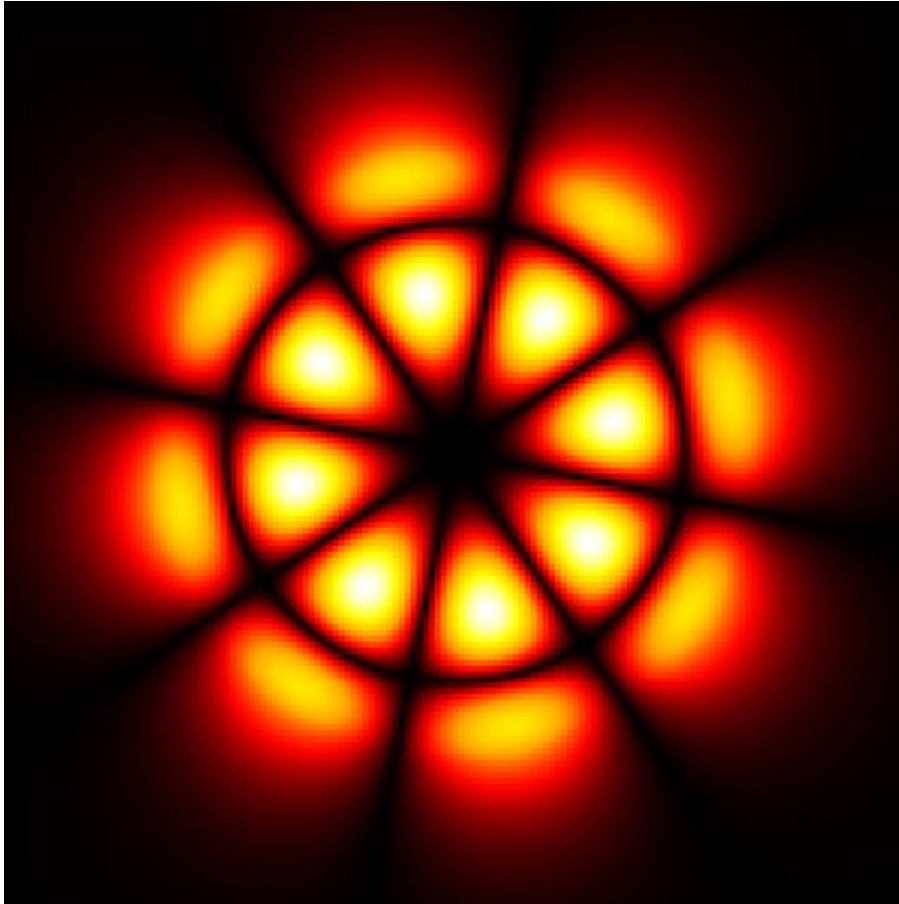


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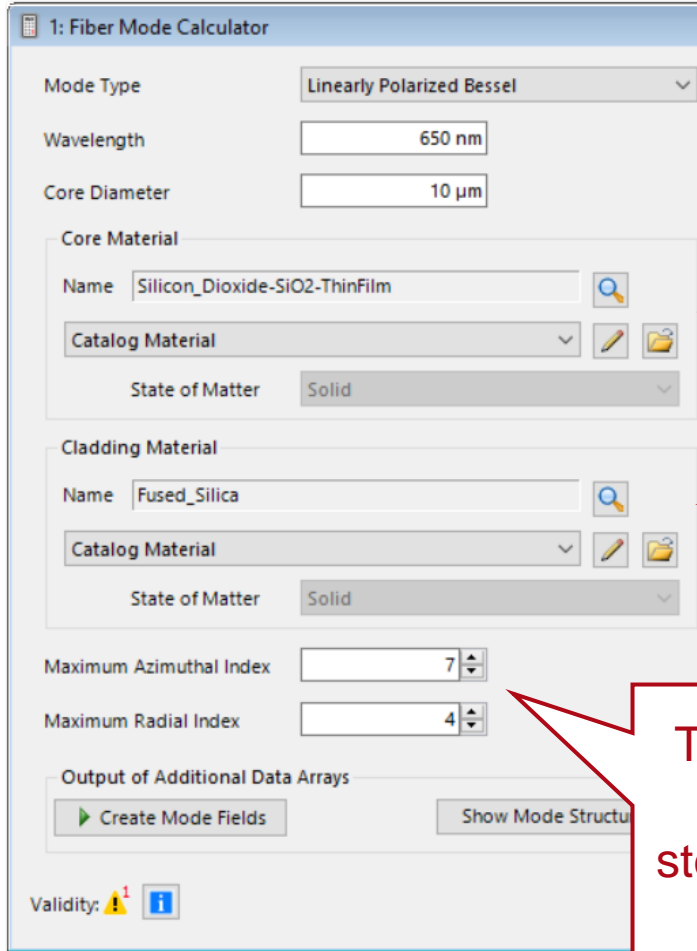
LP Fiber Mode Calculator

