

Mercury vapour lamp \rightarrow white light
 \downarrow
coherent (not monochromatic)

LASER

LASER \rightarrow Light Amplification by Stimulated Emission of Radiation

Properties:

- i) Monochromatic (not necessarily)
- ii) Coherent \rightarrow constant phase diff
- iii) Directionality
- iv) Brightness

Applications:

- (i) Manufacturing
- (ii) Communication (optical fibres)
- (iii) Scanning machines
- (iv) Eye operations
- (v) Used in Sensors
- (vi) Cutting, Welding

Sodium Vapour lamp \rightarrow coherent

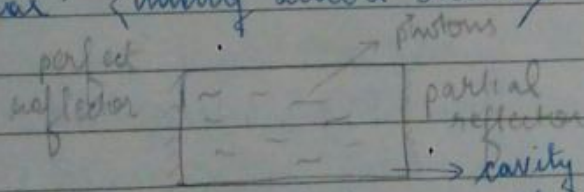
- \rightarrow shows interference
- \rightarrow transmission takes place due to ~~molecular~~ ^{electronic} transitions
- \rightarrow energy is supplied. e^- get excited & jump to higher energy level

The lifetime of e^- in excited state is 10^{-8} sec. It emits photon & jumps back to initial state.

After every 10^{-8} sec, photons are emitted

\downarrow
constant \rightarrow phase diff. is constant

OPTICAL CAVITY: Atomic transitions to make laser light highly directional. (lasing action occurs)



The photons keep colliding on the reflector & get reflected again & again. They gain inertia for uniaxial direction. Laser light is trained to move in a straight direction.

[law of inertia]
Photons in random directions are chucked out.

- Temporal coherence λ
- coherence length
- coherence time
- Spatial or lateral coherence

SODIUM VAPOR LAMP

When power source is switched on, e^- jumps from ground state to excited state. Its lifetime of e^- in excited state is very small $\approx 10^{-8} - 10^{-12}$ sec. This process happens continuously & spontaneously absorption & emission $\{$ not triggered by us $\}$ \star

As the process is uncontrolled \therefore Sodium Vapor Lamp cannot be converted into laser.

Something that can't be controlled cannot be manipulated. After every 10^{-8} sec, a set of photons keeps being emitted which makes it very difficult to impart them inertia for axial direction.

Stimulated emission \rightarrow forced

e^- lose energy only when they are made to.

\star Stimulated emission is necessary for having action to take place.

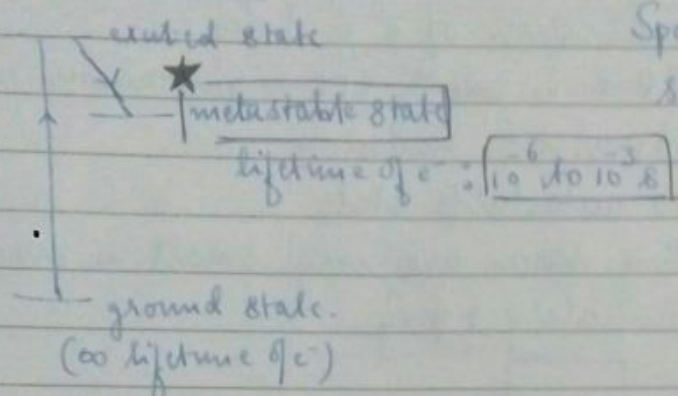
Pumping: Moving e^- from lower energy level to higher energy level.

Optical Pumping: Light incident, excites the e^- from lower energy state to higher energy state.

Gas discharge: High freq. & high voltage is supplied to excite e^- from ground state to high energy state.

Chemical Reactions

STIMULATED EMISSION:



Spontaneous emission: only e^- states \rightarrow ground & excited

- \therefore excited state is unstable, e^- come from excited state to metastable state & this transition is radiationless.
- \therefore Time period of e^- in metastable state $>$ excited state, e^- get enough time to populate the metastable state & a phenomenon known as Population Inversion takes place.

[No of e^- in higher energy state $>$
no of e^- in ground state]

Stimulated emission

As the lifetime of e^- in metastable state is over, it falls back to ground state generating a photon which in turn hits another e^- in metastable state forcing it back to the ground state & generating another photon. The 2 photons again strike e^- which release more photons before falling to the ground state.

