

Theoretical Aspects of Alkali-Radium Heteronuclear Diatomic Molecules for New Physics Searches

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Heteronuclear diatomic molecules built from a combination of radium and other laser-coolable atoms are studied in terms of their sensitivity to parity- and time-reversal (\mathcal{P}, \mathcal{T}) violating physics [1] arising from flavor-diagonal charge-parity (\mathcal{CP}) violation [2]. Among these \mathcal{P}, \mathcal{T} -odd effects are the electron-electric-dipole-moment effective electric field [3], the nucleon-electron scalar-pseudoscalar interaction [4] and the nuclear magnetic quadrupole moment interaction [5]. The largest \mathcal{P}, \mathcal{T} -violating molecular interaction constants are obtained for the combination of radium and silver atoms and a mechanism for explaining this finding is proposed [6]. It is, furthermore, shown that atomic transition properties and dispersion coefficients relevant to creating these molecules *via* photoassociation in an ultracold environment [7] can be obtained reliably using relativistic many-body methods and Gaussian atomic basis sets, the latter of which are typically employed in purely molecular calculations.

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