Temporal profiles of explosively-generated pressures in solids measured by an optical fiber-based gauge

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