This process continues & within a fraction of a second, we have a large no of photons. So all the photons are present in the optical cavity together & they are reflected again & again, thus inc. the intensity of light along axial direction. Hence, LASER ^{light} is emitted from the cavity.

directional \rightarrow coherent

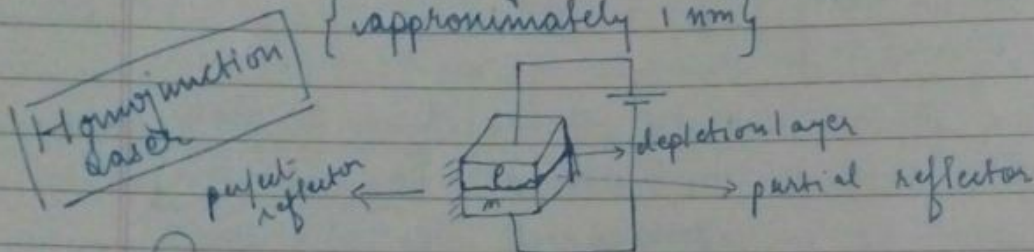
Energy bands are present in solids.

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Semiconducting Lasers

Principle: recombination of e^- & holes
 (similar to LED \rightarrow in case of LED \rightarrow spontaneous emission)
 laser \rightarrow Stimulated emission
 in LED, there is no metastable state.

\rightarrow Semiconducting lasers are very small in size.
 {approximately 1 nm}



Pumping is done with the help of forward bias battery.
 e^- & holes ~~get excited~~ recombine & release photons which get reflected again & again.

Semiconducting laser may melt if used for a long time due to the large amount of heat dissipated & its small size.

\rightarrow GaAs, GaAlAs

- ⊕ Direct band gap materials are used for making lasers.
 (which is why we can't use silicon & germanium).
- metastable state is present
- loose photons - on collision

★ In a Semiconducting laser, the entire lasing action occurs in depletion region.

e^- & holes exist together \rightarrow because of metastable state
 holes \rightarrow valence band $e^- \rightarrow$ conduction band

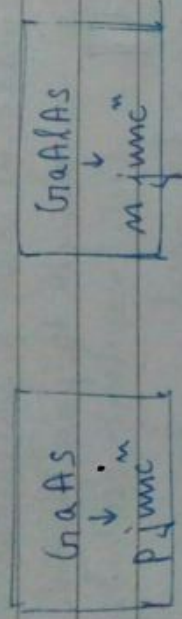
★ (greater than)

★ Refractive index of depletion region is diff from refractive index of n side or p side \rightarrow Total Internal Reflection

\rightarrow Due to large depletion layer, movement of photons will be very large & the beam that emerges will not be very directional.

→ In the beginning, for very short time, laser will behave as LED

Homojunction Laser: Refractive index of material is constant.



With change in doping, refractive index can be changed & also band gap.

Carbon dioxide laser

very efficient

With respect to its size, its diameter is very small.

Consists of N_2 , CO_2 & He (may have traces of H_2O vapour)

2 : 1 : 1 → ratio is not fixed

(keeps changing depending on output)



Brassier's window → to ensure output is polarised

2 types of lasers: Air cooled & Water cooled
water surrounds the tube

(used when output is very high)

inflow lasers have inlets for all the 3 gases.
Inflow system ensures there is no heating & water cooling is not req.

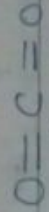
For high output, Gold silvering is used.
 He-Ne laser's dense system is made of Zinc selenide.

- ★ To make laser monochromatic, prism is used.
- ★ Length of tube is made in such a way that it only allows a particular wavelength to pass through.
 $\lambda = n\lambda$ (only, wavelenth oscillates)
- ★ or diffraction grating can be used.

Prism is not used because output is very high
 (< glass with melt >)

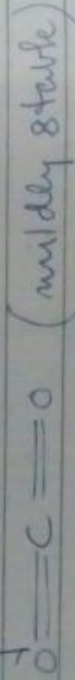
WORKING:

Modes of Vibration:



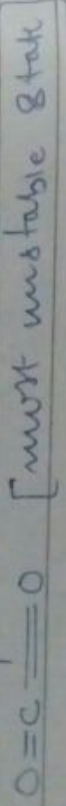
[Ground state]

Symmetric Sketching:



