



Density Functional Theory and Its Applications in Materials Science: A Critical Comparison between Theoretical Modelling of Crystals and Experiments

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