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Large anisotropy in the paramagnetic susceptibility of SrRuO₃ films¹ LIOR KLEIN, YEVGENY KATS², ISASCHAR GENISH, Bar-Ilan University, Israel, JAMES W. REINER³, M. R. BEASLEY, Stanford University — By using the extraordinary Hall effect in SrRuO₃ films we performed measurements of the paramagnetic susceptibility in this itinerant ferromagnet, from T_c (~ 150 K) to 300 K. These measurements, combined with measurements of magnetoresistance, reveal that the susceptibility, which is almost isotropic at 300 K, becomes highly anisotropic as the temperature is lowered, diverging along a single crystallographic direction in the vicinity of T_c . The results provide a manifestation of the effect of large magnetocrystalline anisotropy in the paramagnetic state of a $4d$ itinerant ferromagnet [e-print: cond-mat/0311341]. They also shed light on the controversy regarding the nature of the universality class of the phase transition in SrRuO₃ [D. Kim *et al*, Phys. Rev. B **67**, 100406(R) (2003)].

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