



Use of Climatology to Predict Maximum Wintertime Wind Speeds at the Kennedy Space Center and Cape Canaveral Air Station

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