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**From enhanced paramagnetism to ferromagnetism: the physical properties of  $\text{Sr}_{1-x}\text{La}_x\text{Co}_2\text{As}_2$  single crystals**<sup>1</sup> JIE XING, NI NI, Department of Physics and Astronomy and California NanoSystems Institute, University of California, Los Angeles, CA 90095, USA — We have successfully synthesized  $\text{Sr}_{1-x}\text{La}_x\text{Co}_2\text{As}_2$  single crystals and characterized them through transport and thermodynamic measurements. The enhanced paramagnet  $\text{SrCo}_2\text{As}_2$ , which has stripe antiferromagnetic fluctuations, shows a metamagnetic phase transition at a critical magnetic field of 2 T at 2 K. When La is doped into the system, the critical field is suppressed to lower field and itinerant ferromagnetism starts building up at  $x=0.4$ , rising to a TM of  $\sim 200$  K at  $x=1$ . The competition between the stripe spin fluctuations and the itinerant ferromagnetism makes  $\text{Sr}_{1-x}\text{La}_x\text{Co}_2\text{As}_2$  compounds a particularly interesting system for the study of itinerant magnetism.

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