

Thesis Project Progress Report

Development of an Improved Subgroup Method for Resonance Calculations

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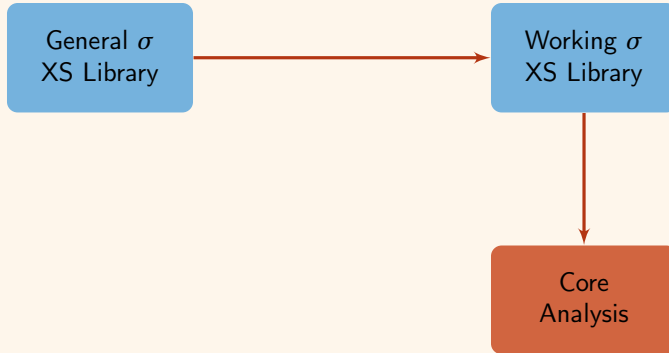
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Thanks!
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