



# Optická vlákna – technologie a využití jako chemických sensorů

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## RESEARCH:

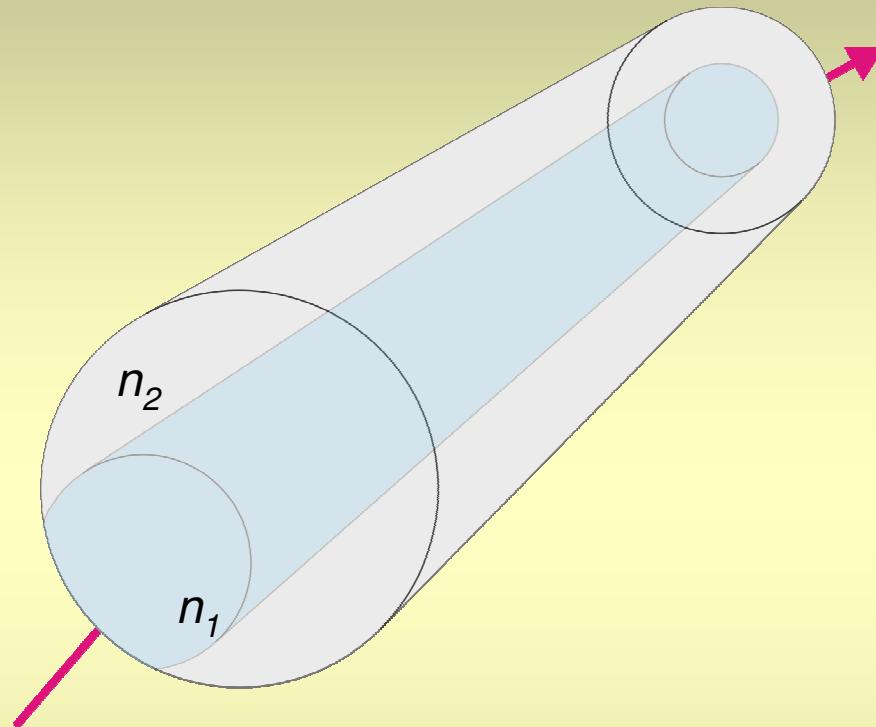
- precise time & frequency, signal processing & speech synthesis
- optoelectronics
- photonics (guided-wave photonics, sensors, optical fibers)



# Outline

- **Introduction - optical fibers**
- **Technology of preparation**
- **Application**
  - Optical telecommunications
  - Fiber amplifiers, lasers (non-linear applications)
  - Fiber-optic sensors
  - Medicine
- **Summary**

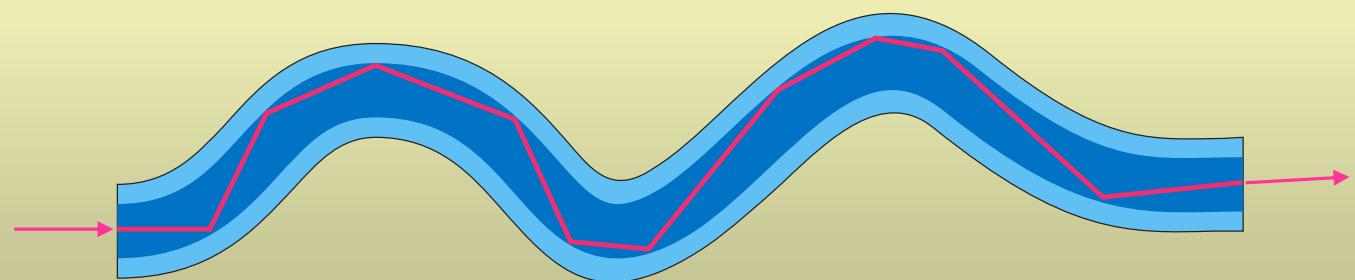
# I. INTRODUCTION : Optical fibers



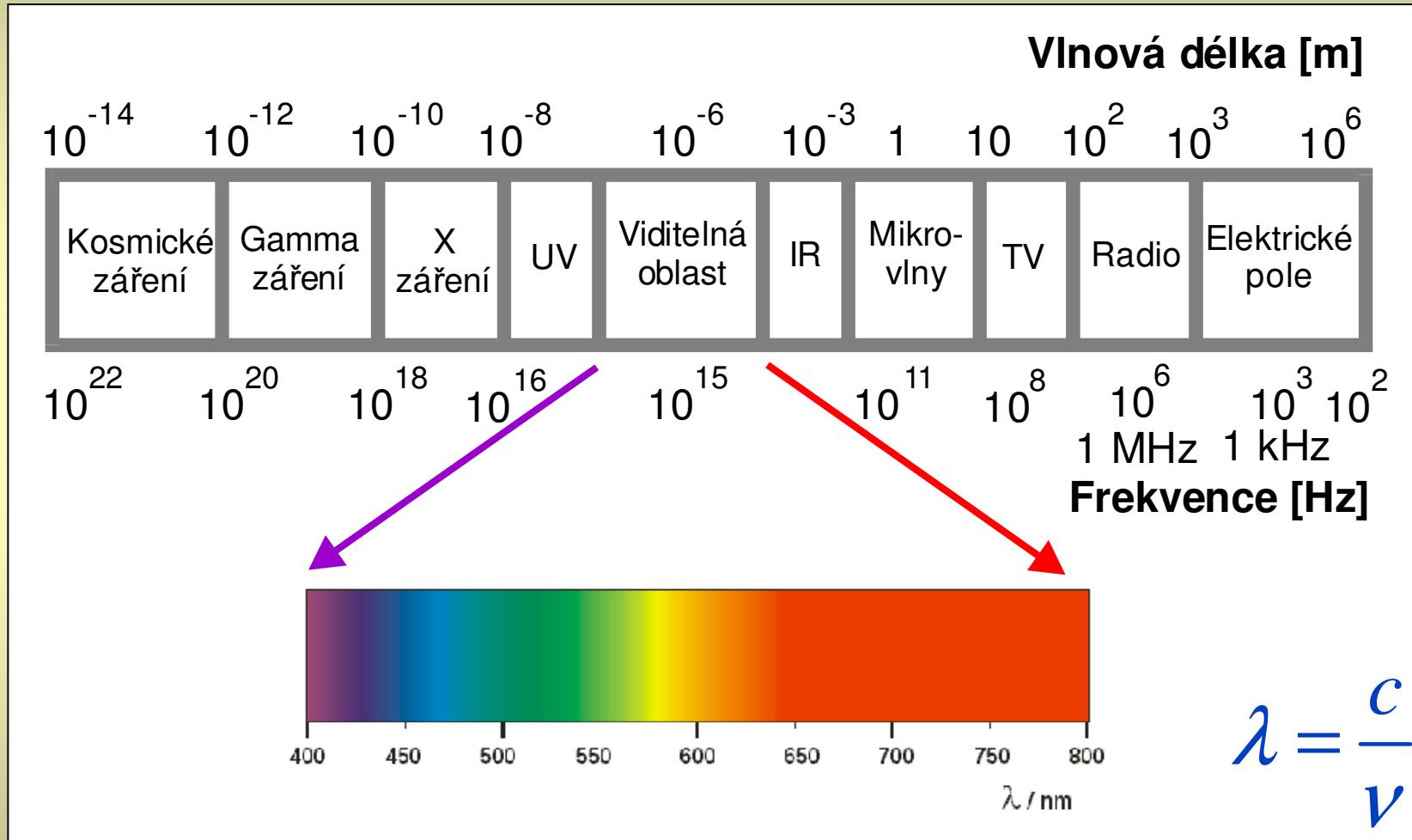
$$n_1 > n_2$$

Refractive index ( $n=c/v$ )	
Vacuum	1
Air	1,0003
Water	1,330
Silica	1,457

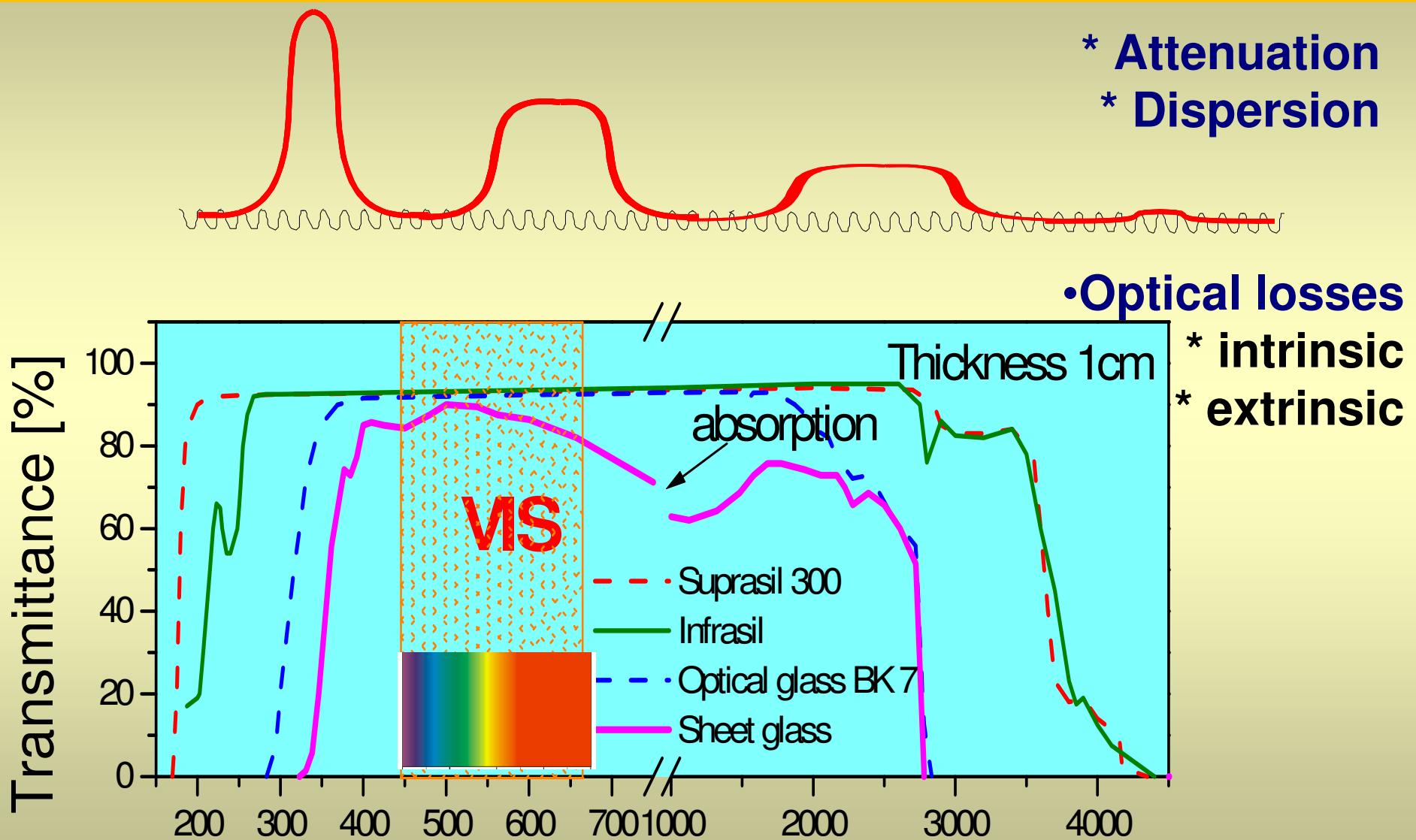
W. Snell 1580-1626  
J. Tyndall 1820-1893



