

Speckle pattern after single-mode fiber output



Overview

Compared with single-mode fiber bundle, the single MMF owns larger imaging range and smaller diameter [9, 10].

Key Takeaways

Single-mode fibers (SMFs) typically produce a Gaussian-like output with minimal speckle, unlike multimode fibers where speckle arises from intermodal interference. Speckle Formation in Optical Fibers

Speckle patterns are granular intensity fluctuations caused by coherent interference of light waves. In multimode fibers (MMFs), multiple propagation modes interfere at the output, producing a random speckle pattern that varies with fiber parameters, wavelength, and mechanical perturbations. This effect, known as mode noise, can reduce spectral measurement accuracy and create uneven energy distribution.

Single-Mode Fiber Characteristics

In contrast, SMFs support only a single propagation mode, which results in a smooth, Gaussian-like intensity profile at the fiber output. Because there is only one mode, intermodal interference is absent, and the typical speckle pattern seen in MMFs does not form. Any residual speckle in SMFs is usually due to coherent light source imperfections, fiber end-face roughness, or scattering from micro-defects. The output is therefore highly stable and suitable for high-resolution spectroscopy and spatial filtering applications.

Factors Affecting SMF Output

- Coherence of the light source: Highly coherent lasers can produce minor speckle due to interference with reflections or scattering at the fiber end .
- Fiber end-face quality: Imperfections or roughness can introduce small-scale interference patterns.
- Coupling conditions: Misalignment or imperfect mode matching can slightly distort the Gaussian profile.
- Environmental perturbations: Bending or stress on the fiber can induce phase changes, but these effects are much smaller than in MMFs.

Practical Implications

SMFs are preferred when stable, uniform output is required, such as in high-resolution spectrographs, interferometry, and precision optical sensing. Unlike MMFs, SMFs avoid mode noise, making them ideal for applications where speckle-induced intensity fluctuations would degrade measurement accuracy . However, their small core diameter makes efficient light coupling more challenging, often requiring adaptive optics for astronomical or high-precision applications . In summary, while speckle is a prominent feature in multimode fiber outputs, single-mode fibers largely eliminate speckle, producing a smooth Gaussian beam, with only minor speckle effects arising from source coherence or fiber imperfections.

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