Abstract



The Fiber Mode Calculator can be used to calculate linearly polarized (LP) propagation modes in a cylindrically symmetric fiber, either step-index with a single core or graded-index with an infinite parabolic profile. The corresponding polynomials to describe these modes are Bessel for step-index fibers and Laguerre for graded-index fibers. This use case shows how to use the calculator and the configuration of the sampling parameters of mode fields.

Configuring the Fiber Structure: Step-Index Fiber

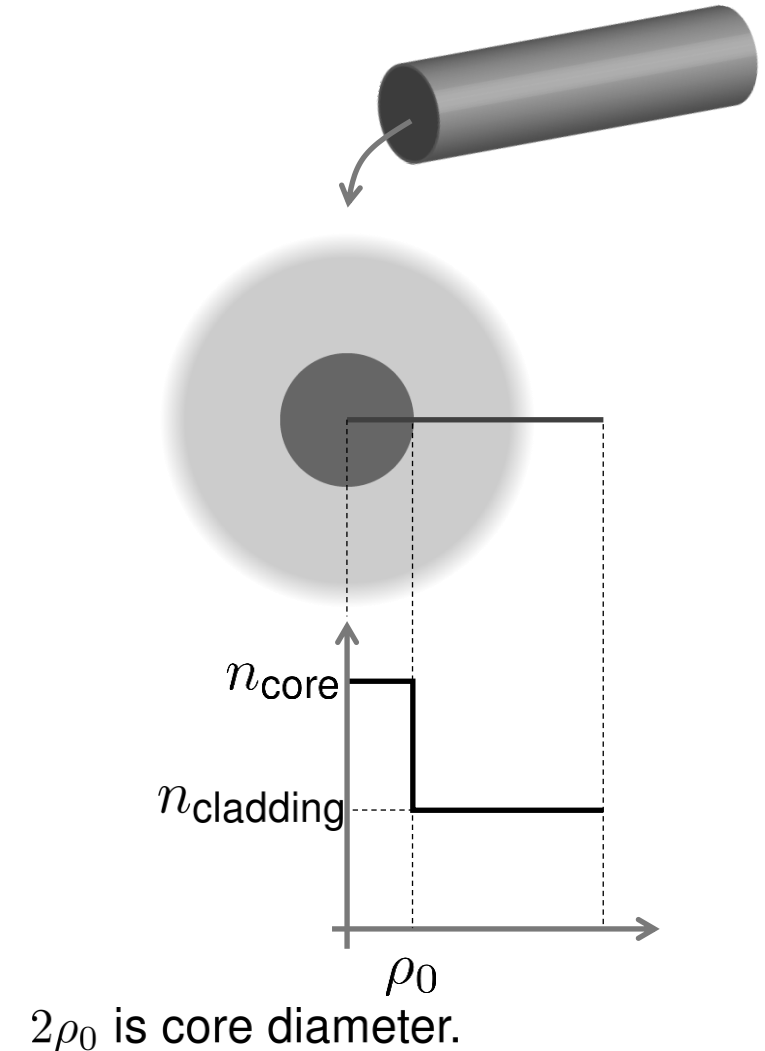


Modes in step-index fiber are mainly based on Bessel polynomials.

