Measurements of Deuterium–Tritium Fuel Fractionation from Kinetic Effects in Ignition-Relevant Direct-Drive Cryogenic Implosions

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