The role of plasma oscillations of C60 collectivized electrons in photoionization of 5s subshell of Xe atom in Xe@C60

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