FIRST STEPS INTO THE WORLD OF OPTICAL FIELD

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ABSTRACT

The very rapid growth in the demand for communication, both quantitatively in terms of telephone links and qualitatively because of the diversification of new services because of the arrival of digital technology, is making it necessary once again to develop a brand-new system. This is because the need for communication is expanding both numerically in terms of telephone linkages and qualitatively because of the advent of digital technology. This is because there is a greater need for communication in terms of both the amount and the quality of the information being exchanged. In today's modern civilization, the technique of transmitting information by optical fiber is developing into one that is more prevalent. In the process of transferring data across land and sea, as well as in imaging applications in the medical and industrial domains, optical fiber, which has the capacity to drive light, is employed. In the modern world, the performance of data transit must be of the highest possible standard. This criterion can only be fulfilled by using optical fibers that are faultless, which must then be combined into fiber optic cables that are of an unquestionably high grade.

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INTRODUCTION

The study of optical fibers is an exciting and intriguing area of science. Scientists from across the globe are devoting a great deal of their time and energy to advancing optical fiber technology. The use of optical fibre to transport information in a manner akin to the transmission of data using radio waves and microwaves is one of the most intriguing breakthroughs in the world of telecommunications and data transmission systems in recent years. One of the most exciting developments in the field recently is this. These systems have been evolving over the last several years. Because of their consistent output, optical fibers are often used to carry laser beams across great distances. Another feature that increases their adaptability is the variety of configurations from which you may choose.

Why it's important, and what the science says about why it's important.

One of the greatest scientific achievements of the twentieth century was the development of optical fibers, which provide a pristine physical setting. It would be a mistake to discount their potential significance since they offer the finest way to carry very large debits of digital information right now. The demands of this sector are expected to grow substantially in the not-too-distant future. It's possible that this was to be anticipated. More than 80% of the world's long-distance traffic data is disseminated using this method. Engineers and scientists have been considering the idea of sending data across optical channels within the framework of telecommunications since at least the 1940s. This way of thinking persists until now. The idea of utilizing optical fibers to convey information was initially suggested when lasers were first created in the early 1960s. When compared to other forms of communication medium, optical fibers have several benefits. For example, they are cheaper and more environmentally friendly than copper lines and have a smaller carbon footprint. One pair of optical fibers can send data at a pace that is ten times quicker than the rate at which data can be carried through 250 pairs of copper wires.

The many advantages of optical fibers, such as reduced power consumption and simplified operation, make them ideal for usage in the medical field.

1. Two, the fields of illumination under consideration.
2. The interstate and other transportation network that links all major cities.
3. There are several militaries uses for which superior tools are required.

In 2012, someone had the bright notion of using fiber optic cables to transmit light signals throughout the United States. Attenuation (loss) of a transmitted signal is heavily influenced by the manufacturing process and the composition of the materials used, both of which would take a great deal of time to perfect. It was first proposed in 1966 that optical signals may be sent across long distances using fiber optic lines. This will make it possible to achieve attenuations low enough to enable signal transmission across distances substantial enough to make optical technology competitive. This advancement will allow signals to be sent across longer distances. Beginning at a level of 1,000 dB/km in 1960, attenuation decreased to a level of 20 dB/km in 1975, and then to a level of 0.2 dB/km in 1984. In the domain of cutting-edge communication technologies, optical fibers are quickly replacing copper cables as the preferred transmission medium. They are crucial to the continued viability of Internet usage and have been important in enabling the tremendous expansion of international communications over the last quarter-century. Thanks to the fantastic growth in global communications that has occurred over the last 25 years, this expansion has been feasible. Despite this, optical fibers are becoming more widespread in a very short period, with significant impact and economic gains in sectors outside communications. Some examples of these industries include automobile lighting and control, biomedical laser delivery systems, gyro sensors for the military, and industrial sensing. Optical fiber is a modern media that allows for the rapid transmission of data (including audio, data, and video) while preserving a strict transmission order.

Different types of optical fibers have their own unique properties.

