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Spin and charge orderings in single layered cobaltate  $La_{2-x}Ca_{x}CoO_{4}$  (0.3< x < 0.8) KAZUMASA HORIGANE, HARUHIRO HI-RAKA, TORU UCHIDA, KAZUYOSHI YAMADA, JUN AKIMITSU — Neutron scattering experiments were performed on single crystals of layered cobalt-oxides  $La_{2-x}Ca_{x}CoO_{4}$  (LCCO) to characterize the charge and spin orders in a wide holedoping range of  $0.3 \le x \le 0.8$ . For a commensurate value of x=0.5 in (H,0,L) plane, two types of superlattice reflections concomitantly appear at low temperature; one corresponds to a checkerboard charge ordered pattern of  $Co^{2+}/Co^{3+}$  ions and the other is magnetic in origin. Further, the latter magnetic-superlattice peaks show two types of symmetry in the reflections, suggesting antiferromagnetic-stacking (AF-S) and ferromagnetic-stacking (F-S) patterns of spins along the c direction. From the hole-doping dependence, the in-plane correlation lengths of both charge and spin orders are found to give a maximum at x=0.5. These features are the same with those of x=0.5 in  $La_{1-x}Sr_{1+x}MnO_4$  (LSMO), a typical checkerboard and spin ordered compound.

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