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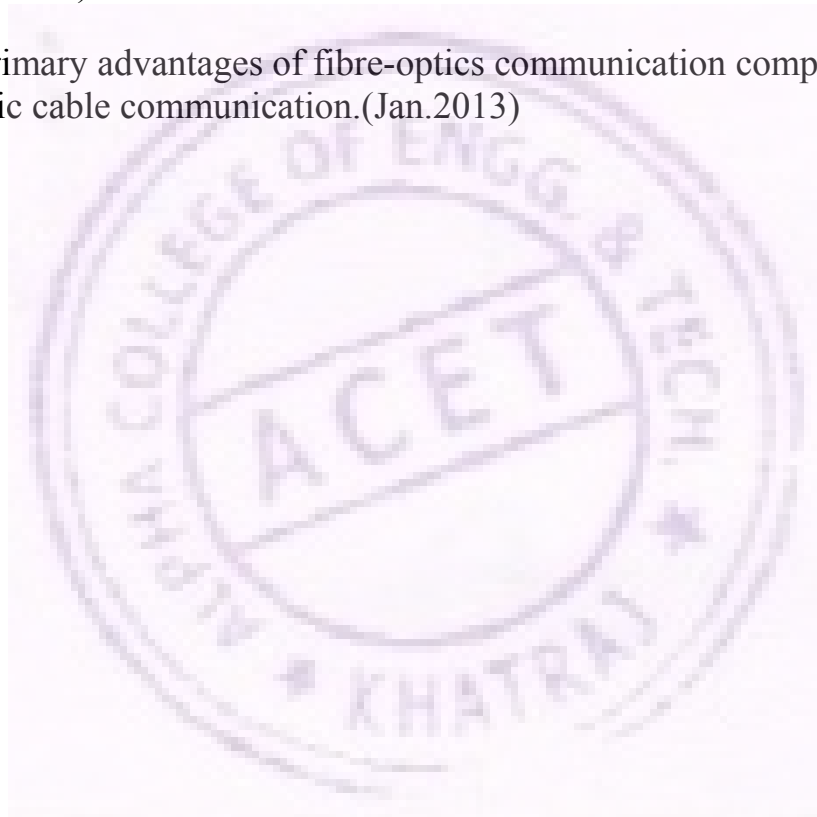
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# Physics

(3) Explain ferrites.

Definition: In some materials, spin alignment are not in a same direction due to this they possess not spin magnetic moments. These materials are known as ferrites.

⇒ The different types of ferrites are:

(1) Spinel: Spinel ferrites are majority FCC structure carrying  $AB_2O_4$  formula. Here A & B are metal cations.

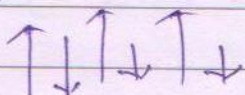
(2) Hexagonal: They are magnetic iron oxide ceramic with combination of strontium, cobalt and barium.

(3) Garnet:  $\gamma_3 (Fe_3O_{12})$  is a silicate mineral garnet structure. They are hard magnet having antiparallel spin alignment.

(4) Orthoferrites: Ferrous with rare earth materials having formula  $RE_2O_3$  known as "orthoferrites". They are weak ferromagnetic materials.

⇒ Properties of ferrites:

→ This materials possess net spin magnetic moment and it's alignment is shown in fig.





→ They have high resistivity of the order of  $10^5 \Omega$ .

→ Ferrites exhibits extremely low dielectric loss.

→ Susceptibility of ferrites is very large and positive.

$$\chi = \frac{C}{T \pm \theta} \quad \text{where, } T > T_n$$

→ They behave like paramagnetic above curie temp and ferromagnetic below curie temp.

### ⇒ Applications:

→ Ferrites are used for Permanent magnets

→ Ferrite rod is used to produce ultrasonic waves through magnetostriction method.

→ Ferrites which have hysteresis loop of rectangular shape is used for data storage.

→ In light frequency transformers, core of transformers is made up of soft ferrites.

→ In television, it's modulation circuit, receivers etc. are made up of soft ferrites are used materials.

→ Soft ferrites are used for high frequency applications.



(2) Derive Clausius - Mossotti Equation.

Ans:-> The Polarisation for a single atom is given by

$$P = N \alpha_T E_{int}$$

where,  $\alpha_T$  = total polarisability,  
 $E_{int}$  = internal field

We know that,  $\alpha_T = \alpha_e + \alpha_i + \alpha_o$   
 for a cubic structure element, since there are no ions and permanent dipoles  $\alpha_i = \alpha_o = 0$

$$\therefore P = N \alpha_e E_{int} \quad [\because \alpha_T = \alpha_e] \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

Substituting for  $E_{int}$

$$P = N \alpha_e \left( E + \frac{P}{3 \epsilon_0} \right) \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

We also know that

$$P = \epsilon_0 E (\epsilon_r - 1) \quad \text{--- (3)}$$

Substituting for P in equation (2), we get

$$N \alpha_e \times \left( E + \frac{P}{3 \epsilon_0} \right) = \epsilon_0 E (\epsilon_r - 1)$$

$$\therefore N \alpha_e \times \left( E + \frac{\epsilon_0 E (\epsilon_r - 1)}{3 \epsilon_0} \right) = \epsilon_0 E (\epsilon_r - 1)$$

$$\therefore N \alpha_e E \left( \frac{3 + \epsilon_r - 1}{3} \right) = \epsilon_0 E (\epsilon_r - 1)$$

$$\therefore N \alpha_e (2 + \epsilon_r) = 3 \epsilon_0 (\epsilon_r - 1)$$



$$\therefore N\alpha_e = \frac{3\epsilon_0 (\epsilon_r - 1)}{(\epsilon_r + 2)}$$

$$\boxed{\frac{N\alpha_e}{3\epsilon_0} = \frac{\epsilon_r - 1}{\epsilon_r + 2}} \quad \text{--- (4)}$$

The above relation is known as Clausius-Mossotti equation.

### (3) Explain types of Dielectric material.

Ans  $\Rightarrow$  Dielectric materials can be solid, liquid or gaseous. A high vacuum can be used as a dielectric even though its relative dielectric constant is only unity.

$\rightarrow$  Solid dielectrics are most commonly used in electrical engineering, these are very good insulators.

E.x Porcelain, glass, plastics, rubber, cotton

$\rightarrow$  Liquid dielectric materials are basically of three different types, which include (i) mineral insulating oils (ii) synthetic insulating oils and (iii) miscellaneous insulating oils.

E.x Transformer oil, cable oil, capacitor oil, vegetable oil, vaseline, silicon liquids.

$\rightarrow$  Gaseous dielectric materials are used both as insulators and as cooling agents.

E.x Air, hydrogen, nitrogen, helium, propane, sulphur dioxide, methane, sulphur hexafluoride, ethane, etc.



### \* Solid dielectrics:

(1) Mica: mica is an inorganic mineral material, made of the silicate of aluminium with silicates of soda, Potash and magnesium.

It is crystalline in nature and can be divided into very thin flat sheets

→ mica is widely used in electric irons, hot plates and toasters for insulation purpose. mica is also used as a dielectric material in high frequency applications.

(2) Glass: Glass is an inorganic material made by the fusion of different oxides like  $SiO_2$ ,  $ZnO$  and  $MgO$ .

→ It is used as a dielectric in capacitors. It is used in radio and television tubes.

(3) Asbestos: Asbestos is a naturally occurring mineral material of fibrous nature. It generally consists of magnesium silicate.

→ It is used as dielectric or insulating material to prevent current flow in the outer body of electrical appliances like electric iron box, oven etc. It is widely used in the form of paper, tape, cloth and board.

(4) Rubber: Rubber is an organic polymer, it may be natural or synthetic. Synthetic rubbers are produced by copolymerisation of isobutylene and isoprene.

→ Rubber is used in the construction of storage battery housings. It is used as insulating materials for electric wires, tapes, drum formers, motor winding etc.



(5) Ceramics: Ceramics are generally non-metallic inorganic compounds such as silicates, aluminates, oxides, carbides, nitrides and hydroxides.

→ Ceramics are widely used as insulators for switches, plug holders, cathode heaters etc.

### \* Liquid Dielectrics:

(1) Mineral insulating oils: These oils are obtained from crude petroleum by distillation. These insulating oils possess high oxidation resistance and have good thermal stability. These are used in transformers and capacitors.

→ Transformer oil, cable oil and capacitor oil belong to the category of mineral insulating oils.

(2) Synthetic insulating oils: Askarel, aracor, solvol and solvax are a few synthetic insulating oils that are widely used.

→ Synthetic oils are very much resistant to oxidation and to fire hazards.

(3) Miscellaneous insulating oils: Vaseline, vegetable oils and silicon liquids belong to this category. Silicon liquids have thermal stability up to  $200^{\circ}\text{C}$  and are costly. The dielectric strength of these liquids is same as that of mineral oils.



### \* Gaseous Dielectrics:

- (1) Air → Air is a naturally available dielectric material. It is the most important insulating material. The dielectric loss is practically zero. It can be used as an insulation only in low voltage application.
- (2) Nitrogen: Nitrogen is an important gaseous dielectric. It is chemically inert. It prevents oxidation and reduces the rate of deterioration. It is also used in capacitors and in cables under pressure.
- (3) Sulphur hexafluoride: Sulphur hexafluoride is formed by burning of sulphur in fluorine atmosphere. It has superior cooling properties than those of air and nitrogen.
- (4) Inert gases are used in electronic tubes and discharge tubes as insulators.

### Q) Explain Electrical Polarisation mechanism.

Ans: → There are four different types of mechanisms through which electrical polarisation can occur in a dielectric material when it is subjected to an external electric field.