Considered to be stretched along its propagation axis, the OZ symbol represents an extremely thin glass layer. This lengthening is likely irreversible. Optical fibers, commonly known as fiber optic cables, are constructed from low-loss materials. A common shape for dielectric waveguides, an optical fiber is a cylinder. Transmitting light waves across greater distances and at greater bandwidths (data speeds) than is achievable with other forms of telecommunications is made possible using an optical fiber, a type of fiber that is both flexible and transparent. The utilization of a translucent and bendable fiber makes this a reality. Light from the infrared region of the electromagnetic spectrum may be transmitted via optical fibers to the visible region.

(A) THE FUNDAMENTAL BUILDING BLOCKS OF AN OPTICAL FIBER

In order of importance, below are the layers (components) that make up optical:

You may think of the core as the heart of the fiber since it is both the most central part and the most interior. It's the section of the void that light travels through to go from one place to another. It's the thing responsible for broadcasting the signal worldwide.

A cladding is a material with a lower refractive index than the core, and it is used to create a zone surrounding the core. It is designed to prevent dust and debris from settling into the object's core and blocking out too much light. Cladding is one kind of outside mantle that may be used.

As a key buffer material, it helps protect the core and cladding from physical damage and environmental hazards including moisture and solvents. It helps shield the central component from electromagnetic noise as well. This part's primary function is to prevent physical damage to the core and cladding.

The jacket of a cable is an extra outer sheath that may support the cable's fibers. The outer covering is sometimes referred to as the "jacket" itself. The fiber is protected from harm and its tensile strength is increased thanks to the coating.

The index of refraction of the core is somewhat greater than that of the cladding, even though both the core and the cladding are comprised of glass. Even though both the core and the cladding are manufactured from the same basic material, this is the case. Because of the different materials utilized to construct the core and the cladding, a highly reflecting surface is created at their intersection. This is because the core is made of a different material than the cladding, which causes thermal expansion and contraction. There is no causal relationship between the protective covering and the jacket's ability to restrict light transmission. However, they serve to offer mechanical support and protection for the inner core and cladding layers. Even though light passes through the cladding at a very small level on its journey to the core, the optical purity of the cladding is still significant. Multiple optical fibers are coiled around a steel wire that serves as the backbone of an optical fiber cable's construction. The hardness of the environment in which the cable will be installed determines the specific nature of the numerous layers of protection it gets. These safeguards are installed to keep the cable in good condition.

(B) MANY DIFFERENT KINDS OF OPTICAL FIBERS

Optical fibers may be roughly classified into two categories, as shown below:

SMF stands for "single-mode fiber" and describes the earliest kind of fiber. Single-mode fiber, often known as mono-mode fiber, is the simplest kind of optical fiber. Single-mode fiber is another name for this kind of cable. The diameter of its tiny core ranges from around 5 to 10 meters. It can only be utilized in one specific setting. No signal modification occurs inside the core of a single-mode fiber, and no signal modification occurs at the fiber's edges. Single-mode fibers are often used to transmit signals for telecommunications services such as cable television, the internet, and telephones. Even though single-mode fibers are more costly, they are still the best option. Information may be sent up to 100 kilometers (about 60 miles) with such wires.

The second kind is sometimes abbreviated as "MMF," which stands for "multi-mode." When discussing optical cables, the term "multimode fiber" denotes a specific kind of cable. Multi-mode cables use optical fibers that are around ten times larger in diameter than those used in single-mode cables. It is possible to detect this distinction when comparing the two kinds of wires. This demonstrates that light may travel through the core in a variety of ways, or "modes." Information transmission across shorter distances is now limited to the usage of multi-mode cables, which serve several applications including the interconnection of various computer networks.

