**Magnetotransport and noise in lightly doped La$_{2-x}$Sr$_x$CuO$_4$ and La$_2$Cu$_{1-x}$Li$_x$O$_4$**

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