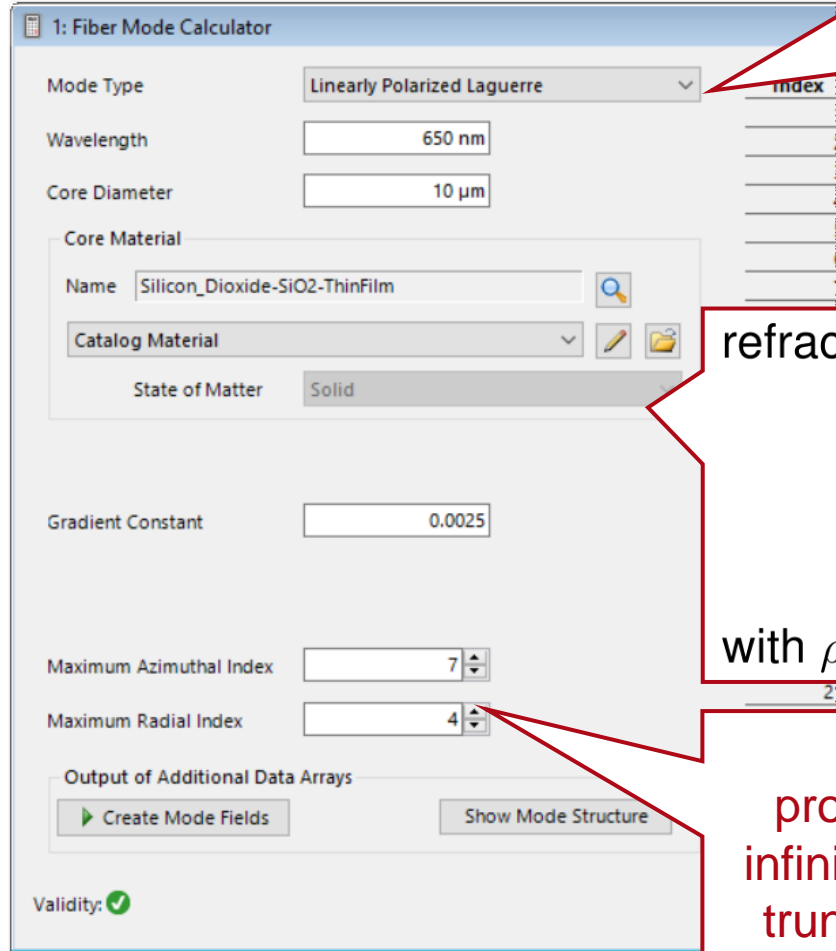
The refractive index n_{core} corresponds to that of the core material.

The refractive index n_{cladding} is that of the cladding material.

The number of propagating modes is limited by the structure of the step-index fiber. Users can manually truncate number of modes.



Setting of the Fiber Structure: Graded-Index Fiber



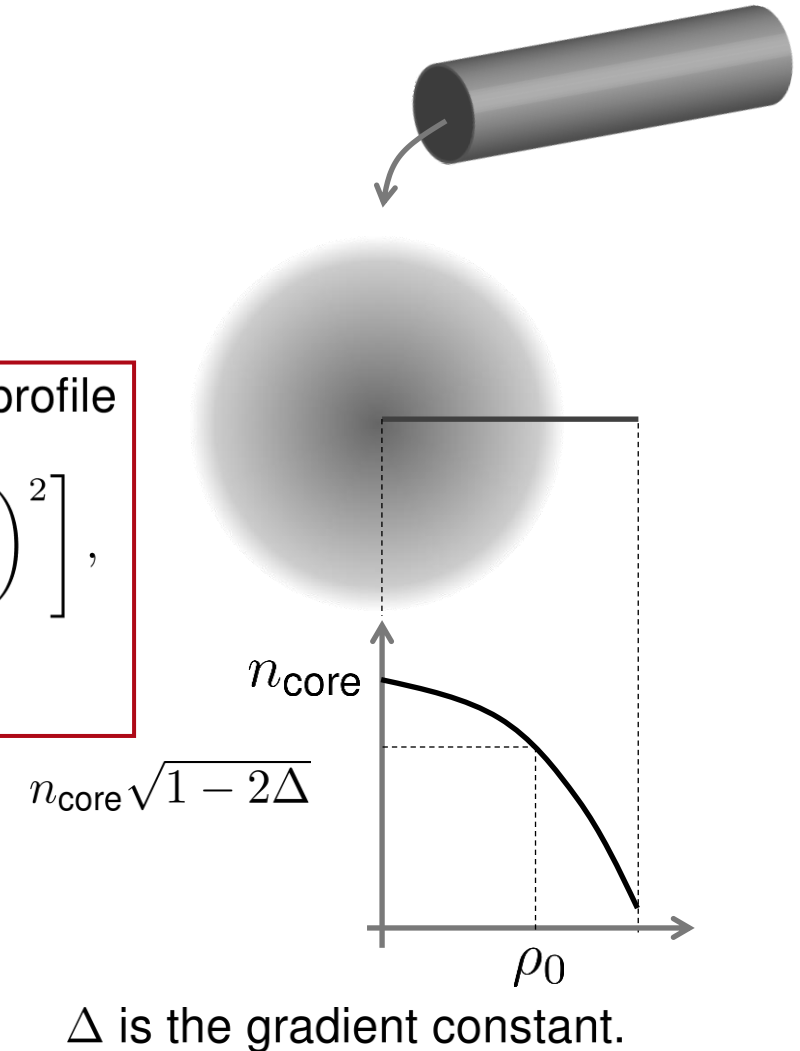
Modes in this type of graded-index fiber are mainly based on Laguerre polynomials.

