

„Student’s seminary“ presentation

OPTICAL FIBERS

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REFERENCES:

Description based on the Wikipedia article:

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Optical_fiber

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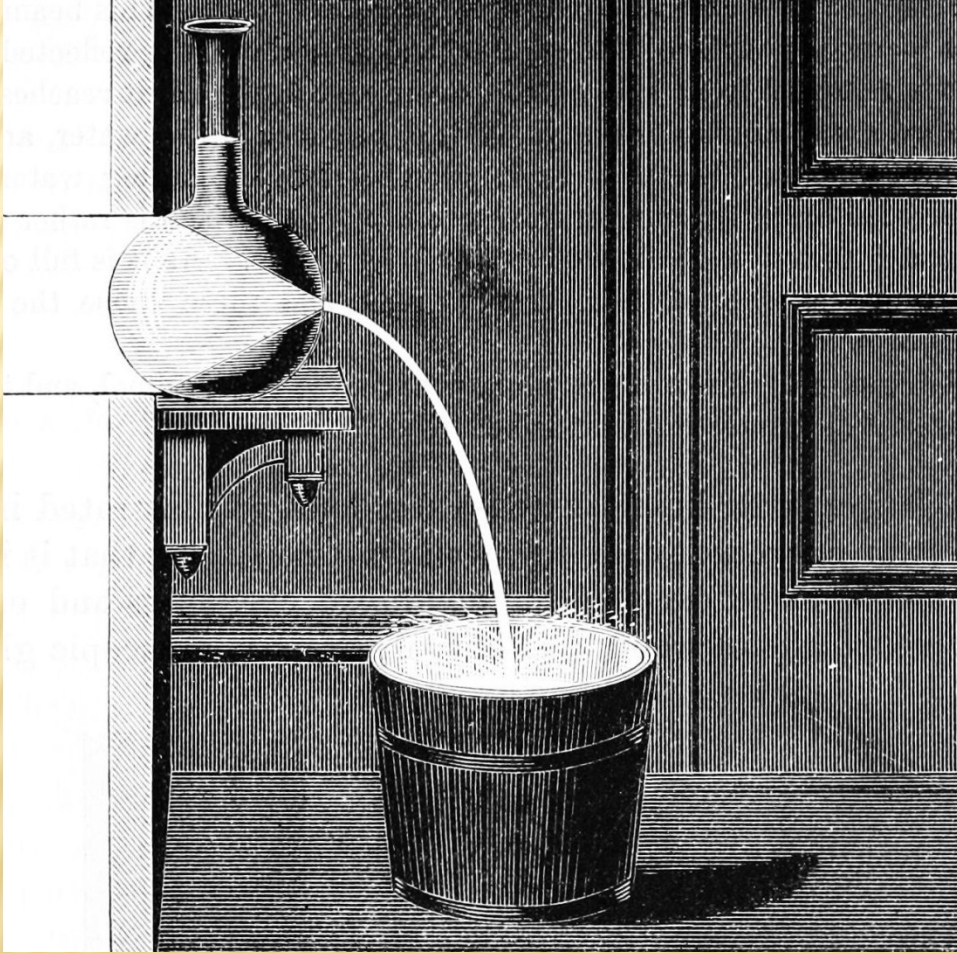
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OPTICAL FIBRE - DEFINITION

- **Optical fibre is waveguide in the optical signals frequency domains.**
- **Optical fibre works on the principle of Total Reflection (internal)**
- **Optical fibre is usually thin rod of transparent material (glasses, plastics) – core – surrounded by cladding material with lower refraction index + mechanical sheath.**

