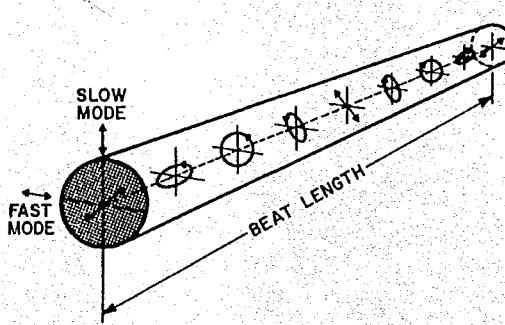


**Figure 1.8** Variation of birefringence parameter  $B_m$  with thickness  $d$  of the stress-inducing element for four different polarization-preserving fibers. Different shapes of the stress-applying elements (shaded region) are shown in the inset. (After Ref. [101].)



**Figure 1.9** Evolution of state of polarization along a polarization-maintaining fiber when input signal is linearly polarized at  $45^\circ$  from the slow axis.