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Vortex pinning by BaSnO₃-based correlated disorder in thick YBa₂Cu₃O₇ films: angular dependence of J_c via contact-free methods

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