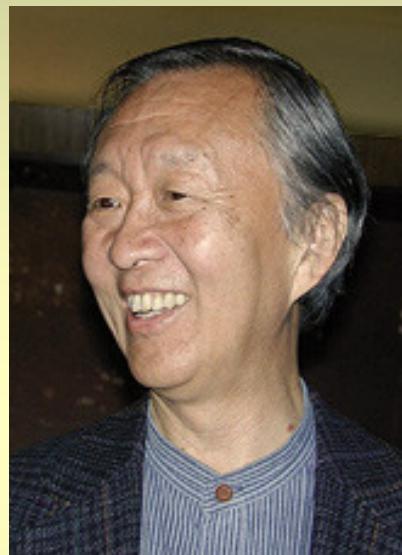
# Optical communication principle



# Optical properties and material purity

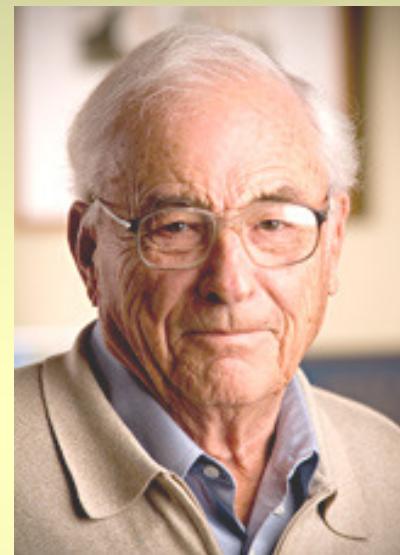


# The Nobel Prize in Physics 2009



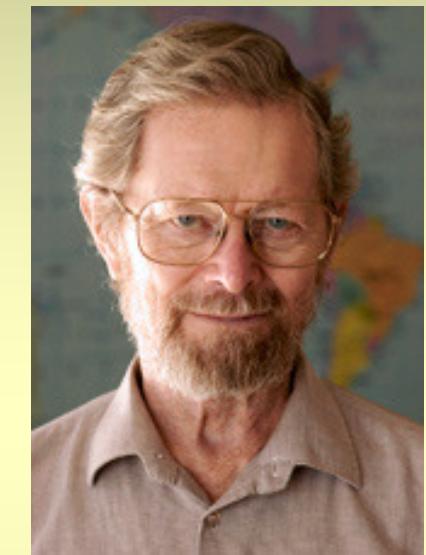
Charles K. KAO  
**1/2**

for groundbreaking  
achievements concerning the  
**transmission of light in fibers**  
**for optical communication**



Willard S. Boyle  
**1/4**

for the invention of an imaging  
semiconductor circuit – the CCD sensor



George E. Smith  
**1/4**

# Material purity

1. Per Analysis – PA (99 - 99,5 %)
2. Semiconductor – PP (99,9995 %)
3. Ultra-pure - FO Optipur / for trace analysis [ppb]

% –  $10^{-2}$

ppm –  $10^{-6}$  (parts per million)

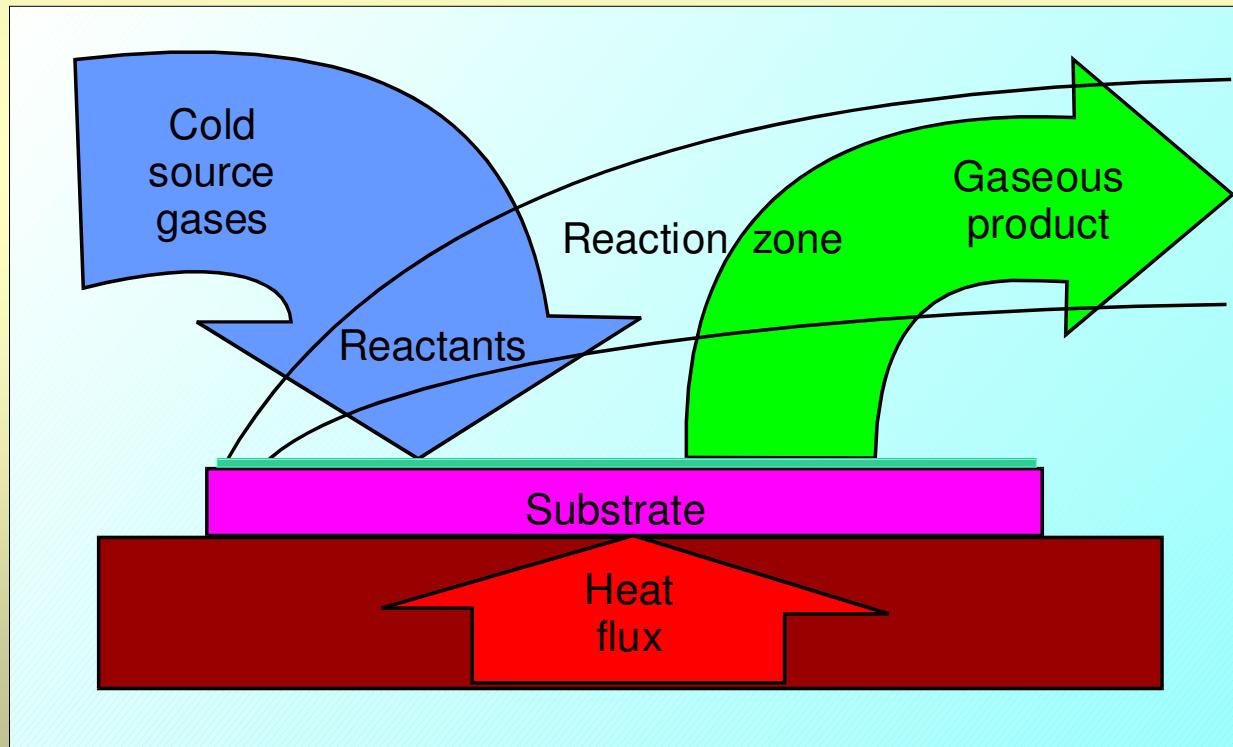
**ppb –  $10^{-9}$  (parts per billion) : content of impurities  
acceptable in FO Optipur materials**

**Ultra-pure technologies - CVD !**

## II. TECHNOLOGIES

# CVD - Chemical Vapor Deposition

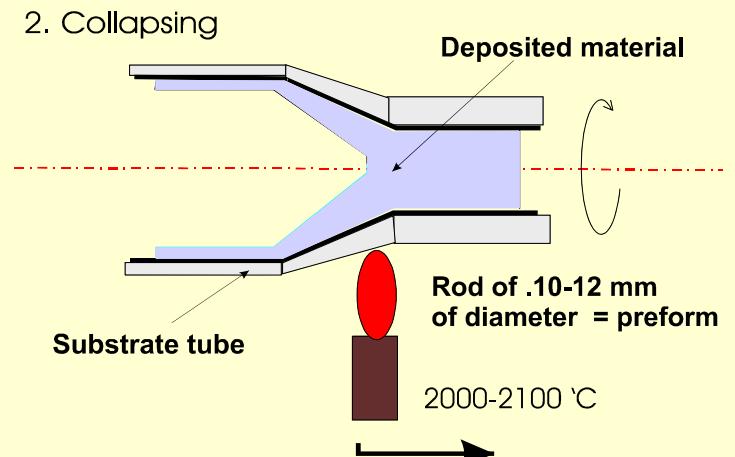
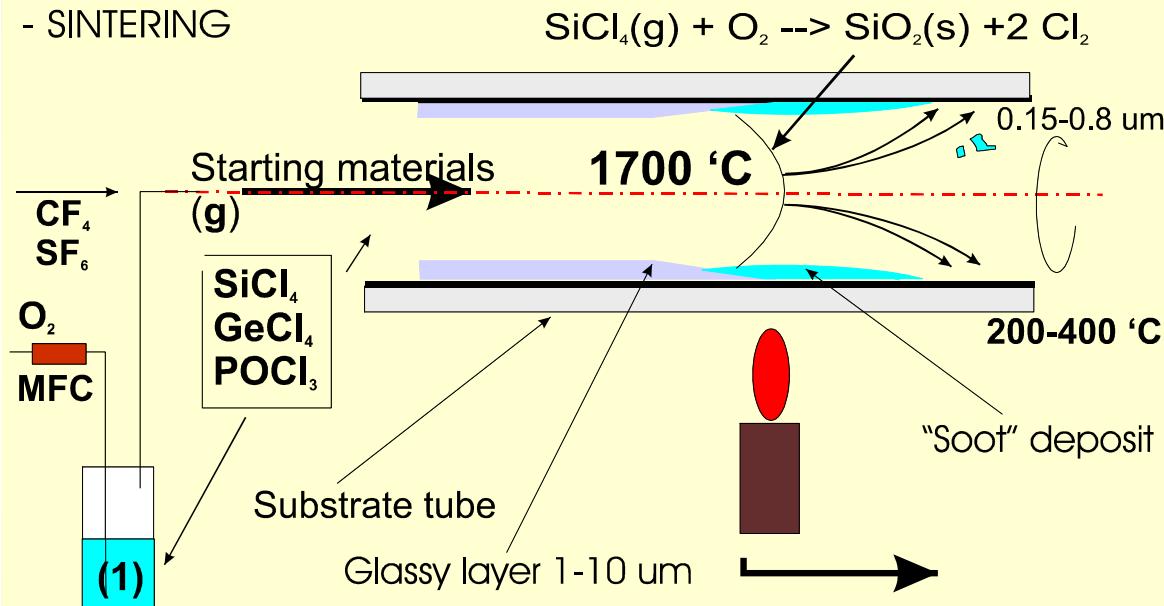
production and deposition of material in solid state from starting materials in gaseous state through a chemical reaction :



