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**High Field Hall Effect and Resistivity in High- $T_c$   $\text{La}_{2-x}\text{Sr}_x\text{CuO}_4$ <sup>1</sup>**

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