Memory Effect on Multi-Photon Coherent Destruction of Tunneling in Electron Transport of Nanoscale Systems Driven by a Periodic Field: A Generalized Floquet Approach

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