

Continuous Emission-Point Shift in Vertical-Cavity Surface-Emitting Laser Controlled by Optical Feedback

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Emission intensity patterns and spectra of a two-transverse-mode vertical-cavity surface-emitting laser (VCSEL) were observed and measured while the position and polarization of an optical feedback light were controlled. Lasing behavior was discussed in relation to linear polarization modes. The observed emission point shift with unchanged wavelengths was explained by the superposition of two newly appeared modes.

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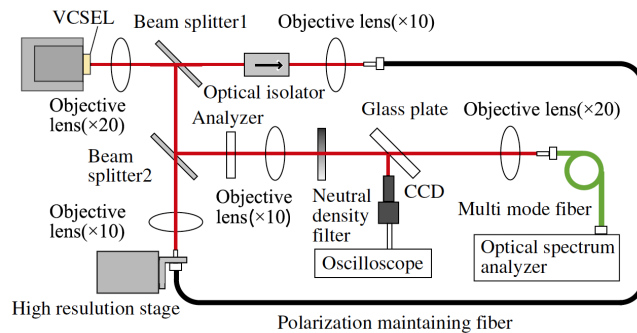


Fig. 1. Experimental setup. Output wave from the VCSEL was coupled to polarization maintaining fiber (PMF). Output wave from the other end of the PMF was focused back to the VCSEL while the position and polarization of feedback light was controlled by the position and rotation of the PMF output end.

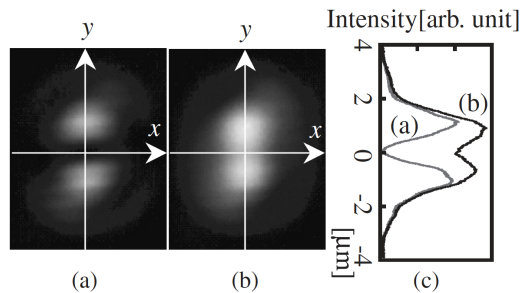


Fig. 2. Emission intensity patterns of x-polarization without optical feedback (a) and with optical feedback (b). Their intensity profiles on the y-axis are shown in (c).

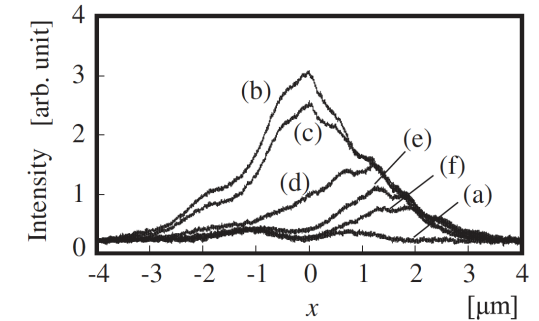


Fig. 3. Intensity profiles of x-polarization emissions on the x-axis without optical feedback (a), with feedback at the VCSEL center (b), and with feedback shifted along the x-axis by 0.5 (c), 1.0 (d), 1.5 (e), and 2.0 μm (f).

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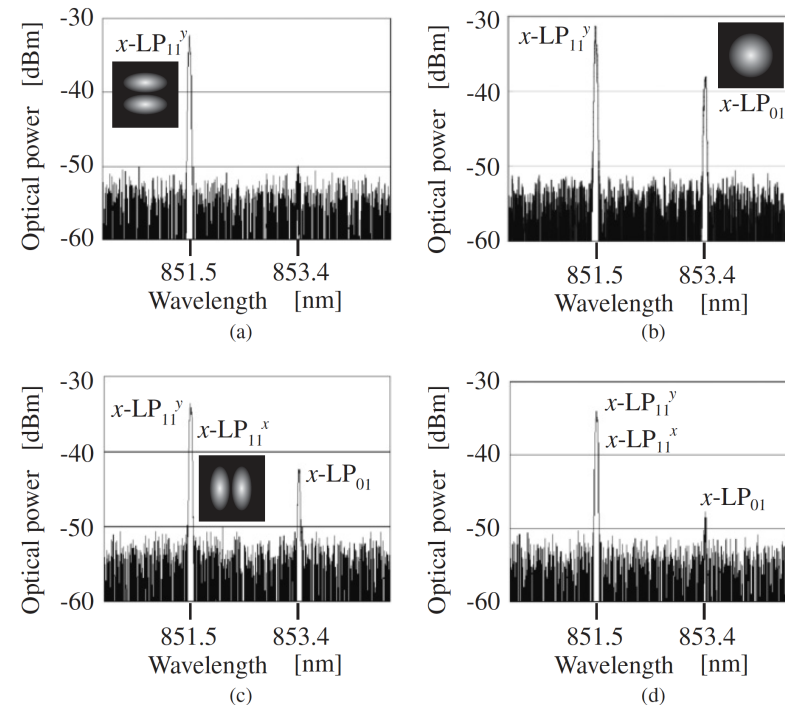


Fig. 4. Spectra of x-polarization emissions without optical feedback (a), with feedback at the VCSEL center (b), and with feedback shifted along the x-axis by 1.0 (c) and 2.0 mm (d). Emission at 851.5 nm in (a) corresponds to $x\text{-LP}_{11}^y$ mode. New modes at 853.4 and 851.5 nm under optical feedback must be $x\text{-LP}_{01}$ and $x\text{-LP}_{11}^x$, respectively, as discussed in the text.