They are:

- (1) Electronic Polarisation
- (2) Ionic Polarisation.
- (3) Orientation Polarisation
- (4) Space charge or Interfacial Polarisation.



### (1) Electronic Polarisation:

→ The electronic Polarisation occurs due to displacement of the positively charged nucleus and the negatively charged electron cloud in opposite directions.

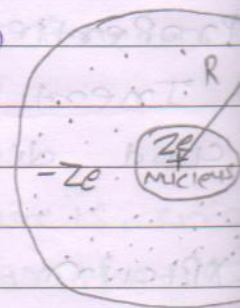
Therefore, the induced dipole moment,  $p$ , where  $\alpha_e$  is electronic polarisability.

The electronic polarisability for a gas atom is given by.

$$\alpha_e = \frac{\epsilon_0 (\epsilon_r - 1)}{N} \quad \text{where, } N = \text{number of atoms}$$

⇒ Expression for Electronic Polarisability  $\alpha_e$ .

Let us consider one of the constituent atoms of a dielectric material in the absence of an electric field  $E$ . Let the radius of the atom be  $R$  and its atomic number be  $Z$  as shown in figure.



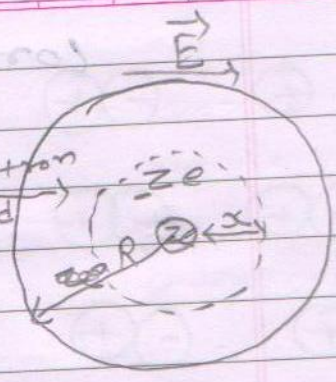
Therefore, the charge density for electron cloud is given by

$$\rho = \frac{-Ze}{\frac{4}{3}\pi R^3} = -\frac{3}{4} \left( \frac{Ze}{\pi R^3} \right)$$

But, when an electric field is applied, the nucleus and the electron cloud experience a Lorentz force of magnitude  $ZeE$ .



since the nucleus is much heavier than the electron cloud it is assumed that only the electron cloud is displaced upon applying an electric field. Let the electron cloud displacement be  $\alpha$  with respect to the center of the nucleus.



Hence, the Lorentz force acting over the electron cloud is  $-ZeE$  — (2)

Thus, the Coulomb force  $= Ze \times E$  — (3)

Based on Coulomb's theorem

$$E = \frac{q}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r^2} \text{ — (4)}$$

But the total charge enclosed in sphere of radius  $\alpha$  is  $q = \rho \times \frac{4}{3}\pi\alpha^3$  — (5)

Substituting for  $q$  from equation (5), we get.

$$q = \frac{-\rho}{4} \left( \frac{Ze}{\pi R^3} \right) \times \frac{4}{3}\pi\alpha^3$$

$$q = \frac{-Ze\rho\alpha^3}{R^3} \text{ — (6)}$$

Substituting for  $q$  in eqn (4), we get

$$E = \frac{-Ze\rho\alpha^3}{R^3} \times \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0\alpha^2} \text{ — (7)}$$

$$\text{Coulomb force} = Ze \times \frac{-Ze\rho\alpha^3}{R^3} \times \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0\alpha^2}$$

$$= \frac{-Z^2e^2\rho\alpha}{4\pi\epsilon_0 R^3} \text{ — (8)}$$



Lorentz force = coulomb force

$$-zeE = -\frac{ze^2x}{4\pi\epsilon_0 R^3}$$

$$E = \frac{ze^2 x}{4\pi\epsilon_0 R^3}$$

$$x = \frac{4\pi\epsilon_0 R^3}{ze} \cdot E \quad \text{--- (10)}$$

Therefore, the induced dipole moment,

$$\mu = ze \times x$$

$$= ze \left( \frac{4\pi\epsilon_0 R^3}{ze} \cdot E \right) \quad \text{--- (11)}$$

$$\mu = 4\pi\epsilon_0 R^3 \cdot E \quad \text{--- (11)}$$

$$\mu = \alpha_e E \quad \text{--- (12)}$$

comparing eqn (11) & (12), we have

$$\alpha_e = 4\pi\epsilon_0 R^3$$

$$P = N\mu_0 = N\alpha_e E \quad \text{--- (13)}$$

we also know that  $P = \epsilon_0 E (\epsilon_r - 1)$  --- (14)

\(\therefore\) Equating Equation (13) & (14)

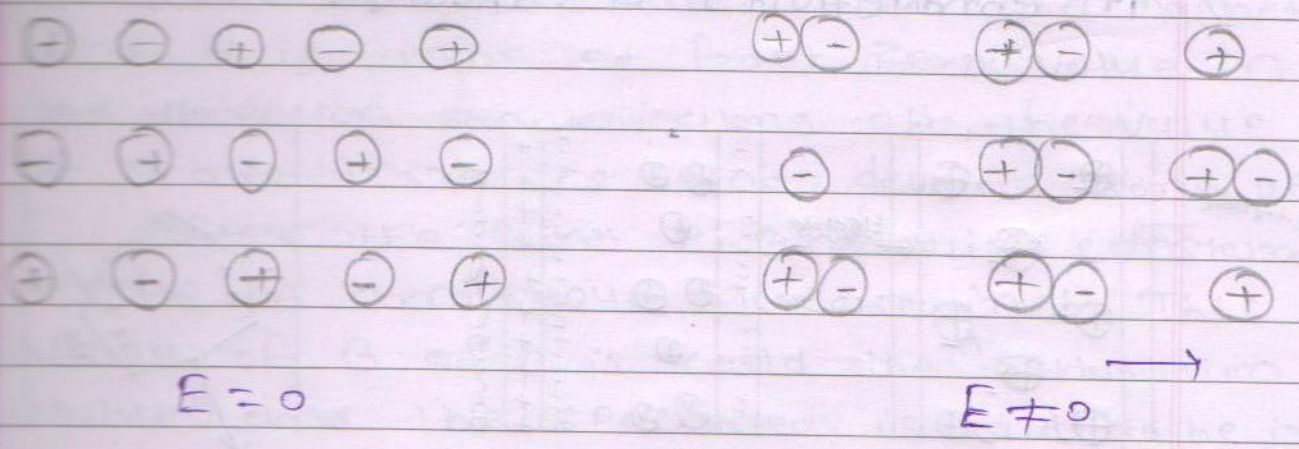
$$N\alpha_e E = \epsilon_0 E (\epsilon_r - 1)$$

$$\boxed{\alpha_e = \frac{\epsilon_0 (\epsilon_r - 1)}{N}}$$

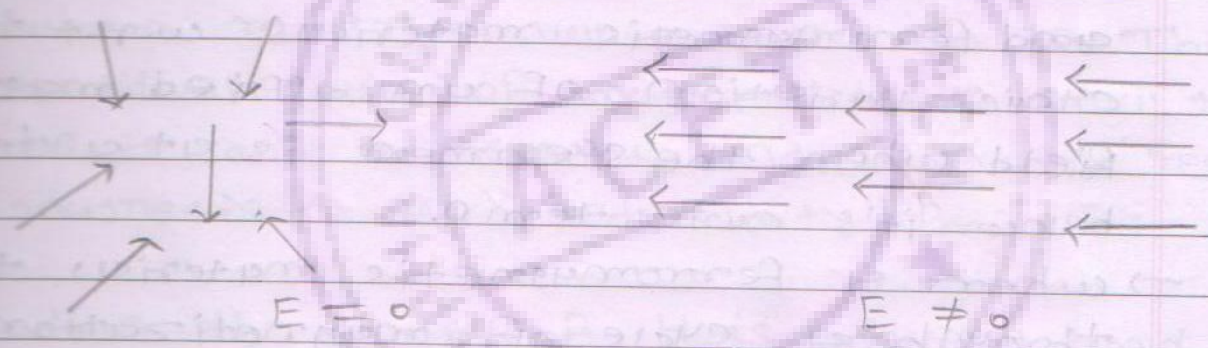
(2) Ionic Polarisation:

\(\rightarrow\) Ionic Polarisation occurs only in ionic crystals such as NaCl which possess ionic bonds. It does not occur in covalent crystals as diamond, silicon and germanium.





3) Orientation Polarisation: Orientation Polarisation occurs in dielectric materials which possess molecules with permanent dipole moment.

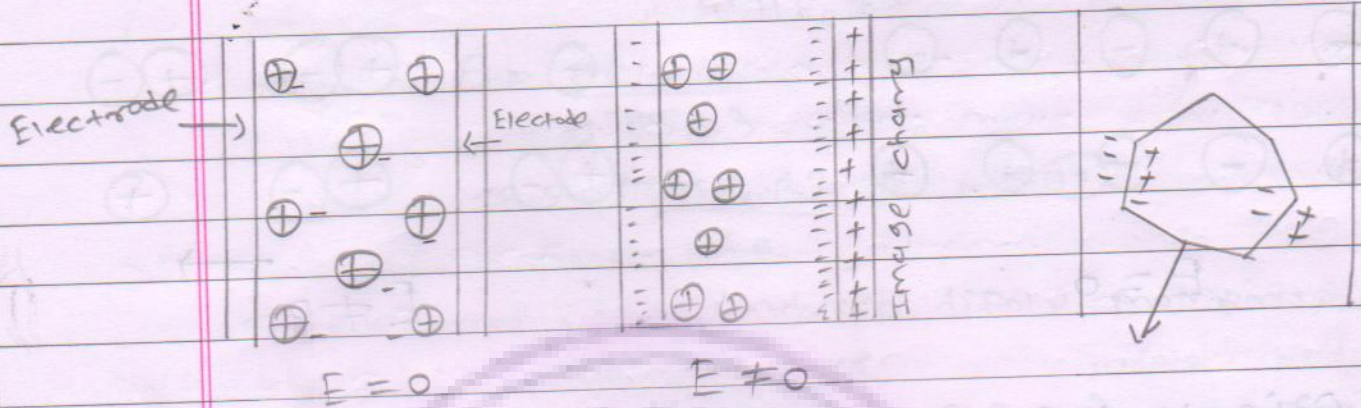


→ This Polarisation occurs in ferroelectric materials such as  $\text{BaTiO}_3$  and  $\text{PbTiO}_3$  and produces a very high dielectric constant in these materials.

