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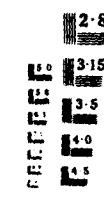
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¹ M.Z. Tahar, O.C. de Hodgins, M.S. Dresselhaus, and M. Endo, Extended Abstracts of the Symposium on Intercalated Graphite, Materials Research Society Meeting, Boston (1984), p. 217.



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