ICPF: LCVD  
•Fajgar  
•Dřínek  
•Pola

# MCVD – Chemical Vapor Deposition

- DECOMPOSITION-oxidation
- DEPOSITION
- SINTERING



- Sequential sintering of **thin glassy layers** (of thickness  $1-20\text{ }\mu\text{m}$ ) onto inner wall of silica substrate **resulting in bulk material – preform**
- **high purity** ( $\sim 10^1\text{ ppb}$ ) **high precision** (better than 1 %)

# MCVD process

- Sequential **sintering** of thin glassy layers
- **High quenching rate**  $10^2 - 10^3 \text{ } ^\circ\text{C/s}$ .
- **High purity** material due to FO-Optipur purity starting materials
- **MCVD process modelling :**
  - 1. **Vaporization** of starting materials
$$V_{\text{XCl}_4} = V_{\text{Ox}} \cdot P^{\circ}_{\text{XCl}_4} / (P - P^{\circ}_{\text{XCl}_4}) \dots$$
  - 2. **Oxidation**
  - 1st -order kinetics ( $t = 0.02 \text{ s}$ )
  - Chemical equilibrium (conversion 0.95-0.99)

ICPF:  
Unconventional  
glass melting  
Hájek  
Církva  
ICPF: Analytics  
Horáček  
Soukupová  
et.al.

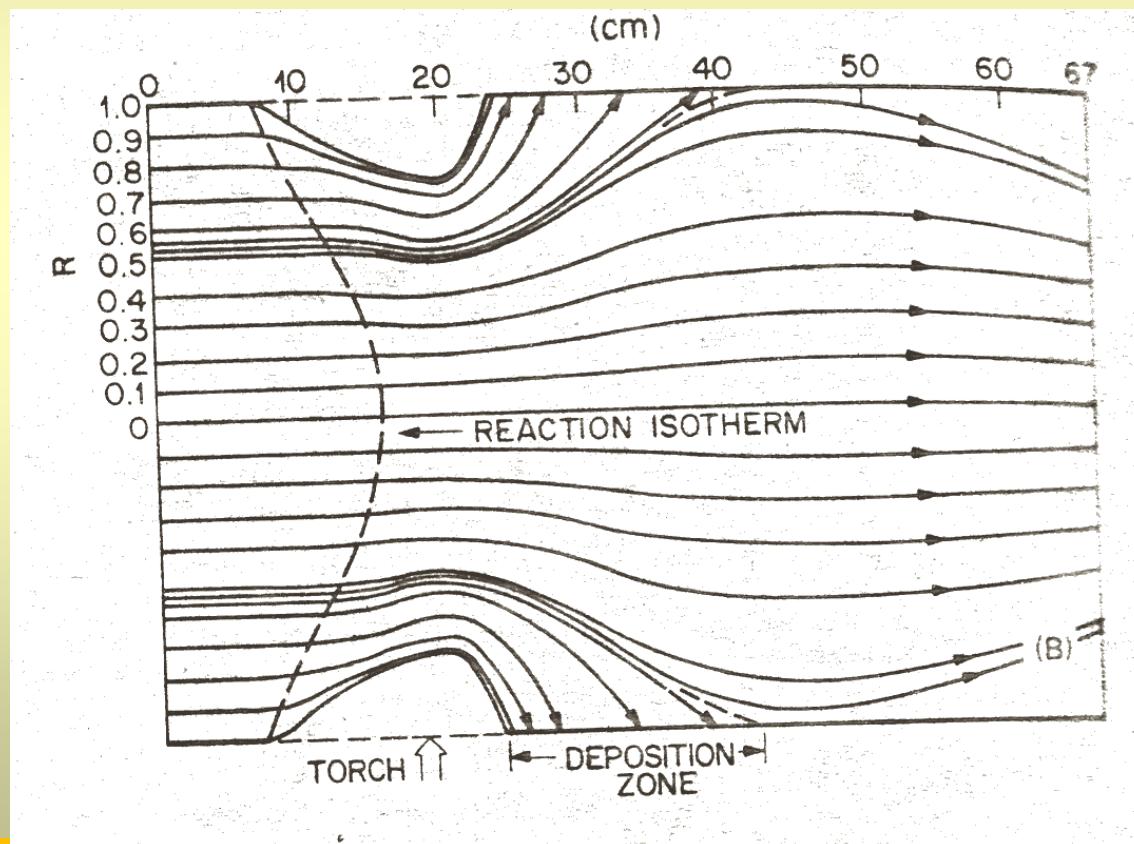
ICPF:  
Phys-chem  
Bendová

# MCVD process

## 3. Deposition

Thermophoretic efficiency  $f(t, x_{\text{SiCl}_4}/x_{\text{GeCl}_4})$

$$E = K \cdot (1 - T_{\text{cool surface}} / T_{\text{reaction}}) \sim 0.6$$

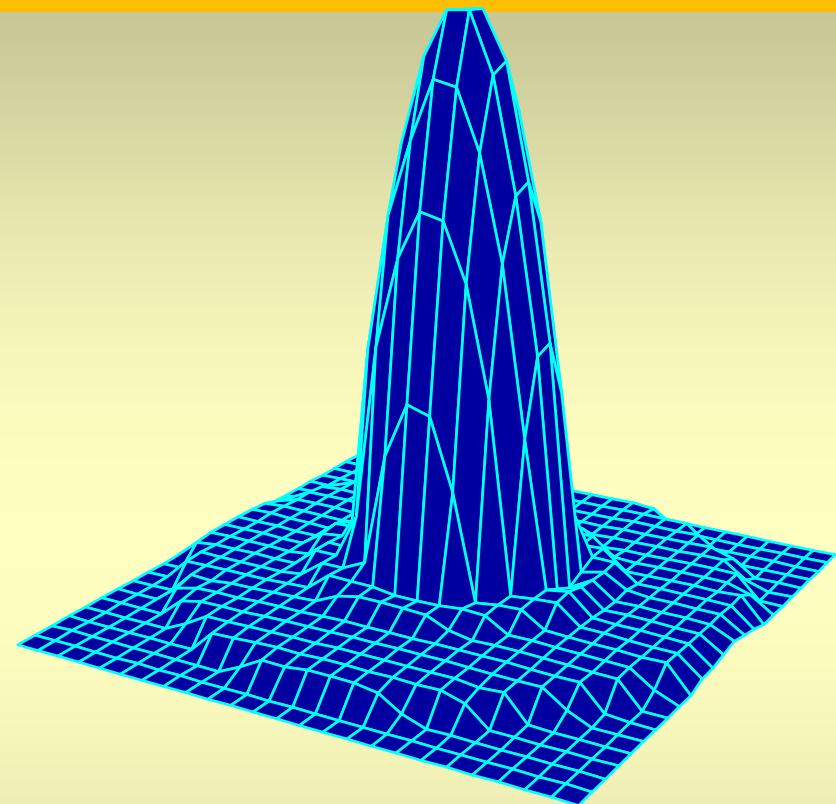


ICPF:Aerosols  
•Smolík  
•Ždímal  
•Schwarz  
•Ondráčkovi  
•Kugler  
•et.al.

