Effect of Antifreeze Glycoprotein in contact with ice interface on the growth mechanism of an ice crystal

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