Electron Momentum Distribution in Multiply-Ionized Atoms as a Function of Atomic Number and Degree of Ionization

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