

Optical Fiber Communications

Chapter 4

Optical Sources - LED

Light Emitting Diode (LED)

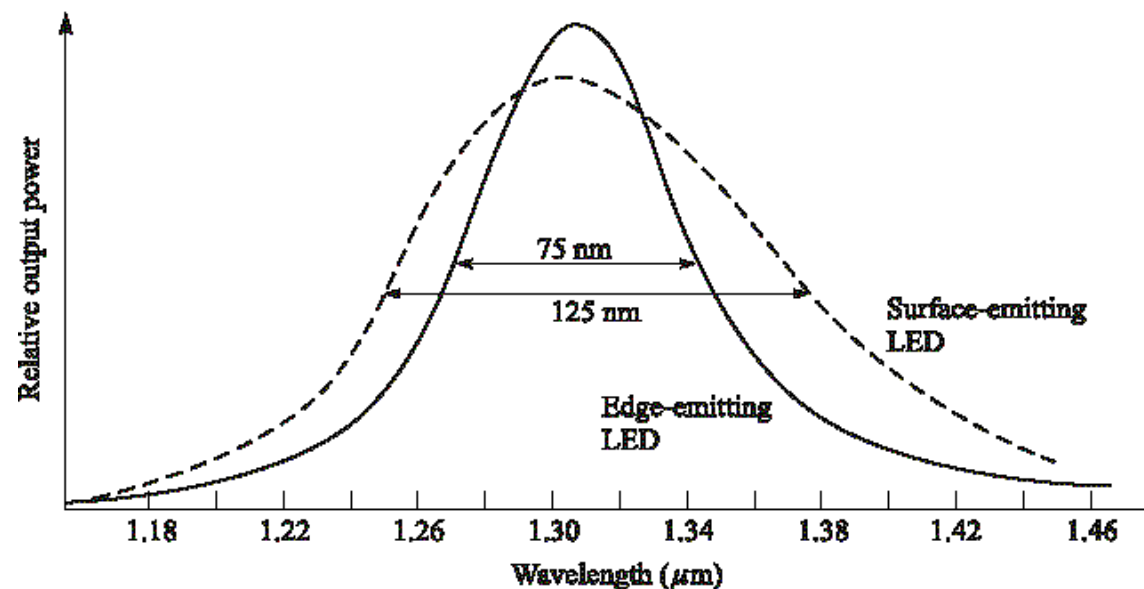
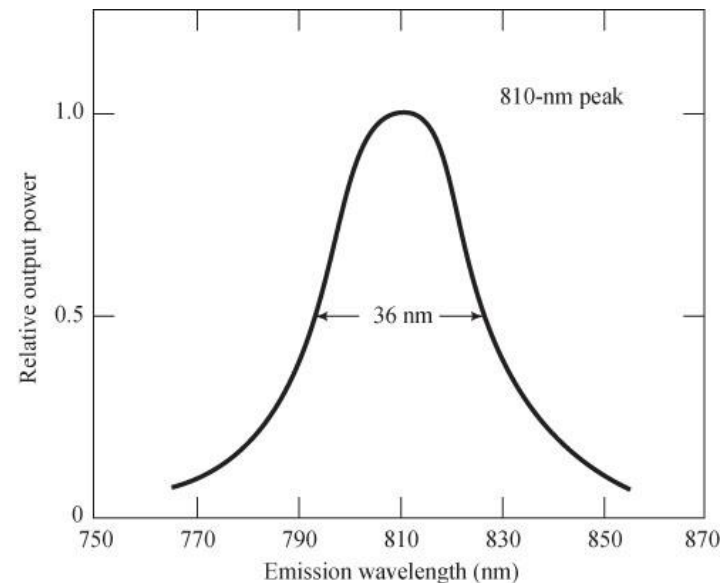
LED Communication Systems

- Type 1 : Fiber Based System
- Type 2 : Optical Wireless System (Indoor App)

Fiber Based LED Comm. Sys.

