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Tuning soft point-contact spectroscopy of URu₂Si₂ from hidden order to antiferromagnetic state through pressure¹ XIN LU, F. RONNING, P.H. TOBASH, K. GOFRYK, E.D. BAUER, J.D. THOMPSON, Los Alamos National Laboratory — We have extended the soft point-contact spectroscopy technique under nearly hydrostatic pressure to make charge-spectroscopy measurements of URu₂Si₂ in both hidden order (HO) and large-moment antiferromagnetic (LMAF) states. In the HO state at ambient pressure, the spectroscopy shows two asymmetric peaks around the Fermi energy that emerge below the hidden order temperature $T_{HO} \sim 17.5$ K. In the LMAF state at higher pressures, the spectra are remarkably similar to those in the HO state, indicating a similar Fermi surface gapping in the HO and LMAF states. The energy scale of this gap is, within experimental uncertainty, consistent with that of the incommensurate spin resonance at $Q_1 = (1 \pm 0.4, 0, 0)$, which also is present in both HO and LMAF states. Our results provide a new clue to unraveling the puzzling HO state.

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