

Laser Diode Structure Diagram



AI Overview

A laser diode consists of a P-type layer, an intrinsic (I) active layer, and an N-type layer forming a PIN structure, with polished end faces creating a resonant optical cavity.

Structure Overview

A typical laser diode is a semiconductor device built using a PIN junction:

- P-type layer:** Doped with trivalent impurities (e.g., aluminum or zinc) to create holes as majority carriers.
- Intrinsic (I) layer:** Undoped, forming the active region where electrons and holes recombine to emit photons. This layer often contains quantum wells to enhance efficiency and reduce threshold current.
- N-type layer:** Doped with pentavalent impurities (e.g., selenium or tellurium) to provide electrons as majority carriers.

Metal contacts are attached to the P and N layers to allow forward biasing, which injects electrons and holes into the intrinsic region, leading to stimulated emission of coherent light.

Resonant Cavity

The opposite faces of the semiconductor crystal are polished to form a resonant optical cavity: One face is highly reflective, and the other is partially reflective, allowing light to exit as a coherent laser beam.

Photons generated in the active region are reflected back and forth, stimulating further emission and amplifying the light.

Diagram Representation

A simplified diagram of a laser diode structure can be visualized as:

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P-type layer (holes) ————— Intrinsic layer (active region, quantum wells)
————— N-type layer (electrons)
Forward bias: Electrons move from N to I, holes move from P to I.
Photon emission: Recombination in the I layer produces photons.
Resonant cavity: Polished end faces reflect photons to stimulate further emission.
Output: Coherent laser light exits through the partially reflective face.
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Key Points

- The active layer thickness is typically very thin (around 0.2 microns for GaAs diodes).
- Modern laser diodes often use double-heterostructure designs to confine carriers and photons, improving efficiency.
- The wavelength of the emitted light depends on the semiconductor material and the junction design. This structure allo...

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Since lasers with this structure have stable oscillation modes and are highly practical, most laser diodes currently use this structure. In other words, in

Principle of Operation and Applications of a Laser Diode

Laser diodes are PN junction devices under a forward bias. LASER is an acronym for Light Amplification by Stimulated Emission of Radiation. Laser

Laser diode

Laser diodes form a subset of the larger classification of semiconductor p - n junction diodes. Forward electrical bias across the laser diode causes the two

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Semiconductor LED vs LASER? Light Emitting Diode Light is mostly monochromatic (narrow energy spread comparable to the distribution of electrons/hole populations in the band edges) Light is from

A Brief Introduction to Laser Diodes

AlGaAs Figure 3: Energy band diagram for laser diode Figure 3 shows a energy band diagram for a simple edge-emitting laser. In the simplest case it's a p-i-n diode (where i is for intrinsic), and it's an

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The information contained within this tutorial will give all the general information necessary to create an excellent laser diode system. For specific questions about laser diodes, mounts, and drivers please

Laser Diode Characteristics and Definitions

The diagram above shows a typical horizontal type laser chip mounted in its package, with the monitor photodiode mounted on the base stem below it so the diode receives the light

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LASER Diode Construction The construction of a laser diode can be done using different materials like metal contact, p-type material, n-type material

Laser Diode

Laser diodes are available in various designs and structural configurations, each optimized for specific applications such as communication,

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Figure 1. Schematic of laser diode structure, description

Download scientific diagram | Schematic of laser diode structure, description of multilayer and the front and rear facets coated with single and multilayer stacks

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Semiconductor Laser Structures

Most semiconductor lasers can be broadly classified into two basic structures: edge-emitting lasers, or surface-emitting lasers. Let's take a look at the structure of

Laser Diode

A laser diode is a semiconductor device that is identical to a light-emitting diode (LED) and converts electrical energy into light. In this article, we'll learn about their development, working,

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A laser diode is formed from narrow channels and it acts as a waveguide for light. But LEDs are made up of wide channels. Due to its structure Laser diode emits

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This is a document on the fundamentals of laser diodes explains the characteristics of laser light, package structure, and how to read the characteristics. Examples of laser diode driving

The Physics Behind Laser Diodes

Direct bandgap structures maximize the tendency of electrons and holes to recombine by stimulated emission, thus increasing the laser efficiency.

Laser Diode

Laser diode similar to LED is used for producing light but the light is coherent and focused at a small point. It was invented by American physicist Theodore H. Maiman.

Laser Diode

A laser diode is a small semiconductor gadget that produces strong and precise light emissions through a cycle called stimulated emission. These

Internal structure and physical components of laser diode.

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