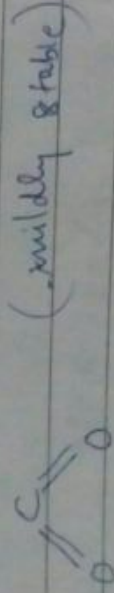
(mildly stable)

Asymmetric Sketching:



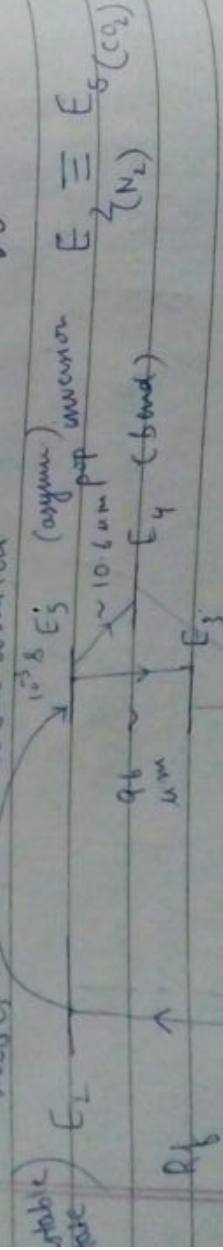
[most unstable state]

Bending:



(mildly stable)

When energy is supplied, CO_2 will go in diff. vibration modes.



E_1 N_2 CO_2 E_1 CO_2

Helium atom collides with CO_2 & CO_2 comes to ground state.

He atom collides with wall of tube & loses energy.

$N_2 > CO_2$. There is very high probability that one CO_2 will collide with N_2 & gain energy.

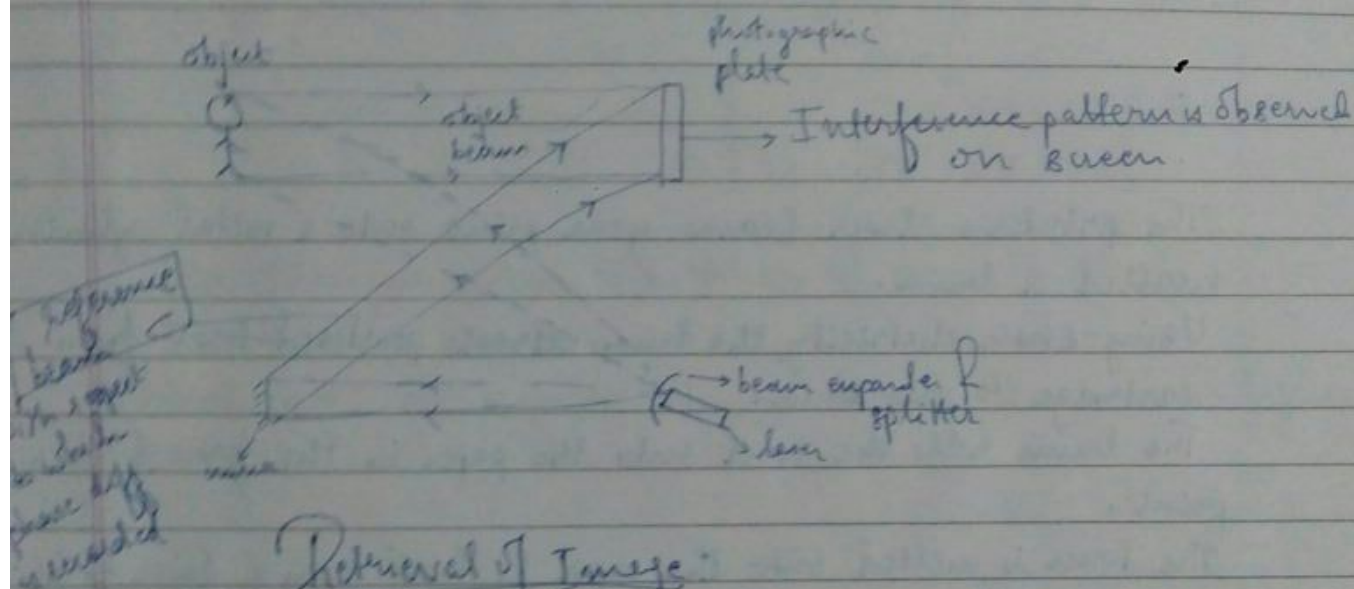
Though in E_5 of CO_2 , asymmetric stretching takes place, e^- can still stay there for sufficient time to allow population inversion to take place & from there they fall back to E_4 & E_3 to oscillate.

