# Equivalent Model of Laser Diode



## Overview

Abstract An improved electrical equivalent model for multimode laser diode incorporating thermal effects and spectral behavior is developed from the multi mode rate equations.

## Key Takeaways

A laser diode can be represented by an equivalent circuit that includes a diode junction, series resistance, parallel capacitance, and parasitic inductances to simulate both electrical and optical behavior. Basic Structure of the Equivalent ModelThe equivalent circuit of a laser diode typically consists of: Diode junction: Represents the active region where carrier recombination produces light. This is modeled as a nonlinear diode element that determines the forward voltage drop and threshold behavior.

Series resistance (Rs): Accounts for resistive losses in the contacts, semiconductor material, and interconnections. It affects the voltage-current characteristics and limits high-speed performance. Parallel capacitance (Cj): Represents the junction capacitance of the diode, which dominates the high-frequency response and influences modulation bandwidth.

Parasitic inductances (L1, L2): Arise from wire bonding, ribbon bonding, or stripline connections. These inductances impact transient response and high-speed modulation performance.

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### Advanced Modeling Approaches

For high-power laser diodes, large-signal equivalent circuit models are used to simulate both DC and pulsed operation, capturing the coupled electrical and optical behavior. These models include parasitic elements introduced by packaging and emitter integration, which are critical for predicting output power and reliability. For GaN-based laser diodes, equivalent circuits are constructed to analyze series resistance and parallel capacitance at different injection currents.

This helps in understanding the limited modulation response and optimizing the design for high-speed visible light communication (VLC) systems. For Fabry–Perot semiconductor lasers, rate-equation-based lumped element models are used to study gain suppression and small-signal intensity modulation. These models can be implemented in SPICE or ADS to simulate modulation characteristics and compare with numerical simulations.

Simulation and Practical UseSPICE or ADS implementation: The equivalent circuit can be simulated in standard circuit simulators to predict forward voltage, optical output, and modulation response. Parameter extraction: Values for Rs, Cj, and parasitic inductances can be obtained from manufacturer data, experimental fitting, or scattering parameter measurements. Optimization: By adjusting parasitic elements, designers can improve modulation bandwidth, reduce signal distortion, and match impedance for high-speed applications.

### Summary

The equivalent model of a laser diode provides a practical way to simulate and analyze its electrical and optical behavior. It combines the diode junction with series resistance, parallel capacitance, and parasitic inductances, and can be extended with rate-equation-based elements for high-power or high-speed applications. These models are essential for designing laser drivers, optimizing modulation performance, and ensuring reliable operation in communication and industrial systems.

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Accurate extraction of the small signal equivalent circuit for laser diodes (LDs) is extremely important for optimizing the device performance. The rate-equation model parameters can be obtained from

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Equivalent circuit model of laser diode package (top) and semiconductor laser active region (bottom) used in simulations. Travelling wave structures are proposed for

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Chen et al. has developed a rate equation model and also an equivalent circuit for it, which avoids the drawbacks of multi mode rate equation model and also provides the spectral width

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