Mapping the topological-to-normal insulator phase transition in InAs/GaSb bilayers by heterostructure variation

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