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**Dimensionless scaling laws of confinement in fusion plasmas
with the 5D non-linear GYrokinetic SEMi-LAgrangian code (GYSELA)**

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