

Single-wavelength transmission speed of hollow fiber



Overview

Hollow-Core Optical Fibers for Telecommunications and Data In this paper, we comprehensively review the progress in the development of HCFs including fiber.

Key Takeaways

Hollow-core fiber has achieved a single-wavelength transmission speed of 1.2 Tbit/s over 20 km in a live network demonstration. Hollow-core fibers (HCFs) guide light primarily through air or vacuum, significantly reducing optical nonlinearity and dispersion compared to conventional solid-core fibers, which enables ultra-high-speed data transmission.

In a recent demonstration by China Telecom, ZTE, and YOFC, a single-wavelength rate of 1.2 Tbit/s was successfully transmitted over a 20 km hollow-core fiber link, achieving a unidirectional total capacity exceeding 100 Tbit/s using multiple wavelengths. This experiment represents a major milestone in optical communication, demonstrating the potential of HCFs for ultra-high-speed, low-latency networks.

Key Features of Hollow-Core Fiber Transmission

Low Latency and Reduced Nonlinearity: Light propagates mostly in air, minimizing interaction with glass and allowing higher power and faster transmission.

Wide Low-

Loss Spectrum: HCFs can operate across a broad wavelength range, including C-band and L-band, supporting multiple high-speed channels. **High Spectral Efficiency:** Advanced modulation and wavelength-division multiplexing techniques enable single-wavelength speeds of 1.2 Tbit/s while maintaining signal integrity.

Transmission Distance: The current demonstration achieved 20 km, suitable for data center interconnects and metro networks, with potential for longer distances as technology matures. **Applications and Implications:** HCFs are particularly promising for high-speed data centers, 5G networks, cloud computing, and AI-driven distributed computing, where low latency and high bandwidth are critical. The technology is still in development, but these breakthroughs indicate that hollow-core fibers could gradually replace conventional fibers in scenarios demanding ultra-high-speed single-wavelength transmission.

In summary, the current state-of-the-art single-wavelength transmission speed in hollow-core fiber is 1.2 Tbit/s, achieved over 20 km, with ongoing research aimed at extending distance, efficiency, and commercial deployment.

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1.2 Tbit/s Hollow-Core Fiber Breakthrough

Recently, the optical communication field witnessed an exciting breakthrough: the successful experiment of hollow-core fiber communication achieving a single-wavelength rate of 1.2

China Telecom with ZTE demo single-wavelength 1.2T bps hollow

This demonstration completed the hollow-core fiber deployment and large-capacity transmission between China Telecom's Hangzhou Intelligent Computing Center and Yiqiao IDC.

Hollow-core breakthrough

For more than four decades, global communications have relied on silica-based, solid-core, single-mode fibres capable of impressively low losses of about 0.14 dB/km at 1,550 nm (ref. 3).

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