

Laser diode resistance



AI Overview

Laser diodes exhibit a low forward resistance that varies with current and temperature, and their dynamic resistance is critical for stable operation.

Forward and Dynamic Resistance

A laser diode is electrically similar to a PIN diode, and its resistance is not constant like a resistor. The forward resistance is the ratio of the applied forward voltage to the current, typically around 1–3 ohms for small laser diodes, but it decreases as the current increases above the threshold. More importantly, the dynamic (differential) resistance is defined as the slope of the voltage-current (V-I) curve above the threshold current, representing how the voltage changes with small variations in current. This dynamic resistance is usually very low, often in the range of a few tenths of an ohm, which makes the diode highly sensitive to current surges.

Threshold Current and L-I-V Characteristics

The threshold current (I_{th}) is the minimum current at which the diode begins to lase. Below this current, the diode behaves like a normal LED, and above it, the voltage increases only slightly with increasing current due to the low dynamic resistance. The L-I curve (light output vs. current) and the V-I curve (voltage vs. current) are used to determine the diode's slope efficiency and dynamic resistance. The slope of the V-I curve above threshold gives the differential resistance, which is crucial for designing current-limiting circuits to prevent damage.

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An Overview Laser diode characterization can be broken down into five categories, as shown in Table 1. This article presents a

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Can type A laser diode, similar to a light emitting diode (LED), is comprised of a junction between two semiconductors

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The series resistance R describes the DC behavior of a laser diode and can be found by measuring the voltage v applied to and the

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Many laser diodes undergo a production burn in over e.g. several dozens of hours, which is applied to all

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Laser Diode Specifications & Characteristics Explained

There are a number of laser diode specifications, or laser diode characteristics that are key to the overall

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