Measurements of Polarized Neutron Beam Properties at NG-6 NIST and Performance of Polarized Neutron Optical Devices for a Precision Measurement of Parity-Violating Neutron Spin Rotation in $^4$He

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