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Edges states and anomalous Aharonov-Bohm-type oscillation in anti-dot lattice graphenes formed by nanoporous alumina template mask

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