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Paper: Gas Sensor Based on Photonic Crystal Fibres in the $2\nu_3$ and $\nu_2 + 2\nu_3$ Vibrational Bands of Methane

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Abstracts:

In this work, methane detection is performed on the $2\nu_3$ and $\nu_2 + 2\nu_3$ absorption bands in the Near-Infrared (NIR) wavelength region using an all-fibre optical sensor. Hollowcore photonic bandgap fibres (HC-PBFs) are employed as gas cells due to their compactness, good integrability in optical systems and feasibility of long interaction lengths with gases. Sensing in the $2\nu_3$ band of methane is demonstrated to achieve a detection limit one order of magnitude better than that of the $\nu_2 + 2\nu_3$ band. Finally, the filling time of a HC-PBF is demonstrated to be dependent on the fibre length and geometry.