Table 4.2 Typical characteristics of surface- and edge-emitting LEDs

LED type	Material	Wavelength (nm)	Operating current (mA)	Fiber-coupled power (μW)	Nominal FWHM (nm)
SLED	GaAlAs	850	110	40	35
ELED	InGaAsP	1310	100	15	80
SLED	InGaAsP	1310	110	30	150



Fiber Based LED Comm. Sys.

→ Fiber Dispersion Perspective

face- and edge-emitting LEDs

<i>LED type</i>	<i>Material</i>	<i>Wavelength (nm)</i>	<i>Atten. [dB/km]</i>	<i>Disp. [ps/nm-km]</i>	<i>Fiber-coupled power (μW)</i>	<i>Nominal FWHM (nm)</i>
SLED	GaAlAs	850	3.5	High	40	35
ELED	InGaAsP	1310	0.5	2.8	15	80
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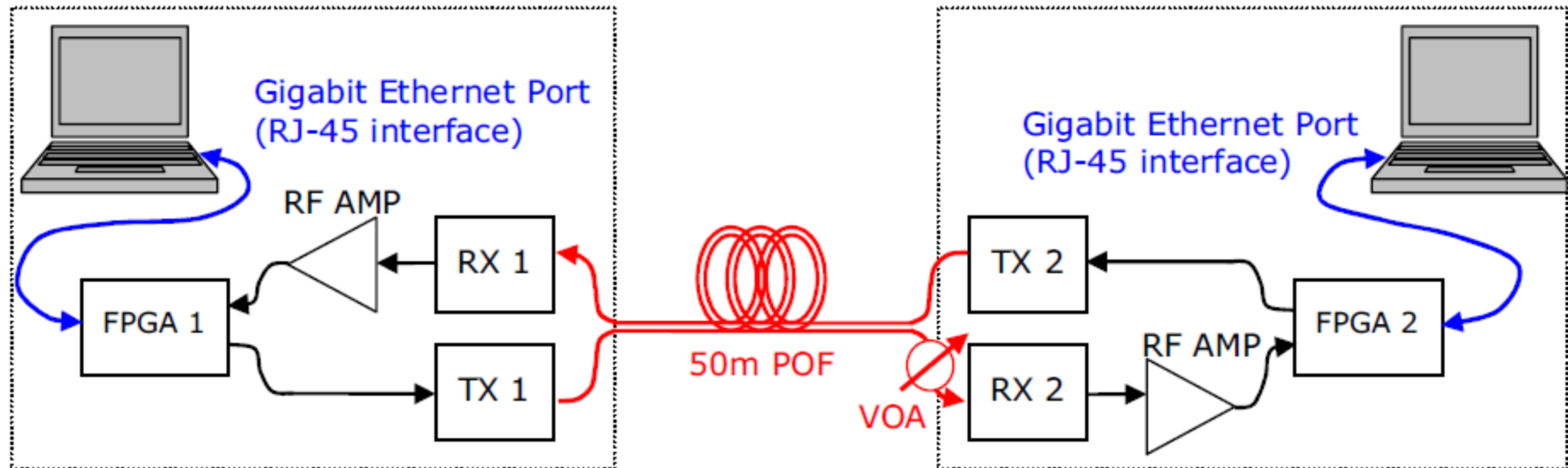
→ Calculate Max. Transmission Distances? (Dispersion Limited? Power Limited?)

