CMR effect observed in Monte Carlo simulations of double-exchange models with Jahn-Teller lattice distortions

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