Linear magnetoresistance in the underdoped iron pnictide \( \text{Ba(Fe}_{1-x}\text{Co}_x\text{)}_2\text{As}_2 \)^1

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