Electronic structure of Ba(Zn$_{0.875}$Mn$_{0.125}$)$_2$As$_2$ studied by angle-resolved photoemission spectroscopy

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