Fig. 1. Cross-section of photonic-crystal fibers: (a) large-mode-area PCF, and (b) hollow-core PCFs.

Fig. 2. Image of the end face of a PCF with a core diameter of 1.7 μm. The picture is provided by Crystal Fibre A/S.

Fig. 3. Effective area of the same fiber. Calculations are carried out by Niels Asger Mortensen/Jes Broeng from Crystal Fibre A/S.