4) Space charge: The space charge polarisation occurs in multiphase dielectric materials, when such materials are subjected to an external electric field, especially at high temperature the charges get accumulated at the interface or at the electrodes because of sudden change



in conductivity as shown in figure.

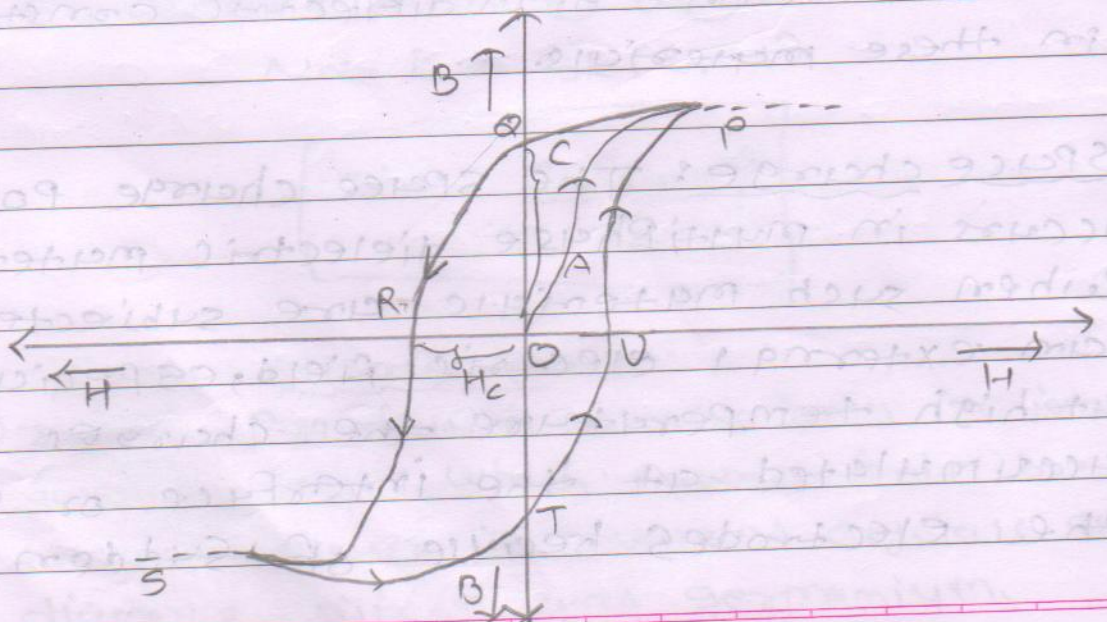


(5) Explain hysteresis B-H curve.

Ans: Definition: Hysteresis is the lagging of magnetic induction  $B$  in ferromagnetic and ferrimagnetic materials with the cyclic variation of an applied magnetic field when the specimen is at a temp below its curie temp.

→ when a ferromagnetic material takes through a cycle of magnetization, the variation  $B$  with the applied field

is shown in below fig.





→ we can observe that when the magnetic field  $H$  is increased from zero value in the direction shown along  $OH$ , the value of  $B$  also increases and develops along  $OP$ .

After the point  $P$ ,  $B$  remains constant in spite of continuous increase in  $H$ . This value of  $B$  at  $P$  is called the "saturation value" and the specimen is said to be in the saturated or magnetization state.

→ Now value of  $H$  is decreased,  $B$  start decreasing from the point  $P$ , but fail to replace the same path which it had while  $H$  was increasing. Thus the new path is  $PQ$ , when retain a value equal to  $OQ$ . This residual value of magnetization equal to  $OQ$  is called remanent induction or residual magnetism or "retentivity"  $B_r$ .

→ when the value of  $H$  is reversed and increased gradually till the point  $R$  is reached, the magnetic induction  $B$  becomes zero at the point  $R$  and the specimen get completely demagnetized. This value  $H = OR$  is called coercive field  $H_c$  and the effect is called "coercivity".

→ Further increase in  $H$  causes the specimen to get magnetized in the opposite direction. This make  $B$  also to increase in opposite direction and reaches a saturation value again at  $S$ . when field is decreased the curve traces the path  $ST$  instead of  $SR$ .



→ Again the specimen gets completely demagnetized at U, when the dire<sup>n</sup> of H is reversed and increased along OH. The curve traces the path UP as H is increased further.

Thus the variation of B w.r.t H traced along the closed path PQRSUP in one full cycle of magnetisation and demagnetisation is called "hysteresis loop" or "hysteresis curve".

→ The area enclosed by the curve gives the energy loss per unit volume of material per cycle.

Hysteresis loss:

→ The energy loss in the form of heat that occurs during the full cycle of magnetisation and demagnetisation processes in a ferromagnetic material is called "hysteresis loss".

(6) Describe the construction & working of Nd:YAG laser with a suitable energy level diagram.

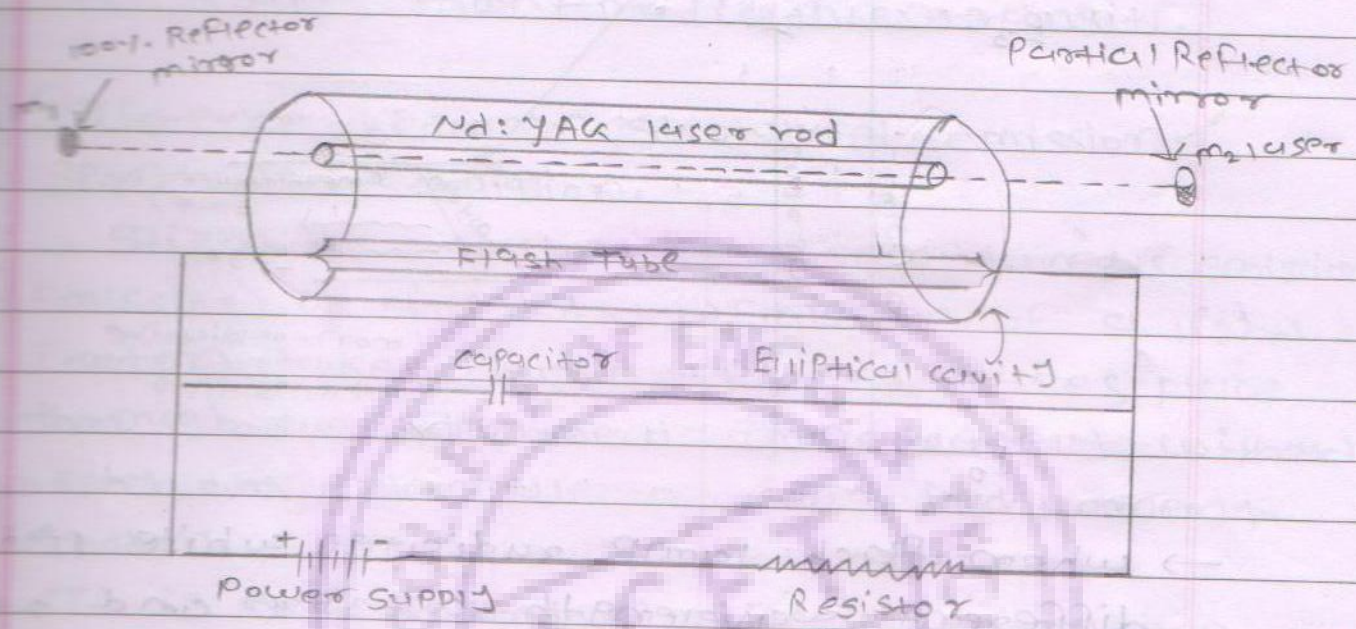
Ans: ⇒ Active medium Active center:  
Here active medium is YAG - Yttrium aluminium garnet material. In the YAG material i.e. doping of  $Nd^{+3}$  ion is done. Basically we replaced  $Al^{+3}$  ions by  $Nd^{+3}$  ions.  $Nd^{+3}$  ions are active center for the laser.



→ optical pumping:

A Xenon flash lamp or a Krypton flash lamp is used as a pumping source.