refractive index of infinite parabolic profile

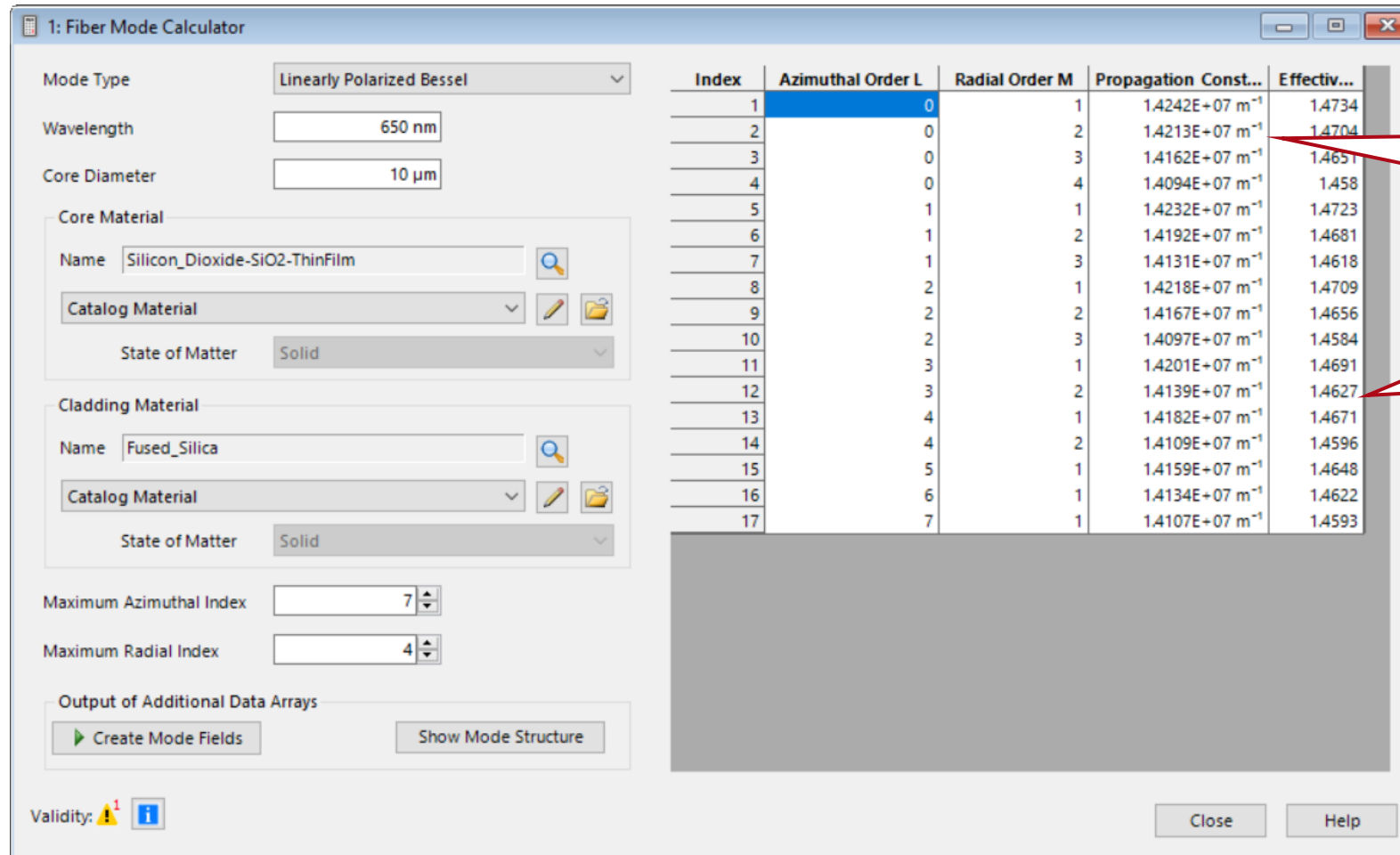
$$n(\rho) = n_{\text{core}} \left[1 - 2\Delta \left(\frac{\rho}{\rho_0} \right)^2 \right],$$

