

Figure 7.2. Reflection from dielectric interface

a) TE polarization

$$r = 1 \quad e^{j60^{\circ}}$$

$$\phi^{TE} = 2\tan^{-1}\left(\frac{\gamma_{tx}}{k_{ix}}\right) = 60^{\circ} = \frac{\pi}{3}$$

$$\frac{\gamma_{tx}}{k_{ix}} = 0.577 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$$

$$\frac{\sqrt{\beta^2 - k_2^2}}{n_1 \cos \theta_i} = \frac{\sqrt{n_1^2 \sin^2 \theta_i - n_2^2}}{n_1 \cos \theta_i} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$$

$$n_1^2 \sin^2 \theta_i - n_2^2 = \frac{n_1^2}{3} \cos^2 \theta_i$$

$$n_1^2 - n_1^2 \cos^2 \theta_i - n_2^2 = \frac{n_1^2}{3} \cos^2 \theta_i$$

$$\frac{4}{3} n_1^2 \cos^2 \theta_i = n_1^2 - n_2^2$$

$$\cos \theta_i = \sqrt{\frac{3(n_1^2 - n_2^2)}{4n_1^2}}$$

$$\theta_i = \cos^{-1}\left(\sqrt{\frac{3(n_1^2 - n_2^2)}{4n_1^2}}\right)$$

$$\theta_i = \cos^{-1}(0.446)$$

$$\theta_i = 63.5^{\circ}$$

b) TM polarization

$$\phi^{TM} = 2\tan^{-1}\left(\frac{n_1^2\gamma_{tx}}{n_2^2k_{ix}}\right) = 60^\circ = \frac{\pi}{3}$$

$$\frac{n_1^2}{n_2^2} \frac{\sqrt{n_1^2\sin^2\theta_i - n_2^2}}{n_1\cos\theta_i} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$$

$$\theta_i = \cos^{-1}\left(\sqrt{\frac{n_1^2 - n_2^2}{n_1^2 + \frac{n_2^4}{3n_1^2}}}\right)$$

$$\theta_i = 61.7^\circ$$
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As described by Fig. 7.13, modes occur at resonances of the layer structure. The resonances can be found by using the transmission matrices of chapter 3 (see Table 3.3).

Assuming lossless material, the propagation matrices are given by

$$T_p = \begin{bmatrix} e^{j\beta_t L_t} & 0\\ 0 & e^{-j\beta_t L_t} \end{bmatrix}$$

where

$$\beta_t = k_x = \sqrt{k_0^2 - k_z^2} = \frac{2\pi}{\lambda_0} \sqrt{n^2 - \overline{n}^2}$$

 L_t =distance of propagation (i.e. thickness of layer).

The reflection matrices are given by

$$T_{r_{12}} = \frac{1}{t_{12}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & r_{12} \\ r_{12} & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$r_{12} = \frac{n_1 - n_2}{n_1 + n_2}$$

$$t_{12} = \sqrt{1 - r_{12}^2}$$

The reflection values shown in Fig. 7.13,

$$r_A = r_B = \frac{T_{21}}{T_{11}}$$

$$T = T_{pa}T_{r_{a1}}T_{p1}T_{r_{12}}T_{p2}T_{r_{21}}T_{p1}T_{r_{12}}$$

Modes of the waveguide structure occur for

$$r_A^2 = 1$$

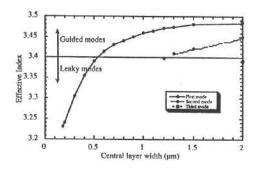


Figure 7.4. Effective index vs. central layer thickness

For perfectly reflecting boundaries placed at $30\mu\text{m}$, r = -1. From Table 1.1, $n(\text{GaAs at }1.0\mu\text{m}) = 3.52$ and $n(Al_2Ga_8As$ at $1.0\mu m)=3.39$. This layer structure is shown in Fig. 7.11.

