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## Unit-4

### Introduction to : Fiber Optics & Laser Syallbus

**Fibre Optics:** Principle and construction of optical fiber, Acceptance angle, Numerical aperture, Acceptance cone, Step index and graded index fibers, Fiber optic communication principle, Attenuation, Dispersion, Application of fiber.

**Laser:** Absorption of radiation, Spontaneous and stimulated emission of radiation, Population inversion, Einstein's Coefficients, Principles of laser action, Solid state Laser (Ruby laser) and Gas Laser (He-Ne laser), Laser applications.



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Unit : Fibre Optics and Laser

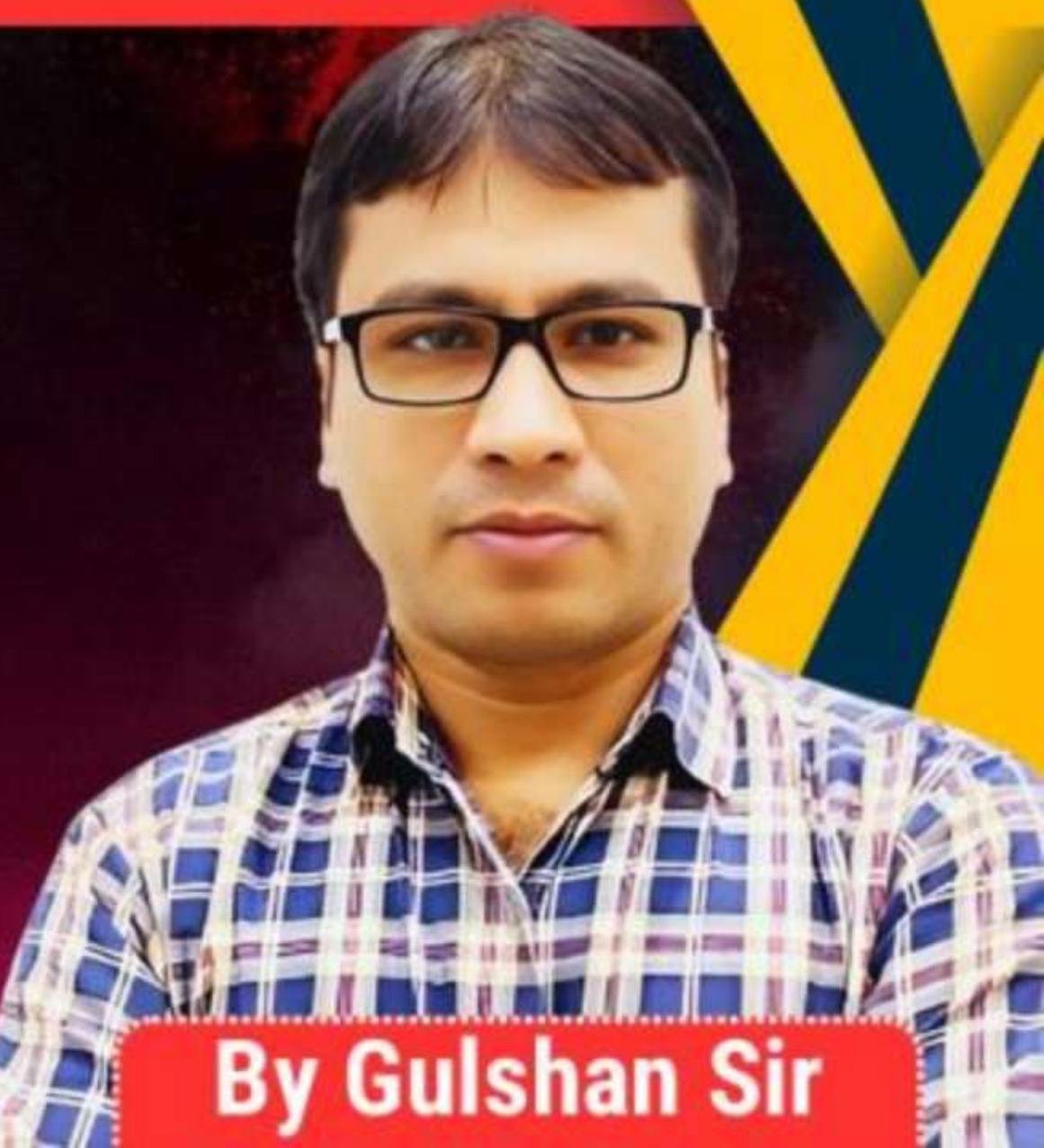


Today's Target

- Fibre Optics
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- PYQs

Lecture - 1

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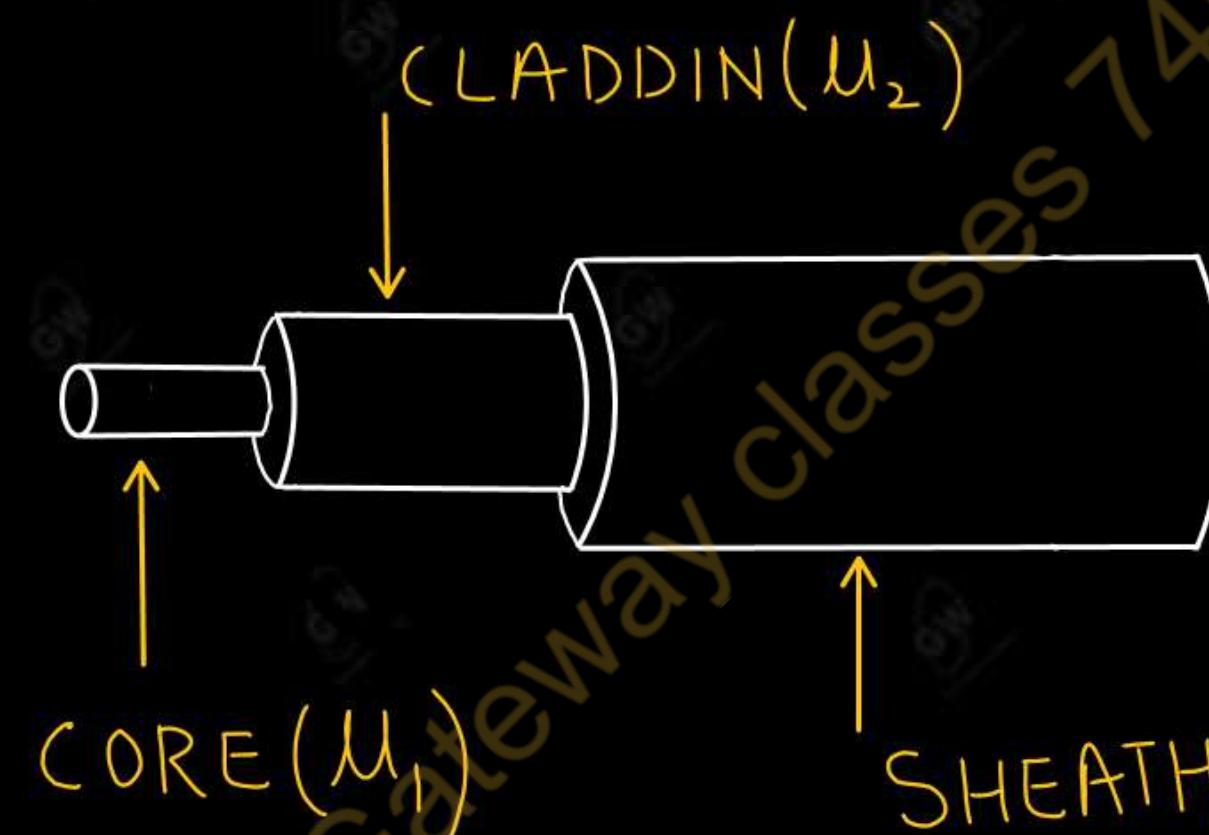
- Fiber optics is the technology for data communication or data transfer.
- Optical Fiber serves the same purpose as the copper wire by moving information from one place to another.
- In fiber optics, the transmission medium is light and that light is carried with in a hair – thin optical fiber via the process of total internal reflection.

#### Advantages of fiber optics

- High data transmission rate
- Higher Bandwidth
- Low transmission loss
- Small size cable and weight
- Safety due to absence of electric spark
- Data security
- Abundant raw materials

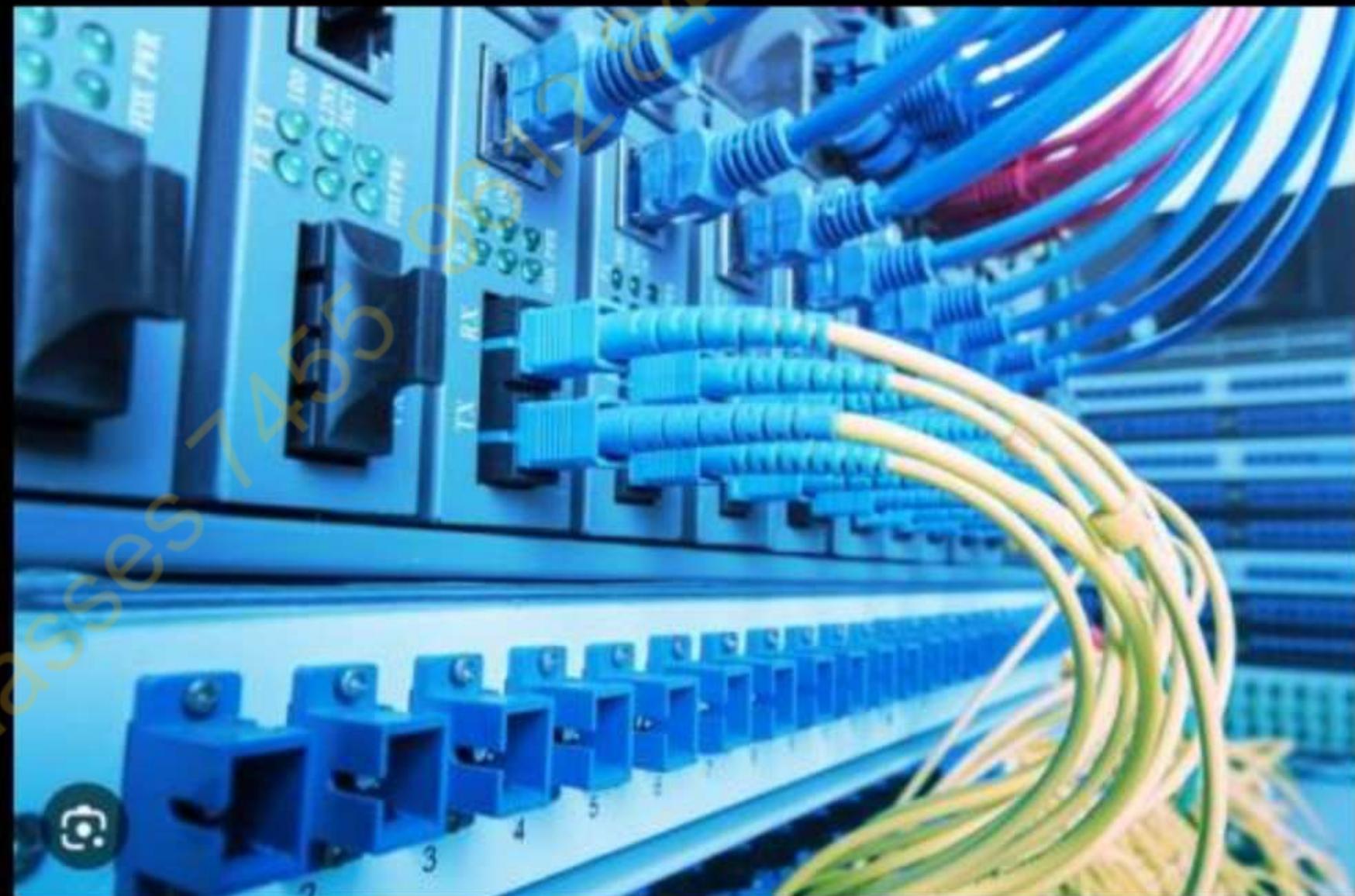
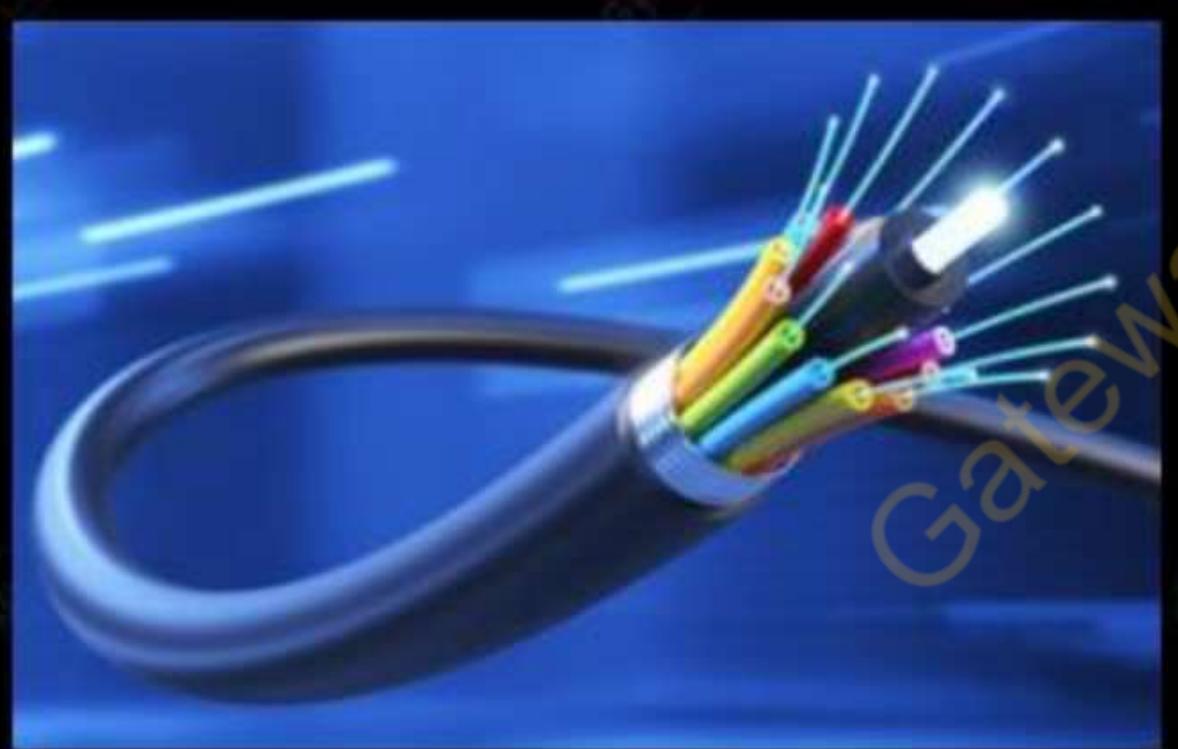
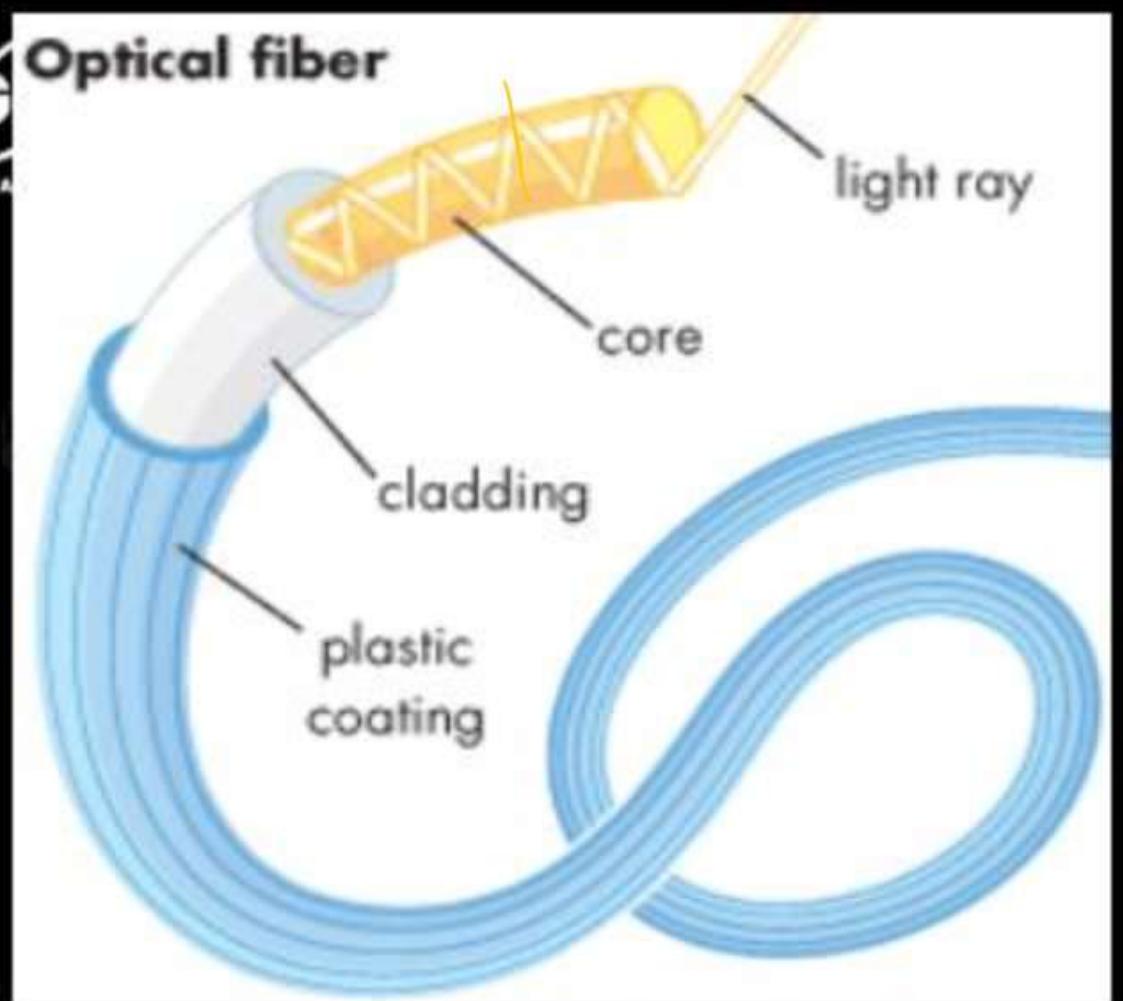
- An optical fiber is a hair – thin long strand of glass surrounded by a glass coating of slightly lower refractive index.
- It is used as a guided medium for transmitting an optical signal from one place to another