⇒ construction:



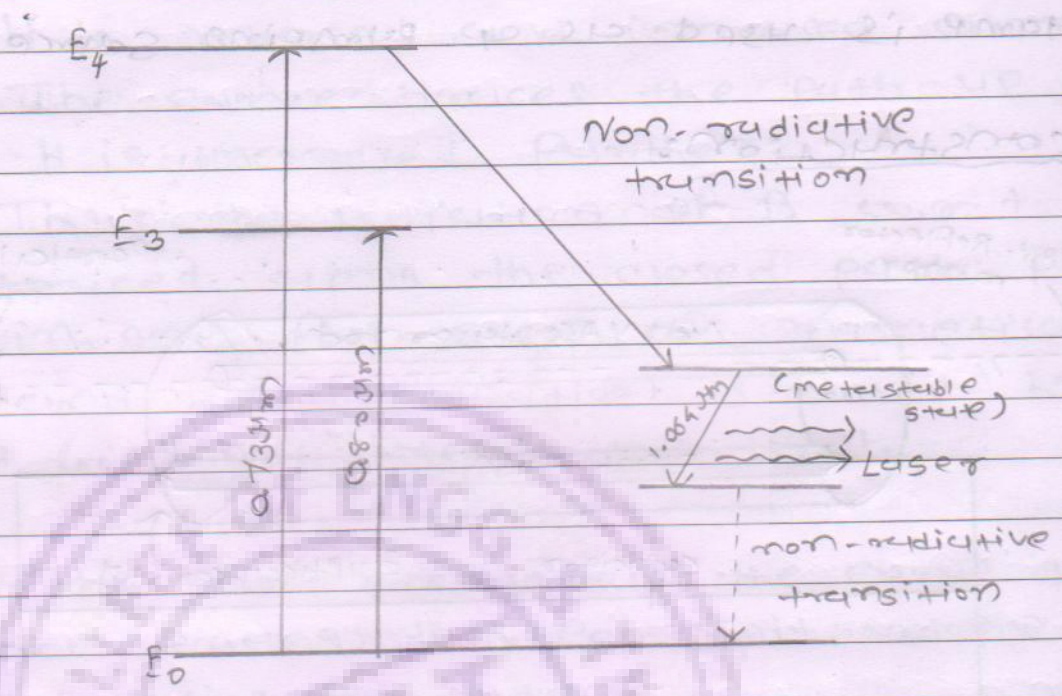
→ As shown in Fig. Nd:YAG rod is mounted with Xenon flash lamp on elliptical cavity resonator. The entire system is connected with power supply.

→ Nd:YAG rod is fully silvered at one end to provide 100% reflection that acts as optical cavity. Although 100% reflecting and partially reflecting mirrors are also mounted at the both the sides.

→ Nd:YAG rod is being illuminated by Xenon flash lamp which is connected with a d.c. power supply.



⇔ working:



→ when flash lamp radiates white light different wavelength  $0.73 \mu\text{m}$  and  $0.8 \mu\text{m}$  are being absorbed by  $\text{Nd}^{3+}$  ions and they transit to excited state ( $E_4 \rightarrow E_4$ ) and ( $E_0 \rightarrow E_3$ ) respectively.

→ Due to solid state excitation,  $E_3$  and  $E_4$  are energy bands and then a non-radiative transition occurs between  $E_4 \rightarrow E_2$  &  $E_3 \rightarrow E_1$ . Due to this transition energy is released to lattice.

→  $E_2$  is a metastable state and more number of  $\text{Nd}^{3+}$  ions are now in  $E_2$  state compared to lower state  $E_1$ . Hence population inversion is achieved.

→ Radiative transition takes place between  $E_2 \rightarrow E_1$  and  $\text{Nd}^{3+}$  ions radiate  $1.06 \mu\text{m}$ .



wavelength. This is infrared region and out put beam is in form of pulse waves.

Now, a rapid transition between  $E_i \rightarrow E_o$  is achieved mostly by cooling system. This is again non-radiative transition.

Difference between Stimulated emission & Spontaneous emission.

Stimulated emission	Spontaneous emission
1) Emission of a light photon takes place through an inducement i.e. by an external photon.	→ Emission of a light photon takes place immediately without any inducement.
2) It is not a random process.	→ It is a random process.
3) The photons get multiplied through chain reaction.	→ The photons do not get multiplied through chain reaction.
4) It is a controllable process.	→ It is an uncontrollable process.
5) more intense.	→ Less intense
6) Monochromatic radiation.	→ Polychromatic radiation.

What do you mean by acceptance angle & numerical aperture? Derive expression for them.

→ Definition - Acceptance Angle: Acceptance angle of the fibre  $\theta_{max}$  is defined as the maximum value of the angle of incidence



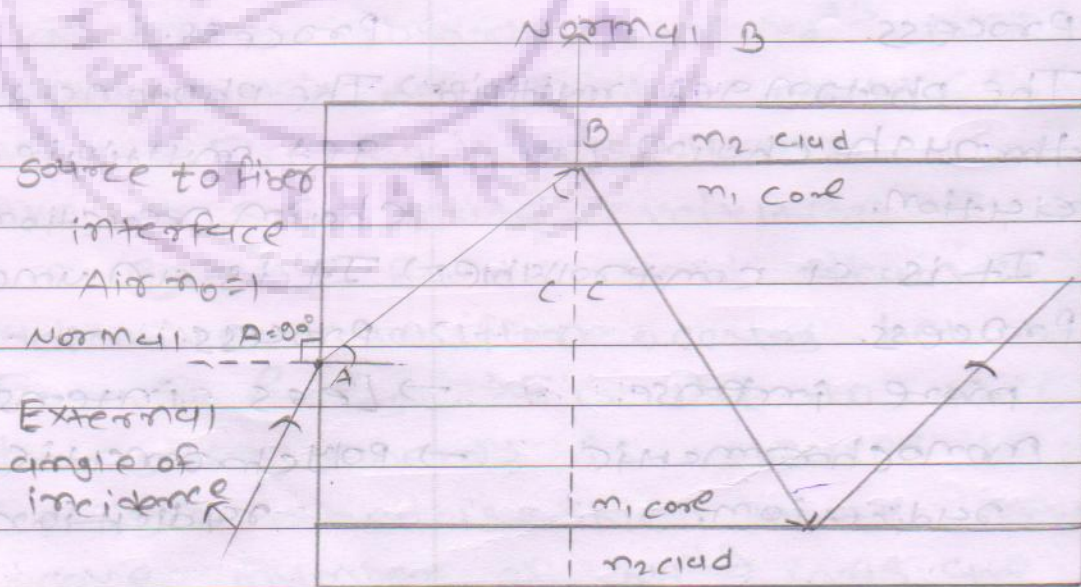
at the entrance end of the fibre, at the angle of incidence at the core-cladding interface is equal to critical angle of the core medium.

mathematically given as

$$\sin \phi_{\text{max}} = \sqrt{n_1^2 - n_2^2}$$

### Derivation:

The above mathematical relation can be obtained as follows. The core of the fibre has a refractive index  $n_1$  and surrounded by a cladding of material with a lower refractive index  $n_2$ .



Light is launched into the end of the fibre from a launch region with a refractive index. If the launch region is air then  $n_0 = 1$ . When light rays enter the fibre, they



the air/glass interface at it's axis point A, with an angle of incidence  $\phi_i$ .

In order for a ray of light to propagate down the cable, it must strike the internal core interface at an angle that is greater than the critical angle  $\phi_c$ .

Applying Snell's law to the external angle of incidence yields, the following relation

$$n_0 \sin \phi_i = n_1 \sin \phi_1 \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

$$\text{But, } \phi_1 = 90^\circ - \phi_c \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

Therefore, substituting eqn (2) in (1) we get,

$$n_0 \sin \phi_i = n_1 \sin (90^\circ - \phi_c)$$

$$n_0 \sin \phi_i = n_1 \cos \phi_c \quad \text{--- (3)}$$

If we consider the point B in fig, the critical angle value for  $\phi_c$  is

$$\sin \phi_c = \frac{n_2}{n_1} \quad \text{--- (4)}$$

$\phi_i$  in eqn (3), in terms of  $\sin \phi_c$ ,

$$n_0 \sin \phi_i = n_1 (1 - \sin^2 \phi_c)^{1/2} \quad \text{--- (5)}$$

Substituting for  $\sin \phi_c$  from eqn (4)

$$n_0 \sin \phi_i = n_1 \left[ 1 - \left( \frac{n_2}{n_1} \right)^2 \right]^{1/2}$$

$$n_0 \sin \phi_i = n_1 \left( \frac{n_1^2 - n_2^2}{n_1^2} \right)^{1/2}$$



$$n_0 \sin \phi_{in} = \frac{n_1}{n_1} \sqrt{n_1^2 - n_2^2}$$

$$\sin \phi_{in(max)} = \sqrt{n_1^2 - n_2^2}$$

$$\boxed{\phi_{in(max)} = \sin^{-1} \sqrt{n_1^2 - n_2^2}} \quad \text{--- (7)}$$

### \* Numerical Aperture:

→ Numerical Aperture (NA) is a figure of merit that is used to describe the light gathering or light collecting ability of optical fibre. The larger the magnitude of NA, the greater the amount of light accepted by the fibre from the external light source.

Thus,

$$NA = \sin \phi_{in(max)}$$

$$NA = \sqrt{n_1^2 - n_2^2} \quad \text{--- (8)}$$

$$\text{i.e. } \Delta = \frac{n_1^2 - n_2^2}{2n_1^2} = \frac{n_1 - n_2}{n_1}$$

$$NA = n_1 \sqrt{2\Delta}$$

$$NA = \sqrt{n_1^2 - n_2^2} = \sqrt{(n_1 - n_2)(n_1 + n_2)}$$

$$= \sqrt{(n_1 + n_2) \Delta n_1}$$

$$= \sqrt{2n_1^2 \Delta} \quad \text{if } n_1 \approx n_2$$

$$\boxed{NA = n_1 \sqrt{2\Delta}}$$



(9) List out the difference between single mode fibre & multimode fibre.

- | single mode fibre   | multimode fibre  |
|---|--|
| Light can propagate through the fibre in only one mode.   | Light can propagate through the fibre with a large number of modes   |
| The fibre core diameter is very small and also, the difference between the refractive indices of the core and cladding is very small. | The fibre core diameter is large and also, the difference in refractive indices of the core and cladding is large. |
| Since light propagates in single mode, no dispersion occurs.  | Due to multimode propagation and material scattering, there is signal degradation.                                 |
| Launching of light into the fibre and coupling process is not easy.   | Launching of light into the fibre and coupling process are easy.   |
| Used in long haul communication.  | Used in LAN.   |
| Since, the fabrication is difficult, the production cost is high.   | Since, the fabrication is easy, the production cost is low.  |

(10) Explain the mode of propagation of optical fibre & index profile.

