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Orthorhombic distortion, superconductivity and magnetic fluctuations in FeSe A.E. BOHMER, F. HARDY, P. SCHWEISS, T. WOLF, C. MEINGAST, Institute for Solid-State Physics, Karlsruhe Institute of Technology, T. ARAI, T. IYE, T. HATTORI, K. ISHIDA, Department of Physics, Kyoto University — The recently observed scaling between magnetic and lattice fluctuations observed for $Ba(Fe,Co)_2As_2$ provides evidence that its tetragonal-to-orthorhombic structural transition is magnetically driven¹. Here, we study the interplay between structure, magnetism and superconductivity in FeSe, an iron-based superconductor which is particularly interesting because it orders magnetically only under high pressure, while a tetragonal-to-orthorhombic structural transition takes place at 90 K at ambient pressure. In contrast to the 122-systems, our high-resolution thermalexpansion data clearly demonstrate that orthorhombic distortion and superconductivity do not compete in FeSe², while the shear modulus softening is similar to the 122 systems. By studying magnetic fluctuations using nuclear magnetic resonance, we investigate whether FeSe is simply a case of extreme splitting of magnetic and structural phase transitions - and thus comparable to 122 systems - or whether its structural transition has a qualitatively different origin.

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