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Spin excitations and phonons in La<sub>1.5</sub>Sr<sub>0.5</sub>CoO<sub>4</sub> ANDREI SAVICI, IGOR ZALIZNYAK, Brookhaven National Laboratory — Inelastic neutron scattering measurements were performed in La<sub>1.5</sub>Sr<sub>0.5</sub>CoO<sub>4</sub>. At room temperature, the excitation spectrum is dominated by phonons. At low temperatures we see a mix of lattice vibrations and spin modes. By subtracting phonon contributions we are able to identify purely magnetic modes. A resonance mode was found at energies around 25-27meV, the nature of which is under investigation.

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