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Phase stability of AlMgB14 based materials and Ge2Sb2Te5 with Si and N additions studied by theoretical and experimental means

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