Successive Magnetic Transitions of the Kagome Plane and Field-Driven Chirality in BaMn$_{2.49}$Ru$_{3.51}$O$_{11}$

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