Heat bath algorithmic cooling using electron-nuclear spin ensemble in the solid state: characterization of the open quantum system control

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