The effects of intraparticle and interparticle interactions on the magnetic hysteresis loop of frozen suspensions of bionized nanoferrite particles

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