Charge Transfer Couplings and Excitation Energies From Subsystem DFT: The Ultimate Divide and Conquer Approach to DFT

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