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DESCRIPTION

Mitsubishi ML7XX1 series are InGaAsP laser diodes emitting light beams around 1300nm wavelength. They lase by applying forward current exceeding threshold values, and emit light power of about 5mW/facet at an operating current of around 15mA in excess of the threshold current. They operate, under CW or pulse conditions according to input current, at case temperatures up to 70°C.

The ML7XX1 series excexpt for ML7911 are hermetically sealed devices having a InGaAs pin photodiode for monitoring the light output. Output current of the photodiode can be used for automatic control of the operating currents or case temperatures of the lasers.

The ML7911 are specially designed for installation in fiber modules and are mounted on flat open packages. Rear output can be used for automatic control of the operating current or case temperature of the laser. They are well suited

for light sources in optical communcation systems.

FEATURES

- Stable fundamental transverse mode oscillation
- Low threshold current, low operating current
- Pin photodiode is installed in the laser package
- High reliability, long operation life
- 1300nm typical emission wavelength

APPLICATION

Digital communication systems

ABSOLUTE MAXIMUM RATINGS

Symbol	Parameter	Conditions	Ratings	Unit	
Ро	Light output (peak)	CW	6	mW	
		Pulse (Note 1)	10		
VRL	Reverse voltage	-	2	V	
VRML	Peak reverse voltage	_	2	V	
V _{RD}	Reverse voltage (Photodiode)	_	20	V	
VRMD	Peak reverse voltage (Photodiode)		20	V	
IFD	Forward current (Photodiode)		2	mA	
Tc	Case temperature	_	-20~+70	င	
Tstg	Storage temperature	_	-40~+100	°C	

Note 1 : Duty less than 60%, pulse width less than 1μ s.

ELECTRICAL/OPTICAL CHARACTERISTICS (Tc=25°C)

Symbol	Parameter	Test conditions	Limits			
			Min.	Тур.	Max.	Unit
lth	Threshold current	cw		10	30	mA
lop	Operating current	CW, Po≔5mW	_	25	50	mA
Vop	Operating voltage (Laser dlode)	CW, Po=5mW		1.2	1.6	V.
Po	Light output	CW, IF=Ith+15mA	3	5	-	mW
λp	Peak wavelength	CW, Po=5mW	1280	1300	1330	nm
Δλ _P	Spectral half width	CW, Po=5mW		3	-	nm
θ //	Full angle at half maximum (parallel)	CW, Po=5mW		25		deg.
θ ₁	Full angle at half maximum (perpendicular)	CW, Po=5mW		30	-	deg.
tr, tr	Rise and fall times	I _F =I _{th} , P _o =5mW, 10%~90%	_	0.3	0.7	ns
l _m	Monitoring output current	CW, Po=5mW, V _{RD} =1V, R _L =10Ω (Note 2)	0.2	0.5	_	mA
l _D	Dark current (Photo diode)	V _{RD} =10V		0.2	0.5	μА
Ct	Capacitance (Photo diode)	V _{RO} =10V, f=1MHz		8	20	pF
Pm (Note 3)	Monitoring Light Output	CW, Po=5mW	0.5	1.0	_	mW

Note 2: R_L is load resistance of the photodiode.

Note 3 : Pm only apply to ML7911.