- Light can be propagated down an optical fibre by either reflection or refraction.
- How the light is propagated depends on the mode of propagation and the index profile of the fibre.



\* mode of propagation:- In fibre optic terminology, the word mode simply means path. That is, it defines the number of paths being taken by the light to propagate down the cable. There are two modes of propagation.

1. Single mode fibre.
2. Multimode fibre.

\* Single mode fibre: If there is only one path for the light to propagate down the cable, it is called a single mode fibre.

→ Single mode fibres are capable of wide bandwidth and are ideally suited for long distance communication. Low cost and high capacity for the transmission of telephone, cable television etc, are the additional features of this fibre.

\* Multimode fibre: If the light takes more than one path to propagate down the cable it is called a multimode fibre.

→ Fibres with cores of about 200 to 1000 micrometers, support many waveguide modes. These fibres are ideally suited for high speed medium haul communication. The upper limit of the mode is determined by the core diameter and numerical aperture.

\* INDEX PROFILE: In any optical fibre, the whole material of the cladding has a uniform refractive index value.



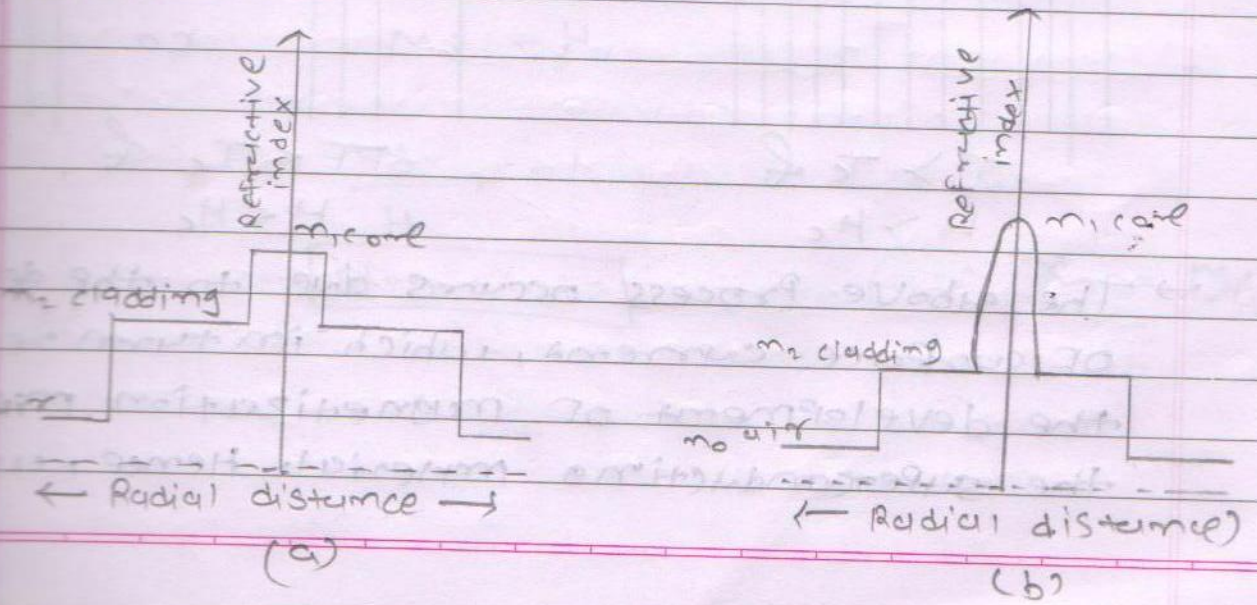
→ The curve which represents the variation of refractive index with respect to the radial distance from the axis of the fibre is called the refractive index profile.

There are two basic types of index profiles:

- 1) Step-index fibre.
- 2) Graded-index fibre.

\* Step-index fibre: A step index fibre has a central core with a uniform refractive index. The core is surrounded by an outside cladding with a uniform refractive index less than that of the central core. Below figure (a) shows the index profile for a step-index fibre. From the figure it is seen that there is an abrupt change in the refractive index at the core/cladding interface and hence the refractive index profile.

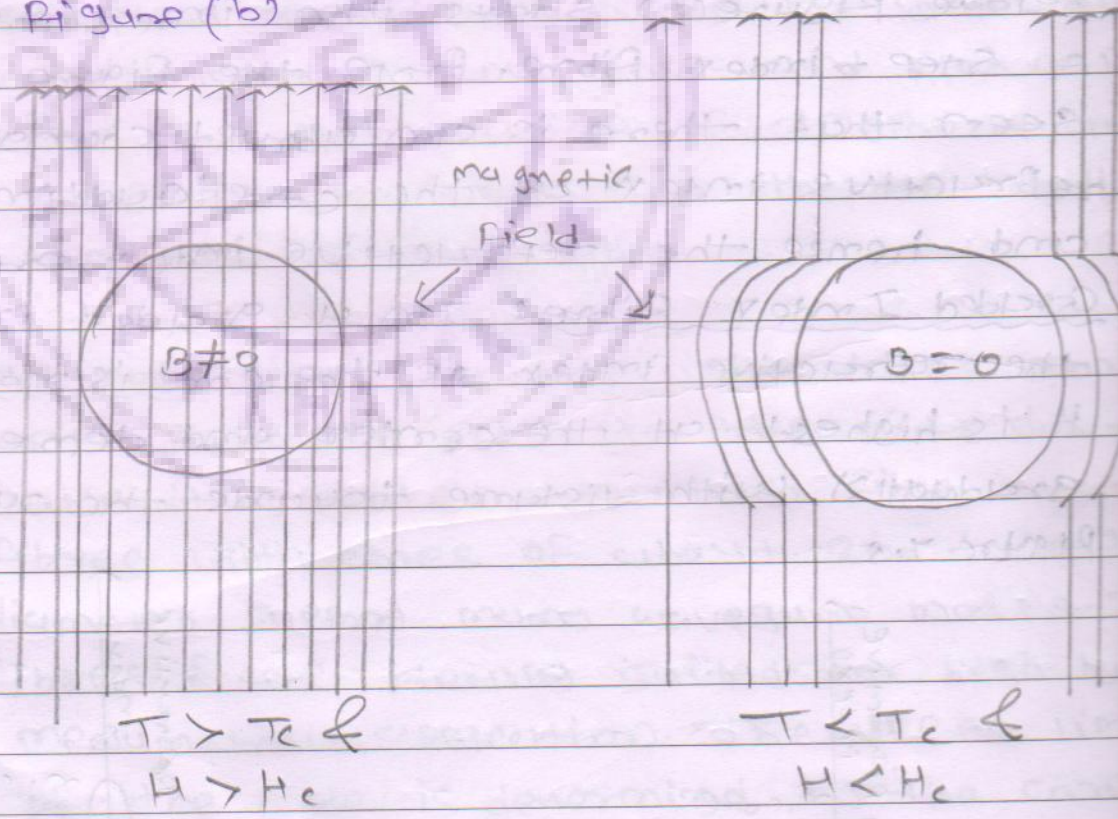
\* Graded Index fibre: In a graded index fibre the refractive index of the core is non-uniform. It is highest at the center and decreases gradually with distance towards the outer edge. Figure 7.5





(11) Explain Meissner effect & prove that for superconductors.

Ans: → Meissner effect: The complete expulsion of all the magnetic field by a superconducting material is called the Meissner effect. → When a superconducting material is placed in a magnetic field ( $H > H_c$ ) at room temperature the magnetic field is free to penetrate normally throughout the material. → However, if the temperature is lowered below  $T_c$  and with  $H < H_c$  the material is found to reject all the magnetic field penetrating through it, as shown in Figure (b).



→ The above process occurs due to the development of surface currents, which in turn result in the development of magnetization in the superconducting material. Hence, the magnetic field is completely excluded from the interior of the superconductor.



developed magnetization and the applied field are equal in magnitude but opposite in direction, they cancel each other everywhere inside the material.

Thus, below  $T_c$  a superconductor becomes normal perfect conductor.

\* prove  $\chi_m = -1$

We know that for a magnetic material the magnetic induction or magnetic flux density  $B$  is given by

$$B = \mu_0 (M + H) \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

where,  $\mu_0$  = permeability of free space

$M$  = intensity of magnetisation

$H$  = applied magnetic field.

But, we know that for a superconductor

$$B = 0$$

Therefore eq<sup>n</sup> (1) can be written as

$$0 = \mu_0 (M + H)$$

$$\therefore \mu_0 \neq 0$$

$$M + H = 0$$

$$\text{or } M = -H$$

$$\frac{M}{H} = -1$$

$$\boxed{\chi_m = -1}$$

$$\left( \because \chi_m = \frac{M}{H} \right)$$



(12) Difference between type - I & type - II superconductors.

Ans: Type - I superconductor

TYPE - II SUPER

1) These superconductors are called as soft superconductors.

These superconductors are called as hard superconductors.

2) Only one critical field exists for these superconductors.

Two critical fields  $H_{c1}$  and  $H_{c2}$  exist for these superconductors.

3) The critical field value is very low.

The critical field value is very high.

4) These superconductors exhibit perfect and complete Meissner effect.

These do not exhibit perfect and complete Meissner effect.

5) These materials have limited technical applications because of very low field strength value.

These materials have wider technological application because of very high field strength.

Examples: Pb, Hg, Zn etc.

