Degenerate Distributed Feedback (DDFB) Laser

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BRIEF DESCRIPTION

The DDFB laser introduces a novel feedback mechanism for enhanced frequency selectivity and stability in laser oscillation.

FULL DESCRIPTION

The DDFB laser is a revolutionary advancement in laser technology, utilizing a dual grating structure to support four degenerate modes, offering stronger feedback and improved frequency selectivity compared to traditional DFB lasers. This innovative approach allows for single-mode lasing and higher efficiency, overcoming the limitations of conventional DFB lasers.

SUGGESTED USES

- Optical fiber telecommunications
- Wide band optical communications
- Coherent communications systems
- LIDAR technology
- RF photonics
- Precision metrology
- Quantum technologies
- Spectroscopy and sensing application

ADVANTAGES

- Enhanced frequency selectivity and stability
- Single-mode lasing with higher efficiency
- Improved resistance to changes in intensity and phase due to spontaneous photon injection
- More stable operation with respect to cavity terminations and environmental variations
- Eliminates the need for defects within the cavity for stability, unlike DFB lasers
- Greater amplitude sensitivity to some modulation effects, facilitating easier optical light modulation
- Lower lasing threshold and narrower linewidth compared to conventional DFB lasers

PATENT STATUS

Country	Type	Number	Dated	Case

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- **Communications**
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  - Networking
  - Optical
- **Security and Defense**
  - Other
- **Sensors & Instrumentation**
  - Other

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