# MCVD preform preparation

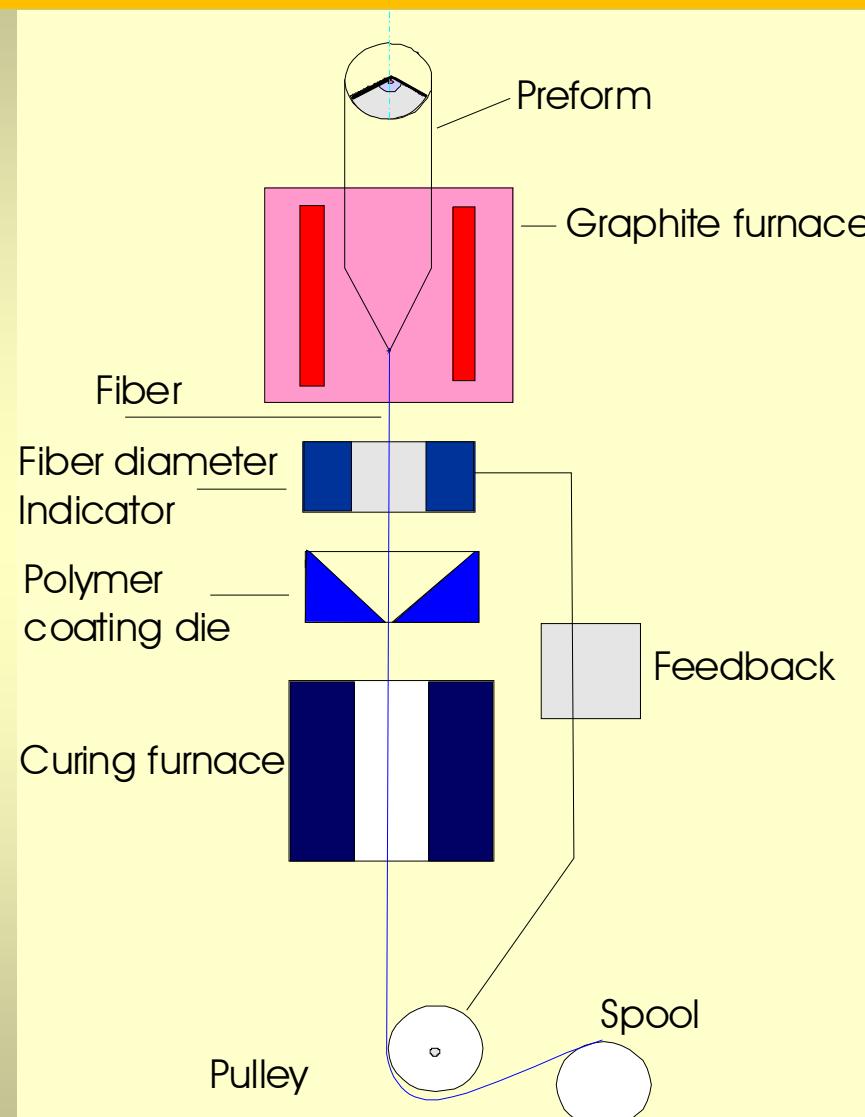


Microphoto of cross section  
of produced preform

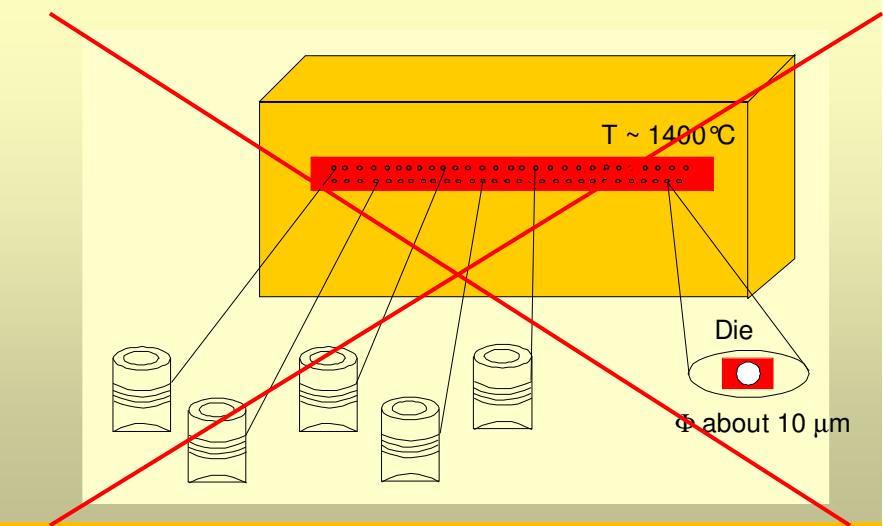


Tomography of the refractive-  
index profile of preform

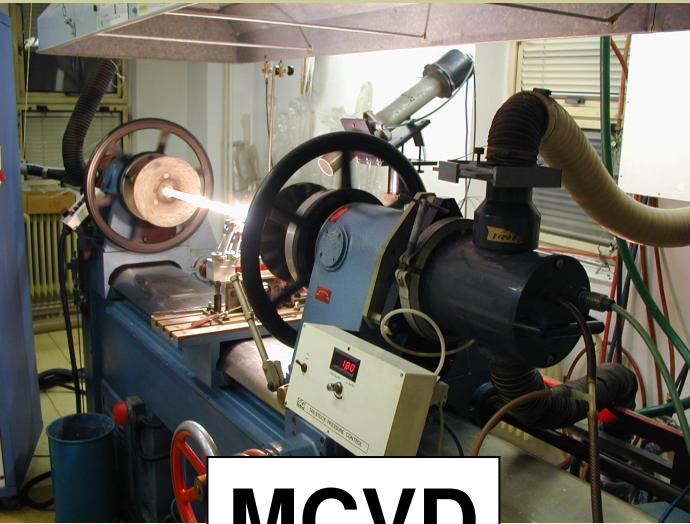
# Drawing of Optical Fibers from preforms



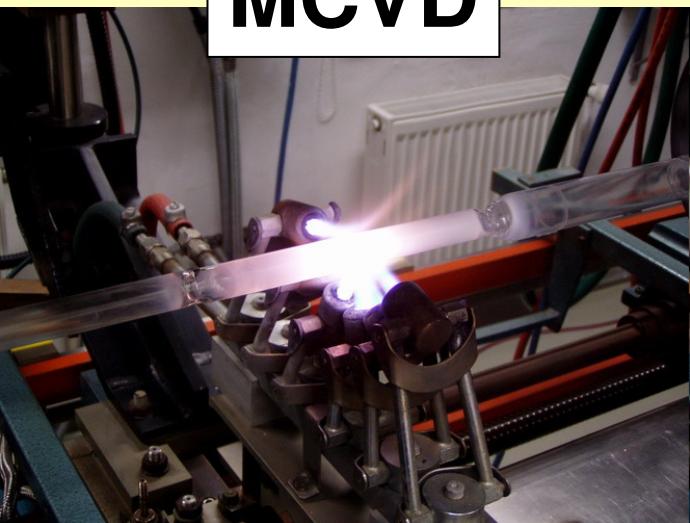
- diameter  
80-1000  $\mu\text{m}$
- temperature  
1800-2000  $^{\circ}\text{C}$



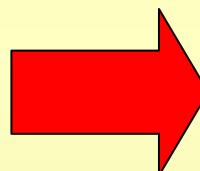
# Preparation of optical fibers



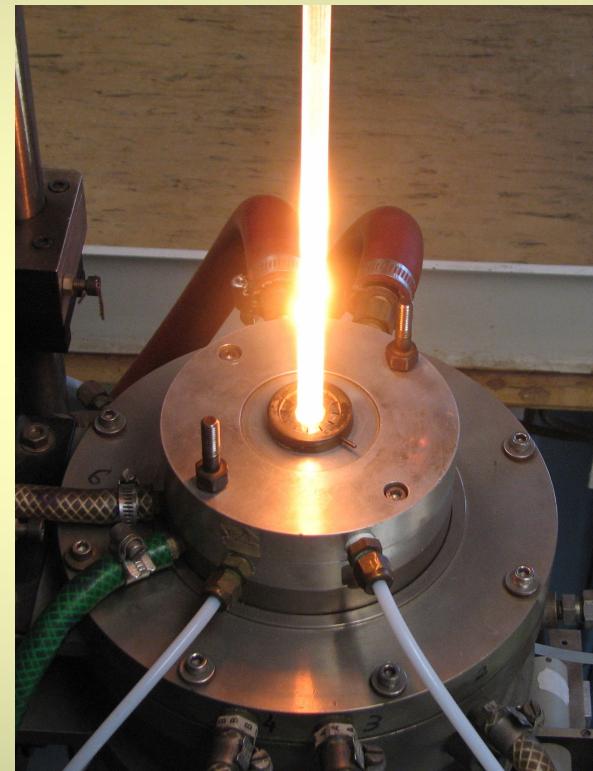
MCVD



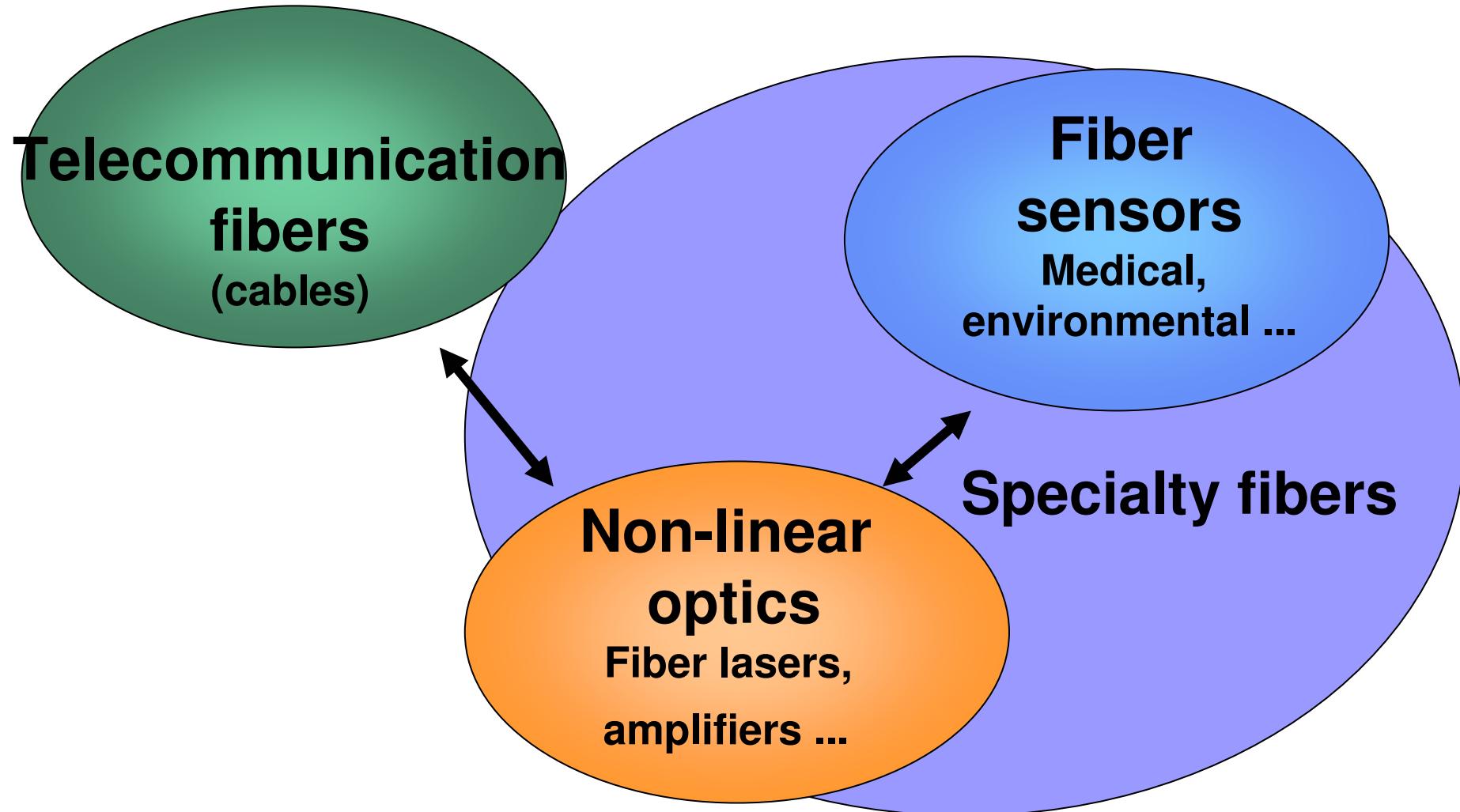
preform



Drawing

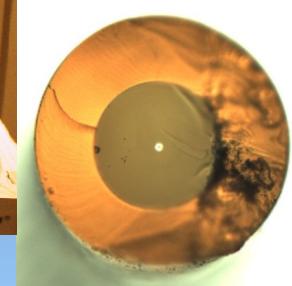
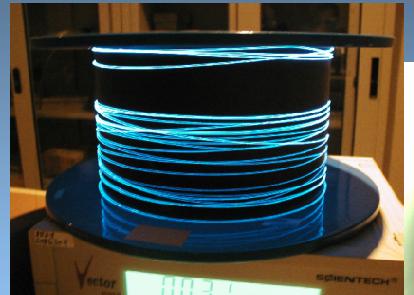
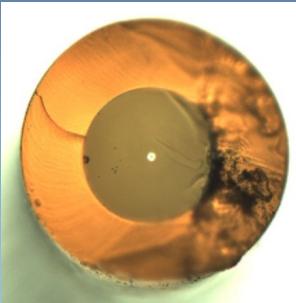
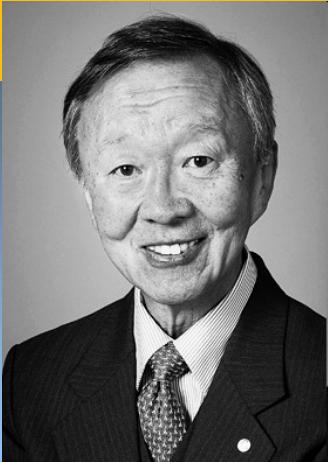


