

Transmission and Attenuation of Vector Modes in Uniformly Bent Circular Hollow Waveguides for the Infrared

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Electric field distributions and attenuation constants of the eigenmodes in uniformly bent circular hollow waveguides have been evaluated based on a vector wave equation deduced from Maxwell's equations. A diagram representation of the parameter describing mode properties has been newly introduced. It is numerically shown that vector modes gradually approach linearly polarized modes when the bending radius becomes small. A relation between attenuation constants in sharply bent circular and slab hollow waveguides is also discussed where the electric fields concentrate near the outer edge of the core.

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