

## Wave Propagation in Inhomogeneous Anisotropic Rectangular Waveguides by the Effective Index Method

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Hybrid mode dispersion and mapping of multilayer rectangular diffused birifrangent waveguides are studied by the effective index method for two orientations, horizontal and vertical, of the crystal optic axis. At first the structure is examined in the approximate lossless approach, then the perturbation technique allows us to evaluate the extinction coefficient value to employ as starting point in the direct search optimization strategy for determining the complex propagation constant for the exact solution. The guided  $E_{x11}$  and  $E_{y11}$  modes exhibit almost the same cutoff wavelength and their dispersion curves little differ from the ones of corresponding  $TM_0$ , up to  $1\text{ }\mu\text{m}$  for vertical optic axis because of the surface plasma waves, and  $TE_0$  modes of the slab waveguide without and with the metal film respectively.

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