



Statistical Dynamics: A Stochastic Approach To Nonequilibrium Thermodynamics (2nd Edition) (Paperback)

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