Measurement of the hot spot electron temperature in NIF ICF implosions using Krypton x-ray emission spectroscopy

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