### III. Application



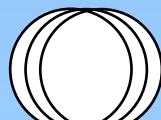
# Telecommunications

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1966



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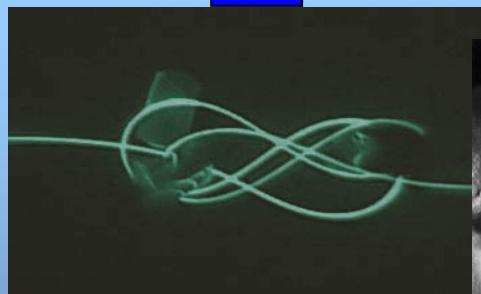
100 km vlákno



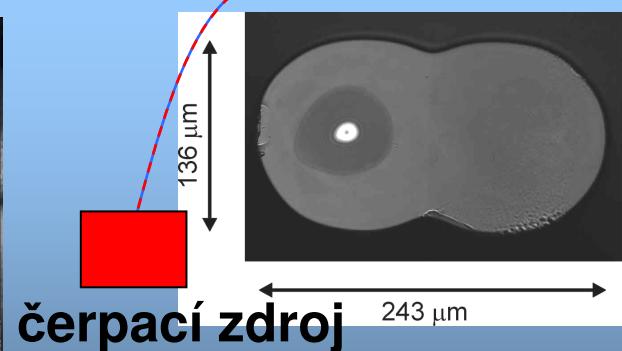
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zesilovač



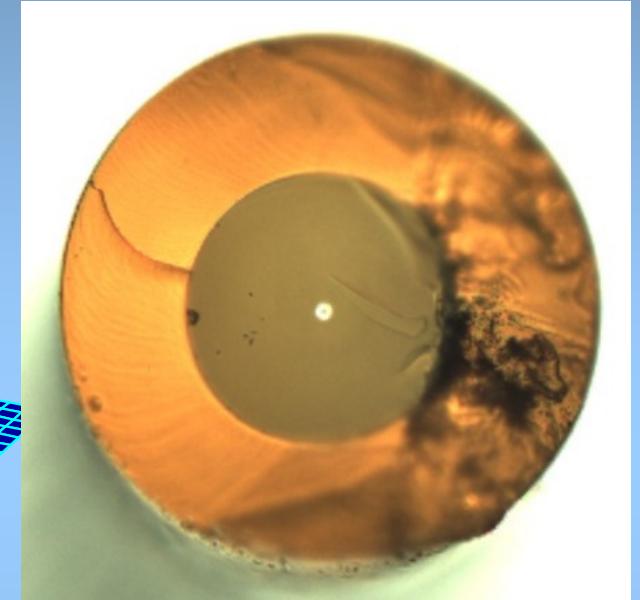
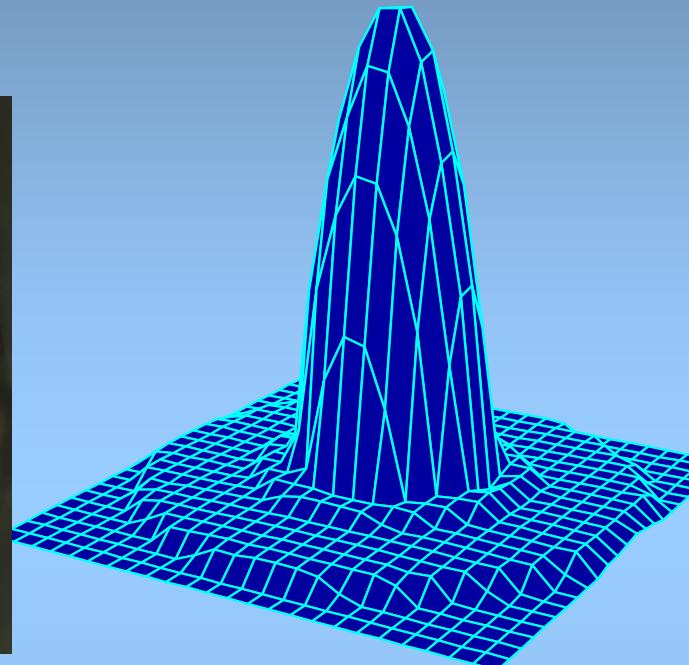
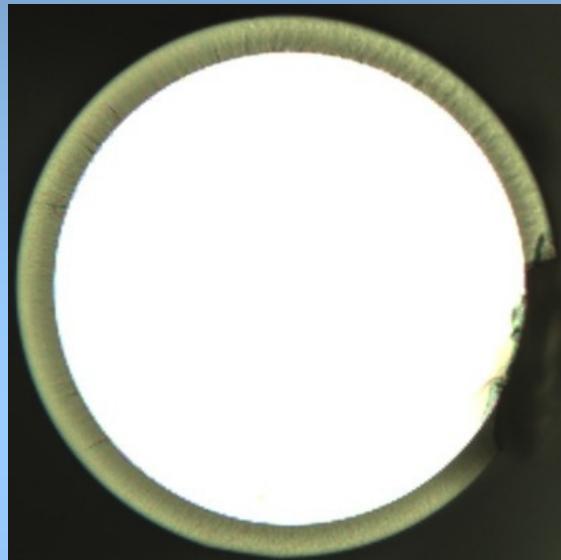
detektor



Maiman  
1960



# Telecommunications



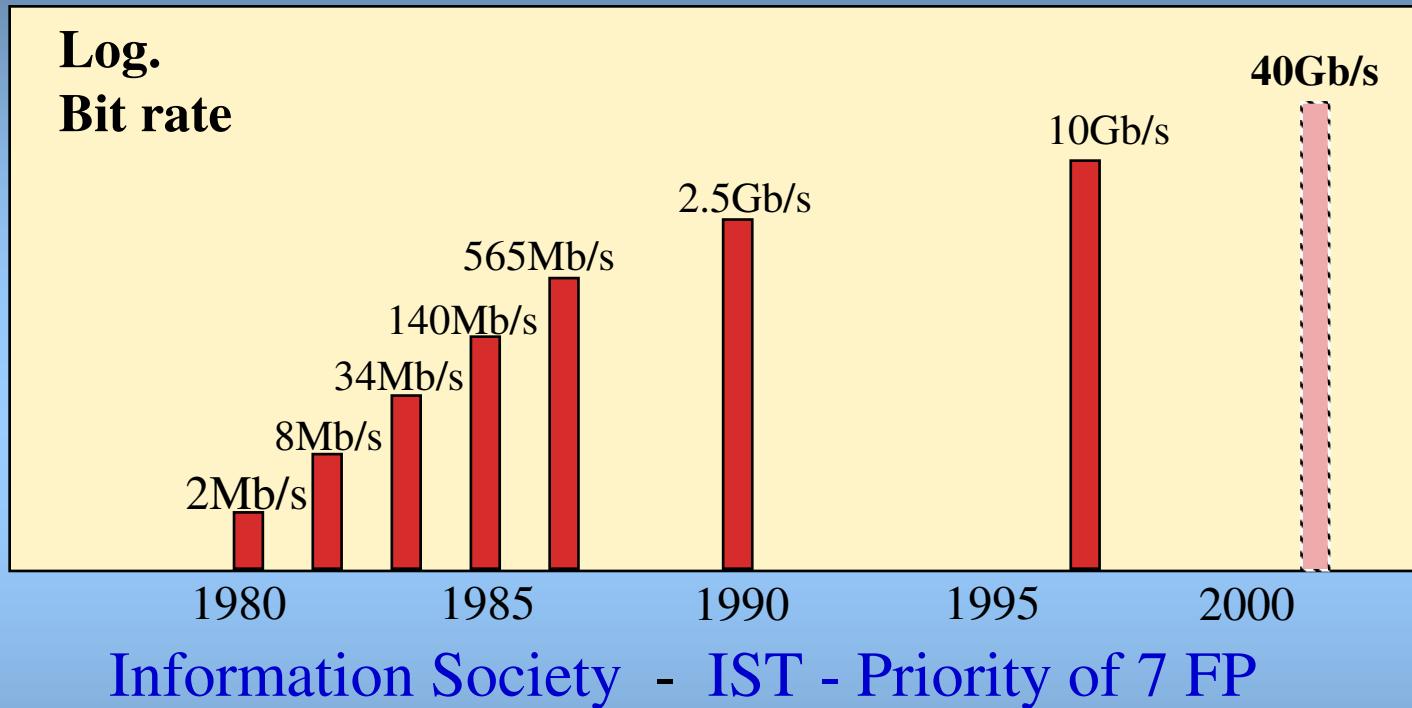
PCS Ø 200 – 600 um  
technology transfer  
VÚSU Teplice

