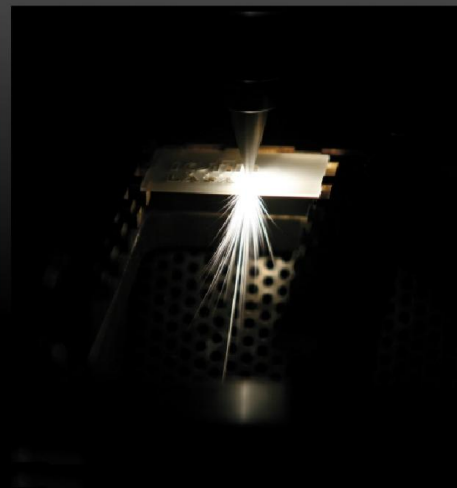
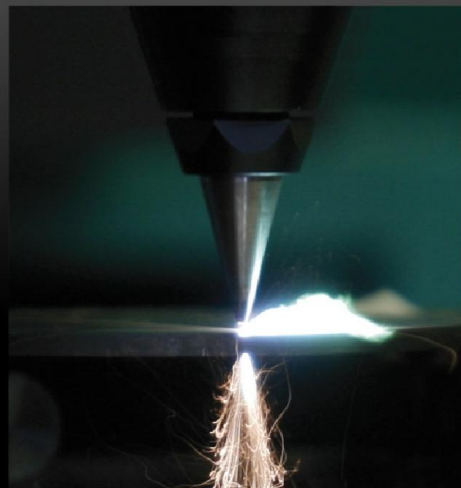


**All in Fiber
Systems**
for Material Processing



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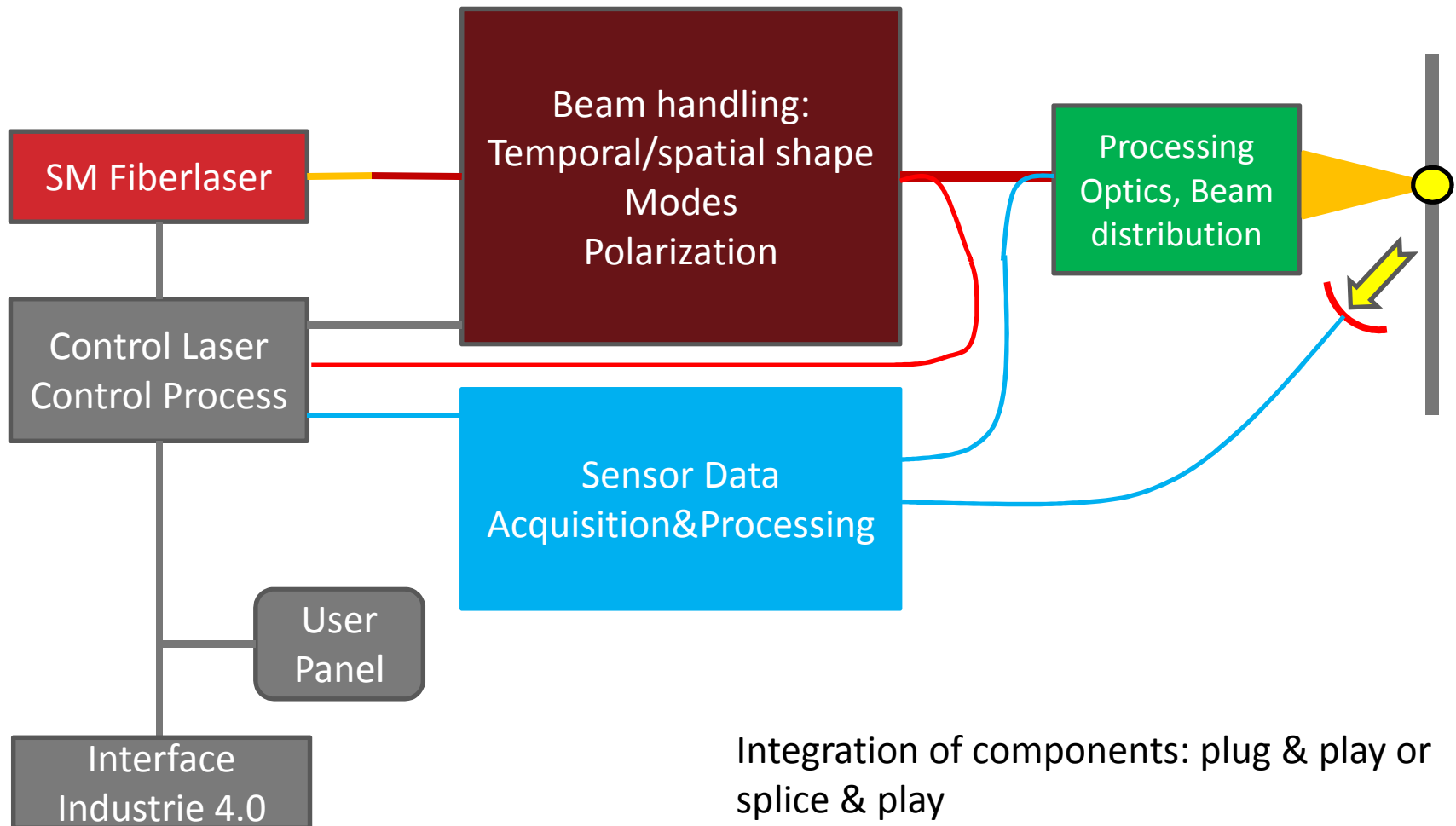
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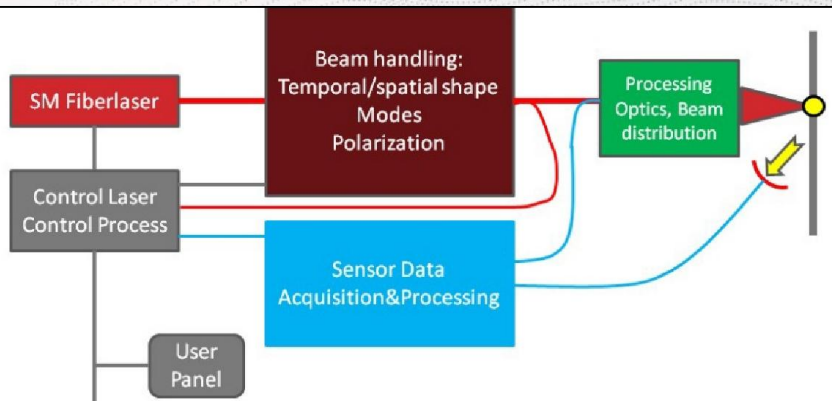
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All in Fiber Systems for (industrial/medical) Material Processing



