

## Relative Intensity Noise of Vertical-Cavity Surface-Emitting Lasers Subject to Variable Polarization-Optical Feedback

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**Abstract :** Influence of variable polarization angle ( $\theta_p$ ) of optical feedback on the Relative Intensity Noise (RIN) of a Vertical-Cavity Surface-Emitting Laser (VCSEL) has been experimentally investigated. The RIN is a minimum at  $\theta_p = 0^\circ$  for the dominant polarization mode (XP), and at  $\theta_p = 90^\circ$  for the suppressed polarization mode (YP) of VCSEL. Furthermore, the RIN of the XP mode increases rapidly with increasing  $\theta_p$ , while for the YP mode, it increases slightly to  $\theta_p = 45^\circ$  and decreases for angles greater than  $45^\circ$ .

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