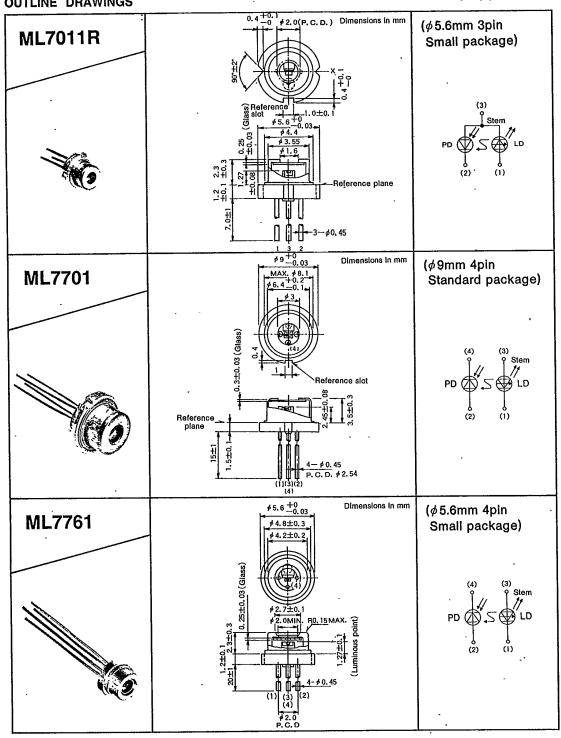


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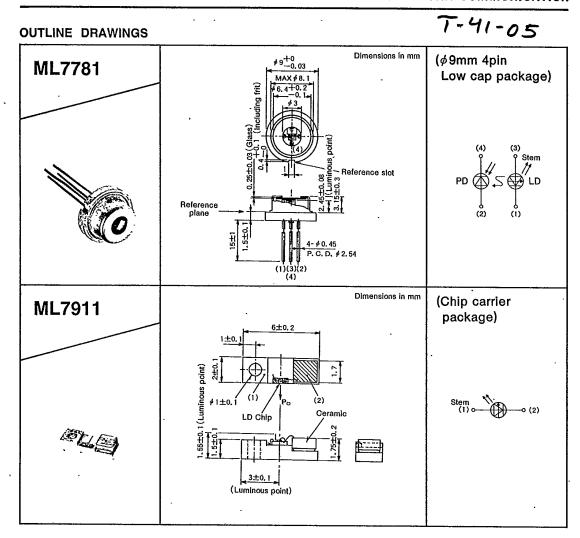
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1 Light output vs. forward current

Typical light output vs. forward current characteristics are shown in Fig. 1. The threshold current for lasing is typically 10mA at room temperature. Above the threshold, the light output increases linearly with current, and no kinks are observed in the curves. As can be seen in Fig. 1, the threshold current and slope efficiency (dPo/dl_F) depends on case temperature of the lasers. This suggests that automatic control of temperature or current is necessary to keep the light output constant since temperature variation is inevitable in practical systems. The automatic controls should be such that the maximum ratings for the light output . and the case temperature are not exceeded. "OPERATING CONSIDERATIONS." gives an example of an automatic light output control circuit.

2 Temperature dependence of threshold current (Ith), operating current (lop) and slope efficiency (η o)

A typical temperature dependence of the threshold current and operating current is shown in Fig. 2. The characteristic temperature To of the threshold current is typically 55K in T_C≤50°C, 45K in T_C>50°C where the definition of T_O is lth c exp (Tc/To).

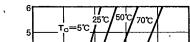
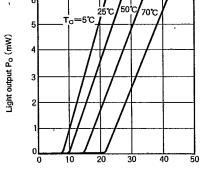
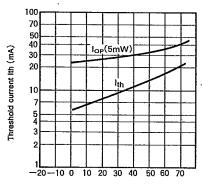


Fig. 1 Light output vs. forward current



Forward current I_F (mA)

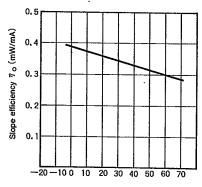
Fig. 2 Temperature dependence of threshold current



Case temperature To (°C)

A typical temperature dependences of the slope efficiency $\eta_{\rm O}$ is shown in Fig. 3. The gradient is $-0.0015 {\rm mW/mA/^{\circ}C}$.

Fig. 3 Temperature dependence of slope efficiency



Case temperature T_C (°C)

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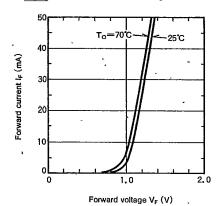
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3 Forward current vs. voltage

Typical forward current vs. voltage characteristics are shown in Fig. 4. In general, as the case temperature rises, the forward voltage V_F decreases slightly against the constant current I_F. V_F varies typically at a rate of $-1.3 \text{mV}/^{\circ}\text{C}$ and -1mV/C at I_F =1mA and 10mA, respectively.

