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Development of a Semi-empirical Hamiltonian for Phosphorus for Quantum Mechanics Based Simulations of Phosphorous-based Nanostuctures

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