Transport studies of Toroidal Angular Momentum carried by Drift Resonance of Toroidal Ion Temperature Gradient Instability near Marginality

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