Analysis of van der Waals Interaction Energies from Quantum Chemistry: Aromatic Clusters and Rare Gas Dimers

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