Field-induced slow spin relaxation in monoclinic \( \text{Nd}_2\text{Ti}_2\text{O}_7 \) single crystals

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