Integration of components: plug & play or splice & play



Fiberlaser + Transport Fiber + beam Control

cw /cw-modulated / qcw /pulse shape /pulsed
(not UFL)

SM because of mode stability and beam quality

Advantages:

SM high power /average power/stable
wavelength flexibility

Fundamental Problems:

Backreflection / fiber damage

Raman (power loss/ damage fiber laser)

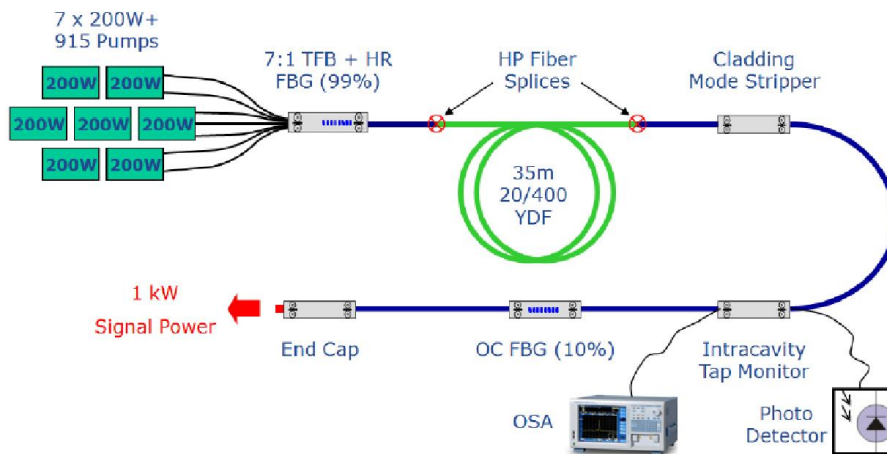
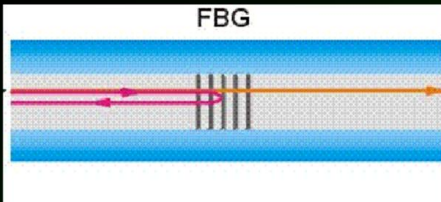
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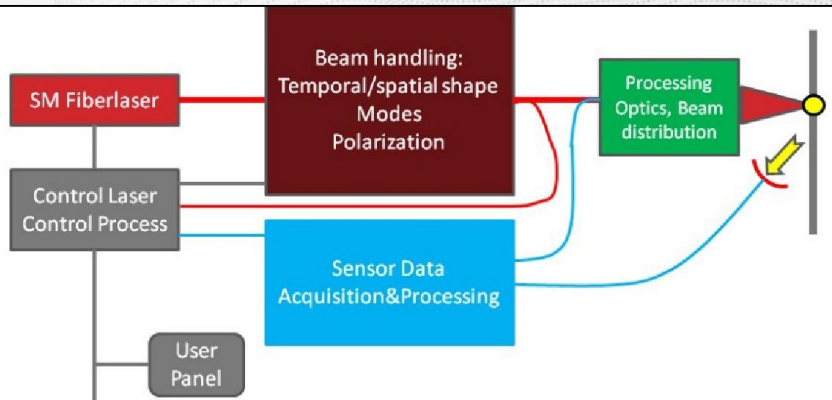
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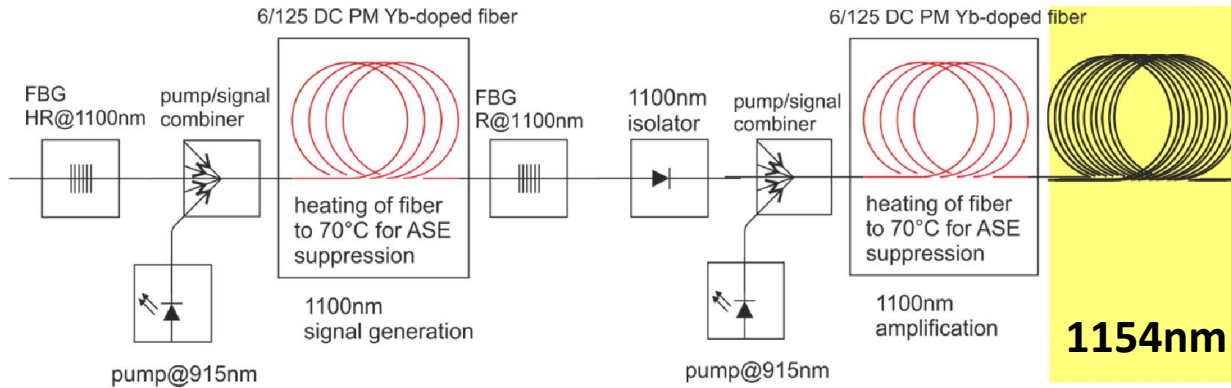
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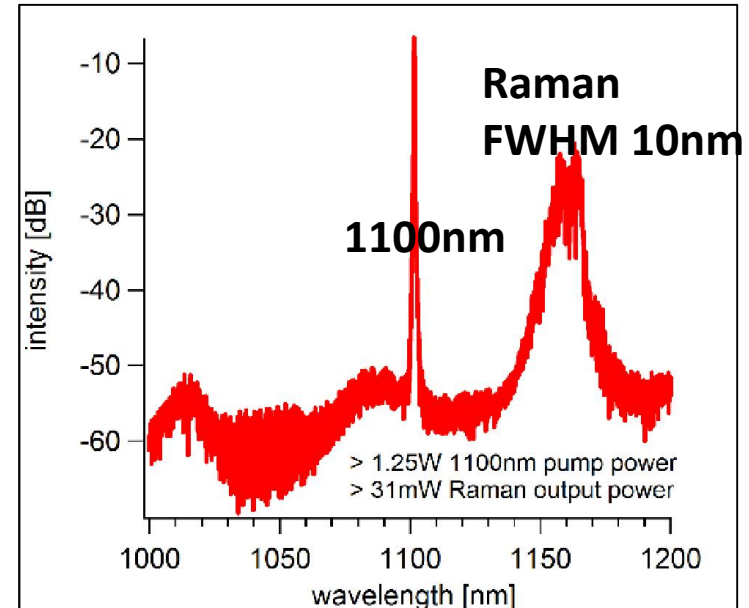
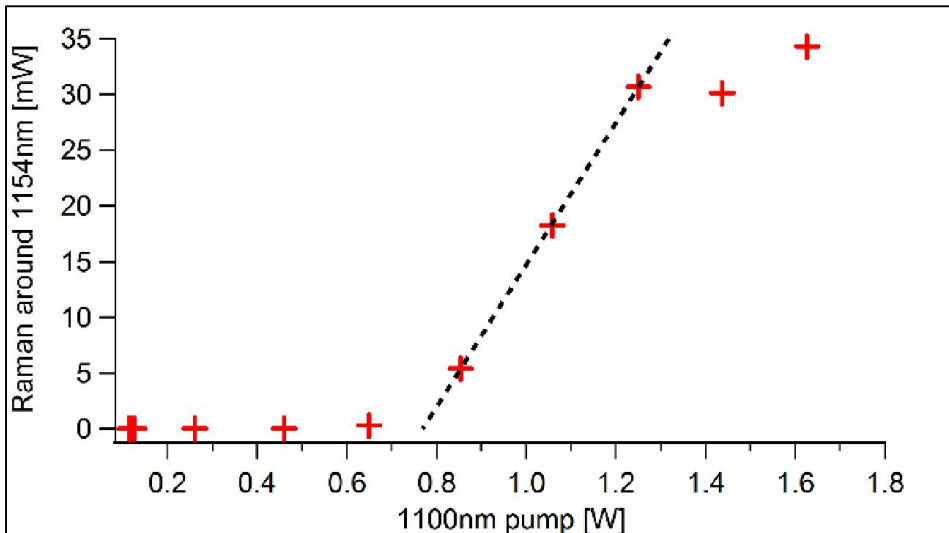
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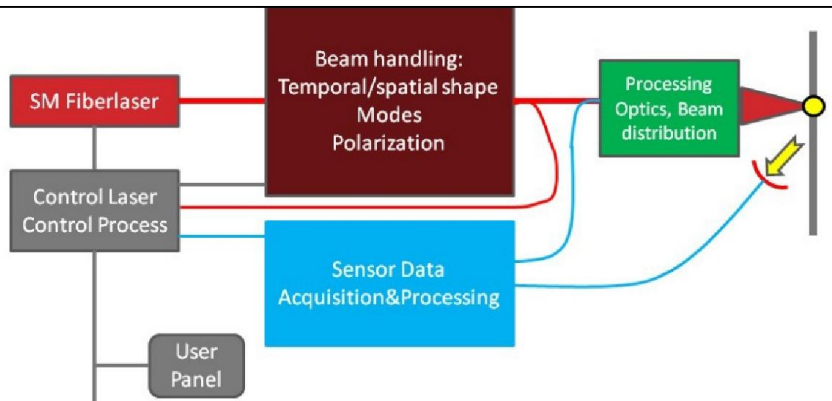
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- > slope efficiency 6%
- > max. output power 35mW
- > FWHM 10nm





