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Kondo coherence and superconductivity in Yb doped CeCoIn₅ ANDREA BIANCHI, GABRIEL SEYFARTH, BOBBY PREVOST, SJOERD RO-ORDA, Universite de Montreal, DAN HURT, CIGDEM CAPAN, ZACHARY FISK, Dept. Phys. & Astro. U. of California, Irvine — We have studied the effect of Yb doping on superconductivity in the unconventional heavy fermion superconductor ${\rm CeCoIn_5}$ in a doping series spanning from pure ${\rm CeCoIn_5}$ to the paramagnetic metal YbCoIn₅, which is isostructural with CeCoIn₅. By replacing Ce by Yb, we are at the same time removing carriers as well as disrupting the Kondo lattice of CeCoIn₅, which is thought to be responsible for superconductivity in this compound. This will give us insight into how the Kondo coherence and Cooper pair breaking in CeCoIn₅ are affected by Yb substitution. Our doping series shows that the unit cell volume stays approximately constant up to a Yb concentration of about 40 %. At higher Yb concentrations the unit cell volume begins to shrink gradually to the value of YbCoIn₅. However, is superconductivity in the doped system is remarkably resilient against Yb substitution: At low doping the superconducting transition temperature T_c is only gradually suppressed from the value of 2.24 K of pure CeCoIn₅, and only with a Yb concentration of 60 % T_c is suppressed below 0.3 K.

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