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NMR study of the FeAs parent compounds, AFe₂As₂ (A=Ba,Ca) ERIC BAUER, SEUNG-HO BAEK, Los Alamos National Laboratory, NICHOLAS CURRO, U. of California, Davis, FILIP RONNING, JOE THOMPSON — We present ⁷⁵As NMR results of the FeAs 122 parent compounds, AFe₂As₂ (A=Ba,Ca) single crystals. For BaFe₂As₂, we find that Sn impurities in the single crystal dramatically alter the low energy spin fluctuations and suppress the ordering temperature from 138 K to 85 K, and that the temperature dependence of the ⁷⁵As NMR spectra and spin lattice relaxation rates reveal a second order phase transition to a state of incommensurate magnetic order. On the other hand, CaFe₂As₂ shows a commensurate first order magnetic transition which is coupled to the structural transition. By comparing the two compounds, we show that the static and dynamic properties of the FeAs systems is extremely sensitive to the microscopic out-of-plane structure in microscopic level. Our results may shed light on the superconductivity observed under pressure.

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