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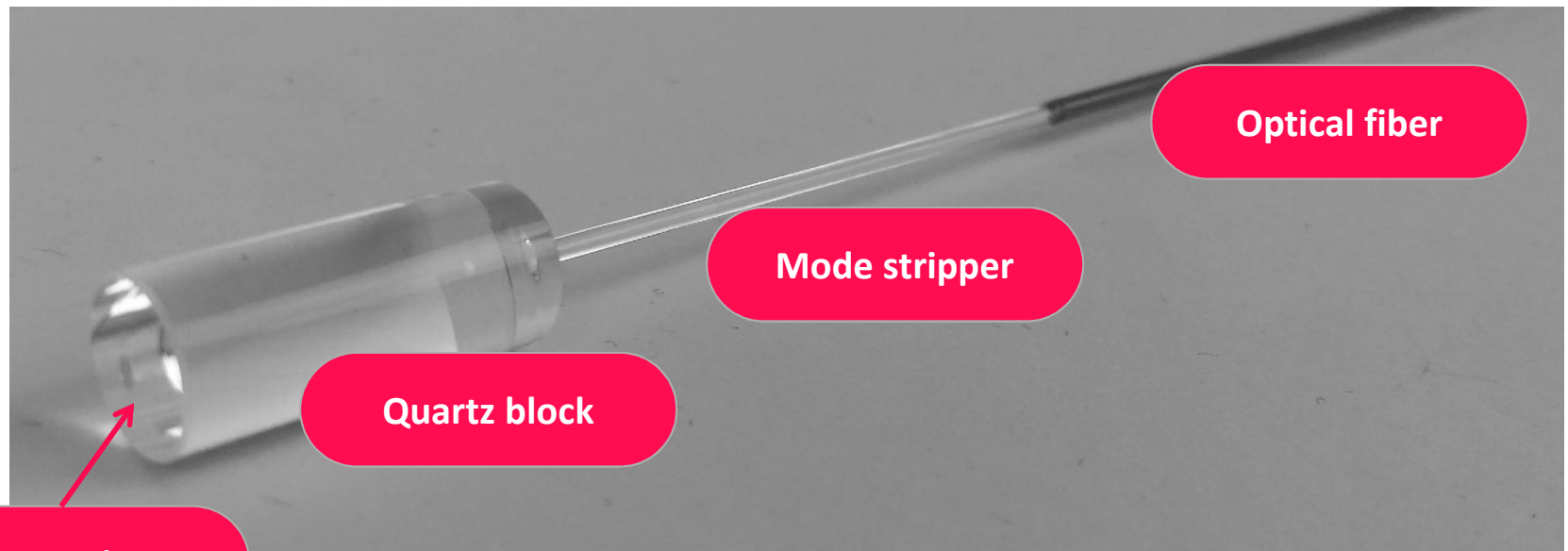
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Optoskand fundamental fiber technology