**Construction:** An optical fiber consist of three main parts



$$\mu_1 > \mu_2$$

## Optical fiber



## (i) Core

- The central cylindrical core is made of high quality glass / silica / plastic of refractive index  $\mu_1$
- The diameter of core is 10 to 100  $\mu\text{m}$

## (ii) Cladding

- The core is surrounded by a glass / plastic jacket of refractive index  $\mu_2$

$$\mu_2 < \mu_1$$

- Diameter of cladding is 100 to 250  $\mu\text{m}$

## (iii) Sheath (or Buffer coating)

- For providing safety and strength, the core cladding of optical fibers is enclosed in a plastic jacket

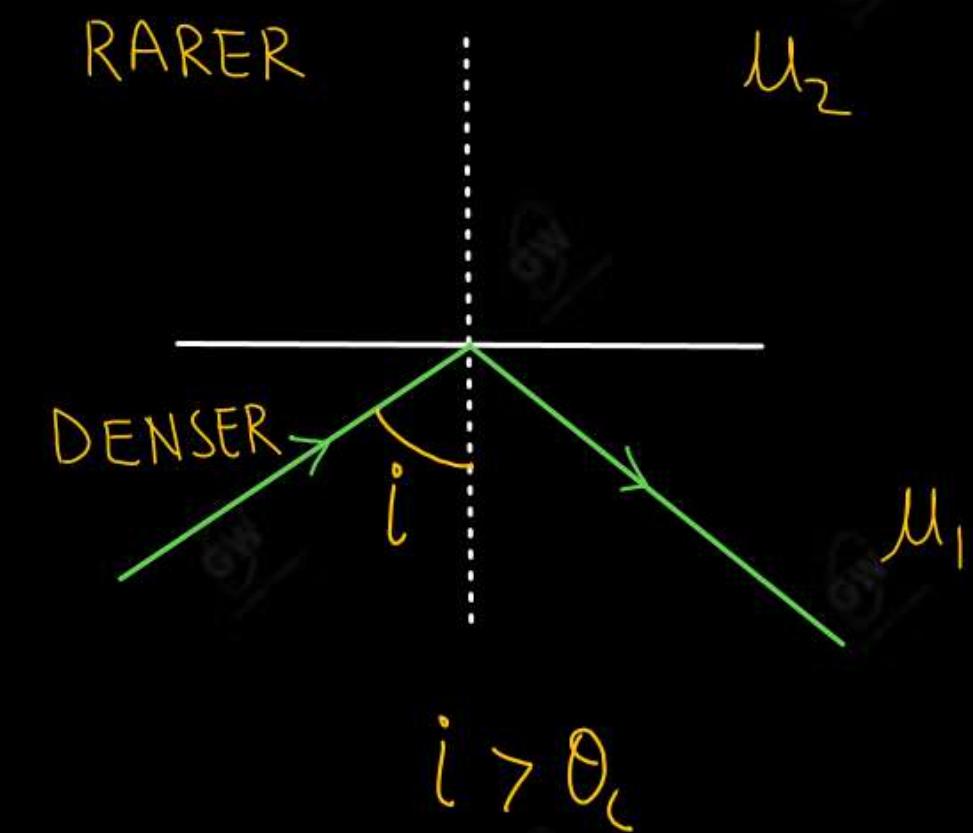
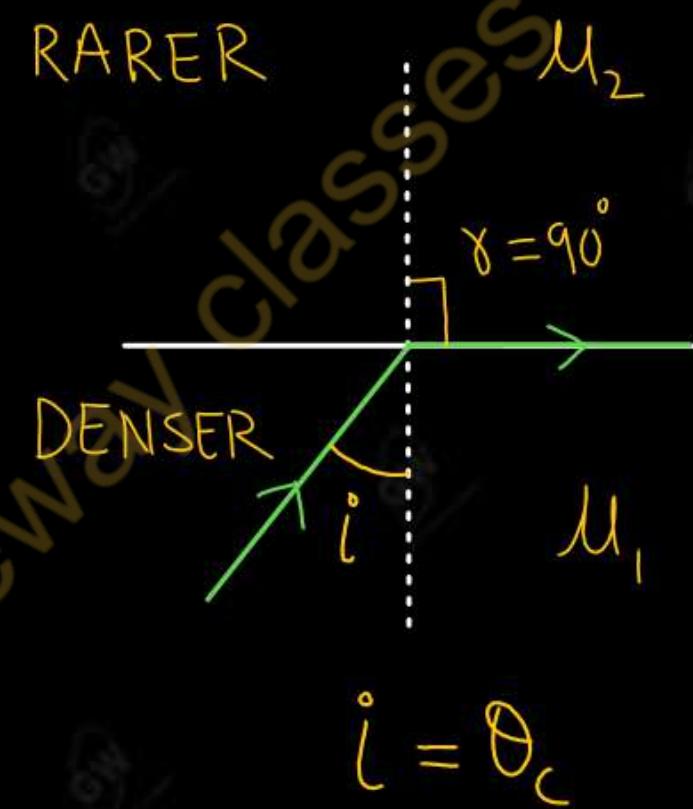
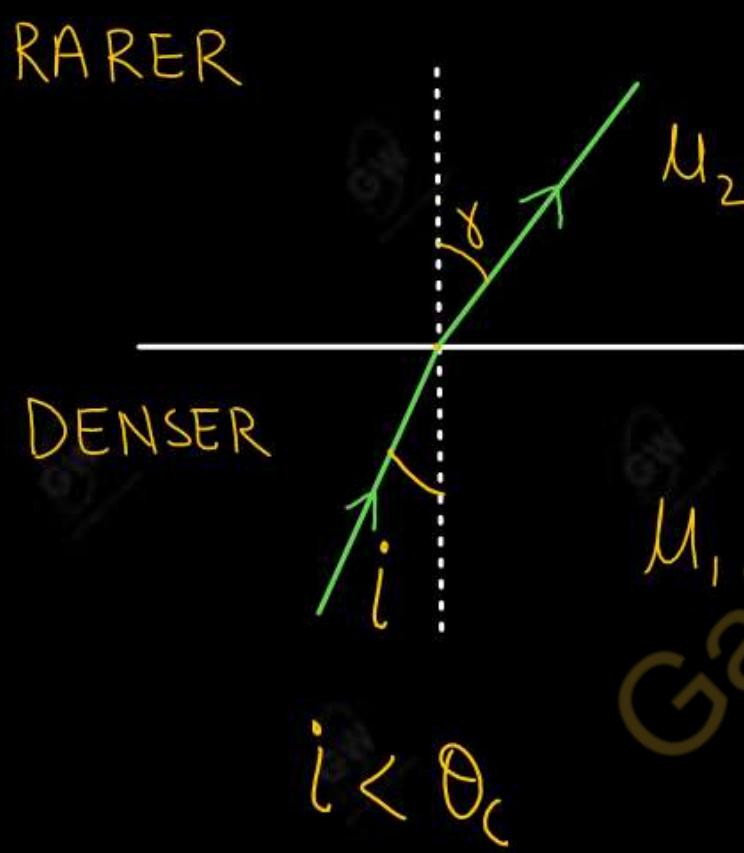
## Principle of optical fiber

- The working of optical fiber is based on the principle of total internal reflection.

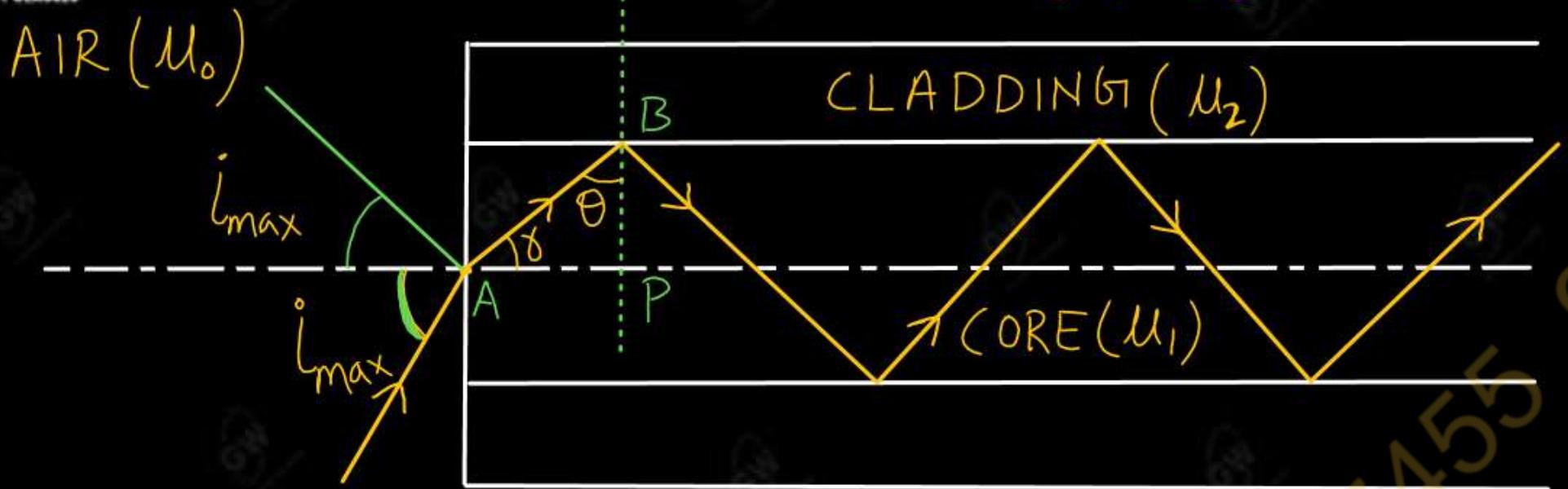
The phenomenon in which a ray of light travelling from denser medium (**core**) to a rarer medium (**cladding**) at an angle of incidence greater than the critical is totally reflected back in to the denser medium (**core**) is called total internal reflection.

Necessary condition for total internal reflection  $\theta_c = \text{critical Angle}$

- (i) Light must travel from an optically denser medium (**core**) to an optically rarer medium (**cladding**).
- (ii) The Angle of incidence in the denser medium (**core**) must be greater than the critical angle.



## Important terminology of optical fiber



$$\gamma + \theta = 90^\circ$$

### (i) Critical Angle

- The Angle of incidence in the denser medium (core) for which the angle of refraction in the rarer medium (Cladding) is  $90^\circ$  is called critical angle of the denser medium.

### (ii) Acceptance angle

- The maximum angle at which the light enters the core for which the total internal reflection just occur at the core-cladding interface is called Acceptance angle .

- All the light rays contained in the cone having vertex angle  $2 i_{\max}$  are accepted and transmitted along the fiber. This cone is called as Acceptance cone.

#### (iv) Numerical Aperture

- The numerical aperture is measure of the amount of light accepted by the fiber.
- The numerical aperture is also defined as the sine of acceptance angle

V. IMP

$$\boxed{NA = \sin i_{\max}}$$

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#### (v) Fractional refractive index change

- It is defined as the ratio of the difference between refractive indices of the core and the cladding to the refractive index of core in an optical fiber
- It is denoted by  $\Delta$

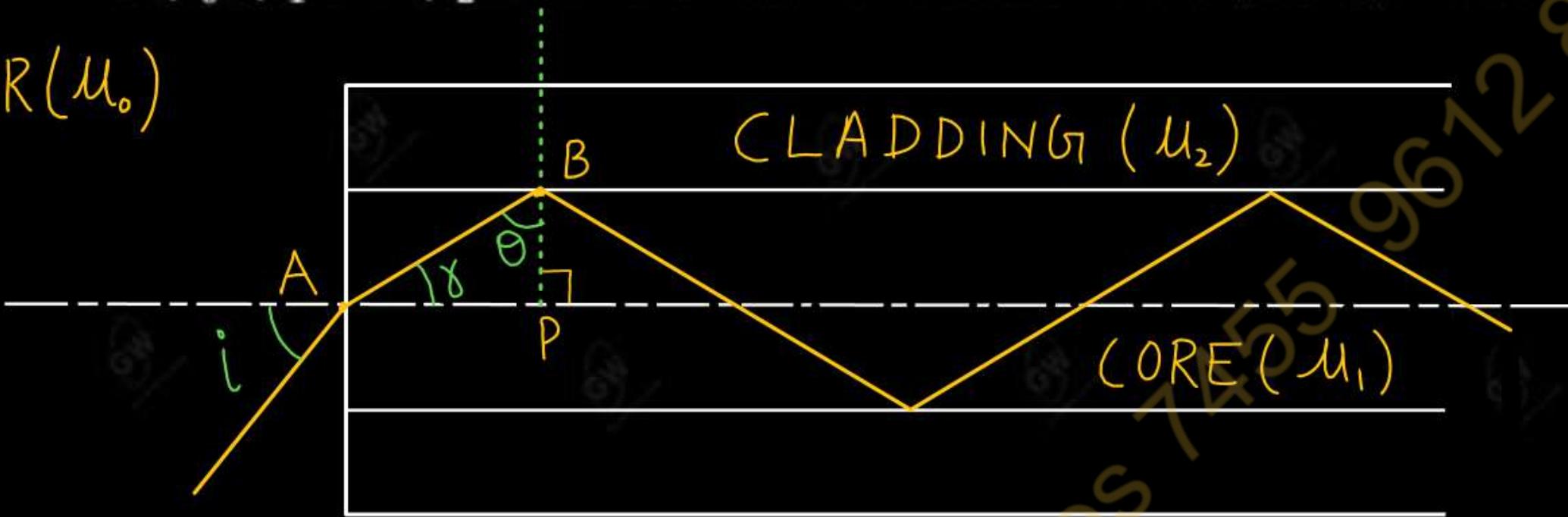
V. IMP

$$\boxed{\Delta = \frac{\mu_1 - \mu_2}{\mu_1}}$$

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## Expression for Acceptance angle and Numerical Aperture

- Let  $\mu_0$ ,  $\mu_1$  and  $\mu_2$  are the refractive indices of the air, core, and cladding respectively

AIR ( $\mu_0$ )

$$\sin i = \frac{\mu_1}{\mu_0} \sin \gamma$$

①

In  $\triangle ABP$ 

$$\gamma = 90 - \theta$$

Put  $\gamma$  in ①

$$\sin i = \frac{\mu_1}{\mu_0} \sin(90 - \theta)$$

$$\therefore \sin(90 - \theta) = \cos \theta$$

$$\sin i = \frac{\mu_1}{\mu_0} \cos \theta$$

$$\therefore \cos \theta = \sqrt{1 - \sin^2 \theta}$$

$$\sin i = \frac{\mu_1}{\mu_0} \sqrt{1 - \sin^2 \theta}$$

Acceptance Angle is maximum ( $i_{max}$ )

When  $\theta = \theta_c$

$$\sin i_{max} = \frac{\mu_1}{\mu_0} \sqrt{1 - \sin^2 \theta_c}$$

②

Using Snell's law at B

$$\frac{\sin \theta_c}{\sin 90^\circ} = \frac{\mu_2}{\mu_1}$$

V. IMP

$$\sin \theta_c = \frac{\mu_2}{\mu_1}$$

OR

$$\theta_c = \sin^{-1} \left( \frac{\mu_2}{\mu_1} \right)$$

Put  $\sin \theta_c$  in ②

$$\sin i_{max} = \frac{\mu_1}{\mu_0} \sqrt{1 - \frac{\mu_2^2}{\mu_1^2}}$$

$$\sin i_{max} = \frac{\mu_1}{\mu_0} \sqrt{\frac{\mu_1^2 - \mu_2^2}{\mu_1^2}}$$

$$\therefore \mu_0 = 1$$

$$\sin i_{\max} = \sqrt{\mu_1^2 - \mu_2^2}$$

Numerical Aperture (NA)

$$NA = \sin i_{\max}$$

$$NA = \sqrt{\mu_1^2 - \mu_2^2}$$

VIMP

Acceptance Angle ( $i_{\max}$ )

$$i_{\max} = \sin^{-1} \sqrt{\mu_1^2 - \mu_2^2}$$

$$i_{\max} = \sin^{-1} (NA) \quad VIMP$$

## Relation between Numerical Aperture and Fractional refractive index change

We Know That

Numerical Aperture

$$NA = \sqrt{\mu_1^2 - \mu_2^2} \quad \text{①}$$

Fractional Index change

$$\Delta = \frac{\mu_1 - \mu_2}{\mu_1} \quad \text{②}$$

From ①

$$NA = \sqrt{\mu_1^2 - \mu_2^2}$$

$$NA = \sqrt{(\mu_1 - \mu_2)(\mu_1 + \mu_2)}$$

$$NA = \sqrt{\frac{(\mu_1 - \mu_2)(\mu_1 + \mu_2)}{2\mu_1} 2\mu_1}$$

$$NA = \sqrt{\left(\frac{\mu_1 - \mu_2}{\mu_1}\right) \left(\frac{\mu_1 + \mu_2}{2}\right) 2\mu_1}$$

$$\therefore \frac{\mu_1 + \mu_2}{2} \approx \mu_1$$

$$NA = \sqrt{\left(\frac{\mu_1 - \mu_2}{\mu_1}\right) 2\mu_1^2}$$

VIMP

$$NA = \mu_1 \sqrt{\frac{2(\mu_1 - \mu_2)}{\mu_1}}$$

$$NA = \mu_1 \sqrt{2\Delta}$$

Q.1 A silica glass optical fibre has a core refractive index of 1.50 and cladding refractive index of 1.45

Calculate the numerical aperture of the optical fibre.

Given

$$\mu_1 = 1.50$$

$$\mu_2 = 1.45$$

Numerical Aperture

$$NA = \sqrt{\mu_1^2 - \mu_2^2}$$

$$NA = \sqrt{(1.50)^2 - (1.45)^2}$$

$$NA = 0.384$$

2<sup>nd</sup> Method

$$NA = \mu_1 \sqrt{\frac{2(\mu_1 - \mu_2)}{\mu_1}}$$

$$NA = 1.50 \sqrt{\frac{2(1.50 - 1.45)}{1.50}}$$

$$NA = 0.387$$

**Q. 2 Calculate the numerical aperture, the acceptance angle and the critical angle of the fibre from**

the following data.  $\mu_{\text{core}} = 1.48$  and  $\mu_{\text{cladding}} = 1.46$ .