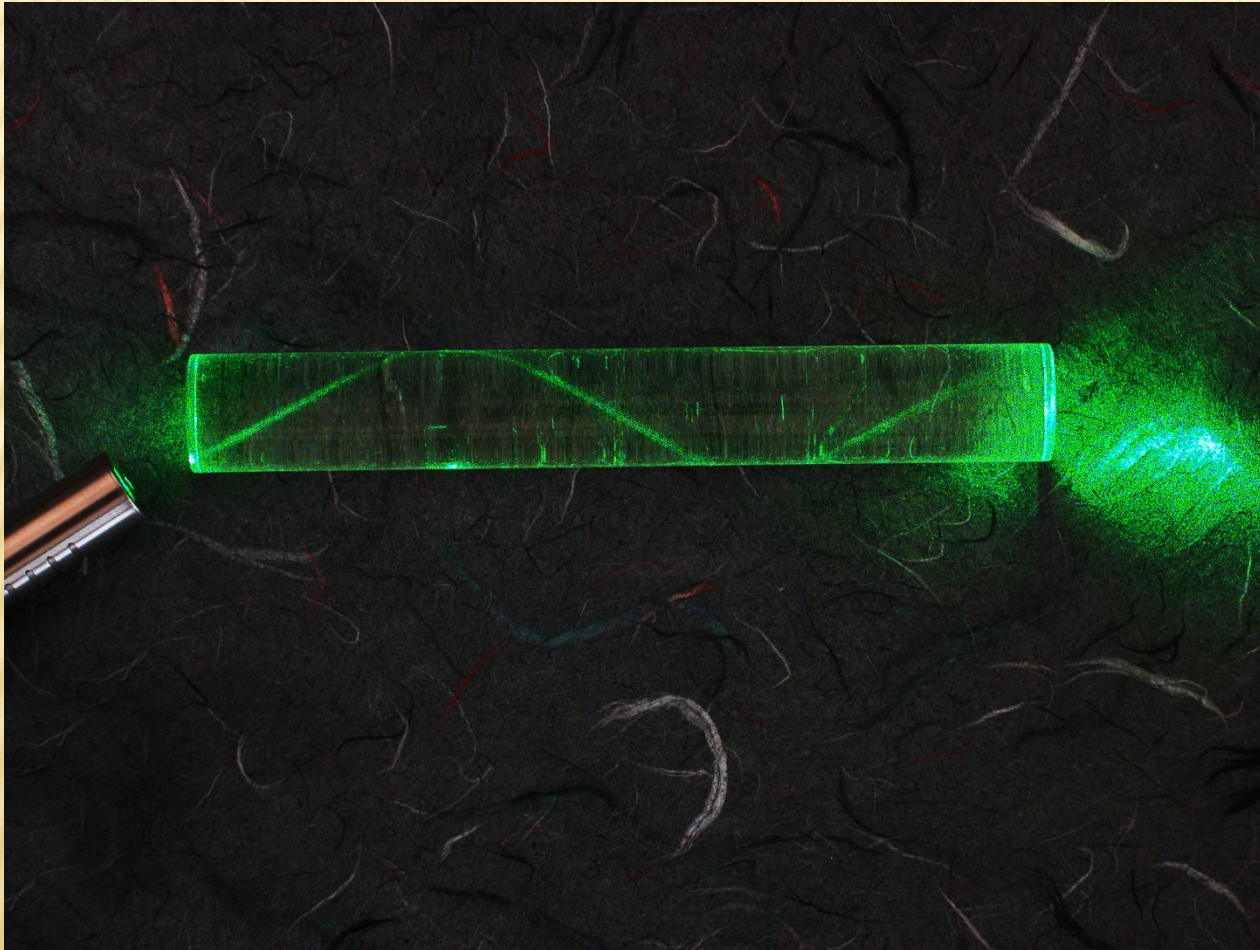
OPTICAL FIBRE – EARLY BEGINNINGS



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The very basic light guide :o)

