

**EFFECT OF PRESSURE AND MAGNETIC FIELD ON
CONDUCTIVITY AND MAGNETORESISTANCE IN La-Ca
MANGANITES WITH EXCESS MANGANESE**

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The pressure, magnetic field and excess manganese effects on transport and magnetoresistance effect (MRE) have been studied in both the epitaxial films and bulk ceramics of manganites $(La_{0.7}Ca_{0.3})_{1-x}Mn_{1+x}O_{3-\delta}$ ($x = 0 - 0.2$). The pressure and magnetic field effects are shown to increase with increasing manganese content. Experimental data show that the pressure and magnetic field effects on temperatures of both metal-insulator transition (T_{MD}) and MRE peak (T_{MR}) are considerably stronger in the films than in ceramics. The hydrostatic pressure increases T_{MD} and T_{MR} . MRE for both types of samples was shown to be favored by the pressure and magnetic field in an opposite way. A direct correlation is established between T_{MD} and conductivity bandwidth as well as between MRE and concentration of charge carriers at applied pressure. The origin of pressure-magnetic field effects is analyzed in the frame of double exchange interaction and small polaron hopping and variable range hopping models.

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