Solve for guided modes:

Guided modes can be solved for as done in Appendix 3. Using Eq. A3.12 and Fig. A3.2, we find that $V = \frac{2\pi}{1.0\mu m} (0.3\mu m) \sqrt{3.52^2 - 3.39^2} = 1.79$

So there is one guided mode.

$$b = 0.36$$

$$\overline{n} = \sqrt{3.39^2 + (0.36)(3.52^2 - 3.39^2)} = 3.437$$

$$\beta(m=1) = \frac{2\pi}{1.9\mu m} 3.437 = 21.598$$

Solve for radiation modes:

$$k = \sqrt{k_x^2 + \beta^2}$$

$$k_x = \sqrt{k^2 - \beta^2} = \frac{2\pi}{\lambda} \sqrt{n^2 - \overline{n}^2}$$

In order to satisfy the characteristic equation (round trip gain =1), we have $r_1 \ e^{k_{1x}d_1} \ e^{k_{2x}d_2} \ e^{k_{3x}d_3} r_2 \ e^{k_{1x}d_1} \ e^{k_{2x}d_2} \ e^{k_{3x}d_3} = 1$

$$r_1 e^{k_{1x}d_1} e^{k_{2x}d_2} e^{k_{3x}d_3} r_2 e^{k_{1x}d_1} e^{k_{2x}d_2} e^{k_{3x}d_3} = 1$$

$$r_1 = r_2 = -1$$

$$d_1 = d_3 = 30 \mu \text{m}$$

$$d_2 = 0.3 \mu \mathrm{m}$$

$$k_1 = k_3 = \frac{2\pi}{1.0\mu\text{m}} \sqrt{3.39^2 - \overline{n}^2}$$

$$k_2 = \frac{2\pi}{1.0 \, \mu \text{m}} \sqrt{3.52^2 - \overline{n}^2}$$

The phase of the characteristic equation can be simplified to

$$m \ \frac{\lambda}{2} = (30 \mu \text{m}) \sqrt{3.39^2 - \overline{n}^2} + (0.3 \mu \text{m}) \sqrt{3.52^2 - \overline{n}^2} + (30 \mu \text{m}) \sqrt{3.39^2 - \overline{n}^2} \qquad \text{for } m \ge 2$$

Solve for β using perturbation theory described in Chapter 6.

Simplify this expression by replacing the waveguide region with the same width of cladding material. This simplifies the expression for β significantly and allows us to write a closed form solution for β .

$$m \ \frac{\lambda}{2} \approx (60.3 \mu \text{m}) \ \frac{\lambda}{2\pi} \sqrt{\left(\frac{2\pi n_1}{\lambda}\right)^2 - \beta^2}$$

$$\beta(m) \approx \sqrt{\left(\frac{2\pi n_1}{\lambda}\right)^2 - \left(\frac{m\pi}{60\mu\mathrm{m}}\right)^2}$$

The perturbation due to the waveguide can then be added to the value of β for each mode:

$$\Delta \beta = \frac{\int \Delta \epsilon k_0^2 |U|^2 dA}{2\beta \int |U|^2 dA}$$
 (6.9)

For odd numbered modes,

$$U(x) = A\cos(k_{x1m}x)$$

where A is a normalization coefficient and k_{x1m} is the value of the x component of the k vector for mode number m: $k_{x1m} = \sqrt{k_1^2 - \beta_m^2}$

Similarly, for even numbered modes,

$$U(x) = A\sin(k_{x1m}x)$$

The index perturbation is $\Delta \epsilon = 3.52^2 - 3.39^2 = 0.90$

$$k_0 = \frac{2\pi}{1.0\mu\text{m}} = 6.28\mu\text{m}^{-1}$$

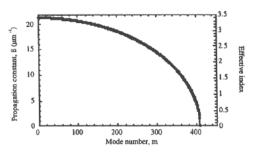


Figure 7.5. β and \overline{n} vs. radiation mode number

Note: If better accuracy is desired, the values of β can be solved for numerically or graphically using the transcendental equations described by Eq. 7.26.