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**Magnetic susceptibility of  $\text{La}_{0.7}\text{Ca}_{0.3}\text{MnO}_3$  at very low magnetic fields in the vicinity of the ferromagnetic transition**<sup>1</sup> JOHN J. NEUMEIER, JOSE A. SOUZA, Montana State University, YI-KUO YU — Magnetic susceptibility ( $\chi$ ) measured at magnetic fields  $H$  as low as 0.2 Oe is reported for  $\text{La}_{0.7}\text{Ca}_{0.3}\text{MnO}_3$ . A pronounced enhancement in  $\chi$  is observed in the region above the critical temperature  $T_c$  at very low  $H$ . As the magnetic field is increased, this feature is shifted toward  $T_c$ , eventually vanishing near  $H = 400$  Oe. Electrical resistivity measurements show a positive magnetoresistance effect between 0 and 500 Oe in a temperature range slightly above  $T_c$ . The results are discussed in a scenario of frustrated magnetism and the possibility of a Griffiths singularity is addressed.<sup>1</sup>  
<sup>1</sup> Chan, Goldenfeld, and Salamon, Phys. Rev. Lett. 97 (2006) 137201.

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