Interface effect on the positive magnetoresistance in a heterostructure composed of two perovskite oxides

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