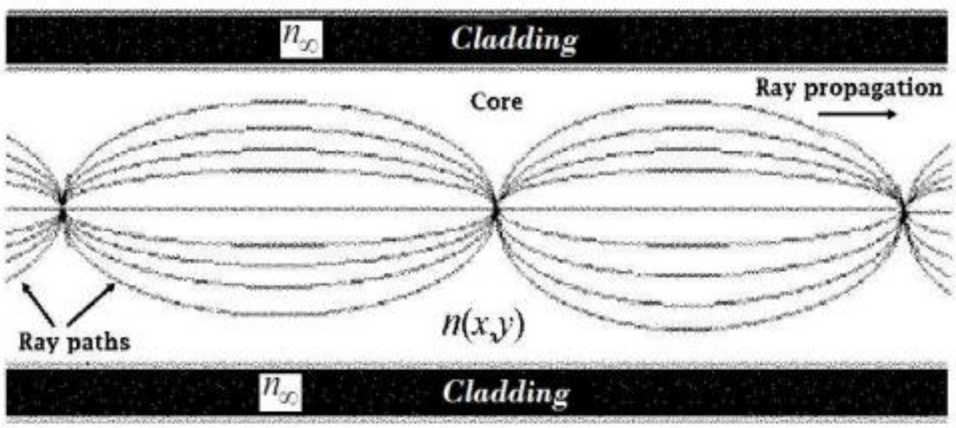

Figure 1 Light is seen traveling through a multi-mode optical fiber with a graded index (shown here with a homogenous cladding).

Multi-mode optical fibers are a kind of dielectric waveguide that can accommodate many propagation modes. Light in these states follows paths that are like skew rays, as seen in Figure 1. The dielectric constant is reflected in the fact that the core region has a greater refractive index than the cladding region. The cladding has a lower refractive index than the core. Multi-mode fibers are no longer utilized for data transmission over very long distances (more than 10 kilometers) due to the tremendous performance increases afforded by single mode systems. There are still numerous uses for multi-mode fibers in which intermodal dispersion is not a concern, such as in short-link applications.

Uses for Fiber Optics

Optical fiber lines have been used to transmit phone data since 1980. In recent years, they've developed into an attractive method of information exchange. Medical light guides, lighting, imaging optics, the aerospace industry, equipment used in industry, and so on are just a few of the many places their usage may be found.

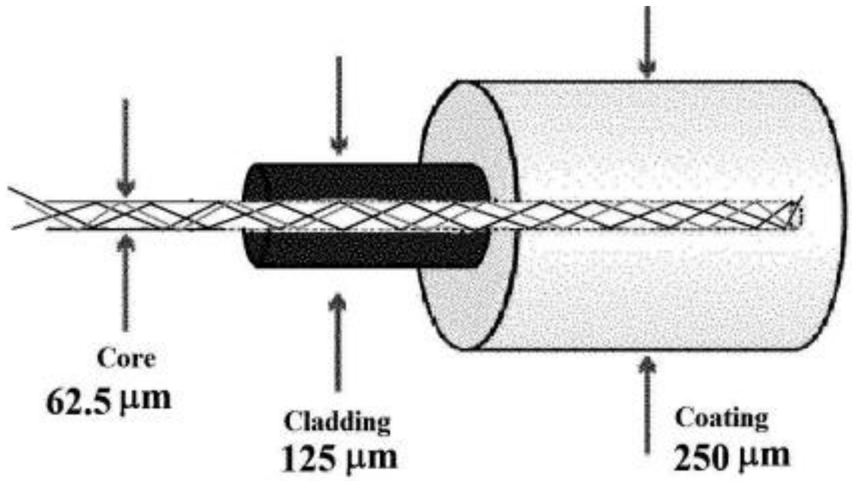

Figure 2: Multi-mode optical fibers have a circular cross section.

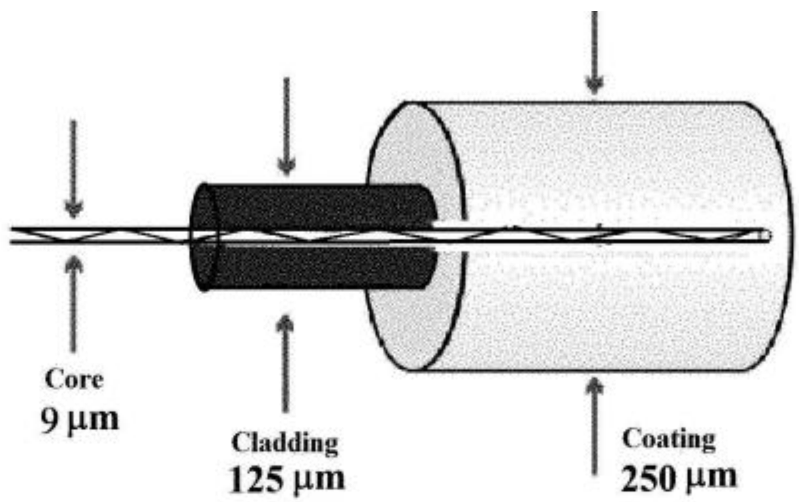

Figure 3 Common single-mode optical fibers have a circular cross section.

