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Top: CO₂ laser splicing-contamination-free and versatile joining with high reproducibility for manufacturing of high power fiber laser components.

Cover: Special fiber splice manufactured with CO₂ laser technology.



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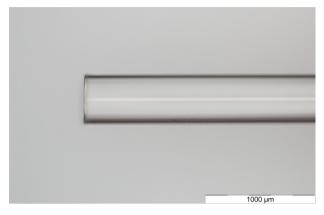


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Innovative and flexible glass fiber processes with extraordinary purity and high potential for automation

$\mathrm{CO}_{\!_2}$ laser-based packaging and joining technologies for optical fibers

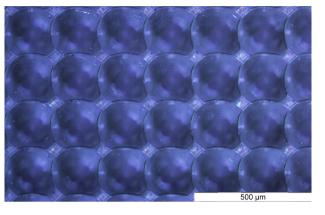
Overview of available CO₂ laser-based glass fiber processes Part 1



Cleaving of fibers, instead of using a diamond blade



Tapering changing cross-section, mode field adaptation, etc.



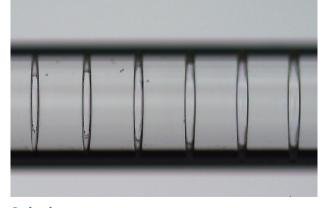
Surface modification changing of surface properties (reflectivity, transmission, etc.)



Ablation and Polishing processing of half-finished products and fiber preforms, etc.

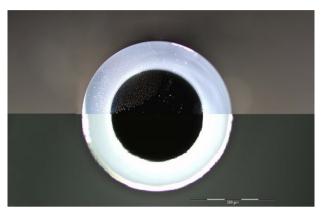


Collapsing of photonic crystal fibers and capillaries etc.



Stripping removing of fiber acrylate layers, etc.

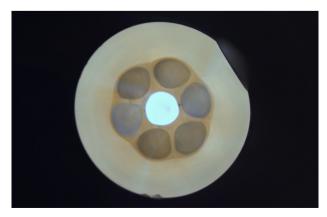
Overview of available CO₂ laser-based glass fiber processes Part 2



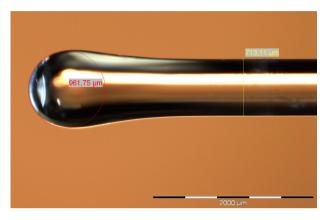
Cleaning of fibers and fiber tips with short laser pulses



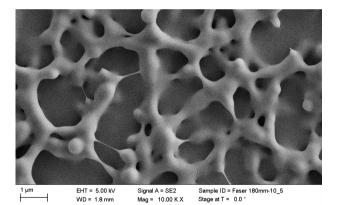
Splicing optical components with equal or different Ø, cross-sections



Fused fiber coupler for lower and high-power applications



Shaping/ Polishing generation of additional functionalities for fibers



Laser deposition

monolithic surface modification for fiber mode stripping, reflectivity changing, etc.



Spliced fiber collimators

suitable for space with outstanding optical performance