Measurement of the GaSb surface band bending potential from the magnetotransport characteristics of GaSb-InAs-AlSb quantum wells

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