Effects of ion bombardments on electronic properties of amorphous carbon films grown by plasma-enhanced chemical vapor deposition
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