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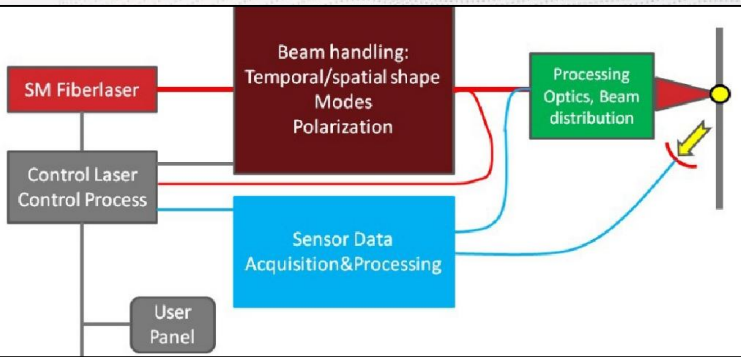


AR-coating

Quartz block

Mode stripper

Optical fiber



Fiberlaser(SM) + Transport Fiber

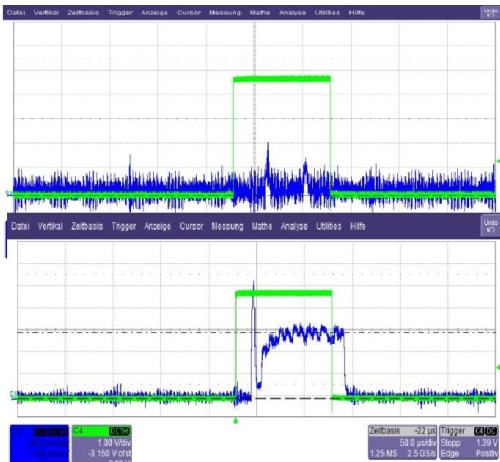
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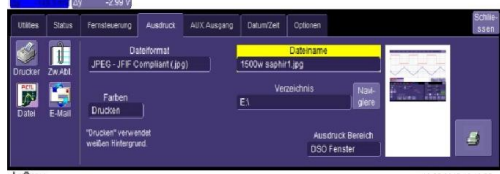
Fundamental Problems:

Influence of optical components and application on Fiberlaser

Backreflection / fiber damage/Laser damage



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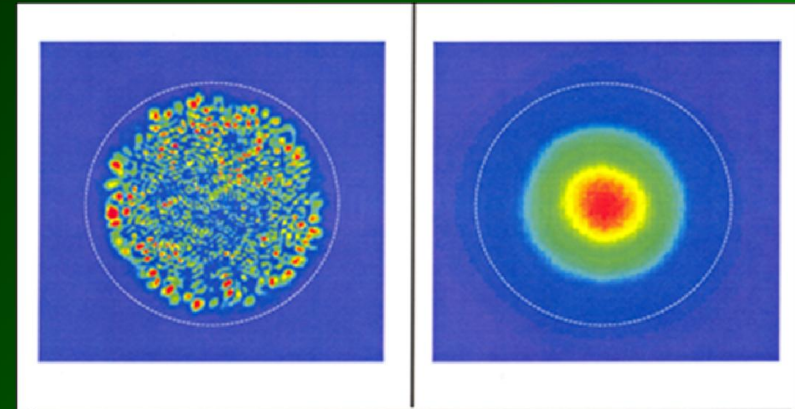
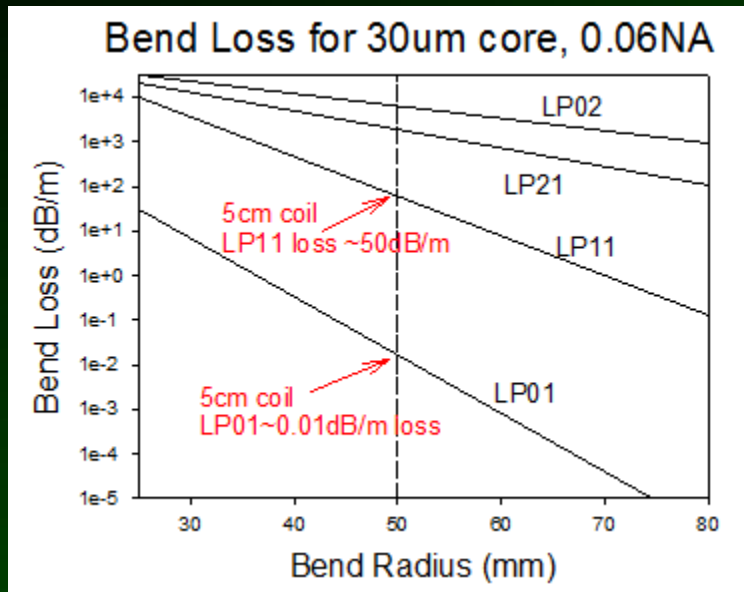


