

Planar optical waveguide devices



AI Overview

Planar optical waveguide devices are classified based on geometry, mode structure, refractive index profile, and functionality in photonic systems.

Geometry-Based Classification

Planar waveguides, also called slab waveguides, have a planar geometry that confines light propagation in one dimension. They can be fabricated as:

- Single-layer thin films on a substrate, where the core has a higher refractive index than the surrounding cladding.
- Embedded layers between two substrates, providing symmetric confinement and facilitating single-mode operation.
- Diffused waveguides, where an index-raising agent is diffused into the substrate to create a smooth refractive index profile.

Mode Structure

Planar waveguides can be classified by the number of supported modes:

- Single-mode waveguides: Support only one guided mode, ideal for high-precision applications like lasers and amplifiers.
- Multimode waveguides: Support multiple modes, suitable for high-power or broadband applications.

Refractive Index Profile

The refractive index distribution determines light confinement:

- Step-index waveguides: Sharp boundary between core and cladding, providing strong confinement.
- Graded-index waveguides: Smooth variation of refractive index, reducing modal dispersion and improving beam quality.

Functional Classification

Planar waveguide devices are also categorized by their application:

- Passive devices: Include planar waveguides used for light routing, splitting, or coupling in integrated optical circuits.
- Active devices: Include planar waveguide lasers and optical amplifiers, which provide gain and high beam quality in one dimension. These devices may be side-pumped using laser diodes and can achieve high output power.
- Integrated photonic components: Such as directional couplers, Bragg gratings, and modulators, which rely on planar waveguides for guiding and manipulating light in circuits.

Summary

Planar optical waveguide devices are classified along multiple dimensions: Geometry: slab, embedded, or diffused. Mo...

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Planar Waveguide

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Planar Waveguides – slab waveguides

Planar waveguides, also called slab waveguides, are waveguides with a planar geometry, which guide light only in one dimension. They are often fabricated in

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