THE IRON PROJECT AND THE RMAX PROJECT: Photoionization, Electron-Ion Recombination and Oscillator Strengths of Fe Ions, Fe XVII and Fe XIX

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