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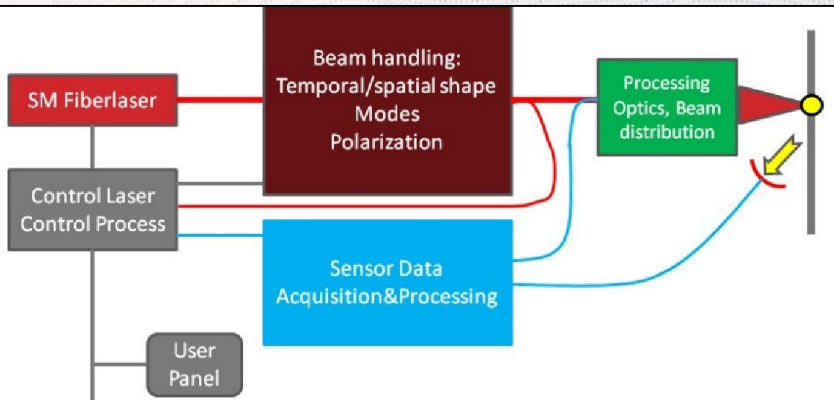
Thermal cutting of Sapphire

LMA Double Clad Fibers

	Singlemode "SM"	Multimode "MM"	Large Mode Area "LMA"
# Signals	1	~ 1000	2 to 5
Core Size (microns)	3 – 10	50 – 150	15 - 50
NA	0.12 – 0.20	0.20 – 0.35	0.05 – 0.10



- Large, Low NA Cores offer large mode areas
- LMA fibers, while few moded, can be used for single fundamental mode operation.



Beam Control / manipulation by fibers or pigtailed components

cw/cw-modulated / qcw / pulse shape / pulsed SM

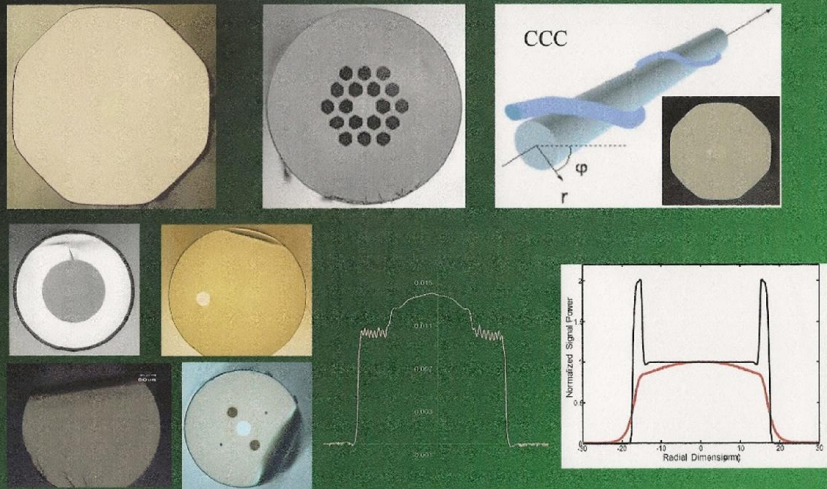
Fibers or pigtailed optical components with low losses and high damage threshold?

Advantages:
No free optics/adjustment/contamination

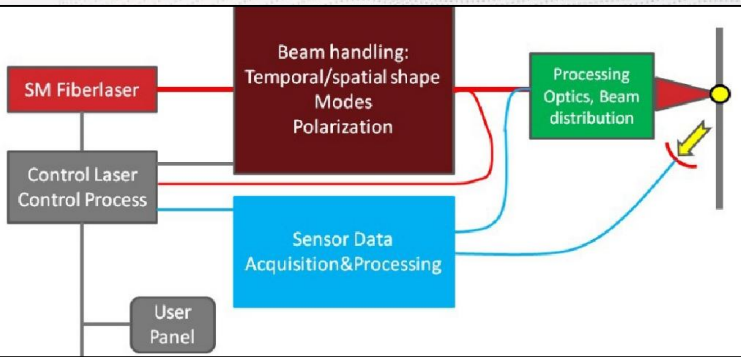
Examples for existing fibers with beam shaping capabilities:

- GRIN (Refractive index)
- Square Shape (cross section)
- structured fiber

Highly Engineered Fibers: DoD Programs



Driven by strong interest in developing technology in the US



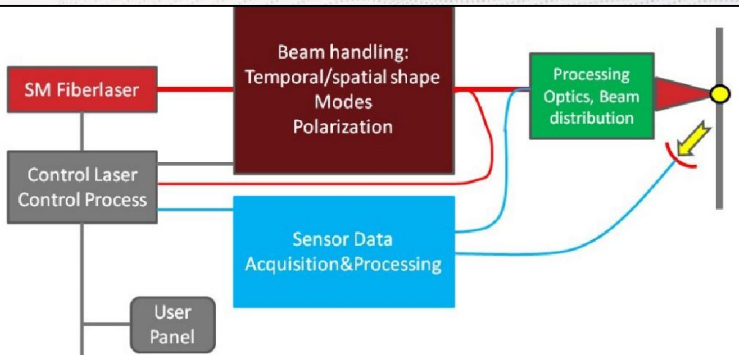
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Processing head