Current **Fiber** Based LED Comm. Sys. Trends

- Fiber Based System

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→ 1Mbps upto 1Gbps

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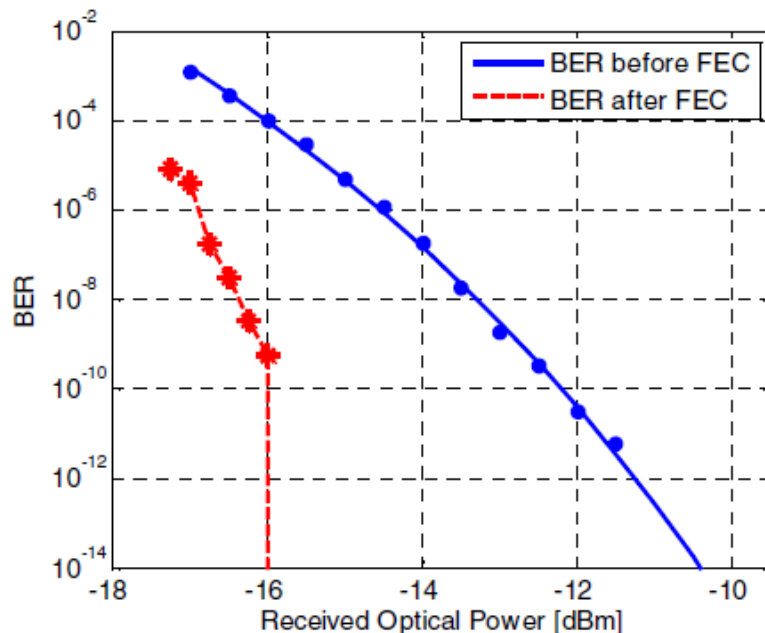


Fig. 2: BER measurement before and after FEC as a function of the received optical power.

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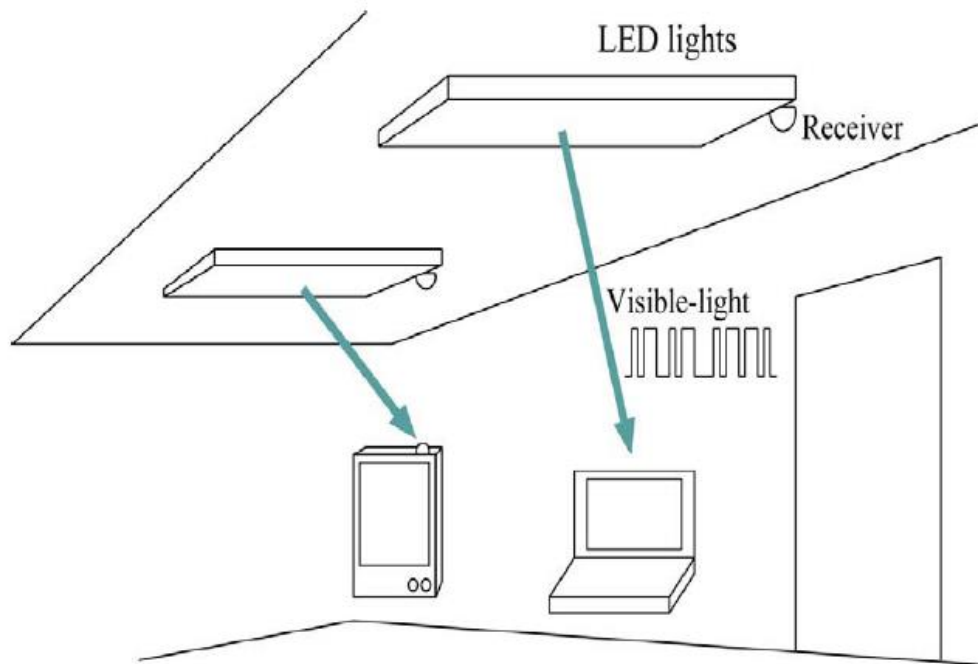
→ **Plastic Optical Fiber**