GI - technology transfer  
VÚSU Teplice, Hesfibel

SM 1300, 1550 nm

1981 – 1st demonstration of PCS optical fiber - CZ

# Communications : increasing requirements on speed and amount of information



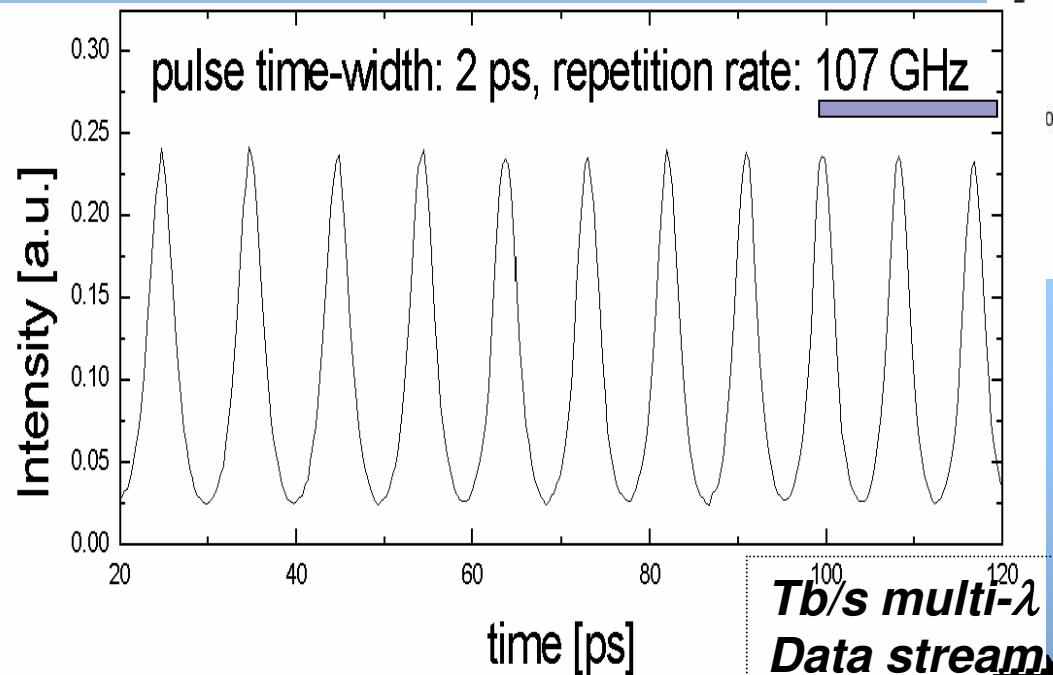
**Solution : multiplexing**

Time domain (TDM)

Spectral domain (WDM)

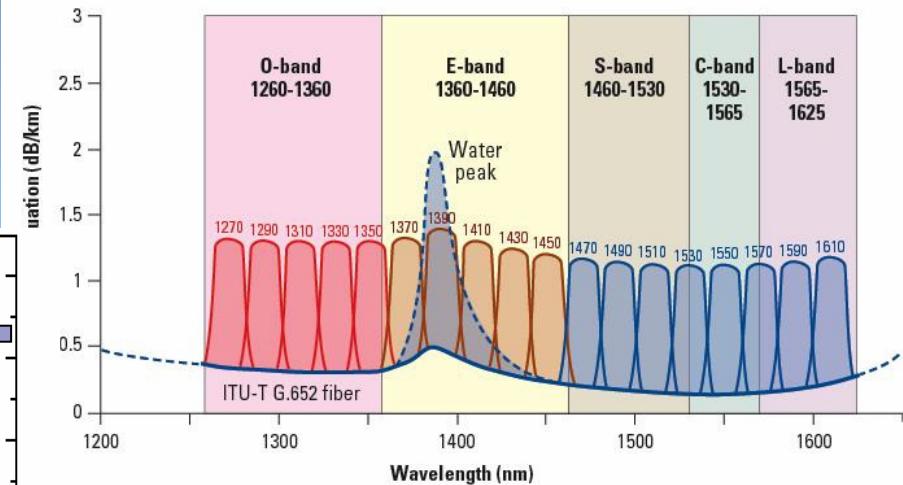
# TDM

## Time Division Multiplexing (TDM)

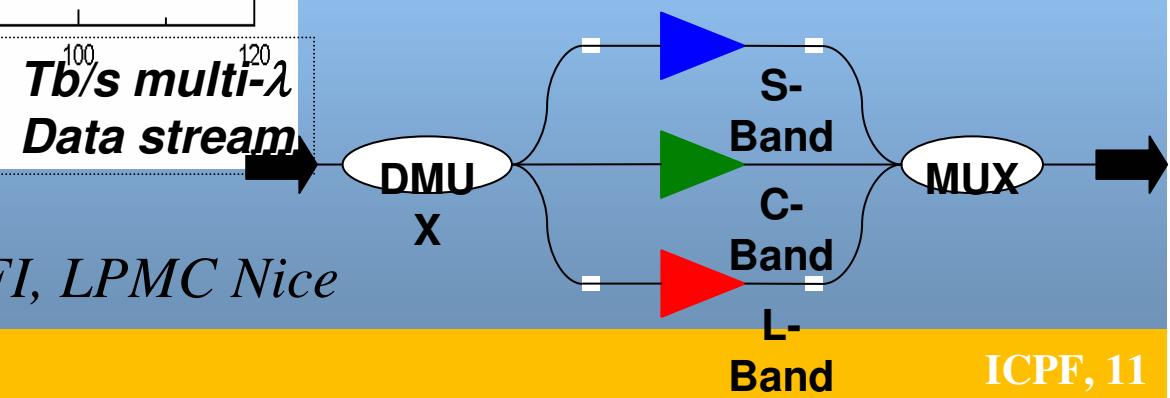


# WDM

CWDM wavelength grid as specified by ITU-T G.694.2

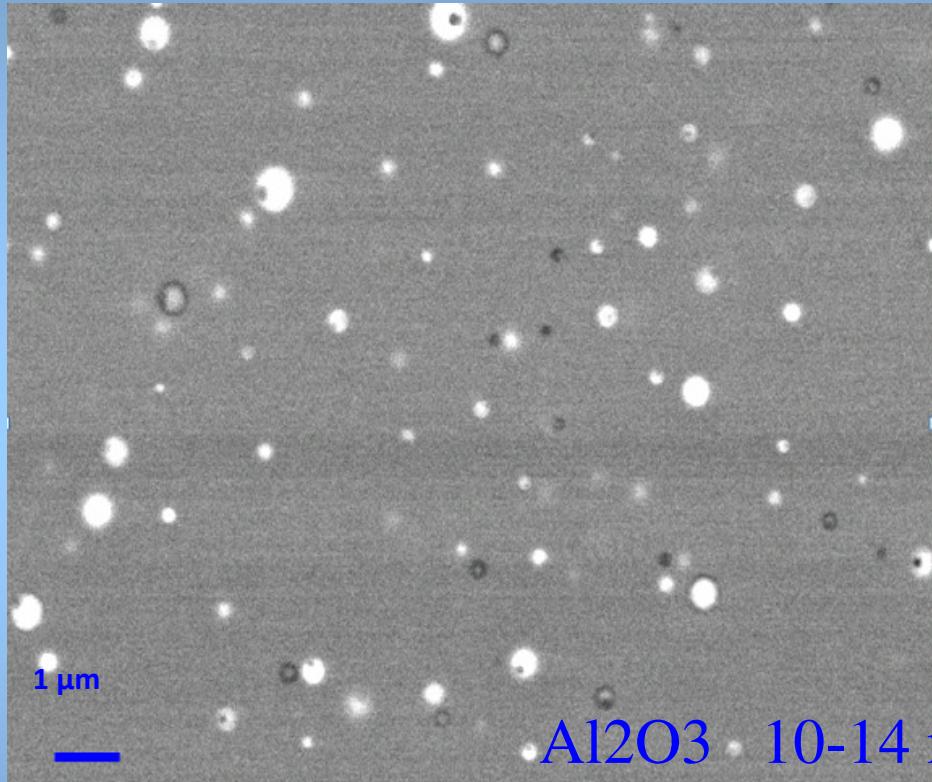


## Wavelength Division Multiplexing (WDM)



In collaboration with CTU-FJFI, LPMC Nice

# Er-doped nanocrystalline phase-separated optical fibers



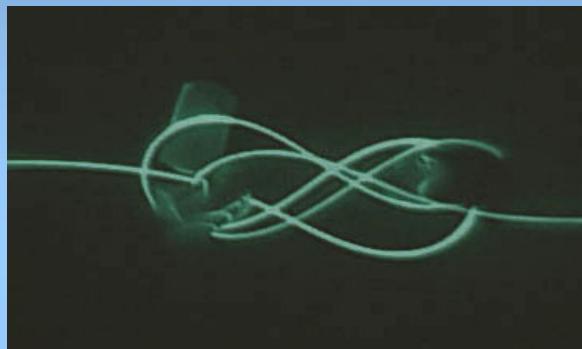
*In collaboration with  
CGCRI Kolkata,  
LPMC Nice*

Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> 10-14 mol%  
BaO 0.2 mol%  
ZrO<sub>2</sub> 0.9 mol%  
**Er<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>** 3500 ppm

ICPF :  
Rare-earth chem.  
Gruber  
Nanoparticles  
Fajgar  
Dřínek  
Pola  
Rheology/dispersion  
Wein  
Pěnkavová  
Tovčigrečko  
**PGS- defense**  
Čermák

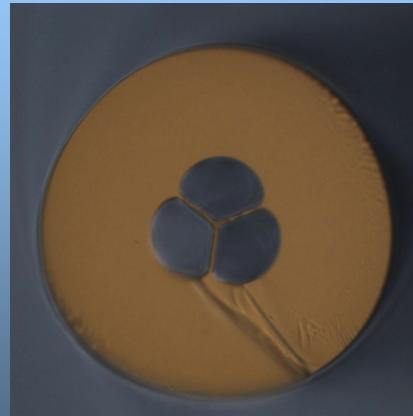
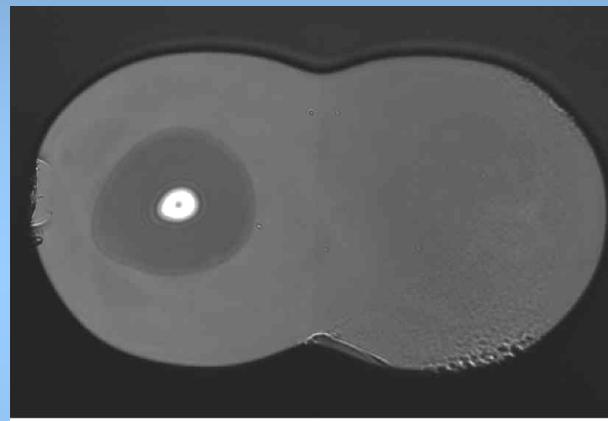
# SPECIAL OPTICAL FIBERS for fiber lasers, amplifiers (non-linear)

