

Specialty Optical Fibres for Space Applications

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Space a Niche Market for Specialty Optical Fibres







- Radhard PM fibres



ISS - data communication fibres

SMOS - Clock distribution and digital communication

- Future digital telecom processors 12.5 Gbps and above



Optical Communication Terminals - Yt and Er-doped fibre amplifiers



IPB Communications Inc.

PROBA 2 – FSD SHEFEX II – re-entry



Optopyro – Ariane 6 Launcher

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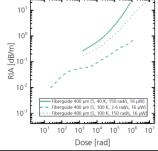




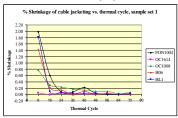
Space Environment Challenge – Juice Mission







Thermal -190 to 100 °C



Shock – 1600g 3 axis

Vibration – Random 22grms

Vacuum Compatible – low outgassing

Non-magnetic



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Research



Micro-structured fibers - high temperature pressure sensor







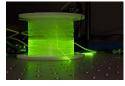


Cryogenic Sensor – coatings to enhance thermal sensitivity of FBGs





Custom radhard Er doped fibres for stabilized frequency combs



MenloSystems
iXblue

Hollow core and MCF for FOGs















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