

Research on Transmission Characteristics of Photonic-crystal Fiber with a Subwavelength Air Core

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Abstract— This paper presents a comprehensive investigation of a subwavelength air-core photonic crystal fiber (PCF) and its application in a high-performance fiber polarizer. Through numerical simulations based on the finite-difference beam propagation method, we demonstrate that the proposed PCF structure enables exceptional light confinement within its subwavelength air core, overcoming the classical diffraction limit. An optimized polarizer design integrating a metal film with the side-polished PCF exhibits outstanding performance with an extinction ratio of 43.393 dB and an insertion loss of 1.553 dB for TE-polarized light. Comparative analysis confirms the superior efficacy of this approach over alternative configurations, establishing its potential for advanced photonic applications.

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