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AC Magnetic Susceptibility and  $\mu$ SR Study of Spin Dynamics and the Onset of Magnetic Correlations in LiHo<sub>x</sub> $Y_{1-x}F_4^1$  R.C. JOHNSON, Boston College, B.Z. MALKIN, Kazan Federal University, A. LASCIALFARI, Univ. of Milan, A. AMATO, C. BAINES, Paul Scherrer Institute, J.S. LORD, S.R. GIB-LIN, Rutherford Appleton Laboratory, B. BARBARA, Néel Institute, M.J. GRAF, Boston College — The onset of correlation effects in the magnetic  $Ho^{3+}$ -subsystem in  $LiHo_x Y_{1-x}F_4$  single crystals is studied by comparing measurements and simulations of the field and frequency dependent magnetic AC susceptibility at 1.8 K and field and temperature dependent muon depolarization rates ( $\mu$ SR) for the concentrations x=0.0017, 0.0085, 0.041 and 0.0855. Specific features in the field and frequency dependence of in-phase and out-of-phase susceptibilities, in particular, broadening of peaks (dips) in  $\chi'(\chi'')$  that indicate enhanced relaxation processes at field induced avoided level crossings, can be associated with x-dependent changes of cross relaxation rates and the phonon bottleneck effect in the spin-lattice relaxation. The observed peak in the measured temperature dependent muon relaxation rate appears to be related to a maximum at the frequency  $60 \text{ cm}^{-1}$  in the acoustic phonon density of states.

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