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Description:

An array of emerging quantum instruments uses laser-cooled atoms as precision sensors. The potential impact

of these technologies, such as atom interferometer gravimeters and Rydberg-atom RF-electric probes can be greatly enhanced if cold-atom systems can be adapted from laboratory-scale experiments to compact, low-power field deployable probes.

Photonics and Quantum Sensors Group at Microdevices Laboratory of JPL, is accepting applications at the post doctorial level to design, fabricate, and characterize advanced semiconductor lasers and semiconductor optical amplifiers for quantum sensing applications. The quantum sensors under development require stable narrow linewidth single mode lasers and low current drive high saturation power optical amplifiers in the 600-850 nm wavelength range.

All semiconductor-based systems for atomic cooling experiments in space
M. Bagheri, J. Hunacek, E. Kittlaus, S. Chow, N. Yu and S. Forouhar (in preparation)

Semiconductor Optical Amplifier-based Laser System for Cold-Atom Sensors
Eric A. Kittlaus, Jonathan Hunacek, Mahmood Bagheri, Hani Nejadriahi,

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Sheng-wey Chiow, and Siamak Forouhar (in preparation)

All-semiconductor continuous-wave volumetric ranging for spaceborne differential absorption lidar July 2023
DOI:10.1117/12.2690302
• Conference: International Conference on Space Optics — ICSO 2022

Battery-Operated Mid-Infrared Diode Laser Frequency Combs
Lukasz A. Sterczewski, Mathieu Fradet, Clifford Frez, Siamak Forouhar, Mahmood Bagheri
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- Foreign Nationals eligible for an Exchange Visitor J-1 visa status; and,
- Applicants for LPR, asylees, or refugees in the U.S. at the time of application with 1) a valid EAD card and 2) I-485 or I-589 forms in pending status

Questions about this opportunity? Please email npp@orau.org

Qualifications Experience fabricating GaAs lasers and amplifiers

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Eligibility Requirements

- **Degree:** Doctoral Degree.