Theoretical and Experimental Study of Out-of-Plane Cross Sections for Electron Impact Ionization of He and H2

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