- focussing optics/autofocus
- spatial beam distribution (time share(scan)/ energy share (DOE))
- Process measurements(on/offline) (backreflection(absorption/depth etc/ Temperature/imaging)
- Workpiece surface measurements (autofocus/ Structure/roughness etc)

Low power Medical Laser system with fiber probes or laser endoscopes already all in fiber systems



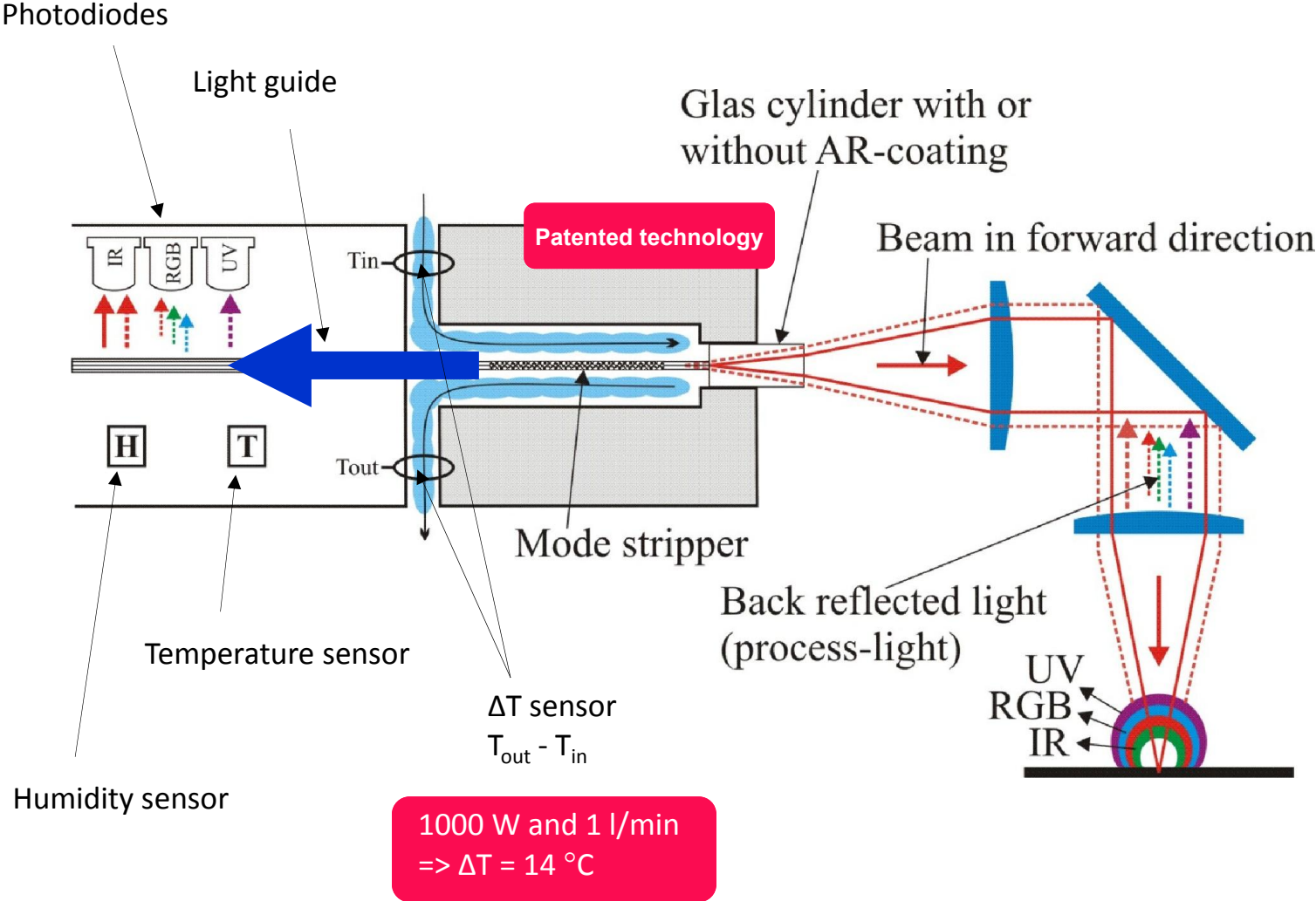
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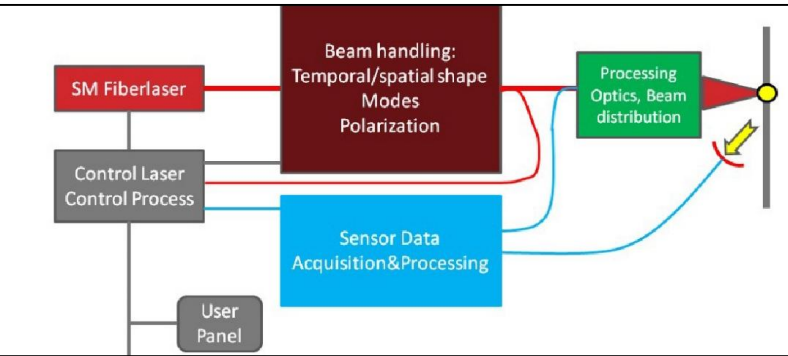
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QD fiber – Sensor principle



