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Exploring an ultracold Fermi-Fermi mixture of ⁶Li and ⁴⁰K

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Abstract:

We study the properties of ultracold mixtures of two fermionic species, ⁶Li and ⁴⁰K. We discovered 13 interspecies Feshbach resonances. Interpretation of the measurements unambiguously assigns molecular bound states to the various resonances and fully characterizes the ground-state scattering properties in any combination of spin states. We measured the lifetime of a weakly interacting ⁴⁰K probe immersed in a strongly interacting ⁶Li gas across the ⁶Li BEC-BCS crossover. Long lifetimes permit the use of ⁴⁰K to measure the temperature of the system even on resonance, which so far was only possible using an indirect method.