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Spin re-orientation in heavy fermion system $\alpha - YbAl_{1-x}Fe_xB_4$ ¹
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TIAN, ORNL, Y. QIU, JOSE RODRIGUEZ-RIVERA, NCNR — Non centro-
symmetric $\alpha - YbAlB_4$ has a heavy Fermi liquid ground state and shares many
characteristics with centro-symmetric $\beta - YbAlB_4$. Both isomorphs display inter-
mediate valence, associated with a fluctuation scale of $T_0 = 200$ K and a Kondo
lattice scale of $T^* = 8$ K[1]. Unlike $\beta - YbAlB_4$, $\alpha - YbAlB_4$ is at the boundary
of a transition from a Fermi liquid metallic state to an antiferromagnetic (AFM)
insulating state, driven by Fe substitution of Al [2]. Magnetization and specific heat
measurements reveal two different antiferromagnetic phases with $T_N = 9$ K and
 $T_N = 2$ K for Fe concentration above and below $x=0.07$. We report single crys-
tal neutron scattering experiments on Fe doped $YbAlB_4$ with $x=0.035$ and $x=0.125$.
While the ordering wave vector is identical, $\vec{k} = (1, 0, 0)$, the spin orientation switches
from c to a with increasing Fe concentration. This suggests different anisotropic hy-
bridization between 4f and conduction electrons that we confirmed by determining
the crystal field levels. [1] M. Okawa et al., PRL 104, 247201 (2010) [2] K. Kuga, S.
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