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Few-body ultracold reactions in a Bose-Fermi mixtures¹ CHEN ZHANG, JAVIER VON STECHER, CHRIS H. GREENE, JILA and Physics Department, University of Colorado at Boulder — This project investigates the properties of fermionic molecule ⁸⁷Rb⁴⁰K, including (i) its formation from a mixed gas of bosonic ⁸⁷Rb and fermionic ⁴⁰K through magnetic field ramping and (ii) its scattering properties after formation. This has been approached mainly from the few body perspective: the spectrum of two $bosons(^{87}Rb)$ and two fermions(^{40}K) is first calculated in a harmonic trap using correlated-Gaussian basis throughout the range of a broad Fano-Feshbach resonance. This provides a few-body solution to the magneto-association of fermionic Feshbach molecules, subsequently used to study the time-evolution of the system as the scattering length changes, mimicking experiments with Bose-Fermi mixture near Fano-Feshbach resonances. The structure of avoided crossings in the few-body spectrum enables an interpretation of the dynamics of the system as a sequence of Landau-Zener transitions. The calculated molecule formation rate is compared with experimental observations. Moleculeatom and molecule-molecule scattering properties are also discussed.

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