Given

$$\mu_1 = 1.48$$

$$\mu_2 = 1.46$$

Numerical Aperture

$$NA = \sqrt{\mu_1^2 - \mu_2^2}$$

$$NA = \sqrt{(1.48)^2 - (1.46)^2}$$

$$NA = 0.2425$$

Acceptance angle

$$i_{\max} = \sin^{-1}(NA)$$

$$i_{\max} = \sin^{-1}(0.2425)$$

$$i_{\max} = 14.03^\circ$$

(AKTU : 2016-17, 2018-19)

Critical Angle

$$\theta_c = \sin^{-1}\left(\frac{\mu_2}{\mu_1}\right)$$

$$\theta_c = \sin^{-1}\left(\frac{1.46}{1.48}\right)$$

$$\theta_c = 80.57^\circ$$

**Q.3** A silicon optical fibre with a core diameter large enough has a core refractive index of 1.50 and a cladding refractive index 1.47. Determine

- the critical angle at the core cladding interface
- the numerical aperture for the fibre
- the acceptance angle in the air for the fibre

Given

$$\mu_1 = 1.50$$

$$\mu_2 = 1.47$$

(i) Critical Angle

$$\theta_c = \sin^{-1} \left( \frac{\mu_2}{\mu_1} \right)$$

$$\theta_c = \sin^{-1} \left( \frac{1.47}{1.50} \right)$$

$$\theta_c = 41.87^\circ$$

(ii) Numerical Aperture (AKTU : 2021-22)

$$NA = \sqrt{\mu_1^2 - \mu_2^2}$$

$$NA = \sqrt{(1.50)^2 - (1.47)^2}$$

$$NA = 0.2985$$

Acceptance Angle

$$i_{\max} = \sin^{-1}(NA) = \sin^{-1}(0.2985)$$

$$i_{\max} = 17.37^\circ$$

OR

Normalised Frequency

OR

CUT - OFF Parameter in optical fibre

- V - Number in optical fibre is a dimensionless parameter which is used to determine the maximum possible number of modes in a fibre
- V - Number gives the relation between radius (r) of the core, refractive indices  $\mu_1$  and  $\mu_2$  of the materials of the core and cladding and wavelength ( $\lambda$ ) of the light propagating through the optical

fibre and is given as

$$V = \frac{2\pi r}{\lambda} \sqrt{\mu_1^2 - \mu_2^2}$$

V. imp

①

NOTE

(i) For single Mode Fibre

$$V \leq 2.405$$

(ii) For Multimode Fibre

$$V > 2.405$$

OR

$$V = \frac{\pi D}{\lambda} \sqrt{\mu_1^2 - \mu_2^2}$$

We know that

$$NA = \sqrt{\mu_1^2 - \mu_2^2} \quad \text{--- } ②$$

Also

$$NA = \mu_1 \sqrt{2 \Delta} \quad \text{--- } ③$$

From ② and ③

$$\sqrt{\mu_1^2 - \mu_2^2} = \mu_1 \sqrt{2 \Delta} \quad \text{--- } ④$$

From ③ and ④

$$V = \frac{2\pi\lambda}{\lambda} \mu_1 \sqrt{2 \Delta}$$

OR

$$V = \frac{2\pi\lambda}{\lambda} (NA)$$

### Number of mode in multimode fibre

- If  $N$  represents the number of modes in multimode fibre

- (i) For step index multimode fibre

$$N \approx \frac{V^2}{2}$$

- (ii) for graded index multimode fibre

$$N \approx \frac{V^2}{4}$$

Note :  $V$  – Number increases with numerical aperture and diameter of the core

Q.4 A step index fibre has  $\mu_1 = 1.466$  and  $\mu_2 = 1.46$  where  $\mu_1$  and  $\mu_2$  are refractive indices of core and cladding respectively. If the operating wavelength of the rays is  $0.85\text{ }\mu\text{m}$  and the diameter of the core =  $50\text{ }\mu\text{m}$ , calculate the cut-off parameter and the number of modes which the fibre will support.

Given

$$\mu_1 = 1.466$$

$$\mu_2 = 1.46$$

$$\lambda = 0.85\text{ }\mu\text{m}$$

$$\gamma = \frac{50}{2}$$

$$\gamma = 25\text{ }\mu\text{m}$$

CUT-OFF Parameters

$$V = \frac{2\pi\gamma}{\lambda} \sqrt{\mu_1^2 - \mu_2^2}$$

$$V = \frac{2\pi \times 25}{0.85} \sqrt{(1.466)^2 - (1.46)^2}$$

$$V = 24.4858$$



No. of modes

$$N = \frac{V^2}{2}$$

$$N = \frac{(24.4858)^2}{2}$$

$$N \approx 299$$

(AKTU : 2021-22)

$$1\text{ }\mu\text{m} = 10^{-6}\text{ m}$$

**Q.5** Calculate the V-number for a fibre of core diameter 40  $\mu\text{m}$  and RI of 1.55 and 1.50 respectively for its core and cladding when a light of wavelength 1400 nm is propagating. Also calculate the number of modes that the fibre can support for propagation.

(AKTU : 2023-24)

Given

$$\gamma = \frac{d}{2} = 20 \mu\text{m}$$

$$\mu_1 = 1.55$$

$$\mu_2 = 1.50$$

$$\lambda = 1400 \text{ nm}$$

V - Number

$$V = \frac{2\pi\gamma}{\lambda} \sqrt{\mu_1^2 - \mu_2^2}$$

$$V = \frac{2\pi \times 20 \times 10^{-6}}{1400 \times 10^{-9}} \sqrt{(1.55)^2 - (1.50)^2}$$

$$V = 35.05$$

No. of modes

$$N = \frac{V^2}{2}$$

$$N = \frac{(35.05)^2}{2}$$

$$N \approx 614$$

**Q.6** A step index fibre has core refractive index 1.468, cladding refractive index 1.462. Compute the maximum radius allowed for a fibre, if it supported only one mode at wavelength 1300 nm

Given

$$\mu_1 = 1.468$$

$$\mu_2 = 1.462$$

$$\lambda = 1300 \text{ nm}$$

For single mode Fibre

$$V = 2.405$$

V- Number

$$V = \frac{2\pi r}{\lambda} \sqrt{\mu_1^2 - \mu_2^2}$$

$$2.405 = \frac{2\pi r}{1300} \sqrt{(1.468)^2 - (1.462)^2}$$

$$r = \frac{2.405 \times 1300}{2\pi \sqrt{(1.468)^2 - (1.462)^2}}$$

$$r = 3752.918 \text{ nm}$$

(AKTU : 2015-16)

Q.7 If the fractional difference between the core and cladding refractive indices of a fibre is 0.0135 and numerical aperture NA is 0.2425, Calculate the refractive indices of the core and cladding materials.

Given

$$\Delta = 0.0135$$

$$NA = 0.2425$$

We know that

$$\Delta = \frac{\mu_1 - \mu_2}{\mu_1}$$

$$0.0135 = \frac{\mu_1 - \mu_2}{\mu_1}$$

$$\frac{\mu_1 - \mu_2}{\mu_1} = 0.0135 \quad \text{--- ①}$$

Also

$$NA = \mu_1 \sqrt{2 \Delta}$$

$$\mu_1 = \frac{NA}{\sqrt{2 \Delta}}$$

$$\mu_1 = \frac{0.2425}{\sqrt{2 \times 0.0135}}$$

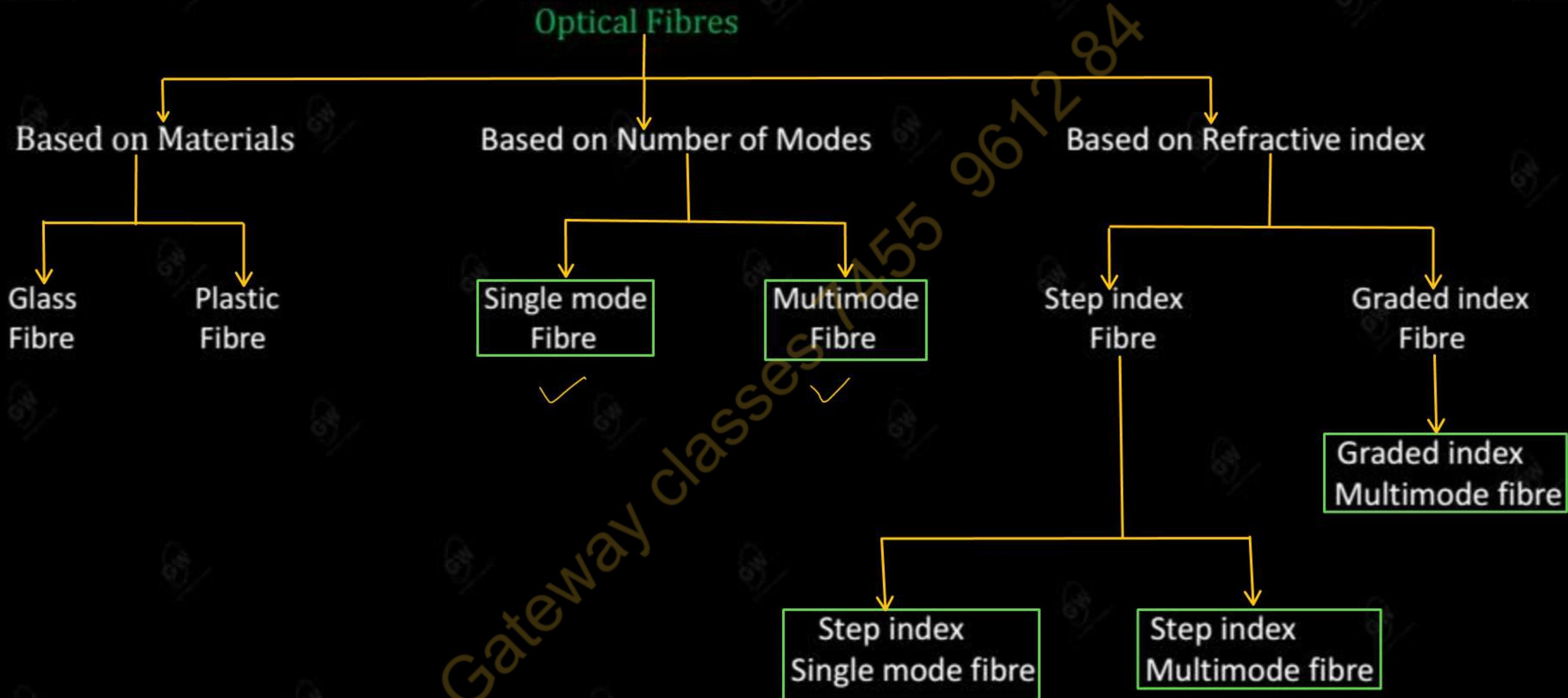
$$\mu_1 = 1.476$$

Put  $\mu_1$  in ①

$$\frac{1.476 - \mu_2}{1.476} = 0.0135$$

$$1.476 - \mu_2 = 0.0135 \times 1.476$$

$$\mu_2 = 1.456$$



- The single mode fibre can support only one mode of propagation
- Diameter is (5-10 $\mu\text{m}$ ) while that of cladding is (50 to 125  $\mu\text{m}$ )
- Condition for single mode propagation in fibre is  $V \leq 2.405$
- The difference in refractive index of core and cladding is very small.

#### Advantages

- (i) Attenuation is low
- (ii) Dispersion is low
- (iii) Higher bandwidth
- (iv) Suitable for long distance communication

#### Disadvantages

- (i) Fabrication is difficult and costly
- (ii) Transmission equipment is expensive (Laser diode)
- (iii) Handling is difficult due to small core diameter

- The multimode fibre can support large number of mode of propagation
- It has a larger core diameter ( $20\text{-}100 \mu\text{m}$ )
- Condition for multimode propagation in fibre is  $V > 2.405$
- The difference in refractive index of core and cladding is larger than single mode fibre

#### Advantages

- (i) Attenuation is high
- (ii) Dispersion is high
- (iii) Low and limited bandwidth
- (iv) Suitable for short distance communication

#### Disadvantages

- (i) Fabrication is less difficult and not costly
- (ii) Transmission equipment is simple and low cost (LED)
- (iii) Handling is easy due to large core diameter

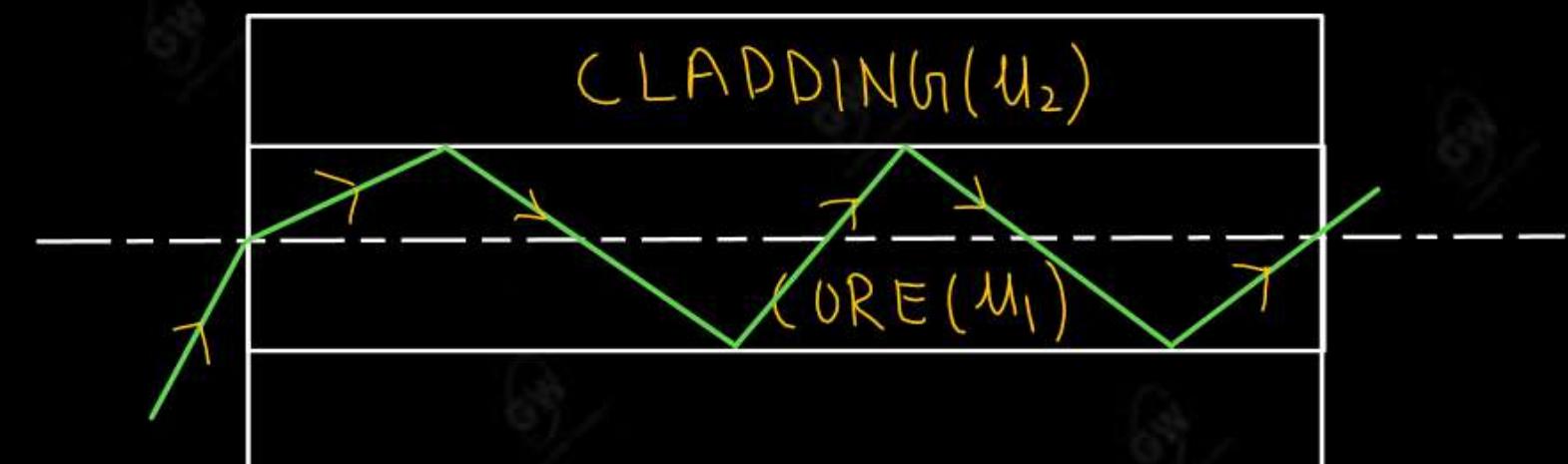
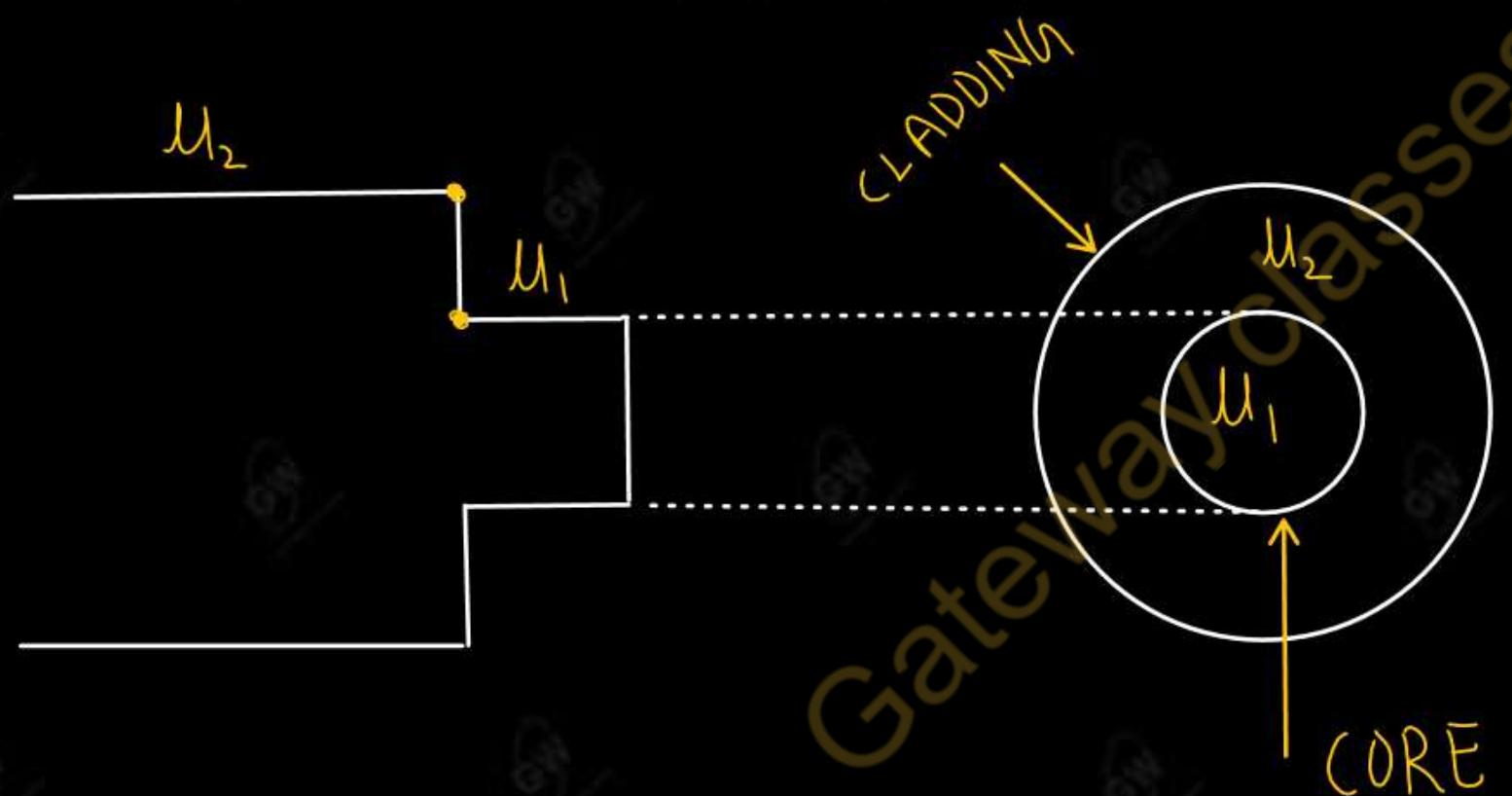
- In step index optical fibre, the refractive index of the core is uniform throughout and undergoes an abrupt step change at core cladding interface
- Both single mode and multimode step index fibre can be made
- Intermodal dispersion is more in step index multimode fibre.