All in Fiber Systems



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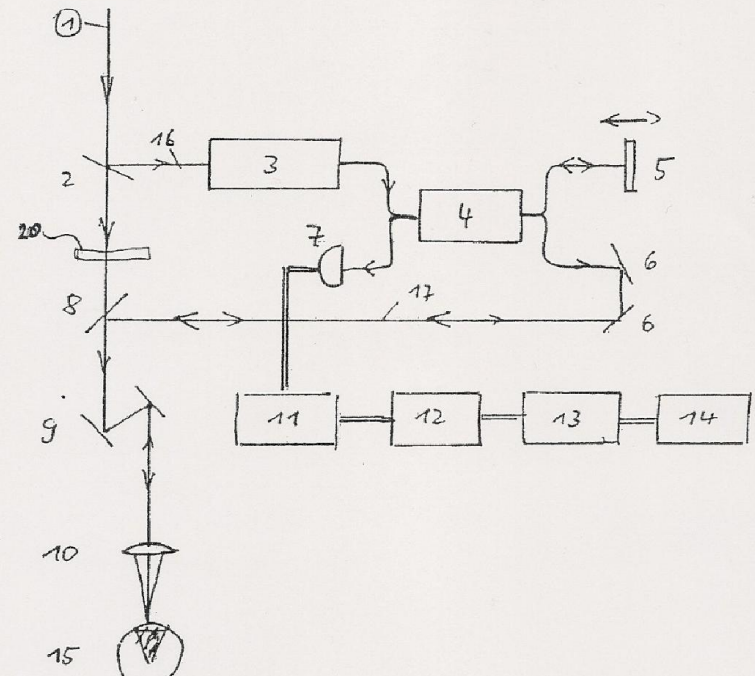
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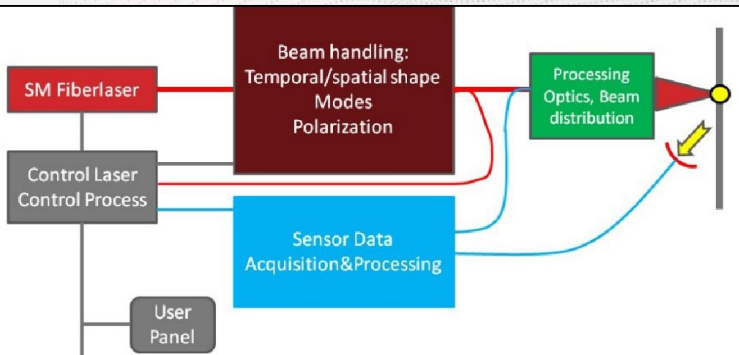


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Summary

All in fiber systems for medical applications (low power) already available

All in fiber systems for (high power) material processing need improvement on component level to

- Manage thermal and nonlinear effects of the components
- Manage interaction of components
- integrate new multiplexing methods (see IT fiber technology)
- splice and play on proper fiber package (customized application system)

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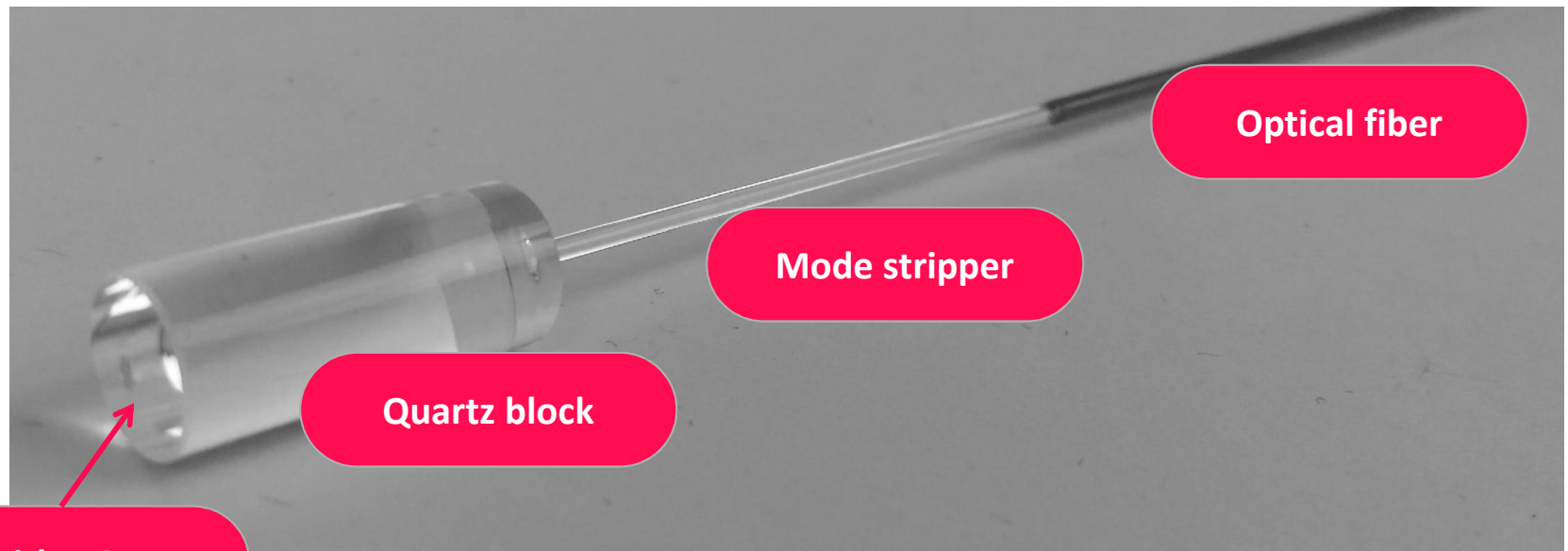
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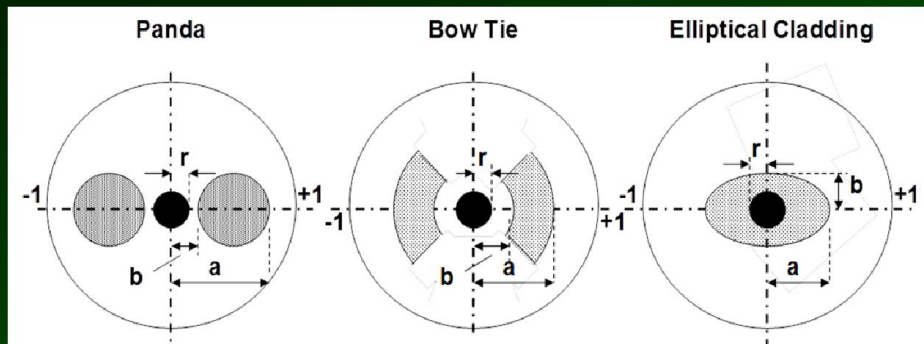
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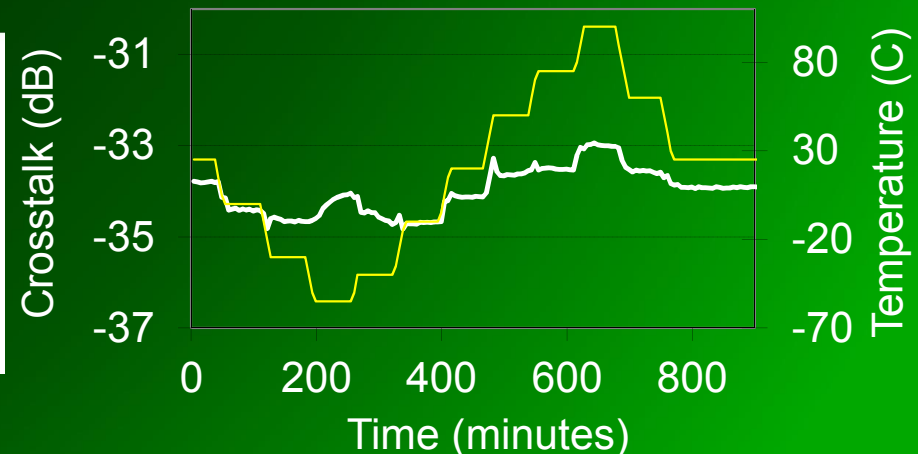
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Polarization Maintaining Fibers