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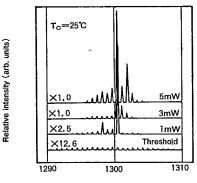
Fig. 4 Forward current vs. voltage characteristics



4 Emission spectra

Typical emission spectra under CW operation are shown in Fig. 5. In general, at an output of 5mW, several modes are observed. Longitudinal mode spacings are typically 1nm and spectral width (FWHM) is typically 3nm at an output of 5mW. The peak wavelength depends on the operating case temperature and the forward current (output level).

Fig. 5 Emission spectra under CW operation



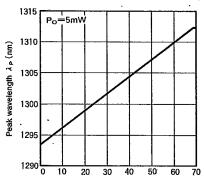
Wavelength \(\lambda\) (nm)

A typical temperature dependence of the peak wavelength at an output of 5mW is shown in Fig.6.

The peak wavelength of the beam shifts to adjacent longitudinal mode by variation of operating temperature.

Averaged temperature coefficient is about 0.35nm/°C.

Fig. 6 Temperature dependence of peak wavelength



Case temperature T_C (℃)

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5 Far-field radiation pattern

The ML7XX1 laser diodes lase in fundamental transverse (TE00) mode and the mode does not change with the current. They have a typical emitting area (size of near-field pattern) of 1.25×1.0µm2. Fig. 7 and Fig. 8 show typical farfield radiation patterns in "parallel" and "perpendicular"

The full angles at half maximum points (FAHM) are typically 25° and 30°.

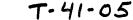


Fig. 7 Far-field patterns in plane parallel to heterojunctions

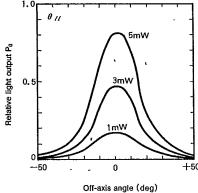
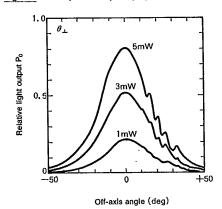


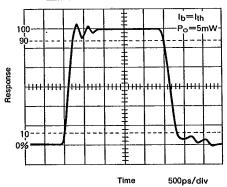
Fig. 8 Far-field patterns in plane perpendicular to heterojunctions



6 Pulse response

In digital transmission systems, the response waveform and speed of the light output against the input pulse current waveform is a main concern. The speed depends on the oscillation delay time and rise and fall times. In order to shorten the oscillation delay time, the laser diode is usually biased close to the threshold current, Fig. 9 shows a tylcal response waveform when a rectangular pulse current (rise/fall time is shorter than 0.2ns) is applied. The output power is 5mW and blas current lb = Ith. Rise/fall time is typically 0.3ns.

Fig. 9 Pulse response waveform



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7 Monitoring output

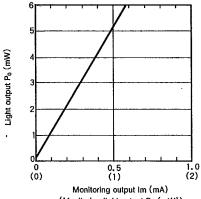
The laser diodes emit beams from both of their mirror surfaces, front and rear surfaces (see the outline drawing). The rear beam can be used for monitoring the power of the front beam since the power of the rear beam is proportional to the front one.

In the ML7XX1 series, the rear beam power is changed into photocurrents by monitor photodiodes. Fig. 10 shows typical light output vs. monitoring photocurrent characteristics. Above the threshold current, the monitoring photocurrent increases linearly with the front light output. The monitoring output current is typically 0.5mA when the front light output

In the ML7911, monitor photodiodes are not installed in the laser package. Monitoring output is emitted from the back of package.

Monitoring output is typically 1mW when front light output is 5mW.

Fig. 10 Light output vs. monitoring output current



(Monitoring light output Pm(mW))

8 Impendance characteristics

Typical impedance characteristics of the ML7XX1, with lead lengths of 2mm, is shown in Fig. 11 with the bias currents as the parameter. Test frequency is swept from 100MHz to 1300MHz with 100MHz step.

Fig. 11 Impedance characteristics