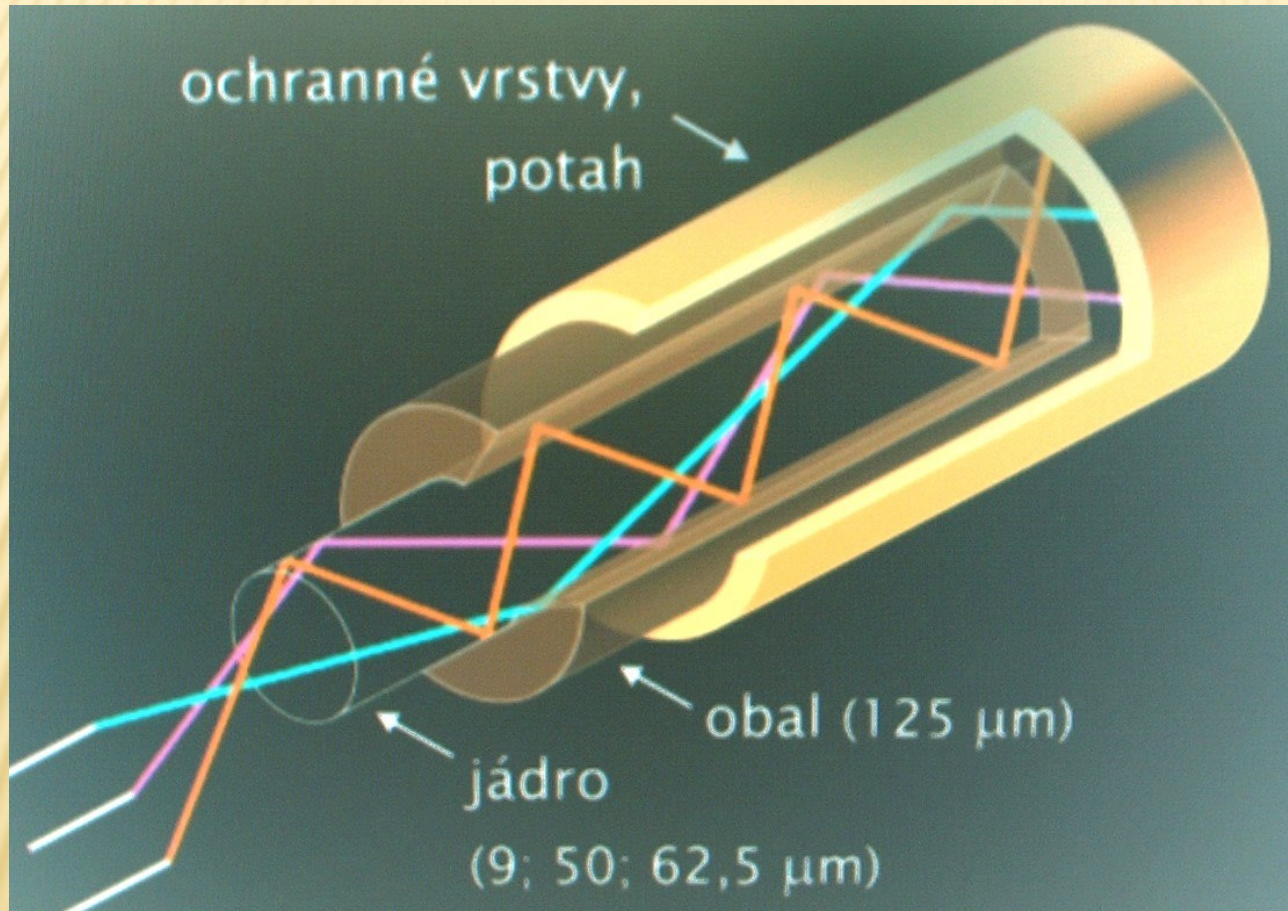
OPTICAL FIBRE – TOTAL REFLECTION



Total reflection of laser
in multimode fibre.

