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Temperature dependence of the uncompensated magnetization in $Fe_xNi_{1-x}F_2/Co$ bilayers¹ DAVID LEDERMAN, MIYEON CHEON, ZHONGYUAN LIU², Department of Physics, West Virginia University — A giant uncompensated magnetization in $Fe_xNi_{1-x}F_2/Co$ was observed in the hysteresis loops at low temperatures ($T < T_B \sim 55$ K), whose sign was correlated with the sign of the exchange bias field H_E . In this study, the uncompensated magnetization of x = 0.05, 0.21 and 0.49 samples was studied at different temperatures. The uncompensated magnetization was reversed at H = -16 kOe (H = -14 kOe) going from positive to negative fields and H = +14 kOe (H = +11 kOe) going from negative to positive fields at T = 30 K for the x = 0.05 (x = 0.21) sample. This asymmetry in the reversal means that the uncompensated magnetization in these samples has its own exchange bias field of $H_{EU} \sim -1$ kOe with a coercivity of 14 kOe. In the case of the x = 0.49 sample, the uncompensated magnetization has a coercivity of 23 kOe and a positive exchange bias $H_{EU}=+10$ kOe at T=30 K. The coercive fields of the uncompensated magnetization decrease as the temperature increases while the magnitude of the uncompensated magnetization remains constant.

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