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Abstract Body: In half-doped Pr<sub>0.50</sub>A<sub>0.50</sub>CoO<sub>3</sub> metallic perovskites, the spin-lattice coupling brings about distinct magnetostructural transitions for A=Ca and A=Sr at temperatures close to ~100 K. However, the ground magnetic properties of Pr<sub>0.50</sub>Sr<sub>0.50</sub>CoO<sub>3</sub> (PSCO) strongly differ from Pr<sub>0.50</sub>Ca<sub>0.50</sub>CoO<sub>3</sub> ones, where a partial Pr<sup>3+</sup> to Pr<sup>4+</sup> valence shift and Co spin transition makes the system insulating below the transition. This work investigates and describes the relationship between the *Imma→I4/mcm* symmetry change at  $T_{S1}$  [1] and the original magnetic behavior of ferromagnetic PSCO versus temperature and external magnetic fields [2-4]. X-ray magnetic circular dichroism (XMCD) at the Co  $L_{2,3}$  edges was used to analyze the correlation between the spin and orbital components of the magnetization across  $T_{S1} \sim 120$  K. Charge transfer multiplet calculations of the XMCD spectra were performed to model the electronic configuration of Co<sup>3+</sup> and Co<sup>4+</sup> species in the system. The projected orbital momentum  $m_{L}$  (about one third of  $m_{S}$ ) also presents a positive-step on cooling the sample across the transition [5]. The FM1 and FM2 ferromagnetic field [6]. The FM2 phase of PSCO is composed of [100] FM domains, with magnetic symmetry Im'm'a ( $m_{Z}=0$ ). The magnetic space group of the FM1 phase is Fm'm'm (with  $m_{X}=m_{y}$ ). Neutron data analyses in combination with magnetometry and earlier reports results agree with a sudden reorientation of the magnetization axis by 45° within the *a-b* plane across the transition, in which the system retains its metallic character. The presence below  $T_{S1}$  of conjugated magnetic domains, both of Fm'm'm symmetry but having perpendicular spin orientations along the diagonals in the xy-plane of the tetragonal unit cell, is at the origin of the anomalies observed in the macroscopic magnetization. They are not observed with other lanthanides different to praseodymium.

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