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Ultracold chemistry with ground-state KRb molecules B. NEYEN-HUIS, S. OSPELKAUS, K.-K. NI, D. WANG, M.H.G. DE MIRANDA, G. QUEMENER, J.L. BOHN, D.S. JIN, J. YE, JILA, National Institute of Standards and Technology and University of Colorado Department of Physics — We prepare a near-quantum-degenerate gas of fermionic KRb molecules, with all the molecules in the absolute lowest energy state. We observe atom-exchange chemical reactions in a regime where the reaction rates are determined by the quantum statistics of the molecules, single partial wave scattering, and quantum threshold laws [1].

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