Only 9.6 μm & 10.6 μm wavelengths are allowed in the tube.

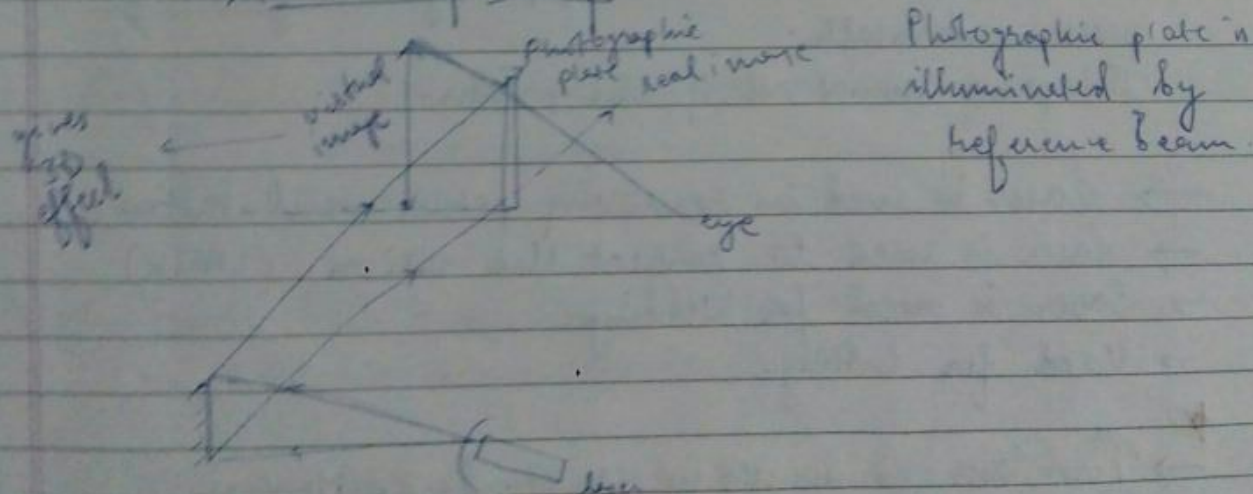
Holography:

Hologram is a 3D picture
 2-D picture: camera records amplitude
 → amplitude
 → phase difference

Interference pattern is being recorded in Hologram
 Highly coherent source of light is used.

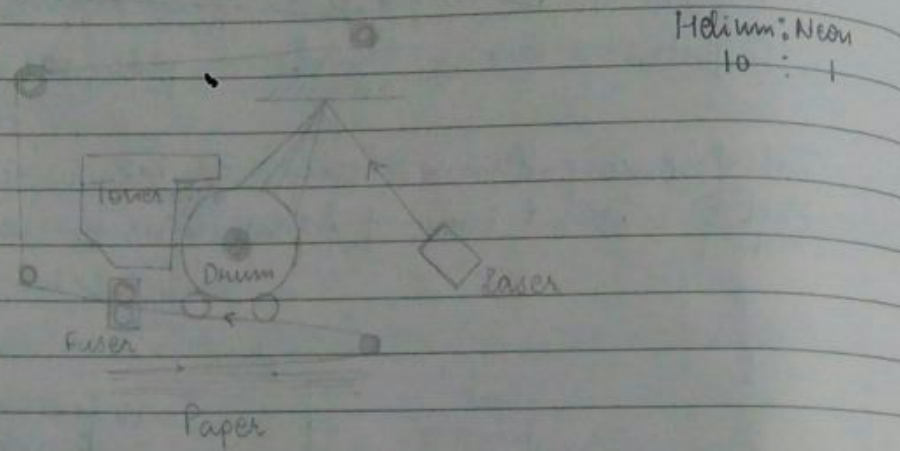


Retrieval of Image



- ★ Hologram is formed by the interference of object beam & reference beam on the photographic plate.
- ★ light reflected by object → object beam
- ★ light reflected by mirror → reference beam

Laser Printer



The printer's laser beams your print onto a metal cylinder called a drum.

Using static electricity, the drum attracts powdered toner from its cartridge to the drum.

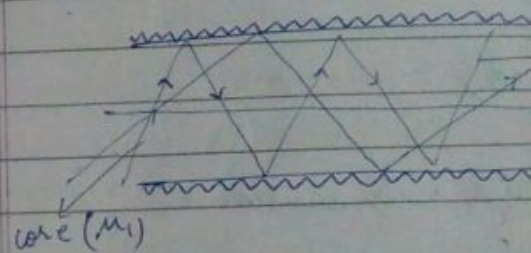
The drum rolls the toner onto the paper in the form of your print.

