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**Synthesis and characterization of the physical properties of  $RE_3TiSb_5$  ( $RE = La, Ce$ )**<sup>1</sup> TRACY STEVENSON<sup>2</sup>, CHANTAL DOUGLAS<sup>3</sup>, DANIEL JACKSON, DERRICK VANGENNEP, JAMES HAMLIN, Department of Physics, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL 32611 —  $RE_3TiSb_5$  ( $RE = La, Ce$ ) is synthesized to investigate the physical properties and test for superconductivity.  $Ce_3TiSb_5$  was synthesized using flux growth in both Sn and Zn fluxes while  $La_3TiSb_5$  was synthesized using Sn flux. Magnetic, resistive, and heat capacity measurements all indicate that neither of these compounds are superconducting. Based on our results  $La_3TiSb_5$  is non-magnetic and  $Ce_3TiSb_5$  has an antiferromagnetic phase transition near 5 K. Neither compound exhibits typical metallic transport behavior. This is in contradiction to previous results.

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