

Wave Propagation in Inhomogeneous Slab Waveguides Embedded in Homogeneous Media

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Wave propagation in inhomogeneous slab waveguides embedded in homogeneous media is analyzed by rising the uniform asymptotic technique. This technique accurately evaluates the effect of the refractive-index profiles with various core and cladding structures on the guided modes. We calculate the guided modes of waveguides with asymmetric claddings in the cases of a near-parabolic profile core and a quasi-Gaussian profile core. The results show that the third-order asymptotic solution is accurate for all the guided modes in the case of the near-parabolic profile core and for modes far from cutoff in the quasi-Gaussian core case. The dispersion relation indicates that modes guided in strongly asymmetric profiles have almost the same propagation constants as odd-order modes of propagation in the symmetric structure.

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