Computation of Raman Spectra from Density Matrix Linear Response Theory in Extended Lagrangian Born-Oppenheimer Molecular Dynamics

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