each 3-4 years)**
3. **Challenges : intracelular & (bio)detection, hydrogen (fuel), distributed environmental monitoring ... ?**

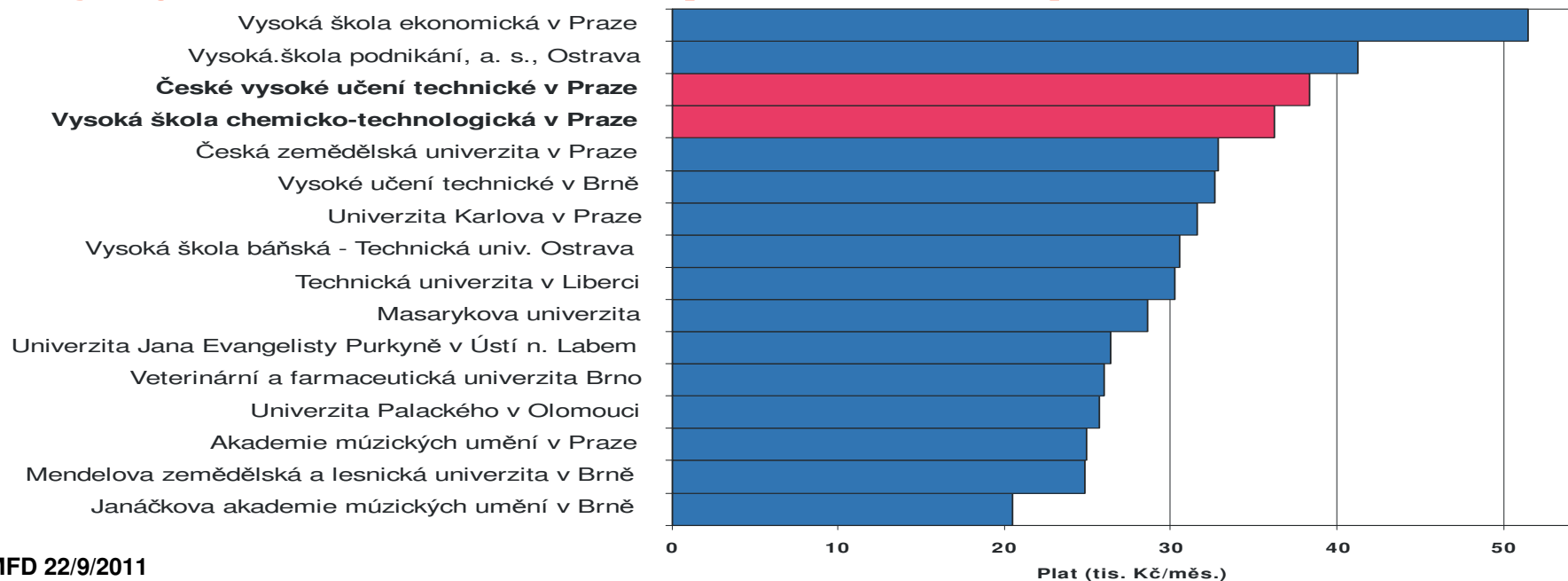


# I TY se staň UFEem !

## UPLATNĚNÍ V OBORU



## Příjmy absolventů VŠ po 5 letech praxe



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