with $\rho = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$

The number of propagating modes is infinite, so users need to truncate the number of orders.



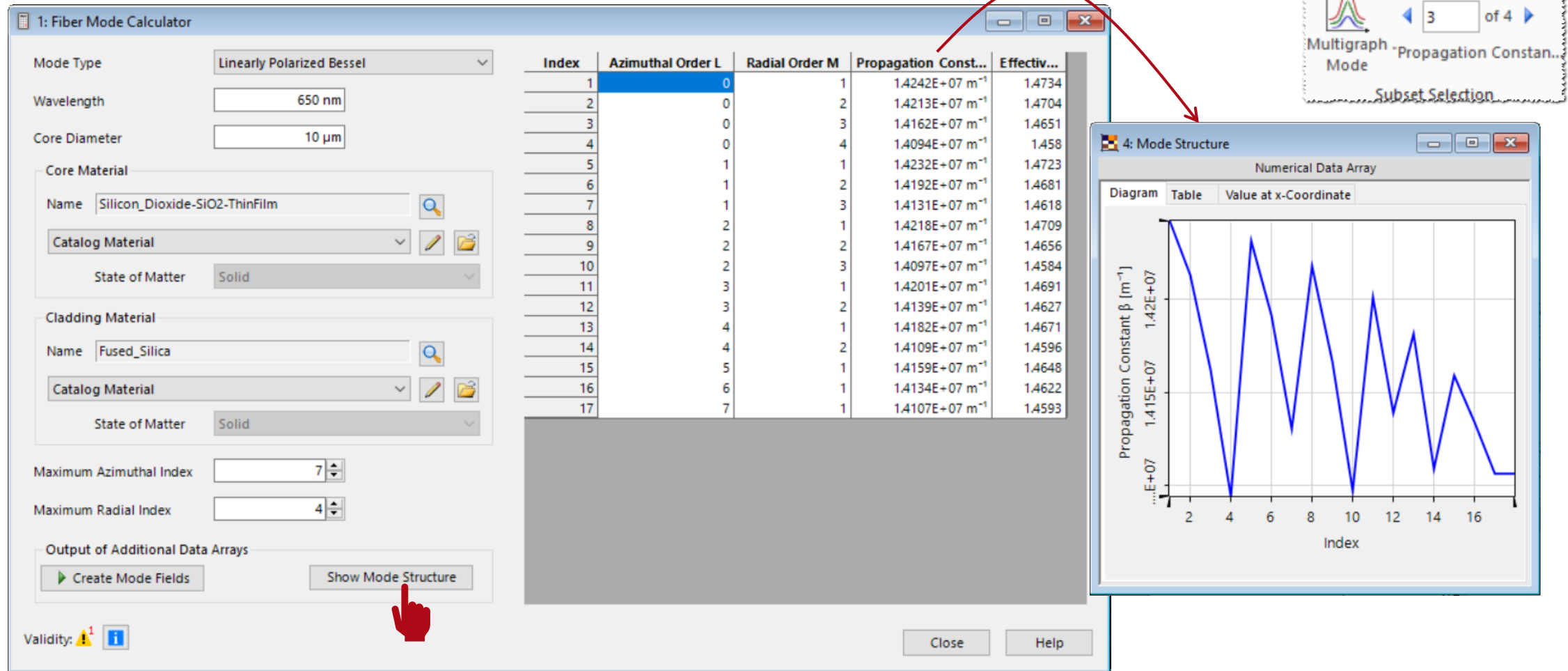
