Technique for Angular Correlations and g-factor Measurements in Nuclei Produced in the Spontaneous Fission of ²⁵²Cf

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