### Graded index fibre

- In graded index fibre, the refractive index in the core of the optical fibre is not uniform and it decreases gradually from maximum value at the axis of the core to minimum value at the core-cladding surface.
- Graded index fibre can be multimode only.
- Intermodal dispersion is less in graded index multimode fibre.

**Note :** Refractive index of cladding is always uniform

- In step index single mode fibre, the refractive index of the core is uniform throughout and undergoes an abrupt step change at core cladding interface
- Step index single mode fibre can support only one mode of propagation
- Diameter is ( $5\text{-}10\mu\text{m}$ ) while that of cladding is ( $50\text{ to }125\mu\text{m}$ )
- Condition for single mode propagation in fibre is  $V \leq 2.405$
- The difference in refractive index of core and cladding is very small.



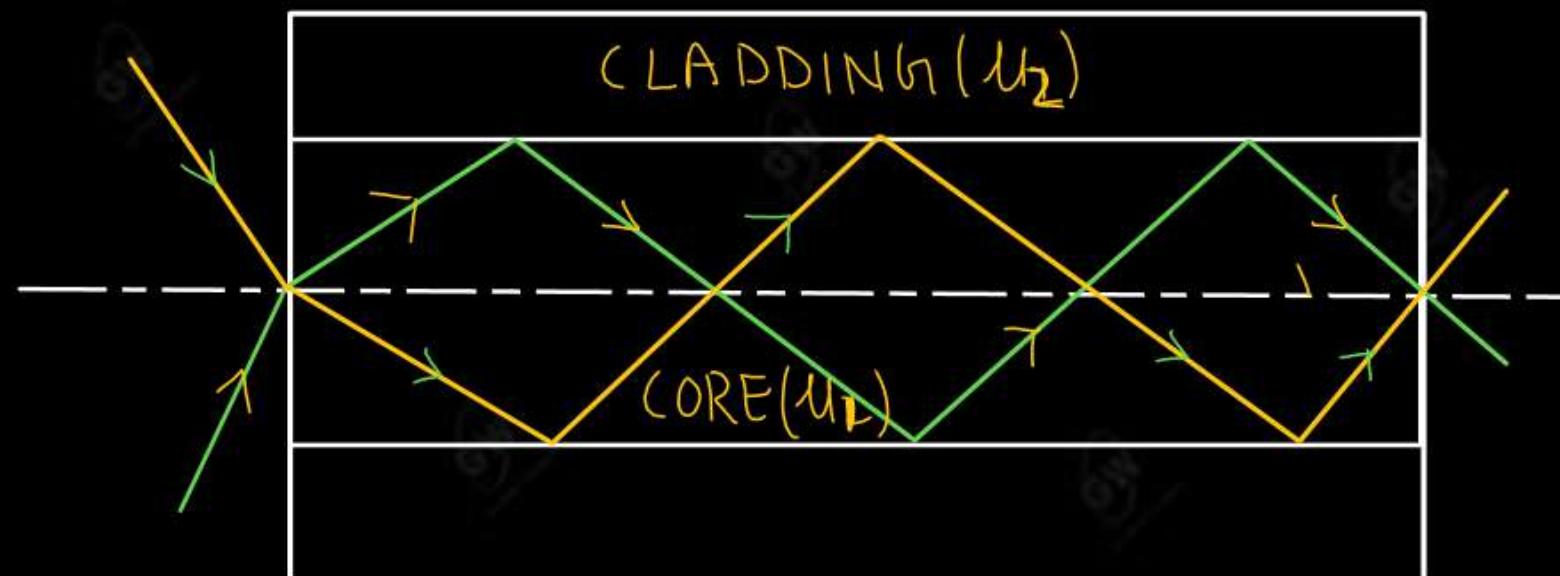
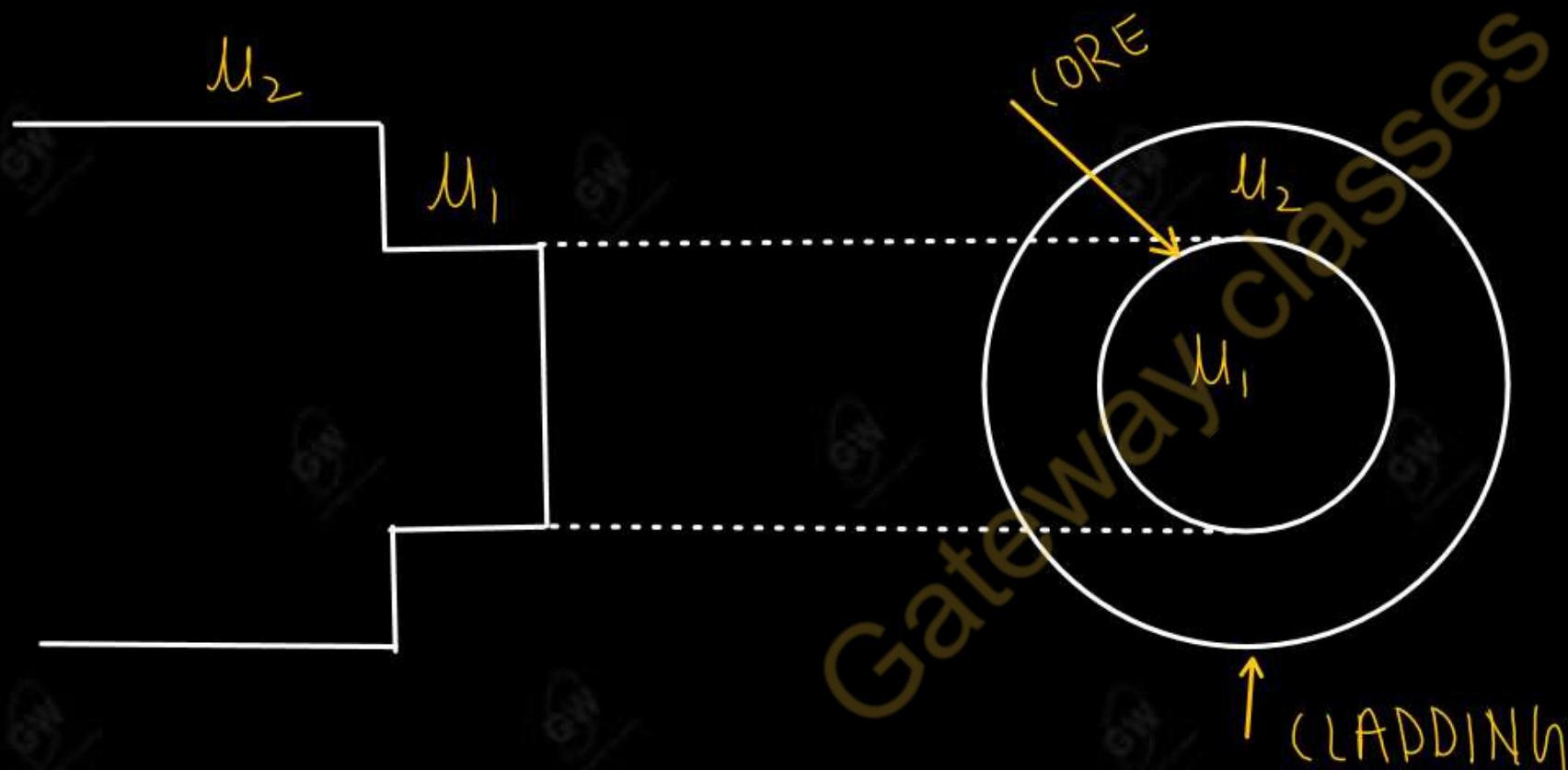
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### Disadvantages

- (i) Fabrication is difficult and costly
- (ii) Transmission equipment is expensive ([Laser diode](#))
- (iii) Handling is difficult due to small core diameter

- In step index multimode fibre, the refractive index of the core is uniform throughout and undergoes an abrupt step change at core cladding interface
- The multimode fibre can support large number of mode of propagation
- It has a larger core diameter ( $20\text{-}100 \mu\text{m}$ )
- Condition for multimode propagation in fibre is  $V > 2.405$
- The difference in refractive index of core and cladding is larger than single mode fibre



## Advantages and Disadvantages of step index multimode fibre

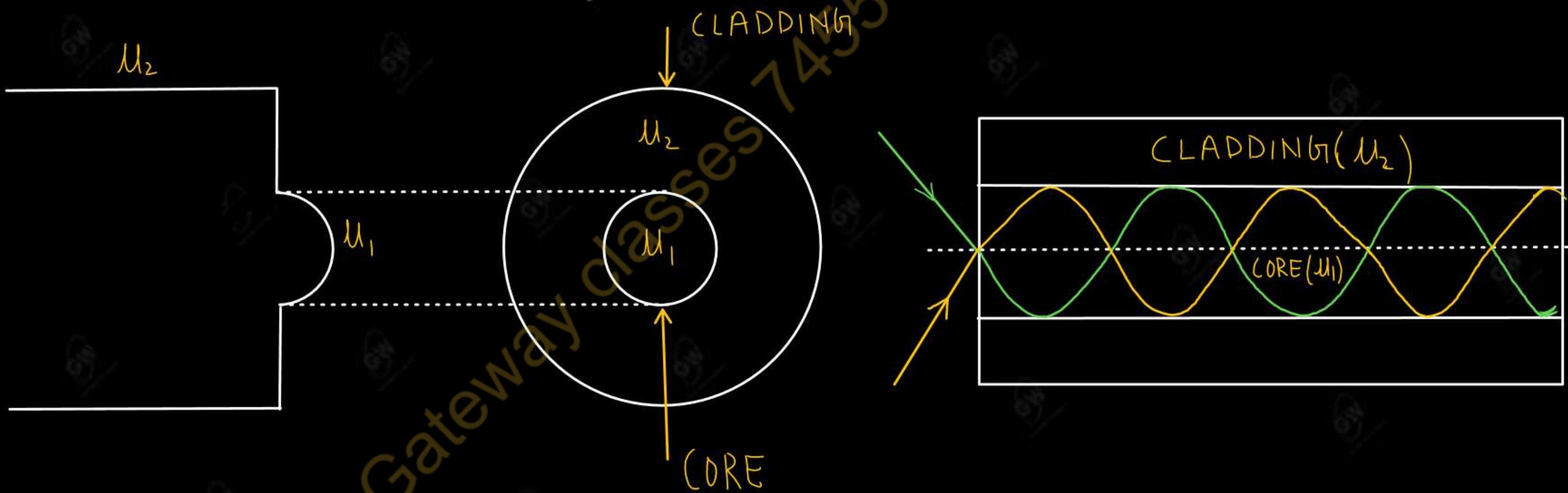
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### Disadvantages

- (i) Fabrication is less difficult and not costly
- (ii) Transmission equipment is simple and low cost (LED)
- (iii) Handling is easy due to large core diameter

- In graded index multimode fibre, the refractive index in the core of the optical fibre is not uniform and it decreases gradually from maximum value at the axis of the core to minimum value at the core-cladding surface.
- Graded index fibre can be multimode only.



## Advantages and Disadvantages of Graded index multimode fibre

### Advantages

- (i) Intermodal dispersion is less in graded index multimode fibre.
- (ii) Bandwidth is greater than step index multimode fibre
- (iii) Easy to couple with optical source

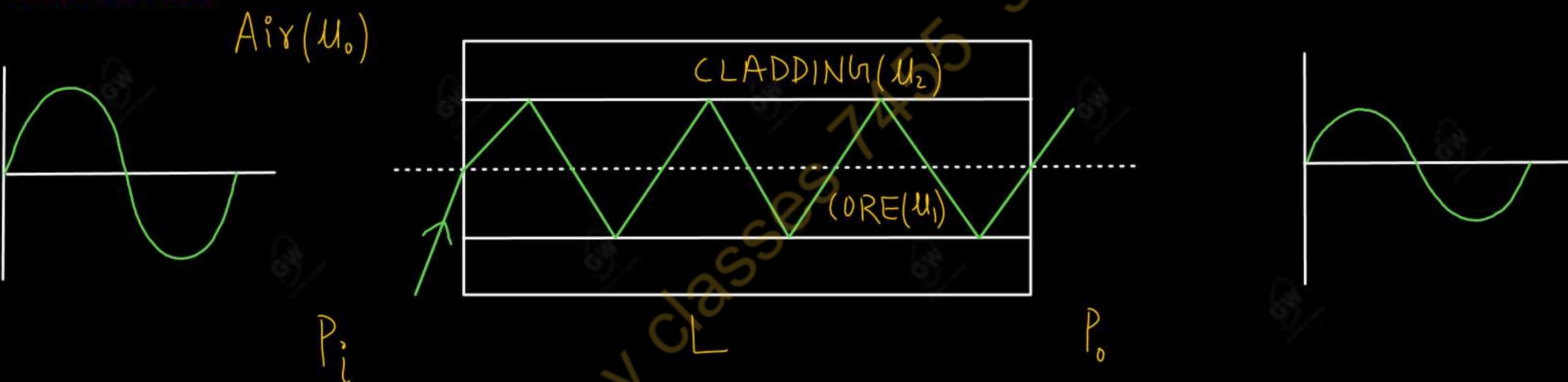
### Disadvantages

- (i) Very difficult to manufacture
- (ii) Expensive

## Losses in optical fiber

- (i) **Attenuation** : Optical Power loss or Intensity loss)
- (ii) **Dispersion** : Spreading of light or broadening of light

### Attenuation



- The reduction in amplitude and intensity of a light signal as it is guided through an optical fiber is called attenuation.
- Attenuation is the loss of optical power or intensity as it propagates along a fiber.

- If  $P_i$  and  $P_o$  are the power of optical signal at input and output end of fiber cable having length ( $L$ ),  
Then, Attenuation loss per unit length ( $\alpha$ ) is given by.

$$\alpha = \frac{-10}{L} \log_{10} \left( \frac{P_o}{P_i} \right)$$

OR

$$\alpha = \frac{10}{L} \log_{10} \left( \frac{P_i}{P_o} \right)$$

**Unit of Attenuation :** It is measured in Decibel per kilometer (dB/km)

Q.8 Calculate the fibre loss through the optical fibre when the mean optical power launched into a 5 km length of fibre is  $120 \times 10^{-6}$  W and the mean optical power at receiver is  $4 \times 10^{-6}$  W.

Given

$$L = 5 \text{ km}$$

$$P_i = 120 \times 10^{-6} \text{ W}$$

$$P_o = 4 \times 10^{-6} \text{ W}$$

Fibre loss in dB/km

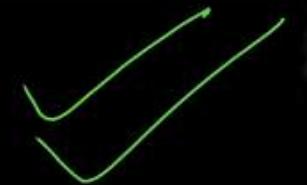
$$\alpha = -\frac{10}{L} \log_{10} \left( \frac{P_o}{P_i} \right)$$

$$= -\frac{10}{5} \log_{10} \left( \frac{4 \times 10^{-6}}{120 \times 10^{-6}} \right)$$

$$= -2 \log_{10} \left( \frac{1}{30} \right)$$

(AKTU : 2022-23)

$$\alpha = 2.954 \text{ dB/km}$$



**Q. 9** A communication system uses a 10 km fibre having loss of 2.5 dB/km. Compute the output power

if the input power is  $500 \mu\text{W}$ . (AKTU : 2021-22)

Given

$$L = 10 \text{ KM}$$

$$\alpha = 2.5 \text{ dB/KM}$$

$$P_i = 500 \mu\text{W}$$

### OUTPUT POWER

$$\alpha = -\frac{10}{L} \log_{10} \left( \frac{P_o}{P_i} \right)$$

$$2.5 = -\frac{10}{10} \log_{10} \left( \frac{P_o}{500} \right)$$

$$\log_{10} \left( \frac{P_o}{500} \right) = -2.5$$

$$\frac{P_o}{500} = 10^{-2.5}$$

$$P_o = 500 \times 10^{-2.5}$$

$$P_o = 1.58 \mu\text{W}$$

Q.10 An optical fibre loses 15% of its power after travelling 0.5 km through the fibre, Determine the attenuation of power in dB/km.

Given

$$L = 0.5 \text{ km}$$

$$P_i = P$$

$$P_o = 0.85P$$

Attenuation

$$\alpha = -\frac{10}{L} \log_{10} \left( \frac{P_o}{P_i} \right)$$

$$\alpha = -\frac{10}{0.5} \log_{10} \left( \frac{0.85P}{P} \right)$$
$$= -20 \log_{10} (0.85)$$

84  
2  
 $\alpha = 1.41 \text{ dB/km}$



There are three main Causes which are responsible for attenuation.

- (i) Absorption loss
- (ii) Scattering loss
- (iii) Bending loss

### Absorption loss

- The absorption of light by the core materials and impurities present in core materials of a fiber during wave propagation is the main source of attenuation.
- This type of optical attenuation arises due to conversion of optical power in to heat.
- The absorption in optical fiber is due to the following reasons.
  - (i) Intrinsic Absorption
  - (ii) Extrinsic Absorption
  - (iii) Imperfection in the atomic structure of the fiber material

### (i) Intrinsic Absorption

- If an optical fibre were absolutely pure, with no imperfections or impurities, then all absorptions would be intrinsic.
- Intrinsic absorption occurs when pure glass core materials absorb light during propagation.

### (ii) Extrinsic Absorption

- The absorption of light by the impurities present in the fibre materials.
- Mainly two types of impurities cause absorption of light propagating through fibre.
  - (i) Transition metal impurities like cobalt, manganese, chromium etc.
  - (ii) Hydroxyl radical ions ( $\text{OH}^-$ ).

The largest absorption loss is caused by  $\text{OH}^-$  ions.

- (iii) Imperfection in the atomic structure of the fiber material
- Absorption losses also occur due to atomic defects in glass composition like missing molecules.
- Absorption losses due to the defects are very small as compared to impurity losses

- This is second main reason of signal attenuation in fibre.
- During the manufacturing of fibre, regions of higher and lower molecular densities are created and sometimes impurities are frozen in the glass. This become a sources of scattering of light passing through the galss.
- This results in the loss of optical power.
- It has been observed that rayleigh scattering loss is inversely proportional to the fourth power of the wavelength of incident light.

$$\text{Scattering Loss} \propto \frac{1}{\lambda^4}$$

- It is obvious that an optical signal of shorter wavelength suffer more scattering loss than light of longer wavelength.
- Hence communication is avoided in shorter wavelength regions such as UV and visible range.