Shooting light down a pipe can seem like a neat scientific party trick, but you might not realize how it might be used in real life. Like how a single source of energy may power a wide variety of devices, it's possible that a single wavelength of light might carry several sorts of information and hence serve multiple purposes. The analogy here is with electricity, which may be utilized to power a wide variety of devices. The laser-powered impulses delivered by fiber-optic cables flash far under our feet, deep under office floors and city streets, so we have no idea how prevalent they have become. Because of this, we don't even notice when fiber-optic lines are installed. Invisible to the naked eye are the many ways in which this technology is use, for example, in computer networking, broadcasting, medical scanning, and military hardware.

Why Fiber Optics Is Better Than Other Options

With the advent of Google fiber, a major technological company like Google has expanded into the market for fiber optic services. Modern telecommunications make extensive use of optical communication's numerous parts. The many benefits of using optical fibers are primarily to blame for this trend. Some of these advantages are listed below.

Dielectric materials have several positive applications.

Since an optical fiber creates a direct link between the transmitter and the receiver, it is guaranteed that there will be no electrical interference. Unlike copper wire, which may be damaged by several environmental variables, optical fiber is impervious to its setting. Since the core is comprised of glass, an insulator, no electric current can possibly go through it.

Protection against the seasonal highs and lows in temperature You shouldn't be concerned about the safety of fiber cable when you run it adjacent to machinery. When compared to electrical wires, optical fibers can withstand far higher temperatures. Wires used for electricity are ubiquitous. Furthermore, copper is more vulnerable to temperature changes than optical fiber, and optical fiber can even withstand being completely immersed in water.

OBJECTIVE OF THE STUDY

1. To conduct research on the drawbacks of optical fiber communications.
2. To do research into Optical Fibers

1. Signal strength

The strength of a fiber-optic Internet connection's signal decreases less dramatically with distance. Companies who need to cover large regions would benefit from a stronger signal across the entire facility.

2. Flexibility

Fiber optics are also referred to as optical fiber since they are flexible and can transmit and receive light.

3. Easy assembly or installation

Optical fibers are easier to produce and lay than ever before. When fiber-optic cable is used in large lengths for portable or temporary installations, its installation is much simplified. Optical cables may be installed using the same tools used for copper and coaxial cables with a few tweaks due to their tiny size, limited draw tension, and bend radius. This is feasible because optical cables are not as pliable as other types of cables like copper or coaxial.

1. Fiber-optic Internet connections are exponentially faster than the fastest copper Internet connections.
2. A smaller scale Optical fibers have a significantly smaller diameter than copper wires.
3. Easily carried Optical fibers weigh almost nothing.
4. unable to ignite Since optical fibers do not carry electricity, users are safe from the possibility of an electrical shock.
5. Ensure a safe and sound transfer Today's internet world is fraught with danger due to the prevalence of hackers and other data thieves.

Standard Internet connections used in companies make it easy to tap wires and intercept communications. Optical fibers are the most secure channel for transmitting confidential information since they cannot be tapped during transmission. This is since glass is used to make optical fibers. Optical fibers are very difficult to penetrate. Since they do not produce any detectable electromagnetic radiation, the emissions cannot be prevented. Since avoiding detection when physically tapping the fiber calls for a great degree of skill. In the very improbable event that someone managed to tap into fiber optic connections, it would be easy to see the compromised lines thanks to visible light signals.

A connection with no delays or reverberations on the other side, you may experience an echo while making a phone call due to the signal being reflected from a communications satellite. But now you have an echo-free line of communication owing to optical fibers.

Second, there's a huge gap between the sender and the recipient. One motivation for exploring fiber optics' utility was the hope of increasing data transmission rates.

