Discrepancies Between Theory and Experiment for Field-Dependence and $f$-wave Interactions in Superfluid $^3$He-B

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