## Bending Losses

- These losses occur due to imperfections and deformation present in the fibre structure
- Bending of fibre causes attenuation, there are two types of Bending losses.

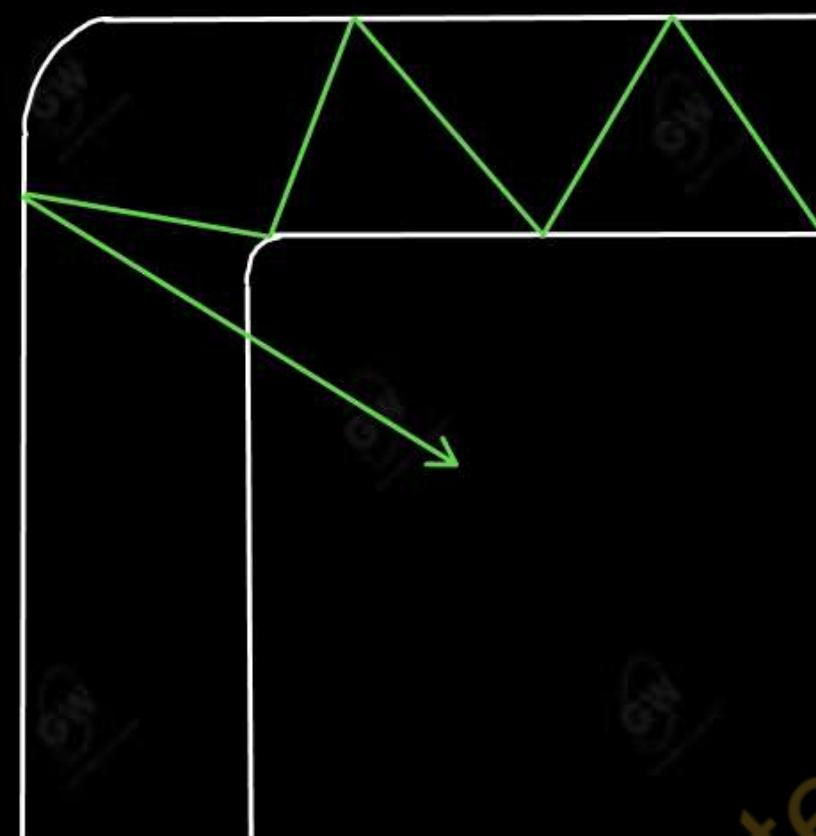
### (i) Microbending Loss

- It is a loss due to small binding of fibre
- In Microbending either the core or cladding undergoes slight bends at its surface.
- These type of bends occur during manufacturing the fibre.
- It also occurs due to manufacturing defects in the fibre.

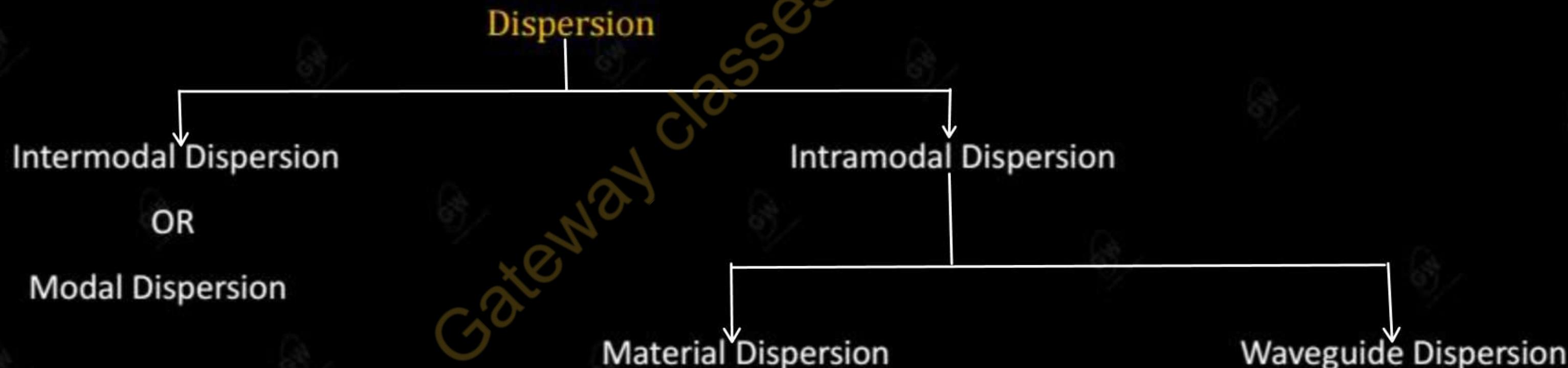


## (ii) Macro – bending Loss

- It is a loss due to excessive beding of the fibre
- Macro – bending loss occur when the radius of curvature of bend is greater then fibre diameter.

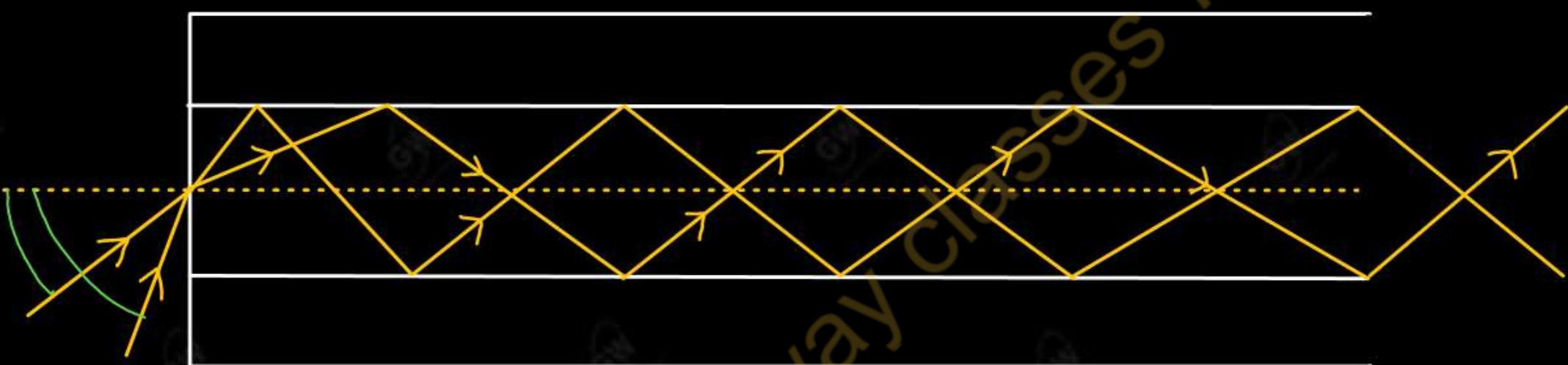


- Dispersion is defined as the signal broadening or Spreading while it propagates inside the fibre.
- Dispersion occurs because of the fact that the different rays excited at the input end at one time after traversing through the fibre, exit the fibre at different times
- The spreading of the optical pulse limits the information carrying capacity of the fibre.
- There are two kinds of dispersion mechanisms in the optical fibre



## Intermodal Dispersion or Modal Dispersion

- Intermodal dispersion occurs only in multimode fibre.
- When more than one mode is transmitting through the fibre, they will have different wavelengths and will take different time to propagate through the fibre.
- Hence, they reach the end of the fibre at different time. This results in the pulse broadening or spreading and known as intermodal dispersion.



- Rays making larger angle with the axis of the fibre take more time to traverse the length of the fibre.
- Smaller the pulse dispersion, the greater will be the information carrying capacity.

Intramodal dispersion occurs in all types of fibre. There are two types of intramodal dispersion

- (i) Material Dispersion
- (ii) Waveguide Dispersion

### Material Dispersion

- Material Dispersion takes place due to the variation of the refractive index of the core material as a function of wavelength.
- It means same fibre material offers different refractive index to light waves of different wavelengths.
- Hence, light of different wavelength travel with different velocities.

Material Dispersion can be reduced either

- (i) By reducing the spectral width
- (ii) By using longer wavelength

## Waveguide Dispersion

- Waveguide Dispersion is caused by the difference in the refractive index between the core and cladding.
- The amount of waveguide dispersion depends on the fibre design.
- Waveguide dispersion is negligible in multimode fibre but significant in single mode fibre.

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### (i) In communication

- The optical fibre can be used as a medium for telecommunication and networking because it is flexible and can be bundled as cables.
- Although fibres can be made out of transparent plastic, glass, or a combination of the two, the fibres used in long-distance telecommunications applications are always glass, because of the lower optical attenuation.
- Both multimode and single-mode fibres are used in communications; multimode fibres are used mostly for short distances (up to 500m), and single-mode fibre are for longer distance links.

### (ii) In optical sensors

- Optical fibres can be used as sensors to measure strain, temperature, pressure and other parameters.
- The small size and the fact that no electrical power is needed at the remote location, give the fibre optic sensor advantages over the conventional electrical sensor in certain applications.

- Optical fibres are used as hydrophones for seismic or SONAR applications.

### In illumination applications

- Optical fibres are widely used in illumination applications.
- They are used as light guides in medical and other applications where bright light needs to be focused on a target without a clear line-of-sight path.

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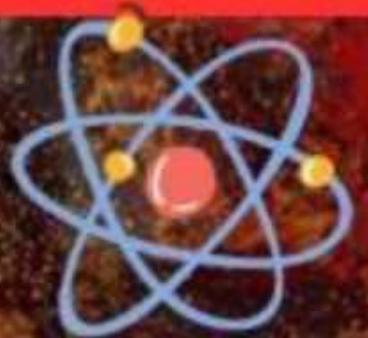
- Q. 1 What is an optical fibre? How does a light signal propagate through it?
- Q. 2 What is the principle of operation of an optical fibre?
- Q. 3 Define the relative refractive index difference of an optical fiber. Show how it is related to numerical aperture.
- Q. 4 What is the condition for number of modes in single and multimode optical fibre?
- Q. 5 Why modal dispersion is negligible in single mode fiber?
- Q. 6 What do you mean by critical angle, acceptance angle, acceptance cone and numerical aperture? Derive the expression for them.
- Q. 7 What do you understand by an optical fibre and discuss its classifications. Explain their advantages and disadvantages.
- Q. 8 Explain briefly the attenuation in optical fiber
- Q. 9 What do you mean by scattering loss in optical fiber ?
- Q. 10 What do you understand by dispersion in an optical fibre?
- Q. 11 Describe briefly any three applications of optical fiber.



# B. Tech : Engg. Physics



## Unit : Fibre Optics and Laser

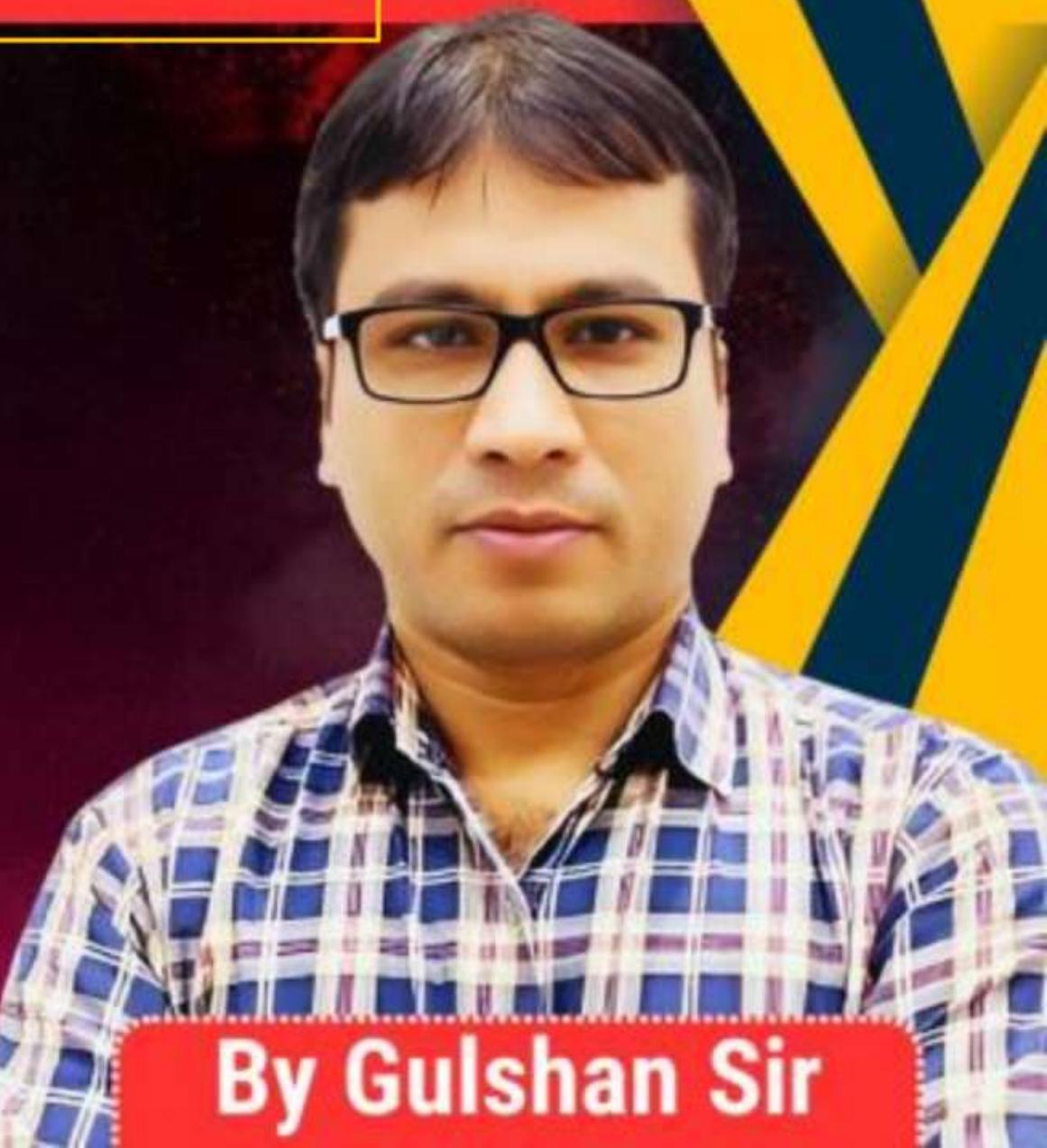


**Today's Target**

- LASER
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# LASER

- The word "LASER" is an acronym for **LIGHT AMPLIFICATION BY STIMULATED EMISSION OF RADIATION**
- Laser depends on the phenomenon of "Stimulated Emission".
- In 1917, Einstein gave the concept of "Stimulated Emission".
- Laser are invented and developed between 1959 and 1962.
- In 1960, Dr. T.H. Maiman invented first working LASER known as "RUBY LASER".

## Properties of LASER

(i) Highly Monochromatic

- A LASER emits light beam of single frequency and single wavelength (single color).

(ii) Highly Intense

- All the power or energy is concentrated with in a small area

(iii) Highly Coherent

- The constituent waves are exactly in the same phase.

## (iv) Unidirectional

- A laser emits light beam in one particular direction.

## (v) Collimated

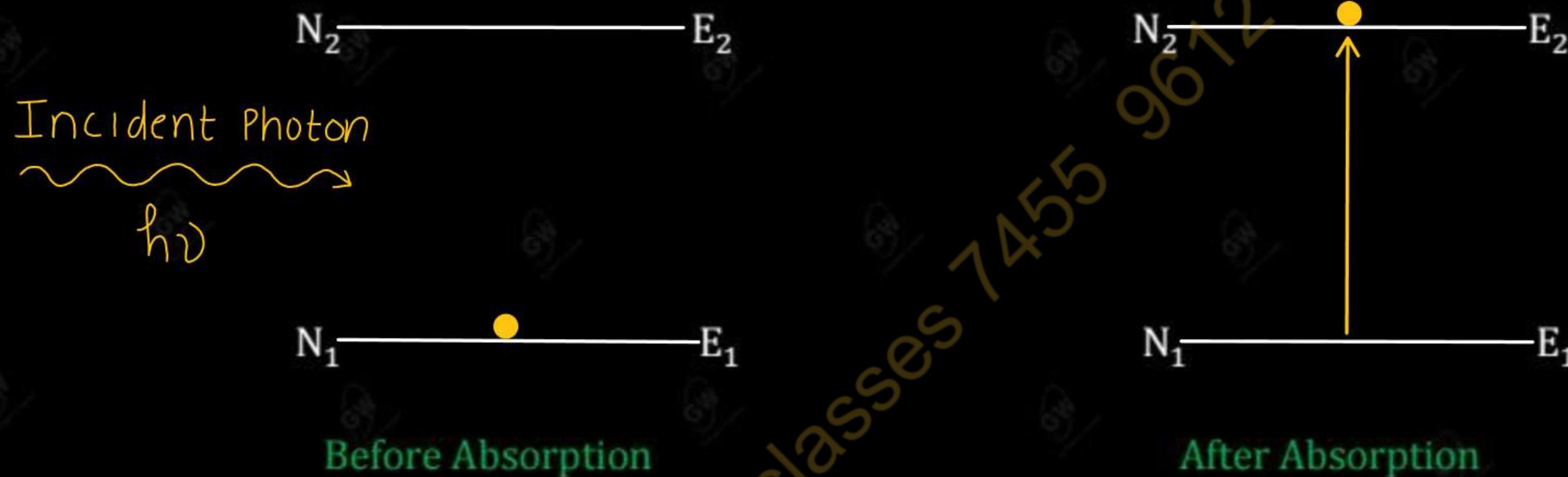
- All rays are parallel to each other and do not diverge significantly even over long distances.