The toner is melted onto the paper by heat from a fuser as it passes underneath.

The print comes out of the printer.

- Laser is used in removing permanent tattoos.
- Laser is used to correct the vision. (LASIK)
- Laser is used for welding.

Fiber Optics



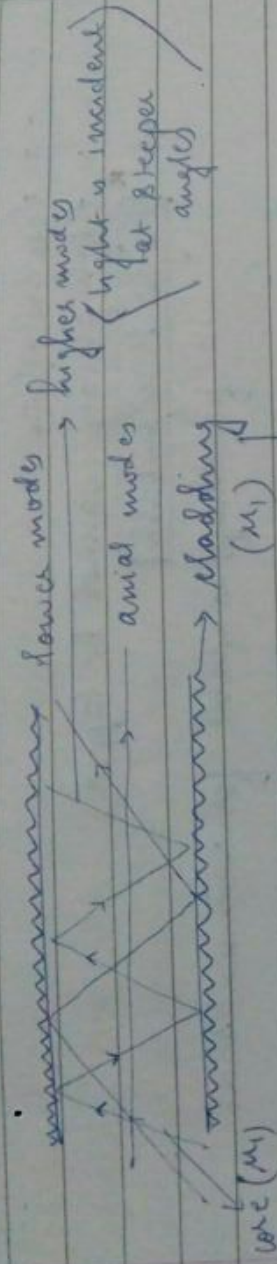
for TIR, $n_1 > n_2$

Pulse Broadening leads to
→ due to higher modes
lower mode light is trans-
mode.

Types of Fiber:

- (1) Single Mode Fiber → core diameter →
Pulse distortion is
- (2) Multimode Fiber → core diameter →
50 - 200 μm

Fiber Optics Communication



for TIR, $n_1 > n_2$

- ① To ensure TIR takes place
- ② Protection

Pulse Broadening leads to distortion of signal. { noise }

→ due to higher modes

lower mode light is travelling less distance compared to higher mode.

Types of fiber:

① Single Mode Fiber → can transmit only 1 signal at a time
Diameter → 5 μm

Pulse distortion is less

② Multimode Fiber → can transmit more than 1 signal.

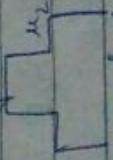
50 - 200 μm → diameter of core

→ Step Index Fiber

→ TIR takes place at

cladding

→ Pulse broadening is higher

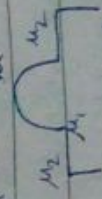


→ Used for short dist.

→ Graded Index Fiber

→ core has variable refractive

index



→ light does not have to

depend on cladding for TIR

→ Pulse broadening is less

→ Used for long dist. comm.

Attenuation

The power loss of optical signals when they travel through optical fibres is known as attenuation.

Power loss P_L in decibel (dB) is given as:

$$P_L = -10 \log_{10} \left(\frac{P_{out}}{P_{in}} \right)$$

The attenuation constant (α) for optic fibres is defined as the power loss per unit length (expressed in dB/km).

$$\alpha = \frac{-10}{L} \log_{10} \left(\frac{P_{out}}{P_{in}} \right)$$

L = length of the cable in km.

REASONS:

higher λ is preferred to reduce attenuation.

(i) Bending loss: As long as the curve is ~~E-shaped~~ or has a large radius, signal will continue to pass. But when the radius reduces or curve becomes V-shaped, signal will be lost & TIR does not take place.

(ii) Scattering loss $\propto \frac{1}{\lambda^4}$ { lower wavelength gets scattered more }

(vi) Wave Guide Dispersion: diff. refractive index of wave guide leads to widening of pulse is lesser or single mode fibre whose diameter is less. GRIN is used to solve this.

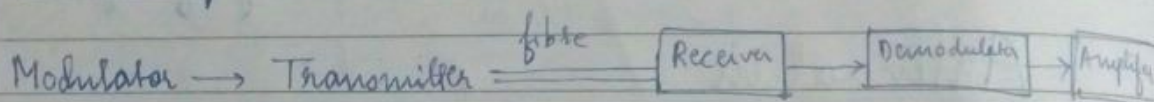
★ Improper core & cladding boundary leads to losses.

