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Thermal and electrical transport properties of $UCu_{4+x}Al_{8-x}$ FARZANA NASREEN, New Mexico State University, MILTON TORIKACHVILLI, San Diego State University, KARUNAKAR KOTHAPALLI, New Mexico State University, VIVIEN ZAPF, NHMFL Pulse Field Facilty-LANL, HEINZ NAKOTTE, New Mexico State University — The $UCu_{4+x}Al_{8-x}$ family crystallizes in the tetragonal ThMn₁₂- type structure in the range from $0.1 \le x \le 1.95$. It has been reported that the Cu-poor compounds show antiferromagnetic long-range order, followed by a transition at x=1.15 to a heavy fermion behavior. We report on the results of thermal conductivity and the Seebeck coefficient as a function of temperature (1.8-300K). Thermal conductivity data are consistent with previously published electrical resistivity data. The Seebeck coefficient measurements, S, confirm the peaks at T_N for the antiferromagnetic compounds. We also measured electrical resistivity as function of very low temperature from 75mK to 4K and in magnetic field up to 6Tesla for UCu_6Al_2 , $UCu_{5.75}Al_{6.25}$, $UCu_{5.5}Al_{6.5}$ and $UCu_{5.25}Al_{6.75}$. $UCu_{5.75}Al_{6.25}$ which was reported as non-Fermi liquid (NFL) compound shows quantum critical point induced by magnetic field. These results provide some insight about the underlying mechanisms to the apparent NFL behavior in UCu_{5.75}Al_{6.25} compound.

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