

Now suppose you would use an input light with a wavelength of  $1.55 \mu m$  for a step-index fiber with a core radius of  $4.2 \mu m$  and a numerical aperture of 0.15.

How many LP modes exist in this fiber then? (6%)

At the wavelength above, certainly the fiber is not single-moded. How would you adjust your wavelength to get single-mode operation for the fiber? (5%)

3. For a two-level atomic system with populations  $N_1$ ,  $N_2$ ; life time  $\tau_1$ ,  $\tau_2$ ; spontaneous emission probability  $A_{21}$ ; stimulated transition probability  $W_{12}$ ; and pumping rates  $R_1$ ,  $R_2$ ,

Write the rate equations. (8%)

Determine the steady-state population inversion  $N = N_2 - N_1$ . (6%) Find the saturation time constant s for this system. (6%) Calculate the parameter N when  $W_{12} = 2/s$ . (5%)

- (10 %) Several mechanisms can lead to the absorption and emission of photons in a semiconductor.
  For example, band-to-band (interband) transitions. Please write down 5 mechanisms and briefly describe each of them.
- 5. (6%) For an InGaAsP diode laser amplifier that has a junction thickness of 2  $\mu$ m, the current density that just make the semiconductor transparent is  $J_T = 3.2 \times 10^4 \text{ A/cm}^2$ . (a) If the thickness of the junction is reduced from 2  $\mu$ m to 0.1  $\mu$ m, what would the  $J_T$  be? (b) What could be the problem of having such a small thickness? (c) What kind of structure can be used to overcome the problem? How?
- 6. (9%) For an InGaAsP (n = 3.5) laser with center wavelength  $\lambda_0 = 1.3 \mu m$  of length d = 400  $\mu m$ , (a) what is the resonator mode spacing in frequency and in wavelength? (b) If the spectral width B = 1.2 THz, how many longitudinal modes may oscillate? (c) To reduce the number of modes to one, how much the resonator length d has to be reduced? (d) Without reducing the resonator length, what kind of structures can be utilized for single mode oscillation?
- 7. (2%) Describe the functioning principle of a traveling-wave electro-optic modulator. In particular,

comment on the purpose of the "traveling-wave" design of the modulator.

8. (8%) A longitudinal electro-optic amplitude modulator consists of a KDP crystal and a quarter wave plate in a pair of cross polarizers, as shown below.

The electric field E is applied to the crystallographic z direction of the KDP crystal, resulting in an

index ellipsoid of 
$$\frac{x_1^2 + x_2^2}{n_o^2} + \frac{x_3^2}{n_e^2} + 2r_{63}Ex_1x_2 = 1$$
. The intensity transmittance of the amplitude

modulator is given by  $\Im = \sin^2(\frac{\Gamma}{2})$ , where  $\Gamma$  is the total phase retardation between the two incidence

polarizations through out the KDP crystal and the quarter-wave plate.



- a. What is the switching voltage of this amplitude modulator? Assume the incidence laser wavelength is  $\lambda_{0.}$  (4%)
- b. Describe the difference in its performance with and without the quarter-wave plate. (4%)
- 9. (6%) In a three-wave parametric down-conversion process, if the three waves have the frequency relationship  $\omega_3 > \omega_1, \omega_2$  and  $\omega_1 = \omega_3/3$ .
  - a. What is the frequency of  $\omega_2$  in terms of  $\omega_3$ ? Provide the reason of your answer. (2%)
  - b. If you measure power consumption (pump depletion) of 3 W from Wave 3, what could be the maximum power increases for Waves 1 and 2 at the output? (4%)
- 10. (4%) In a second harmonic generation process, given material dispersion and the phase matched fundamental wavelength, how do you determine the phase matching bandwidth of (of the

fundamental wave of) the second harmonic generation? Don't just write down a formula. Please provide the derivation or the thinking path of the formula.

11. (5%) Prove that the optical Kerr effect results from the third-order optical nonlinearity.

