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**Supplementary Information** 

## Valence-band Offset and Forward-backward Charge Transfer in Manganite/NiO and Manganite/LaNiO<sub>3</sub> heterostructures

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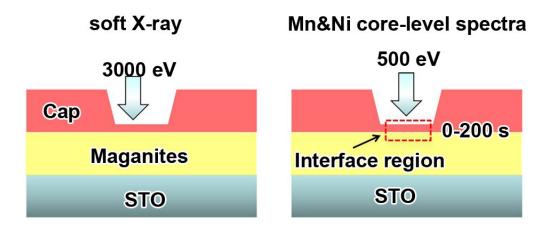


Figure S1. Schematic illustration of the XPS experimental procedure.

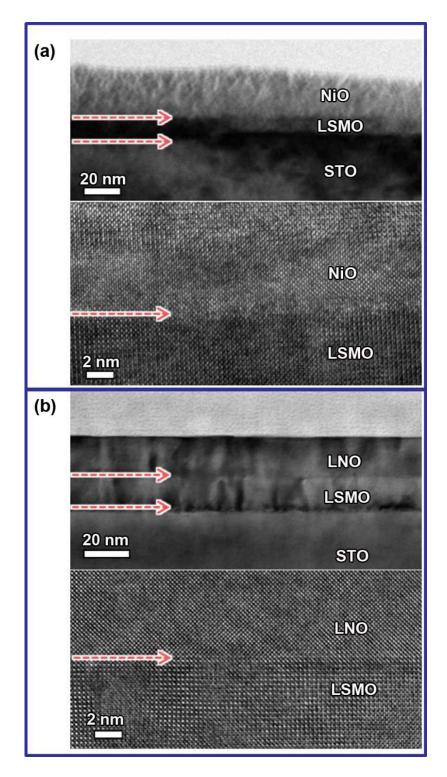
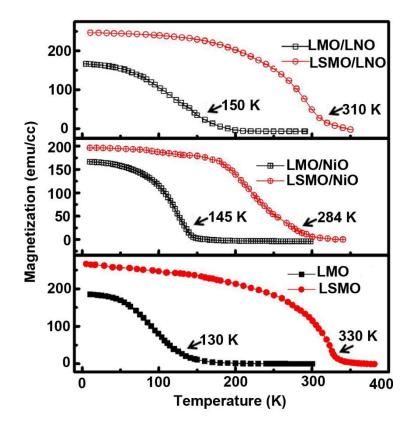


Figure S2. TEM and HRTEM images for the LSMO/NiO and LSMO/LNO heterostrucutres.



**Figure S3**. Temperature dependence of the magnetization measured in an in-plane magnetic field of 2000 Oe for the single LSMO and LMO films and the LSMO/NiO, LMO/NiO, LSMO/LNO and LMO/LNO heterostructures.

The temperature dependences of the magnetization after FC, measured in an in-plane magnetic field of 2000 Oe for the samples, are shown in Figure S3, respectively. For these films, the FC magnetization decreases with increasing temperature and a FM-PM transition is observed. The magnetic-ordering temperature  $T_{\rm C}$  is determined to be 130 K and 330 K for the single LMO and LSMO film. The Curie temperatures are about 145 K, 150 K, 284 K and 310 K for the LMO/NiO, LMO/LNO, LSMO/NiO and LSMO/LNO films.