Doped fibers



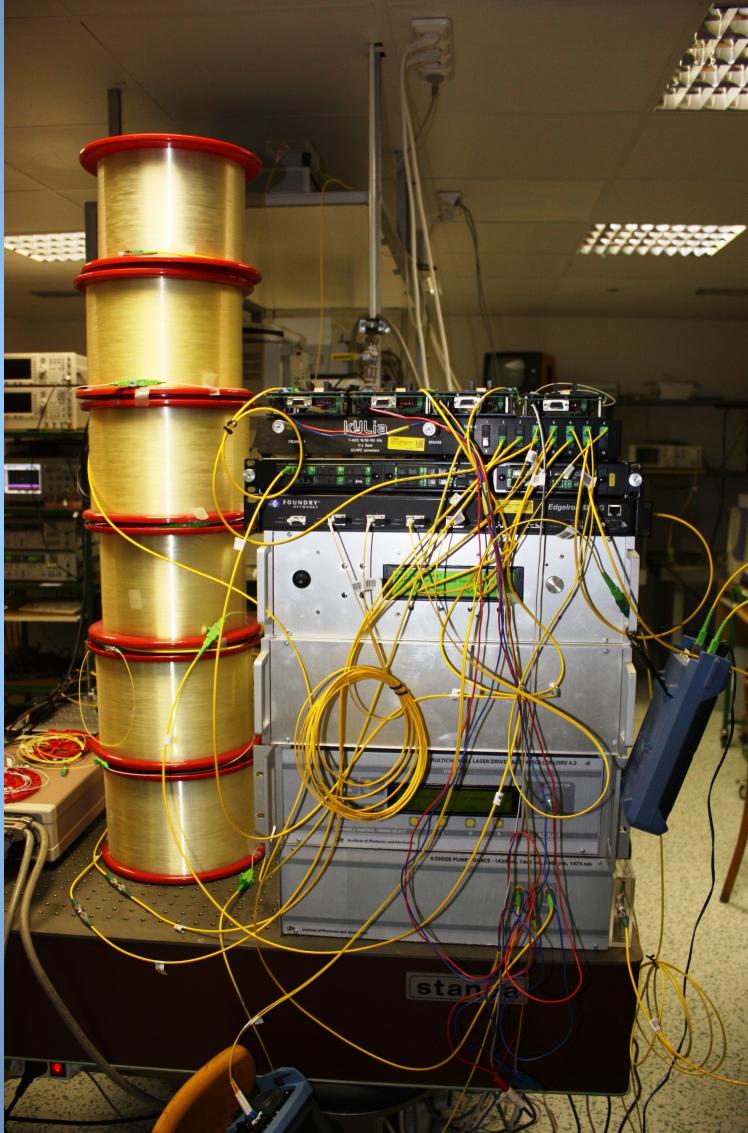
Yb/Er, Tm

Components



Twin-core (TCF)  
Photonic crystal (PCF)  
Double-clad (DC)

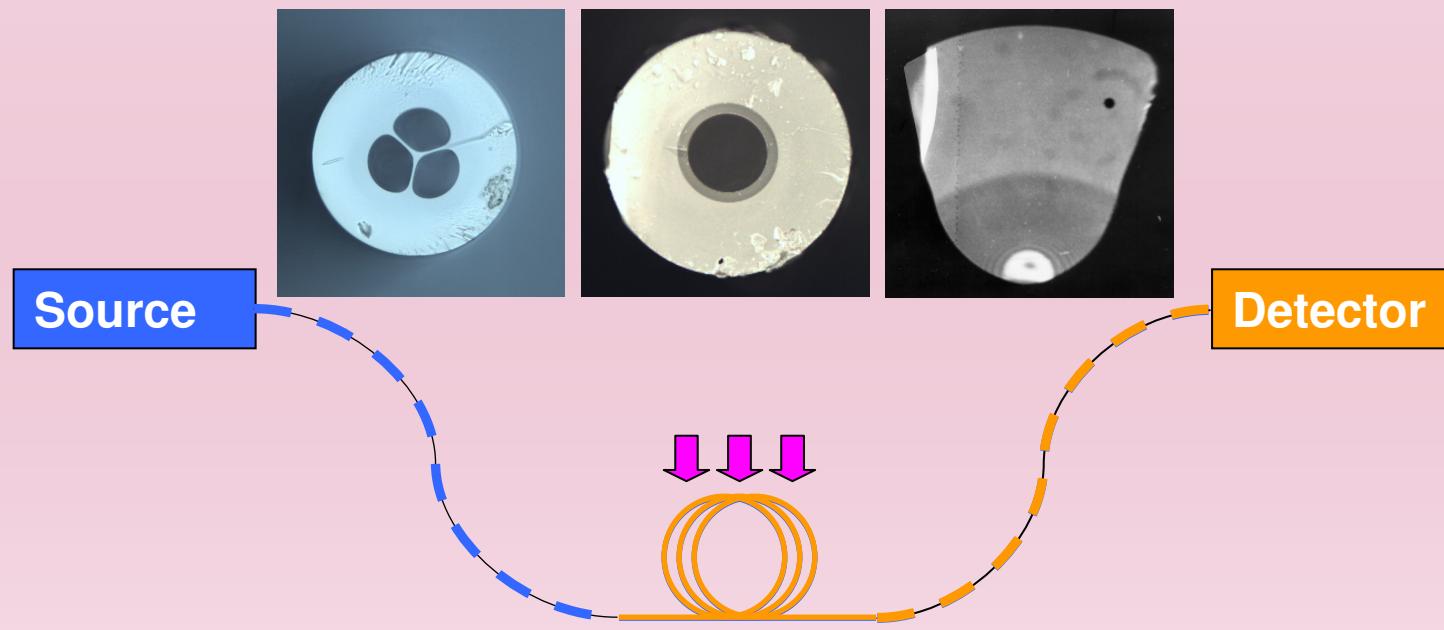
# Telecommunication and fiber amplifiers



**ÚFE : M.Karásek**  
*in collaboration  
with Cesnet :  
testing 200 km  
line*

# Fiber-optic sensors

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



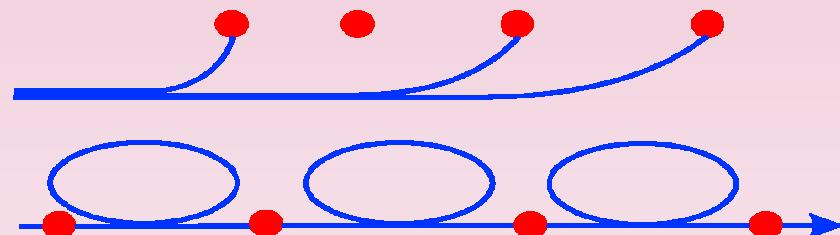
**Change of output optical signal due to (bio)chemical changes in fiber vicinity.**

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

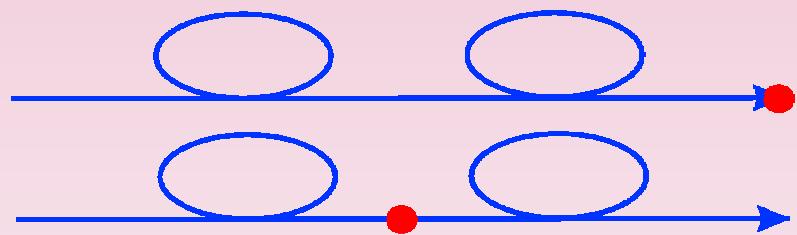
- + Remote sensing
- + Distributed
- + Explosive, high-voltage areas, human body

**Solution : fiber-optic sensors**

**Multipoint (distributed)  
detection**



**Point detection**



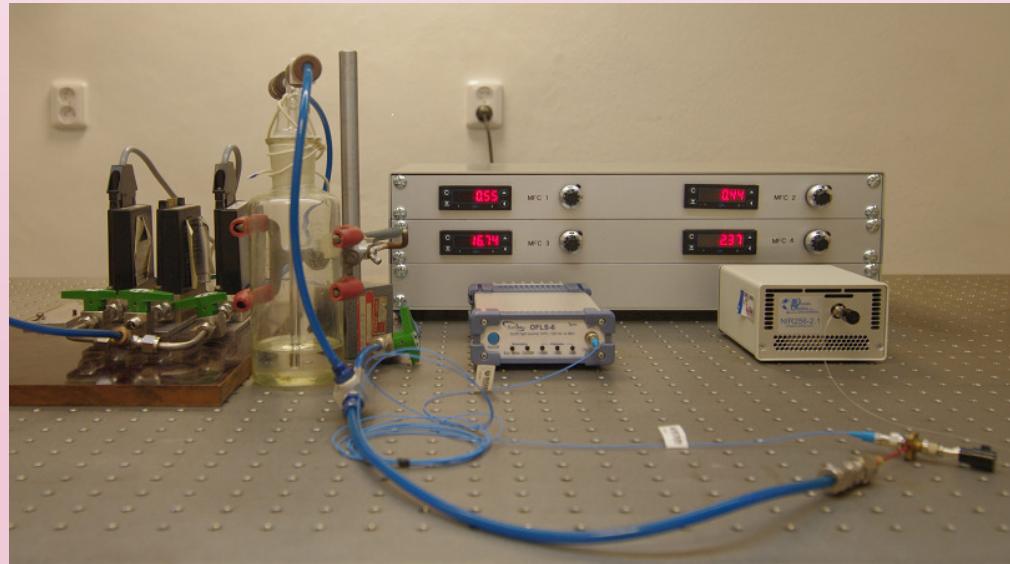
# Refractometric sensor of hydrocarbons



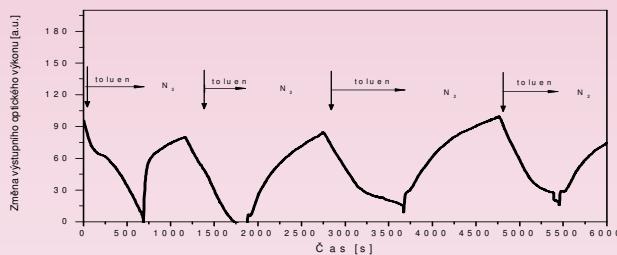
- + **sensitivity** : LOD ~ 3-5 mg/l ~ comparable to EU ecological limit
- + **time response** : seconds

