A Review of recent theoretical development for Coulomb explosion and stopping power of energetic molecular ions and clusters in plasmas

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