Calculation of Propagation Constants



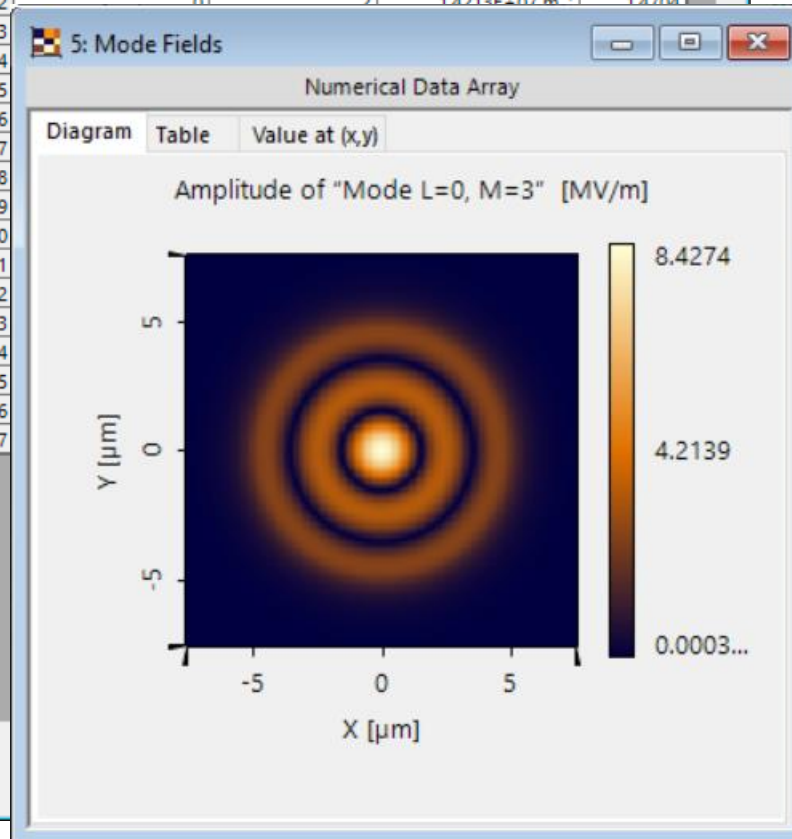
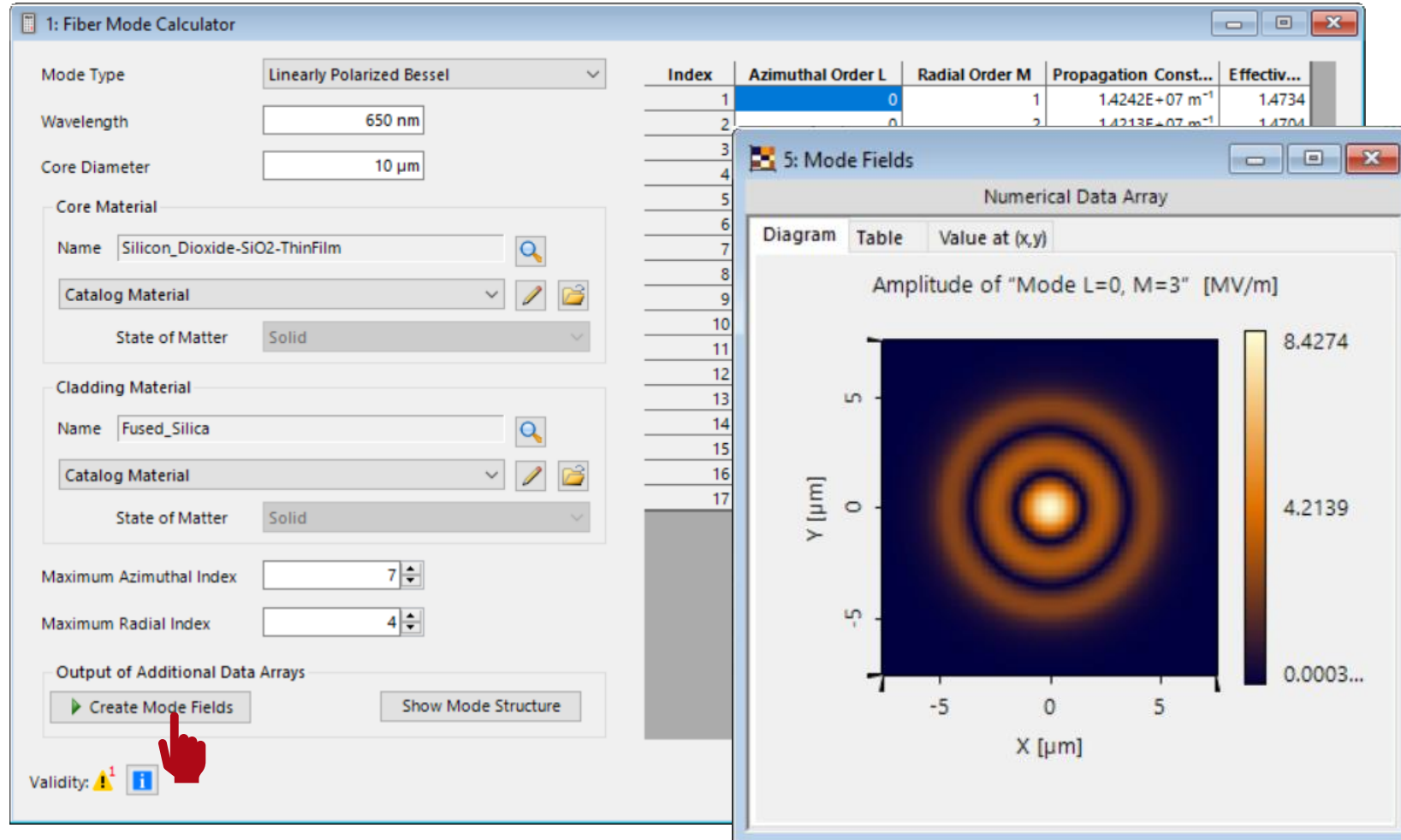
Propagation constant β for each mode is calculated on-the-fly.

