Magnetic properties of the double perovskite Sr$_2$FeOsO$_6$: microscopic insights from ab-initio density-functional theory study

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