Formation and properties of cold quasi-one-dimensional molecules with Feshbach resonance interaction

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