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

# Detection of vapors

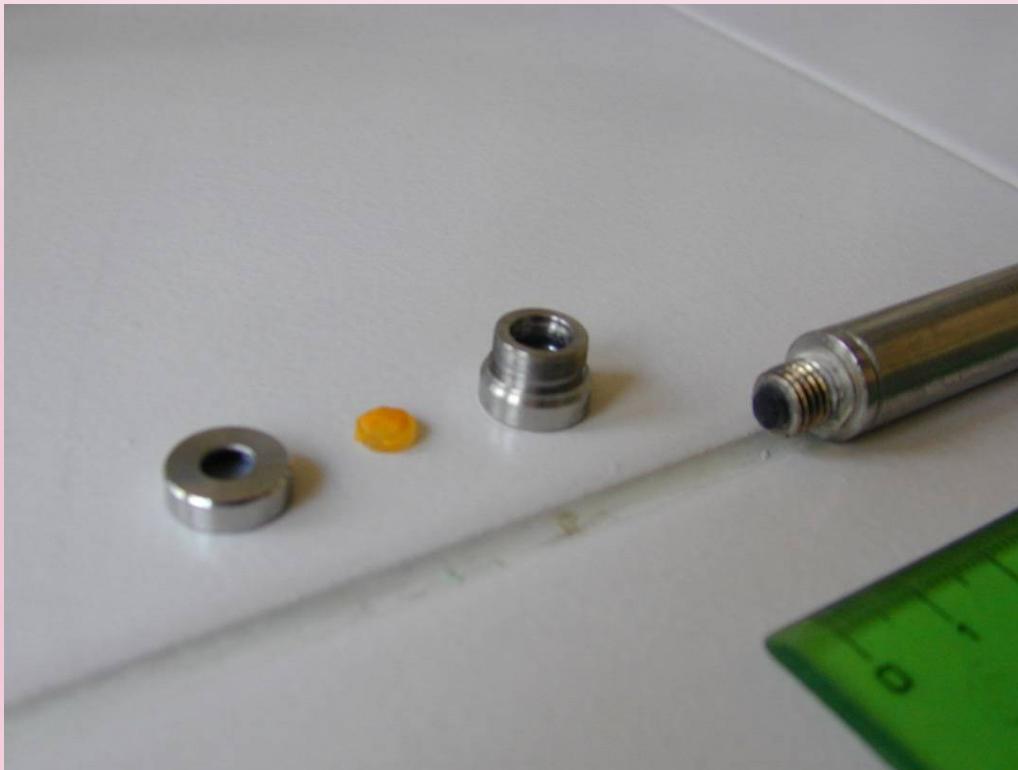


*In collaboration with ICPF  
in progress*



ICPF: (analytics)  
Sýkora

# Fluorescence detection of oxygen



Detection of oxygen in fermentors :  
6FP GRD project MATINOES

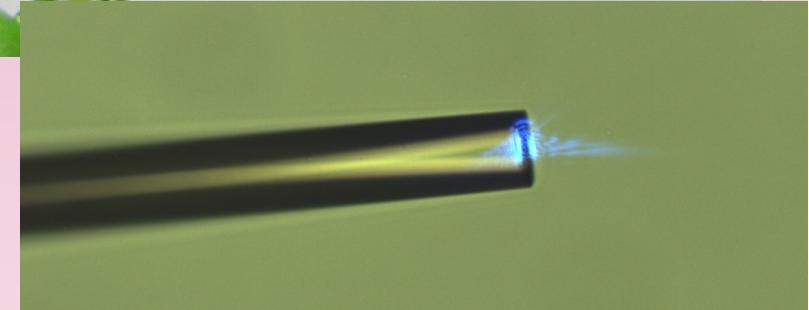
*In collaboration with ICPF, ISC  
Wurzburg, UMIST Manchester ...*

ICPF: (analytics)  
Kuncová & Maléterová,  
Bolyo, Trogel, Vrbová

# Local pH detection in microsamples



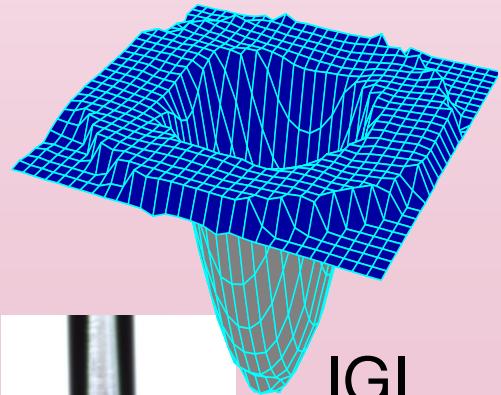
Fiber tapers :



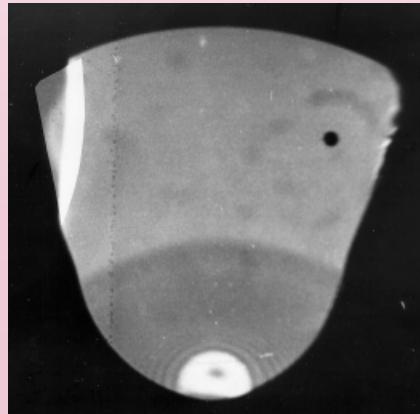
Detection of pH <5; 7> in xylem exudates, intracellular detection

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

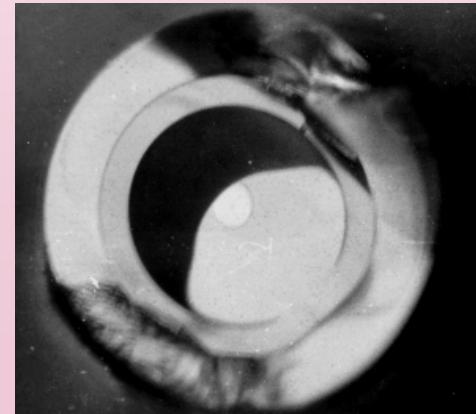
# SPECIAL OPTICAL FIBERS for fiber sensors



IGI  
LPG



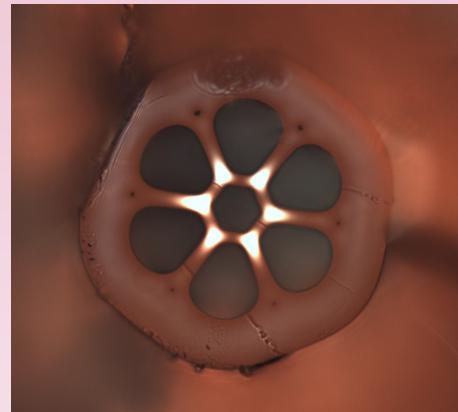
S-fibers



COF-fibers



capillaries

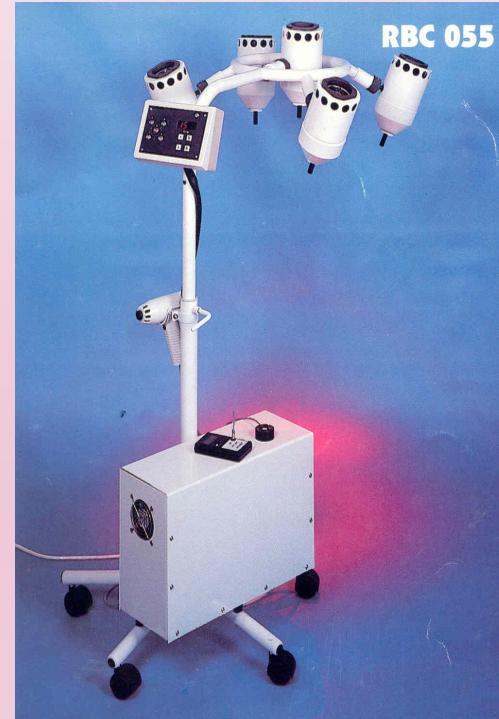
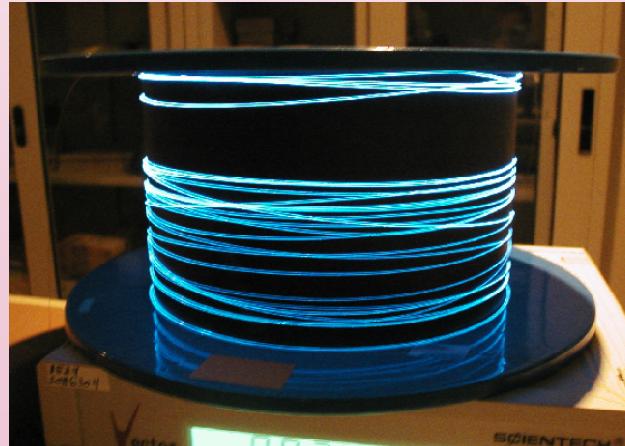


[ PCF], tapers

ICPF: HPLC  
Sýkora  
ICPF: bubbling  
Růžička et.al.  
ICPF: membranes  
Uchytíl et.al.

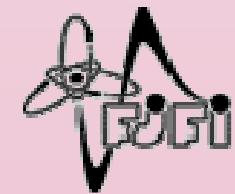
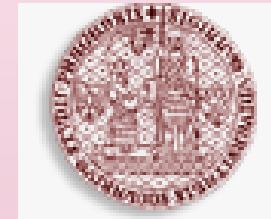
ICPF: Punčochář

# Fiber-optics for medical application



- Angioplastics - cleaning of arteries using an intensive laser pulse
- Fotodynamic diagnosis and therapy
- Optical biopsy - cancer diagnosis

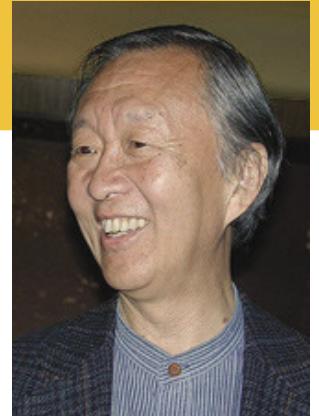
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## IV. SUMMARY

1. Fiber technology : preparation of structures of high precision from materials of ultra-high purity (impurities in ppbs only).
2. Fiber preparation in two steps : preform preparation and fiber drawing. (M)CVD technique (preform) makes possible to prepare multilayered tailored structures of suitable level of purity.
3. Fibers conventional and special.
4. Research of optical fibers (CR) :





**ČT2 – PORT : Co dokážou lasery - 29/9/2010**

**ČT2 – Věda a vědci : Zkrocené světlo - 6/10/2010**

**ČT1 – České hlavy – 10/2/2006**

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