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Characterization of a Degenerate Fermi Gas of 87 Sr B.J. DESALVO, M. YAN, T.C. KILLIAN, Rice University — We report progress on the study of a SU(10) degenerate Fermi gas of neutral 87 Sr atoms. We will describe measurements of the magnetic sublevel populations using the optical Stern-Gerlach effect and discuss prospects for utilizing an optical Feshbach resonance to modify interactions. The ability to directly measure spin population and manipulate interactions, combined with the achievement of low T/T_F paves the way toward studying the rich physics predicted for this novel system.

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