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**Studying the BCS-BEC crossover regime with a Fermi gas of  $^{40}\text{K}$  atoms**

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Recent years have seen the emergence of an intriguing Fermi system achieved with ultracold atomic gases. With these systems it is possible to widely tune the s-wave interatomic interaction strength using a Feshbach resonance. Of particular interest is the strongly interacting regime ( $-1 < 1/k_F a < 1$ ) where a crossover between BCS theory of superconductivity and Bose-Einstein condensation (BEC) of molecules occurs. Recently experiments with  $^6\text{Li}$  and  $^{40}\text{K}$  have succeeded in studying many aspects of this superfluid Fermi system. In my talk I will discuss recent experiments performed at JILA on this Fermi system using  $^{40}\text{K}$ .