Possible triple superconductivity in Exchange-Spring/Superconductor hybrid system with a non-collinear magnetization

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