- PM-RGB Fibers (400 – 850 nm)
 - Ge Doped and Pure Silica Core
 - Hytrel and Nylon Buffers
- PM Telcom Fibers (980 – 1550 nm)
 - Gratings, Couplers, Fiber Pigtailes
 - 250 or 400 μm Acrylate Coating

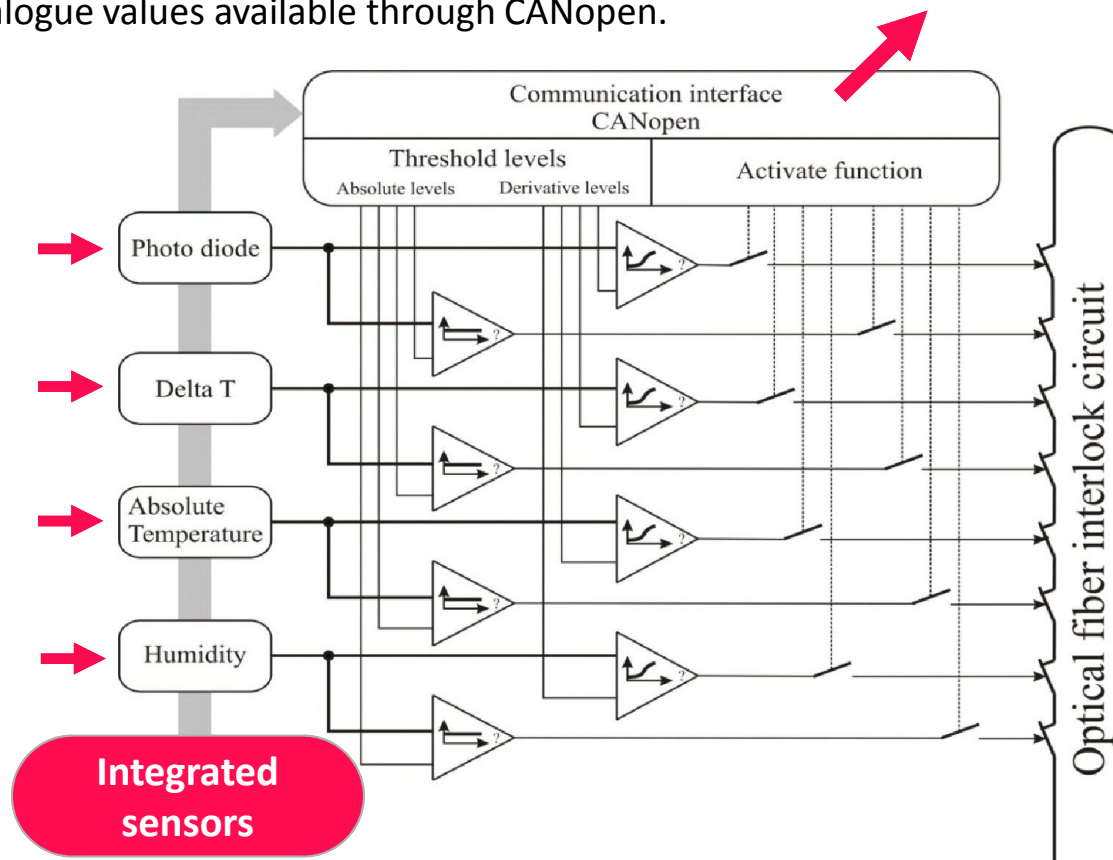


Temperature Cycling Results



QD fiber – Sensor communication

- Integrated sensor board for each QD connector.
- Switch off the fiber interlock in case of reaching the threshold level.
- Analogue values available through CANopen.



Photosensitive Fibers

- Photosensitive Glass
 - Ge/B or Ge/F co-doped
- CMS or CMO designs
- FBGs for kW Class Lasers

