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Temperature-Dependent X-Ray Absorption Spectroscopy of Colossal Magnetoresistive Perovskites NOR-MAN MANNELLA, Advanced Light Source, LBNL, AXEL ROSEN-HAHN, MASAMITSU WATANABE, BRIAN SELL, AKIRA NAMBU, STAPHANIE RITCHEY, Material Science Division, LBNL, ELKE ARENHOLZ, ANTONY YOUNG<sup>1</sup>, YASUHIDE TOMIOKA, Correlated Electron Research Center, Tsukuba, Japan, CHARLES FADLEY, Material Science Division, LBNL — We have measured the temperature dependence of the O K-edge pre-edge structure in the x-ray absorption spectra of the perovskites  $La_{1-x}A_xMnO_3$ , (A = Ca, Sr; x = 0.3, 0.4). Our measurements reveal a correlation between the disappearance of the splitting in the pre-edge region and the presence of Jahn-Teller distortions. The different magnitudes of the distortions for different compounds are proposed to explain some dissimilarity in the line shape of the spectra taken above the Curie temperature.

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