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Blackbody radiation shift in the Sr optical atomic clock¹ SERGEY PORSEV, MARIANNA SAFRONOVA, University of Delaware, UL'YANA SAFRONOVA, University of Nevada in Reno, MIKHAIL KOZLOV, PNPI and LETI, CHARLES CLARK, NIST and the University of Maryland — We evaluated the static and dynamic polarizabilities of the $5s^2$ 1S_0 and 5s5p $^3P_0^o$ states of Sr using the high-precision relativistic configuration interaction + all-order method. Our calculation explains the discrepancy between the recent experimental $5s^2$ $^1S_0 - 5s5p$ $^3P_0^o$ dc Stark shift measurement $\Delta \alpha = 247.379(7)$ [Middelmann et. al, Phys. Rev. Lett. 109, 263004 (2012)] and the earlier theoretical result of 261(4) a.u. [Porsev and Derevianko, Phys. Rev. A 74, 020502R (2006)]. Our present value of 247.5 a.u. is in excellent agreement with the experimental result. We also evaluated the dynamic correction to the BBR shift with 1% uncertainty; -0.1492(16) Hz. The dynamic correction to the BBR shift is unusually large in the case of Sr (7%) and it enters significantly into the uncertainty budget of the Sr optical lattice clock. We suggest future experiments that could further reduce the present uncertainties.

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