

Design and simulation of continuously-operating superradiant laser on $^1\text{S}_0$ - $^3\text{P}_0$ transition of neutral Strontium

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We report on the development towards active optical frequency standard based on superradiant laser continuously operating on the $^3\text{P}_0 - ^1\text{S}_0$ transition of strontium atoms. A superradiant laser operates in the bad-cavity regime, where the linewidth of the cavity mode is much broader than the linewidth of the gain profile. The frequency of radiation from such a laser is robust to perturbations of the cavity, thus making it possible to create an active frequency standard similar to hydrogen masers, but operating in the optical domain.

Continuous operation of such a laser requires maintenance of the inversion, which can be achieved with the help of continuously loading atoms into an optical conveyor with magic wavelength. Such a conveyor can be created inside the ring cavity which also plays the role of the superradiance cavity^{1,2}. The atoms get loaded into this cavity, and pumped into the upper lasing state, then travel over some distance along the conveyor and finally get removed. Realization of such a scheme becomes possible with the creation of a continuous source of guided ultracold Sr atoms, able to produce up to several tens of millions of ^{88}Sr , or several millions of ^{87}Sr atoms per second³. Recently we presented our approach towards realization of such a frequency standard, and reported theoretical estimation of impact of various real-life effects, such as collisions and position-dependent shift of the lasing transition². Later we reported simulation of cooling the atoms and their loading into the conveyor⁴.

Now we report the modern design of the optical conveyor laser, and present results of simulations of both the loading and pumping process and the generation of the superradiance signal. We include relevant real-life effects, such as temperature of the atomic ensembles, collisions, and position-dependent shifts characteristics for our setup, and present optimized operational parameters.

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