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Scanning tunneling spectroscopic evidence for a magnetic field-revealed microscopic order in the high- T_C superconductor $\text{YBa}_2\text{Cu}_3\text{O}_{7-\delta}$ ¹
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