Melting of vortex solid phase in irradiated Bi$_2$Sr$_2$CaCu$_2$O$_{8+\delta}$ single crystals in tilted magnetic fields

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