VXLTM SERIES LASER DATASHEET



SINGLE-FREQUENCY LASER for enterprise

Features

- High-output power
- Broad-wavelength coverage
- Narrow-linewidth single frequency
- Excellent beam quality

For system integration

- Compact modular design
- Rugged sealed laser cavity
- Unparalled SWaP-C for watt-level output
- Improved system performance
- High fiber coupling efficiency



Vertical-external-cavity surface-emitting laser (VECSEL) a.k.a. Optically pumped semiconductor laser (OPSL)

VXL™ SF	VXL TM	SHC
VXL''' SF	VXL''''	3 HG

Architecture	Direct emitting VECSEL	Intracavity doubled VECSEL	
Gain	Optically-pumped semiconductor gain mirror		
Target wavelength ¹	700 – 2150 nm	350 – 800 nm	
Free-space output power ²	0.5 – 10 W with external pump laser	0.01 – 3 W with external pump laser	
Coarse tuning ³	+/- 0.5 nm	+/- 0.25 nm	
Mode-hop free tuning range ⁴	1 GHz	2 GHz	
Free-running linewidth	< 10 kHz (10 μs), < 100 kHz (100 μs)		
Slow modulation	Piezo actuator, 10 kHz bandwidth		
Fast modulation (optional)	Intra-cavity electro-optical modulator (EOM), 1 MHz bandwidth		
RMS RIN (typical, unlocked)	< 0.05 % (10 Hz – 3 MHz)		
Power stability (typical, unlocked)	< 0.1 % (1.5 h)		
Beam quality	$M^2 < 1.1 TEM_{00}$	$M^2 < 1.2 \text{ TEM}_{00}$	
Beam diameter and divergence ⁵	Up to 2 mm, up to 5 mrad		
Polarization, linear	Horizontal, p-polarized	Vertical, s-polarized	
Secondary output beam	Not applicable	Secondary output of fundamental wavelength (horizontal, p-polarized)	
Polarization extinction ratio (PER)	> 20 dB, linear polarization		
Laser head dimensions	176 mm x 102 mm x 65 mm (1.2 L)		
Control electronics ^{6,7}	Improved control unit for CW operation		
Cooling ⁷	Air-cooling or water-cooling		

Output power is wavelength dependent. See the next page for typical power levels. Single-stage isolator is recommended for applications with back reflections.

Coarse tuning range is wavelength dependent.

4 Mode-hop free tuning range corresponds to the laser cavity free-spectral range scanned with piezo voltage control. Larger tuning range can be reached by adjusting other tuning elements simultaneously.

5 Typical values at the laser exit aperture. Beam diameter = full width at 1/e² level of the beam. Divergence = full mean divergence angle. Values depend on the laser cavity configuration, i.e. the wavelength.

6 The control unit includes a low noise laser diode driver for the pump laser, and up to 5 cavity element temperature controllers, which can be used for wavelength tuning and power optimization.

7 The control unit and the standard water-cooling unit are 19" rack mountable. VXL™ can support air-cooling in low output power operation



Compact single-frequency laser for system integration



Next generation VECSEL platform

- Designed for system integration and for 24/7 operation
- Reduced system size, weight, power consumption and cost (SWaP-C)
- Modular design for easy and fast servicing with spares
- Fiber-in & fiber-out geometry with remote control for fieldable applications