Effective refractive index n_{eff} is $n_{\text{eff}} = \frac{\beta}{k_0}$, with k_0 the vacuum wave number.

Display of Propagation Constants



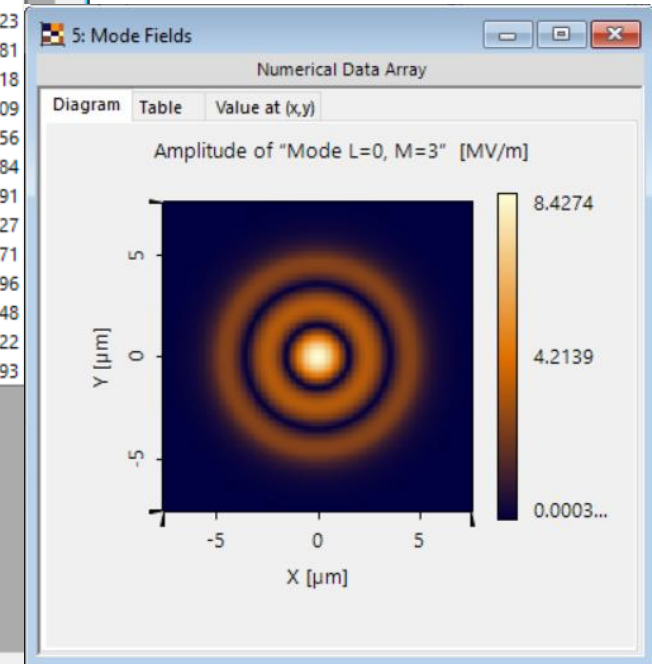
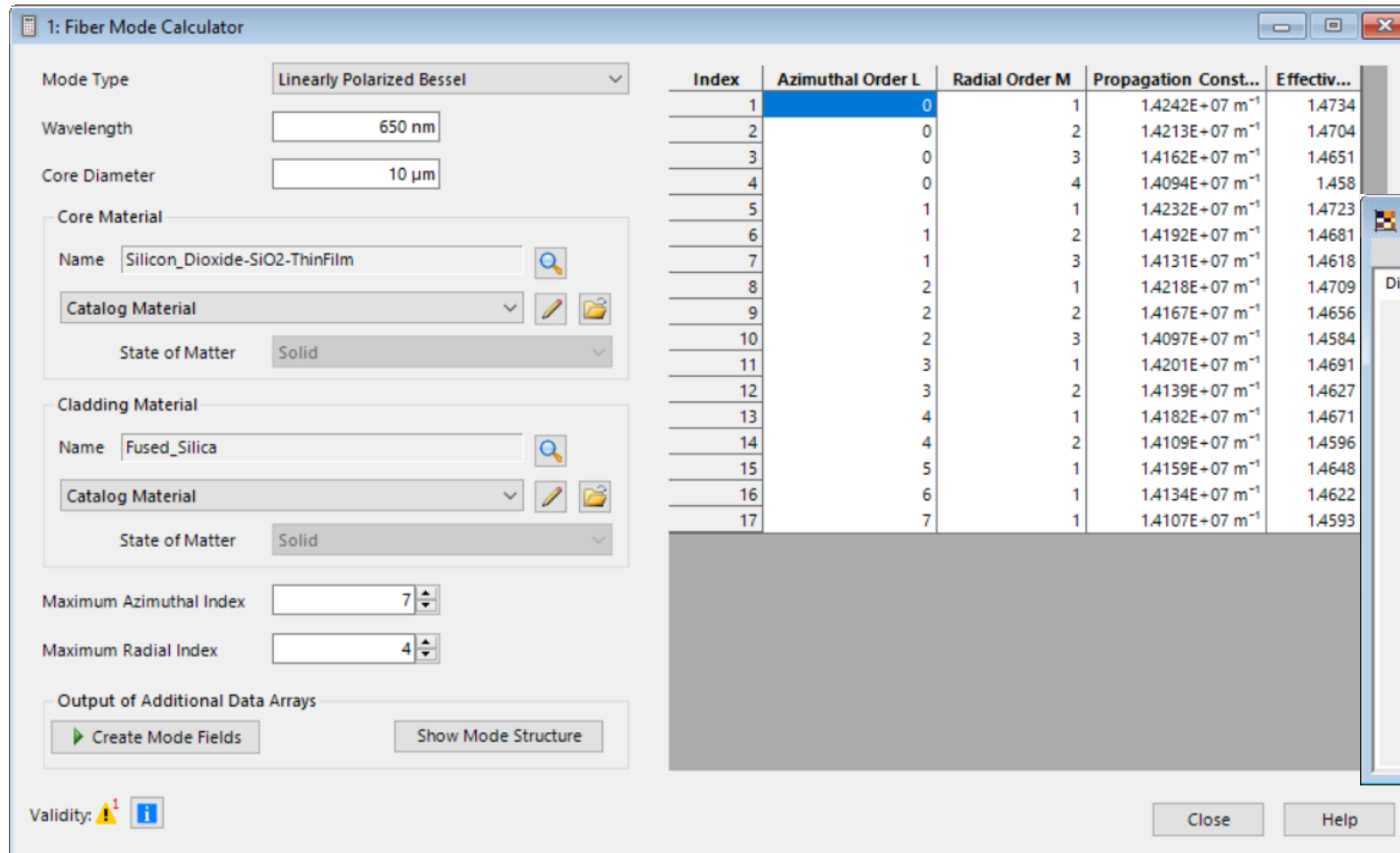
Calculation and Display of Propagation Modes



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Mode L=0, M=3
Subset Selection

- default sampling parameters
- window size is $3\rho_0 \times 3\rho_0$
 - sampling number is 151×151

Peek into VirtualLab Fusion



mode field of a specific fiber

convenient setting of fiber structure

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