Thus, Laser is device which emits a highly monochromatic, highly intense, highly coherent,  
unidirectional and collimated beam of light

Explain the following mechanism

- ✓ (i) Stimulated Absorption
- ✓ (ii) Spontaneous Emission
- ✓ (iii) Stimulated Emission

- Let us consider two energy level 1 and 2 of an atom with energies  $E_1$  and  $E_2$  as shown below



- An atom residing in the lower energy state  $E_1$  may absorb the incident photon and jump to the higher energy state or excited state  $E_2$ , provided

$$E_2 - E_1 = h\nu$$

- This process is called stimulated absorption or induced absorption or absorption of radiation

- The rate of absorption is directly proportional to the (i) number of atoms in lower energy state 1 ( $N_1$ ) and (ii) energy density  $E(v)$

$$P_{12} \propto N_1$$

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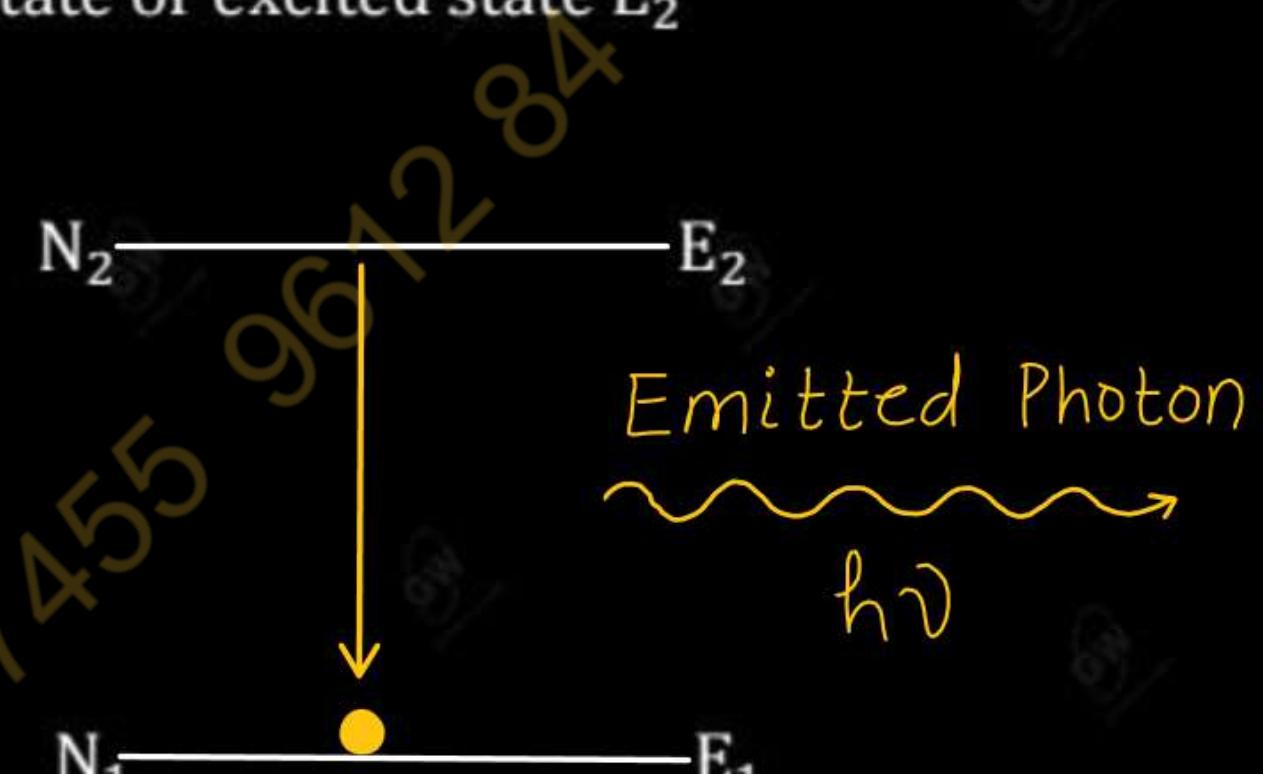
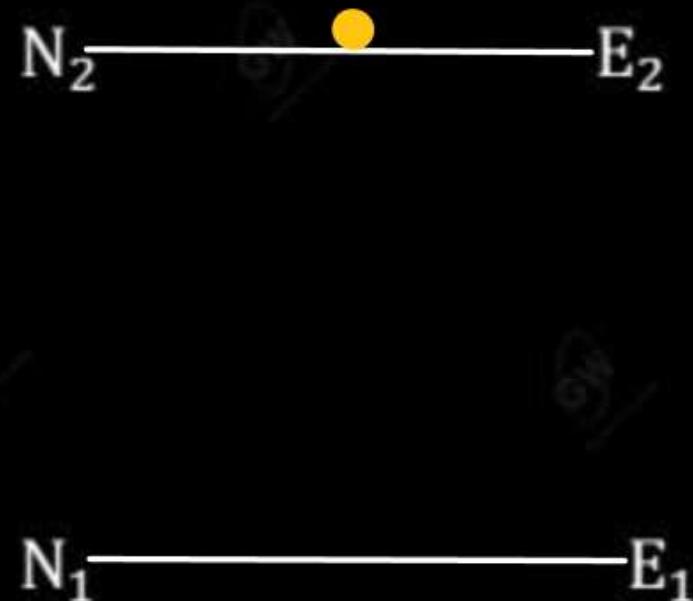
$$P_{12} = N_1 B_{12} E(v)$$

Where

$B_{12}$  = Einstein's coefficient of absorption

## Spontaneous Emission

- Let us suppose that the atom is in higher energy state or excited state  $E_2$



- The excited atom in the state  $E_2$  returns to lower state  $E_1$  to attain stability
- The mean life of atom in excited state is  $10^{-8}$  seconds.
- During this transition atom will release a photon of energy  $h\nu$  such that

$$E_2 - E_1 = h\nu$$

- This type of process in which photon emission occurs without any interaction with external radiation is called spontaneous emission.
- The rate of spontaneous emission is directly proportional to the number of atoms in excited state ( $N_2$ )

$$P'_{21} \propto N_2$$

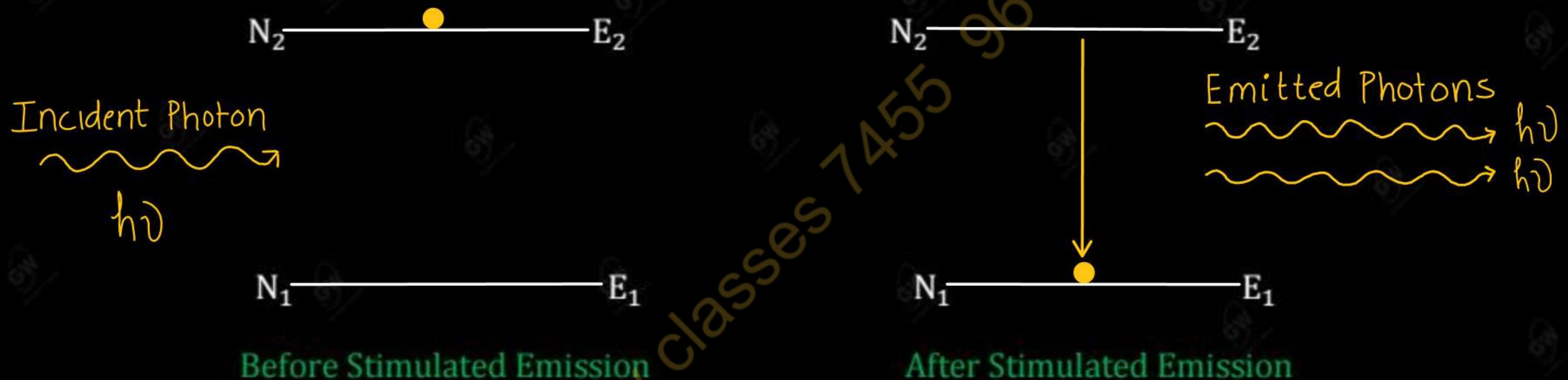
$$P'_{21} = N_2 A_{21}$$

Where

$A_{21}$  = Einstein's coefficient of spontaneous emission

- Ordinary light is obtained from spontaneous emission

- As suggested by Einstein's in 1917, an atom in excited state  $E_2$  can also make transition to lower energy state  $E_1$  when triggered by photon of energy  $h\nu$ .



- This transition produces a second photon which is identical to incident photon with respect to frequency, phase and propagation direction. This process is called stimulated emission

- The rate of stimulated emission is directly proportional to the (i) number of atoms in excited state ( $N_2$ ) and (ii) energy density  $E(v)$

$$P_{21} \propto N_2$$

$$P_{21} \propto E(v)$$

$$P_{21} \propto N_2 \quad E(v)$$

$$P_{21} = N_2 B_{21} E(v)$$

Where

$B_{21}$  = Einstein's coefficient of stimulated emission

- LASER light is obtained from stimulated emission

## Difference between Spontaneous Emission and Stimulated Emission

Spontaneous Emission	Stimulated Emission
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✓ 1. Emitted photons can move in any directions.</li><li>✓ 2. Emitted radiations are not coherent.</li><li>✓ 3. Emitted photons from various atoms have no phase relationship between them</li><li>✓ 4. The rate of spontaneous emission is directly proportional to the number of atom in excited state (<math>N_2</math>)</li><li>✓ 5. Ordinary light is obtained from spontaneous emission</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✓ 1. Emitted photons move in same directions.</li><li>✓ 2. Emitted radiations are coherent</li><li>✓ 3. Emitted photons have same frequency and are in phase with incident photons..</li><li>✓ 4. The rate of stimulated emission is directly proportional to the number of atoms in excited state (<math>N_2</math>) and energy density <math>E(v)</math></li><li>✓ 5. LASER light is obtained from stimulated emission</li></ul>

## Relation between Einstein's Coefficients

- Let  $N_1$  and  $N_2$  be the number of atoms

at any instant in the lower energy

State 1 and Higher energy State 2

- The rate of absorption is directly

proportional to the

(i) The number of atom in state 1 ( $N_1$ )

(ii) Energy Density  $E(\nu)$

$$P_{12} \propto N_1$$

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$$P_{12} = N_1 B_{12} E(\nu) \quad \text{--- } ①$$

- The rate of spontaneous emission is directly proportional to the number of atoms in excited state ( $N_2$ )

$$P'_{21} \propto N_2$$

$$P'_{21} = N_2 A_{21} \quad \text{--- } ②$$

- The rate of Stimulated emission is directly proportional to the

(i) Number of atoms in Excited State ( $N_2$ )

(ii) Energy Density  $E(\nu)$

$$P''_{21} \propto N_2$$

$$P''_{21} \propto E(\nu)$$

$$P''_{21} \propto N_2 E(\nu)$$

$$P''_{21} = N_2 B_{21} E(\nu) \quad \text{--- (3)}$$

Under Thermal Equilibrium

$$P_{12} = P'_{21} + P''_{21}$$

$$N_1 B_{12} E(\nu) = N_2 A_{21} + N_2 B_{21} E(\nu)$$

$$N_1 B_{12} E(\nu) - N_2 B_{21} E(\nu) = N_2 A_{21}$$

$$(N_1 B_{12} - N_2 B_{21}) E(\nu) = N_2 A_{21}$$

$$E(\nu) = \frac{N_2 A_{21}}{N_1 B_{12} - N_2 B_{21}}$$

$$E(\nu) = \frac{N_2 A_{21}}{N_2 B_{21} \left( \frac{B_{12}}{B_{21}} \times \frac{N_1}{N_2} - 1 \right)}$$

$$E(\nu) = \frac{A_{21}}{B_{21} \left( \frac{B_{12}}{B_{21}} \times \frac{N_1}{N_2} - 1 \right)} \quad \text{--- (4)}$$

According to Boltzmann's Distribution Law

$$\frac{N_1}{N_2} = e^{\frac{E_2 - E_1}{KT}}$$

$$\boxed{\frac{N_1}{N_2} = e^{\frac{h\nu}{KT}}} \quad \text{v. imp}$$

Using (5) in (4)

$$E(\nu) = \frac{A_{21}}{B_{21} \left( \frac{B_{12}}{B_{21}} \times e^{\frac{h\nu}{KT}} - 1 \right)} \quad \text{--- (6)}$$

According to Planck's Radiation Law

$$E(\nu) = \frac{\left( \frac{8\pi h\nu^3}{c^3} \right)}{\left( e^{\frac{h\nu}{KT}} - 1 \right)} \quad \text{--- (7)}$$

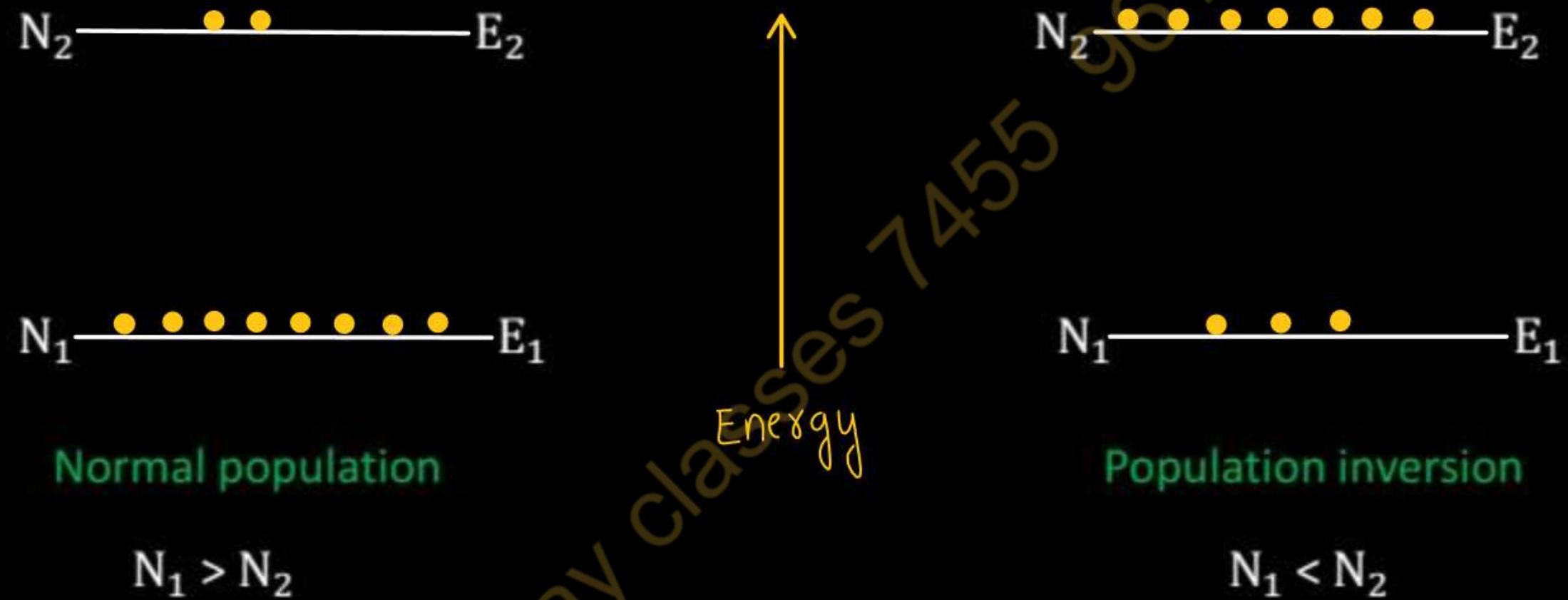
Comparing (6) and (7)

$$\boxed{\frac{A_{21}}{B_{21}} = \frac{8\pi h\nu^3}{c^3}} \quad \checkmark$$

$$\frac{B_{12}}{B_{21}} = 1$$

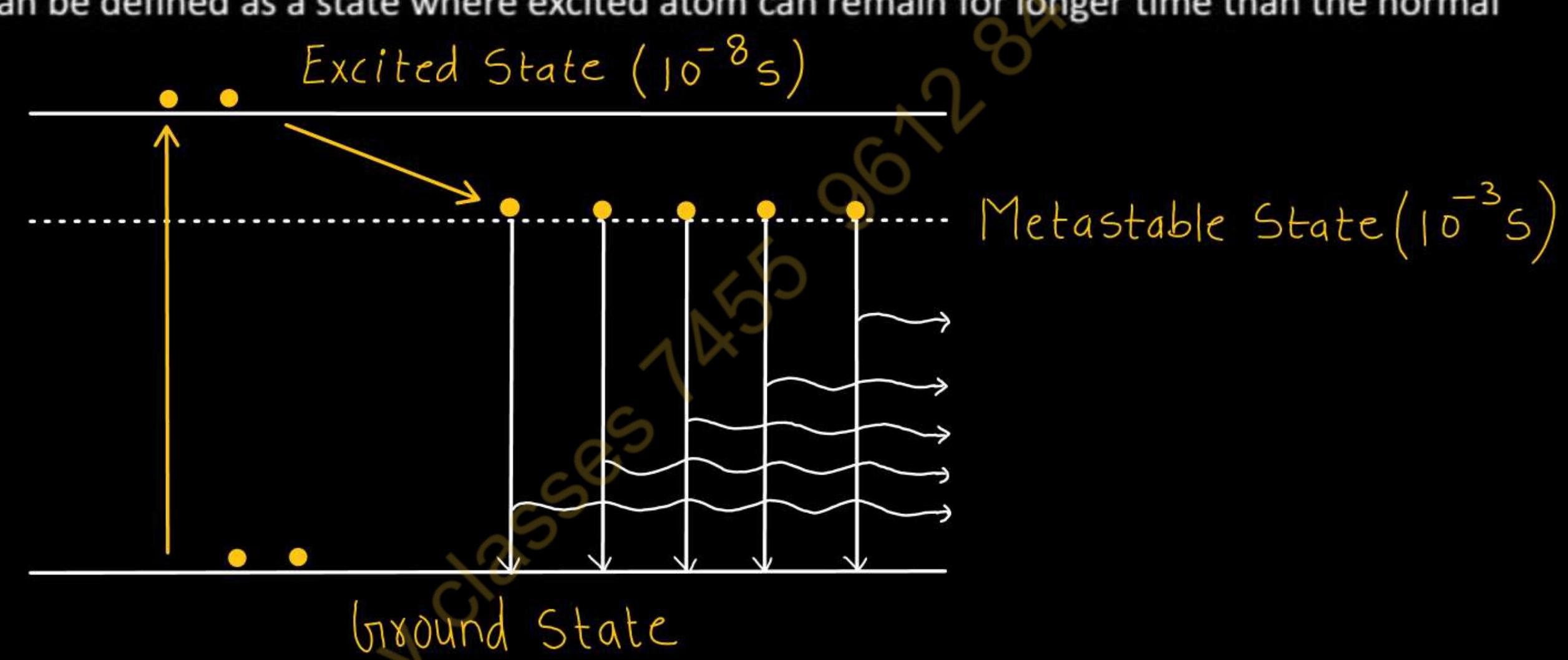
$$\boxed{B_{12} = B_{21}} \quad \checkmark$$

- The situation in which the number of atoms in the higher energy state becomes comparatively greater than the number of atoms in the lower energy state is known as population inversion



- For laser action to take place, the higher energy level should be more populated than the lower energy level. i.e

- Metastable State can be defined as a state where excited atom can remain for longer time than the normal excited state.



