

RETRACTED ARTICLE: Analysis of P-wave attenuation in hydrate-bearing sediments in the Shenhu area, South China Sea

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