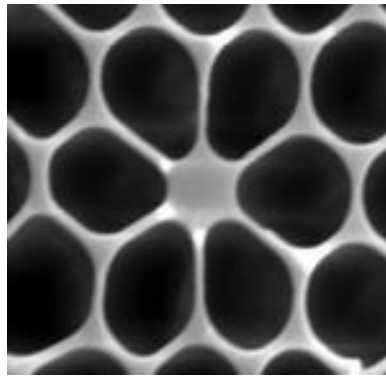
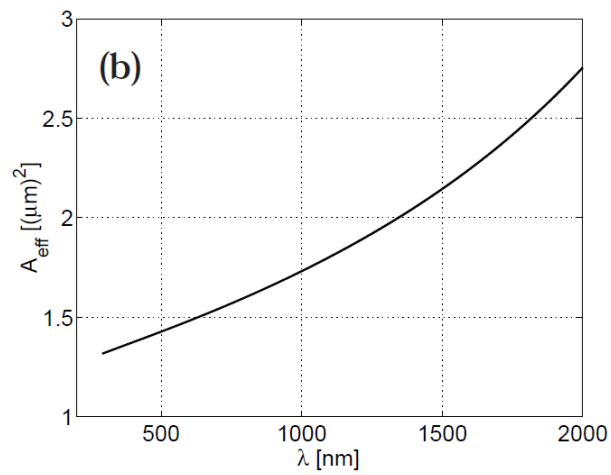


**Fig. 1.** Cross-section of photonic-crystal fibers: (a) large-mode-area PCF, and (b) hollow-core PCFs



**Fig. 2.** Image of the end face of a PCF with a core diameter of  $1.7\mu\text{m}$ . 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