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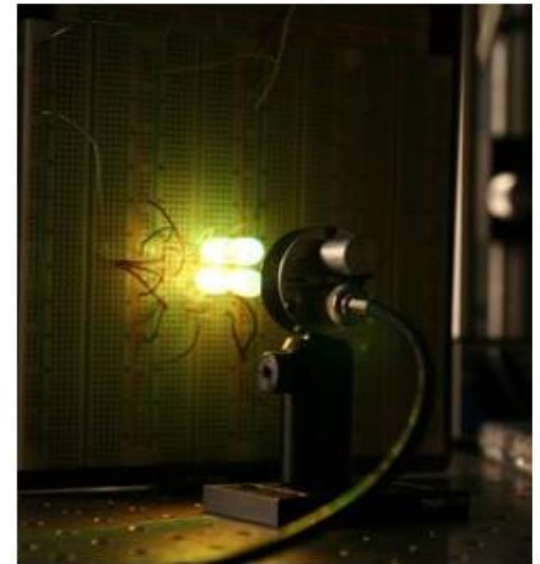
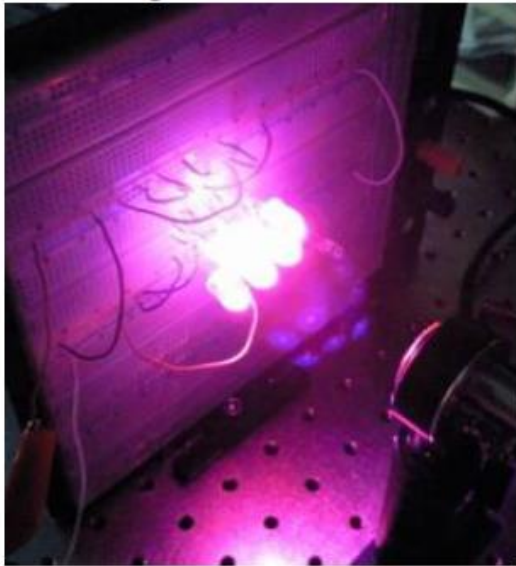


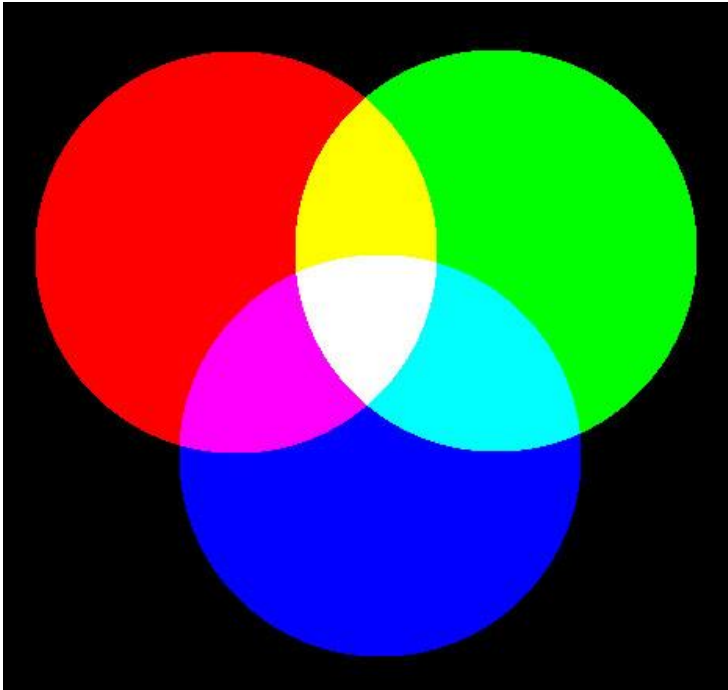
Fig. 9. Red + Blue Signal Fig. 10. Green + Blue Signal Fig. 11. Red + Green Signal