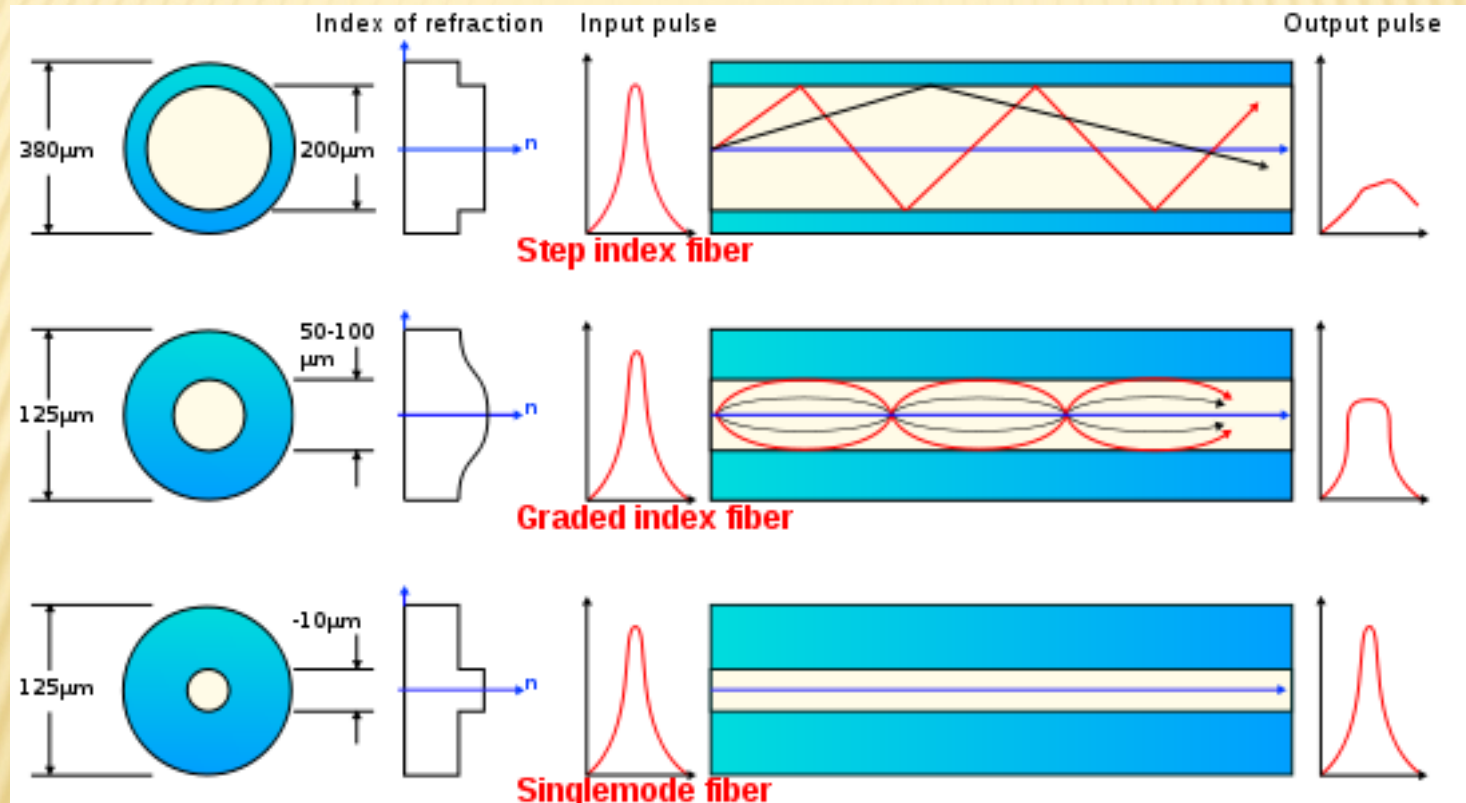
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OPTICAL FIBRE – CONSTRUCTION