There is no doubt that a fiber-optic system using a glass fiber can transmit light over very long distances. Due to its ability to convert an input signal into rapid flashes of light, optical fibers can transmit complex data across distances more than 100 kilometers without the need for further amplification. That's a fivefold improvement over the best copper coaxial cables on the market right now a reduction of costs Manufacturing costs for fiber optic cable might be cheaper per mile than those for copper wire of equivalent lengths. Because of this, the service provider (cable TV, internet) saves money. Fiber-optic cable also requires less maintenance than older copper lines, saving everyone time and money.

The light-directing index pro le is built directly into the fiber structure of these low-priced thin strands of glass, making them unmaintainable and as cheap as copper wire. In addition, optical fiber can withstand most of the chemicals that would otherwise eat away at copper wire.

Refractive Index Distribution Profile

Since all it is a ratio between how quickly light travels through a material and how fast light travels through empty space, the refractive index has no units. The refractive index profile explains how the core and cladding indices are related to one another. The word describes the gradual shift in the index of refraction that happens throughout the length of the optical fiber's cross section. The most often used forms of fibers are step-index (uniform-core) fibers, however there are two main types of refractive-index profiles.

Grading system and nonstandard content requirements.

Standard step-index optical fiber has a cladding diameter of around 125 micrometers and a core diameter of 8 to 10 micrometers. However, typical graded-index fibers have a 125 m cladding diameter and a core diameter of 50, 62.5, 85, or 100 m. Optical fibers with a step index are often utilized in very precise settings. An optical fiber with a step index has a sudden change in refractive index between the core and the cladding, whereas an optical fiber with a graded index has a smoother transition between the core and the cladding. Graded-index optical fibers are gaining popularity in the scientific community due to their versatile use. Facsimile machines, speedy computer input-output devices, copying technologies, medical and industrial endoscopes, and the transfer of information through fiber optics would be severely hampered without these parts.

Problems With Fiber Optic Convenience Compared to their benefits, the drawbacks of optical fibers are minimal.

1. Fragile and easily damaged components Optical fiber is a somewhat fragile material. It requires more shielding around the cable than copper does.
2. Animal-related property damage Examples include birds nibbling away optical cable claddings to get to the Kevlar reinforcement material within, which is very desirable as a nesting material for many species.

The exposed fiber optic cable is used by Beavers and other rodents to hone their teeth. Also, pests like ants chew on fiber optic cables since they need the plastic insulation to stay alive. It has been shown that sharks may destroy underwater fiber optic cables, especially in high-traffic locations. Plants like the Christmas Tree may choke light pulses traveling down a fiber optic cable by utilizing the cable as a root and looping themselves firmly around the wire.

Being Chemically Dependent Hydrogen gas is a prevalent problem on undersea cables and may cause permanent damage to optical fibers. A connection between two optical fibers must be highly polished and completely parallel for the fibers to be joined. Seeing through It is well known that radiation causes most fibers to become opaque.

EXPERIMENTAL DESIGNS AND SETUPS

1. Optical tweezers setups

Status

In the year 1986, Arthur Ashkin and his colleagues were able to successfully capture micrometer and nanometer-sized particles that were suspended in water by using a laser beam that was focused by a high numerical aperture objective lens (figure 1). This is where the field of optical manipulation, which has an extremely bright future, got its start. Since that time, optical manipulation has been utilized in a broad variety of investigations across many different scientific fields. These fields include, but are not limited to, biology, statistical mechanics, rheology, opto- and bio-fluidics, and plasmonic, to name a few. The ability to manipulate microscopic objects without physically touching them was swiftly exceeded by the need for more quantitative studies. OTs are more than just "tweezers" because they can apply and quantify forces of any magnitude, even the most minute ones. From piconewtons all the way down to femtonewtons, the available range covers a lot of area that's interesting. Atomic force microscopy was historically the dominant method, but it also severely restricted this range before optical traps were developed. This force range is particularly interesting because it incorporates a wide variety of biological, chemical, and, more generally speaking, condensed matter interactions. It is common practice to employ a trapping stiffness of 1 pN m1 when dealing with particles ranging in size from 1-2 m. This value is equal to energies of a few kBT and is approximately the same as those of thermal baths. By evaluating the motions of the particles that are being trapped, one can specifically gain insight into the thermodynamic properties of the medium in which the particles are being distributed. As a result, OTs found immediate use in the domains of statistical mechanics and microhomology almost immediately.

