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Current tunable electroresistance and magnetothermal cooling with a phase separated manganite¹ RAMANATHAN MAHENDIRAN, AL-WYN REBELLO, National University of Singapore — We investigate the effect of dc current on the field dependence of the magnetoresistance in the phase separated manganites Nd_{0.5}Ca_{0.5}Mn_{0.93}Ni_{0.07}O₃. We show that temperature of the sample in presence of a magnetic field (H) and dc current (I = 20 mA) decreases abruptly as much as $\Delta T = 45$ K (7 K) accompanied by a step like decrease in the magnetoresistance at a critical value of H when the base temperature is 40 K (100 K). The magnitude of ΔT and the position of magnetoresistance step decrease towards lower H with decreasing amplitude of the current. In addition, the applied current significantly modifies the irreversible behavior of magnetoresistance observed at lower currents (I < 1 mA). We discuss possible origins of the current and magnetic -field driven temperature change which may find applications in magnetothermal refrigeration besides magnetocaloric effect.

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