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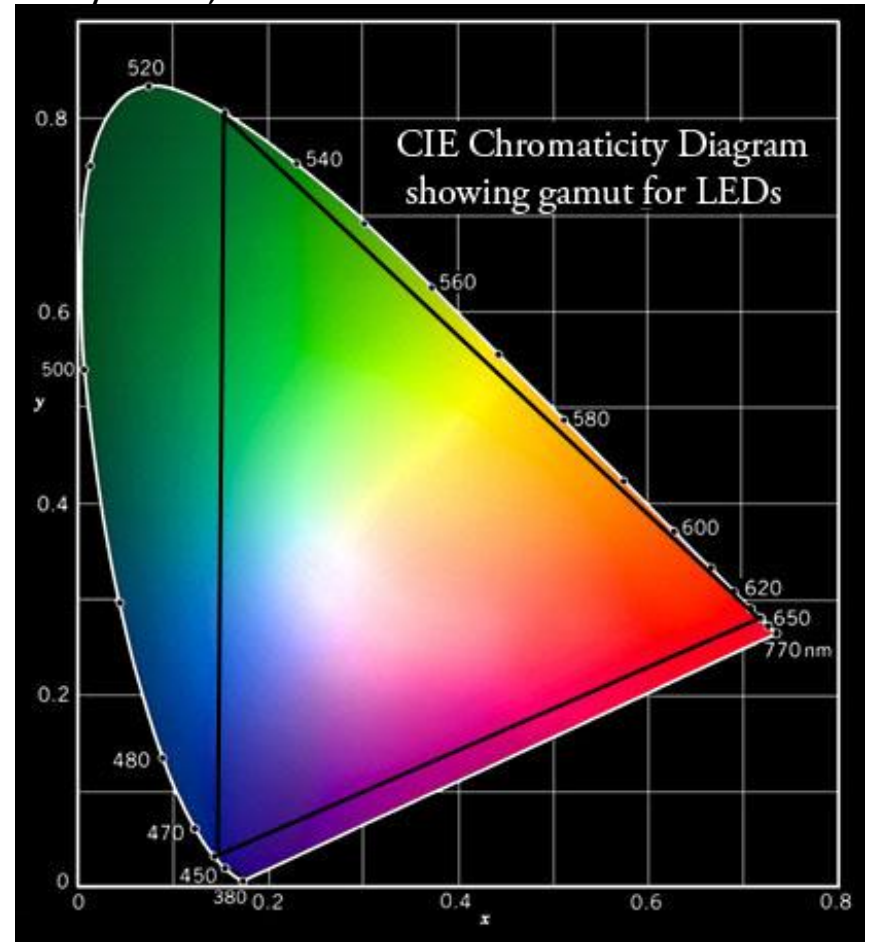
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→ color mixing



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Fig. 21 Picture of the prototype (overall view)

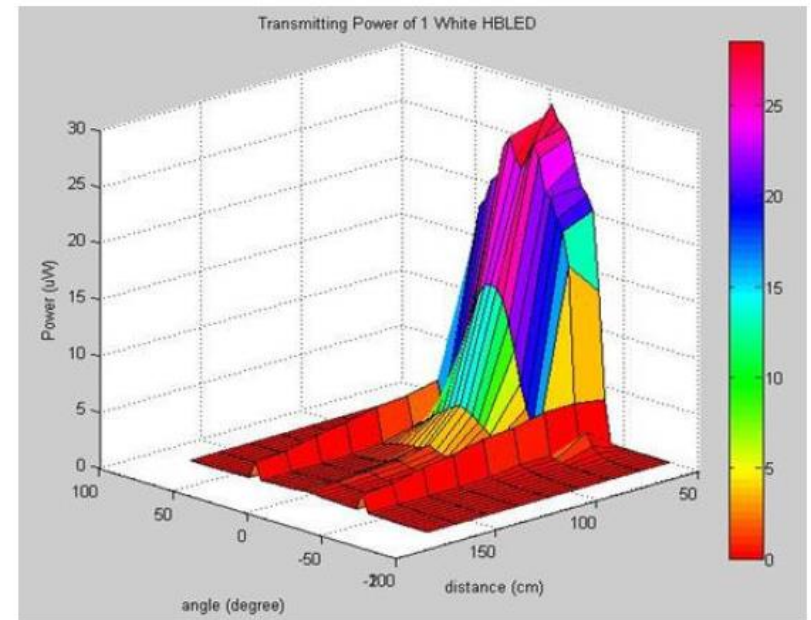


Fig. 15 Power Distribution of 1 HBLED @ $I = 0.35A$

LED TV

- LCD TV
 - Backlit CCFL (Compact Cathode Fluorescent Lamp)
 - LC pixels to control RGB
 - Has limited color rendition
- LED TV
 - Backlit LED
 - LC pixels to control RGB
 - Wider range of colors
 - Use less power

