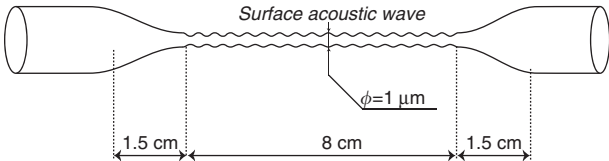


**a**

Tapered optical fiber

**b**