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Double-degenerate Bose-Fermi mixture of strontium

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We report on the attainment of a double-degenerate Bose-Fermi mixture of strontium. A sample of fermionic ⁸⁷Sr atoms is spin-polarized and sympathetically cooled by interisotope collisions with the bosonic isotope ⁸⁴Sr. A degeneracy with $T/T_F = 0.30(5)$ is reached for a ⁸⁷Sr Fermi sea of 2×10^4 atoms together with an almost pure ⁸⁴Sr BEC of 10^5 atoms. The rich electronic structure and the large nuclear spin of ⁸⁷Sr make it a promising candidate for quantum simulation of SU(N) magnetism and quantum information processing.