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Momentum dependence of a Kondo resonance in Ce₂Co_{0.8}Si_{3.2}

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Ce₂Co_{0.8}Si_{3.2} is a Kondo lattice system with the Kondo and coherence temperatures equal 50 K and 80 K, respectively. It crystallizes in a hexagonal structure, which is a derivative of the AlB₂ type. The system remains nonmagnetic down to 0.4 K and shows increased electronic specific heat, which amounts to C/T=200 mJ/(mole_{Ce} K²) at low temperature (0.4 K). An evidence of Griffiths phases was found in Ce₂Co_{0.8}Si_{3.2} below 10 K and is attributed to a disorder in the Co-Si sublattice.

Band structure of $Ce_2Co_{0.8}Si_{3.2}$ was studied by means of angle-resolved photoemission spectroscopy (ARPES) at the APE beamline located at Elettra synchrotron [2]. The data were collected at temperature of 25 K with photon energies of 25 eV and 40 eV, which correspond, respectively to a low and high photoionization cross section for Ce 4f electrons. The studies with 40 eV revealed a Kondo peak ($f_{5/2}$ ¹ final state) and its spin-orbit partner ($f_{7/2}$ ¹ final state). Two bands crossing Fermi energy were found in the experiment, one of them has parabolic dispersion and is considered as a surface state. The second one forms an electron pocket in the Γ point.

Band structure of stoichiometric Ce_2CoSi_3 was calculated with full-potential local-orbital (FPLO) code. The dispersions from ARPES, which are attributed to bulk states were found in the calculations.

The Kondo peak is nondispersing at T = 25 K but its intensity varies considerably with momentum. Its maximum of the intensity corresponds to a Fermi vector of the band found in the FPLO calculations, a dispersion of which was not revealed by ARPES. For the other Fermi vectors Kondo resonance is of moderate or lower intensity. The variation of a Kondo peak intensity along a Fermi surface is in line with the theory predicting a strong anisotropy of hybridization between f-electrons and conduction band (V_{cf}) [3-5].

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