- It is also the excited state but having life time of  $10^{-3}$  seconds.
- The population inversion occurs only in between the metastable state and lower state.
- If metastable state do not exist, there could be no population inversion, no stimulated emission and hence no laser operation.

## Necessary condition to achieve laser action

- ✓ (i) The rate of emission must be greater than the rate of absorption
  - Under normal condition, the number of atoms in the upper energy level is always smaller than that in lower energy level. If by some means, the number of atoms in higher energy state is made greater than that in lower energy state, the emission rate will become greater than the absorption rate.
- ✓ (ii) The probability of spontaneous emission must be negligible in comparison to the probability of stimulated emission
  - The condition can be achieved by taking working substance (active medium) such that its atoms have metastable states which have a lifetime  $10^{-3}$  sec or more instead of the usual  $10^{-8}$  sec. If certain atoms are excited to metastable state the probability of spontaneous emission will be quite negligible.
- ✓ (iii) The coherent beam of light must be sufficiently amplified
  - For this, active medium must be placed between two reflecting mirrors. The one of the mirror is fully reflecting while the other is partially transmitting.

- The process by which we can raise the number of atoms from lower energy state to Higher state is known as pumping.

### Two important method of pumping

#### (i) Optical Pumping

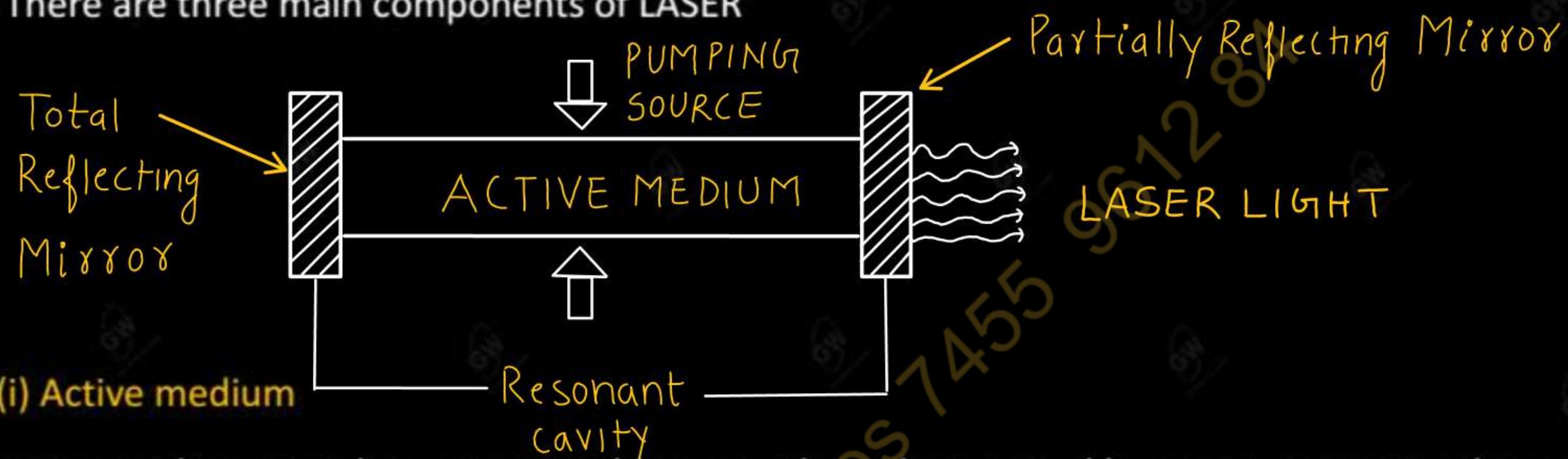
- In optical pumping the energy is supplied in the form of short flashes of light.
- The ground state atoms absorb this light energy and excite to higher energy state.
- This type of pumping is used in Ruby Laser

#### (ii) Electrical Pumping

- In this method gas is ionized by means of suitable potential difference.
- Strong electric is applied to accelerate electrons emitted by cathode of the tube.
- During the motion towards the anode the accelerated electrons collide with the atoms of the medium and give up their energy to excite them to upper energy level.
- This type of pumping is used in Helium – Neon Laser

- All lasers work on the principle of "STIMULATED EMISSION" OF RADIATION with LIGHT AMPLIFICATION
- The ground state atom absorbs energy from external source and raise to higher state
- Due to short life ( $10^{-8}$  sec) of excited state, it spontaneously comes down to metastable state of long life ( $10^{-3}$  sec).
- Thus population inversion is achieved.
- A spontaneously emitted photon trigger other atoms of metastable state and initiating stimulated emission.
- The light beam is then amplified by the cavity resonator by multiple reflections between a pair of mirrors. This way, amplified laser beam is achieved.

There are three main components of LASER



- Active medium must have a metastable state. Thus when excited by energy source it achieves population inversion.
- Active medium decide the types of laser:
  - (i) Solid laser
  - (ii) Liquid laser
  - (iii) Gas laser

### (ii) Pumping source (or Energy source)

- With the help of energy source the system can be raised to an excited state.
- With the help of this source the number of atoms in higher energy state may be increased and hence the population inversion is achieved.

### (iii) Resonant Cavity or Optical Resonator

- The optical resonator consists of two reflecting mirrors  $R_1$  and  $R_2$
- The mirror  $R_1$  is fully reflecting while the other mirror  $R_2$  is partially reflecting
- Active medium is placed between  $R_1$  and  $R_2$
- These mirror act as an optical resonator or resonant cavity

## EINSTEIN'S COEFFICIENTS

- The Einstein's coefficients are mathematical quantities describing the probability of absorption and emission of a photon by an atom or molecule

There are three Einstein's Coefficients

- (i)  $B_{12}$ : Einstein's coefficient for Stimulated Absorption
- (ii)  $A_{21}$ : Einstein's coefficient for Spontaneous Emission
- (iii)  $B_{21}$ : Einstein's coefficient for Stimulated Emission

## Three Level Lasers

In this laser system

$E_1$  : Ground State (Known as lower lasing level)

$E_2$  : Metastable State (Known as upper lasing level)

$E_3$  : Excited State (Known as pumping level)

### TRANSITIONS

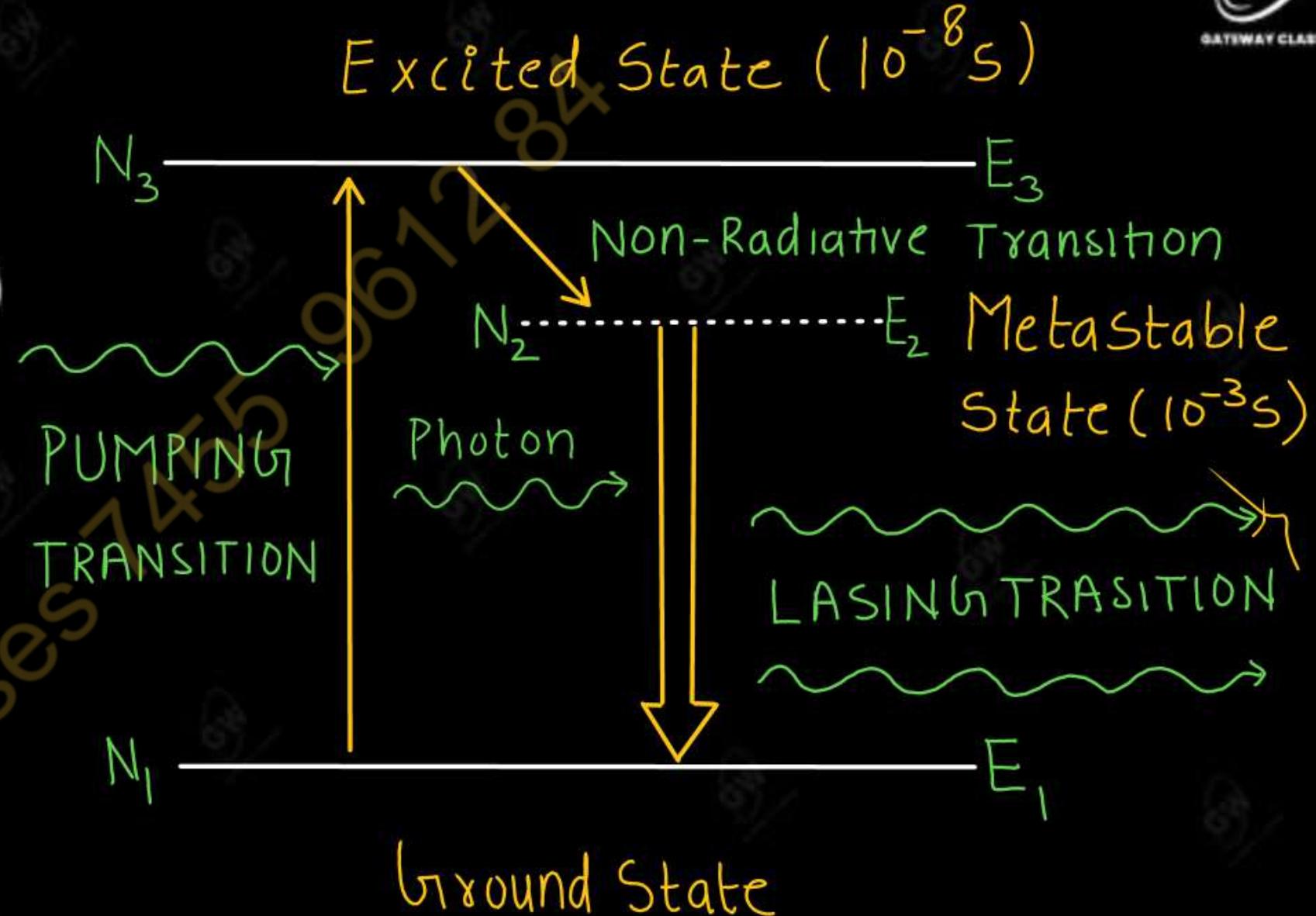
1 - 3 : Pumping Transitions

3 - 2 : Non Radiative Transitions

2 - 1 : Spontaneous Emission

2 - 1 : Stimulated Emission

- The source of pumping excites some of the atoms from the ground level  $E_1$  to a short lived ( $10^{-8}s$ ) upper most pumping level  $E_3$ .



- Some of these atoms make spontaneous transition to the lowest energy level  $E_1$  but most of them decay rapidly into an intermediate metastable state  $E_2$ . This transition from  $E_3$  to  $E_2$  is radiation less or non-radiative.
- As the energy level  $E_2$  is long lived, the atomic population of metastable state  $E_2$  goes on increasing gradually, while the atomic population of ground level  $E_1$  goes on decreasing. Because of continuous pumping the population inversion is achieved between  $E_2$  and  $E_1$  levels.
- Now photon of energy  $h\nu = (E_2 - E_1)$  can initiate stimulated or laser transition.

Example : Ruby Laser

Disadvantage of three level laser : Difficult to produce population inversion because it requires very high pumping power

## Four Level Lasers

In this laser system

$E_1$ : Ground State

$E_2$ : Lower Lasing level (Lower Metastable State)

$E_3$ : Metastable State (or known as upper lasing level)

$E_4$ : Excited State (or known as pumping lasing level)

### TRANSITIONS

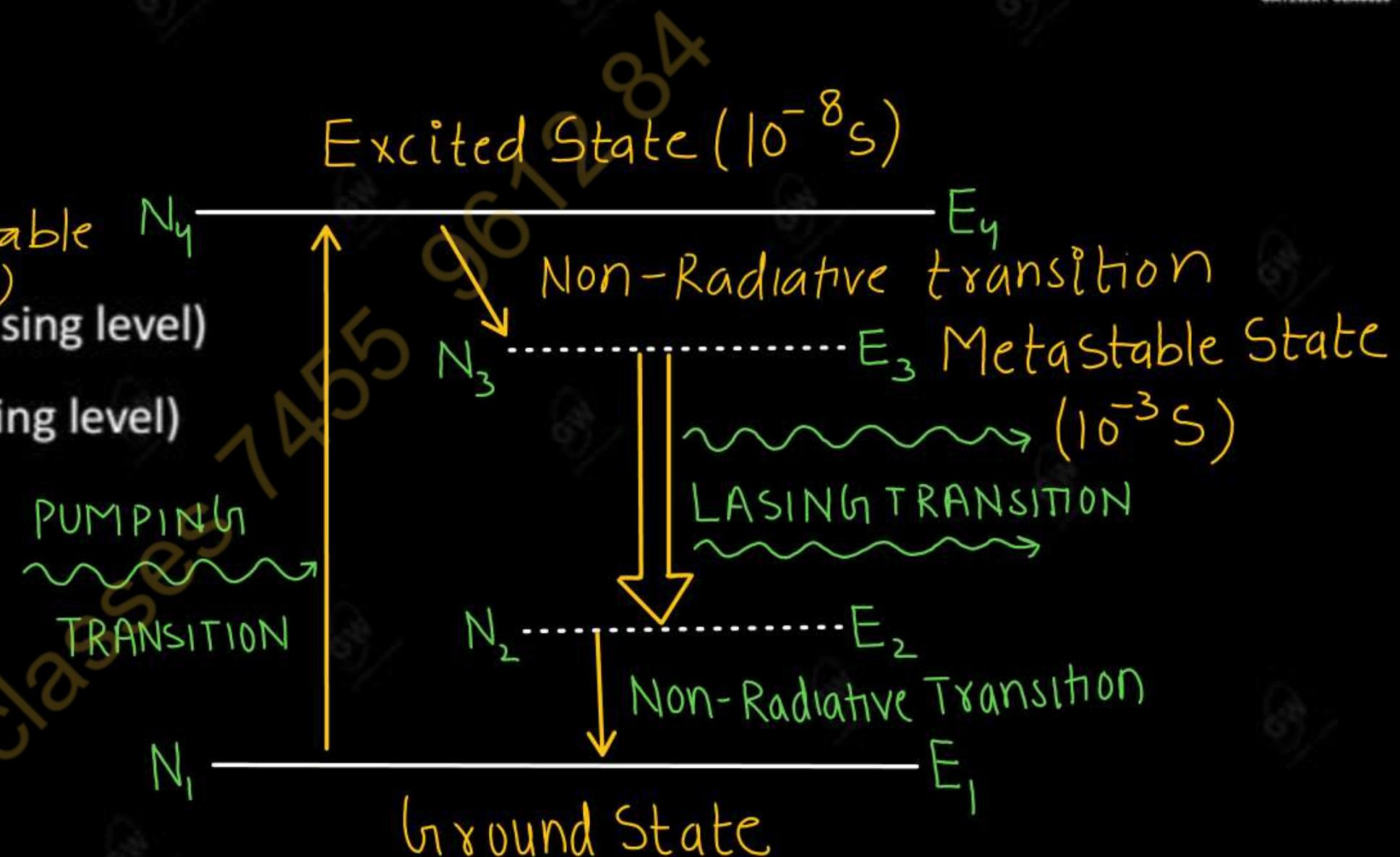
1 - 4: Pumping Transitions

4 - 3: Non Radiative Transitions

3 - 2: Spontaneous Emission

3 - 2: Stimulated Emission

2 - 1: Fast Transitions



- The source of pumping excites some of the atoms from the ground level  $E_1$  to a short lived upper most pumping level  $E_4$ .
- The transitions  $E_4$  to  $E_3$  as well as  $E_2$  to  $E_1$  are radiation less transition and much faster as compared to  $E_3$  to  $E_2$
- As the lower lasing level  $E_2$  is not the ground state, but very much above the ground level  $E_1$ , it is virtually vacant or free from any atoms. Due to continuous pumping, population inversion is achieved between the levels  $E_3$  and  $E_2$ . A spontaneous photon of energy  $h\nu = E_3 - E_2$  can initiate a chain of stimulated emission.

#### Advantage of four level Laser over three level Laser

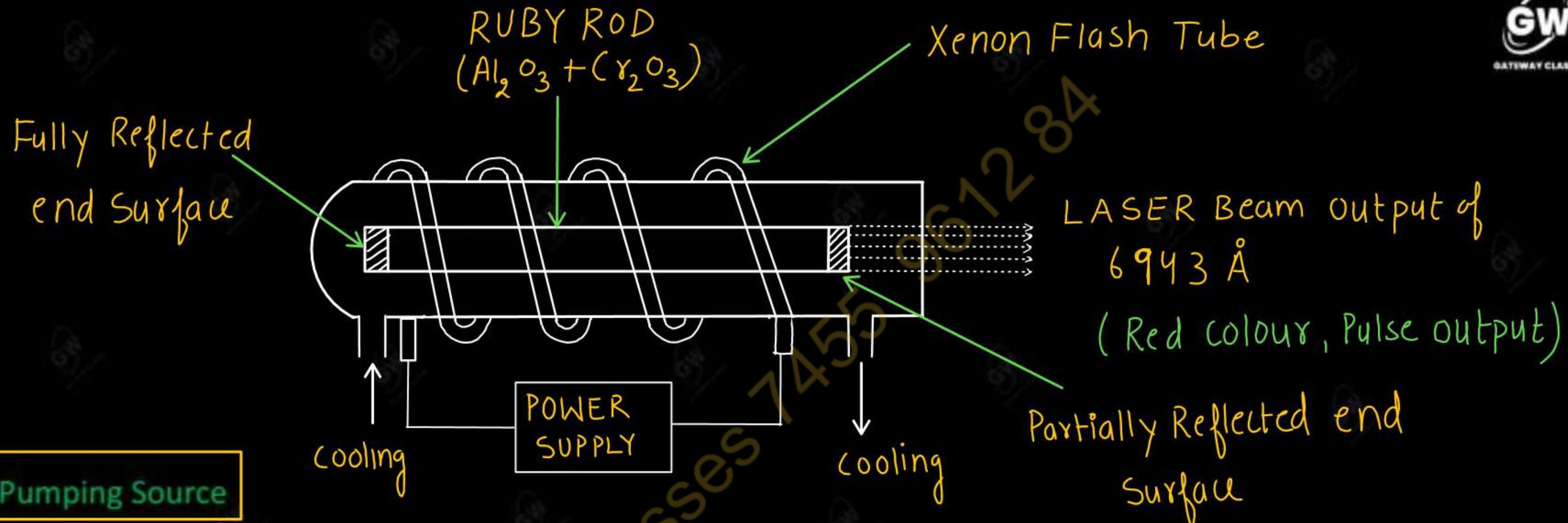
- ✓ The pumping power needed for the excitation of atoms is much lower than is a three level laser.
- ✓ The efficiency of four level laser is much better than that of a three level laser.
- ✓ Continuous operation is possible

- This is the first laser developed by T.H Maiman in 1960.
- The main characteristics of Ruby Laser are
  - (i) It is a solid state laser.
  - (ii) It is a three level laser.
  - (iii) Population inversion is achieved by using optical pumping.
  - (iv) Output is in pulse form.
  - (v) External cooling is required

#### Construction

##### (i) Active Medium

- Ruby Rod is used as an active medium.
- Ruby rod is a crystal of aluminium oxide ( $Al_2O_3$ ) doped with 0.05% of chromium oxide ( $Cr_2O_3$ ).
- Some  $Al^{3+}$  ions are replaced by  $Cr^{3+}$  ions and these  $Cr^{3+}$  ions give pink colour to the ruby rod.
- $Cr^{3+}$  ions act as active centres and responsible for laser action.

