Wafer-Scale Monolayer Films of Semiconducting Metal Dichalcogenides for High-Performance Electronics

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