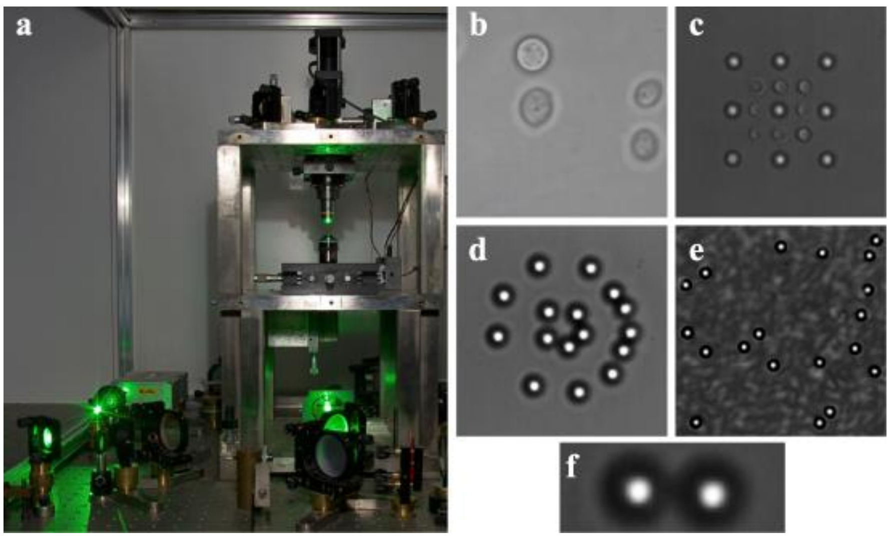

Figure 1. The versatility of this DIY microscope makes it ideal for realizing optical tweezers setups like this one. Some specific usages are illustrated in the insets: Single-beam optical tweezers (a) used to capture a yeast cell; multiple-trap spatial light modulator (b); spatial light modulator (c) used for wavefront engineering; speckle optical tweezers (d); and time-sharing traps with an acousto-optic deflector (e).

The necessity of revealing a diverse range of occurrences served as a driving force behind the development of unique trapping strategies and new set-up configurations by the researchers. Immediately after being introduced, OTs that contained two or more laser beams began to appear. The initial beam was separated utilizing beam splitters, and the split beams were deflected utilizing acousto-optic deflectors to construct time-shared traps. In later years, because to extremely adaptive technology like as spatial light modulators, researchers were able to go well beyond the fundamentals of trapping and manipulation. It didn't take long until experiments were carried out in which the angular momentum of light played a significant role. Initially, multiple traps, optical lattices, and sieves proved the efficacy of this novel approach.

Even though it has been researched for almost four decades, optical trapping and manipulation is still considered to be an emerging field of study. Recent advancements in vacuum nanoparticle entrapment have made way for brand new research possibilities in the fields of quantum information science, many-body physics, metrology, quantum optics, and ultracold chemistry. These fields all stand to benefit from these new findings.

Current and future challenges

The application of OTs has contributed to the production of amazing results in the field of biological sciences. Nevertheless, they still have a significant issue that needs to be fixed in some way. OTs use several milliwatts of light output to place appropriate stresses on biological samples. These stressors, which could be harmful even at infrared wavelengths because absorption is reduced in those ranges, are imposed by the OT. Handles, which once captured can be used to control cells and avoid heating caused by incident light, are one of the most frequent techniques of addressing this issue. Handles can be beads or structures designed with appropriate shapes. Finding a solution to this issue is necessary to broaden the applicability of OTs in biomedical applications, particularly those that take place in in vivo environments.

Another obstacle that primarily confines the practical use of OT to the realm of fundamental research is the size and expense of the present setups. Because of the high cost of optical components and the numerous additional costs that are incurred when establishing a dependable infrastructure, the turnkey solutions offered by some companies are so expensive that they are unaffordable. In point of reality, utilizing them need to be uncomplicated and unfailingly reliable.