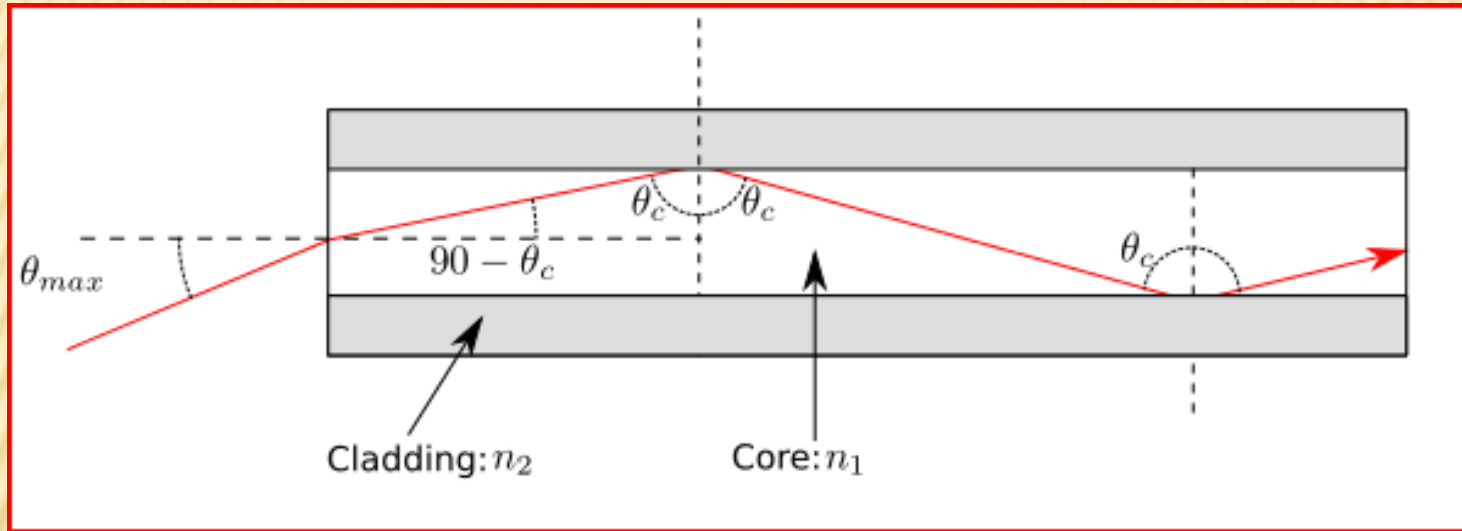
Core
Cladding
Shielding

OPTICAL FIBRE – CONSTRUCTION II



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OPTICAL FIBRE – NUMERICAL APERTURE

