A combined target and detector to measure parity violation in neutron capture on $^3$He for the n3He Experiment

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