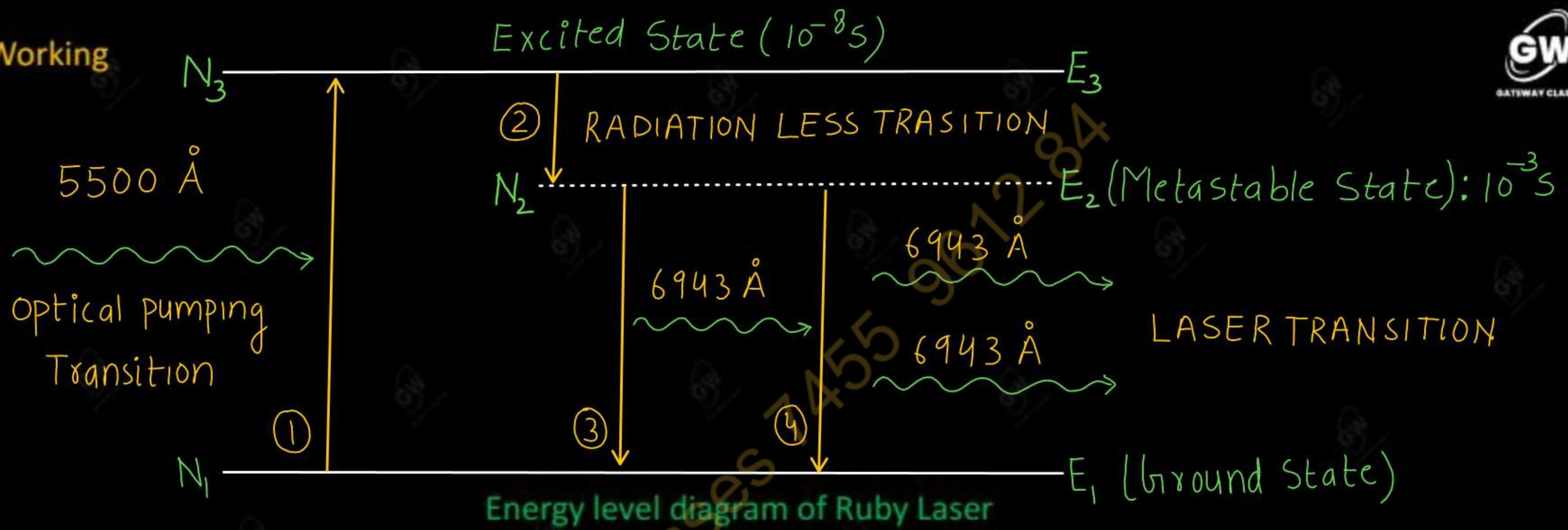


### (ii) Pumping Source

- The Ruby rod is placed inside a helical shaped xenon flash lamp to excite the  $\text{Cr}^{3+}$  ions. Thus in ruby laser population inversion is achieved by using optical pumping.

### (iii) Resonant Cavity

- The Ruby crystal is taken in the form of cylindrical rod and its ends are optically flat and parallel.
- One end of the ruby rod is coated with silver completely while the other one is partially silvered.
- These two silver coated ends of the ruby rod act as a Resonant Cavity.



- Ruby Laser is a three level laser system and its energy level diagram consist of
  - $E_1$  : Ground state
  - $E_2$  : Metastable state
  - $E_3$  : Excited state
- The energy difference  $E_3 - E_1$  corresponds to a wave length of  $5500 \text{ \AA}$ .

➤ Most of the Chromium ions are in the ground state  $E_1$ . After absorbing light (Photons) of wavelength 5500 Å from xenon flash lamp, some of the  $\text{Cr}^{3+}$  ions at ground energy level  $E_1$  jump to higher energy level  $E_3$ . This is known as Pumping transition

➤ At Higher energy level ( $E_3$ ),  $\text{Cr}^{3+}$  ions are unstable and by loosing a part of their energy to the crystal lattice, they fall metastable state  $E_2$ . This is known as Non-radiative transition.

➤ Since  $E_2$  has a much longer life time (about  $10^{-3}$  s), the number of  $\text{Cr}^{3+}$  ions goes on increasing in  $E_2$  state while the number of these ions in ground state  $E_1$  goes on decreasing due to pumping by the flash lamp. Thus population inversion is established between the metastable state  $E_2$  and ground state  $E_1$ .

➤ Now, some of the  $\text{Cr}^{3+}$  ions will fall spontaneously to the ground state  $E_1$  by emitting photons of wavelength 6943 Å. This is known as Spontaneous Emission

➤ The photons that are moving parallel to the axis of the rod will reflect back and forth by the silvered ends of the rod and stimulate other excited  $\text{Cr}^{3+}$  ions to radiate another photons with the same phase.

This is known as Stimulated Emission

➤ Thus, due to successive reflection of these photons at the ends of the rod, the number of photons multiply.

After a few microseconds, a monochromatic, intense, coherent, unidirectional and collimated beam of red light of wavelength 6943 Å emerges through the partially silvered end of the rod. Output is in pulse form.

### Drawbacks

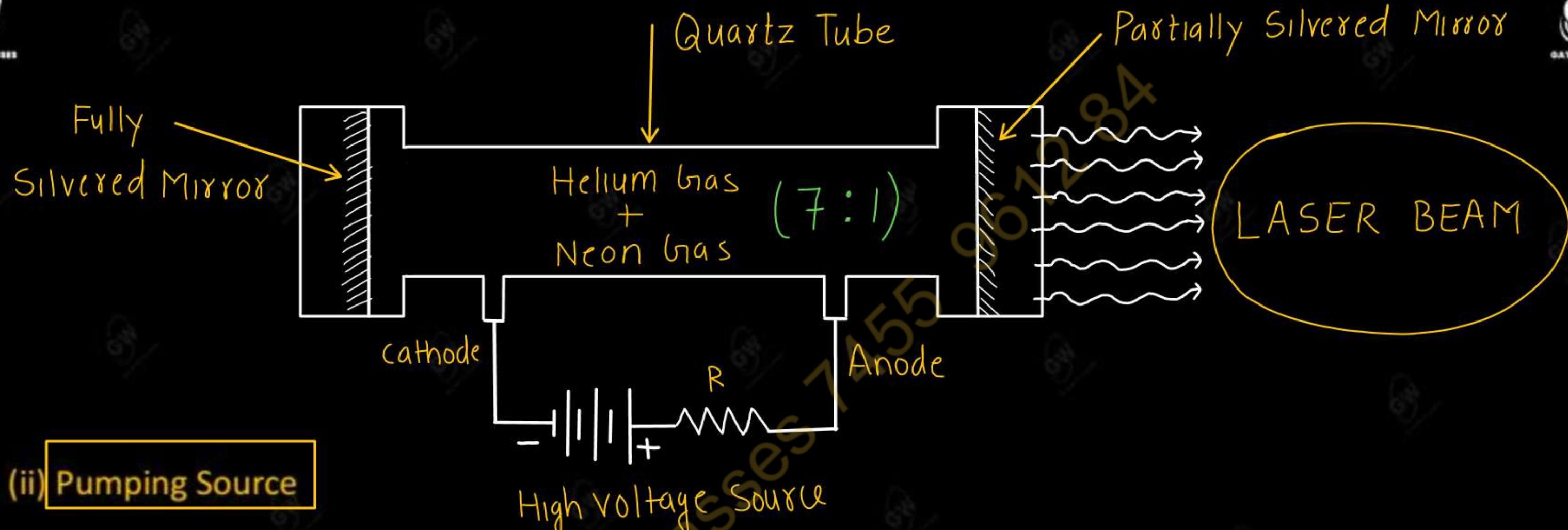
- (i) The output of LASER is not continuous and occurs in the form of pulse.
- (ii) It requires greater excitation in order to achieve population inversion.
- (iii) Low efficiency.
- (iv) External cooling is required

- Ali Javan invented He-Ne gas laser in 1960. It is the first gas laser which was operated successfully.
- Main characteristics of He-Ne Laser
  - ✓ (i) It is a gas laser
  - ✓ (ii) It is a four level laser
  - ✓ (iii) Population inversion is achieved by using electrical pumping.
  - ✓ (iv) Output is in continuous form.
  - ✓ (v) External cooling is not required

### Construction

#### (i) Active Medium

- He-Ne gas laser consist of a narrow quartz tube filled with a mixture of Helium and Neon in the ratio of 7:1 respectively at low pressure.
- Ne atoms act as active centres and responsible for the laser action while He atoms are used to help in the excitation process.

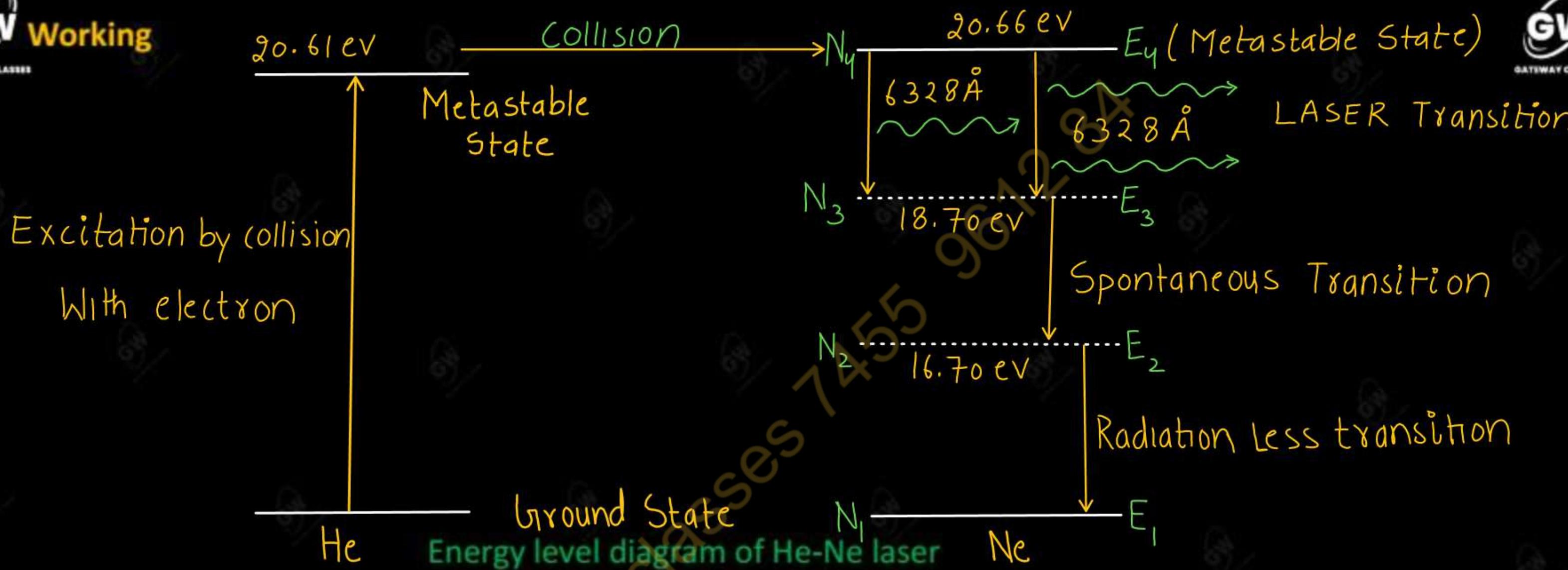


**(ii) Pumping Source**

- Pumping is done through electrical discharge by using electrodes that are connected to a high frequency alternating source.

**(iii) Resonant Cavity**

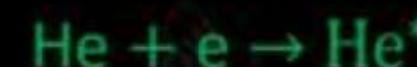
- To construct Resonant Cavity, two parallel mirrors are placed at the ends of the quartz tube one of them is partially reflecting while the other is fully reflecting.



- He – Ne Laser is a four energy level laser system. The electrons produced from electric discharge collide with He and Ne atom and Excite or pump them to higher energy level (Metastable state) at 20.61 ev and 20.66 ev respectively.

As He atoms are lighter than the Ne atoms, they are easily excite to metastable state at 20.61 ev.

Some of the excited He atoms transfer their energy to the ground state Ne atoms by collision, with 0.5 ev of additional energy being provided by the K.E. of atoms.



Thus He atoms help in achieving a population inversion in Ne atoms.

- When an excited Ne-atoms drop down spontaneously from metastable state at 20.66 ev to lower energy state at 18.70 ev, it emits a 6328 Å photon in visible region.
- This photon travels through the mixture of gas and if it is moving parallel to the axis of tube is reflected back and forth motion by reflector ends until it stimulates an excited Ne-atom and causes it to emit a fresh 6328 Å photon in phase with stimulating photon. The stimulated transition from 20.66 ev level to 18.70 ev level is the laser transition.

- Thus, due to successive reflections of these photons at the ends of the tube the number of photon multiplies. After a few microseconds a monochromatic, intense, coherent, unidirectional and collimated beam of red light of wavelength  $6328 \text{ \AA}$  emerges through the partially silvered mirror.
- The Ne-atoms drop down from  $18.70 \text{ ev}$  to lower metastable state through spontaneous emission by emitting in coherent light.
- From level  $E_2$  Ne atoms come to ground state by losing their remaining energy through collision with the tube walls. Hence, final transition is radiation less.

- In medicine laser beam is used in treatment of kidney stone, cancer, eye – surgery, cornea etc.
- The laser beam is used for drilling, welding and melting of hard materials like diamonds, iron, steel, etc.
- It is used in heat treatments for hardening or annealing in metallurgy.
- Laser is used in holography and fiber optics
- Laser is very useful in science and research areas.
- Laser is used for communications and measuring large distances.
- Semiconductor lasers is used for recording and erasing of data on compact disks.
- Semiconductor laser and helium-neon lasers are used to scan the universal barcodes to identify products in supermarket scanners.
- During war-time, lasers are used to detect and destroy enemy missiles. Now, laser-pistols, laser-rifles and laser bombs are also being made, which can be aimed at the enemy in the night.

Q.1 In a Ruby laser, total number of  $\text{Cr}^{3+}$  ions is  $2.8 \times 10^{19}$ . If the laser emits radiation of wavelength 7000 Å, then calculate the energy of the laser pulse.

Given

Number of  $\text{Cr}^{3+}$  ions ( $n$ )

$$n = 2.8 \times 10^{19}$$

$$\lambda = 7000 \text{ Å} = 7000 \times 10^{-10} \text{ m}$$

$$h = 6.62 \times 10^{-34} \text{ J-s}$$

$$c = 3 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s}$$

We know that

Energy of Laser Pulse ( $E$ ) = Number of ions  $\times$  Energy of one photon

$$E = n \hbar \nu$$

$$E = \frac{n \hbar c}{\lambda}$$

$$E = \frac{2.8 \times 10^{19} \times 6.62 \times 10^{-34} \times 3 \times 10^8}{7 \times 10^{-7}}$$

$$E = 7.94 \text{ J}$$
 ✓

$$\nu = \frac{c}{\lambda}$$

**Q.2** Calculate the population ratio of two states in He – Ne laser that produces light of wavelength

6000Å at 300K.

Given

$$\lambda = 6000 \text{ Å} = 6000 \times 10^{-10} \text{ m}$$

$$T = 300 \text{ K}$$

K = Boltzmann's constant

$$k = 8.6 \times 10^{-5} \text{ eV/K}$$

$$k = 8.6 \times 10^{-5} \times 1.6 \times 10^{-19} \text{ J/K}$$

We know that

$$\frac{N_2}{N_1} = e^{\frac{-(E_2 - E_1)}{KT}} = e^{\frac{-h\nu}{KT}}$$

$$\frac{N_2}{N_1} = e^{\frac{-hc}{\lambda KT}}$$

$$\frac{N_2}{N_1} = e^{\frac{-6.62 \times 10^{-34} \times 3 \times 10^8}{6000 \times 10^{-10} \times 8.6 \times 10^{-5} \times 1.6 \times 10^{-19} \times 300}}$$

$$\boxed{\frac{N_2}{N_1} = e^{-80}}$$



## Q.3 Calculate the energy and momentum of a photon of a laser beam of wavelength 6328 Å

Given

$$\lambda = 6328 \text{ Å}$$

$$h = 6.62 \times 10^{-34} \text{ J-S}$$

$$c = 3 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s}$$

Energy of photon (E)

$$E = h\nu$$

$$E = \frac{hc}{\lambda}$$

$$E = \frac{6.62 \times 10^{-34} \times 3 \times 10^8}{6328 \times 10^{-10}}$$

$$E = 3.14 \times 10^{-19} \text{ J}$$

$$E = \frac{3.14 \times 10^{-19}}{1.6 \times 10^{-19}}$$

$$E = 1.962 \text{ eV}$$

Momentum of Photon (P)

$$P = \frac{h}{\lambda}$$

$$P = \frac{6.62 \times 10^{-34}}{6328 \times 10^{-10}}$$

$$P = 1.05 \times 10^{-27} \text{ kg m/s}$$

Q.1 What is the principle of laser?

Q.2 Define Population inversion in LASER

Q.3 Write the essential requirements for laser action.

Q.3 Define metastable state.

Q.2 Differentiate between spontaneous and stimulated emission of radiation. Which one is required for laser action?

Q.4 What are Einstein's coefficients? Obtain a relation between them.

Q.5 What do you understand by three and four level lasers? What is the advantage of three level laser over four level laser?

Q.6 What are solid state lasers? Explain the construction and working of Ruby laser with suitable diagram.

Compare it with He – Ne laser?

Q.7 Draw a neat diagram of He – Ne laser and describe its method of working. How it is superior to Ruby Laser ?

Q.8 Discuss important applications of laser.

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