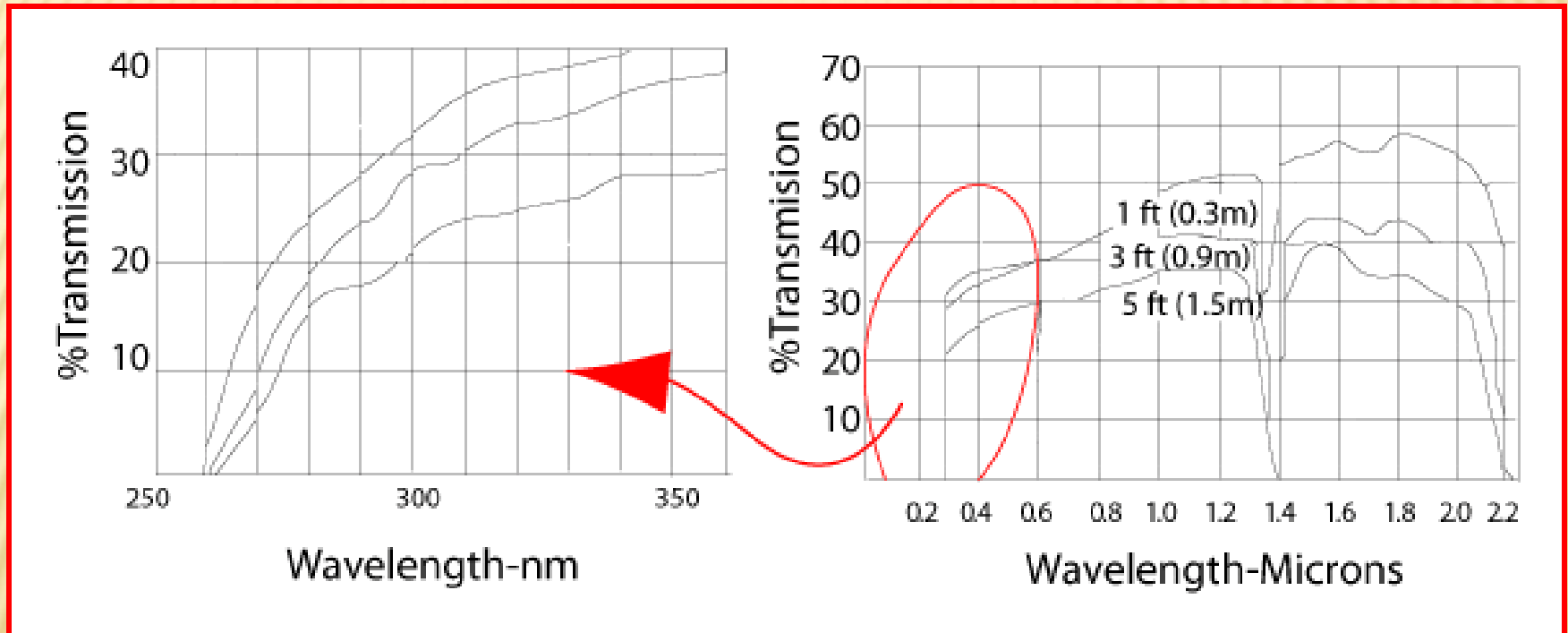


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Acceptance cone, depends on refractive index of core vs. cladding.

$$n \sin(\Theta_{\max}) = \sqrt{n_1^2 - n_2^2} = \text{NA}$$

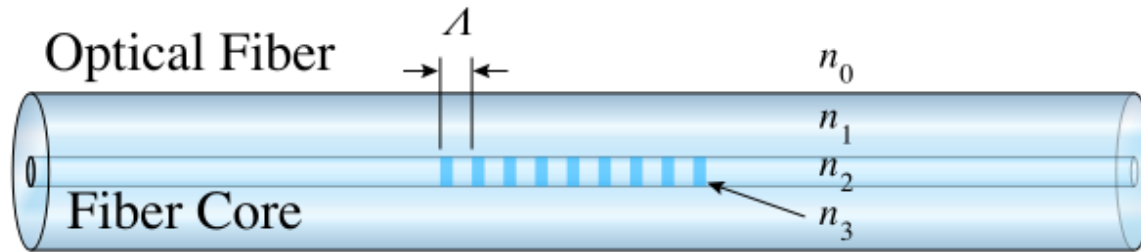
OPTICAL FIBRE – ATTENUATION



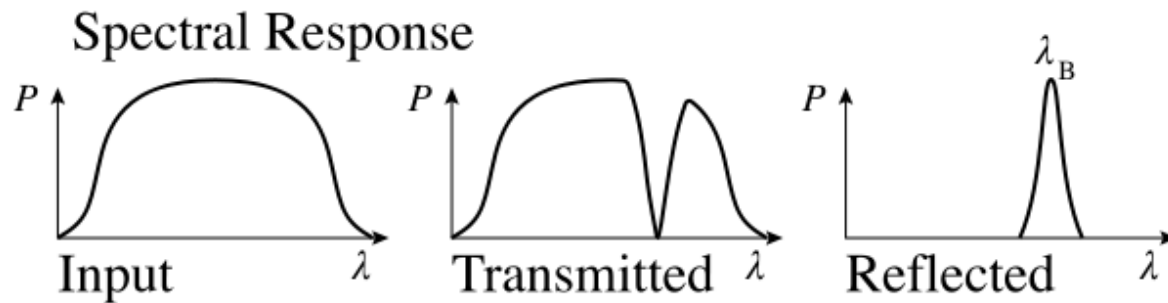
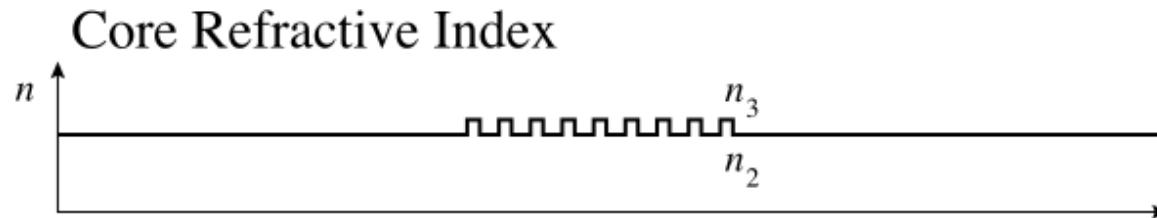
Characteristic spectral response of quartz optical fibre optics light guides taken from Edmund Optics online catalogue:

<http://www.edmundoptics.com/onlinecatalog/displayproduct.cfm?productid=1858>

OPTICAL FIBRE – UNCOMMON USAGE



Fibre Bragg Grating



Thank You for Your attention! :o)