Ex:  $Nb_3Sn$ ,  $NbSi$ , etc.

(13) Discuss the properties of superconductor.

Ans:

(1) Electrical resistance: The electrical resistance of a superconducting material is very low and is of the order of  $10^{-7} \Omega m$ .

(2) Effect of impurities: When impurities are added to superconducting elements, the superconducting property is not lost, but the  $T_c$  value is lowered.



(3) Effect of pressure and stress: certain materials are found to exhibit the superconductivity phenomena on increasing the pressure over them. For example, cesium is found to exhibit superconductivity phenomena at  $T_c \approx 1.5\text{K}$  on applying a pressure of  $110\text{K bar}$ .

In superconductors, the increase in stress result in increase of the  $T_c$  value.

(4) Isotope effects: The critical or transition temperature  $T_c$  value of a superconductor is found to vary with its isotopic mass. This variation in  $T_c$  with its isotopic mass is called the isotopic effect.

The relation between  $T_c$  and the isotopic mass is given by

$$T_c \propto \frac{1}{\sqrt{M}} \text{ where, } M = \text{isotopic mass}$$

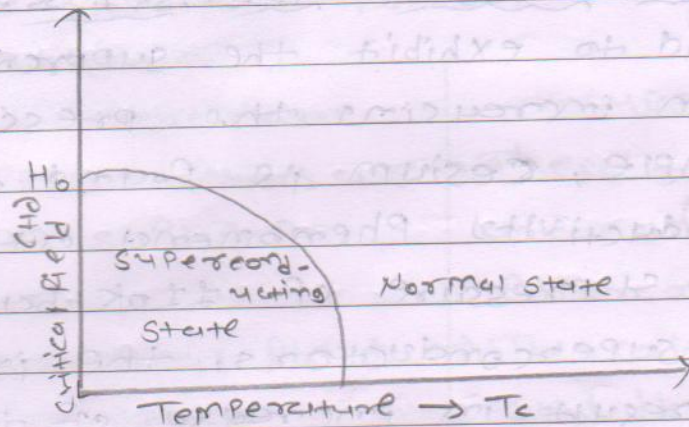
(5) magnetic field effect: If a sufficiently strong magnetic field is applied to a superconductor at any temperature below its critical temperature  $T_c$ , the superconductor is found to undergo a transition from the superconducting state to the normal state.

$$H_c = H_0 \left[ 1 - \left( \frac{T}{T_c} \right)^2 \right]$$

where,  $H_c$  = critical field

$T_c$  =  $T_c$





→ Figure shows the variation of critical  $H_c$  as a function of temperature. The material is said to be in the superconducting state within the curve and is non-superconducting in the region outside the curve.

(6) critical current density  $J_c$  and critical current  $I_c$

→ The critical current density is another important characteristic feature of the superconducting state.

→ Hence, the critical current density can be defined as the maximum current that can be permitted in a superconducting material without destroying its superconductivity state.

$$I_c = 2\pi r H_c$$

Similarly, the relation between critical current density  $J_c$  and critical current  $I_c$  is given

$$J_c = \frac{I_c}{A}$$

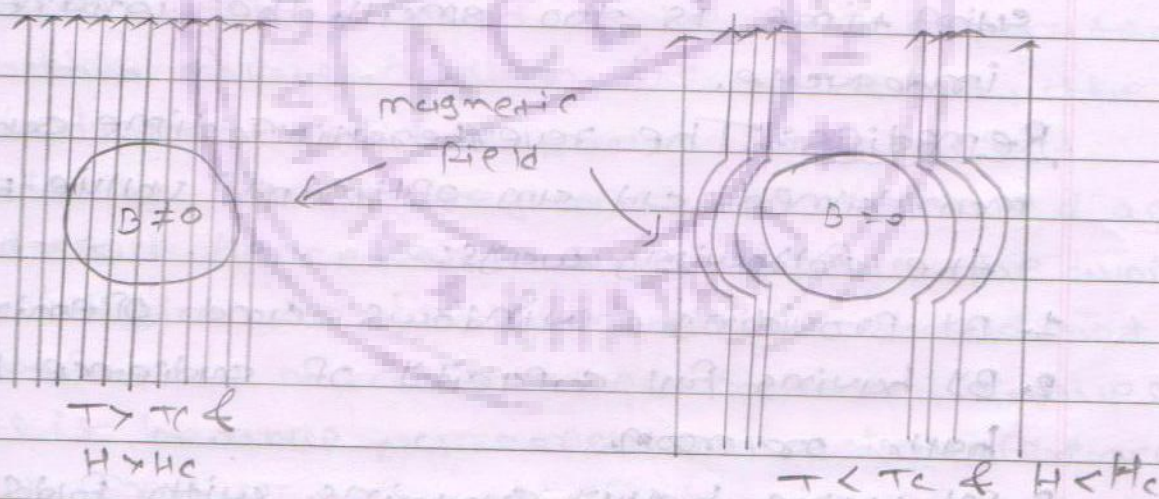
where,  $A$  = superconducting specimen cross sectional area.



(1) Persistent current: when current is made to flow through a superconducting ring, which is at a temperature either equal to its  $T_c$  value or less than its  $T_c$  value, it was observed that the current was flowing through the material without any significant loss in its value.

(2) Meissner effect: The complete expulsion of all the magnetic field by a superconducting material is called the 'Meissner effect'.

When a superconducting material is placed in a magnetic field ( $H < H_c$ ) at room temperature, the magnetic field is found to penetrate normally through the material.



→ The above process occurs due to development of surface current, which in turn results in the development of magnetization  $M$  within the superconducting material. Hence, as the developed magnetization and the applied one are equal in magnitude but opposite in direction.



(14) Factor affecting Acoustics of building & their remedies.

Ans: → The various factors affecting the acoustics of building such as reverberation time, loudness, focussing, echo, and noise with their remedies are explained in brief in this section.

(i) Reverberation Time: Reverberation is the persistence or prolongation of sound in a hall even after the source stopped emitting sound.

→ In order to have a good acoustic effect, the reverberation time has to be maintained at an optimum value. The reason is, if the reverberation time is too small, the loudness becomes inadequate.

Remedies: The reverberation time can be maintained at an optimum value by using the following ways:

1. By providing windows and openings.
2. By having full capacity of audience in the hall or room.
3. By using heavy curtains with folds.
4. By covering the floor with carpets.
5. By decorating the walls with beautiful pictures, maps, etc.

(ii) Loudness: The uniform distribution of sound in a hall or a room is an important factor for satisfactory hearing. Sometimes, the loudness may get reduced due to excess of sound - ab



materials used inside hall or room.

Remedies:

- 1) BY using suitable absorbents at places where noise is high. As a result, the distribution of loudness may become uniform.
- 2) BY using large sounding boards behind the speaker and facing the audience.
- 3) BY constructing low ceilings for the reflection of sound towards the listener.
- 4) BY using public address system like loudspeakers.

(iii) Focussing and Interference Effects:

→ The presence of any concave surface or any other curved surface in the hall or room may make the sound to be concentrated at this focus region. As a result, the sound may not be heard at all at regions. These regions are referred as dead space. Hence, such surfaces must be avoided.

→ In addition to focussing there should not be interference of direct and reflected waves. This is because, a constructive interference may produce a sound of maximum intensity in some places and a destructive interference may produce a sound.

Remedy: curved surfaces can be avoided.

If curved surfaces are present, they should be covered with suitable sound-absorbing materials.



(iv) Echo: An echo is heard due to reflection of sound from a distant sound-reflecting object.

→ If the time interval between the direct sound and reflected sound is less than 0.1 second the reflected sound is heard in increasing the loudness.

Remedy: An echo can be avoided by covering long-distance walls and high ceiling with suitable sound-absorbing material. This prevents reflection of sound.

(v) Echelon Effect: It refers to the generation of a new separate sound due to multiple echos. A set of walls or any regular reflecting surface is said to produce an echelon effect. This echelon effect affects the quality of the original sound.

Remedy: The remedy to avoid echelon is to cover such surfaces with sound-absorbing materials.

(vi) Resonance: Resonance occurs due to the matching of frequency. If the window panes and section of wooden partition have not been tightly fitted, they may start vibrating, thereby creating an extra sound which may produce.

Remedy: The resonance may be avoided by fixing the window panes properly. Any vibrating object which may produce resonance can be placed over a suitable sound-absorbing material.



(iii) Noise: The unwanted sound is called a noise. The hall or room should be properly insulated from external and internal noise. In general, there are three types of noises:

- 1) Air-borne noise,
- 2) Structure-borne noise
- 3) Inside noise.

⇒ Air-borne Noise: Extraneous noises which are coming from outside through open windows, doors and ventilators are known as air-borne noise.

Remedies:

- 1). The hall or room can be made air conditioned.
- 2). By using doors and windows with separate frames with proper sound-insulating material between them.

⇒ Inside Noise: The noise which is produced inside the hall or room is called inside noise. The inside noise may be produced due to machineries like air conditioners.

Remedies:

- 1). The sound-producing machineries can be placed over sound-absorbing materials like carpet, pads, wood, felt, etc.
- 2) By using curtains of sound-absorbing materials.
- 3) By covering the floor, wall and ceiling with sound-absorbing materials.