Because OTs must make use of microscope objectives to generate gradient forces of a sufficient magnitude to satisfy the trapping conditions, the setup development options available to them are constrained. Alternately, the scattering force can be neutralized by employing two beams that travel in the opposite direction of one another. Even when they are built with commercial equipment, handmade systems are often too intricate and large to be managed by unskilled employees or utilized in applications that occur on a regular basis. Despite their lower cost, however, these systems are more attractive. In addition to that, they have the microscope objectives that are worth thousands of euros. An alternative to using microscope objectives is the use of optical fibers, which can be arranged in counter-propagating beams or have a lens constructed at their tip to tightly focus the laser light and produce trapping conditions. Both options allow the optical fibers to achieve the same results as the objectives of a microscope. Microfluidics and fiber optics have been of immense assistance in the automation and shrinking processes, but a device that can trap chips on its own will not be available for many more years.

In the past several years, there has been an uptick in the amount of attention paid to air and vacuum trapping in the field of optical manipulation research. The motion of a dielectric nanosphere in vacuum is highly isolated from its surrounds. Using the appropriate procedures, the kinetic energy of a confined particle can be cooled to the temperature of the surrounding environment, therefore exhibiting the quantum behavior of a macroscopic item. As a direct consequence of this, setups are becoming more complicated, which presents brand new technical challenges.

Advances in science and technology to meet challenges.

There are a few various approaches one can take to solve the issue of thermal damage that might be caused by laser power to biological samples. There is a potential for the development of innovative catching methods that make better use of catching efficiency. Very recently, a brand-new idea that is centered on intracavity trapping has been developed, and its viability has been demonstrated. Instead of utilizing the laser's incoming laser beam, the trapping process takes place within the laser's internal "cavity." However, as the object moves away from the center of the beam's waist, the power losses decrease and the power output increases, causing it to pull the object back towards the center, where it is once again trapped. When the object is in the middle of the beam's waist, it causes power losses to increase and the power output to drop; however, as the object moves away from the center, it causes power losses to decrease and the power output to drop.

There are also other possibilities, such as the creation of one-of-a-kind grips that can protect the cell-contacting components from the light of the laser. Even though its use is limited to the world of manipulation, this is simple to put into practice and is already enjoying widespread adoption. If accurate numbers are required, it will be necessary to look at the problem from a different angle. In addition to that, you can make use of various additional kinds of physical effects. An intriguing strategy was presented by Li and coworkers, who suggested employing laser cooling to trap samples via thermophoresis in a minute quantity of appropriate material. This strategy was provided by Li and coworkers.

When it comes to the possibility of OTs becoming regular practice, however, scale and cost continue to be the two most significant barriers. The OTs are affixed in a fixed position on the lenses of the microscopes. It is essential to make progress in the development of new technologies that can facilitate the production of lenses that are more compact and affordable whilst maintaining the same focusing capabilities. A metamaterial-based tiny meta-lens was successfully created by placing nanopillars on a glass coverslip. This allowed for the lens to focus light more precisely. Because the lens is built on the substrate, its position, and the depth to which it may trap light are either fixed or highly limited, which severely restricts its flexibility and its ability to be useful. Despite this, it's possible that this will lead to fresh and interesting new opportunities.

CONCLUSION

The field of engineering known as fiber optics is fascinating and challenging. Due to a lack of copper, the widespread use of optical fiber for communication purposes has accelerated. There is little question that as technology advances, more and more sectors of research and engineering will make use of optical fibers. Investigators are still given a wide range of interesting and challenging cases to work on in the sector. Optical fibers, a significant and promising material, are the only waveguides now accessible for practical application in optical communications. They are becoming more popular and are being used in a greater variety of scientific and practical contexts. There will always be a need for fiber optics. In today's world, fiber optics is either the dominant medium or the obvious choice for every communication system; moreover, the technology of optical fibers will advance exponentially in the future. Optical fiber cable's rising popularity has led to its increased use in today's networks. Eventually, optical fiber will replace copper as the standard wiring material.

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