(iii) Absorption loss: due to impurity that absorbs light or due to core material. If the core is pure, absorption loss will be reduced. (Optical fibres have the tendency to absorb lower wavelengths & let higher wavelength pass through)

(iv) Dispersion loss: due to dispersion loss, pulse broadening takes place. Intermodal dispersion: due to diff. modes travelled by light in core.

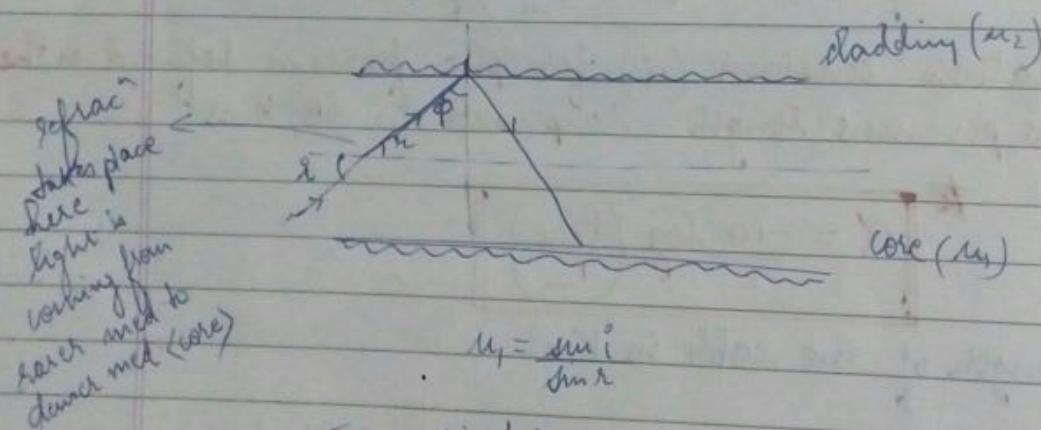
(v) Chromatic Dispersion loss: diff. colours travel with different velocity due to which pulse broadening takes place. (Monochromatic light should be used)

Fibre Optic Communication



Acceptance Angle

Max angle of incidence on the core for which Total Internal Reflection takes place inside the core



$$n_1 = \frac{\sin i}{\sin r}$$

$$\text{TIR } \sin \phi \geq \frac{n_2}{n_1}$$

$$\sin \phi = \sin (90 - \theta)$$

$$\rightarrow \sin \phi = \cos \theta$$

$$\sin \theta = (1 - \cos^2 \theta)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$= (1 - \sin^2 \phi)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$\sin \theta = \sqrt{1 - \frac{n_2^2}{n_1^2}}$$

$$\sin i = n_1 \sqrt{1 - \frac{n_2^2}{n_1^2}}$$

$$\star \theta_m = \sin^{-1} \sqrt{n_1^2 - n_2^2}$$

$$\star \text{ACCEPTANCE CONE} = 2\theta_m$$

\star Acceptance cone of an optical fibre decides its light gathering power.

$$\text{Acceptance Angle, } \theta_o = \sin^{-1} \sqrt{n_1^2 - n_2^2}$$

$$\text{Numerical Aperture, } \sin \theta_o = \sqrt{n_1^2 - n_2^2} = \text{NA}$$

$$\text{Fractional Index Change, } \Delta = \frac{n_1 - n_2}{n_1}$$

$$\& \text{NA} = n_1 \sqrt{2\Delta} \quad (\text{when } n_1 \& n_2 \text{ are approx eqn})$$

\star Multimode step index fibre: can transmit large no. of modes.

$$\text{core diameter} \rightarrow 50 \mu\text{m to } 200 \mu\text{m}$$

$$\text{cladding thickness} \rightarrow 20 \text{ to } 25 \mu\text{m}$$

\star Single Mode Step Index fibre: usually transmit only AXIAL MODE

$$\text{core diameter} \rightarrow 2 \mu\text{m to } 10 \mu\text{m}$$

$$\text{cladding thickness} \rightarrow 25 \mu\text{m to } 30 \mu\text{m}$$

\star Graded Index fibre:

$$\text{core diameter} \rightarrow 20 \mu\text{m to } 100 \mu\text{m}$$

$$\text{cladding thickness} \rightarrow \text{about } 25 \mu\text{m}$$

\star Rayleigh scattering varies as λ^{-4}