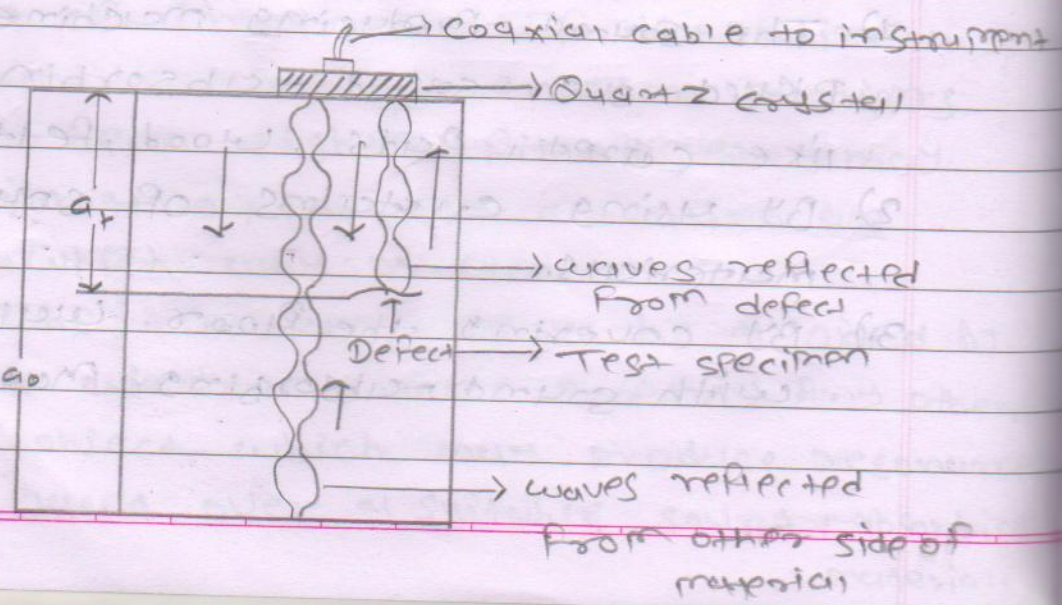
⇒ Structure-borne noise: The noise which is conveyed through the structure of the building is called structure-borne noise.

Remedies:

- 1) This noise can be eliminated by using double walls with air space between them.
- 2) By using anti-vibration mounts this type of noise can be reduced.
- 3) By covering the floor and walls with proper sound-absorbing material this noise can be eliminated.

(16) Explain (i) The pulse echo system and (ii) ultrasonic flaw detector with advantages & limitations.

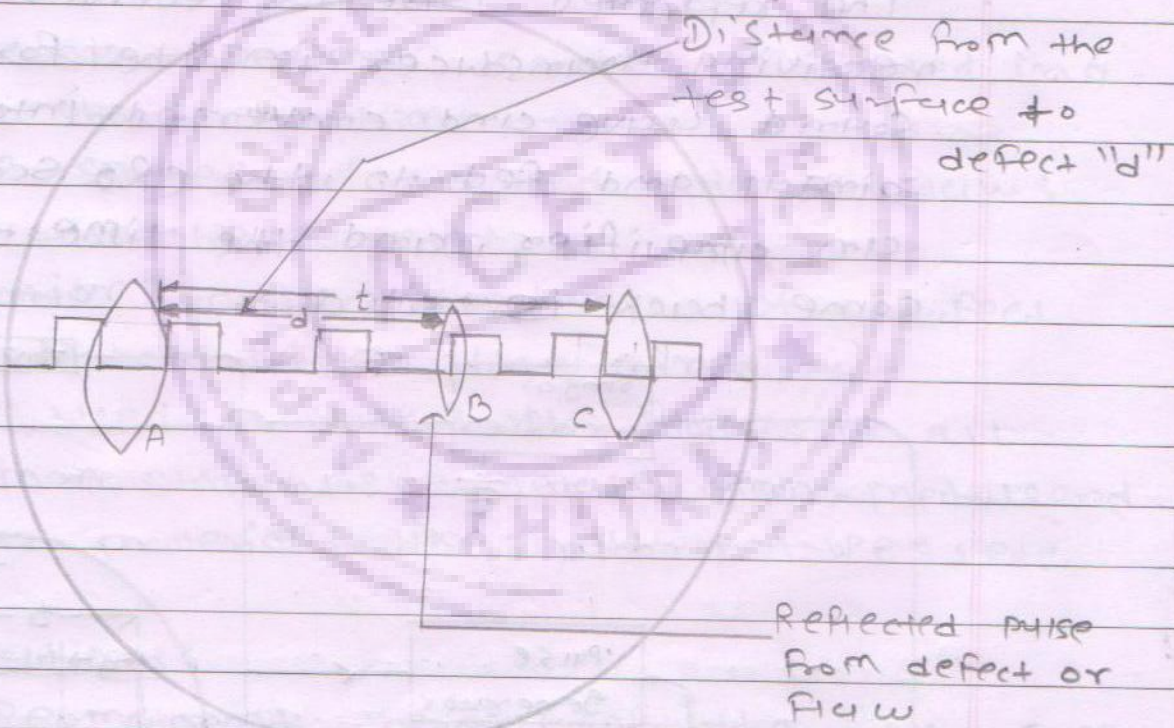
Ans: \* Pulse Echo System: The pulse echo system is the most widely used ultrasonic test. In this system, a single transducer is used for both sending and receiving the ultrasonic sound waves, as shown in figure. For a better contact of the transducer with the metal surface complete like thin oil or glycerine is used.





→ In the pulse echo system evenly timed pulses of ultrasonic sound waves are produced from a pulse generator which are transmitted into the material being tested.

→ As the waves pass through the top surface of the material being tested, there will be a pattern or 'pip' on the oscilloscope screen & labelled A, and if there is no defect in the specimen the 'pip' of reflected pulse will appear at 'c', as shown in figure.

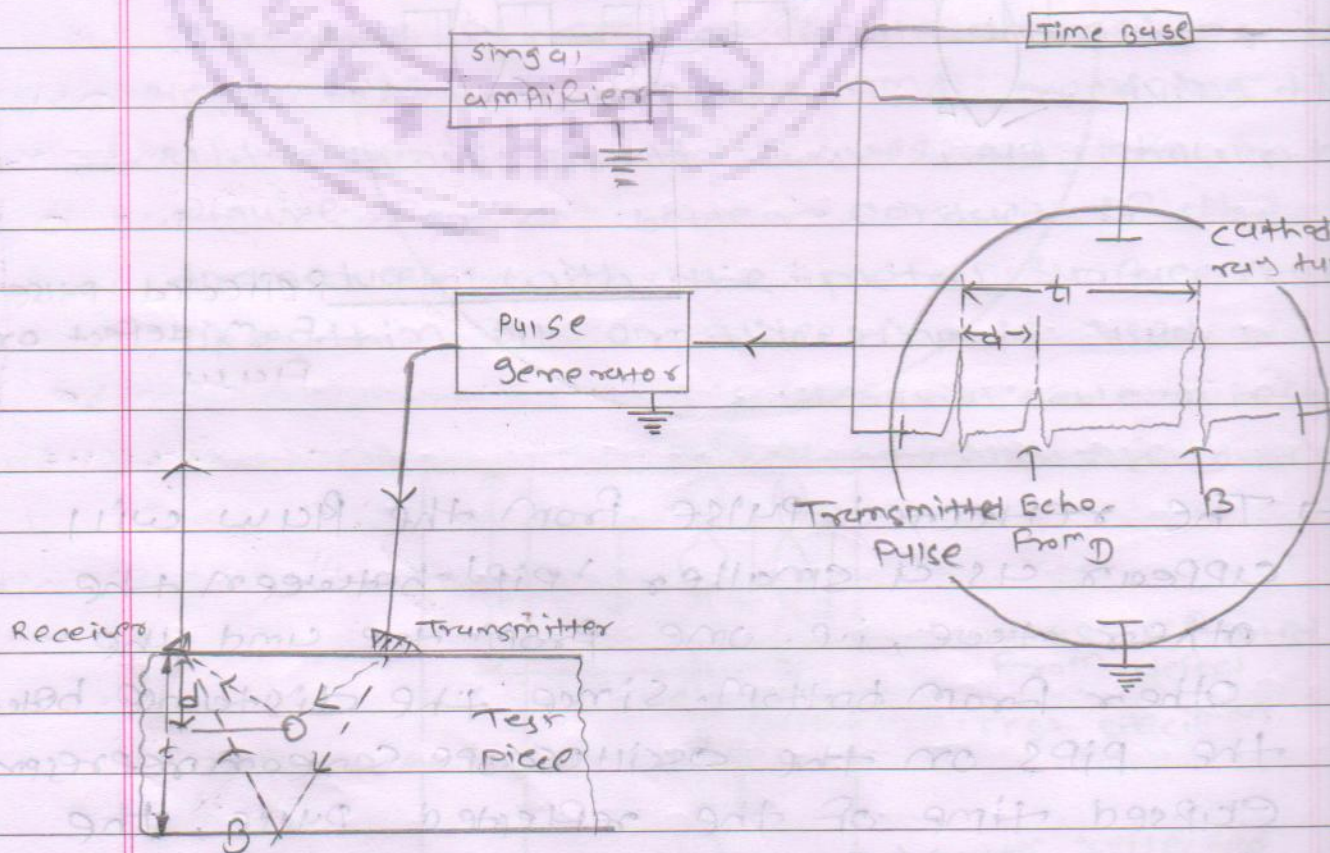


→ The reflected pulse from the flaw will appear as a smaller 'pip' between the other two, i.e. one from top and the other from bottom. Since the distance between the pips on the oscilloscope screen represents elapsed time of the reflected pulse, the distance to a flaw can be accurately measured.



\* Ultrasonic Flow Detector: The through transmission system requires the use of transducers, one for transmitting or sending the sound waves, and the other for receiving the sound waves, as shown in figure below.

