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The Editor hereby retracts this article and all of its contents. Both the data and the conclusion had been published previously¹ in a nearly identical article. According to stated policy of the Journal of Applied Physics, the corresponding author, A. A. Cherechukin, had the responsibility for communicating the submission to all co-authors thus ensuring that the manuscript had not been submitted elsewhere. The Editor laments this incident and the wasteful duplication in the scientific literature that resulted.

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