

Laser Emitting Diode Structure



AI Overview

A laser diode is a semiconductor device built with a PIN structure, an active intrinsic layer, and an optical cavity to emit coherent, monochromatic light.

Semiconductor Layers A typical laser diode consists of three semiconductor layers: a P-type layer, an intrinsic (I) layer, and an N-type layer, forming a PIN structure. The P-type layer is doped with trivalent impurities such as aluminum or zinc, while the N-type layer is doped with pentavalent impurities like selenium or tellurium. The intrinsic layer, made of undoped semiconductor material (commonly gallium arsenide, GaAs), serves as the active region where electrons and holes recombine to generate photons (light) when a forward voltage is applied across the diode terminals.

Active Region and Light Generation The intrinsic layer is sandwiched between the P-type and N-type layers. When current flows, electrons from the N-type region and holes from the P-type region are injected into the intrinsic layer. Their recombination releases energy in the form of photons. Unlike LEDs, laser diodes rely on stimulated emission, where incident photons trigger the emission of additional photons with the same phase, frequency, and direction, producing a coherent and highly focused beam.

Optical Cavity and Feedback The laser diode includes an optical cavity, typically formed by partially reflective mirrors at the ends of the active region. This cavity provides optical feedback, allowing photons to bounce back and forth, stimulating further emission and amplifying the light. The cavity ensures that the emitted light is monochromatic and directional. Some laser diodes also include a monitor photodiode for feedback control, which helps regulate the output power.

Metal Contacts and Packaging Metal contacts are attached to the P-type and N-type layers to form the anode (+) and cathode (-) terminals. The entire structure is often enclosed in a metal casing with a single opening for light emission. A lens may be added to focus the beam into a narrow, high-intensity spot. The combination of the PIN structure, activ...

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Fundamental knowledge relating laser diode

The basic structure of a laser diode is a PN junction diode with a double-hetero-structure, similar to a light-emitting diode (LED), but the following three conditions are required for laser oscillation.

Fundamentals of Lasers

Lasers produce highly coherent, directional beams of monochromatic light. The basic structure of any laser is based on an active medium (either a gas or semiconductor) contained between multiple

Laser Diode

Laser diodes are electrically pumped semiconductor lasers in which the gain is generated by an electrical current flowing through a p-n junction or (more frequently) a p-i-n structure. In such a

LIGHT-EMITTING DIODE (LED) PACKAGE STRUCTURE AND

Abstract: A light-emitting diode (LED) package structure and a packaging method thereof are provided. The packaging method includes: forming first conductive layers on a silicon substrate, and forming a

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With this general background, we now go to the white board and turn to looking at specific device design and the evolution of diode laser structures over time. We will begin looking at evolution of active

4.10. Laser diodes

Laser diodes consist of a p-n diode with an active region where electrons and holes recombine resulting in light emission. In addition, a laser diode contains an optical cavity where stimulated emission takes

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The display device may be an organic electronic device such as an organic light emitting diode (OLED), an organic solar cell, an organic photoreceptor (OPC) drum, an organic transistor (organic TFT), a

Luminescent material and light emitting diode using the same

This invention relates to a luminescent material which is excitable in the UV-blue part of the spectral region, and more particularly, but not exclusively to a phosphor for light sources, preferably for Light

Resonant cavity light-emitting diode

A novel concept of a light-emitting diode (LED) is proposed and demonstrated in which the active region of the device is placed in a resonant optical cavity. As a consequence, the optical emission from the

Laser Diodes – semiconductor, gain, index guiding, high power

A laser diode is primarily built using three semiconductor layers — a P-type layer, an N-type layer, and a thin intrinsic (I) layer — forming what is known as a PIN structure.

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Femtosecond laser processing enables large-scale precise fabrication of micro/nanostructures on silicon surface demonstrating exceptional potential for integrated

Laser diode

The difference between the photon-emitting semiconductor laser and a conventional phonon-emitting (non-light-emitting) semiconductor junction diode lies in the type of semiconductor used, one whose

Active matrix light emitting diode array and projector display ...

U.S. Patent Application US20150249197A1 for a method of fabricating a pixelated projector display includes providing a wafer with a supporting substrate, a first semiconductive layer, an emission

Optical enhancement of diode laser-photoacoustic trace gas detection

An optical enhancement method applied to a diode laser photoacoustic trace gas detector is presented. In order to improve the detection sensitivity, the light intensity inside the acoustic resonator is

(PDF) Measurement of mid-infrared AlInSb light-emitting diodes with ...

Measurement of midinfrared AlInSb light-emitting diodes with surface patterning. In Conference on Lasers and Electro-Optics and Conference on Quantum Electronics and Laser Science, San Jose

Effect of quantum barrier thickness and last quantum barrier ...

In GaN-based vertical-cavity surface-emitting lasers (VCSELs) with quantum well (QW) active regions, the quantum barrier (QB) thickness plays a crucial role in device performance by

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Laser Diode Market by Type, Doping Material, Technology, Mode of Operation, Application - Global Forecast 2026-2032 - The Laser Diode Market is projected to grow by USD

Optimization of AlGaIn-Based Deep Ultraviolet Laser Diodes with

To improve the carrier confinement capability and optimize performance of deep ultraviolet laser diodes (DUV-LDs), we propose graded rectangular superlattice (GRSL) electron blocking layer (EBL)

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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 350-nm-band GaN/AlGaIn multiple-quantum-well vertical cavity

Abstract Optically pumped vertical-cavity surface-emitting lasers (VCSELs) operating in the 350 nm band were demonstrated. The VCSELs feature double dielectric distributed Bragg reflectors

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