- The pulse of ultrasonic waves are transmitted into and through the metal.
- The transmitted ultrasonic waves are reflected when they encounter a crack or cavities in the interior of the metal block. The reflected pulse is received by the receiving transducer in the form of a sound wave and converted into an electrical signal and fed to the CRO screen through an amplifier, and the time  $t$  taken to come back is noted.





→ If the velocity  $V$  of the ultrasonic waves in the metal is known, the position of the crack can be located. The exact size and shape of the cavity or crack can be found out by examining the metal specimen from all directions.

⇒ Advantages of Ultrasonic Inspection Method.

- 1) It is more accurate than radiography method.
- 2) It is very cheap and it has a high speed of operation.
- 3) Large size specimen can be inspected in a very short duration.
- 4) Deep-seated defects and minute flaws can also be detected.
- 5) Location, nature and size of a defect can be accurately determined.
- 6) It is used to detect the flaws in all common structured metals, non-metals and other materials like rubber types, etc.

⇒ Limitations:

- 1) No permanent record of the flaw can be obtained and it can be observed only on the screen.
- 2) Only skilled and well-trained technicians can perform this testing.
- 3) Parts that are tough, irregular in shape, very small or thin or not homogeneous are difficult to inspect.



(17) What is nanoparticle? Explain size dependent effect in nanomaterials.

Ans: → A Particle with size in the range 1-100nm is called a nanoparticle.

→ When the particles are in nanoscale or about 1-100 nm, the materials properties change significantly from those at larger scales. This is the size scale where the so called quantum effects rule the behaviour and properties of particles. In this scale range, the properties of particles are size dependent.

→ Thus when the particle is in nanoscale properties such as, melting point, heat, electrical conductivity, chemical reactivity, magnetic permeability etc change as a function of the size of the particle.

⇒ Basically there are two ~~part~~ types of size dependent effects.

(i) Increase in surface area to volume ratio of materials. This effect can make nanomaterials more chemically reactive affect their strength, melting point or electrical properties.

(ii) Quantum effects which show discontinuous behaviour due to completion of shells in with delocalised electrons. The quantum may affect the optical, electrical and m



### behaviour of materials.

→ Besides quantum size effect, the nanomaterials behaviour is different due to surface effects which dominate as nanocrystal size decrease.

(14) Discuss in detail (i) the quantum confinement and (ii) surface to volume ratio.

Ans:

#### (i) Quantum confinement:

- Electron confinement or quantum confinement is another process that occurs in nanoparticles.
- Quantum confinement describes how the electronic and optical properties change when the material size is at nanoscale.
- One of the most direct effects of reducing the size of materials to nanoscale is the appearance of quantisation effects due to the confinement of the movement of electrons. This leads to the discrete energy levels depending on the size of the structure.
- The quantisation confinement can be observed only when the diameter of the material is of the same magnitude as the wavelength of the electron wave function.
- Quantum confinement effects describe electrons in terms of energy levels, potential well, valence band, conduction band and energy band gap.



→ However when the material size is decreases towards nanoscale, the confinement dimensions also naturally decrease. In other words, the energy spectrum becomes discrete measures as quanta rather than continuous as in bulk materials. This situation of discrete energy levels is called quantum confinement.

→ Thus to conclude, in nanomaterials, the electrons are confined in space rather than free to move as in the case of bulk materials.

Nanoscale quantum confinement can be 0D, 1D or 2D.

→ 0D Confinement is found in quantum dots.

→ 1D confinement is found in nanowires.

Electron confinement in one direction results in a quantum wire, leaving the electrons free to move only along one direction.

→ 2D confinement is found in quantum wells.

In quantum well, the electrons are confined within a two dimensional area.

## [2] Surface to Volume ratio:

→ The surface area to volume ratio, also called the surface to volume ratio is the amount of surface area per unit volume of an object. Surface area to volume ratio is a great way to measure the efficiency of nanotechnology.



→ Surface area to volume ratio in nanoparticles have a significant effect on the nanoparticles property. Nanoparticles have a larger surface area compared to the same volume of the bulk material.

→ Let us assume that, the nanoparticles are spherical in shape. Let us consider the radius of the atom to be 'r'. Then,

the surface area of spherical atom =  $4\pi r^2$

the volume of the spherical atom =  $\frac{4}{3}\pi r^3$

Therefore, the surface area to the volume

$$\text{ratio is } SA : V = \frac{4\pi r^2}{\frac{4}{3}\pi r^3} = \frac{3}{r}$$

→ The above value of SA:V ratio shows that, the surface area to volume ratio increases with the decrease in radius of the sphere and vice versa. It can also be concluded that, when a given volume is divided into smaller pieces, the surface area increases. Therefore as particle size decreases, a greater portion of the atoms are found on the surface compared to those inside and thus affecting reactivity.

→ Therefore, smaller grains have more surface area with respect to their volume. more surface area to volume ratios are favourable for chemical reactions.



(19) Explain the synthesis method of nanoparticles.

- ① Ball milling
- ② Sol-gel.

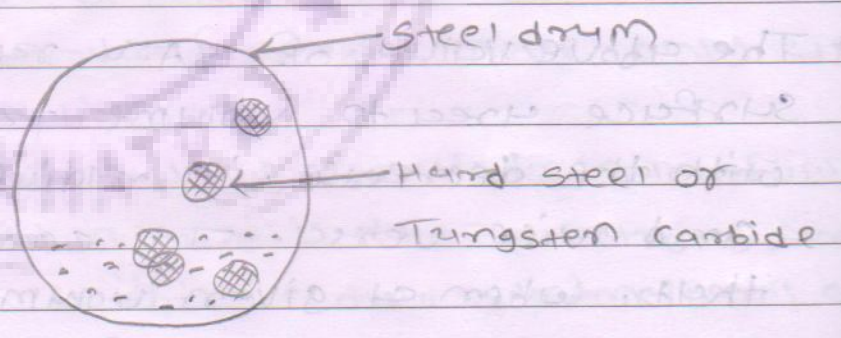
Explain the properties, application and uses of carbon nanotube.

Ans: (1) Ball milling:

→ Ball milling technique produces nanoparticles by collisions of balls with the fine powder particles. This process is executed in a repeated manner to get nanoparticles.

The grain size in powder sample is reduced to nanometer range by mechanical deformation.

→ The most industrial important technique in fabricating nanomaterials is high-energy ball milling also known as mechanical alloying or mechanical attrition.



→ It is a solid state process used for the manufacture of a wide range of nanopowders.

This high energy ball milling process involves structural changes and chemical reactions at room temperature.

→ The mechanical crushing of powder material is done by placing the material inside a rotating stainless steel drum.



with hard steel or tungsten carbide balls as shown in figure. Thus on rotating the steel drum, the hard balls crush the powder materials mechanically.

## (2) Sol-gel technique :

→ In this technique, nitrates or carbonates are taken as pre cursors which are dissolved in deionized water. The solution is kept at a suitable temperature and some amount of gelling agents are added to it. Thus, the viscosity, temperature and pH of the solution is controlled in this technique.

→ The sol-gel synthesis is most widely used due to the following reasons:

1) In this technique, materials, both ceramic and metals can be produced at ultra low temperature.

2) Any type of material can be synthesised in large quantities very cheaply.

3) Extremely homogeneous alloys and composites can be produced.

4) High purity in synthesised materials can be obtained.

5) Co-synthesis of two or more materials simultaneously is possible.

6) In this technique, the microstructure and physical, chemical and mechanical properties of the final products can be controlled.



## \* Properties of carbon nanotubes

- 1) The carbon nanotubes have extremely low resistance.
- 2) The conductivity of nanotubes is a function of diameter.
- 3) CNT's are metallic or semiconducting depending on the diameter and chirality of the tube.
- 4) CNTs have a high thermal conductivity which increases with decrease in diameter.
- 5) CNTs melting temperature is three times higher than the melting point of copper.
- 6) CNT's have the ability to withstand extreme strain.
- ) Nanotubes are highly resistant to chemical attack.

## \* Application of CNT's:

- 1) CNTs are used in constructing nanoscale electronic devices.
- 2) The electron emission concept of CNTs are used in developing a flat-panel display.
- 3) Semiconducting CNTs are used as switch devices and display devices.
- 4) Chiral semiconducting carbon nanotubes are used as a sensitive detector of various gases.
- 5) CNT's are used in battery technology to design fuel cells.
- 6) Nanotube tips can be used as nanoprobes.



- 4) Nanotubes serve as catalyst for some chemical reaction.
- 5) CNTs are used as interconnects in chip due to their extremely low resistance.

(20) The primary advantages of fibre-optics communication compared to metallic cable communication.

→ Extremely large bandwidth:

→ The bandwidth available with single glass fibre is more than 100 THz.

⇒ Longer life span:

→ A longer life span of 20 to 30 years is predicted for the fibre optic cables as compared to 12 to 15 years for the conventional cables.

⇒ Greater safety:

→ In many wired systems, the potential hazard of short circuits requires precautionary designs. Whereas, the dielectric nature of optical fibre eliminates the spark hazard.

⇒ Security:

→ Fibre cables are more secure than metal cables. Due to its immunity to electromagnetic coupling and radiation, optical fibre can be used in most secure environments.



Although it can be intercepted or trapped, it is very difficult to because, at the receiving users end an eavesdropper would be sound

⇒ Lower Cost:

→ The material used in fibre is siliceous glass or silicon dioxide which is one of the most abundant materials on earth, resulting in lower cost.

⇒ Smaller Size:

→ Fibres are very smaller in size. Size reduction makes fibres the ideal transmission medium for ships, aircraft and high rise building where bulky copper cables occupy too much space.