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EDM measurements on cold ²²⁵Ra and ¹⁷¹Yb atoms¹ TIAN XIA, University of Science and Technology of China, MATTHEW DIETRICH, Argonne National Laboratory, ZHENG-TIAN LU, University of Science and Technology of China, RA-EDM COLLABORATION — EDM measurements on diamagnetic atoms probe CP-violating effects in the nucleus. Some types of these Beyond-Standard-Model effects are known to be strongly enhanced in ²²⁵Ra due to octupole deformation of the nucleus. Other favorable characteristics of ²²⁵Ra include a high atomic number (Z = 88), a ground state of ¹S₀, and a nuclear spin 1/2. An EDM search is carried out on this radioactive isotope (half-life 15 d) using laser-cooled atoms. Meanwhile, the stable isotope ¹⁷¹Yb shares several characteristics, including ¹S₀ and nuclear spin 1/2, and is particularly useful as a proxy of ²²⁵Ra for developing laser trapping and probing techniques, for testing various measurement schemes, and for investigating systematic errors. Furthermore, ¹⁷¹Yb atoms can be placed within 0.1 mm of ²²⁵Ra, and act as a co-magnetometer. A laser trap of Yb atoms for an EDM measurement is under development.

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